Electronic Appendix

Validation of Volumetric

Measurements on Slab Radiographs

Our method of measuring the true volume of osteolytic lesions on the slab radiographs was validated by embedding a block of polymethylmethacrylate of known volume into the clear polymethylmethacrylate used to embed specimens. The specimens with the embedded block of polymethylmethacrylate were then sectioned at 3-mm intervals. The resulting slabs were radiographed, scanned, and measured with use of the same protocol employed for the embedded retrieved specimens. Our validation model had an average error of $0.4\% \pm$ 4.2% (range, -5.42% to 5.8%) and 0.03 \pm 0.1 mm³ (range, -0.1 mm³ to 0.1 mm³). Linear regression resulted in an r² value of 0.998, a slope of 1.04 mm³, an intercept of -0.0962 mm³, and a p value of 0, indicating a strong and significant relationship between the volumes measured with the Martell method and the actual volumes.