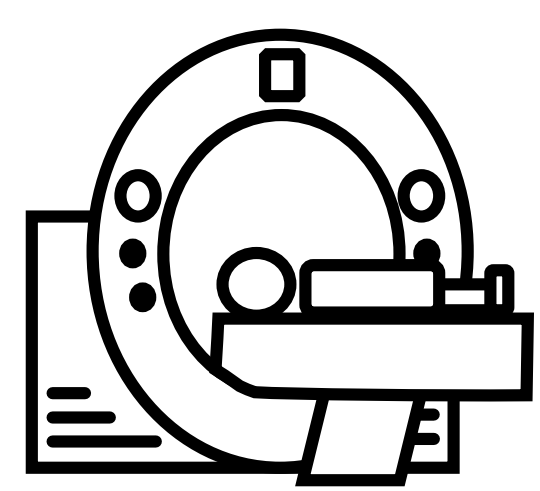


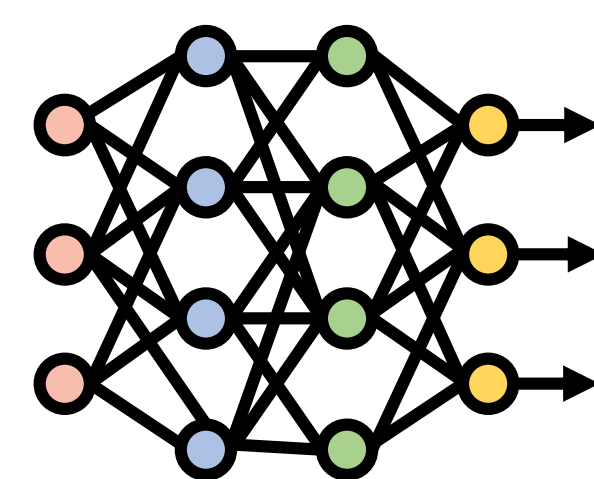
INTRODUCTION

> 1.6 million incidental pulmonary nodules (IPNs) are identified annually in the USA. The average lung cancer detection rate is 4-6% (higher than most screening programs).



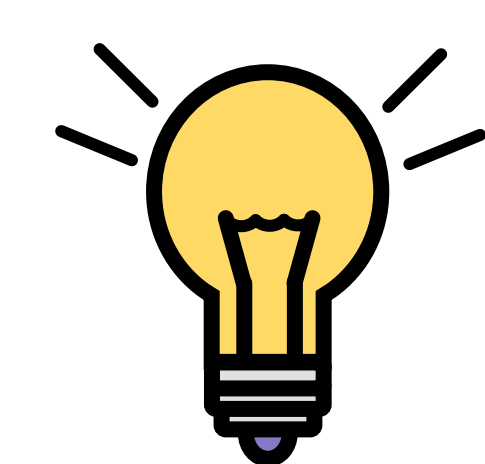
Analysis of CT scans completed for non-screening purposes may offer a practical approach to expand lung cancer risk assessment by capturing IPNs.

Deep learning algorithms, such as Sybil, have been trained and validated on LDCT scan to predict 6-year lung cancer risk scores, although the accuracy may vary by nodule sizes.



Lung Cancer Risk

Here we compare Sybil scores on diagnostic 'lung-in-view' scans with IPNs to dedicated repeat low-dose CT chest on the same individual to assess the applicability of the tool on all "lung-in-view" imaging.



Every scan is an opportunity for early detection

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

A total of 188 patients (aged 67 ± 8 , 48% female) with IPNs detected on various diagnostic scans with repeat paired dedicated LDCT were included. Head/neck, spine, shoulder, and abdominal scans were removed from analysis. Sybil was applied to a subset of 156 patients with paired T0 (71 CT chest scans, 85 cardiac scans) and T1 LDCT scans.

