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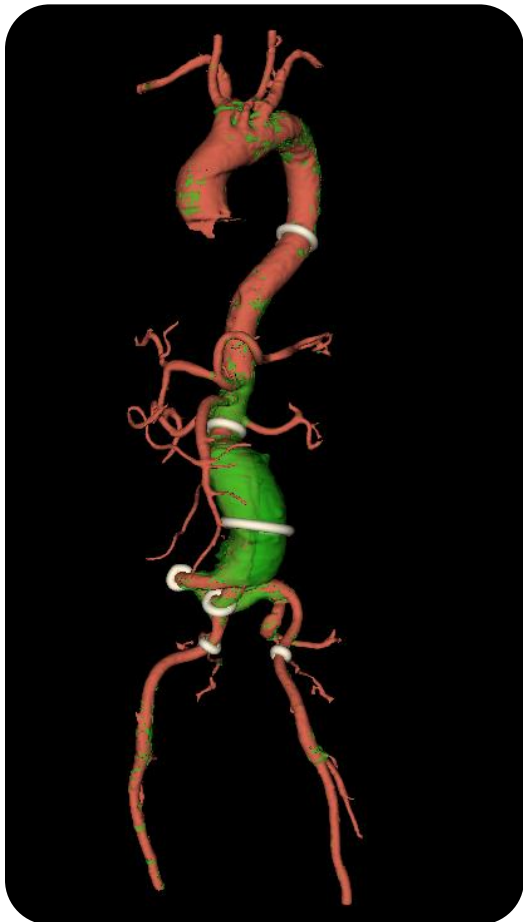
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## AI in aortic imaging will improve planning and FU

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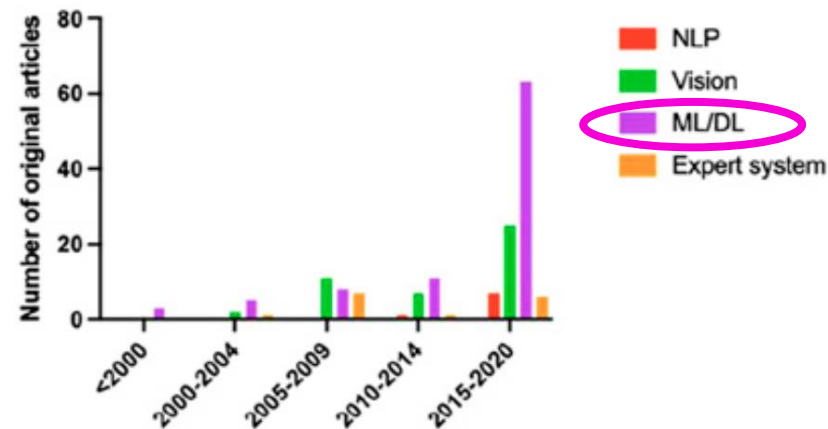
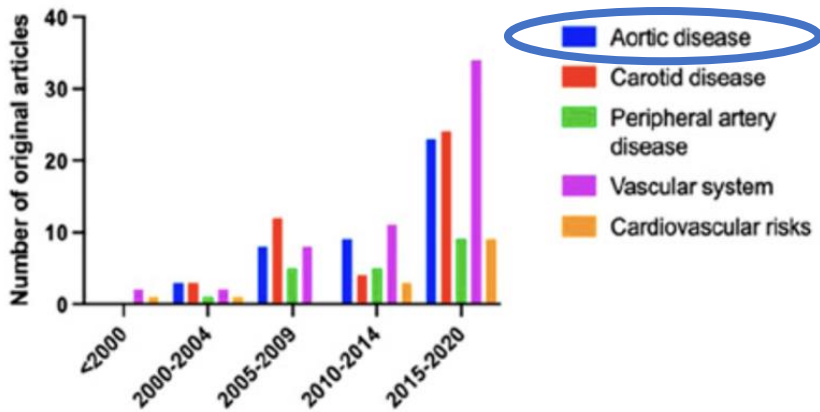
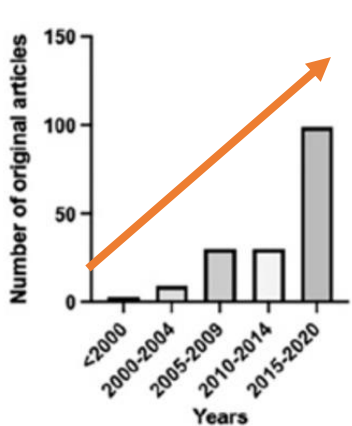
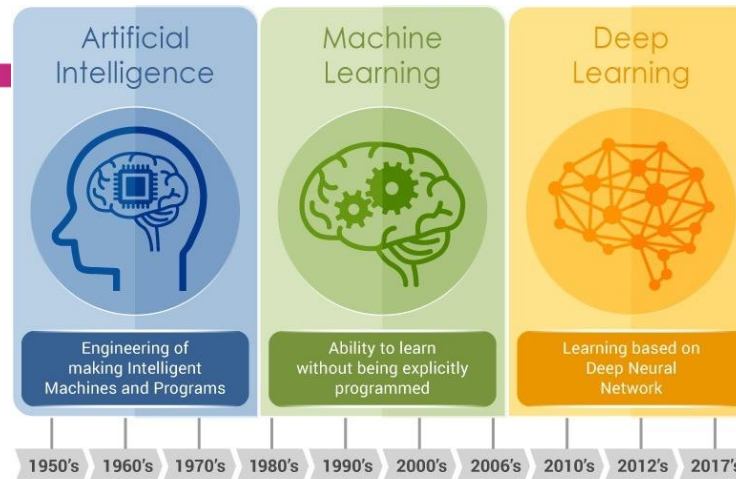
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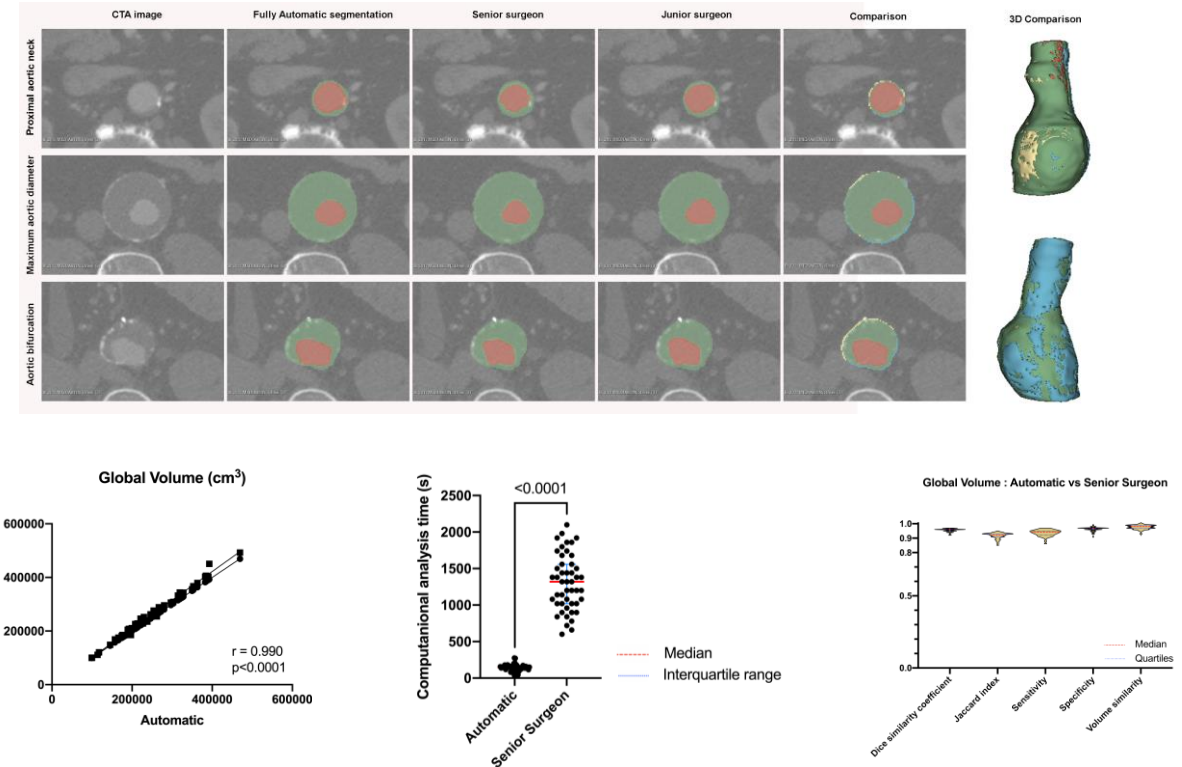
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**PRAEVAorta : AI using « Deep learning » with U-net network**

