

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Dual energy computed tomography detects metastatic lymph nodes in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma

Reviewer's code: 02954069

Reviewer's country: Turkey

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors evaluated the diagnostic value of dual energy computed tomography in regional lymph node assessment for HCC in 43 patients. They found that a combined analysis of MSAD with dual-energy CT quantifiable parameters such as IC, NIC and



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λHU in portal-phase is highly valuable in differentiating benign LN from malignant ones. I think that the manuscript is scientific, well written and deserves to be published in the WJG in its current form. With regards,

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have produced a very detailed and well executed study using dual energy CT scan to identify metastatic lymph nodes in patients with HCC. This has the potential to be a very useful addition in the prognostication of HCC and should aid clinicians with



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allocating the correct treatment strategies in patients with HCC. The study is well written and the authors have correctly pointed out their own short comings. I think the manuscript is worthy of publication.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This paper studied "Dual energy CT detects metastatic lymph nodes in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma". The manuscript is well presented and of interest. The hypothesis of the study is novel and the design of this study is appropriate. The study



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was done well and their results can contribute to knowledge of this topic.

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