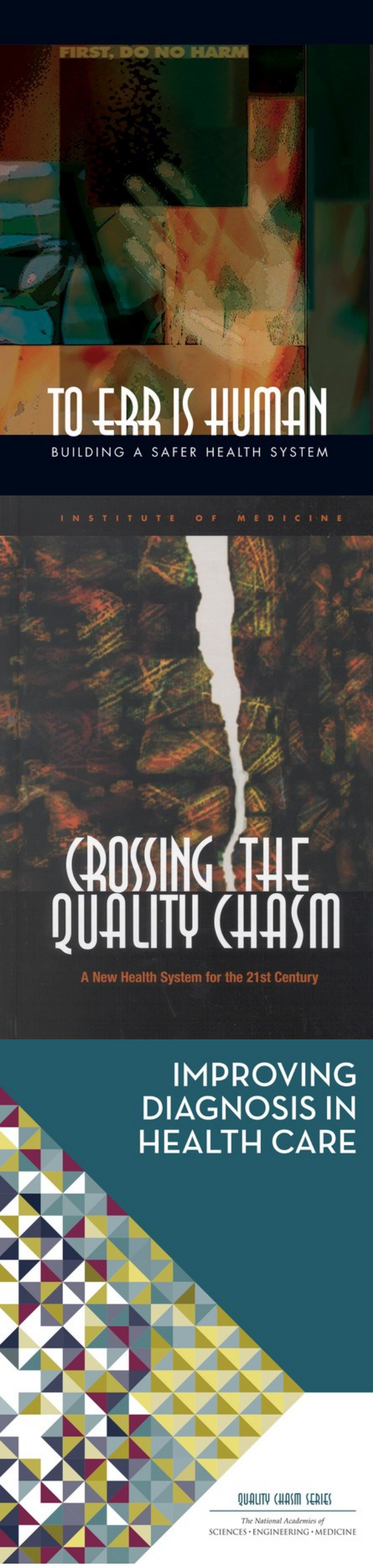




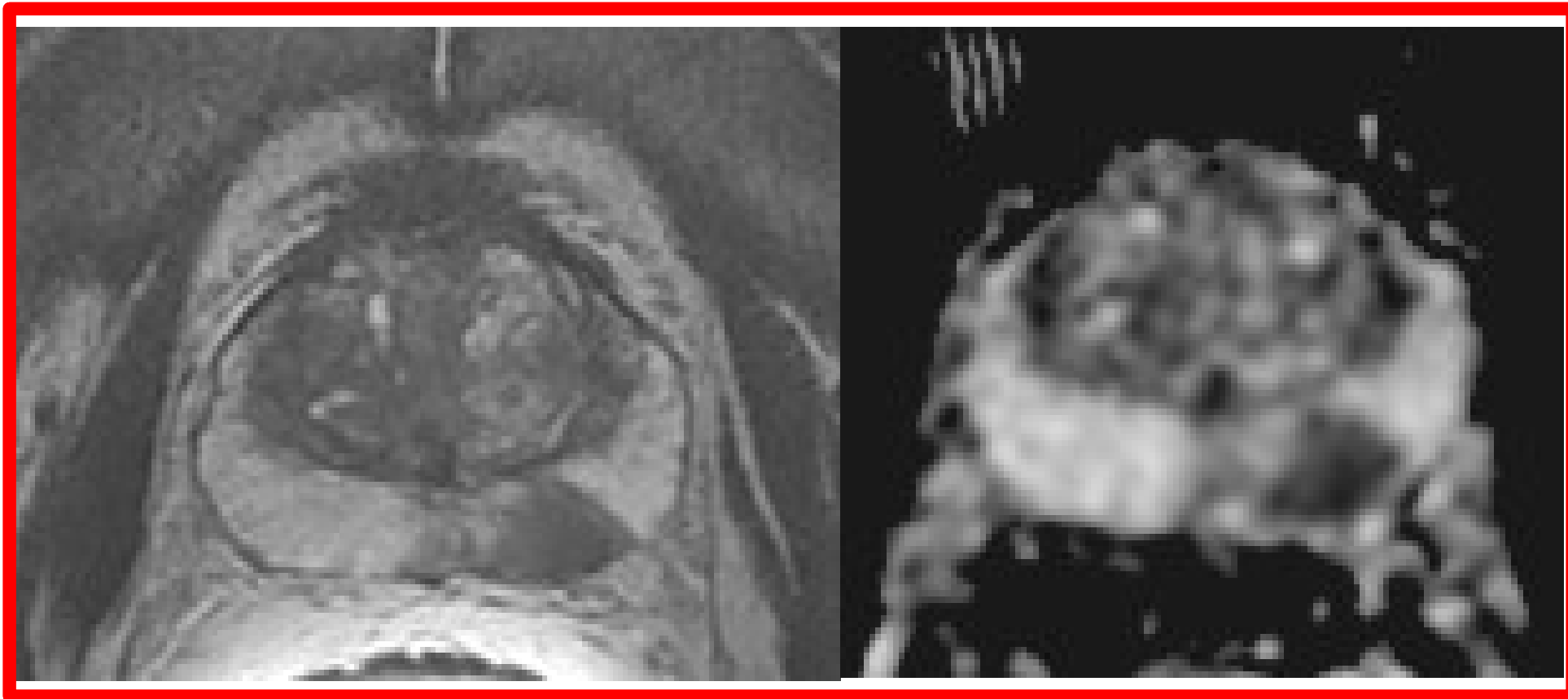
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