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Serial imaging of inflammation and therapeutic response with clinically translational ¹⁹F MRI

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Fluorine-19 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (19 F MRI)

- Non-invasive, non-radioactive method of cellular imaging
- ¹⁹F perfluorocarbon (PFC) contrast agent used to label cells
- Highly specific due to the absence of endogenous ¹⁹F in biological tissues
- Signal is independent of tissue depth
- Quantitative measurements of ¹⁹F accumulation (linear correlation with ¹⁹F present and signal detected)
- The proprietary PFC used in these studies has a short T1, long T2, and essentially a single major peak at -91 ppm, and is optimized for ¹⁹F MRI over prior art
- ¹H MRI taken in the same imaging session provides the anatomical context for colocalization of the ¹9F signal

Contrast Agents for Cellular Imaging by 19 F MRI

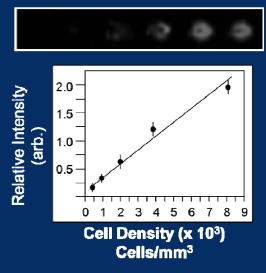
1. Tracers for cell tracking

2. Contrast agents for in situ uptake by phagocytes

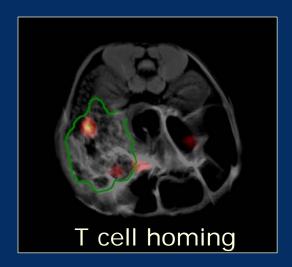
¹⁹F MRI Contrast Agents for Cell Tracking

(see poster #45)

- Therapeutic cells are labeled ex vivo prior to administration, and accumulations of cells are imaged in vivo by ¹⁹ F MRI
- **Cell Sense** (CS-1000) is a perfluorocarbon (PFC) emulsion designed for uptake by nearly any cell type without transfectants (dual mode version for fluorescent detection)
- Measuring the labeling efficiency (¹⁹F uptake/cell) enables quantification of cells in a given region of interest (ROI)

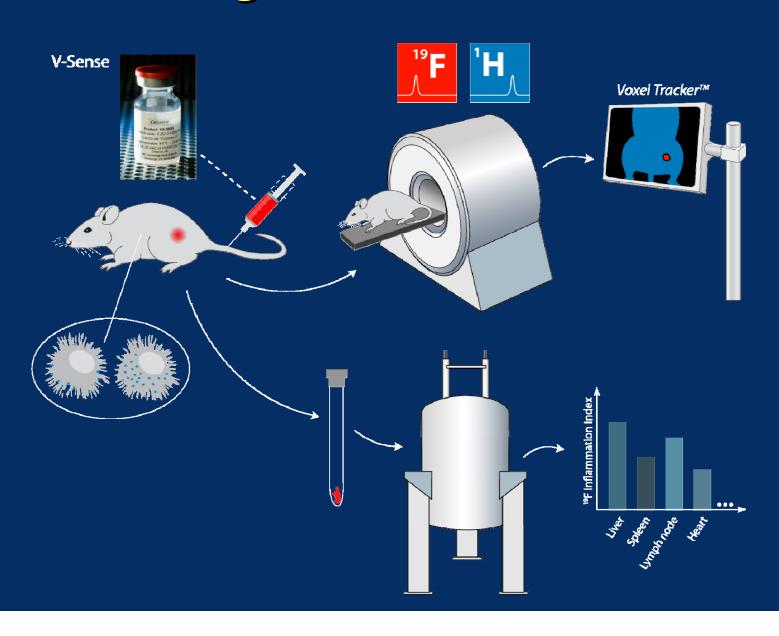


Bonetto et al, Int. J. Cancer 2010



Kadayakkara et al, Pancreas. 2010

Contrast Agents for inflammation

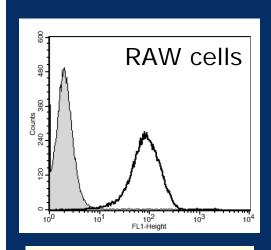


Labeling of macrophages:

