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Dear Editor,

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Title: Preliminary study of photodynamic diagnosis using 5-aminolevulinic acid in gastric and colorectal tumors

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

1 Format has been updated

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

(Suggestion 1) The authors need to discuss their results in light of the up-to-date literature, e.g. Nakamura T et al., Photodiagnosis Photodyn Ther. 2014 Nov 20. pii: S1572-1000(14)00135-5: "Evaluation of a novel high-resolution magnifying videoendoscope that is capable of photodynamic diagnosis and therapy for gastric cancer" and Namikawa T et al., J Surg Oncol. 2014 Mar;109(3):213-7: "Photodynamic diagnosis using 5-aminolevulinic acid during gastrectomy for gastric cancer". - p. 9, Discussion, para 2, ln 9-11:

Answer: We discussed the up-to-date literature, and added references. -p. 13, Discussion, para 1, ln 1-2

(Suggestion 2) The authors should be careful with the statement "This is the first practical study, to our knowledge, of PDD using 5-ALA to show the presence of fluorescence in early gastric cancers". This passage needs to be rewritten (see references above). - p. 11, Discussion, para 2, ln 1-3:

Answer: We rewrote this passage. -p. 13, Discussion, para 1, ln 2-4

(Suggestion 3) More emphasis should be placed on the passage: "A limitation of this study is that we examined the resected specimens ex vivo. Blood flow and oxygen saturation in the tumor would have differed from those observed in vivo." This issue should be mentioned also in the introduction section of the manuscript.

Answer: We added a limitation of this study in the introduction section of the manuscript. -p. 6, Introduction, para 3, ln 17-18

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

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