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Imaging AI to Predict Outcomes and Treatment Response for Breast Cancer

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Need for Better Diagnostic, Predictive Tools

Diagnostic: *Identifying presence of disease*

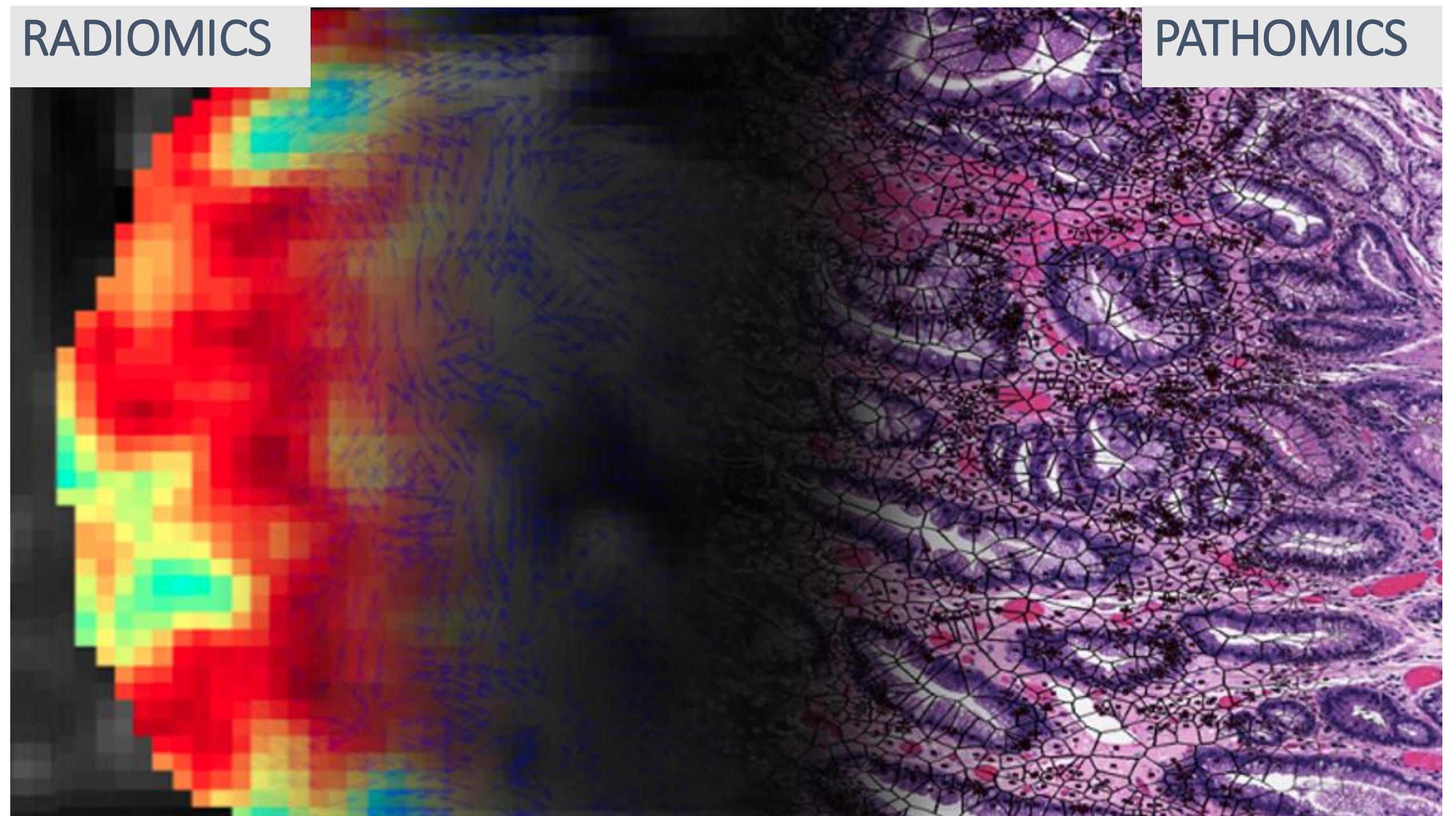
Prognostic: *Predicting Disease Outcome, progression*

Predictive: *Predicting Response to treatment*

Precision Medicine: *Using Prognostic and Predictive Tools for Tailoring Therapy for a given patient based off specific risk profile*

RADIOMICS

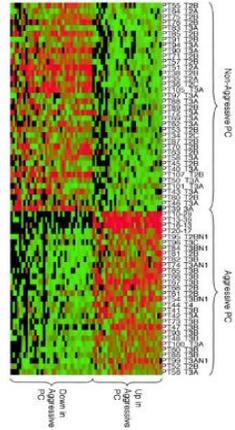
PATHOMICS



Which cancer patients will receive added benefit from chemotherapy?

Oncotype DX molecular assay (Genomic Health, Inc.)

- For early stage (LN-), ER+ patients
- Recurrence Score (RS) between 0-100
- Predicts:
 - Likelihood for 10-year distant recurrence
 - Expected benefit from adjuvant chemotherapy



PROLIFERATION KI-67 STK15 Survivin Cyclin B1 MYBL2	INVASION Stromelysin 3 Cathepsin L2	HER2 GRB7 HER2
ESTROGEN ER PR Bcl2 SCUBE2	REFERENCE Beta-actin GAPDH RPLPO GUS TFRC	OTHER GSTM1 CD68 BAG1

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Recurrence Score} = & +0.47 \times \text{HER2 Group Score} \\
 & - 0.34 \times \text{ER Group Score} \\
 & + 1.04 \times \text{Proliferation group Score} \\
 & + 0.10 \times \text{Invasion Group Score} \\
 & + 0.05 \times \text{CD68} \\
 & - 0.08 \times \text{GSTM1} \\
 & - 0.07 \times \text{BAG1}
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Collagen fiber detection

Epithelium segmentation

Collagen vectors in tumor-associated stroma

Collagen fiber orientation disorder calculation

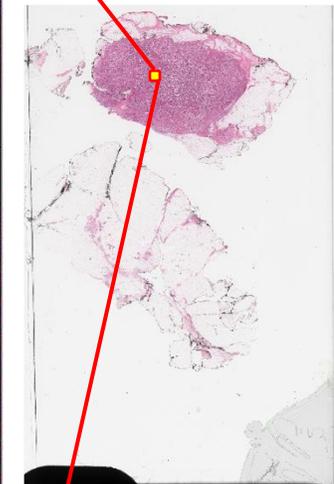
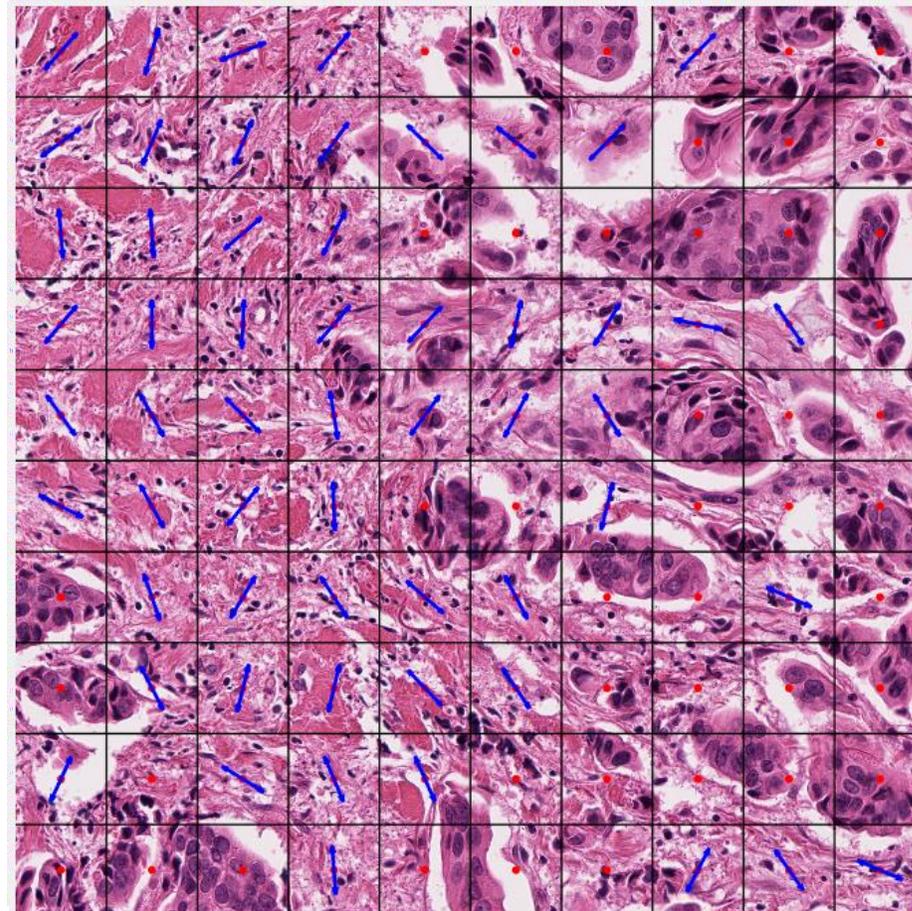
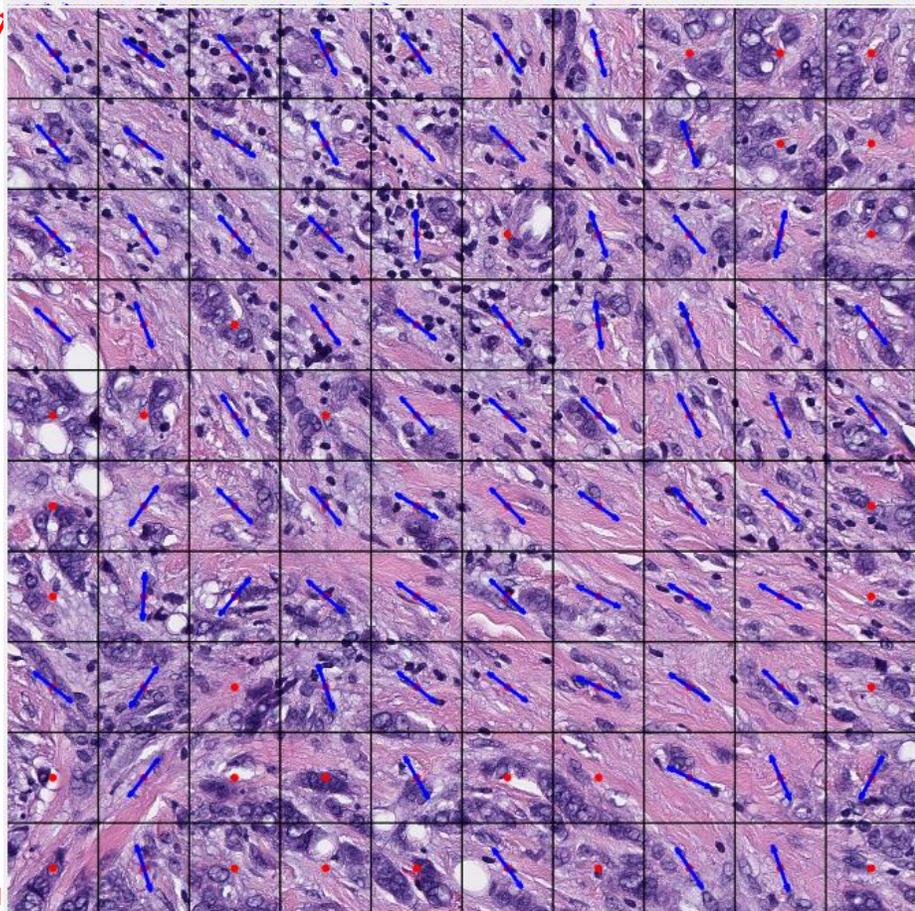
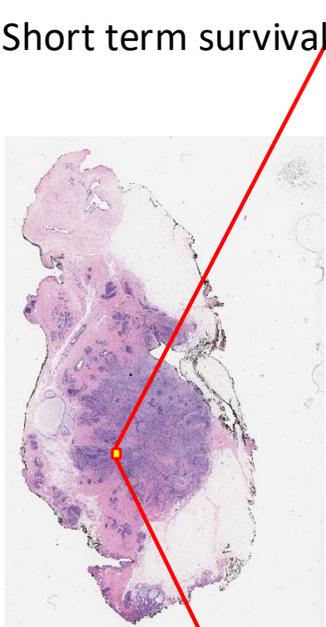
Low degree of disorder



