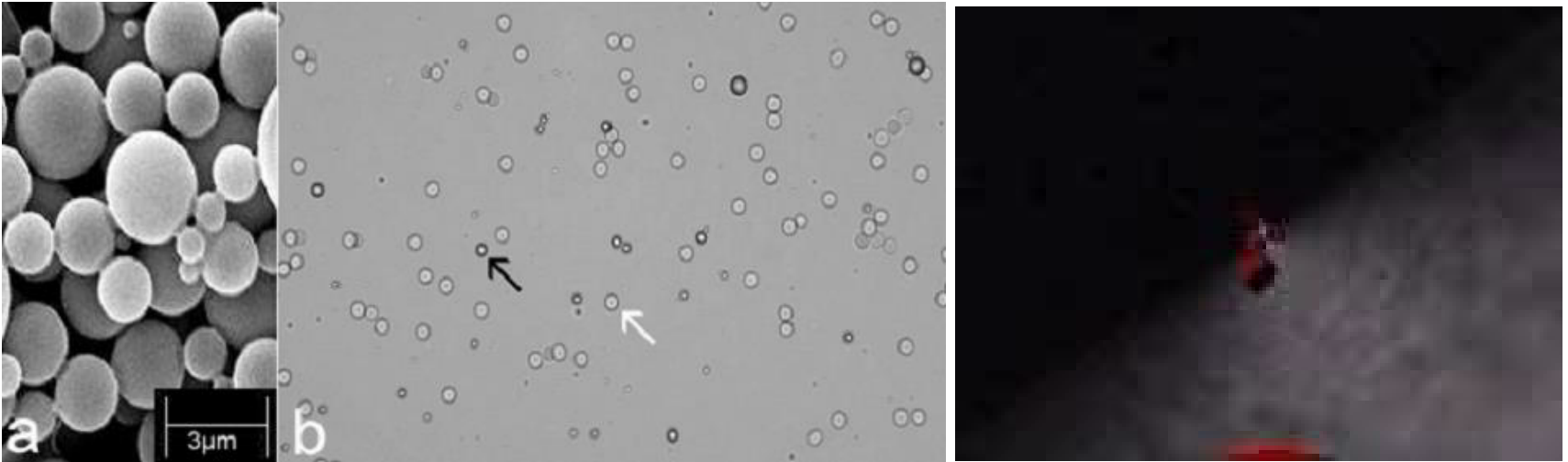


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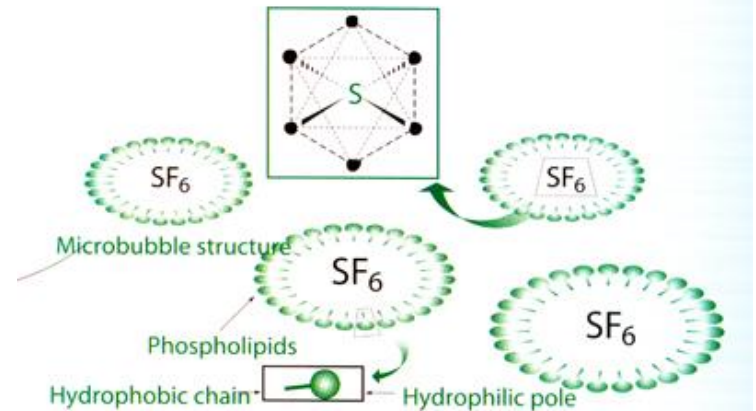
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# US contrast agents



- ✓ Sulfur hexafluoride-filled microbubbles
  - ✓ SonoVue®
- ✓ 3-7 microns diameter
- ✓ Blood pool agent



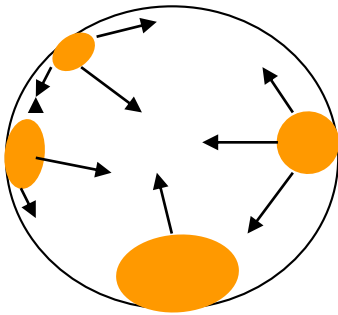
# Interesting Feature #1 : TOLERANCE

- Extremely good tolerance in clinical practice
  - No nephrotoxicity,
  - No thyroid interaction
  - No need of Blood test before IV
- Rare anaphylactoid reaction ( $\approx$  Gd chelates)
  - incidence  $< 0,002\%$
  - no cross allergy with Iodine contrast
- Do not use in case of pregnancy and Breast feeding (precaution)

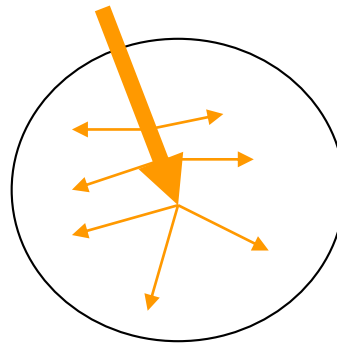
**=> Can be used when Iodine and Gadolinium cannot**

## Interesting Feature #2

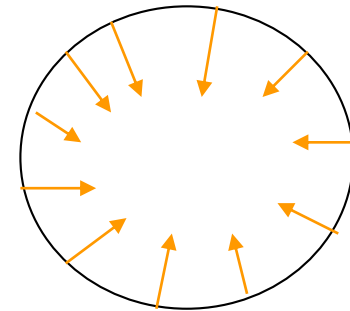
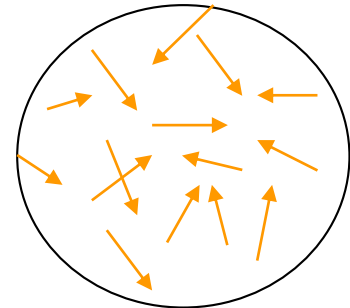
- **Early Phase**
  - Higher temporal resolution than CT or MRI



Hemangiomas



FNH

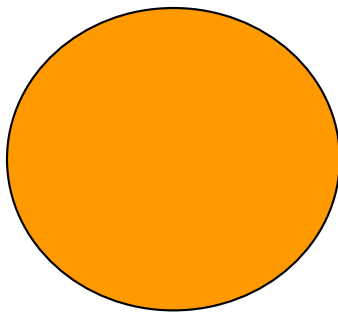


Adenoma  
Mets  
HCC...

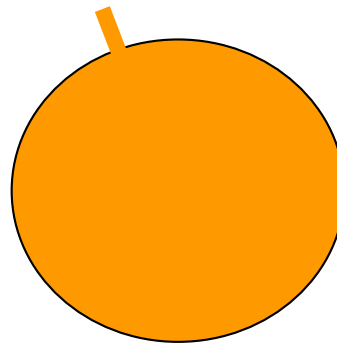
## Interesting Feature #3

- **Late phase**

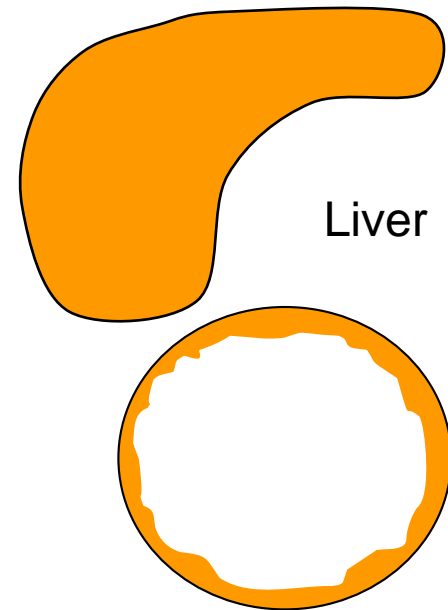
- Iodine/gado : extravascular leaking ++ if tumoral vessels
- Microbubbles :
  - Wash-out if tumoral vessels
  - Stagnation in the sinusoid capillaries or venous lakes



Hemangiomas



FNH, Adenoma  
Well differentiated HCC

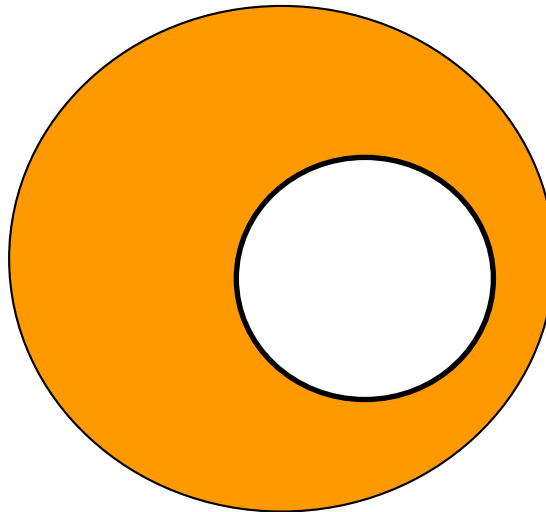


Liver

Mets  
CHC...

## Interesting Feature #4

- **Early Phase**
  - Higher sensitivity to low amount of circulating contrast
  - No enhancement means no (or almost no) circulating vessels



# In oncology...

- CEUS is already very useful in every day practice:
  - to characterize FLL,
  - kidney and pancreas
  - to assess the effect of vascular destructive treatment like RFA or Chemoembolisation
  - CEUS can be also interesting in more advanced research imaging in oncology
  - To identify recurrences ? Way?



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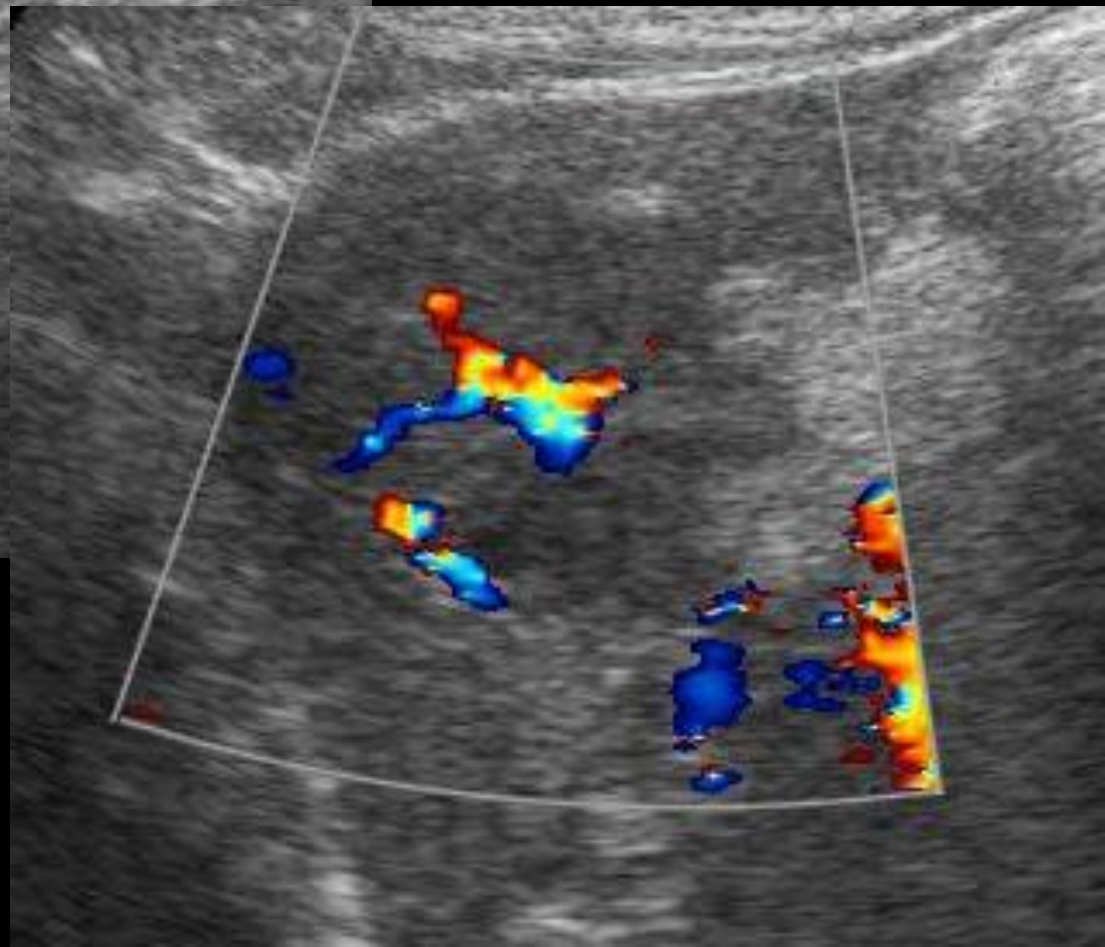
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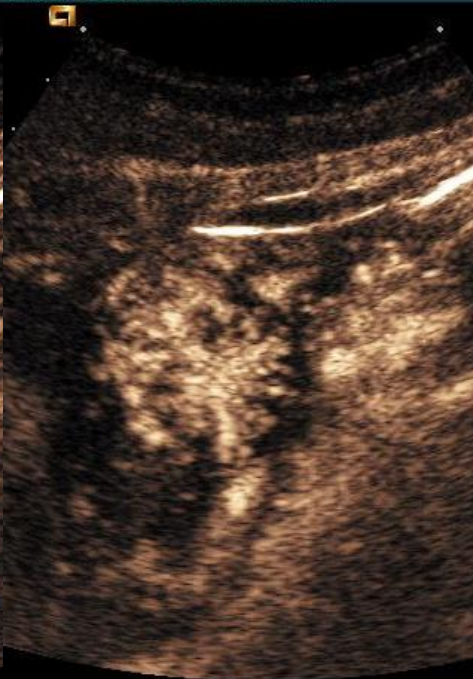




