

**Reviewer's comments:** The article is very interesting and well prepared but there are some points a little confusing that should be modified. Esophagus cancer: "cfDNA levels in patients with ... were lower than those in normal people after tumor resection" Please explain clearly what do you mean with normal people after tumour resection "Studies have shown that plasma cfDNA levels ... have nothing to do with ... and positive correlation with tumor volume" You mean BUT positive correlation? "There are reports in the literature ...[48]. These substances can be detected earlier by clinical examination." What do you mean by clinical examination exactly Gastric cancer: "Therefore, most stage and stage cancers" what does this means exactly Please, include figures or tables to present a summary of results so it would be easier to read as well.

**Reply:** Thank you very much for the very positive comments !

1. Hsieh's study indicated that there was a significant difference between the normal controls and patients ( $p < 0.001$ ). We apologize for the misunderstanding caused by our unclear expression. We have modified the sentence by remove the "after tumor resection".
2. According to the studies, the plasma cfDNA levels have nothing to do with tumour volume. We apologize for the unclear expression. We have modified the sentence to "...as well as tumor volume".
3. What we want to express is that due to the ongoing developments in NGS techniques, both costs and processing time decreased considerably, ctDNA could be detected at a very early stage of esophageal cancer. We have changed the sentence to "...at a very early stage due to the ongoing developments in NGS techniques".
4. We apologize for the clerical error. What we want to say is that "most early-stage cancers will not be detected by current ctDNA analysis methods." Corresponding modification has been made in the manuscript.
5. In this paper, we summarized the recent advances and clinical applications of liquid biopsy in different cancer contexts. It is really difficult for us to interpret and

conclude all these results simply by some figures or tables. To avoid further confusion, we decide to maintain the original structure of our manuscript.