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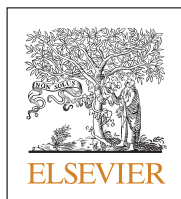
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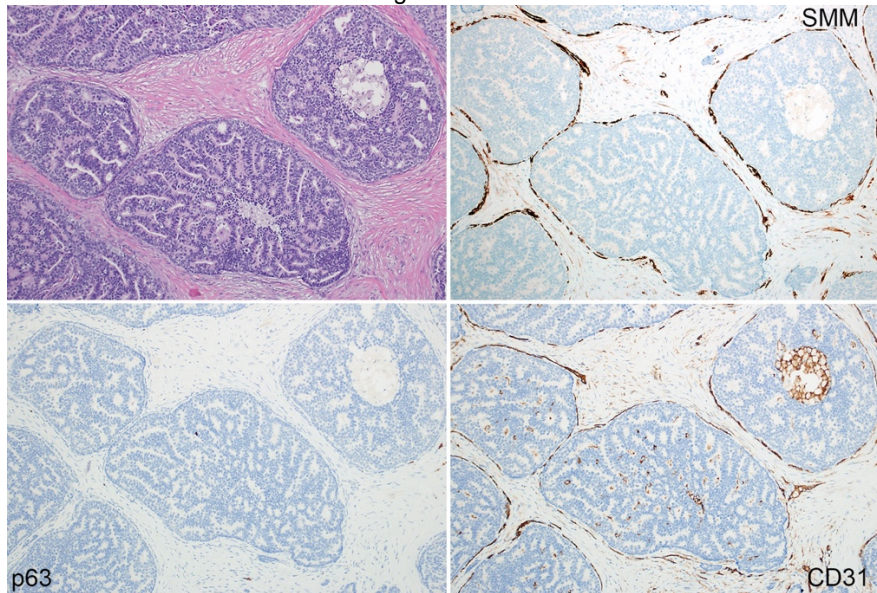
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Conclusions: DCIS-like invasive carcinoma is difficult to correctly recognize as invasive disease. We identified frequent tumor encircling vessels and characterized TAMMM as a rare but important pitfall. Our study illustrates how some commonly used myoepithelial markers, namely SMM and calponin, can highlight the tumor-associated vessels in TAMMM, which may be misinterpreted as myoepithelial staining. Our study reiterates the need for employing a “panel approach” of myoepithelial stains in distinguishing DCIS-like invasive carcinoma from true DCIS. CD31 staining supports TAMMM as an explanation for “false positive” SMM staining.

212 Combined Manual Reading and Computer-Aided Quantitative Analysis for the Standardization of HER2 IHC Scoring

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Background: Computer-aided methods for IHC analysis are gaining growing adoption. These techniques appear particularly helpful in cases of limited inter-observer agreement. The aim of this evaluation was to assess the usefulness of computerized HER2 scoring in the standardization of pathological evaluation of breast cancer specimens. This can be especially useful in cases where the tumor has variable intensity of expression.

Design: Five slides prepared for each breast cancer core biopsy specimen were stained with H&E, ER, PR, Ki67 and HER2. All slides were scanned with MoticEasyScan Infinity at 40X (0.26 um/px) and examined by certified pathologists using both conventional microscopy and digital imaging. HER2 FISH was requested to complete the evaluation of equivocal cases. HER2 IHC images were further analyzed using HiPath Pro scanner-agnostic software (Applied Spectral Imaging). Regions of interest marked on the H&E images were automatically transferred to HER2 specimens following tissue matching. Cells automatically identified as tumor cells were segmented and classified using a color-coded overlay. Computerized results were compared to manual readings. In case of discrepancy, a second manual reading was performed.

