### Dear reviewers and Editors:

Thank you for your comments on our manuscript as we believe these valuable comments will greatly improve this manuscript. Our replies are as follows:

## To Reviewer 1:

- 1. Table 3 has been revised to Table 2 (paragraph 2 on page 6).
- 2. We have added a table (Table 3) summarizing the studies reporting on EUS-assisted rendezvous technique in the revised manuscript (paragraph 1 on page 8 and Table 3 in page 11).

#### To Reviewer 2:

Thanks for your valuable comments.

#### To Science editor:

1. The format of the references has been revised to meet the requirements of the journal.

# To Company editor-in-chief:

- 1. We use uniform representation for figures showing the same or similar content in the revised manuscript.
- 2. We have provided decomposable figures in a single PowerPoint file of the revised manuscript. We confirm all pictures are original.
- 3. Standard three-line tables are provided.
- **4.** English language of the revised manuscript is revised by a professional English language editing company.