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Conclusion

Clear associations with concomitant SACT, pre-treatment symptoms and toxicity were seen. DA was higher than DP to all OARs. Differences were small in most patients. Despite this, a trend for marginally stronger univariate associations between DA parameters, compared to DP, and toxicity was seen. Results should be interpreted with caution due to multiple testing, and comparison with multivariate models is required as a next step. Nonetheless, this data is the first to compare relationships between both DP & DA and toxicity in HNC, and to suggest stronger links with the latter.

PO-0985 Online-adaptive proton therapy: assessing accuracy of robust dose restoration in lung patients.

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Purpose or Objective

Intensity-modulated proton therapy (IMPT) offers excellent dose conformity and reduces the integral dose in the OAR compared to conventional radiotherapy. During the treatment, density changes may alter planned proton ranges in the patient and compromise the accuracy of the plan. To take into account this effect, isovolume dose restoration (iDR) uses isodose contours generated from the initial dose distribution and their associated weighted objectives (maximum and minimum) to reoptimize the plan and reproduce the initial dose in repeated CTs. The objective of this work was to test the performance of iDR in lung cancer patients.

Material and Methods

The provided database included planned and two repeated 4D-CTs (every two weeks) for fourteen patients. Twelve of them present lymph nodes in addition to the primary tumour. iDR was performed in the first series of repeated 4D-CTs. The prescribed dose (Dp) to target was 66 Gy (33 fractions of 2 Gy). Robust optimization was used for the targets, with setup errors of 5mm, range errors of 3%, and three phases of the respiratory cycle (end-expiration, end-inhalation, and mid-inhalation). Plans were optimized based on CTV coverage criteria (worst-case D95%<95Dp and D5%<105Dp) in RayStation (RaySearch Laboratories, Sweden). For the evaluation of the results, two different metrics were calculated: 1) D95% and D5% dose values for the CTV in the nominal case; 2) dose differences between restored/distorted and initial dose distributions reported by DE(vol=2%) in four different volumes (prescribed, high, medium and low dose regions). DE(vol=2%) represents the absolute dose errors (evaluation−initial dose) in at most 2% of the analysed region.

Results

The evaluation of initial plans on repeated CTs showed large dose distortions, which were substantially reduced after restoration. No target underdosage was observed after restoration, whereas for 28% (4/14) of the patients, the CTV coverage criteria were not accomplished before restoration. In limit cases (21% or 3/14 patients), where D95%/D5% levels were reached (only ±1Gy), iDR improved considerably the DVH metrics (see Table 1). In the analysis of local dose differences, median DE(vol=2%) decreased from 10.06 Gy in distorted plans to 3.23 Gy in the restored plans.

Table 1: Univariate analysis of late toxicity (1 year post treatment) as a function of planned (Dp) and delivered (Dd) OAR dose parameters: GI − GI (edematous − non edematous) − C. paraesophageal glands − IM5 − supraventricular − M. pharyngeal constrictor muscle PC − oral cavity - OC and oesophagitis layer 1- OC2 - GI2 - PC2 - PC3 - OARs include % increase in OARs (i.e. 2Gy/2Gy increase to OAR-related relationship found − cell clear. No relationship between dose to OAR and toxicity endpoint − cells clear; Relationship stronger − OAR green (stronger − 1); Relationship weaker − OAR red (weaker = 2); Relationship equivalent or equal − cells blue (7).)

Estimation of clinical significance

Conclusion

Restoring clinically-approved dose distribution on repeated CTs does not require new ROI segmentation and is compatible with an online adaptive workflow. With iDR, we are able to accurately reproduce the initial dose, despite density changes, maintaining stable the DVH-based parameters (see Figure 1). Hot spots and underdosage in the CTV can be corrected by implementing iDR in the clinical workflow.
Purpose or Objective

During radiotherapy treatment (RT) of abdominal pediatric tumors, inter-fraction anatomical changes such as patient’s diameter variations due to weight loss/gain and different gastrointestinal gas volumes might occur. The goal of this study was to investigate the dosimetric impact of daily anatomical changes based on cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) information in robust optimized photon and proton RT dose distributions.