- Validated for :
  - Pre-operative study of AAA. (1)
  - Immediate post-operative study. (2)
- Time gain : 9 times faster than human
- Volume Similarity :  $0.97 \pm 0.02$
- DSC :  $0.95 \pm 0.02$
- Pearson's coefficient correlation = .99 ( $p < .0001$ )
- Ready for long term follow-up analysis



(1) : Fully automatic volume segmentation of infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysm computed tomography images with deep learning approaches versus physician controlled manual segmentation (2021, JVS)  
 (2) : Fully automatic volume segmentation using deep learning approaches to assess aneurysmal sac evolution after infrarenal endovascular aortic repair (2022, JVS)



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# PRAEVAorta and Planning

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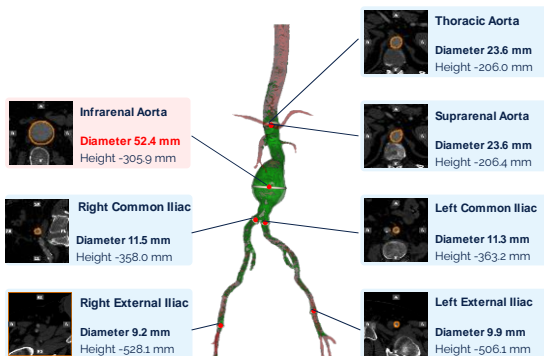
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## Diagnostic

**Infrarenal max diameter = 52.4 mm**  
**Infrarenal volume = 136.5 cm<sup>3</sup>**  
 (from lowest renal to aortic bifurcation)

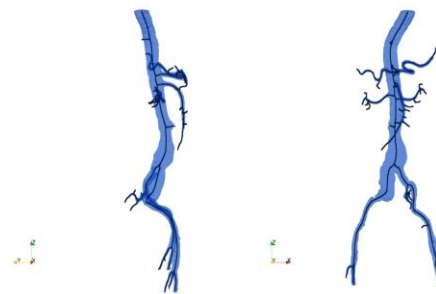
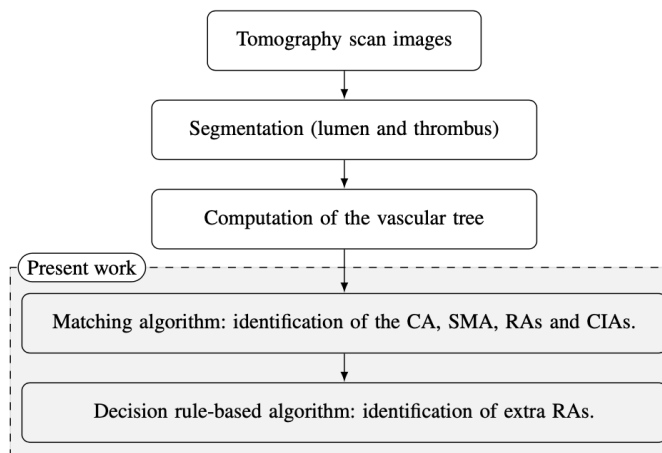
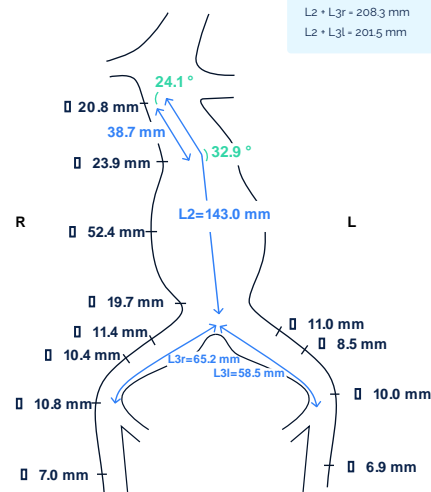


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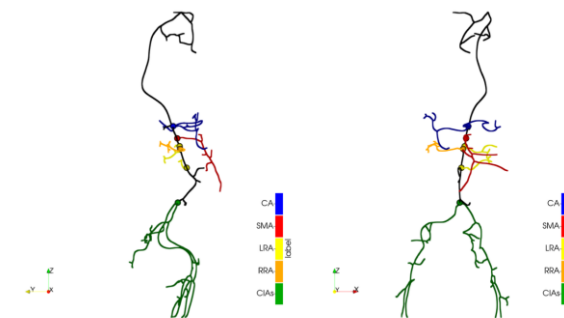
## Surgical planning

Total lengths

L2 + L3r = 208.3 mm  
 L2 + L3l = 201.5 mm



Fully automated correct labeling of the main aortic branches



Automatic calculation of tortuosity indices and angulations

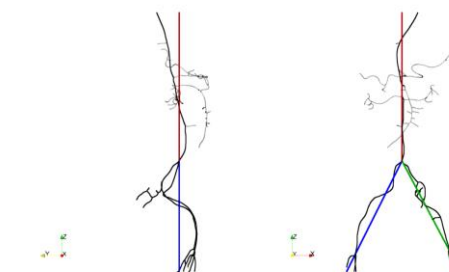
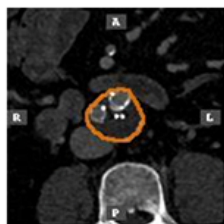
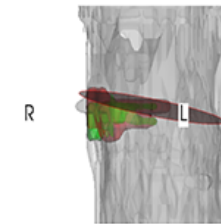
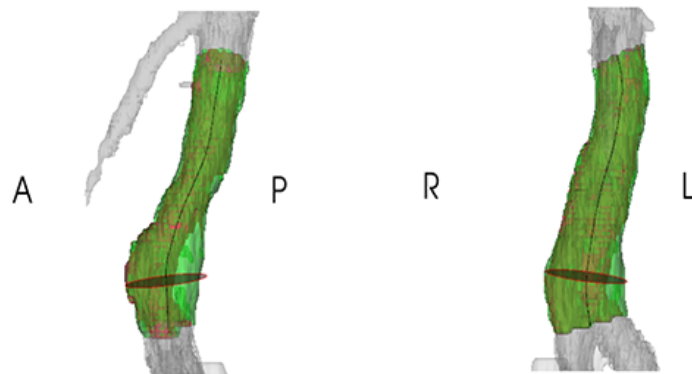
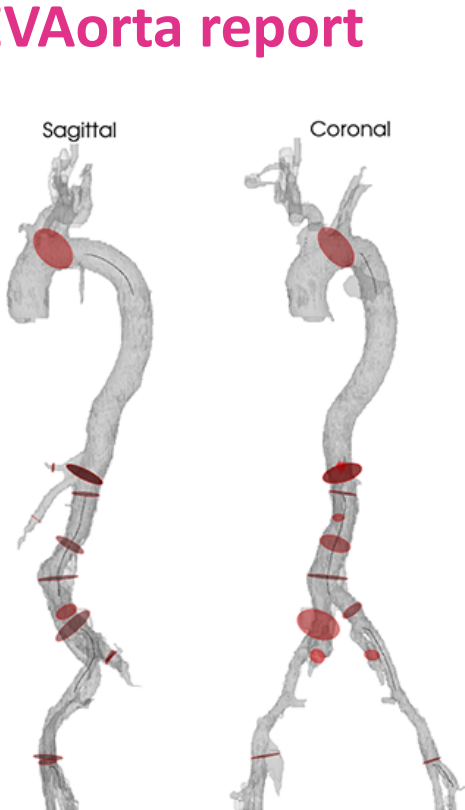


