



Future Strategies for Reducing False Positives: Optoacoustics and Contrast

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INTRODUCTION

- Strong evidence that early detection of breast cancer from screening mammography saves lives.¹
- Push back against breast cancer screening by groups that accentuate the harms of mammography versus its benefits.
- Gray-scale ultrasound is the most frequently used diagnostic imaging modality after mammography.^{2,3}

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INTRODUCTION

- Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium Data (BCSC)¹
 - Just under 1.7 million screening mammograms performed between 2007 and 2013 in approximately 790,000 women
 - 39 radiologists across 95 facilities in 6 BCSC registries
 - PPV of biopsy recommendations at diagnostic mammography (PPV2) of 27.5%
 - PPV of performed biopsies (PPV3) of 30.4%

DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING

- Gray-scale ultrasound contributes to this low PPV in the diagnostic setting.
- Achieving high sensitivity with gray-scale ultrasound can come at the expense of specificity.
- Overlap in the gray-scale morphology of benign and malignant masses¹
- Color and power Doppler are of limited value, because there is a significant overlap between vascularization of malignant and benign masses.^{6,7}

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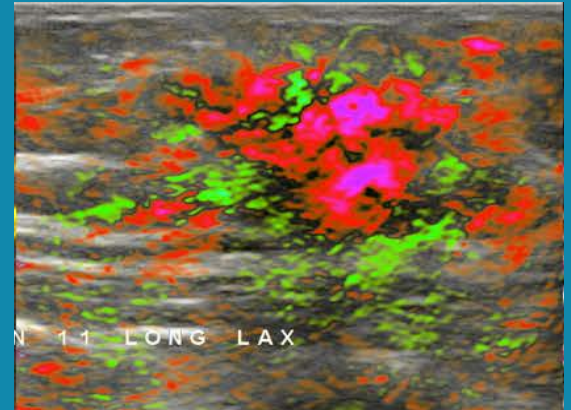
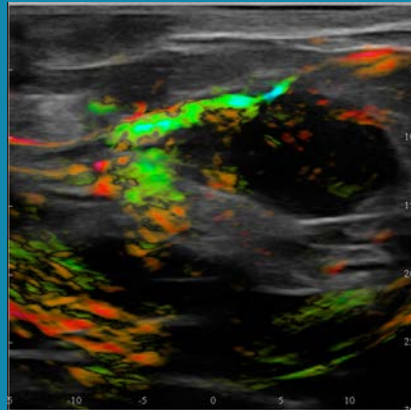
FUNCTIONAL MODALITIES

- Imaging modalities which can demonstrate non-anatomic features of breast lesions
- Opportunity to increase specificity
- Opto-Acoustic Imaging (OA/US)
- Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound (CEUS)

OPTO-ACOUSTIC IMAGING

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- Fused anatomic and functional modality
- Gray-scale ultrasound shows morphology
- Opto-acoustic (OA) maps show
 - Amount of hemoglobin (Hgb) in and around breast masses
 - Level of oxygenation (green) vs deoxygenation (red) of Hgb
 - Morphology of tumor vessels



OA/US: FUSION IMAGING

- Fusion of laser optic imaging and gray-scale imaging in real-time
 - Optics – high contrast resolution (up to 20/1)
 - Ultrasound – high spatial resolution and better penetration than laser alone in diffuse optical tomography
- Fusion of anatomy and function
 - Anatomy – gray-scale ultrasound anatomy as well as OA demonstration of tumor angiogenesis
 - Function – OA demonstration of relative degrees of oxygenation/deoxygenation

BASIS FOR OPTO-ACOUSTIC IMAGING

- Malignant tumors produce abnormal neovasculature to support growth once they reach about 2-mm in size^{1,2}
- With angiogenesis there is increased blood flow to cancerous tissue
- Cancers are generally more metabolically active and deoxygenate Hgb more than benign entities or normal tissue
- Opto-acoustics demonstrates the relatively greater de-oxygenation that occurs in and near malignant lesions

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OPTO-ACOUSTIC IMAGING

- Brief illumination of tissues causes slight heating and expansion that generates a sound wave, also known as the photoacoustic effect^{1,2}
- Momentary heating and expansion of Hgb by bursts of low energy laser light create pressure waves with frequency detected as US signal³⁻⁶
- Received echoes are color coded by wavelength reflecting degree of oxygenation/deoxygenation of Hgb

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INVESTIGATIONAL DEVICE – OA/US

- Hand-held linear probe which can perform gray-scale ultrasound and emit optical pulses via a class 3b laser
- Dual wavelength optical pulses are used to generate the OA images
- Color-coded OA data is temporally interleaved and co-registered with the gray scale ultrasound image in real time



OPTO-ACOUSTIC IMAGING

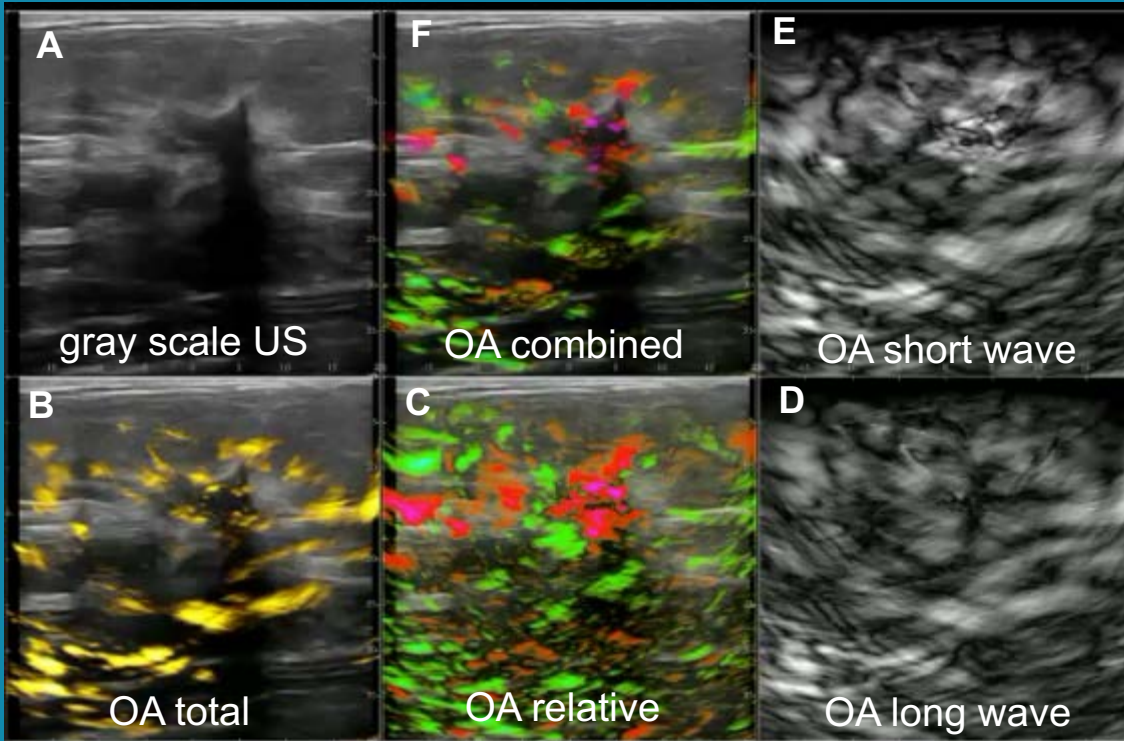
- Pulses of laser light at two wavelengths are applied sequentially to breast tissue
- Near-infrared light (757nm) is absorbed predominantly by deoxygenated Hgb
- Laser light (1064 nm) is absorbed predominantly by oxygenated Hgb

CLASS IIIB LASER

- Has not been shown to cause damage to the skin but can potentially injure the unprotected eye.
- The laser beam's energy output meets the Laser Institute of America's guidelines for safe use of lasers in health care.
- For research studies performed, subjects and all personnel in the experimental area were required to wear protective eyewear.

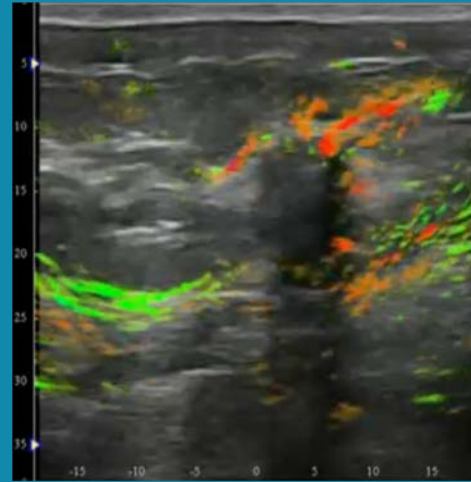
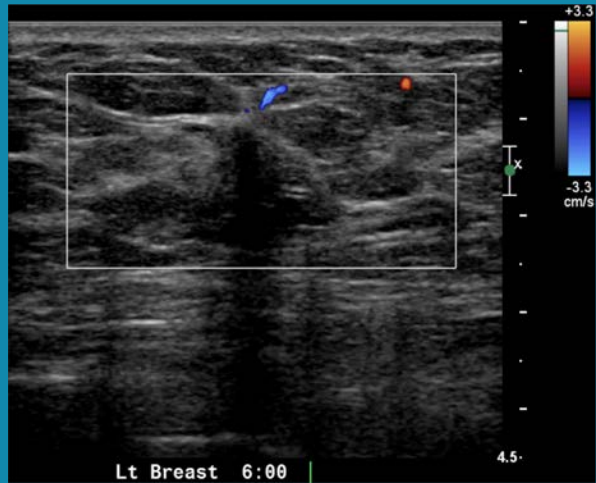
OA/US 6-on-1 Real Time Display

