



Weekly Meeting with Dr. Hannah

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1. Prospective Sheet & RTSTRUCT Cross-Verification

- Dr. Julia Ma'am completed RTSTRUCT submissions for 101 patients (from 28 Nov 2024 to 22 July 2025).
- She also updated Diagnosis and Intent of Treatment columns for these patients.
- I cross-checked all submissions and confirmed RTSTRUCTs were received in Orthanc.
- For any missing RTSTRUCTs, I added comments under the "Comment from Hasan" column in the main prospective sheet:
 - ➤ Data collection sheet_HNCradiomics_prospective_retrocohort
- The main sheet is now fully updated and synchronized.

2. Backup Reminder

• Since the sheet is now updated till **22 July 2025**, I kindly request you to download and store a **local backup** of the main prospective sheet for safety.

3. HNC-CNN Reproducibility Study — Data Understanding

• Input:

```
    ➤ CT Scans → PNG format from canada_c/, maastro_c/
    ➤ Clinical CSVs (canada.csv, maastro.csv)
```

- Prediction Goal:
 - ➤ Binary prediction of **Distant Metastasis (DM)** within **2 years (730 days)**
- Dataset Split:
 - ➤ Train Set: 183 scans (HGJ + CHUS) → 26 distant metastasis (DM) events
 - ➤ Validation Set: 95 scans (HMR + CHUM) → 14 DM events
 - ➤ Test Set: 109 scans (maastro_c/) → 7 DM events

4. Checklist for Reproducibility from the GitHub Repo

Seed Initialization:

```
random.seed(7651962)
random_seed_split = random.randint(0, 9174937)
torch.manual_seed(775135)
```

Hardware Note:

- Results may differ on **x86** (our system) due to PyTorch Dropout behavior.
- Tested reproducibility was on ARM-based architecture.

Reference Script:

/data/models/training_example_dm.py contains training settings used in the paper.

5. Comparison b/w the expected (paper) results vs our results:

Metric	Paper (Expected)	Our Results
Epoch	~689	2580
Val AUC	0.89	0.69 ▼
Test AUC	0.89	0.75 ▼
Early Stop?	Yes (at 689)	Yes (but at 2580)