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A Non-Invasive Blood-Based Combinatorial Proteomic Biomarker Assay to Detect Breast Cancer in Women over age 50 with BI-RADS 3, 4, or 5 Assessment.

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Abbreviations:

CPBA- Combinatorial Proteomic Biomarker Assay

BC- Breast Cancer

DCIS- Ductal Carcinoma *in situ*

LDT- Lab-developed Test

SOC- Standard-of-Care

TAAb- Tumor-associated Autoantibody

SPB- Serum Protein Biomarker

PPV- Positive Predictive Value

NPV- Negative Predictive Value

FP- False Positive

FN- False Negative

TR- Training

VAL- Validation

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STATEMENT OF TRANSLATIONAL RELEVANCE

While improvements in imaging have increased breast cancer detection rates, false-positive rates have increased as well. Videssa[®] Breast is a serum biomarker-based lab-developed test (LDT) that can be used in conjunction with breast imaging to determine appropriate follow-up, potentially sparing the time, costs, and stress associated with false-positive breast imaging/biopsies. Training and validation of Videssa Breast demonstrated high negative predictive value (NPV), which can offer patients and physicians a high degree of assurance that a negative Videssa Breast outcome indicates an absence of breast cancer.

ABSTRACT

Purpose: With improvements in breast cancer (BC) imaging, there has been a corresponding increase in false-positives and avoidable biopsies. There is a need to better differentiate when a breast biopsy is warranted and determine appropriate follow-up. This study describes the design and clinical performance of a combinatorial proteomic biomarker assay (CPBA), Videssa[®] Breast, in women over age 50.

Experimental Design: A BI-RADS 3, 4, or 5 assessment was required for clinical trial enrollment. Serum was collected prior to breast biopsy and subjects were followed for 6–12 months and clinically relevant outcomes recorded. Samples were split into training (70%) and validation (30%) cohorts with an approximate 1:4 case:control ratio in both arms.

Results: A CPBA that combines biomarker data with patient clinical data was developed using a training cohort (469 women, cancer incidence: 18.5%), resulting in 94% sensitivity and 97% negative predictive value (NPV). Independent validation of the final algorithm in 194 subjects (BC incidence: 19.6%) demonstrated a sensitivity of 95% and a NPV of 97%. When combined with previously published data for women under age 50, Videssa Breast achieves a comprehensive 93% sensitivity and 98% NPV in a population of women ages 25 – 75. Had Videssa Breast results been incorporated into the clinical workflow, approximately 45% of biopsies might have been avoided.

Conclusions: Videssa Breast combines serum biomarkers with clinical patient characteristics to provide clinicians with additional information for patients with indeterminate breast imaging results, potentially reducing false-positive breast biopsies.

INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer (BC) is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in U.S. women; with 246,600 cases diagnosed and 40,450 deaths in 2016¹; however, if diagnosed early in a localized state, five-year survival rates are >98%². The gold standard in BC diagnosis remains breast imaging followed by biopsy when warranted. Breast imaging results are scored by radiologists using the ACR BI-RADS[®] classification³; however, there exists a significant amount of inter-reader variability⁴⁻⁶. Additionally, breast imaging can be impeded by breast tissue structures, e.g., dense fibrous tissue or scar tissue from prior biopsy⁷⁻¹⁰, thus false positives remain a significant problem in the diagnosis of BC^{11,12}. Improvements in clinical sensitivity tend to correspond to decreases in clinical specificity¹³⁻¹⁵. The standard-of-care (SOC), which is watch-and-wait or biopsy for BI-RADS 3 and 4 assessments, respectively¹⁶, can result in potentially avoidable biopsies. The American Cancer Society recently recommended that age-at-first-mammogram be changed to 45 (from 40) for women of average risk and the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force recommends screening mammography every two years starting at age 50^{17,18}. BC detection could be greatly aided by the addition of a secondary, objective assessment.

Primarily used for recurrence monitoring and as prognostic indicators, serum biomarkers may have utility in BC diagnostics^{19,20}. Given the complexity of BC and the heterogeneity of BC patients, no single biomarker has yet achieved the clinical sensitivity and specificity appropriate to serve as an adjunct to breast imaging; a combinatorial biomarker approach is likely the best approach for reliably detecting BC²¹. We have previously published a proof-of-concept paper demonstrating the ability of a combinatorial serum biomarker panel, Videssa[®] Breast, to accurately detect BC²². A

later study demonstrated clinical validity when the results of Videssa Breast are paired with imaging results to better inform patient follow-up for women under the age of 50 with a BI-RADS[®] 3 or 4 assessment²³. Because serum biomarkers can be affected by menopause status and the use of hormone replacement therapy^{24,25}, we chose to design separate models for two populations (with age or FSH being the cutoff) to increase overall clinical accuracy. Though the biomarkers and the associated algorithm differ between the two populations, both are referred to as “Videssa Breast”.

