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Dear Editor,

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Title: Decision-Tree Analysis for Cost-effective Management of Solitary Pulmonary Nodules in China

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) The figures in this paper are acquired by the accuracies and missed diagnosis rates of CT alone, CT plus CT-guided automated cutting needle biopsy (ACNB), CT plus positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT), CT plus diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging (DWI) plus PET/CT, which are applied by 1000 patients to diagnose lung cancer in the Fourth Affiliated Hospital of Harbin Medical University from the year of 2010 to 2013. The main purpose of this paper is to analyze the cost-effectiveness of the diagnosis of solitary pulmonary nodule (SPN) in China, therefore, the sample size has not been described.

(2) In this paper, SPN which are diagnosed as lung cancer have been assumed to be operated regardless of cancer staging, so lymphatic spread and distant metastases have not been traced in the models.

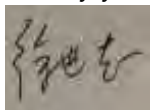
(3) The standards of the diagnosis of lung cancer by CT: there is blood supply in malignant tumor, while the benign with less or no blood supply; the malignant tumor has irregular shape and sublobe with burrs on the edge.

(4) The abbreviation of positron emission tomography/computed tomography has been unified as PET/CT.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Meta-Analysis

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