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

1. Format has been updated as suggested: Abstract, keywords, core tip, etc.
2. References and typesetting were corrected.
3. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

Reviewer 1: No revision suggested.

Reviewer 2:

- Abstract was included (pages 1 and 2), as well as objective stated (page 3).
- We included information on FISH analysis for aneuploidy as an ancillary analysis of FNA material (page 7).
- This is an invited review, not a systematic review therefore we did not use Prisma guidance.

Reviewer3:

- The authors thank reviewer3 for the suggestion regarding the logical structure of the text and parts of the review *detection* and *staging* of PDAC. After discussion between authors, the text was re-organized and a session DETECTION and DIAGNOSIS of PDAC was included; divided as follows: *Detection*, focusing on accuracy of EUS as compared with other imaging modalities and in addition discussing novel techniques as contrast enhanced EUS and elastography; *Diagnosis*, with a discussion focused on EUS-FNA; *EUS-FNA and use of DNA markers*, describing analysis of abnormal genes in EUS-FNA samples; and *Staging*, discussing EUS in staging of PDAC.

- Brief description, author's perspective and practical applications of new EUS techniques are discussed in the Therapeutic EUS session as suggested by reviewer.

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

Sincerely yours,

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