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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review entitled “DCE-MRI in Hepatocellular Carcinoma---Clinical and Therapeutic Image Biomarker” by Bang-Bin Chen et al, focuses on clinical application of DCE-MRI for HCC patients. The authors emphasize the pivotal role of angiogenetic tumor profile in the treatment decision making process, in particular when anti-angiogenetic drugs are to be employed. In this setting, contrast-enhanced MRI represents an excellent imaging tool able to provide meaningful informations. Indeed, being DCE-MRI sensitive to modification in vascular permeability and blood flow and the measured signal representing a combination of perfusion and permeability, it is able to behaviour as an imaging biomarker with prognostic implications. Technical aspects concerning mathematical modeling, the use of hepato-specific contrast media and clinical application are deeply addressed taking also in account lights and shadows of DCE-MRI. References are updated and tables well assembled. Figures are of good quality and enough explanatory



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This is a very good review on FCE-MRI in hepatocellular carcinoma. I strongly recommend it's publication.