Table 1: Literature evidenced on the role of SPECT/CT and SLN assessment in breast cancer.

| Author/Source/Year | Aims & Results |
|--|--|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Type of study | |
| Giżewska, Nucl Med Commun. 2017 (1) | Comparison with planar |
| n=153 | Detection rates: SPECT/CT: 77.7% (first echelon) |
| Retrospective | 34.6% (second echelon LN) |
| Borrelli et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2017 (2) | Comparison with planar |
| n=122 | Detection rates: |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT: 53.3% vs. planar: 43.4% |
| | Change in surgical approach: 21.3 % patients. |
| Zetterlund et al, Breast. 2016 (3) | SPECT/CT detection rates: 91.9% patients |
| n=37 | |
| Prospective | |
| Pouw et al, Eur J Surg Oncol. 2016 (4) | SPECT/CT detection rates: 23.2% patients |
| n=284 | |
| Retrospective | |
| Jimenez-Heffernan et al, J Nucl Med. 2015 (5) | Comparison with planar |
| n=1,182 | Detection rate: SPECT/CT >planar |
| Retrospective | Drainage basin mismatch: 16.5% |
| | Change in surgical approach: 17% patients. |
| Tomiguchi et al, Surg Today. 2016 (6) | Comparison with planar |
| n=381 | SPECT/CT higher detection rate |
| Retrospective | |
| Shima et al, Exp Ther Med. 2014 (7) | SPECT/CT detects level II/III LNs that may be at risk of |
| n=92 | metastatic involvement |
| Retrospective | |
| Kraft et al, Nucl Med Rev Cent East Eur. 2013 (8) | Comparison with planar |
| n=320 | SPECT/CT: higher detection rate |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT: precise localization of all visualized SLNs |
| Yoneyama et al, Clin Nucl Med. 2014 (9) | Comparison with planar |
| n=106 | Detection rates: SPECT/CT: 100% vs. planar: 97.2% |
| Prospective | |
| Brouwer et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2012 (10) | Comparison with planar |
| n=50 | SPECT/CT detected significantly more SLNs (axillary, |
| Prospective | mammary, interpectoral) |
| Uren et al, Breast. 2012 (11) | SPECT/CT detection of SLNs: in 1 single node field - |
| n=741 | 63%, in 2 fields - 36%, and only few in 3 & 4 fields |
| Retrospective | |

| Coffey et al, Nucl Med Commun. 2010 (12) | Comparison with planar |
|--|---|
| n=187 | SPECT/CT : higher detection rate |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT: precise localization of all visualized SLNs |
| Cheville et al, Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2009 (13) | Comparison with planar |
| n=32 | SPECT/CT characterized incidental findings & directed |
| Prospective | therapy to reduce long-term morbidity |
| vanDer Ploeg et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imag. 2009 (14) | Comparison with planar |
| n=15 | SPECT/CT: detected lymphatic drainage in 53% |
| Prospective | additional patients |
| | SPECT/CT: detected axillary SLN in 15% patients with |
| | known extra-axillary SLNs on planar |
| Gallowitsch et al, Nuklearmedizin. 2007 (15) | Comparison with planar |
| n=51 | SPECT/CT: more accurate characterization of SLNs |
| Prospective | (size, depth, location). |
| Lerman et al, J Nucl Med. 2007 (16) | Comparison with planar; obese patients |
| n=220 | Detection rates: |
| Retrospective | Total population: SPCT/CT 91% vs. planar: 78% |
| | Obese patients: SPECT/CT: 89% vs. planar: 72% |

LN - lymph node; SLN - sentinel lymph node

Table 2: Literature evidence on the role SPECT/CT in SLN assessment in melanoma.

| Author/Source/Year | Aims & Results |
|---|--|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Type of study | |
| Trinh et al, Ann Surg Oncol. 2018 (17) | Melanoma in Head and Neck |
| n=118 | Comparison with planar |
| Retrospective | Detection rates: SPECT/CT: 100% vs. planar: 61.9% . |
| | Change in surgical approach: 81% patients |
| Doepker et al, Ann Surg Oncol. 2017 (18) | Comparison with planar |
| n=351 | Detection rates: SPECT/CT: 89.6% vs. planar: 50.4% |
| Retrospective | |
| Jimenez-Heffernan et al, J Nucl Med. 2015 (5) | Comparison with planar |
| n=262 | Detection rates: SPECT/CT > planar |
| Retrospective | Drainage basin mismatch: 11.1% patients |
| | Change in surgical approach: 37% patients |
| Stoffels et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2014 (19) | Comparison with planar |
| n=464 | Median cost of SLN procedure: SPECT/CT: 1,619.7 € vs. |
| Retrospective | planar: 2,330.2 €; Cost savings by SPECT/CT 30.5 % |
| Zender et al, Am J Otolaryngol. 2014 (20) | SPECT/CT change in management: 57% patients. |
| n=14 | |
| Retrospective | |
| Kraft et al, Nucl Med Rev Cent East Eur. 2013 (8) | Comparison with planar |
| n=161 | SPECT/CT: significantly higher detection rate |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT: precise localization of all visualized SLNs. |
| Fairbairn et al, J Plast Reconstr Aesthet Surg. 2013 (21) | Comparison with planar |
| n=32 | Similar diagnostic accuracy |
| Retrospective | Change in surgical approach: > 30% patients |
| Vuthaluru et al, Am J Ophthalmol. 2013 (22) | Melanoma in eyelid |
| n=12 | SPECT/CT accurately localization of SLNs: 11/12 patients |
| Prospective | |
| Stoffels et al, JAMA. 2012 (23) | Comparison with planar |
| n=464 | Detection rates: SPECT/CT > planar |
| Retrospective | Local relapse rate: SPECT/CT cohort 6.8% vs. standard |
| | cohort 23.8% |
| | 4-year DFS: SPECT/CT 93.9% vs planar 79.2% |
| Kraft et al, Nucl Med Rev Cent East Eur. 2012 (24) | Comparison with planar |
| n=113 | Detection rates: SPECT/CT: 94.7% vs. planar: 88.5% |
| Retrospective | |

