

MRI detection of residual disease following neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NAC) in the I-SPY 2 TRIAL

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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this study is to determine if the combination of longest diameter (LD) measured by the radiologist and functional tumor volume (FTV) measured automatically by the computer can improve the predictive performance of FTV for assessing treatment response after neoadjuvant therapy in breast cancer patients. I-SPY 2 is a multicenter, phase 2 trial using response-adaptive randomization within biomarker subtypes to evaluate a series of novel agents when added to standard neoadjuvant therapy for women with high-risk stage II/III breast cancer.

PATIENTS

Eligible tumors must meet one of the following criteria: Stage II or III, or T4, any N, MO, including clinical or pathologic inflammatory cancer or Regional Stage IV, where supraclavicular lymph nodes are the only sites metastasis. A sub-cohort of 744 patients (median age: 49; range: 24–77 y/o), from the completed drug arms in I-SPY 2 with all four MRI exams and RCB outcomes were included in this study (Table 1).

Table 1 Patient characteristics

	N	N of breast pCR (rate)	N of pCR (rate)	N of RCB III (rate)
Full cohort	744	301 (41%)	268 (36%)	104 (14%)
HR+/HER2-	295	72 (24%)	58 (20%)	59 (20%)
HR+/HER2+	118	47 (40%)	42 (36%)	16 (14%)
HR-/HER2+	63	42 (67%)	42 (67%)	4 (6%)
HR-/HER2-	268	140 (52%)	126 (47%)	25 (9%)

LD AND FTV IN MRI

MRI was acquired at four time points: Baseline (pre-NAC, T0), early (after 3 weeks of NAC, T1), inter-regimen (between two regimens, T2), pre-surgery (post-NAC, T3). Percent changes at T1 to T3 were also calculated (Figure 1).

- **Longest diameter of disease (LD)**
Measured by radiologist (diameter measurements at treatment time points were required to be along the same axis as baseline)
- **Functional tumor volume (FTV)**
Calculated by the sum of voxels with enhancement above pre-defined thresholds in the constraining volume of interest (VOI)
- **A linearized variable to combine FTV and LD (FTV_LD)**
$$FTV_LD = \sqrt{FTV^{1/3} \times LD}$$

METHODS

Definition of residual disease

- **Breast pCR:** in-breast RCB=0: yes; in-breast RCB>0: no
- **pCR:** no residual disease in breast or nodes at surgery

Statistic analysis

- **Single predictors:** FTV3, LD3 and FTV_LD3 at the pre-surgery
- **Multivariate analysis:** FTV_LD3 comb, a optimized logistic regression model that combines FTV_LD3 with FTV measured at all time points

RESULTS

Figure 2 AUCs of using pre-surgery FTV (FTV3) alone, LD alone (LD3), combined variable (FTV_LD3), and the combination of FTV_LD3 with FTV predictors to predict breast pCR

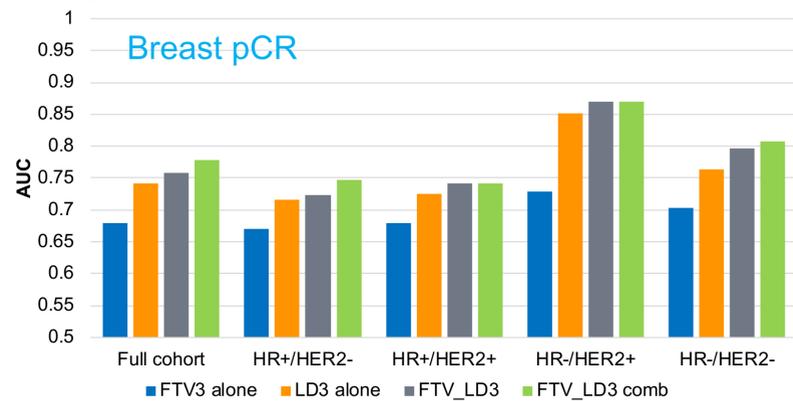


Figure 3 AUCs of using pre-surgery FTV (FTV3) alone, LD alone (LD3), combined variable (FTV_LD3), and the combination of FTV_LD3 with FTV predictors to predict pCR

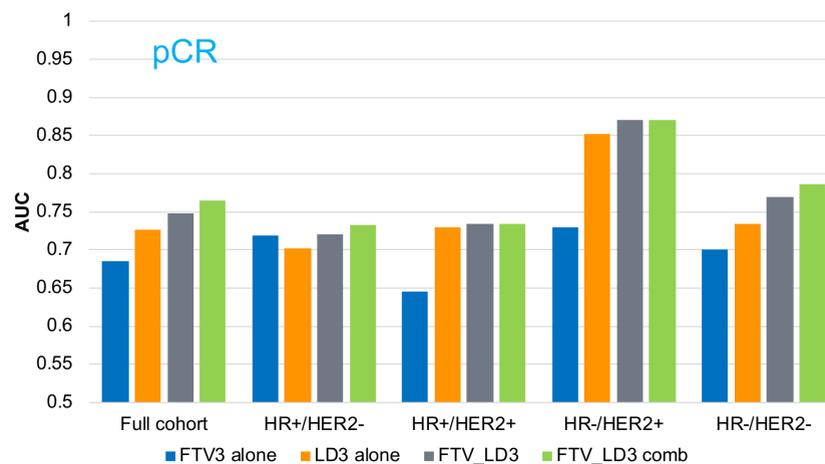


Figure 4 AUCs of using pre-surgery FTV (FTV3) alone, LD alone (LD3), combined variable (FTV_LD3), and the combination of FTV_LD3 with FTV predictors to predict RCB III

