

Supplementary Information

Supplementary Methods

Network Input Preparation

Subject-level clinical and acquisition variables were preprocessed for use as conditioning inputs to the model’s FiLM layers. The following features were included: age, sex, TSPO genotype (HAB/MAB), diagnostic group, scanner type, injected dose, body weight, tracer identity, and visit number. Continuous variables were standardised, and categorical variables were ordinal-encoded and used as integer indices for embedding layers. All variables were normalised on the training set and the same transformation was applied to test partitions.

PET volumes were standardised (z-scored) and, to enable uniform 3D patch extraction, each volume was zero-padded to a power-of-two cubic dimension based on the largest spatial axis. To limit the possibility that the network would become insensitive to small errors in the late tail, which could nonetheless affect V_T estimates, plasma curves were standardised using separate z-scoring for early and late time segments, defined heuristically as greater or less than 900 seconds. This threshold corresponds to the average post-peak inflection point and was fixed across experiments. Standardisation was weighted by the frame length of each time point.

Image-derived input function

The IDIF was computed following the approach proposed by Maccioni et al.¹⁴, using the carotid siphons as the extraction region. High-intensity voxels were automatically selected from early PET frames (0–2 min), refined using voxel-wise correlation filtering, and a tri-exponential fit was applied to denoise the signal. To obtain a fully corrected plasma input, genotype-specific population-based correction curves were used. These curves, derived from King’s College London data, were stratified by HAB and MAB groups. When applying these correction curves to Dataset 1 (King’s College London), a leave-one-out strategy was used such that, if the evaluated subject was included in the corresponding genotype-specific population set, their curve was excluded from the population average. Plasma activity was computed using the following correction equations:

$$\begin{cases} C_{\text{plasma-uncorrected}} = \text{POB} \cdot C_{\text{blood}} \\ C_{\text{plasma-corrected}} = \text{PPF} \cdot C_{\text{plasma-uncorrected}} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where POB and PPF represent population-averaged parent fraction and plasma-to-blood ratio curves, respectively. C_{blood} is the whole blood tracer concentration, $C_{\text{plasma-uncorrected}}$ and $C_{\text{plasma-corrected}}$ are plasma tracer concentration before and after correction for radiometabolites.

Compartmental modelling:

To further characterise performance, full kinetic modelling was conducted using a 2T4K³⁹. The mathematical formulation of the model is provided by the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{C}_1(t) = K_1 C_p(t) - (k_2 + k_3)C_1(t) + k_4 C_2(t), & C_1(0) = 0 \\ \dot{C}_2(t) = k_3 C_1(t) - k_4 C_2(t), & C_2(0) = 0 \\ C(t) = V_b C_b + (1 - V_b)(C_1(t) + C_2(t)) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

823 where C_1 and C_2 are tracer activity in the two tissue compartments, C_p is the model input
824 function, C_b is the whole blood tracer concentration, K_1 , k_2 , k_3 , k_4 , and V_b are the model
825 microparameters⁴⁰. Specifically, microparameter estimation was performed by fitting the
826 model on regional TACs using a weighted non-linear least-square estimator with weights
827 chosen optimally as suggested by the literature⁴¹. Both C_p or C_b input functions were
828 corrected for delay (i.e., the variable time of appearance of tracer radioactivity in blood
829 depending on the time required for the tracer to travel from the arterial sampling site to
830 the region of interest⁴².

831 For each input function class, models were fit under three input configurations:

- 832 1. **TRUE:** $C_p = C_{\text{plasma-corrected (true)}}$, $C_b = C_{\text{blood (true)}}$
- 833 2. **NN-unBlood:** $C_p = C_{\text{plasma-predicted (NN-unBlood)}}$, $C_b = C_{\text{blood (true)}}$
- 834 3. **NN-dPET:** $C_p = C_{\text{plasma-predicted (dPET)}}$, $C_b = C_{\text{plasma-predicted (dPET)}}$

835 In case of Dataset 2, for which the true C_{blood} was not available, the true $C_{\text{plasma-uncorrected}}$
836 was used instead.

