

# European Imaging Biomarkers Alliance (EIBALL): Working in Partnership

The European Imaging Biomarkers ALLiance (EIBALL) is a subcommittee of the ESR Research Committee



### **Mission Statement:**

To facilitate imaging biomarker development and standardization, and promote their use in clinical practice by collaboration with specialist societies, international standards agencies, and trials organizations to develop a network of excellence.

# EIBALL Roadmap

#### PILLAR 1 - Establish

Establishing a functional biomarker profile that is current and relevant

#### PILLAR 2 - Standardize

Enabling clinical use of biomarkers by setting standards for data acquisition and image processing

## PILLAR 3 - Educate

Education on appropriate use of functional imaging biomarkers and their interpretation

On-line inventory of biomarkers available on ESR website for researchers and clinicians

Set standards for reporting; detail the use of absolute values vs. functional volumes of biomarkers above or below 95%CI of reproducibility

Plan two workshops a year, embedded within partner organizations (e.g. EORTC/EGAM or RSNA/ISMRM)

Action: Partner with Action: Work with QIBA to members of EORTC who enable reporting standards. liaise with disease Commence initiative with ESHI to develop thresholds oriented groups to for combined biomarkers establish inventory

Action: Discuss possibility of this with organizing committees of these meetings

Develop on-line inventory

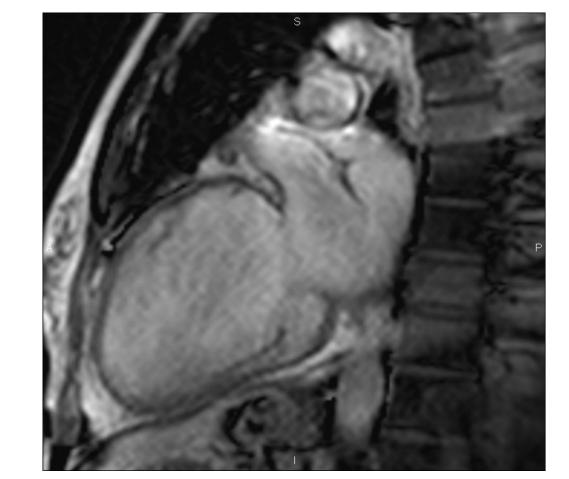
Establish validity of functional volumes as robust biomarkers

Plan work-shops for 2019/2020

**On-line inventory** made available to partners

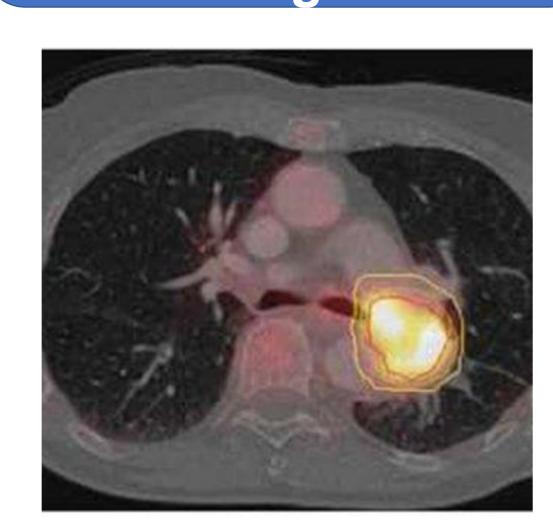
Manuscript on functional biomarkers as decisionsupport tools

Delivery of workshops, engagement of young investigators



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# **Biomarkers Inventory:**

- Currently in draft for 8 organs: prostate, renal, breast, liver, pancreas, gynaecological (ovary, cervix, endometrium)
- Developed by EIBALL committee members in conjunction with QIBA input from EIBALL subcommittee representatives
- Working with specialist European Societies to refine input: European Society of Oncological Breast Imaging (EUSOBI), European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO), European Society of Gastro and Abdominal Radiology (ESGAR)
- Inventory hosted on European Society of Radiology website and to be reviewed annually
- Links to QIBA profiles

### **Publications with QIBA:**

 Validated Imaging Biomarkers as Decision-Making Tools in Clinical Trials and Routine Practice: Current Status and Recommendations from the EIBALL Subcommittee of the European Society of Radiology (ESR) (Insights into Imaging 2019, https://doi.org/10.1186/s13244-019-0764-0)

This article reviews the current evidence for the use of semi-quantitative and quantitative biomarkers in clinical settings at various stages of the disease pathway including diagnosis, staging, and prognosis, as well as predicting and detecting treatment response. It critically appraises current practice and sets out recommendations for using imaging objectively to drive patient management decisions.

#### Other Publications:

 ESR Statement on the Validation of Imaging Biomarkers (Insight into Imaging, 2019, forthcoming)

This statement aims to be the reference for performance testing algorithms that measure imaging biomarkers. Consideration is given to: 1) thresholds for evaluating precision (repeatability and reproducibility); 2) accuracy (measurement error); and, 3) clinical utility (short-term detection, diagnosis; long-term prognosis, treatment-response).

## **Educational workshops:**

European School of Radiology (ESOR) – EIBALL workshop November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 : Vienna, Austria : Research in Diagnostic Radiology – How to Build the Perfect Study

Sessions will be dedicated to basics on imaging biomarkers, principles of measurement and statistical analysis, as well as to design of clinical trials that incorporate imaging biomarkers. Additionally, participants will present a research project and work in small groups to develop a work plan for their study. At the end of this course, participants will have acquired the basic knowledge required for designing and conducting a research study involving quantitative imaging.





