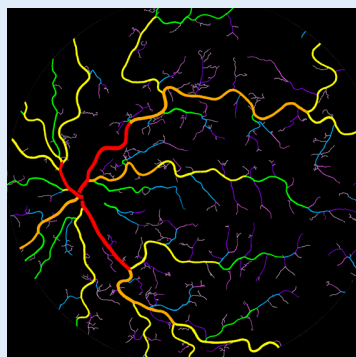
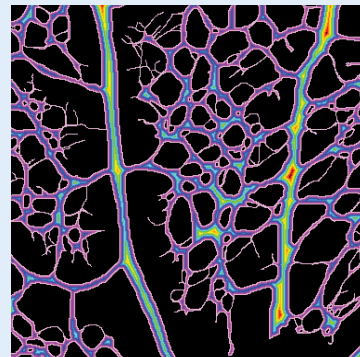


# NASA's Innovative VESsel GENeration Analysis (VESGEN) Software

Arterial Tree



Vascular Network



## Vascular Patterning for Research Discovery and Technology Development

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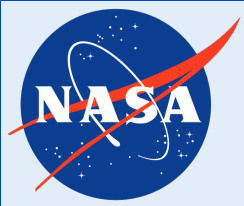
***Actively recruiting members with vascular imaging and other expertise!***

**Lisa Carnell, PhD** Senior Research Scientist, Human Research Program, NASA  
Tissue engineering, biosensing, microvascular remodeling

**Jennifer Fogarty PhD** Chief Scientist, Human Research Program, NASA  
Angiogenesis, microvascular remodeling, role of biomarkers

**Antony Jeevarajan PhD** Deputy Division Chief, Biomedical Research and  
Environmental Sciences, NASA: Biomedical research, imaging of cell systems in  
bioreactors for tissue engineering

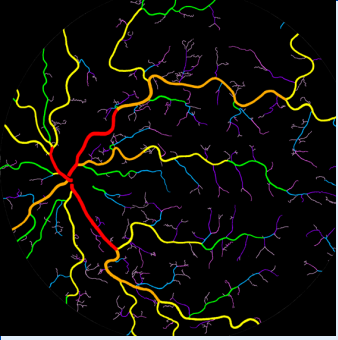
**Krishnan Radhakrishnan MD PhD MPH**, Senior Scientist/Epidemiologist, Veteran's  
Administration, West Haven, CT: Computational and medical analysis of microvascular  
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# NASA's VESGEN

## Vascular Centennial Challenge Collaborators

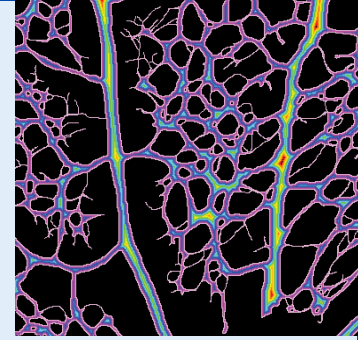
- David Kao PhD, VESGEN 3D Mapping and Quantification; Visualization
- Hamed Valizadegan PhD, Rodney Martin PhD, Nikunj Oza PhD, AI/Deep Learning for Vascular Image Binarization
- Mary B. Vickerman MS, VESGEN 2D/3D Image Analysis and Java Developer
- Mark Lagatuz MSE, VESGEN Java Developer
- Matthew Murray BS, VESGEN Vascular Analysis Early Career Scientist
- Ann-Sofie Schreurs PhD and Candice Tahimic PhD, Heart Vascular Branching
- Undergraduate Interns: Sneha Ramesh, Marina Predovic, Cassandra Stawicki



Human Retina

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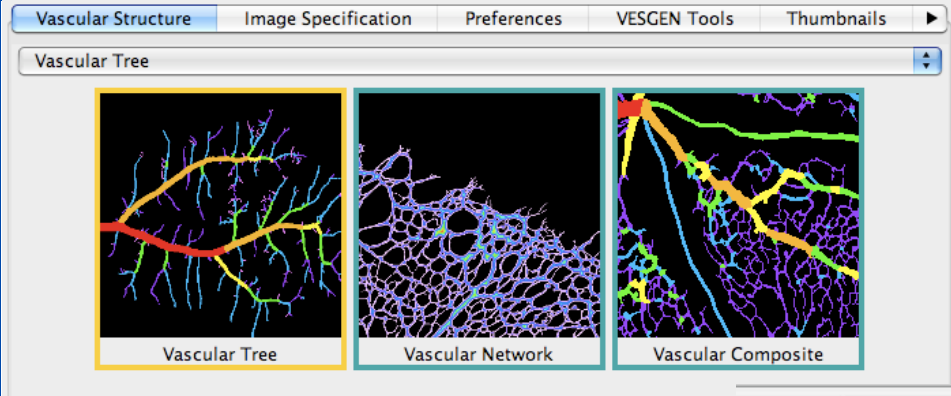
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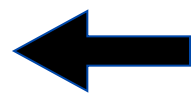
Mouse Retina

