Responses to Reviewers’ Comments

Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:

Reviewer# 03479334
1. There is still red text in the paper that appears to have been corrected, so please change the red text to black text as well.
   
   Response:
   Thank you for pointing this out and for your valuable suggestion. We have revised these sections accordingly.

2. Difficult to understand due to lack of endoscopic pictures including chicken skin mucosa. Please add Figures.

   Response:
   Thank you for your comments. We apologize for the omission; however, we have added Figure 2.

Reviewer# 05701492
3. There are no representative images of CSM. There are several findings that predict SM invasion, and it would be more reader-friendly if there were representative images for each of them. If so many images are difficult to present, it would be better to at least have representative images of the CSM most in focus in this study. Please add a discussion of the difference between CSM and "white spots" which, like CSM, is reported to be an accumulation of foam cells around colorectal tumors and is common in invasive cancer. "White spots" are associated with invasive cancer and have been shown to be effective in inhibiting the progression of lesions with high malignant potential. (Hirota S, Hosobe S, Ikeda M, Himori M, Miyashita M, Takemoto Y, et al. Possibility of defense against colorectal tumor by foamy cells. J Clin Gastroenterol. 1997 Mar;24(2):82–6. Iwai T, Imai K, Hotta K, Ito S, Yamaguchi Y, Kawata N, et al. Endoscopic prediction of advanced histology in diminutive and small colorectal polyps. J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2019 Feb;34(2):397–403.) If the findings of CSM and "white spots" are similar, novelty is lacking. If these are different findings, please add the differences to DISCUSSION and add the definition of CSM to MATERIALS AND METHODS.

Response:
Thank you for your insightful comments. We have added Figure 2, a new paragraph to the DISCUSSION section, and added the definition of CSM to
4. Only in Table 2, intramucosal carcinoma is described as "MM" instead of "M". In the other tables, all the terms are listed as "M," so please unify them.

   **Response:**
   Thank you for your comments. We have revised this section accordingly.

5. Is the Wald statistic in Tables 5 and 7 necessary? It seems that only the Odds ratio (95%CI) and P-value are sufficient for readers. Please explain the reason for listing the Wald statistic.

   **Response:**
   Thank you for your valuable comments. We agree with you regarding the Wald statistic. Since this is a resubmission article, it was required to be included during our last peer review. Therefore, we have revised this section accordingly.

Reviewer# 06163713

1. The manuscript revealed the relevance of chicken skin mucosa as a guide on invasiveness of early colorectal cancers. 2. The findings about chicken skin mucosa in staging Colorectal cancer will revolutionize management of early disease thereby helping in accurate staging and choice of treatment options. 3. Detail evaluation of various sub-staging of sub-mucosal tumors was not good enough, so also nature of study which happens to be retrospective.

   **Response:**
   Thank you for your valuable comments.