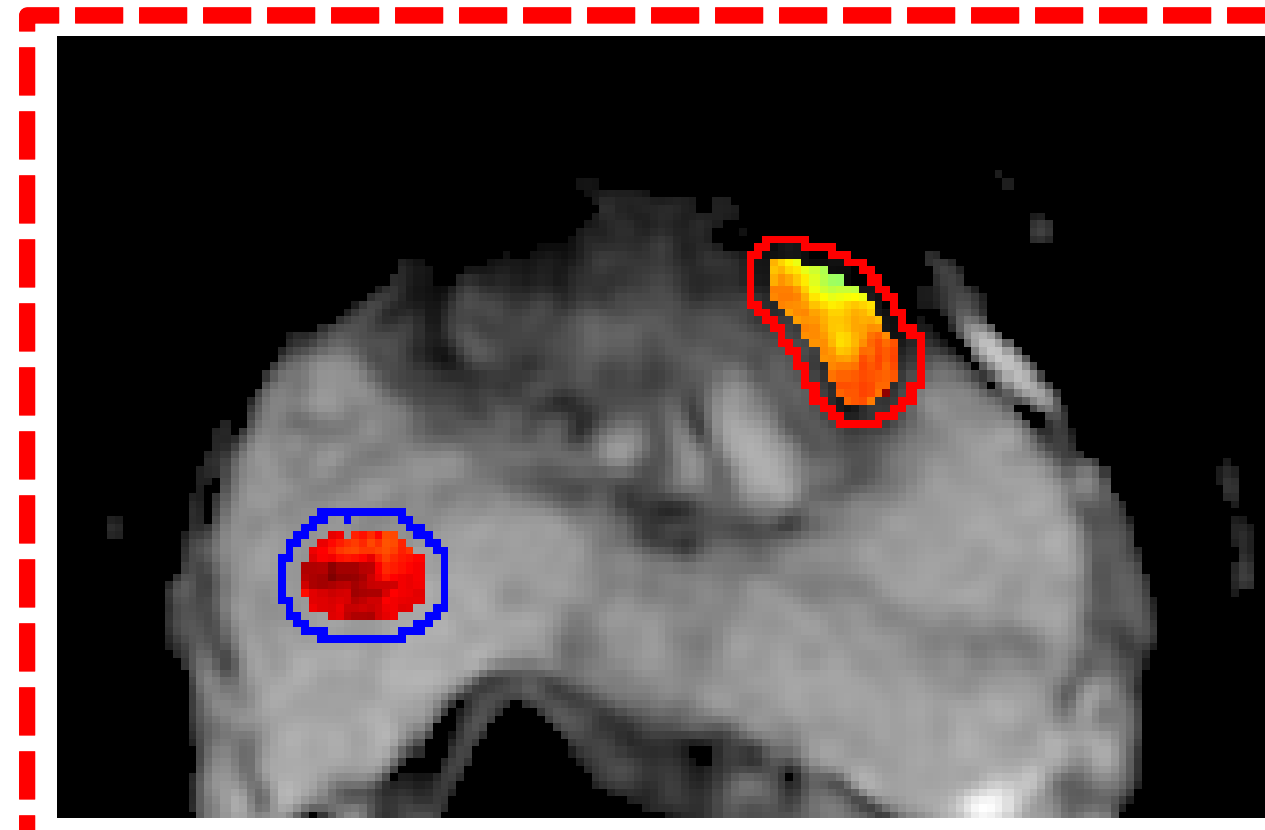
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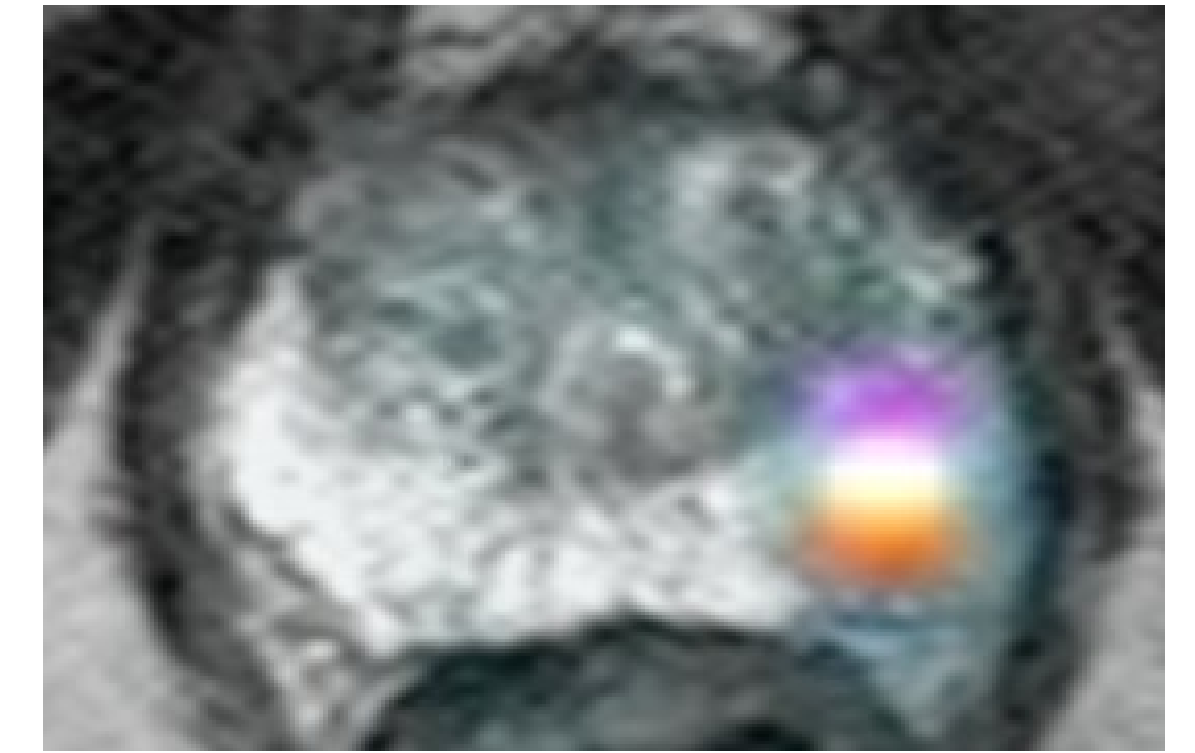
