

## **Response to the reviewers' comments**

**(Ms. No. 19981)**

### **Reviewer-1**

I would like to congratulate the authors for their very good revision.

: Thank you for your careful review.

### **Reviewer-2**

In their review article? “Endoscopic ultrasonography guided-fine needle aspiration for the diagnosis of solid pancreaticobiliary lesions: Clinical aspects to improve the diagnosis” the authors reviewed the literature and gave an overlook on the topic. The article is very well written and gives an overlook on the topic of value not only for physicians who start with endosonographic fine-needle aspiration but also for experts. The important literature is cited. I would only suggest a small paragraph whether antibiotic prophylaxis prior puncture is need or not.

: Thank you for your review and giving us a beneficial suggestion. In the most of previous literatures, bacteremia or bacterial infection is reported as a very rare complication in EUS-FNA for solid pancreatic lesions and antibiotic prophylaxis is thought to be unnecessary. In cases with pancreatic cystic lesions, the risk of infection had been thought as slightly higher, however, recent studies demonstrated no obvious effect of antibiotic administration before EUS-FNA. We inserted these content by quoting references within the section of “Diagnostic yield and safety of EUS-FNA for solid pancreatic lesions” at page 6 (L3-L11).