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Title: Guidelines for uterine cervical cancer imaging

Dear Dr X.X Song,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript **ESPS NO: 22839** titled “**Guidelines for uterine cervical cancer imaging**” together with our answers to the comments of the Reviewers.

Following the suggestion of the Reviewers, we have changed the title of our Review manuscript to “**Current imaging strategies for the evaluation of uterine cervical cancer**”, which, we believe, is quite indicative of its content.

As the reviewers suggested, we have added a paragraph (also including two corresponding references) to the Material and Method section of our revised manuscript, commenting on the current indications of imaging modalities, especially MRI and PET-CT, for the early detection of cervical carcinoma.

We have revised our manuscript for grammatical and structural errors and we provide a signed form which guarantees the quality of the manuscript language (Grade A).

Please find attached our response to the comments of the Science Editor and the Reviewers together with a version of our manuscript with all changes marked (red highlights).

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It was a great honor for our team to provide a review paper on cervical cancer imaging for the World Journal of Radiology. We would like to thank you for yours and the reviewers' insightful comments, which helped us, improve our manuscript. Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Looking forward to hear from you,

Best regards,

Charis Bourgioti, MD

Response to the Reviewers' Comments

Reviewer No 1 (Reviewer's code: 00225366)

Comment #1: The review is a serious work and is up to the level of WJR. The review contains a lot of important figures which are good. However, I suggest changing the title as "Guideline" should be removed or replaced by other word.

Response: We agree with the reviewer and we have changed the title of our manuscript to "Current imaging strategies for the evaluation of uterine cervical cancer". We believe this title is more representative of the content of our manuscript.

Comment #2: There are also some typos in the manuscript.

Response: We have reviewed and corrected typographical errors in our manuscript; all corrections are highlighted with red in the revised manuscript.

Reviewer No 2 (Reviewer's code: 00713469)

Comment #1: The authors provide an interesting review in the form of meta-analysis concerning the current evidence of imaging modalities for the evaluation of patients complying with cervical cancer. The design and the aim of the study are appropriate. Although several studies on cervical cancer have assessed that Magnetic Resonance (MR) is the gold standard for the examination of tumor morphology and local extent, this review properly highlights the role and the accuracy of each imaging technique. In fact, the authors have weighted the impact of these diagnostic methodologies for staging, tumor response to therapy and in the event of local relapse. Minor issues are listed below. Title: please, remove "guidelines", it might seem conceited.

Response: According to reviewer's suggestion we have changed the title of our manuscript to "Current imaging strategies for the evaluation of uterine cervical cancer. We believe this title is more representative of the content of our manuscript.

Comment #2: English should be corrected, there are some typographical errors.

Response: We have reviewed and corrected typographical errors in our manuscript; all corrections are highlighted with red in the revised manuscript.

Reviewer No 3 (Reviewer's code: 02831834)

Comment #1: This paper is a comprehensive review of "Guidelines for uterine cervical cancer imaging", including FIGO classification of cervical cancer and different imaging modalities,

especially the application role of MRI. However, all the imaging modalities mentioned in this article were about mid-term or advanced stage. How about the role of MRI or PET in early detection of cervical cancer? Is there any new update?

Response:

We agree with the Reviewer that we omitted information on the role of MRI and PET in the early detection of cervical cancer. We thank the reviewer for this comment, because even though the role of imaging is almost non-existent for the detection of cervical cancer, this should be stated in a review article along with possible insights into the future. We have included a paragraph in the Material and Methods Section of the revised manuscript with the above information, titled: The role of imaging in the early detection of cervical cancer.

Scientific Editor comments

Comment # 1: Please revise your article according to the reviewers' comments/suggestions and provide point-by-point responses to each in the letter format specified in the attached files.

Response: We have revised our manuscript according to the reviewers' suggestions and have provided point-by-point responses as it has been suggested.

Comment # 2: Please pay careful attention to the details of the English language presentation of the paper prior to resubmission since author(s) are allotted only one opportunity for revision. If you believe that the language of your manuscript has reached or exceeded Grade A without the need for employing a professional editing service, you may choose to sign a personal guarantee for the language presentation of your manuscript. However, if we find that the language of your manuscript has not reached Grade A, your paper will be rejected.

Response: We have carefully revised our manuscript for grammatical and structural errors; we submit a signed form which guarantees the quality of the manuscript language (Grade A). One of the authors (Prof L.A. Mouloupoulos) is a native English speaker.

Comment # 3: Telephone and fax numbers should consist of +, country number, district number and telephone or fax number; for example, Telephone: +86-10-85381892 Fax: +86-10-85381893.

Response: We have added to the revised manuscript all the above information.

Comment # 4: An informative, unstructured abstract of no less than 200 words should accompany each manuscript.

Response: An unstructured abstract (200w) was added to the revised manuscript.

Comment #5: Please list 5-10 keywords for each paper, which reflect the content of the study and are selected mainly from the *Index Medicus*. Each keyword is to be separated by a semicolon.

Response: We have added five keywords, which we believe reflect the content of our study; all keywords are included to Index Medicus; keywords are separated by a semicolon, as it is suggested.

Comment # 6: Please write a summary of no more than 100 words to present the core content of your manuscript, highlighting the most innovative and important findings and/or arguments. The purpose of the Core Tip is to attract readers' interest for reading the full version of your article and increasing the impact of your article in your field of study.

Response: A core tip (94w) was added to our revised manuscript.

Comment #7: In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the first author make an audio file describing your final core tip. This audio file will be published online, along with your article. Please submit audio files according to the following specifications:

Acceptable file formats: .mp3, .wav, or .aiff **Maximum file size:** 10 MB

Response: An Audio tip file is also submitted with our revised manuscript, in an acceptable file format and size.

Comment #8: The references of 13 and 53 are the same, please revise. Thank you.

Response: We agree with the science editor's comment. Indeed, REF 13 and REF 53 were the same; we have corrected REF 53 to our revised manuscript

