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## Added value of second biopsy target in screen-detected widespread suspicious breast calcifications

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**Abstract**

**Introduction:** There is controversy on the optimal work up of screen-detected widespread breast calcifications: whether to biopsy a single target or multiple targets. This study evaluates agreement between multiple biopsy targets within the same screen-detected widespread ( $\geq 25$  mm) breast calcification to determine if the second biopsy adds value.

**Methods:** Retrospective observational study of women screened in a statewide general population risk breast cancer mammographic screening program from 2009 to 2016. Screening episodes recalled for widespread calcifications where further views indicated biopsy, and two or more separate target areas were sampled within the same lesion were included. Percentage agreement and Cohen's Kappa were calculated.

**Results:** 293317 women were screened during 761124 separate episodes with recalls for widespread calcifications in 2355 episodes. In 171 women, a second target was biopsied within the same lesion. In 149 (86%) cases the second target biopsy result agreed with the first biopsy ( $\kappa=0.6768$ ). Agreement increased with increasing mammography score (85%, 86% and 92% for score 3, 4 and 5 lesions). Same-day multiple biopsied lesions were three times more likely to yield concordant results compared to post-hoc second target biopsy cases.

**Conclusion:** While a single target biopsy is sufficient to discriminate a benign vs. malignant diagnosis in most cases, in 14% there is added value in performing a second target biopsy. Biopsies performed prospectively are more likely to yield concordant results compared to post-hoc second target biopsy cases, suggesting a single prospective biopsy may be sufficient when results are radiological-pathological concordant; discordance still requires repeat sampling.

**Keywords:** Breast Imaging, Screening, Widespread Calcifications, Stereotactic, Biopsy.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

2 For screen-detected widespread segmental breast calcifications  
3 recommended for biopsy in Western Australia there is controversy  
4 on the optimal radiological work-up: specifically, is there added  
5 value of a second biopsy target within the same lesion. In Western  
6 Australia biopsy is recommended for screen-detected breast  
7 calcifications that are interpreted on further magnification views as  
8 score 3 (possibly malignant), 4 (suspicious for malignancy) or 5  
9 (malignant), a scoring system that overlaps BI-RADs 3/4a, 4b, and  
10 4c/5 categories, respectively<sup>1,2</sup>. In the case of widespread  
11 continuous or discontinuous but isomorphic screen-detected  
12 calcifications, intuitively one expects that a single target should  
13 provide a representative sample at histopathology. In the event of  
14 radiological-pathological discordance, a repeat biopsy remains  
15 indicated, assuming sampling error<sup>1,2</sup>. Additionally, local surgical  
16 staging preferences sometimes request biopsy-proven malignancy,  
17 detected as calcifications, from multiple target sites, with targets >  
18 5 cm apart to confirm a widespread transverse or craniocaudal  
19 extent of disease as this information is useful in counseling patients  
20 who may require extensive surgery (e.g. mastectomy vs. breast  
21 conserving surgery). Some radiologists prefer to anticipate this  
22 surgical staging request at the time of initial biopsy and  
23 prospectively target opposite extents of widespread calcifications,

1 usually anterior/posterior extent on the same day. Some surgeons,  
2 however, consider anterior and posterior extent irrelevant, as  
3 resection margins dissect to the pectoralis fascia but appreciate  
4 transverse or craniocaudal extremes targeted, with two biopsies. In  
5 the case of discontinuous calcifications, even if isomorphic,  
6 documenting malignancy at two sites is important when counseling  
7 women who are motivated to pursue breast conserving surgery.  
8 Performing two biopsies on the day of diagnostic imaging work-up  
9 utilizes a second booking slot, thereby delaying access for other  
10 scheduled patients. Each additional biopsy target is an additional  
11 invasive test that may not be justified.

12 A recent North American study of 32 cases of only BI-RADS 4 or 5  
13 category continuous segmental calcifications reported 100%  
14 histopathological agreement between paired anterior and posterior  
15 biopsies of morphologically similar segmental breast calcifications  
16 measuring 5 cm or more, suggesting that a second biopsy target to  
17 determine extent added no value to a single biopsy target<sup>3</sup>. There is  
18 a paucity of literature informing the optimal number of targets to be  
19 biopsied in cases of screen-detected, indeterminate, possibly  
20 malignant or malignant widespread breast calcification. In  
21 particular, for our Australian scoring system where any calcification  
22 interpreted as not definitely benign on magnification views biopsy is  
23 indicated (this would include BI-RADS 3 calcifications in a North  
24 American setting).



