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**Title:** 100 classic papers of interventional radiology - a citation analysis

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Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for the encouraging and constructive comments from yourself and the paper reviewers.

1. Format has been updated.
2. References and typesetting were corrected.
3. Table 3 has been removed and the other table numbers updated.
4. We very much appreciate the suggestions of reviewer 724250.
  - a. There is quite extensive commentary regarding the weaknesses and deficiencies of this paper and citation analysis as a whole in the discussion section of this paper, for example:
    - “The fact that recently published papers are inherently excluded from citation analysis demonstrates one of its major flaws.”
    - “One flaw of this study is that.... the search for papers was limited to specialist radiology journals. This meant that papers published in non-radiology journals would not be included in this “top 100 list”. This is particularly relevant when considering older papers which would have been more likely to have been published in non specialist radiology journals. “
    - “Many other biases are recognized which might influence the citation of papers. These include self or in house citation bias, bias towards citing review articles over original research and English language bias.”
    - “It is clear from discussion of the flaws and limitations of this study, as well as the biases inherent in the field of citation analysis, that the number of citations that a paper receives should not be used alone as a


measure of its scientific quality.”

If you feel these issues require more in depth commentary then I would be more than happy to extend this discussion if you felt that was appropriate.

- b. Radiologe should read; Der Radiologe (ISSN: 0033-832X). This has been corrected
- c. The conclusion of the paper has been added.

Thank you for reviewing our paper.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'MT Crockett'.

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