Fig. 7 Example illustrating the CIAs score evaluation: vascular tree (grey), branches corresponding to the aorta and CIAs (black),  $\sqrt{(x^2(u^{210}, v^{210}))^2 + (z^2(u^{210}, v^{210}))^2}$  (blue),  $\sqrt{(x^2(u^{210}, v^{210}))^2 + (z^2(u^{210}, v^{210}))^2}$  (green) and  $z^2(u^{210}, v^{210})$  (red).

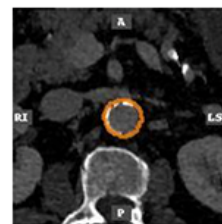
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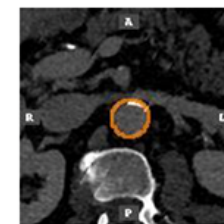
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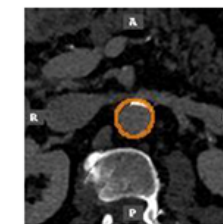
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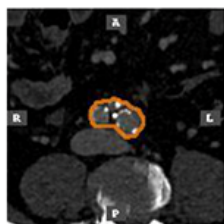
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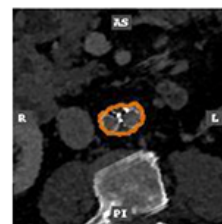
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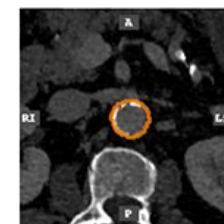
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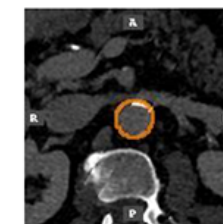
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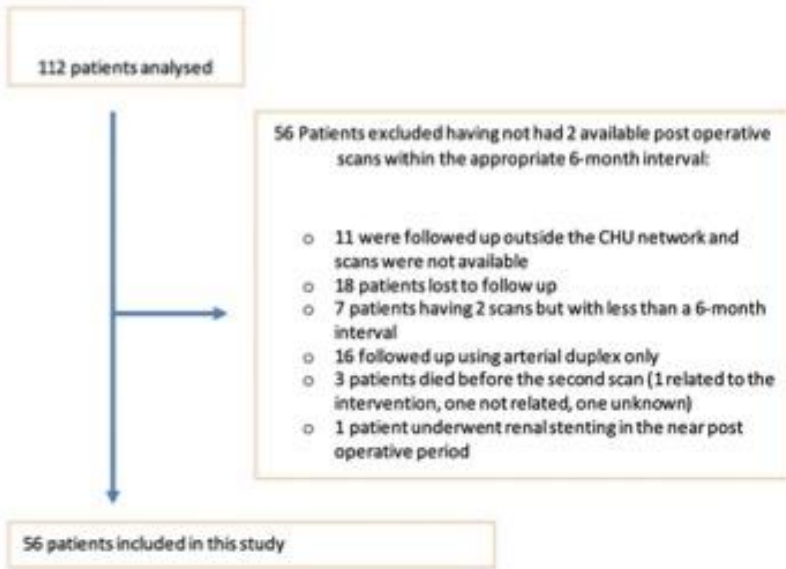
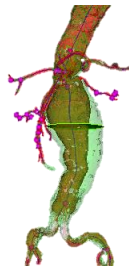


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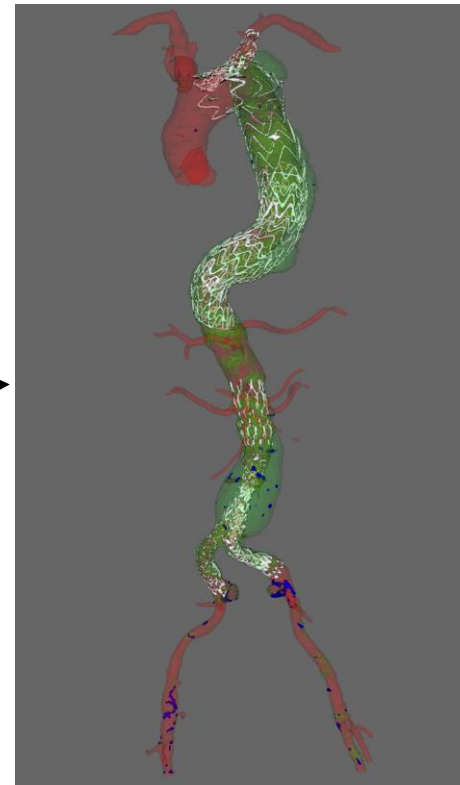
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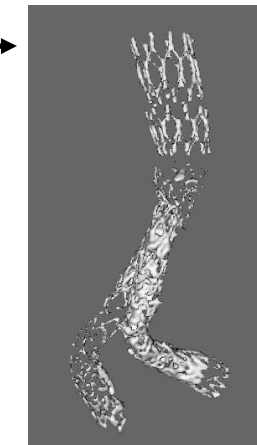
**PRAEVAorta applied to follow-up**



**Median follow-up**  
 CTA : 27months (IQR : 20-40)  
 Clinical : 36months (IQR : 23-45)



TEVAR  
 With a chimney for the Left subclavian artery



EVAR  
 With proximal cuff extension (with suprarenal bare stent)

