

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7009-review-edited.doc).

**Title:** Optimizing the yield of EUS-guided fine needle biopsy in solid pancreatic masses. The role of rapid on site evaluation.

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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

### REVIEWER 1

This is an interesting review on ROSE. I have only 3 minor points:

1. Please describe in the text and add in the table reported complications associated with each of the procedures.

*We have included in the text the information required regarding complications associated to procedures*

2. Please clarify 3 lines above the chapter 3.1 Visual...: Clarify in the text "role ROSE was analyze".

*This has been updated and revised in the new version of the manuscript*

3. The table is unclear regarding number of patients. What means "+"? Pancreatic mass was the indication for some patients, and for the rest? Complications? Results of the procedures? Accuracy is not enough.

*Since the table seems to be unclear, we have decided to include only the studies providing all the information. We have also optimized the table itself, to make it better for understanding.*

### REVIEWER 2

#### GENERAL COMMENTS MAY CONSIST OF FOUR MAJOR POINTS

This manuscript reviews the published data regarding the role of rapid on-site evaluation for EUS-guided biopsies of pancreatic masses. The summarized data show that rapid on-site evaluation of these biopsies may improve the adequacy and diagnostic accuracy rates for these types of specimens. The manuscript data is presented well but needs correction of some spelling and many grammatical errors to make it more readable.

*Thanks for the positive comments on the manuscript.*

*In the revised version of the manuscript, spelling and grammatical errors have been corrected*

## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS MAY CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS**

Abstract: Clearly delineates the background, results, and conclusion of the manuscript. Line 8: The phrase “several techniques issues” does not make sense- does the word “issues” belong there? Lines 13-14: I believe the word “be” is supposed to come in between “may not... indispensable”.

*We have corrected the text accordingly.*

Section 1 Introduction: Please define acronyms/abbreviations once, and then use them throughout the manuscript (i.e. fine needle biopsy (FNB) is defined in both the beginning and the end of paragraph 2- you only need to define it once and then use the abbreviation throughout. Also please define CI in Section 2 on first use). Please also correct the first and last sentences of paragraph 3- they are run-on sentences.

*We have corrected the text accordingly.*

Section 2 discusses EUS-guided FNA in the differential diagnosis of pancreatic tumors. I do not believe the sentence in the last paragraph about ROSE fits in this section. Perhaps, it should be moved to Section 3 which discusses ROSE.

*Thanks for this comment. We have made changes in the manuscript accordingly. In fact, since that idea is explained at section 3, we have decided to delete that sentence from section 2.*

Sections 3.2 and 3.3- Please elaborate on why “the presence of a cytopathologist is complicated” and “can be very difficult”. Many hospitals use cytopathologists to perform on-site evaluation of FNAs without complications or difficulties. Maybe “complicated” is not the appropriate word for what you are trying to say? Please explain.

*Thanks again for this comment. We have tried to improve the explanation. Probably, terms used in text were confounding, so we have tried to optimize, and change the manuscript accordingly.*

Overall, the discussion is well-organized. However, there are many grammatical errors and few spelling errors that need to be corrected before publication. Please have someone copy-edit the manuscript to correct these mistakes.

*We have optimized grammatical errors as well as spelling errors, in order to improve the quality of the manuscript.*

Table 1: Why does the study in row 2 (Eloubeidi) not have an accuracy without ROSE? Why does the study in row 4 (Cleveland) not have any numbers in the accuracy columns? Maybe this study should not be included in the table if there is no relevant data.

*Since the table seems to be unclear, we have decided to include only the studies providing all the information. We have also optimized the table itself, to make it better for understanding.*

## **REVIEWER 3**

A perfect work

*Thanks for such positive comment.*

#### **REVIEWER 4**

This is an interesting TOPIC. The manuscript data is presented well but needs correction of some spelling and many grammatical errors to make it more readable.

*We have optimized grammatical errors as well as spelling errors, in order to improve the quality of the manuscript.*

3 References and typesetting were corrected

#### **EDITTING**

We have corrected the title according to suggestions, 12 words

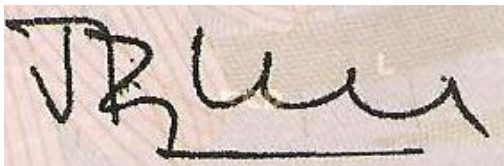
We have included, like in the revised version previously submitted, all the point not included in the first draft, suggested in the edited version

Regarding English writing policy, main authors involved in the manuscript have official English qualification, TOEFL grade (Dr. Julio Iglesias-Garcia). Anyway, as previously suggested by the reviewers, we have updated the English grammar.

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

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