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Main document

Abstract: All submissions (except for Letters to the Editor) should be accompanied by an abstract limited to 400 words. A structured abstract is only required with original articles and it should include the following sub-headings: PURPOSE, METHODS, RESULTS, CONCLUSION.

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sage that is intended to be conveyed to the readers. As these main points would be targeting radiology residents, experts and residents of other fields of medicine, as well as radiology experts, they should be kept as plain and simple as possible. These points should be constructed in a way that provides the readers with a general overview of the article and enables them to have a general idea about the article.

The main points should be listed at the end of the main text, above the reference list.

Example: Liu S, Xu X, Cheng Q, et al. Simple quantitative measurement based on DWI to objectively judge DWI-FLAIR mismatch in a canine stroke model. *Diagn Interv Radiol* 2015; 21:348–354.

- The relative diffusion-weighted imaging signal intensity (rDWI) of ischemic lesions might be helpful to identify the status of fluid attenuated inversion recovery (FLAIR) imaging in acute ischemic stroke.
- The relative apparent diffusion coefficient (rADC) value appears not useful to identify the status of FLAIR imaging in the acute period.
- Based on our embolic canine model, rDWI increased gradually in the acute period, while the rADC kept stable, which might explain why rDWI is helpful to identify the status of FLAIR imaging, while rADC is not.

Main text

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Original articles should provide new information based on original research. The main text should be structured with Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion subheadings. The number of cited references should not exceed 50 and the main text should be limited to 4500 words. Number of tables included in an original article should be limited to 4 and the number of figures should be limited to 7 (or a total of 15 figure parts).

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State briefly the nature and purpose of the work, quoting the relevant literature.

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Include the details of clinical and technical procedures.

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Present these clearly, concisely, and without comment. Statistical analysis results should also be provided in this section to support conclusions when available.

Discussion

Explain your results and relate them to those of other authors; define their significance for clinical practice. Limitations, drawbacks, or shortcomings of the study should also be stated in the discussion section before the conclusion paragraph. In the last paragraph, a strong conclusion should be written.

Review Articles

Review articles are scientific analyses of recent developments on a specific topic as reported in the literature. No new information is described, and no opinions or personal experiences are expressed. Reviews include only the highlights on a subject. Main text should be limited to 4000 words and the number of cited references should not exceed 75. Number of tables included in a review article should be limited to 4 and the number of figures should be limited to 15 (or a total of 30 figure parts).

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This is a continuing medical education exercise with the teaching message in the figures and their legends. Text should include a brief abstract; there may be as many as 30 figure parts. No new information is included. The value of the paper turns on the quality of the illustrations. Authors can submit dynamic images (e.g. video files) or include supplemental image files for online presentation that further illustrate the educational purpose of the essay. Maximums: Pages of text – 4 (1,500 words); References – 15; Figures – 15 or total of 30 images; No table

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Technical note is a brief description of a specific technique, procedure, modification of a technique, or new equipment of interest to radiologists. It should include a brief introduction followed by Technique section for case reports or Methods section for case series, and Discussion is limited to the specific message, including the uses of the technique, equipment, or software. Literature reviews and lengthy descriptions of cases are not appropriate.

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Letters to the Editor and Replies should offer objective and constructive criticism of published articles within last 6 months. Letters may also discuss matters of general interest to radiologists and may include images. Material being submitted or published elsewhere should not be duplicated in letters.

Main text should be limited to 500 words and the number of cited references should not exceed 4. No tables should be included and the number of figures should be limited to 2 (or a total of 4 figure parts).

References

References should be numbered consecutively in the order they are referred to within the main text and all references listed in the reference list should be referred to within the main text in parenthesis. Style and punctuation of each reference in the reference list should be in accordance with the examples listed below;

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Review Article	4000	200	75	5	4	15 figures or total of 30 figure parts
Pictorial Essay	1500	400	15	5	No tables	15 figures or total of 30 figure parts
Technical Note	1500	200	8	5	4	3 figures or total of 6 figure parts
Letter	500	N/A	4	4	No tables	2 figures or total of 4 figure parts

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Epub ahead of print articles: Abboud S, Raparia K, Ubago JM, Resnick S. AngioVac extraction of intra-atrial hepatoma masquerading as PICC-associated thrombus. *Diagn Interv Radiol* 2015 DOI: 10.5152/dir.2015.15243. Published online 28 October 2015.

Books:

Chapter in a book: Hull RD, Hirsh J. Comparative value of tests for the diagnosis of venous thrombosis. In: Bernstein EF, ed. *Noninvasive diagnostic techniques in vascular disease*. 3rd ed. St. Louis: Mosby, 1985; 779–796.

Personal author(s): Watanabe M, Takeda S, Ikeuchi H. *Atlas of arthroscopy*. 2nd ed. Tokyo: Igaku Shoin, 1969; 57–59.

Editor(s), compiler(s) as author: Norman IJ, Redfern SJ, eds. *Mental health care for elderly people*. New York: Churchill Livingstone; 1996.

Article in electronic format: Polgreen PM, Diekema DJ, Vandenberg J, et al. Risk factors for groin wound infection after femoral artery catheterization: a case-control study. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* [Internet] 2006; 27:34–37. Cited October 2015. Available from: <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/ICHE/journal/issues/v27n1/2004069/2004069.web.pdf>

Conference paper: Rice AS, Farquhar-Smith WP, Bridges D, Brooks JW. Cannabinoids and pain. In: Dostorovsky JO, Carr DB, Koltzenburg M, eds. *Proceedings of the 10th World Congress on Pain*; 2002 Aug 17–22; San Diego, CA. Seattle (WA): IASP Press; c2003. p. 437–468.

Scientific or technical report: Sontag ED. Control of nonlinear systems. Final report 15 Mar 2004–31 Jan 2005. Washington: Army Medical Department (US); 2004. 5 p. Report No: AFRLSRARTR050271. Contract No: FA95500410172.

Dissertation: Jones DL. The role of physical activity on the need for revision total knee arthroplasty in individuals with osteoarthritis of the knee [dissertation]. Pittsburgh (PA): University of Pittsburgh; 2001.

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cessing software and they should be arranged clearly to provide an easy reading. Data presented in the tables should not be a repetition of the data presented within the main text but should be supporting the main text.

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Figure legends should be listed at the end of the main document.

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