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Liste des abréviations

BM : Brain metastasis

SRS : Stereotaxic radiosurgery

WBRT : Whole brain radiotherapy

TR : Tumor recurrence

TP : Tumor progression

ROI : Region of interest

FDG : [¹⁸F]fluorodeoxyglucose

PET/CT : Positron emission tomography–computed tomography

MRI : Magnetic resonance imaging

OS : Overall survival

PFS : Progression free survival

WM : White matter

AUC : Area Under Curve

FDR : False Discovery Rate

Introduction

The frequency of brain metastasis (BM) is continuously increasing in developed countries(1). While radiation therapy remains the standard treatment for non-surgical lesions(2), we are currently observing a shift in practices in favor of stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) instead of whole-brain radiotherapy (WBRT), presenting a good performance with a decreased neurotoxicity (3). One of the most frequent clinical and radiological complication is radiation injury(4,5), which can be divided into two categories : “pseudo-progression”, a short-term subacute brain injury occurring within the first weeks of treatment; and “radiation necrosis” (RN), a late occurring condition that can remain from months up to years(6). Radiation necrosis usually appears within the same period as tumor progression (TP) and displays the same radiological presentation on MRI(6), both of them appearing as an enlarged and contrast-enhanced lesion due to the blood-brain barrier breakdown in both conditions(2,7). Multiparametric MRI offers useful tools that can guide and help the radiologist, but these non-universally available techniques are often criticized for their lack of reproducibility(8). While brain biopsy remains the gold standard, it is a highly invasive technique which brings out many concerns (tumor localization, performance status, patient willingness, cost limits) and often remains a last case option(8,9). In this situation, brain positron emission tomography with computed tomography (PET/CT) using [¹⁸F]fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) may provide additional diagnostic arguments to help clinical decision(7,10). A dual-phase protocol has been proven helpful to assess FDG-avid tumors (11). In this protocol, a first PET/CT (“early image”) is performed 30 minutes after FDG injection. A second PET/CT (“delayed image”) is acquired(12) 4h hours after the first acquisition. Normal brain tissue, immune system cells and tumor cells have a very different glycolytic metabolism(13), allowing this postulate : the tracer will build up in tumors or tumor

recurrences while its retention remains stable within normal tissue or inflammatory process(13). This will lead to a difference of maximum Standard Uptake Value (SUVmax) in the brain tumor and the background normal brain tissue, with better sound to noise ratio(14), allowing us to determine the lesion retention index (RI).

A few studies and meta-analysis have sought to improve diagnostic performance by associating PET/CT and MRI with interesting results but many biases, mostly within image post-processing (15). Coregistered MRI and dual phase PET/CT (PET) images could be used to extract prognostic biomarkers. Such parameters could help distinguish between TP and RN and stratify patients with better overall survival (OS) and progression-free survival (PFS), standard criteria in cancer treatment evaluation (2,14).

The aim of this study was to extract MRI and dual phase PET biomarkers associated with TP or RN in patients treated by SRS for BM using coregistered images for quantitative analysis. On secondary analysis, we also conducted a semi-quantitative and a visual analysis to assess the performance of both MRI and PET.

Methods

Study Population

Fifteen patients were retrospectively included from January 2018 to September 2020 from two hospitals : the University Hospital of Montpellier and the Jean Perrin Center of Clermont Ferrand (France). Inclusion criteria were as follow: patients older than 18 years, anatomopathological proven primary disease and history knowledge of a brain metastasis, treatment with stereotactic radiosurgery, development during follow-up of a contrast-enhanced MRI lesion with non-conclusive definitive diagnostic for tumor progression according to the local multidisciplinary neuro oncological board which led to a dual-phase brain FDG PET/CT (PET). Exclusion criteria were pregnancy, contraindications to MRI or PET imaging or contraindications to contrast agent administration. The authorization from both hospitals local ethical committees was obtained. Written consentment was obtained from each patient.

PET/CT and MRI Imaging Technics

After a minimum of 6 hours fasting, patients were installed on a either a BIOGRAPH mCT-20 Flow-4R SIEMENS (Montpellier) or a Discovery 710 Optima 660 or Discovery MIDR General Electrics (Clermont Ferrand) for a brain acquisition. The patients were injected intravenously with 125–250 MBq (typically 150 MBq) of ^{18}F -FDG followed by an “early acquisition” 30 minutes after injection. The “delayed image” was acquired 4 hours after the injection. Low dose non-contrast enhanced CT scan was acquired for anatomic localization and attenuation correction. All PET images reconstruction that includes corrections for scatter, random events, dead time, and attenuation (from CT) were obtained with OSEM (10 iteration and 32 subsets) + TOF (VUE Point FX) algorithm using a standard Z cutoff filter and 5 mm frequency cut including point spread function modelling (SharpIR).

The usual brain tumor MRI protocol (before and after intravenous gadolinium contrast, in adequation with the guidelines(16)) was performed on a 3T MRI (Skyra 3T and Prisma 3T, Siemens, Erlangen, Germany). The reconstruction parameters can be found in Annexe 1. A 0.2 mL/kg bolus of contrast agent was administered at 6 mL/s. The contrast agent used depended on the patient: either Gd-DOTA, gadoterate meglumine, Dotarem® (Guerbet, France) or Gd-BOPTA, gadobenate dimeglumine, MultiHance® (Bracco Imaging SpA, Milan, Italy).

A minimum period of 3 months separated the last SRS session from the imaging acquisitions.