High degree of disorder

Short term survival

long term survival



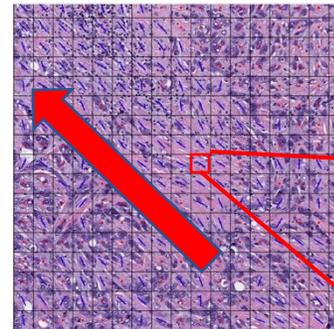
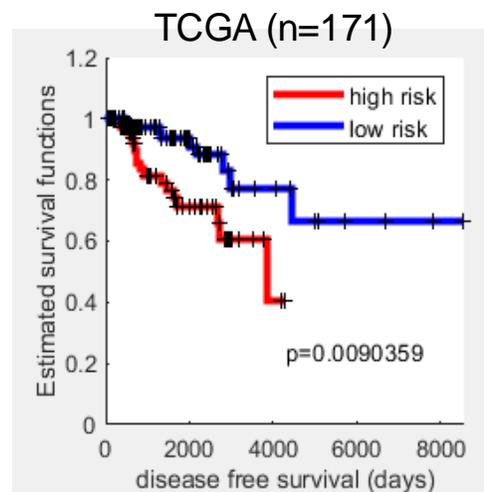
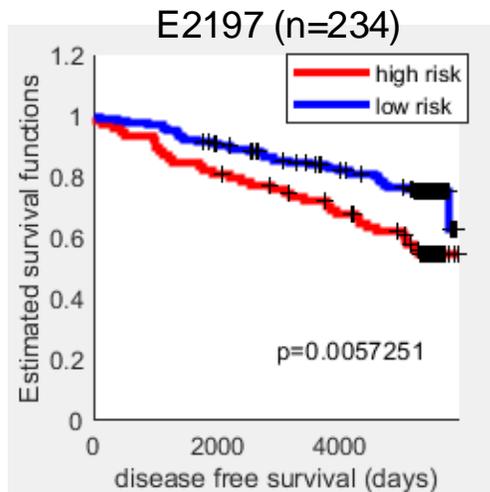
Disorder of collagen fiber orientation associated with risk of recurrence in ER+ breast cancers in ECOG-ACRIN E2197 & TCGA

Unmet Clinical Need

- Early stage ER+ breast cancer (BC) is the most common type of breast cancer in the United States
- Predicting the likelihood of recurrence for patients helps physicians plan more tailored treatment strategy to improve survival rate.

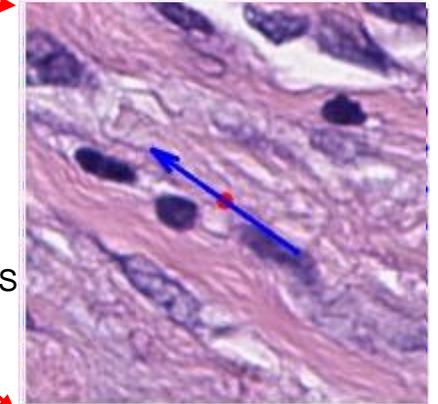
Results:

- Collagen Fiber Orientation Disorder in Tumor associated Stroma (CFOD-TS) was independently prognostic for ER+ BCs in E2197 and TCGA.



Short term survival
(low degree of CFOD-TS)

Collagen fiber orientation calculation



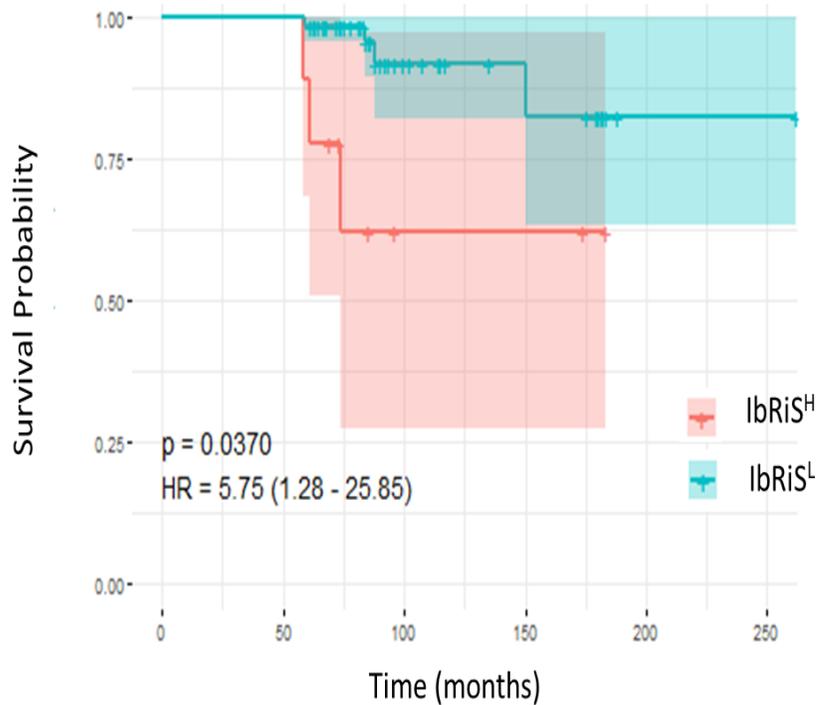
long term survival
(high degree of CFOD-TS)

Take away:

Over-expression of CFOD-TS independently associated with lower likelihood of recurrence and could potentially serve as a prognostic marker of outcome for ER+ invasive breast cancer.

IbRiS adds prognostic value to Oncotype DX Risk Categories in Estrogen Receptor Positive (ER+) Breast Cancer

IbRiS^H vs. IbRiS^L in low Odx category (D₁₊₂)

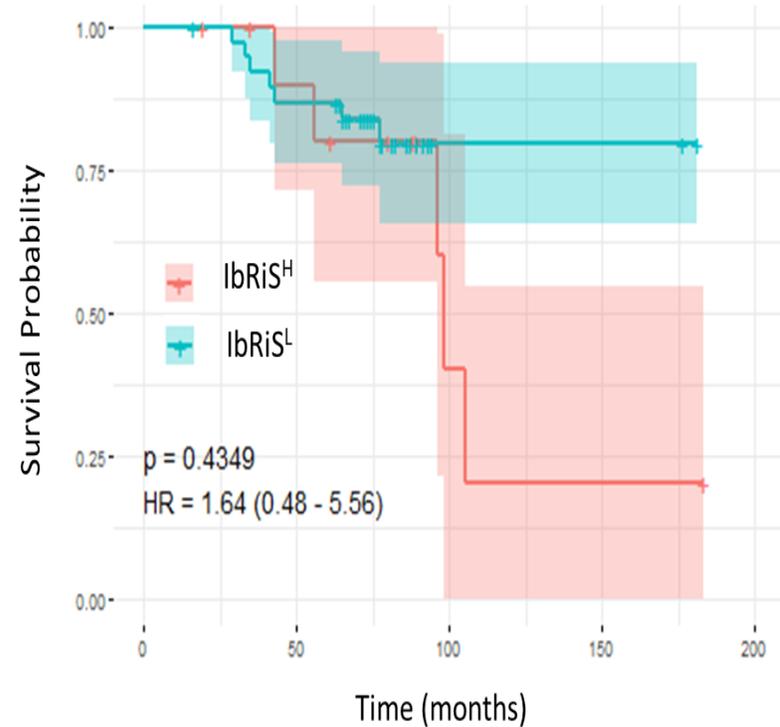


Number at risk

	0	50	100	150	200	250
IbRiS ^H	9	2	2	0	0	0
IbRiS ^L	67	16	10	1	1	1

Time (months)

IbRiS^H vs. IbRiS^L in inter Odx category (D₁₊₂)

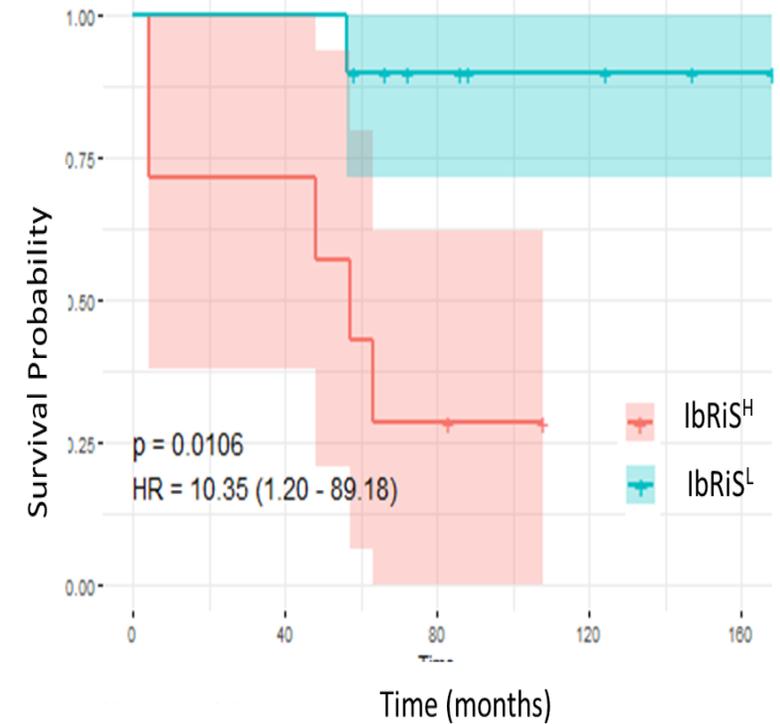


Number at risk

	0	50	100	150	200
IbRiS ^H	12	9	2	1	0
IbRiS ^L	39	33	2	2	0

Time (months)

IbRiS^H vs. IbRiS^L in high Odx category (D₁₊₂)



