



PLATFORM OF LABORATORIES FOR ADVANCES IN CARDIAC EXPERIENCE

Intelligenza Artificiale

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ADVANCED CORONARY PLAQUE ANALYSIS

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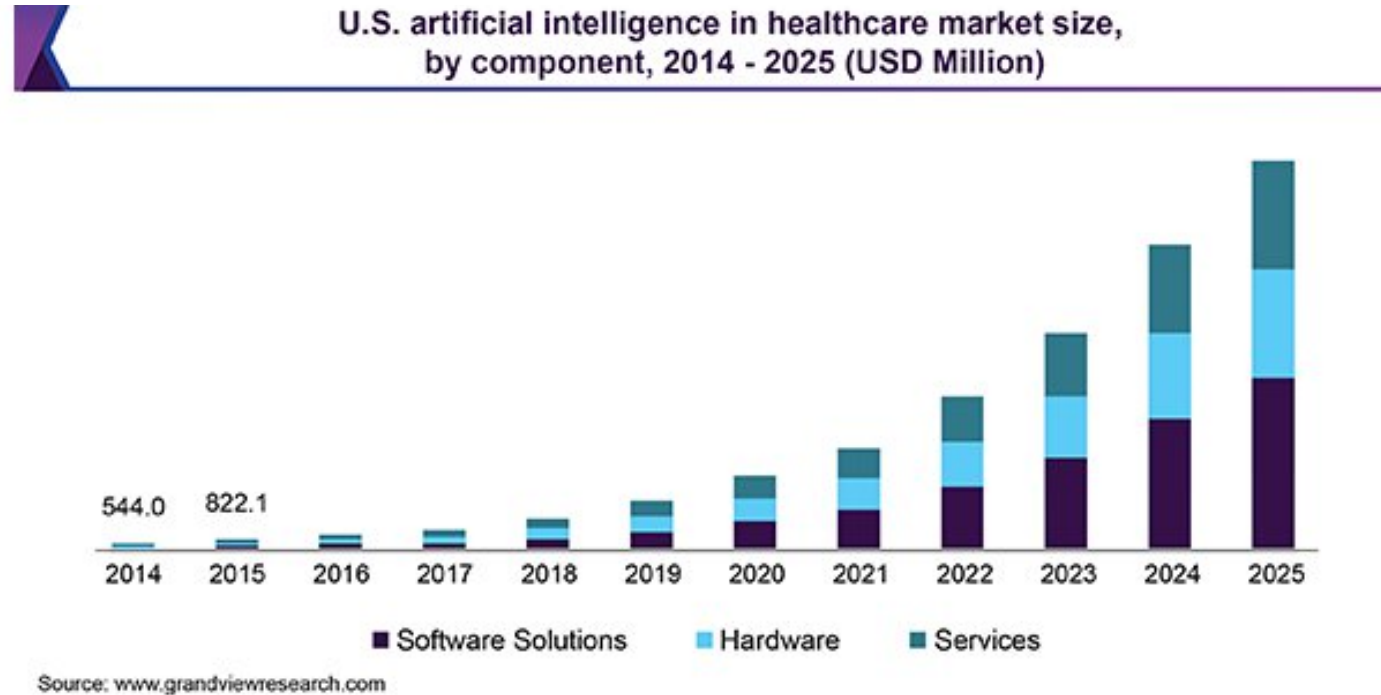
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AI in Healthcare



- The AI in healthcare market estimated to be valued USD 4.9 billion in 2020
- Expected to reach USD 45.2 billion by 2026
- Big Data availability and demand to reduce healthcare cost drive the growth

FDA APPROVALS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DEVICES IN MEDICINE

2016.11.	Arterys Cardio DL
2017.03.	EnsoSleep
2017.11.	Arterys Oncology DL
2018.01.	Idx
2018.02.	ContaCT
	OsteoDetect



Radiology dominates FDA's approved AI-enabled devices

The number of AI/machine learning-enabled devices approved by FDA since 1997

Radiology	241
Cardiovascular	41
Other	36
Hematology	13
Neurology	12

Source: Food and Drug Administration
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2019.03.	AI-Rad Companion (Pulmonary)
2019.08.	Critical Care Suite
2019.09.	AI-Rad Companion (Cardiovascular)
2019.11.	EchoGo Core
2019.12.	TransparaTM
2020.01.	QuantX
	Eko Analysis Software



TYPE OF FDA APPROVAL
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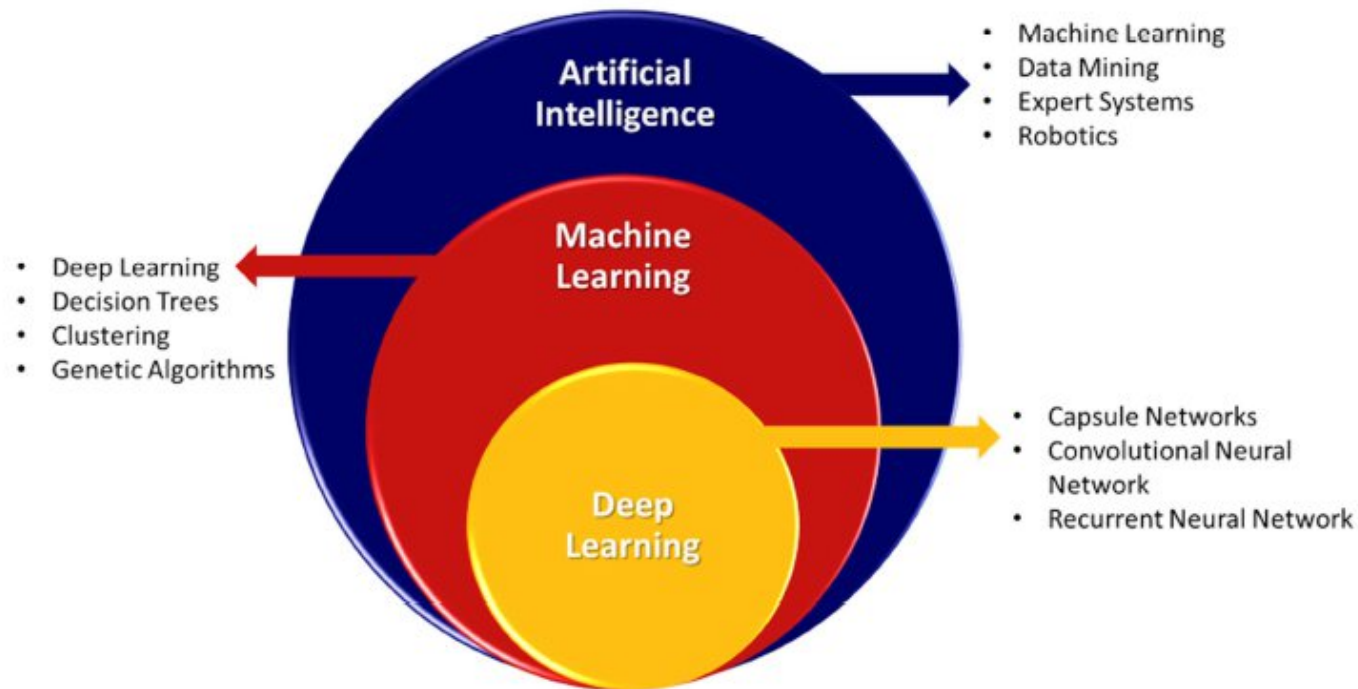
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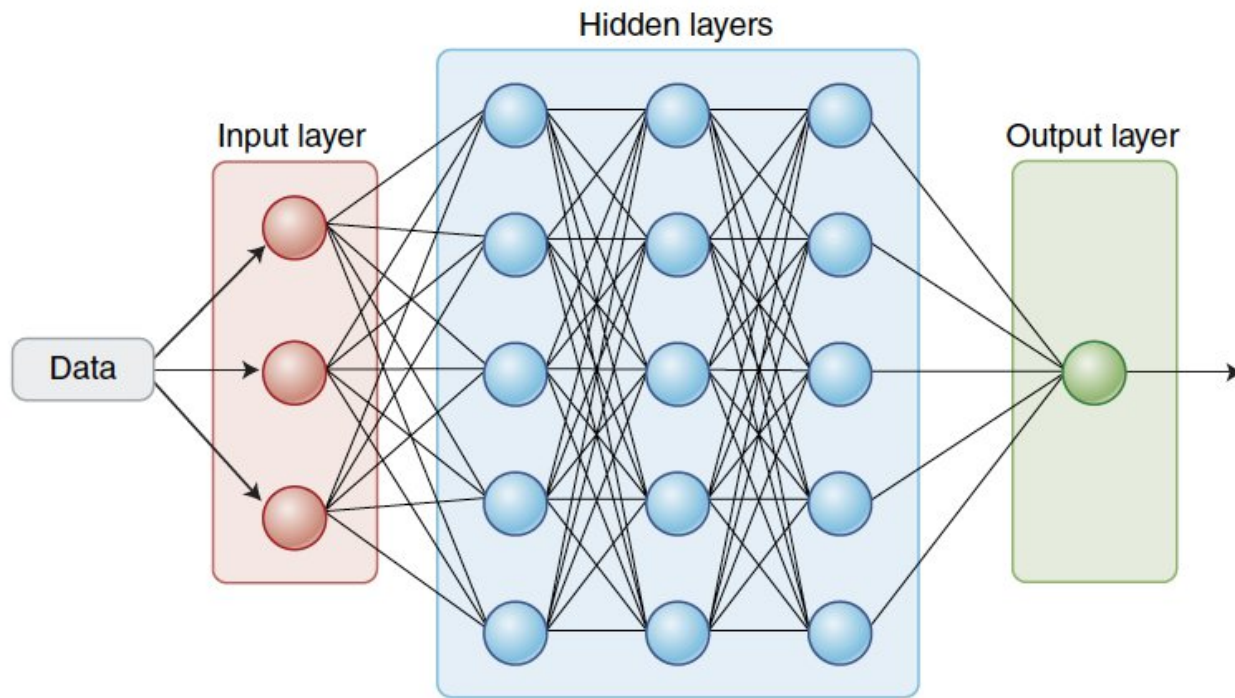
Artificial Intelligence

The ability for a program to perceive its environment and take actions that maximize its chance of successfully achieving its goal



Deep Neural Networks

Pattern Recognition



DNNS Type

1. Convolutional
2. Recurrent
3. Generative Adversarial
4. Transfer
5. Reinforcement
6. Representation

1. *Autodidactic Quality*

2. *Neural network is not designed by humans, but rather the number of layers is determined by the data itself*

AI Implementation

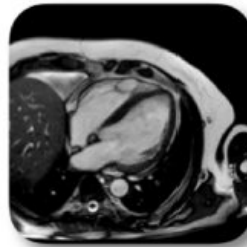
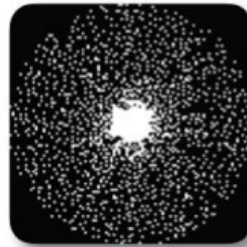
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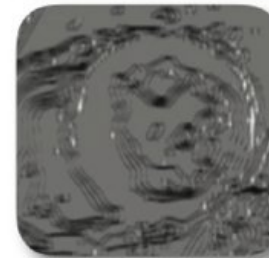
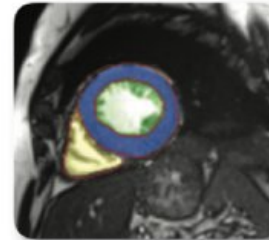
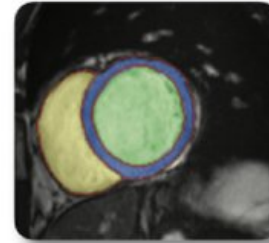
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Image Reconstruction &
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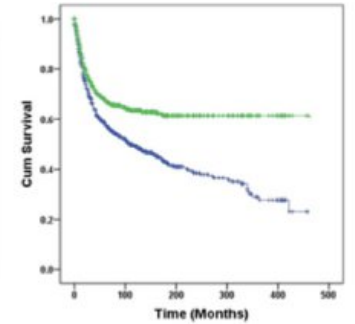
Segmentation,
Quantification &
Radiomics



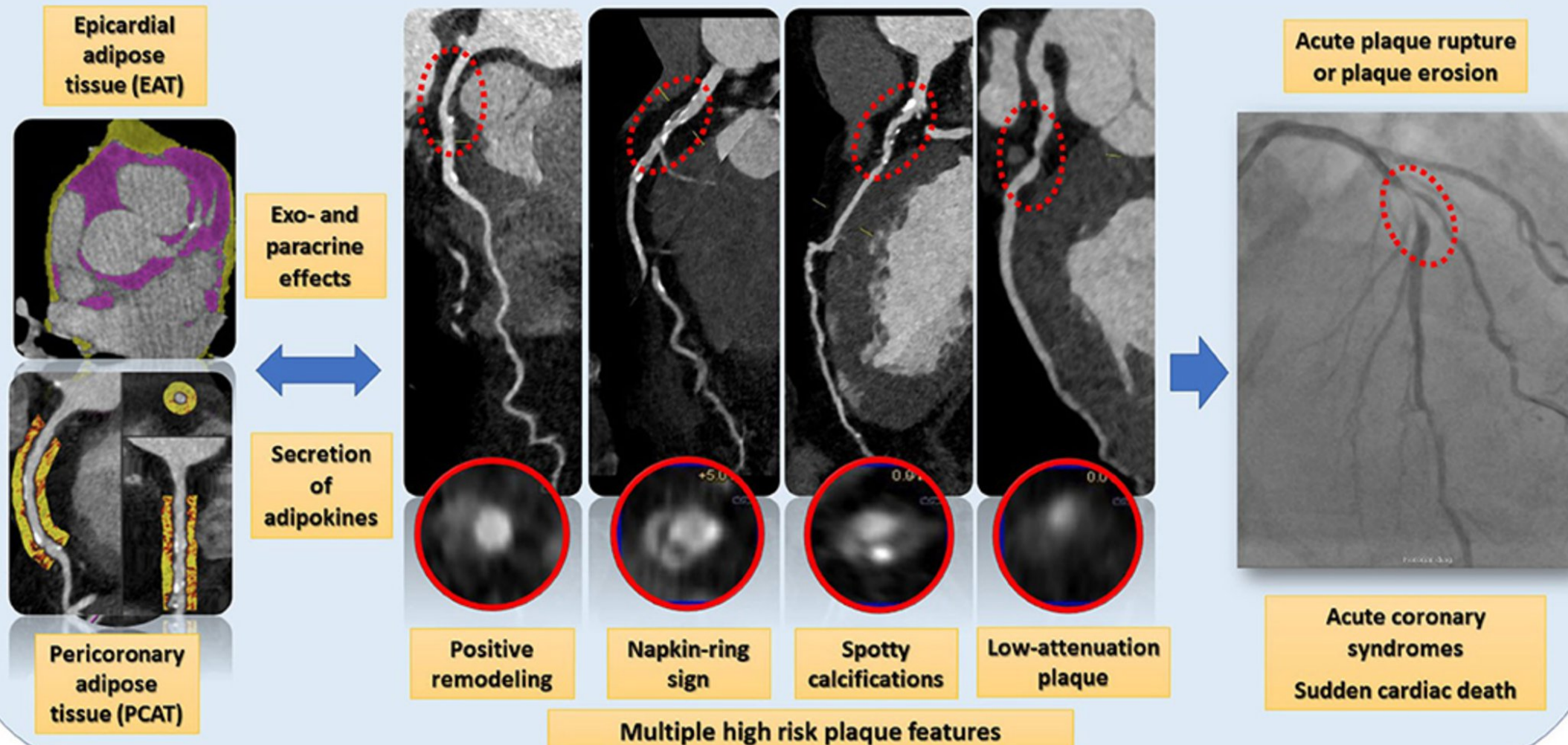
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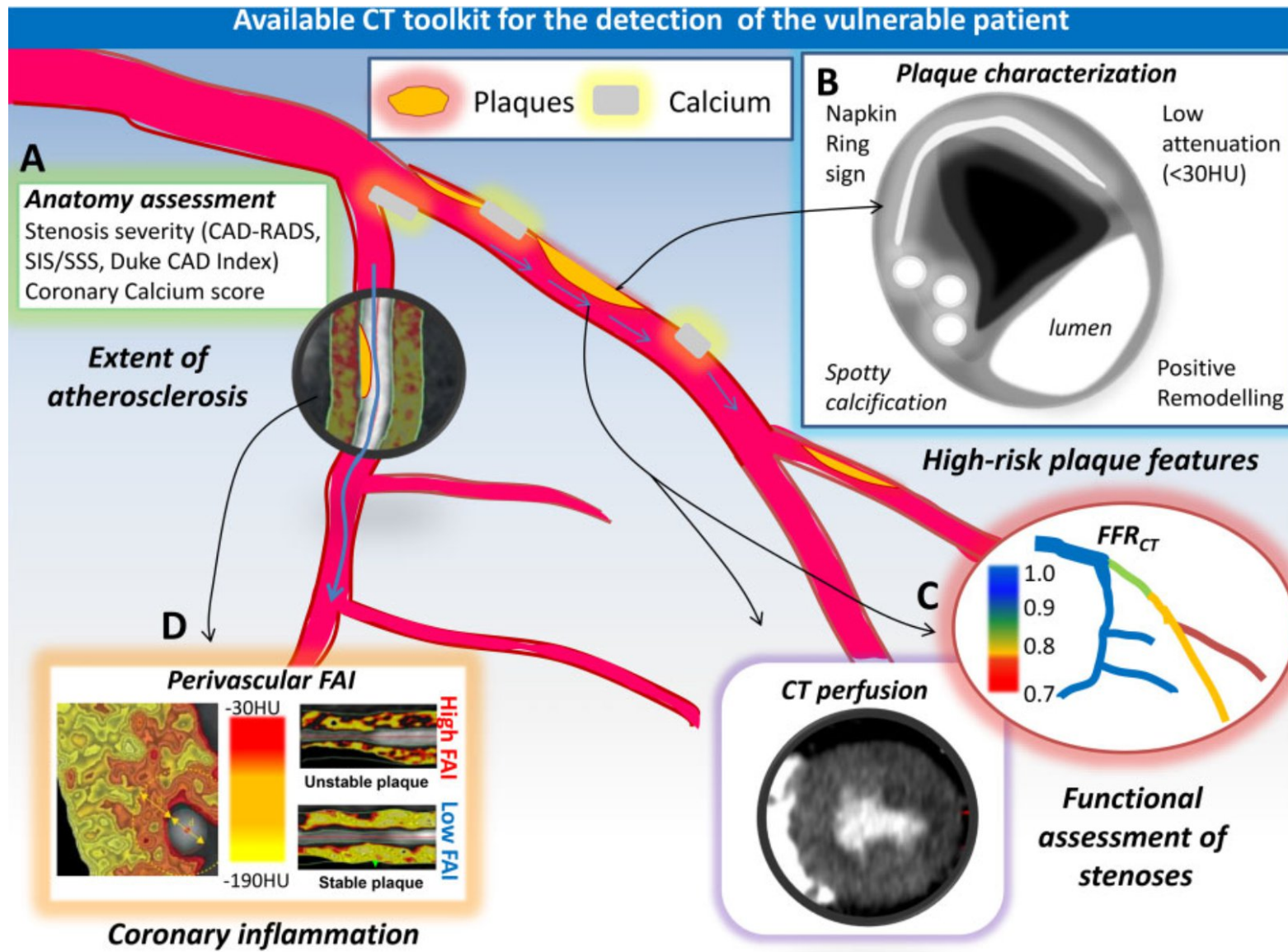