837 In all cases, a 1T1K estimation of K_1 parameter¹⁴, was also implemented for comparison.
838 Fits where the resulting V_T exceeded 15 were excluded and considered indicative of
839 numerical instability. These cases accounted for approximately 9% of V_T values across
840 all ROIs.

841 Supplementary Discussion

842 The following supplementary notes provide additional context and methodological con-
843 siderations beyond the main Discussion.

844 The datasets analysed in this work were reconstructed with different pipelines, including
845 distinct approaches to motion correction. These differences reflect the heterogeneity
846 typically encountered in multi-centre PET studies and underscore the importance of
847 methods that can generalise across acquisition settings.

848 In this first implementation of ASTRA, minimal preprocessing was deliberately applied
849 to avoid potential quantification distortions; nevertheless, future work could explore such
850 operations to assess their impact on robustness and generalisability.

851 Estimation of the AIF from PET images alone (NN-dPET) also remains affected by
852 reconstruction and temporal framing. In particular, misestimation of the early peak due
853 to coarse framing or smoothing can propagate into the inferred input function. Although
854 the present framework demonstrated robustness to these factors, as evidenced by high
855 correlation and coefficient of determination during cross-validation, further mitigation
856 may be possible. Direct use of listmode data, bypassing reconstruction, could enhance
857 fidelity in capturing the rapid tracer kinetics around the peak.

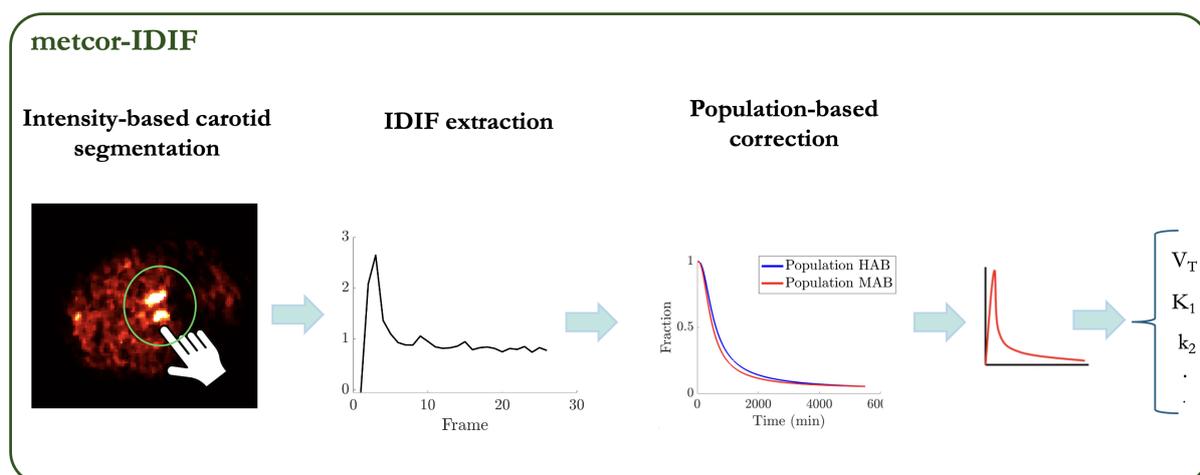
858 In Dataset 3, it was examined whether previously reported SUVR group differences could
859 be reproduced with AI-derived blood metrics in the absence of true arterial data. Dataset
860 3 consisted of a subset of subjects from published findings²⁶ that did not have arterial
861 blood data and excluded individuals already present in Dataset 1. ASTRA-derived DVR
862 estimates were found to closely parallel the SUVR results, confirming that the method can
863 recover clinically meaningful contrasts without invasive input functions. An exception was
864 observed in the pituitary, where neither SUVR nor DVR showed significant effects, likely
865 reflecting the noise sensitivity of small ROIs and the limited cohort size. V_T metrics were
866 also explored, but no significant group differences were detected. It is possible that inter-
867 subject variability, compounded by method-estimation errors, increased dispersion and
868 reduced the ability to detect group-level effects. Further clarification of the sensitivity
869 of ASTRA-derived V_T will require larger cohorts with arterial sampling as reference
870 standard.

