A fluorescence microscopy image of tissue, likely a tumor, showing a complex network of cells. The image is dominated by a dark background with bright, multi-colored signals. Red and green signals are concentrated in specific regions, possibly indicating the presence of biomolecules or specific cell types. Blue signals are more widespread, likely representing nuclei stained with DAPI. The overall appearance is that of a highly cellular and structured tissue sample.

# Quantitative In Situ Measurement of Biomolecules for Companion Diagnostics

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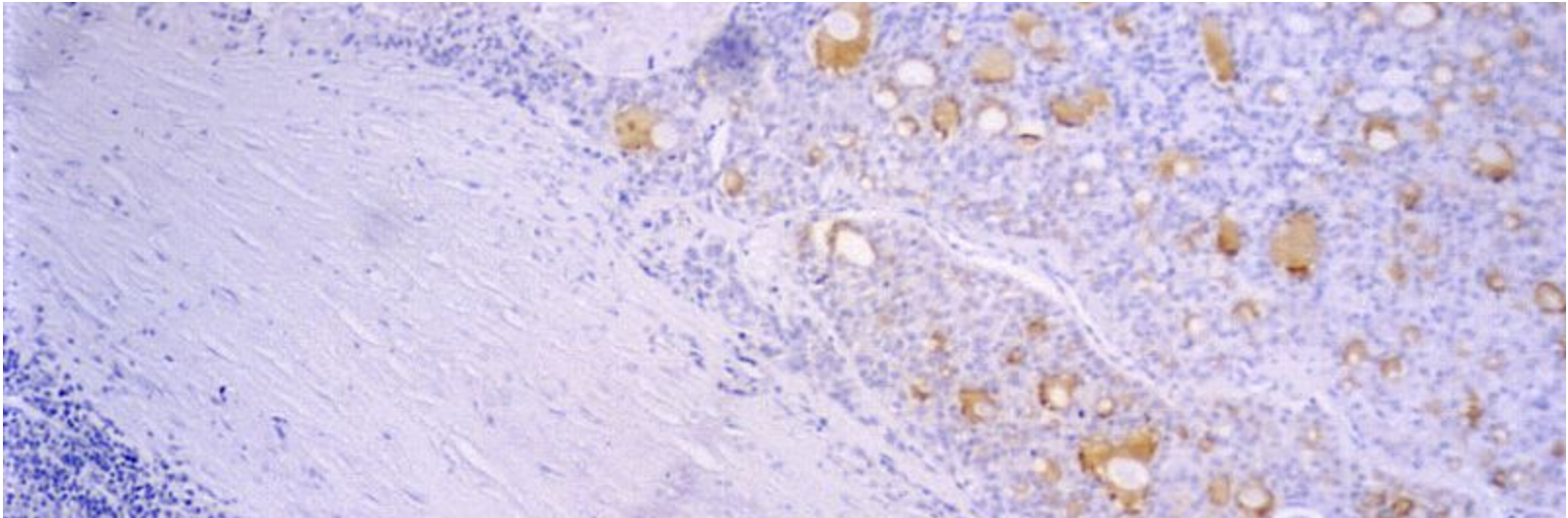
# Disclosures

- I am a consultant to Amgen, Applied Cellular Diagnostics, Avida Labs, Biocept, BMS, Cernostics, Genoptix/Novartis, Metamark Genetics, MD Agree, OptraScan, and Perkin Elmer
- Cepheid, Genoptix, Gilead Sciences, Kolltan and OncoplexDx fund research in my lab.

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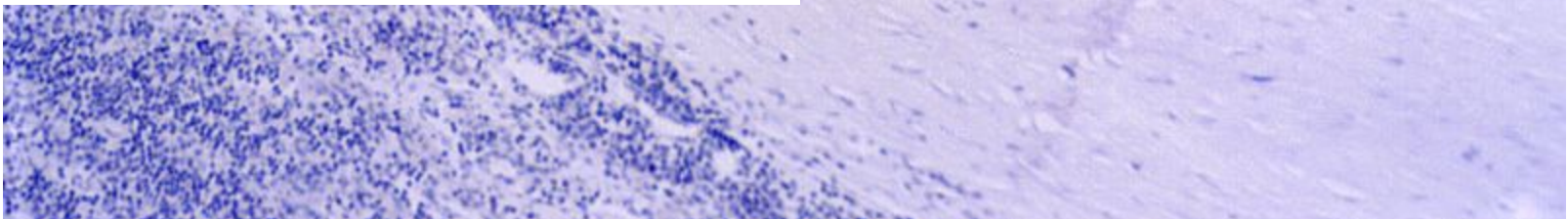
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# Immunoperoxidase stain

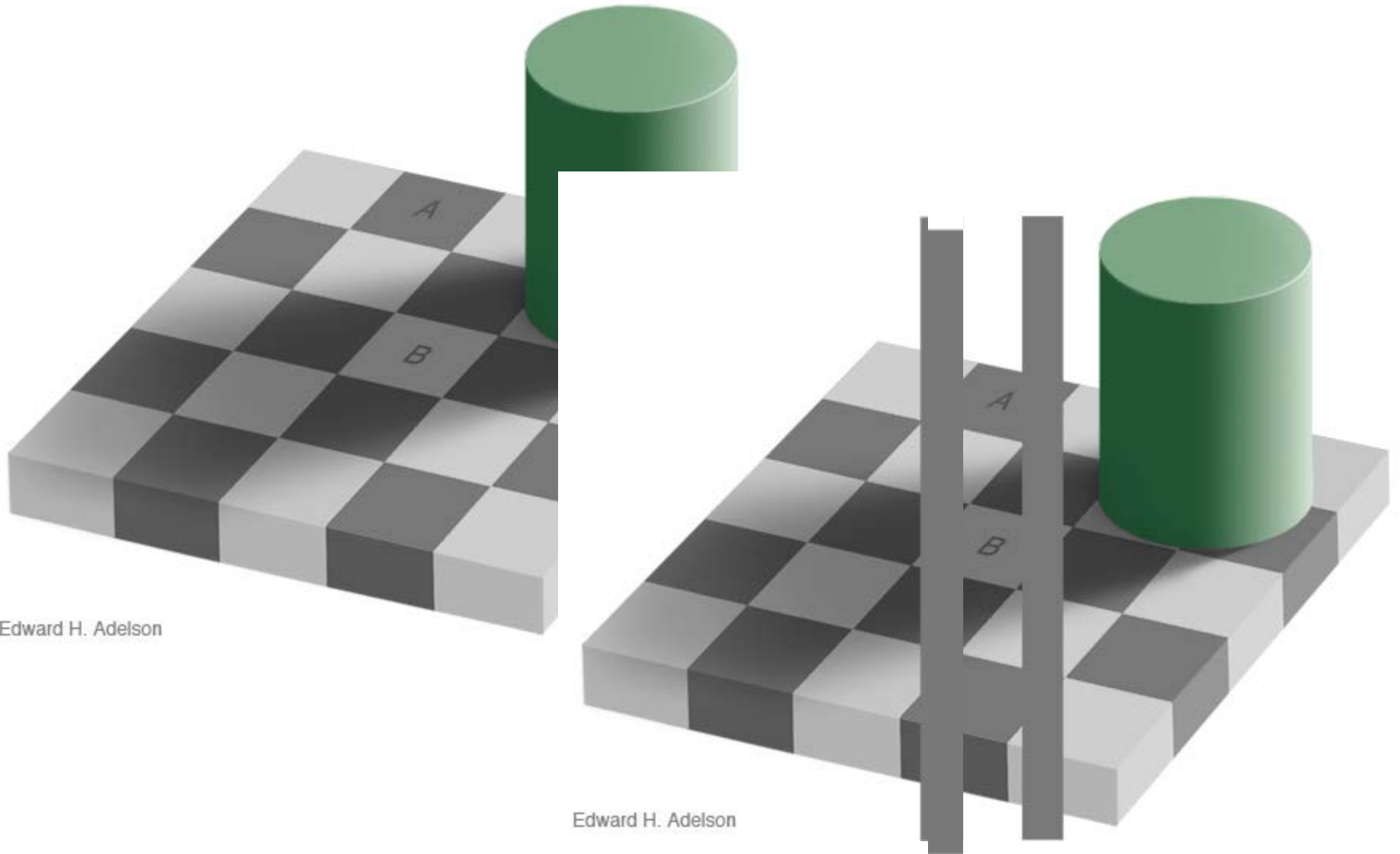


## Uses of IPOX:

- **Identification (binary)**
- **Reading/estimation (ordinal)**
- **Quantification (continuous)**



# The human eye is not a great tool for assessment of intensity

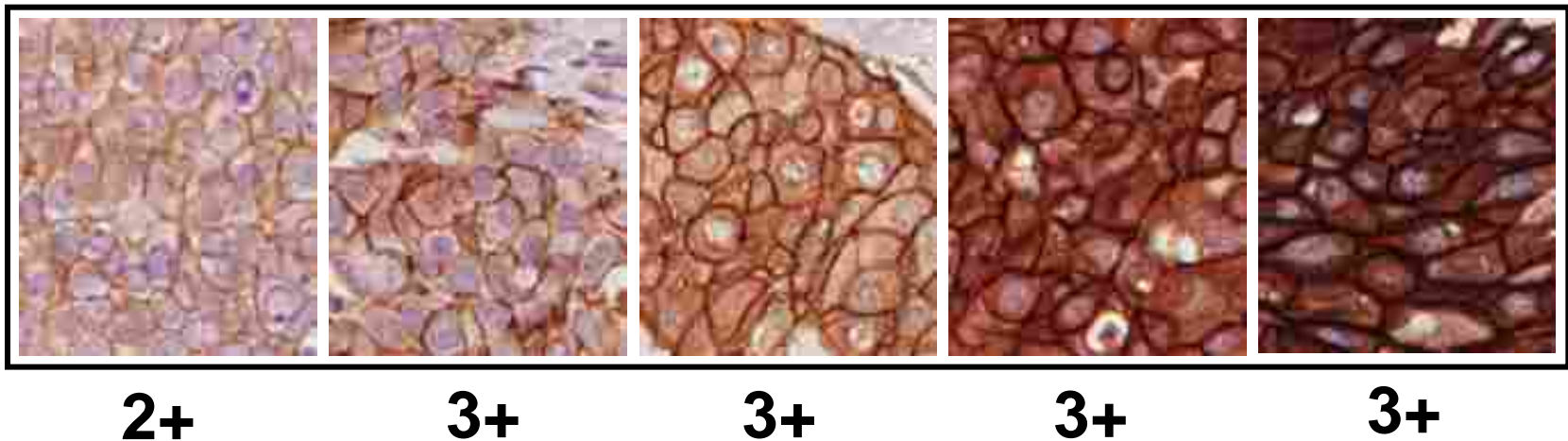


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# Different Intensities of HER2 IHC Staining Observed Within HER2(+) Patient Population

Intensities of HER2 IHC Staining Observed in HER2+ Patients From the HERA Trial



Although there was a high proportion of positive staining tumor cells in all of the 3+ samples the range of staining intensity varied.

Slide provided by Mitch Dowsett

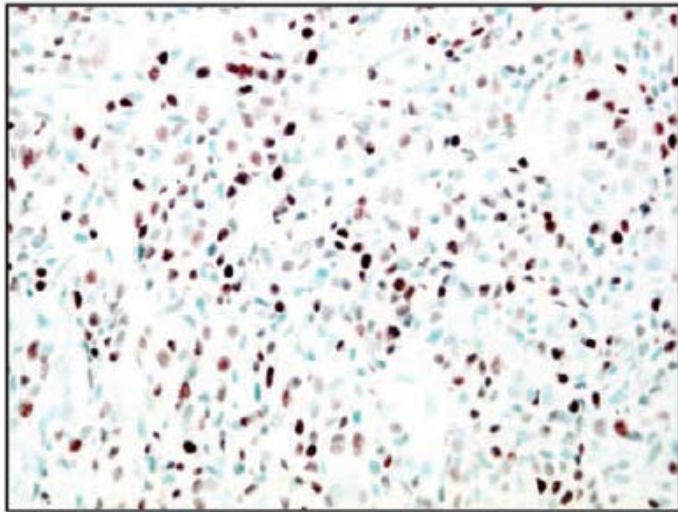
# From an FDA submission for an HER2 antibody submission

## **Inter-Observer Reproducibility**

The inter-observer reproducibility was assessed using 40 invasive breast cancer cases (resection specimens) that were sectioned and provided to the 3 sites for staining and interpretation. The sections were blinded and randomized at each site prior to scoring. Interobserver agreement between the 2 independent study sites, was 87.5% (95% CI = 73.3% to 95.8%). The agreement between the independent study sites and LBN was 92.5% (95% CI = 79.6 to 98.4%) and 85% (95% CI = 70.1% to 94.3%), at site 1 and site 2, respectively.

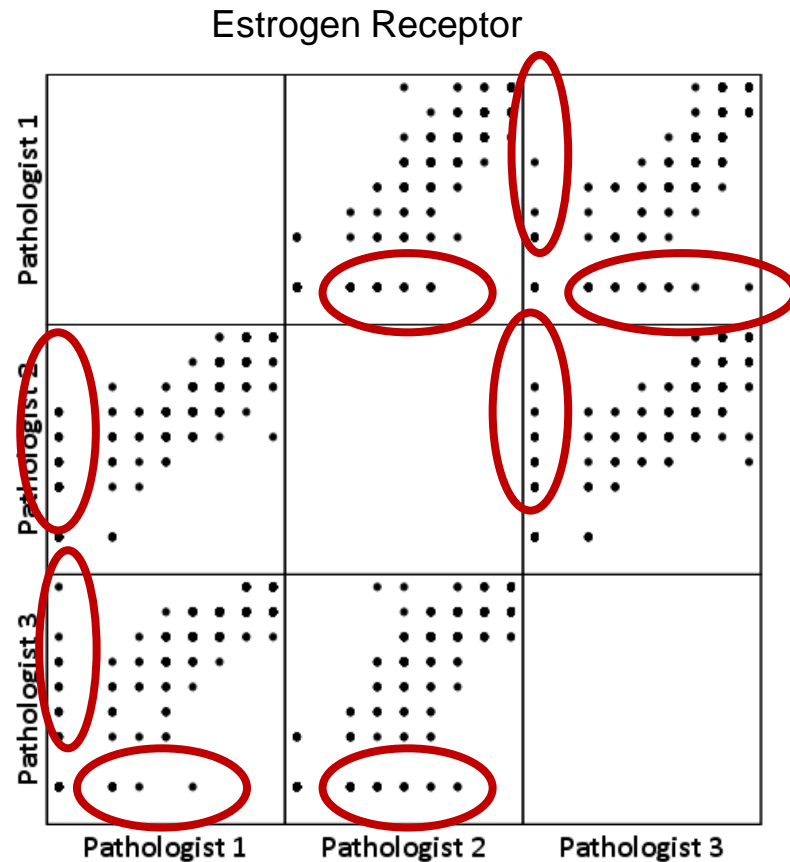
**Conclusion: We are willing to accept an error rate of up to 15%!?**

# “Real” Pathologist Reproducibility: 3 different pathologists read Allred scores on 100 cases of breast cancer



Path 1 v. Path 2: Kappa = 0.482 (p<0.001)  
Path 1 v. Path 3: Kappa = 0.444 (p<0.001)  
Path 2 v. Path 3: Kappa = 0.400 (p<0.001)

\*Positive/Negative concordance: 92-95%



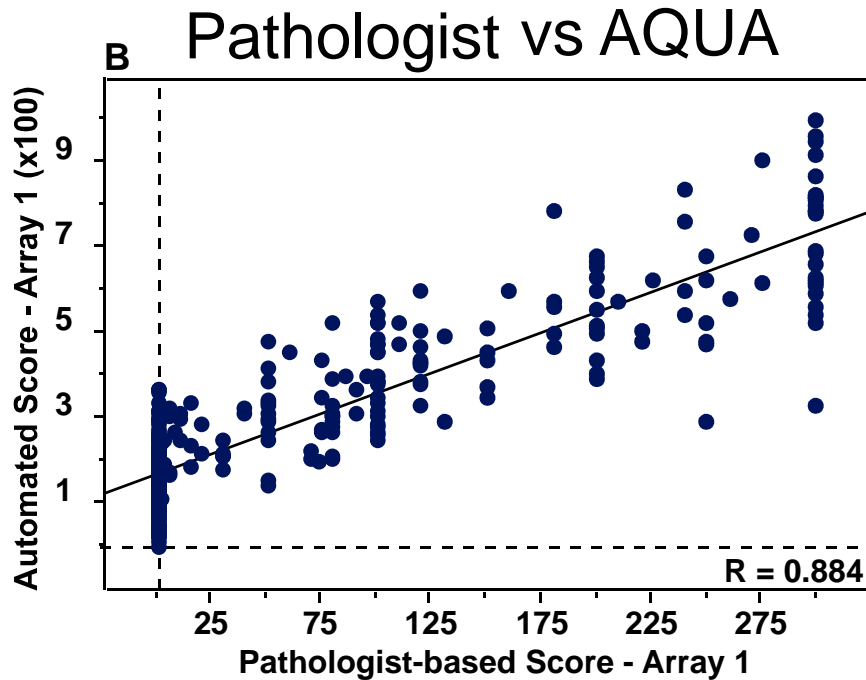
In RED, 9% misclassification rate



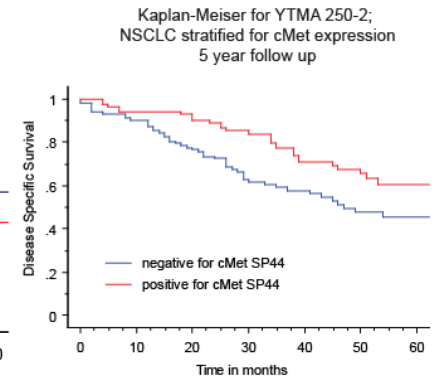
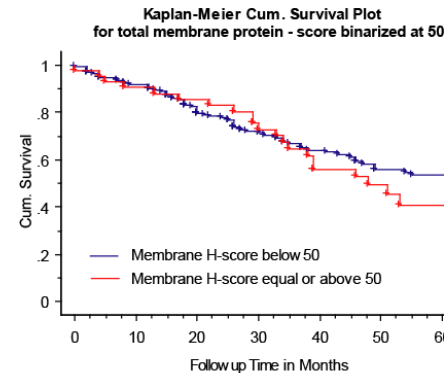
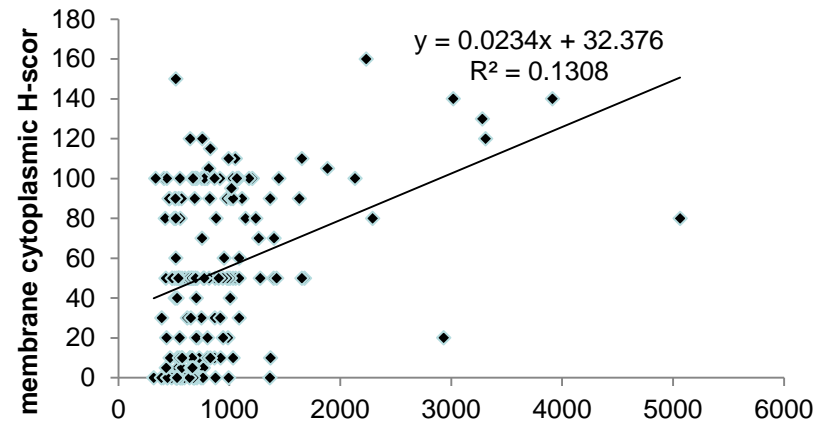
# Artifactual Grouping by Pathologists

Estrogen Receptor

MET (HGF Receptor)



**MET AQUA vs DAB IHC scoring by eye**



Logrank (Mantel-Cox):  $p=0.4584$

# Commercially Available Pathology-Focused Image Analysis Platforms

- Definiens
- Visiopharm
- Perkin Elmer Vectra/INform
- Hamamatsu Nanozoomer
- Leica/Aperio
- Tissuegnostics
- Ventana (formerly Bioimagene)
- Optra SCAN
- Genoptix (formerly HistoRx) AQUA
- Many others sold as research platforms