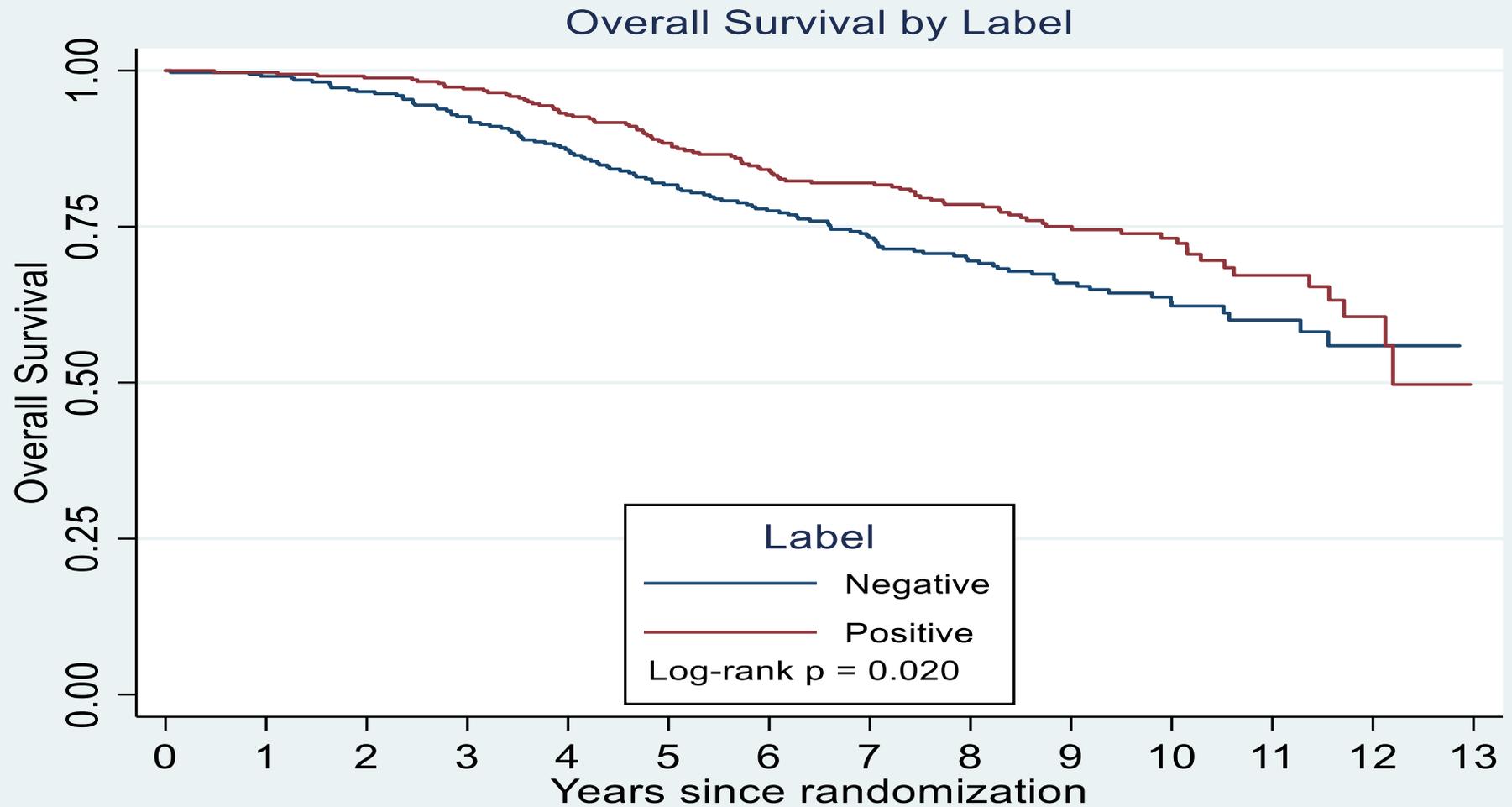
Number at risk

	0	40	80	120	160
IbRiS ^H	10	2	0	0	0
IbRiS ^L	10	10	6	3	1

Time (months)

Chen et al, npj Breast Cancer 2023.

Independent Validation on SWOG S8814



Number at risk

Negative	325	314	281	240	175	87	10
Positive	339	334	310	275	207	94	16

MammaPrint Ultra-Low Luminal A Stratification Based-on Histopathology Images

Objective

To stratify MammaPrint genomic assay-derived Ultra-Low Risk Luminal A patients from Low-Risk Luminal A patients using histopathology features.

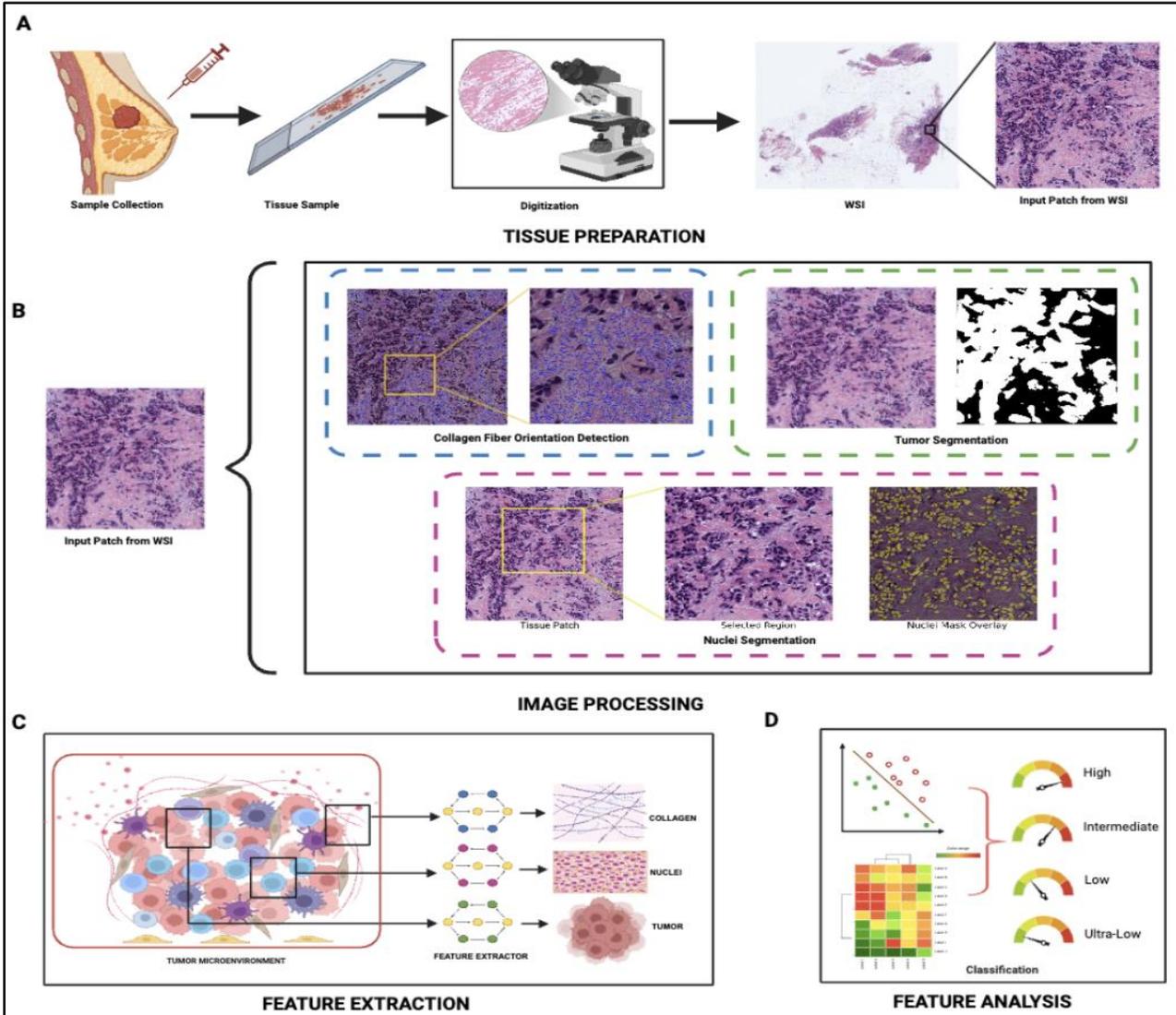
Experiment

A computational pathology method was developed to quantitatively characterize collagen and nuclei histomorphometry as well as tumor components of the TME, analyzed on 218 H&E biopsy slides from UH (145 for training and 73 for testing).

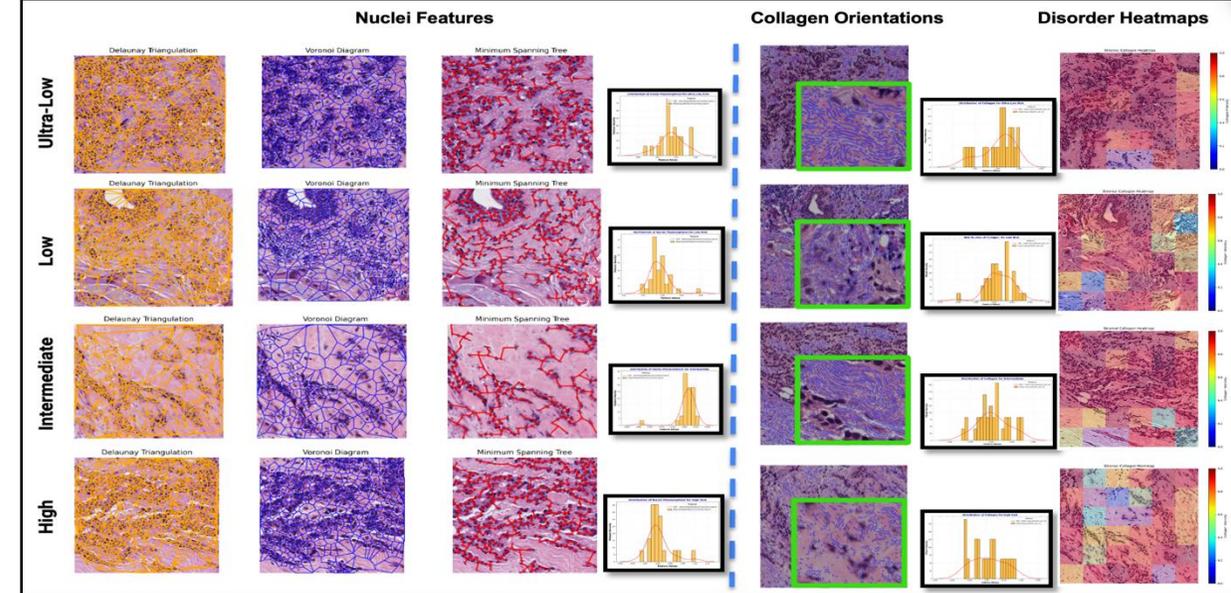
Results

Our patient-level analysis demonstrated that histopathology features can distinguish Ultra-Low risk patients from Low-risk patients with 74% accuracy.

