



**Supplementary Fig. 1.** Councilor of Japan Society of Gastroenterological Endoscopy and population distribution in Japan. The map of Japan was color-coded by region. The number of council or of Japan Society of Gastroenterological Endoscopy (numbers on the left) and population (numbers on the right) were shown for each region. Percentages were expressed as the ratio of the number of people in each region to the total number of council members or Japanese population. M, million.