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SwiftMR™ Case Report | Pediatric

Introduction

Radiologic exams including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for pediatric patients require utmost attention to safety and efficacy. While it is now known that an MR exam itself is non-invasive and generally poses minimal risk to infants and children, acquiring diagnostically appropriate images remain difficult in the routine clinical settings due to several factors. Apart from potential side effects of contrast medium and sedatives, the lack of or difficulty in getting cooperation from pediatric patients frequently lead to prolonged exam times and retakes due to image quality degradation. Furthermore, pediatric neuroimaging requires careful attention and optimization to image acquisition parameters since imaging protocols developed for adult patients may be suboptimal due to the difference in structural size, myelination, and sulcation. In this sense, exam time reduction by means of optimized accelerated acquisition has greater implications for pediatric patients compared to adult population.

SwiftMR™ is a FDA 510(k)-cleared* deep learning (DL)-based software medical device developed by AIRS Medical. SwiftMR™ is capable of reducing image noise and increasing spatial resolution of MR images owing to its vast training dataset of high-quality MR images. This enables quality improvement of MR images coming from accelerated acquisition times, alleviating potential limitation in diagnosis from otherwise low-quality images. Furthermore, reducing scan times also contributes to decreasing pediatric patient discomfort, reducing the amount of potential sedation and retakes due to motion.

The following clinical cases were collected from a research collaboration with Seoul National University Hospital (Seoul, Korea). This prospective study was approved by the institutional review board (IRB) and informed consents were received from all enrolled subjects (or their parent or guardian) who required MRI exams due to brain neoplasms or follow-up exams after treatment. The purpose of this study was to clinically compare the quality of pediatric brain MR images acquired at institutional conventional protocol and accelerated protocol reconstructed with SwiftMR™.

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In a prospective study, the image qualities between conventional images and accelerated images processed with SwiftMR™ were compared.

Case #1

15y/o | Male

w/ B-lymphoblastic lymphoma

**Brain
T1WI**

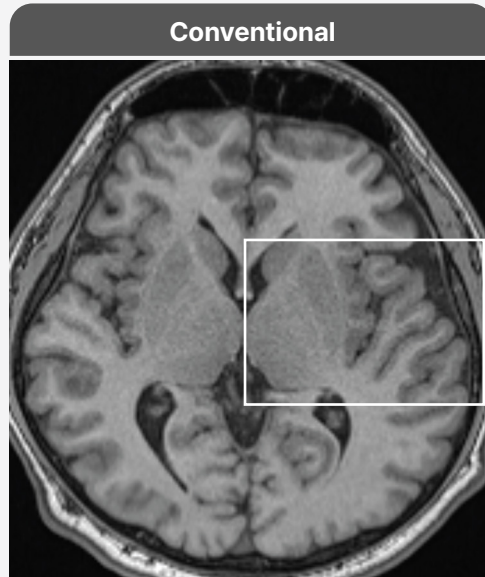
3D MPRAGE

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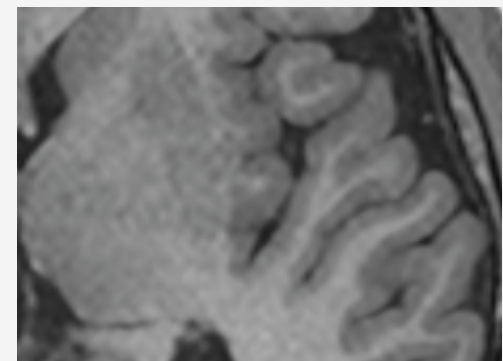
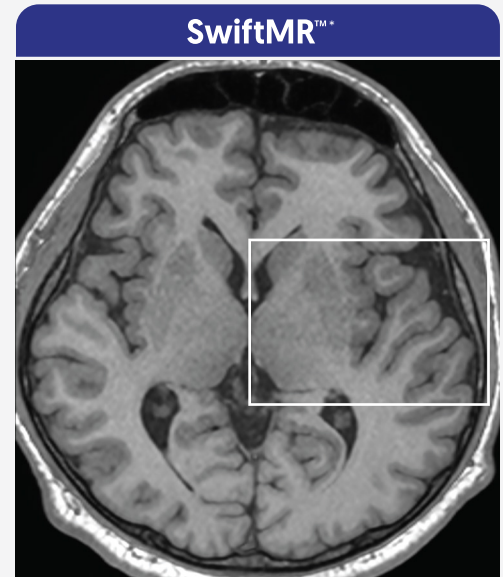
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Ⓜ 0.8×1.3×1.2 mm

