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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*

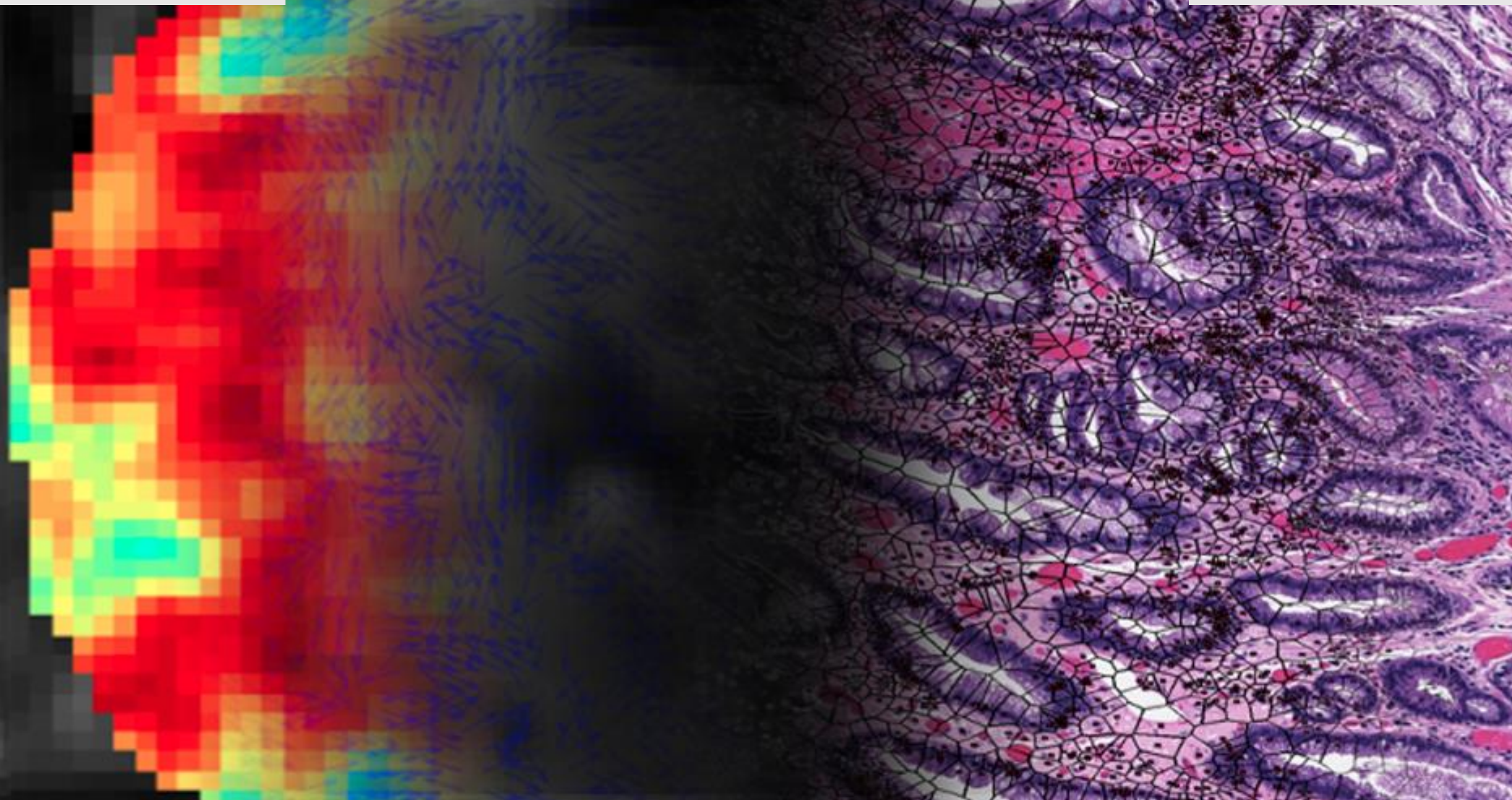
Prognostic: *Predicting Disease Outcome, progression*

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

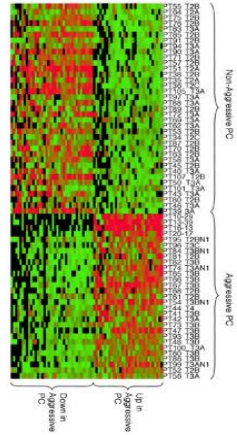
PATHOMICS



Which cancer patients will receive added benefit from chemotherapy?

Oncotype DX molecular assay (Genomic Health, Inc.)

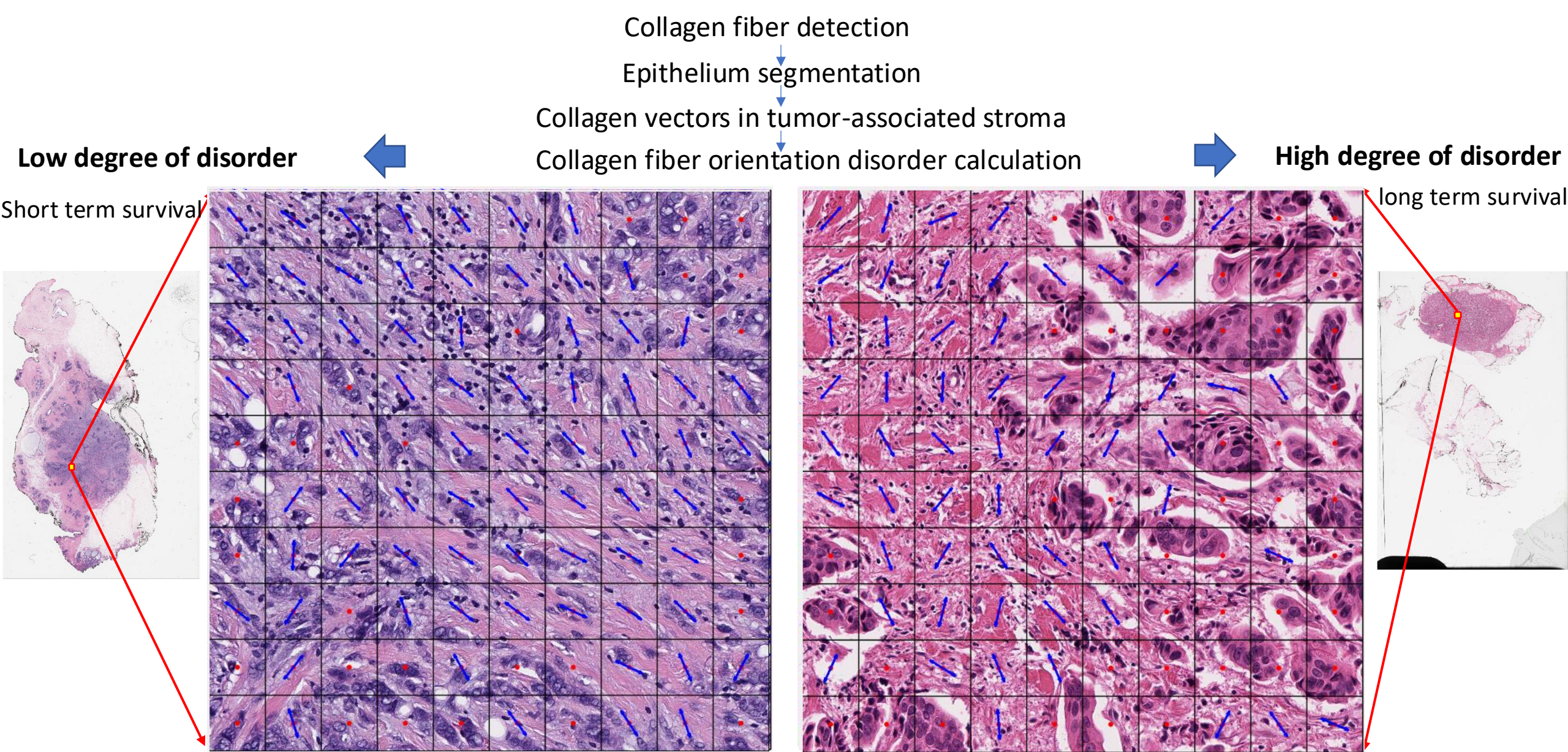
- For early stage (LN-), ER+ patients
- Recurrence Score (RS) between 0-100
- Predicts:
 - Likelihood for 10-year distant recurrence
 - Expected benefit from adjuvant chemotherapy



