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Reviewer's code: 00225366

This is a review article concerning the credentialing in Radiology. The author reviewed the current and future challenges in Radiology mainly focusing on the UK and the USA. I found the author is very knowledgeable to prepare this review with decent publications. The author also expressed his/her opinions regarding the development of credentialing in Radiology. I strongly suggest the author including some diagrams and tables in the article such as some statistics concerning the radiology development in different countries and tables of comparison in credentialing implementation among different countries.

Response:

Credentialing in radiology is in its infancy in most parts of the world, which makes it difficult to describe individual country preferences. This manuscript is an overview of the credentialing process itself and its relation to radiology. A table has been added to the manuscript demonstrating the main examples of credentialing in radiology from around the world. A second table has been added which provides an in-depth example of credentialing.

Reviewer's code: 00058381

Major Comment: Although mainly dealing with the situation in the UK and the US, this manuscript provides an interesting review on an important topic, including critical remarks and future perspectives. Minor Comments: Page 7, fourth paragraph: "The lack of clear aims and agreement on how credentialing would work in practice has lead to..." -> "...has led to..." Page 9: 'In our proposed approach to training, some specialty training and all subspecialty training will be acquired

through credentialed programmes once doctors have completed their postgraduate training and doctors who are not in a formal training programme.’ – This quotation does not sound grammatically correct, please check it. Page 10, second paragraph: “Although these proposals are still in there infancy,...” -> “Although these proposals are still in their infancy,...”

Response:

1. Grammar has been corrected.
2. The reference is correct, but the quote has now been shortened to allow it to flow better.

Reviewer’s code: 00227360

In this review article, the authors raise an interesting but commonly ignored topic: the credentialing in radiology and its current practice and future challenges. The relevant knowledge is benefit to all the physicians, radiologists and medical managers. It is suggested that a paragraph (or a table) is added to the manuscript to discuss all available credentialing items currently existing in radiology.

Response:

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Reviewer’s code: 00289529

A helpful paper indicating and discussing an issue that is relevant to almost ALL medical specialties. The one of "taking a sub-specialty" I think the authors have put the problem on its right basis but their discussion, presentation and analysis is not satisfactory, as not giving suggestions therefore the present author cannot see what its publication would offer to readers

Response:

1. The purpose of this review article was to provide an overview of credentialing in radiology and illustrate examples of current practice. We have now changed the text to include additional analysis of the available examples (highlighted in yellow in revised document), however there is limited evidence published in radiology and related imaging fields, hence our presentation & analysis may come across as incomplete and patchy as a consequence.

2. An extra section has now been added - entitled "The Radiology Paradigm" in order to better clarify what credentialing suggestions may be useful in radiology and what could be avoided.