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Dear Editor:
Thank you for your email dated 20-Nov-2017 in which you provided us with the reviewers’ comments.

We carefully reviewed the comments and revised the manuscript accordingly.

Our responses are given in a point-by-point manner below.

1. Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.

We appreciate the comment on this point. In accordance with the comment, we added this information to the title section (Page1, Line12-Page2, Line22).

2. Please remove the trial registration section from your abstract.

We appreciate the comment on this point. In accordance with the comment, we remove this section (Page4, Line51).

3. In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of Declarations, please confirm whether informed consent, written or verbal, was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your manuscript. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure. If the need for consent was waived by an IRB or is deemed unnecessary according to national regulations, please clearly state this, including the name of the IRB or a reference to the relevant legislation.

We thank the Reviewer for this insightful comment.

Written informed consent of the endoscopic procedure was obtained from all patients (Page9, Line116).

The need for consent of a participation in the study was waived by the ethical committee of our hospital. Instead of this, the information of this study was published on the internet. And Patients
were given the opportunity to opt-out. This system was approved by the ethical committee of our hospital.

In accordance with the comment, we added this information to the method section (Page8, Line108).

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We thank the Reviewer for this insightful comment.

Written informed consent for publication was obtained from the patient.

5. Please, differentiate in the Authors' Contribution section the authors Sho Mizukawa (SM1) and Shinichiro Muro (SM2). Please include the contribution of Hiroyuki Okada (HO).

We appreciate the comment on this point. In accordance with the comment, we added this information to the declarations section (Page27, Line370-371).

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