Author's response to reviews

Title: Cystic renal cell carcinoma: a report of 67 cases including 4 cases with concurrent renal cell carcinoma

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Dear Ms Hazel Joyce Delos Santos

Thank you for anticipating the acceptance of our manuscript MS: 1060147114129920 entitled “Cystic renal cell carcinoma: a report of 67 cases including 4 cases of concurrent renal cell carcinomas”. Based on their and your comments, we have revised our manuscript.

Below please find their and your comments and our point-by-point responses. Thank you again for the revision of our manuscript. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Shanwen Chen, M.D
Editors’ comments and authors’ responses:

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Answer: Thank you for your reminding. This is our fault, we did not make ourselves very clear. On page 3 it is mentioned that “the study was exempted from the requirement to obtain informed consent from the other 63 patients in consideration of the nature of the study” and on page 8 “Written informed consent was obtained from the 4 patients (4 cases of concurrent RCCs) for publication of this manuscript and accompanying images.”

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