| Retrospectivemainly IV andVeenstra et al, Ann Surg Oncol. 2012 (26)Comparisonn=35Similar detectProspectiveSPECT/CT: lo approach: >3 | with planar ction rates ocalization & change in surgical 30% patients |
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| Prospective SPECT/CT: lo approach: >3 | ocalization & change in surgical 30% patients |
| approach: >3 | 30% patients |
| | |
| | with planar |
| Nielsen et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2011 (27)Comparison | with planal |
| n=307 SPECT/CT de | tection rate: additional 10% patients |
| Retrospective | |
| Klode et al, J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol 2011 (28) Melanoma in | n Head & Neck |
| n=48 Comparison | with planar |
| Retrospective SPECT/CT: be | etter postoperative aesthetic results, lower |
| morbidity; si | gnificantly shorter operating time with |
| subsequent | reduced costs |
| Vermeeren et al, Head Neck. 2011 (29) Melanoma in | n Head & Neck |
| n=38 SPECT/CT de | tection rate: additional LNs in 16% patients |
| Retrospective Change in su | irgical approach: >35% patients |
| van der Ploeg et al, Ann Surg Oncol. 2009 (30) Most (involv | ed) SLNs located in infero-medial & central |
| n=50 zones | |
| Retrospective High frequer | ncy of pelvic second-tier nodes - need for deep |
| groin dissect | ion in most patients with positive SLNs. |
| van der Ploeg, Ann Surg Oncol. 2009 (31) Comparison | with planar |
| n=85 Detection ra | tes: SPECT/CT > planar |
| Retrospective Change in su | rgical approach in 35% patients; questionable |
| value in 22% | & no value in 42% patients |
| Shihara et al, Int J Clin Oncol. 2006 (32) Comparison | with blue dye |
| n=35 SPECT/CT: hi | igher detection rates in neck area |
| Retrospective | |
| Even-Sapir et al, J Nucl Med. 2003 (33) Comparison | with planar |
| n=34 SPECT/CT: hi | igher detection rates |
| Prospective | |

SLN – sentinel lymph node DFS – disease free survival Table 3: Literature evidence on the role of pre-ablation diagnostic SPECT/CT in differentiated thyroid cancer

| Author/Source/Year | Results | |
|---|---|--|
| No. patients (9) | | |
| Type of study | | |
| Avram et al, J Clin Endocr Metab, 2015 (34) | SPECT/CT (combined with stimulated serum thyroglobulin) | |
| n=220 | Change in risk stratification: 15% patients | |
| Prospective | Change in intended management: 31% patients | |
| Agrawal K et al, Ind J Nucl Med, 2015 (35) | SPECT/CT: | |
| n=83 | Detection of additional metastases: cervical nodes 29% & | |
| Prospective | distant location 10% patients | |
| | Change in TNM stage: 9.6% patients | |
| | Change in risk stratification: 13.2% patients | |
| | Change in intended management: 38.5% patients | |
| Avram et al, J Clin Endocr Metab, 2013 (36) | SPECT/CT: | |
| n=320 | Detection of additional cervical metastases: 38% patients | |
| Prospective | under 45y & 24% patients over 45y of age | |
| | Detection of additional distant metsastases: 4% patients | |
| | under 45y & 10% patients over 45y of age | |
| Wong et al, Am J Roentgenol, 2010 (37) | SPECT/CT: | |
| n=48 | Additional findings: 40% patients | |
| Retrospective | Change in post-surgical stage: 21% patients | |
| | Change in intended management (RAI therapy dose):58% patients | |

RAI – radioactive lodine

Table 4: Literature evidence on the role of SPECT/CT after radioiodine treatment for ablation or for recurrent/metastatic differentiated thyroid cancer

| Author/Source/Year No. patients (n) Type of study | Results |
|---|--|
| Hassan et al, Europ Thyroid, 2015 (38) n=67 (ablation 29; therapy 38) Retrospective | SPECT/CT: Reduced number of equivocal foci from 17 to 1 Change in stage: 20.8% patients Change in management: 14% patients |
| Grewal et al, J Nucl Med, 2010 (39) n=148 (ablation 109; therapy 39) Retrospective | SPECT/CT: reduced number of equivocal foci by 70% spared further CT/MR: 6.6% patients change in risk stratification: 6.4% patients post-ablation similar performance post-ablation & post-therapy. |
| Kohlfuerst et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imag, 2009 (40) n=53 (ablation 23; therapy 18) Prospective | SPECT/CT: Unexpected lesions: 28.9% Overall diagnostic impact: 63.6% patients Change in N status: 36.4% patients Change in M status: 21.1% patients Change in management: 24.4% patients |
| Spanu et al, J Nucl Med, 2009 (41) n=117 (ablation 108; therapy 9) Prospective | SPECT/CT: Overall diagnostic impact: 67.8% patients Change in management: 35.6% patients Sparing unnecessary imaging/treatment: 20.3% patients. |
| Wang et al, Clin Imaging, 2009 (42) n=94 (not specified) | SPECT/CT: Better localization of uptake: 21% patients Overall diagnostic impact: 12.8% patients Change in management: 23.4% patients |
| Wong et al, Am J Roentgenol, 2008 (43) n=56 (ablation 52; therapy 4) Retrospective | SPECT/CT: diagnostic impact: cervical nodes 40.8% & distant foci 100% increase in diagnostic confidence in 70.7% lesions |
| Tharp et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imag, 2004 (44) n=71 (not specified) Retrospective | SPECT/CT: diagnostic value: 57% patients (including 27% patients with equivocal cervical uptake & 13% patients with distant foci) |

Table 5: Literature evidence on the role of SPECT/CT in Neuroendocrine Neoplasms

| Author/Source/Year | Aims & Results |
|---|--|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Tracer & Type of tumor | |
| Type of stud, | |
| Kunikowska et al, Clin Nucl Med 2017 (45) | Comparison with Ga-DOTATATE PET/CT: |
| n=68 | SPECT/CT : sensitivity: 82% , specificity 69 %, PPV 92%, NPV |
| 99mTc-HYNICTOC, NET | 47%, accuracy 79% |
| Retrospective | PET/CT: sensitivity 100%, specificity: 85%, PPV: 97%, NPV: |
| | 100%, accuracy: 97% |
| | Detection rate: SPECT/CT < PET/CT |
| Trogrlic et al, Nuklearmedizin. 2017 (46) | Comparison with planar+ SPECT: |
| n=65 | SPECT/CT: Sensitivity 88.9, specificity 79.3, |
| 99mTc-HYNICTOC, NET | Accuracy: SPECT/CT 88.9% vs SPECT 73.8% |
| Retrospective, | SPECT/CT: change in management 16.9% |
| Etchebehere et al, J Nucl Med. 2014 (47) | Comparison Ga-DOTATATE PET/CT & MR: |
| n=19 | Sensitivity: 60% SPECT/CT, 96% PET/CT, 72% MR |
| 99mTc-HYNICTOC, GEP | Specificity: 99% SPECT/CT, 97% PET/CT, 100% MR |
| Prospective | PPV: 96% SPECT/CT, 94% PET/CT, 100% MR |
| | NPV: 83% SPECT/CT, 98% PET/CT, 88% MR |
| | Accuracy: 86% SPECT/CT, 97% PET/CT, 91% MR |
| Spanu et al, Am J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2017 (48) | Comparison with CI: |
| n=104 | Sensitivity: 91.4% SPECT/CT vs 71.4% CI |
| 111In-pentetreotide, GEP | Accuracy: 94.2% SPECT/CT vs 80.8% CI |
| Retrospective | Change in management: 27.9% SPECT/CT vs 9.6% CI |
| Ait et al, Nucl Med Commun. 2017 (49) | Comparison with planar: |
| n=13 | SPECT/CT: better localization & quantification |
| 111In-pentetreotide, Tumour of pancreas | |
| Retrospective | |
| Ruf et al, J Nucl Med. 2016 (50) | Diagnostic SPECT/CT; Comparison with CT: |
| n=31 | Detection rate: dSPECT/CT 78-89% vs. CT 63-85% |
| 111In-pentetreotide, GEP | dSPECT/CT change in management 25.8% patients |
| Prospective | |
| Lee et al, Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2015 (51) | Comparison with Ga-DOTATATE PET/CT: |
| n=13 | Sensitivity: 54% SPECT/CT vs. 100% PET/CT |
| 111In-pentetreotide, NET | |
| Prospective | |

