How Well Can Modern LLMs Act as Agent Cores in Radiology Environments?

Abstract

Radiology, with its heterogeneous modalities, anatomies, and evolving protocols, is a natural yet high-stakes testbed for agentic AI. As LLMs grow more capable and tool ecosystems such as MCP and Agent Skills more complex, their capability boundaries in radiology remain unclear. We introduce **RadA-BenchPlat**, a two-layer benchmark spanning idealized reasoning and real-world execution: a *synthetic layer* with 2,200 clinician-verified records, 24,200 QA pairs, and 10 tool categories under diverse availability settings; and a *real-environment layer* pairing 825 2D/3D cases with executable tools for grounding, diagnosis, and report generation. We find that high completion rates under idealized settings do not carry over to real environments, where the best agents trail their upper bound by ∼15% and drop to 0.327 on long-chain tasks. Prompting strategies (few-shot exemplars, multi-agent coordination) and AutoTB (on-the-fly synthesis of missing tools) mitigate execution drift and breakdowns in difficult scenarios—lifting execution success to 94.5%—yet remain not fully reliable. Overall, our findings suggest that radiology agents are no longer limited to conceptual demonstrations, but are beginning to show potential for real-world applications.

1 Introduction

Recent efforts have introduced "radiology generalist" models designed to handle diverse imaging tasks within a unified framework (Wu et al., 2023; Li et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2023). However, these monolithic systems still struggle with radiological complexity across heterogeneous imaging modalities, anatomical regions, pathologies, and evolving diagnostic protocols. In parallel, LLM-powered agent systems (Tang et al.; Jin et al., 2024; Qin et al., 2023) reframe complex problem solving as tool-mediated planning and execution, where an LLM interprets requests, selects

Figure 1: **Overview.** The motivation and components for both synthetic and real-environment benchmark.

specialized tools, and synthesizes intermediate outputs. This paradigm is increasingly relevant as agent ecosystems move beyond static tool lists toward heterogeneous infrastructures, such as Model Context Protocol (MCP) servers (Zhu et al., 2026) and Agent Skills (Xu et al., 2026), where capabilities, interfaces, and dependencies vary substantially across environments. As modern LLMs become more agentic, radiology offers a high-stakes setting for examining whether they can reliably coordinate complex tool chains; however, their capability boundaries, robustness, and danger zones on radiology tasks remain insufficiently and systematically studied.

We therefore focus on two questions. **First**, if individual tool quality is abstracted away, how well can current LLMs understand radiological contexts, translate clinical queries into executable workflows, and invoke tools across multi-step tasks? **Second**, in realistic radiology settings with executable tools, what level of task completion and clinical utility can current agent systems achieve?

To address these questions, we introduce **RadA-BenchPlat**, a benchmark with two complementary layers (Figure 1). **First**, the synthetic

layer integrates patient records, task-related QA pairs, and simulated radiology tool sets: 2,200 records across 6 anatomical regions and 5 imaging modalities, verified by three clinicians; 11 task types yielding 24,200 QA pairs; and 10 tool categories organized into baseline, redundant, insufficient, and differentiated settings. **Second**, the real-environment layer uses 825 cases from 2D and 3D datasets for three representative tasks—organ/anomaly grounding, diagnosis with grounding clues, and report generation—and introduces executable radiology-model tools from M³Builder (Feng et al., 2025), nnU-Net (Isensee et al., 2020), and RP3D-DM (Zheng et al., 2024).

Our synthetic evaluation reveals a central insight: current LLM agents can often outline plausible radiology workflows, but their idealized upper bound is limited by execution rather than reasoning alone. Reliability degrades when tasks require long-chain dependency tracking, precise I/O transfer, and grounded final synthesis; in high-difficulty settings, the best completion remains only 0.327. Nevertheless, few-shot workflow exemplars and multi-agent coordination alleviate long-chain control failures, while AutoTB (the dynamic creation of tools when components are missing) addresses missing-capability cases, showing that workflow-level scaffolding can raise the attainable ceiling.

Real-environment evaluation sharpens this finding: even the best-performing agentic systems remain about 15% below the idealized setting, revealing a persistent gap between reasoning over tools and executing with them. AutoTB narrows this gap in regular and intermediate missing-tool scenarios (94.5% and 86.8% execution success), yet 48% usage errors show that newly built tools still require robust integration. Expert review suggests practical value in routine and intermediate cases (4.2 and 3.6 above a 3-point threshold), while complex cases remain clinically fragile. These findings suggest that radiology agents are ready for controlled clinical-scenario testing, but their real-world effectiveness must still be carefully validated.

2 Methods

2.1 Building RadA-BenchPlat

Patient Records. A "patient record" denotes a radiology-centric record containing demographics, medical history, annotated imaging data (anatomy and pathology), and clinical findings. Records are categorized by **anatomy, modality, and dis-**ease, covering 22 anatomy–modality combinations across 6 regions and 5 imaging modalities:

> **Head & Neck:** {*X-ray, CT, MRI, US*},
> **Chest:** {*X-ray, CT, MRI, US*},
> **Limb:** {*X-ray, CT, MRI, US*},
> **Abd. & Pelv.:** {*X-ray, CT, MRI, US*},
> **Spine:** {*X-ray, CT, MRI*},
> **Breast:** {*Mammo., MRI, US*}.

For each of the 22 anatomy–modality combinations, GPT-4 was used to generate 100 disease-centered records, yielding 2,200 patient records in total (22×100). These records were then carefully polished for more than one month by a radiologist with over 10 years of experience, with 97.32% meeting information-validity standards and 96.73% judged clinically consistent. To further reduce single-annotator bias, three additional expert clinicians reviewed 110 randomly sampled cases, confirming high clinical consistency and information validity in over 92% of cases, an average 94% QA leakage/bias-free rate, and over 90% inter-rater positive percent agreement. Detailed synthesis and verification procedures are provided in the Appendix. Figure 2a summarizes the demographic distributions: the dataset is generally sex-balanced except for female breast-related cases, and age, height, and weight follow clinically plausible ranges.

Task-related QA pairs. To evaluate LLM-based radiology agents, we define 11 task types: (a) organ segmentation, (b) anomaly detection, (c) standard end-to-end diagnosis, (d) organ and anomaly joint grounding, (e) diagnosis with grounding clues, (f) organ-wise biomarker calculation, (g) anomaly-wise biomarker calculation, (h) standard report generation, (i) report generation focused on specific biomarkers, (j) report generation focused on both biomarkers and indicators[1], and (k) detailed treatment planning. As illustrated in Figure 2b,d, these tasks are grouped into 'Simple', 'Moderate', and 'Complex' levels according to the required reasoning steps (< 4, 4–6, and ≥ 6). For example, organ segmentation mainly requires anatomy/modality classification followed by segmentation, whereas treatment planning involves diagnosis, quantification, and report synthesis. Applying the task templates to 2,200 patient records yields 24,200 QA pairs ($2{,}200 \times 11$), which are balanced across task types and manually verified.

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[1] refers to a specific quantification of health status or disorder grading, e.g. CURB-65, tumor grading

Figure 2: **Statistics in RadA-BenchPlat. a.** Distribution of patient sex across different anatomical regions. **b.** Ten categories of tools and eleven types of radiology tasks, with checkmarks indicating tools required for task completion. Tool sets are simulated through various tool attribute combinations. **c.** 24,200 generated QA-pairs based on radiology task types using GPT-4. **d.** Number of tools across eight simulated tool set conditions.

Radiology Tool Sets. To simulate diverse clinical tool environments, we define 10 high-level radiology tool categories: Anatomy Classifier (AC), Modality Classifier (MC), Organ Segmentor (OS), Anomaly Detector (AD), Imaging Diagnoser (ID), Grounded Diagnoser (GD), Biomarker Quantifier (BQ), Indicator Calculator (IC), Report Generator (RG), and Treatment Planner (TP). Each tool is represented by a "tool card" (Figure 2d) specifying its category, properties, capabilities, required/optional inputs, and performance sampled from clinically plausible ranges, enabling diverse tool variations. We further define four evaluation tool-set conditions: **"Baseline"** provides a minimal solvable set of 12 tools across 10 categories, with BQ and IC each containing two tools for organ- and anomaly-level assessment; **"Redundant"** adds irrelevant tools at regular (12–15 tools, at most one extra per category), medium (27–34 tools, 2–3 extras per category), and high (fixed 169 tools) levels to test filtering in noisy settings; **"Insufficient"** creates unsolvable sets through config1 missing an entire category (14–17 tools), config2 modality/anatomy mismatches (15–17 tools), or config3 missing required capabilities (fixed 18 tools), with increasing recognition difficulty; and **"Differentiated"** offers overlapping tools (17–18 tools) with distinct per-

formance levels, requiring selection of the most accurate tool.

Real Radiology Environments. In addition to synthetic QA pairs, we construct a test set of 165 real-world cases from Chest Imagenome (Wu et al., 2021) and RadGenome-BrainMRI datasets (Lei et al., 2025), covering three tasks: organ/anomaly grounding, diagnosis, and report generation. Each case preserves the original dataset components, including the clinical question, image, and ground-truth annotation or report. For executable evaluation, we build the real-case tool pool using M³Builder (Feng et al., 2025), covering segmentation, detection, and report-generation tools, and further supplement it with nnU-Net (Bannur et al., 2023) and RP3D-DM (Zheng et al., 2024) for segmentation and diagnosis alternatives. We further select 660 cases from these datasets to construct insufficient-tool QA scenarios, enabling evaluation of automated tool building under real conditions.

2.2 Benchmarking LLMs as Agent Core

Main Workflow Formulation. The LLM-based agent system consists of three main components (Figure 3a): an LLM agent core (Φ), a set of specialized tools ($\mathcal{T} = \{t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_m\}$), and a memory bank ($\mathcal{B}$). Given a clinical query $\mathcal{Q}$

Figure 3: **Detailed agentic workflow and extended methods. a.** Three-phase architecture consisting of: initialization phase, circulation phase and conclusion phase. **b.** Four extended prompt engineering methods for performance improvement. **c.** Automated tool building process implemented when no suitable tool is available.

and patient information, Φ first parses the query, decomposes it into sub-tasks according to the available tools in $\mathcal{T}$, and initializes $\mathcal{B}$ with relevant patient data. For each sub-task, the agent selects and invokes the appropriate tool, stores intermediate outputs in $\mathcal{B}$, and uses these outputs to guide subsequent tool calls. Finally, Φ synthesizes the accumulated evidence into a response that directly addresses the clinical query.

Prompting and Automated Tool Building. To address the limited performance of LLMs on complex tasks, we introduce four prompting enhancement strategies (Figure 3b). **Prompt Back-propagation** iteratively refines prompts through three rounds of automated feedback and manual adjustment based on 220 QA pairs under "Redundant" and "Insufficient" tool-set conditions, after which the refined prompt is applied across the benchmark. **Self-reflection** asks the agent to verify input correctness before tool invocation, supported by an automated verifier to reduce execution errors. **Few-shot Learning** provides exemplar workflows and tool templates to standardize planning and tool use, while **Multi-agent Collaboration** restructures the agent into a planner, executor, and summarizer for task decomposition, I/O management, and final response synthesis. In "Insufficient" settings, where tasks may be unsolvable because essential tools are absent, we further integrate M³Builder (Feng et al.,

2025) to detect missing capabilities and generate dynamic tool-building instructions (Figure 3c). For example, if biomarker quantification is unavailable for lung nodule analysis, the agent can request a size-calculation tool and then continue.