# AQUA<sup>®</sup>: objective analyte measurement on a tissue slide based on co-localization

**Step 1:** Mask (define region of interest, exclude stroma, blank space, etc) = colocalization with Cytokeratin for carcinoma

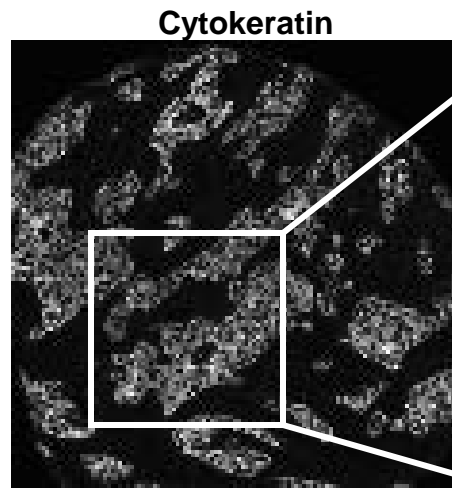
**Step 2:** Define the numerator (target) and denominator (compartment)

$$\text{Concentration} = \frac{\text{Numerator}}{\text{Denominator}} \longrightarrow \frac{\Sigma \text{ target intensity in compartment pixels}}{\Sigma \text{ compartment pixel area}} = \text{AQUA score}$$

**Step 3:** Calculate the AQUA score

**Step 4:** Convert to absolute concentration or normalize to set of uniform standards

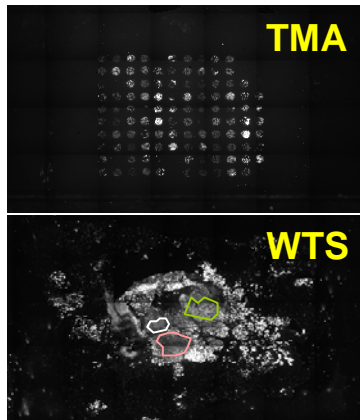
# Generating the AQUA<sup>®</sup> score



Cytokeratin

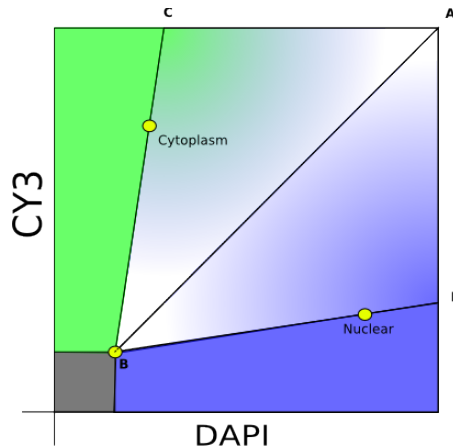


Tumor Mask

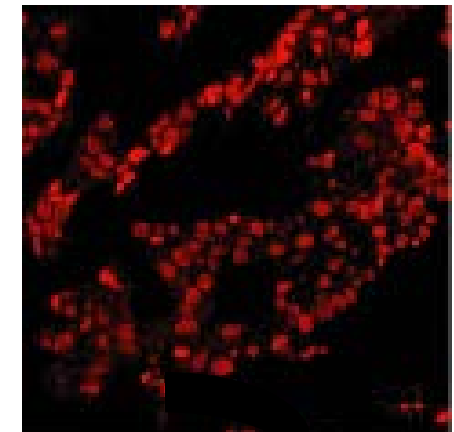
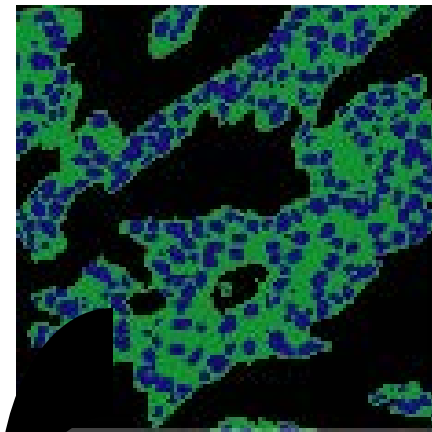


TMA

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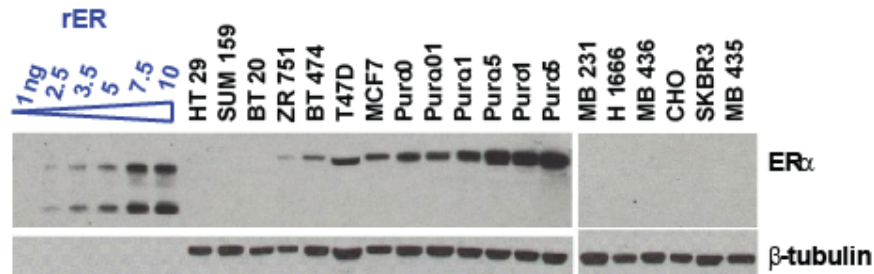
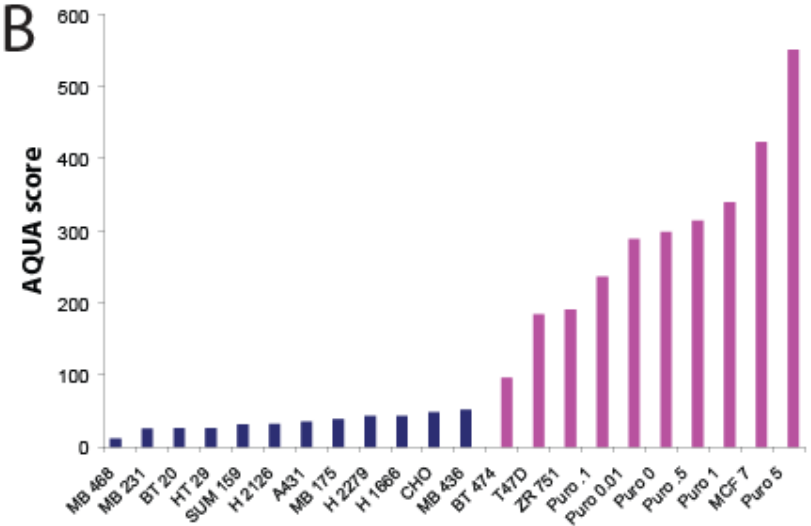
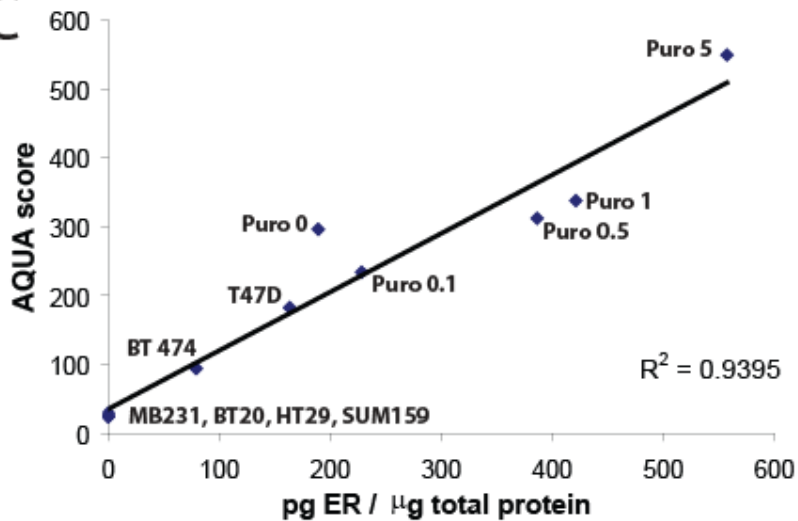
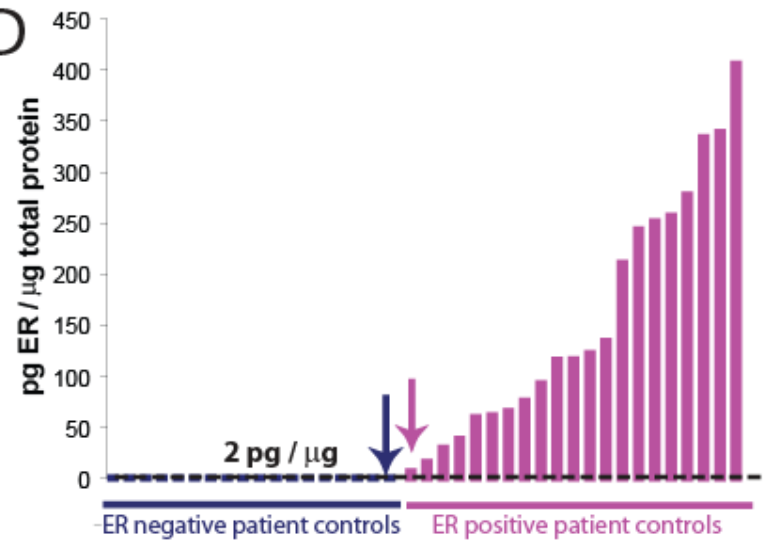


Combine DAPI image and cytokeatin image then cluster to assign each pixel to a subcellular compartment



Estrogen Receptor

$$\frac{\Sigma \text{ target intensity in compartment pixels}}{\Sigma \text{ compartment pixel area}} = \text{AQUA score}$$

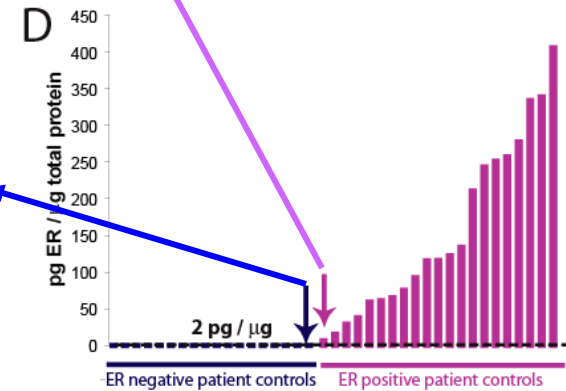
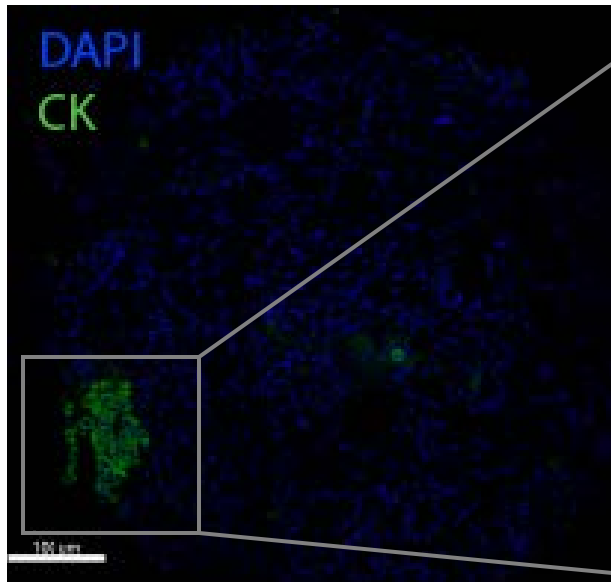
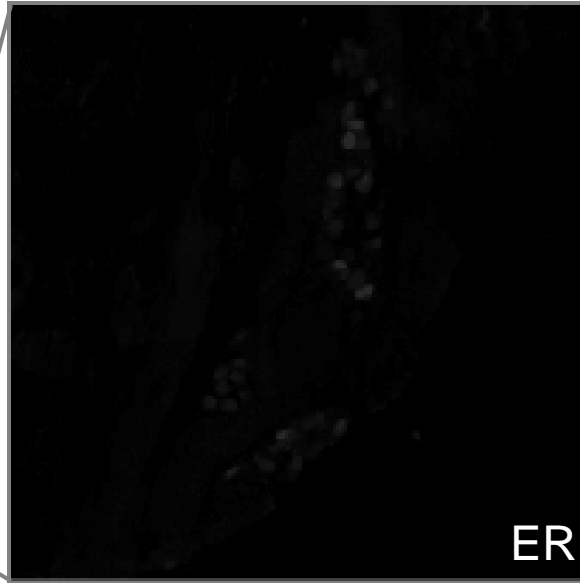
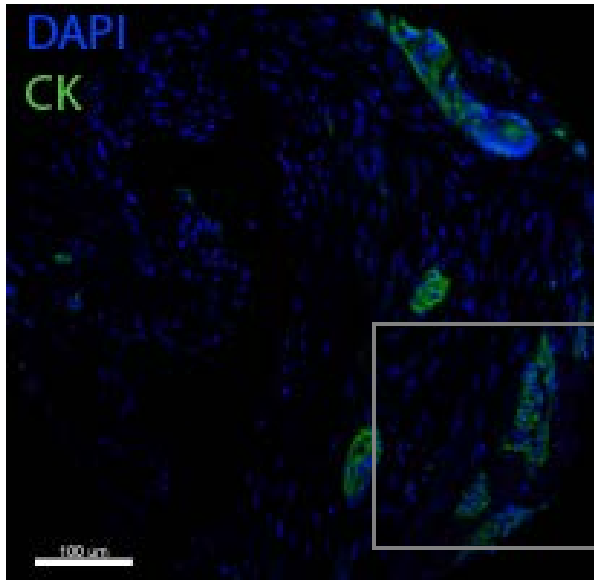
**A****B****C****D**

Standardized Index Array

ER antibody used is 1D5

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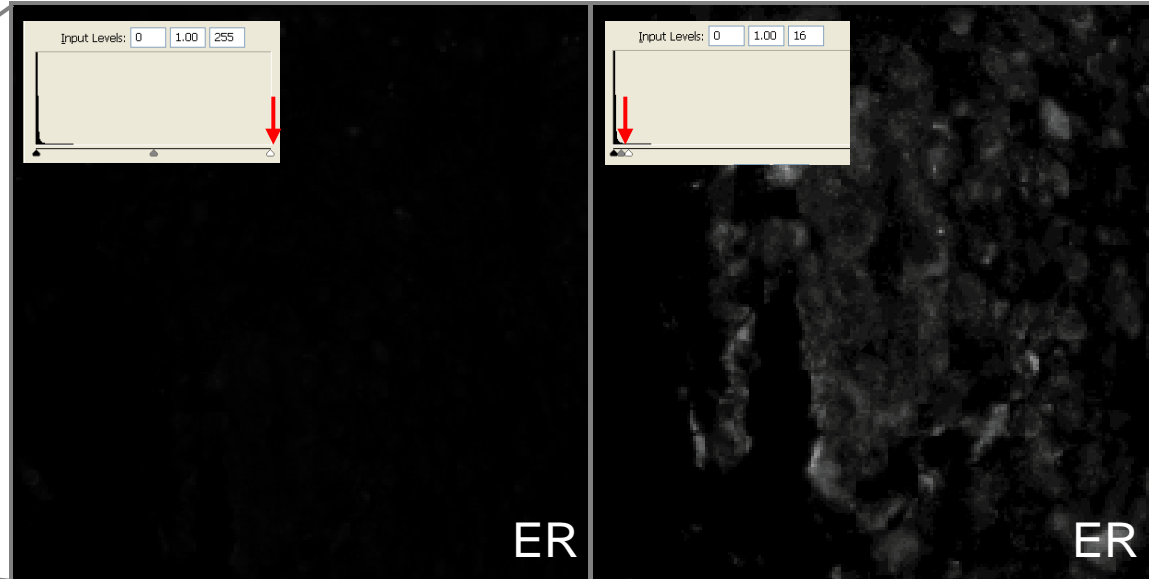
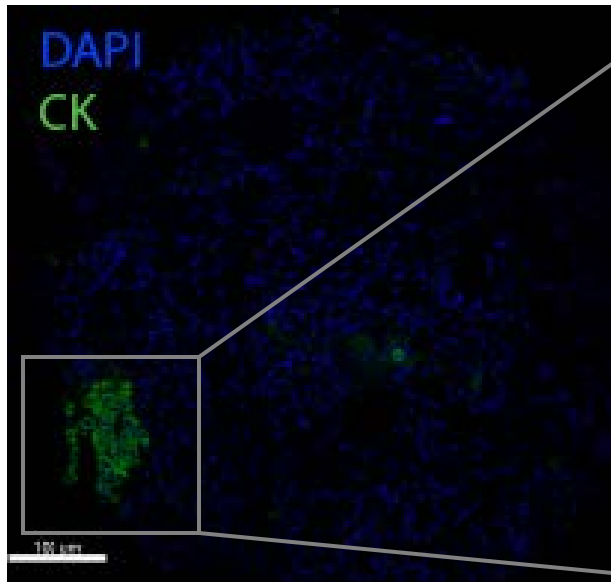
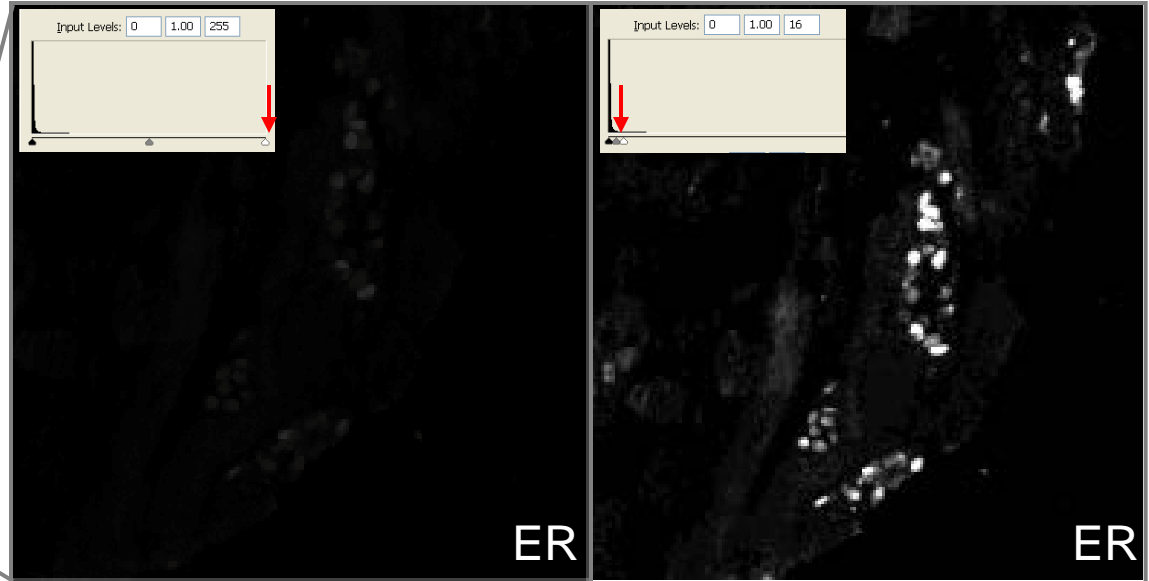
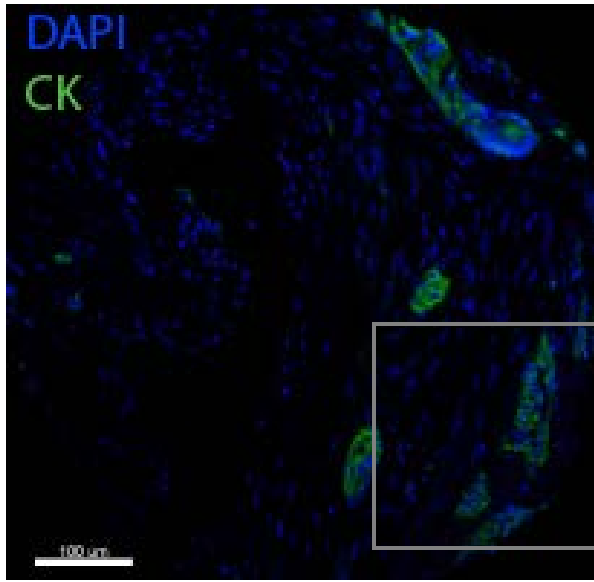
# Lowest positive vs. highest negative