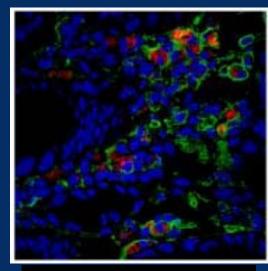
In vitro:

In vivo:

¹H



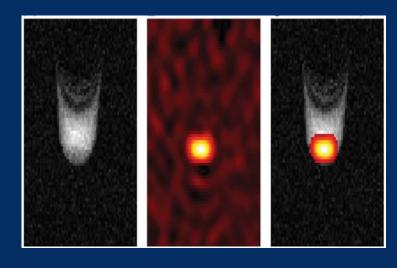
V-Sense-DM-Green Unlableled



Dil-labeled V-Sense F4/80 DAPI

Courtesy Kadayakkara et al Carnegie Mellon University

PBMC after 24 hrs V-Sense

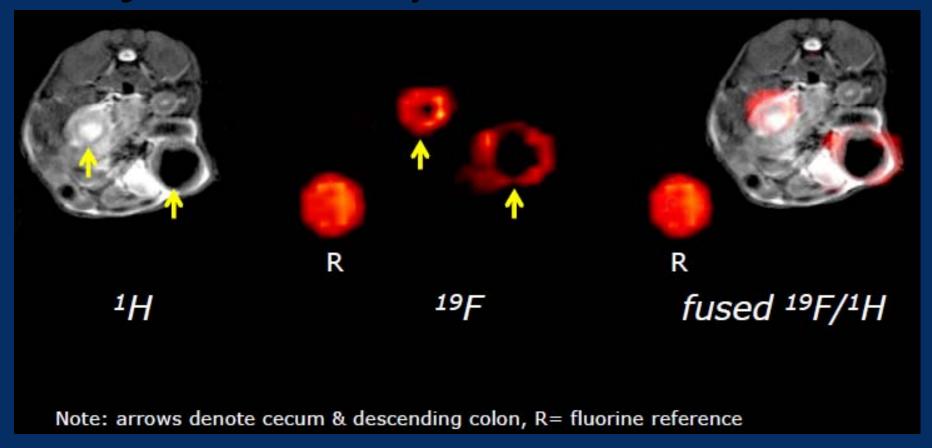


Weise et al, Exp. Neurol. 2011

Overlay

19**F**

Inflammatory Bowel Disease



IBD mouse model: IL-10^{-/-} + piroxicam diet

(Kadayakkara et al, in press)

¹⁹F MRI to visualize inflammatory disease

- Transplant rejection (acute and chronic)
 - Hitchens et al Magn Reson Med 2011;65:1144
- Cardiac and cerebral ischemia induced inflammation
 - Flogel et al, Circulation 2008;118(2):140-148
- Neuroinflammation
 - Weise et al, Exp Neurol 2011doi:10.1016/j.expneurol.2011.03.020
- Bacterial infection
 - Hertlein et al, PLoS ONE 2011;6:e18246.
- Inflammatory bowel disease
 - Kadayakkara et al, Pancreas 2010;39(4):510-515.
- Multiple sclerosis (EAE)
 - Ahrens et al BioTechniques 2011;50:229

Hypothesis:

Serial 19F MRI can be used to measure:

- 1. The extend of inflammatory disease
- 2.Progression or response to therapy

Methodology:

Rheumatoid arthritis model: collagen-induced arthritis

- •Female Lewis rats immunized twice with Type II collagen in incomplete Freund's adjuvant, 1 week apart
- •Disease onset by day 15 in hind limbs, >90% prevalence
- •Characterized by clinical swelling, mononuclear inflammatory cell infiltration, followed by bone destruction in late disease.