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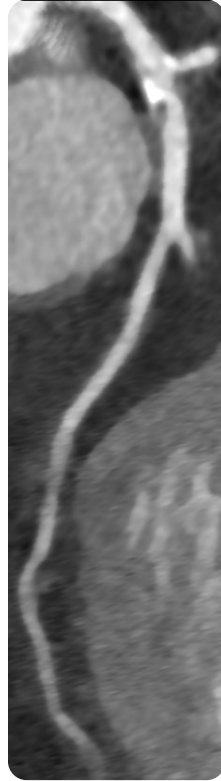


PRECISION IMAGING based on multiple high risk plaque features and on epicardial and pericoronary fat tissue





Quantitative Coronary Features



- Stenosis (High vs Low Grade)
- Plaque Location (ostium, bifurcation)
- Plaque Length
- Plaque Concentricity / Direction
- Plaque Composition
- Plaque Burden
- High-Risk Plaques (Napkin ring, spotty calc, etc.)
- Vascular Remodeling and Morphology
- Myocardium at Risk

CAD-RADS™ 2.0

2022 Coronary Artery Disease – Reporting and Data System

An Expert Consensus Document of the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT), the American College of Cardiology (ACC), the American College of Radiology (ACR) and the North America Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (NASCI)

	2016 CAD-RADS	2022 CAD-RADS
Stenosis grading	CAD-RADS 0, 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B and 5	No change
Plaque burden grading	No systematic classification	New CAD-RADS category grading scale for Plaque Burden ranging from P1 to P4
Modifiers	<p>Four modifiers were introduced to complement the CAD-RADS classification</p> <p>First: modifier N (non-diagnostic)</p> <p>Second: modifier S (stent)</p> <p>Third: modifier G (graft)</p> <p>Fourth: modifier V (vulnerability)</p>	<p>Addition of two new modifiers: modifier I (ischemia) and modifier E (exceptions) and replacement of modifier V (vulnerable) with HRP (high-risk plaque)</p> <p>First: modifier N (non-diagnostic)</p> <p>Second: modifier HRP (replaces V)</p> <p>Third: modifier I+ (ischemia), I- and I+/-</p> <p>Fourth: modifier S (stent)</p>

Grading Scale for plaque burden:

Terminology

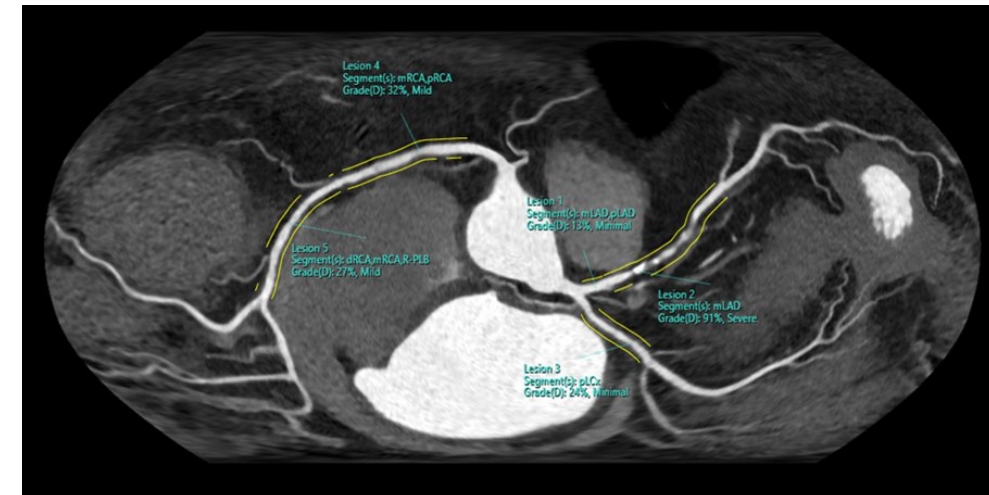
P1
P2
P3
P4

Overall plaque burden

Mild amount of plaque
Moderate amount of plaque
Severe amount of plaque
Extensive amount of plaque

AI in Cardiac Imaging

- Automatic Calcium Score
- Automatic Coronary Analysis and Quantification (CAD-RADS)
- Coronary Plaque Burden & Vulnerability Features
- ML-based CT-Fractional Flow Reserve (CT-FFR)
- Radiomics
- Prognostication



Calcium Score



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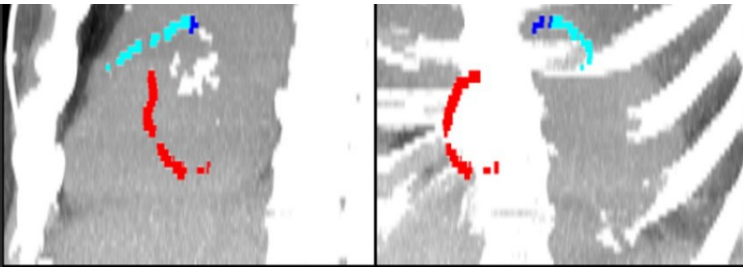
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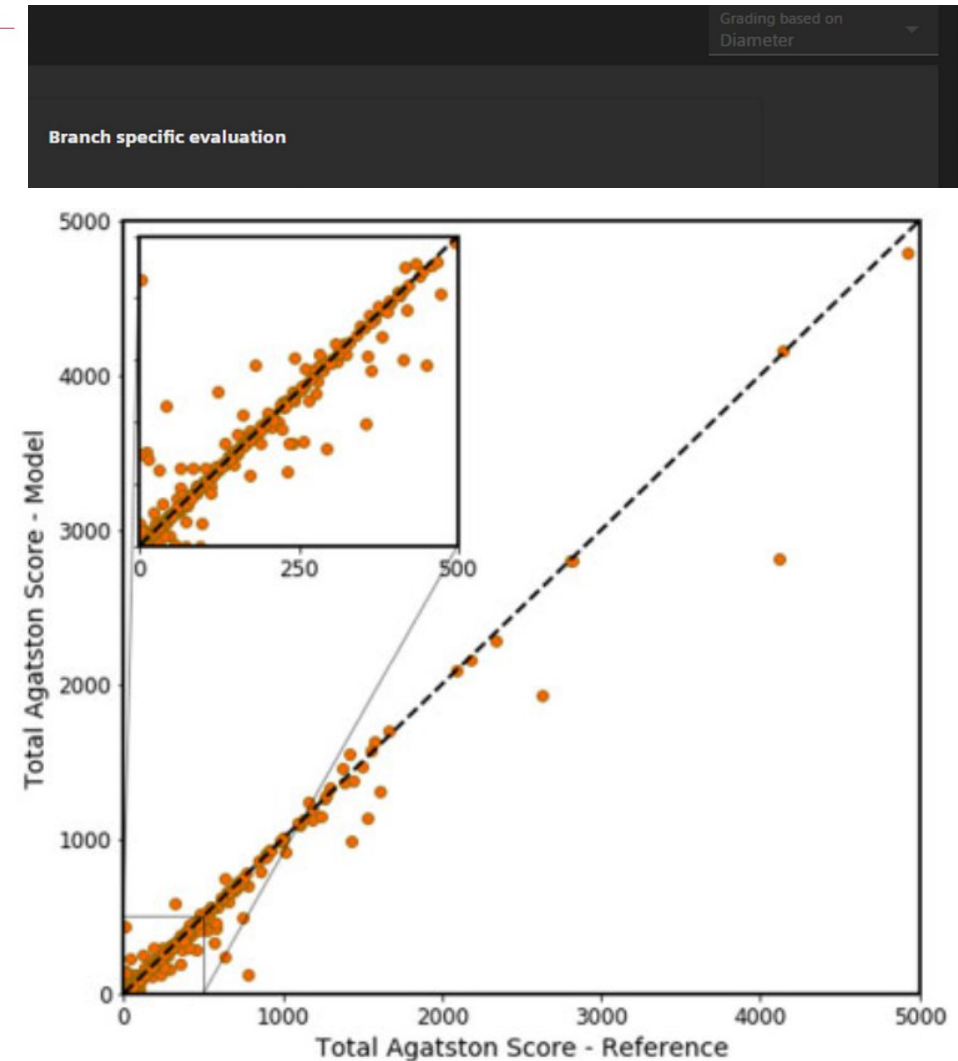
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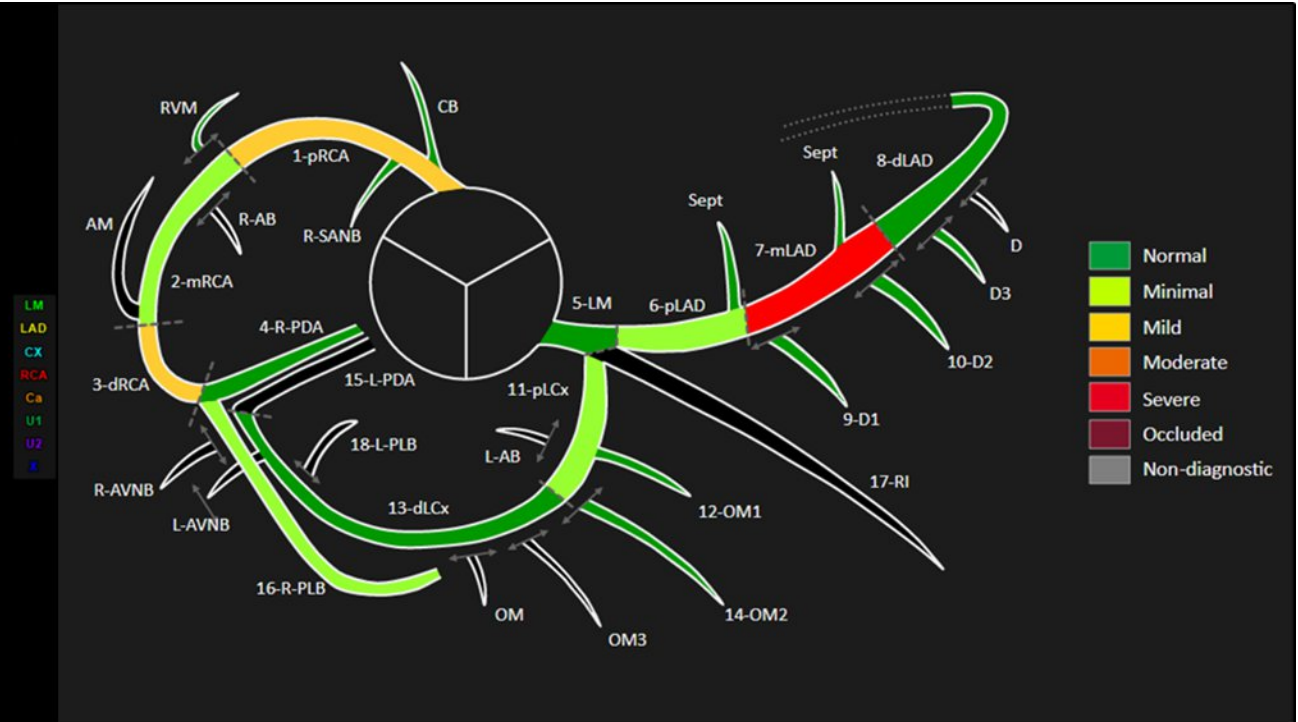
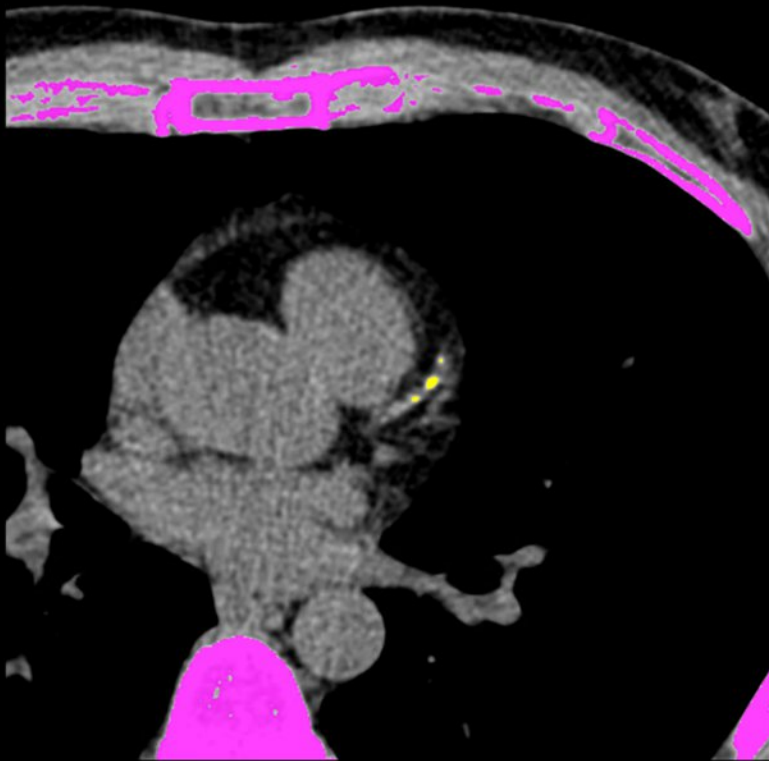
Deep learning for vessel-specific coronary artery calcium scoring: validation on a multi-centre dataset

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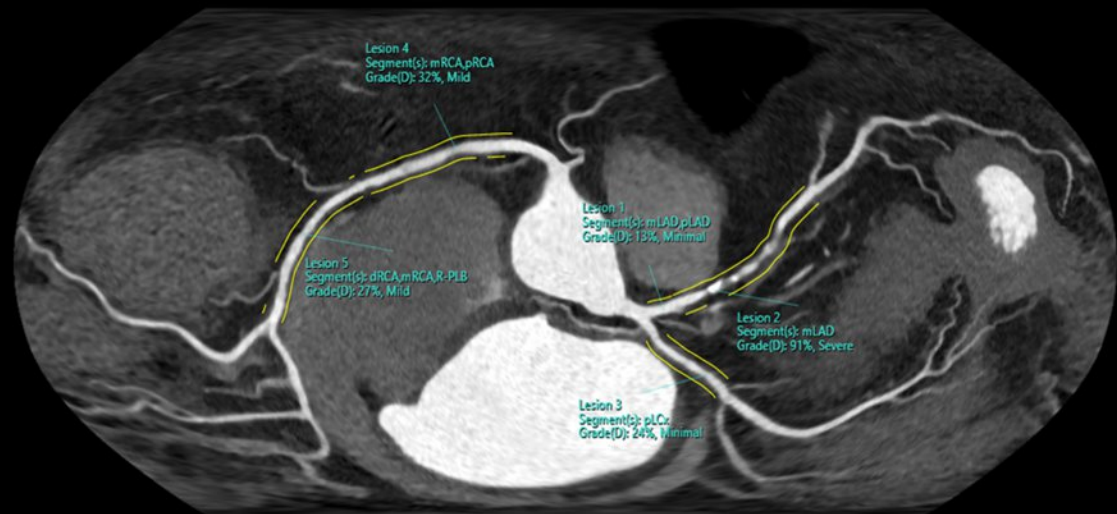


