

Radiomics

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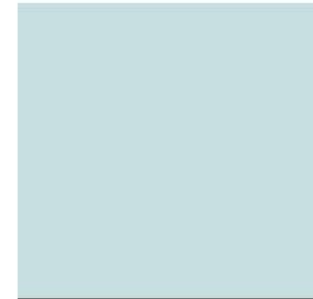
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Radiomic hypothesis

Molecular heterogeneity of cancer lesions is cause of different clinical outcome.

Such heterogeneity can be captured, *in vivo*, on the entire lesion volume, by high-throughput quantitative radiomics descriptors from 3D image of cancer lesion.

Different expression level of a signature of radiomic features are able to predict different prognosis or treatment response of patients with similar cancer diagnosis (statistical analysis and predictive models).



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Radiomics: Images Are More than Pictures, They Are Data¹

In the past decade, the field of medical image analysis has grown exponentially, with an increased number of pattern recognition tools and an increase in data set sizes. These advances have facilitated the development of processes for high-throughput extraction of quantitative features that result in the conversion of images into mineable data and the subsequent analysis of these data for decision support; this practice is termed *radiomics*. This is in contrast to the traditional practice of treating medical images as pictures intended solely for visual interpretation. Radiomic data contain first-, second-, and higher-order statistics. These data are combined with other patient data and are mined

Radiomics: a new approach for the study of cancer



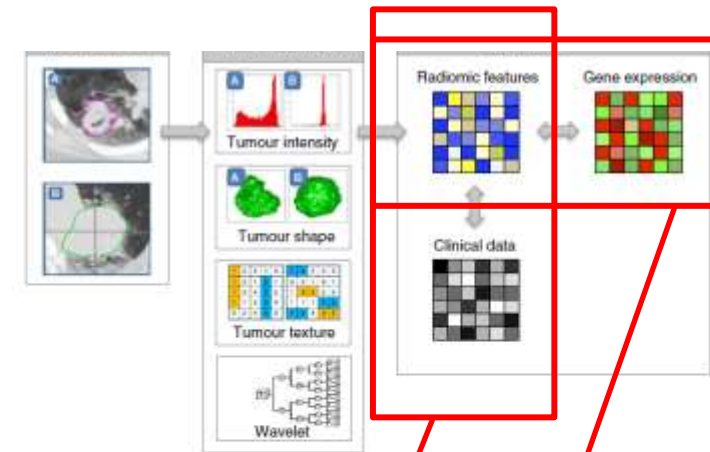
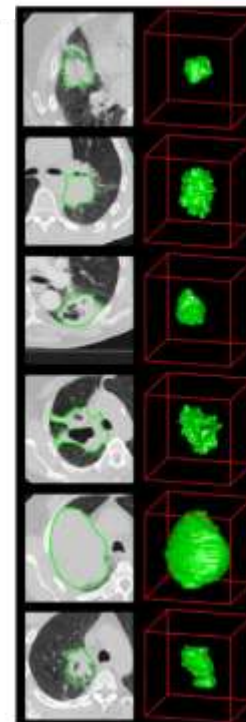
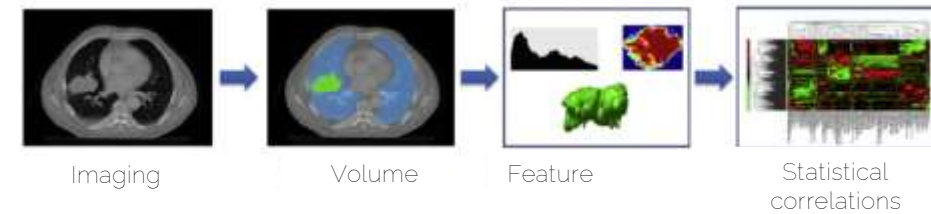
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Radiomics: Extracting more information from medical images using advanced feature analysis