Imaging

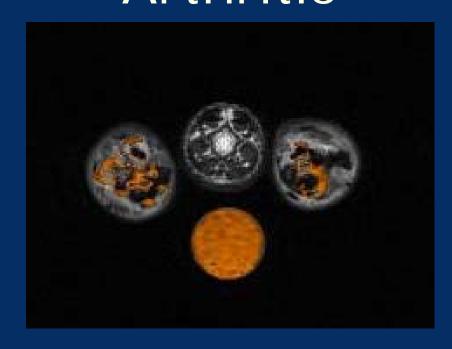
- •PFC emulsion (V-Sense, VS-1000): 1.5 mL by IV, 48 hours prior to imaging session.
- •Varian 7 Tesla DirectDrive MRI spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA)
- •35 mm i.d. transmit/receive volume coil, tunable for ¹H or ¹⁹F imaging (m2m Imaging Corp., Cleveland, OH)
- Voxel Tracker image analysis software (Celsense, Inc.)

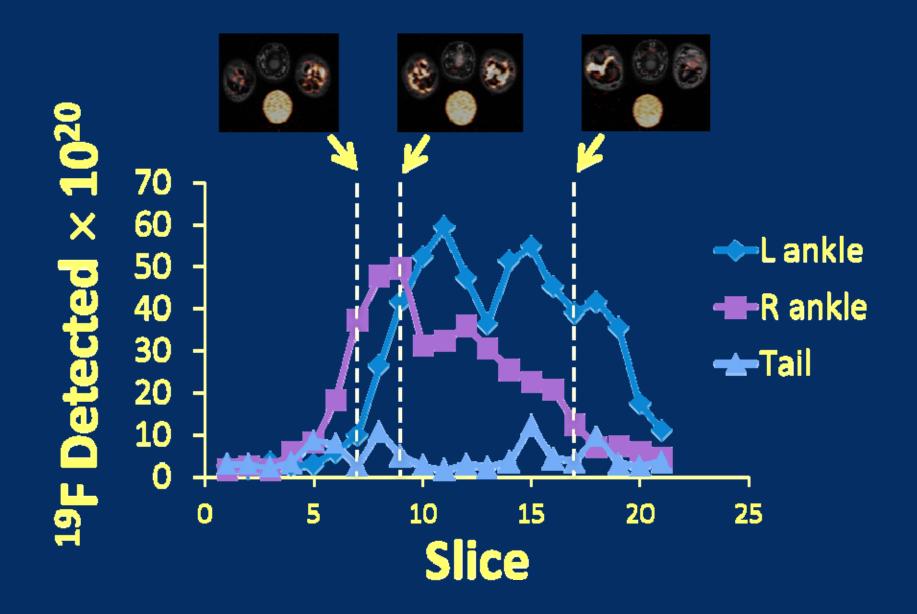
Detection of inflammatory lesions in rat hind limbs with V-Sense