- **Overview of VESGEN applications to vascular mapping and quantification**
- **VESGEN software scheduled for public release by NASA in 2018**





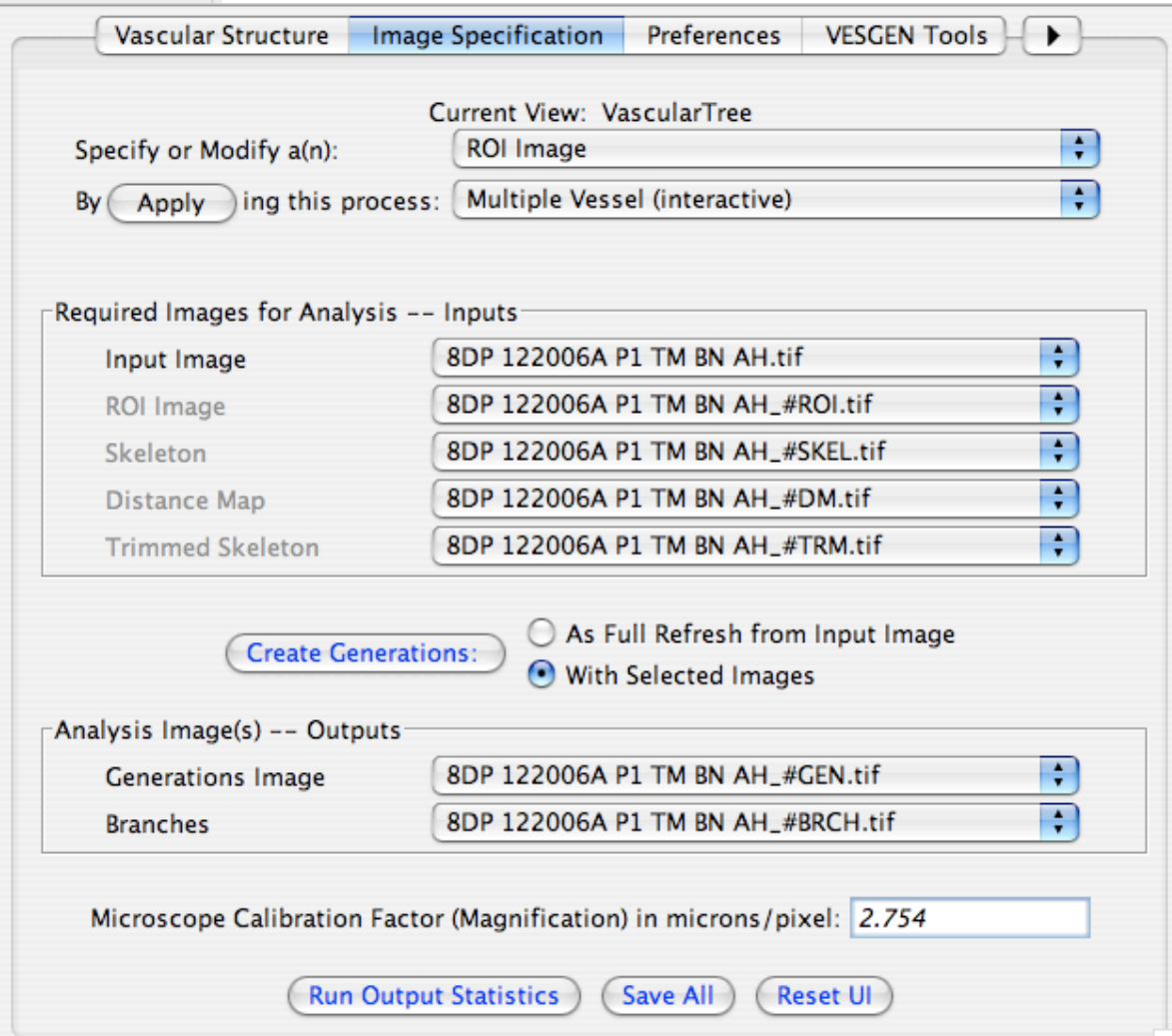