1 We aimed to evaluate in our Western Australian population of  
2 screen-detected widespread segmental continuous or discontinuous  
3 breast calcifications, that included score 3, 4 or 5, whether we could  
4 confirm 100% pathological agreement in biopsy pairs where 2 or  
5 more targets were sampled within the one lesion. We hypothesised  
6 that there would be 100% agreement between biopsy pairs, in all  
7 cases of screen-detected widespread calcification.

## 8 **METHODS**

### 9 *Study Design*

10 We conducted a retrospective observational study of histopathology  
11 reports for stereotactic core biopsies performed for widespread  
12 segmental continuous or discontinuous breast calcifications in  
13 consecutive women screened by BreastScreen WA, a government-  
14 funded general population breast screen program in Western  
15 Australia. Upon entering the BreastScreen WA screening program,  
16 women sign informed consent for information to be used for breast  
17 cancer research. Ethics approval was obtained from BreastScreen  
18 WA. In addition, institutional Quality Improvement activity approval  
19 was obtained which exempted Hospital Research Ethics Committee  
20 (HREC) review. Both the BreastScreen WA and WA Metropolitan  
21 Health Department Radiology Information System (RIS) databases  
22 were queried for women screened between 1 January 2009 and 30  
23 April 2016 where widespread segmental continuous or

1 discontinuous breast calcifications were detected (coded as "WCA"  
2 or "widespread calcifications") and, after magnification views were  
3 performed and biopsy was recommended, 2 or more biopsy targets  
4 were sampled. All widespread discontinuous calcifications were in a  
5 segmental distribution and constituted at least 3 groups of  
6 calcifications, no more than 20 mm apart.

### 7 *Patient Selection*

8 BreastScreen WA invites women via the Electoral Roll into a general  
9 population risk mammography screening program of biennial  
10 mammography between the ages of 50 and 74 years. Women at  
11 high risk of breast cancer have annual mammographic screening  
12 and women may self-present from age 40 and from age 75, without  
13 invitation. Pregnant women are excluded from screening.

### 14 *Test methods*

15 Screening consisted of bilateral craniocaudal (CC) and mediolateral  
16 oblique (MLO) 4 view digital mammography read in either hardcopy  
17 or soft copy, as the screening program transitioned to soft copy  
18 reporting during the study period, with no change in recall or cancer  
19 detection rates. Screening mammogram images were 2D. The  
20 assessment centres transitioned to include digital breast  
21 tomosynthesis (DBT) for workup of masses, distortions and  
22 asymmetries but not for the assessment of calcifications. Routine  
23 magnification and true lateral views were performed on all cases

1 recalled for evaluation of screen-detected breast calcifications.  
2 Screening mammograms are prospectively double-read by  
3 radiologists with subspecialty fellowship training in breast imaging,  
4 with reports structured according to the NBCC Synoptic Breast  
5 Imaging Report Guidelines<sup>2</sup>. Screen-detected breast calcifications  
6 are scored according to a grading system (not equivalent to BI-  
7 RADS), which classifies mammography lesions on a scale of 1 to 52.  
8 Score 1 indicates no significant abnormality (normal); score 2 is  
9 benign; score 3 is possibly malignant (which overlaps BI-RADS 3,  
10 probably benign and BI-RADS 4a, biopsy indicated but benign  
11 pathology accepted); score 4 is suspicious for malignancy and score  
12 5, malignant<sup>1,2</sup>. At BreastScreen WA, calcifications are further  
13 categorised on the basis of extent. If the calcifications are  
14 widespread (25 mm or greater) they are encoded as "WCA"  
15 (widespread calcifications). If grouped calcifications are smaller in  
16 extent (smaller than 25 mm) they are reported as "LCC" (localised  
17 cluster of calcifications). A widespread area of discontinuous breast  
18 calcifications of the same morphology may be reported as "WCA" or  
19 multiple "LCC" at screening but, after magnification views when  
20 biopsy is recommended for work-up, and at subsequent surgery,  
21 may be considered a single lesion. We included cases coded as  
22 "WCA" (25 mm or greater) that included segmental continuous  
23 isomorphic calcifications (Figure 1) and segmental discontinuous

1 isomorphic calcifications encoded as "WCA" or multiple "LCC" but  
2 considered radiologically part of the same process/lesion (Figure 2).

3 The screening mammograms or further magnification views were  
4 validated for study inclusion by one of three Consultant Radiologists  
5 (all of whom were authors in the current study) for validation of  
6 WCA size and morphology.

7 Data was retrospectively collected from multiple institutions.

8 Biopsies were performed at 14G, 12G or 9G, or a combination,  
9 using a Bard Magnum or Suros vacuum-assisted devices depending  
10 on institution but the screening program quality assurance  
11 mandates that at least 5 core samples are taken and specimen  
12 radiograph confirms the presence of target calcifications.