MPR thickness 1.0 mm



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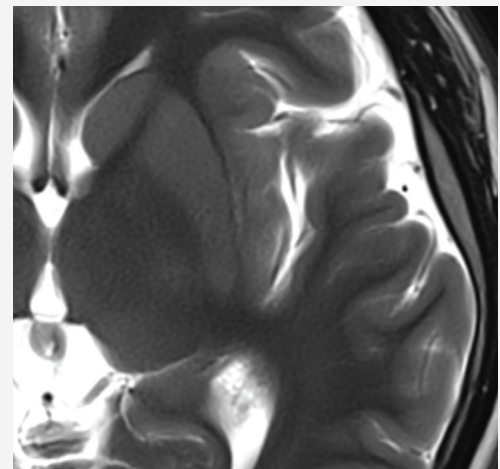
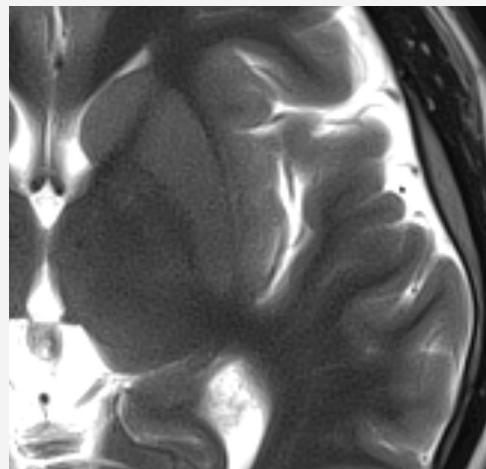
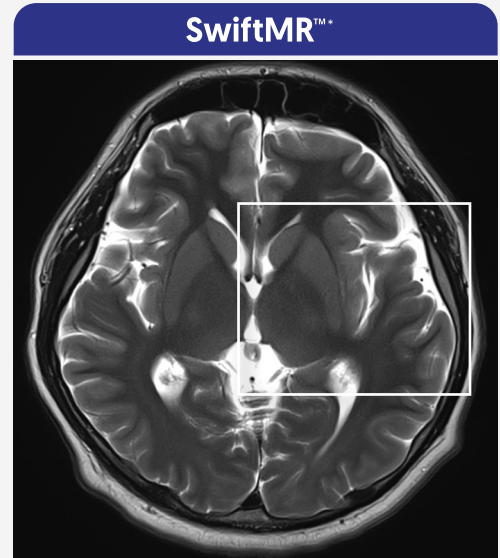
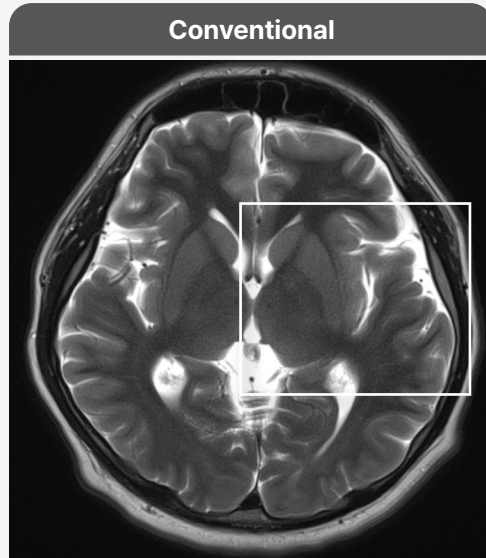


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Axial multiplanar reformat (MPR) from SwiftMR-processed source images has reduced image noise and improved spatial resolution. Improved signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) results in clear delineation of gray-white matter compared to conventional images. In pediatric brain MR imaging, good gray-white matter differentiation on the T1-weighted imaging is essential to assessing unique pediatric brain diseases such as cortical dysplasia.

**Brain
AX T2WI**

2D TSE
Acquisition voxel size:
Ⓐ 0.6×0.6×5.0 mm
Ⓑ 0.6×0.6×5.0 mm



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Reduced image noise presented in SwiftMR™ image. Axial T2-weighted image displays good gray-white matter differentiation with improved overall image quality after SwiftMR processing.