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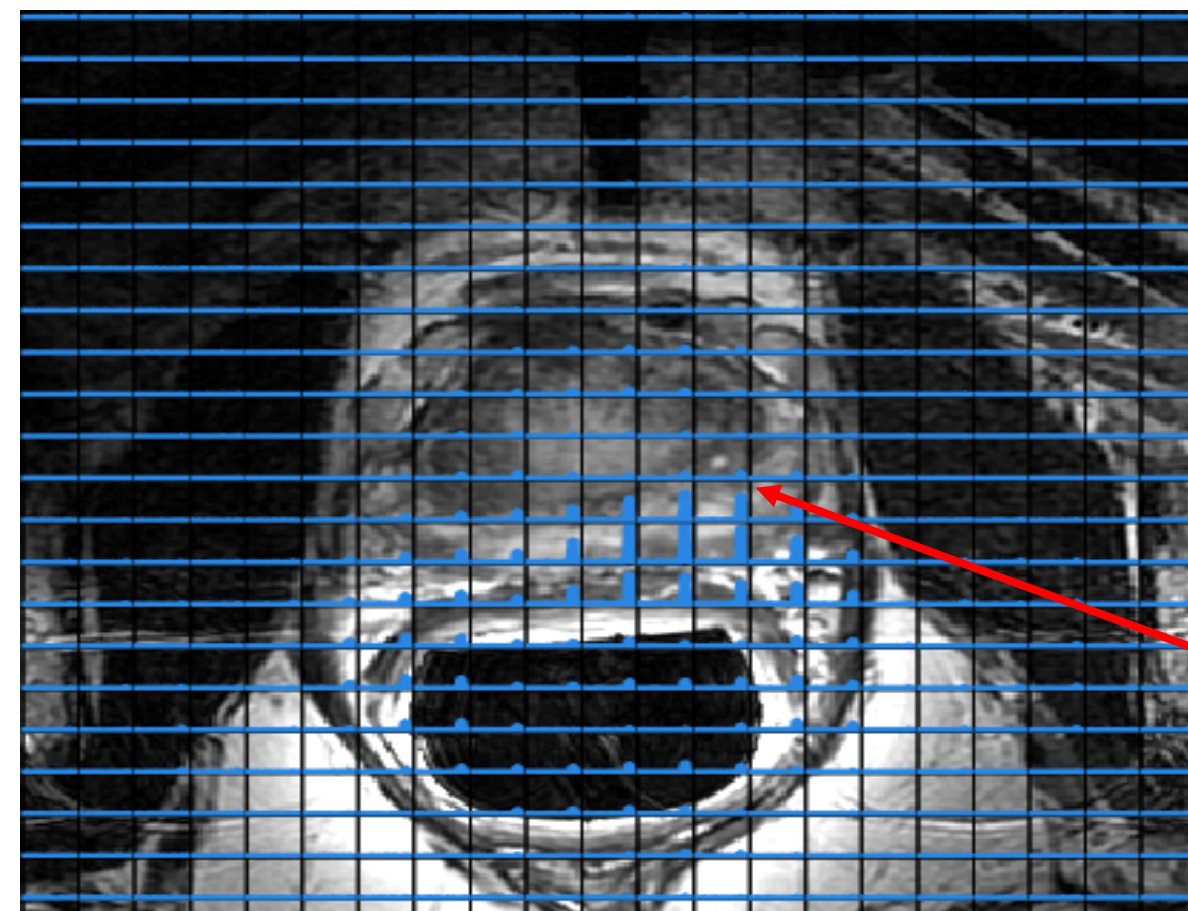
