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## ANGIO – OCT DEL NERVO OTTICO WHERE WE ARE NOW

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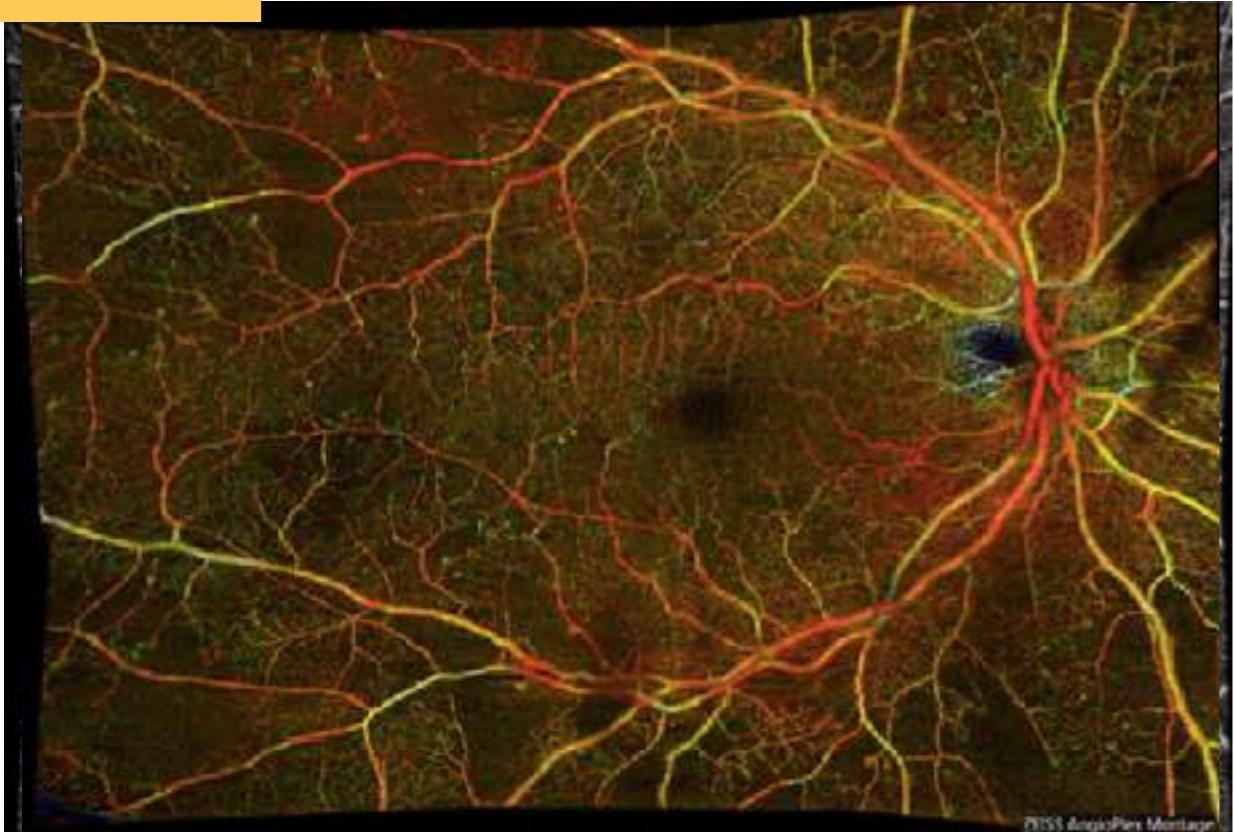
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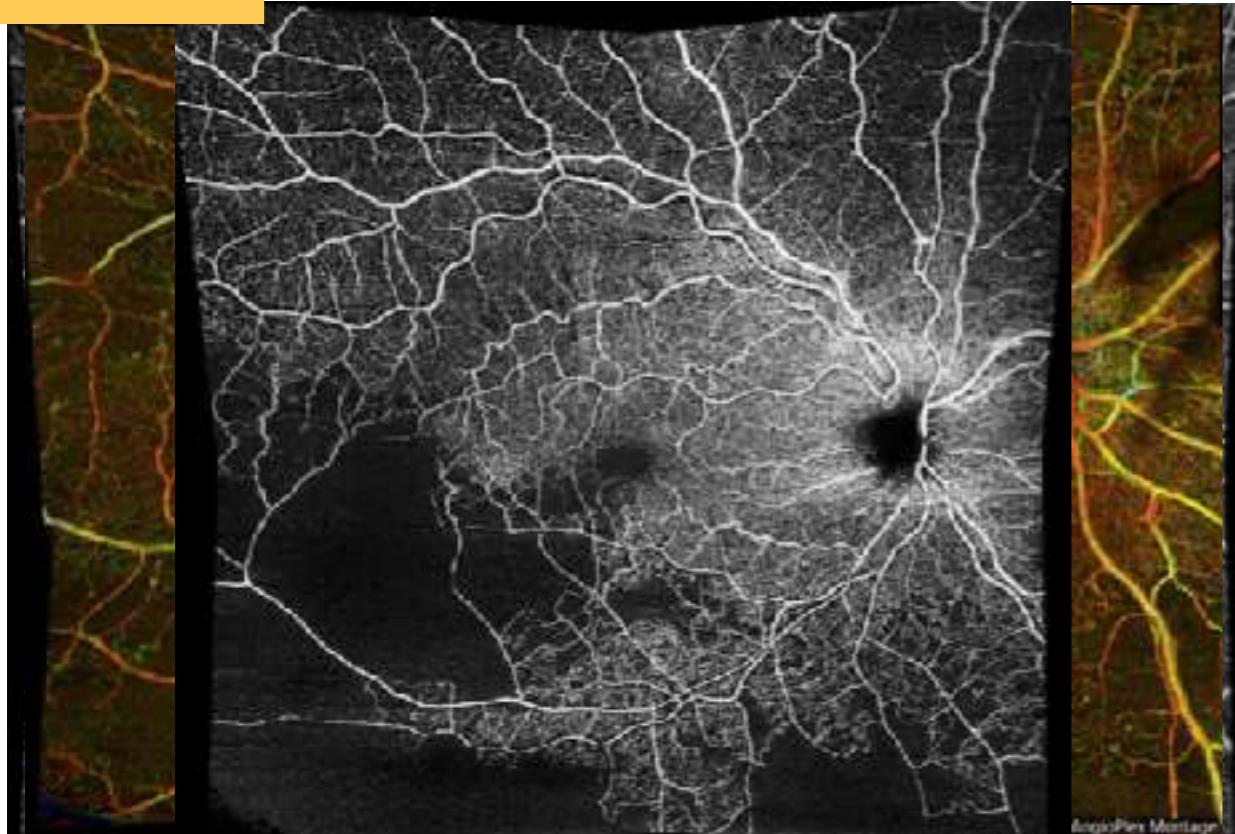
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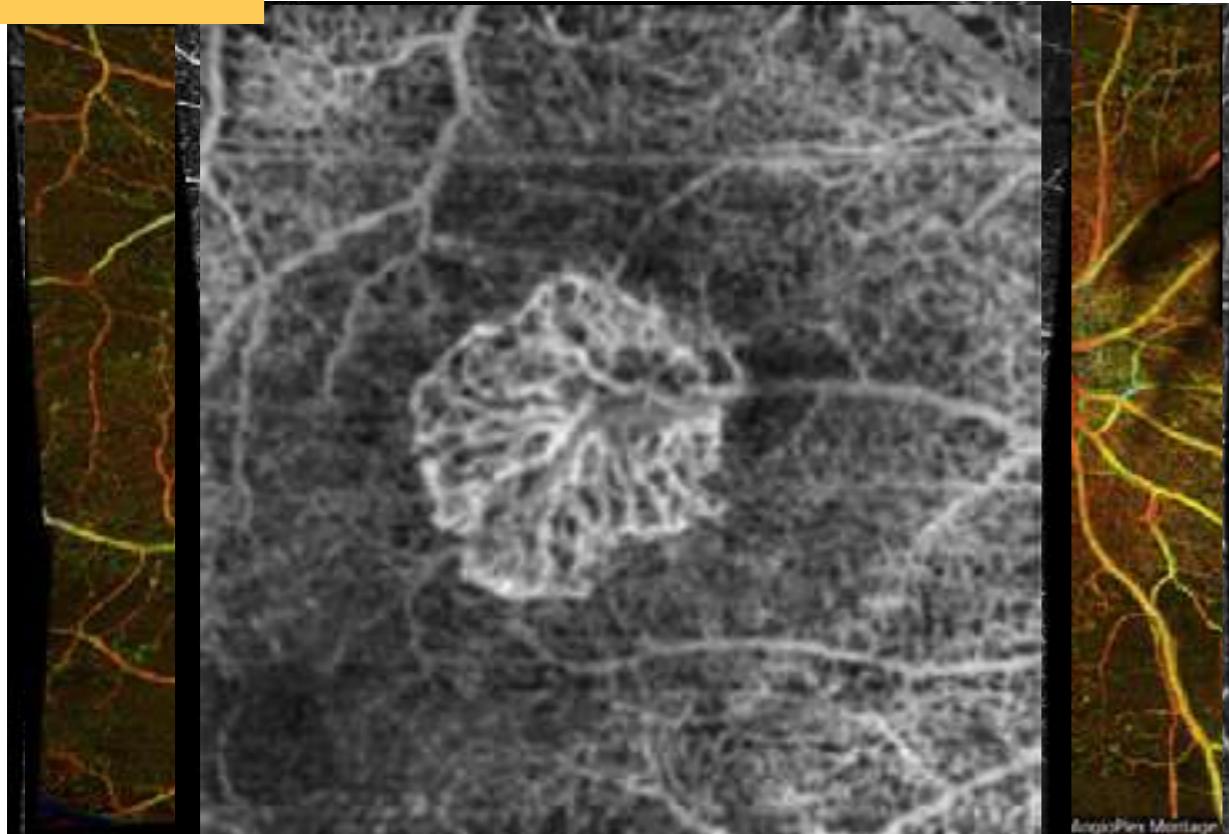
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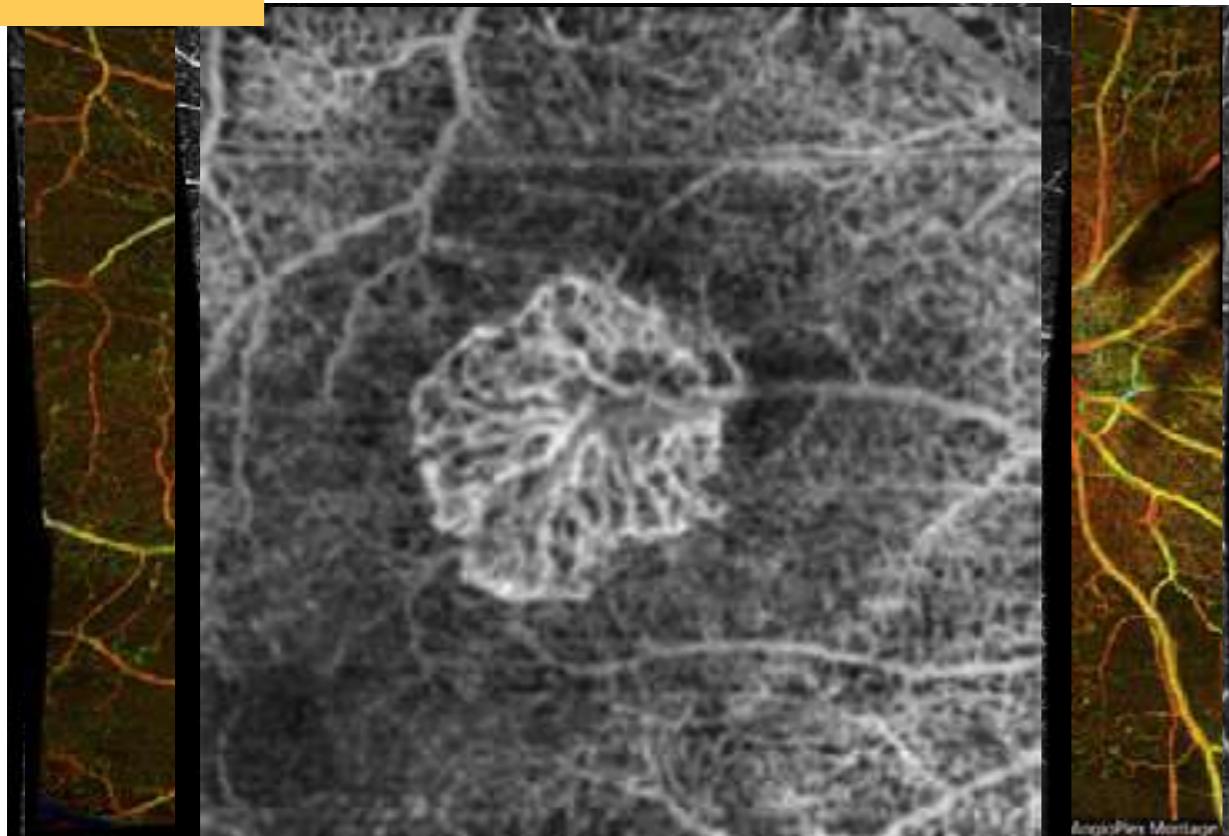
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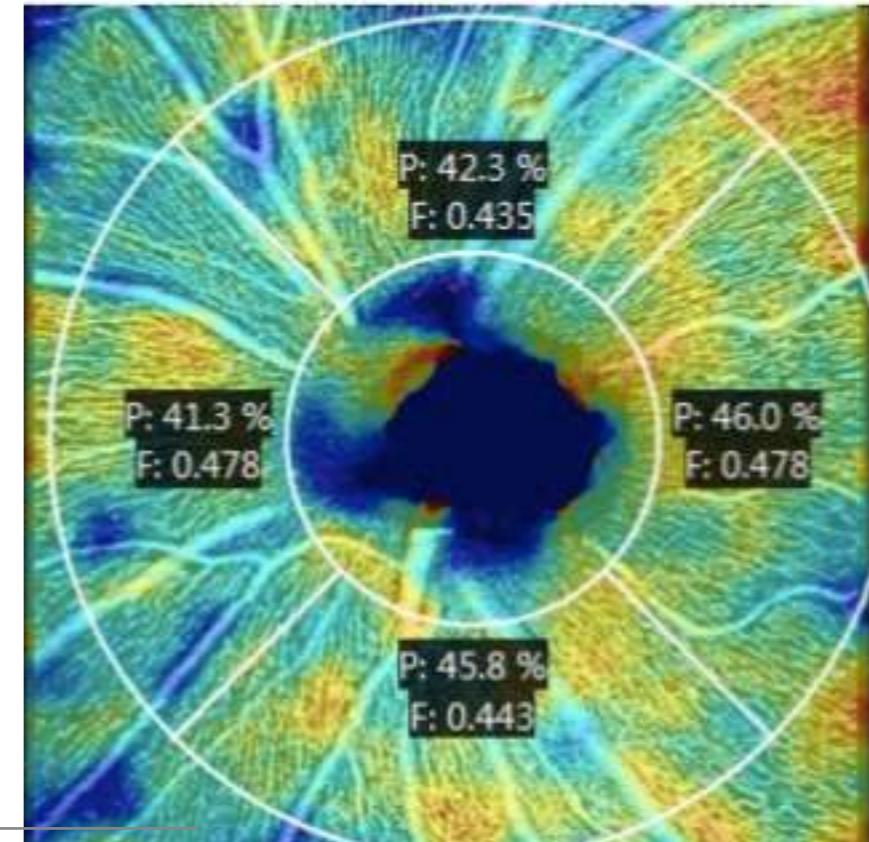
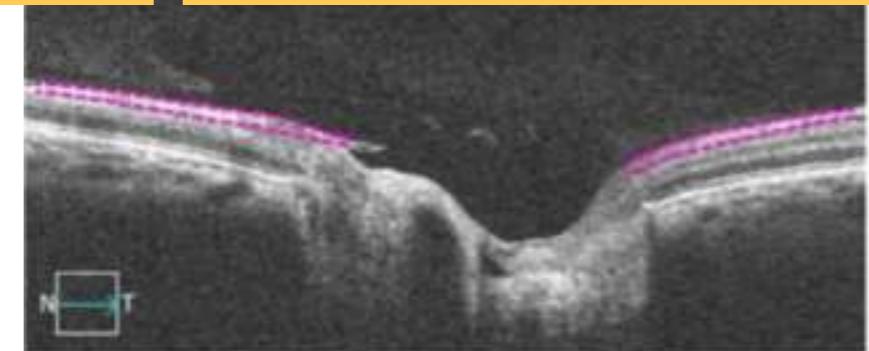


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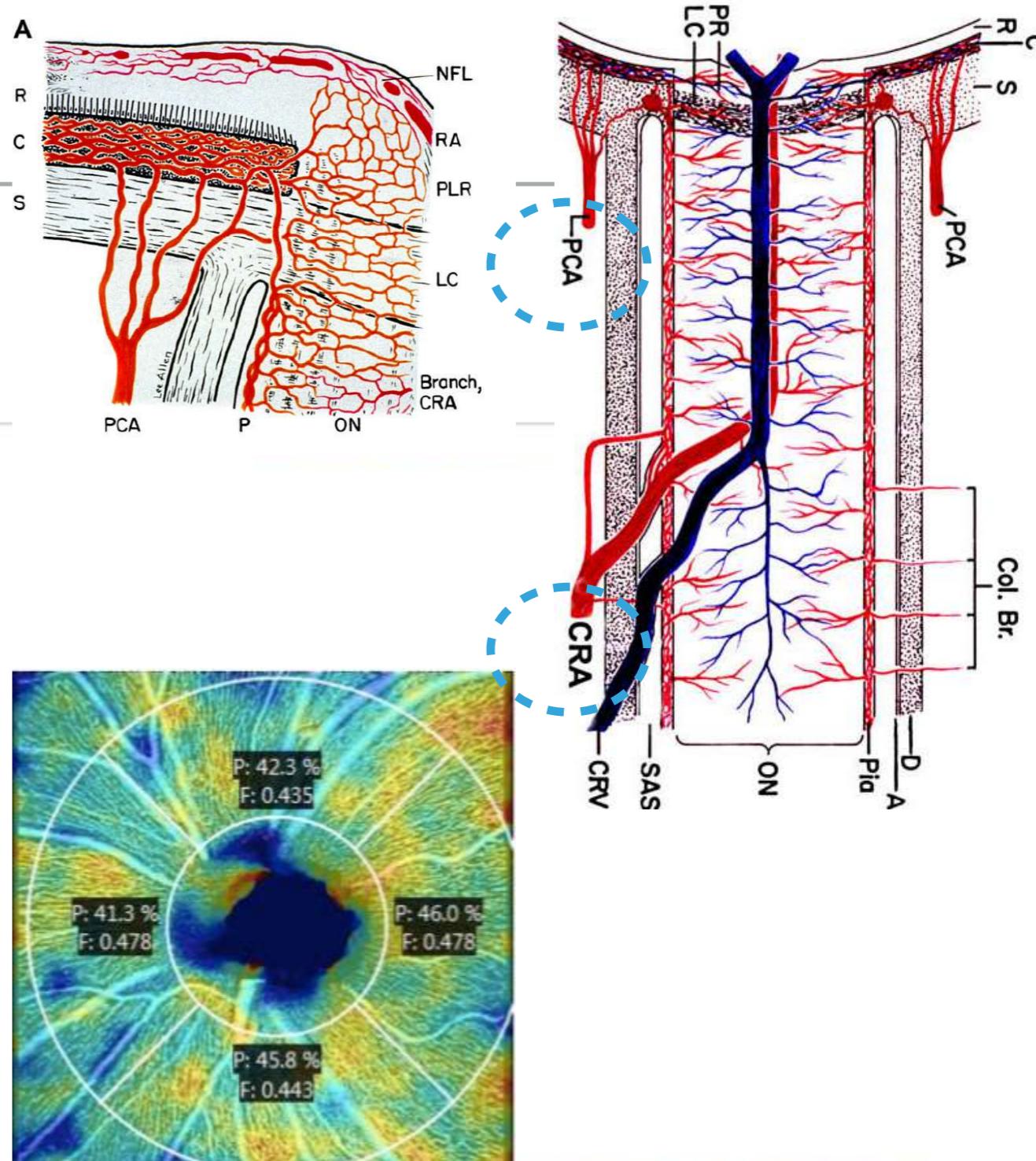
TO.. OPTIC NERVE HEAD



# CIRRUS HD OCT - ANGIOPLEX

## What do we know about OCTA and the Optic Disc?

- Blood flow of the ONH is supplied by two main sources<sup>1</sup>:
  - Central retinal artery (CRA), which supplies the superficial RNFL layer of the ONH
  - Posterior ciliary artery (PCA) circulation
- Blood flow to the RNFL is supplied by the microcirculation coming from the retinal radial peripapillary capillaries (RPC)
- OCTA can visualize the RPC network but traditional fluorescein angiography cannot<sup>2</sup>
- OCTA for GLAUCOMA: It has been reported that optic disc perfusion may be useful in the evaluation of glaucoma and glaucoma progression<sup>3,4</sup>



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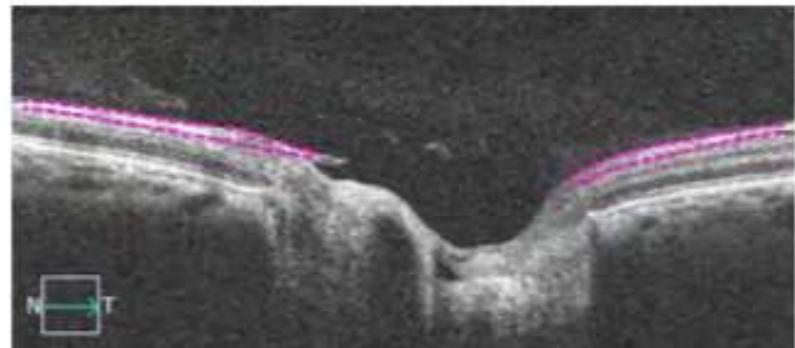
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# CIRRUS HD OCT - ANGIOPLEX FOR ONH

## NEW: AngioPlex ONH scans

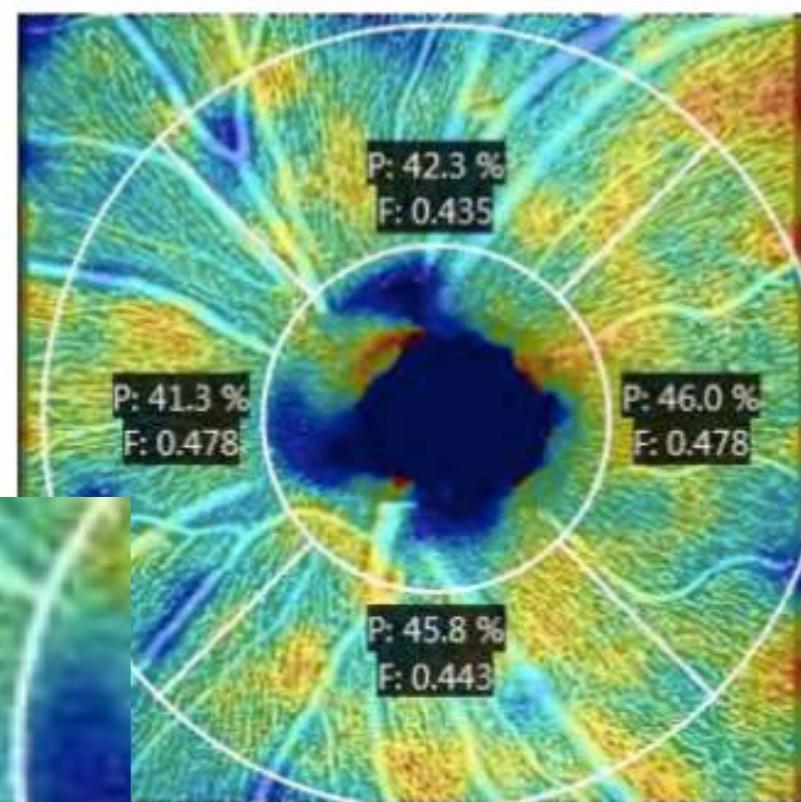
- 4.5x4.5 mm scan
- 350x350 pixels (2x averaged)



## Quantification of the Radial Peripapillary Capillaries (RPC): ILM to RNFL

## NEW: AngioPlex Metrix for ONH

- **Capillary Perfusion (P)**
  - percentage of an area that contains perfused vasculature
  - may provide useful information for detecting and monitoring glaucoma<sup>1</sup>
- **Capillary Flux Index (F)**
  - capillary perfusion, weighted by the intensity of the flow signal
  - may help physicians monitor glaucoma<sup>2</sup>

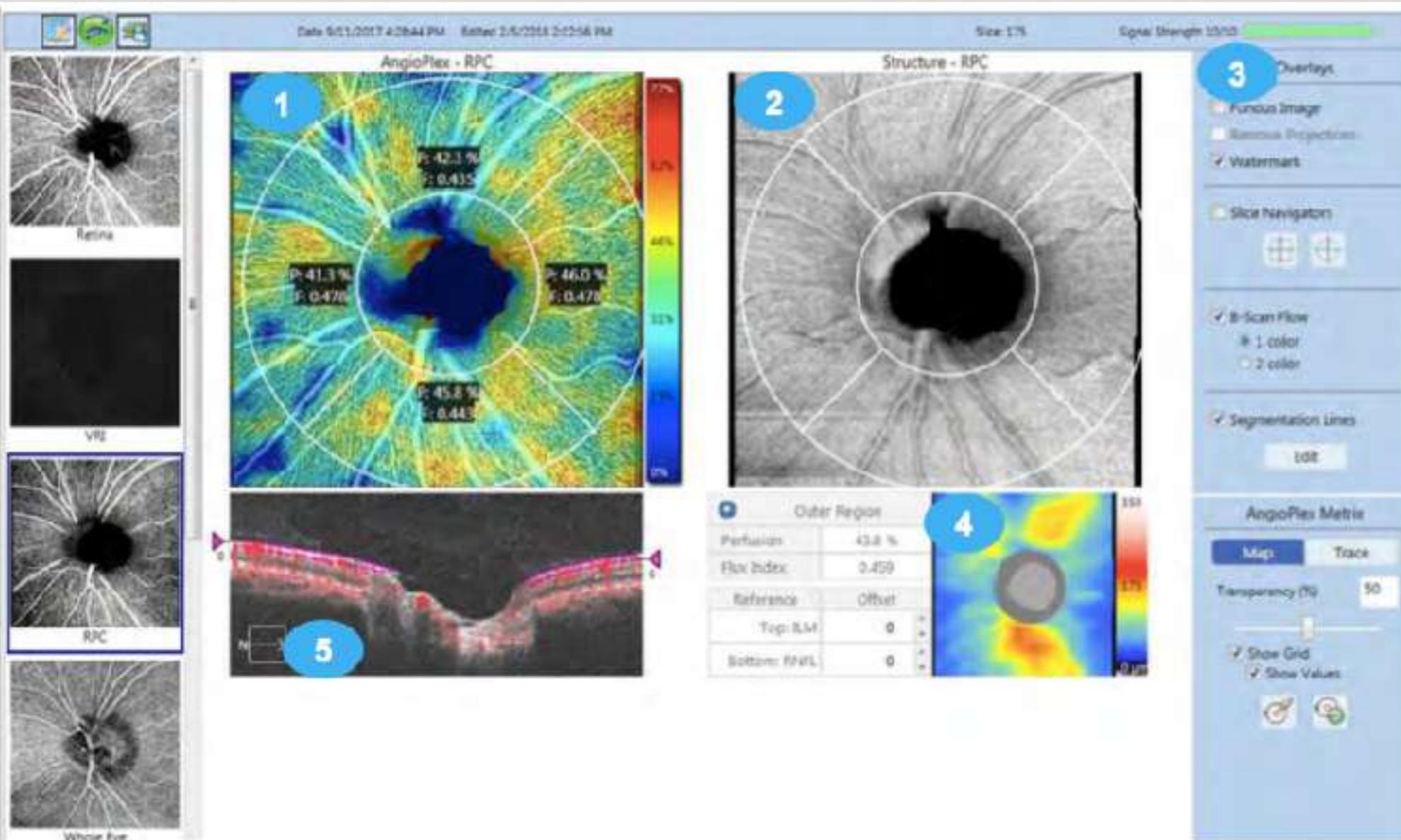


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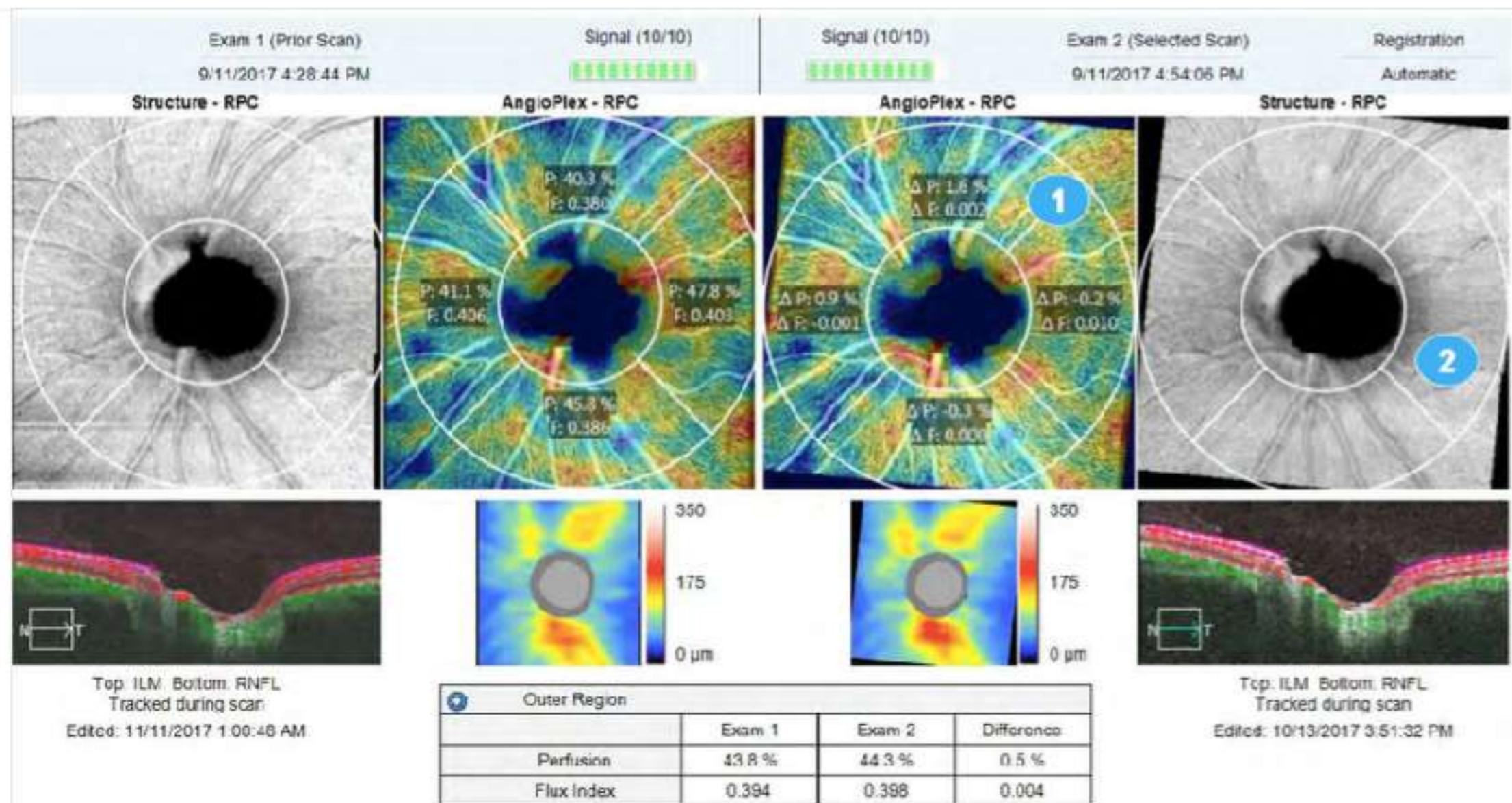
## AngioPlex® for ONH Analysis Screen (Single Visit)



- 1** AngioPlex ONH with map and metrics
- 2** Structural *en face*
- 3** Overlay options
- 4** RNFL thickness map
- 5** B-scan with blood flow overlay

# CIRRUS HD OCT - ANGIOPLEX FOR ONH

## AngioPlex® Change Analysis for ONH (Two Visits)



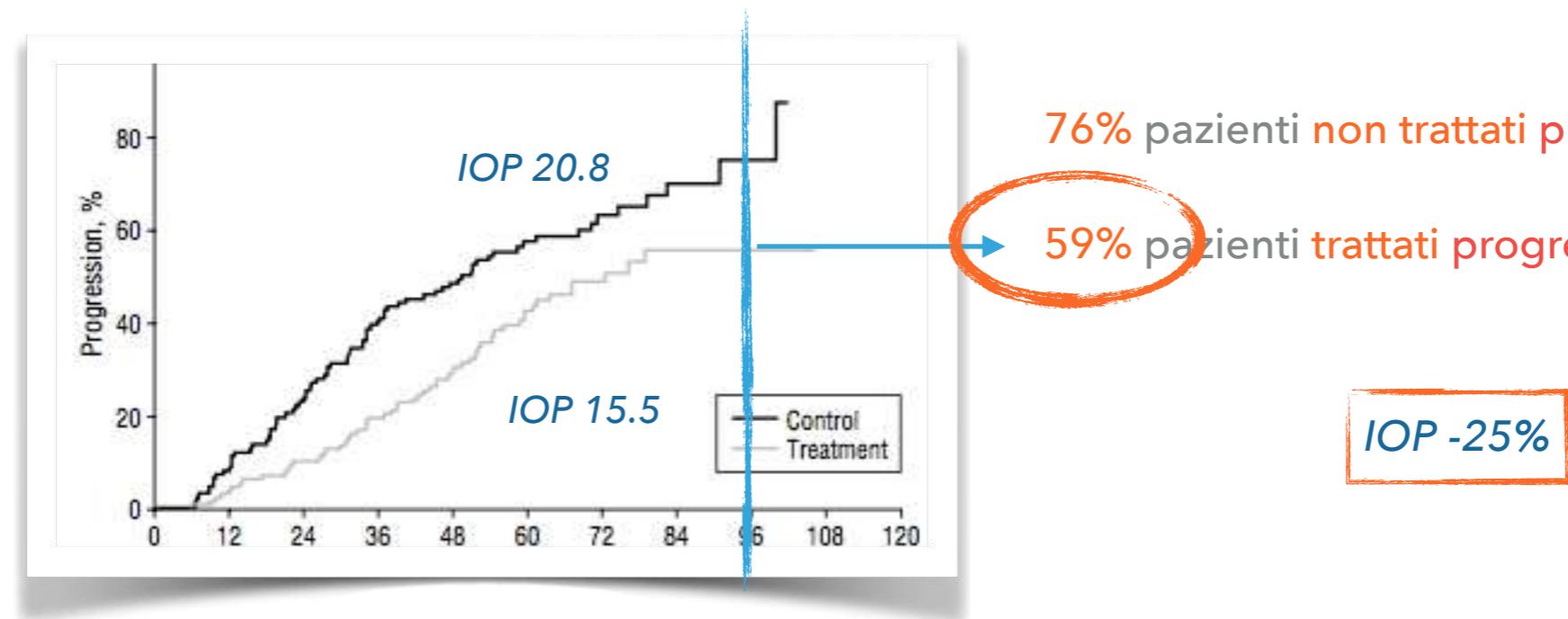
1 Change in AngioPlex Metrix

2 Automatic registration of two visits

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- ▶ nonostante riduzione della IOP, molti pazienti continuano a peggiorare
- ▶ fattori *IOP-indipendenti*, tra questi *alterazione del flusso ematico\**

