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1 **Introduction**

2 Error is an inevitable accompaniment of complex systems involving human input.

3 As such, it is generally accepted that errors arise commonly during the

4 performance and reporting of radiological examinations, with a recent meta-

5 analysis of fifty eight discrepancy studies showing a pooled discrepancy rate of

6 7.7%.[1] The most common types of reporting error are false negative reports and

7 misinterpretations, and these are most frequently encountered with computed

8 tomography (CT) examinations.[2–4] Certain types of error are especially common

9 and feature repeatedly during discrepancy meetings; it has been suggested that

10 awareness of these specific errors may improve reporting accuracy.[5, 6]

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12 In the UK, the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) has encouraged radiologists

13 to participate in meetings in which cases involving radiological errors are

14 discussed, and guidance on the conduct of these meetings has been

15 published.[7–9] Recently, the RCR launched the Radiology Events and

16 Discrepancies (READ) project, which aims to create educational material based

17 on nationally submitted radiological errors.

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19 Reduction in error rates can also be achieved following establishment of a

20 departmental discrepancy review meeting.[10] Retrospective analysis of cases in

21 which error is felt to have arisen has educational benefit. An appreciation of the

22 error along with identification of possible causal factors allows modification of

23 departmental practice, radiological technique or reporting behaviour such that

24 similar errors might be avoided in the future.[7, 11] Meeting participation can also

25 be used as part of appraisal and revalidation discussion.[7] Ultimately, these

26 measures would hopefully help ensure improvement in patient safety and
27 optimisation of patient care.[12–14]

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29 The concept of the "checklist" or "review areas" when reporting chest radiographs
30 is familiar to all radiologists. These short lists of specific anatomical review areas
31 are readily incorporated into routine practice and ultimately become second
32 nature. A growing body of evidence indicates that checklists, such as the World
33 Health Organization Surgical Safety checklist, may help to reduce medical error
34 caused by human factors.[1, 15] We set out to produce short checklists of specific
35 anatomical review sites for different regions of the body based on the frequency
36 of radiological errors reviewed at our discrepancy meetings, thereby creating
37 "evidence-based" review areas for radiology reporting.

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39 **Methods**

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41 This study received local ethical board waiver. Our institution is an 855-bed
42 university teaching hospital in Eastern Scotland, serving a catchment population
43 of 450,000 with additional responsibility for reporting images from affiliated
44 ambulatory diagnostic and treatment centres. The teaching hospital covers all
45 medical and surgical specialities except cardiothoracic and transplant surgery. All
46 consultant radiologists contribute to general radiology work whilst maintaining
47 complementary specialist interests. With the exception of ultrasound (US) (the
48 majority of which is performed and reported by trained sonographers), most of the
49 imaging workload is reported by consultant radiologists, sometimes with input
50 from trainees. Senior trainees independently report some US examinations,
51 radiographs and a minority of CT examinations.

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53 Discrepancies and errors are referred by the radiologist who encountered them,
54 to a chairperson who presents them at a monthly discrepancy meeting. This
55 retrospective analysis is based on documented records from these meetings from
56 2007 to 2012.

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58 Errors were identified from several sources: detection during the reporting of
59 subsequent imaging examinations; identification during image review at multi-
60 disciplinary team meetings; and following direct feedback from clinicians.

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62 Not included in the aforementioned meetings are errors within breast imaging and
63 interventional procedures, which are discussed in their own respective meetings.

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65 All of the discrepancies discussed at the meeting are recorded in a spreadsheet
66 detailing the modality, examination, error, and classification of the error. Error
67 classification is based on a modified version of that described by Renfrew et al.
68 which divides errors as follows[5]:

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70 ● **Observational errors**, subdivided into:

71 ○ *Perceptual errors*

72 ▪ False positive - identifying an abnormality which was not
73 present.

74 ▪ False negative - failing to recognise an abnormality.

75 ○ *Classification errors* which arose when an abnormality was identified
76 but was misinterpreted, e.g. a metastatic deposit being described as a
77 cyst.

78 ● **Communication errors** included clerical errors, report transcription errors,
79 patient misidentification, information technology problems, and inadequate
80 liaison between radiologist and referring clinician

81 ● **Technical errors** included those where poor imaging technique or
82 inappropriate modality selection leading to an observational error.