| Chiaravalloti et al, Anticancer Res. 2015 (52) | Comparison with ceCT: |
|--|---|
| n=81 | Primary/local recurrence |
| 111In-pentetreotide , Lung carcinoid | Sensitivity 96% SPECT/CT vs. 87.5% CT |
| Prospective | Specificity 92% SPECT/CT vs. 97% CT |
| | Distant mets: |
| | Sensitivity 85.5% SPECT/CT vs. 75.2% CT |
| | Specificity 84.6% SPECT/CT vs. 90.5% CT |
| Sainz-Esteban et al, Nucl Med Commun. 2015 (53) | Comparison with planar: |
| n=107 | Detection rate: 94.4% SPECT/CT vs 65.6% planar |
| 111In-pentetreotide, NET | SPECT/CT: 87.8% sensitivity,96.6% specificity |
| Retrospective | Change management in 11% patients |
| Schreiter et al, Radiol Oncol. 2014 (54) | Comparison with Ga-DOTATATE PET/CT: |
| n=123 | PET/CT is better than SPECT/CT |
| 111In-pentetreotide, NET | |
| Retrospective | |
| Wong et al, Acad Radiol. 2010 (43) | Comparison with planar: |
| n=49 | SPECT/CT improved lesion localization: 61.8% |
| 111In-pentetreotide, GEP | SPECT/CT changed lesion classification: 28.1% |
| Prospective | SPECT/CT diagnostic value: 28.6% |
| Apostolova et al , Ann Nucl Med. 2010 (55) | Comparison with planar: |
| n=25 | up-staging 18% lesions & down-staging 12% lesions |
| 111In-pentetreotide, NET | |
| Prospective | |
| Castaldi et al, Radiol Med. 2008 (56) | Comparison with planar: |
| n=54 | Change in management: 26% patients |
| 111In-pentetreotide, NET | |
| Retrospective | |
| Perri et al, Q J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2008 (57) | Comparison with SPECT: |
| n=81 | Detection rate: |
| 111In-pentetreotide, NET | Patient analysis: 92.6% SPECT/CT vs. 79% SPECT |
| Retrospective | Lesion analysis 96.4% SPECT/CT vs. 81.1% SPECT |
| Hillel et al, Clin Radiol. 2006 (58) | Comparison with planar: |
| n=29 | Change in management: 64% patients |
| 111In-pentetreotide, NET Prospective | |
| Krausz et al, Clin Endocrinol 2003 (59) | Comparison with planar: |
| n=71 | Change in diagnosis: 32% patients |
| 111In-pentetreotide, NET (n=67) & MTC (n=4) | Change in management: 14% patients |
| Retrospective | |
| Chang et al, Cancer Imaging. 2016 (60) | Comparison with Ga-DOTATATE PET/CT: |
| n=23 | Similar performance |
| 123I-mIBG, Pheochromocytoma | |

| Prospective | |
|---|--|
| | |
| Kroiss et al, Ann Nucl Med. 2017 (61) | Comparison with 18F-DOPA PET/CT: |
| (n=10) | Detection rates: 20.0% SPECT/CT vs. 100% PET/CT |
| 123I-mIBG, Pheochromocytoma | Sensitivity: 11.1% SPECT/CT vs. 69.2% PET/CT |
| Prospective | |
| Nakamoto et al, Clin Nucl Med. 2016 (62) | SPECT/CT quantification |
| (n=68) | |
| 123I-mIBG, Pheochromocytoma | |
| Prospective | |
| Kroiss, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2015 (63) | Comparison with Ga-DOTATATE PET/CT: |
| (10) | Detection rate: 20.0% SPECT/CT vs.100% PET/CT |
| 123I-mIBG, Pheochromocytoma | Sensitivity: 6.9% SPECT/CT vs. 100% PET/CT |
| Prospective | |
| Derlin et al, Clin Nucl Med. 2013 (64) | Comparison with MRI: |
| (n=22) | SPECT/CT: sensitivity 87.5%, specificity 93.8%, accuracy 92.5% |
| 123I-mIBG, Pheochromocytoma | MRI: sensitivity 87.5%, specificity 96.9%, accuracy 95%. |
| Prospective | SPECT/MRI fusion superior to both SPECT/CT and MRI |
| | (sensitivity 100%) |
| Fukuoka et al, Clin Nucl Med. 2011 (65) | Comparison with planar: |
| (n=16) | Detection rate – lesion-based analysis: |
| 123I-mIBG and 131I-mIBG (post-therapy), | -123I-mIBG SPECT/CT: additional 20% |
| Pheochromocytoma | -131I-mIBG SPECT/CT: additional 5% |
| Prospective | Additional diagnostic information: |
| | -123I-mIBG SPECT/CT: 81% studies |
| | -131I-mIBG SPECT/CT: 53% studies |
| Meyer-Rochow et al, Ann Surg Oncol. 2010 (66) | Additional information from SPECT+CT (correlative imaging) : |
| (n=22) | 6 patients |
| 123I-mIBG, Pheochromocytoma | |
| Prospective | |

NET – neuroendocrine tumour; GEP – Gastro-entero-pancreatic tumour; PPV – positive predictive value; NPV – negative predictive value CI – conventional imaging; CeCT – contrast enhanced CT

Table 6: Literature evidence on the performance indices of bone SPECT/CT in cancer patients.

| Author/Source/Year | Sensitivity (%) | Specificity (%) | Significance |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| No. patients (n) | | | (p < 0.05) |
| Gold standard | | | |
| Zhao et al, Skel Radiol, 2010. (67) | SPECT 82.5 | SPECT 66.7 | Specificity & accuracy |
| n=125 | SPECT/CT 66.7 | SPECT/CT 98.4 | |
| Biopsy & radiological follow-up | | | |
| Palmedo et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imag, | WBS 93 | WBS 78 | Specificity |
| 2014. (68) | SPECT 94 | SPECT 71 | |
| n= 308 | SPECT/CT 97 | SPECT/CT 94 | |
| Clinical follow-up | | | |
| Zhang et al, Nuklearmedizin, 2015 (69) | SPECT 70.9 | SPECT 94.9 | NA |
| n= 65 | SPECT/CT 100 | SPECT/CT 97.4 | |
| Pathology & clinical follow-up | | | |
| Haraldsen et al, Clin Physiol Funct Imag, | WBS 87 | WBS 63 | Specificity |
| 2016. (70) | SPECT 87 | SPECT 71 | |
| n=73 | SPECT/ IdCT 79 | SPECT/ IdCT 63 | |
| MRI | SPECT/ dCT 84 | SPECT/ dCT 83 | |
| | | | |
| Jambor et al, Acta Oncol 2016. (71) | WBS 62 | WBS 50 | Accuary of F-18-PET & |
| n= 53 | SPECT 74 | SPECT 44 | wbMRI+DWI > WBS, |
| consensus reading & clinical and | SPECT/CT 85 | SPECT/CT 5 | SPECT & SPECT/CT |
| imaging follow-up | F-18-PET 93 | F-18-PET 6 | |
| | wbMRI+DWI 91 | wbMRI+DWI 4 | |
| | | | |
| Fonager et al, Am J Nucl Med Mol Imag, | WBS 78 | WBS 90 | NS |
| 2017. (72) | SPECT/CT 89 | SPECT/CT 100 | |
| n= 37 | F-18-PET/CT 89 | F-18-PET/CT 90 | |
| Clinical & imaging follow-up | | | |
| Mahaletchumy et al, World J Nucl Med, | WBS 43 | WBS 85 | NA |
| 2017. (73) | SPECT 58 | SPECT 92 | |
| n= 85 | SPECT/CT 78 | SPECT/CT 94 | |
| Correlative imaging & clinical follow-up | | | |

