

# Pre-Procedure Imaging Guidance, Targeting, and Quantification

## Customizing the ablation strategy with robotic assistance

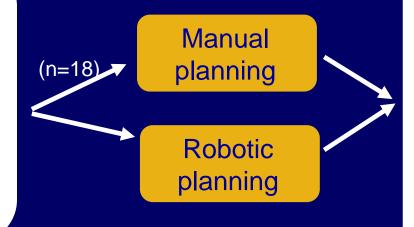
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### Robotic-Assisted Ablation Strategy Trial

#### Main inclusion criteria

- Liver CRC mets
- Tumor number <4, ≤4 cm
- Venous phase CT (at least 2.5 mm collimation, 2.5 mm reconstruction interval)



#### Primary endpoints

- Any change in ablation strategy
- Change in ablation protocol
- Change in entry point

#### Secondary endpoints

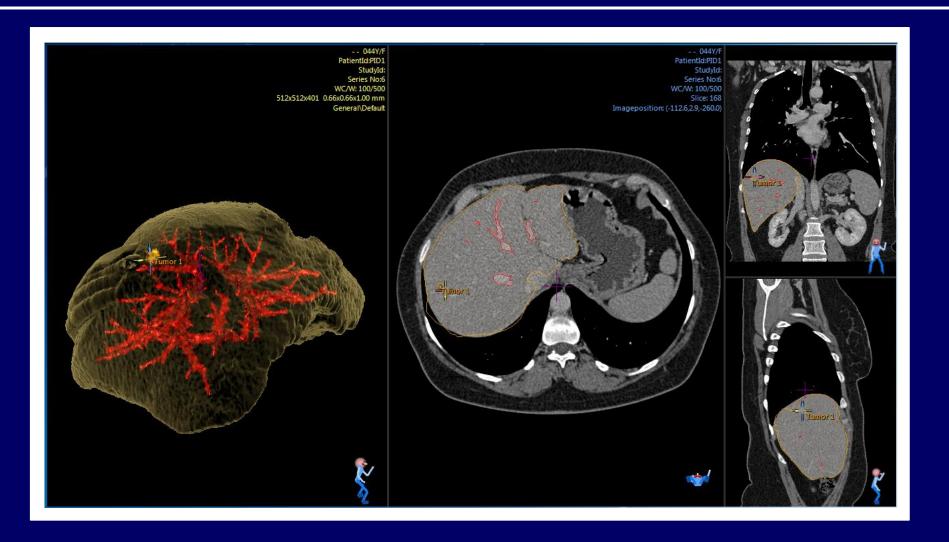
- Quality of liver, vessels and tumor segmentation (1=poor, 5= excellent)
- Ablation planning time

#### Materials and Methods

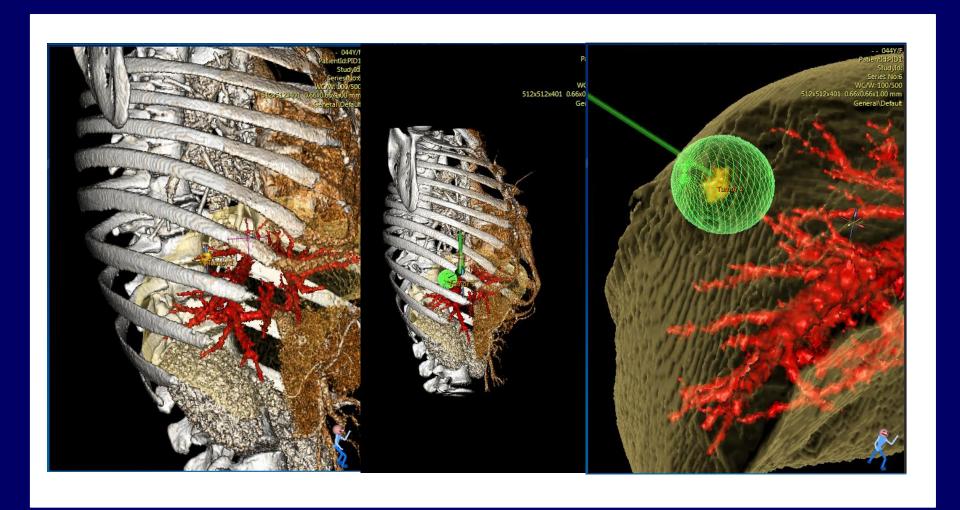
- 18 liver CRC mets in 16 CT studies
  - Lesion size (mean 18.7 mm, median 16.5 mm)
- RF ablation as standard procedure, MW available
- 6 ablation protocols
  - RF (straight/expandable)
  - MW (power, duration, overlapping)
- Manual planning
- Robotic-assisted planning, Maxio<sup>TM</sup> software, Perfint Healthcare Corporation



