Answering Reviewers

Dear Prof. Ze-Mao Gong and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "**Slow pull and different conventional suction techniques in EUS-FNA of pancreatic solid lesions using 22-gauge needles**" **(ESPS Manuscript NO:** 29619**).** The comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have revised the manuscript, which we hope meet with approval. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the editor's and reviewers' comments are as following:

Replies to Reviewers and Editor

First of all, we thank both reviewers and editor for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions.

Replies to the Editor's note and suggestions:

1. Please provide language certificate letter by professional English language editing companies (Classification of manuscript language quality evaluation is B). For manuscripts submitted by non-native speakers of English, please provided language certificate by professional English language editing companies mentioned in 'The Revision Policies of BPG for Article'.

Answer: We have revised the whole paper with the help of the professional English language editing company, and the language certificate has been submitted.

2. Submit the scientific research process.

Answer: We have submitted the scientific research process.

3. AIM: No more than 20 words, and start with "To..."

Answer: We have rewritten the “AIM” according to the editor’s suggestion

4. METHODS: no less than 80 words

Answer: We have rewritten the “METHODS” according to the editor’s suggestion

5. Key words: 5~10 words

Answer: We have added the key word “cytology” and “negative pressure” in the revised manuscript and now there are 6 key words.

6. Audio core tip: In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the author make an audio file describing your final core tip, it is necessary for final acceptance. Please refer to Instruction to authors on our website or attached Format for detailed information.

Answer: We have submitted the audio core tip.

7. COMMENTS: Please finish them.

Answer: We have finished the comments, and it was added in the revised manuscript.

8. REFERENCES: Please check that there are no repeated references.

Answer: We have checked the references again and no repeated references were found.

Replies to Reviewer 1:

Comment 1: Some minor language polishing should be corrected.

Answer: We apologize for the language problems in the original manuscript. We have checked the entire manuscript carefully for language errors with the help of the professional English language editing company.

Comment 2: The references are updated, however, it should be discussed more deeper.

Answer: Thank you very much for your suggestion. Before submitting the original manuscript, we have updated the references mainly about the features of pancreatic lesions (references 24-26) and why on-site cytological evaluation was not available in our study (references 31-34). However, the main topic in our manuscript is the efficacy of different suction techniques. Moreover, we have discussed the efficacy and advantage of the slow pull technique and explained the reasons why it was superior to conventional suction techniques. Therefore, we submitted the current discussion.

Comment 3: Tables should be checked again.

Answer: Thanks for your advice. We have checked the tables again according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision-Retrospective Study. We found a calculation mistake in table3 which is “20/34” should be “58.8%” not “58.9%”. We have replaced the “58.9%” with “58.8%” in the whole revised manuscript. We are very sorry for this mistake.

Replies to Reviewer 2:

Comment 1: Some minor spelling mistakes should be corrected.

Answer: We apologize for the mistakes in the manuscript and have carefully checked the entire manuscript for spelling errors with the help of the professional English language editing company.