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AI for histopathological diagnostics

Machine learning-based profiling of tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes in breast cancer

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Histological slide

Microscopic diagnostics

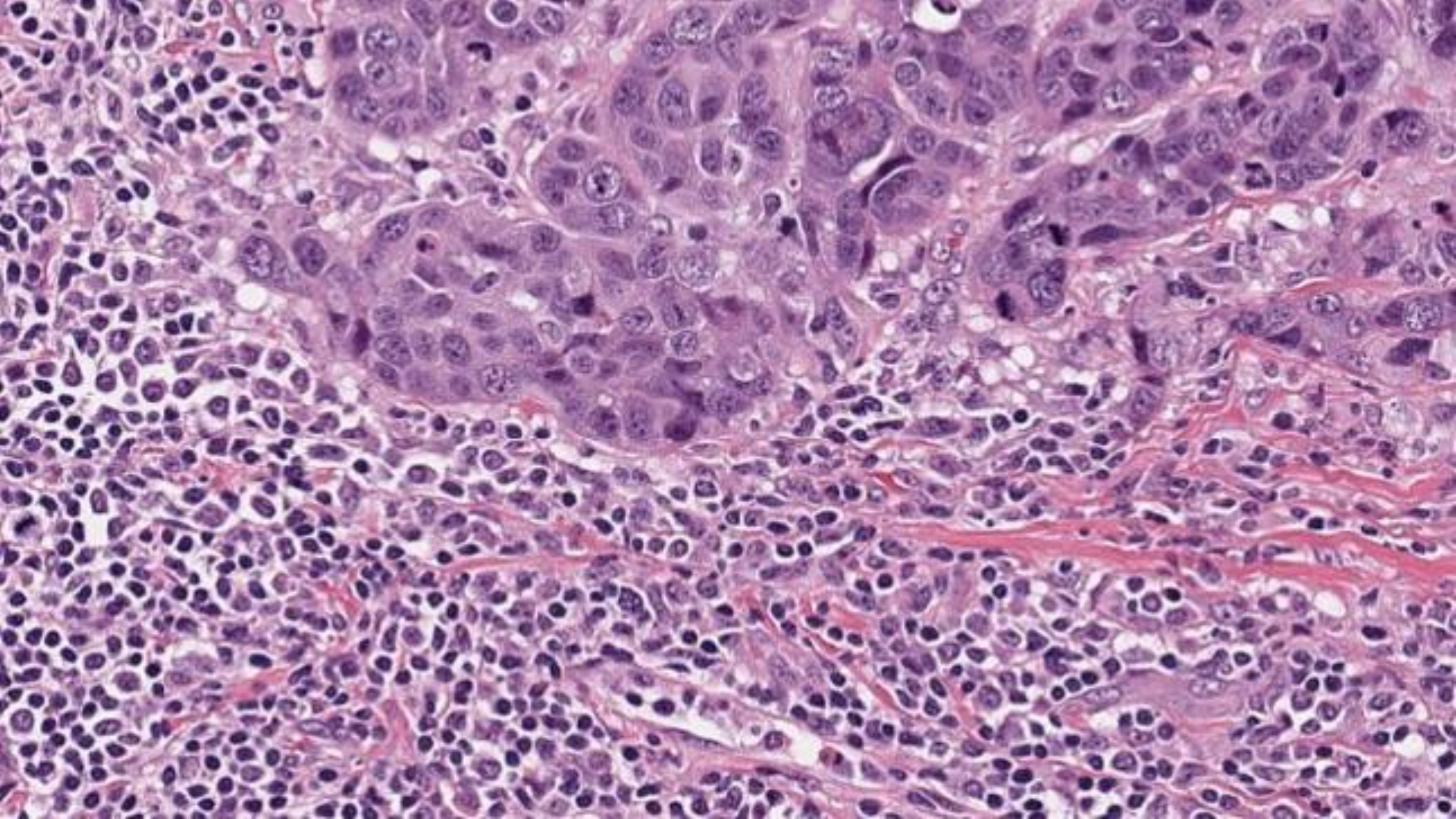


Manual evaluation

Example:
Cancer diagnostics for Immuno-Oncology

Cancer present?

Quantify immune cells!





