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Department of Mathematics, Wellesley College, 106 Central St, Wellesley, MA 02481. *An algebraic  
characterization of recursively saturated real closed fields.*

We give a valuation theoretic characterization for a real closed field to be recursively saturated. This builds on work in in (KKMZ), where the authors gave such a characterization for  $\kappa$ -saturation, for a cardinal  $\kappa \geq \aleph_0$ . Our result extends the characterization of Harnik and Ressayre (HR) for a divisible ordered abelian group to be recursively saturated.

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