# Mature, Beta-Level VESGEN



Panel to specify vessel type

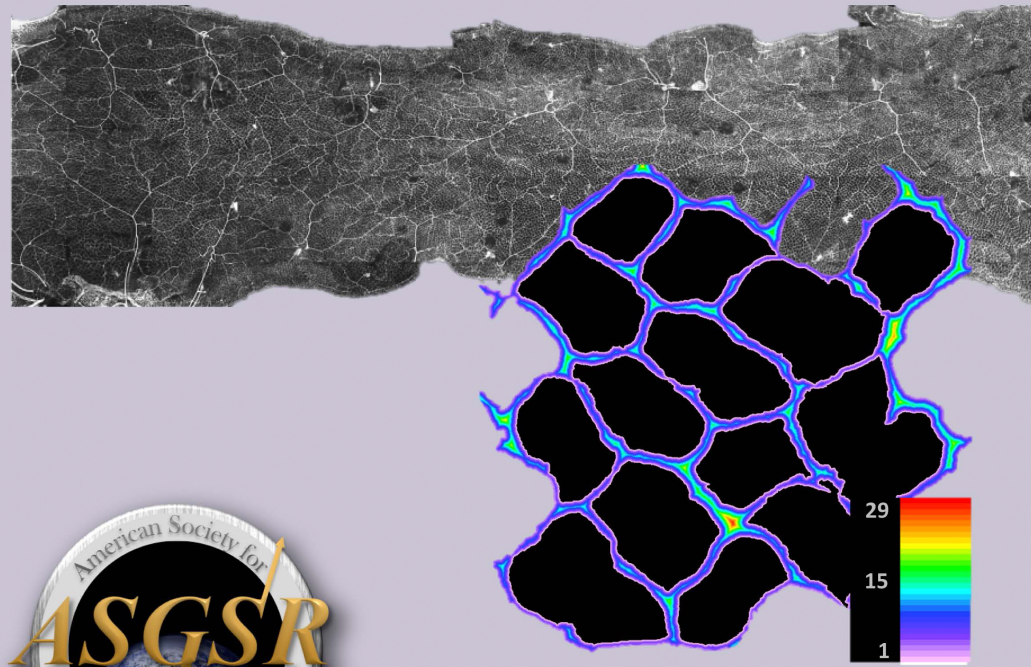
Main panel

- Image specification
- Algorithm selection