*EMGT, 2002*



76% pazienti non trattati progressione  
59% pazienti trattati progressione

IOP -25%

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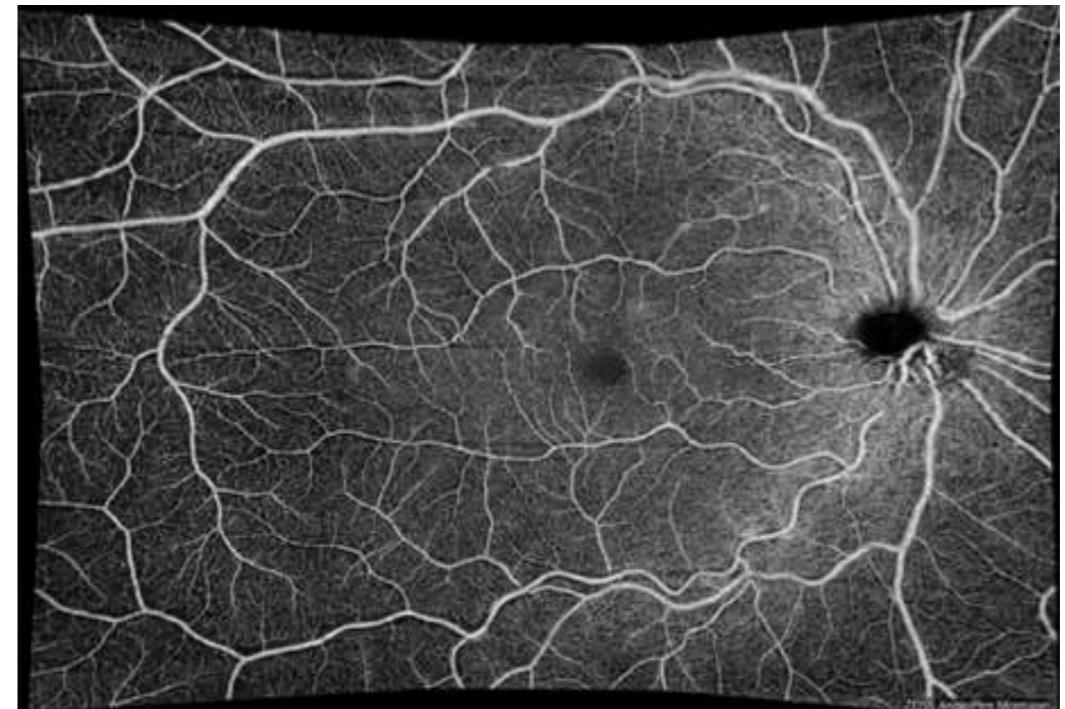
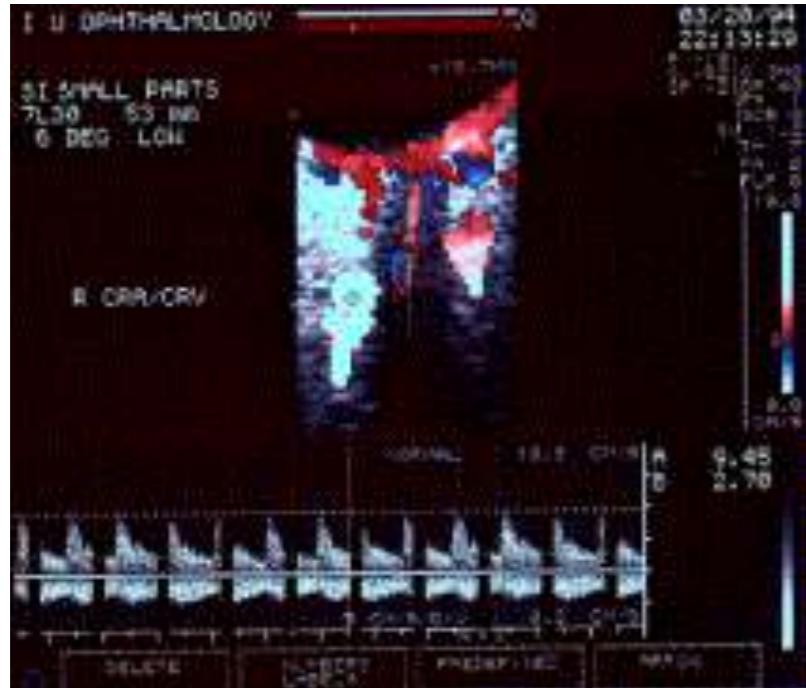
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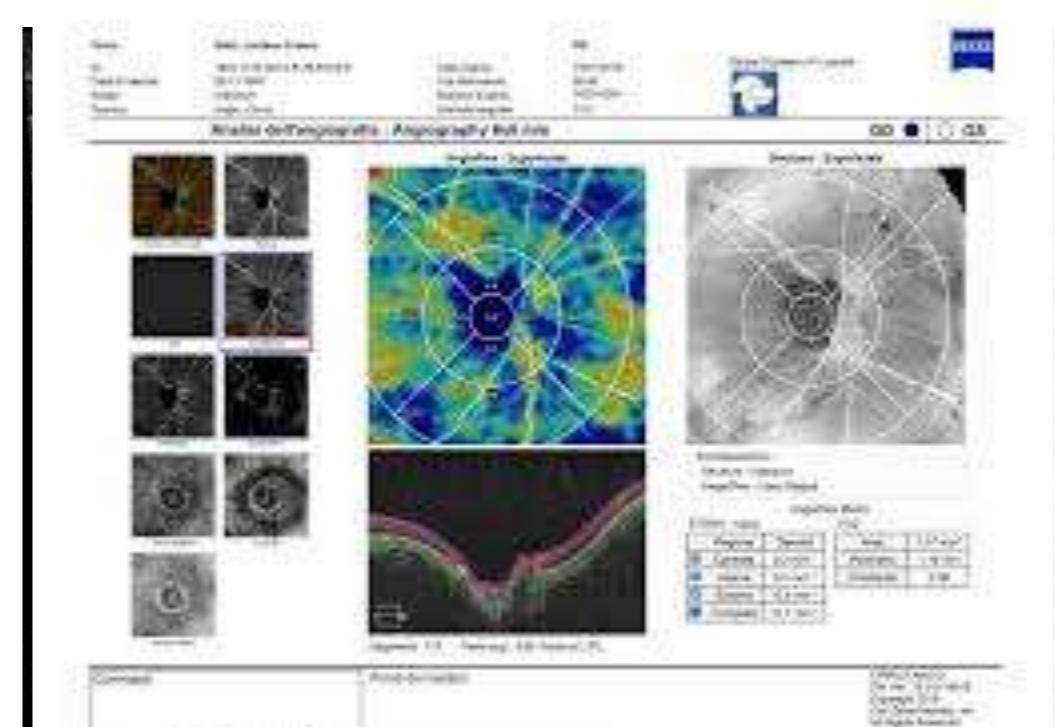
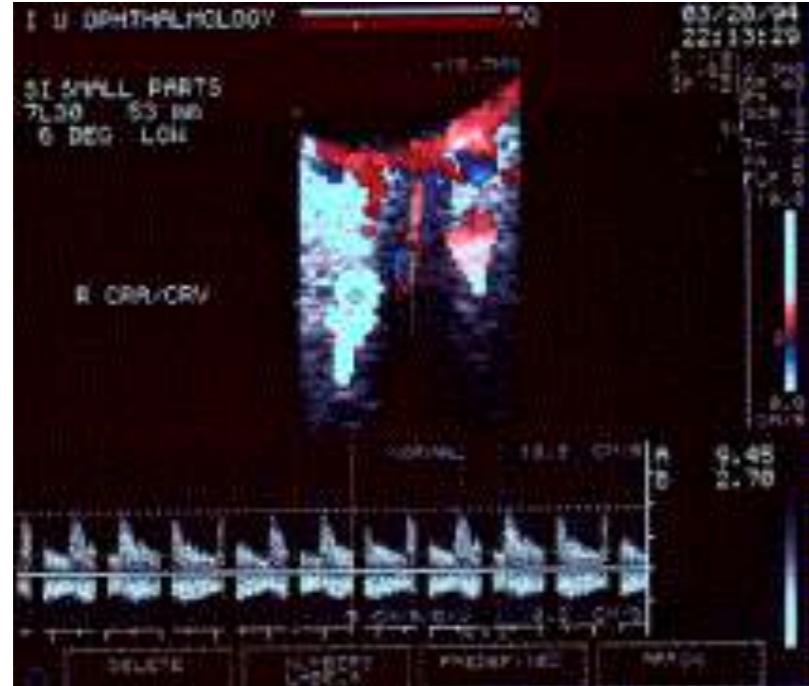
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*misurazioni quantitative, riproducibili, perfusione testa nervo ottico*

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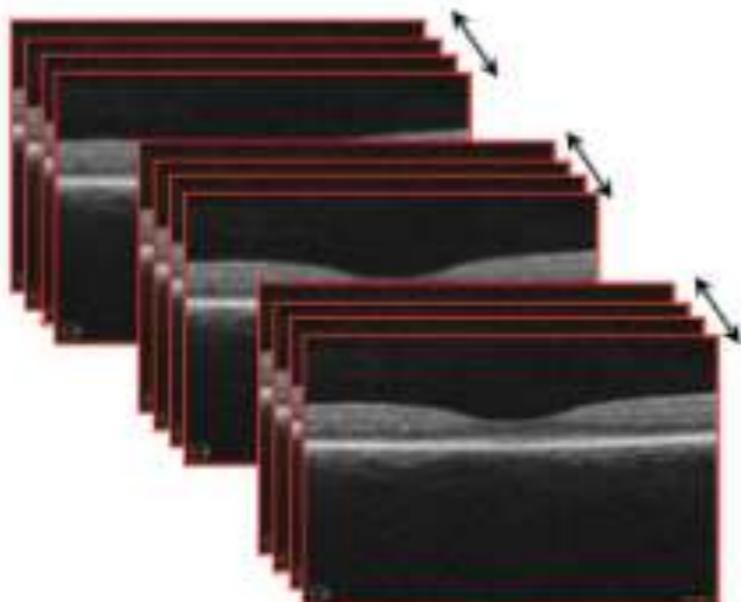
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# Angiografia OCT con ZEISS AngioPlex

## Principi tecnologici

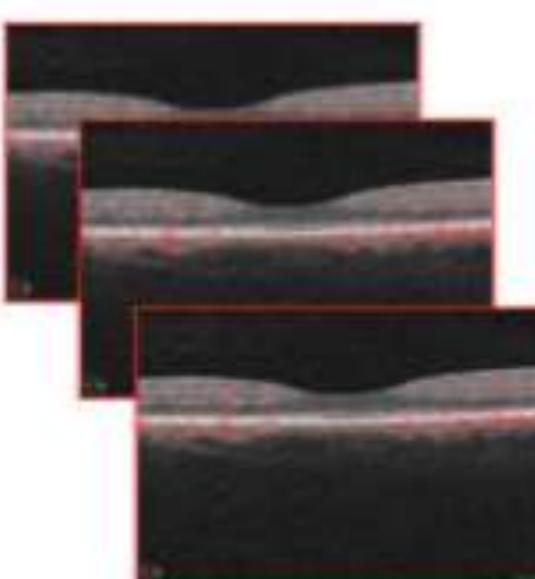
La tecnologia di AngioPlex™ evidenzia il moto di corpuscoli quali i globuli rossi all'interno di una sequenza di B-scan OCT acquisite ripetutamente nella stessa posizione della retina.

Acquisizione con FastTrac

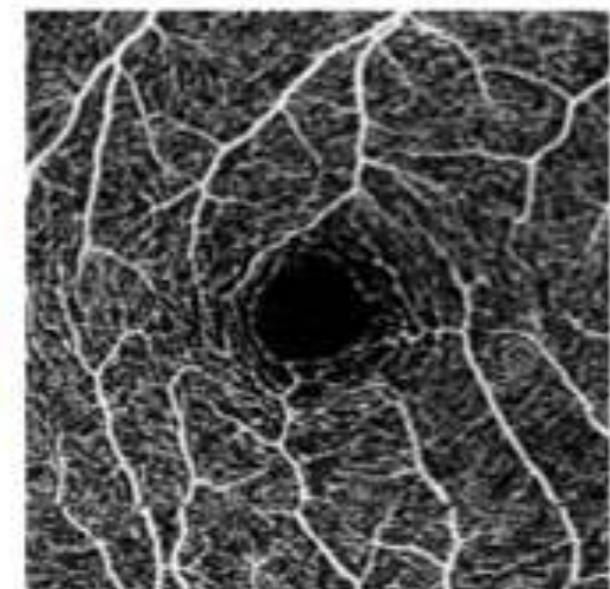


Gruppi di B-scan OCT.  
Ogni gruppo è acquisito nella stessa  
posizione sulla retina

Elaborazione dati tramite algoritmo OMAGC

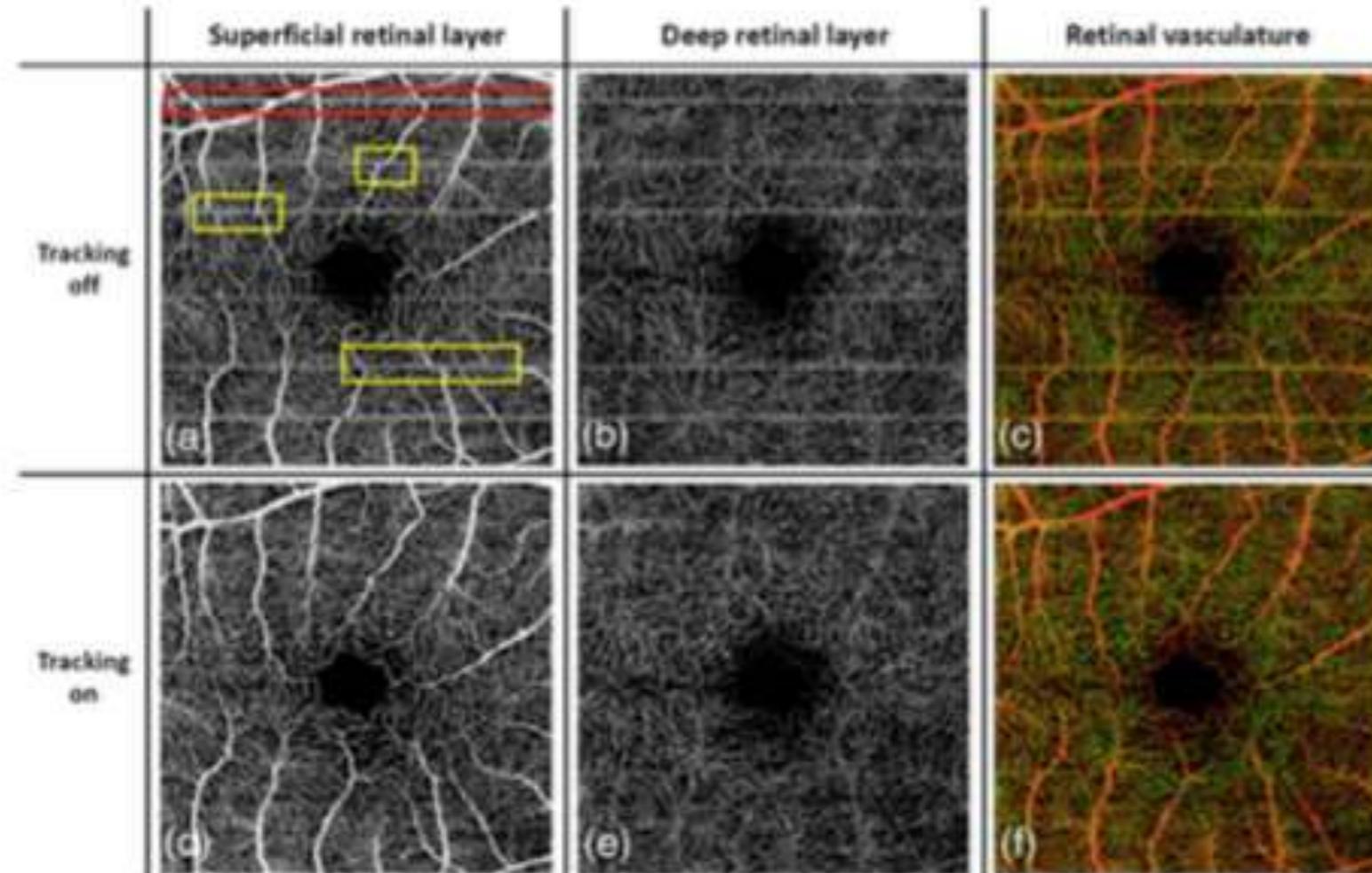


Flusso sanguigno nelle B-scan.  
Ogni gruppo genera una B-scan  
con informazioni di flusso.



AngioPlex Map.  
Mappa ricostruita della rete  
microvascolare perfusa all'interno di  
retina e coroide.

# Artefatti da movimento Importanza Eyetracker



L'angiografia OCT esalta le differenze di moto in scansioni ripetute.



Gli artefatti da movimento risultano quindi importanti (bande che occupano tutta l'ampiezza della scansione).



L'utilizzo di un **eyetracker attivo** diviene fondamentale.

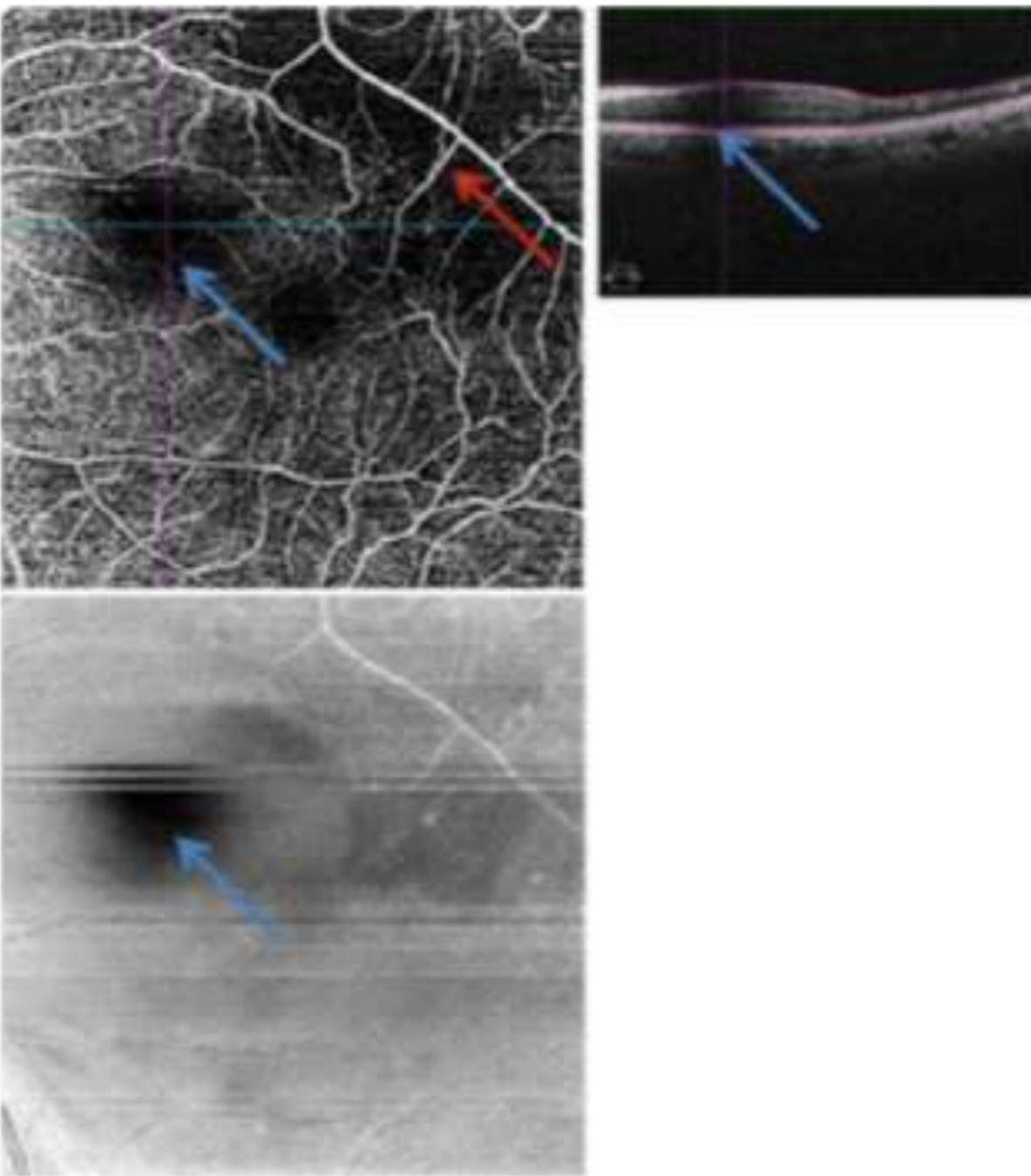


**FastTrac™**  
**Eye-tracker di CIRRUS**

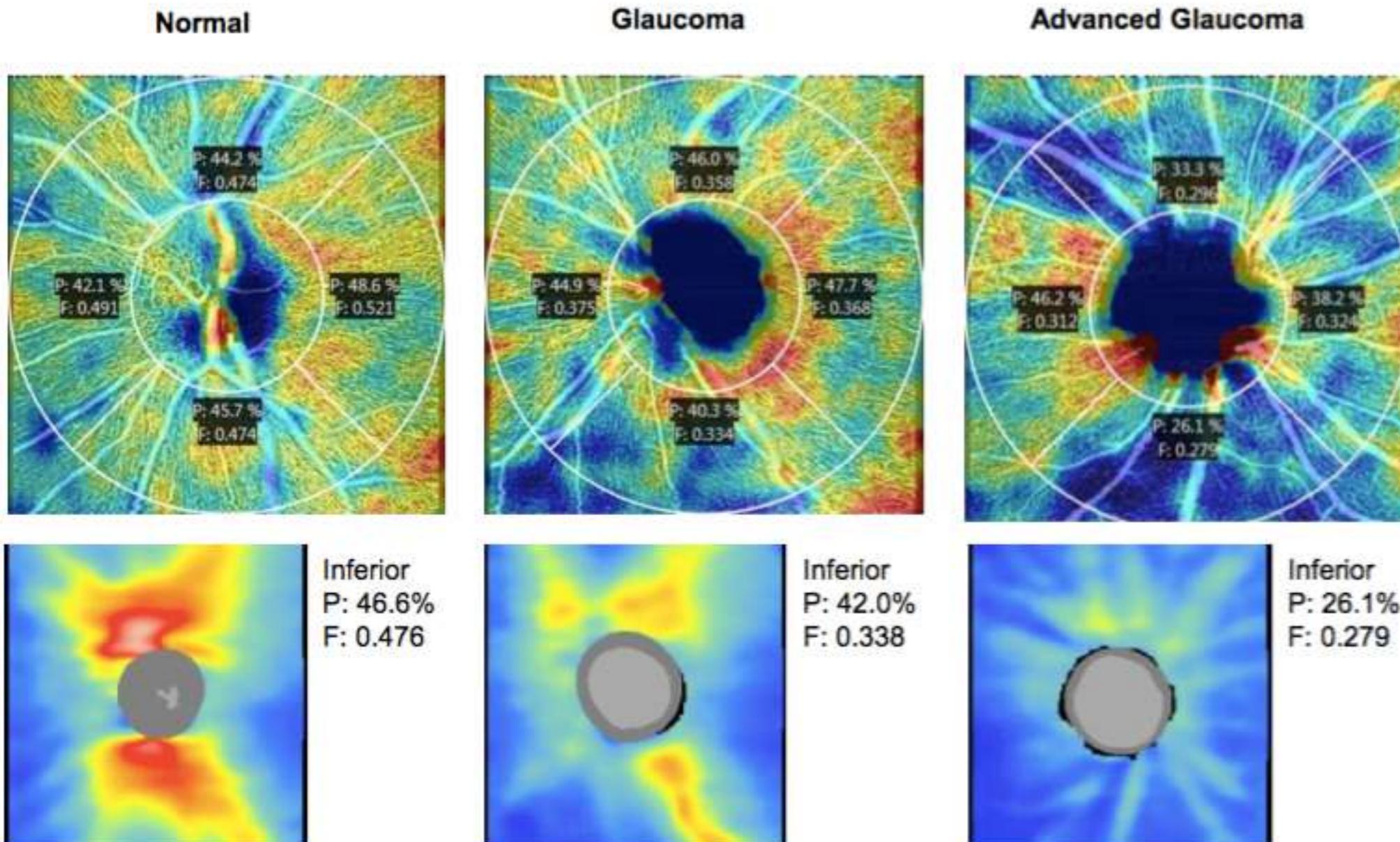
Wide-field imaging of retinal vasculature using optical coherence tomography-based microangiography provided by motion tracking. [Qinqin Zhang et al., 2015]

## Valutazione delle acquisizioni OCTA: Qualità del segnale

- L'OCTA è derivato da un classico segnale OCT ripetuto, quindi presenta le medesime limitazioni dell'OCT tradizionale.
- Una **bassa intensità del segnale** può generare zone scure nella scansione oppure acquisizioni di scarsa qualità
  - Questo può essere dovuto a corpi mobili nel vitreo oppure ad altre opacità dei mezzi
- L'esempio sulla destra mostra un'immagine con scarsa qualità del segnale
  - Comparare l'OCT angiografico con en face strutturale e B-scan per identificare la fonte degli spot scuri

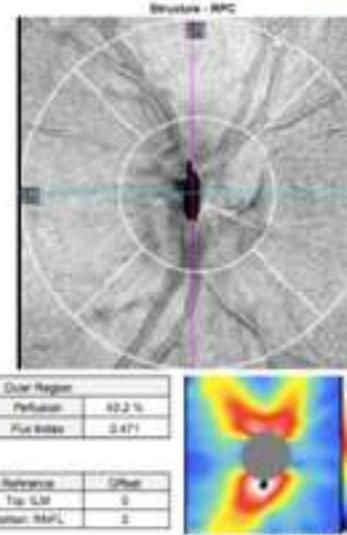
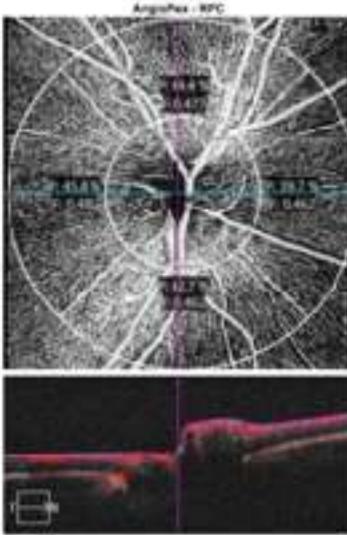


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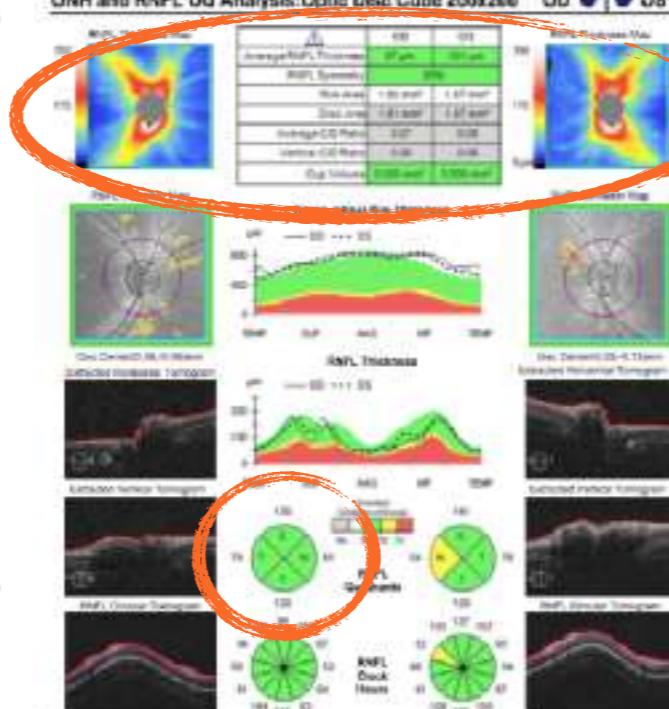
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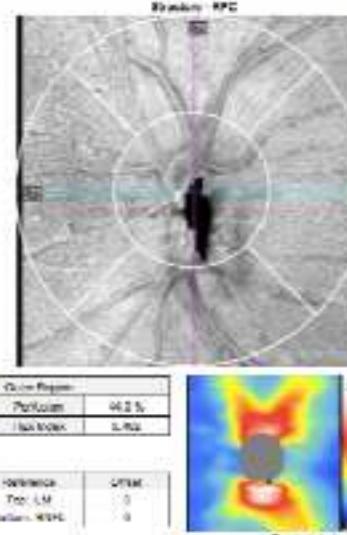
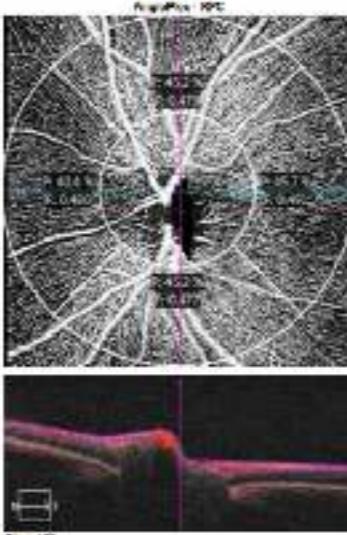
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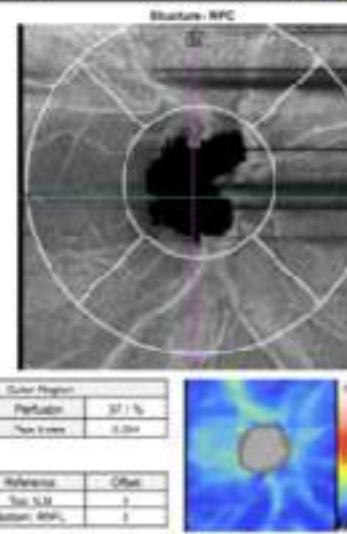
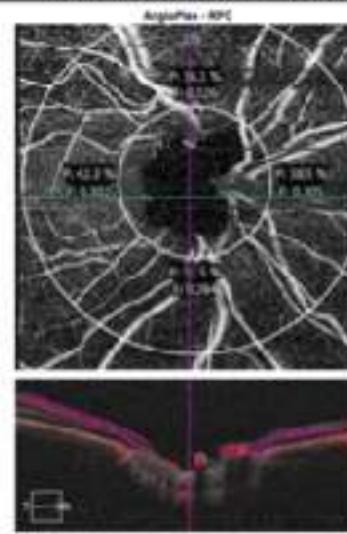
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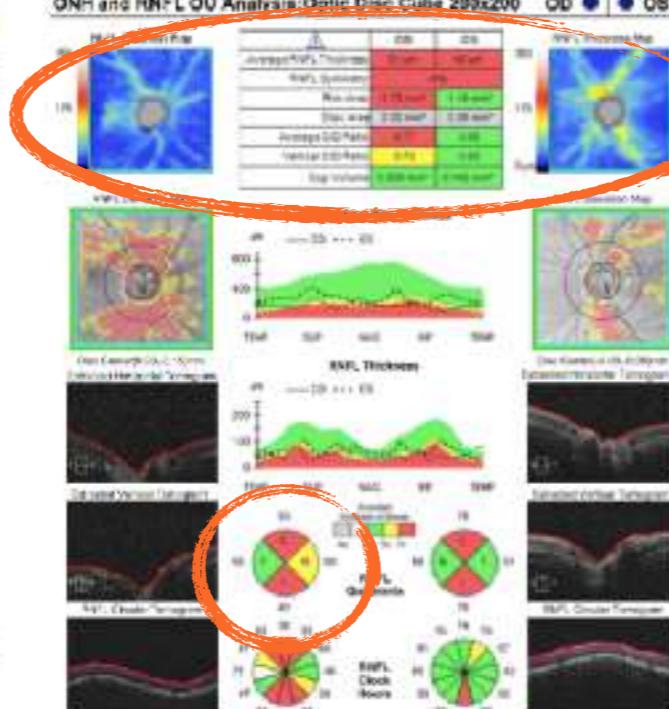
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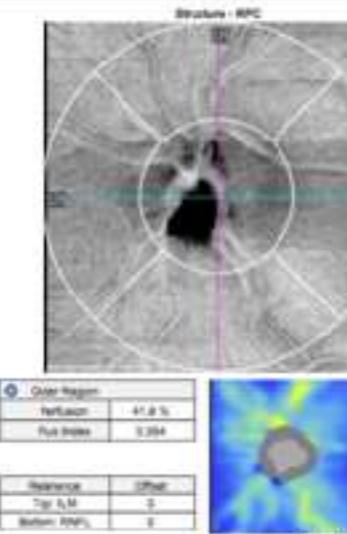
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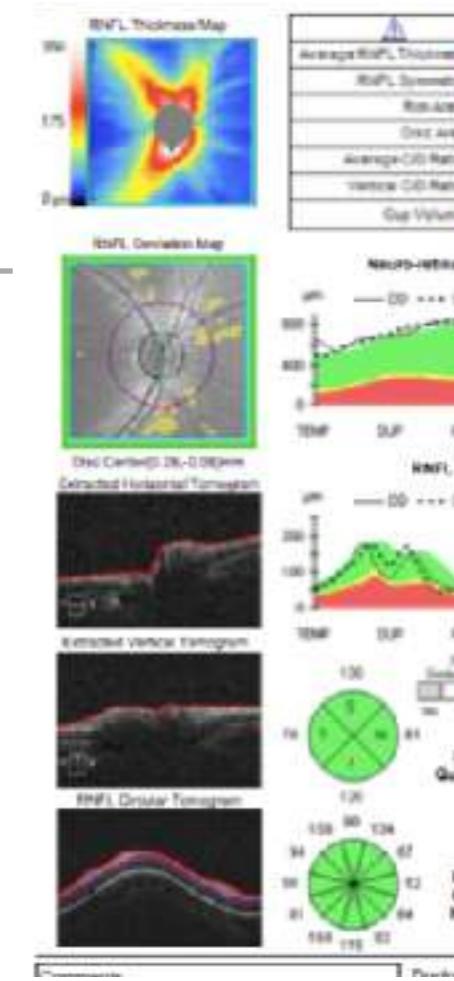
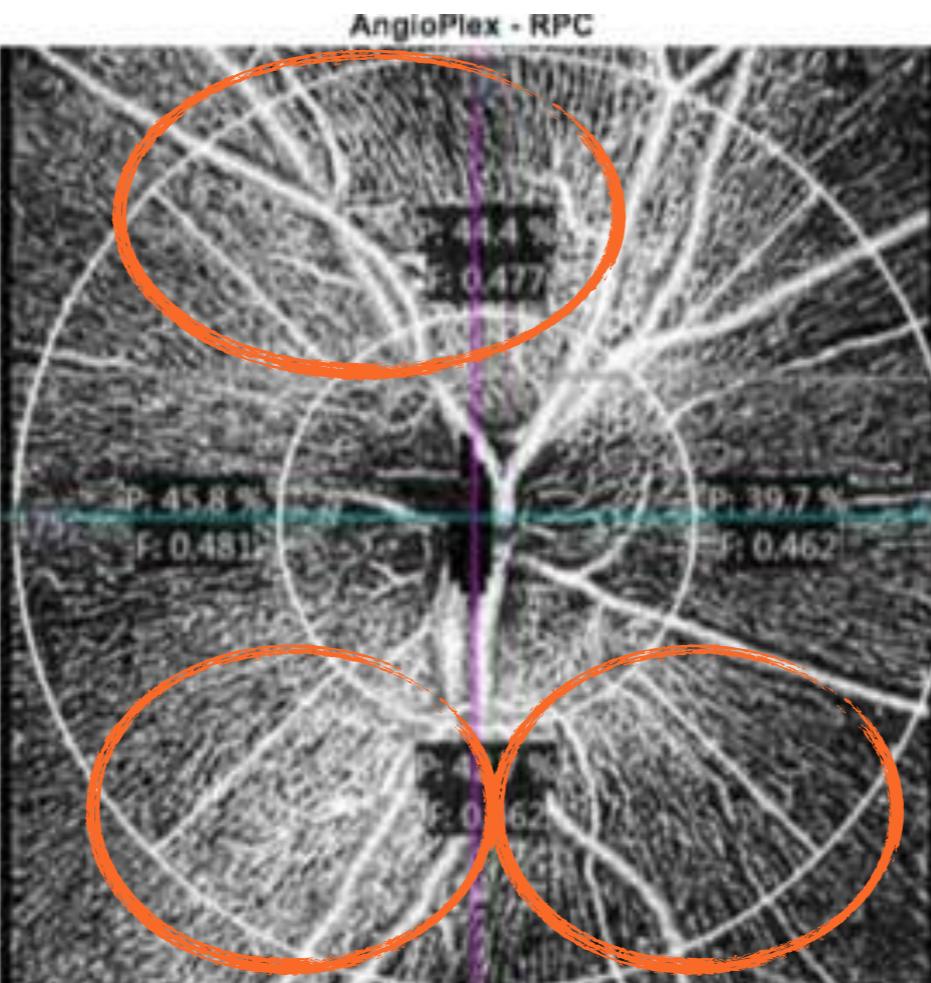
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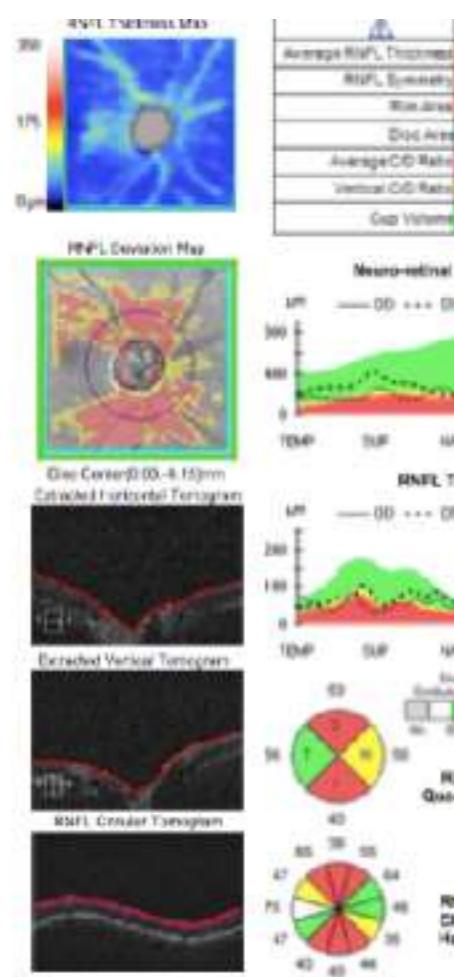
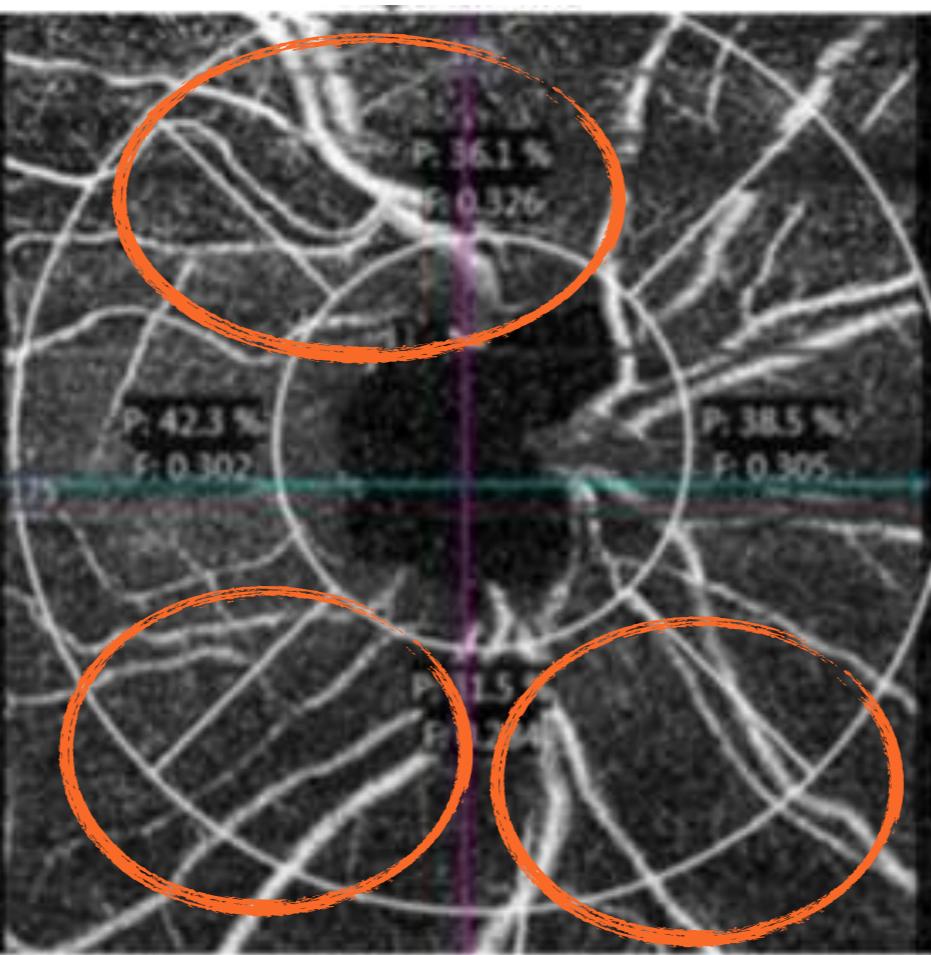