Real-Case Evaluation Protocol. For real-world testing, we use the original clinical question, image, and reference annotation/report from each case without converting them into synthetic patient records. The agent receives the clinical input and must complete the task by selecting from executable radiology tools rather than relying on oracle tool outputs. On the 165-case test set, we evaluate organ/anomaly grounding, diagnosis with grounding clues, and standard report generation using task-specific automatic metrics, including Dice/Jaccard for grounding, Accuracy/Jaccard for diagnosis, and RadGraph-F1/RaTE for reports. We also collect LLM-based ratings and blinded human ratings from two expert radiologists to assess clinical plausibility. For AutoTB, we construct 660 real insufficient-tool scenarios by hiding required tool categories, modality/anatomy-specific capabilities, or functional requirements; the agent must recognize the missing capability, request or build an appropriate tool, and execute the augmented workflow to produce the final answer.

3 Results

Codes and data will be available upon publication.

3.1 General Observations

Table 1: Task completion rates of recent LLMs across task difficulty levels.

Model	Regular	Medium	High
DeepSeek-R1	0.600	**0.527**	0.273
Qwen3-235B	0.491	0.382	0.182
Claude-Sonnet-4.5	**0.691**	0.509	**0.327**
Gemini-3.0-Pro	0.572	0.484	0.260
GPT-5.2-Chat	0.618	0.473	0.309

As shown in Table 1, recent LLMs still show a clear decline in task completion as difficulty increases; for example, Claude-Sonnet-4.5 drops from 0.691 on regular tasks to 0.509 on medium tasks and 0.327 on high-difficulty tasks. Because large-scale repeated evaluation is costly and model versions evolve rapidly, some analyses below use earlier representative LLMs to diagnose general failure mechanisms rather than rank specific releases, while newer models are evaluated where needed and further tested on real-world clinical data. Overall, the main bottleneck lies in translating tool-level reasoning into reliable end-to-end execution: agents can often form plausible plans, select competitive tools, and complete intermediate milestones, but errors in execution, I/O passing, target alignment, and failure-cause grounding prevent these partial successes from consistently becoming completed tasks.

Observation 1: The Main Bottleneck Lies in Execution Fidelity Rather than Initial Planning

To separate initial planning from downstream execution, we evaluate tool-chain generation using Levenshtein Distance (LD), False Discovery Rate (FDR), and Tool Matching Accuracy (TMA), and compare them with Execution Completion Rate (ECR) and Pre-Failure Success Percentage (PFSP). As shown in Table 2, Claude-Sonnet-4.5 maintains relatively small chain distances as difficulty grows (Exec. Dist.: 0.97 to 1.28; Cons. Dist.: 0.61 to 0.90), and TMA remains 0.617 even under high redundancy. However, ECR and PFSP fall from 0.856/0.822 to 0.425/0.318, indicating that plausible plans increasingly drift during execution through incorrect intermediate outputs or mismatched downstream tool inputs. This gap points to failures in long-chain execution consistency, especially state tracking and intermediate validation.

Table 2: Claude-Sonnet-4.5 tool-chain metrics under redundant tool settings. (↓: lower is better, ↑: reverse).

Metric	Regular	Medium	High
Exec. Dist. ↓	0.97	1.10	1.28
Cons. Dist. ↓	0.61	0.73	0.90
FD Rate ↓	0.094	0.139	0.164
TM Acc. ↑	0.815	0.704	0.617
EC Rate ↑	0.856	0.766	0.425
PFS % ↑	0.822	0.550	0.318

Observation 2: Tool-Level Competence Does Not Reliably Translate into Final Success

Under the "Differentiated" setting, the Optimal Tool Score (OTS, how closely selected tools rank relative to available alternatives) and Milestone Hit Rate (MHR, success in producing key intermediate outputs) show that agents can often choose competitive tools and complete important intermediate steps. Nevertheless, response-level metrics remain much lower: Target Hit Rate (THR, whether the final tool aligns with the required answer format) is limited, and BLEU, ROUGE, and F1 rarely exceed 0.35 (Figure 4a). This gap indicates that intermediate tool success is not sufficient for task completion. The downstream bottleneck lies in target grounding and response synthesis: agents must determine which intermediate result should answer the query, align the final output with the required response format, and integrate tool outputs into a coherent radiological response.

Observation 3: Tool-Set Perturbations Expose Dependency and Grounding Bottlenecks

The "Redundant" and "Insufficient" settings reveal two complementary failure modes. With redundant tools, the challenge shifts from choosing one useful tool to maintaining correct data dependencies among many similar candidates; the ECR and PFS declines in Table 2 reveal I/O coupling errors and downstream error propagation. With insufficient tools, agents show stronger Unsolvability Awareness Rate (recognizing that a task is impossible) than Unsolvability Grounding Rate (identifying what is missing): they may detect that a task cannot be solved, but struggle to specify whether the missing component is a tool category, a modality-region capability, or a minimum functional requirement (Figure 4b). Together, these perturbation tests show that robust radiology agents require not only stronger LLMs, but also explicit mechanisms for state tracking, dependency validation, target grounding, and failure-cause attribution.

Figure 4: **Bottleneck analysis under differentiated, insufficient, and redundant tool settings. a.** Tool- and response-level metrics under the "Differentiated" setting, showing tool selection, milestone completion, target alignment, and final response synthesis. **b.** Performance results under "Insufficient" conditions across LLMs. **c.** Performance results under "Redundant" conditions for leading LLMs.

3.2 Performance Enhancement

Prompting Strategies Mainly Improve Long-Chain Coordination

Prompting strategies improve agent performance by targeting the coordination bottlenecks identified above rather than simply changing the base model. The integrated strategy increases task completion by 0.095 and 0.058 on simple and moderate tasks, and by up to 48.2% on complex tasks (Figure 5). Among individual strategies, few-shot learning and multi-agent collaboration yield significant wins ($p < 0.05$), whereas self-reflection and back-propagation alone are less stable. Multi-agent collaboration provides the most consistent gains by improving long-chain monitoring and failure checking, raising unsolvability awareness/grounding by about 5%; back-propagation contributes smaller but useful downstream correction gains (about 3%) and, together with multi-agent collaboration, yields the largest OTS improvements in the "Differentiated" setting (0.021 and 0.029; Figure 5b).

Automated Tool Building Partially Relieves Insufficient Tool Constraints

We further evaluate automated tool building under the "Insufficient" setting, where required tool categories, modality-specific tools, or tool capa-

Figure 5: **Performance improvement comparison among prompt engineering strategies.** a. Significance comparison between strategy groups, where "W/O" represents the baseline without prompt engineering, and "Win" indicates that the method before "vs." outperforms the latter. b. Performance distribution across six prompting strategies under "Differentiated" condition.

bilities are absent. We measure end-to-end task completion after the agent identifies the missing capability, requests a new tool, and executes the augmented tool chain. Across 220 QA pairs, automated tool building achieves a 65.4% completion rate for routine tasks, 44.4% for advanced tasks, and 26.2% for complex tasks. The main bottleneck is missing-capability grounding: especially under "Insufficient config3", the agent may request an inappropriate tool despite recognizing that the original tool set is inadequate. Nonetheless, these results show the potential of autonomously building tools and executing radiology workflows without human intervention. Based on this, we discuss AutoTB performance in practical deployment scenarios in the following section.

3.3 Real Case Evaluation

To evaluate real-world task completion, we benchmark representative proprietary, open-source, medical LLM, medical vision-language, and agentic systems on 165 cases across organ/anomaly grounding, diagnosis with grounding clues, and standard report generation (55 cases each). Unless otherwise specified, agentic experiments use Claude-Sonnet-4.5 as the agent core and an executable M^3Builder tool pool covering segmentation, detection, and report generation. We report task-specific automatic metrics, LLM-based ratings, and human ratings from two expert radiologists; AutoTB is separately analyzed under insufficient-tool conditions below.

Real-World Tools Expose an Execution Gap beyond Oracle Evaluation.

As shown in Table 3, using executable radiology tools reduces the overall task-completion score by approximately 15%. This drop reflects two deployment bottlenecks. First, the tools themselves have limited accuracy, as even the strongest grounding and report-generation results remain modest (e.g., best Dice/Jaccard of 0.513/0.345 and best RadGraph-F1 of 0.145). Second, the agent must align tool inputs and outputs, select among models trained on different datasets, and recover from runtime or format mismatches; therefore, a plausible high-level plan does not always lead to a valid final response. Even under these constraints, the agentic systems remain comparable to representative medical agentic baselines: the strongest agentic result reaches 0.455 diagnosis accuracy and 0.145 report RadGraph-F1, close to or above MAM/RadCouncil (0.351/0.327 accuracy and 0.077/0.070 RadGraph-

F1), while maintaining similar clinical ratings in diagnosis and report generation. These results suggest that practical gains will depend as much on tool reliability, execution alignment, and failure recovery as on improving the agent core itself.

AutoTB Benefits Clear Missing-Capability Cases but Remains Execution-Limited.

We evaluate AutoTB in a multi-stage setting: stability testing across 660 insufficient-tool case scenarios, failure categorization on 100 cases, and human clinical-utility assessment on 30 real-world cases. Tables 4–6 show that AutoTB substantially improves solvability in regular and intermediate scenarios, where trigger rates remain high (98.2% and 92.7%), execution success is strong (94.5% and 86.8%), and clinical utility is favorable (4.2 and 3.6). In complex scenarios, however, the trigger rate falls to 78.6%, execution success drops to 65.4%, average build time increases to 29.4 minutes, and clinical utility declines to 2.1. Failure analysis further shows that the main bottleneck is operational precision rather than high-level awareness: usage errors dominate (48%) while planning errors are rare (9%), indicating that agents often know *when* to trigger AutoTB but struggle to specify precise parameters, interfaces, and configurations for complex tool generation. Thus, AutoTB shifts failures from "missing capability" to "fragile capability construction", motivating schema-guided tool synthesis, parameter validation, dry-run execution checks, and tighter workflow integration.

4 Related Works

LLM-based Agents in Medicine. The evolution of medical AI has transitioned from static classifiers to dynamic LLM-based agents capable of autonomous reasoning. To enhance clinical validity, recent frameworks have adopted collaborative multi-agent strategies (Tang et al.) or integrated external tools for evidence-based planning (Jin et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2025), thereby addressing the hallucination and precision limitations of generalist models. In the imaging domain, architectures such as ChatCAD (Wang et al., 2024) utilize LLMs as controllers to orchestrate specialized vision models. However, existing benchmarks (Jiang et al., 2025) predominantly focus on textual EHR tasks or isolated classification, lacking a unified evaluation of the multi-modal, tool-integrated workflows essential for radiological agency.

Table 3: Real-world evaluation across 165 cases from organ/anomaly grounding, diagnosis with grounding clues, and standard report generation. All metrics are higher-is-better. See Appendix for each metric in detail.

