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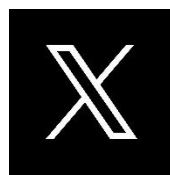
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CONFLICTOS DE INTERÉS



Almirall S.A (consultancy,
speaker, clinical trials)

Leo Pharma (consultancy,
speaker, advisory board)

Isdin (speaker)

Isispharma (consultancy,
speaker)

BMS (speaker, consultancy)

MSD (speaker)

Abbvie (speaker)

Bioderma (consultancy)

La Roche Posay (speaker)

Pierre Fabre (speaker)

Philogen (clinical trials)

Novartis (consultancy)

Kiowa Kirin (advisory board)

UCB (speaker)

Viatrix (speaker)

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- Fotografía corporal total y dermatoscopia digital
- Gamificación en dermatología y dermatoscopia
- Dermatoscopia de gran aumento
- Apps, teledermatología e IA
- Pósteres

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Meta-analysis of digital dermoscopy follow-up of melanocytic skin lesions: a study on behalf of the International Dermoscopy Society

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Abstract

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Lesson #4

**Melanomas detected during digital follow-up
do not look like melanoma**

Melanomas detected
in a follow-up program

Melanomas referred
to a melanoma unit

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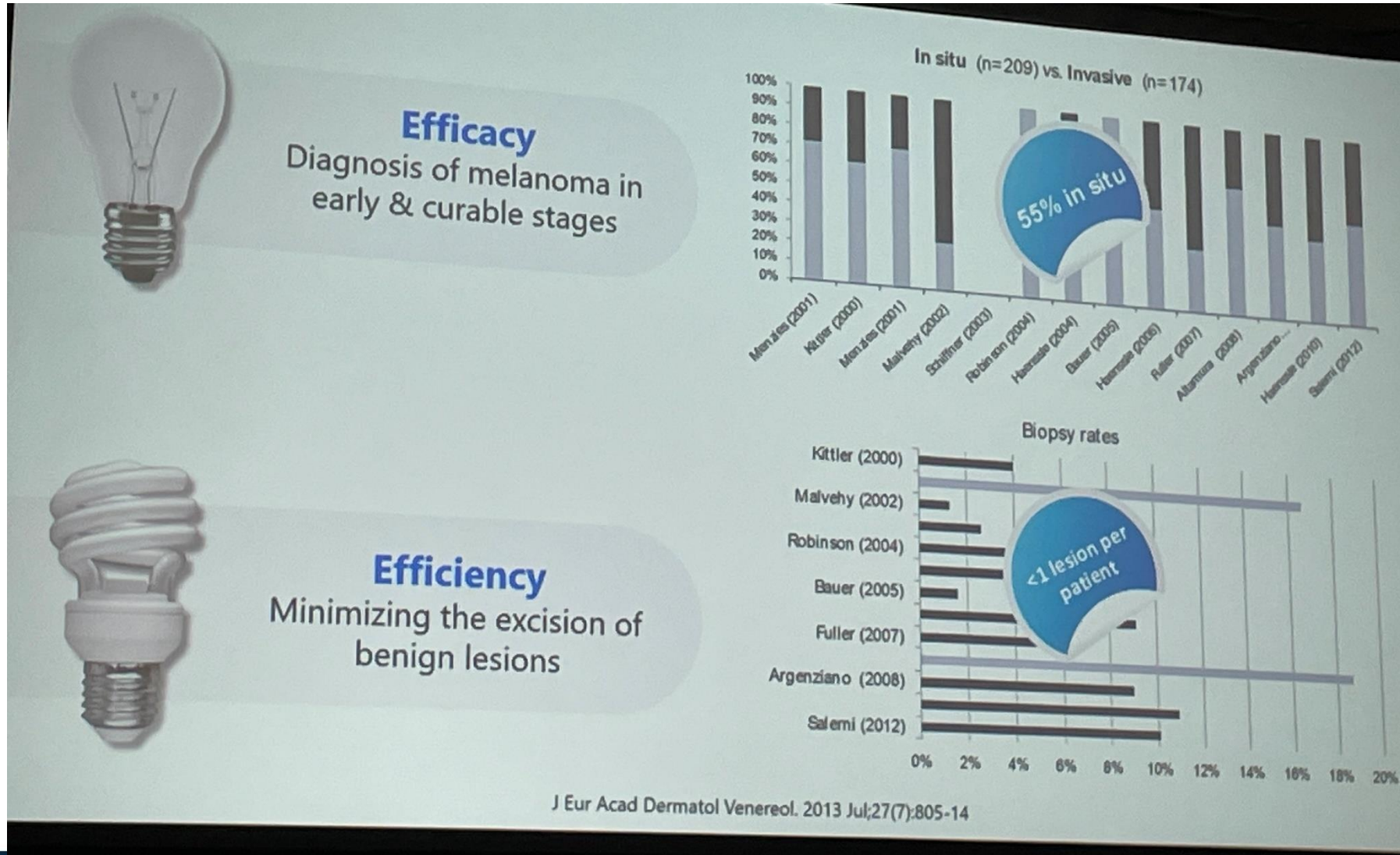
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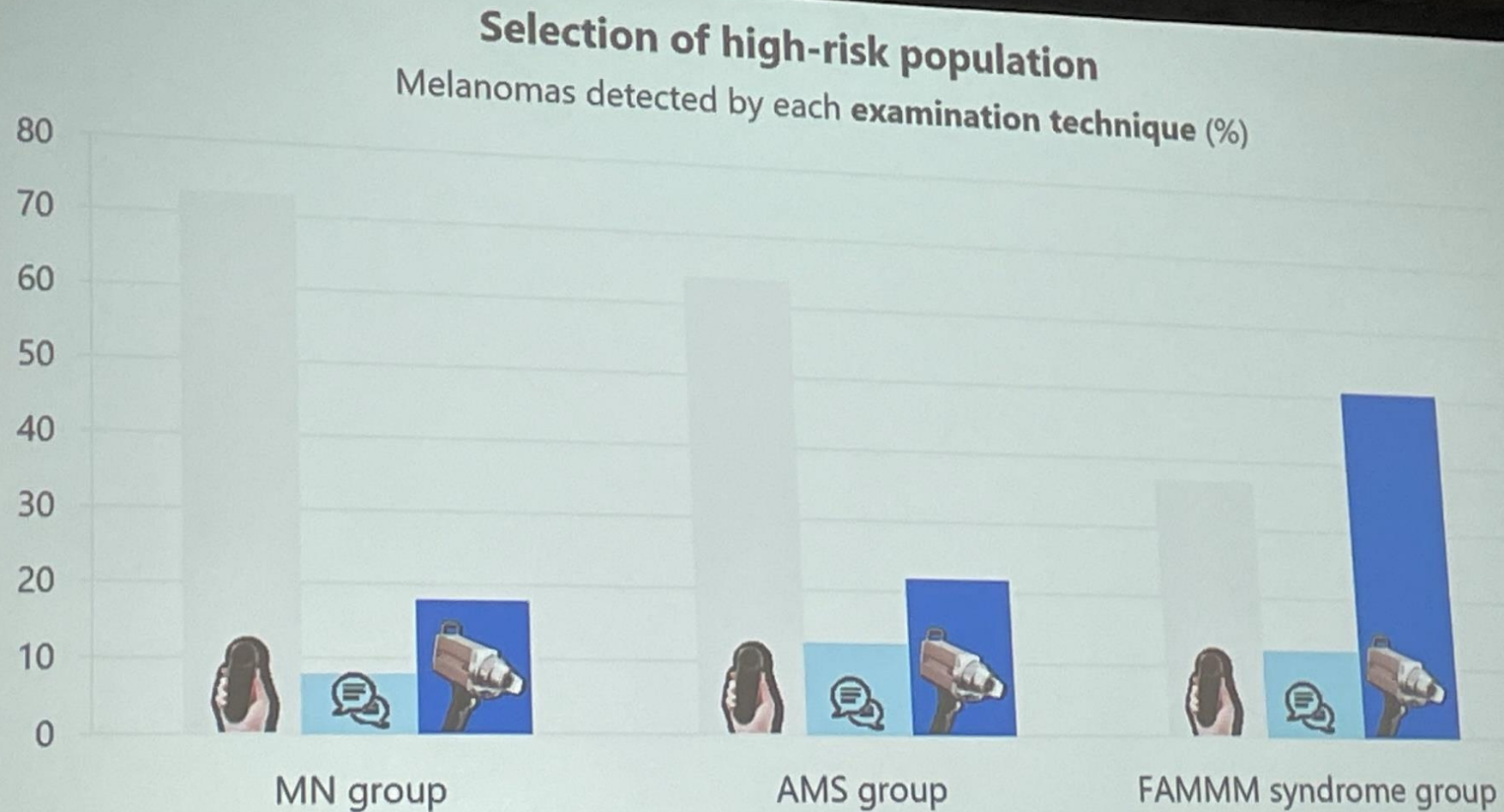
Lesson #5