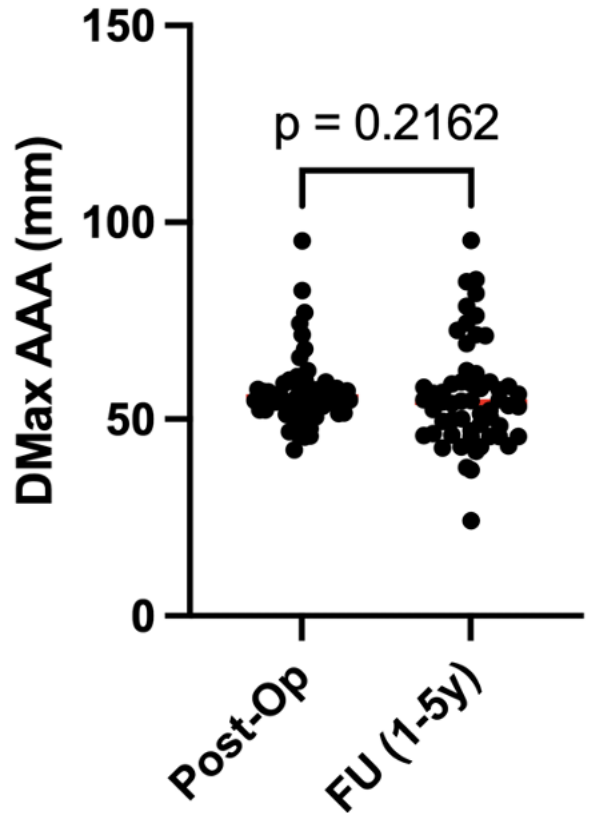
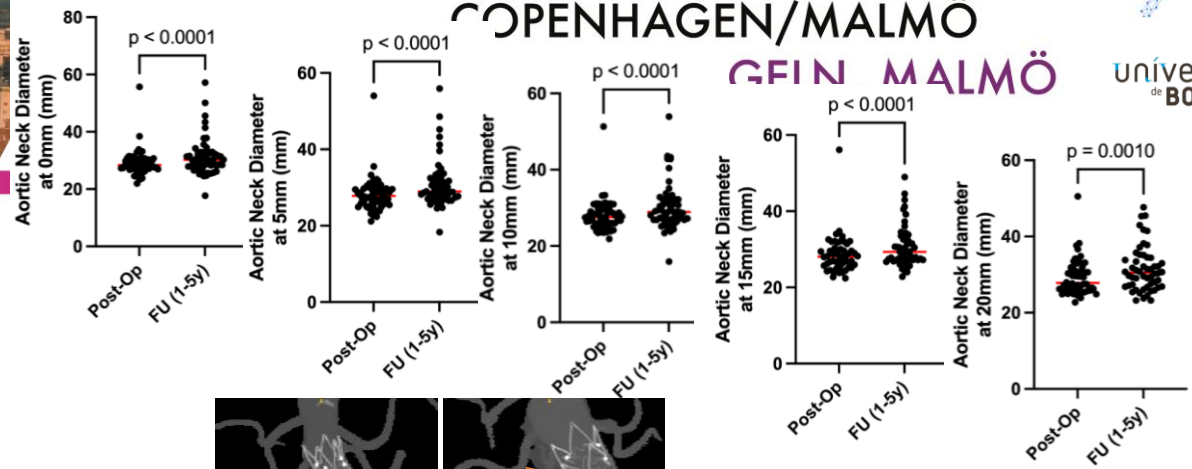
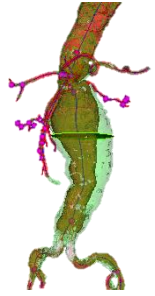
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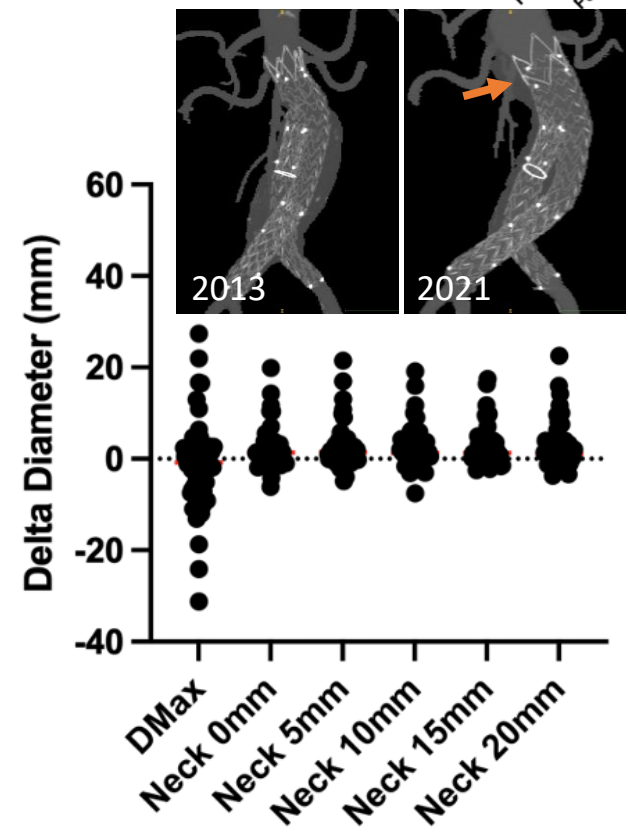
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**Morphological analysis**  
 Diameters



	Post-Op	FU (1-5y)
Minimum	42.21	24.15
25% Percentile	52.33	46.13
Median	55.62	54.34
75% Percentile	59.25	59.47
Maximum	95.36	95.44
Range	53.15	71.29
Mean	56.92	55.97
Std. Deviation	9.041	13.35
Std. Error of Mean	1.198	1.768



	DMax
Minimum	-31.24
25% Percentile	-7.382
Median	-0.7625
75% Percentile	2.591
Maximum	40.59
Range	71.83
Mean	-0.8364
Std. Deviation	11.41
Std. Error of Mean	1.525



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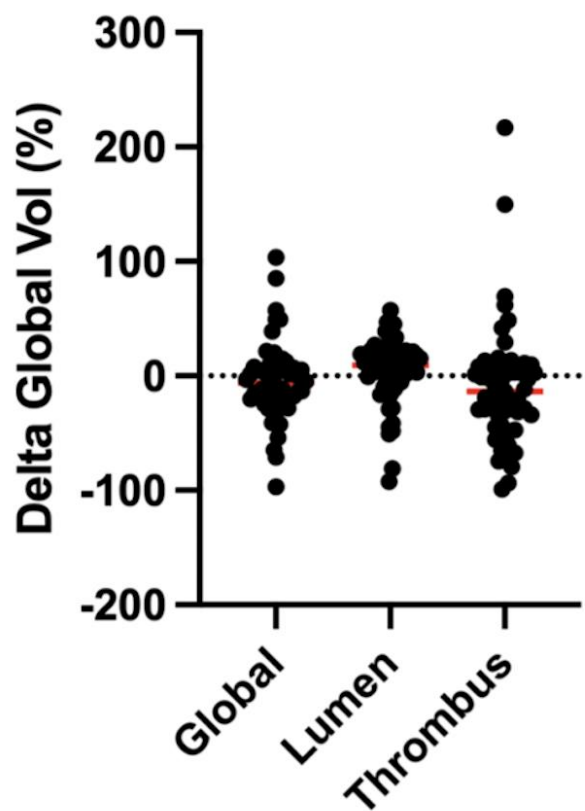
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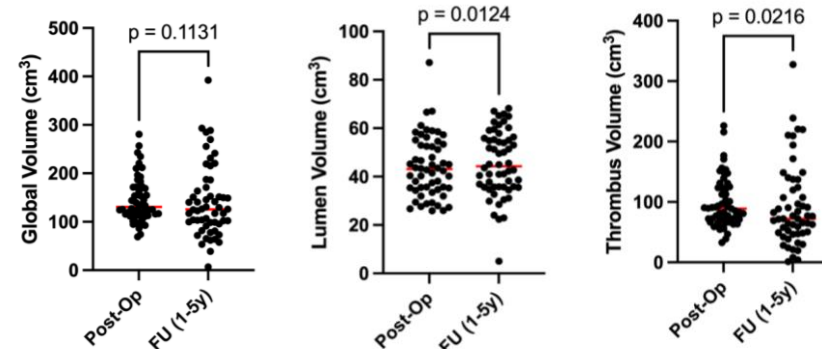
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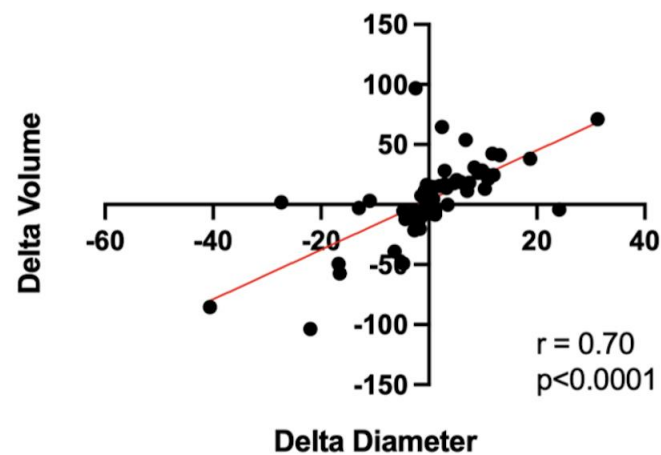
**Volume analysis**