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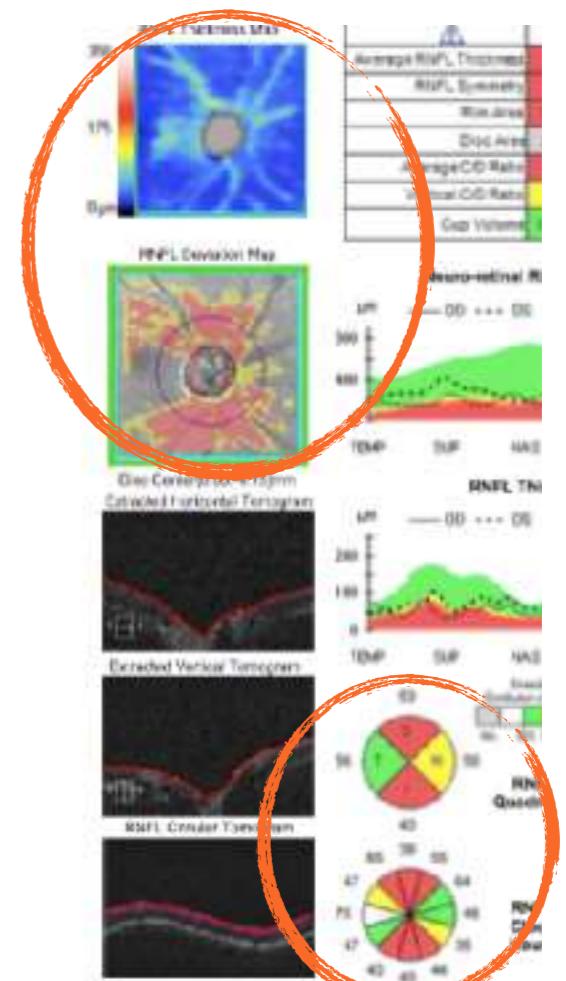
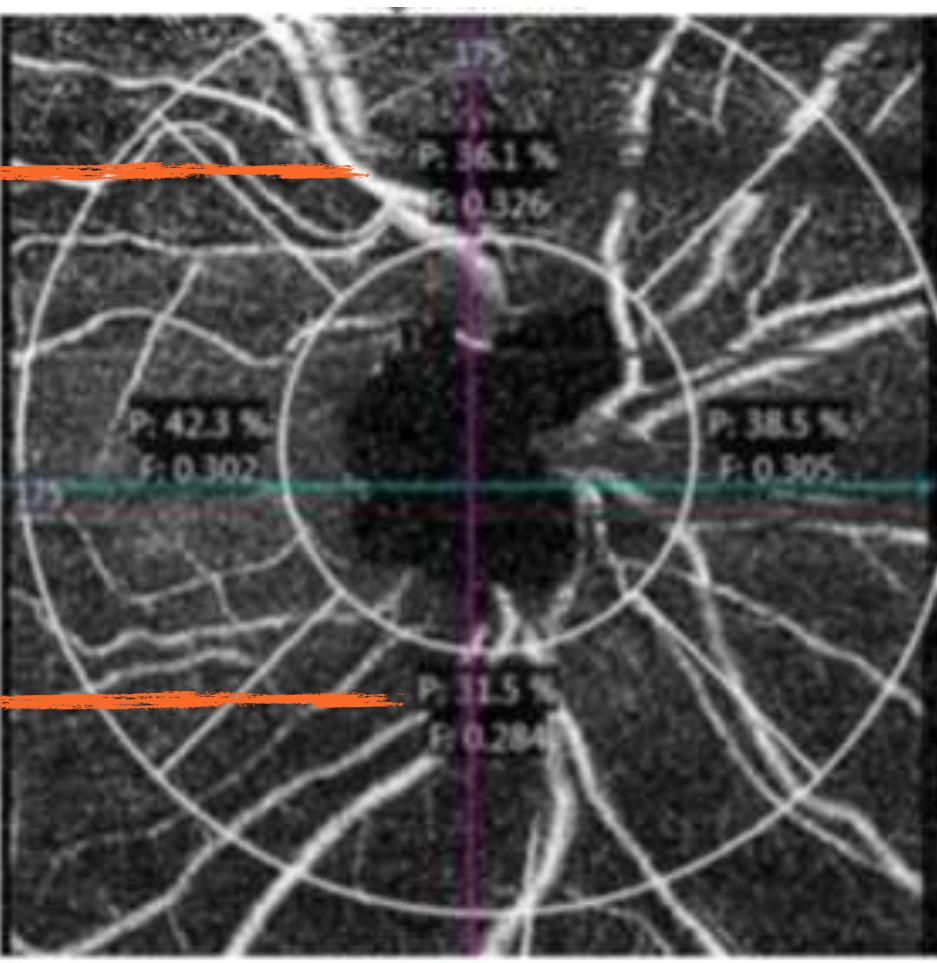
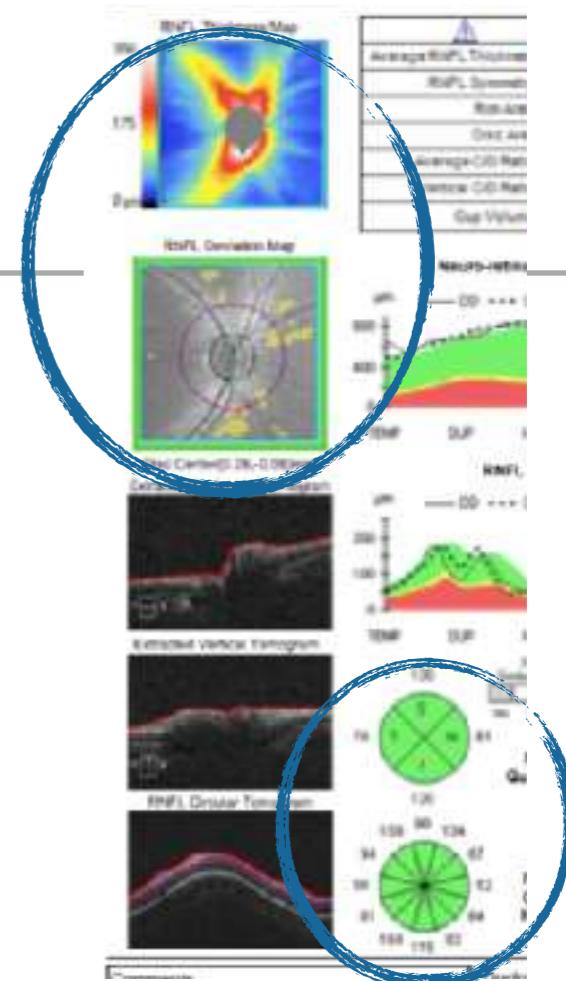
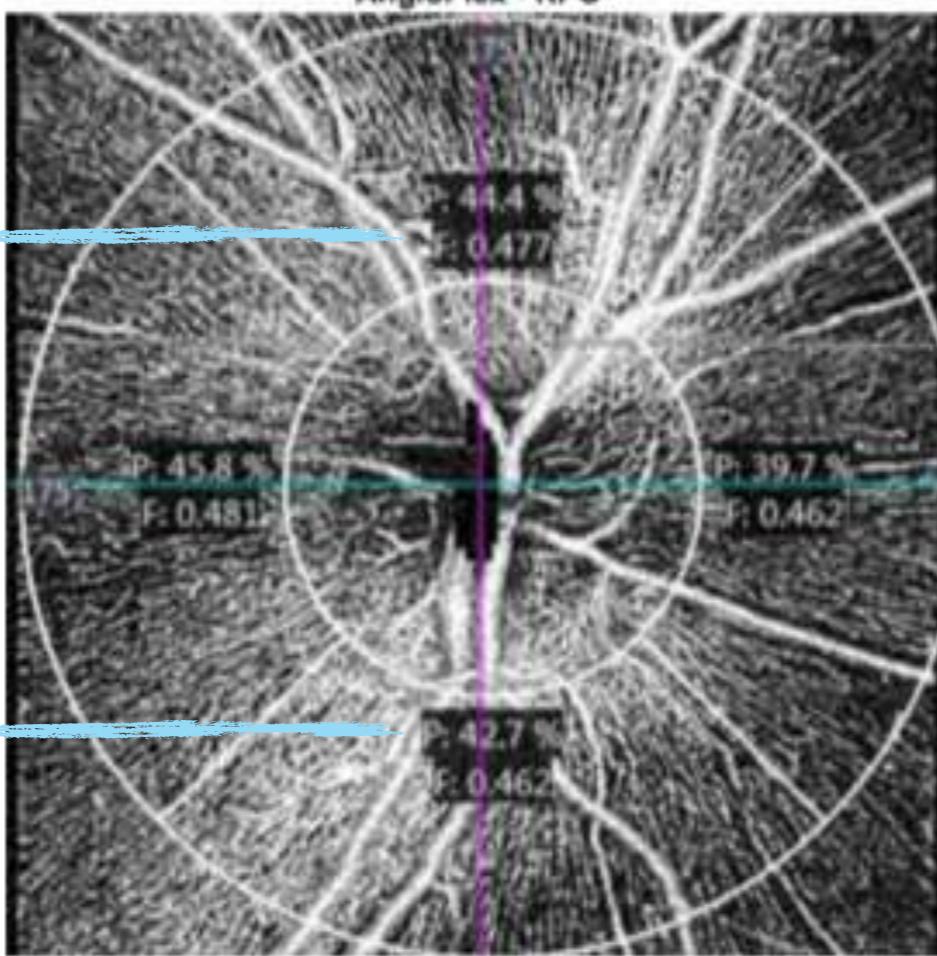
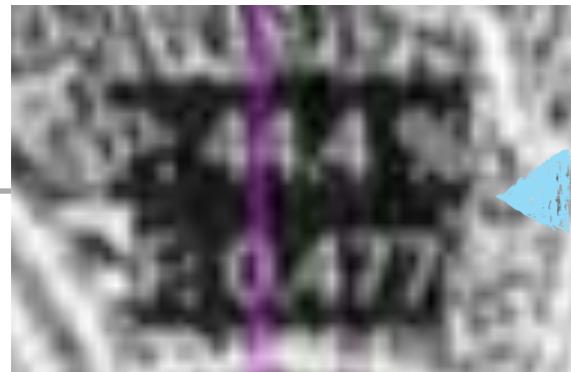
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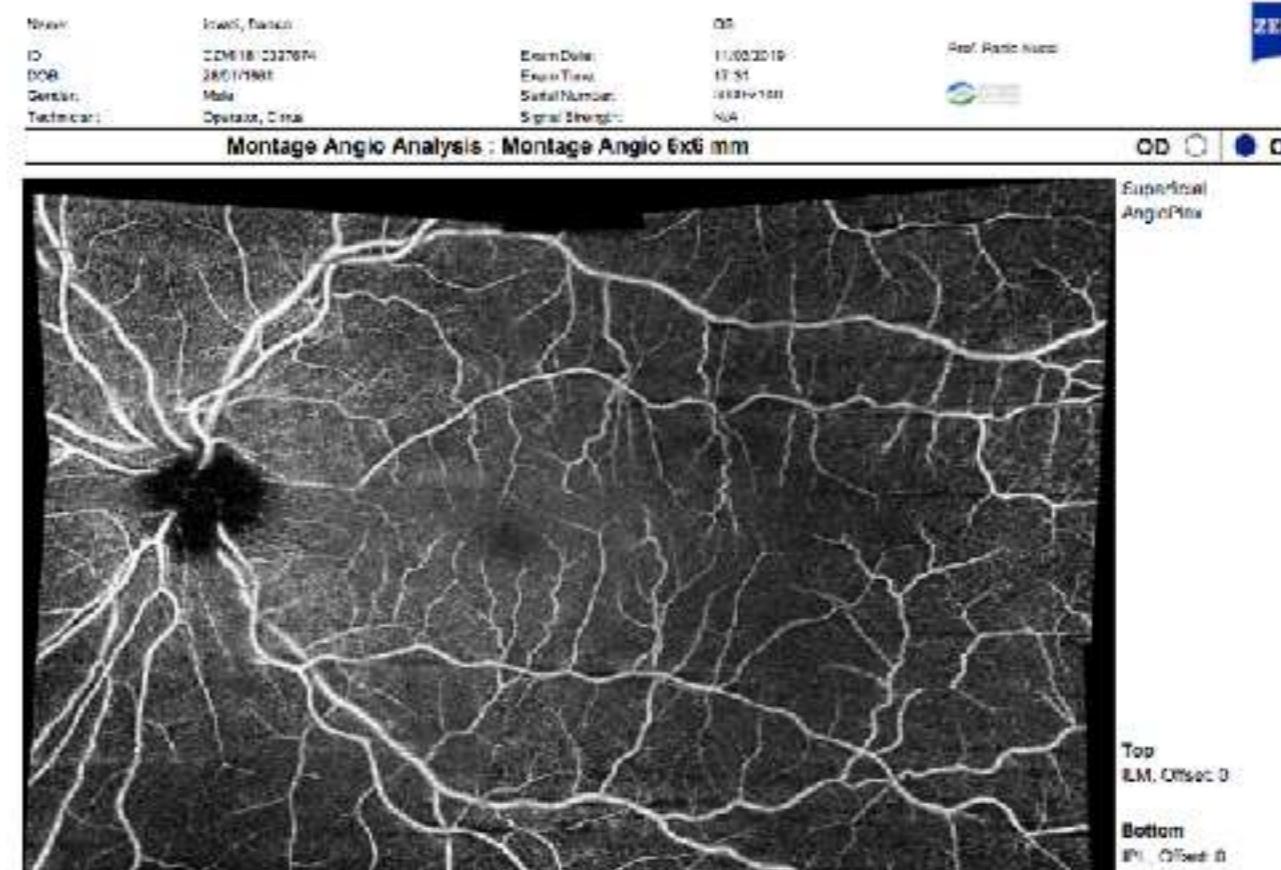
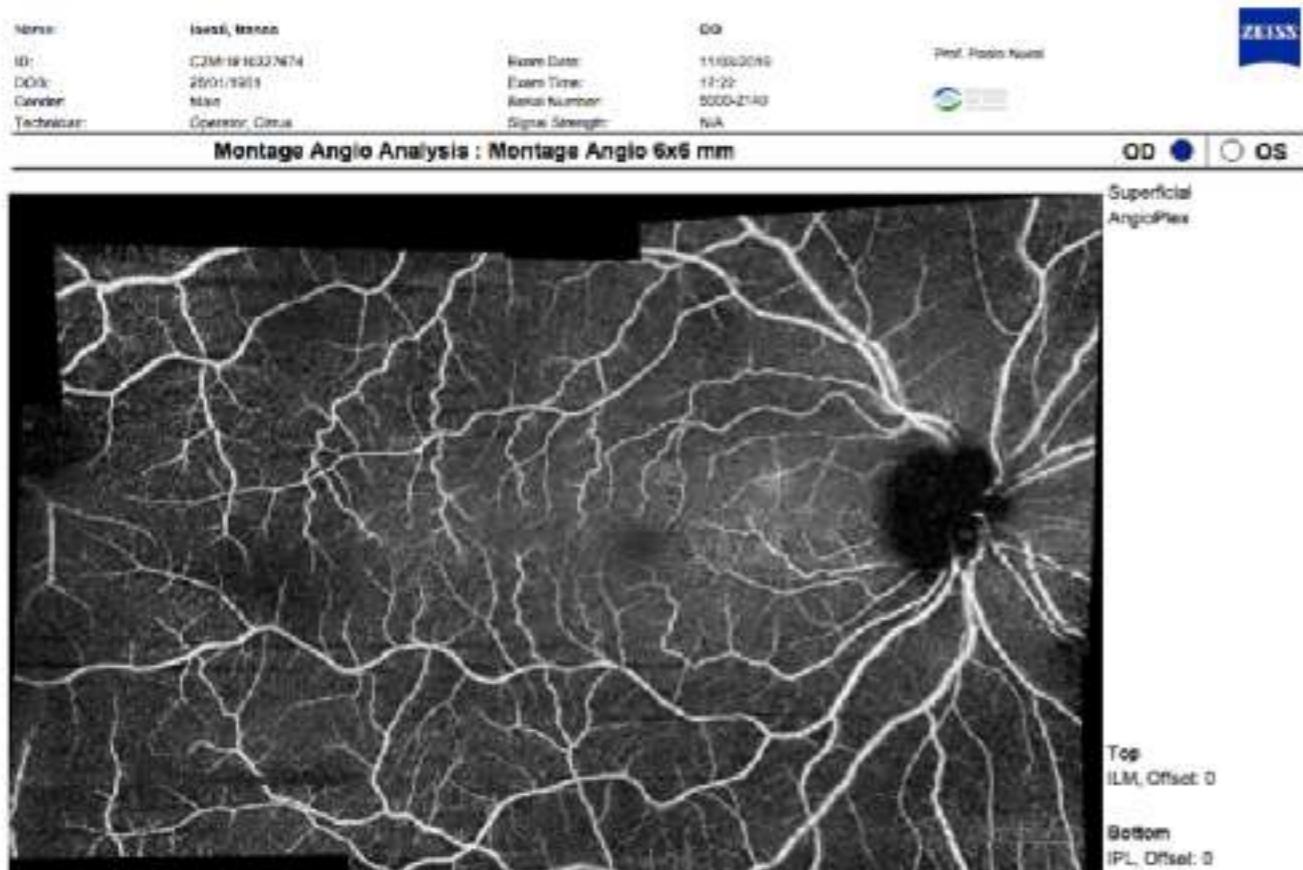
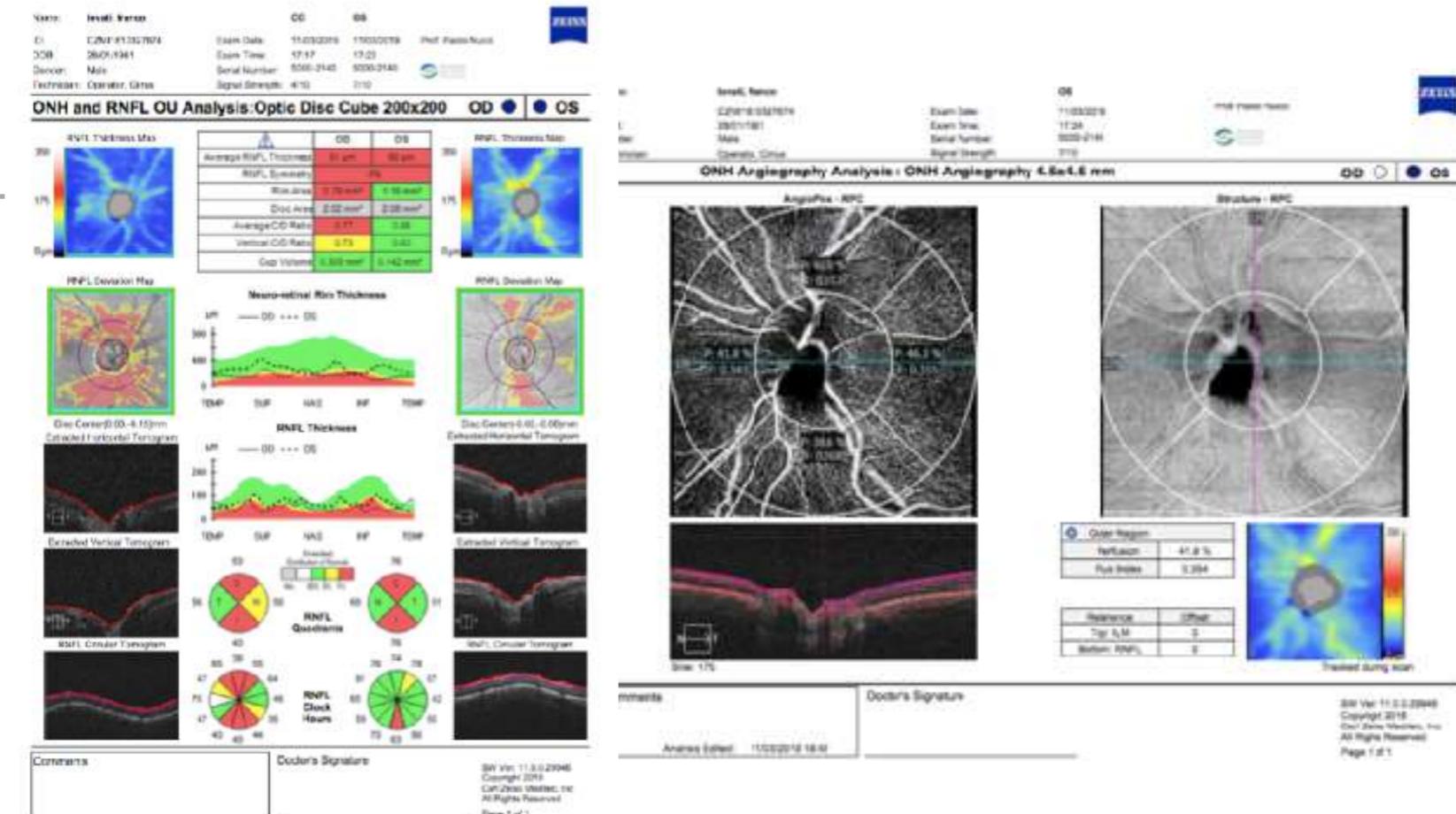
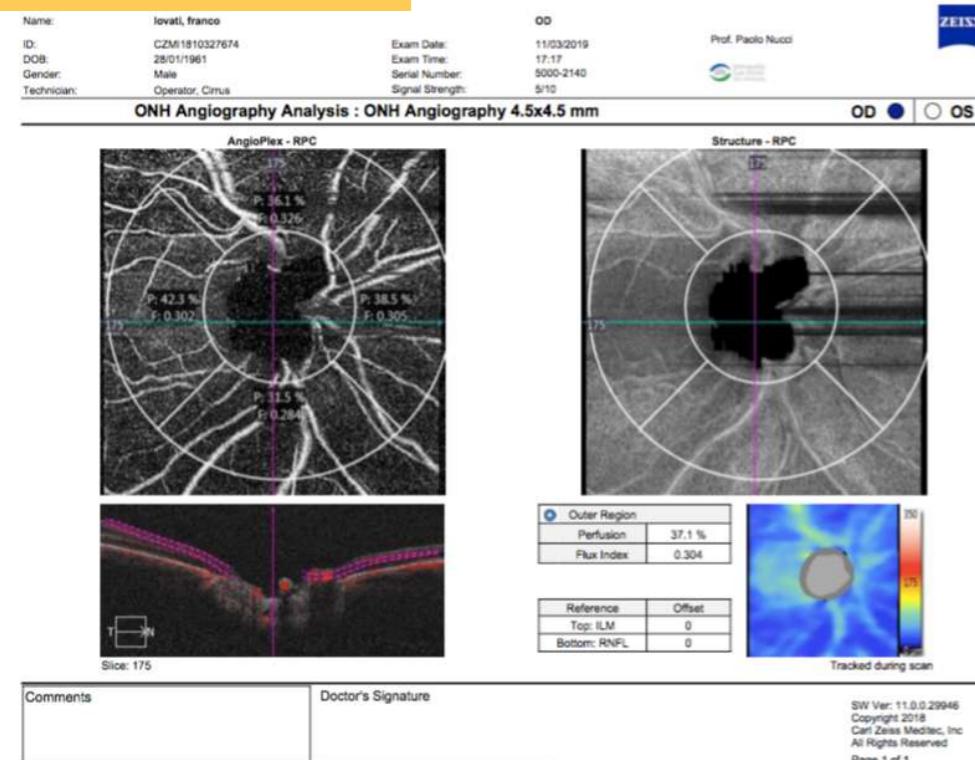
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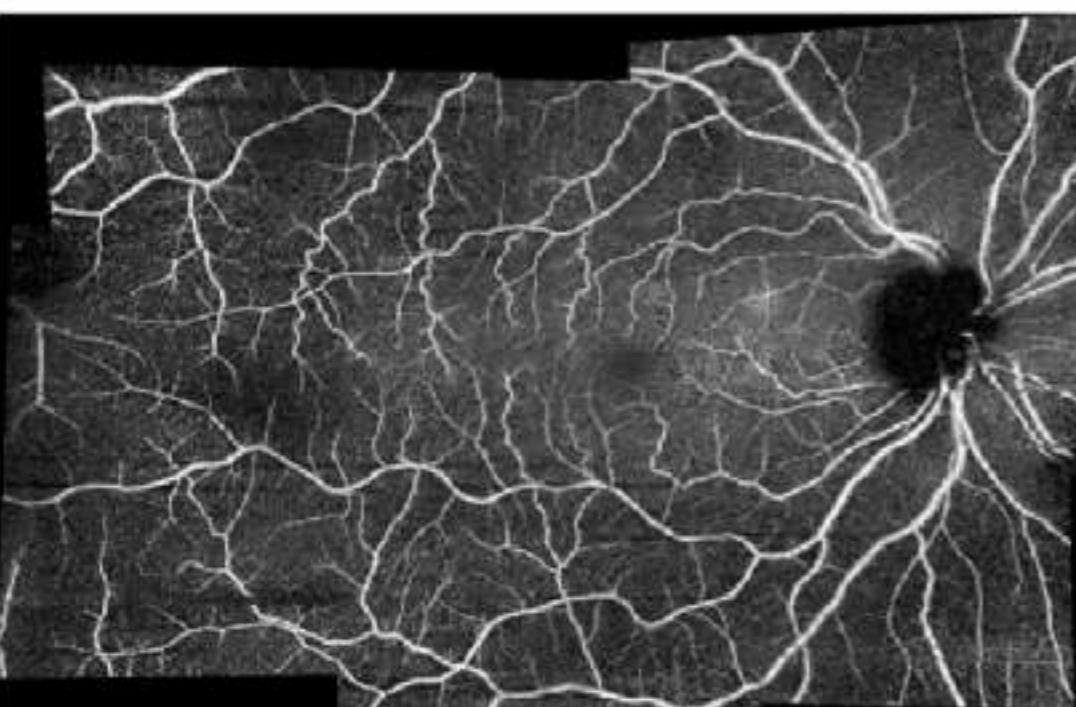
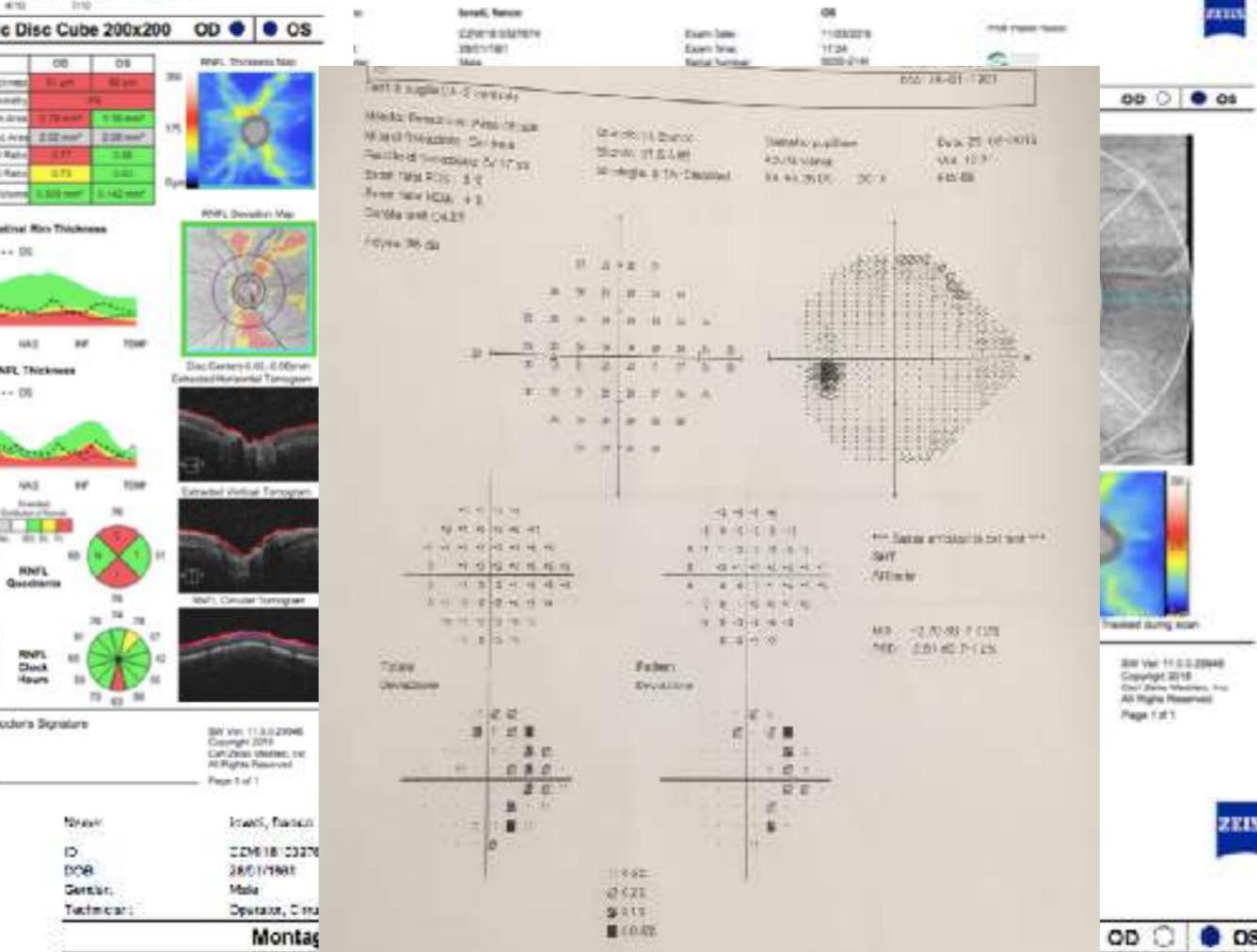
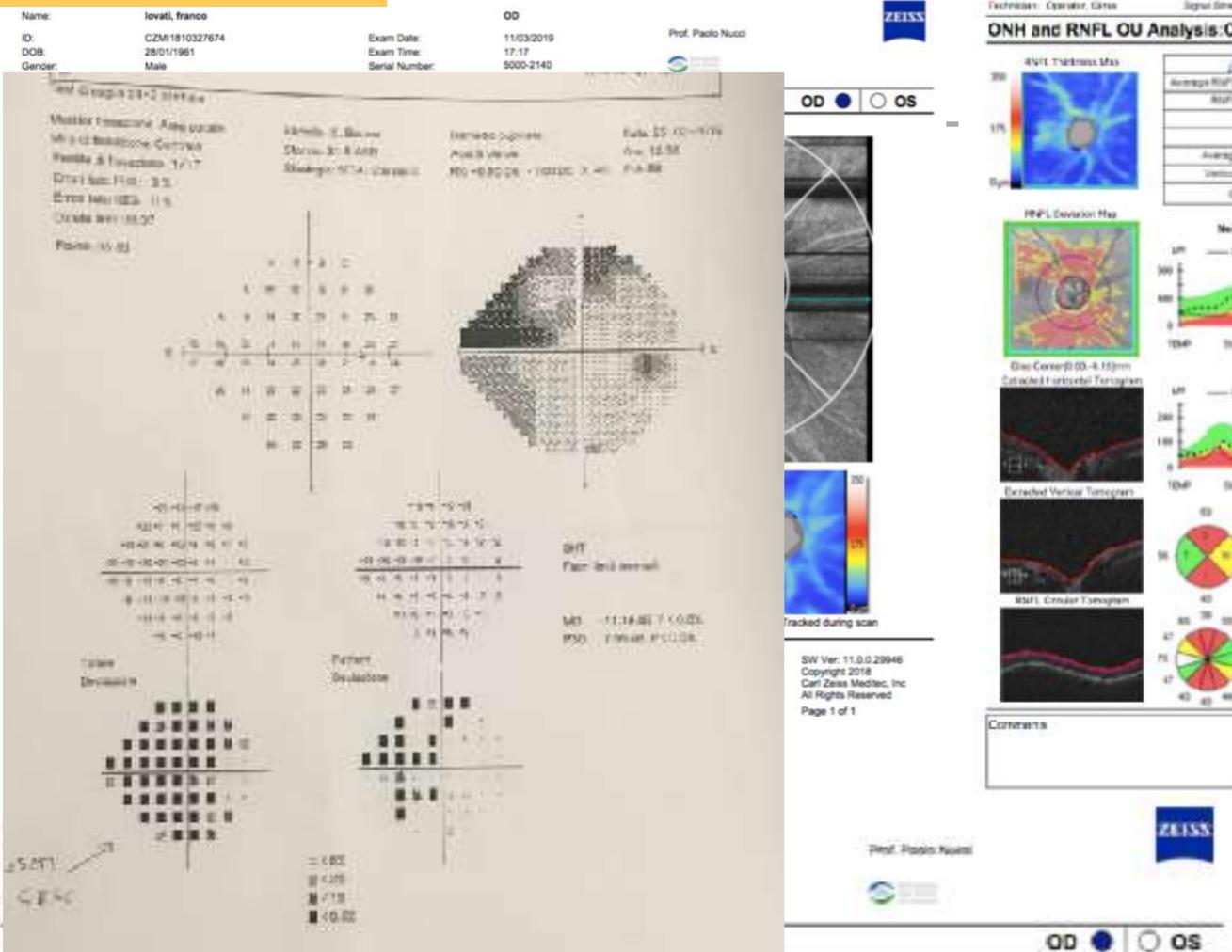
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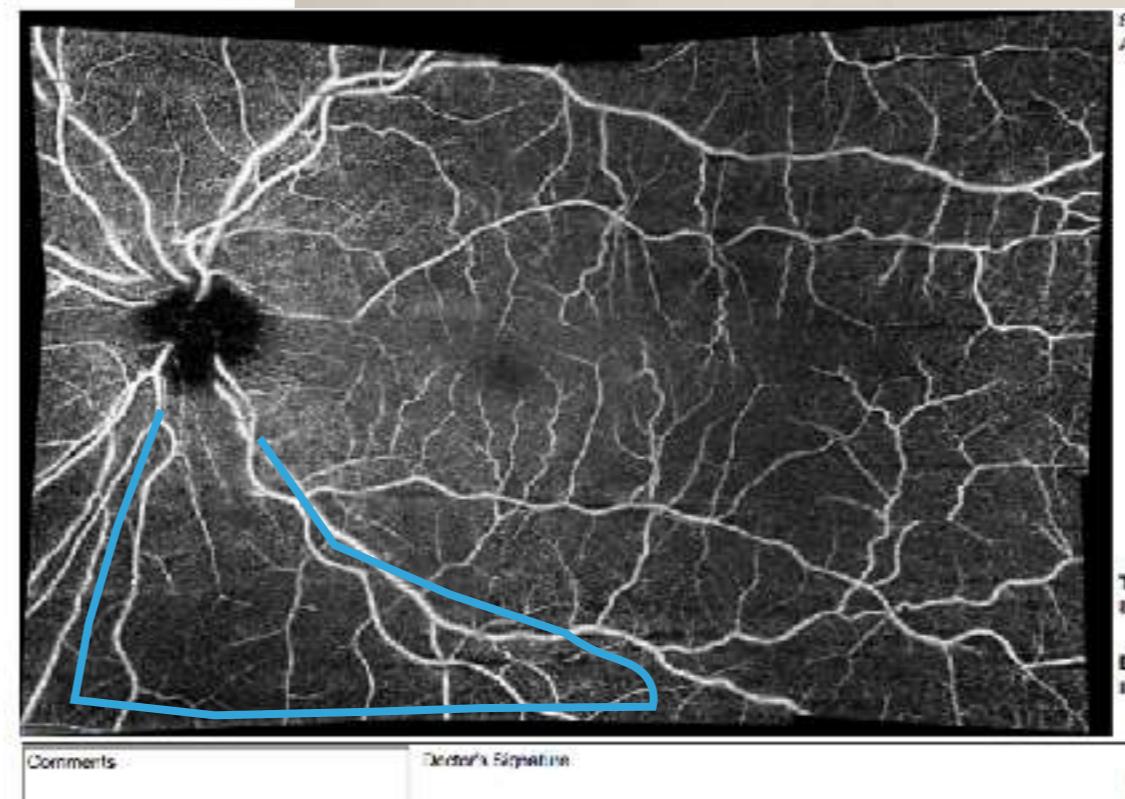
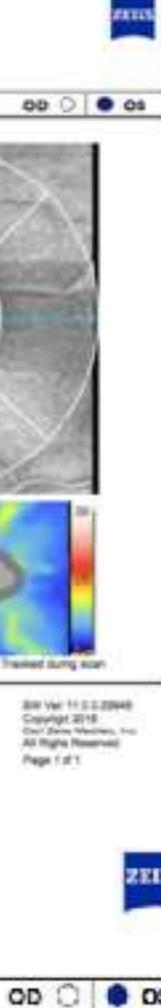
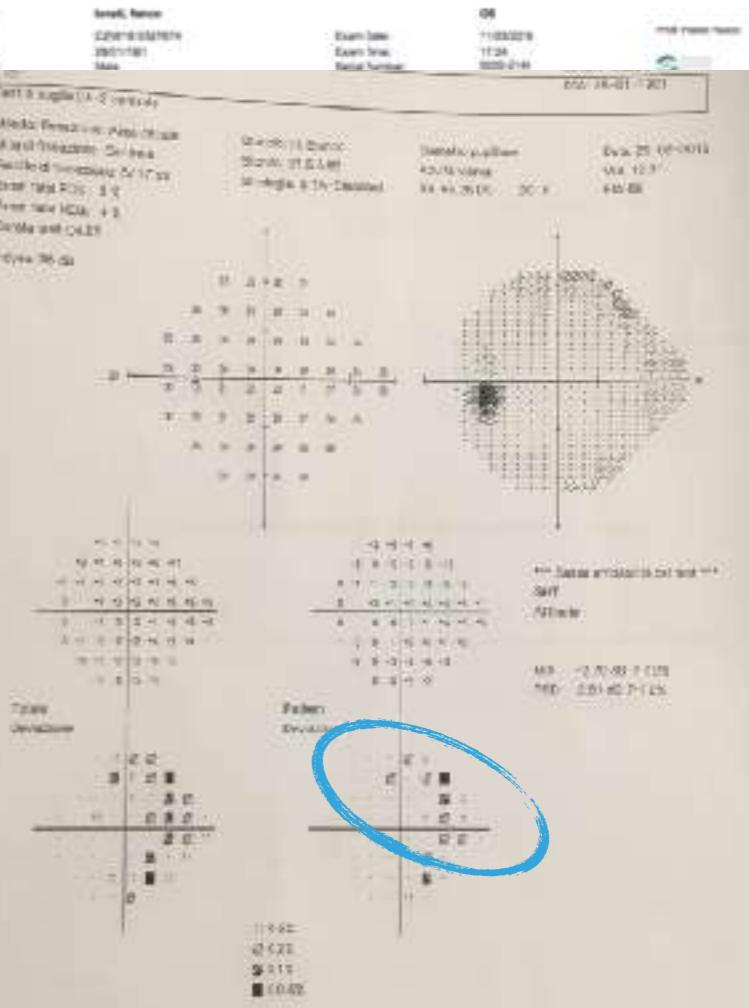
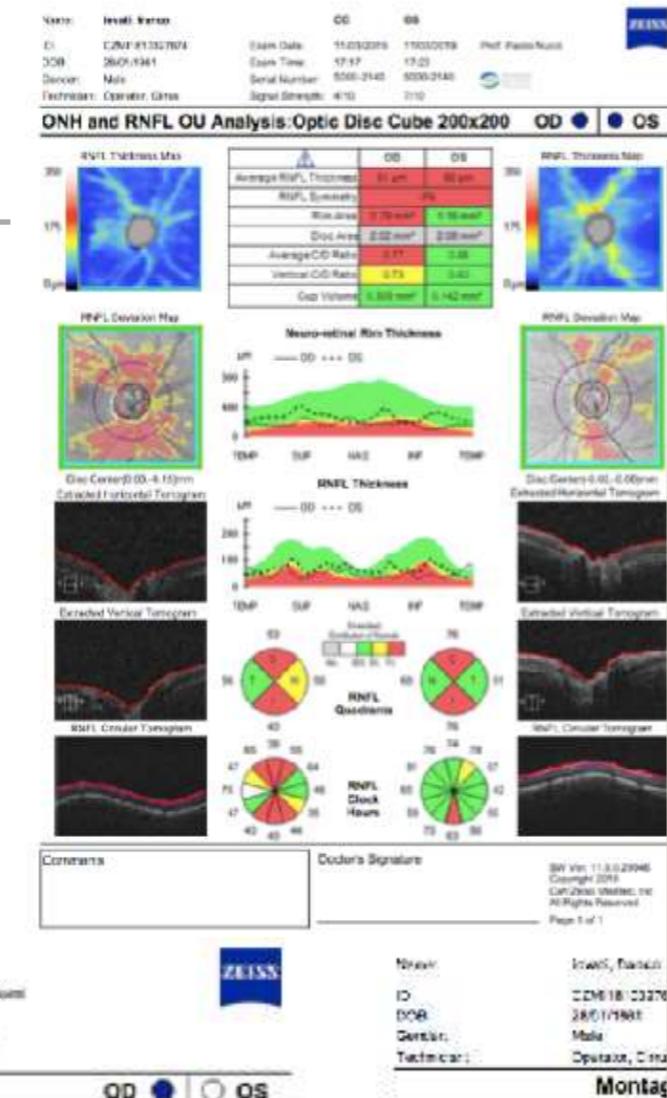
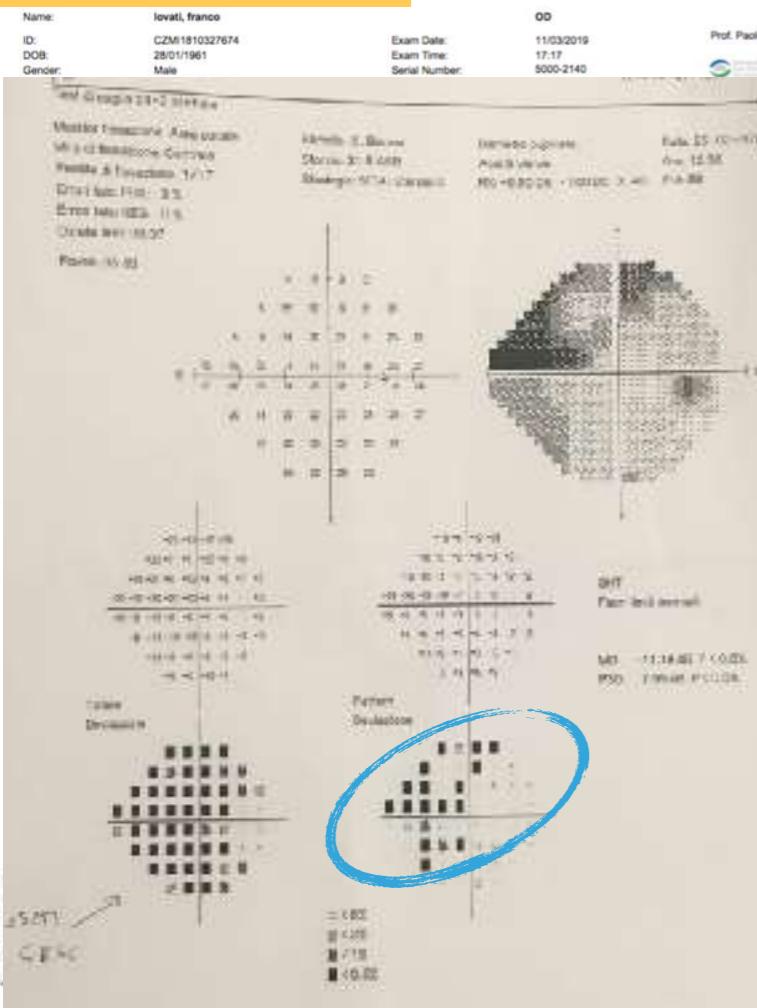
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### **GLAUCOMA A TENSIONE NORMALE**