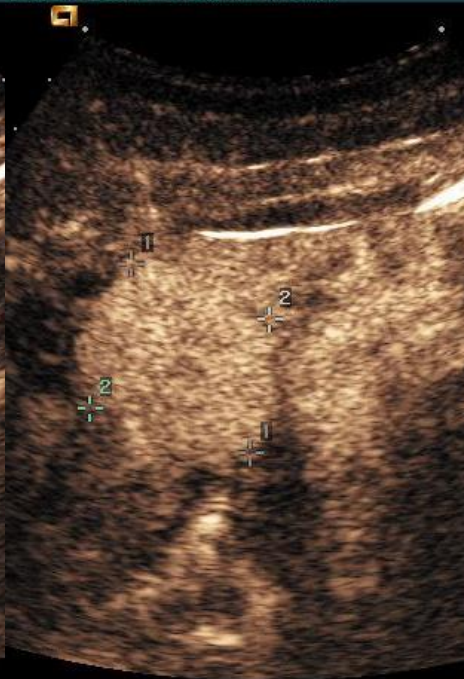
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Données Affich./Masquer

# characterization

- **Percentage of correct diagnosis**
  - US without contrast : **38<sup>3</sup>-65%<sup>1</sup>**
  - US with contrast : **81<sup>3</sup>-92%<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Alrecht T. Eur Radiol. 2004 Oct;14 Suppl 8:P25-33

<sup>2</sup> Tranquart F. J Radiol 2009, 90: 123-138

<sup>3</sup> Trillaud H, World J Gastroenterol 2009; 15:3748-3756

# Characterizing any malignancy in incidentally detected focal liver lesions

	Sensitivity for malignancy	Specificity for malignancy	FP	FN
CEUS	95%	94%	6%	5%
CECT	95%	93%	7%	5%

**Pooled estimates from the meta-analysis of 4 studies:** Seitz K Ultraschall Med 2009;30:383–9. Li R, J Clin Ultrasound 2007;35:109–17. Catala V, Eur Radiol 2007;17:1066–73. Solbiati L. Abstract D-55. European Congress of Radiology 2006

CEUS	90%	67%	13%	10%
CEMRI	82%	63%	17%	18%

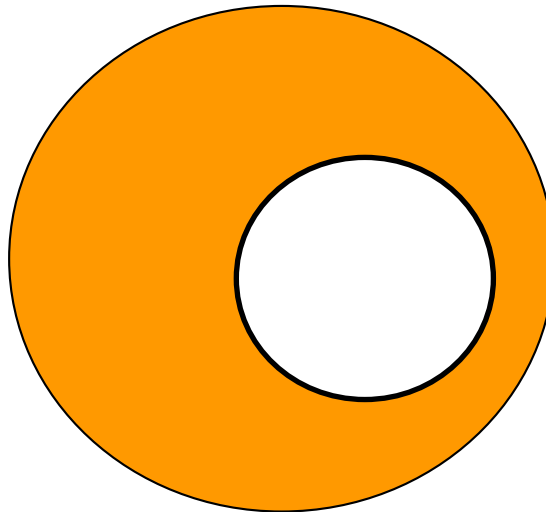
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→ **No significant difference in the accuracy of CEUS and CECT or CEMRI for the characterization (as malignant) of focal FLLs**

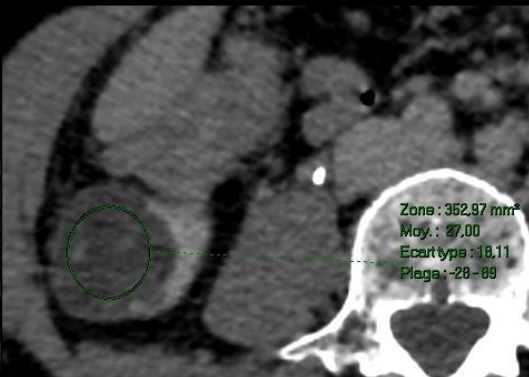
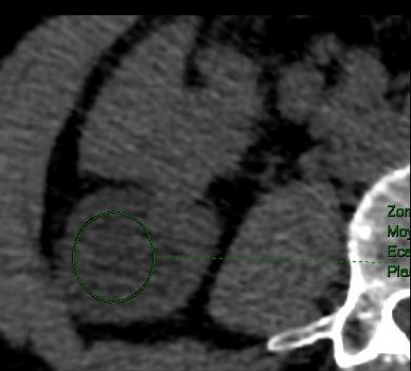
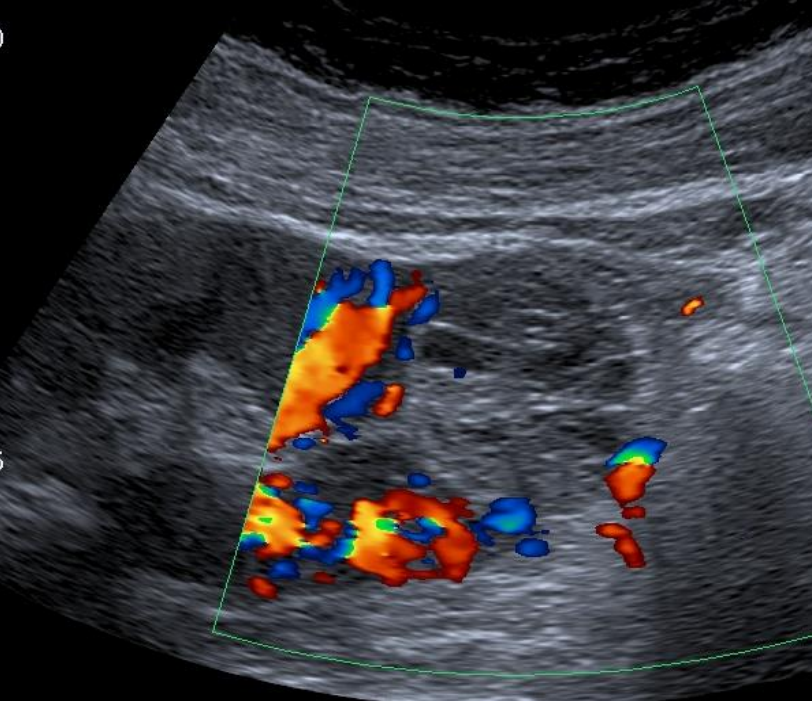
→ **CEUS alone may be adequate to rule out liver malignancy in people with incidentally detected FLL**

## Interesting Feature #4

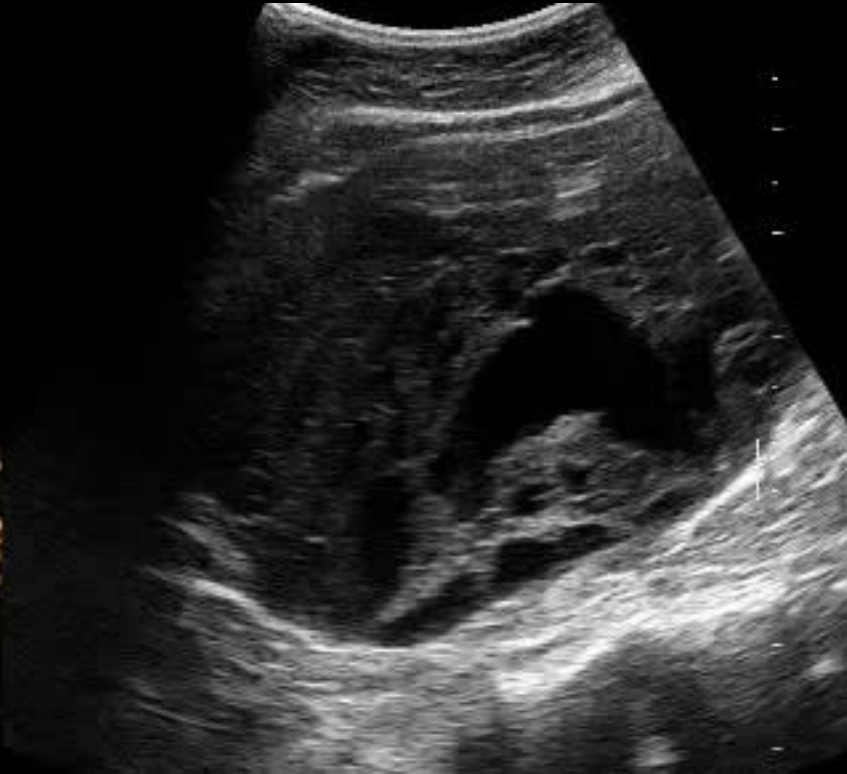
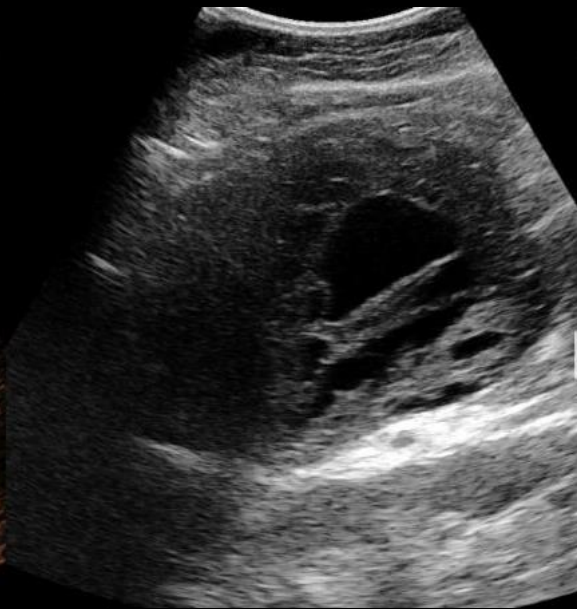
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 Necker Hosp, Paris



