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AI in the Digital Pathology World

## High-Throughput Truthing Project (HTT)

Thursday, June 25 | 8:00 am – 9:30 am

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Office of Science and Engineering Laboratories  
Center for Devices and Radiological Health

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## Collaboration of Volunteers

Engage stakeholders through the **Alliance for Digital Pathology**



Pathologists



Academia



Health  
Systems



Associations



Industry

*Involve experts & the community.*

# HTT Core Collaborators

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  - FDA/CDRH/OSEL/DIDSR

## caMicroscope team

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  - Memorial Sloan Kettering, New York, NY
- **Rajendra Singh, MD**
  - Icahn School of Medicine at Mt Sinai
- **Krushnavadan Acharya, MCA**
  - PathPresenter

## Slides and Clinical

- **Roberto Salgado**
  - Peter Mac Callum Cancer Center; GZA-ZBA Hospitals
  - International Working Group for TILs in Breast cancer
- **Denis Larismont**
  - Institut Jules Bordet

## Statistics

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  - FDA/CDRH/OSEL/DIDSR
- **Manasi Sheth**
  - FDA/CDRH/OPEQ/OCEA/Biostatistics
- **Chava Zibman**
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- **Weijie Chen, PhD**
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## Committee

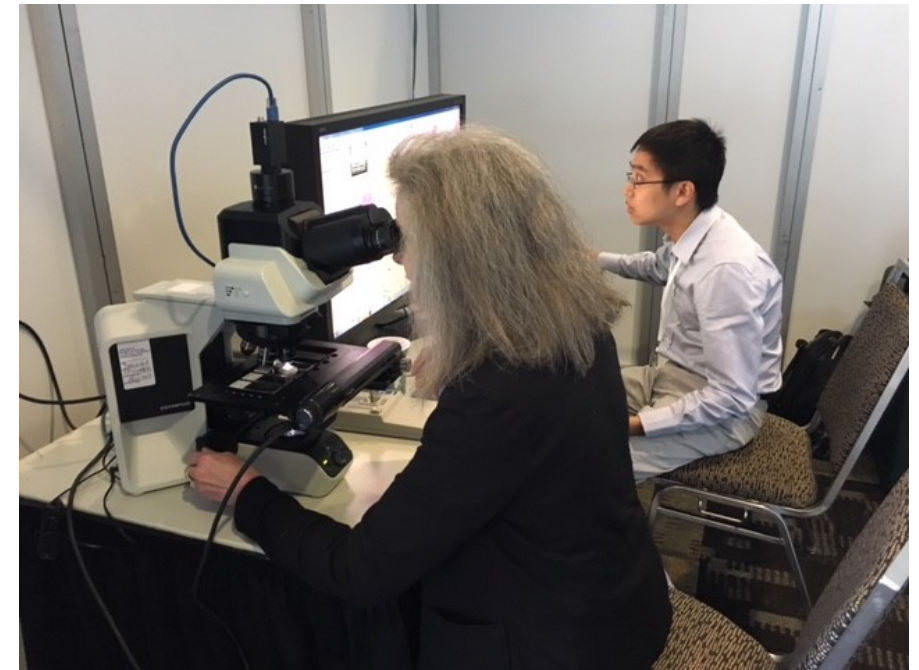
- **Mohamed Amgad, MSc**
  - Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA
- **Rajarsi Gupta, MD, PhD**
  - Renaissance School of Medicine and Dept. of Biomedical Informatics, Stony Brook Medicine
- **Steven N. Hart, PhD**
  - Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
- **Joe Lennerz, MD, PhD**
  - Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
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  - FDA/CDRH/OSEL/DIDSR
- Open door policy



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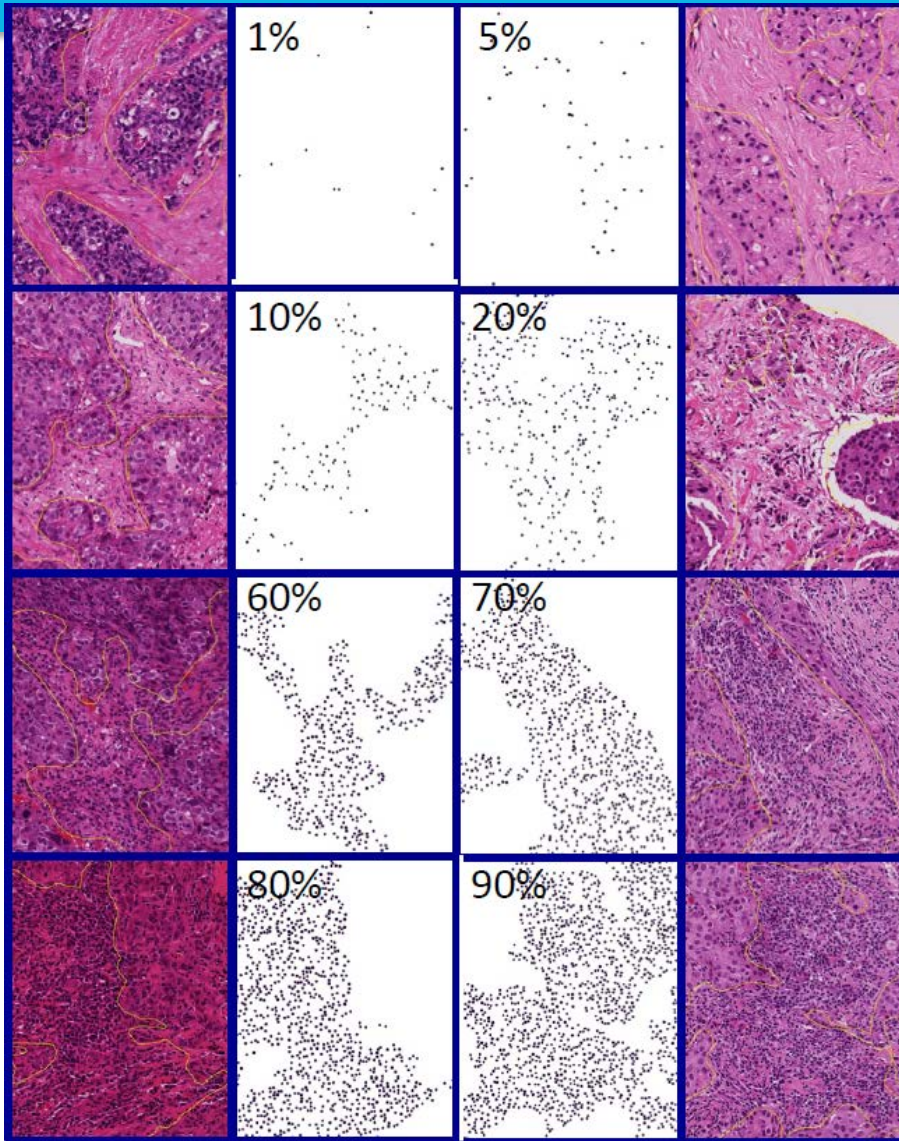
## Demonstration project

- Collect multi-reader image annotations to establish biomarker truth
- Annotations support validation of an algorithm
- Pursue an FDA [Medical Device Development Tool Qualification](#)
- Application: Stromal Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes are prognostic in breast cancer



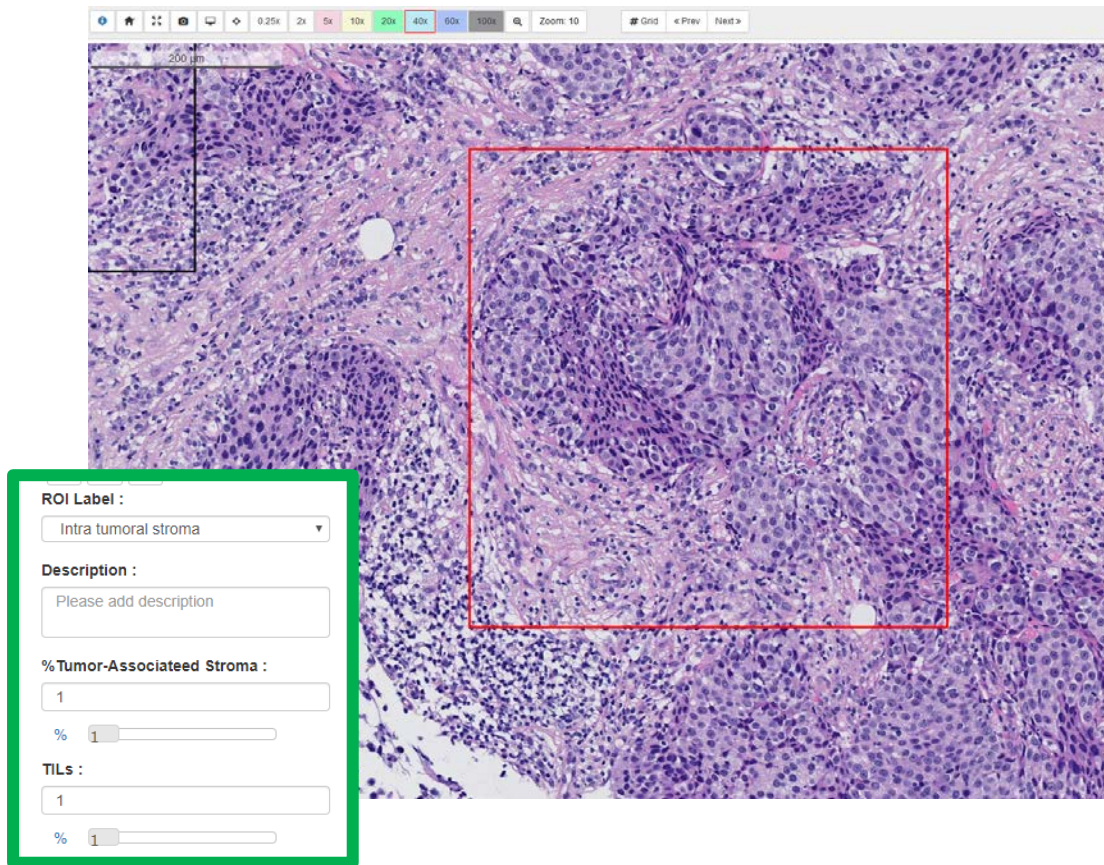


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- Quantitative Biomarker
- Density: 0-100

