AB082. SOH21AS180. A radiomic model to classify adrenal lesions on CT

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Background: Medical imaging analysis has evolved to facilitate the development of AI-enhanced methods for high-throughput extraction of quantitative features that can potentially contribute to the diagnostic and treatment paradigm of adrenal pathology. Adrenal lesions can be classified as benign/malignant or originating in the cortex/medulla. Qualitative radiological features can contribute to diagnosis however histopathological assessment is required to definitively establish the type of lesion. There is a need for non-invasive diagnostic markers due to the impracticality of adrenal biopsy. The aim of this study was to develop and validate a radiomic classifier to non-invasively classify adrenal lesions on CT.

Methods: Data on patients who underwent adrenalectomy from 2009–2020 was included. Tumour segmentation was carried out manually under the supervision of a consultant radiologist. Radiomic features were extracted using LIFExTM software. Features were selected using a random forest and support vector machine (SVM) learning approach. The radiomic classifier was built using a least absolute shrinkage selection operator (LASSO) regression.

Results: Ninety-six patients were included in the study (aged 53±5 years). Seventy-eight patients underwent minimally invasive retroperitoneoscopic surgery and 18 had open surgery. Mean lesion size was 42 mm. There were 72 benign lesions and 8 malignant lesions. 50 patients had adreno-cortical lesions while 25 had medullary lesions. Radiomic features in combination were able to differentiate benign vs. malignant and cortical vs. medullary lesions respectively (AUC <0.8, AUC <0.75).

Conclusions: This study validated a radiomic classifier to non-invasively predict the malignant status and zone of origin of adrenal lesions.

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