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: (fundamental imaging, FI), (tissue harmonic imaging, THI), (fundamental compound imaging, FCI), (harmonic compound imaging, HCI)

: 74 ( : 30:44, : 33 - 82 , 55 )

94 ( 27 , 15 , 14 , 38 )

HDI 5000 SonoCT (Advanced Technology Laboratories, Bothell, CA, U.S.A.) 2 - 5MHz

가 (lesion conspicuity), (internal morphology), (overall image quality), (peripheral halo) 가 , (internal artifact), (sharpness of margin), 가 (posterior enhancement) 가 4 ,

ANOVA Scheffe

: , , THI, FCI, HCI가 FI ( $p < 0.05$ ).

가 가 THI, FCI, HCI가 FI ( $p < 0.05$ ). 가

THI가 FI FCI , HCI가 FCI ( $p < 0.05$ ).

: ( , THI HCI)

HCI THI

가 (5).

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2 (second harmonic imaging) (tissue harmonic imaging, THI), (1 - 3), 가

(pulse inversion harmonic imaging, PIHI)

(6, 7). PIHI

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THI PIHI

(compound imaging, CI)

, PIHI

(motion artifact)

(8, 9). CI

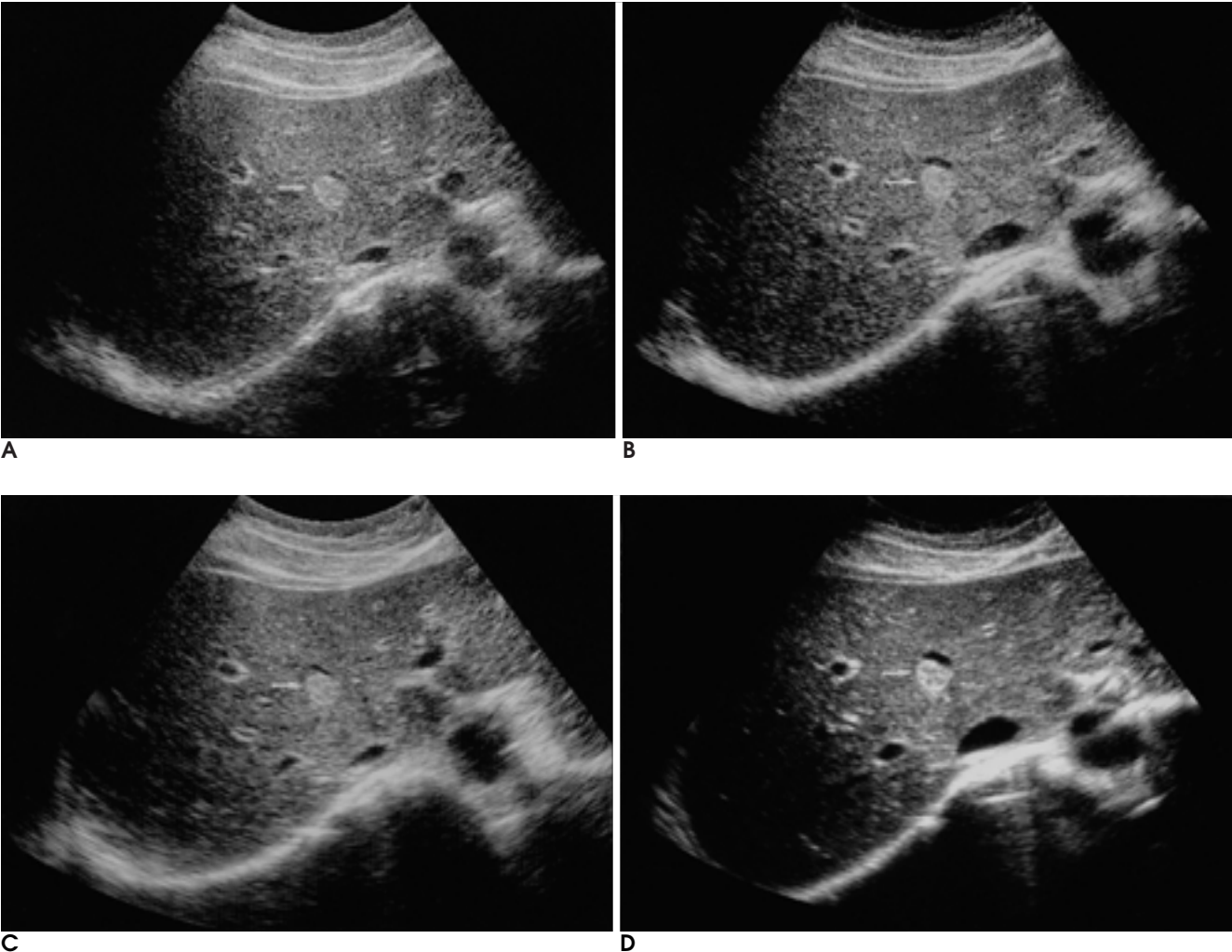