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

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

Paik et al., N Engl J Med 2004 351: 2817-2826



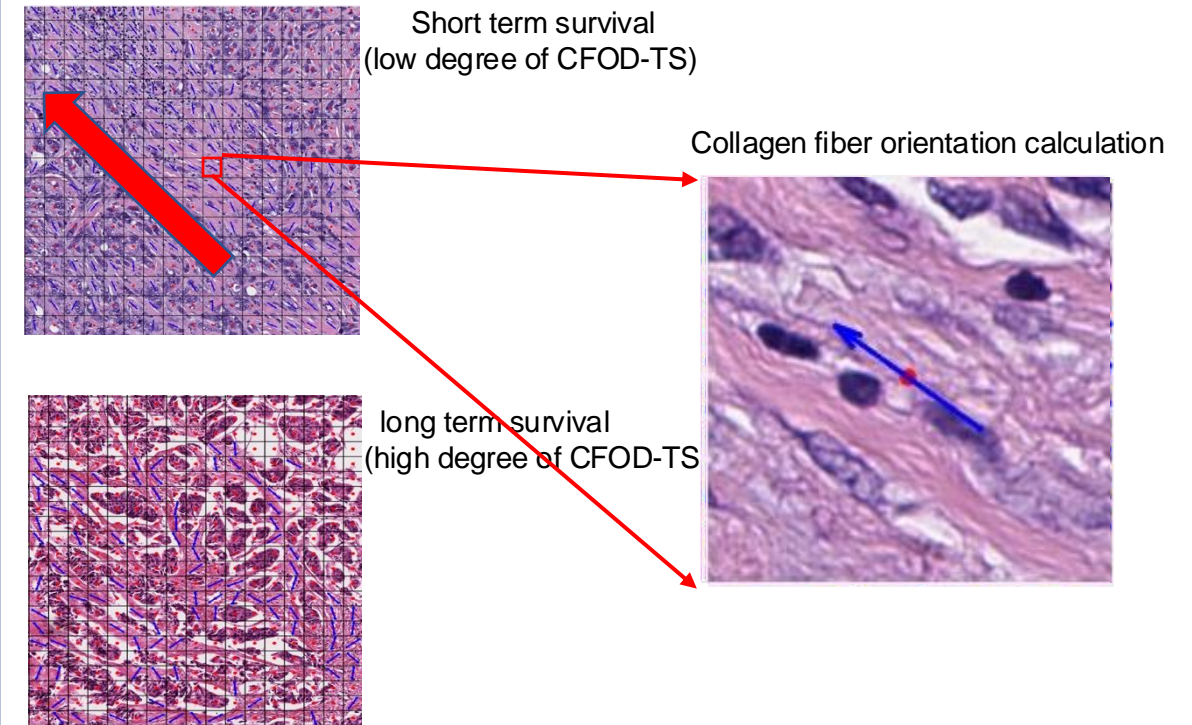
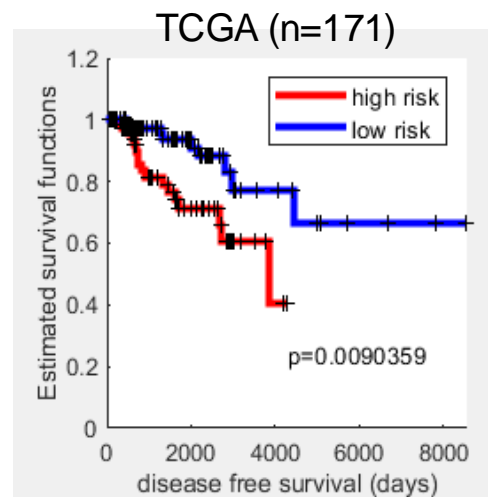
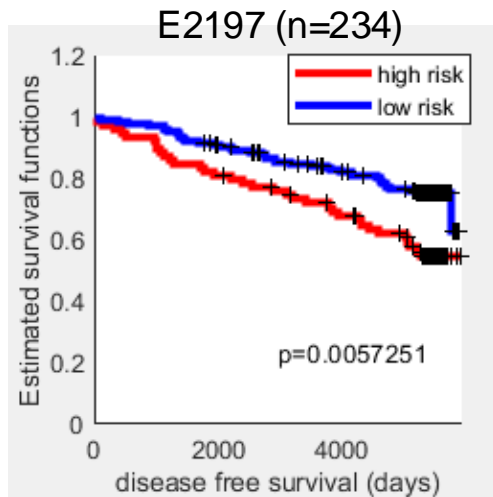
Disorder of collagen fiber orientation associated with risk of recurrence in ER+ breast cancers in ECOG-ACRIN E2197 & TCGA

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.

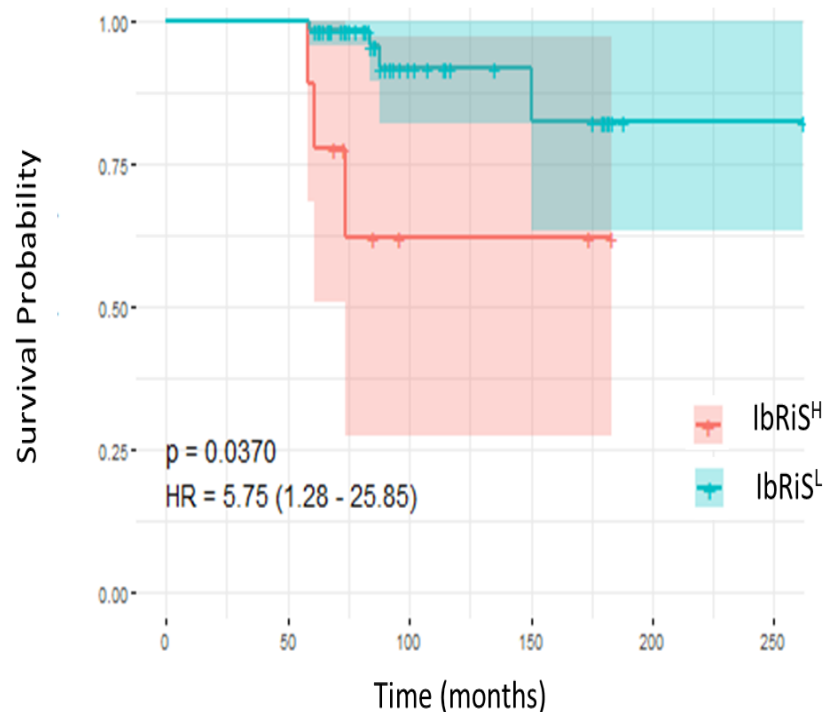


Take away:

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)

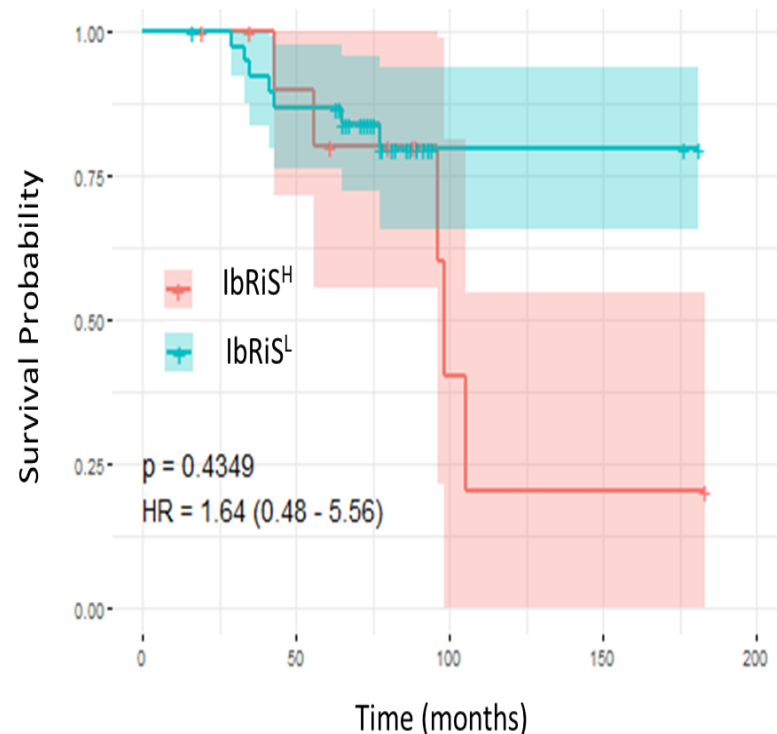


Number at risk

	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)

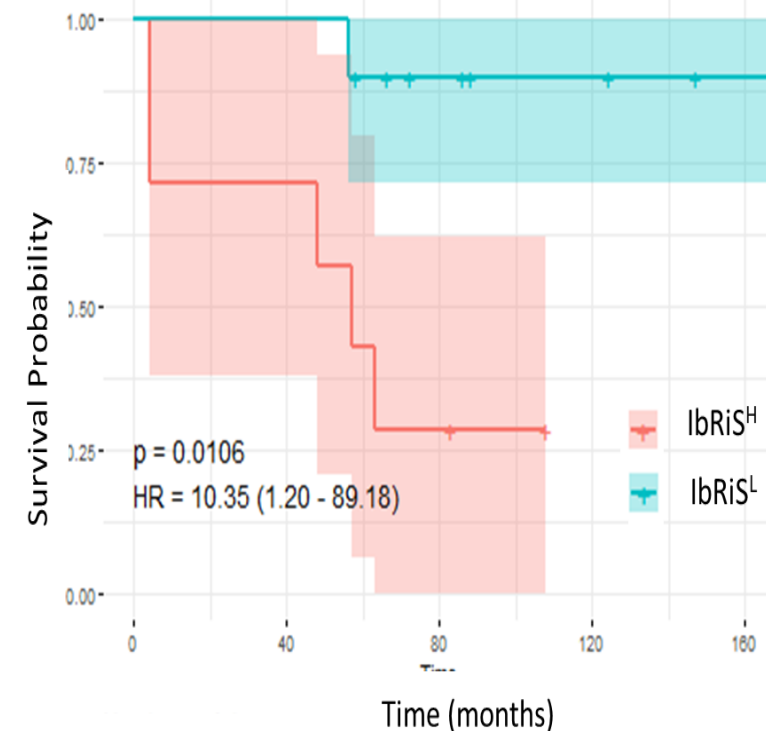


Number at risk

	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)



