

MASH and metabolic disease – Find it, Treat It, Fix It

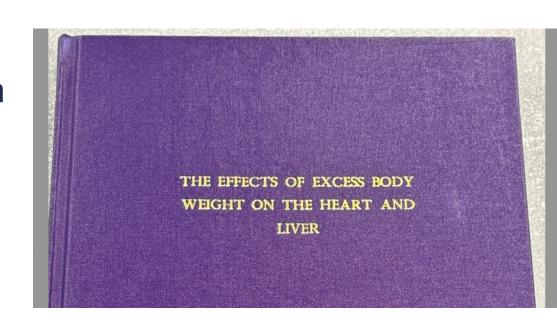
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Conflicts of Interest

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IP and Patent holder in multiparametric MRI

Shareholder and director of Perspectum



Key Points

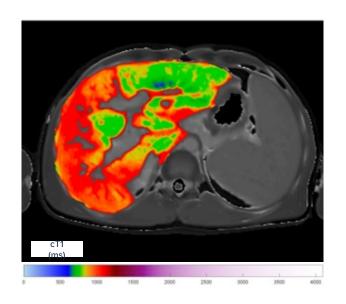
MASH trials are expensive because they are slow

Technology enables rapid recruitment and low 'screen fail' rates

 Standardisation and big data matter – allows scalability for reimbursement discussions, and data for FDA

Case Study: PSC/AIH patient on prednisolone and azathioprine

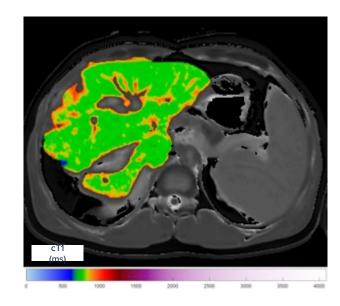
22-year-old male, with PSC and AIH overlap syndrome; responded to treatment.



Pre-treatment: February 2012

CT1 (ms)

Post-treatment: October 2012



Post-treatment: October 2013

Pre-Treatment Sirius Red



cT1: **960ms Liver fat 2%**

cT1: **846ms Liver fat 4%**

cT1: 824ms Liver fat 3%





A patient in Texas

December 2015



Good communication builds relationship

On 09/12/2015 22:22, "Harrison, Stephen A COL USARMY (US)" <stephen.a.harrison.mil@mail.mil> wrote:

Subject: Clinical LMS patient (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Hi Banjo and Marija,

We scanned a clinical patient of Dr. Harrison's today. I just sent the scan over via amerdec safe. The patient is here TDY for just a couple days and they were hoping to be able to review his results prior to him departing San Antonio. Would it be possible to send over the result from that scan tomorrow as well? We would really appreciate it.

Thursday, 10 December 2015 13:23

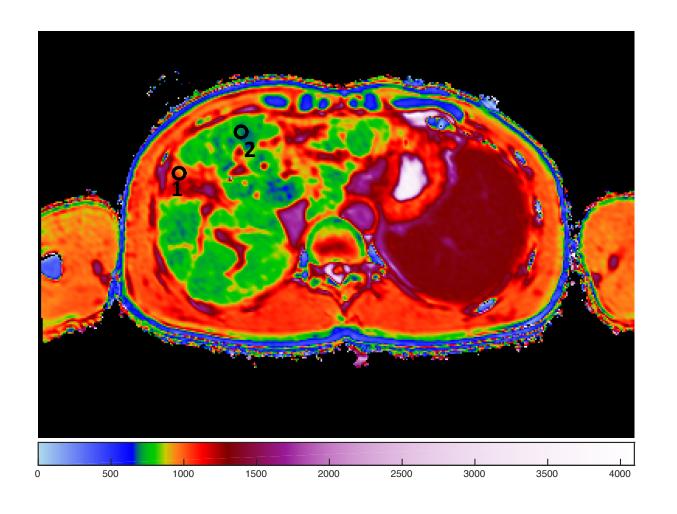
Dear Stephen, Jen,

I have processed this patient's scans (both from August and new ones) - please find the reports attached. An ROI has been placed in healthy and diseased area in every slice.

The images are also compared in a short presentation.



PSC patient, Dec 2015

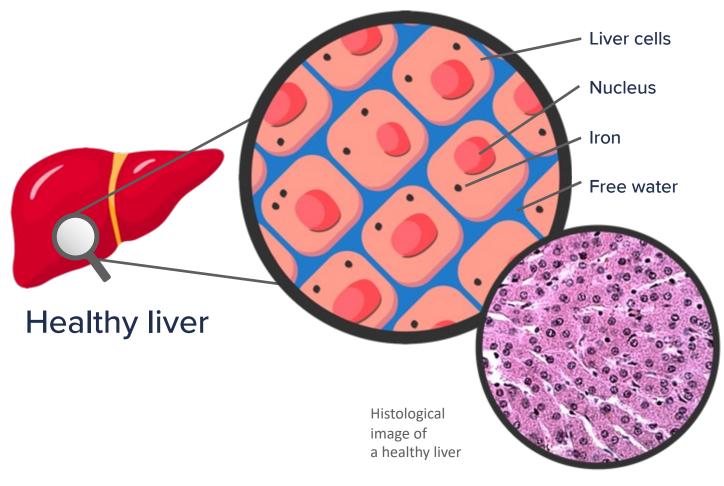


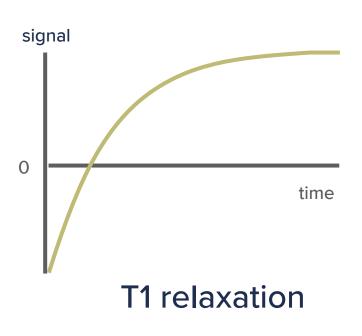
ROI 1 cT1 950ms

ROI 2 cT1 720ms

What is cT1?

T1 measurements and the liver

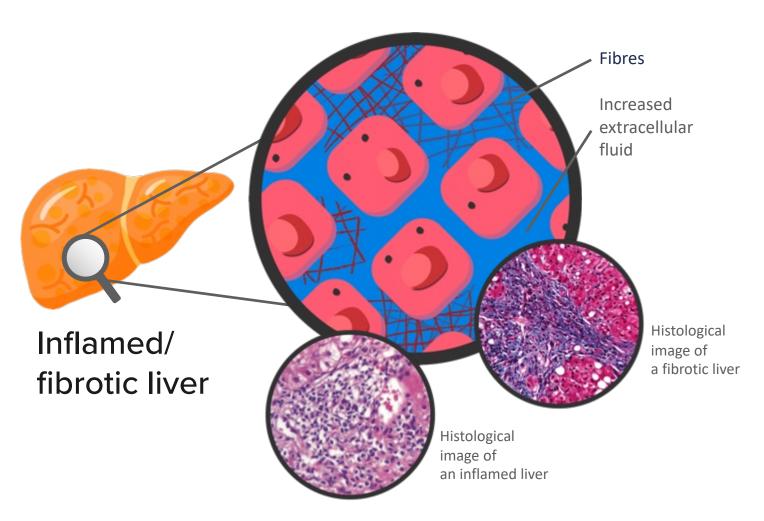


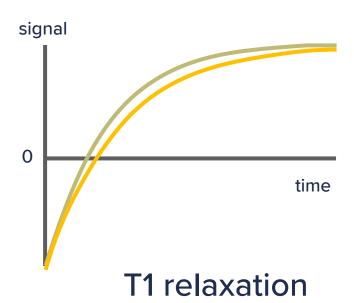


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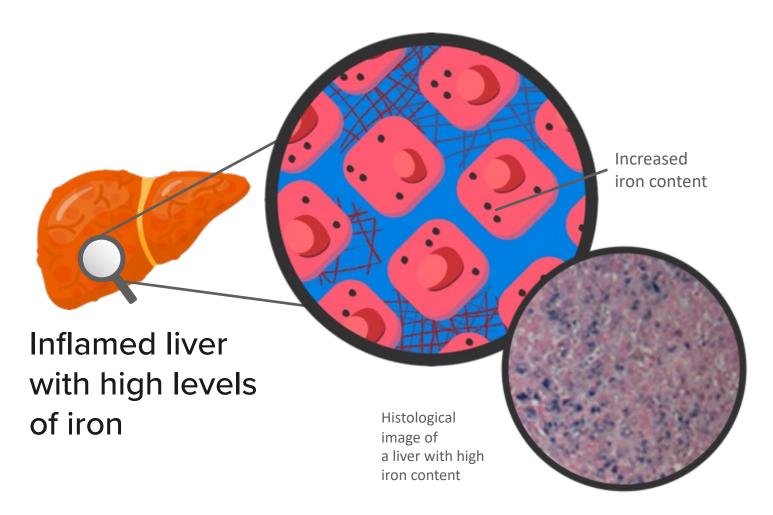
Changes in water content, lead to longer T1 relaxation times with increasing levels of fibroinflammation

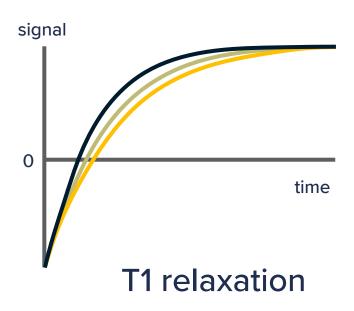
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T1 measurement and iron

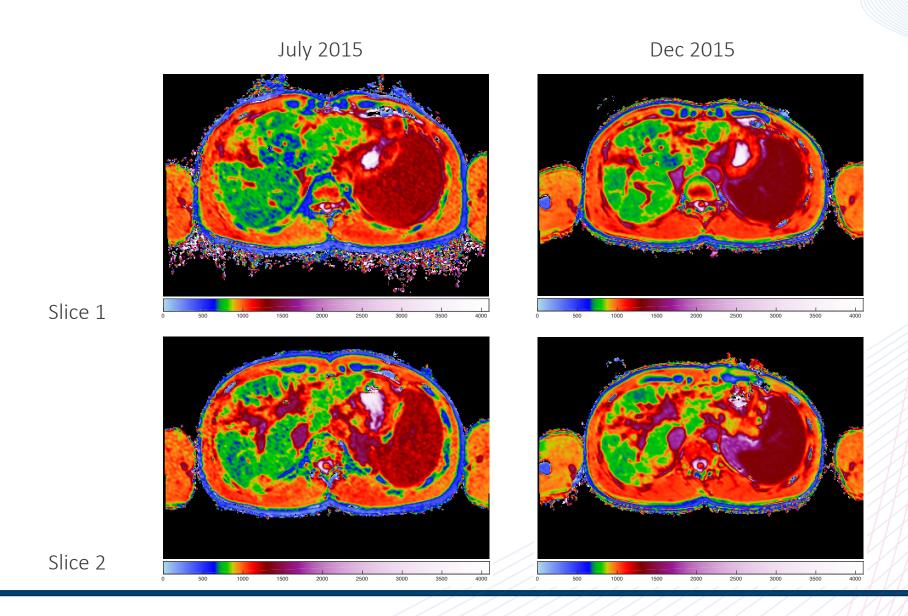




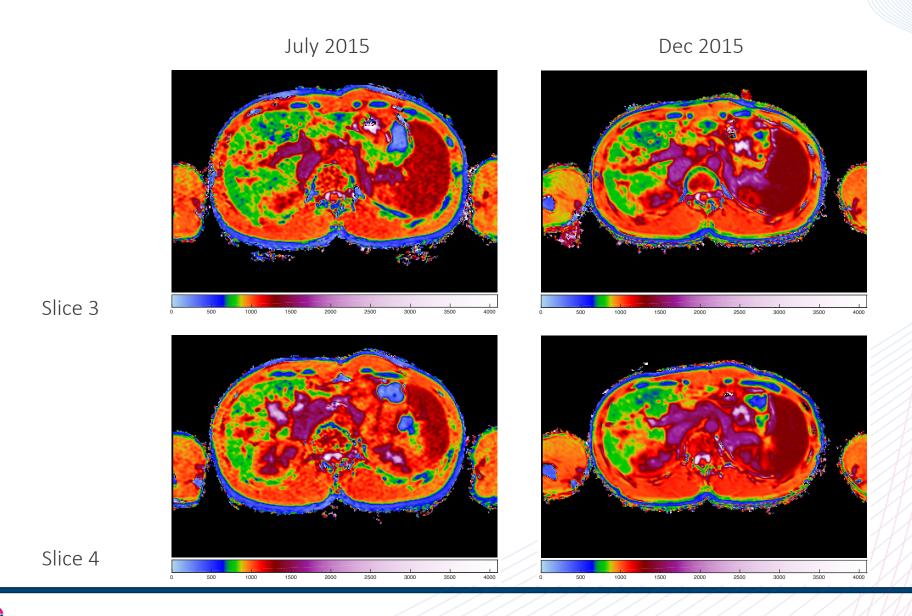
Iron also accumulates in inflamed liver and artificially shortens T1 values