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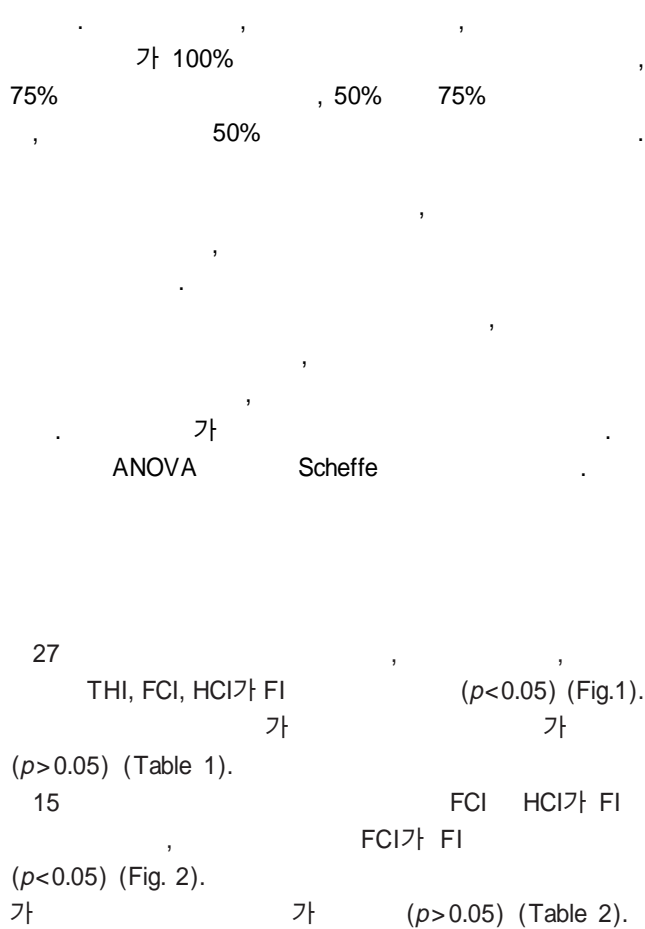
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(fundamental compound imaging, FCI), 가 FI,  
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56  
(lesion conspicuity), (internal morphology), (overall image quality),  
(peripheral halo) 가 가  
(internal artifact),  
(sharpness of margin), 가 (posterior enhance-ment) 가 가  
가  
(excellent),  
HDI 5000 SonoCT (Advanced Technology (good), (fair), (poor)



**Fig. 1.** Hemangioma in a 40-year-old woman. Fundamental image (A) shows a hyperechoic mass (arrow) with 'good' lesion conspicuity, 'good' internal morphology, and 'good' overall image quality. Note distinct peripheral halo that was graded as 'good'. Tissue harmonic image (B) and fundamental compound image (C) show a hyperechoic lesion (arrow) with the same grade in all parameters as that shown in A. Harmonic compound image (D) shows a hyperechoic lesion (arrow) graded as 'excellent' in all parameters, indicating the best image quality among all of these four images.



