

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3216-revised.doc).

Title: Diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging for predicting the response of rectal cancer to neoadjuvant concurrent chemoradiation

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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) We add the definition of the outcomes of interests in the methods section.
- (2) We add the study design in the abstract and in the methods section.
- (3) We add more information about the methods used for manually drawing the Region of interest (ROI).
- (4) We add the appropriate references in the fourth paragraph of the Discussion section.
- (5) We add the ADC modifications in the 2 patients with pCR.
- (6) We add our opinion about the pathophysiological mechanism on the basis of significant increase in the mean ADC only in the early (2 week) period after the start of therapy.
- (7) We add a paragraph in the Discussion section about the present well known limits of the approach in the evaluation of tumor response to CRT in rectal cancer.
- (8) We revise the conclusion due to the several limits of this study.
- (9) We revise the typesetting errors and our manuscript has been edited by the English language editing company -- American Journal Experts again.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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