Arterial Age [MESA]
> 92
Percentile [MESA]
> 95
Classification
severe calcification

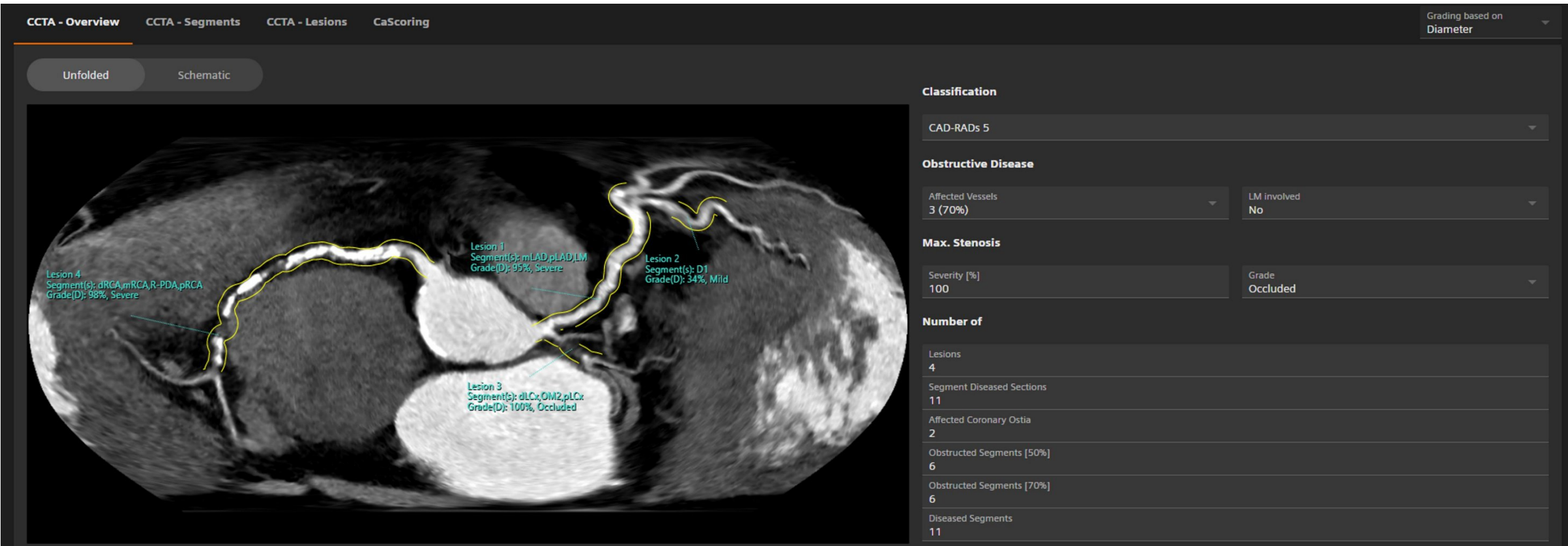




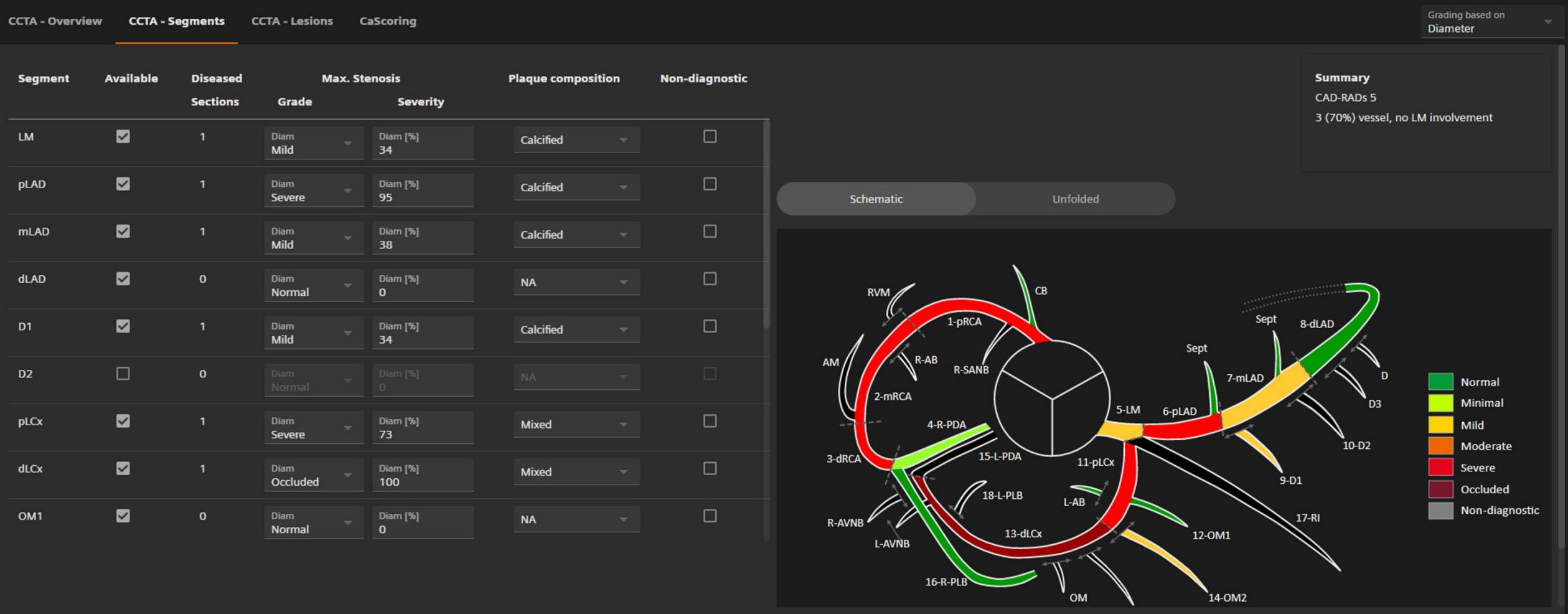
Artery	Lesions	Volume / mm ³	Equiv. Mass / mg	Score
LM	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
LAD	3	78.9	13.31	91.7
CX	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
RCA	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
Ca	0	0.0	0.00	0.0
Total	3	78.9	13.31	91.7



CAD-RADS

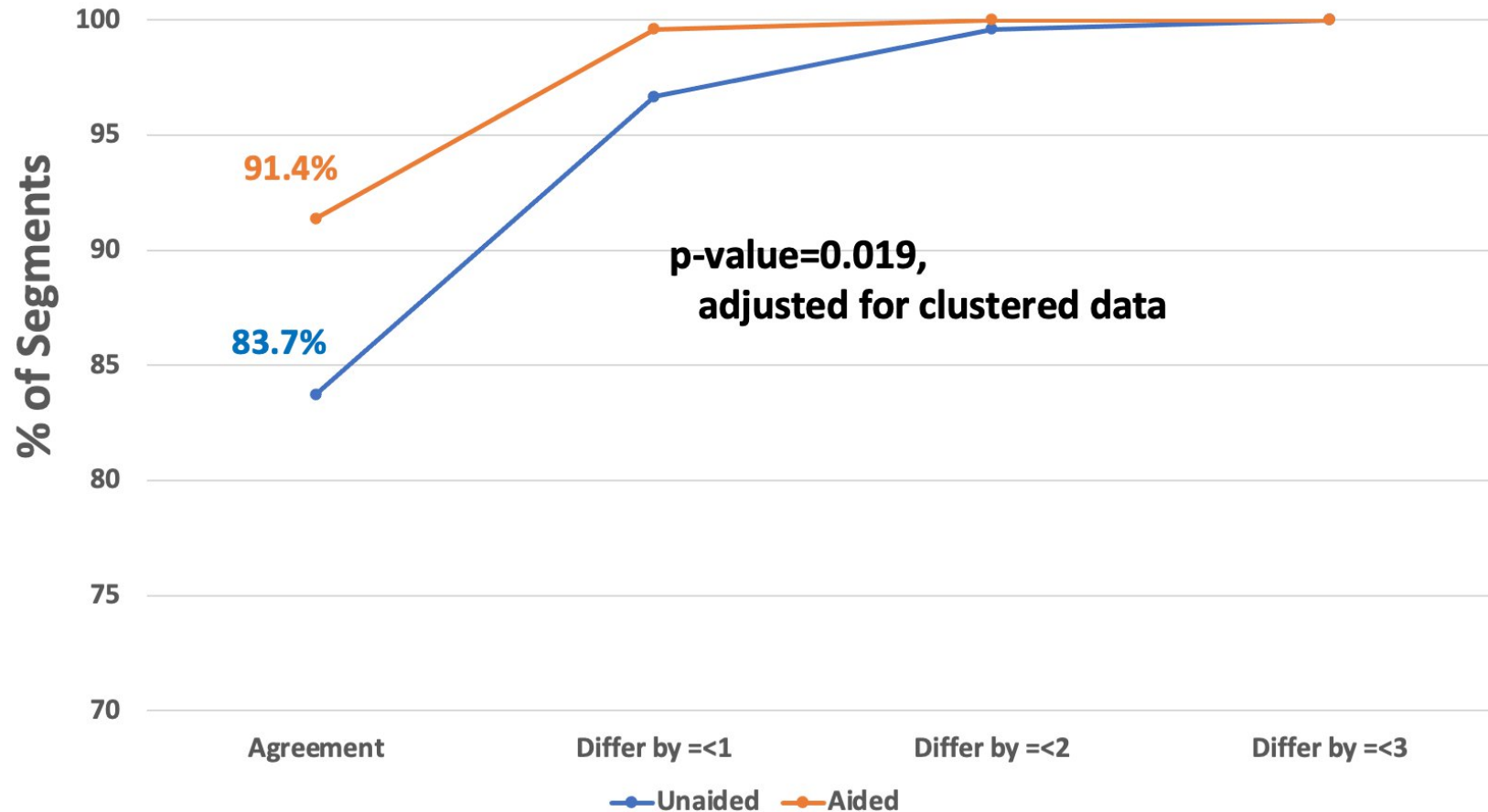


Segment Analysis



AI Integration & Inter-Reader Variability

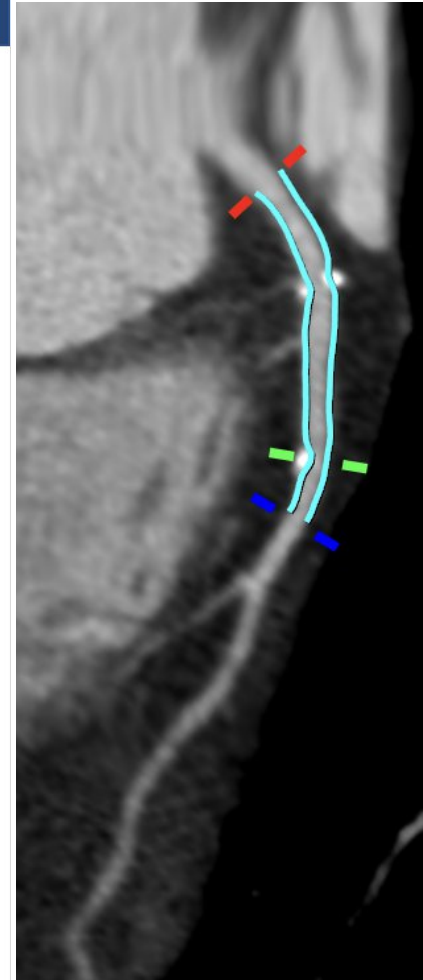
% of Segments where readers agree with each other



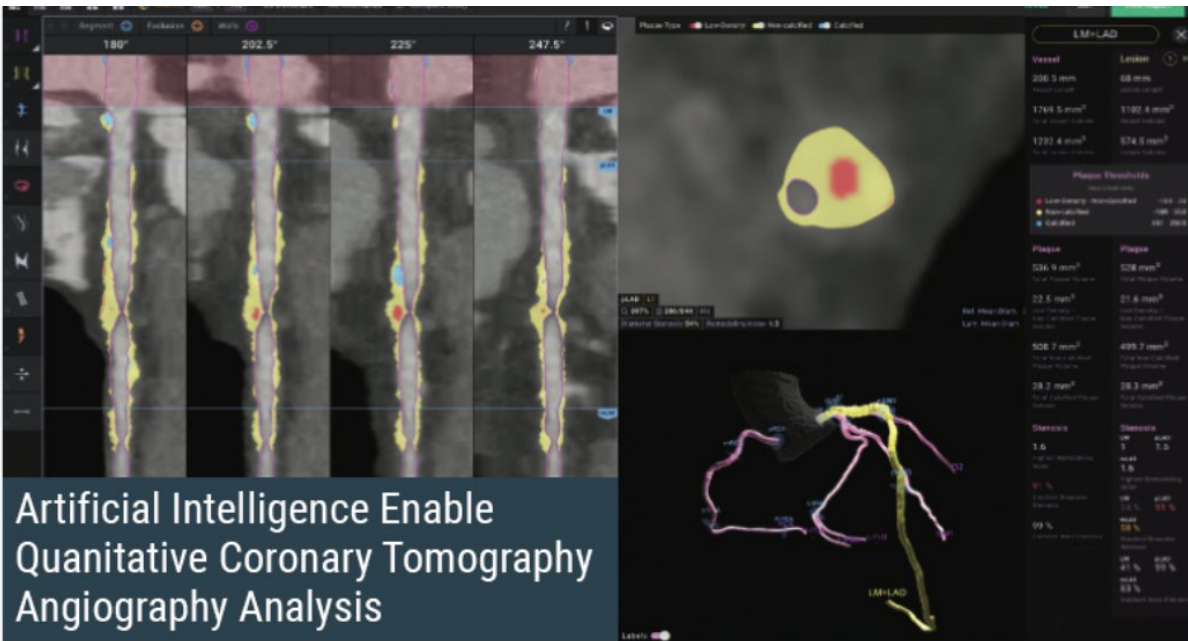
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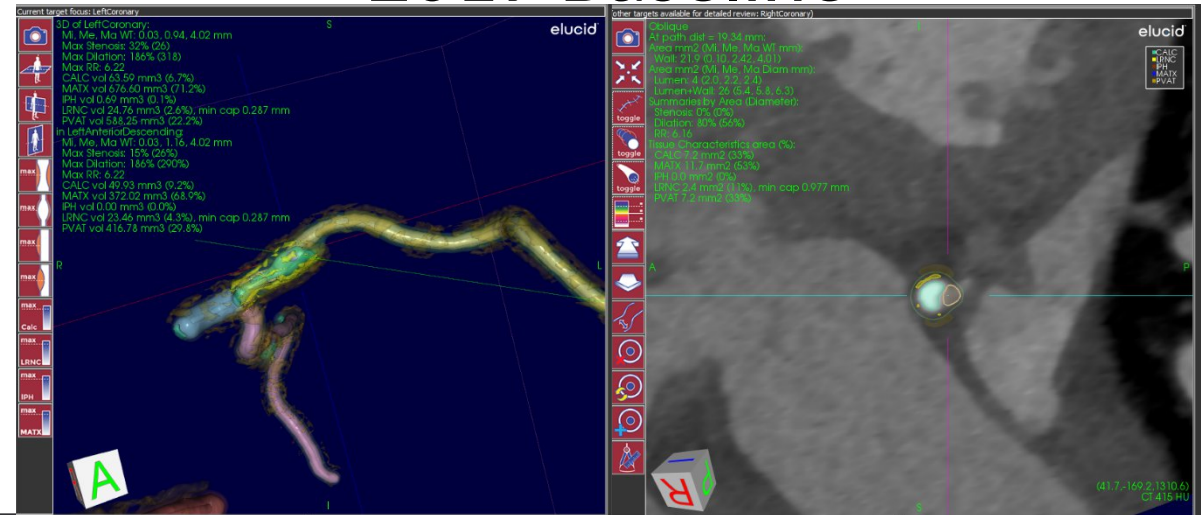