Invasive ductal carcinoma, grade II



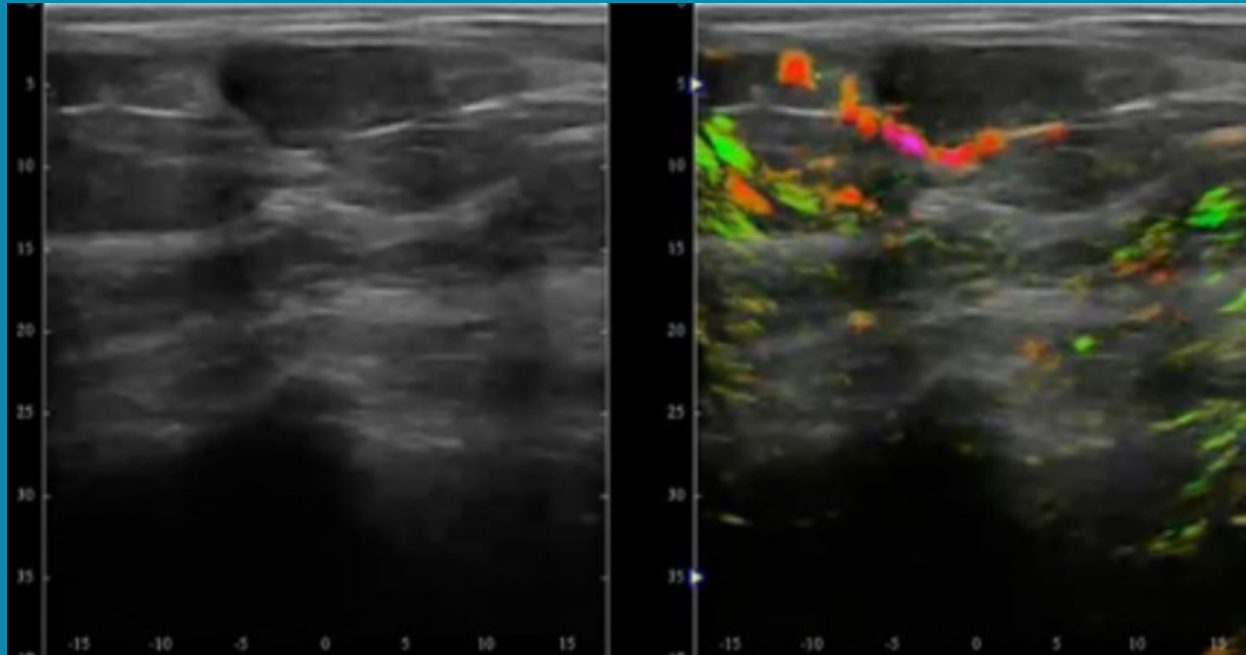
- A. Gray scale US
- B. Total map – total amount of Hgb
- C. Relative map - relative deoxygenation within and surrounding mass
- D - E. Long and short wave maps – display anatomical features, i.e. architectural distortion similar to mammography
- F. Combined map - degree of deoxygenation within regions containing the most Hgb

OA/US VERSUS COLOR DOPPLER



OA often shows vessels and deoxygenation when Doppler findings are absent or minimal

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OA/US CLINICAL RESULTS

A Pivotal Study of Optoacoustic Imaging to Diagnose Benign and Malignant Breast Masses: A New Evaluation Tool for Radiologists¹

Radiology

Neuschler EI, Butler R, Young CA, Barke LD, Bertrand ML, Böhm-Vélez M, Destounis S, Donlan P, Grobmyer SR, Katzen J, Kist KA, Lavin PT, Makariou EV, Parris TM, Schilling KJ, Tucker FL, Dogan BE.
Radiology. 2018 May;287(2):398-412.

PIONEER PIVOTAL STUDY

- HIPPA compliant and IRB-approved prospective, controlled, multicenter observational study.
- Purpose was to compare the diagnostic specificity of OA/US to US alone, utilizing the internal gray-scale US of the OA/US device
- Pivotal study consented 2105 subjects with 2191 masses and 12,283 mass reads which were evaluated for the potential ability of OA/US to downgrade BI-RADS categories in benign masses and upgrade BI-RADS categories of malignant masses.

PIONEER PIVOTAL STUDY

2,105 subjects

7 blinded readers

16 sites in the USA

7 academic and 9 private institutions

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2,191 masses

12,283 mass reads

SUBJECTS AND METHODS

- Women over 18 years of age referred for diagnostic breast ultrasound
- Indications for ultrasound: palpable mass discovered clinically and/or suspicious imaging findings including mass, architectural distortion, asymmetry, or calcifications, discovered with any screening or diagnostic imaging modality other than ultrasound, within the previous 45 days.
- Subjects with BI-RADS 3, 4a, 4b, 4c and 5 solid or complex cystic and solid lesions at conventional diagnostic ultrasound were eligible for the study
- December 21, 2012 – September 9, 2015

IMAGING PROTOCOL

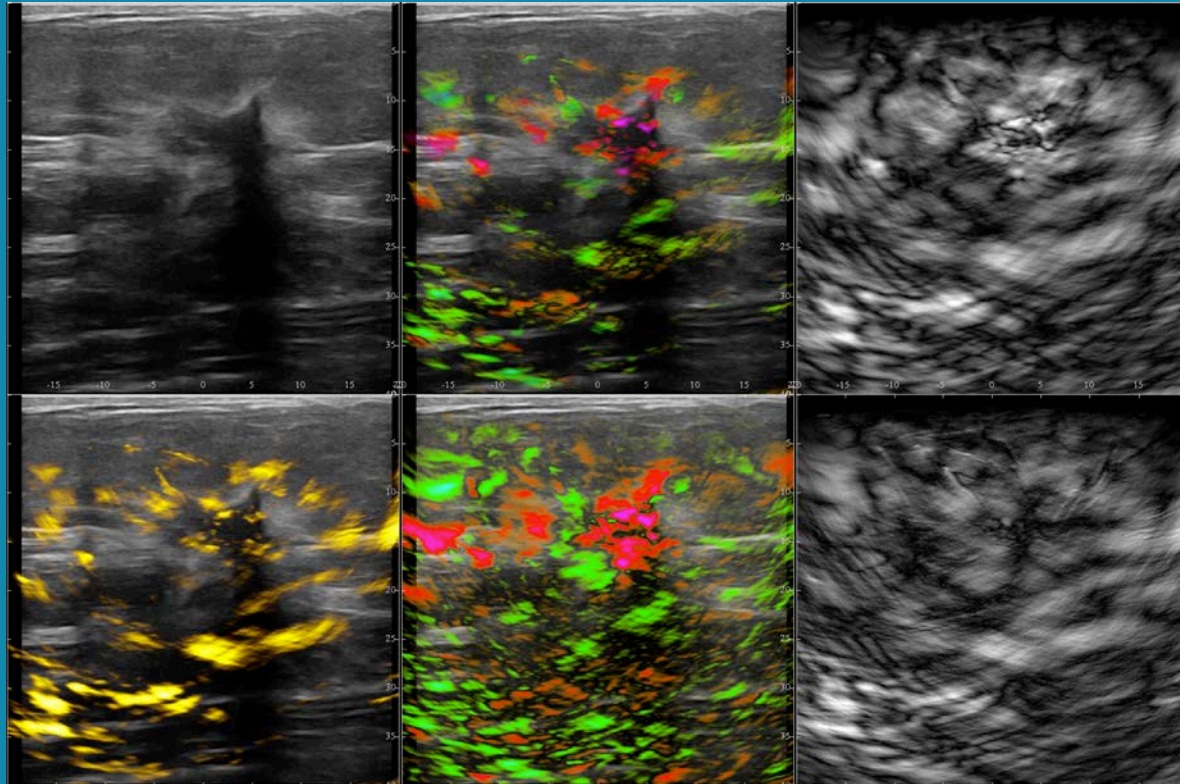
- Trained site investigator radiologists and sonographers obtained gray-scale images with the OA/US device (internal gray-scale US), immediately before acquiring the OA/US images
- Standardized imaging protocol used at all sites
- Site investigators did not interpret the internal gray-scale US images or OA/US scans
- Decisions about patient management were based upon standard of care only, i.e. clinical findings, mammography (if performed) and conventional diagnostic US

READER STUDY

- 7 independent reader radiologists (dedicated breast imagers with over 5 years experience) were trained by an expert reader to identify and score three OA internal features and two OA external features for each mass.
- Independent readers were blinded to clinical data, site imaging and pathology and read all masses from each subject.
- Internal gray-scale US assessment first evaluated with BI-RADS assessment and probability of malignancy assigned and locked prior to reviewing OA/US images.
- OA scores were provided for three internal OA features within the tumor interior and two external OA features

OA/US 6-on-1 Real Time Display

1 gray scale map and 5 OA maps are complementary to each other

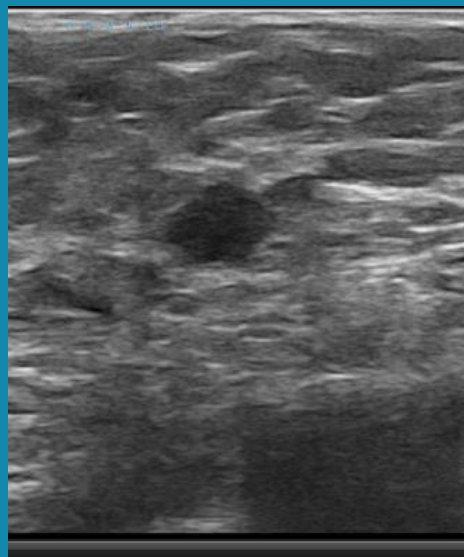


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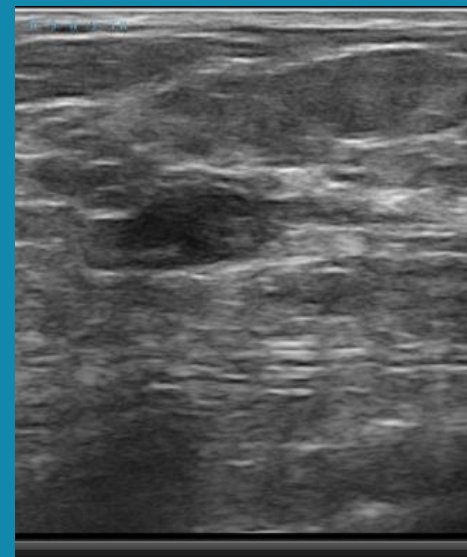
PILOT CASE