- Process initiation



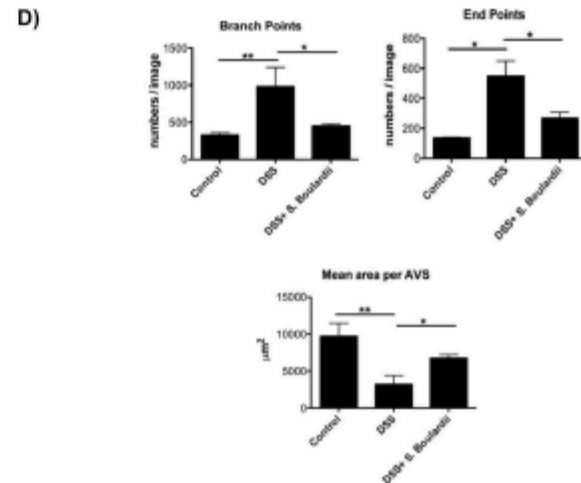
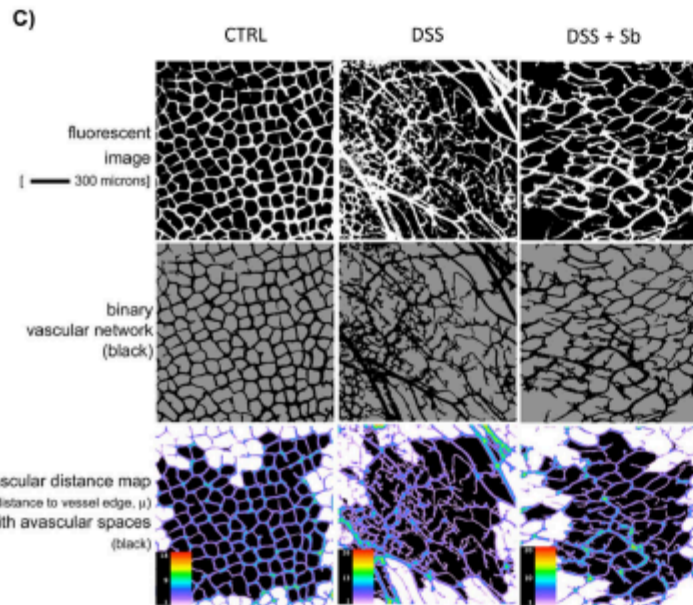
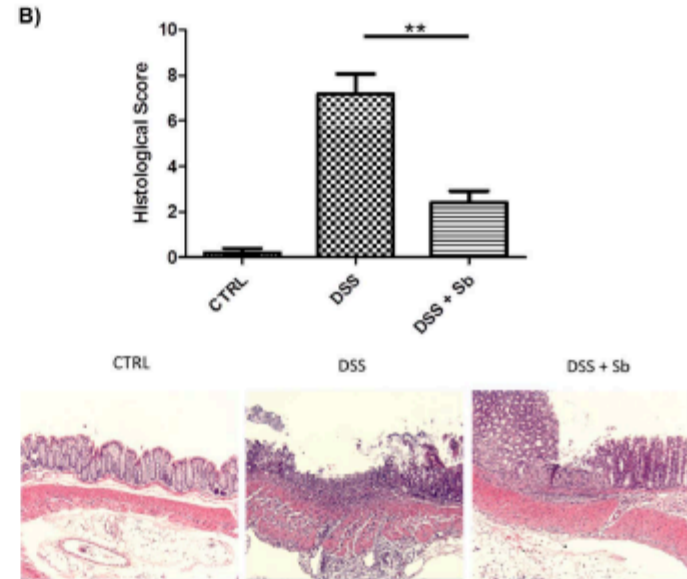
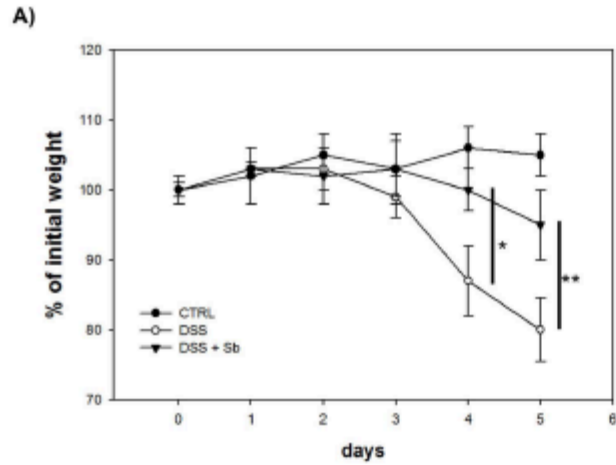