Plaque Burden AI Solution



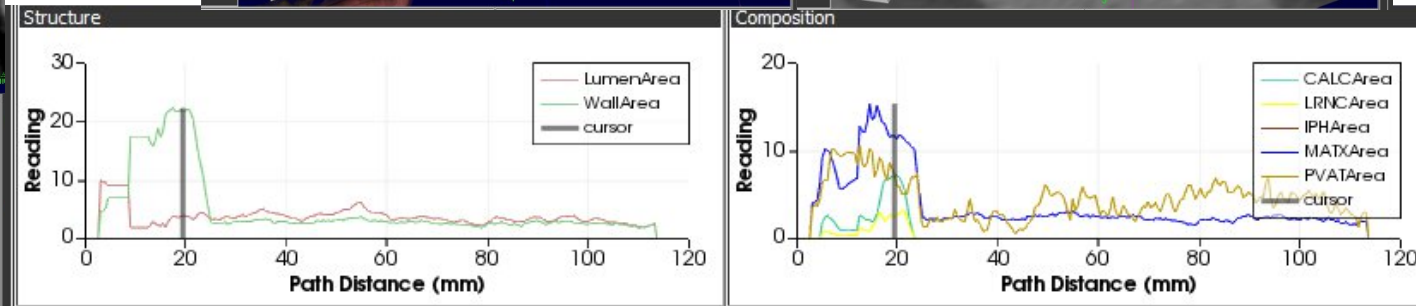
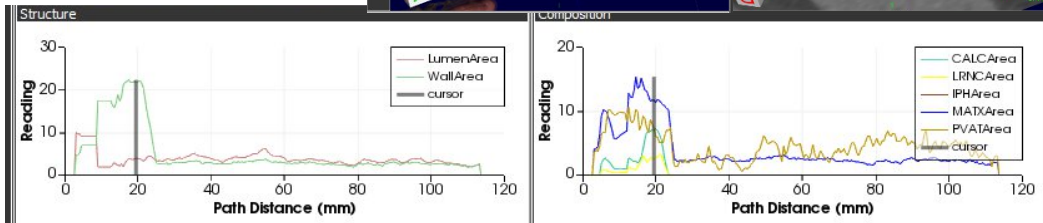
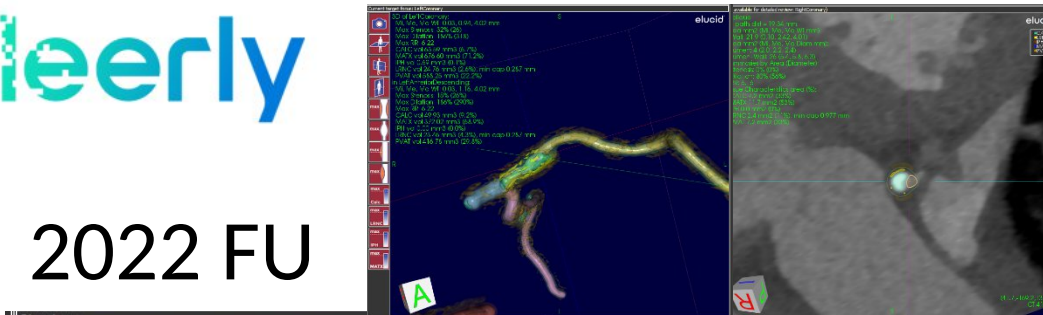
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2019 Baseline



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NEW RESEARCH PAPER

AI Evaluation of Stenosis on Coronary CT Angiography, Comparison With Quantitative Coronary Angiography and Fractional Flow Reserve

A CREDENCE Trial Substudy

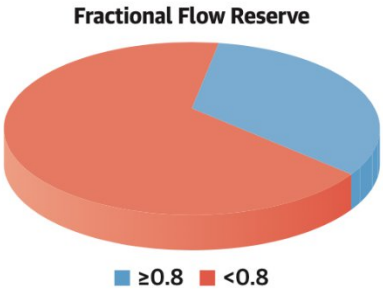
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Artificial Intelligence–Enabled Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography vs Quantitative Coronary Angiography for Detection of Stenosis, Per Patient

Artificial Intelligence–Enabled Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography vs Quantitative Coronary Angiography	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive Predictive Value	Negative Predictive Value	Accuracy	Area Under the Receiver-Operating Characteristic Curve
≥50% Stenosis	94%	68%	81%	90%	84%	0.88
≥70% Stenosis	94%	82%	69%	97%	86%	0.92

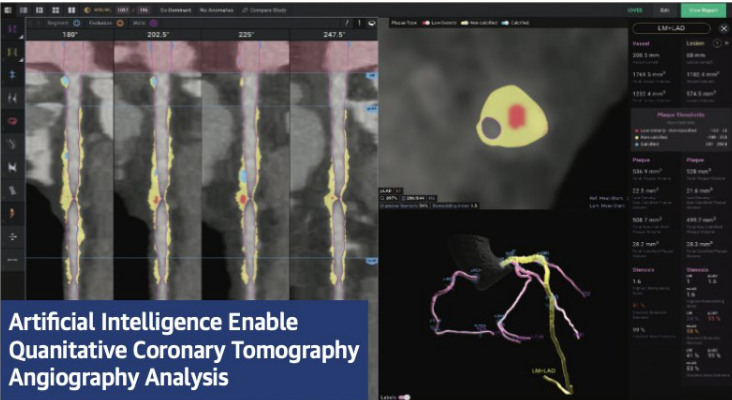
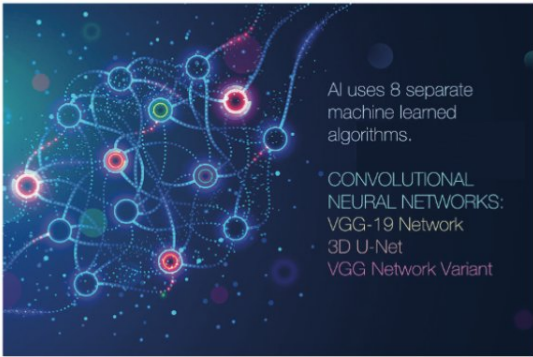
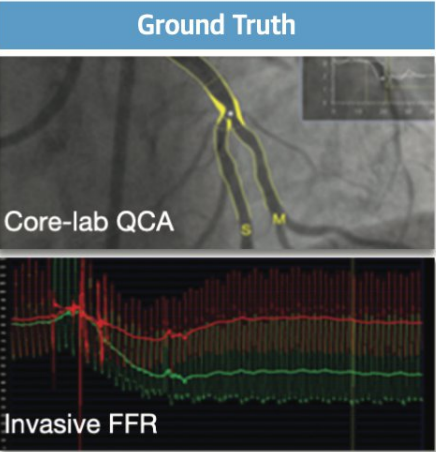
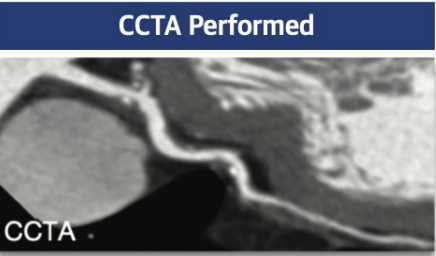
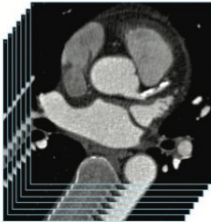
Discordant Cases:

When artificial intelligence-enabled coronary computed tomography angiography ≥70% and quantitative coronary angiography <70% fractional flow reserve is <0.8 in 67%



CREDENCE Trial Data
21 Centers
303 Patients

All CCTA data and series



CT Angiographic and Plaque Predictors of Functionally Significant Coronary Disease and Outcome Using Machine Learning

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METHODS A total of 1,013 vessels with fractional flow reserve (FFR) measurement and available coronary computed tomography angiography were analyzed. Stenosis and plaque features of the target lesion and vessel were evaluated by an independent core laboratory. Relevant features associated with low FFR (≤ 0.80) were identified by using machine learning, and their predictability of 5-year risk of vessel-oriented composite outcome, including cardiac death, target vessel myocardial infarction, or target vessel revascularization, were evaluated.

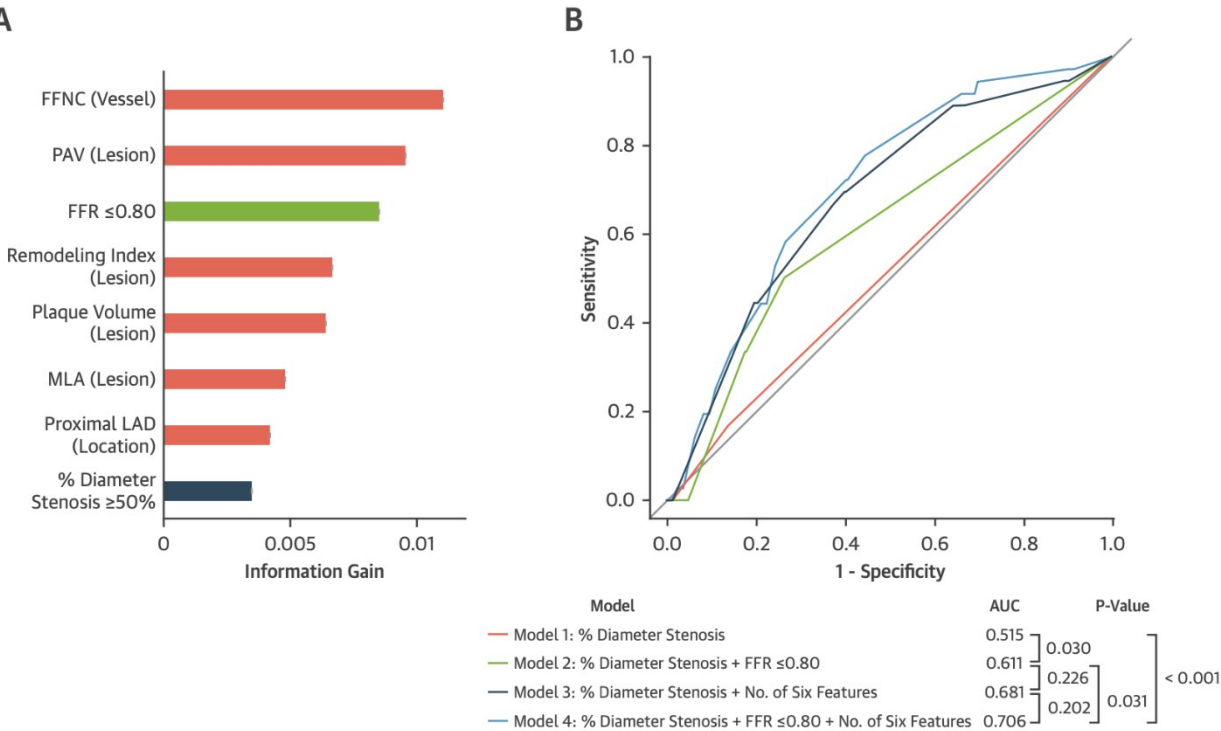
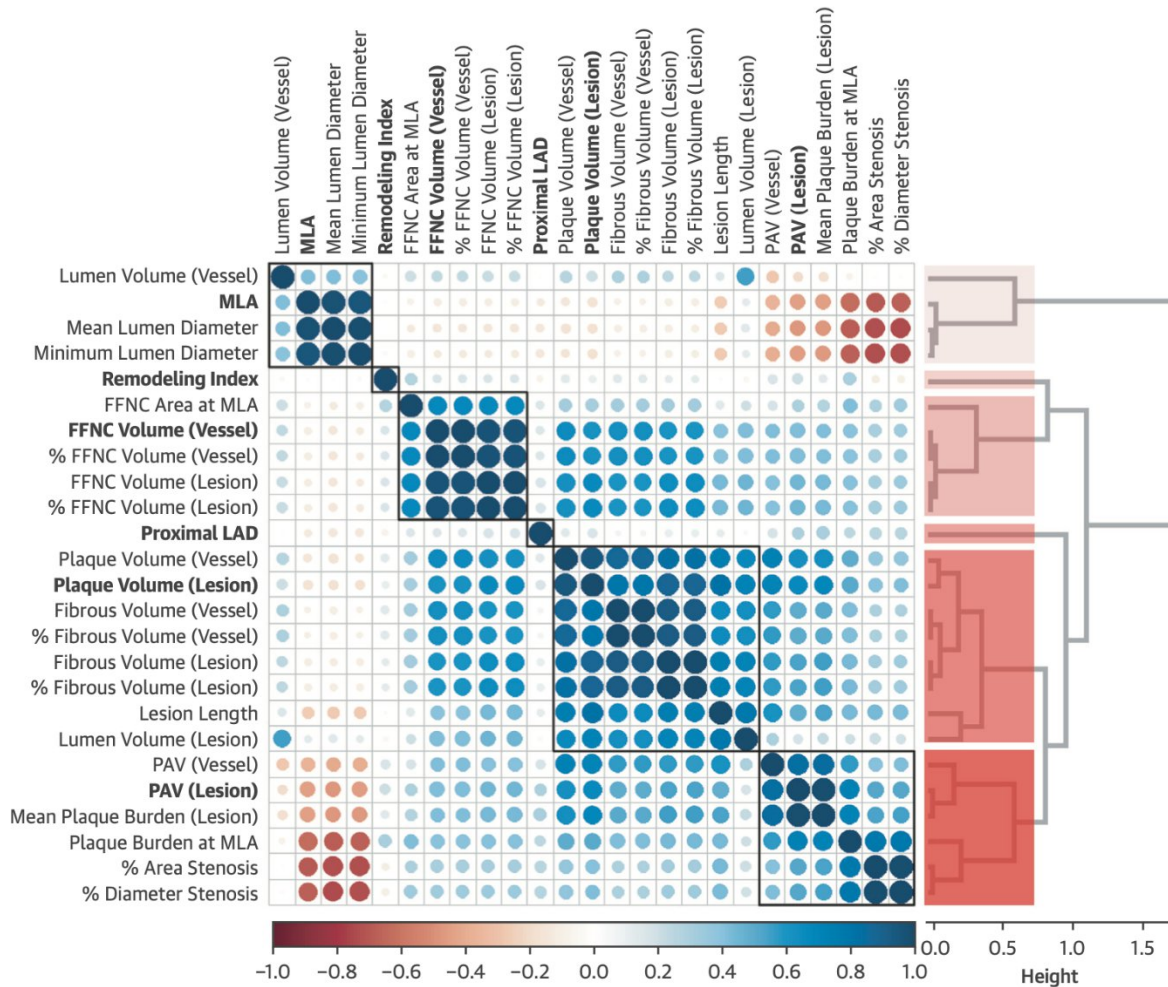
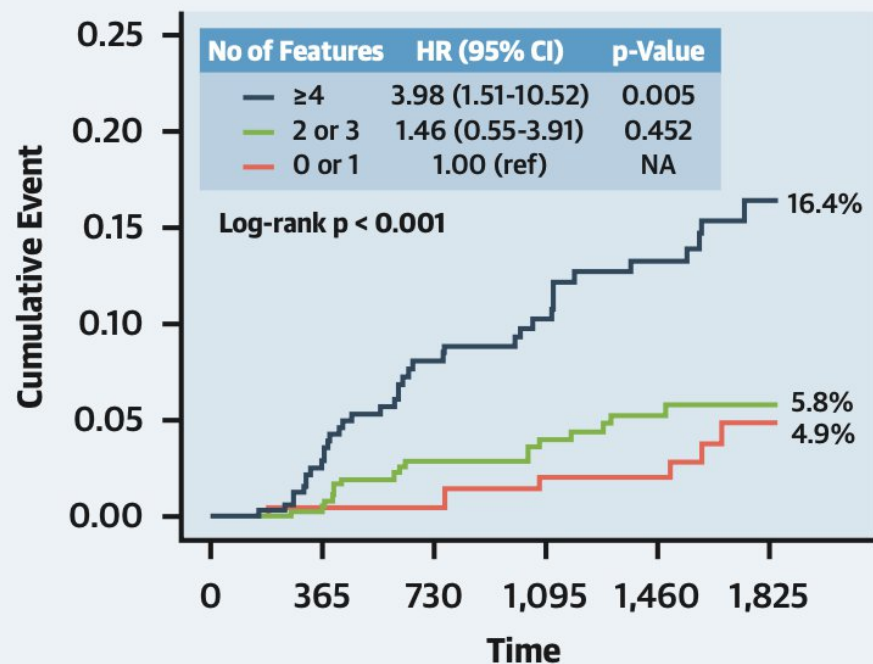


FIGURE 2 Correlation Matrix of 25 Relevant Features for Prediction of FFR ≤ 0.80 and Dendrogram Created by Hierarchical Clustering

