Abdominal Radiology

Reviewer Guidelines:

Philosophy: Reviewer assessment of manuscripts is the heart and soul of scientific publication and the best way to ensure quality and trust in the journal contents. Quality of submissions cannot be sacrificed, but the way (tone) we communicate to authors can be constructed so authors feel the comments are constructive and provide a way to learn and improve their scientific investigation and writing skills. This mentoring approach will encourage new authors, create preferences for submission to our journal, and improve overall journal quality in the long term. Please be respectful in your comments, keep an eye on the major scientific question without getting bogged down in the minutia of copy editing. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and valued!

Overall assessment:

- Does the manuscript provide the reader with new information that is clinically relevant?
- Is the methodology of the study sound and is the data interpreted correctly?
- Is the discussion clear and the major findings clearly summarized?

All of these should be answered yes, or the manuscript needs to be either rejected or revised.

List major comments that must be addressed for acceptance:

- Limit these to 4 comments. More than this—you should consider rejection

List minor comments that must be addressed in a revision:

- You do not need to list typographic or grammatical errors. Errors in data, references, concepts, discrepancies within the text are important to include.

Original article Checklist:

Abstract:

- Can the main message of the article be understood by reading the abstract?

Introduction:

- Is the importance of the study outlined?
- Is the purpose of the study clearly stated?
- Is there a well-articulated hypothesis?

Methods:

- Are the methods clearly stated?
- Can the study be repeated by this description?
- Is the design appropriate and valid?
Results:

- Is the relevant data derived from the methods clearly stated or graphically depicted?

Discussion:

- Do the authors interpret the data presented correctly?
- Are statements made that are not substantiated by the data? (If so, these should be pointed out for revision)
- Is there a conclusion paragraph that properly summarizes the study findings?

Figures/graphs

- Are the key data presented in a understandable fashion?
- Do they lead the reader to the same conclusion as listed in the manuscript?

References:

- Are the references up to date and relevant?
- Have the authors included any references from Abdominal Imaging or Abdominal Radiology?