Biomarker panel studies typically utilize samples drawn from subjects post-diagnosis. Despite the advantages, circulating biomarkers might be altered as a result of tissue damage caused by biopsy or other surgical intervention, thereby creating an aberrant biological signature that would not be useful pre-diagnosis. Additionally, sample size is always a consideration in study design and the use of post-diagnosis serum samples permits the inclusion of a large number of cancer cases. However, this approach can result in selection bias, which often leads to a cancer incidence rate much higher than the true disease incidence, thereby drastically underestimating the proportion of false-positives. We approach this issue in a novel way by using pre-biopsy samples for biomarker analysis.

In the current study, we present the clinical validation of Videssa Breast, a lab-developed test (LDT), in women ages 50–75. Our primary goal was to design and validate a CPBA that integrates patient-specific clinical data to produce a diagnostic score that distinguishes between benign conditions and BC with high clinical sensitivity and a high NPV. This study is unique in its use of serum samples drawn before breast biopsy, thus preserving the pre-diagnosis serum biomarker environment and providing

realistic clinical performance metrics due to the proportion of disease and non-disease cases being representative of true disease incidence.

METHODS

Study Design and Participants

The Provista-002 clinical trial (NCT02078570), sponsored by Provista Diagnostics, enrolled women ages 25-75 between April 2014-July 2015, with enrollment capped at 1000 subjects. Expected disease incidence was 15%, or 150 breast cancer cases. Inclusion and exclusion criteria are detailed in Supplementary Table S1. The study was approved by IRB at each of the 12 U.S. clinical sites where subjects were enrolled (Supplementary Table S2). Written informed consent was obtained prior to enrollment and sample collection; the study was designed and implemented in accordance with the Guidelines for Good Clinical Practice, with ethical principles detailed in the Declaration of Helsinki. All subjects (total $n=1,021$) were categorized as either BI-RADS 3, 4, or 5 at the time of enrollment, as determined by mammography, ultrasound, MRI, tomography, or any combination of multiple modalities (Supplementary Fig. S1 and S2). All subjects had no personal history of breast cancer.

Of the 1,021 subjects enrolled, 30 were excluded for reasons shown in Supplementary Fig. S3. Of the remaining 991, a total of 663 subjects were assessed as being over the age of 50 or having serum FSH level > 20 mIU/mL (a biomarker for menopause²⁶) or both. The high FSH subjects were included to determine if better clinical performance could be attained by dividing subjects by FSH as opposed to age.

Subjects under age 50 with FSH < 20 mIU/mL were not included in the current analysis because the algorithm developed previously²³ covers these subjects.

Clinicians were permitted to order follow-up imaging or surgical procedures as they deemed appropriate. While Standard of Care (SOC) was generally followed, 12% of BI-RADS 3 subjects did undergo biopsy or other procedure and 9% of BI-RADS 4 subjects did not undergo biopsy. All participants not diagnosed with BC were followed for six months (additional 12-month follow up was available for $n=506$ subjects), which included additional imaging and/or pathology results but did not include an additional blood draw. Blood samples were collected following BI-RADS assessment (within 28 days) and prior to biopsy (if ordered by the physician). Samples were excluded from analysis if consent was withdrawn during the study, if the sample had low volume remaining (<2 mL), or if clinical or biomarker data was incomplete (Supplementary Fig. S3).

Videssa Breast results were not shared with clinicians to ensure that clinical decision-making was unaffected. An overview of the study design is provided alongside the clinical management workflow, summarized in Supplementary Fig. S2.

Sample Collection and Biomarker Analysis

Following informed consent, blood was collected by the site using standard venipuncture and processed to isolate serum. All clinical sites utilized standard serum separating tubes (SST) and a standard serum collection protocol. Samples were batched and shipped by the sponsor site to Provista's laboratory in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Upon receipt by Provista, cryovials were accessioned and placed immediately into -80 °C for storage.

Concentrations of 11 serum protein biomarkers (SPB) were determined using modified electro-chemiluminescent (ECL)-based ELISA kits [Meso Scale Discovery (MSD); Rockville, MD], as described previously^{22,23}. Signal was detected using a Meso Sector S600 plate reader and sample concentration values were extrapolated by Discovery Workbench software (version 4.0).

Five (5) biomarkers [two (2) tumor-associated autoantibodies (TAAb) and three (3) serum protein biomarkers (SPB)], along with FSH, were assessed using Abbott Architect i1000SR immunoassays, following manufacturer's specifications.

Serum was evaluated for the relative presence/absence of 34 TAAb (listed in Supplementary Table S3) using an indirect ELISA, as described previously^{22,23}. All recombinant proteins were purchased from Origene (Rockville, MD) or Abnova (Taiwan). All samples were diluted and processed in duplicate with mean protein target values and median sample background values used for data analysis. Controls (serum positive for anti-GST or anti-myc/DDK antibodies) were included on each plate to monitor assay performance. Signal was detected using a MSD Meso Sector S600 plate reader and Discovery Workbench 4.0 software.

