

Current Challenging Medical Image Analysis

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The theme of this special issue (supplement) is “*Current Challenging Medical Image Analysis*”. This issue consists of two selected papers presented at the 35th IEEE-EMBC Workshop on *Current Challenging Image Analysis and Information Processing in Life Science*, which was held on 03 July 2013, Osaka, Japan; and one invited paper to reflect the theme of this issue. All three papers were accepted based on the peer-review process of *BioMedical Engineering Online* journal.

The first paper entitled “*Deformable part models for object detection in medical images*” by Klaus Toennies, *et al.*, presents a novel application of a deformable model of the finite element method for the detection of objects in medical images. This proposed approach is promising for context-based detection, model-based segmentation, and shape analysis of medical objects.

The second paper entitled “*Motion correction of whole-body PET data with a joint PET-MRI registration functional*” by Michael Fieseler, *et al.*, makes use of the multi-modal information simultaneously provided by both PET (position emission tomography) and MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) data for the registration and correction of respiratory motion, whereas current methods for PET-MRI-based motion correction do not utilize the valuable sources of information provided by PET data.

The last paper entitled “*Automated CT detection of intestinal abnormalities and ischemia for decision making in emergency medicine*” by Taichiro Tsunoyama, *et al.*, reports an original work on automated image analysis of bowel ischemia and abnormality patterns, which is important for the urgent treatment of patients in emergency departments. The combination of the sources of knowledge from medicine and imaging science offers a computer-aided tool that can be essential to surgeons to gain insights into this complex disease.

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