

Conclusion: In RA patients in strict clinical remission, PD assessment at baseline but not clinical joint count could help identify patients who will relapse after the cessation of a bDMARD. Due to insufficient recruitment and limited power of the present trial, however, no definitive conclusion can be made.

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POS1391 DEEP LEARNING-BASED PANNUS LOCALIZATION SOFTWARE IN THE HANDS OF INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS USING TIME-INTENSITY CURVE (TIC) SHAPE CLASSIFICATION ON DYNAMIC MRI DATASET

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Background: Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic inflammatory disease associated with significant functional impairment and disability, linked to inflammatory and structural articular and peri-articular damage [1]. Synovitis is a characteristic feature of RA, and is considered an important factor in disease activity and the best predictive marker of joint damage [2]. Therefore, accurate quantification of synovitis can play an important role in clinical evaluation and treatment serving as a biomarker. Pixel-by-pixel time-intensity curve (TIC) shape analysis is a dynamic contrast-enhanced magnetic resonance imaging (DCE-MRI) technique to help visualize differently shaped TICs [3]. Pixels having TIC shape type 4, which is characterized as early enhancement followed by washout phase, were regarded as synovitis pixel [4]. A deep residual network called ResNet-50 model, a convolutional neural network (CNN) that is 50 layers deep, might effectively classify TIC shapes.

Objectives: This study aimed to develop software that can automatically demonstrate the distribution of enhancing synovial pannus of patients with inflammatory arthritis on DCE-MRI.

Methods: Modified ResNet-50 was used on MATLAB. Two investigators drew regions of interest (ROIs) of muscle, bone, and synovitis under expert guidance and obtained TICs for each tissue on DCE-MRI of ten rheumatoid patients. Through cross-validation and batch evaluation, we verified the confusion matrices for the performance of the classifier. Then we identified the pixels of enhancing synovial pannus by image classification from the obtained pixel-by-pixel TIC shape and displayed them in color. The software performance was evaluated using a visual assessment on seven hand joints of one patient.

Results: 150 ROIs for muscles, 150 ROIs for bones, and 59 ROIs for synovitis on DCE-MRI of the hand joints were drawn in ten patients and obtained 4049, 3825, and 1041 TIC shape images, respectively. The classifier's accuracy, precision, sensitivity, and specificity were 99.6%, 99.3%, 98.4%, and 99.7%, respectively. Out of seven joints, four were assessed as good, two as fair, and one as fail.

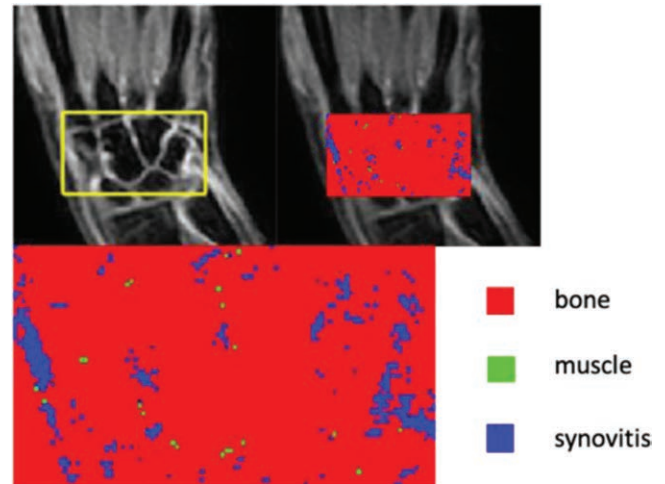


Figure 1. Software performance on contrast enhanced dynamic MRI of the wrist

Conclusion: Our classifier showed high accuracy, precision, sensitivity, and specificity. And through the comparison between manual outlining and the result of software, our software had relatively good performance. This automatic software developed using deep learning with CNN might accurately display the enhancing synovial pannus in RA.

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POS1392 TISSUE DOPPLEROGRAPHY AS A DIAGNOSTIC TOOL FOR MYOCARDIAL DYSFUNCTION IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATIC DISEASES

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Background: Pathology of the cardiovascular system has a significant impact on the mortality rate in the population of patients with rheumatic diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and ankylosing spondylitis (AS). Involvement of the cardiovascular system determines the course and prognosis of many rheumatic diseases. In the general population, left ventricular diastolic dysfunction is an independent predictor of mortality and symptomatic chronic heart failure. However, routine screening for diastolic dysfunction is rarely performed in patients with RA and AS, especially in those who do not have clinical symptoms.

Objectives: to identify early preclinical signs of myocardial dysfunction in patients with RA and AS.

Methods: 142 people with verified rheumatic diseases were examined. All patients were divided into 2 groups. The first group consisted of patients with RA - 95 pts (average age 46.5±11.1 years). The second group consisted of patients with AS, 47 pts (average age 42.3±10.3 years). The control group included 70 healthy individuals (average age 43.7±12.1 years). All patients underwent standard laboratory and instrumental diagnostic tests, which included joint radiography