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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 18510-edited.doc).

Title: Recent development of optical coherence tomography for preoperative diagnosis of esophageal malignancies

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

1 Format of text file and files of conflict-of-interest of all authors has been updated as the editors and the reviewers suggested.

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

- (1) Thank you for kind comments from editorial office and 5 reviewers with Classification of Grade B, language evaluation of Grade A or B and total conclusion of 'accept'. They all understand close relationship between cross-sectional images of OCT and histological findings, both of which can be ignored to demonstrate advances of OCT-imaging technology. Instead, only one of 6 reviewer gives a comment not to mix information of OCT-imaging and histology. Accordingly, we think that our draft demonstrated the technological characteristics of OCT imaging supported by histological evidence, so we believe that it will not be suitable to change context of our draft radically.
- (2) In Japan, there are only few patients with Barrett's adenocarcinoma, instead of squamous cell carcinoma. We do not have enough OCT images of Barrett's adenocarcinoma, and basically our main achievements in this field are focused on OCT-based preoperative staging of esophageal squamous cell carcinoma. We would appreciate if the editorial office and the reviewer could understand our study background.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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