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Bayer and Siemens Healthineers Present First Synchronized Imaging System Interface for MRI

- The Imaging System Interface (ISI) saves time, improves operational efficiency and reduces the number of steps in the MRI workflow by one third, allowing the user to focus more on the patient
 - ISI recently achieved CE mark certification
 - Joint hardware and software development by Bayer and Siemens Healthineers
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Berlin, July 15, 2020 – Bayer and Siemens Healthineers today presented the new Imaging System Interface (ISI) for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) at this year's European Congress of Radiology (ECR) 2020, taking place virtually for the first time from 15-19 July. ISI is a joint hardware and software development from Bayer and Siemens Healthineers and the first injector scanner interface for the MRI suite. It synchronizes the MEDRAD® MRXperion MR Injection System from Bayer and the Siemens Healthineers MR scanner, thereby overcoming significant challenges posed by the complex process used in conventional contrast-enhanced dynamic MRI, which can result in high stress for operators and suboptimal imaging. By enabling synchronized injector triggering from the MRI scanner operator console and a more efficient workflow, ISI allows users to conduct high quality, consistent contrast enhanced procedures and spend more time focusing on the patient.

In a conventional, manually controlled setting, technologists must constantly plan, monitor and time the various steps on the injector and scanner workstations separately during contrast-enhanced MRI procedures. If the required steps are not optimally timed and synchronized, poor image quality may be generated, which can delay diagnosis as contrast-enhanced scans then have to be repeated. This can result in additional costs to healthcare systems and may cause unnecessary stress and inconvenience for patients as well as healthcare providers.

“Together with Siemens Healthineers, we were able to design an interface that directly addresses the challenges of conventional contrast-enhanced dynamic MRI workflows and improves both the user and patient experience,” said Prof. Dr. Olaf Weber, Head of Radiology Research and Development at Bayer.

“The coupling between MRI and injector is a great achievement for the transformation of care delivery; instead of multiple, time-critical interactions on different consoles, everything can be controlled with a few clicks from the MR console, making synchronized MR injections easier. Thinking forward, it is also perfect for scenarios where experts might remotely operate the MRI system,” said Arthur Kaindl, Head of Magnetic Resonance at Siemens Healthineers.

The ISI system recently achieved CE mark certification.

About Radiology at Bayer

Everyone deserves clear answers about their health, starting with an early and accurate diagnosis. As a true life-science company with a heritage of around 100 years in Radiology, Bayer is committed to providing excellence, from innovative products to high-quality services. The portfolio includes contrast media for computed tomography (CT), X-Ray, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), devices for their precise administration, informatics solutions to support efficient and optimal patient care, as well as acknowledged educational programs. In addition, Bayer is strongly committed to research and development and leverages artificial intelligence, thus further driving innovation in medical imaging. Each of these offerings helps radiologists in their mission to deliver answers and a clear direction – from diagnosis to care.

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