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86 **Results**

87 **Overall**

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89 A total of 561 errors of all types were encountered in relation to 477 patients.
90 One hundred and seventy errors were categorised as involving two body areas.
91 The majority of the errors were due to misinterpretation (n= 513, 91.4%) and the
92 most common imaging modality in which errors occurred was CT followed by
93 plain radiographs (Table 1 and 2). It was found that five or fewer anatomical sites
94 accounted for more than 50% of observational errors in all body systems. For
95 each of the body regions, with the exception of chest, a table has been created
96 demonstrating the site and type of observational errors.

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98 **Chest**

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100 Ninety-nine errors occurred in the chest region, with CT imaging contributing to
101 the most errors (n=58, 58.6%) followed by chest radiographs (n=39, 39.4%)
102 (Table 2). Of the 92 observational errors, missed findings (n=68, 73.9%) were by
103 far the most common, followed by misclassification (n=18, 19.6%) and false
104 positives (n=6, 6.5%).

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106 Pulmonary nodules are the most commonly missed lesion in both radiographs
107 (15) and CT (14) (Table 3 & 4). Figure 1 demonstrates the distribution of the
108 missed pulmonary nodules or lesions on chest radiographs and chest CTs.
109 Missed pulmonary lesions ranged in size from 1mm to 52mm (mean 28mm) in

110 diameter on radiograph and 2 to 64mm (mean 13mm) in diameter on CT. Bone
111 lesions were also quite commonly missed in CT examinations (10) and
112 radiographs (9) (Table 3 & 4). Additionally we found ten cases of missed
113 pulmonary thromboembolism in CT examinations (Table 4). In summary, we
114 found that the top five review areas for the chest region would be lung bases on
115 CT examinations (14), apices on chest radiographs (15), bone (19), vasculature
116 (12) and the mediastinum (8).

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118 **Abdominopelvic**

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120 Two hundred and ninety errors occurred in the abdomen and pelvis with CT being
121 the greatest source of errors (n=206, 71.0%) and US being the second most
122 common (n=41, 14.1%) (Table 2). Observational errors were again the most
123 common, accounting for 261 (90.0%) discrepancies. The majority of observational
124 errors were missed findings (n=184, 70.5%), while 56 (21.5%) were
125 misclassification and only 21 (8.0%) were false positives.

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127 The five most common areas for discrepancies were: kidneys (31); colon (31);
128 vasculature (31); liver (29) and pancreas (20) (Table 5).

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130 **Central nervous system (CNS)**

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132 One hundred and sixteen errors occurred in the CNS where CT was the most
133 common source of errors (58.1%) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was
134 the second most common, accounting for 43.6% (Table 2). One hundred and ten

135 (94.8%) errors were observational. False negatives accounted for 90 of the 110
136 observational errors (81.8%), while 16 (14.5%) were misclassification and only 4
137 (3.6%) were false positives.

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139 The five most common regions in which observational errors were detected were:
140 vasculature (22); peripheral cerebral grey matter (11); bone (10); parafalcine (8);
141 and the frontotemporal lobes surrounding the Sylvian fissure (7) (Table 6). Of the
142 vascular discrepancies, 12 occurred within the arteries and 10 within the venous
143 structures. The total number of errors from these areas accounted for more than
144 half of all the total errors (58 out of 110; 52.7%).

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146 **MSK**

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148 Of the 125 MSK discrepancies, single errors were observed in 100 patients and
149 two or more errors were present in 11 patients. The most common imaging
150 modality where errors occurred is plain radiographs (45.6%) followed by CT
151 imaging (34.4%) as displayed in Table 2. 120 (96.0%) were observational, of
152 which there were 98 false negatives (81.7% of the total observational errors), 19
153 misclassifications (15.8%) and 3 false positives (2.5%). Sixty-eight (54.4%) errors
154 were identified in the axial skeleton (AxS), 42 (33.6%) in the appendicular
155 skeleton (ApS) and 15 (12.0%) affected the soft tissues. The top five most
156 common sites of error were all within the skeleton, with 65.6% of MSK errors
157 identified within 5 skeletal sites. These were, in descending order: spine (45);
158 thoracic cage (12); pelvis (11); sacrum (7) and calvarium (7) (Table 7).

