

## Supplementary Material

**Table 1.** Technical parameters for HR-VWI acquisition in a 7T GE MR950 scanner.

Parameter	3D T1 CUBE
TR (msec)	1400
TE (msec)	15.475
Flip angle	90
Bandwidth (Hz/pixel)	62.5
FOV (mm)	180
Matrix (mm)	384x384
Voxel size (mm)	0.5x0.5x0.5
Slice thickness (mm)	0.5
ETL	72
Acquisition time	7:16

ETL: echo train length; FOV: field of view; TE: echo time; TR: response time.

**Table 2.** Demographic Data

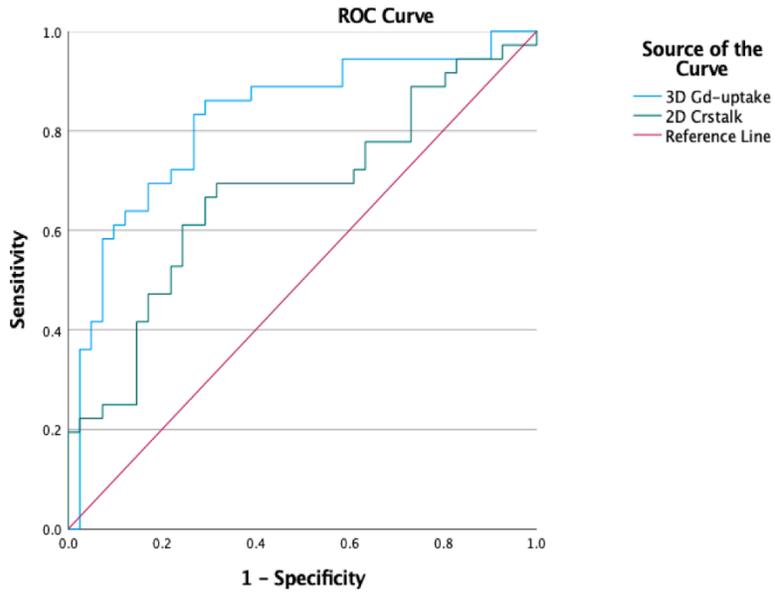
Demographic Data	
Men % (N)	47.2 (17)
Diabetes Mellitus % (N)	22.2 (8)
Hypertension % (N)	72.2 (26)
Smoking % (N)	47.2 (17)
Age ( $\mu \pm SD$ )	59 $\pm$ 12
NIHSS at admission ( $\mu \pm SD$ )	2.5 $\pm$ 3
Time from stroke to imaging (months) ( $\mu \pm SD$ )	4.25 $\pm$ 7.54
<b>Stroke Mechanism of the Culprit Atherosclerotic Plaque % (N)</b>	
Athero-embolic	30.5 (11)
Hypoperfusion	33.3 (12)
Perforator-occlusion	19.4 (7)
Unable to determinate	16.6 (6)

**Table 3. DWI Findings of Culprit Plaques**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Plaque Location</b>	<b>Stroke location</b>
1	R	MCA	Right caudate and putamen; right frontal and parietal lobes
2	L	MCA	Left parietal lobe
3	L	MCA	Left frontal, parietal, and temporal lobes
4		Basilar	Right occipital lobe and right cerebellar hemisphere
5	R	MCA	Right temporal lobe
6	R	MCA	Right putamen; right parietal and temporal lobes
7		BA	Left median pons
8	R	MCA	Right frontal and parietal lobes
9	R	MCA	Right frontal and parietal lobes
10	L	MCA	Left parietal lobe
11	L	MCA	Left parietal lobe
12	L	VA	Left occipital lobe
13	L	MCA	Left temporal and parietal lobes
14	L	ICA	Left parietal lobe
15	R	ICA	Right frontal and parietal lobes
16	L	PCA	Left occipital
17	R	MCA	Right frontal lobe
18		BA	Right occipital lobe
19	L	MCA	Left putamen and parietal lobe
20	L	VA	Left median pons
21		BA	Right cerebellar hemisphere
22	L	ICA	Left parietal and temporal lobes
23		BA	Right occipital lobe
24		BA	Right cerebellar hemisphere
25	R	MCA	Right putamen and caudate; right internal capsule
26	L	VA	Left cerebellar hemisphere
27	R	VA	Right cerebellar, right midbrain
28	R	MCA	Right putamen and caudate; right temporal and parietal lobes
29	L	ICA	Left corona radiata
30	R	MCA	Left frontal and parietal lobes
31	R	ICA	Bilateral frontal lobes
32	L	MCA	Left parietal and temporal lobes
33	L	VA	Left cerebellar and left lateral medulla
34	R	MCA	Right parietal and occipital lobes
35	L	MCA	Left frontal and parietal lobes
36	L	MCA	Right parietal and occipital lobes

ICA= Internal carotid artery; MCA= Middle cerebral artery; BA= Basilar artery ; VA= Vertebral artery; PCA= Posterior cerebral artery

**Figure 1. ROC analysis comparison between 2D CRstalk and 3D Gd-uptake**



	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	AUC
CRstalk $\geq$ 0.56	70	68	0.68
Gd-Uptake $\geq$ 1.23	86	71	0.81

**Figure 1.** A 3D Gd-uptake of  $\geq 1.23$  outperformed a 2D CRstalk of  $\geq 0.56$  in the ROC analysis. 3D Gd-uptake is more sensitive and specific for detecting culprit plaques than conventional 2D multiplanar methods.