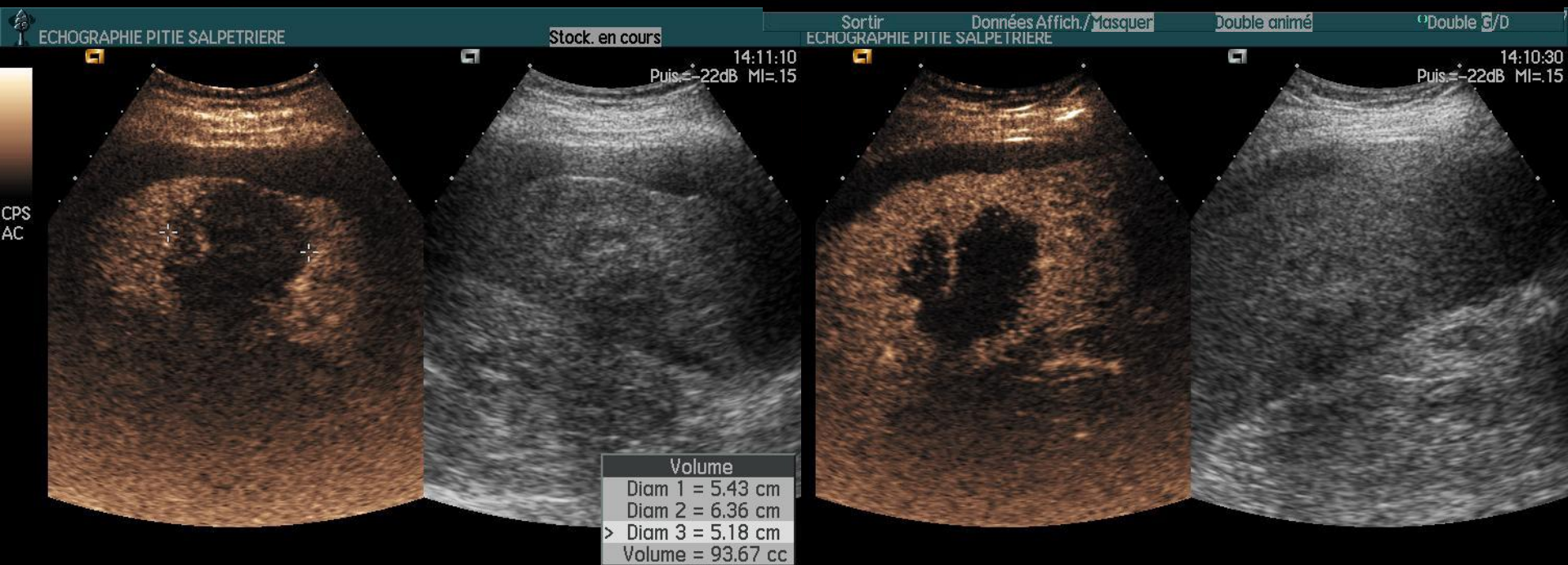
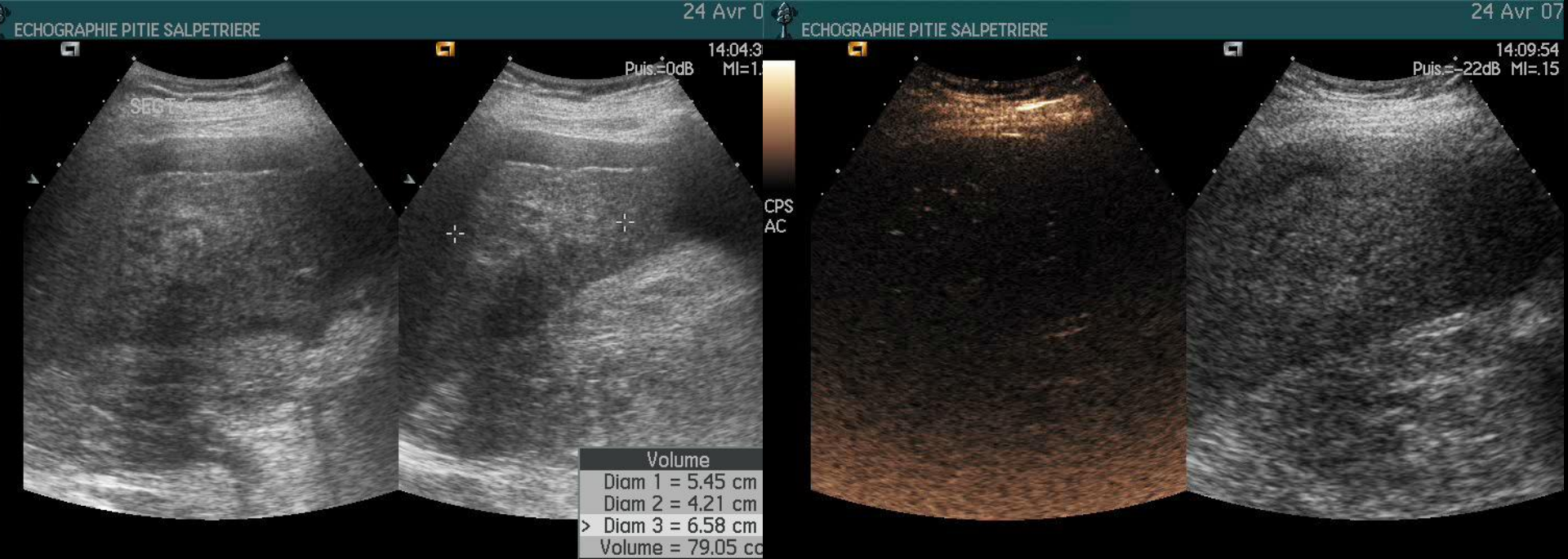
# Renal complex cysts

- Unlike Liver : not used to differentiate solid tumors (same pattern)
- But:
  - Characterization of complex cystic masses as benign, indeterminate or malignant (Recommendation level: A;1b)
  - To make the distinction between hypovascular solid lesions on CT and atypical cysts (Recommendation level: B;2b)

# Qualitative assessment of treatment

- Simple visual assessment
- To see if vessels are present or not
  - Usefull for liver lesion treated with Tace, RFA, Vascular disruptive agents





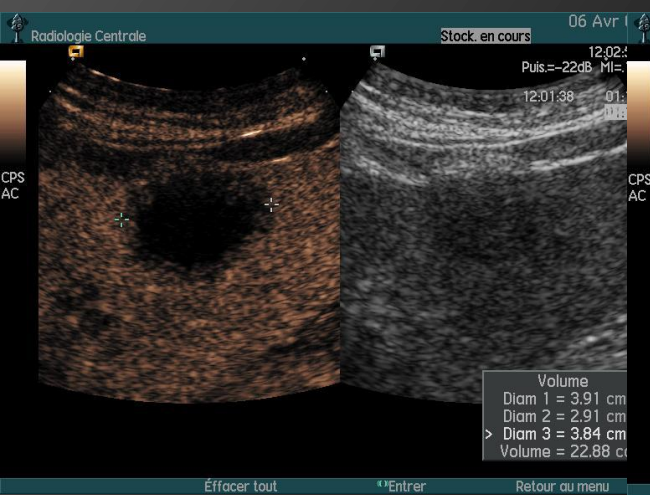
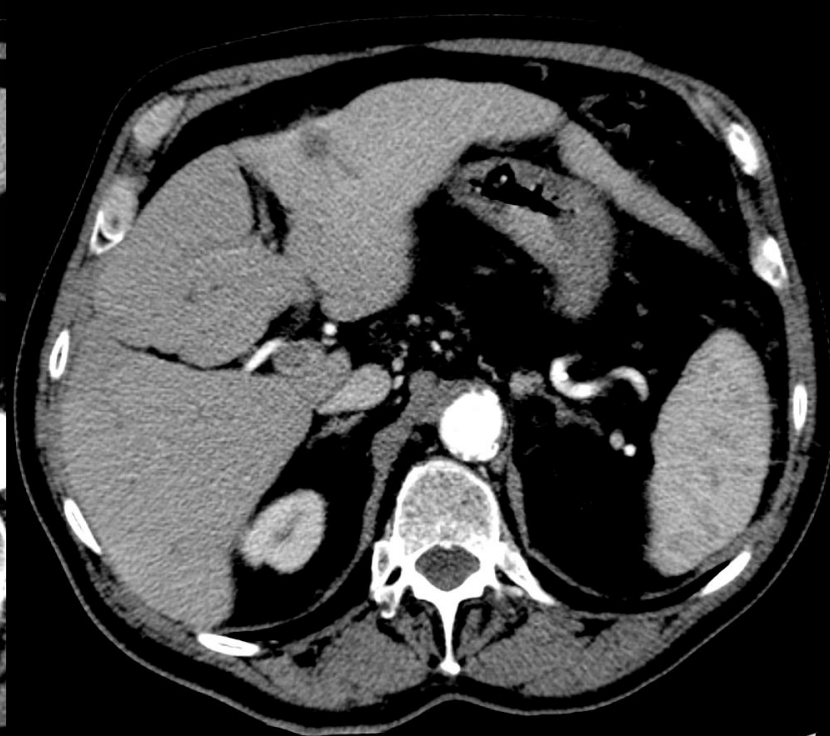
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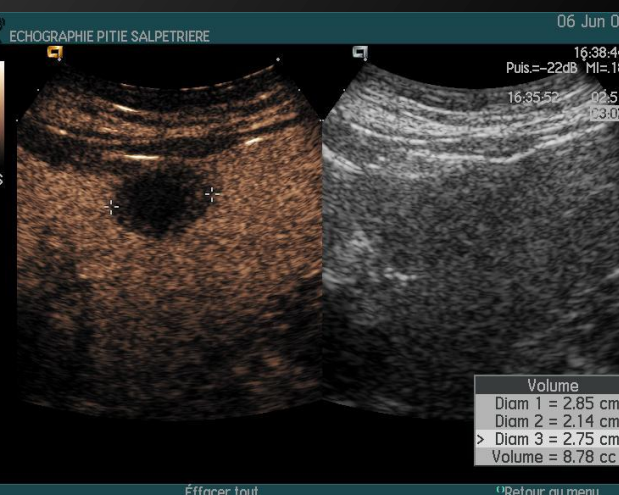
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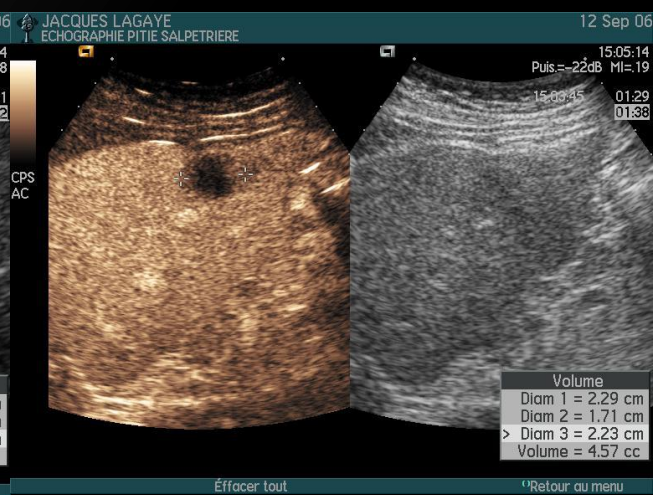




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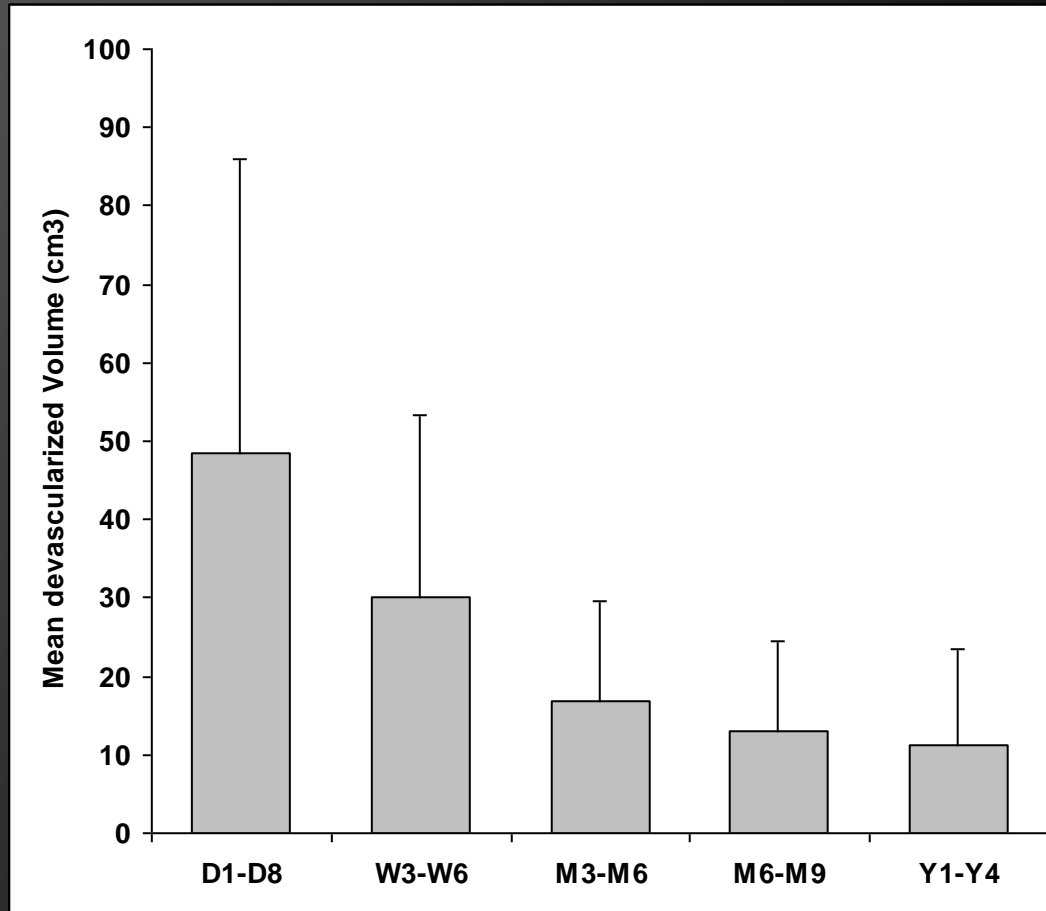