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160 Ninety-five (96.5%) of MSK system errors were observational, of which false
161 negative errors were again the commonest type, accounting for 78.4% (n=98) of
162 discrepancies. The most common of these were: missed metastases (n=35,
163 47%); overcalling of metastatic lesions in those with known primary non-bony
164 malignancy (n=12, 16%); and missed fractures (n=7, 9%).

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167 **Discussion**

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169 For the purpose of our study we have classified errors according to anatomical
170 region. By contrast, in the Radpeer process (an initiative by the American College
171 of Radiology) radiological errors are categorised according to perceived clinical
172 importance by a second reader.[12] However grading errors by clinical
173 importance is itself entirely subjective, with identical errors being associated with
174 different levels of clinical importance depending on the overall clinical scenario.
175 Inter-reader agreement for categorisation of errors by clinical importance in the
176 Radpeer process is poor, with similarly poor agreement within other proposed
177 scoring systems.[13, 14] The value of grouping errors by clinical importance is a
178 contentious matter regardless of the validity and reliability of any such
179 categorisation. More importantly, categorising errors by clinical significance does
180 not provide radiologists with any tips or tricks which might help them to avoid
181 making the same error again. The approach described in the current study,
182 categorising errors by anatomical site, is comparatively objective. Using
183 checklists of this type, radiologists can take an educated quick “second look”
184 before they finally sign off an imaging study report. A meta-analysis performed by

185 Wu et al. has demonstrated that there were differences in the rate of
186 discrepancies depending on the body region which reinforces our reasoning for
187 creating custom review areas according to body regions.[1] Table 8 summarises
188 the review areas according to the four body regions we have scrutinised.

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190 **Chest**

191 Pulmonary nodule detection remains a challenge and accounts for approximately
192 one-third of all of our missed findings on chest radiograph and CT, in keeping with
193 findings from previous studies.[15] Overlying anatomical structures, for example
194 ribs, are a more significant factor than the actual anatomical position of missed
195 nodules on a chest radiograph.[16] The perihilar and retrocardiac regions and
196 lung apices are important but somewhat less common sites of overlooked
197 pulmonary lesions on chest radiographs in our series, which indirectly suggests
198 the validity of existing common review areas.

199 Although 60% of malignant nodular lesions are in the upper zones, we found that
200 missed pulmonary nodules on CT were predominantly in the lower zones, similar
201 to the results published by White et al (Figures 1).[17, 18] The reason for this is
202 unclear but it serves as a reminder that lung bases should be carefully examined.
203 Interestingly, all of the missed pulmonary nodules were on thick slice CT (5mm)
204 rendering the coronal and sagittal reformation images with Multi-Planar
205 Reconstruction (MPR) suboptimal. The use of Maximum Image Projection (MIP)
206 (compared with standard 1mm or 5mm axial images) can aid in the detection of
207 pulmonary nodules smaller than 5mm, which is the size of the majority of missed
208 nodules.[19] Importantly, although discrepancies included 'missed' pulmonary

209 lesions measuring 1mm, some radiologists may, reasonably, not mention these
210 lesions as current guidelines state that follow up examination is only needed for
211 lesions measuring 4mm or more.[20]

212 All of the missed pulmonary thromboemboli were found to be on CT staging
213 examinations. Although assessment of the pulmonary arteries may be suboptimal
214 due to the enhancement phase, obvious pulmonary thromboemboli should not be
215 missed.

216 Bone lesions are the second most common interpretative error on both chest
217 radiographs and CT imaging. Almost 80% of patients with multiple myeloma will
218 have radiological evidence of skeletal involvement which could be seen on the
219 chest radiograph.[21] However, there is significant underestimation in diagnosis
220 as the false negative rate on plain radiography is high (30-70%).[22] Another
221 major discrepancy on chest radiograph and CT was missed bone metastasis,
222 which is discussed further under the MSK heading.