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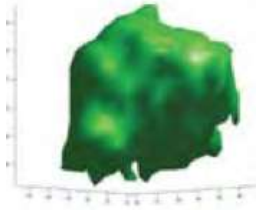
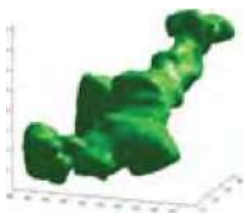
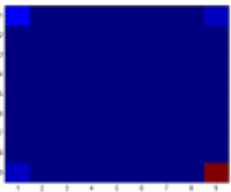
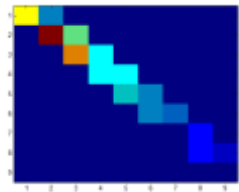
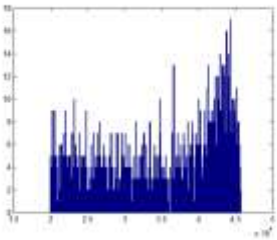
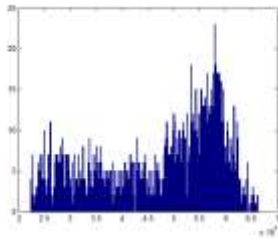
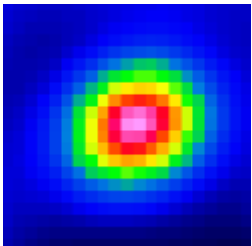
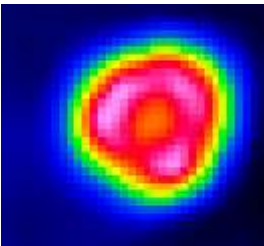
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of disease phenotypes by
applying a large number of
quantitative image features
representing lesion
heterogeneity and correlating
with omics and clinical data



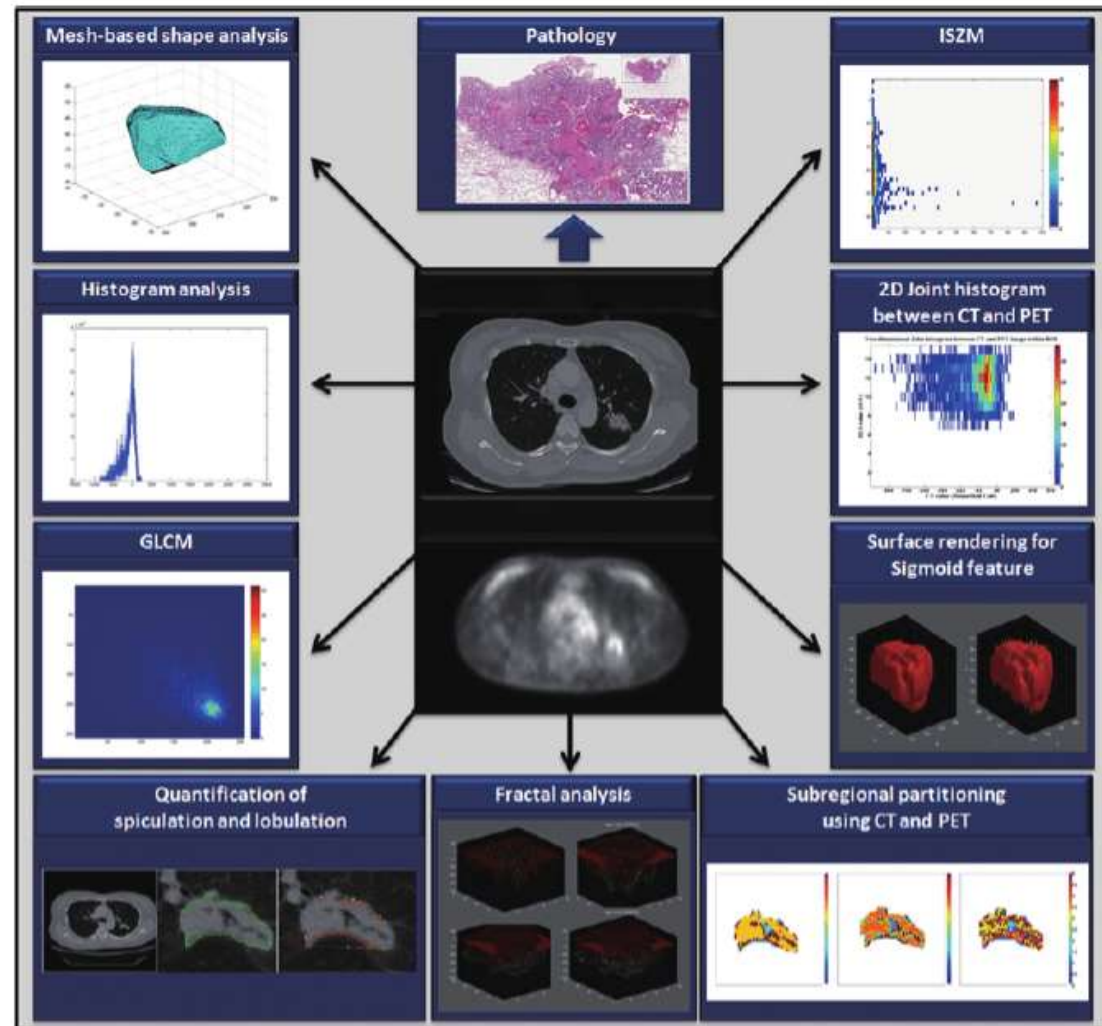
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Texture and shape features