	Global	Lumen	Thrombus
Minimum	-96.96	-92.43	-99.11
25% Percentile	-23.83	-5.104	-34.98
Median	-6.122	9.367	-13.47
75% Percentile	6.730	21.33	8.012
Maximum	103.7	57.34	217.1
Range	200.7	149.8	316.2
Mean	-5.467	4.689	-9.758
Std. Deviation	33.88	28.93	52.53
Std. Error of Mean	4.527	3.866	7.083



Good correlation between Volume and Diameter



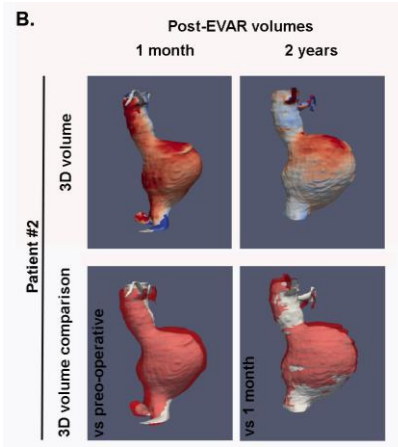
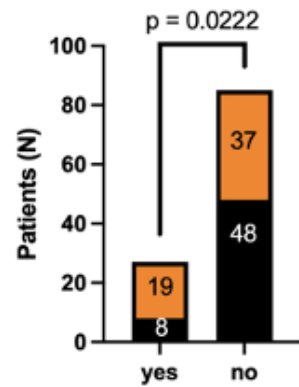
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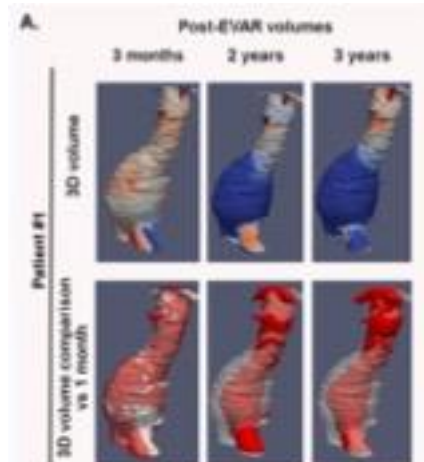
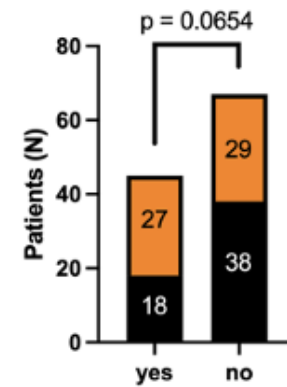
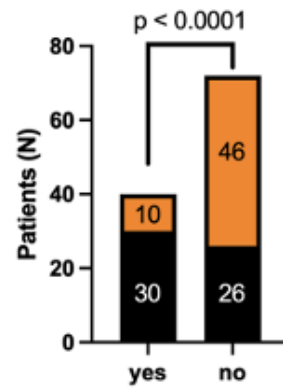


Illustration of Fisher's test comparing the distribution observed between the evolution of aneurysmal volume and the evolution of aneurysmal diameters

Aneurysm volume showed a better sensitivity in predicting aneurysm size increase overtime vs Dmax (p=0.0222)



Patient #2	Preop	Postop - 1mo	Postop - 2y	1m vs 2y
Dmax (mm)	62.1	70.1	72.0	+1.8
Volume : Lumen (cm <sup>3</sup> )	125.0	47.3	50.7	+3.4
Volume : Thrombus (cm <sup>3</sup> )	20.1	161.9	178.0	+16.1
Volume : Total (cm <sup>3</sup> )	145.1	209.2	228.7	+19.5



Patient #1	Preop	Postop - 3mo	Postop - 2y	Postop - 3y	3m vs 3y
Dmax (mm)	52.0	52.7	55.1	55.2	+3.2
Volume : Lumen (cm <sup>3</sup> )	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0	0.0
Volume : Thrombus (cm <sup>3</sup> )	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0
Volume : Total (cm <sup>3</sup> )	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	0.0

<2mm in Dmax  
 ≈10% in vol

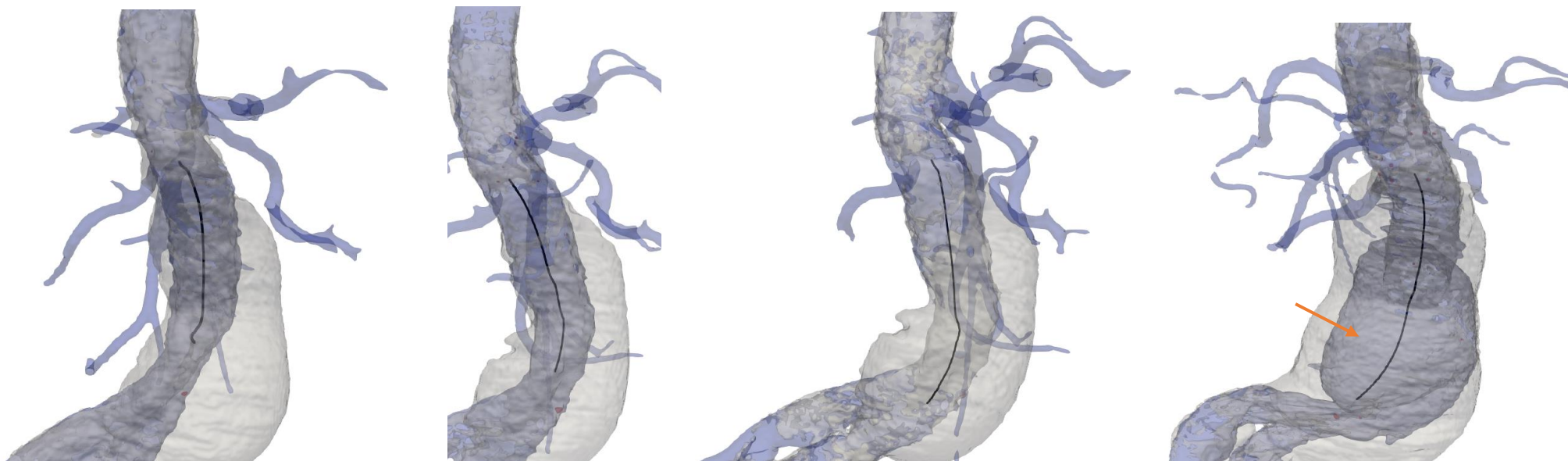
-15mm  
 <50% in vol



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Reference distance for stentgraft disjunction detection: distance from lowest renal artery to stent bifurcation