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224 **Abdominopelvic**

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226 The vascular tree, colon, kidneys, liver and pancreas accounted for over 50% of
227 all perceptual discrepancies. Horton et al. listed ten different review areas
228 (*gastric lesions, biliary disorders, pancreatic masses, renal masses, small bowel*
229 *masses, mesenteric and renal vascular pathology, spine disorders, soft tissue*
230 *lesions, adrenal masses and pulmonary emboli*) but only 51% of our
231 discrepancies occurred in these areas compared to 52% in our five suggested
232 review areas.[6] The discordance is most likely due to the anecdotal nature of the

233 previous article, as misses in unusual locations such as the stomach or soft tissue
234 lesions are more memorable.

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236 'Satisfaction of search' is where the detection of one radiographic abnormality
237 satisfies the 'search for meaning', thus causing premature termination of the
238 assessment (Figure 2). As such, complex manifestations of the patient's disease
239 may result in incomplete assessment of the examination; Donald *et al* reported 17
240 of 558 errors due to satisfaction of search.[3, 23]

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242 While reviewing the discrepancies, it became apparent that the abnormality was
243 frequently better appreciated on multiplanar reformats (MPRs) than on the
244 standard axial imaging (Figure 3). In the era of spiral CT and MPR reconstruction,
245 review of sagittal and coronal images should be routine in every CT examination.
246 This is supported by numerous studies showing the increased diagnostic
247 accuracy using MPR compared to the review of only axial images.[24–28]

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249 **CNS**

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251 As with abdominopelvic and chest imaging, vascular discrepancies formed a
252 significant contribution to total errors (Figure 4). This is not surprising given that
253 most CT or MRI exams are not optimised to detect vascular anomalies.
254 However, carotid arterial dissections and large aneurysms can be seen on both
255 CT and MRI without contrast, as can venous sinus thrombosis.[29, 30] One
256 possible source of underlying error may be the 'edge of film' phenomenon, with

257 superior sagittal sinus thrombosis frequently only seen on the top slices of the
258 axial images, and internal carotid or vertebral dissection only being visible in the
259 bottom few slices. Another likely reason for the number of vascular discrepancies
260 is that the vascular tree is often only scrutinised when a specific diagnosis is
261 queried. This is supported by a study showing that detection of ICA dissection
262 improved from 23% to 77% when arterial review became incorporated in routine
263 review on standard non-angiographic MRI sequences, even in inexperienced
264 viewers.[31]

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266 Unsurprisingly, peripheral grey matter lesions accounted for a high number of
267 discrepancies given the complex and convoluted course of the grey matter
268 (Figure 5). One study showed an increase in sensitivity from 57% to 71% for the
269 detection of stroke on CT using a level centred at 32 Hounsfield units (HU) with a
270 width of 8 HU.[32] Other authors have also suggested the benefit of reviewing CT
271 on a 'stroke window' of 40 HU as the level centre with a width of 40 HU for a
272 multitude of pathologies affecting both grey and white matter.[33] On a similar
273 theme, bone review also benefits from appropriate windowing and in the context
274 of trauma, separate bone reconstructions using a high spatial frequency
275 reconstruction algorithm are useful for subtle fracture detection.[34]

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277 Misclassifications in the frontotemporal parenchyma surrounding the Sylvian
278 fissure were noted by the authors to be so common that we felt this warranted
279 separation into its own group. The difficulty of diagnosis in this region cannot be
280 overstated and is largely a result of the complex multiplanar anatomy further
281 complicated by the number of pathologies that frequently occur here in their

282 earliest form, such as the subtle insular ribbon sign, early oedema or the loss of
283 the Sylvian fissure indicating subarachnoid haemorrhage.

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285 The use of MPR has been mentioned previously and would also render the “edge
286 of film” misses null and void as the edge of a series on one plane often becomes
287 the centre of the series on another plane. Similar benefits should be seen in the
288 parafalcine region, the final region of common observational error. This results
289 from the close approximation of cerebral hemisphere, falx cerebri, corpus
290 callosum and perifalcine vessels. From our experience, the discrepancies were
291 more easily appreciated on coronal or sagittal reformats than on the original axial
292 images.

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294 **MSK**

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296 MSK errors accounted for nearly a quarter of total discrepancies recorded in our
297 database, and like the other anatomical categories, primarily consist of
298 observational misses. The high prevalence of MSK discrepancies can be
299 attributed to the inherent inclusion of the skeleton and soft tissues in all imaging
300 examinations, regardless of modality or primary organ of interest.

