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Dear Editor:

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript titled **“Clinical Significance of Hypoechoic Lesions in Submandibular Glands in Type 1 Autoimmune Pancreatitis”**.

Fortunately, we didn't receive critical comments from any reviewers. But we found two points that should be corrected in our manuscript; that is, we corrected the statistical use from “Student's t-test” to “Paired t-test” in the “Statistical analysis” section in the manuscript and we also corrected one of co-author's name. We responded to the reviewer's comments in the next page.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comments of the Reviewer #1

Reviewer's Comments (Code: 02650654, Italy):

It is an interesting article. I suggest to clearly discuss the pathogenesis of the disease.

Response to the reviewer's comments:

Thank you for your kind suggestion to our manuscript. We believe that hypoechoic lesions in submandibular glands (SGs) represent infiltrated foci of IgG4-positive plasma cells because they respond to corticosteroid administration as written in the first paragraph in discussion of our manuscript.

Response to Comments of the Reviewer #2

Reviewer's Comments (Code: 03494395, Taiwan):

The paper is well-written and provides a clear message that needs to be communicated to a wider audience. I therefore recommend to accept this manuscript for publication.

Response to the reviewer's comments:

Thank you for kind comments to our manuscript.

Response to Comments of the Reviewer #3

Reviewer's Comments (Code: 03474659, Japan):

This paper clarified the significance of hypoechoic lesions in submandibular glands by ultrasonography in AIP diagnosis using the international consensus diagnostic criteria. This is an attract article. I suggest to publish it.

Response to the reviewer's comments:

Thank you for kind comments to our manuscript.