871 Performance in this study was evaluated against blood-derived input functions taken as
872 the true reference. However, arterial sampling is itself prone to dispersion, delay, calibra-
873 tion, and metabolite-correction errors, and thus does not represent an absolute ground
874 truth. Comparisons against blood data are therefore partly circular, as discrepancies
875 may reflect imperfections in the reference rather than in ASTRA estimates. Future work
876 including repeat blood sampling may help to disentangle these effects.

877 In the current implementation, regularisation was weighted by frame duration to improve
878 robustness in the tail of the signal, which may have come at the cost of reduced fidelity
879 around the peak as reflected in microparameter and curve estimates, a limitation that
880 could be addressed in future work with larger datasets.

881 Physics-informed implementations of ASTRA⁴³ could embed prior physiological knowl-
882 edge, which may be particularly valuable for transfer learning across sites or tracers.
883 In parallel, saliency maps or analyses of hidden-layer embeddings could improve inter-
884 pretability by clarifying which image features drive AIF estimation and how these relate
885 to physiology.

886 Finally, the degree of compression in the autoencoder offers another direction: while a
887 small latent dimensionality was adopted here due to memory constraints, future tests on
888 more powerful machines could systematically vary this capacity to determine the optimal
889 representation size, which may be larger than the one used here. This would clarify the
890 efficiency–robustness trade-off and guide the design of new models for broader application.



Supplementary Figure 1. Metcor-IDIF pipeline. The IDIF is extracted from the segmented carotid region. A population-based correction is applied using reference curves for different subject groups (HAB and MAB), yielding a metabolite-corrected IDIF for subsequent analysis.

Supplementary Table 1. Participant demographics and diagnostic composition across datasets. **Legend:** SZ = Schizophrenia, UHR = Ultra-High Risk of Psychosis, cLBP = chronic Low Back Pain, KOA = Knee Osteo-Arthritis, HC = Healthy Controls, M/F = Male/Female, HAB/MAB = High/Mixed-Affinity Binder.

| Dataset | N | HC | SZ | UHR | cLBP | KOA | Age (y) | M/F | HAB/MAB | Re-scans |
|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 90 | 66 | 12 | 12 | – | – | 32.5 ± 13.3 | 62/28 | 64/26 | 0 |
| 2 | 52 | 10 | – | – | 27 | 15 | 55.6 ± 16.0 | 27/25 | 32/20 | 13 |
| 3 | 32 | 11 | – | – | – | 21 | 63.5 ± 10.4 | 15/17 | 19/13 | 0 |
| 4 | 5 | – | 5 | – | – | – | 49.4 ± 9.4 | 5/0 | 5/0 | 0 |

Supplementary Table 2. Key hyperparameters for each ASTRA module. Legend: lr = learning rate; wd = weight decay.

| Module | Hyperparameter / Setting |
|-----------|--|
| M1 | Patch size / stride: 32^3 voxels / 16 voxels Conv3D filters: {16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512} Conv layers per block (incl. bottleneck): {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2} FiLM layers: 2 Latent size: 128 (per patch) Activations: GELU (dense), Swish (conv) Dropout rate: 10% Gaussian noise: $\sigma = 0.01$ Optimizer: Adam (lr = 1×10^{-4}) Loss: Mean Squared Error (MSE) on reconstructed image patches Regularisation: latent mean/variance normalisation; latent decorrelation loss; FiLM commitment regularisation; MSE on Laplacian of reconstructed patches |
| M2 | Conv3D filters: {32, 32, 32, 32, 32} Conv layers per block: {2, 2, 2, 2, 2} Dense units per block: {16} Dense layers per block: {2} Attention heads: 2 Attention dense units: 64 Activations: Swish (conv), GELU (dense) Conv FiLM dense units: 128 Conv FiLM layers: 2 Dense FiLM dense units: {64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2} Dense FiLM layers: {2, 2, 2, 2, 2} Dropout rate: 10% Gaussian noise: $\sigma = 0.01$ Optimizer: AdamW (lr = 1×10^{-4} , Conv wd = 1×10^{-2} , Dense wd = 1×10^{-1}) Loss: MSE on predicted plasma signal Regularisation: MSE on Laplacian of predicted plasma signal; FiLM commitment regularisation |
| M3 | Dense units per block: {64} Dense layers per block: {2} Attention heads: 4 Attention dense units: 64 FiLM dense units: {128, 64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2} FiLM layers: {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2} Activation: GELU Dropout rate: 50% Gaussian noise: $\sigma = 0.01$ (input), $\sigma = 0.1$ (dense/latent) Optimizer: AdamW (lr = 1×10^{-4} , wd = 1×10^{-1}) Loss: Gaussian Negative Log-Likelihood (NLL) on predicted plasma signal Regularisation: MSE on Laplacian of predicted plasma signal; FiLM commitment regularisation |