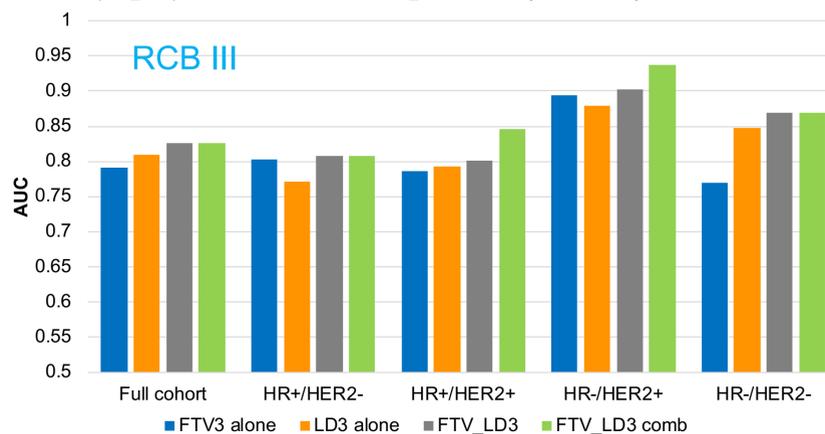
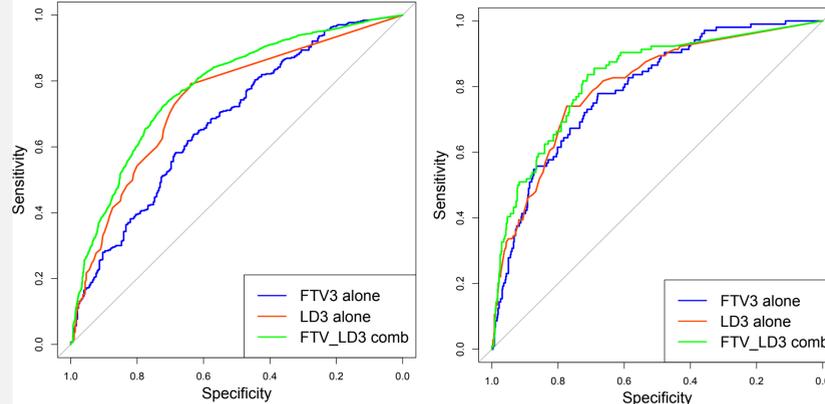


Figure 5 ROC curves of using FTV3 alone, LD3 alone, and FTV_LD3 combined with FTV predictors to predict breast pCR (left) and RCB III (right)



FTV_LD3 comb: FTV_LD3 + %ΔFTV0_1
AUCs are 0.68 for FTV3 alone, 0.74 for LD3 alone, and 0.78 for FTV_LD3 comb

FTV_LD3 comb: FTV_LD3
AUCs are 0.79 for FTV3 alone, 0.81 for LD3 alone, and 0.83 for FTV_LD3 comb

DISCUSSION & CONCLUSIONS

- FTV is an automated and 100% reproducible measurement that is used under FDA-IDE approval to adjust randomization and measure response over treatment in I-SPY 2, while LD is measured by the radiologist and is often subjective
- Combined models perform the best in all cases and LD provides the most additive value for prediction of pCR
- MRI, either single or combined measures is better for predicting significant residual disease (i.e. RCB III) than no residual disease (breast pCR)

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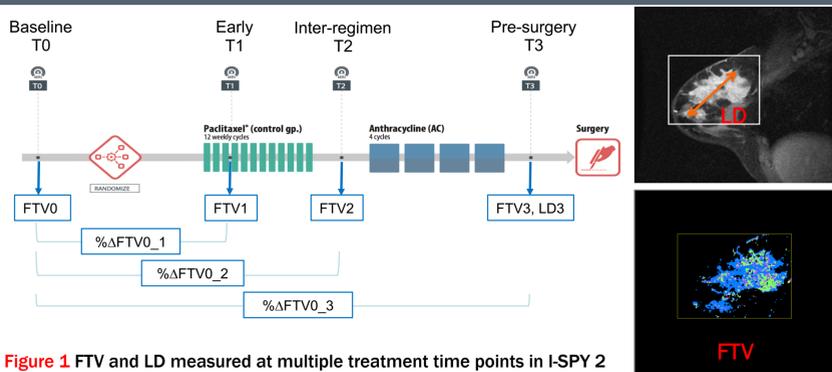


Figure 1 FTV and LD measured at multiple treatment time points in I-SPY 2