QIBA Perfusion, Diffusion and Flow – MRI Biomarker Committee (BC) Call
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Call Summary

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Moderator: Dr. Boss

RSNA 2017 Annual Meeting Posters

- Staff sent out poster focus, format guidelines, and options for printing and installation to QIBA BC Co-Chairs following the 8/17 QIBA SC meeting
- General information to include activities over the past year related to:
  - Organizational structure updates, e.g., formation of the ASL TF
  - Profile development status
  - Profile impact / implications for clinical trials and patient care
  - Conformance procedure update (if applicable)
  - Groundwork project status/results

- Suggestion to include posters as an agenda item on upcoming calls
- Poster guidelines were forwarded to TF leaders along with a request for poster content
  - ASL TF leaders to present on Profile-writing progress
  - DTI TF leaders to provide information on phantom study
  - DCE TF to include a summary of literature search results and an update on Dr. Nayak’s Round-6 groundwork project
  - TF leaders encouraged to provide outline of content & graphics to BC leaders prior so that poster framework can be formed

- Poster content expected to be collected by mid-September with poster creation and review by October 25th, and submission to RSNA staff no later than October 31

DTI TF Update (Dr. Provenzale)

- 1. Literature search update
  - Goal is to understand the extent to which DTI is clinically robust
  - Literature search of the topic of DTI reproducibility began in February and is now complete
  - The literature search yielded 100 articles on DTI reproducibility
  - Two articles per month were assigned to each of the three TF members
  - Clinical Review of Literature subgroup, led by Dr. Provenzale, reviewed each article and performed a systematic assessment
  - To date, 20-25 articles have been reviewed and deemed useful for inclusion in the literature review
Members recorded the following information about each article on a scoresheet:

- Study findings and study limitations
- Methodology
- Actual Claims about DTI reproducibility
- Usefulness for purposes of the Profile

2. Quantitative Measurements subgroup led by Dr. Schneider

- Update provided on Dr. Schneider’s QIBA Round-6 Project titled, “Measurements of Reproducibility of DTI Metrics on Clinical MR Scanners Using a DTI Phantom”
- This DTI phantom-scanning project will be the most up-to-date and comprehensive assessment conducted
- Phantoms are being scanned on five Siemens and two GE scanners at Duke
- Phantom to be used to quantify and correct systematic bias across multiple vendor platforms
- Capabilities of scanners at across and within sites vary quite a bit
- Ways to design a phantom protocol that is representative, or generalizable, to multiple scanners that maintains a high performance bar (i.e., not at the level of lowest common denominator) were investigated (e.g., 12 directions)
- Solution to include two types of phantom protocols (1) can be run on every Duke scanner [12 directions = a generalizable, or universal protocol] and (2) can be run on 30 or more directions = for powerful academic centers
- The “universal” protocol can be run on many different scanners, but requirements will not be met by every scanner within test
- Reminder for clinical environment to be considered when developing protocol

DWI TF Update

- The public comment period started in late April and closed in late August
- This Profile is currently in comment resolution stage
- It was strongly recommended to incorporate line numbers into Profiles sent out for public comment review; suggestion to use “Line Numbers for Google Docs” app
- RSNA staff transitioned all public comments received to a Google Sheet in efforts to facilitate effective review and discussion; subsequently, ownership of the Google document was ceded to Dr. Boss
  - Comments were sorted by line numbers (i.e., topic) and volunteer reviewers were assigned to focus on specific areas of the Profile
  - Feedback received identified two major areas for modifications
    - To maintain a standard format across all QIBA Profiles, material to be relocated from the appendices to their associated sections within the Profile
    - Need to better align the DWI prostate image acquisition protocols used in the DWI Profile and with that of the PIRADS version
      - Prostate Protocol in the DWI Profile was based on four papers that list specific technical parameters found in the literature review
      - The main challenge is the dearth of data on prostate
      - A way to establish alignment between QIBA (what is in literature) and of PIRADS document is being determined
It was estimated that 4 - 6 weeks are needed to address comments

- Parallel effort underway to implement resolutions collaboratively in the next Profile draft via Google Docs
- Profile edits to be completed by the November 2017 RSNA Annual Meeting
- Dr. Boss emphasized the efficiency of working with online (cloud) tools for Profile efforts:
  - Version control
  - No need to email a document around or save on thumb drive
  - Ability to translate back and forth between Google & MS Office, based upon needs (cloud for working documents and MS Office for finished products)

- If you plan to attend the 2017 RSNA Annual Meeting, the QIBA Working Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 2:30 – 6 PM

Next PDF-MRI BC Call: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 11 AM CT [DTI Profile-Writing efforts to be discussed]