Image Analysis

Coregistration quantitative analysis

Perfusion maps were generated with Olea Sphere 3.0 (Olea Medical® SA, Toshiba Medical Systems Corporation) using a block-circulant singular value decomposition (CSVD) deconvolution. We devised a Matlab script (The MathWorks Inc. MATLAB, Massachusetts, United States) using SPM12 toolbox (Statistical Parametric Mapping (17)) to convert the permeability cartography. The contrast-enhanced T1 MPRAGE images of each patient were reoriented on the anterior commissure, then all images were coregistered on the contrast-enhanced T1 MPRAGE images using Matlab and SPM12(28). Every metric was then statistically explored to find its association with either diagnostic.

Tumor localization and 3D (ROI) were devised using MRICron software (Chris Rorden's MRICron (18)) by an experienced resident with the supervision of two experienced senior radiologists. Semi-automated ROIs were drawn on the tumor on the axial T1 MRI, H1 and H4 PET images; a reference contralateral white-matter spheric ROI was also drawn for

standardization. The ROIs were named : **MRI** (ROI drawn on the T1 MPRAGE images), **Early** (ROI drawn on the early one hour PET), **Delayed** (ROI drawn on the delayed four hour PET) and **WM** (ROI drawn on contralateral white matter). Perfusion and permeability metrics (on MRI sequences) were recorded inside these ROIs.

For the MRI metrics, every metric was evaluated for their association with either diagnostic, with the metric alone and the standardized metric which was defined by the ratio **MRI/WM** (the ROI drawn on the tumor / the contralateral white matter ROI). For the PET, we measured the SUVmax inside the ROIs (Early, Delayed and WM) and calculated the same metrics as in the semi-quantitative analysis, on the early (**Early/WM**) and delayed acquisition (**Delayed/WM**) and also the Retention Index (see below in Semi-Quantitative analysis).

Semi-quantitative analysis

PET and MRI were analysed by experimented radiologists (for MRI) and nuclear physicists (for PET); tumor localizations were noted. On dual phase PET, maximum standardized uptake values (SUVmax) of the lesion (L) were measured at “early” (1) and “delayed” (2) imaging acquisitions (using a 40% cut-off). A mirror contralateral region of interest (ROI) was used as standardization (WM for White Matter). Ratios of L SUVmax to WM SUVmax at “early” and “delayed” time points (L1/WM1 and L2/WM2 respectively) were calculated individually, and the change between early and late L to WM ratios was calculated using the formula: $[(L2/ GM2 - L1/GM1)/(L1/GM1)]$ (19). This ratio was called the Retention Index (RI). A 20% increase in this RI was considered as TR, whereas a change of RI less than 10% was not significant and was in favor of RN.

Visual analysis

On a secondary visual analysis, each PET acquisition (early and delayed) was also randomly analysed by an experienced resident, blindly to the results of the other acquisition for the same patient. The resident then interpreted the combined images of the early and delayed acquisitions. A binary subjective fixation score was used to assess each lesion, as “suspicious” or “non suspicious” of progression. This was to investigate if a reliable and robust diagnostic could be obtained with either one of the modalities (early or delayed acquisition) instead of interpreting both of them (combined interpretation of both early and delayed acquisitions).

Follow-up analysis

Demographic features (age, sexe...) were noted. Every patient had a minimum of 6 months follow up. Additional treatments before and after baseline imaging were noted, including chemotherapy, corticosteroids and anti-VEGF monoclonal antibodies such as bevacizumab, which have been proven to be an effective treatment option for symptomatic radionecrosis (20,21). Patients follow up usually consisted of a routine MR imaging every 2 months followed by a neurological clinical assessment.

The gold standard was the decision of the neuro oncological committee; patients were retrospectively sorted whether they had tumor progression or radionecrosis, based on multiple radiological, clinical and histological criteria(when biopsy was performed). Such composite score has been used in many similar studies (19) and is truly a reflection of daily practice.

Statistical analysis

The statistical significance threshold used was 0,05. Since a large number of tests was performed ($n = 47$), the Benjamini-Hochberg method was at first considered in order to adjust the p-values. The tests used to compare the distributions between the groups was Welsh's t test or the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test (depending on the distribution of the data). ROC curves were computed, along with AUC, for the variables having obtained a p-value $< .05$. For the evaluation of the performance of the classifiers, we computed a set of statistics on the contingency tables. Statistical analysis was performed on R-software, version 3.6.1 (R-Project, GNU GPL, <http://cran.r-project.org/>).

Results

Patient Characteristics

Fifteen patients matching the inclusion criteria were included (male:female = 6:9, mean age 64,36 years; SD 8,71; range 49-78). Main tumoral locations were as follows : frontal (ten patients), parietal (two patients), temporal (two patients) et cerebellum (one patient). The primary tumor was a lung neoplasm in fourteen patients and breast cancer in one patient. Two patients had a surgical resection followed by a stereotactic radiosurgery on the tumoral bed. No additional treatment was introduced between the last SRS session and the MRI / PET.

