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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9920-review.doc).

**Title: Extra-esophageal saline injection enhances EUS to differentiate between esophagus and adjacent organs**

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers as well as got a grade A certificate from American Journal Experts: <http://www.aje.com>.

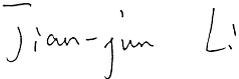
1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- 1) The major limitation is the lack of proof of usefulness of this technique in humans. In particular, it remains to be demonstrated whether it will be possible to inject saline outside large esophageal tumors without actually traversing the tumor. Please acknowledge this limitation in the discussion
- 2) Introduction is too long, please shorten it by 40-50%. Last two lines of page 3: it is better to report EUS accuracy in esophageal cancer staging in terms of range and not single figures from a single study (ref 9)
- 3) Introduction, page 4, line 11: maybe you meant that PET scan accuracy is very limited in T staging?
- 4) Methods: how many dogs were utilized for this study?
- 5) Title: at the end please add: "...in a canine model"
- 6) There are several typos throughout the text; please amend

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Sincerely yours,

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