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26 Abstract

Background. Radiological preoperative assessment of endometrial cancer (EC) is in some
cases not precise enough and its performances improvement could lead to a clinical benefit.
Radiomics is a recent field of application of artificial intelligence (AI) in radiology.

30 *Aims.* To investigate the contribution of radiomics on the radiological preoperative 31 assessment of patients with EC; and to establish a simple and reproducible AI Quality Score 32 applicable to Machine Learning and Deep Learning studies.

33 *Methods.* We conducted a systematic review of current literature including original articles 34 that studied EC through imaging-based AI techniques. Then, we developed a novel Simplified 35 and Reproducible AI Quality score (SRQS) based on 10 items which ranged to 0 to 20 points 36 in total which focused on clinical relevance, data collection, model design and statistical 37 analysis. SRQS cut-off was defined at 10/20.

Results. We included 17 articles which studied different radiological parameters such as deep myometrial invasion, lympho-vascular space invasion, lymph nodes involvement, etc. One article was prospective, and the others were retrospective. The predominant technique was magnetic resonance imaging. Two studies developed Deep Learning models, while the others machine learning ones. We evaluated each article with SRQS by 2 independent readers. Finally, we kept only 7 high-quality articles with clinical impact. SRQS was highly reproducible (Kappa = 0.95 IC 95% [0.907-0.988]).

45 *Conclusion.* There is currently insufficient evidence on the benefit of radiomics in EC.
46 Nevertheless, this field is promising for future clinical practice. Quality should be a priority
47 when developing these new technologies.

Keywords: endometrial carcinoma, imaging, radiomics, machine learning, deep learning,
artificial intelligence.

50 Introduction

Endometrial cancer (EC) is the first diagnosed gynecological cancer in the United States, accounting approximately 61,880 new cases and 12,160 deaths in 2019 [1]. Incidence appears to be increasing due to the population aging and the rise in obesity rates, two main risk factors of EC [1]. The radiological preoperative assessment (pelvic magnetic resonance imaging and endometrial biopsy) aims to stage the disease and evaluate the risk of recurrence, and therefore to determine the appropriate therapeutic management, in particular for lymph node staging during initial surgery.

However, this preoperative radiological assessment is not precise enough. Radiological staging may underestimate disease extension and provide inaccurate assessment of lymph node status. Moreover, most of the prognostic elements of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) classification can only be obtained after final histological examination of surgical specimens.

63 Therefore, surgery remains a key element in the management of endometrial cancer. 64 Its two main objectives are on one hand to perform ablation of the primitive tumor, and on 65 the other to precisely stage the disease and evaluate its prognosis factors. While the first 66 objective may be obtained with a "simple" hysterectomy, the latter requires much more 67 extensive intervention, including a complete omentectomy, pelvic lymphadenectomy and 68 lumbo-aortic lymphadenectomy [2, 3], whose therapeutic benefit remains controversial. 69 Patients with endometrial carcinoma are fragile and performing aggressive surgery may lead 70 to severe complications of critical concern in obese, older and fragile patients. There is 71 therefore a need of maximizing pre-operative diagnostic performances. A better selection of 72 patients undergoing surgery would result in reducing overtreatment risk, morbidity and 73 mortality through personalized care.

74 Radiological assessment may benefit from a tumor characterization using radiomics. 75 They are reproducible and quantitative image features allowing the non-invasive 76 characterization of the tumor heterogeneity [4]. Artificial intelligence in radiology is a recent discipline allowing high-throughput extraction of digital medical imaging data to obtain 77 78 predictive and/or prognostic information about patients and their pathologies by describing 79 tumor heterogeneity and indirectly molecular and genetic characteristics of the tumor. It 80 could allow prediction of diagnosis, treatment response and prognosis. This new field of 81 research is gaining momentum in oncology as its applications are wide and promising, 82 especially for clinical decision-making and personalized treatment [5]. There is a strong correlation between radiomic data and clinical outcomes. This concept has already proven 83 84 its effectiveness in the preoperative prediction of different solid tumors [6], including lung, 85 breast and colorectal cancers [7, 8].