3 months



6months

# RFA scar: Volume



**48.4 ± 37.4 cc**

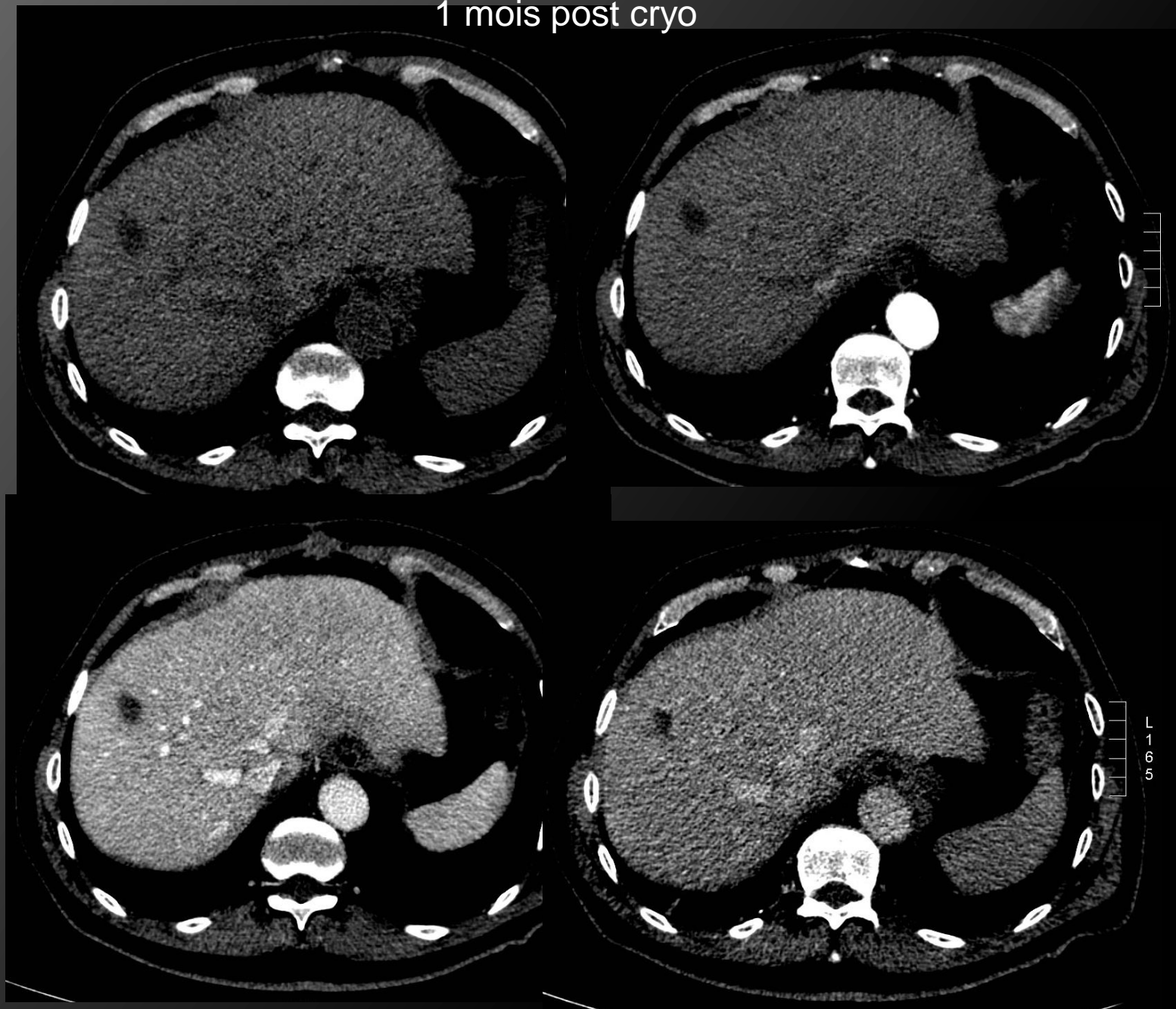
**11.3 ± 12.1 cc**







1 mois post cryo







# RFA: CEUS vs CT ?

Shiozawa et al, J Clin Ultrasound 2010;38:182-189

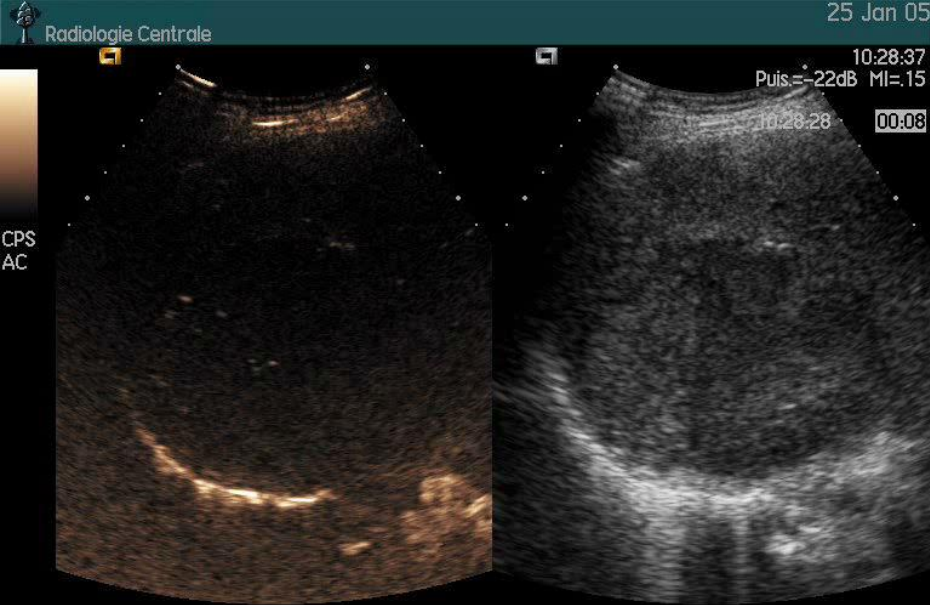
**TABLE 1**  
**Area Under the ROC Curve and *p* Value for CEUS Using**  
**Sonazoid and Dynamic CT in Detecting Local**  
**Recurrence of HCC**

	Observer 1	Observer 2	Mean Az	<i>p</i> Value
CT	0.939	0.988	0.964	<0.05*
CEUS	0.985	0.986	0.986	NS
<i>p</i>	NS	NS	NS	

\* Statistical significance.

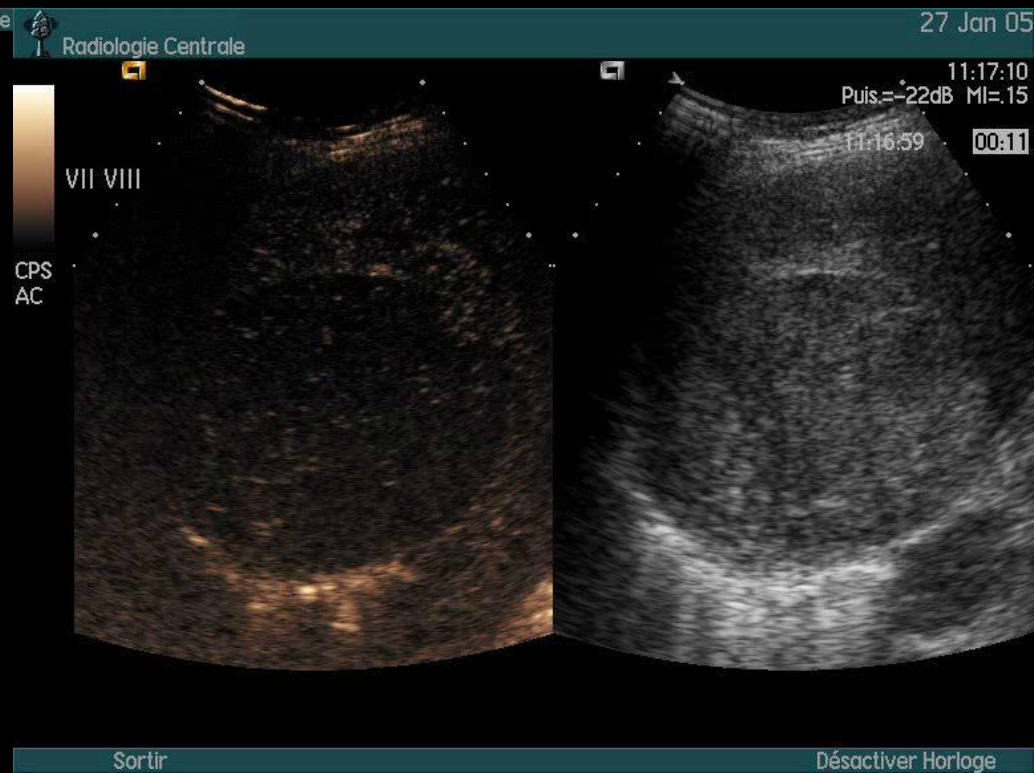
Abbreviations: CEUS, contrast-enhanced ultrasonography; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; ROC, receiver operating characteristic.

CEUS proposed alternately with CT or MRI to reduce irradiation or cost ?

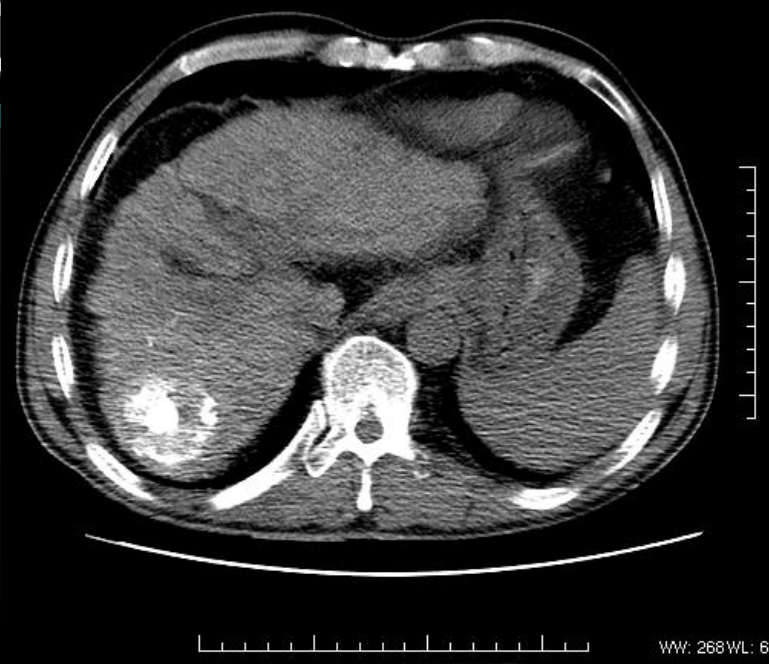
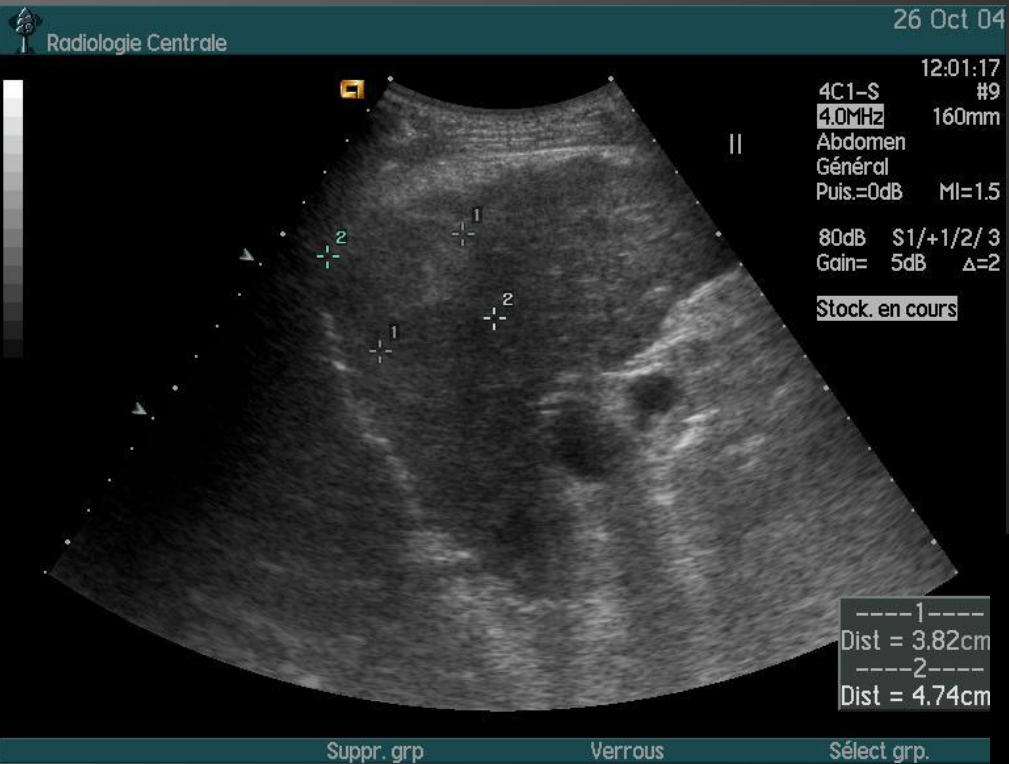


