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RE: ESPS Manuscript NO: 17687

Dear Professor,

We are submitting our revised manuscript entitled, **“Clinicopathological characteristics of clinical early gastric cancer in the upper-third stomach”** for your kind consideration of its suitability for publication in “World Journal of Gastroenterology”.

Thank you and reviewers for the critical review to our manuscript listed above. We have rewritten our manuscript as suggested by reviewers. Enclosed you find a point-by-point responses to critiques from the reviewers. We also have rewritten “Results” section of “ABSTRACT” as suggested by editors.

I am sending language certificate by professional English language editing company as an attached file.

I hope that the manuscript has met the requirement from the journal. I am

looking forward for your new decision.

Sincerely yours,

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Reply to the reviewer 00038617

We have mostly accepted your criticisms and revised our manuscript accordingly. In the summary below, the numbering of our responses corresponds to the numbering of your comments.

Major Comments;

(1) It is a problem that there is no description about *H. pylori* infection at all. The authors should describe it as limitation if they did not examine in all cases.

Response:

We are very sorry, but *H.pylori* infection was not examined in all cases in this study, so we added some description about that in “Materials and Methods” section. (page 8 line14-16)

(2) Although the authors described that the risk of a clinical under-diagnosis in the U group was associated with larger size or undifferentiated tumors, histological difference was not significant in statistical analysis between accurate and under-diagnosis .

Response:

As you inidicated, histological difference was not significant in statistical analysis, and so we added a description about that. (page 10 line 5)