1.1 cm mass in right breast at 9:00, 5 cm from the nipple

- IUS: BI-RADS 4A



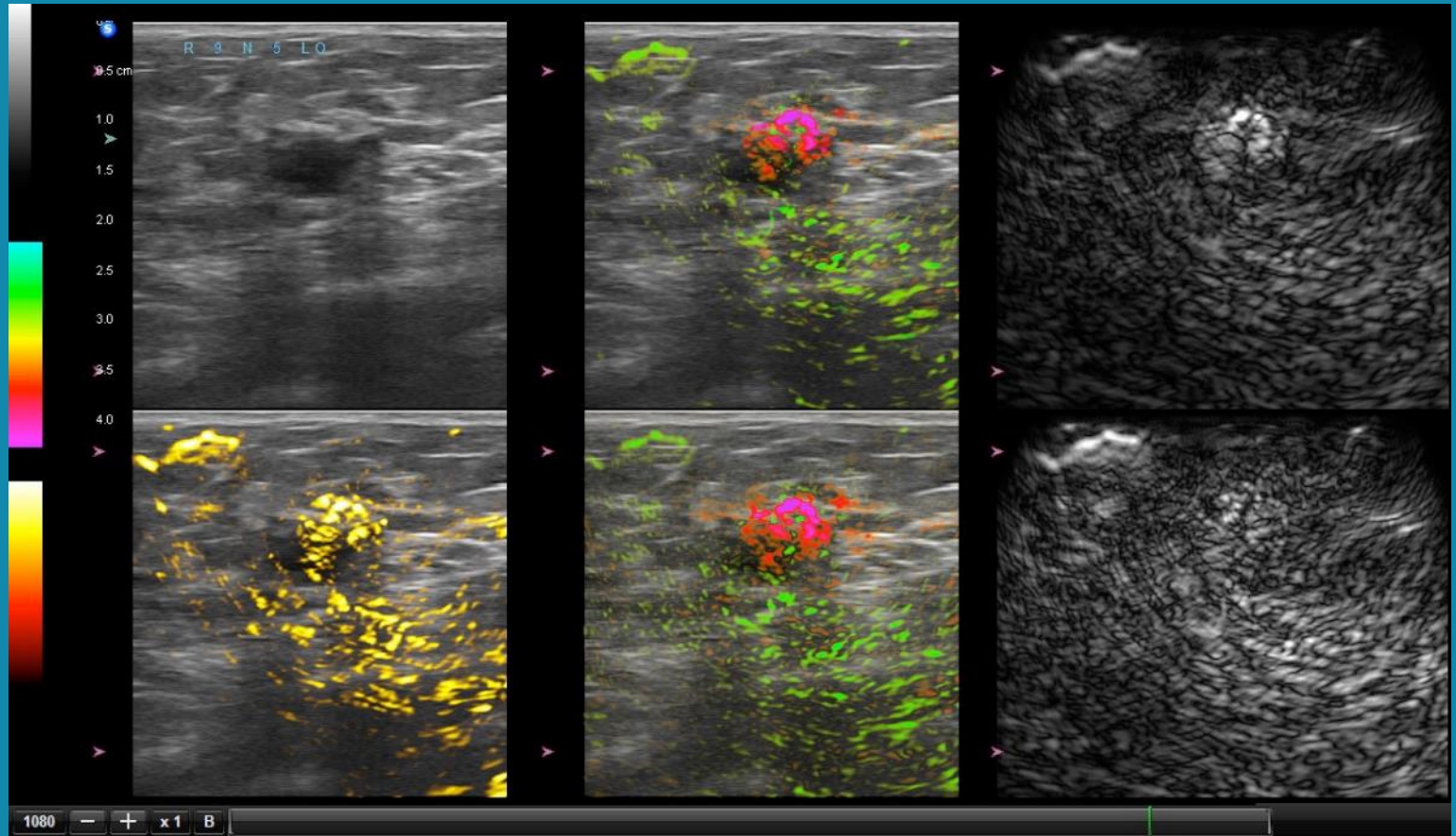
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OA/US



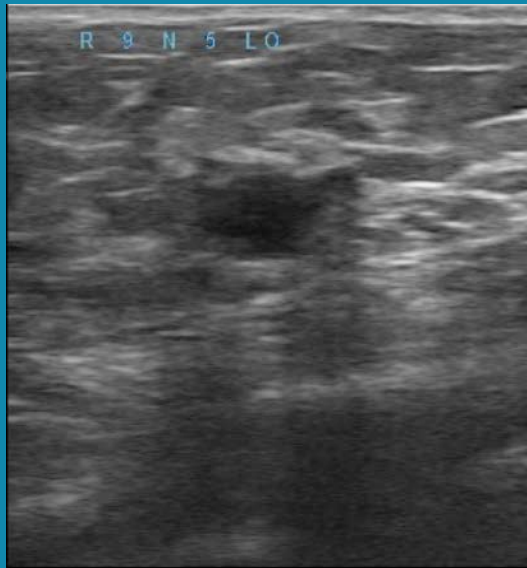
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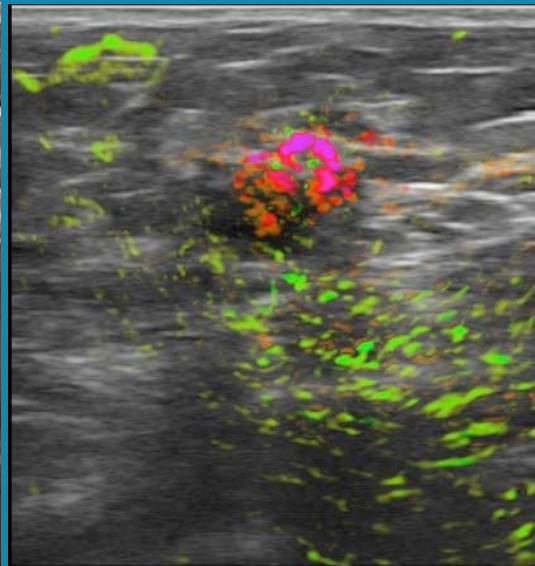
1.1 cm mass in right breast at 9:00, 5 cm from the nipple

IUS: BI-RADS 4A

OA/US: BI-RADS 4C



IUS



OA

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RESULTS – SUBJECTS AND MASSES

	Subjects	Masses
Totals	1,739	1,808
Cancer	652 (prevalence = 37.5%)	678 (prevalence = 37.5%)
High Risk	41	43
Benign	848*	889*
Truth Panel Benign (TPB)	190*	190*
Other No Biopsy	8	8

*1,038 benign subjects with 1,079 masses for analysis

SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY

- Independent readers had a mean sensitivity of 98.6% for internal device US and 96.0% for OA/US.
- Independent readers had a 43.0% specificity with OA/US, which was a 14.9% improvement over internal device US ($p < 0.0001$; 99% CI)
- Non-inferiority of OA/US sensitivity relative to internal device US was established relative to a 5% non-inferiority margin ($p < 0.01$)

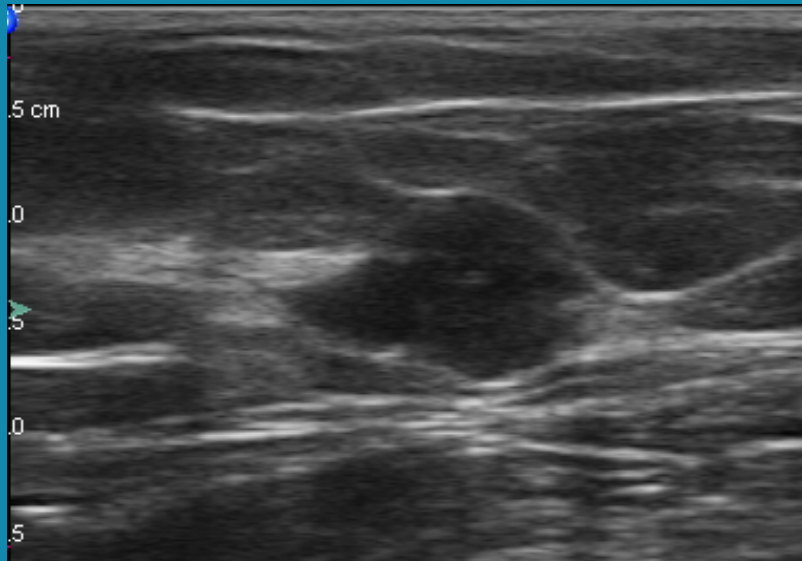
UPGRADES AND DOWNGRADES

- Using OA/US, 29.1% of benign mass reads classified as BR 4A or higher by internal US were downgraded to BR 3 or 2
- Using OA/US, 48.6% of benign mass reads classified as BR 3 by internal US were downgraded to BR 2
- Using OA/US, 47.0% of malignant mass reads classified as BR 3 by internal US were upgraded to 4A or higher

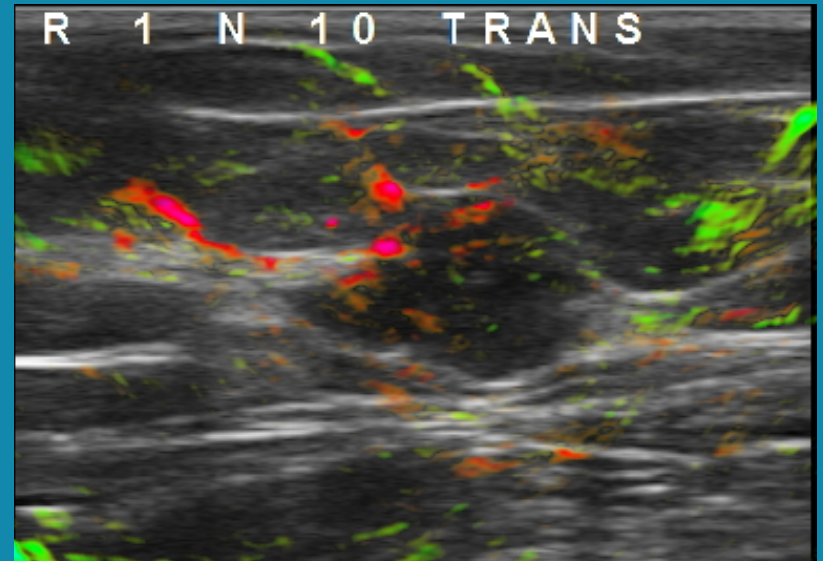
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- 12,283 OA/US reads and 12,289 internal gray-scale US reads compared with diagnostic outcomes of biopsied malignant and biopsied benign plus truth panel benign masses
- Correct downgrades (2,601 reads) was significantly higher than the number of incorrect upgrades (453 reads) with OA/US ($p < 0.0001$)
- Correct upgrades (1,453 reads) was significantly higher than number of incorrect downgrades (783 reads) among malignant masses with OA/US ($p < 0.0001$)

UPGRADE – IDC GRADE 3

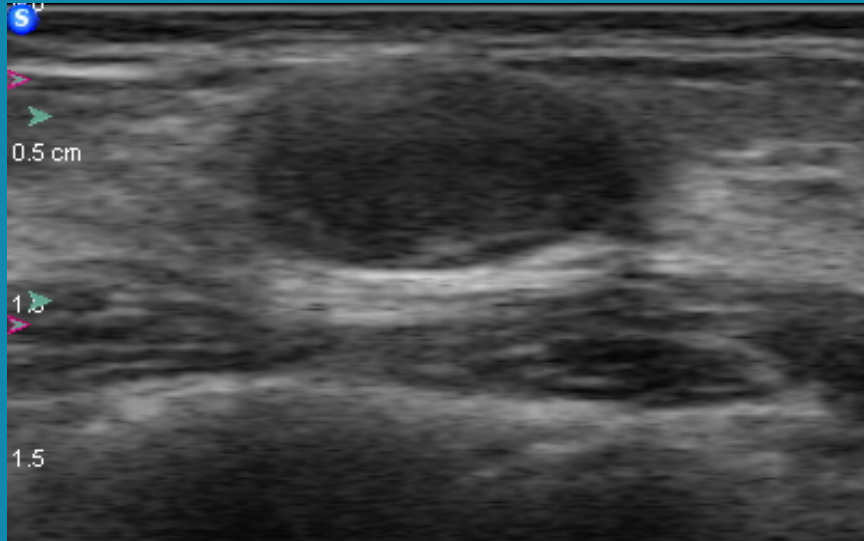


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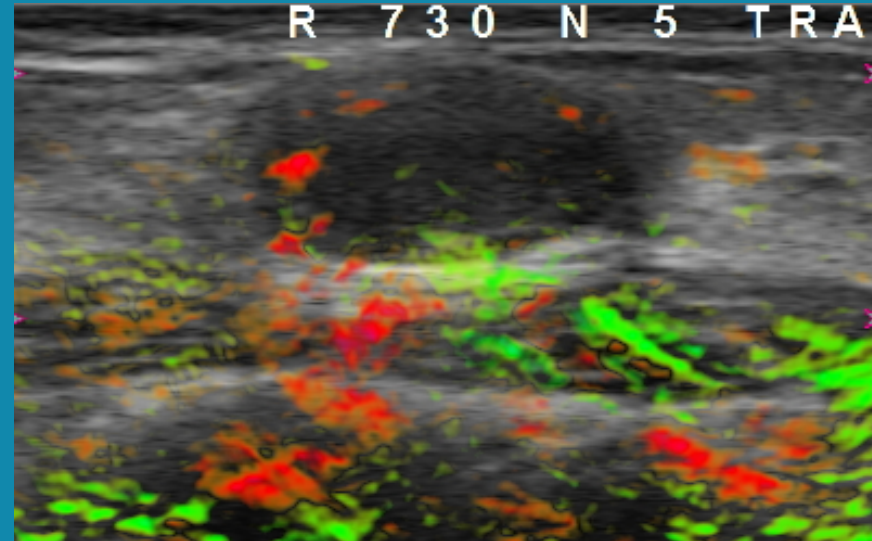


