Author’s response to reviews

Title: BSCN: Bidirectional Symmetric Cascade Network for Retinal Vessel Segmentation

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Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Dr. Athwal,

Re: Resubmission of manuscript reference No. BMIM-D-19-00227R2.

Please find attached a revised version of the manuscript entitled “BSCN: Bidirectional Symmetric Cascade Network for Retinal Vessel Segmentation”, which get great consideration for publication in the BMC Medical Imaging.

The editors’ comments were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. We have studied comments carefully and have made some correction. In the following pages are our response for each of the comments.

We have modified the manuscript according to your suggestions. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in the BMC Medical Imaging.

Should you have any questions, please contact us without hesitate.

Yours Sincerely,

Yanjun Peng

List of Actions:
LOA1: Our manuscript including the following headings: Background, Related work, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion.
LOA2: The list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript was added before the Declarations section.
LOA3: The authors’ full initials instead of full names were used in Authors’ Contribution section.
LOA4: “Not Applicable” was stated in “Consent for publication” section.
LOA5: The text in different colors has removed and the black color was used uniformly in our manuscript.

Responses to Assistant Editor:
1. Formatting
In order to be in line with journal requirements, please include the following headings within your manuscript: Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions
Response: Thanks for the assistant editor’s valuable comments. Considering the suggestion, we have revised the headings of each chapter to the following: Background, Related work, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion.
Special thanks to you for your kind advice again.
2. Abbreviations
Please provide a list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript. This list should be placed just before the Declarations section. All abbreviations should still be defined in the text at first use.
Response: Thanks for the assistant editor’s kind advice. We have added a list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript before the Declarations section according to the comments.
Special thanks to you for your valuable suggestion again.
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Please represent authors’ names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.
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Response: Thanks for the valuable advice. We have revised the text of “Consent for publication” section as suggestions.
Special thanks to you for your good suggestion again.
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Response: Thanks for the kind comments. We have removed the text in different colors and used the black color uniformly in our manuscript.
Special thanks to you for valuable suggestion again.
We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper.
We appreciate for Editors’ warm work earnestly and hope that the correction will meet with approval.