



Imagerie Multimodale de la DMLA DRUSEN

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Age-Related Macular Degeneration

General Facts

- Heterogeneous chronic progressive degenerative disease of the central retina, in older adults
- First cause of blindness in industrialized countries
- Paramount observations by Gass
 - 1967: CNV
 - 1973: drusen evolve to CNV
- Classifications evolve to become more predictive of evolutive risks towards late stages

Gass JD. Pathogenesis of disciform detachment of the neuroepithelium. Am J Ophthalmol 1967.

Gass JD. Drusen and disciform macular detachment and degeneration. Arch Ophthalmol 1973.

Advanced Age-Related Macular Degeneration

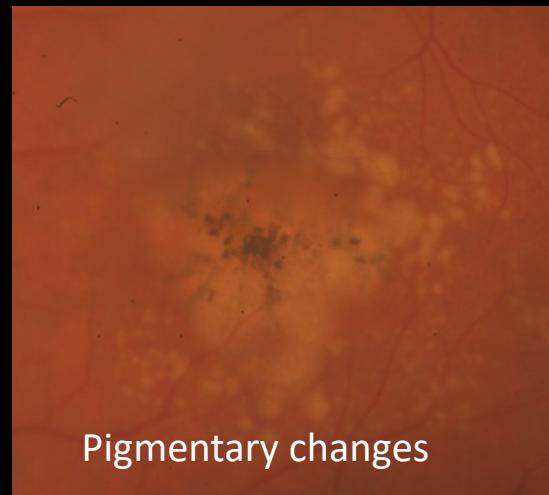
Common genetic and environmental risk factors for wet and atrophic AMD

Common imaging biomarkers predictive of atrophy and CNV

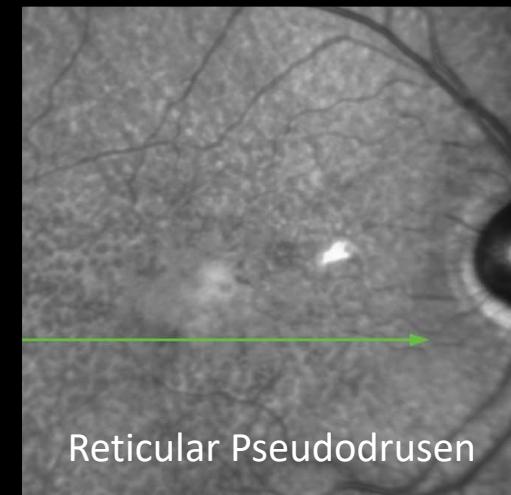
- Large soft drusen
- Pigmentary changes
- Reticular Pseudodrusen



Numerous large soft drusen



Pigmentary changes



Reticular Pseudodrusen

Neovascular AMD



Atrophic AMD

Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Phenotypes through Multimodal Imaging

- Towards a new anatomic classification of drusen
 - Sub-RPE Drusen
 - Conventional drusen
 - Cuticular drusen
 - Subretinal Drusen
 - Reticular pseudodrusen
- Towards a new anatomic classification of neovascular AMD (1)
 - Type 1 neovascularisation (NV): sub-RPE NV, occult
 - Type 2 NV: subretinal, classic
 - Type 3 NV: intraretinal, Retinal Angiomatous Proliferation (RAP)
- Towards a new anatomical classification of atrophy?
 - RPE atrophy or Geographic atrophy
 - Outer retinal atrophy without RPE loss (2)

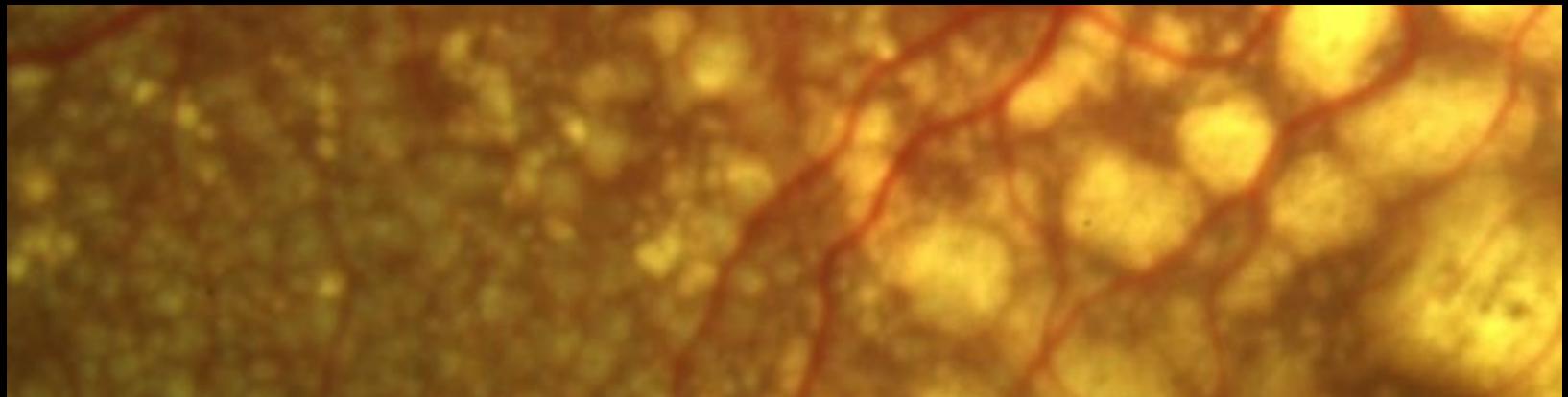
1. Freund KB, Zweifel SA, Engelbert M. Do we need a new classification for choroidal neovascularization in age-related macular degeneration? *Retina* 2010.
2. Spaide RF. Outer retinal atrophy after regression of subretinal drusenoid deposits as a newly recognized form of late AMD. *Retina* 2013.

Drusen *Classification*

Small drusen
< 63 microns

Intermediate drusen
63 to 124 microns

Large drusen
>125 microns



1991

Klein R, Davis MD, Magli YL, et al. The Wisconsin age-related maculopathy grading system. Ophthalmology 1991.

Drusen Classification

Clinical Classification of Age-related Macular Degeneration

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Small drusen
< 63 microns

NORMAL AGEING



Medium drusen
63 to 124 microns

EARLY AMD



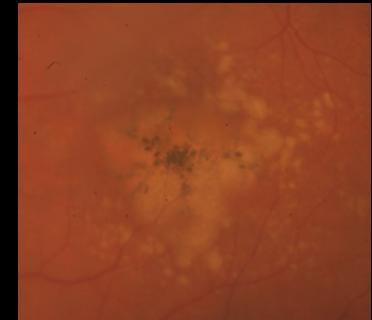
Large drusen
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INTERMEDIATE AMD



Pigmentary Changes

INTERMEDIATE AMD



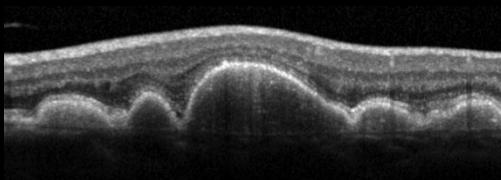
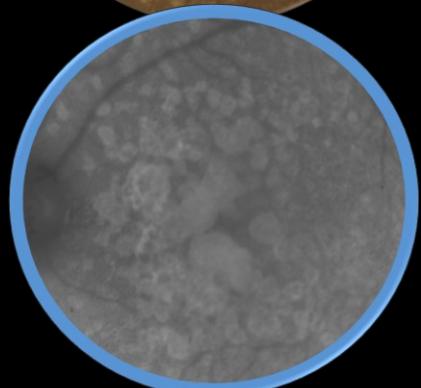
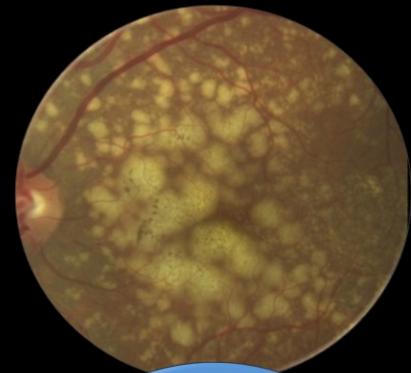
1 eye	0.4%	0.5%	3.9%	medium drusen 20%
2 eyes	0.4%	2.1%	13%	large drusen 47.3%

5-year rate of developing advanced AMD for conventional drusen

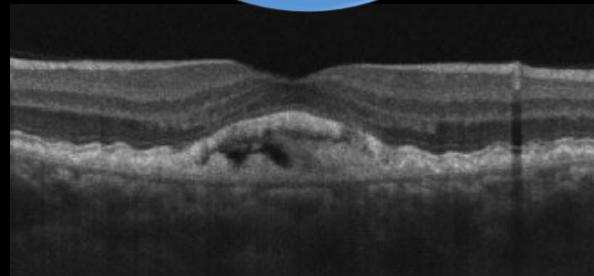
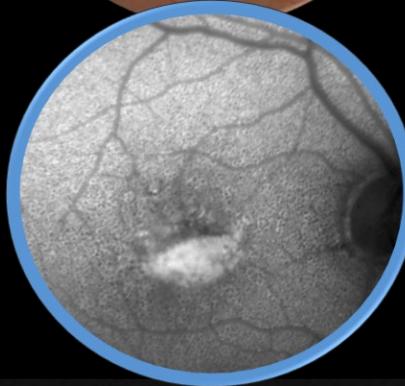
Drusen

Classification using Multimodal Imaging

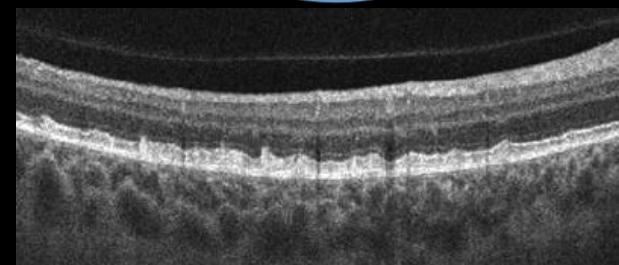
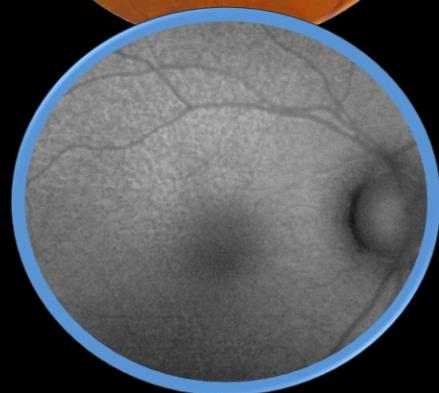
Conventional Drusen



Cuticular Drusen



Reticular Pseudodrusen



Multimodal Imaging

Tools to investigate the pathogenesis

- SD OCT and eye-tracking → Dynamic evaluation
 - sequence of events leading to late AMD
 - predictive biomarkers
- SD OCT biomarkers correlation with histology
- Cellular level imaging *in vivo* → Adaptive Optics
- Evaluating perilesional areas
 - Space is a surrogate for time

Multimodal Imaging

Adaptive Optics

Correcting element
electromagnetic deformable mirror

Rtx-1 Adaptive Optics (AO)
Flood-Illuminated Retinal Camera

Wavefront sensor
1024-lenslet Shack-Hartmann sensor

Charge-Coupled Device Camera

2 light sources: SLD 750nm (optical aberrations)

Our protocol

LED 830nm (retinal imaging)
multiple AO images

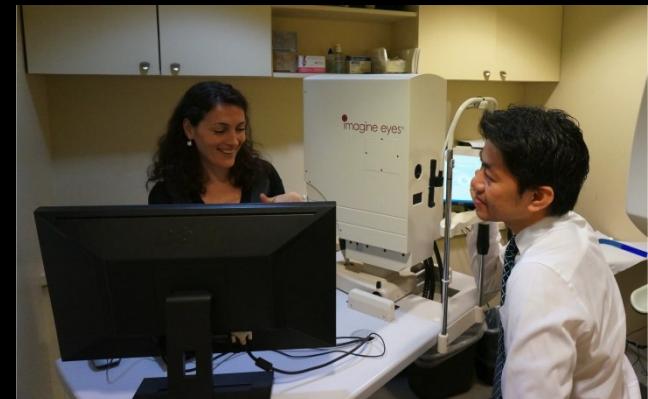
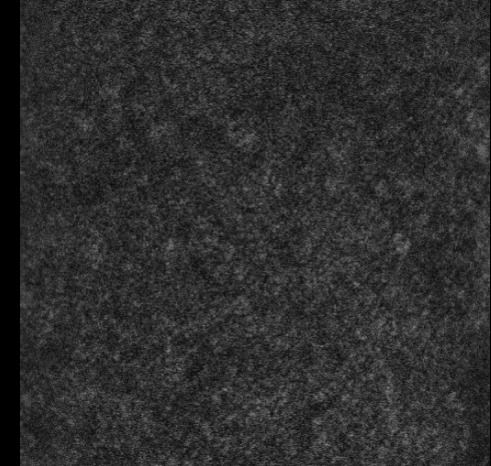
1 to 8° of retinal eccentricity

transverse resolution: 3 μ m

consent form / IRB approval

Image size : 4x4 degrees

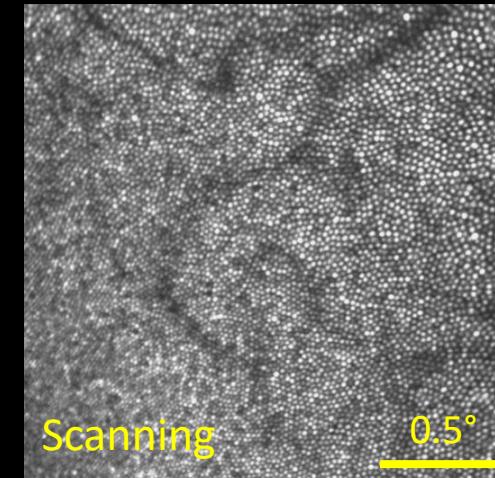
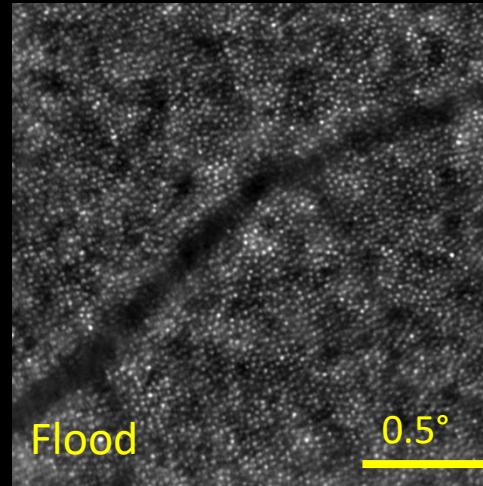
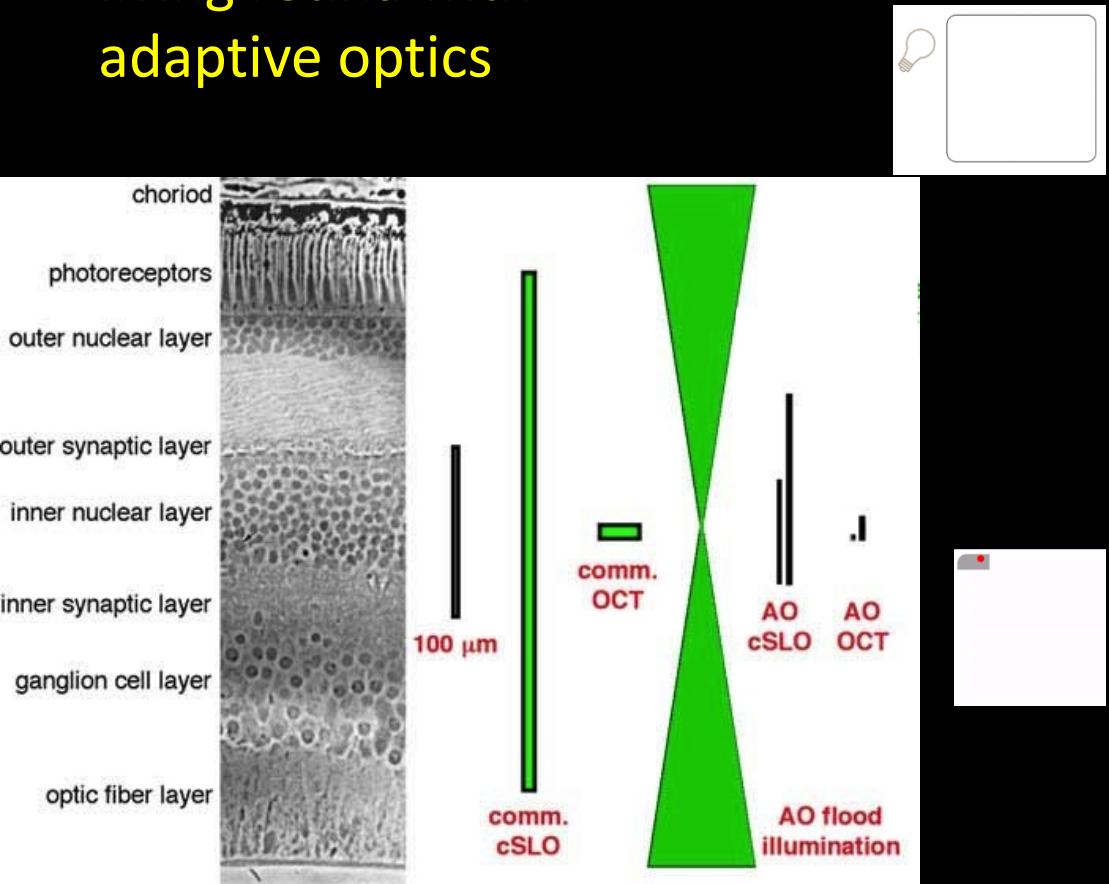
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Multimodal Imaging

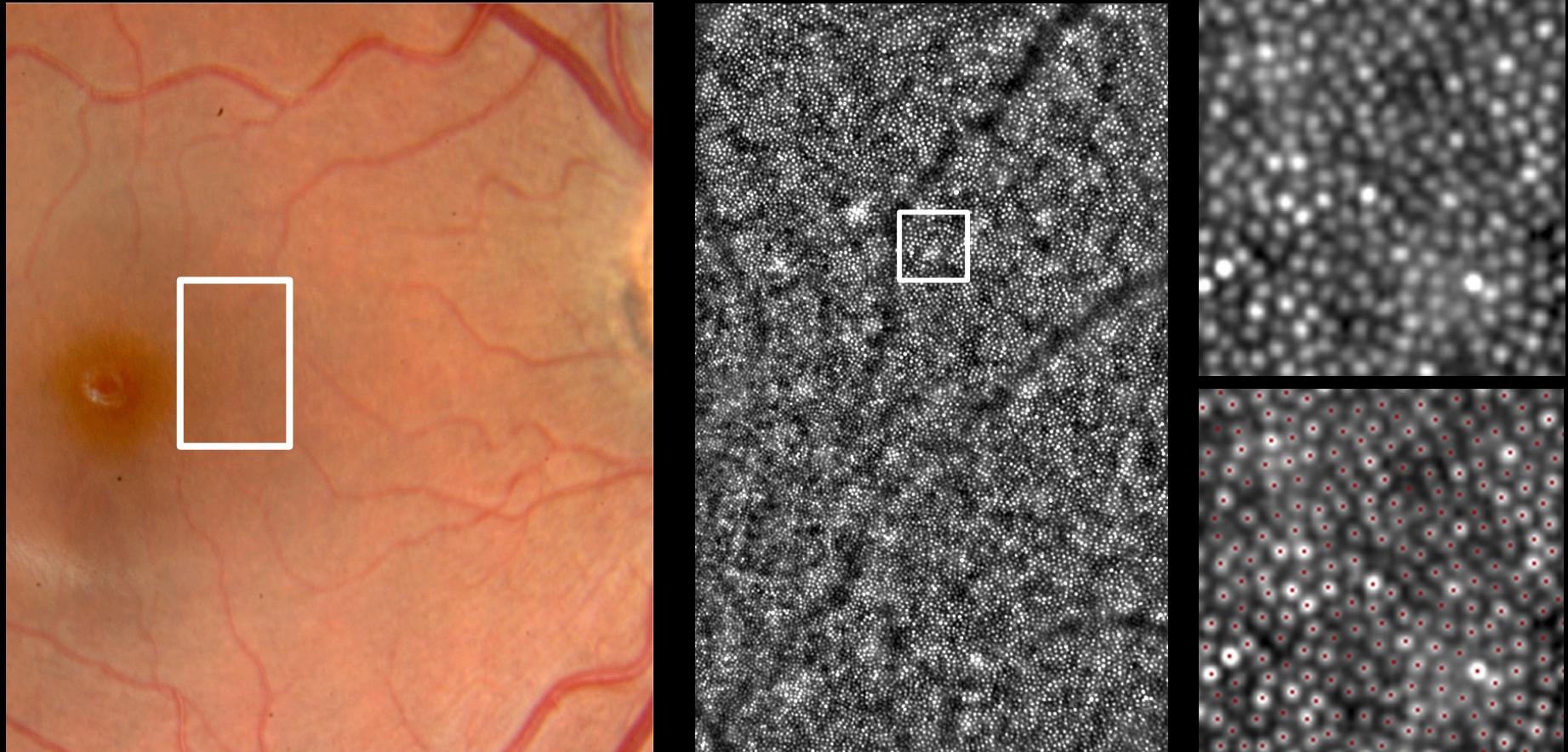
Adaptive Optics

Imaging cells in the living retina with adaptive optics



Multimodal Imaging

Adaptive Optics



cone detection and packing density measurement

17580 cones / mm²

Software programs provided by the manufacturer
CK v0.1 and AO detect v0.1 (Imagine Eyes, France)

Drusen: différents phénotypes

Dépôts focaux de matériel extra-cellulaire

Tous les drusen composition biochimique similaire

Dérivés des glucides, zinc, cellules inflammatoires

Protéines

Vitronectine, Apolipoprotéines E, B, béta-amyloïde, complément

Lipides

Cholestérol estérifié et non estérifié

Vers une nouvelle classification anatomique des drusen

Drusen sous-épithéliaux

Drusen séreux conventionnels

Drusen cuticulaires

Drusen pré-épithéliaux

Pseudodrusen réticulés

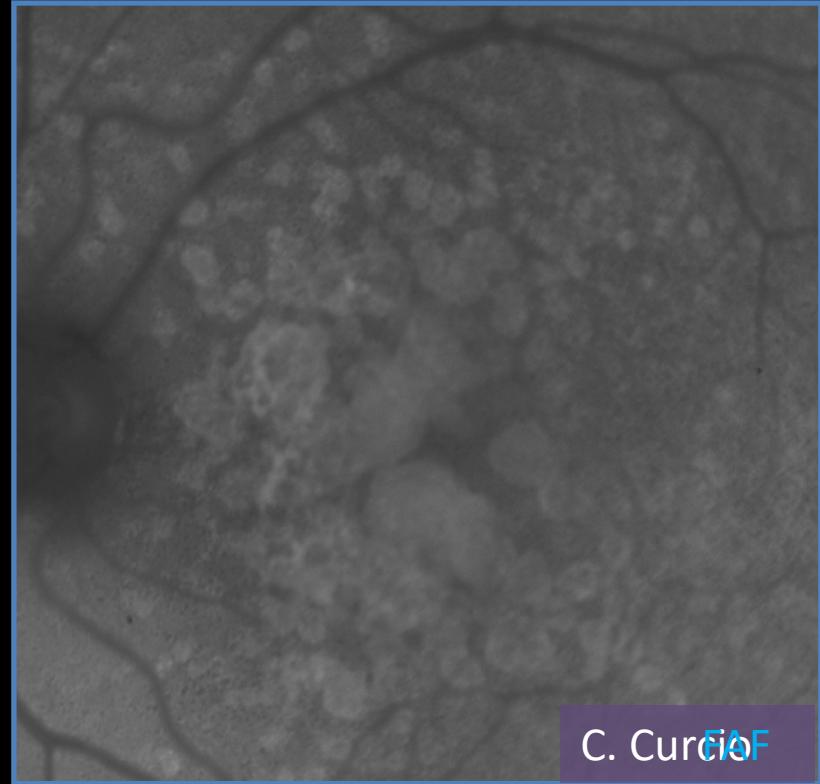
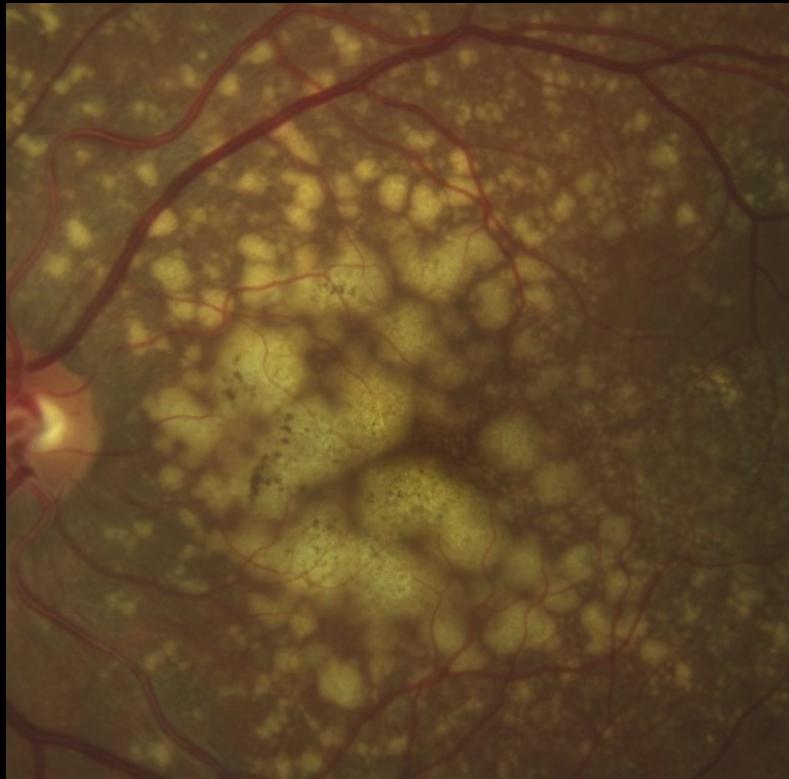
Pertinence d'une classification des drusen basée sur l'imagerie multimodale?

Retentissement différent sur les photorécepteurs → sensibilité rétinienne

Evolution différente? Complications spécifiques

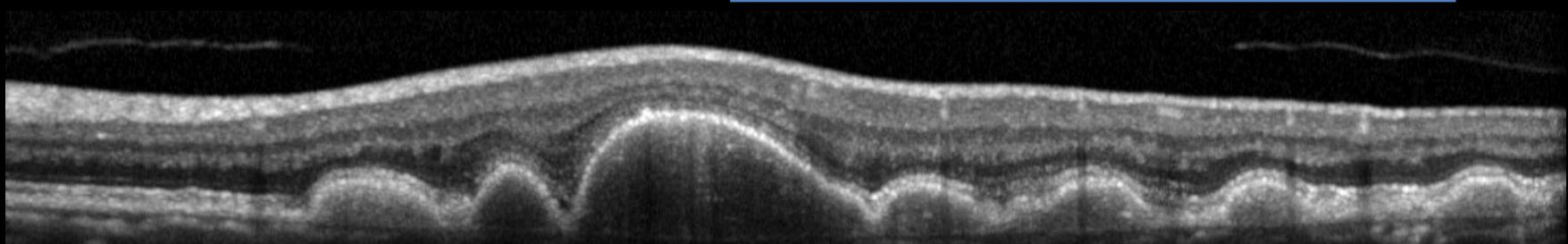
Risque différentiel d'évolution vers les stades de DMLA tardive

Large Soft Drusen



Basal lamina of
RPE
Inner
collagenous
layer of Bruch's

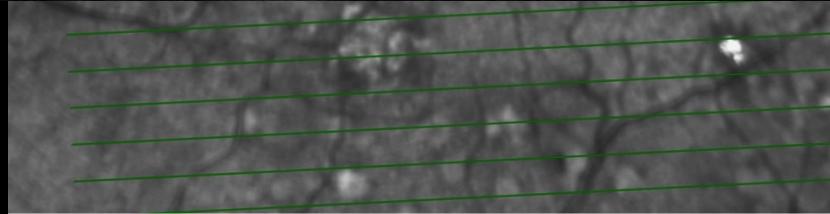
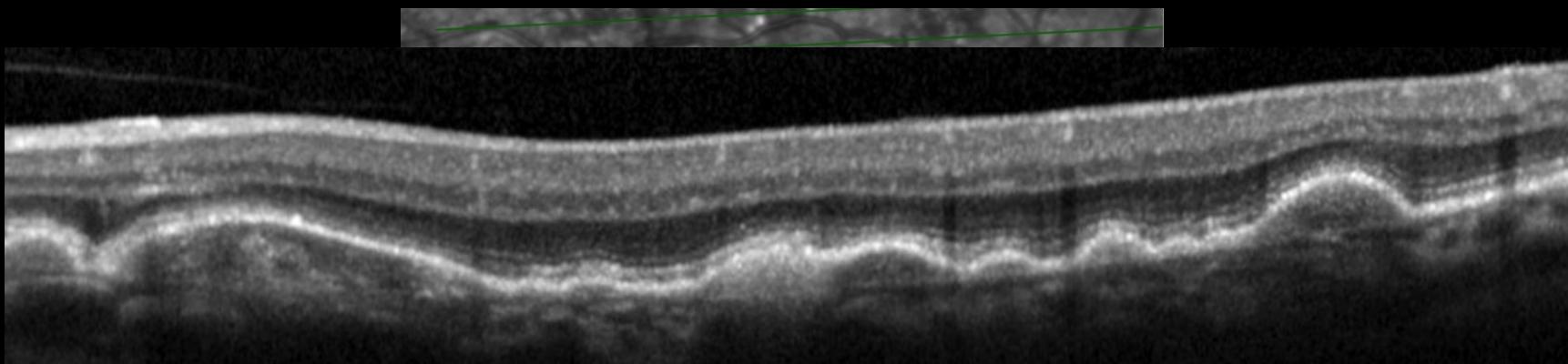
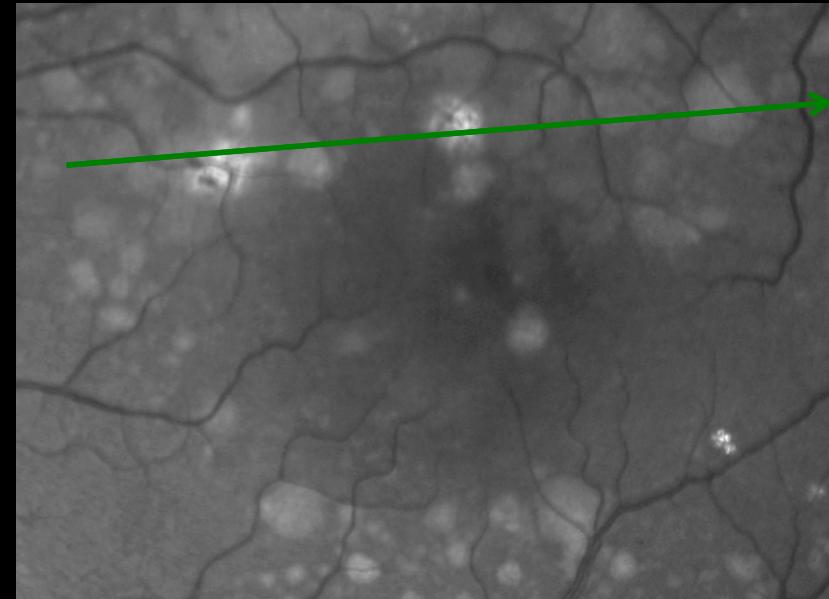
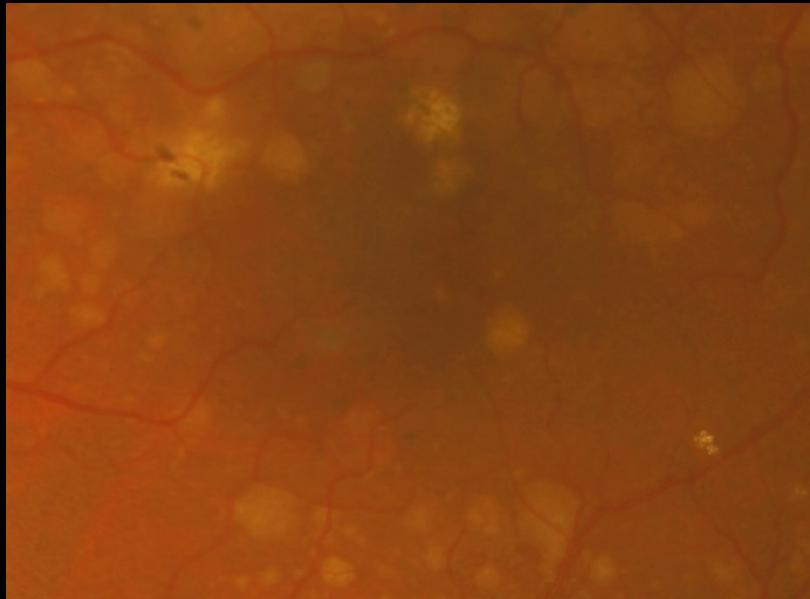
C. Curcio



Curcio: “lipoprotein-derived debris: esterified and unesterified cholesterol”
More frequent in the central macula