Feature	Description		Examples
Texture-First order	Grey level frequency distribution from histogram Analysis	Global	Minimum, mean and maximum intensity
			Standard deviation
			Skewness
			Kurtosis
			Percentile values
Texture-Second order	From spatial grey level dependence matrices (SGLDM) or co-occurrence matrices <i>They express how often a pixel of intensity i finds itself within a certain relationship to another pixel of intensity j</i>	Local	Range of intensities
			Entropy
			Energy
			Contrast
			Homogeneity
			Dissimilarity
			Uniformity
			Correlation
Texture-Third order	From neighbourhood grey-tone difference matrices (NGTDMs)	Local	Coarseness
			Contrast
			Busyness
			Complexity
	From voxel alignment matrices	Regional	Run-length and emphasis
			Run-length variability
	From grey level size zone matrices <i>They reflect regional intensity variations or the distribution of homogeneous regions</i>	Regional	Zone emphasis
			Size-zone variability
Shape and Size			Sphericity
			Compactness
			Eccentricity
			Surface Area
			Spherical Disproportion
			Surface to Volume ratio
			Solidity






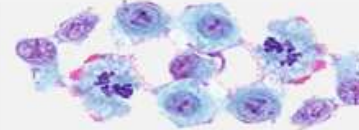

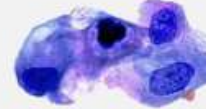


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Morphological features

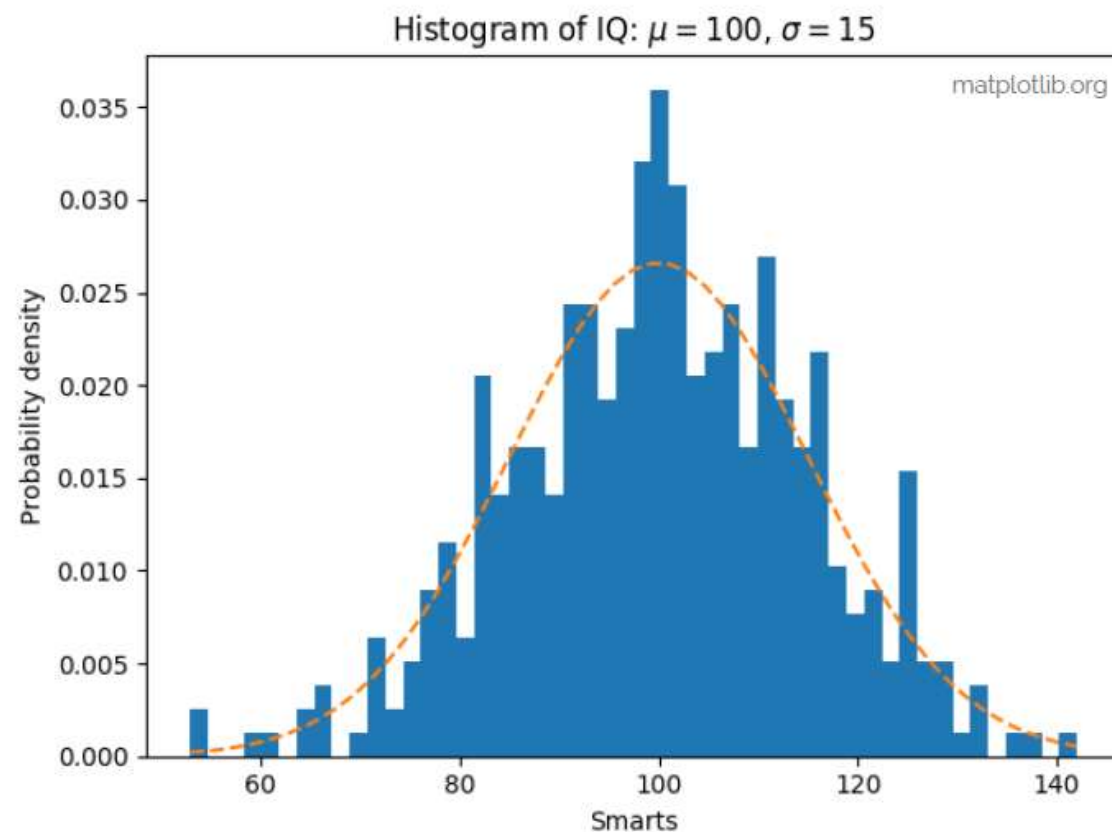
1. Metabolic Target Volume (MTV)
2. Surface
3. Spherical disproportion
(ratio between measured surface of the lesion and surface of an equivalent-sphere in terms of volume)
4. Sphericity
5. Surface-to-volume ratio