2013

2014

2015

2019

Dmax (mm) 61.3

58.6

55.9

86.8

Volume (cm<sup>3</sup>) 290

269

252

641

Distance (mm) 78.6

99.7

113.3

142.3

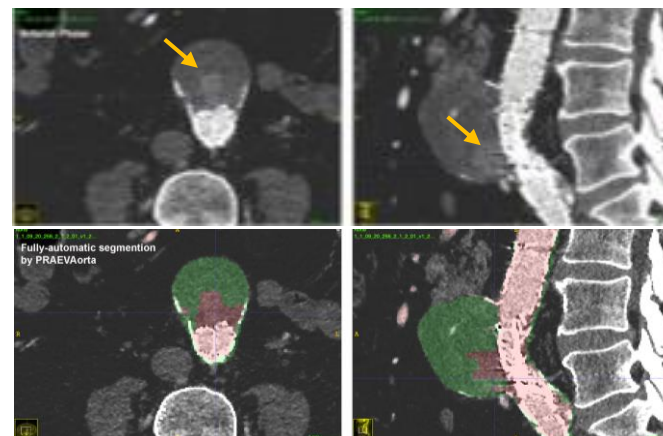
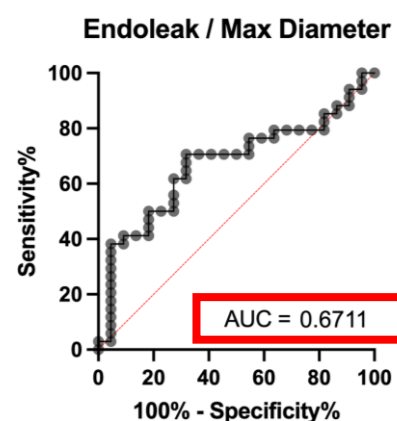
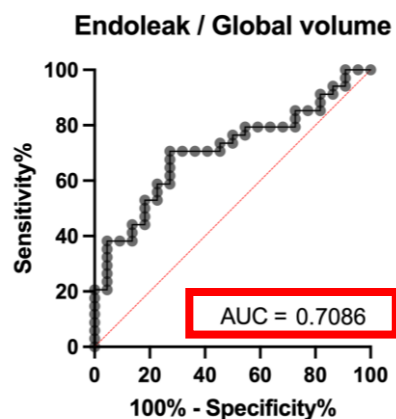


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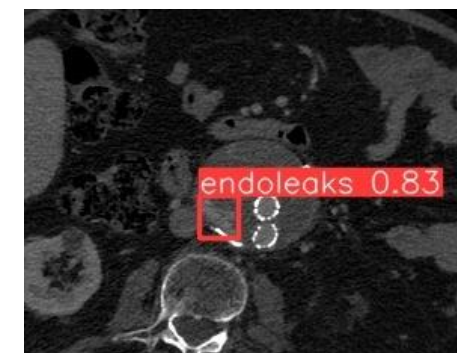
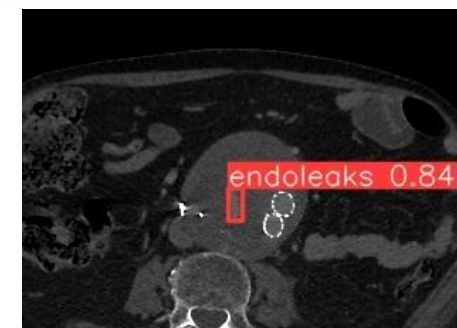
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## Endoleak detection

	Value (%)	95% CI
<b>PRAEVAorta (vs Senior Surgeon)</b>		
<b>Sensitivity</b>	89.47	80.58 to 94.57
<b>Specificity</b>	91.25	83.02 to 95.70
<b>Positive Predictive Value</b>	90.67	81.97 to 95.41
<b>Negative Predictive Value</b>	90.12	81.70 to 94.91



Lumen  
 Thrombus





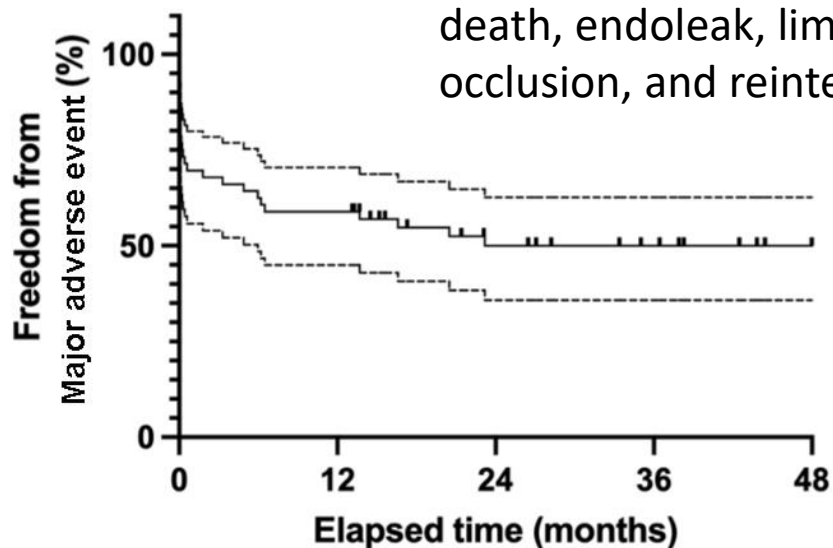
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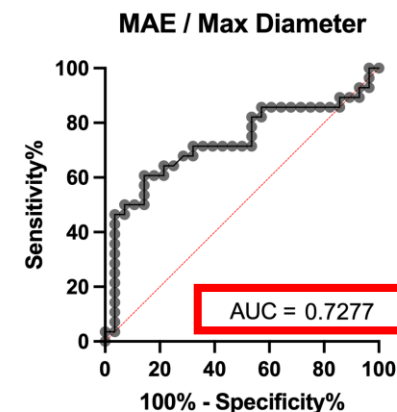
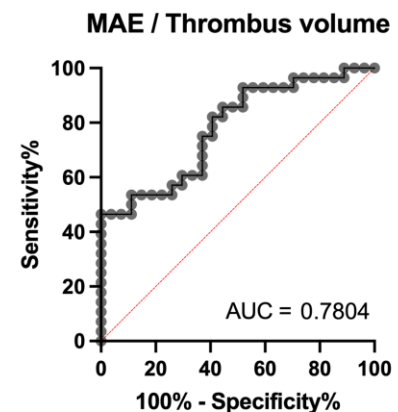
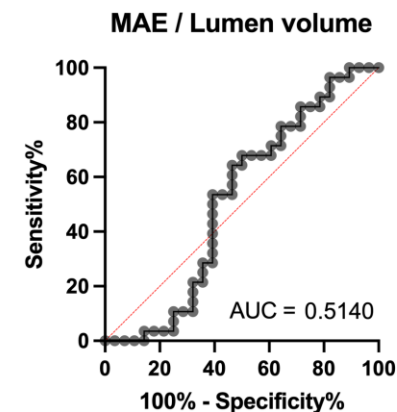
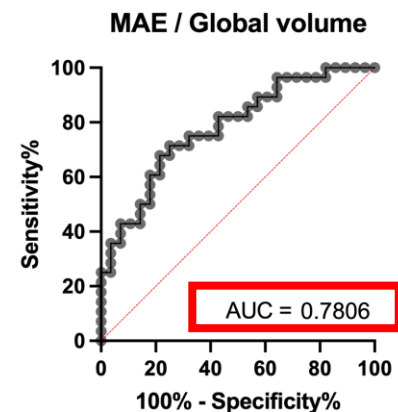


## Predictive performance of volume analysis for MAEs

Major adverse events (MAEs) defined as aneurysm-related death, endoleak, limb occlusion, and reintervention.

