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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11175-Review.doc).

Title: Hospital Type- and Volume- Outcome Relationships in Esophageal Cancer Patients Receiving Non-Surgical Treatments

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

1. Format has been updated. All the changes were high-lighted in green.
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer
 - (1) We realized that we may have overstated that high-volume centers have significantly worse mortality, which may be misunderstood that we suggested patients receiving non-surgical treatments to low-volume hospitals. So, we did not state "high-volume hospital had worse outcome"; instead, we concluded that "high-volume hospital was not associated with better survival compared to low-volume hospitals.
 - (2) A new table (Table 3), which addresses stage-specific survival stratified by hospital type/volume and patient characteristics (including treatment types) in non-surgical treatment patients, was added in the revised manuscript according Reviewers` suggestion.
3. References and typesetting were corrected by "nature publishing group language editing".

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

Sincerely yours,

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