QIBA Dynamic Contrasted Enhanced (DCE) Biomarker Committee (BC) Call

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Call Summary

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Moderator: Dr. Laue

ISMRM

- Available DCE BC members attending the ISMRM annual meeting in Paris were encouraged to attend a meeting regarding the floating point DICOM conversion freeware initiative from the ISMRM perfusion group
- A high-level agenda for this meeting was shared:
 - Welcome and background
 - o Introduction: problem statement and aim of this initiative
 - Standardization of data DICOM for Quantitative Imaging (DCQMI): what DCMQI is, what it does and how
 it works
 - o Demo of DCMQI as a command line tool and implementation example as a library
 - Discussion: what would deter you from using it, what is missing and next steps on a global scale
- Dr. Laue to forward location, date and time details
- For continued discussion in Paris, Dr. Malyarenko to forward a paper on this topic

DCE Profile Update

- Caution voiced against allowing the Profile to become too long and burdensome to use
- Profiles and checklists should contain only information that is essential for quantitative Claims being made; all other supporting details can be placed in the Appendix
- Sections from other QIBA group Profiles are being used as templates and are being adapted as applicable to DCE
- Section 3: Image Interpretation
 - o 3.13.1 Image Analysis: Discussion on tumor ROI definition
 - "The extraction of quantitative DCE-MRI parameters requires a suitable software package"
 - There is some software (third party as well as vendor) for brain, prostate and breast but none for head and neck
 - Dr. Laue to find out whether extended Tofts' model (ETM) is available as a DRO
 - Section 3.13.1 Image Analysis Discussion on Tumor ROI definition
 - Guide by auxiliary data then mark/delineate on parameter map (as done in DWI Profile)
 - General suggestions to be included in a preamble with ensuing organ-specific subsections
 - Artifacts to be taken into account with the DCE Profile; need sample images for Profile
 - Section 4: Suggestions for Conformance sections
 - Paragraph on DROs to be adapted to DCE in more detail, as there are DROs for VFA, GKM and eGKM
 - 4.1. Assessment Procedure: MRI Equipment Specifications and Performance

- 4.2. Assessment Procedure: Technologist almost identical for fMRI and DWI
- 4.3 Assessment Procedure: Radiologist clarification on Europe vs. US standards needed
- 4.4. Assessment Procedure: Image Analyst / Physicist / Scientist translation for DCE needed
- 4.5. Assessment Procedure: Image Analysis Software DRO; Method evaluation with developer
- Dr. Dave to send the latest version of the white paper on reproducibility study needs (including Dr. Jackson's edits) to Dr. Laue for reference
- Dr. Jackson to be consulted regarding the conformance and assessment procedure section details

Next DCE BC Call: Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 11 AM CT [June 21 call being skipped due to ISMRM]

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