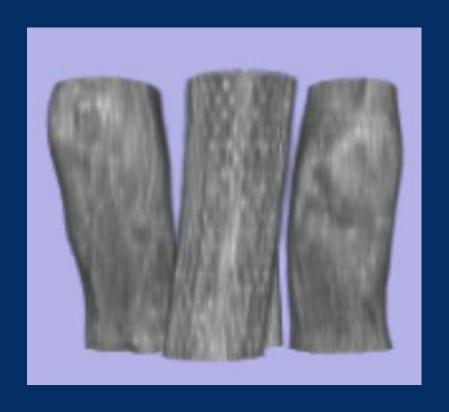
Naïve

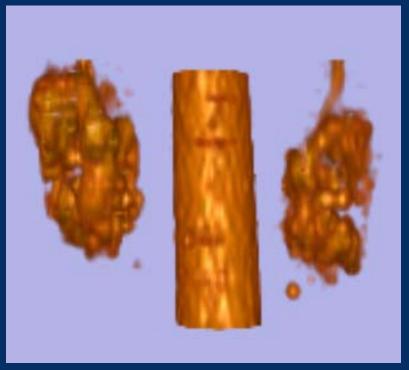


Arthritic



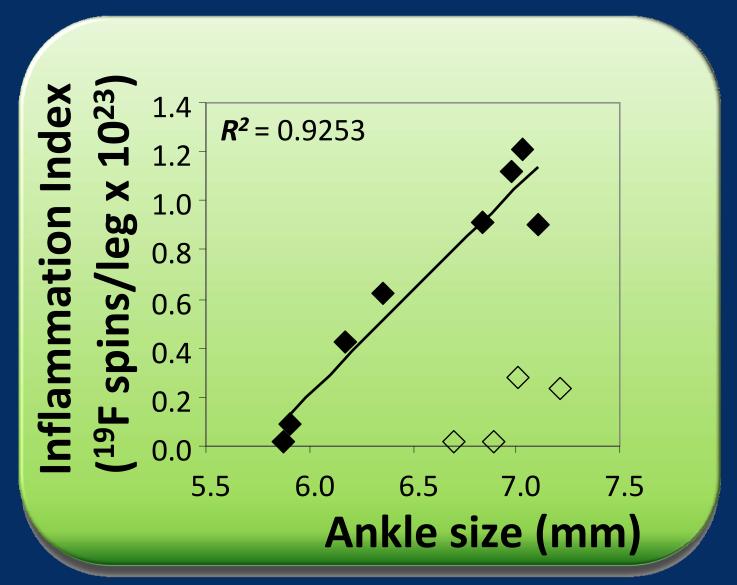




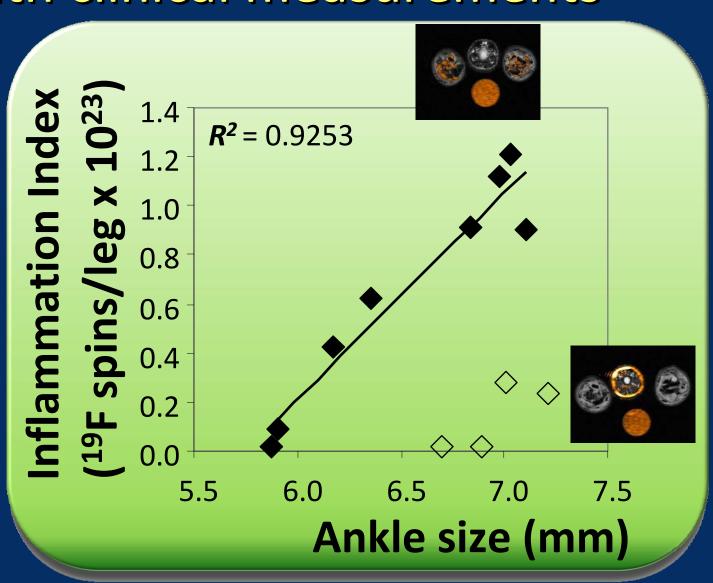


3D reconstruction of ¹H/¹⁹F

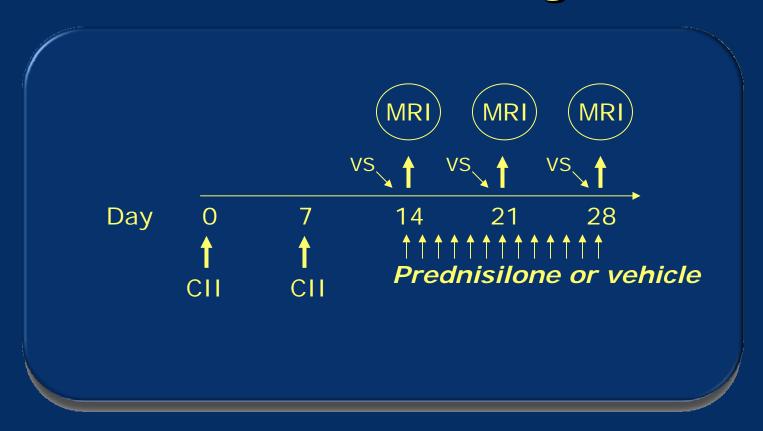