Digital follow-up is effective

Fotografía corporal total y dermatoscopia digital



Fotografía corporal total y dermatoscopia digital



Lesson #9
Digital follow-up is cost-effective

Fotografía corporal total y dermatoscopia digital

Table 1. Model Inputs for Specialized Surveillance and Standard Care Treatment Strategies

Item	Specialized Surveillance				Standard Care			
	Base Case	Low*	High*	Source or First Author	Base Case	Low*	High*	Source
Annual probabilities								
Melanoma by stage at diagnosis								
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Stage I melanoma	0.42	0.02	0.84	†	0.59	0.29	0.9	‡
Stage II melanoma	0.09	0.04	0.18	†	0.22	0.11	0.44	‡
Stage III melanoma	0.03	0.02	0.06	†	0.05	0.02	0.09	‡
Stage IV melanoma	0.000	NA	NA	†	0.005	0.003	0.01	‡

Table 4. Mean Excisions per Person in Specialized Surveillance and Standard Care From 2006 to 2010

No. of years of surveillance*	Specialized Surveillance (High Risk Clinic)						Standard Care					
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1	311	133	0.43	275	0.88	2.07	586	384	0.66	1,507	2.57	3.92
2	280	127	0.45	256	0.91	2.02	580	391	0.67	1,589	2.74	4.08
3	257	98	0.38	189	0.74	1.93	584	389	0.67	1,647	2.82	4.23
4	197	56	0.28	130	0.66	2.32	573	340	0.59	1,314	2.29	3.88
5	97	40	0.41	84	0.87	2.10	548	335	0.61	1,262	2.30	3.77
Weighted over 5 years			0.40		0.81	2.05			0.64		2.55	3.98

Watts CG, Cust AE, Menzies SW, Mann GJ, Morton RL

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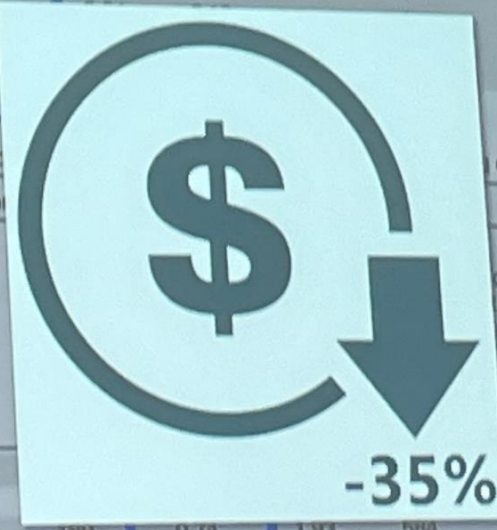
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Gamificación en dermatología y dermatoscopia



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Gamification: Where we stand

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Gamification Examples

- Duolingo — streaks for daily lessons.
- Greenlight — points for saving money.
- LinkedIn — progress bar for profile completion.
- Ambition — contests for sales goals.
- Peloton — leaderboard for improved performance.
- Starbucks — rewards for frequent purchases.
- Superhuman — shortcuts for inbox zero.

Gamificación en dermatoscopia

The screenshot displays the 'DermaChallenge Dermatology' interface. At the top left is the logo and title. A navigation bar includes 'DermaChallenge', 'Levels', 'Highscore', 'Your stats', 'Insights', and 'About'. The main section is titled 'SELF ASSESSMENT' and features a 'DEQ Assessment' section with a 'Test yourself!' button, 'Rounds you played: 1', and a score of 20. Below this, it shows 'My Dermatoscopic Experience Quotient (DEQ): 0', 'Last online 2023-12-28', and 'Total games played: 98'. A 'Diagnose 7 Classes' section is locked, with a note that the DEQ assessment must be completed. A large image of a skin lesion is shown on the right, with a progress indicator 'L: 25 - Round: 1 - 1/20 T: 4'. At the bottom, seven diagnostic options are listed with corresponding radio buttons: Melanoma, AK Bowen, BCC, Sebck Lentigo LPLK, Nevus, Vasacular & Biobod, and Dermato fibroma.

DermaChallenge Dermatology

DermaChallenge Levels Highscore Your stats Insights About

SELF ASSESSMENT

DEQ Assessment
Test yourself!
Rounds you played: 1
20 ?

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Diagnose 7 Classes
Level 1
DEQ Assessment (Test yourself!) has to be finished to play Level 1
10 ?

L: 25 - Round: 1 - 1/20 T: 4

Melanoma
AK Bowen
BCC
Sebck Lentigo LPLK
Nevus
Vasacular & Biobod
Dermato fibroma

Gamificación en el congreso AAD



Gamification / Game-base learning

- Paradigm shift in education:
 - Traditional – textbook model / memorization of data
 - Comprehensive curriculum with integration and flexible learning
- Multifactorial: generational change, new technologies, etc.
- Comprehensive curriculum has shown to improve motivation, learning, and retention of students.
- These 'comprehensive curriculum' include the use of 'games' to deliver knowledge



Rationale: Video games are able to capture the attention of players and generate an intense and lasting commitment → more enjoyable and engaging teaching & learning