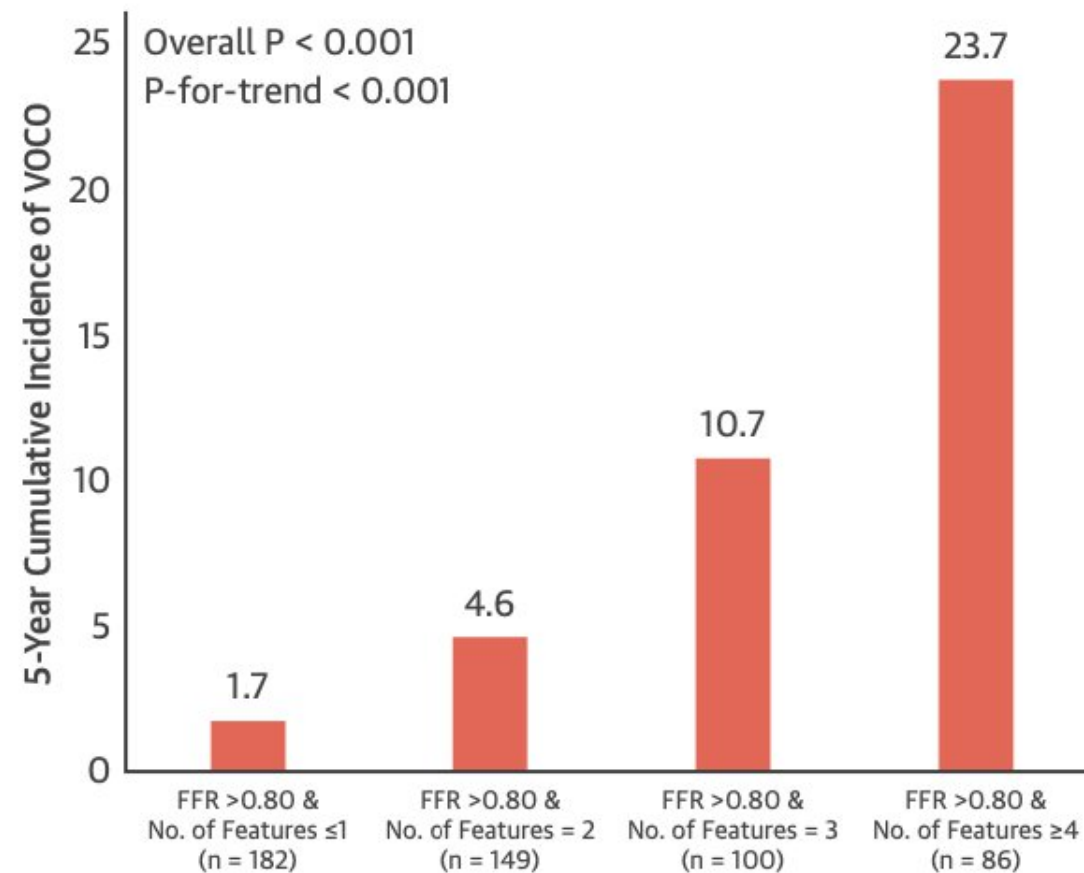


Discrimination of Clinical Outcomes



Number at Risk

— 234	218	198	171	129	44
— 407	361	300	253	197	79
— 372	289	229	190	146	58

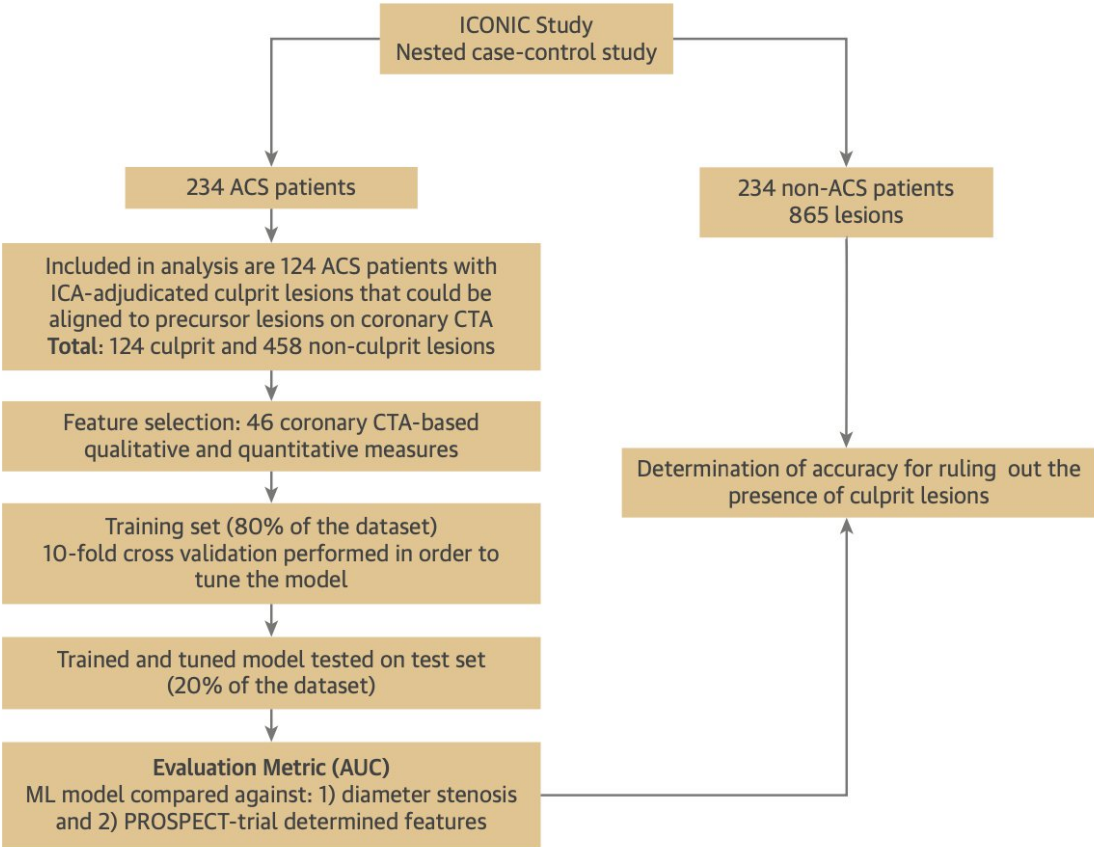


CONCLUSIONS Six functionally relevant features, including minimum lumen area, percent atheroma volume, fibrofatty and necrotic core volume, plaque volume, proximal left anterior descending coronary artery lesion, and remodeling index, help define the presence of myocardial ischemia and provide better prognostication in patients with CAD. (CCTA-FFR

A Boosted Ensemble Algorithm for Determination of Plaque Stability in High-Risk Patients on Coronary CTA



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	Culprit Lesions (n = 124)	Nonculprit Lesions (n = 458)	p Value
Reference vessel area, mm ²	8.93 (6.71–14.3)	6.77 (4.61–10.74)	<0.001
Ostium to MLD lesion distance, mm	35.300 (21.380–46.510)	40.860 (26.300–71.760)	0.0016
Atherosclerotic plaque characteristics, %			
Positive remodeling	79.84	80.79	0.813
Spotty calcification	18.54	13.10	0.124
Low-attenuation plaque	25.00	14.63	0.006
Napkin-ring sign	3.23	0.66	0.040
Lesion length, mm ²	28.76 (19.64–47.81)	18.3 (13.35–28.2)	<0.001
Vessel volume (of the lesion), mm ³	253.24 (136.80–546.17)	135.36 (70.38–255.65)	<0.001
Lumen volume (of the lesion), mm ³	173.72 (96.49–318.35)	98.04 (57.86–181.87)	<0.001
Plaque volume (of the lesion), mm ³	90.75 (26.51–193.66)	24.71 (9.64–67.2)	<0.001
Plaque burden, %	63.25 (43.38–79.34)	50.14 (35.79–64.78)	<0.001
Fibrous volume (of the lesion), mm ³	34.30 (12.190–91.70)	11.27 (4.59–30.69)	<0.001
Fibrofatty volume (of the lesion), mm ³	8.36 (1.08–30.05)	1.75 (0.13–9.16)	<0.001
Necrotic core volume (of the lesion), mm ³	0.15 (0.00–2.36)	0.00 (0.00–0.34)	<0.001
Dense calcium volume (of the lesion), mm ³	17.89 (2.25–73.52)	5.73 (1.38–20.03)	0.001

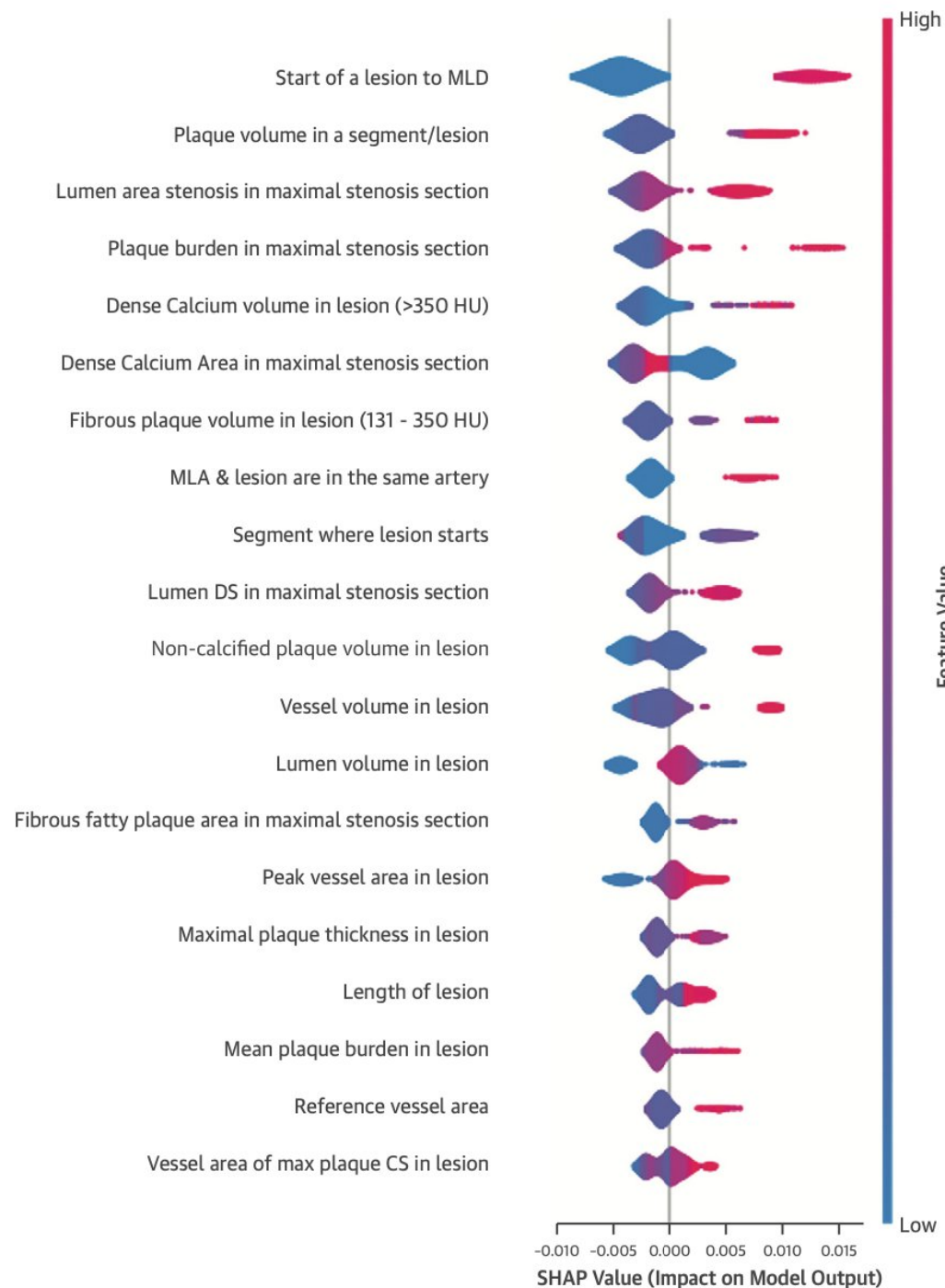
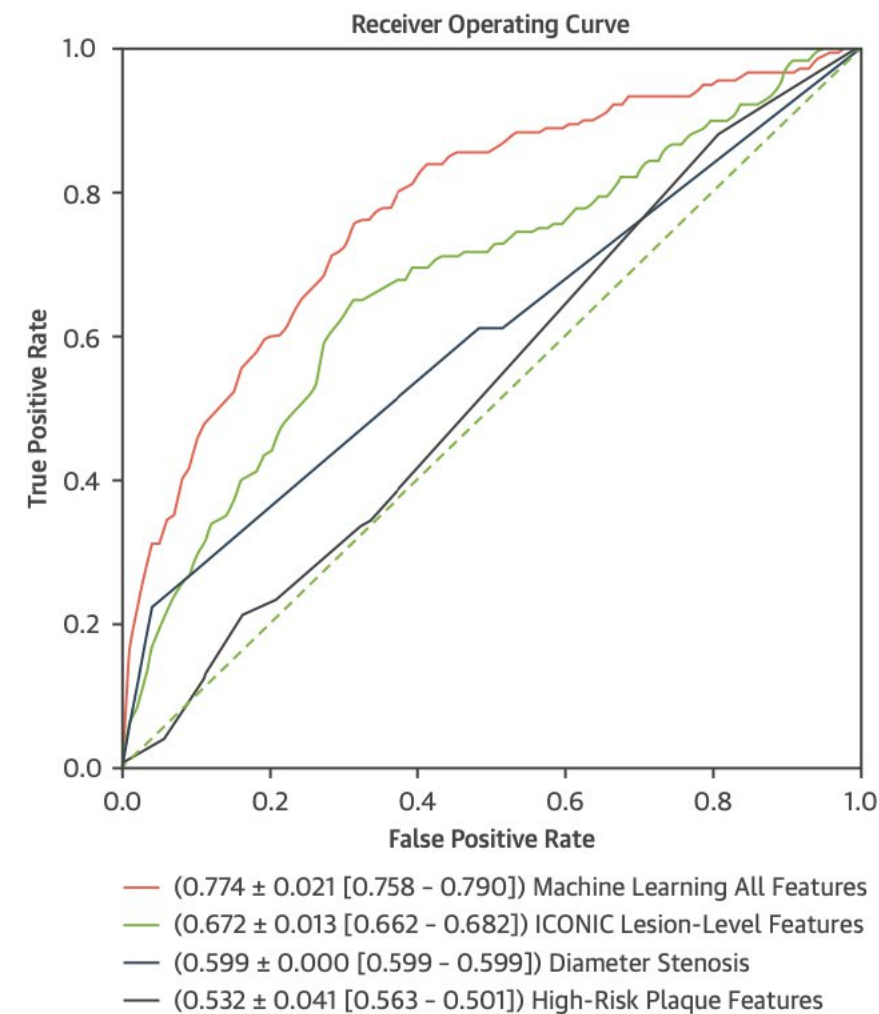
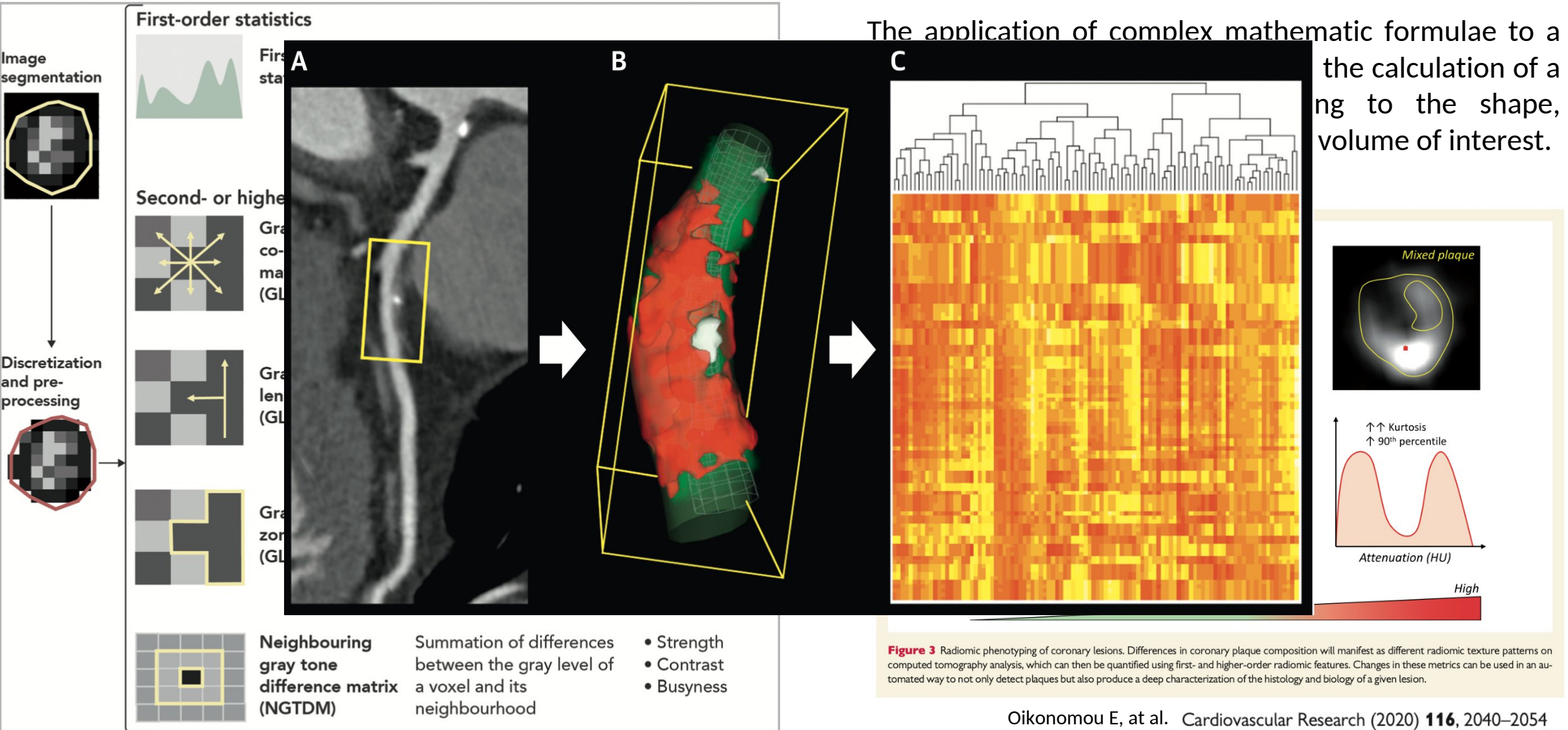