OA/US: BI-RADS 4C

DOWNGRADE - FIBROADENOMA



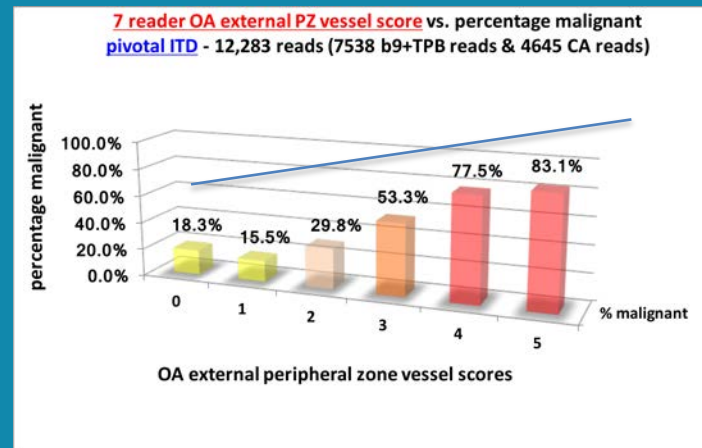
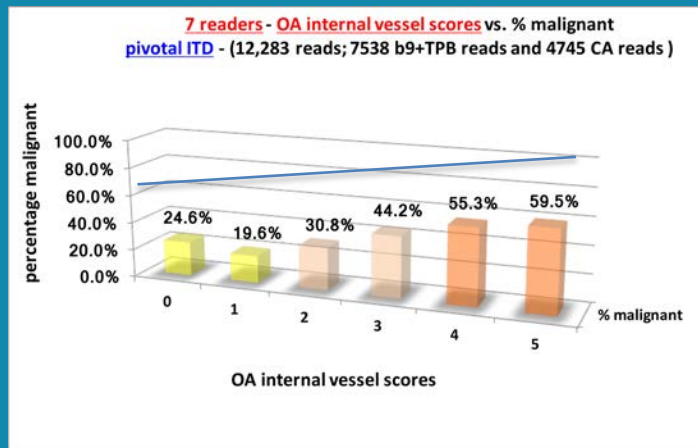
IUS: BI-RADS 4A



OA/US: BI-RADS 3

RESULTS – FEATURE ANALYSIS

- Mean OA scores for all individual features and summed scores were higher for malignant masses than for benign masses (all $p < 0.0001$).
- Probability of malignancy increases with higher internal, external, and total OA scores



- External features show strongest correlation with malignancy (all $p < 0.0001$)

RESULTS – SUBGROUP ANALYSES

- Subgroup analysis by breast density, palpability, and distance from the nipple showed no significant differences in OA/US specificity
- Specificity of OA/US was 8.4% higher in patients <50 years of age than in patients aged 60 to <70 years
- There was no difference in sensitivity by age group.

ADVERSE EVENTS

- 0.5% (10/1972) of subjects in safety population reported 11 mild procedure-related adverse events
- 10 resolved immediately after completion of procedure
- 1 dermatitis of indeterminate origin and resolved within a few days
- No severe adverse events

DISCUSSION

- Independent readers were able to successfully upgrade or downgrade masses with OA/US relative to internal gray-scale US
- The potential to downgrade benign masses could decrease benign biopsies and reduce follow up examinations
- The potential to upgrade malignant masses could increase diagnostic confidence to recommend biopsy

LIMITATIONS

- First generation of study device, image capture and training
- Independent readers were blinded to clinical and imaging information
- OA/US resulted in some false negative reads which requires further evaluation
- 12 month follow-up for BI-RADS 3 satisfied regulatory requirements of the trial but is not considered standard of care

OA/US CLINICAL RESULTS

Downgrading of Breast Masses Suspicious for Cancer by Using Optoacoustic Breast Imaging

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MAESTRO TRIAL

- Prospective Multicenter European Study
- Purpose to assess ability of OA/US to help correctly downgrade masses classified as 4a and 4b to 3 or 2
- 209 patients with 215 breast masses
- Masses were first evaluated with US with knowledge of mammography and clinical information. Then assigned probability of malignancy (POM) and BI-RADS category.
- Re-evaluated with OA/US, scored five OA/US features and assigned an OA/US-based POM and BI-RADS category for each mass¹⁷

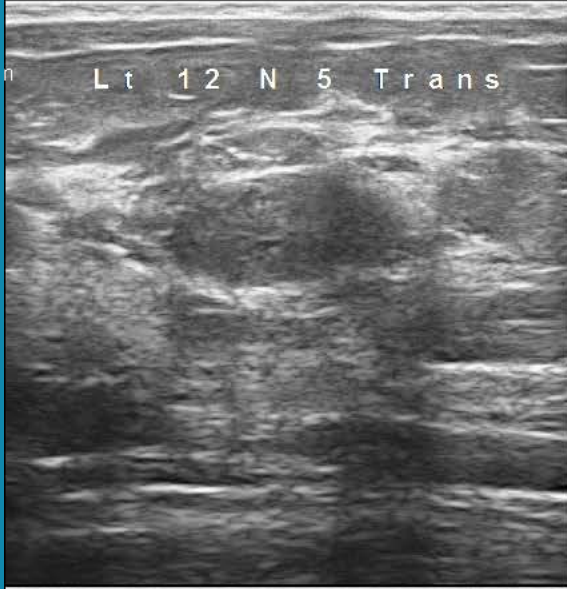
MAESTRO VS. PIONEER

- Not a reader study
- Radiologists scanned and interpreted the studies themselves
- When OA/US suggested a downgrade a biopsy was still performed
- OA/US then compared to final histopathology

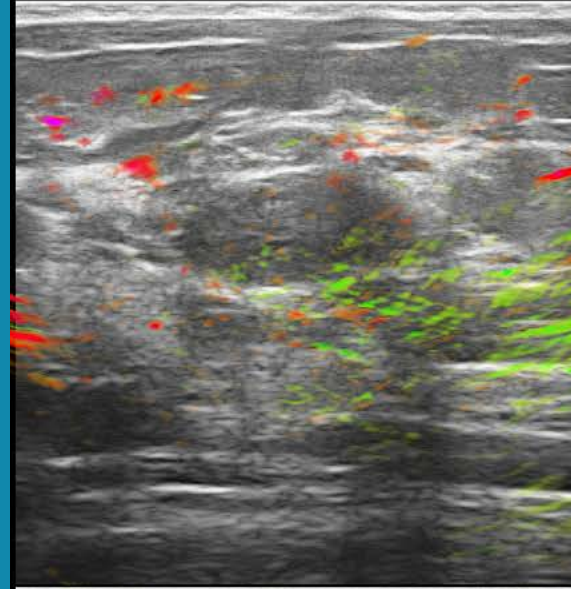
MAESTRO RESULTS

- 47.9% of benign masses classified as BI-RADS 4a were correctly downgraded to 3 or 2
- 11.1% of masses classified as BI-RADS 4b were correctly downgraded to BI-RADS 3 or 2.
- Two of seven malignant masses classified as BI-RADS 4a at US were incorrectly downgraded
- 1 of 60 malignant masses classified as BI-RADS 4b at US was incorrectly downgraded for a total of 4.5% false-negative findings.

