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Standardization of myocardial T1 mapping

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One of the most promising imaging biomarkers for characterization of myocardial tissue by cardiac MRI is native T1 mapping. However, it is not effectively used in clinical centers because native T1 mapping values are not standardized according to various MRI vendors, sequences, and imaging parameters. Therefore, a clinical center was recommened to build its own reference values for its specific setting of T1 mapping imaging evironment. However, usually small number of reference cases of a clinical center is easily affected by potential outliers and bias. In addition, T1 values are not interoperable between clinical centers. Thererfore, standardization of myocardial T1 mapping is needed. I would like to introduce and discuss about the proposed methods for standardization of myocardial T1 mapping.

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