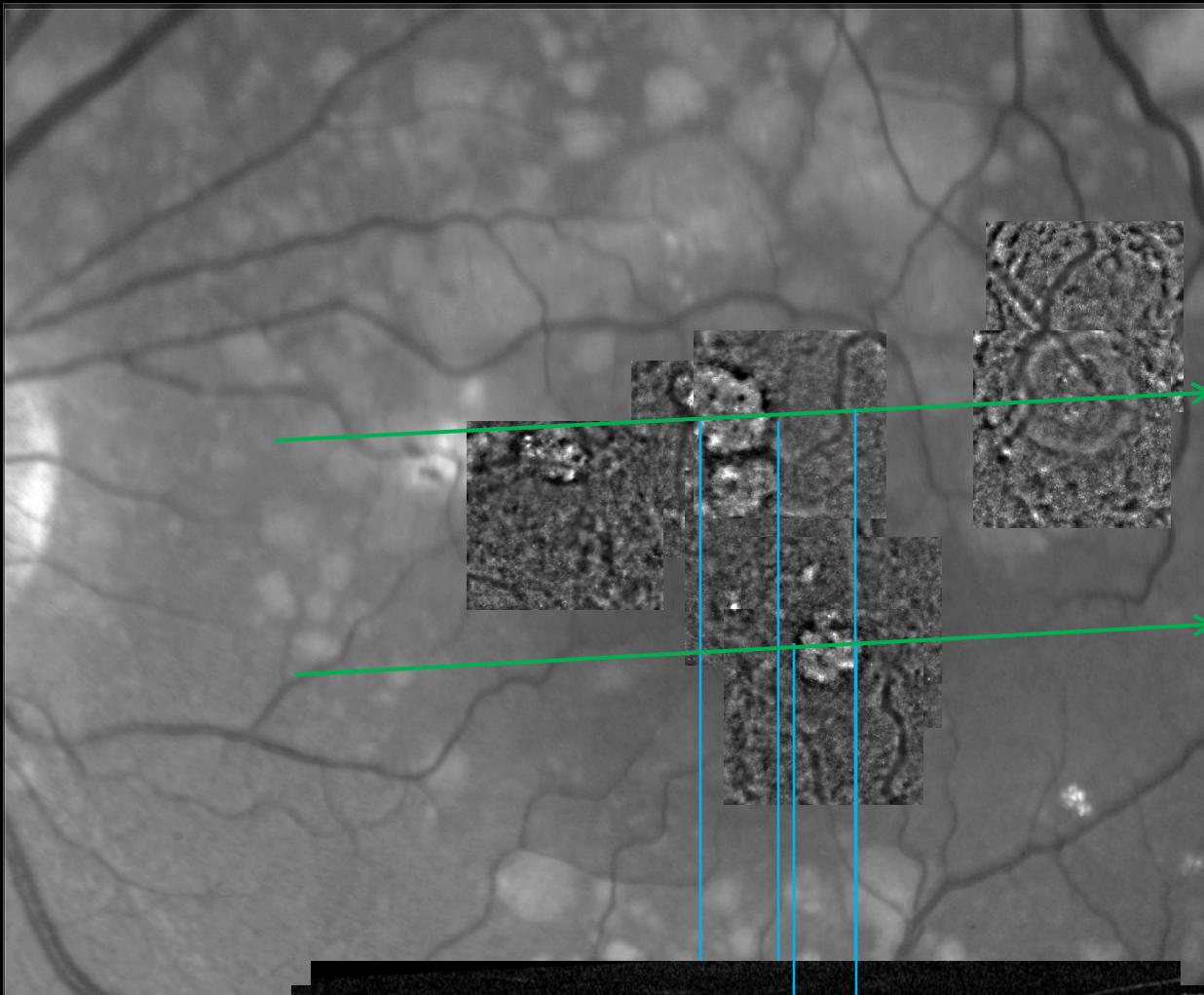
Soft Drusen

Multimodal Imaging



Soft Drusen

Adaptive Optics

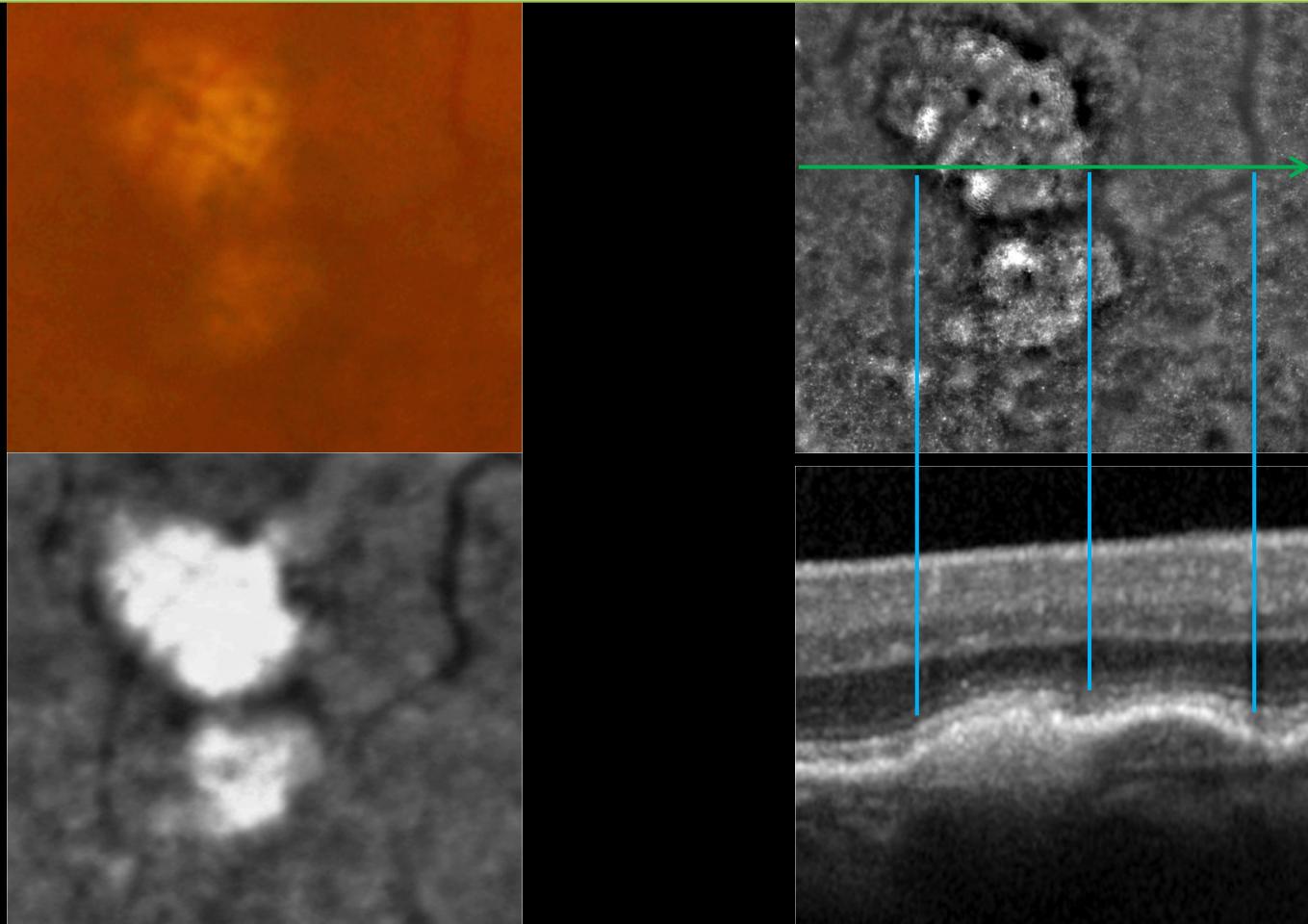


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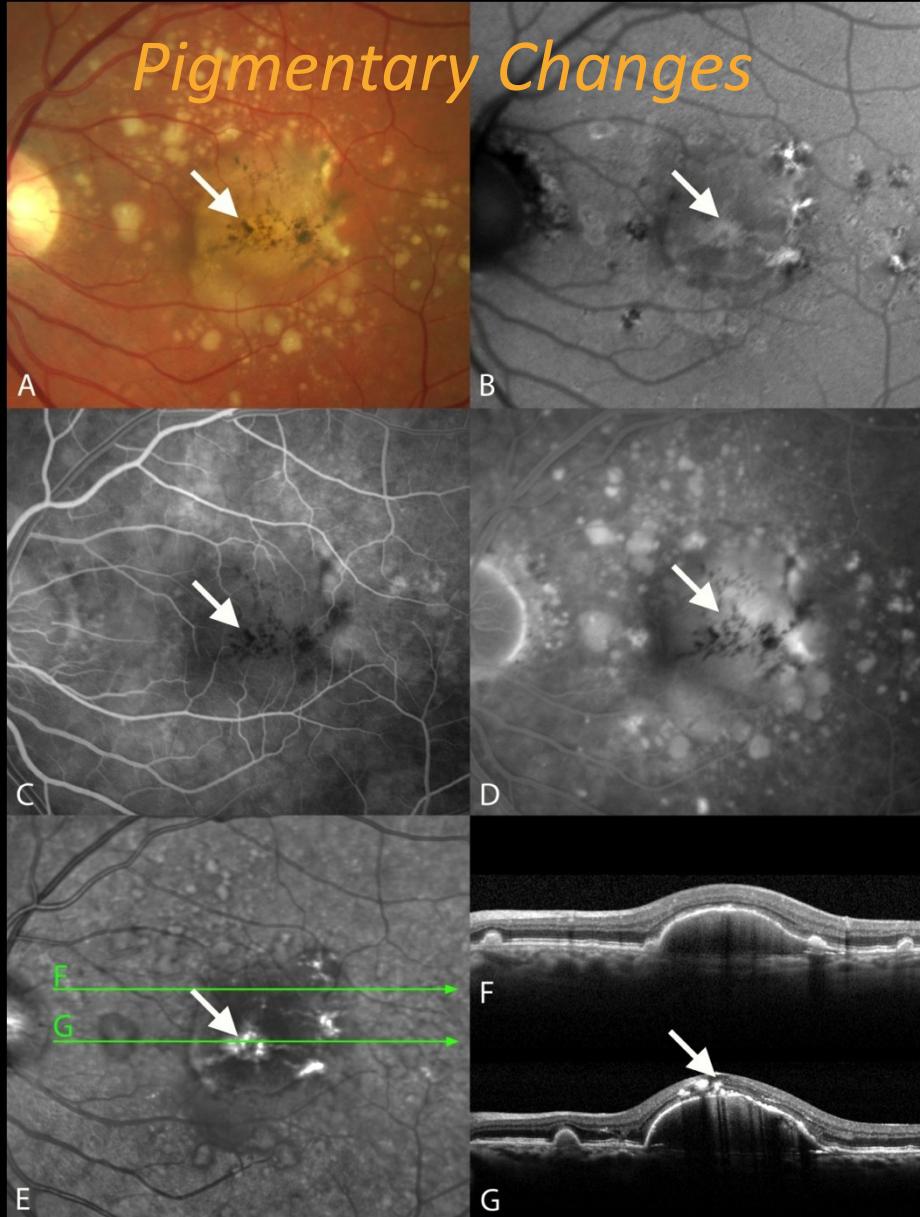
Co-localization of soft drusen with IR-SLO, SD-OCT and AO



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Drusenoid PED

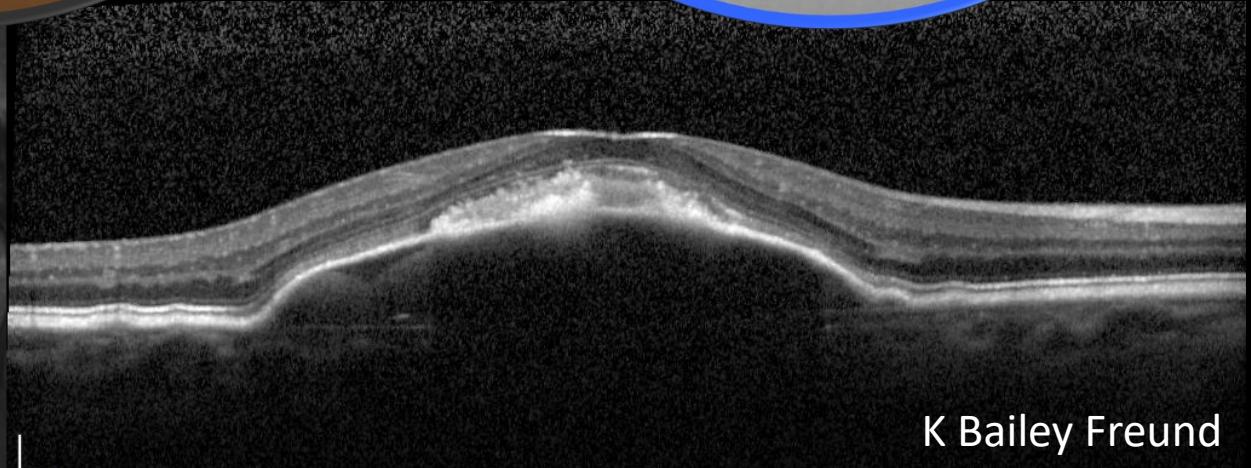
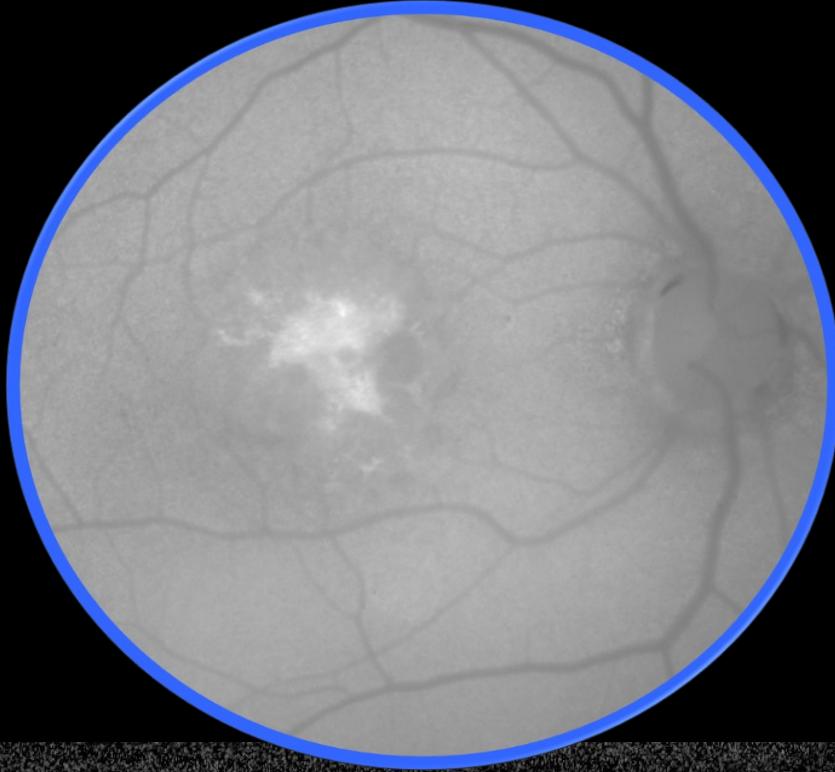
Pigmentary Changes



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Acquired Vitelliform Lesions

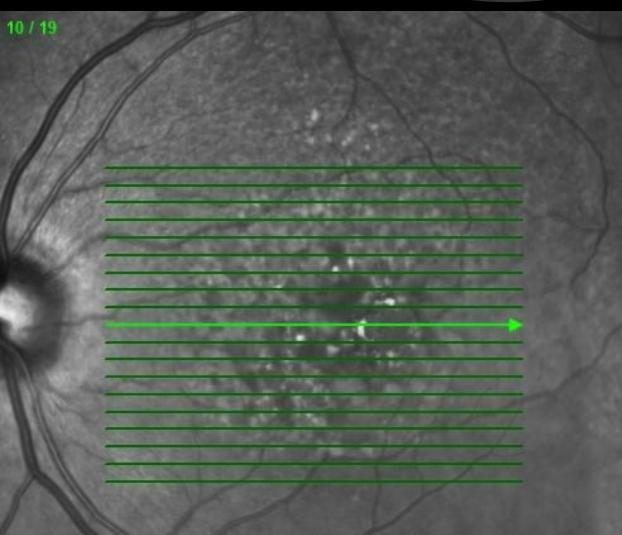
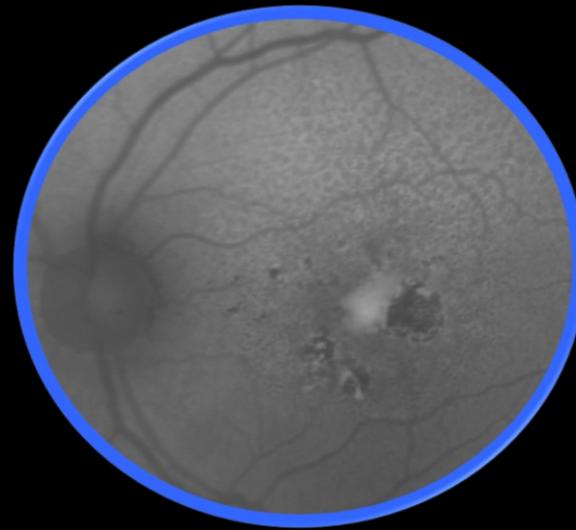


The “sunny-side up”

K Bailey Freund

Drusenoid PED

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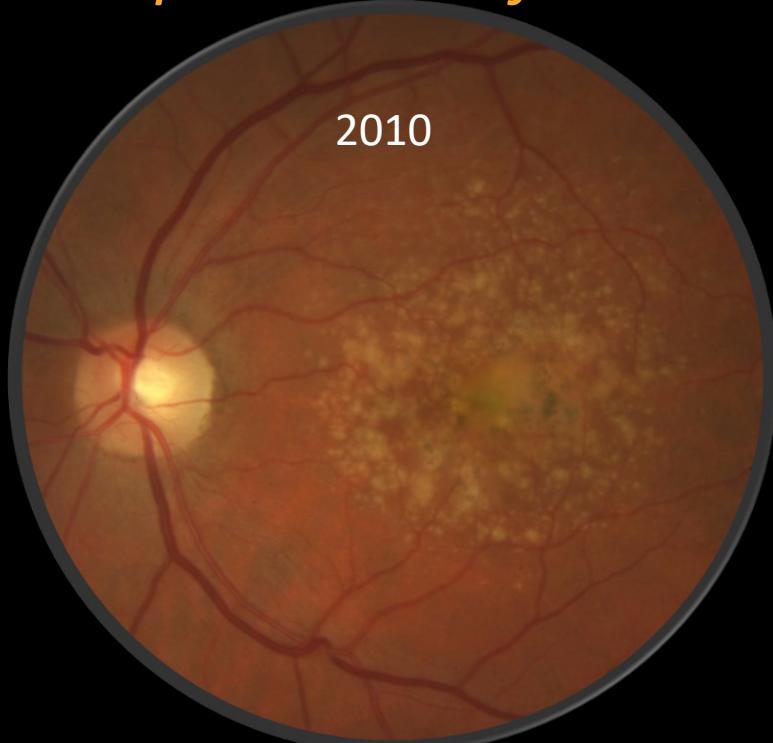


RPE atrophy predates the collapse of the PED

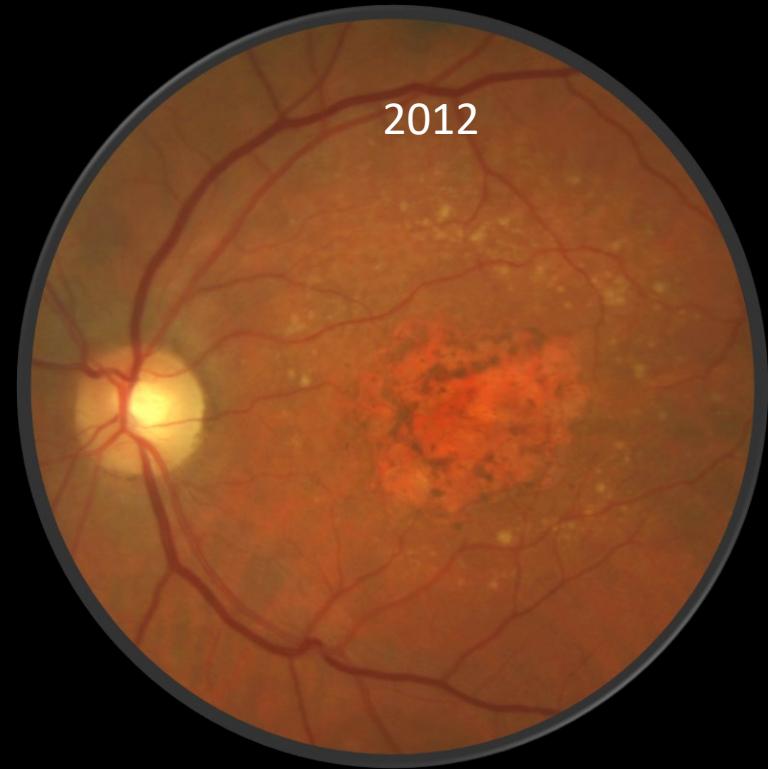
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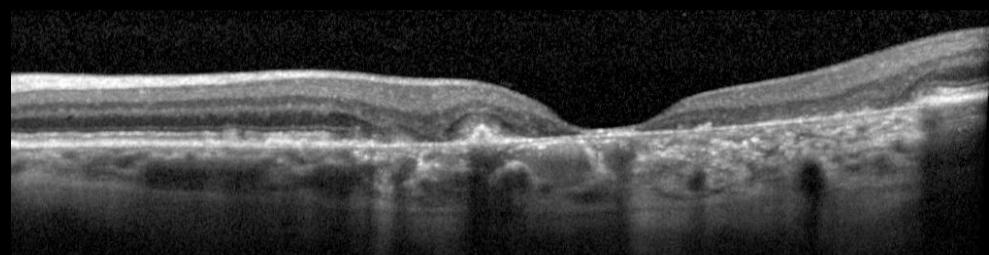
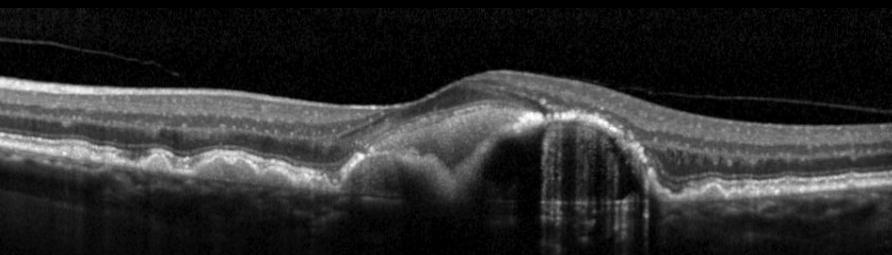
Acquired Vitelliform Lesion and Evolution to RPE Atrophy



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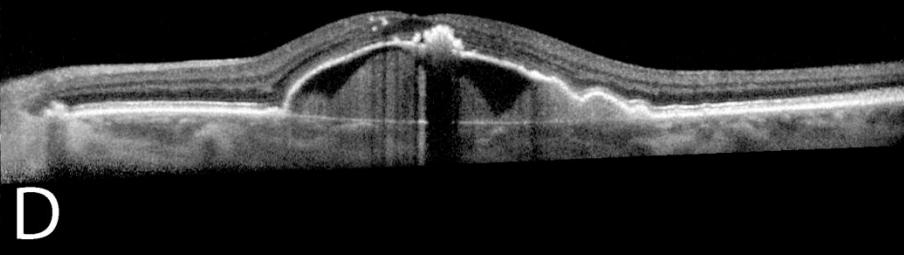
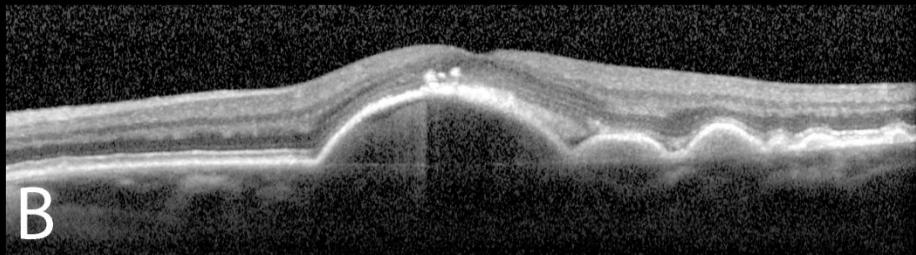
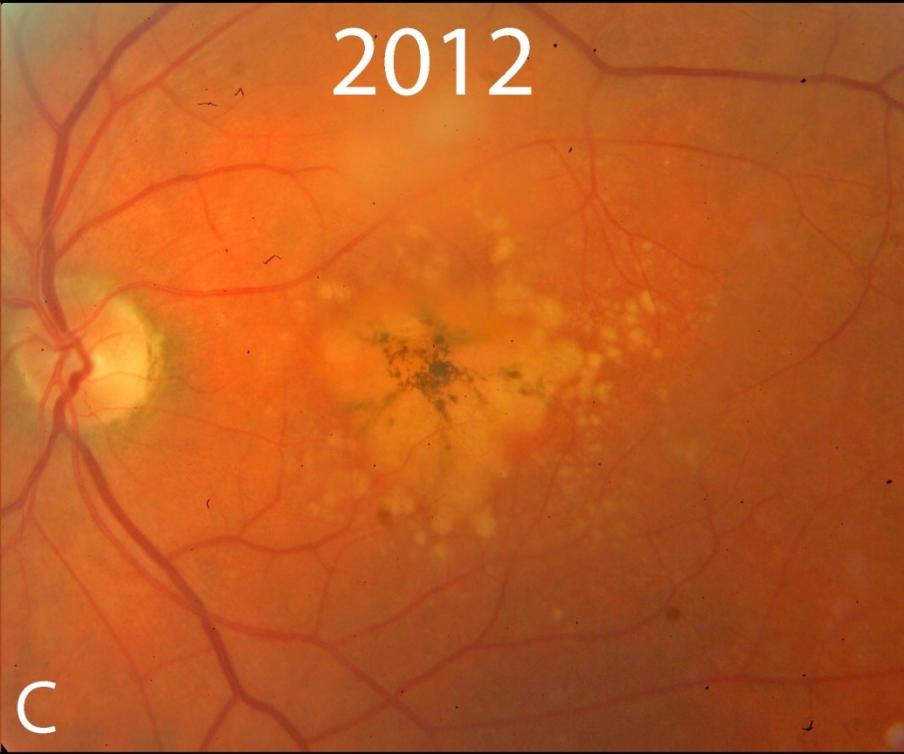
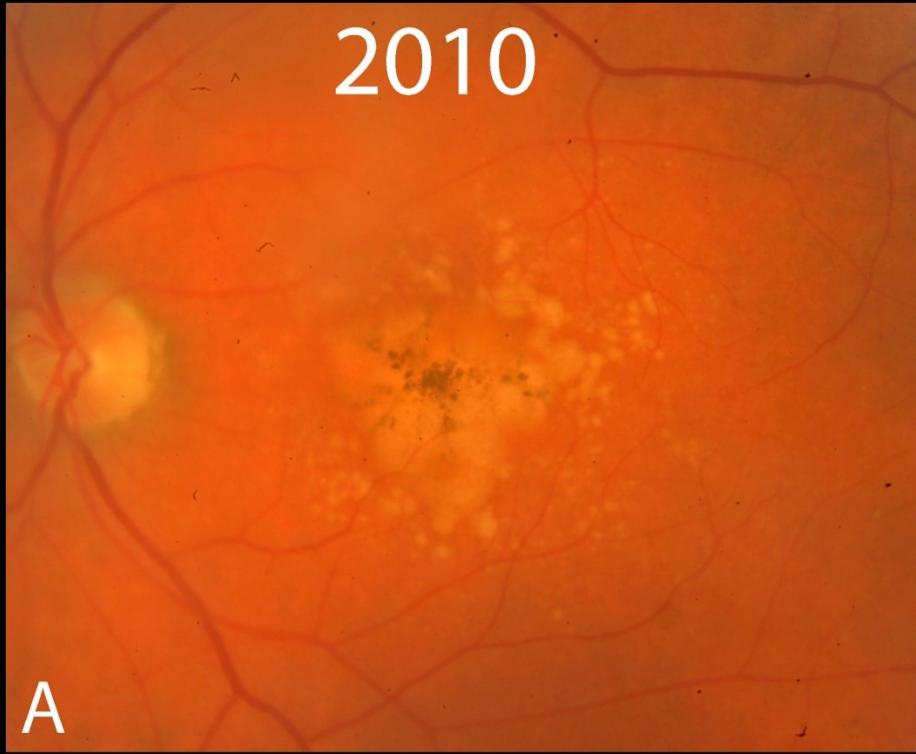


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Pigmentary changes and Mixed content serous and drusenoid



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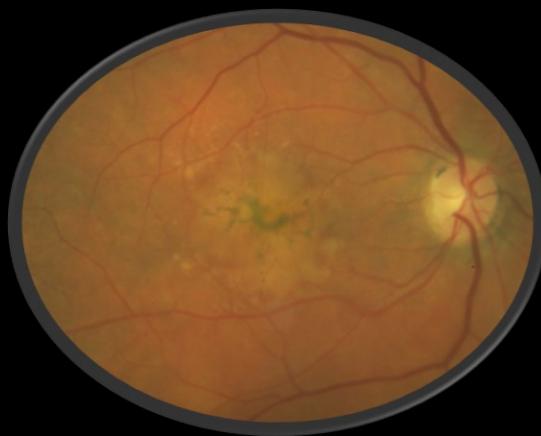
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Associated features

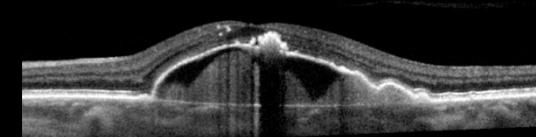
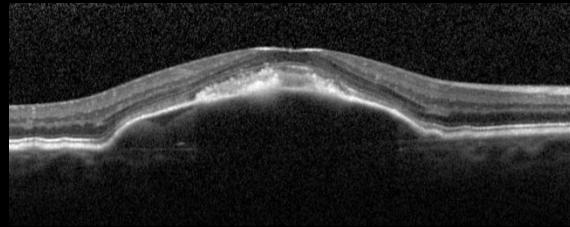
Pigmentary Changes
Hyperreflective Foci



Acquired Vitelliform Lesion



Mixed content



Pigmentary changes, acquired vitelliform lesions and mixed content often associated
Rule out neovascularization through multimodal imaging
Signs of RPE decompensation that predates RPE atrophy and PED collapse

Drusen sérieux

Biomarqueurs de l'atrophie en OCT SD

Optical Coherence Tomography—Defined Changes Preceding the Development of Drusen-Associated Atrophy in Age-Related Macular Degeneration

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221 yeux de 181 patients DMLA intermédiaire sans aucun signe d'atrophie

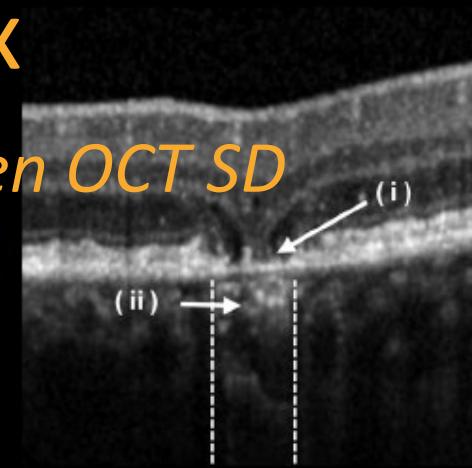
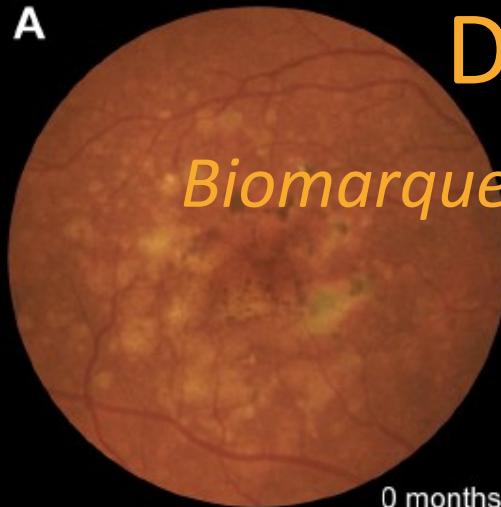
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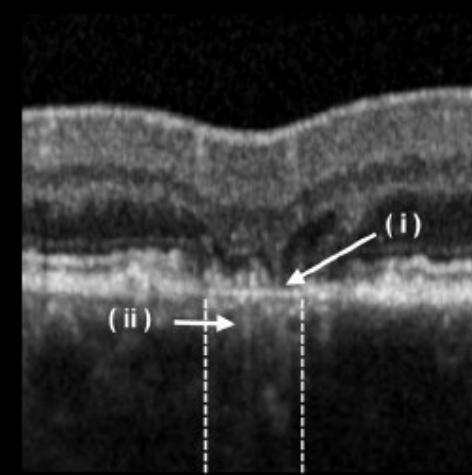
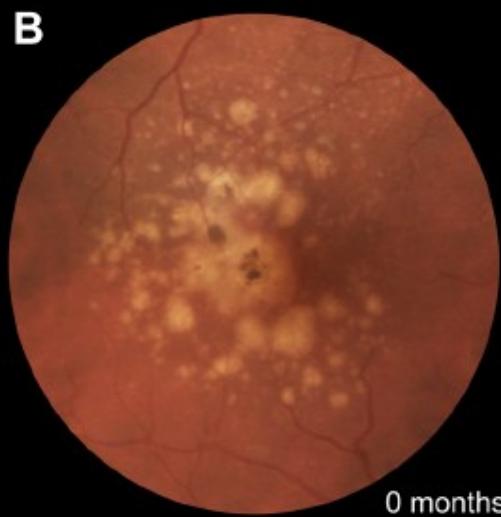
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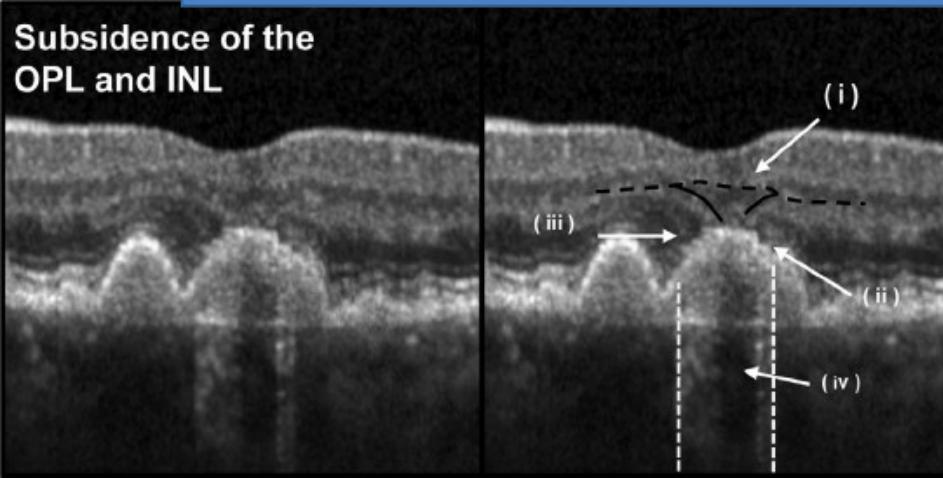
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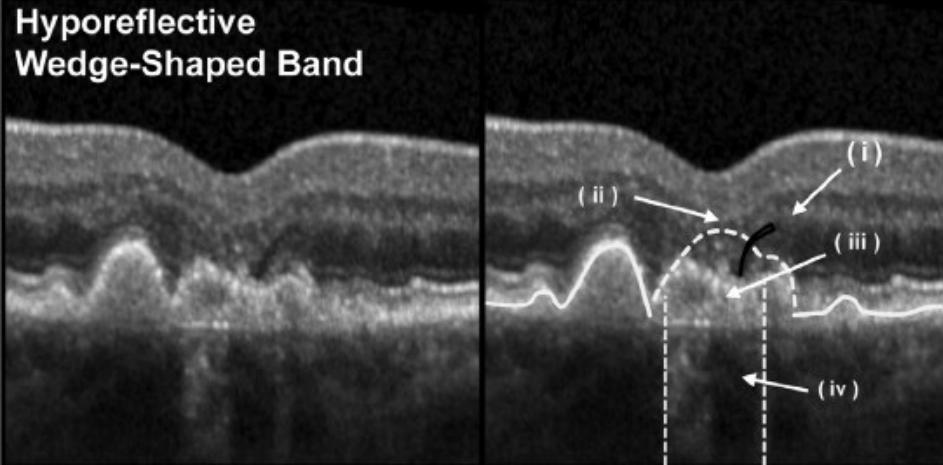
16/221 yeux ont développé de l'atrophie sur des zones de drusen après régression des drusen après un délai moyen de 20 mois

Atrophie géographique naissante - « Nascent GA »

Subsidence of the OPL and INL



Hyporeflective Wedge-Shaped Band



Atrophie géographique naissante « nascent GA »

Définition de signes prédictifs d'évolution vers l'atrophie en SD OCT

- Affaissement de l'OPL et INL
- Discontinuité de l'ellipsoïde
- Image de bande hyporéfléctive en V aux bords de l'atrophie naissante
- Régression du drusen
- Augmentation inhomogène du signal choroïdien

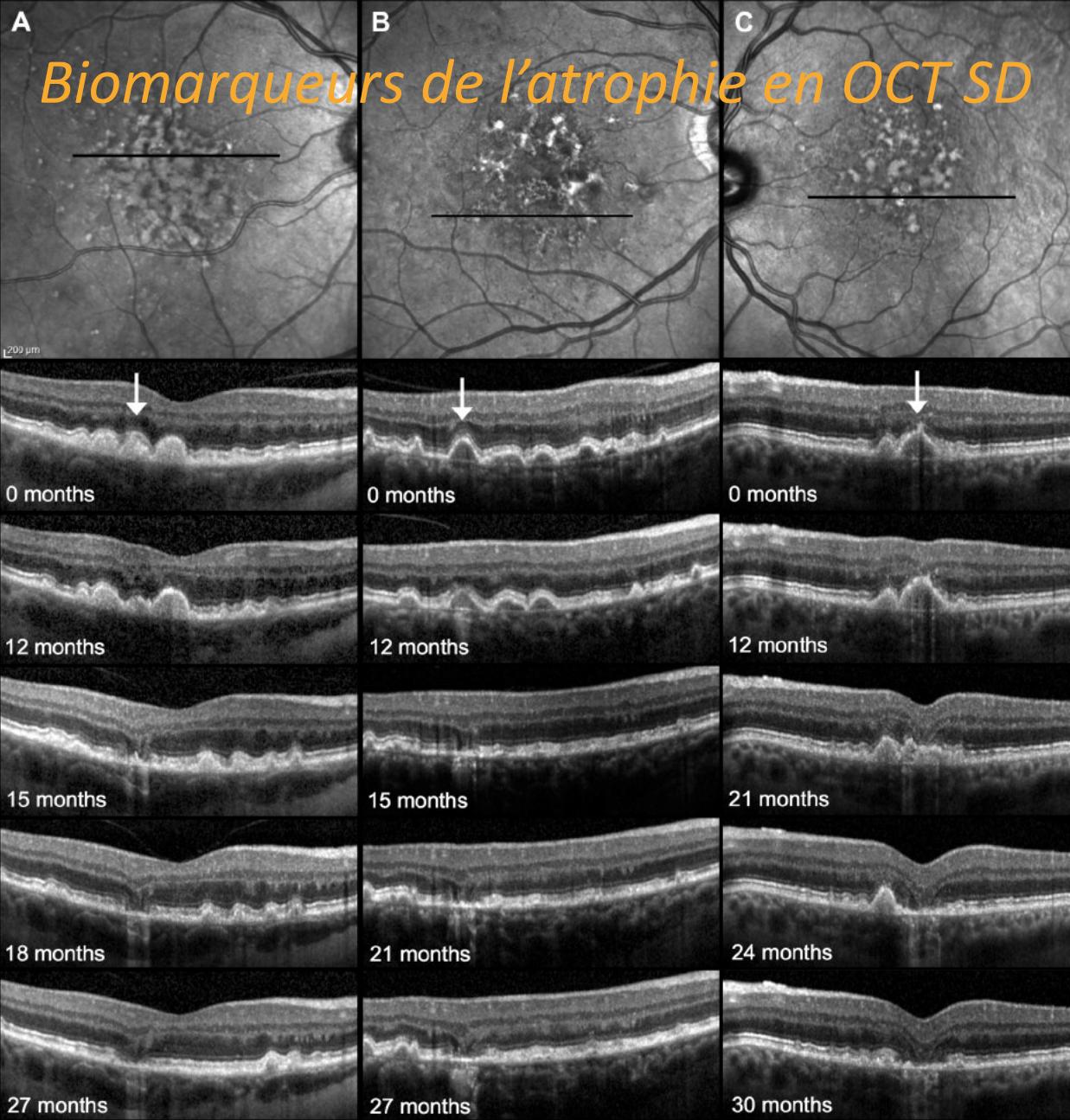
Signes d'atrophie naissante dans 16/221 yeux (7%)

Dans 20% des yeux avec drusen grande taille > 125 microns et migrations de pigment

Signes d'atrophie naissante dans 90% des cas dans les 1500 microns centraux

En moyenne 12 mois pour évoluer vers l'atrophie géographique (5 à 21 mois)

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Facteurs de risque de dvpt d'atrophie naissante

Migrations pigmentaires

Atrophie géographique naissante œil adelphe

Apparition de biomarqueurs d'imagerie prédictifs d'atrophie

Signes OCT d'atrophie naissante plus précoces → ttts plus précoces

Intraretinal Hyperreflective Foci *SD-OCT biomarker to atrophy atop drusenoid lesions*

Optical Coherence Tomography-Based Observation of the Natural History of Drusenoid Lesion in Eyes with Dry Age-related Macular Degeneration

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Ophthalmology 2013

29 patients, 41 eyes, 571 individual drusenoid lesions

Follow-up 21 months

18/571 (3,2%) lesions evolved to RPE atrophy

Independent predictors of atrophy: HRF and heterogeneous lesion reflectivity

Progression of Intermediate Age-related Macular Degeneration with Proliferation and Inner Retinal Migration of Hyperreflective Foci

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Ophthalmology 2013

299 patients (299 eyes), follow-up 2 years

Proliferation and inner retinal migration of HRF are predictors of atrophy

Intraretinal Hyperreflective Foci *SD-OCT biomarker to atrophy*

Proposal of a simple optical coherence tomography-based scoring system for progression of age-related macular degeneration

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Graefes, 2017

138 patients

Simplified OCT-based system to predict both neovascular and atrophic AMD
HRF, internal hyporeflectivity within drusen, total drusen volume, SDD

Retina

Associations Between Retinal Pigment Epithelium and Drusen Volume Changes During the Lifecycle of Large Drusenoid Pigment Epithelial Detachments

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IOVS, 2016

21 cases of drusenoid PEDs, follow-up 4 years

Life cycle: slow growth and fast collapse

AVLs and HRF precede the breakpoint, concomitant to the RPE disruption, before PED collapse

Drusenoid PEDs

Imaging biomarkers to atrophy

21 cases of drusenoid PEDs
follow-up 4 years

Acquired vitelliform lesions
Hyperreflective foci

precede the breakpoint of PED
concomitant to the RPE disruption
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Balaratnasingam C, Yannuzzi LA, Curcio CA, et al. Associations between retinal pigment epithelium and drusen volume changes during the lifecycle of large drusenoid pigment epithelial detachments. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 2016.

