

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Title: New progress in endoscopic treatment of esophageal diseases

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

1 Format has been updated

yes

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

(1) I read your paper interestingly. This paper is very significant. However, there are some problems. I can not understand the methods of 'Thoracoscope assisted tunnel endoscopic resection'. You should correct the contents 'the detailed steps'. And if you can, please attach the figure or the scheme of 'Thoracoscope assisted tunnel endoscopic resection'.

**Thank you. The concept -Thoracoscope assisted tunnel endoscopic resection-was proposed by our endoscopy center and was first written in English article. So there are maybe not described clearly. Now we have tried to write more concise and given the picture of the surgery.**

(2) The authors described recent topics of endoscopic treatment in esophagus. They summarized endoscopic treatments based on ESD briefly, and it was adequate as "Topic Highlight". I have some minor questions and comments. 1. In ESD section, hyarluronic acid is commonly used as injection solution, and coagulation forceps is mainly used for coagulation of vessels in the artificial ulcer. 2. The lesion presented in Figure 1 was too small. Such small lesions were good candidate of EMR. Please replace this case for larger one. 3. Some important papers were not listed in References section. For example, POEM was developed by Dr. Haruhiro Inoue, but his paper was not included. We should give the priority to the pioneer.

**Thank you very much.**

**1.The hyarluronic acid was not used in our endoscopy center, so we did not refer to it. we will added it in our article.** "Although numerous injection solutions have been proposed and tested, saline is the most commonly used in clinic due to its low cost and ease of use. The indigo carmine was added to make the layer clear and the epinephrine was used to **reduce bleeding**. The hyarluronic acid was also used to improve submucosal lift durations."

**2.And we changed "the hot biopsy forceps" to "the coagulation forceps". We have changed the Figure 1.**

**3. we have added many necessary references, and we are sorry for not including the Dr. Haruhiro Inoue's article in the original article.**

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**Thank you. This article, in the highlight topic series, provides detailed information on the indication and treatment skill for esophageal diseases. We read many article and summarizes some surgery steps, which maybe the same with the prior work. We have changed the sentence and added the article which we referred to as References.**

3 References and typesetting were corrected

yes

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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