

Dear Dr./Prof. Yuan Qi,

Thank you very much for your decision letter and advice on our manuscript (ESPS Manuscript NO: 35063) entitled "Validated preoperative CT risk estimation for postoperative hepatocellular carcinoma recurrence". We also thank the reviewer for the constructive and positive comments and suggestions. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. **All amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript.** In addition, point-by-point responses to the comments are as following:

Replies to Reviewer

Specific Comments

1. The authors should make sure if the figures 1 and 2 were cited in the text of manuscript, especially in the "image evaluation".

Response: Thanks for your thoughtful suggestion. Correction has been made in the revised manuscript (Page 9, The last line)

2. The meaning of red arrows in figures 2A and 2B should be described in the legend.

Response: Thanks for raising this critical issue. The descriptions of red arrows

have been added in the revised manuscript (Page 23, Figure 2).

3. The discussion is too short. The authors is suggested to discuss in detail especially on some of the discrepancies between study and previous reports

Response: Thank you for your insightful suggestion. Many sentences have been added in the Discussion and marked in red in the revised manuscript.

Special thanks to you for your good comments.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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