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302 The AxS is imaged at least partly in all CT examinations regardless of clinical
303 indication. In our series, the chief CT error in the AxS was failure to perceive
304 bone metastases, which accounted for 47% of AxS CT discrepancies. Whilst
305 bone metastases are common in patients with known malignancy, their
306 distribution is unpredictable and they tend to be overlooked, as importance is

307 placed on the known primary cancer and its visceral/nodal involvement.
308 Anecdotally, many radiologists only review the skeleton after other key areas
309 have been assessed and such 'satisfaction of search' may divert attention from
310 subtle skeletal lesions.

311 At the same time, 12 of the 19 misclassification involved mistaking a benign
312 lesion for metastatic disease in patients with known primary malignancy. This
313 demonstrates a powerful bias introduced by clinical history (Figure 6). Both the
314 beneficial and detrimental effects of prior history have been previously studied in
315 a paper by Leslie et al. in which radiologists were asked to provide an initial
316 review of images without the clinical information.[35]

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318 **Limitations**

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320 Several sources of bias apply to the generation of the error dataset used in this
321 study. A large number of errors will not be reviewed at a discrepancy meeting
322 and there are numerous reasons for this. Many errors may never be discovered.
323 The decision to refer an error for discrepancy meeting review is entirely subjective
324 and this is a major source of bias. However, from our experience, the decision to
325 discuss an error during these meetings is typically based on the error's perceived
326 clinical importance and/or educational value. We believe that these are
327 reasonable filters to apply and it could be argued that their effect is to strengthen
328 the quality of our case-mix as they will bias towards clinically significant errors,
329 and downplay insignificant incidental findings.

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331 We did not attempt to formally assess the clinical importance of errors. It is our
332 opinion that the consequence of an error is influenced hugely by the clinical
333 context in which it occurs. This means the same error can have profoundly
334 different clinical impacts depending on the occasion when it is made. For example
335 a missed bone metastasis in a patient who undergoes major surgery with curative
336 intent has significantly greater implications than a missed bone metastasis in a
337 patient with known liver, lung and brain metastases. Secondly, retrospective
338 review of an error cannot replicate the reporting environment in which the error
339 arose. Perception of the error at these later stages can also be biased by the
340 availability of more clinical history or additional imaging. Furthermore, as
341 mentioned previously, the importance of an error is subject to the experience,
342 expertise and prejudice of the individual grading it.[14, 36] However, despite
343 these shortcomings this is the first systematic evaluation of the anatomical pattern
344 of errors. Further work will be required to determine whether implementation of
345 these review areas will result in a reduction in errors. Indeed, it may be possible
346 in future, through the use of review systems such as Radpeer, to produce a more
347 personalised approach to the generation of specific review areas based on the
348 long-term systematic collection of reporting data.

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350 **Conclusion**

351 Radiological errors are common; through collection and analysis of these we can
352 potentially reduce future errors and improve patient experience and safety
353 through more accurate diagnosis. Our study found that for each body system,
354 only five anatomical locations accounted for over 50% of perceptual errors. This
355 finding suggests an avenue for focused image review before concluding an

356 imaging report. We feel that brief, targeted review using evidence-based review
357 area checklists has the potential to maximise the use of the limited time available
358 to the reporting radiologist.

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472 Figures:

473 **Figure 1:** CXR on the left- red circles shows the distribution of missed pulmonary
474 nodules while the yellow circles mark sites of misclassification. Series of CT
475 images on the right- blue circles shows the size and location of the missed
476 pulmonary nodules while the red circles mark the size and location of
477 misclassified nodules.

478 **Figure 2:** Image A shows a cystic lesion in the body of the pancreas (arrow) in a
479 63F with vague abdominal pain. However, this lesion distracted the radiologist
480 from the large pancreatic tail mass (circle). In contrast, in image B, the pancreatic
481 tail mass was correctly identified, but described as a malignant mass despite the
482 active pancreatitis the patient had. Image C shows frontal sinusitis and right
483 frontal cortical breach (arrow). However the subtle left parafalcine collection
484 (arrow heads) was missed (image D).