Table I : Patients and lesion characteristics

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Characteristics	Values
Number of patients	15
Final diagnosis :	
<i>Tumor Progression</i>	9 (60%)
<i>Radionecrosis</i>	6 (40%)
Gender	male:female = 6:9
Age	64,36 years; SD 8,71; range 49-78
Histological confirmation	8 (53%)
Brain Metastasis Location :	
<i>Frontal</i>	10 (67%)
<i>Temporal</i>	2 (13,33%)
<i>Parietal</i>	2 (13,33%)
<i>Cerebellum</i>	1 (6,7%)
Primitive :	
<i>Lung carcinoma</i>	14 (93%)
<i>Breast carcinoma</i>	1 (6,67%)

After follow up, 9 patients were ruled out as tumor progression and 6 patients as radionecrosis. In these nine patients in progression, histological diagnosis was obtained in eight patients. The seventh patient also had a new adrenal localization; the oncological committee therefore proposed a chemotherapy. There was no histological confirmation for patients of the radionecrosis group; whose diagnosis was confirmed on patient follow up. Two examples can be found in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

Figure 1

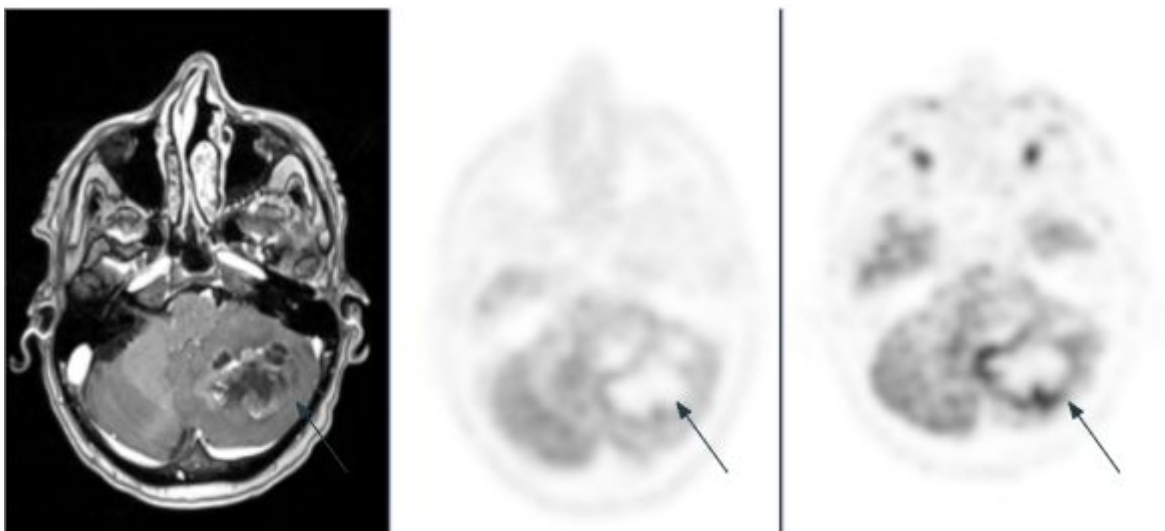


Illustration of a tumor progression : T1 Gado MRI (left), early (middle) and delayed (right) dual phase brain FDG PET/CT images. The SUVmax of the contrast enhanced lesion in the left cerebellum (arrow) increased by 80% in comparison to the normal contralateral gray matter. This was later confirmed by a control MRI and surgery.

Figure 2

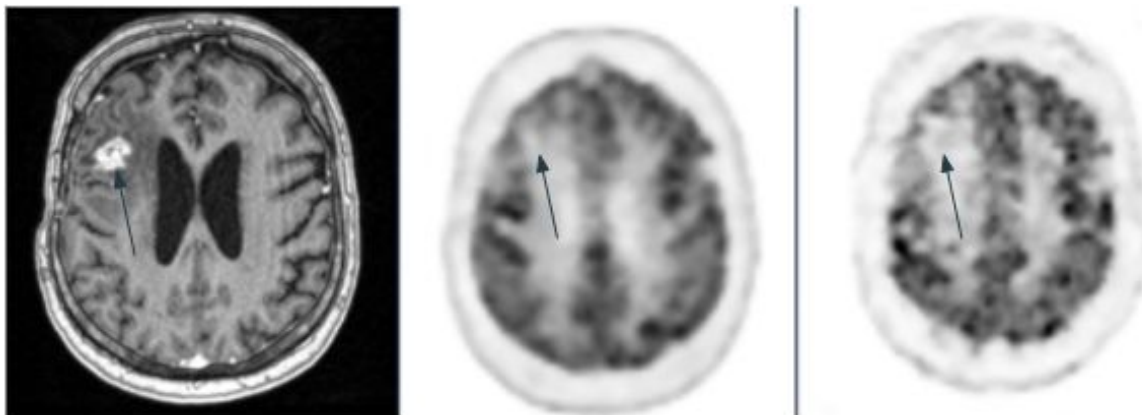


Illustration of a radionecrosis : T1 Gado MRI (left), early (middle) and delayed (right) dual phase brain FDG PET/CT images. There's a very low uptake on the right frontal lesion (arrow) which decreases on delayed images. The SUVmax ratio decreased by 9%, consistent with radionecrosis. MRI serial follow-up demonstrated lesion stability.

Coregistration quantitative analysis

We measured every metric inside the measured ROIs when the sequences were available and can be found in their entirety in Annexe 2. When considering the metrics inside the MRI drawn ROIs, there was no statistically significant difference between TR and TP groups. When standardized on WM (Table II), there was a statistically significant difference between the two groups for three MRI metrics : VP (mean plasma volume, a perfusion metric; $p = 0,042$; 95% CI [-2.68 – -0.07]), Washin (wash-in rate of contrast into the tissue; $p = 0,037$; 95% CI [(-1.61 – -0.09)]) and PeakEnhancement ($p = 0,037$; 95% CI [-3.71 – -0.16]). There was a strong statistically significant difference between the two groups for two PET metrics : the Delayed/WM ratio ($p = 0,008$; 95% CI [0.33 – 1.67]) and the Retention Index (RI) ($p = 0,016$; 95% CI [0.14 – 1.1]). However, this small sample generated a lack of statistical power, thus requiring a FDR-controlling procedure (False Discovery Rate) with a Benjamini–Hochberg procedure. After adjustment, there was no statistically significant difference between the groups. However, the study being weakly powered because of the

small sample sizes in each group (n = 9, et 6, respectively), and the presence of missing data (for some of the MRI metrics), the multiple testing correction turned out to be too conservative, as expected.

