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First we would like to thank you for your kind and constructive remarks. We took under serious considerations your suggestions. Here are the modifications made in response to the comments.

1) After contacting our CMR expert we were able to retrieve and add the results from a previous reproducibility study of our CMR center carried out by another research team. [see CMR Methodology and citation]
   In the present study, due to patients’ intolerance to multiple evaluations and significant examination cost, particularly CMR's, we were unable to perform an interstudy reproducibility analysis of both methods. We do believe however that this represents a small limitation to this work. [see end of Discussion]

2) US and CMR volumetry formulae now added. [see US & CMR methodology and citations]

3) Thank you for your valuable and emphasizing feedback regarding CMR’s cost. [see Background and citations]

Misspelling corrected.

Again thank you for accepting our manuscript.

Sincerely,
the Authors' team