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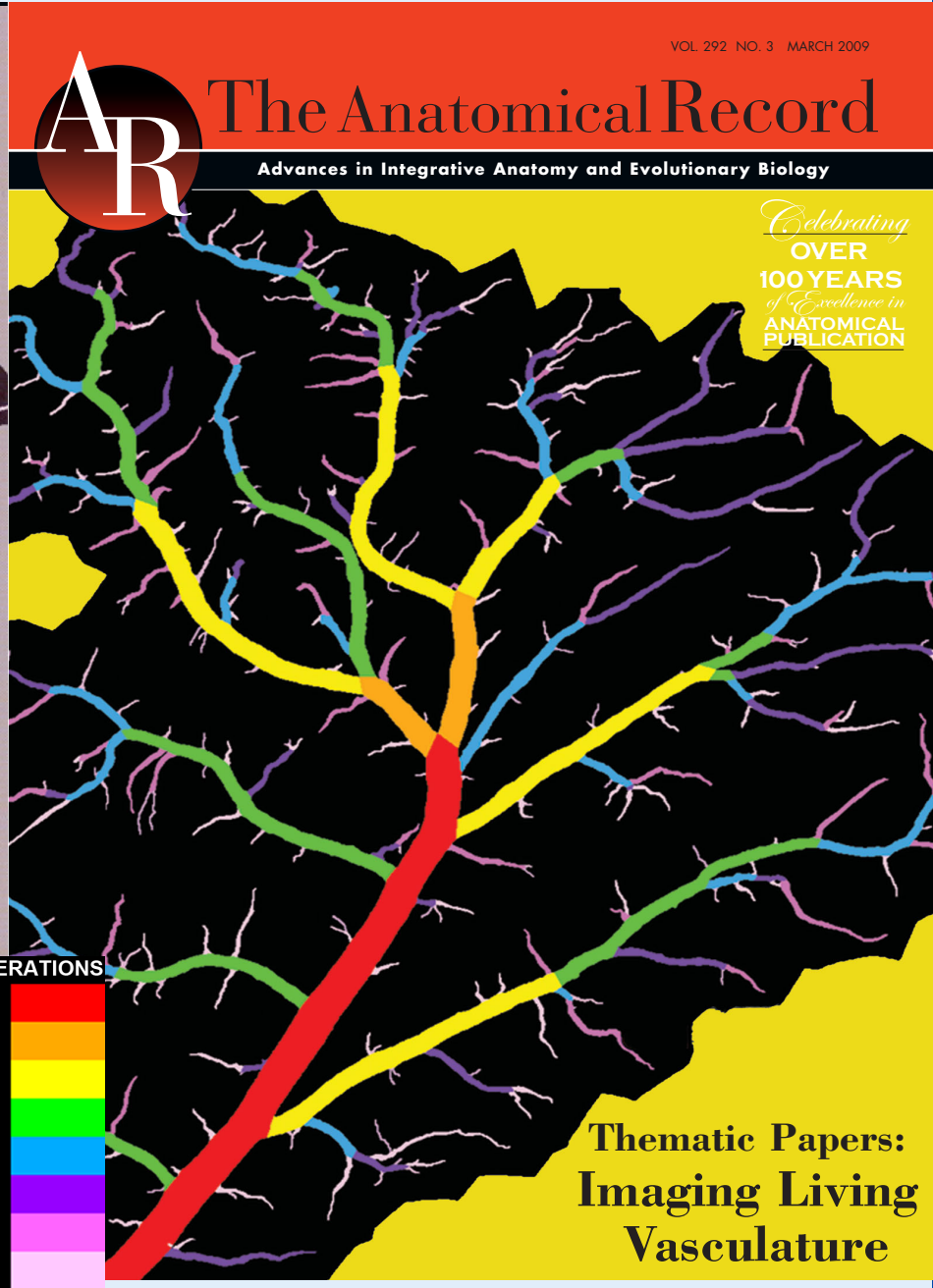
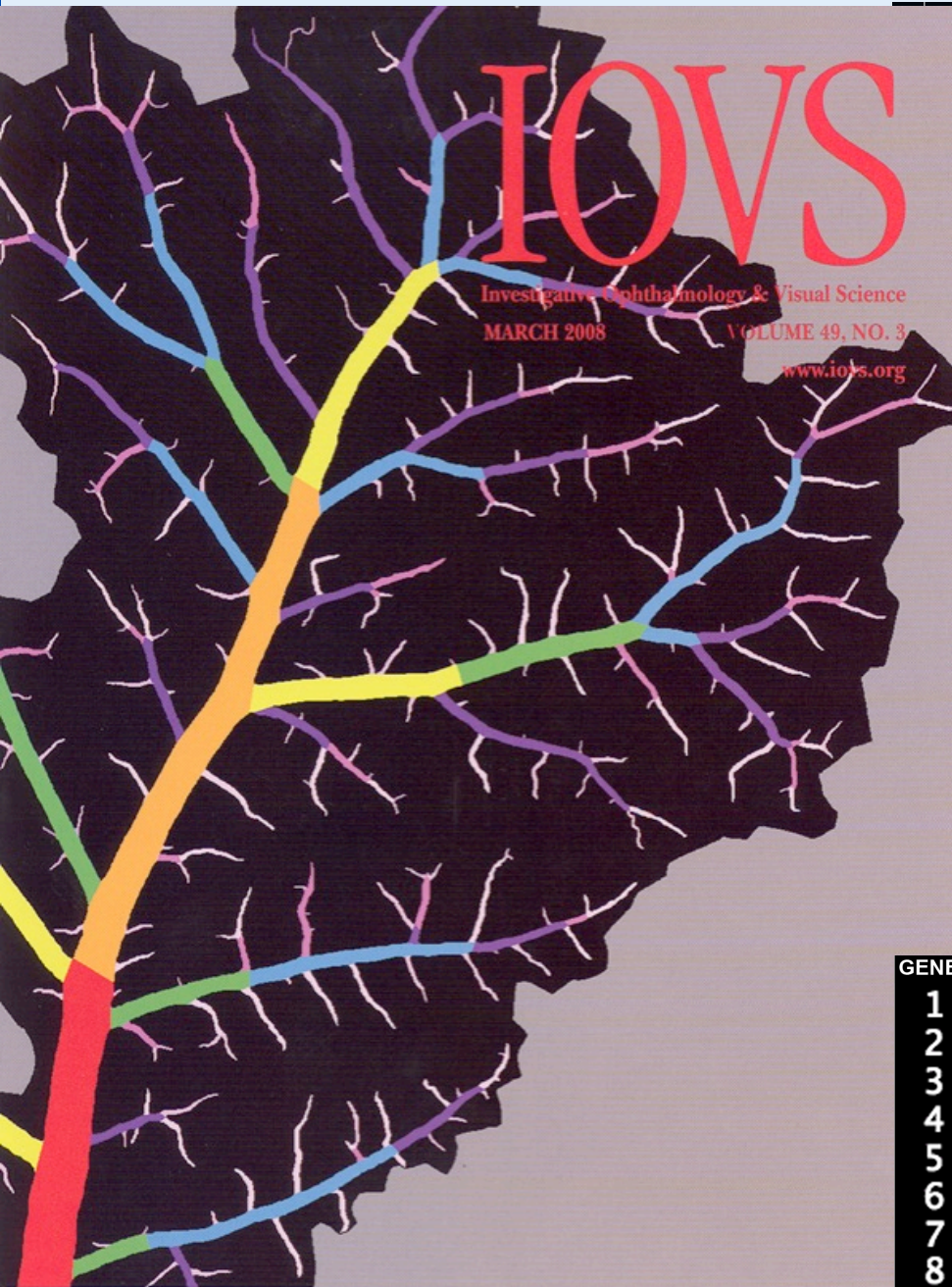