GBL: evidence in education

Review

Effects of Gamification on Behavioral Change in Education: A Meta-Analysis

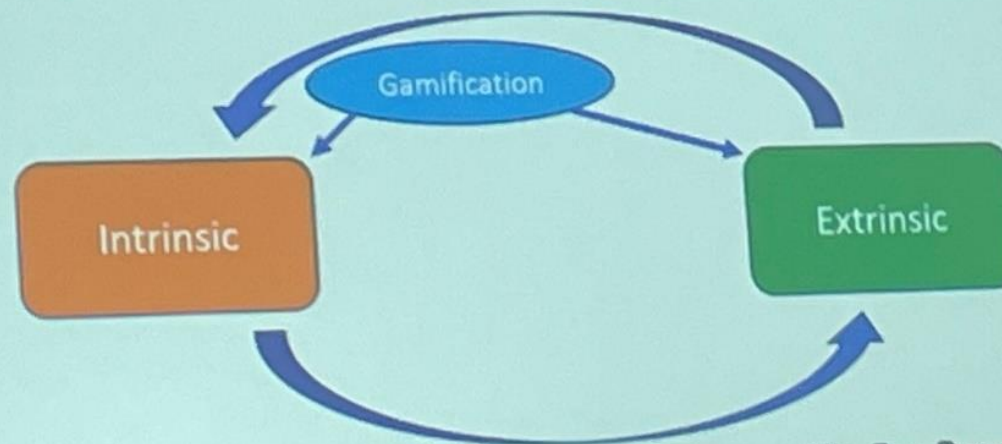
Jihoon Kim¹ and Darla M. Castelli^{2,*}

- 1 meta-analysis and 1 systematic review:
 - Improvement in the students' attitude, engagement and performance
 - Increased motivation and learning compared with students using non-gamified strategies



Reasons? The Self determination theory

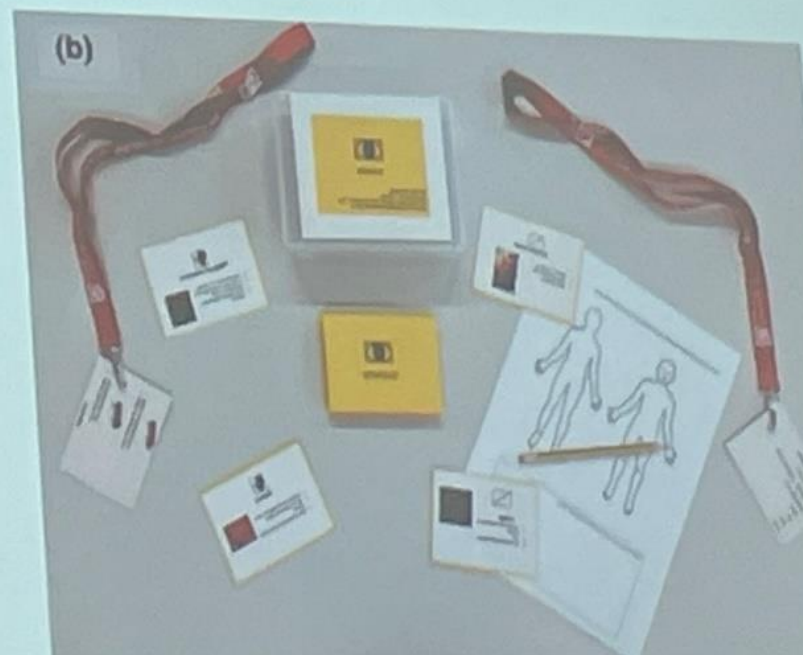
- Motivation for learning is driven by intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.
 - Extrinsic motivation: external experiences or elements → A good teacher, a good game, colors, lights, etc.
 - Intrinsic motivation: the 'will' to learn by itself → the "entertaining experience" of gaming
- Intrinsic motivation is the main driver for learning --- but!
 - With enough extrinsic motivation a student can induce intrinsic motivation
- Game-based learning can foster extrinsic (external stimulus) and intrinsic (second step) motivation
- Not everything is perfect: gaming can lead to frustration (against intrinsic motivation)



Gamified learning in dermatology and dermoscopy education: a paradigm shift

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Natalia Jaimes^{6,7} and Cristian Navarrete-Dechent^{1,8}

- In dermatology: Fewer studies
- i-DERMIFY: use of cards with images and diagnosis. Students draw or describe skin conditions to their residents/classmates
 - Increase in diagnosis accuracy
- Escape room sessions, etc



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Super high magnification dermoscopy

