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Dear Sir,

We have received the review of our manuscript 22730 entitled "Condyloma acuminatum of the anal canal, treated with endoscopic submucosal dissection".

We thank the reviewers for their comments. Please find below a reply to each of your requests.

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**Manuscript NO:** 22730

**Column:** Case report

**Title:** Condyloma acuminatum of the anal canal, treated with endoscopic submucosal dissection

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**Reviewer code:** 00502797 and 01799429

**First decision:** 2015-11-05 10:47

**Scientific editor:** Yuan Qi

**Step 1. Please revise your manuscript according to the reviewers' comments.**

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers, our point-by-responses follow:

1. **Comment:** I supposed that “surveillance” colonoscopy was not adequate in this situation. “Diagnostic colonoscopy” or only “colonoscopy” was better.

**Response:** We changed the term to only “colonoscopy”, throughout the manuscript.

2. **Comment:** Please describe social history or lifestyle of patient.

**Response:** We have described the patient’s social history as “He had a male partner” (page 5, line 25). At the time of presentation, he had a boyfriend but denied any sexual intercourse with his partner at that time.

3. **Comment:** The authors performed an endoscopic mucosal dissection for the treatment of Condyloma acuminatum whereas other two cases have been reported in the same country (Japan).

**Response:** We thank the reviewer for their comment. In order to provide an international perspective of this condition, we added a case of condyloma acuminatum from Italy to our discussion (page 8, paragraph 2, lines 15-20), Table 1 (case 3), and the reference list (reference number 18).

4. **Comment:** The follow up period (sixteen months) is too short to form safe conclusion regarding the long-term results of this method.

**Response:** We agree with the reviewer that the follow-up period is, in some respects, short. However, as we mentioned in the manuscript, the risk of recurrence is reportedly considerably reduced if it does not occur more than 6 months after CA treatment. This suggests that a period of 16 months is long enough to show that the patient was at much lower risk of recurrence.

5. **Comment:** More cases are needed as well as a randomized controlled study in order to comment on the new method.

**Response:** We agree with the reviewer and added the following sentence to our conclusion: "Further studies are needed to confirm our findings that ESD treatment can be useful for anal condyloma acuminatum." (Page 8, lines 25-27).

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of editor;

6. **Comment:** First, could you give me the word version document about your article? So that I can edit them easily. Please provide the decomposable figure of Figures, whose parts are movable and can be edited. So please put the original picture as word or ppt or excel format so that I can edit them easily.

**Response:** We attached the word version of the revised manuscript and the original picture as a PowerPoint file.

#### 7. **Comments:** COMMENTS

Clinical case reports articles are the best kind of articles for clinicians to learn lessons from successes and failures and improve their diagnosis and treatment skills. The comments provided with clinical case reports should summarize the core contents of the article in one sentence to attract readers so that they could obtain the most important information in the least time. The writing requirements for the comments are as follows:

1 Case characteristics

Please summarize main symptoms in one sentence.

2 Clinical diagnosis

Please summarize main clinical findings in one sentence.

3 Differential diagnosis

Please summarize thoughts and methods for differential diagnosis in one sentence.

4 Laboratory diagnosis

Please summarize laboratory testing methods and major findings in one

sentence.

#### 5 Imaging diagnosis

Please summarize imaging methods and major findings in one sentence.

#### 6 Pathological diagnosis

Please summarize pathological methods and major findings in one sentence.

#### 7 Treatment

Please summarize treatments and drugs used in one sentence.

#### 8 Related reports

Please provide other contents related to the case report to help readers better understand the present case.

#### 9 Term explanation

Please explain uncommon terms present in the case report.

#### 10 Experiences and lessons

Please summarize experiences and lessons learnt from the case in one sentence.

#### 11 Peer-review

Please summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the article based on the reviewers' comments so that readers can obtain objective knowledge from the article.

**Response:** We added the COMMENTS section, as per the reviewer's comment.

### **Step 2. Please update the manuscript according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript**

We updated the manuscript according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript.

### **Step 3. Please provide an Audio Core Tip.**

We have provided the audio core tip and uploaded it with the revised manuscript.

### **Step 4. Please subject the manuscript to CrossCheck analysis and the final**

**title to Google Scholar search, and store screenshot images of the results.**

The CrossCheck and Google Scholar screenshot images are provided.

**Step 5. Please provide the files related to academic rules and norms.**

We provided all the Institutional Review Board statement, informed consent statement, and conflict-of-interest statement.

**Step 6. Please revise the language of your manuscript.**

We had the paper proofread by a professional proofreading service. A language editing certification is attached.

**Step 7. Please sign the Copyright Assignment form.**

The copyright assignment form was signed by all coauthors and uploaded on the website.

**Step 8. Submit the revised manuscript and all related documents.** We submitted the revised manuscript and all related documents that were named along with the rules.

- 1 22730-Revised manuscript
- 2 22730-Answering reviewers
- 3 22730-Copyright assignment
- 4 22730-Audio core tip
- 5 22730-Institutional review board statement
- 6 22730-Informed consent statement
- 7 22730-Conflict-of-interest statement
- 8 22730-Google Scholar
- 9 22730-CrossCheck
- 10 22730-Language certificate

We thank the reviewers for their careful review of our manuscript and their insightful comments. We hope that our changes are to the reviewers' and editor's satisfaction and that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Best regards,

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