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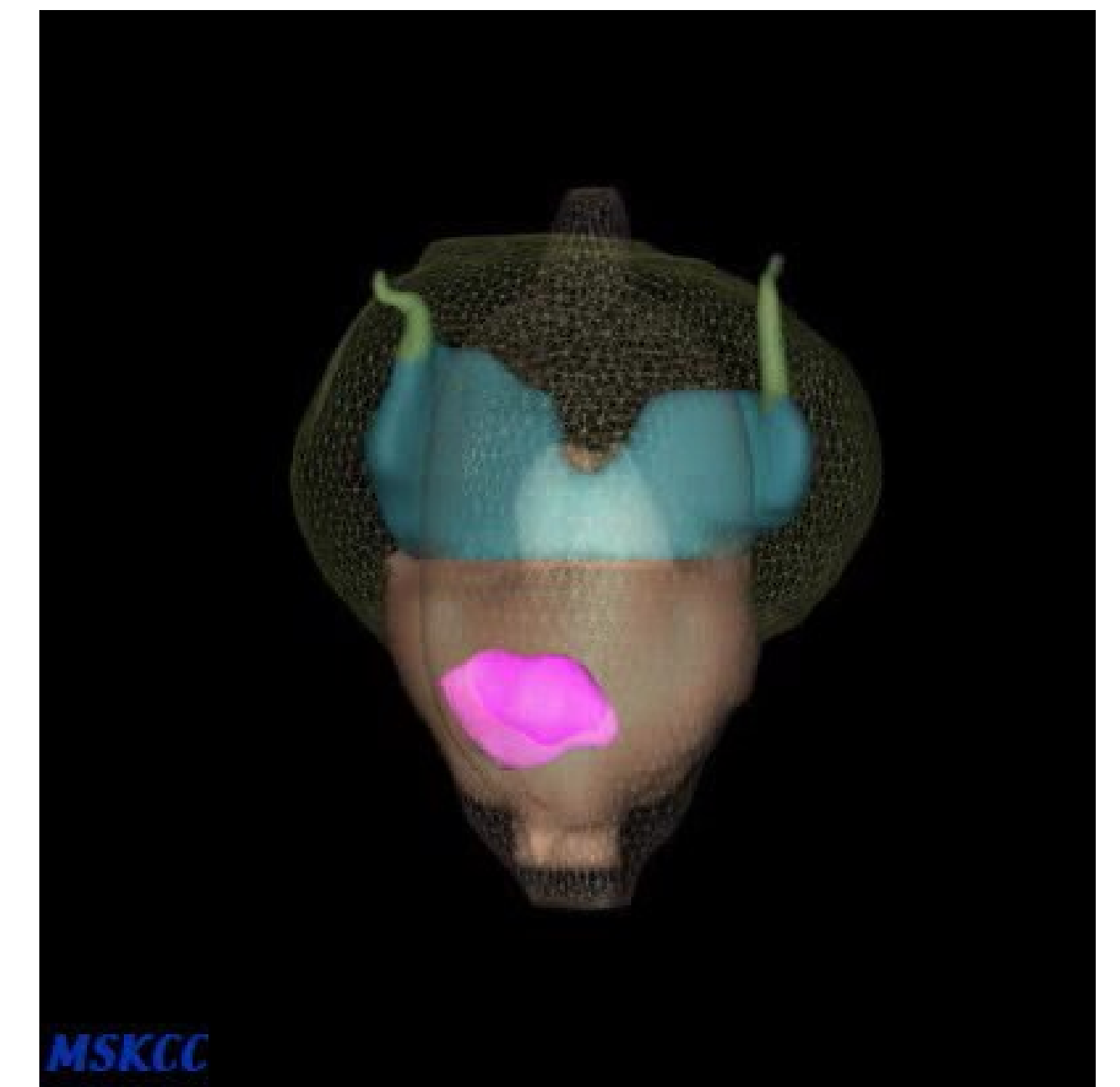
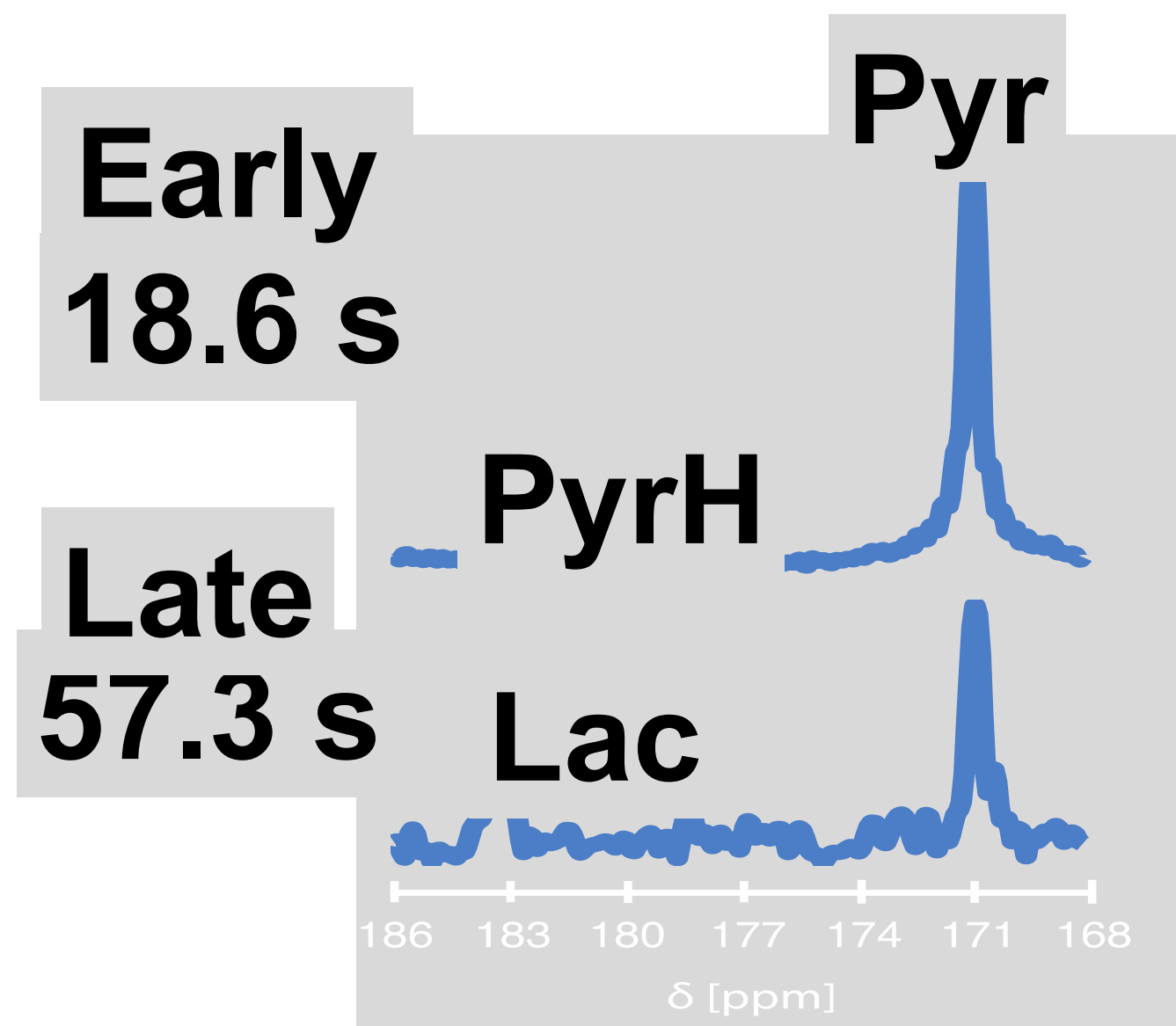
MRI - Radiomics



