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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11128-edited.doc).

Title: Pathophysiological mechanisms linking obesity and esophageal adenocarcinoma

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

1 As requested the full addresses of the authors have been provided

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

(1) An additional section discussing the limitations of the epidemiological data examining Barrett's and esophageal adenocarcinoma, predominantly in males in Western countries has been added to page 11. The reviewer asked about other geographical areas but there are no reliable data not pertaining to western countries. This is discussed.

(2) New section discussing the very limited data on resistin has been added (page 21)

(3) New section discussing the possible interaction of smoking and obesity added on pages 14-15

These areas have been highlighted in the revised manuscript

3 References were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beales', written in a cursive style.

Ian Beales