

# Radiomics / Radiogenomics

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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).

# Radiomics: a new approach for the study of cancer



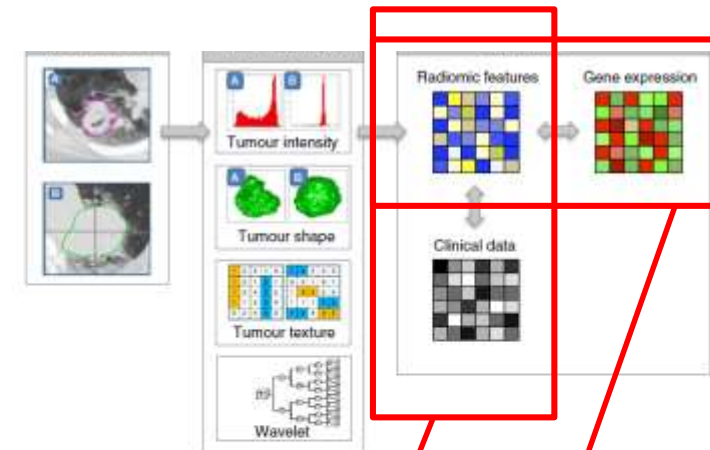
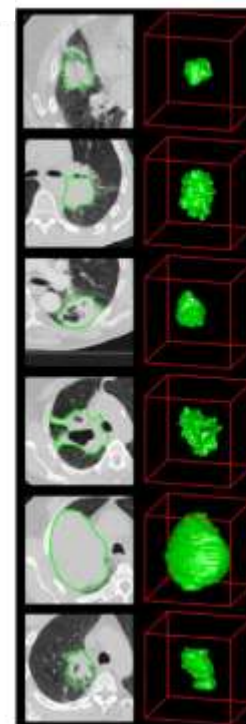
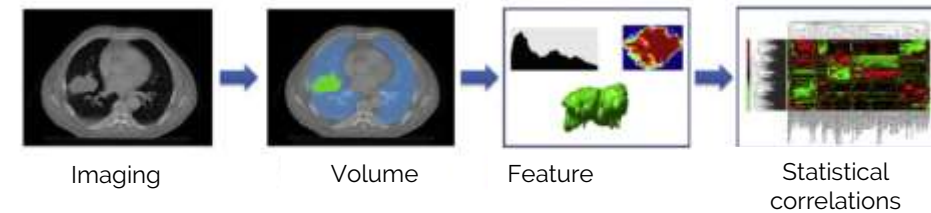
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## Radiomics: Extracting more information from medical images using advanced feature analysis

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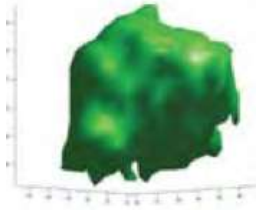
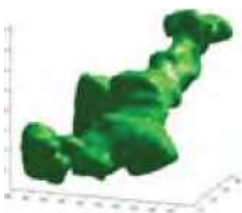
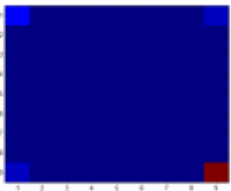
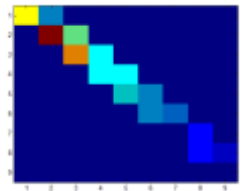
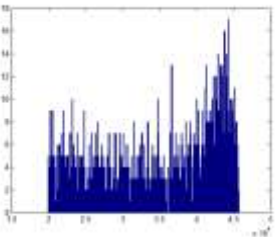
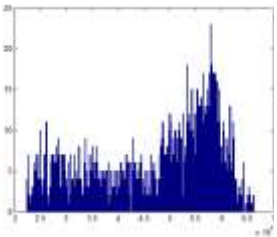
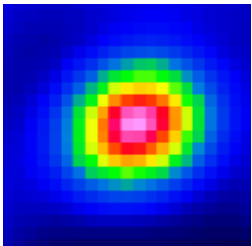
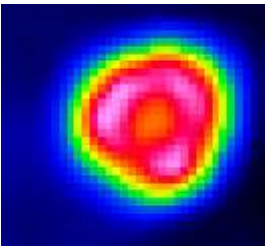
Comprehensive quantification  
of disease phenotypes by  
applying a large number of  
quantitative image features  
representing lesion  
heterogeneity and correlating  
with omics and clinical data



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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 <math>i</math> finds itself within a certain relationship to another pixel of intensity <math>j</math></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	Regional	Zone emphasis
Shape and Size			Size-zone variability
			Sphericity
			Compactness
			Eccentricity
			Surface Area
			Spherical Disproportion
			Surface to Volume ratio
			Solidity



# Textures in cancer by PET

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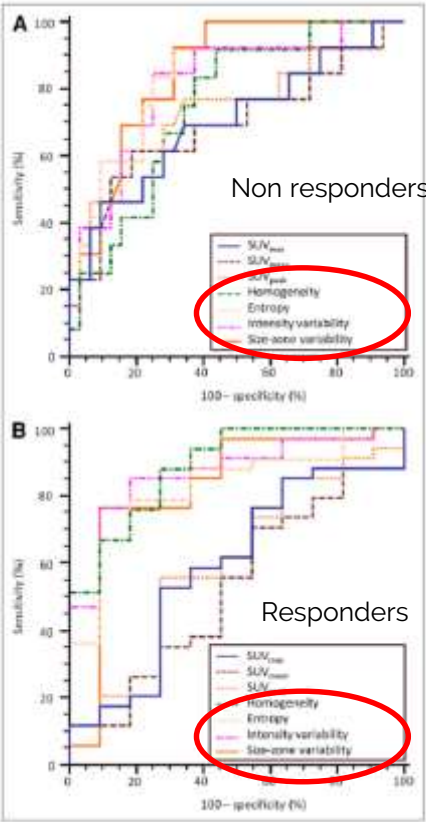
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Exploring feature-based approaches in PET images for predicting cancer treatment outcomes

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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 <sub>10</sub>	0.1732	0.7000
	I <sub>90</sub>	0.0	0.5000
	I <sub>10-90</sub>	0.2598	0.6750
	V <sub>10</sub>	-0.1732	0.5750
	V <sub>90</sub>	-0.7794	0.8500
	V <sub>10-90</sub>	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 <sup>18</sup>F-FDG PET Images Predicts Response to Concomitant Radiochemotherapy in Esophageal Cancer**

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# A study in which we hope not to be cited...