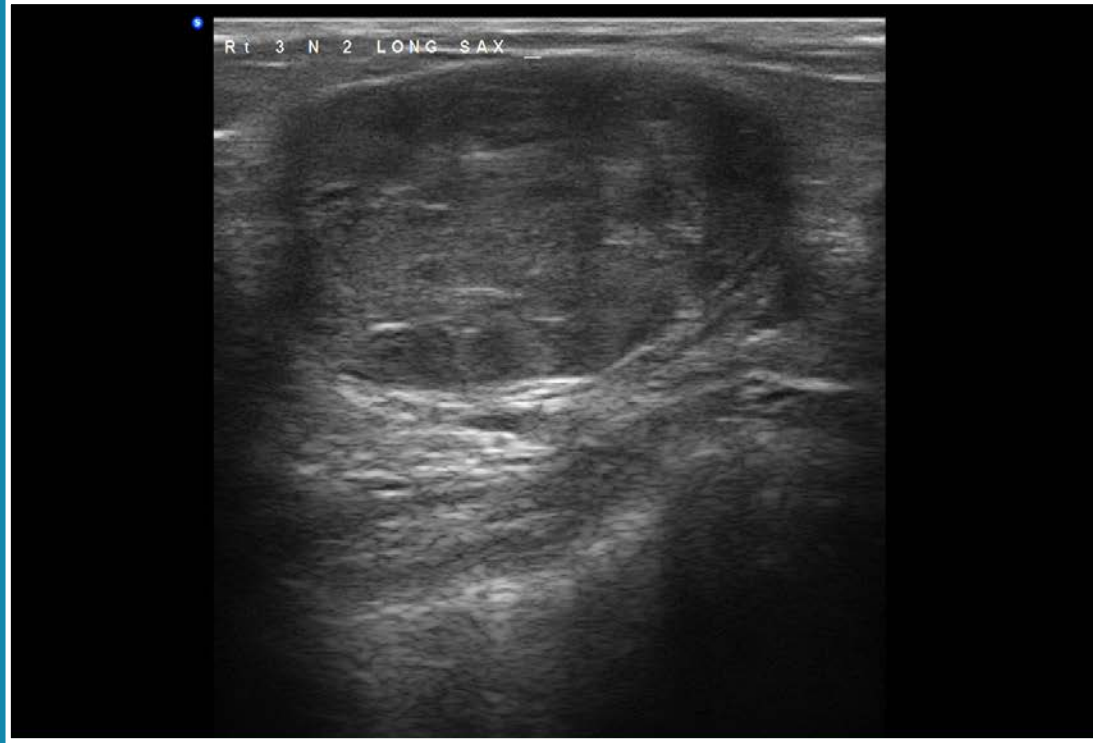
DOWNGRADE



IUS: BI-RADS 4A

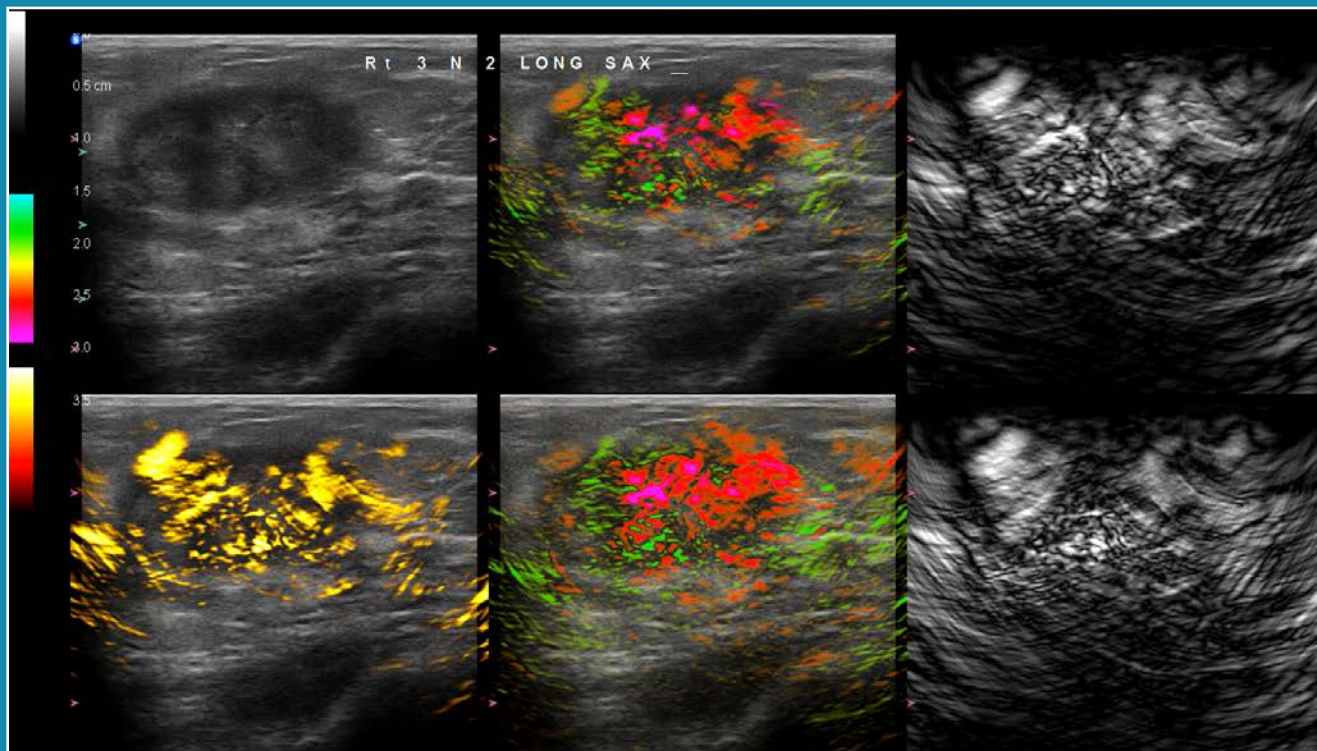


OA/US: BI-RADS 3



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Optoacoustic Imaging and Gray-Scale US Features of Breast Cancers: Correlation with Molecular Subtypes

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MOLECULAR SUBTYPES

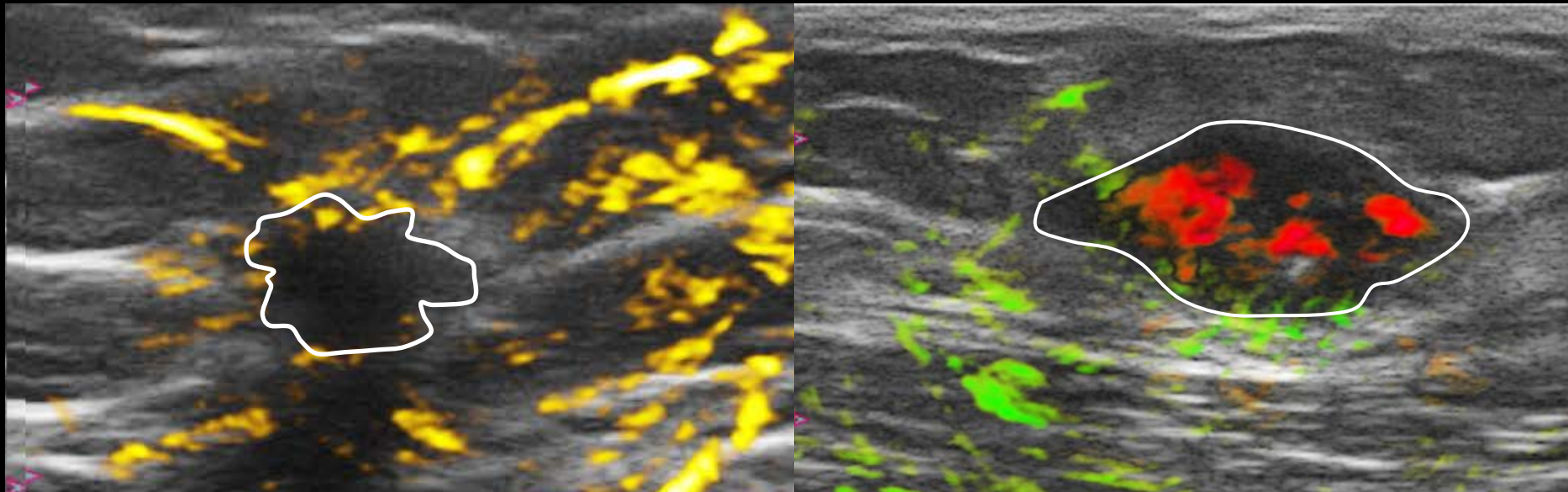
- Purpose was to investigate whether OA/US feature scores correlated with breast cancer molecular subtypes
- 1972 women with a total of 2055 breast masses
 - 653 invasive cancers in 629 women
 - 532 cancers in 519 women had molecular markers available
- Seven readers scored gray-scale US and OA/US features of known cancers
- Analyzed the relationship between feature scores and molecular subtypes

MOLECULAR SUBTYPES

Molecular Subtypes	LUMA vs. LUMB p-values	LUMA vs TNBC p-values	LUMA vs. HER2-E p-values	LUMB vs. TNBC p-values	LUMB vs. HER2-E p-values	TNBC vs. HER2-E p-values
IUS and OA Scores Combined	1.6062 x10 ⁻⁷	1.5435 x10 ⁻¹⁸	3.2953 x10 ⁻⁷	2.7366 x10 ⁻⁹	0.003160	0.193116
US Sound and OA	8.4689 x10 ⁻⁹	1.1563 x10 ⁻¹⁸	0.000001	1.7741 x10 ⁻⁸	0.011655	0.198652
US Sound/BZ and OA	1.8434 x10 ⁻⁸	6.0246 x10 ⁻¹⁹	1.6953 x10 ⁻⁷	1.1369 x10 ⁻⁸	0.006252	0.260493
US Sound/Sum US Int and OA	3.6214 x10 ⁻⁹	5.7902 x10 ⁻¹⁷	9.5325 x10 ⁻⁷	2.7895 x10 ⁻⁷	0.006868	0.393699
US Sound/Sum US Ext and OA	9.3776 x10 ⁻⁹	2.0586 x10 ⁻¹⁸	2.4624 x10 ⁻⁷	2.6041 x10 ⁻⁸	0.005078	0.281403
US Sound/Sum Int and Ext and OA	1.6062 x10 ⁻⁷	p = 1.5435 x10 ⁻¹⁸	3.2953 x10 ⁻⁷	2.7366 x10 ⁻⁹	0.003160	0.193116

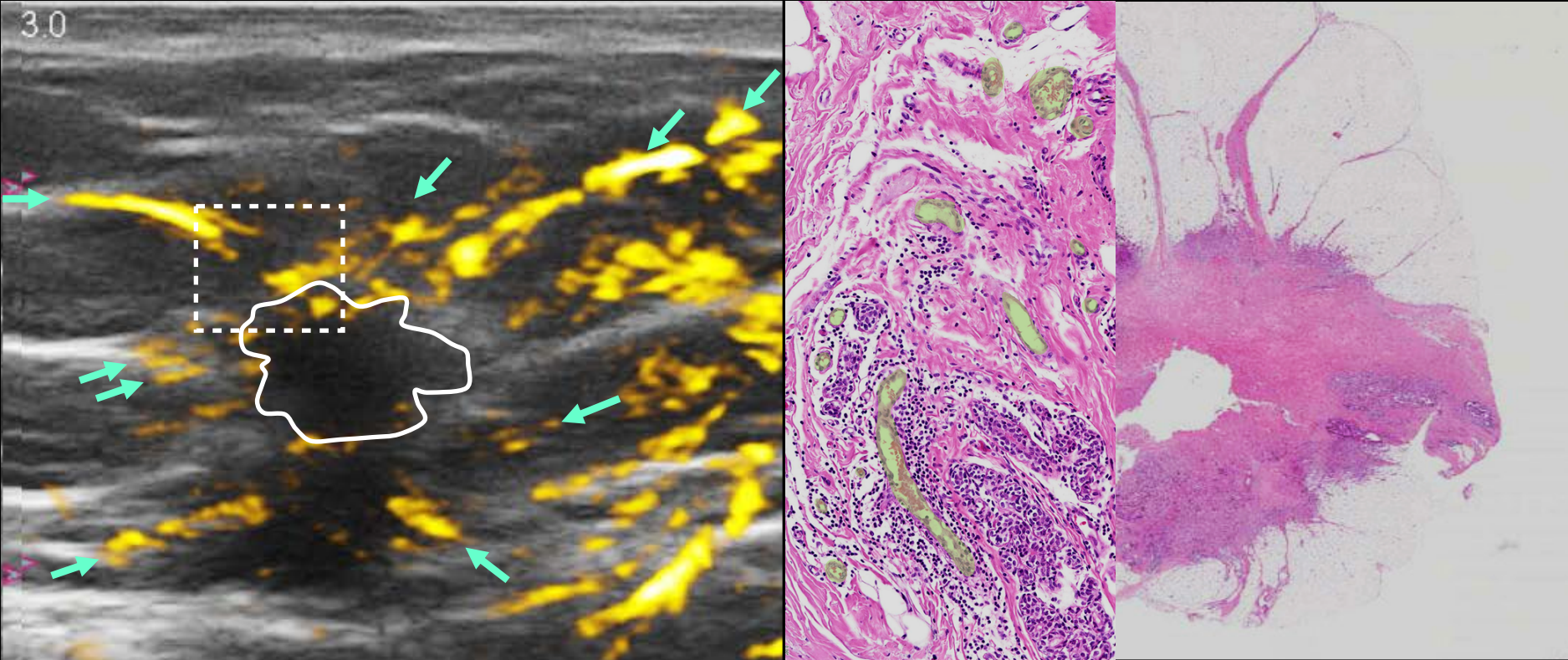
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LUMINAL A (LUMA) VS. TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER (TNBC)

