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Reviewer Comments

Comment 1: Abbreviations are written as they first appear in the text; but this should be revised to be well respected throughout the text. For example, defining core needle biopsy (CNB) appeared twice (L. 105 and L.156).

Reply 1: We have amended the text to minimize duplication of definitions.

Comment 2: I think that the references are not sufficient for such a mini-review. I suggest to add more recent advances on this specified topic.

Reply 2: We have added new and more recent references and trust that this is adequate.

Comment 3: I think that this paper mainly focused on discussing the different diagnostic approaches, but did not really present the variation in treatment approaches among lower and higher income areas. I suggest to remove the word "treatment" from the abstract L. 51 and the highlight box.

Reply 3: The word 'treatment' has been removed from the abstract and replaced with 'biopsy'.

Comment 4: I suggest to add a footnote to Figure 1 to include abbreviations included in this Figure (for example FNA), or to write the entire word in the Figure.

Reply 4: We have included in one of the text boxes a full definition of FNA. Thank you very much.