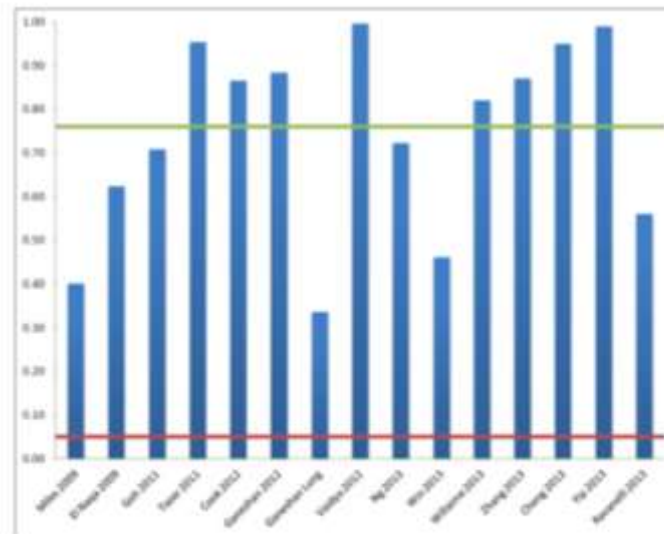
RESEARCH ARTICLE

## 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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- **Repeatability**, the closeness of the agreement between the results of successive radiomic measurements under the same conditions of measurement
- **Riproducibility**, 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



# Biological change or radiomics instability?

It is necessary that the radiomics features are **repeatable** for the same patient as part of the prognosis and therapeutic monitoring but also **reproducible** when performed across multiple centers and patients.

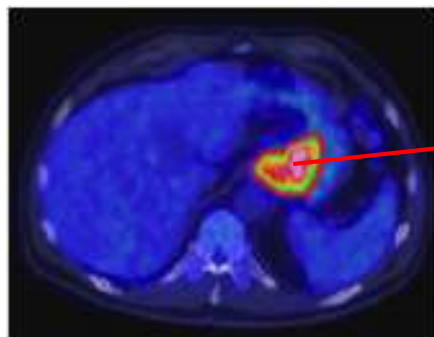
For the SUV and MTV metrics, a cut-off value of  $\pm 30\%$  has been accepted for associating the changes to actual metabolic variations (PERCIST).

**There is currently no consensus** on the tolerated variability of radiomics features for the evaluation of prognosis or response to treatment.

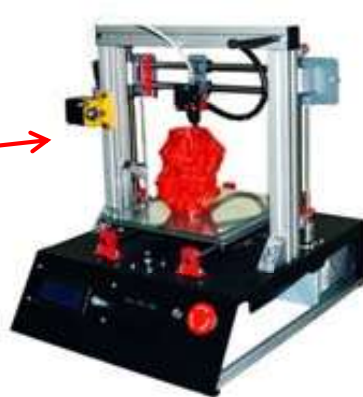
**Only radiomic features with high repeatability and reproducibility should be selected as candidate for predictive biomarkers.**



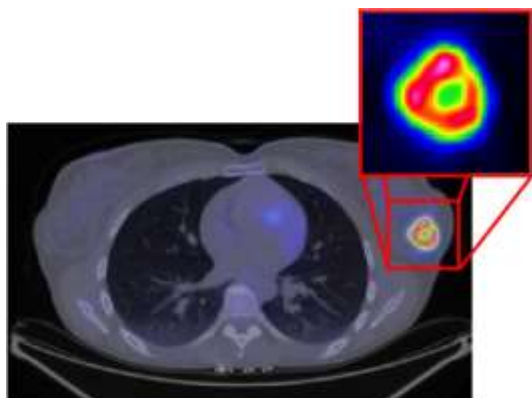
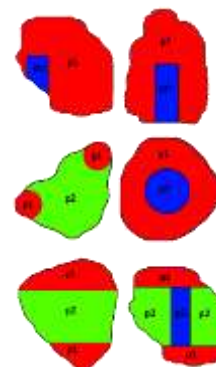
# Which model to study key radiomics issues?



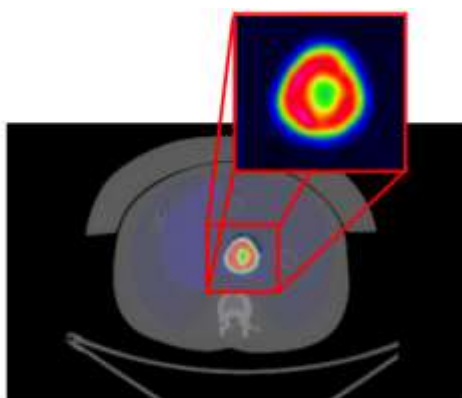
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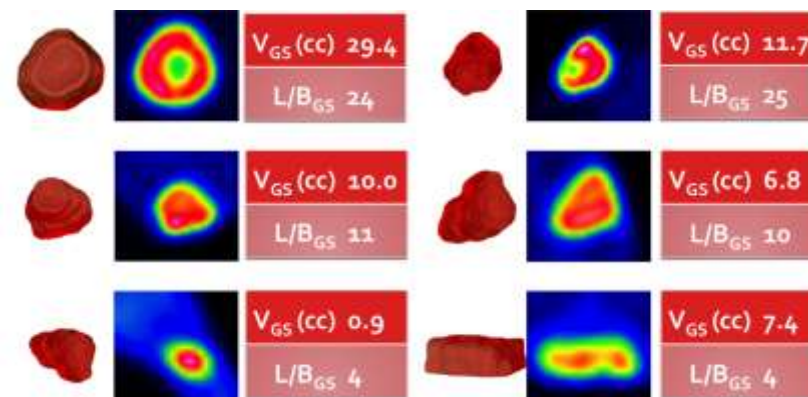
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Real patient



Anthropomorphic phantom with syntehtic lesion



## Research Article

### A Method for Manufacturing Oncological Phantoms for the Quantification of 18F-FDG PET and DW-MRI Studies

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# Radiomics repeatability

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- **Test-retest** is performed among the distributions of the radiomic values obtained in the subsequent measurements.
- The pairwise Intraclass Correlation coefficient (ICC) is calculated (ICC>0.7 is considered for stability).