Intraretinal Hyperreflective Foci *SD-OCT biomarker to atrophy and histopathologic correlate*

Special Issue

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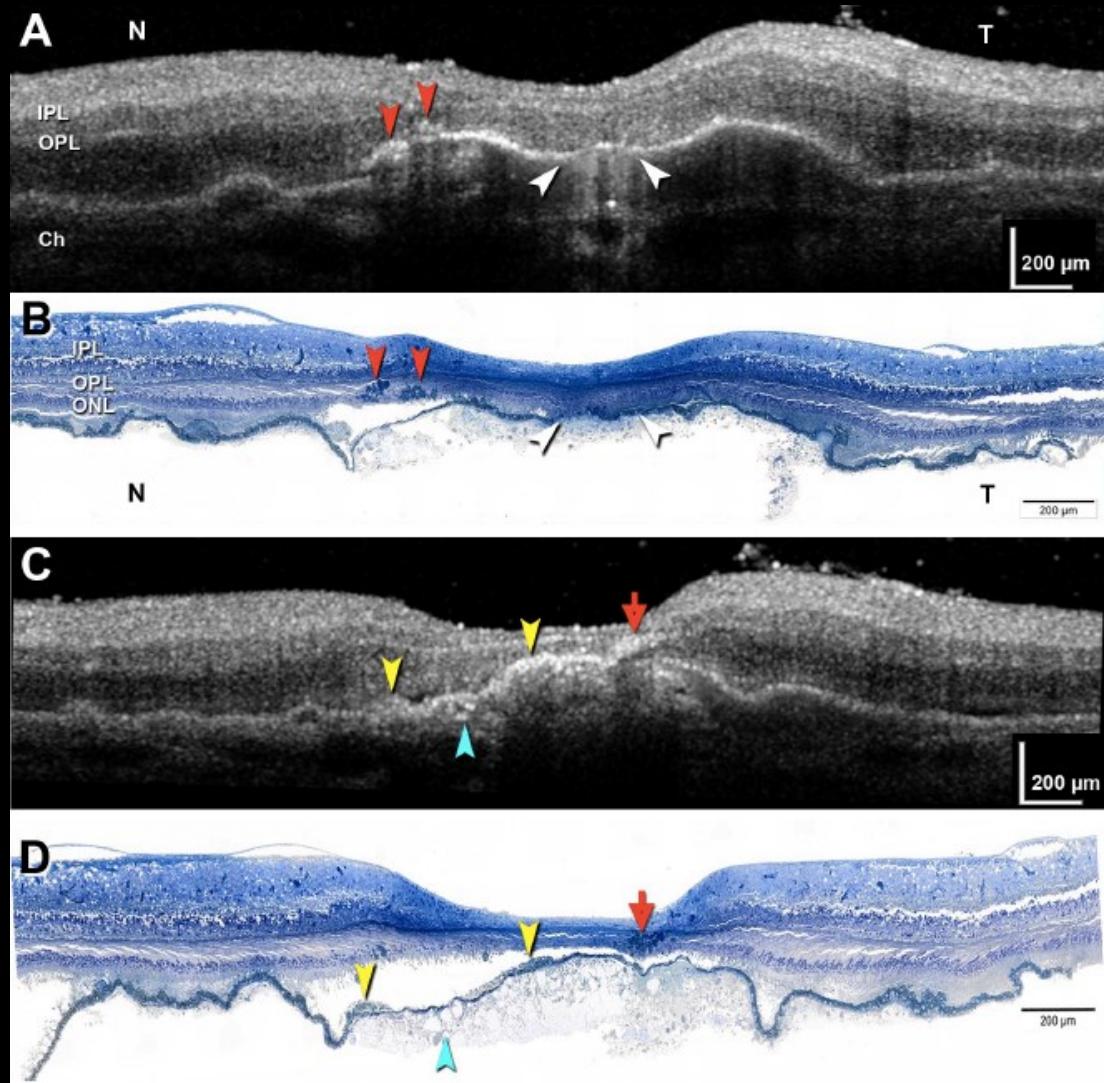


Christine Curcio

Hyperreflective foci over PEDs

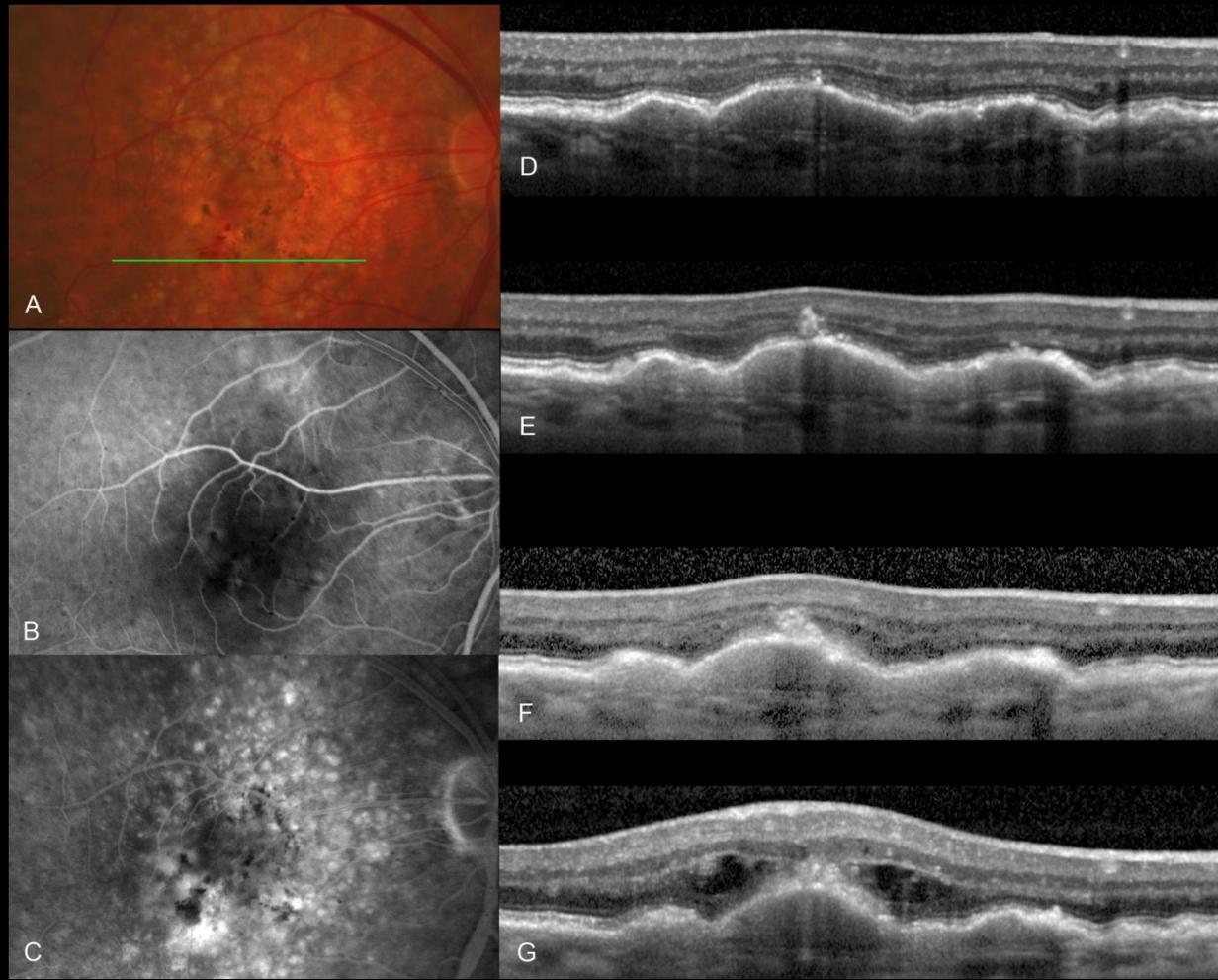
Activated RPE cells migrating anteriorly

RPE death prevents production of druse components and precede PED collapse



Intraretinal Hyperreflective Foci

SD-OCT biomarker to neovascularization



45 weeks



K Bailey Freund

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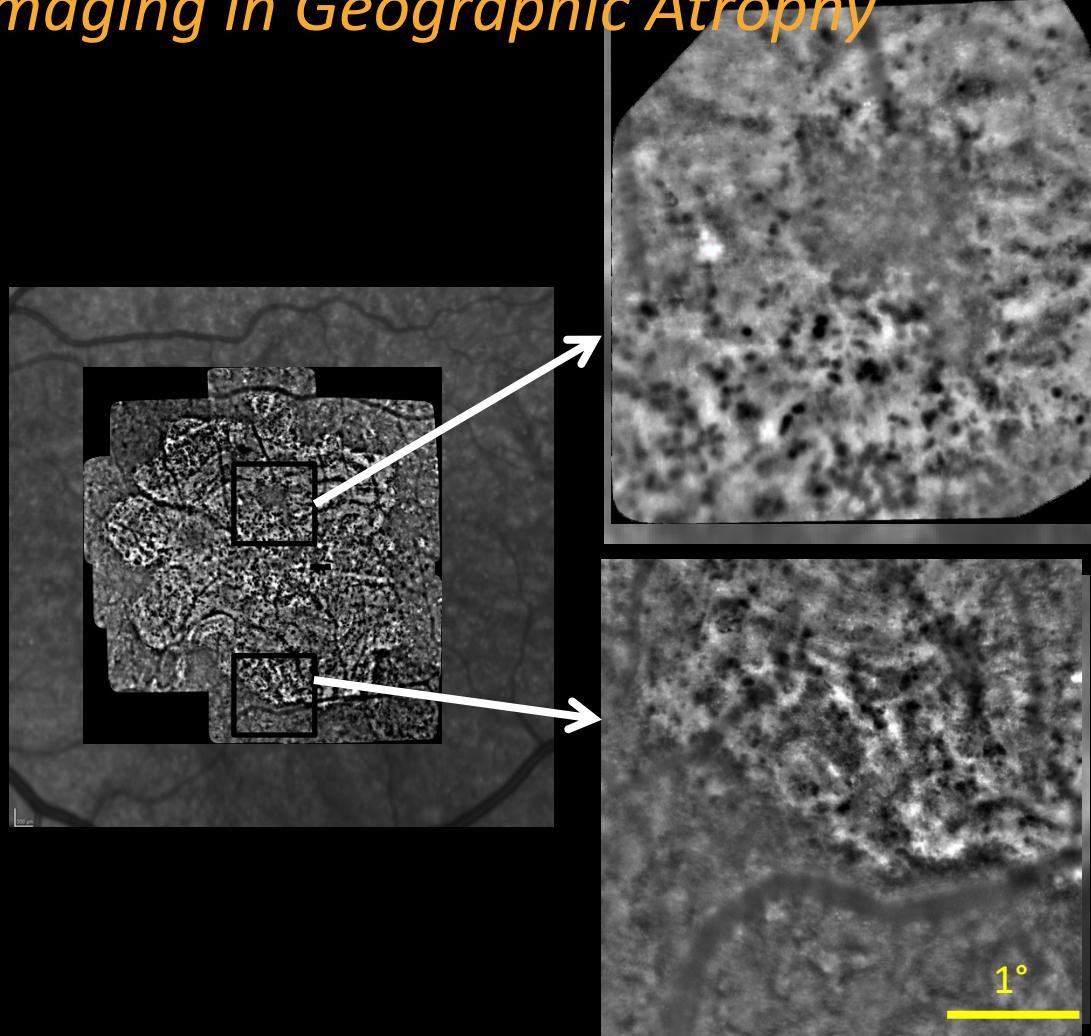
AO imaging in Geographic Atrophy



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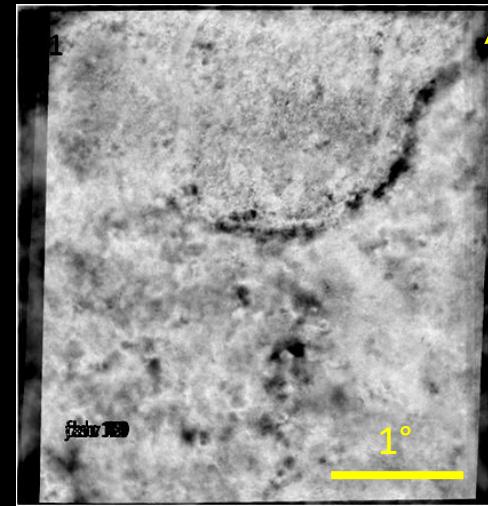
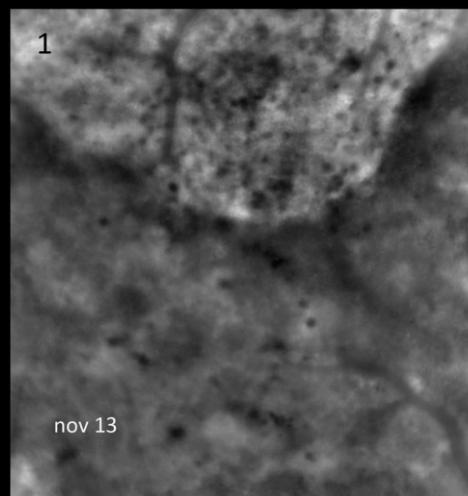
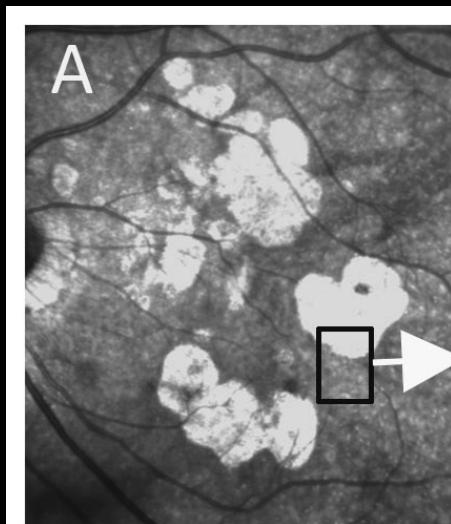


Flood illumination; 840nm



Flood AO shows RPE disruption and melanin redistribution
(Gocho et al. IOVS 2013)

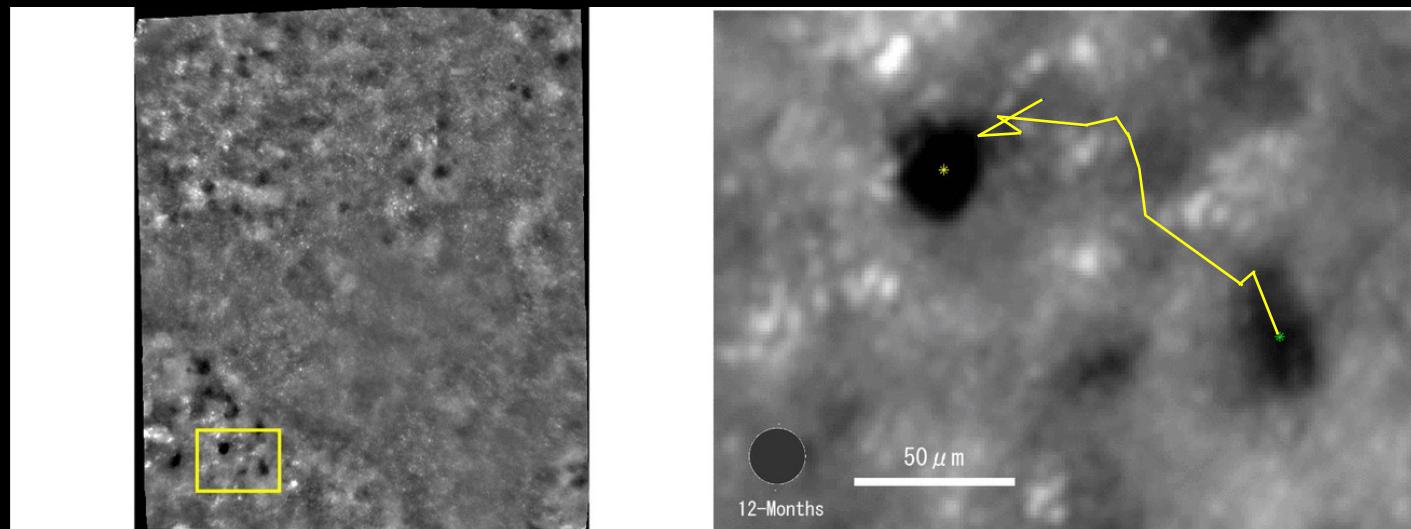
AO imaging in Geographic Atrophy Time lapse over 3 months



Melanin deposits at margins may accompany progression

Standard deviation: Changes over time

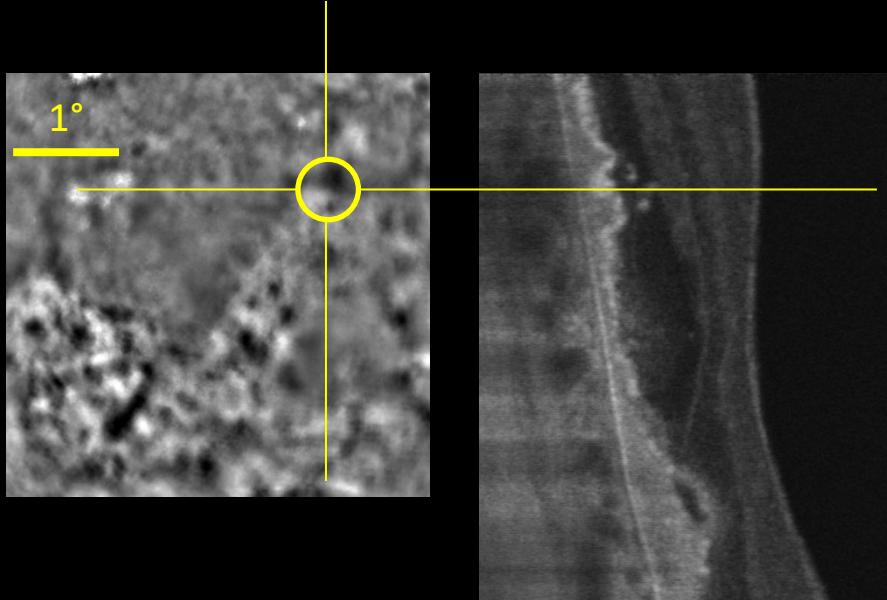
The various locations of pigmented cells (retinal/ subretinal/ in tubulations/ under basal laminar drusens) may determine their migration pathways



Current work: Automated cell tracking to look at scale and rate of migration in atrophy versus preserved zones

Intraretinal Hyperreflective Foci

AO imaging at Geographic Atrophy Borders



At which retinal depth are these dark spots located? Look at OCT
Challenging to locate single melanin clumps on the OCT slice...

If these dark spots contain melanin, we should see them in near infrared autofluorescence (NIRAF) AO imaging

⇒ We plan to perform NIRAF AO imaging in 2017

(collaboration Dr Ethan Rossi, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center)

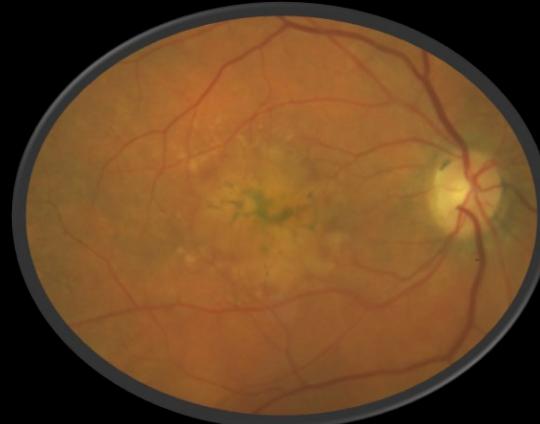
Drusenoid Lesions

Conclusions

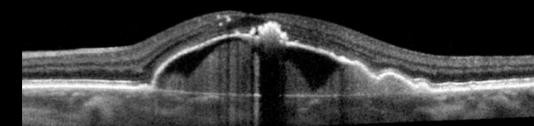
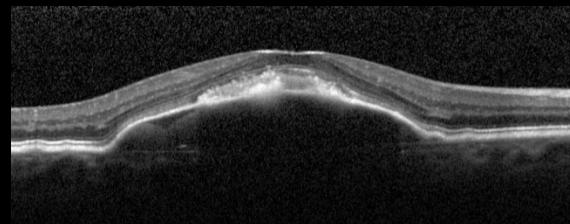
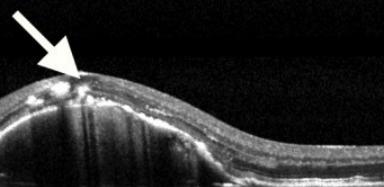
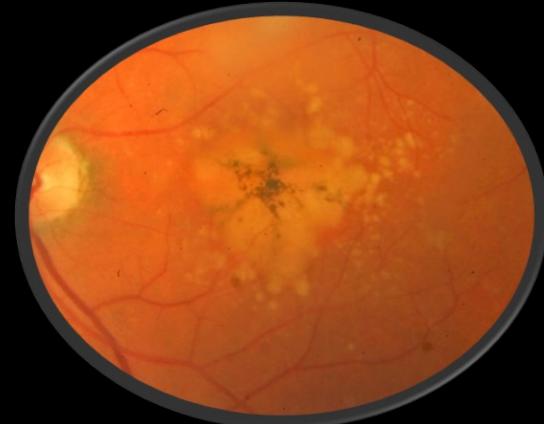
Hyperreflective Foci
(HRF)



Acquired Vitelliform Lesion
(AVL)



Mixed content

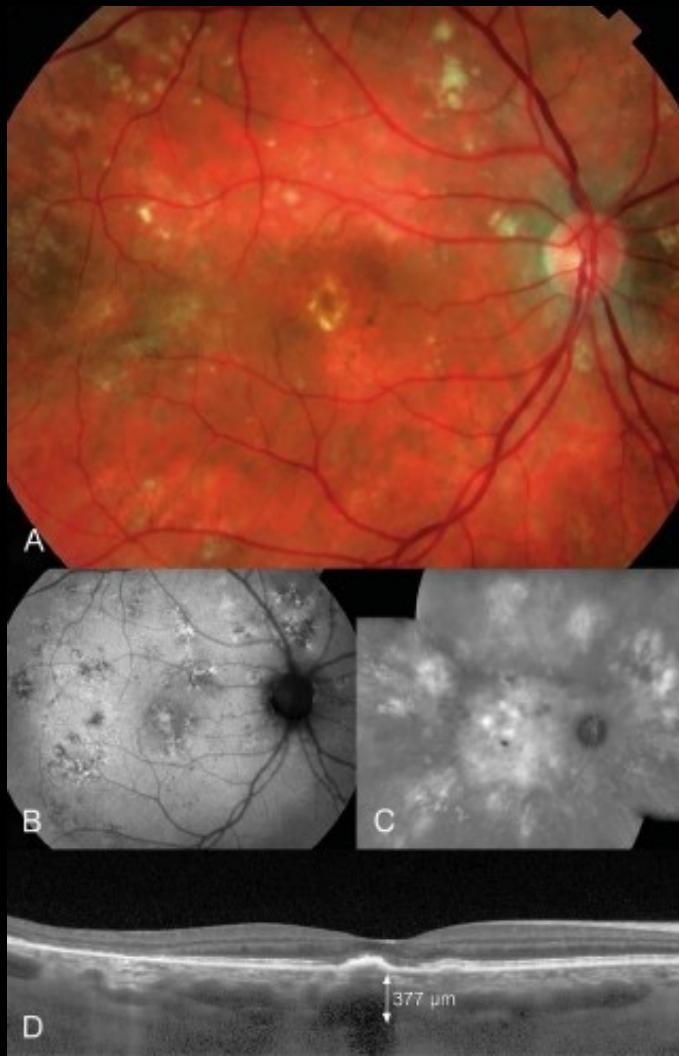


Total drusen volume, HRF and AVL are imaging biomarkers of RPE loss
Total drusen volume and HRF are imaging biomarkers of neovascularization
Histologic correlate of HRF may be

- migrating RPE cells
- macrophages/microglial cells
- both

La choroïde module l'expression de la DMLA

Pachydrusen = Drusen associés à la pachychoroïde



Dépôts ovoïdes, formes complexes
Larges > 125 microns
Pas de distribution radiaire
Pas de confluence au centre macula
Pas de pigment

71 patients (94 yeux) de DMLA précoce
pachydrusen = 12%

La choroïde module l'expression de la DMLA

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DISEASE EXPRESSION IN NONEXUDATIVE AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION VARIES WITH CHOROIDAL THICKNESS

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Drusen séreux

Pachydrusen

Cuticular Drusen

Bilateral, symmetrical, earlier age at onset than AMD



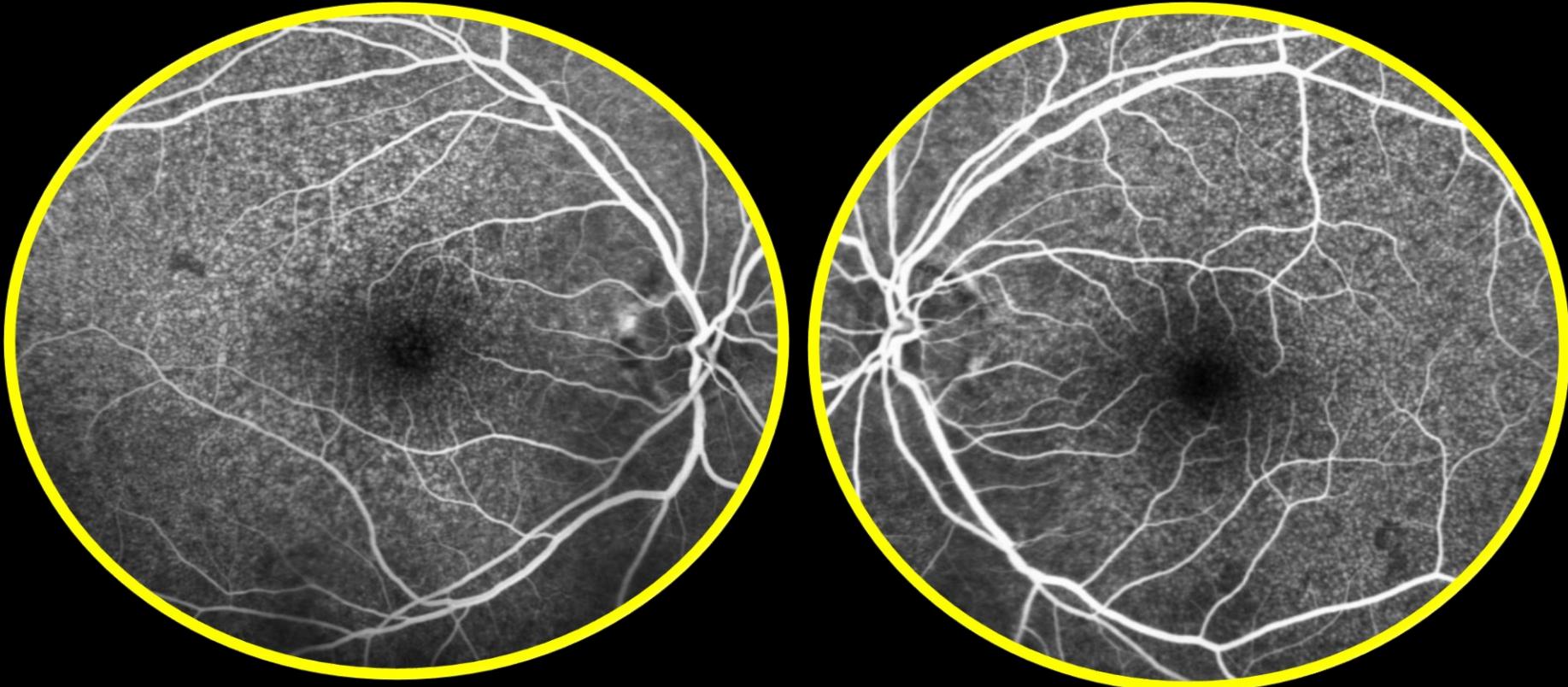
« Innumerable, small, uniformly sized, discretely round, slightly raised, yellow »

Gass JD. Stereoscopic Atlas of Macular Disease Diagnosis and Treatment. St. Louis: Mosby; 1977. p. 170-5

Cuticular Drusen

Fluorescein Angiography: Stars- in-the-sky pattern

Bilateral, symmetrical, earlier age at onset than AMD, stronger familial component

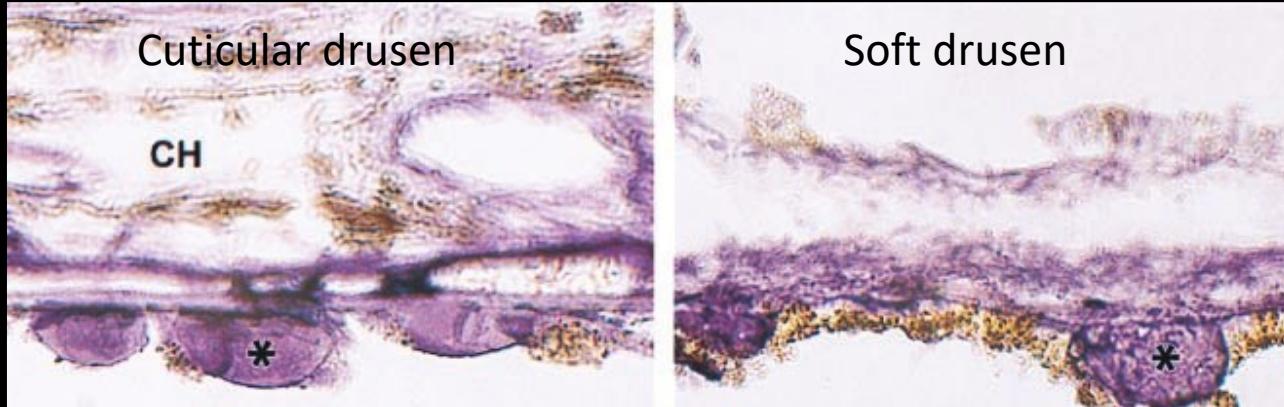


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Cuticular Drusen

Is it AMD?

- Younger patients, different risk alleles profiles than what is found in AMD
- Histopathology:
 - 1985: Gass et al « basal laminar drusen »: nodular thickening of Bruch's membrane
 - 2000: Russell et al. location and composition similar to drusen from AMD



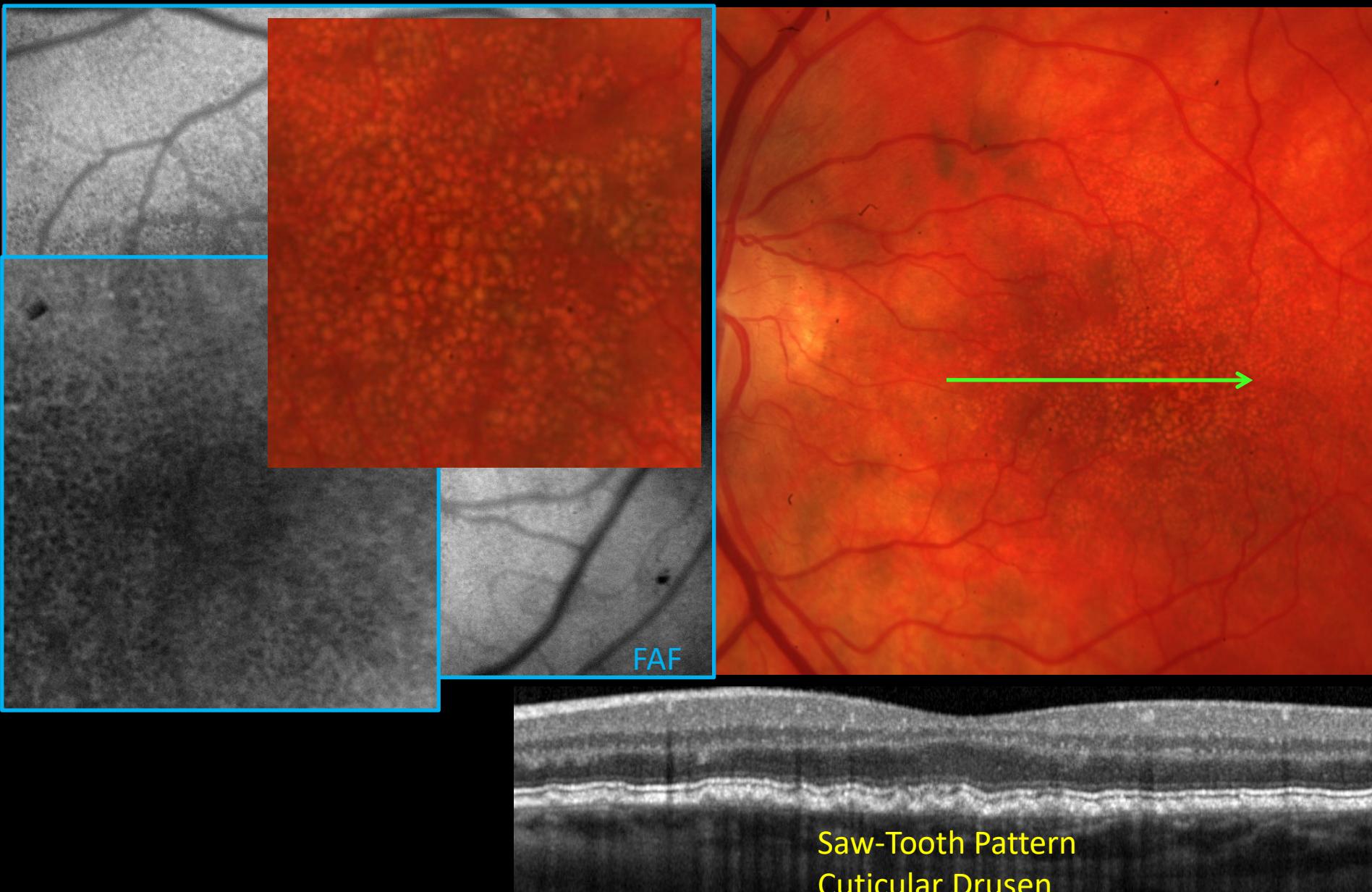
« similar to and perhaps indistinguishable from typical drusen from AMD.»

