Author's response to reviews

Title: Combined use of the automated breast volume scanner and the US elastography for the differentiation of benign from malignant lesions of the breast

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Dear Dr Yuanyi Zheng and Ms Roselyn Remoto:

Thank you very much for your letter and advice on our manuscript entitled “Combined use of the automated breast volume scanner and the US elastography for the differentiation of benign from malignant lesions of the breast”. (MS: 1593359496136966). We have studied your comments and read the editorial policies of BMC Cancer carefully, and have made corrections which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to your comments are as following:

List of responses

1. **Response to the copy edit:** please make sure the manuscript adhere to BMC Cancer editorial policies.

   **Response:**
   (1) Page 2, line 78, the initial letter of the keywords were capitalized, and “ABVS”, “UE” were added to the keywords.
   (2) Page 3, line 122, “Materials and Methods” was changed as “Participants and Methods”.
   (3) Page 3, line 124-128, the introduction of Ethics Committee and informed consent “This retrospective study was approved by the local institutional review board and was conducted in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act from October 2013 to April 2014.” were moved to the end of this paragraph in page 4, line 132-134, and described as “All patients signed informed consent before the ABVS examination, UE examination or ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy, and the study was approved by Ethics Committee of Jinling Hospital.”
   (4) Page 3, line 127-131, “All 46 lesions (18 benign lesions and 28 malignant lesions) had ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy to confirm the pathological type.” was changed as “All 46 lesions (18 benign lesions and 28 malignant lesions) from above 41 patients had ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy to acquire their target breast tissue and then confirm their pathological type. A panel formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded breast tumor specimens was obtained from the archival resource of the Department of Pathology of Jinling Hospital.”

2. **Response to the comment:** Please include the full name of the institutional review board which approved the study.

   **Response:** Page 4, line 134, “the local institutional review board” was replaced by “the study was approved by Ethics Committee of Jinling Hospital.”

We would like to express our great appreciation to you for comments on our paper, and hope that the correction will meet with approval. Looking forward to hearing from you. Special thanks to you for your good comment and suggestions.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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