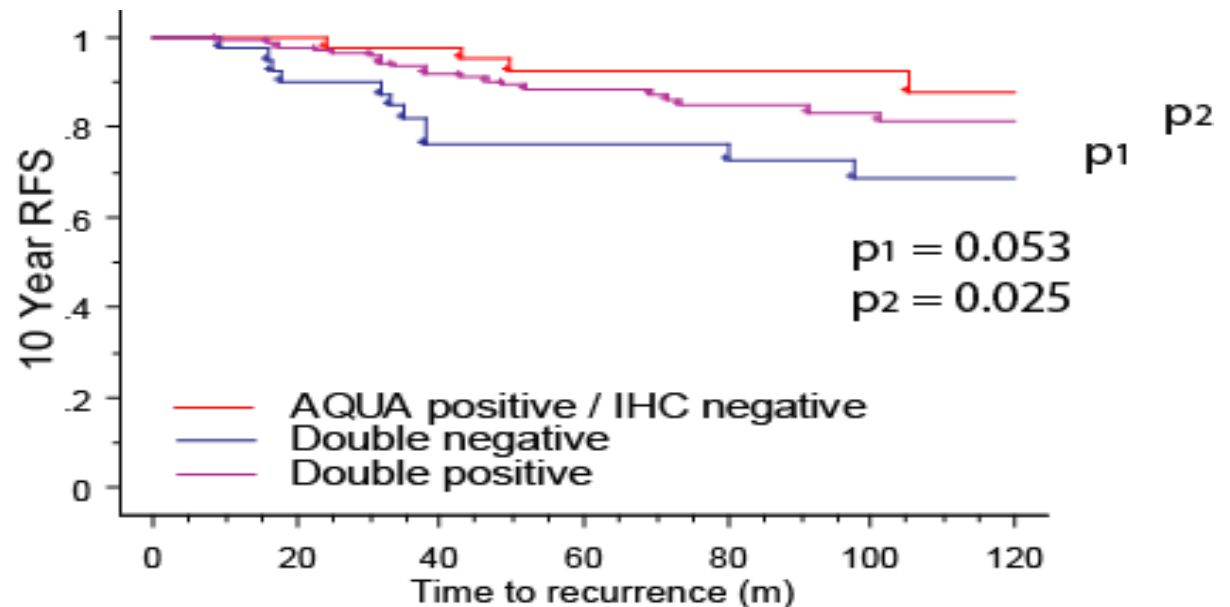
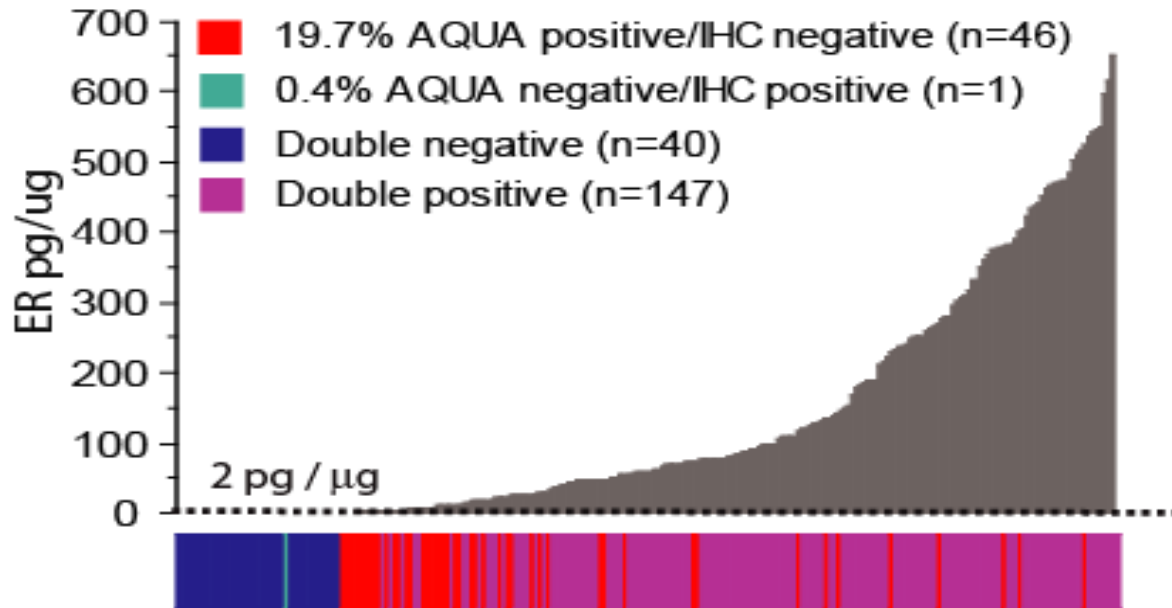
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# Expanded “levels” to visualize threshold

contracted dynamic range of grayscale (max RGB input level 255→16)

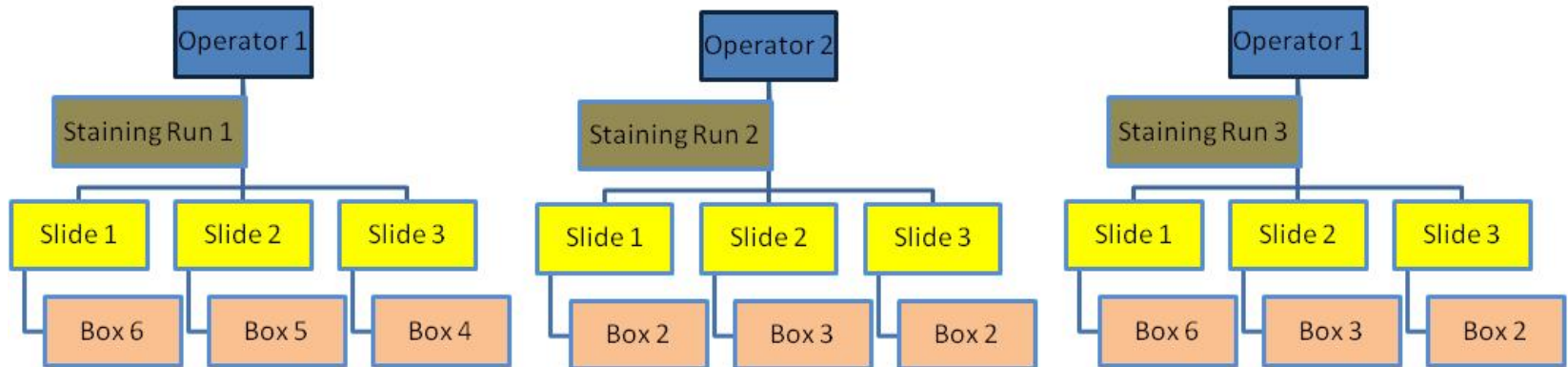


# Discordant classification of ER status in YTMA 130 cohort





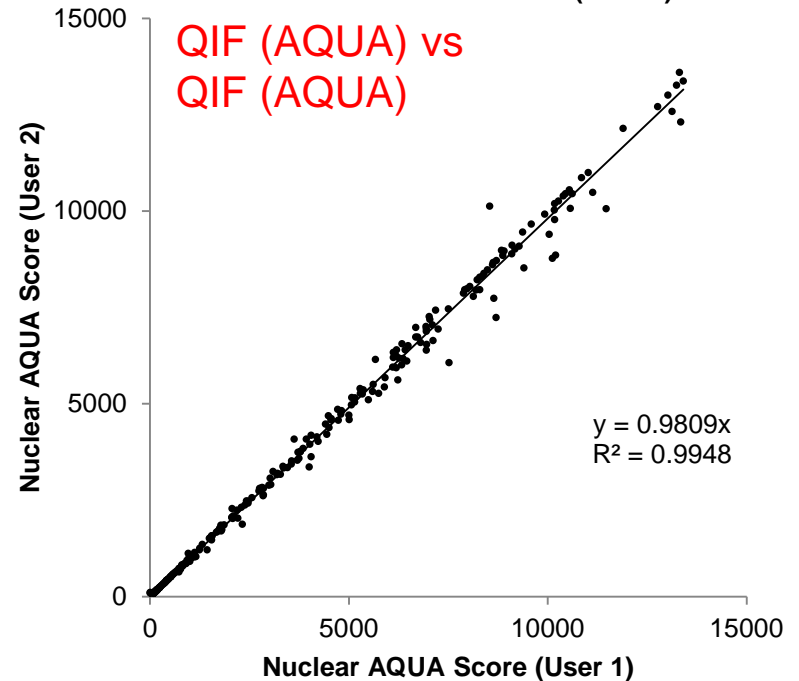
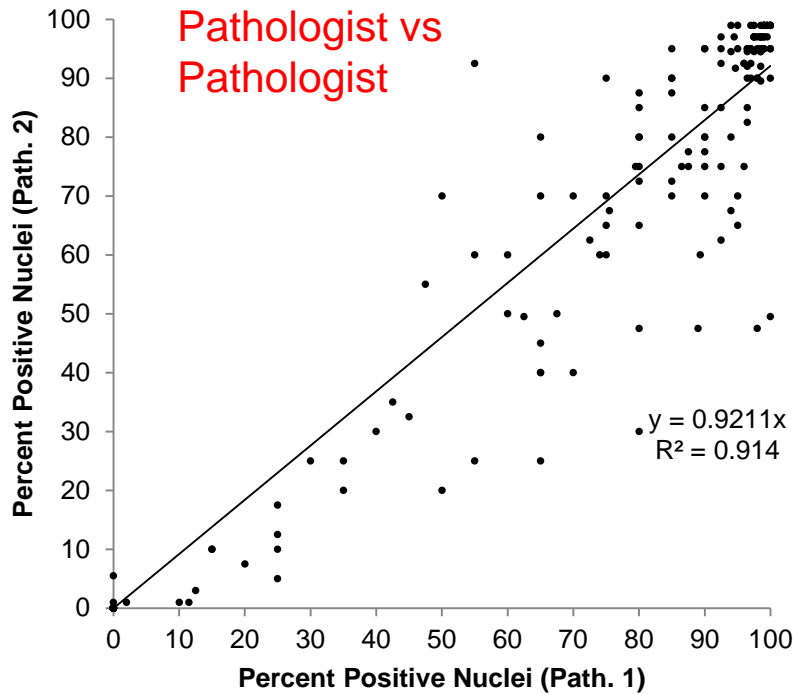
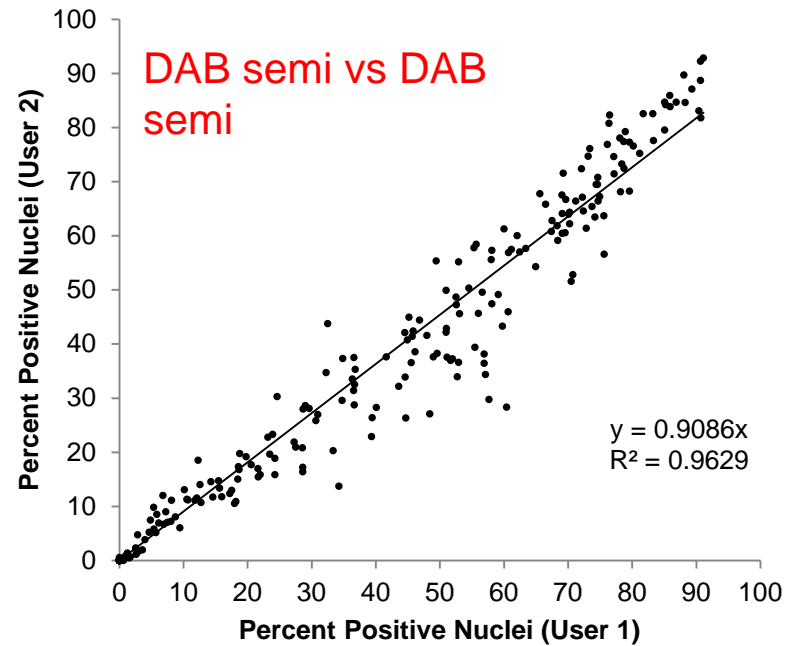
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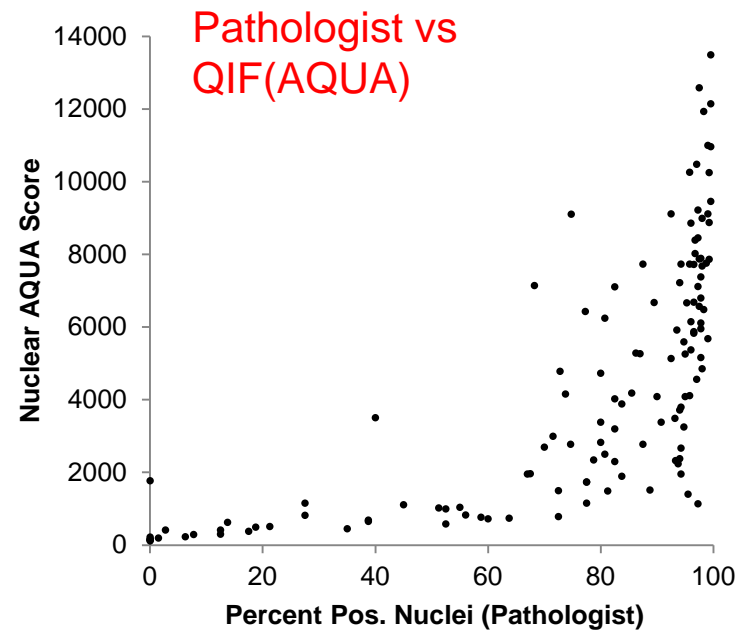
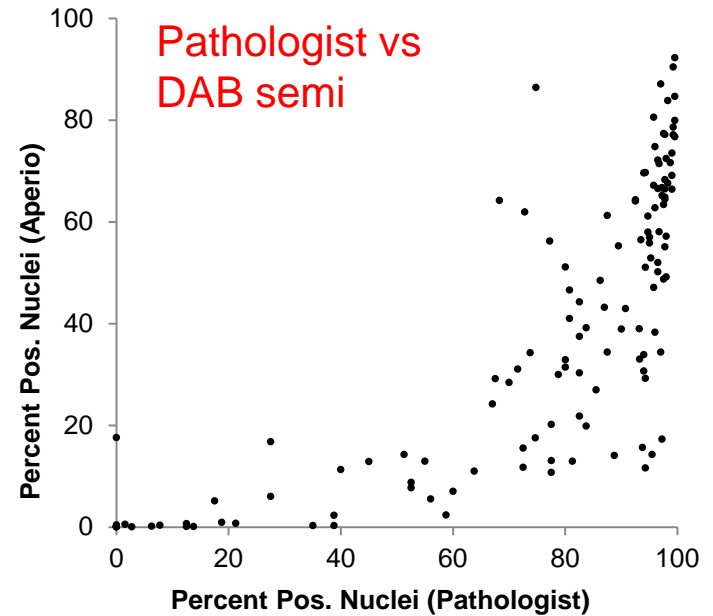
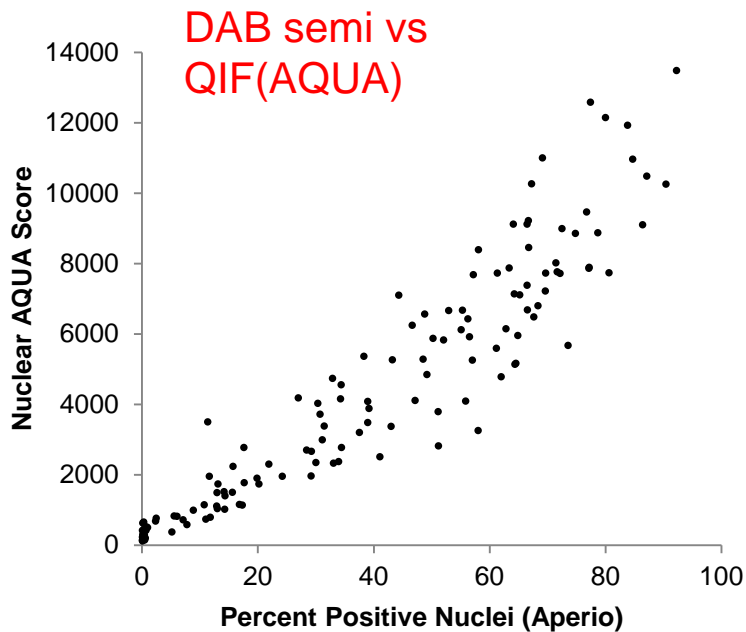
	Pearson R	Slope
Day 1 v. Day 2	.97	.97
Day 1 v. Day 3	.97	1.01
Day 2 v. Day 3	.98	1.04

**%CV = 4.2**

# Comparison Between Methods (reproducibility)

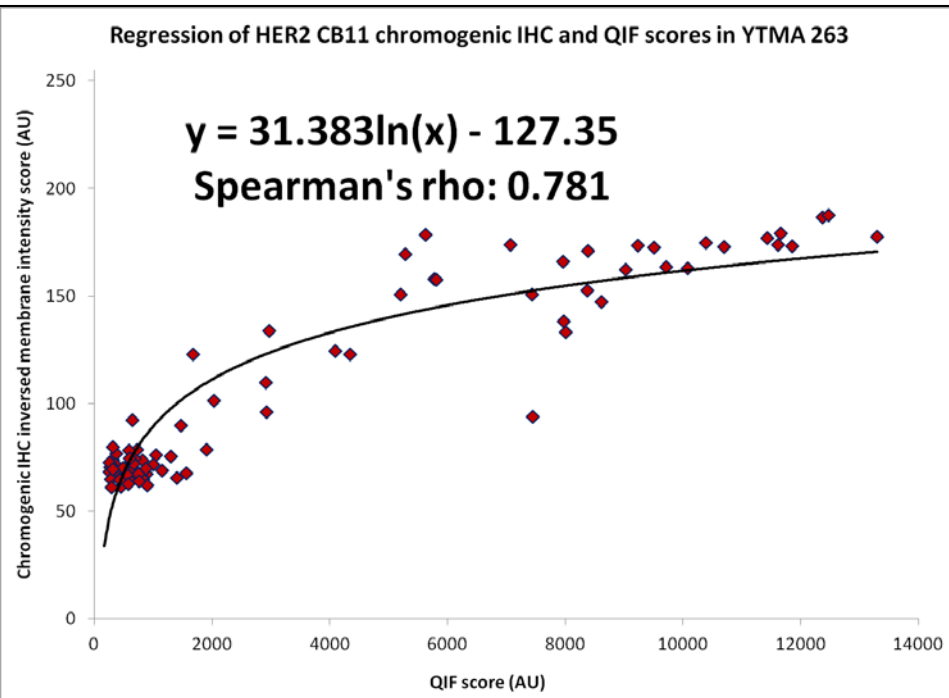


# Comparison Between Methods

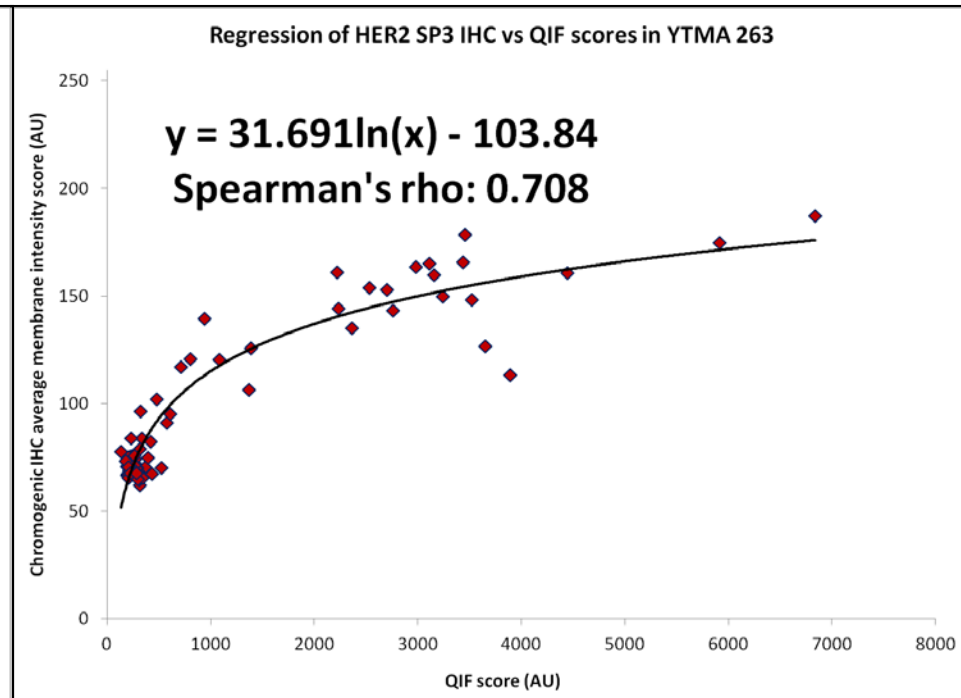


# Regression of IHC vs QIF scores for CB11 and SP3 in YTMA 263

## CB11



## SP3



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- Using immunohistochemistry (IHC) or quantitative immunofluorescence (QIF) to measure protein on slides
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# FDA Cleared Companion Dx antibodies:

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Antigen</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Antibody</b>
Trastuzumab	HER2	Ventana	4B5
Trastuzumab	HER2	Leica Biogenex	CB11
Trastuzumab	HER2	Dako	A0485
Endocrine Rx	Estrogen Receptor	Ventana	SP1
Endocrine Rx	Estrogen Receptor	Dako	1D5

# What are we using for IHC?



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**HER2-A**  
**Immunohistochemistry**  
**Tissues Microarray**

**PARTICIPANT SUMMARY**

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Antibody	N	Percent
<b>4B5</b>	568	55%
<b>A0485</b>	54	5%
<b>CB11</b>	24	2%
<b>Herceptest</b>	296	29%
<b>SP3</b>	52	5%
<b>other</b>	37	4%
<b>Total</b>	1031	

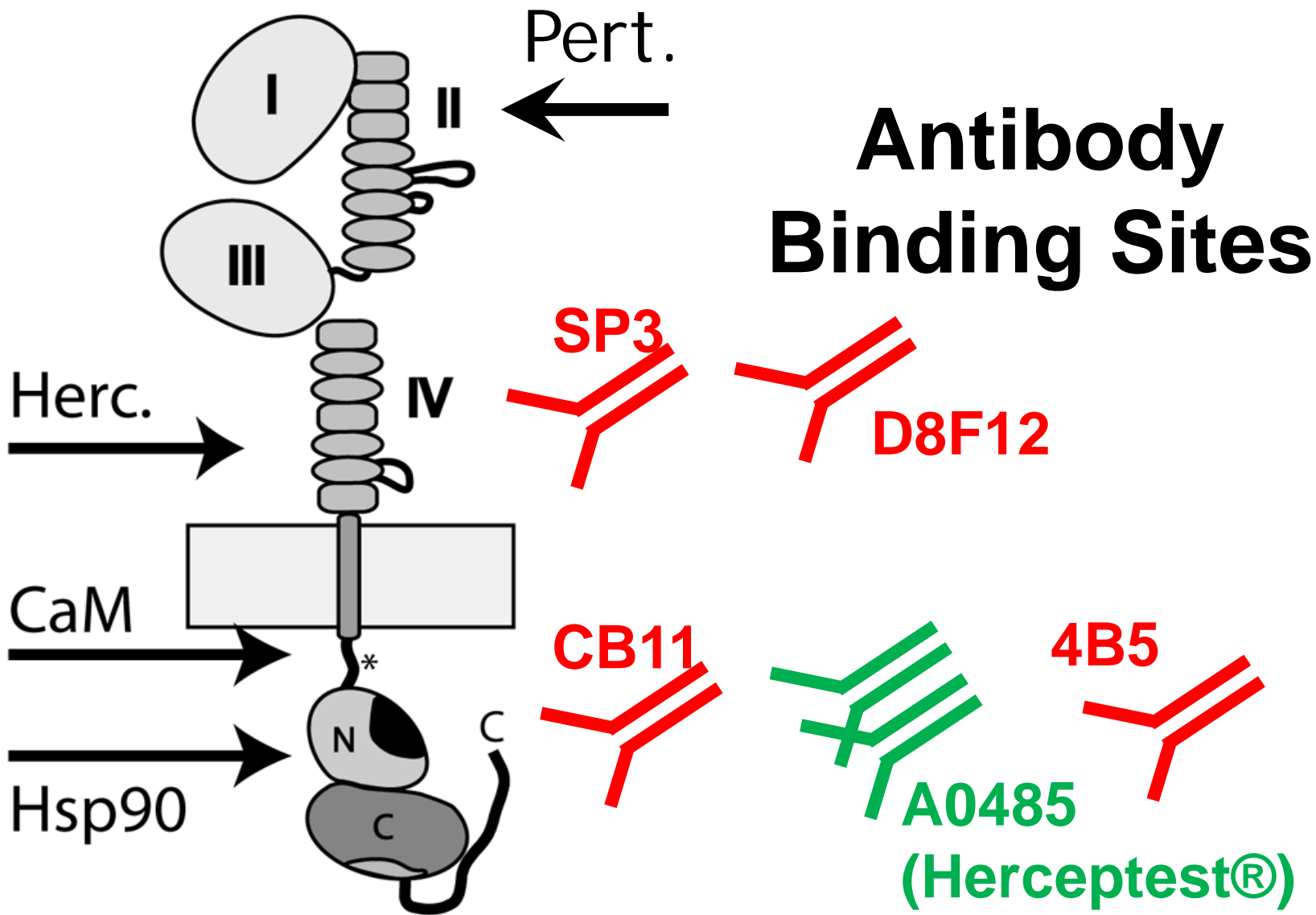
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# Determining sensitivity and specificity of HER2 testing in breast cancer using a tissue micro-array approach

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# Studies done “by eye” cannot see discordance

**Table 3 SP3, 4B5 and Herceptest.**

		SP3					4B5					Herceptest		
		0,1+	2+	3+			0,1+	2+	3+			0,1+	2+	3+
4B5	0,1+	911	15	0	4B5	0,1+	920	7	0	SP3	0,1+	930	9	0
	2+	30	26	1		2+	42	15	0		2+	27	18	2
	3+	1	7	72		3+	7	8	68		3+	6	3	66
Total		942	48	73	Total		969	30	68	Total		963	30	68

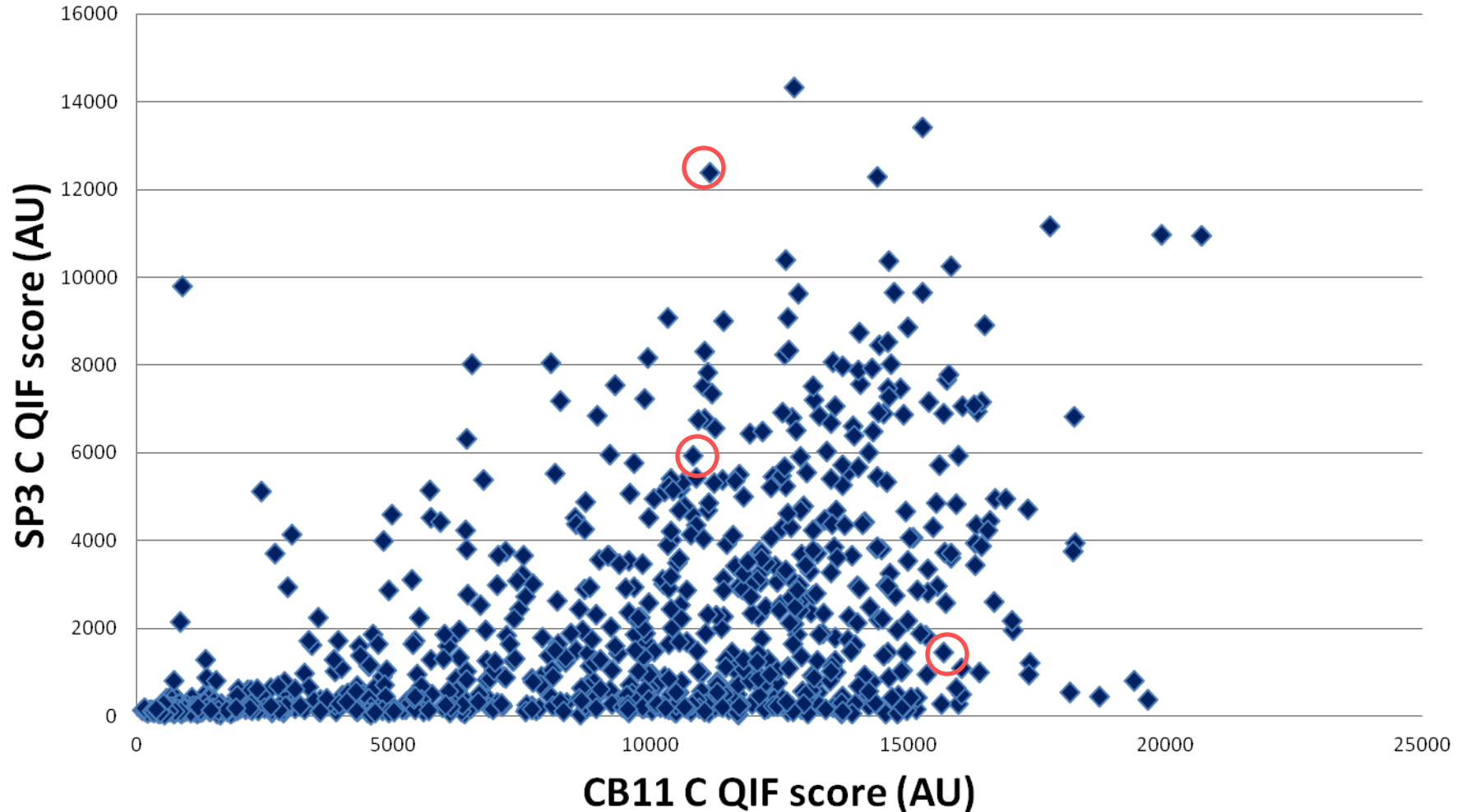
**Table 4 HER2 status determined on TMA (SP3, 4B5 and mono color SISH)**

Total complete results	1,020 (84.3%)
Negative	932 (91.4%)
Positive	80 (7.8%)
Discordant results	8 (0.8%)
Incomplete results	190 (15.7%)
Total number of cases	1210 (100%)

Less than 1% discordance between cytoplasmic and extracellular domain antibodies

HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; SISH, silver *in situ* hybridization; TMA, tissue micro-array.

# SP3 C vs CB11 C (NCCTG 9831 Arm C)



Data from NCCTG9831 from ongoing collaboration with Edith Perez and Karla Ballman

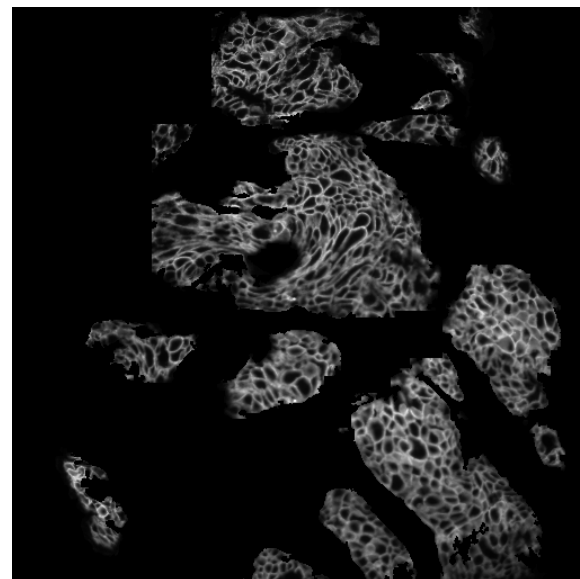
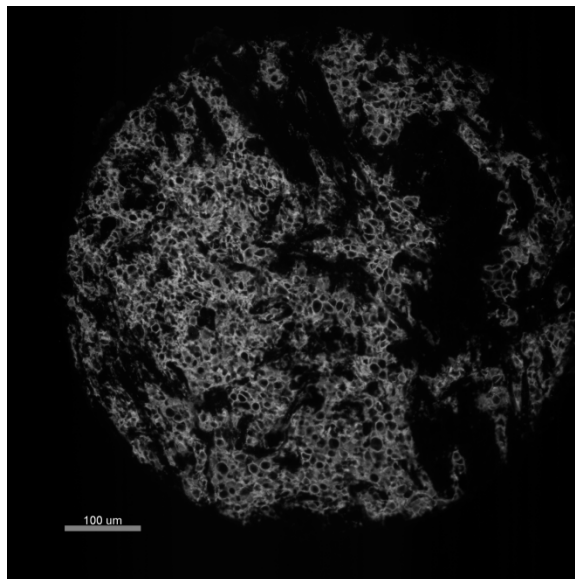
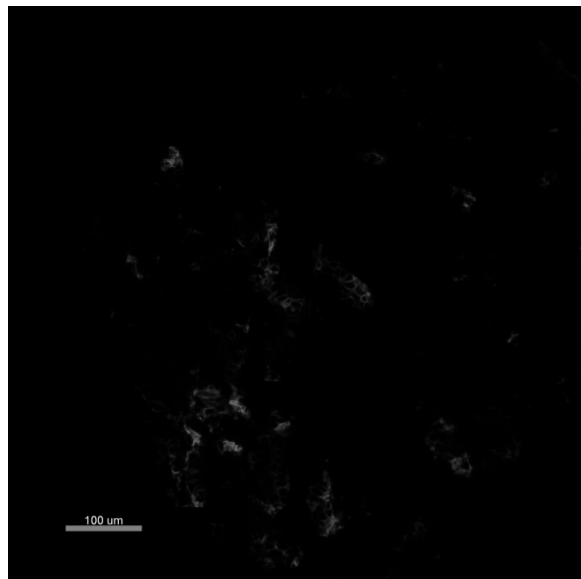
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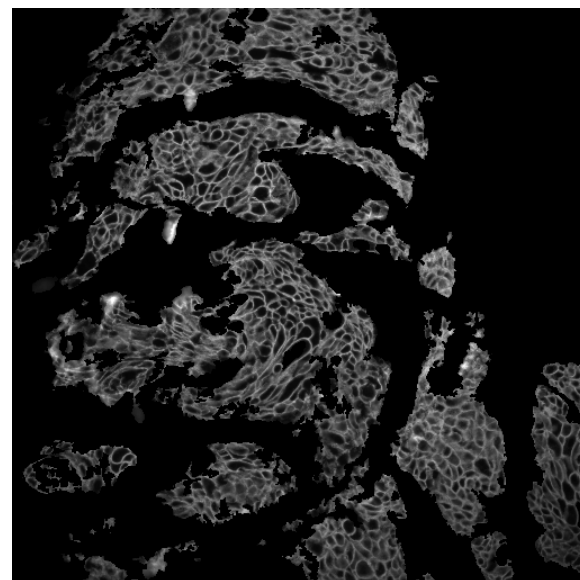
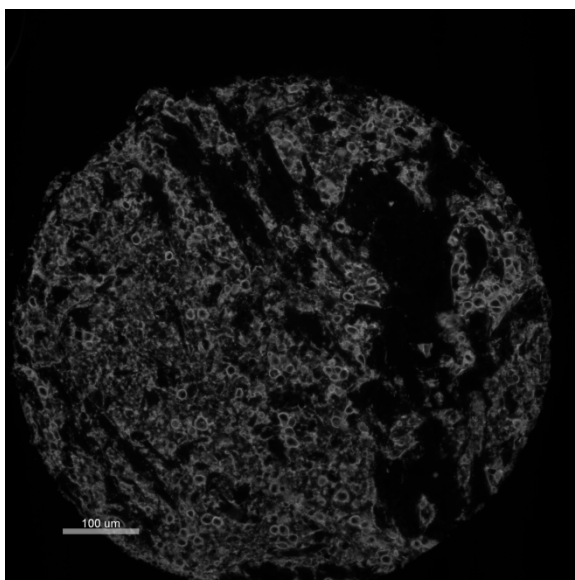
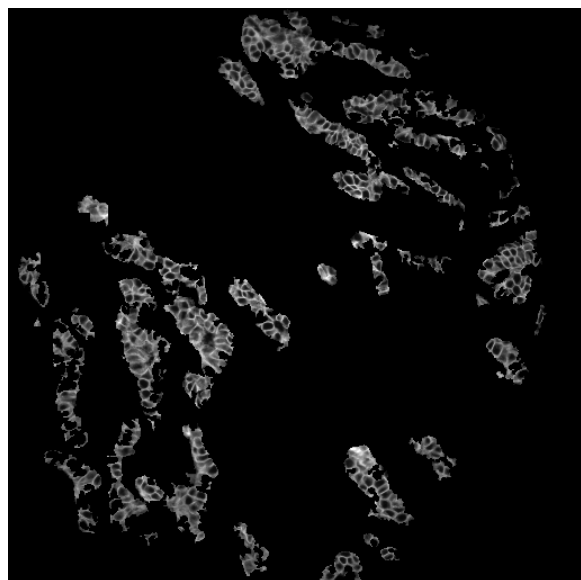
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SP3

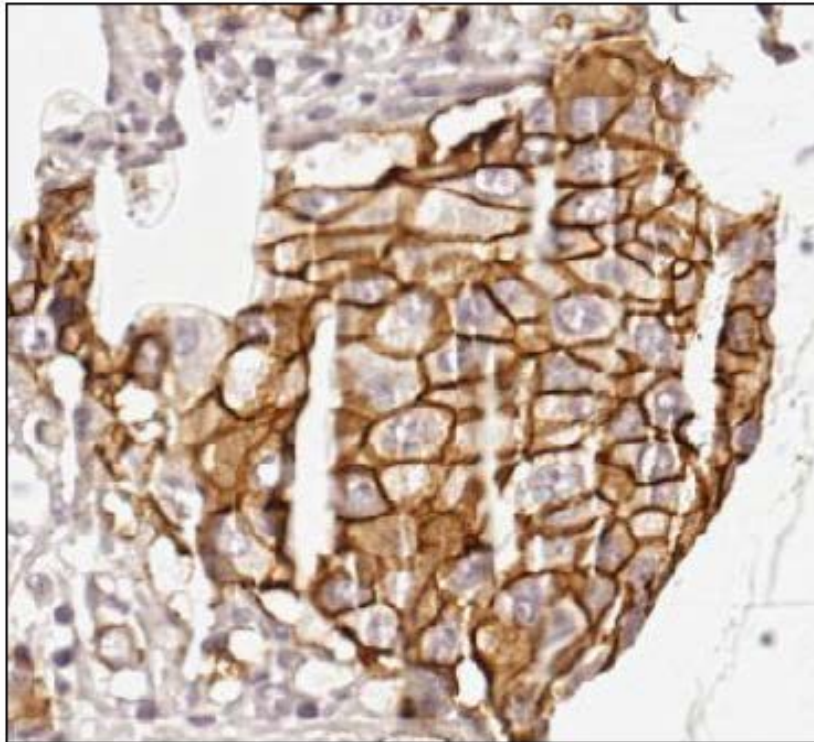


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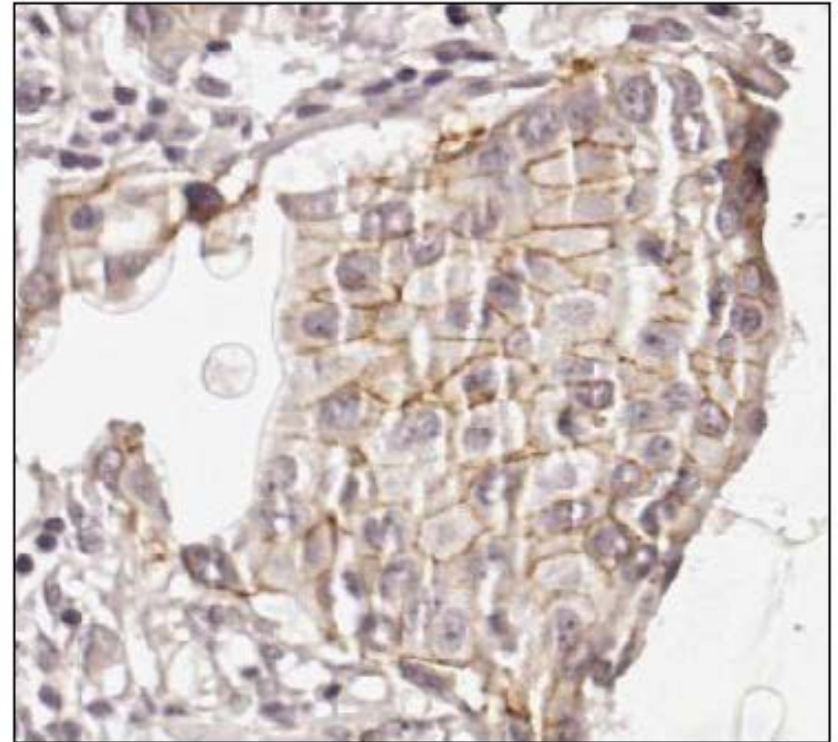