## MAXIOTM :Segmentation



## MAXIOTM: Planning

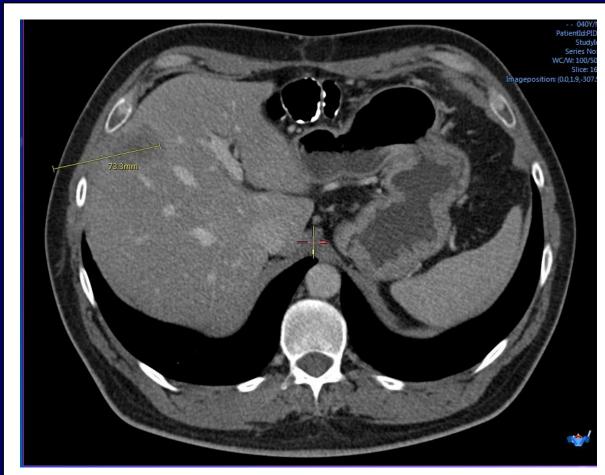


## Results: Primary endpoints

| Change in ablation strategy (18 lesions) |                       |             |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Change in ablation protocol              | Change in entry point | Any change  |  |  |  |
| 9/18 (50%)                               | 7/18 (39%)            | 11/18 (61%) |  |  |  |

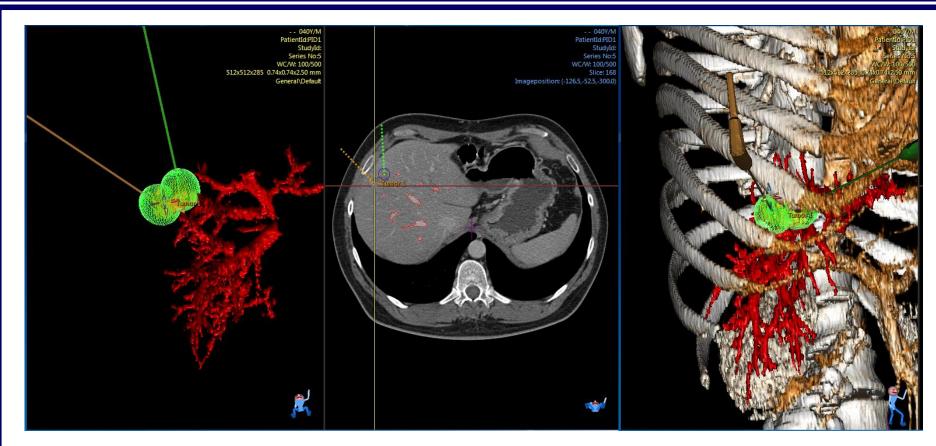
- RF ablation according to manual planning changed to MW ablation with Maxio planning in 3 cases
- MW ablation according to manual planning changed to RF ablation with Maxio planning in 1 case

### Results: Lesion # 15



 Manual planning: RF ablation with expandable needle, 5 cm deployment

#### Results: Lesion # 15



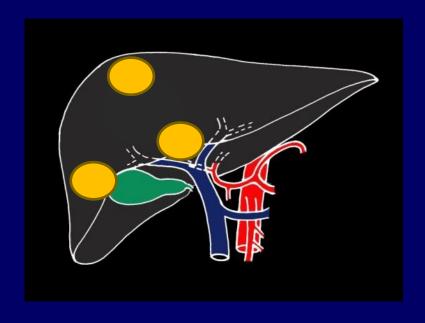
Maxio planning: MW overlapping ablations, 120W, 4 min

## Results: Secondary end-points

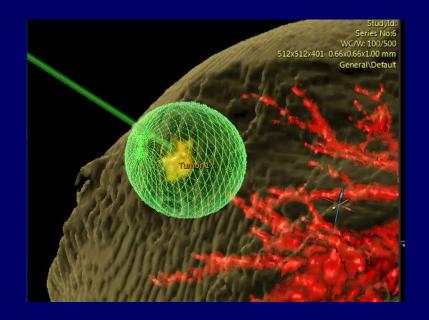
| Lesion | Ablation planning time (min) |       | Quality of segmentation |       |         |
|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|---------|
|        | Manual                       | Maxio | Liver                   | Tumor | Vessels |
| 01     | 3                            | 20    | 4 *                     | 4     | 5       |
| 02     | 2                            | 18    | 4 *                     | 5     | 5       |
| 03     | 4                            | 19    | 4 *                     | 5     | 5       |
| 04     | 3                            | 16    | 5                       | 5     | 5       |
| 05     | 3                            | 15    | 5                       | 5     | 5       |
| 06     | 4                            | 18    | 4                       | 4 **  | 5       |
| 07     | 2                            | 15    | 5                       | 5     | 5       |
| 08     | 2                            | 15    | 4 *                     | 5     | 5       |
| 09     | 2                            | 9     | 5                       | 5     | 5       |
| 10     | 3                            | 10    | 5                       | 5     | 5       |
| 11     | 2                            | 6     | 5                       | 5     | 5       |
| 12     | 3                            | 13    | 5                       | 5     | 4 †     |
| 13     | 4                            | 11    | 5                       | 4     | 5       |
| 14     | 2                            | 7     | 5                       | 4 *** | 5       |
| 15     | 2                            | 12    | 5                       | 5     | 5       |
| 16     | 4                            | 10    | 5                       | 5     | 4 †     |
| 17     | 2                            | 8     | 5                       | 5     | 4 †     |
| 18     | 3                            | 12    | 5                       | 5     | 5       |

<sup>\*</sup> previous hepatic resection

## Customizing ablation, the recipe of success?



**Appropriate ablation strategy** 



Appropriate imaging planning