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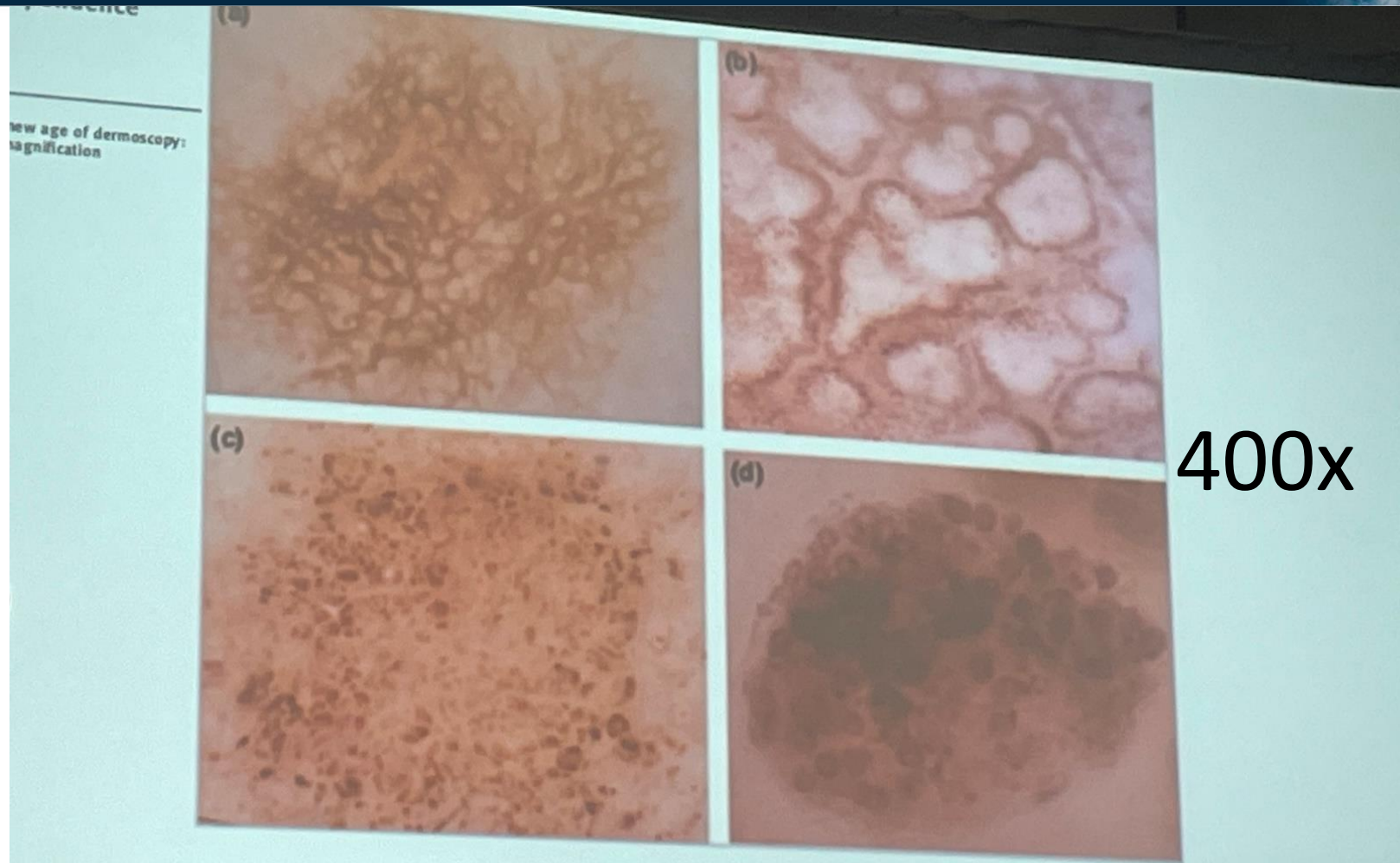
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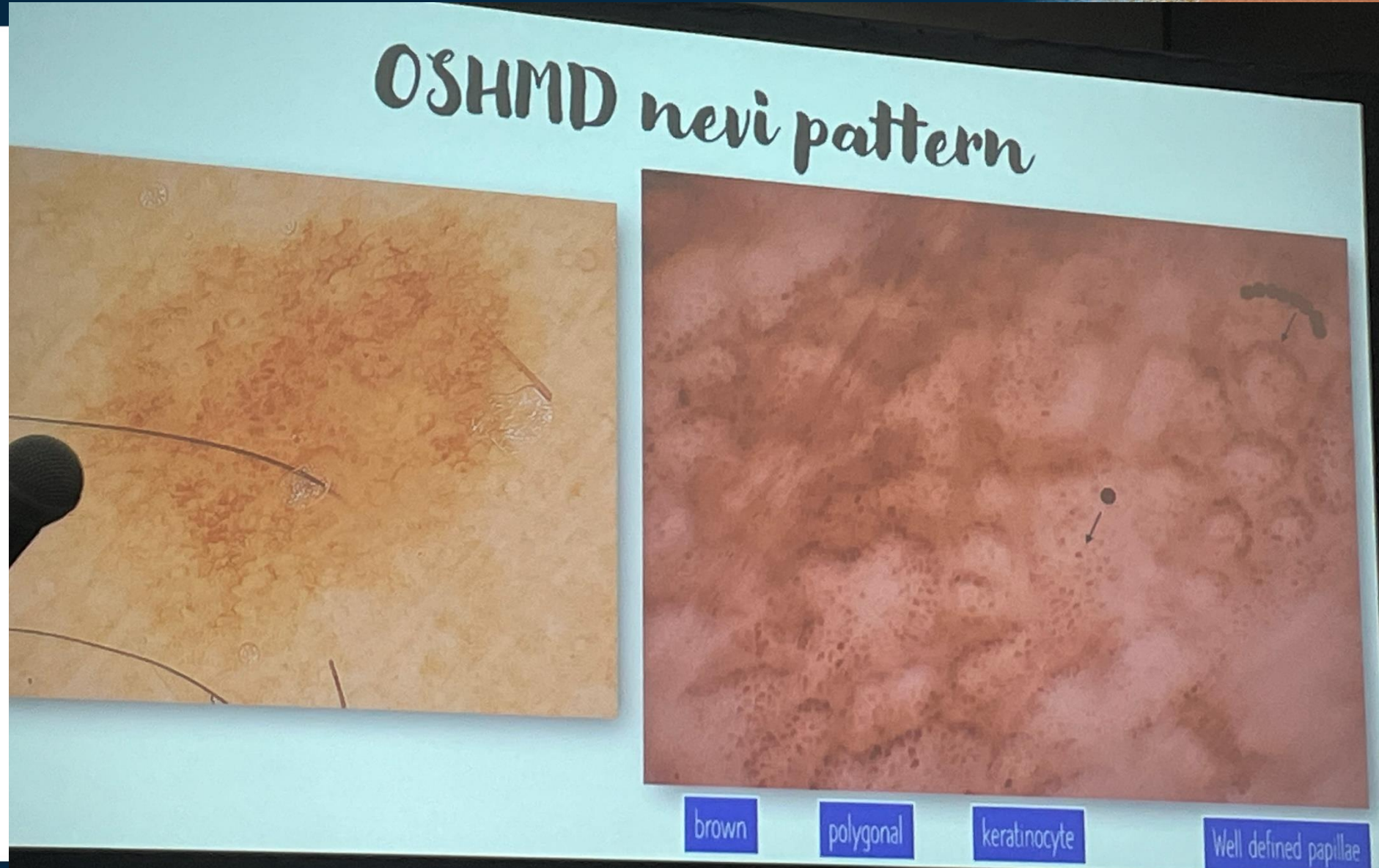
Dermatoscopia de muy gran aumento



Dusi D, Rossi R, Simonacci M, Ferrara G. Image Gallery: the new age of dermoscopy: optical super-high magnification. *Br J Dermatol*. 2018 May;178(5):e330.

Dermatoscopia de muy gran aumento

No disponemos de nomenclatura estándar



Dermatoscopia de muy gran aumento



Dermatoscopia de muy gran aumento

Pocos estudios de aplicabilidad clínica por el momento

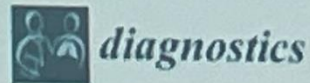
Original article

CED
Clinical and Experimental Dermatology

Super-high magnification dermoscopy can aid the differential diagnosis between melanoma and atypical naevi

E. Cinotti,¹ L. Tognetti,¹ M. Campoli,¹ F. Liso,¹ A. Cicigoi,¹ A. Cartocci,² R. Rossi,³ P. Rubegni¹ and J. L. Perrot⁴

In total, there were 79 patients with 57 naevi (72%) and 31 MMs (38%) (comprising 21 invasive MMs, 10 MIS)



Article

Super-High Magnification Dermoscopy in 190 Clinically Atypical Pigmented Lesions

Elisa Cinotti^{1,*}, Vittoria Cioppa^{1,*†}, Linda Tognetti¹, Jean Luc Perrot², Renato Rossi³, Matteo Gnone⁴, Alessandra Cartocci⁵, Pietro Rubegni¹ and Giulio Cortonesi¹

At D400, melanoma showed more frequently than benign lesions, melanocytes with an irregular arrangement and irregular in shape and size ($p < 0.001$).

A network with edged papillae was more frequent in benign lesions than melanomas ($p < 0.001$).

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Apps, teledermatología e IA

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Smartphone apps in Teledermatology and AI

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Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra / Northwell

SkinVision

- 3.5 million uses (instances) globally
- Over 1.8 million users
- Over 50,000 skin cancers detected
- Worldwide team including Dan Siegel from SUNY Downstate

> *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2019 Mar 34(11):648-655. doi: 10.1111/jdv.15915. Epub 2019 Oct 8.

Accuracy of a smartphone application for triage of skin lesions based on machine learning algorithms

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RESEARCH ARTICLE | PUBLISHED ONLINE

Validation of a Market-Approved Artificial Intelligence Mobile Health App for Skin Cancer Screening: A Prospective Multicenter Diagnostic Accuracy Study

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 Daniel M. Siegel ⁷, Dennis Hovav ⁸, Richard H. Work

Journal: *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*

DOI: 10.1016/j.jaad.2019.09.011

SkinVision

- Training set of 131,873 images from 31,449 users (not biopsy-confirmed)
- Reported sensitivity is 95% (93% for melanoma, 97% for NMSC) and specificity is 78.3%
- Another study showed sensitivity of 86.9% sensitivity and 70.4% specificity
 - How similar is the test set to the training set?
- For reference, a training program in Europe for PMD's reported sensitivity of 79% with dermoscopy and specificity of 71%
- What's the catch?
 - Spot checks only
 - Output is: low, low + symptoms, or high
 - Reports of focus issues affecting iPhone 11 through 13

Where are we now with telederm?