86 The approach of AI differs from the conventional radiological method as it is an 87 automatic, reproducible and quantitative analysis of images that can go beyond the human 88 eye. All algorithms can be trained to analyze either pre-determined parameters (*i.e.*, machine 89 learning), such as tumor size, tumor shape, lymph nodes, etc., or without human supervision 90 (*i.e.*, deep learning) with a free analysis chain that may not be clearly explainable for human 91 intelligence. An example of free analysis chain is the artificial neural network, which is 92 basically circuits of functions that take images as input and produce analysis on the output. 93 Neural network can be more or less complex, according to the objective and the input type. A neural network is called "deep" when it is formed of "hidden layers" in which the 94 95 information flows. The more hidden layers are present, the deeper the network is, the more 96 complex it is. Such a model is powerful enough to adjust perfectly to a specific training 97 dataset with a risk of resulting in poor performances on new information, which is called

98 "overfitting". Therefore, different techniques of internal and external validation aim to avoid
99 this problem which tampers applicability of the algorithm. "Deep learning" refers to the use
100 of these deep neural networks.

Artificial Intelligence in Radiology is a promising field that may lead to a better preoperative radiological assessment of patients with EC, and some literature have already been published. However, because of its novelty, complexity and rapid evolution, assessing the quality of this literature can be challenging. Therefore, our main objective was to study the contribution of radiomics on the preoperative radiological assessment of patients with EC through a systematic review. Our second objective was to establish a simple and reproducible AI Quality Score applicable to Radiomics and Deep Learning studies.

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110 Methods

111 Literature Search Approach

Medline (Pubmed) was searched on October 10, 2020, by two independent reviewers (LL, JD) using the following keywords: endometrial carcinoma, imaging, radiomics, machine learning, deep learning, artificial intelligence. Original articles were considered if they studied endometrial carcinoma through imaging-based AI techniques. Non-English articles, editorials or review articles were not included. Inclusion of studies was made in consensus.

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118 *Data extraction*

Data extracted included first author name, year of publication, main objective, study design (retrospective or prospective, mono or multicentric), imaging technique used, sample size (training, validation and testing), model type (Machine learning or Deep Learning), classifier and diagnostic performance metrics.

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124 <u>Quality assessment using a Simplified and Reproducible AI Quality Score (SRQS)</u>

125 Assessing radiology research on artificial intelligence (AI) may be complex. Scores have been 126 proposed to evaluate the quality of AI studies. The Radiomics Quality Score (RQS) proposed 127 by Lambin et al. intended to provide guidance and evaluation criteria to readers [5]. 128 However, this score presents some limitations. It is complex to be used in routine, doesn't 129 apply to Deep Learning Research, and doesn't include clinical relevance. Based on published 130 guidelines for radiomics to ensure standardization, reproducibility and high-quality of 131 research articles [9, 10], we modified the RQS into a simplified and reproducible score fitted 132 to Radiomics and Deep Learning studies. This score (SRQS), based on 10 items and ranging 133 from 0 to 20 points, was designed to focus on essential steps and discriminate robust AI

134 research articles (Figure 1). Points were awarded based on the presence of each of following 135 criteria. First, this score acknowledges the clinical impact and relevance of the study (2 136 points). In a second step, specific details of data acquisition are evaluated: 5 points are granted if it was prospective, 2 points if image acquisition was performed according to an 137 138 up-to-date and standardized imaging protocol, 2 points if the segmentation was performed 139 automatically, and 2 points if the authors considered the pathological diagnosis as the gold 140 standard. Thirdly, the score focuses on the AI model design, i.e., training and testing details. 141 Specific criteria in the training section are proposed to echo each other between Radiomics 142 and Deep Learning with an allocation of 3 points if the following criteria were present. 143 Regarding Radiomics, the model should be IBSI-compliant (Image Biomarker Standardization 144 Initiative [11]). Extraction and selection (correlation and redundance) of features and 145 classifiers should be detailed. Regarding Deep Learning, neural network architecture 146 (number of hidden layers, nodes, activation functions...), initialization of model parameters 147 (random or transfer learning from a pre-trained network) and training approach (data 148 augmentation, hyperparameters) should be detailed. As mentioned, testing a model, 149 preferably using an independent and external dataset, is mandatory to ensure its 150 generalization. The absence of a test cohort was sanctioned in our score with the withdrawal 151 of 5 points because it is the major step in the development of an AI model. Diagnostic 152 performance of the model should be evaluated using reliable performance metrics such as 153 the area under the curve, sensitivity or specificity to be granted 2 points.