**Table 1.** Comparison of FI, THI, FCI and HCI Techniques in 27 Hemangiomas

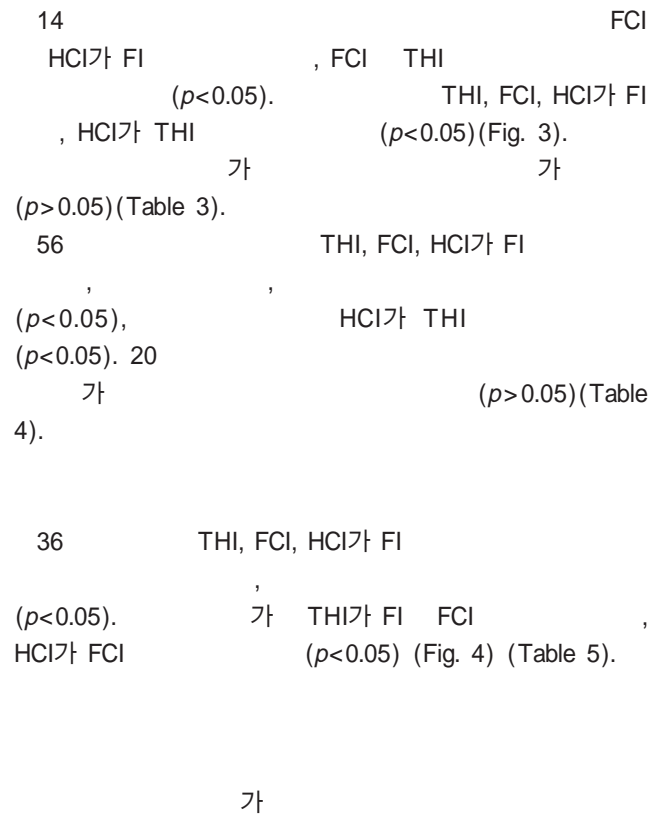
Parameters	Techniques
Conspicuity	FI < THI = FCI = HCI
Internal morphology	FI < THI = FCI = HCI
Overall image quality	FI < THI = FCI = HCI
Peripheral halo	FI = THI = FCI = HCI

FI, fundamental imaging; THI, tissue harmonic imaging; FCI, fundamental compound imaging; HCI, harmonic compound imaging  
A > B : A is superior to B with statistical significance ( $p < 0.05$ );  
A = B : There is no significant difference between A and B;  
A < B = C means that A is superior to B and A is superior to C.

**Table 2.** Comparison of FI, THI, FCI and HCI Techniques in 15 Hepatocellular Carcinomas

Parameters	Techniques
Conspicuity	FI < FCI = HCI
Internal morphology	FI = THI = FCI = HCI
Overall image quality	FI < FCI
	FI = THI = HCI
Peripheral halo	FI = THI = FCI = HCI

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**Table 3.** Comparison of FI, THI, FCI and HCI Techniques in 14 Metastases

Parameters	Techniques
Conspicuity	FI < FCI = HCI THI < FCI FI = THI
Internal morphology	FI < FCI = HCI FI = THI
Overall image quality	FI < THI = FCI = HCI THI < HCI
Peripheral halo	FI = THI = FCI = HCI

FI, fundamental imaging; THI, tissue harmonic imaging; FCI, fundamental compound imaging; HCI, harmonic compound imaging  
A > B : A is superior to B with statistical significance ( $p < 0.05$ );  
A = B : There is no significant difference between A and B;  
A < B = C means that A is superior to B and A is superior to C.

