

Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you for your constructive comments concerning our manuscript entitled "The importance of establishing Radiation Protection Culture in a Radiology Department". Please find enclosed one-by-one response to your comments (blue). All the changes were highlighted in the text (yellow).

#### **Response to Reviewer #1 (code 03116414)**

Thank you for providing this interesting review of this subject. My only concerns revolve around the need for editing by a native speaker of English in order to make your thoughts fully realized.

The manuscript was revised from an experienced English speaker. Thank you!

#### **Response to Reviewer #2 (code 00225366)**

This work looks more like as an Editorial rather than a Review manuscript. Moreover, this work is highly center and hospital specific. In some well established hospitals, the sense of radiation protection are very strong.

We agree with your comment regarding the type of manuscript. Our article is not a strictly review article. Radiation Protection Culture (RPC) is a new concept and therefore the literature on this topic is limited. However, we consider that RPC is a high interest topic. The role of RPC was first emerged by IRPA in 2009 and is also a hot topic in CIRSE conferences the last two years. The authors do not claim that all Radiology Departments have a weak sense of RP. However, even though every Radiology Department has rules and guidelines on radiation protection issues this does not necessarily mean that there is a culture concerning radiation safety. In any case, the authors do not judge each Department's policy about this issue. The objective of the manuscript is to highlight the role of RPC and to propose ways in order to establish or improve a RPC. Thank you!

#### **Response to Reviewer #3 (code 02525219)**

I used the Microsoft Word "Track Changes" feature in the edited and uploaded document and included embedded comments for consideration.

All of the comments added using the Track Changes function were adopted in the manuscript. Thank you for your helpful comments and corrections.

Comment 2: It would be helpful to either use the term **unit or department** consistently throughout your manuscript to convey a more unified tone:

We choose the term Department. Thank you!

Comment 4: May want to review your document for unity and decided if you want to the term radiographer used or technologist.

We choose the term radiographer. Thank you!

### **General Comment**

Please check that figure 2A was replaced by 2B. Similarly, 2B by 2A. In addition, in page 7, line 2, the references were corrected. Thank you!