Table II : Coregistration quantitative analysis

Variable	Progression group	Radionecrosis group	Estimation*	95% CI	p	Adjusted p-value	Test*
ROI MRI / WM VP	2.10	3.48	-1.38	(-2.68 -- -0.07)	.042	.391	Welch
ROI MRI / WM Washin	1.45	2.30	-0.85	(-1.61 -- -0.09)	.035	.391	Welch
ROI MRI / WM PeakEnhancement	2.66	4.60	-1.94	(-3.71 -- -0.16)	.037	.391	Welch
ROI Delayed / WM	2.10	1.10	1.00	(0.33 -- 1.67)	.008	.361	Welch
Retention Index	0.72	0.10	0.62	(0.14 -- 1.1)	.016	.374	Welch

*The colon Est is an estimation of the median of the differences (in case of a Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test) or the differences of the means (in case of a Welsh test) between the two groups tumor progression and radionecrosis.

Differences with statistical significance ($\alpha = .05$) are in bold.

ROIs : **MRI** (ROI drawn on the T1 MPRAGE images), **Early** (ROI drawn on the early one hour PET), **Delayed** (ROI drawn on the delayed four hour PET) and **WM** (ROI drawn on contralateral white matter)

No : Number of metric

No 1 to 22 : metric recorded inside the **MRI** ROI, drawn on the T1 MPRAGE images

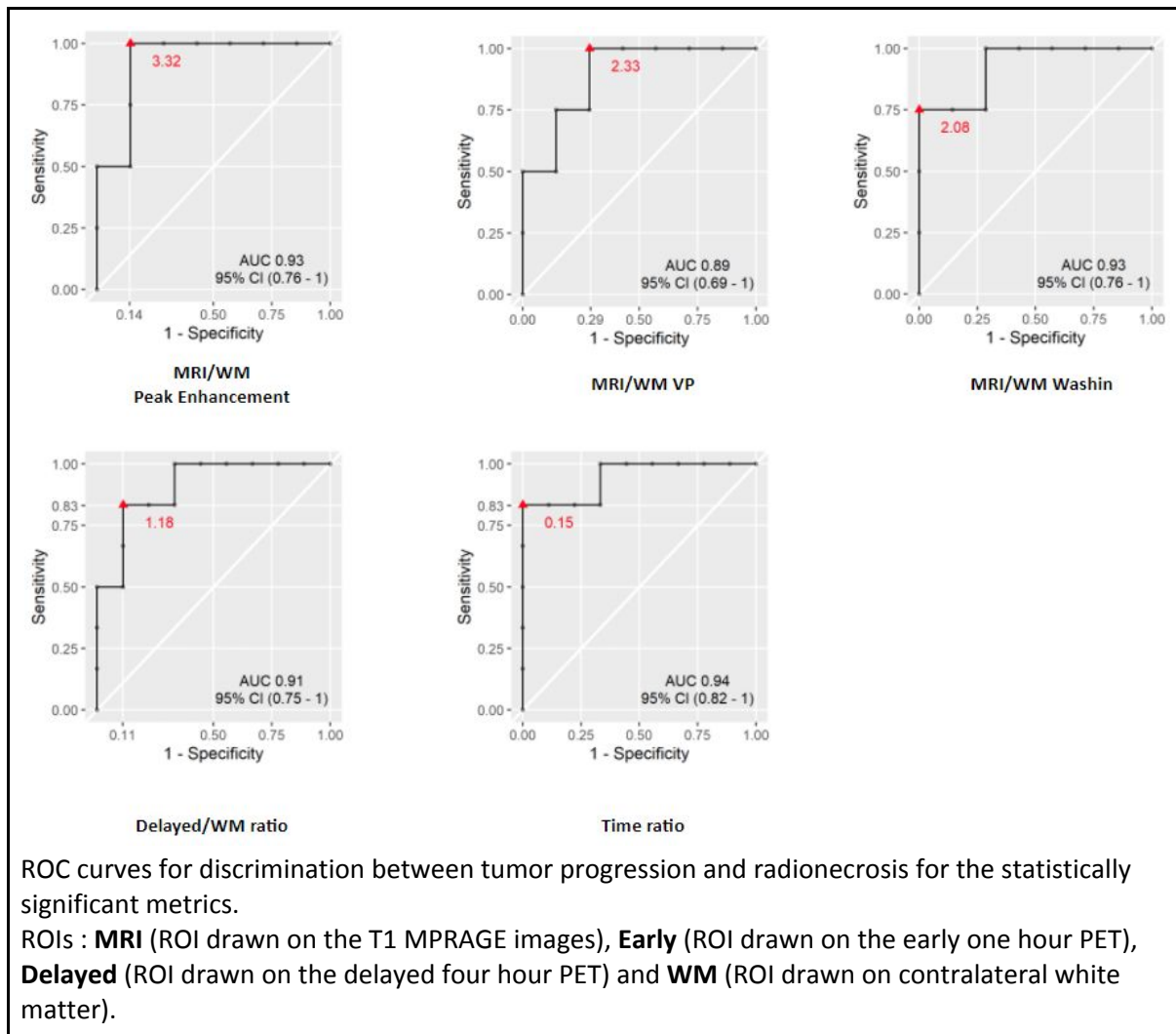
No 23 to 44 : standardized metrics **MRI / ROI**

Retention Index = $[(\text{Delayed}/\text{WM} - \text{Early}/\text{WM}) / (\text{Early}/\text{WM})]$

Figure 3 shows the ROC-derived cut-off values for these statistically significant metrics. The AUC represents the area under the ROC curve, which is a measure of the performance of the metric. The Retention Index was the most sensitive and specific predictors of outcome.

