Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3588-review.doc).

Title: Grasper Type Scissors for Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection of Gastric Epithelial Neoplasia

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated (highlighted)

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1st reviewer:

(1) In Material and Methods section, there is no need to show the formula of calculating sample size calculation.
→ We discarded the formula.

(2) You should describe the limitation of the study design.
→ We added the limitation of this study at the end of Discussion.

(3) You had better add a figure showing grasping type scissors forcep and the modified knife in the same figure.
→ Due to the copyright problem, we could not get the figure of GSF.

2nd reviewer:

(1) In "Discussion", authors described very well about advantage of GTS and disadvantage of GFS. However, how the author groups developed GTS from GFS. Modification process should be described more detail in "Introduction" or "Discussion". For example, did "Fujinon" or any other companies helped this project about development of this device? If so, how did they modify GTS from GFS?
→ We started this project a couple of years ago before the first article on GSF was published. We were not intended to modify the GFS but to develop a brand new device. When we finished this study, we found that there is a quite similar device and we could not help describing GFS.

(2) A scheme of GTS procedure should be added as another figure as Akahoshi (in author's citations) previously showed in his paper. It should be easier to understand this technique for all readers.
→ Dr. Akahoshi's schema is one of the beautiful one. But most of the readers already know the ESD procedures enough and unfortunately we do not have a good drawer in our institutions. I think Fig. 2 is a good substitute.

(3) Can authors add "Differentiation of adenocarcinoma (well-, moderate-, or poor-differentiated)" and "Local recurrence rate of adenocarcinoma in each differentiation" as comparison parameters in Table 1?
→ Differentiation of adenocarcinoma was added. However, this study did not include a follow

up for local recurrence rate. It is beyond the IRB permission so we could not add the results.

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3 References and typesetting were corrected

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