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# Multi-image modalities in diagnosis and follow up of DR

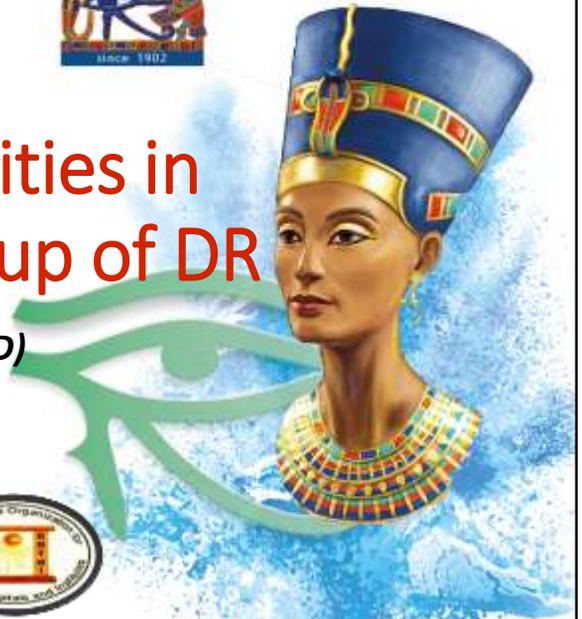
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*While the primary method for diabetic retinopathy diagnosis by clinical examination which considered the basic method, various imaging modalities are of significant utility in the screening, evaluation, diagnosis, and follow up of the different stages of DR.*

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## Remember

The early stages of DR are usually asymptomatic  
(have no symptoms)

Up to **98%** of severe vision loss from DR can be prevented by detecting DR early and treating it at the right time.<sup>2</sup>

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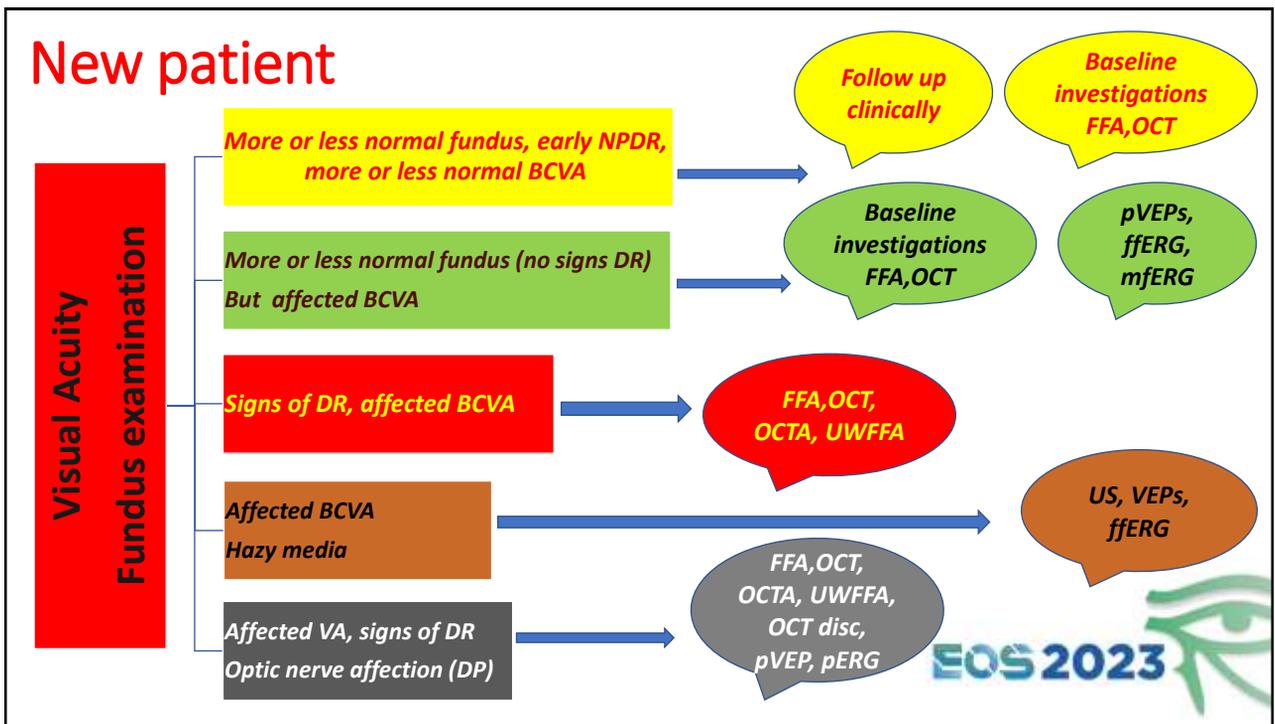
## *Multiple images commonly used*

1. Fundus photography (**FF**).
2. Fundus fluorescein angiography (**FFA**)
3. Optical coherence tomography (**OCT**).
4. Optical coherence tomography with angiography (**OCTA**)
5. Ultra-wide-field imaging (**wide field FAF, wide field FFA**)
6. Ultrasonography.
7. Electro-retinogram (**pERG, ffERG, mfERG**) , Visual evoked potential (**pVEP, flash VEP**)

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- Is it possible not to use any images??
- What is the 1<sup>st</sup> one you prefer to start with??
- What is the Best one??
- Can we use multiple images together??
- What are we looking fore??



## 1-Fundus photography

### ❖ Colour Fundus photography:

- Documents all signs of DR which seen in binocular microscopy examination.
- Gives a good idea and documents Peripheral retina.

### ❖ Red free Fundus photography:

- Taken with the yellow-green barrier filter which blocking red light, so red structures appear black with good contrast, so vasculature and hemorrhages identified easily.
- Visibility of retinal nerve fiber layer defects and other retinal details like cotton wall spots and hard exudates appear more clear.



## 2- Fundus Fluorescein Angiography

### ❖ Advantages:

- Reliable , familial , all findings, staging of DR can be demonstrated.
- Documents colour, red free and fluorescein images, examine wide area, optic disc, retinal periphery
- Gives good idea about vasculature and retinal circulation, leakage, blockage, ischemia, ....

### ❖ Disadvantages:

- Invasive, related to time, needs wide pupil, clear media, co-operative patient.
- Can not be used in pregnant, renal , patients with hyper sensitivity, ....
- Systemic complication and side effects are present.
- Not helpful in delineating deep capillary network or choroidal vasculature and gives 2D images in viewing superficial retinal circulation.





## 5- Ultra-wide field imaging

Ultra-wide field is a new technology using confocal scanning laser ophthalmoscopy to get wide field high resolution images.

- Using red (633nm) or green (523nm) laser.
- Wide field colour, FAF, FFA .



## Ultra-wide field imaging

### ❖ Advantages:

- Documents wide field colour, red free and fluorescein images.
- Documents wide area up to extreme retinal periphery in one image to give high resolution good retinal overview.
- Gives good idea about vasculature and retinal circulation, leakage, blockage, ischemia up to extreme periphery.
- Good in studying anterior retina, other vascular and hereditary retinal diseases.
- Gives very good idea about peripheral ischemic parts, NVDS, NVEs, so it's useful in planning before laser treatment and good for post laser follow up.

### ❖ Disadvantages:

- New, expensive ,not wide ranged, needs more training, and experiences.
- Cannot photograph extremely to ora serrata.
- Distortion in the peripheral images due to interference of the ellipsoid mirror and the spherical nature of the globe.



## 6- Ultrasonography

### ❖ Advantages:

- It is the basic diagnostic imaging modality.
- Safe, noninvasive most useful in the presence of opaque ocular media (corneal opacities, anterior chamber opacities, cataract, vitreous hemorrhage, or inflammatory opacities).
- Applicable , easy to do , no need for time and patient cooperation, no systemic side effects,....
- Mandatory in cases with hazy media.

### ❖ Disadvantages:

- Limited use.
- Gives little information.

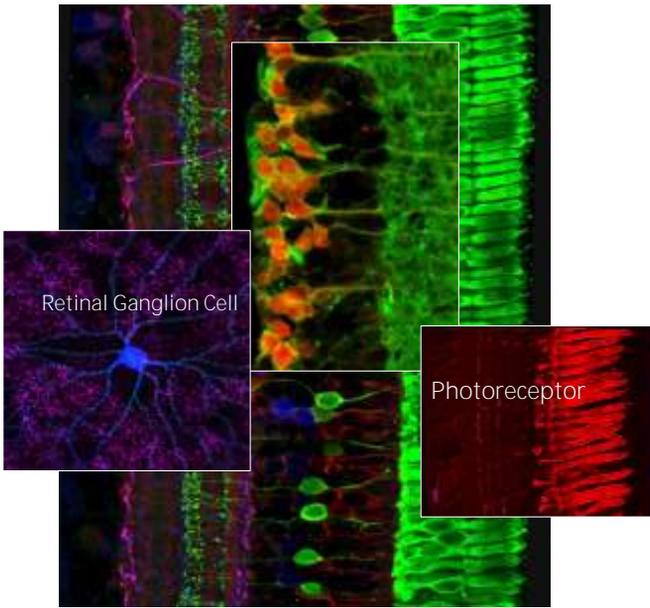


## 7- Electro-physiological studies

• VEPs : *pVEP, flash VEP*

• ERGs: *pERG, ffERG, mfERG*





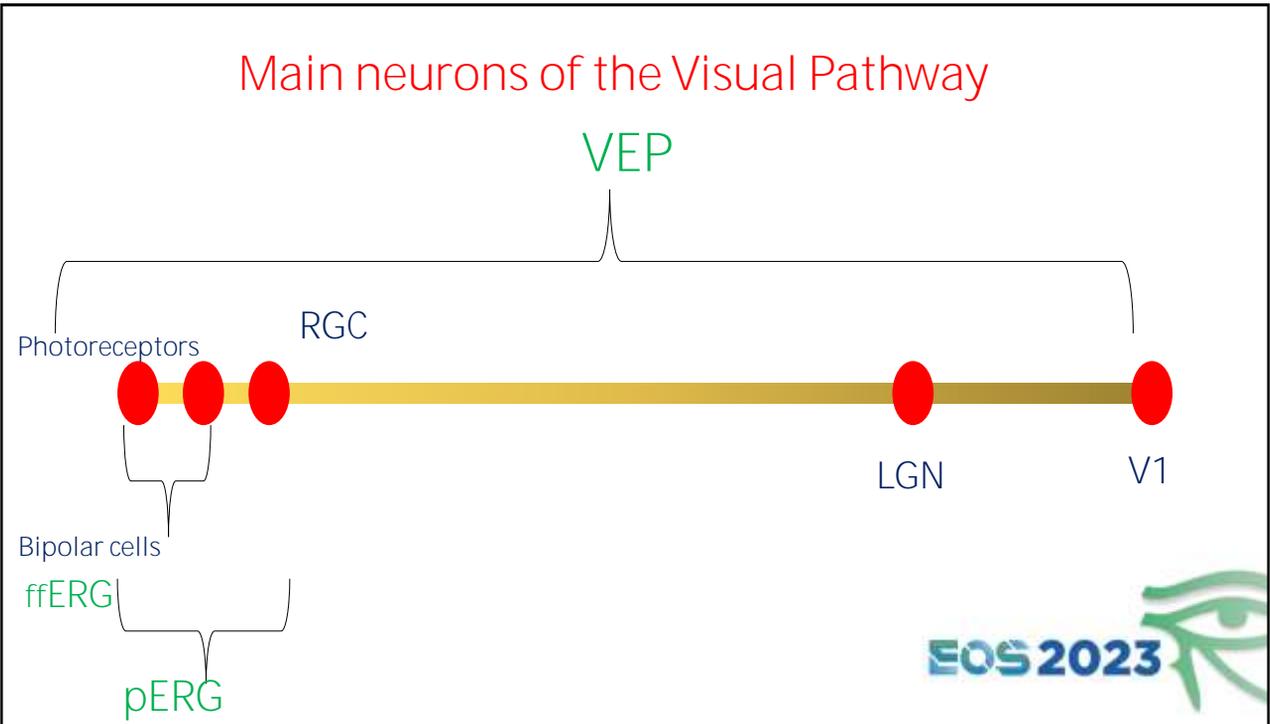
Retinal Ganglion Cell

Photoreceptor

### Retina

- Photoreceptors
- Bipolar cells
- Ganglion cells

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## Review Article

## Role of Electrophysiology in the Early Diagnosis and Follow-Up of Diabetic Retinopathy

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Retinopathy is a severe and common complication of diabetes, representing a leading cause of blindness among working-age people in developed countries. It is estimated that the number of people with diabetic retinopathy (DR) will increase from 126.6 million in 2011 to 191 million by 2030. The pathology seems to be characterized not only by the involvement of retinal microvessels but also by a real neuropathy of central nervous system, similar to what happens to the peripheral nerves, particularly affected by diabetes. The neurophysiological techniques help to assess retinal and nervous (optic tract) function. Electroretinography (ERG) and visual evoked potentials (VEP) allow a more detailed study of the visual function and of the possible effects that diabetes can have on the visual function. These techniques have an important role both in the clinic and in research; the central nervous system, in fact, has received much less attention than the peripheral one in the study of the complications of diabetes. These techniques are safe, repeatable, quick, and objective. In addition, both the ERG (especially the oscillatory potentials and the flicker-ERG) and VEP have proved to be successful tools for the early diagnosis of the disease and, potentially, for the ophthalmologic follow-up of diabetic patients.



## The Electroretinogram in Diabetic Retinopathy

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**Abstract.** Electroretinography (ERG) is an objective method of evaluating retinal function. Since its introduction to clinical practice in the 1940s, it has become a useful and routine diagnostic clinical tool in ophthalmology. This review summarizes the role of ERG as a clinical technique for evaluating the progression of diabetic retinopathy and as a research tool for increasing our understanding of the pathophysiology of diabetic retinopathy. Most studies show unequivocally that the different types of ERG tests detect local abnormalities or widespread pathology, even in very early stages of the disease. It seems plausible that measurements from ERG recordings, particularly the oscillatory potentials, may be useful for predicting progression from nonproliferative to the more sight-threatening stages—preproliferative or proliferative—of diabetic retinopathy. Some recent work implies that the ERG can also be a useful diagnostic method for discriminating between eyes with diabetic retinopathy and those without the condition. (*Surv Ophthalmol* 44:53–60, 1999. © 1999 by Elsevier Science Inc. All rights reserved.)



## Diabetic Eye Disease

Disease Stage <sup>2</sup>	Protocol
DM (without evident DR)	PERG / Contrast Sensitivity
NPDR (Mild)	PERG / Contrast Sensitivity
NPDR (Moderate)	PERG / Contrast Sensitivity or ffERG / Multi-Luminance
NPDR (Severe)	ffERG / Multi- or Fixed Luminance
DME	PERG / Contrast Sensitivity or ffERG / Multi- or Fixed Luminance
PDR	ffERG / Multi- or Fixed Luminance
DR (plus cataract)	ffERG / Multi- or Fixed Luminance

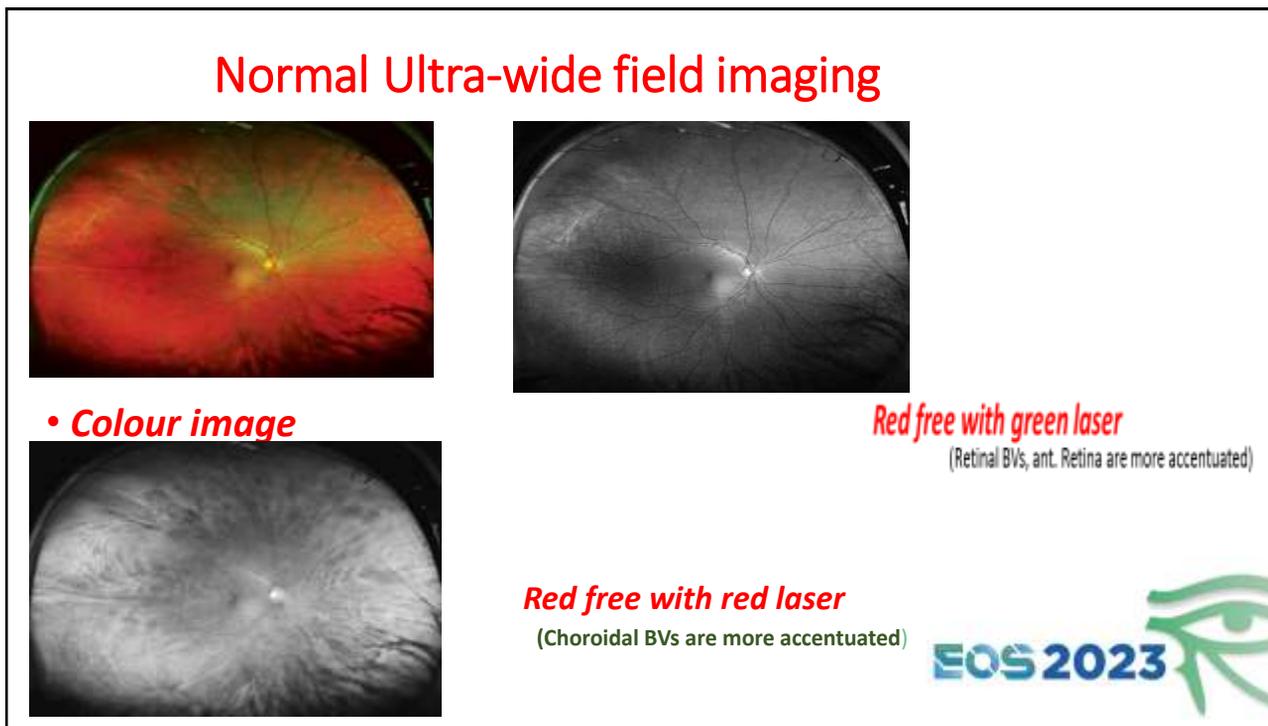
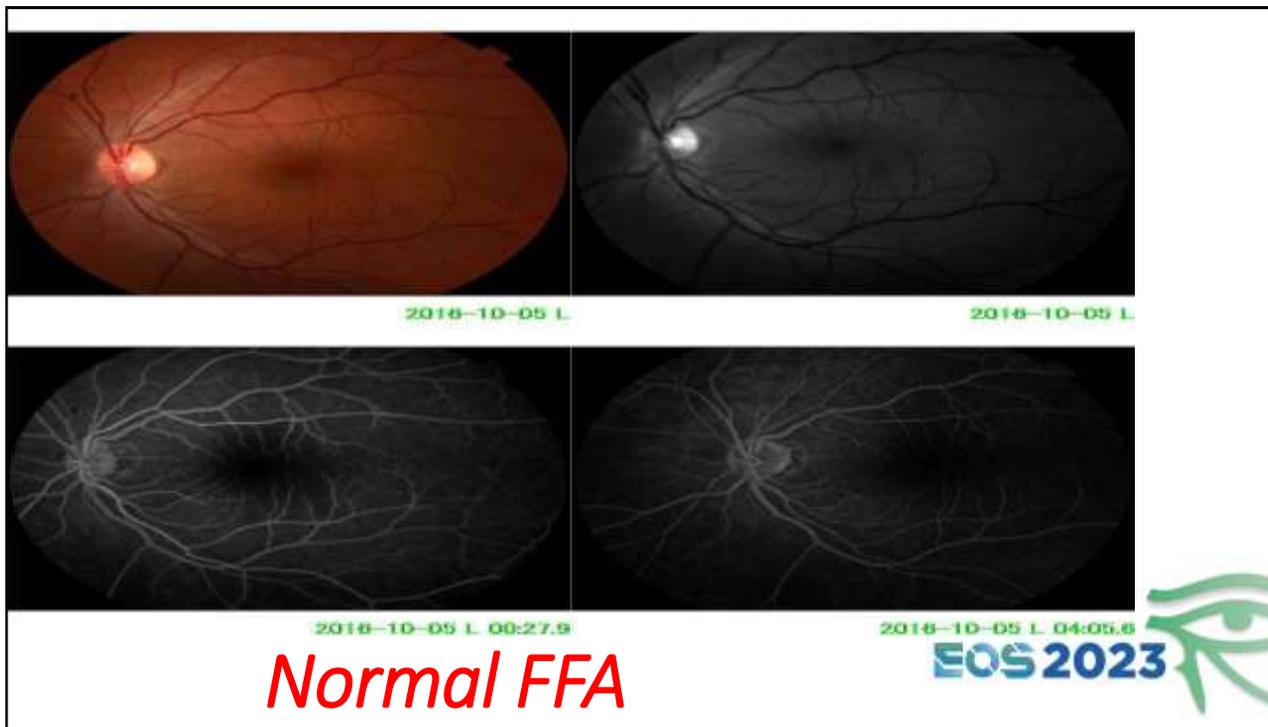
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# Normal

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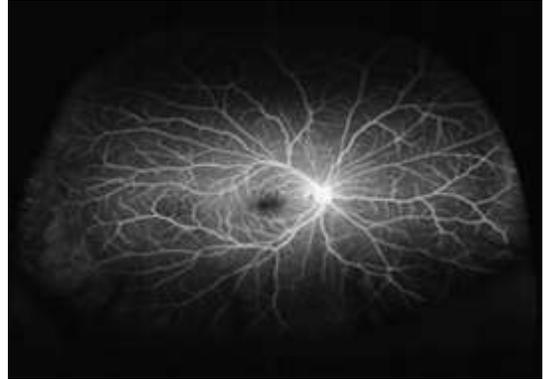