Method	Organ and Anomaly Joint Grounding (55 cases from Chest Imagenome)				Diagnosis with Grounding Clues (55 cases from RadGenome-MRI)				Standard Report Generation (55 cases from RadGenome-MRI)			
	Dice ↑	Jaccard Index ↑	LLM Rating ↑	Human Rating ↑	Accuracy ↑	Jaccard Index ↑	LLM Rating ↑	Human Rating ↑	RadGraph F1 ↑	RaTe Score ↑	LLM Rating ↑	Human Rating ↑
General Closed-source												
GPT-4o (Achiam et al., 2023)	0.467	0.305	2.455	2.127	0.418	0.305	2.727	2.818	0.103	0.328	2.927	2.382
o3 (Achiam et al., 2023)	0.479	0.315	2.636	2.455	0.436	0.335	2.764	2.873	0.115	0.345	2.964	2.455
Gemini-pro (Team et al., 2023)	0.489	0.324	2.909	2.727	0.455	0.348	2.818	2.909	0.125	0.360	3.000	2.509
Claude-sonnet (Anthropic, 2024)	0.503	0.336	**3.218**	**3.164**	**0.476**	**0.364**	2.855	2.945	0.137	**0.385**	3.036	2.564
General Open-source												
Deepseek-R1 (DeepSeek-AI et al., 2025)	0.486	0.321	2.582	2.455	0.394	0.313	2.618	2.363	0.100	0.314	2.727	**2.709**
Llama-3.1-405B (Touvron et al., 2023)	0.252	0.144	1.764	1.800	0.307	0.129	1.945	1.836	0.043	0.237	2.109	1.873
Qwen-3-235B (Bai et al., 2023)	0.462	0.300	2.455	2.182	0.364	0.285	2.545	2.273	0.091	0.300	2.636	2.545
Medical LLM												
Meditron3-70B (Chen et al., 2023)	0.392	0.244	2.164	1.927	0.277	0.204	1.964	1.818	0.069	0.248	2.164	2.036
MedGemma-27B (Sellergren et al., 2025)	0.403	0.252	2.218	2.000	0.291	0.212	2.036	1.909	0.075	0.255	2.218	2.091
Baichuan-M3-235B (Dou et al., 2026)	0.413	0.260	2.273	2.073	0.309	0.225	2.109	1.964	0.082	0.265	2.291	2.182
End-to-end Medical Vision-language Model												
Llava-Med (Li et al., 2023)	0.110	0.058	1.636	1.800	0.295	0.089	2.036	1.818	0.007	0.138	1.533	1.845
RadFM (Wu et al., 2023)	0.122	0.065	1.709	1.855	0.309	0.105	2.091	1.909	0.015	0.150	1.600	1.909
MedDr (He et al., 2024)	0.140	0.075	1.782	1.909	0.327	0.125	2.145	2.000	0.025	0.165	1.727	2.000
Medical Agentic Systems												
MAM (Zhou et al., 2025)	0.406	0.255	2.273	2.055	0.351	0.219	2.345	2.218	0.077	0.262	2.800	2.418
RadCouncil (Zeng et al., 2024)	0.394	0.245	2.182	2.000	0.327	0.205	2.273	2.145	0.070	0.250	2.727	2.327
AgentClinic (Schmidgall et al., 2024)	**0.513**	**0.345**	3.091	3.091	0.455	0.355	**2.909**	**3.000**	**0.145**	0.370	**3.055**	2.636

Table 4: Stability analysis on 660 cases.

Difficulty	Trigger Rate ↑	Exec. Success Rate ↑	Avg. Build Time (min) ↓
Regular (N=220)	98.2%	94.5%	12.3
Intermediate (N=220)	92.7%	86.8%	18.7
Complex (N=220)	78.6%	65.4%	29.4

Table 5: Failure mode analysis (N=100).

Failure Category	Pct. ↓	Description
Usage Error	48%	Agent correctly identified need but mis-configured tool parameters
Tool Deficiency	27%	Available tools lacked required functionality
Environment Error	16%	External dependencies or API failures
Planning Error	9%	Agent failed to identify when tool building was necessary

Table 6: Clinical utility on real-world cases (N=30).

Difficulty	AutoTB Trigger Rate	Report Quality (Human 1–5) ↑	Clinical Utility (Human 1–5) ↑
Regular (N=10)	100%	3.7	4.2
Intermediate (N=10)	90%	3.2	3.6
Complex (N=10)	60%	2.4	2.1

Synthetic Data Generation and Validation. Parallel to agent development, addressing the data scarcity-privacy paradox has driven a shift from traditional de-identification to ab-initio synthesis. While early methods relied on masking real clinical notes (Ren et al., 2025), contemporary approaches utilize persona-based prompting to generate high-fidelity patient cohorts and dialogues from scratch (Haider et al., 2025; Yilmaz et al., 2025). To ensure reliability, validation frameworks have evolved beyond simple n-gram overlap, adopting rigorous metrics such as the Quality-Privacy Score (QPS) to quantify the trade-off between semantic realism and re-identification risk (Sella et al., 2025; Adams et al., 2025). Despite these advancements in general clinical text, frameworks specifically designed to synthesize the structured, multi-modal reporting required for complex radiological error detection remain underexplored (Sun et al., 2025).

5 Conclusion

We introduced **RadA-BenchPlat**, a two-layer benchmark for evaluating radiology agents across planning and execution. Our results show that the main bottleneck lies in execution fidelity rather than high-level planning, especially in long-chain scenarios. By linking synthetic stress tests with real-world execution, RadA-BenchPlat further shows that practical progress depends on reliable tools, aligned interfaces, and failure recovery in addition to stronger LLM cores. Prompting strategies and AutoTB help narrow this gap, but persistent usage errors suggest that agents often know *when* to act without reliably knowing *how* to use the required tools. Overall, radiology agents are progressing toward controlled clinical-scenario testing, while still requiring broader real-world validations.

6 Limitations

Our study combines synthetic stress testing with real-world execution, but the connection between these two layers remains incomplete. The synthetic layer enables controlled diagnosis of planning, tool selection, and execution failures, yet cannot fully capture institution-specific protocols, tool behavior, data distributions, or workflow constraints in clinical environments. In addition, our real-environment evaluation is based on 165 cases, which limits the statistical power of cross-system comparisons. Future work should narrow this synthetic–real gap through confidence intervals, multi-center validation, and adaptive benchmarks whose simulated tool ecosystems better reflect evolving radiology practice.

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A Appendix

A.1 Terminologies Explanation

Key terminologies used throughout our work are defined in Extended Figure. 6.

A.2 Diseases/abnormalities Names for Patient Records

We consider 100 common conditions for each anatomy-modality combination in our synthetic patient records. The considered diseases/abnormalities names are listed in the CSV file which will be made available upon publication.

A.3 Clinician Validation of Dataset

To assess dataset quality, three clinical raters independently reviewed 110 sampled dataset items across eight criteria. Two raters were from Renmin Hospital of Wuhan University and had more than 10 years of clinical experience, while the third rater was from Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital and had 8 years of clinical experience. Table 7 reports the number of items judged as passing each criterion by each rater, together with the average positive percent agreement (PPA).

Specifically, **Clinical Consist.** evaluates whether the patient record, imaging findings, diagnosis, biomarkers, indicators, report, and treatment description are mutually consistent. **Info. Validity** checks whether the included clinical attributes are medically plausible and sufficiently complete. **Tool Necessity** verifies that answering the QA pair requires the intended radiology tools rather than shortcut reasoning alone. **No Leakage** checks that the question, metadata, or prompt does not directly reveal the answer. **Reasoning Depth** evaluates whether the item requires the intended level of multi-step clinical and tool-use reasoning. **Ambiguity** measures whether the task target and reference answer are clear enough to support reliable evaluation. **Professionalism** assesses the use of appropriate radiology terminology and reporting style. **Bias/Diversity** checks whether the sampled items avoid obvious demographic or disease shortcuts while maintaining diversity across anatomy, modality, disease, and patient profiles. For each criterion, Avg PPA is computed as $\frac{1}{3}\sum_{r=1}^{3} n_r^+/110$, where n_r^+ is the number of positive judgments from rater r. It provides a criterion-wise estimate of how consistently clinicians accepted the sampled dataset items.

A.4 Detailed Explanations for Tool Categories

We explain the 10 tool categories here:

- **Anatomy Classifier (AC)** is a classifier to predict what anatomy region the input image is shot on.
- **Modality Classifier (MC)** is a classifier to predict what imaging modality the input image is based on.
- **Organ Segmentor (OS)** is a tool to predict the dense segmentation masks for a certain organ on the input image.
- **Anomaly Detector (AD)** is a detection tool to predict the anomaly region masks or box coordinates for a certain anomaly type based on the input image.
- **Imaging Diagnoser (ID)** is a diagnosis tool to predict related diseases solely based on the input image.
- **Grounded Diagnoser (GD)** is a diagnosis tool to predict related diseases based on the input image, text information, and grounding clues.
- **Biomarker Quantifier (BQ)** is a biomarker calculation tool to exactly calculate the radiology biomarker based on the input image and organ-or-anomaly-wise dense masks.
- **Indicator Calculator (IC)** is an indicator (like tumor grading) calculation tool to exactly calculate or predict some medical indicators based on the input image and organ-or-anomaly-wise dense masks.
- **Report Generator (RG)** is a text generation tool to predict radiology reports.
- **Treatment Planner (TP)** is a treatment planning tool (or system) to provide treatment plans based on current clinical findings.

A.5 Detailed Explanations for Task Types

We explain the 11 radiology tasks here with their detailed tool category chains:

- **Organ mask annotation** is a task targeting predicting a dense mask for a certain organ. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → organ segmentation*
- **Anomaly region annotation** is a task targeting predicting a regional mask for a certain anomaly type. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → anomaly detection*
- **Organ-wise biomarker calculation** is a task to calculate or measure some organ-wise biomarkers. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → organ segmentation → biomarker quantification*

Detailed Explanation of Important Terminologies In this Paper

a.

Anatomy
Anatomical site (Head and Neck, Chest, etc.)

Patient Record
Similar to Electronic Health Records (EHR), containing patient information such as age, gender, weight, biochemical indicators, imaging reports, etc.

Modality
Imaging modality (CT, MR, Ultrasound, etc.)

Radiology Task
A radiology-related task (the paper defines 11 categories), such as "write a detailed report for this MRI"

QA Pair
A question-answer pair relates to information in a Patient Record, where each question can be categorized into one of the 11 radiology tasks

b.

Tool Card
A textual description of a tool that provides detailed information about its usage scope, characteristics, and performance metrics to help the LLM understand the tool's capabilities and limitations

Tool
A specific model for a particular imaging task (e.g., a COVID-19 diagnosis model with unique characteristics such as working only on Chest X-rays with 80% ACC)

Tool Set
A collection of tools grouped together, which may include tools of the same or different categories (e.g., a COVID-19 diagnosis tool, an Alzheimer's diagnosis tool, and a report generation tool)

Tool Category
General term for tools that perform a specific type of medical imaging processing or interpretation task (e.g. Organ Segmentation tool, Disease Diagnosis Tool, etc.)

Tool Chain
A sequence of tools used to complete a complex radiology task (e.g., first identify the imaging modality and anatomical region, then diagnose the disease.)

c.

Input-Output Organizing
The agent core match tool inputs/outputs in a chain (e.g., ensuring a segmentation tool's output can be used as input for a diagnosis tool, like passing segmented lung regions to a pneumonia detection tool)

Agent Core
The central Large Language Model (LLM) that drives the entire agent system, with capabilities for tool calling, reasoning, and synthesis.

Response Synthesizing
After step-by-step tool calling, the agent core compile and integrate results from all tool calls to formulate a final answer to the original radiology task

Chain Planning
The agent core determine the sequence of tool calls needed to complete the radiology task (from the first tool call to the last tool call step by step)

Unsolvability Parsing
The agent core recognize when a task cannot be completed with available tools and respond appropriately (e.g., decline to answer or request specific additional tools)

Optimal Orchestrating
The agent core organize tool chain in a way that maximizes radiology task completion performance (e.g., the dice score of a segmentation task)

d.

