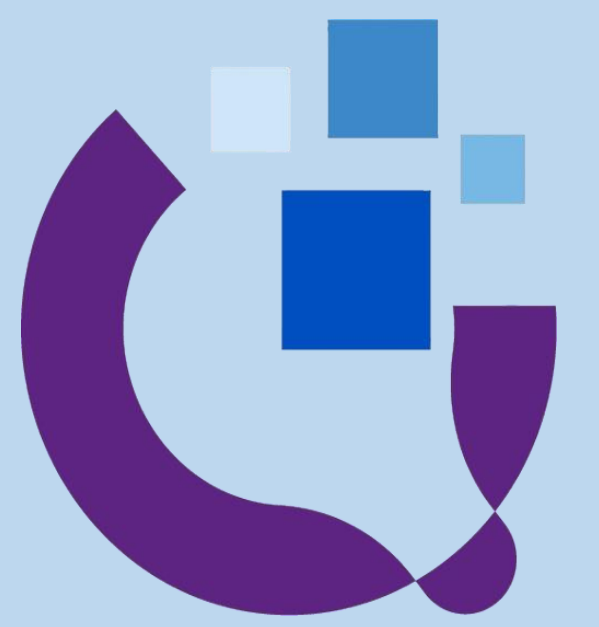




# Can CT Radiomics Predict Recurrence in Head and Neck Cancer? Early Results from a Prospective Imaging Trial



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## INTRODUCTION

- Head and Neck Cancers have a high risk of disease recurrence despite curative treatments, impacting survival and quality of life.<sup>1</sup>
- Clinical factors such as tumor size, subsite, and stage provide limited predictive power for recurrence, making it challenging to identify high-risk recurrence patients.<sup>2</sup>
- Radiomics extracts quantitative image descriptors or features (e.g tumor texture, shape, and intensity) from radiological images and when integrated with ML techniques has shown to improve outcome prediction.<sup>1,2</sup>

## AIM

Evaluate the potential of CT-based radiomics to identify individual risk of locoregional recurrence (LRR) at one-year post-treatment in head and neck cancer.