After TACE

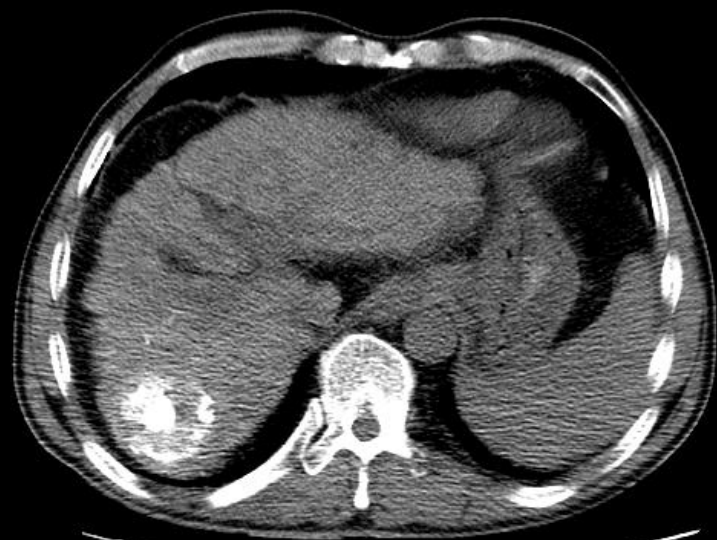
Before TACE











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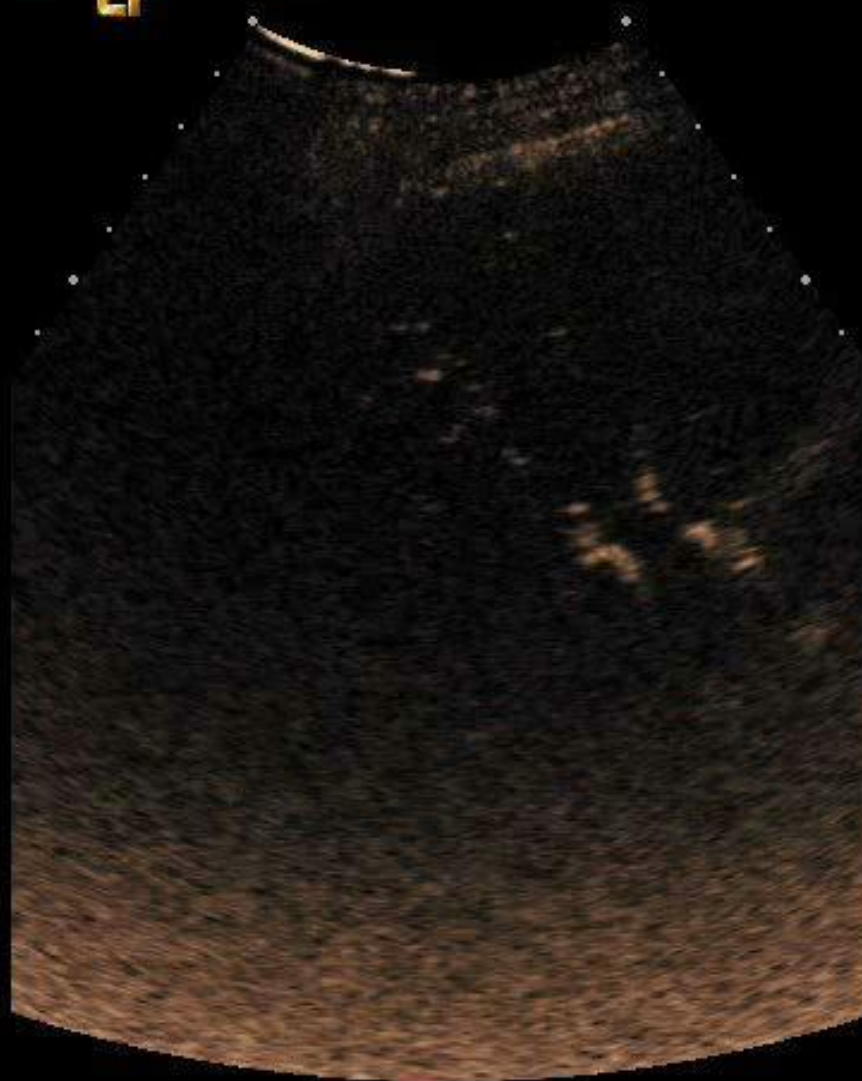
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# TACE: CEUS vs MRI or CT ?

- During the procedure to immediately assess the success of the procedure<sup>1</sup>
- CEUS seems to be more sensitive than dynamic CT in depicting the residual tumor blood supply to HCCs one week after TACE<sup>2-3</sup>
- No comparison between CEUS and MRI seems to be

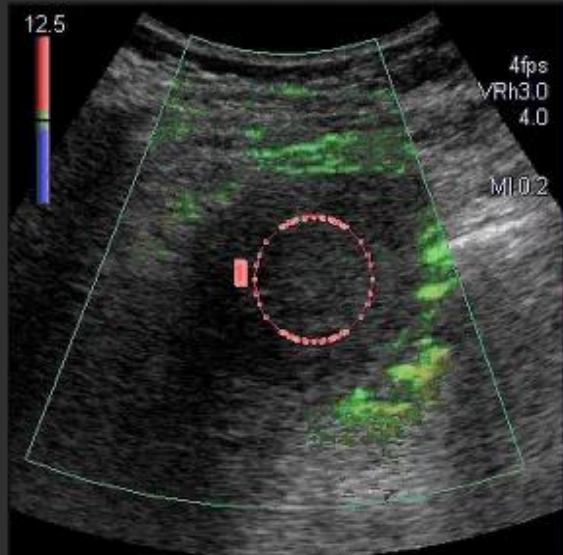
1- Moshouris et al, Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol 2010;16:Ahead of print

2- Xia et al, Oncology 2008;75:99-105

3- Kim et al, j Ultrasound Med 2006;25:477-86

# GIST





TCA

M-Graph

Fitting

Set ROI

Draw ROI

Del CH

Scale

Linear

Log

Del All CH

ROI Tracking

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Type: Ellipse

Boundary Box: (23.3mm, 24.6mm)

Circumference: 77.0mm

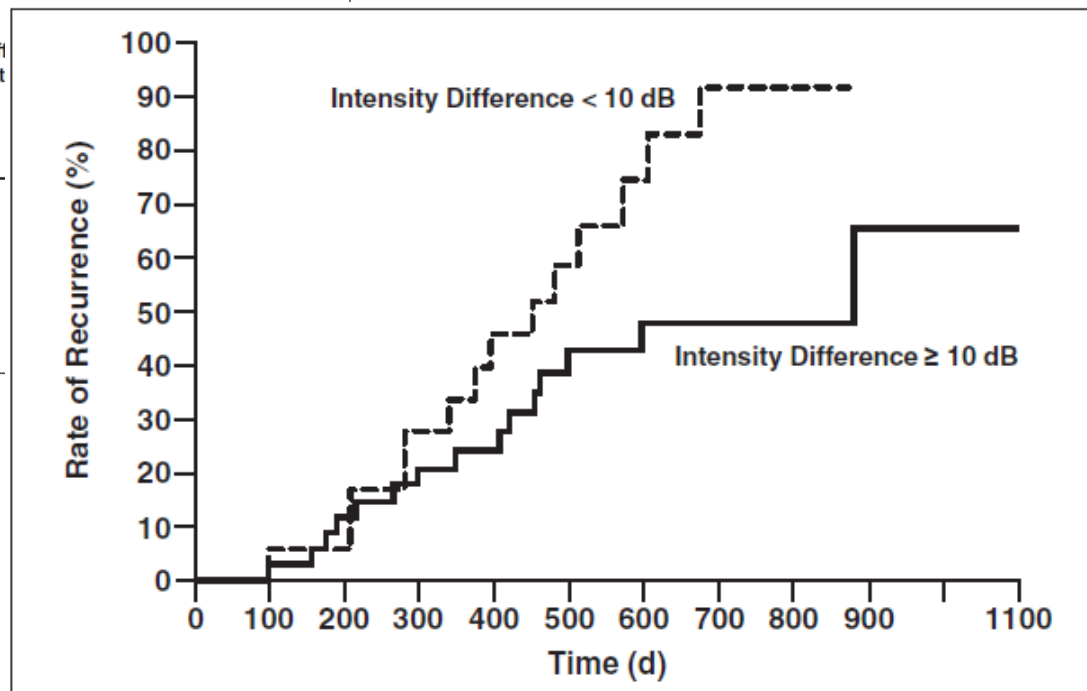
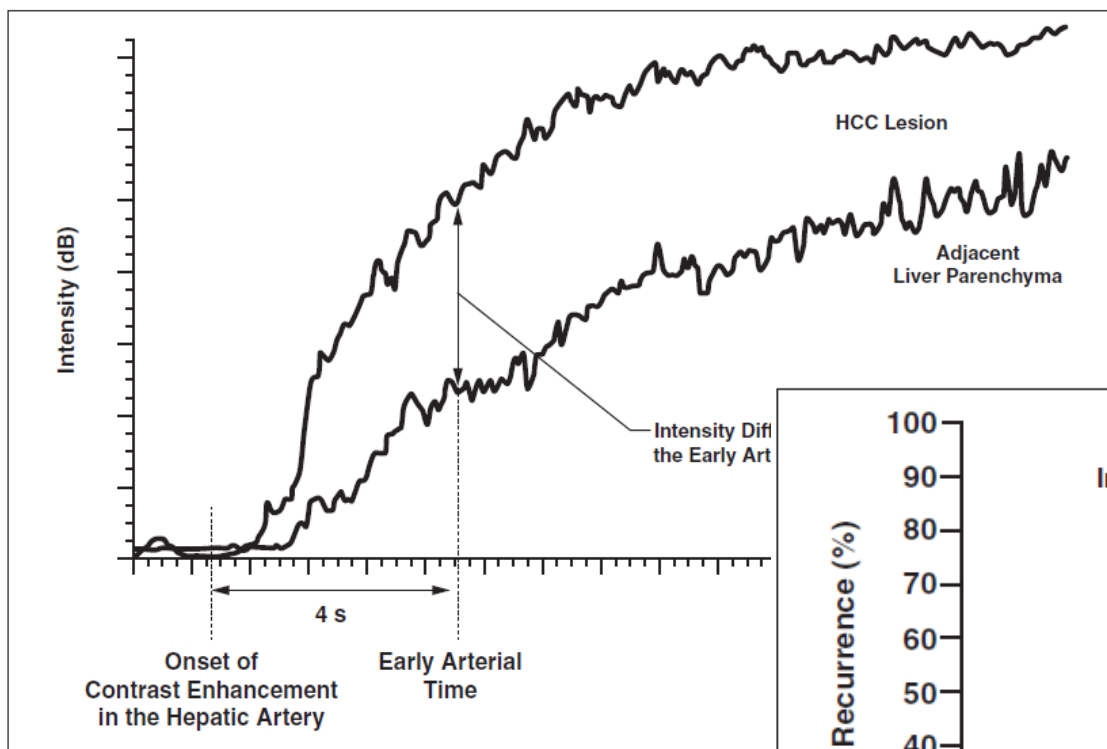
Area: 448.3mm<sup>2</sup>





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# Pretreatment Microbubble-Induced Enhancement in Hepatocellular Carcinoma Predicts Intrahepatic Distant Recurrence After Radiofrequency Ablation