Supplementary Table 3. Component-wise parameter counts for modules M1–M3, based on Keras model summaries.

| Module | Component | Parameters |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------|
| M1 | Embeddings + FiLM modulation | ~2K |
| | Conv3D Encoder Stack | ~16.0M |
| | Latent Projection | ~140K |
| | Conv3D Decoder Stack | ~16.0M |
| | Total | 32.1M |
| M2 | Embeddings + FiLM modulation | ~8K |
| | Temporal Conv3D | ~30.8M |
| | Transformer Encoder Blocks | ~56K |
| | Total | ~30.9M |
| M3 | Embeddings + FiLM modulation | ~8K |
| | Transformer Encoder Blocks | ~205K |
| | Output Heads (mean & std) | ~21K |
| | Total | ~234K |

Supplementary Table 4. Dataset 1, NN-unBlood: V_T regression metrics across tuning and cross-validation folds. Metrics are averaged over all ROIs and test subjects.

| Fold | MAE | RMSE | R^2 | CCC | N |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuning fold | | | | | |
| 0 | 0.341 | 0.471 | 0.972 | 0.921 | 9 |
| Cross-validation folds | | | | | |
| 1 | 0.464 | 0.610 | 0.892 | 0.917 | 9 |
| 2 | 0.353 | 0.477 | 0.923 | 0.933 | 9 |
| 3 | 0.457 | 0.528 | 0.889 | 0.942 | 9 |
| 4 | 0.378 | 0.529 | 0.917 | 0.952 | 9 |
| 5 | 0.348 | 0.491 | 0.968 | 0.939 | 9 |
| 6 | 0.751 | 1.067 | 0.785 | 0.841 | 9 |
| 7 | 0.462 | 0.523 | 0.879 | 0.927 | 9 |
| 8 | 0.486 | 0.598 | 0.823 | 0.898 | 9 |
| 9 | 0.498 | 0.608 | 0.816 | 0.898 | 9 |
| Mean \pm SD (CV) | 0.466 \pm 0.121 | 0.603 \pm 0.181 | 0.877 \pm 0.059 | 0.916 \pm 0.034 | 81 |

Supplementary Table 5. Dataset 1, NN-dPET: V_T regression metrics across tuning and cross-validation folds. Metrics are averaged over all ROIs and test subjects.

| Fold | MAE | RMSE | R^2 | CCC | N |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuning fold | | | | | |
| 0 | 0.666 | 0.869 | 0.861 | 0.771 | 9 |
| Cross-validation folds | | | | | |
| 1 | 0.620 | 0.759 | 0.778 | 0.870 | 9 |
| 2 | 0.475 | 0.547 | 0.842 | 0.916 | 9 |
| 3 | 0.652 | 0.731 | 0.796 | 0.874 | 9 |
| 4 | 0.733 | 0.875 | 0.822 | 0.828 | 9 |
| 5 | 0.697 | 0.844 | 0.762 | 0.828 | 9 |
| 6 | 0.871 | 1.155 | 0.600 | 0.690 | 9 |
| 7 | 0.583 | 0.682 | 0.723 | 0.844 | 9 |
| 8 | 0.664 | 0.747 | 0.646 | 0.776 | 9 |
| 9 | 0.661 | 0.744 | 0.711 | 0.806 | 9 |
| Mean \pm SD (CV) | 0.662 \pm 0.108 | 0.787 \pm 0.167 | 0.742 \pm 0.080 | 0.826 \pm 0.065 | 81 |

Supplementary Table 6. Dataset 2, NN-unBlood: V_T regression metrics across tuning and cross-validation folds. Metrics are averaged over all ROIs and test subjects.