All raw data from TAAb and SPB was transformed to reduce the influence of outliers and/or large values. Self-reported and physician-reported clinical information was collected for each subject. Clinical conditions and the criteria for categorization are detailed in Supplementary Table S4.

Differences in biomarker averages were noted, as expected, in subjects with benign breast conditions when divided by FSH and by age (Supplementary Table S5). These results coincide with previous studies, indicating an algorithm that includes all ages would not achieve clinical significance.

Model Development and Statistical Analysis

Samples were categorized based on cancer status (BC/DCIS or Benign-Confirmed or -Presumed), BI-RADS (3/4/5), and breast density (dense vs. non-dense vs. not recorded). Subjects were randomized to a training or blinded validation set (70% and 30%, respectively). An approximate 1:4 case:control ratio was used for both the training and validation sets. These numbers were selected to ensure adequate sample size according to the Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) for clinical validation of a LDT.

The primary objective was to determine the clinical performance of a CPBA, Videssa Breast, in differentiating benign conditions from breast cancer in a split training-validation cohort of women over age 50 or with elevated (>20 mIU/mL) FSH. High FSH samples were included because biological features of menopause (such as FSH) have been associated with changes in circulating biomarkers^{24,25}. The inclusion of both sample sets boosted sample size and permitted the ability to determine which option resulted in better clinical performance, dividing samples by age or by FSH. The cutoff value for FSH was chosen following AUC analysis (Supplementary Fig. S4).

Previous studies suggested that models developed using SPB and/or TAAB markers were capable of predicting cancer with differing performance metrics^{22,23}, thus

models were created comprising only SPB, only TAAb, and SPB+TAAb to learn from each marker type and improve the overall cancer prediction. Models were created using R (version 3.0.3, 2014-03-06). Confidence intervals (CIs) were reported as two-sided binomial 95% CIs.

To eliminate any features with outlying values that could potentially skew analysis, feature selection was employed using a bootstrap elastic net where 200 bootstrapped samples were drawn from the training data. For each bootstrap, generalized boosted models were created. A selection frequency of 60% was selected as the cut off for acceptance as the number of features (p) is less than the number of subjects (n) (model building algorithms allow for a high number of features when $p < n$). The 60% cutoff was selected as it provides enough distinction to eliminate outlying features or features that have no predictive attributes but will keep p large enough for robustness in model building algorithms.

We first carried out a training cohort analysis (469 women, cancer incidence 18.5%) consisting of the original set of biomarkers evaluated in this study (Supplementary Table S3). Logistic models were created with clinical factors in combination with predicted probabilities to improve clinical performance. Multiple clinical factors (age, family history, BI-RADS, smoking history, and breast density) were originally assessed; only age, family history, and BI-RADS were found to have a significant impact on the biomarker-only models. To leverage information across the different models simultaneously, an algorithmic approach was employed to combine the predicted probabilities and generate a classification for each subject. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) analysis was employed to evaluate model performance.

Sensitivity and specificity were calculated at each unique combination of the three predicted probabilities (SPB model, TAAb model, SPB+TAAb model).

The adjusted predicted probabilities from these logistic models were evaluated to determine optimal cut-points for prediction (maximum sensitivity and specificity) and for biopsy rule-out (sensitivity >90% and NPV >95%). This “rule-out” approach aimed to achieve clinical relevance of the blood test by maximizing clinicians’ confidence with fewer false negatives. The final CPBA, Videssa Breast, consists of 17 biomarkers (6 SPB and 11 TAAb- Supplementary Table S3). All analyses were conducted using SAS (version 9.4) and GraphPad Prism (version 6.03). Area-under-the-curve (AUC) comparison *p*-values were calculated as described by Hanley and McNeil²⁷.

Videssa Breast was validated in an independent cohort ($n = 194$), with clinical performance assessed as above. A blinded third-party data broker handled all validation data, keeping Provista blinded to the outcomes. Training model data (i.e., biomarker composition, clinical factors, and cut-off points) were locked until clinical outcome data for the validation set was received from the data broker.

RESULTS

Study Population

The Provista-002 study enrolled 1,021 women, ages 25–75, from 12 domestic sites (Supplementary Table S2). All subjects were assessed as BI-RADS 3, 4, or 5 at the time of enrollment. Blood samples were collected post-BI-RADS assessment and prior to biopsy to minimize any potential confounding biological factors (Supplementary Fig. S2). Of those enrolled, 663 women were assessed as over age 50 or biologically post-

menopausal (as indicated by FSH >20 mIU/mL). These samples were split into training and validation groups (70% and 30%, respectively).

Demographics and clinical characteristics of the training and validation subjects are detailed in Table 1. No statistically significant differences were noted between the cohorts.

