Lesions and scores of the FAt Spondyloarthritis Spine Score (FASSS)

Cervical spine

- Each of the 4 corners and 2 non-corner areas is only scored once per DVU.
- Corner fat lesion is given a score of 1 and non-corner lesion a score of 2, regardless of size.
- Corner fat lesion that extends beyond the mid point of the vertebral body is considered a combined corner and non-corner fat lesion, and is scored as both these lesions.
- The maximum score per cervical DVU is 8.

Thoracic and lumbar spine

- **Lateral slices:**
  - The 4 vertebral body corners are each scored once on the right side and once on left side.
  - Only corner fat lesion is scored, and is given a score of 1, regardless of size.

- **Central slices:**
  - Each of the 4 corners and 2 non-corner areas is only scored once on central slices.
  - Corner fat lesion is given a score of 1, and if large a score of 1 is added for a total score of 2.
  - Non-corner fat lesion is given a score of 2, and if large a score of 2 is added for a total score of 4.
  - Corner fat lesion that extends beyond the mid point of the vertebral body is considered a combined corner and non-corner lesion, and is scored as both these lesions.
  - The maximum score per thoracic and lumbar DVU is 24 (lateral left: 4; lateral right: 4; central slices: 16).