**Table 4.** Comparison of FI, THI, FCI and HCI Techniques in 56 Total Solid Lesions

Parameters	Techniques
Conspicuity	FI < THI = FCI = HCI THI < HCI
Internal morphology	FI < THI = FCI = HCI
Overall image quality	FI < THI = FCI = HCI
Peripheral halo	FI = THI = FCI = HCI

FI, fundamental imaging; THI, tissue harmonic imaging; FCI, fundamental compound imaging; HCI, harmonic compound imaging  
A > B : A is superior to B with statistical significance ( $p < 0.05$ );  
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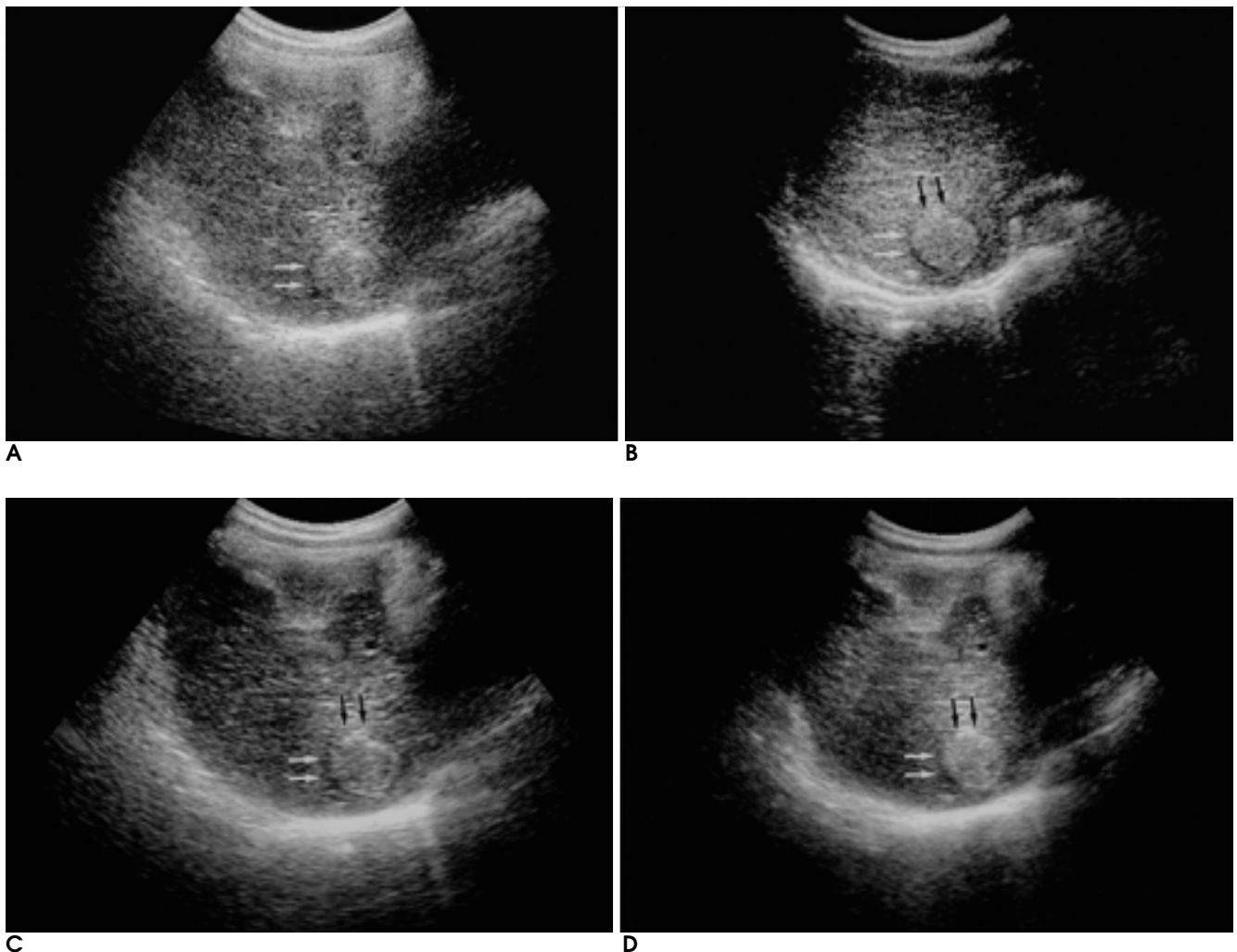
**Table 5.** Comparison of FI, THI, FCI and HCI Techniques in 38 Hepatic Cysts