Baseline Condition
Necessary and Sufficient Condition - a concept describing the relationship between a tool set and a radiology task, where the tools in the set are exactly what's needed to complete the task without redundancy

Insufficient Condition
Necessary but not Sufficient Condition - a concept describing the relationship between a tool set and a radiology task, where the tool set lack essential tools to complete the task

Redundant Condition
Sufficient but Not Necessary Condition - a concept describing the relationship between a tool set and a radiology task, where the tool set contains all tools needed for a task plus some redundant tools

Differentiated Condition
Comparable Condition - a concept describing the relationship between a tool set and a radiology task, where the tool set provide multiple overlapping tools with varying performance levels, requiring selection of the best tools

Figure 6: **A detailed explanation of 20 important terminologies used in this paper. a.** Basic terms commonly used throughout the paper. **b.** Sophisticated definitions of tool-related concepts. **c.** Agent-related terms including five key abilities. **d.** Four radiology environments featuring various tool combinations for different evaluation purposes.

Table 7: **Clinician Validation of Dataset.** Each rater row reports the number of passing items among 110 sampled dataset items. Avg PPA denotes the average positive percent agreement across the three raters.

Rater	Clinical Consist.	Info. Validity	Tool Necessity	No Leakage	Reasoning Depth	Ambiguity	Professionalism	Bias/Diversity
1	105	104	101	107	106	100	108	99
2	102	101	103	104	100	99	106	103
3	103	98	102	106	103	100	106	104
Avg PPA	**0.939**	**0.918**	**0.927**	**0.961**	**0.936**	**0.906**	**0.970**	**0.927**

- **Anomaly-wise biomarker calculation** is a task to calculate or measure some anomaly-wise biomarkers. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → anomaly detection → anomaly quantification*
- **Organ-and-anomaly-wise image interpretation** is a task to interpret the image and answer the user query on organs or anomaly regions or both. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → [organ segmentation, anomaly detection]*
- **Disease diagnosis without visual clues** is a task to end-to-end make a diagnosis based on a radiology-central patient record. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → disease diagnosis*
- **Disease diagnosis with visual clues** is a task to make a diagnosis based on not only original images but also relevant segmentation annotations (organs or anomalies). **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → [organ segmentation, anomaly detection] → grounded diagnosis*
- **Common report generation** is a basic radiology routine task to interpret a certain radiology image into free-text descriptions. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → anomaly detection → disease diagnosis → report generation*
- **Report generation focusing on specific biomarkers** is a report generation task variant emphasizing reflecting certain biomarker conditions in the final report. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → [organ segmentation, anomaly detection] → [organ biomarker quantification, anomaly biomarker quantification] → report generation*
- **Report generation focusing on specific biomarkers and indicators** is a report generation task variant emphasizing reflecting certain biomarkers and indicator conditions in the final report. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → [organ segmentation,* *anomaly detection] → disease diagnosis → [organ biomarker quantification, anomaly quantification] → indicator calculation → report generation*
- **Treatment planning** is a task to provide a treatment plan for a patient. **Chain:** *anatomy classification → modality classification → [organ segmentation, anomaly detection] → disease diagnosis → [organ biomarker quantification, anomaly quantification] → indicator calculation → report generation → treatment planning*

A.6 Evaluation Metrics

Our evaluation metrics assess the agent core from five complementary capabilities: *chain planning*, *optimal orchestrating*, *I/O organizing*, *response synthesizing*, and *unsolvability parsing*. Unless otherwise specified, higher values indicate better performance for rates, accuracies, and text/clinical-quality scores, while lower values indicate better performance for distances, false discovery rates, build time, and failure percentages. For a QA pair, let $G = (g_1, \ldots, g_L)$ denote the ground-truth tool-category chain, $P = (p_1, \ldots, p_M)$ the planned chain, $E = (e_1, \ldots, e_K)$ the executed chain, and N the number of evaluated QA pairs. We use $\mathbf{1}[\cdot]$ as the indicator function.

Metrics on Chain Planning and Execution Consistency. These metrics compare tool-category-wise chains generated or executed by the agent with the ground-truth task decomposition.

- **Levenshtein Distance (LD)** is the minimum number of insertion, deletion, and substitution operations needed to transform one chain into another:

$$\mathrm{LD}(X, G) = \min_{\pi: X \to G} \sum_{o \in \pi} c(o), \quad c(o) = 1,$$

where X can be P or E. We report **Plan Dist.** as $\mathrm{LD}(P, G)$, **Exec. Dist.** as $\mathrm{LD}(E, G)$, and **Cons. Dist.** as $\mathrm{LD}(P, E)$. Lower values indicate closer chain matches.

- **False Discovery Rate (FDR)** measures the proportion of executed or planned tools that are not required by the ground-truth chain:

$$\text{FDR}(X, G) = \frac{|\{x_i \in X : x_i \notin G\}|}{\max(|X|, 1)}.$$

It penalizes unnecessary or redundant tool usage, especially under redundant tool-set conditions.

- **Tool Matching Accuracy (TMA)** measures order-sensitive matching between a predicted chain and the ground-truth chain:

$$\text{TMA}(X, G) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^{L} \mathbf{1}[i \le |X| \text{ and } x_i = g_i].$$

It reflects whether the same tool category appears at the correct step.

Metrics on Optimal Orchestrating. These metrics evaluate whether the agent can choose the most suitable concrete tool within a required tool category.

- **Optimal Tool Score (OTS)** evaluates tool-selection quality when multiple tools can satisfy the same category demand. For step t, let N_t be the number of suitable tools and R_t the performance rank of the selected tool, with $R_t = 1$ for the best tool:

$$\text{OTS}_t = \frac{N_t - R_t + 1}{N_t},$$

$$\text{OTS} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \text{OTS}_t.$$

The best available tool receives 1.0, and lower-ranked tools receive smaller scores.

Metrics on I/O Organizing. These metrics measure whether the agent can correctly manage tool inputs, intermediate outputs, and downstream dependencies during multi-step execution. For case j, let L_j be the ground-truth chain length and s_j the number of successfully executed steps before termination or failure.

- **Execution Completion Rate (ECR)** measures the proportion of cases in which the whole required chain is executed without input/output, format, or runtime failures:

$$\text{ECR} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbf{1}[s_j = L_j].$$

- **Pre-Failure Success Percentage (PFSP)** measures partial execution progress among failed cases. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{j : s_j < L_j\}$ be the failed-case set:

$$\text{PFSP} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{s_j}{L_j}.$$

This metric distinguishes early failures from failures occurring after several successful tool calls.

Metrics on Response Synthesizing. These metrics evaluate whether the agent converts tool outputs into a useful final answer and whether the response matches expert-provided references.

- **Task Completion Rate (TCR)** measures end-to-end task success. Let $c_j = 1$ if case j completes the required workflow and satisfies the task target, otherwise $c_j = 0$:

$$\text{TCR} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} c_j.$$

- **Target Hit Rate (THR)** measures whether the final output type or final tool matches the required response target:

$$\text{THR} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbf{1}[\hat{y}_j^{\text{type}} = y_j^{\text{type}}].$$

- **Milestone Hit Rate (MHR)** measures whether a task-specific key intermediate result is produced. Let $m_j = 1$ if the milestone for case j is achieved, otherwise $m_j = 0$:

$$\text{MHR} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} m_j.$$

Milestones include outputs such as organ masks, anomaly localization, biomarker values, preliminary diagnoses, or report components.

- **BLEU**, **ROUGE**, and **F1** measure lexical overlap between generated text Y and reference text Y^*. BLEU is computed from clipped n-gram precision p_n and brevity penalty BP:

$$\text{BLEU} = \text{BP} \cdot \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N_g} w_n \log p_n \right).$$

ROUGE recall and word-overlap F1 are summarized as:

$$\text{ROUGE} = \frac{|\text{grams}(Y) \cap \text{grams}(Y^*)|}{|\text{grams}(Y^*)|},$$

$$\text{F1} = \frac{2 \cdot \text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}.$$

Metrics on Unsolvability Parsing. These metrics focus on insufficient-tool conditions, where a task cannot be solved because a required category, anatomy–modality capability, or functional requirement is missing.

- **Unsolvability Awareness Rate (UAR)** measures whether the agent recognizes that the current tool set cannot solve the task. Let $a_j = 1$ if the agent correctly refuses an unsolvable task, otherwise $a_j = 0$:

$$\text{UAR} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_j.$$

- **Unsolvability Grounding Rate (UGR)** measures whether the agent identifies the specific reason for unsolvability. Let $u_j = 1$ if the missing category, capability, or requirement is correctly specified, otherwise $u_j = 0$:

$$\text{UGR} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} u_j.$$

Metrics for Real-Case and AutoTB Evaluation. For real-world executable evaluation, we additionally use task-specific clinical metrics and tool-building metrics.

- **Dice** and **Jaccard Index** evaluate organ/anomaly grounding by measuring spatial overlap between predicted mask M and reference mask M^*:

$$\text{Dice} = \frac{2|M \cap M^*|}{|M| + |M^*|},$$
$$\text{Jaccard} = \frac{|M \cap M^*|}{|M \cup M^*|}.$$

- **Accuracy** and **Jaccard Index** evaluate diagnosis with grounding clues. For predicted diagnosis set D and reference set D^*:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbf{1}[\hat{d}_j = d_j],$$
$$\text{Jaccard}(D, D^*) = \frac{|D \cap D^*|}{|D \cup D^*|}.$$

- **RadGraph-F1** and **RaTE Score** evaluate report generation. RadGraph-F1 follows the standard F1 form over extracted clinical entities and relations, while RaTE measures radiology-oriented textual alignment with the reference report.

- **LLM Rating** is an automatic clinical-quality score assigned by three independent LLM evaluators: GPT-5.2-Chat, Gemini-3.0-Pro, and DeepSeek-R1. For each real-world case, the evaluator receives the clinical task, generated answer, and corresponding reference information, and scores whether the answer is clinically plausible, complete, and aligned with the task target. The final LLM Rating is the average score across cases and evaluator models:

$$\text{LLMRating} = \frac{1}{3N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} r_{j,m}^{\text{LLM}}.$$

Here, $\mathcal{M}$ contains GPT-5.2-Chat, Gemini-3.0-Pro, and DeepSeek-R1, and $r_{j,m}^{\text{LLM}}$ is the score assigned by evaluator model m for case j. Averaging across the three evaluators reduces dependence on a single model's preference or scoring bias.

- **Human Rating** is the average clinical-quality score assigned by expert radiologists under blinded review:

$$\text{HumanRating} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} r_j^{\text{Human}},$$

where r_j^{Human} is the expert-assigned score for case j.

- **AutoTB Trigger Rate**, **Execution Success Rate**, and **Average Build Time** evaluate automated tool building. Let $b_j = 1$ if AutoTB is triggered and $q_j = 1$ if the augmented workflow succeeds:

$$\text{TriggerRate} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} b_j,$$
$$\text{ExecSuccess} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} q_j,$$
$$\text{AvgBuildTime} = \frac{1}{N_b} \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} t_j.$$

Here, N_b is the number of tool-building attempts and t_j is the build time for attempt j.

A.7 Real-Environment Data Collection

This subsection details how we construct the 165 real-world cases used in the real-environment layer. Unlike the synthetic layer, these cases are not converted into synthetic patient records. Instead, each case keeps its original clinical input, imaging data, and reference annotation or report so that the agent must interact with executable tools under realistic data constraints. The final real-case set

contains 55 organ/anomaly grounding cases from Chest Imagenome and 110 brain MRI cases from RadGenome-BrainMRI, where the latter consists of 55 diagnosis-with-grounding cases and 55 standard report-generation cases.

