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- Methodological, statistical, and algorithmic developments;



Selected Papers

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Making Radiomics More Reproducible across Scanner and Imaging Protocol Variations: A Review of Harmonization Methods

Authors: Shruti Atul Mali, Abdalla Ibrahim, Henry C. Woodruff, Vincent Andrearczyk. Henning Müller, Sergey Primakov, Zohaib Salahuddin, Avishek Chatterjee and Philippe Lambin

Abstract: Radiomics converts medical images into mineable data via a high-throughput extraction of quantitative features used for clinical decision support. However, these radiomic features are susceptible to variation across scanners, acquisition protocols, and reconstruction settings. Various investigations have assessed the reproducibility and validation of radiomic features across these discrepancies. In this narrative review, we combine systematic keyword searches with

prior domain knowledge to discuss various harmonization solutions to make the radiomic features more reproducible across various scanners and protocol settings. Different harmonization solutions are discussed and divided into two main categories: image domain and feature domain. The image domain category comprises methods such as the standardization of image acquisition, post-processing of raw sensor-level image data, data augmentation techniques, and style transfer...

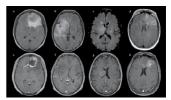
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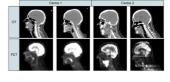
Deep Learning Can Differentiate IDH-Mutant from IDH-Wild GBM

Authors: Luca Pasquini, Antonio Napolitano, Emanuela Tagliente, Francesco Dellepiane, Martina Lucignani, Antonello Vidiri, Giulio Ranazzi, Antonella Stoppacciaro, Giulia Moltoni, Matteo Nicolai, Andrea Romano, Alberto Di Napoli and Alessandro Bozzao

Abstract: Isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) mutant and wildtype glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) often show overlapping features on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), representing a diagnostic challenge. Deep learning showed promising results for IDH identification in mixed low/high grade glioma populations; however, a GBM-specific model is still lacking in the literature. Our aim was to develop a GBM-tailored deep-learning model for IDH prediction by applying convoluted neural networks (CNN) on multiparametric MRI. We selected 100 adult

patients with pathologically demonstrated WHO grade IV gliomas and IDH testing. MRI sequences included: MPRAGE, T1, T2, FLAIR, rCBV and ADC. The model consisted of a 4-block 2D CNN, applied to each MRI sequence. Probability of IDH mutation was obtained from the last dense layer of a softmax activation function. Model performance was evaluated in the test cohort considering categorical cross-entropy loss (CCEL) and accuracy. Calculated performance was: rCBV (accuracy 83%, CCEL 0.64), T1 (accuracy 77%, CCEL 1.4), FLAIR (accuracy 77%, CCEL 1.98), T2 (accuracy 67%, CCEL 2.41), MPRAGE (accuracy 66%, CCEL 2.55). Lower performance was achieved on ADC maps. We present a GBM-specific deep-learning model for IDH mutation prediction, with a maximal accuracy of 83% on rCBV maps. Highest predictivity achieved on perfusion images possibly reflects the known link between IDH and neoangiogenesis through the hypoxia inducible factor.









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Multi-Objective Genetic Algorithm for Cluster Analysis of Single-Cell Transcriptomes

Authors: Konghao Zhao, Jason M. Grayson and Natalia Khuri

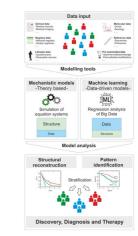
Abstract: Cells are the basic building blocks of human organisms, and the identification of their types and states in transcriptomic data is an important and challenging task. Many of the existing approaches to cell-type prediction are based on clustering methods that optimize only one criterion. In this paper, a multi-objective Genetic Algorithm for cluster analysis is proposed, implemented, and systematically validated on 48 experimental and 60 synthetic datasets. The results demonstrate that the performance and the accuracy of the proposed algorithm are reproducible, stable, and better than those of single-objective clustering methods. Computational run times of multi-objective clustering of large datasets were studied and used in supervised machine learning to accurately predict the execution times of clustering of new single-cell transcriptomes.

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Pharmacogenetics of Direct Oral Anticoagulants: A Systematic Review

Authors: Johanna Raymond, Laurent Imbert, Thibault Cousin, Thomas Duflot, Rémi Varin, Julien Wils and Fabien Lamoureux

Abstract: Dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban, edoxaban, and betrixaban are direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs). Their interindividual variability in pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics (transport and metabolism) is high, and could result from genetic polymorphisms. As recommended by the French Network of Pharmacogenetics (RNPGx), the management of some treatments in cardiovascular diseases (as antiplatelet agents, oral vitamin K antagonists, and statins) can rely on genetic testing in order to improve healthcare by reducing therapeutic resistance or toxicity. This paper is a review of association studies between single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and systemic exposure variation of DOACs. Most of the results presented here have a lot to do with some SNPs of CES1 (rs2244613, rs8192935, and rs71647871) and ABCB1 (rs1128503, rs2032582, rs1045642, and rs4148738) genes, and dabigatran, rivaroxaban, and apixaban. Regarding edoxaban and betrixaban, as well as SNPs in the CYP3A4 and CYP3A5 genes, literature is scarce, and further studies are needed.









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