Each article was evaluated by two independent readers using this score. The threshold of the SRQS for sufficient quality was set at 10/20. We also evaluated the reliability of our simplified RQS by performing a Cohen's Kappa test.

157 <u>Results</u>

158 Articles selected

Seventeen articles [12-28] were included in this review study (Table 1). The clinical 159 160 objectives of these articles were to classify cancer severity according to: deep myometrial 161 invasion (n=5) [14, 16, 19, 22, 25], lympho-vascular space invasion (n=3) [12, 16, 24], lymph 162 nodes involvement (n=4) [18, 19, 23, 27], "high-risk" endometrial carcinoma (n=2) [20, 28], 163 histologic grade (n=5) [12, 13, 16, 17, 21], high-risk histological subtype (n = 1) [19]; 164 endometrial precancerous lesion versus early-stage carcinoma (n=1) [26], benign versus 165 malignant endometrial lesion (n=1) [15], recurrence-free survival (n=1) [17], cervical stroma 166 invasion (n=1) [19].

Of the 17 studies, only 2 were multicentric [18, 28]. None was prospective. The predominant
technique was Magnetic Resonance Imaging (n=14) [12-19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28]. Positron
emission tomography computed tomography (n=2) [23, 26] and contrast-enhanced CT (n=1)
[20] were the two other modalities studied. Only two studies developed a Deep Learningbased model [14, 22]. The other 15 studies employed radiomics-based models [12, 13, 1521, 23-28].

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174 Quality Assessment

175 Quality assessment is shown in Table 2. Mean SRQS ranged from 0 to 14. The median score176 was 4.

177 The highest SRQS (14/20) was for the article studying high risk group classification which 178 included different clinical and radiological parameters [28]. Absence of testing dataset and 179 retrospective design of the study were the most decisive criteria. Based on this analysis, we 180 have selected seven articles [22-28] that demonstrated sufficient quality (> 10/20): myometrial invasion (n = 2) [22, 25], lympho-vascular space invasion (n = 1) [24], lymph nodes involvement (n = 2) [23, 27], high-risk endometrial cancer (n = 1) [28]and on differential diagnosis between endometrial precancerous lesion and early-stage carcinoma (n = 1) [26].

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186 <u>Article analysis</u>

187 Only the results of the 7 articles of sufficient quality were analyzed [22-28]. Performance
188 metrics of these seven articles are summarized in Table 3.

189 Chen [22] and Stanzione's [25] articles, both published in 2020, studied myometrial 190 invasion by endometrial carcinoma. Both were retrospective studies based on MRI images. 191 The study by Chen *et al.* included 530 patients including 138 in the testing dataset and aimed 192 to determine the diagnostic performance of a deep learning model in assessing myometrial 193 invasion. This model demonstrated higher accuracy than radiologists (84.8% versus 78.3%) 194 based on pathology examination, but the best results were observed when both were 195 associated (86.2%). However, this study had limitations, including an unbalanced database 196 with only 18 cases of deep invasion (\geq 50%) and 120 cases of shallow invasion (< 50%) in the 197 testing dataset. The authors concluded that their model was effective and could be used in 198 clinical practice by radiologists [22].

The article by Stanzione *et al.* aimed to measure the performance of a learning machine model to detect deep myometrial invasion. They included 54 patients (of which 201 20% were in the testing dataset and 80% in the training dataset). They found an accuracy of 202 92% *versus* 82% for unaided radiologists, and an accuracy of up to 100% (n = 11) when the 203 radiologist was assisted by the algorithm. The main limitation of these results was the low 204 number of patients. Nevertheless, this study demonstrated the feasibility of this model and its usefulness in improving radiologists' performance and reducing inter-individual variability[25].

