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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This reviewer carefully reviewed the paper entitled, " Development and in vitro study of bi-specific MRI molecular probe for hepatocellular carcinoma". In this manuscript, the authors showed the possibility of usefulness of the bi-specific MRI probes in the early



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diagnosis of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma. This study was performed by appropriate methods, and the manuscript is written concisely with the adequate numbers of figures and tables. Major part of these results is interesting and a significant contribution to our knowledge on hepatocarcinogenesis. There is a major concern in the present experiment that this reviewer must point out. The internalization of bi-specific probe in the hepatocyte is proven in vitro experiment. However, there are many Kupffer cells in the liver of a patient with hepatocellular carcinoma, and bi-specific SPIO probe might be easily incorporated into Kupffer cells rather than hepatocytes. Non-specific incorporation of background Kupffer cells may interfere the visualization of small size HCC. How do the authors overwhelm this problem?

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