

Dear Editor

Thank you very much for your helpful comments and suggestions.

We carefully revised the original manuscript according to the comments and suggestions made by the reviewers.

1) The text "mucosal surface dripping" should be replaced by "local mucosal application of fluorescein" throughout the paper.

→Thank you very much for this suggestion. As suggested, I changed “mucosal surface dripping” to “local mucosal application” throughout the paper.

2) Gastric glands do not have acinar cells - "acinar cells" should be replaced by "glandular cells".

→We appreciate this valuable comment. As suggested, I changed “acinar cells” to “glandular cells”.

3) Minor linguistic revisions as detailed below:

Page 1: should read "Neumann analyzed the data" not date ?

→Thank you for this kind comment. As suggested, I corrected “date” to “data”.

Insert space before citations in text - e.g. page 5 lines 7- "fluorescein[1-3]" should be "fluorescein [1-3]"

→Thank you very much for this kind comment. As suggested, I inserted space.

4) In figures 3-6, please clarify if the fluorescence shown is on non-H&E stained slides.

→We appreciate this valuable comment. As suggested, we corrected figure legends.

5) Please refer to figures 3-6 in the text in the respective sections under results.

→Thank you for this kind comment. As suggested, we referred figure 3-6 in the Result section.