**Identify
Cancer!**

**Quantify
Immune cells!**



ML-based TiL profiling in breast cancer

- The use case was introduced in document B-014 that contains background information.
- The present document FGAI4H-C-018 explains how
 - the histopathology images are annotated
 - data would be provided
 - machine learning models can be benchmarked

2 Annotation of the histopathology images: What?

Specifications:

- Digitized standard Hematoxylin & Eosin (H&E) stained histological slides

- List of the tissue components/classes:

- cancer tissue

- multiple subtypes

- focus on NST (no-special-type) and invasive-lobular breast cancer

- normal tissue

- normal breast gland and duct epithelium

- connective tissue (fibers, cells)

- fatty tissue

- bone tissue

- blood and lymphatic vessels

- nerves

- immune system

- lymphocytes

- granulocytes

- monocytes/macrophages

- plasma cells

- necrotic tissue

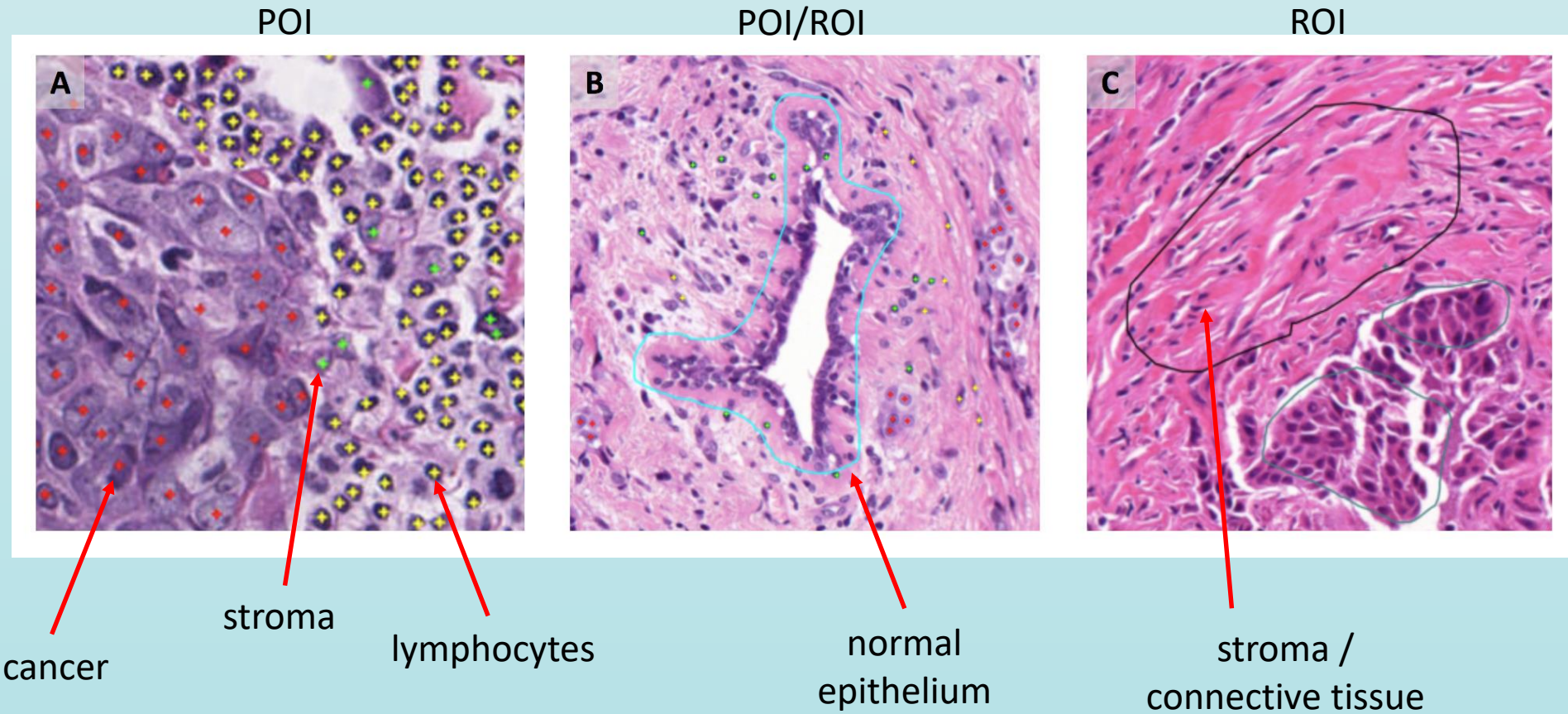
- artifacts

- background

2 Annotation of the histopathology images: How?

- Annotations should be flexibly reusable with different patch sizes extractable from annotation coordinates (saved in xml-format)
- Annotation procedure (single cell “point” vs. area “region” annotation)
 - **positive annotations**
 - point annotations (POI): cell nuclei are marked, relevant for heterogeneous tissues (e. g. individual lymphocytes between cancer cells)
 - region annotations (ROI): regions containing at least 95% cells of respective class
 - **negative annotations**
 - region annotations (ROI): regions negative of a certain class, i. e. region may contain any cells, but none of the respective