Parameters	Techniques
Internal artifact	FI < THI = FCI = HCI
Sharpness of margin	FI < THI = FCI = HCI
Posterior enhancement	FI = FCI < THI FCI < HCI THI = HCI

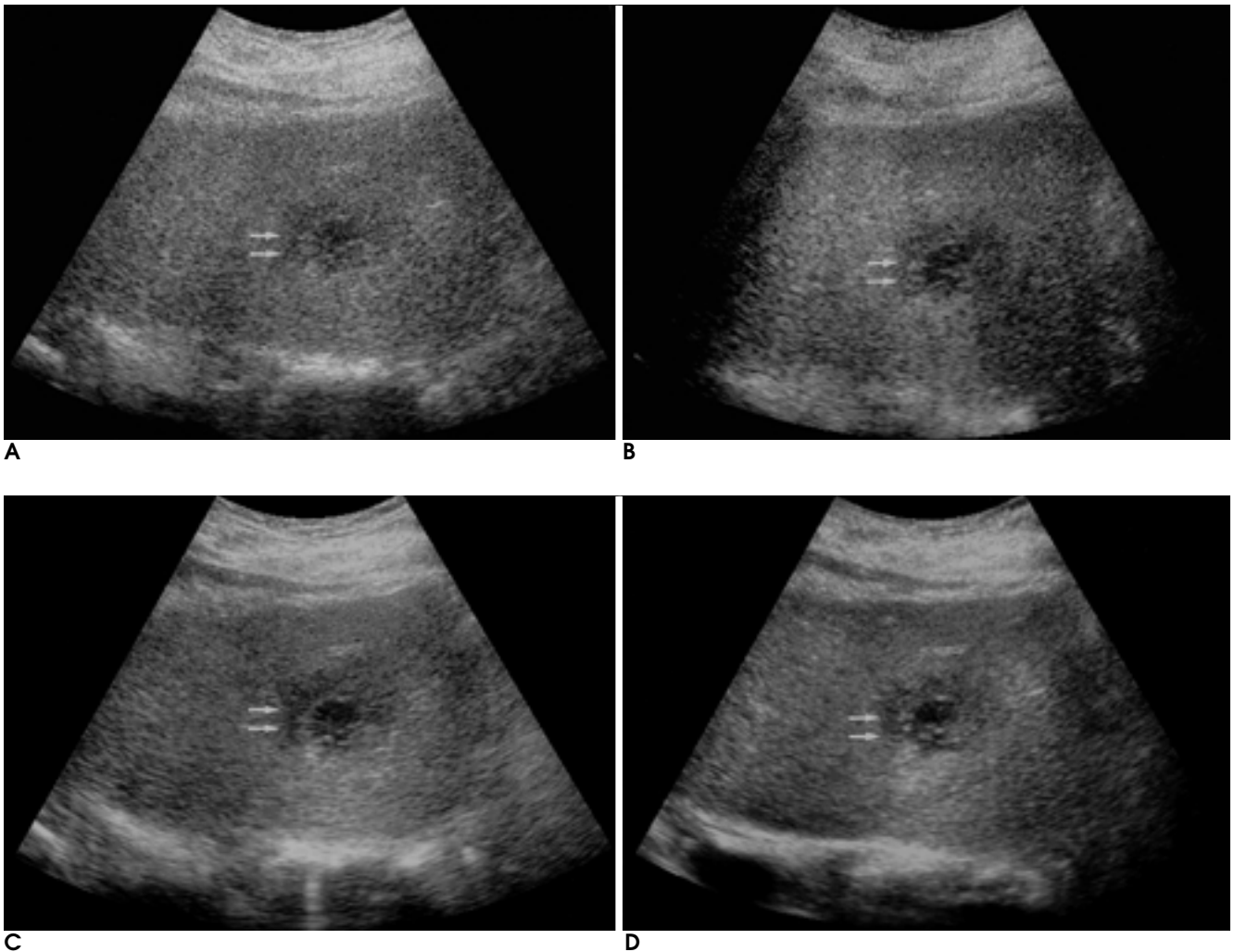
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 $A > B$  : A is superior to B with statistical significance ( $p < 0.05$ );  
 $A = B$  : There is no significant difference between A and B;  
 $A < B = C$  means that A is superior to B and A is superior to C.