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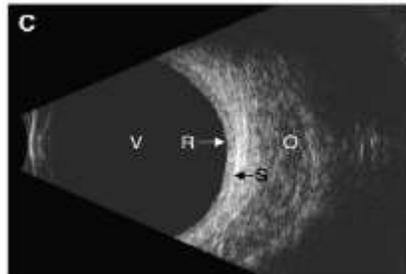
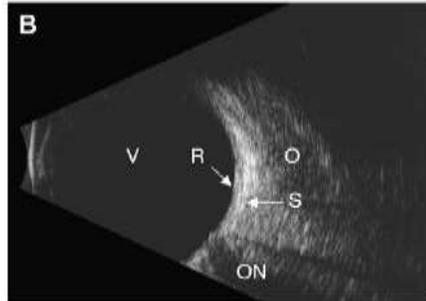
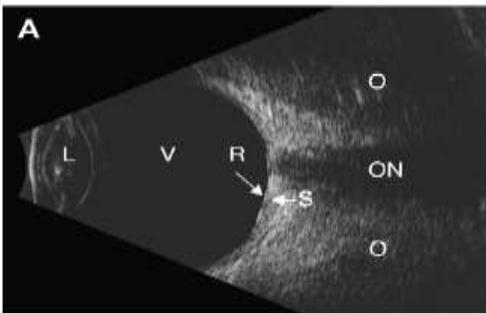
**Wide field FAF**



**Wide field FA**

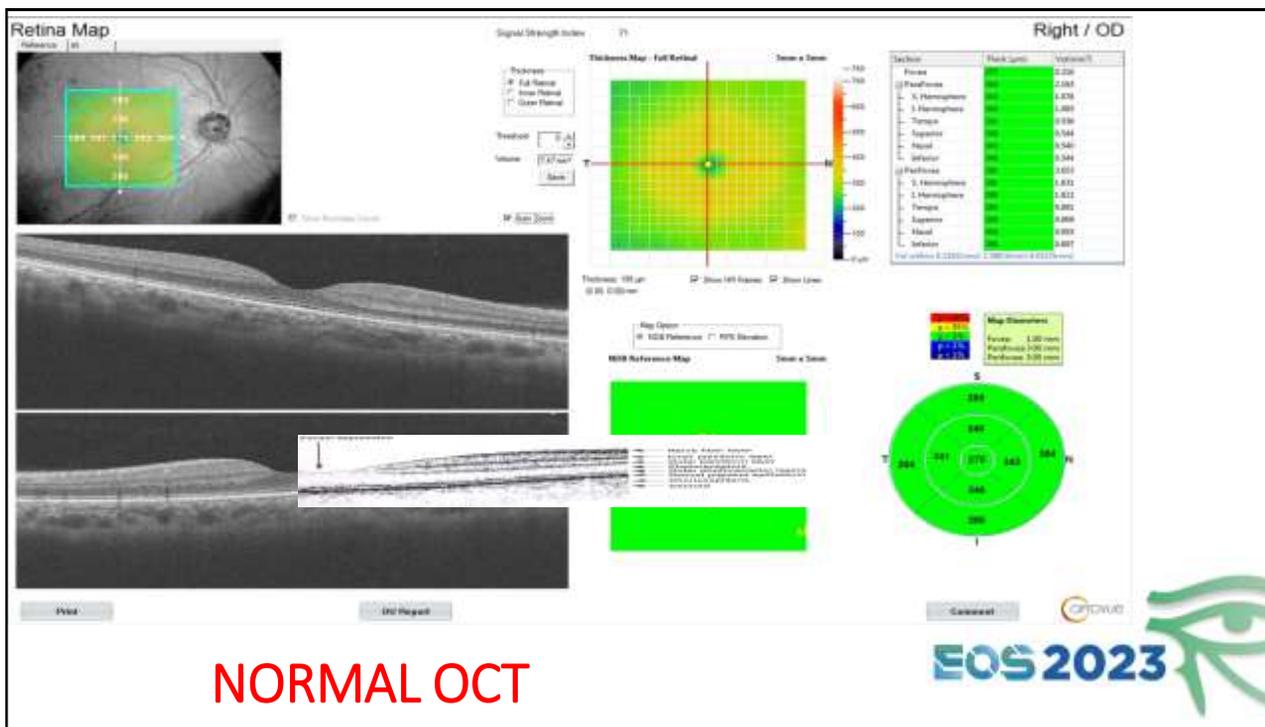


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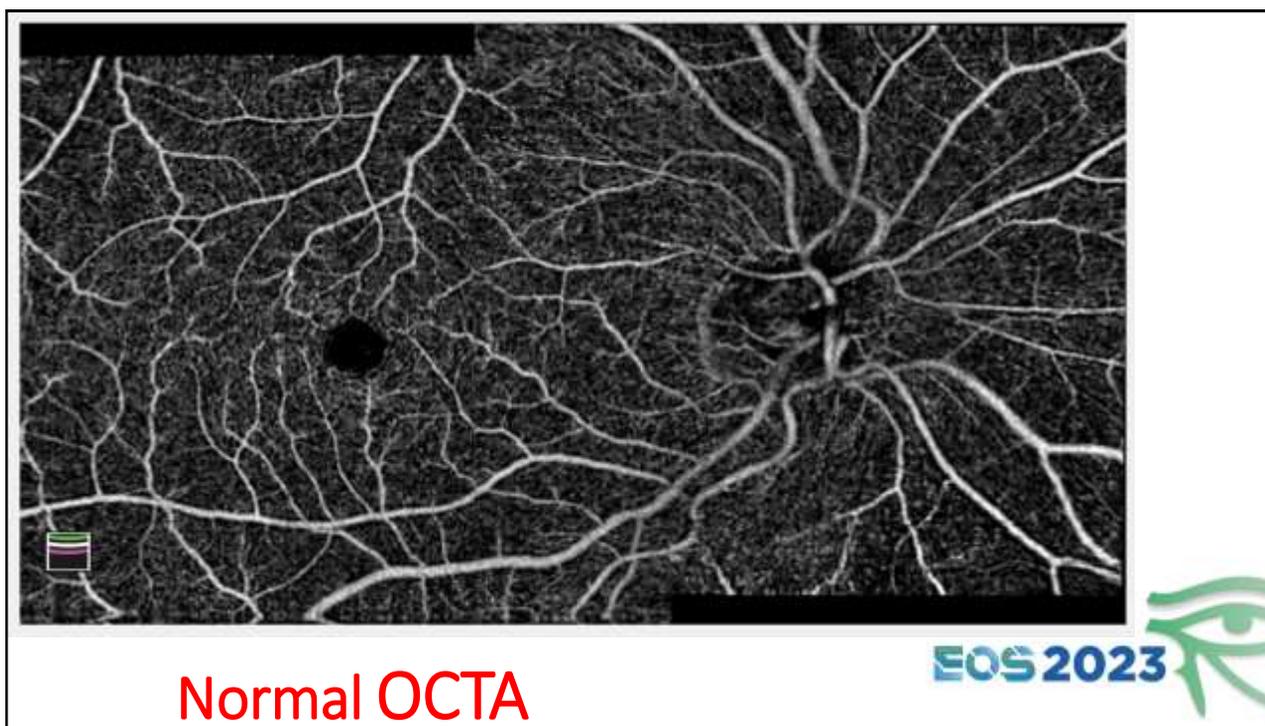


- A- Axial scan**
- B- Longitudinal scan**
- C- Transverse B-scan**

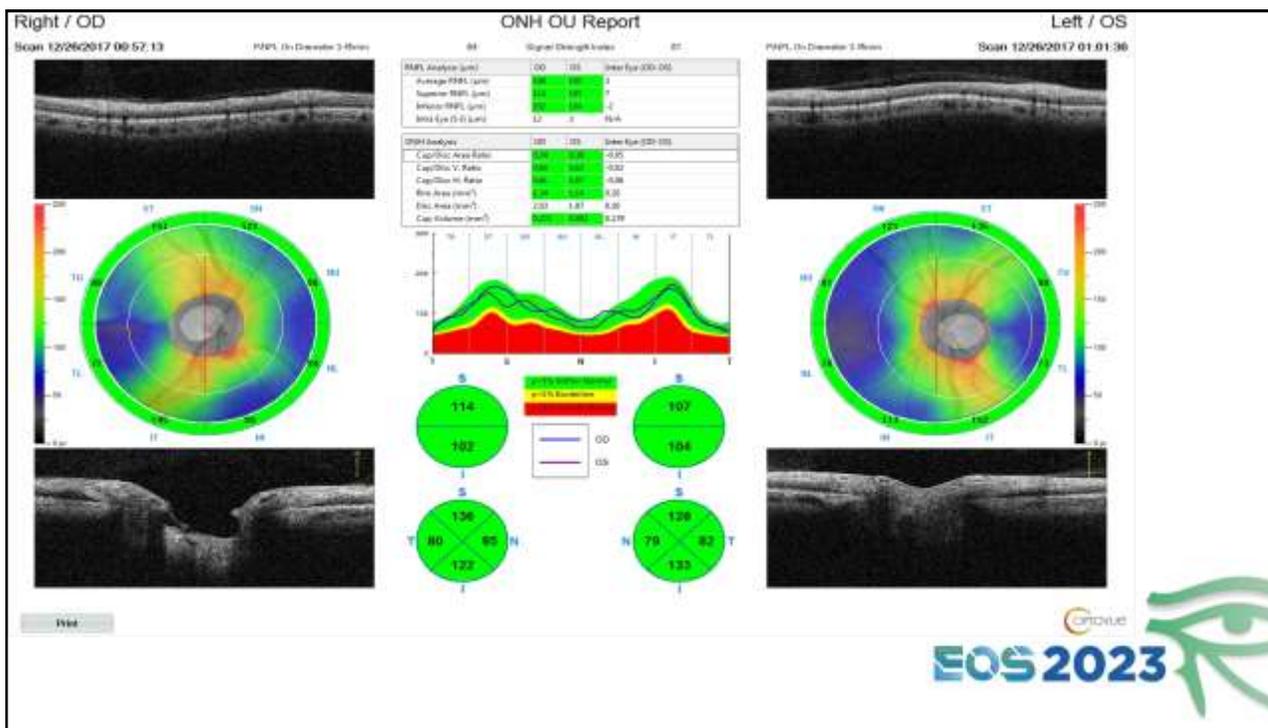
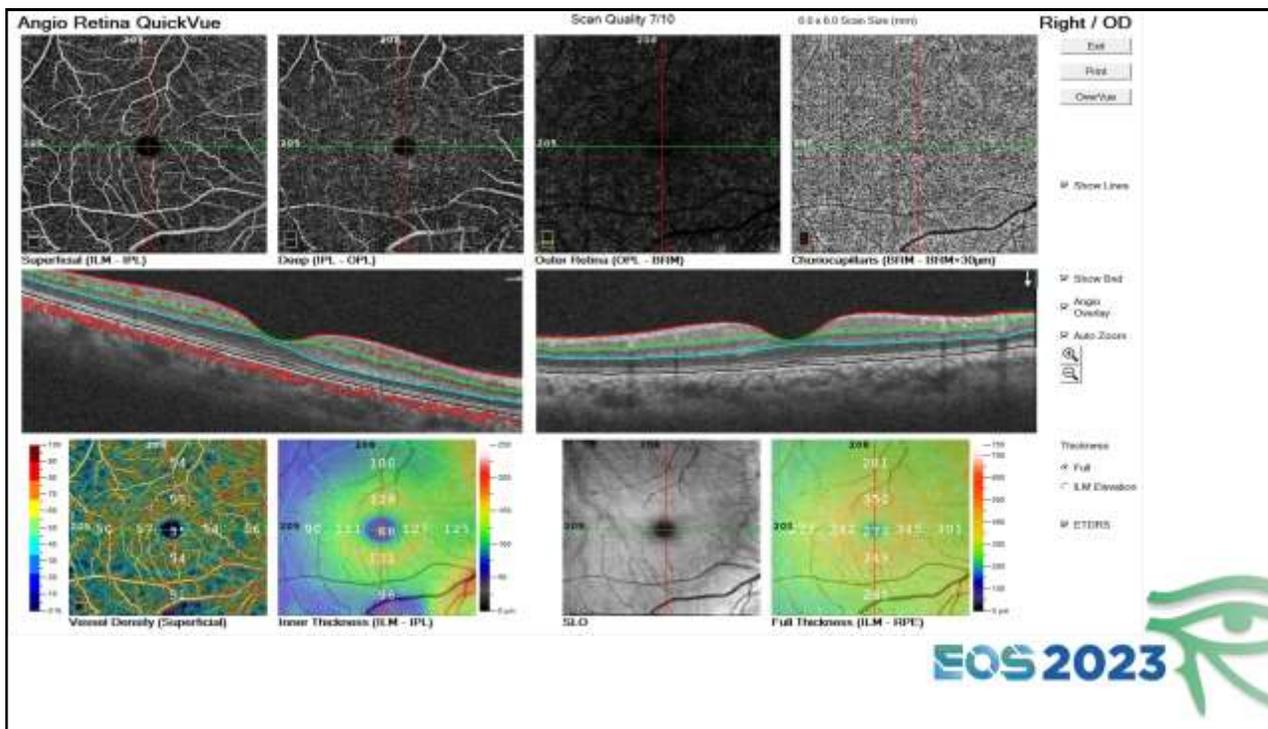


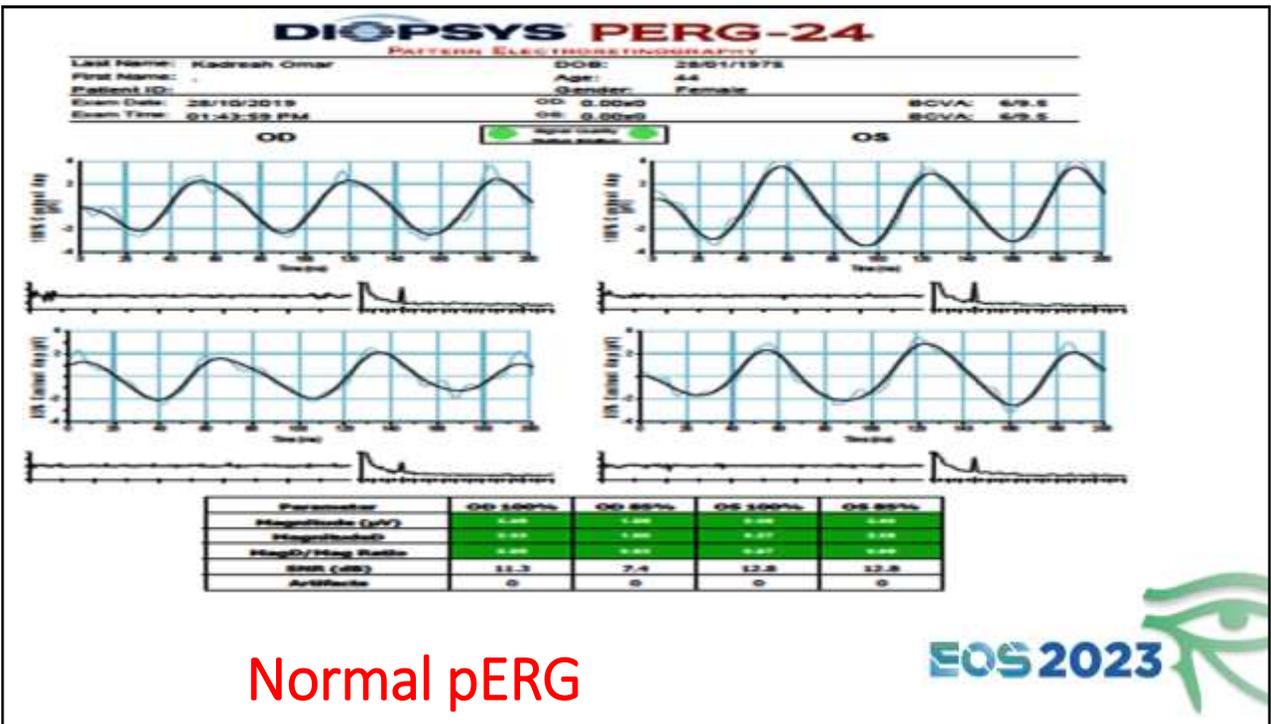
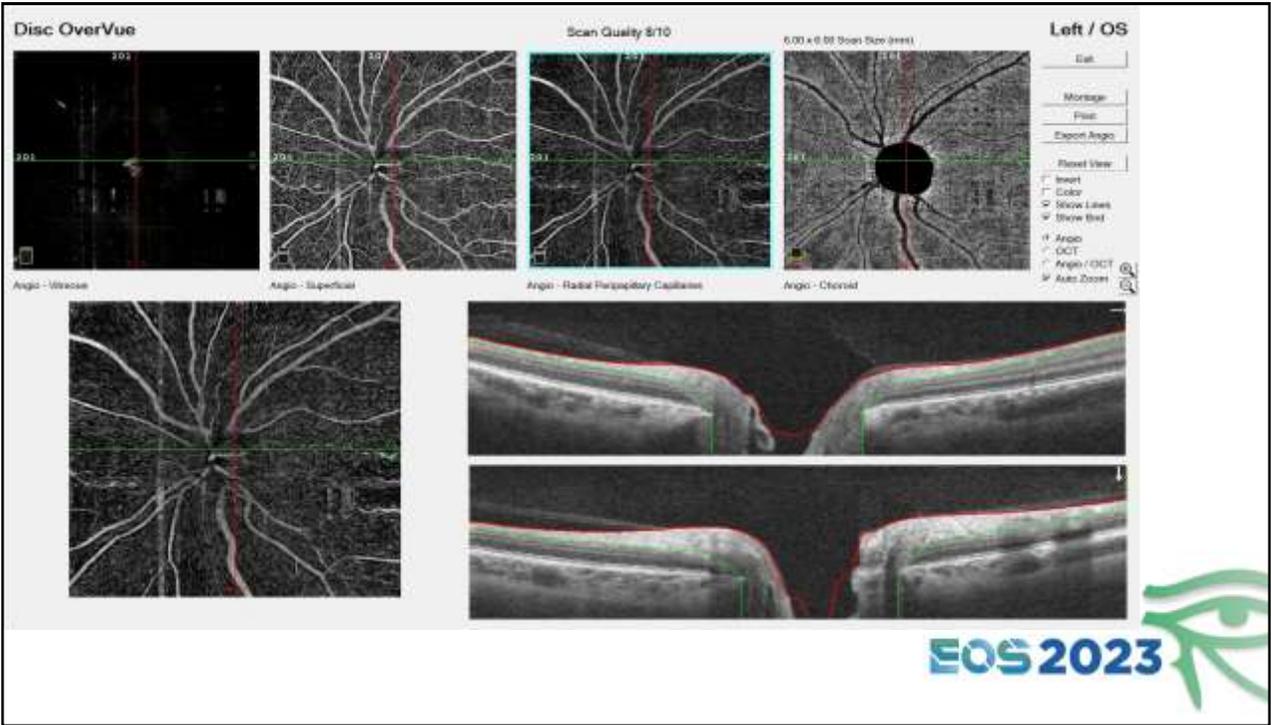