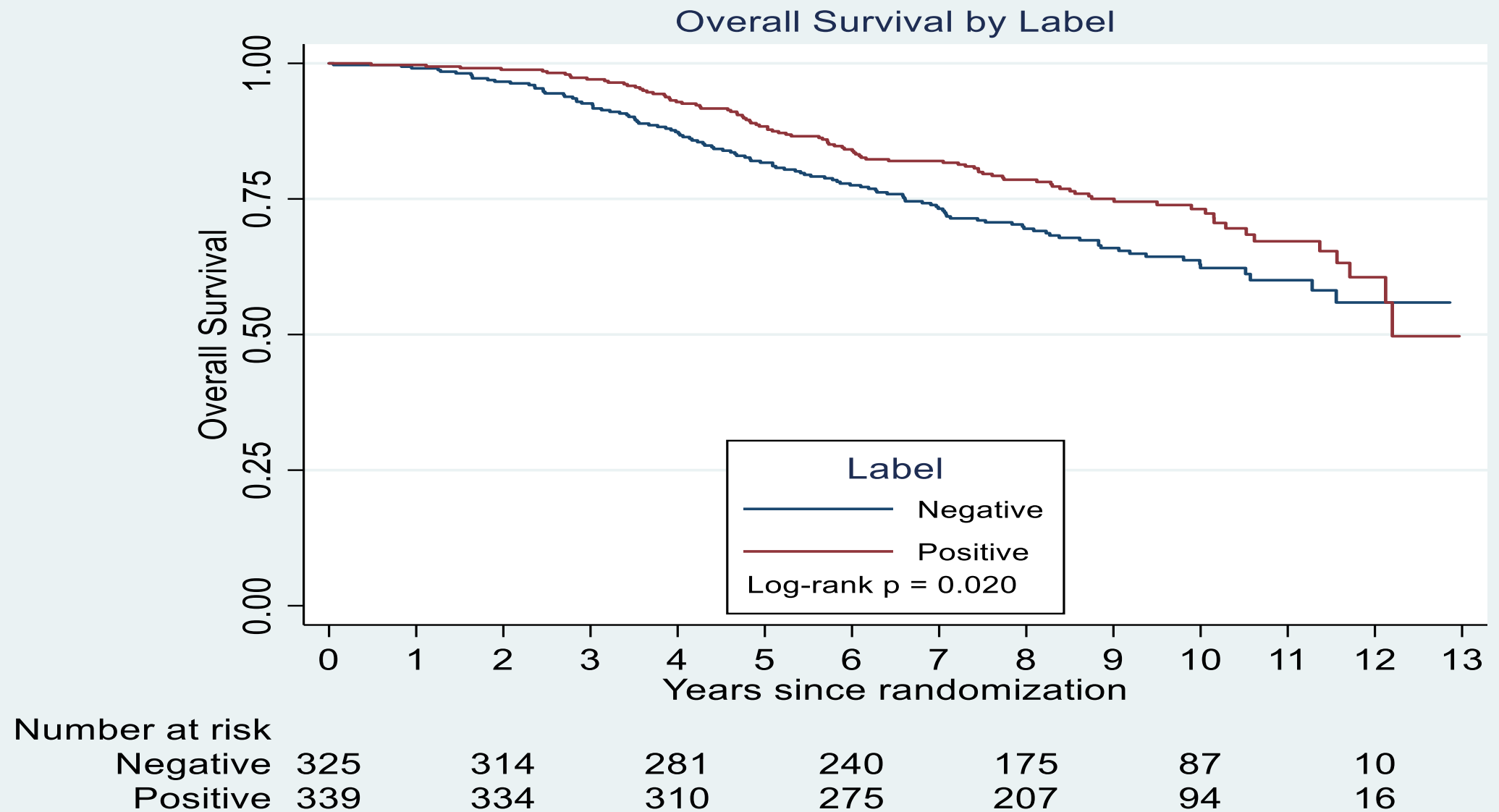
Number at risk

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

Time (months)

Chen et al, npj Breast Cancer 2023.

Independent Validation on SWOG S8814



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.

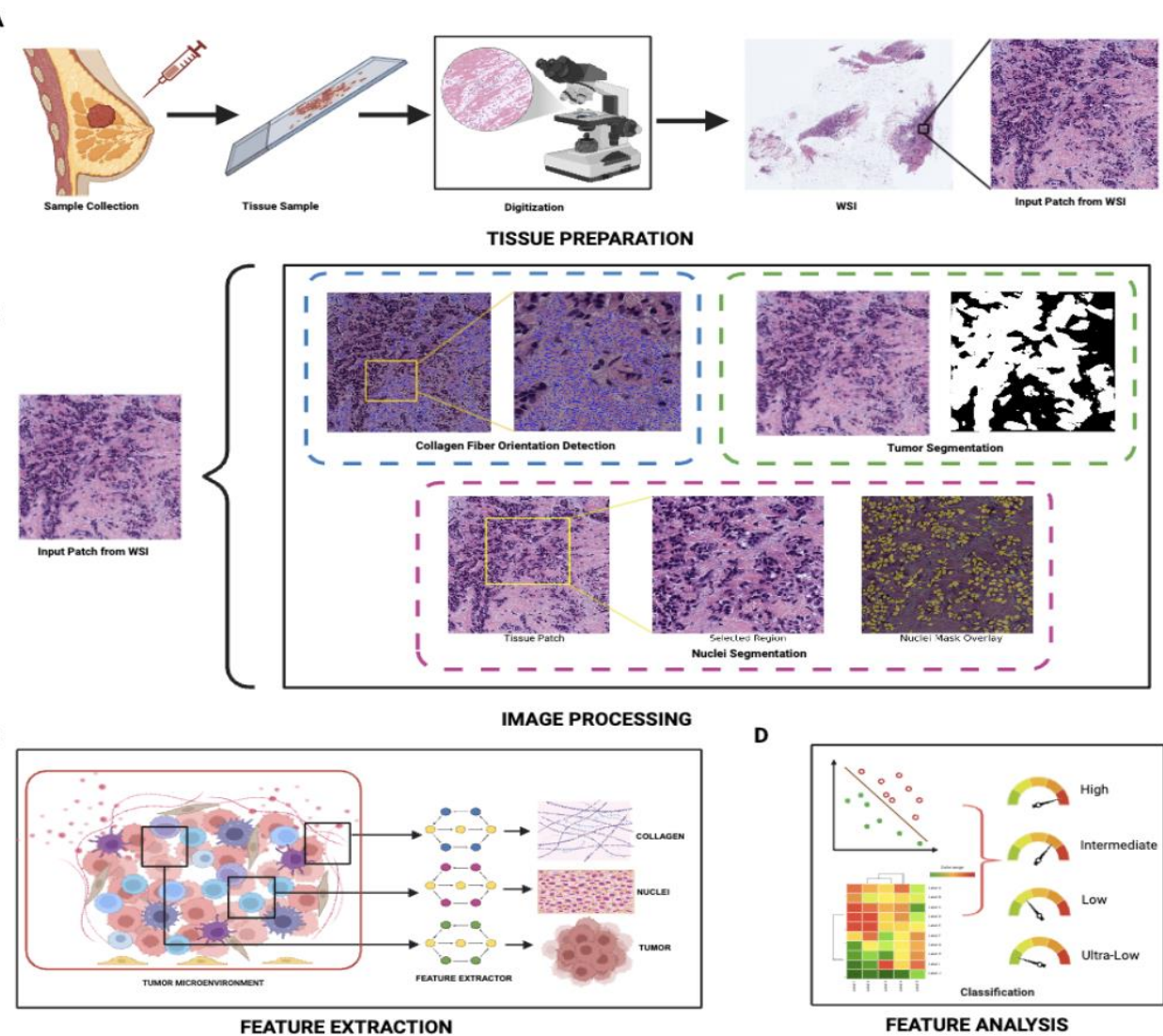
Experiment

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).

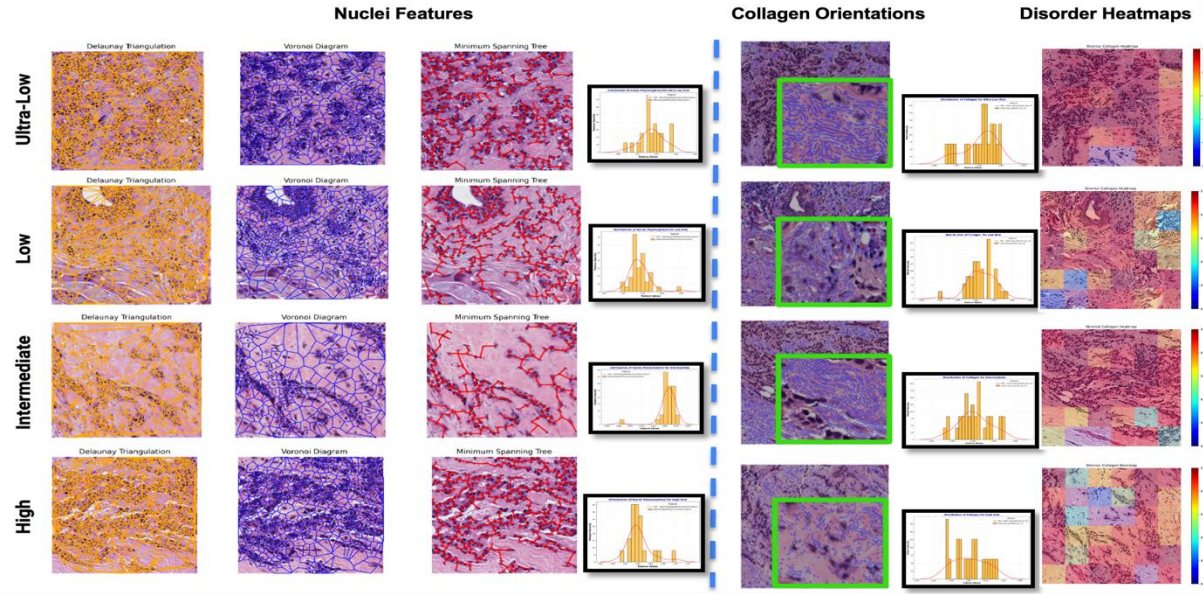
Results

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

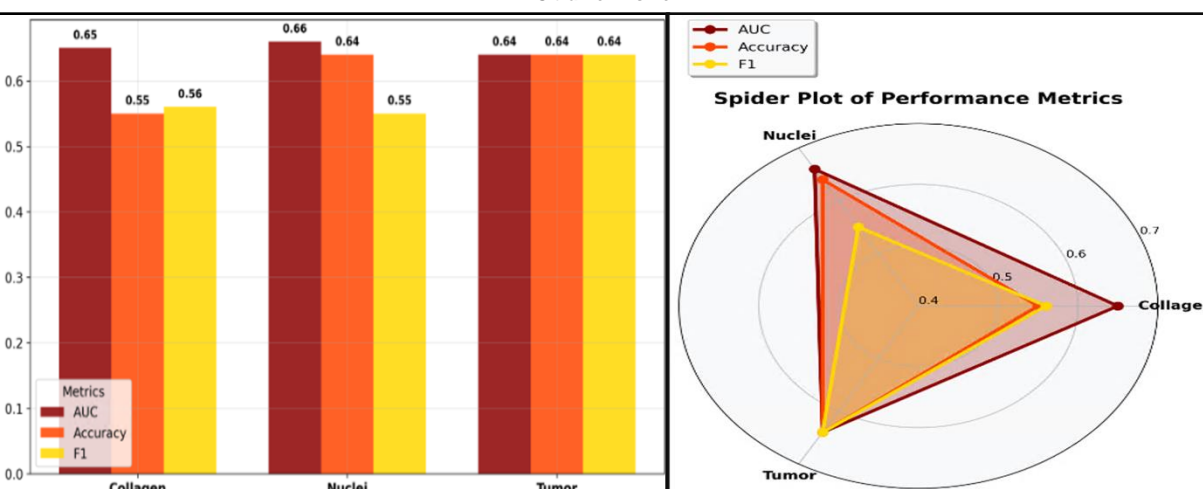
WORKFLOW



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)