# DAB shows same effect, but more subtle

CB11 (ICD)

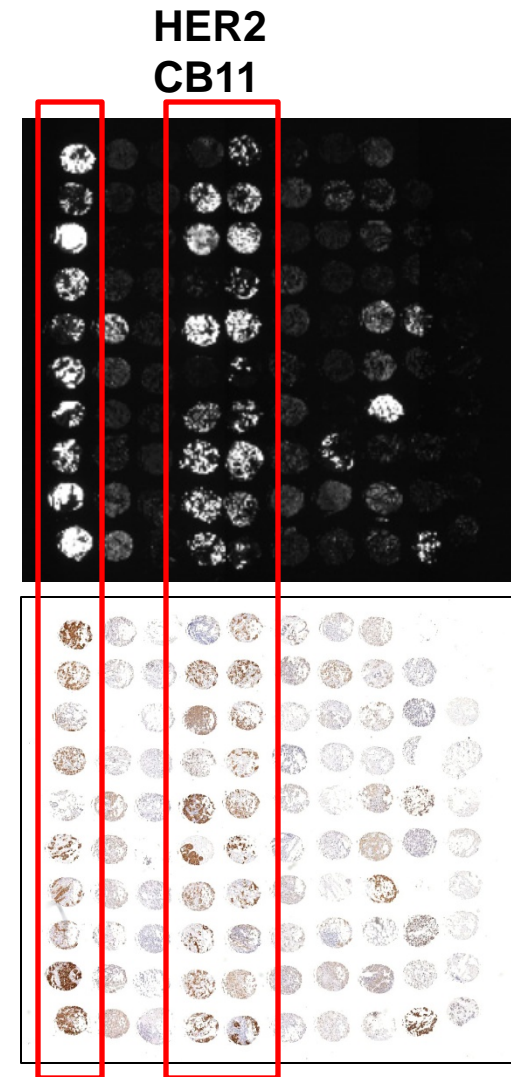


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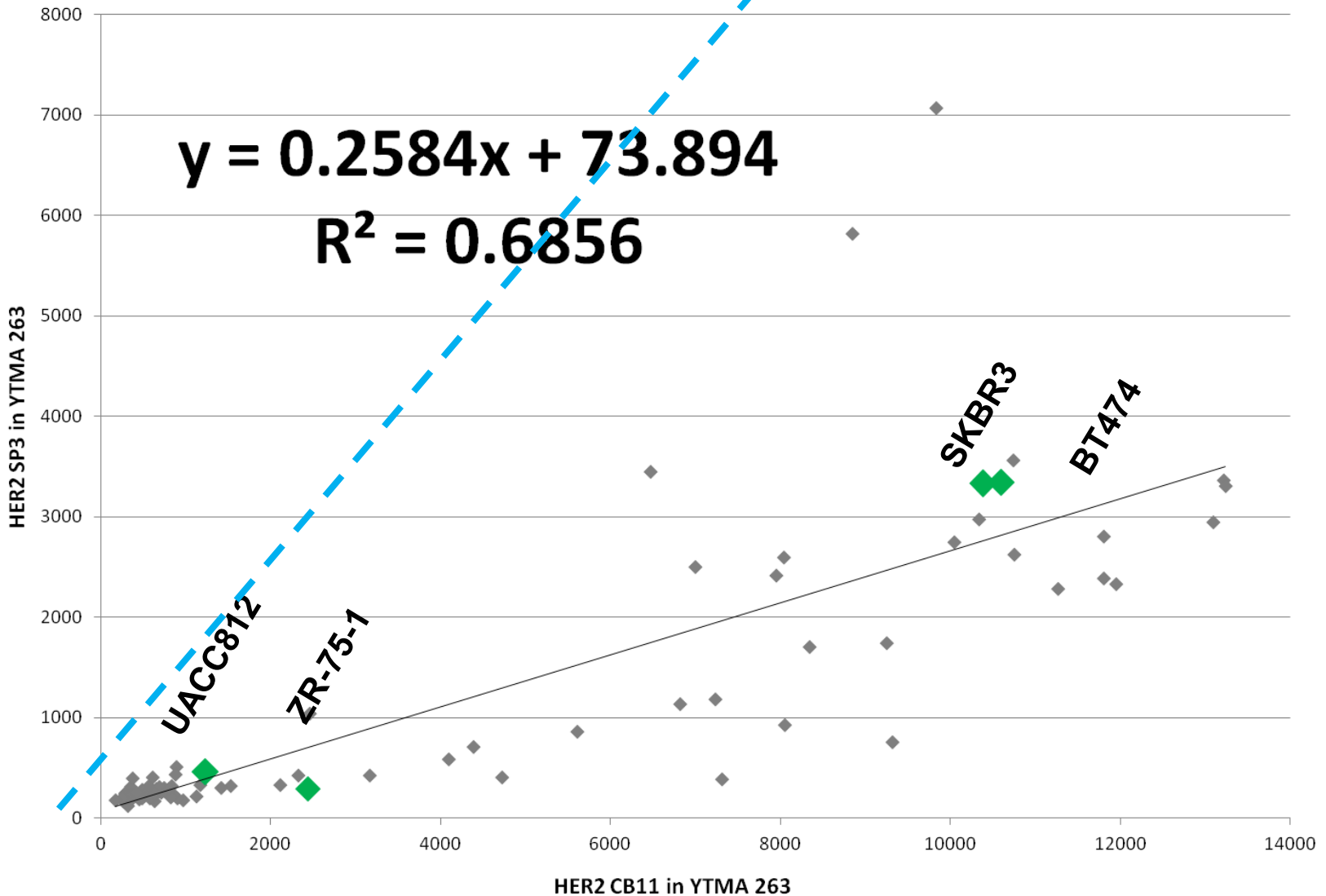


# HER2 Standardization Array (YTMA 263)

3+, AMP	1+, NOT AMP	0, NOT AMP	2+, AMP	3+, AMP	1+, NOT AMP	0, NOT AMP	2+, NOT AMP	CELL LINES	NORMAL BREAST TISSUE (NBT)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2008	2011	2011	2010	2005	2009	2004	2011	MB453	NBT
2007	2011	2011	2007	2004	2009	2004	2011	BT20	NBT
2011	2011	2011	2006	2004	2008	2009	2011	MCF7	NBT
2011	2011	2011	1998	2003	2007	2009	2011	MB468	NBT
2011	2011	2010	2004	2003	2007	2009	2011	ZR751	NBT
2010	2011	2010	2004	2002	2006	2007	2011	MB361	NBT
2009	2011	2007	2003	2002	2011	2007	2011	SKBR3	NBT
2009	2011	2007	2003	2002	2011	2011	2011	UACC812	NBT
2008	2010	2006	2011	2002	2011	2011	2007	MDA231	NBT
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# SP3 vs CB11 in YTMA 263 (Average AQUA Scores from 4 builds)

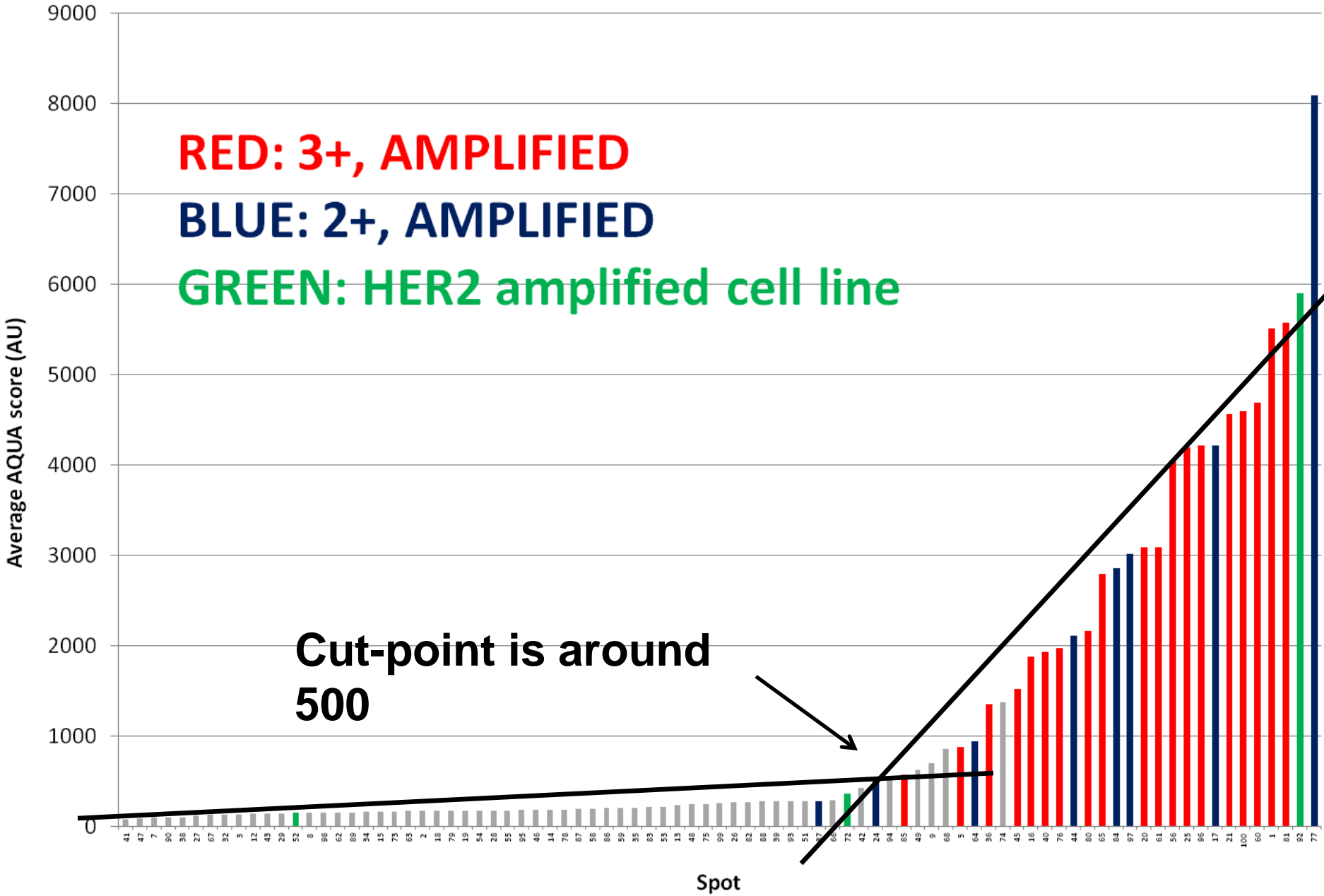


# Distribution of average HER2 CB11 (1:10000) scores in YTMA 263

**RED: 3+, AMPLIFIED**

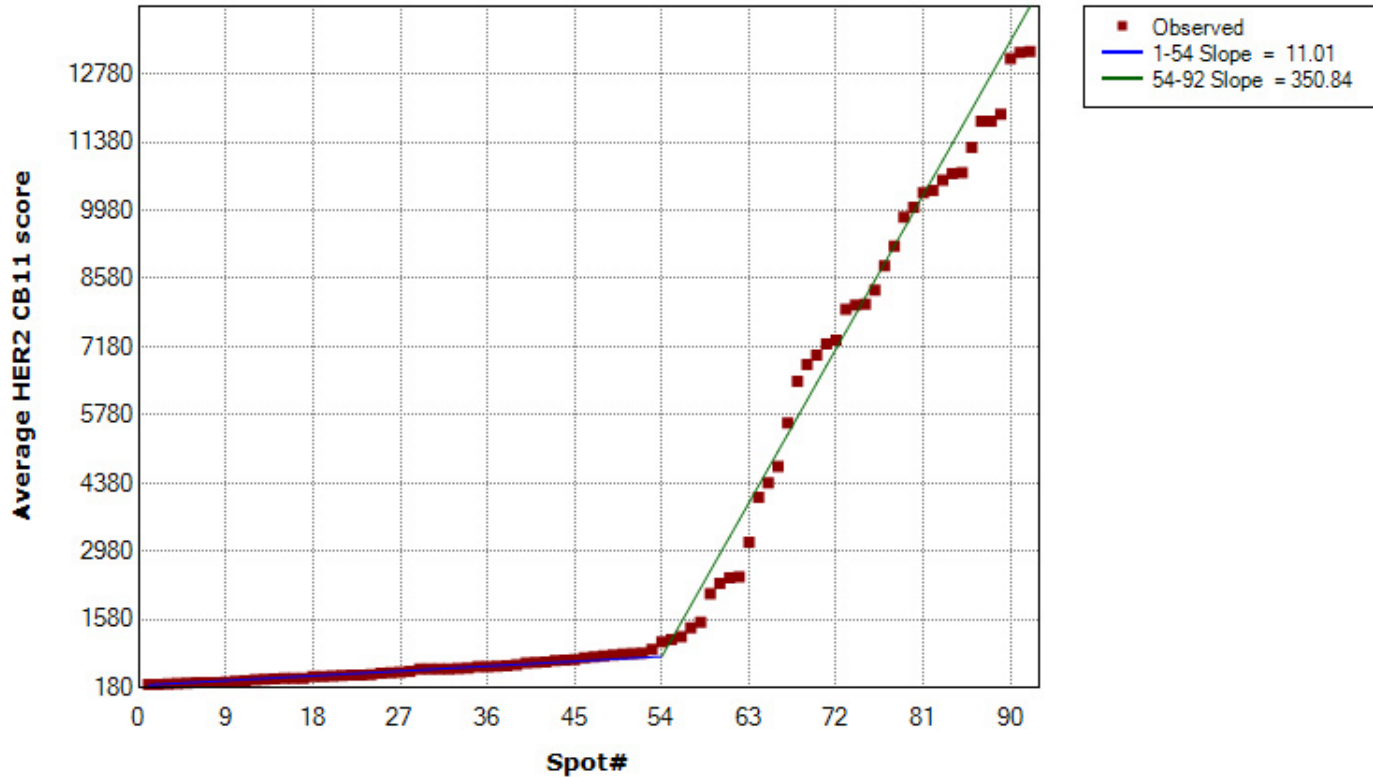
**BLUE: 2+, AMPLIFIED**

**GREEN: HER2 amplified cell line**



# HER2 CB11 analysis

All : 1 Joinpoint



Test For Number of Joinpoints							
Test Number	Null Hypothesis	Alternate Hypothesis	Numerator Degrees of Freedom	Denominator Degrees of Freedom	Number of Permutations	P-Value	Significance Level <sup>~</sup>
#1	0 Joinpoint(s)	1 Joinpoint(s) *	2	88	4500	0.0002222	0.0500000

Final Selected Model 1 Joinpoint(s)



# Using Joinpoint to Assess Ab Sensitivity and Specificity to Predict FISH amplification in YTMA 263

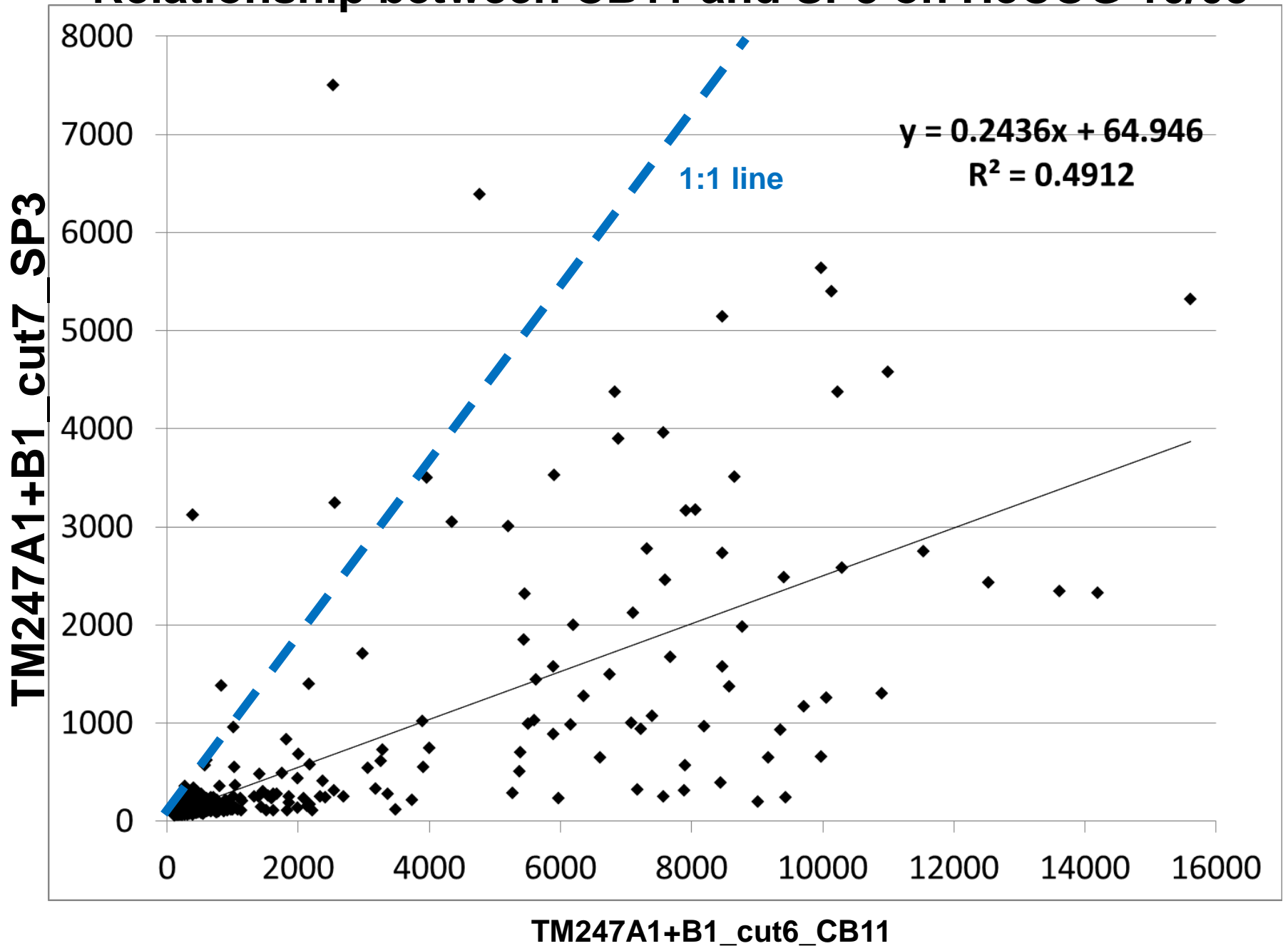
HER2 antibody	Joinpoint cut-point (AU)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Positive predictive value (%)	Negative predictive value (%)
CB11	1299.3	94.12	85.48	78.05	96.36
A0485	1495.9	90.62	85.71	78.38	94.12
SP3	525.8	88.24	<b>98.41</b>	96.77	93.94
D8F12	767.6	90.91	<b>93.88</b>	90.91	93.88

# HeCOG 10/05 patient subgroups

Subgroup	N (%)
ER(+)/PgR(+)/HER2(-)	366 (51.9)
ER(+)/PgR(+)/HER2(+)	90 (12.8)
ER(+)/PgR(-)/HER2(-)	66 (9.4)
ER(+)/PgR(-)/HER2(+)	23 (3.3)
ER(-)/PgR(-)/HER2(-) (TNBC)	68 (9.6)
ER(-)/PgR(-)/HER2(+)	69 (9.8)
ER(-)/PgR(+)/HER2(-)	15 (2.1)
ER(-)/PgR(+)/HER2(+)	7 (0.9)
Not determined	1 (0.1)