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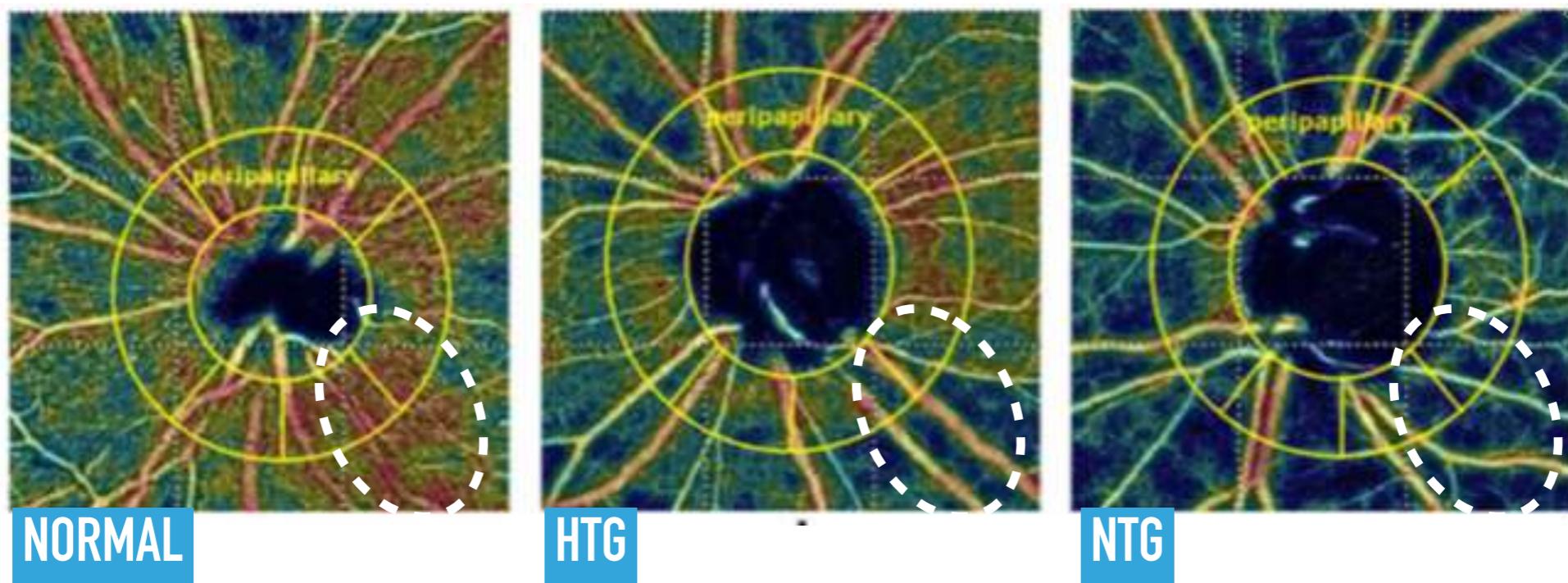


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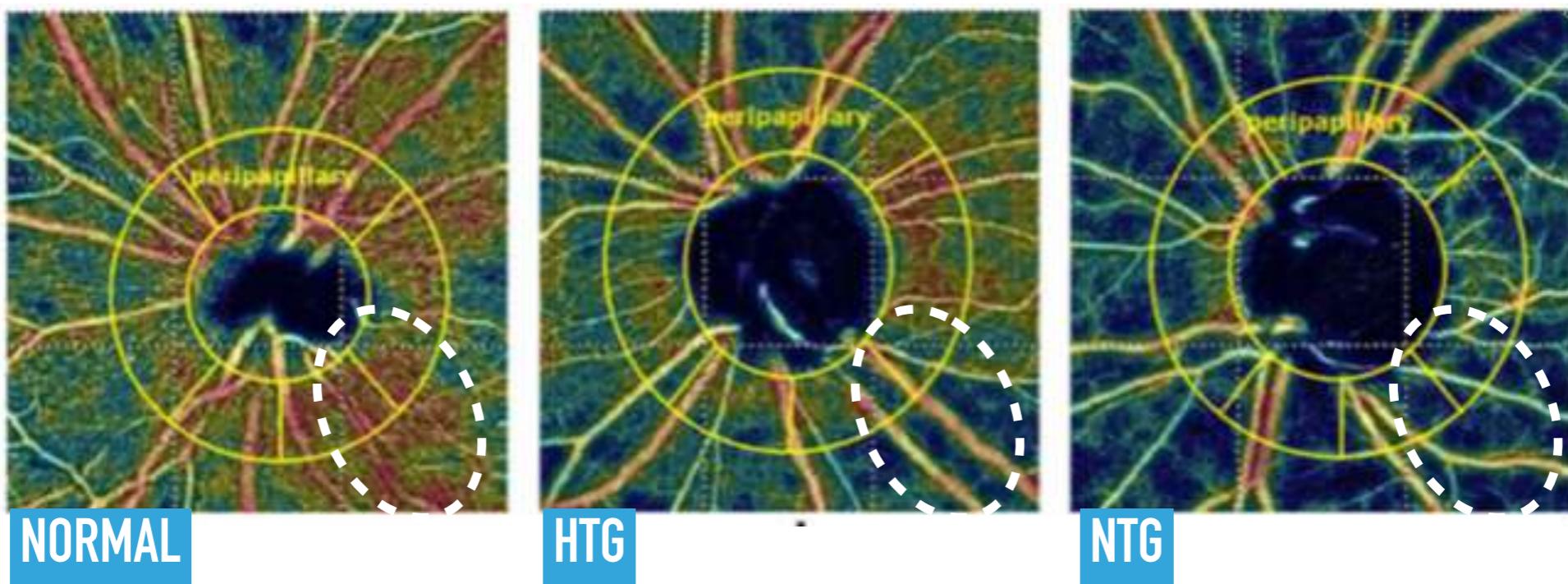


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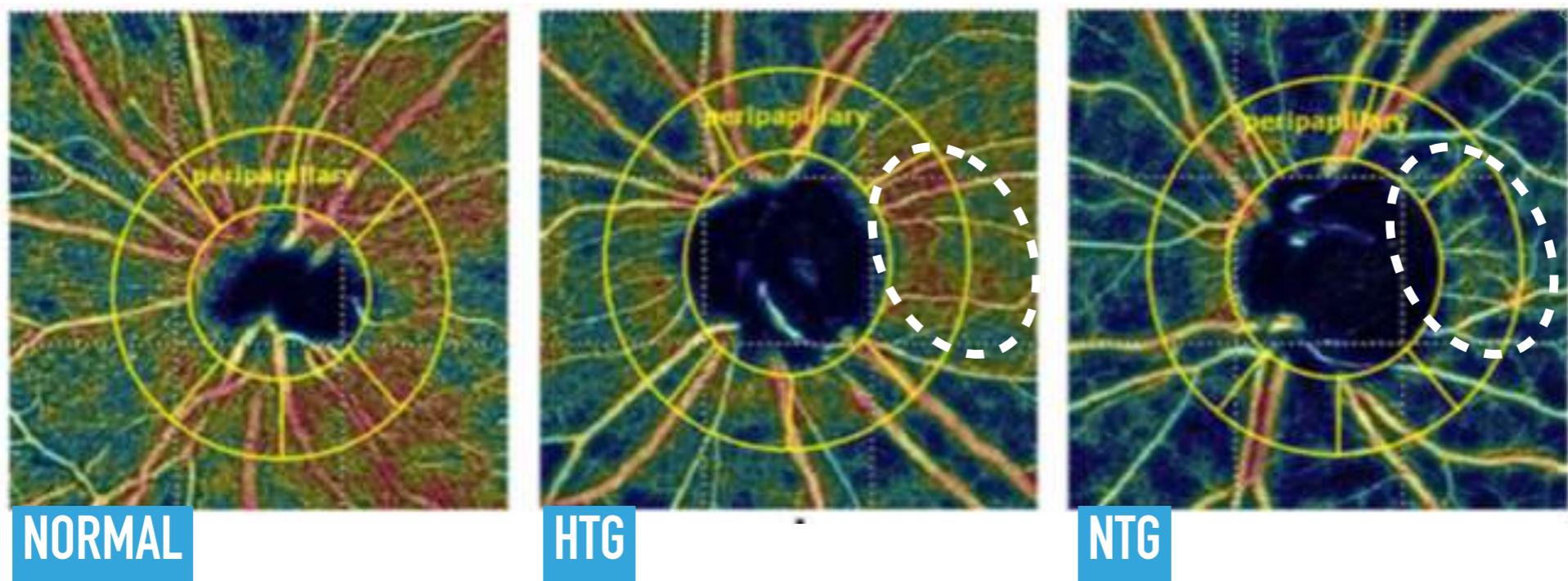


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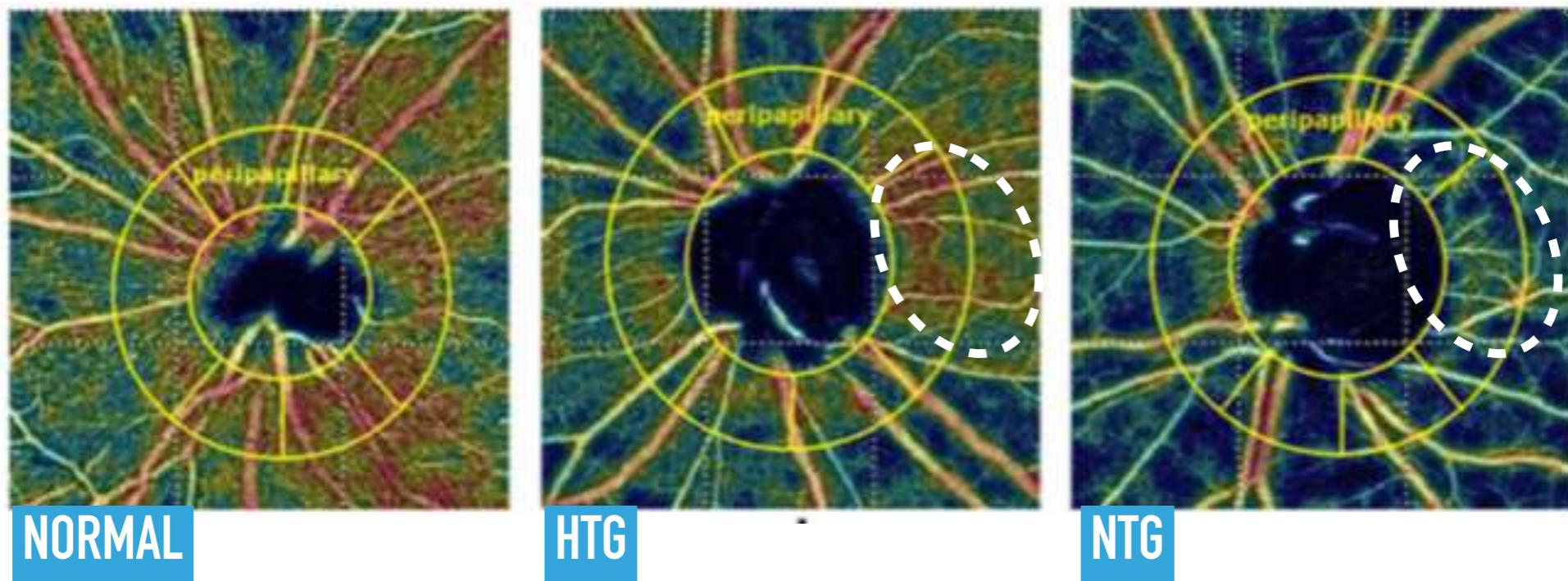


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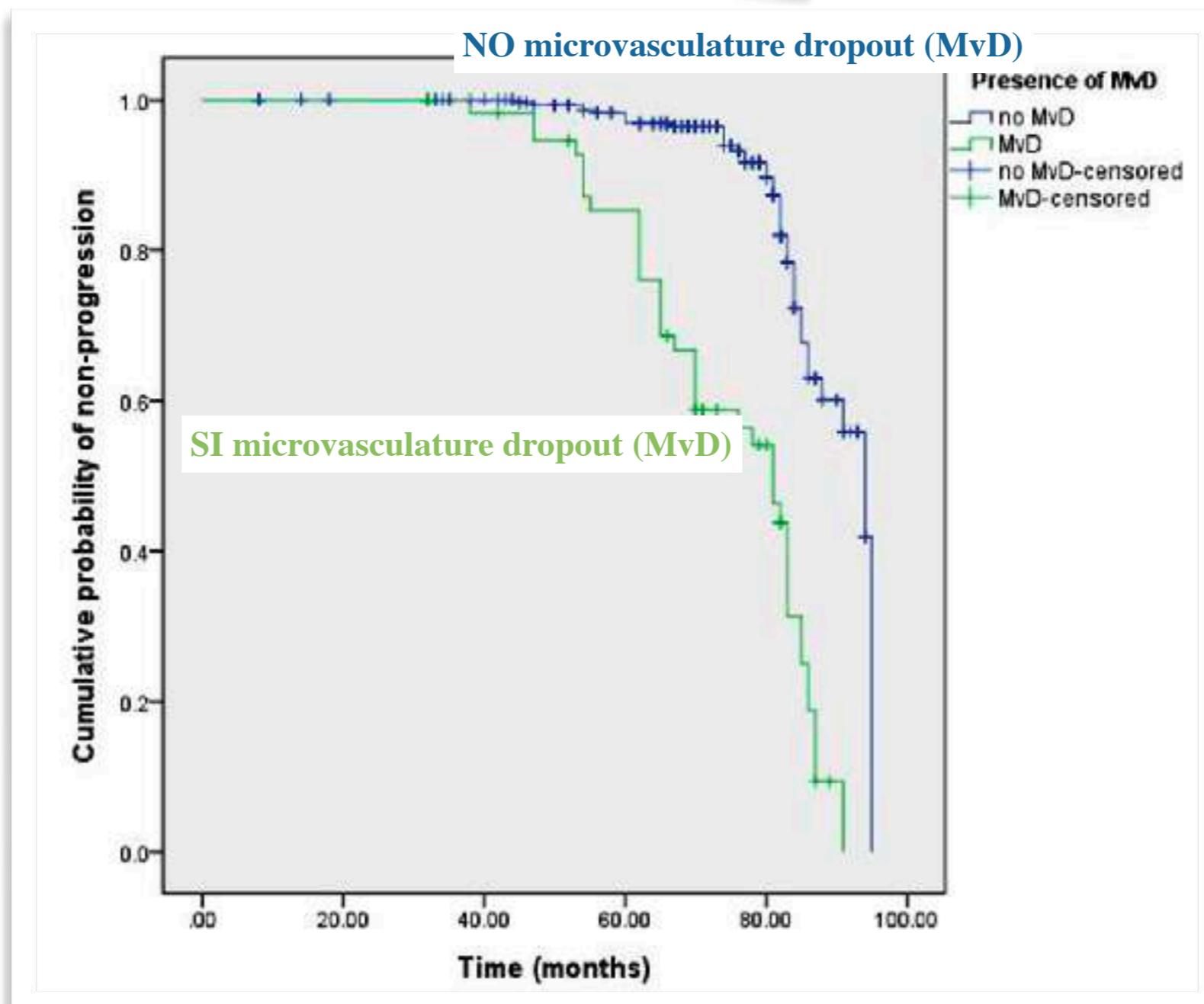
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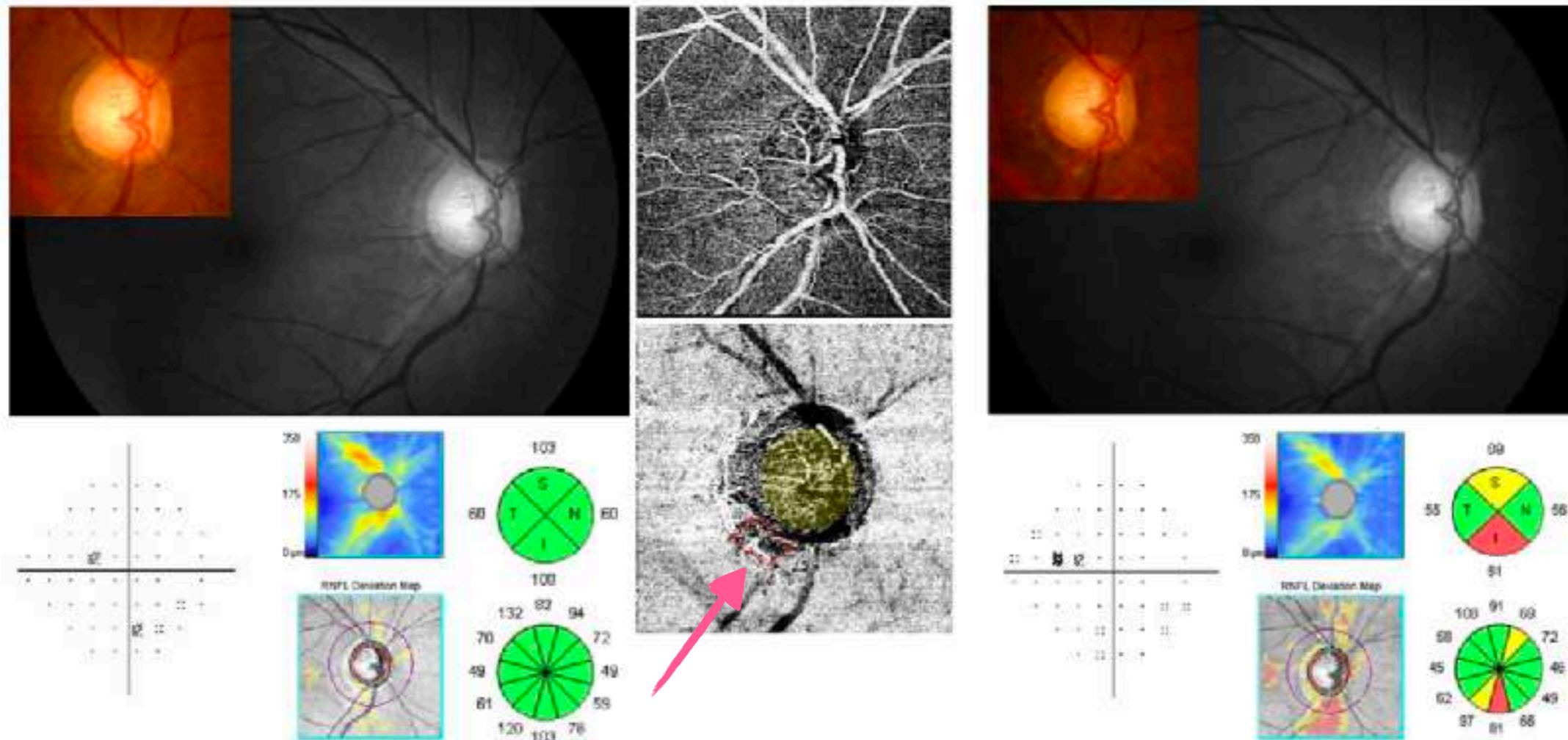
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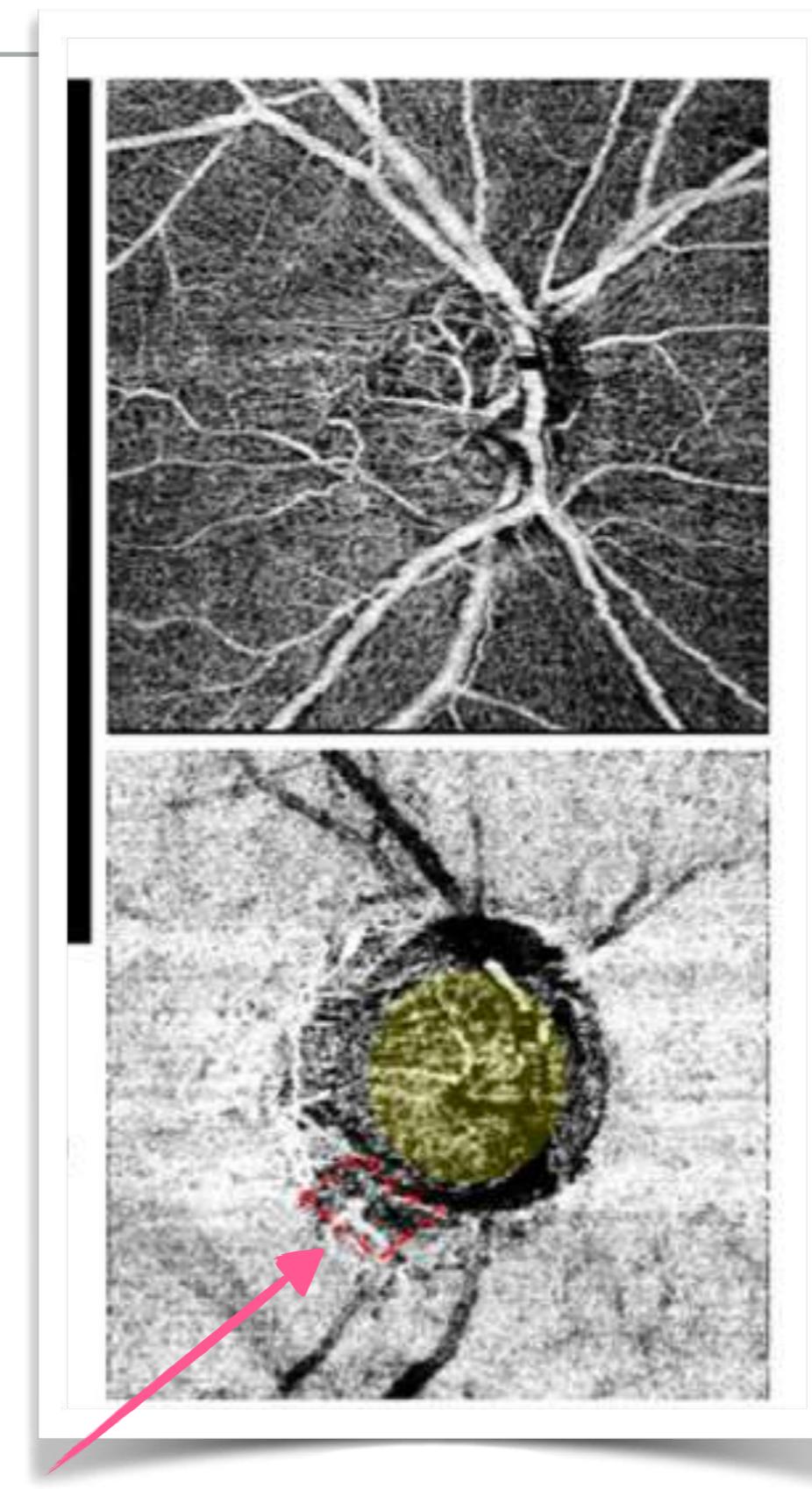
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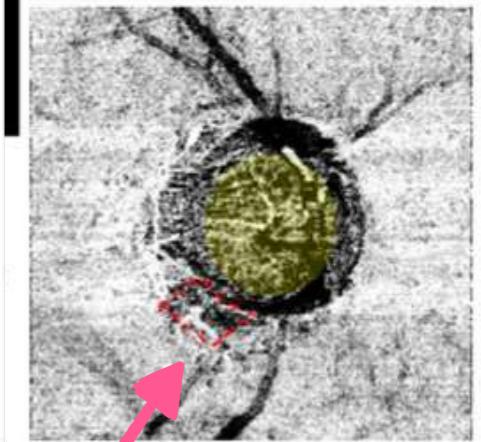
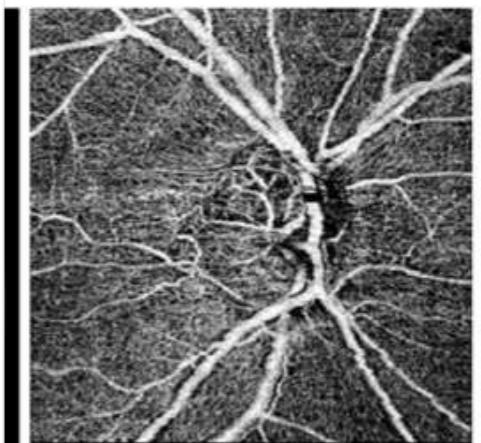
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## ANGIO-OCT

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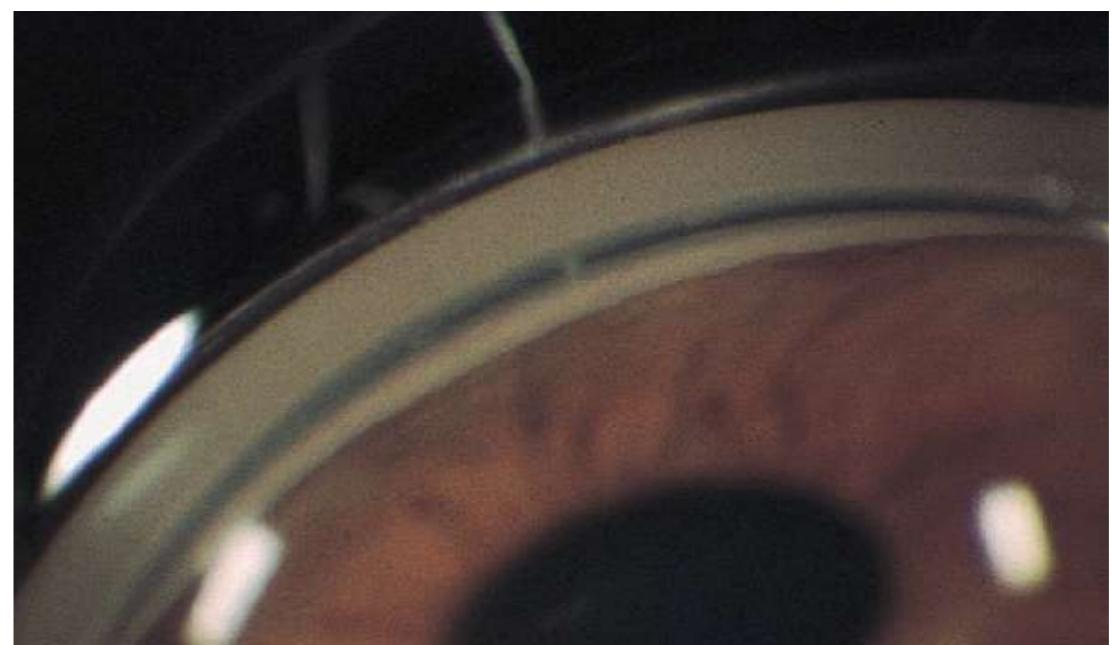
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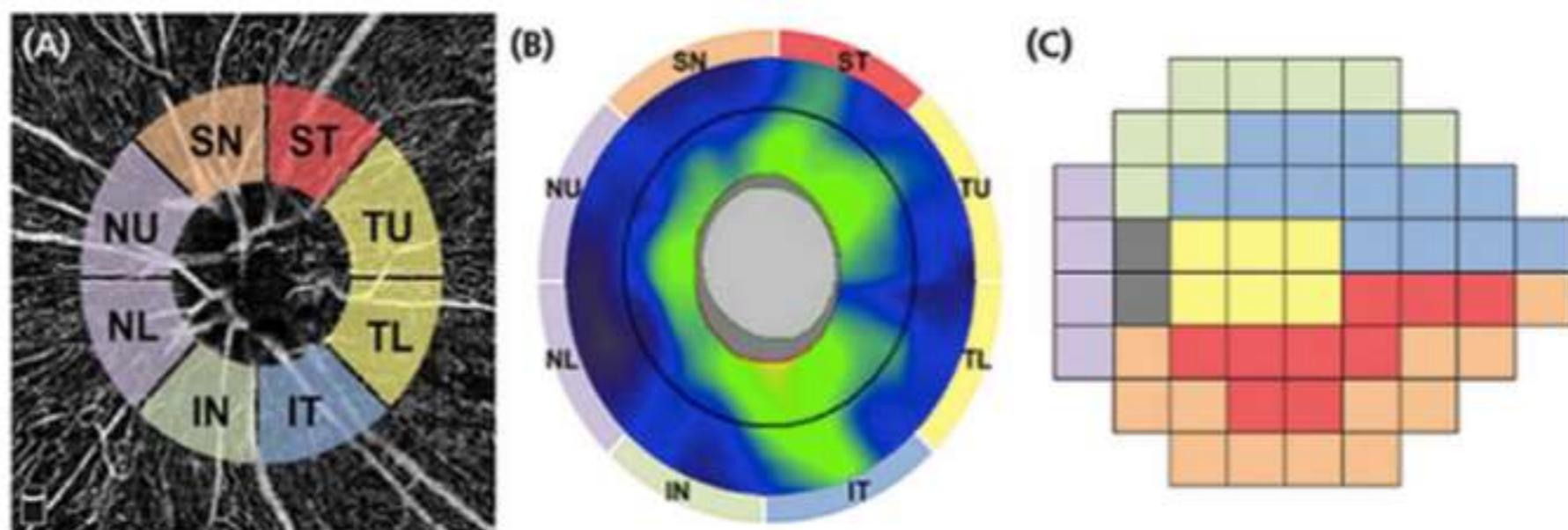
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- ▶ nuovo parametro: rapporto vasi/funzione, oltre al noto struttura/funzione
- ▶ evidenze che il rapporto vasi/funzione sia più forte rispetto a struttura/funzione \*

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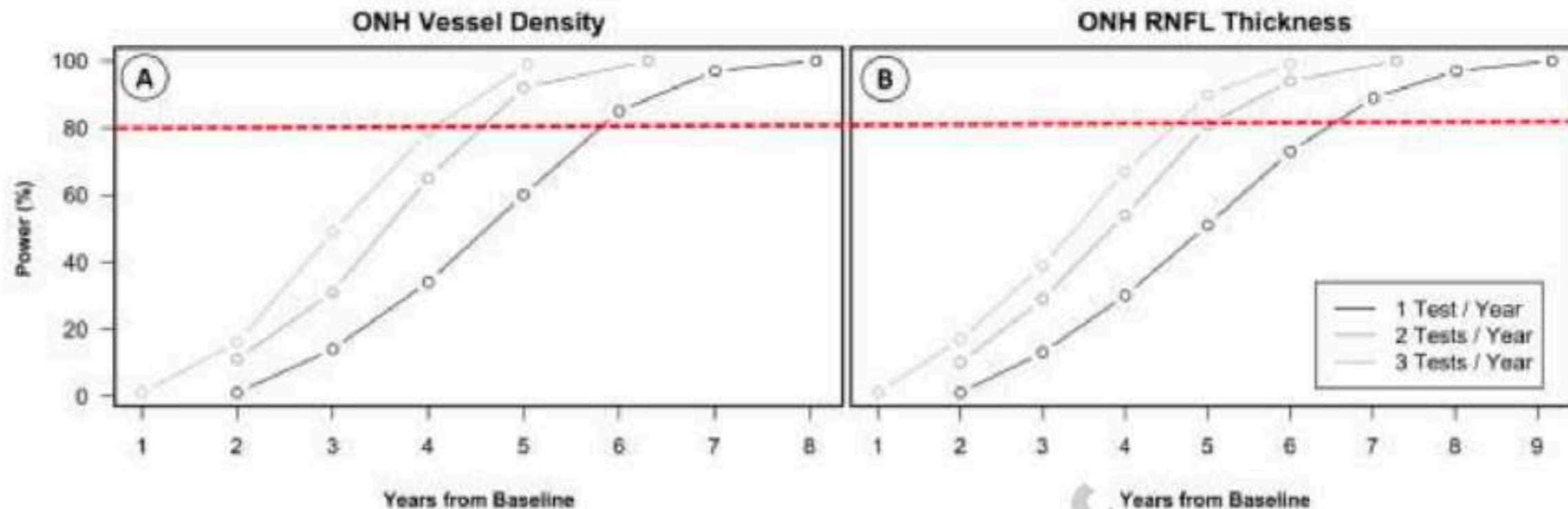
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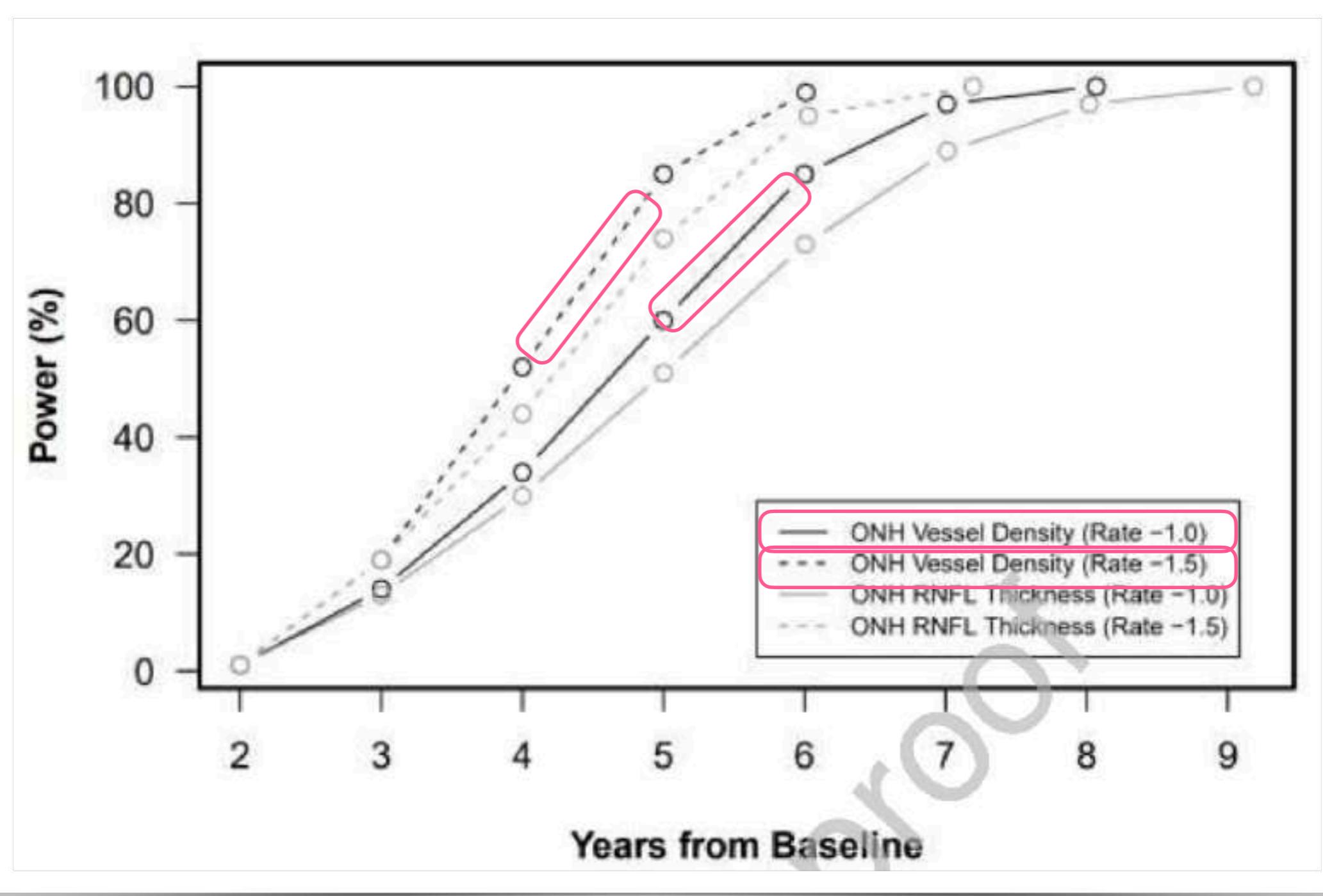
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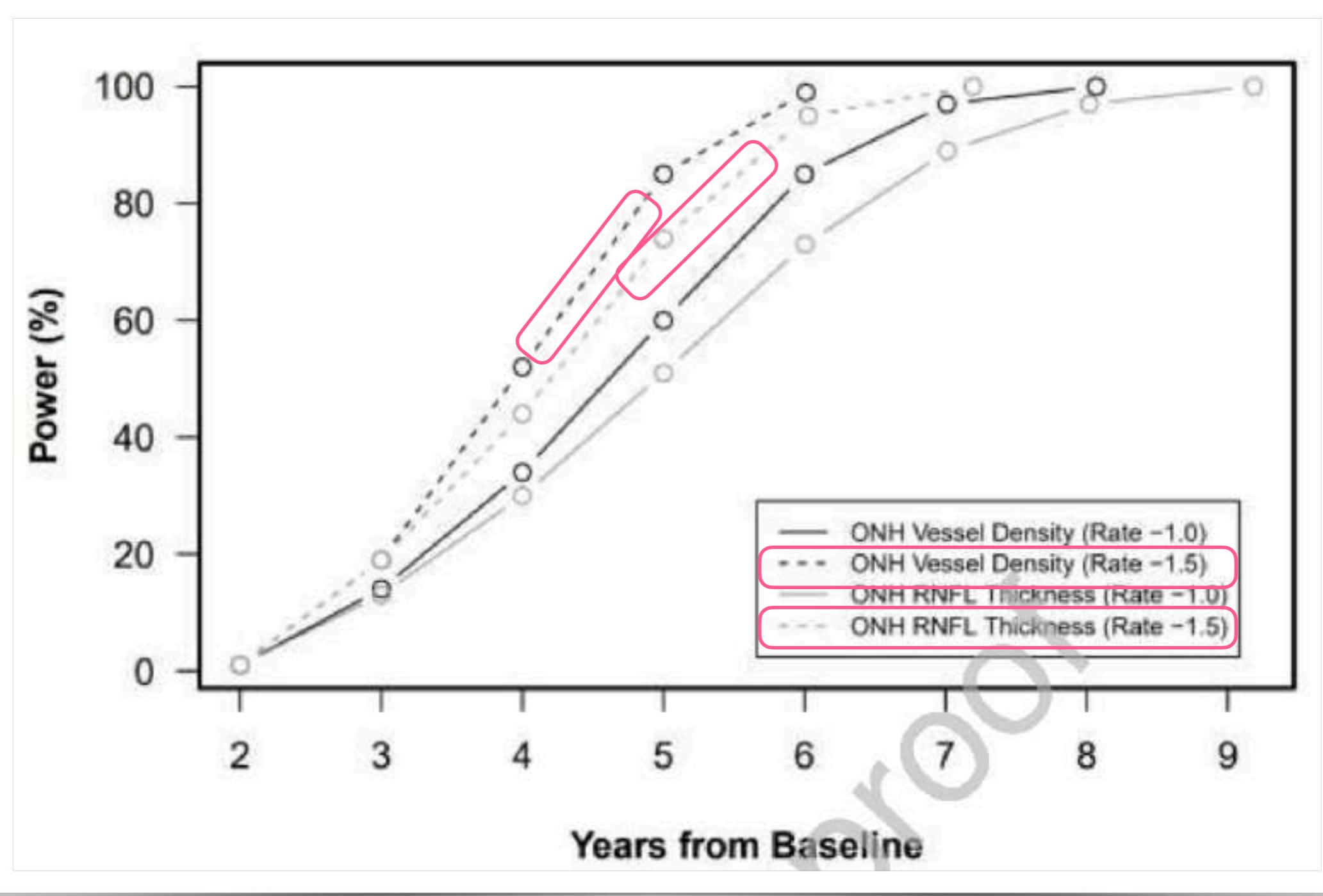