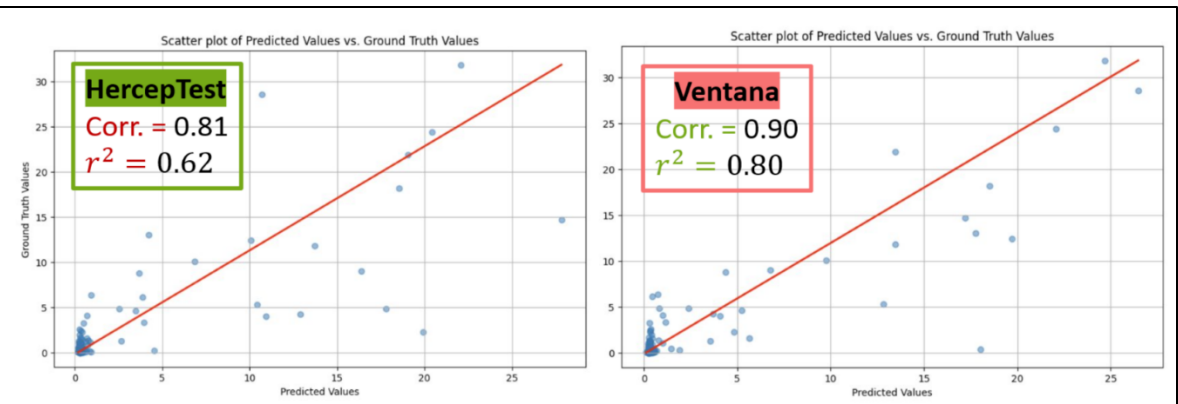


Fig 2. HAI-Score correlation with RNA values on the test dataset for HercepTest and Ventana assays

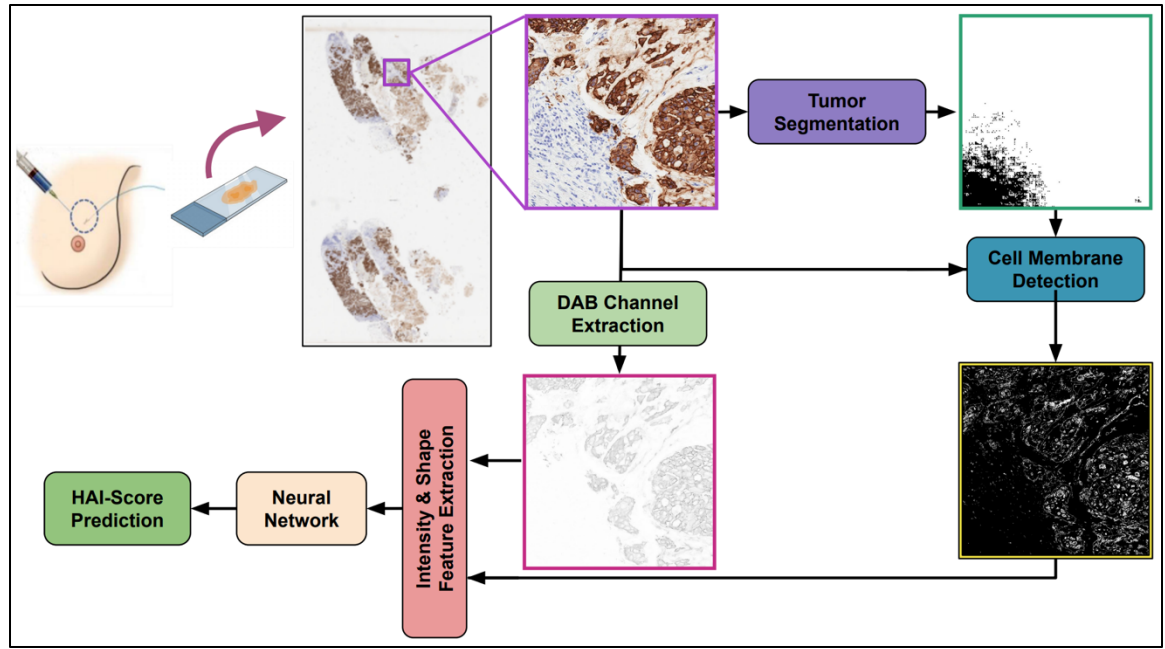
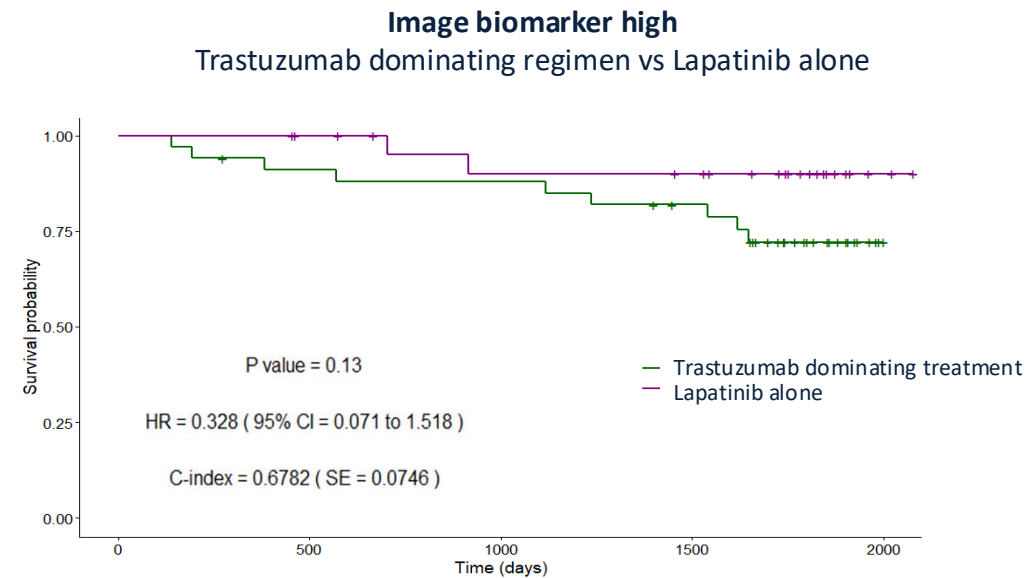
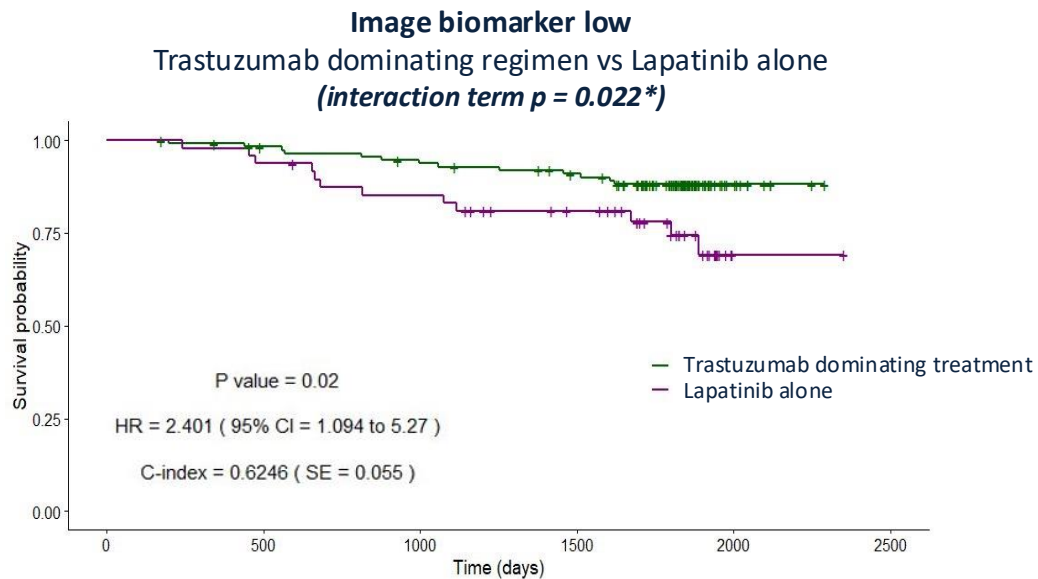


Fig 1. Workflow of HAI-Score development: tumor detection, cell membrane Detection, feature extraction, and neural network training

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.