The best threshold according to the Youden index is 0,15 which corresponds to a Sensitivity of 83% and a Specificity of 100% (AUC = 0,94 ; 95% CI [0,82 ; 1]).

Figure 3 : ROC curve analysis



Semi-quantitative analysis

On semi-quantitative analysis realized by a senior radiologist (for MRI) or a senior nuclear physician (for PET), PET identified 9 patients with tumor progression and 6 patients with radionecrosis, thus obtaining a 100% Sensitivity and Specificity. MRI identified 8 patients as tumor progression and 7 patients with radionecrosis, thus obtaining a Sensitivity and

Specificity of 87,5 and 85,71 respectively. There were one false negative tumor progression diagnosis and one false positive tumor progression diagnosis on MRI which were subsequently characterized on MRI follow-up and brain biopsy (Table II). On PET semi-quantitative analysis, an increase of 20% or more of the Retention Index was found in every patient ruled out as TR. A change of RI lesser than 10% or a decrease in Retention Index was found in every patient ruled out as RN.

Table III : MRI & PET diagnostic performances

Modality		Final Diagnosis	
		Progression	Radionecrosis
MRI Diagnostic	Progression	7	1
	Radionecrosis	1	5
PET Diagnostic	Progression	9	0
	Radionecrosis	0	6

Visual analysis

The results of the PET visual analysis are shown in Table IV. Random interpretation (i.e. either early or delayed acquisition) or combined interpretation (i.e. combined interpretation of early and delayed acquisition) diagnoses were concordant for every patient, but there was a final diagnostic concordance in 8/15 cases (53%). In those 8 cases, the initial and final diagnosis was in favor of TR in 6 patients and RN for 2 patients. In 9 cases, the random visual interpretation or the combined visual combined interpretation were falsely concordant.

Table IV : Visual analysis

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Patient	Blind analysis		Combined analysis	Final Diagnosis	Diagnostic Concordance
	Early Acquisition	Delayed Acquisition			
1	non suspicious	non suspicious	non suspicious	progression	No
2	non suspicious	non suspicious	non suspicious	progression	No
3	non suspicious	non suspicious	non suspicious	progression	No
4	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	progression	Yes
5	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	progression	Yes
6	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	radionecrosis	No
7	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	radionecrosis	No
8	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	radionecrosis	No
9	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	progression	Yes
10	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	progression	Yes
11	non suspicious	non suspicious	non suspicious	progression	No
12	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	progression	Yes
13	non suspicious	non suspicious	non suspicious	radionecrosis	Yes
14	non suspicious	non suspicious	non suspicious	radionecrosis	Yes
15	suspicious	suspicious	suspicious	progression	Yes

Discussion

Conventional imaging alone isn't enough to rule out local recurrence(8). Our study reported excellent diagnostic accuracies for both PET and MRI with findings consistent with literature data(2,5,11–13,22,23); the combined use of PET and MRI data can accurately help the physician, moreover when both studies were concordant. When standardized on WM, the quantitative analysis found interesting results within the different metrics explored on quantitative analysis, with a strong statistical significance. A visual analysis alone didn't seem to prove itself robust enough to obtain a right diagnosis, suggesting again the need for reliable biometrics, such as the Retention Index, which has been proven helpful in both quantitative and semi-quantitative analysis.

Horky et Al retrospectively explored 32 patients with suspicion of tumor progression on the control MRI for brain tumors treated with SRS who underwent dual-phase FDG-PET/CT(19). A modification of the ratio $> 0,19$ of L/WM ratios was highly effective for differentiating tumor progression versus radionecrosis, with 95 % Sensitivity, 100 Specificity and 96,4% Accuracy. In a similar setting to our study(24), Leiva-Salinas et Al retrospectively analyzed 85 patients and explored whether relative SUV (ratio of SUVmax in the tumor divided by the contralateral SUVmax in healthy white matter) on dual-phase FDG-PET/CT + MRI coregistration could be a biomarker of response in patients who underwent SRS for BM with suspected tumor progression. On multivariate analysis, they found a significant association between relative SUV and tumor progression ($p = 0,035$).

Pseudo progression and radiation necrosis both display contrast-enhanced lesions on MRI, making it difficult to discriminate between tumor progression or radiation injury. While being the reference, anatomopathological diagnosis is rarely pursued : tumor localization,

invasiveness or the patient's general health often rule out surgical biopsy. There was no histological confirmation of radionecrosis; which was confirmed on patients' follow up. Moreover, the benefit-risk balance may not be enough to justify this procedure, even more so if radionecrosis is the main hypothesis, which explains why there are such a few histologically proven diagnoses of radionecrosis, as the biopsy wouldn't change the treatment(22). A recurrence was histologically proven in 8 out of 9 patients in TR, as one patient also has a new adrenal metastasis. There was no additional treatment introduced between the last SRS session and the two imaging modalities, ensuring again the homogeneity of our population.