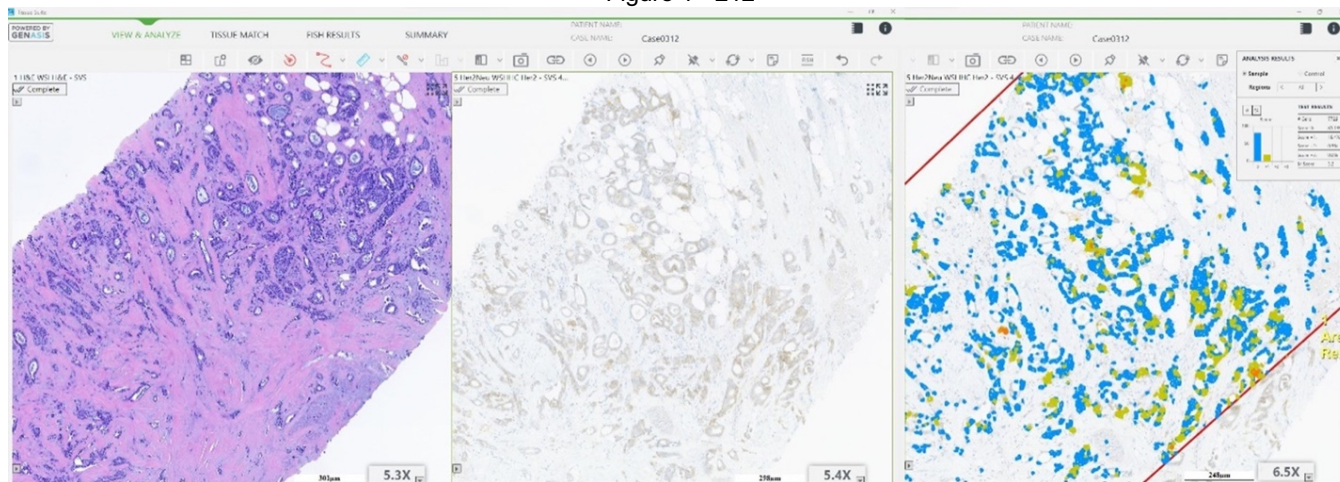
Results: Twenty biopsy specimens from 20 patients were included. 19 samples had a diagnosis of either IDC or ILC, and one of MCCC. Pathology reports indicated that 13 cases were ER+/PR+, 5 ER-/PR-, one ER+/PR-, one ER+/PR-. Ki67 was >20% in 14 cases, <10% in 3 and borderline in 3. Finally, HER2 was positive in 4 cases, equivocal in 7 cases and negative in 9. FISH was performed on all equivocal cases, confirming 3 cases as HER2+ and 4 as HER2- (Table 1). One image out of focus was removed from analysis. Computer-aided HER2 scoring was concordant with first manual reading in 13 cases. Two cases scored as HER2

(0) during the first reading were re-scored as HER2 (1+) low during the second reading, matching computerized assessment (Fig. 1). A third case diagnosed as equivocal (2+) and confirmed as FISH positive was re-scored as HER2 (3+) following the review of the software analysis. The diagnosis of the remaining 3 cases was unchanged after review of computerized results.

Table 1: Compared results of manual and computerized HER2 IHC scoring

Case #	IHC ER	IHC PR	IHC Ki67	IHC HER2 Reading 1	IHC HER2 Reading 2	HER2/CEN17 FISH Ratio	IHC HER2 AidedScore
1	POS	POS	Low	2+		1.1 NEG	2+
2	NEG	NEG	High	0			0
3	POS	POS	Low	0	1+		1+
4	POS	POS	High	2+		1.1 NEG	2+
5	POS	POS	High	2+		1.0 NEG	2+
6	POS	NEG	High	3+			3+
7	POS	POS	Borderline	0			0
8	POS	POS	High	2+	2+	1.3 NEG	1+
9	POS	POS	High	3+			N/A
10	POS	POS	High	2+	3+	4.9 POS	3+
11	NEG	NEG	High	0	1+		1+
12	POS	POS	High	1+			1+
13	POS	POS	Low	0			0
14	NEG	NEG	High	0			0
15	POS	POS	Borderline	1+	1+		0
16	POS	POS	High	3+	3+		2+
17	NEG	POS	High	2+		3.8 POS	2+
18	NEG	NEG	High	2+		3.5 POS	2+
19	POS	POS	Borderline	0			0
20	NEG	NEG	High	3+			3+

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Conclusions: This evaluation exemplifies the potential usefulness of computer-aided scoring as a mean to standardize the assessment of HER2 IHC, particularly in cases of low HER2 expression. This further illustrates possible use of combined manual reading and computerized analysis when reporting HER2 IHC in breast cancer.