Videssa Breast Model Development

All samples were analyzed for serum biomarkers as described in the Methods. Preliminary logit boost models were built to include SPB and TAAb biomarkers, resulting in a binary outcome. Clinical factors were assessed and added as a logistic multiplier to improve clinical performance. Of the clinical parameters evaluated, only age, family BC history, and BI-RADS were found to be significant. Logistic models were created with these clinical factors in combination with the output (predicted probabilities) from the combinatorial biomarker models. The resulting model score distributions differed greatly between each BI-RADS category (Fig. 1). To avoid bias introduced by BI-RADS being included in the model, two separate cutpoints were selected, one for BI-RADS 3 subjects and one for BI-RADS 4 and 5 subjects. Cutpoints were optimized for maximum sensitivity and NPV. Scores above the cutoff were designated “High-Protein Signature” and scores below the cutoff were designated as “Low-Protein Signature”. The final model resulted in an AUC of 0.82 in the training cohort (Fig. 2 and Supplementary Fig. S5). This was significantly greater than the AUC of the biomarker algorithm alone, for which the outcome is binary (AUC = 0.65, $p < 0.001$). The use of

separate cutpoints for BI-RADS 3 and BI-RADS 4 or 5 subjects resulted in an overall sensitivity of 94% and specificity of 47% (Table 2).

Clinical Validation

The locked, combined training model was tested on a blinded validation cohort ($n = 194$), resulting in an AUC of 0.83 (Fig. 2). Importantly, Videssa Breast resulted in only two BC samples (out of 38) being scored as Low Protein Signature, resulting in a sensitivity of 95% and a NPV of 97% (Table 2). While high FSH subjects were initially included in this study, we acknowledge that subjects could easily be misclassified due to natural fluctuations in FSH. To better delineate an intended-use population, we note that clinical performance in the validation, age ≥ 50 years, was comparable to the performance within the entire validation cohort ($p = 0.87$). Additionally, according to NCCN clinical guidelines²⁸, subjects with a BI-RADS 5 assessment should always be recommended for biopsy. Omitting BI-RADS 5 subjects from the age ≥ 50 validation cohort results does not impact clinical performance (93% sensitivity, 96% NPV). Importantly, the 96% NPV means a negative test value (Low Protein Signature) would mistakenly call a BC subject as benign (false negative) in only 4% of cases. Therefore, we define the Videssa Breast intended-use population as women over age 50 with a BI-RADS 3, 4, or 5 on imaging.

Analysis of Clinical Conditions

To determine whether Videssa Breast results could be influenced by the presence of clinical conditions or comorbidities [such as dense breast tissue, prior/other cancer diagnosis, hormone replacement therapy (HRT), endocrine conditions, or heart

disease], *post-hoc* analyses were conducted for all samples. Clinical conditions were categorized using the criteria described in Supplementary Table S4. We noted no significant association (ANOVA, $p = 0.08$) with any clinical conditions or comorbidities (Supplementary Table S6), indicating Videssa Breast performance is not directly influenced by these conditions. Importantly, the test performed equally well (ANOVA, $p = 0.08$) in women with dense and non-dense breasts (Supplementary Table S6). Because dense breasts can impede certain imaging modalities, these results suggest the inclusion of Videssa Breast results can improve BC detection in women with dense breast tissue, which is a major impediment to current screening modalities.

Combined Model Performance- All Ages

Previous studies reported on the clinical use of Videssa Breast in women ages 25-49²³. These samples were assessed in the current (ages 50-75) model to determine whether the algorithm would be appropriate for all ages. Of the 17 total biomarkers in the Videssa Breast model described here, six are significantly different between women under age 50 and women ages ≥ 50 (Supplementary Table S5). Because of these differences, the model designed in this study is likely not appropriate for women under age 50. As shown in Supplementary Table S7, the AUC is lower than for women ages 50+, though this difference is not statistically significant ($p=0.19$). More importantly, sensitivity is dramatically lower in women under age 50 (53.8% compared to 94.9% in ages 50+), indicating the algorithm is not ideal for use as a biopsy rule-out in an all-ages population. This confirms our previous studies, which concluded that CPBA accuracy is improved when subjects are parsed into separate age groups^{22,29}.

The current Videssa Breast model for women under age 50 has a sensitivity of 88% and a NPV of 99%²³. Development of this model had included subjects from a separate clinical trial that enrolled only women under age 50. When Videssa Breast data is combined into an all-ages population (n=1145), with subjects being parsed onto separate Videssa Breast models for under/over age 50, the combined clinical performance achieves a sensitivity of 93% and a NPV of 98% (Table 3). Thus, Videssa Breast is clinically significant in a comprehensive population of women ages 25-75 with suspicious breast imaging findings.