- However, lack of evidence of progression to atrophy or neovascular disease

Gass JD, Jallow S, Davis B. Adult vitelliform macular detachment occurring in patients with basal laminar drusen. *Am J Ophthalmol.* 1985
Russell SR, Mullins RF, Schneider BL, Hageman GS. Location, substructure, and composition of basal laminar drusen compared with drusen associated with aging and age-related macular degeneration. *Am J Ophthalmol.* 2000
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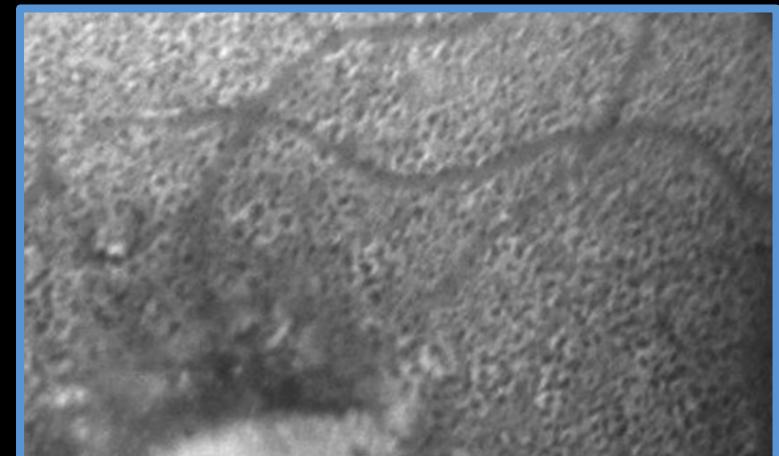
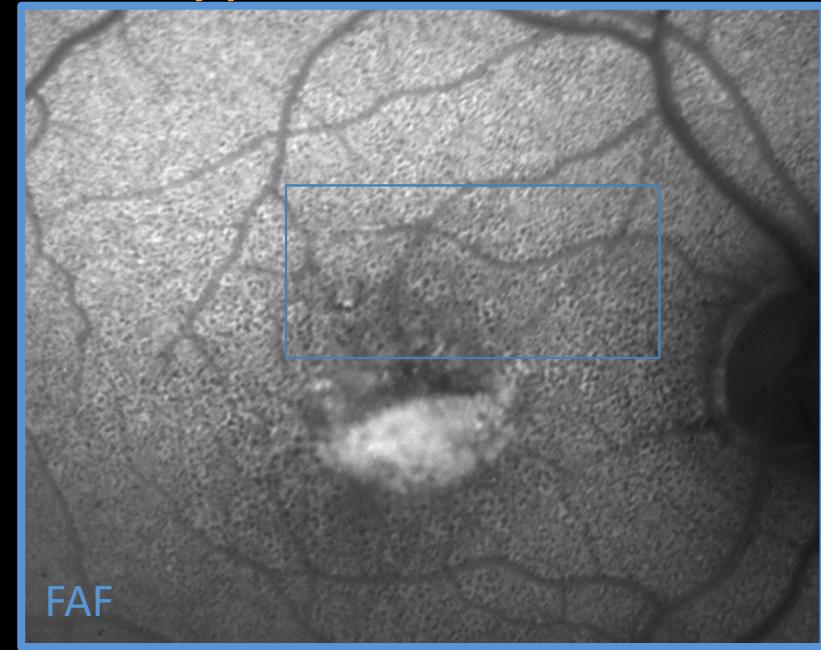
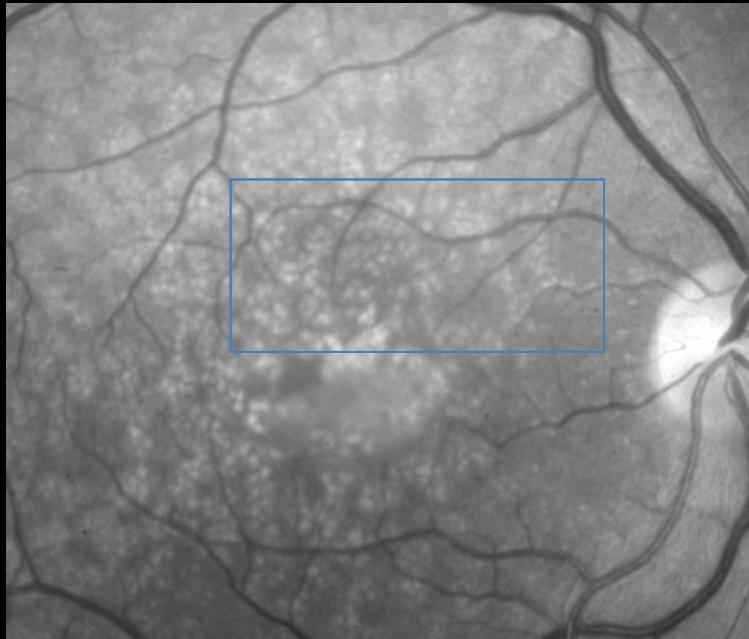
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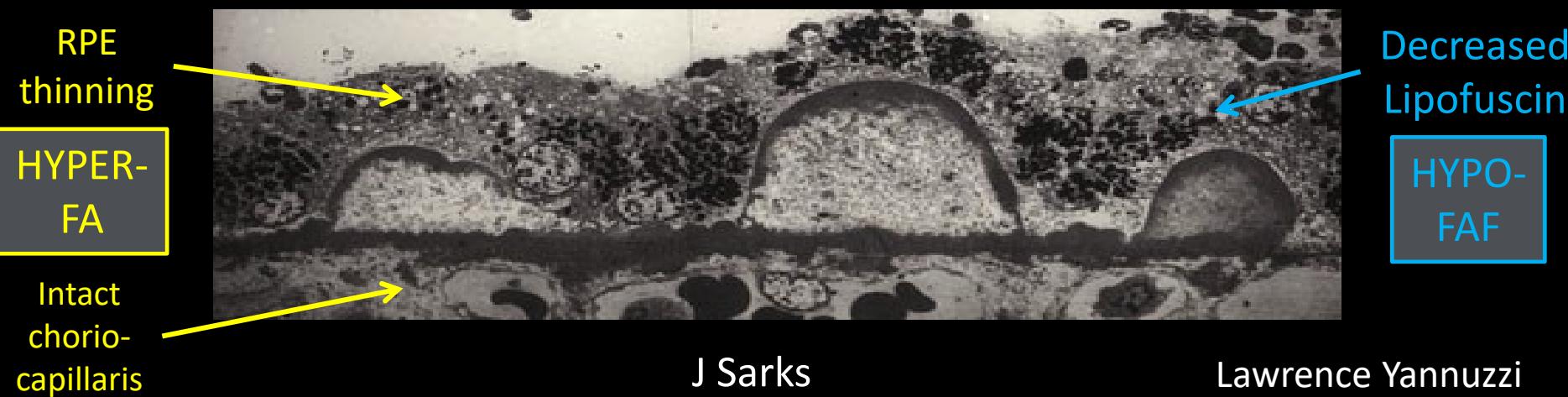
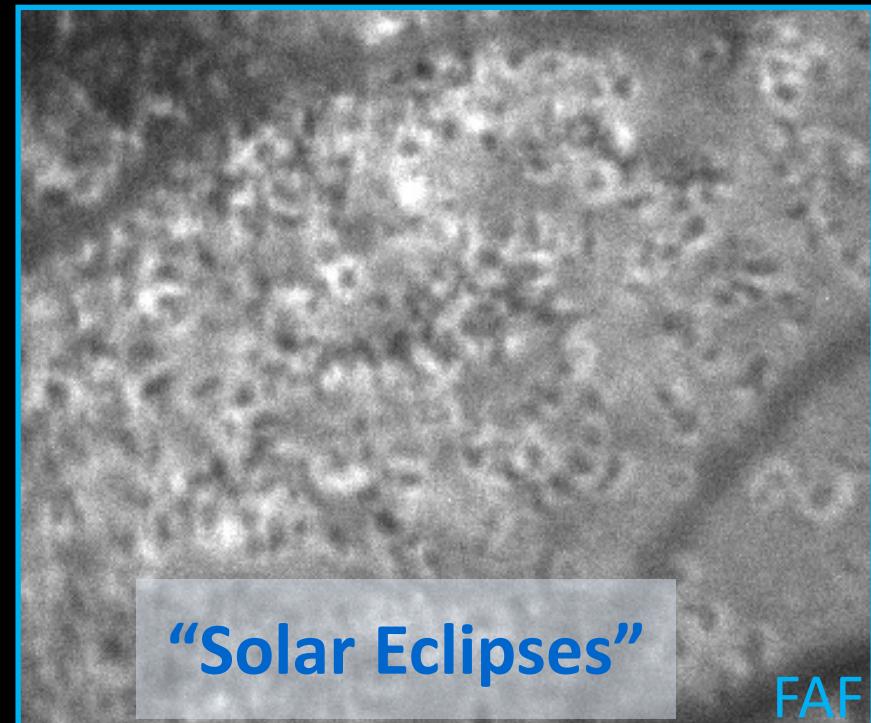
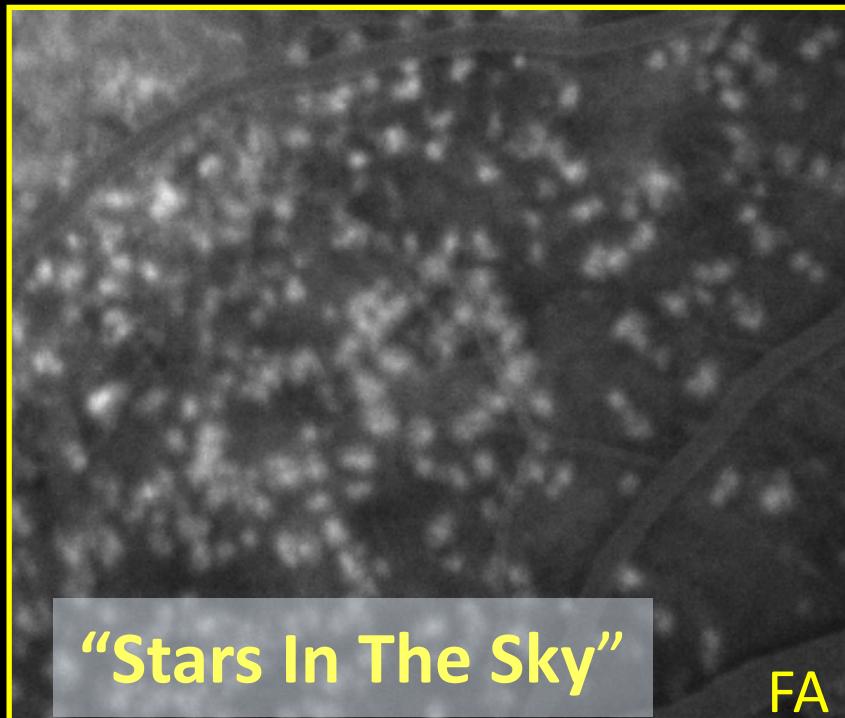


Cuticular Drusen

Fundus Autofluorescence Typical Pattern

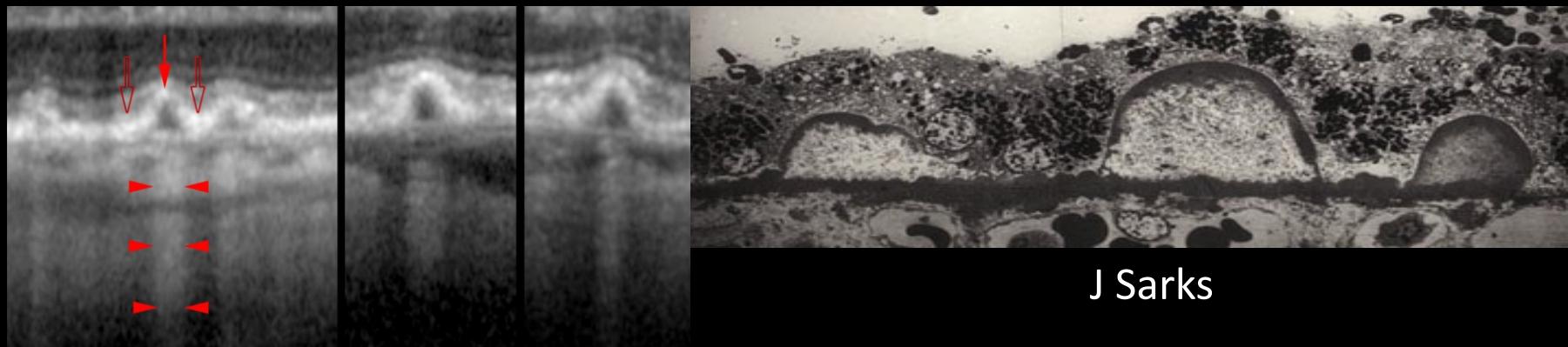
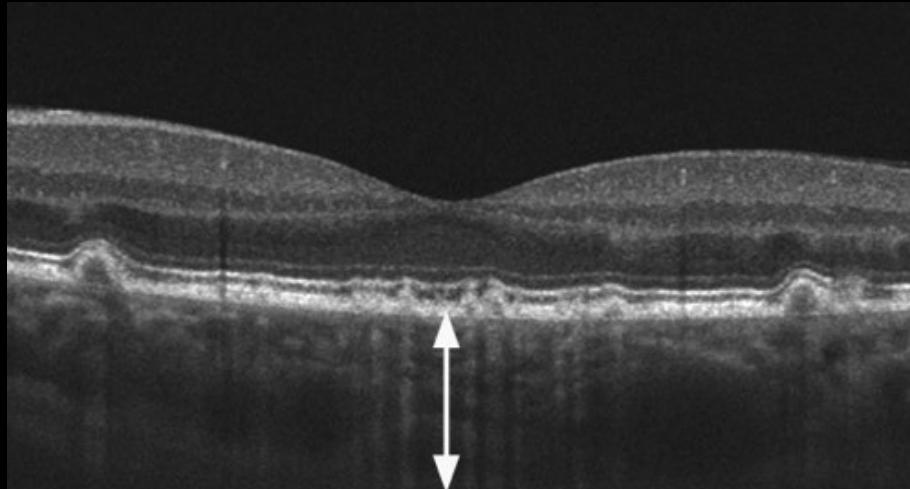


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Cuticular Drusen

SD-OCT Saw-Tooth Pattern



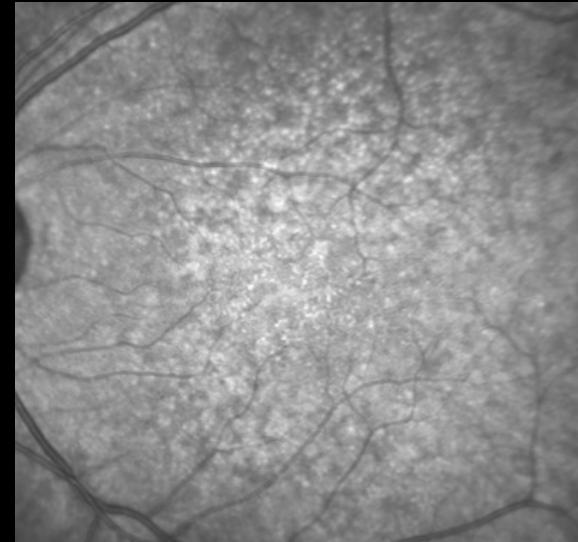
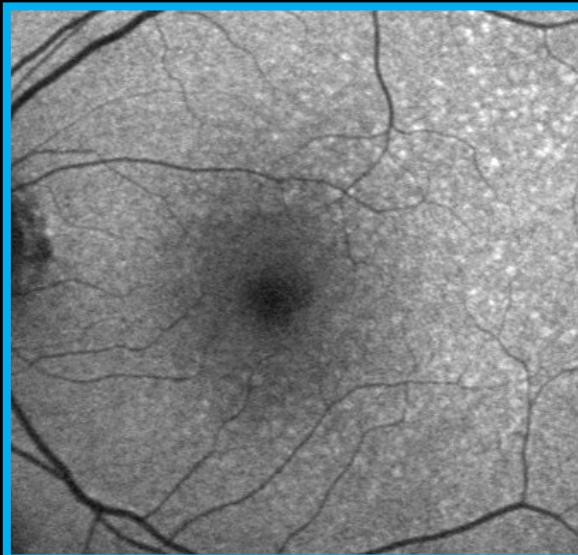
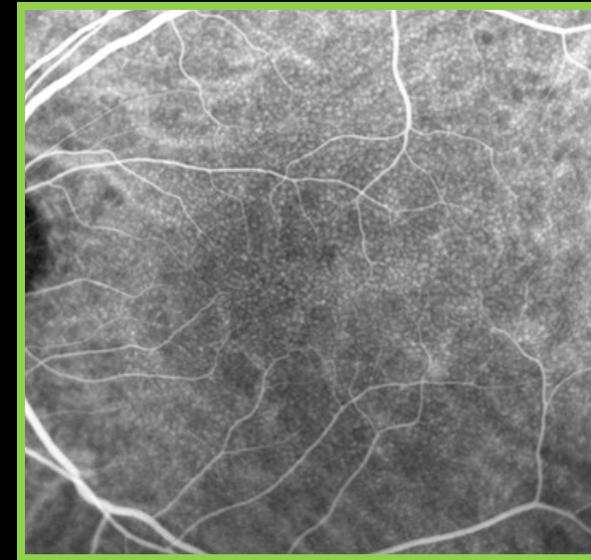
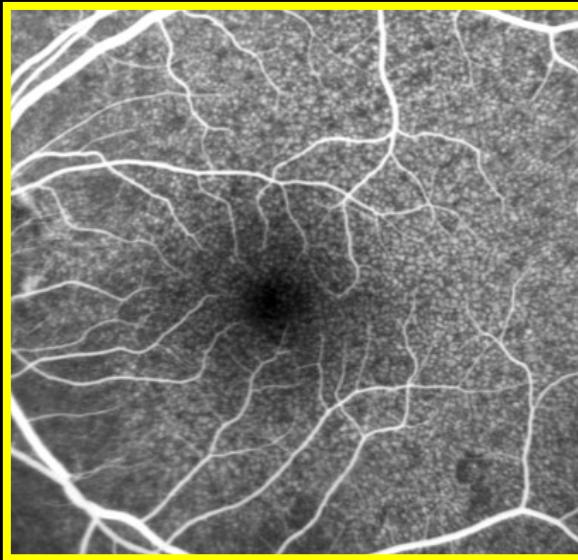
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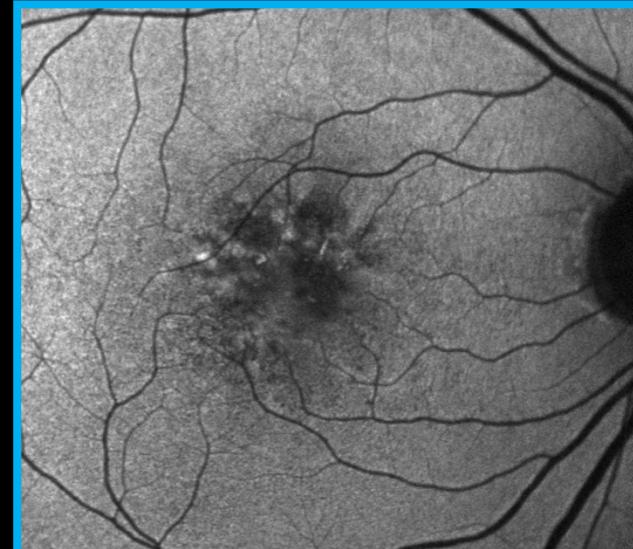
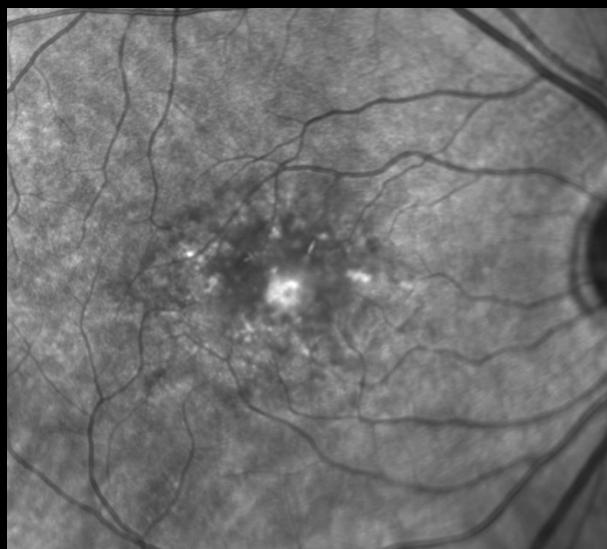
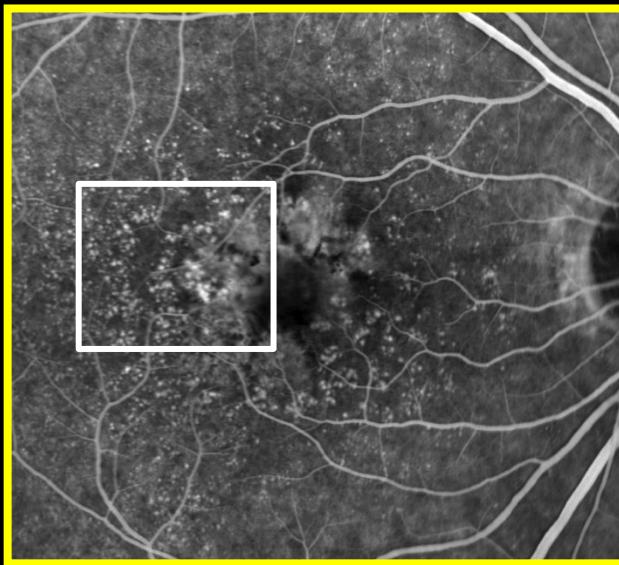
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59-year-old
female

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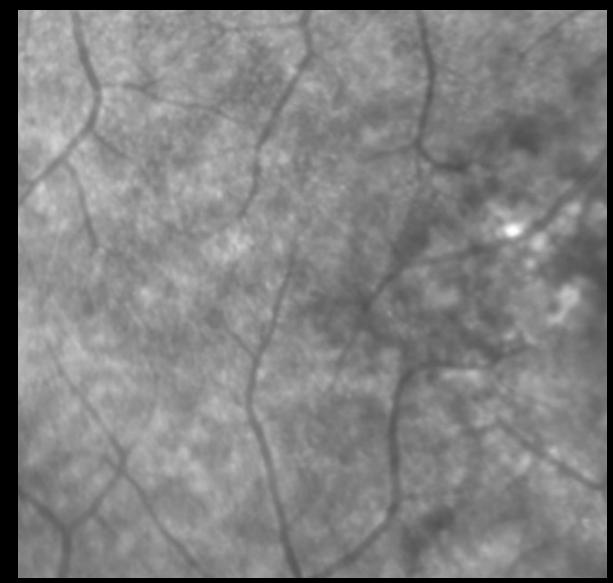
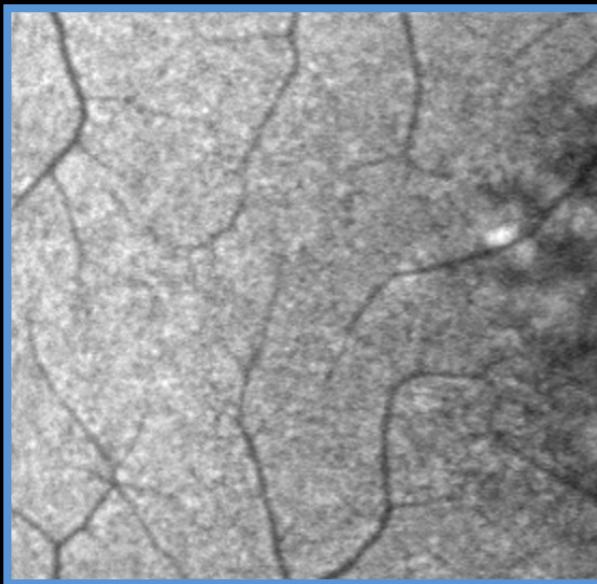
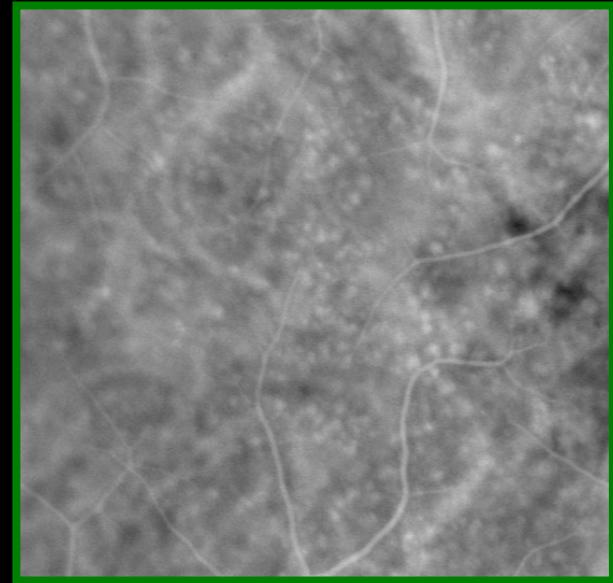
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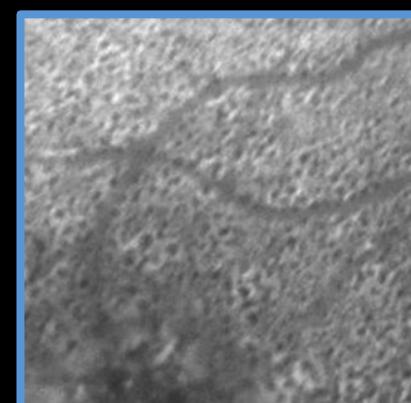
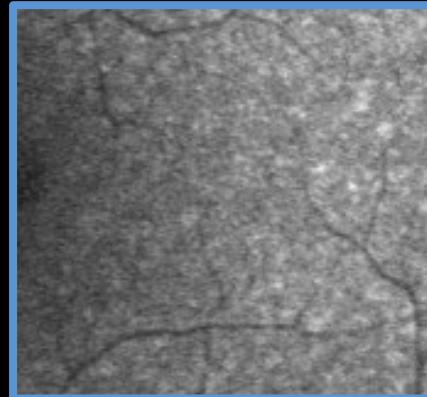
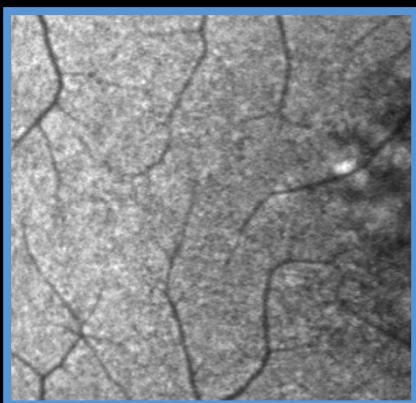
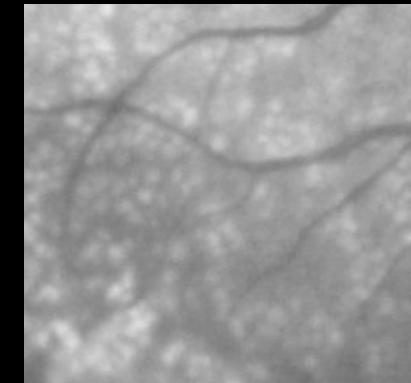
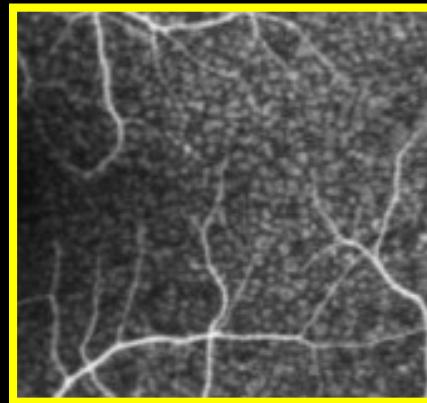
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Fundus Autofluorescence Various Patterns



FAF: silent

FAF: hyperAF

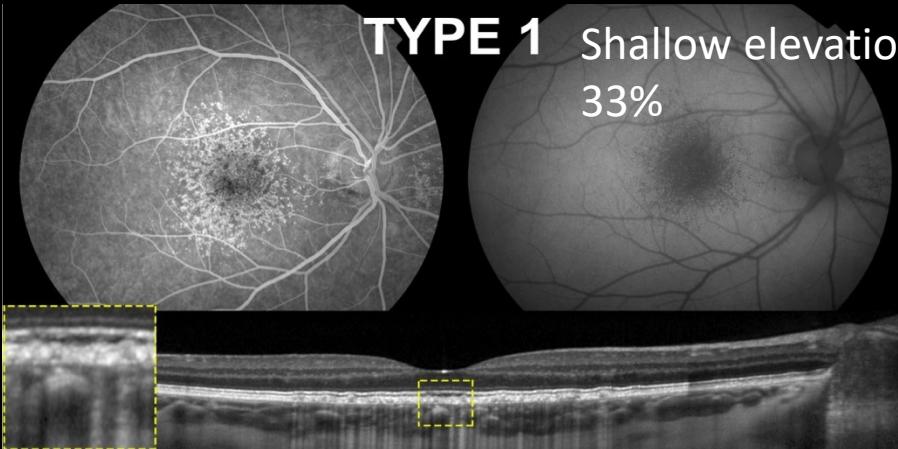
FAF: hypoAF with
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Various imaging patterns may correspond to evolutive stages or different phenotypes

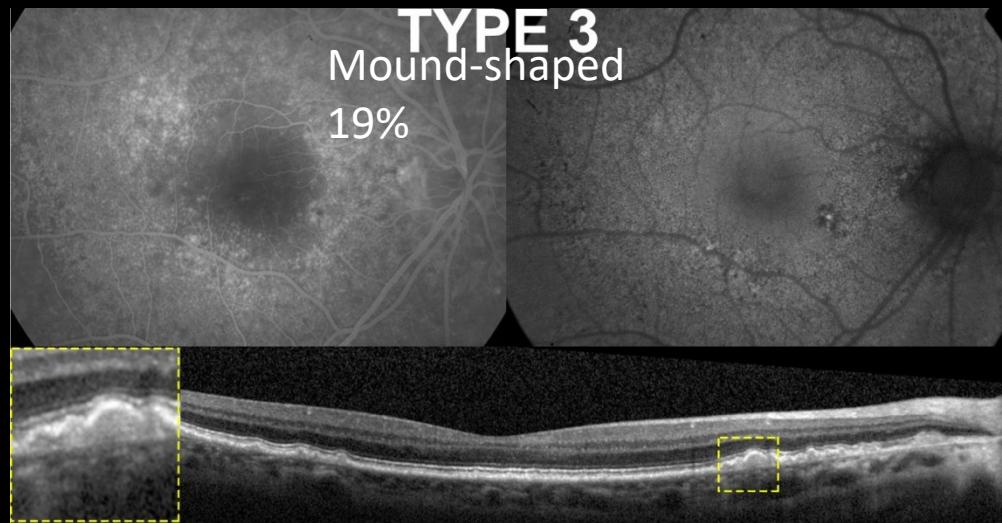
120 patients (240 eyes)
58 years

Cuticular Drusen

SD-OCT Various Patterns

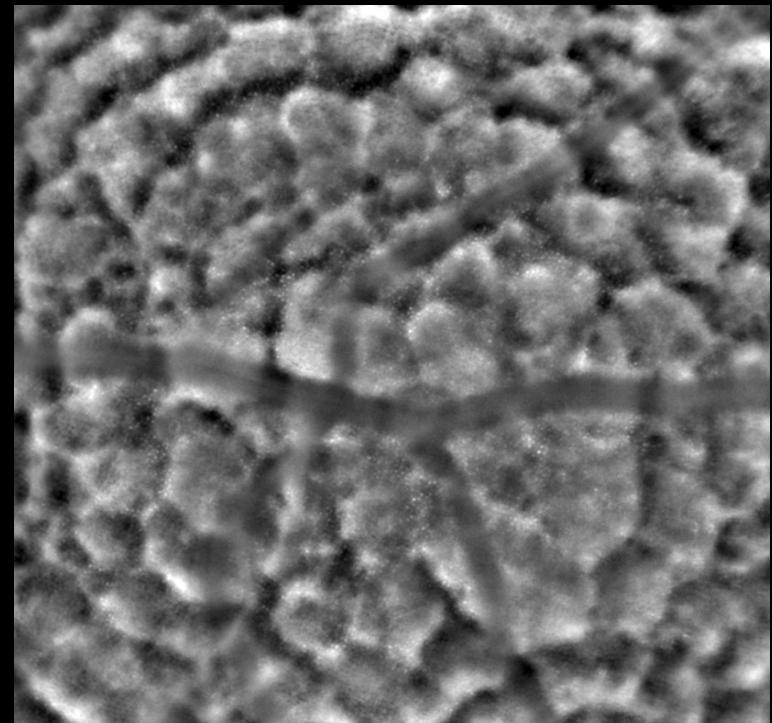
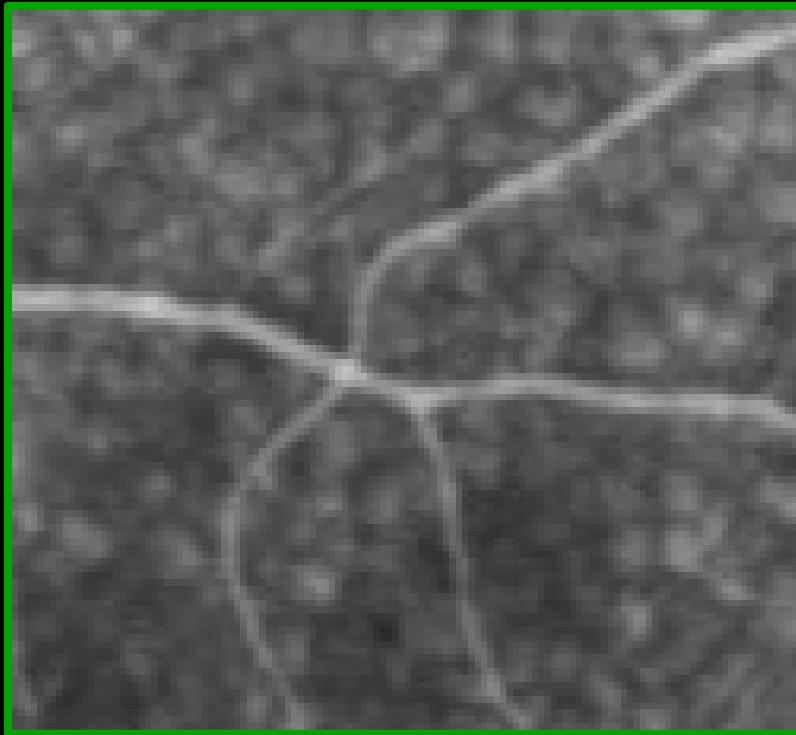


