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# DW-MRI and PET correlation in Lymphoma

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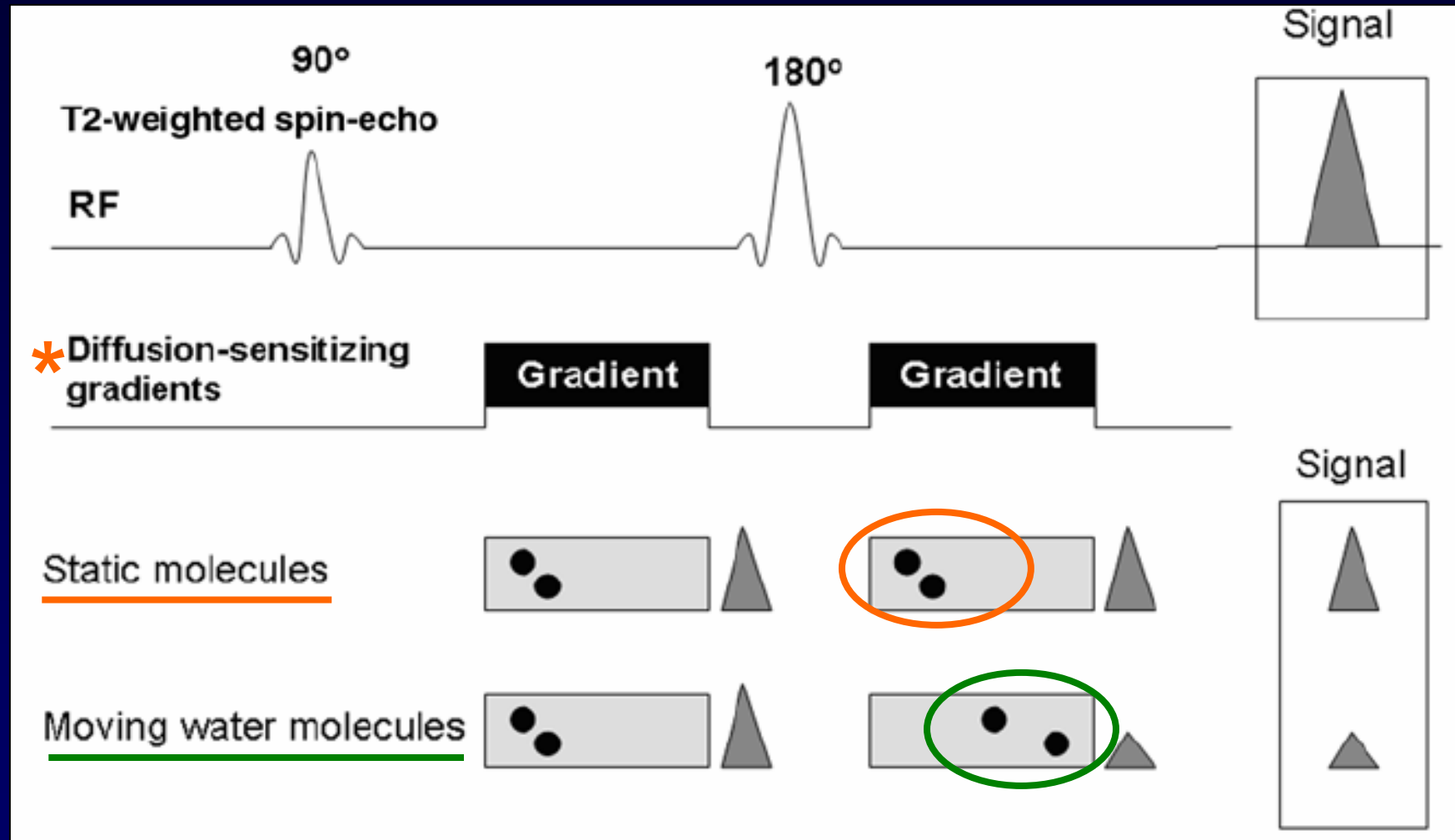
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# DW-MRI

- Probes diffusion of water molecules in
  - Extra- and intracellular spaces
  - Intravascular space
- Reflects tissue cellularity and cell membrane integrity
- Qualitative and Quantitative information

# DW-MRI



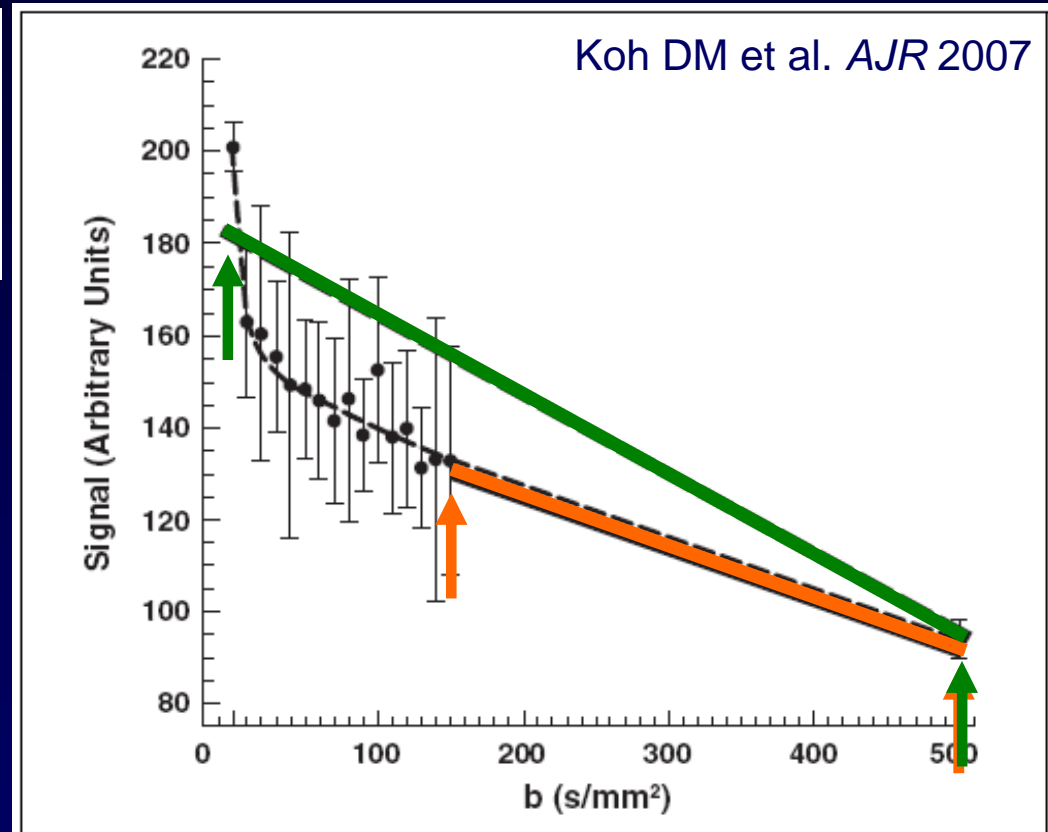
Stejskal and Tanner (1965)

# Apparent Diffusion Coefficient: ADC

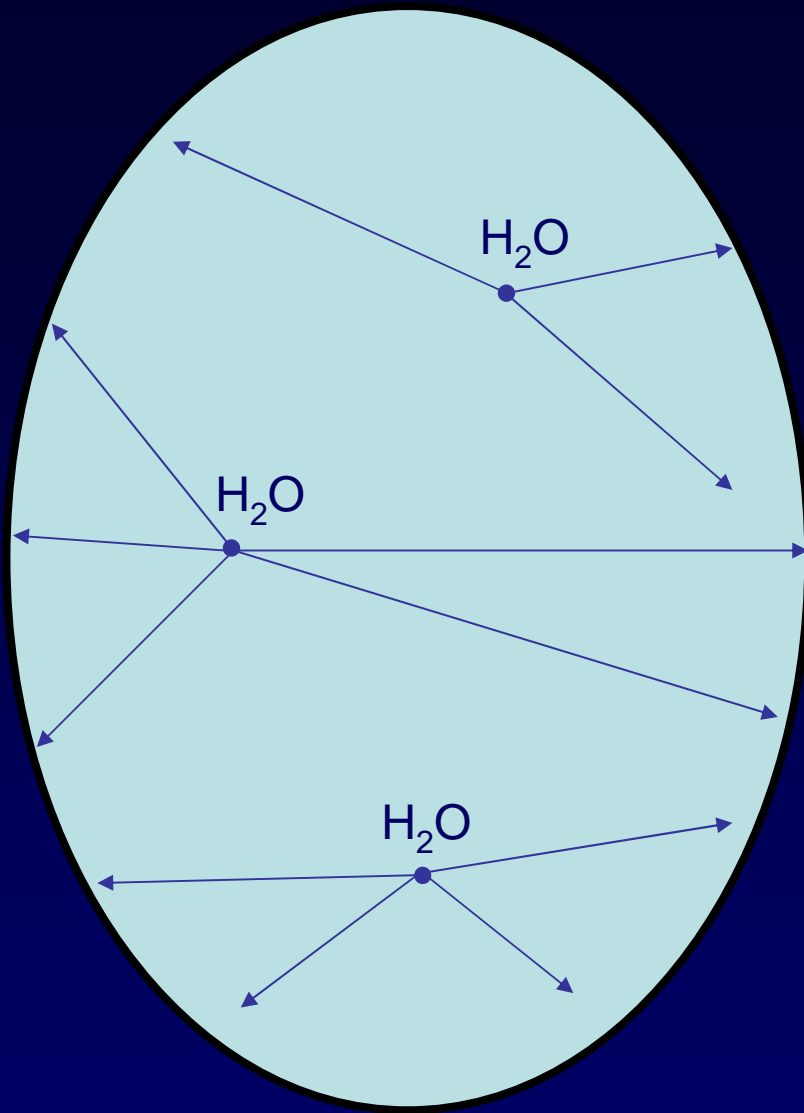
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## Separation of Diffusion and Perfusion in Intravoxel Incoherent Motion MR Imaging<sup>1</sup>

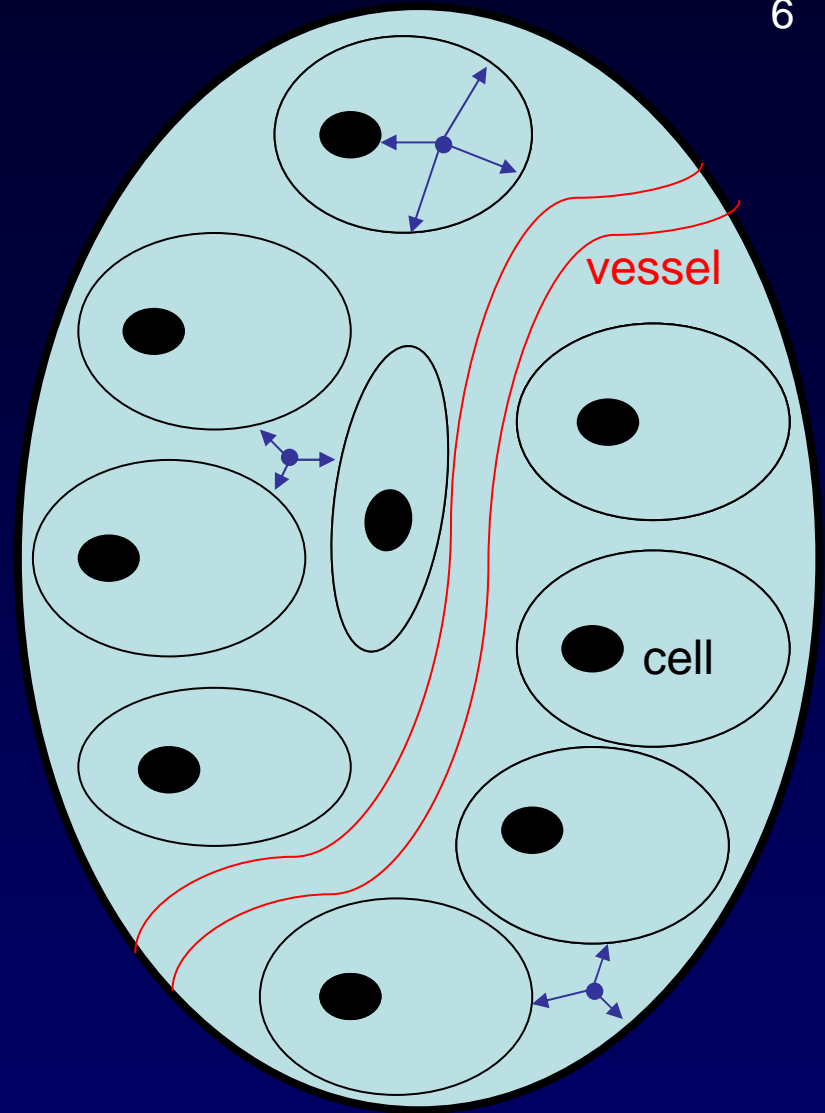
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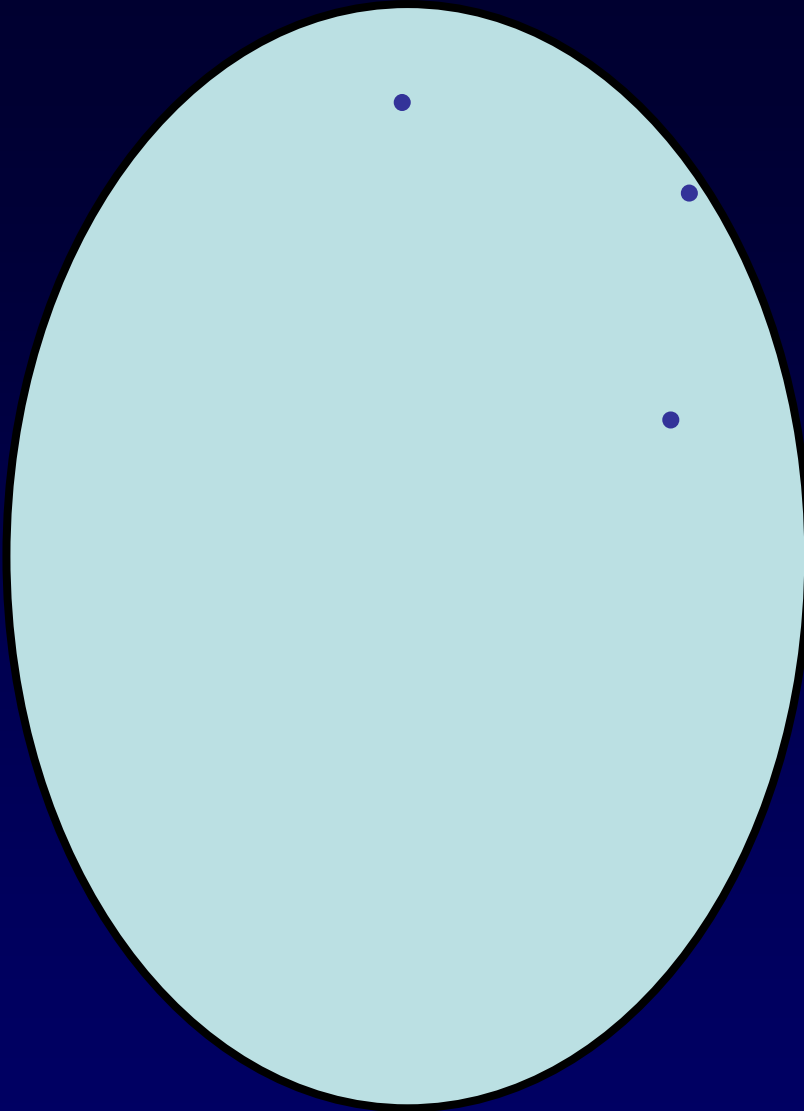
- $b$  ( $\text{s}/\text{mm}^2$ ) determines diffusion-weighting
- ADC can be calculated with  $\geq 2$  data points with different  $b$  values =  $(1/b_1 - 1/b_0) \ln(S[b_1]/S[b_0]) \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$



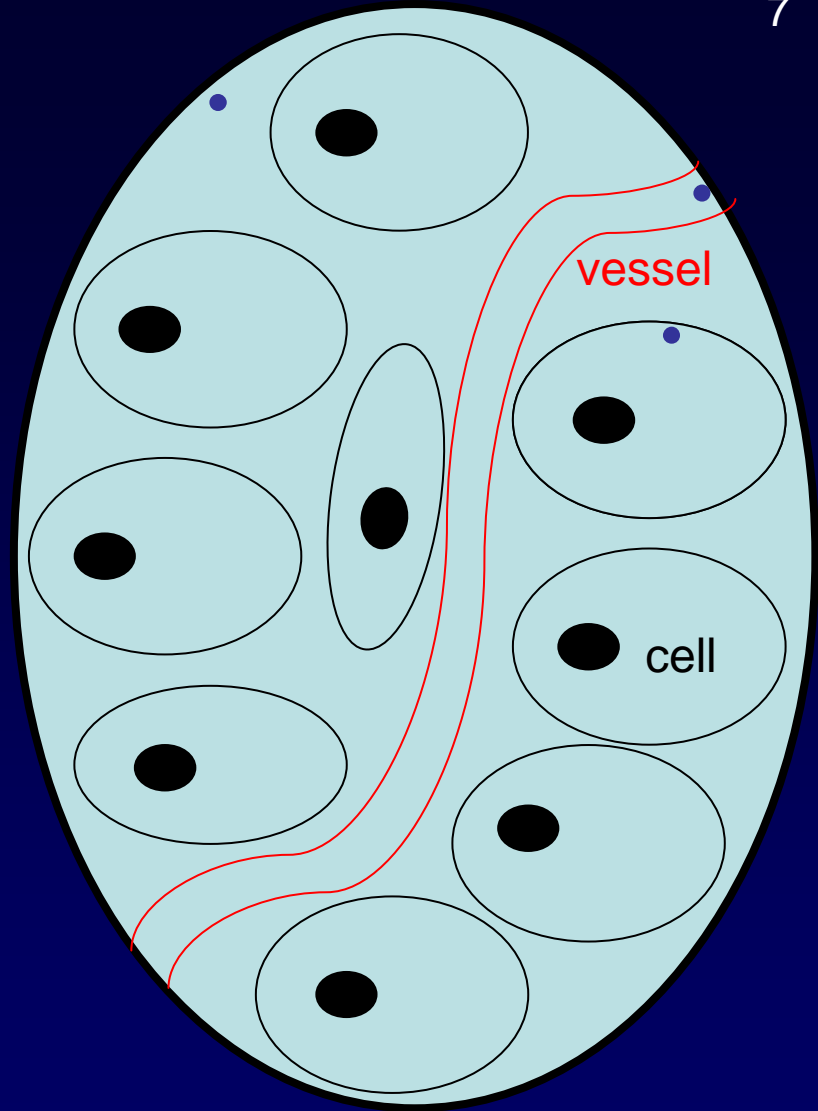
No restriction



Restriction (tumor)