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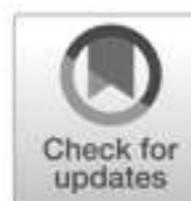
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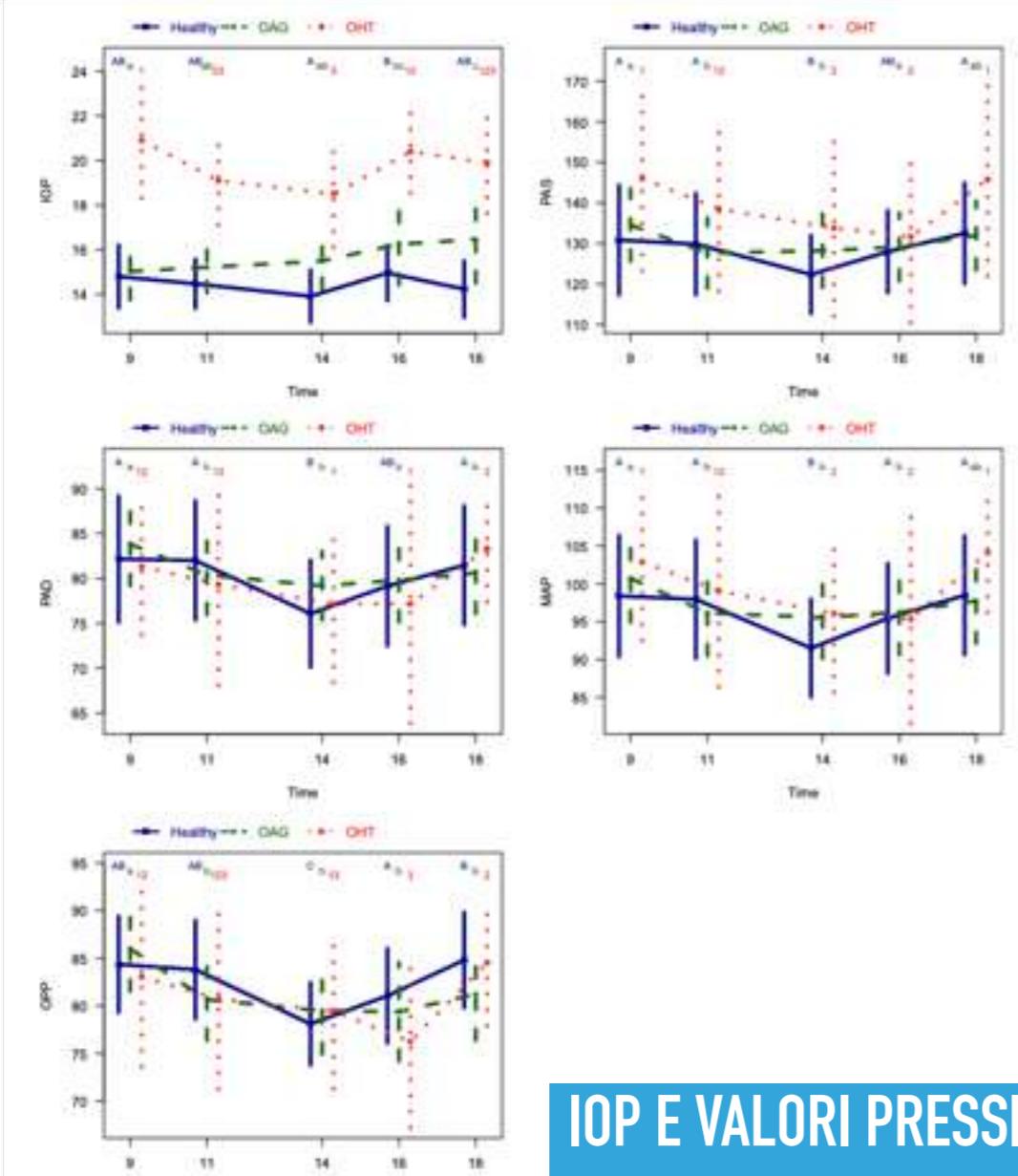
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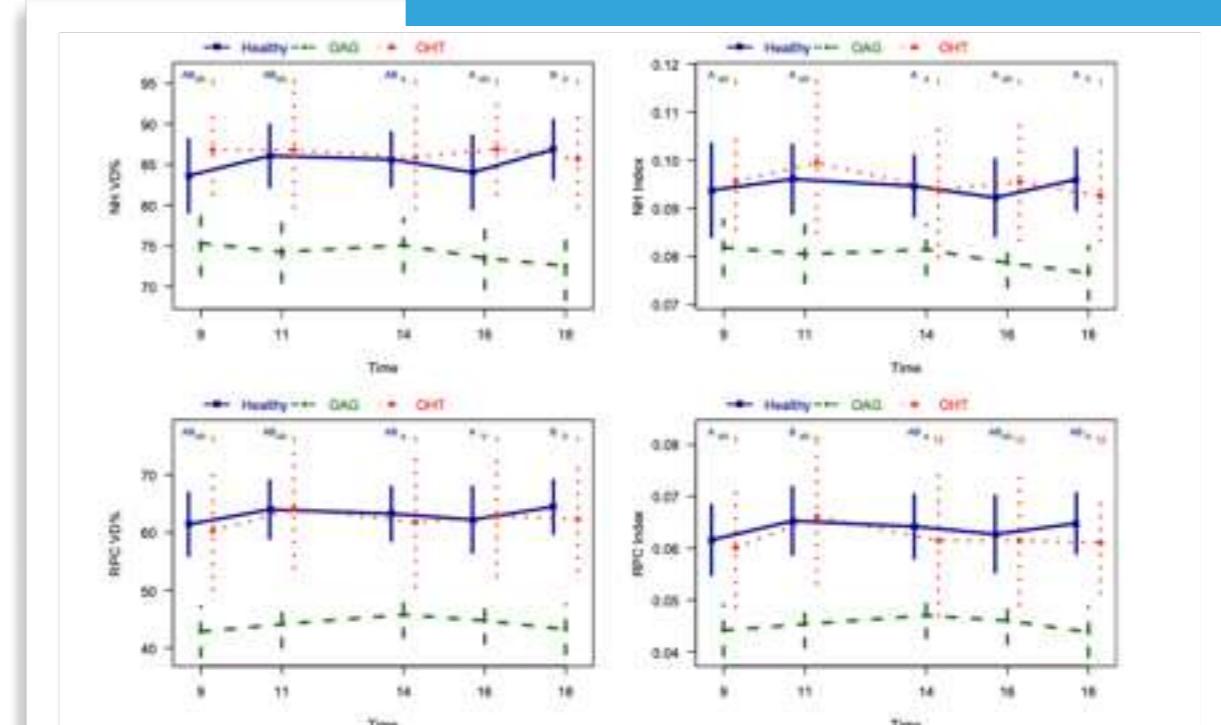
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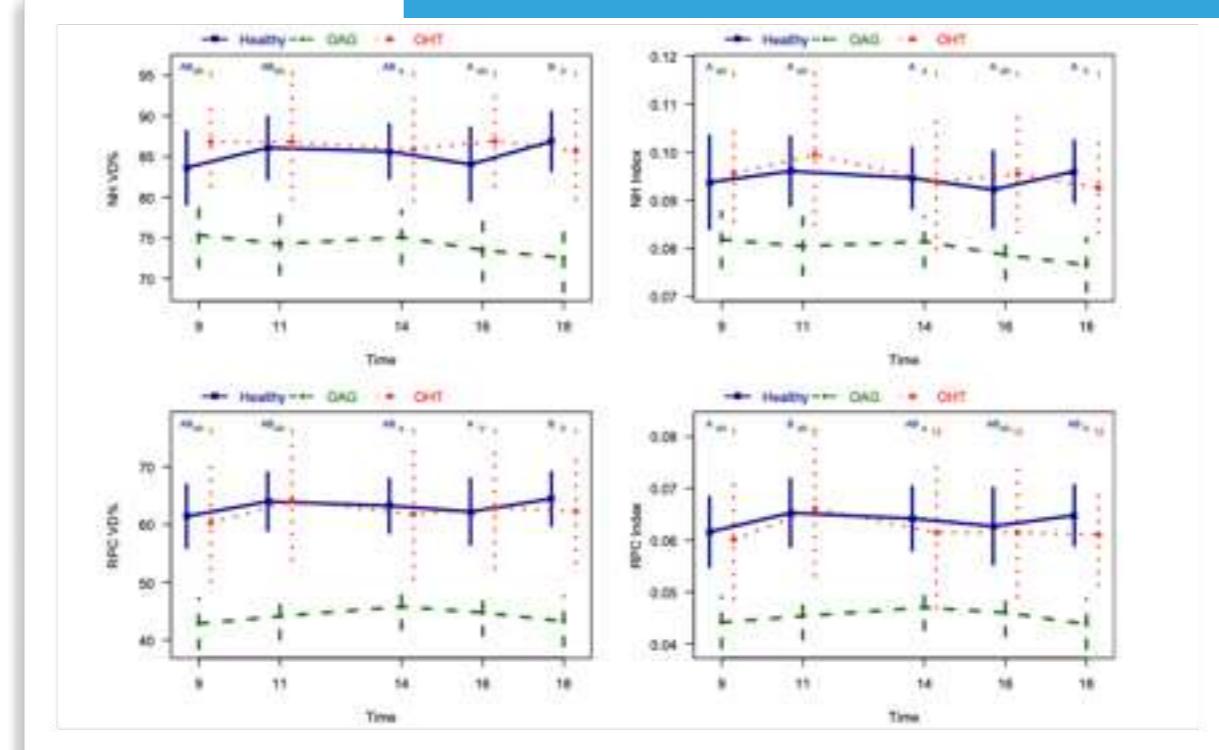




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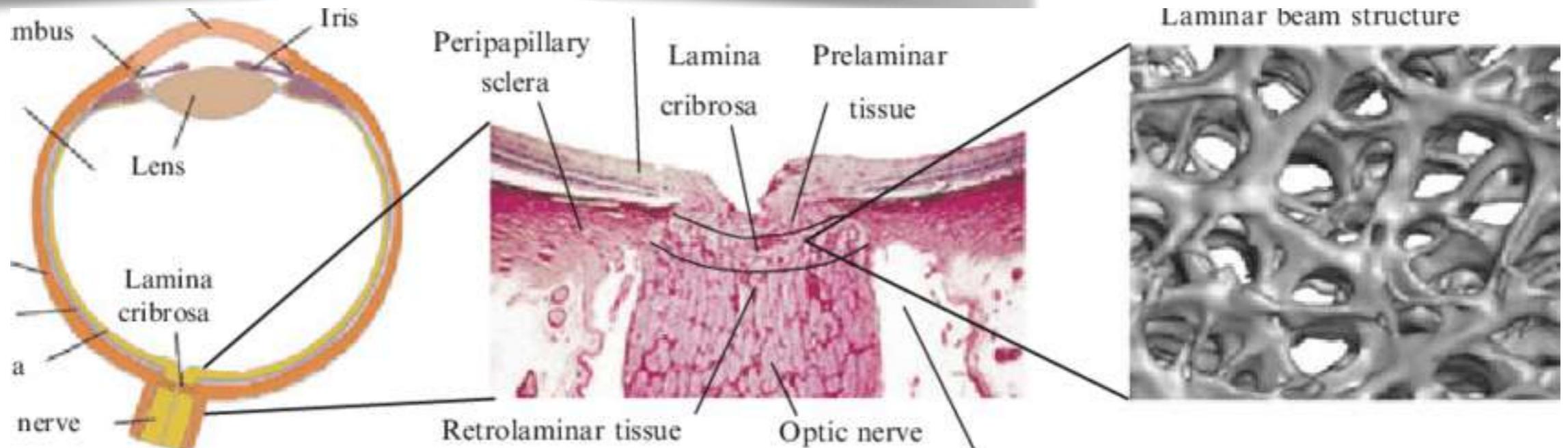
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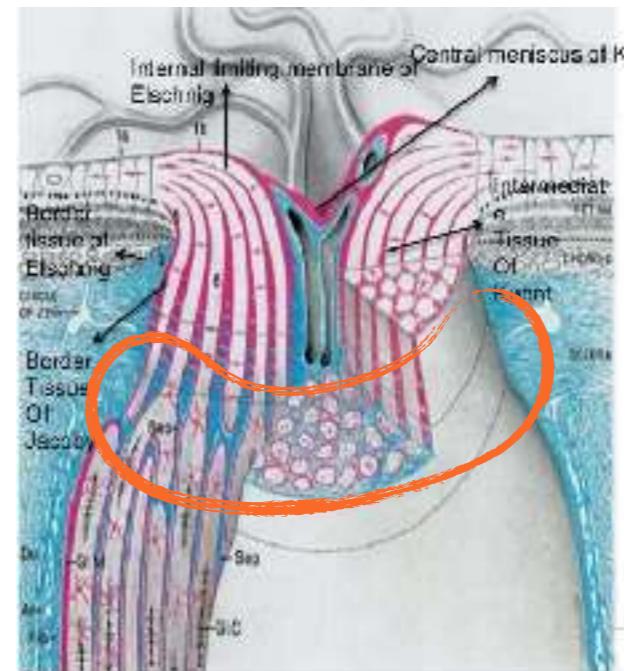
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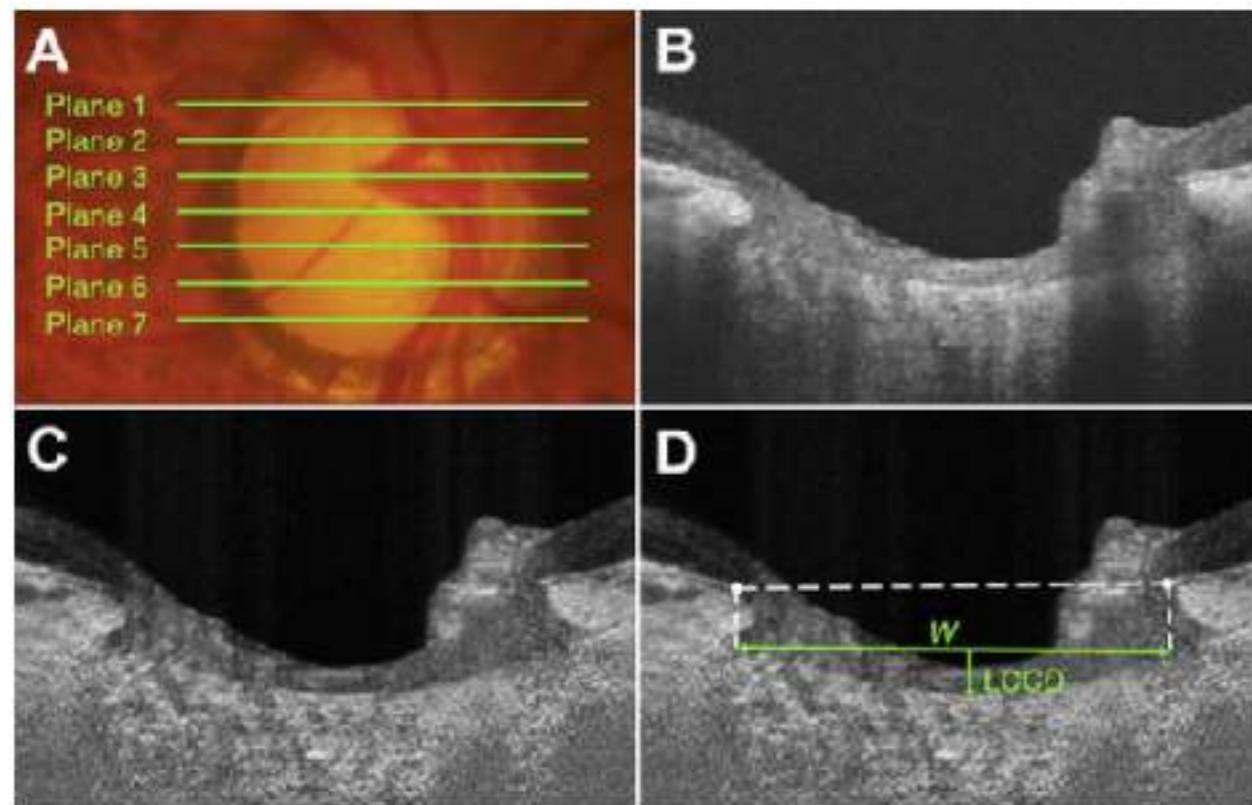
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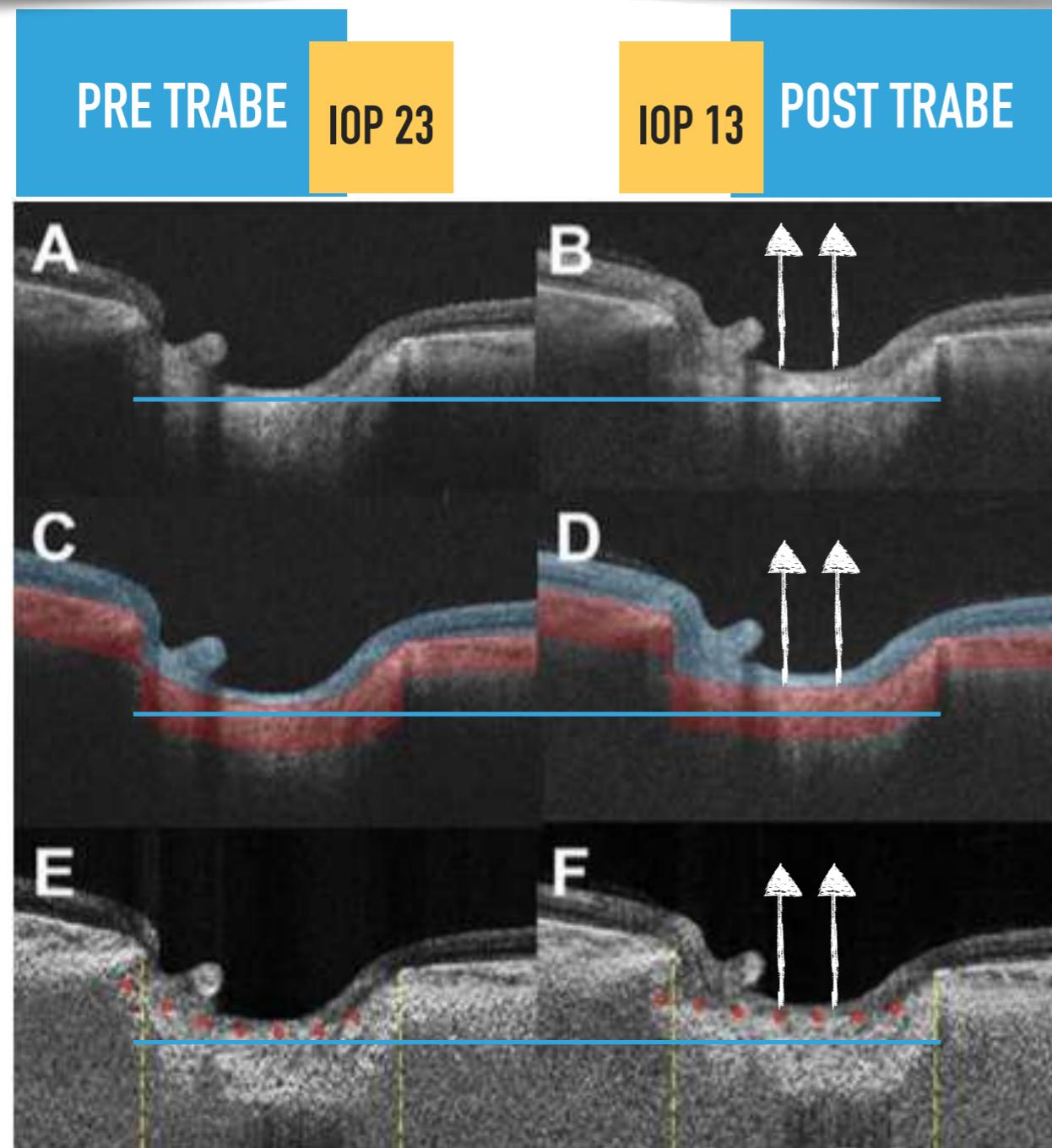
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## ▶ POST TRABE

con la *riduzione della IOP* si osserva una *riduzione* della ***curvatura della lamina cribrosa***

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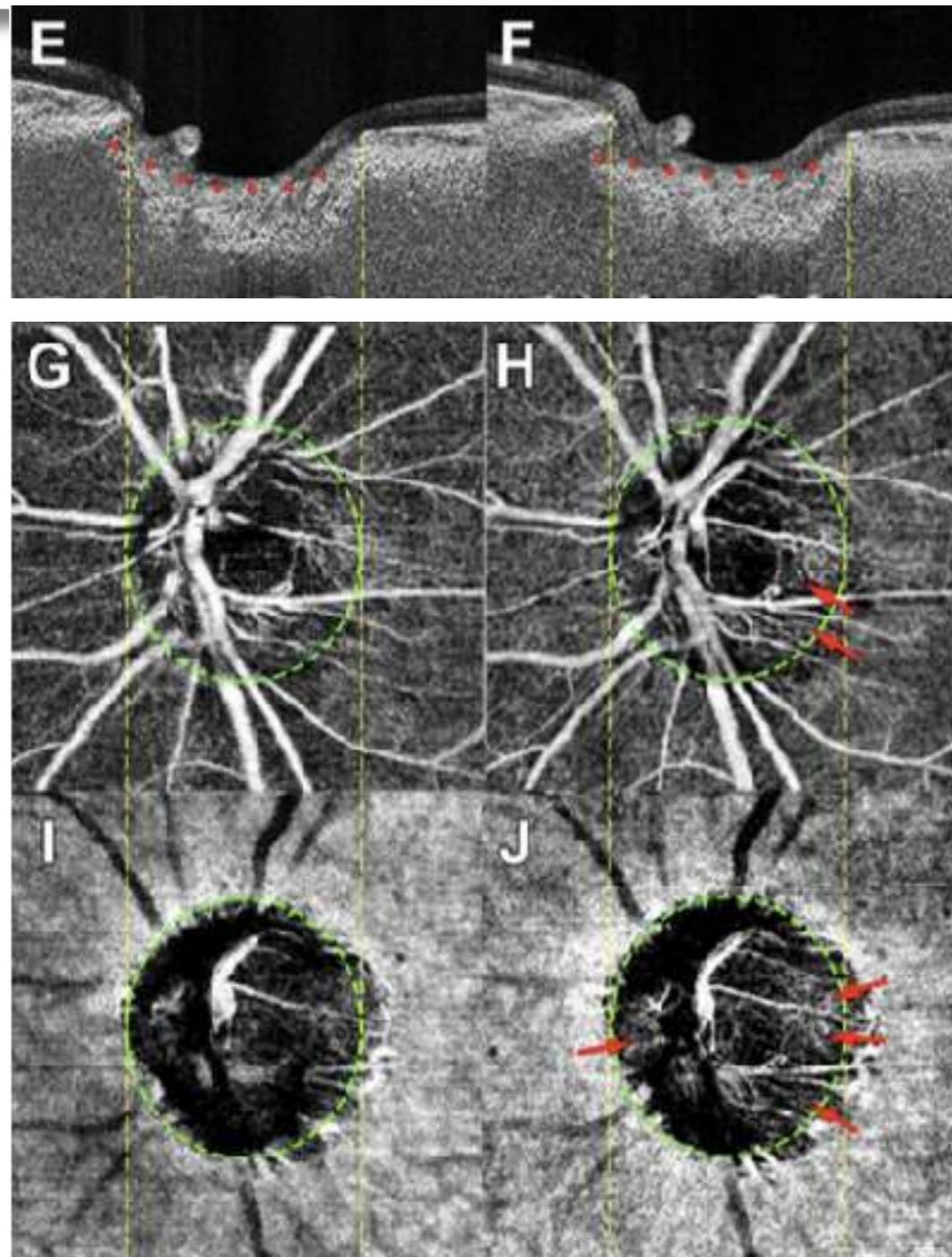
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- ▶ valutare la **perfusione del nervo ottico** in seguito a **trabeculectomia**
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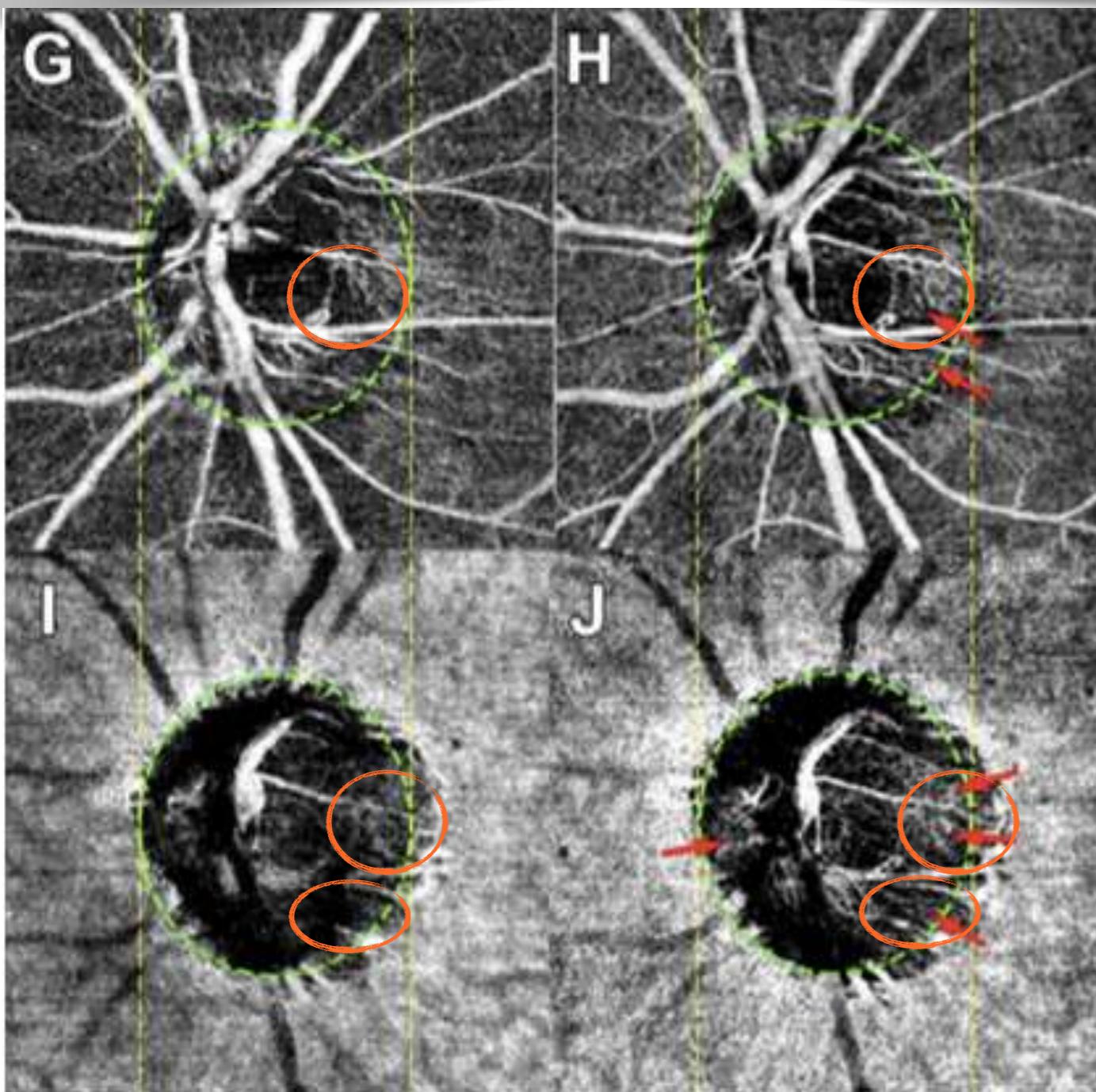


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	Preoperative	Postoperative	P
IOP, mm Hg	23.1 ± 7.5	13.0 ± 4.9	< 0.001
LCCI	13.2 ± 2.7	10.8 ± 2.2	< 0.001
VD in the prelaminar tissue, %	31.6 ± 9.6	32.6 ± 10.6	0.307
VD in the LC, %	10.2 ± 4.7	11.9 ± 6.0	0.006
VD in the PR, %	28.6 ± 7.4	28.2 ± 7.7	0.558
VD in the PPC, %	75.4 ± 10.4	75.7 ± 10.5	0.637
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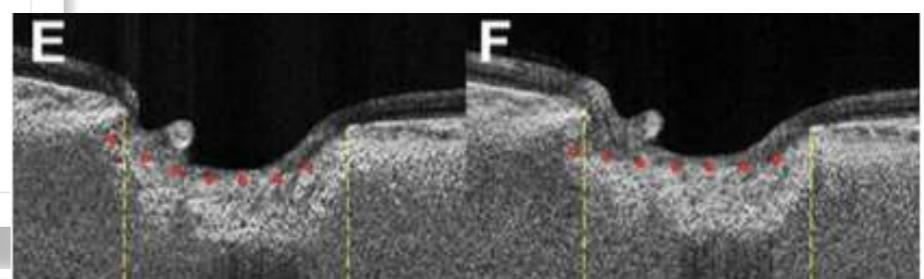


TABLE 4. Factors Associated With the Increase of VD in the LC at Postoperative

Variables	Univariate		<i>P</i>	0.055 (−0.001 to 0.111)	0.055
	$\beta$ (95% CI)	<i>P</i>			
Age, per 1 y older	−0.039 (−0.114 to 0.035)	0.293			
Female sex	1.557 (−1.083 to 4.197)	0.242			
CCT, per 1 $\mu\text{m}$ larger	−0.013 (−0.042 to 0.016)	0.383			
AXL, per 1 mm larger	0.027 (−0.545 to 0.600)	0.924			
Global RNFL thickness, per 1 $\mu\text{m}$ larger	0.028 (−0.024 to 0.081)	0.285			
VF MD, per 1 dB higher	−0.022 (−0.141 to 0.097)	0.711			
Baseline IOP, per 1 mm Hg higher	0.085 (−0.073 to 0.243)	0.287			
% IOP reduction, per 1% larger	<b>0.060 (0.003 to 0.116)</b>	<b>0.040</b>			
Baseline LCCI, per 1 unit larger	0.281 (−0.163 to 0.726)	0.210			
% LCCI reversal, per 1% larger	<b>0.199 (0.107 to 0.292)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>			
baseline VD in the LC, per 1% larger	−0.109 (−0.561 to 0.142)	0.588			
SBP, per 1 mm Hg higher	−0.038 (−0.118 to 0.042)	0.346			
DBP, per 1 mm Hg higher	−0.039 (−0.155 to 0.076)	0.498			
MAP, per 1 mm Hg higher	−0.045 (−0.152 to 0.062)	0.402			
MOPP, per 1 mm Hg higher	−0.076 (−0.199 to 0.048)	0.225			
Self-reported hypertension	−0.540 (−3.271 to 2.191)	0.693			
Self-reported diabetes	−0.942 (−4.023 to 2.139)	0.542			
Family history of glaucoma	−0.260 (−4.857 to 4.338)	0.910			
Cold extremities	2.028 (−0.722 to 4.777)	0.145			
Migraine	3.730 (−0.297 to 7.756)	0.069	3.341 (−0.605 to 7.287)	0.095	2.372 (−1.247 to 5.991)
Image quality score	0.106 (−0.072 to 0.283)	0.238			0.194

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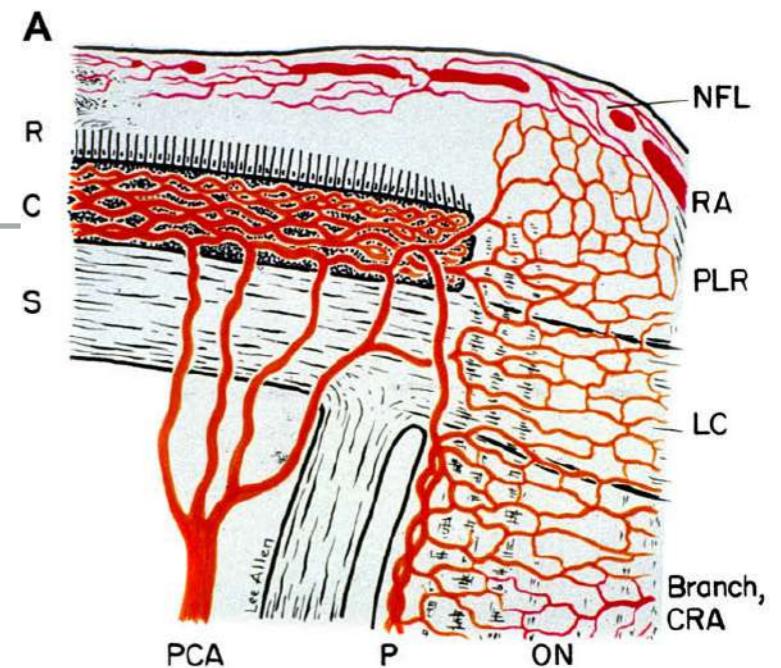
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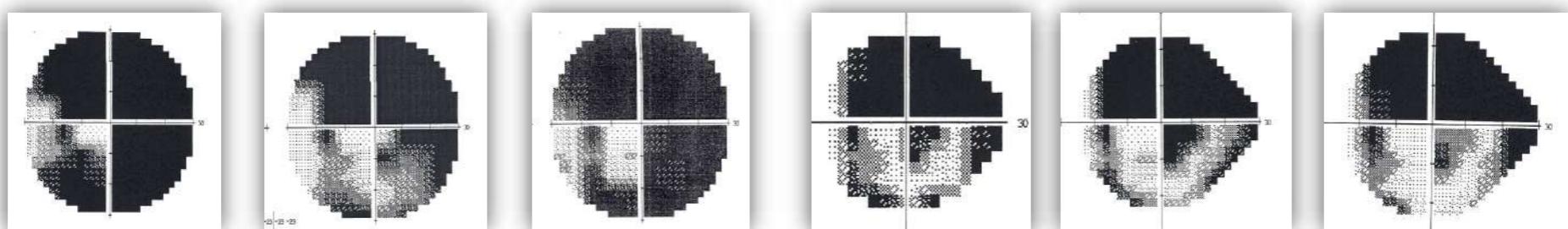
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## ANGIO OCT: patogenesi glaucoma - efficacia del trattamento

