

Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Please find below my detailed response towards every concern/comment raised by the editor and other reviewers.

1. **The section “The anatomical Description of the Liver” seems a little bit long. I recommend authors to focus on the main anatomy related to EUS observation: this has been edited accordingly.**
2. **Because authors made the subtitle “2. Hepatic Cysts” and “3. Hepatic Abscesses”, I think “1. Focal Hepatic Solid Lesions” is more appropriate for the subtitle 1 than “1. Focal Liver Lesions”: Edited accordingly.**
3. **(Page 9) In the last paragraph of the subtitle (1. Focal Liver Lesions), author mentioned about interventions “EUS guided ethanol injection in treatment ofand pancreatic malignancies was reported²⁸.” I recommend authors to make another subtitle and separate them from the subtitle 1: This has been divided into diagnostic and therapeutic EUS in focal liver lesions.**
4. **(Page 15) I think the content about EUS elastography can be inserted into the subsection “1. Focal Liver Lesions”. One article on EUS elastography “Sandulescu L et al. Curr Health Sci J. 2012 A pilot study of real time elastography in the differentiation of focal liver lesions.” should be referred in this content: This has been added to the subsection 1 (page 9).**
5. **In the subsection “7. Intrahepatic Bile Duct”, I recommend authors to include EUS-guided hepaticoduodenostomy “Park SJ et al. Gastrointest Endosc 2013; 78: 374-80 Expanding indication: EUS-guided hepaticoduodenostomy for isolated right intrahepatic duct obstruction (with video).” For the antegrade approach, another article can be inserted “Park DH et al. Gastrointest Endosc 2012; 75: 692-3. EUS-guided transhepatic antegrade balloon dilation for benign**

bilioenteric anastomotic strictures in a patients with hepaticojejunostomy".
EUS-guided rendezvous drainage is also important drainage technique, which
I recommend to add in this section: I have added the above mentioned papers
 and also expanded more on biliary drainage techniques.

6. **In the Acronyms, "final needle aspiration" should be corrected to "fine needle aspiration":** Done.
7. **(Page 5) In the final sentence of "Visualization of the Liver by EUS", "most of the right is lobe is" shoul be corrected to "most of the right lobe is":** done
8. **(Page 17) "Ogura Takeshi" should be corrected to "Ogura""** Done
9. **Authors should unify the numerical words. Roman words was used in the Figure 1, while Arabic words in Figure 2:** Done
10. **Running title:** Srinivasan I et al. Hepatic applications of endoscopic ultrasound.
11. **Author's department and Postal code edited as per the suggestion.**
12. **Core tip and audio tip:** added.
13. **Author combinations:** added.
14. **Telephone/ Fax section for corresponding author:** Country code added. Fax not used in their office. Hence cannot be provided.
15. **Please reformat references:** done as suggested.
16. **Please provide the decomposable figure of Figures, whose parts are movable and can be edited. So please put the original picture as word or ppt or excel format so that I can edit them easily:** Due to the complex nature of these figures and embedded signs, we did not keep a copy of the decomposable figure version. In addition, many figures are drawn by professional medical illustrator, there are no decomposable versions. Please use these submitted figures for publication.
17. **Pages 3-4 the paragraph on Anatomical Description of the Liver is an useful I suggest to include more examples of each lesion or acute or chronic liver disease where the Endoscopic Ultrasound:** We have outlined each pathology under separate headings in the manuscript. Please specify if we misunderstood

your feedback. Additionally, please provide more clarification on this point so that we can address any gaps in the paper.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for taking the time to review the article and provide invaluable comments to help improve the quality and content of our review article.

Regards,

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