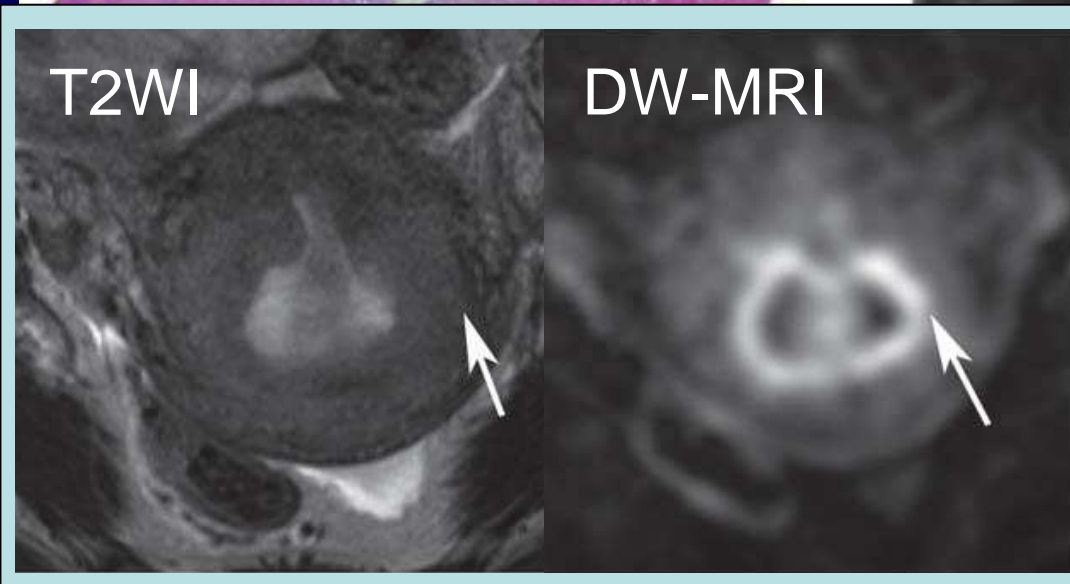
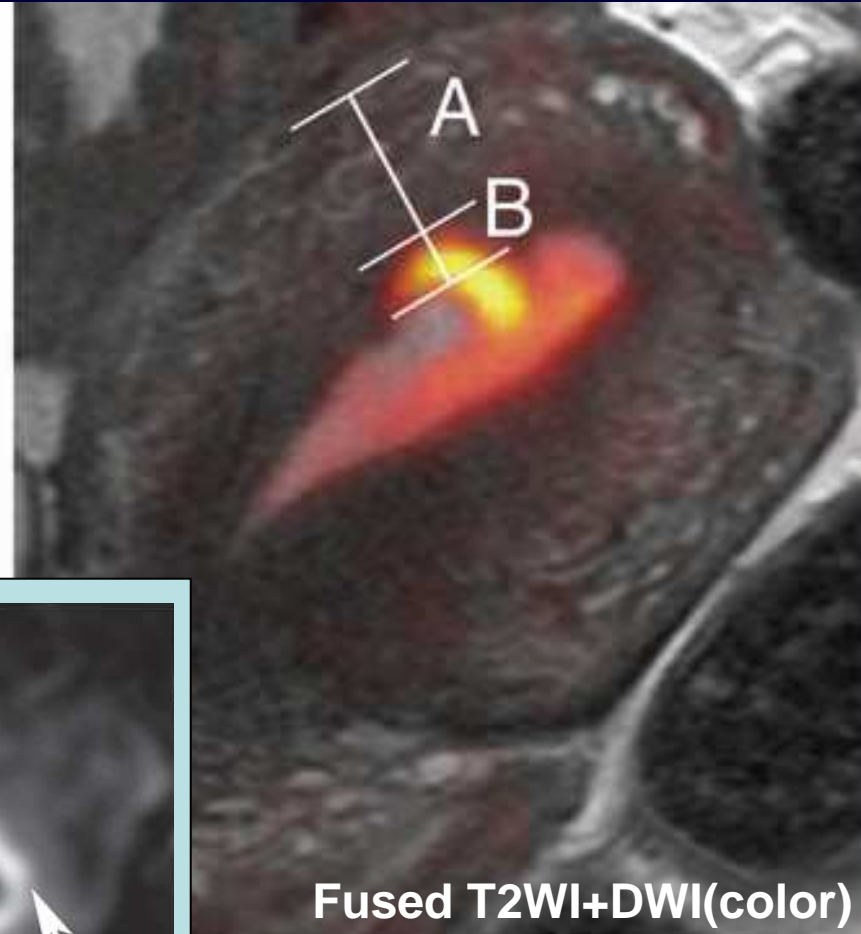
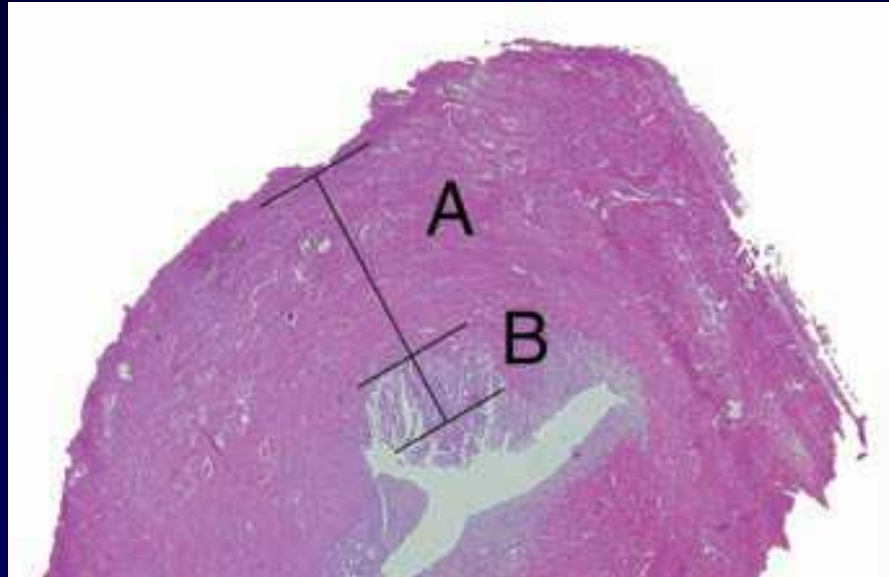


No restriction: ADC is high



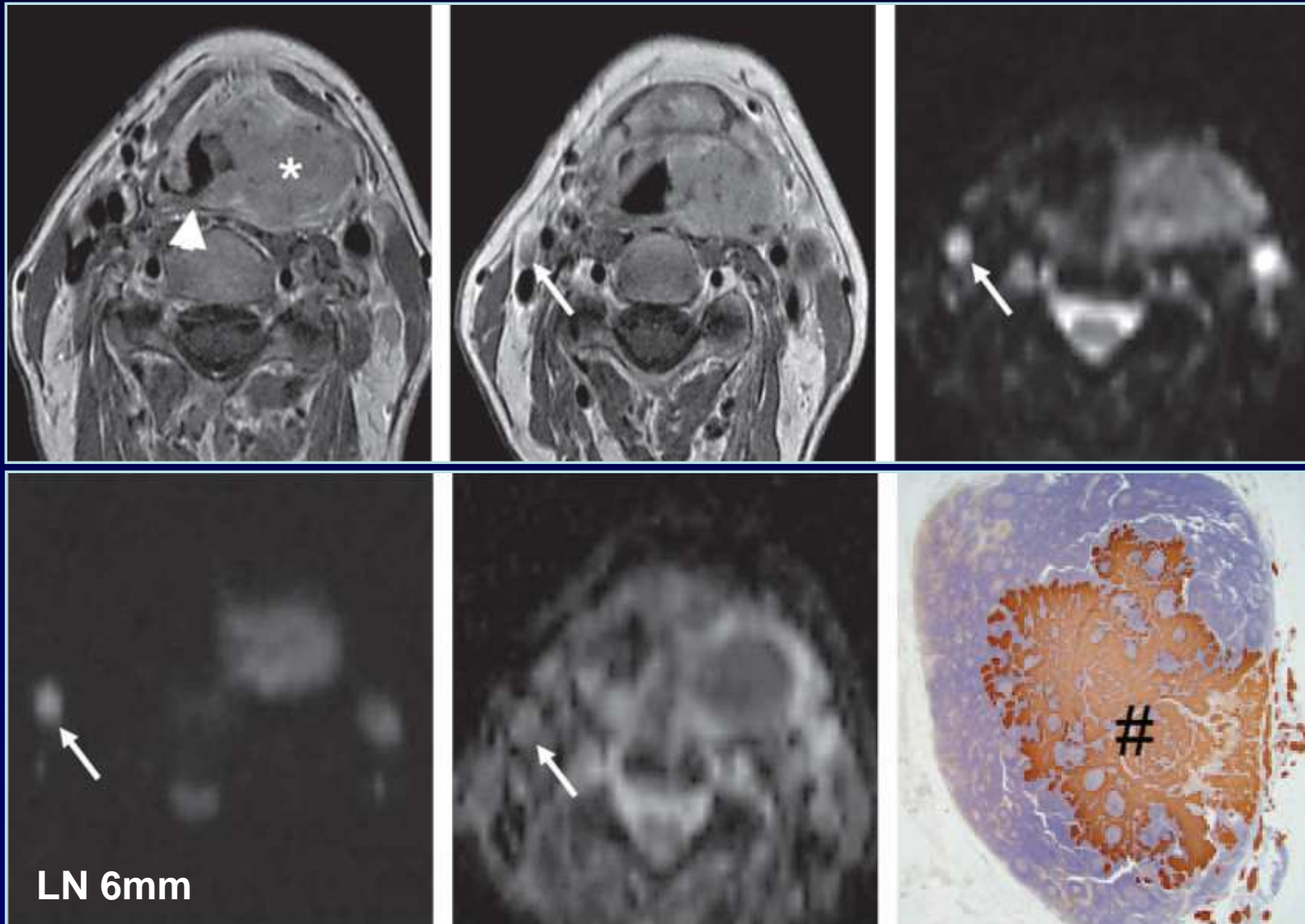
Restriction: ADC is low

# DW-MRI in Oncology: T stage

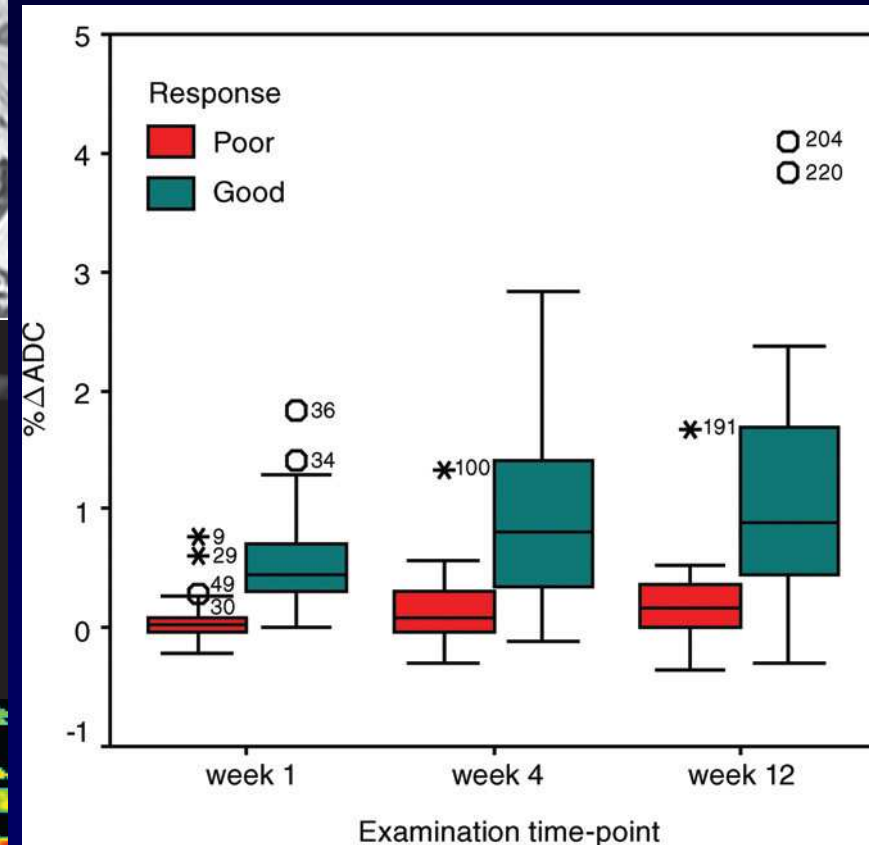
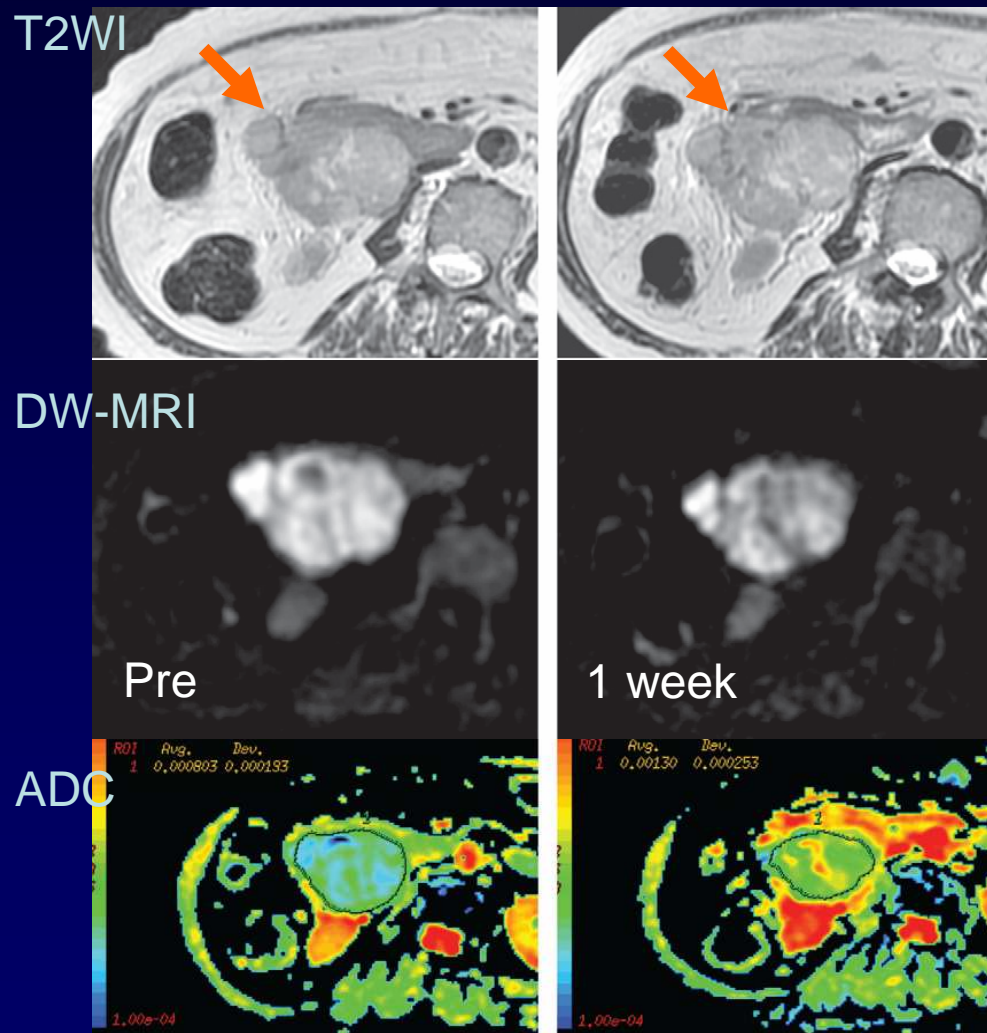




# DW-MRI in Oncology: N stage



# DW-MRI in Oncology: Response



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**Abstract**

On May 3, 2008, a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-sponsored open consensus conference was held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, during the 2008 International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine Meeting. Approximately 100 experts and stakeholders summarized the current understanding of diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging (DW-MRI) and reached consensus on the use of DW-MRI as a cancer imaging biomarker. DW-MRI should be tested as an imaging biomarker **in the context of well-defined clinical trials** by adding DW-MRI to existing NCI-sponsored trials, particularly those with tissue sampling or survival indicators. Where possible, DW-MRI measurements should be compared with histologic indices including cellularity and tissue response. There is a need for tissue equivalent diffusivity phantoms; meanwhile, simple fluid-filled phantoms should be used. Mono-exponential assessments of apparent diffusion coefficient values should use two  $b$  values ( $>100$  and between 500 and 1000  $\text{mm}^2/\text{sec}$  depending on the application). Free breathing with multiple acquisitions is superior to complex gating techniques. Baseline patient reproducibility studies should be part of study designs. Both region of interest and histogram analysis of apparent diffusion coefficient measurements should be obtained. Standards for measurement, analysis, and display are needed. Annotated data from **validation studies** (along with outcome measures) should be made publicly available. Magnetic resonance imaging vendors should be engaged in this process. The NCI should establish a task force of experts (physicists, radiologists, and oncologists) to plan, organize technical aspects, and conduct pilot trials. The American College of Radiology Imaging Network infrastructure may be suitable for these purposes. There is an extraordinary opportunity for DW-MRI to evolve into a clinically valuable imaging tool, potentially important for **drug development**.

