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ATTENTION: PROFESSOR MICHAEL KIDD
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RE: REVISED MS 1707198248525635: DIFFUSION WEIGHTED MRI OF PERICARDIAL CYSTS: A CASE SERIES

Dear Dr. Kidd:

Thank you for your favorable review of our manuscript. Attached you will find a detailed response to the comments in addition to a revised manuscript with changes in bold. All authors have read and approved submission of the revised manuscript. We have no conflicts to declare. I will be the corresponding author.

Thank you for consideration of this revised manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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Associate Editor Comments:

1. “I wonder if you can pass on a comment to the authors and ask them to clarify how confident they are that all three were indeed pericardial cyst. In case DWI MRI only confirmed a diagnosis they already made, they should be clear about, and make a comment on the line of “we need further experience with the use of MRI, but it is possible that, if our findings are confirmed, it will replace other diagnostic modalities and become the test of choice in patients with suspected pericardial cyst.”

We are confident with the diagnosis of all three patients having pericardial cysts based on the CT and diffusion weighted MRI findings. As suggested, however, we have added the following statement to the discussion section on page 7 of the revised manuscript, “Future studies, with surgical confirmation, are warranted to evaluate the utility of diffusion weighted MRI as the first test of choice for the noninvasive assessment of pericardial cysts.”

Editorial Team:

1. “Please include each patient’s age, gender and ethnicity in the abstract section.”

As recommended, we have added the patient’s age, gender and ethnicity to the abstract section in the revised manuscript.

2. “Please include patient’s ethnicity in the case presentation section.”

As recommended, we have added the patient’s ethnicity for each of the 3 cases.