



MET-RADS in 10 cases

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MET-RADS-P¹

METastasis Reporting And Data System for Prostate Cancer

Imaging recommendations designed to promote **standardisation** and **diminish variations** in

ACQUISITION

INTERPRETATION

REPORTING

of Whole-body MRI (**WB-MRI**) in patients with Advanced Prostate Cancer

1. Padhani AR, et al. Eur Urol. 2017 Jan; 71(1): 81–92.

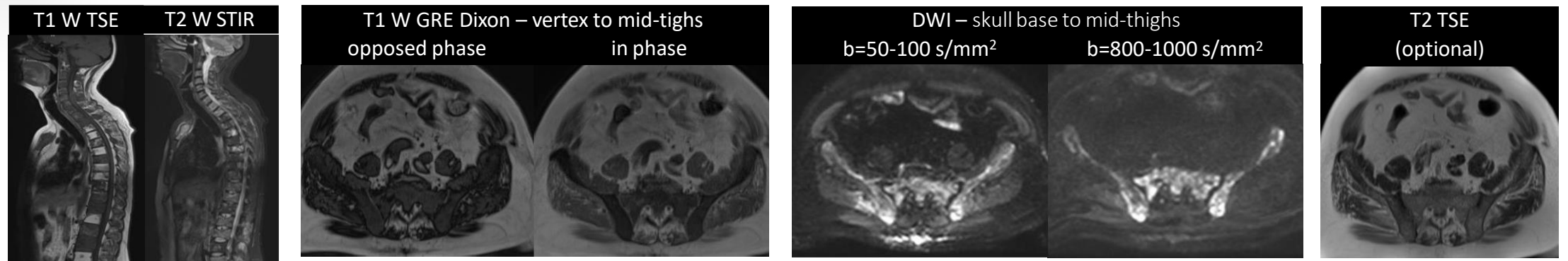
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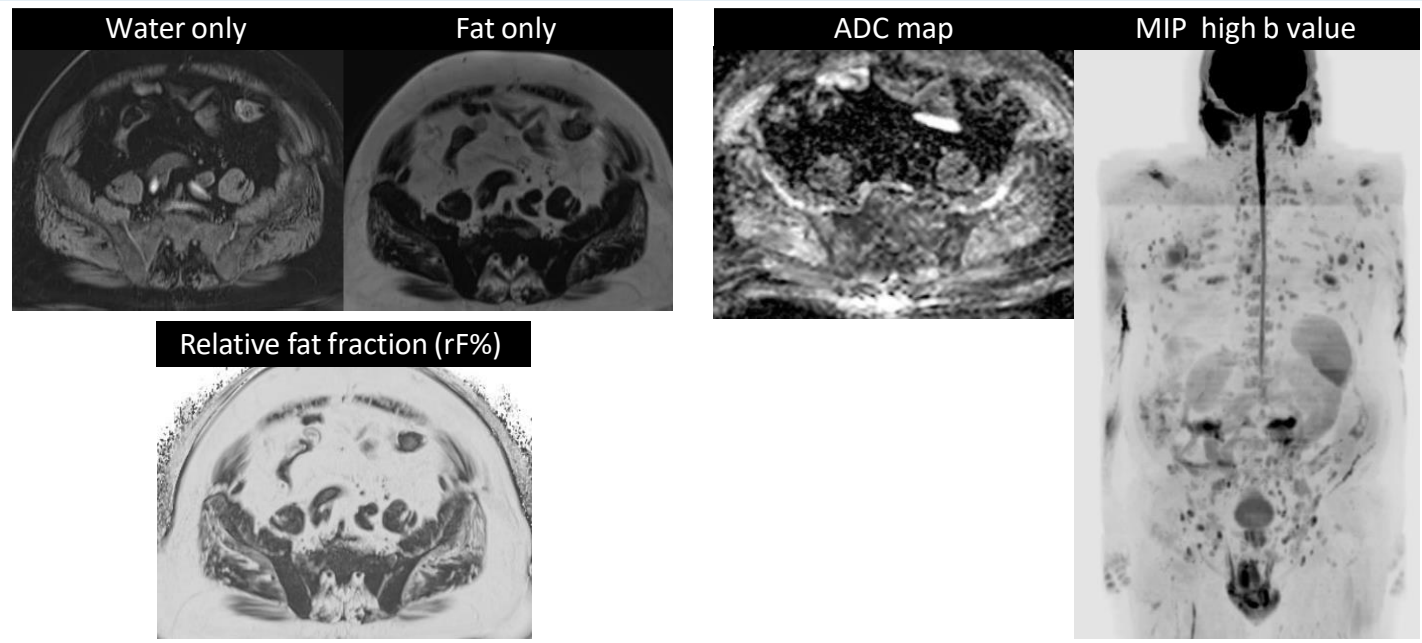
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6	Regional assessments including dedicated prostate, small field of view spine, brain studies, and contrast enhancement	No	Yes

SEQUENCE COMPONENTS (core protocol)



RECONSTRUCTIONS



INTERPRETATION

BONE METASTASES (RECIST non-measurable)

MEASURABLE DISEASE

- Soft tissue lesions
- Lymph nodes
- Measurable bone metastases

Morphologic criteria

- Size/number
- Fat repopulation

Functional imaging (DWI)

- ADC for assessing response

RECIST 1.1¹ / PCGW3² criteria

1. Eur J Cancer. 2009 Jan;45(2):228-47.
2. J Clin Oncol. 2016 Apr 20;34(12):1402-18.

Response Assessment Categories (RAC)

	BONE METASTASES	SOFT TISSUES (LN, Visceral mets)
RAC 1 Highly likely to be responding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return of normal marrow (decrease in number/size, from diffuse to focal, sclerosis, fat dot/halo signs) ↑ ADC (from $\leq 1400 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ to $> 1400 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ or $\geq 40\%$ increase from baseline*) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RECIST Complete response (CR) RECIST Partial response (PR)
RAC 2 Likely to be responding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of improvement, but not enough to fulfil criteria for RAC 1 ↑ ADC (from $\leq 1000 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ to $< 1400 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ or $> 25\%$ but $> 40\%$ increase from baseline*) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ size not meeting RECIST 1.1 criteria for PR
RAC 3 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No observable change 	No observable change (SD)
RAC 4 Likely to be progressing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of worsening disease, but not enough to fulfil criteria for RAC 5 (or equivocal new lesions, or relapse disease) ↑ SI on high b value images (with ADC $< 1400 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ size not meeting RECIST 1.1 criteria for PD Equivocal new lesions
RAC 5 highly likely to be progressing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unequivocal ↑ in metastases number/size (or new pathologic fractures /cord compression requiring treatment, from focal to diffuse) New lesions with high SI on high b-value and ADC $600-1000 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RECIST Progressive Disease (PD)

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