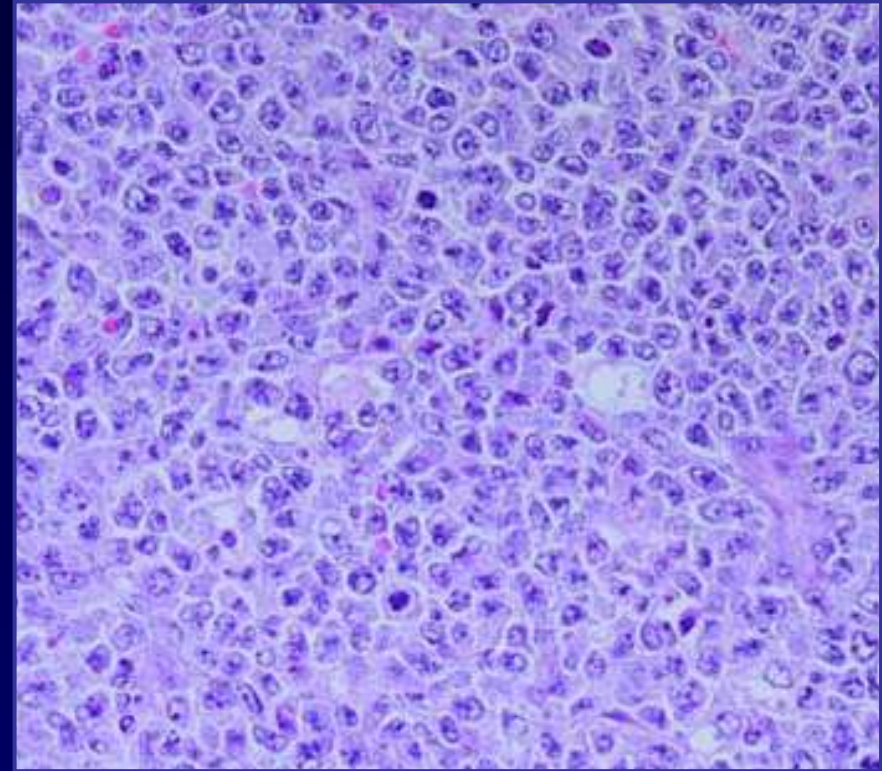
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# DW-MRI in Lymphoma

- Lymphoma: high cellularity and high nuclear-to-cytoplasm ratio
- Lower ADC values than other tumors



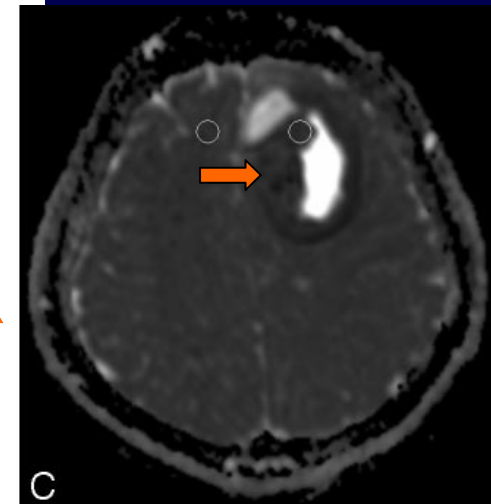
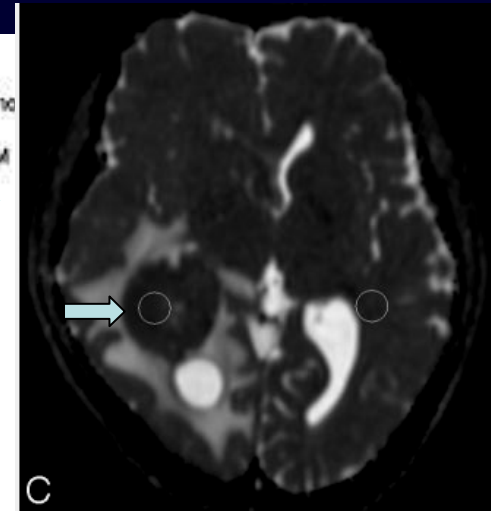
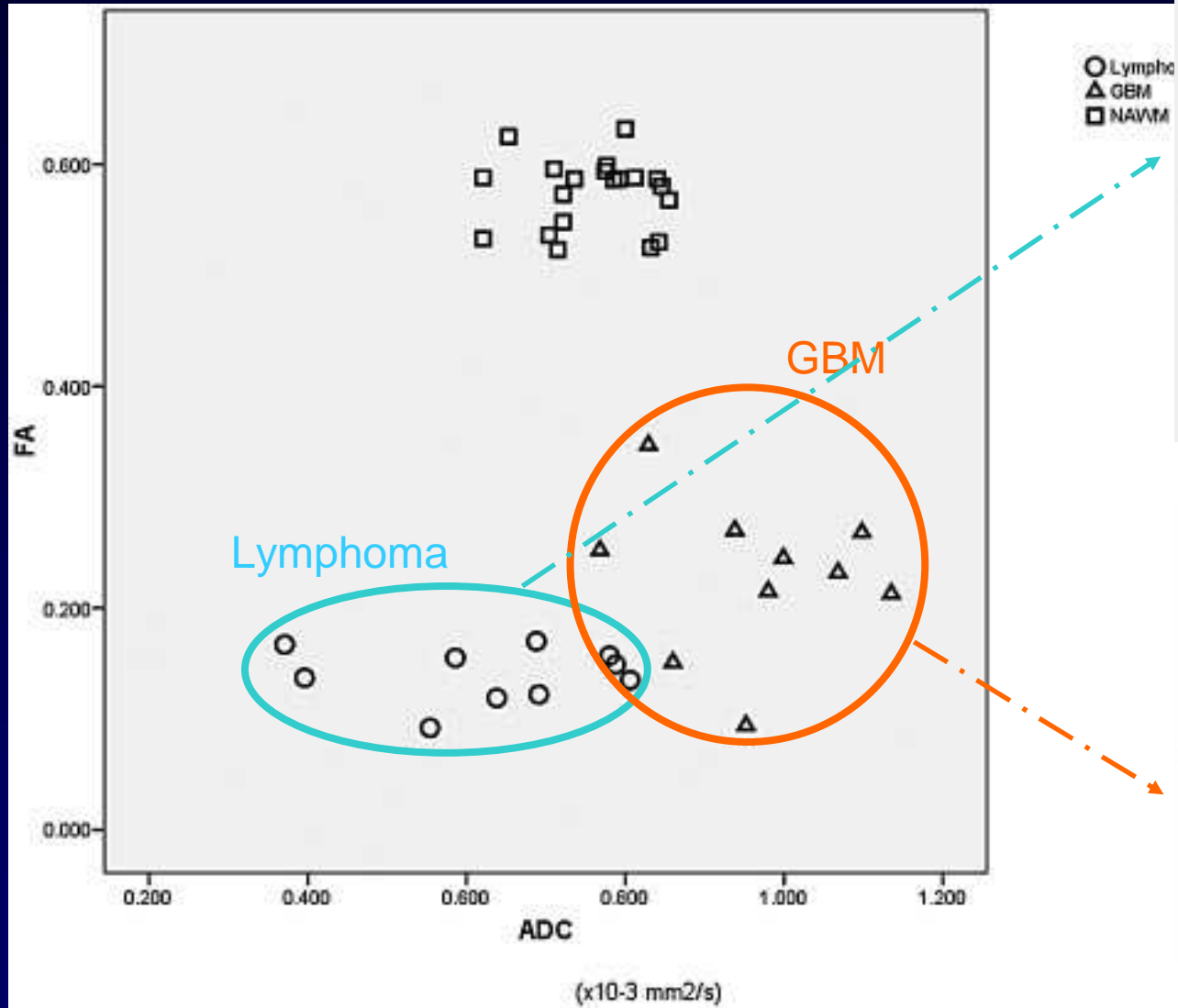
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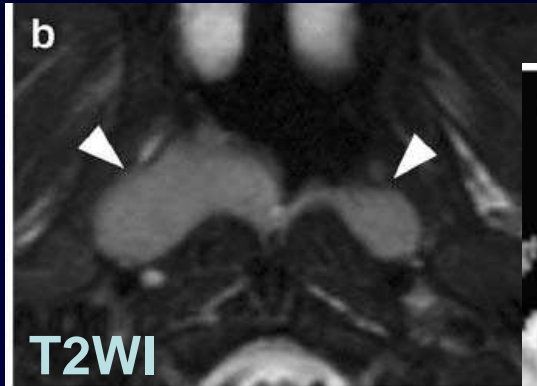
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Sumi M et al. *Eur Radiol* 2007

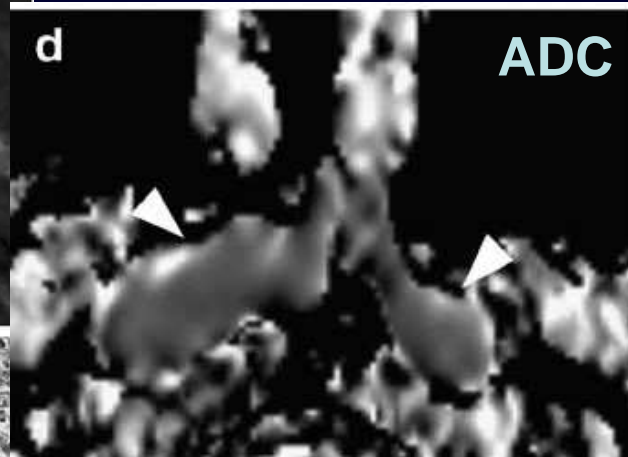
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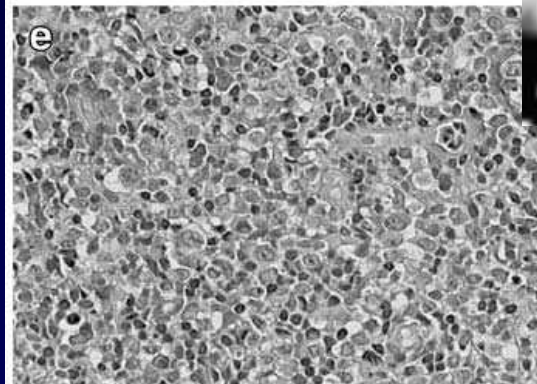




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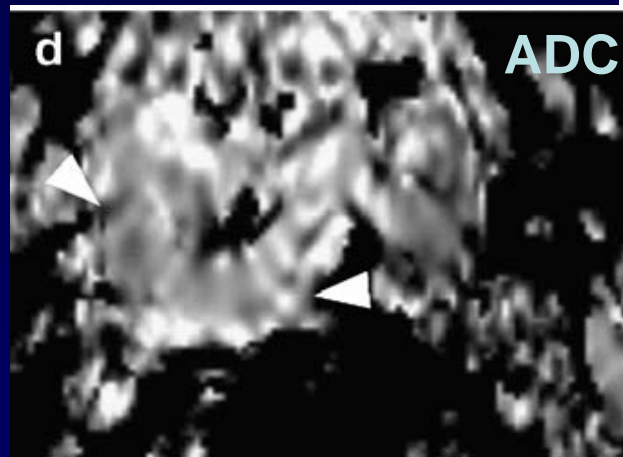
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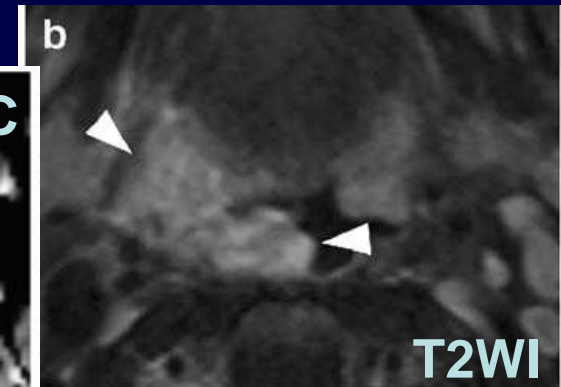
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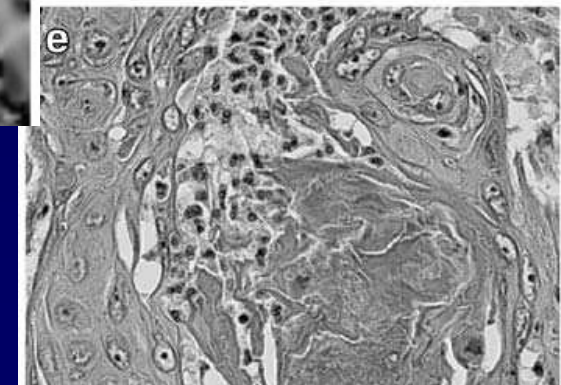
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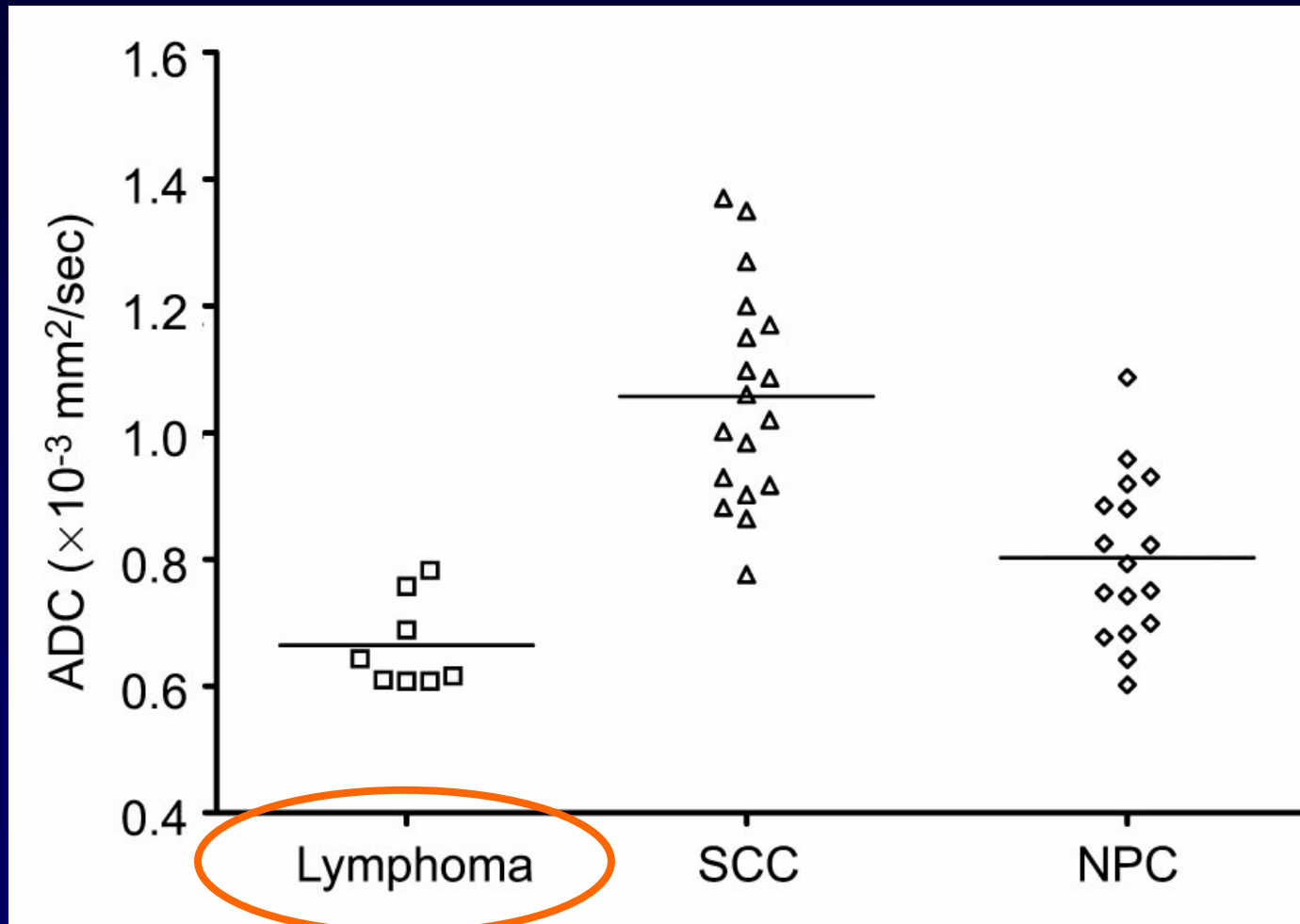


T2WI



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## D/D Malignant cervical lymphadenopathy



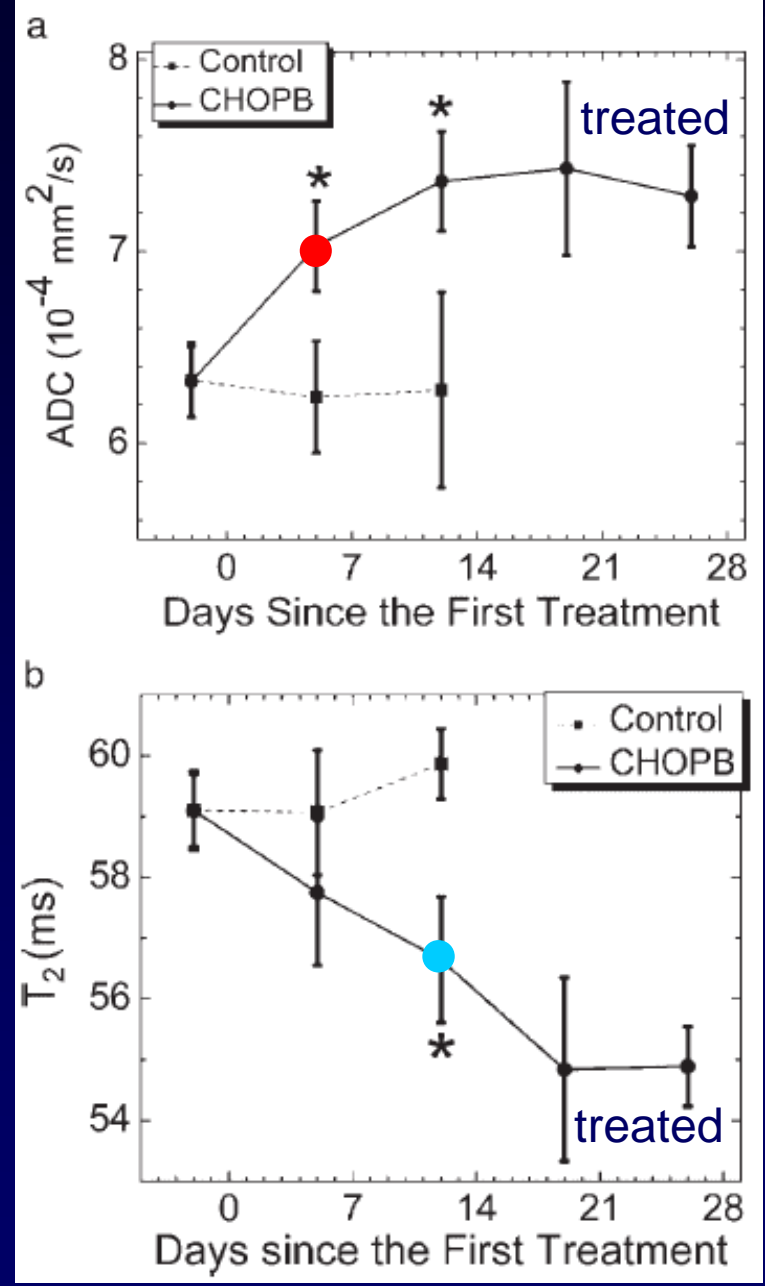
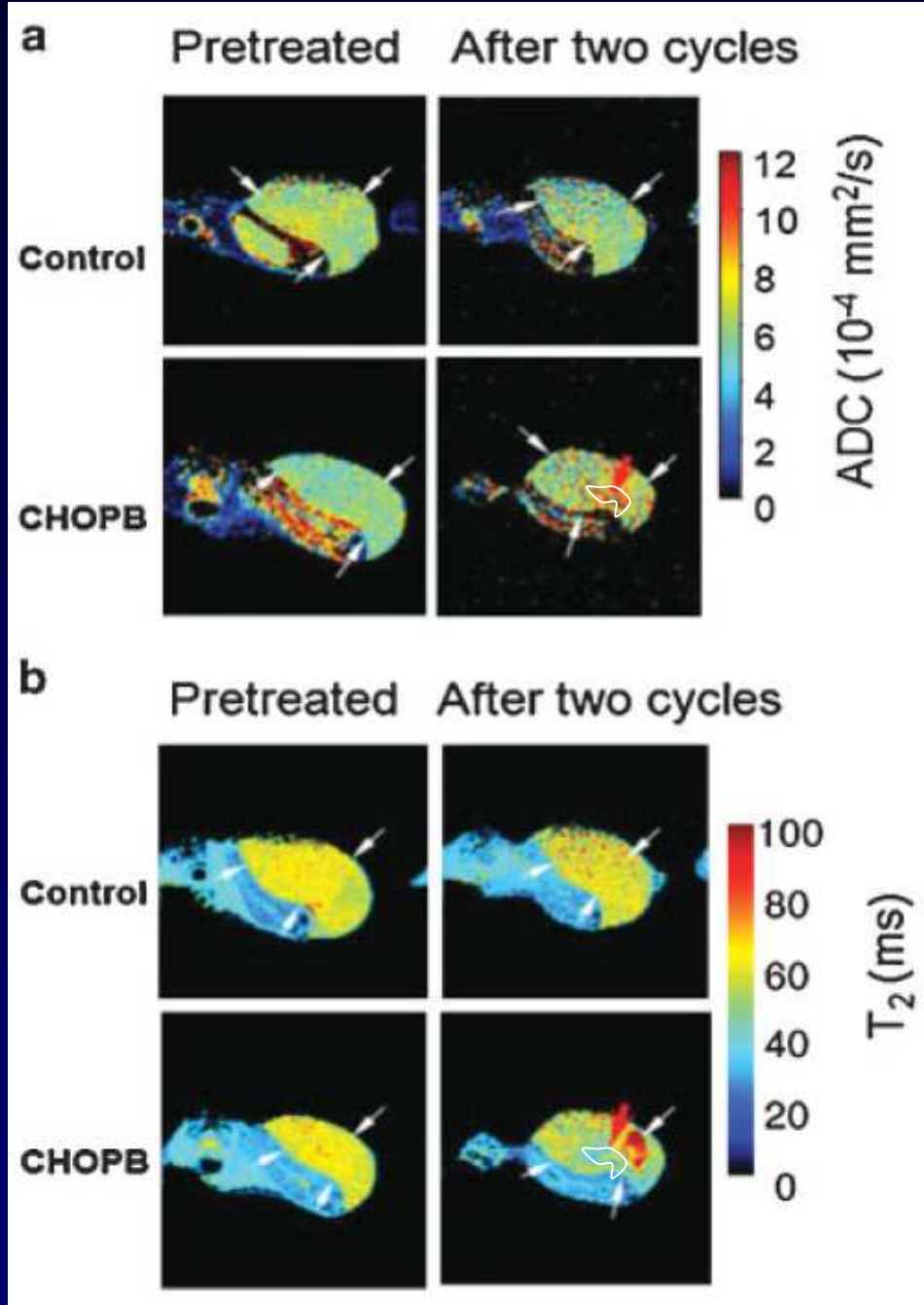


