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Thank you very much for your comments which we entirely agree with. Those who perform endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) are accustomed to spotting lesions not seen in other imaging tests on a daily basis. A detailed examination of all structures visible by EUS, particularly of the pancreas, gives us the opportunity to detect lesions that can be treated in their early stages—especially cystic lesions of the pancreas. However, the detection of these lesions can significantly increase the demand for EUS in already overloaded endoscopy units. We sincerely

believe that a standardization of the EUS procedure must be implemented.

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