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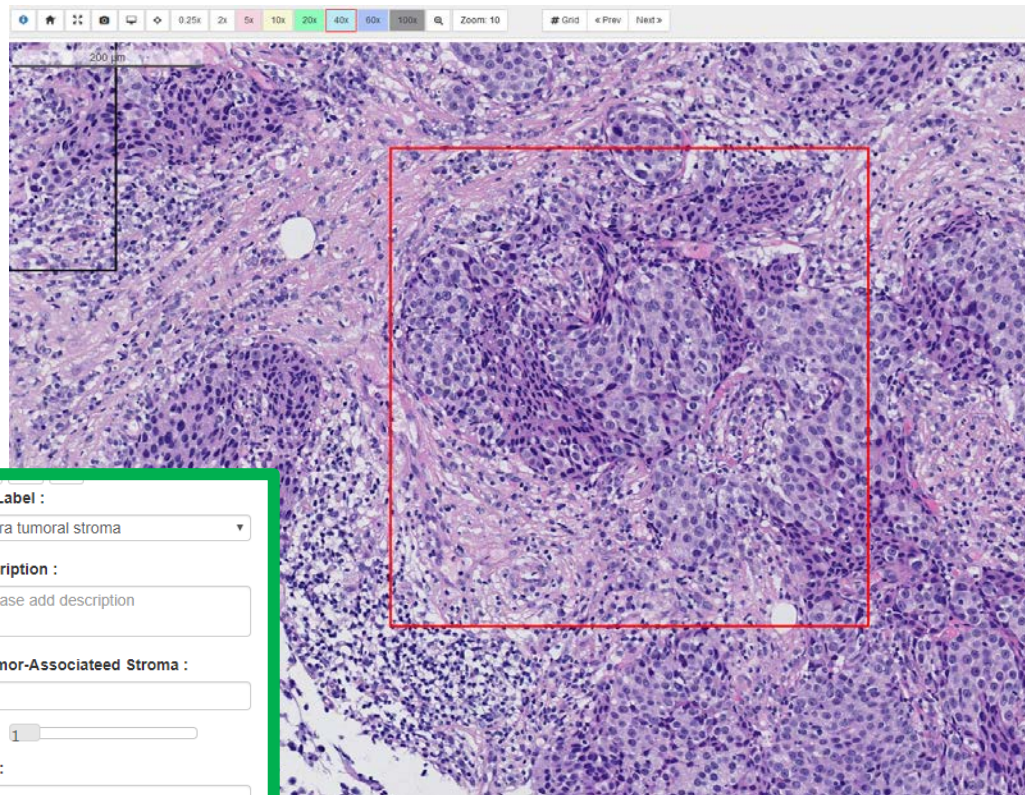


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Examples with truth  
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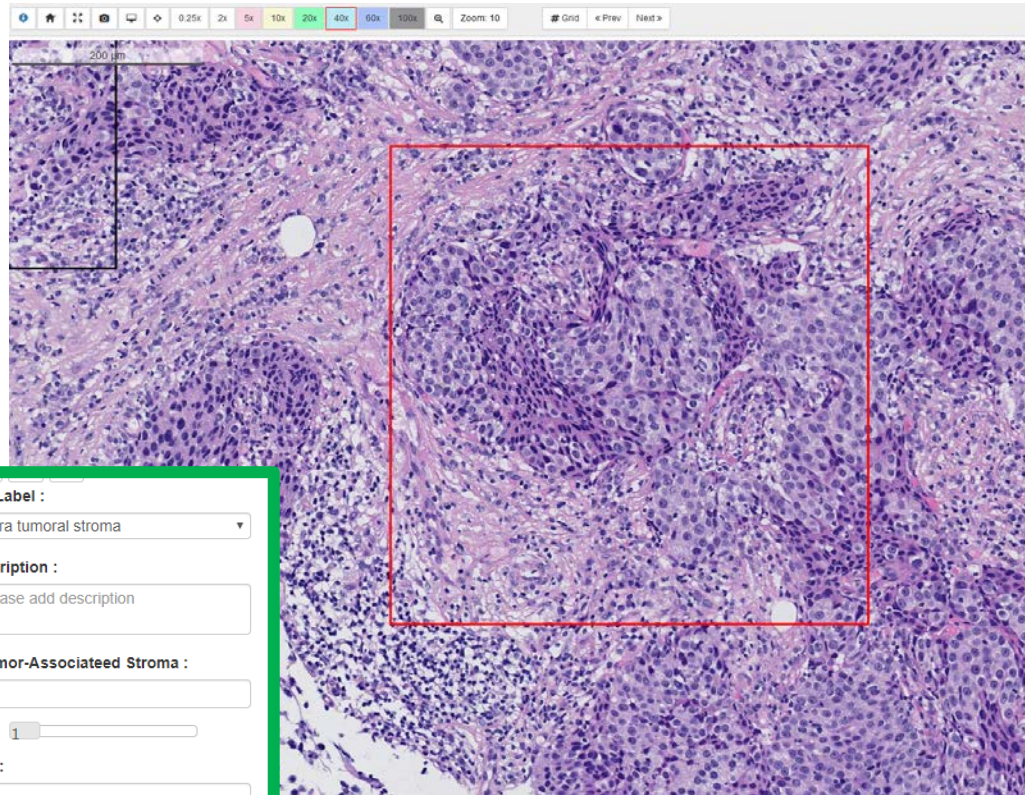
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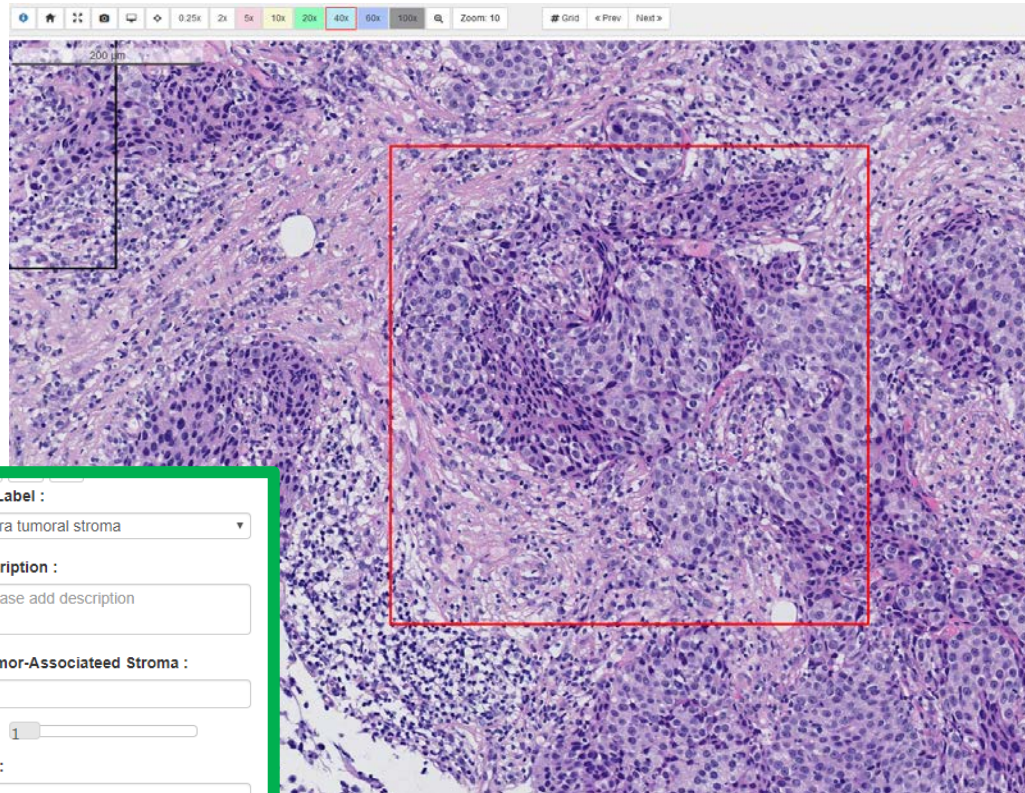
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for  
Pathologist Variability

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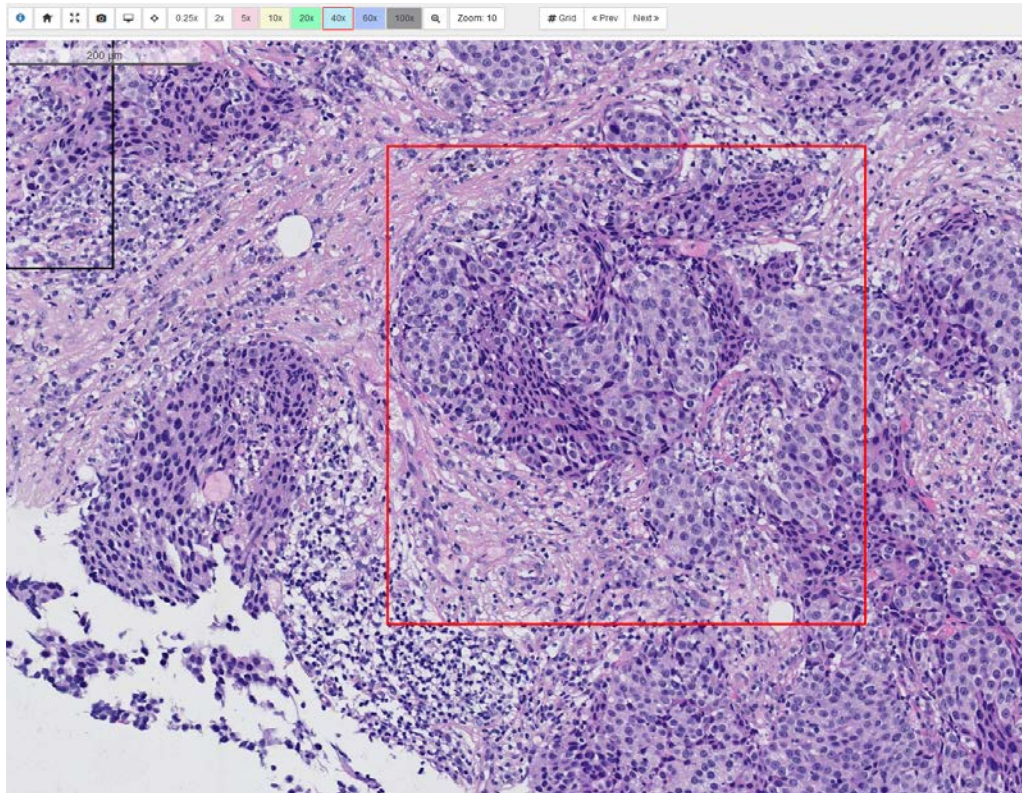
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- Additional training
- Multiple pathologists per region / image
- Sophisticated analysis

