

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJG 17326 revision.doc).

Title: Endoscopic ultrasound elastography: Current status and future perspectives

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

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

Reviewer 74961:

-You should check the spelling: there are some mistakes.

-Core tip, line 5 and last paragraph of Introduction: “chronic” instead of “chornic”.

Reply: Corrected.

-Qualitative EUS elastography, line 3: “colour” instead of “clolor”.

Reply: Corrected.

-Future Development (EUS elastography for EUS-FNA): “identify” instead of “indentify”

Reply: Corrected.

-Conclusions, first paragraph: “combined” instead of “conbined”.

Reply: Corrected.

-Conclusions, last paragraph: “elastography” instead of “elastogrophy” and “application” instead “applicatrion”.

Reply: Corrected.

-You could divide Table 1 (it includes two different scoring systems).

Reply: We divided this table into 2 tables.

-Lymph nodes, Qualitative EUS elastography: I should remove “was almost perfect” when you say: “The interobserver agreement was almost perfect (kappa=0.84).

Reply: We changed “almost perfect” to “good”

-Subepithelial masses: the paragraph “More than 90 % of malignant subepithelial masses ...” is irrelevant in your work. You could delete it.

Reply: We deleted it.

-You could include some more limitations: cystic and inflammatory lesions, availability, training, more time in procedure, distinguishing among focal malignant focal pancreatic masses.

Reply: The limitation about cystic and inflammatory lesions, availability has been discussed in the limitation section, and the limitation about pancreatic masses has been discussed in the section of pancreas. We added one sentence “Other limitations include that EUS elastography needs more training and costs more time in procedure than conventional US elastography.”

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "C. F. Dietrich".

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