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Dear Dr. Chalisa Iamsrithong:

Thank you for your consideration potentially acceptable our manuscript for publication in BMC Cancer entitled "The value of a 3D visualization operative planning system in ultrasound-guided percutaneous microwave ablation for large hepatic hemangiomas: A clinical comparative study (BCAN-D-18-03198)" in BMC Cancer. The manuscript has been revised according to your request. The point-by-point response letter is provided as follows.
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