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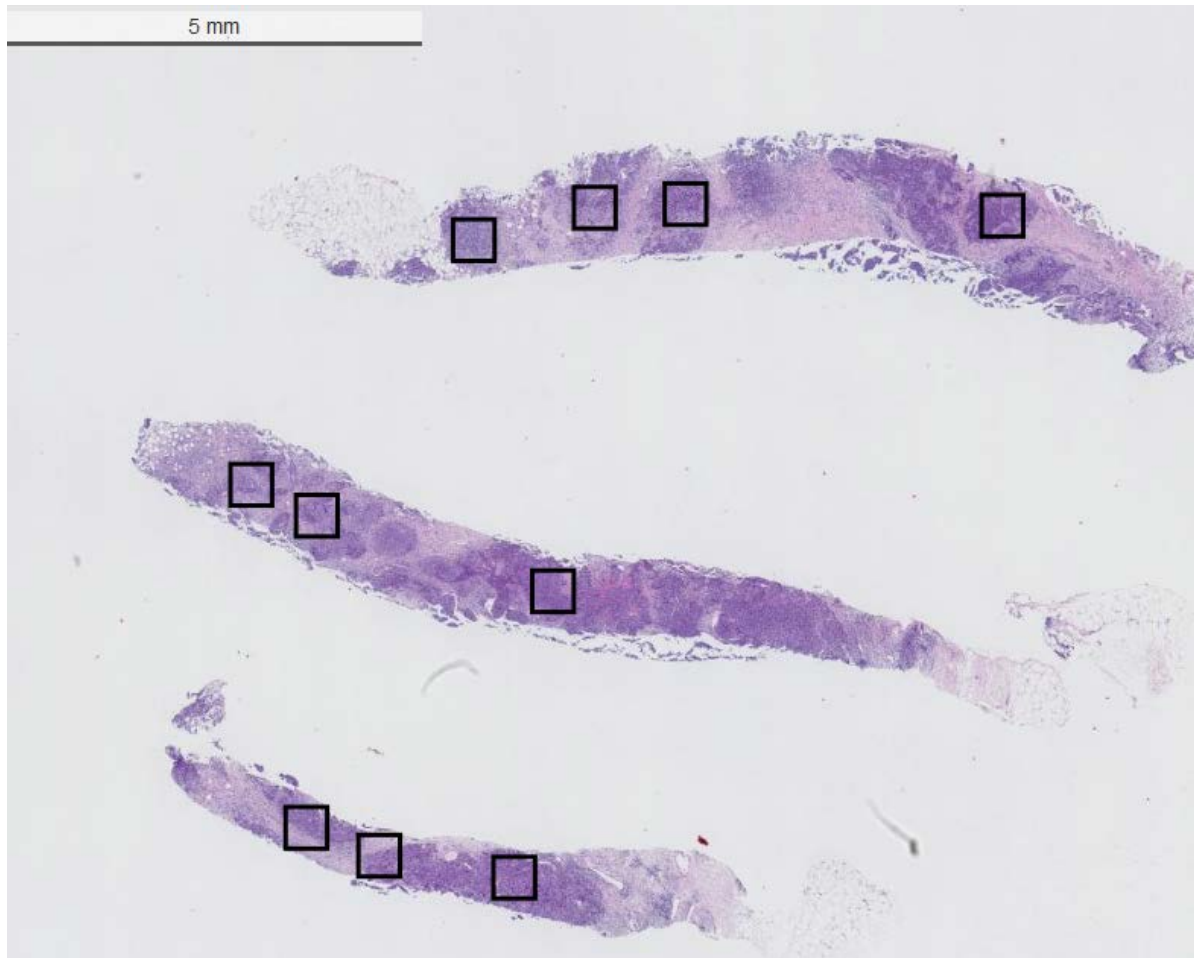