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**Fig. 2.** Hepatocellular carcinoma in a 60-year-old man. Fundamental image (A) shows a hyperechoic lesion (arrows) graded as 'fair' in all parameters. Except peripheral halo, this lesion (arrows) in tissue harmonic image (B) was ranked as 'excellent' on all parameters, while it (arrows) was ranked as 'good' in all parameters on fundamental compound image (C) and harmonic compound image (D). For peripheral halo, tissue harmonic and fundamental compound images show a 'good' peripheral halo due to some indistinct portion at its upper part (black arrows), while harmonic compound image shows a 'fair' peripheral halo due to a greater extent of its indistinct portion (black arrows).



**Fig. 3.** Metastatic adenocarcinoma in a 69-year-old man with advanced gastric cancer. Fundamental image (A) shows a hypoechoic lesion (arrows) with target appearance with 'poor' lesion conspicuity, 'fair' internal morphology, and 'fair' overall image quality. This lesion was regarded to have no peripheral halo noted. Tissue harmonic image (B) shows a target lesion (arrows) with 'fair' lesion conspicuity, 'good' internal morphology, and 'fair' overall image quality. Fundamental compound image (C) and harmonic compound image (D) show a target lesion (arrows) that was all graded as 'good' in all parameter, although there are subtle difference in each parameter between them.

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## Ultrasonographic Evaluation of Focal Hepatic Lesions : Comparison of Fundamental, Tissue Harmonic, Fundamental Compound and Harmonic Compound Imaging Techniques<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose:** To compare the ultrasonographic image quality of fundamental imaging (FI), tissue harmonic imaging (THI), fundamental compound imaging (FCI), and harmonic compound imaging (HCI) in the evaluation of focal hepatic lesions.

**Materials and Methods:** Ninety-four focal hepatic lesions (27 hemangiomas, 15 hepatocellular carcinomas, 14 metastases, and 38 cysts) in 74 patients [30 males and 44 females aged 33 - 82 (mean, 55) years] were included in our study. All patients underwent FI, THI, FCI, and HCI using an HDI 5000 Sono CT scanner (Advanced Technology Laboratories, Bothell, CA., U.S.A.) with a 2 - 5MHz convex transducer. Images were analysed by two abdominal radiologists who used a 4-point scale and reached a consensus. In the case of solid lesions, four parameters, as follows, were evaluated: lesion conspicuity, internal morphology, overall image quality, and peripheral halo. For cysts, three parameters (internal artifact, sharpness of margin, and posterior enhancement) were assessed. For statistical analysis, the Scheffe method (ANOVA test) was used.

**Results:** For solid lesions (hemangioma, hepatocellular carcinoma, and metastasis), THI, FCI and HCI were superior to FI in terms of lesion conspicuity, internal morphology and overall image quality ( $p < 0.05$ ), though for peripheral halo, the four imaging techniques were not statistically different. For cysts, THI, FCI and HCI revealed clearer internal artifact and better margin sharpness than FI ( $p < 0.05$ ), while in terms of posterior enhancement, THI was superior to both FI and FCI, and HCI was superior to FCI ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**Conclusion:** For the evaluation of focal hepatic lesions, harmonic imaging techniques (i.e. THI and HCI) appear to provide better image quality than fundamental imaging techniques (i.e. FI and FCI). There is, however no significant difference in image quality between the two harmonic techniques.

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