Reviewer’s report

Title: Diagnostic effect of shear wave elastography imaging for differentiation of malignant liver lesions: a meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Cheng-Hao Tseng

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Pro.Hu did a dedicated meta-analysis about the performance of shear wave elastography (SWE) imaging for focal liver lesion with good result.

Below are my opinions.

1. There is already one similar meta-analysis about this issue with similar result (Med Ultrason 2017, Vol. 19, no. 1, 16-22). Of course, the current article included more literatures. Perhaps, Pro.Hu could cite this paper, even talking about additional information from the current article is better.


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