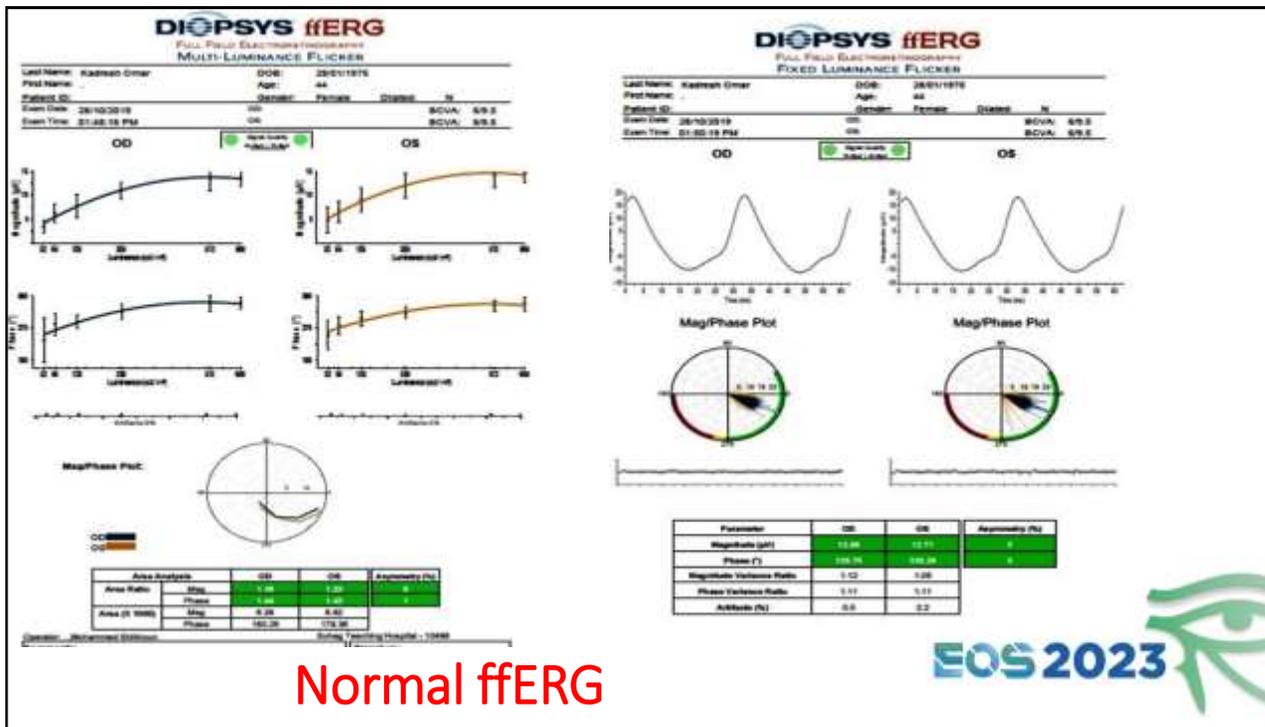
**NORMAL OCT**



**Normal OCTA**

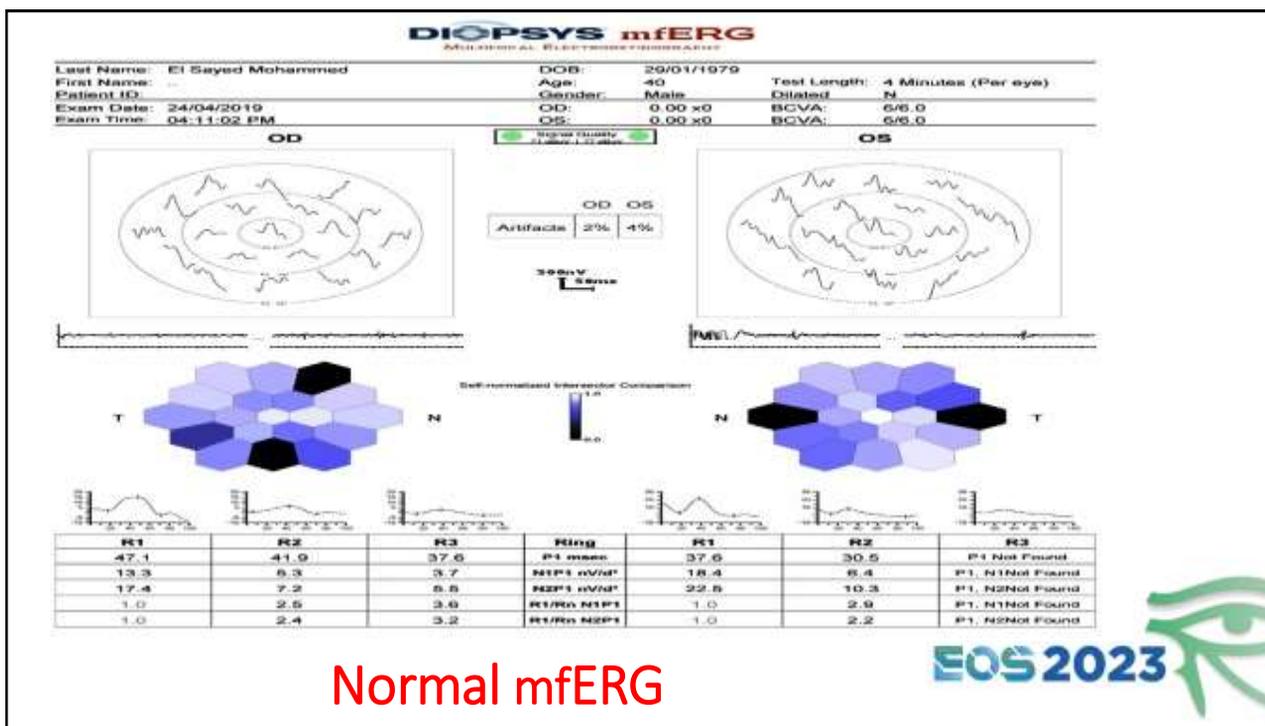






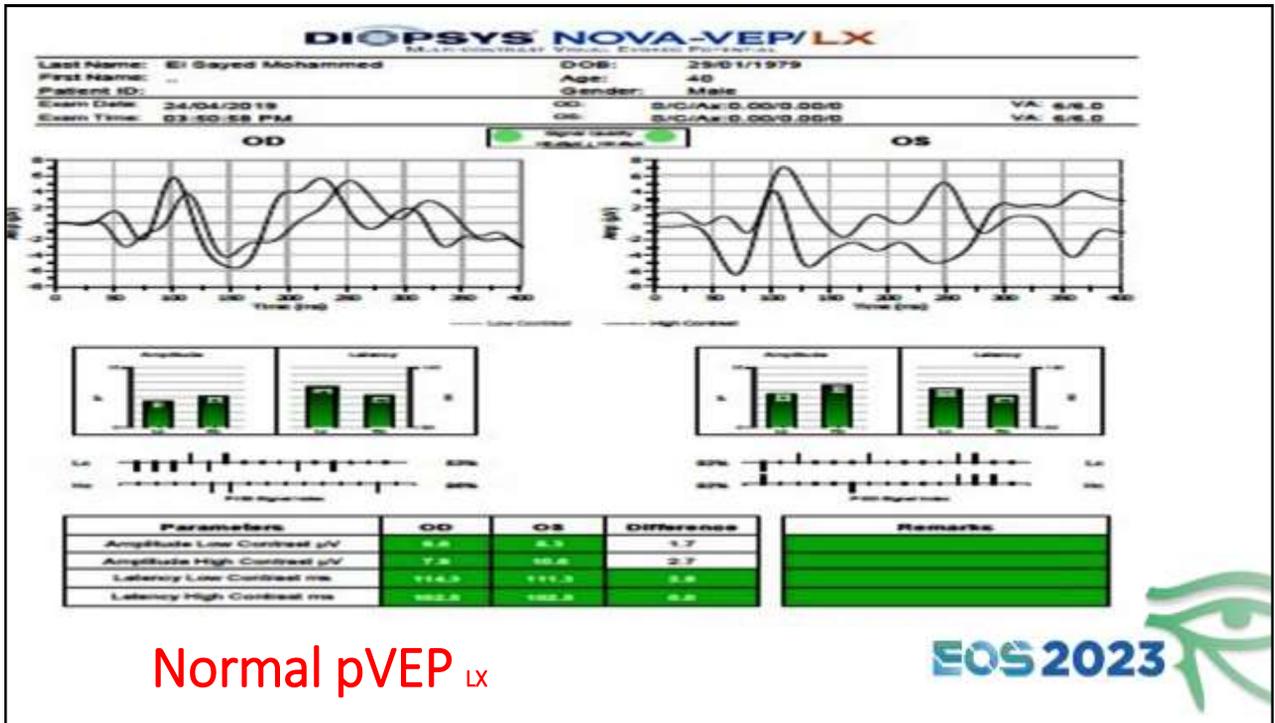
Normal ffERG

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Normal mfERG

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Multi-images have an important role in diagnosis, grading and follow up of DR in correlation with Clinical Examination and BCVA assessment

Also get proper assessment of Macula (diabetic maculopathy), optic disc affection (Diabetic papillopathy)

## Grading

Non proliferative DR

Pre proliferative DR

Proliferative DR

## Diabetic maculopathy

Wet maculopathy

(Focal ME, diffuse ME, CME)

Mixed maculopathy

Ischemic maculopathy

### Diabetic papillopathy

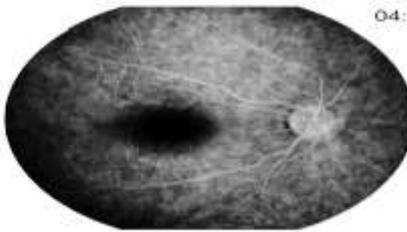
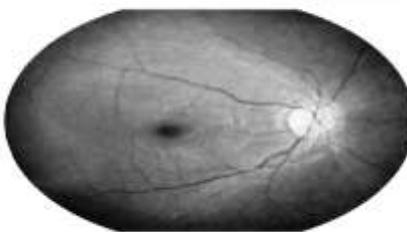
- Optic disc swelling may be only presentation, associated with any grade of DR.
- Can be diagnosed very early by pVEP
- If diagnosed early proper ttt
- If neglected or missed ends by optic atrophy



# Clinical cases



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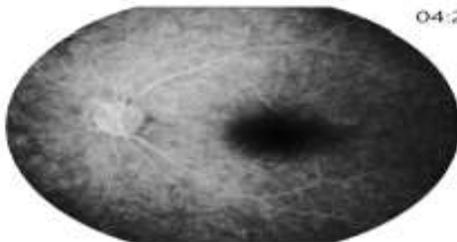
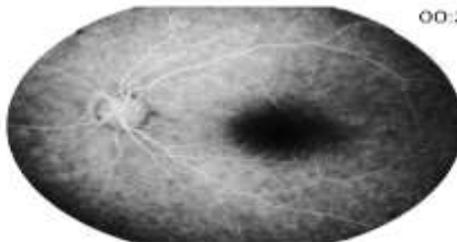
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*Very Early detection by very good correlation of BCVA, clinical Examination, subjective and objective investigations*

BCVA is 6/18 in both eyes  
Mottled maculae, more or less normal angiogram



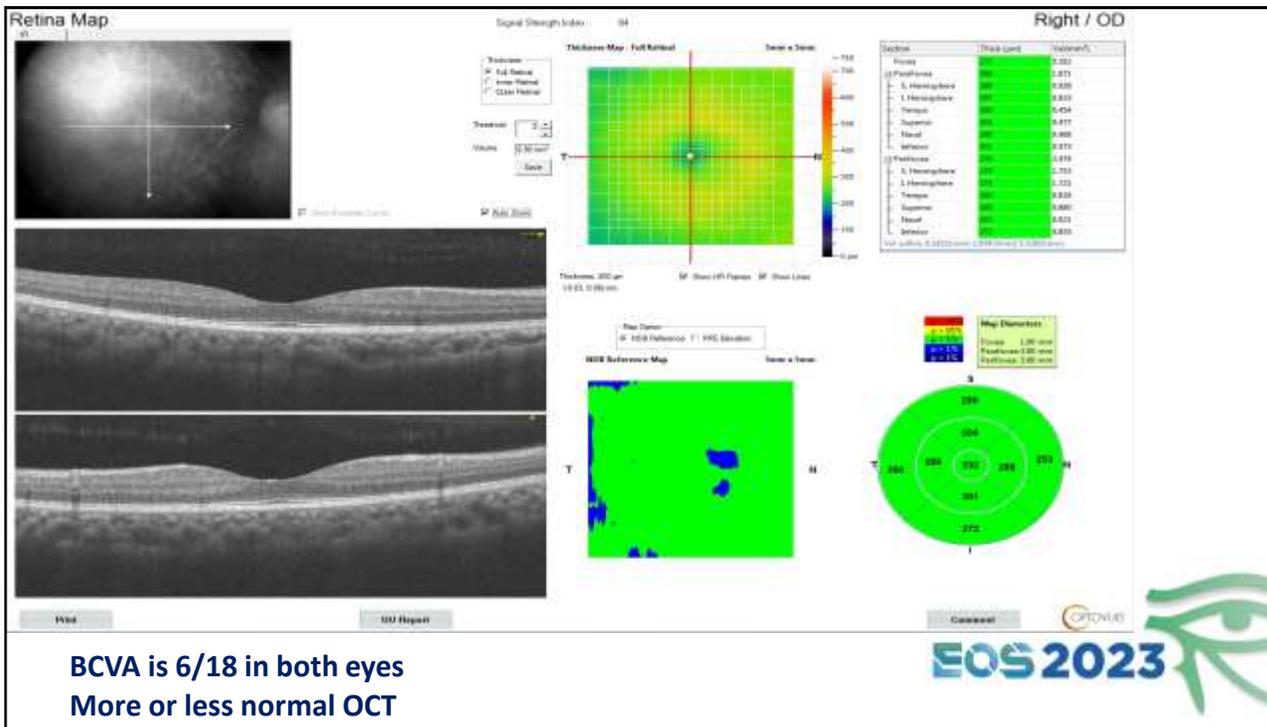
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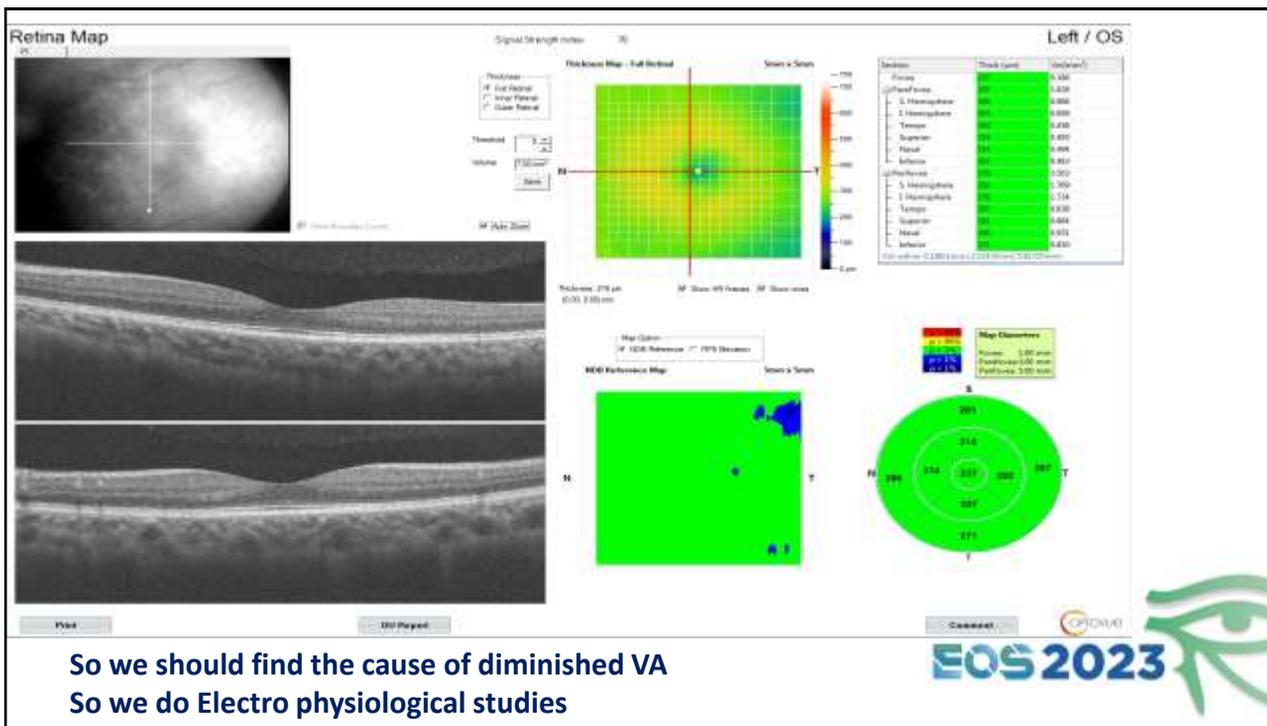
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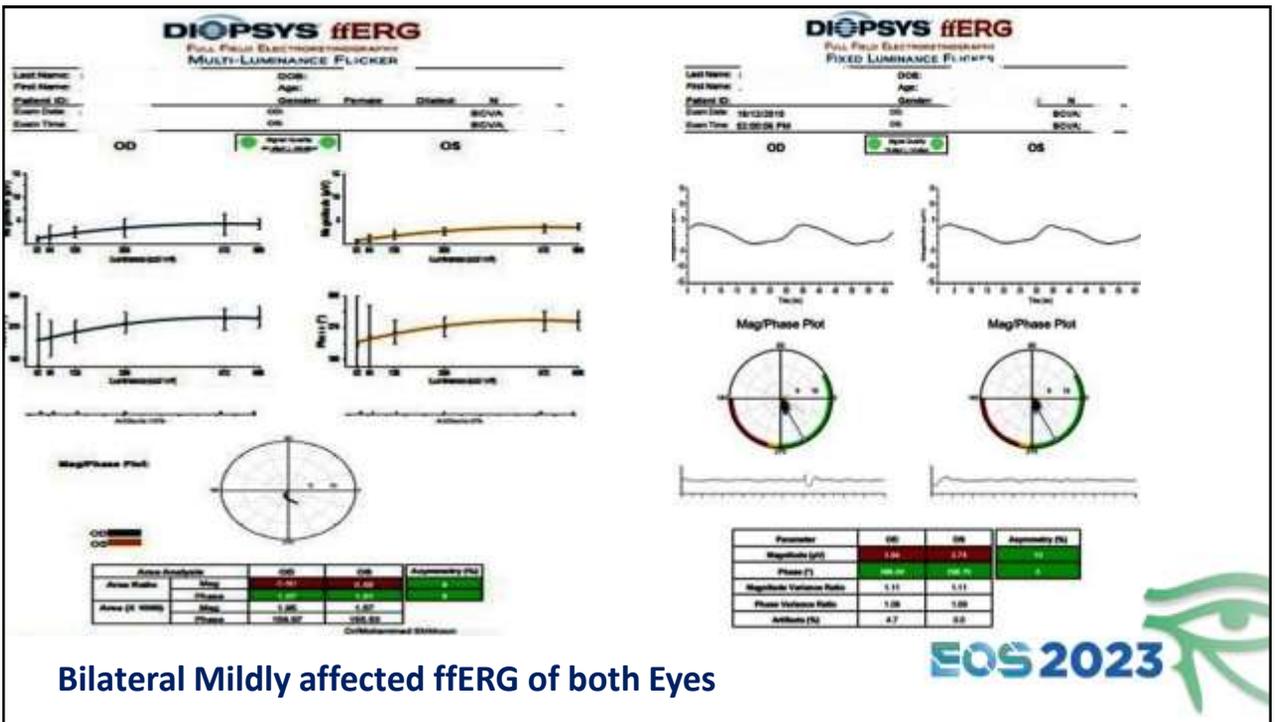
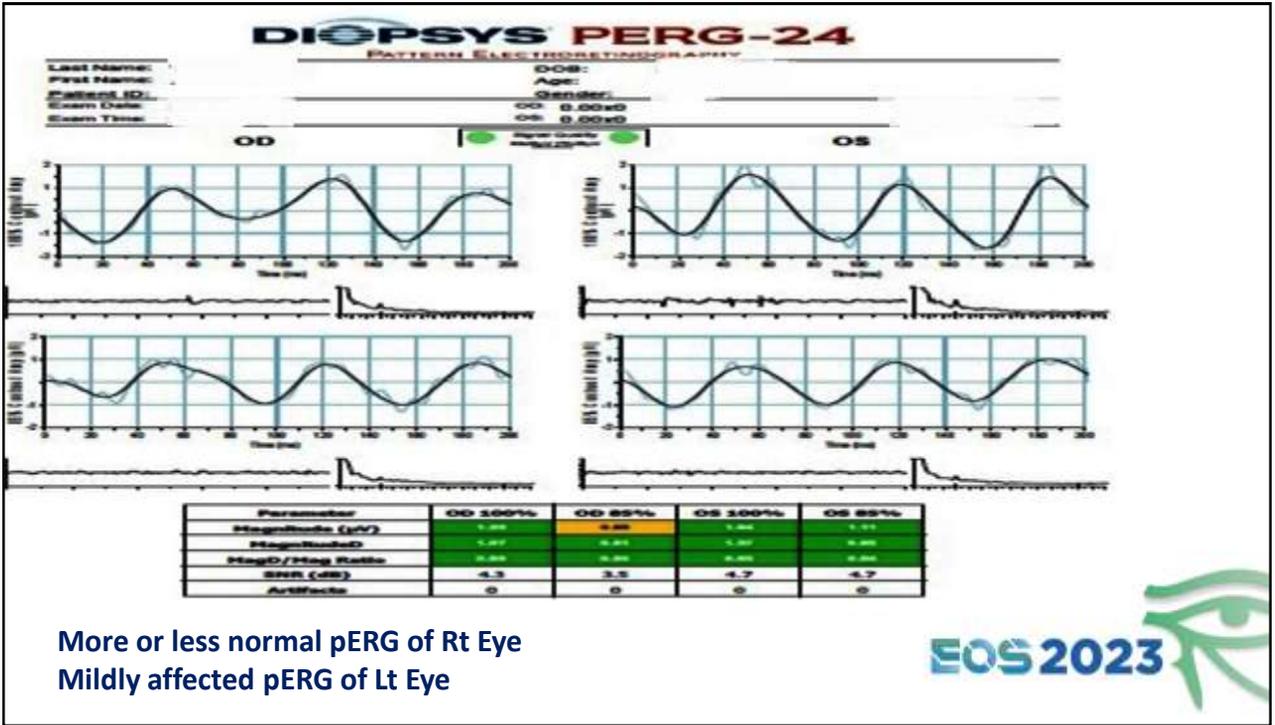