WBS – whole body planar bone scan NA – not available DWI – diffusion weighed imaging **Table 7:** Literature evidence on the role of SPECT/CT for planning or assessment of trans-arterial radioembolization (TARE)

| Author/Source/Year | Aims & Results |
|---|---|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Type of study | |
| Dittmann et al, J Nucl Med. 2018 (74) | Comparison with planar. |
| n=50 | SPECT/CT: significantly lower hepatopulmonary shunts, |
| Prospective | substantial shunting in 4% cases (vs. 20% for planar). |
| Yue et al, Med Phys. 2016 (75) | Comparison with PET/CT. |
| n=15 | Congruent results of 90Y Bremsstrahlung SPECT/CT and |
| Prospective | 90Y PET/CT in all cases |
| Erxleben et al, Acta Radiol. 2016 (76) | Comparison with planar. |
| n=316 | SPECT/CT: significantly lower hepatopulmonary shunts |
| Retrospective | |
| Theysohn et al, PLoS One. 2015 (77) | Comparison with planar. |
| n=852 | SPECT/CT: unexpected extrahepatic uptake: 6.5% |
| Retrospective | patients |
| Gates et al, J Nucl Med. 2015 (78) | Comparison with planar. |
| n=174 | SPECT/CT: additional shunts identification |
| Retrospective | |
| Ilhan et al, J Nucl Med. 2015 (79) | Wide variation of uptake among liver metastases |
| n=502 | subtypes |
| Retrospective | |
| Spreafico et al, Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol. 2015 (80) | Comparison with planar. |
| n=100 | SPECT/CT: identifies accessory branches in 19 lesions/17 |
| Retrospective | patients, thus changing the embolization procedure |
| van den Hoven et al, Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol. 2014 | SPECT/CT identified aberrant hepatic arteries: 34% |
| (81) | patients |
| n=110 | |
| Retrospective | |
| Zade et al, Nucl Med Commun. 2013 (82) | Comparison with PET/CT. |
| n=35 | Congruent results of 90Y Bremsstrahlung SPECT/CT and |
| Prospective | ⁹⁰ Y PET/CT: 97.14% cases |
| Padia et al, J Vasc Interv Radiol. 2013 (83) | Comparison with PET/CT. |
| n=13 | ⁹⁰ Y PET/CT: higher spatial resolution & lower scatter |
| Prospective | |

| Burgmans et al, Eur J Radiol. 2012 (84) | Comparison with planar. |
|---|---|
| n=79 | Detection rate of hepatic falciform artery: SPECT/CT: |
| Retrospective | 13.3% vs. digital subtraction angiography: 11.9% vs. CT |
| | arteriography: 52.3% |
| Ahmadzadehfar et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2012 | Comparison with planar. |
| (85) | Prediction of GI ulcers: SPECT/CT sensitivity 87%, |
| n=188 | specificity 100%, PPV 100%, NPV 99%, accuracy 99% |
| Retrospective | |
| Lauenstein et al, Rofo. 2011 (86) | Comparison with planar. |
| n=27 | SPECT/CT only detected perfusion of occluded liver |
| Prospective | segment: 59% patients |
| Hamami et al, J Nucl Med. 2009 (87) | Comparison with planar+SPECT. |
| n=58 | Detection of GI shunting: |
| Prospective | SPECT + CT fusion: sensitivity 100%, specificity 94%, |
| | accuracy 96% |
| Denecke et al, Eur Radiol. 2008 (88) | Comparison with SPECT. |
| n=22 | Detection of GI shunting: SPECT/CT 31% vs. SPECT 15% |
| Prospective | patients |

GI - gastrointestinal PPV – positive predictive value; NPV – negative predictive value

Table 8: Literature evidence on the role of bone SPECT/CT in benign bone conditions.

| Author/Source/Year | Aim & Results |
|---|--|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Reason for study, Anatomical region | |
| Type of study | |
| Russo VM et al, World Neurosurg, 2017 (89) | Compare SPECT/CT patterns with CT joint degeneration & |
| n=99 | Modic changes and MRI disc abnormalities |
| LBP, SPECT/CT of spine | SPECT/CT: localization of active facet joints, better LBP |
| Prospective | management |
| | SPECT/CT patterns: no correlation with degree of CT |
| | degeneration >40% |
| | SPECT/CT uptake: high agreement with Modic changes |
| Hudyana et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imag, 2016 (90) | Accuracy for diagnosis of loosening of fixation material in back |
| n=48 | pain after surgery |
| s/a lumbar arthroscopy with screw insertion, SPECT/CT | High sensitivity & specificity for exclusion of screw loosening |
| of spine | SPECT/CT identified other causes of recurrent LBP |
| Retrospective | |
| Sumer J et al, Nucl Med Comm, 2013 (91) | Value in LBP after surgery, compared to planar+SPECT |
| n=37 | SPECT/CT: significantly higher accuracy; procedure of choice |
| s/a lumber fusión surgery; SPECT/CT of spine | |
| Retrospective study | |
| Ha S et al 2015 (92) | Diagnostic performance with regard to lesion type, compared |
| n=50 | to MRI |
| Feet pain, SPECT/CT of feet & ankle | SPECT/CT & MRI: comparable diagnostic performance |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT & MRI: complementary techniques |
| Chicklore S et al, Nucl Med Comm, 2013 (93) | Diagnostic accuracy for impingement syndrome & ST |
| n=209 | pathology; compared to MRI & US |
| Feet pain; SPECT/CT of feet & ankle | SPECT/CT similar performance |
| Retrospective | |
| Huellner MW et al, PLoS One, 2013 (94) | Diagnostic accuracy & interobserver agreement compared to |
| n=32 | MRI, CT, X-rays, planar BS |
| Wrist pain; SPECT/CT of hands & wrists | SPECT/CT: most helpful modality |
| Retrospective | MRI: better characterization of lesion type |
| | Good interobserver agreement (accuracy, localization, |
| | etiology) |
| Schleich FS et al, Eur J Nucl Med Res, 2012 (95) | Diagnostic, therapeutic impact: compared to X-rays & planar BS |
| n=51 | SPECT/CT: highest lesion detectability; impact on patient |
| Wrist pain; SPECT/CT of hands & wrists | management |
| Retrospective | |
| Dobrindt O et al, BMC Med Imaging, 2015, (96) | Compared to 3-phase BS + SPECT |
| n=50 | SPECT/CT: higher diagnostic accuracy in (a)septic loosening |
| Painful THR & TKR; SPECT/CT of hips or knees | |
| Retrospective | |
| Chew CG et al, Annals Nucl Med, 2010, (97) | SPECT/CT arthrography for evaluation of mechanical loosening |
| n=117 | of prostheses. |
| Patello-femoral disorders; SPECT/CT of knees | |