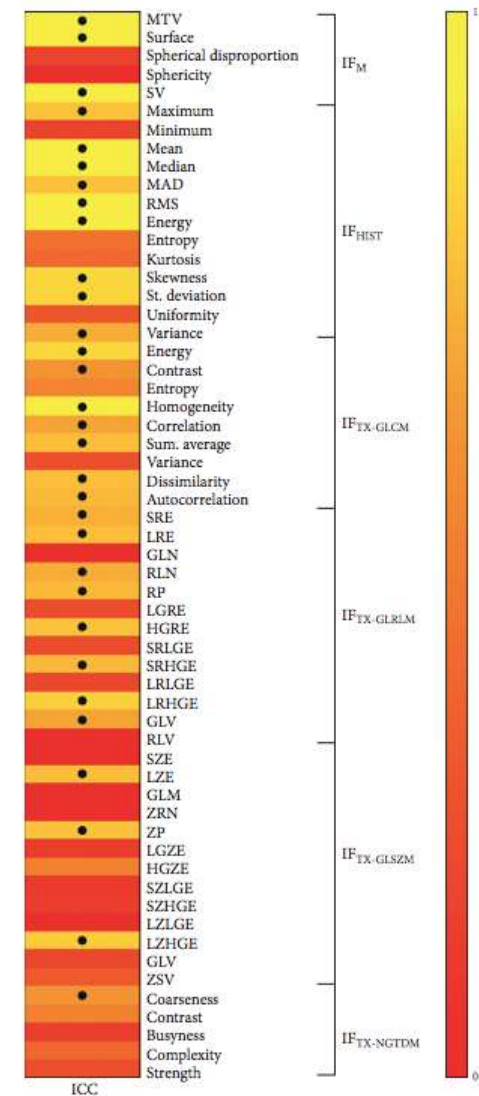


FIGURE 6: Reproducibility of radiomic features on test-retest datasets. ICC results. • indicates ICC  $\geq 0.6$ .

# Radiomics reproducibility

- Preparation
- Acquisition
- Reconstruction
- Segmentation
- **Interpolation**
- **Re-segmentation**
- **Discretization**

# Preparation and acquisition

- Patient's conditions (e.g. Glycemia)
- Injected dose
- Scan time vs uptake time
- Time per bed position
- Respiratory motion

...

*Lovat et al. 2017* – 54 neurofibromas  
a significant **radiomic value change** between two  
different **uptake times** both for benign and  
malignant lesions

*Vaidya et al. 2012* - 27 lung cancer

**Radiomic value change** considering or not **respiratory motion** correction by image deconvolution. ***No change in radiotherapy response.***

*Yip et al. 2014* - 26 lung cancer / *Oliver et al. 2015* - 23 lung cancer

**Radiomic value change** considering or not **respiratory motion** correction by gating. ***No results on clinical outcome.***

*Grootjans et al. 2016* - 60 lung cancer

**Radiomic value change** in lower lobes considering or not **respiratory motion** correction by gating. ***No change in prognosis.***

# Image reconstruction

- Method (back-projection, iterative –n. it, n. subset...)
- PSF incorporation or not
- TOF incorporation or not
- Matrix size
- Filter
- PVC or not
- Statistical noise
- ...



*Galavis et al. 2010* - 20 solid cancer

**Radiomic value change** with different **reconstruction** settings (method, n iter, matrix size, filter).

*Yan et al. 2015* - 20 lung cancer / *Orlhac et al. 2017* - 54 breast cancer

**Radiomic value change with** different **reconstruction** settings (method, n iter, matrix size, filter)  $\pm$ TOF  $\pm$  PSF.

**However, matrix size is the more impacting factor.**

*Shiri et al. 2017* - 25 lung, head, neck, liver cancer

**Poor reproducibility of radiomic values** for different **reconstruction** settings (method, n iter, n subset, matrix size, filter, PSF, TOF, scan time).

# Radiomics reproducibility

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Coefficient of Variation (COV) can be calculated (COV<0.10 is considered for stability)  
but a statistical test is the best choice