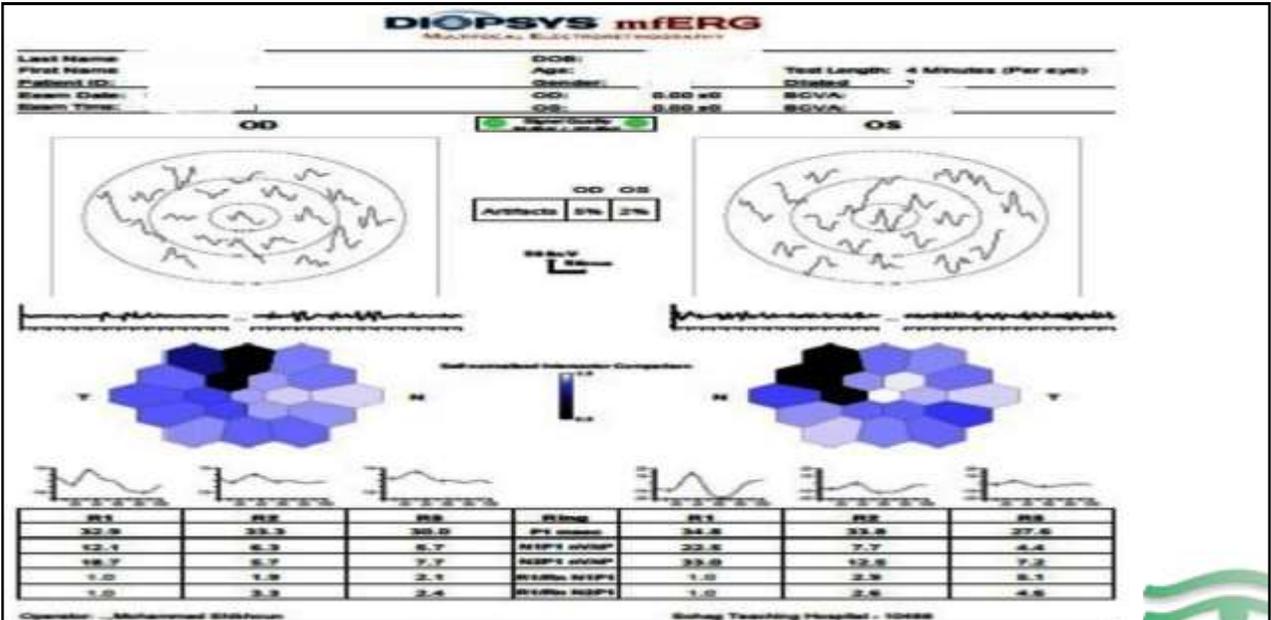


BCVA is 6/18 in both eyes  
More or less normal OCT



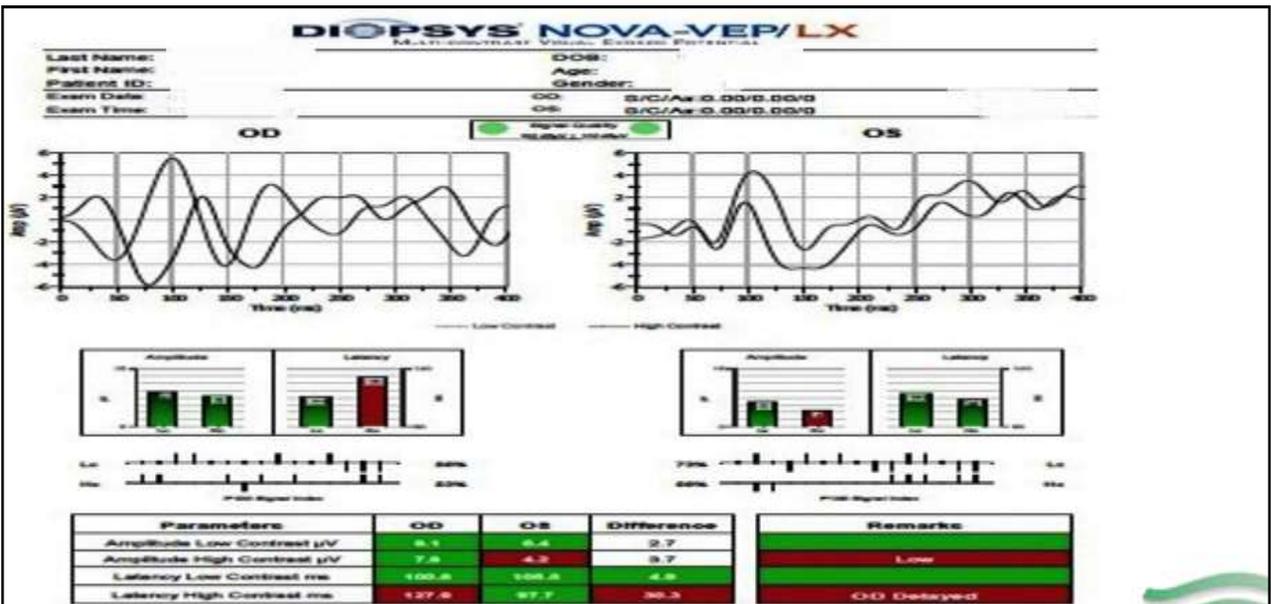
So we should find the cause of diminished VA  
So we do Electro physiological studies





Bilateral Mildly affected mfERG of both Eyes

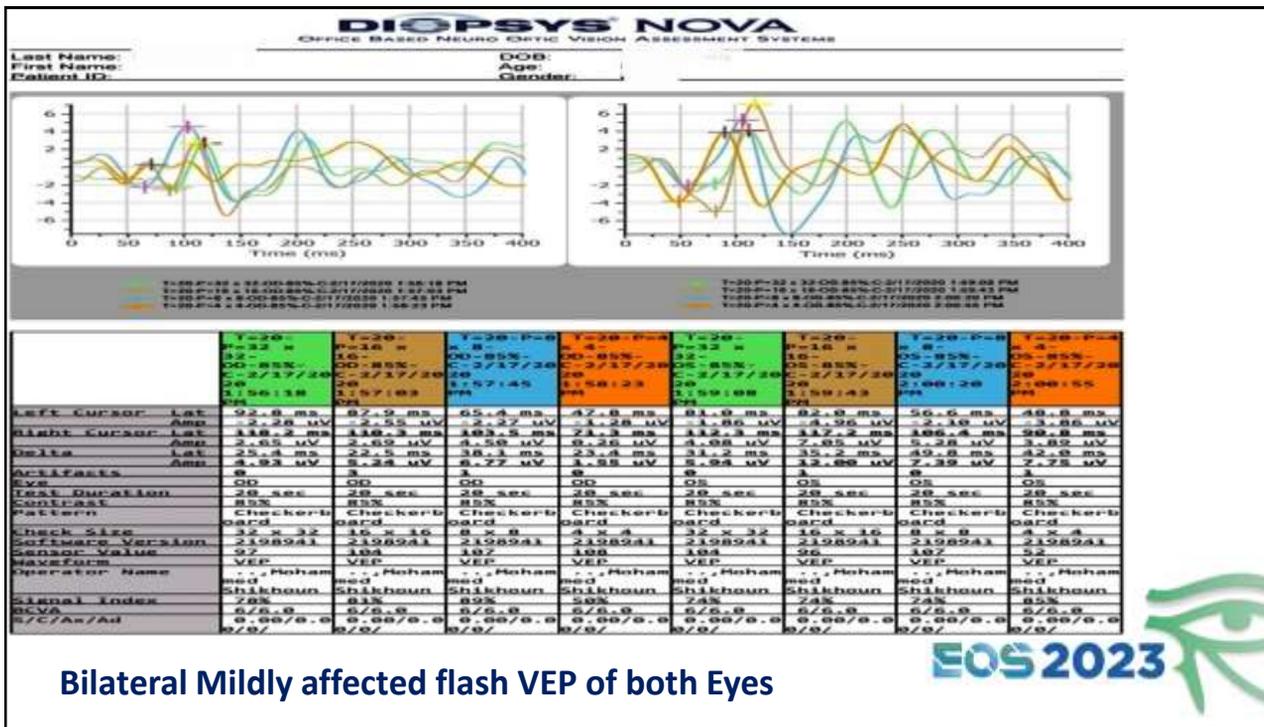
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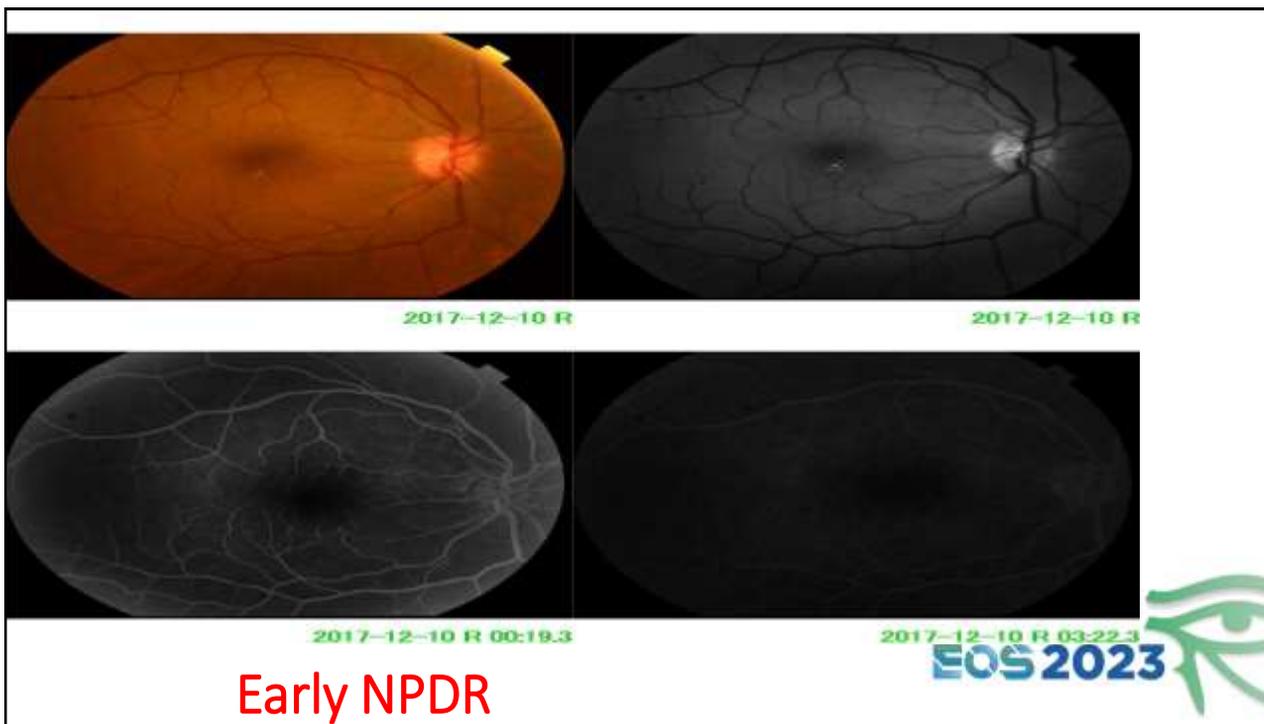
Bilateral Mildly affected pVEP of both Eyes

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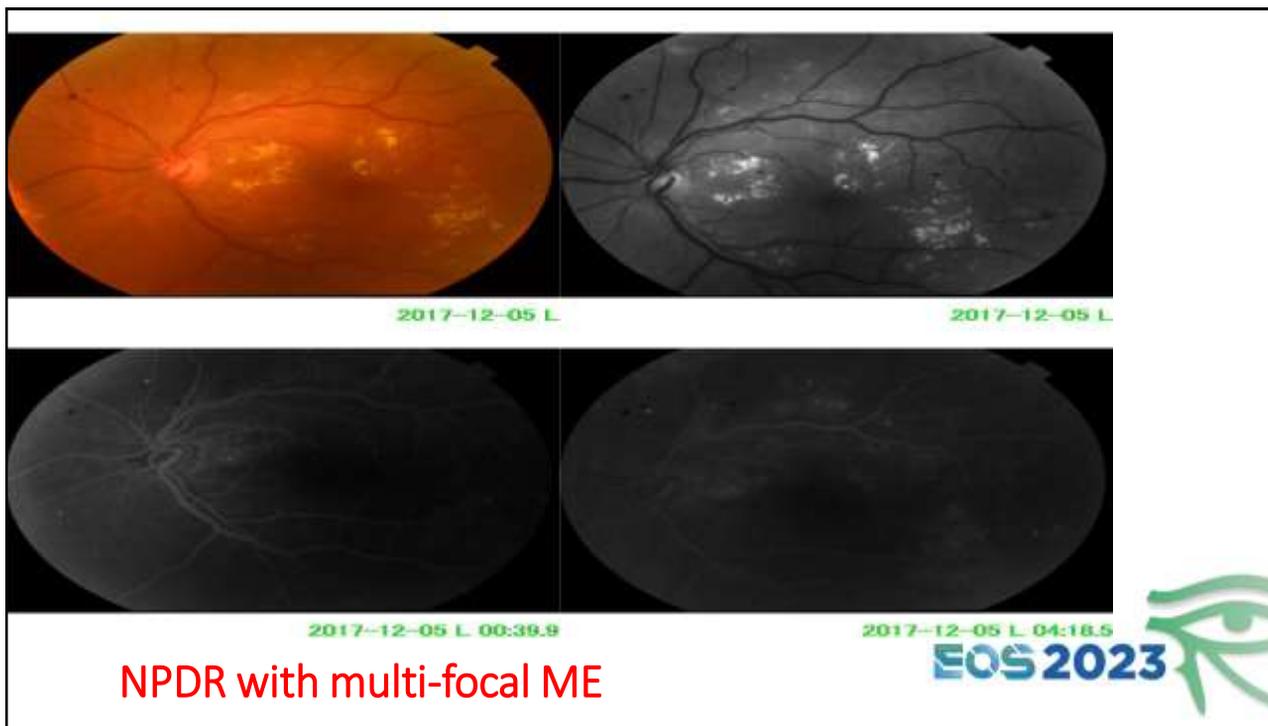
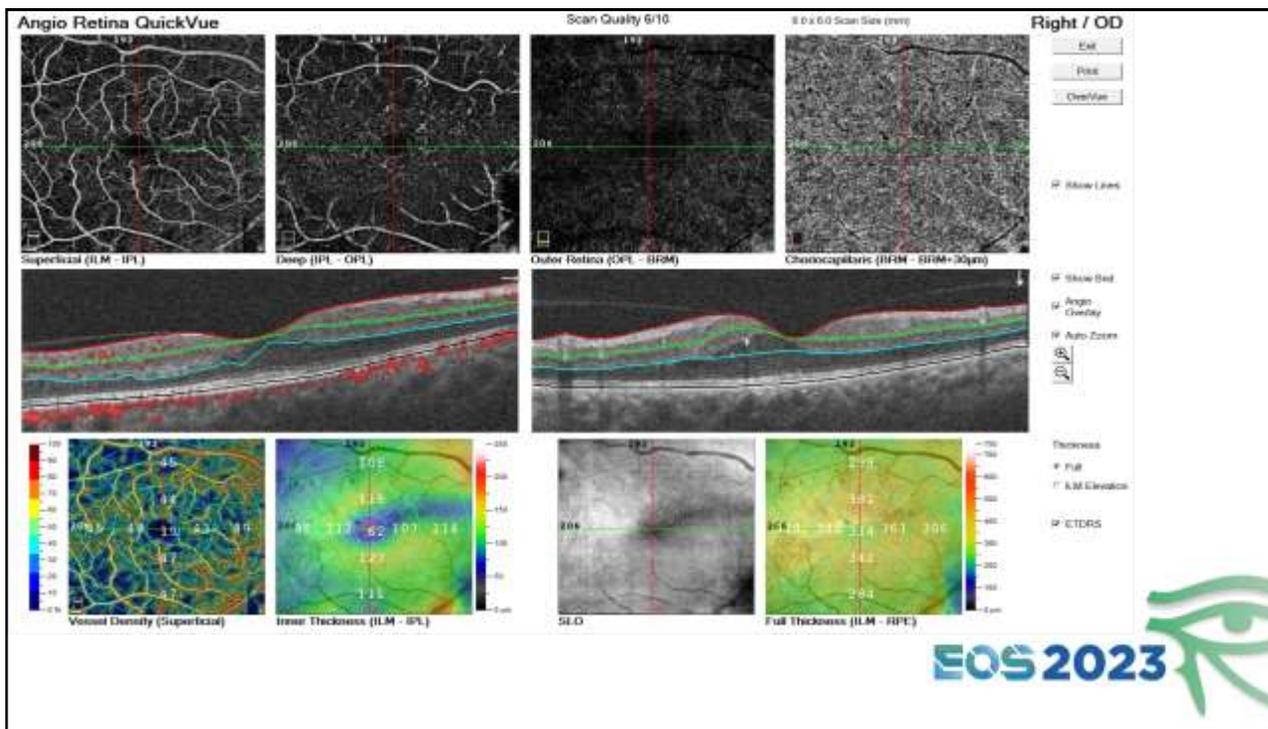


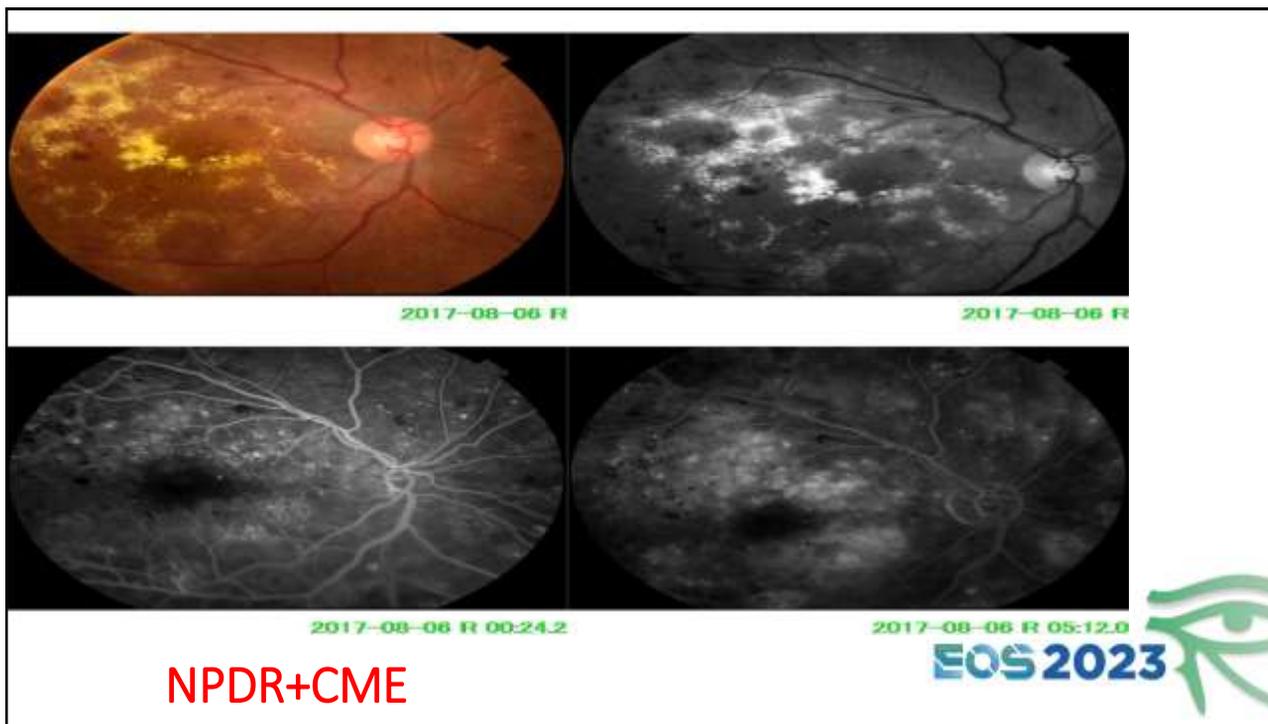
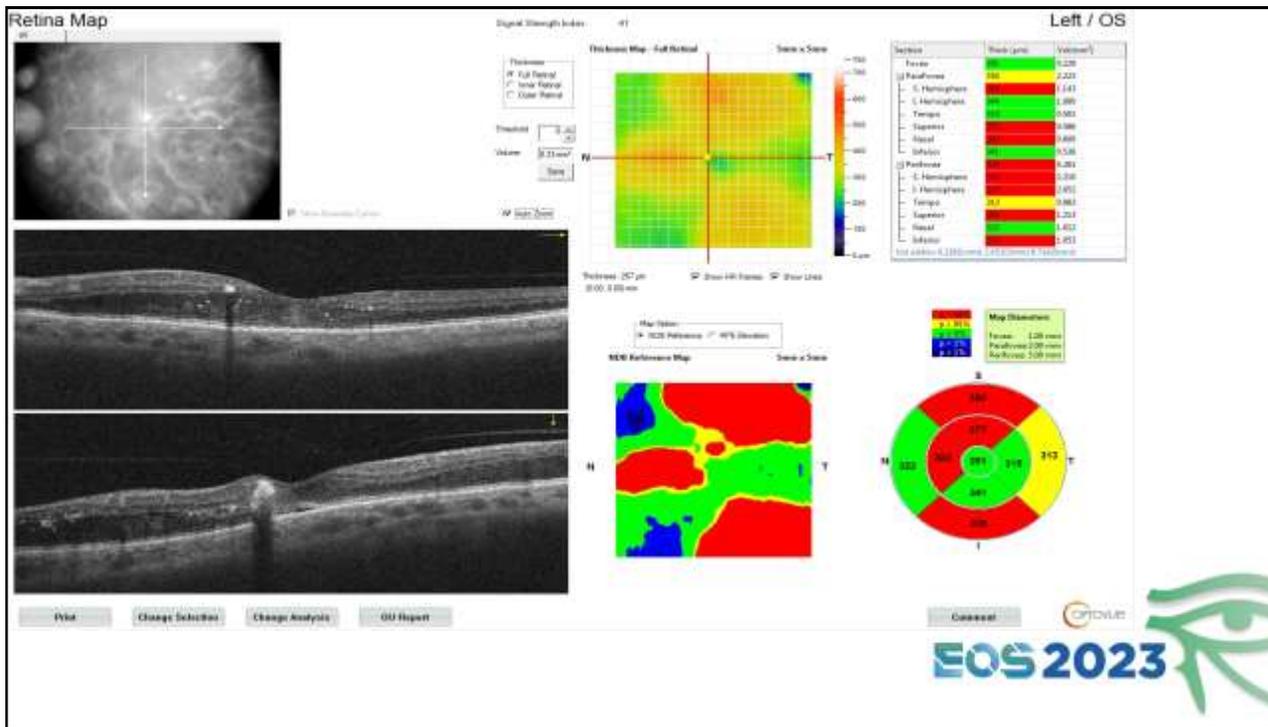
Bilateral Mildly affected flash VEP of both Eyes