| Retrospective | SPECT/CT of hip: better for acetabular cup but not for femoral stem. SPECT/CT of knee: better in femoral and tibial component |
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| Slevin O et al, 2017 (98) n=104 Patellofemoral disorders; SPECT/CT of knees Retrospective | <i>Tracer distribution patterns in patellar resurfacing</i> SPECT/CT of value for evaluation of patello-femoral disorders after TKA |

LBP – Low back pain THR – Total hip replacement TKR – Total knee replacement TKA – Total knee arthroplasty ST – soft tissues BS – bone scan **Table 9:** Literature evidence on the role of SPECT/CT in musculo-skeletal infections.

| Author/Source/Year | Aims & Results |
|--|---|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Tracer, Clinical indication | |
| Type of study | |
| Horger et al, EJNM 2003 (99) (n=27) | Compared to BS:: |
| Post-traumatic OM, 99mTc-AGA | Specificity: SPECT/CT 89% vs. SPECT 78% |
| | Same sensitivity 100%. |
| | SPECT/CT: better diagnostic accuracy to differentiate OM from STI |
| Filippi et al, JNM 2006; (100) | SPECT/CT: accurate localization of all positive foci. |
| n=28 | SPECT/CT: improved diagnosis 36% patients (ST vs. bone; complicated |
| OM/infected joint prosthesis, 99mTc-WBC | bone after trauma; synovial infection without prosthesis involvement) |
| Prospective | |
| Bar-Shalom et al, JNM 2006 (101) | Compared to planar + SPECT: |
| n=32, Ga-67 (n=21); In-WBC (n=11) | SPECT/CT: role in diagnosis, localization, extent of disease |
| Mixed population | SPECT/CT contribution: WBC > Ga |
| Retrospective | |
| Horger et al, Arch Orth Surg 2007 (102) | Compared to 3-phase planar + SPECT: |
| n=31 | Specificity SPECT/CT 86%; vs. BS 50%; |
| Mixed population, 99mTc-HEDP | Same sensitivity 78%. |
| Prospective | SPECT/CT avoids false positives & equivocal findings |
| Sathekge et al, Annals Nucl Med 2018 (103) | Compared to planar + SPECT: |
| n=184 | SPECT/CT sensitivity 99%, specificity 95%, PPV 93%, NPV 99%, |
| OM vs. STI, 99mTc-Ubi | accuracy 95% |
| | SPECT/CT: improved diagnostic confidence in 49% patients; better |
| | interobserver agreement |
| Djekidel et al, Clin Nucl Med 2011 (104) | Compared to planar + SPECT: |
| n=43 | SPECT/CT: sensitivity 88%, specificity 85%, PPV 84%, NPV 89%. |
| Mixed population, In111- & Tc99m-WBCs | Increase in correct lesion location. |
| Retrospective | Improved overall reader confidence. |
| | No difference between 111In- & 99mTc-WBCs SPECT/CT |
| | No difference before & after treatment |
| Filippi et al, JNM 2009 (105) | Compared to 3-phase BS: |
| n=17 | SPECT/CT change in interpretation: 53% patients |
| Diabetic Foot, 99mTc-WBC | SPECT/CT did not contribute in negative scan |
| Heiba et al, J Foot Ankle Surg 2010 (106) | DI - 2 steps: BS/WBCs-SPECT/CT ± WBCs/Bone marrow SPECT/CT |
| n=213 | Diagnostic accuracy: DI > WBCs/BS; DI SPECT/CT > DI planar/SPECT |
| Diabetic foot, 99mTc-MDP & 111In WBC | only. |
| | DI SPECT/CT: improves detection & discrimination of STI vs. OM |

| Erdman et al, Diab Care 2012 (107) | SPECT/CT based CSI: |
|--|--|
| n=77 | Favorable outcome: CSI 0 = 92% ; CSI ≥7 = 25% |
| Diabetic foot, 99mTc-WBC | SPECT/CT: visual < CSI for predicting outcome |
| Retrospective | |
| Aslangul et al, Diab Care 2013 (108) | Diagnosis of OMs & treatment tailoring; combined with biopsy: |
| n=55 | SPECT/CT + biopsy: sensitivity 88%; specificity 94%, PPV 92%, NPV |
| Diabetic foot, Ga-67 | 91% |
| Prospective | SPECT/CT + biopsy: spared antibiotics 55% cases |
| Heiba et al, NM Comm 2013 (109) | Compared to CI in different population: SPECT/CT (n=232) & CI (n=227) |
| n=227 | DI SPECT/CT: more accurate diagnosis of OM, STI, other bony |
| Diabetic foot, 99mTc-MDP & 111In WBC | pathology |
| Retrospective | DI SPECT/CT: associated with shorter hospitalization length |
| • | |
| Vouillarmet et al, Diab Med 2014 (110) | Monitoring treatment response; compared to 3-phase BS & X-rays) |
| n=22 | Prediction of OM relapse after antibiotics: |
| Diabetic foot, 99mTc-WBC | SPECT/CT: sensitivity 100%, specificity 92%, PPV 72%, NPV 100% |
| Retrospective | Better than X-rays & BS |
| - | Negative WBC-SPECT/CT useful in guiding therapy. |
| La Fontaine et al, Wound 2016 (111) | Compared to MRI in different population: SPECT/CT (n=52) & MRI |
| n=110 | (n=58) |
| Diabetic foot, 99mTc-WBC | SPECT/CT: sensitivity 89%, specificity 35%, PPV 74%, NPV 60% vs. MRI: |
| Retrospective | sensitivity 87%, specificity 37%, PPV 74%, NPV 58% (p NS) |
| Lazaga et al, Int Wound J 2016 (112) | Monitoring response to treatment |
| n=20 | SPECT/CT: sensitivity 90%, specificity 56%, PPV 69%, NPV 83%. |
| Diabetic foot, 99mTc-WBC | Useful to determine treatment outcomes |
| Retrospective | |
| Vouillarmet et al, Diabetologia 2017 (113) | Monitoring response to treatment (at 6 & 12 weeks) |
| n=45 | SPECT/CT (12 weeks): sensitivity 100%, specificity 56%, PPV 46%, NPV |
| Diabetic foot, 99mTc-WBC | 100%. |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT predicted remission at end of treatment. |
| Fuster et al, Clin Nucl Med 2012 (114) | Compared to BS & FDG-PET/CT |
| n=34 | BS & Ga-67 SPECT/CT: sensitivity 78%, specificity 81%, PPV 82%, NPV |
| Spondylodiskitis, 67Ga | 76%, accuracy 79%. |
| Prospective | FDG-PET/CT better performance, concordance with SPECT/CT |
| Tamm et al, Can Assoc Radiol J (115) | Compared to BS & MRI |
| n=34 | BS & Ga-67 SPECT/CT vs. MRI: same sensitivity (91%), specificity and |
| Spondylodiskitis , 99mTc-MDP and/or 67Ga | PPV (100%); similar NPV (94% vs. 80%) and accuracy (97% vs 95%) |
| Retrospective | |
| Lazzeri et al, Clin Nucl Med 2010 (116) | Early diagnosis; compared to planar & SPECT |
| n=72 | SPECT/CT vs. SPECT: similar sensitivity (94% vs. 92), same specificity |
| Spondylodiskitis, 111In-Biotin | (92%). |