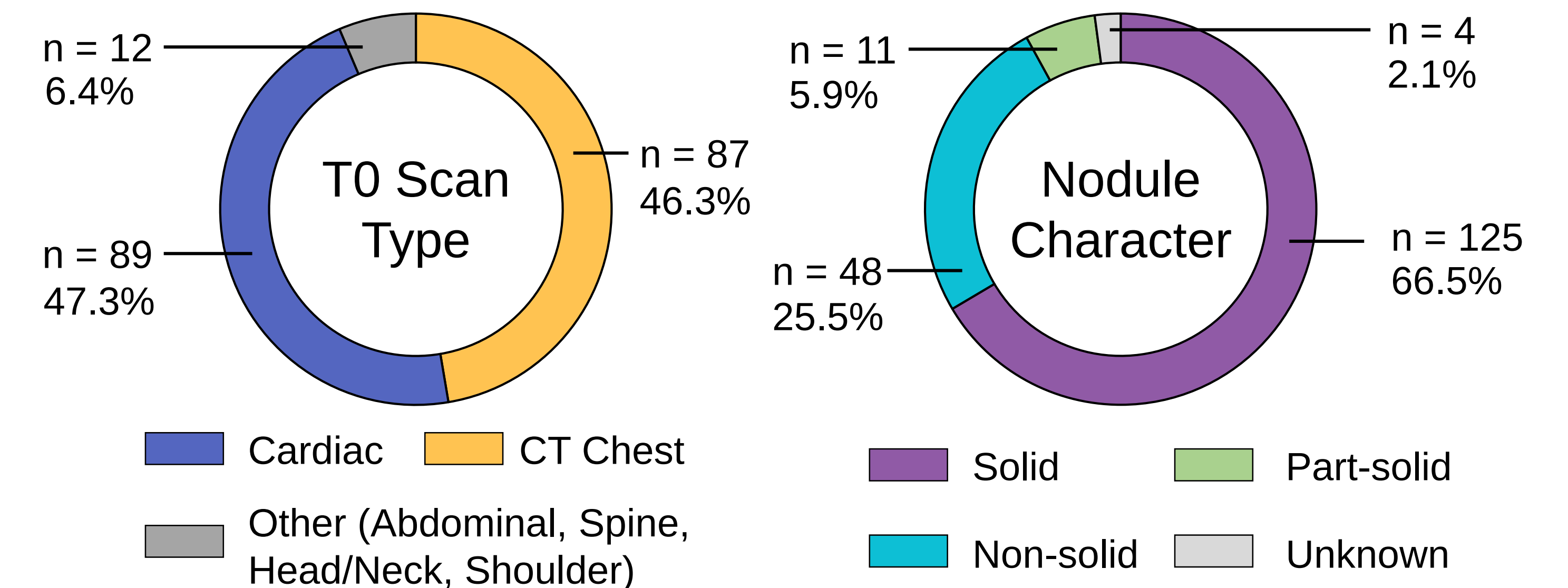