| Fold | MAE | RMSE | R^2 | CCC | N |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuning fold | | | | | |
| 0 | 0.583 | 0.640 | 0.973 | 0.925 | 5 |
| Cross-validation folds | | | | | |
| 1 | 0.357 | 0.424 | 0.844 | 0.767 | 5 |
| 2 | 0.342 | 0.456 | 0.687 | 0.824 | 5 |
| 3 | 0.200 | 0.279 | 0.942 | 0.934 | 5 |
| 4 | 0.292 | 0.408 | 0.865 | 0.856 | 5 |
| 5 | 0.231 | 0.285 | 0.746 | 0.841 | 5 |
| 6 | 0.740 | 0.934 | 0.709 | 0.529 | 5 |
| 7 | 0.358 | 0.387 | 0.984 | 0.942 | 5 |
| 8 | 0.379 | 0.476 | 0.312 | 0.552 | 5 |
| 9 | 0.222 | 0.227 | 0.948 | 0.957 | 5 |
| 10 | 0.503 | 0.509 | 0.952 | 0.490 | 2 |
| Mean \pm SD (CV) | 0.362 \pm 0.160 | 0.439 \pm 0.197 | 0.799 \pm 0.202 | 0.769 \pm 0.180 | 47 |

Supplementary Table 7. Dataset 2, NN-dPET: V_T regression metrics across tuning and cross-validation folds

| Fold | MAE | RMSE | R² | CCC | N |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuning fold | | | | | |
| 0 | 0.783 | 0.920 | 0.836 | 0.735 | 5 |
| Cross-validation folds | | | | | |
| 1 | 0.401 | 0.439 | 0.555 | 0.686 | 5 |
| 2 | 0.440 | 0.599 | 0.670 | 0.780 | 5 |
| 3 | 0.337 | 0.425 | 0.945 | 0.936 | 5 |
| 4 | 0.384 | 0.522 | 0.934 | 0.763 | 5 |
| 5 | 0.384 | 0.433 | 0.488 | 0.694 | 5 |
| 6 | 0.777 | 0.921 | 0.924 | 0.533 | 5 |
| 7 | 0.337 | 0.425 | 0.945 | 0.936 | 5 |
| 8 | 0.533 | 0.738 | 0.057 | 0.224 | 5 |
| 9 | 0.499 | 0.543 | 0.566 | 0.694 | 5 |
| 10 | 0.609 | 0.704 | 0.913 | 0.481 | 2 |
| Mean \pm SD (CV) | 0.470 \pm 0.139 | 0.575 \pm 0.167 | 0.700 \pm 0.292 | 0.673 \pm 0.215 | 47 |

Supplementary Table 8. Comparison of parameter estimates for Dataset 1. Values are median \pm Median Absolute Deviation (MAD). Inter-subject correlation (ρ) and concordance (CCC) metrics are reported. Abbreviations: 1T1K implemented as in¹⁴