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## Monitoring response to chemotherapy of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma xenografts by $T_2$ -weighted and diffusion-weighted MRI

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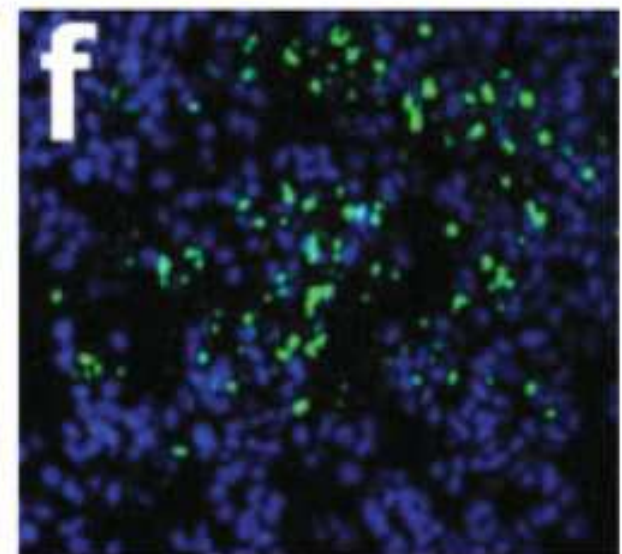
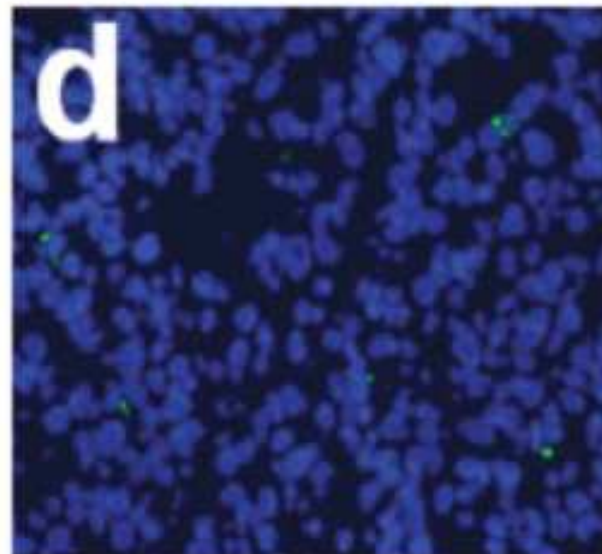
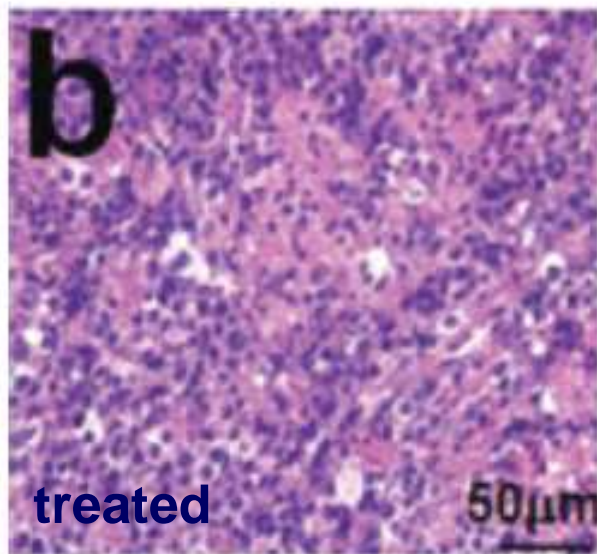
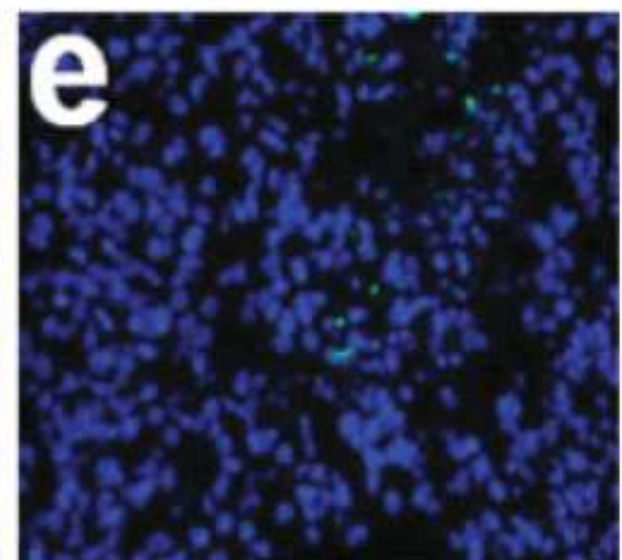
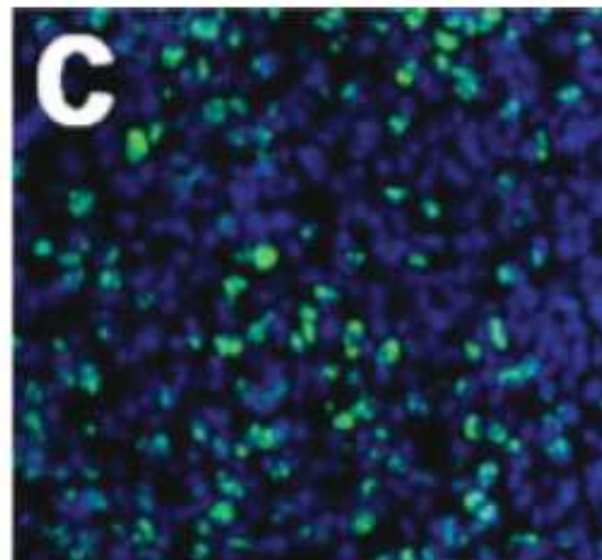
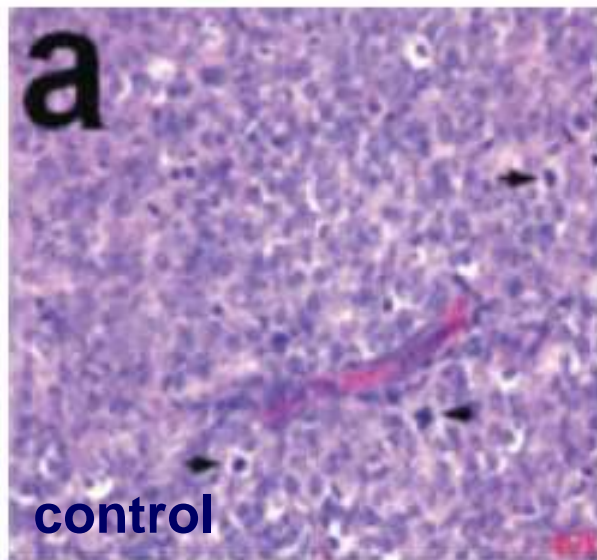
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H & E/mitosis

Ki-67/proliferation index

FITC/apoptosis index 19



# Whole-body DW-MRI

- Lack of ionizing radiation
- High spatial resolution
- Excellent soft tissue contrast (extranodal)
- Quantitative parameters on a whole-body scale



**TECHNICAL NOTE**

Radiation Medicine: Vol. 22 No. 4, 275–282 p.p., 2004

Diffusion Weighted  
with Background Boost  
Technical Improvement  
and High Resolution

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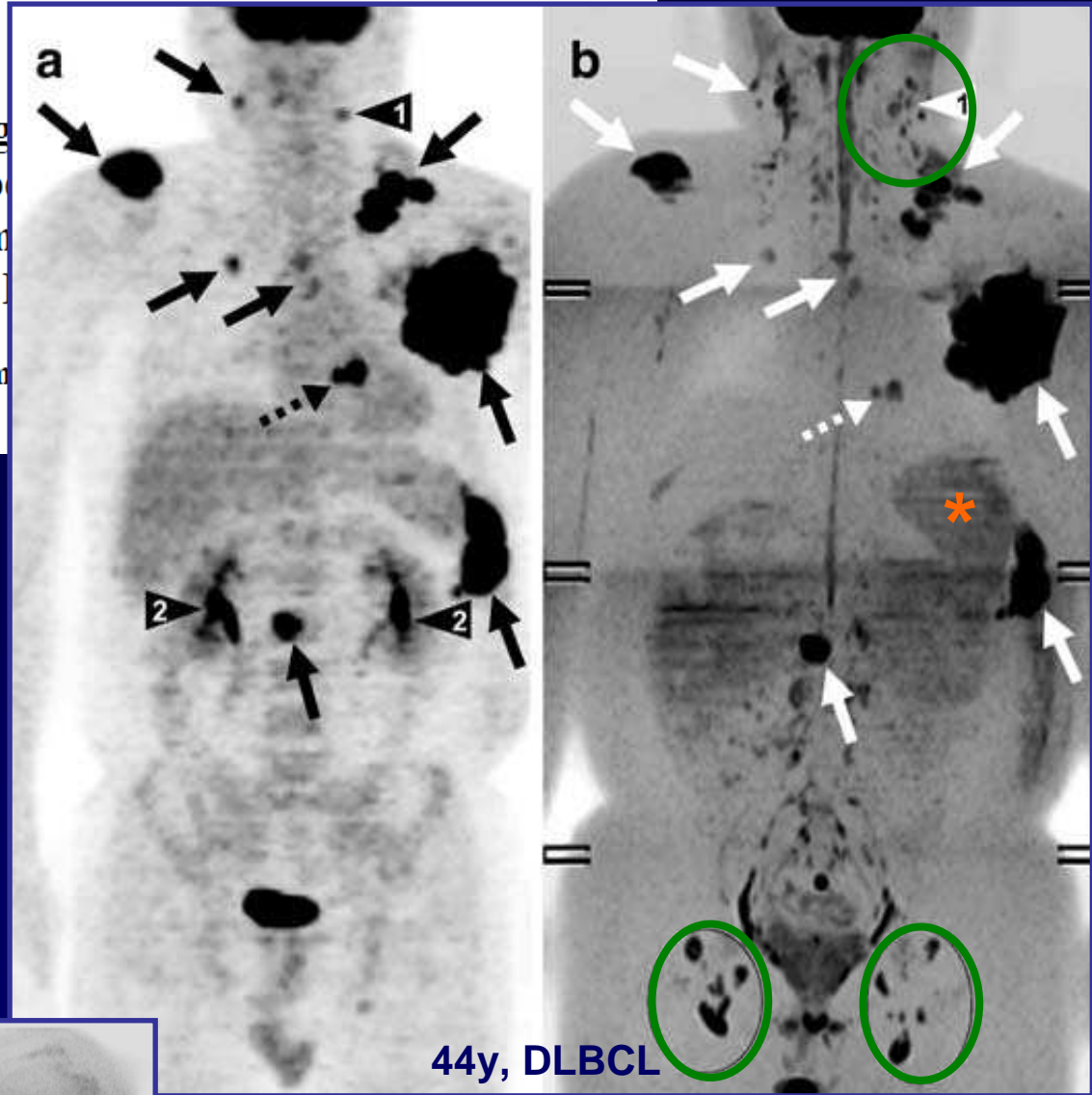
**Free breathing**

Thin sections (4mm/-  
1mm overlapping) allows  
3D MPR and MIP

$b = 0, 1000 \text{ s/mm}^2$

Inverse gray → **PET-like**

**No ADC mapping**



44y, DLBCL

**PET**

**DWIBS  $b = 1000$**

# WB MRI/DWI vs. CECT

- First study with pure lymphoma patients
- Mixed HL  $n = 7$ /NHL  $n = 23$  (different grades)
- Pretreatment staging vs. CECT
- MRI (T1w and T2w)  $\pm$  DWIBS
- Reference: PET/BM biopsy/CT F/U

# WB MRI/DWI vs. CECT

62 y/o, DLBCL

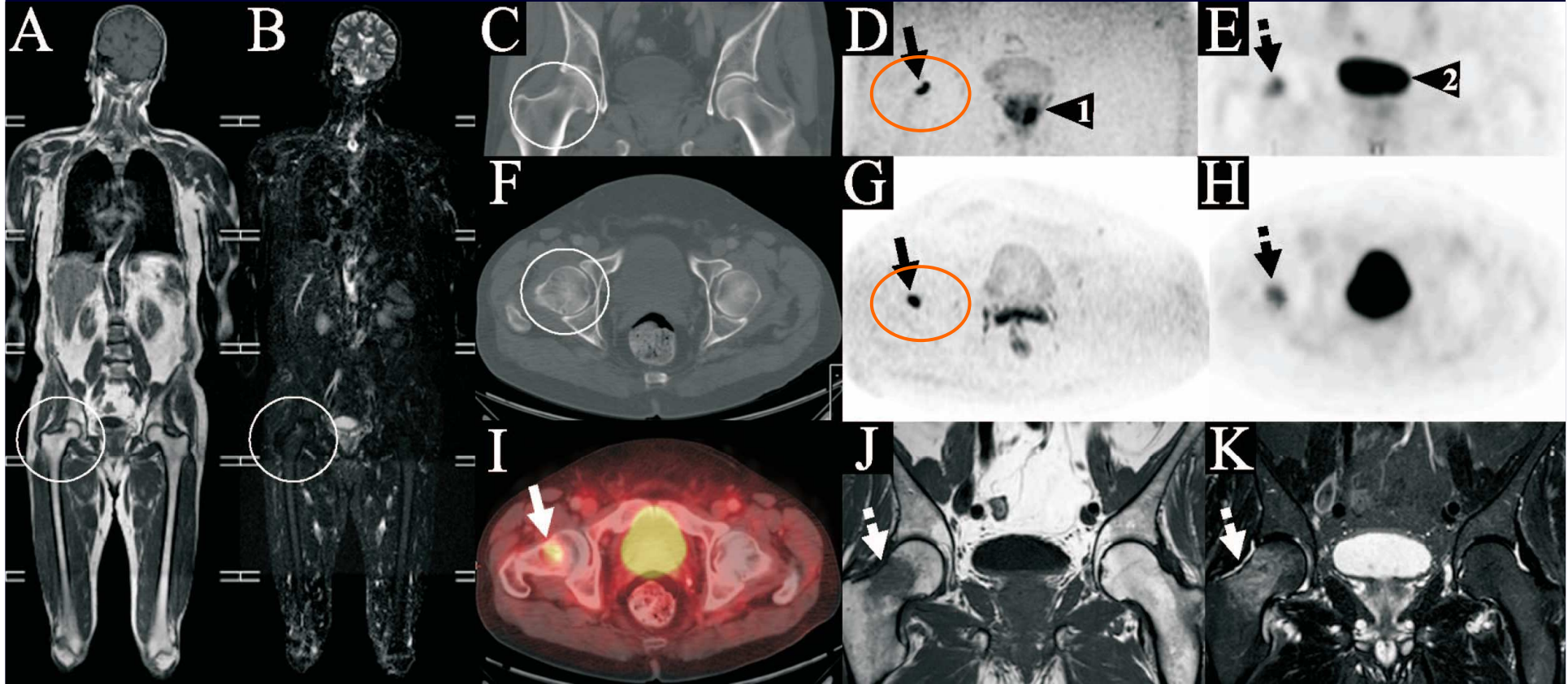
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T1w/T2w

CT

DWIBS

FDG-PET



PET/CT fusion

T1w/T2w F/U

False negative on T1/T2w, CT & blind iliac crest biopsy  
later proven with image-guided biopsy

## WB DW-MRI (our experience)

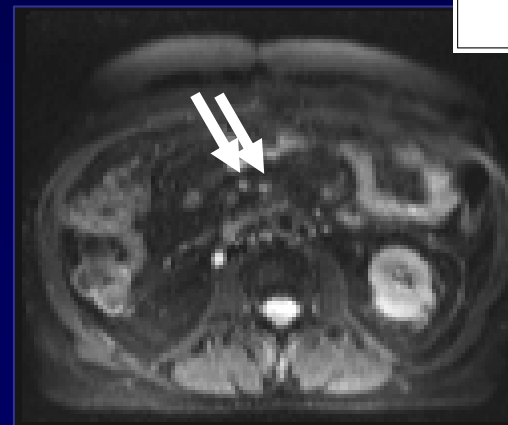
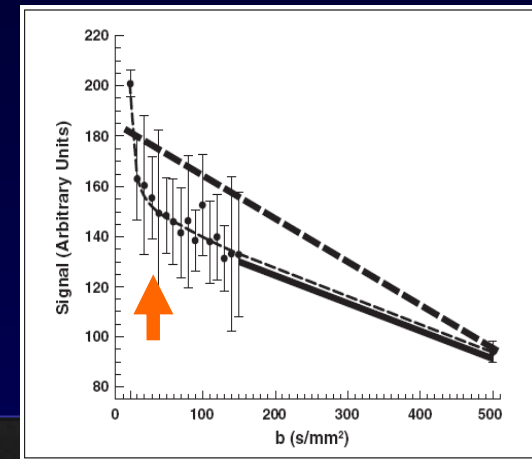
- Whole-body protocol using only DW-MRI
- $b$  values = 50, 400, 800 s/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Respiratory gating for slice co-registration
- Whole-body ADC mapping
- No 3D reconstruction
- FOV as CECT



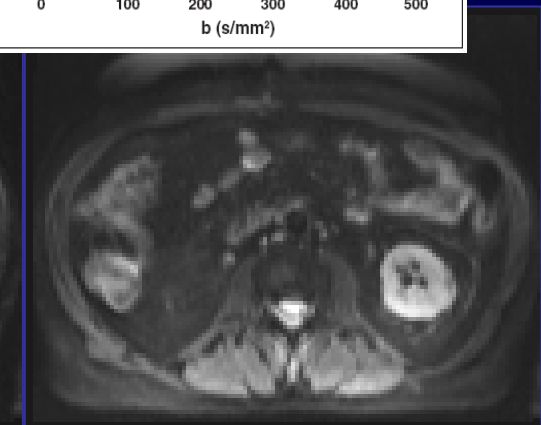
# WB DW-MRI (our experience)



