

## **REPLY TO REVIEWERS COMMENTS**

### **REVIEWER 02495864**

In the present paper, Garg et al briefly summarize the current knowledge on the role of PET/CT in the management of NSCLC. The paper is well written. However, I think that the review would be more appealing to your readership if the Au would address even the following issues: 1. The role of PET/CT in the follow up of patients with NSCLC treated with stereotactic radiotherapy to the thorax 2. The role of other PET tracers, such as F-MISO , FLT, Choline. Page 6. “Undoubtedly, lymph node (N) status is the most important prognostic variable in lung cancer”. Do the Au probably mean in “early stage and locally advanced lung cancer”?

Sir, I thank for your kind comments. I agree that the present article would have become more comprehensive had we added role of PET-CT in the follow up of patients with NSCLC treated with stereotactic radiotherapy. However, it also needs to be emphasized had we done so, we would have deviated from the stated objectives of our article. The present review article is primarily written to elaborate the role of PET-CT in the staging of NSCLC and in assessing the response to chemotherapy in operable lung cancer.

### **Reviewer 00608206**

Review article discusses the role of PET / CT in the management of non-small cell lung cancer. The review examines a topical issue and is properly written and easy to understand. The structure is correct and summarizes current knowledge on the subject. References: 11/32 (34%) of the last five years References: Acceptably updated. The structure of the article is correct. There are no ethical problems. MINOR COMMENTS See minimal comments on the attachment. SPECIFIC COMMENTS: TITLE: Correct. Specific, it adequately contains the primary endpoint. (Words: 13). ABSTRACT: Summarizes the content of the review. Key words: Lung neoplasms; Positron emission tomography; Diagnostic Imaging; Neoplasm staging; Carcinoma, Non-Small-Cell Lung The DIFFERENT SECTIONS are clear and well structured. REFERENCES: 11/32 (34%) of the last five years References: Acceptably updated.

Dear Sir, I thank for your kind words.