# Patch to Whole Slide Image



■ Zoom Out

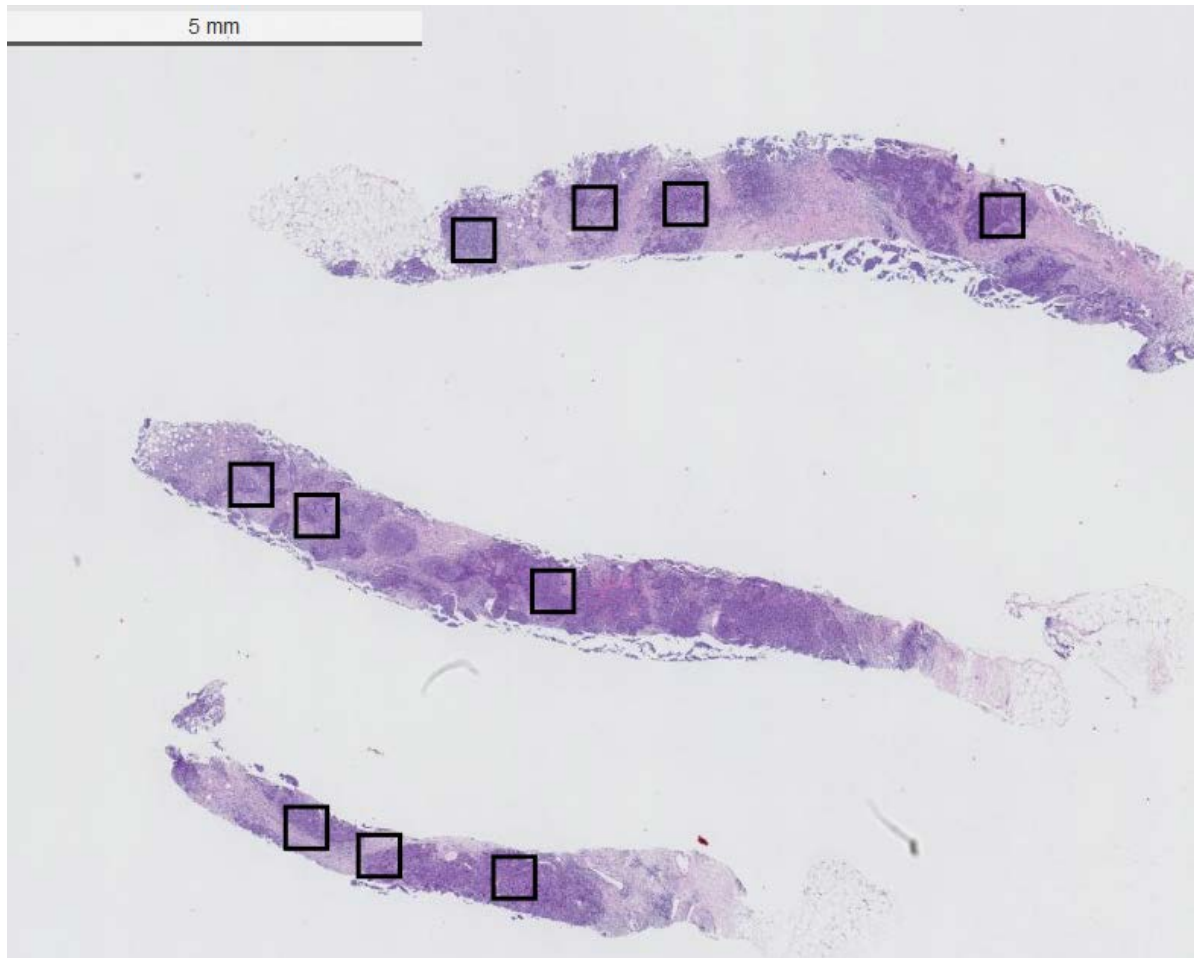




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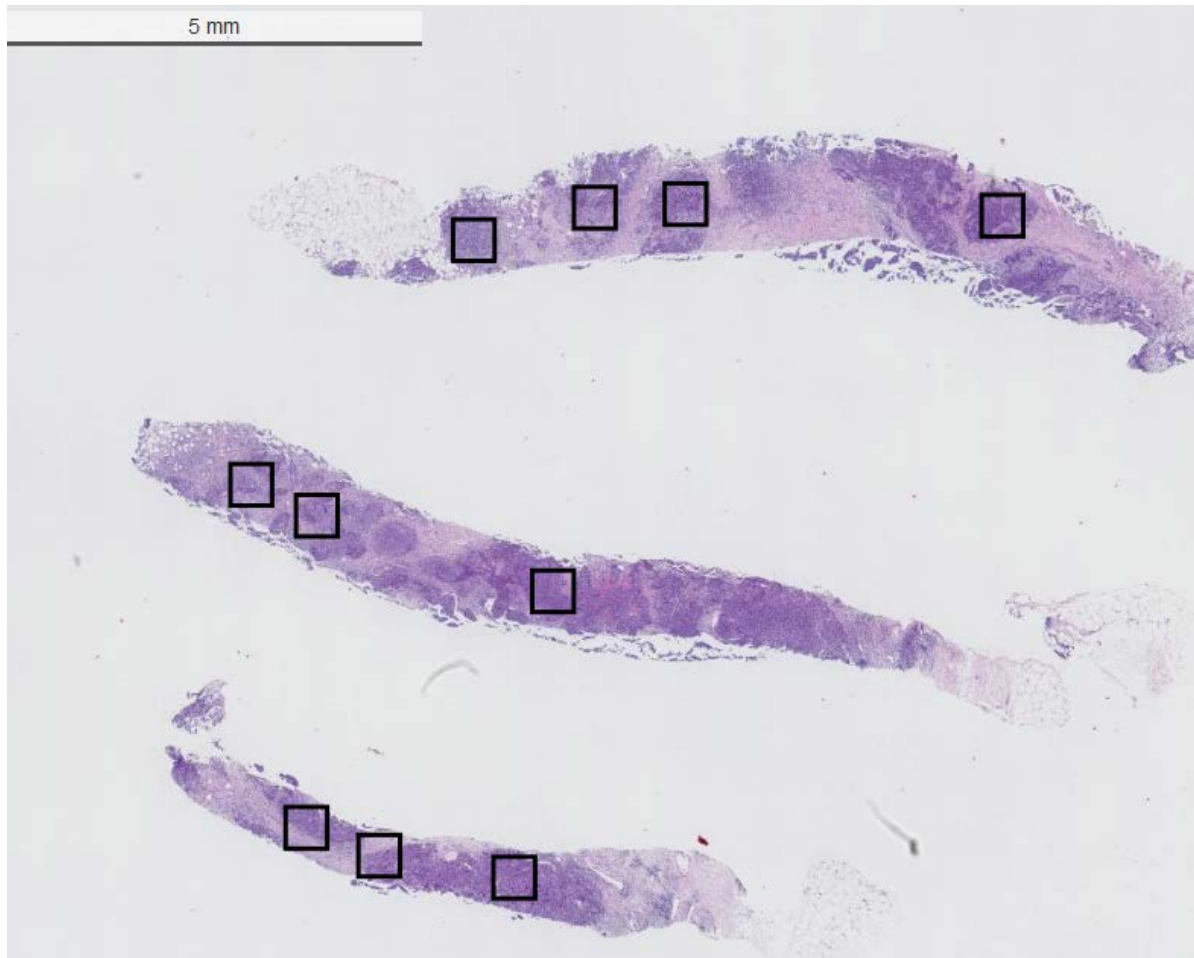
Current selection by pathologist:

- Areas in tumor (~50%)
- Areas in tumor margin (~20%)
- Other (~30%)



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Study to prepare the study.  
Cover the range of scores.



■ Zoom Out



Subgroup Description		Planned for MDDT?
Age	<40 years old	Yes
	40-60 years old	Yes
	>60 years old	Yes
Breast Cancer Subtypes	Luminal A	Maybe
	Luminal B	Maybe
	Triple-negative	Yes
	HER2 positive	Maybe
Breast Cancer Stages	Normal-like	Maybe
	0	Yes
	I	Yes
	II	Yes
	III	Yes
Patients After Therapy	IV	Yes
	Therapy 1	No
	Therapy 2	No
	Therapy 3	No

- Regulatory submission
- Define the patient population
- HTT project can't afford to sample and annotate all subgroups
- Algorithm manufacturer responsible for gaps

TILs always look the same.  
Background “context” looks different.

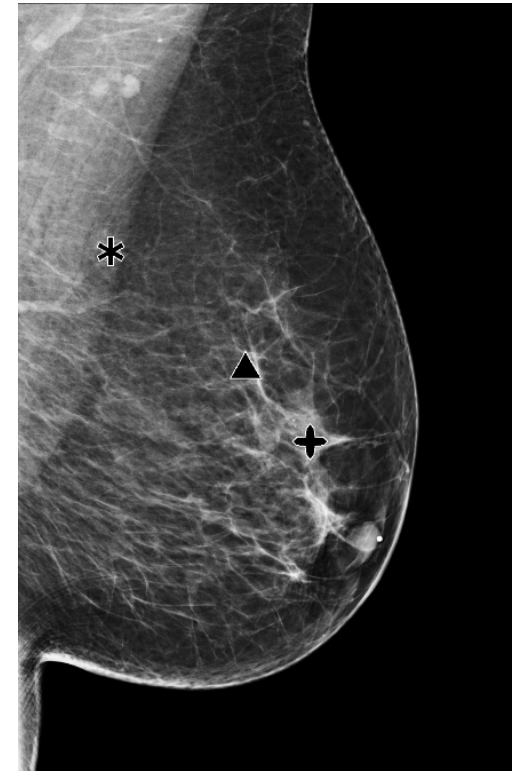
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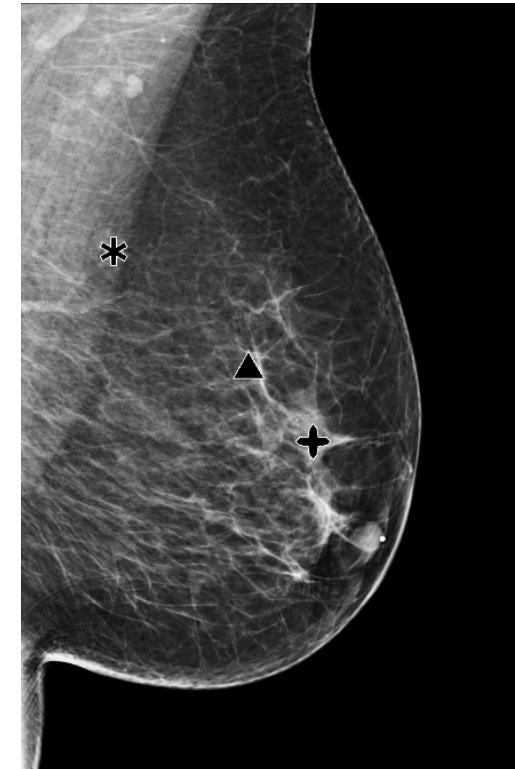
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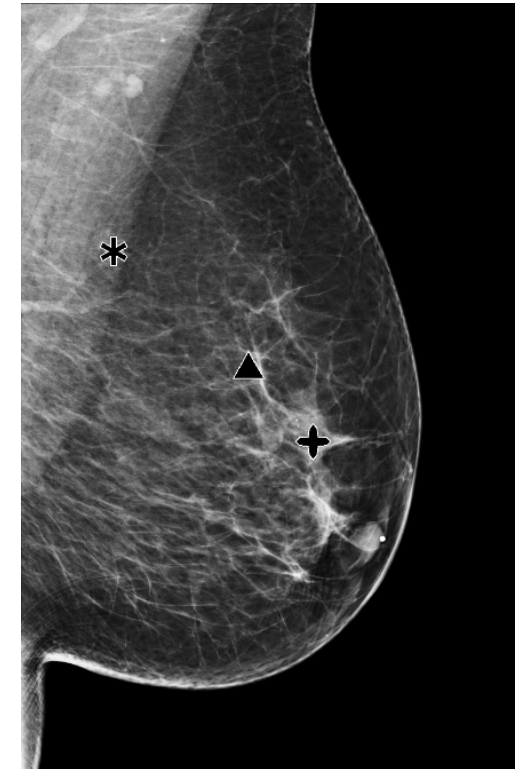
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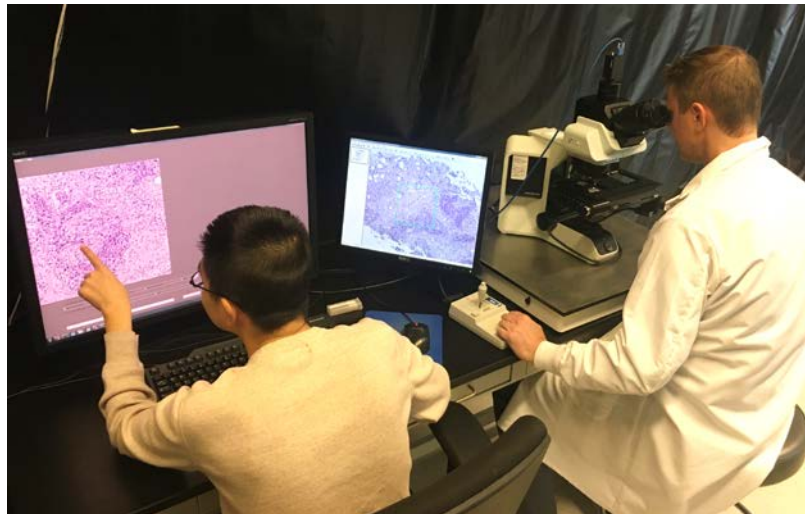
- Outcomes
  - Complicated to coordinate
  - Cost time and money
  - Several steps removed from tissue



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# Update: Choices & Challenges

	Digital Modes		Microscope Mode
	PathPresenter	caMicroscope	eeDAP
nReaders	7	8	7
nObs at USCAP	850	300	440
nObs post USCAP	232	572	0
nObs Total	1082	872	440