Comparison of Videssa Breast to Imaging-Based Assessment on Medical

Procedure Rate

Of the combined, all ages subjects (n=1145), 722 subjects were assessed as BI-RADS 3 or 4 and had undergone one or more procedures (including, but not limited to, biopsy or cyst aspiration) to obtain a confirmed diagnosis. The total number of BI-RADS 3 or 4 subjects who underwent procedures was compared to the number of subjects (within the same population) scored as High Protein Signature using Videssa Breast. The difference between these two values was used to determine the percent of subjects who could have been spared from biopsy, had Videssa Breast results been used in the clinical decision-making process (Table 4). Between the training and validation cohorts, a total of 71/397 subjects >50 years (18%, or approximately 1 in 5) could have been spared biopsy. Similarly, a total of 254/325 subjects <50 years (78%) could have been spared biopsy. By combining the performance of both <50 and ≥50 models, a total of 325/722 subjects (45%) could have been spared biopsy.

DISCUSSION

As breast imaging has improved in sensitivity, clinical specificity has decreased^{13–15}.

The result has been a higher number of women being recommended for biopsy. While the detection and diagnosis of BC are of high importance, breast biopsy is not without risk. Ideally, an adjunct biomarker test should be able to integrate imaging and clinical information to better identify and triage women who need breast biopsy. Furthermore, such a test should perform well in women with dense breasts, which is a limitation for some imaging modalities.

For the purposes of this study, both invasive BC and DCIS were categorized as breast cancer. There is debate regarding how DCIS should be followed up, as it is rare for DCIS cases to become invasive³⁰. We chose to include DCIS in the BC group in part to err on the side of caution, but also because women diagnosed with DCIS are at greater-than-average risk for developing subsequent invasive BC³¹.

We have previously described the ability of Videssa Breast to differentiate BC from benign conditions in women under age 50²³. The current study demonstrates consistent clinical performance in both the training and blinded validation cohorts, indicating a strong ability to identify BC in women over age 50 assessed as BI-RADS 3, 4, or 5. Clinical performance did not differ significantly between clinical subpopulations nor between women with dense and non-dense breasts. It did, however, underperform in women under age 50 (Supplementary Table S7), further justifying separate algorithms for the two populations. The benefit of dividing subjects by FSH as opposed to age will be evaluated further in future model development studies.

Videssa Breast is the result of a multi-center, prospective study utilizing blinded split-validation. In designing this model, we sought to maximize clinical sensitivity and NPV to minimize false negatives when used as justification for sparing or delaying a breast biopsy. The final model resulted in 95% sensitivity and 97% NPV in the blinded validation cohort. These results were combined with our previous study (women age < 50), resulting in 93% sensitivity and 98% NPV for an all-ages population of women with BI-RADS 3, 4, or 5. As such, a negative test result would be a false negative in only 2% of cases.

When assessing biopsy-sparing potential, it should be noted that BI-RADS 5 subjects have a >95% chance of malignancy. Therefore, these subjects should always be recommended for biopsy. In contrast, BI-RADS 3 subjects have a <2% chance of malignancy. Thus, an adjunct test should be able to determine that the majority of BI-RADS 3 subjects who had received biopsies/procedures could have been spared. Also, BI-RADS 4 subjects have a chance of malignancy between 2–95%, which is very broad. While the a, b, and c subdivisions provide better granularity regarding malignancy risk, not all centers utilize this system and reader variability exists. Thus, an adjunct test should be able to identify BI-RADS 4 subjects who could have been spared biopsy without causing undue concern that cancer might be overlooked.

Had Videssa Breast results been integrated into the clinical process prior to biopsy, approximately 325/722 subjects (45%) might have been able to forego biopsy. Videssa Breast utilizes both blood-based biomarkers and SOC clinical characteristics; this combination offers distinct advantages over SOC alone in decreasing the number of potentially avoidable breast biopsies. In addition, many subjects enrolled in the current

study underwent multiple imaging procedures prior to and during enrollment. In the same way that Videssa Breast could spare breast biopsy, the test might also be able to decrease the number of additional imaging procedures, resulting in medical cost savings and decreased time and anxiety experienced by patients. These benefits will be evaluated in future studies.

One limitation of the current study is the lack of biopsy or other procedures in a large number (204/540, or 38%) of benign subjects. This could result in sampling bias, where BC was missed due to lack of a biopsy and these subjects being categorized as false positive with Videssa Breast. Incorporation of Videssa Breast results in clinical decision making may help in this aspect, as a patient with a BI-RADS 4 assessment and a High-Protein Signature Videssa Breast result may be more likely to undergo a breast biopsy. Additional studies are needed to determine how many BC cases might be missed by imaging but caught with the inclusion of Videssa Breast results.