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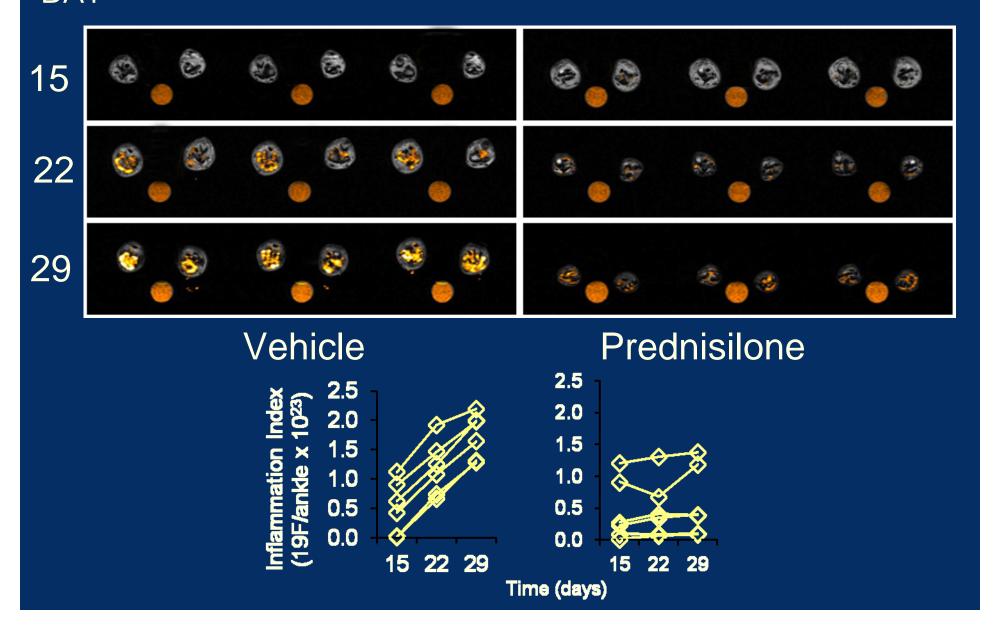


V-Sense serial monitoring of arthritis

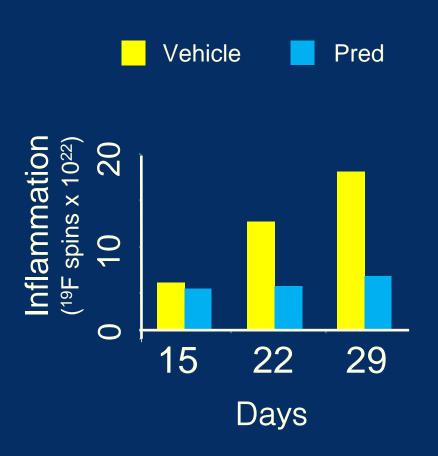


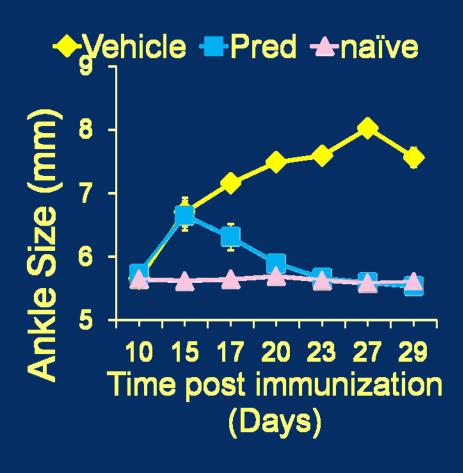
Rat collagen induced arthritis model of RA

