

Terms of Use Agreement for Transfer of Software to Measure Liver Tissue on Computed Tomography Scans

Purpose

The **Software**, developed in the lab of Dr. Ronald M. Summers, is proprietary code used to automate segmentation and quantification of the liver on abdominal computed tomography (CT) scans. This Terms of Use Agreement covers the use of the **Software** with a non-commercial research project.

Definitions

- “**Provider**”: the NIH Clinical Center.
- “**Recipient**”: the not-for-profit research institution who receives software from the **Provider** under this Agreement to measure liver tissue on CT scans.
- “**Software**”: the proprietary software and associated code developed by the **Provider**.

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Sandfort V, Yan K, Pickhardt PJ, Summers RM. Data augmentation using generative adversarial networks (CycleGAN) to improve generalizability in CT segmentation tasks. *Scientific Reports* (2019) 9:16884.
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