Supporting Figure 1. Gadolinium enhanced MRI images or contrast enhanced CT images as well as hyperpolarized ¹³C pyruvate AUC images of renal tumors in patients enrolled in the study. The patient numbering corresponds to that in Table 1. The two cases excluded from the data analysis (last 2 rows) show very low level of perfusion on the gadolinium enhanced images, which likely contributes to the very low SNR on the hyperpolarized ¹³C pyruvate images.

Patient	Gadolinium enhanced MRI images or contrast enhanced CT images	¹³ C pyruvate images	Pathology
1		C'	Chromophobe RCC
2	P.		Clear Cell RCC (grade 2)
3	O's		Chromophobe RCC
4			Clear cell RCC (grade 2)
5			Clear cell RCC (grade 3)

6 7	7				Clear cell RCC (grade 4) Clear cell RCC (grade 2)
8		× J		Ď	Clear cell RCC (grade 3)
Excluded case -1					Clear cell RCC (grade 2)
Excluded case - 2	C				Clear cell RCC (grade 2)
0	0.5	1	15	2	
•	0.5		1.5	2	



Supporting Figure 2. Bolus arrival time in the kidneys from the beginning of injection.





B)



Ratio of Measured B1 to Initial B1

Experiments

Supporting Figure 4. Area-under-the-curve (AUC) images from hyperpolarized ¹³C pyruvate MRI in patient where ¹³C images were acquired for both kidneys. For patients 1, 3 and 6, ¹³C images were only acquired of the kidney containing tumor, as patient 3 had a solitary tumor, and patient 1 and 6 had tumors that were located more laterally and anteriorly (thus instead of placing the second paddle coil posteriorly to the contralateral kidney, the coil was placed anterior-laterally over the side containing the tumor).

