

resulting images by the fusion of SPECT and MR images. In order to achieve the above functions, the research procedures include the followings:

1. Segmenting the regions of tumors of NPC recurrence. Since the contrast of different tissues in NPC and skull base regions not well distinguished in MR image, the segmentation of the regions of tumors of NPC recurrence is always a major research topic. This proposal is going to combine the T1 and T2 weighted images of MR and the symmetry of skull to process the segmentation procedure.
2. Searching the regions of tumors of NPC recurrence from the SPECT images and important landmark areas from both SPECT and MR images. Semi-automatic segmentation is used for detecting the tumor region and salivary gland areas for post-processing (mainly for registration).
3. Registering the three-dimensional MR and SPECT tumor regions. Initially, the internal landmark is used for registration, and the external landmark is used for post-registration. The different registration results by using internal and external landmark are compared.
4. Providing the fusion image from SPECT and MR images for doctors to retrieve both the structural and functional information.

Keywords: Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma (NPC), Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT), Magnetic Resonance (MR), registration, segmentation

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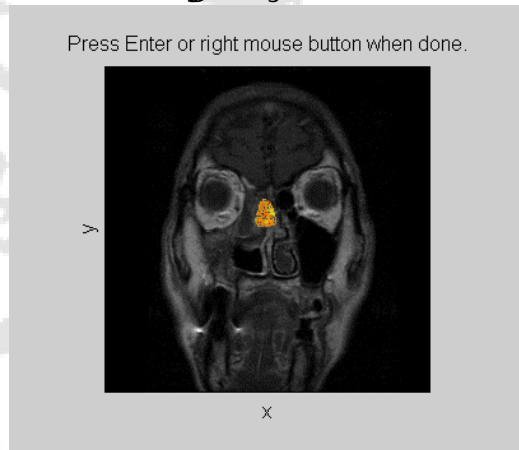
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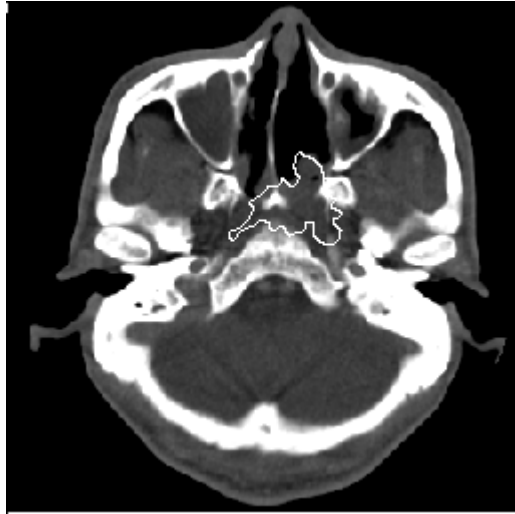
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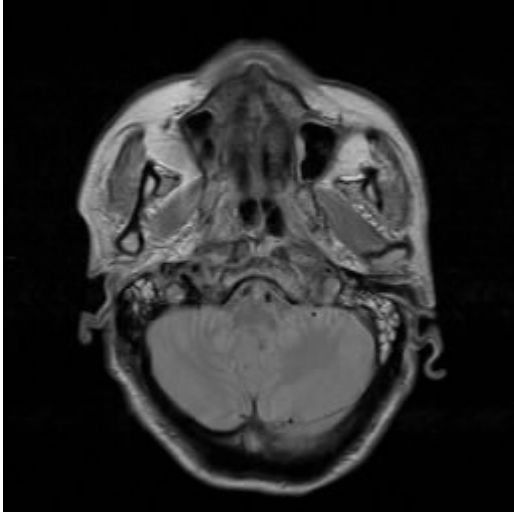
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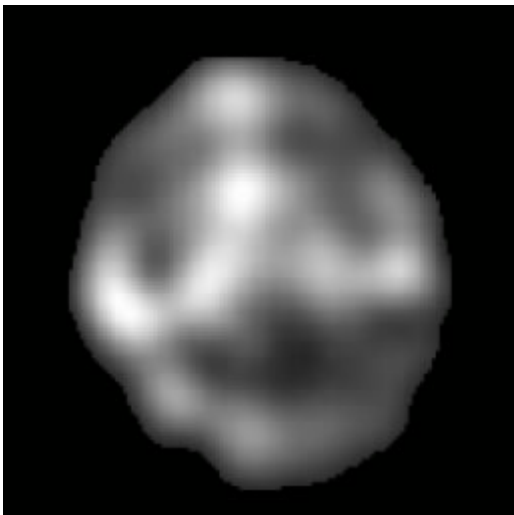
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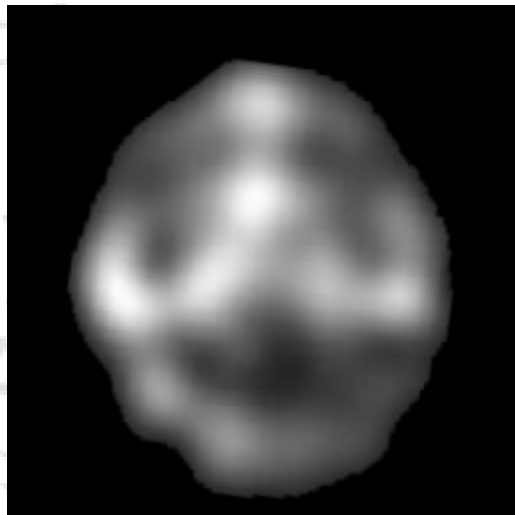
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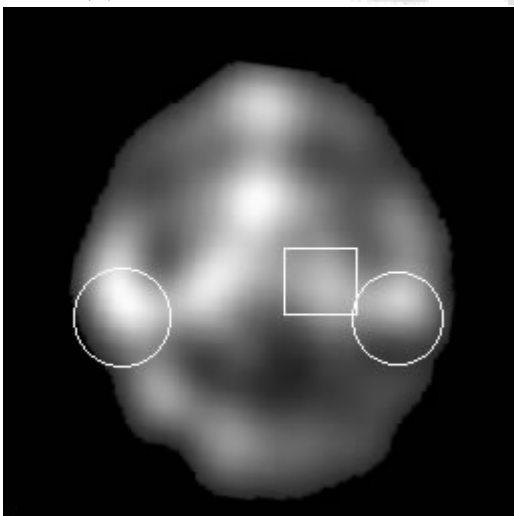
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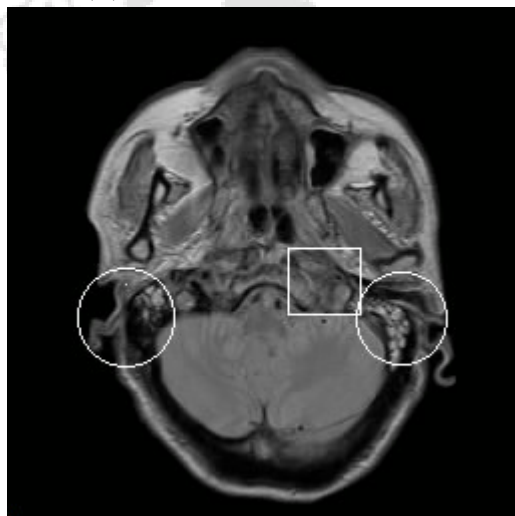
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