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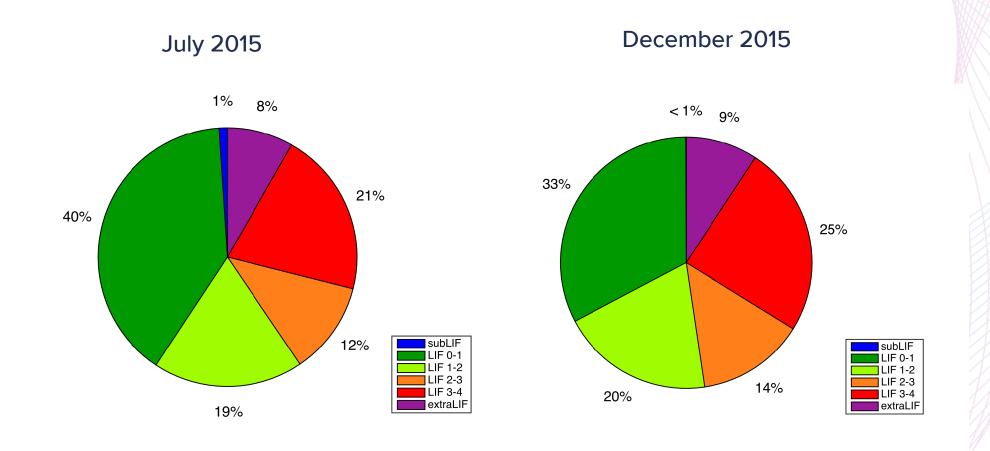
PSC patient cT1 comparison



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Distribution of disease in all four slices – no improvement in the liver





Professor Stephen Harrison, pioneer and clinical triallist.



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>70

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Have used our imaging

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led trials

Patent families

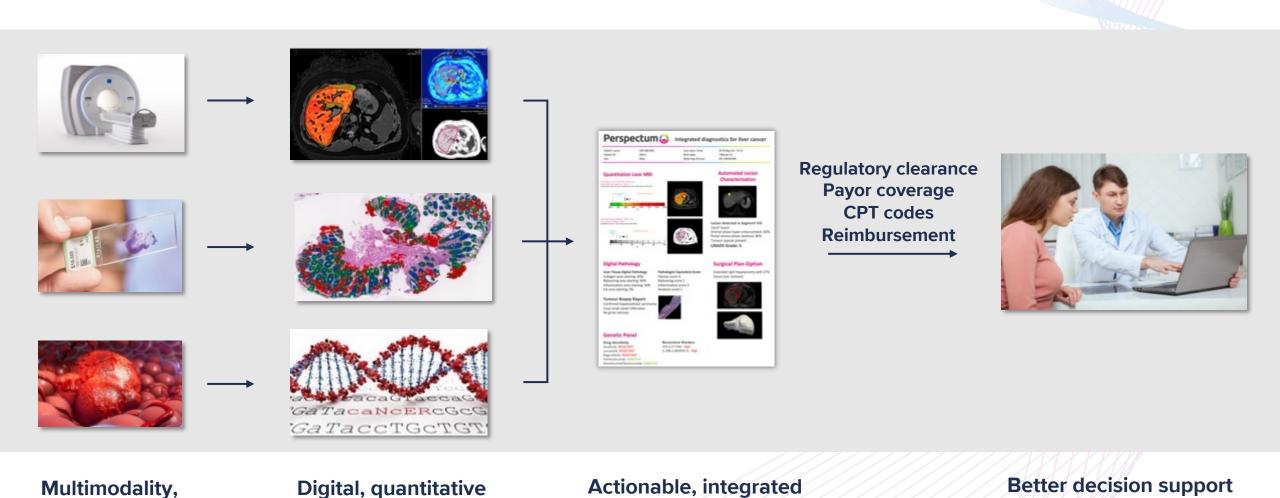


Al in cancer - imaging and decision support

Faster clinical outcomes, and the bulk of the investment in medical imaging



Delivering Precision Health in Chronic Disease and Cancer



results

biomarkers

and care

Perspectum (3)

qualitative inputs

cT1 helped identify new genetic target for drug development GWAS in 14,440 Europeans from UK Biobank with cT1 measures

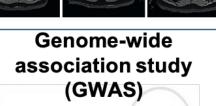


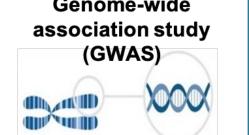
Liver cT1













Metabolic traits Insulin resistance Type 2 diabetes Fatty liver BMI



Gene variants SLC39A8 SLC30A10 PNPLA3 TM6SF2



Insulin resistance, T2D, fatty liver and BMI are causally linked with increased cT1 as a marker of fibro-inflammatory disease.

Genetic variant	Risk factors
SLC39A8	New risk factor for steatohepatitis and fibrosis
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PNPLA3	Known risk factor for steatosis (also influenced PDFF)
TM6SF2	Known risk factor for steatosis (also influenced PDFF)

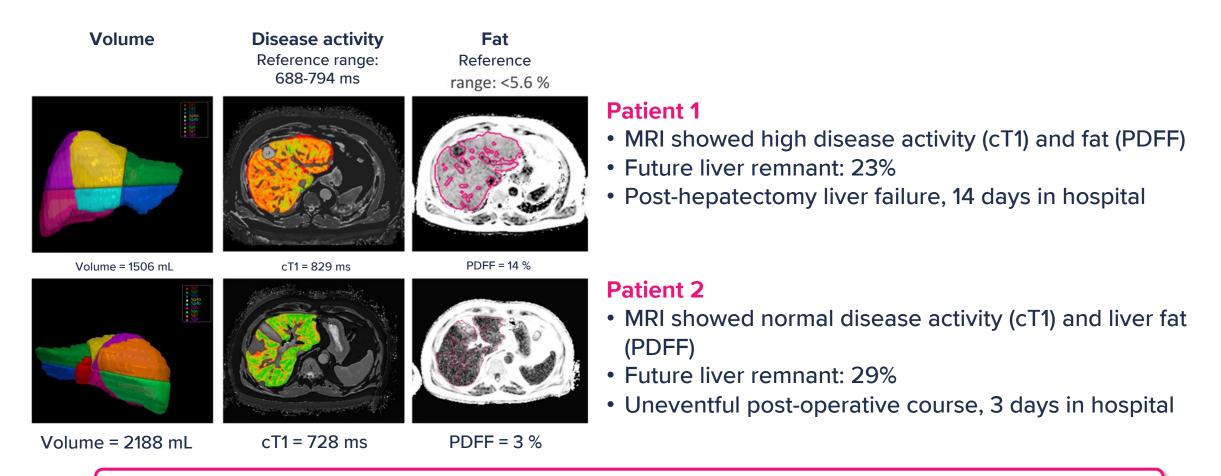
Four genetic variants influencing liver cT1 were correlated with blood tests and metabolic traits.

cT1, corrected T1; GWAS, genome wide association study; T2D, type 2 diabetes; BMI, body mass index



Improving patient outcomes by helping to plan safer surgeries

Two patients with similar pre-operative characteristics had liver resection but different post-operative outcomes



Supporting surgeons to make more informed pre-operative decisions

cT1 – corrected T1; PDFF – proton density fat fraction

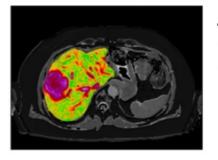
Significant cost-savings through early identification of patients at risk of poor post-operative outcomes

Pre-operative cT1 is predictive of duration of post-operative hospital stay

Small estimated FLR



Normal cT1 (cT1<795ms)



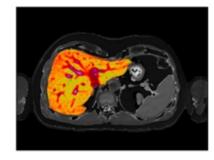
Augmented clinical decision:

- In favour of surgery
- Potential for extended hepatectomy

Large estimated FLR



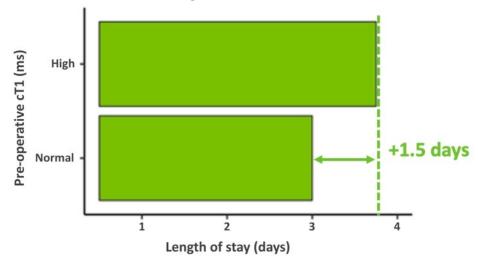
High cT1 (cT1 \geq 795ms)



Augmented clinical decision:

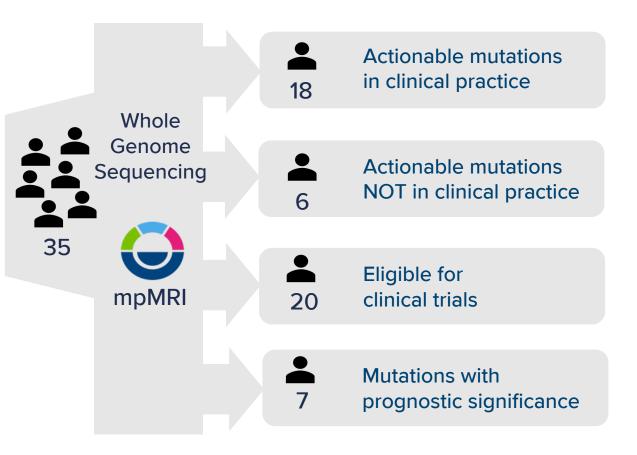
- Consider alternatives to surgery
- Counsel patient of increased risk of hepatectomy

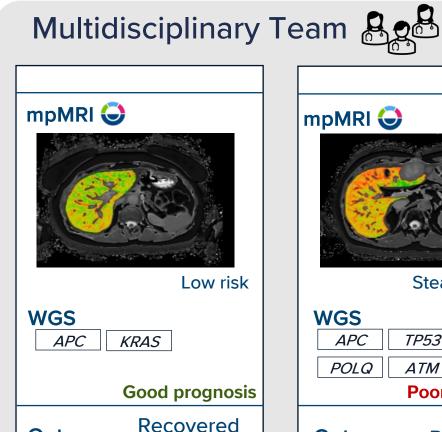
Median length of post-operative hospital stay was 1.5 days longer in patients with high preoperative cT1 (cT1 ≥795ms), than those presenting with normal cT1.



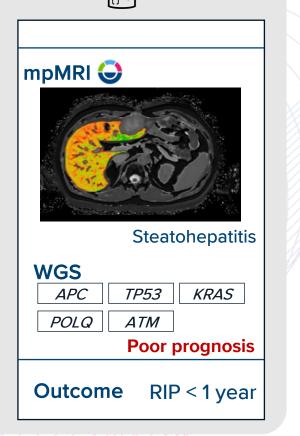
Perspectum provides a non-invasive, quantitative, individualised indicator of surgical risk, with potential to inform clinical decisions drove patient outcomes

Sequencing and MRI in metastatic colorectal cancer patients





well



The combination of genomic and imaging information supports clinical decisions

Outcome

Al in cardiometabolic disease imaging and decision support

More patients, need scalability and data collection of clinical outcomes

Moving beyond glucocentric/weight-based care



GLP-1s have reported significant improvements in the following organs:

- Liver
- Heart
- Kidney
- Pancreas

What can you measure with multiorgan imaging at scale

40 min acquisition, FDA cleared software as a medical device (SAMD)

Liver

Fat
Fibro Inflammation
Iron Load
Volume
Stiffness
Biliary health

Pancreas

Fibrosis Fat Volume

Kidneys

Fibrosis (T1)
Function (DWI)
Blood Oxygenation
(BOLD)
Volume (TKV)

Lungs

Fractional Area Change Volume



Aorta

Distensibility Lumen Diameter Wall Thickness

Heart

Atrioventricular Function
LV Mass, Thickness, Thickening
Ejection Fraction
LV T1 and T2 Mapping
LV Strain

Spleen

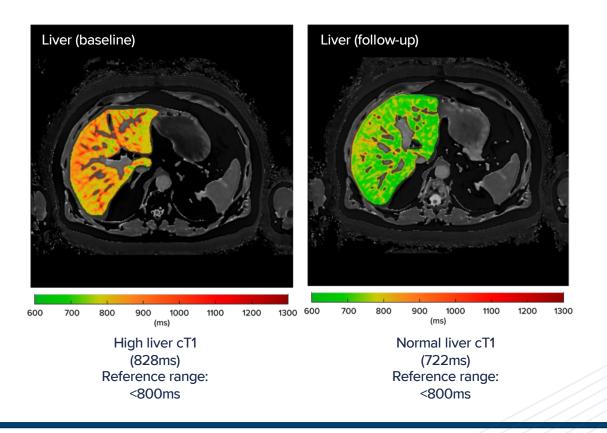
Fibrosis Volume Portal Hypertension

Body Composition

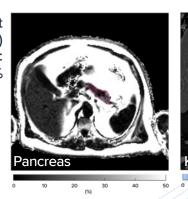
Visceral Adipose Tissue (VAT) Subcutaneous Adipose Tissue (SAT) Lean Muscle Mass Muscle Fat Infiltration (MFI)

Is it all about weight loss?