Total Obs  
2394

## Data-collection test run

- Alliance Meeting
- USCAP Annual Meeting
- Feb. 28, 2020

## Four workstations

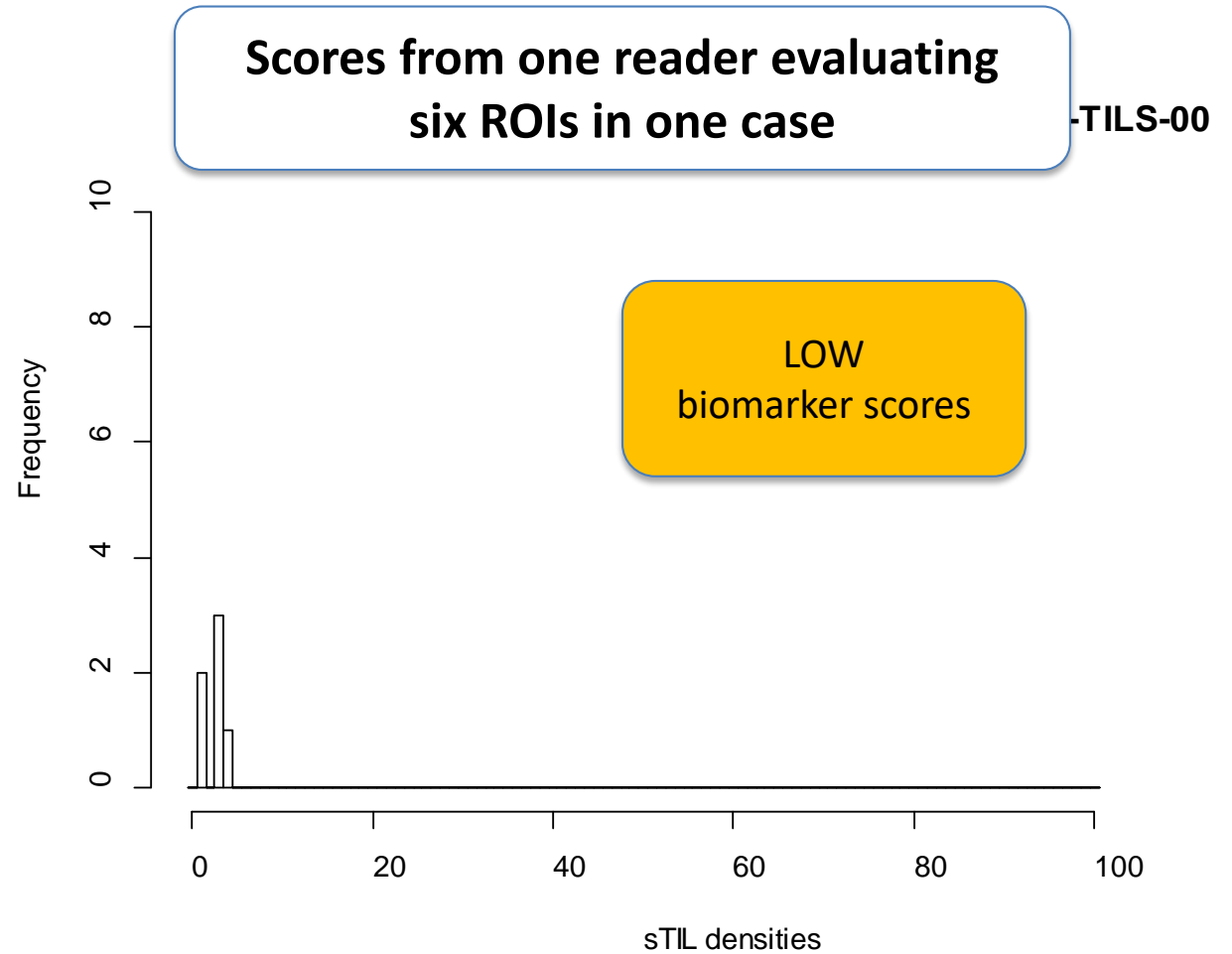
- 2 microscopes
- 2 digital platform

64 slides (balance sampling within and across specimens)

- 8 batches of 8 slides
- 10 ROIs per slide
- 30 minute sessions

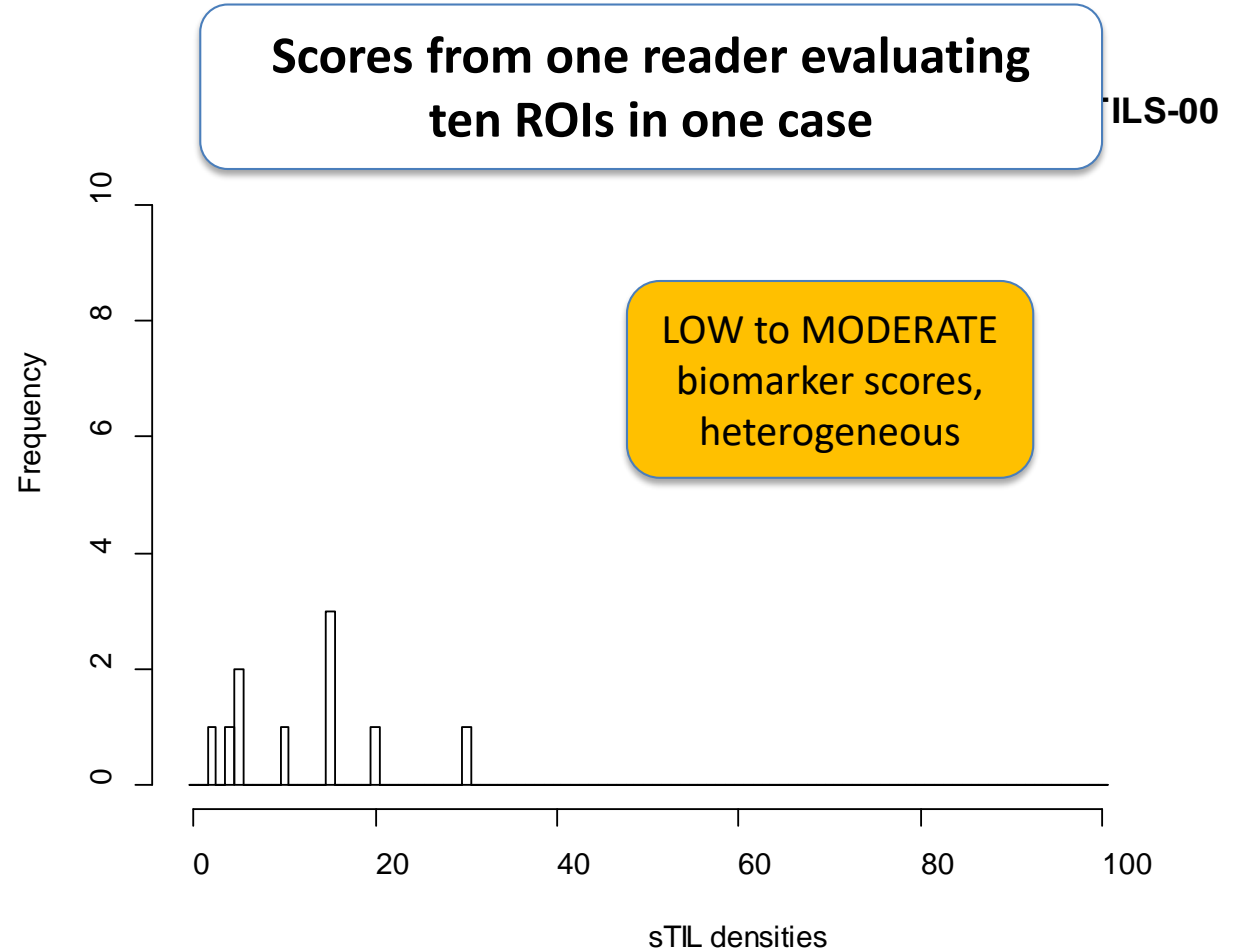
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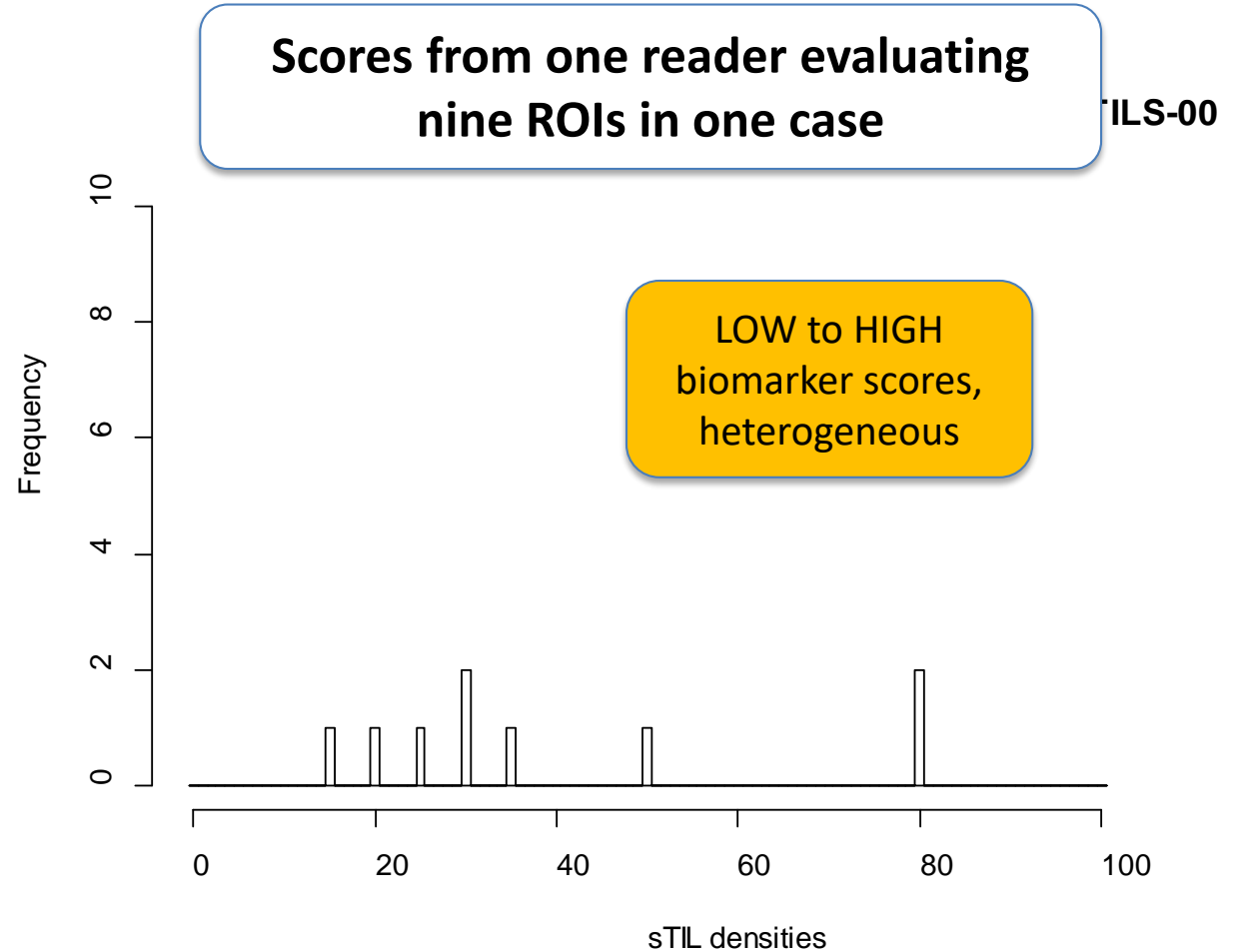
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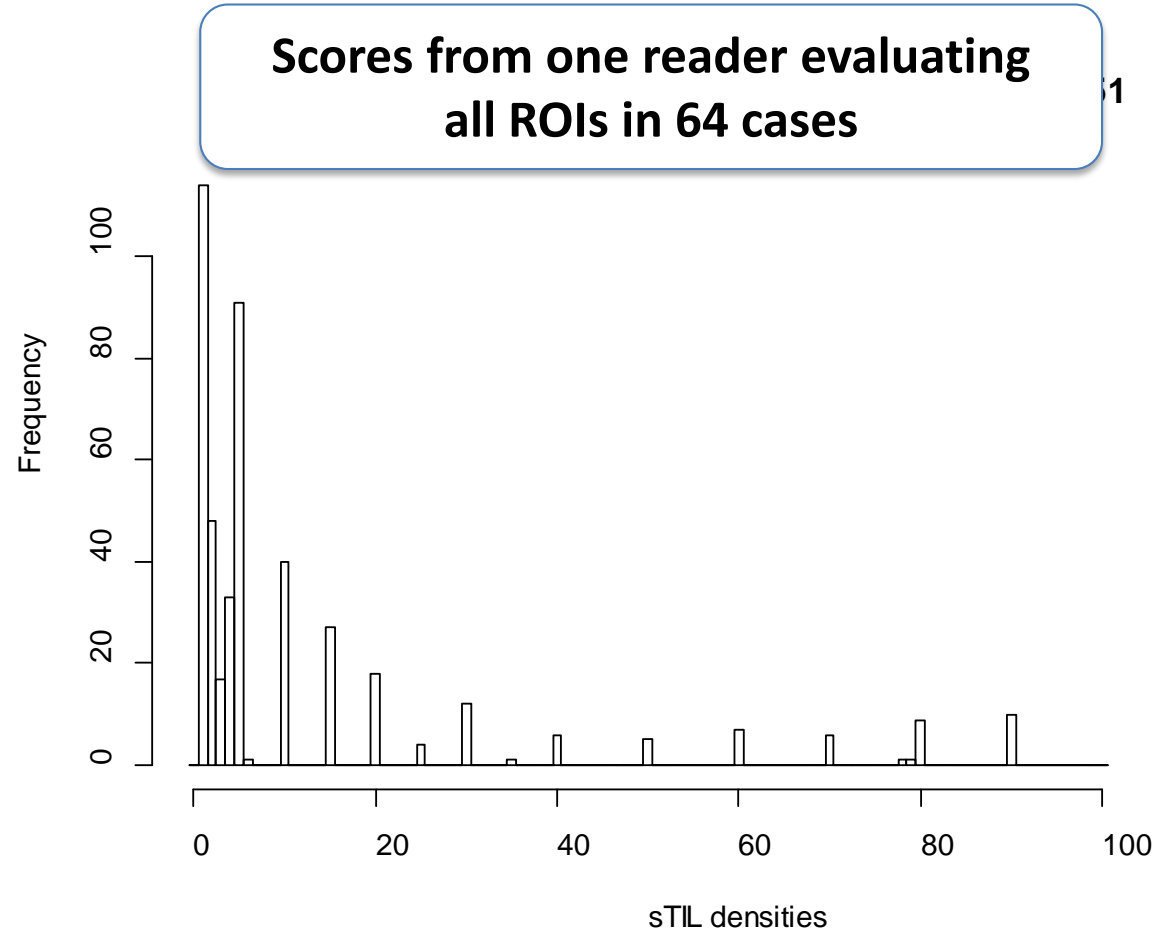
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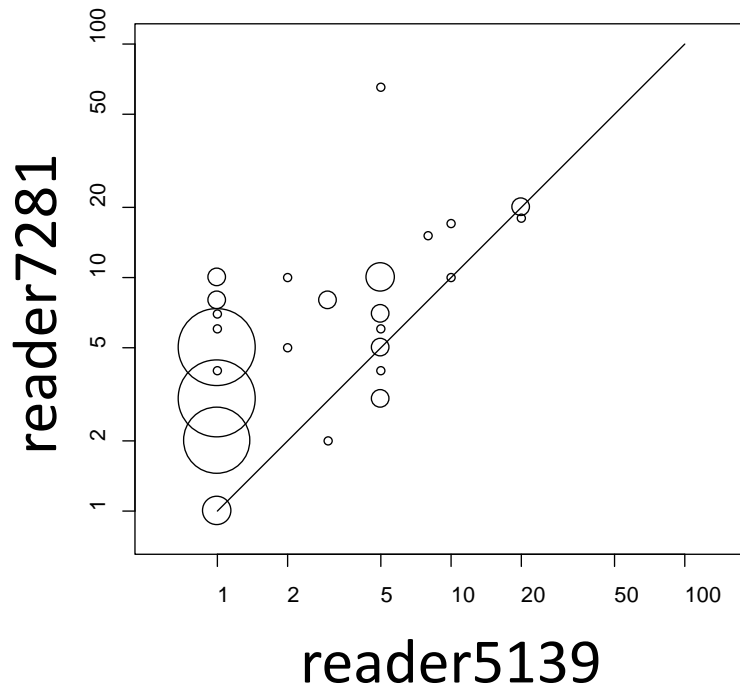
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- One reader
- All 64 slides
- 10 ROIs per slide
- Oversampling low scores