13 Histopathology scores were reported according to a pathological 5-  
14 tier system where score indicated non-diagnostic (1), benign (2),  
15 indeterminate/atypical (3), suspicious for malignancy (4) and  
16 malignant (5) diagnoses. All pathology results were assessed for  
17 radiological-pathological concordance by the reporting radiologists.

18 Histopathology report scores were validated by a single consultant  
19 pathologist. Lesions were considered in histopathological  
20 agreement if the reported numerical pathology scores categories  
21 matched. Diagnostic pathology scores were also further categorised  
22 into binary clinical management categories of "benign" (return to  
23 routine screening) vs. "not benign" (atypical/suspicious/malignant –

1 requires repeat or excision biopsy or definitive surgery). Lesions  
2 were considered in clinical agreement if the binary categorisation of  
3 each biopsy matched. Percentage agreement was calculated by  
4 dividing the number of paired biopsies in agreement by the total  
5 number of paired biopsies for each dataset.

## 6 *Statistical Analysis*

7 Agreement between biopsies was assessed using Cohen's kappa.  
8 Firstly, a weighted kappa was calculated for the histopathology  
9 scores, which penalised disparate scores progressively as the  
10 difference between them increased. Secondly, kappa was  
11 calculated for binary clinical management categories (benign vs. not  
12 benign) for each biopsy pair, both for the whole cohort and for  
13 specific subgroups. In addition, to investigate the association  
14 between clinical agreement and demographic and clinical factors,  
15 univariate logistic regression models were fitted to the data. Robust  
16 standard error estimates were used to account for the three  
17 participants who had two separate encounters with the service for  
18 biopsy of different widespread calcifications.  $P < 0.05$  was  
19 considered statistically significant and all analyses were conducted  
20 using Stata v14.1.

## 21 **RESULTS**

22 BreastScreen WA conducted 761124 screening episodes for 293317  
23 women between 01 Jan 2009 and 30 April 2016. During this time,

1 there were 2355 recalls for further imaging (magnification views of  
2 widespread calcifications), of which 443 were benign and patients  
3 were returned to routine screening. In 1912 recalls for WCA, further  
4 views were read as indeterminate, suspicious or mammographically  
5 malignant and biopsy was recommended. In 1295 of those cases  
6 multiple biopsies were performed. Of those 1295 cases where two  
7 or more biopsies were performed, in 174 cases two or more  
8 stereotactic core biopsy targets were performed within a single  
9 widespread calcification (Figure 3). Other women had biopsies of  
10 multiple different lesions.

11 There were 174 lesions in 171 women that underwent paired  
12 biopsies of 2 or more target areas within the same lesion. The  
13 distribution of the two most different (if more than 2 targets) biopsy  
14 results of reported histopathology scores (1 = non-diagnostic, 2 =  
15 benign, 3 = indeterminate/atypical, 4 = suspicious for malignancy,  
16 5 = malignant) is displayed in Table 1. Overall percentage  
17 agreement for the 174 lesions biopsied was 79% and 86% for  
18 histopathological and clinical agreement, respectively (Table 2). Of  
19 the 174 lesions, 143 paired biopsies were performed prospectively  
20 on the same day, while the remaining 31 were performed following  
21 a call back following initial biopsy for wider sampling (surgical  
22 staging) or radiological-pathological discordance. The latter cases  
23 are referred to as post-hoc second target biopsy cases. For the 143  
24 prospective paired biopsies, there was 84% and 89%

1 histopathological and clinical agreement, respectively. For post-hoc  
2 second target biopsy cases, histopathological agreement was 55%  
3 and clinical agreement was 71%.

4 Of 174 paired biopsies, 94 were performed both with a 14G Bard  
5 Magnum biopsy device, 37 were performed with vacuum assisted  
6 devices and 4 were performed with a combination of the two (Table  
7 3). In 39 biopsy pairs the device used was not recorded. We  
8 observed no statistically significant difference in agreement (either  
9 histopathological score or clinical assessment) if the biopsy was  
10 performed at 14G, or with vacuum-assistance (Table 3). For those  
11 biopsies performed with a 14G Bard Magnum biopsy device, there  
12 was 77% and 85% histopathological and clinical agreement,  
13 respectively. For biopsies performed with vacuum-assistance,  
14 histopathological agreement was 81% and clinical agreement was  
15 84%. Biopsies performed with a combination of devices yielded  
16 50% histopathological and clinical agreement while those where the  
17 biopsy device was not stated demonstrated 85% histopathological  
18 agreement and 92% clinical agreement. These latter large  
19 differences are observed in only 4 cases and are likely due to  
20 chance.