We had two PET/MRI discordances. For the first patient, the MRI was in favor of tumor progression whereas the PET (performed one month later) suggested radionecrosis. A brain CT three months later demonstrated a partial regression of the brain lesion which was later confirmed on the control MRI one month later, confirming the radionecrosis. For the second patient, the MRI performed 4 months after the radiotherapy suggested radionecrosis. The PET (performed one month later) was in favor of tumor progression whereas the control MRI (performed one month after the PET) suggested radionecrosis. Two months later, the control MRI and PET were both in favor of tumor progression, which was histologically confirmed.

One of the strengths of this study is its accessibility. Multiparametric MRI and dual phase FDG-PET coregistration is a powerful diagnostic tool and the protocol remains simple and easily transposable. FDG is the most commonly used PET radiotracer in opposition to amino acid PET radiotracers, such as [¹⁸F]-DOPA, and [¹⁸F]-FET or ¹⁸F-fluorocholine(13,25,26), which are as well documented and promising than hardly accessible. In a meta-analysis including

48 studies(27), Yu et al investigated the diagnostic performance of 18 F-FDOPA PET and 18 F-FET PET for differentiating TR and RN, and found for 18F-FDOPA and 18F-FET groups respectively : sensitivity, 0.85 versus 0.82; specificity, 0.77 versus 0.80.

The primary limitation of our study remains its sample size : this small, bi-center retrospective study cannot be applied to the general population, but could be a stepping stone for other projects. We adopted a strict enrollment policy to ensure the robustness of our sample. We tried to enroll the most homogenous population by including only patients referred by the neuro oncological committees if and only if the patient developed a contrast-enhanced image on MRI during follow-up with no definite diagnosis between local recurrence or radionecrosis for a brain metastasis treated with stereotaxic radiosurgery. We did not include any other type of brain neoplasm (gliomas, glioblastomas or lymphomas) to ensure the homogeneity of our sample. MRI and dual phase brain FDG PET/CT were performed for all patients, without any new treatment introduced. Patients were followed at least 6 months after performing both exams.

With one committee of experienced seniors, the diagnostic algorithm was robust but may generate treatment, patient selection and center related biases. In exchange, this provided standardized protocols in terms of surgery planning, radiation delineation and dose delivery. In addition, semi-automated ROIs were drawn by an experimented resident which could be a limitation to this study; these ROIs were all reviewed by two experienced senior neuro-radiologists to contain this bias. Furthermore, the visual analysis didn't prove to be robust enough on either setting (random or combined interpretation), but was only interpreted by a resident experienced in neuroimaging. Finally, our sample size didn't allow

us to evaluate prognosis based data such as overall and/or progression free survival but could be a stepping stone for a future study.

Conclusion



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La TEP biphasique discrimine efficacement entre progression tumorale et radionécrose, notamment grâce à l'augmentation du ratio de SUVmax qui est un biomarqueur efficace dans cette indication. L'analyse conjointe des données TEP et IRM améliore la précision diagnostique et conforte le clinicien dans sa décision. La corégistration des données TEP et IRM pourrait améliorer le diagnostic. Cette analyse fournit des résultats encourageants mais nécessite une étude plus approfondie avec une plus grande série prospective de patient

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Annexes

Annexe 1

Annexe 1 : MRI reconstruction protocols and parameters										
Sequence	Acquisition time	voxel size (mm ³)	PAT factor	TR (ms)	TE (ms)	Interslice gap (yes/no)	BW (Hz/pixel)	Inversion time (ms)	slices	slice thickness (mm)
3D-T1 MPRAGE	4 min 40 s	0.9×0.9×0.9	2	2000	2,19	no	220	900	192	0,9
3D-FLAIR	5 min 02 s	0.5×0.5×1.1	2	5000	400	no	781	1800	144	1,1
ASL	4 min 55 s	3.4×3.4×4.0	2	4350	20,86	no	2442		24	4
ENC Perfusion	2 min 21 s	1.7×1.7×3.5	2	1800	30	no	2056		30	3,5
Permeability	1 min 13 s	1.2×1.2×3.0	2	4,02	1,42	no	390		48	3

Annexe 2

Coregistration quantitative analysis

No	Variable	Progression group	Radionecrosis group	Estimation*	95% CI	p	Adjusted p-value	Test*
1	ROI MRI PerfusionWeighted	209.54	262.58	4.95	(-353.28 -- 338.93)	.99	.99	WMW
2	ROI MRI relCBF	86.35	70.60	15.74	(-15.05 -- 46.54)	.275	.754	Welch
3	ROI MRI TTP	28.89	28.52	-0.37	(-3265.2 -- 10.06)	.833	.932	WMW
4	ROI MRI MTT	7.27	8.05	-0.95	(-1342.76 -- 1.86)	.524	.754	WMW
5	ROI MRI rBF	24.13	26.37	-2.98	(-80.62 -- 10.81)	.622	.802	WMW
6	ROI MRI rBV	2.78	4.83	-2.08	(-188.4 -- 1.11)	.181	.754	WMW
7	ROI MRI TMAX	3.43	4.99	-1.17	(-7.2 -- 10.04)	.648	.802	WMW
8	ROI MRI K2	231.77	157.98	73.79	(-102.92 -- 250.51)	.354	.754	Welch
9	ROI MRI tMIP	358.71	356.86	1.84	(-109.33 -- 113.02)	.97	.99	Welch
10	ROI MRI rBVcorrected	1.78	2.17	-0.39	(-1.34 -- 0.58)	.377	.754	Welch