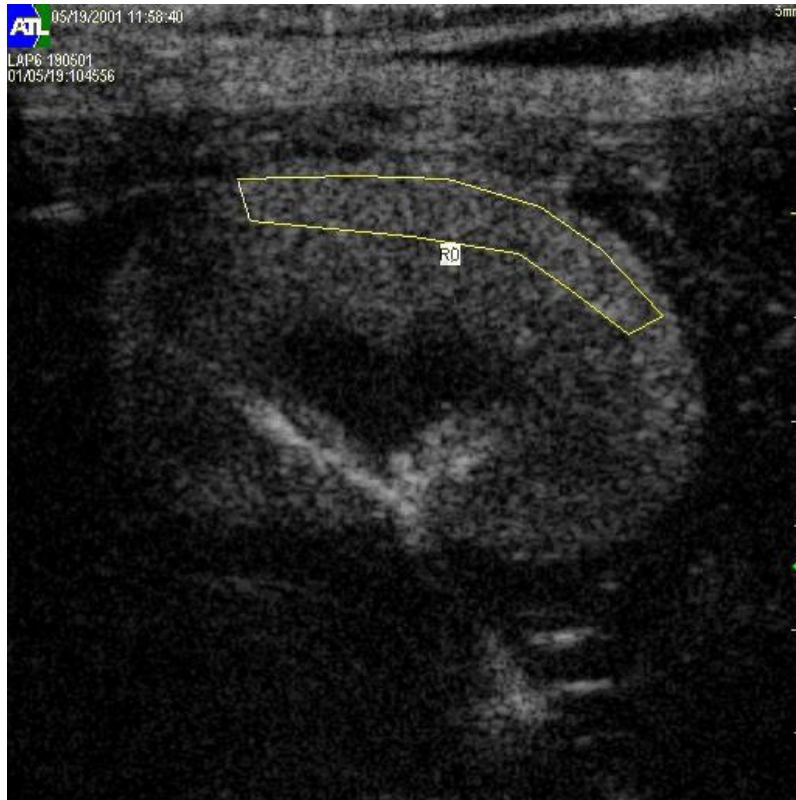
# Functional Imaging: Quantitative assessment

- quantitative assessment of the vascular bed of the lesion
  - Similar to DCE MRI or functional CT
  - Variation of the local concentration of microbubbles as a function of time
  - By measuring the effect on the images
- Pb or AIF

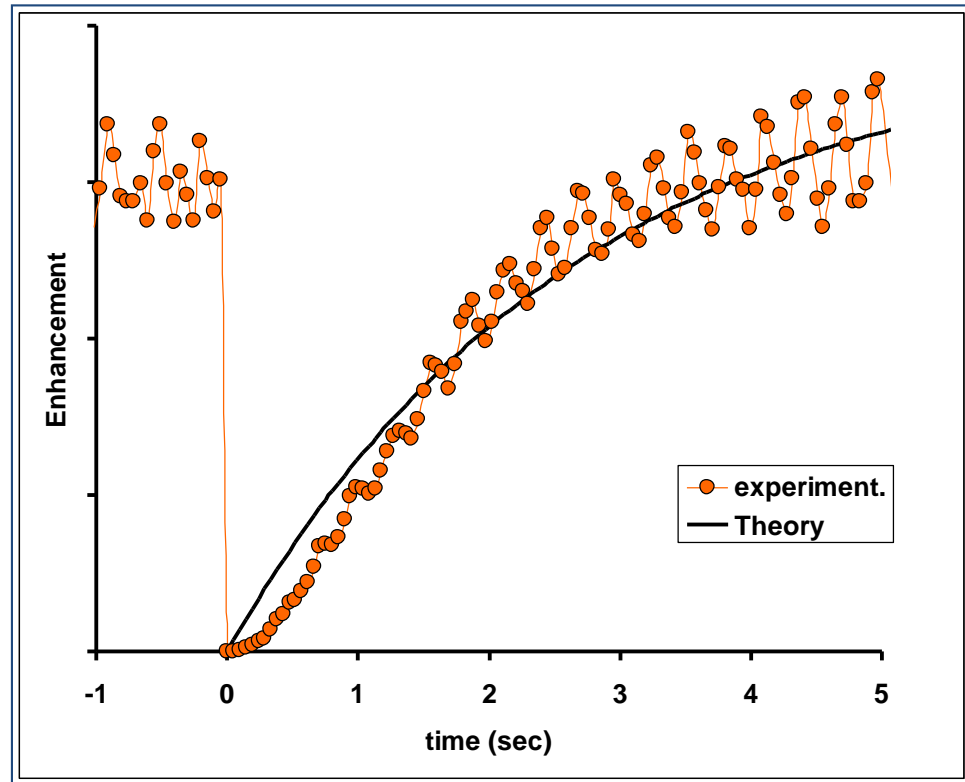


# Functional Imaging: Quantitative assessment

## Destruction replenishment



Rabbit kidney



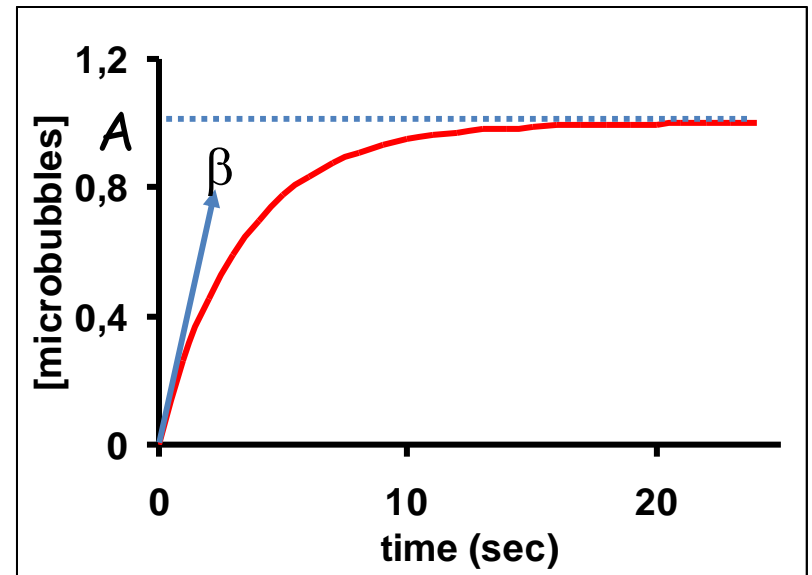
Continuous injection SonoVue

# Destruction replenishment

$$C(t) = A(1 - e^{-\beta t})$$

$A \Rightarrow$  Fractional bld vol

$\beta$ : Fraction of blood replaced per s



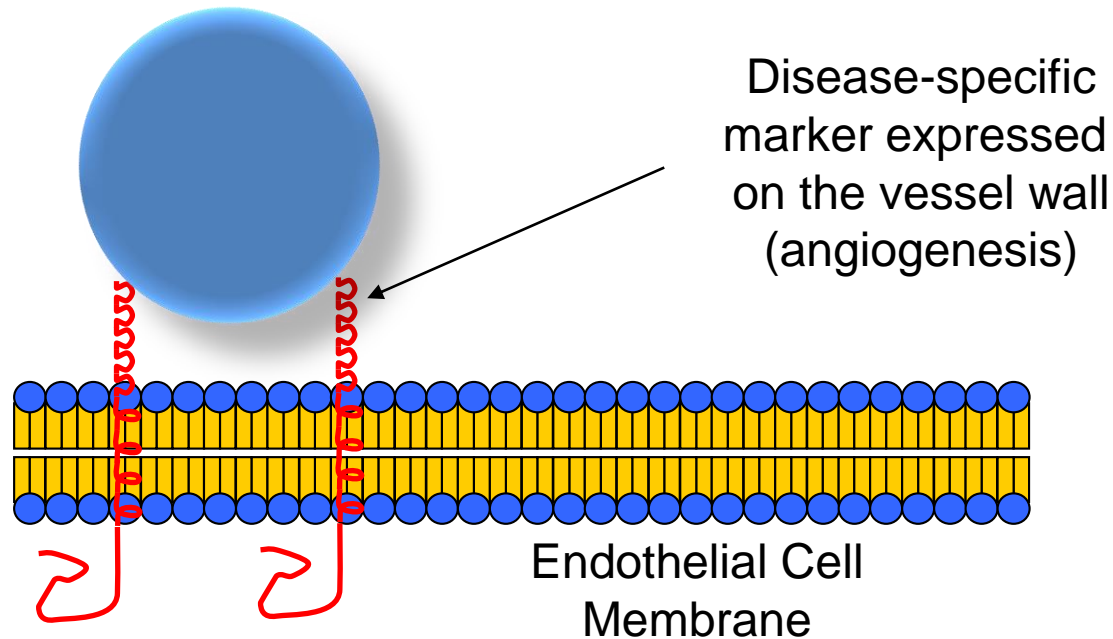
$A\beta$  reflects the relative BF

# DCE-US

- True blood pool agent
  - $\Rightarrow$  BV, BF, MTT
  - $\nRightarrow$  PS, Ktrans, Kep, VE