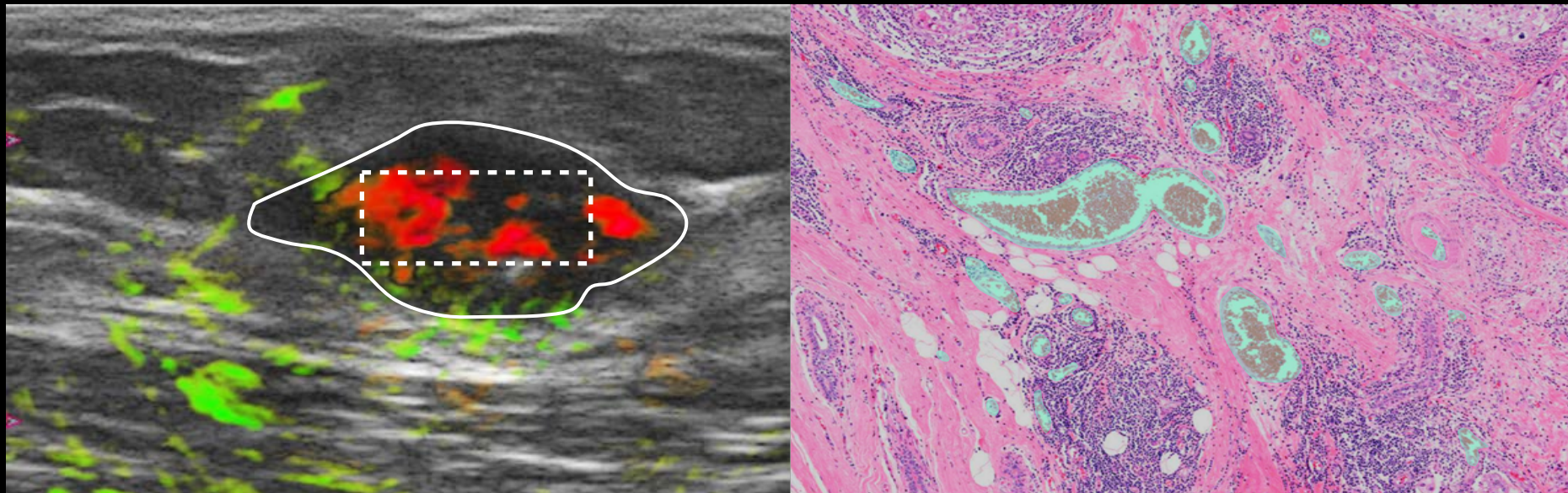


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LUMA – PREDOMINANTLY EXTERNAL FINDINGS



