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ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

I appreciate the constructive comments of the reviewers and the opportunity to submit a revised version of my manuscript entitled, "Endoscopic Ultrasonography - emerging applications in Hepatology".

I carefully revised my manuscript in accordance with the comments raised. The corresponding changes in the revised paper are underlined.

The revised manuscript was also thoroughly checked and edited by an English-speaking editor with specialist knowledge in this field to meet the language standards required by leading English language publications.

I hope that the revisions made have satisfactorily answered all the comments raised and that our paper is now suitable for publication in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

POINT-BY-POINT RESPONSE:

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

ESPS manuscript NO: 32781

Title: Endoscopic Ultrasonography - emerging applications in Hepatology

Reviewer's code: 02441070

Reviewer's country: China

Science editor: Jin-Xin Kong

Date sent for review: 2017-02-02 23:08

Date reviewed: 2017-02-03 21:43

CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The report of EUS for liver is not often, this paper make a review in this aspect, if you can insert some typical images in the paper, it would be perfect.

We thank the reviewer for these comments and the important suggestion. We have added typical EUS liver images in the manuscript (Figure 1 and 2).

ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

ESPS manuscript NO: 32781

Title: Endoscopic Ultrasonography - emerging applications in Hepatology

Reviewer's code: 01799430

Reviewer's country: South Korea

Science editor: Jin-Xin Kong

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a review article about the role of EUS in the fields of hepatology. The authors summarized the studies published to date well. This review article will give readers useful information about EUS. There are several issues to be considered. (1) The authors showed the brief Table about EUS-guided liver Bx. However, there are not any Tables about other EUS procedures including varix treatment or mass biopsy. Please add these tables. (2) The representative figures showing the EUS-guided procedures should be included. (3) Many typo errors are found.

Thank you for your kind comments.

1) We have added two new tables about EUS procedures, namely EUS of Focal liver lesions (table 2) and EUS in the evaluation of the outcome of endoscopic therapeutics for esophageal varices (table 3).

2) We have added typical EUS liver images in the manuscript (Figure 1 and 2).

3) The revised manuscript was also thoroughly checked and edited by an English-speaking editor with specialist knowledge in this field to meet the language standards required by leading English language publications.

ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

ESPS manuscript NO: 32781

Title: Endoscopic Ultrasonography - emerging applications in Hepatology

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Please provide the mechanical features of used EUS in Table1 (convex type, electronic radial type, frequency etc). 2. There are many papers on evaluating esophagogastric variceal hemodynamics with EUS. Please mention the detailed EUS (including color Doppler) hemodynamics using the literatures of Hino et al, Sato et al and Nakamura et al, and indicate clearly the differences between EUS and computed tomography. 3. Please add the usefulness of EUS in gastric varices due to splenic vein occlusion (left-sided portal hypertension).

Thank you for your kind comments.

1) *As the technical features of each study are heterogeneous, we decide to introduce the important information suggested by the reviewer in the text.*

2) *We have added the relevant literature about the evaluation of esophagogastric variceal hemodynamics with EUS in the manuscript.*



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3) *We have added the reported information about the usefulness of EUS in gastric varices due to splenic vein occlusion.*

Thank you in advance for considering our revised paper for publication. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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