

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15075-review.doc).

Title: Differential Diagnosis of Benign and Malignant Branch Duct IPMN Using Contrast-Enhanced EUS

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

1 Format has been updated

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

(1) In this study, 35 patients were followed up. Of these, 33 patients were merely followed up, while two patients underwent resection after the follow-up period. As shown in table 1, we added the morbidity data of these 35 patients during the follow-up period.

(2) In this study, all patients were diagnosed as branch duct IPMN by the findings of computed tomography and endoscopic ultrasonography. We changed the written expression of the paragraph of the *Patients*.

Before: A total of 50 patients with BD-IPMN, who underwent computed tomography (CT) and endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) were included in this study.

After: A total of 50 patients diagnosed with BD-IPMN by computed tomography (CT) and endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) at our institute were included in this study.

(3) The biostatistics methods were reviewed by Reo Kawano who is the biostatistician of Clinical Research Center, Yamaguchi University Hospital. He required showing the correlation data between MN height measured by each imaging modality and MN height measured on pathological specimens. As shown in Figure 2, we added the correlation data of them. He also required showing the all ROC analysis data of each imaging modality. As shown in Table 4, we added the ROC analysis data of CT, EUS, CE-EUS, and pathological specimens. He detected an error about the calculation of "measurement error values". We calculated again and corrected the manuscript and Figure 3.

(4) We deleted both the figure of mural nodules and the figure of mucinous clots, because

there were too many figures and tables in our revised manuscript.

(5) English of our manuscript was reviewed by American Journal Experts.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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