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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Research report.doc).

Title: Evaluation of diagnostic cytology via ENPD for pancreatic tumor

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 I updated according to the Format of "Research Report"

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1. As the study was retrospective, the authors should specify the number of endoscopists performing the ERCP in the 35 patients.

→ERCP was performed by 8 endoscopists.

2. How many pathologists/cytologists were involved in reviewing the cytological examinations of the 33 patients?

→ 8 pathologists and 7 cytologists reviewed the cytological examinations of the 35 patients.

Were the specimens examined by only one expert or were all of them seen by a second expert pathologist/cytologist?

→All of the specimens were seen by some cytologist, Expert of pathologist usually confirmed the final diagnosis.

3. How many cells were obtained by ENPD-C versus by ENPD-BC per patient? Was the yield of cells high enough to be able to perform molecular genetic and mutation analysis?

→I wasn't able to clearly confirm the information regarding number of cells those because this is retrospective study by researching medical record.

4. The number is not so large.

→To increase the number of patients as much as possible, We added two patients by extending review period from January.2013 to May 2013.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read '岩田 隆之' (Iwata Tomoyuki).

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