FIGURE 2 Prediction of Culprit Lesion Precursors Across Four Different Models



Radiomics

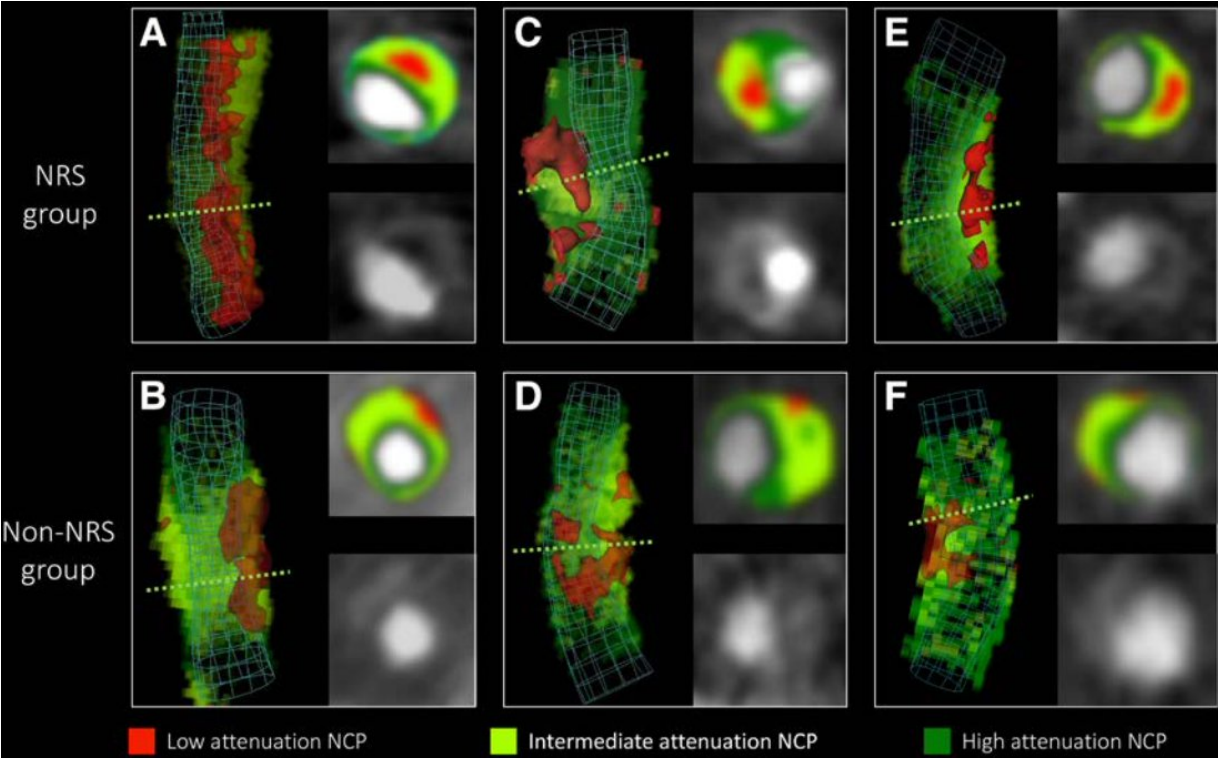
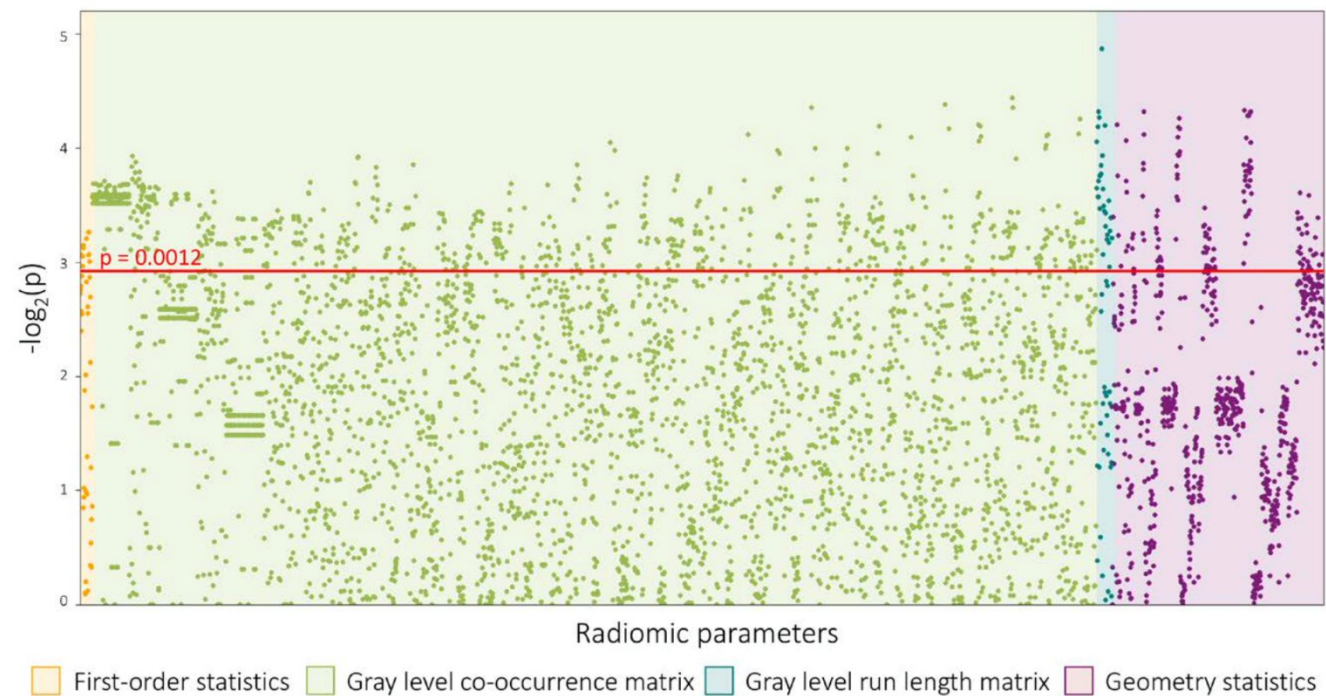


Radiomic Features Are Superior to Conventional Quantitative Computed Tomographic Metrics to Identify Coronary Plaques With Napkin-Ring Sign

Circ Cardiovasc Imaging. 2017;10:e006843.

Márton Kolossváry, MD; Júlia Karády, MD; Bálint Szilveszter, MD; Pieter Kitslaar, MSc;

Methods and Results—From 2674 patients referred to coronary computed tomographic angiography caused by stable chest pain, expert readers identified 30 patients with NRS plaques and matched these with 30 non-NRS plaques with similar degree of calcification, luminal obstruction, localization, and imaging parameters. All plaques were segmented manually, and image data information was analyzed using Radiomics Image Analysis package for the presence of 8 conventional and 4440 radiomic parameters. We used the permutation test of symmetry to assess differences between NRS and non-

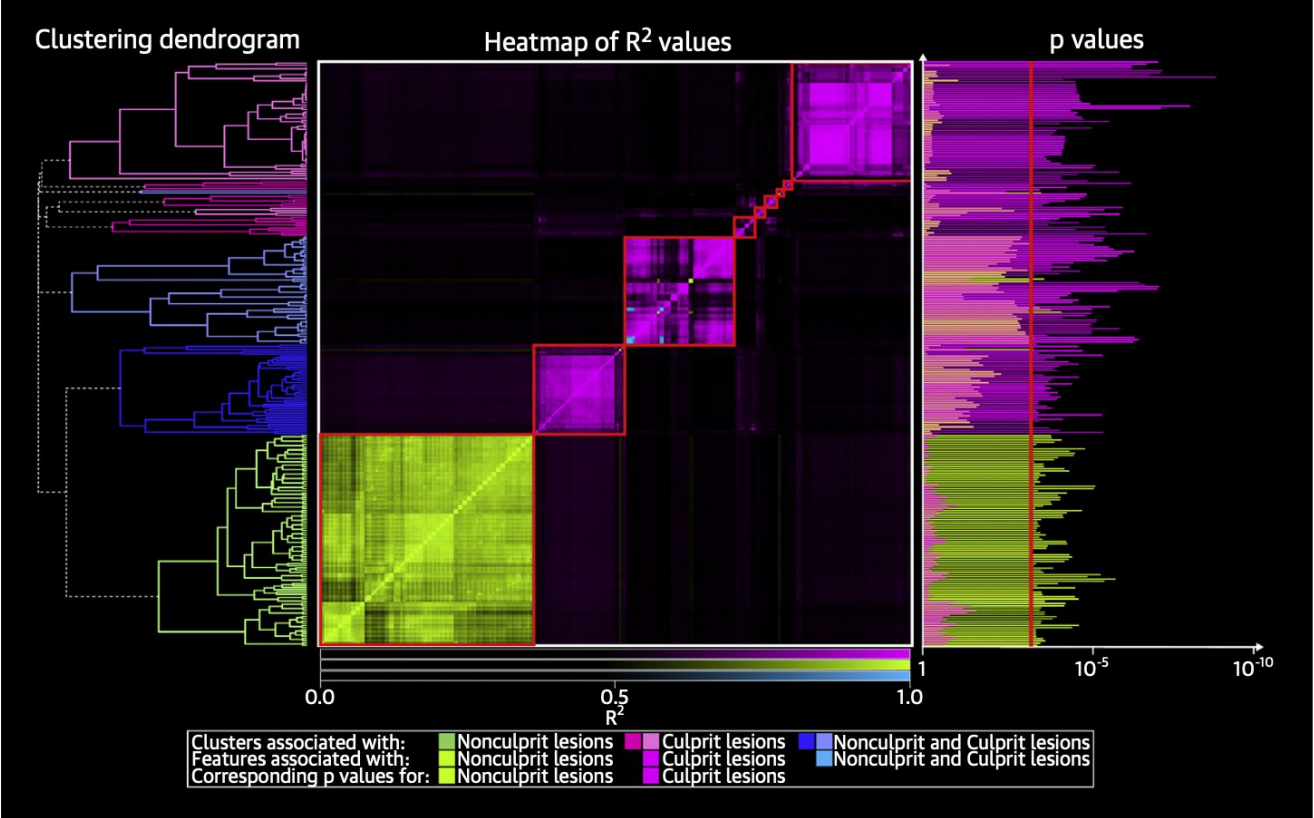
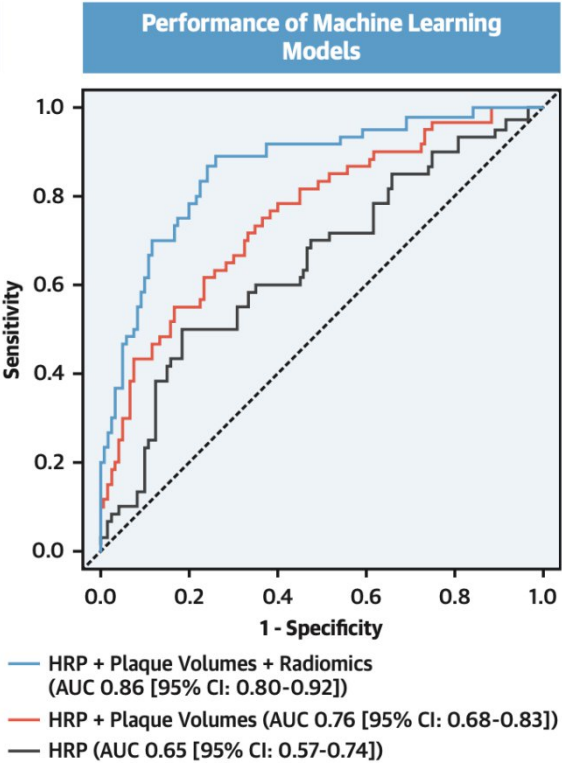
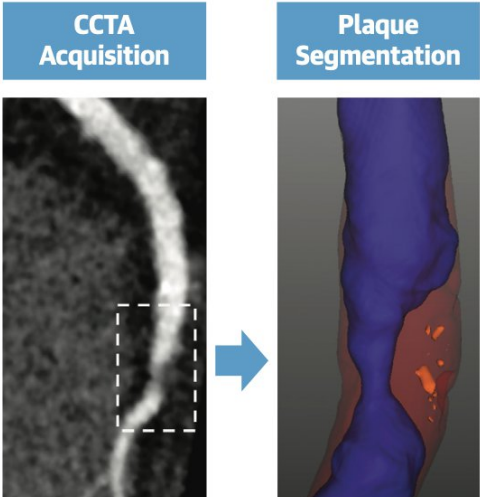


Conclusions—A large number of radiomic features are different between NRS and non-NRS plaques and exhibit excellent discriminatory value. (*Circ Cardiovasc Imaging.* 2017;10:e006843. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCIMAGING.117.006843.)

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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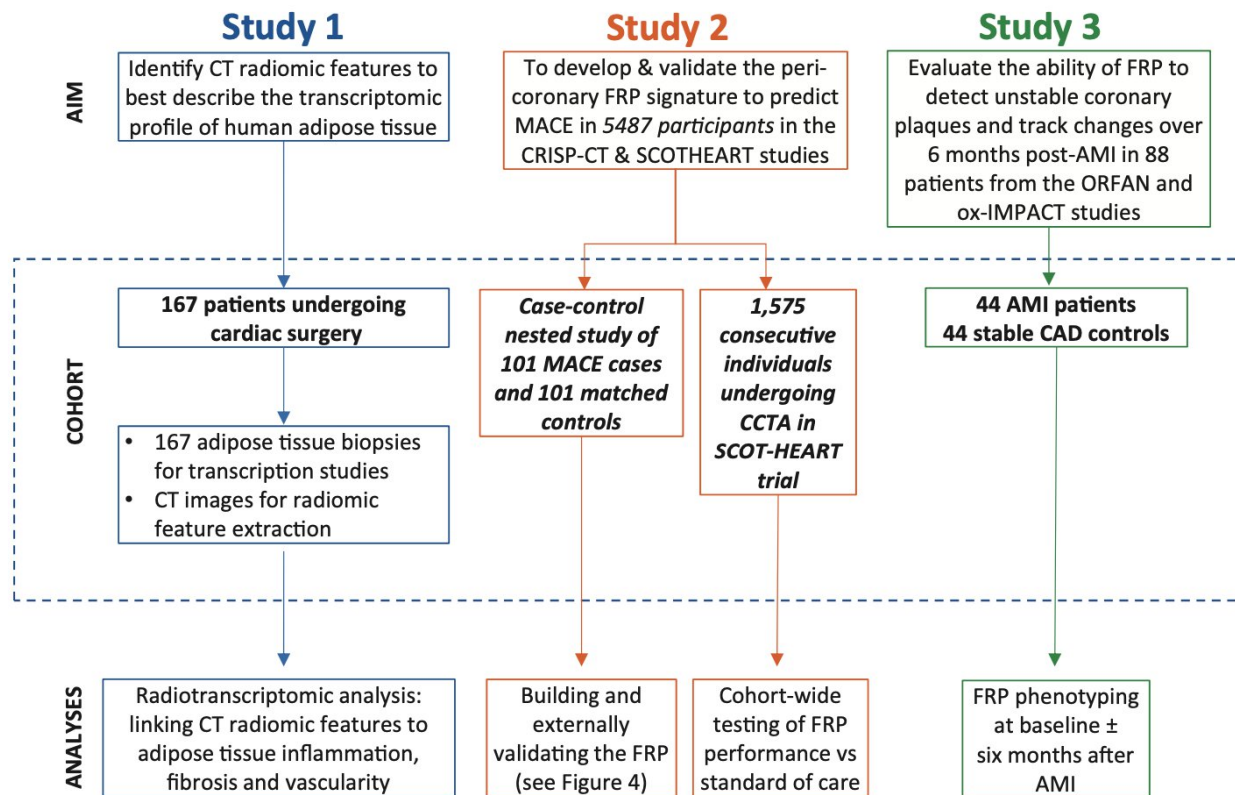
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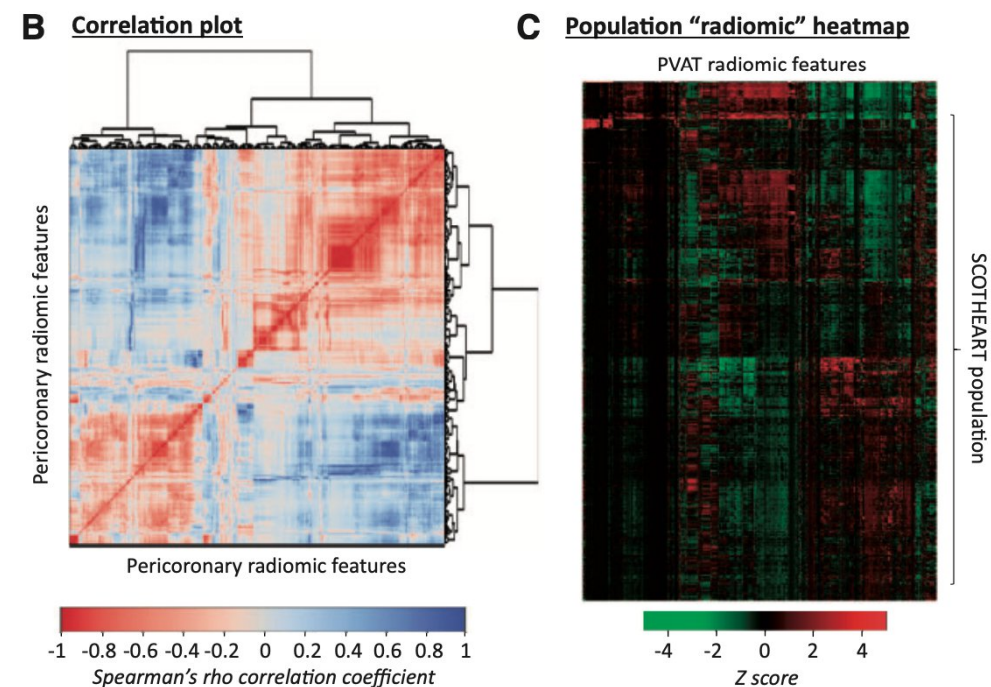
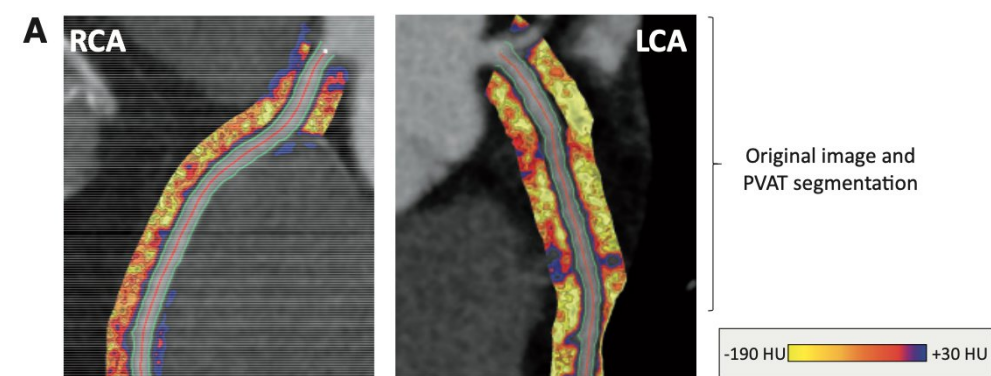
A novel machine learning-derived radiotranscriptomic signature of perivascular fat improves cardiac risk prediction using coronary CT angiography

