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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a review paper describing the diagnostic performance of EUS for idiopathic pancreatitis. I have several comments for the authors to improve the manuscript. 1. in the section "WHAT IS IDIOPATHIC PANCREATITIS?", there is a confusion on IAP and RAP. Furthermore, the definition "After a complete additional advanced work-up, the aetiology remains unknown in no more than 10% of RAP, which can then be defined as true IRAP" is ambiguous in that the advanced work-up is not fully defined and can be varied substantially across hospitals and regions. 2. "In a recent systemic review of 13 studies evaluating the role of EUS in IAP, the most frequent aetiology was biliary tract disease (biliary stones, microlithiasis and sludge).---were other diagnostic modalities also reported for the diagnostic accuracy? What is the reference standard? 3. "Various studies on the sensitivity of EUS to detect biliary tract disease suggests that EUS has superior sensitivity to other commonly used tests like ultrasonography(USG), CT, MRCP or MBE": there needs a table summarizing these findings, reporting sensitivity,



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specificity, AUC and reference standard for EUS. 4. in the section "EUS versus ERCP in idiopathic pancreatitis", the authors reported RAP. And for IAP, the authors primarily focused on the ERCP and MRCP for their diagnostic accuracy. 5. "The sensitivity of EUS was 86.7%, significantly higher than CT (15.5%) or MRCP (60%)."
---these statistics cannot reflect the diagnostic accuracy of EUS, the sensitivity and specificity are balanced statistics. You need to report the AUC to compare diagnostic tools.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a review paper evaluating the role of EUS in diagnosing idiopathic pancreatitis. EUS shows superior sensitivity to other commonly used tests. There are some comments for authors to improve this review. 1. Concepts of IAP and RAP are confusing. Authors need to clarify the definition. 2. In section "EUS versus ERCP in idiopathic pancreatitis", authors described the development of ERCP. While the key point should be the comparison between EUS and ERCP in diagnosing idiopathic pancreatitis. 3. In section "EUS versus MRCP in idiopathic pancreatitis", only the comparison of sensitivity of EUS, CT and MRCP is not enough. The AUC is needed for evaluating diagnostic tools.

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The aim of the review is clearly presented The manuscript title is descriptive and interesting enough Conclusions follow from the analysis and discussion References are relevant and up to date there are several typing and word omission errors which need to be corrected in order to clarify the manuscript, especially conclusion