Chest Imagenome for organ/anomaly grounding. Chest Imagenome provides chest radiographs paired with structured scene-graph annotations derived from radiology reports and image-level/localized labels. Each scene graph links anatomical regions, such as lungs, cardiac silhouette, mediastinum, pleural regions, or other chest structures, with visual observations and abnormal findings. We use this structure to build organ/anomaly joint grounding cases. Specifically, we first keep cases with accessible chest X-ray images and non-empty local anatomical and abnormality annotations. We then map the original anatomical regions and observation labels to our benchmark schema, with anatomy set to chest, modality set to X-ray, and task type set to organ/anomaly joint grounding. The input to the agent preserves the original image and clinical question, while the reference answer is derived from the original localized anatomical and abnormality annotations. Cases are excluded when the target region is ambiguous, the abnormality label cannot be mapped to our task schema, or the required image/annotation pair is incomplete. After filtering, we randomly select 55 cases with diverse anatomical targets and abnormality types for the organ/anomaly grounding evaluation.

RadGenome-BrainMRI for diagnosis and report generation. RadGenome-BrainMRI is used to construct the brain MRI part of the real-environment layer. We sample 110 cases in total from the BraTS-GLI, BraTS-MEN, and BraTS-MET cohorts, covering glioma, meningioma, and metastatic tumor cases. All selected cases are treated as head-and-neck MRI cases with 3D imaging inputs. We preserve the original 3D MRI data, tumor-related grounding annotations, and dataset-provided diagnostic or report references. Among the 110 cases, 55 are used for diagnosis with grounding clues, where the agent must combine imaging evidence and available grounding information to infer the disease category or clinically relevant diagnostic label. The remaining 55 cases are used for standard report generation, where the agent must synthesize a radiology-style response from the imaging input, tool outputs, and refer-

ence annotations. During sampling, we balance the cases across the three BraTS-derived cohorts as much as possible, while requiring complete image files, usable lesion annotations, and unambiguous task targets.

For automated tool-building evaluation, we further instantiate insufficient-tool scenarios from these real-case sources. Each scenario hides a required tool category, anatomy–modality capability, or functional requirement from the available tool set. The resulting task remains clinically meaningful because the original image and reference annotation are unchanged, but the initial tool environment becomes insufficient. This design allows us to test whether the agent can identify the missing capability, request an appropriate tool, and continue the workflow after tool construction.

A.8 M3Builder-based Tool Pool Construction

We construct the executable tool pool following the M^3Builder protocol. The goal is not to use a single monolithic model, but to create a diverse set of specialized radiology tools with explicit tool cards and controllable performance differences. Each tool is associated with a task category, dataset source, anatomy, modality, dimensionality, input/output schema, supported targets, and performance metadata. These tool cards are exposed to the agent so that tool selection is based on declared capability and input/output requirements rather than hidden oracle information.

Tool families and concrete tool variants. We build 14 dataset-specific tool families spanning four executable task groups: organ segmentation, anomaly detection, disease diagnosis, and report generation. For each tool family, we train or instantiate three versions using different data-subset configurations following the M^3Builder training protocol. These versions correspond to different training rounds or data scales and therefore have different empirical performance. Consequently, the pool contains $14 \times 3 = 42$ concrete executable tool variants. This design supports both the real-case evaluation and the simulated tool-set perturbations: the benchmark can provide only the strongest tool, provide multiple similar tools with different performance, remove a necessary capability, or include redundant distractor tools.

Three subset-trained versions per tool family. For each dataset-specific family, M^3Builder produces three variants trained or configured with dif-

Table 8: **Real-environment case sources.** The 165 real-world cases are collected from Chest Imagenome and RadGenome-BrainMRI without converting them into synthetic patient records.

Source	Original Cohort	Task	Anatomy/Modality	Dim.	Cases	Reference Signal
Chest Imagenome	Chest X-ray scene graphs	Organ/anomaly joint grounding	Chest / X-ray	2D	55	Local anatomical regions, abnormality labels, and grounding annotations from the original image–scene-graph pairs.
RadGenome-BrainMRI	BraTS-GLI, BraTS-MEN, BraTS-MET	Diagnosis with grounding clues	Head & Neck / MRI	3D	55	Tumor-related image annotations and diagnostic labels preserved from the original brain MRI cases.
RadGenome-BrainMRI	BraTS-GLI, BraTS-MEN, BraTS-MET	Standard report generation	Head & Neck / MRI	3D	55	Dataset-provided report/reference information and lesion annotations used as report-generation targets.
				Total	**165**	

Table 9: M^3**Builder tool families used for executable evaluation.** Each row denotes one dataset-specific tool family. For every family, three data-subset-trained variants are constructed and described with separate tool cards, yielding 42 concrete tool variants in total.

Tool Group	Dataset	Anatomy	Modality	Dim.	Variants	Primary Capability
Organ Segmentor	BTCV	Abdomen & Pelvis	CT	3D	3	Multi-organ abdominal and pelvic CT segmentation.
Organ Segmentor	Verse	Spine	CT	3D	3	Vertebra/spine structure segmentation on CT.
Organ Segmentor	OASIS	Head & Neck	MRI	3D	3	Brain/head-and-neck structure segmentation on MRI.
Anomaly Detector	COV19	Chest	CT	3D	3	Chest CT abnormality detection and localization.
Anomaly Detector	INS22	Head & Neck	CT	3D	3	Head-and-neck CT anomaly localization.
Anomaly Detector	Panc	Abdomen & Pelvis	CT	3D	3	Pancreatic-region anomaly detection on CT.
Anomaly Detector	XDet10	Chest	X-ray	2D	3	Chest X-ray anomaly detection and localization.
Imaging Diagnoser	ADNI	Head & Neck	MRI	3D	3	MRI-based neuroimaging disease diagnosis.
Imaging Diagnoser	KneeMR	Limb	MRI	2D	3	Knee MRI disease or abnormality diagnosis.
Imaging Diagnoser	CC-CCII	Chest	CT	3D	3	Chest CT disease diagnosis.
Imaging Diagnoser	KidCT	Abdomen & Pelvis	CT	2D	3	Kidney/abdominal CT disease diagnosis.
Report Generator	CT-RATE	Chest	CT	3D	3	Chest CT report generation.
Report Generator	GenomBra	Head & Neck	MRI	3D	3	Brain MRI report generation.
Report Generator	IU-Xray	Chest	X-ray	2D	3	Chest X-ray report generation.
	Total concrete tool variants				**42**	14 tool families × 3 subset-trained variants per family.

ferent subsets of the available training data. We use these variants as low-, medium-, and high-performing tools under the same high-level capability. For example, three report-generation tools may all support chest CT report generation, but their performance scores differ because they correspond to different M^3Builder training rounds or data-subset sizes. This controlled performance diversity is important for the "Differentiated" setting, where the agent must choose the best-performing tool among several apparently suitable candidates. It is also useful for the "Redundant" setting, where multiple tools may share similar names or capabilities but differ in anatomy coverage, modality support, dimensionality, or input/output schema.

Tool-card protocol. Every concrete tool variant is paired with a tool card following the M^3Builder protocol. Each card specifies: *(1)* tool name and category; *(2)* supported anatomy, modality, and image dimensionality; *(3)* mandatory inputs, such as image, text query, or patient information; *(4)* op-

tional inputs, such as organ masks, anomaly masks, biomarkers, indicators, or previous tool outputs; *(5)* output fields, such as masks, boxes, disease labels, reports, or treatment recommendations; *(6)* capability constraints, including unsupported anatomies, modalities, or missing functions; and *(7)* a performance score or rank estimated from the corresponding M^3Builder validation round. The agent only sees the tool cards and must infer whether a tool is usable from this structured description.

Use in benchmark environments. The 42 M^3Builder variants are not all exposed simultaneously in every evaluation condition. Instead, different subsets are sampled to instantiate the benchmark environments described in the main text. The "Baseline" setting provides a minimal solvable set; the "Redundant" setting adds extra tools with overlapping or distractor capabilities; the "Insufficient" setting removes a required category, anatomy–modality coverage, or functional capability; and the "Differentiated" setting exposes multi-

ple suitable tools with different performance scores. In the real-environment layer, the executable pool is restricted to tools relevant to the Chest Imagenome and RadGenome-BrainMRI tasks, with additional segmentation or diagnosis tools used when needed to match the clinical workflow. This separation ensures that the appendix-level tool construction details remain consistent with the main-text evaluation protocol.

AutoTB workflow. Under insufficient-tool settings, AutoTB first verifies whether the current tool cards can support the planned workflow. If not, it grounds the missing capability into a concrete tool specification, invokes M^3Builder to construct and validate the tool, and then re-executes the augmented workflow; ungrounded or unverifiable requests are returned as grounded refusals.

Listing 1: Pseudo-code of AutoTB under insufficient-tool settings.

```
Input: task T, tool cards U, context protocol P,
    max trials K
Output: final answer y or grounded refusal r

1 z <- Plan(T | U)
2 if Executable(z, U) then return Run(z)
3 m <- GroundMissingCapability(T, z, U)
4 if not Grounded(m) then return Refuse(m)
5 g <- SpecifyToolCard(m) # category, anatomy,
    modality, I/O
6 C0, R0 <- empty
7 for k = 1 ... K do
8     Ck, Rk <- M3Builder(Ck-1, Rk-1, g | P)
9     if Validate(Ck, g) then
10        U <- U union {Tool(Ck, g)}
11        return Run(Replan(T | U))
12 return Refuse(RK)
```

A.9 Feature Distributions in Patient Record

Extended Figure 7e visualizes anomalies, diseases, biomarkers, and indicators within patient records. Here, "biomarkers" refer to imaging features (*e.g.*, dimensions, textures), while "indicators" correspond to clinical classifications (*e.g.*, cancer staging) or scoring systems (*e.g.*, CURB-65). We embed these attributes using BioLORD and MedCPT. The t-SNE plot reveals a uniform distribution and confirming that our dataset covers a wide range of clinical scenarios.

A.10 Context Token Consumption Analysis

As shown in Extended Figure 8, we present the multi-turn response token lengths generated by two LLMs, GPT-4o and Llama-3.1, representing closed-source and open-source models, respectively. In most conditions, the total token lengths

for both models are comparable, ranging from 3,000 to 30,000 tokens. However, in the Insufficient tool set conditions, GPT-4o exhibits significantly longer context lengths than Llama, primarily due to Llama's frequent failure to execute proper denial responses, resulting in premature terminations.

A.11 Performance on Baseline Tool Set Condition

1) closed-source models generally outperform open-source models (except Llama-3.1-405B) across both "Baseline" tool set conditions, with closed-source models achieving LD between planning and ground truth less than 1.5 (average 1.5 edits needed to match ground truth chains) as shown in Extended Figure. 9 - this represents relatively good performance given the average chain length of 5 step; **2)** as shown in Extended Figure 9, differences emerge between planned and executed chains during multi-iteration execution, where models can adjust tool selections - Claude-3.5 and LLama-3.1 show convergence toward ground truth chains, while others maintain or increase deviations.

A.12 A Patient Record Example

We, here, demonstrate a concrete synthetic patient record in our RadABench-Data:

Listing 2: Patient Record Example

```
"Information": {
    "Age": "42",
    "Sex": "Female",
    "Height": "165",
    "Weight": "68",
    "History": "Patient has a history of
        seasonal allergies and recurrent upper
    respiratory infections",
    "Complaint": "Persistent facial pain, nasal
        congestion, and headache for the
    past 2 weeks"
},
"Anatomy": "Head and Neck",
"Modality": "X-ray",
"Anomaly": {
    "Part": "Maxillary sinuses",
    "Symptom": "Opacification"
},
"Disease": "Sinusitis",
"OrganBiomarker": {
    "OrganObject": "Maxillary sinus",
    "OrganDim": "density",
    "OrganQuant": "+40 Hounsfield Units"
},
"AnomalyBiomarker": {
    "AnomalyObject": "Opacification",
    "AnomalyDim": "intensity",
    "AnomalyQuant": "80% increase compared to
        normal airspace"
},
```

Figure 7: Features distribution on anomaly/disease/biomarker/indicator extracted by BioLORD and MedCPT.

