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Dami án Garc á-Olmo, Stephen C Strom and Andrzej S Tarnawski Editor-in-Chief World Journal of Gastroenterology

Dear Drs. Garc á-Olmo, Strom & Tarnawski:

I wish to submit our revised manuscript for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, titled "Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection for Early Esophageal Neoplasms using the Stag Beetle Knife." (Manuscript ID is 38339)

The manuscript has been carefully rechecked and appropriate changes have been made in accordance with the reviewers' suggestions. The responses to their comments have been prepared and attached herewith.

We thank you and the reviewers for your thoughtful suggestions and insights, which have enriched the manuscript and produced a more balanced and better account of the research. We hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in your journal.

I would like to mention again that the biostatistical analysis was performed by me (Dr. Kuwai). I have been trained to carry out statistical analysis, hence I accept responsibility for the accuracy of the statistical analysis. We hope the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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