

8th December 2019

To the Editor and Reviewers of *World Journal of Gastroenterology*,

We would like to thank reviewer 01221925 for his in-depth review and kind comments of our review article on Recent advances in diagnostic upper endoscopy- improving diagnostic yield for early gastric cancer.

In response to his comments

1. We thank the reviewer for pointing out that we did not mention our exclusion criteria for this review article. To clarify this point, in our results section, we have added in “Articles were excluded if both authors agreed that those study findings were not novel and/ or findings did not present additional knowledge to already published guidelines or literature”. We have also included in the same paragraph that a PRISMA diagram has been provided in Figure 1.
2. In the introduction section, we have removed the sentence that “a minimum time has been adopted in the Asian Consensus as well as the British Society of Gastroenterology guidelines” as this is discussed further in the text.
3. We would like to thank reviewer 3 for his comments. To address this point, in the conclusion section, we have added in “While our review does not aim to replace the comprehensive guidelines published by gastrointestinal societies, we hope to provide endoscopists with a succinct summary of up to date advances in diagnostic upper endoscopy and identify recent innovation in endoscopy.”

We have also added in Table 1, which summarises the key recommendations and findings of our review as suggested by the reviewer.

We would also like to highlight to the editor that given the broad nature of our review, we feel that this article is more suitably classified as a review article rather than a systemic review addressing a specific research question.

Once again, we would like to thank the editors and reviewers for giving our review due consideration and we look forward to a favourable reply.

Yours Sincerely,

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10th January 2020

To the Editor and Reviewers of *World Journal of Gastroenterology*,

We would like to thank the editor for his comments and suggestions for revision for our review titled *Recent advances in diagnostic upper endoscopy- improving diagnostic yield for early gastric cancer*. In this revision, we have shortened the results section in article highlights to a single paragraph. We have also uploaded a signed copy of the copyright form.

Once again, we would like to thank the editors and reviewers for giving our review due consideration and we look forward to a favourable reply.

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