

1. For patients with submucosal infiltration confirmed by pathology after ESD, we will first determine whether the patient has achieved curative resection. If the patient achieves a curative resection, follow up as recommended in the guidelines; If the patient fails to achieve curable resection, our multidisciplinary team of diagnosis and treatment of esophageal cancer will comprehensively evaluate the next treatment measures for the patient, so as to achieve the best individualized treatment method as far as possible.
2. In the multivariate analysis in table3, we included Clinically or statistically significant variables in the univariate analysis. Clinically significant variables in the present study were referred to previous relevant studies (reference 14,16), such as atrophic gastritis, hiatal hernia, and a history of distal gastrectomy, rather than variables with  $P < 0.1$ . In addition, we divided the procedure time into two groups using cut-off value for multivariate analysis.
3. This paper mainly discusses the MWT during ESD. Our team mainly applies steroids to prevent stenosis after ESD, but no steroids are used before ESD. Therefore, whether steroids are used or not has no impact on our study.
4. Abbreviations in table and figures were explained.
5. We are sorry that the similarity index of our present study is as high as 18%, however, the abstract of this study had been accepted for oral presentation in International Society Digestive Diseases, which account for 7% similarity index. So we wonder whether the above 7% similarity index due to conference communication can be neglected.