207 The article by Luo et al., published in 2020, was interested in evaluating lympho-208 vascular space invasion in preoperative imaging, as it is an important prognostic parameter 209 currently only accessible after post-operative pathological examination. The authors 210 performed a retrospective study based on MRI and developed a nomogram based on clinical 211 features and a radiomics score. They included 144 patients of which 43 were in the testing 212 dataset. The nomogram had a sensitivity of 94%, a specificity of 78.6%, and an area under 213 the curve (AUC) of 0.807. However, this study did not have a dataset validation, thus 214 exposing itself to the risk of overfitting and poorer diagnostic performance on the testing 215 dataset. These results could be used to predict preoperative lympho-vascular space invasion 216 and thus possibly adapt the therapeutic sequence for endometrial cancer [24].

217 Crivellaro *et al.* and Xu *et al.* studied lymph node involvement in endometrial cancer. 218 Crivellaro et al. published a retrospective study of 167 patients with early-stage endometrial 219 cancer in 2020. They evaluated the role of the 18FDG PET-scanner in predicting lymph node 220 involvement. They showed a moderate contribution in this configuration, especially since it 221 was based on a morphological and not a morphometabolic parameter, thus eventually 222 suggesting a better efficiency of MRI [23].

223 Xu *et al.* published in 2019 a retrospective study evaluating MRI for preoperative 224 prediction of metastatic lymph node involvement in 200 patients with endometrial cancer. 225 The algorithm was developed on 70% of the patients and tested on the remaining 30%. The 226 authors found an accuracy of about 85%, especially for intermediate sized nodes [27].

Yan *et al.* published in 2020 a retrospective multicenter study on a nomogram based
on clinical and MRI-based radiomic data to predict preoperatively high-risk endometrial

229 cancers (defined as the presence of at least one of deep myometrial invasion, grade 3 tumor, 230 lympho-vascular space invasion, cervical stroma invasion, lymph node metastasis, extra-231 uterine invasion, or non-endometrioid adenocarcinoma) and therefore their optimal surgical 232 management. They included 717 patients and compared the therapeutic proposals based on 233 the nomogram with those taken for these patients. They found on one hand good 234 preoperative prediction rates (AUC between 0.896 and 0.919) and on the other hand a 235 benefit in terms of correction of clinical decisions, thus suggesting a possible application in 236 clinical practice for the choice of surgical treatment [28].

Finally, Wang *et al.* investigated the differential diagnosis between atypical hyperplasia with field cancerization and early-stage endometrial cancer (I_A). They used radiomics data from PET-scans of 170 patients. Maximum SUV and peak SUV were the best predictors of diagnosis, especially between field cancerization and invasive cancer [26].

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242 <u>Reliability of SRQS</u>

The two independent readers were an oncology surgeon and a radiologist. There was an excellent agreement between the two reviewer's assessment (Kappa = 0.95 IC 95% [0.907-0.988]). There was almost no variability between the two readers, except for the item "clinical outcome improving patient management" in 4 articles [17, 19, 21, 24].

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249 **Discussion**

250 We conducted a systematic review of the currently available data on the impact of 251 radiomics on preoperative imaging assessment in endometrial cancer. There is a need for a 252 non-invasive, efficient and reproducible method of stratification of the risk of recurrence to 253 adapt the therapeutic management of EC. Most of research studies were MRI-based, the 254 imaging modality of reference, and focusing on relevant clinical issues [14, 16-18, 22-24, 27, 255 28]. They demonstrated strong diagnostic performance in various objectives such as deep 256 myometrial invasion, lympho-vascular space invasion, lymph nodes involvement or 257 histologic grade. However, only few articles matched quality requirements [22-28], and none 258 provided a tool with a short-term applicability in clinical practice. We are therefore 259 compelled to consider that to date, we are only at the beginning of the development of this 260 field. Quality requirements should be of critical concern for researchers and clinicians in this 261 domain. For this reason, we developed a novel quality assessment score which avoids the pitfalls of those already available. Nonetheless, radiomics is a very promising field and its 262 263 application in endometrial cancer could change our future practices.

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265 <u>Quality issues</u>

First, we noted a certain degree of heterogeneity among methodologies. This heterogeneity is due to a lack of standardization, and this seems to be true not only for mathematical methodology, but also for analyzed data.

Secondly, most of the included articles did not provide an independent testing of the developed model preventing them from generalizability and external applicability. Indeed, performances of AI algorithms can be impressive on training datasets due to overfitting. While multicentric and prospective studies are necessary for accurately assessing impact onclinical outcomes, none have been published.