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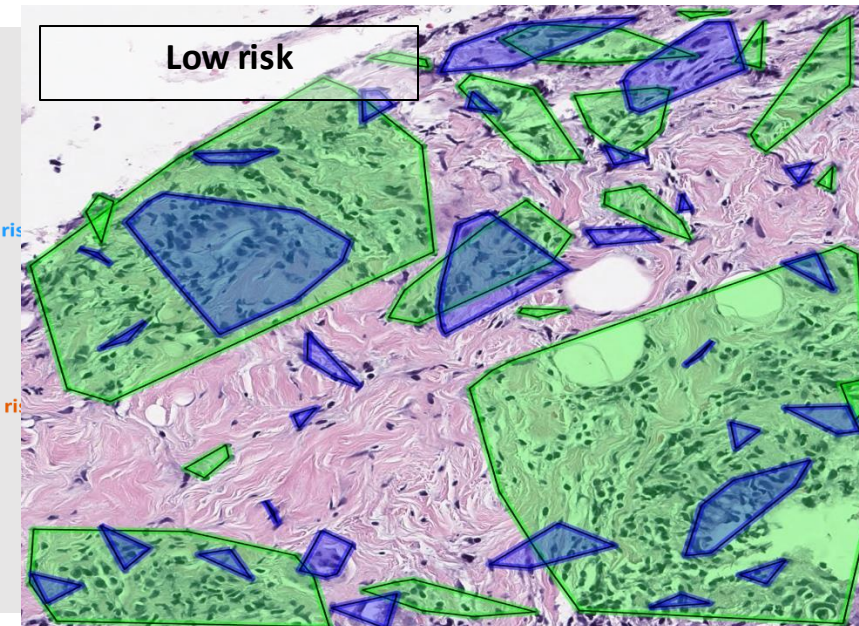
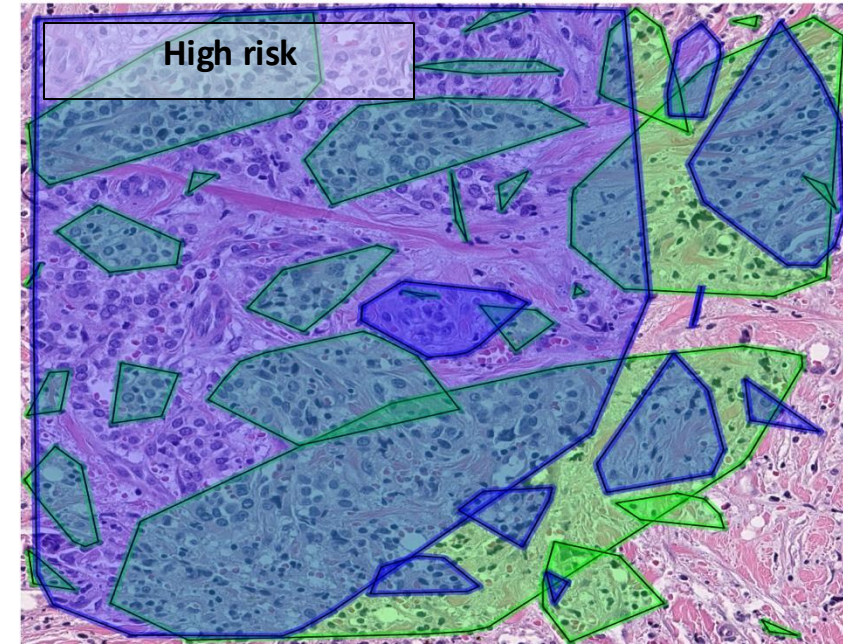
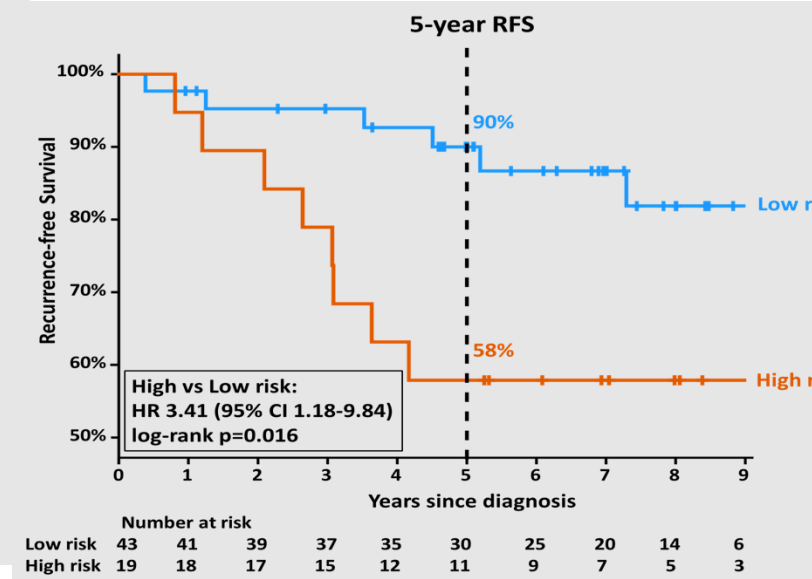
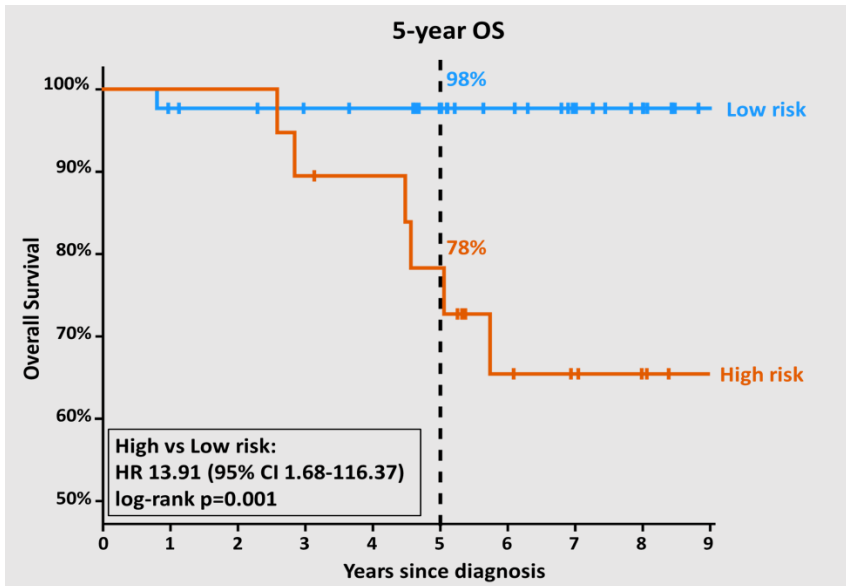
Spatial TIL architecture associated with outcome in Early-Stage TNBC

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

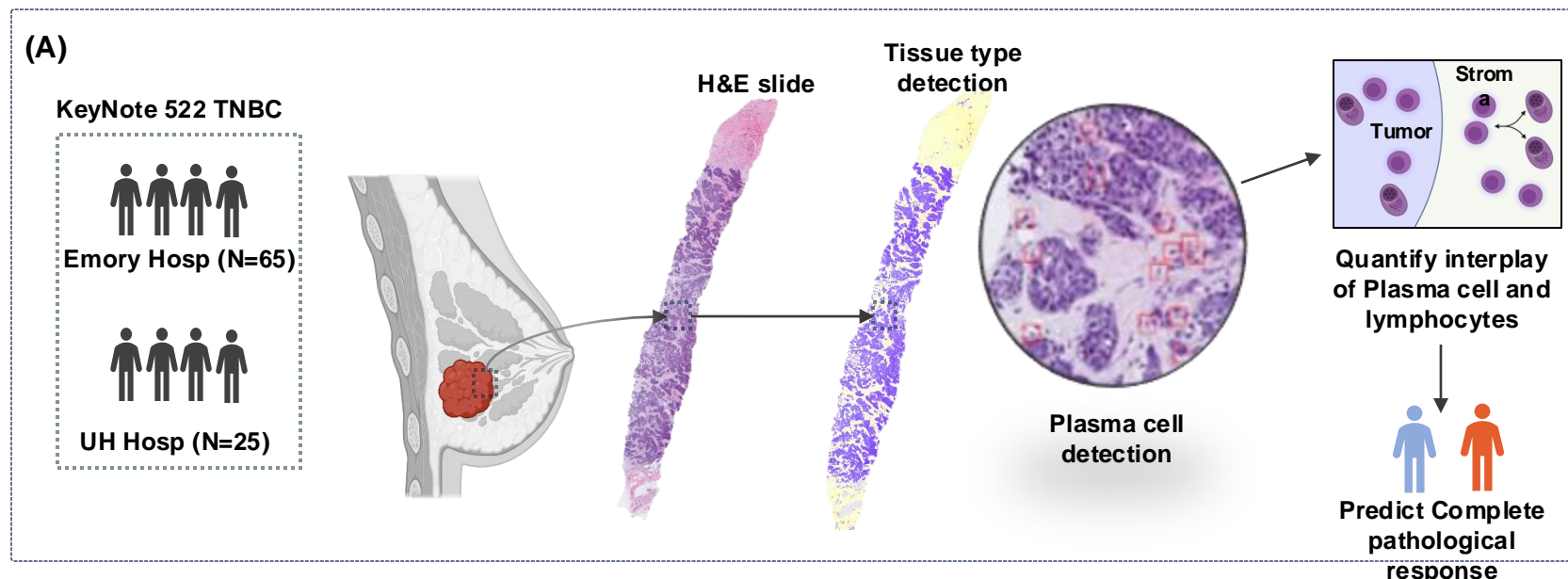
Datasets	# Cases
Instituto Nacional de Enfermedades Neoplásicas, Peru	26
University of Kansas	62
Total	88