Surface coils to increase SNR  
Skull base to Groin 30~45min



$b = 0 \text{ s/mm}^2$



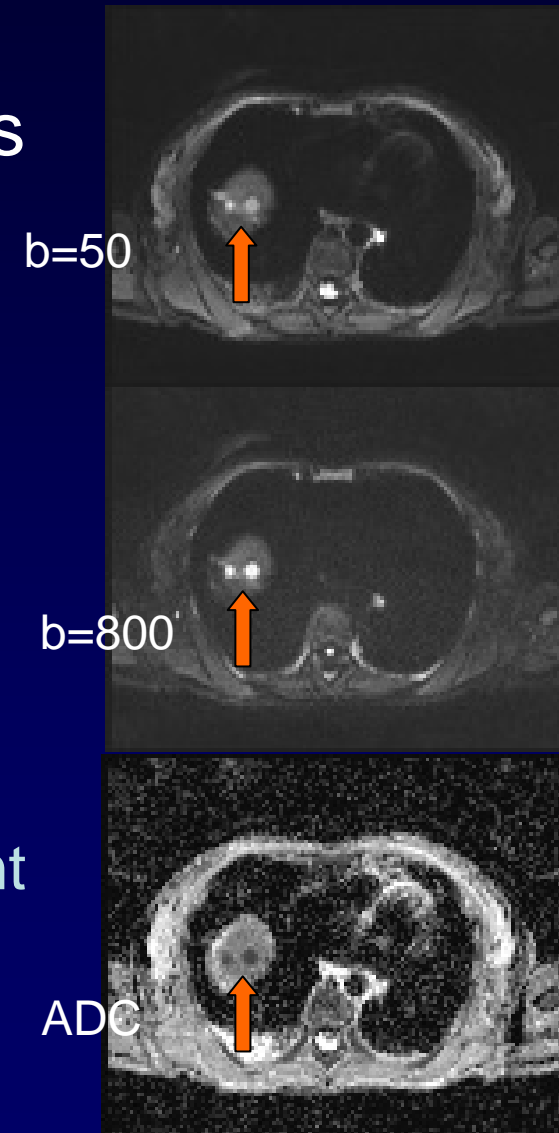
$b = 50 \text{ s/mm}^2$

Smallest  $b$  at 50 reduces perfusion effect and eliminates signal from vessels

Nguyen TD et al. *J Magn Reson Imaging* 2008

# Materials & Methods

- Image interpretation and analysis directly on native axial images
- Combine good T2-weighted morphological/size and DW-MR functional information
- ✓ A 79 year-old patient with concomitant DLBCL and follicular lymphoma



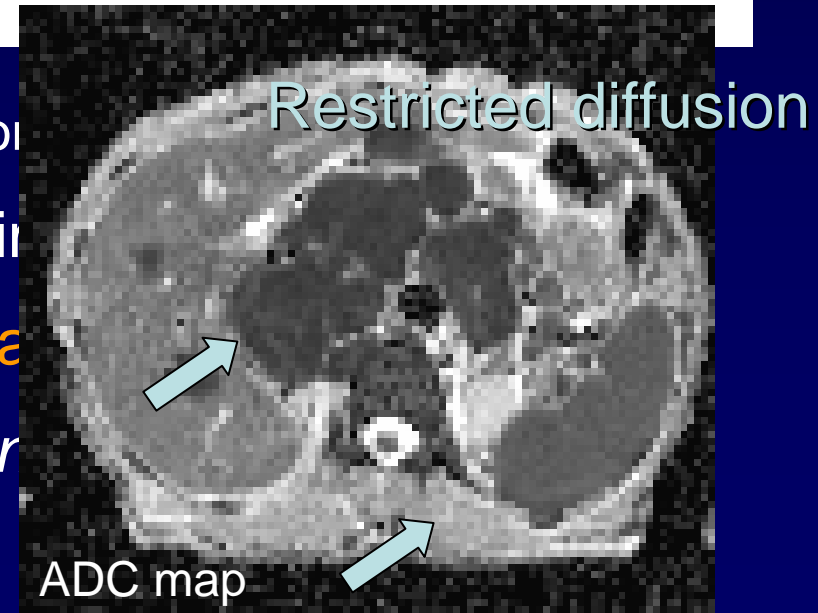
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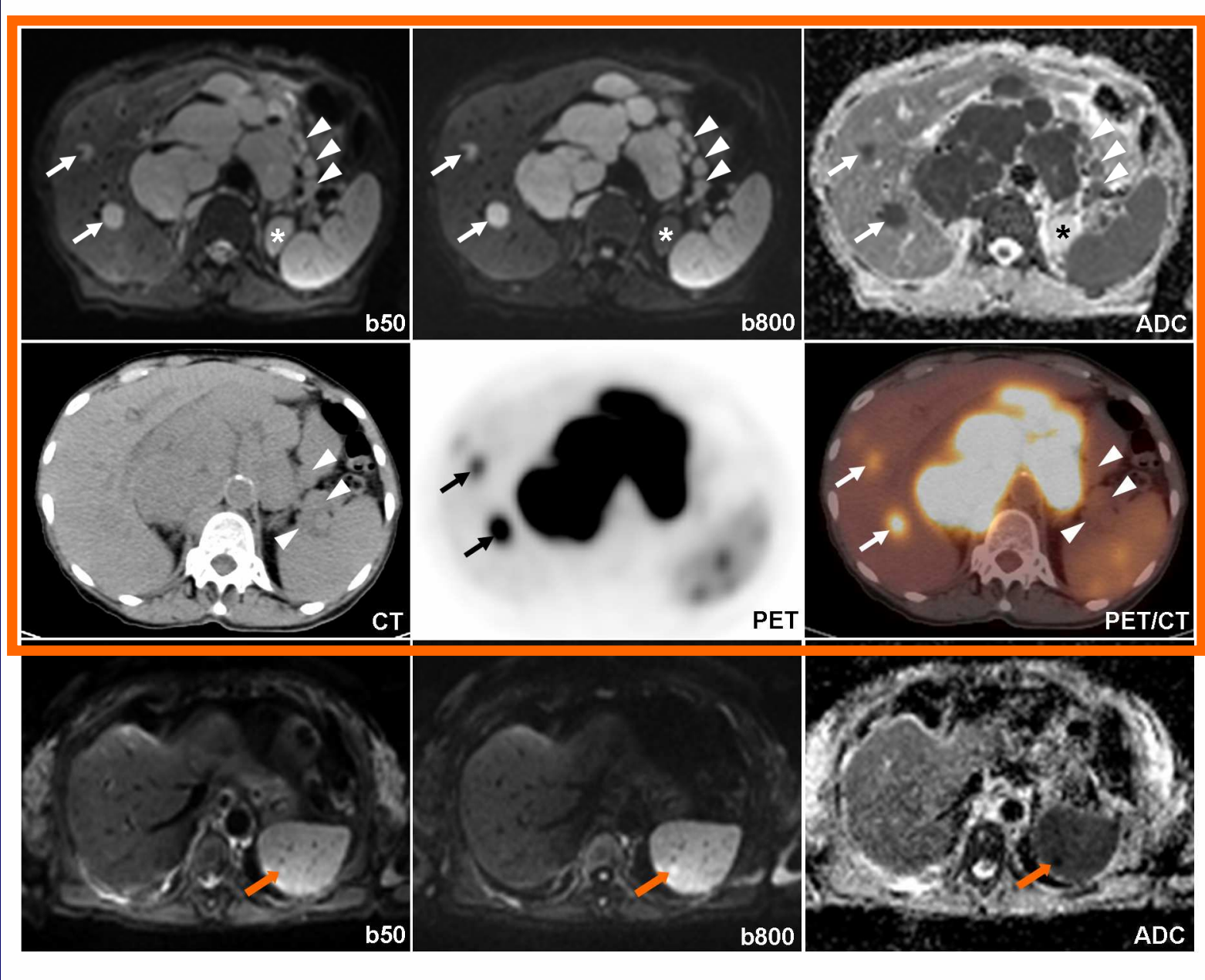
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## Whole-body diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging with apparent diffusion coefficient mapping for staging patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

- 15 DLBCL patients, in 2 with co...
  - Lesion detection on b50 DW i...
  - **FDG-PET/CT as reference sta...**
- Visual analysis of ADC map ar...  
*measurement on > 1cm LN*

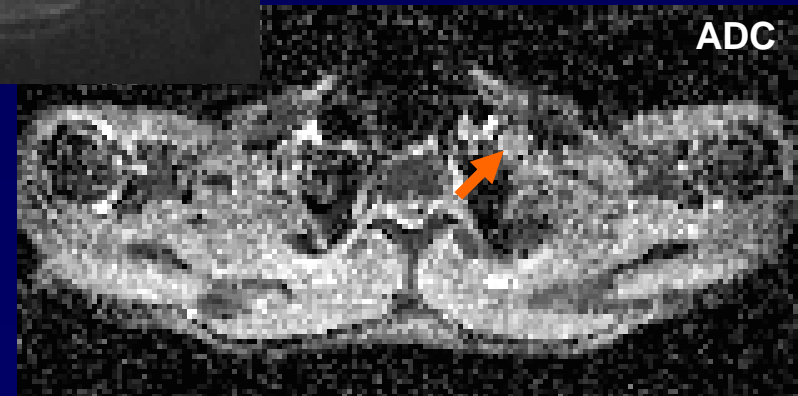
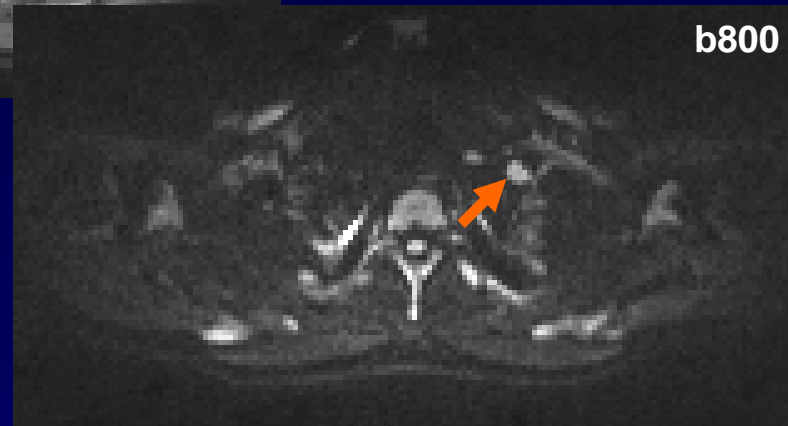
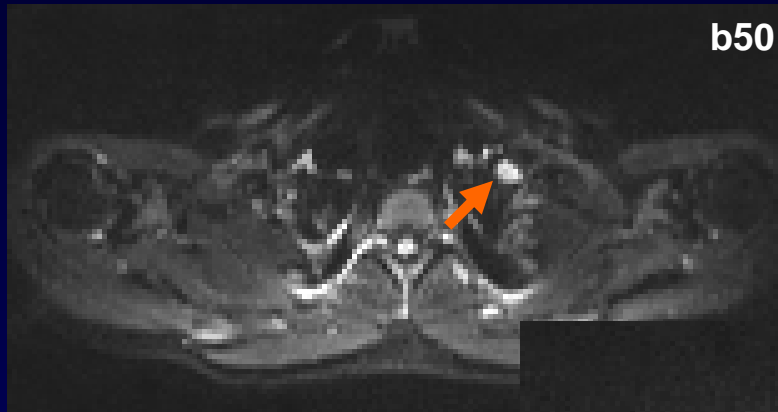




# Lymph node involvement

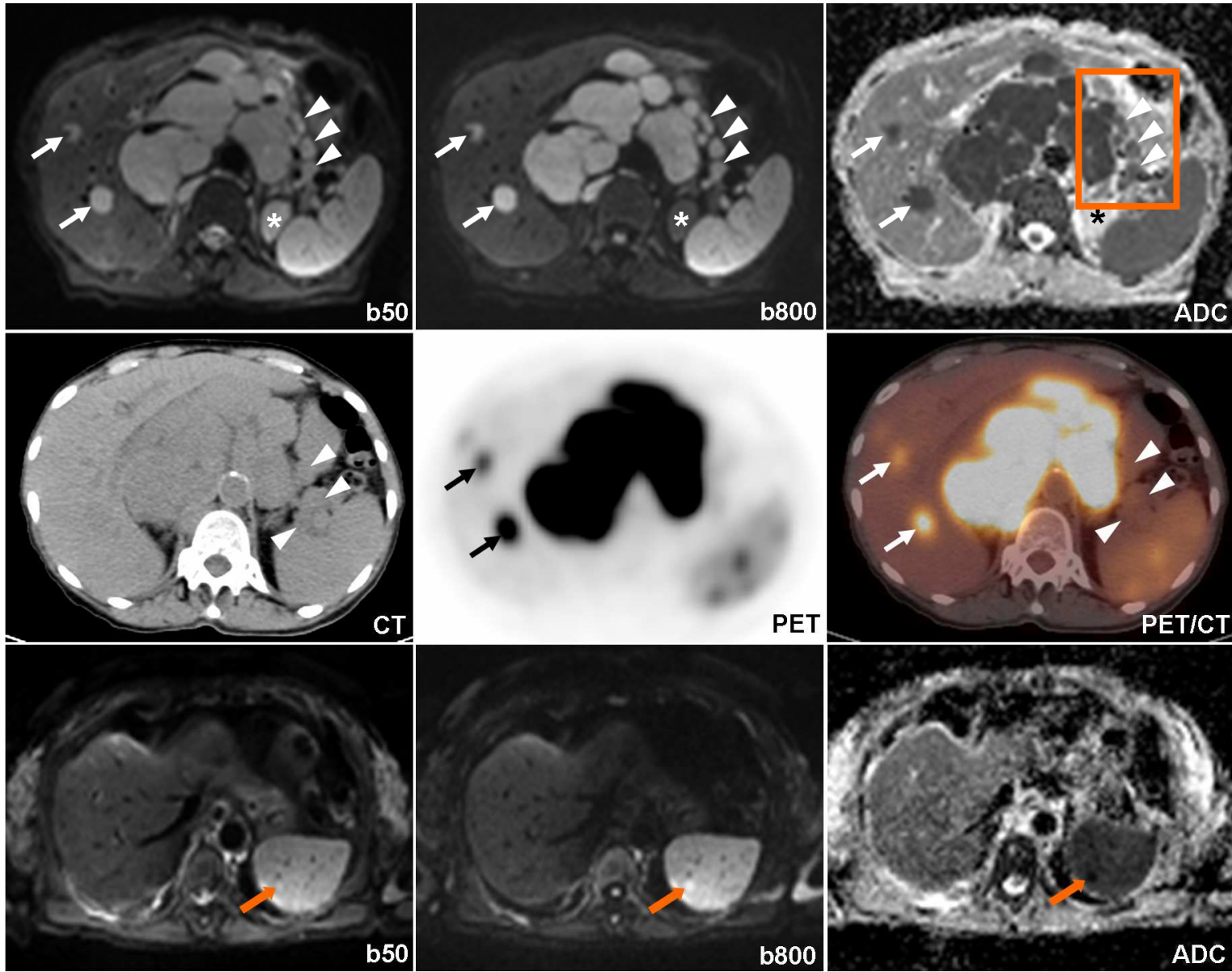
- IWG Cheson's size criteria ( $> 1$  cm)
- DWI and PET/CT matched in 277 (94%) out of 296 lymph node regions
- 73 (89%) of the 82 regions, positive on both DWI and PET – restricted diffusion (**black**) on ADC maps –  $ADC = 0.752 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.210$  mm<sup>2</sup>/s
- Size criteria alone: Se 90% and Sp 94%
- Size plus visual ADC analysis: Se 81% and **Sp 100%**

**Patient 24y**, Gastric DLBCL regional LN+  
15-mm lymph node (arrow), negative on FDG-PET

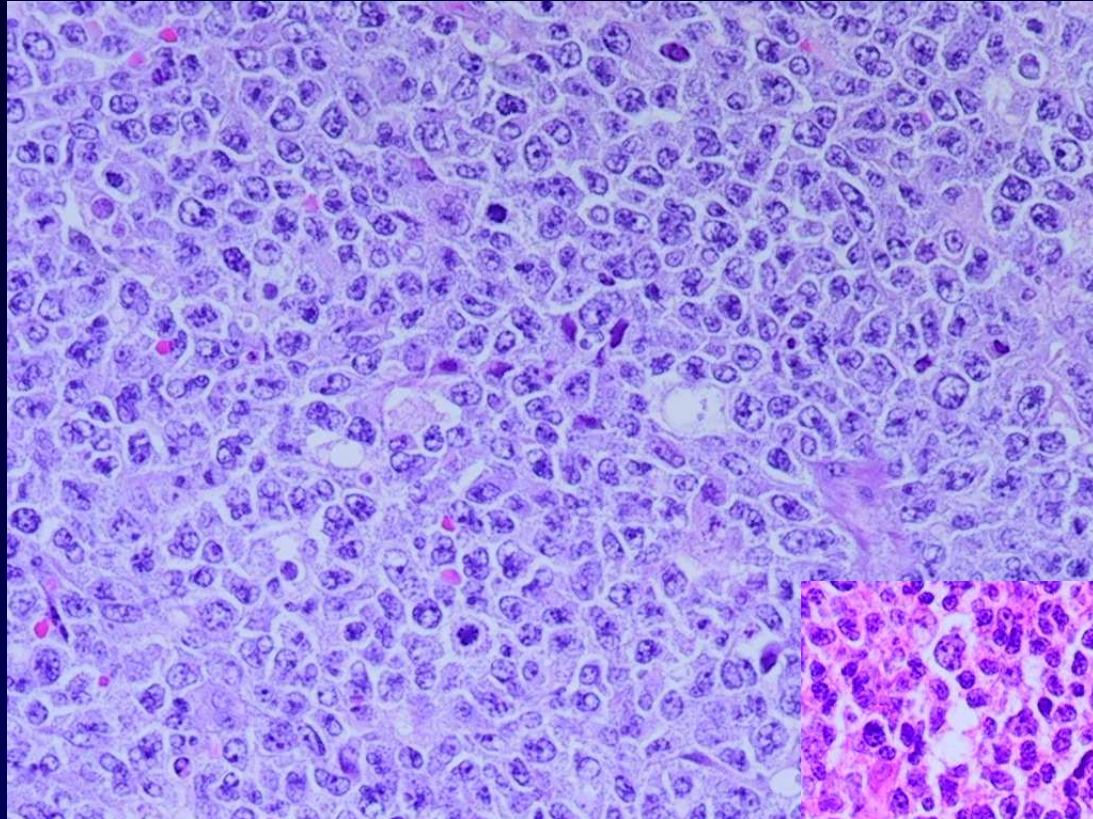


- Positive on DWI according to size criteria (no abnormal FDG uptake), but no restricted diffusion on ADC map
- This node did not show size/signal change after chemotherapy