V-Sense serial monitoring of arthritis



V-Sense quantification of response to therapy



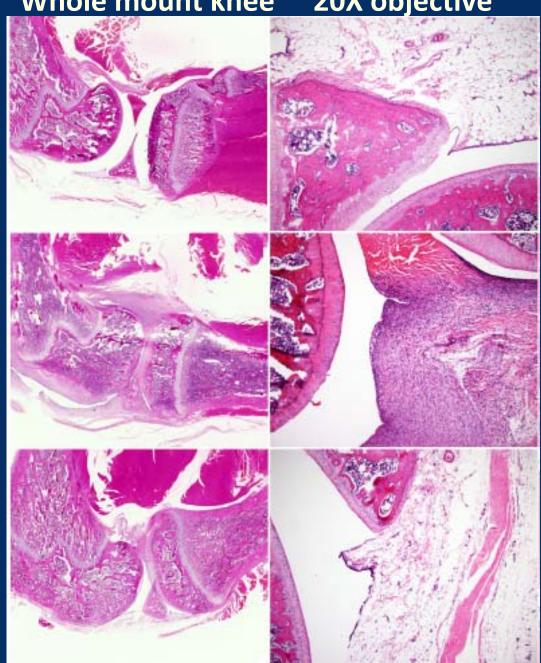


Whole mount knee 20X objective

Naive

Arthritis + vehicle

Arthritis + Prednisilone



Summary

- Specific accumulation of ¹⁹F in affected tissues reveals inflammatory infiltrates in arthritis by MRI
- Absence of signal in normal, healthy control joints
- 19F MRI signal (inflammation index) correlates with disease severity in CIA model
- Enables serial monitoring of disease progression or response to therapy in vivo
- Correlates with histological assessment of affected tissues

Cancer relevance of 19 F MRI

- Chronic inflammation is associated with:
 - the development of cancer
 - progression of cancer to metastatic disease
- Inflammatory infiltrates can modulate response to immunotherapy
 - M1/M2 macrophages
 - Myeloid suppressor cells
 - Dendritic cells
- Biofunctional imaging of inflammation by ¹⁹F MRI may enable detection of disease, progression or responses to anti-cancer treatment regimens

Key features of PFC cell tracking

- High specificity for labeled cells
- Imaging without 'pre'-scans
- Quantification in vivo
- Low toxicity
 - Cellular functions preserved in vitro and in vivo
- Potential for clinical translation

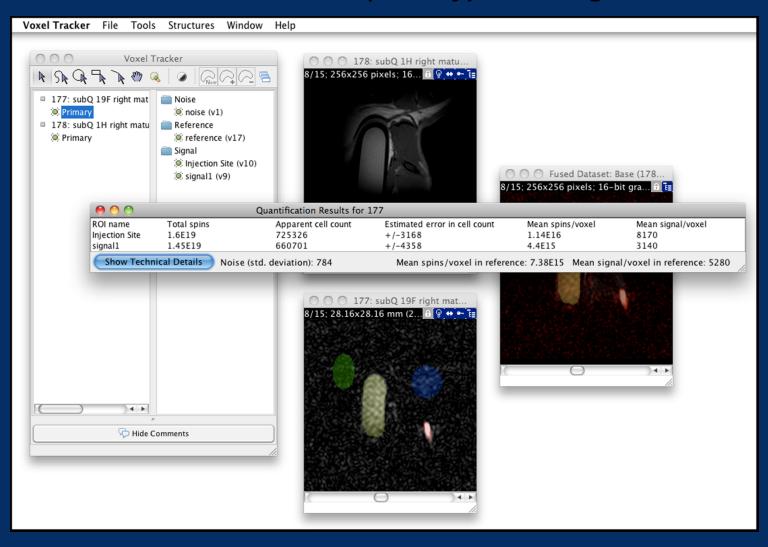
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