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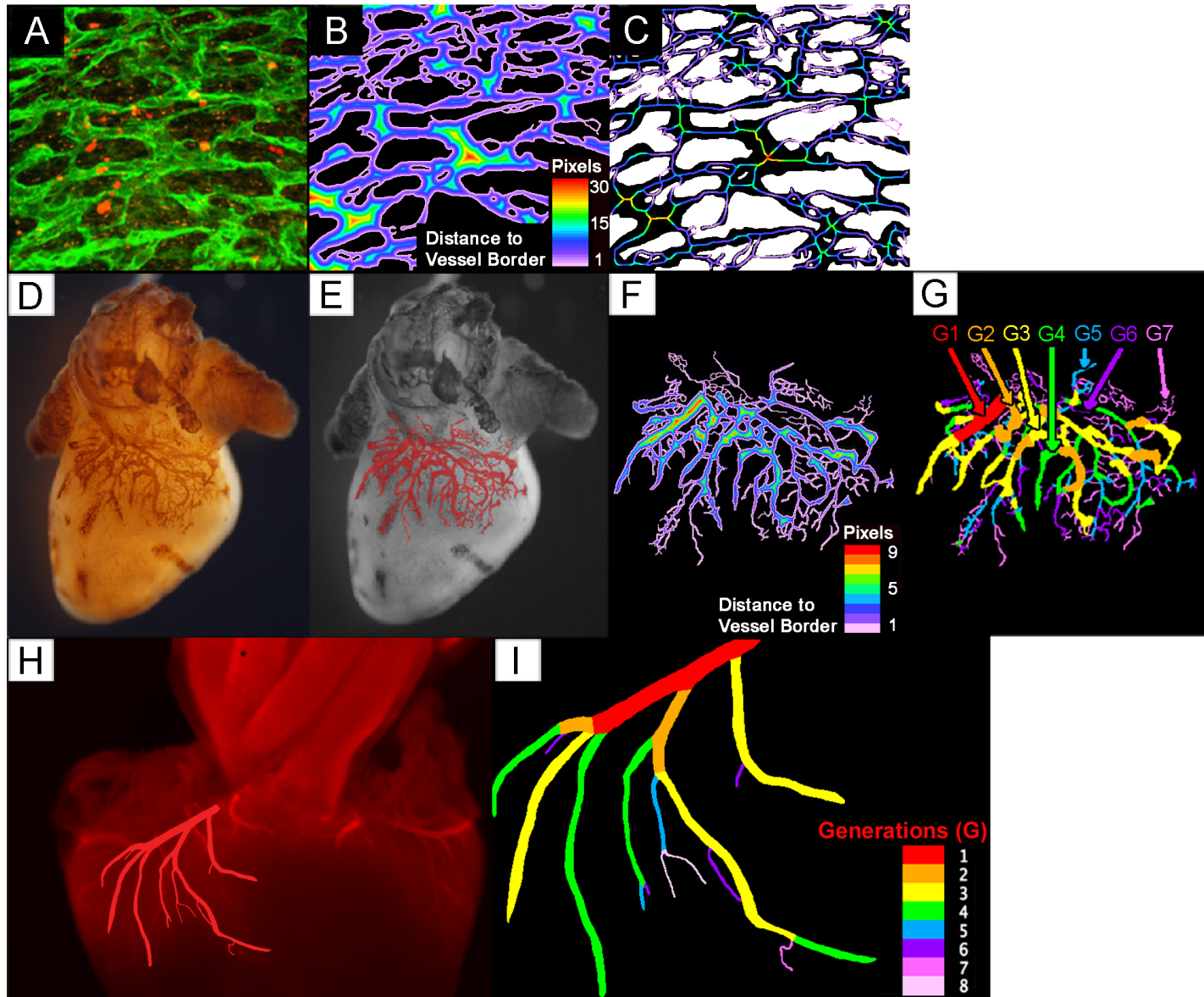
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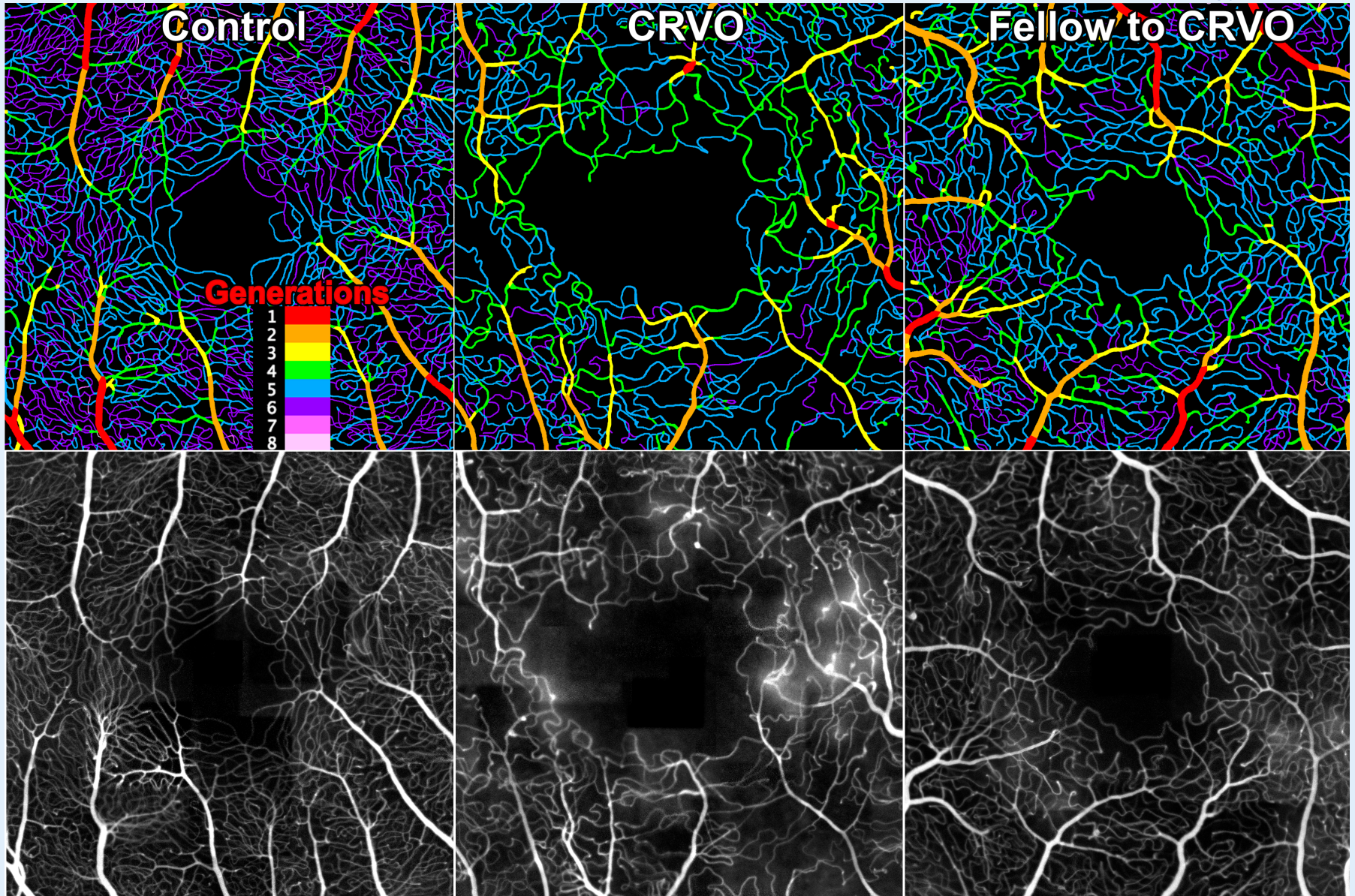