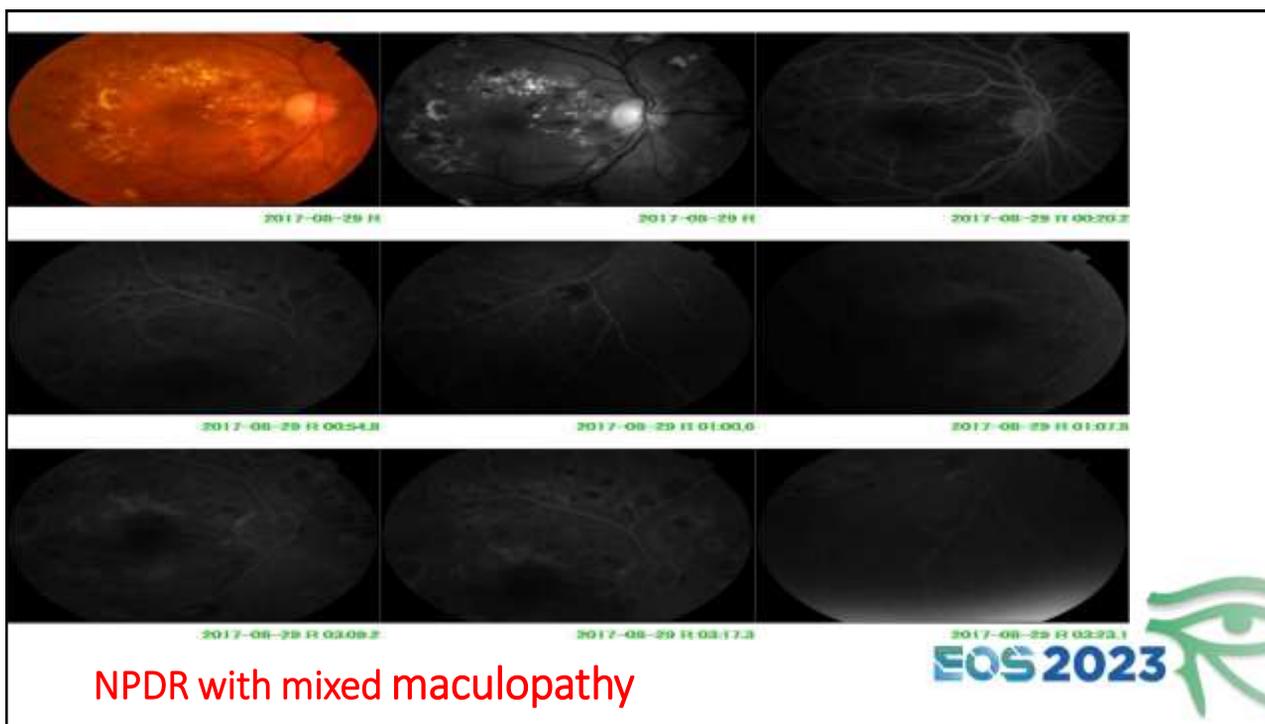
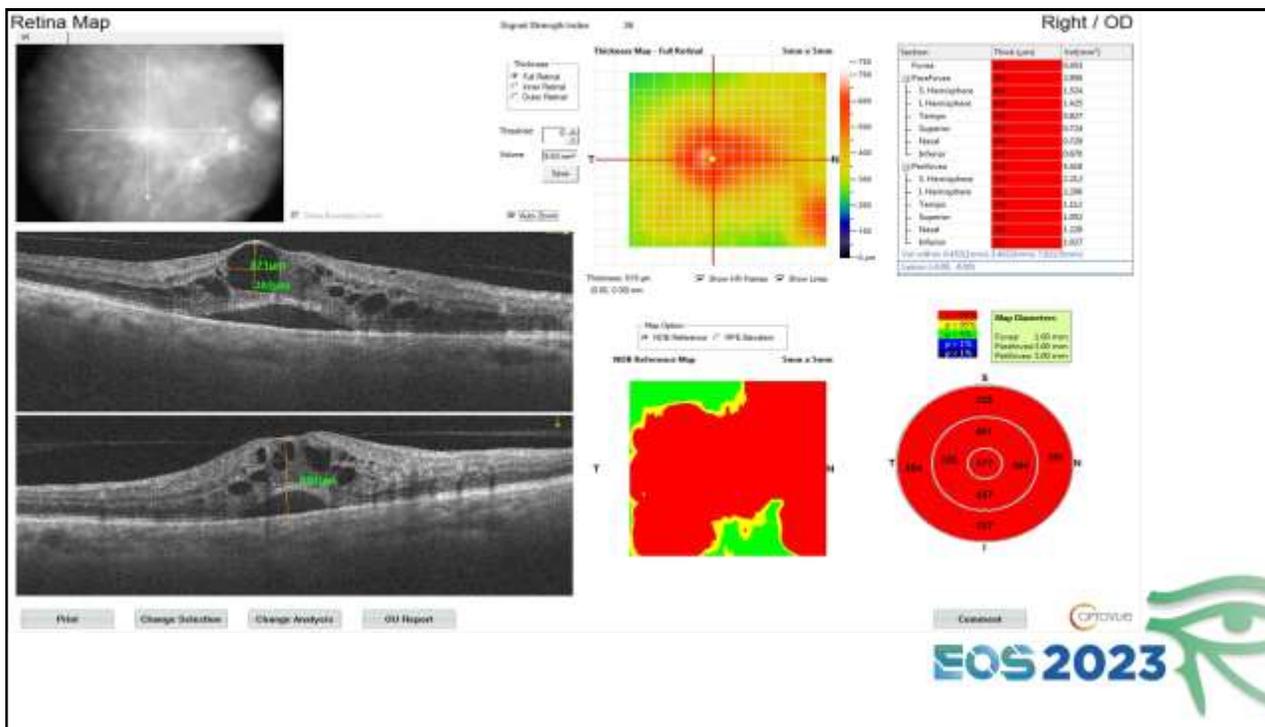


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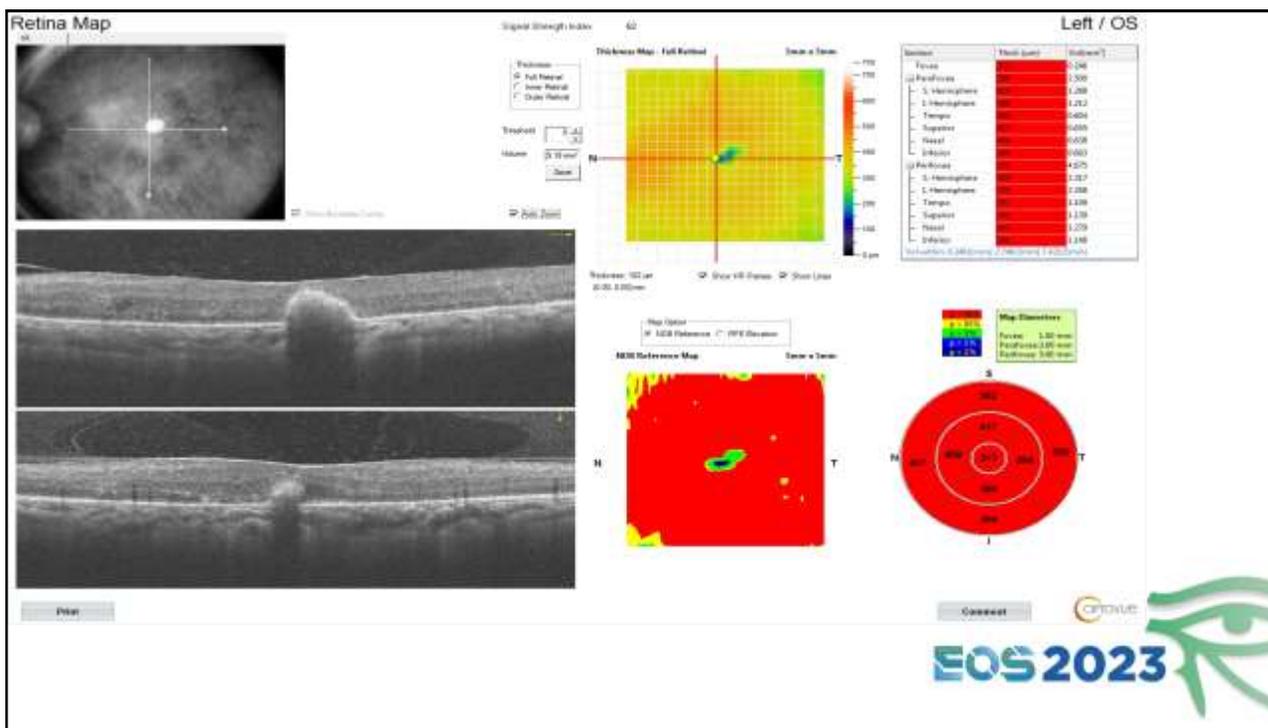
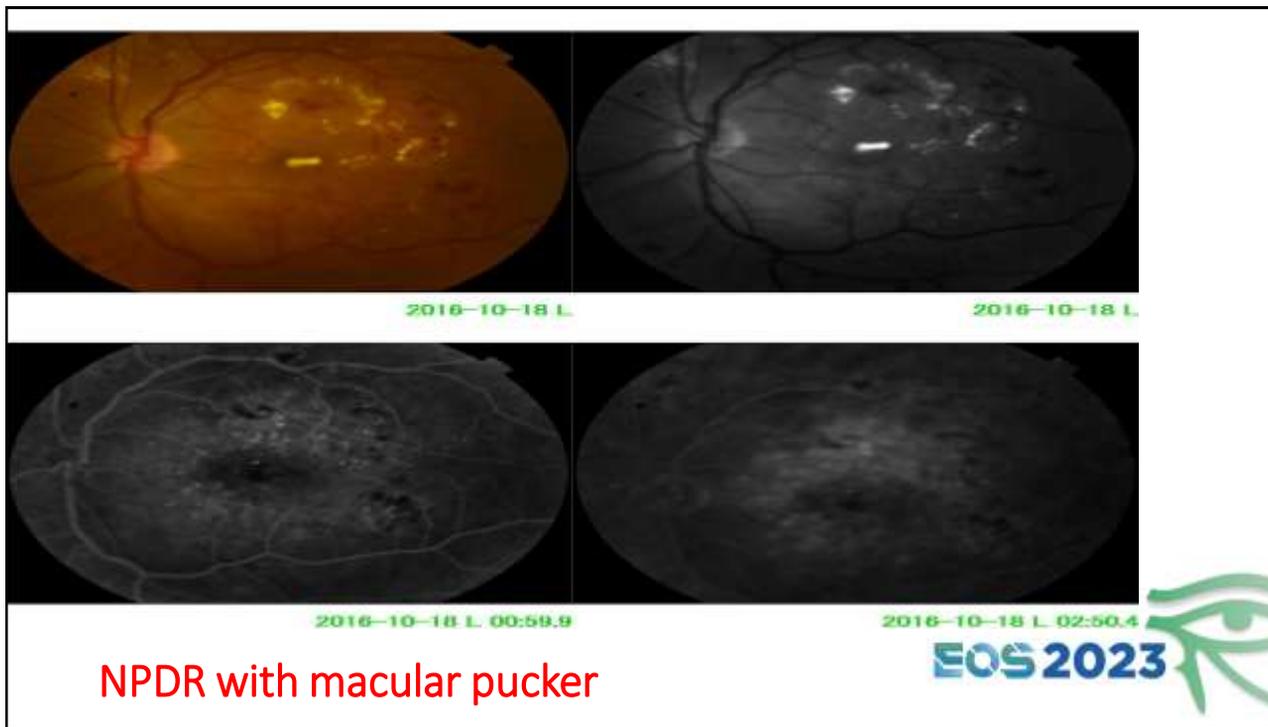


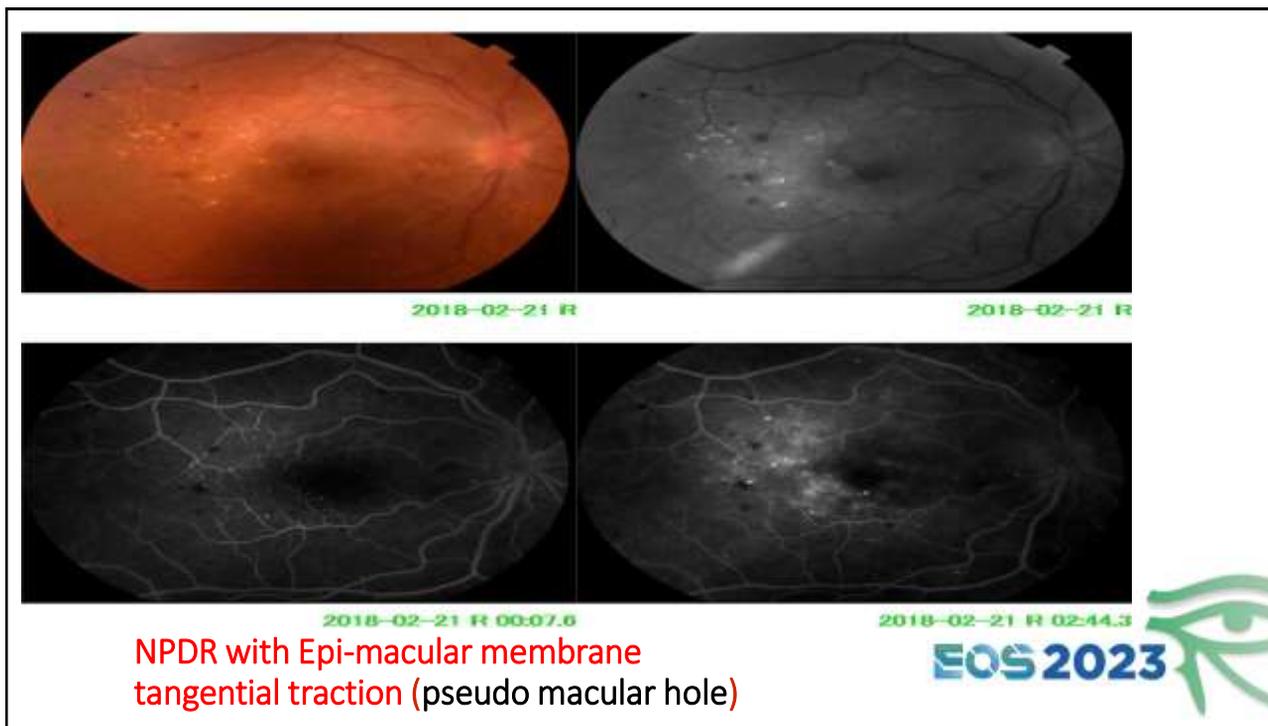
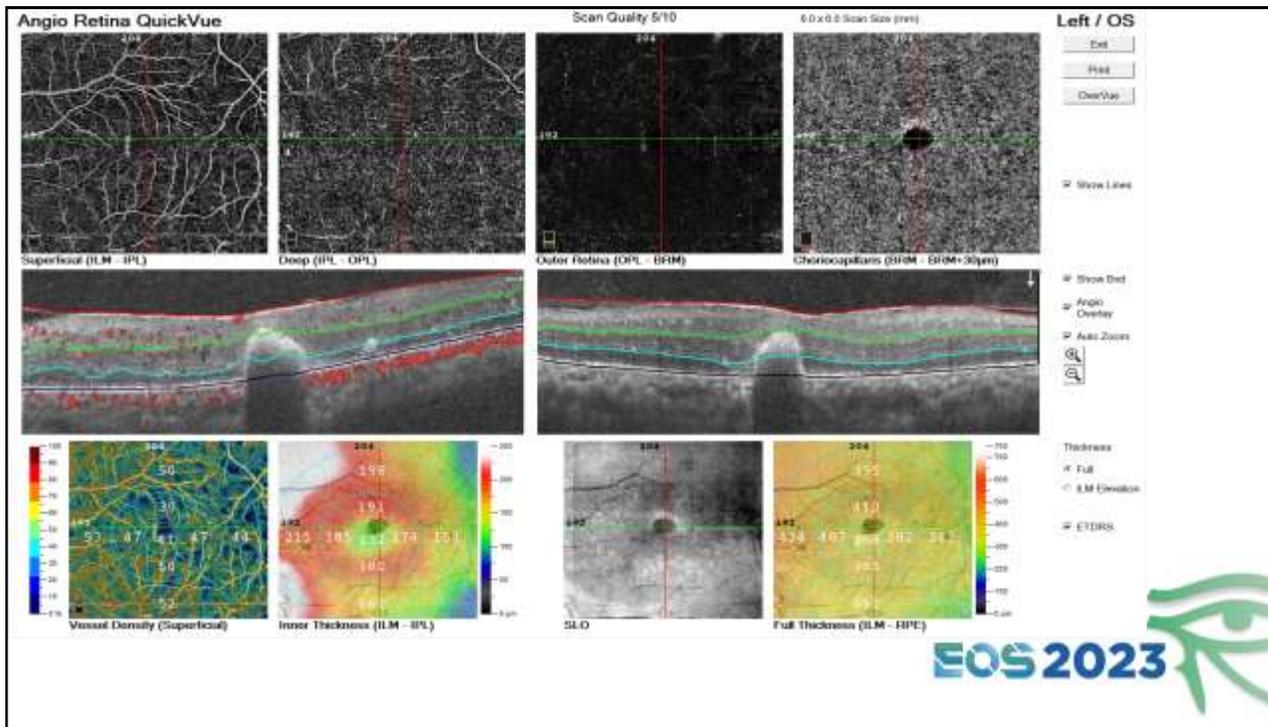


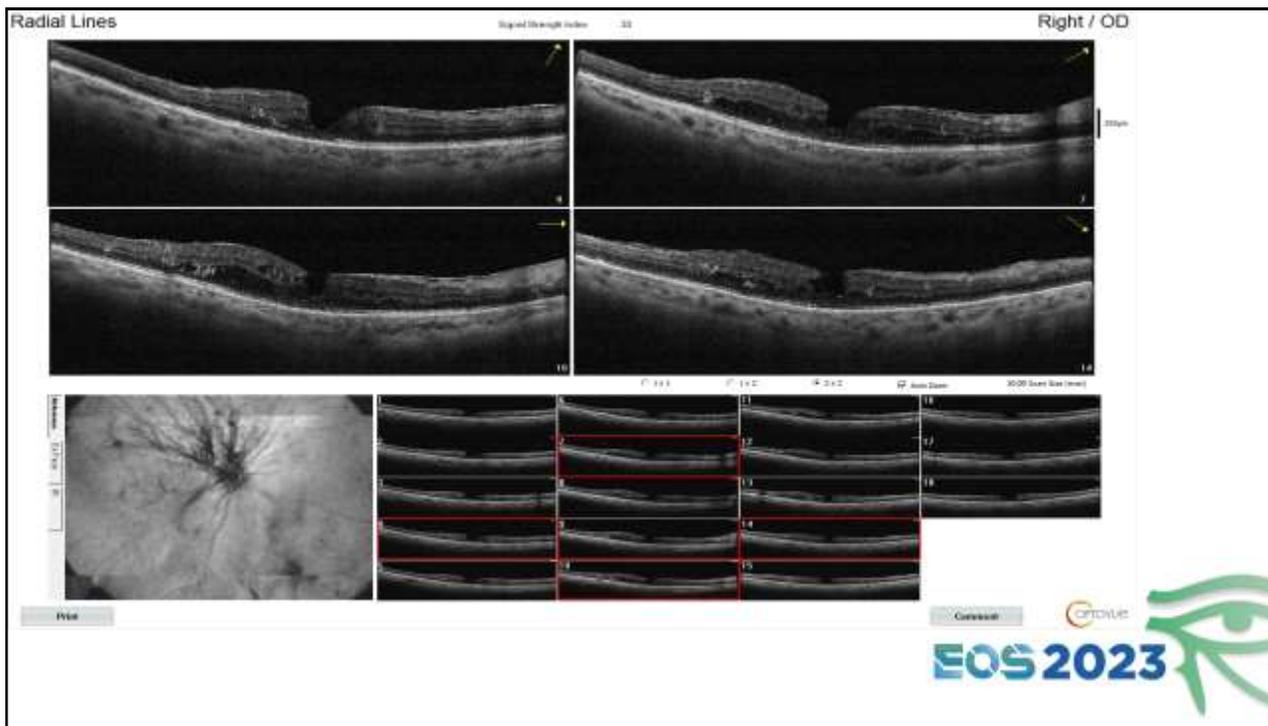
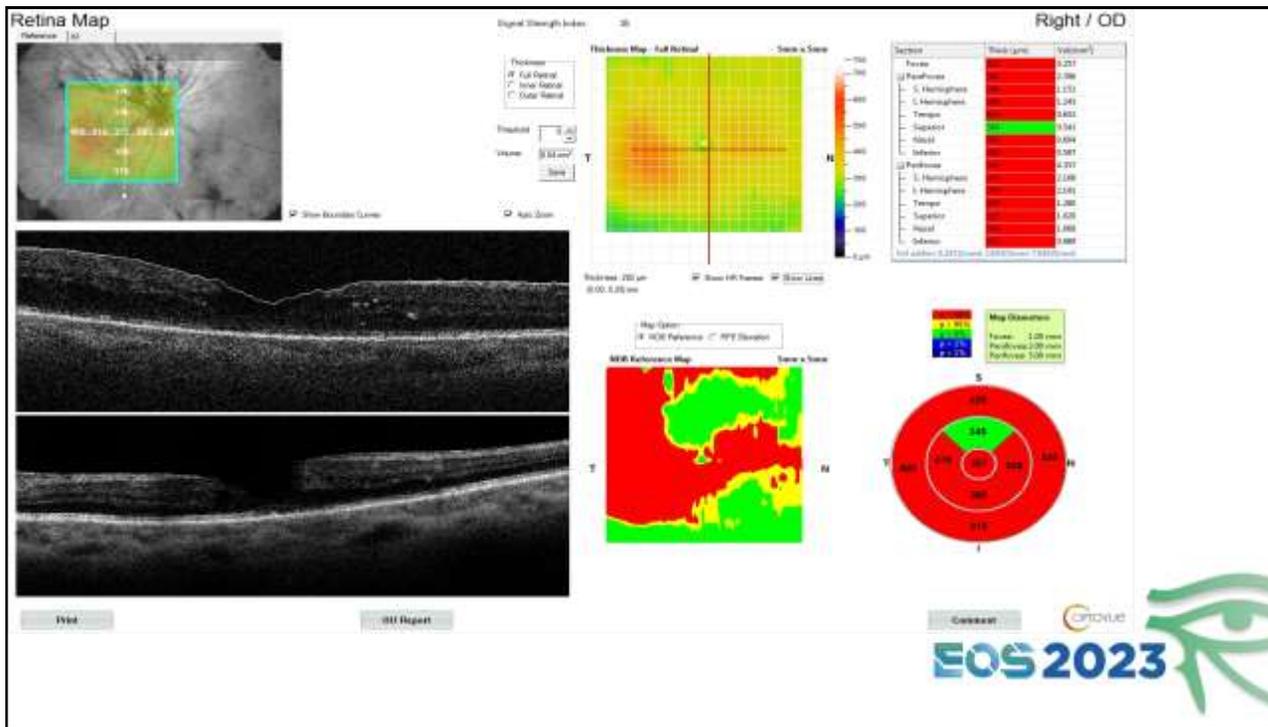


