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Dear Editor,

please find enclosed the manuscript titled “Clinical utility of computed tomography Hounsfield characterization for percutaneous nephrolithotomy: a cross-sectional study” to be considered for publication after revision in the Research Article section of BMC Urology.

On behalf of all Authors I would like to thank you for the revision and comments.

- The section “Supplementary files” has been added to the manuscript. File name corresponds to the title of data.

- A formal ethical committee opinion was not requested because of the study design. All analysis performed involving human participants were in accordance with the ethical
standards of the institutional research committee and with 1964 Helsinki declaration and its later amendments. Every patient, as per internal protocol, signed an informed consent agreeing to supply their anonymous information, including images and video.

- All figures were uploaded as separate figure files and removed from the main manuscript. Figure captions are listed at the end of the manuscript in a section titled “Figure legends”.

- In the Authors’ contribution section it was clarified that all authors read and approved the final manuscript; we referred to them by their initials as requested.

Best regards,

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