- Still relying on ancient technology on encrypted video signals



Gran problema de TD:
- Mala calidad de imagen

AI can help with image capture

- The corollary to image quality verification for virtual check deposits
 - One of the fastest growing sectors in banking technology, generating revenues of around \$250 million
- What image variables can we improve?
 - Viewpoint
 - Focus
 - Background
 - Lighting

Focus

- Image not captured until in focus and not blurry
 - Deblurring filters can also be applied



IA para mejorar calidad de imagen

Lighting

- Image not captured until lighting optimized



Viewpoint

- Consistent poses can be captured via tracking previous picture poses



Background

- Automatic background removal, focuses on the problem and not a noisy/distracting background



Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Dermatology

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Problemas con la IA actualmente

The slide displays two articles. The top article is a review from JAMA Dermatology, dated September 22, 2021, titled "Lack of Transparency and Potential Bias in Artificial Intelligence Data Sets and Algorithms: A Scoping Review" by Roxana Dameshjou, Mary P. Smith, and Mary D. Sun. The bottom article is a research article from Science Advances, dated July 13, 2022, titled "Disparities in dermatology AI performance on a diverse, curated clinical image set" by Adewole S. Adamson and Avery Smith.

AI in Dermatology: Data - Current Issues

JAMA Dermatology Search All Enter Search Term

Review
September 22, 2021

Lack of Transparency and Potential Bias in Artificial Intelligence Data Sets and Algorithms
A Scoping Review

Roxana Dameshjou, MD, PhD^{1,2}; Mary P. Smith, MD³; Mary D. Sun, MSCR⁴, et al
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RESEARCH ARTICLE HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Disparities in dermatology AI performance on a diverse, curated clinical image set

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Machine Learning and Health Care Disparities in Dermatology

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AI in Dermatology: Data - Current Issues

Lack of Diversity in Dermatology Datasets

Table 1 | Dataset characteristics

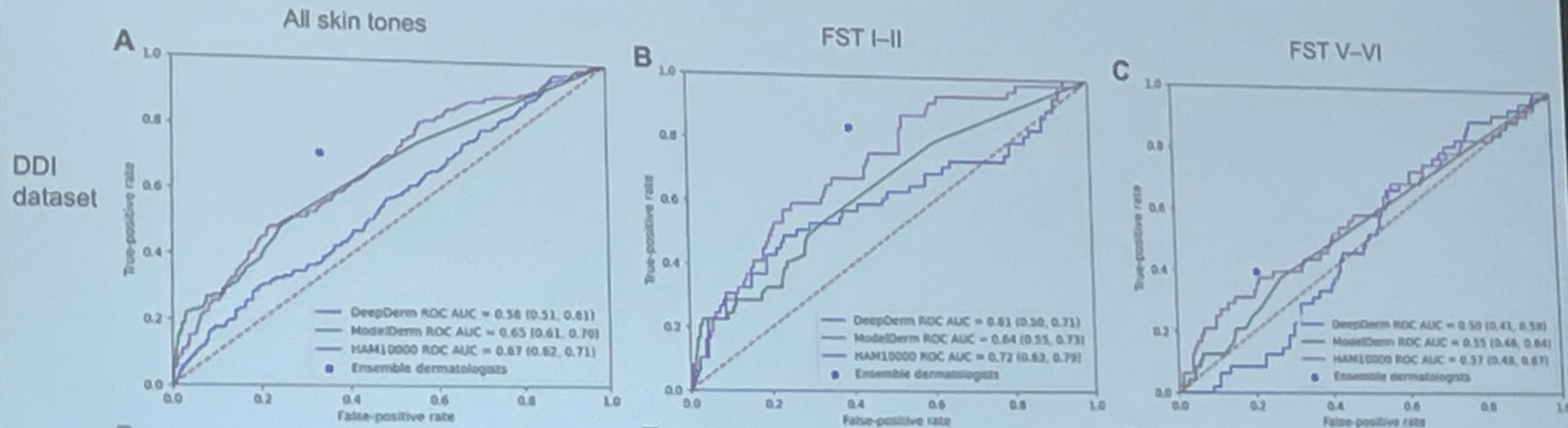
Characteristics	Development set	Validation set A	Validation set B (enriched subset of 'A')
Fitzpatrick skin types (6 types) ^a			
Type I (%)	46 (0.3%)	9 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Type II (%)	2,807 (17.4%)	383 (10.2%)	104 (10.8%)
Type III (%)	6,641 (41.2%)	2,412 (64.2%)	607 (63.0%)
Type IV (%)	5,040 (31.2%)	774 (20.2%)	185 (19.2%)
Type V (%)	510 (3.2%)	101 (2.7%)	24 (2.5%)
Type VI (%)	46 (0.3%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Unknown (%)	1,024 (10.2%)	126 (3.4%)	33 (3.4%)

Problemas con la IA actualmente



AI in Dermatology: Data - Current Issues

Previously Developed AI Algorithms Perform Worse on Dark Skin Tones



Problemas con la IA actualmente

AI in Dermatology: Implementation for Improved Health Outcomes - **Current Issues**

Algorithm Development and Testing Not Representative of How Dermatologists Evaluate Lesions

Important Considerations

- *Ugly duckling* sign
- Change over time
- Other patient information:
 - Age
 - Past medical history
 - Family history
- Need for prospective validation of algorithms

Recomendaciones para la IA en dermatología



Fair, Reliable, Safe Algorithms - Checklist

Table. Checklist for Evaluation of Image-Based Artificial Intelligence (AI) Algorithm Reports in Dermatology (CLEAR Derm)

Checklist for image-based AI algorithm development in dermatology	Description is present/absent
Data	
1 Image types	
2 Image artifacts (eg, image quality, pen markings, anatomic site for photography)	
3 Technical acquisition details	
4 Preprocessing procedures	
5 Synthetic images made public if used	
6 Public images adequately referenced	
7 Patient-level metadata: geographic location of patients, sex and gender distribution, ethnicity and/or race, and how it was extracted	
8 Skin tone information and procedure by which skin tone was assessed	
9 Potential biases that may arise from use of patient information and metadata	
10 Data set partitions	
11 Sample sizes of training, validation, and test sets	
12 External test set	
13 Multivendor images	
14 Class distribution and balance	
15 Out-of-distribution images	
Technique	
16 Labeling method	
17 References to common/accepted diagnostic labels	
18 Histopathologic review for malignant neoplasms	
19 Detailed description of algorithm development	
Technical assessment	
20 How to publicly evaluate algorithm	
21 Performance measures	
22 Benchmarking, technical comparison, and novelty	
23 Bias assessment	
Application	
24 Use cases and target conditions (inside distribution)	
25 Potential impacts on the health care team and patients	

Recomendaciones para la IA en dermatología



AI in Dermatology: Lay Public / Patients

Proposal for "Health App Facts"

Nutrition Facts

8 servings per container
Serving size **2/3 cup (55g)**

Amount per serving
Calories 230

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 8g	10%
Saturated Fat 1g	5%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 160mg	7%
Total Carbohydrate 37g	13%
Dietary Fiber 4g	14%
Total Sugars 12g	
Includes 10g Added Sugars	20%
Protein 3g	
Vitamin D 2mcg	10%
Calcium 260mg	20%
Iron 8mg	45%
Potassium 240mg	6%

*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

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TREATMENT OF HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA FISTULAS WITH INTRALESIONAL CRYOTHERAPY GUIDED BY CUTANEOUS ULTRASOUND: A PROSPECTIVE DESCRIPTIVE STUDY