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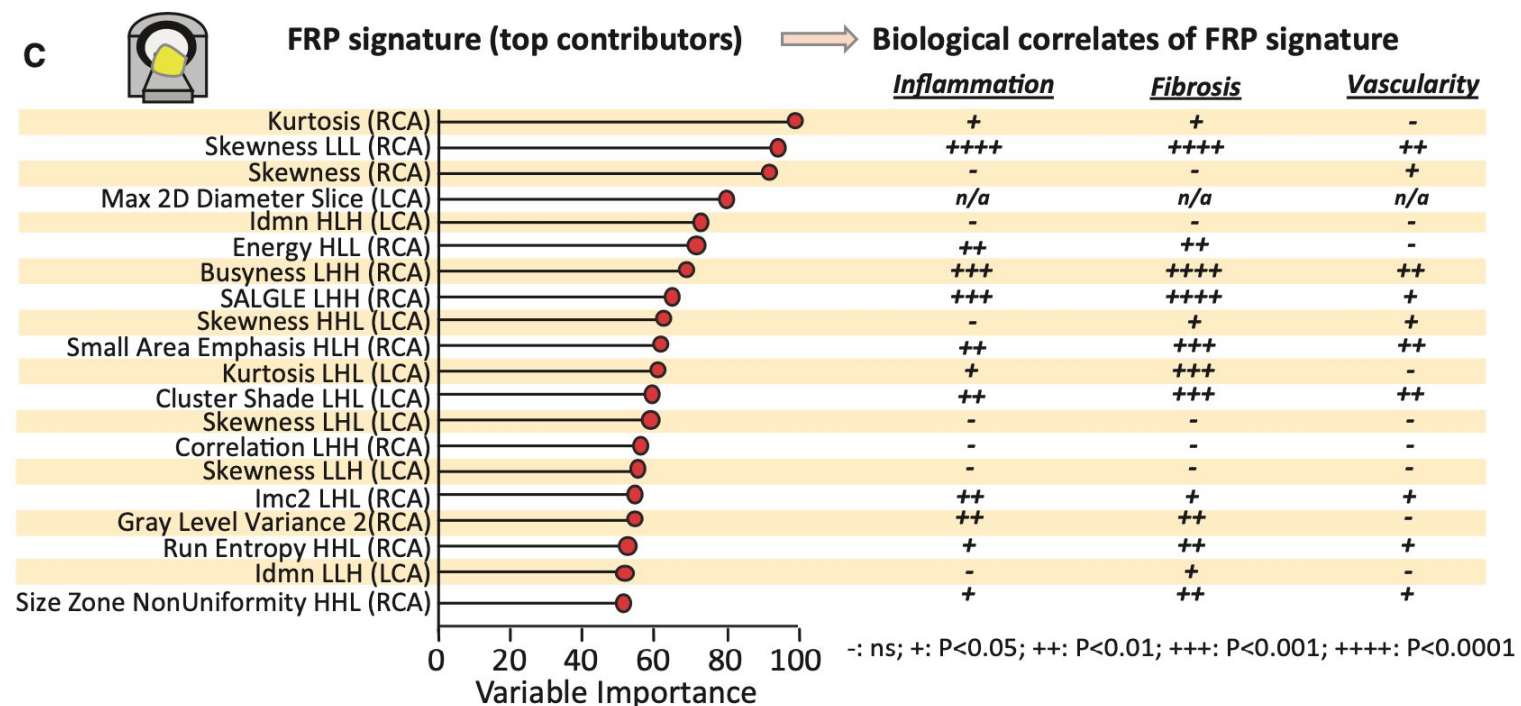
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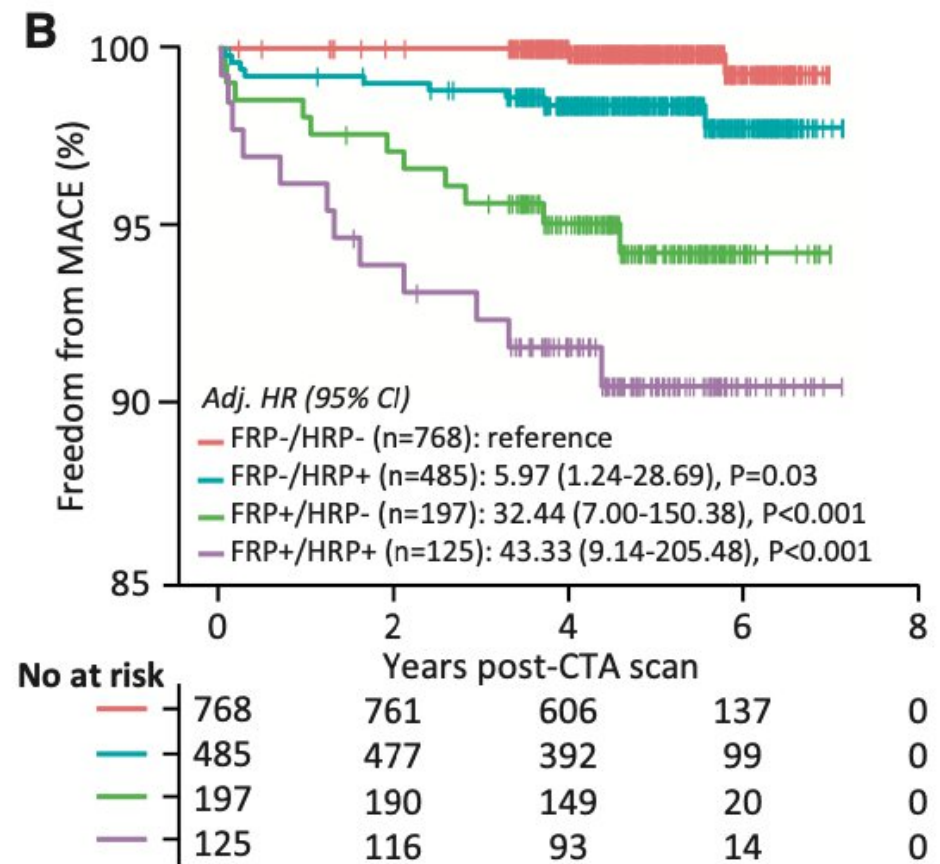
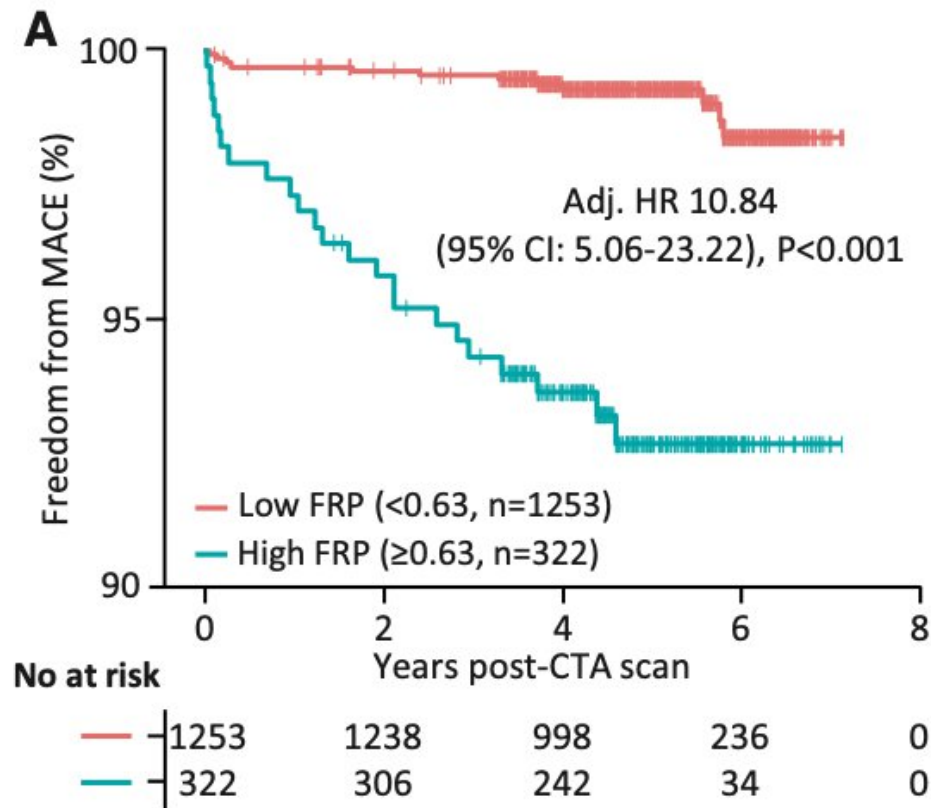
A new artificial intelligence-powered method to predict cardiac risk by analysing the radiomic profile and results of coronary PVAT, developed and validated in patient cohorts acquired in three different studies



Radiomic phenotyping of coronary perivascular adipose tissue

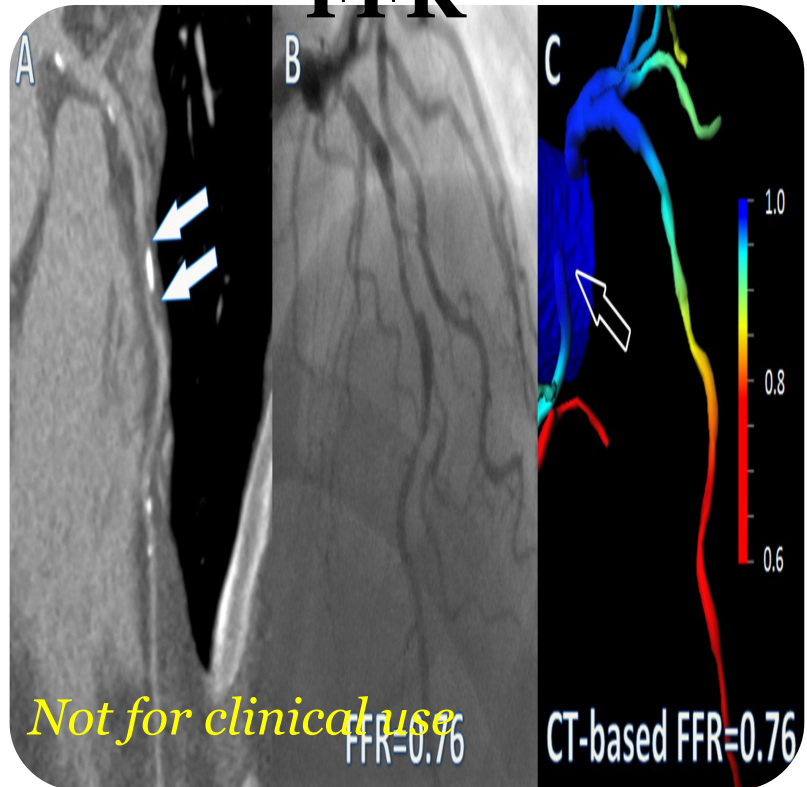


Prognostic value of the pericoronary fat radiomic profile



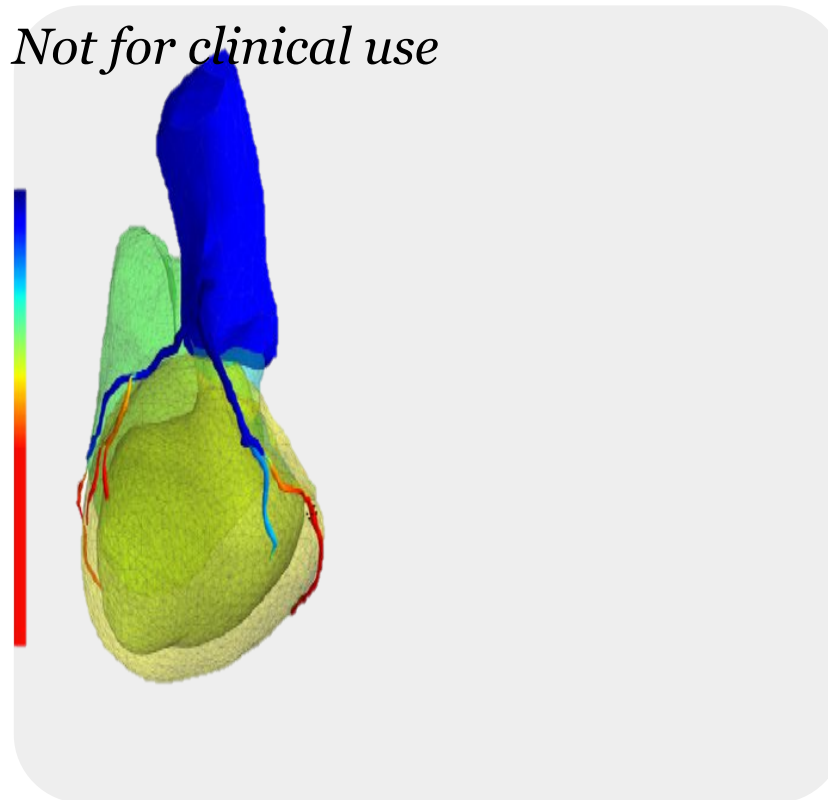
Machine Learning-based CT-FFR

Siemens CT- FFR[®]