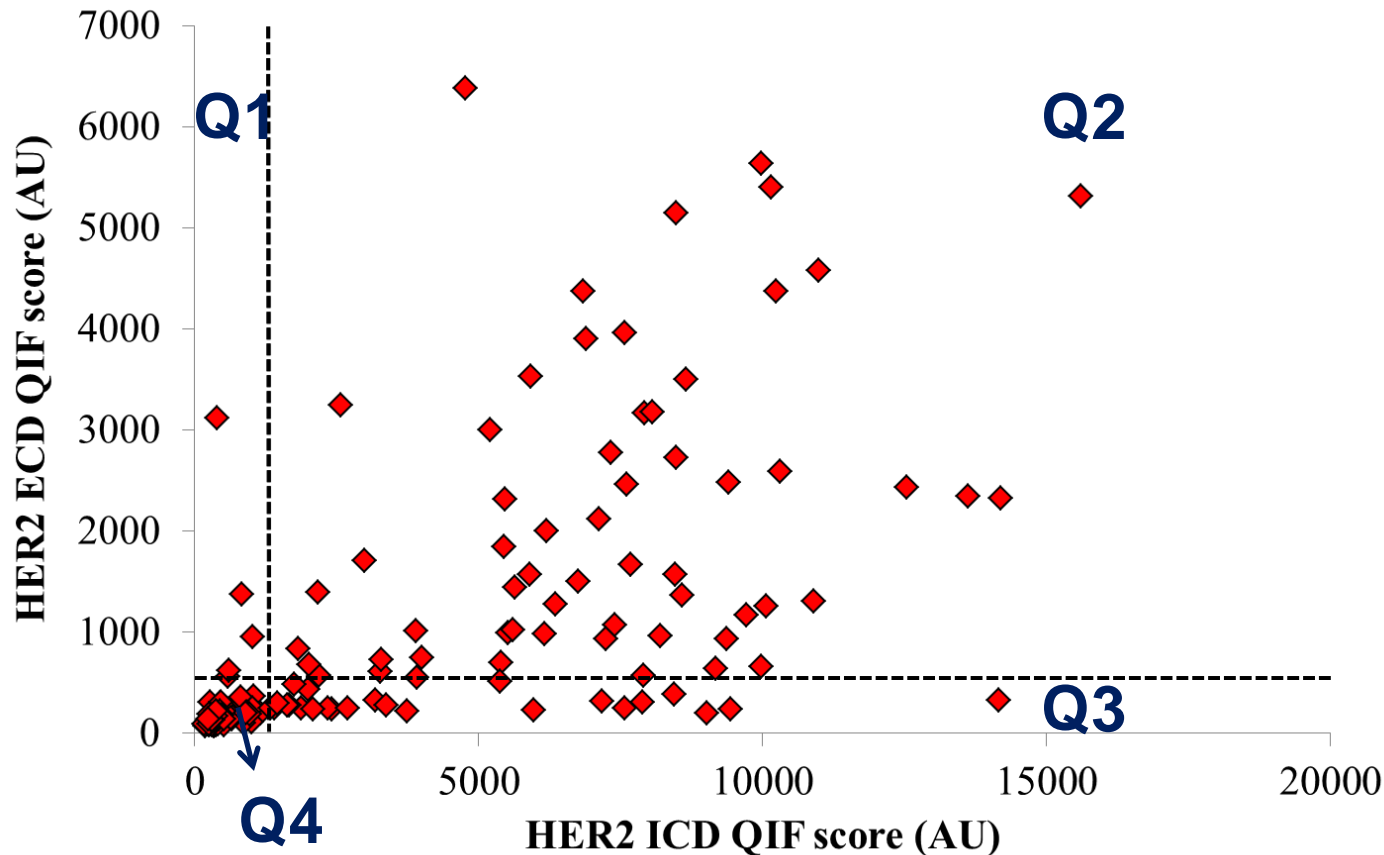
Treatment group	N (%)
ER(+) with hormonotherapy	527 (96.7 of ER[+])
ER(+) without hormonotherapy	18 (3.3 of ER[+])
HER2(+) with trastuzumab	186 (98.4 of HER2[+])
HER2(+) without trastuzumab	3 (1.6 of HER2[+])
Hormonotherapy and trastuzumab	111 (15.7 of total)
ER(-) with hormonotherapy	0 (0)
HER2 (-) with trastuzumab	0 (0)

# Relationship between CB11 and SP3 on HeCOG 10/05



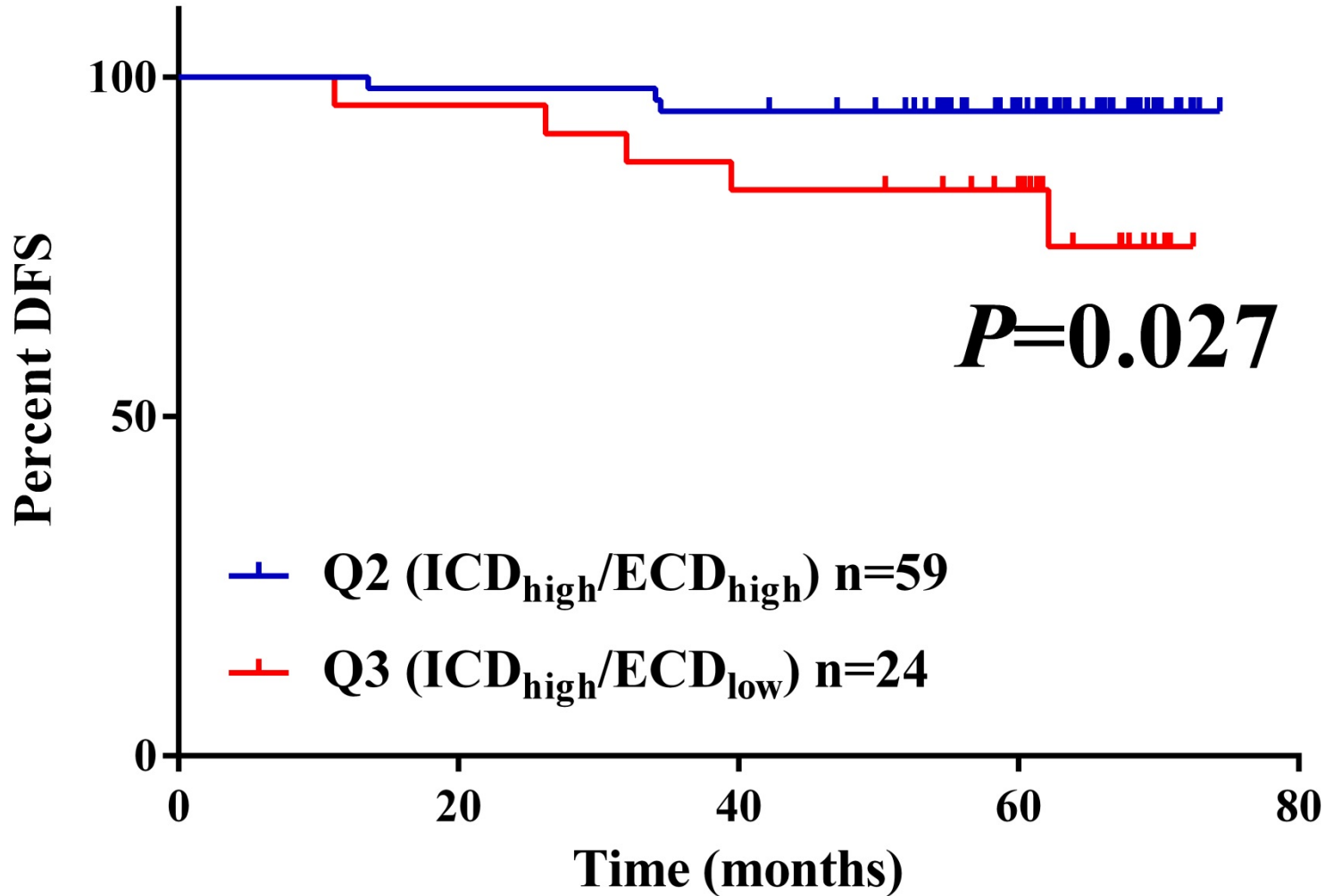
# HER2 ICD/ECD protein expression by quadrants

HER2 ECD vs ICD in Trastuzumab-treated patients from HeCOG 10/05



- Cut-points obtained using YTMA 263 slides stained alongside HeCOG and analyzed using Joinpoint software.
- **Quadrants:**
  - **Q1 (ICD<sub>low</sub>/ECD<sub>high</sub>):** 5/159 patients (3.1%).
  - **Q2 (ICD<sub>high</sub>/ECD<sub>high</sub>):** 59/159 patients (37.1%).
  - **Q3 (ICD<sub>high</sub>/ECD<sub>low</sub>):** 24/159 patients (15.1%).
  - **Q4 (ICD<sub>low</sub>/ECD<sub>low</sub>):** 71/159 patients (44.7%).

# Disease-free survival in HER2-positive, Trastuzumab-treated patients from HeCOG 10/05: Q2 vs Q3



Log rank *P*=0.027; HR=0.23 (95% C.I.: 0.037 to 0.815)

# Outline for Presentation

- Using immunohistochemistry (IHC) or quantitative immunofluorescence (QIF) to measure protein on slides
- The challenge of a continuous biomarker – the HER2 example
- The challenge of defining the threshold of detection – The ER example

# FDA Cleared Companion Dx antibodies:

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Antigen</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Antibody</b>
Trastuzumab	HER2	Ventana	4B5
Trastuzumab	HER2	Leica Biogenex	CB11
Trastuzumab	HER2	Dako	A0485
Endocrine Rx	Estrogen Receptor	Ventana	SP1
Endocrine Rx	Estrogen Receptor	Dako	1D5

# Conflicting Papers

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ORIGINAL REPORT

## Immunohistochemical Detection Using the New Rabbit Monoclonal Antibody SP1 of Estrogen Receptor in Breast Cancer Is Superior to Mouse Monoclonal Antibody 1D5 in Predicting Survival

*Maggie C.U. Cheang, Diana O. Treaba, Caroline H. Speers, Ivo A. Olivotto, Chris D. Bajdik, Stephen K. Chia, Lynn C. Goldstein, Karen A. Gelmon, David Huntsman, C. Blake Gilks, Torsten O. Nielsen, and Allen M. Gown*

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### **A Comparison of Estrogen Receptor SP1 and 1D5 Monoclonal Antibodies in Routine Clinical Use Reveals Similar Staining Results**

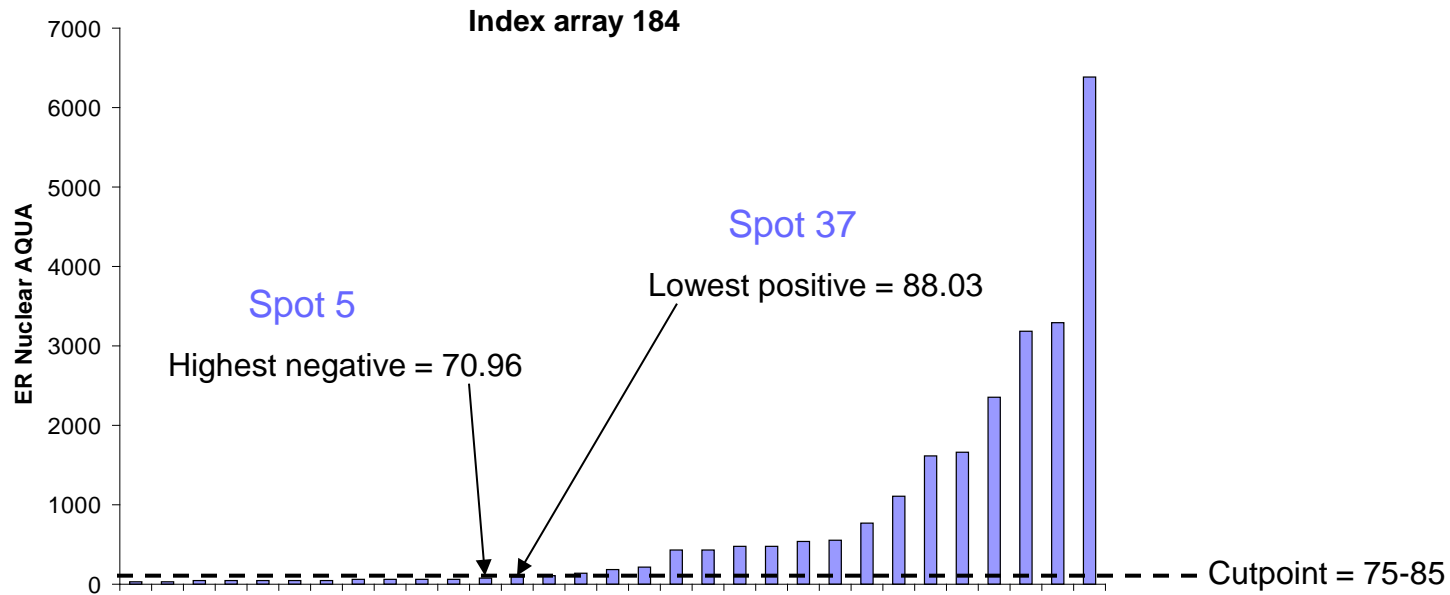
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**Key Words:** Estrogen receptor; SP1; 1D5; Monoclonal antibodies; Breast carcinoma

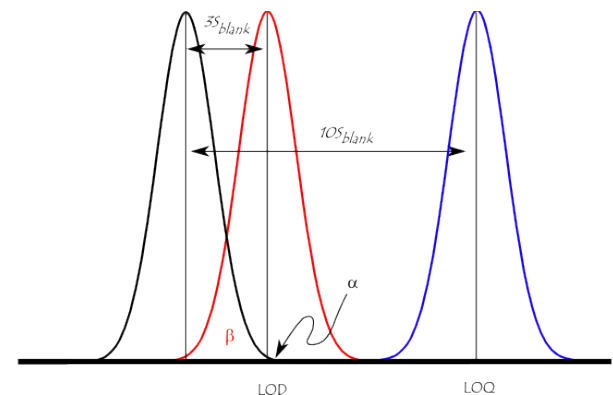
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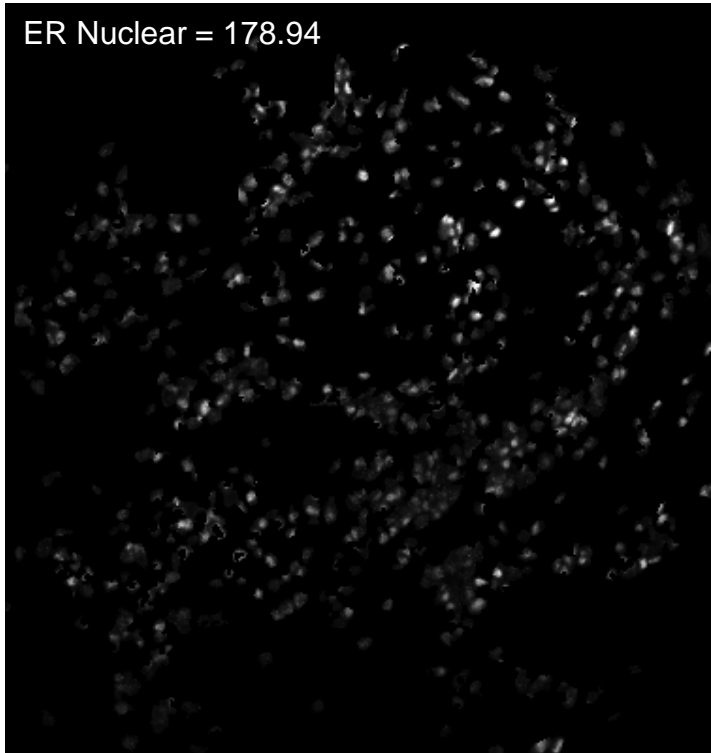
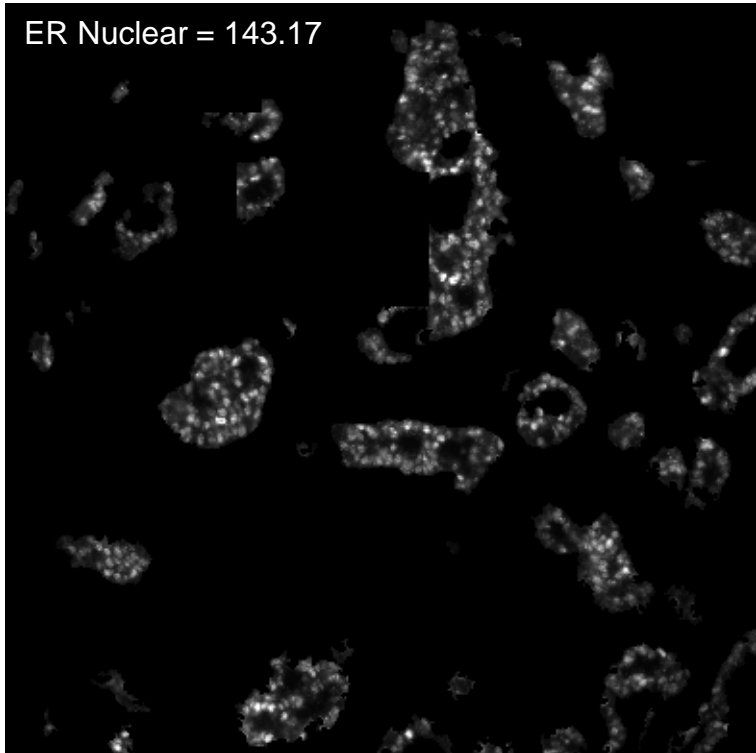
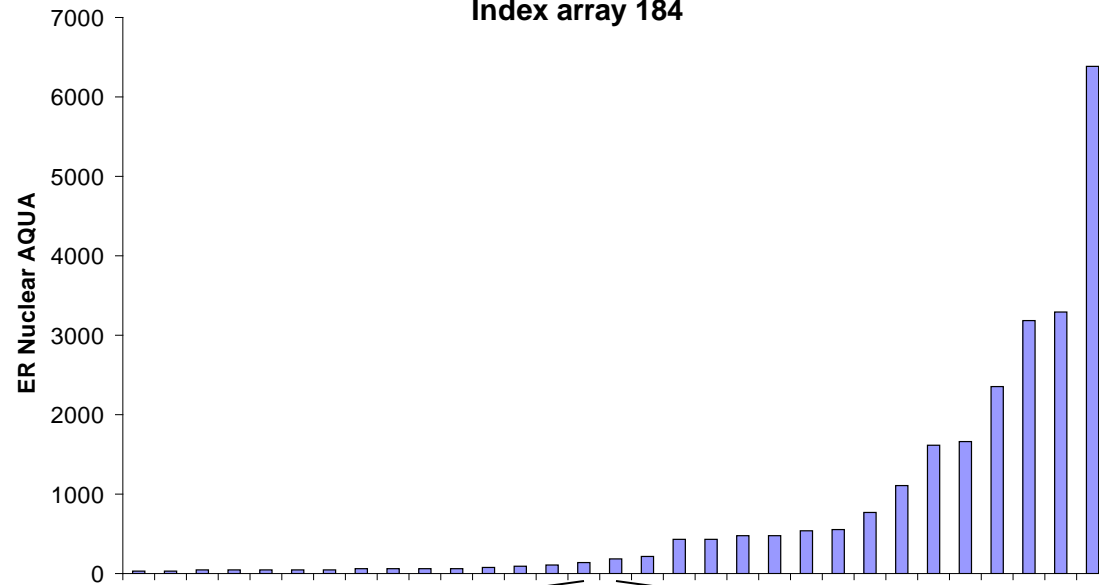
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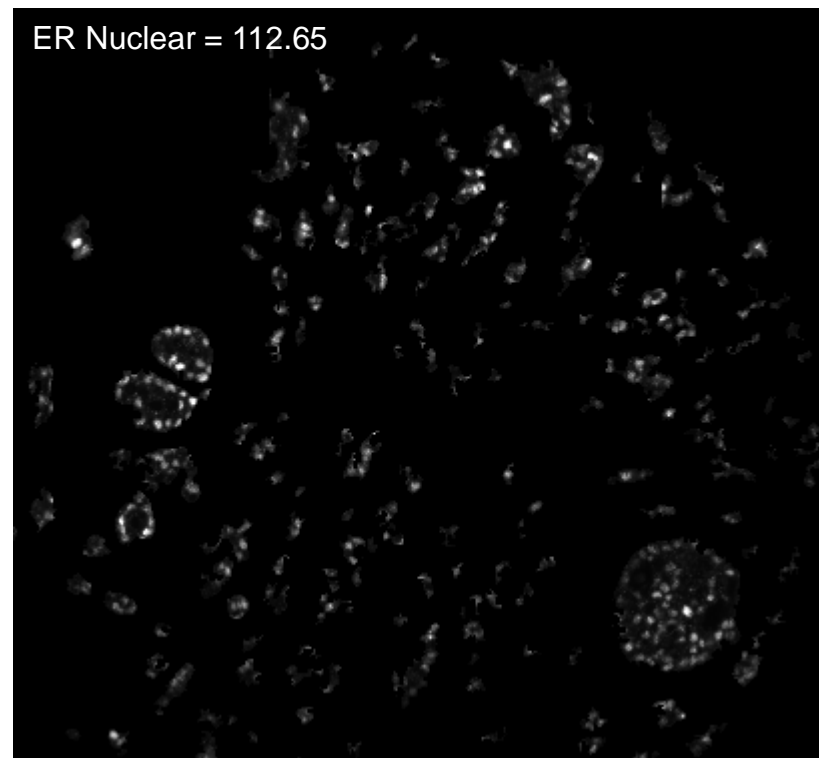
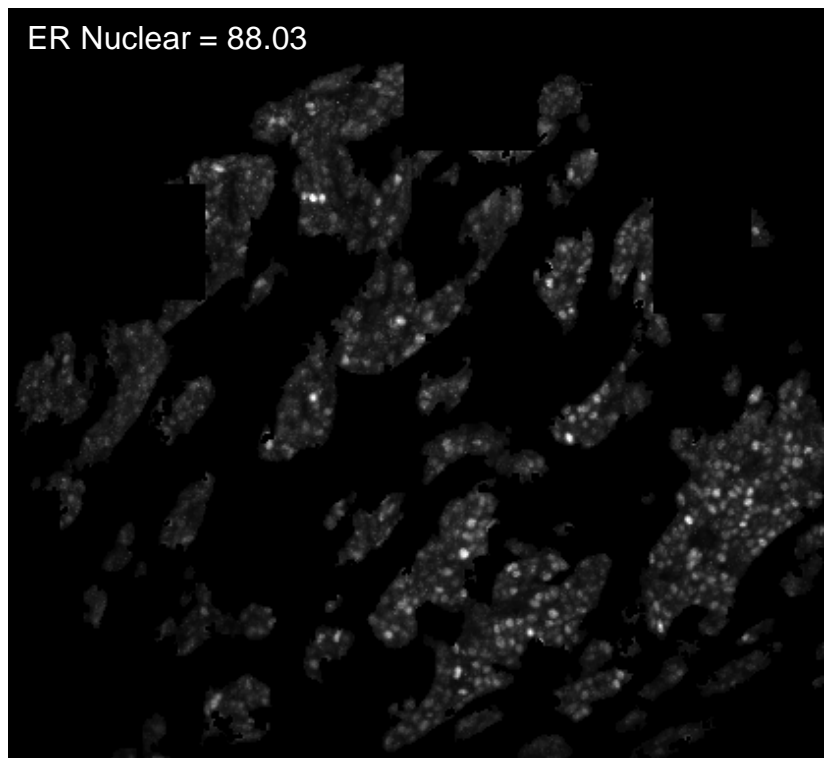
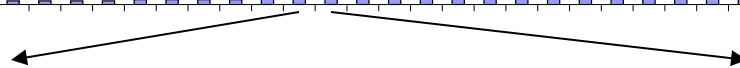
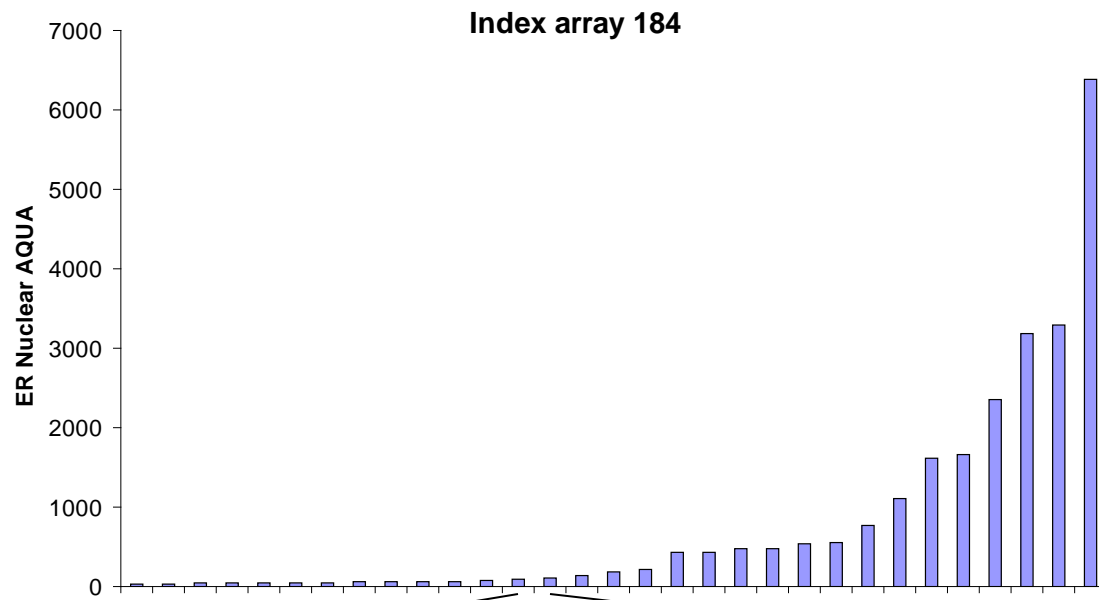