Normal	Cancer	
		Large, variably shaped nuclei
		Many dividing cells; Disorganized arrangement
		Variation in size and shape
		Loss of normal features

http://sphweb.bumc.bu.edu/otlt/MPH-Modules/PH/PH709_Cancer/PH709_Cancer7.html

Histogram-based features

1. Maximum
2. Minimum
3. Mean
4. Median
5. Mean Absolute Deviation (MAD)
6. Root Mean Square (RMS)
7. Energy
8. Entropy
9. Kurtosis
10. Skewness
11. Standard Deviation
12. Uniformity
13. Variance

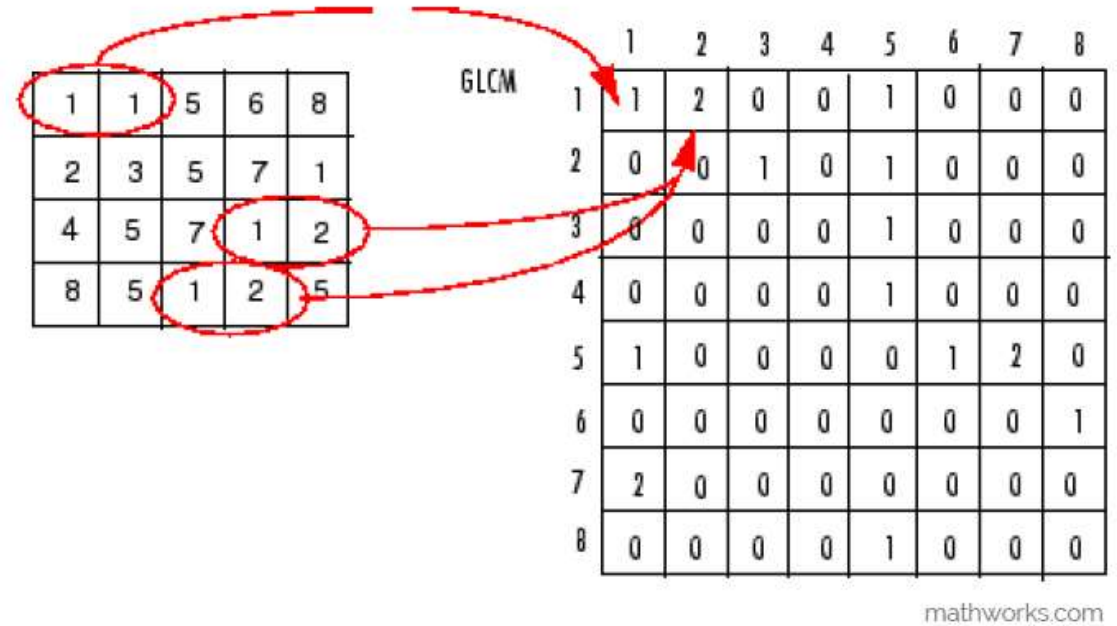


Texture descriptors

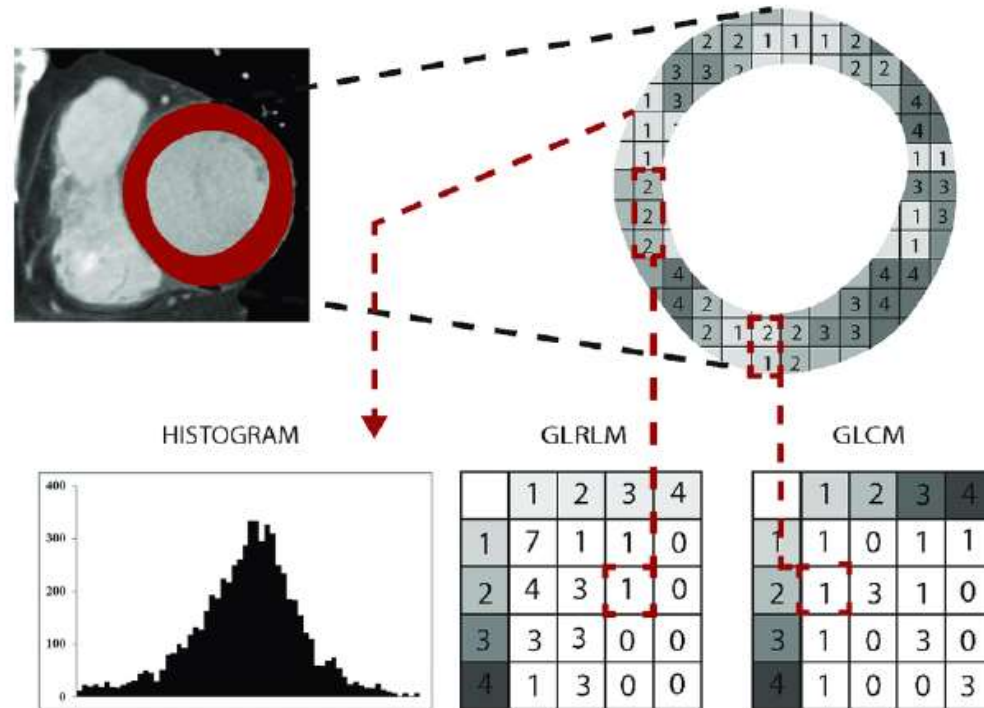
Gray-Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM)*

1. Energy
2. Contrast
3. Entropy
4. Homogeneity
5. Correlation
6. Sum Average
7. Variance
8. Dissimilarity
9. Auto Correlation

* A Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) quantifies the number of times the combination of levels X and Y occur in two pixels in the image that are separated by a distance of D pixels along angle A.



Texture descriptors Gray-Level Run Length Matrix (GLRLM)*



https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Principles-of-generating-texture-analysis-features-Principles-of-generating-the_fig2_320821651

*A Gray Level Run Length Matrix (GLRLM) quantifies gray level runs, which are defined as the length in number of pixels, of consecutive pixels that have the same gray level value. It describes # runs with gray level G and length L that occur in the image along angle A.

Texture descriptors

Gray-Level Size Zone Matrix (GLSZM)

1	2	3	4
1	3	4	4
3	2	2	2
4	1	4	1

<i>Level</i>	<i>Size zone, s</i>		
<i>g</i>	1	2	3
1	2	1	0
2	1	0	1
3	0	0	1
4	2	0	1

<http://thibault.biz/Research/ThibaultMatrices/GLSZM/GLSZM.html>