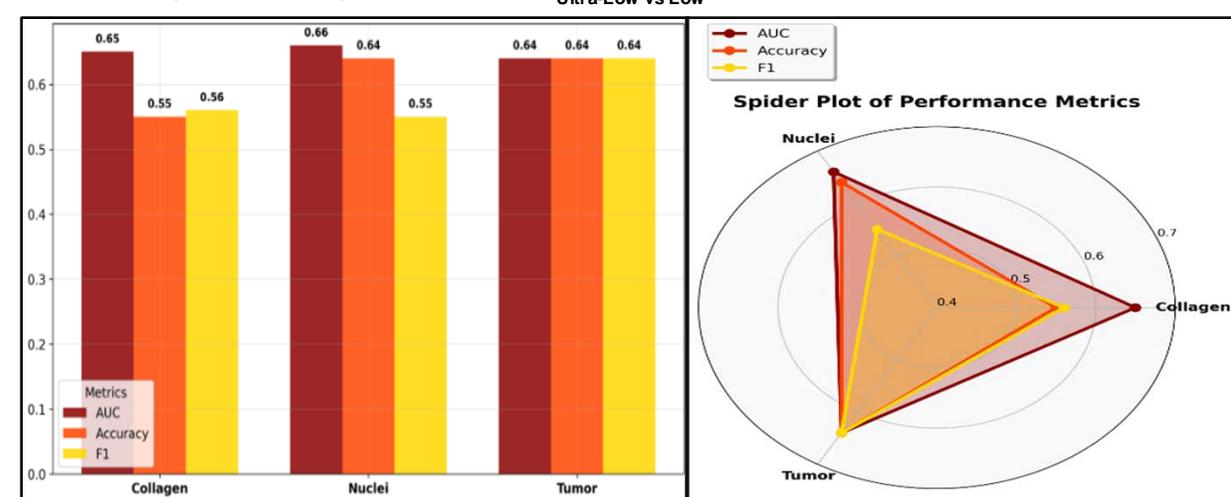
WORKFLOW



RESULTS (Qualitative)



RESULTS (Quantitative)



HAI-Score, An Objective Image-Based Method for Accurate HER2 H-Score Estimation from IHC-Stained Breast Cancer Samples

Objective: To develop an objective, accurate, cost-effective, alternative to evaluate HER2 expression

Cohorts: Tissue microarray cores stained with HercepTest (S1 dataset, n=566) and Ventana Pathway 4B5 (S2 dataset, n=580) assays, accompanied by ground truth HER2 RNA levels measured via RNAscope, an in-situ hybridization test

Results: The HAI-Score strongly correlated with HER2 RNA levels and was superior to AHSQ (SOTA), an expert breast cancer pathologist, and current hospital-standard assays (HercepTest and Ventana)

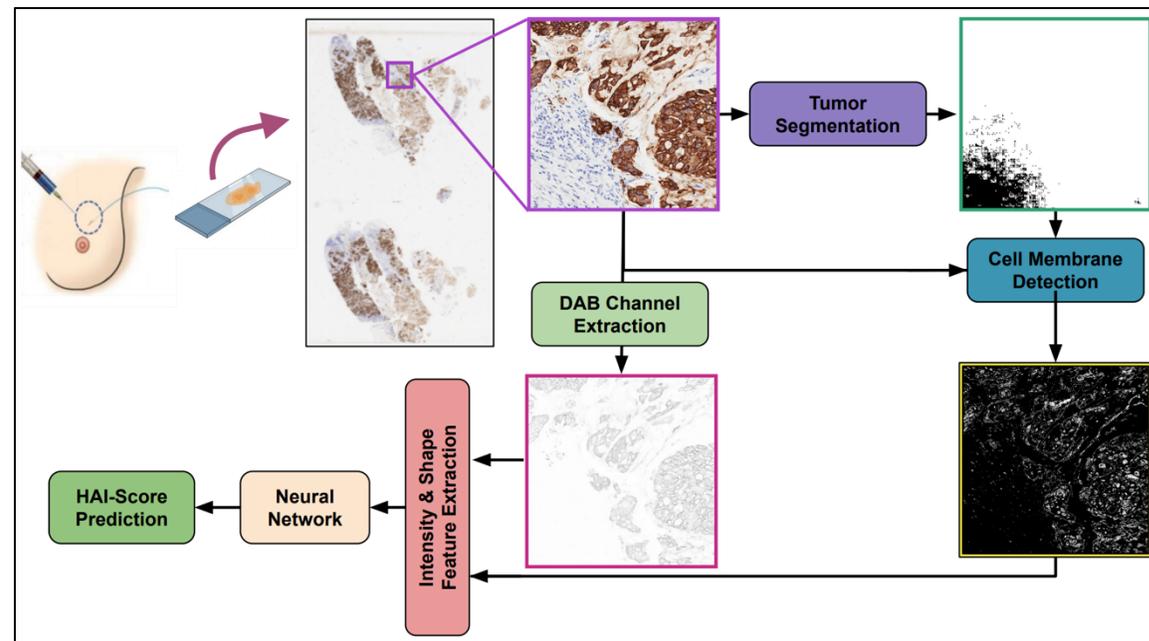


Fig 1. Workflow of HAI-Score development: tumor detection, cell membrane Detection, feature extraction, and neural network training

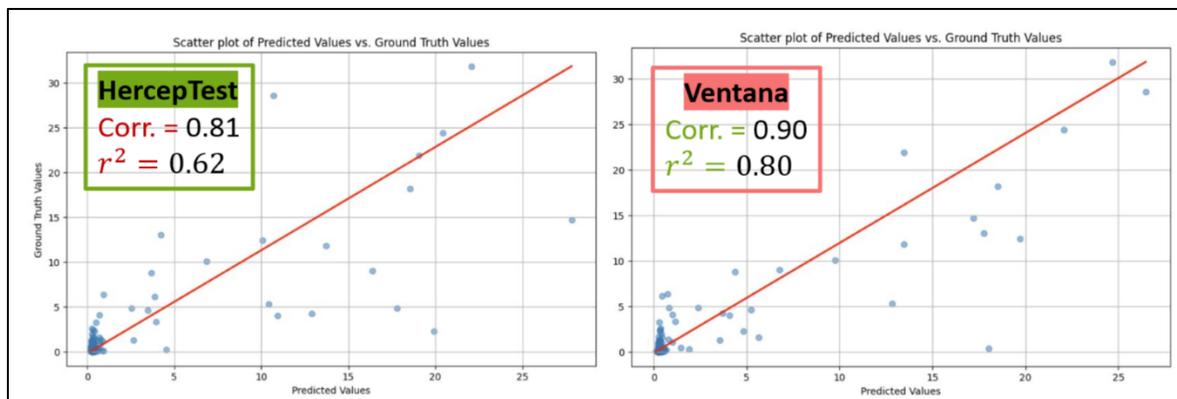
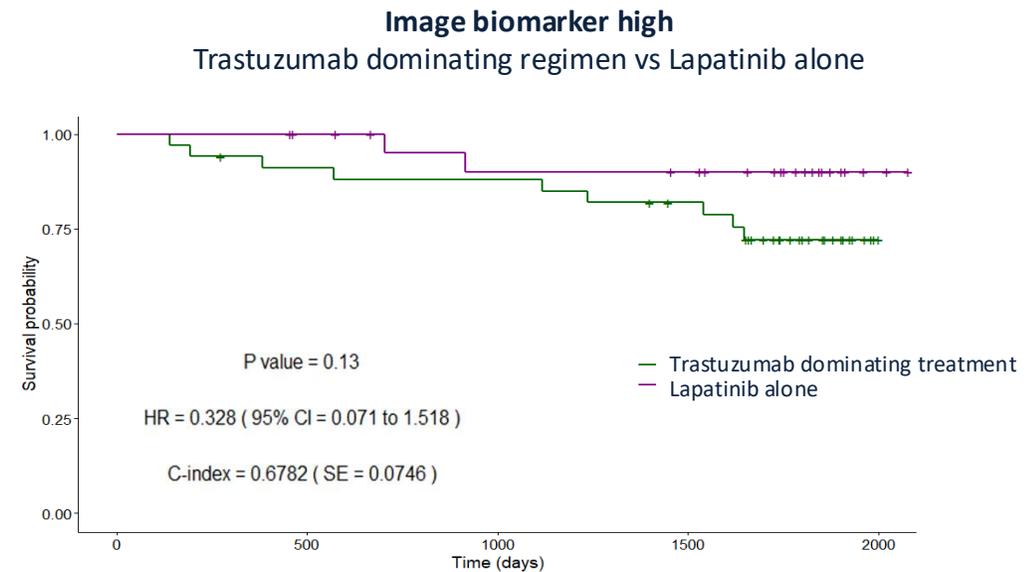
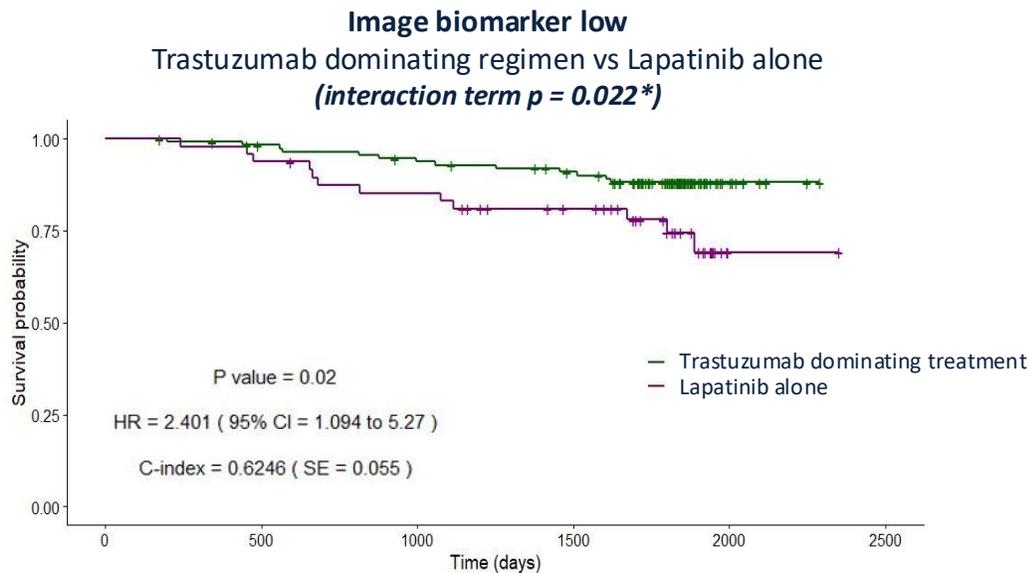


Fig 2. HAI-Score correlation with RNA values on the test dataset for HercepTest and Ventana assays

Holdout set (N=231)		
Method	Pearson Correlation	R-Squared Error
Ventana PATHWAY 4B5	0.580	0.330
HercepTest	0.760	0.570
Pathologist	0.760	0.580
AHSQ	0.827	0.685
HAI-Score	0.850	0.710

Predictive image biomarker for benefit of Trastuzumab-based regimens in HER2+ breast cancer patients validated on NSABP B41 clinical trial

An image biomarker, based on the density and spatial arrangement of tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes, was trained on the HER2+ *TCGA cohort* ($n=298$) and validated for its **prognostic** ability on *ECOG 2197* ($n=54$), Her2+ dataset from University Hospitals, Cleveland ($n=193$), while also demonstrating its **predictive** ability in the NSABP B-41 clinical trial ($n=310$).