Feature discovery and model training

Independent validation



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

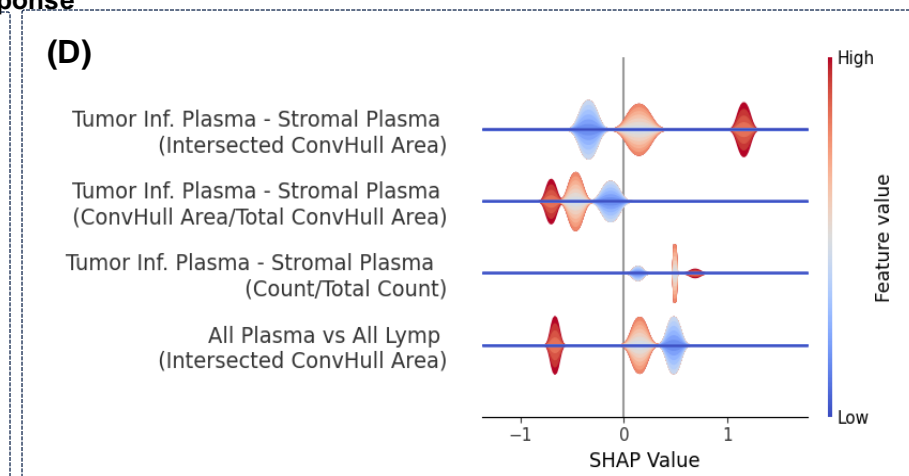
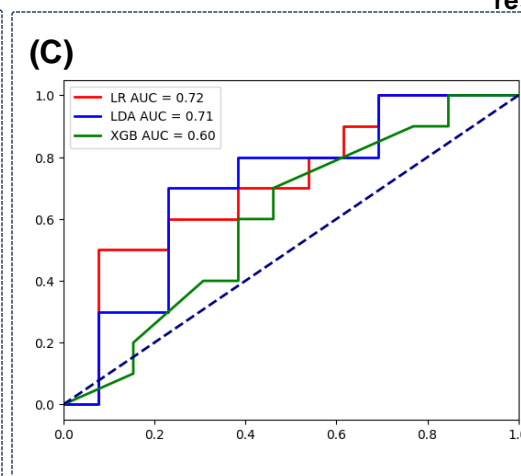
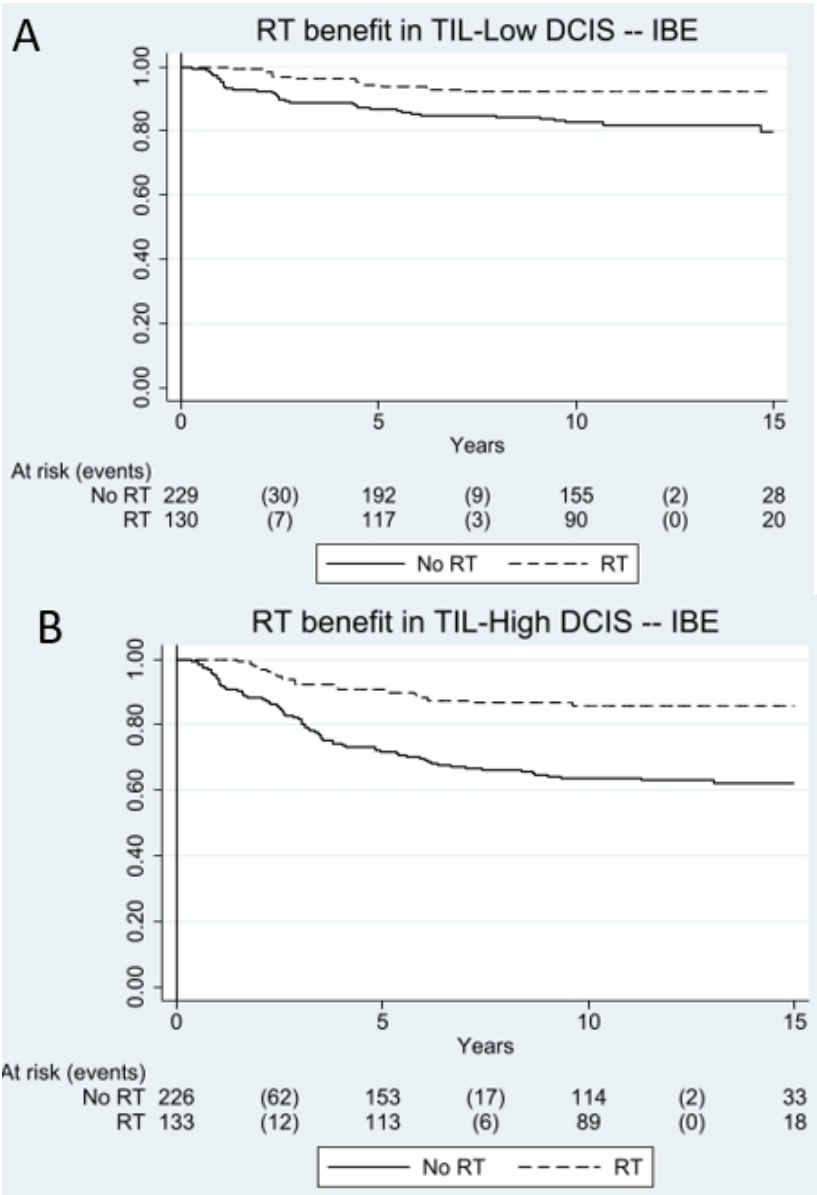
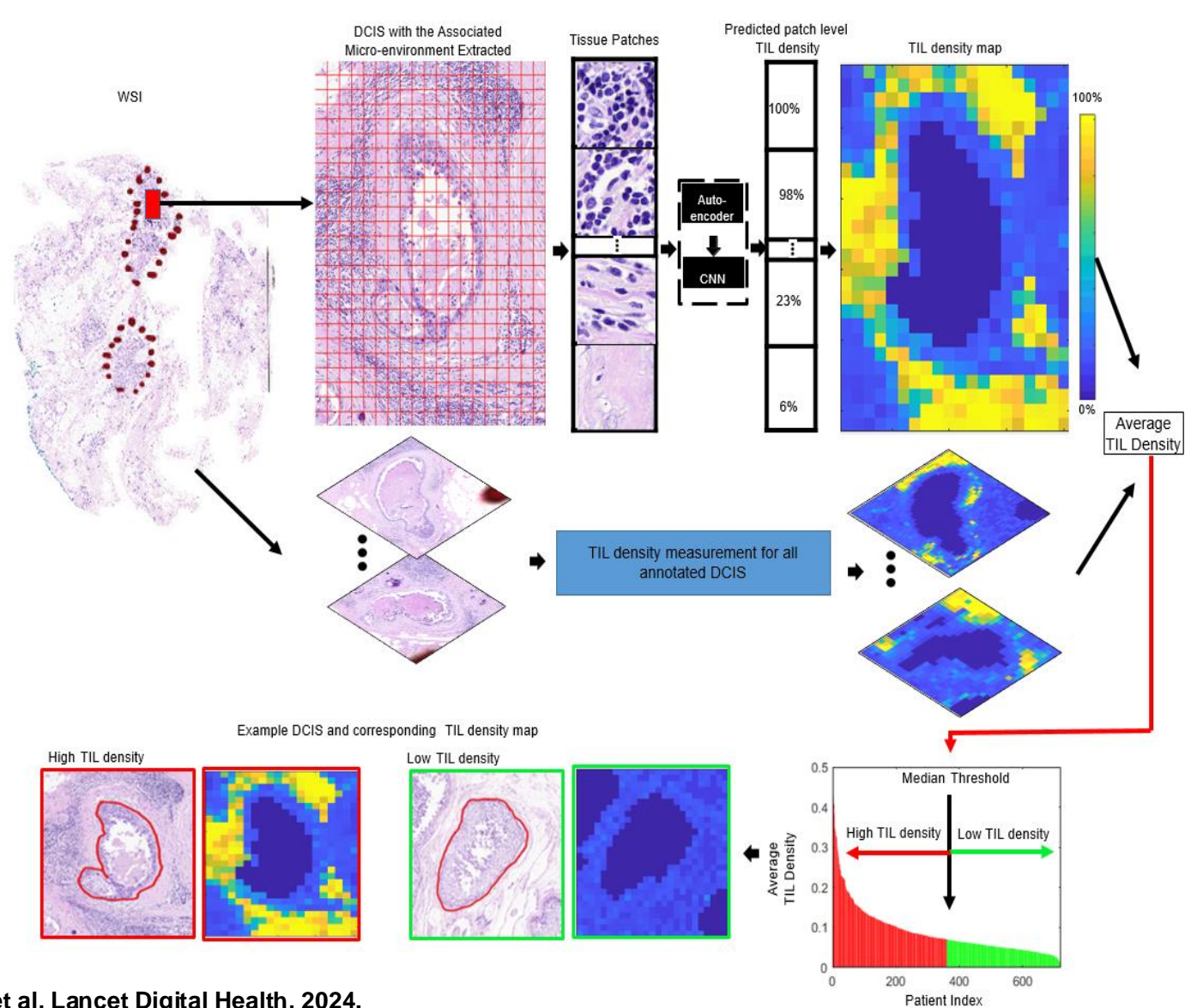


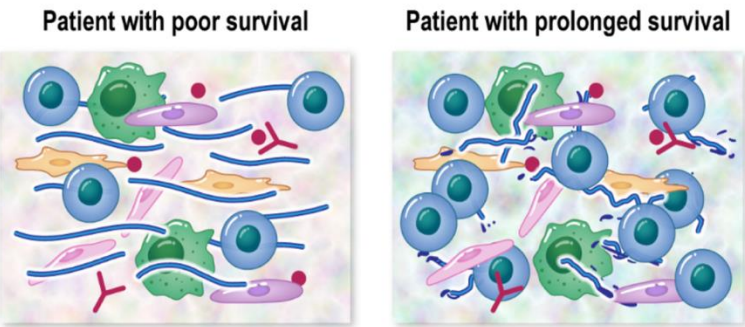
Fig 2: (A) Workflow figure for extraction of tumor-infiltrating plasma cells (TIPs) **(B)** Holdout set performance: Tumor-infiltrating plasma cell (TIPs), **(C)** AUC-ROC plot and **(D)** SHAP values

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

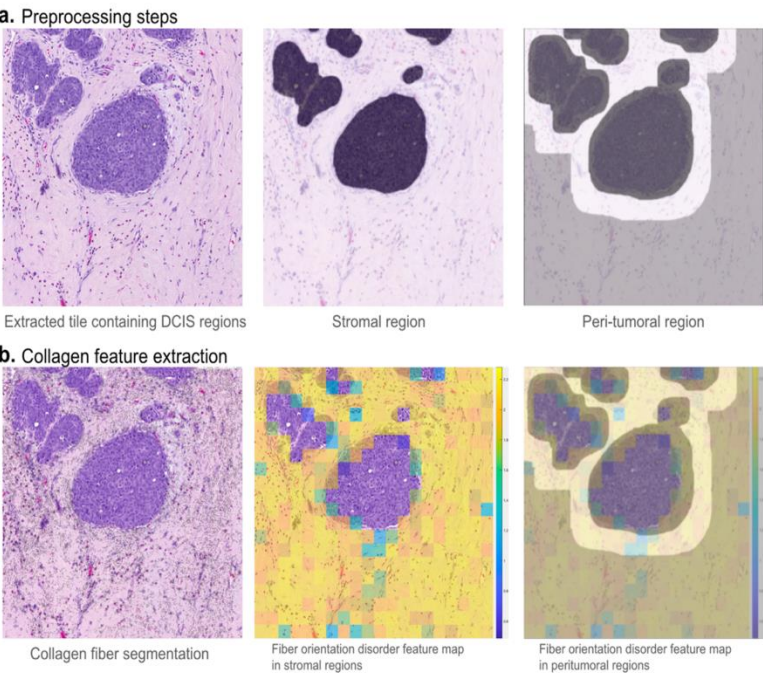


A Computational Pathology Collagen Signature Predictive of Tamoxifen Benefit in Ductal Carcinoma in Situ: Results from a Cohort within the UK/ANZ DCIS Randomized Trial