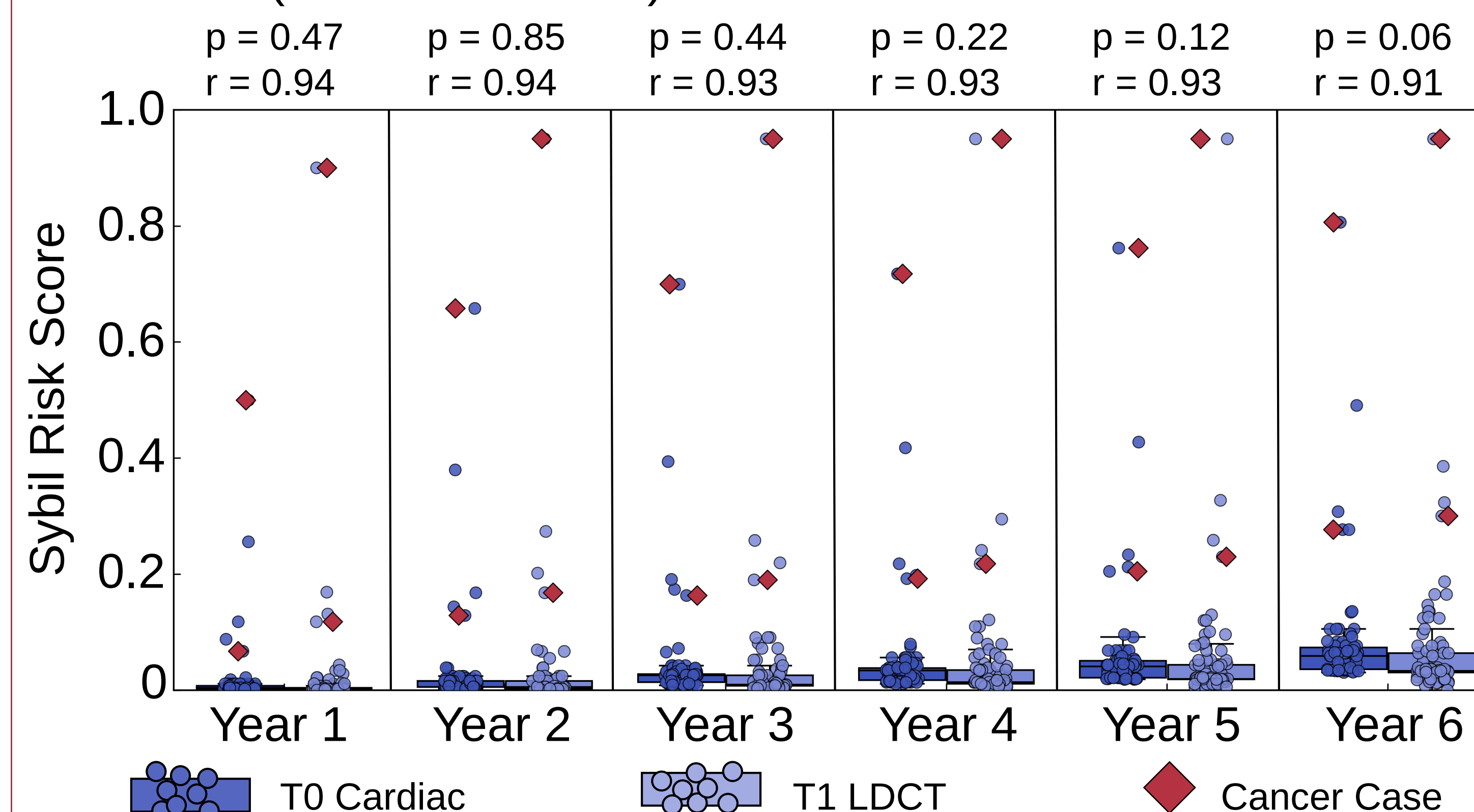