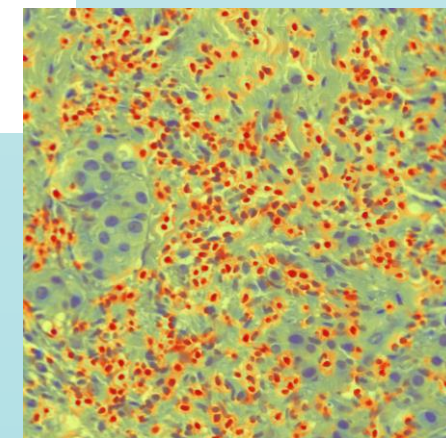
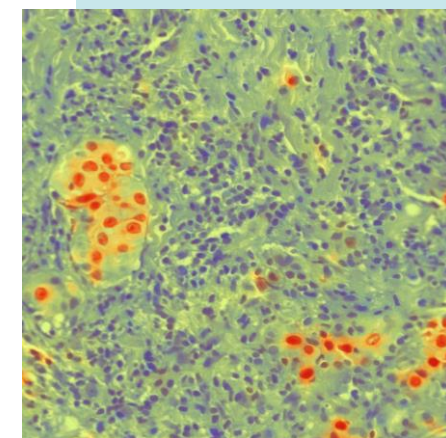
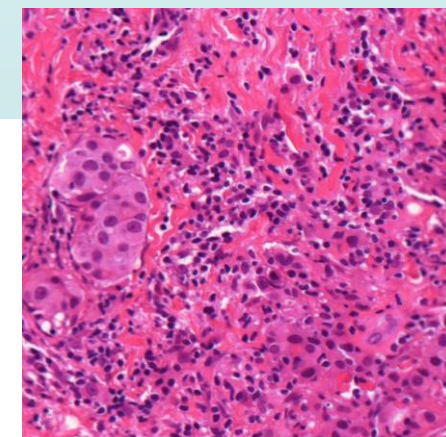
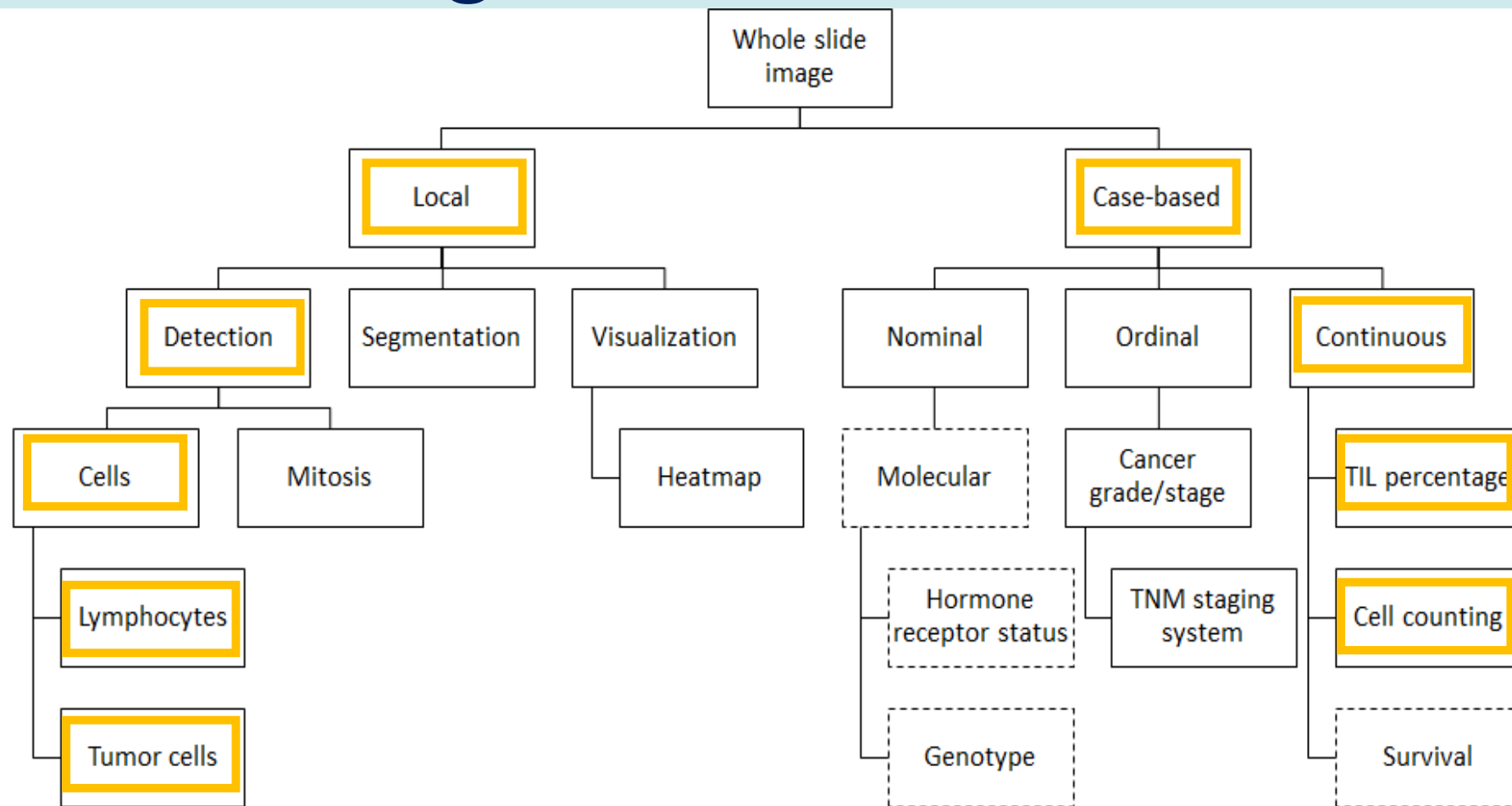
2 Annotation of the histopathology images