Figure 8: Context token length in 8 simulated conditions using GPT-4o/Llama-3.1-405B as the agent core.

```
                                                          1348
saline irrigation, intranasal corticosteroids,           1349
    and oral decongestants for symptom                   1350
relief. The patient should be advised to stay            1351
    well-hydrated and use over-the-counter               1352
pain relievers as needed. If symptoms persist            1353
    or worsen after 72 hours of antibiotic               1354
therapy, reassessment is warranted. A follow-up          1355
    appointment should be scheduled in 2-3               1356
weeks to ensure resolution of symptoms. If               1357
    recurrent episodes occur, further evaluation         1358
with CT imaging and potential referral to an             1359
    ENT specialist for consideration of                  1360
endoscopic sinus surgery may be necessary."
```

which is generated by prompting GPT-4 leveraging the following prompts:

Listing 3: Patient Record Generation Prompt

```
"Indicator": {
    "Name": "Lund-Mackay Score",
    "Value": "8 (Moderate sinusitis)"
},
"Report": {
    "Finding": "X-ray of the paranasal sinuses
        demonstrates bilateral maxillary
    sinus opacification. The right maxillary
        sinus shows complete opacification,
    while the left maxillary sinus demonstrates
        air-fluid levels. Frontal and ethmoid
    sinuses appear clear. No evidence of bone
        erosion or destruction. Nasal septum
    appears midline. Soft tissues of the face
        and neck are unremarkable.",
    "Impression": "Findings consistent with
        bilateral maxillary sinusitis, more
    pronounced on the right side. No evidence of
        complications such as orbital or
    intracranial involvement."
},
"Treatment": "Given the patient's symptoms and
    radiographic findings, a diagnosis
of acute bacterial sinusitis is likely. Initial
    treatment should include a 10-14 day
course of broad-spectrum antibiotics such as
    amoxicillin-clavulanate or, in case of
penicillin allergy, a respiratory
    fluoroquinolone. Adjunctive treatments
    include nasal
```

```
You are an experienced clinical radiologist.
    Your task is to generate a detailed
medical case based on a hypothetical 256x256
    medical image. I will provide you with
the Anatomy and Modality of the image, as well
    as an overall Disease. Using this
information, you should create a comprehensive
    case report including patient
information, specific anomalies, biomarkers,
    indicators, a radiology report, and
treatment recommendations.

Please structure your response using the
    following template:

<Case>
    <Information>
        <Age> [Number without units] </Age>
        <Sex> [Male / Female] </Sex>
        <Height> [Number in cm] </Height>
        <Weight> [Number in kg] </Weight>
        <History> [Brief descriptive text]
            </History>
        <Complaint> [Brief descriptive text]
            </Complaint>
    </Information>
    <Anatomy> [Head and Neck / Chest / Breast /
        Abdomen and Pelvis / Limb / Spine]
    </Anatomy>
```

Figure 9: Three Levenshtein Distance between pairs of decision, execution, and ground truth tool chains under NS. Condition among 7 LLMs.

```
<Modality> [CT / MRI / X-ray / Ultrasound /
    Mammography] </Modality>
<Anomaly>
    <Part> [Specific location of anomaly
        (e.g., right upper lobe of lung)]
        </Part>
    <Symptom> [Type of anomaly (e.g.,
        nodule)] </Symptom>
</Anomaly>
<Disease> [Corresponding disease name]
    </Disease>
<OrganBiomarker>
    <OrganObject> [A specific organ serving
        as biomarker] </OrganObject>
    <OrganDim> [number / length / size /
        volume / angle / density / intensity
        /
    texture] </OrganDim>
    <OrganQuant> [Specific quantitative
        value] </OrganQuant>
</OrganBiomarker>
<AnomalyBiomarker>
    <AnomalyObject> [The same Anomaly
        described in the Anomaly Symptom
        serving
    as biomarker] </AnomalyObject>
    <AnomalyDim> [number / length / size /
        volume / angle / density / intensity
        /
    texture] </AnomalyDim>
    <AnomalyQuant> [Specific quantitative
        value] </AnomalyQuant>
</AnomalyBiomarker>
<Indicator>
    <Name> [Name of the indicator (e.g.,
        Lung Cancer TNM Staging Score)]
        </Name>
    <Value> [Specific value or grade (e.g.,
        cT2aN0M0 (Stage IB))] </Value>
</Indicator>
<Report>
    <Finding> [Findings section in the style
        of a MIMIC-CXR report] </Finding>
    <Impression> [Impression section in the
        style of a MIMIC-CXR report]
        </Impression>
</Report>
<Treatment> [A paragraph including
```

```
        diagnostic procedures, medication
    recommendations, and follow-up suggestions]
        </Treatment>
</Case>

Guidelines for generating the case report:

Information: Provide realistic patient
    demographics, medical history, and chief
complaint.
Anomaly: Describe a specific anomaly consistent
    with the given anatomy, modality,
and disease.
Biomarkers: Choose a relevant organ biomarker
    and the anomaly biomarker mentioned
before that can be observed in the image and
    provide plausible quantitative value.
Indicator: Calculate an appropriate indicator
    based on the patient information and
biomarker value. Provide a specific, medically
    accurate score or grade.
Report: Generate a concise radiological report
    in the style of MIMIC-CXR, with
separate Findings and Impression sections.
Treatment: Offer a comprehensive treatment plan
    including diagnostic procedures,
medication recommendations, and follow-up care.
Ensure that all parts of the case are medically
    accurate and consistent with each
other. Use your expertise as a radiologist to
    provide realistic and detailed
information throughout the case.

Given the following parameters:
- Anatomy: {ANATOMY}
- Imaging Modality: {MODALITY}
- Disease: {DISEASE}
Please generate this patient record.
```

A.13 A Tool Card Example

Here is an example of a tool card of a report generation tool focused on Head and Neck X-ray images:

Listing 4: Tool Card Example

```
=== Tool Description for TOOL17 ===
```

```
Name: TOOL17
Category: Report Generator
Ability: Given the Head and Neck X-ray Image,
    any other text information and
organ/anomaly masks and labels, generate a
    radiology report.
Property: Report Generator only suitable for
    Head and Neck X-ray image with
Text and Mask
Compulsory Input: ['$Image$']
Optional Input: ['$Information$',
    '$OrganObject$', '$AnomalyObject$',
    '$Disease$',
'$OrganDim$', '$OrganQuant$', '$AnomalyDim$',
    '$AnomalyQuant$', '$IndicatorName$',
'$ValueName$', '$OrganMask$', '$AnomalyMask$']
Output: ['$Report$']
Performance: Score from 0.4 to 0.88, increases
    with optional inputs
```

A.14   A Task Simulation Example

Here is an example of QA pair generation from a chest X-ray record of a pneumonia patient:

Listing 5: QA Pair Example

```
<Q1> Identify and segment the lung fields in
    this chest X-ray. </Q1>
<A1> The lung fields are segmented [{\em
    organ mask}: left lung, right lung].
Both lungs show clear boundaries. </A1>

...

<Q11> Based on the imaging findings and
    clinical indicators, what treatment plan
would you recommend? </Q11>
<A11> Given the moderate pneumonia severity
    (CURB-65 score: 2) and [anomaly mask],
recommend oral antibiotics and follow-up
    chest X-ray in 2 weeks. </A11>
```

which is generated by the following prompt, leveraging GPT-4:

Listing 6: QA Pair Generation Prompt

```
Assume a clinical medical imaging scenario
    where you, as the Agent core, play the role
of a doctor. Given a patient's radiological
    image, you want to complete different tasks
by calling various tools. There are ten tools
    in total (numbered 0 to 9):

TOOLKIT
0. |Modality Classifier|
    Property: A classification model
    Ability: Determine the modality of the Image.
    Input: [Image]
    Output: [Modality]

1. |Anatomy Classifier|
    Property: A classification model,
    Ability: Determine the anatomy of the Image.
    Input: [Image]
    Output: [Anatomy]

2. |Organ Segmentor|
    Property: A segmentation model
    Ability: Given the modality and anatomy,
        segment all organs in the Image
    (can not segment any lesion or abnormality).
    Input: [Image] & [Modality] & [Anatomy]
    Output: [Organ Mask] & [Organ Label]

3. |Anomaly Detector|
    Property: A detection model
    Ability: Given the modality and anatomy,
        determine the location and type of
    abnormality.
    Input: [Image] & [Modality] & [Anatomy]
    Output: [Anomaly Mask] & [Anomaly Label]

4. |Imaging Diagnoser|
    Property: A classification model
    Ability: Given the modality and anatomy,
        diagnose diseases directly from the
        input
    image.
    Input: [Image] & [Modality] & [Anatomy]
    Output: [Diseases]

5. |Grounded Diagnoser|
    Property: An inference model
    Ability: Diagnose diseases based on organ
        segmentation and anomaly detection
        results.
    Input: [Image] & [Organ Mask] & [Organ
        Label] & [Anomaly Mask] & [Anomaly
        Label]
    Output: [Diseases]

6. |Biomarker Quantifier|
    Property: A quantification model
    Ability: Given the organ region or anomaly
        region and the biomarker of interest,
    estimate its property. The biomarker can be
        either organ or anomaly. The dimension
    can be one of the number, length, size,
        volume, angle, density, intensity or
    texture of the organ or anomaly.
    Input: [Image] & [Object] & [Dim] &
        [Biomarker Mask] & [Biomarker Label]
    Output: [Quant]

7. |Indicator Calculator|
    Property: A calculation model
    Ability: Use prior patient information and
        several biomarkers values to calculate
    the indicator, the indicator can be a score
        or a grading.
    Input: [Priors] & [Indicator] & [Biomarkers]
        & [Quants]
    Output: [Value]

8. |Report Generator|
    Property: A multimodal model
    Ability: Generate a medical report by
        integrating results processed by former
        tools.
    Input: [Image] & [Modality] & [Anatomy]
    Optional Input: ([Organ Mask] & [Organ
        Label]), ([Anomaly Mask] & [Anomaly
        Label]),
    [Diseases], ([Object] & [Dim] & [Quant]),
        ([Indicators] & [Values])
    Output: [Report]
```

```
 9. |Treatment Planner|
    Property: a language model
    Ability: Recommend personalized treatment
        plans based on all results processed by
    former tools and the patient's information.
    Input: [Image] & [Priors] & [Modality] &
        [Anatomy] & [Diseases]
    Optional Input: ([Organ Mask] & [Organ
        Label]),([Anomaly Mask] & [Anomaly
        Label]),
    ([Object] & [Dim] & [Quant]), ([Indicators]
        & [Values])
    Output: [Treatment]

There are 11 different tasks and the chain of
    tools each task hopes to break down into:

(1) Basic Image Analysis and Organ Segmentation
    ToolUse: 012
    Description: Perform basic image analysis
        and segment organs within the medical
    image.

(2) Basic Image Analysis and Anomaly Detection
    ToolUse: 013
    Description: Perform basic image analysis
        and detect anomalies within the medical
    image.

(3) Image-based Direct Disease Diagnosis
    ToolUse: 014
    Description: Diagnose disease directly from
        the medical image without intermediate
    steps.

(4) Organ segmentation and anomaly localization
    ToolUse: 0123
    Description: Segment organs and locate
        anomalies within the medical image.

(5) Anomaly-based Disease Diagnosis
    ToolUse: 01235
    Description: Diagnose disease based on
        grounded diagnosis by finding
        abnormalities
    and the organ in which they occur.

(6) Organ Biomarker Quantification
    ToolUse: 0126
    Description: Quantify specific biomarkers
        related to organs in the medical image.

(7) Anomaly Biomarker Quantification
    ToolUse: 0136
    Description: Quantify specific biomarkers
        related to anomalies in the medical
        image.

(8) Disease and Anomaly Based Report Generation
    ToolUse: 01348
    Description: Generate a medical report based
        on detected diseases and anomalies.

(9) Disease and Biomarker Based Report
     Generation
    ToolUse: 0123568
    Description: Generate a comprehensive report
        incorporating anomaly detection,
    disease diagnosis and biomarker
        quantification.
```

```
(10) Comprehensive Evaluation Report Generation
    ToolUse: 01235678
    Description: Generate a detailed evaluation
        report including all aspects of the
    medical image analysis.

(11) Comprehensive Report Generation and
     Treatment Planning
    ToolUse: 012356789
    Description: Generate a comprehensive report
        including all analysis results and
    treatment plans.

Please generate 11 mutually independent
    question-answer pairs corresponding to tasks
above, based on the different task natures and
    the content of the case. Specifically,
strictly avoid including information
in the questions that should be determined by
    the tools (such as imaging modality,
specific anatomy, or precise abnormality types).
Pay attention: create task-specific
    question-answer pairs that highlight the
    unique
tool usage patterns for different tasks. The
    questions should be:

1. Naturally aligned with the task description
2. Representative of real-world scenarios for
    that task type
3. Questions must not reveal information about
    modality or anatomy that should be
determined by Tools 0 and 1 or other tools. The
    questions should be phrased in a way
that necessitates the use of these basic
    identification tools.

Provide answers in the most concise free-text
    form possible. If visual results such as
masks are involved, please embed them in the
    text in the form of [Organ Mask] or
[Anomaly Mask]. (eg. The organ segmentation
    result is shown as [Organ Mask].) The 11
generated question-answer pairs should follow
    this template:

<Q1> ... </Q1>
<A1> ... </A1>
<Q2> ... </Q2>
<A2> ... </A2>
...
<Q11> ... </Q11>
<A11> ... </A11>

The answer only needs to provide a simple final
    result based on the information already
available in the Case, without showing the
    thought process. I will now provide you with
a Case containing all the information.

The patient record is {Patient Record}, please
    generate the corresponding QA pairs.
```