^{68}Ga -PSMA MRI/PET

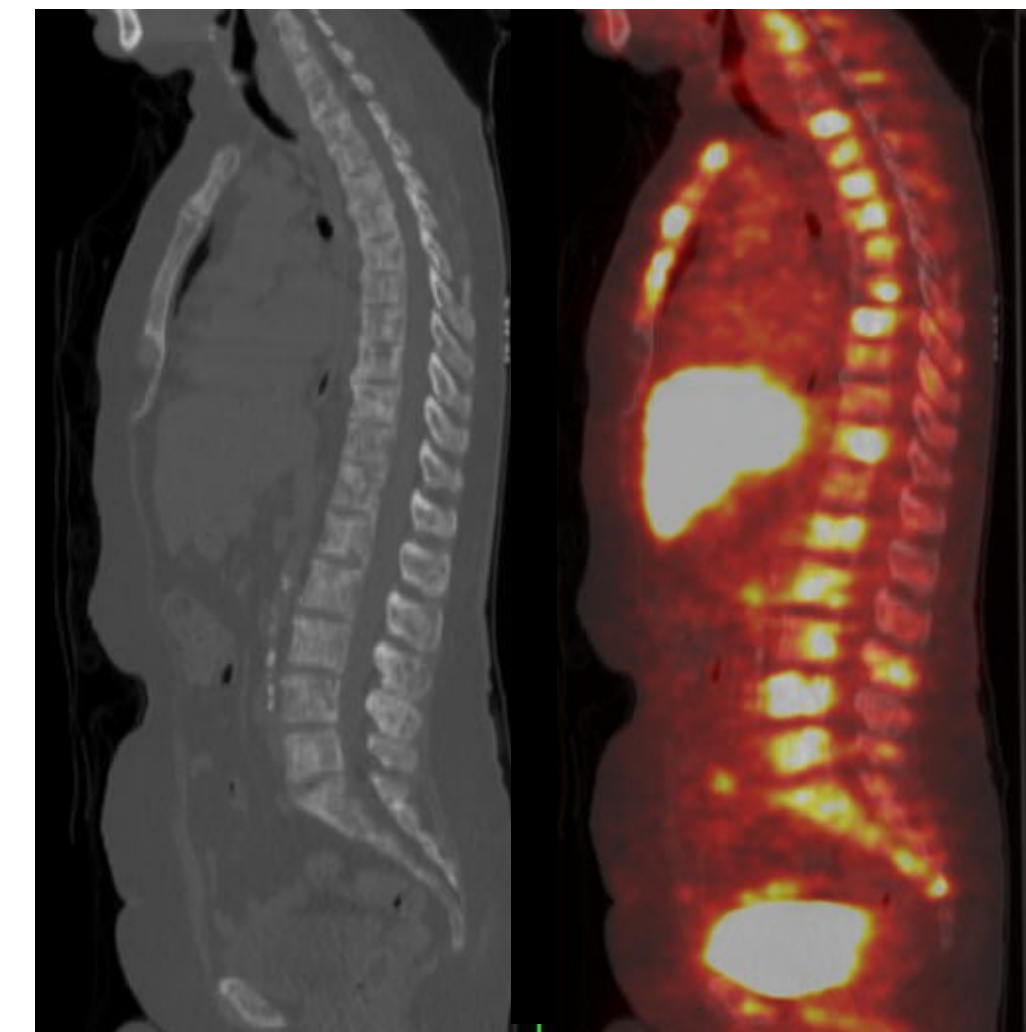
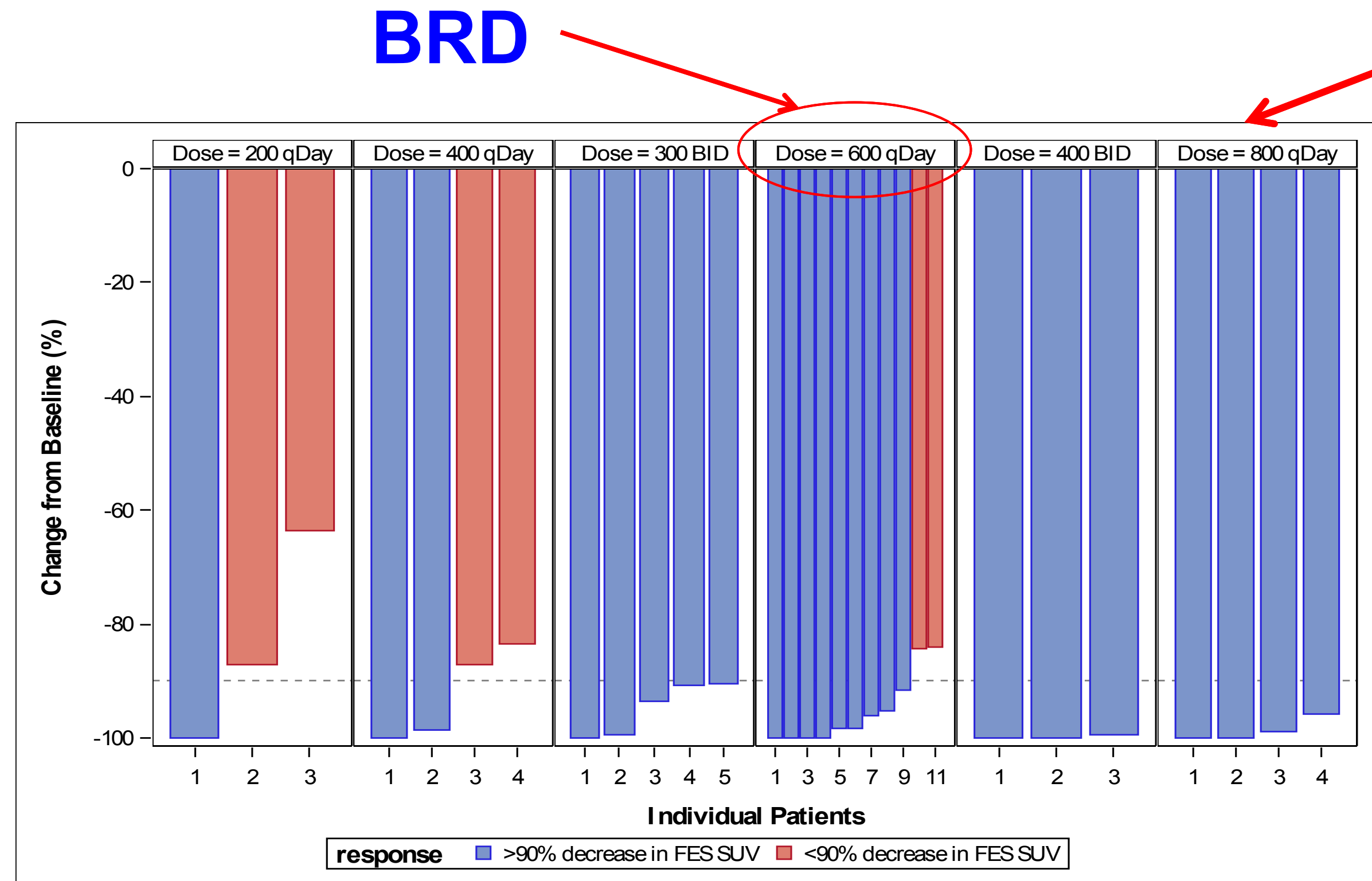