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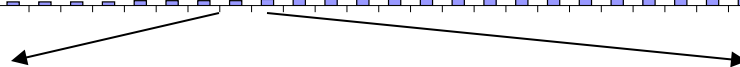
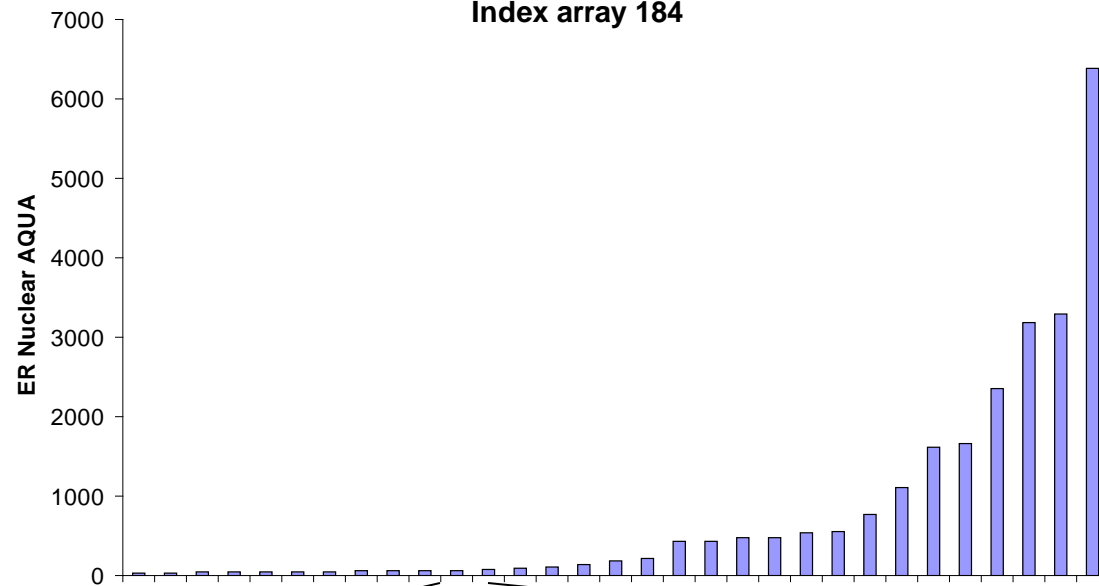


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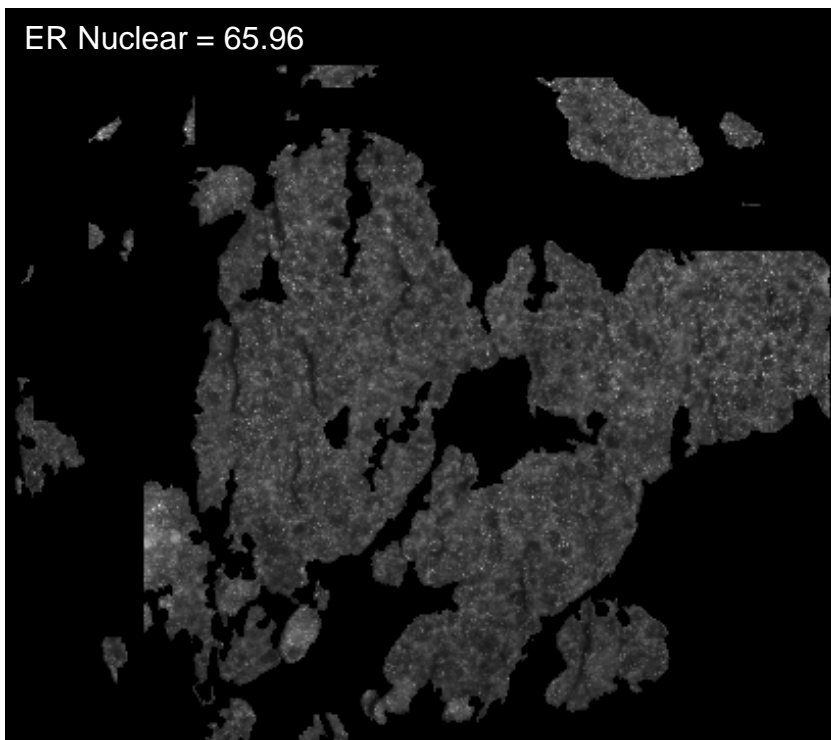




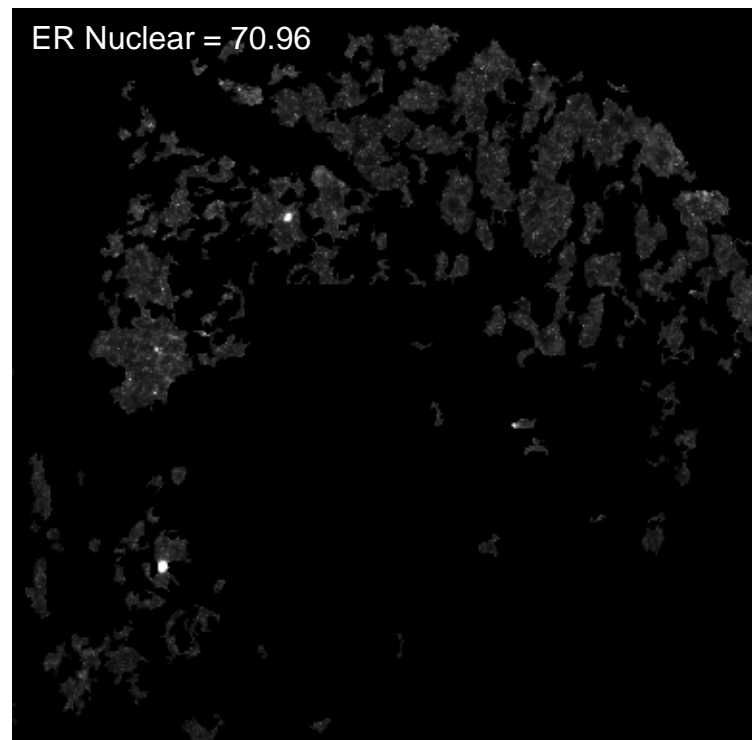
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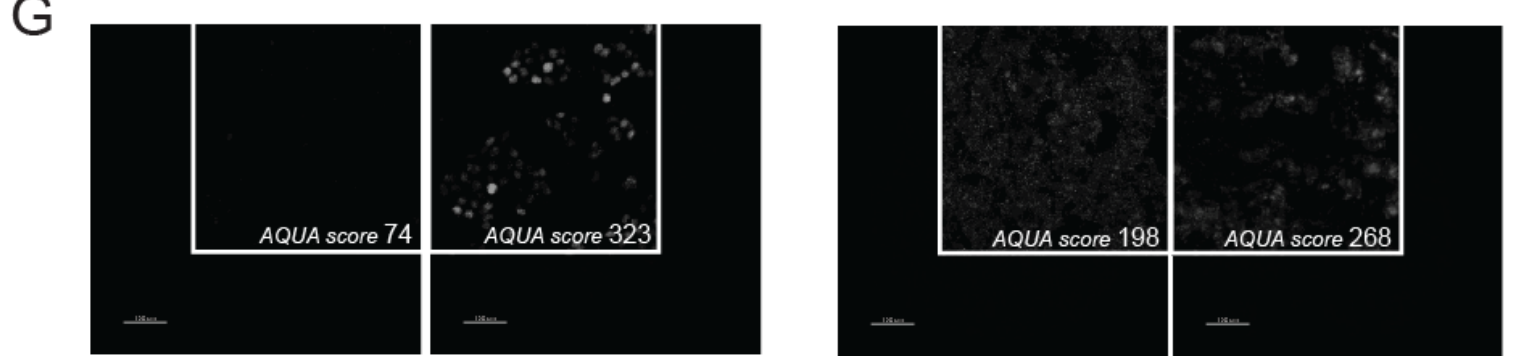
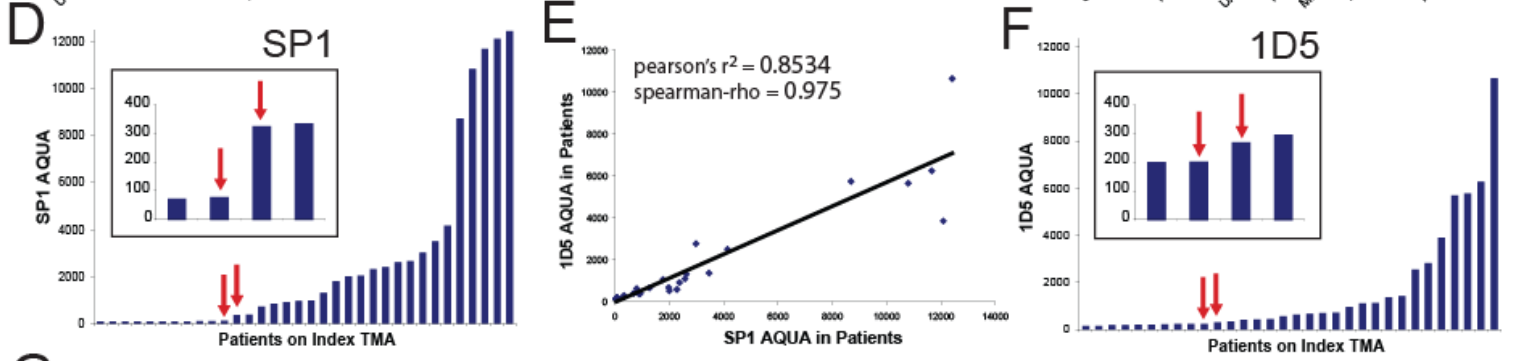
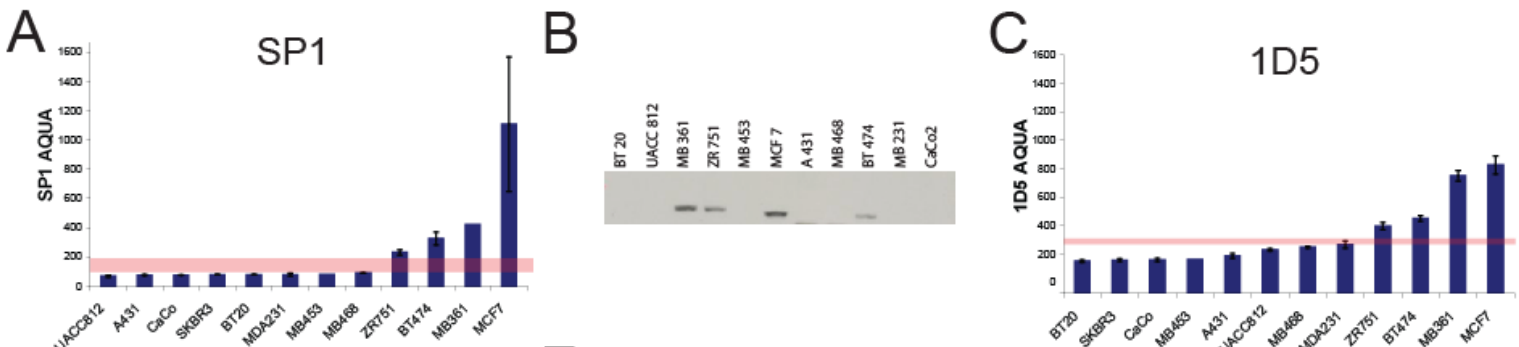
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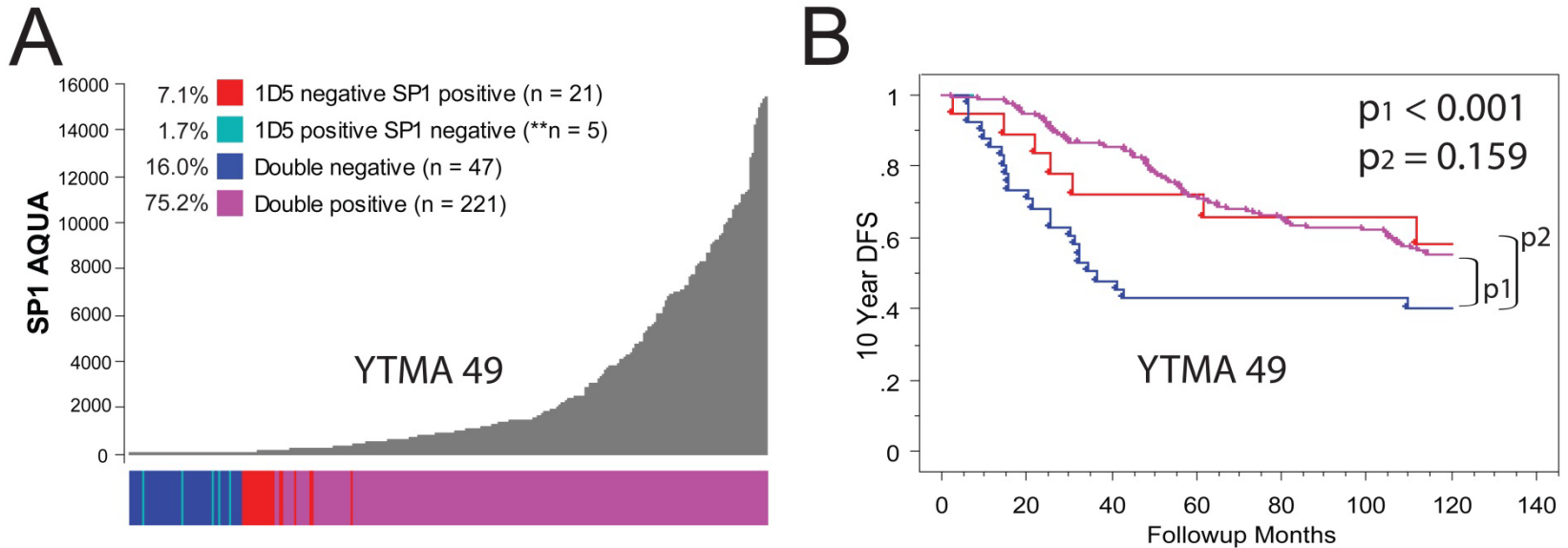
# Comparison of SP1 to 1D5 using QIF (AQUA) on a panel of cell line and patient controls – Higher Affinity leads to better Signal to Noise



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# Comparison of antibodies by QIF assay suggests SP1 is more sensitive than 1D5