A.15 Detailed Workflow Prompts in RadABench-EvalPlat

In this part we detail the prompt template used in the main workflow of our RadABench-EvalPlat.

Task Decomposition.

Listing 7: Task Decomposition Prompts

```
# Medical Image Analysis Assistant

## Task Overview
You are a radiological agent analyzing medical
    images.
For each query, you will receive:
    1. A medical imaging examination (Image) of
        a patient (assume already provided)
    2. Known patient Information including
        demographics, medical history,
    and main complaints.

Your task involves three sequential parts:

1. Problem Decomposition (Part 1)
- Identify available information
- Break down the question into sequential steps

2. Sequential Tool Application (Part 2)
- Execute one tool at a time
- Record each tool's output
- Continue until sufficient information is
    gathered

3. Solution Synthesis (Part 3)
- Integrate all results
- Generate final answer

## Available Information Categories
The following categories must be used exactly
    as written:

['$Information$', '$Anatomy$', '$Modality$',
    '$Disease$', '$OrganObject$',
'$OrganDim$', '$OrganQuant$',
    '$AnomalyObject$', '$AnomalyDim$',
'$AnomalyQuant$', '$IndicatorName$',
    '$IndicatorValue$', '$Report$',
    '$Treatment$']

Where:
- $Information$: Patient demographics
(e.g., "45-year-old male", "BMI: 24", "history
    of diabetes")
- $Anatomy$: Body part (e.g., "chest",
    "abdomen", "brain")
- $Modality$: Imaging technique (e.g., "X-ray",
    "CT", "MRI")
- $Disease$: Medical condition (e.g.,
    "pneumonia", "cancer", "fracture")
- $OrganObject$: Organ to measure (e.g.,
    "liver", "heart")
- $OrganDim$: Organ measurement type (e.g.,
    "number", "length", "size",
  "volume", "angle", "density", "intensity",
    "texture")
- $OrganQuant$: Organ measurement value (e.g.,
    "5cm", "120ml")
- $AnomalyObject$: Abnormality to measure
    (e.g., "tumor", "fracture")
- $AnomalyDim$: Abnormality measurement type
    (e.g., "number", "length", "size",
  "volume", "angle", "density", "intensity",
    "texture")
- $AnomalyQuant$: Abnormality measurement value
    (e.g., "2cm", "5ml")
- $IndicatorName$: Clinical indicator name
- $IndicatorValue$: Clinical indicator value
- $Report$: Medical report content
- $Treatment$: Treatment recommendations

## Available Tool Categories
Tool categories must be used exactly as written:

[*Anatomy Classifier*, *Modality Classifier*,
*Organ Segmentor*, *Anomaly Detector*,
*Imaging Diagnoser*, *Grounded Diagnoser*,
*Biomarker Quantifier*, *Indicator Calculator*,
*Report Generator*, *Treatment Planner*]

## Response Format for Part 1
For each query, respond ONLY with:

Known Info: [list any categories explicitly
    mentioned in the query]
Tool Chain: [list required tools connected by
    ->]

## Examples

Query 1: "For a straightforward approach to
    diagnosing the patient's condition
based on her symptoms and the image, what
    diseases can be directly identified?"
Response:
Known Info: []
Tool Chain: [*Anatomy Classifier* -> *Modality
    Classifier*
            -> *Imaging Diagnoser*]

Query 2: "This 45-year-old male's chest CT
    shows a 2cm nodule in the right lung.
Can you give a report?"
Response:
Known Info: ['$Information$', '$Anatomy$',
    '$Modality$', '$AnomalyObject$',
            '$AnomalyDim$', '$AnomalyQuant$']
Tool Chain: [*Organ Segmentor* -> *Anomaly
    Detector*
            -> *Grounded Diagnoser* -> *Report
                Generator*]
            (because some information is
                provided, so
            *Anatomy Classifier*, *Modality
                Classifier*,
            *Biomarker Quantifier* are
                optimized.)

## Important Rules
1. Assume the medical image is already provided
2. Use exact item category names with $$ as
    listed (e.g., '$Anatomy$')
3. Use exact tool category names with ** as
    listed
  (e.g., '*Anatomy Classifier*')
4. Only respond with Part 1 analysis - Parts 2
    & 3 will be addressed
  in subsequent interactions
5. Include only the categories explicitly
    mentioned in the query
6. Connect tools using -> symbol

Please wait for my query.
When provided, analyze it following the format
    shown in the examples above.
```

{Patient Record}

{Query}

Tool Selection & Execution.

Listing 8: Tool Selection & Execution Prompts

```
# Next Step Planning

## Current Status
Current results dictionary: {value_dict}

## Planning Guidelines
1. Reference your high-level tool chain from
     Part 1 decomposition
2. Consider current results to refine specific
     tool selection
3. Maintain sequential progression according to
     planned workflow
4. Adjust tool selection if needed based on
     intermediate results
5. Check if the tool category is missing when
     this category of tools is required
6. Check if the tool is suitable for the
     detected Anatomy and Modality in reserved
value dictionary based on the Tool description
     Ability and Property
7. Check if the result in reserved value
     dictionary can be derived from each tool
     used
in former steps based on the limited label list
     described in Tool Ability
8. If no suitable tool exists, identify which
     type of denial applies:
   - Missing tool category
   - Missing specific modality-anatomy tool
   - Insufficient tool capability

## Input Requirements
1. Required inputs: Must include all mandatory
     inputs specified in tool description
2. Optional inputs: Include if available and
     beneficial to tool performance
3. Do not include variables that are not
     relevant to the tool's function
4. All variables must exist in the current
     results dictionary
5. Use proper $$ notation for all variables

## Response Format
For ongoing analysis (if not final step):
<Call>
    <Purpose>Brief, clear statement of this
        step's goal in context of overall
    analysis</Purpose>
    <Tool>TOOL[number] - must match available
        specific tools</Tool>
    <Input>['$variable1$', '$variable2$', ...] -
        use only existing variables from
    results</Input>
</Call>

For final step only:
<EndCall>
    <Purpose>Brief, clear statement of this
        final step's goal</Purpose>
    <Tool>TOOL[number] - must match available
        specific tools</Tool>
    <Input>['$variable1$', '$variable2$', ...] -
```

```
        use only existing variables from
    results</Input>
</EndCall>

When a tool category is completely missing:
<NoCall>
    <Purpose>The purpose requiring a missing
        tool category</Purpose>
    <Category>The missing category from
        ['Anatomy Classifier', 'Modality
        Classifier',
    'Organ Segmentor', 'Anomaly Detector',
        'Imaging Diagnoser', 'Grounded
        Diagnoser',
    'Biomarker Quantifier', 'Indicator
        Calculator', 'Report Generator',
        'Treatment
    Planner']</Category>
    <Anatomy>Universal</Anatomy>
    <Modality>Universal</Modality>
    <Ability>CategoryMissing</Ability>
</NoCall>

When specific tools for a modality-anatomy
    combination are missing:
<NoCall>
    <Purpose>The purpose requiring a specific
        modality-anatomy tool</Purpose>
    <Category>The required tool
        category</Category>
    <Anatomy>The specific anatomy from
        ['Universal', 'Head and Neck', 'Chest',
    'Breast', 'Abdomen and Pelvis', 'Limb',
        'Spine']</Anatomy>
    <Modality>The specific modality from
        ['Universal', 'X-ray', 'CT', 'MRI',
    'Ultrasound']</Modality>
    <Ability>SpecificToolMissing</Ability>
</NoCall>

When existing tools lack required capabilities:
<NoCall>
    <Purpose>The purpose requiring advanced
        capabilities</Purpose>
    <Category>The category of existing but
        insufficient tools</Category>
    <Anatomy>The relevant anatomy</Anatomy>
    <Modality>The relevant modality</Modality>
    <Ability>InsufficientCapability</Ability>
</NoCall>

## Format Requirements
1. Maintain proper XML structure
2. Use exact tool numbers as specified in tool
     descriptions
3. Mark all variables with $$ notation
4. Include only existing variables from results
     dictionary
5. Keep purpose statements clear and concise
6. Brief response only includes one Call,
     EndCall, or NoCall XML part without
additional explanations
7. For NoCall responses, use the appropriate
     format based on denial type

## Decision Making Process
1. Review planned tool chain from Part 1
2. Check current results in value dictionary
3. Check if tool category is missing when this
     category of tools is required
```

```
4. Check tool Ability and Property in detail to
    judge its suitability for detected
Anatomy and Modality in the value dictionary
5. Check if the result in reserved value
    dictionary can be derived from each tool
    used
in former steps based on the limited label list
    described in Tool Ability
6. Evaluate tool availability and capability:
   - Is the required tool category available?
   - Are specific tools available for the
       needed modality-anatomy combination?
   - Do available tools have sufficient
       capabilities?
7. If tools are insufficient, use appropriate
   NoCall format
8. If tools are available, select and format
   appropriate Call/EndCall
9. Use <EndCall> only if this will be the final
   step

Please provide your next step based on:
- Original tool chain plan
- Current results
- Available specific tools
- Remaining analysis needs
- Tool availability and capability assessment
```

Response Generation.

