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To

The Editor

BMC Medical Imaging.

Sir,

Thank you for accepting the manuscript “Does applying the Canadian Cervical Spine rule reduce cervical spine radiography rates in alert patients with blunt trauma to the neck? A retrospective analysis” for publication in your esteemed journal. The concerns of the reviewer have been addressed below and the manuscript has been revised.

1. The reason for a large reduction in radiography rates (75% Vs 25% in the literature) has been elaborated in detail in the discussion section.

2. This study was a retrospective review of patient records and no patients were assessed as part of the study. The patient data was anonymised and therefore an ethical approval was not needed. The study was discussed with the regional ethical committee.

3. The authors’ contributions have been revised as suggested.

The revised manuscript reads much better. Do let me know if there are any other concerns.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

Mr Ulfin Rethnam.