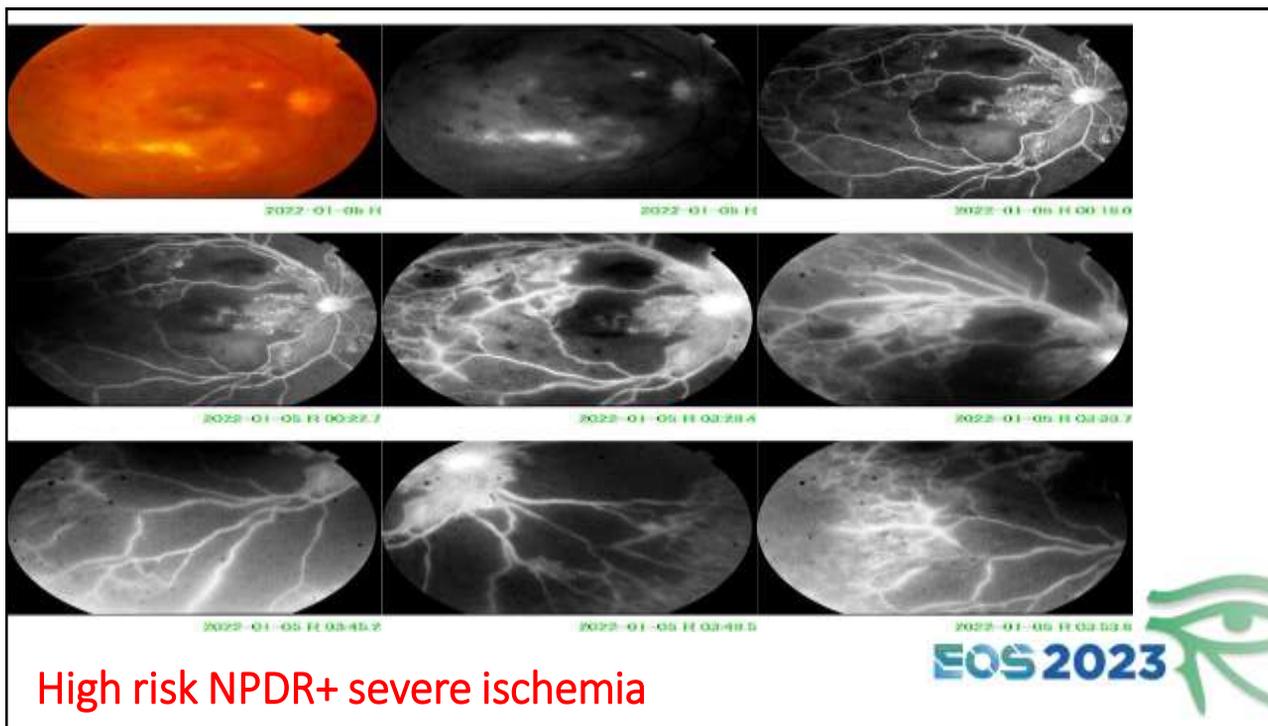
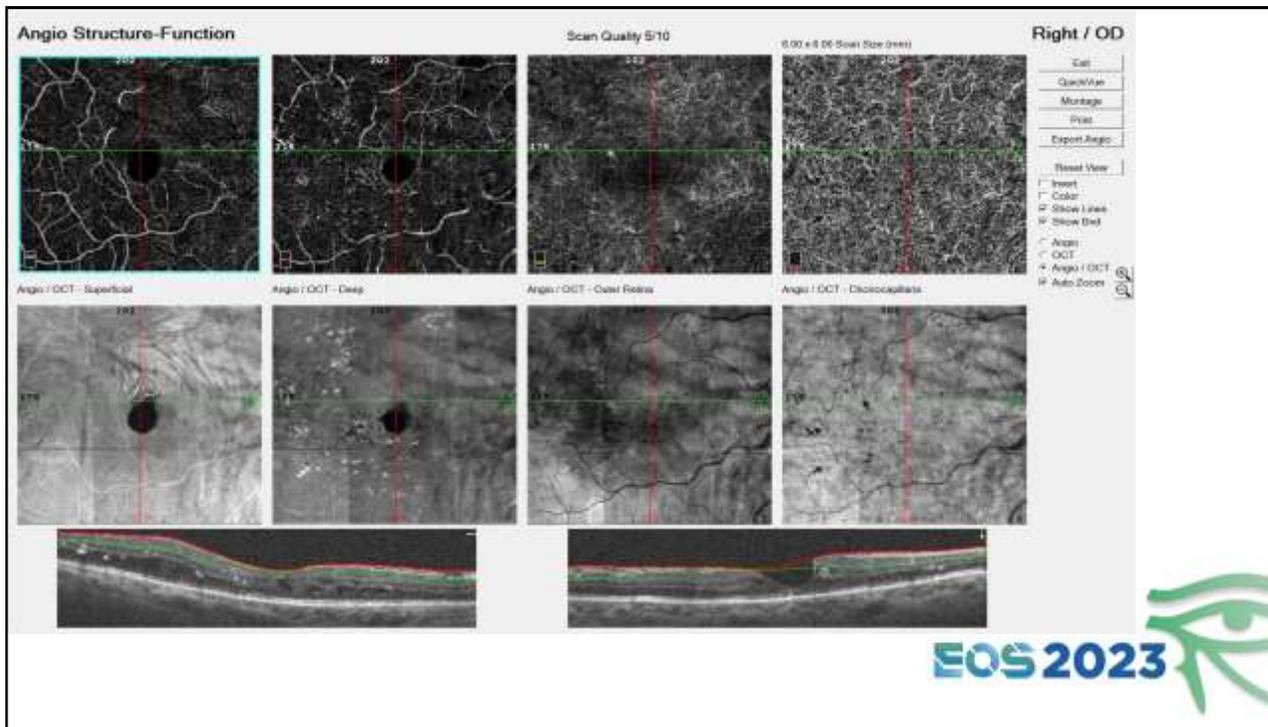


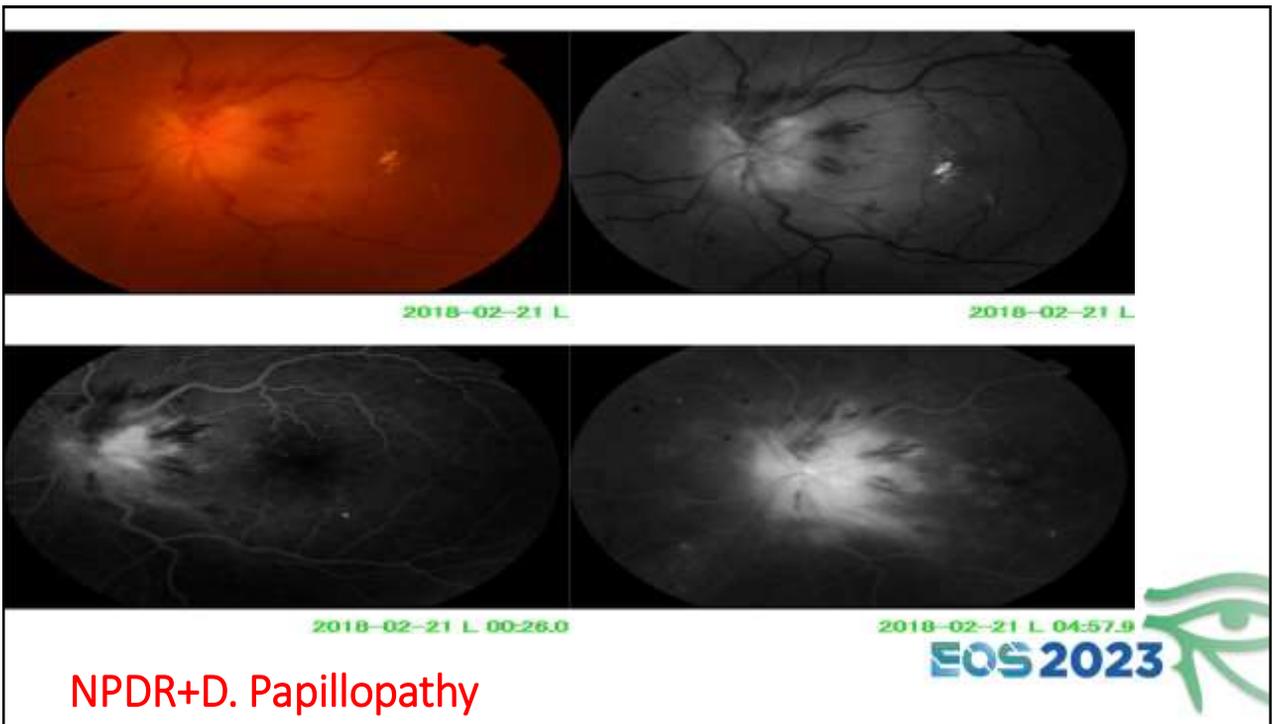
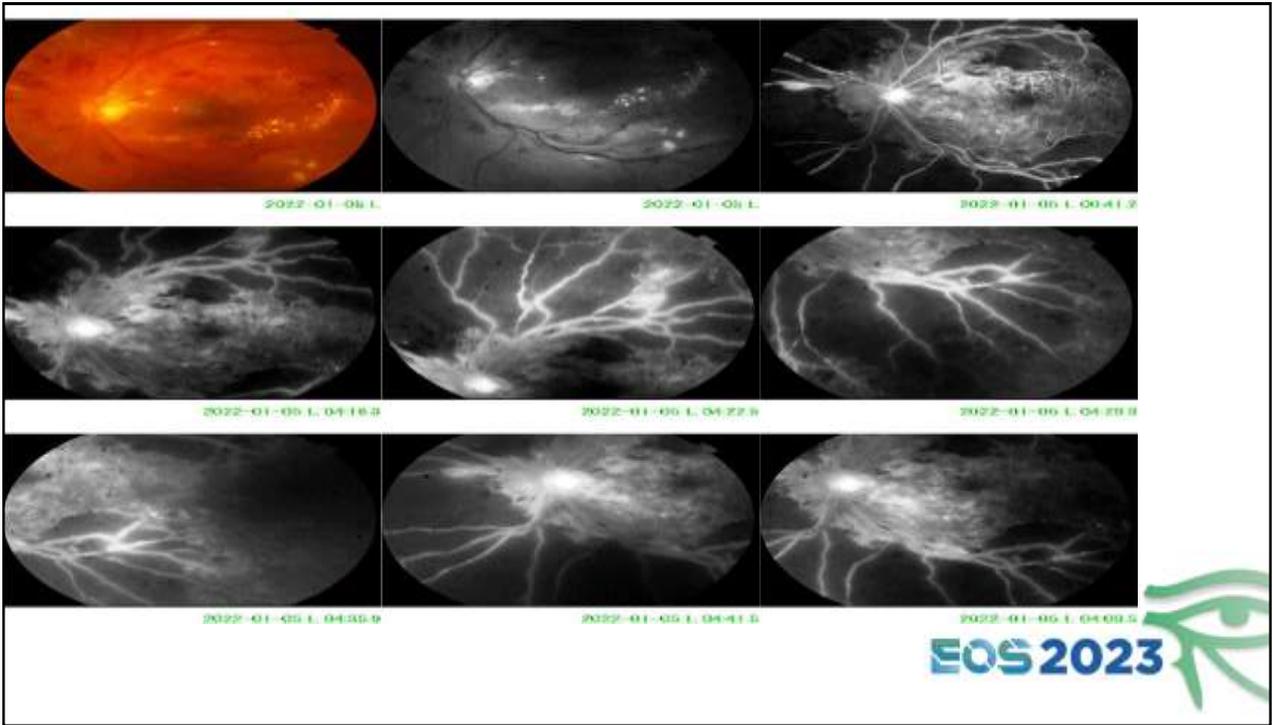




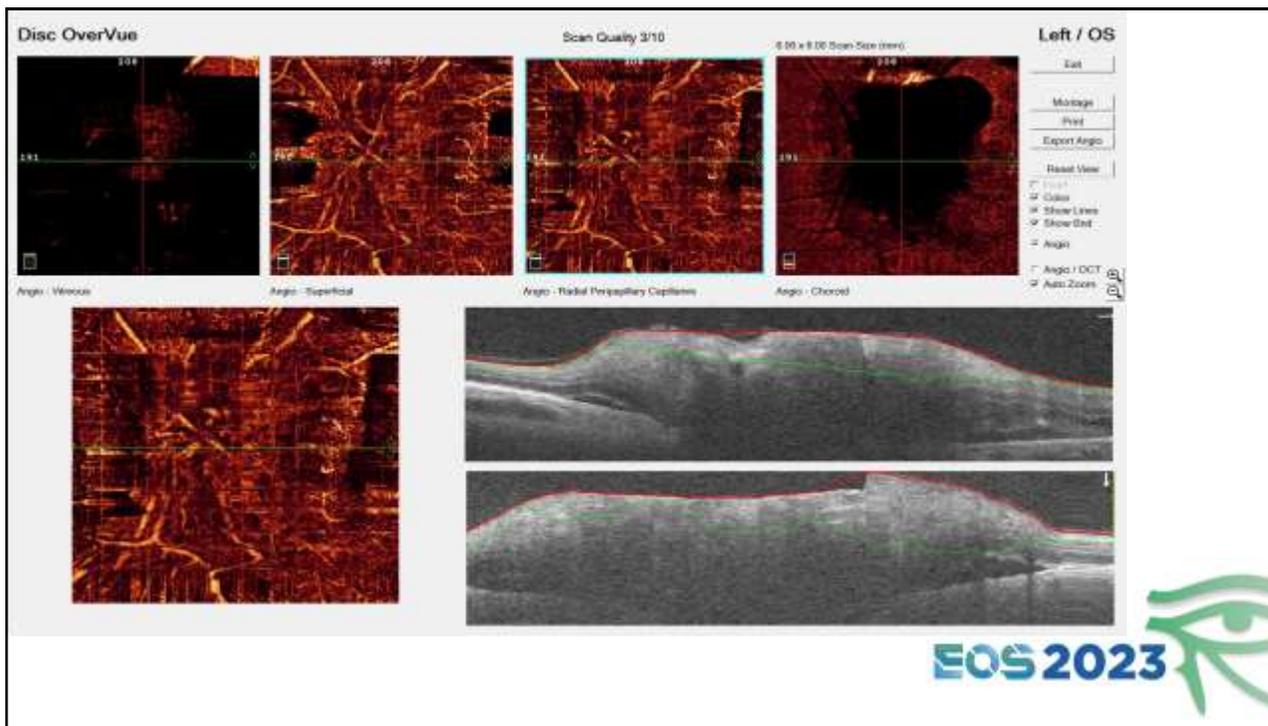
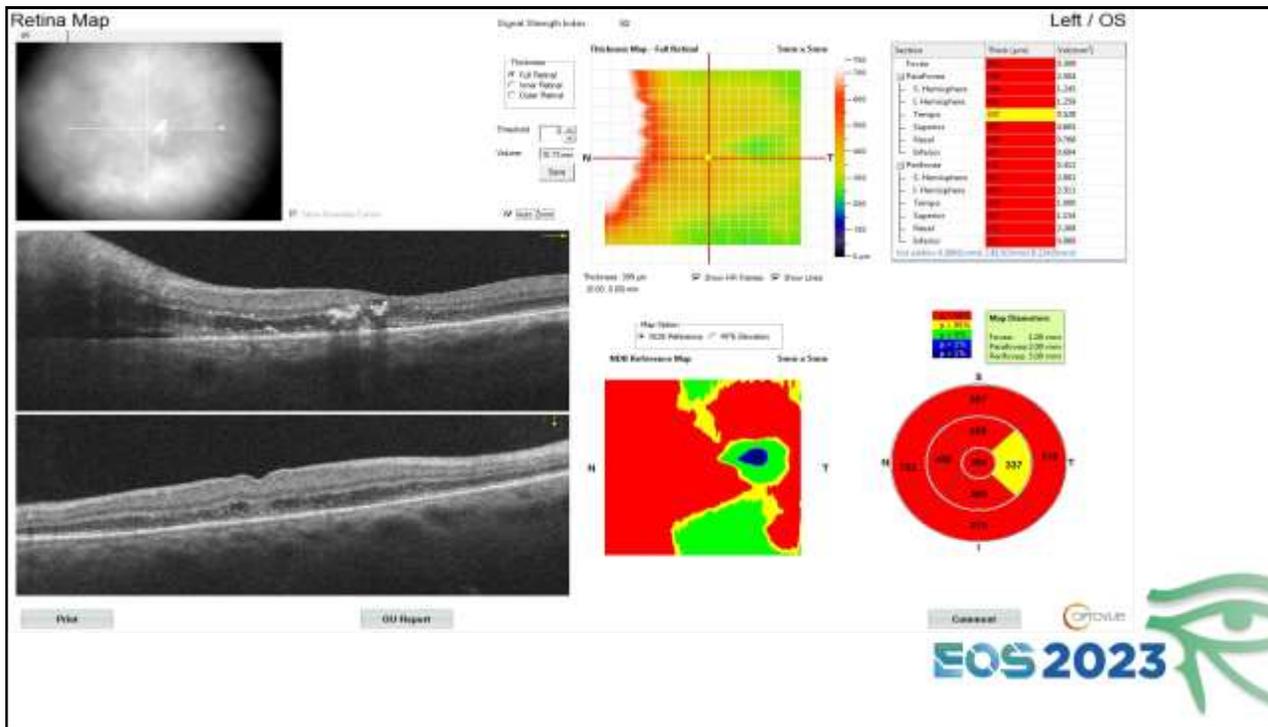


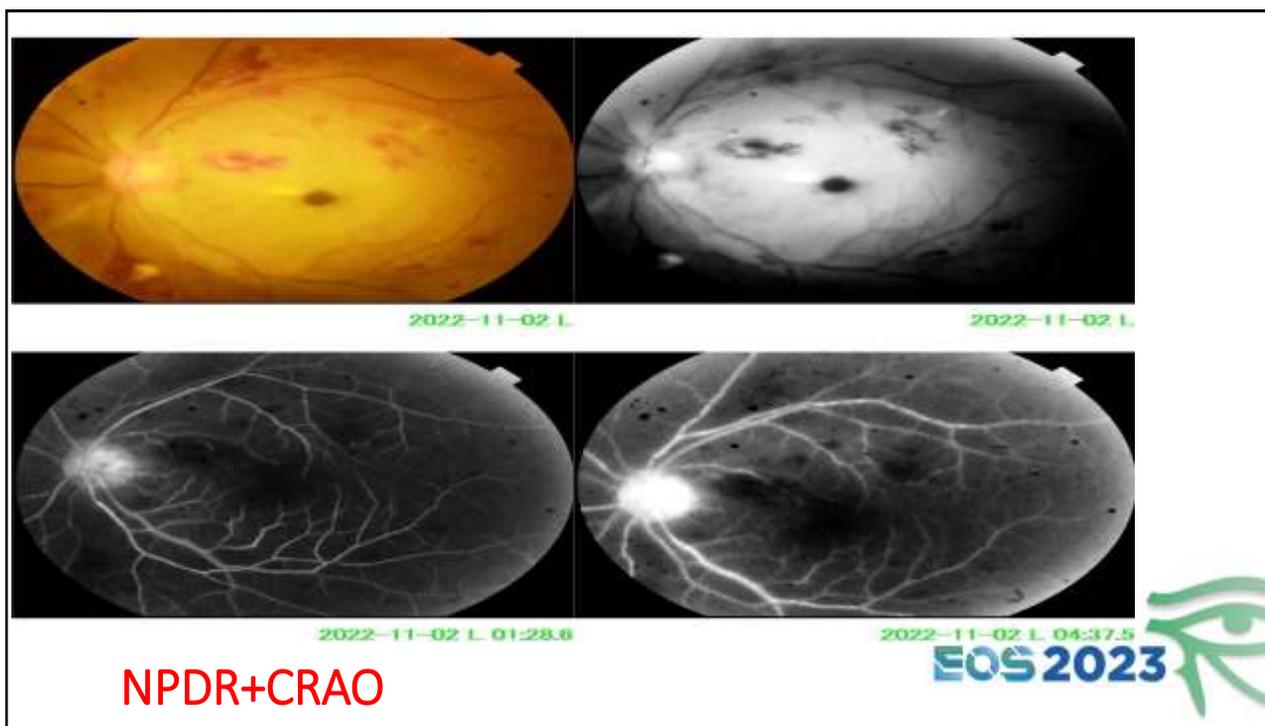
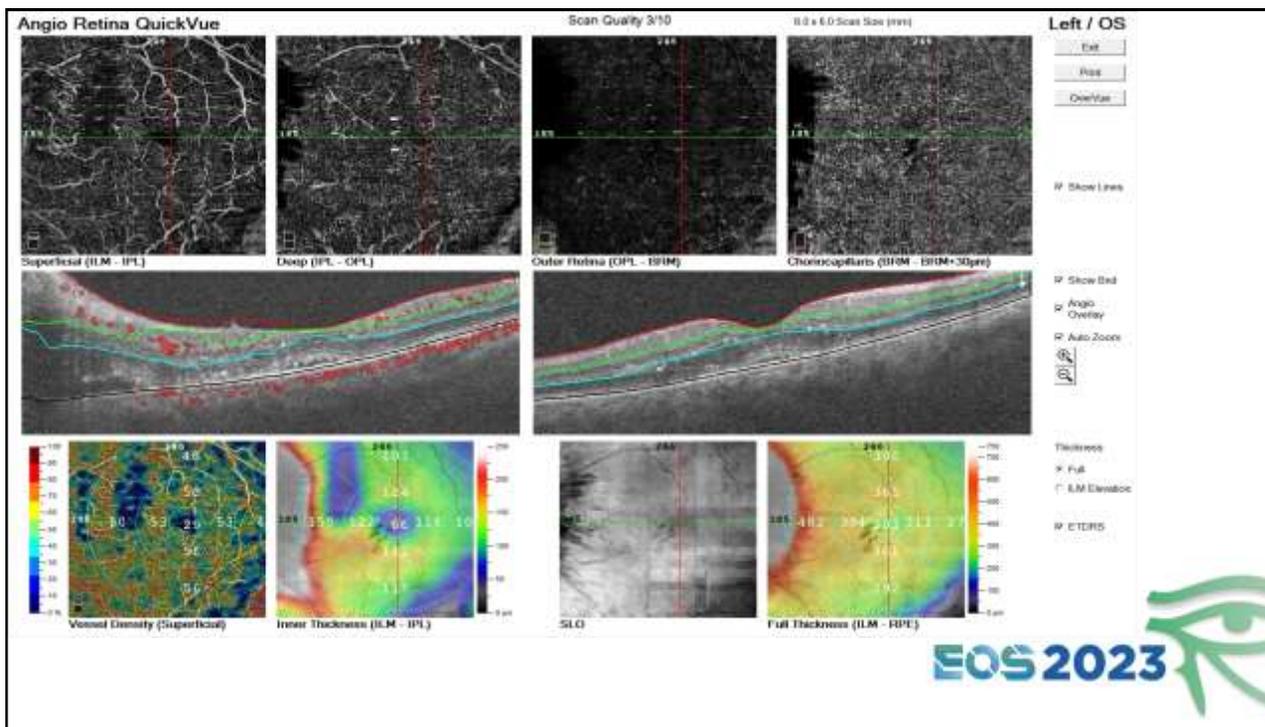


