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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for investing your valuable time in handling our manuscript MS: 9104375321015565 entitled “The Apparent Diffusion Coefficient (ADC) Ratio: Can it be Used as an Adjuvant Tool for Prostate Cancer Assessment of Tumor Aggressiveness?” and considering its acceptance in your journal after proper revision. We appreciate all your comments and suggestions and we have corrected them accordingly in a point by point response. Please find the details below.

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“Evaluation of the normal-to-diseased apparent diffusion coefficient ratio as an indicator of prostate cancer aggressiveness”

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   Best regards,

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