485 **Figure 3:** Image A &B are of a patient presenting with suspected aortic
486 dissection. On image A, the subtle irregularity of the renal cortex is perceptible,
487 but the well-defined mass (arrow) is easily appreciable on the coronal reformats
488 (image B). Image C shows several abnormal lymph nodes in the ileocaecal nodal
489 chain (arrow heads). The subtle colonic wall thickening was missed, and on the
490 axial images is extremely subtle, however on subsequent coronal reformats, is far
491 more evident (circle, image D). HIV positive patient presenting with flank pain
492 radiating to the lower abdomen was correctly identified as having normal kidneys
493 with no calculi (image E), however the extensive periaortic fat stranding was
494 overlooked (circle, image F). Subsequent CT angiogram performed several days
495 later show this is to be secondary to multiple mycotic aneurysms (image G).

496 **Figure 4:** Patient with severe pancreatitis had a splenic pseudoaneurysm (arrow,
497 image A) overlooked on a follow-up CT performed to monitor an upper abdominal
498 collection for which he had recently had a drain inserted. The misplaced drain
499 which lies curled within the colon (arrowhead, image A) was also overlooked.
500 Both these errors came to light two days later when the aneurysm ruptured
501 (circle, image B) with the active extravasation presenting as torrential
502 haematochezia. Image C and D shows a patient with extensive cortical oedema
503 within the left insula and frontal lobe, however the left internal carotid artery
504 dissection was missed (image E), meaning this was described as encephalitis
505 rather than a middle cerebral artery infarction. Image F and G shows pre and post
506 contrast CT in a patient being staged for malignancy demonstrate symmetrical
507 internal carotid artery aneurysms that were missed. Symmetry can be the bane of
508 the non-specialist.

509 **Figure 5:** Patient presenting with acute onset right sided weakness. The left
510 cortical infarct was overlooked (circle). While subtle on standard windows, this
511 becomes more obvious on narrower 'stroke' windows, and even more
512 pronounced when multiplanar reformats are used.

513 **Figure 6:** Image A is that of a patient with gastric cancer with vertebral changes
514 (arrows) described as metastases. In comparison image B is of a patient with
515 sepsis and abdominal pain radiating to the back where the lytic end plate lesion
516 was missed (arrowhead). Compare the well-defined sclerosed borders of image
517 A, consistent with degenerative Schmorls nodes, with the lytic end plate lesion in
518 image B. Image C shows the subsequent MRI showing marked progression of
519 the spinal infection 6 weeks later. Image D to F are of an unrelated patient with
520 progressive neck pain and a clinical history of 'known fibrous dysplasia of C2',

521 noted from a clinic letter from another institution. The plain film, CT and MRI were
522 all reported as demonstrating findings consistent with known fibrous dysplasia
523 despite the involvement of C3 (arrow, image E) seen on CT and MRI and
524 extensive soft tissue component seen on MRI (arrowhead, image F).

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528 **Table 1:** Errors divided by type and body area

	FN	FP	Misclassification	Technical	Communication	Total
Chest	68	6	18	2	5	99
Abdomino pelvic	184	21	56	9	20	290
CNS	90	4	16	1	5	116
MSK	98	3	19	2	3	125
Total*	381	28	104	13	35	561

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533 **Table 2:** Division of errors by modality and body region.

	Plain radiographs	CT	MRI	Nuclear Medicine	US	Fluoro scopy	Total
Chest	39	58	1	0	0	1	99
Abdomin opelvic	11	206	19	0	41	13	290
CNS	0	68	48	0	0	1	116
MSK	57	43	21	2	2	0	125
Total*	103	318	81	2	43	14	561

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537 **Table 3:** Chest radiograph – interpretative errors by region

Chest radiograph	FN	FP	Misclassification	Total
Pulmonary nodule	13	0	2	15
Bone lesion	9	0	0	9
Mediastinal mass	3	1	1	5
Lobar collapse	2	0	2	4
Hilar mass	2	0	0	2
Cardiac abnormality	0	0	1	1

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541 **Table 4:** CT chest – interpretative errors by findings

CT	FN	FP	Misclassification	Total
Pulmonary nodule	8	1	5	14
Pulmonary thromboembolism	9	0	1	10
Bone lesion	10	0	0	10
Lymphadenopathy	3	0	2	5
Breast lesion	3	0	0	3
Mediastinal mass	0	1	2	3
Oesophageal abnormality	0	1	2	3
Subdiaphragmatic pathology	2	0	0	2
Vascular abnormality	0	1	1	2
Chest wall mass	1	0	0	1
Pulmonary interstitial change	1	0	0	1

542 *FN= false negative; FP= false positive*

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545 **Table 5:** Abdomen and pelvis- interpretive errors by region.