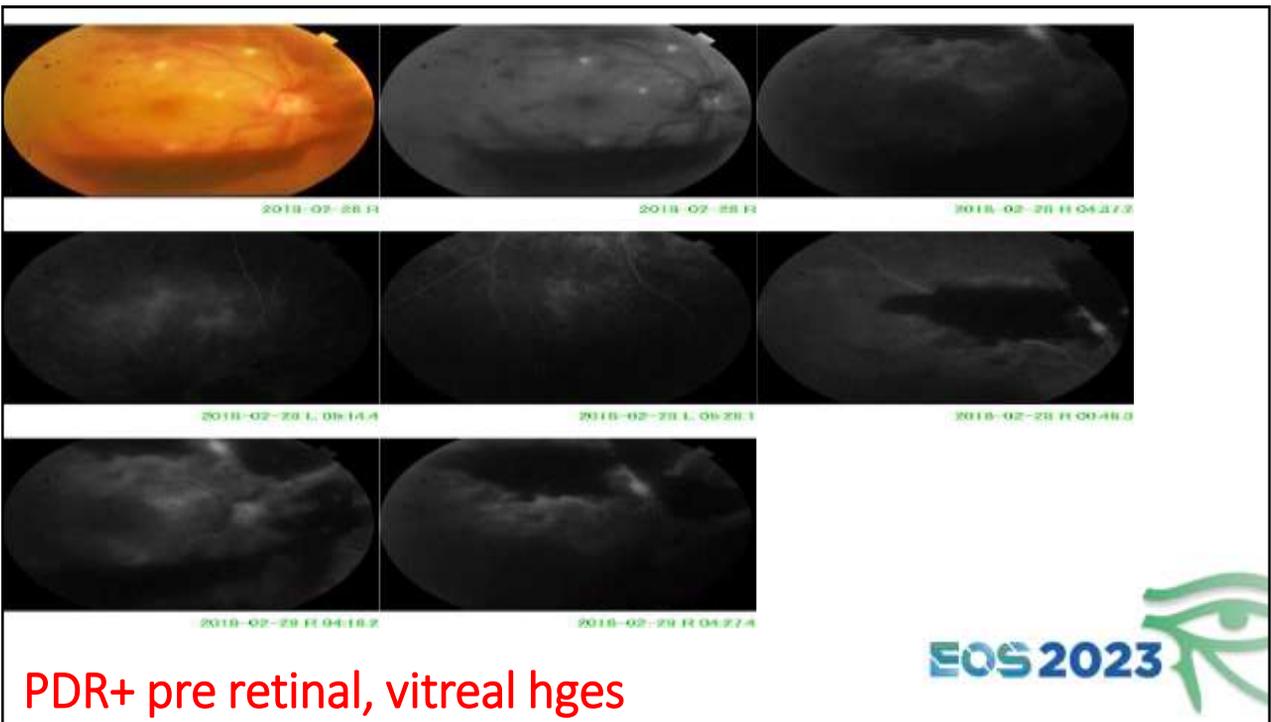
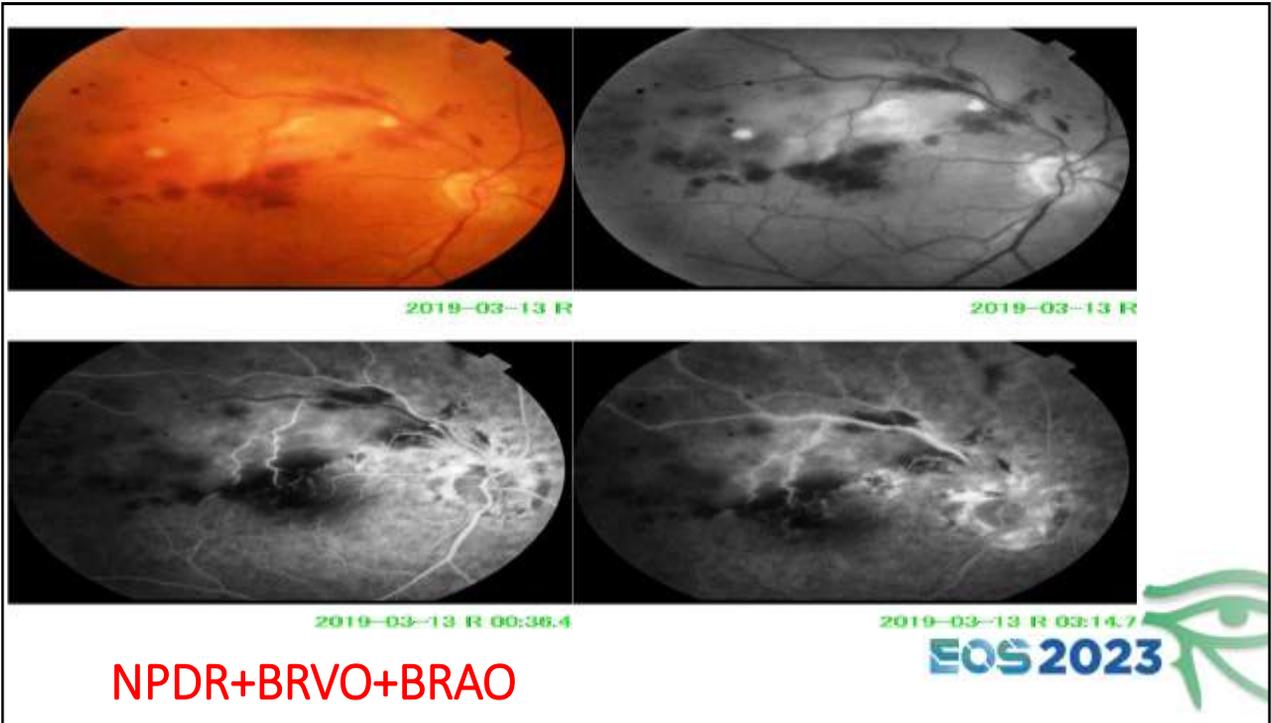


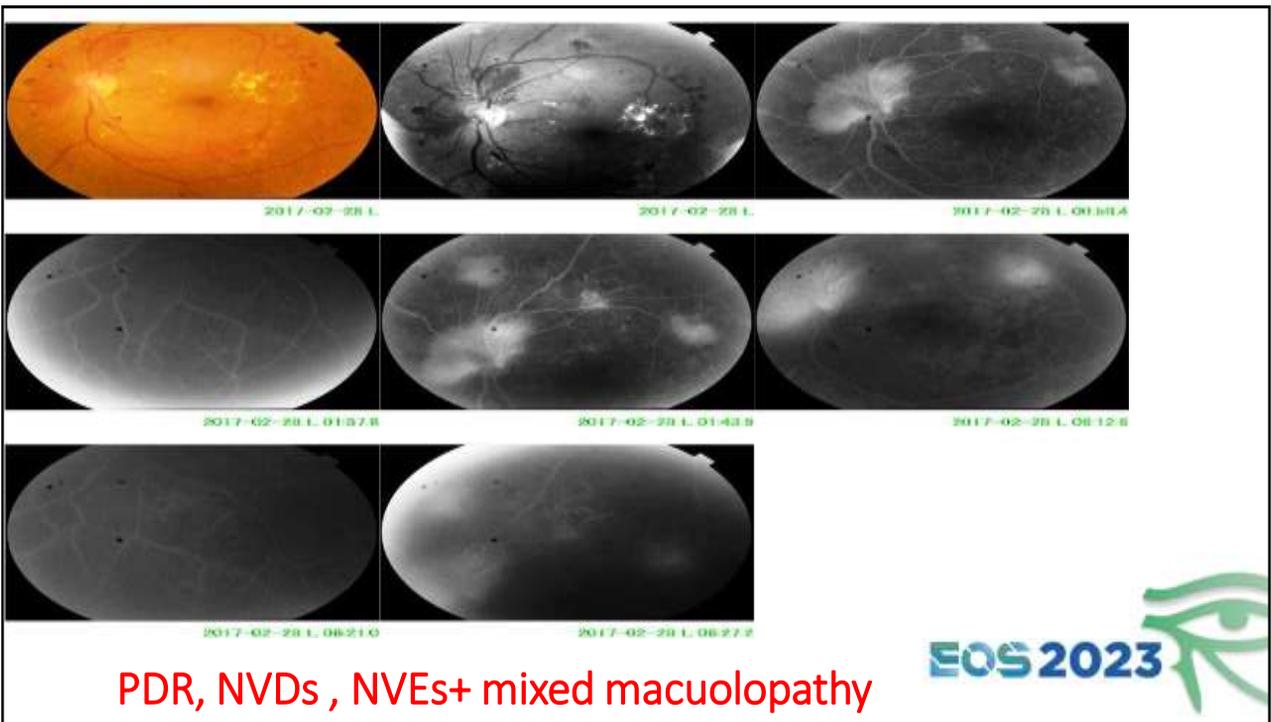
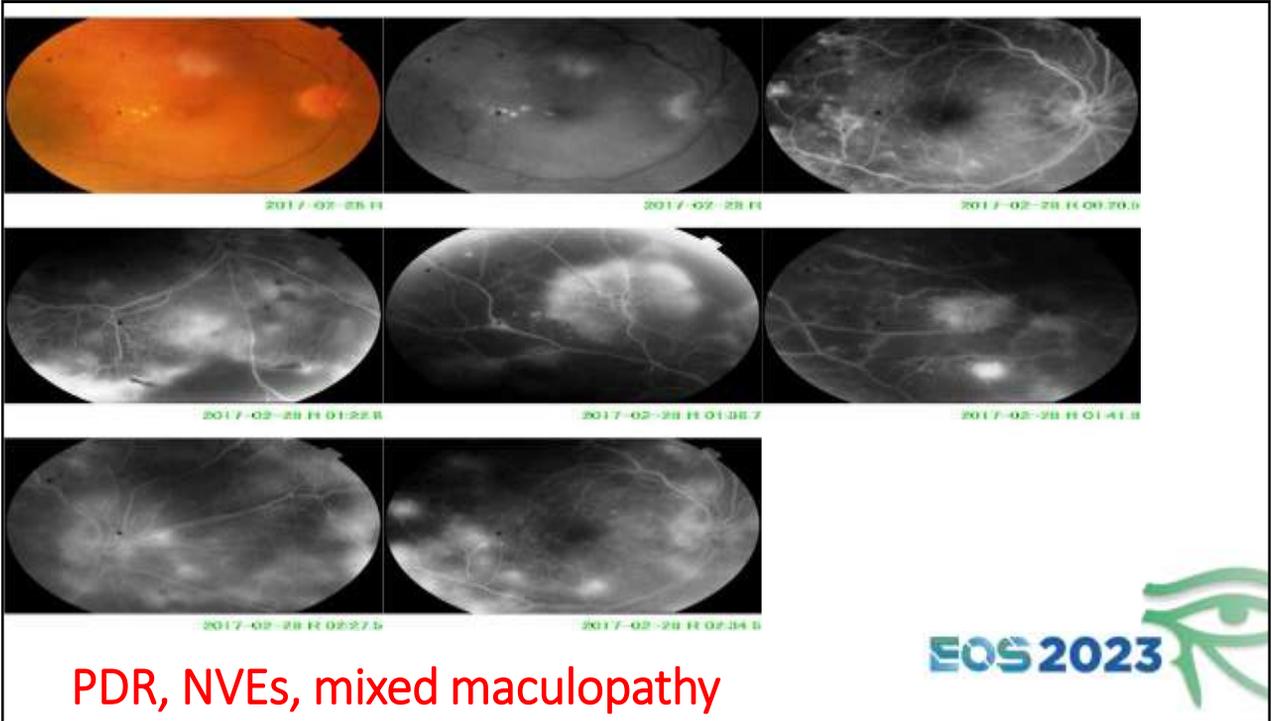


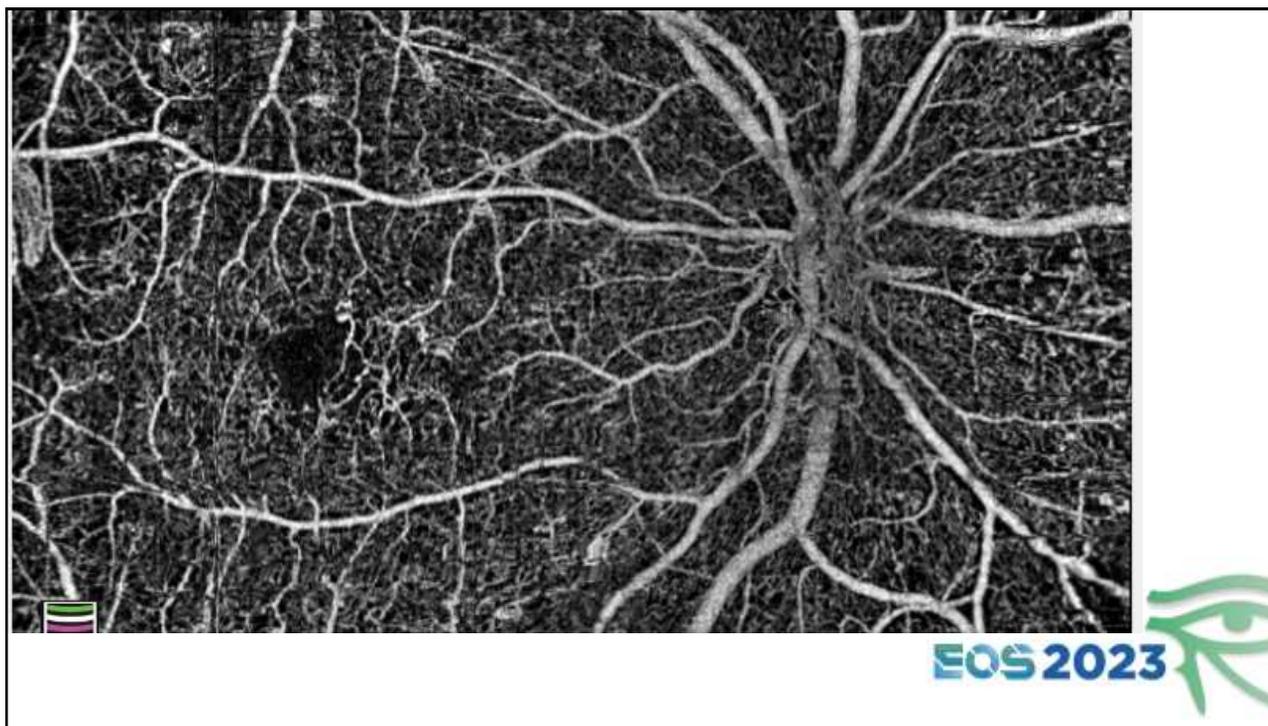
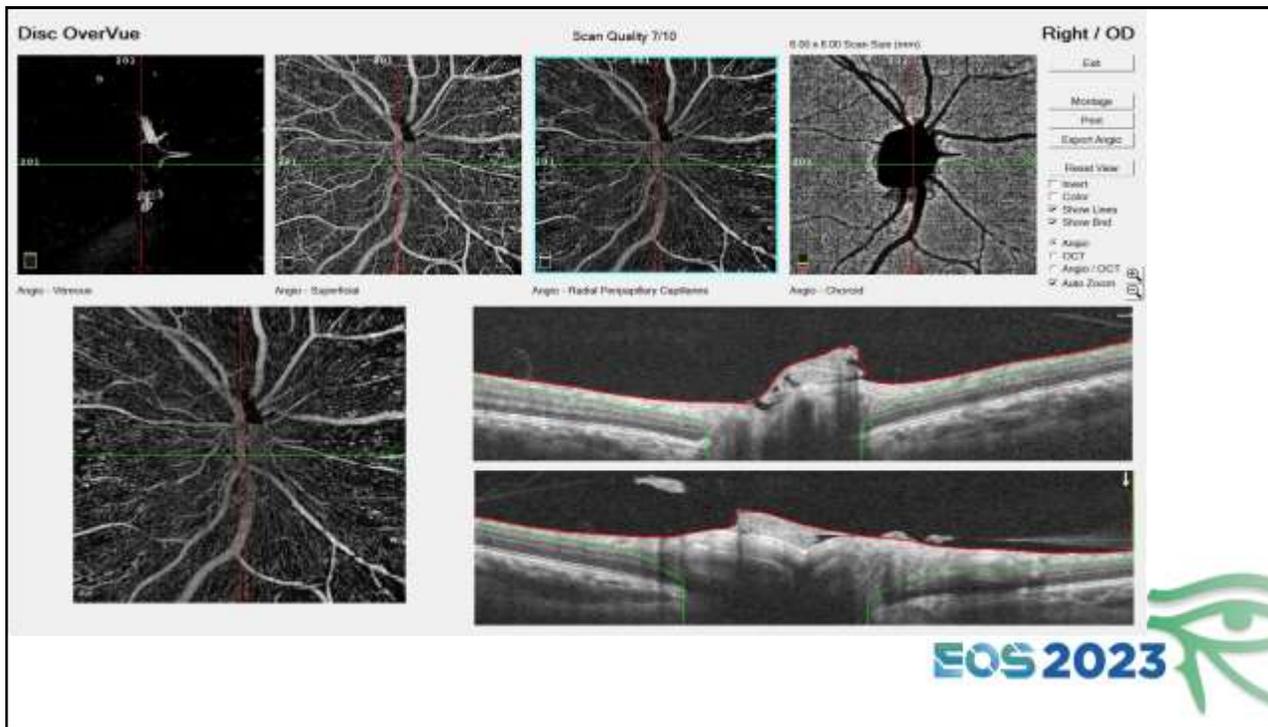
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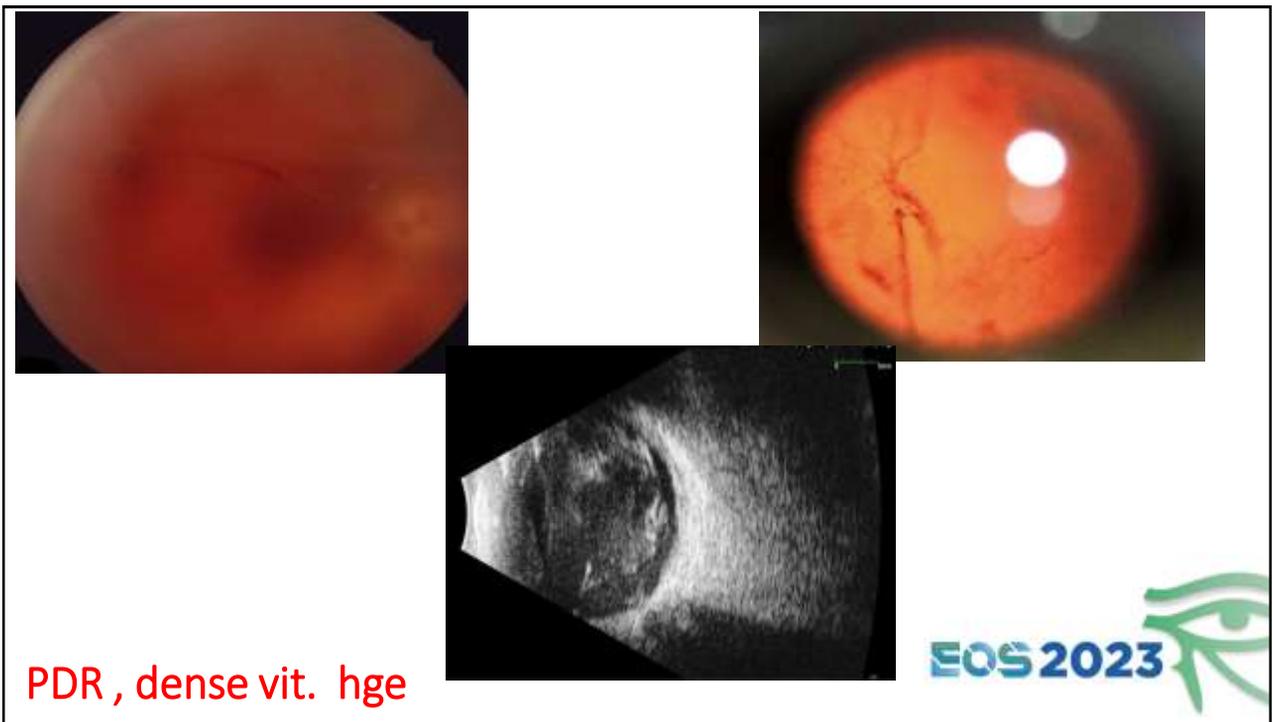
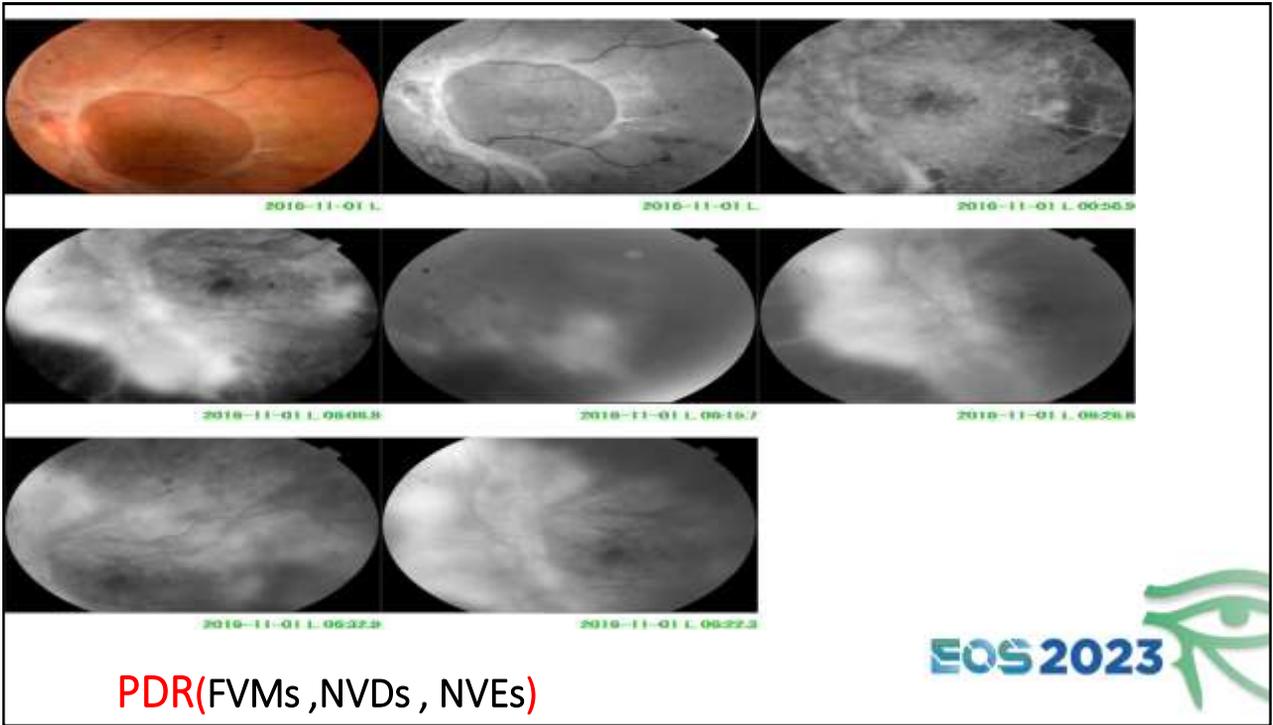