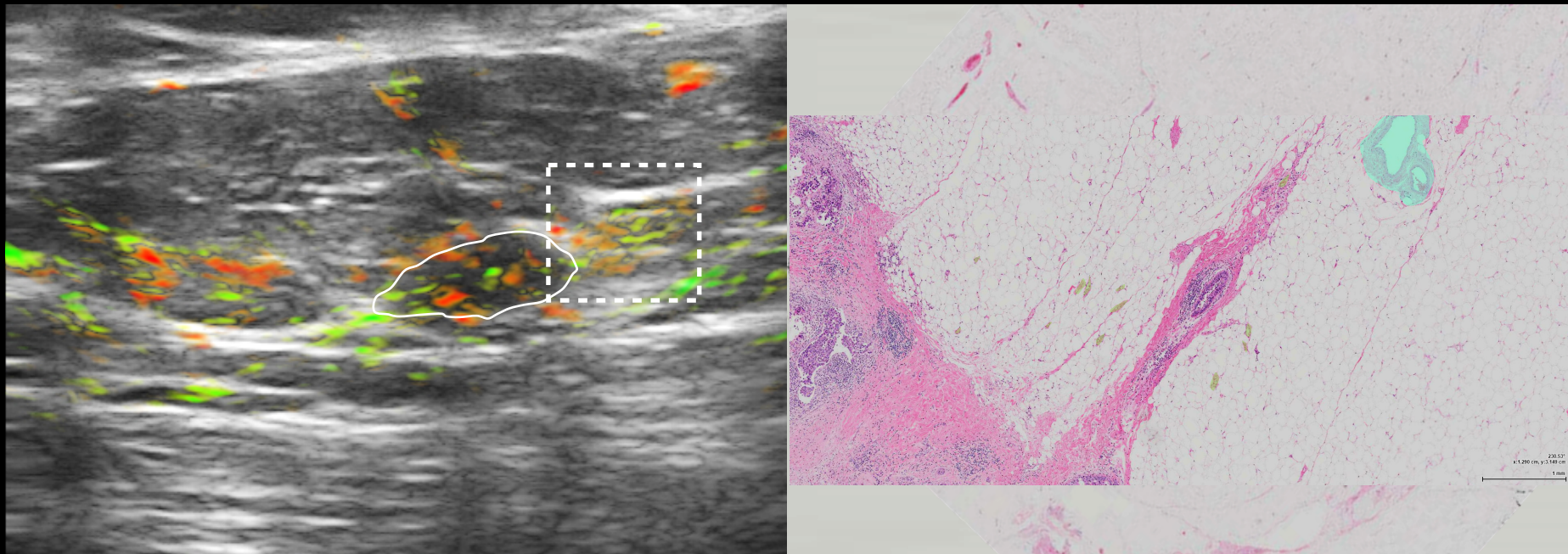
TNBC – PREDOMINANTLY INTERNAL FINDINGS



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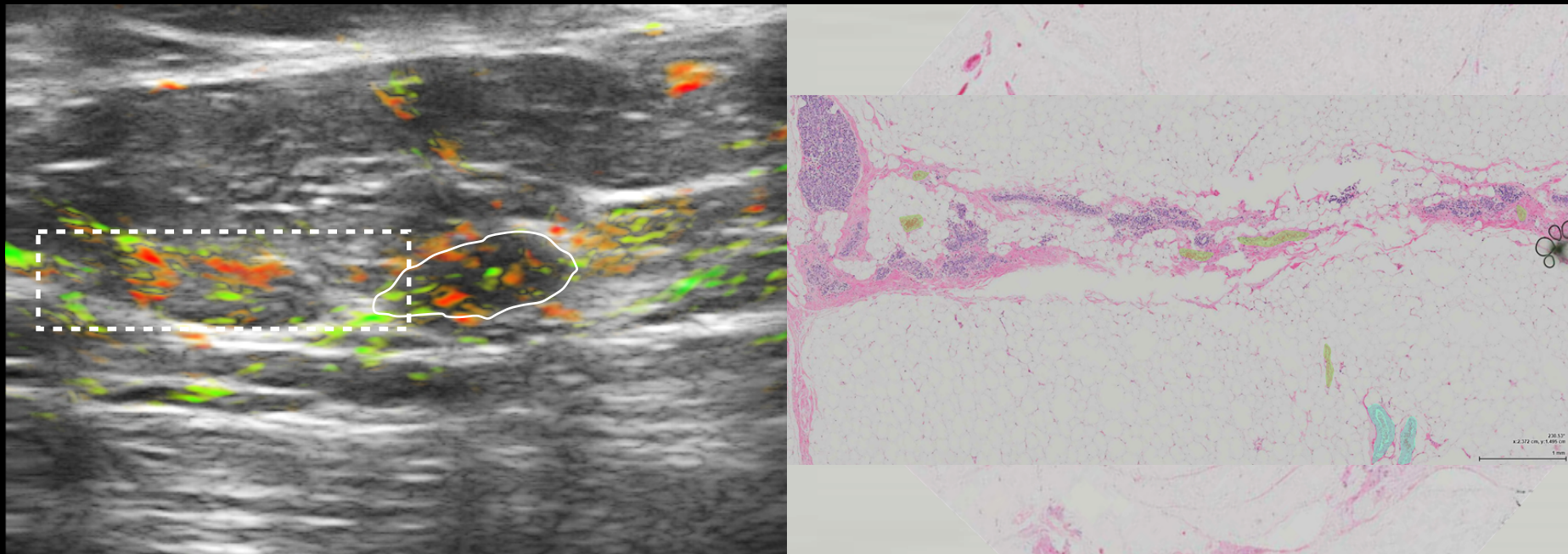
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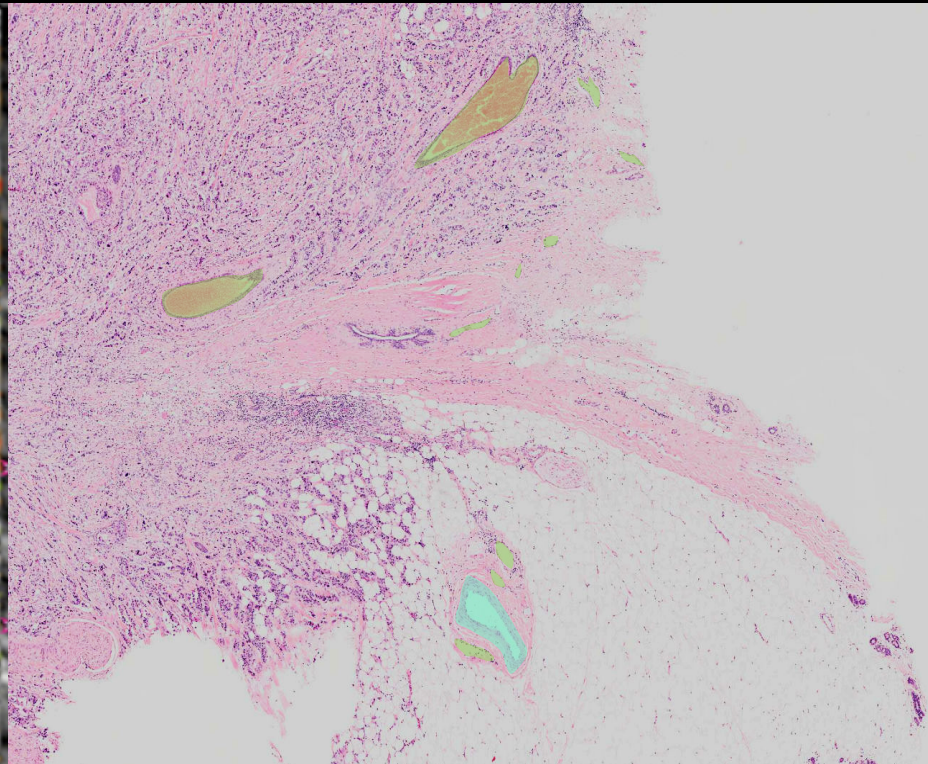
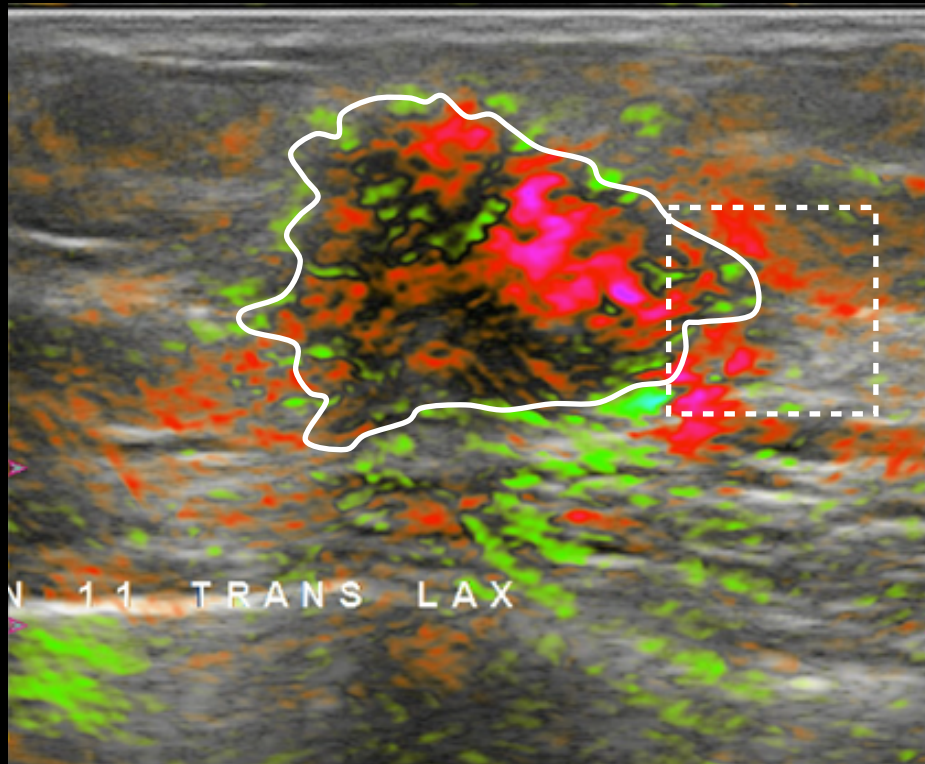
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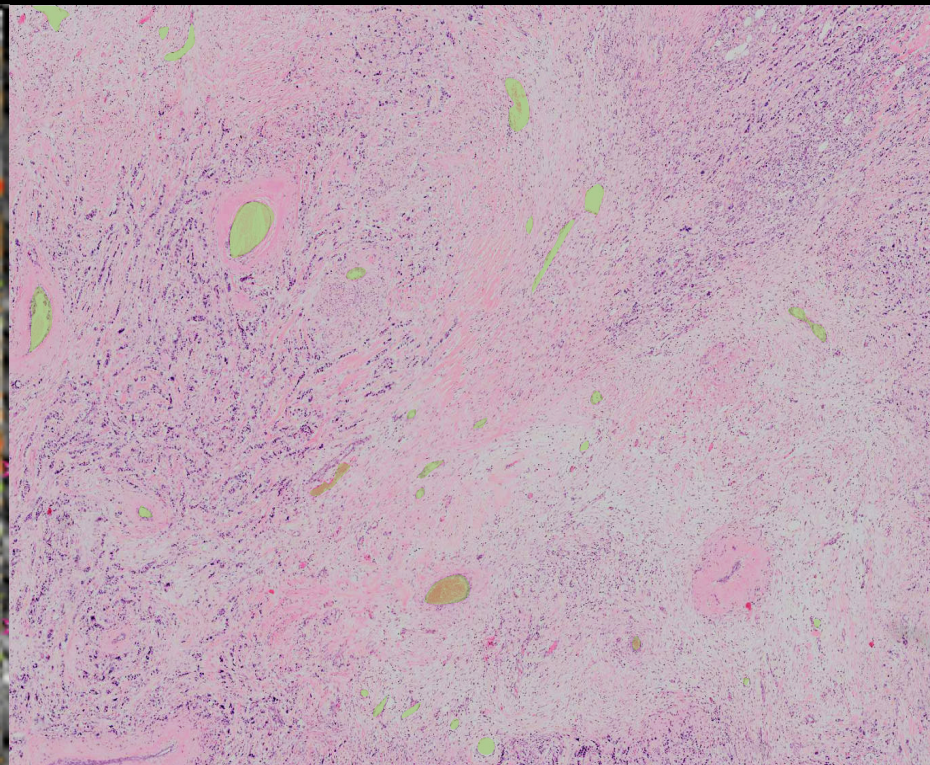
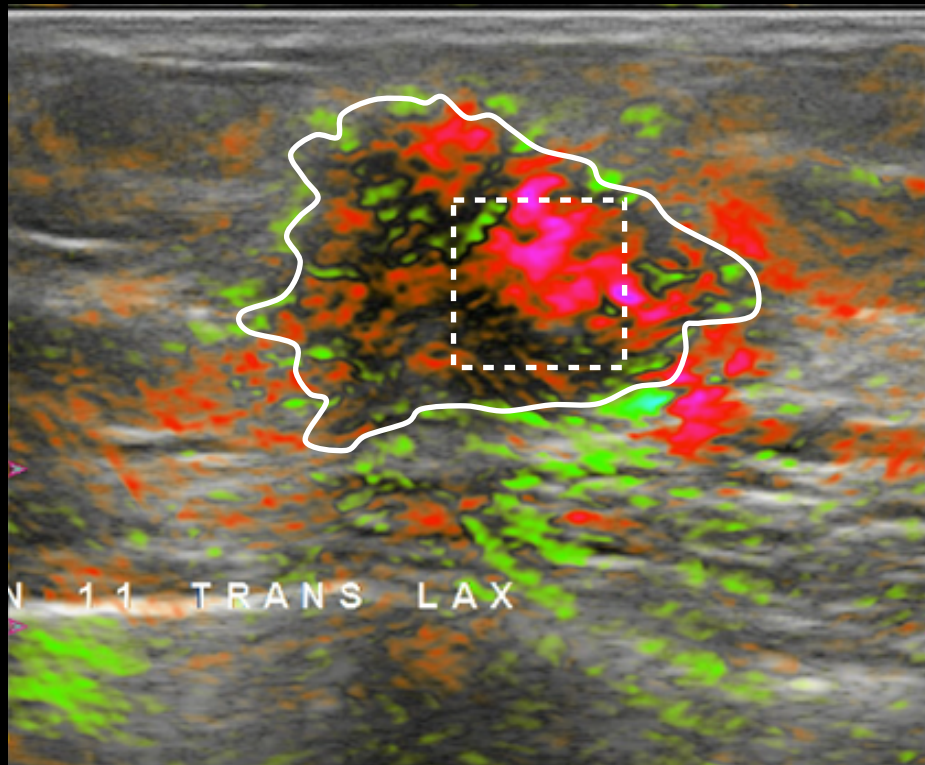
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LUMINAL B



LUMINAL B



DISCUSSION

- 678 malignant masses in the study, but only 532 (78%) masses had molecular subtyping available.
- Small number of TNBCs (79) and HER2-E (23).
- Breast tumors are usually heterogeneous and biopsy may be insufficient to assess intra-tumoral heterogeneity.
- OA/US may demonstrate the dominant feature of the whole tumor.
- If OA/US features do not match the biopsy findings, it might indicate the need for more extensive histopathologic inspection.

CONCLUSIONS

- OA/US findings may help identify masses that do not require biopsy, and in some cases, even avoid short interval follow-up.
- Conversely, OA/US findings may increase suspicion and add certainty to the need for biopsy of malignant masses
- It is unlikely that OA/US or any other imaging technique will make histologic biomarker analysis unnecessary.
- Nevertheless, OA/US features might help non-invasively distinguish breast cancer molecular subtypes and might facilitate management decisions.

CONTRAST-ENHANCED ULTRASOUND (CEUS)

CONTRAST-ENHANCED ULTRASOUND (CEUS)

- Malignant tumors produce abnormal neovasculature to support growth once they reach about 2-mm in size^{1,2}
- Power and color doppler imaging are limited to image vasculature due to low sensitivity for detection of slow blood flow
- Low sensitivity for detection of small neovessels
- CEUS is an alternative to doppler imaging to image vascularity³

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CONTRAST-ENHANCED ULTRASOUND

- Intravenous injection of gas-filled microbubbles
- Shell-stabilized microbubbles which have diameters between 1 and 8 μm ¹
- When compared to surrounding blood and tissue they are different in terms of compressibility and density²
- Produces an acoustic impedance difference which results in an increase of ultrasound signal enhancement (up to 25 dB)³

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CONTRAST-ENHANCED ULTRASOUND

- Contrast agents are more echogenic than RBCs¹
- Increases imaging sensitivity such that there is angiogenic vascular enhancement²
- Given microvascular flow seen in both benign and malignant masses, enhancement characteristics can overlap³
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis is possible
- However, qualitative and quantitative CEUS parameters are not well defined

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CEUS ENHANCEMENT PATTERNS

- Benign masses
 - Hypovascular or homogeneously enhancing
- Malignant masses
 - Rapid hyperenhancement
 - Enlarged size on CEUS
 - Peripheral enhancement
 - Heterogeneous enhancement

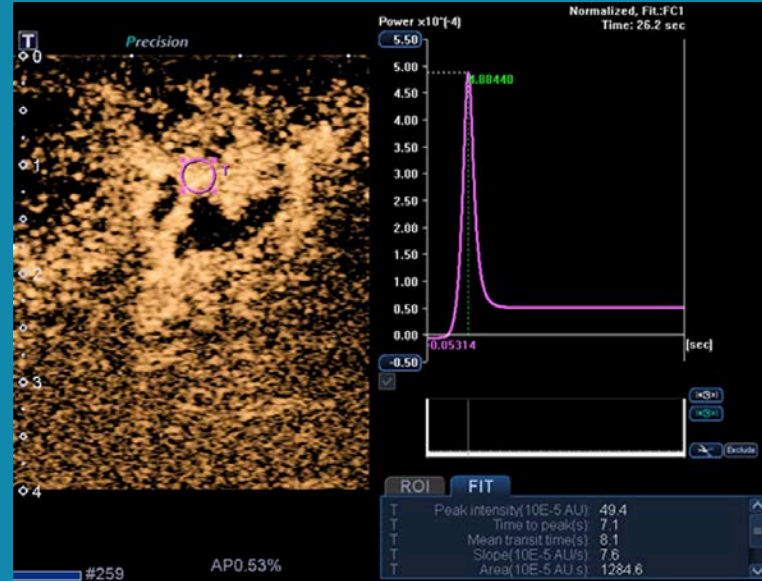
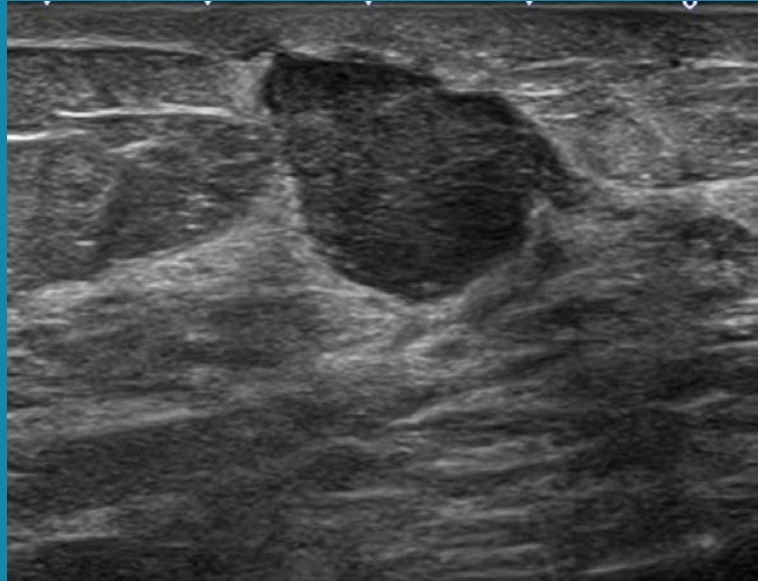
CEUS QUANTITATIVE PARAMETERS