	FN	FP	Misclassification	Total
Colonic	22	4	5	31
Renal	23	0	8	31
Vascular	23	4	4	31
Liver	19	0	10	29
Pancreas	16	1	3	20
Bone	13	2	0	15
Lymph nodes	12	1	2	15
Biliary	9	2	1	12
Urinary tract	4	0	8	12
Gynae	2	1	8	11
Small bowel	9	0	2	11
Omental	8	0	1	9
Gastric	5	3	0	8
Bladder	4	1	0	5
Peritoneal	5	0	0	5
Adrenal	3	1	0	4

Joint	3	0	0	3
Oesophageal	0	0	2	3
Spleen	1	0	1	2
Testicular	0	0	2	2
Abdominal wall	1	0	0	1
Psoas	1	0	0	1
Total	184	21	56	261

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549 **Table 6:** CNS- interpretive errors by region

	FN	FP	Misclassification	Total
Vasculature	20	0	2	22
Peripheral cerebral grey matter	11	0	0	11
Bone	8	0	2	10
Parafalcine region	8	0	0	8
Frontotemporal lobe (peri-Sylvian fissure)	0	0	7	7
Brainstem	6	1	0	7
Pituitary	4	1	0	5
Frontal lobe	4	0	0	4
Orbits	4	0	0	4
Spinal extradural	2	0	1	3
Diffuse white matter	1	1	1	3
Foramen	3	0	0	3

Magnum				
Parietal lobe	2	0	1	3
Cerebellum	3	0	0	3
Intradural spinal	2	0	0	2
Third ventricle	1	1	0	2
Intervertebral disc	2	0	0	2
Periventricular region	1	0	1	2
Sulci region	2	0	0	2
Cerebrospinal fluid	1	0	0	1
Internal auditory meatus	1	0	0	1
Laryngeal	1	0	0	1
Middle ear	1	0	0	1
Occipital lobe	1	0	0	1
Prepontine cistern	1	0	0	1

Sphenoid wing	0	0	1	1
Total	90	4	16	110

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552 **Table 7:** MSK- interpretive errors by region.

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	FN	FP	Misclassification	Total
BONES				
Spine	24	0	13	37
Thoracic cage	12	0	0	12
Pelvis	8	0	2	10
Calvarium	6	0	1	7
Sacrum	7	0	0	7
Knees	6	1	0	7
Facial	3	0	1	4
Feet	4	0	0	4
Hips	4	0	0	4
Scapulae	4	0	0	4
Shoulder	3	1	0	4
Wrist	4	0	0	4
Hands	1	0	1	2
Clavicles	1	0	0	1
Elbows	0	1	0	1
Legs	1	0	0	1
SOFT TISSUE				
Spine	6	0	0	6
Buttocks	2	0	0	2

Knees	0	0	1	1
Neck	1	0	0	1
Pelvis	1	0	0	1
Total	98	3	19	120

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557 **Table 8:** Review areas suggested according to body region

Region	Review areas	Percentage of total according to region
Chest	1. Lung bases on CT 2. Apices on CXR 3. Bone 4. Vasculature 5. Mediastinum	 29.3 19.2 12.1 8.1
Abdominopelvic	1. Vasculature 2. Colon 3. Kidneys 4. Liver 5. Pancreas	10.7 10.7 10.7 10.0 6.9
CNS	1. Vasculature 2. Peripheral grey matter 3. Bone 4. Parafalcine	19.0 9.5 8.6 6.9

	5. Frontotemporal lobes (surrounding Sylvian fissure)	6.0
MSK	1. Spine	29.6
	2. Thoracic cage	9.6
	3. Pelvis	8.0
	4. Sacrum	5.6
	5. Calvarium	5.6

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