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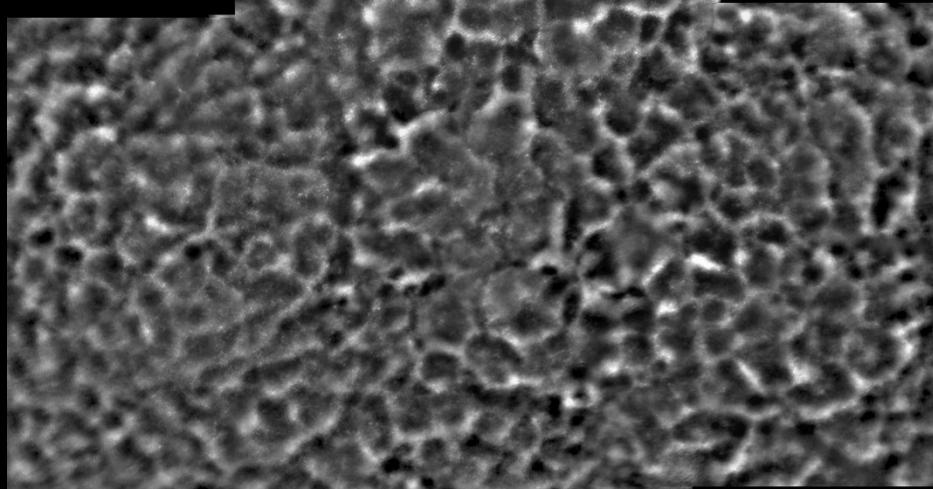
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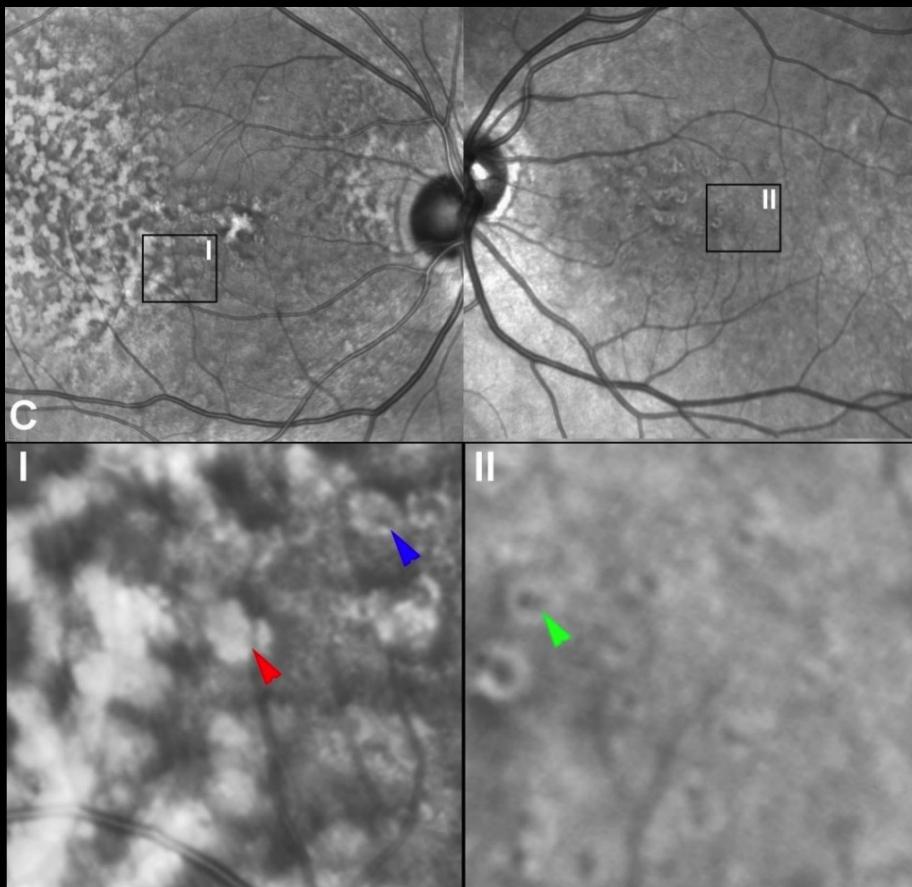
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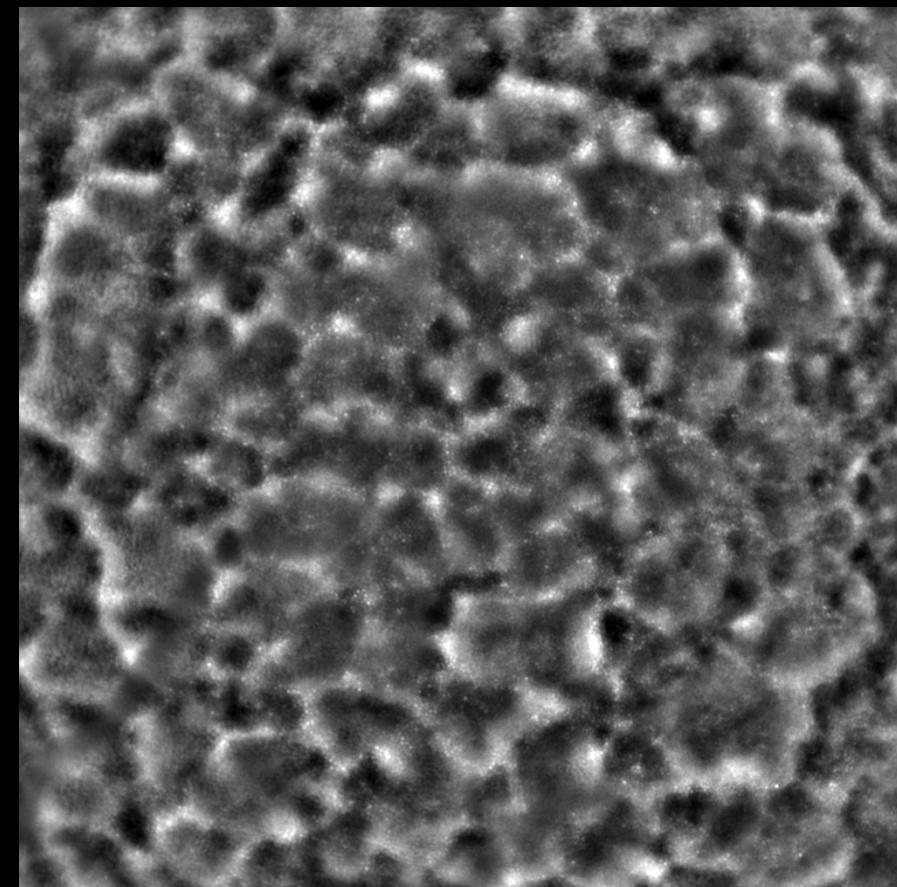


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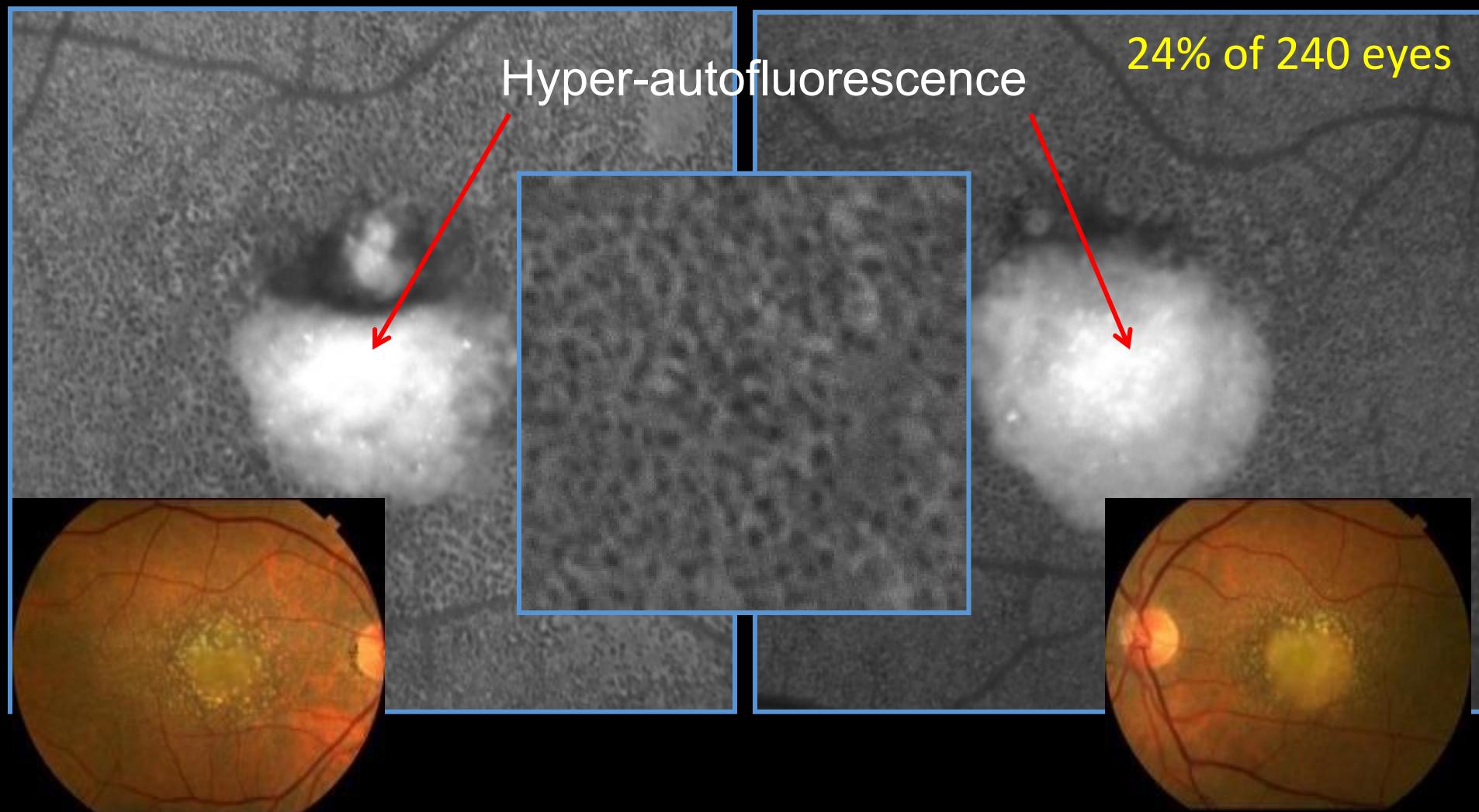
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flood-illuminated IR AO

Cuticular Drusen

Acquired Vitelliform Lesions



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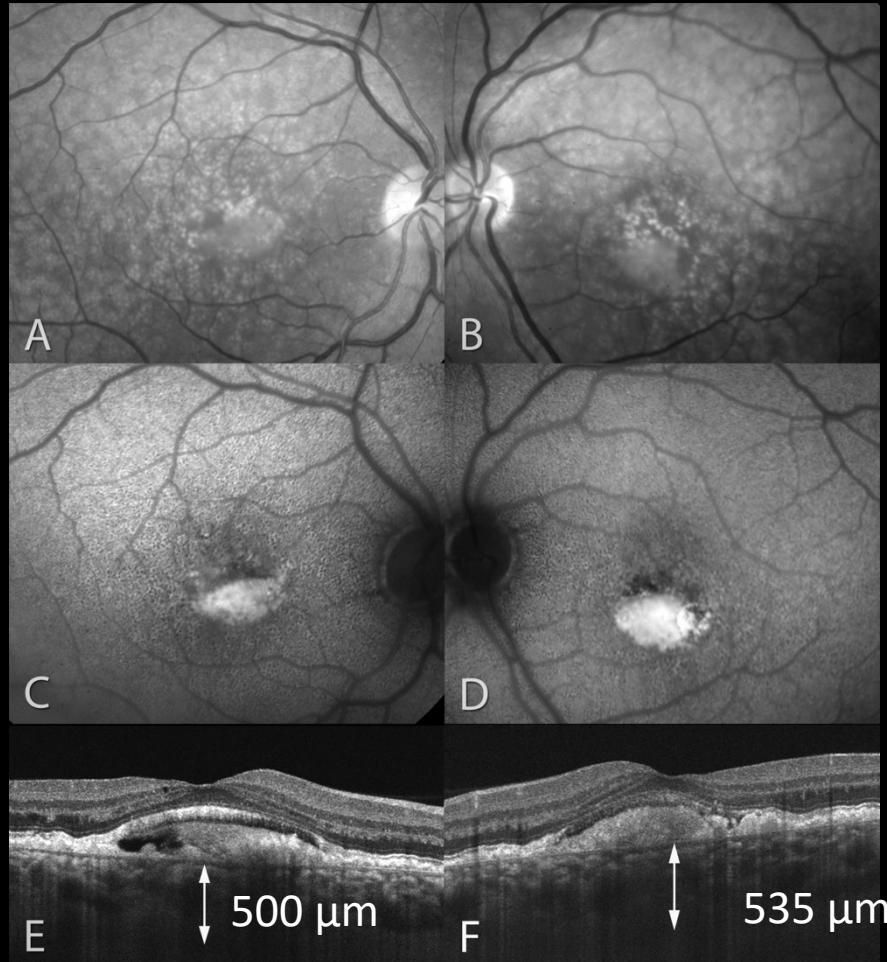
Cuticular Drusen

Acquired Vitelliform Lesions

24% of 240 eyes (1)

Choroidal thickening associated
with vitelliform in 24 eyes (2)

47-year-old female

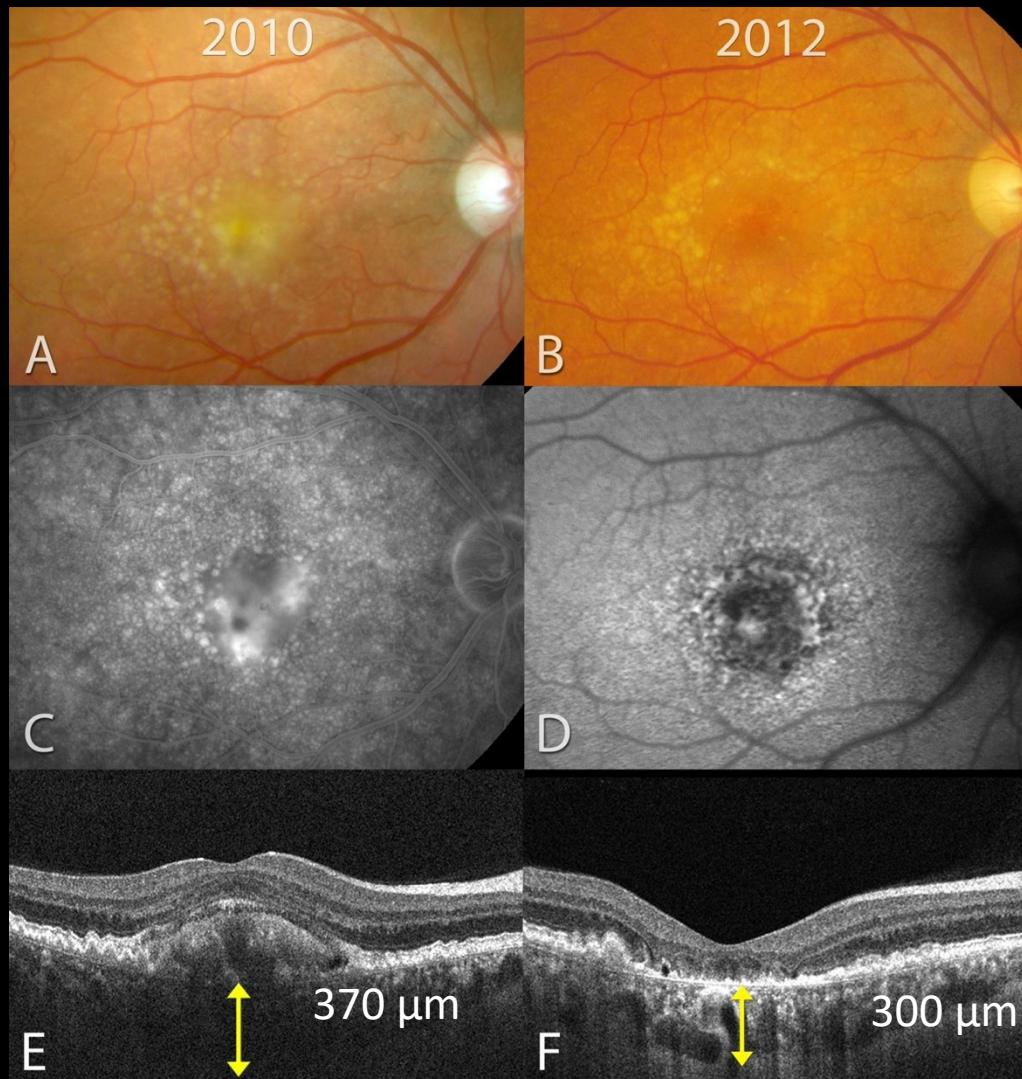


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Acquired Vitelliform Lesion and Evolution to RPE Atrophy

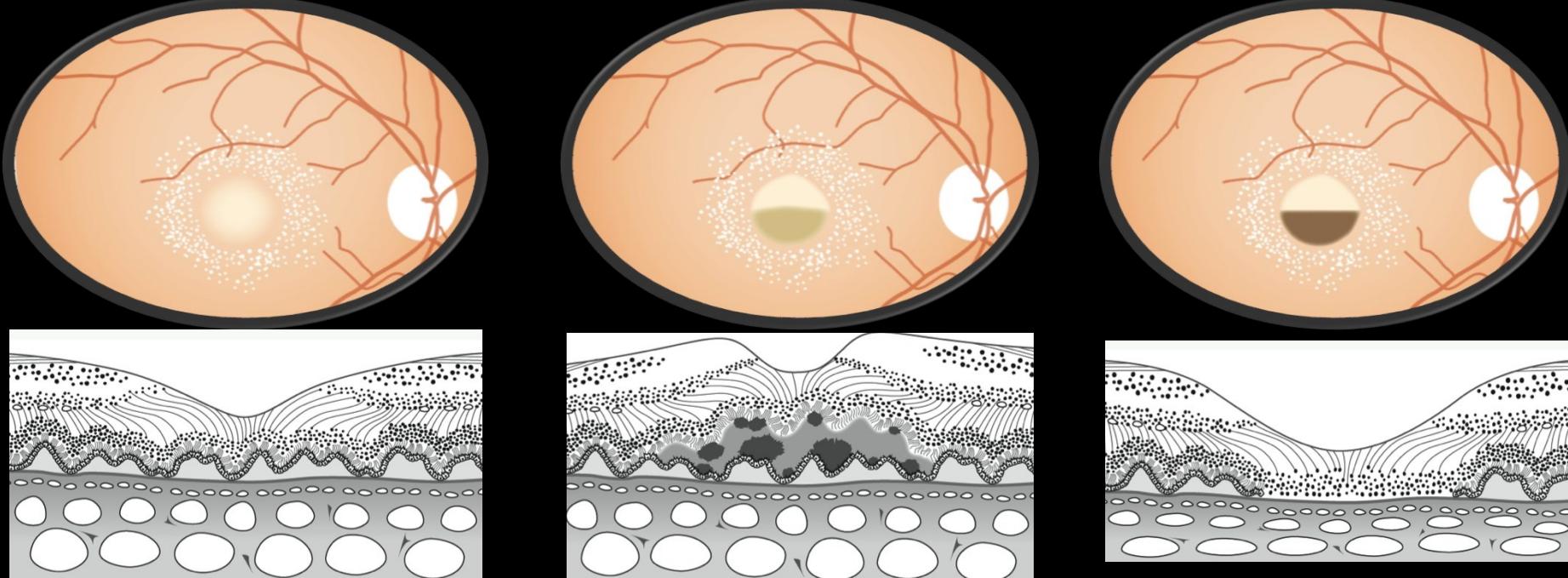


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Cuticular Drusen

Acquired Vitelliform Lesion and Evolution to RPE Atrophy

- Significant choroidal thickening in 12 eyes with cuticular drusen associated with vitelliform lesions compared to 12 eyes without
- Significant choroidal thinning after a follow-up of 3,3 years

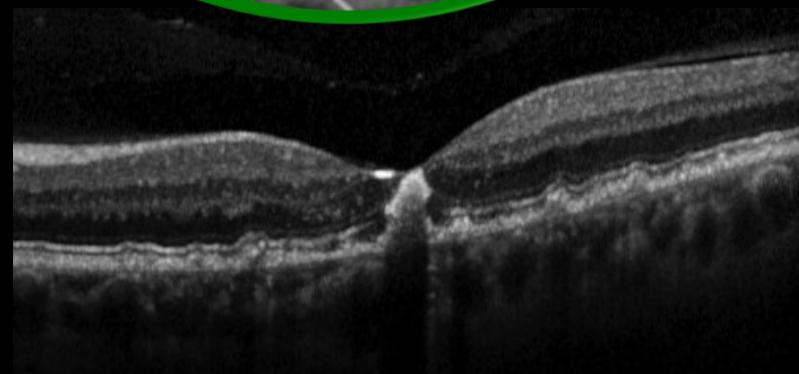
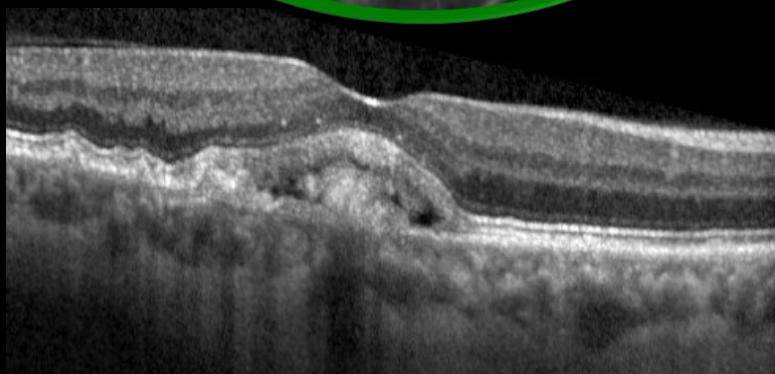
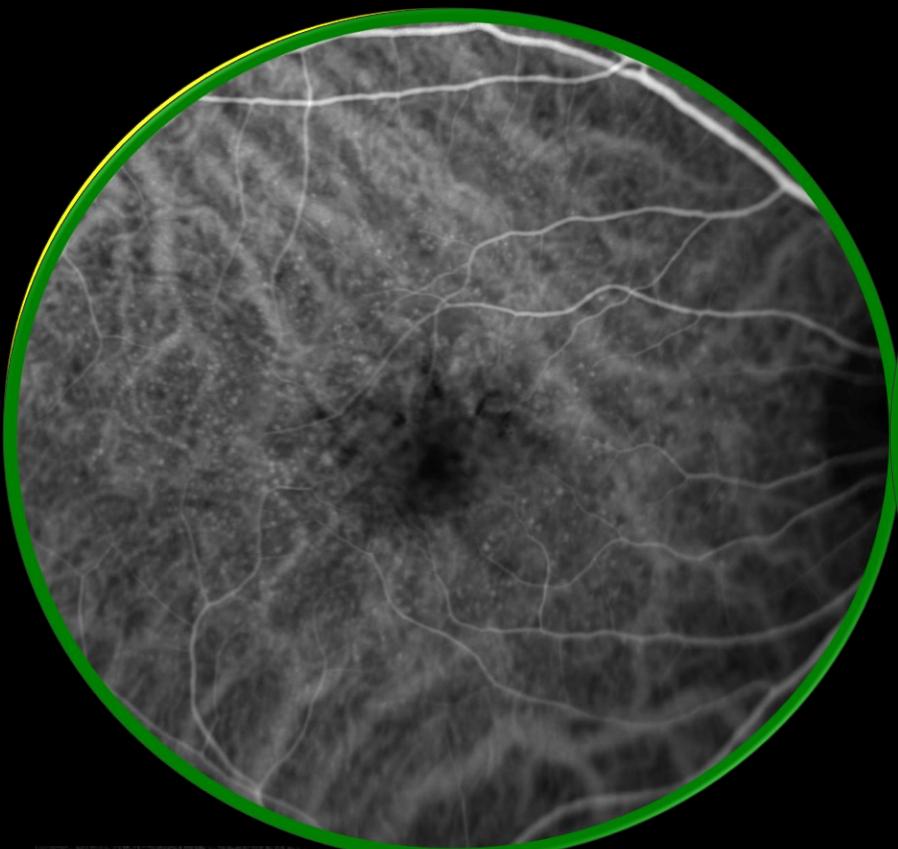


- Cuticular drusen → outer blood retinal barrier dysfunction
- Choroidal vascular hyperpermeability → serous retinal detachment → vitelliform
- Vitelliform → RPE atrophy → vitelliform resorption and choroidal thinning

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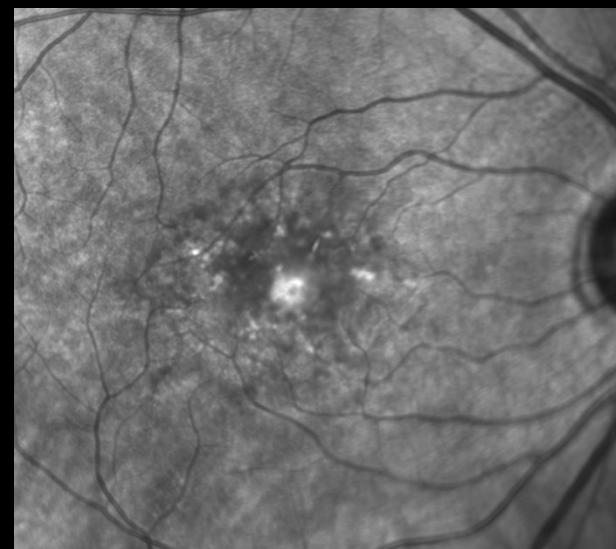
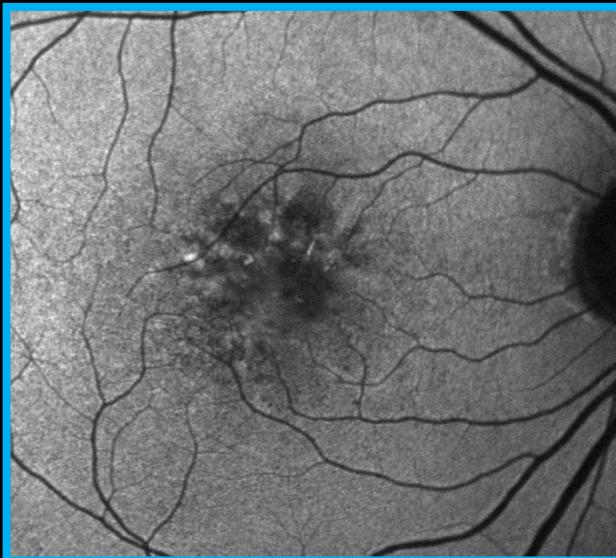
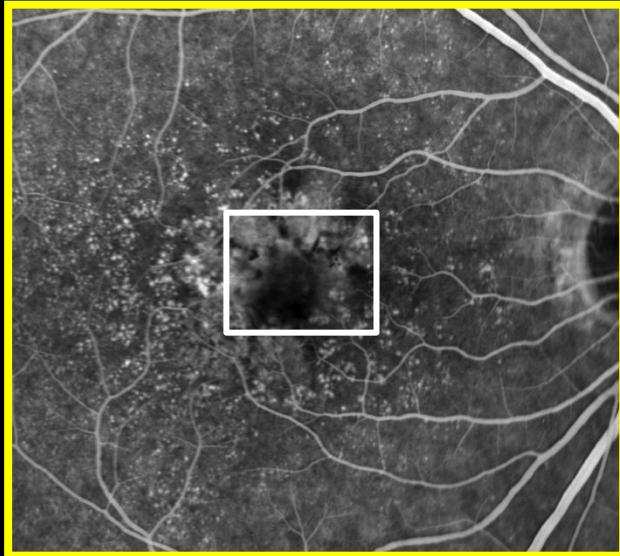
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Acquired Vitelliform Lesion and Pigmentary Changes



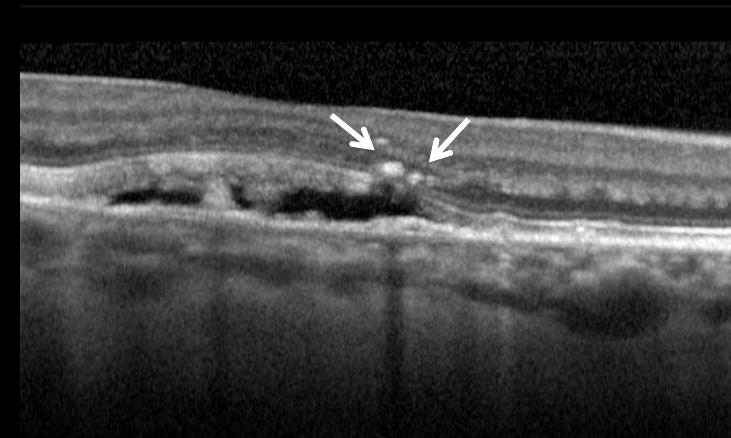
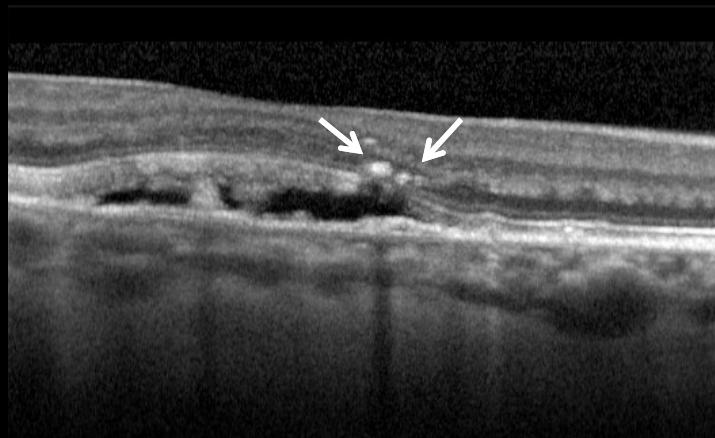
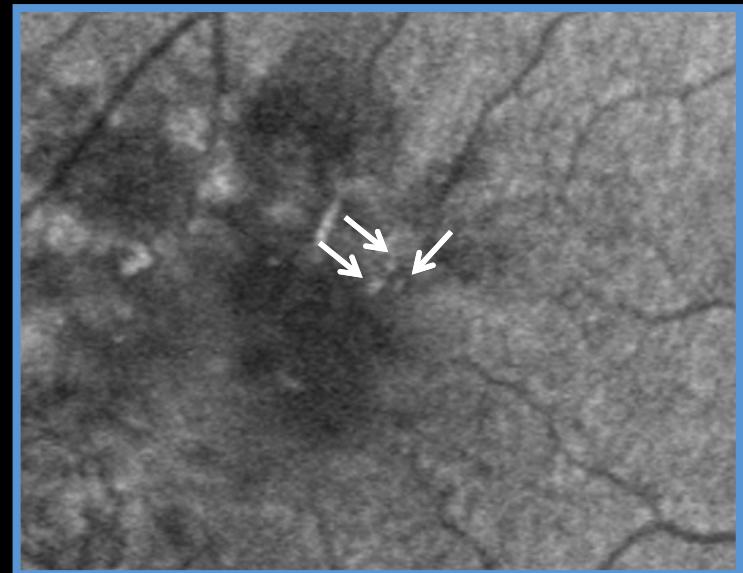
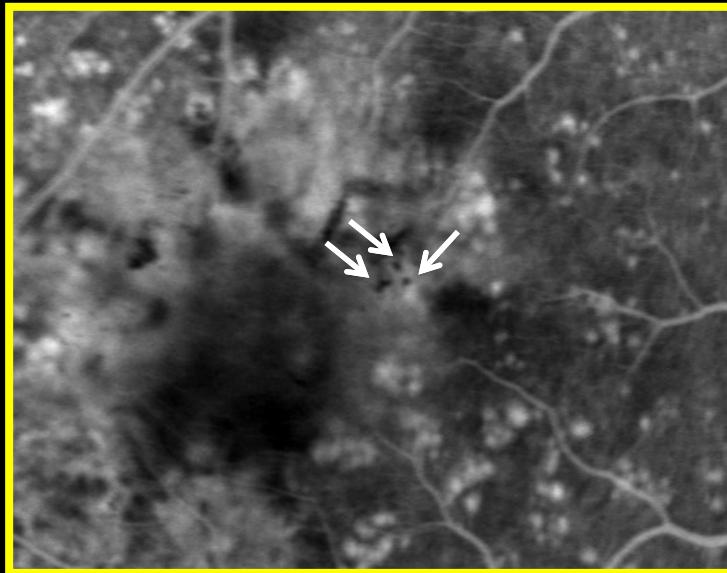
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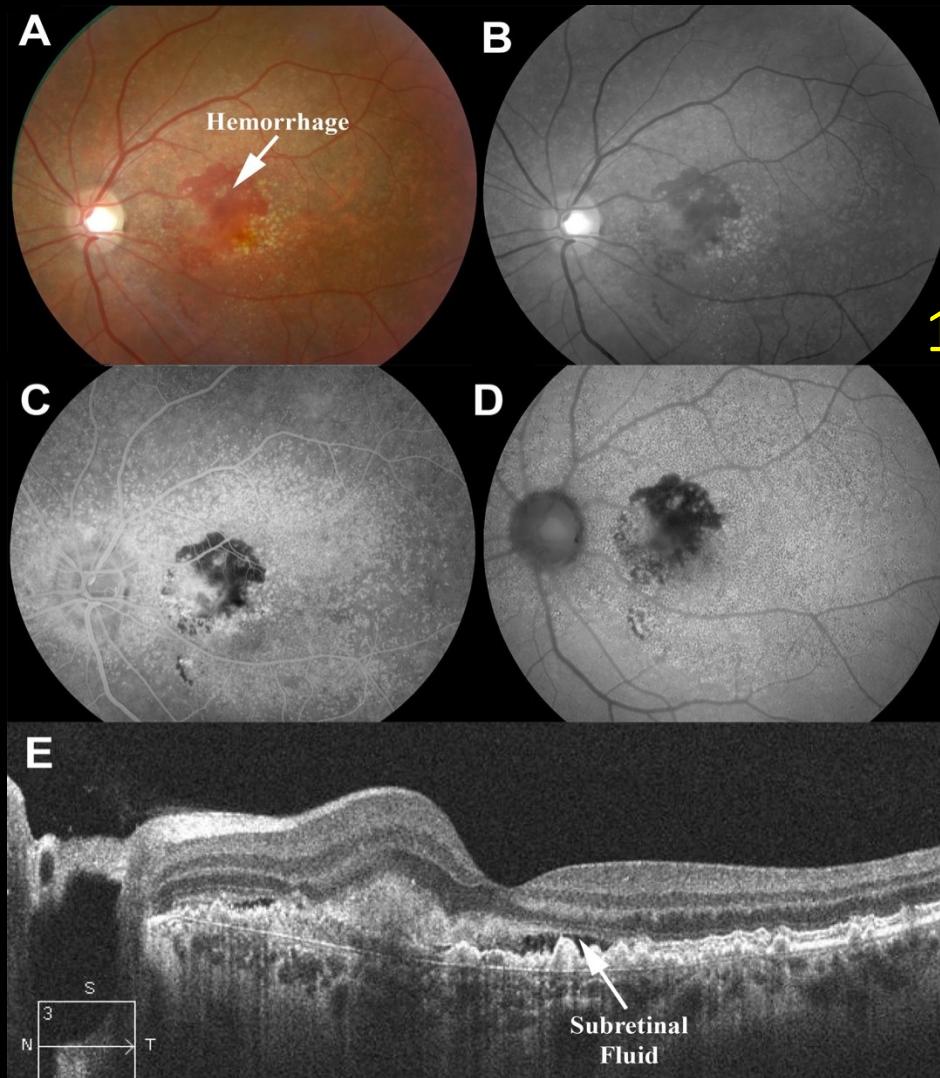
Cuticular Drusen *Pigmentary Changes*