# Targeted imaging

Ligand specific for a selected marker



Sensitivity +

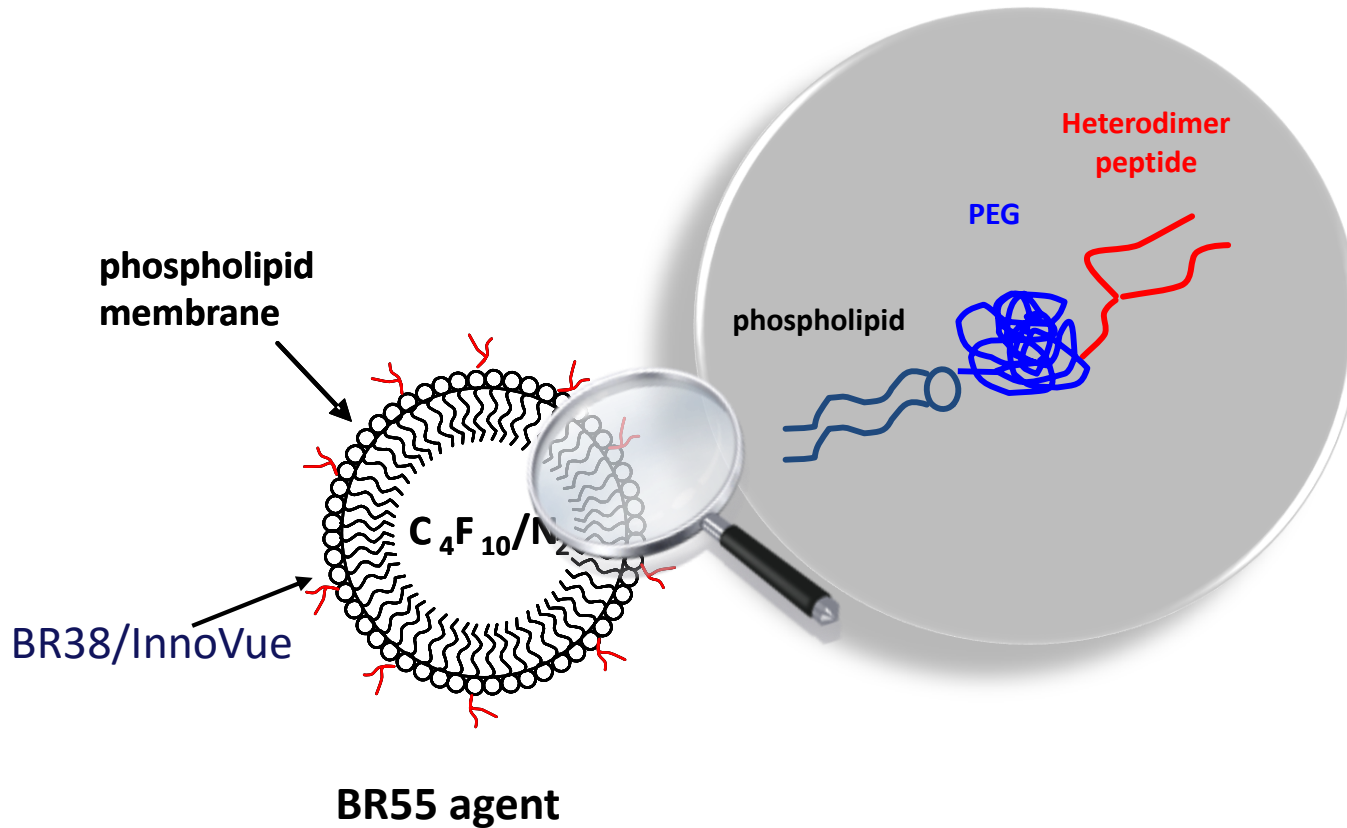


Sensitivity -

**PET**  
**Microbubbles**  
**MRI**



# BR55 targeted agent

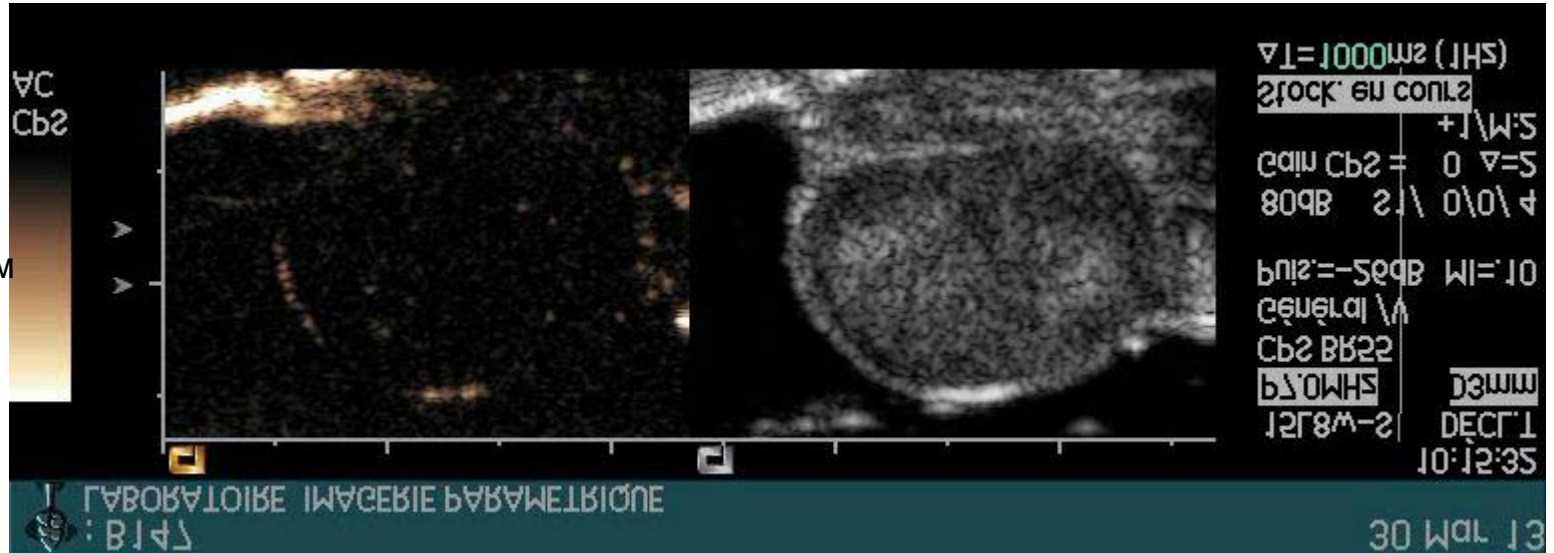


**VEGFR2**

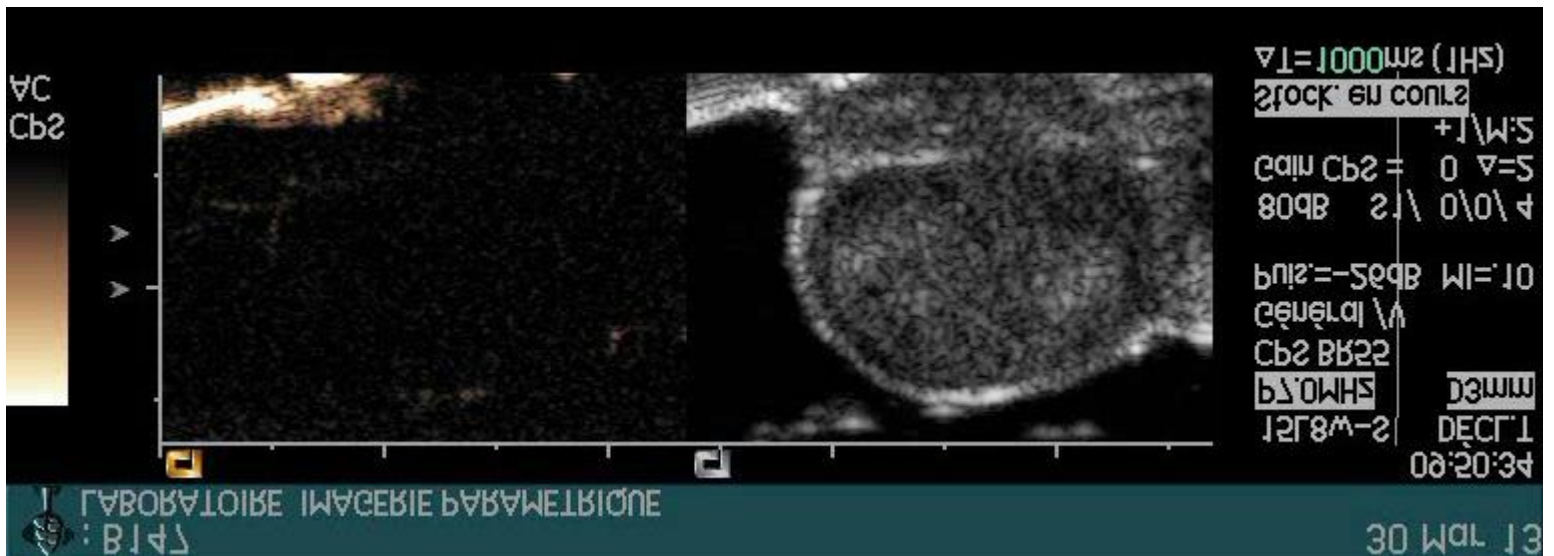
Over expressed in tumoral vessels

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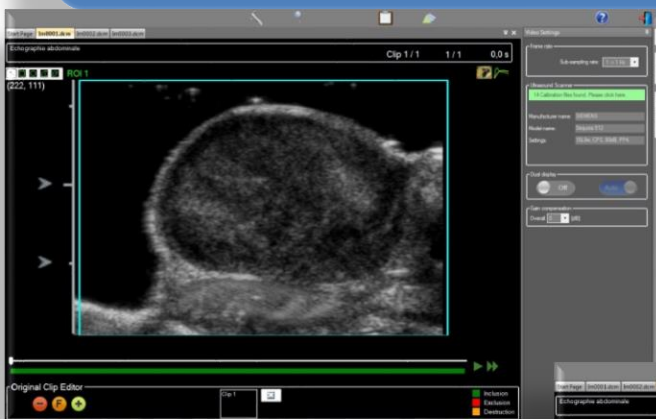
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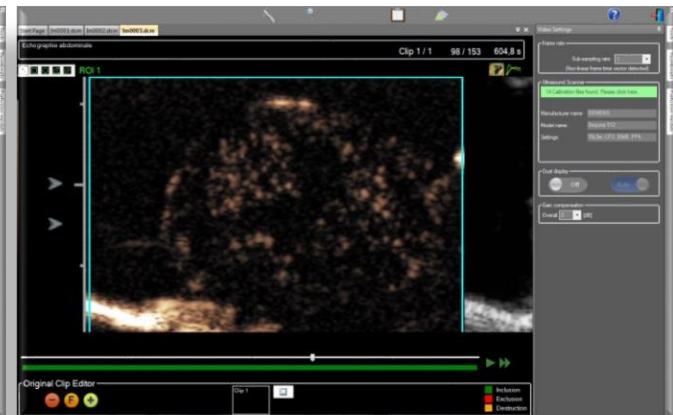
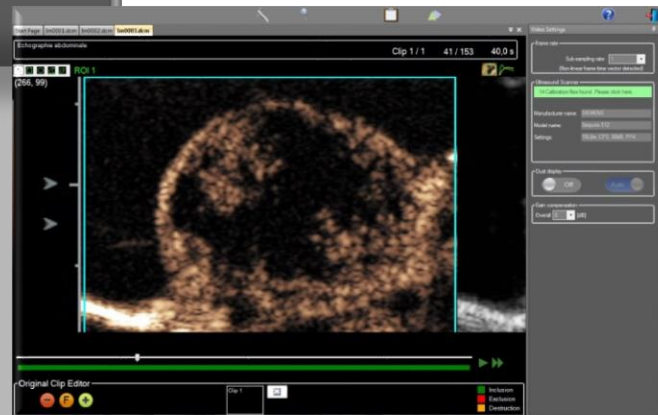
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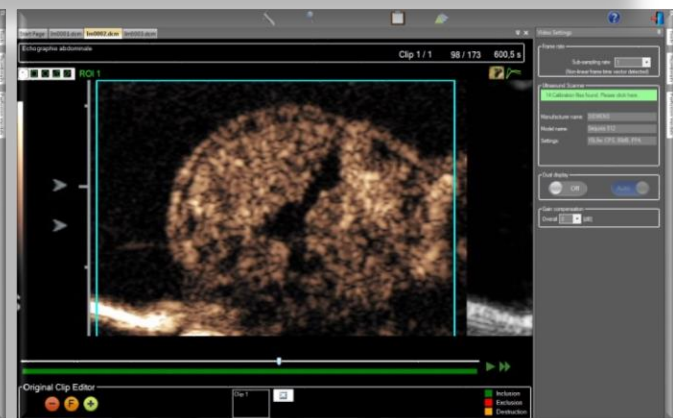
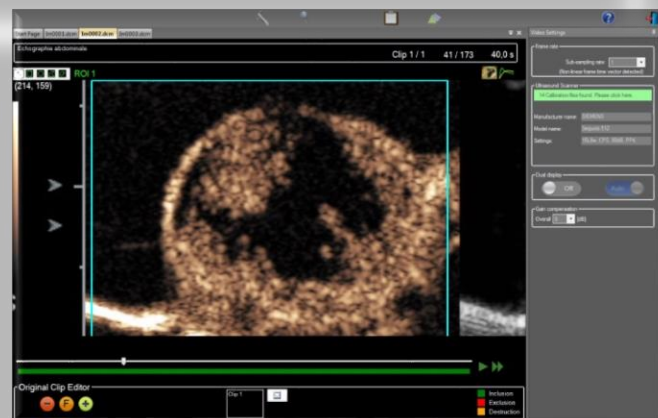
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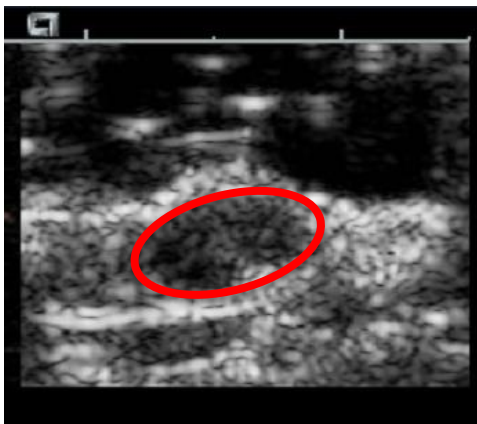
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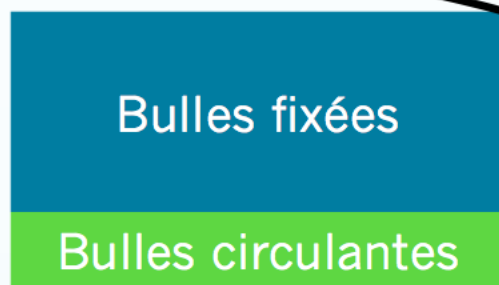
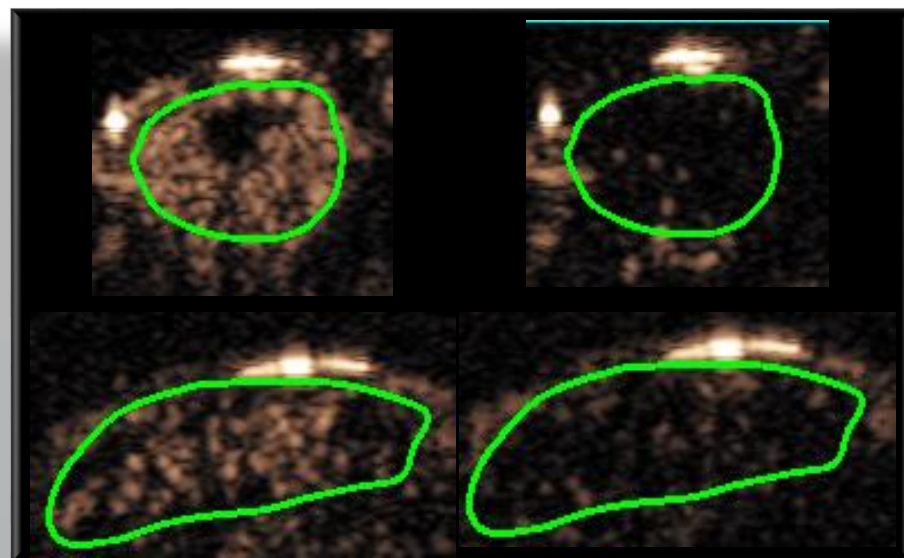