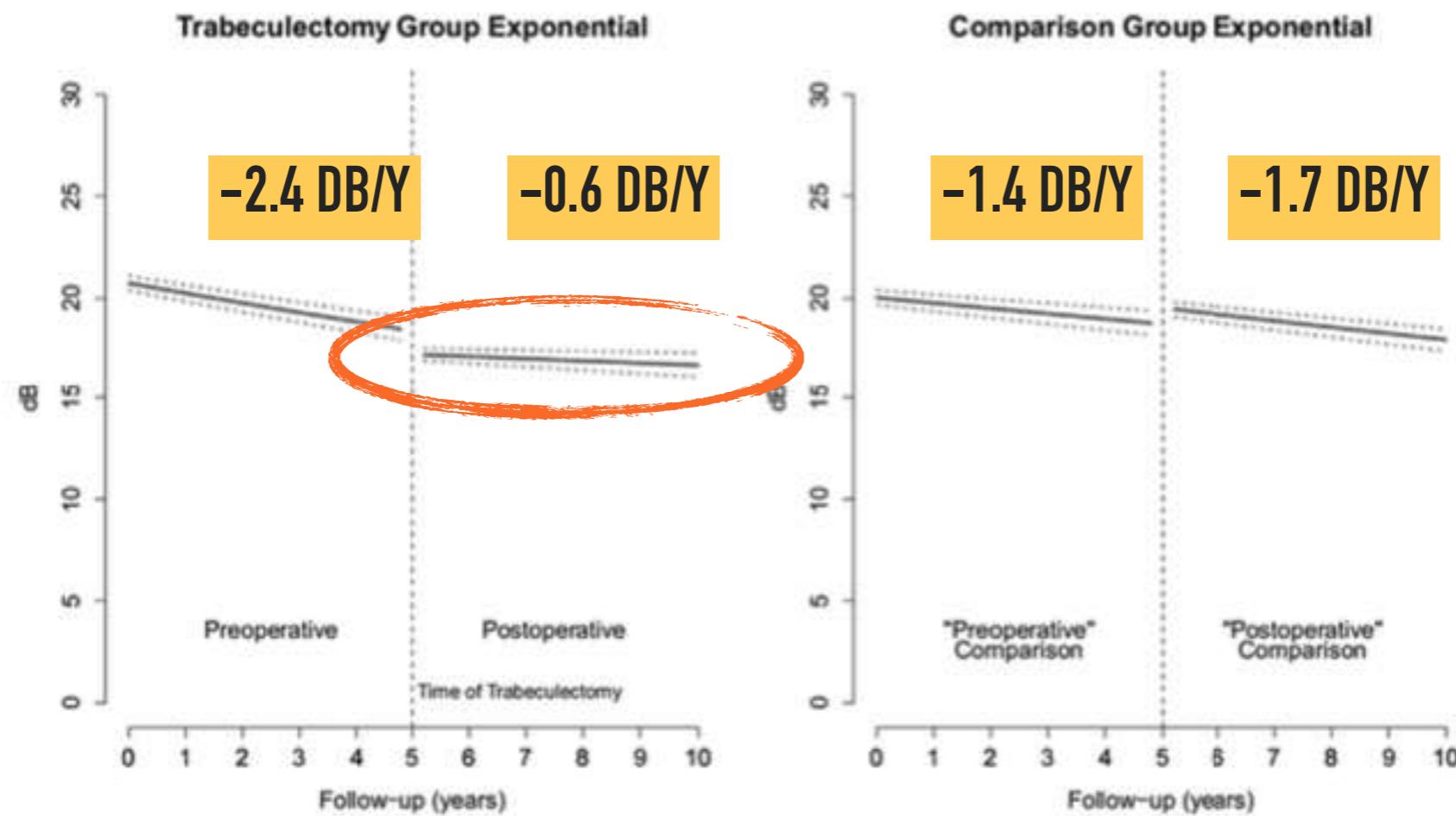
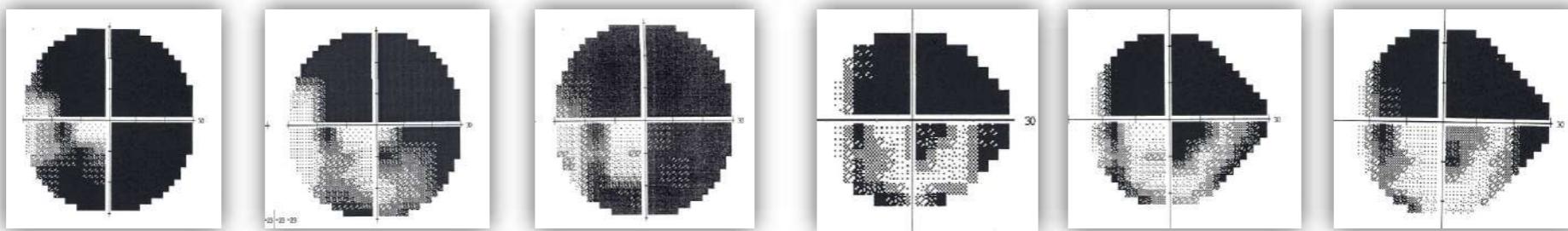
- efficacia del trattamento terapeutico potrebbe essere legato a una migliore perfusione del nervo ottico, con conseguente miglioramento del metabolismo e del flusso assoplasmatico



# Trabeculectomy Can Improve Long-Term Visual Function in Glaucoma

ophthalmology, 2016

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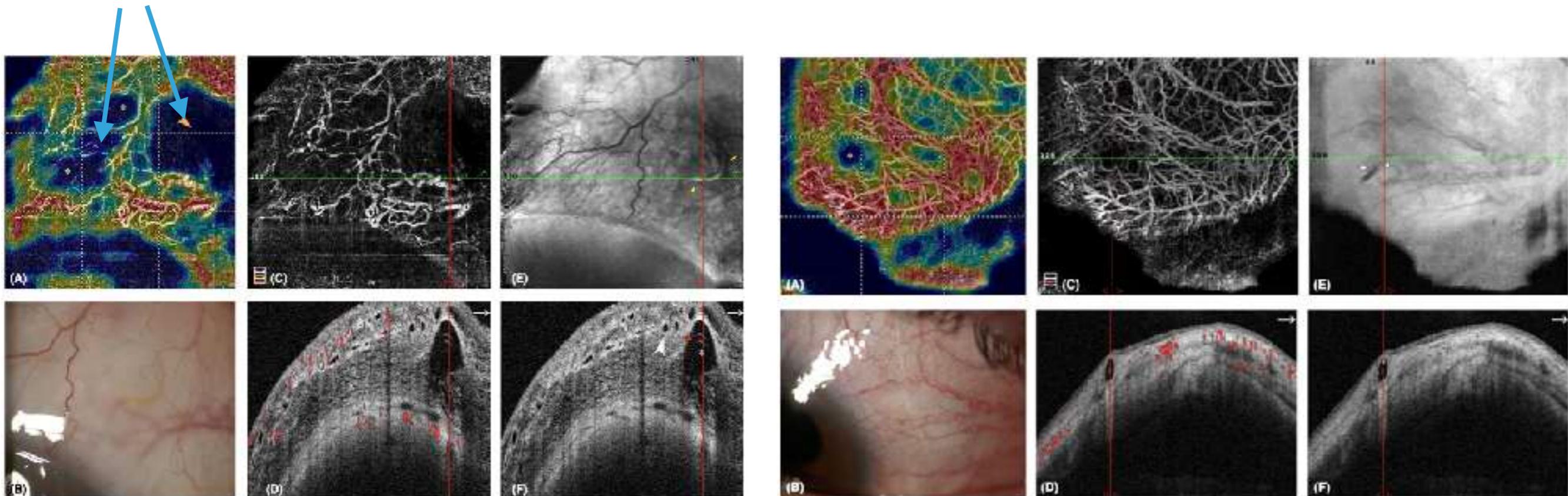
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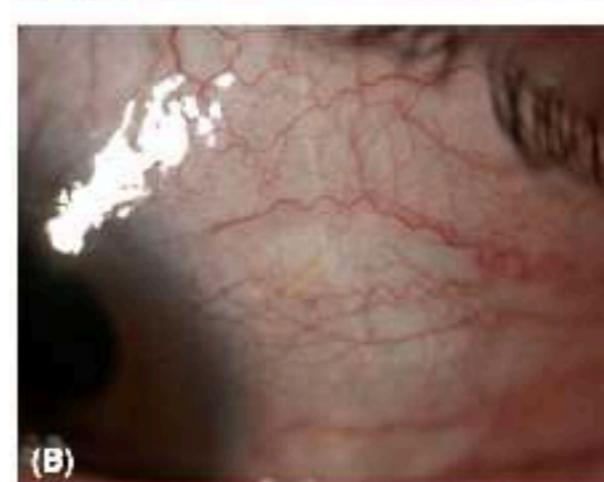
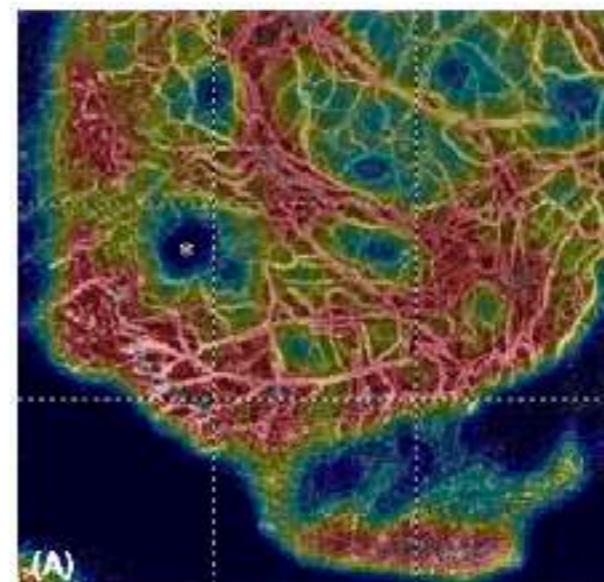
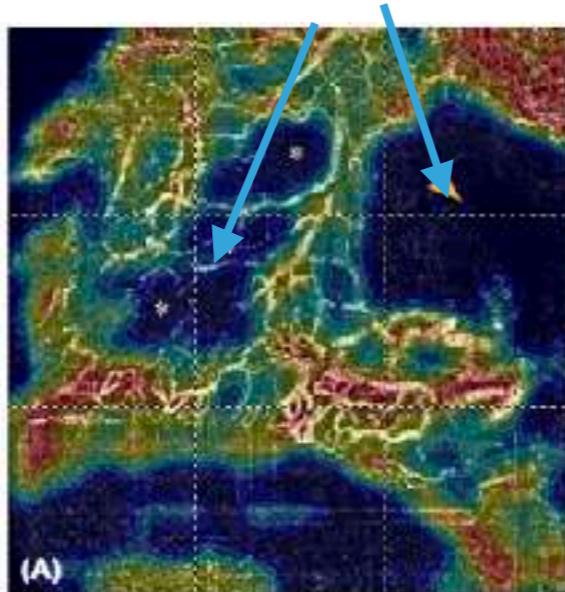
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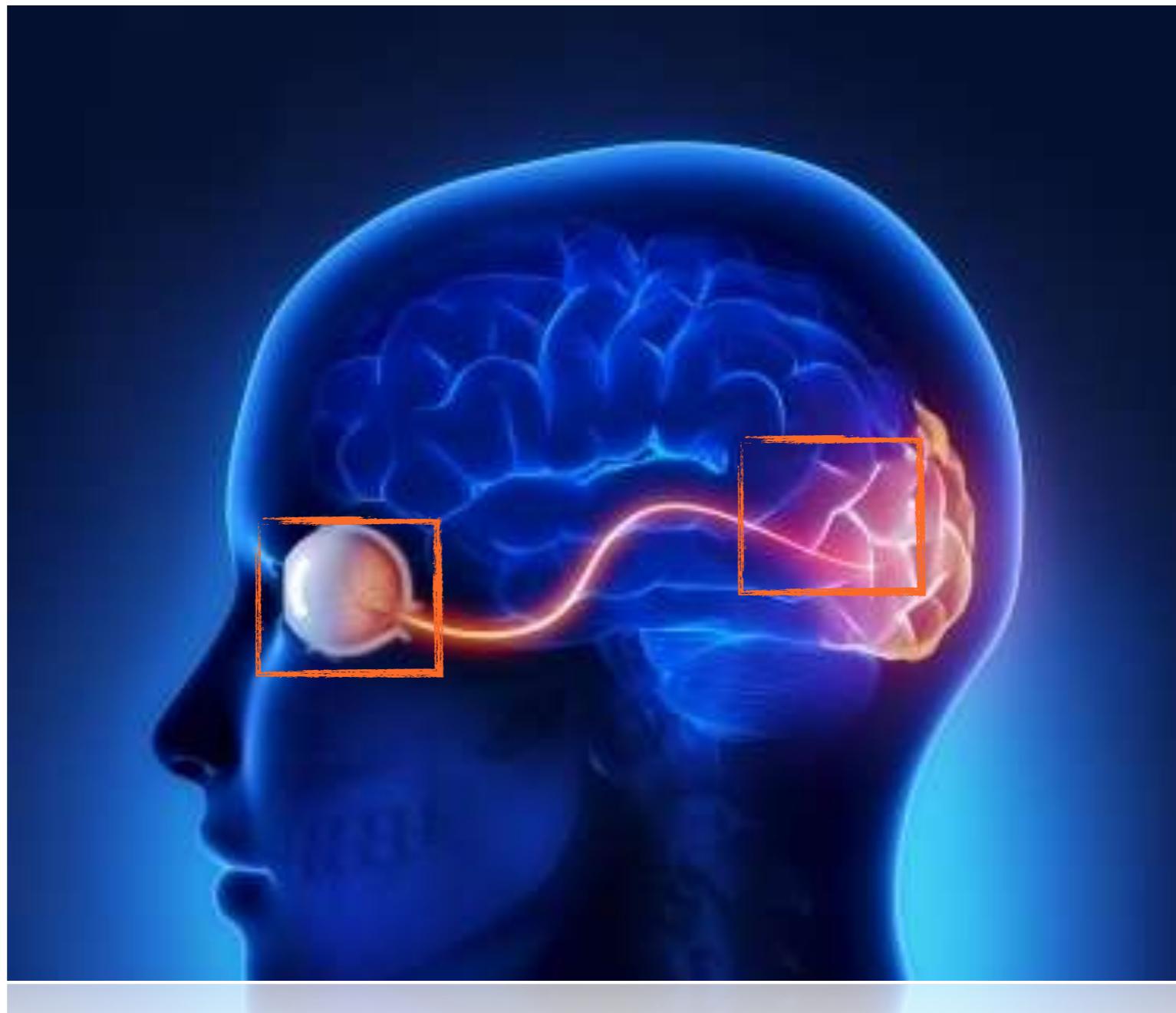
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***from eye TO BRAIN***

# EYE: WINDOW TO THE BRAIN

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*possibile studiare processi degenerativi sistema nervoso centrale  
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- ▶ **demenza**: ruolo del *microcircolo vascolare*
- ▶ **AD**: disfunzione vascolare, alterazione della *perfusione cerebrale*
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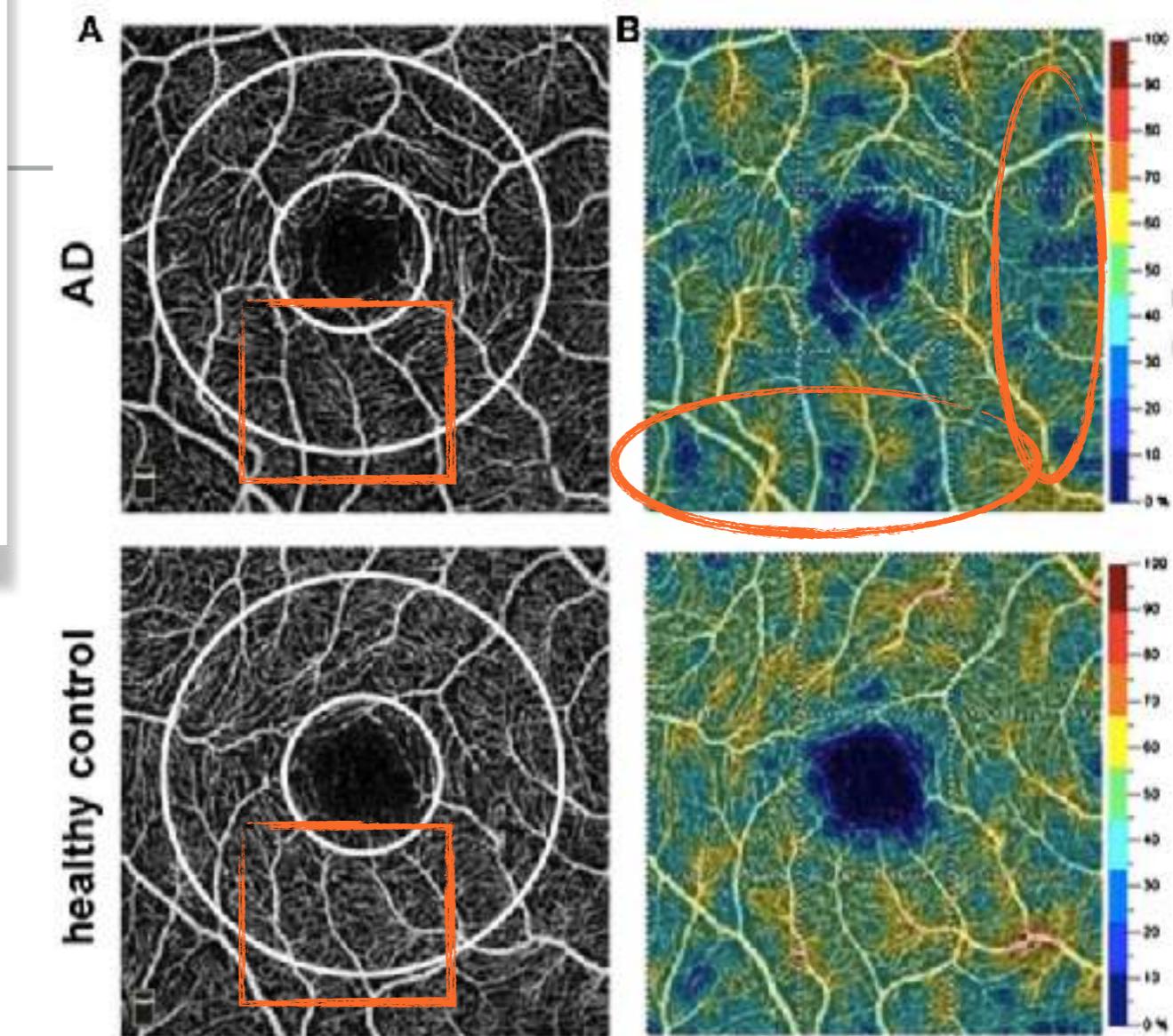


Table 2

Values of flow density (%) obtained in the regions indicated. Bold, statistically significant differences between the two groups

	Study group Mean $\pm$ SD; (median [25,75 percentile])	Control group Mean $\pm$ SD; (median [25,75 percentile])	p
OCT-A superficial			
whole en face	48.77 $\pm$ 3.92 (49.58 [45.05, 51.91])	51.64 $\pm$ 3.28 (52.49 [49.91, 54.04])	<b>0.001</b>
fovea	29.40 $\pm$ 5.72 (29.35 [25.94, 32.50])	31.06 $\pm$ 5.35 (31.72 [26.63, 34.42])	0.171
parafovea	50.93 $\pm$ 4.05 (52.60 [47.21, 53.92])	53.55 $\pm$ 3.31 (53.73 [51.97, 55.78])	<b>0.003</b>
OCT-A deep			
whole en face	55.35 $\pm$ 3.16 (56.13 [52.75, 58.12])	56.72 $\pm$ 2.21 (57.02 [55.53, 57.93])	0.090
fovea	31.21 $\pm$ 6.60 (29.97 [26.49, 35.27])	29.32 $\pm$ 6.67 (29.22 [25.09, 32.14])	0.234
parafovea	57.97 $\pm$ 3.30 (59.20 [54.83, 60.60])	58.38 $\pm$ 4.64 (59.15 [57.90, 60.37])	0.339
OCT-A Disc			
whole en face	53.07 $\pm$ 3.80 (53.34 [50.37, 56.35])	55.39 $\pm$ 3.70 (55.55 [53.67, 57.68])	<b>0.015</b>
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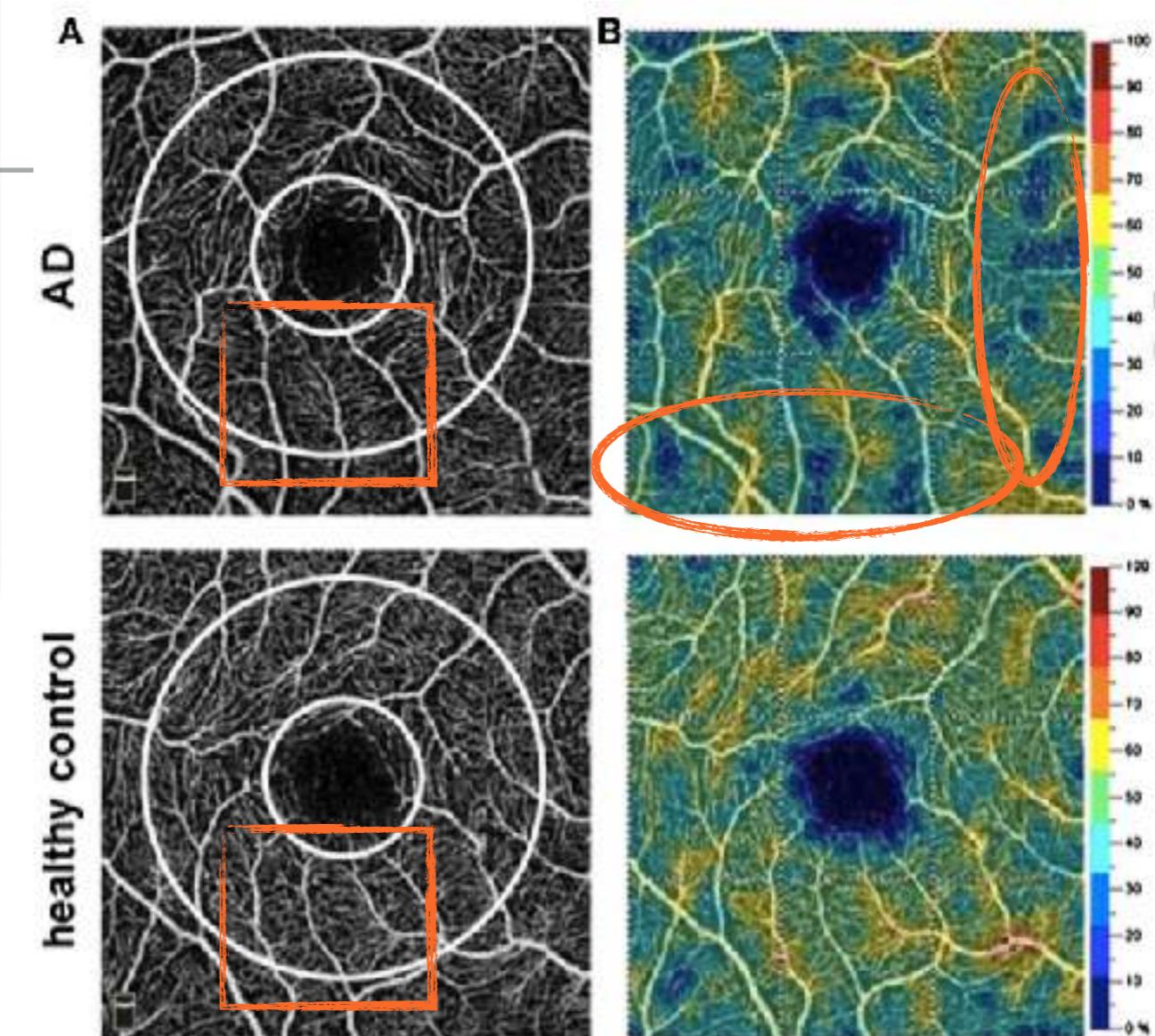
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## Future applications:

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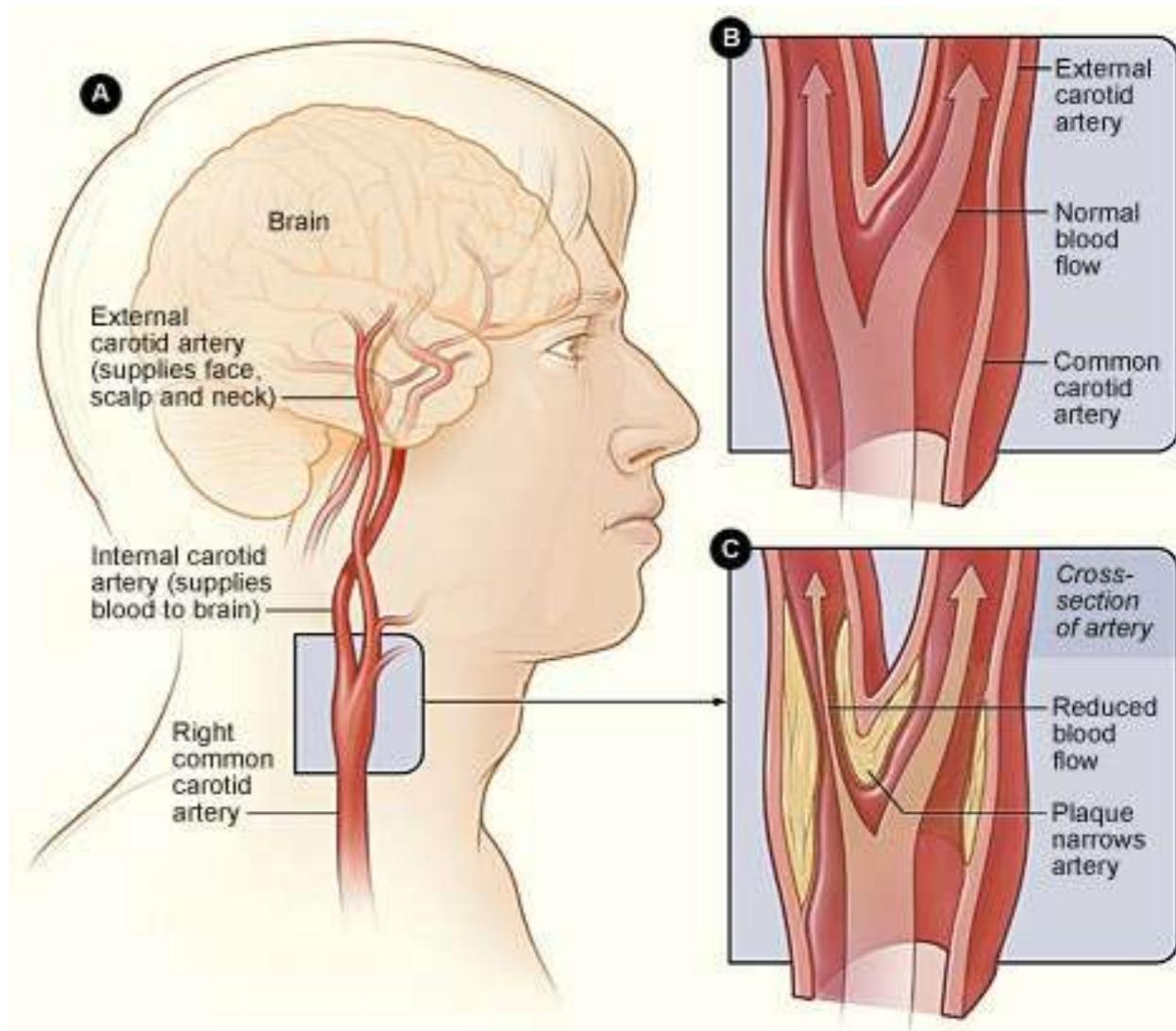
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### Patients with **asymptomatic severe internal carotid artery stenosis**

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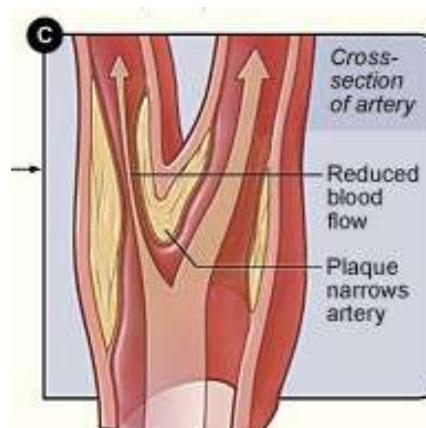
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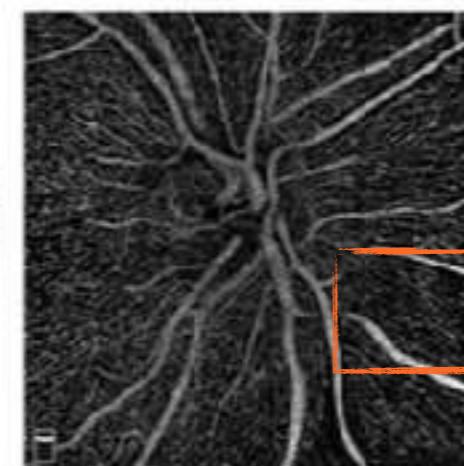
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peripapillary	58.96 $\pm$ 6.10	60.43 $\pm$ 5.43	0.376

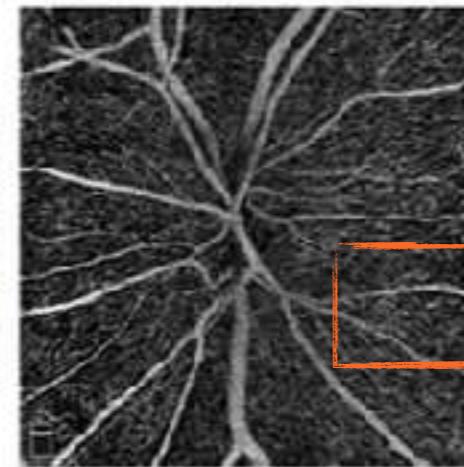


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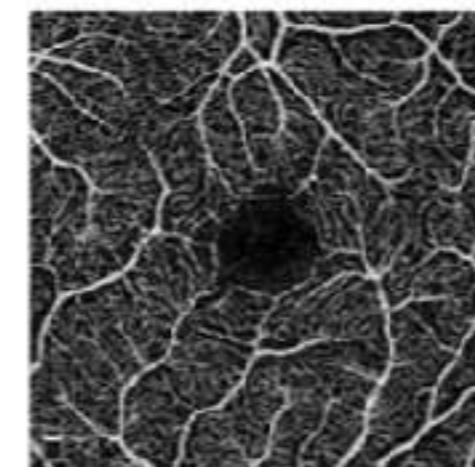
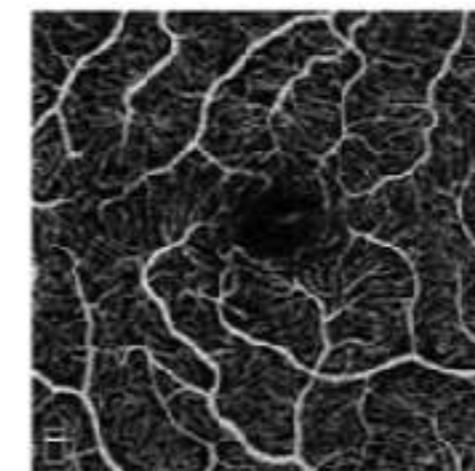
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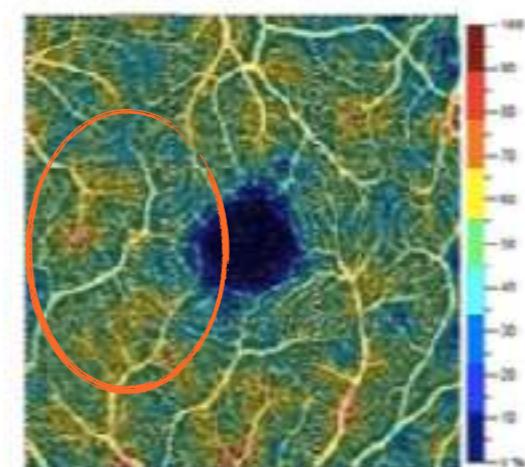
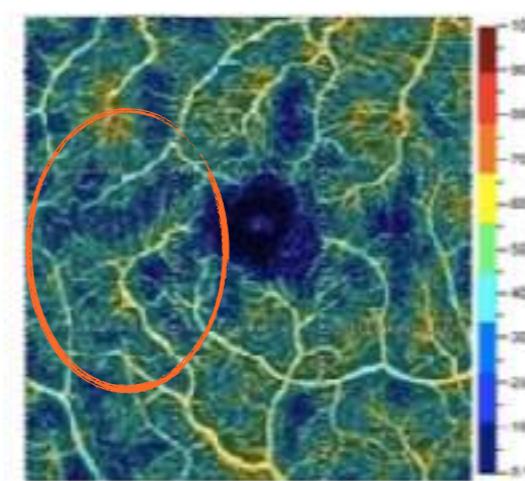
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Macula (superficial)



color-coded vessel density maps



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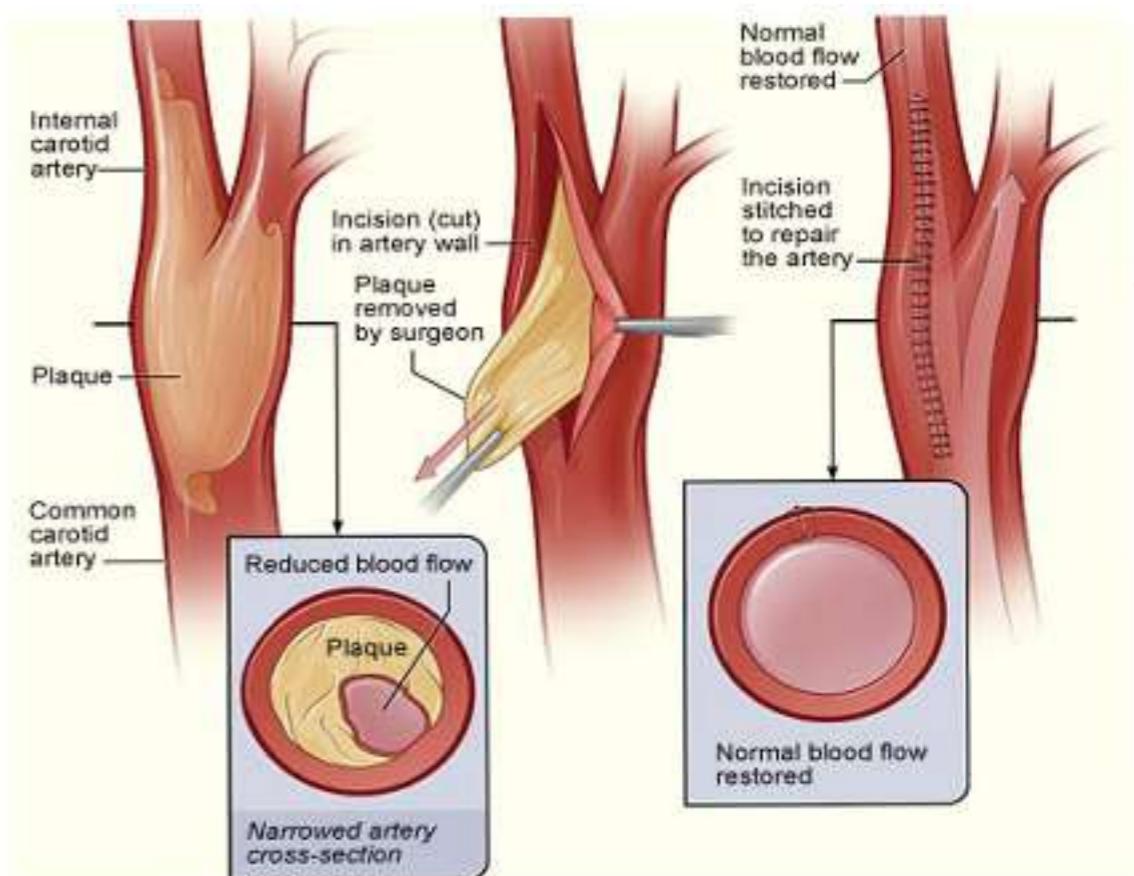
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## Changes in retinal flow density measured by optical coherence tomography angiography in patients with carotid artery stenosis after carotid endarterectomy

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n = 18	preoperative	postoperative	Relative change (%)	p-Value
	mean ± SD	mean ± SD		
<b>OCT-A superficial</b>				
whole en face	50.21 ± 2.23	50.38 ± 2.32	0.34	0.720
fovea	30.82 ± 6.21	29.50 ± 5.36	-4.28	0.238
parafovea	52.25 ± 2.69	52.29 ± 2.62	0.08	0.857
<b>OCT-A deep</b>				
whole en face	56.84 ± 2.12	56.57 ± 2.09	-0.48	0.590
fovea	33.58 ± 8.36	32.13 ± 5.81	-4.32	0.399
parafovea	59.08 ± 2.46	58.60 ± 2.63	-0.81	0.483
<b>OCT-A RPC</b>				
whole en face	53.06 ± 2.69	54.59 ± 2.39	2.88	0.004
inside Disc	37.58 ± 8.60	39.03 ± 8.16	3.86	0.265
peripapillary	62.21 ± 2.12	63.62 ± 2.43	2.27	0.005

## ANGIO OCT

**potenziale ruolo nella diagnosi  
e nel monitoraggio di pazienti  
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*expanding indications*

**EMICRANIA**

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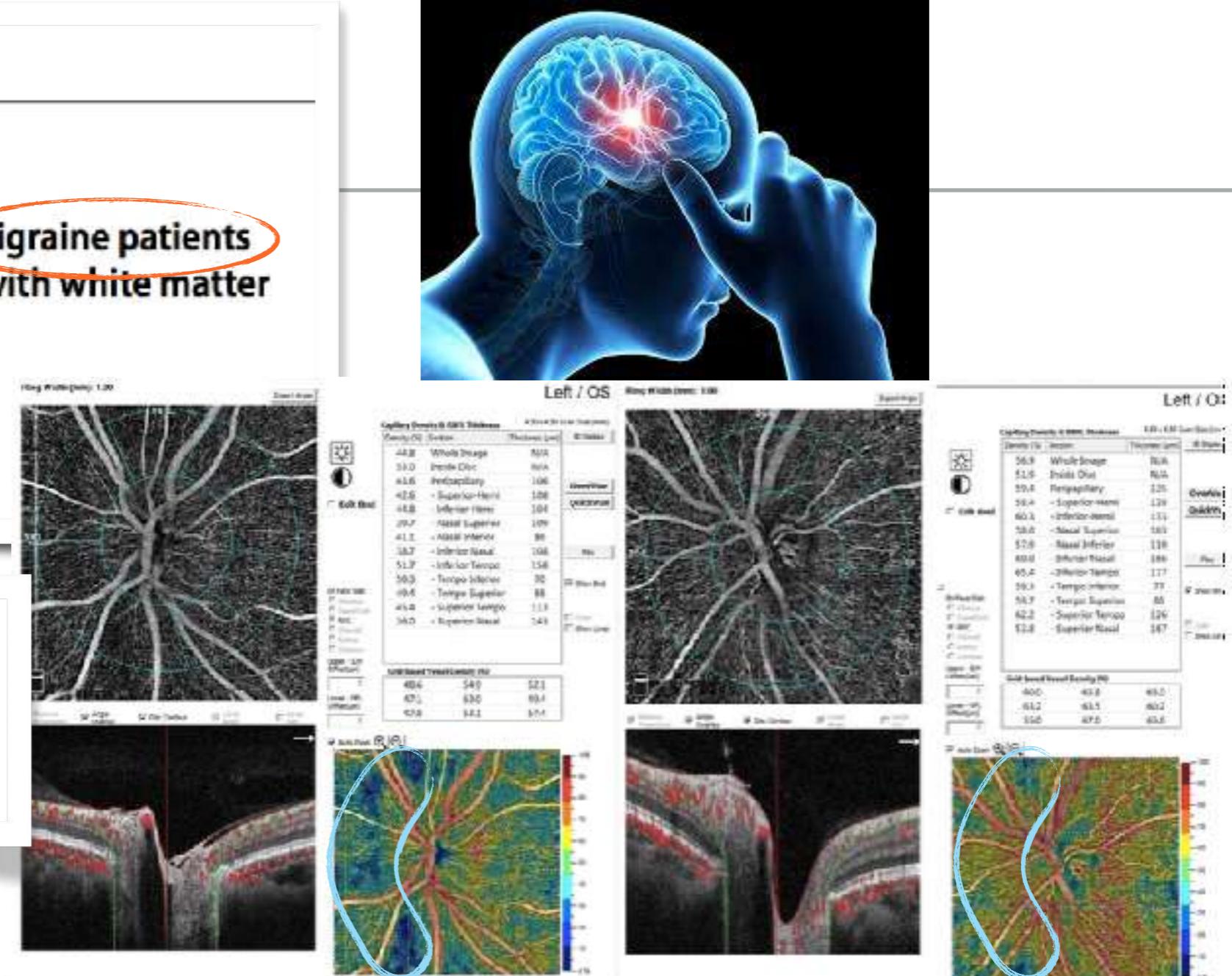


