

Dear Jin-Lei Wang, Editor-in-Chief,

Dear Editor(s),

Thank you very much for your letter.

We are happy to hear from you, and do appreciate for your kind considerations on our manuscript. We have finished the revisions in accordance with the editor and the reviewers' comments.

Best regards,

Xiang ZHU

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Review report

Title: Quantitative differentiation of malignant and benign thyroid nodules with multi-parameter diffusion-weighted imaging

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Comments:

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review your work.

The paper highlights a novel approach to assess thyroid nodules. The background gave brief

introduction to the topic. The methodology is well written. Discussion cited the available evidence.

Answer: Thank you very much for your nice comments.

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Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade D (Fair)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The abstract section should preferably avoid abbreviations or at least have the expansion mentioned in the beginning. The title needs to be more self explanatory.

Answer: Thanks.

We have revised the abbreviations in the abstract section and given the explanation when mentioned in the beginning. Additionally, the title was simplified to “Quantitative differentiation of malignant and benign thyroid nodules with multi-parameter diffusion-weighted imaging”.