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To: Professor Dr. Jigisha Patel MRCP, PhD
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Dear Professor Jigisha Patel:

Thank you very much for your letter regarding our manuscript entitled “Effectiveness of CO2-insufflated Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection with the duodenal balloon occlusion method for early esophageal or gastric cancer”. We are grateful for the feedback from the review. We have revised our manuscript accordingly. We have a professional editing service correct our language. Our response to the referee comments is provided on the following pages.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Editorial Requirements

Please make the following formatting changes during revision of your manuscript. Ensuring that the manuscript meets the journal’s manuscript structure will help to speed the production process if your manuscript is accepted for publication.

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Responses to Editorial Requirements

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As you pointed out, there are no detail description about the specific name of the ethics committee. We added the specific name of the ethics committee. This prospective clinical study was conducted after approval by the institutional ethics committee of Kagawa University Hospital and was enrolled with the University Hospital Medical Information Network (UMIN) (ID: 000003742).

# Full details of patient consent obtained, including whether this was written or oral.

# All the patients’ consents were written forms.

Full details of patients’ informed consents were followings.

1. Using the balloon for esophageal variceal injection sclerotherapy as duodenal occlusion balloon.

2. Making a circular ring with a nylon thread at the tip of the balloon to create a better grip, and inserted it through the overtube into the duodenal bulb.

3. Infusing an appropriate amount of air as calculated for previous gastric fluoroscopy (60–70 mL on average) to fix the balloon.
4. An overtube was used to allow backflow of CO2 gas from the stomach to the oral cavity for evacuation from the mouth, preventing the gas from flowing into the trachea and lungs, and overtube with no valve could evacuate the backflowing gas from the body.

5. Under putting the balloon, we would perform ESD.

We informed these procedures and side effects, and obtained consents from all patients in written forms.

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# As you pointed out, there weren’t all the specific contributions of 12 authors.

Then, we added all authors’ contributions to our manuscript as following.

1. Analysis and interpretation of the data was performed by Drs. Hideki Kobara, Shintaro Fujihara, Noriko Nishiyama, Mitsuyoshi Kobayashi, Kunihiko Izuishi, and Keiichi Okano.

2. Critical revision of the article for important intellectual content was performed by Drs. Takako Nomura, Takashi Himoto, Masanobu Hagiike, Keiichi Okano, Yasuyuki Suzuki, and Dr. Prof. Tsutomu Masaki.

3. Final approval of the article was performed by Dr. Prof. Tsutomu Masaki.

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