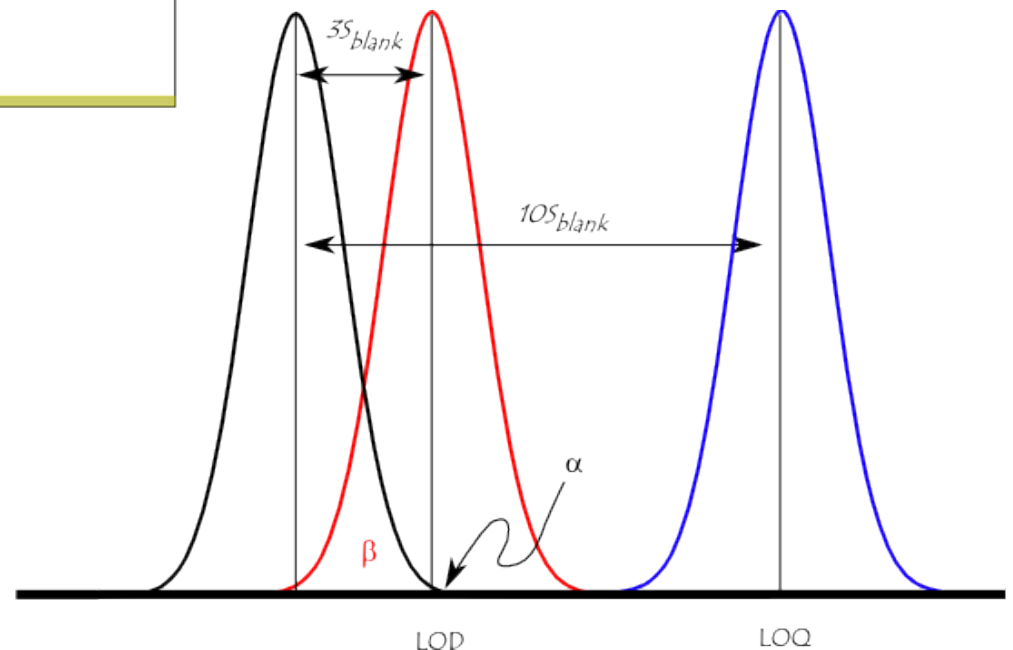
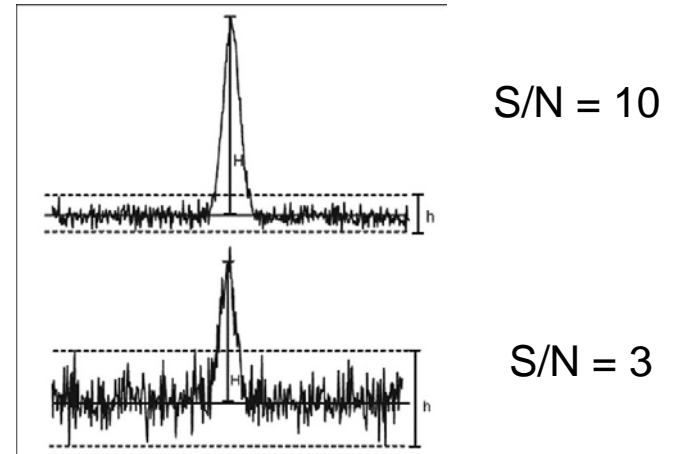
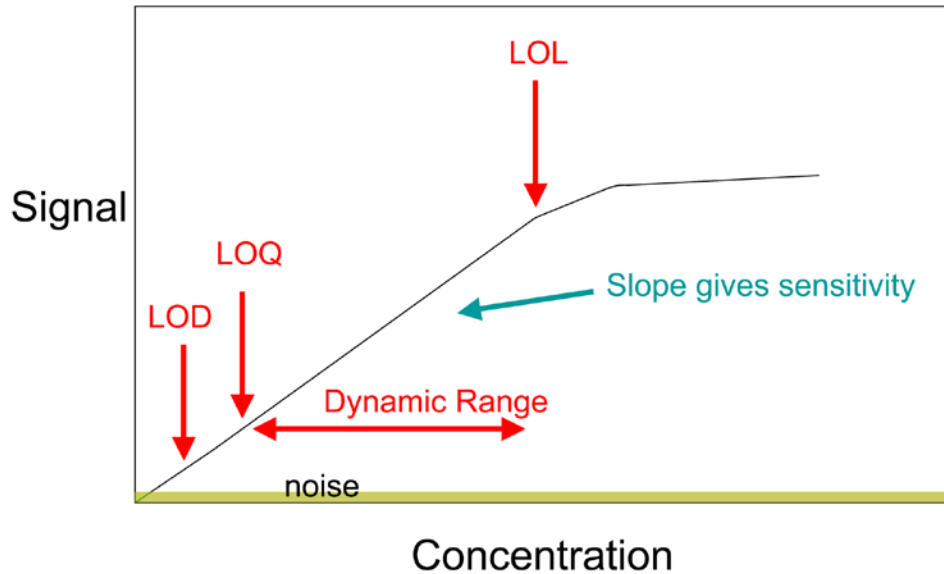
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Quantitative Analysis of Estrogen Receptor Expression Shows SP1 Antibody Is More Sensitive Than 1D5

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# The Goal: To Measure Protein on a slide with the accuracy of Analytical Chemistry



LOD= limit of detection  
LOQ = limit of quantification  
LOL = limit of linearity

# “Lessons Learned”

- Standardization is critical for reproducibility
- Cell lines can help establish cut-points or thresholds
- The human eye is great for many things, but not assessing subtle differences in intensity
- The binding domain and the affinity of the antibody are critical variables



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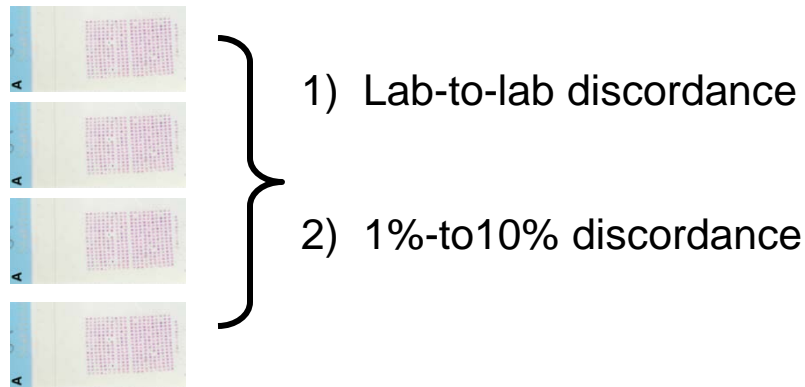
# Methods

Tissue Microarray slide submitted for staining in 4 different labs

Lab1 = Research Histology

Labs 2-4 = Anonymous CLIA labs

4 cuts from Yale TMA 49-9: A cohort of nearly 600 cases from 1962-1982, less than 2% treated with endocrine therapy, node negative treated with surgery alone



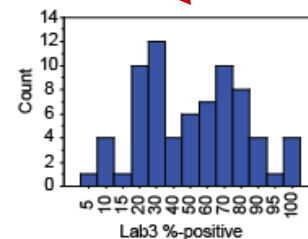
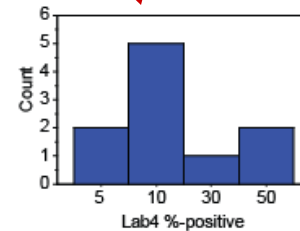
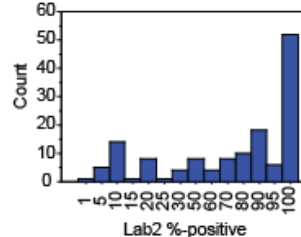
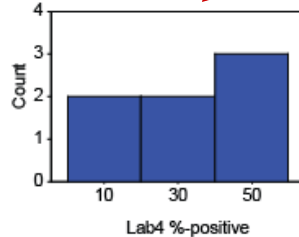
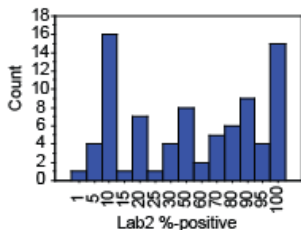
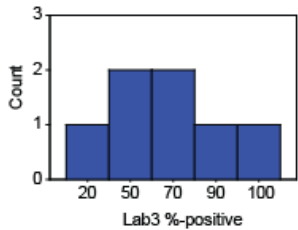
Each slide scanned with Bioimagine scanner  
read by 2 pathologists (MH and DLR) and 1 grad student (AW)

# Lab-to-Lab Discordance

	Lab3			Lab4				
Lab2	18.3%	ER pos 1%	ER neg 1%	Totals	32.2%	ER pos 1%	ER neg 1%	Totals
ER pos 1%	301	83	384	234	140	374		
ER neg 1%	7	111	118	7	101	108		
Totals	308	194	502	241	241	482		

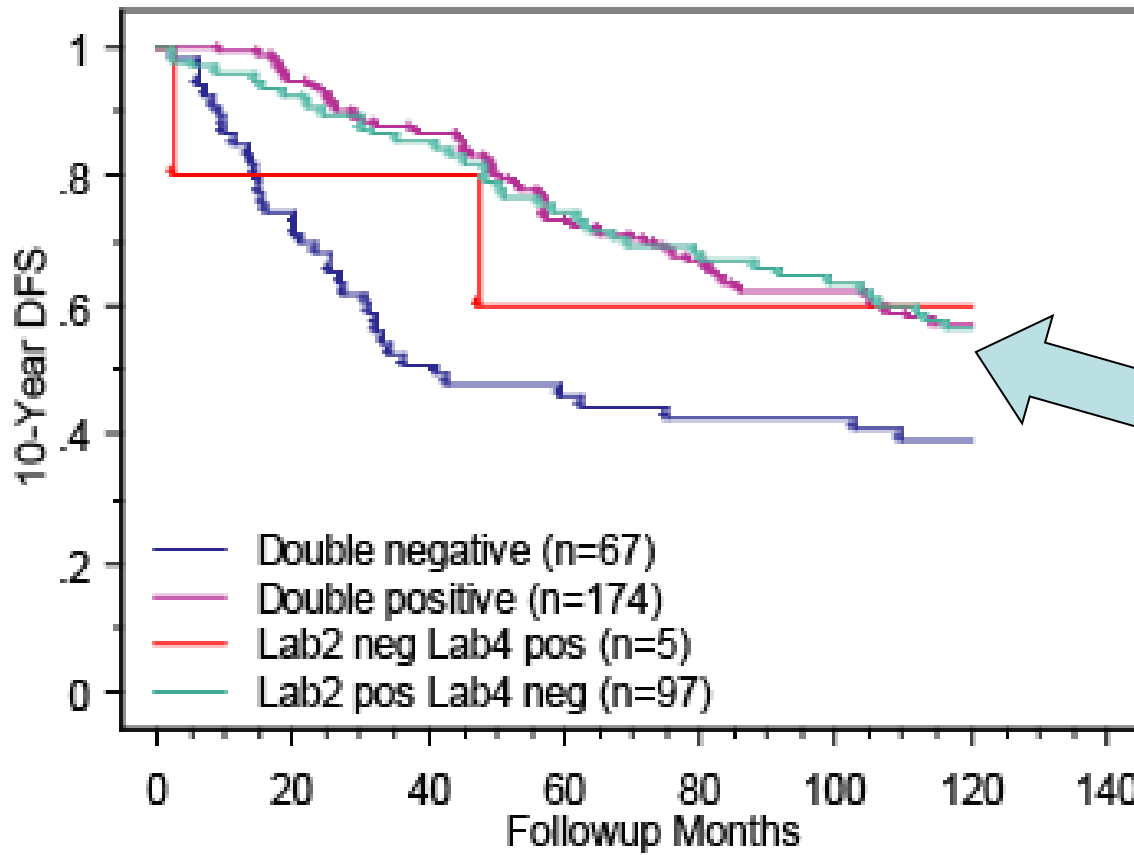
  

	Lab3			Lab4			
Lab3	18.7%	ER pos 1%	ER neg 1%	Totals	ER pos 1%	ER neg 1%	Totals
ER pos 1%	231	72	303	231	72	303	
ER neg 1%	10	178	188	10	178	188	
Totals	241	250	491	241	250	491	



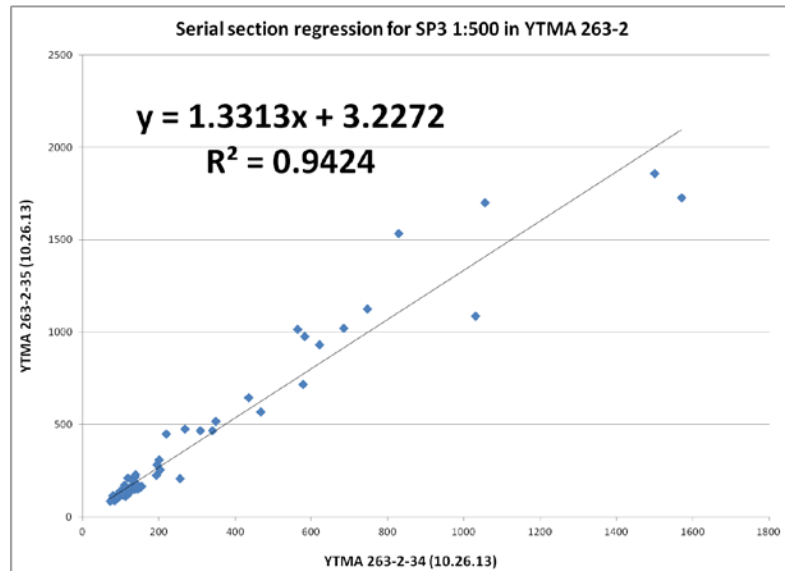
distribution of %-positive in misclassified cases

# Some labs show “false negative” results compared to other labs

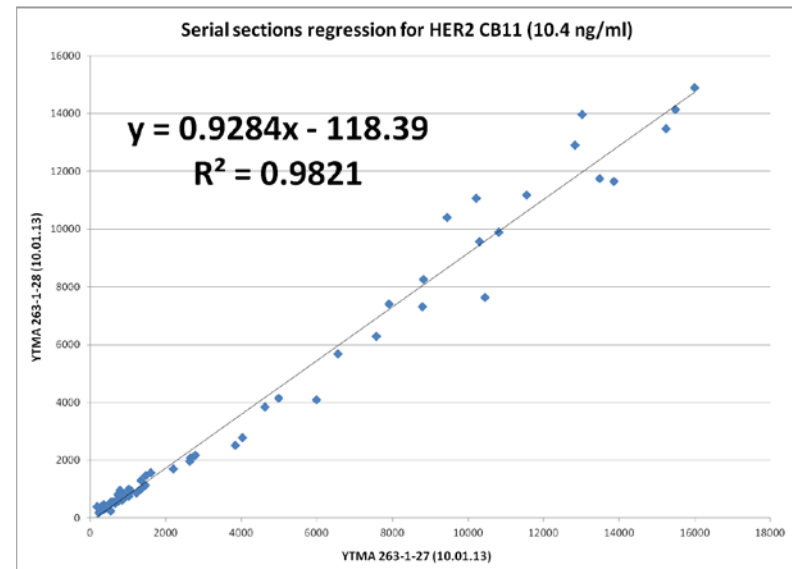


30% of cases were called positive from lab 2 but negative from lab 4 show outcome similar to double positives

# Serial section Reproducibility for Domain Specific antibodies

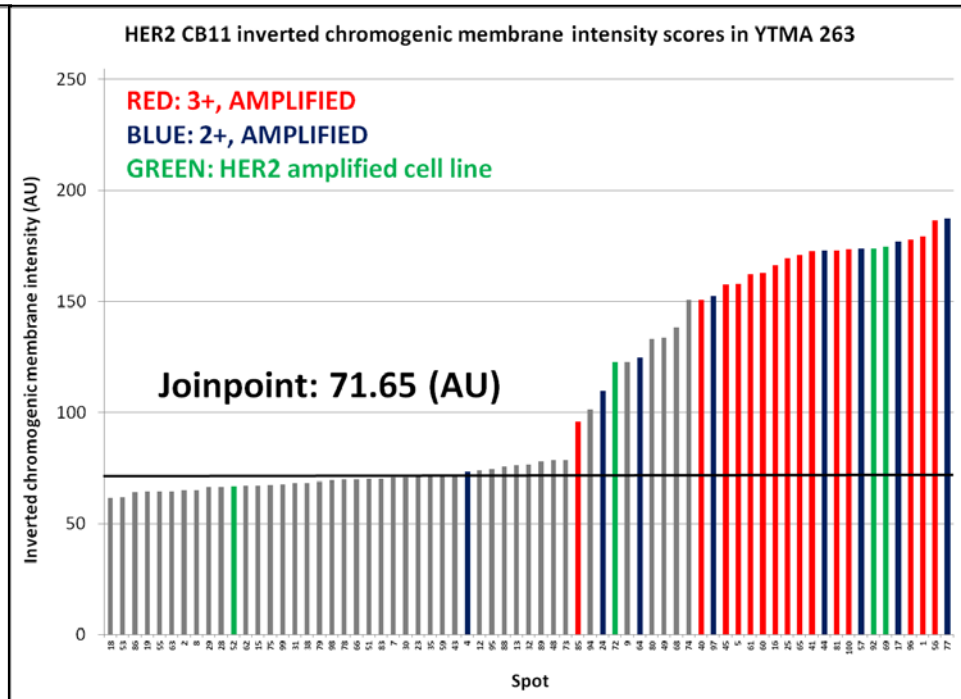
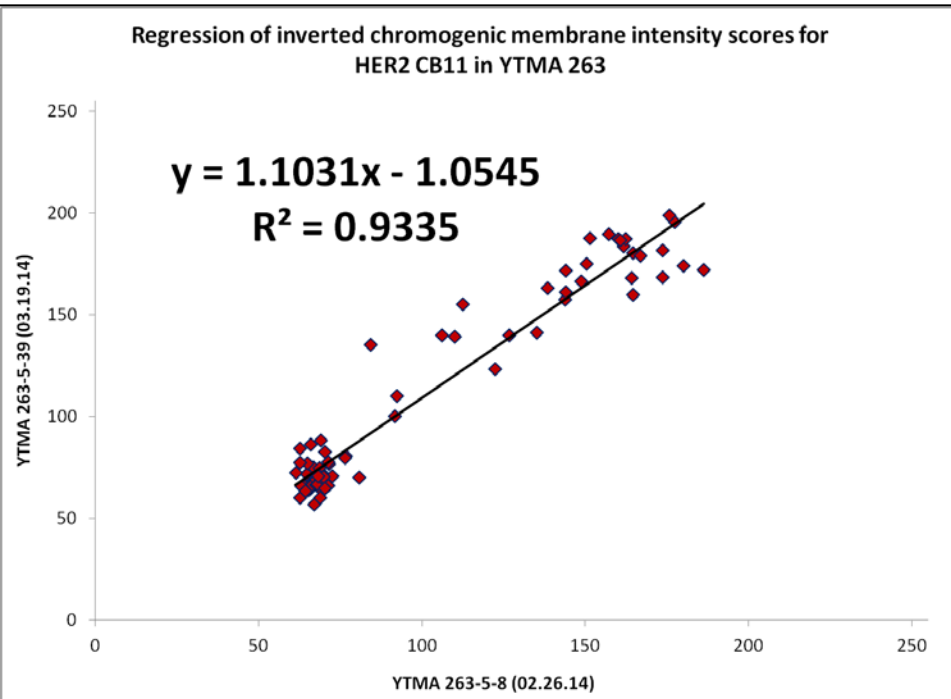


**Extra-Cellular Domain (SP3)**



**Intra-Cellular Domain (CB11)**

# Using Spectrum/Aperio scores from Membrane/Total pixel count for HER2 CB11



# Using Joinpoint to Assess Ab Sensitivity and Specificity to Predict FISH amplification in YTMA 263 (Chromogenic IHC)

HER2 antibody	Joinpoint cut-point (AU)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Positive predictive value (%)	Negative predictive value (%)
CB11	71.65	96.3	64.29	63.41	96.43
SP3	75.75	89.66	82.61	76.47	92.68