High reproducibility

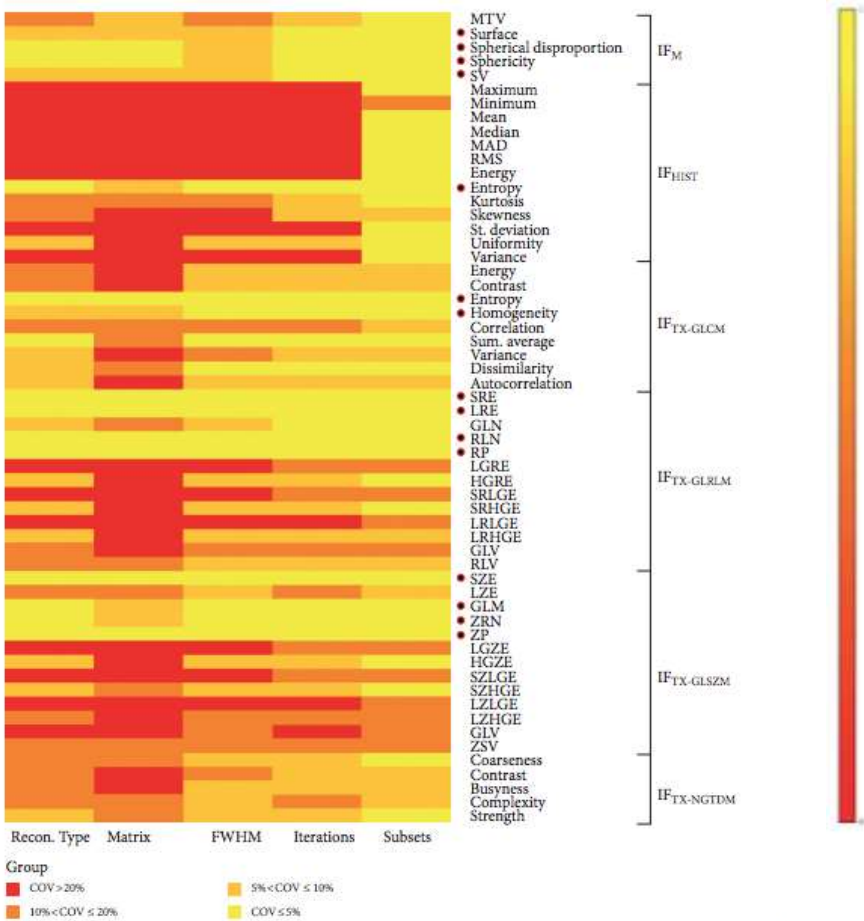
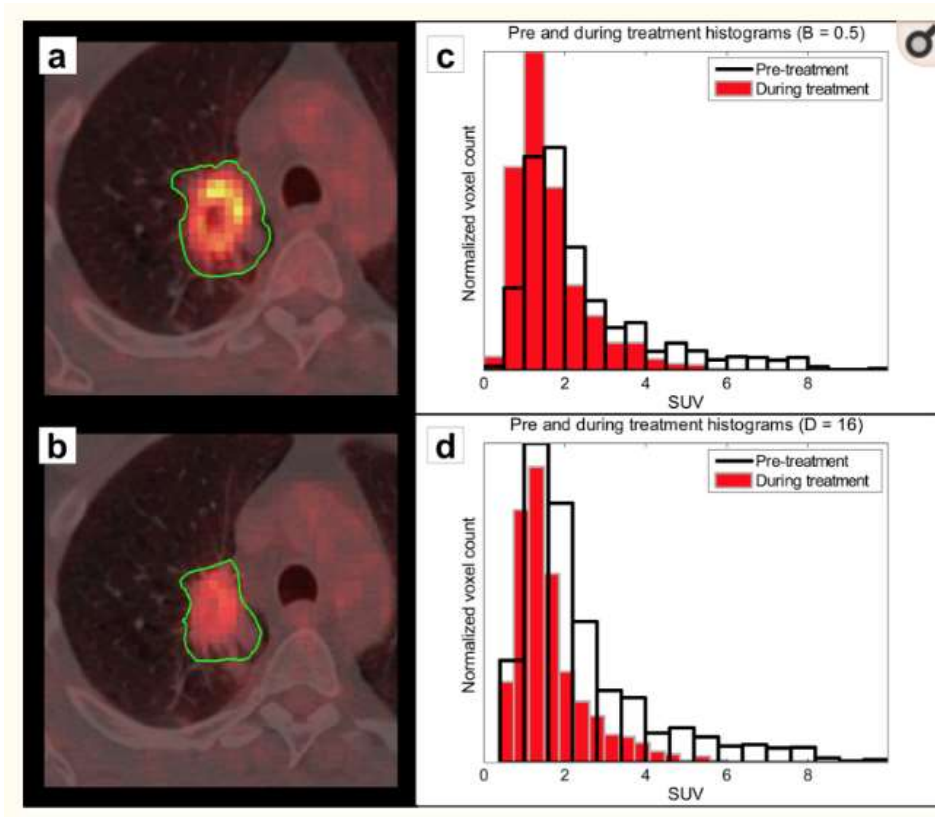


FIGURE 5: Stability of radiomic features on different reconstruction settings. COV results. • indicates COV <= 10%

# Discretization

Resampling voxels in a limited number of intensity values (bins)  
(for textural feature calculation).



Fixed bin size

Fixed bin number

# Discretization

*Leijenaar et al. 2015* - 35 lung cancer

Texture value is dependent on the method of discretisation

**fixed bin size is recommended** (constant intensity resolution, more robust, repeatable and less sensitive to segmentation and reconstruction changes)

*Lu et al. 2016* - 40 nasopharyngeal carcinoma.

23% of texture features are stable vs **fixed bin size**

*Orlhac et al. 2015* - 48 lung cancer & phantom studies /

*Desseroit et al. 2017* - 73 lung cancer

**fixed bin size is recommended** (not requiring MTV of at least 45cc but less intuitive when imaged).

*Tixier et al.2011* – 41 oesophageal cancer

Textural features are stable and less correlated with MTV for **fixed bin number** (64 bins is recommended since sufficient to cover SUV range of lesions with 0.25 increments).

Segmentation of the tumour volume is a crucial step because **all the radiomics features are calculated starting from the segmented volume.**

A variety of methods exists (manual, thresholding, graph-based, region growing, statistical modelling, contour and gradient-based ...)

In radiomics **robustness** (e.g. stability vs noise) is more important than accuracy

# Segmentation

*Hatt et al. 2013*- 50 oesophageal cancer

Entropy, homogeneity showed moderate variability for different segmentation.

**No change in radiochemotherapy response.**

*Leijenaar et al. 2013* - 23 lung cancer

Most textural features **are stable** vs 4-operator manual contouring .

*Orlhac et al. 2014* - 188 colorectal, lung, breast cancer

Entropy and regional textural **are quite stable** for different segmentation methods.

*Hatt et al. 2018* - **100 lung cancer**

Sphericity, homogeneity and dissimilarity **value changes** depending on the segmentation method

**Change in prognosis and prediction of response to treatment.**



# Radiomics significance

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Test correlation of radiomic feature with gold-standard heterogeneity  $H_{GS}$

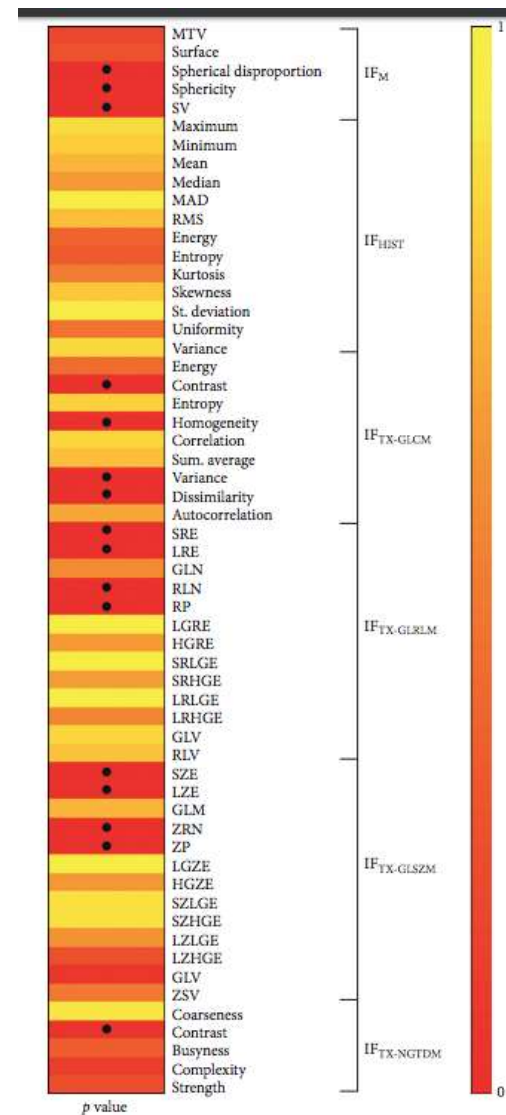


FIGURE 8: Results of correlation analysis between radiomic features and  $H_{GS}$  ( $p$  value), • indicates  $p$  value < 0.05.