47% of 240 eyes



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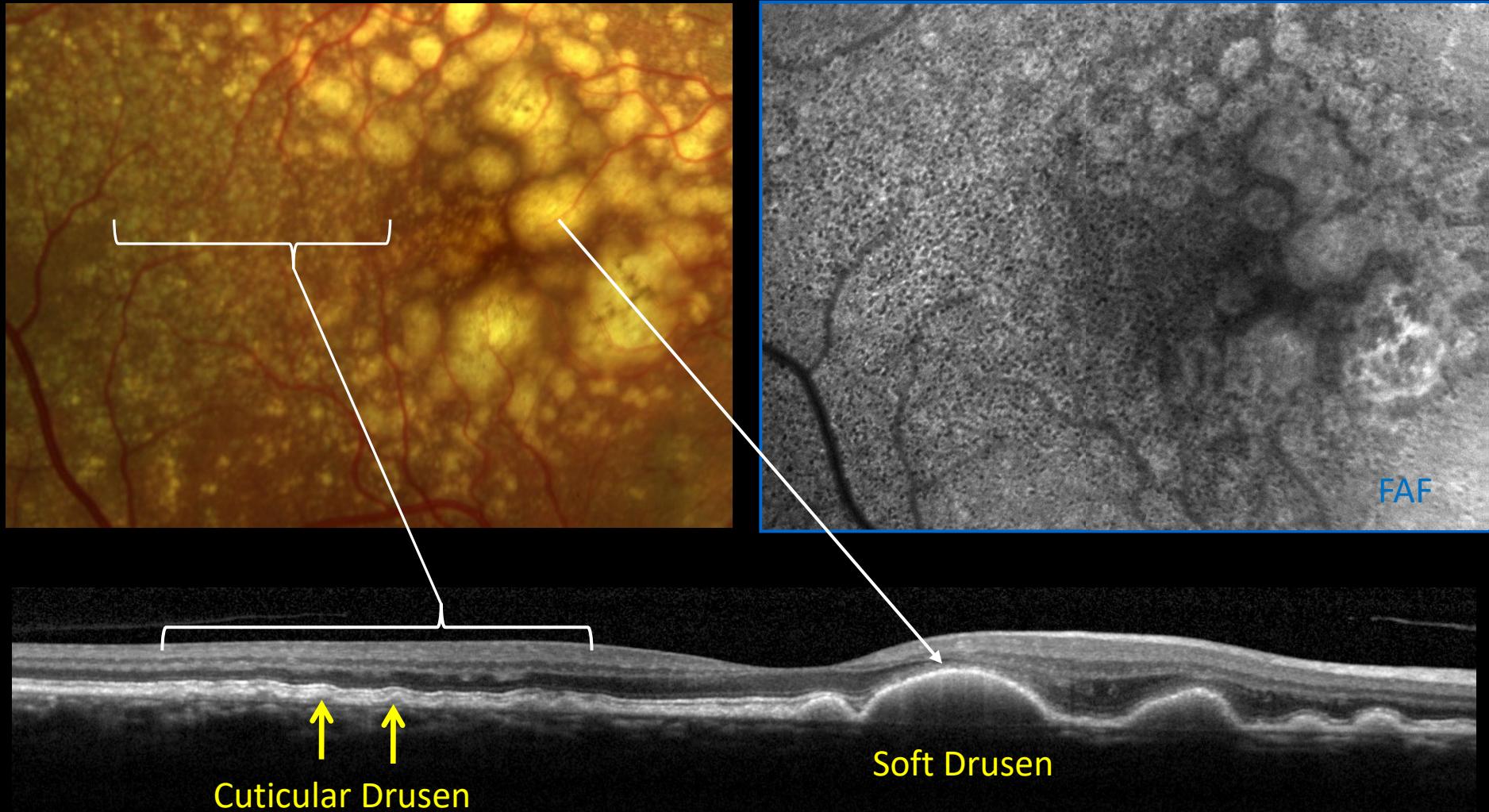
Choroidal Neovascularization



12% of 240 eyes

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Mixed Pattern with Soft Drusen



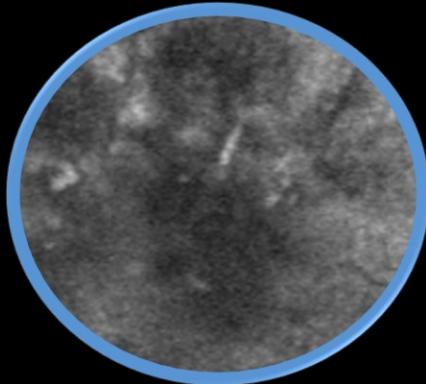
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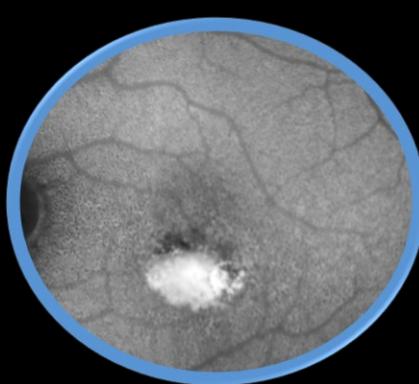
Conclusions

follow-up 3,7 years

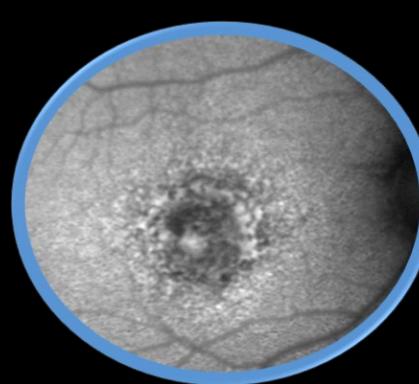
Pigmentary changes
47%



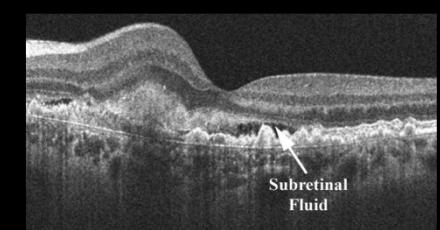
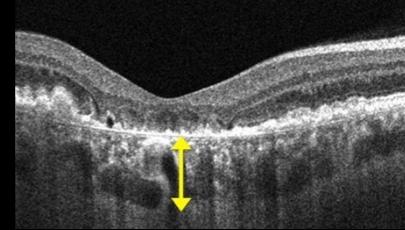
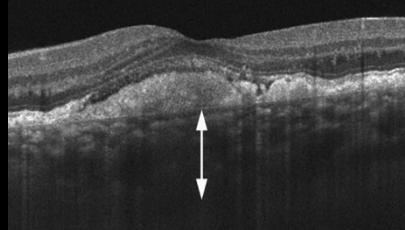
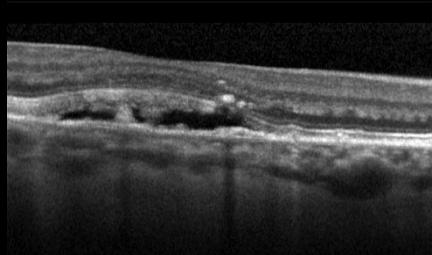
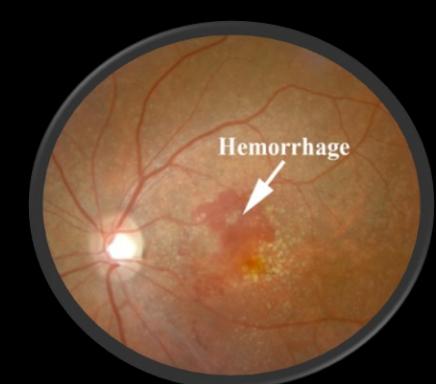
Acquired vitelliform
24%



RPE atrophy
25%



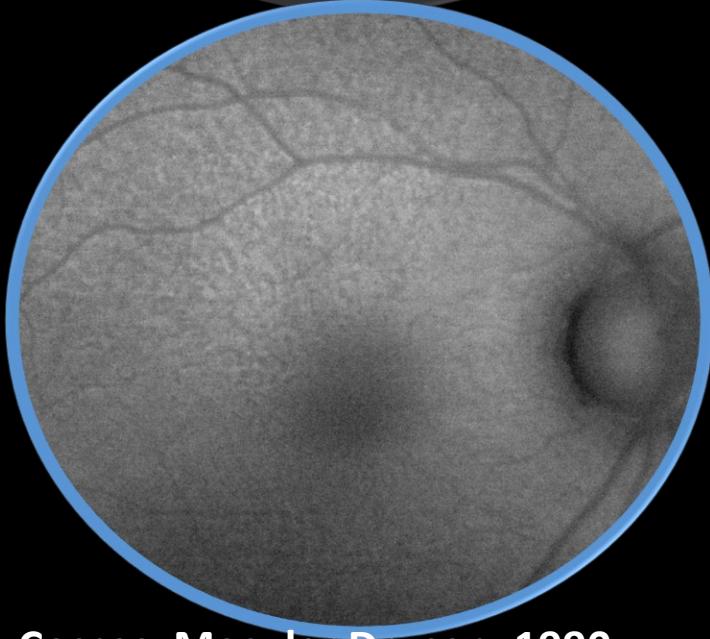
Neovascularization
12%



Same long-term complications than other drusen types but better prognosis
The neovascular and atrophic complications are more frequent after the age of 60 years

Reticular Pseudodrusen

“les pseudo-drusen visibles en lumiere bleue”



Mimoun, Soubrane, Coscas. Macular Drusen. 1990

Reticular Pseudodrusen

Population based studies

- **Beaver Dam Eye Study:** risque X 5 de progression vers stades tardifs de DMLA à 5 ans en présence de pseudodrusen, comparé aux autres phénotypes de DMLA précoce
- **Blue Mountain Eye Study:** risque X 4
- Mêmes FdR environnementaux que DMLA
- Mêmes FdR génétiques que DMLA (HTRA1, CFH, ARMS2)
- Composition biochimique vs aux drusen séreux
 - Cholestérol non estérifié SDD et estérifié drusen séreux
- Distribution périfovégolaire vs centrale pour les drusen séreux

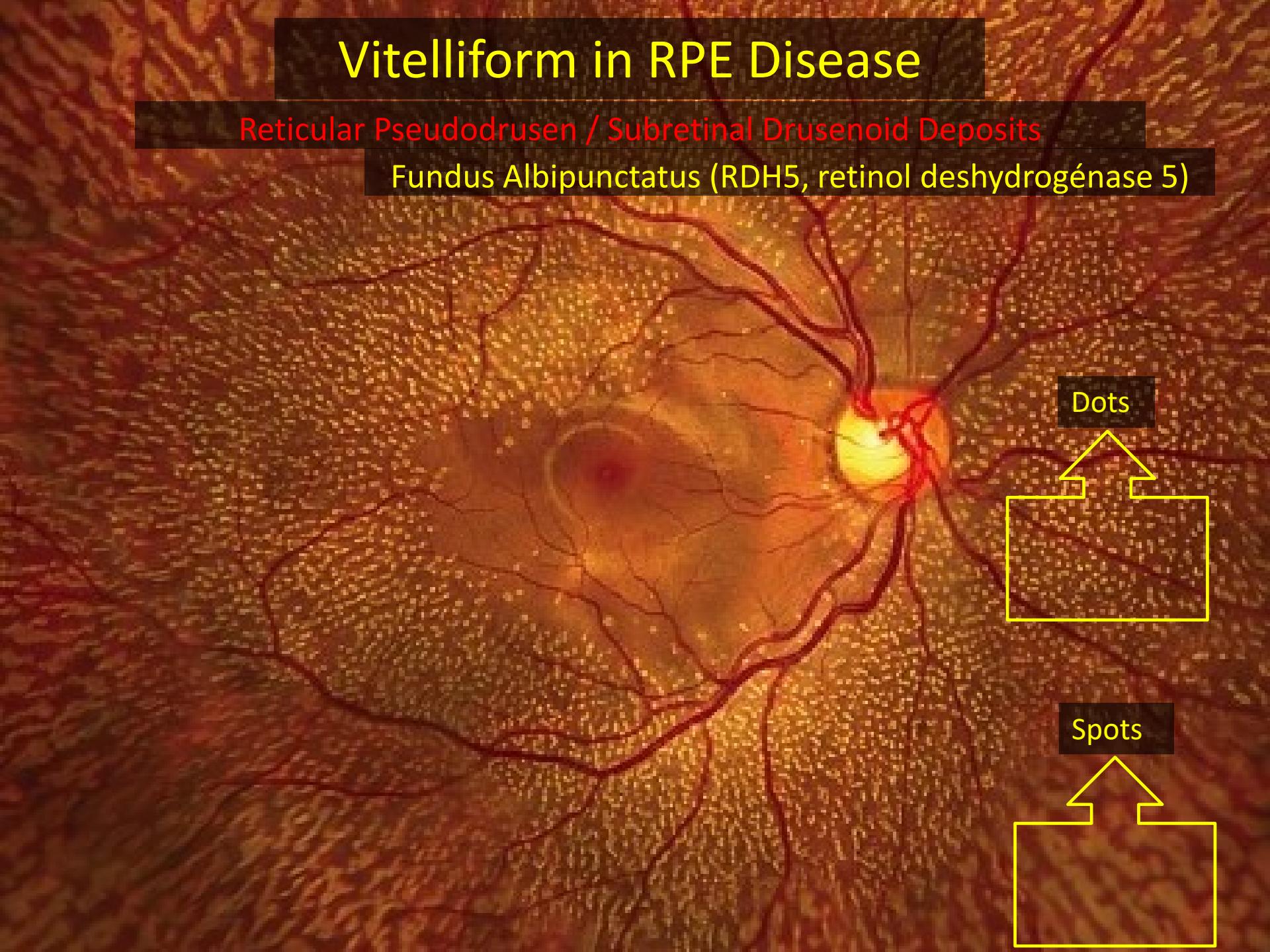
Pseudodrusen Réticulés

- Peuvent être isolés sans autre signe de DMLA
- Peuvent être associés à certaines dystrophies
 - Sorsby fundus dystrophy (TIMP3)
 - Pseudoxanthoma Elasticum (ABCC6)
 - Fundus albipunctatus (RDH5)

Vitelliform in RPE Disease

Reticular Pseudodrusen / Subretinal Drusenoid Deposits

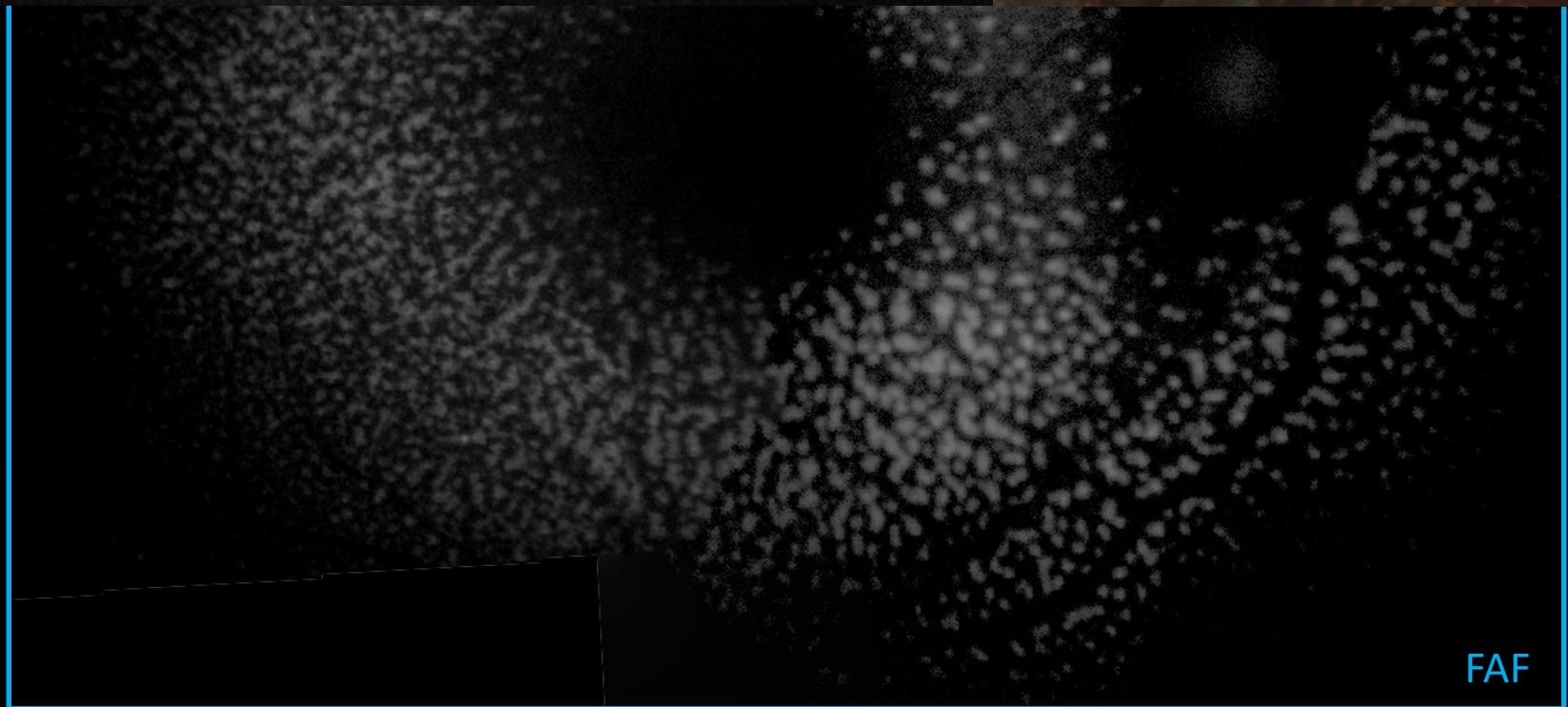
Fundus Albipunctatus (RDH5, retinol deshydrogénase 5)



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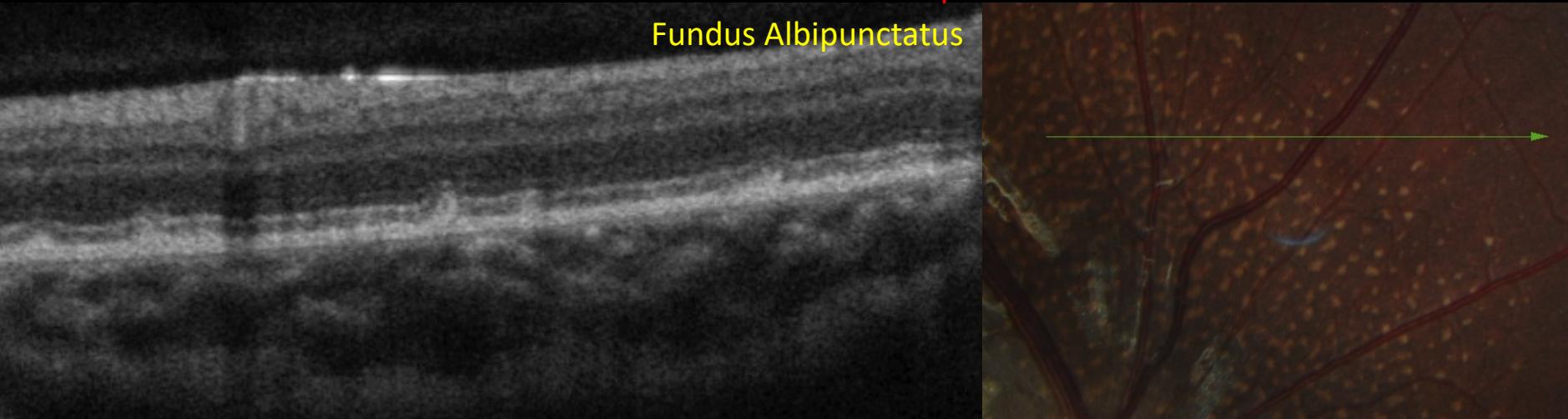
Subretinal Drusenoid Deposits

Fundus Albipunctatus



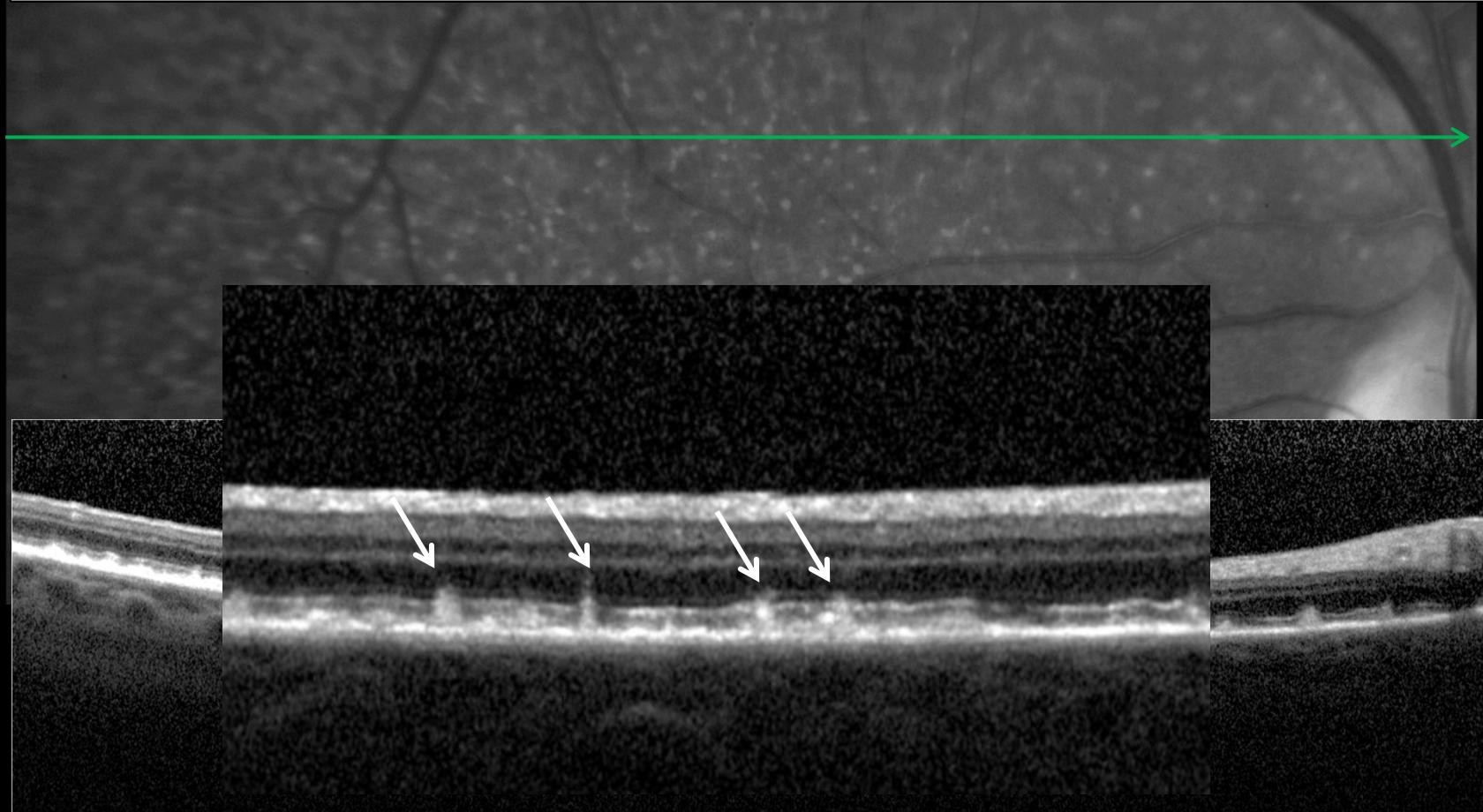
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Reticular Pseudodrusen

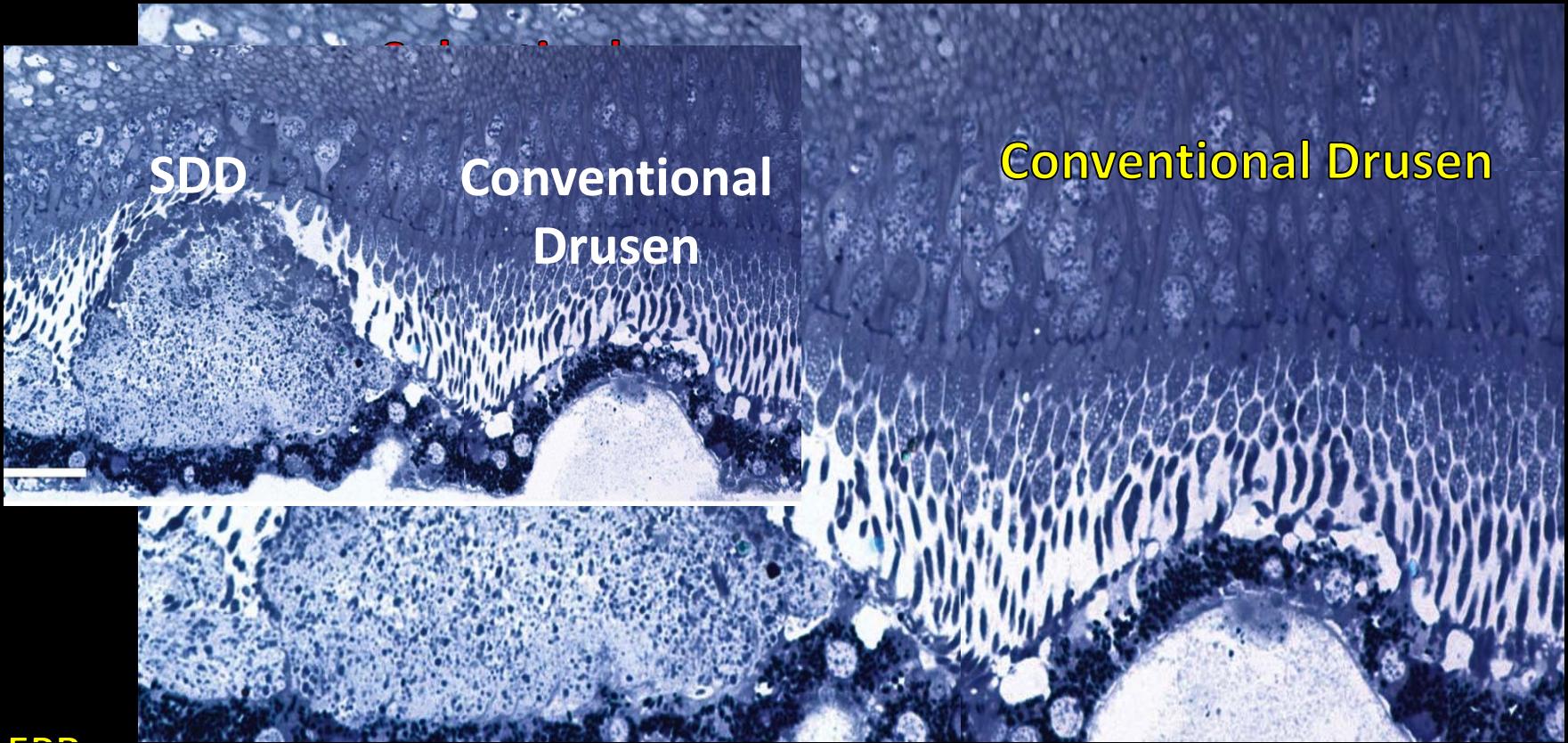
Reticular pseudodrusen are “Subretinal Drusenoid Deposits (SDD)”



Reticular Pseudodrusen Are Subretinal
Drusenoid Deposits

Ophthalmology, 2010

Reticular Pseudodrusen



Reticular Pseudodrusen are subretinal
Similar composition as conventional drusen
Differential Impact on photoreceptors

Reticular Pseudodrusen

Prevalence discrepancies

- Fellow eyes of neovascular AMD
 - Smith et al: 36% on color fundus photography and FAF (55 patients)
 - Finger et al: 58% on combined IR-SLO and SD OCT imaging (200 patients)
- Newly diagnosed neovascular AMD
 - Cohen et al: 24% on blue light photography (100 patients)
- Newly-diagnosed late AMD
 - Ueda-Arakawa et al: 14% on combined SD OCT and IR SLO (249 patients)
 - low prevalence (included PCV, younger and less female, ethnic differences?)

Smith RT, Chan JK, Busuioic M, Sivagnanavel V, Bird AC, Chong NV. Autofluorescence characteristics of early, atrophic, and high-risk fellow eyes in age-related macular degeneration. IOVS 2006.

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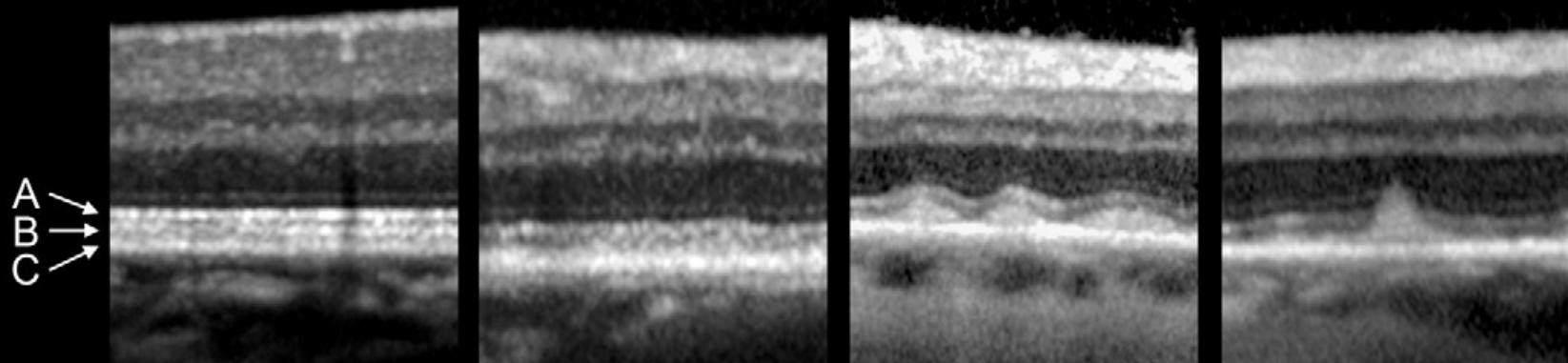
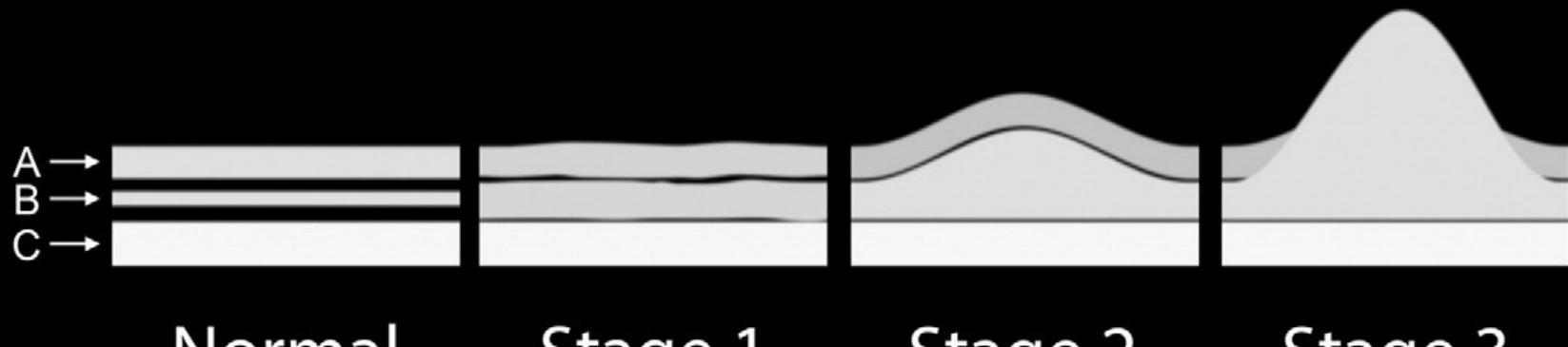
Reticular Pseudodrusen

SD-OCT

Reticular Pseudodrusen Are Subretinal
Drusenoid Deposits

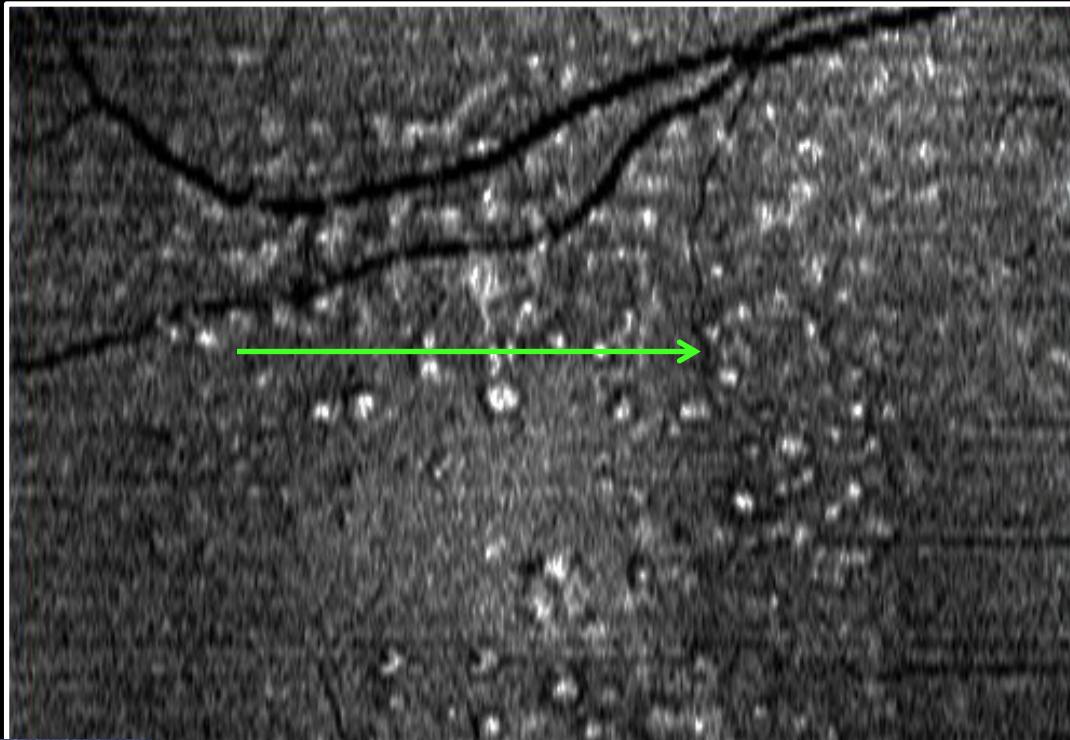
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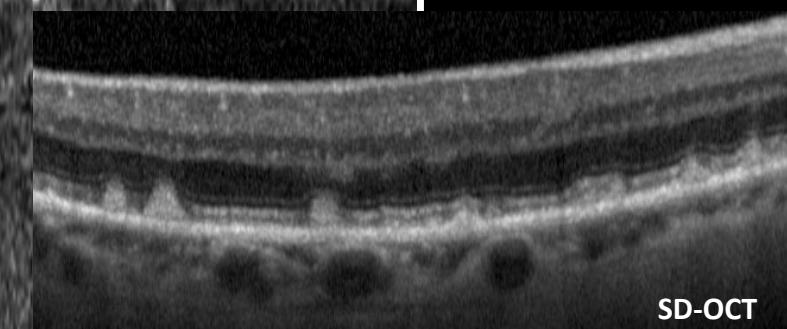
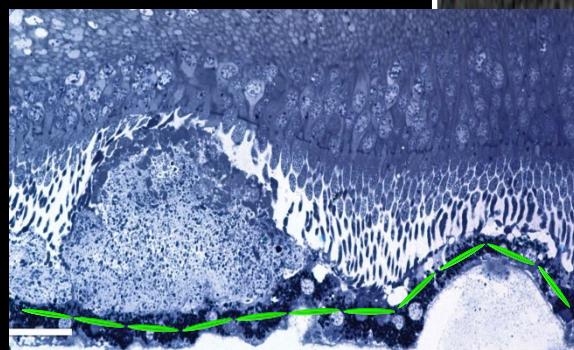