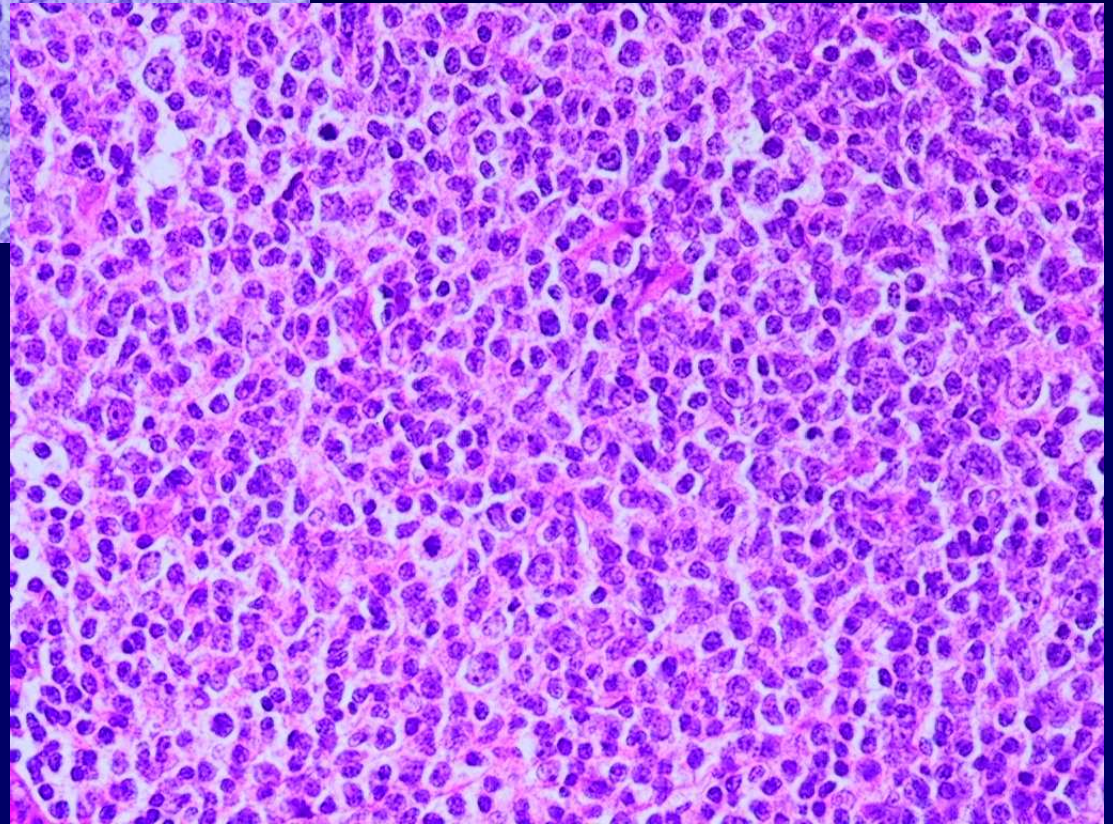






← DLBCL

Similar cellularity;  
Comparable ADC values



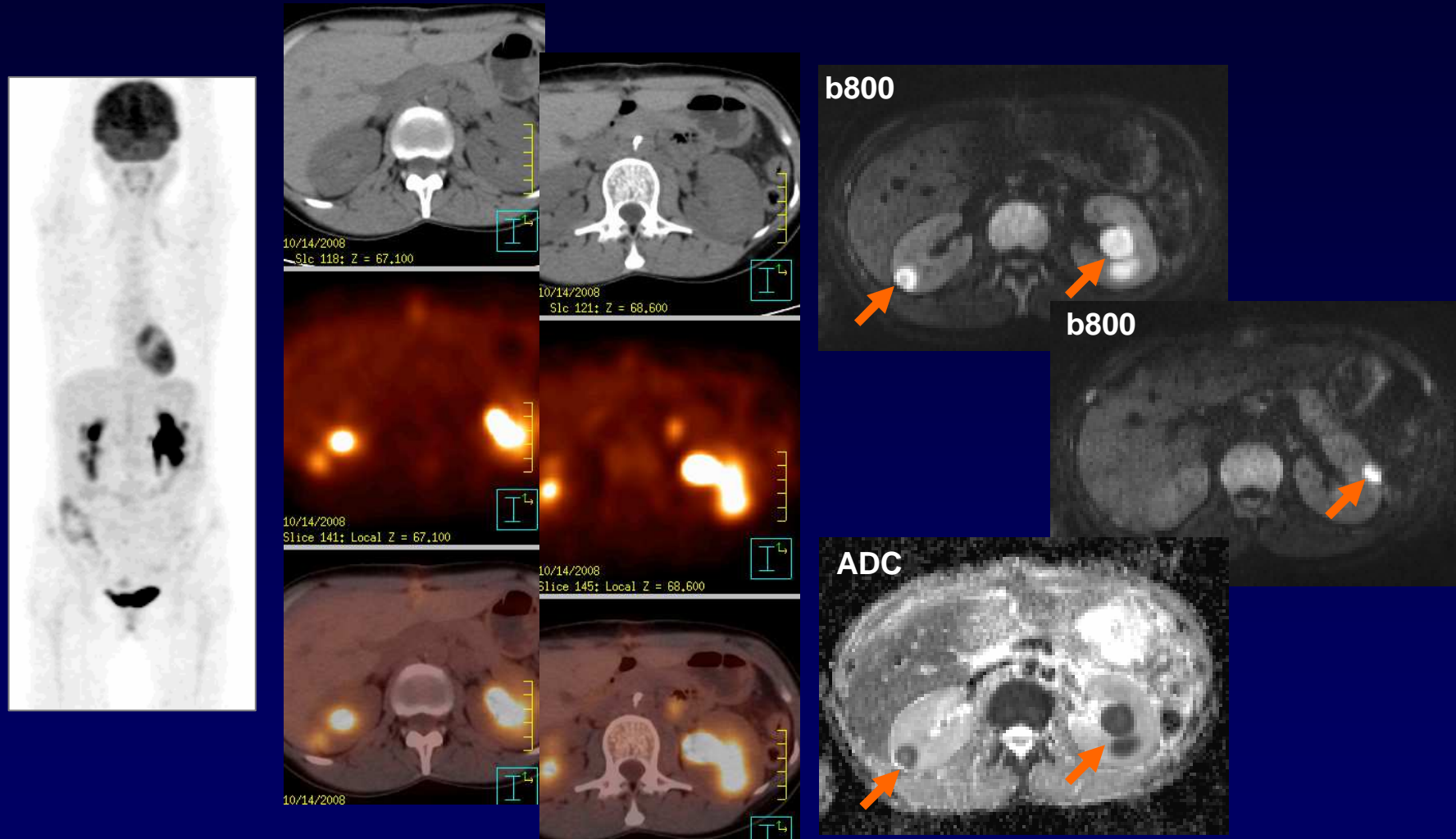
Follicular lymphoma →

# Organ involvement

- 20 organs recorded positive
- Concordance 100%
- DW-MRI more sensitive for the detection of renal and hepatic involvement
- Finally, Ann Arbor stages agreed in 14 (93%) patients

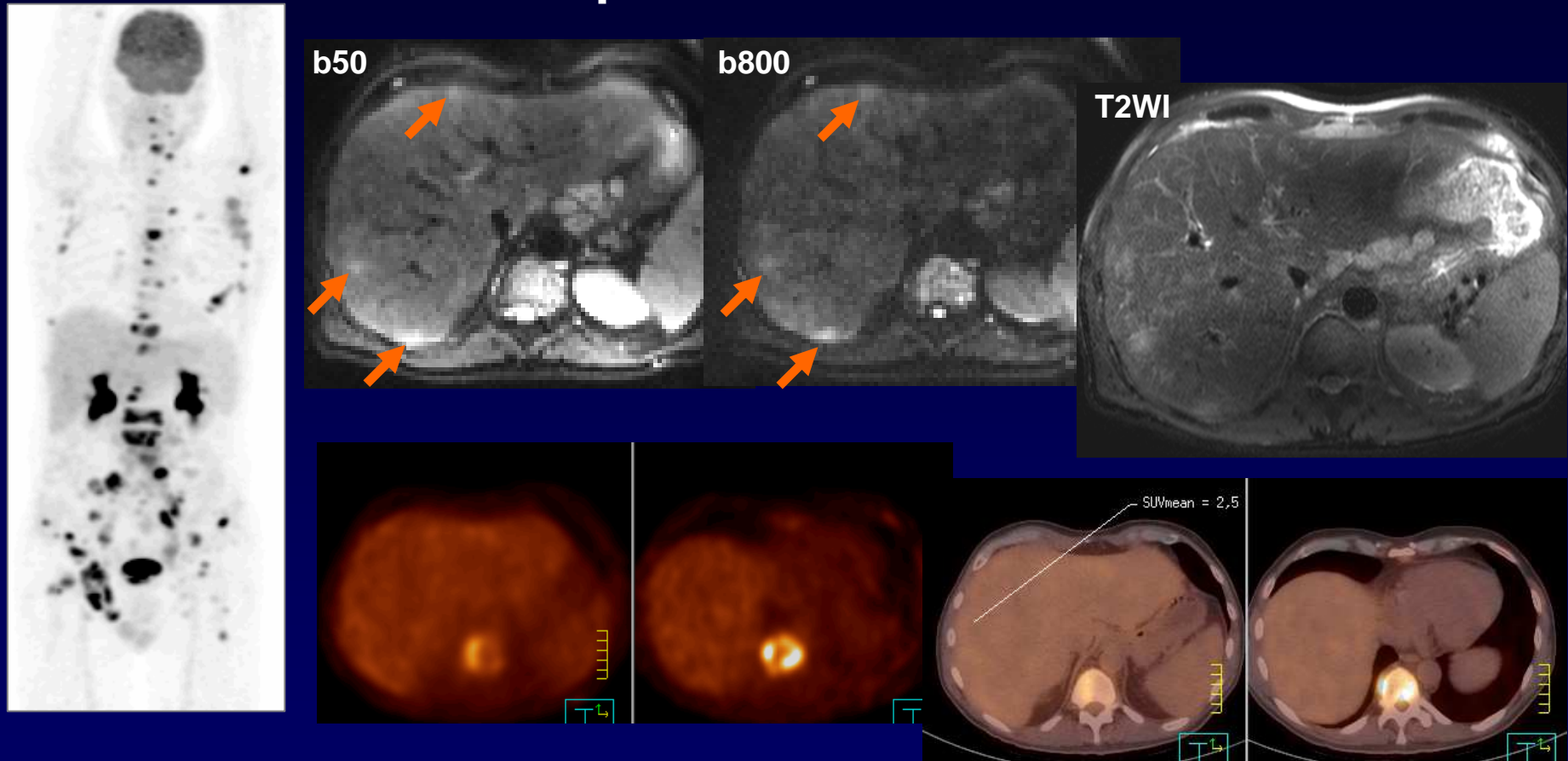


## Patient 42y, DLBCL renal involvement



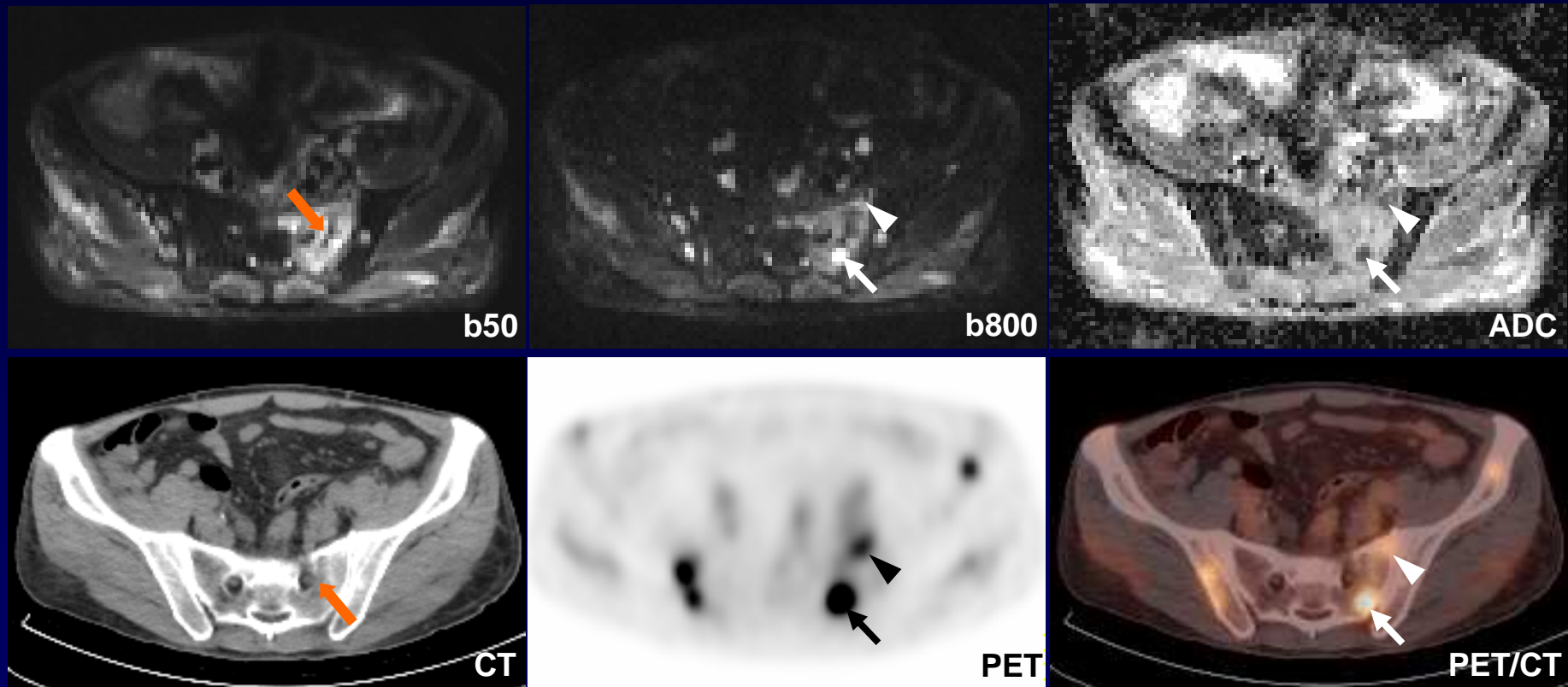
- On PET/CT, lesions might be masked by normal FDG excretion, which would depend on the color scale adjustment.

**Patient 57y**, concomitant DLBCL and follicular lymphoma  
**Hepatic involvement**

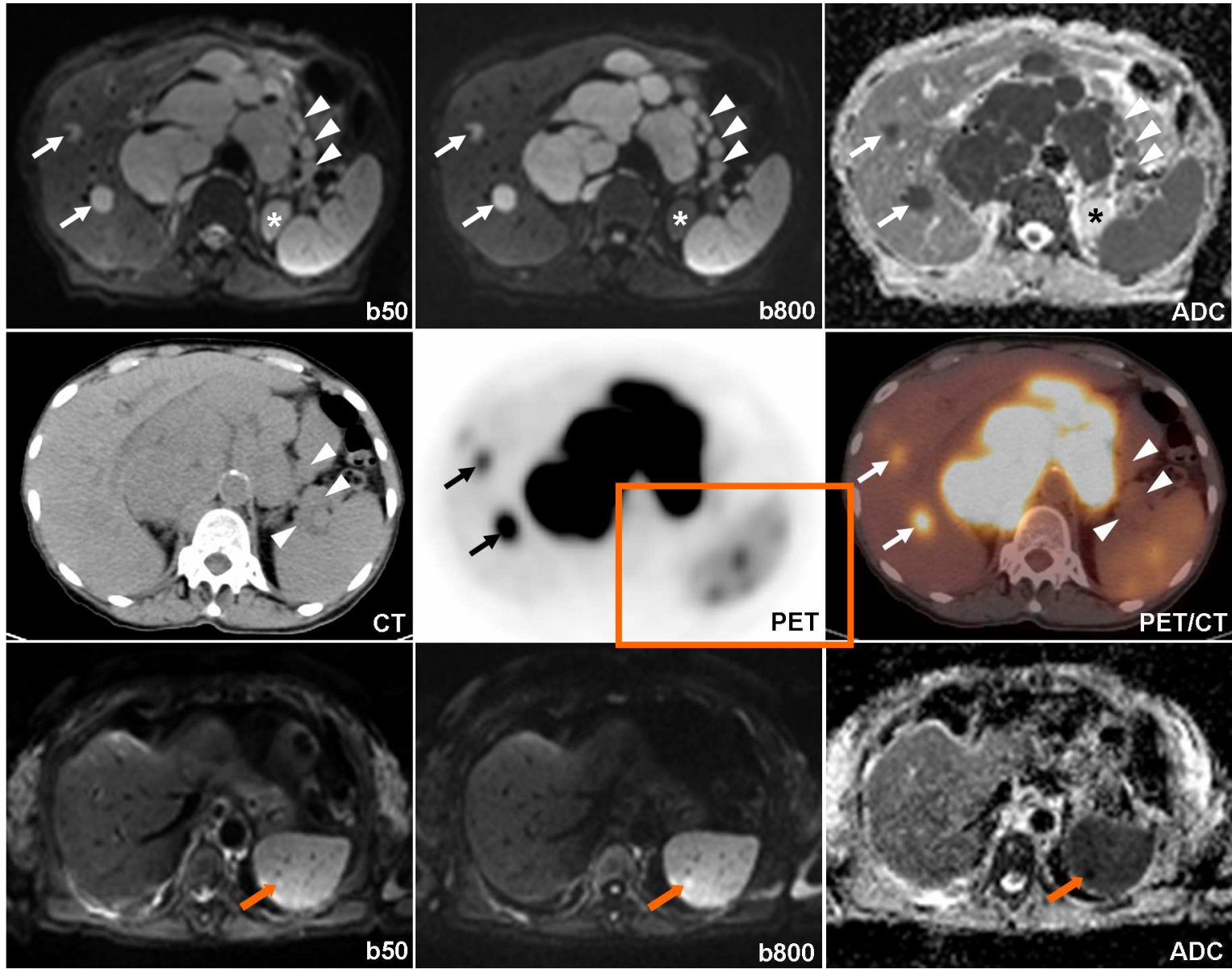


- DWI helped to confirm hepatic involvement in case of small focal lesions
- On PET/CT, FDG uptake of liver was within normal range

**Same patient**, concomitant DLBCL and follicular lymphoma  
**bone marrow involvement**



- Focal lesions stay white on *b800* images and show restricted diffusion on ADC map
- Fracture of left sacral ala → no restricted diffusion