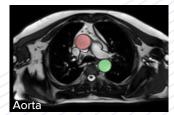
- 62 yr-old male, BMI of 30 kg/m², living with type 2 diabetes for 12 years, being treated with metformin, sulphonylurea and SGLT2 inhibitors in secondary care.
- Clinically significant reduction in liver disease activity (cT1) over 7 months, despite no weight change.

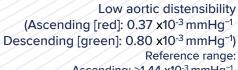


High pancreatic fat (7.1%) Reference range: <4%

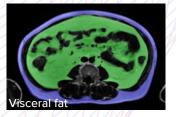


High cortical T1 (L: 1520ms; R: 1580ms) Reference range L: <1527ms R: <1516ms





Reference range: Ascending: >1.44 x10⁻³ mmHg⁻¹ Descending: >2.91 x10⁻³ mmHg⁻¹

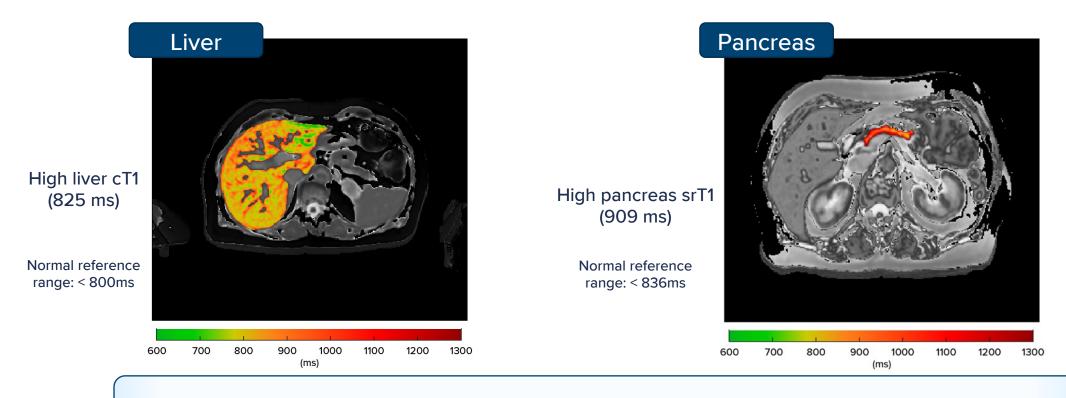


High VAT [green] (361cm²) Normal SAT [blue] (156cm²) Reference range: VAT <217cm² SAT <238cm²

Case study: Disease activity without obesity



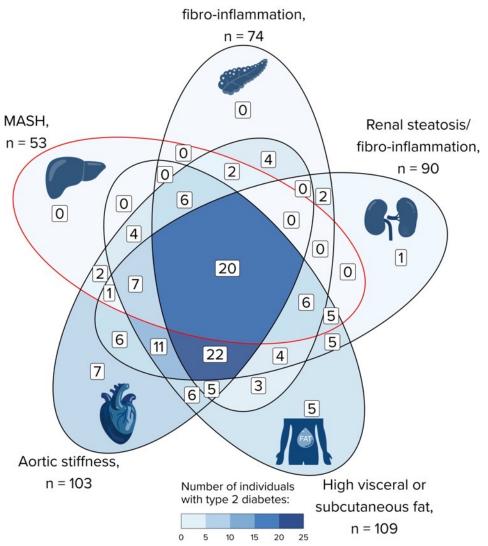
- 57-year-old female, smoker, BMI = 25 kg/m².
- Patient diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and retinopathy for 4 years.



CoverScan identified liver and pancreas disease activity without high BMI.

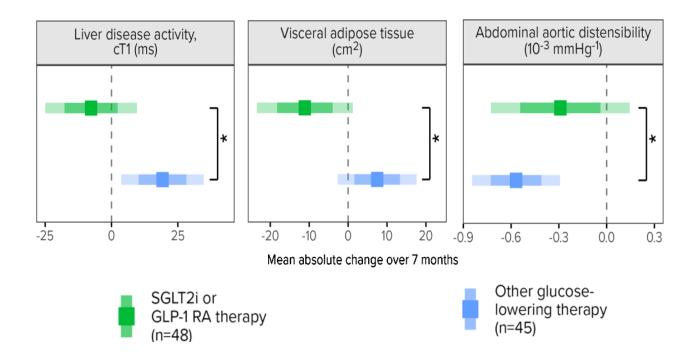


Multi-organ imaging can stratify and monitor metabolic disease Pancreatic steatosis/ fibro-inflammation, Clabetes

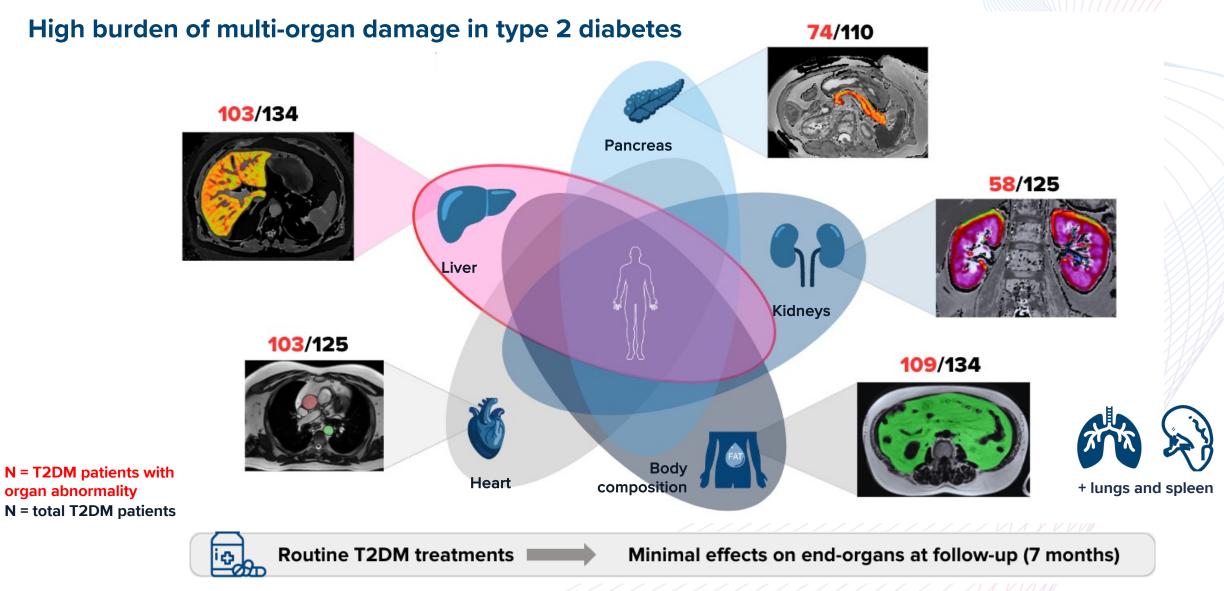


134 patients scanned and followed up.

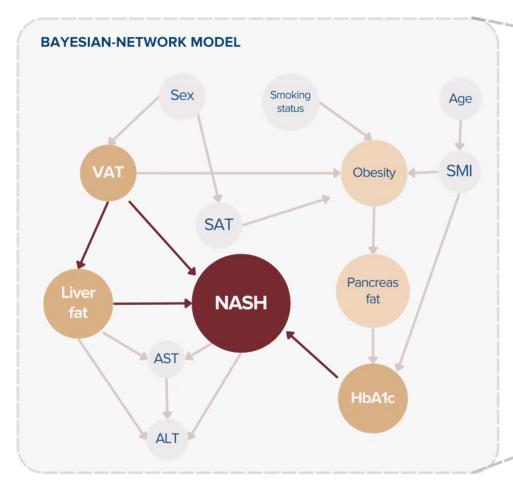
After 7 months, multi-organ imaging showed improvements with SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA therapies, but NOT with other therapies.



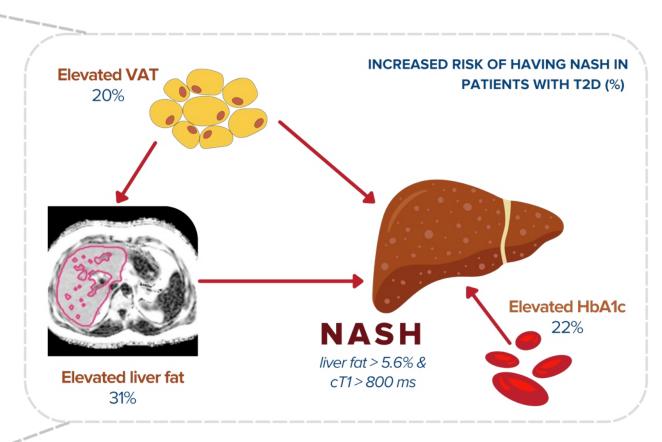
Profiling Metabolic Disease in a Single Scan



Multi-organ imaging shows that the risk of NASH increases with elevated ectopic fat and poor glycaemic control

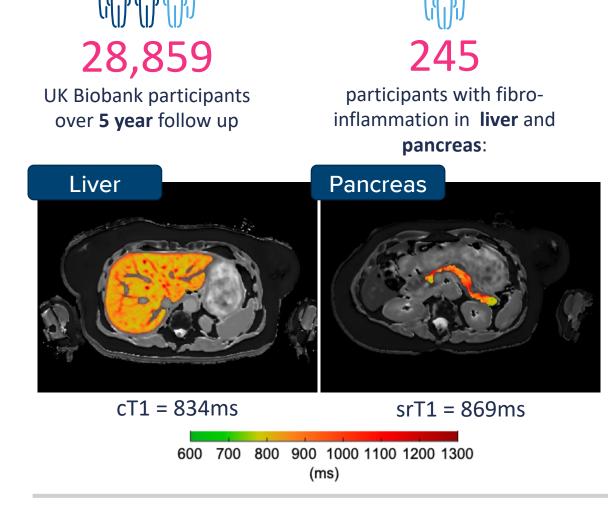


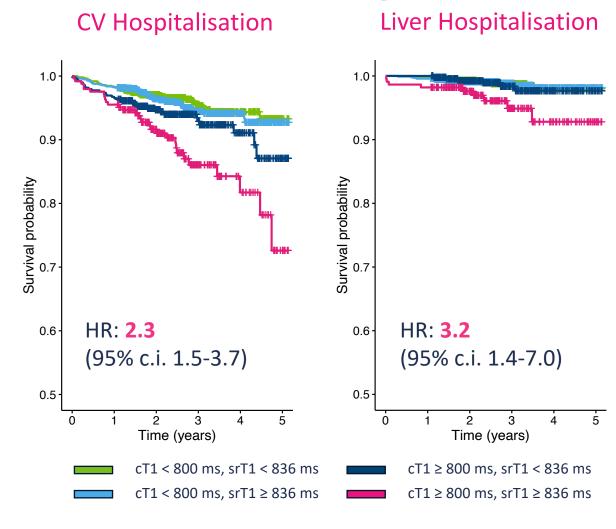
cT1, corrected T1; T2D, type 2 diabetes; VAT, visceral adipose tissue; HbA1c, glycated haemoglobin



Study findings may have important implications for the development of targeted drug therapies to prevent NASH in high-risk populations with T2D.