# Coronary Vessel Network-to-Tree Transitions



# VESGEN mapping of retinal blood vessels for FA-AOSLO and OCT-Angiography

P Parsons with A Pinhas, R Rosen et al, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, 2014



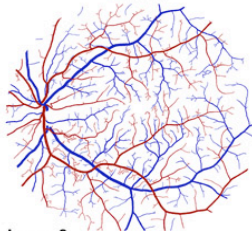
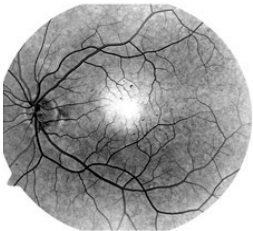
# VESGEN: R&D Discovery Tool for Multidisciplinary Collaboration

## VESGEN Insights from Clinical Images of Progressive Retinopathy

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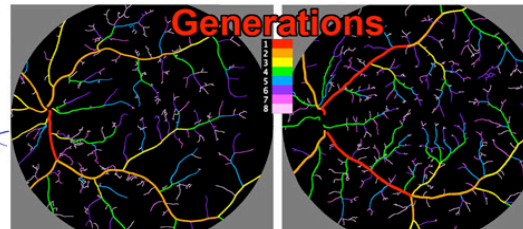
Vascular Trees

Arteries  
Veins



Arterial Tree

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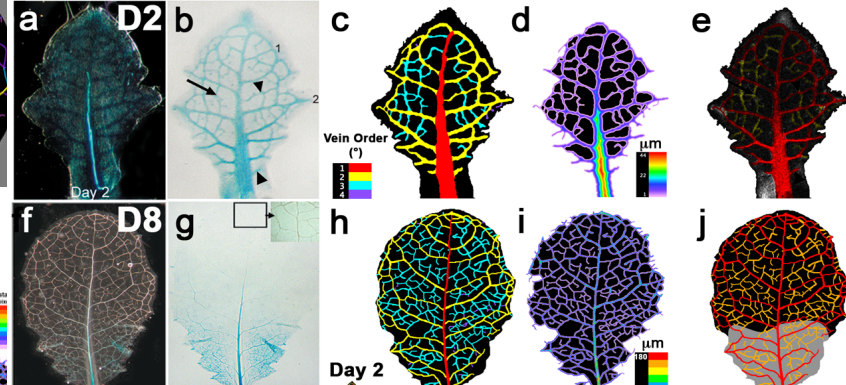
