

## **Answer to reviewers:**

### **Reviewer 1:**

The authors describe a new approach to an old technique. The manuscript may be feasible for the journal, but a few improvements are strongly needed. Diagnosis of lymphoproliferative diseases is indeed challenging and laparoscopy is an essential tool. Laparoscopic biopsy of the hepatic node seems to be feasible and safe and may offer a simple approach for a definite diagnosis for what seems to be a very complicated anatomical area.

**More details about the technique with at least 5-6 times illustrative material are needed** – the technique is quite simple and I don't see how it could be more detailed than what it is already is.

**A video should be added and uploaded** – A video is not available at this moment, and is in fact a completely different submission format that is not appropriate in our opinion for this study.

**In addition, the English style, grammar and spelling need to be fixed (even in the abstract laparoscopic is spelled inexact!)** – The paper was thoroughly reviewed for grammar and spelling mistakes and correction were made accordingly.

### **Reviewer 2:**

Well written manuscript. I have few suggestions.

**What is the statistical method?** – There are no statistics in the study at all, all the data is specified and summarized in table 1.

**hepatic node is the first node for dissemination of cancer"**

**( <https://doi.org/10.31832/smj.376327>) and (Turkiye Klinikleri J Gen Surg-Special Topics. 2018;11(2):112-4) I suggest both of these uptodate studies for the references.** – I was happy to include these two studies in the reference list but both are not in English so I cannot understand the articles and of course can not add them to the reference list