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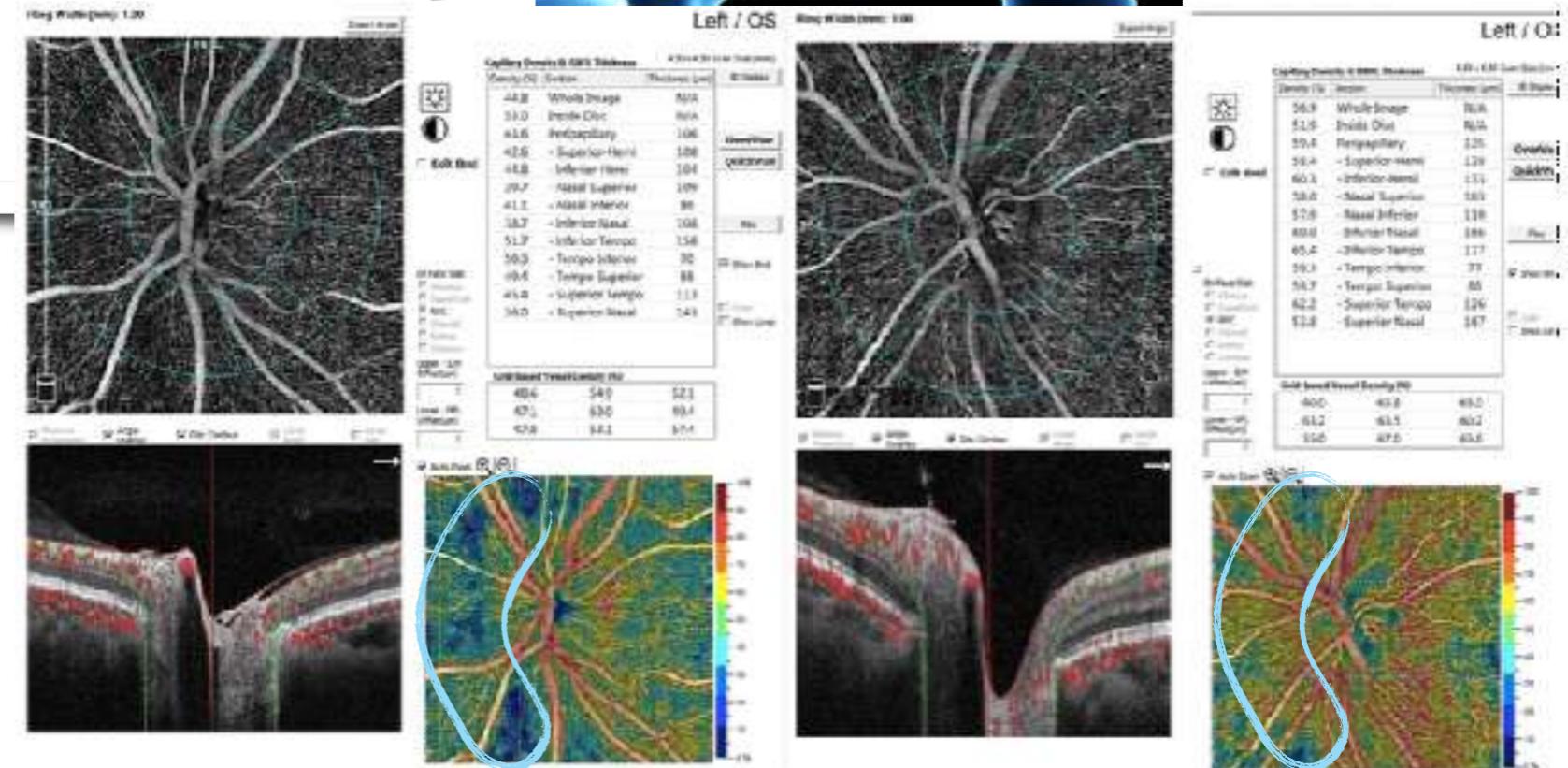
	MWA	MWO	Control	P	MWA vs MWO	MWA vs control	MWO vs control
OD Whole VD	48.4±3.1	49.2±2.8	52.8±3.2	0.64		0.036	0.042
OD Inside VD	51.4±5.6	52.6±3.5	53.6±2.7	0.72		0.58	0.68
Peripapillary VD	50.3±3.6	51.6±4.7	54.2±3.4	0.77		0.028	0.033
Superior hemisphere VD	49.2±3.2	50.8±4.7	54.5±3.9	0.91		0.024	0.029
Inferior hemisphere VD	51.4±4.5	52.5±2.5	52.8±3.9	0.67		0.71	0.74
Superior VD	48.9±4.6	51.1±6.1	54.6±3.9	0.048		0.019	0.031
Inferior VD	51.4±4.5	52.5±2.5	53.5±3.7	0.89		0.75	0.82
Temporal VD	49.7±4.5	50.4±4.34	55.4±5.2	0.79		0.012	0.017
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questo suggerisce una eziologia ischemica nell'emicrania con AURA

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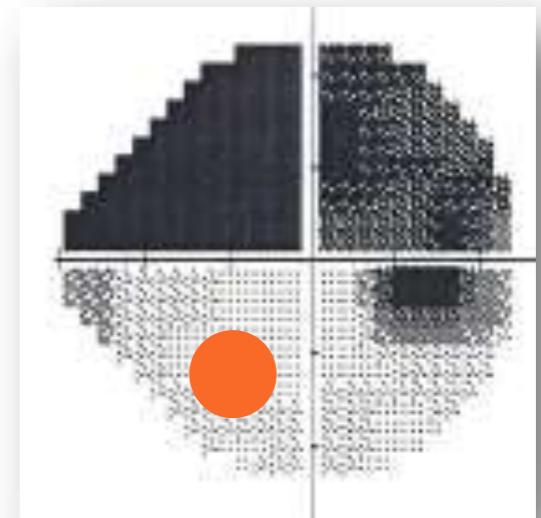
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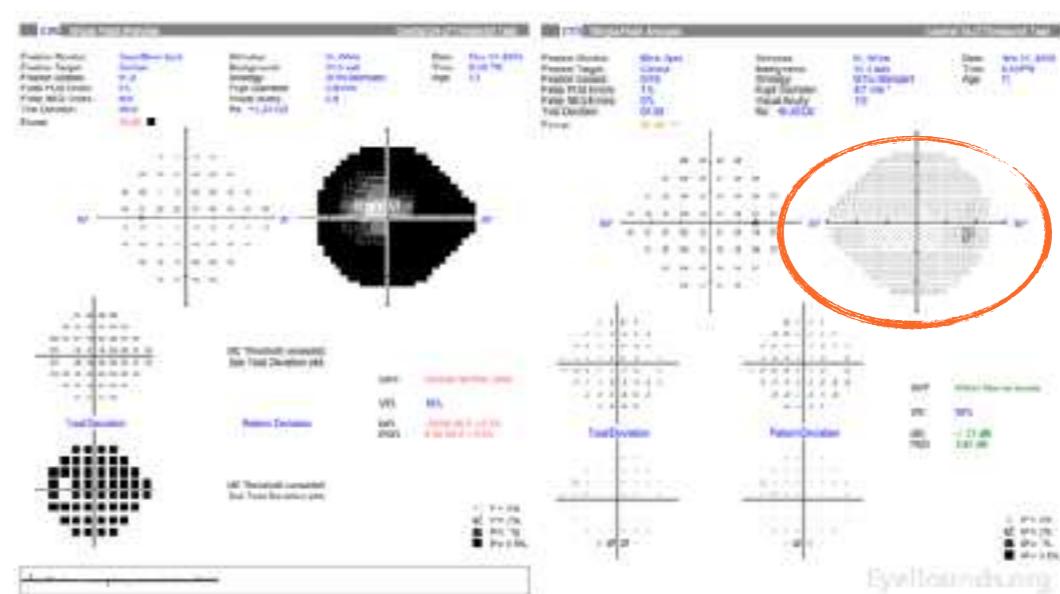
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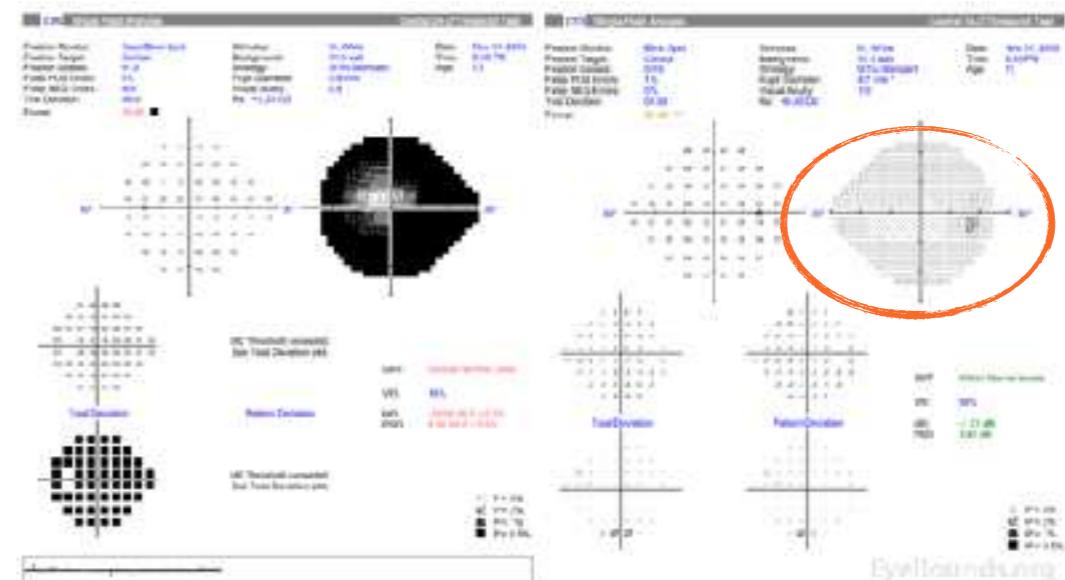
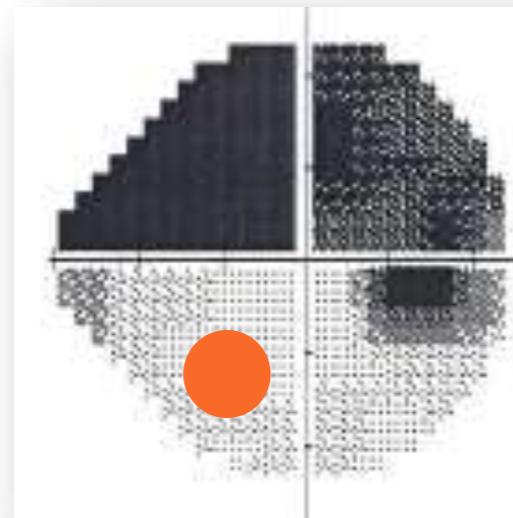
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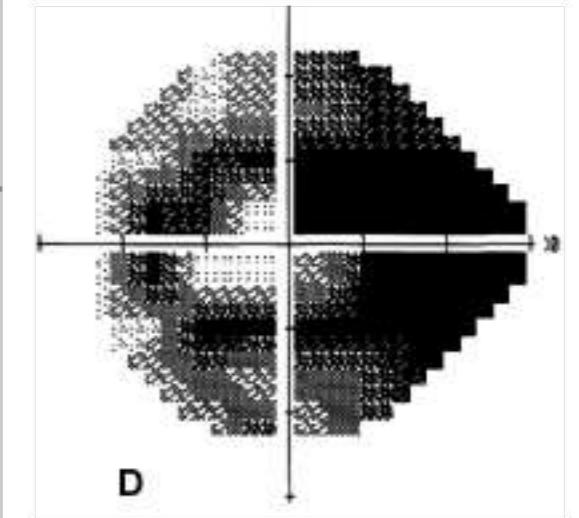
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OCTA promises to be a tool that can provide a more informative outcome measure in advanced glaucoma, compared to ganglion cell complex (GCC) and RNFL thickness, and could extend the dynamic range of the OCT measurements.

