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**Title:**

Relationships of early esophageal cancer with human papillomavirus and alcohol metabolism.

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Thank you for your kind comments on our manuscript. According to the reviewer's suggestions, the manuscript has been carefully revised.

Please consider this paper once again for publication in "*World Journal of Gastroenterology*".

**Reply to editorial comments:**

#1 What are the lymph node status of the enrolled patients?

Answer:

"None of the patients had lymph node metastasis."

We added the above sentence to Patients and Methods section on page 6, line 27.

#2 In table 1, it would be better to give the full name of “CE, UT, MT, LT, AE”.

Answer:

According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we revised the Table 1.

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