Author’s response to reviews

Title: Potentialities of multi-b-values diffusion-weighted imaging for predicting efficacy of concurrent chemoradiotherapy in cervical cancer patients

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Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for the hard work of review process and your kind notification. Here are my point-to-point responses to all the comments of three reviewers.

For reviewer 1

Comment 1: It will be easier for the readers if abbreviations can be avoided/defined in the abstract.
Response: All the abbreviations are defined in the abstract.

Comment 2: Introduction section, please add the percentage of cervical cancer patients that undergo chemoradiotherapy. This would highlight the importance of the presented study.
Response: Treatment options differ according to tumor stage and lymph node status; early-stage disease (FIGO stage IA and IB1) is treated by surgery alone, whereas locally advanced (I B2, II A2 and II B to IVA) or lymph node positive diseases is treated with CCRT.
Comment 3 and 4: Text in the images are illegible. Clearly denote what the color scale represent, in figure 2 and 3.
Response: Figure 2 and 3 were magnified. Bars in those figures were automatically generated by software, numbers on bars represented “the median of bar scale” quoted from the illustration of software.

Also discuss how the presented technique might be advantageous/novel compared to them.
Response: Studies mentioned above were added in discussion part, details were presented in manuscript.

Reviewer 2
Comment: It is Ok and suitable for publication
Response: Thank you very much.

Reviewer 3
Comment: This is an interesting and well designed study evaluating the potentialities of multi-b-values diffusion-weighted MR imaging for predicting efficacy of concurrent chemoradiotherapy in cervical cancer patients; in particular, a quantitative methodology of MR DWI parameters has been used for this purpose; the patient population is not wide, but representative for the topic. Overall english editing might improve manuscript presentation.
Response: English editing had been carefully refined again. I’ll practice more to elevate writing skill in days to come. Thank you very much.

These are my responses to all points addressed by the reviewers. I revised the manuscript and figures based on their comments. All changes to the manuscript were indicated by highlighting. The revised manuscript conforms to the journal style. We hope that the revision is acceptable and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you very much and Have a great day.

Yours sincerely
Yi Huan