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Title: Prognostic value of the bone scan index using a computer-aided diagnosis system for bone scans in hormone-naive prostate cancer patients with bone metastases

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RESPONSE TO EDITOR

We wish to express our appreciation to the Editor for insightful comments, which have helped us significantly improve the paper.

Comment 1

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Response

We appreciate the Editor’s comment. We added the following sentence (p. 7, line 8). “This study was approved by institutional review board of Yokohama City University Medical Center and all subjects signed a written informed consent form”

Comment 2

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Response:

We appreciate the Editor’s comment. We added Takashi Kawahara as author to our manuscript (p. 1, line 4; p.16, line 2).