Another limitation of this study is the total number of cancer cases available in the validation cohort. Our clinical studies were designed to study women ages 25-75. Clinical trial enrollment resulted in >150 breast cancer cases (consistent with the predicted BC incidence of 15%). However, the unexpected need to develop separate models based on age resulted in a smaller number of breast cancer cases (n=123) being available for the current study involving women of ages 50-75 years. Statistical power is further limited when considering only invasive breast cancer cases, as 38% of the BC cases in the current study were DCIS. Overall, the number of BC cases would be a limitation for a stand-alone test and or to FDA approval or clearance of an in vitro diagnostic (IVD). However, the number of cancer cases studied, particularly when two

age groups are combined (n= 170), are adequate to support the use of an LDT (developed by following the standards of CAP/CLIA) as an adjunct to the current standard of care. Ongoing studies are being conducted to validate the assay in independent cohorts of different ethnic/demographic groups.

Another study limitation is the lack of serial sample collection. Many subjects were diagnosed not at enrollment, but on follow-up, which occurred 6-to-12 months later. Indeed, of the six total false-negative subjects (age \geq 50), three were diagnosed with BC or DCIS on a follow-up visit. Absent the collection of serial samples, we cannot determine whether the Videssa Breast outcome for these subjects would have changed to a High Protein Signature around the time of the follow-up visit (which would have categorized them as true positive instead of false negative). Serial protein signature data are available for a separate clinical trial and will be assessed in future studies. We will also seek to evaluate how a subject's biomarker values change over time and the influence, if any, on Videssa Breast results. In addition, we have yet to determine whether any lead-time bias exists. With these limitations, it is recommended that physicians follow-up with High Protein Signature patients per their routine practice.

CONCLUSIONS

Videssa Breast is a non-invasive LDT assay that combines serum biomarkers and patient clinical characteristics. When used in conjunction with breast imaging results, Videssa Breast improved breast cancer detection compared to mammography alone in women over age 50 with a BI-RADS 3 or 4 assessment.

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TABLES

Table 1: Characteristics and demographics of subjects used to train and validate the Videssa Breast model. Includes women over age 50 and women with high FSH.					
	Training Set		Validation Set		p-value
n	469		194		
Age, Median (Range)	58 (40-75)		58 (40-75)		0.94 ^a
Race					
	Caucasian	412 88%	170 88%		0.27 ^b
	Black/African American	32 7%	17 9%		
	Asian	7 1.5%	5 2%		
	American Indian / Alaska Native/Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	7 1.5%	1 0.5%		
	Other*	11 2%	1 0.5%		
BI-RADS Assessment					
	3	155 33%	59 30%		0.35 ^b
	4	300 64%	125 65%		
	5	14 3%	10 5%		
Biopsied Subjects**		326		133	
	BI-RADS 3	(22)		(5)	0.37 ^b
	BI-RADS 4	(290)		(118)	
	BI-RADS 5	(14)		(10)	
Benign Breast Conditions		384		156	
	Procedure-Confirmed Benign	(237)		(93)	0.66 ^b
	Presumed Benign†	(143)		(61)	
	Lobular carcinoma in situ‡ (LCIS)	(4)		(2)	
Breast Cancer (% Incidence)		85 (18.1%)		38 (19.6%)	
	Invasive carcinoma (BC)	(50)		(30)	
	Ductal carcinoma <i>in situ</i> (DCIS)	(35)		(8)	

* Multicultural or not reported

** Includes cyst aspiration and/or biopsy

† Presumed all non-cancer participants to be Benign

‡ LCIS participants were categorized as non-cancer (Benign)

^a Statistical significance assessed by unpaired t-test

^b Statistical significance assessed by Fisher's exact test or Chi-Square (based on group size)

Table 2: Clinical performance characteristics of training and validation cohort samples for models consisting of biomarkers only and biomarkers with clinical characteristics (Videssa Breast).

	Training		Validation		
	Biomarkers Only	Biomarkers w/ Clinical	Videssa Breast	Videssa Breast (age ≥ 50)	Videssa Breast (age ≥ 50, BI-RADS 3 & 4 Only)
TN	193	179	64	54	54
FP	191	205	92	86	85
TP	67	80	36	35	26
FN	18	5	2	2	2
Sens	79% (68-87%)	94% (86-98%)	95% (81-99%)	95% (80-99%)	93% (75-99%)
Spec	50% (45-55%)	47% (42-52%)	41% (33-49%)	39% (31-47%)	39% (31-48%)
PPV	26% (21-32%)	28% (23-34%)	28% (21-37%)	29% (21-38%)	23% (16-33%)
NPV	92% (87-95%)	97% (93-99%)	97% (89-99%)	96% (87-99%)	96% (87-99%)

Table 3: Combined performance of Videssa Breast in women ages 25 – 75 years. Clinical performance of Videssa Breast for women under age 50 (published previously²³) was combined with performance data for the current algorithm.