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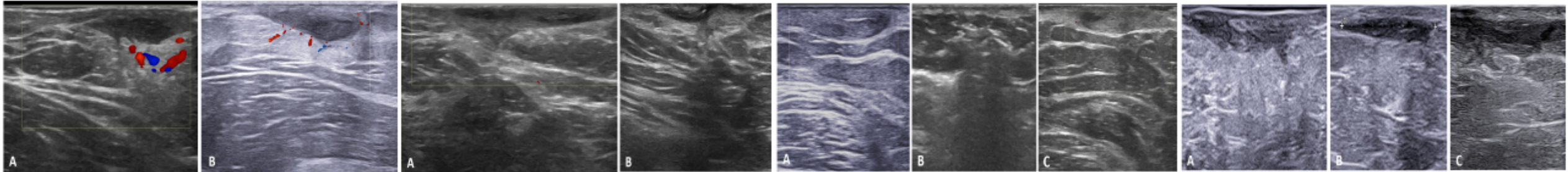


OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

Hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) is a chronic inflammatory disease characterized by the presence of nodules, abscesses and fistulas, of multifactorial etiopathogenesis and affecting mainly the hair follicle and apocrine glands of the axillae, groin and perianal region. Treatment is based on topical and systemic drugs as well as physical therapies (mainly surgery). (1,2)

In order to reduce the morbidity associated with surgical interventions, alternative methods of treatment of advanced lesions need to be developed, among which intralesional cryotherapy may have a role.

Four cases of HS fistulas are presented, belonging to three different patients, treated with ultrasound-guided intralesional cryotherapy using conventional cryotherapy equipment with disposable needle adapter. The clinical and epidemiological data of the patients are collected, as well as the ultrasound data of the target lesion prior to treatment (type of fistula according to the Martorell et al. classification (3), location, size of the major axis, vascularization in Doppler). Subsequently, in the control visit, a new ultrasound is performed to evaluate the response objectively, and the possible complications derived from the procedure are characterized.



Patient 1, lesion 1: 44-year-old male, Hurley III, IHS4 8, on treatment with adalimumab 80mg every 3 weeks. Type A fistula in the right axilla.

- A) 16.4 mm of major axis and high vascularization prior to treatment.
- B) Discrete increase in size (19.8 mm) but less vascularization at 6 weeks.

Patient 1, lesion 2: 44-year-old male, Hurley III, IHS4 8, on treatment with adalimumab 80mg every 3 weeks. Type A fistula in left axilla.

- A) 13.9 mm of major axis and absence of vascularization prior to treatment.
- B) Subcutaneous emphysema at 24 hours, with resolution in 1 week.
- C) Reduction in size (7.2 mm) and absence of vascularization at 6 weeks.

Patient 3, lesion 3: 42-year-old female, Hurley III, IHS4 4, on treatment with secukinumab 300mg every 2 weeks. Type A fistula in the right axilla.

- A) 24.4 mm of major axis and absence of vascularization prior to treatment.
- B) Great reduction in size (1.5 mm) and absence of vascularization at 9 weeks.

Patient 4, lesion 4: 49-year-old woman, Hurley III, IHS4 8, with no systemic treatment. Type B fistula in left buttock.

- A) 30.3 mm of major axis and moderate vascularization prior to treatment.
- B) Reduction in size (18.2 mm) and less vascularization at 5 weeks.
- C) Worsening with perilesional cellulitis at 12 weeks.

DISCUSSION Y CONCLUSIONS

Ultrasound in HS has proven its usefulness in HS in several aspects. Firstly, it allows the diagnosis and characterization of the lesions in a more precise way than what can be observed at the clinical level: pseudonodules, fluid collections or abscesses, fistulous tracts (4,5). In addition, it achieves a better classification of the severity of the situation, since clinical assessment tends to underestimate the disease. (5,6) Finally, ultrasound often points to a change in therapeutic management, either by the aforementioned reclassification of severity or by the adequate characterization and definition of the depth of fistulas and their consequent expected response to medical treatment. (3,5)

The use of cryotherapy in HS has been described as an effective therapy in persistent nodules, with a good response rate, but with significant pain and possible delay in the healing of secondary skin ulceration. (7,8) Likewise, there are studies on the use of intralesional cryotherapy, with techniques similar to the one presented here. Intralesional cryotherapy of fistulas through the use of a sterile needle as an adapter of the equipment may constitute an effective option, although the risk of air embolism due to inadequate positioning of the needle makes it advisable to apply liquid nitrogen through a cannula instead of a needle. (9,10) Another option with good results and few complications is the drainage of abscesses through a 4-5 mm punch and subsequent application of cryotherapy using the punch itself as an adapter (11).

It seems that the use of intralesional cryotherapy could constitute a safe and effective option in the treatment of HS fistulas, especially in those more accessible and of less complexity, such as type A of the Martorell et al. classification (3) The performance of the technique under ultrasound control increases the safety of the procedure reducing the risk of air embolism, and the ultrasound evaluation before and after the treatment allows a better evaluation of the response.

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The Use of High Frequency Ultrasound In Preoperative Melanoma Measurements

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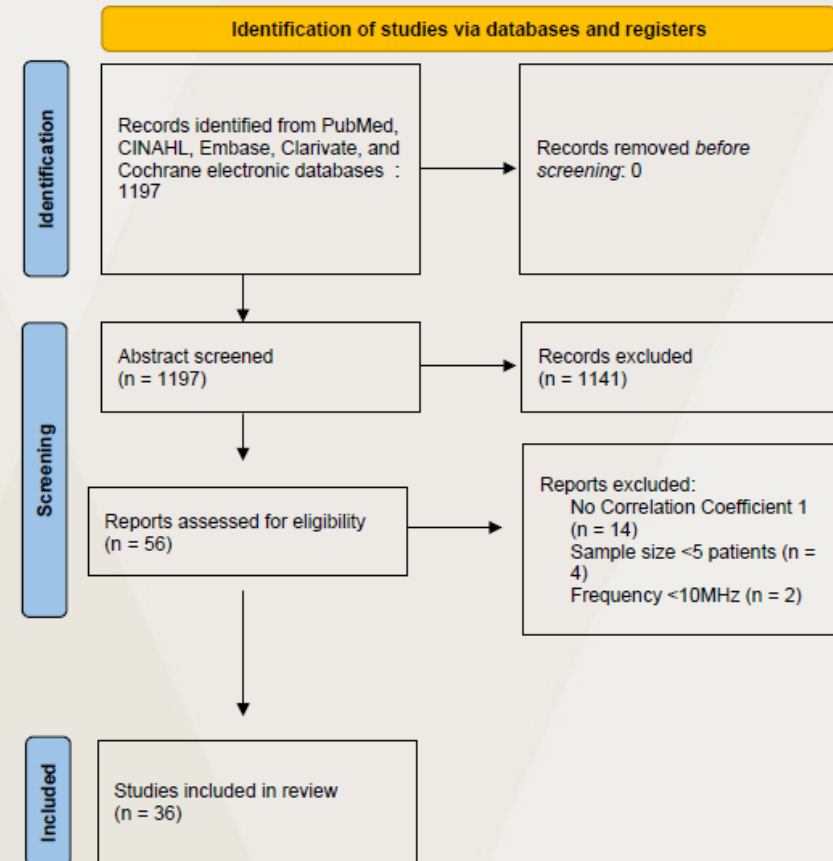
Methods