- Following contrast administration, different perfusion phases
- Early (0 – 1 min), middle (1 – 4 min) and late (4 – 6 min)¹
- Produce time-signal intensity curves that can be analyzed
- Quantitative parameters of the time-intensity curve²
 - Time to peak
 - Peak intensity – maximum intensity of time-intensity curve
 - Area under the curve

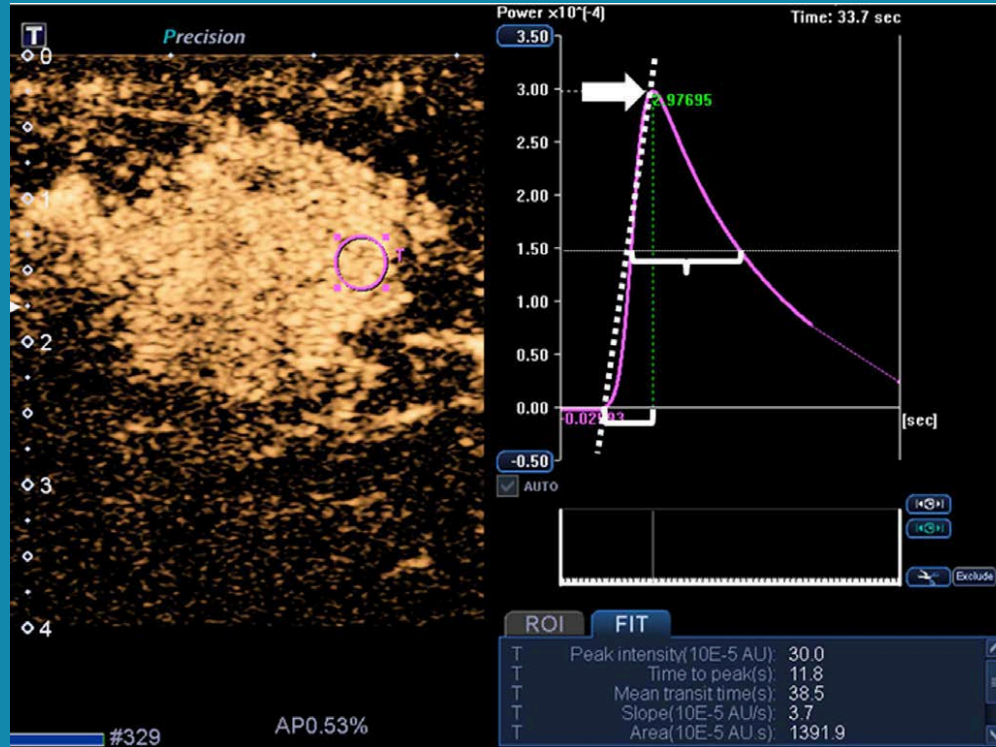
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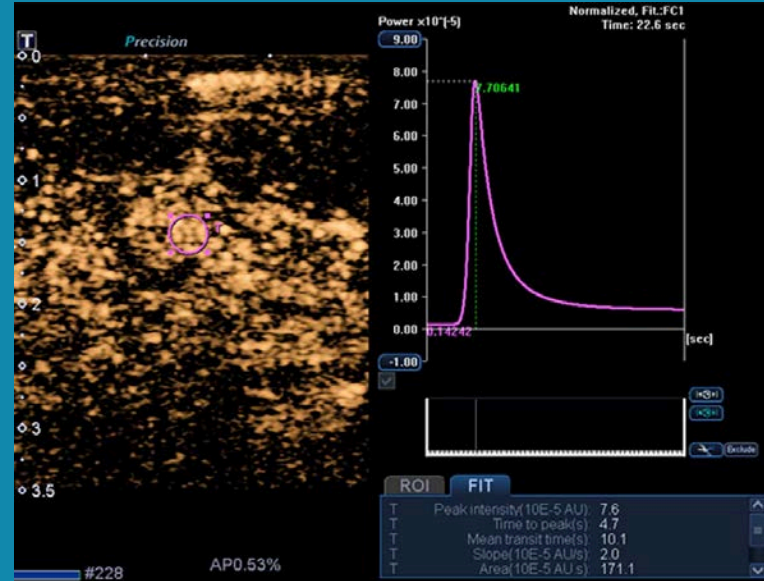
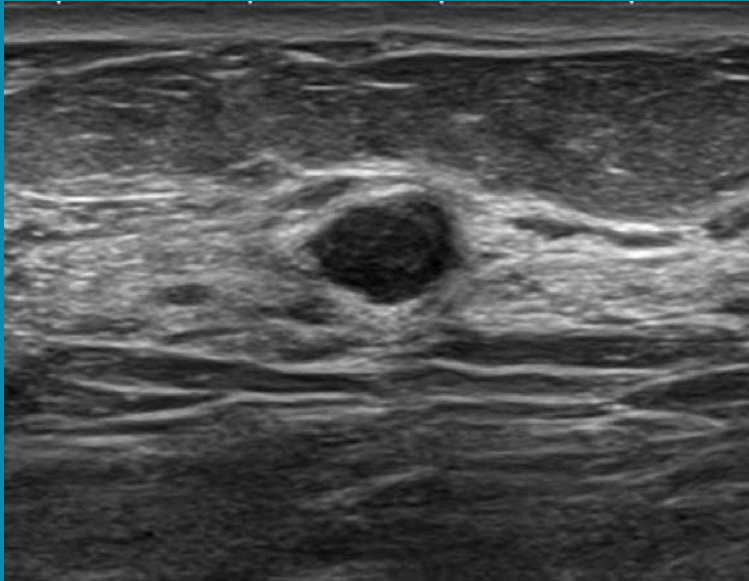
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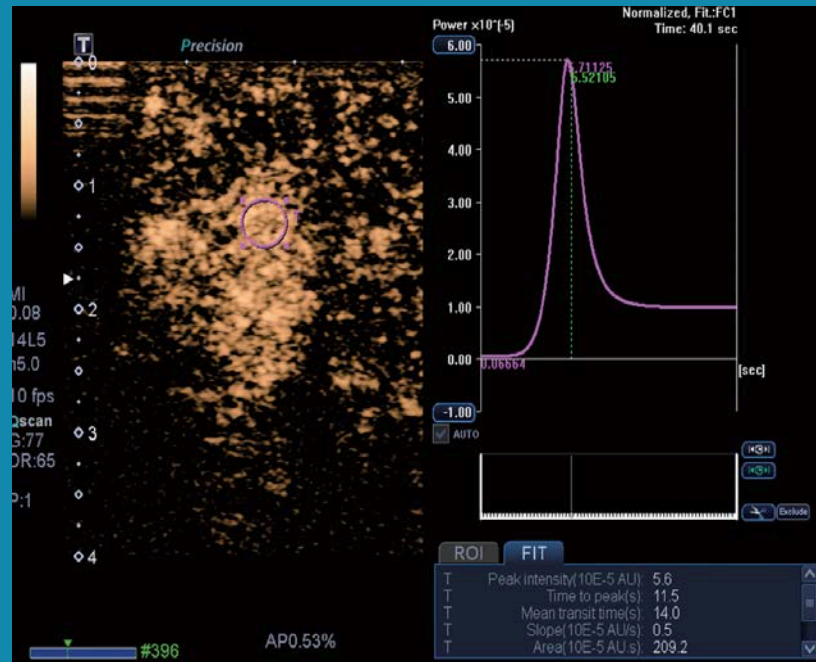
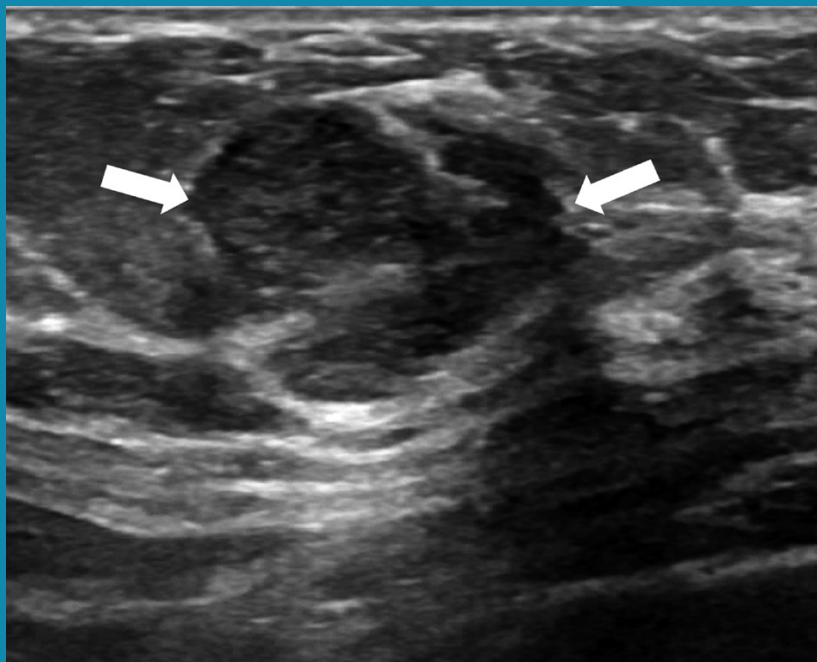
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REDUCING FALSE POSITIVES

- Pilot study recently performed by Lee et al. to determine if CEUS can reduce the number of benign breast masses recommended for biopsy
- 131 women with BI-RADS 4 masses either detected by mammography, US or both
- CEUS exams performed before biopsy
- Qualitative and quantitative CEUS parameters were compared with histopathology

REDUCING FALSE POSITIVES

- Study demonstrated that CEUS could be used to downgrade BI-RADS 4 masses
- Parameters - Presence or absence of enhancement, mass margin, mass shape
- Potential for a 31% reduction of biopsies
 - Non-enhancing mass with circumscribed margin
 - Oval homogeneously enhancing mass
- Overlap between benign and malignant features in enhancing masses

REDUCING FALSE POSITIVES

- Proposed algorithm for evaluation with CEUS
- Determine if contrast uptake
- If no enhancement then margin analysis
- No enhancement with circumscribed margin characterized as probably benign
 - Algorithm applied to 29 of 38 nonenhancing masses
- In algorithm no enhancement with noncircumscribed margin requires biopsy
 - 7 out of 9 masses with noncircumscribed masses had benign pathology
 - 2 out of 9 had malignant pathology

CONCLUSIONS

- CEUS may be helpful when used in conjunction mammography and grayscale US to downgrade BI-RADS 4 masses
- Advantages of being able to be used in patients with renal failure, pacemakers and claustrophobia
- Small field of view
- Further studies necessary



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