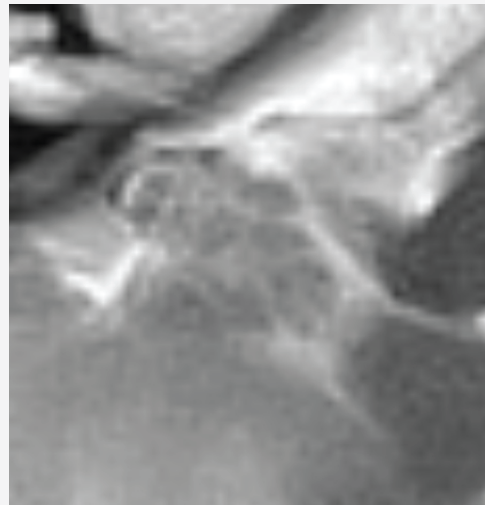
Case #2

9y/o | Male

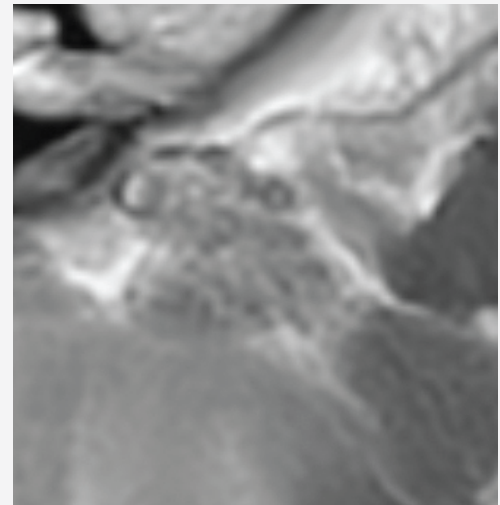
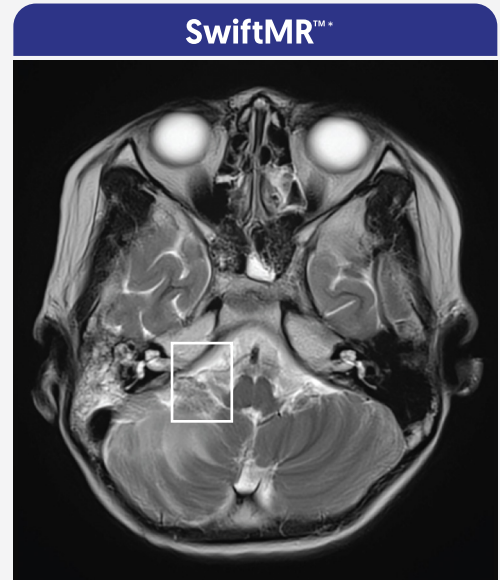
w/ intracranial
Ewing sarcoma

Brain AX T2WI

2D TSE
Acquisition voxel size:
Ⓕ 0.6×0.6×5.0 mm
Ⓖ 0.6×0.6×5.0 mm



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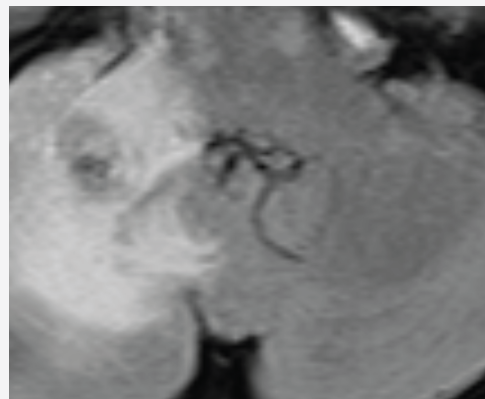
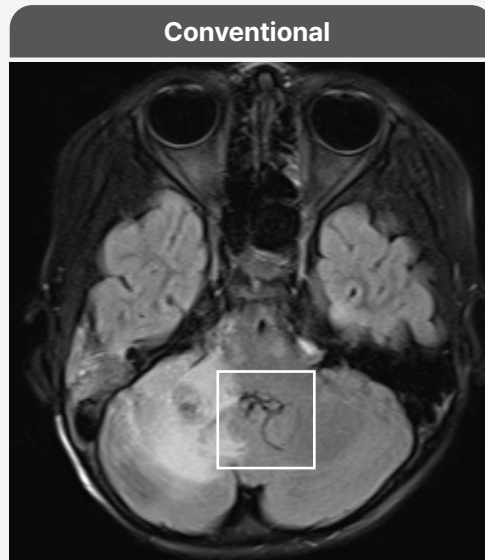