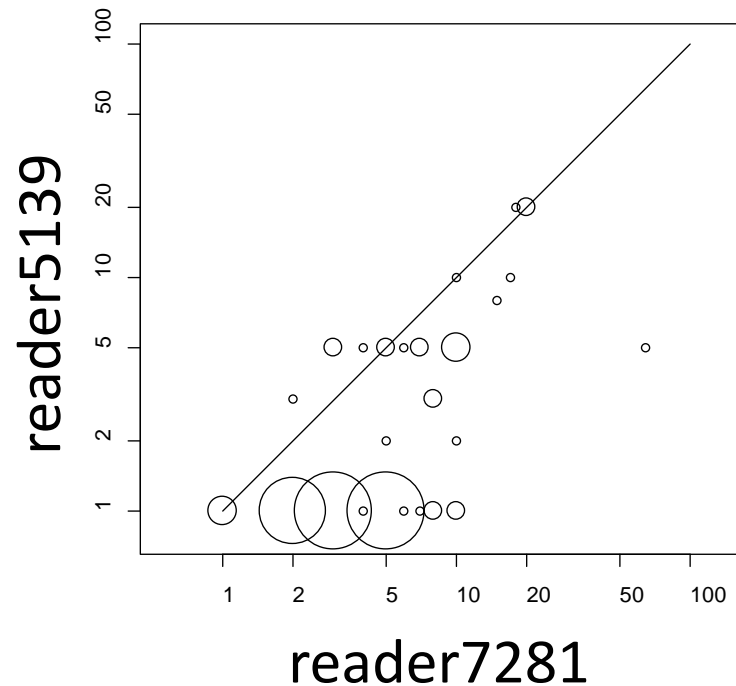
# Agreement: Start with a scatter plot

- Two readers, CAmicroscope, batch001
- Plots scaled log base 10
- Circle size proportional with number of observations
- Flip reader7281  $\leftrightarrow$  reader5139 == Flip x  $\leftrightarrow$  y

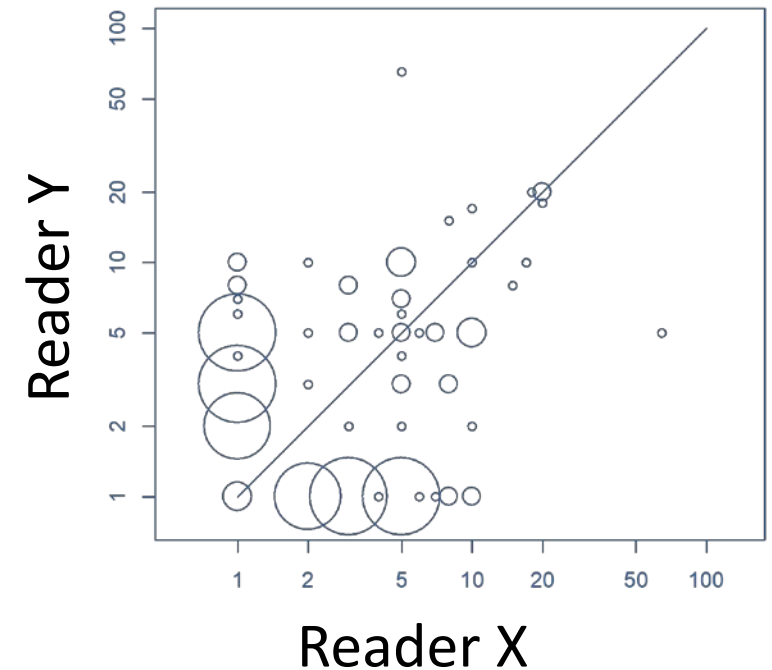
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**Combine to  
Symmetrize**