| Parameter | Method | Median \pm MAD | Inter-subject ρ | Inter-subject CCC |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| K_1 | True | 0.139 \pm 0.031 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.145 \pm 0.029 | 0.961 \pm 0.004 | 0.959 \pm 0.004 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.120 \pm 0.026 | 0.987 \pm 0.002 | 0.875 \pm 0.007 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.138 \pm 0.020 | 0.576 \pm 0.019 | 0.564 \pm 0.021 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.607 \pm 0.123 | 0.615 \pm 0.026 | 0.046 \pm 0.004 |
| K_1 -1T1K | True | 0.130 \pm 0.026 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.130 \pm 0.028 | 0.993 \pm 0.001 | 0.991 \pm 0.001 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.107 \pm 0.021 | 0.990 \pm 0.000 | 0.822 \pm 0.008 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.126 \pm 0.018 | 0.660 \pm 0.018 | 0.652 \pm 0.017 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.308 \pm 0.039 | 0.757 \pm 0.020 | 0.104 \pm 0.009 |
| k_2 | True | 0.128 \pm 0.014 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.135 \pm 0.025 | 0.481 \pm 0.082 | 0.436 \pm 0.095 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.146 \pm 0.017 | 0.760 \pm 0.058 | 0.681 \pm 0.076 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.130 \pm 0.020 | 0.478 \pm 0.099 | 0.453 \pm 0.104 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.512 \pm 0.085 | 0.313 \pm 0.065 | 0.021 \pm 0.009 |
| k_3 | True | 0.073 \pm 0.016 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.070 \pm 0.019 | 0.644 \pm 0.051 | 0.539 \pm 0.058 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.064 \pm 0.018 | 0.678 \pm 0.071 | 0.542 \pm 0.075 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.073 \pm 0.021 | 0.657 \pm 0.064 | 0.620 \pm 0.070 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.069 \pm 0.011 | 0.653 \pm 0.048 | 0.602 \pm 0.048 |
| k_4 | True | 0.025 \pm 0.003 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.024 \pm 0.005 | 0.226 \pm 0.036 | 0.064 \pm 0.022 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.026 \pm 0.004 | 0.833 \pm 0.035 | 0.751 \pm 0.045 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.024 \pm 0.005 | 0.701 \pm 0.048 | 0.677 \pm 0.059 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.026 \pm 0.004 | 0.499 \pm 0.112 | 0.485 \pm 0.115 |
| V_b | True | 0.070 \pm 0.008 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.068 \pm 0.008 | 0.930 \pm 0.014 | 0.924 \pm 0.015 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.068 \pm 0.008 | 0.982 \pm 0.006 | 0.975 \pm 0.008 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.060 \pm 0.009 | 0.535 \pm 0.074 | 0.468 \pm 0.078 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.135 \pm 0.024 | 0.318 \pm 0.158 | 0.058 \pm 0.034 |
| V_T | True | 4.293 \pm 0.804 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 4.115 \pm 0.961 | 0.882 \pm 0.025 | 0.877 \pm 0.027 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 3.180 \pm 0.714 | 0.839 \pm 0.017 | 0.681 \pm 0.024 |
| | NN-dPET | 4.586 \pm 1.077 | 0.763 \pm 0.024 | 0.753 \pm 0.024 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 4.423 \pm 0.633 | 0.685 \pm 0.034 | 0.675 \pm 0.034 |

Supplementary Table 9. Comparison of parameter estimates for Dataset 2. Values are median \pm Median Absolute Deviation (MAD). Inter-subject correlation (ρ) and concordance (CCC) metrics are reported. Abbreviations: 1T1K implemented as in¹⁴

| Parameter | Method | Median \pm MAD | Inter-subject ρ | Inter-subject CCC |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| K_1 | True | 0.096 \pm 0.020 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.095 \pm 0.016 | 0.946 \pm 0.006 | 0.942 \pm 0.007 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.081 \pm 0.014 | 0.970 \pm 0.004 | 0.690 \pm 0.013 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.099 \pm 0.021 | 0.534 \pm 0.042 | 0.522 \pm 0.041 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.478 \pm 0.079 | 0.655 \pm 0.030 | 0.026 \pm 0.003 |
| K_1 -1T1K | True | 0.093 \pm 0.015 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.092 \pm 0.013 | 0.982 \pm 0.001 | 0.979 \pm 0.001 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.077 \pm 0.012 | 0.983 \pm 0.001 | 0.703 \pm 0.010 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.098 \pm 0.014 | 0.587 \pm 0.029 | 0.579 \pm 0.029 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.298 \pm 0.037 | 0.617 \pm 0.030 | 0.033 \pm 0.003 |
| k_2 | True | 0.107 \pm 0.013 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.091 \pm 0.026 | 0.420 \pm 0.085 | 0.378 \pm 0.073 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.098 \pm 0.014 | 0.749 \pm 0.062 | 0.711 \pm 0.061 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.083 \pm 0.022 | 0.001 \pm 0.072 | 0.001 \pm 0.050 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.348 \pm 0.066 | 0.297 \pm 0.040 | 0.031 \pm 0.006 |
| k_3 | True | 0.065 \pm 0.018 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.065 \pm 0.027 | 0.336 \pm 0.072 | 0.306 \pm 0.064 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.069 \pm 0.015 | 0.578 \pm 0.089 | 0.563 \pm 0.084 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.054 \pm 0.029 | 0.157 \pm 0.095 | 0.123 \pm 0.070 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.065 \pm 0.009 | 0.218 \pm 0.074 | 0.126 \pm 0.043 |
| k_4 | True | 0.027 \pm 0.007 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.031 \pm 0.009 | 0.265 \pm 0.067 | 0.062 \pm 0.024 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.026 \pm 0.005 | 0.533 \pm 0.053 | 0.489 \pm 0.051 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.026 \pm 0.007 | 0.253 \pm 0.057 | 0.123 \pm 0.047 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.021 \pm 0.002 | 0.426 \pm 0.048 | 0.166 \pm 0.020 |
| V_b | True | 0.035 \pm 0.006 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 0.035 \pm 0.006 | 0.972 \pm 0.005 | 0.967 \pm 0.006 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 0.036 \pm 0.006 | 0.991 \pm 0.002 | 0.989 \pm 0.002 |
| | NN-dPET | 0.038 \pm 0.006 | 0.364 \pm 0.065 | 0.333 \pm 0.057 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 0.080 \pm 0.016 | 0.097 \pm 0.059 | 0.017 \pm 0.010 |
| V_T | True | 3.090 \pm 0.541 | – | – |
| | NN-unBlood | 3.180 \pm 0.624 | 0.734 \pm 0.084 | 0.717 \pm 0.097 |
| | p-metcorBlood | 2.928 \pm 0.719 | 0.846 \pm 0.012 | 0.830 \pm 0.013 |
| | NN-dPET | 3.419 \pm 0.679 | 0.498 \pm 0.127 | 0.474 \pm 0.142 |
| | p-metcorIDIF | 5.505 \pm 0.891 | 0.568 \pm 0.038 | 0.179 \pm 0.012 |

