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Title: The association between objective tongue color and endoscopic findings: Results from the Kyushu and Okinawa Population Study (KOPS)

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Dear Dr. Rowles,

We would be very grateful if you would consider our paper entitled “The association between objective tongue color and endoscopic findings: Results from the Kyushu and Okinawa Population Study (KOPS)” by Furusyo N, Urita Y, Nagata M, Ihara T, Oji T, Nakaguchi T, Namiki T, Hayashi J and myself for publication in BMC Complementary & Alternative Medicine. We demonstrated associations between tongue color, endoscopic findings, H. pylori infection status, and serological atrophic gastritis in a large-scale study. All named authors have seen and agreed to the submitted version of the paper. The contents have not been previously published and are not currently submitted elsewhere.

Furthermore, we added the following sentences at P8.line 7-10 in the revised version.

Written informed consent was obtained from each of the participants, including permission to use the data and images obtained during the exam. This sentence belongs in the Methods. Unless they asked for it to be in the Figure caption, you can take it out.

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Sincerely

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