	Age < 50	Age ≥ 50	Combined
n=	545	600	1145
Sens	88% (70-96%)	95% (89-98%)	93% (88-97%)
Spec	84% (80-87%)	43% (38-47%)	64% (61-67%)
PPV	25% (18-35%)	29% (24-34%)	28% (24-32%)
NPV	99% (98-100%)	97% (94-99%)	98% (97-99%)

Table 4: Number and percent of subjects (excluding BI-RADS 5) in whom biopsy may have been spared had Videssa Breast results been incorporated in clinical decisions. TR: training, VAL: validation. 95% confidence intervals are shown in parentheses (binomial exact calculation).

BI-RADS	Age < 50			Age ≥ 50			Combined		
	3	4	ALL	3	4	ALL	3	4	ALL
n= PT w/ Procedure(s)	16	309	325	26	371	397	42	680	722
Recommended by Videssa Breast	2	69	71	4	322	326	6	391	397
n= Spared	14	240	254	22	49	71	36	289	325
% Spared	88% (62-98%)	78% (73-82%)	78% (73-83%)	85% (65-96%)	13% (10-17%)	18% (14-22%)	86% (72-95%)	43% (39-46%)	45% (41-49%)

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Figure 1: Model score distributions by training subject BI-RADS. Subjects diagnosed with BC are denoted with red bars. Because of differences in model score distributions between BI-RADS groups, two separate cutpoints were chosen (hatched lines). Any BC samples below their corresponding cutoff are categorized as false-negative. Any non-BC samples above their corresponding cutoff are categorized as false-positive.

Figure 2: ROC for the training and validation cohorts. Models were built using SPB and TAAb biomarkers only or biomarkers plus clinical factors (Videssa Breast). The validation cohort was assessed with all samples and in samples age ≥ 50 only ($n = 177$) and BIRADS 3 and 4 only ($n=167$). TR: training, VAL: validation.

