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# Prospective comparison of contemporary whole body MRI and FDG PET/CT for disease detection and correlation with markers of disease burden in myeloma: Results of the iTIMM trial

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# Bone marrow disease imaging in multiple myeloma (MM)

- Sensitive and early imaging followed by risk-adapted management can improve patient outcome ۲ (IMWG diagnostic criteria 2014)
- Current imaging standards (IMWG imaging guidelines 2019): ۲
  - Whole body MRI (WB MRI)
  - FDG PET/CT •
- Development of contemporary MRI including diffusion-weighted protocols ۲
  - Increased sensitivity over 'classical' MRI ٠
  - Excellent soft tissue contrast (EMD) ٠
  - Measuring 'cellularity' of lesions ٠
    - $\rightarrow$  Excellent therapy response assessment



Marrow fat

Tumour cells and







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# Bone marrow disease imaging in multiple myeloma (MM)

### Standardization of MRI - International MY-RADS consensus criteria (2019)

Radiology

REVIEWS AND COMMENTARY • REVIEW

Guidelines for Acquisition, Interpretation, and Reporting of Whole-Body MRI in Myeloma: Myeloma Response Assessment and Diagnosis System (MY-RADS)

- Acquisition, reporting, response assessment
- 'Open source' scanner protocols for all major manufacturers

### Health economic evaluation whole-body MRI

UK NICE 2016: at diagnosis net benefit for whole-body MRI & CT, but not PET/CT

Despite lack of data on comparative sensitivity (cost/need to add other imaging) → MRI/CT recommended

However, deficit in prospective comparison of contemporary WB MRI and FDG PET/CT

### $\rightarrow$ Define optimal imaging modality







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# The iTIMM trial

(Imageguided Theranostics in Multiple Myeloma; clinicaltrials.gov: NCT02403102)

Prospective, single-centre observational study for patients with symptomatic MM planned for high-dose therapy and ASCT

#### Aims

- To compare contemporary WB MRI and FDG PET/CT for detection of bone marrow disease
- To correlate imaging with markers of disease burden and molecular markers of biology
- To correlate imaging at baseline and minimal residual disease on WB MRI post ASCT with outcome

#### Methods

- WB MRI and PET/CT at baseline (pre-therapy)
- Clinical data collection including tumour genetics
- Scans double reported in blinded fashion for focal and diffuse disease by 2 reporting radiologists and 2 nuclear medicine physicians (all >10 years experience)
- Paired methods used to compare burden and patterns of disease on WB MRI vs. FDG PET/CT.

### Recruitment

- May 2015 to March 2018 at Royal Marsden Hospital, London, UK
- 60 patients (35 male; median 60 years) with matched WB MRI and PET/CT





### **Patients**

		Overall
	Ν	%
Patients with paired baseline WB-DWI & PET/CT	60	100
Sex		
Female	25	41.7
Male	35	58.3
Age (years), mean (SD)		60.2 (8.8)
ISS Stage I/II/III		
	27	45
	20	33.3
	6	10
Unknown	7	11.7
Laboratory markers	N	Med (P25-P75)
Beta2-microglobulin	53	2.8 (2.4-4.1)
Albumin	54	36.0 (32.0-39.0)
Plts	56	231.0 (190.5-274.0)
Hb	56	115.5 (102.0-132.5)
Calcium	54	2.3 (2.2-2.4)
LDH	38	164.5 (142.0-210.0)
Creatinine	56	77.5 (67.0-87.5)
Tumour Assessments & Genetics	N	%
t(4;14)	3	5
t(14;16)	3	5
t(14;20)	1	1.7
del(1p)	3	5
gain(1q)	17	28.3
del 17p	1	1.7
Any above high risk marker	20	33.3



# **Results: comparison WB MRI vs PET/CT**

	Cervical spine			
51		WB MRI	PET/CT	
	Focal	25%	12%	
1991	Diffuse	65%	10%	
A B				
1/298	Dorsal spine	•		
		WB MRI	PET/CT	
	Focal	53%	28%	
	Diffuse	73%	15%	
	Lumbar spine			
1 A A	~	WB MRI	PET/CT	
$\sim 2$	Focal	42%	17%	
	Diffuse	68%	15%	
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Focal lesions –	example	regions
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Dorsal spine		FDG PET/CT				
			No lesion	1-4	> 4	
	MRI	No lesion	42	2	1	
	₹B	1-4	10	3	1	
		≥ 5	8	8	2	
Lumbar		FDG PET/CT				
			No lesion	1-4	> 4	
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umbar spine			No lesion	1-4	> 4
	MRI	No lesion	42	2	0
	₹B	1-4	10	3	2
		≥ 5	7	3	0

#### Higher sensitivity of WB MRI to detect focal and diffuse disease in all bone marrow areas



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### **Example patient – focal disease**



### **Example patient – diffuse disease**



85% myeloma infiltration on bone marrow biopsy (histopathology) Representative of overall marrow





## **Results: comparison WB MRI vs PET/CT (2)**



Higher disease burden scores with WB MRI for all anatomical areas



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### Results: imaging disease burden and biology



Bone marrow plasma cell % (histopathology)

#### First time correlation between imaging quantitation and surrogate (paraprotein) or direct (BM) disease

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## Results: imaging disease burden and biology



	Diffuse disease		No diffuse disease		p-value
	Ν	%	Ν	%	
Total Number	49	100	11	100	
ISS Stage I/II/III					
I	18	36.7	9	81.8	0.071
11	18	36.7	2	18.2	
111	6	12.2	0	0	
Unknown	7	14.3	0	0	
Laboratory markers	Ν	Med (P25-P75)	Ν	Med (P25-P75)	
Beta2-microglobulin	43	3.0 (2.4-4.5)	10	2.6 (2.4-2.8)	0.083
Albumin	43	36.0 (29.0-39.0)	11	37.0 (36.0-44.0)	0.083
Plts	45	231.0 (194.0-279.0)	11	207.0 (186.0-269.0)	0.49
Hb	45	113.0 (100.0-126.0)	11	132.0 (124.0-146.0)	0.0031
Calcium	43	2.3 (2.2-2.4)	11	2.3 (2.3-2.5)	0.255
LDH	29	172.0 (141.0-219.0)	9	155.0 (150.0-168.0)	0.583
Creatinine	45	75.0 (67.0-87.0)	11	83.0 (68.0-95.0)	0.279

Diffuse disease on WB MRI without focal disease associated with high risk genetics



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# Summary/Outlook

- Contemporary WB MRI as per MY-RADS criteria significantly more sensitive to detect focal and diffuse disease than FDG PET/CT
- Detection of diffuse disease on WB MRI associated with higher disease burden and high-risk molecular profiles
- Results propose WB MRI as a gold standard for tumour imaging in myeloma
- Direct disease quantitation and correlation of phenotype with myeloma biology supports development of radiomic biomarkers
- Analysis of iTIMM ongoing: imaging MRD after ASCT and outcome
- NIHR real-world trial investigating machine assisted diagnosis to open