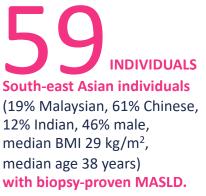
Fibro-inflammation in both liver and pancreas is associated with increased risk of cardiovascular and liver hospitalisation

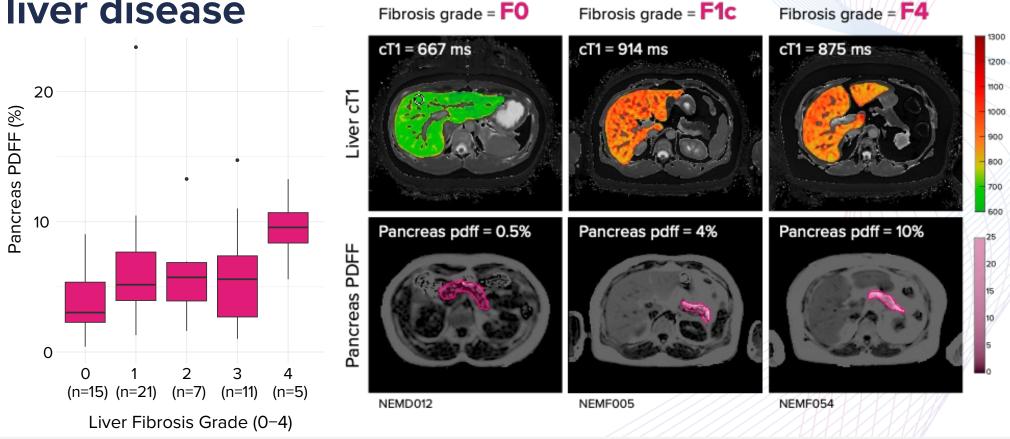




High pancreatic fat identifies patients with most severe

metabolic liver disease





Measuring pancreatic health matters



MRI cT1 predicts liver and cardiac outcomes

197 CLD PATIENTS: 693 PATIENT-YEARS

In a study of 197 patients over a median of 43 months, cT1 was shown to be the best noninvasive predictor of clinical outcomes in CLD.

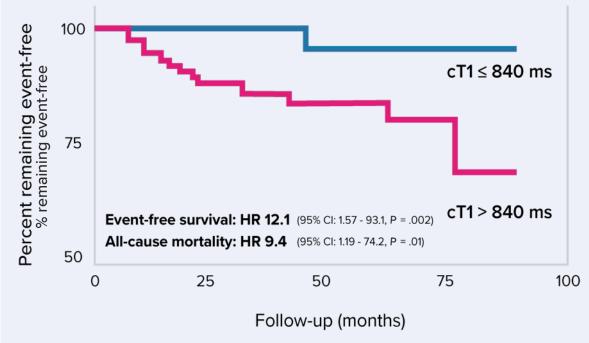
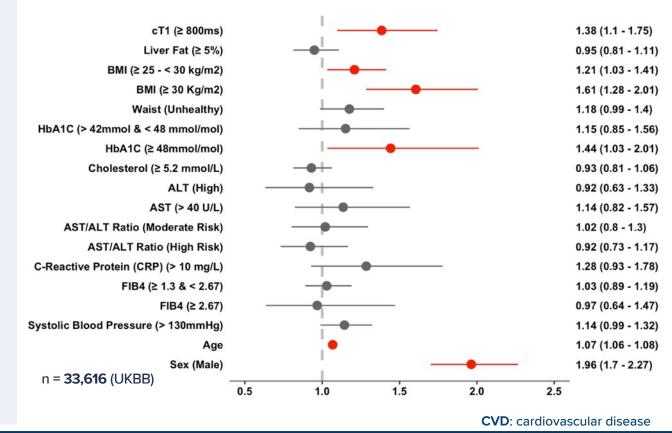


Figure: Kaplan-Meier plots of the percentage of chronic liver disease (CLD) patients remaining event-free, stratified by cT1 > 840 ms, demonstrates how cT1 can help to predict clinical outcomes. Adapted from Jayaswal et al, 2020¹⁰

CT1 ≥ 800 MS PREDICTS HOSPITALIZATION DUE TO CVD IN THE GENERAL POPULATION; PDFF AND FIB-4 DO NOT

HR (CI)



Early liver disease is a modifiable risk factor for heart disease





The association of cT1 with higher risk of future CVD events, independent of blood biomarkers and FIB4, highlights liver disease activity as a risk factor for heart disease.

LiverMultiScan results from 33,316 UK Biobank participants revealed that INCREASING cT1 was associated with an INCREASED RISK of developing:

Cardiovascular events:

Hospitalization: 1.27 (1.18 - 1.37)

Atrial fibrillation: 1.3 (1.12 - 1.51)

Heart failure: 1.3 (1.08 - 1.58)

Any cardiac event: 1.14 (1.03 - 1.26)

All-cause MORTALITY: 1.19 (1.02 - 1.38)

Hazard ratios (with 95% confidence intervals)

CVD: cardiovascular disease; cT1: corrected T1; FIB4: fibrosis 4

Tissue characterization without needles

Let's look at the heart, pancreas and kidneys

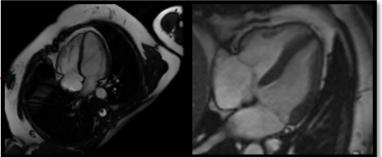
Cardiac MRI for Structural and Functional Assessment

Lumen Diameter Wall Thickness Diastolic Function Mass **Wall Thickness Wall Thickening**

Pericardial Fat Epicardial Fat

Aortic Strain
Aortic Distensibility

Systolic Function Ejection Fraction Cardiac Strain Volume Index



Metrics consolidated following the 2020 guidance of Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance regarding image interpretation and post-processing

T1, T2 Mapping

(16 segments)

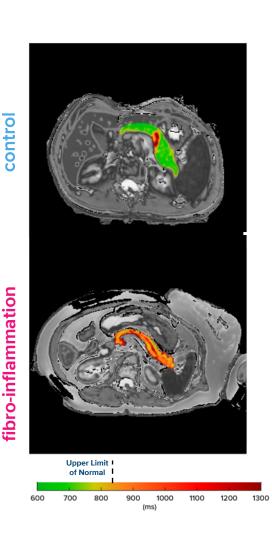
Pancreas Imaging Metrics

Healthy

Patient with pancreatic

Pancreatic srT1:

- Elevation can indicate oedema or fibrosis
- Discriminates acute pancreatitis and resolves in response to antiinflammatory tx¹
- Can stage chronic pancreatitis² and pancreatic fibrosis³
- Correlates with reduced exocrine function in PDAC and chronic or autoimmune pancreatitis⁴



Healthy

Acute pancreatitis

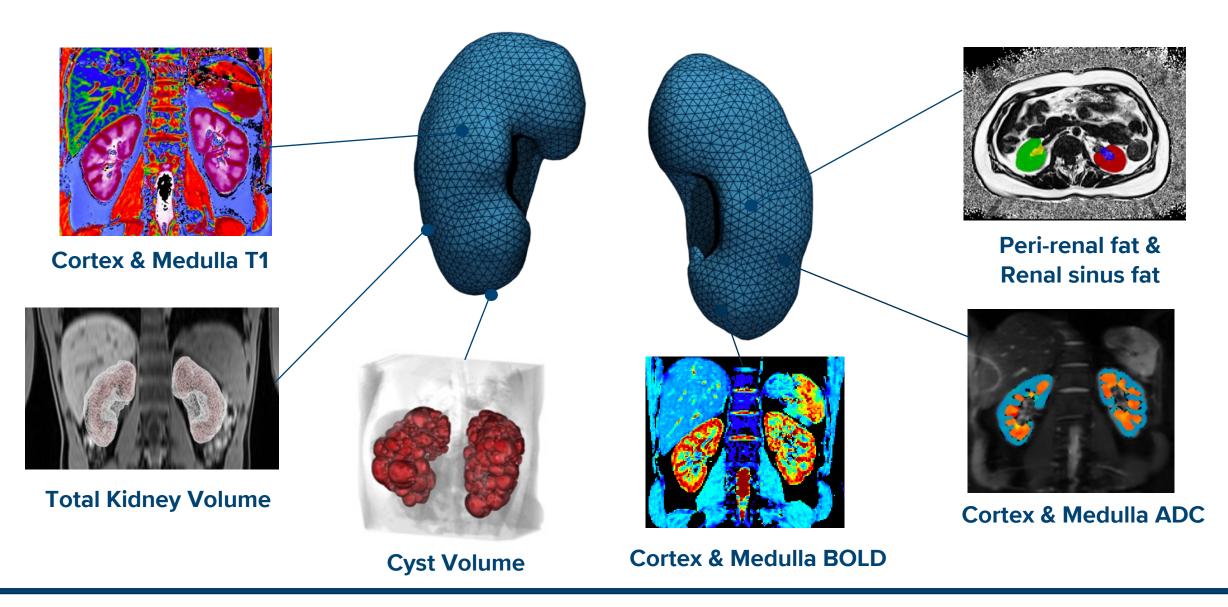
Ductal morphology:

- Quantifies enlargement of pancreatic and common bile duct⁵
- Measures median and maximum duct diameter

Raw MRCP data 3D duct model

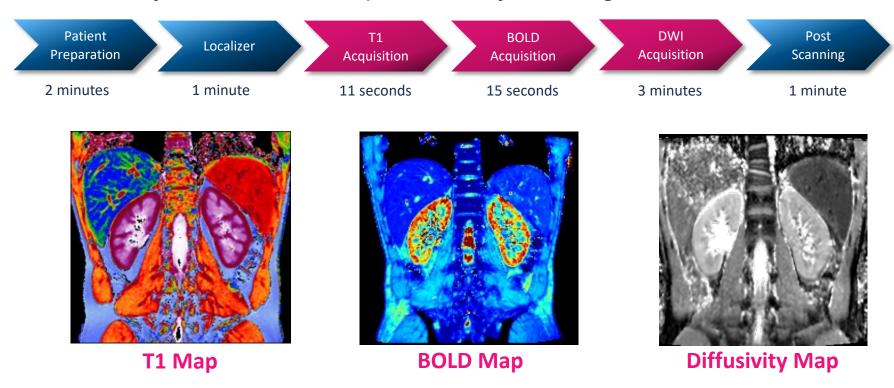
Diameter (mm) 10 Pancreatic duct Pancreatic duct Pancreatic duct Pancreatic duct

Renal MRI for Functional and Structural Assessment



Example of Typical Renal Protocol

All kidney metrics can be acquired directly via a single, non-contrast MRI scan



List of renal metrics acquired over the duration of the scan:

- Volume (TKV)
- Length
- Presence of Cysts

- Cortex T1
- Cortex thickness
- Medulla T1

- Medulla ADC (DWI)
- Cortex ADC (DWI)
- Kidney Oxygenation (BOLD)



Fast Data

Acquisition



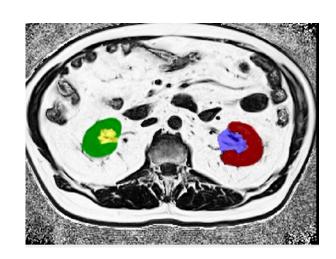
Comprehensive kidney characterization

Fibrosis, Inflammation, Oedema (T1)

- Metrics: Cortex T1, Medulla T1, ΔT1
- Correlates with eGFR^{1,4}
- Correlates with kidney fibrosis^{1,4}
- Staging of CKD⁴
- Significantly increased in patients with IgAN⁵

Fat Content (Dixon)

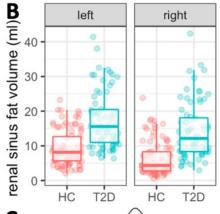
- Metrics: Peri-Renal Fat, Sinus Fat Volume, Renal Sinus Fat, Volume/Parenchyma Volume ratio
- Kidney fat independently associated with increased risk of CKD (OR 1.86)⁶
- Peri-renal fat might act as a marker of poor prognosis in IgAN³
- Correlates with eGFR⁸, albumin-creatinine ratio and HbA1c⁷



Automated, repeatable MRI method can monitor fat around the kidney in patients with diabetes

- Renal sinus was defined by automatic segmentation of the kidneys to provide organspecific measures of size and fat deposition using multi-organ MRI with potential as indicators of subclinical nephropathy.
- Renal sinus fat volume was significantly higher in patients with T2D compared to HC.
- 65% of patients displayed increases in fatty infiltration to kidneys over seven months that were above scan rescan variability.