# WB MRI/DWI vs. PET/CT

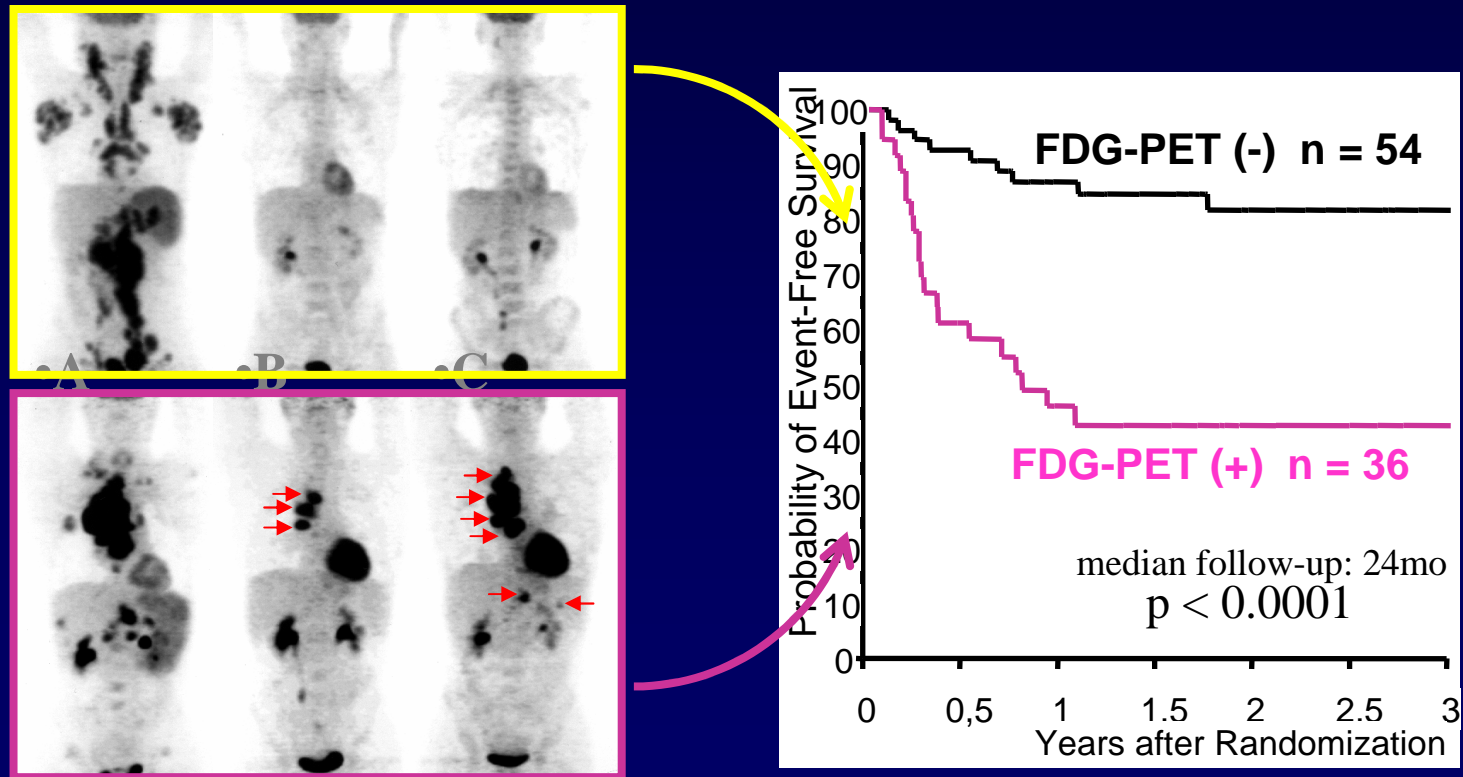
## Staging

- van Ufford HM and Kwee TC et al. *AJR* 2011
- Abdulqadhr G et al. *Acta Radiol* 2011
  - Mixed HL and NHL (aggressive and indolent)
  - Long acquisition time (T1w/T2w + DWIBS)
  - Moderate agreement (HL, DLBCL)
  - Discordance mainly in indolent patients

# Response assessment

FDG-PET: reference standard

Revised Cheson's response criteria *J Clin Oncol* 2007





# Whole-Body Diffusion-Weighted Imaging With Apparent Diffusion Coefficient Mapping for Treatment Response Assessment in Patients With Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

## *Pilot Study*

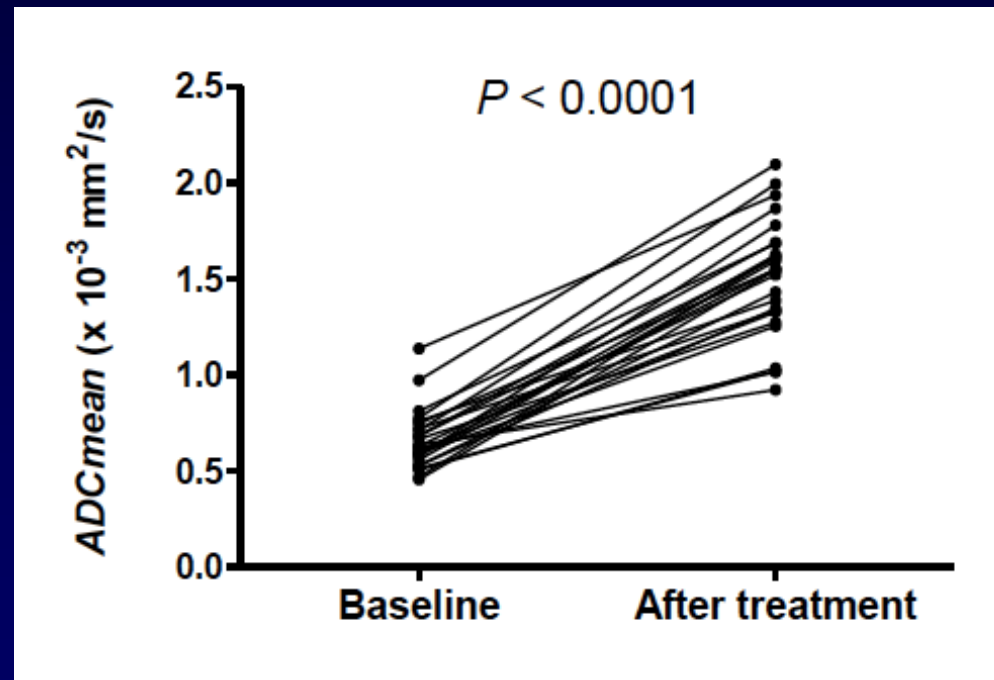
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- Same 15 DLBCL patients as staging study
- Lesion detection on b50 DW images
- **FDG-PET/CT as reference standard**

*Size, Visual ADC analysis and ADC change following 4 chemotherapy cycles (R-CHOP in 13 and R-ACVBP in 2)*

# Response assessment in DLBCL

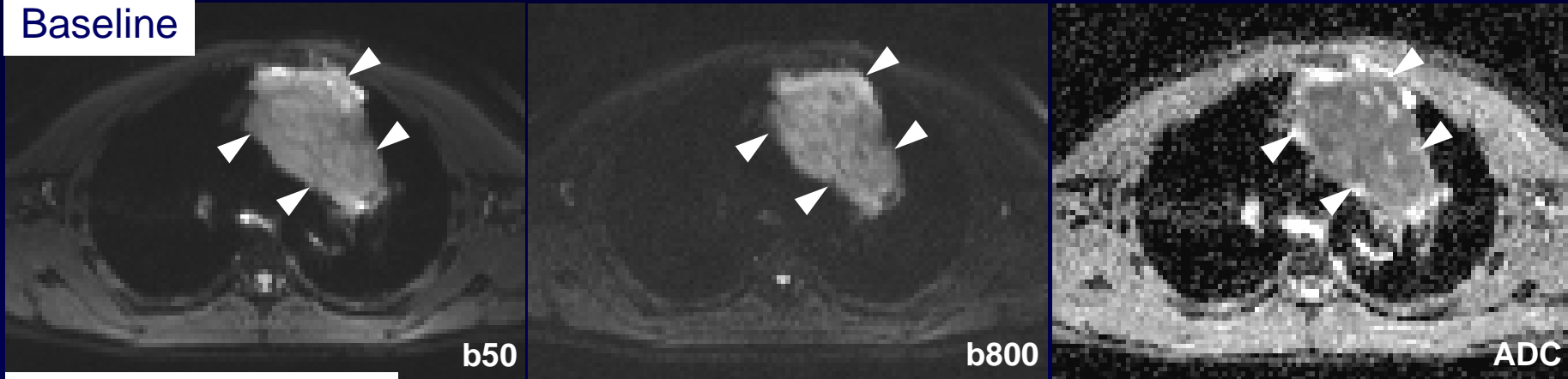
- Residual nodes > 1cm in 26 regions



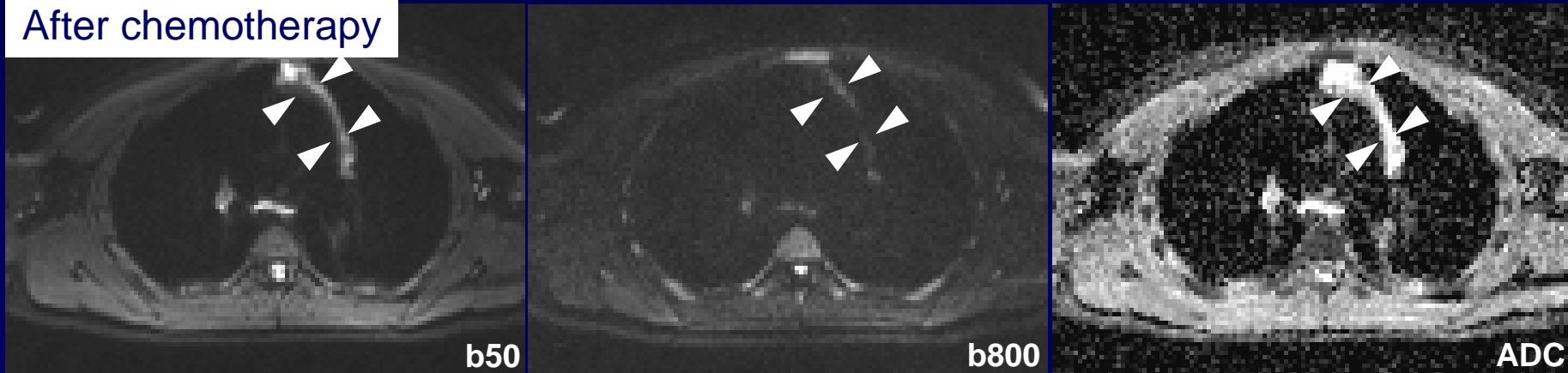
ADC :  $0.658 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.153 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s} \rightarrow 1.501 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.307 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$   
(paired *t* test,  $P < 0.0001$ )

## Patient 23y, mediastinal DLBCL

Baseline



After chemotherapy



- After four cycles, residual mass 8 x 1 cm persisted → **CR uncertain** (Cheson 1999) but **PET (-)** → CR (Revised Cheson/Juweid 2007).
- No restricted diffusion on ADC map after treatment.

**TABLE 2.** Per-Region Comparison of Diagnosis of Residual Lymph Node Involvement on Whole-Body DWI and Integrated FDG PET/CT

	PET/CT		PET/CT	
	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
DWI criteria	Size criteria alone		Size plus visual ADC analysis	
Positive	6	20	2	2
Negative	0	59	4	77

Decrease false positives combining size and visual ADC analysis

# DW-MRI vs. FDG-PET/CT

- Lin C et al. DLBCL staging. *Eur Radiol* 2010 Aug.
- van Uffort HM et al. Lymphoma staging. *AJR* 2011 Mar.
- Abdulqadhr G et al. Lymphoma staging. *Acta Radiol* 2011 Mar.
- Wu X et al. DLBCL early response evaluation. *NMR Biomed* 2011 Mar.
- Lin C et al. DLBCL response assessment. *Invest Radiol* 2011 May.
- Punwani S et al. ADC vs. SUV in HL. *Cancer Biomark* 2010 Jan.
- Wu X et al. ADC vs. SUV in DLBCL. *Eur J Radiol* 2011 May [Epub]

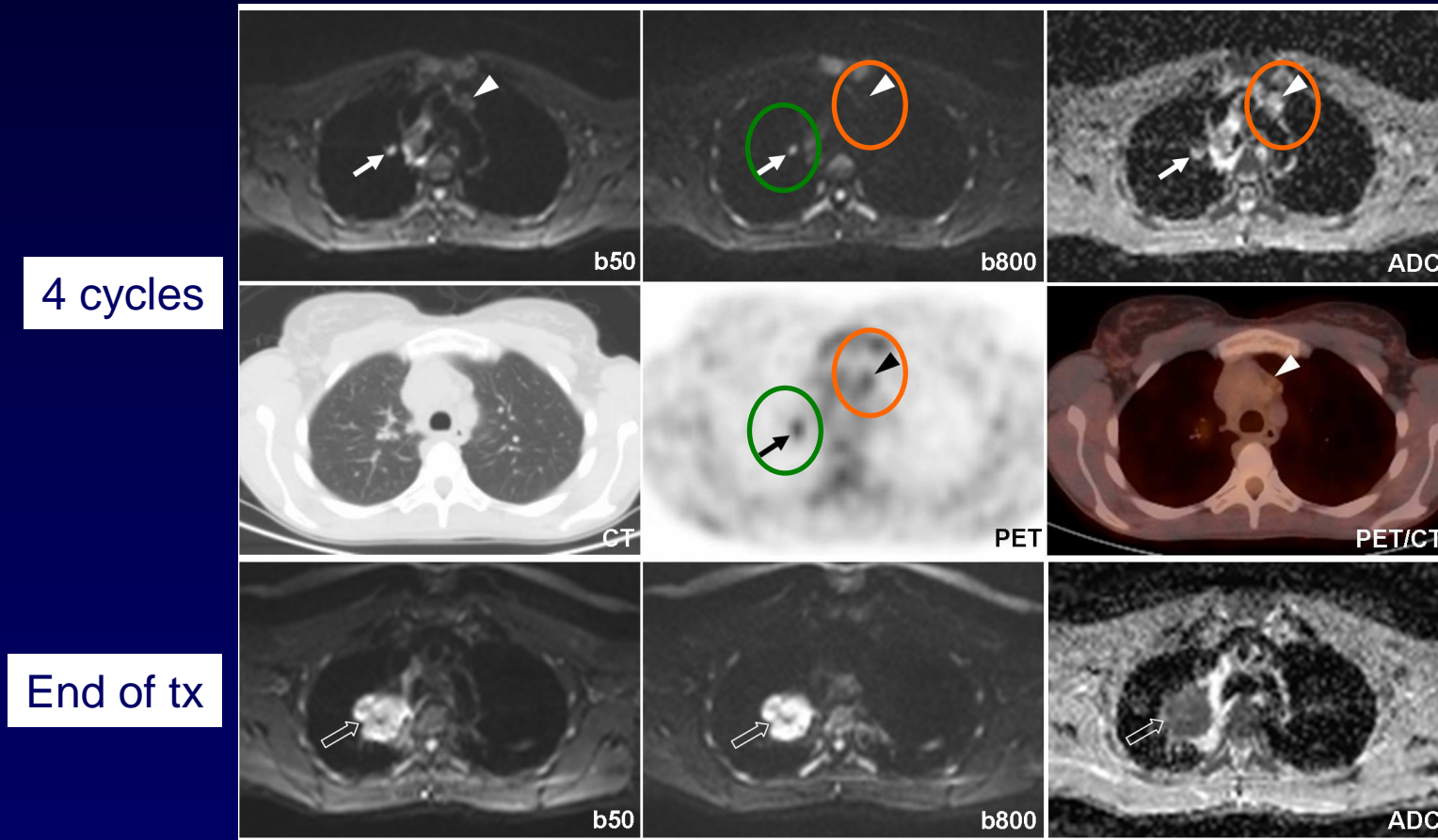
# Early response in DLBCL

- 8 patients
- Baseline (E1), 1 week (E2) and 2 cycles (E3)
- ADC  $0.71 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$  (E1)  $\rightarrow$  increase by 77% at E2 ( $p < 0.05$ ); total increase 106%
- Baseline ADC correlated inversely with SUVmax and active tumor burden on PET/CT ( $p < 0.05$ )

# Conclusions

- Lesion detection
  - DW-MRI ( $\pm$  T2w) shows more lesions than CT
  - DW-MRI more sensitive for extranodal sites except diffuse splenic involvement
- Response assessment
  - Significant ADC changes on a whole-body scale
- Prospective study with larger cohort is required
- Technical challenges...

**Patient 49y**, mediastinal DLBCL, partial response at 4 cycles, progression at the end of treatment.



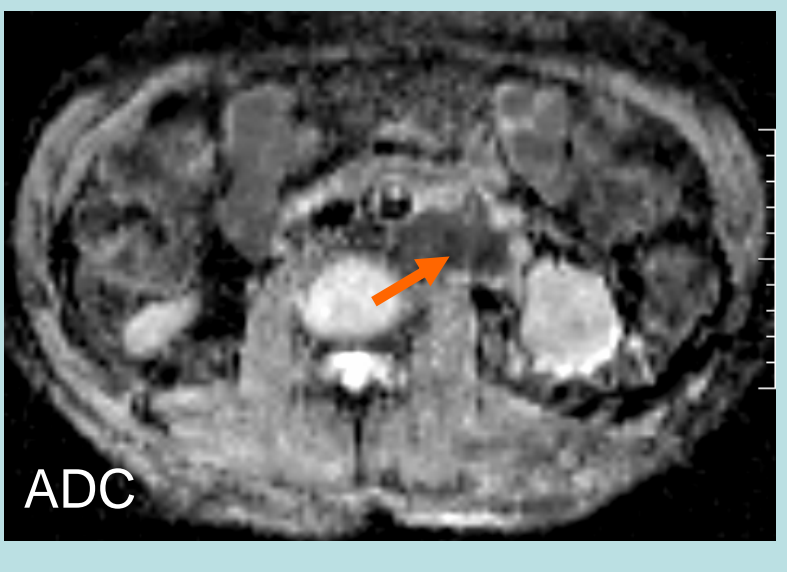
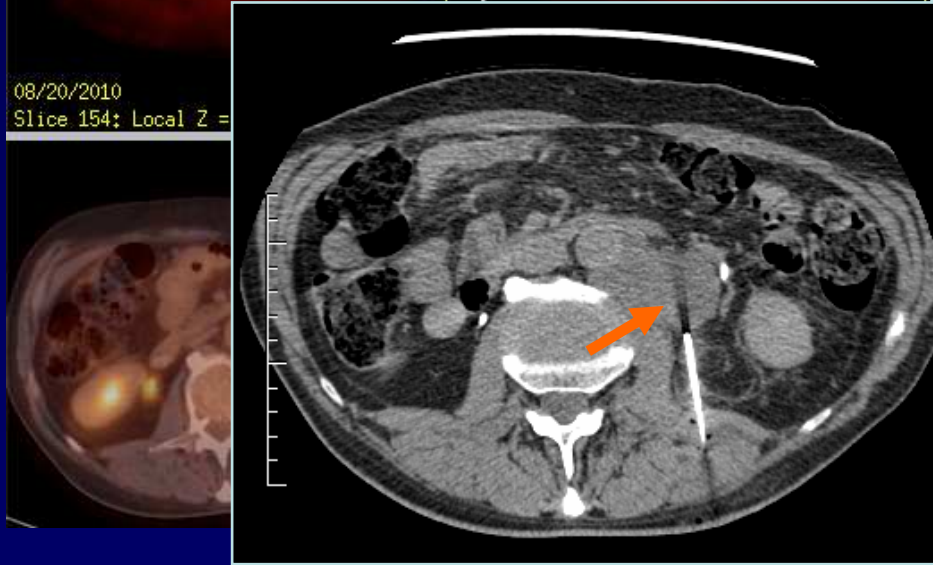
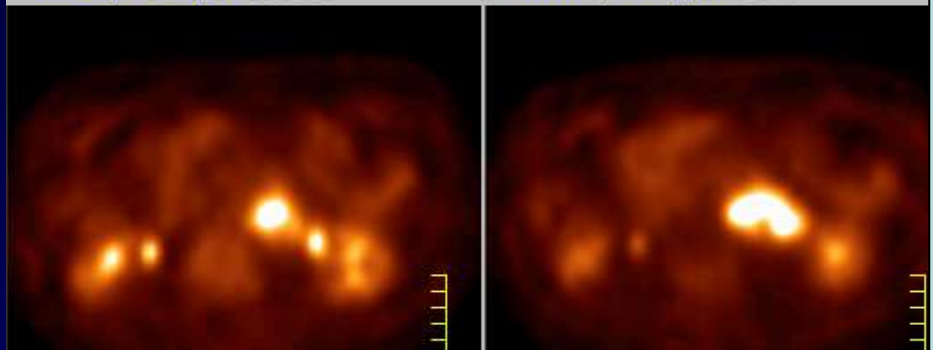
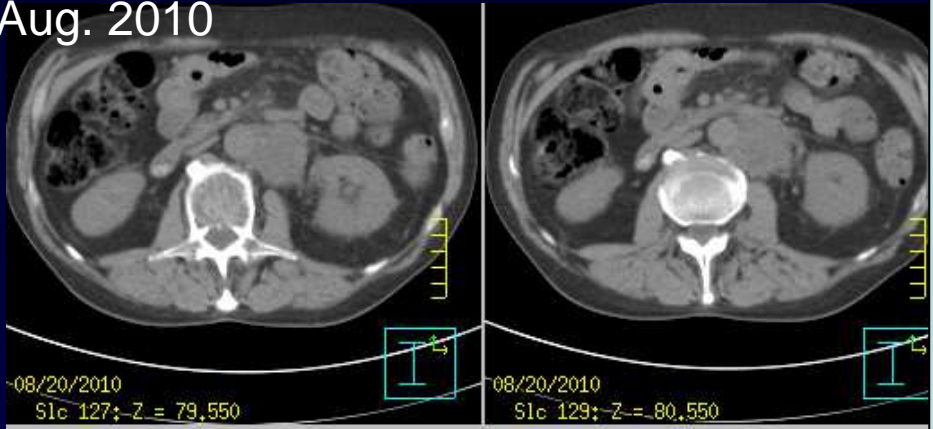
- Tiny right pulmonary nodule (arrow) showed persistent FDG uptake (positive)
- This nodule was also clearly identified on DWI (arrow)



