

Response to Reviewers

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: P. Marone et al. EUS for rectal cancer)

Title: The role of Endoscopic Ultrasonography in the loco-regional staging of patients with rectal cancer

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers who asked to shorten the manuscript, edit the tables and correct the references. In particular:

1. The following sections have been deleted from the text of the manuscript
 - INSTRUMENTS
 - PREPARATION OF THE PATIENT AND TECHNIQUE OF THE EXAMINATION
 - ANORECTAL ANATOMY
 - EUS STAGING
2. Figure 1 has been deleted and the figures have been renumbered
3. Two tables have been added and the tables have been edited and renumbered
4. In the section EUS ACCURACY IN STAGING RECTAL CANCER, the paragraph T Staging has been shortened
5. All the changes and corrections in the text have been highlighted
6. A postcode has been added to the address of the authors
7. References and typesetting have been corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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