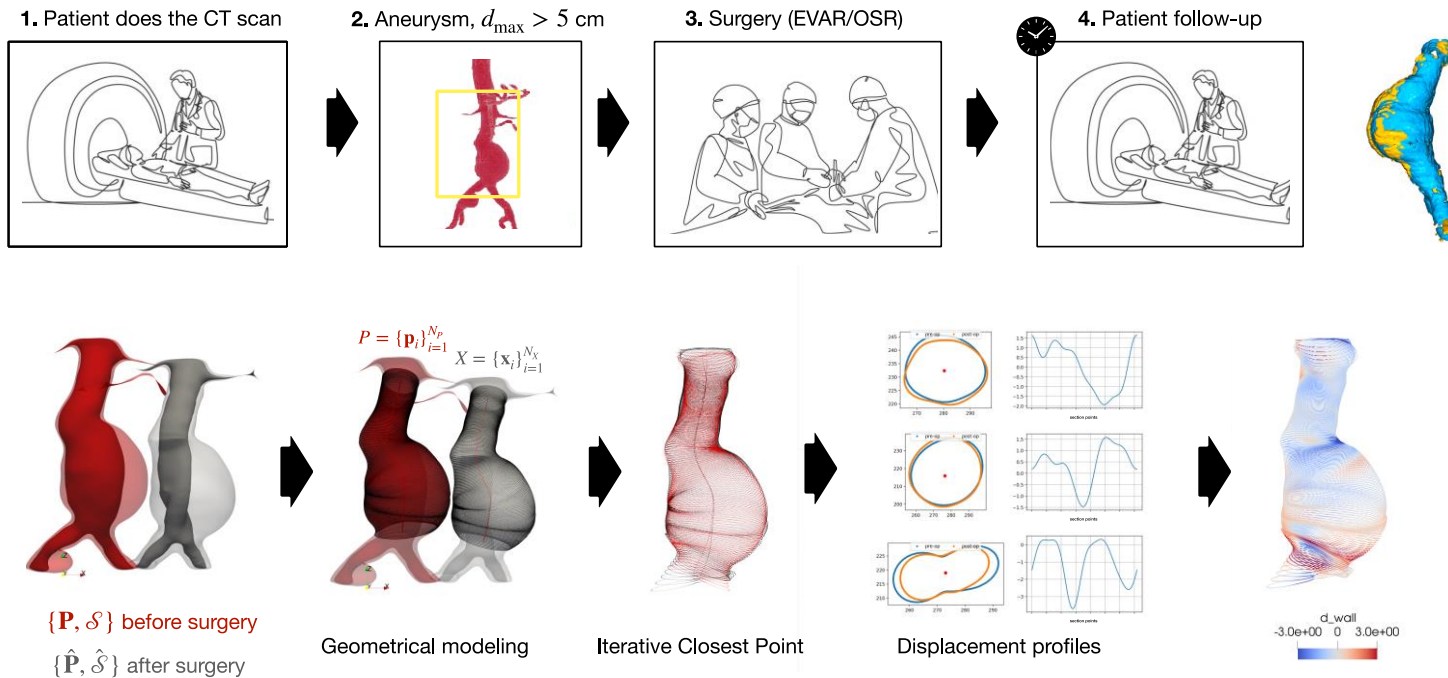


	0	12 months	24 months	36 months	48 months
N at risk	56	34	21	16	9
Survival %	-	58.9	50.0	50.0	50.0
95% CI	-	44.9-70.5	35.8-62.6	35.8-62.6	35.8-62.6



Work in progress : shear stress analysis and risk of rupture

## Registration pipeline. Registered aneurysm



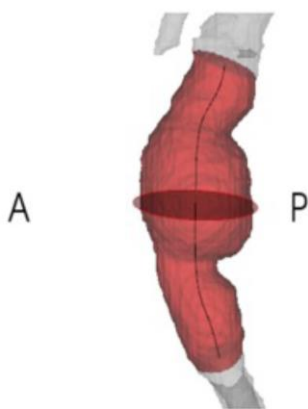


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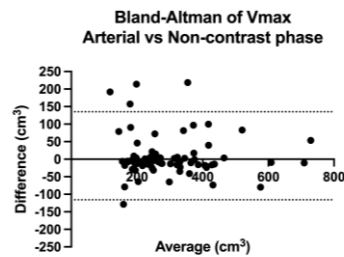
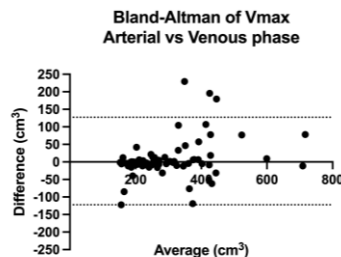
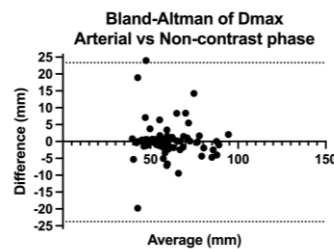
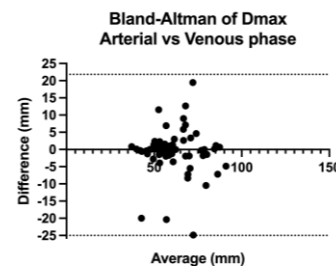
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**Comparison of fully automatic segmentation using PRAEVAorta2 for diameters and volumes**

82 patients with arterial, venous and non-contrast phase CT



Fully automatic segmentation	Arterial phase (ground truth)	Venous phase	p value	Non-contrast phase	p value
<b>Max aortic transverse diameter (mm)</b>	60.2±12.4	61.8±18.7	.476	60.4±17.3	.540
<b>Global Volume (cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	298.2±125.9	295.8±16.4	.445	288.5±125.4	.186
<b>Lumen Volume (cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	153.8±62.0	159.5±64.7	.014	NA	NA
<b>Thrombus Volume (cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	138.0±90.5	130.6±89.7	.074	NA	NA
<b>Time for analysis (sec)*</b>	213.9±102.7	114.4±36.1	<.001	140.0±288.7	<.001



PRAEVAorta<sup>®</sup>2 algorithms produce comparable results for assessing Dmax and Vmax across the 3 different phases.

Optimize AAA FU by identifying at-risk patients from non-dedicated scans or non-contrast CTs

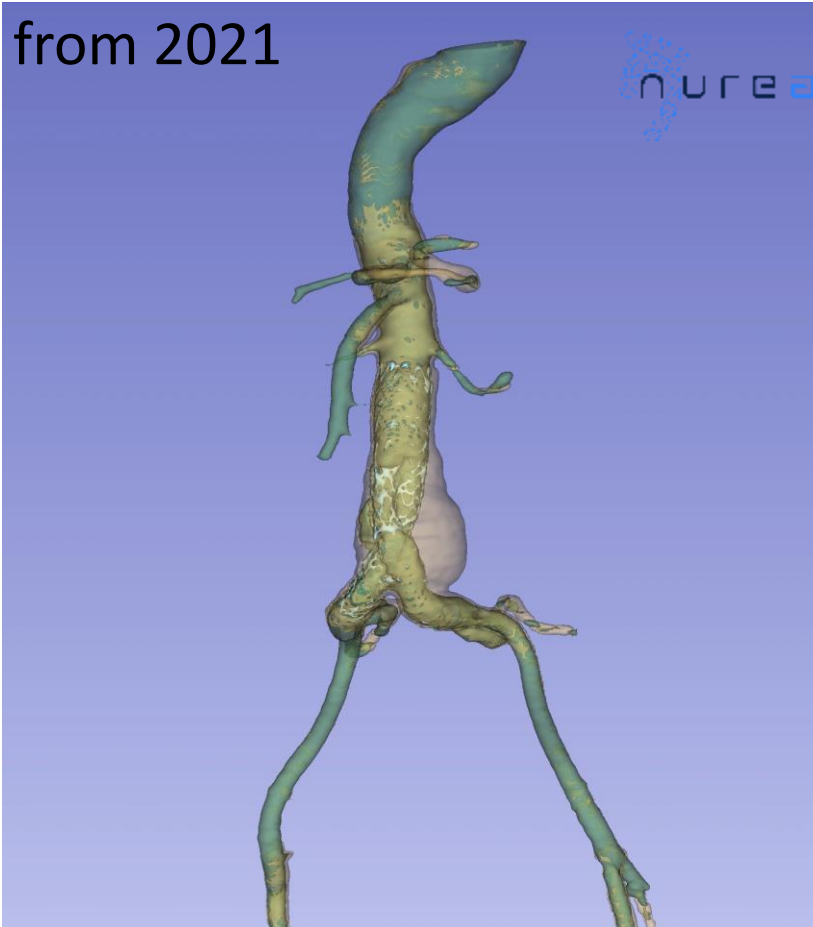
- ↘ number of scans / patient
- ↘ healthcare costs
- ↘ patient exposure to radiation and contrast media