Never, n = 109 (58%)
Former, n = 68 (36%)
Current, n = 11 (6%)

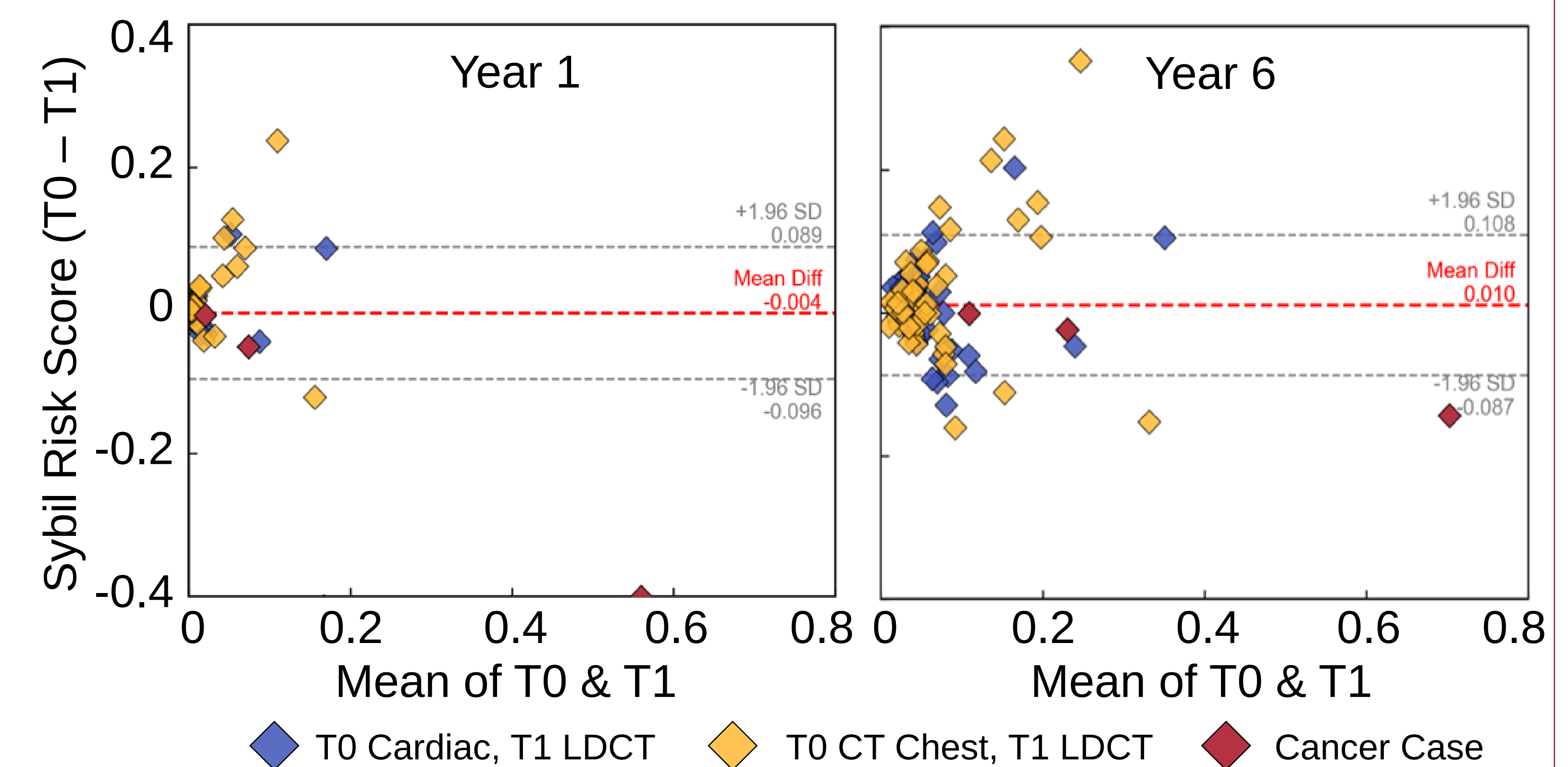


T0 Scan → T1 Scan
Mean time between scans:
 175 ± 88 days

No statistically significant differences between T0 cardiac and T1 LDCT Sybil risk scores were observed at any time-point over 6 years (t-test, $p > 0.05$). Strong correlation between T0 and T1 scores was observed (Pearson $r > 0.91$).



Bland-Altman analysis showed excellent agreement between T0 and T1 at all time points. Risk scores for cardiac T0 to LDCT T1 were most similar for year 1 with a mean difference of -0.4% increasing to 1.0% for year 6.