The image biomarker identifies a subset of patients who significantly benefit from Trastuzumab-containing regimens compared to Lapatinib alone, while the image biomarker-high does not show a significant benefit associated for the same regimen.

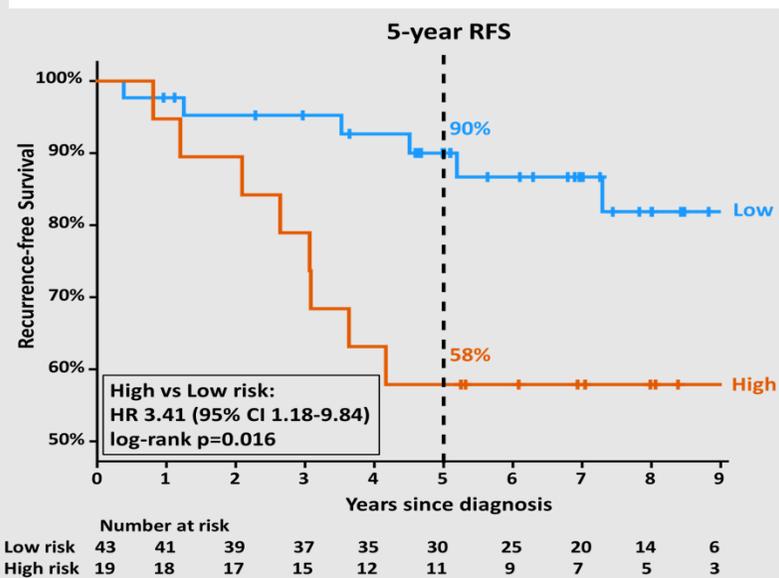
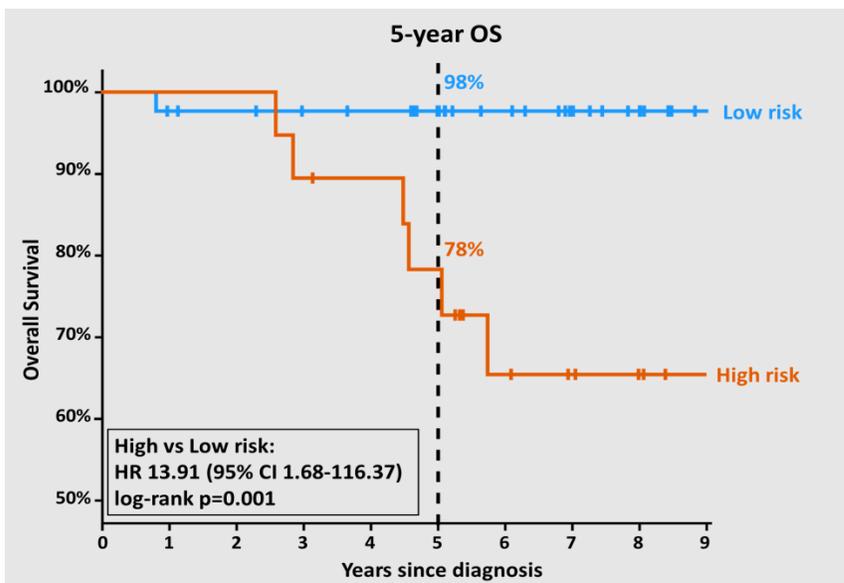
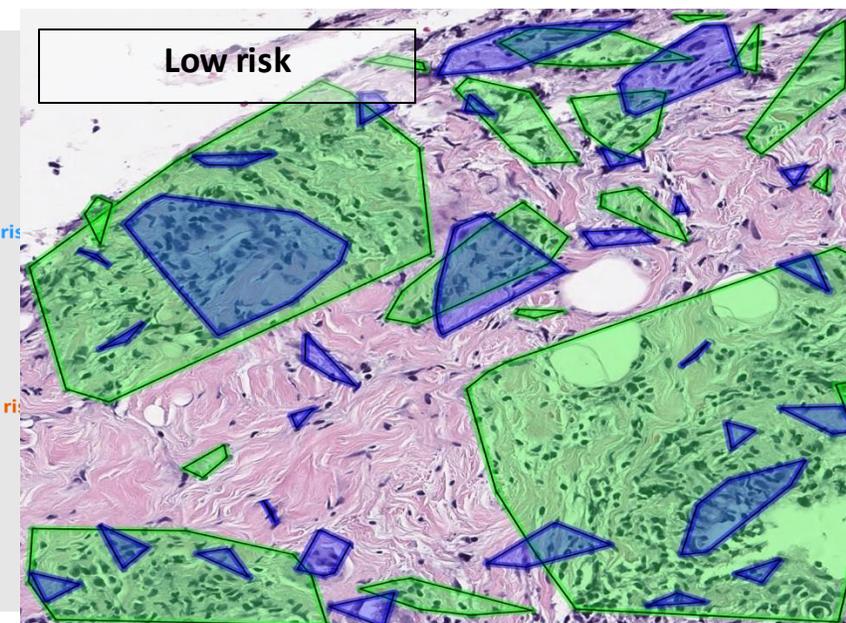
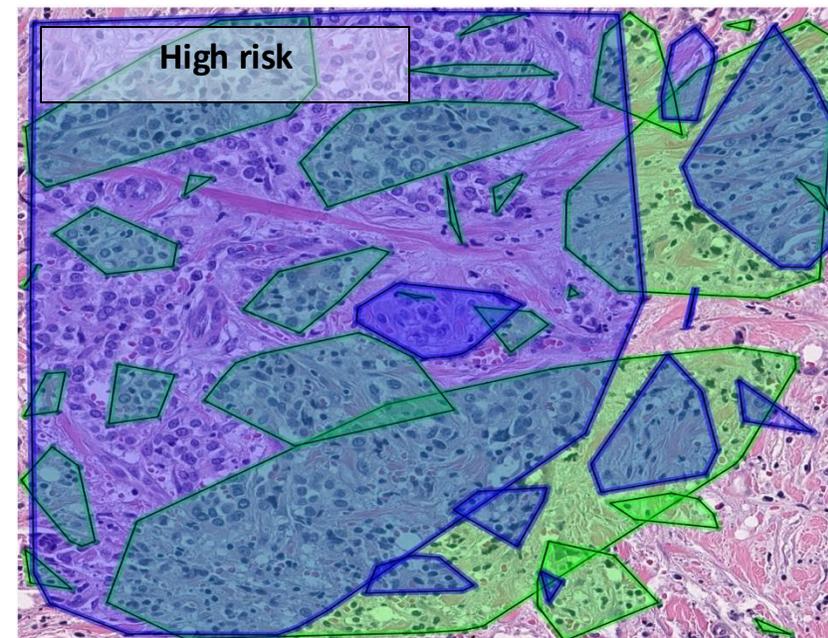
Spatial TIL architecture associated with outcome in Early-Stage TNBC

Aim: Evaluate prognostic utility of features derived from spatial architecture of TILs in H&E slides in early-stage TNBC

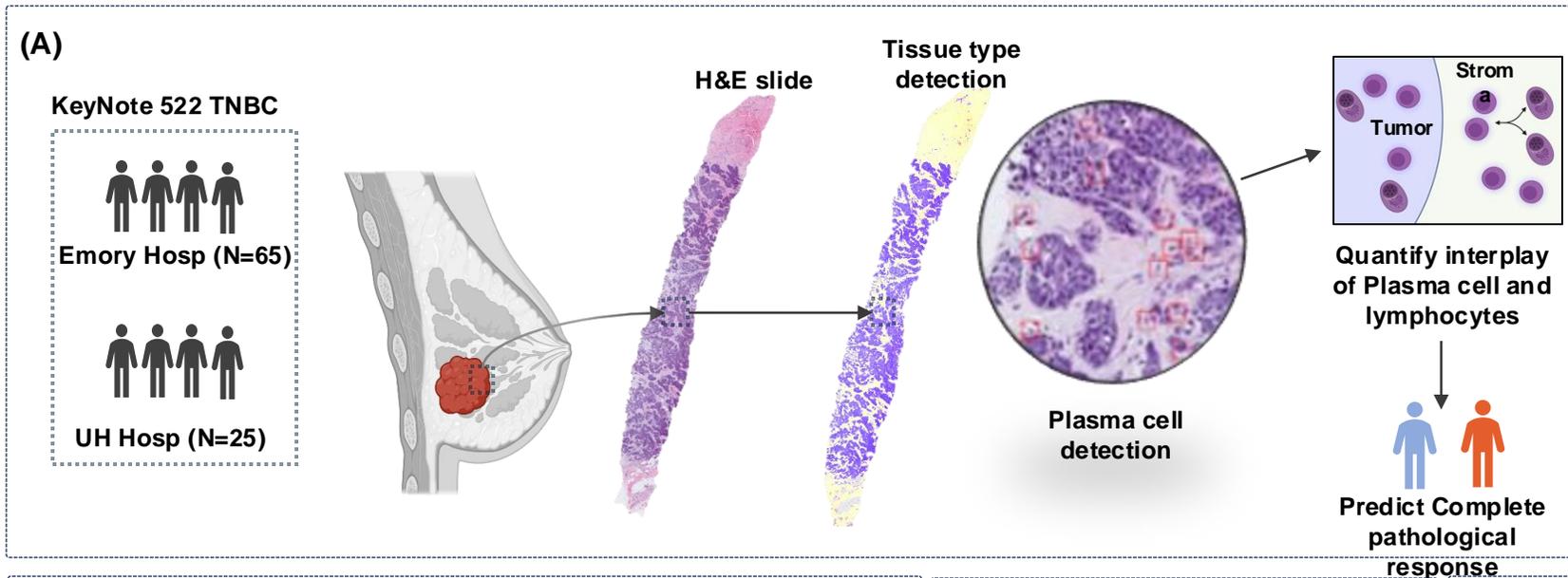
Datasets	# Cases
Instituto Nacional de Enfermedades Neoplásicas, Peru	26
University of Kansas	62
Total	88

Feature discovery and model training (applied to the first two datasets)

Independent validation (applied to the total dataset)



Tumor-Infiltrating Plasma Cells on H&E Predictive of Complete Pathological Response in Triple Negative Breast Cancer: KEYNOTE-522



Objective: Predict complete pathological response, via interaction of tumor-infiltrating plasma cells and lymphocytes

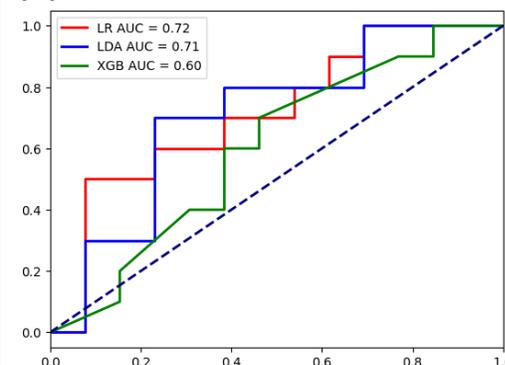
Cohort: Stage I-III TNBC patients from KeyNote 522 trial (NCT03036488), who received pembrolizumab plus chemo

Results: Interplay of tumor-infiltrating plasma cells and lymphocytes is predictive of complete pathological response. (Holdout AUC=0.72).