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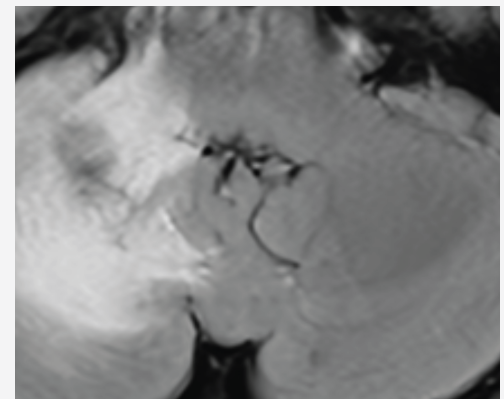
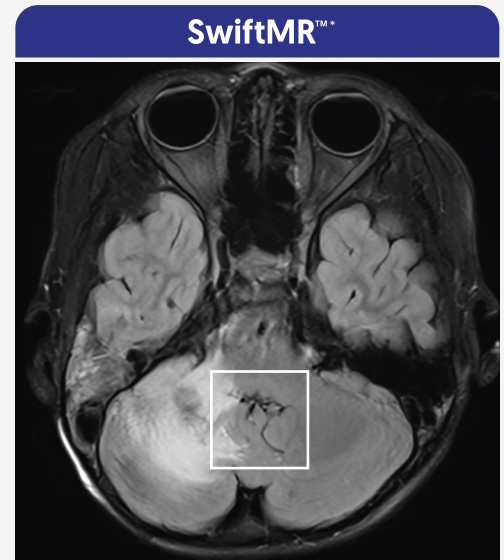
Overall image quality and structural conspicuity is improved by applying SwiftMR™. In particular, the boundary of the lesion at the right cerebellar hemisphere is distinctly presented. In this case, considering the patient's history, radiation treatment-induced change versus metastatic lesion should be a differential diagnosis. Therefore, an accurate assessment of the lesion with edema is needed on the T2-weighted image.

Brain AX FLAIR

2D TSE
Acquisition voxel size:
Ⓛ 0.7×1.0×5.0 mm
Ⓡ 0.7×1.0×5.0 mm



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Scan time 01:05

On axial FLAIR image, SwiftMR-processed image shows reduced amount of noise and improved spatial resolution and contrast. This results in better conspicuity of anatomies including vascular structures near the fourth ventricle.



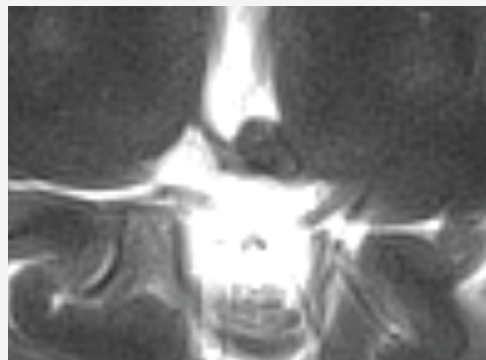
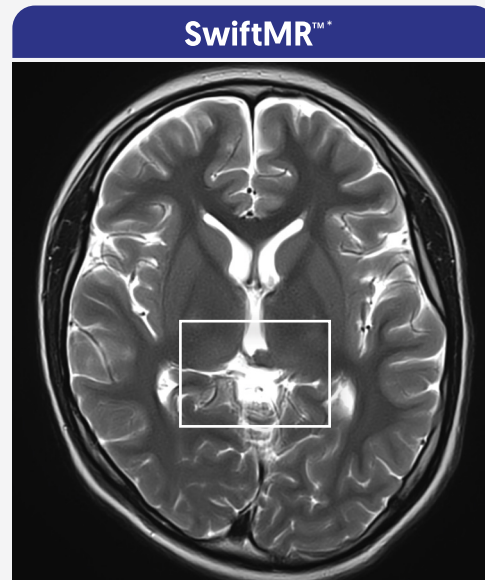
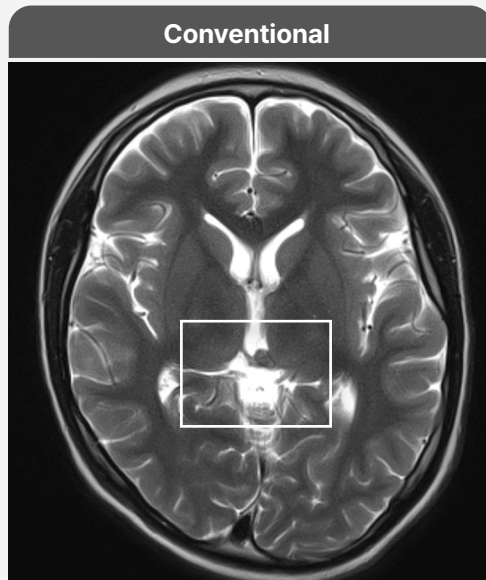
Case #3