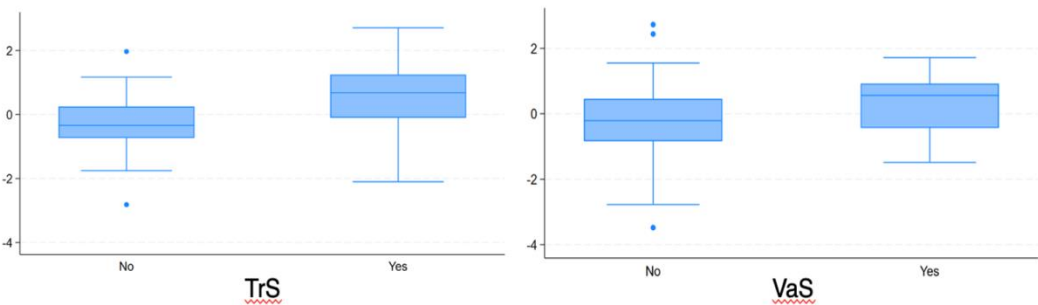
Hypothesis



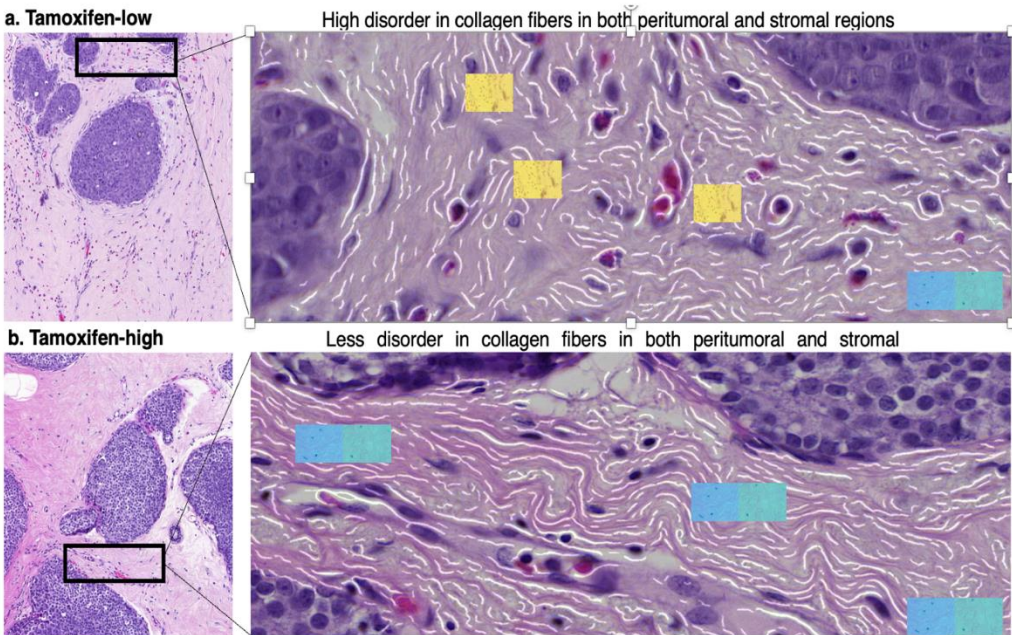
Workflow



Results (Quantitative)



Results (Qualitative)



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)

Results

- Our analysis on patient-level basis revealed disorder in 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

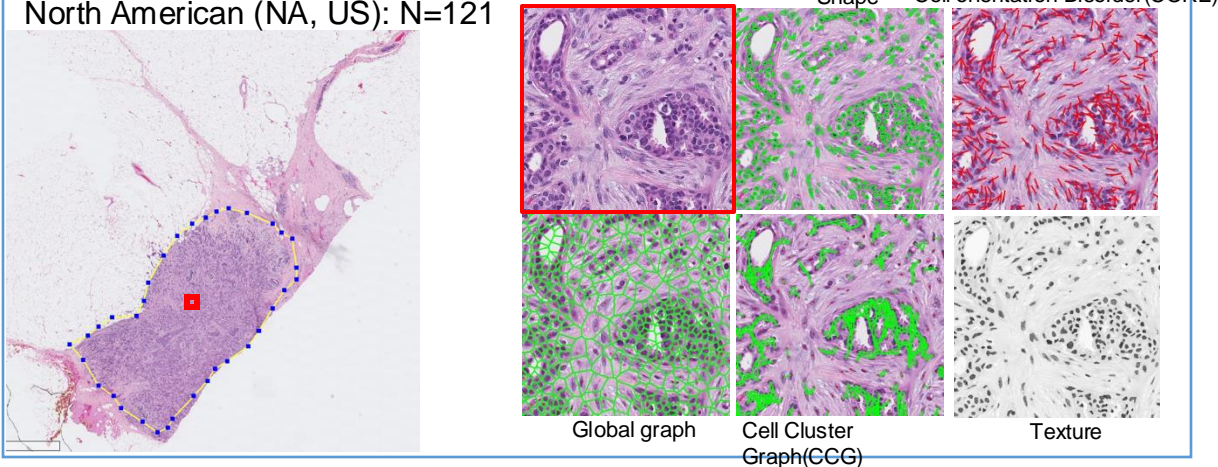
- Racial/ethnic disparity in incidence and mortality in breast cancers.
- Indian women more likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer despite lower incidence than American women.
- The studies of digital pathology in breast cancer prognosis were mostly focused on American women.