11	ROI MRI VE	56.06	188.34	-21.56	(-195.84 -- 88.62)	.527	.754	WMW
12	ROI MRI VP	40.75	60.84	-20.09	(-64.71 -- 24.53)	.282	.754	Welch
13	ROI MRI KTRANS	124.13	138.55	-14.42	(-106.44 -- 77.61)	.721	.848	Welch
14	ROI MRI KEP	724.31	889.77	-89.94	(-1520.76 -- 6875.92)	.412	.754	WMW
15	ROI MRI AUC	4919.55	9898.42	-3796.7 0	(-19511.55 -- 9673.48)	.648	.802	WMW
16	ROI MRI Washin	0.82	0.99	-0.17	(-0.92 -- 0.59)	.556	.769	Welch
17	ROI MRI PEAK	21.32	50.40	-16.42	(-80.08 -- 44.54)	.412	.754	WMW
18	ROI MRI Washout	1589.29	560.87	1028.42	(-536.38 -- 2593.23)	.167	.754	Welch
19	ROI MRI TME	118.74	131.34	-12.60	(-47.73 -- 22.54)	.437	.754	Welch
20	ROI MRI SER	223.76	201.84	21.92	(-45.39 -- 89.23)	.473	.754	Welch
21	ROI MRI PeakEnhancement	21.76	34.50	-12.74	(-38.83 -- 13.36)	.259	.754	Welch
22	ROI MRI CurveWashout	12.49	15.48	-2.99	(-13.52 -- 7.54)	.53	.754	Welch
23	ROI MRI / WM PerfusionWeighted	0.85	1.05	-0.19	(-1.16 -- 0.78)	.628	.802	Welch

24	ROI MRI / WM relCBF	0.84	0.66	0.18	(-0.36 -- 0.73)	.424	.754	Welch
25	ROI MRI / WM TTP	1.06	0.98	0.08	(-0.11 -- 0.28)	.35	.754	Welch
26	ROI MRI / WM MTT	1.05	1.05	-0.00	(-0.49 -- 0.49)	.989	.99	Welch
27	ROI MRI / WM rBF	1.56	1.39	0.16	(-0.35 -- 0.68)	.472	.754	Welch
28	ROI MRI / WM rBV	1.91	1.97	-0.05	(-1.03 -- 0.93)	.904	.989	Welch
29	ROI MRI / WM TMAX	3.21	2.38	0.83	(-1.95 -- 3.63)	.513	.754	Welch
30	ROI MRI / WM K2	5.62	14.64	-5.50	(-29.64 -- 2428.76)	.413	.754	WMW
31	ROI MRI / WM tMIP	1.64	1.64	-0.01	(-0.54 -- 0.54)	.974	.99	Welch
32	ROI MRI / WM rBVcorrected	1.61	1.86	-0.26	(-0.59 -- 0.51)	.315	.754	WMW
33	ROI MRI / WM VE	9.61	14.10	-4.49	(-15.6 -- 6.63)	.372	.754	Welch
34	ROI MRI / WM VP	2.10	3.48	-1.38	(-2.68 -- -0.07)	.042	.391	Welch
35	ROI MRI / WM KTRANS	2.52	4.92	-2.39	(-5.08 -- 0.3)	.073	.569	Welch

36	ROI MRI / WM KEP	0.98	0.88	0.10	(-0.5 -- 0.71)	.704	.848	Welch
37	ROI MRI / WM AUC	3.16	7.41	-4.17	(-8.63 -- 2.27)	.23	.754	WMW
38	ROI MRI / WM Washin	1.45	2.30	-0.85	(-1.61 -- -0.09)	.035	.391	Welch
39	ROI MRI / WM PEAK	2.28	5.85	-2.98	(-4.41 -- 1.96)	.109	.732	WMW
40	ROI MRI / WM Washout	1.80	10.08	-3.28	(-29.04 -- 13.21)	.412	.754	WMW
41	ROI MRI / WM TME	1.61	1.70	-0.09	(-0.92 -- 0.75)	.814	.932	Welch
42	ROI MRI / WM SER	0.68	0.76	-0.08	(-0.33 -- 0.19)	.525	.754	Welch
43	ROI MRI / WM PeakEnhancement	2.66	4.60	-1.94	(-3.71 -- -0.16)	.037	.391	Welch
44	ROI MRI / WM CurveWashout	8.27	13.61	-5.34	(-16.97 -- 6.29)	.307	.754	Welch
45	ROI Early / WM	1.25	1.01	0.24	(-0.11 -- 0.59)	.166	.754	Welch
46	ROI Delayed / WM	2.10	1.10	1.00	(0.33 -- 1.67)	.008	.361	Welch
47	Retention Index	0.72	0.10	0.62	(0.14 -- 1.1)	.016	.374	Welch

*The colon Est is an estimation of the median of the differences (in case of a Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test) or the differences of the means (in case of a Welsh test) between the two groups tumor progression and radionecrosis.

Differences with statistical significance ($\alpha = .05$) are in bold.

ROIs : **MRI** (ROI drawn on the T1 MPRAGE images), **Early** (ROI drawn on the early one hour PET),

Delayed (ROI drawn on the delayed four hour PET) and **WM** (ROI drawn on contralateral white matter)

No : Number of metric

No 1 to 22 : metric recorded inside the **MRI** ROI, drawn on the T1 MPRAGE images

No 23 to 44 : standardized metrics **MRI / ROI**

Retention Index = $[(\text{Delayed/WM} - \text{Early/WM}) / (\text{Early/WM})]$

SERMENT D'HIPPOCRATE

Au moment d'être admis(e) à exercer la médecine, je promets et je jure d'être fidèle aux lois de l'honneur et de la probité.