Supplementary Table 10. Comparison of PET metrics between PT (KOA) and HC groups for the main study and Dataset 3. Values are mean (μ), standard deviation (σ), and coefficient of variation (cv). Group differences are shown with p -values, and effect sizes are reported as Cohen’s d with lower (LCI) and upper (UCI) 95% confidence intervals. Legend: n.s. = non significant ($p > 0.05$); positive d indicates higher values in PT relative to HC.

| | Cortex | WM | Thalamus | Pituitary | ACC | PCC | S1 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| SUVR (main study) | $(n_{PT} = 41, n_{HC} = 22)$ | | | | | | |
| μ_{PT} | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.81 | 1.53 | 1.66 | 1.68 | 1.35 |
| μ_{HC} | 1.31 | 1.30 | 1.60 | 1.29 | 1.47 | 1.48 | 1.20 |
| σ_{PT} | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.29 | 0.31 | 0.28 |
| σ_{HC} | 0.18 | 0.13 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.18 |
| $cv (\sigma/\mu\%)$ | 17.8 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 20.5 | 16.9 | 18.2 | 19.8 |
| p | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.01 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.001 |
| d | 0.84 | 0.89 | 0.92 | 0.63 | 0.87 | 0.93 | 0.72 |
| 95% LCI | 0.29 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.09 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.17 |
| 95% UCI | 1.39 | 1.44 | 1.48 | 1.17 | 1.42 | 1.48 | 1.26 |
| SUVR (Dataset 3) | $(n_{PT} = 21, n_{HC} = 11)$ | | | | | | |
| μ_{PT} | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.82 | 1.49 | 1.67 | 1.70 | 1.37 |
| μ_{HC} | 1.30 | 1.28 | 1.60 | 1.35 | 1.45 | 1.47 | 1.18 |
| σ_{PT} | 0.27 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.31 | 0.29 |
| σ_{HC} | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.18 | 0.25 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.17 |
| $cv (\sigma/\mu\%)$ | 18.1 | 15.5 | 15.3 | 19.1 | 17.6 | 18.3 | 20.6 |
| p | 0.011 | 0.010 | 0.002 | 0.077 | 0.004 | 0.005 | 0.014 |
| d | 0.79 | 0.80 | 0.96 | 0.55 | 0.90 | 0.87 | 0.76 |
| 95% LCI | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.16 | -0.23 | 0.10 | 0.07 | -0.03 |
| 95% UCI | 1.58 | 1.59 | 1.76 | 1.32 | 1.69 | 1.66 | 1.55 |
| DVR (Dataset 3) | $(n_{PT} = 21, n_{HC} = 11)$ | | | | | | |
| μ_{PT} | 1.44 | 1.36 | 1.72 | 1.98 | 1.56 | 1.58 | 1.33 |
| μ_{HC} | 1.25 | 1.16 | 1.49 | 1.84 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.14 |
| σ_{PT} | 0.18 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.39 | 0.23 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| σ_{HC} | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.42 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.16 |
| $cv (\sigma/\mu\%)$ | 14.6 | 13.1 | 14.3 | 20.6 | 16.0 | 15.3 | 16.3 |
| p | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.115 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 |
| d | 1.08 | 1.08 | 1.02 | 0.49 | 1.07 | 1.11 | 1.04 |
| 95% LCI | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.21 | -0.28 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.23 |
| 95% UCI | 1.90 | 1.90 | 1.82 | 1.26 | 1.88 | 1.92 | 1.85 |
| V_T (Dataset 3) | $(n_{PT} = 21, n_{HC} = 11)$ | | | | | | |
| μ_{PT} | 3.13 | 2.96 | 3.76 | 4.18 | 3.41 | 3.45 | 2.89 |
| μ_{HC} | 3.26 | 3.05 | 3.93 | 4.91 | 3.53 | 3.53 | 2.96 |
| σ_{PT} | 1.09 | 1.04 | 1.39 | 1.30 | 1.31 | 1.30 | 1.00 |
| σ_{HC} | 0.83 | 0.79 | 1.14 | 2.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.74 |
| $cv (\sigma/\mu\%)$ | 31.4 | 31.8 | 33.9 | 36.0 | 34.7 | 34.1 | 31.3 |
| p | 0.73 | 0.88 | 0.72 | 0.88 | 0.70 | 0.74 | 0.53 |
| d | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.19 |
| 95% LCI | -0.65 | -0.71 | -0.65 | -0.71 | -0.64 | -0.66 | -0.57 |
| 95% UCI | 0.87 | 0.81 | 0.87 | 0.81 | 0.88 | 0.86 | 0.95 |