21 We observed a trend towards increasing percentage agreement with  
22 increasing degree of mammography suspicion, with  
23 histopathological percentage agreement of 77%, 81% and 85% and

1 clinical agreement of 85%, 86% and 92% for subsets of  
2 mammographic scores of 3, 4 and 5, respectively (Table 2). Lesions  
3 measuring 50 mm or larger (n=104) were in histopathological  
4 agreement in 82% of cases and in clinical agreement in 87% of  
5 cases (Table 2).

6 Cohen's kappa was calculated to determine if there was agreement  
7 between all biopsy pairs (Table 4). Overall kappa for concordance  
8 was 0.68 whether by 5-tier histopathology score (CI 0.55-0.81) or  
9 binary benign-malignant score (CI 0.53-0.82). However, agreement  
10 was never perfect.

11 Subset analysis (Table 4) demonstrated statistically significant  
12 agreement between biopsy pairs in WCA measuring 50 mm or more  
13 (kappa=0.6846, CI 0.49-0.88) and in those WCA with a  
14 mammography score of 3 (kappa =0.6902, CI 0.52-0.86). There  
15 was only slight agreement between biopsy pairs in those WCA with  
16 a mammography score of 4 or 5, which was not statistically  
17 significant (kappa=0.1848, CI -0.09-0.46). For prospective biopsy  
18 pairs, there was statistically significant agreement between biopsy  
19 pairs (kappa = 0.7505, CI 0.59-0.91) while in post-hoc second  
20 target biopsy cases, agreement was not statistically significant  
21 (kappa = 0.3178, CI -0.03-0.67).

22 Table 5 displays the odds ratios from the univariate logistic  
23 regression models for clinical agreement. Only biopsy timing was



1 significantly associated with agreement, with prospectively (same  
2 day) biopsied patients being over 3 times more likely to have  
3 results in agreement compared to those in the call back group (OR  
4 3.25,  $p = 0.014$ ). The aforementioned trend towards increasing  
5 percentage concordance with increasing degree of mammography  
6 suspicion was not statistically significant when analysed for clinical  
7 agreement (OR 1.16,  $p = 0.787$  and OR 2.17,  $p = 0.47$ ).

## 8 **DISCUSSION**

9 For screen-detected widespread segmental breast calcifications  
10 recommended for biopsy in Western Australia there is controversy  
11 on the optimal radiological work-up: specifically, whether there is  
12 added value of a second biopsy target within the same lesion. The  
13 surgical decision between breast conservation and mastectomy is  
14 influenced by several factors, including the extent of disease. Larger  
15 lesions of 50 mm or greater require more extensive surgery to  
16 achieve clear margins with recurrence largely being influenced by  
17 margin status<sup>4</sup>. Anecdotally, it is useful to have histopathological  
18 results consistent with mammographic appearances of widespread  
19 cancer when counselling women for more aggressive therapy.

20 Our data demonstrate substantial and statistically significant but  
21 imperfect agreement between reported histopathology scores  
22 obtained from two or more sites within screen-detected widespread  
23 continuous or discontinuous calcifications. These results differ from

1 those of Raj et al (2016) who demonstrated 100% agreement  
2 between anterior and posterior biopsies in segmental breast  
3 calcifications 50 mm or greater<sup>3</sup>. Results of these two studies may  
4 differ for a number of reasons. For example, our study included  
5 cases between 25 and 50 mm and was not limited to anterior-  
6 posterior lesion extent, whilst Raj et al (2016) excluded  
7 calcifications < 50 mm in size. However, in the current study's  
8 subgroup of patients with widespread calcifications measuring  
9 50 mm or greater, where the majority had two targets biopsied  
10 prospectively at anterior and posterior margins anticipating a  
11 surgical staging request, 100% agreement in histopathological  
12 result (benign vs. not benign) was not observed (we observed  
13 87%). This suggests that in up to 13% of cases with clinically  
14 divergent results, sampling of multiple sites within widespread  
15 calcifications is arguably justifiable.

16 The unexpected finding of only slight agreement between biopsy  
17 pairs for mammography scores 4 or 5 can be explained by the  
18 smaller sample size of this subset (n = 50) and the inherent greater  
19 probability of concordance being due to chance alone. The observed  
20 probability of agreement (0.88) is not that much greater than that  
21 expected due to chance (0.85), hence kappa is small. In  
22 comparison, the probability of agreement due to chance for  
23 mammography score 3 lesions (n = 124) was 0.50 and the  
24 observed agreement was 0.84. Therefore, although the percentage

1 agreement is equivalent in both groups, the expected agreement is  
2 very different and hence, so are the kappa values.

