

## Answering Reviewers

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Dear Editor,

We thank the reviewers for their interest in our manuscript and for their constructive comments. We have revised our manuscript as requested by the reviewers and editorial staff.

### 1- Revisions based on reviewer's comments

Response to 00039578

"Although retrospective, this study uses a prospective data base record of endoscopic procedures, allowing for collection and interpretation of data. As the authors point out, this has an advantage in this study, as the endoscopists are not influenced by the knowledge of a study about their endoscopic practice. This study is based on a large number of colonoscopies, allowing for some conclusions about the training of fellows, which can be included in a Fellowship Training Program. Therefore, this is a very useful and interesting paper, and a useful addition to other work in this field. The paper is well written with a good discussion."

Thank you for your comments on our study. We agree that the retrospective design and the large number of procedures are strengths of this study.

Response to 00188264

"Important potential confounders (smoking) was not mentioned about or accounted for. Would be better if we have this data, otherwise, will need to be mentioned in the limitation section of this manuscript."

Thank you for your comments on our study. We agree that smoking is an important confounder to control for when studying the prevalence of adenomas and polyps. We do not have this data available, and we have added the lack of data about smoking to the limitation section of the study.

### 2- Informed consent statement was added as a footnote in the methods section.

- 3- The **comment section** of the article was completed.
- 4- The references were reformatted to include PMID and DOI.
- 5- The figure was provided in pptx form.
- 6- All study related documents are signed and submitted in PDF format.
- 7- Audio core tip was uploaded.

Thank you for publishing our manuscript in the *world journal of gastrointestinal endoscopy*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emad Qayed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Emad" and last name "Qayed" clearly distinguishable.

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