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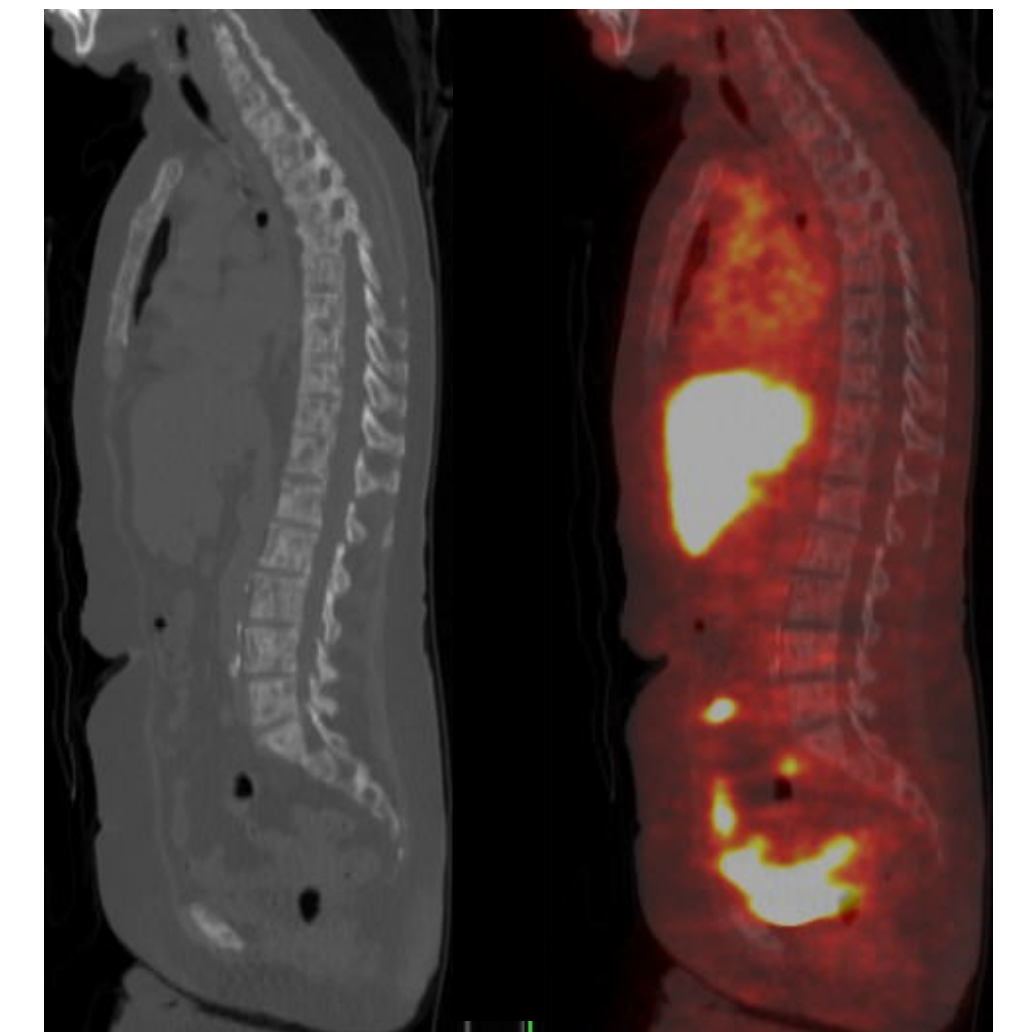
Phase I Study: GDC-0810 (ER antagonist)

Targeted Imaging ^{18}F -FES PET/CT



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PET/CT

Baseline



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PET/CT GDC-
0810 follow up

^{18}F -FES PET/CT used as a **biomarker of ER suppression** during Phase I dose escalation trial showed ER downregulation with >90% decrease in SUV for **BRD= 600mg/day** – dose chosen for Phase II trial

Wang Clin Cancer Res. 2017

Theranostics: Molecular *Imaging & Therapy*

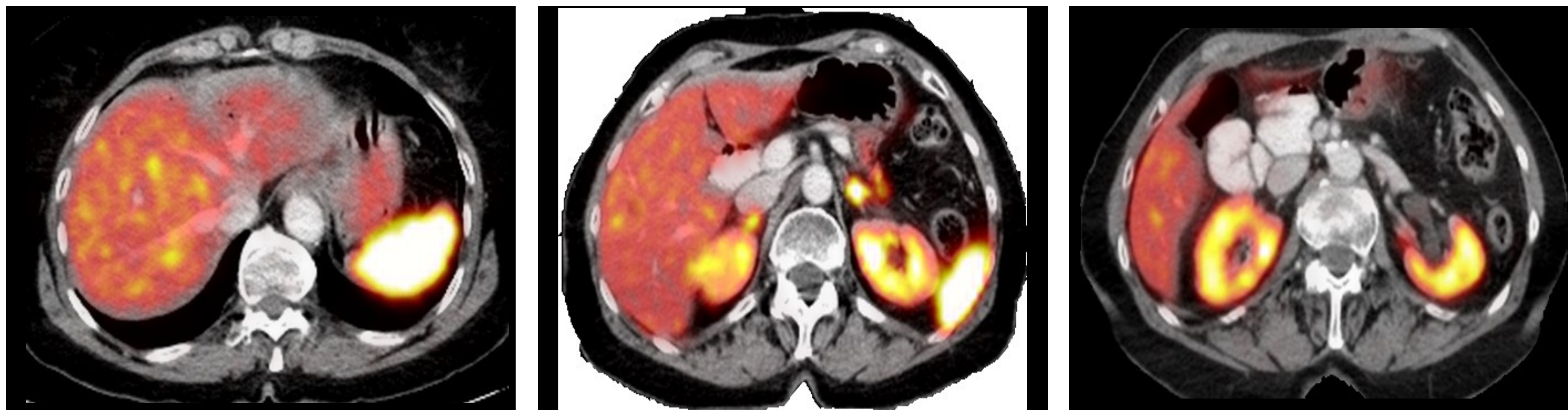
Metastatic NET - *Targeting Somatostatin receptors*