274 Quality assessment using a Simplified AI Quality Score

275 Assessing radiology research on artificial intelligence (AI) may be complex. Scores 276 have been proposed to evaluate the quality of AI studies. The Checklist for Artificial 277 Intelligence in Medical Imaging (CLAIM) [9] was inspired from validated ones such as the 278 STARD-AI [29] and CONSORT-AI [30] checklists. The CLAIM intended to provide a writing and 279 reading map to ensure standardization, reproducibility and high-quality of research articles. 280 Similarly, Bluemke et al. had previously proposed the key considerations for authors, 281 reviewers, and readers, from the definition of image datasets to the explainability of AI 282 algorithms [10]. Moreover, the Radiomics Quality Score proposed by Lambin et al. intended 283 to provide guidance and evaluation criteria to readers [5]. However, this score presents 284 some limitations. It is complex to be used in routine, does not apply to Deep Learning 285 Research and does not include clinical relevance.

286 To fill with the described requirements, we modified the Radiomics Quality Score into 287 a novel Simplified and Reproducible AI Quality Score (SRQS) applicable to Radiomics and 288 Deep Learning studies based on 10 items and ranging from 0 to 20 points. This score was 289 designed to focus on essential steps and distinguish robust AI research articles. Its main 290 advantages are to be easy to use, reproducible and discriminant. First, we considered that 291 no study could be justified without a clinical substrate. Therefore, any study that did not 292 attempt to address a clinical issue was considered irrelevant. Secondly, we highlighted 293 details of dataset acquisition as selection biases are of critical concern, especially for AI 294 algorithms which can perfectly fit to a specific dataset. It is an understatement to say that 295 the prospective aspect of a study shields from severe bias. Thirdly, model development is 296 defined by the training and testing details. Training an AI model requires consistency and 297 robustness. Every detail should be provided to the reader to ensure reproducibility by 298 another research team. In a matter of reproducibility and standardization in the field of 299 "traditional" radiomics, the Image Biomarker Standardization Initiative, an independent 300 international collaboration, gave guidelines and definitions for the extraction of high-301 throughput image biomarkers. Such definitions of image biomarkers cannot apply to the 302 field of Deep Learning as they are free of human intervention. As mentioned, testing a 303 model, preferably using an independent and external dataset, is mandatory to assure its 304 generalization. We stated in this score that testing a model was the major step in the 305 development of an AI model. Finally, statistical analysis - including performance metrics -306 should be detailed and were therefore included in our score.

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308 Conclusion

Although there is insufficient evidence of a benefit of radiomics in endometrial cancer, preliminary data suggest that these new technologies – applied in conjunction with human intelligence – can address some of the clinical issues. We found that some models are already under development and show good performances. These models need to follow high-quality standards and undergo external validation through prospective clinical trials. In view of the rapid expansion of this domain, we expect to see in a short-term future new and evidence-based models with applicability in clinical practice.

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- 321 **Declaration of interests**
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Table 1: Characteristics of the studies included in the review

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Author	Year of Publication	Objective	Study Design	Imaging technique	Training	Validation	Testing	Model Type
Chen	2020	Deep myometrial invasion	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	313	79	138	Deep Learning
Stanzione	2020	Deep myometrial invasion	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	43	0	11	Machine Learning
Luo	2020	Lympho- vascular space invasion	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	101	0	43	Machine Learning
Crivellaro	2020	Lymph nodes involvement	Retrospective Monocenter	PET-CT	69	0	28	Machine Learning
Xu	2019	Lymph nodes involvement	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	140	Cross-validation	60	Machine Learning
Yan	2020	High-risk endometrial carcinoma	Retrospective Multicenter	MRI	394	0	323	Machine Learning
Wang	2019	Endometrial precancerous lesion versus early-stage carcinoma	Retrospective Monocenter	PET-CT	170	0	Details are missing	Machine Learning
Kierans	2016	Benign versus malignant endometrial carcinoma	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	54	0	0	Machine Learning
Yue	2019	Histologic grade	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	91	0	0	Machine Learning
Yamada	2019	Histologic grade Recurrence- free survival	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	121	Cross-validation	0	Machine Learning
Chen	2017	Histologic grade	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	73	0 0		Machine Learning

