

Automatic detection of patient-specific perfusion abnormalities in Arterial Spin Labeling

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Objective

Quantitative *identification of* **voxelwise patient-specific** *perfusion abnormalities.*



hypoperfusion
hyperperfusion

Objective

Quantitative *identification of* **voxelwise patient-specific** *perfusion abnormalities.*



Challenges:

- Low signal-to-noise ratio of the Q2TIPS PASL sequence.
- Presence of artefacts.





2 Method

- Statistical analysis
- Validation









Method



Control group

Method

Originality of our approach:

- Explicit modelling of both intra-subject and inter-subject variances.
- No pre-smoothing of the data: a contrario approach.

Intra-subject variance models variability across repetitions















Repetition 1

Repetition 2 Repetition 3

Repetition 4

Repetition *i*

Standard deviation

Examples



Inter-subject variance models variability across subjects













Control

Control 4

Control *n*

Standard Mean deviation

Inter-subject standard deviation (35 healthy subjects)



Detection of perfusion abnormalities

Model of normal perfusion:



Patient map

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Mean across subjects



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Inter-subject variance



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Intra-subject variance

Detection of hypoperfusions and hyperperfusions:



Known as a mixed-effect general linear model.

Detection of perfusion abnormalities

Mixed-effect General Linear Model:



Voxel-based probabilities





Detections

Mixed-effect a contrario approach:



Voxel-based probabilities



Region-based probabilities





Detections

From voxel-based to region-based probabilities:









Ground Truth estimation

Step 1 – Segmentation of the tumor:



T1 Gadolinum

T2 FLAIR

edema segmentation

Step 2 – Combination with T2 perfusion information:



"Ground truth"

Step 3 – Visual assesment and manual corrections by a clinician







Patient 016



Patient 010

Detections "Ground truth" Patient 006

Patient 020

Quantitative results on a dataset including 22 patients and 35 controls:

	Acontrario	
	Mixed-effects	
Specificity (controls)	0.99	
Specificity (patients)	0.93	
Sensitivity (hyper)	0.82	

Results: Importance of intra-subject variance

Effect of intra-subject variance on the detections:



Quantitative results (22 patients, 35 controls):

	A contrario	A contrario
	Mixed-effects	Random-effects
Specificity (controls)	0.99	0.92
Specificity (patients)	0.93	0.56
Sensitivity (hyper)	0.82	0.86

Results: advantage of the a contrario approach

A contrario approach and Mixed-effect General linear model detections:



Conclusions:

- Importance of intra-subject variance in the detection of patient-specific perfusion abnormalities.
- Good sensitivity and specificity of the proposed approach.
- Region-based a contrario probabilities outperform the standard voxel-based probabilities.

More details on the *a contrario* approach: C. Maumet, P. Maurel, J.-C. Ferré, and C. Barillot, "A comprehensive framework for the detection of individual brain perfusion abnormalities using arterial spin labeling" MICCAI 2012, pp. 542–549.

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