Before
therapy



Imaging
(⁶⁸Ga)
DOTA-TATE

After
Lutetium
-177
(¹⁷⁷Lu)
DOTA-
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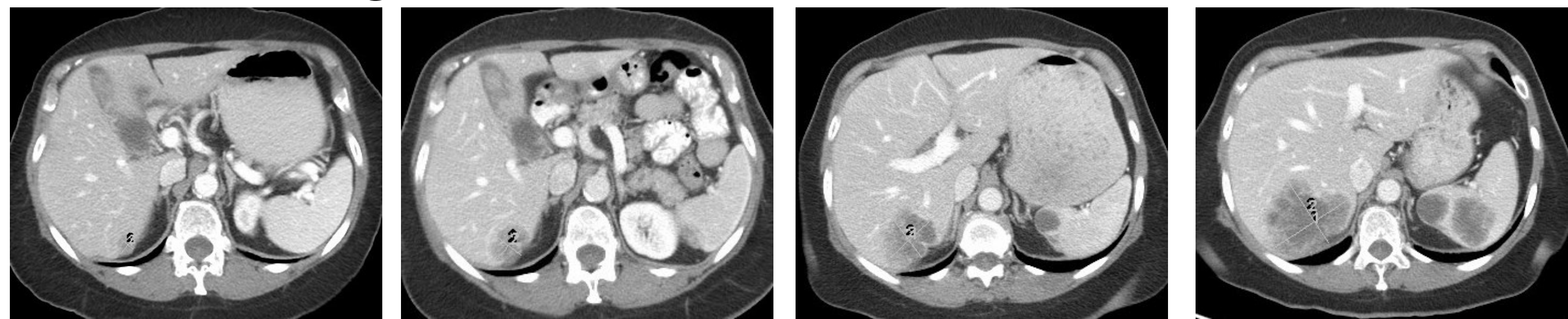


Therapy
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Oncologic Imaging – CLINICAL CARE TODAY

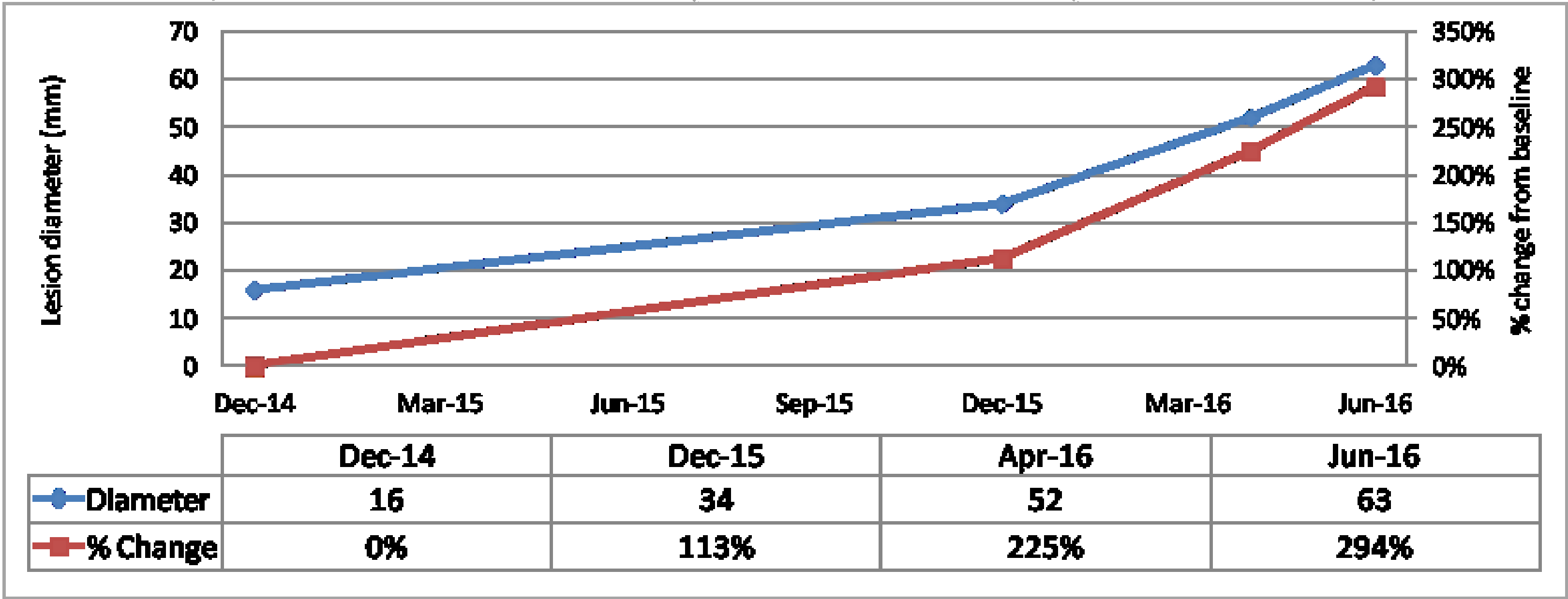
Efficiency, Precision & Standardization

Automated Longitudinal Quantification of Tumor Burden



Tumor response measurements in clinical trials & treatment follow up.

Technology is available, but it is not evenly nor widely distributed!!!