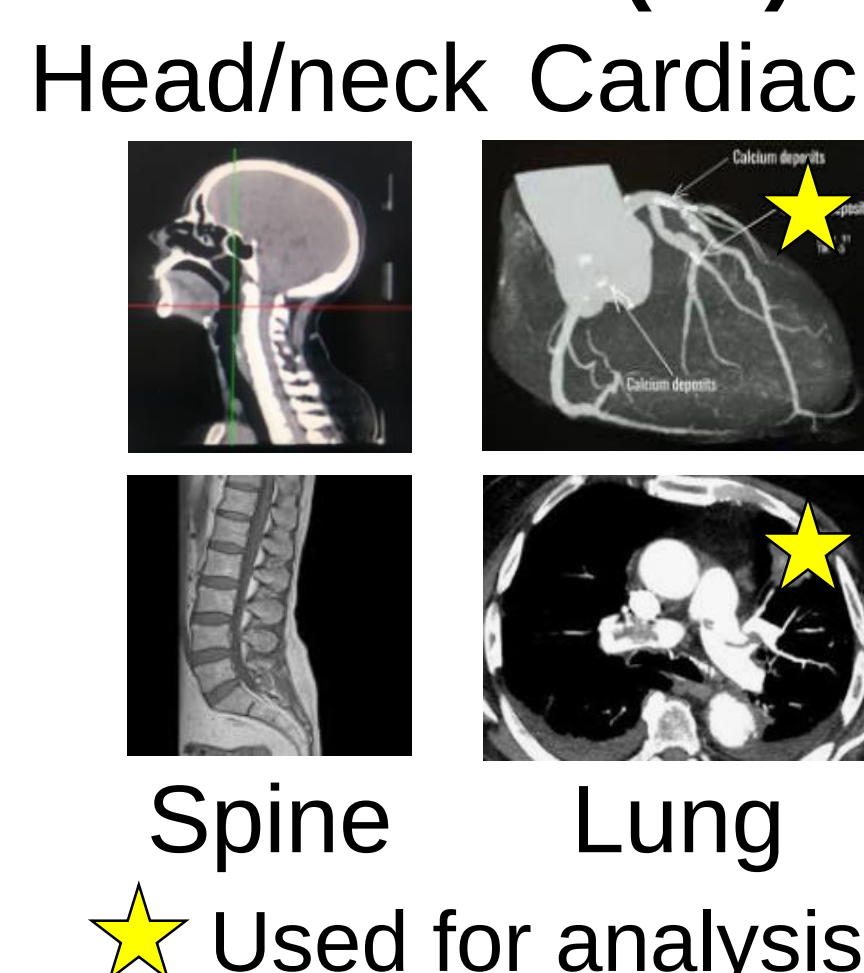


METHODS

Recruitment

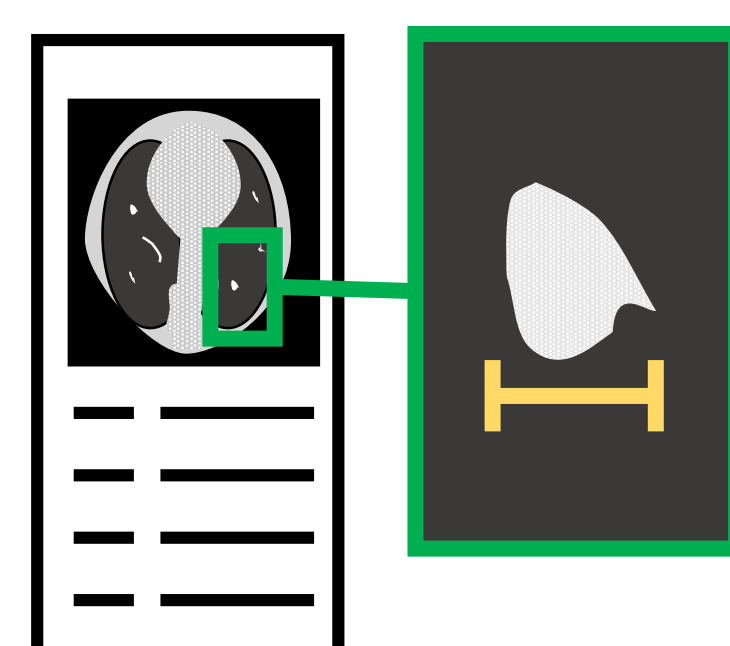
A cohort of prospectively, sequentially enrolled patients with IPNs identified on a diagnostic scan were included from the IDEAL trial, Vancouver, Canada site, from 2023-2025.

