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Learning to Predict Clinical Outcomes from Soft Tissue Sarcoma MRI

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With a 50% morality rate in the USA, Soft Tissue Sarcomas (STS) are among the most dangerous diseases. Heterogeneous responses to the treatments of the same sub-type of STS as well as intratumor heterogeneity make the study of biopsies imprecise. This dissertation provides novel versions of imaging analysis based on Radiomics and Bag of Visual Words integrated with deep features to quantify the heterogeneity of STS tumor. This dissertation does a comprehensive analysis on available data in 2D and 3D to predict the behavior of the STS with regard to clinical outcomes such as recurrence or metastasis and tumor necrosis.

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