13y/o | Male

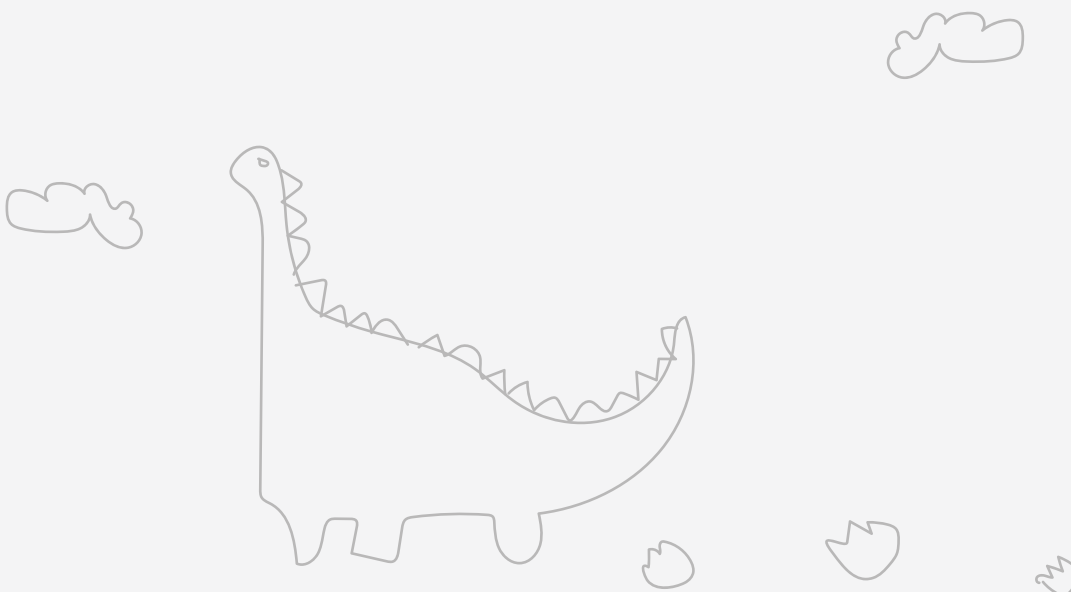
follow-up
for pineal gland
germ cell tumor

