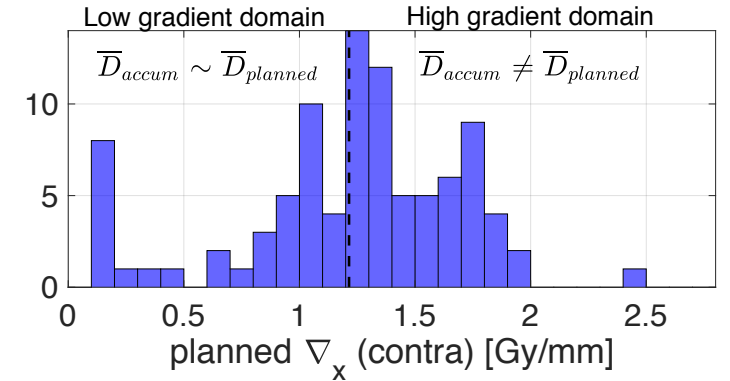
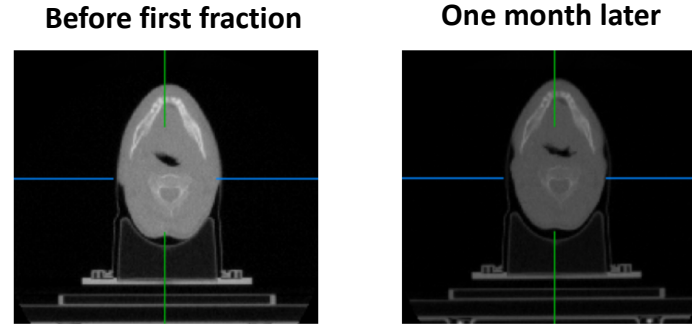
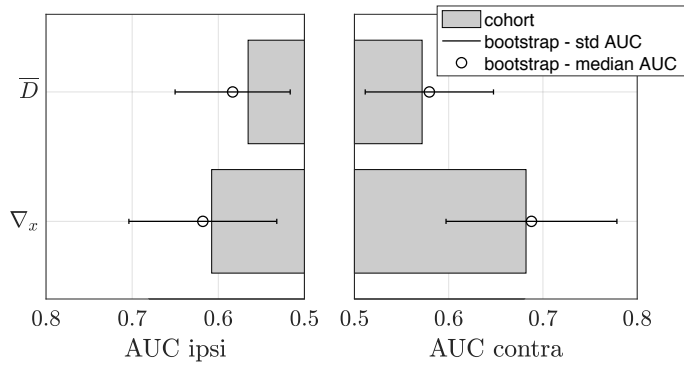
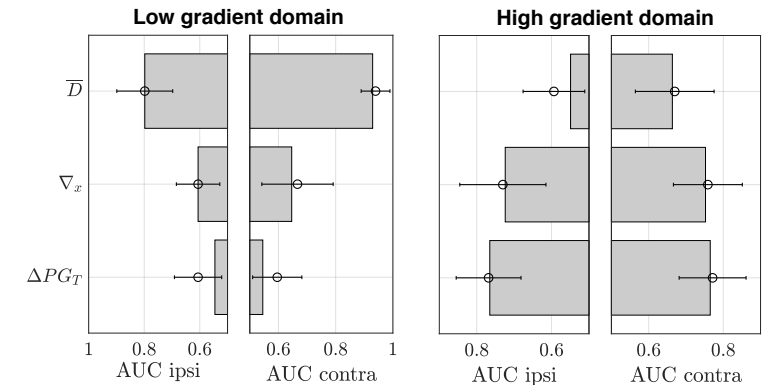
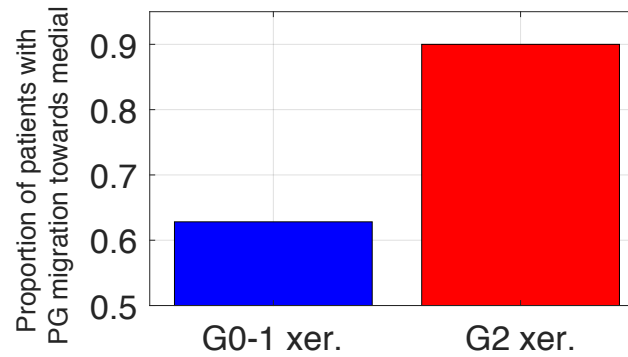
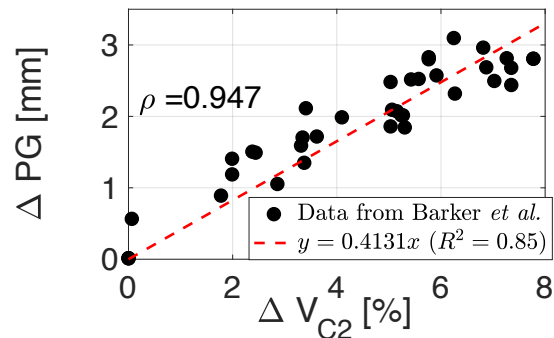


# Impact of parotid gland migration on xerostomia prediction



**Fig 3.** MVCT slices at C2 level. For this patient,  $\Delta PG_T = 5.7$  mm towards medial.

**Fig 5.** Cohort was split into low and high gradient domain by the median value of planned  $\nabla_x$ .



**Fig 4.** A bigger proportion of G2 xer. patients suffered PG migration towards medial ( $\Delta PG_T$ ), compared with negative patients.

**Fig 6.** G2+ xer. patients in the low and high gradient domains were successfully recognized by the planned  $\bar{D}$  and  $\Delta PG_T$ , respectively.

**Fig 1.** The planned mean dose  $\bar{D}$  does not recognized G2 xer. patients. Instead, this endpoint was well predicted by average dose gradient in right-left direction  $\nabla_x$ .

**Fig 2.** Used correlation to estimate PG migration towards medial from the volume reduction of the external contour at the C2 level (Barker *et al.* 2004).