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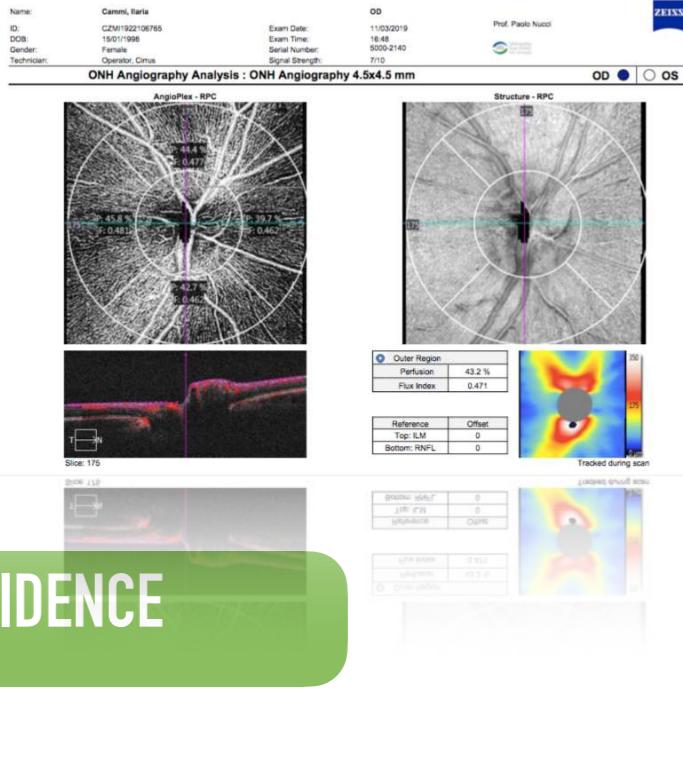
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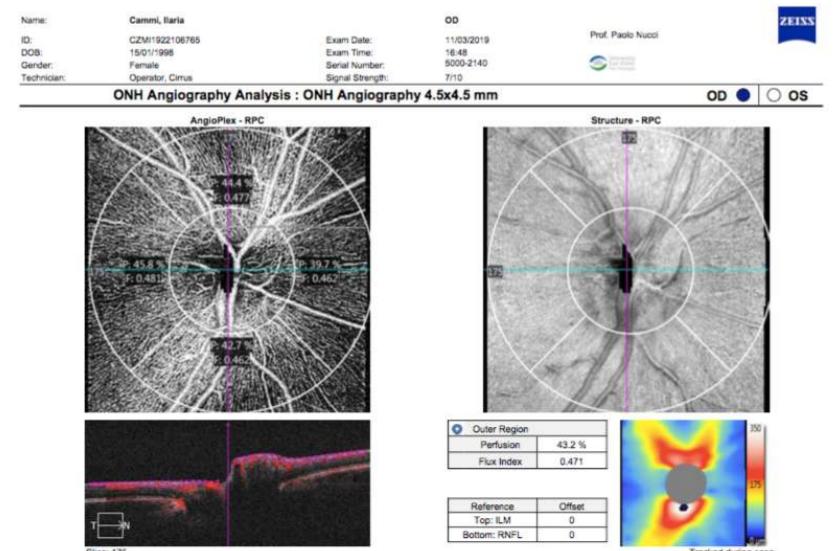
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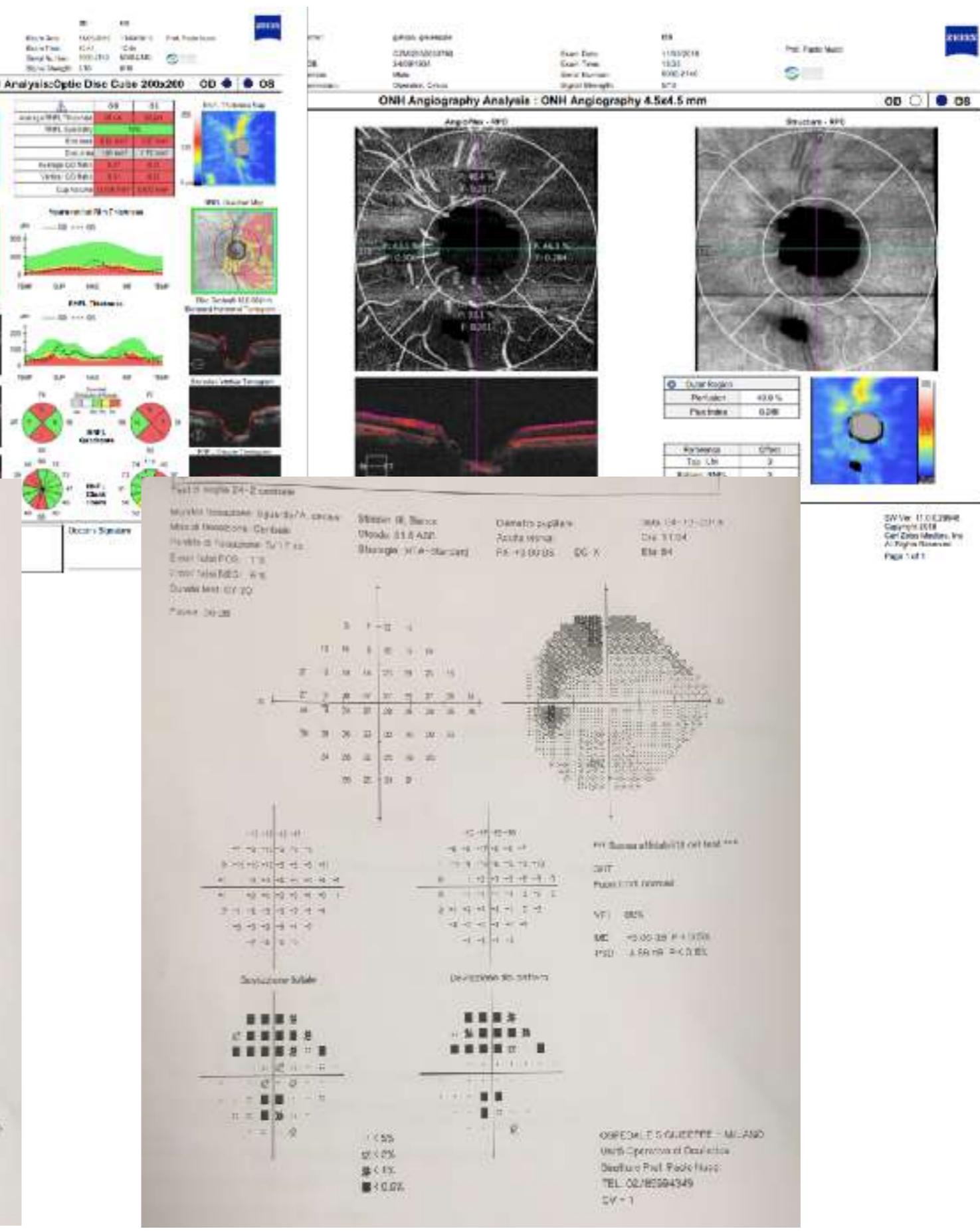
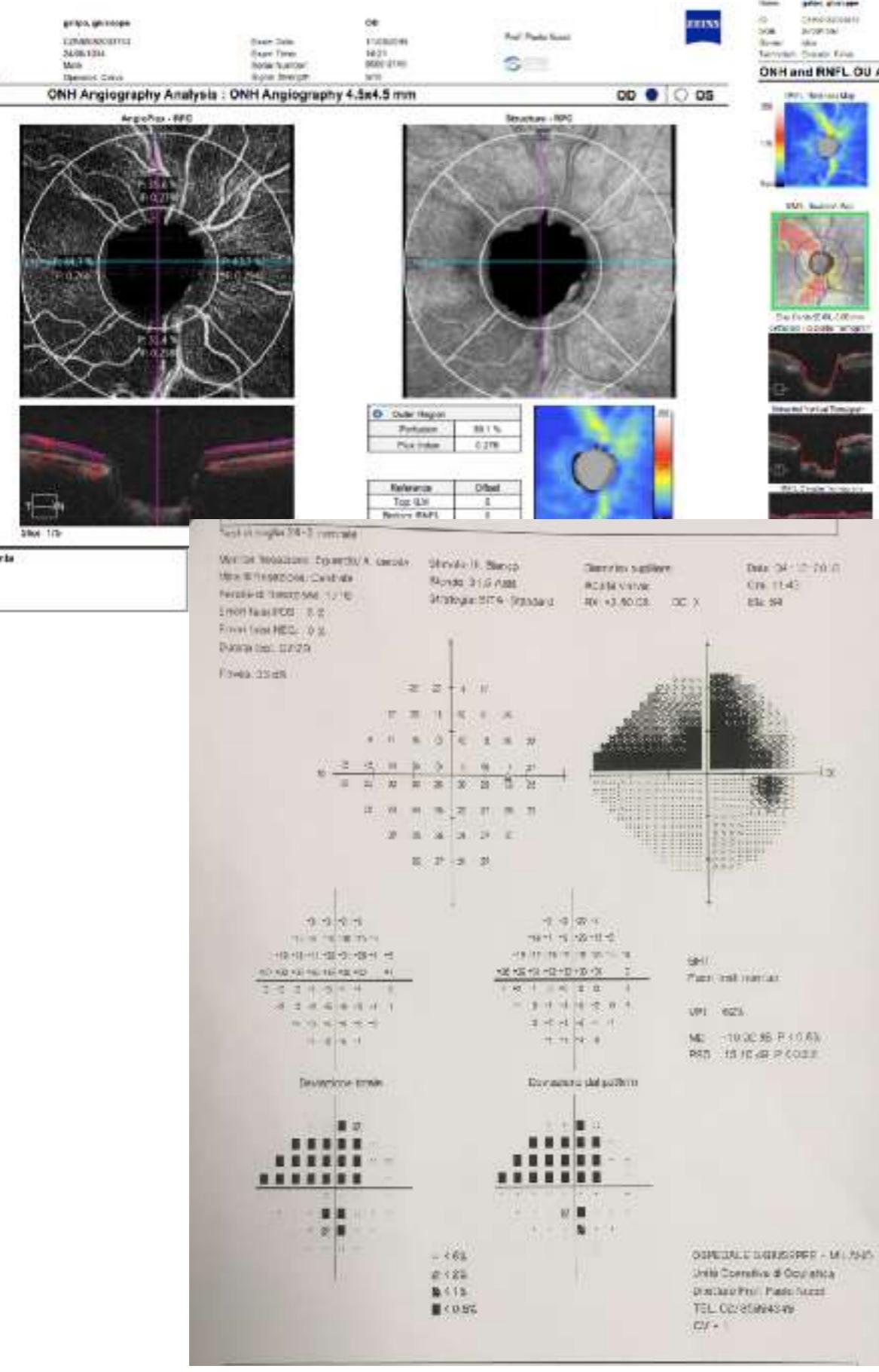
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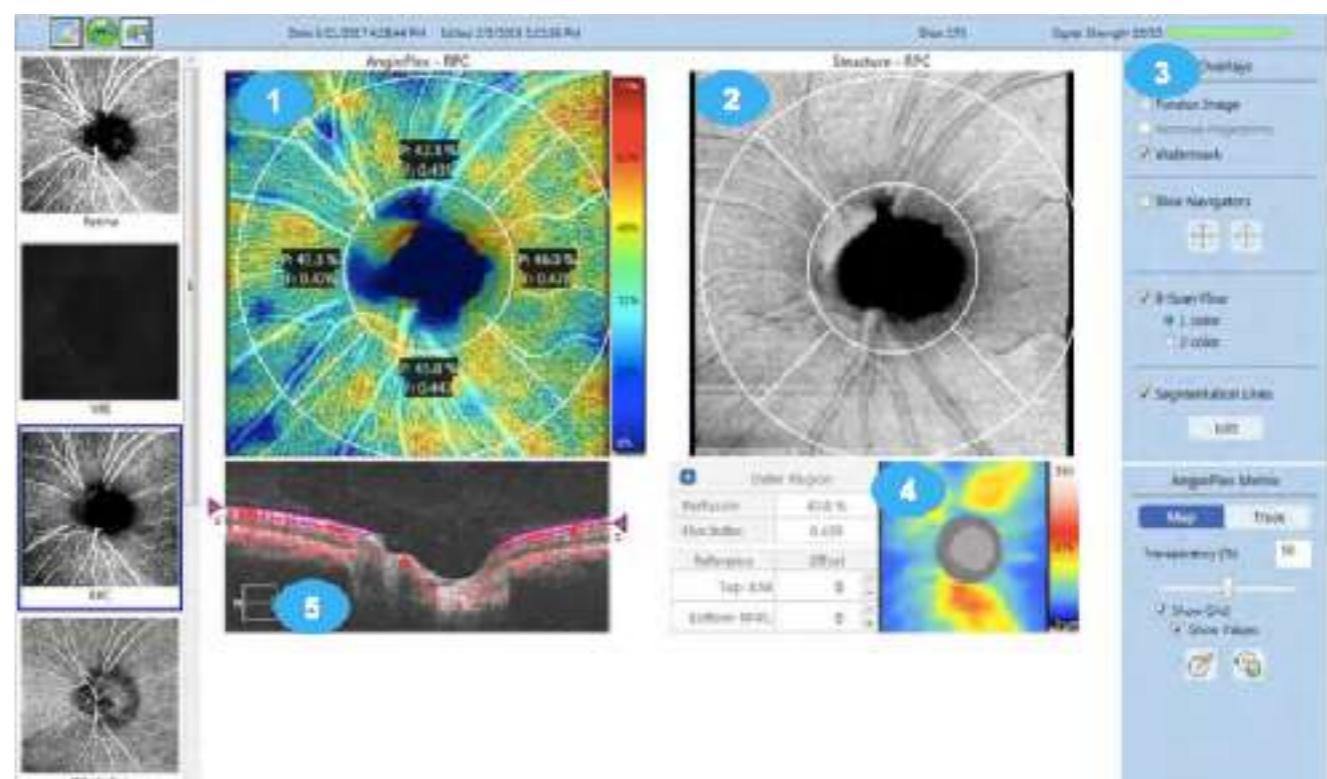
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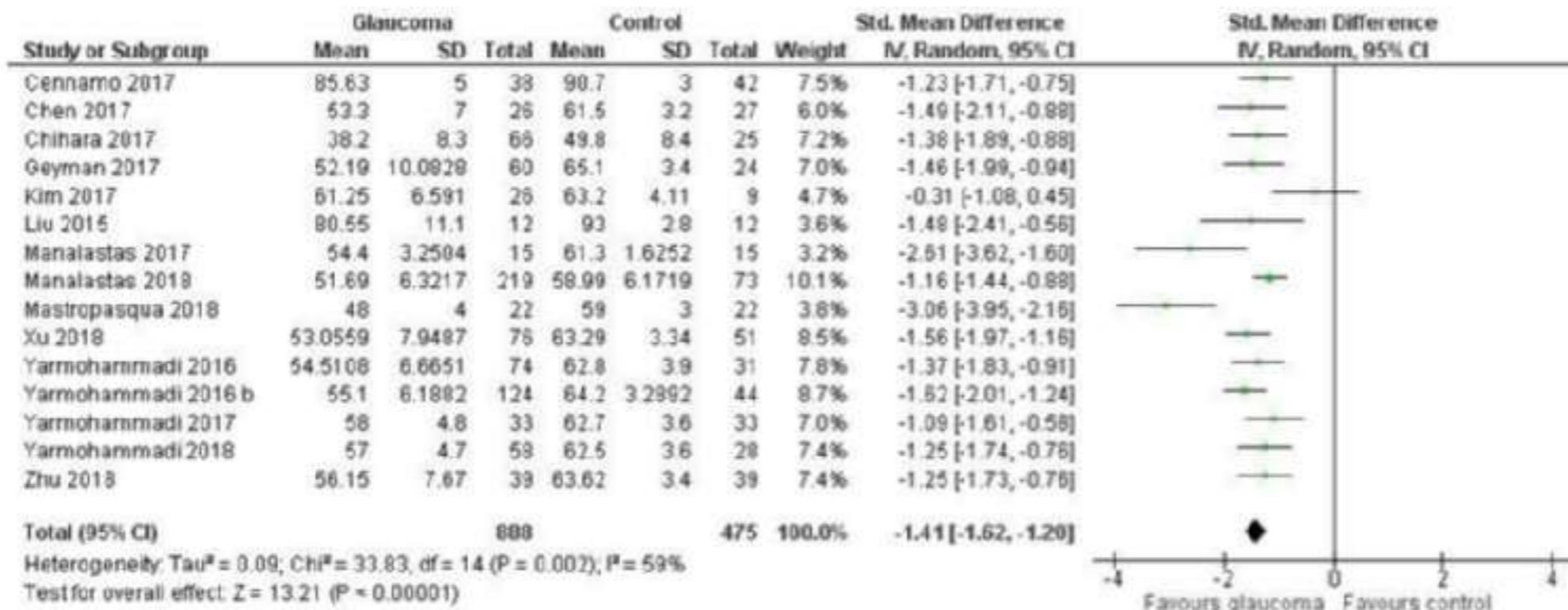
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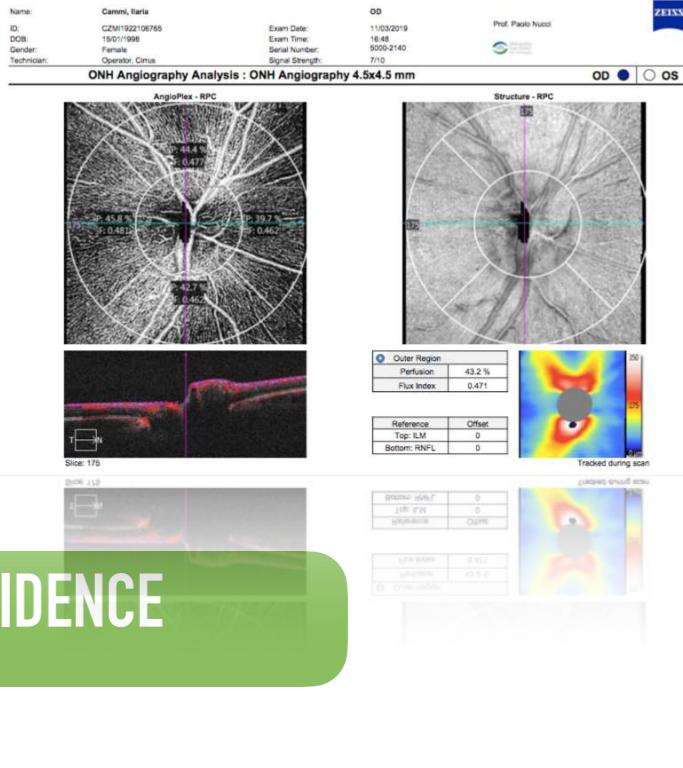
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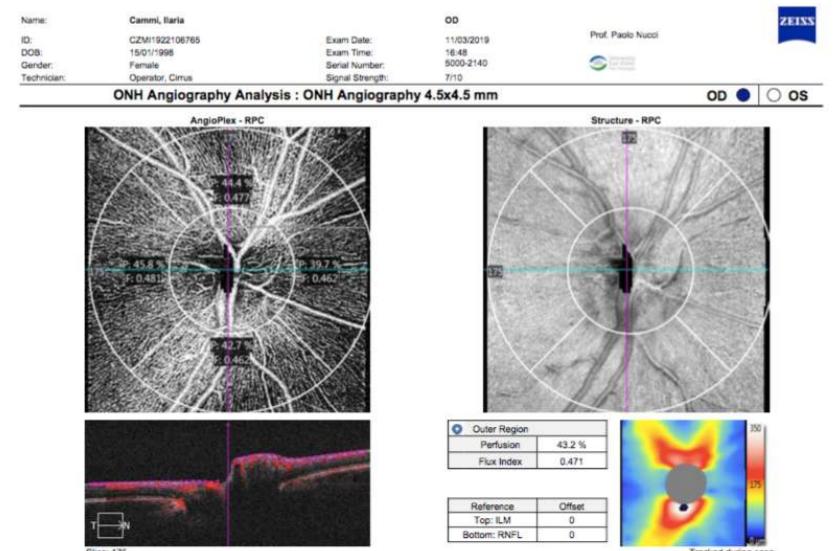
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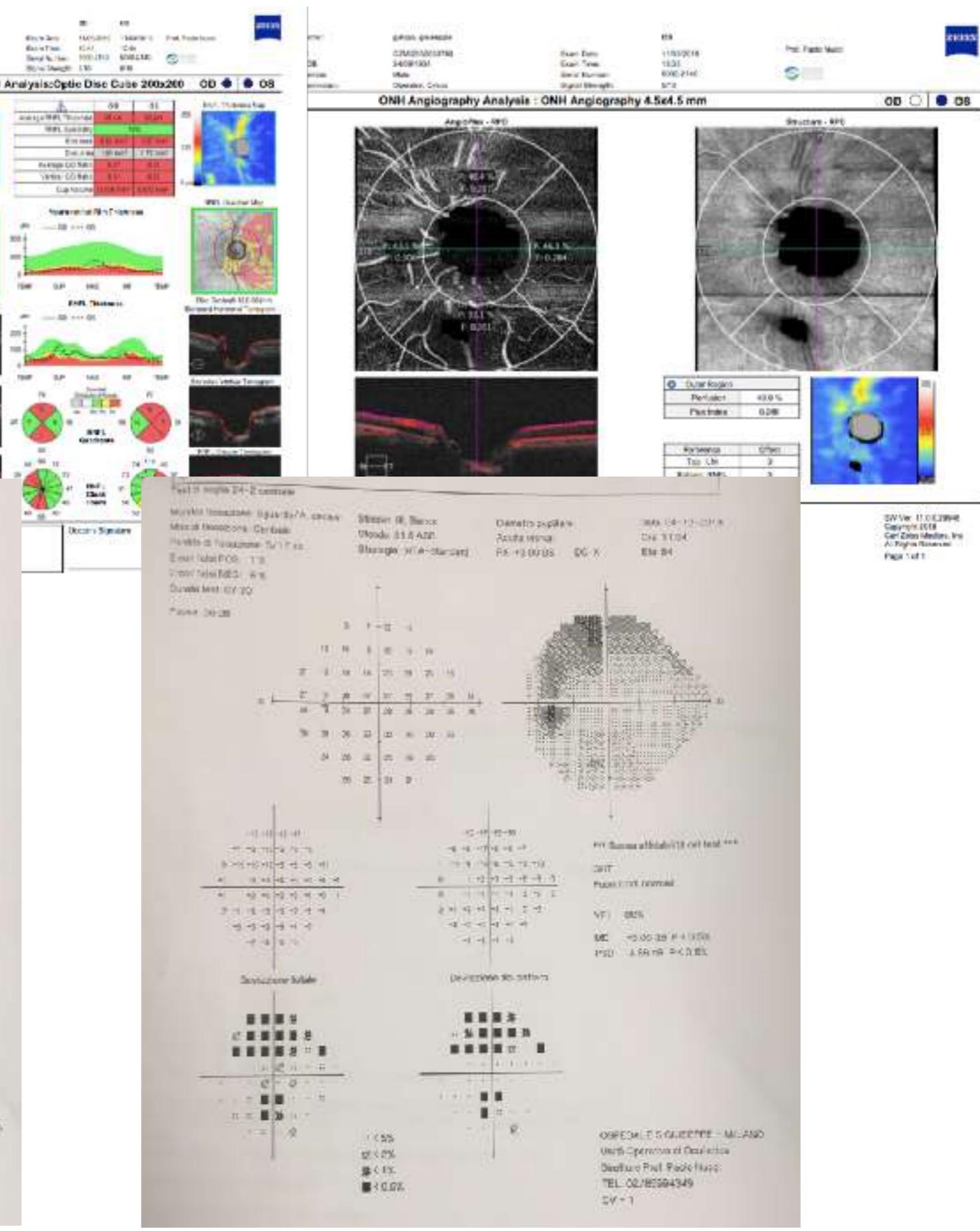
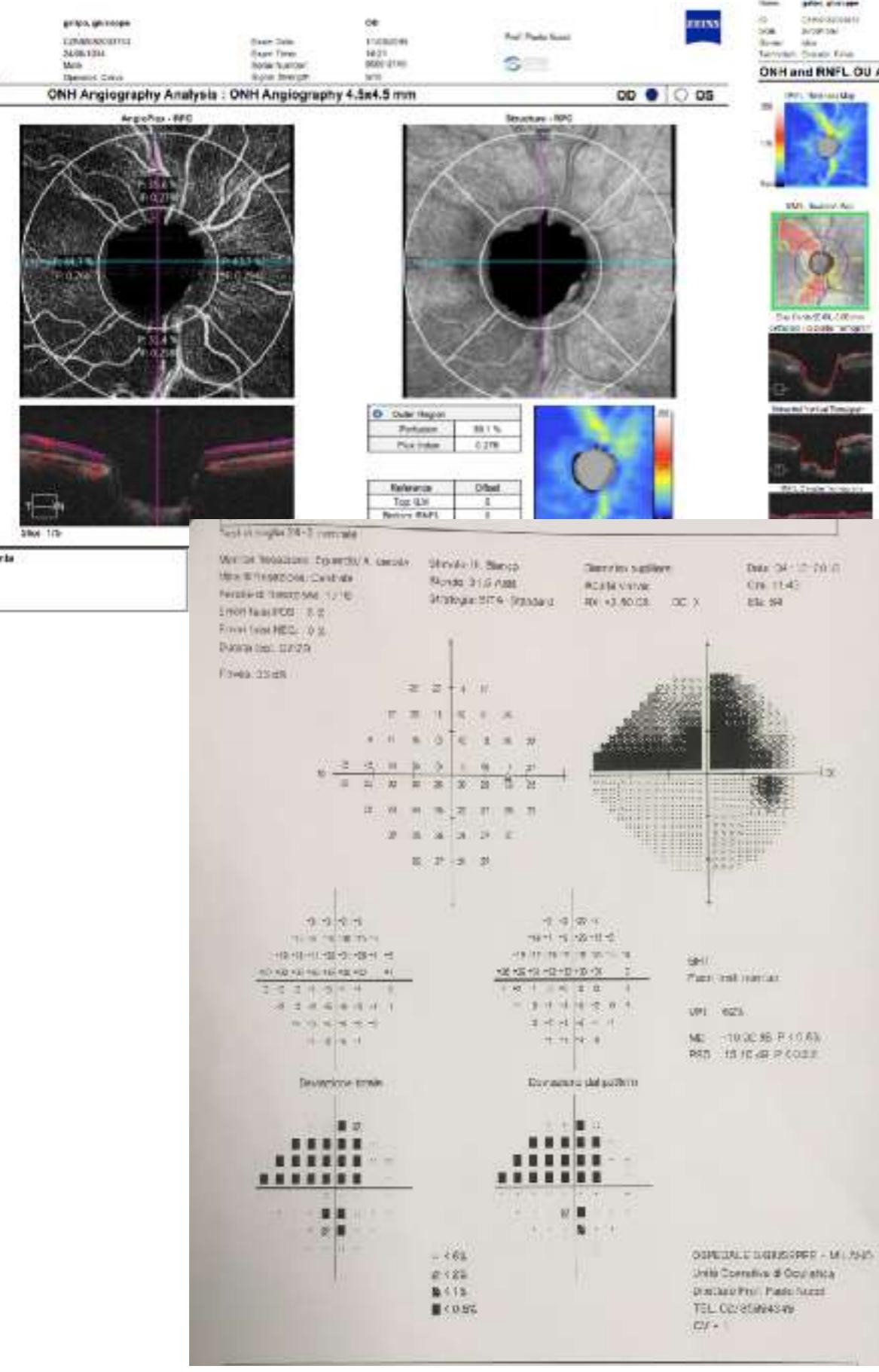
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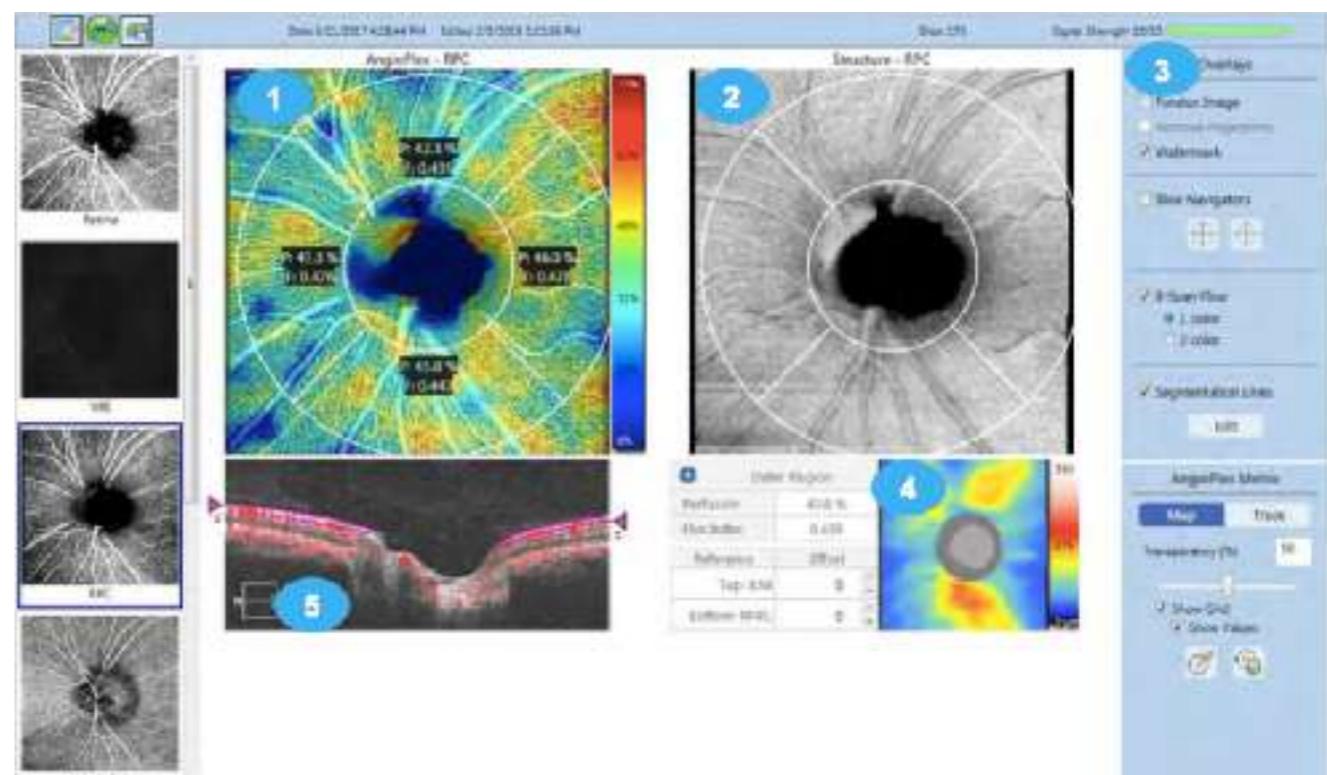
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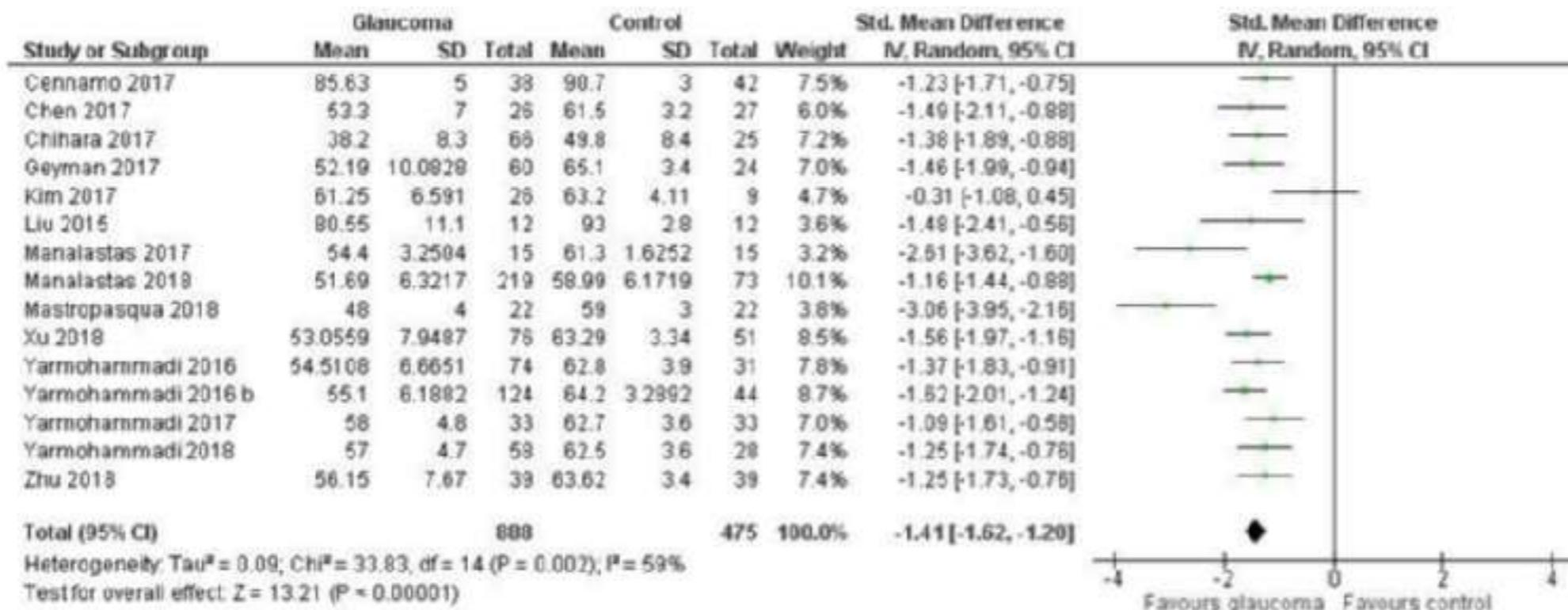
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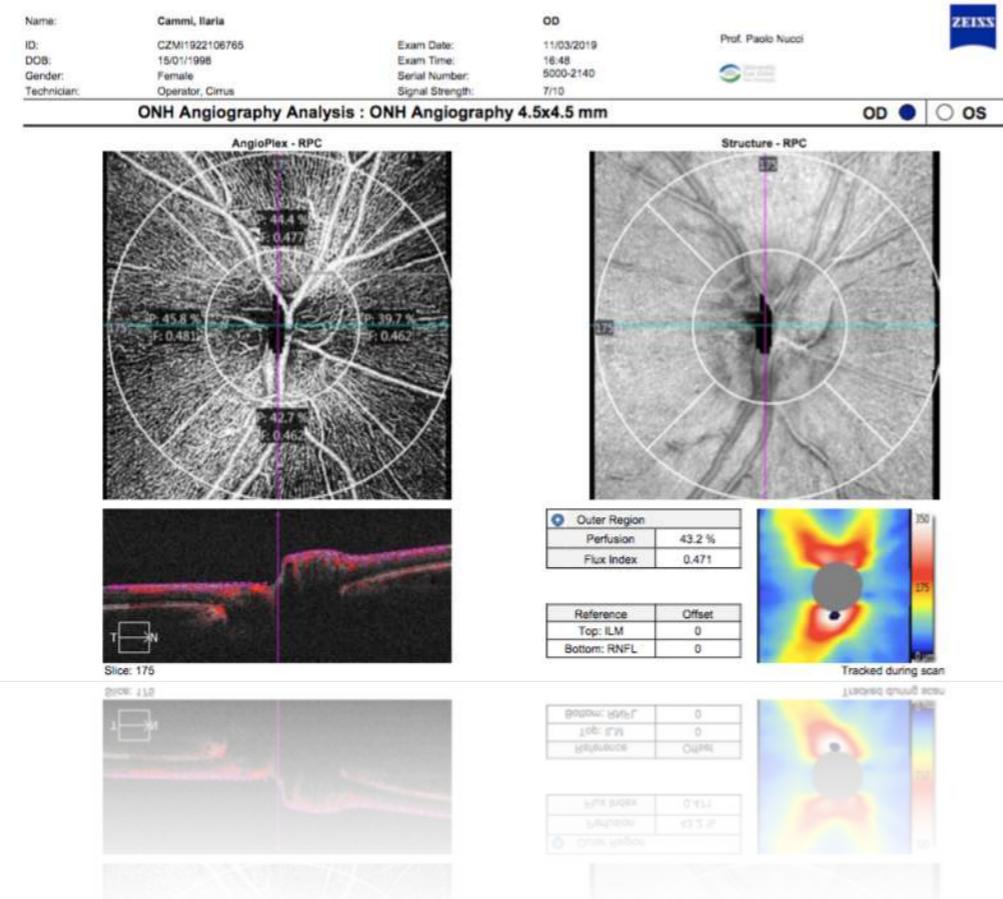
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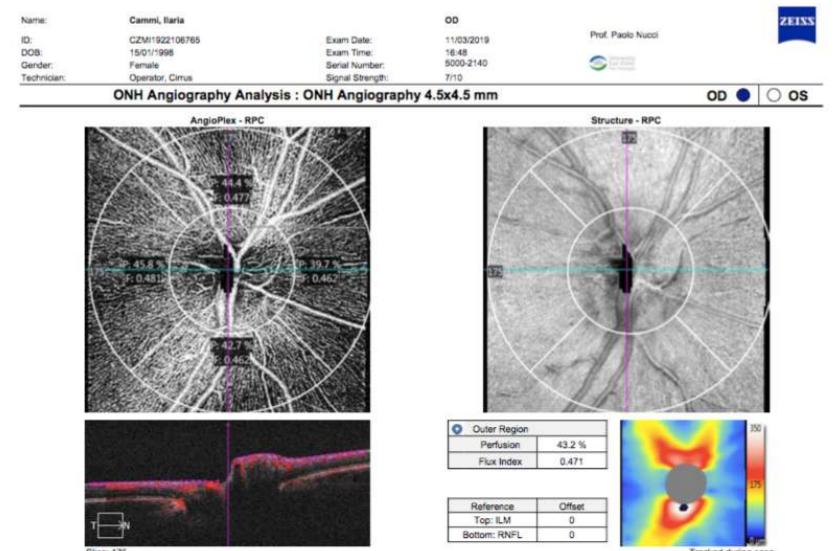
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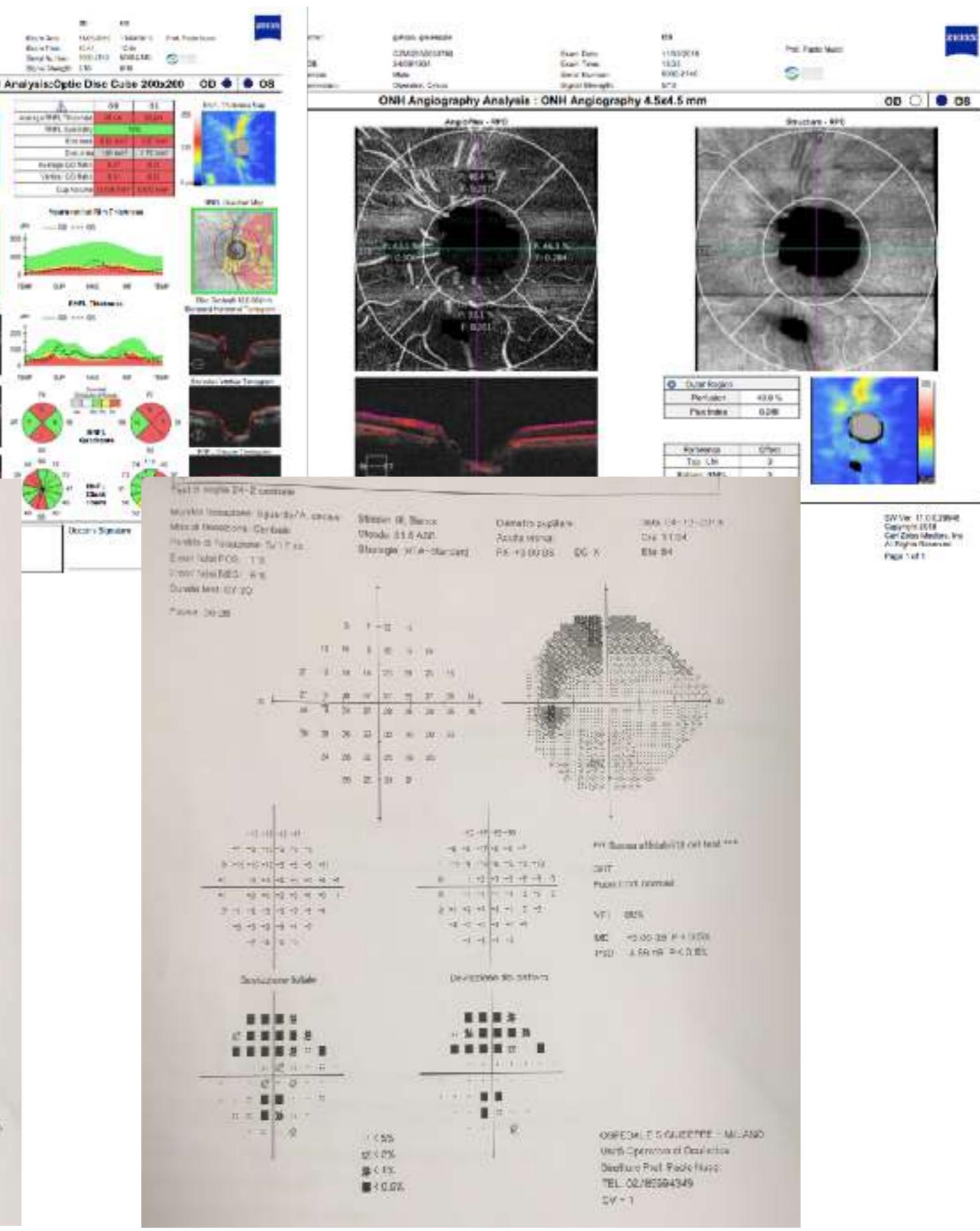
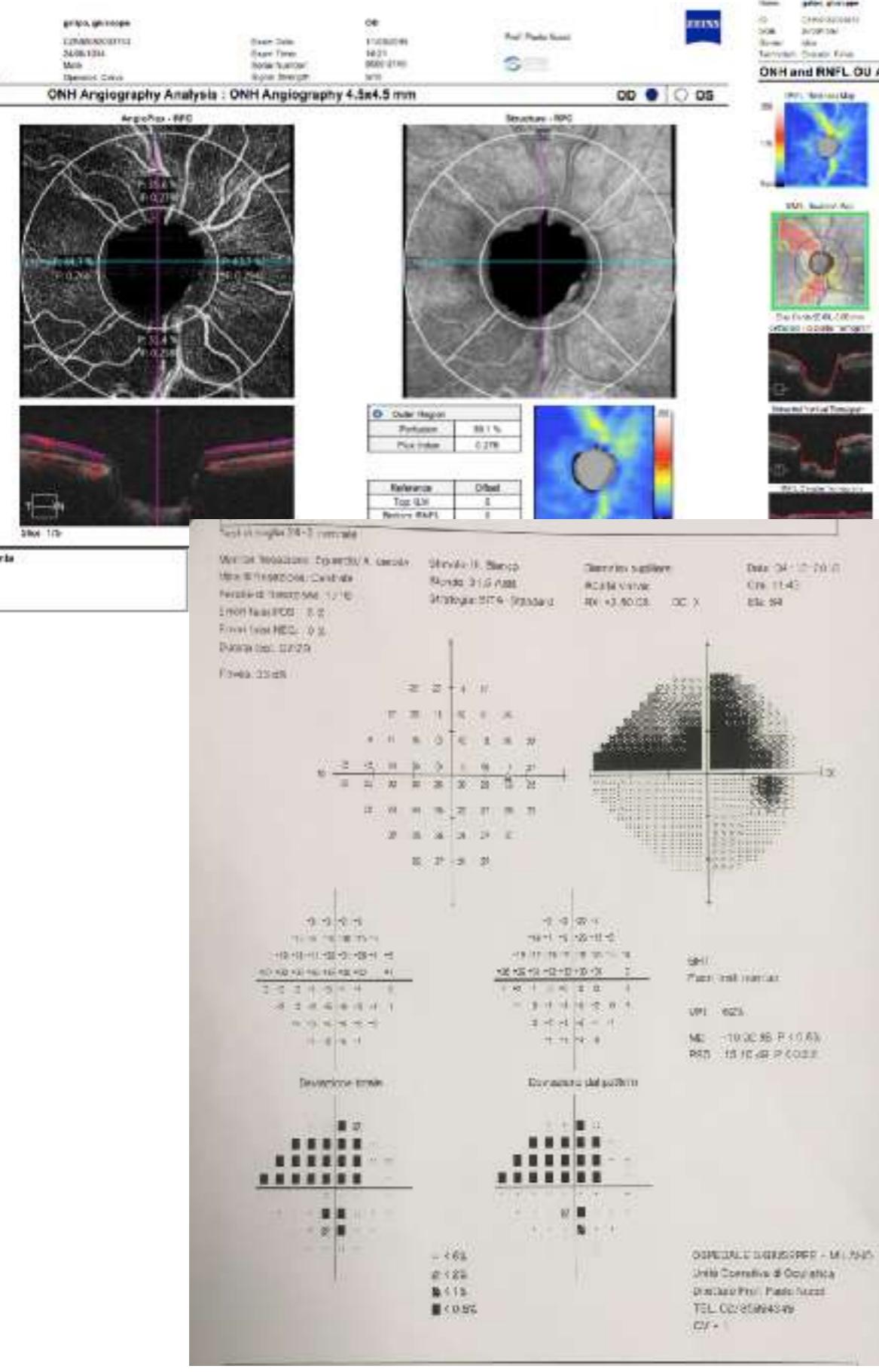
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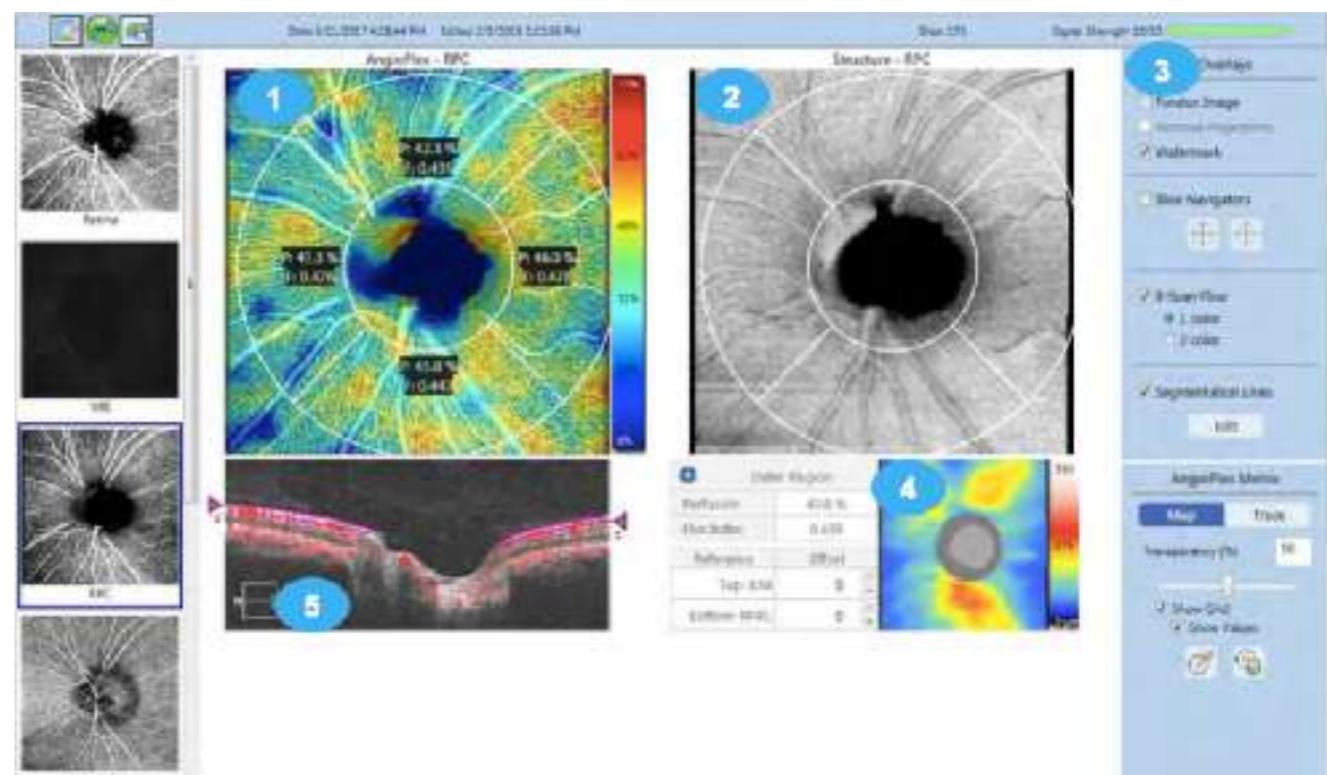
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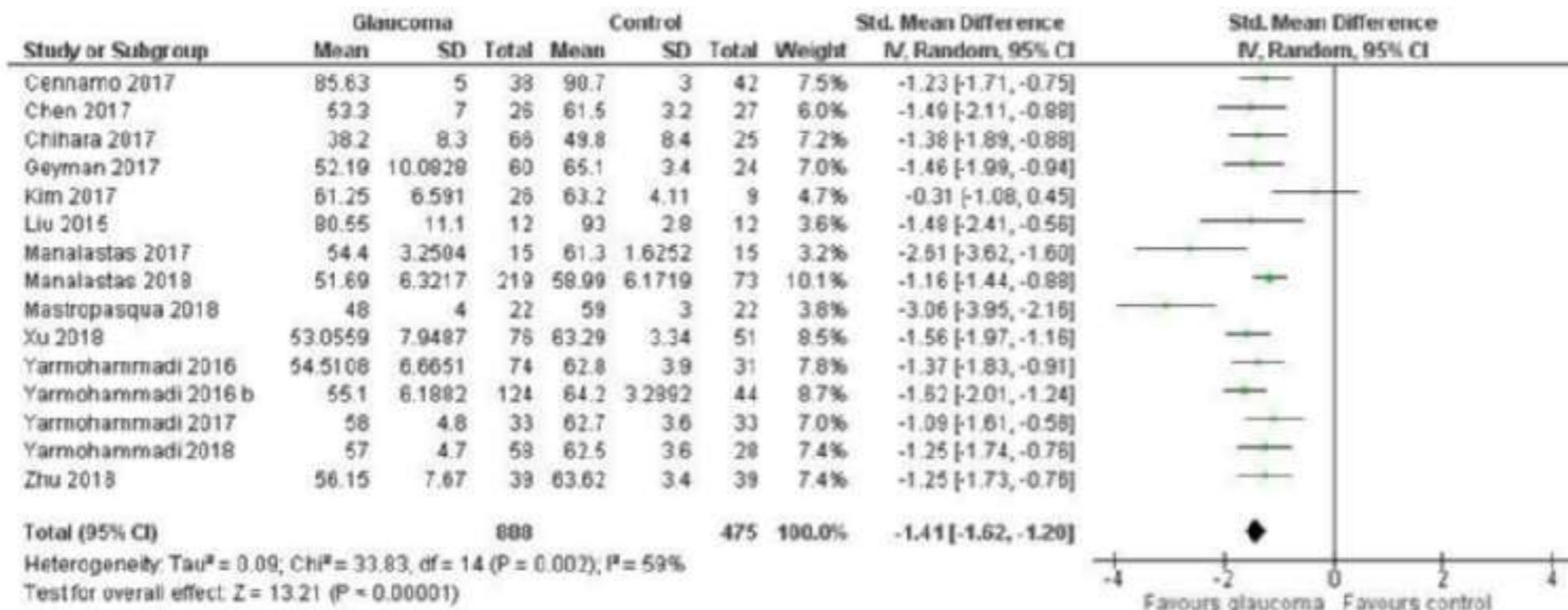
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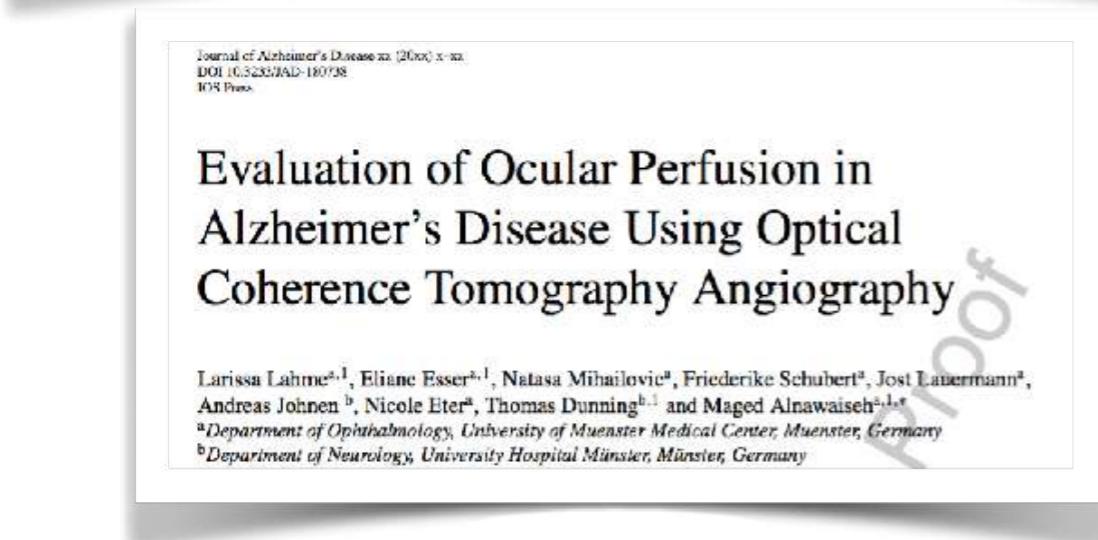


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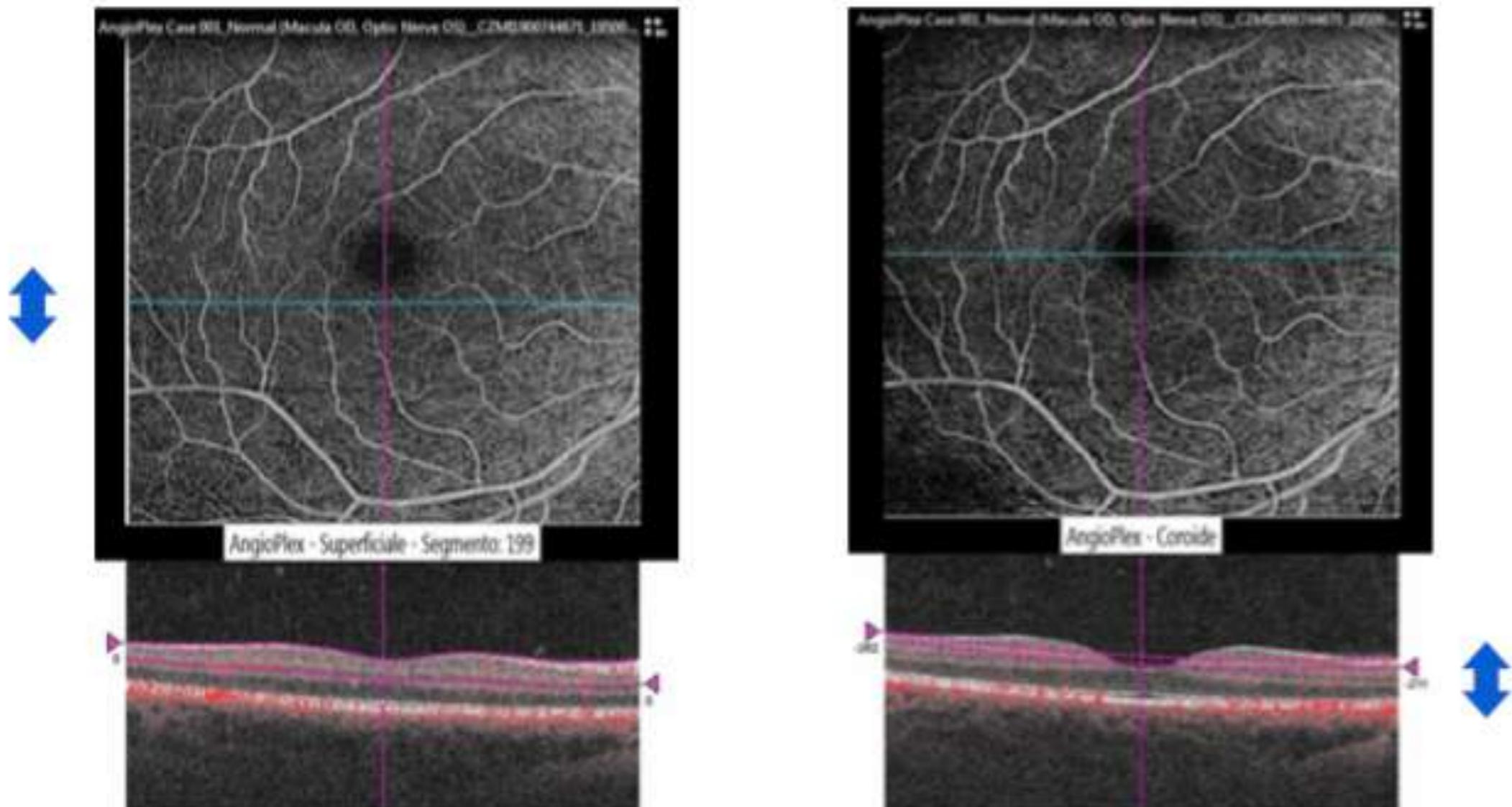
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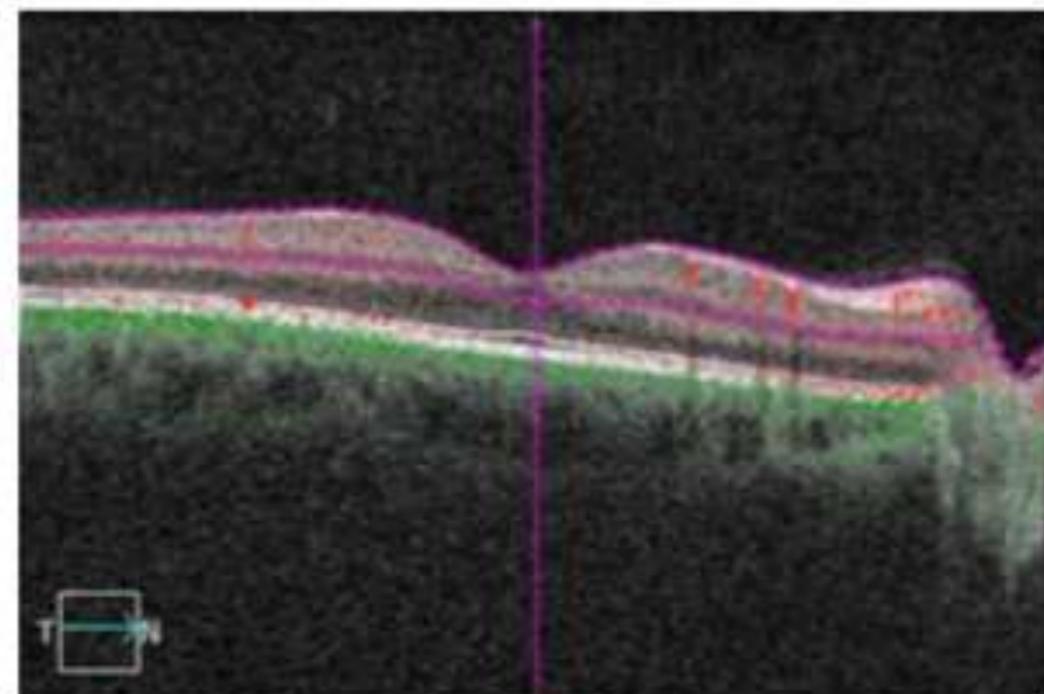
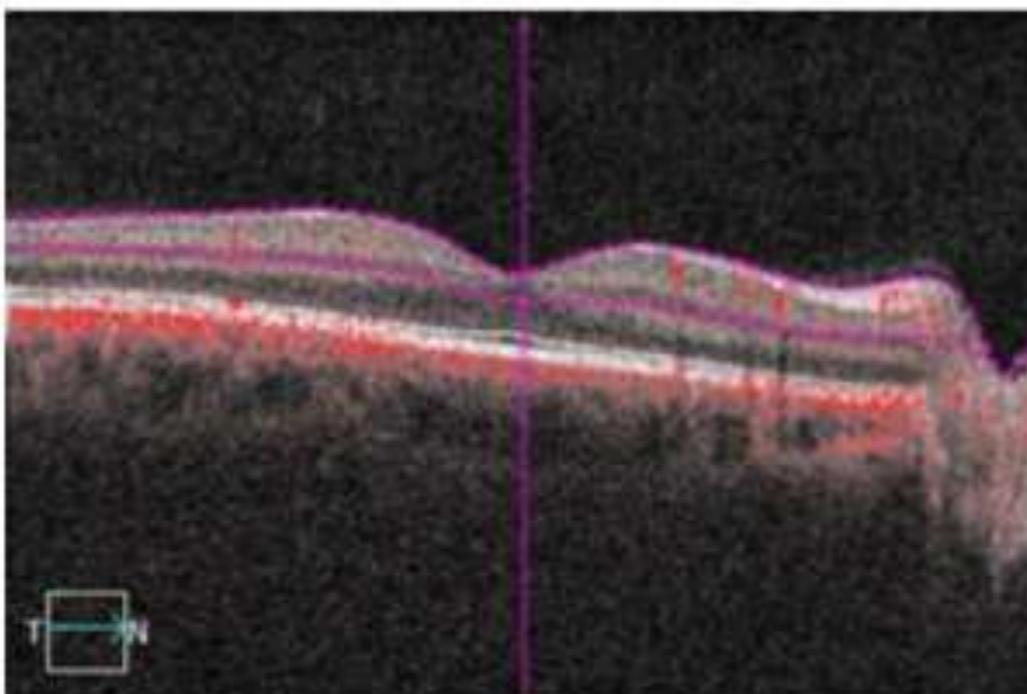
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## Angiografia OCT con ZEISS AngioPlex

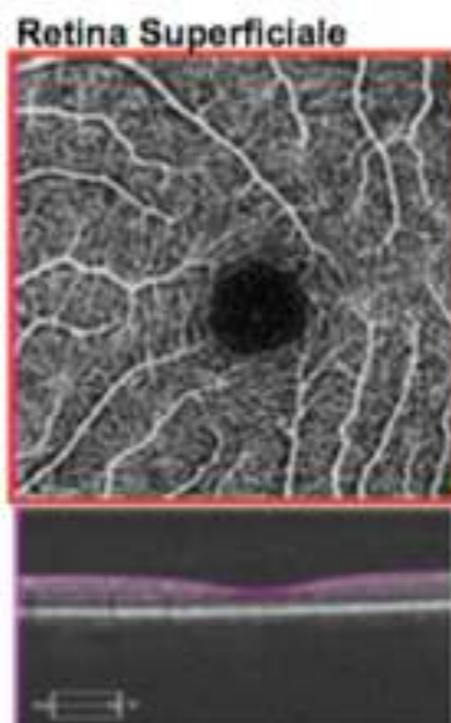
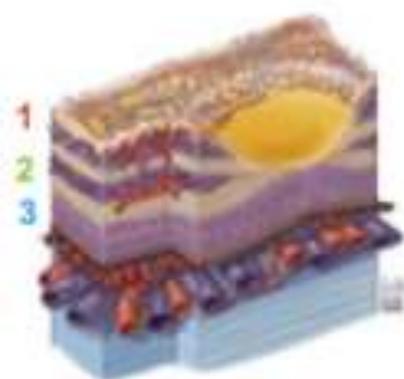
Visualizzazione nelle B-scan delle informazioni di flusso permette di:

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- Osservare corrispondenza tra vasi e informazioni **strutturali**
- Distinguere **artefatti**
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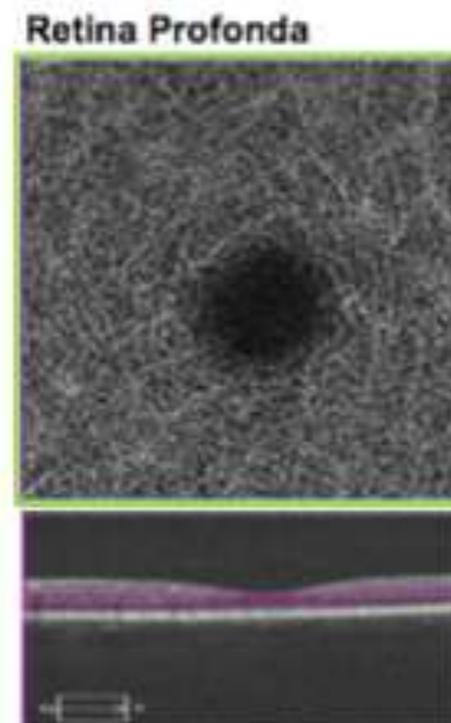


## AngioPlex Maps

OCTA permette la rappresentazione 2D della rete vascolare 3D di una particolare regione di interesse.



Visualizzazione del flusso ematico nella retina superficiale.



Visualizzazione del flusso ematico nella retina profonda.



Zona Avascolare  
Regione avascolare della retina in occhi sani.  
Permette la visualizzazione di proliferazione patologica dei vasi.