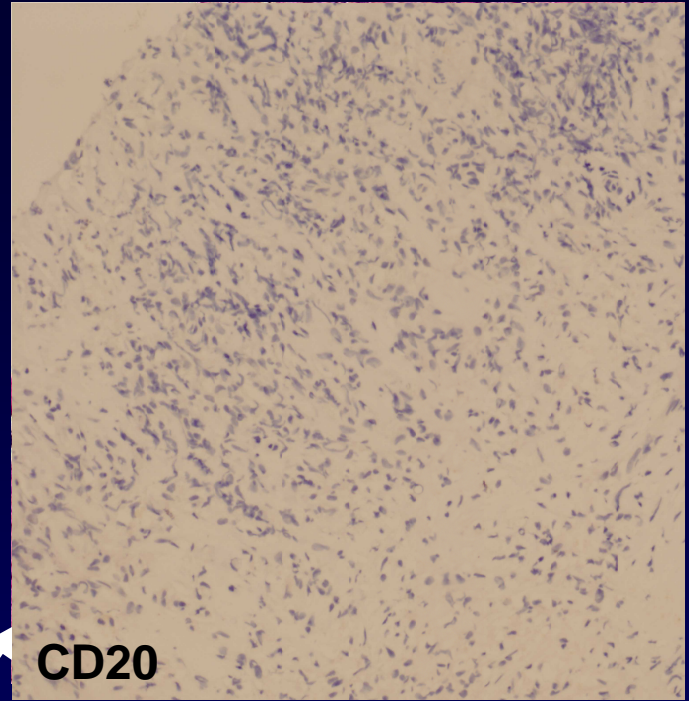
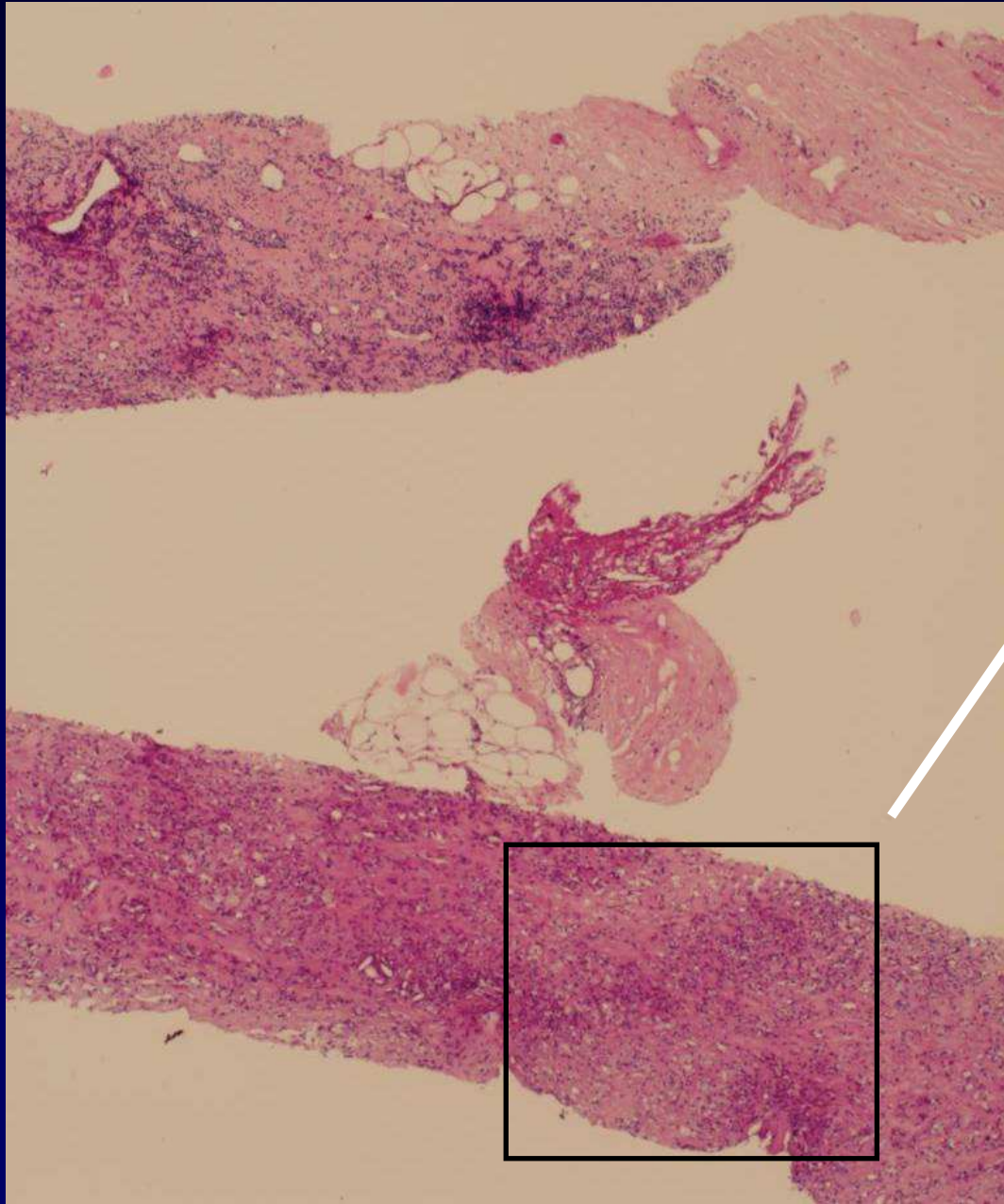
**Patient 68y**, DLBCL, 71.5% SUVmax reduction at 4 cycles (R-CHOP)



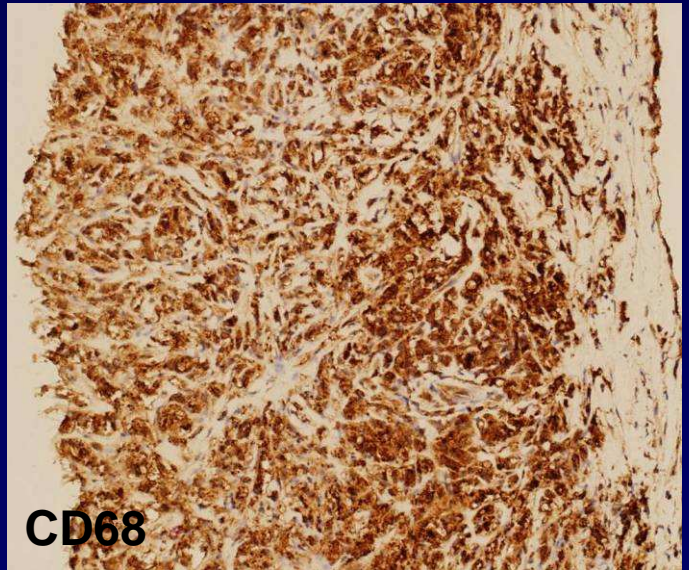
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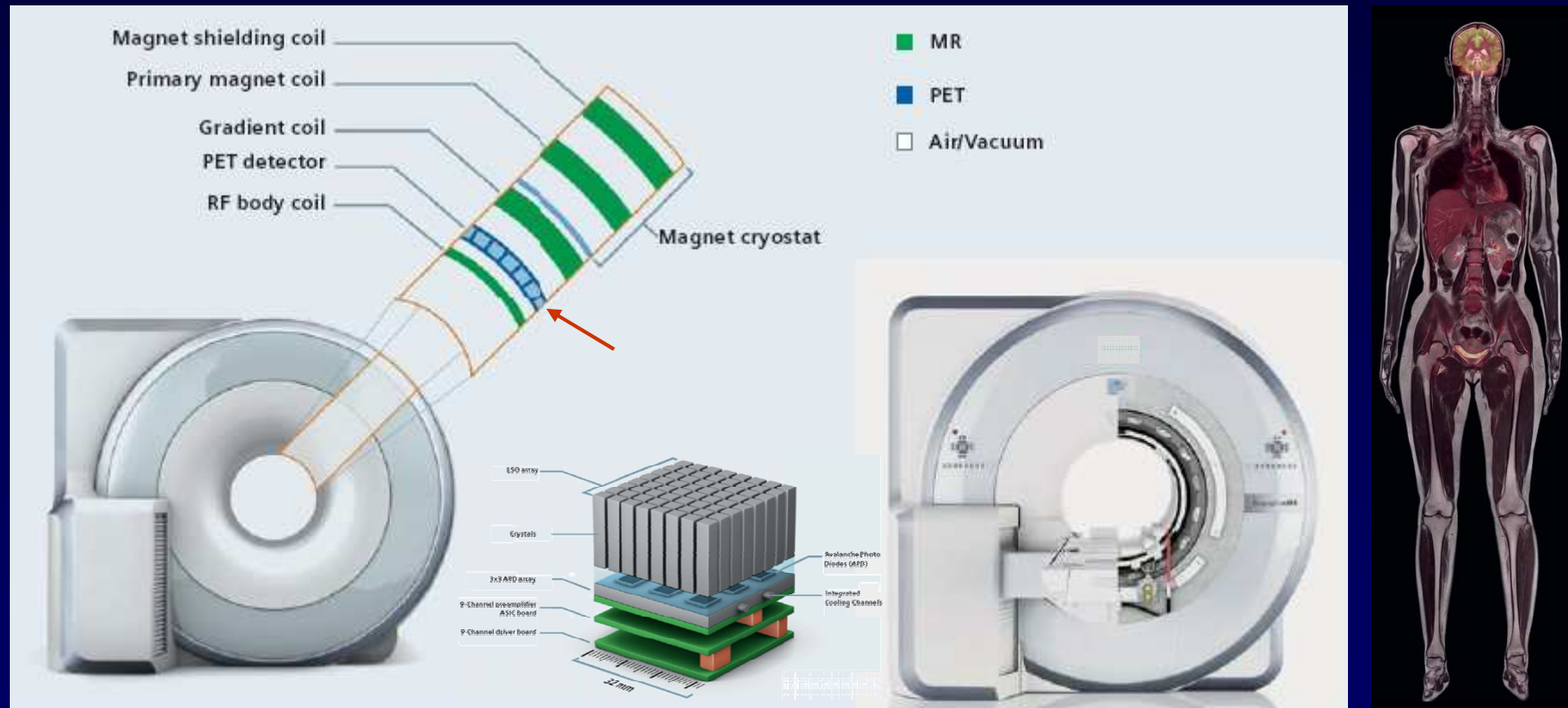
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**Three months later**, mass decreased in size →  
false positive of PET and DWI



# Hybrid PET/MRI: new era?

Simultaneous 3T PET/MRI system



Cell density complementary to tissue metabolism

Monochromatic imaging

One test

One answer

Many tests

Many answers

One test

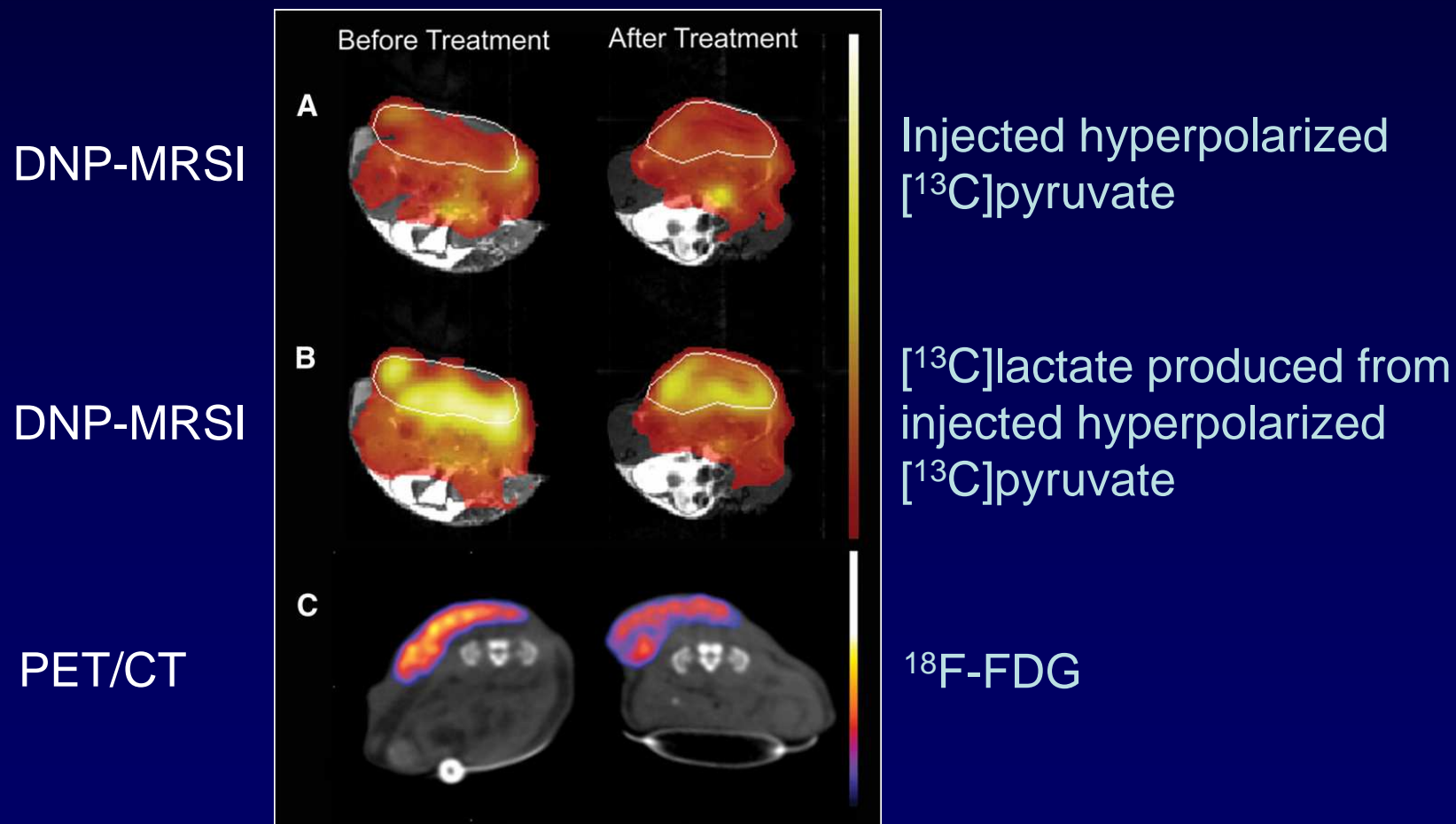
Many answers

Multi-parametric data



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Hyperpolarized  $^{13}\text{C}$  MRI and PET: In Vivo Tumor Biochemistry



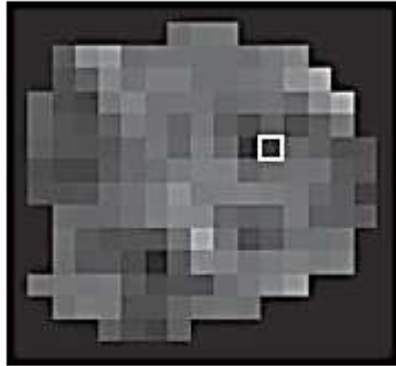
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DNP: dynamic nuclear polarization

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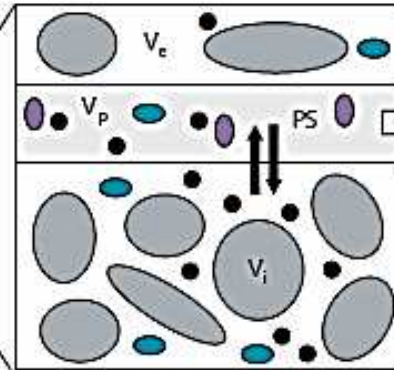
Size change: cytotoxicity

Density: tissue enhancement  
Density: cystic or myxoid



B

Single voxel



DCE-MRI or DCE-CT: plasma volume  
 $R_2^*$ : vascular volume

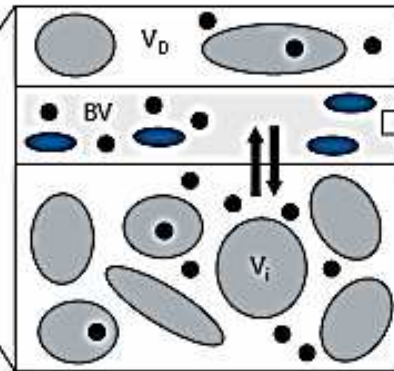
Contrast-enhanced CT or MRI: proportion of enhancement

DCE-MRI or DCE-CT: blood flow, PS  
Arterial spin labelling: blood flow

Diffusion-weighted imaging: tissue oedema, apoptosis

C

Single voxel

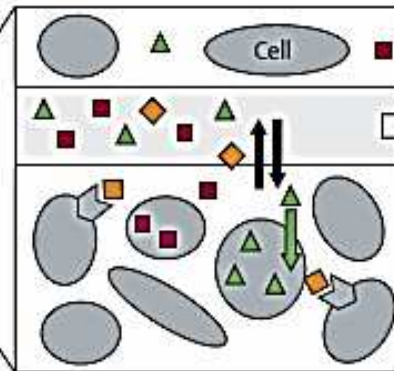


$^{15}\text{O-H}_2\text{O}$ : blood flow

$^{15}\text{O-CO}$ : blood volume

D

Single voxel



FDG: glucose metabolism

FLT: cell proliferation

Growth factor expression  
Growth factor inhibition

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