

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**Manuscript NO:** 82959

**Title:** Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration pancreatic adenocarcinoma samples yield adequate DNA for next-generation sequencing – a cohort analysis

**Provenance and peer review:** Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

**Peer-review model:** Single blind

**Reviewer's code:** 02941314

**Position:** Peer Reviewer

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**Professional title:** Doctor, Associate Professor

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<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
<b>Re-review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript evaluated the adequacy of pancreatic adenocarcinoma specimens for NGS biopsied by EUS-FNA, and found that EUS-FNA could sample adequate yield DNA for NGS. However, this study was not innovative enough, and such similar finding has been reported before in a small cohort. In addition, the English expression had to be polished by native English speaker.

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	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for the opportunity to review the manuscript titled, Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration pancreatic adenocarcinoma samples yield adequate DNA for next-generation sequencing – a cohort analysis The viewpoint of this article is objective and forward-looking.

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	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor, Dear Authors, I read with interest the manuscript entitled “Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration pancreatic adenocarcinoma samples yield adequate DNA for next-generation sequencing – a cohort analysis” by Bunduc S et al. This was a well-conducted, relatively large single-center prospective observational study reporting on the efficacy of EUS-FNA by 22 or 25 G needles to obtain adequate DNA for next generation sequencing (NGS) among PDAC patients. Although I consider the manuscript relevant for the research context, I have the following minor comment only:

1) Strengths and limitations: the non-randomized nature and the absence of a control group (i.e. EUS-FNB) should be mentioned as main limitations of the study.