| Prospective | SPECT/CT correctly localized infection to bone, ST or both: 22% cases |
|--|---|
| Chakraborty et al, Ind JNM 2013 (117) | Compared to 3-phase BS |
| n=20 | SPECT/CT localized lesions to specific bone in 50% & showed |
| OM of base of skull, 99mTc-MDP | destructive changes in 25% |
| Retrospective | |
| Sharma et al, Jpn J Radiol 2013 (118) | Compared to planar, SPECT & CT |
| n=13 | AUC for SPECT/CT 0.977 vs. SPECT 0.909, CT 0.886, planar 0.614 |
| OM of base of skull, 99mTc-MDP | Accuracy SPECT/CT 92%, SPECT 85%, CT 77%, planar 46% |
| Retrospective | |
| Bolouri et al, EJNMMI 2013, (119) | Compared to SPECT & orthopantomography (OPT) |
| n=42 | SPECT/CT sensitivity 100%, specificity 86%, accuracy 98 % |
| OM of jaw, 99mTc-MDP | SPECT: 100%, 71%, 95%; CT 77%, 86%, 79%; OPT 59%, 100%, 66 % |
| | SPECT/CT most useful but not cost justified |
| Graute et al, EJNMMI 2010 (120) | Compared to 3-phase planar |
| n=31 | SPECT/CT: sensitivity 89%, specificity 73%, PPV 57%, NPV 94% |
| Low grade joint infection, 99mTc-AGA | SPECT/CT improvement in diagnosis, localization & extent |
| Retrospective | |
| Kim et al, J Comput Assit Tomogr 2014 | Compared to 2-phase BS |
| (121) | SPECT/CT: sensitivity 93%, specificity 93%, PPV 94%, NPV 92%, |
| n=164 | accuracy 93%. |
| Infected hip & knee prostheses, 99mTc- | Higher impact of SPECT/CT on sensitivity & specificity for hip vs. knee |
| WBC | prosthesis infections. |
| Retrospective | |

OM – osteomyelitis ST – soft tissue STI – ST infection PPV – positive predictive value; NPV – negative predictive value CI – conventional imaging DI – dual isotope CSI - Composite Severity Index CSI

OPT - orthopantomography

Table 10: Literature evidence on the role of SPECT/CT in soft tissue and visceral infections

| Author/Source/Year | Aims & Results |
|--|---|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Tracer, Clinical indication | |
| Type of study | |
| Bar-Shalom et al, J Nucl Med 2006 (101) | Compared to SPECT |
| n=50 | SPECT/CT: diagnosis & localization in 48% & extent in 43% |
| FUO; mixed STI (67Ga n=26); VGI (111In-WBC n=24) | patients |
| Retrospective | Excluded infection in 4 sites (67Ga bowel uptake) |
| | Contribution: 111In-WBC > 67Ga |
| Lou et al, Nucl Med Comm 2010 (122) n=11 | SPECT/CT: high accuracy in clinically suspected cases |
| 99mTc-WBC; VGI | |
| Retrospective | |
| Khaja, Clin Imag 2013 (123) | Compared to CTA & Software fusion |
| n=20 | Sensitivity, specificity, accuracy, PPV, NPV: |
| 111In- WBC; VGI | WBC: 75/100/80/100/50% |
| Retrospective | CTA: 88/50/80/88/50% |
| | SPECT/CTA fusion: 94/50/85/88/67% |
| | Software fusion: better diagnostic confidence; impact on |
| | outcome |
| Erba et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imag 2014 (124) | Compared to SPECT: |
| n=55 99mTc-WBC; Late & low grade VGI | SPECT/CT vs. SPECT: sensitivity 100% vs. 85%; specificity 100 % vs. 63% |
| Prospective | SPECT/CT decreased FPs in 37% patients |
| Erba et al, J Nucl Med 2012 (125) | Compared to echo |
| n=131 | SPECT/CT sensitivity 90%, NPV 94%, specificity & PPV 100% |
| 99mTc-WBC; IE | Main value in negative or difficult-to-interpret echo |
| Prospective | |
| Lauridsen et al, Int J Cadiovasc Imag 2017 (126) | Compared to FDG |
| n=55 | Clinical utility score: FDG-PET/CT > WBC-SPECT/CT |
| 99mTc-WBC; extracardiac sites of IE | |
| Litzler et al, J Nucl Med 2010 (127) | Monitoring response to antibiotic treatment |
| n=13 | SPECT/CT: extent & precise location of infection |
| 99mTc-WBC; Infected CIED | SPECT/CT: better therapeutic strategies. |
| Erba et al, JACC 2013 (128) | SPECT/CT confirmed diagnosis, defined extent & detected |
| n=63 | associated complications |
| 99mTc-WBC; Infected CIED | SPECT/CT sensitivity: 94%; NPV 95% |
| Prospective | |
| Heiba et al, Nucl Med Comm 2017 (129) | Compared to planar |
| (n=21) | DI- SPECT/CT: higher sensitivity, specificity & diagnostic |
| (= =) | |

| Hung et al, Infect Dis 2017 (130) | Compared to FDG-PET/CT |
|---|---|
| n=58 | ⁶⁷ Ga-SPECT/CT: high FN rate (55%) vs. FDG-PET/CT high FP |
| 67Ga; FUO | rate (44%) |
| | Sensitivity: ⁶⁷ Ga-SPECT/CT 79% vs. FDG-PET/CT 45% |
| | Clinical contribution: ⁶⁷ Ga-SPECT/CT 72% vs. FDG-PET/CT 55% |
| Nowosinska et al, World J Nucl Med (131) | SPECT/CT contributory: 80% kidneys in ESRF & 33% renal |
| n=18 | transplant patients. |
| 67Ga; Infected kidneys in ESRF & renal transplant | SPECT/CT: 44% patients better location and/or extent; |
| Retrospective | differentiating physiological from pathological uptake. |

