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Dear Editor:

We wish to re-submit the attached revised manuscript as an Original Article. The manuscript ID is 85612.

My coauthors and I thank you and the reviewers for your thoughtful suggestions and insights, which have helped us to greatly improve the manuscript. We have carefully considered the reviewers' comments, questions, and suggestions. We have addressed them in our response letter. Further, we have incorporated them accordingly to the main manuscript to the best of our ability.

We look forward to working with you and the reviewers to move this manuscript closer to publication.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this paper.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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REVIEWERS' COMMENTS TO THE AUTHOR:

Reviewer #1: Renma Ito et al presented an interesting case of early gastric cancer treated by hybrid endoscopic submucosal dissection with SOUTEN followed by endoscopic suturing of the mucosal defect. The patient was old and the treatment was successful. The paper was clear and informative. I have only one comment for the paper: it would be more perfect that if the authors could discuss more about the advances and disadvantages of such treatment in gastric cancer and compare the differences of such treatment in gastric and colorectal cancer.

Response: We added the contents in the paragraph (P6L8-12).

Reviewer #2: Hybrid ESD using a multifunctional snare (SOUTEN) has been reported to be effective for colorectal lesions, while this case report is the first to complement this technology in the treatment of outpatients with early gastric cancer, which slows the way for the validation of the generalizability of this technique in clinical applications. However, there is a minor inappropriate expression during the part of conclusion. “ Outpatient hybrid ESD.... is safe and useful.” As my opinion, it’s not very accurate because “safe and useful” is only confirmed in this one case, some revise need to be added.

Response: We changed the word ‘is’ to ‘was’ (P7L13).