3 The finding that prospectively biopsied (same day) cases were 3  
4 times more likely to have results in agreement suggests that  
5 performing paired biopsy targets rather than a single biopsy target  
6 may not be necessary for screen-detected widespread breast  
7 calcifications. The assessment of radiological-pathological  
8 concordance (e.g. accept a benign histopathology result) is made at  
9 the time of initial biopsy. In 3 of the 11 post-hoc second biopsy  
10 cases recalled for radiologic-pathologic discordance, where a second  
11 biopsy target was sampled at a later date, the decision to repeat  
12 biopsy was made following second opinion or multidisciplinary  
13 meeting. It should be noted that this analysis was exploratory in  
14 nature and the sample size for some models was quite small.  
15 Therefore, given their potential clinical utility, it is important to  
16 demonstrate that these results can be replicated in a larger,  
17 prospectively collected, cohort.

18 The main limitation of this study is its retrospective design, and  
19 consequent limited availability of desired data. However, the cases  
20 were prospectively enrolled and screened in a statewide program, a  
21 population applicable to routine general risk women. Study  
22 population heterogeneity limits ability to generalise findings to  
23 change program policy. For example, there was heterogeneity in the

1 gauge of biopsy and use of vacuum assisted techniques and as such  
2 the biopsy sensitivity, accuracy and risk of underestimation<sup>5,6</sup> varied  
3 between study population subsets. However, the aim of the study  
4 was to identify the presence of cases where paired biopsies within  
5 one lesion yielded discordant results, and biopsies performed with  
6 or without vacuum assistance showed this.

7 A further study limitation is the potential for selection bias from  
8 retrospective study design: not all cases of screen-detected  
9 widespread breast calcifications where further views recommended  
10 biopsy and biopsy was performed, had paired biopsies. Of 1912  
11 screens with widespread calcifications recalled where biopsy was  
12 recommended, 617 were excluded because either only single target  
13 biopsy or no biopsy was performed. Of the remaining 1295 cases  
14 where multiple biopsies were performed, the majority were biopsies  
15 of different lesions, for example a mass or contralateral breast  
16 lesion.

## 17 **CONCLUSION**

18 Our data demonstrate statistically significant but imperfect  
19 agreement between reported histopathology scores obtained from  
20 two or more sites within single screen-detected widespread  
21 continuous or discontinuous calcifications (considered single  
22 lesions). In 174 lesions in 171 women that underwent paired  
23 biopsies the majority (86%) of biopsy pairs were in pathological

1 agreement, with the second biopsy target adding value in 14% of  
2 cases where there was disagreement between biopsy pairs. Our  
3 data suggest that the second biopsy target is particularly valuable in  
4 cases of radiological-pathological discordance or if the calcifications  
5 are interpreted as indeterminate, rather than definitively malignant  
6 in appearances. Further research is needed to identify factors that  
7 predict cases of pathological disagreement.

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### **Figure Legends**

#### **Figure 1 - Widespread segmental breast calcifications.**

Female age 50 years, 3rd round screening mammogram, recalled for further views for right upper inner quadrant widespread segmental calcifications > 40 mm, Score 5 (malignant). Two targets, anterior and posterolateral, were biopsied with histopathologic and clinical agreement showing high grade DCIS, no invasive malignancy.

#### **Figure 2 - Widespread discontinuous calcifications.**

Female age 61 years, 6th round screening mammogram. Recalled

for left lower inner quadrant widespread discontinuous but isomorphic segmental calcifications, 70 mm diameter, score 5. Anterior and posterior biopsy targets, with marker clip placement, with histopathologic and clinical biopsy result agreement: malignant, high nuclear grade, predominantly solid pattern ductal carcinoma in-situ (DCIS) with central comedo necrosis and calcification.

### **Figure 3 – Patient Flow**

#### **Tables**

**Table 1 - Comparison of biopsy results (histopathology score) between paired biopsy targets for all cases (n=174). Path score 1 = non-diagnostic, 2 = benign, 3 = indeterminate/atypical, 4 = suspicious for malignancy, 5 = malignant.**

**Table 2 - Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants**

**Table 3 – Odds ratios from univariate logistic regression models for the association between agreement and biopsy method**

**Table 4 – Statistical Summary whole cohort and prospective subsets**

**Table 5 – Odds ratios from univariate logistic regression models for the association between agreement and each independent variable**

