

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4886-revised.doc).

**Title:** An automated spring-loaded needle device for endoscopic ultrasound-guided aspiration for ascitic fluid in cancer patients with minimal ascites

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

**1. Format has been updated, including modification in title.**

The original title was 'An automated spring-loaded needle device for endoscopic ultrasound-guided aspiration for ascitic fluid in cancer patients with minimal ascites'. However, considering the limitation in word number, we've changed it to '**An automated spring-loaded needle for endoscopic ultrasound-guided abdominal paracentesis in cancer patients**' in revised manuscript.

Regarding English quality of this manuscript, we believe the quality is sufficient enough for publication since this manuscript was reviewed and edited by two native-English speaker (Professor Manoop S. Bhutani and Dr. Srinadh Annangi).

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

The reviewers' comments were favorable to this manuscript. We don't have specific points required revision.

**Comment from reviewer 1:** The article is interesting, unique and worthy of publication.

**Comment from reviewer 2:** Excellently balanced article.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

Sincerely yours,



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