(B)

	Holdout set (N=25)			
	AUC	F1	Sensitivity	Specificity
Logistic Reg	0.715	0.636	0.7	0.615
LDA	0.708	0.667	0.7	0.69
XGboost	0.6	0.571	0.6	0.615

(C)



(D)

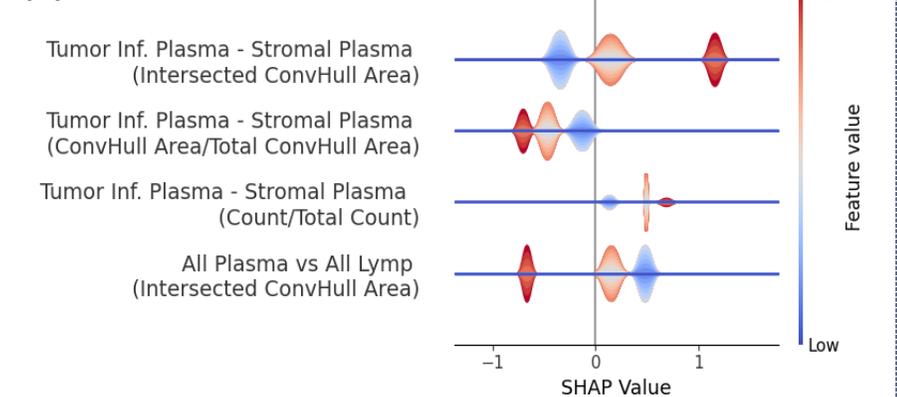
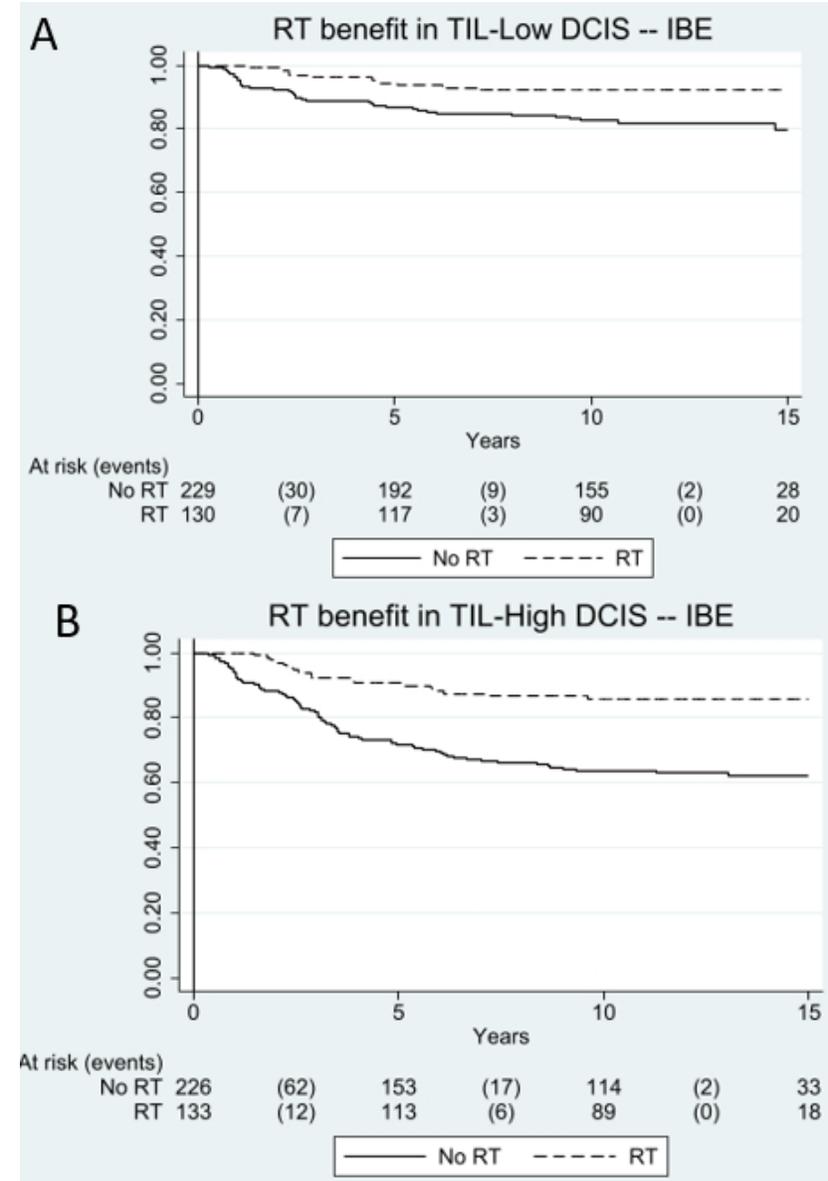
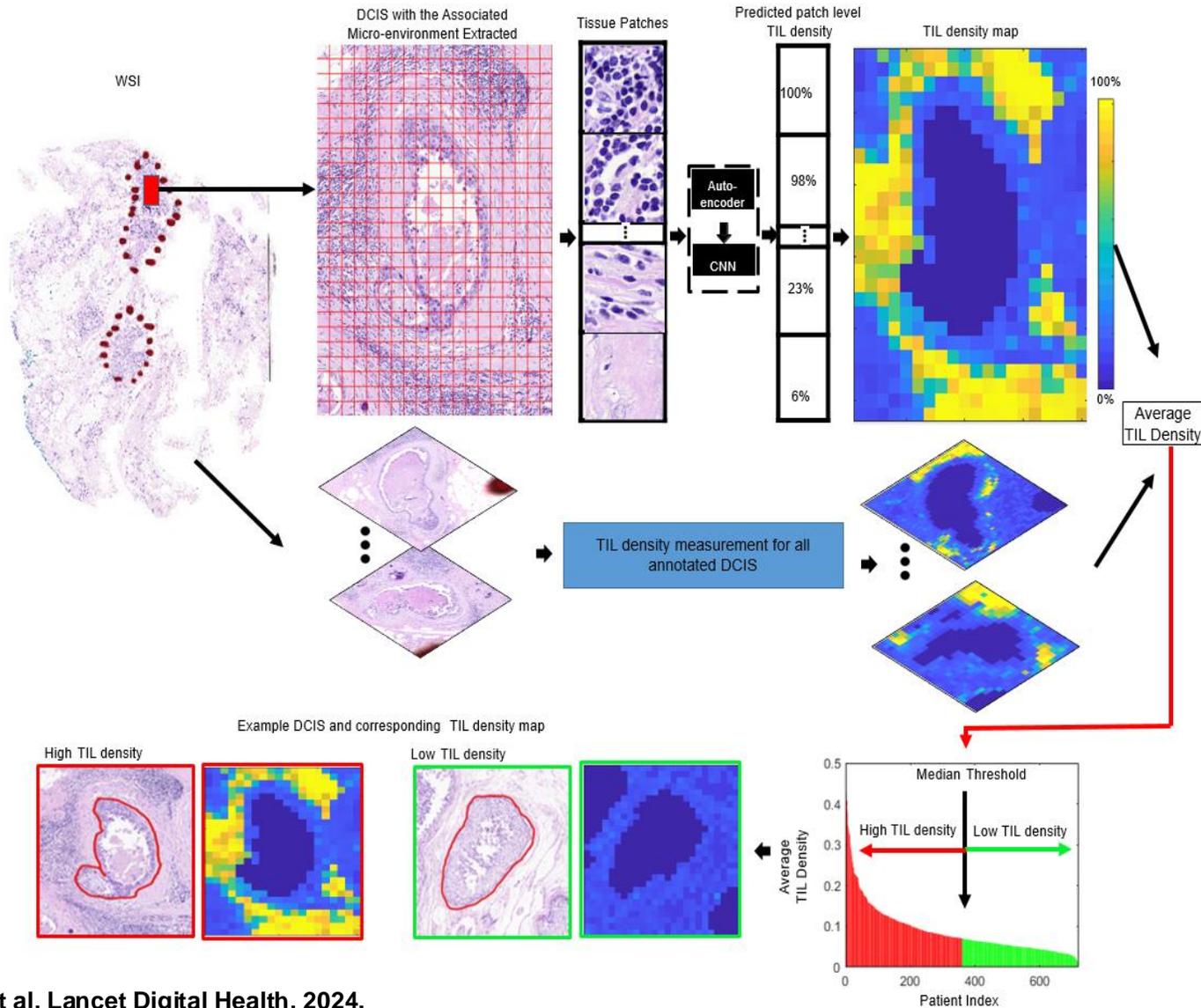


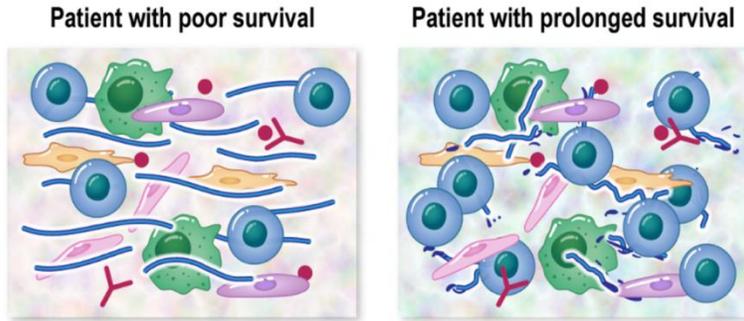
Fig 2: (A) Workflow figure for extraction of tumor-infiltrating plasma cells (TIPs) **(B)** Holdout set performance: Tumor-infiltrating plasma cell (TIPs), **(C)** AUC-ROC plot and **(D)** SHAP values

Computer extracted features of immune architecture from H&E Whole slide images are associated with disease-free survival and benefit of radiotherapy in Ductal Carcinoma in situ (DCIS): UK/ANZ Trial

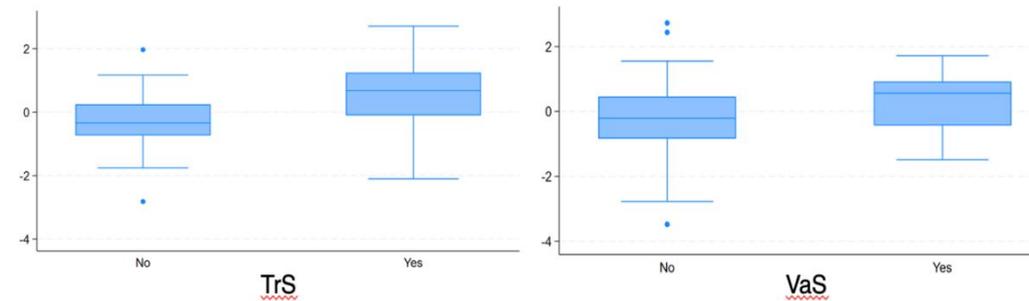


A Computational Pathology Collagen Signature Predictive of Tamoxifen Benefit in Ductal Carcinoma in Situ: Results from a Cohort within the UK/ANZ DCIS Randomized Trial

Hypothesis



Results (Quantitative)



Objective

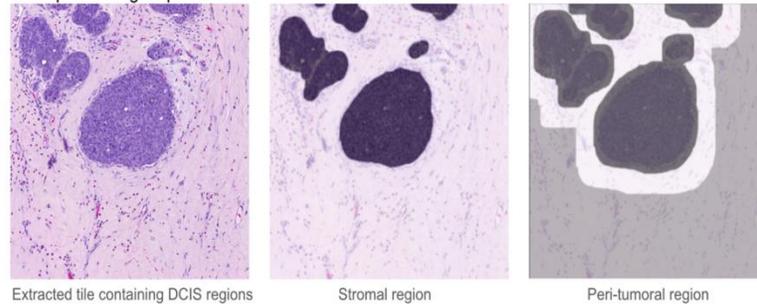
Understand the association of collagen fiber architecture with tamoxifen benefit in the UK/ANZ DCIS randomized trial.