High significance

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- test significant differences among each radiomic feature from heterogeneous vs. homogeneous uptake (e.g. Mann-Whitney test)
- measure the ability of radiomic features in discriminating heterogeneous from homogeneous lesions

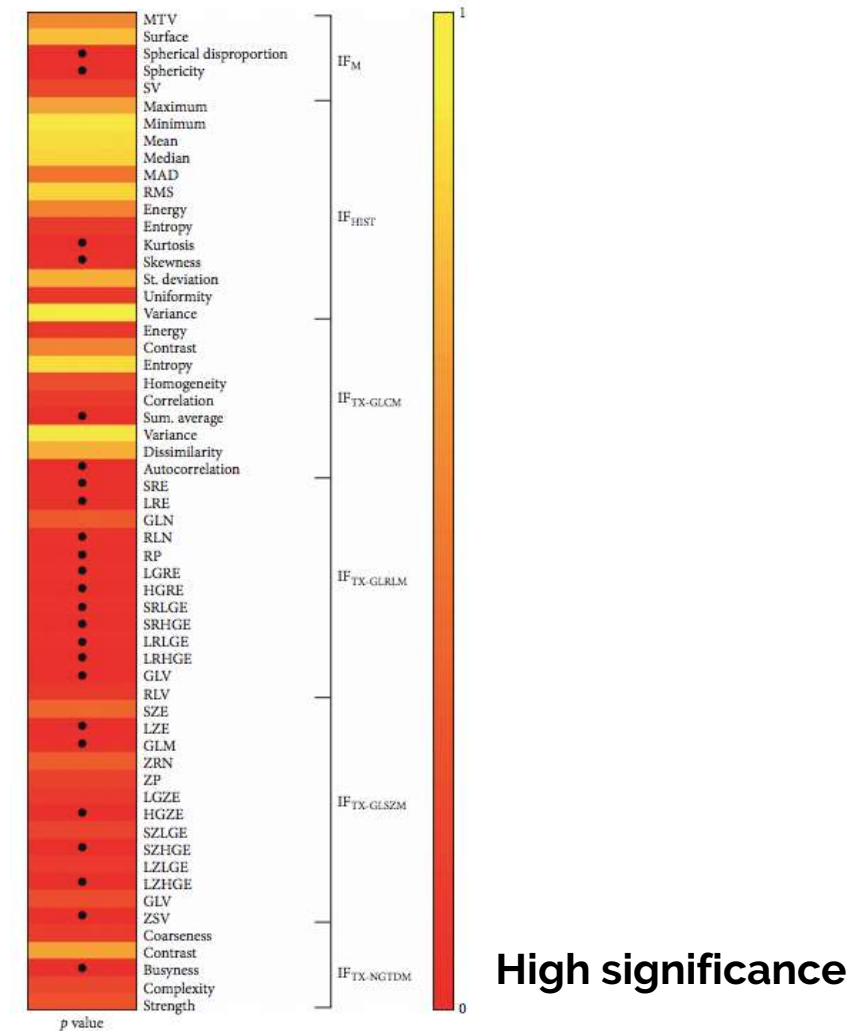


FIGURE 7: Mann-Whitney test results ( $p$  value), • indicates  $p$  value < 0.05.

# Image Biomarker Standardization Initiative (IBSI)

They are providing:

- image biomarker nomenclature and definitions
- benchmark data sets and values
- reporting guidelines
- consensus-based guidelines for stable radiomic biomarkers

*Zwanenburg A, Leger S, Vallières M, Löck S. Image biomarker standardisation initiative. arXiv preprint arXiv:1612.07003.*

*Lambin P. Radiomics Digital Phantom, CancerData (2016), DOI:10.17195/candat.2016.08.1*

# Image Biomarker Standardization Initiative (IBSI)

Some recommendations are delivered:  
e.g. re-segmentation and discretization

Imaging intensity units <sup>(1)</sup>	Re-segmentation range	FBN <sup>(2)</sup>	FBS <sup>(3)</sup>
definite	$[a, b]$	✓	✓
	$[a, \infty)$	✓	✓
	none	✓	✗
arbitrary	none	✓	✗

**Table 2.1** — Recommendations for the possible combinations of different imaging intensity definitions, re-segmentation ranges and discretisation algorithms. Checkmarks (✓) represent recommended combinations of re-segmentation range and discretisation algorithm, whereas crossmarks (✗) represent non-recommended combinations.

<sup>(1)</sup> PET and CT are examples of imaging modalities with *definite* intensity units (e.g. SUV and HU, respectively), and raw MRI data of arbitrary intensity units.

<sup>(2)</sup> *Fixed bin number* (FBN) discretisation uses the actual range of intensities in the analysed ROI (re-segmented or not), and not the re-segmentation range itself (when defined).

<sup>(3)</sup> *Fixed bin size* (FBS) discretisation uses the lower bound of the re-segmentation range as the minimum set value. When the re-segmentation range is not or cannot be defined (e.g. arbitrary intensity units), the use of the FBS algorithm is not recommended.

They are working on tolerated variability of radiomics features  
but results are not currently disclosed ....

