Author’s response to reviews

Title: A predictive model of thyroid malignancy using clinical, biochemical and sonographic parameters for patients in a multi-center setting

Authors:

Jia Liu (liujia_625@163.com)
Dongmei Zheng (dmeizheng@163.com)
Qiang Li (lqiang_hrb@163.com)
Xulei Tang (xulei_tang@126.com)
Zuojie Luo (luozj_gx@163.com)
Zhongshang Yuan (yuanzhongshang@sdu.edu.cn)
Ling Gao (gaoling1@medmail.com.cn)
Jiajun Zhao (jjzhao@medmail.com.cn)

Version: 4 Date: 08 Feb 2018

Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Editor,

We would first like to thank you for carefully and patiently reviewing our manuscript and for giving positive and constructive comments and suggestions, which helped us to improve our manuscript. Specific responses to the comments by the editor are as follows:

1. Please confirm whether informed consent to participate was written or verbal. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

We are very sorry for the inclarity. The informed consent is written and the ethics permission was uploaded together with the manuscript. As stated in the manuscript, this is a multi-center clinical study. Shandong Provincial Hospital initiated and led the study. The participants agreed to appoint the ethics committee of Shandong Provincial Hospital as the central institutional review
The informed consent was approved by participants and reviewed by ethics committee of Shandong Provincial Hospital.

2. The Availability of data and materials section refers to the raw data used in your study and presenting tables and figures is not sufficient to state that ‘The data and material are not shared for further study’. We strongly encourage all authors to share their raw data, either by providing it in a supplementary file or depositing it in a public repository and providing the details on how to access it in this section. If you do not wish to share your data, please clearly state this in this section along with a justification. Data availability statements can take one of the following forms (or a combination of more than one if required for multiple datasets)

We are very sorry for being unable to share our data in the current state because we still need the data for further study. We are currently analyzing the data from a different perspective and planning for a related clinical study. Therefore, we couldn’t share our data in the current state. As requested, we explained this and stated “We are currently analyzing the data from a different perspective and planning a related clinical study. Therefore, the data and material are not shared in the current state.” in Availability of data and materials. Please understand this situation and we are really sorry for this.

Thank you again for comprehensive reviewing of our manuscript.

Best regards,

Dongmei Zheng, MD. PhD.