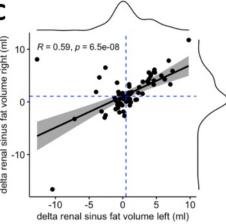




Longitudinal changes in T2D measured using multi-organ MRI. A) Example abdominal MRI-PDFF image with automated renal sinus segmentations.

Red = left; green = right. B) RSFV in HCs and T2D. C) Longitudinal change in T2D after 7 months with marginal histograms.

Dashed line = median.



Using multi-organ MRI to monitor kidney sinus fat in patients with diabetes can potentially improve their clinical management.

T2D: type 2 diabetes; HC: healthy control; RSFV: renal sinus fat volume



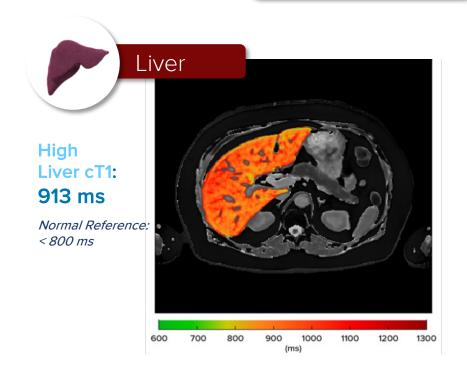


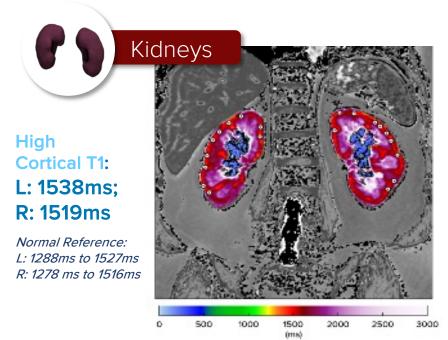
Case study 1: Liver and Kidney Disease Activity



All other organs within reference ranges

- 61-year-old female, $BMI = 34 \text{ kg/m}^2$.
- Patient with type 2 diabetes diagnosed 7 years ago, on metformin and statins.
- FIB4 and eGFR normal.





CoverScan identified liver and kidney disease activity undetected by standard-of-care blood tests.

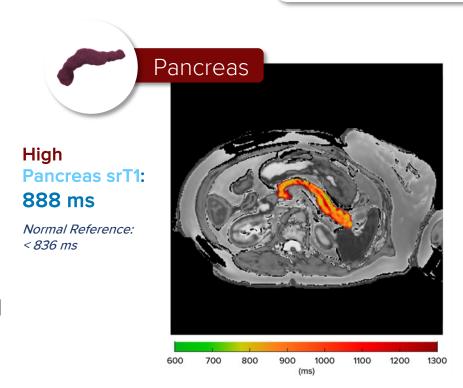


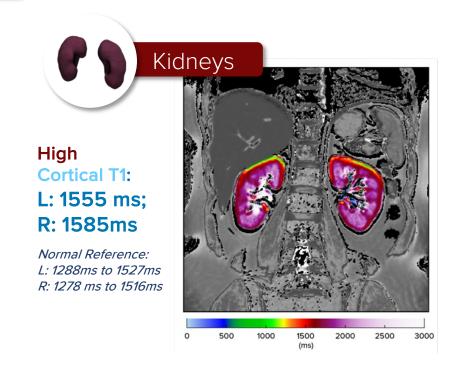
Case study 2: Inflammation without steatosis



All other organs within reference ranges

- 47-year-old female, smoker, BMI = 27 kg/m2
- Patient with type 2 diabetes diagnosed 1.5 years ago, on metformin, DPP4 inhibitors and SGLT2 inhibitors.
- Hba1c is high. Normal eGFR, pancreas fat and kidney fat.





Disease activity in type 2 diabetes can appear without obesity or organ fat.





Big data

Faster clinical outcomes, and the bulk of the investment in medical imaging



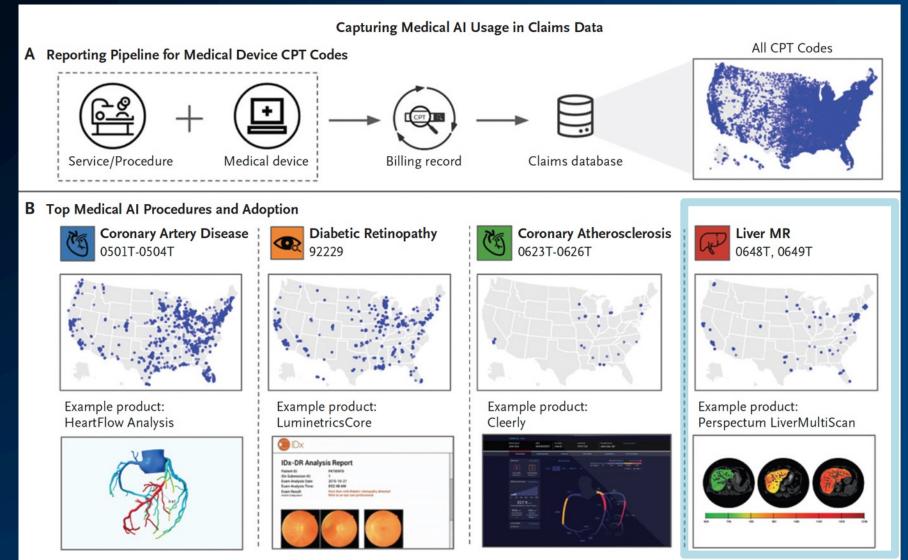
Al is big in medical imaging

Table 1. Summary of AI CPT Codes.*							
Total Claims	Condition or Medical AI Procedure	CPT Code(s)	Example Product Name	Effective Date			
67,306	Coronary artery disease	0501T-0504T	HeartFlow Analysis ⁴⁸	June 1, 2018			
15,097	Diabetic retinopathy	92229	LumineticsCore ⁴⁹	January 1, 2021			
4,459	Coronary atherosclerosis	0623T-0626T	Cleerly ⁵⁰	January 1, 2021			
2,428	Liver MR	0648T-0649T	Perspectum LiverMultiScan ⁵¹	January 1, 2021			
591	Multiorgan MRI	0697T-0698T	Perspectum CoverScan ⁵²	January 1, 2022			
552	Breast ultrasound	06891-06901	Kolos DS	January 1, 2022			
435	ECG cardiac dysfunction	0764T-0765T	Anumana ⁵⁰	January 1, 2023			
331	Cardiac acoustic waveform recording	0716T	CADScor ⁵⁰	July 1, 2022			
237	Quantitative MR cholangiopancreatography	0723T-0724T	Perspectum MRCP $+^{54}$	July 1, 2022			
67	Epidural infusion	0777T	CompuFlo ⁵⁵	January 1, 2023			
4	Quantitative CT tissue characterization	0721T-0722T	Optellum Virtual Nodule Clinic ⁵⁶	July 1, 2022			
1	Autonomous insulin dosage	0740T-0741T	d-Nav ⁵⁷	January 1, 2023			
1	CT vertebral fracture assessment	0691T	HealthVCF ⁵⁰	January 1, 2022			
1	Noninvasive arterial plaque analysis	0710T-0713T	ElucidVivo ⁵⁰	January 1, 2022			
0	Facial phenotype analysis	0731T	Face2Gene ⁵⁰	July 1, 2022			
0	X-ray bone density	0749T	OsteoApp ⁵⁰	January 1, 2023			

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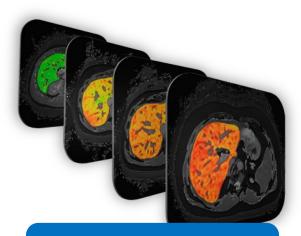






Perspectum Extracts Quantitative, Actionable and Objective Information from Images to Inform Clinical Decision Making





Digital, quantitative biomarkers

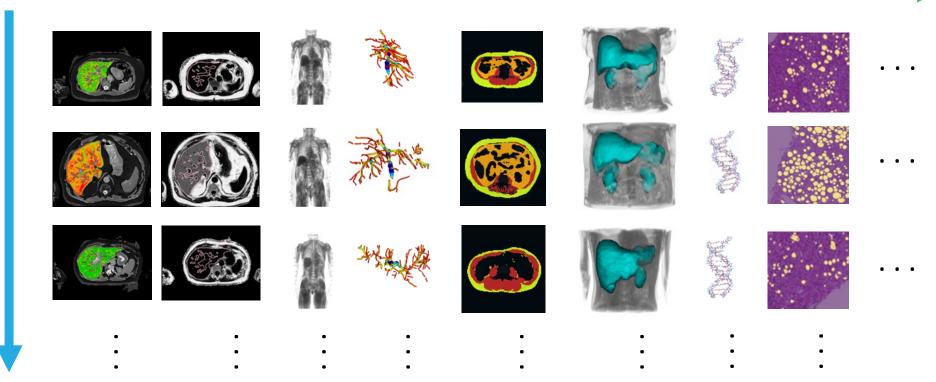


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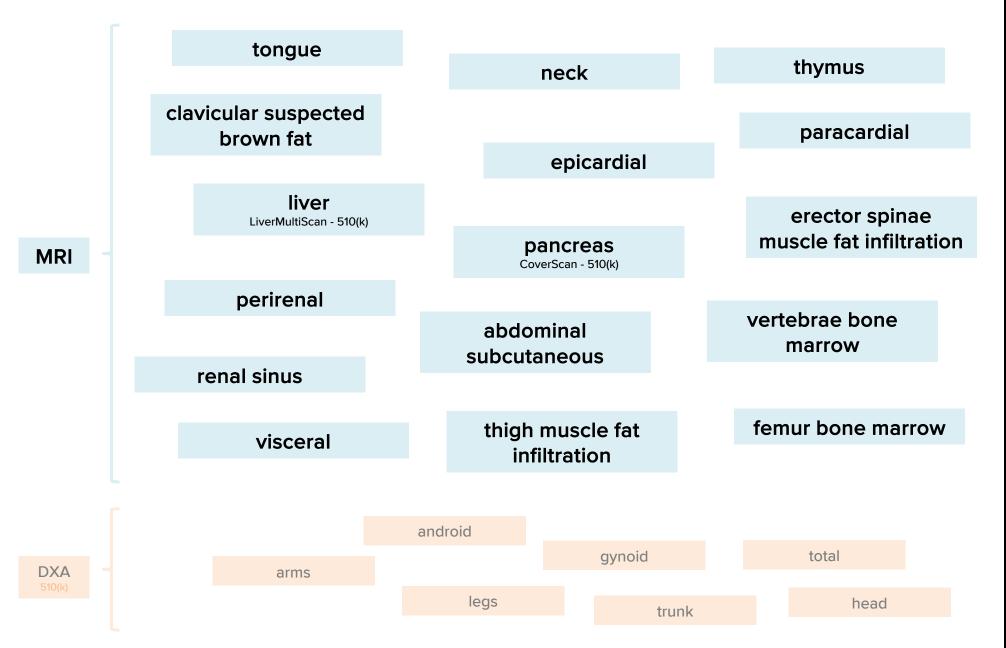