Brain AX T2WI

2D TSE
Acquisition voxel size:
Ⓛ 0.6×0.6×5.0 mm
Ⓡ 0.6×0.6×5.0 mm

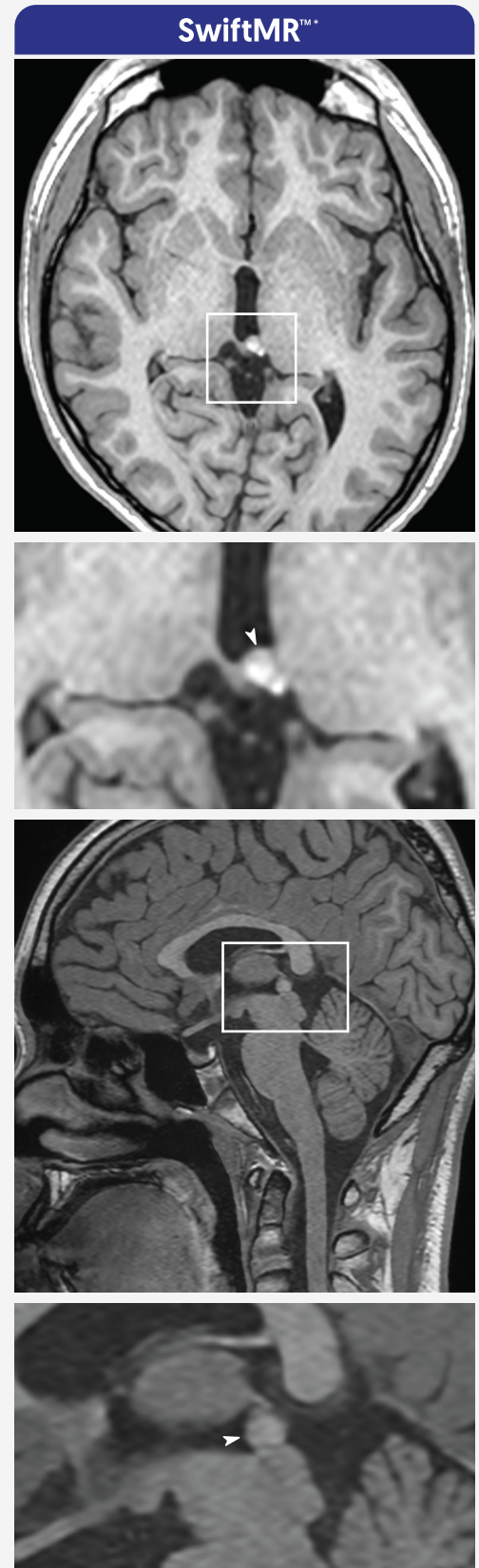
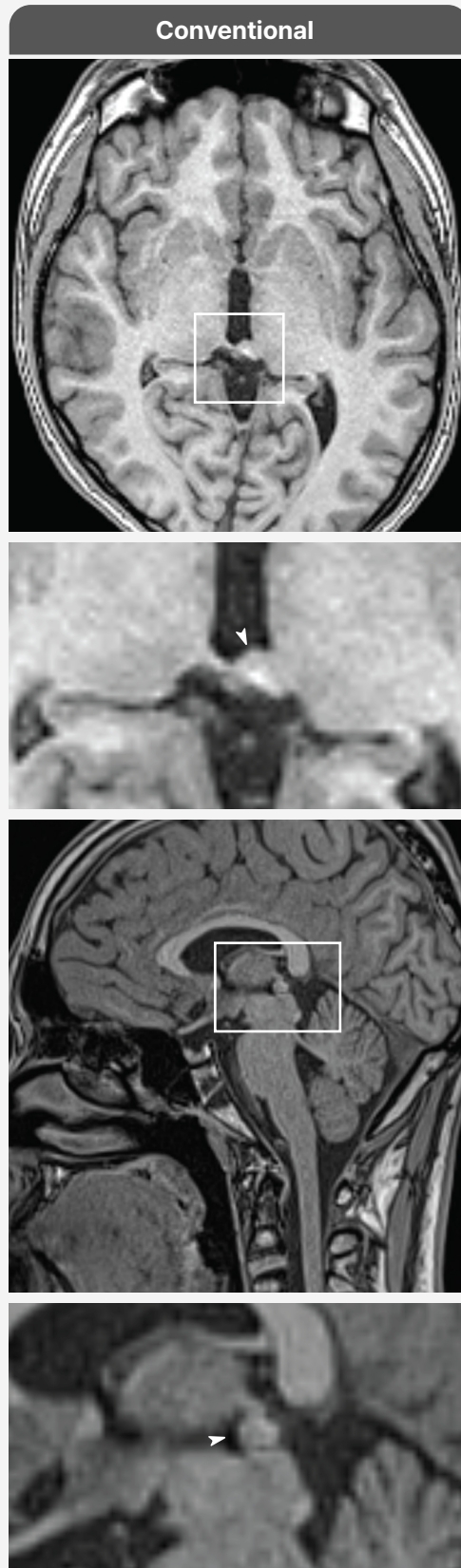


SwiftMR-processed image shows increased spatial resolution and contrast, and the conspicuity of pineal gland tumor has improved.



Brain T1WI

3D MPRAGE
Acquisition voxel size:
Ⓛ 1.0×1.0×1.0 mm
Ⓡ 0.8×1.3×1.2 mm
MPR thickness: 1.0 mm



Reduced noise can be found in SwiftMR-processed images. In this case, a pineal germ cell tumor with a decreased state on chemotherapy is observed in the pineal gland. The conspicuity of the pineal gland tumor (white arrow) becomes more evident with improved sharpness and overall image quality.



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