QIBA Lung Density Biomarker Committee (BC)

February 24, 2016 at 2 PM CT Draft Call Summary

In attendanceRSNASean Fain, PhD (Co-Chair)Andrew Buckler, MSPhilip Judy, PhDJoe KoudelikMatthew Fuld, PhD (Co-Chair)Heather Chen-Mayer, PhDNancy Obuchowski, PhDJulie LisieckiDavid Lynch, MD (Co-Chair)Charles Hatt, PhDEric Perlman, MD

Phantom Scanning, Round II Logistics:

- The Vendors Task Force has planned an on-site scanning schedule for the week of March 7 10th.
- Scanning will occur at U-lowa (Monday) and at sites in Madison (Tuesday) and Marshfield, WI (Wednesday).
- Delays due to TSA screening of the Alderson2 Phantom at Iowa airport security are a concern
 - o Dr. Fuld is considering the best way to transport the phantom
- In Iowa, Dr. Fuld will work with Alfonso Rodriguez, Dr. Fain's PhD candidate and Jered Sieren (VIDA)
 - o Dr. Rodriguez is working on protocol harmonization for lung imaging between different manufacturers to create efficient automatic exposure control settings for each vendor
- Dr. Fuld will then travel from Iowa to Madison, WI to meet Drs. Fain, Hoppel (Toshiba), Crotty (GE), and Hatt (Imbio).
 - o Dr. Fain is working on logistics for the scanning sessions in Madison
 - o Dr. Hoppel to confirm logistics for the scanning sessions in Marshfield
 - Utilizing the morning time on Wednesday for additional scanning is also under consideration
- Several phantoms using Dr. Fain's AEC protocol will be scanned:
 - o Alderson 2
 - o COPDGene2
 - o NIST foams phantom
 - o CTDI phantom (A computed tomography dose index (CTDI) QA phantom)
- Testing will include the following:
 - o automatic exposure control (AEC)
 - o iterative reconstruction (IR)
 - o vendor-specific harmonization protocols
- The ultimate goal is to harmonize 22 parameters, with different dose levels
- Dr. Fain welcomes contributions to the protocol: sfain@wisc.edu

Vendor Protocols:

- Ms. Dharaiya (Philips) plans to send updated parameters to Dr. Fain
 - o Philips will not be able to participate this round due to a lack of access to scanners in the region
 - o There is a possibility that Dr. Fain may be able to utilize Philips scanners at Cincinnati Childrens'
- Dr. Chen-Mayer noted that the group needs to include inhomogeneity data and determine how it is best interpreted to predict where the Hounsfield Unit (HU) will fall on the scale
 - o There is a tradeoff between homogeneity and sample variance
- Work on convergence schema between vendors to continue

For next call:

Group to discuss volume adjustment analysis for the Profile and next steps needed to complete the Profile

Next call: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 2 pm CT