Initial lung-in-view CT Scan (T0)

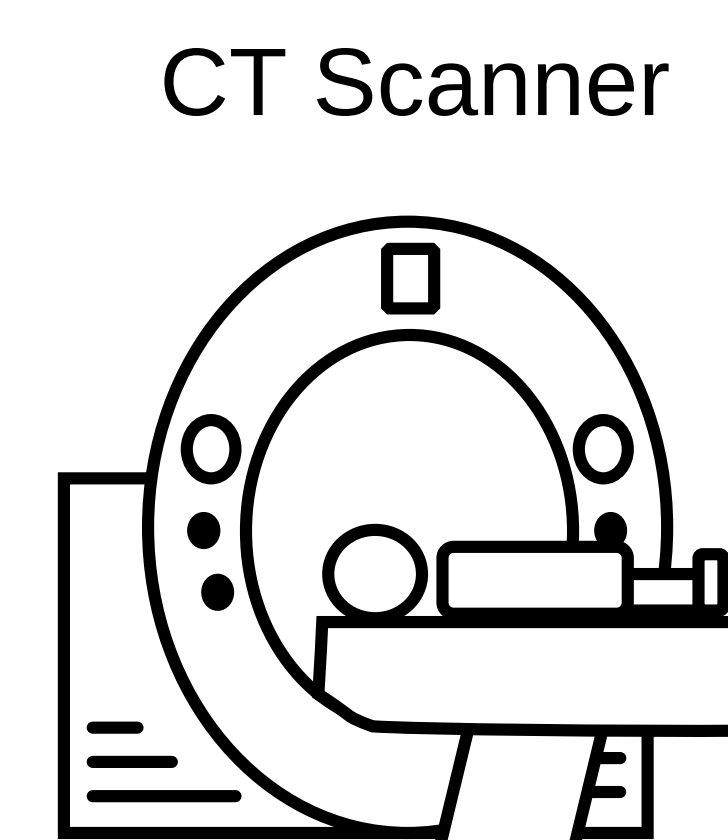


Nodule detection

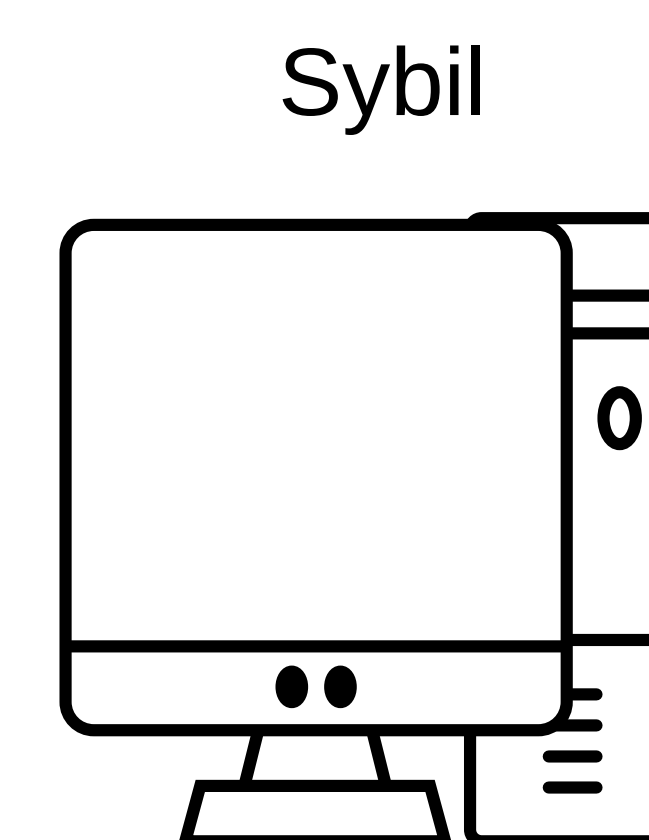
> 6mm nodule detected



Follow-up LDCT scan (T1)



Deep learning algorithm



Lung cancer risk prediction



CONCLUSION

Sybil risk scores remained consistent across both dedicated low-dose CT chest scans and diagnostic CT scans, including cardiac scans. There was a good correlation in the Sybil score between contrast enhanced cardiac CT and LDCT. The threshold to triage patients with IPN on a cardiac CT for clinical follow-up requires further research.



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