# Agreement: Consider all pairs of readers

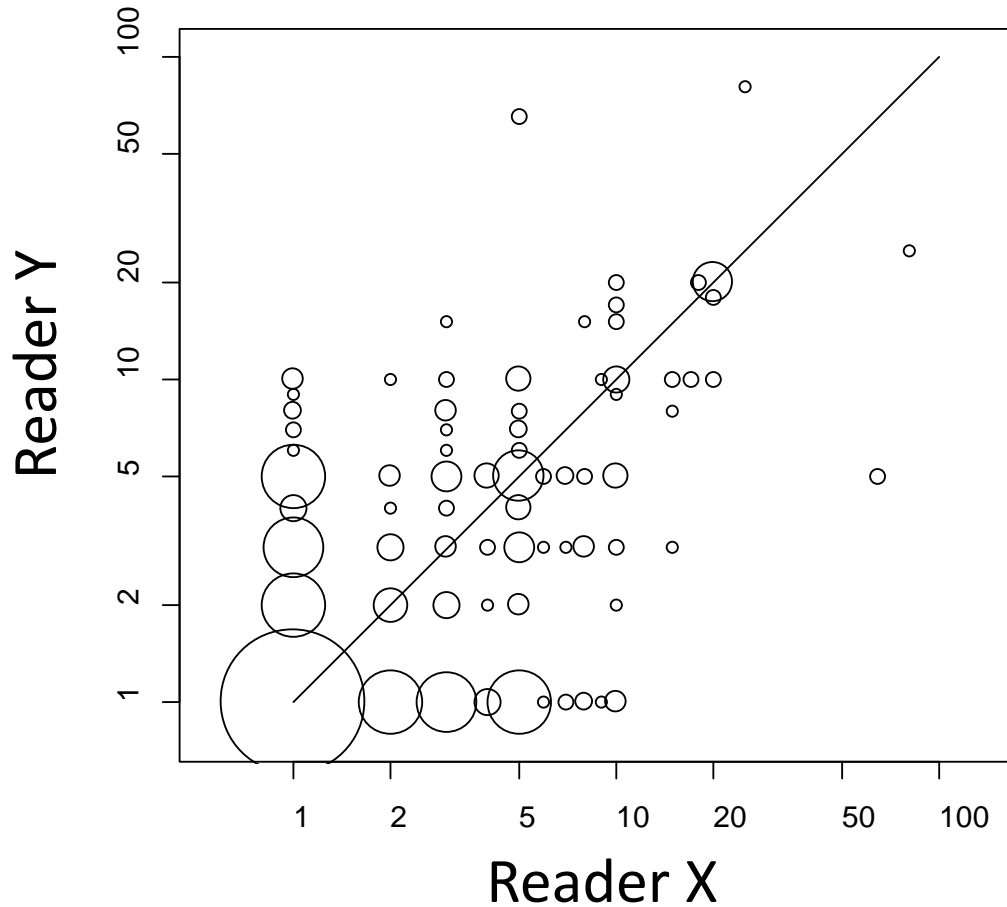
## Bland-Altman Plot

Score differences from 3 readers

Batch001, N = 346

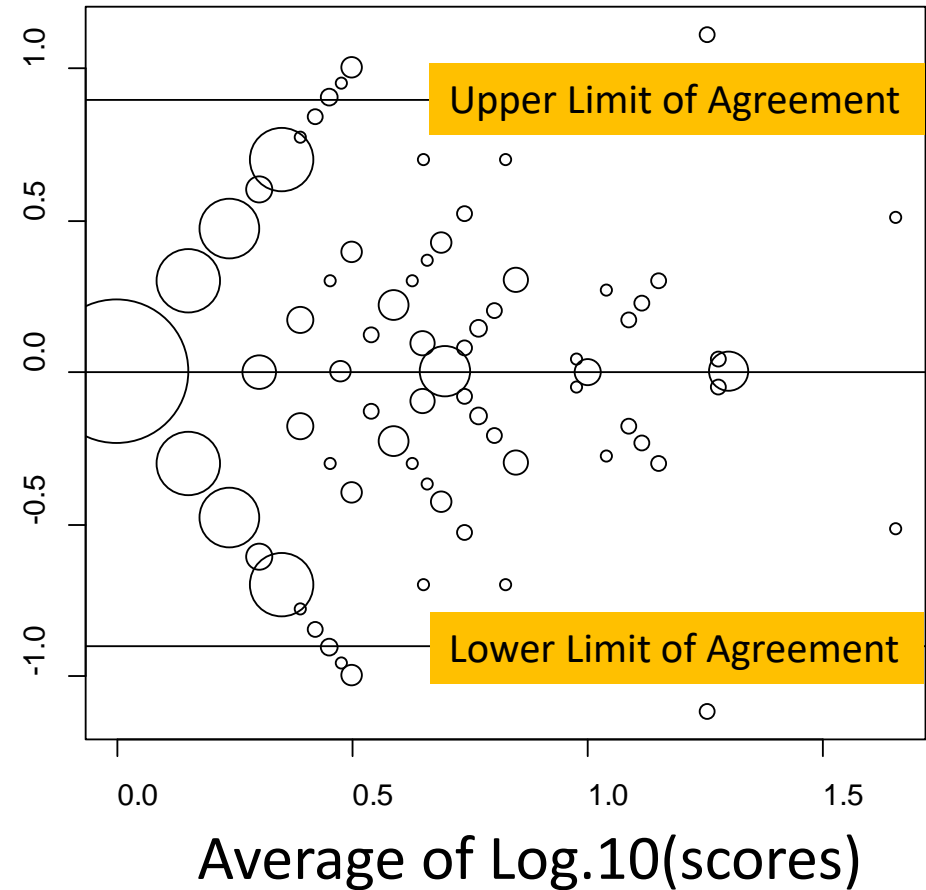
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Between-reader Score difference



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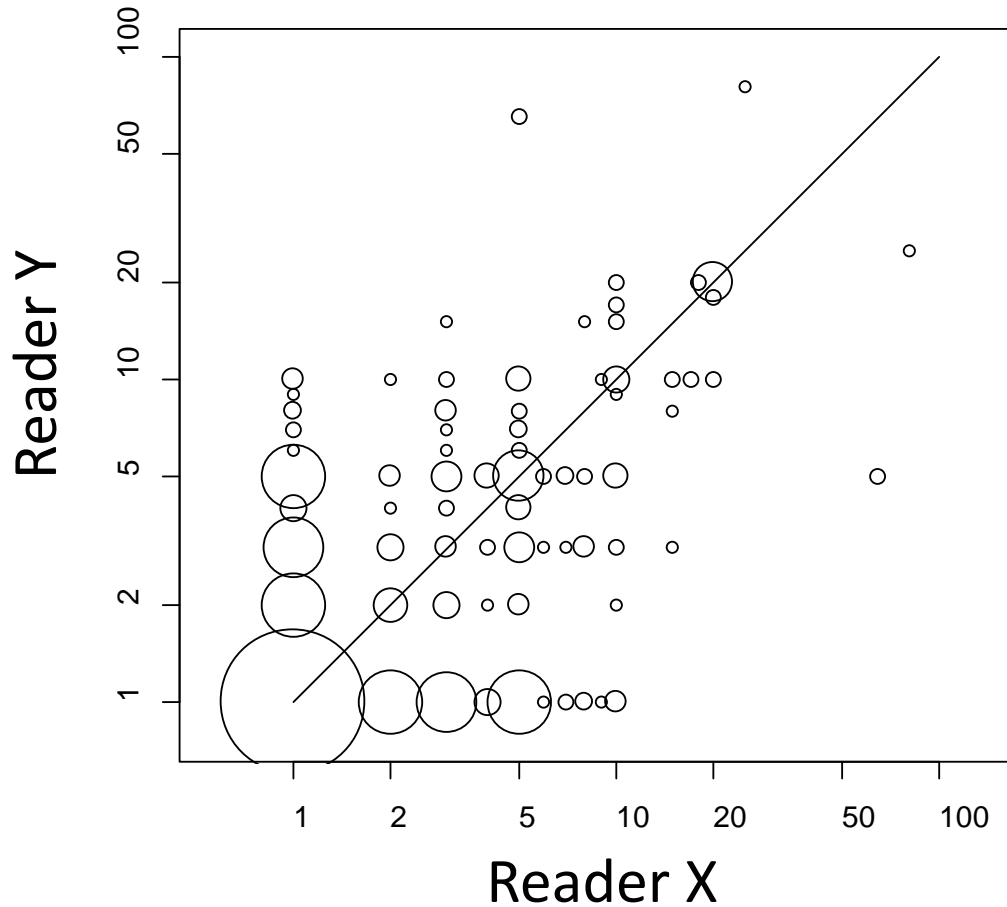
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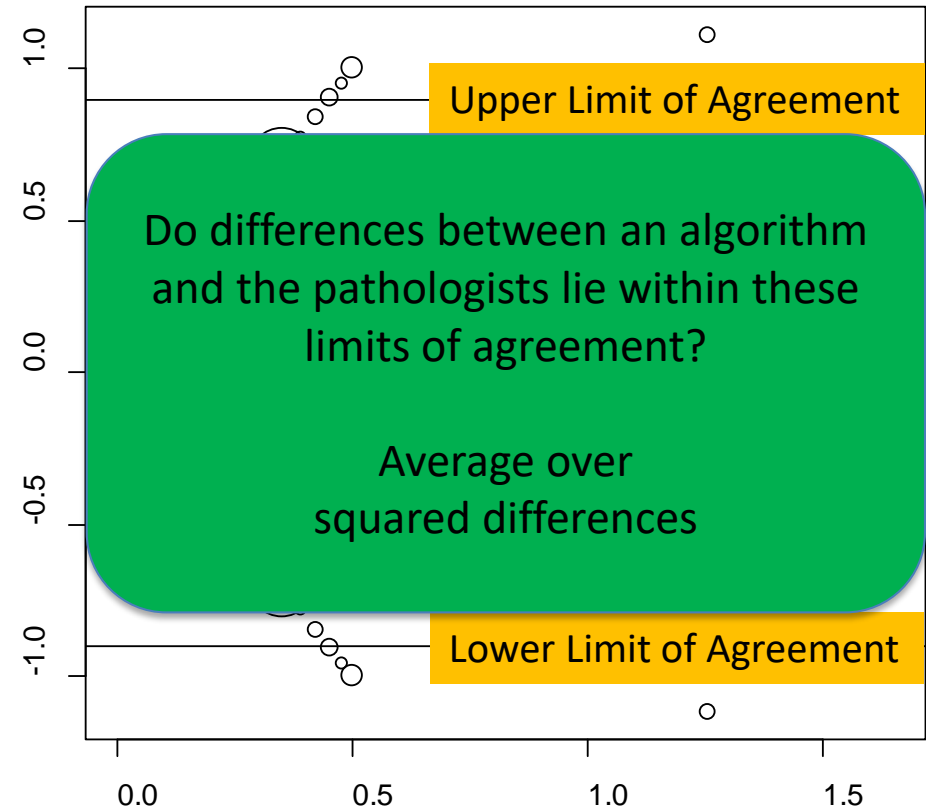
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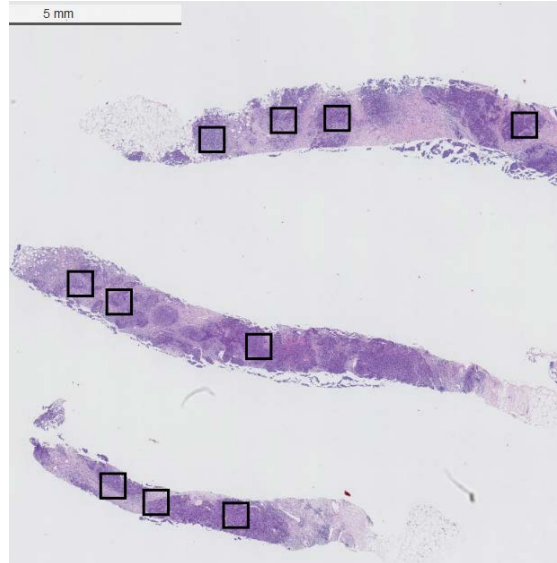


