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Meta-Analysis of Computed Tomography Imaging in the Assessment of Extrarenal Fat Invasion in Renal Cell Carcinoma Patients

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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective To use metaanalysis to determine the diagnostic performance of computed tomography (CT) imaging in renal cell carcinoma patients with extrarenal fat (perinephric or renal sinus fat) invasion.

Rationale Firstly, imaging is the most commonly utilized medical examination for clinical staging in patients with renal cell carcinoma, particularly computed tomography (CT). Secondly, at present, there are many studies on CT evaluation of renal cell carcinoma staging, especially involving T3a staging. However, previous studies have reported the diagnostic accuracy of CT for PFI and RSFI with conflicting sensitivity and specificity, and even among studies assessing the same CT features. Thirdly, Our team has also published a review of related subject research before.

Condition being studied The T stage in renal cell carcinoma (RCC) is a critical consideration for risk stratification, of which T3a has a great significance for clinical decision-making and prognostic assessment. Based on the Tumor Node Metastasis (TNM) system from the 8th American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging guidelines, RCC with renal vein, perinephric fat, renal sinus fat or pelvicalyceal system invasion is defined as T3a. T3a is a high-risk subgroup of worse prognosis, which needs to be managed by more radical measures. Among different locally extended tumor growth, in total, renal sinus fat invasion (RSFI) has a relatively poor prognosis, and any combination of extrarenal invasion shows worse overall survival (OS) or cancer-specific survival (CSS). Per the European Association of Urology (EAU) Guideline Group for RCC, radical nephrectomy (RN) is the standard therapy for locally advanced (T3a) RCC, whether laparotomy or laparoscope. As for localized RCC(T1-2), nephron-sparing surgery (NSS) is a preferred option, which can low the risk of cardiovascular and metabolic disorders by preserving partial renal function. Therefore, pretreatment knowledge of tumor stage, and particularly T3a, could provide important prognostic information and guide optimal patient management.

METHODS

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Participant or population Renal cell carcinoma patients with PFI and RSFI assessed by CT.

Intervention No intervention.

Comparator No comparative intervention.

Study designs to be included Diagnostic studies.

Eligibility criteria Inclusion criteria: the assessment of above local invasion by CT is limited to the qualitative sign analysis and quantitative data measurement of relevant image data by radiologists.

Information sources 1.Electronic databases: PubMed, Web of Science, EMBASE and Cochrane Library databases 2.Grey literature.

Main outcome(s) (a) studies involving minors were excluded (the main pathological type of them is usually the Wilms' tumor); (b) studies on renal capsule invasion (renal capsule invasion and infiltration was two distinct pathological results); (c) studies in which the texture analysis, radiomics and artificial intelligence were the only assessment methods (one exception in which human interpretation was the comparison of the above tools and there are available data).

Additional outcome(s) No.

Data management Excel table.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis Risk of bias and concerns regarding applicability were assessed using the Quality Assessment of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies-2 (QUADAS-2) tool by two reviewers.

Strategy of data synthesis Pooled summary estimates for sensitivity, specificity, diagnostic odds ratio (DOR), negative likelihood ratio, and positive likelihood ratio were obtained from a bivariate mixed effects model, considering all included studies and other subsets of composable CT features and criteria. The potential heterogeneity between all included studies was assessed by the Cochran's Q-statistic and I2 tests. A summary curve of diagnostic performance-the area under the curve (AUC), was obtained by the hierarchical summary receiver operating characteristics (HSROC) model. Publication bias of included studies was evaluated by Deek's funnel plot.

Statistical analysis was performed using STATA, version MP 16.0 (stataMP). The significance level was set at P < 0.05.

Subgroup analysis The univariate metaregression, or subgroup analysis were performed based on publication year, number of patients, number of readers, number of CT imaging features or criteria, and consensus read, which we anticipated could represent heterogeneity sources.

Sensitivity analysis No sensitivity analysis.

Language restriction No language restriction.

Country(ies) involved China.

Other relevant information No

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