Figure 1

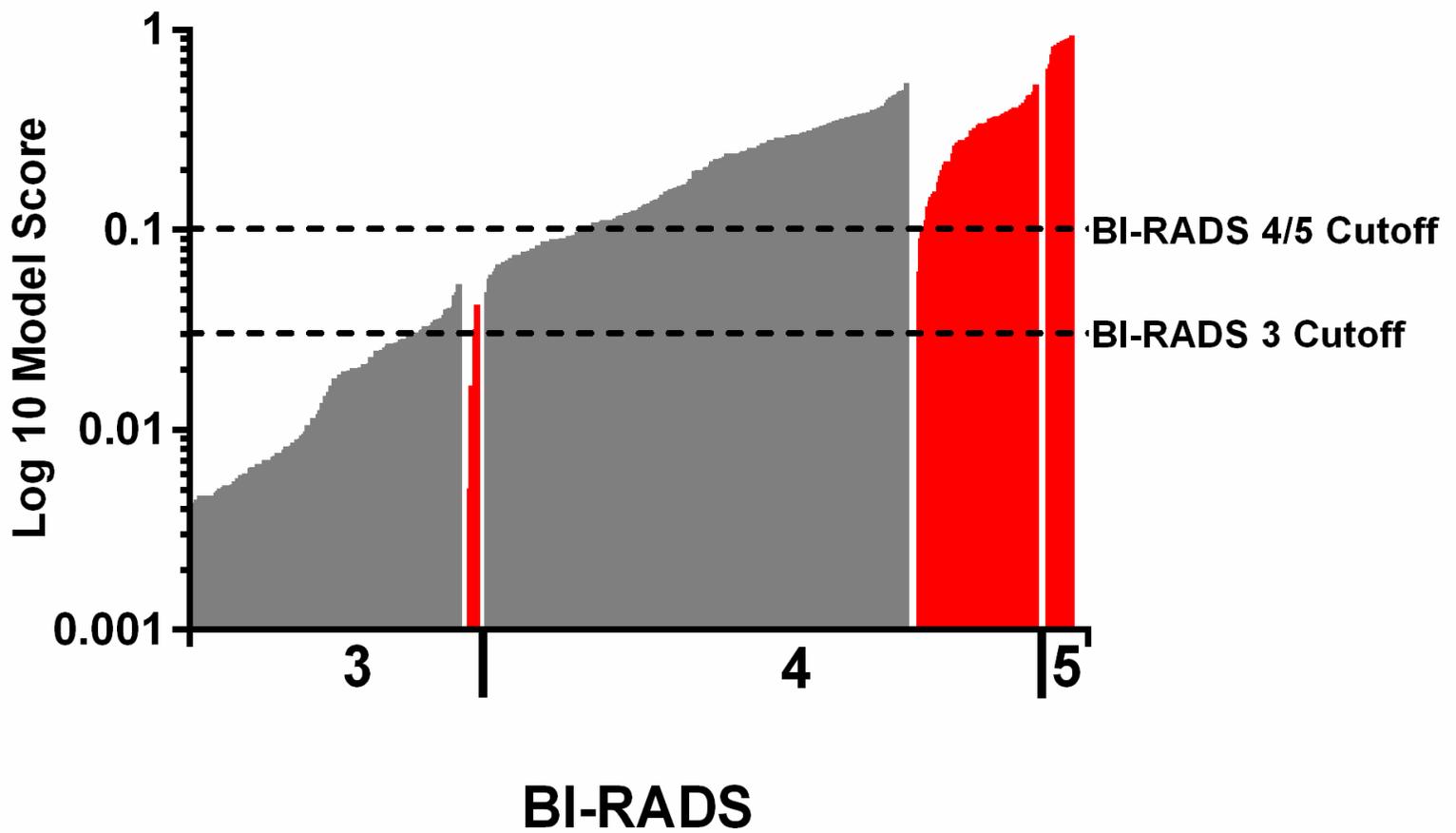
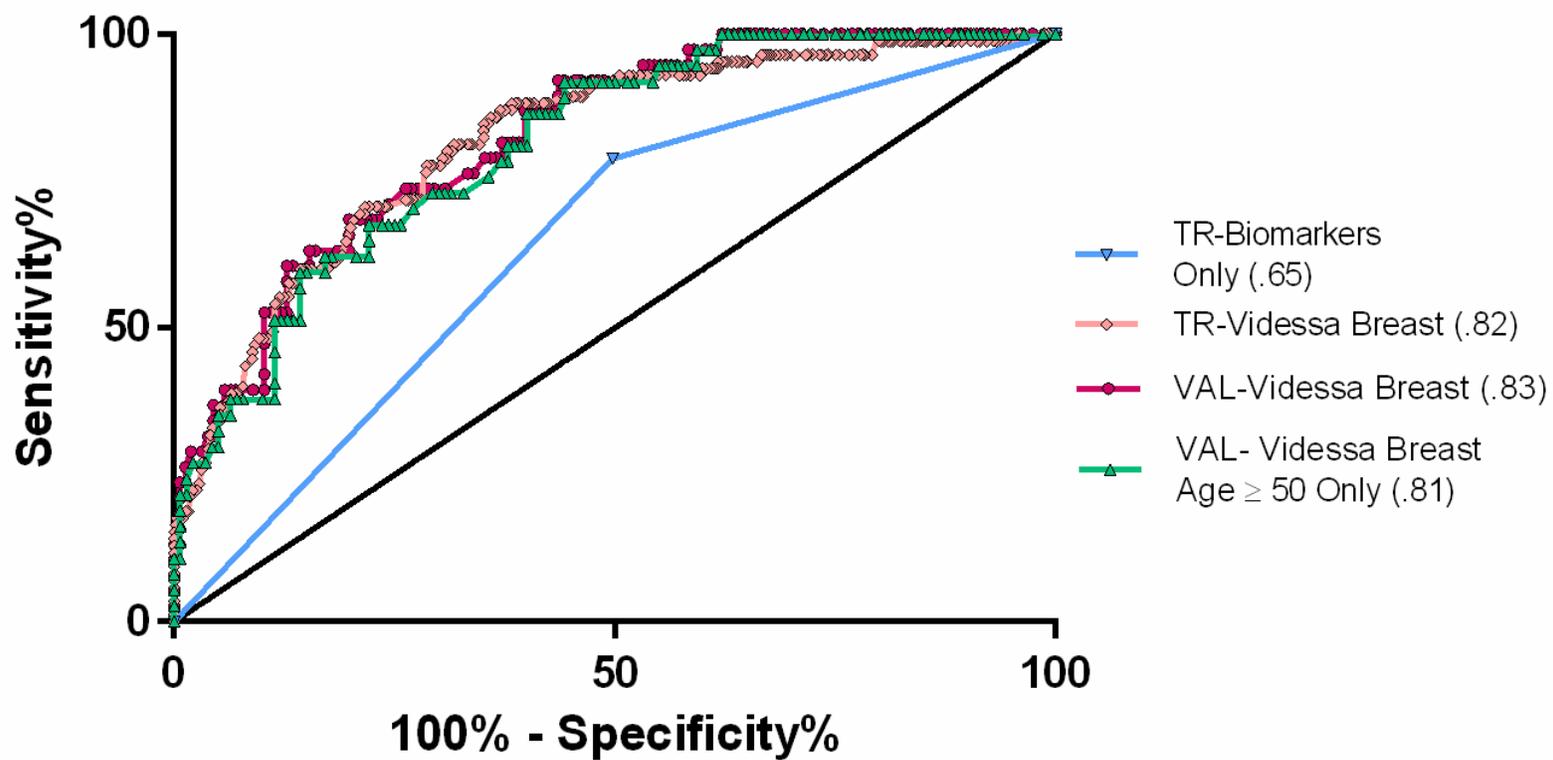


Figure 2



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