Mon premier souci sera de rétablir, de préserver ou de promouvoir la santé dans tous ses éléments, physiques et mentaux, individuels et sociaux.

Je respecterai toutes les personnes, leur autonomie et leur volonté, sans aucune discrimination selon leur état ou leurs convictions. J'interviendrai pour les protéger si elles sont affaiblies, vulnérables ou menacées dans leur intégrité ou leur dignité. Même sous la contrainte, je ne ferai pas usage de mes connaissances contre les lois de l'humanité.

J'informerai les patients des décisions envisagées, de leurs raisons et de leurs conséquences.

Je ne tromperai jamais leur confiance et n'exploiterai pas le pouvoir hérité des circonstances pour forcer les consciences.

Je donnerai mes soins à l'indigent et à quiconque me les demandera. Je ne me laisserai pas influencer par la soif du gain ou la recherche de la gloire.

Admis(e) dans l'intimité des personnes, je tairai les secrets qui me seront confiés. Reçu(e) à l'intérieur des maisons, je respecterai les secrets des foyers et ma conduite ne servira pas à corrompre les mœurs.

Je ferai tout pour soulager les souffrances. Je ne prolongerai pas abusivement les agonies. Je ne provoquerai jamais la mort délibérément.

Je préserverai l'indépendance nécessaire à l'accomplissement de ma mission. Je n'entreprendrai rien qui dépasse mes compétences. Je les entretiendrai et les perfectionnerai pour assurer au mieux les services qui me seront demandés.

J'apporterai mon aide à mes confrères ainsi qu'à leurs familles dans l'adversité.

Que les hommes et mes confrères m'accordent leur estime si je suis fidèle à mes promesses ; que je sois déshonoré(e) et méprisé(e) si j'y manque.

SERMENT D'HIPPOCRATE

En présence des Maîtres de cette FACULTE et de mes chers CONDISCIPLES, je promets et je jure d'être fidèle aux lois de l'Honneur et de la Probité dans l'exercice de la Médecine.

Je donnerai mes soins gratuits à l'indigent et je n'exigerai jamais un salaire au-dessus de mon travail. Admis dans l'intérieur des maisons, mes yeux ne verront pas ce qui s'y passe, ma langue taira les secrets qui me seront confiés et mon état ne servira pas à corrompre les moeurs ni à favoriser le crime.

Respectueux et reconnaissant envers mes MAÎTRES, je rendrai à leurs enfants l'instruction que j'ai reçue de leurs pères.

Que les HOMMES m'accordent leur estime si je suis fidèle à mes promesses.
Que je sois couvert d'OPPROBRE et méprisé de mes confrères si j'y manque.

Intérêt d'une évaluation hybride en TEP FDG dynamique et IRM de perfusion pour le diagnostic différentiel entre progression et radionécrose dans les lésions cérébrales traitées par radiothérapie stéréotaxique.

RÉSUMÉ :

INTRODUCTION : La TEP 18FDG cérébrale biphasique (TEP) est une technique robuste pour évaluer les lésions cérébrales, le traceur s'accumulant dans les métastases ou récives locales et restant stable dans le cortex ou les processus inflammatoires, permettant ainsi de différencier les récives tumorales (TR) des radionécroses (RN) sur les métastases cérébrales (MC) traitées par radiothérapie stéréotaxique (SRS). La corégistration des données d'IRM et TEP permettrait alors d'extraire des biomarqueurs diagnostiques pertinents.

OBJECTIF : Déterminer des biomarqueurs IRM et TEP associés au diagnostic de TR ou RN chez des patients traités par SRS sur MC.

METHODE : 15 patients traités par SRS pour MC ont été rétrospectivement inclus sur 2 hôpitaux français. Leur IRM de fin de traitement n'a pas pu distinguer RN et TR. Chaque patient a bénéficié d'une IRM et d'une TEP 3 mois après leur traitement. Ces examens ont été analysés quantitativement et visuellement en aveugle des interprétations initiales. La TEP biphasique consistait en une acquisition «précoce» et «tardive» respectivement 1 et 4 heures après injection. Des régions d'intérêt tumorales (ROI) ont été tracées sur les différentes séquences TEP et IRM ainsi qu'une ROI miroir de référence controlatérale pour standardisation. Chaque métrique calculée à l'intérieur de ces ROIs a été analysée quantitativement, notamment le SUVmax ainsi que sa variation dans le temps. Une augmentation de 20% du SUVmax était retenue comme évocatrice de TR. Le diagnostic final était basé sur la décision de la réunion de concertation pluridisciplinaire à 6 mois de la TEP.

RESULTATS : 9 patients étaient en récive locale et 6 en radionécrose. L'analyse semi-quantitative TEP et IRM retrouvait respectivement 100% et 77,8% de Sensibilité et 100% et 83,3% de Spécificité. Une augmentation de 20% du SUVmax traduisait une TR. Après standardisation, il y avait une différence significative entre les deux groupes pour les métriques VP, Washin, Peak Enhancement ainsi que l'évolution du SUVmax tumoral standardisé.

CONCLUSION : La TEP biphasique discrimine efficacement entre TR et RN. L'analyse conjointe des données TEP et IRM améliore la précision diagnostique.

Mots- clés :

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| - TEP FDG double phase | - IRM |
| - radiothérapie stéréotaxique | - corégistration |
| - métastase cérébrale | - radionécrose |