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Dear Professor Koutroubakis,

On behalf of all the authors, I would like to ask you to consider our manuscript entitled “Long-term outcomes of endoscopic resection for early gastric cancer in remnant stomach: focus on the comparison with radical surgery” for publication in *Annals of Gastroenterology,* as an original article.

This study was retrospective cohort study that included 55 patients with early gastric cancer in remnant stomach that undergone endoscopic resection or radical surgery. We investigate the long-term outcomes of endoscopic resection (ER) for early gastric cancer compared with radical surgery and evaluate the validity of endoscopic resection. The 5-year cause- specific survival rates of patients of M-SM1 cancer in ER group and patients of M-SM2 cancer in surgery group were both 100%, and the operation time and hospital stay of ER was significantly shorter than those of surgery (P<=0.001). There might have the potential of either equaling or surpassing radical surgery.

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Yours sincerely,

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