Reticular Pseudodrusen

En Face SD-OCT



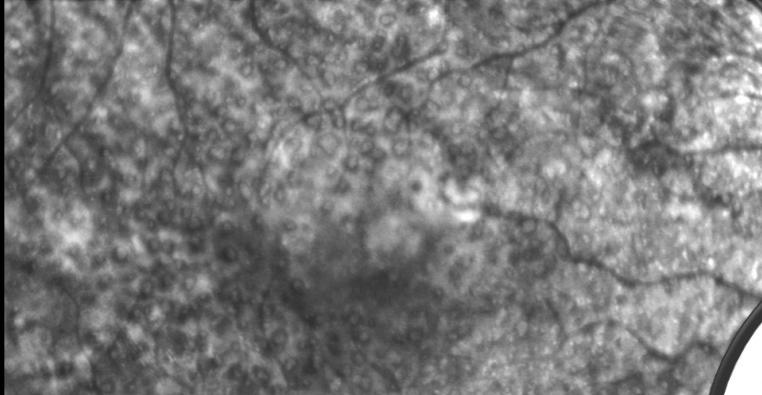
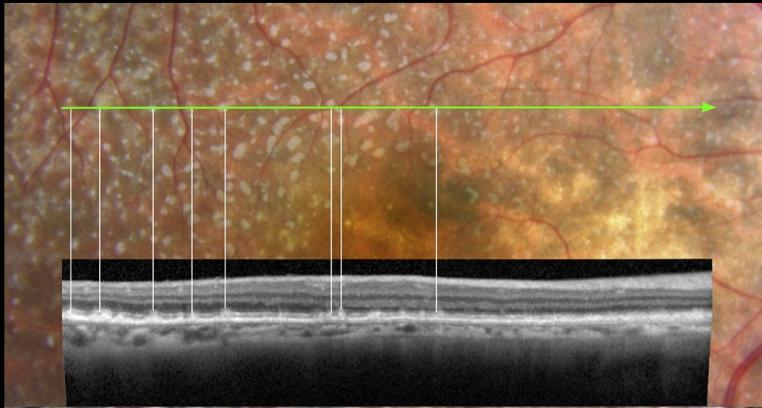
C-Scan Plane



SD-OCT

Switzer, Engelbert, Freund. Eye, 2011

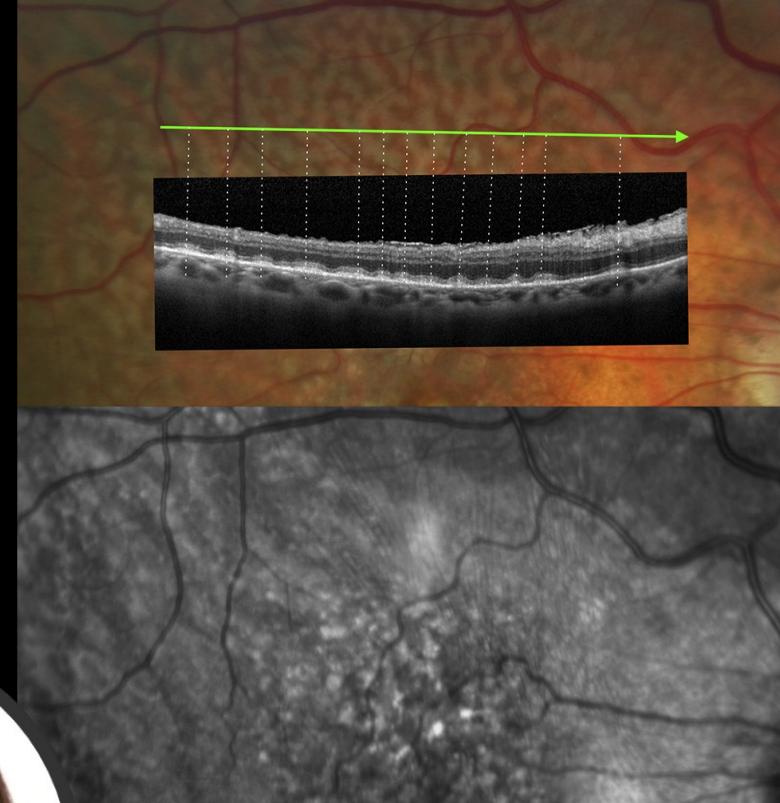
Reticular Pseudodrusen Subtypes



Dot pseudodrusen
more frequent
Visualized on IR-SLO: target lesion
SD-OCT: peaked



Mihoko Suzuki



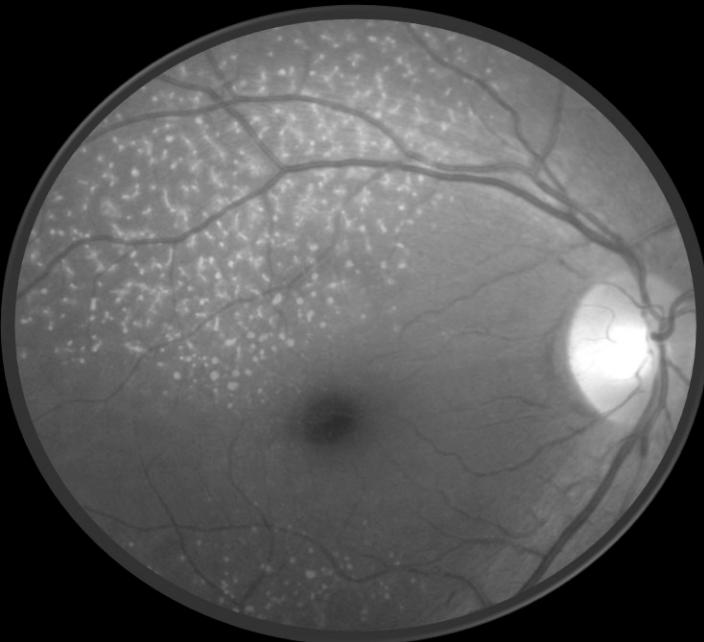
Ribbon pseudodrusen
Best visualized on color photo
SD-OCT: broader mounds

Pseudodrusen Subtypes as Delineated by Multimodal Imaging of the Fundus

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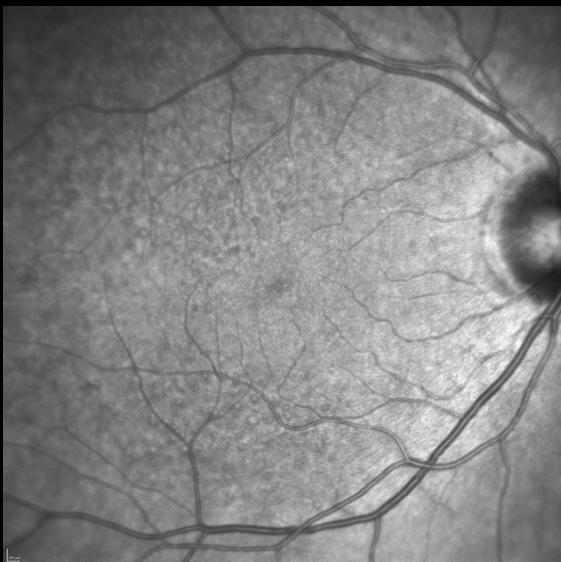
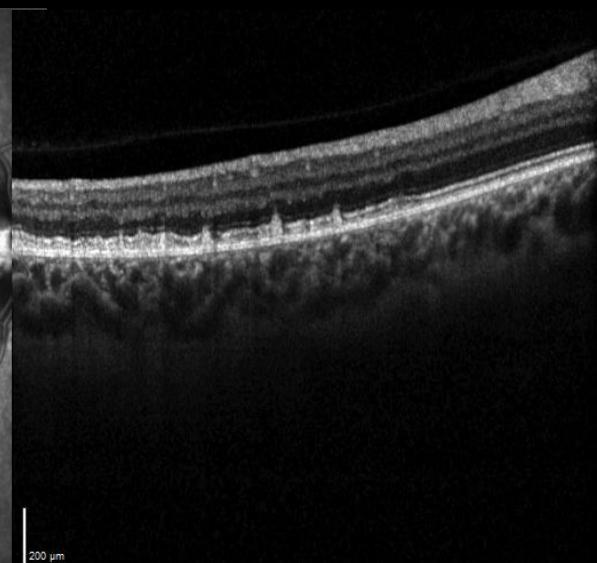
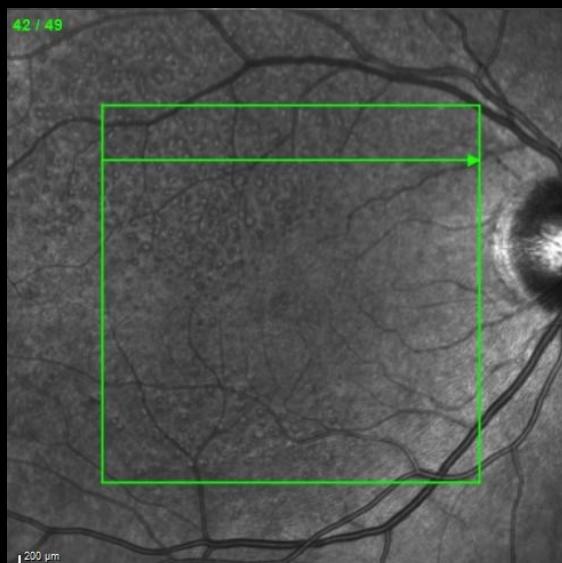
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Reticular Pseudodrusen



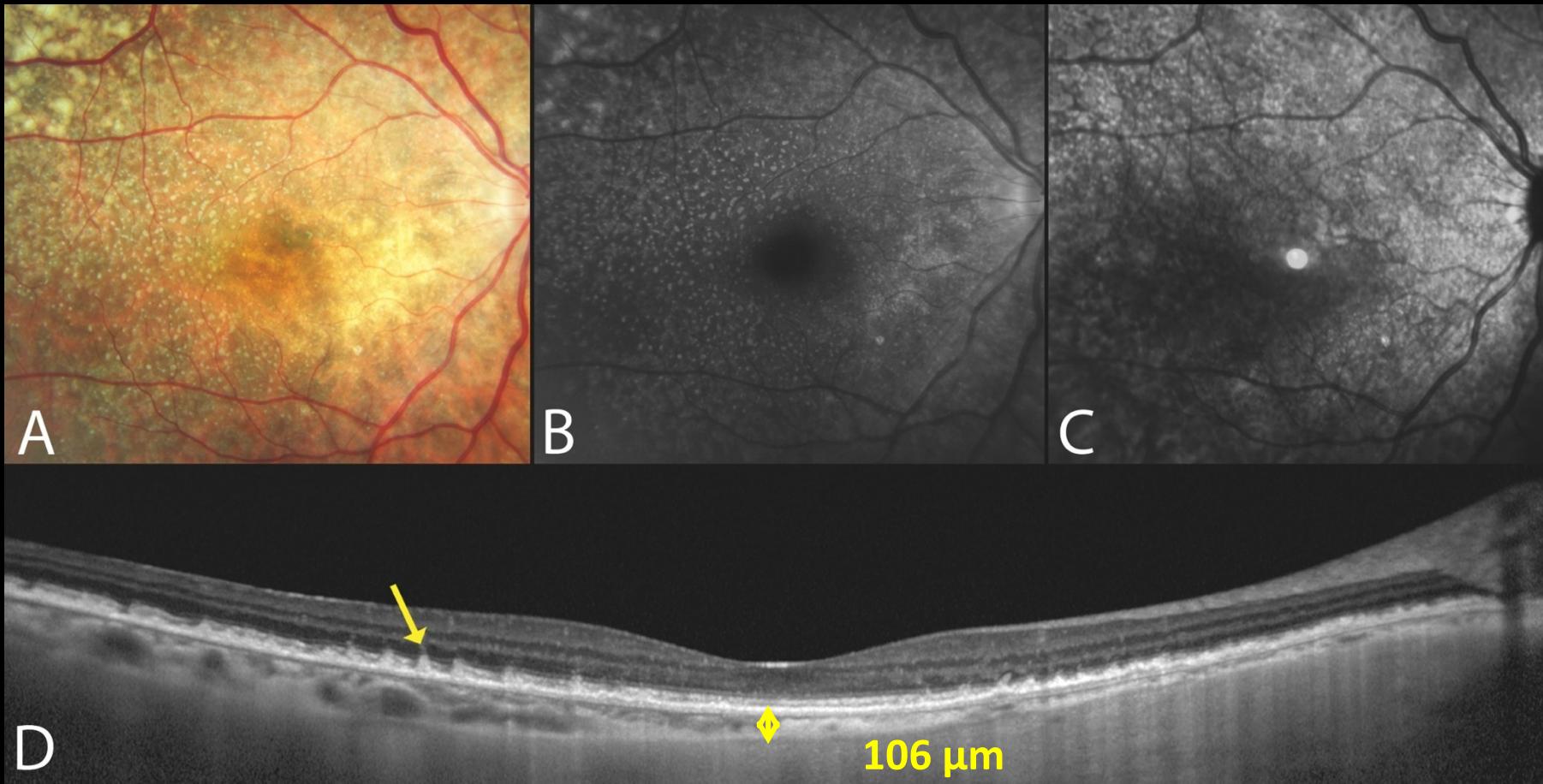
Reticular Pseudodrusen Subtypes

Multimodal Imaging



Reticular Pseudodrusen

Choroidal Thinning



Retina

Choroidal Changes Associated with Reticular Pseudodrusen

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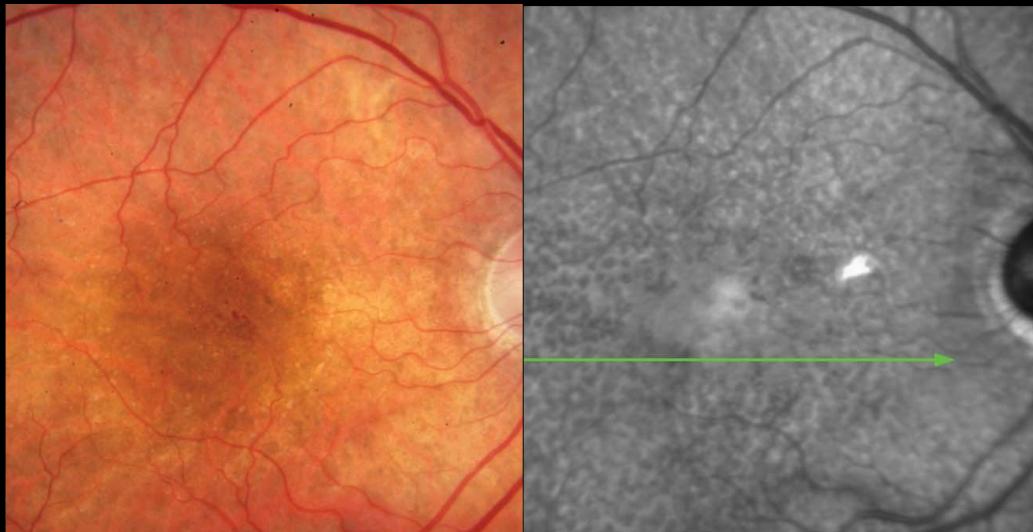
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SEGREGATION OF OPHTHALMOSCOPIC CHARACTERISTICS ACCORDING TO CHOROIDAL THICKNESS IN PATIENTS WITH EARLY AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

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Reticular Pseudodrusen

Choroidal Thinning



PSEUDODRUSEN
Choroidal thinning



Soft drusen
Relatively thicker choroid

SEGREGATION OF OPHTHALMOSCOPIC
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Retina, 2012

La choroïde module l'expression de la DMLA

Drusen

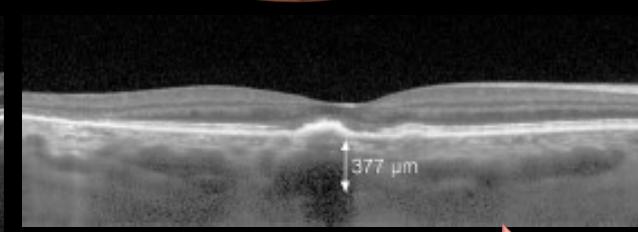
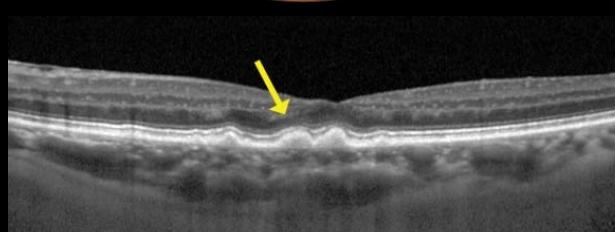
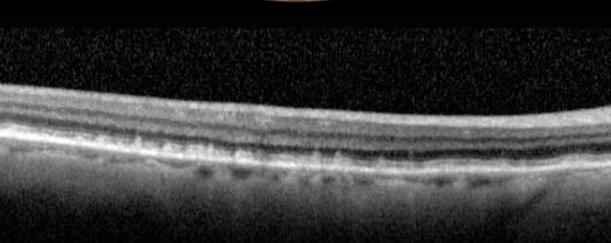
Pseudodrusen réticulés



Drusen séreux



Pachydrusen



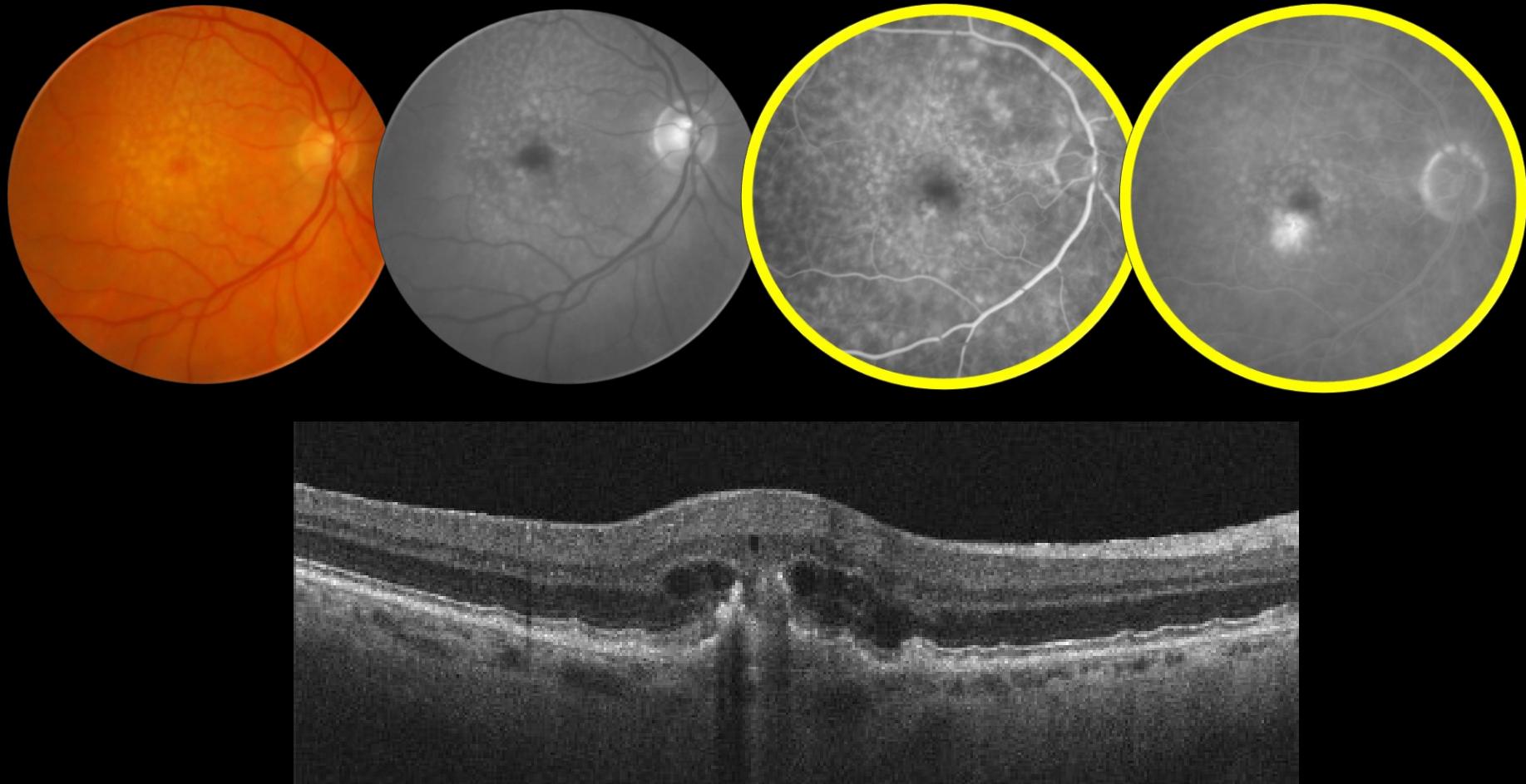
< 120 μm

Epaisseur choroïdienne

> 300 μm

Reticular Pseudodrusen

Association with RAP lesions

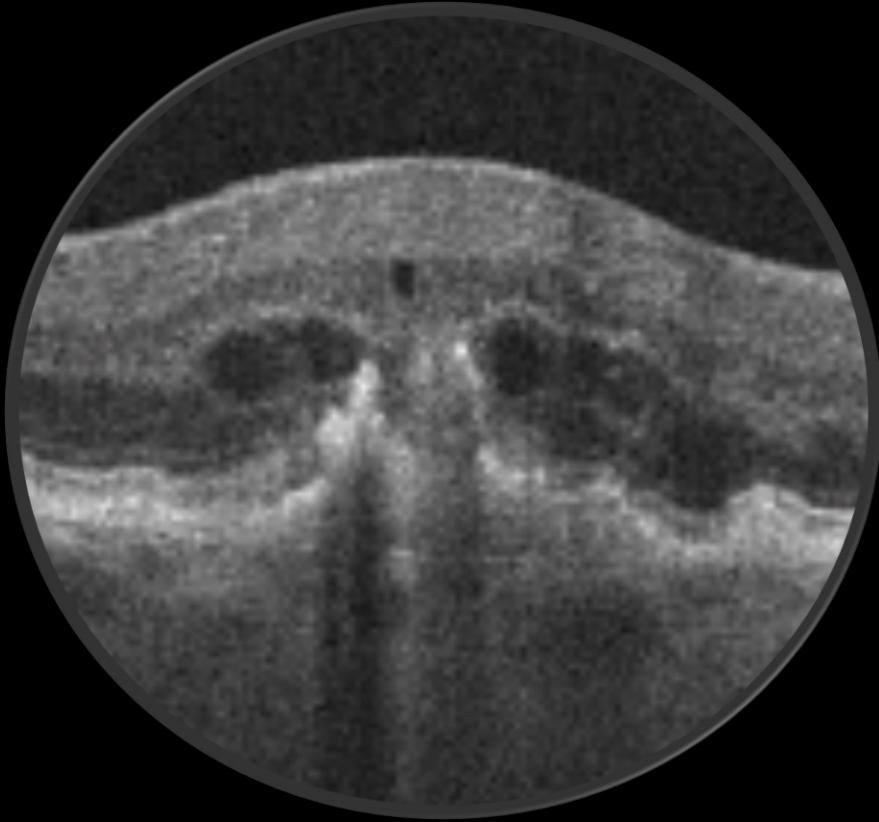


90% of eyes with Type 3 NV have reticular pseudodrusen

Hogg RE, Silva R, Staurenghi G, Murphy G, Santos AR, Rosina C, Chakravarthy U. Clinical characteristics of reticular pseudodrusen in the fellow eyes of patients with unilateral AMD. *Ophthalmology* 2014.

Reticular Pseudodrusen

Association with RAP lesions



« Kissing sign »

Querques G, Atmani K, Berboucha E, Martinelli D, Coscas G, Soubrane G, Souied EH. Angiographic analysis of retinal-choroidal anastomosis by confocal SLO technology and eye-tracked SD OCT. Retina 2010.

Reticular Pseudodrusen

Association with RAP lesions and choroidal thinning

CORRELATION BETWEEN NEOVASCULAR LESION TYPE AND CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF NONNEOVASCULAR FELLOW EYES IN PATIENTS WITH UNILATERAL, NEOVASCULAR AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

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< 120 µm

Choroidal Thickness

> 120 µm

Type 3 NV (RAP)

Reticular Pseudodrusen
Choroidal thickness < 120 µm
Central RPE atrophy

Type 1 NV (occults)

Less pseudodrusen
Choroidal thickness > 120 µm

Reticular Pseudodrusen

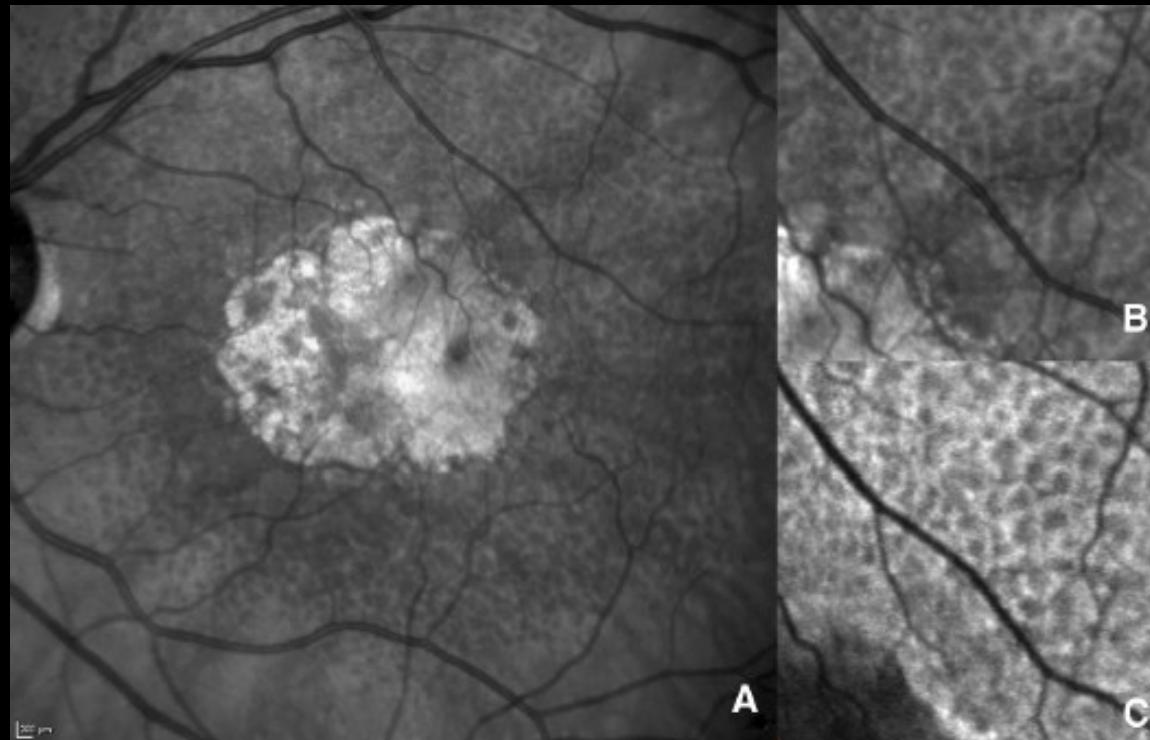
Hallmark of Geographic Atrophy

Clinical Trials

Reticular Drusen Associated with Geographic Atrophy in Age-Related Macular Degeneration

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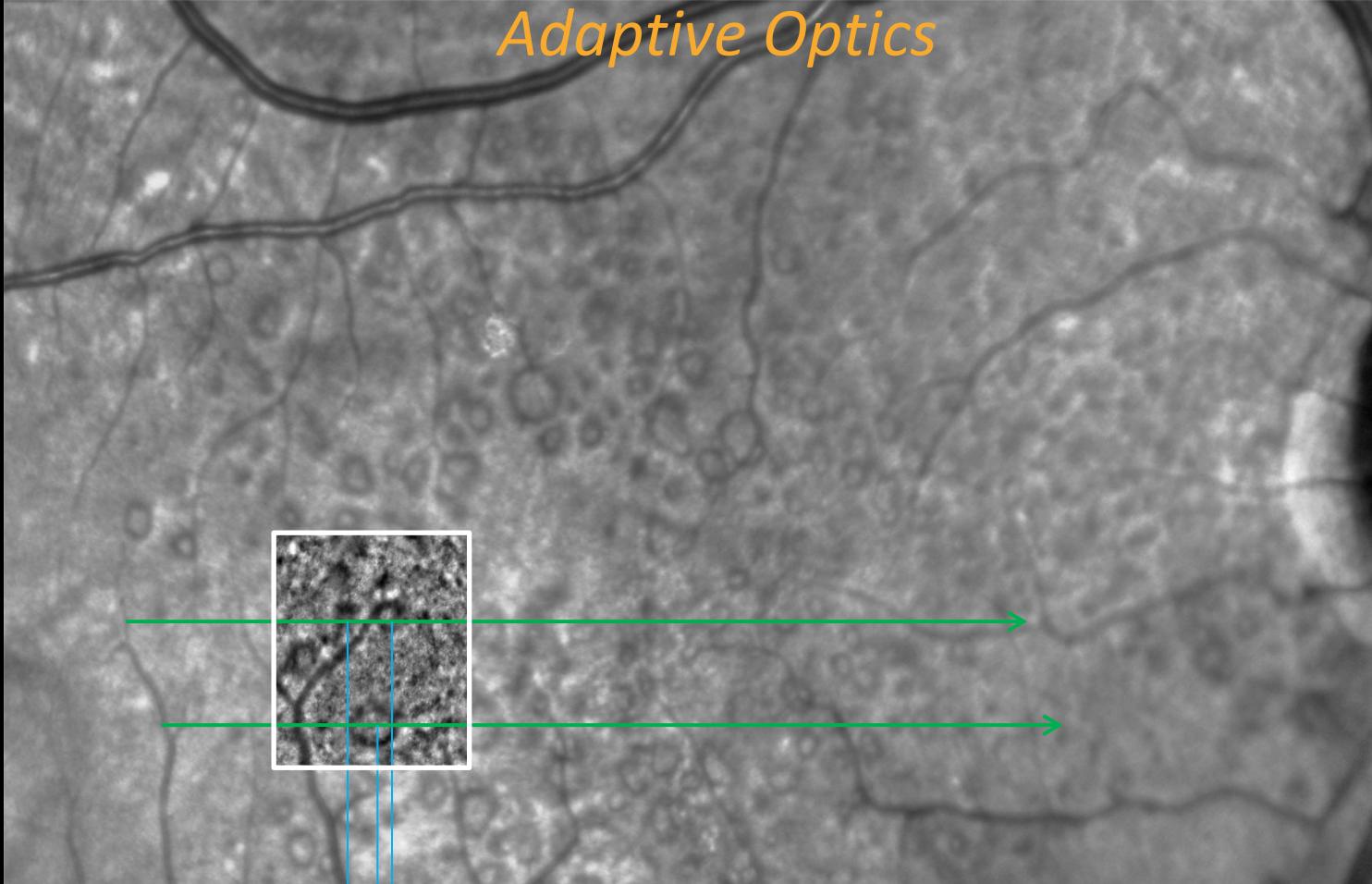
IOVS, 2011



62% of 458 patients with GA had pseudodrusen

Reticular Pseudodrusen

Adaptive Optics



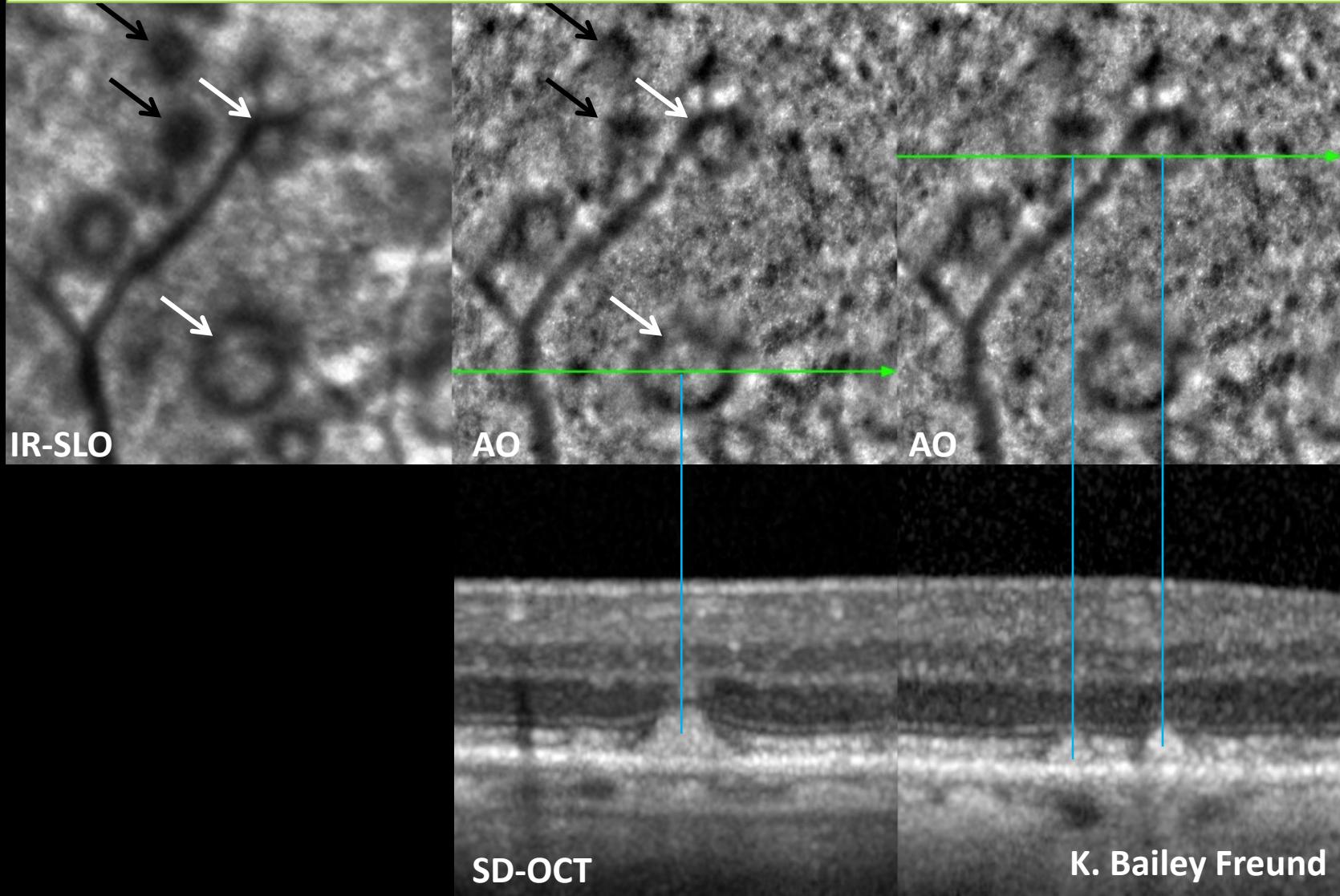
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Reticular Pseudodrusen

Adaptive Optics

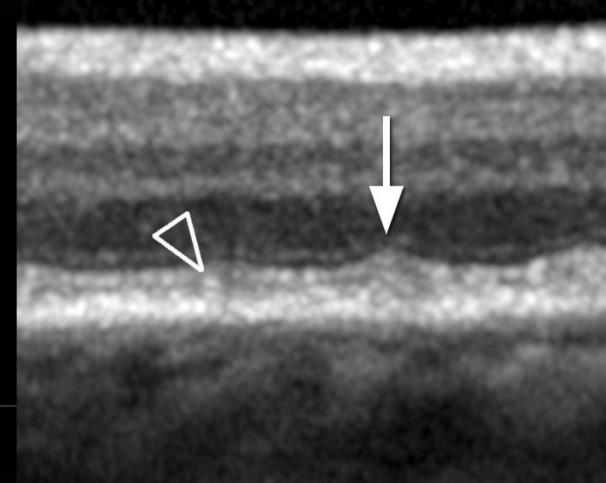
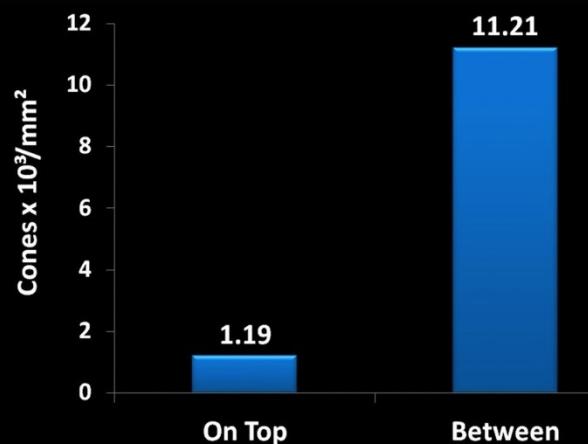
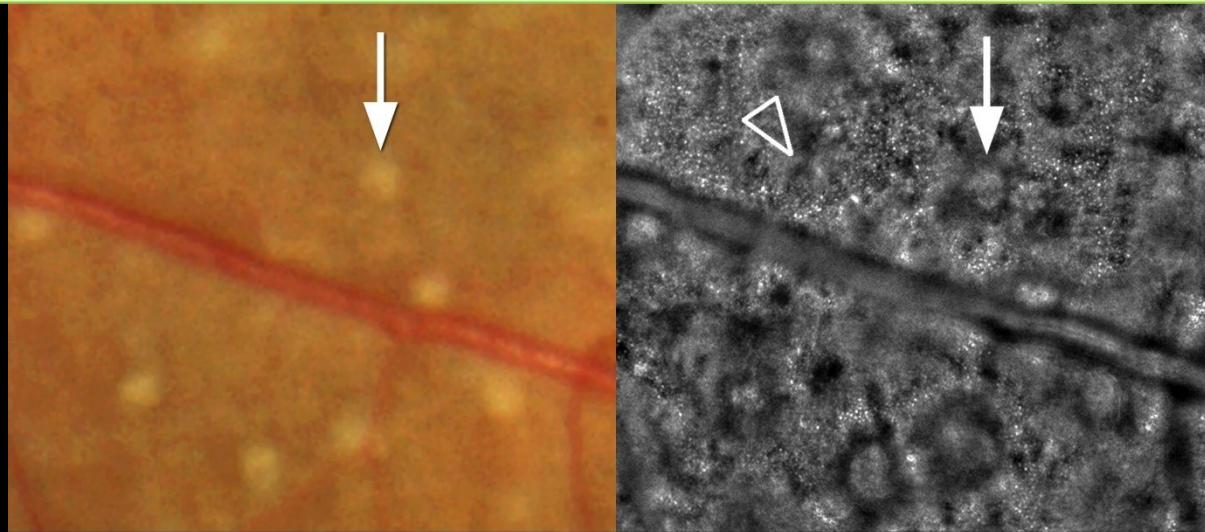
Co-localization of SDD with IR-SLO, SD-OCT and AO