2 Provision of test and benchmarking images

- Description of data and data structures/format:
 - benchmarking data will be selected from data sets available at participating institutions based on consensus by the pathologists to cover a representative spectrum of histological patterns
 - data provided as 1000x1000 images at 400x uncompressed
 - annotations in coordinates of POI and ROI stored in xml-format
 - 5-10 exemplary images made available with test annotations to provide overview of data
 - 25-50 densely annotated images will be available in an undisclosed fashion for benchmarking which will be performed on WHO/ITU servers and provide results according to section 3.

3 Benchmarking



Metrics

Level	Prediction task	Metric
Local	Segmentation	Jaccard index, Soerensen-Dice index, ROC/AuC
	Detection	Accuracy, precision, recall, ROC/AuC
	Visualization	Pixel flipping
Case-based	Nominal target variable	Accuracy, precision, recall, ROC/AuC
	Ordinal target variable	Accuracy, precision, recall, ROC/AuC, mean squared/absolute error
	Continuous target variable	Kaplan-Meier estimator Comparison to Cox regression Concordance index Mean squared/absolute error k-way accuracy (e.g. long/medium/short survival)

Current steps

- Ongoing discussion with the FDA on cooperation/standards
- Recruitment of additional board-certified pathologists to redundantly annotate data
- Contact with pathological societies about cooperation



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High-throughput Truthing - Year 2

by [Brandon D. Gallas](#)

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

- [Link to full proposal](#) submitted 10/19/2018. Decisions expected in March 2019.
- Here is an executive summary (four slides) of the project with two new exciting deliverables.
 - [20190318-HTTpitchToUSCAP-5.pdf](#) (169 KB, uploaded by Brandon D. Gallas 4 weeks ago)
- Here is a project overview presentation given Nov.-Dec. 2018 to FDA/CDRO/OSEL management, the [www.TILsinbreastcancer.org](#) working group, project collaborators, and others.
 - [20181130-HTToverviewToCollabs.pdf](#) (2 MB, uploaded by Brandon D. Gallas 4 months 1 day ago)
- [Link to list of collaborators](#)
- [Link to updates](#)

Project Overview

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

Notice, the year 2 title changed to emphasize, "data (images + annotations) as an FDA-qualified medical device development tool (MDDT)". If we can "qualify" a data set via FDA/CDRH MDDT program, it will be available to developers to use as their pivotal validation data in a submission to the FDA. That's the primary aim of year 2. In the lead up to the year 2 submission is the recruitment of partners to help. Check out the letters of support in the submission! We plan to organize data-collection events at meetings where all the pathologists go and at dedicated workshops at collaborating sites.

This project is generally open to new participants.

We will use the [eeDAPstudies NCIPhub group](#) to coordinate communications. So if you are a member, you will receive related communications about that project in addition to communications about the eeDAP MDDT. If you are not a member, sign up or check for updates here and in the blog. Updates will also be provided to the [WSI working group](#) on a less frequent basis.

Current Research Led By FDA



High-throughput truthing of microscope slides to validate artificial intelligence algorithms analyzing digital scans of same slides

- Partnership with academia, clinicians, and industry through Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC)
- Focus on truth by pathologists, the microscope and TILs in breast cancer
- Status: Creating project structure, workgroups and leadership

- Key Deliverables:
 1. FDA qualified dataset for algorithm validation
 2. MDDT or 510(k) open or mock submission for
 - WSI viewer
 - TILs in breast cancer algorithm

Work to be done in the public domain.

MDDT:
Medical Device Development Tool
<https://www.fda.gov/medicaldevices/scienceandresearch/medicaldevicedevelopmenttoolsmddt/>

510(k):
Premarket submission for Class II medical devices
<https://www.fda.gov/medicaldevices/deviceregulationandguidance/howtomarketyourdevice/premarket submissions/premarketnotification510k/default.htm>

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