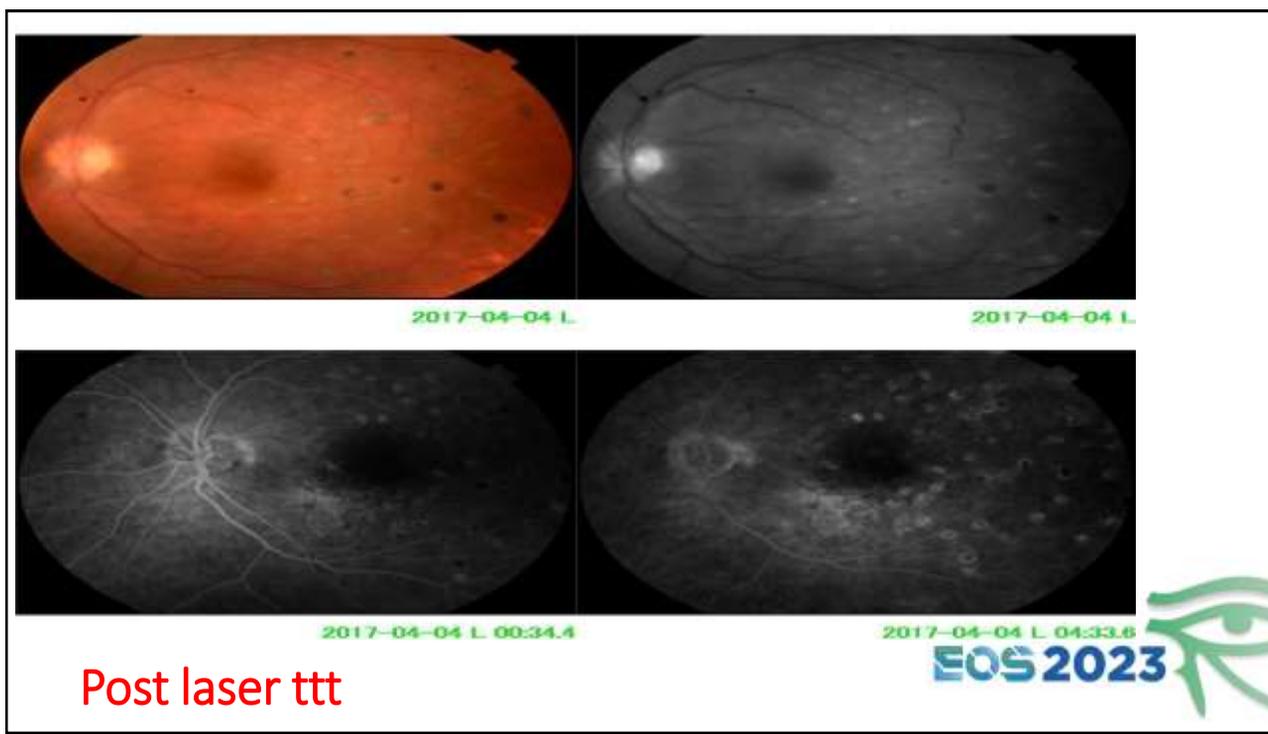
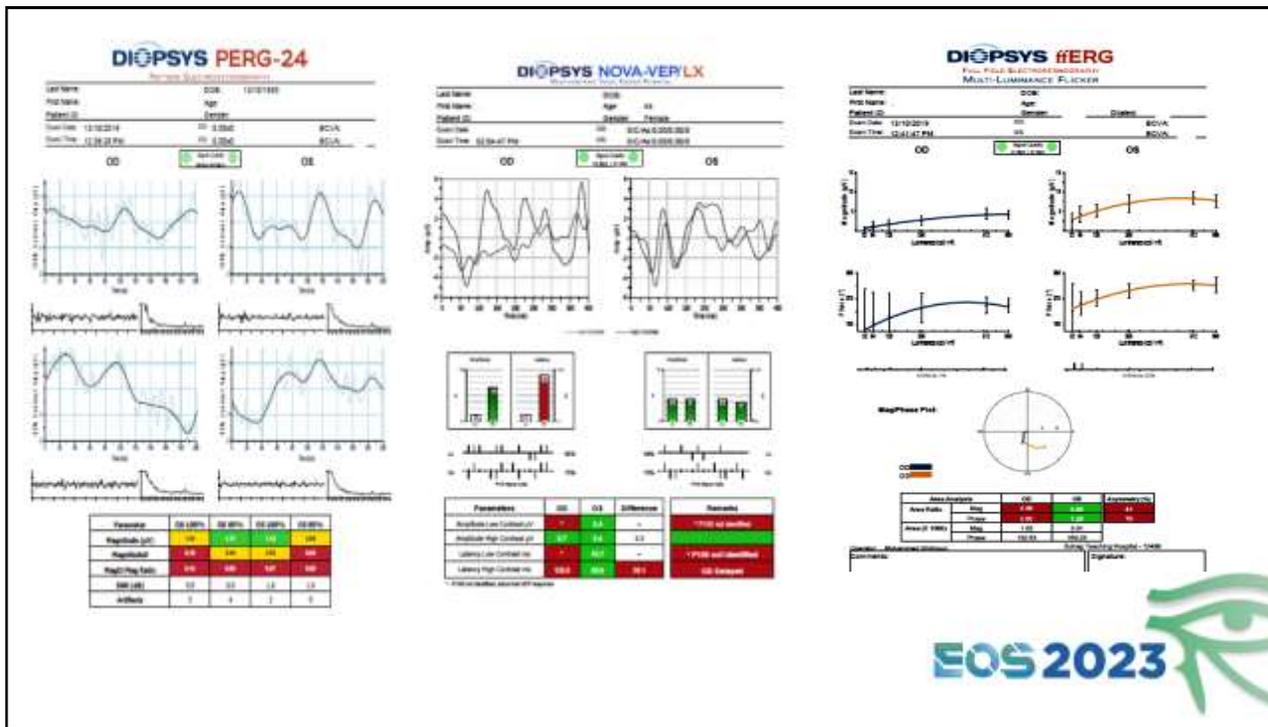


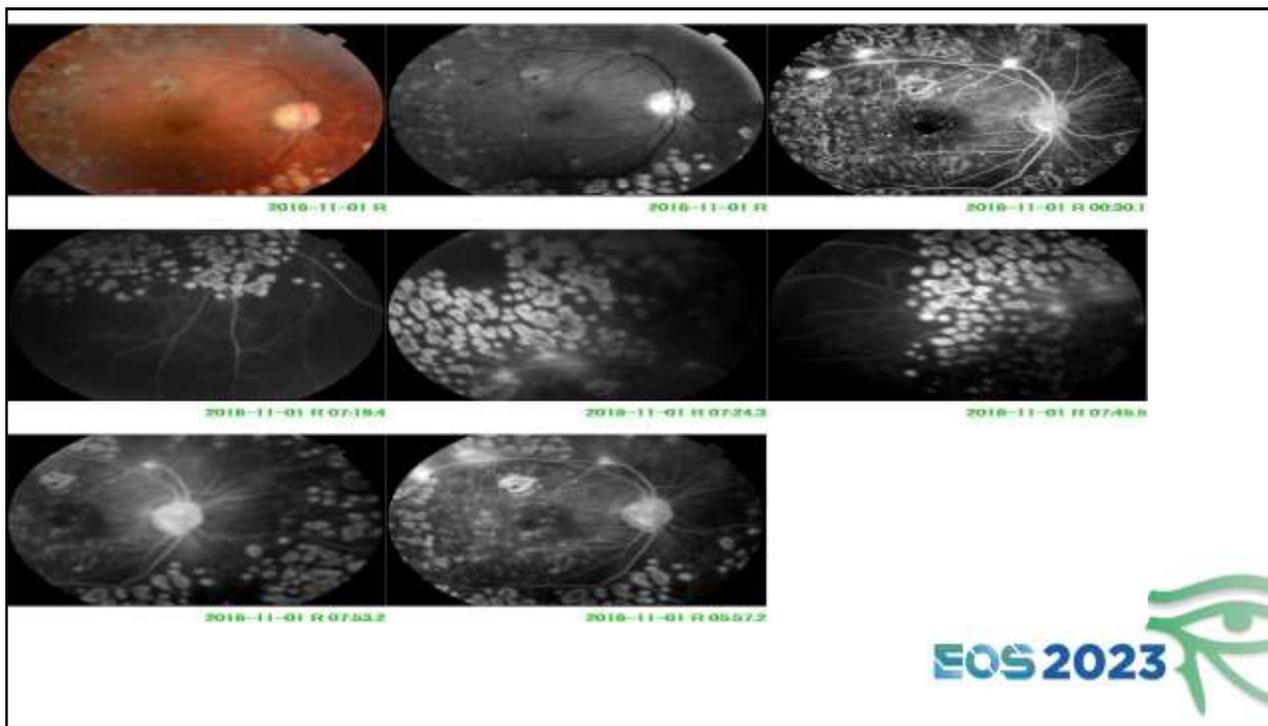
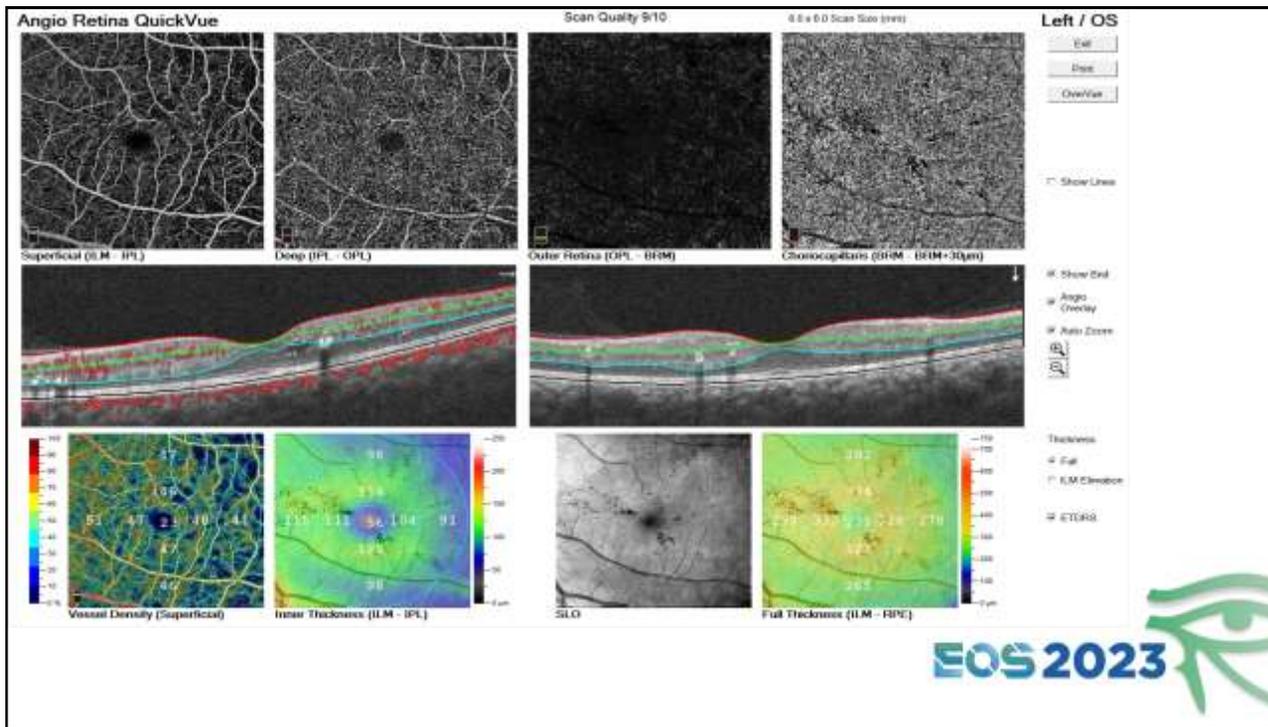


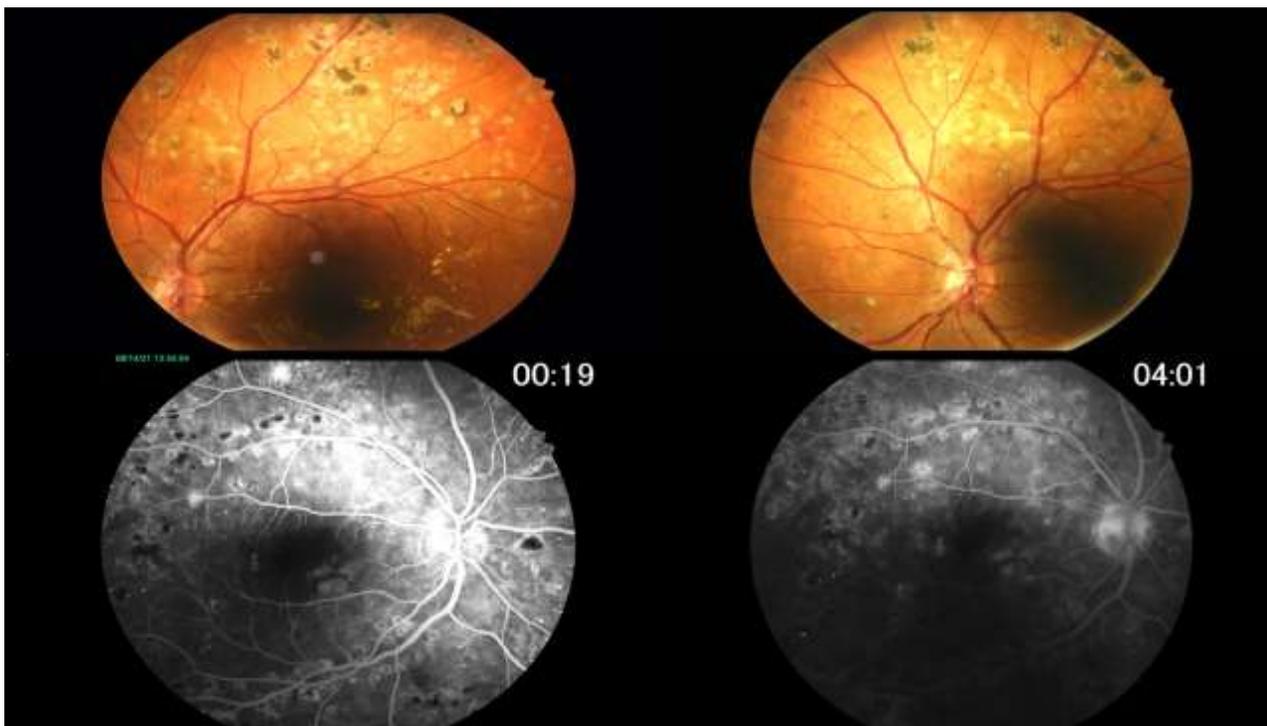
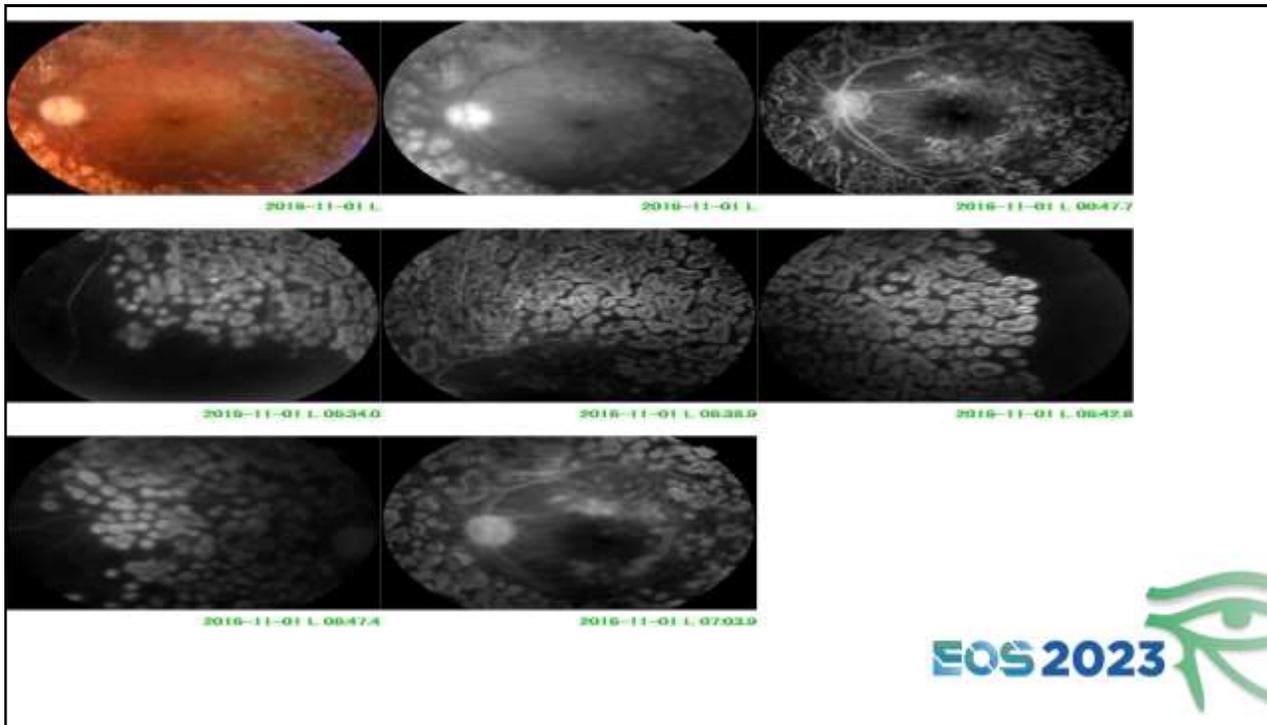












## Home message

- *Clinical examination is the standard method in diagnosis and follow up.*
- *Each type with each suitable case or inter-act with each other to draw the best way for diagnosis and follow up.*
- *All image modalities can be used if needed and if available, with clinical correlation.*



