

Dear Dr. Ma,

Thank you for your consideration of our revised manuscript (55120, entitled " Can Contrast-enhanced Ultrasound (CEUS) Liver Imaging Reporting and Data System (LI-RADS) Differentiate Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma from CEUS LR-M Hepatocellular Carcinoma? " In response to the constructive comments of the science editor and the reviewer, we have revised the manuscript accordingly and responded to the comments of the editor and reviewer as follows.

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: In the manuscript entitled “Can Contrast-enhanced Ultrasound (CEUS) Liver Imaging Reporting and Data System (LI-RADS) Differentiate Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma from CEUS LR-M Hepatocellular Carcinoma?”, the authors investigated the possibility and efficacy of differentiating intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (ICC) from hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) according to the CEUS LI-RADS and reported rim APHE was a key predictor for differentiating ICC from LR-M HCC. The conclusion is insightful and could be helpful in clinic application. While the manuscript is interesting, I have one minor concern for your consideration. Abbreviations should be with its full name when it firstly appears in the paper.

Response: Thank you very much for pointing this out. We have spelled out the acronyms when they first appeared in the manuscript.

Science Editor:

Issues raised:

(1) I found the title is more than 12 words. The title should be no more than 12 words.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion and we have shortened the title within 12 words as “Can Contrast Enhanced Ultrasound Differentiate Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma from Hepatocellular Carcinoma?”

(2) I found there is no “Author contribution” section. Please provide the author contributions.

Response: We have added the “Author contribution” following the Article highlights section as “Author contributions: Lu Q, Luo Y and Liu JB designed the research; Li JW and Ling WW performed the research; Huang JY, Li T and Lu Q contributed to the analytical tools; Huang JY, Li JW and Lu Q analyzed the data; Huang JY wrote the paper; Lu Q, Luo Y and Liu JB revised and edited the manuscript.”.

(3) I found the authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).

Response: Thank you very much. We have provided the approved funding agency copies and uploaded them.

(4) I found the authors did not provide the original figures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Response: we have added the original figures in separate pages in the manuscript and the arrows or text portions are editable.

(5) I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

Response: Thank you for pointing this out. We have added the PMID and DOI in the reference list, and listed all authors of the references.

(6) I found the authors did not write the “article highlight” section. Please write the “article highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Response: Thank you for pointing this out. We have added the “article highlights” section in the manuscript.

We have revised and checked the manuscript according to the issues listed by the editor-in-chief thoroughly. We hope that our responses and revision have met the comments of you and the reviewer. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,

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