Greetings from the Guest Editor

It is my sincere honor to be the guest editor for this special edition titled, The Intraluminal and Submucosal Interventional Endoscopy in the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract, on behalf of International Journal of Gastrointestinal Intervention (IJGII). When I was selected as the guest editor, I was very delighted and pressured very much because we had not enough time to prepare many topics. I handpicked the authors who are young and very experienced in the field of interventional endoscopy. And I asked very nice review including fruitful experiences.

Endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) and endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is widely applied therapeutic modality in the East and the West. I selected two topics regarding EMR/ESD; ESD in the West and endoscopic resection of periampullary neoplasm. For the advancement of interventional endoscopy, one of the important issues is the endoscopic hemostasis during procedure. Therefore, I invited several experts for the management and prevention of bleeding. Last topic is a peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM), which is the most typical and dramatic intervention for the patients with achalasia. POEM procedure is extended to manage the patients with pyloric dysfunction. Gastric POEM is focused on pyloric spasm, however, be applied for the many clinical situations.

We live at the interventional endoscopy era. Many things changed and will continue to be changed like the box statement in the Principles of Internal Medicine in which said "Medicine is an ever-changing science". Although we encountered new challenges like artificial intelligence, our thinking and doing intervention will be survived longer than others expected.

I really appreciated all invited authors and IJGII again. I am very grateful to my colleagues and friends for the timely contribution to the edition. I hope our readers be a leader in the interventional endoscopy.

Sincerely,

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