Bmode  
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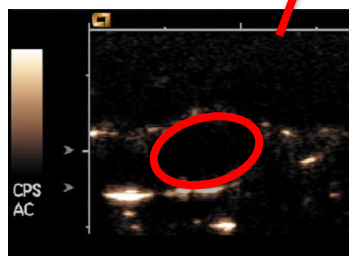
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dTE

Bulles circulantes

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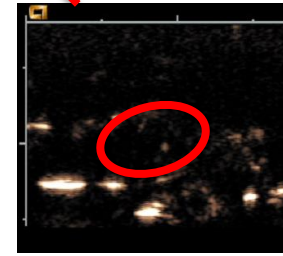
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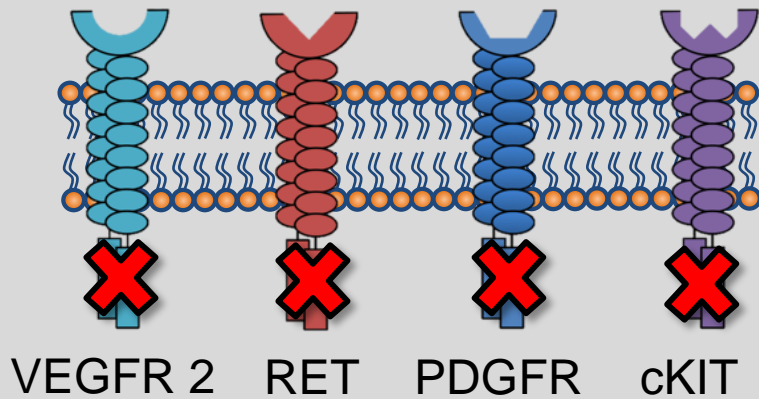
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# Targeted imaging

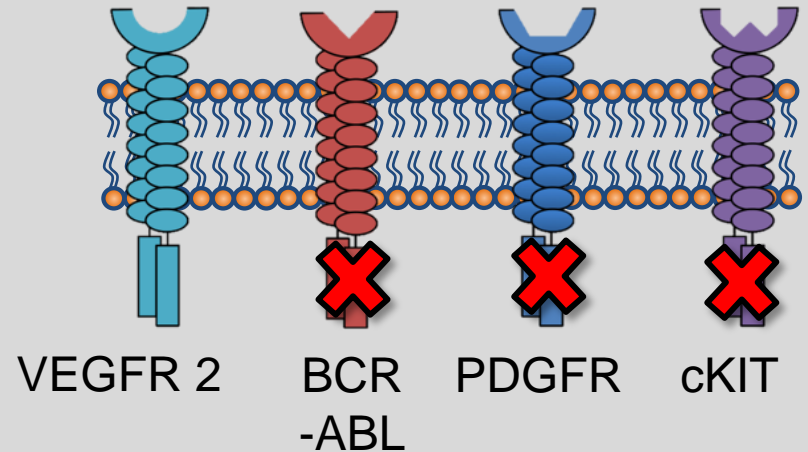
## Sunitinib

- (40mg/kg per day)



## Imatinib

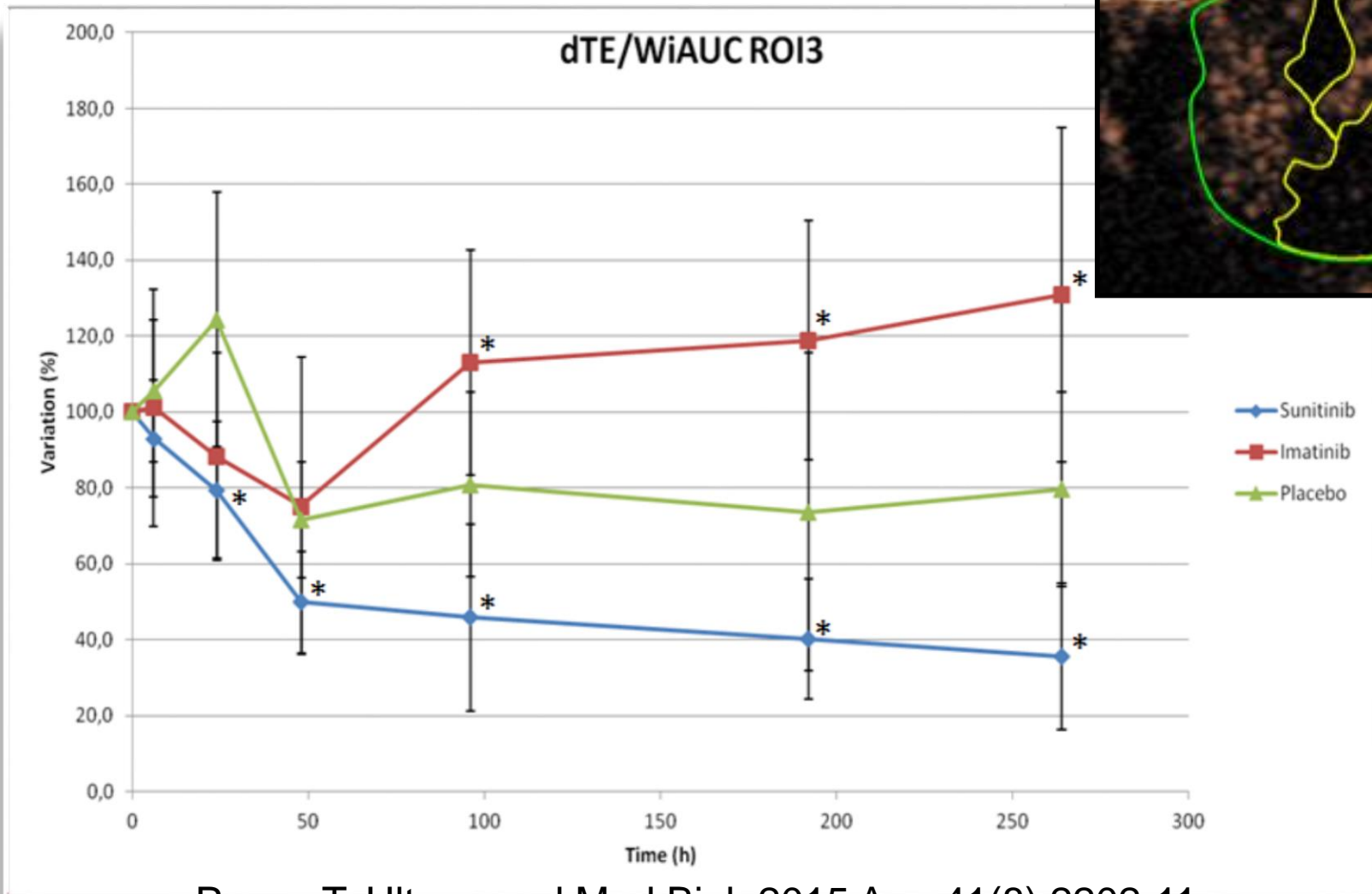
- (30mg/kg per day)



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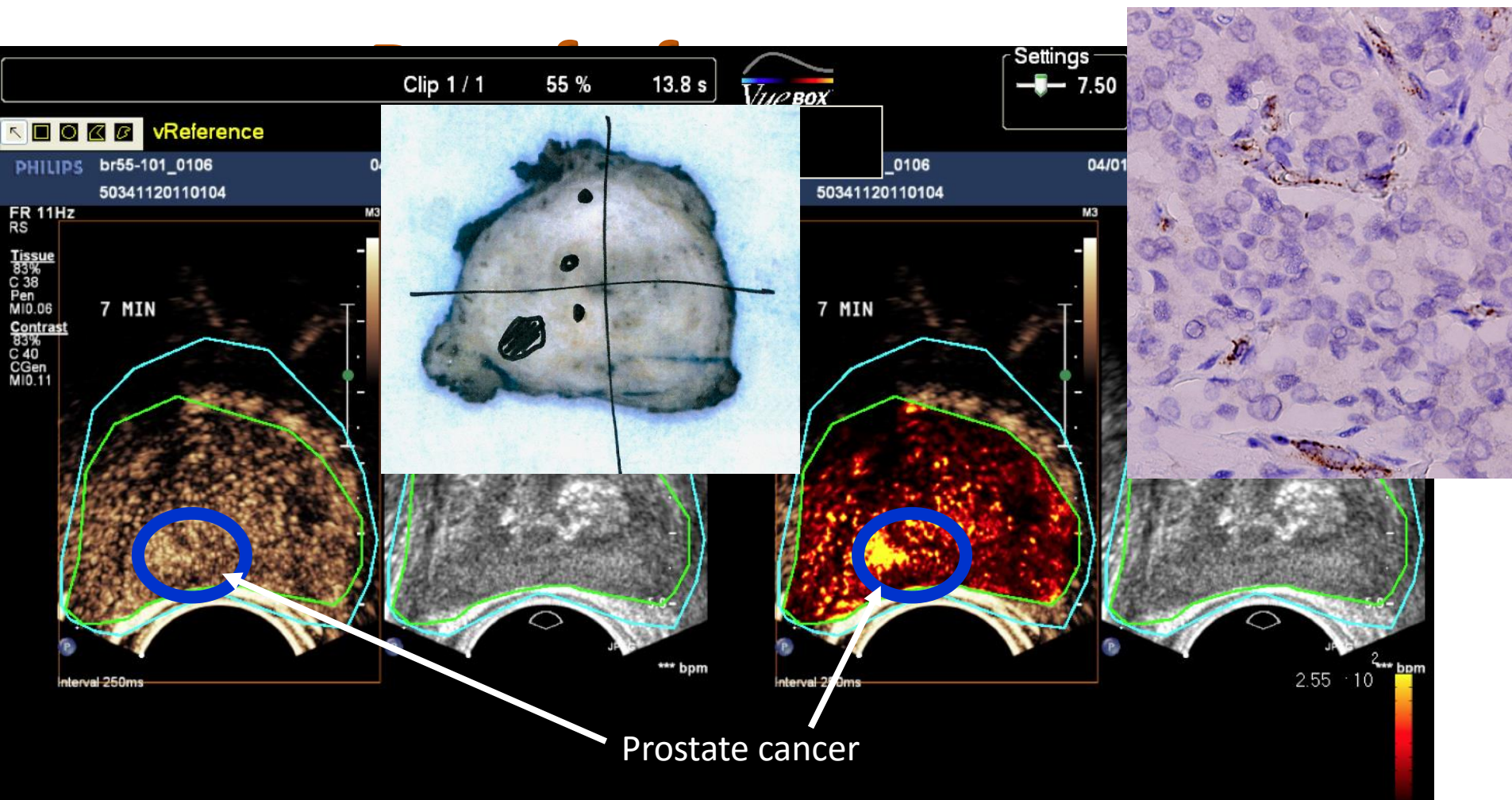


# LIP : Targeted imaging



# LIP : Targeted imaging: Main results

- Mice treated with Sunitinib =>  $\searrow$  expression of VEGFR2 (significant after 24h to reach 40% of the initial level)
- VEGFR2 expression of mice treated with Imatinib  $\searrow$  initially and  $\nearrow$  afterward but without significance
- VEGFR2 expression of mice treated with Placebo  $\searrow$  significantly ( $p < 0.02$ ) after 48h to reach 80% of the initial level
- VEGFR2 expression is significantly lower in the group Sunitinib compared to placebo after 24h ( $p < 0.04$ )
- VEGFR2 expression is significantly lower in the group Sunitinib compared to Imatinib after 96h ( $p < 0.003$ )
- VEGFR2 expression is significantly higher in the group Imatinib compared to Sunitinib after 96h ( $p < 0.05$ )



Immunostaining demonstrates moderate VEGFR2 expression in that PCa lesion

BR55 is able to bind to VEGFR2 in humans (prolonged enhancement >10 min) and is safe and well-tolerated



# Conclusion

- Very powerful technique to visualize the microcirculation
  - Blood pool agent
  - Very sensitive technique
- Recommended
  - To characterize liver lesion, complex renal or pancreatic cysts
  - To assess vascular bed destruction after RFA, Tace ...
- Great potential to quantify the microcirculation
  - Preclinical research
  - More and more in human
- New: targeted microbubbles

Thank you  
Merci



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