**BIOPSY 2nd TARGET**

BIOPSY 1st TARGET		PATH SCORE 1	PATH SCORE 2	PATH SCORE 3	PATH SCORE 4	PATH SCORE 5	TOTAL
	n	n	n	n	n	n	
<b>PATH SCORE 1</b>	n	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>PATH SCORE 2</b>	n	0	45	3	1	3	52
<b>PATH SCORE 3</b>	n	0	7	14	0	2	23
<b>PATH SCORE 4</b>	n	0	0	0	2	1	3
<b>PATH SCORE 5</b>	n	1	10	10	0	75	96
<b>TOTAL</b>		1	62	27	3	81	174

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**Table 2 - Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants**

	<b>n</b>	<b>Median age of women at biopsy (range) years</b>	<b>Median WCA size (range) mm</b>	<b>Histopathological Agreement %</b>	<b>Clinical Agreement %</b>
<b>Number of cases</b>	174	55 (31-78)	50 (25-160)	79% (137/174)	86% (149/174)
<b>Mammographic Score 3</b>	124	55 (31-78)	50 (25-125)	77% (96/124)	85% (105/124)
<b>Mammographic Score 4</b>	37	57 (43-78)	55 (26-160)	81% (30/37)	86% (32/37)
<b>Mammographic Score 5</b>	13	60 (49-78)	66 (35-100)	85% (11/13)	92% (12/13)
<b>Size ≥ 50mm</b>	104	56 (41-78)	61 (50-160)	82% (85/104)	87% (90/104)
<b>Prospective cases</b>	143	55 (31-78)	50 (25-150)	84% (120/143)	89% (127/143)
<b>Post-hoc second target biopsy cases</b>	31	55 (41-78)	60 (30-160)	55% (17/31)	71% (22/31)

**Table 3 – Odds ratios from univariate logistic regression models for the association between agreement and biopsy method**

Variable		Agreement	Disagreement	OR (95% CI)	p-value
Biopsy gauge	14 gauge	80	14	0.911 (0.387 to 2.14)	0.831
	Vacuum	31	6	0.832 (0.305 to 2.27)	0.719

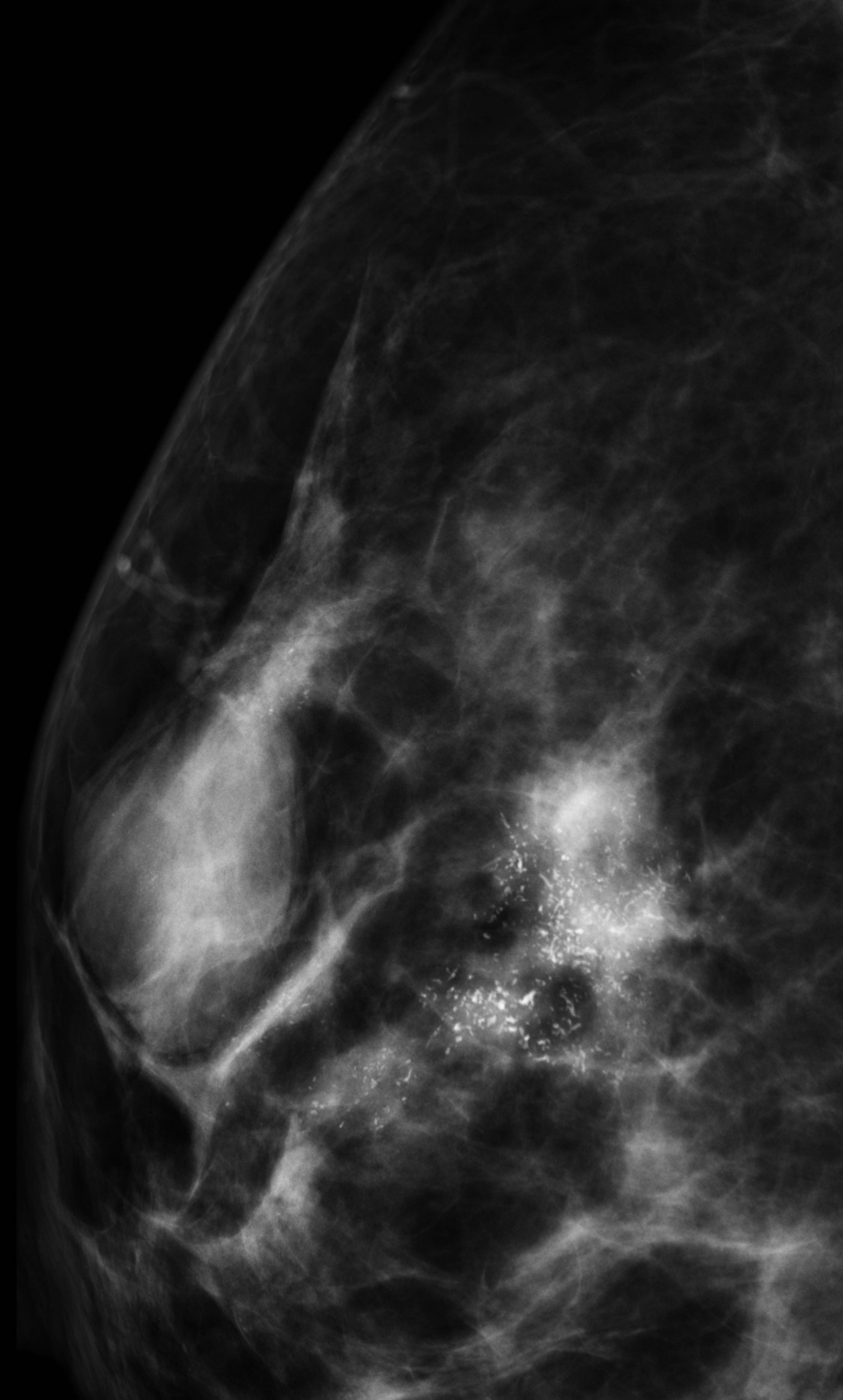
**Table 4 – Statistical Summary whole cohort and prospective subsets**

