

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

EUS-guided Fiducial Marker placement is a very useful method in assisting chemoradiation therapy for PC. The study has shown the safety and feasibility of this method. My concern is that since many studies have proved the feasibility of this method, what are the new messages this manuscript added to us? Minor advise: Better to include a chart flow to clarify how the 29 patients were selected?

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This is a study with instructive significance for neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy of pancreatic cancer. Due to the anatomical characteristics of pancreatic cancer, especially pancreatic head cancer, chemoradiotherapy is likely to cause gastrointestinal bleeding, ulcers and even perforation. The key technique is how to implement the high dose radiation only on the tumor, with sparing the surrounding tissue. The placement of markers plays an important role. The authors applied EUS-guided puncture, a complicated technique, to place markers with minor complications, which is of great significance for precise radiotherapy. I would like to know what kind of qualified doctors can perform such a complex operation, and how many doctors performed all the operations for these 29 patients.

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Ashida R et al performed a clinical study to investigate the feasibility, safety, and benefits of EUS-guided fiducial marker placement (EUS-FP) in patients with RPC, and found that EUS-FP following NACRT for RPC is feasible and safe. The study implies that the resectable PC is mobile and is affected by not only aspiration, but also food, fluid intake and bowel condition. It is very interesting. There are several errors to be modified:

1 The marking of the figures is not standard: the arrow heads in Figure 1a-1d, 4d, 5a-5b, 6a-6d have not been described in the figure legends. 2 Table 1 and 2 are shown in the form of figures. The tables should be editable instead of figures.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This clinical study performed by Ashida R et al investigated EUS-guided fiducial marker placement for neoadjuvant chemoradiation therapy for resectable pancreatic cancer, and proved the feasibility and safety of EUS-guided fiducial marker placement for RPC. Moreover, the authors made a good revision according to the reviewers' suggestions. I think it will be accepted in its current form.