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

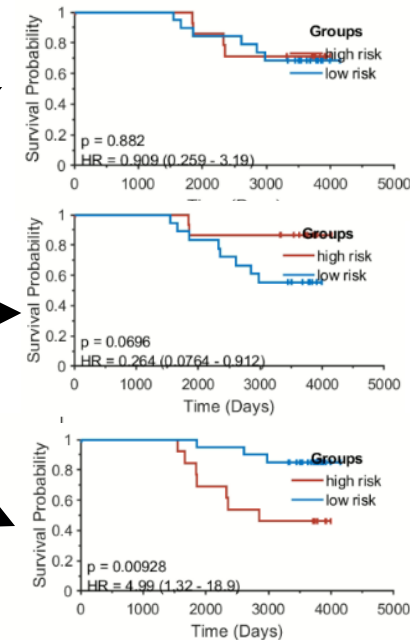
Validation on SA in testing set

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

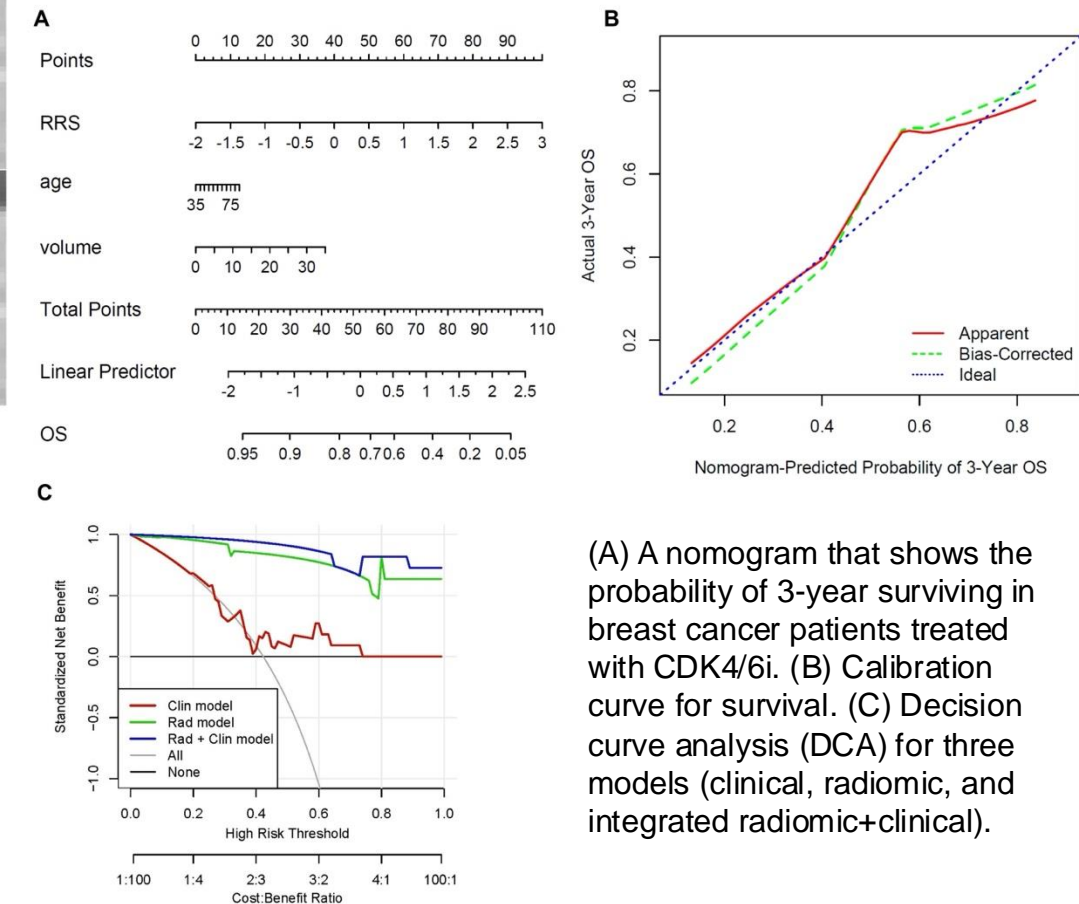
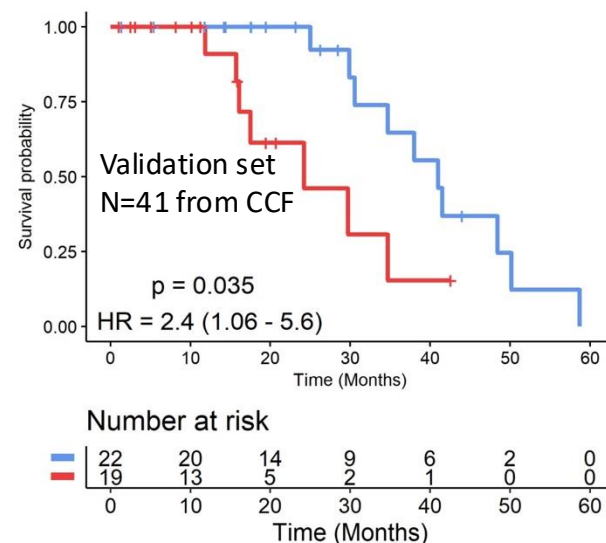
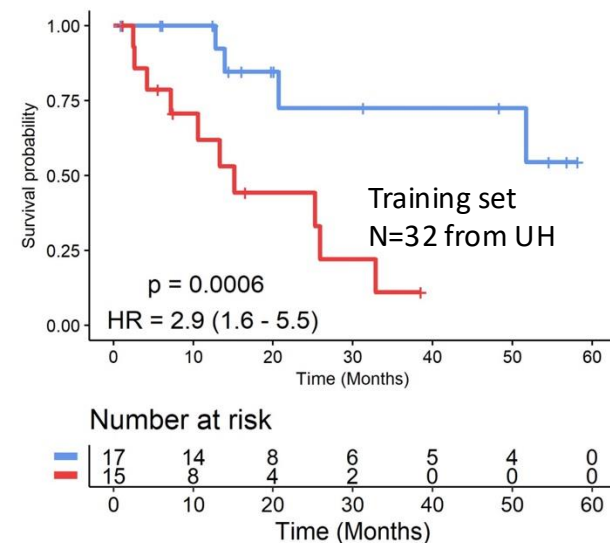
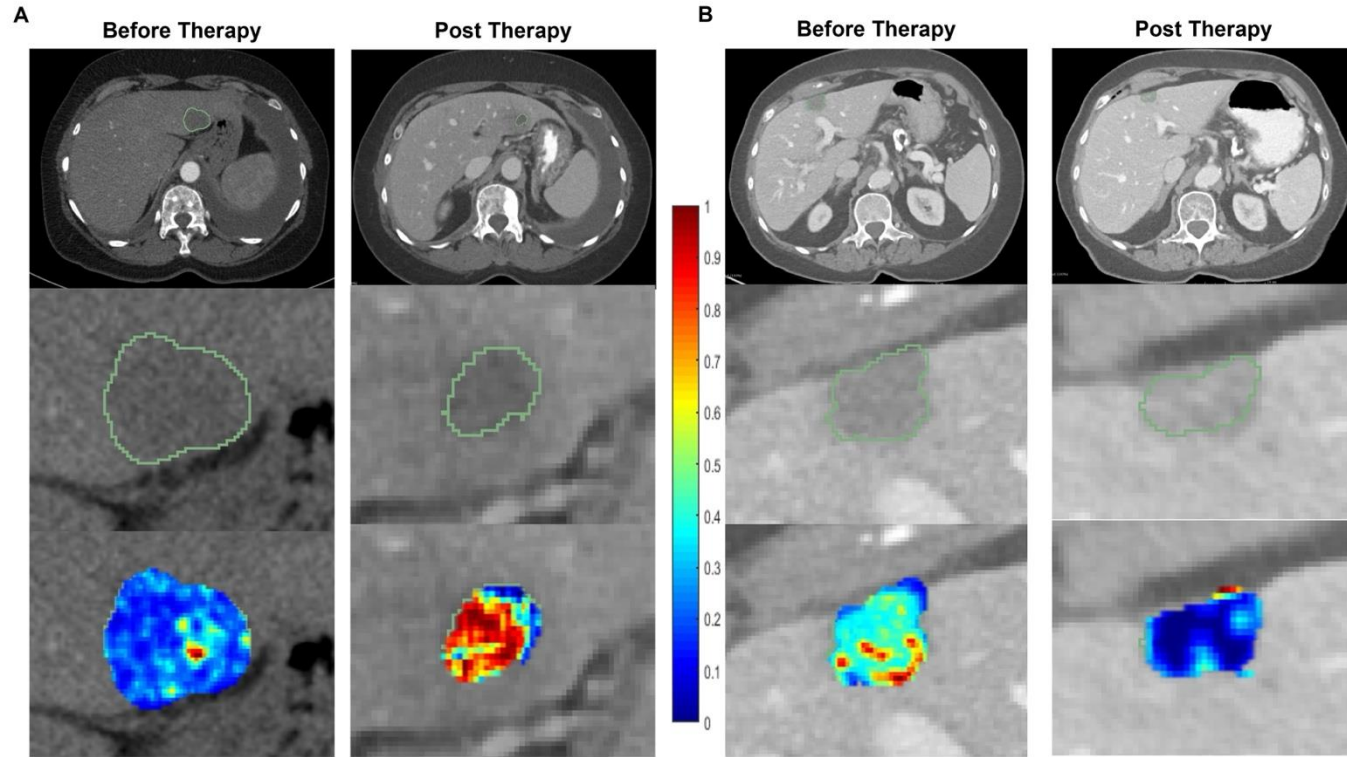


Take away:

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

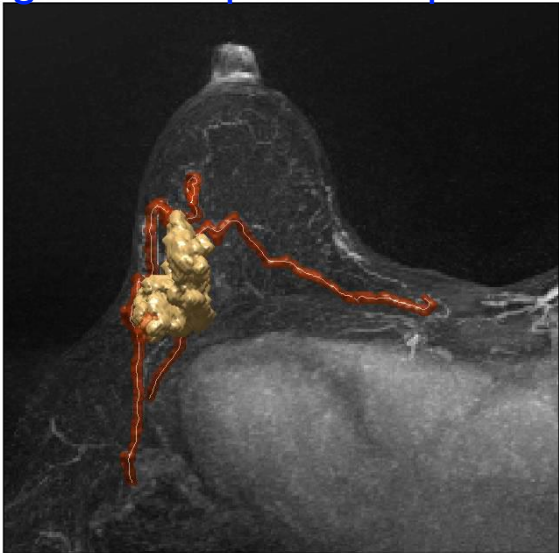
Radiomics to Predict Response to CDK 4/6 Inhibitors to Metastatic HER2+ Breast Cancer



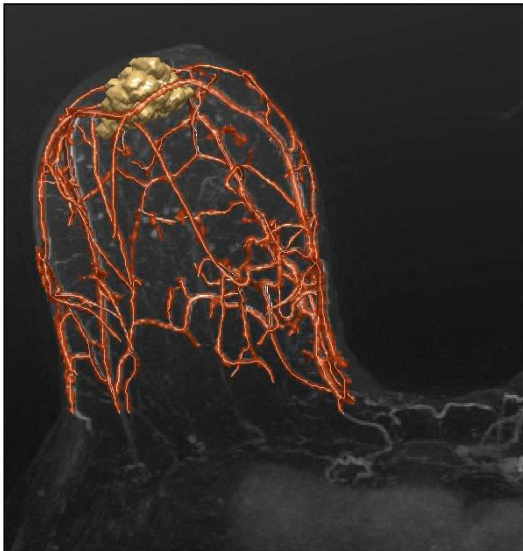
(A) A nomogram that shows the probability of 3-year surviving in breast cancer patients treated with CDK4/6i. (B) Calibration curve for survival. (C) Decision curve analysis (DCA) for three models (clinical, radiomic, and integrated radiomic+clinical).

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

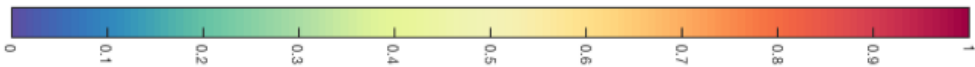
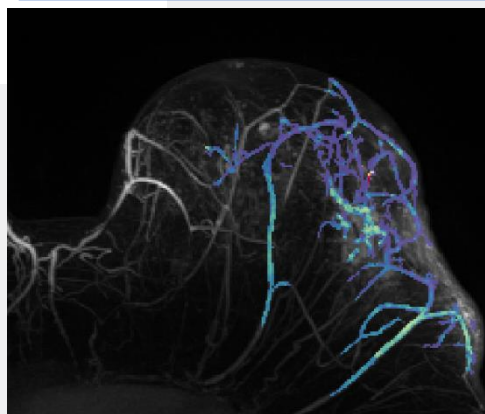
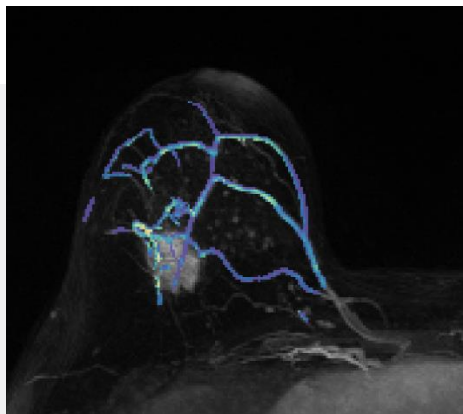
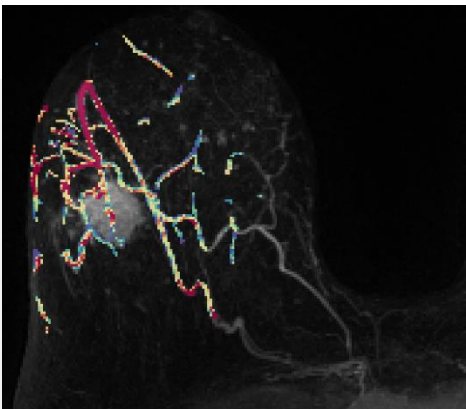
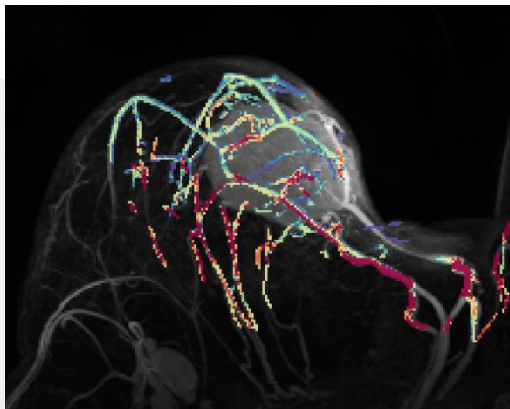
Pathological Complete Response (pCR)



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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