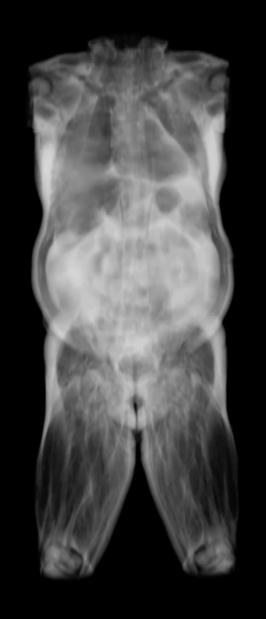
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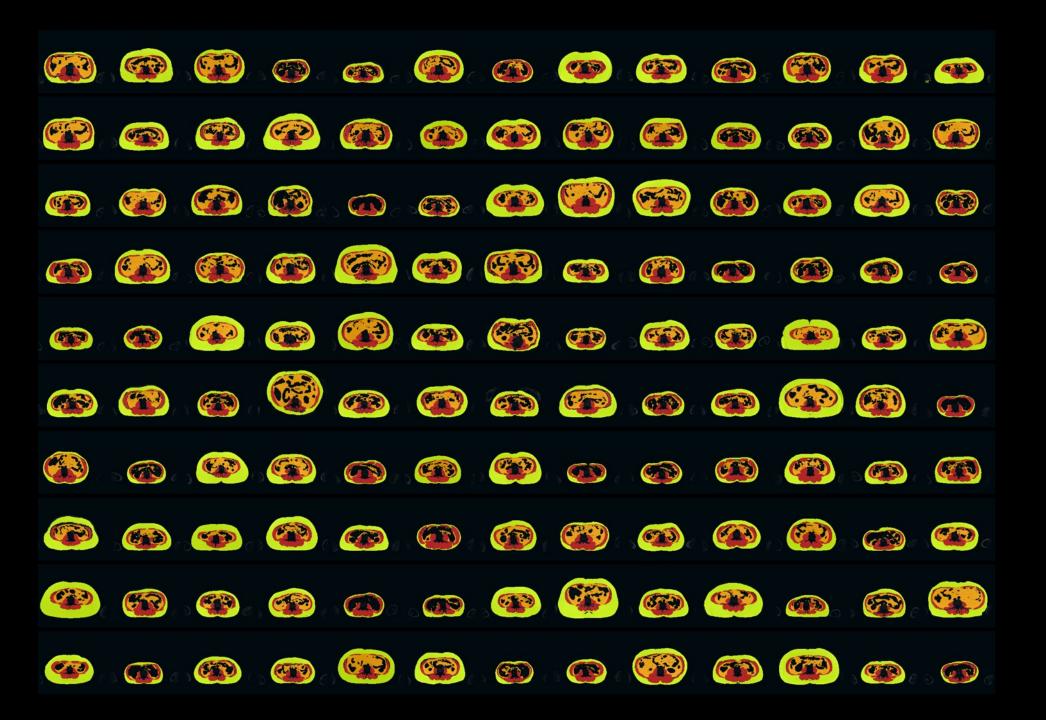
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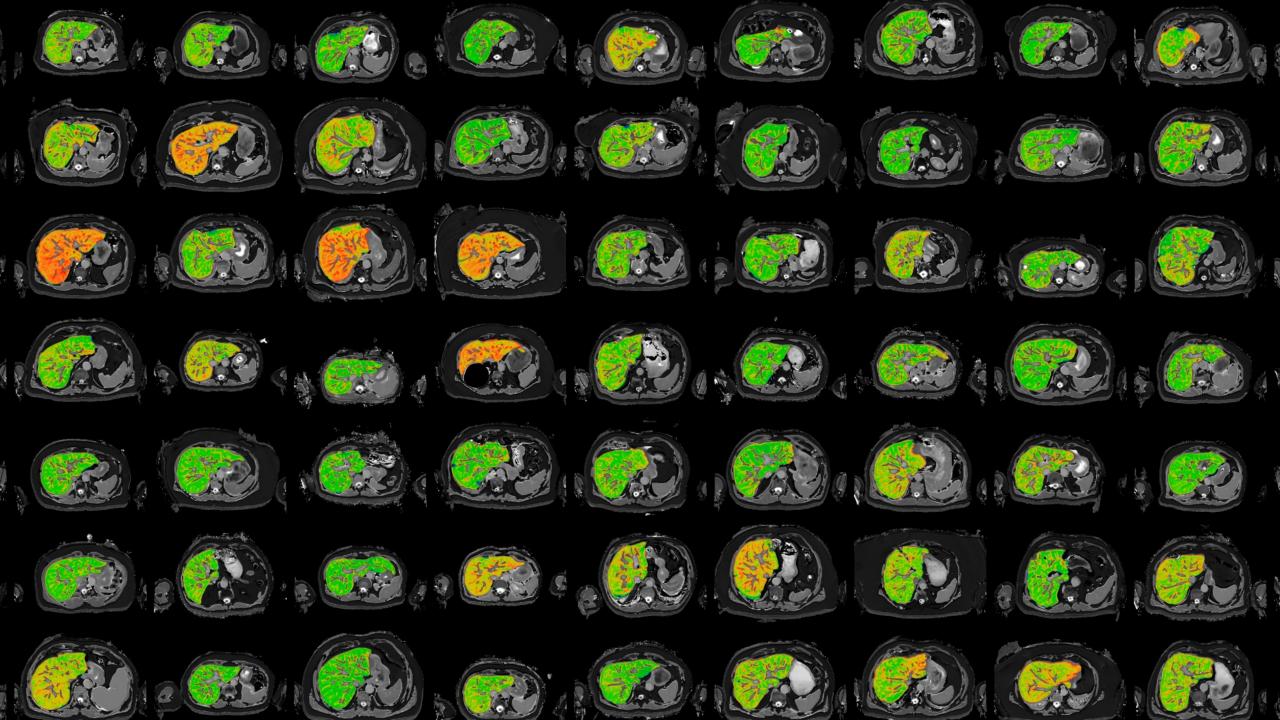


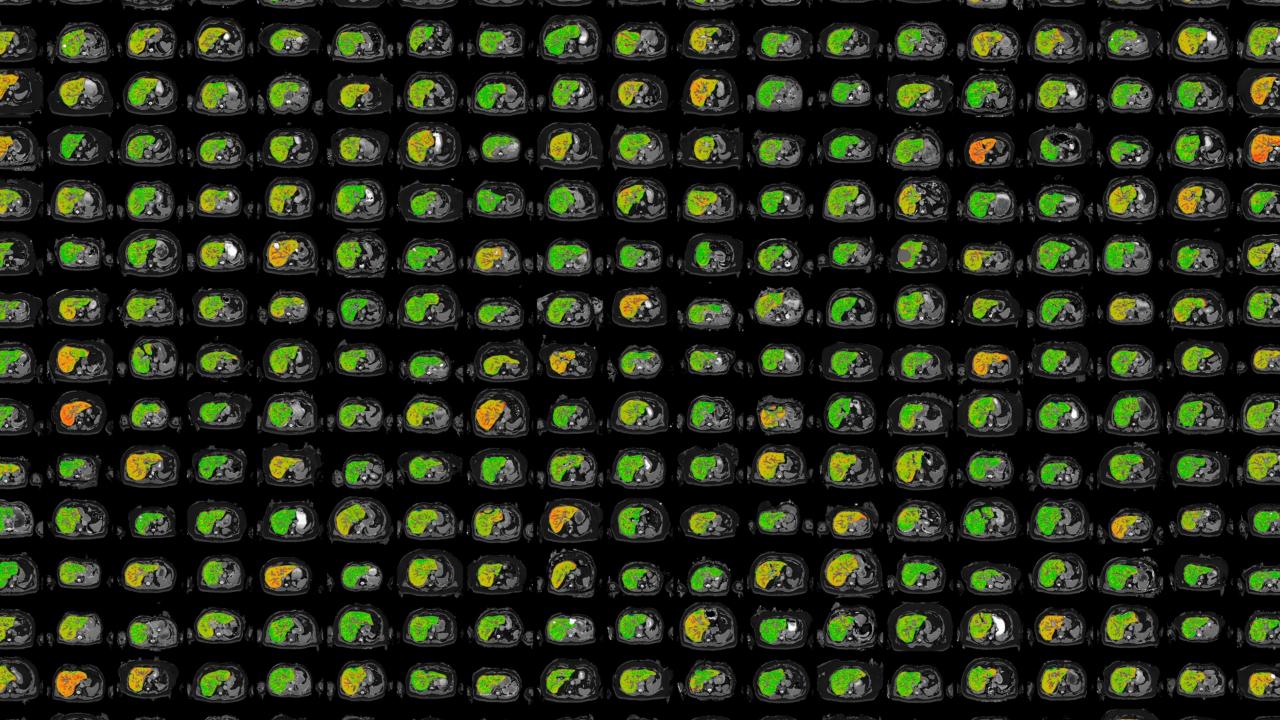
Quantifying fat in specific depots across the body





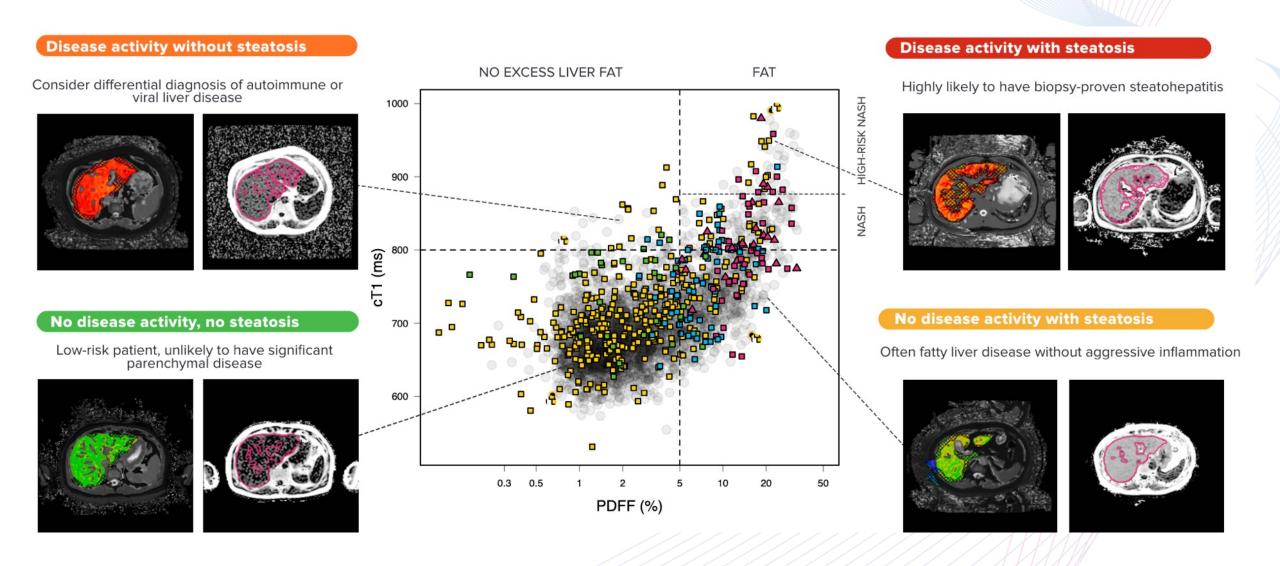








LiverMultiScan for detection & stratification



N-QUAN: An FDA funded prospective validation study of cT1's diagnostic accuracy for MASH



Site	PI	Enrolment	Months open	Enrolment /month
Indiana University Health	Raj Vuppalanchi	24	10	2.4
University of Virginia	Zachery Henry	57	43	1.3
Virginia Commonwealth University	Arun Sanyal	51	42	1.2
Arizona Liver health	Naim Alkouri	23	21	1.1
Liver Centre of Texas	Abdullah Mubarek	32	43	0.7
Rush University Medical Centre	Nancy Reau	4	10	0.4
Mount Sinai	Douglas Dieterich	10	36	0.3