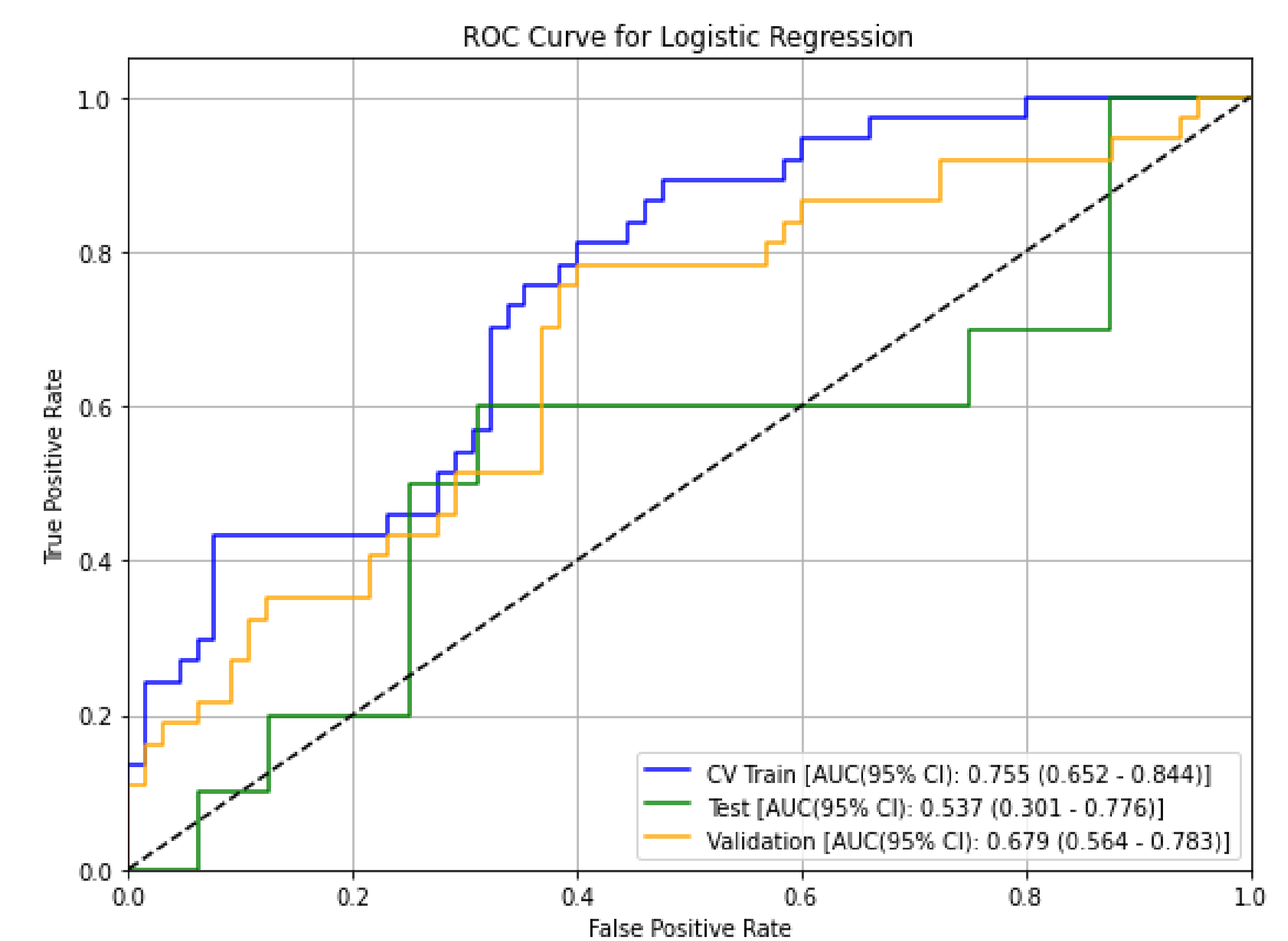
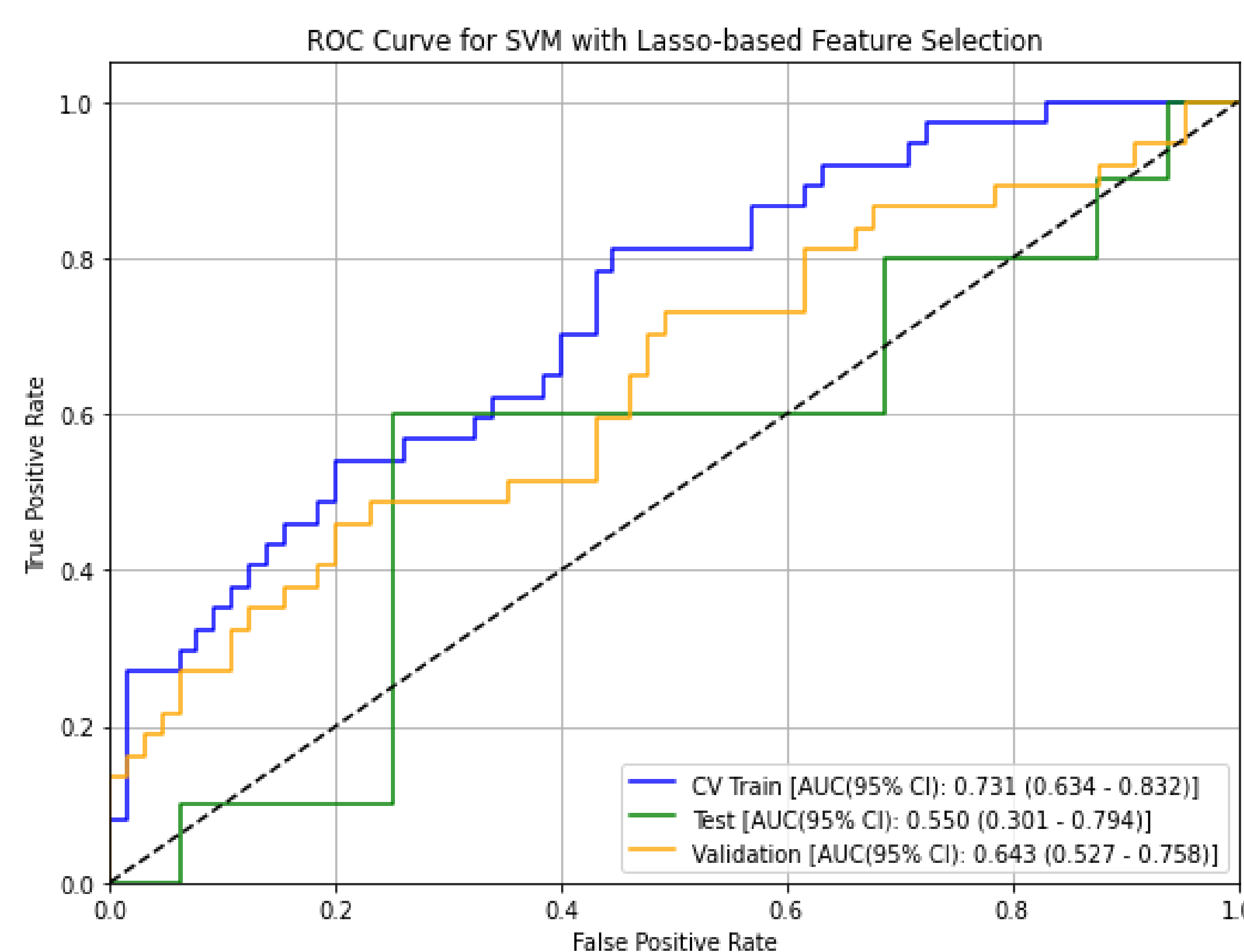
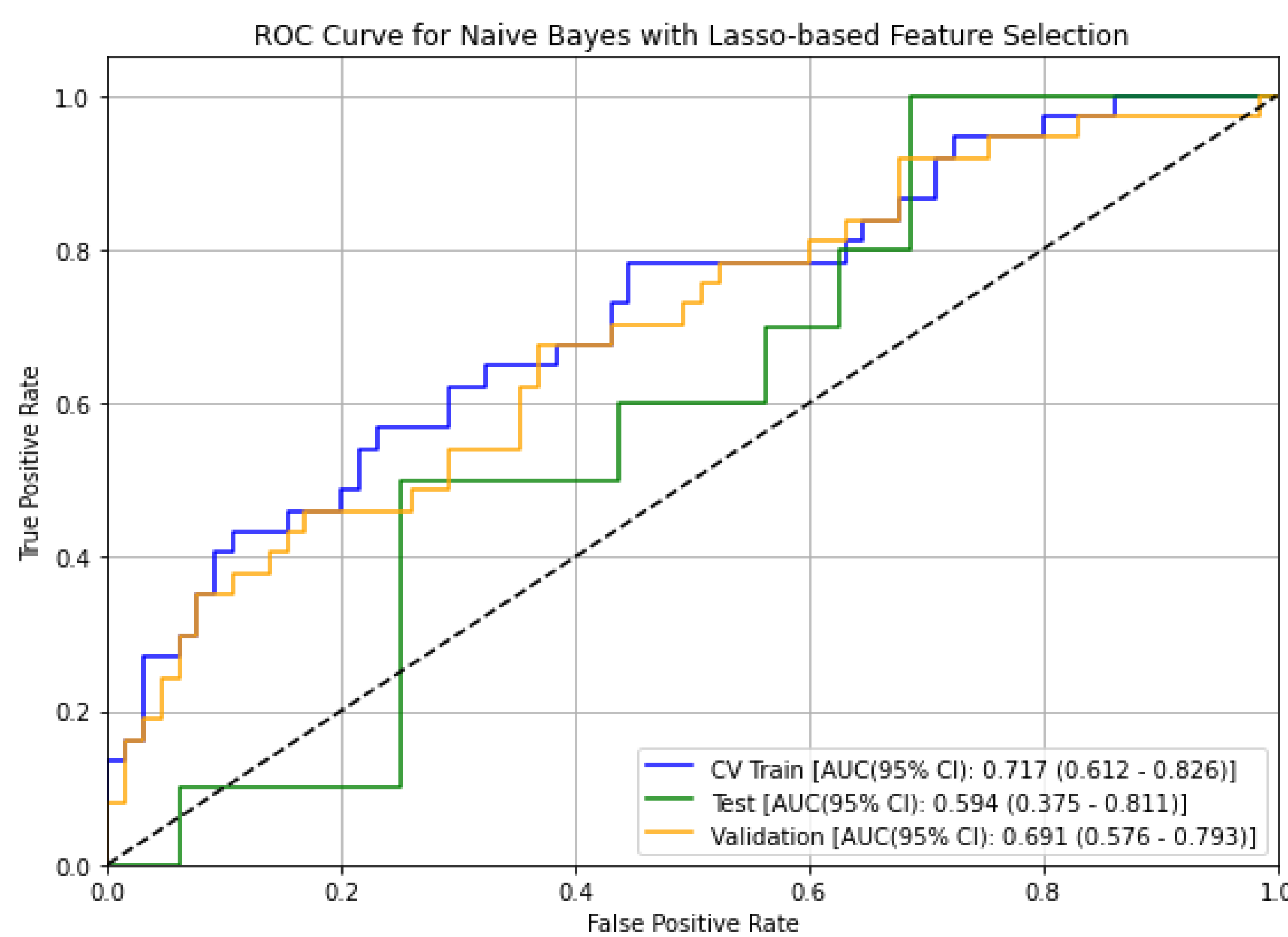
## KEY FINDING

- Naive Bayes model provided the best balance between training and testing performance in predicting locoregional recurrence (LRR) in head and neck cancer patients.
- The performance of the models may be limited by the small sample size, which will be evaluated further as the data matures.

## RESULTS

### Top 5 Features

1. GLCM\_Imc1
2. Shape\_Maximum2DDiameterRow
3. NGDTM\_Coarseness
4. Shape\_Maximum2DDiameterSlice
5. Shape\_Sphericity



## CONCLUSION

- Due to the limited dataset, we used simple machine learning models, but as the outcome data matures, we may be able to improve results.
- Future work will focus on enhancing predictive accuracy by including clinical and radiomics features.

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## METHOD