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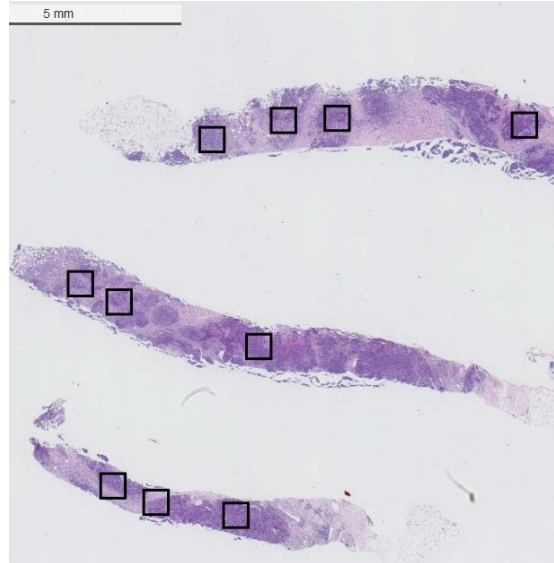


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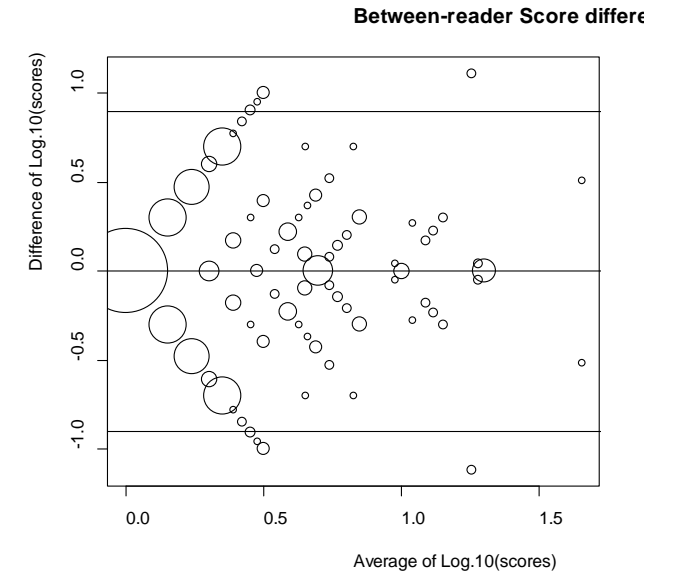


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## Data analysis

Account for known sources of variability and correlations

Multi-reader, multi-case analysis

Clustered and nested data





# So sad. Not enough time to discuss.

- Statistical methods
- Clinical context and use case
- FDA's [Medical Device Development Tool](#) Program
- Device advice
  - <https://ncihub.org/groups/eedap/studies/wiki/DeviceAdvice>

- We are collecting data to
  - Build collaborative relationships
  - Investigate methods and tools
  - Support the evaluation of AI/ML
  
- We hope to
  - Inform regulatory decision making
  - Improve submissions
  - Support and enable interoperability

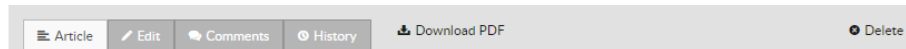




## Learn about the project

### High-throughput Truthing - Year 2

by Brandon D. Gallas



[HighthroughputTruthingYear1](#)  
[HighthroughputTruthingYear3](#)

Year 2: High-throughput truthing of microscope slides to validate artificial intelligence algorithms analyzing digital scans of pathology slides: data (images + annotations) as an FDA-qualified medical device development tool (MDDT).

- Here is an overview presentation given at Pathology Informatics.
  - "A Collaborative Project to Produce Pathologist Annotations to Evaluate Viewers and Algorithms."
  - [20190508-HTTOverviewGallasAtPlsummit-v4.pdf](#) (2 MB, uploaded by Brandon D. Gallas 1 year 8 hours ago)
- Here is an executive summary (four slides) of the project.
  - [20190402-HTTExecSummaryPublic.pdf](#) (193 KB, uploaded by Brandon D. Gallas 1 year 1 month ago)
- Here is a project overview presentation given Nov.-Dec. 2018 to FDA/CDRO/OSEL management, the [www.TILsinbreastcancer.org](#) working group, project collaborators, and others.
  - [20190402-HTTOverviewPublic.pdf](#) (348 KB, uploaded by Brandon D. Gallas 1 year 1 month ago)
- Here is a link to the original proposal for internal funding
  - [Link to full proposal submitted 10/19/2018](#). Funding awarded in March 2019.
- [Link to list of collaborators](#)
- [Link to updates](#)

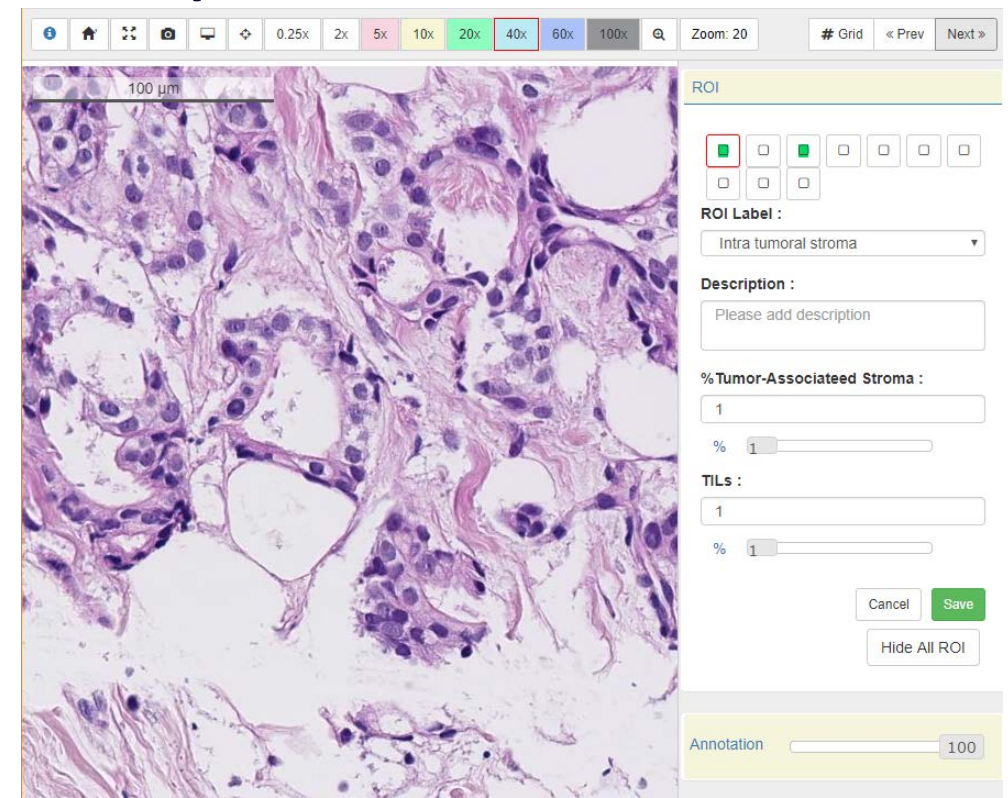
### Project Overview

**Pitch:** We are launching a project to crowdsource pathologists and collect data (images + pathologist annotations) that can be qualified by the FDA/CDRH medical device development tool program (MDDT). The MDDT qualified data would be available to any algorithm developer to be used to validate their algorithm performance in a submission to the FDA/CDRH.

Notice: the year 2 title changed to emphasize: "data (images + annotations) as an FDA-qualified medical device development tool (MDDT)" if we can

<https://nciphub.org/groups/eedapstudies/wiki/HighthroughputTruthingYear2>

## Participate in Data Collection



<https://nciphub.org/groups/eedapstudies/wiki/HighthroughputTruthingYear3>