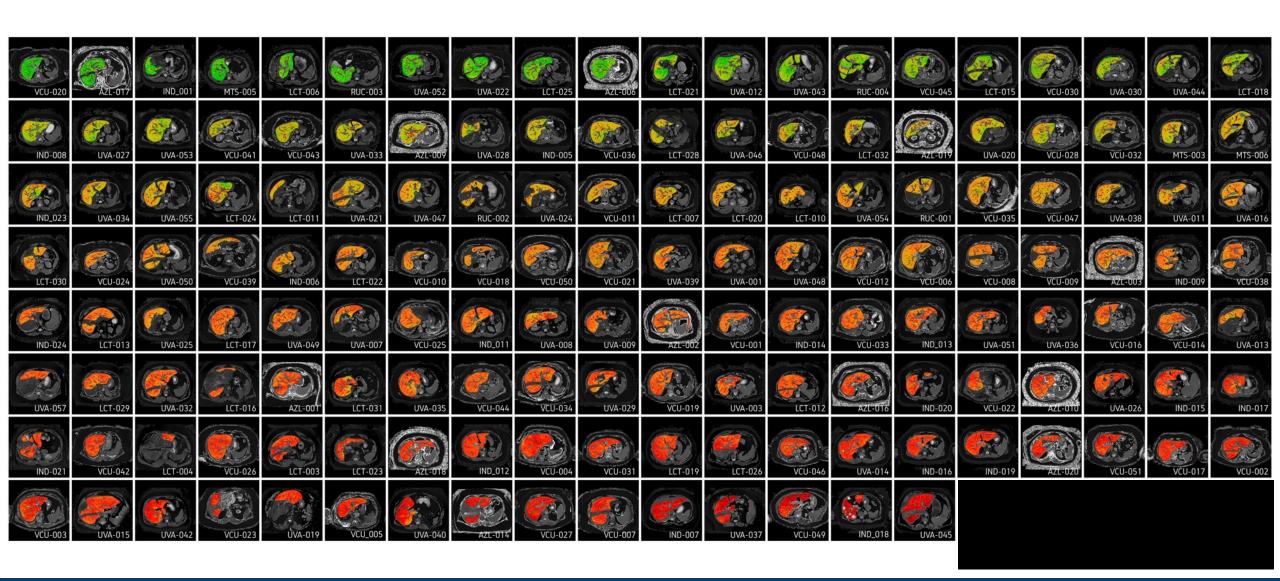


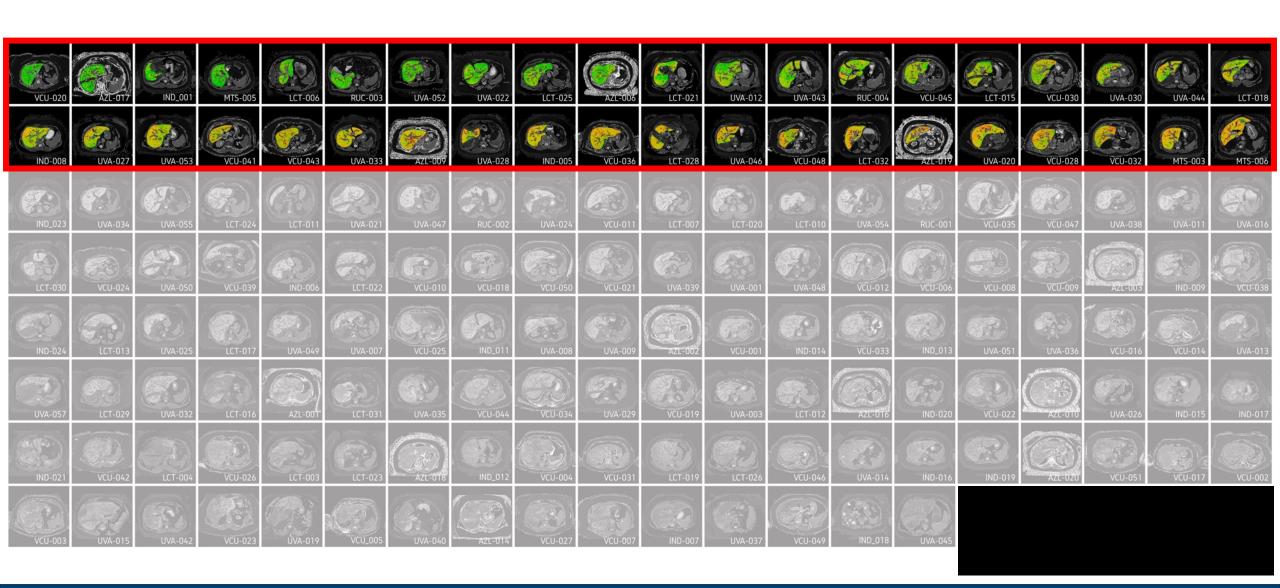


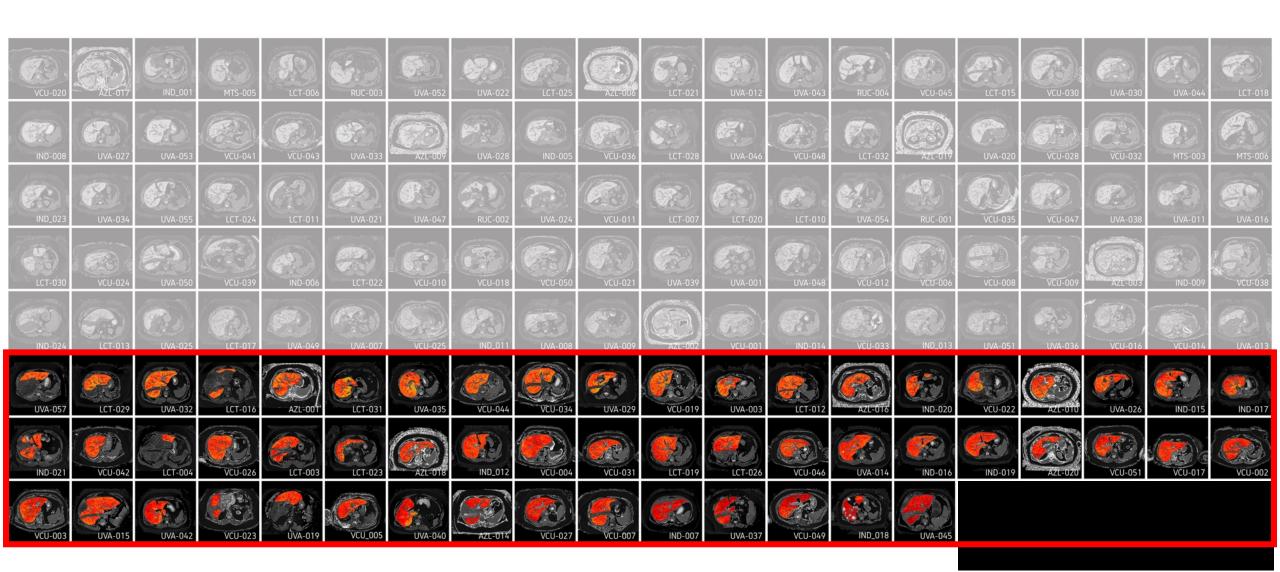








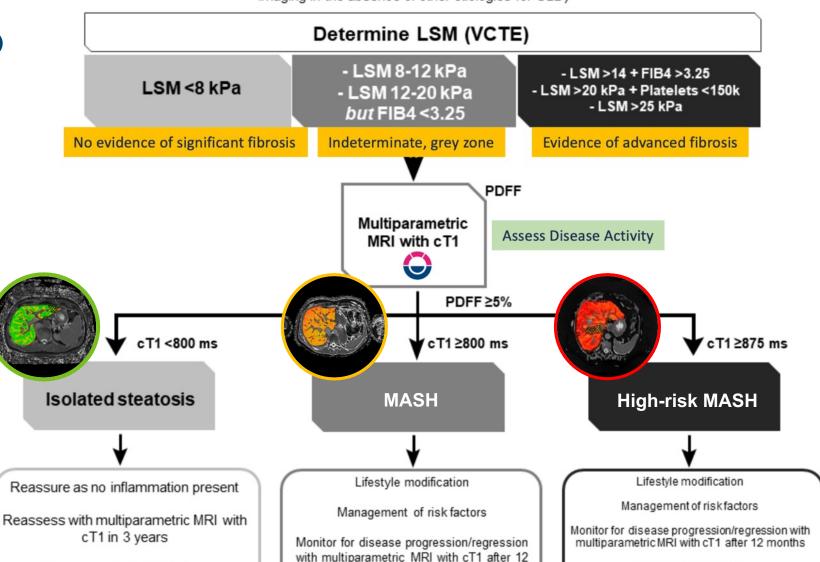




Integrating LiverMultiScan into the clinical care pathway for MASH

Suspected MASLD

(Elevated ALT in patients with MetS or T2DM or fatty liver on imaging in the absence of other etiologies for CLD)



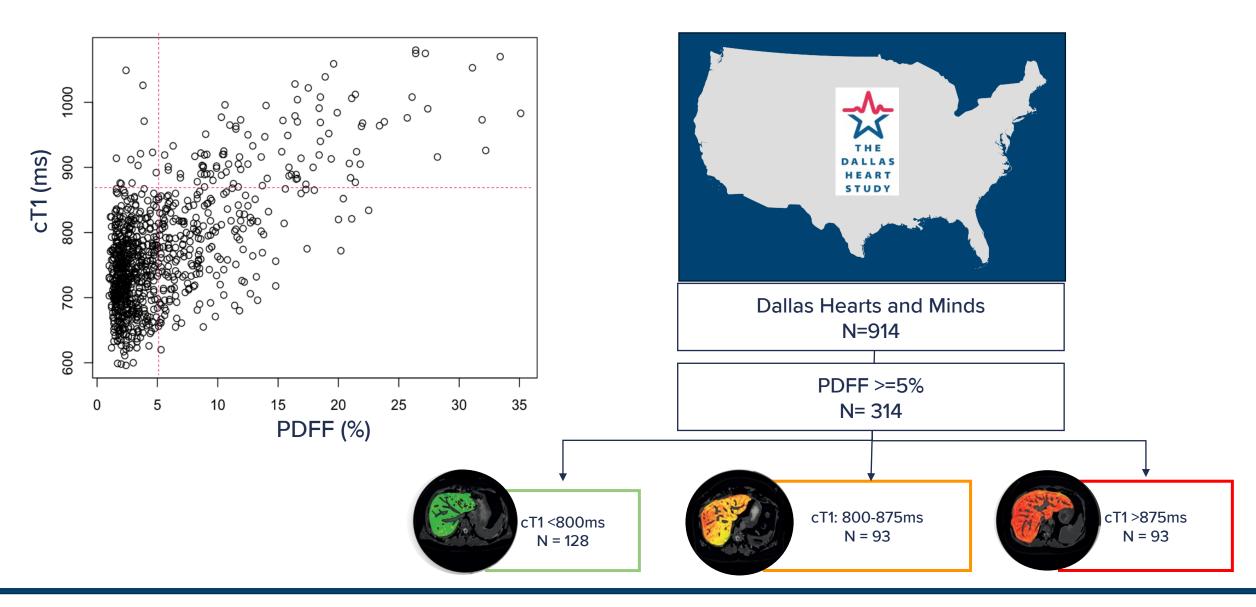
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Management of risk factors

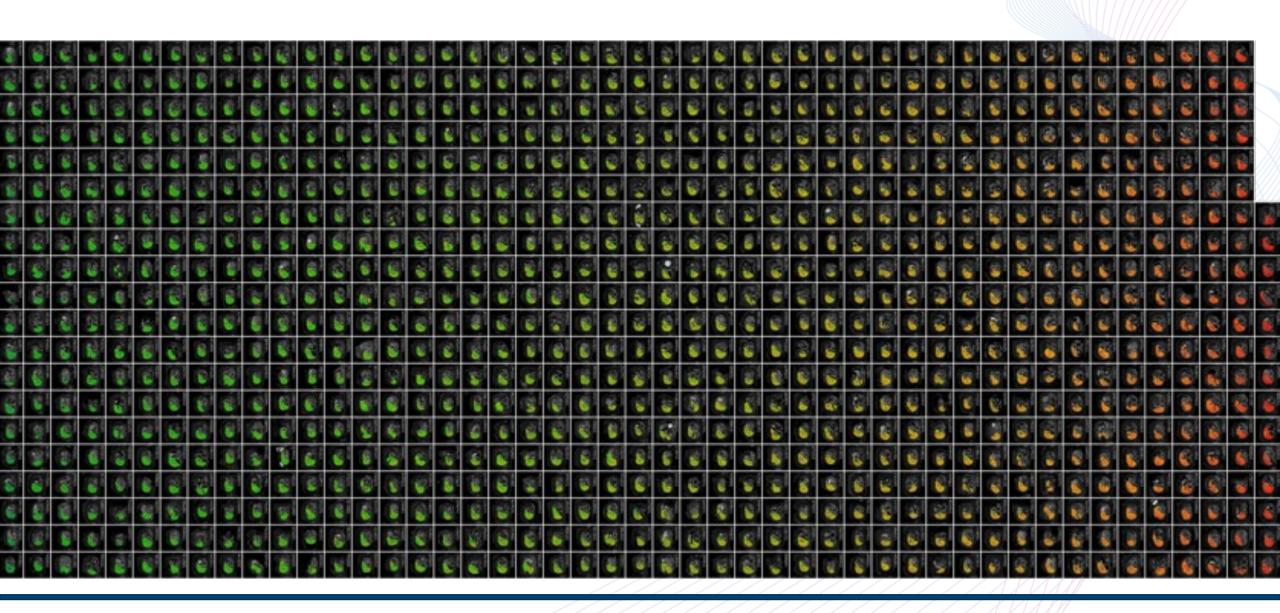
The cT1 score may be used instead of or prior to liver biopsy in all patients at intermediate/ high risk of fibrosis, but this decision should be made by a hepatologist.

