

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 19944-review.doc).

Title: High-resolution anoscopy: Uncharted territory for gastroenterologists?

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

Reviewer #00041963 stated that: "This is well written which describes a new technique for early diagnosis of anorectal cancer. Author should add final paragraph which describe the importance of this technique".

ANSWER TO THE REVIEWER: a final paragraph was added as suggested "HRA is fundamental for high-grade anal and perianal lesion detection and subsequently guided treatment in an effort to prevent anal cancer in high-risk patients".

Reviewer #00742022 stated that: "In this study the authors review the use of high-resolution anoscopy. Overall this is of interest, and I just have some minor comments. P3 Anal cancer is histological and biological very similar to cervical cancer and Anal cancer is histologically and biologically very similar to cervical cancer and P6 similar aspects to that initially describe in cervical similar aspects to that initially described in cervical p8 A recent study by Jonhstone et al[23], showed Jonhstone? P9 This will never be a technique that can be performed by all. Perhaps, tabulate some of the numerical data described.

ANSWER TO THE REVIEWER: corrections were made as suggested. The name "Jonhstone" was confirmed and is correct. Because this is an Editorial and not a Review article, tabulation of the numeric data was not considered the best approach to describe the numeric data.

Reviewer #00504182 stated that: "This is a comprehensive editorial on a particular topic which is just for the few specialists who deal with anorectal diseases. It is well written and describes a new technique which could be useful in the case of early diagnosis of anorectal cancer in some category of patients. It can be an example for many physicians who deal with anorectal disorders".

ANSWER TO THE REVIEWER: the author thanks the reviewer for the comment.

Reviewer #00068559 stated that: "High-resolution anoscopy is often used and demonstrated to be a sensitive and valuable for the diagnosis of anal cancer precursor lesions. But the medical literature is still deficient about this diagnostic modality. This paper provided some basic knowledge regarding the technique and even proper training for clinicians. It should be better to make some revision according to the magazine format requirements".

ANSWER TO THE REVIEWER: the author thanks the reviewer for the comment. A revision according to the magazine format requirements was made.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,



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