

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors have done great job by performing EUS examination, elastography and FNAC/FNAB in identification of hepatic SOL. Here are my concerns

1. Authors have not explained in methods as which EUS findings were considered for diagnosis and differentiation of benign versus malignant hepatic SOL. It should be thoroughly explained and can be added as supplement also.
2. There is no section of statistical analysis which can explain what methods were used to compare different diagnostic methods.
3. Authors have compared EUS against which investigation. Have they compared EUS diagnosis of benign/ malignant lesions against CT findings.
4. If they are comparing different diagnostic methods, they should also perform correlation analysis. Whether EUS examination findings for benign lesions were correlating with CT or FNAC findings.
5. They combined EUS examination findings and elastography together and as a whole these two were compared against EUS FNAC/FNAB results.
6. they have not given etiological break up of benign and malignant hepatic lesions.
7. Table 1 gives size of lesion in CT as 29.23x 29.14 mm. There is no range or standard deviation. They should have written size in 3 dimensions separately with



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Mean \pm SD/range. 8. Table 3 gives size of hepatic lesion in EUS as 23.47 x 39.19 (17.81 x 24.31) mm. Please explain. There is no Mean \pm SD/range. 9. If sensitivity and specificity both are low, how accuracy can be higher. Many deficiencies in the manuscript considering its analysis.

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