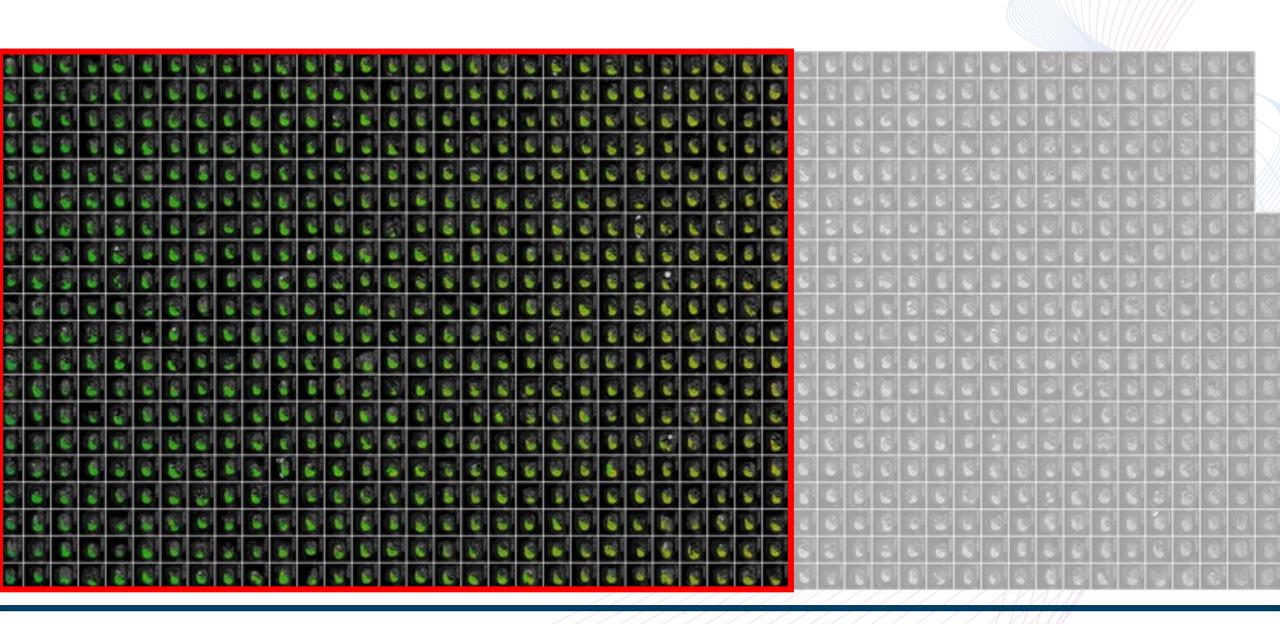
Consider clinical trials

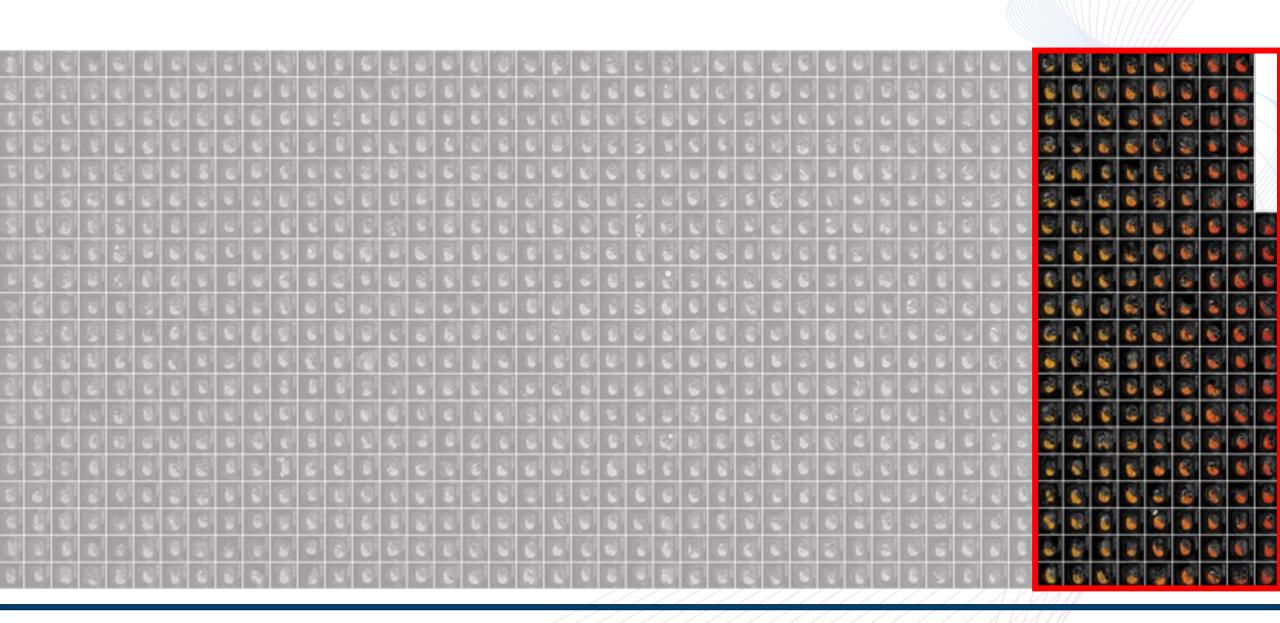
Finding MASH patients in Dallas







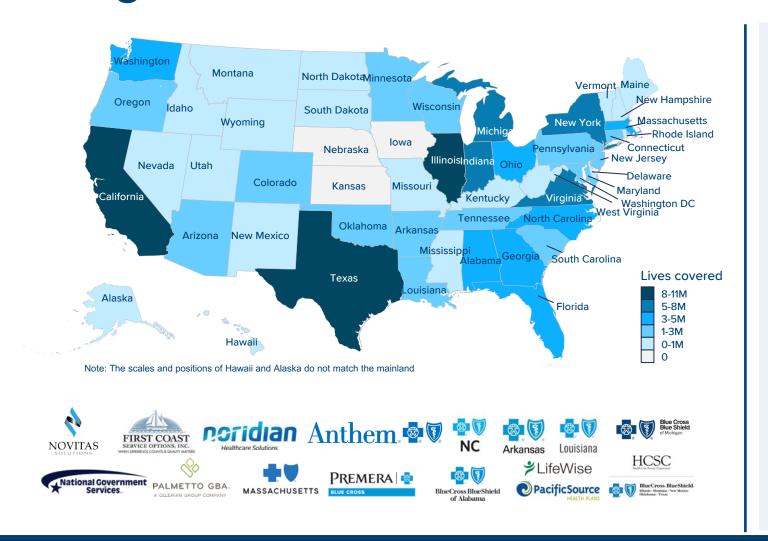




Real world data & reimbursement

Payors care about real benefits, not trial benefits

Nationwide payer coverage for diagnosis & management of MASLD



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Quantitative MR for analysis of tissue composition obtained without diagnostic MRI examination of the same anatomy during the same session

- 47 states
- US States covered* (incl. DC and Puerto Rico)
- 109 million
- People covered (1/3 of US population)
- \$950
- Medicare reimbursement for hospitals
- \$2,100

Commercial Reimbursement (Technical + Professional)

LiverMultiScan is Medically Necessary for Management of **Chronic Liver Diseases**

LiverMultiScan is medically necessary for diagnosis and management of any of the following:

- Diagnosis and management of advanced hepatic fibrosis/cirrhosis in patients with established chronic liver disease:
 - Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)* in patients with high risk for cirrhosis due to advanced age, obesity, diabetes, or alanine aminotransferase (ALT) level more than twice the upper limit of normal
 - Other established chronic liver diseases when ultrasound elastography cannot be performed or is nondiagnostic
- Iron overload in hemochromatosis



National Payer

- Anthem (14 state affiliates):
- California
- New York
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Kentucky

- Missouri
- Ohio
- Wisconsin
- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Nevada
- Virginia



Arkansas



HCSC

- BCBS Alabama
- BCBS Arkansas
- Premera
- LifeWise Health Plans

BCBS Massachusetts

Regional Payer

• BCBS Texas, Illinois, Montana,

New Mexico, Oklahoma

Pacificsource



BlueCross BlueShield of Texas





BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois





BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina



BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama





BlueCross BlueShield of New Mexico



BlueCross BlueShield of Montana



SUMMARY



Speed matters – time is money (and a lot of it)



Technology enables rapid recruitment and low 'screen fail' rates



Getting medicine right in chronic disease is hard without technology

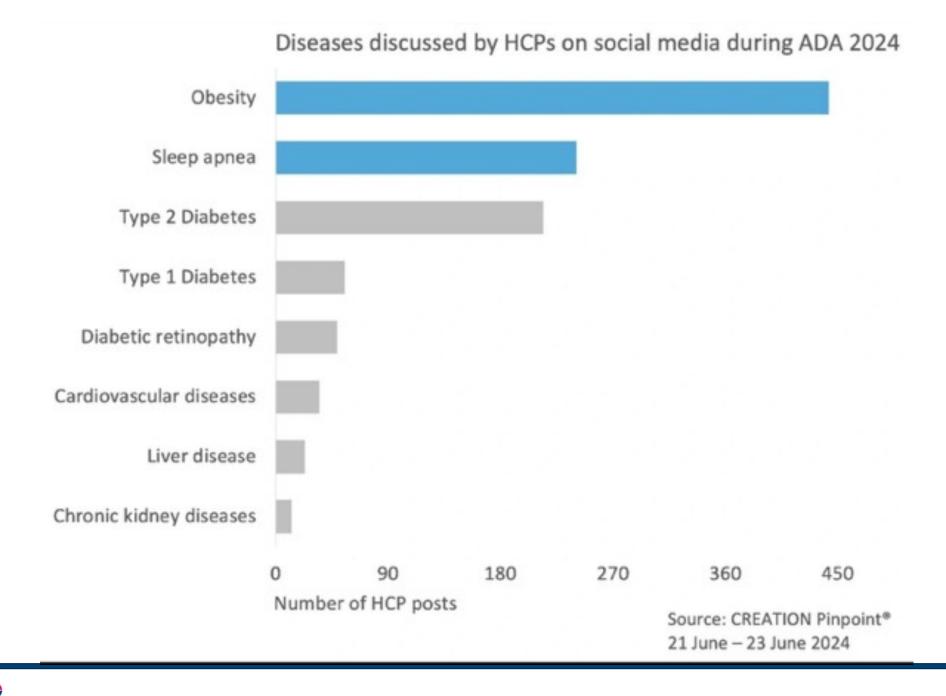


Big data – expensive to get, but needed for reimbursement

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Thank you for listening

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Semaglutide Reduced Risk for Major Kidney Disease Events by 24% for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Kidney Disease

American Diabetes Association Symposium Showcases New Potential Solution for Patients at High-Risk of Kidney Outcomes

ORLANDO, FL. (JUNE 24, 2024) – Today, findings from the landmark FLOW trial, the first dedicated kidney outcomes trial with a GLP-1 (glucagon-like peptide-1) receptor agonist were reported, demonstrating semaglutide significantly reduces the risk of major kidney disease events and cardiovascular outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease. New data presented here also highlighted the likely benefits of combined therapy with SGLT2 inhibitors. The results were presented at a symposium at the American Diabetes Association's® (ADA) 84th Scientific Sessions in Orlando, FL, and were simultaneously published in *Nature Medicine*.

The double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled international trial enrolled 3,533 participants with a median follow-up period of 3.4 years. The trial compared injectable semaglutide (1.0 mg) once weekly with a placebo as an adjunct to the standard of care for the prevention of major kidney outcomes, specifically kidney failure, substantial loss of kidney function, and death from kidney or cardiovascular causes.

Compared to those who received a placebo, participants who received Semaglutide experienced:

- Composite Primary Endpoint: 24% risk reduction (including kidney outcomes and death due to cardiovascular and kidney causes)
- Secondary Endpoints:
 - slower eGFR slope of 1.16 ml/min/1.73m2/year
 - reduction of major cardiovascular events by 18%
 - reduction of the risk of all-cause death by 20%.