Experiment

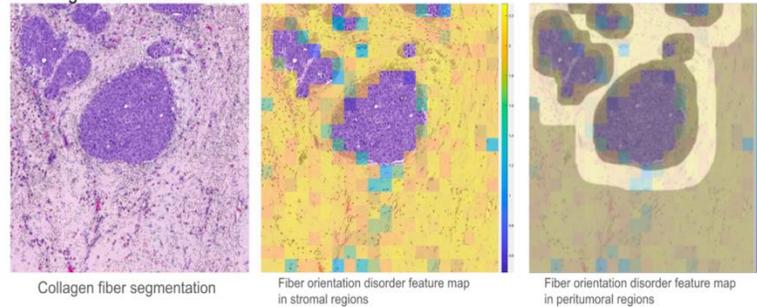
- Computational pathology method that quantitatively characterizes the collagen components of the TME
- Analysis on 242 H&E slides from the UK/ANZ DCIS randomized trial with patients undergoing tamoxifen treatment (102 for training and 140 for validation)

Workflow

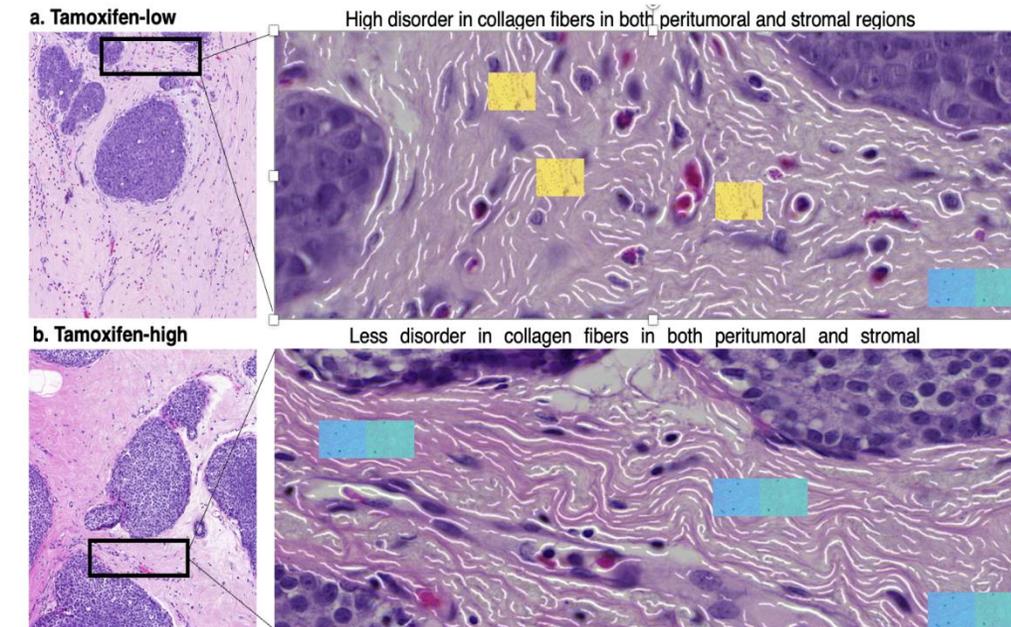
a. Preprocessing steps



b. Collagen feature extraction



Results (Qualitative)



Results

- Our analysis on patient-level basis revealed disordered collagen fiber architecture associated with tamoxifen resistance in DCIS. (Train (TrS): $p < 0.001$, HR=4.54 [2.27-9.06], Val (VaS): $p = 0.006$, HR=3.46 [1.41-8.48])
- Our computational pathology collagen-tamoxifen score has a role, independent of ER status, in predicting tamoxifen benefit in DCIS.

Reference: Aggarwal, A. 171P A computational pathology collagen signature predictive of tamoxifen benefit in ductal carcinoma in situ: Results from a cohort within the UK/ANZ DCIS randomized trial. *Annals of Oncology* **35**, S284 (2024).

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Association of Race/Ethnicity and the 21-Gene Recurrence Score With Breast Cancer–Specific Mortality Among US Women

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Conclusions and Relevance In this cohort study, Black women in the US were more likely to have a high-risk recurrence score and to die of axillary node–negative breast cancer compared with non-Hispanic White women with comparable recurrence scores. The **Oncotype DX Breast Recurrence Score test has lower prognostic accuracy in Black women**, suggesting that genomic assays used to

Computerized image analysis reveals differences in early-stage ER+ breast cancer phenotype of South Asian and North American women

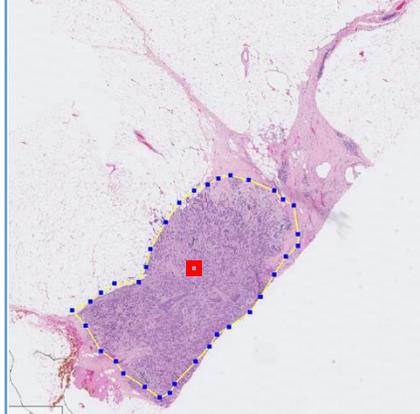
Unmet Clinical Need

- Racial/ethnic disparity in incidence and mortality in breast cancers.
- Indian women more likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer despite lower incidence than American women.
- The studies of digital pathology in breast cancer prognosis were mostly focused on American women.

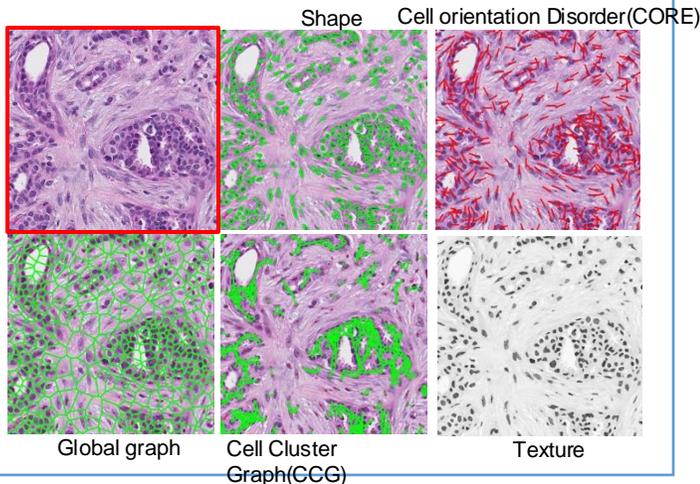
Methods and Results

Data Description

South Asian (SA, Indian): N=69
North American (NA, US): N=121



Extraction of nuclear morphological features



Model construction on training set

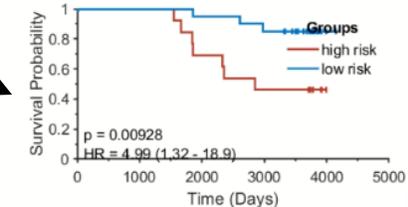
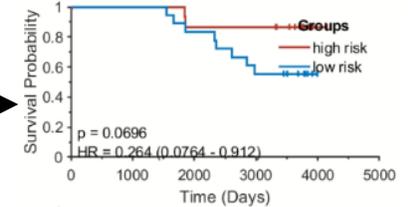
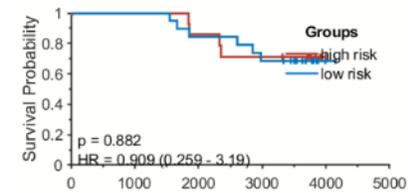
Validation on SA in testing set

Model trained with North American (MNA)

Model trained with North American + South Asian (MNA+SA)

Model trained with South Asian (MSA)

Model validation on South Asian

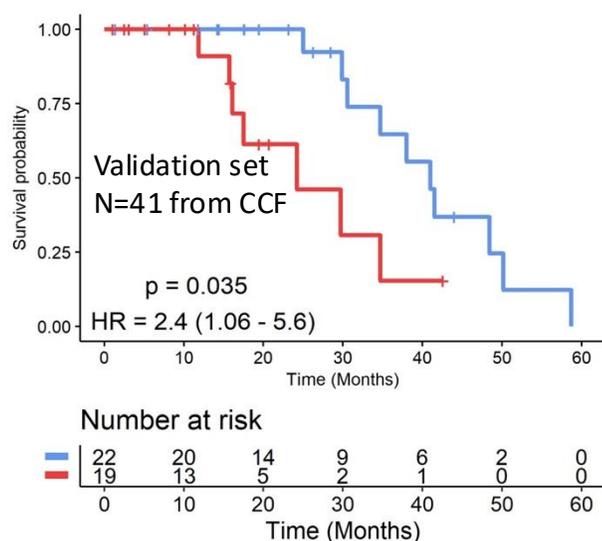
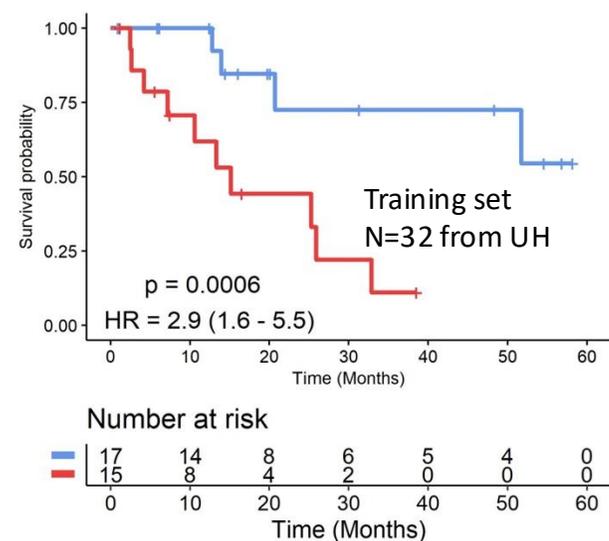
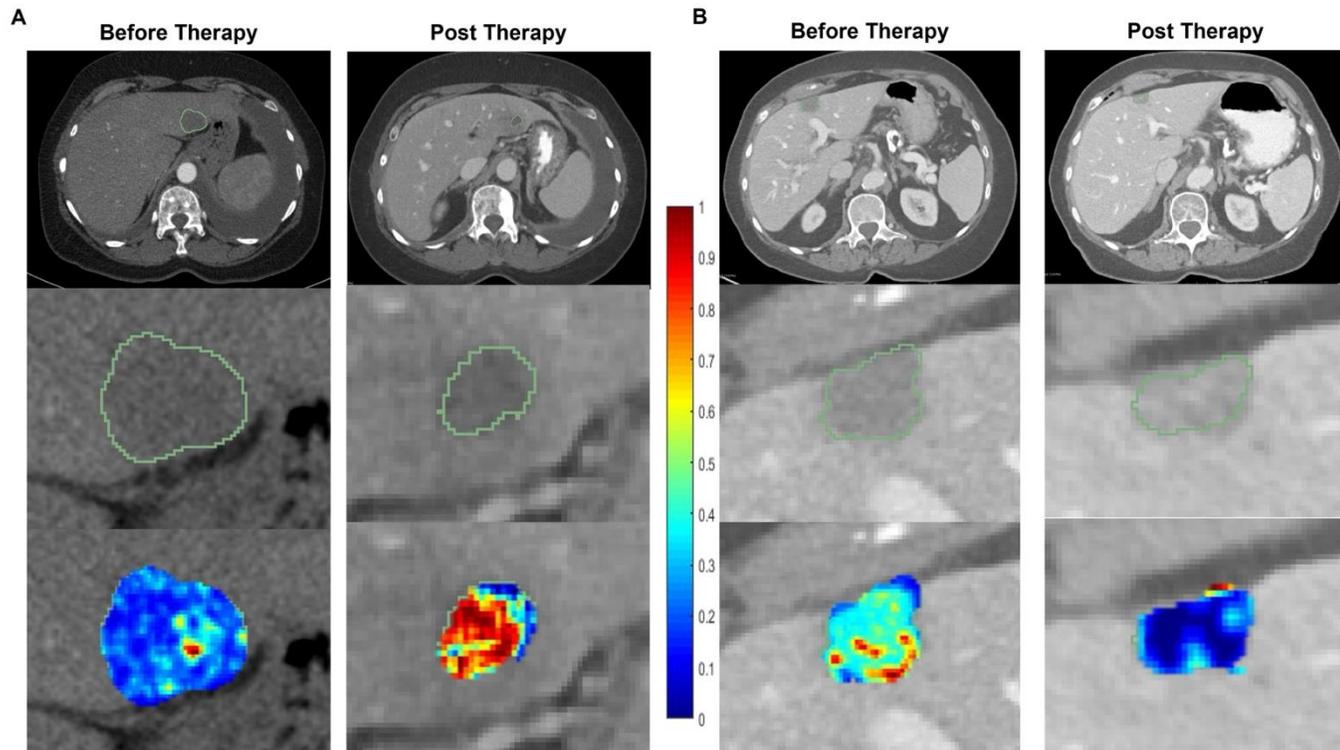