FUO – Fever of unknown origin VGI – vascular graft infection IE – infective endocarditis CIED - cardiac implantable electronic devices ESRF – end stage renal failure CTA – CT angiography FP –False positive; FN – False negative DI – dual isotope **Table 11:** Literature evidence on the role of SPECT/CT in primary hyperparathyroidism.

| Author/Source/Year | Aim & Results |
|--|--|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Type of study | |
| Gayed et al, J Nucl Med 2005 (132) | Impact on Diagnosis |
| n=48 | SPECT/CT: diagnosis of additional 2% PTA |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT localization: additional 8% (including 2 ectopic) |
| Krausz et al, World J Surg 2006 (133) | Preoperative localization |
| n=36 | SPECT/CT localized 14 PTAs (10 ectopic & 4 in distorted |
| Retrospective | neck anatomy) |
| | Role in planning surgery: 39% patients. |
| Lavely et al, J Nucl Med 2007 (134) | Comparison of various acquisition protocols |
| n=110 | Best diagnostic accuracy: early SPECT/CT + any delayed |
| Prospective | imaging |
| Neumann et al, J Nucl Med 2008 (135) | Preoperative localization |
| n=61 Prospective | SPECT/CT vs. SPECT: similar sensitivity (70% vs. 71%); higher specificity (96% vs. 48%) |
| | |
| Patel et al, Clin Radiol 2010 (136) n=63 | Preoperative localization; compared to US Detectability rate: SPECT/CT 90% vs. US 64%. |
| Retrospective | Concordant findings on SPECT/CT & US: 59%. |
| | US + SPECT/CT preoperative PTA localization: sensitivity |
| | 95%; accuracy 91%. |
| Pata et al, Thyroid 2010 (137) | Diagnosis (specifically in multinodular goitre); compared to |
| n=33 | SPECT |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT localization (lateralization & neck quadrant): |
| | sensitivity 94 & 88%; specificity 93 & 96%; PPV 94 & 88%. |
| | Mean time of surgery: SPECT/CT 38 min vs. SPECT 56 min. |
| Pata et al, Ann Surg Oncol 2011 (138) | Cost-analysis for preoperative localization; compared to |
| n=55 Retrospective | SPECT Mean time of surgery: SPECT/CT 36 min vs. SPECT 62 min. |
| Netrospective | SPECT/CT decrease in mean cost: 98.7 €. |
| Tokmak et al, Int J Clin Exp Med 2014 (139) | Diagnosis & localization |
| n=154 | SPECT/CT detectability rate: 98% |
| Retrospective | Sensitivity increased mainly in small lesions. |
| Burall GG et al, Mol Imaging Radionucl Ther 2012 (140) | Localization; compared to SPECT |
| n=32 | SPECT/CT 31/32 patients vs. SPECT 22/32 |
| | FN on SPECT: lesions <10mm. |
| Ciappuccini et al, Clin Nucl Med 2012 (141) | Diagnosis & preoperative localization |
| n=59 | Diagnosis by 2-phase SPECT/CT in 66% patients |
| | Correlation with serum Calcium and PTH values |
| Suh et al, Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg 2015 (142) | Localization; compared with 4D-CT & US |
| n=38 | 4D-CT outperformed US & SPECT/CT with unique anatomic |
| Retrospective | data in 8% patients |

| Mandal et al, Laryngoscope 2015 (143) | Diagnosis; dual-phase SPECT/CT |
|---|--|
| n=75 | Early-phase SPECT/CT 76% vs. late-phase 74%. |
| Retrospective | Early-phase localization: sensitivity 84%, specificity 89% |
| | (no improvement with dual-phase) |
| Koberstein et al, Can Assoc Radiol J 2016 (144) | Preoperative localization (specifically for ectopic PTA) & |
| n=88 | correlation with serum PTH |
| Retrospective | Localization: Similar accuracy & reliability for normal & |
| | ectopic PTAs (90 vs. 94%). |
| | SPECT/CT accuracy correlates with serum PTH levels. |
| Barber et al, Head Neck 2016 (145) | Cost-effectiveness of preoperative localization (combined |
| n=259 | with US) |
| Retrospective | US + SPECT/CT lateralization: sensitivity 87%, PPV 99%. |
| | Increased cost of US+SPECT/CT: 30% vs. SPECT/CT only |
| Keidar et al, Mol Imaging Biol 2017 (146) | Preoperative localization (by Perrier criteria) |
| n=88 | SPECT/CT localization: accuracy 80% |
| Retrospective | |
| Woods et al, Nucl Med Comm 2017 (147) | Diagnosis & localization (combined with 123Iodine) |
| n=135 | DI-SPECT/CT detection & localization: sensitivity 95%, |
| Retrospective | specificity 89%, PPV 97%, NPV 83%. |
| | Accuracy: diagnosis 94%; localization 92%. |
| Sandquist et al, Clin Nucl Med 2017 (148) | Preoperative localization; compared to SPECT |
| n=249 | SPECT/CT sensitivity 83%, specificity 96%, |
| Retrospective | SPECT/CT had fewer FPs (vs. SPECT) |
| | Main advantage: PTAs < 210 mg. |
| Christakis et al, Eur J Radiol 2017 (149) | Localization; compared to US & 4D-CT |
| n=20 | 4D-CT + MIBI SPECT/CT: sensitivity 94% & accuracy 95%. |
| | US + 4D-CT + MIBI SPECT/CT: sensitivity & accuracy 100%. |
| Cheng et al, Clin Nucl Med 2018 (150) | Diagnosis & patient management |
| n=94 | Positive SPECT/CT predicted eligibility for surgery. |
| | |

PTA – parathyroid adenoma PTH – parathyroid hormone PPV – positive predictive value; NPV – negative predictive value