Material and Methods

Volumetric modulated arc therapy (VMAT) and pencil beam scanning proton therapy (PBS) dose distributions were calculated using the original planning-CT scan for 20 pediatric patients (average 3, range 1-8 years) treated for neuroblastoma (n=11) and Wilms’ tumor (n=9). VMAT plans were based on a 6 MV full-arc while PBS plans on 2-3 posterior-oblique fields with prescribed doses (PD) ranging between 14.4-36 Gy. Treatment plans were robust optimized on the patient-specific internal target volume (ITV) using a uniform 5 mm set-up uncertainty. Moreover, for the PBS plans a 3% proton range uncertainty was accounted for. The plan robustness was evaluated using multiple dose distributions associated with various error scenarios: set-up (with the magnitude of 5 mm in 26 directions per VMAT and PBS plans) and range errors (±3% density scaling, resulting in 52 scenarios per PBS plan). Plans were accepted if the V95% of the ITV > 98% in the voxel-wise minimum evaluation dose. Fractional dose recalculations were performed using clinical CBCT images. For the estimation of Hounsfield units (HUs) from the daily CBCT data, the gas volumes on the planning-CT were filled with water equivalent density and the planning-CT was deformably registered to each CBCT. Gas volumes were delineated on the CBCTs and copied rigidly to the deformed CTs (dCTs). Fractional doses were re-calculated on the dCTs and accumulated rigidly. To compare planned and accumulated doses, dose-volume histogram (DVH) parameters were calculated for the clinical ITV and organs at risk (OARs).

Results

For both techniques, the ITV coverage was fulfilled for the original planned dose distributions. For the ITV, mean differences between planned and accumulated doses ranged between [-0.1% - 0.8%] and [-0.1% - 0.1%] for the VMAT and PBS plans (Table 1), respectively. On the accumulated doses, the ITV coverage was not reached (V95% < 95%) for 2 patients, for the VMAT plans (Figure 1). For the OARs, mean differences between planned and accumulated doses ranged between [-0.4% - 0.2%] and [-0.2% - 0.0%] for the VMAT and PBS plans (Table 1), respectively.

Table 1. Mean ± standard deviation (SD) differences (%) between planned and accumulated doses for selected DVH parameters for VMAT and PBS dose distributions.

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<th>Structure</th>
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Conclusion

In this study, the need of performing re-planning during RT was evaluated for children treated for abdominal tumors. RT using PBS with posterior-oblique irradiation fields proved to be highly robust against anatomical inter-fraction changes. In photon therapy using a VMAT delivery, daily anatomical changes proved to affect the target coverage to a higher extent when compared to PBS.

PO-0987 Rotational setup errors in breast cancer radiotherapy: the effect on treatment margins.

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Purpose or Objective

Rotational errors might have a significant effect on radiotherapy (RT) target coverage if not considered in PTV margins. In this work, we investigated the residual rotational errors in breast cancer RT.

Material and Methods

Daily low dose CBCT setup images of 93 breast cancer patients treated with RT were retrospectively investigated for rotational errors in patient setup. Patients were imaged with CT in supine position arms above the head on a breast board (C-Qual™ Breastboard, Civco, USA). 20 of the patients were imaged in deep inspiration breath hold (DIBH). With 50 patients, the treatment area included the whole breast and with 43 patients, the treatment area included also the axillary lymph nodes. A 3D image co-registration was conducted between 1731 CBCT images and the respective planning CT images (Mosaix system v2.62, Elekta AB) and image translation and rotations in coronal (COR), sagittal (SAG) and transversal (TRA) planes were recorded (Fig 1). Pearson correlation coefficient was used to determine the relationship between the magnitude of rotational error and body mass index (BMI), age, side of a treatment, use of DIBH, chemotherapy, time between surgery and RT and the number of fractions (either 15 or 25).