- Meta-analysis
 - Searched English-language publications in *PubMed*, *CINAHL*, *Embase*, *Clarivate*, and *Cochrane* electronic databases (March 2023)
- 1197 initially identified articles → 36 studies included

Inclusion criteria:

- 1) Patients received pre-operative HFUS ($\geq 10\text{MHz}$) melanoma measurements
- 2) Melanoma biopsy or excision performed
- 3) Reported tumor depth correlation coefficient between HFUS + histopathology

PRISMA



Results

Correlation coefficients
between HFUS +
histopathology range:

0.417 - 0.997

(Median 0.94, Mean 0.89, SD
0.13)

<20MHz mean correlation
coefficient 0.87

20-25MHz mean correlation
coefficient 0.94

≥70MHz mean correlation
coefficient 0.98

↑ HFUS accuracy in thicker
melanomas (≥0.75mm)

HFUS may report ↑ depth
compared histopathology

Conclusion and Future Direction



HFUS serves as a valuable supplementary tool for preoperative melanoma assessment



HFUS has increased accuracy in thicker tumors



Frequencies <20MHz are less reliable in assessing tumor depth



Frequencies ≥ 70 MHz have stronger correlations with histopathology

Prospective studies to systematically collect data, evaluating the effectiveness and reliability of HFUS as a complementary tool alongside standard care.

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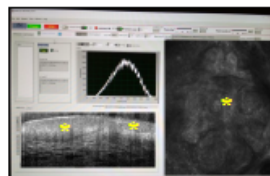
Reflectance Confocal Microscopy – Optical Coherence Tomography (RCM-OCT), a combined device, simultaneously images skin in both *en face* and vertical modes. Thus, improves sensitivity and specificity to detect basal cell carcinoma (BCC) *in vivo*^{1,2}.



RCM-OCT device

2 simultaneous views:

OCT view (left)
RCM view (right)
(Yellow *) BCC nodules



Goals & Aims

Goal: to build an automated platform for detection and depth measurement of BCC in RCM-OCT images

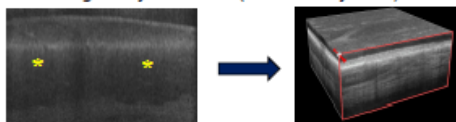
Aim 1: Build AI algorithm for automated detection of BCC and Stratum Corneum (SC) from OCT rasters

Aim 2: Perform blinded analysis to determine if the AI-generated models improve BCC diagnosis from the rasters

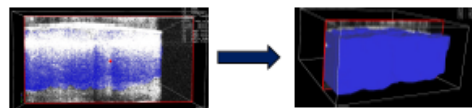
Aim 3: Correlate AI detected tumor depth to corresponding H&E images

Methods

1. Convert video raster of 20 OCTs of BCC to 3D model using AIVIA image analysis software (Leica Microsystems)



2. Annotate BCC in 3D model using H&E images as ground truth (Figs. 1&2)



3. Train AIVIA AI to detect BCC in OCT images

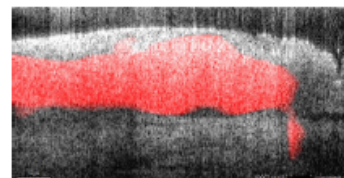
4. Test AI on OCTs of confirmed BCC (n=15), clinical mimickers of BCC (n=28), and of normal skin (n=5) and create AI-generated 3D BCC reconstructions

5. Perform blinded analysis (n=48) by an expert RCM-OCT reader to determine if AI-generated BCC reconstructions improve diagnosis of BCC from OCT images

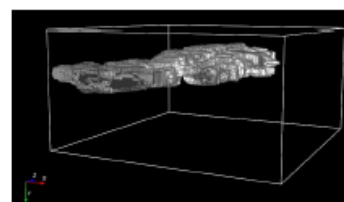
Results

Characteristics of lesions and non-lesional skin imaged with the RCM-OCT device

Cutaneous description	Training data set (n; %)	Test data set (n; %)
Anatomic location		
Head & neck	3; 15	21; 43.8
Upper extremity	5; 25	9; 18.8
Lower extremity	0; 0	2; 4.2
Trunk	12; 60	16; 33.3
Lesion morphology		
Nodular BCC	5; 25	1; 2.1
Superficial BCC	5; 25	1; 2.1
Mixed nodular and superficial BCCC	10; 50	13; 27.1
Seborrheic Keratosis	0; 0	2; 4.2
Dermatofibroma	0; 0	2; 4.2
Sebaceous hyperplasia	0; 0	3; 6.3
Cherry angioma	0; 0	6; 12.5
Intradermal nevus	0; 0	8; 16.7
Atypical squamous proliferation	0; 0	2; 4.2
Desmoplastic trichoepithelioma	0; 0	2; 4.2
Normal skin	0; 0	5; 10.4
Other	0; 0	3; 6.3



AI model's detection of BCC in one frame of the OCT raster at a 95% confidence



AI-generated 3D BCC reconstruction based on its BCC detection in each frame of the OCT raster

Blinded reader analysis

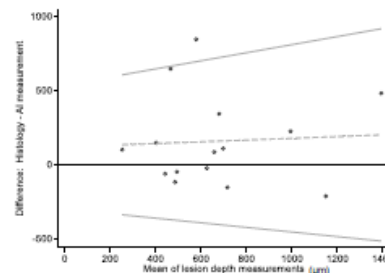
	OCT raster alone		OCT Raster + AI		p-value	AI influence on reader's diagnosis	n ; %
	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI			
Sensitivity	73.30%	44.9% - 92.2%	86.70%	59.5% - 98.3%	0.10 [†]	Change in correct direction	5; 10.4
Specificity	45.50%	28.1% - 63.6%	48.50%	30.8% - 66.5%	0.78 [†]	Change in incorrect direction	1; 2.1
Positive Predictive Value	37.90%	20.70% - 57.70%	43.30%	25.50% - 62.60%	0.59 [†]	No influence on diagnosis	42; 87.5
Negative Predictive Value	78.90%	54.40% - 93.90%	88.90%	65.30% - 98.60%	0.18 [†]	Increased confidence in correct diagnosis	5; 10.4
ROC Area	0.594	0.45 - 0.74	0.676	0.55 - 0.80	0.11 ^{**}	Increased confidence in incorrect diagnosis	7; 14.6
Confidence	4.17	3.82 - 4.52	4.46	4.15 - 4.76	0.029 ^{***}	No change in diagnostic confidence level	31; 64.6

CI = confidence interval; ROC = Receiver operator characteristic. [†]Based on the paired test for proportion; ^{**}Based on the χ^2_{adj} test; ^{***}Based on the paired t-test.

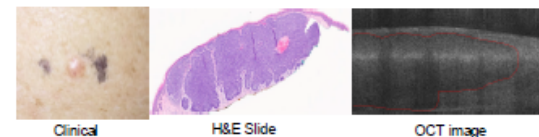
Histology and AI tumor depth measurements

Pearson Correlation	$r^2 = 0.59, p = 0.02$
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Figure Legend:
Dotted line: regression estimate of mean difference of histologic and AI tumor depths. Solid gray lines: 5% - 95% distribution of means

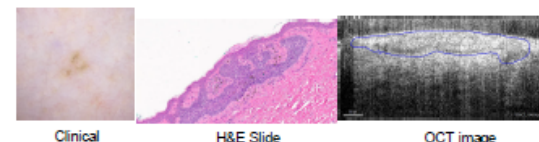


Nodular BCC (Figure 1)



Clinical H&E Slide OCT image

Superficial BCC (Figure 2)



Clinical H&E Slide OCT image

Conclusion

- AI-generated BCC models may help aid diagnosis of BCC from OCT rasters and estimate tumor depth measurement. This may help expand the use of the RCM-OCT widely.
- Future studies are warranted using a larger training set sample size and inclusion of novices in the blinded reader study to assess utility for the non-expert readers.