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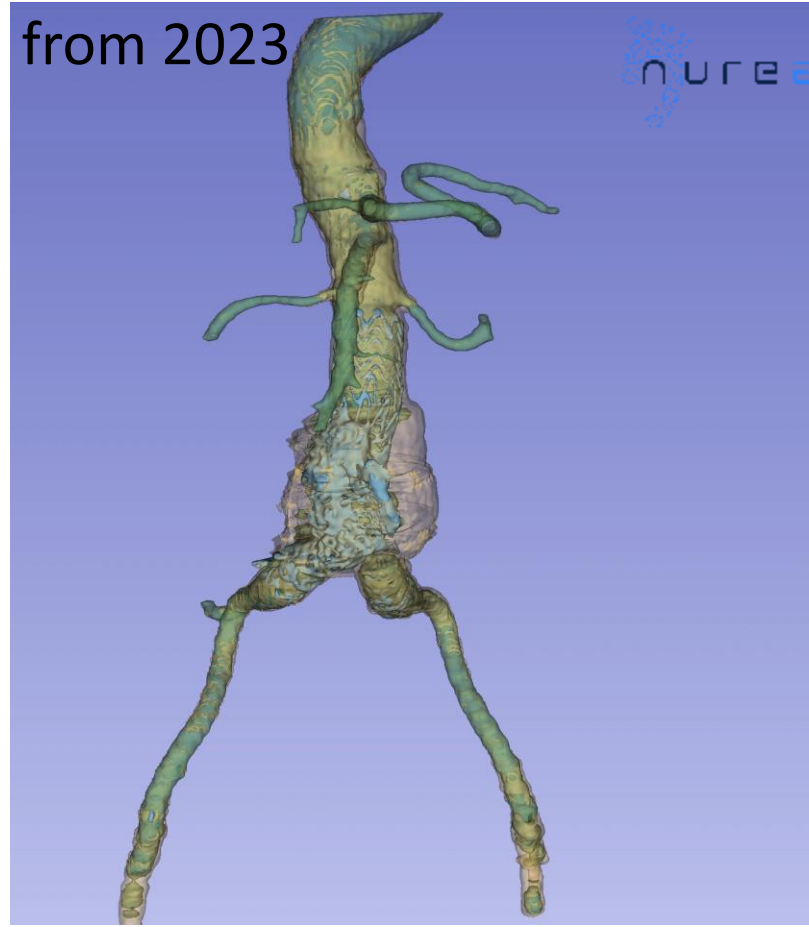
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84 yo patient : Comparison of angio CT scans

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## Automated segmentation of the infra renal aorta with analysis :

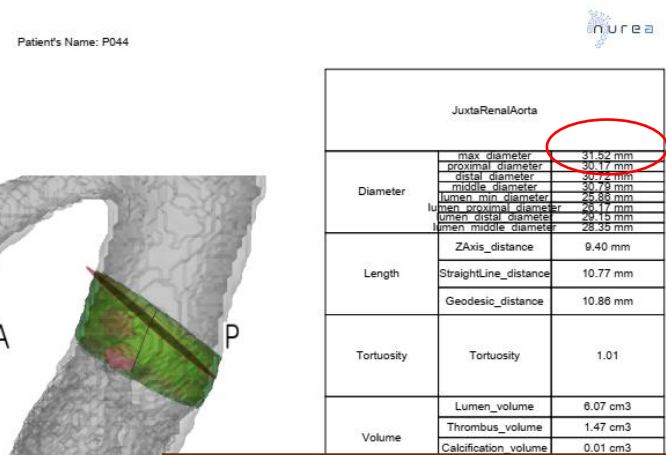
- Max diameter
- Global volume/ lumen, wall volume
- Neck diameters, lengths and volumes



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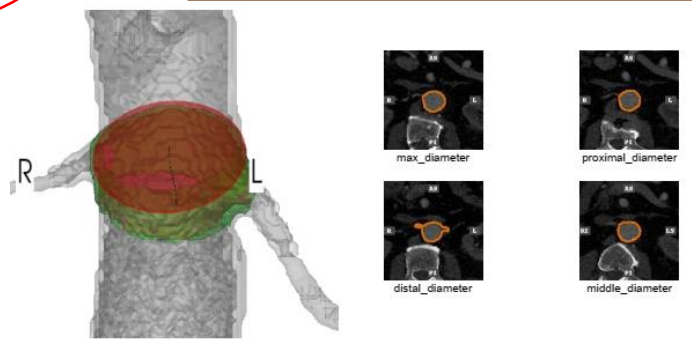
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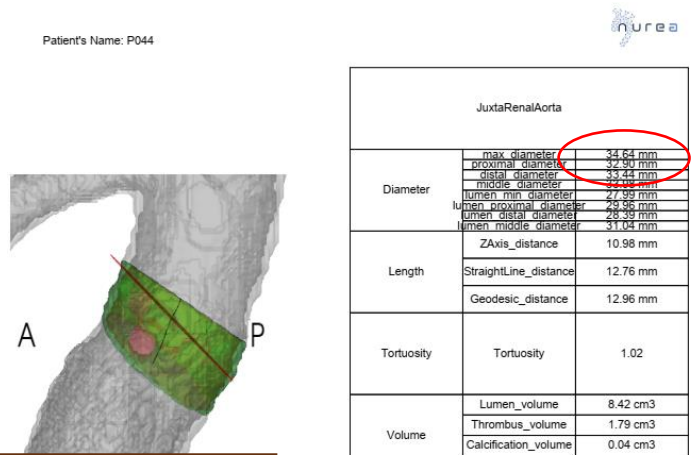


Infrarenal Maximal Diameter: 56.4 mm  
 Volume Infrarenal: 144.0 cm<sup>3</sup>

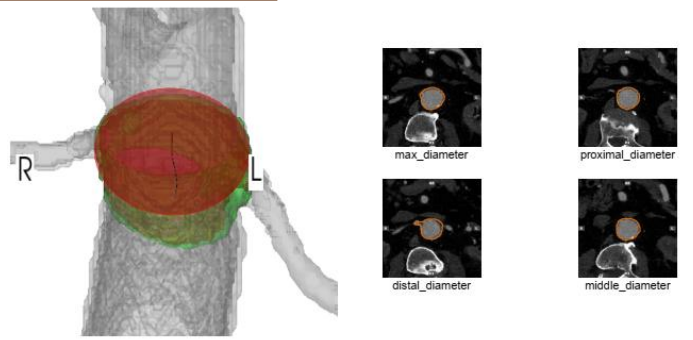
**Neck enlargement  
 Plan for FEVAR for increasing risk of type Ia EL after EVAR ??**



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Infrarenal Maximal Diameter: 67.5 mm  
 Volume Infrarenal: 166.6 cm<sup>3</sup>





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## Take Home Message

- **AI**
  - **Surgical planning**
    - with all important measurements and automatic branch detection
  - **Follow-up**
    - Global volume = better predictive value vs Dmax
    - Detect endoleak, and predict complications
    - Neck enlargement = seems important to monitor (not done in current practice)
- **AI = Big Diagnostic help**
  - More Patients, more CT-scans analyzed, easier and quicker surveillance
  - Detect patients at risk of reintervention and rupture early on



Thank you for your attention