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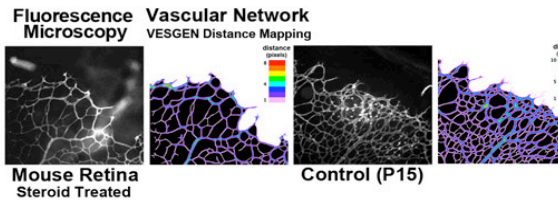
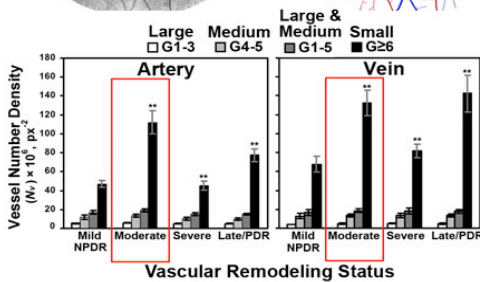
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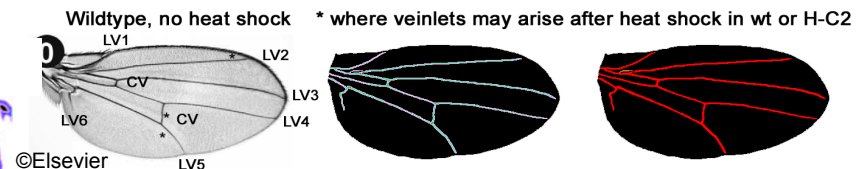
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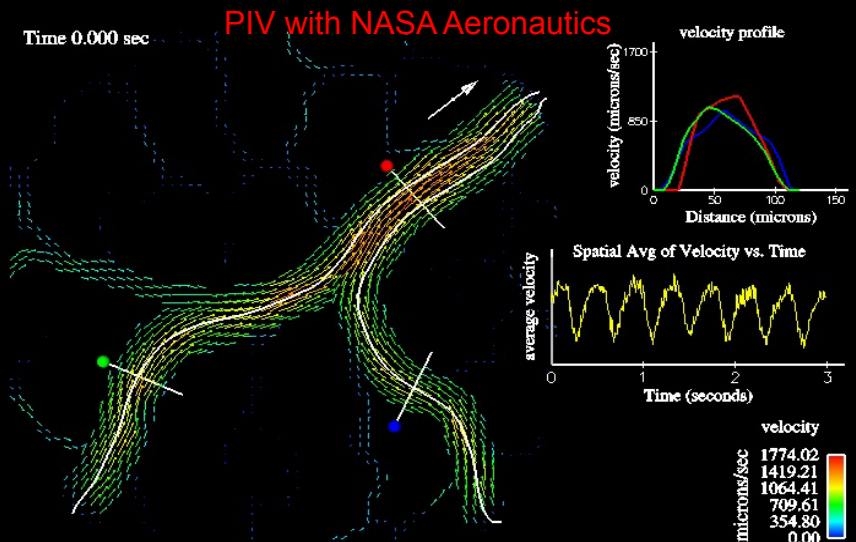
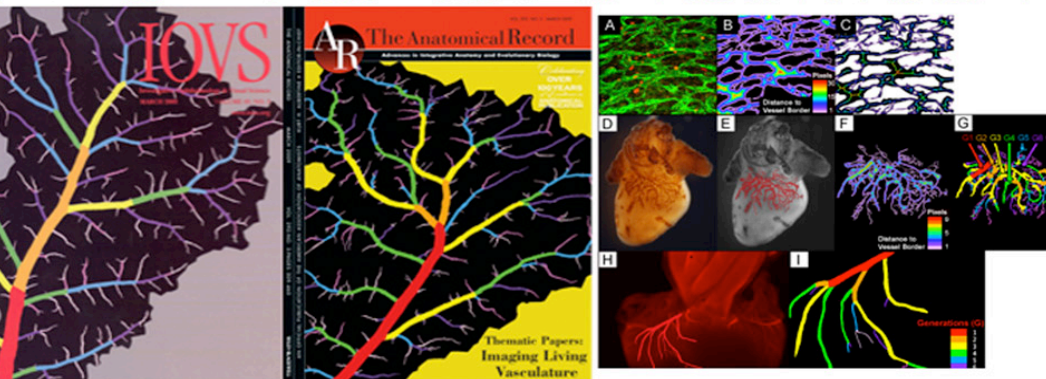
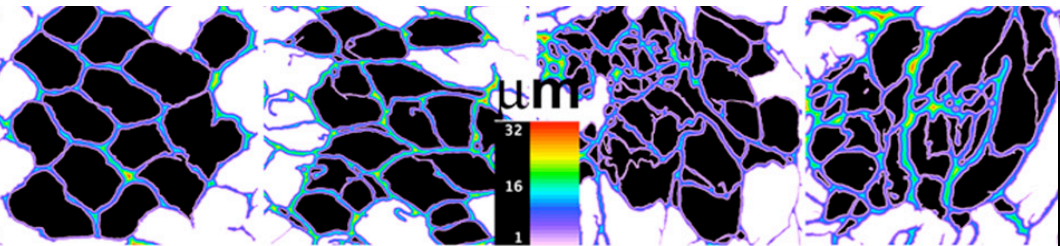
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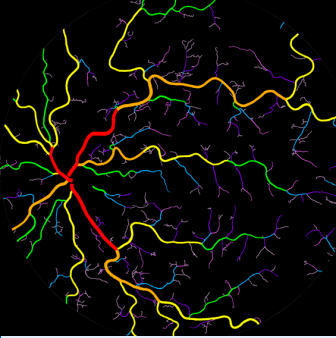


## with S Bhattacharya, R Hosamani SCR ASGSR 2013



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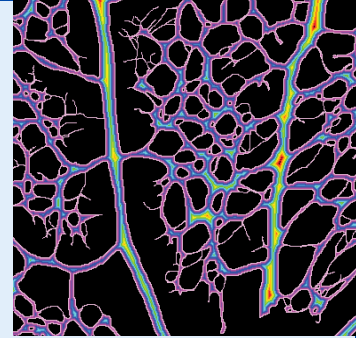




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