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Dear Editor,

please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name "Revised manuscript").

Title: Are biopsies during endoscopic ultrasonography necessary for a suspected esophageal leiomyoma? Is laparoscopy always feasible?

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Thank you very much for your kind e-mail, which gave us the possibility to revise our manuscript.

We emended the paper according to the reviewers' comments. We hope this revision will make our manuscript better to be accepted in your journal.

Each comment has been answered accordingly in the manuscript and each text that has been altered was highlighted red in the revised manuscript. We hope that the revised version will fulfill the requirements for publication in the World Journal of Clinical cases. Thank you very much.

Reply to editorial comments:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the RCA. RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: <https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>.

Answer: The RCA was used to improve the content of the manuscript and was very helpful in our research.

Reply to reviewer's comments :

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: I also read the original article (Rao M, et al.) and the Letter to the Editor for this article by Beji H, et al. Congratulations to all of them for this work. In general, in cases where esophageal leiomyoma is suspected, biopsy is not necessary, and the diagnosis rate is low due to the possible complications stated by Beji H et al. during endoscopic ultrasonography. (Yalçınkaya İ, et al. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32953214/>) However, in cases where it is necessary for differential diagnosis, biopsy can of course be performed during endoscopic ultrasonography. Today, minimally invasive methods have gained importance in treatment. Even endoscopic surgical methods such as submucosal tunneling endoscopic resection, and endoscopic submucosal extraction are successfully applied. All options including open surgery, especially minimally invasive methods, can be preferred according to the case. Although the basic surgery is enucleation, esophageal resection may be applied as a last option in exceptional cases where this procedure cannot be performed.

Answer:

Thank you dear reviewer for your valuable appreciation. As you highlighted, mini-invasive surgery should always be considered in the first place. We mentioned that in our article (Line 68). However, when the tumor is large, we should consider laparotomy.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade C (A great deal of language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Summary Beji et al. wrote the letter to the editor about the manuscript titled "Are Biopsies during endoscopic ultrasonography necessary for a suspected esophageal leiomyoma? Is laparoscopy always feasible?" This letter to the editor raises and addresses the issues well, and appears to be acceptable for publication.

Answer :

Thank you, dear reviewer, for your valuable appreciation.

Thank you for considering the review.

Sincerely yours,

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