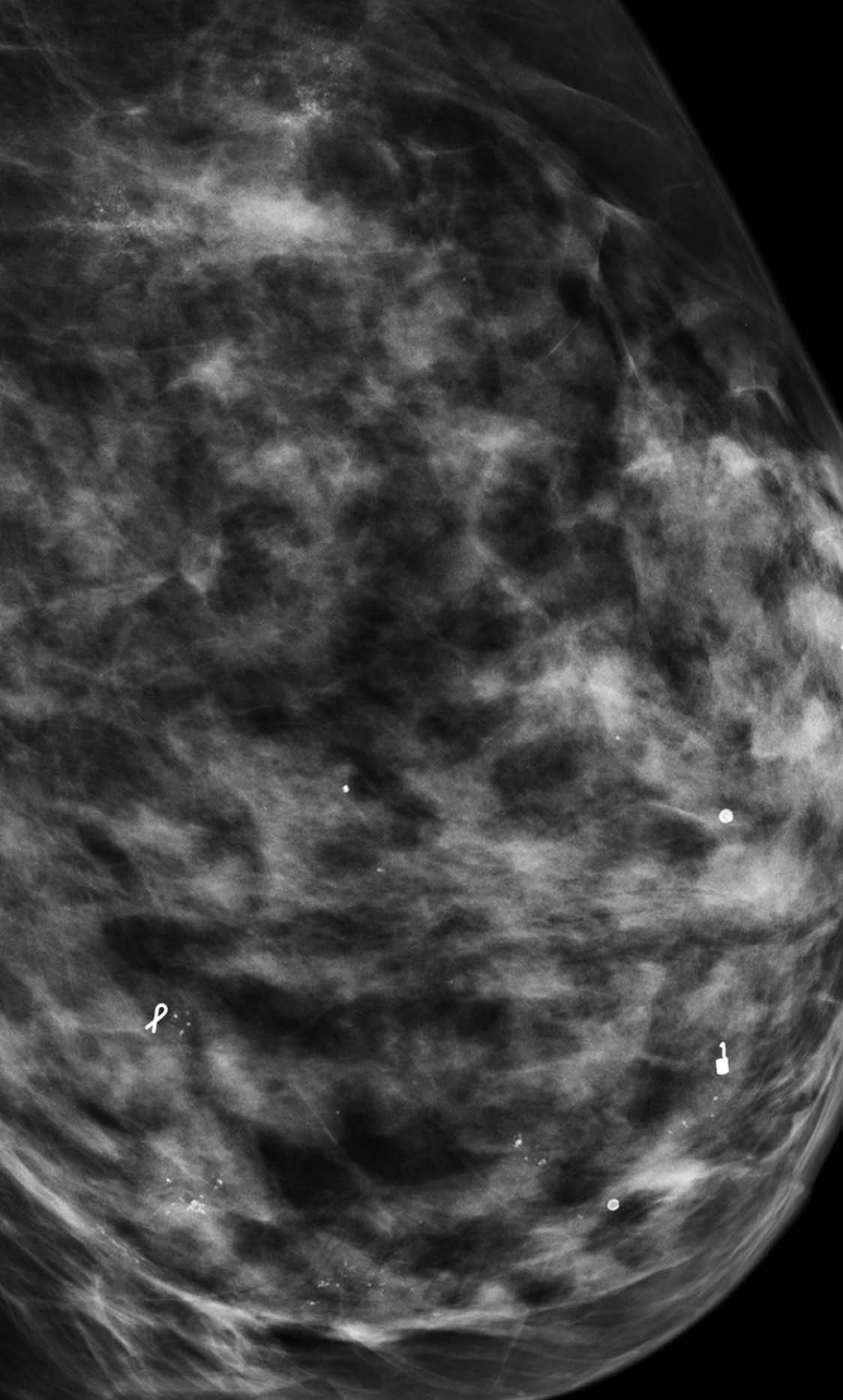
	n	Agree Benign	Agree Not Benign	Disagree	kappa	Lower CI	Upper CI	Standard error	
<b>WHOLE COHORT</b>	Whole cohort	174	45	104	25	0.6768	0.53	0.82	0.0750
	Age <50 years	36	9	19	8	0.5200	0.20	0.84	0.1655
	Age ≥50 years	138	36	85	17	0.7194	0.55	0.88	0.0842
	Continuous WCA	149	40	85	24	0.6473	0.81	0.49	0.0810
	Discontinuous WCA	25	5	19	1	0.8837	0.49	1.27	0.1986
	Size ≥50mm	104	25	65	14	0.6846	0.49	0.88	0.0977
	Mammogram Score 3	124	44	61	19	0.6902	0.52	0.86	0.0883
	Mammogram Score 4 or 5	50	1	43	6	0.1848	-0.09	0.46	0.1414
	Dense Breasts	79	24	42	13	0.6534	0.43	0.87	0.1121
	Non-dense Breasts	94	20	62	12	0.6839	0.52	0.85	0.1008
	PHx Breast or Ovarian CA	8	1	6	1	0.6000	-0.04	1.24	0.3240
	No PHx Breast or Ovarian CA	165	43	98	24	0.6741	0.52	0.83	0.0771
	Family History of Breast CA	39	11	22	6	0.6667	0.35	0.98	0.1591
	No Family History of Breast CA	133	32	82	19	0.6690	0.50	0.84	0.0856
	Post-hoc second target biopsy cases	31	5	17	9	0.3178	-0.03	0.67	0.1791
<b>PROSPECTIVE CASES ONLY</b>	Prospective	143	40	87	16	0.7505	0.59	0.91	0.0826
	Age <50 years	31	8	18	5	0.6437	0.30	0.99	0.1755
	Age ≥50 years	112	32	69	11	0.7805	0.60	0.96	0.0936
	Continuous WCA	124	36	72	16	0.7202	0.55	0.89	0.0884
	Discontinuous WCA	19	4	15	0	1.0000	0.55	1.00	0.2294
	Size ≥50mm	84	22	55	7	0.8037	0.59	1.01	0.1080
	Mammogram Score 3	97	39	46	12	0.7530	0.56	0.95	0.1001