Algorithm 1: ASTRA Inference and Training Pipeline: NN-dPET

Input: Dynamic PET volume $X \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times H \times W \times D}$; Clinical covariates c **Output:** Metabolite-corrected plasma curve \hat{y} ; predictive uncertainty $\hat{\sigma}$ **Module 1 (M1) – Dimensionality Reduction;**

Split X into fixed-size 3D patches across time;
 Encode patches with Conv3D layers + GroupNorm;
 Inject FiLM conditioning from c into each encoder block;
 Aggregate latent sequence to form temporally ordered embedding z_{M1} ;

Module 2 (M2) – Signal Extraction Network;

Apply 3D temporal convolutions to z_{M1} ;
 Process through transformer encoder blocks ;
 894 Inject FiLM conditioning at each transformer block;
 Project outputs via Dense & Projection layers to predict uncorrected plasma curve \hat{p} ;

Module 3 (M3) – Metabolite Correction Network;

Project \hat{p} to transformer model dimension via fully connected layers;
 Add temporal position encodings to the projected sequence;
 Process through transformer encoder blocks;
 Inject FiLM conditioning at each transformer block;
 Project via a 2-layer MLP to predict mean $\mu(t)$ and standard deviation $\sigma(t)$;

Output;

Return predicted metabolite-corrected curve \hat{y} and associated uncertainty $\hat{\sigma}$;

Algorithm 2: ASTRA Inference and Training Pipeline: NN-unBlood

Input: Uncorrected plasma curve $p \in \mathbb{R}^T$; Clinical covariates c **Output:** Metabolite-corrected plasma curve \hat{y} ; predictive uncertainty $\hat{\sigma}$ **Module 3 (M3) – Metabolite Correction Network;**

Project p to transformer model dimension via fully connected layers;
 895 Add temporal position encodings to the projected sequence;
 Process through transformer encoder blocks;
 Inject FiLM conditioning at each transformer block;
 Project via a 2-layer MLP to predict mean $\mu(t)$ and standard deviation $\sigma(t)$;

Output;

Return predicted metabolite-corrected curve \hat{y} and associated uncertainty $\hat{\sigma}$;