# A possible solution?



## A post-reconstruction harmonization method for multicenter radiomic studies in PET

Fanny Orhac, Sarah Boughdad, Cathy Philippe, Hugo Stalla-Bourdillon, Christophe Nioche, Laurence Champion, Michaël Boussan, Frédérique Frouin, Vincent Frouin and Irène Buvat

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### Harmonization method

To pool SUV and textural features measured from different PET protocols, we tested a harmonization method previously described for genomic studies to correct the so-called batch effect. The ComBat harmonization model developed by Johnson et al (25) assumes that the value of each feature  $y$  measured in VOI  $j$  and scanner  $i$  can be written as:

$$y_{ij} = \alpha + X_{ij}\beta + \gamma_i + \delta_i \varepsilon_{ij} \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the average value for feature  $y$ ,  $X$  is a design matrix for the covariates of interest,  $\beta$  is the vector of regression coefficients corresponding to each covariate,  $\gamma_i$  is the additive effect of scanner  $i$  on features supposed to follow a normal distribution,  $\delta_i$  describes the multiplicative scanner effect supposed to follow an inverse gamma distribution, and  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  is an error term (normally distributed with a zero mean), as explained in Fortin et al (30). ComBat harmonization consists in estimating  $\gamma_i$  and  $\delta_i$  using Empirical Bayes estimates (noted  $\gamma_i^*$  and  $\delta_i^*$ ) as described in (25). The normalized value of feature  $y$  for VOI  $j$  and scanner  $i$  is then obtained as:

$$y_{ij}^{\text{ComBat}} = \frac{y_{ij} - \hat{\alpha} - X_{ij}\hat{\beta} - \gamma_i^*}{\delta_i^*} + \hat{\alpha} + X_{ij}\hat{\beta} \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

where  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  are estimators of parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively. The ComBat harmonization determines a transformation for each feature separately based on the batch (here Department) effect observed on feature values. In the first part of this study, we used ComBat without accounting for any biological covariate (ie  $X=0$ ), and, in the second part, we used the TN status as the covariate of interest.

For each tissue separately (tumor and liver tissues), we applied ComBat harmonization on all features using the R function called “combat” available at <https://github.com/Hfortin/ComBatHarmonization/>.

“Centre effect” on 9 radiomic features  
from breast cancer patients (63 A vs 74 B)

					After ComBat			
	TN(A) vs TN(B)	non- TN(A) vs non- TN(B)	TN(A+B) vs non- TN(A+B)	TN(B) vs non- TN(A)	TN(A) vs TN(B)	non- TN(A) vs non- TN(B)	TN(A+B) vs non- TN(A+B)	TN(B) vs non- TN(A)
Homogeneity	0.4232	<b>0.0074</b>	<b>0.0014</b>	0.4635	0.5986	0.8737	<b>0.0015</b>	<b>0.0093</b>
Entropy	0.5196	0.3906	<b>0.0031</b>	0.0875	0.7405	0.9139	<b>0.0027</b>	<b>0.0254</b>
SRE	0.2995	<b>0.00044</b>	<b>0.0063</b>	0.9481	0.1294	0.8338	<b>0.0062</b>	<b>0.0061</b>
LRE	0.2814	<b>0.0004</b>	<b>0.0072</b>	0.9352	<b>0.0055</b>	0.3871	<b>0.0162</b>	<b>0.0004</b>
LGZE	<b>0.0405</b>	<b>0.0244</b>	<b>5.69e-05</b>	0.3786	0.1102	0.3059	<b>0.0002</b>	<b>0.0003</b>
HGZE	<b>0.0494</b>	<b>0.0282</b>	<b>3.20e-05</b>	0.2886	0.2814	0.3337	<b>2.27e-05</b>	<b>0.0058</b>
SUVmax	0.0544	<b>0.0278</b>	<b>7.54e-05</b>	0.4058	0.5717	0.7943	<b>4.47e-05</b>	<b>0.0072</b>
SUVmean	<b>0.0448</b>	<b>0.0359</b>	<b>3.20e-05</b>	0.2394	0.4463	0.7747	<b>3.05e-05</b>	<b>0.0052</b>
SUVpeak	<b>0.0267</b>	<b>0.0306</b>	<b>9.75e-05</b>	0.4736	0.3581	0.7894	<b>4.99e-05</b>	<b>0.0061</b>

**Table 3:** P-values of Wilcoxon's test for all features between TN and non-TN lesions from Departments A and B, before and after ComBat harmonization. Bold values are less than 0.05.

# A recommendation

**Test radiomic results on many  
different and independent image data sets!**



# Radiomics: a new approach for the study of cancer



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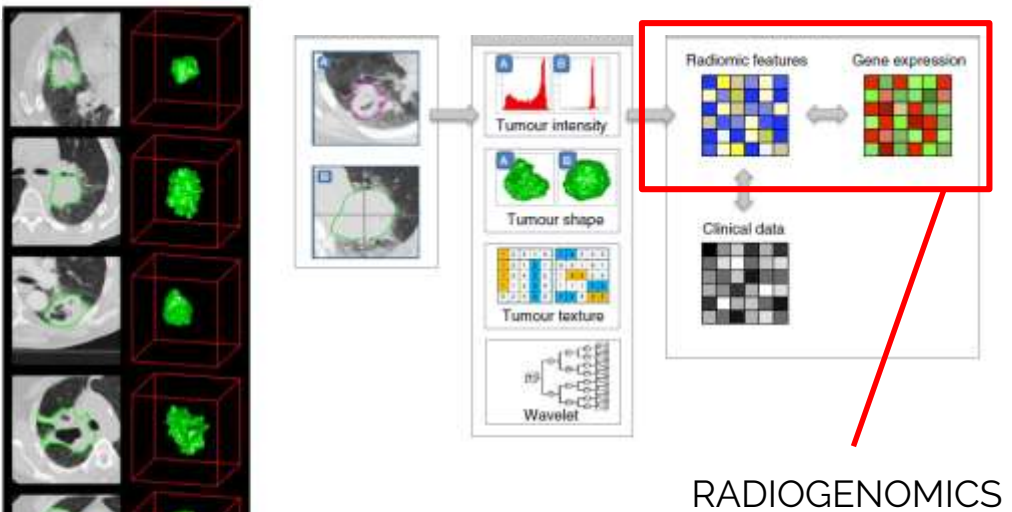
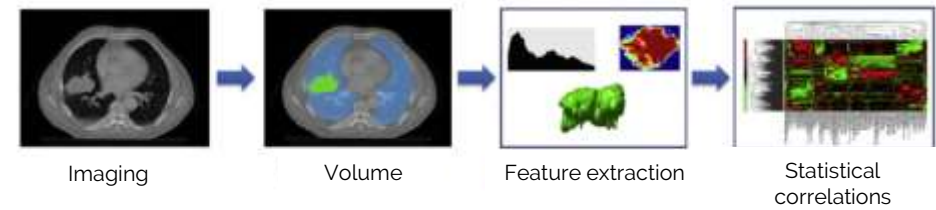
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## Radiomics: Extracting more information from medical images using advanced feature analysis

