

Response letter

Reviewer 01560036

Comment of reviewer

Good and thoughtful Editorial

Response

Thank you very much.

Reviewer 02834693

Comment of reviewer

Please review the English, especially in the abstract.

Response

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Reviewer 02944839

Comments of reviewer

The authors present an overview on the interesting and important topic of improved MRI-based detection of early HCC. The clinical relevance and treatment indication of early HCC are under debate. Although the authors have evaluated the available literature profoundly, the presentation of the data needs to be improved. The presented manuscript is a review in its nature, however, the authors speak of personally conducted previous studies in a way that is confusing for the reader. A clear analysis of the results of previously performed studies should be presented. The manuscript does not provide any information on the question when an early HCC is regarded to be of increased risk to develop into hypervascularized HCC. If this is to be the threshold for treatment indication a more clear-cut definition needs to be given. The presented figure is not helpful in its current format. Major language and grammar polishing needs to be performed.

Response

Thank you very much for your precious comments.

I presented reported risk factors for hypervascularization of early HCC so far in the manuscript, but treatment indication of early HCC is still under study by hepatologists in the world. In a way that the reader can clearly understand this situation, I added following sentences in Conclusion in the manuscript.

“Although optimal timing for the treatment of early HCC currently remains unclear, early HCC, which has particular risk factors, progresses to conventional hypervascular HCC that requires treatment in a short period of time.”.....”Further studies on larger numbers of patients are needed before this strategy is adopted.”

I modified Fig.1 for clarity.

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