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Basal Cell Carcinoma Follow Up: A Prospective Study

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Introduction

- Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) has an incidence of 3-4 million cases per year
- Individual and collective growth dynamics of BCCs remain poorly elucidated
- Decisions regarding active surveillance versus intervention requires knowledge about both their horizontal and vertical growth dynamics
- Dermoscopy and reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) are useful tools for diagnosis
- **Study aim:** follow BCCs over 3 years to investigate their horizontal and vertical growth

Methods

In this *prospective study*, 16 patients (9 female, 7 male) were enrolled and contributed 20 lesions

Visit 1 – confirm BCC diagnosis using combined RCM-optical coherence tomography (OCT) device

Every 3 months thereafter – diameter and depth were measured using non-contact polarized dermoscopy and combined RCM-OCT respectively

Inclusion criteria:

- Lesions meet clinical, dermoscopic, and RCM criteria for BCC
- ≤ 1.5 cm in diameter and ≤ 0.6 mm in depth
- Location on trunk or extremities
- Superficial and early nodular BCC subtypes

Exclusion criteria:

- Immunosuppression, genetic syndromes predisposing to cancer
- ≥ 1.5 cm in diameter or ≥ 0.6 mm in depth
- Location on the face

Excision criteria:

- ≥ 2 cm in diameter or ≥ 0.8 mm in depth
- Lesion worsens clinically (enlarges rapidly or becomes bothersome)

Results

- Mean patient age = 67.1 years (SD=9.7)
- Median follow up = 180 days (IQR=280)

- Modest correlation between diameter and depth, $\rho=0.29$
- One BCC grew rapidly, ulcerated, and was excised

Table 1. Horizontal growth dynamics of BCCs over a period of 6 months, 9 months, and 1 year of follow up

Follow up time	Change in maximum lesion diameter (mm)						
	Change*	Freq. (n)	% Change	Mean	SD	Median	IQR
6 months	Smaller	1	6.25	-1.2	--	-1.2	0
	No change	6	37.50	-0.3	0.24	-0.15	0.3
	Larger	9	56.25	1.42	0.73	1.5	1.0
9 months	Smaller	2	25.00	-1.5	0.57	-1.5	0.8
	No change	1	12.50	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.0
	Larger	5	62.50	0.96	0.80	0.50	1.10
1 year	Smaller	0	0	--	--	--	--
	No change	1	12.5	0.3	--	0.3	0
	Larger	7	87.5	1.2	0.97	0.7	1.8

*Smaller/thinner: Lesion decreased in diameter or depth by >5% from baseline measurement
No change: Lesion diameter or depth did not significantly change (+/- 5% of baseline measurement)
Larger/thicker: Lesion increased in diameter or depth by >5% from baseline measurement

Table 2. Vertical growth dynamics of BCCs over a period of 6 months, 9 months, and 1 year of follow up

Follow up time	Change in maximum lesion depth (µm)						
	Change*	Freq. (n)	% Change	Mean	SD	Median	IQR
6 months	Thinner	2	12.50	-85	35.36	-85	50
	No change	0	0.0	--	--	--	--
	Thicker	14	55.00	216.79	120.76	235	140
9 months	Thinner	0	0	--	--	--	--
	No change	1	12.5	0	--	0	0
	Thicker	7	87.5	202.14	152.31	150	285
1 year	Thinner	1	12.50	-20.00	--	-20.00	0
	No change	1	12.50	0	--	0	0
	Thicker	6	75.00	180.00	184.93	120	240

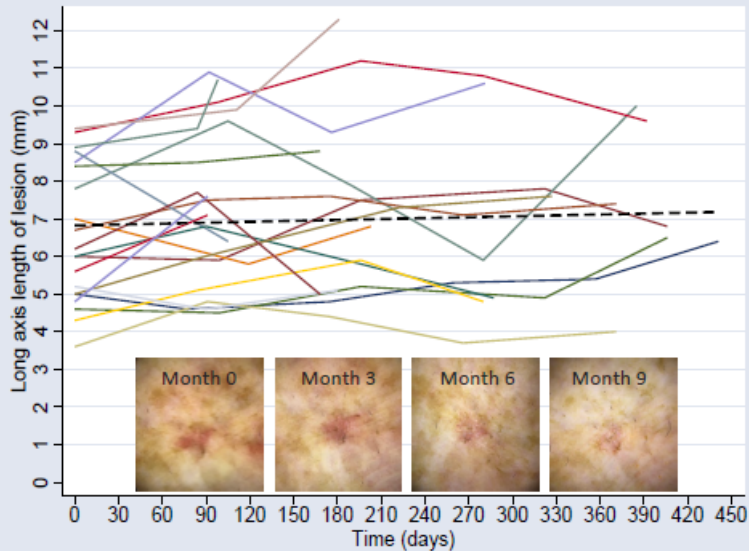


Figure 1. Individual trajectories for long axis diameter of each lesion by evaluation time, along with overall mean lesion diameter change over the same period (black dashed line). Dermoscopic images of one lesion that decreased in diameter over a period of 9 months

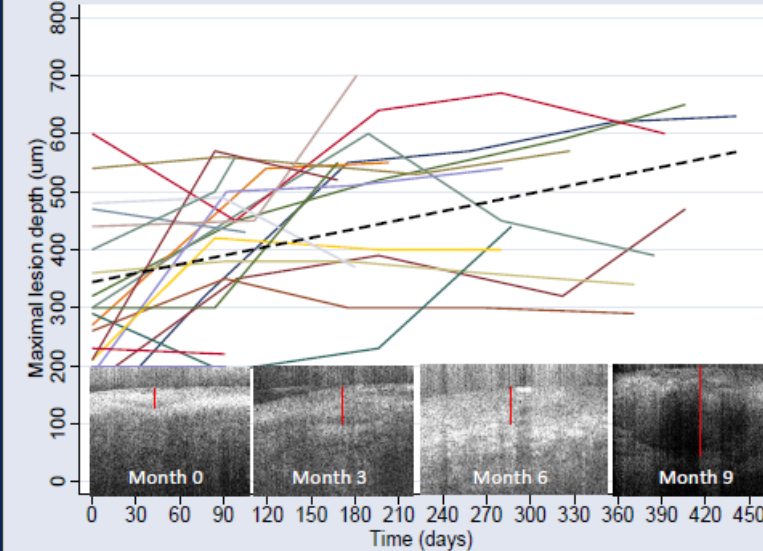


Figure 2. Individual trajectories for depth of each lesion by evaluation time, along with overall mean lesion depth change over the same period (black dashed line). OCT images of one lesion that increased in depth over a period of 9 months

Conclusions

- A subset of BCCs did not change over time
- In changing lesions, a more appreciable increase in depth was noted compared to an increase in diameter
- Change in diameter is not necessarily correlated with change in depth

Limitation

This study only included superficial and early nodular BCCs, which may not reflect the biology of other BCC subtypes

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