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



# CT radiogenomics for cancer

Radiology

## Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer:

Identifying Prognostic Imaging Biomarkers by Leveraging Public Gene Expression Microarray Data—Methods and Preliminary Results<sup>1</sup>

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### Purpose:

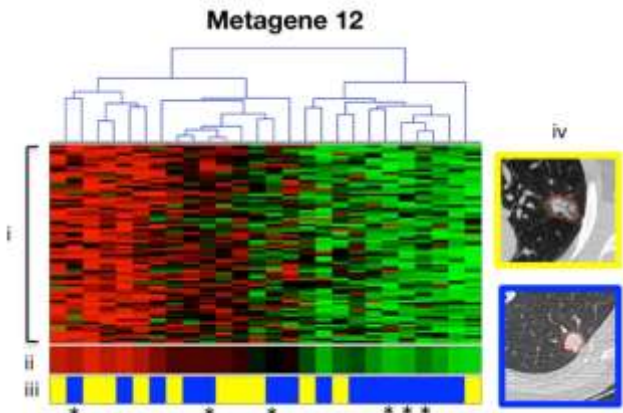
To identify prognostic imaging biomarkers in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) by means of a radiogenomics strategy that integrates gene expression and medical images in patients for whom survival outcomes are not available by leveraging survival data in public gene expression data sets.

### Materials and Methods:

A radiogenomics strategy for associating image features with clusters of coexpressed genes (metagenes) was defined. First, a radiogenomics correlation map is created

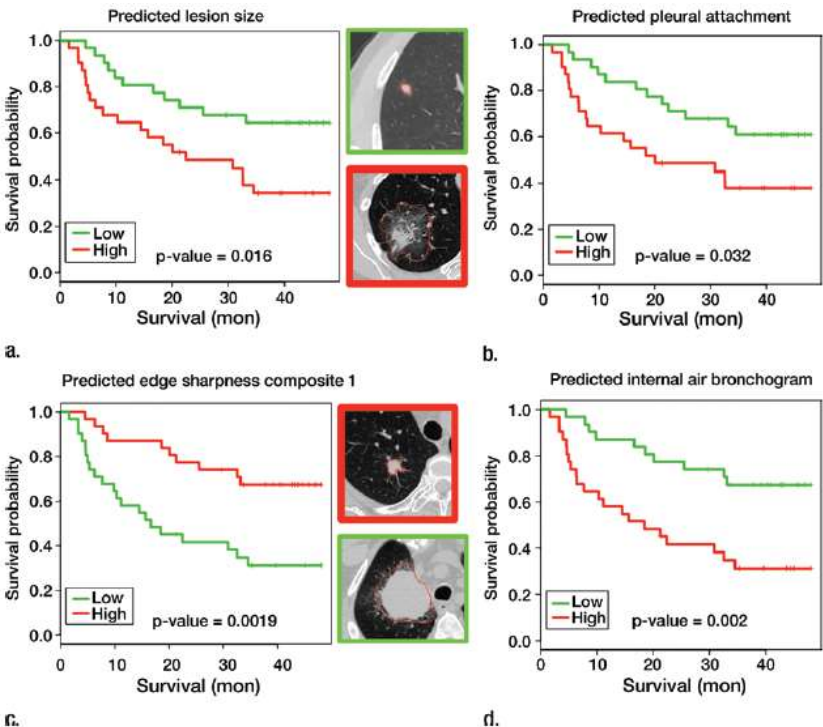
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153 CT features



Non-Small Cell lung cancer

4 CT image features



# An approach to radiogenomics: system medicine

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## TCGAbiolinks: an R/Bioconductor package for integrative analysis of TCGA data