| Table | 12: Literature evic | dence on the rol | le of cardiac | SPECT/CT |
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| Author/Source/Year | Aim & Results |
|--|--|
| No. patients (n) | |
| Clinical indications | |
| Type of study | |
| Schaap et al, J Cardiovasc Imaging, 2014, (151) | Incremental value of MP- SPECT/CCTA compared to SPECT and |
| n=205 | ССТА |
| Diagnosis of CAD; CCTA | SPECT/CCTA had higher yield vs. stand-alone SPECT or CCTA in |
| Prospective | diagnosis of significant CAD |
| Schepis et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging 2007 (152) | Use of CT-AC & CCS measurements |
| n=32 | Attenuation maps derived from CT for CCS enable accurate AC |
| CT for AC & CCS | |
| Rispler et al, Int J Cardiol 2013 (153) | SPECT/CT quantitation of 123I-mIBG |
| n=53 | Total cardiac count measurements are feasible using the CT |
| 123Iodine mIBG cardiac uptake quantitation | component for determining heart boundaries even in case of |
| Prospective | very low uptake |
| Rispler et al, JACC 2007 (154) | Physiologic significance of coronary lesions compared to CCTA |
| n=56 | SPECT/CCTA: improved specificity & PPV in patients with chest |
| Physiologic significance of CAD; SPECT/CCTA | pain |
| Prospective | |
| Kennedy JA et al. J Nucl Cardiology 2017 (155) | Measurements of perfusion scores in CZT- and Nal MPI- |
| n=312 | SPECT/CT in AC & NAC studies |
| CZT perfusion score data base; CZT-SPECT/CT for AC | Specific database for CZT cardiac SPECT is needed for accurate |
| Prospective | quantitative diagnostic perfusion scores |
| Schaap et al, Eur Heart J, Cardiovasc Imaging 2013 (156) | Performance of SPECT/CCTA compared to SPECT & CCTA |
| n=98 | SPECT/CCTA: superior for diagnosis of significant CAD |
| Performance in intermediate & high CAD likelihood | |
| Prospective | |
| Pretorius et al, J Nucl Cardiol 2017 (157) | |
| n= 1,103 | Respiratory motion correction algorithms significantly reduce |
| Effect of respiratory motion & gender on MPI | artefacts |
| Abdollahi et al, Eur J Radiol 2016 (158) | |
| n=509 | CT dose parameters are very low and below the reference |
| Radiation exposure estimates | level. |
| Özdemir et al, Mol Imaging Radionucl Ther 2016. (159) | |
| n=78 | SPECT/CT defined prevalence of silent ischemia & adverse |
| Prevalence of silent ischemia in (pre)diabetics | events in asymptomatic (pre-)diabetics & |
| Prospective | predicted future CAD |
| Engbers et al, J Nucl Cardiol 2015; (160) | Comparison of sequential algorithms for CAD diagnosis & dose |
| n=5,018 | reduction |
| Algorithm for CAD diagnosis & dose reduction | Stress first SPECT/CT: 50% of patients needed no additional |
| Prospective | testing. |
| Fiechter et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging, 2011 (161) | Compared to ICA |
| n=66 | CZT SPECT/CT: high accuracy for detection of angiographically |
| Diagnostic accuracy of CZT-SPECT/CT | identified lesions |
| Prospective | |

| Abadi et al, Eur J Radiol 2010 (162) | Measurement of SPECT LV volumes & EF; compared to CCTA |
|---|---|
| n=76 | Caution when using SPECT and CT derived EF & volumes |
| LV volumes & function measurements | |
| Prospective | |
| Rispler et al, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging 2011, (163) | SPECT/CCTA compared to TIMI risk score |
| n=90 | 40% of high- & 16% of low TIMI-RS patients had |
| Risk stratification in NSTE acute coronary syndrome | hemodynamically significant lesions |
| Retrospective | Normal perfusion spared revascularization regardless of TIMI- |
| | RS. |
| Tamam et al, World J Nucl Med 2016, (164) | Diagnostic value of AC in inferior wall; compared to NAC; |
| n=157 | obese/non-obese patients |
| AC for MPI in (non)obese patients | Iterative reconstruction > FBP to correct diaphragm |
| | attenuation of inferior wall |
| | AC with OSEM iterative reconstruction improves results of |
| | stress-only MPI, in particular in obese patients |
| Kennedy et al, J Nucl Med 2009, (165) | Define SPECT/CT mis-registration with greatest impact on AC- |
| n=124 | MPI quality |
| Mis-registration impact on AC-MPI quality | SPECT/CT: significant mis-registration in 23%, in direction of |
| Retrospective | most severe artefacts in 16% studies (lateral & anterior walls; |
| | SPECT myocardium overlap on lungs on CT) |
| Koopman et al, Nucl Med Comm 2015, (166) | CZT-SPECT/CT processing protocols for detection of ischemia; |
| n=20 | AC compared to NAC |
| AC/NAC CZT-SPECT/CT processing protocols | Interoperator variations: 2.4±1.4% (NC) vs. 3.8±1.9% (AC) |
| Retrospective | CZT-SPECT/CT operator variations in MPI processing: |
| | significant & influence diagnosis, especially with AC |
| Matsuo et al, Annals Nucl Med 2015, (167) | Comparison of new & conventional acquisition protocols |
| n=40 | with/without AC |
| AC/NAC acquisition protocols of 201Tl uptake | Short IQ-SPECT acquisition: equivalent high image quality to |
| Retrospective | conventional MPI |

CAD – coronary artery disease NSTE – non-ST-elevation TIMI-RS – TIMI risk score AC- attenuation correction; NAC – non-attenuated CCS – coronary calcium score CCTA – coronary CT angiography MPI – myocardial perfusion imaging CZT – Cadmium Zinc Tellurium LV – left ventricle FBP – filtered back projection

| MAJOR | MODERATE | MINOR |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Head & neck | Head & neck | Head & neck |
| Parietal meningioma | Thyroid incidentalomas | Parathyroid adenoma |
| Orbital mass | | |
| Parotid mass | Chest | Chest |
| Chest | Pulmonary parenchymal opacity | Calcified pulmonary nodule |
| Pneumothorax ⁺ | Emphysema | |
| Pulmonary embolism ⁺ | Bronchiectasis | Abdomen |
| Solid pulmonary mass | Pleural effusion | Gallstones in gallbladder |
| | Cardiomegaly | Fatty liver |
| Abdomen | Pericardial effusion | Hepatic cysts |
| Solid liver mass | Breast nodule | Renal cysts |
| Solid renal mass | | Renal atrophy |
| Gall bladder mass | Abdomen | Appendicolith |
| GIT mass | Gallstone in common bile duct | Abdominal wall hernia |
| Pancreatic solid/cystic mass | Air in biliary tree | Umbilical hernia |
| Bilateral small kidneys | Absent kidney | Hiatus hernia |
| Adrenal mass | Renal calculus | |
| Retroperitoneal mass | Hydronephrosis | Pelvis |
| Pelvis | Complex renal cyst | Lipoma |
| Undescended testis | Splenomegaly | Bladder diverticulum |
| Ovarian cyst >5 cm | Bowel inflammation | Bladder stone |
| | Adrenal adenoma | Simple ovarian cyst |
| Vascular | | Uterine fibroids |
| Deep vein thrombosis+ | Pelvis | Uterine calcifications |
| Aortic aneurysm >5 cm ⁺ | Uterine mass | Bartholin's cysts |
| Aortic dissection * | Uterine enlargement | , |
| | Pelvic kidney | Vascular |
| Musculoskeletal | Ureteric calculus | Left-sided vena cava |
| Vertebral body destruction | Scrotal hydrocoelle | Retroaortic left renal vein |
| Lytic bone lesions | Prostate enlargement | |
| Indeterminate sclerotic bone lesion | | Musculoskeletal |
| | Vascular | Muscle atrophy |
| Reticuloendothelial | Aortic ectasia | Bone infarct |
| LN > 1.5 cm and/or multiple LNs | Pulmonary artery dilatation | Degenerative spine changes |
| | Signs of portal venous hypertension | |
| | Coronary artery calcification | |
| | Reticuloendothelial | |
| | LN > 1cm | |
| +: Notify referring | physician | |

LN – lymph node

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