Results

Cone Packing Density Analysis

Comparison of cone densities over and between SDD

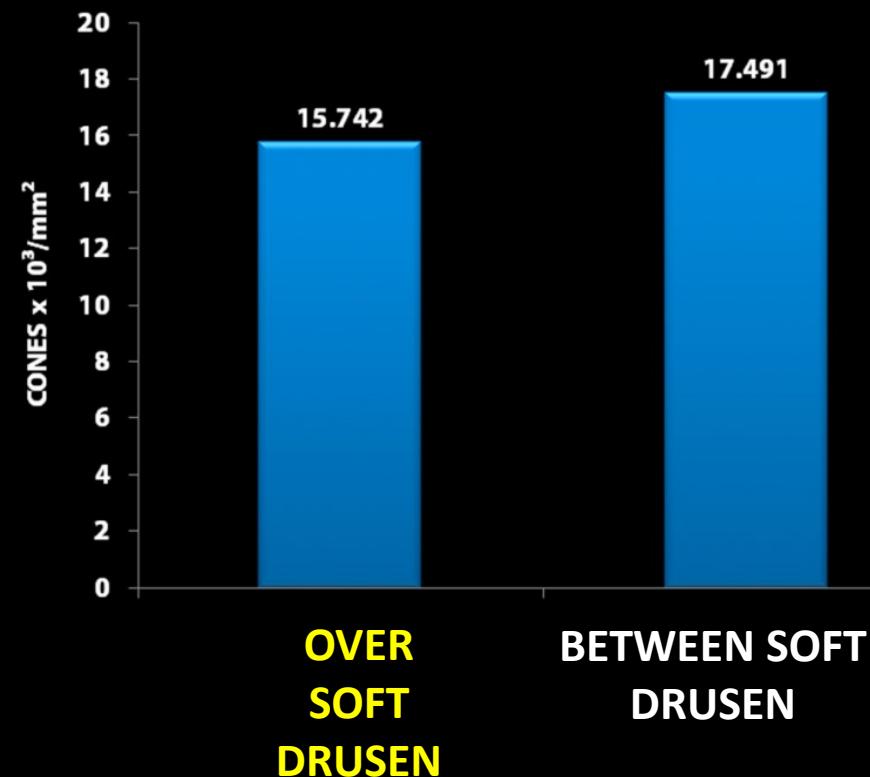
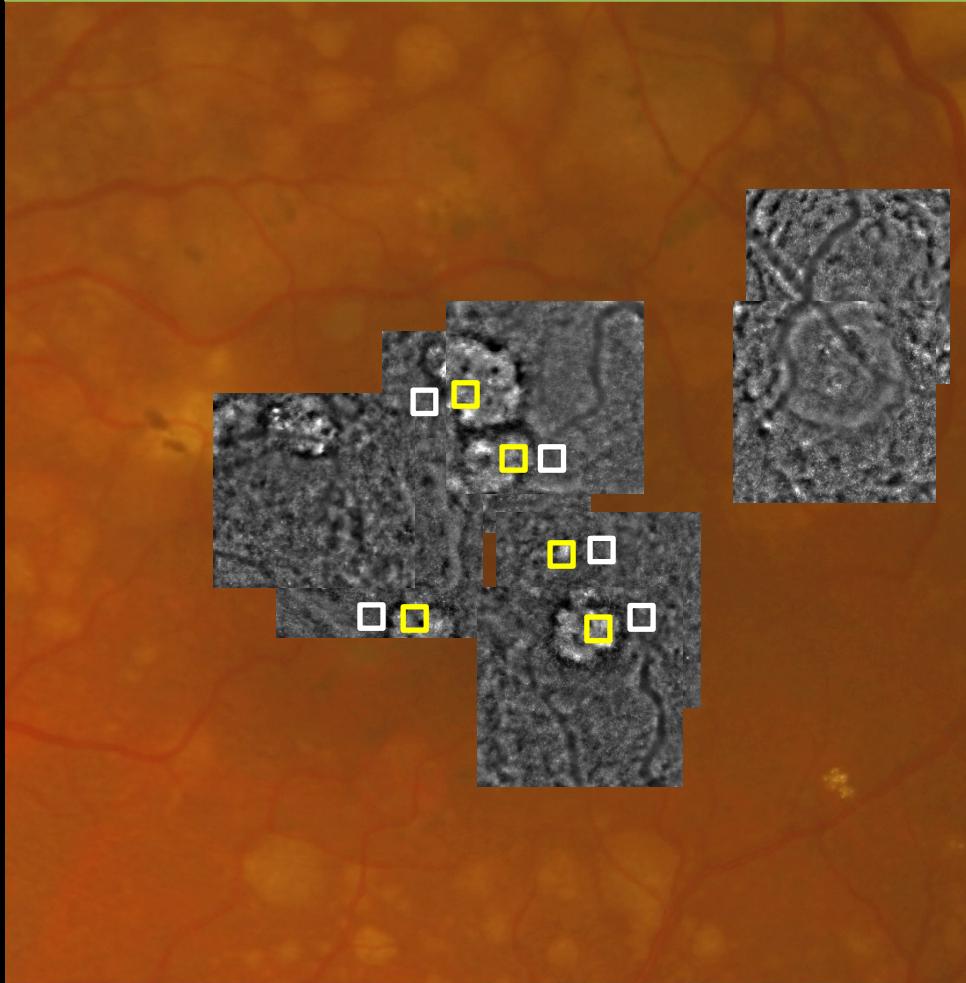


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Results

Cone Packing Density Analysis

Comparison of cone densities over and between soft drusen



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Reticular Pseudodrusen

Perturbations to Photoreceptors on Adaptive Optics

Comparison of cone densities over and between SDD vs soft drusen

	SDD	Conventional Drusen	P Multivariate GEE
Mean density over drusen (\pm SD)	863 (\pm 388)	9,838 (\pm 3,723)	
Mean density between drusen (\pm SD)	8,964 (\pm 2,793)	12,592 (\pm 3,323)	
Ratio of density over and between drusen	9.6%	78.1%	<<0.001

Observed densities between drusen are within the range of densities determined histologically from grossly normal older donor retinas from similar eccentricities.

Aging of the Human Photoreceptor Mosaic: Evidence for Selective Vulnerability of Rods in Central Retina

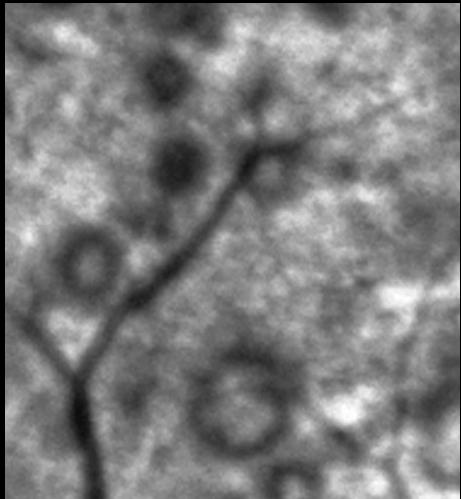
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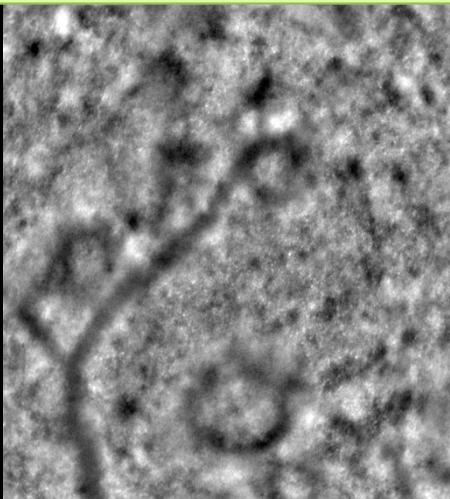
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Comparison of SDD reflectivity on IR-SLO and AO

Dark annulus constant width



IR-SLO



AO



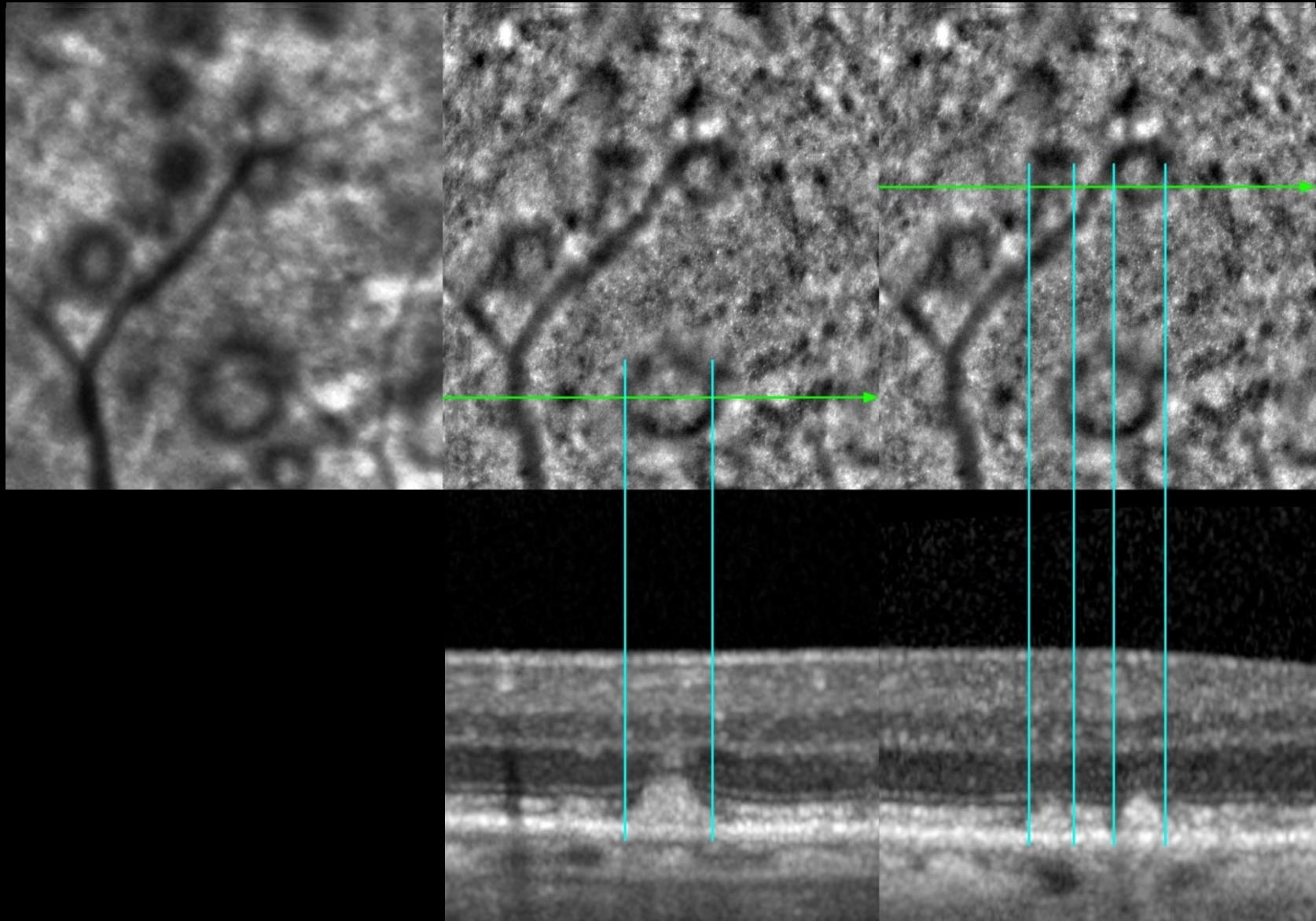
Schematic

Different imaging characteristics may correspond to different stages of progression of SDD

Analysis of Progression of Reticular Pseudodrusen by Spectral Domain–Optical Coherence Tomography

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SDD - Dark Annulus - Multimodal Imaging



Reticular Pseudodrusen

Perturbations to Photoreceptors on Adaptive Optics

Causes of the lack of visualization of cones over SDD on AO

change in their orientation
absence of inner segments
absence of outer segments
loss of cones in totality



Decreased cone function

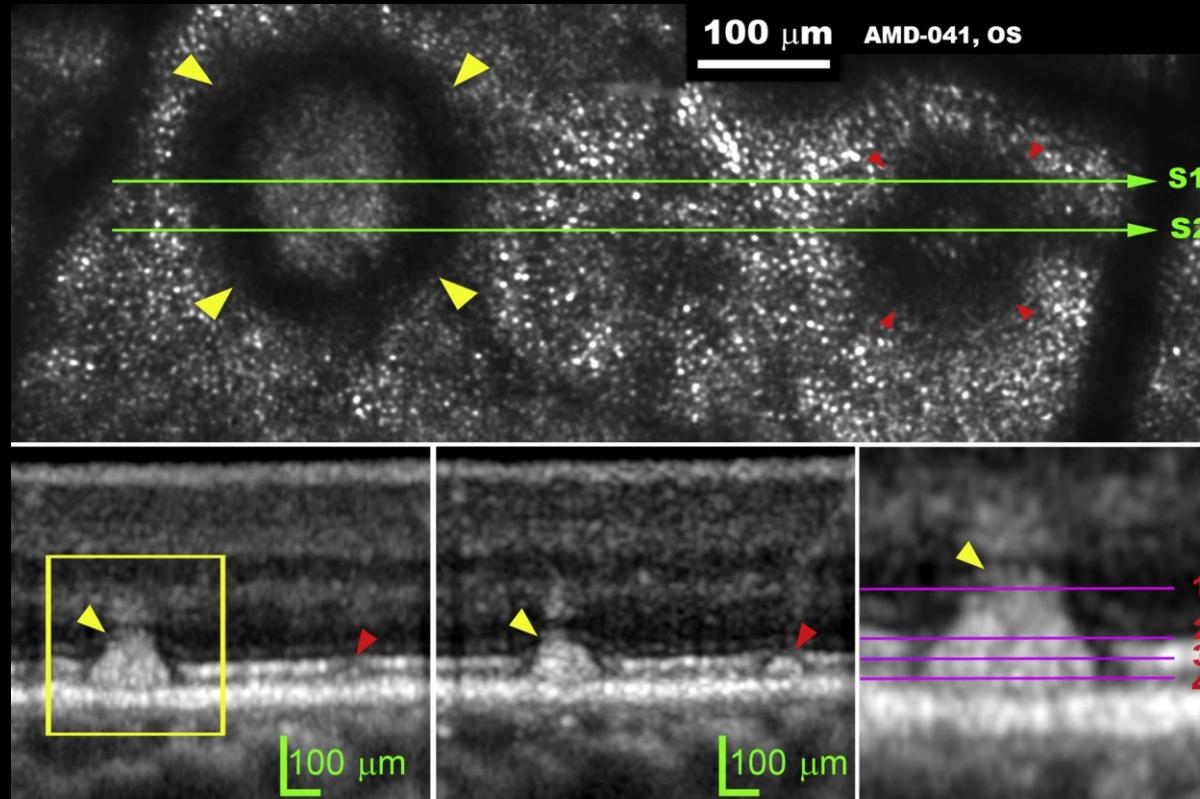
No difference in the heights of SDD vs soft drusen → true structural difference in photoreceptor configuration

SDD → ↓ cone density → ↓ photopic visual function

Rods not visualized in his study but may be affected before cones in both aging and AMD

Photoreceptor Perturbation Around Subretinal Drusenoid Deposits as Revealed by Adaptive Optics Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscopy

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Depth discrimination

SDD visualized in the plane of photoreceptors

SDD are associated with perturbations to photoreceptors

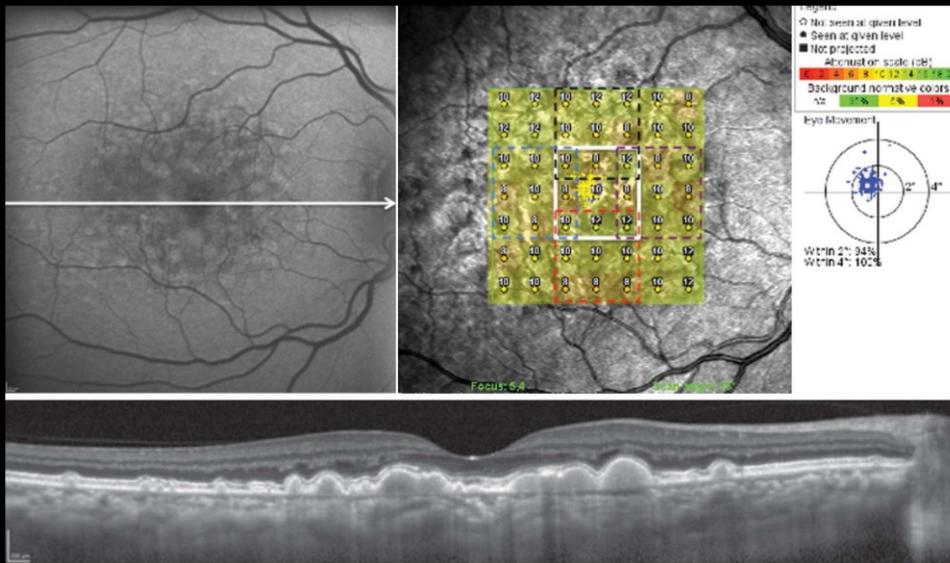
Reticular Pseudodrusen

Decreased retinal sensitivity

IMPACT OF RETICULAR PSEUDODRUSEN ON MACULAR FUNCTION

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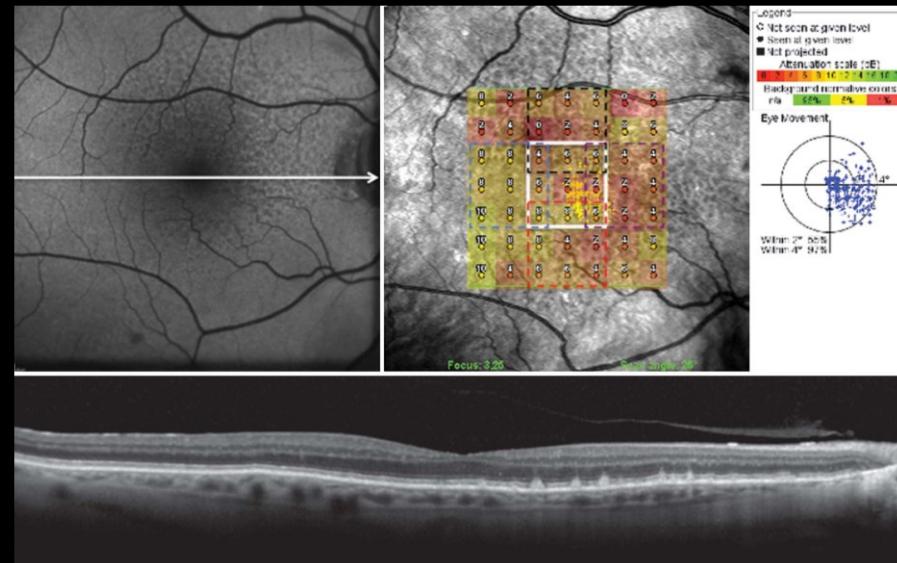
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Reduction of Retinal Sensitivity in Eyes With Reticular Pseudodrusen

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2013



Pseudodrusen are associated with major decrease in retinal sensitivity compared to soft drusen
Major impact on macular function without RPE loss, due to outer retinal atrophy

Reticular Pseudodrusen

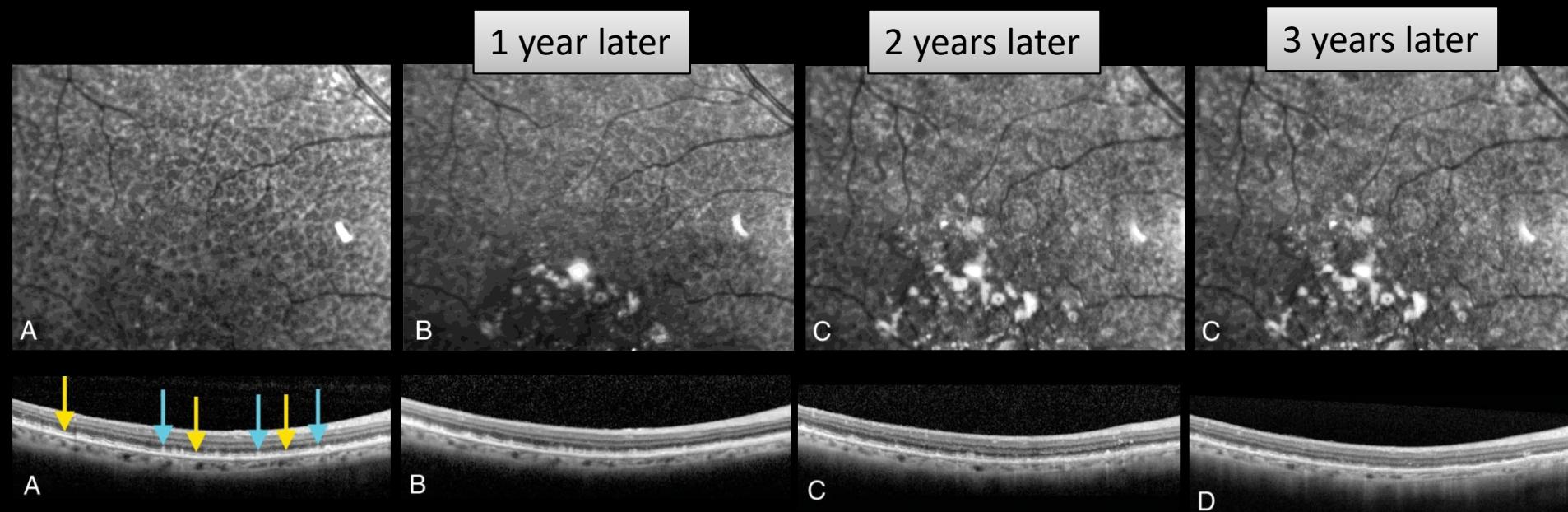
Regression and Outer Retinal Atrophy

21 eyes with pseudodrusen, mean follow-up 2,9 years

Regression of pseudodrusen in 43% of cases associated to:

- Decrease in the photoreceptor length and choroidal thickness on OCT
- Loss of the ellipsoid band

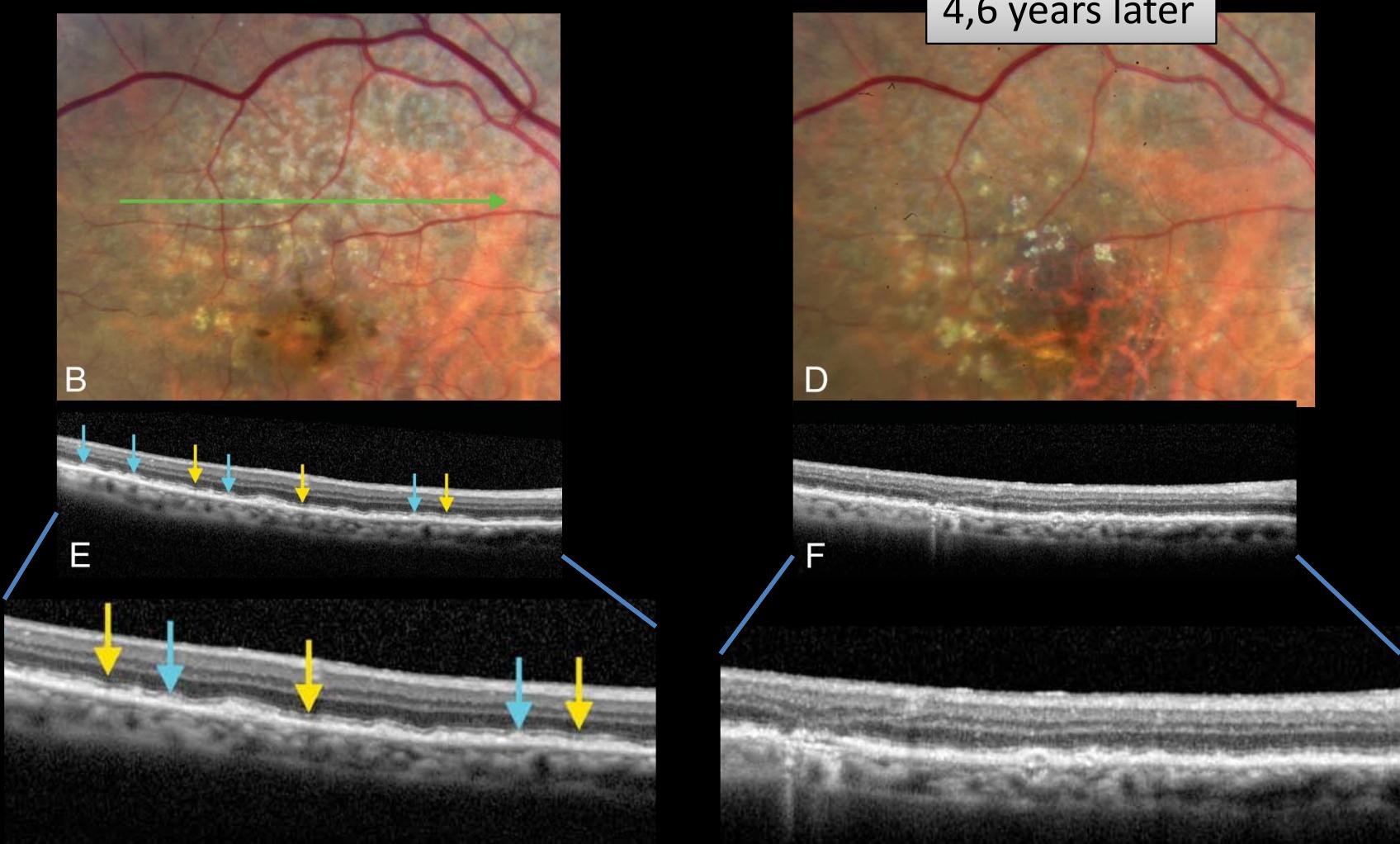
Eyes without regression of pseudodrusen → no change in the overlying retina or underlying choroid



Spaide RF. Outer retinal atrophy after regression of subretinal drusenoid deposits as a newly recognized form of late AMD. *Retina*. 2013 Oct;33(9):1800-8.

Reticular Pseudodrusen

Regression and Outer Retinal Atrophy

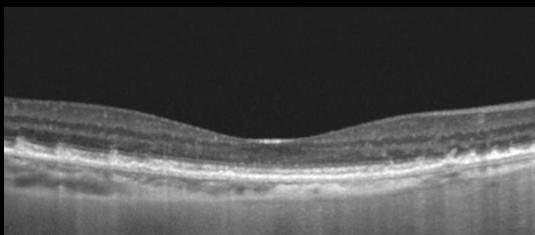
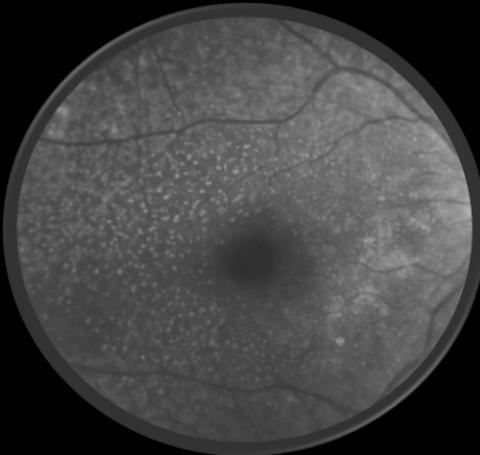


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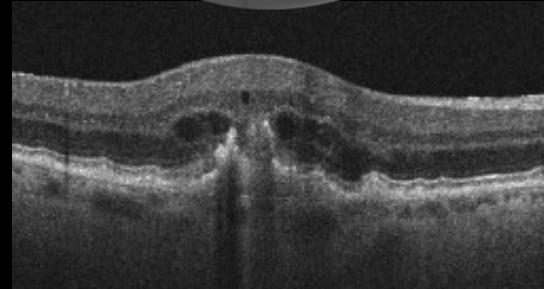
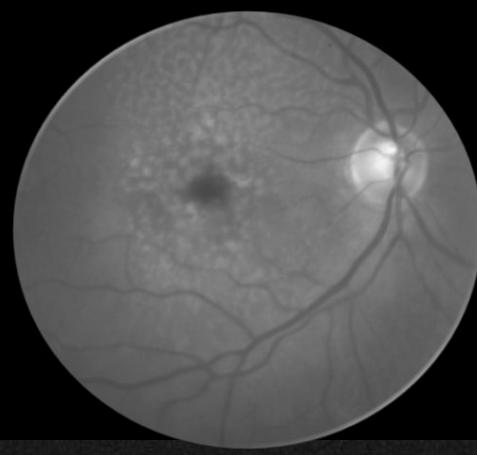
Reticular Pseudodrusen

Associated Features

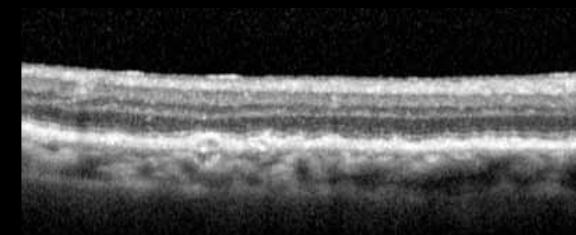
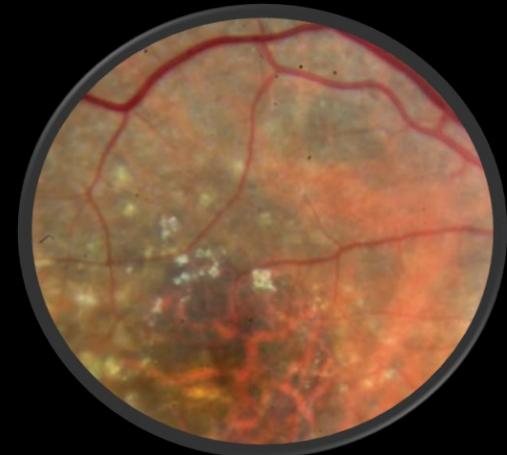
Choroidal thinning



Type 3 NV
RAP lesion



Regression and
Outer retinal atrophy



Reticular pseudodrusen are subretinal drusenoid deposits

Hallmark of geographic atrophy

Intraretinal neovascularization – Type 3

Outer retinal atrophy

More threatening for vision and quality of life than conventional drusen

Reticular Pseudodrusen

Relationship between outer retinal atrophy and GA?

- Areas of PR degeneration extend beyond areas of RPE loss
 - Fleckenstein et al, IOVS 2008 (SD OCT)
 - Bird et al, JAMA Ophthalmology 2014 (Histopathology)
 - Takayashi et al, AJO 2016 (SD OCT)
- Histopathology and imaging studies
 - 2 patterns of GA
 - With photoreceptor loss in the perilesional area
 - With intact photoreceptors in the perilesional area

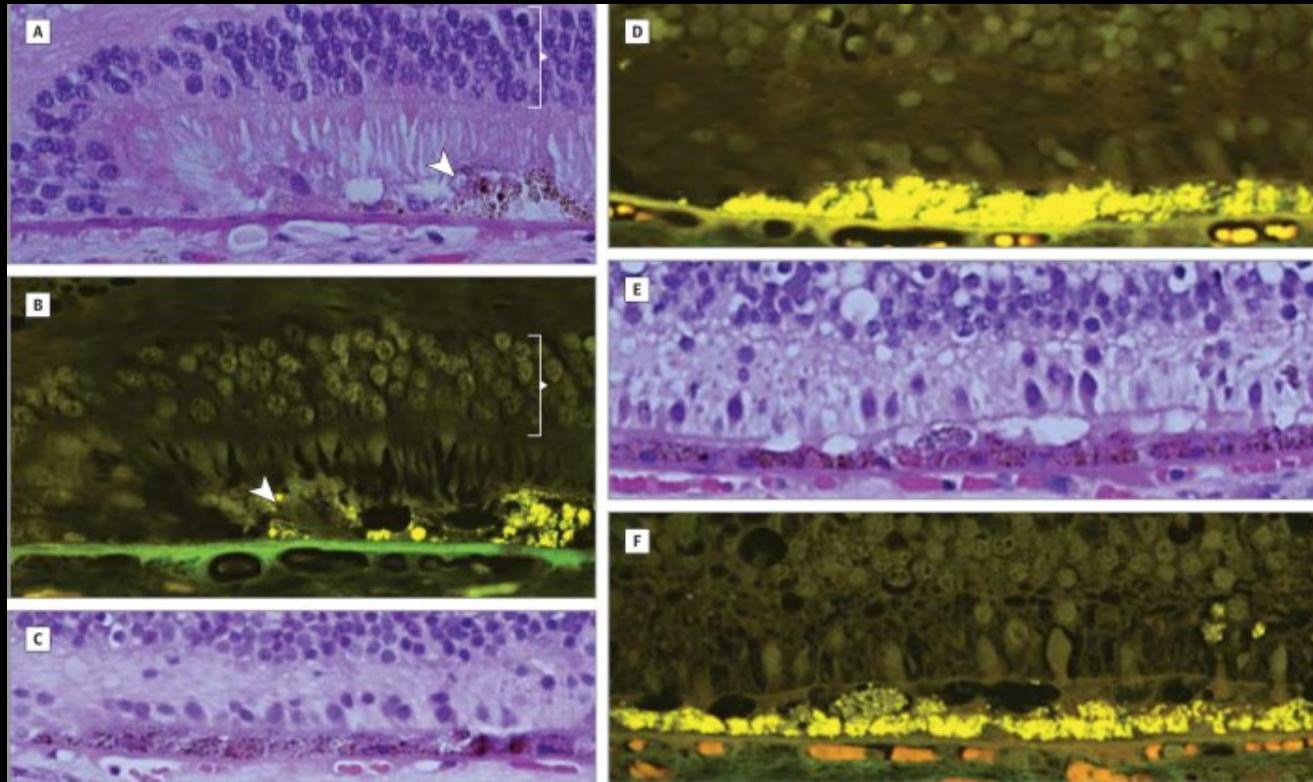
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Reticular Pseudodrusen

Relationship between outer retinal atrophy and GA?



2 patterns of RPE loss?

- One primarily starting at the level of the RPE may be associated with soft drusen
- One preceded by photoreceptor loss may be associated with pseudodrusen

Multimodal Imaging of Drusen

Key Points

- Multimodal imaging is necessary to classify drusen
 - Important for providing visual prognosis
- Soft drusen
 - Drusen volume, hyperreflective foci and acquired vitelliform lesions are biomarkers of RPE atrophy
 - Hyperreflective foci on SD OCT correspond to migrated RPE cells
- Cuticular drusen
 - Part of the AMD spectrum
 - Younger patients, better prognosis
- Reticular pseudodrusen are subretinal and associated with processes starting intrinsic to the retina
 - Intraretinal neovascularization – Type 3
 - Outer retinal atrophy
- Hypothesis: 2 patterns of atrophy in AMD
 - Primary RPE loss associated with soft conventional drusen
 - Primary photoreceptor loss associated with reticular pseudodrusen
- Research into therapeutics targeting photoreceptor loss could be considered for certain subtypes of AMD

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