Mammogram Score 4 or 5	46	1	41	4	0.2923	0.02	0.56	0.1379
Dense Breasts	64	22	33	9	0.7120	0.47	0.95	0.1234
Non-dense Breasts	78	17	54	7	0.7696	0.55	0.98	0.1117
PHx Breast or Ovarian CA	5	1	4	0	1.0000	0.12	1.00	0.4472
No PHx Breast or Ovarian CA	137	38	83	16	0.7397	0.57	0.88	0.0843
Family History of Breast CA	34	10	20	4	0.7434	0.41	1.08	0.1701
No Family History of Breast CA	107	28	67	12	0.7430	0.56	0.93	0.0952

**Table 5 – Odds ratios from univariate logistic regression models for the association between agreement and each independent variable**

Variable	Agreement	Disagreement	OR (95% CI)	p-value	
Biopsy timing	Post-hoc second target biopsy	22	9	1	0.014
	Prospective	127	16	3.25 (1.27 to 8.29)	
Age group	< 50	28	8	1	0.141
	≥ 50	121	17	2.03 (0.79 to 5.23)	
Breast density	Not dense	82	12	1	0.496
	Dense	66	13	0.74 (0.32 to 1.74)	
Family history breast cancer	No	114	19	1	0.865
	Yes	33	6	0.92 (0.34 to 2.50)	
WCA Continuous	No	24	1	1	0.145
	Yes	125	24	0.22 (0.03 to 1.69)	
Personal history breast or ovarian cancer	No	141	24	1	0.873
	Yes	7	1	1.19 (0.14 to 10.19)	
Mammogram Score	3	105	19	1	0.787
	4	32	5	1.16 (0.40 to 3.36)	
	5	12	1	2.17 (0.46 to 17.81)	





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