

# BraTS 2020: Brain Tumor Segmentation

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## Abstract

Brain tumor segmentation and patient survival prediction are critical tasks in medical image analysis, aiding in diagnosis and treatment planning. In this work, we address Task 1 and Task 2 of the BraTS 2020 challenge, focusing on the segmentation of gliomas from multimodal MRI scans and the prediction of overall patient survival. For tumor segmentation, we employ a deep learning approach based on the nnU-Net architecture, leveraging its adaptive preprocessing and training strategies to achieve robust segmentation of the enhancing tumor, peritumoral edema, and necrotic/non-enhancing tumor core. Our model is trained on multi-institutional MRI data, incorporating data augmentation and ensemble techniques to improve generalization. For survival prediction, we extract radiomic features from the segmented tumor regions and integrate them with patient clinical data. A machine learning pipeline, utilizing models such as Random Forests and Gradient Boosting, is employed to predict patient survival in three categories: short-term, mid-term, and long-term. We evaluate our approach using standard BraTS metrics, including Dice score for segmentation and accuracy for survival classification. Preliminary results demonstrate competitive segmentation performance, highlighting the effectiveness of the nnU-Net framework, while survival prediction remains challenging due to the heterogeneity of tumor progression. Future work will explore advanced feature selection and deep learning-based survival models to enhance predictive accuracy.

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