Ueno	2017	Deep myometrial invasion Lympho- vascular space invasion Histologic grade	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	137	Cross-validation	0	Machine Learning
Dong	2020	Deep myometrial invasion	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	24	6	48 (including the 6 patients of the validation group)	Deep Learning
Bereby- Kahane	2020	Histologic grade Lympho- vascular space invasion	Retrospective Monocenter	MRI	73	Cross-validation	0	Machine Learning
Ytre- Hauge	2020	High-risk endometrial carcinoma	Retrospective Monocenter	СТ	155	0	0	Machine Learning
Ytre- Hauge	2018	Deep myometrial invasion Cervical stroma invasion Lymph node involvement High-risk histological subtype	Retrospective	MRI	180	0	0	Machine Learning
Yan	2020	Lymph nodes involvement	Retrospective Multicentric	MRI	622	0	0	Machine Learning

		Data (/4)							Model De	sign	Statistical		Total			
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Author, year	Reading	Image protocol quality (0/1)	Automatic segmentation (0/1)	Gold standard (0/2)	Prospective study (0/5)	Testing (-5/3/5)*	Package IBSI-compliant (0/1)	Features (extraction, correlation, redundance, selection) (0/1)	Details of training approach (classifier) (0/1)	Neural network architecture detailed (0/1)	Initialization of parameters (randomized, transfer learning) (0/1)	Details of training approach (data augmentation, hyperparameters,) (0/1)	Performance Metrics (0/1)	Clinical outcome improving patient management (0/2)	For each reading	R1/R2 mean
Chen	R1	1	0	2	0	3	NA	NA	NA	1	1	0	1	2	11	11
2020	R2	1	0	2	0	3	NA	NA	NA	1	1	0	1	2	11	**
Stanzione	R1	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	0	10	10
2020	R2	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	0	10	10
Luo	R1	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	0	10	11
2020	R2	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	12	11
Crivellaro	R1	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	12	12
2020	R2	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	12	12
Xu	R1	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	12	12
2019	R2	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	12	12
Yan	R1	1	0	2	0	5	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	14	14
2020	R2	1	0	2	0	5	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	14	14
Wang	R1	1	1	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	0	11	11
2019	R2	1	1	2	0	3	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	0	11	11
Kierans	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	0
2016	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	U

Yue	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	1	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	1
2019	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	1	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	2	2	L L
Yamada	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	0	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	0	1	2
2019	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	0	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	3	2
Chen	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	0
2017	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	U
Ueno	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	0	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	3	2
2017	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	0	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	3	5
Dong	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	1	2	4	
2020	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	1	2	4	4
Bereby-	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	0	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	0	1	
Kahane 2020	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	0	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	0	1	1
Ytre-	R1	0	0	2	0	-5	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	
Hauge 2020	R2	0	0	2	0	-5	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	0
Ytre-	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	
Hauge 2018	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	1	2	1	0.5
Yan	R1	1	0	2	0	-5	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	4	
2020	R2	1	0	2	0	-5	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2	4	4

Table 3: Performance metrics of the 7 articles of suffi	c ient quality (Note: PPV = positive	e predictive value; NPV = negative predictive value)
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			Performances												
	Classifier	Metrics	Model							Model + human					
		(100)	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	Precision	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV		
Chen 2020	CNN-based Resnet network	0.78	84,8%	66,6%	87,5%	32,4%	93,3%	86,7%	86,2%	77,8%	87,5%	48,3%	96,3%		
Stanzione 2020	Random Forest	0.94	NA	91,0%	76,0%	NA	NA	92,0%	100,0%	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Luo 2020	Logistic Regression	0.807	NA	77,8%	78,6%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Crivellaro 2020	Cut-off on volume-density	0,77	67,9%	42,9%	92,9%	85,7%	61,9%	92,0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Xu 2019	Logistic Regression	0,883	[84,9%- 85,7%]	[47,1%- 97,0%]	[44,4%- 93,4%]	[61,5%- 86,5%]	[80,0%- 88,8%]	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Yan 2020	Logistic Regression	0,748	NA	81,8%	53,6%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Wang 2019	Linear Regression (LASSO)	0,715	NA	67,6%	77,8%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		