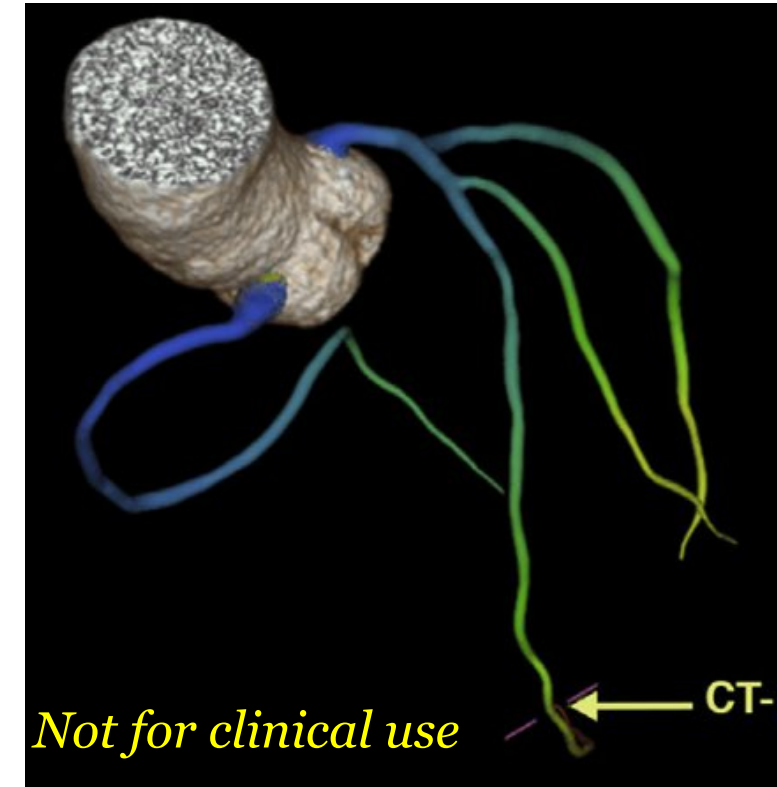


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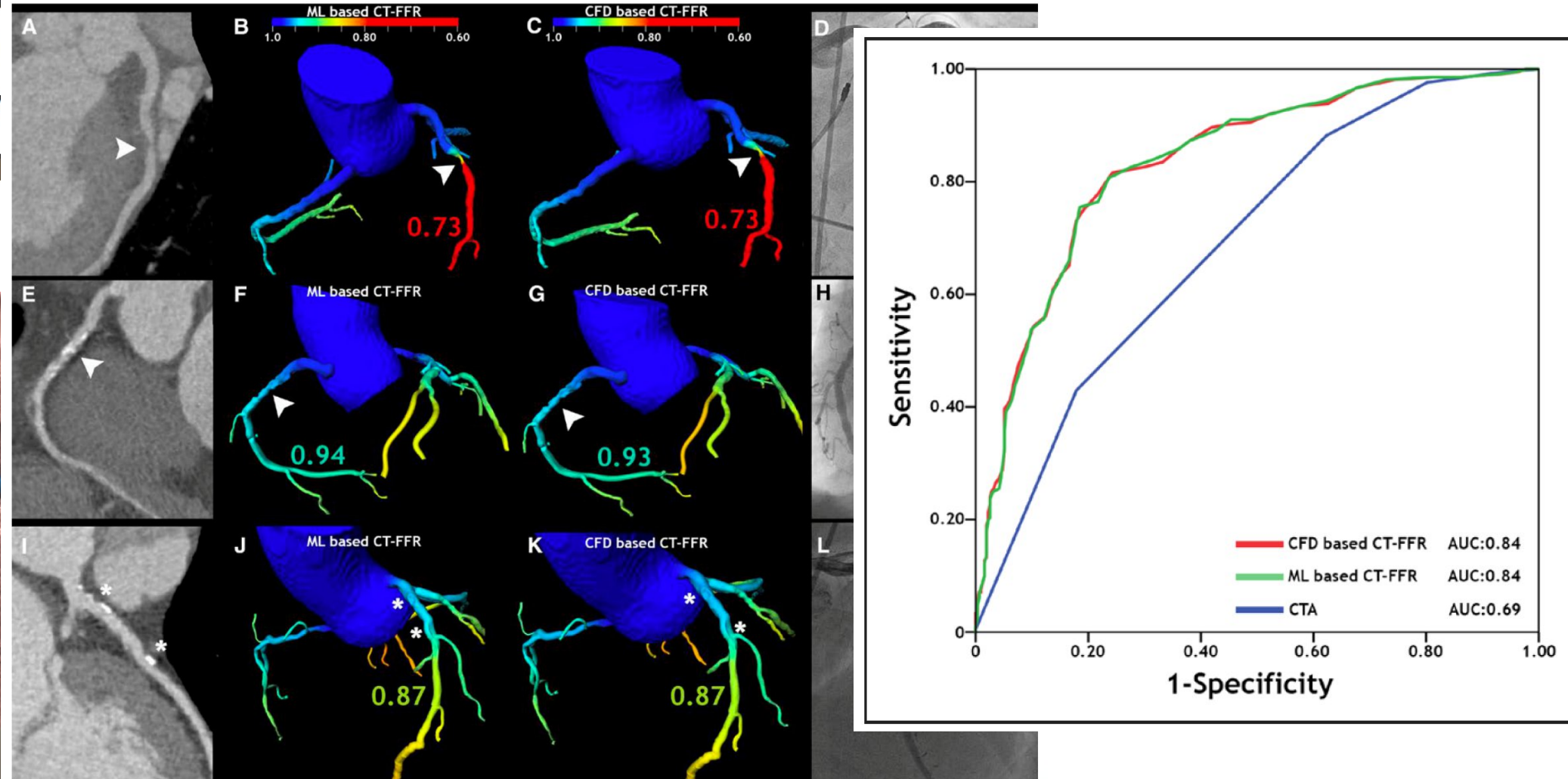
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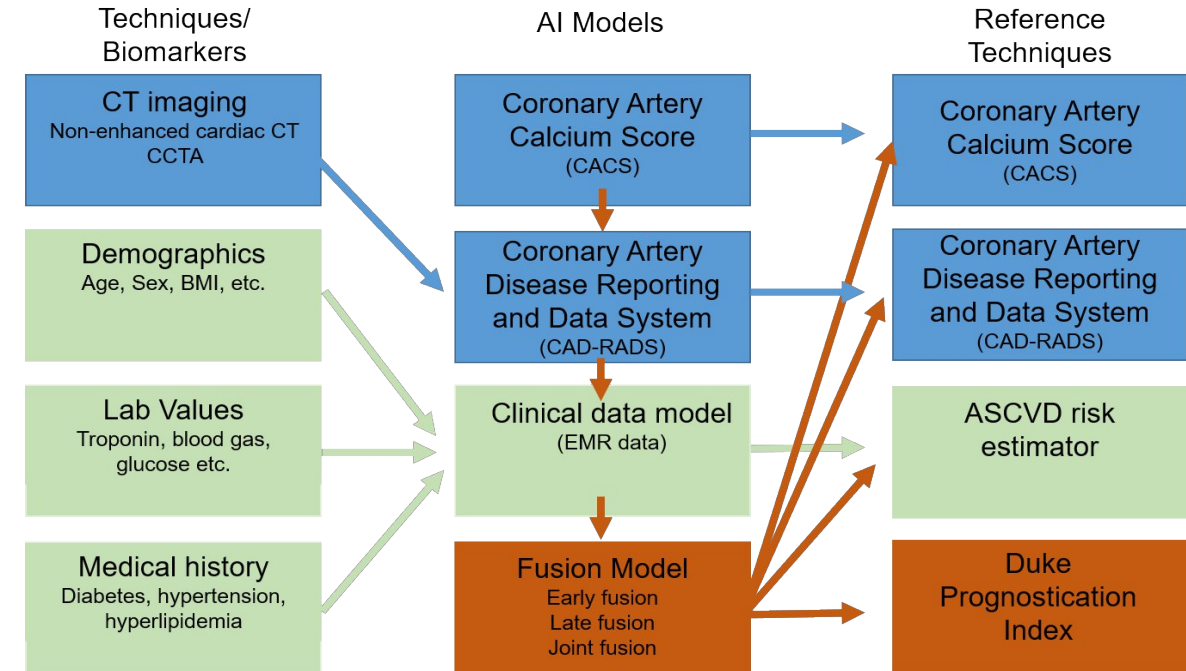
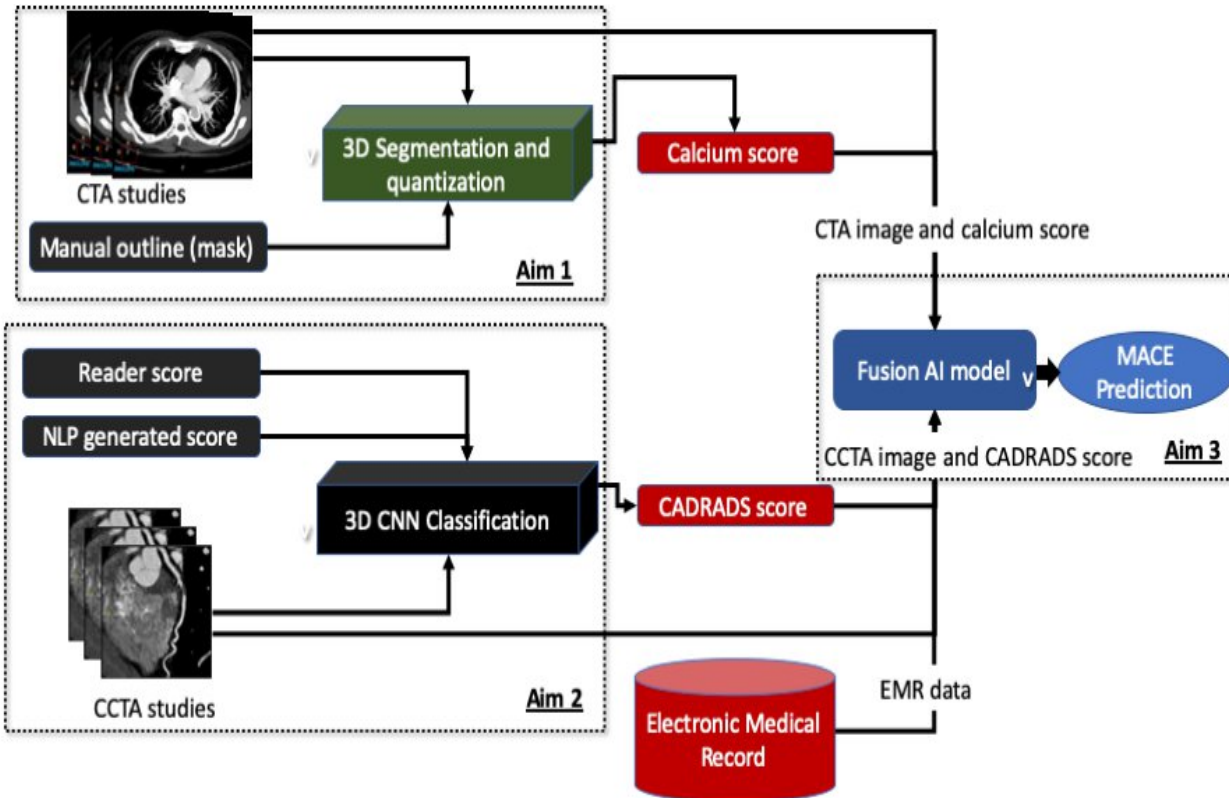
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ML CT-FFR: Evidence

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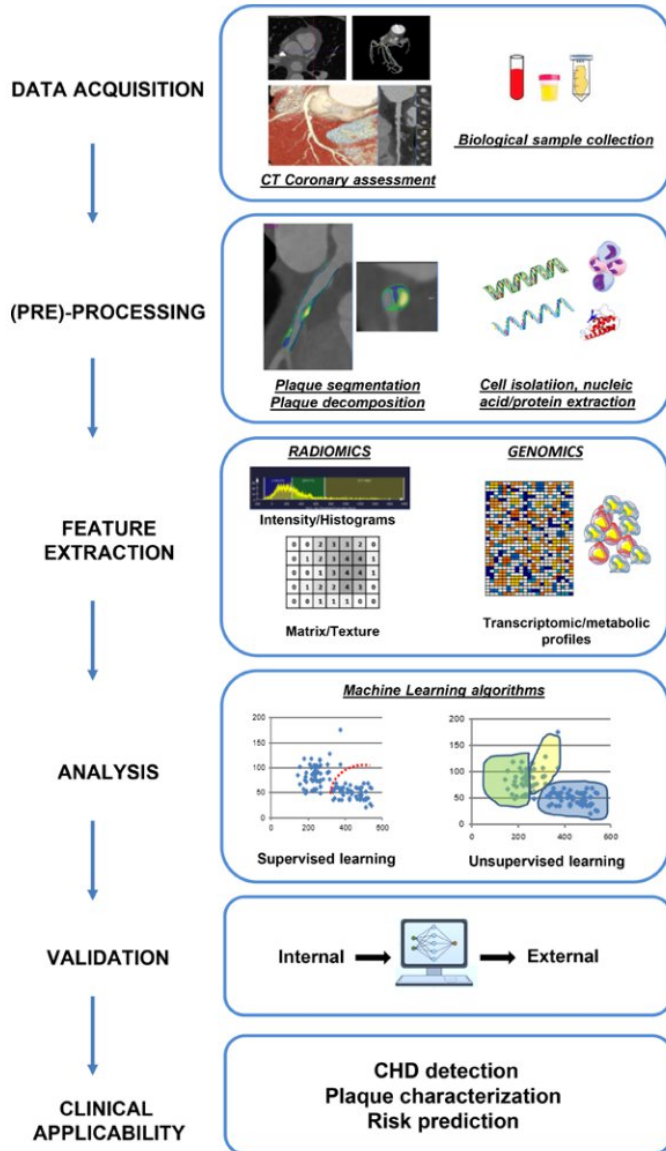
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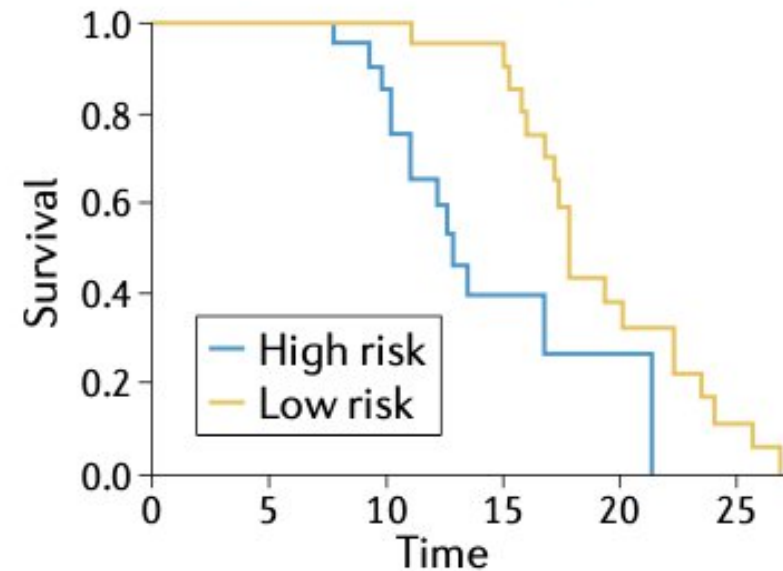
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Multi-Omics Integration



- Integrating different and composite data derived from multi-omics approaches to cardiology patients.
- Managing the big amount of data from different types of analysis, including information derived from DNA and RNA sequencing, and imaging.

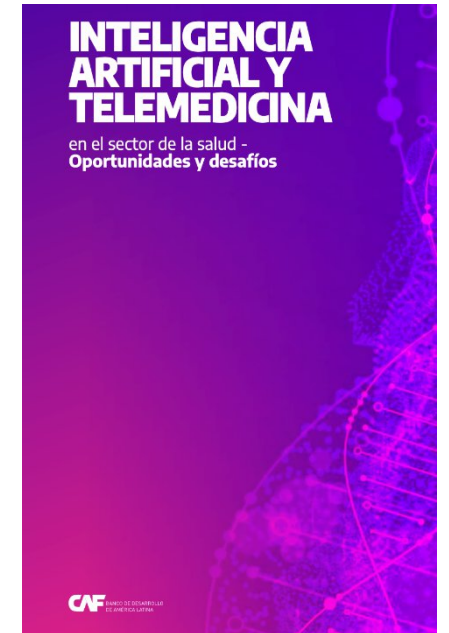


AI Challenges

- Data **Accessibility, Quality, Sufficiency** and **Representativeness**
- Results **Reproducibility**, ensuring that insights withstand known challenges with replication
- Algorithms **Transparency**, moving beyond black-box algorithms to ensure results are understood and trusted
- Algorithms **Credibility**, results should be consistent with established science
- Demonstrate and quantify the **Gain** from the use of an algorithm compared with other approaches
- Avoid data **Biases**, data reflect the clinical and social context in which healthcare is delivered

AI Barriers

1. Infrastructure
2. Regulations
3. Funding and Reimbursement
4. Healthcare Personnel training
5. Patient Education and Relationship
6. Data Protection & Cybersecurity



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Conclusions

- Machine Learning and Radiomics can play a significant role in the identification and clinical application of novel imaging biomarkers and workflow optimization in cardiac CT and coronary plaque analysis
- AI can rapidly and accurately provide physicians with better data and intel allowing for better decision making and, ultimately, better patient outcomes
- **Results Reproducibility, Outcome Prediction and Workflow Integration** are the main challenges

Conclusions

“Artificial Intelligence is changing the medical sector. We need to embrace and guide this revolution to improve the quality of healthcare, reducing disparities in the access to medical services and the cost of medical treatments, to achieve health equity and democratize healthcare.”



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