Listing 9: Response Generation Prompt

```
Based on your Part 1 analysis plan, Part 2 tool
    execution sequence, and the final
results dictionary {value_dict}, provide:

   1. A concise answer to the initial question
   2. Key supporting evidence from your results
   3. How your findings align with the planned
       analysis

Keep your response brief and focused on
    directly answer the initial question.
```

A.16 An In-depth Case Study

Here we select a representative case from the agent core evaluation workflow to demonstrate the process, where we test the agent cores' performance using a QA pair based on the task type "Anomaly-wise Biomarker Calculation" and a patient record (a 62-year-old female with hypertension, osteoarthritis of the knees, and chronic neck pain with stiffness radiating to right shoulder) under the NR. Denyl2 tool set condition, using Claude-3.5-Sonnet as the agent core, documenting each decision it makes. We can observe both the strengths and limitations reflected by this example.

Initial Input. The agent core receives the patient information along with a virtual image. For our evaluation task "Anomaly-wise Biomarker Calculation", we generate a corresponding QA pair based on the patient's complete medical record. The initial input is provided below:

Listing 10: Initial Input

```
$Information$: {
    "Age": "62",
    "Sex": "Female",
    "Height": "165",
    "Weight": "72",
    "History": "Hypertension, osteoarthritis of
        the knees",
    "Complaint": "Chronic neck pain and
        stiffness, radiating pain to right
        shoulder"
},

$Query$: From an anomaly perspective in a
    specific medical image, after identifying
the type and area, could you quantify specific
    biomarker characteristics?

$Image$: 'PLACEHOLDER_IMAGE'
```

Task Decomposition. The agent core processes these inputs by analyzing the patient information and identifying key data for extraction. It determines the appropriate high-level tool chain required for task completion. The agent core then stores all relevant information in a memory bank and establishes a tool category chain to guide subsequent execution. The process is illustrated below:

Listing 11: Stage 1: Task Decomposition

```
Initial Output: Known Info: []
Tool Chain: [*Anatomy Classifier* -> *Modality
    Classifier* ->
*Anomaly Detector* -> *Biomarker Quantifier*]
Initial Value Dict: {'$Image$':
    'PLACEHOLDER_IMAGE', '$Information$':
    'PLACEHOLDER_
INFORMATION'}
Initial Score Dict: {'$Image$': 1.0,
    '$Information$': 1.0}
Initial Fixed Dict:
    frozendict.frozendict({'$Image$': 1.0,
    '$Information$': 1.0})
High-level Tool chain: Anatomy Classifier ->
    Modality Classifier ->
Anomaly Detector -> Biomarker Quantifier

Memory bank: {'$Image$': 'PLACEHOLDER_IMAGE',
    '$Information$': 'PLACEHOLDER_
INFORMATION'}
Score bank: {'$Image$': 1.0, '$Information$':
    1.0}
Fixed bank: frozendict.frozendict({'$Image$':
    1.0, '$Information$': 1.0})
```

Tool Selection & Execution: The first phase of tool selection and execution commences. At each step, the agent core integrates the planned high-level tool chain with stored information from the memory bank to generate a tool API call, specifying the

purpose, tool name, and input parameters. The Platform then executes the API call by activating the selected tool and processing the input. Upon successful execution, the tool's output is stored in the memory bank. We configure the tool set according to the NR. Denyl2 condition, where there is a mismatch between the anomaly detection tool and the provided $Image$ characteristics (Head and Neck X-ray) in terms of anatomy and modality. The established tool set is as follows:

Listing 12: Tool Set Description

```
"TOOL1": {
    "Name": "TOOL1",
    "Category": "Anatomy Classifier",
    "Ability": "Determine the anatomy of the
        Image.",
    "Property": "Universal Anatomy Classifier",
    "Compulsory Input": [
        "$Image$"
    ],
    "Optional Input": [],
    "Output": [
        "$Anatomy$"
    ],
    "Performance": "Score from 0.95 to 0.95,
        increases with optional inputs"
},
"TOOL2": {
    "Name": "TOOL2",
    "Category": "Modality Classifier",
    "Ability": "Determine the modality of the
        Image.",
    "Property": "Universal Modality Classifier",
    "Compulsory Input": [
        "$Image$"
    ],
    "Optional Input": [],
    "Output": [
        "$Modality$"
    ],
    "Performance": "Score from 0.95 to 0.95,
        increases with optional inputs"
},

...

"TOOL5": {
    "Name": "TOOL5",
    "Category": "Anomaly Detector",
    "Ability": "Given the Limb Ultrasound Image,
        determine the location and
    type of abnormality.",
    "Property": "Anomaly Detector only suitable
        for Limb Ultrasound image",
    "Compulsory Input": [
        "$Image$"
    ],
    "Optional Input": [],
    "Output": [
        "$AnomalyMask$",
        "$AnomalyObject$"
    ],
    "Performance": "Score from 0.8 to 0.8,
        increases with optional inputs"
```

```
},
"TOOL6": {
    "Name": "TOOL6",
    "Category": "Anomaly Detector",
    "Ability": "Given the Breast MRI Image,
        determine the location and type
    of abnormality.",
    "Property": "Anomaly Detector only suitable
        for Breast MRI image",
    "Compulsory Input": [
        "$Image$"
    ],
    "Optional Input": [],
    "Output": [
        "$AnomalyMask$",
        "$AnomalyObject$"
    ],
    "Performance": "Score from 0.8 to 0.8,
        increases with optional inputs"
},

...

"TOOL8": {
    "Name": "TOOL8",
    "Category": "Imaging Diagnoser",
    "Ability": "Given the Head and Neck X-ray
        Image, diagnose the disease.",
    "Property": "Imaging Diagnoser only suitable
        for Head and Neck X-ray image",
    "Compulsory Input": [
        "$Image$"
    ],
    "Optional Input": [],
    "Output": [
        "$Disease$"
    ],
    "Performance": "Score from 0.75 to 0.75,
        increases with optional inputs"
},

...

"TOOL10": {
    "Name": "TOOL10",
    "Category": "Biomarker Quantifier",
    "Ability": "Measure the anomaly biomarker of
        the Image.",
    "Property": "Universal Anomaly Biomarker
        Quantifier",
    "Compulsory Input": [
        "$Image$",
        "$AnomalyObject$",
        "$AnomalyMask$"
    ],
    "Optional Input": [
        "$AnomalyDim$"
    ],
    "Output": [
        "$AnomalyDim$",
        "$AnomalyQuant$"
    ],
    "Performance": "Score from 0.75 to 0.8,
        increases with optional inputs"
},

...
```

In this initial step, the agent core selects the

anatomy classification tool. We observe that the anatomical information is successfully stored in the memory bank after the tool execution:

Listing 13: Tool Selection & Execution Step 1

```
Step 1 starts!
Stepoutput: Based on the tool chain from Part 1
    (Anatomy Classifier ->
Modality Classifier -> Anomaly Detector ->
    Biomarker Quantifier) and current
results dictionary, I'll proceed with the first
    step:

<Call>
    <Purpose>Determine the anatomy region of the
        medical image</Purpose>
    <Tool>TOOL1</Tool>
    <Input>['$Image$']</Input>
</Call>
Call Dict: {'Purpose': 'Determine the anatomy
    region of the medical image', 'Tool':
'TOOL1', 'Input': ['$Image$']}
Memory bank: {'$Image$': 'PLACEHOLDER_IMAGE',
    '$Information$': 'PLACEHOLDER_
INFORMATION', '$Anatomy$': 'Head and Neck'}
Score bank: {'$Image$': 1.0, '$Information$':
    1.0, '$Anatomy$': 0.95}
Fixed bank: frozendict.frozendict({'$Image$':
    1.0, '$Information$': 1.0})
Step 1 completes!
```

In the second step, the modality classification tool is selected and executed. The successful execution is demonstrated below. As we can observe that the modality information is added to memory bank after tool execution.

Listing 14: Tool Selection & Execution Step 2

```
Step 2 starts!
Stepoutput: Based on the tool chain and current
    results showing Head and Neck anatomy,
the next step is to determine the image
    modality:

<Call>
    <Purpose>Determine the imaging modality of
        the medical image</Purpose>
    <Tool>TOOL2</Tool>
    <Input>['$Image$']</Input>
</Call>
Call Dict: {'Purpose': 'Determine the imaging
    modality of the medical image', 'Tool':
'TOOL2', 'Input': ['$Image$']}
Memory bank: {'$Image$': 'PLACEHOLDER_IMAGE',
    '$Information$': 'PLACEHOLDER_
INFORMATION', '$Anatomy$': 'Head and Neck',
    '$Modality$': 'X-ray'}
Score bank: {'$Image$': 1.0, '$Information$':
    1.0, '$Anatomy$': 0.95, '$Modality$':
0.95}
Fixed bank: frozendict.frozendict({'$Image$':
    1.0, '$Information$': 1.0})
Step 2 completes!
```

In the third step, contrary to the expected utilization of the organ segmentation tool, the disease diagnosis tool is invoked instead. While this tool selection is irrelevant to the current task, the execution completes without errors. The tool call is detailed below:

Listing 15: Tool Selection & Execution Step 3

```
Step 3 starts!
Stepoutput: Given the current results showing
    Head and Neck anatomy and X-ray modality,
the next step is to detect any anomalies in the
    medical image:

<Call>
    <Purpose>Detect abnormalities in the Head
        and Neck X-ray image</Purpose>
    <Tool>TOOL8</Tool>
    <Input>['$Image$']</Input>
</Call>
Call Dict: {'Purpose': 'Detect abnormalities in
    the Head and Neck X-ray image', 'Tool':
'TOOL8', 'Input': ['$Image$']}
Memory bank: {'$Image$': 'PLACEHOLDER_IMAGE',
    '$Information$': 'PLACEHOLDER_
INFORMATION', '$Anatomy$': 'Head and Neck',
    '$Modality$': 'X-ray', '$Disease$':
'Cervical spine degenerative changes'}
Score bank: {'$Image$': 1.0, '$Information$':
    1.0, '$Anatomy$': 0.95, '$Modality$':
0.95, '$Disease$': 0.75}
Fixed bank: frozendict.frozendict({'$Image$':
    1.0, '$Information$': 1.0})
Step 3 completes!
```

During the fourth step, when selecting the anomaly detection tool, the agent core correctly identifies that the available tools in the set lack the capability to detect and localize anomalies in Head and Neck X-ray images. As demonstrated below, the agent core appropriately rejects this invalid operation and successfully recognizes the tools' capability gap.

Listing 16: Tool Selection & Execution Step 4

```
Step 4 starts!
Stepoutput: Before we can quantify biomarkers
    (per the original tool chain), we need
the anomaly detection results first. Looking at
    the available tools for Head and Neck
X-ray anomaly detection:

<NoCall>
    <Purpose>Detect specific anomalies in Head
        and Neck X-ray for biomarker
    quantification</Purpose>
    <Category>Anomaly Detector</Category>
    <Anatomy>Head and Neck</Anatomy>
    <Modality>X-ray</Modality>
    <Ability>SpecificToolMissing</Ability>
</NoCall>
Deny Call Dict: {'Purpose': 'Detect specific
    anomalies in Head and Neck X-ray for
```

```
biomarker quantification', 'Category': 'Anomaly
    Detector', 'Anatomy': 'Head and Neck',
'Modality': 'X-ray', 'Ability':
    'SpecificToolMissing'}Agent denies the call
    because no
suitable tool is found.
```

Overall, while the agent core demonstrates correct initialization and tool chain planning, it exhibits a deviation during the tool selection & execution stage. Despite having access to tool chain guidance in each round, the agent core fails to follow these directives, resulting in an unnecessary disease diagnosis tool call. Nevertheless, the execution proceeds without any IO errors, and the agent core successfully identifies the tools' capability limitations, appropriately concluding with a denial of task execution due to the missing functionality.