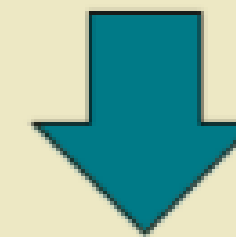
Diagnostic Errors: Imaging Radiology (18%*) & Surgical Pathology (6%**)

Top Contributing Factors

FACTOR	% CASES*
Clinical Judgment	67%
Communication	23%
Technical	22%
Administrative	16%
Clinical Systems	16%

TOP CLINICAL JUDGMENT FACTORS

misinterpretation of dx studies 48% (639)



PROCEDURE

% CASES

CT scan (Abdomen, Head, Chest)	18%
Diagnostic radiography (CXR / Ortho)	13%
Mammography	10%
MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)	10%
Diagnostic ultrasound	3%

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL JUDGMENT FACTORS INCLUDE:

failure to appreciate / reconcile relevant sign/symptom/test result
narrow dx focus—failure to establish differential diagnosis

*D Siegal, et al: The role of radiology in diagnostic error: a medical malpractice claims review; Diagnosis 2017

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Lessons learned – Common Themes

- The **complexity of cancer diagnosis and treatment requires a multidisciplinary approach** - integrative teams of pathologists, radiologists, oncologists, primary care physicians, and biomedical informaticians.
- **Requirements for quality improvement** include:
 - Culture (constructive not punitive)
 - Infrastructure (data systems and analysts)
 - Leadership (clinical and operational)
 - Engagement (appropriate metrics)
 - Bandwidth (overwhelming extramural, non-patient-care requirements)
- **Governance:** Formal interdisciplinary governance structure within an organization is critical to set standards and monitor progress.
- **Measurement:** Measure outcomes frequently, and modify plans accordingly

Improving Cancer Diagnosis and Care

Session 1: Patient Access to Diagnostic Expertise in Oncology

- **Cancer care is multi-disciplinary** but not all members of the care team have formal training in oncology
- **All cancer patients** need access to a highly qualified workforce and accurate, timely diagnostic services
- How do we make this expertise available outside specialized care settings?
- Through training? Through consultation? Through Cancer Consortia?
- Case volume, experience, and time available influence quality of care
- **Lack of insurance**, cost sharing, pre-authorization schemes, and **self-referral prohibitions**, **narrow networks of providers** (often geographically dispersed) all add complexity and administrative burdens to care of patients, especially those least able to navigate barriers to care.

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Session 1: Patient Access to Diagnostic Expertise in Oncology

- Similar issues faced by pathology
- Should there be mandatory review of all new cancer diagnoses?
- Use of checklists for pathology sign out?
- Convergence of imaging and pathology on the horizon as pathology goes digital – **Integrated Diagnostics**
- Beware of dissemination of new technologies without an adequate evidence base & workforce training.
- Need for standardized display of meaningful data, data integration, timely communication of findings

Session 2A: Developing and Supporting a Workforce for High-Quality Oncology Diagnosis and Care: Education and Training

- **Oncologic imaging needs to be fully integrated into the curriculum of our residency programs.** - pursued through the APDR.
- **A certificate of special competency in oncologic imaging** should be developed, based on achieving and demonstrating critical competencies. - pursued by the ACR
- **Oncologic imaging may be added as a clinical practice area for ongoing longitudinal assessment (OLA), as part of MOC - ABR.**
- **Peer learning must be promoted** throughout academic and community practices.
- **Deputize radiologists** as having oncologic expertise (fellowship training or CME ACR including it in the 'RADLEARN' tool).

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Session 2A: Workforce – Education and Training

- Focus of pathology training on reporting standards, communication and quality standards
- Standard AP/CP training needs to be augmented with mol dx. genomics, informatics within 4 yr residency
- Peer learning is an important aspect of quality improvement
- ABR transitioning to longitudinal life-long learning
- Pathology moving to competency-based medical education

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Session 2B: Workforce – CDS, Guidelines, Appropriate Use

- It takes 5-14 years for new knowledge to disseminate into practice
- CDS: expert system to improve performance of a non-expert clinician, reduce unwarranted variations in care, improve experience of care of patients, improve accuracy and quality of care
- CDS needs to be Efficient, Evidence-based, Educate, Encourage/Enforce adoption of evidence
- Are current Health IT systems able to support CDS?
- Barriers to acceptance of CDS: physician acceptance, coding, interoperability, cost
- Pathology reports not formatted to support CDS
- Incentive: “gold card” on pre-authorization

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Session 3: Systems Approaches and Care Modes

- Diagnostic management teams at Vanderbilt provide standard testing, comprehensive report, integrated diagnosis, saves time/money and improves quality – a role model for Pathology
- Project ECHO: telementoring is provider to provider; technology to deliver case-based learning, best practices, monitor outcomes. Move knowledge, not patients!
- Large employers paying for second opinions to reduce costs, improve outcomes
- New oncology care models moving to value-based payment built on high quality clinical pathways

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Session 3: Systems Approaches and Care Models

- **Requirements for quality improvement** include:
 - Culture (constructive not punitive)
 - Change in MD behavior requires measurement and feedback to clinicians
 - Infrastructure (data systems and analysts)
 - Leadership (clinical and operational)
 - Engagement (appropriate metrics)
 - Bandwidth (overwhelming extramural, non-patient-care requirements)
- **Governance:** Formal interdisciplinary governance structure within an organization is critical to set standards and monitor progress.
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Session 3: Systems Approaches and Models of Care Delivery for Cancer Diagnosis

- **Centralize services** where high volume is a prerequisite for quality
- Use **tele-mentoring** to build community capacity and relationships
- **Work with employers** to provide prevention, second opinions and aids to literacy and activation
- **Adapt payment** to scale proven approaches

Session 4: Computational Oncology and Integrated Diagnostics: Opportunities for New Technologies to Improve Diagnostic Information and Inform Cancer Care

- **Genomics, pathomics, and radiomics** will become increasingly relevant to cancer care before, during, and after diagnosis
- **Data sharing** will enable the study of interrelationships between diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes at scale
- **Interoperability standards** will help solve challenges of data aggregation, labeling, and diagnostic data quality
- **Machine learning** will fundamentally change how cancer care is delivered, and will facilitate unified diagnostics and precision oncology.

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Session 5: Stakeholder Perspectives on the Path Forward

Potential Solutions

- › **Build a specialized workforce**
or
- › **Support a less specialized workforce, via CDS, AI, etc**
or
- › **Enable better access to specialized expertise**
or
- › **Some combination of the above 3**
- › **How do we do it and how to we pay for it**