Take away:

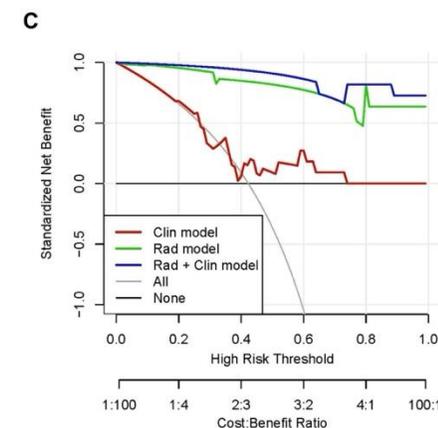
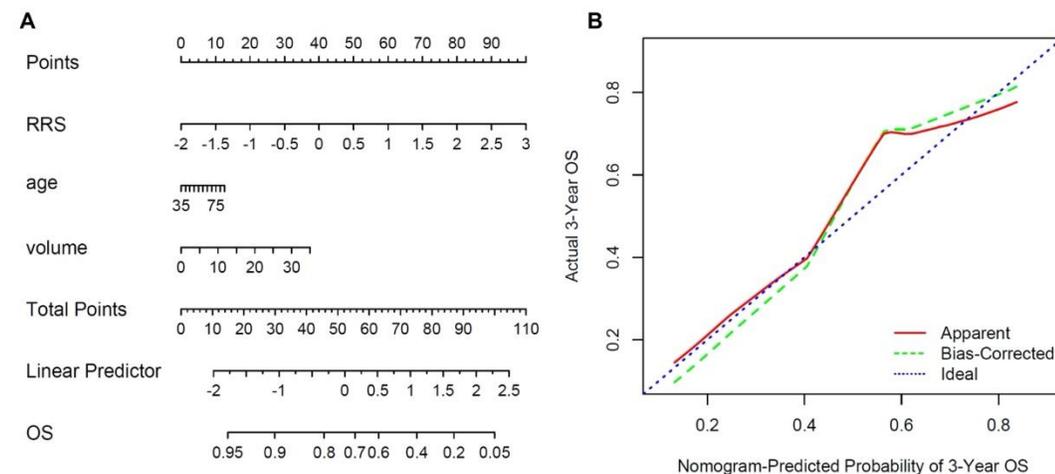
Prognostic ability of the computational pathology based models for South Asian women with breast cancer could be significantly improved by taking into account of population-specific information.

Li et al San Antonio 2021

Radiomics to Predict Response to CDK 4/6 Inhibitors to Metastatic HER2+ Breast Cancer



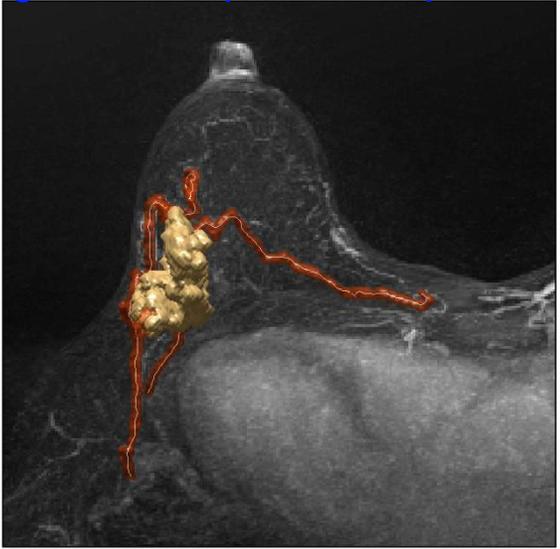
Delta radiomic features predict response to CDK4/6i therapy. (A) Axial contrast enhanced CT images (top row), liver tumor segmentations (middle row), and heatmaps (lower row) of intra-tumoral Haralick (entropy) feature in the representative pre- and post-treatment CT scans of a non-responder (A) and a responder (B).



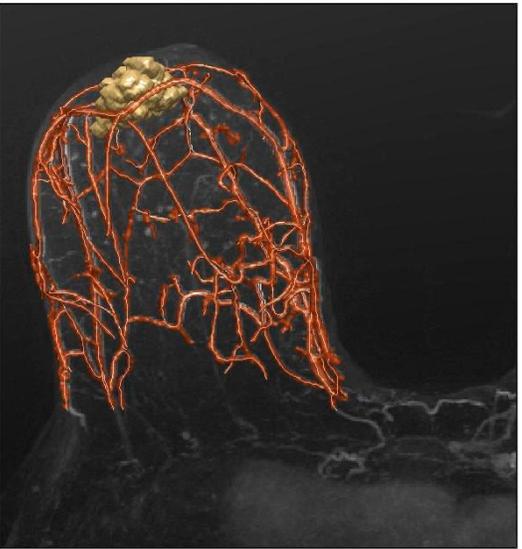
(A) A nomogram that shows the probability of 3-year surviving in breast cancer patients treated with CDK4/6i. (B) Calibration curve for survival. (C) Decision curve analysis (DCA) for three models (clinical, radiomic, and integrated radiomic+clinical).

Chaotic vessel architecture and reduced vascular function associated with poor therapeutic response

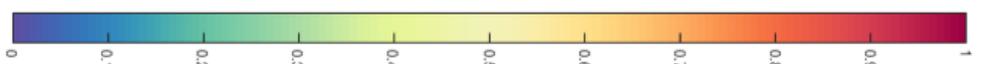
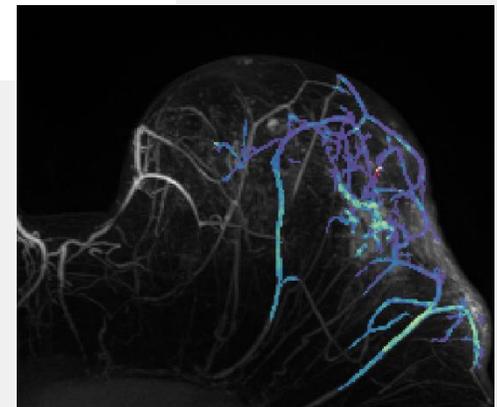
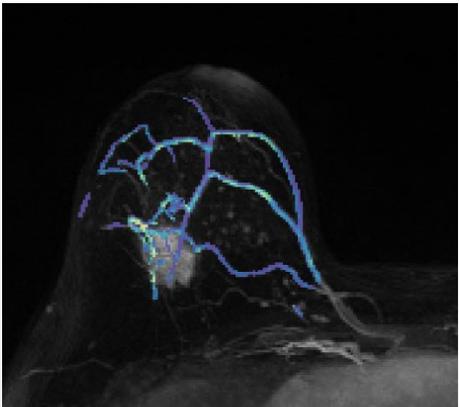
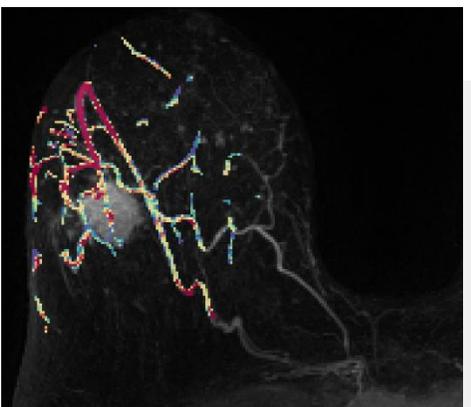
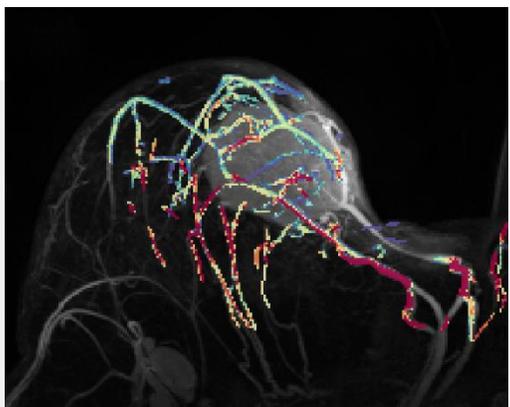
Pathological Complete Response (pCR)



Non-pCR



- Breast cancer patients who do not respond to chemotherapy are distinguished by
 - Twisted vessels, reduced structural organization
 - Reduced measures of vessel function, such as slow uptake in the vessels near the tumor
- AUC = 0.70, accuracy = 67% on 121 patient multi-institutional validation dataset



Uptake Rate

Emory researchers awarded up to \$17.6M from ARPA-H to innovate cancer surgery, improve outcomes

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Take Away

- **Computational Analytics with routine imaging** could help address questions in precision medicine, specifically prognosis and predicting response to therapy
- AI is not magic. Need to be intentional and focused on interpretable computational based biomarkers.
- Retrospective and Prospective Clinical Trial Validation Critical to Ensure Reproducibility

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