* A gray level zone is defined as a the number of connected voxels that share the same gray level intensity.

Contrary to GLCM and GLRLM, the GLSZM is rotation independent, with only one matrix calculated for all directions in the ROI

Texture descriptors

Neighbouring Gray Tone Difference Matrix (NGTDM)*

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

i	n_i	p_i	s_i
1	6	0.375	13.35
2	2	0.125	2.00
3	4	0.25	2.63
4	0	0.00	0.00
5	4	0.25	10.075

<https://pyradiomics.readthedocs.io/en/latest/features.html>

* A Neighbouring Gray Tone Difference Matrix quantifies the difference between a gray value and the average gray value of its neighbours within distance D

PREPROCESSING

FEATURE EXTRACTION

FEATURE SELECTION

TRAINING AND INTERNAL TESTING

EXTRACT THE FOLLOWING FEATURE FAMILIES

MORPHOLOGICAL FEATURES

- ☒ Morphology (25 features 3D or 10 features 2D)

INTENSITY-BASED FEATURES

- ☒ Intensity-based statistic (18 features)
- ☒ Intensity histogram features (16 features)

TEXTURE-BASED FEATURES

- ☒ Grey-level co-occurrence matrix (25 features)
- ☒ Grey-level run length matrix (16 features)
- ☒ Grey-level size zone matrix (15 features)
- ☒ Neighbourhood grey tone difference matrix (5 features)
- ☒ Neighbouring grey level dependence matrix (16 features)

APPLY THE FOLLOWING TRANSFORMATION FILTERS FOR FILTER-BASED FEATURES (111 features for each filter)

- ☐ Wavelet - not recommended for 2D modalities, it will greatly increase the required time (minutes instead of seconds for each image)
- ☐ Square
- ☐ Squareroot
- ☐ Logarithm
- ☐ Exponential
- ☐ Gradient
- ☐ Laplacian of gaussian (LoG)
- ☐ Local binary patterns (LBP) - the use of this filter will greatly increase the required time (minutes instead of seconds for each image)