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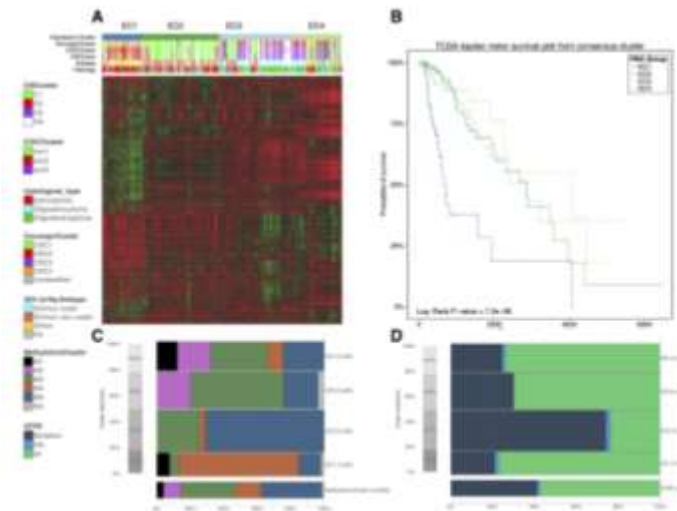
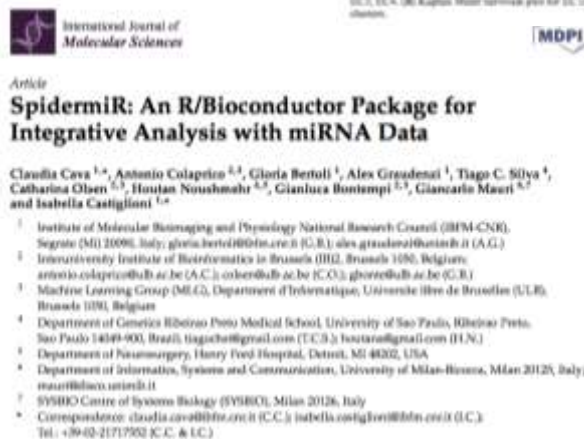
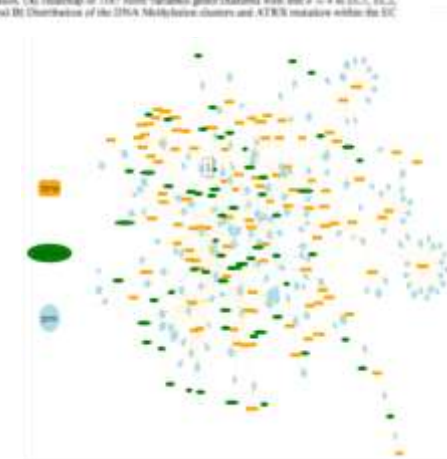
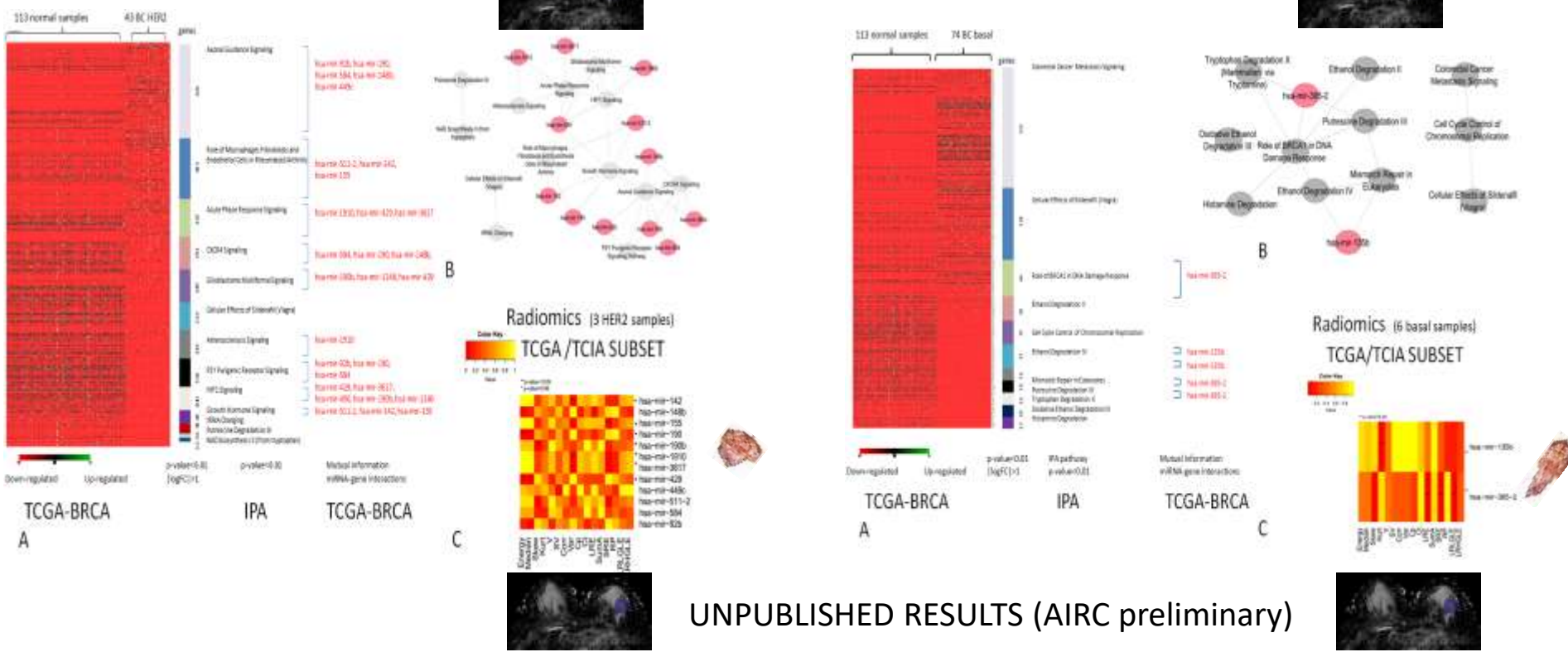


Figure 4. Case study v2.2 integrative (or downstream) analysis of gene expression and clinical data from LGG dataset with unsupervised clustering and missing expression clusters with clinical and molecular information. (A) Heatmap of 1877 genes clustered with t=4 to E2, E3, E4, E5, E6. (B) Kaplan-Meier survival plot for LGG patients. (C) Heatmap of the 1877 genes clustered with t=4 to E2, E3, E4, E5, E6. (D) Heatmap of the 1877 genes clustered with t=4 to E2, E3, E4, E5, E6.









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# BC predictive models based on radio(epi)genomics signatures

Breast cancer: Luminal A (low metastatic risk vs Luminal B, Her2, Basal (high metastatic risk)

miRNAs	AUC	IMAGE FEATURES	AUC	IMAGE FEATURES + miRNAs	AUC
hsa.mir.190b	0.92	Corr	0.84	hsa.mir.190b, SRE	0.99
hsa.mir.155	0.88	SRE	0.76	hsa.mir.190b, LRHGLE	0.99
hsa.mir.337	0.87	LRHGLE	0.7	hsa.mir.190b, V	0.98
hsa.mir.135b	0.73	V	0.6	hsa.mir.190b, Corr	0.98
hsa.mir.99a	0.72	SumA	0.6	hsa.mir.429, V	0.96
hsa.mir.365.2	0.68			hsa.mir.190b, SumA	0.92
hsa.mir.335	0.66				
hsa.mir.452	0.64				
hsa.mir.429	0.62				
hsa.mir.190	0.61				

UNPUBLISHED RESULTS (AIRC preliminary)

# Conclusions

Radiomic features have been shown to be sensitive to many factors, i.e. preparation & acquisition, reconstruction, segmentation and new ones, more specific of radiomic (e.g discretization).

Factors not only influence the values of radiomics but their extent is highly variable with different results.

These instability generate fluctuations that should not be misinterpreted as being of biological meaning.



# Conclusions

Some solutions are coming and collecting from research groups involved in radiomic harmonization initiatives (e.g. IBSI)

It is currently not possible to formally exclude any radiomics feature from future investigations solely based upon their low repeatability and reproducibility.

Until clear recommendations on how to harmonize data are defined, you should select only highly repeatable and reproducible radiomic features from your clinical imaging studies and validate in independent studies to select candidates radiomic biomarkers for prognosis and prediction.

# Conclusions

Advanced image processing such as radiomics combined with machine learning can develop models based on imaging signatures for predicting phenotype subtype prognosis and response to therapy

They are opening new role to in vivo medical imaging in predictive personalized medicine

Some radiomic methodological issues (e.g. lesion segmentation, feature harmonization and stability) need robust solutions and validations prior to be translated in clinical studies

Radiomic predicting models can be improved by liquid epigenomics for integrated phenotype models