

Point-by-Point Response to the comments by Reviewers

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Dear Editor:

First, I would like to express my deep gratitude to you and to the reviewers for the constructive comments and suggestions. We have completely revised the manuscript and addressed all the concerns raised by the reviewers.

A Point-by-Point Response to the reviewers' comments is given below.

The detailed explanation is given as follows:

Reviewer #1

Thanks very much for your approval of this study, you said as your experience hospital duration is more longer (7.5 days), in our study hospital duration is 7.8 ± 0.2 days, very similar, thanks.

Reviewer #2

Thanks very much for your approval of this study, the below are the reply to your constructive questions:

- (1) For “**While it may be the most popular ablation device worldwide at this time I would argue that it should be replaced by microwave ablation as the ablation method of choice for several reasons which we do not have time to go into here.** □”, I agree with you, to deal with tumor size in 5cm microwave ablation maybe much more better than PRFA.
- (2) For “**You mention that PRFA had decreased complications compared to HR. I did not see any of this data represented.**”, have supply some material, please see the table 1 **marked in red font.**
- (3) For “**In regards to overall length of stay I am a surprised that percutaneous ablations require a 7 day stay in the hospital. At our institution percutaneous ablation and laparoscopic ablations have an average length of stay of 1 day.**□”, I have searched many papers after PRFA stay in hospital 1- 9 days not same. Maybe different countries have different treatment methods, such as in USA after a Prostatectomy stay in hospital 1-2 days but in China 5-7 days.
- (4) For “**while the writing is overall appropriate there are a few grammatical errors and sentence structure issues.**”, I have revised, please see the places **marked in red font.**