Textures in cancer by PET

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Exploring feature-based approaches in PET images for predicting cancer treatment outcomes

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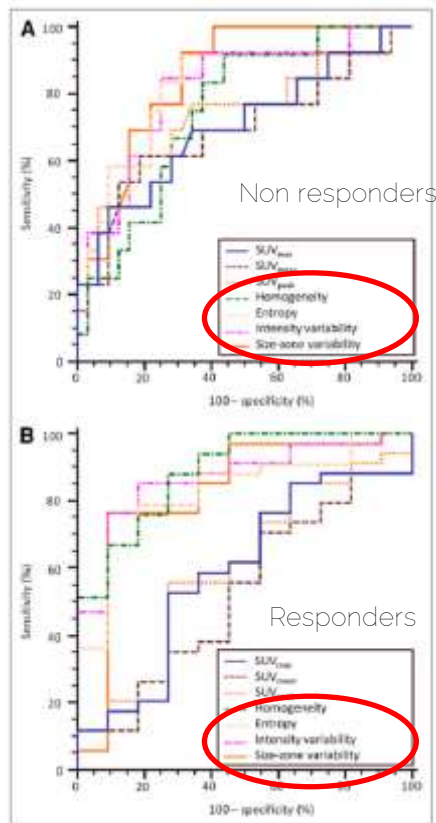


Table 2
Association between different extracted features and overall survival in a cohort of 9 head and neck patients measured by Spearman's rank correlation (rs) and the area under the ROC curve (AUC).

Variable		Spearman (rs)	AUC
Tumor volume		0.6928	0.8750
SUV Measurements	Maximum	0.3464	0.7000
	Minimum	-0.2642	0.6000
	Mean	0.1732	0.6500
	Standard deviation	0.3464	0.6750
IVH Intensity-volume metrics	I ₁₀	0.1732	0.7000
	I ₉₀	0.0	0.5000
	I ₁₀₋₉₀	0.2598	0.6750
	V ₁₀	-0.1732	0.5750
	V ₉₀	-0.7794	0.8500
	V ₁₀₋₉₀	0.0866	0.5000
Texture-based features	Energy	0.0866	0.5000
	Contrast	-0.5196	0.8000
	Local homogeneity	0.5196	0.8250
	Entropy	-0.1732	0.5250
Shape-based features	Eccentricity	0.2508	0.6500
	Euler Number	0.6266	0.8500
	Solidity	-0.6058	0.8500
	Extent	-0.6062	0.8500

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Intratumor Heterogeneity Characterized by Textural Features on Baseline ¹⁸F-FDG PET Images Predicts Response to Concomitant Radiochemotherapy in Esophageal Cancer

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False Discovery Rates in PET and CT Studies with Texture Features: A Systematic Review

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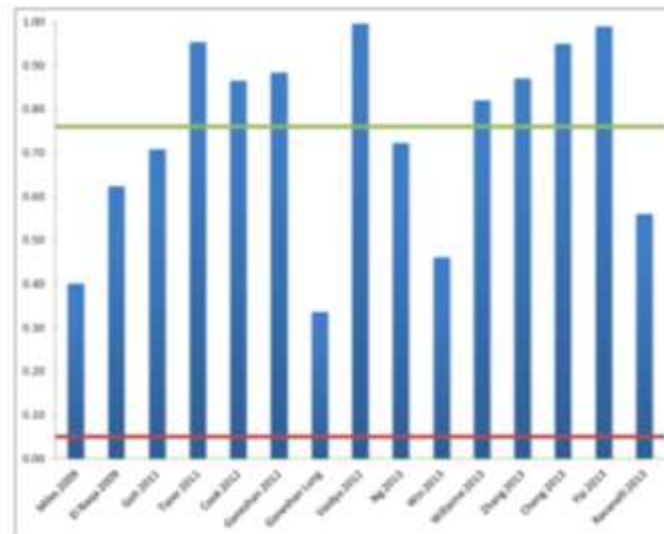


Fig 2. Probability of a false positive result based on number of hypotheses tested per study (blue columns) for all study categories. 5% type-I error probability = red line, average type-I error probability (76%) over all studies = green line (Note—additional inflation of the type-I error probability due to the use of the optimum cut-off approach is not included here).

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Key methodological issues

- Repeatability, the closeness of the agreement between the results of successive radiomic measurements under the same conditions of measurement
- Reproducibility, the closeness of the agreement between the results of radiomic measurement under similar conditions of measurements
- Significance, the ability of radiomic in effectively characterizing cancer lesion heterogeneity

Stability