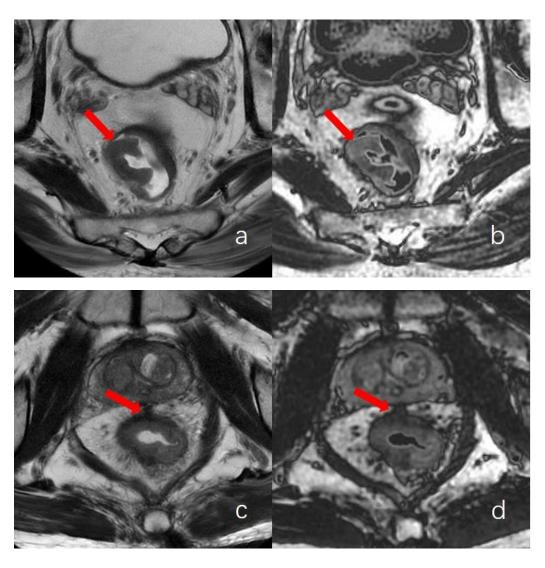
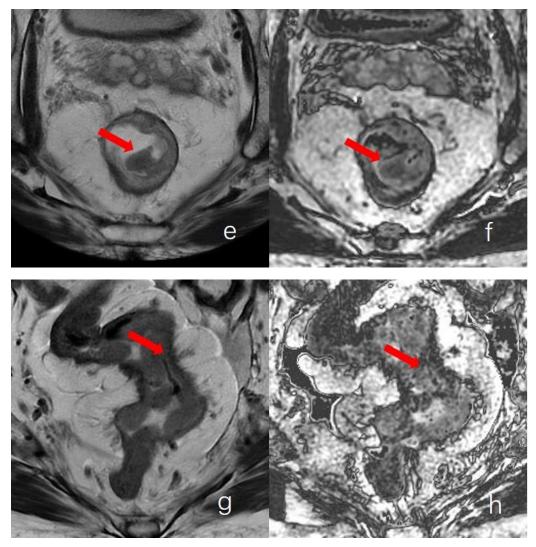
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## **ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**





Supplementary Figure 1: Schematic diagram of overall image quality rating. Image b demonstrates a remarkably pronounced lesion conspicuity (lesion conspicuity=5), excellent lesion edge sharpness (lesion edge sharpness=5), absence of motion artifacts (presence of motion artifacts=5), and an overall image quality rating of 5 points.

Image d shows a relatively pronounced lesion conspicuity (lesion conspicuity=4), excellent lesion edge sharpness outside the lesion, and good lesion edge sharpness within the lesion (lesion edge sharpness=4). There are no motion artifacts (presence of motion artifacts=5), resulting in an overall image quality rating of 4 points.

Image f shows a moderate lesion appearance, requiring a comparison with Image e (T2WI) for lesion identification (lesion conspicuity=3). The lesion edge sharpness within the lesion is average, while the sharpness outside the lesion is relatively good (lesion edge sharpness=3). There are no motion artifacts (presence of motion artifacts=5). Consequently, the overall image quality rating is 3 points.

Image h shows a barely discernible lesion (lesion conspicuity=2), with average lesion edge sharpness both within and outside the lesion (lesion edge sharpness=2). There is mild presence of motion artifacts (presence of motion artifacts=4). Consequently, the overall image quality rating is 2 points.