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Application of multiphoton microscopy in diagnosis and therapy of early cancer

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Multiphoton Microscopy (MPM)



M Goppert-Mayer

Theoretically Maria Goppert-Mayer proposed the concept of two-photon excited fluorescence in 1931.

Göppert-Mayer M., Über Elementarakte mit zwei Quantensprüngen (On elementary processes with two quantum steps), Ann. Phys. 401 (1931) 273-294



W. W. Webb

Experimentally Watt W. Webb presented the first multiphoton images as late as 1990.

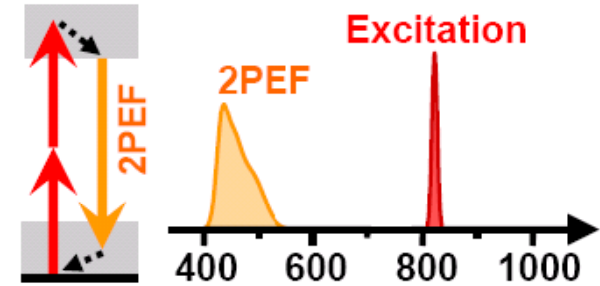
Winfried Denk, James H. Strickler and Watt W. Webb
(Two-Photon Laser Scanning Fluorescence Microscopy)
Science, 248 (1990) 73-76

Multiphoton Microscopy (MPM)

■ Multi-photon Excited Fluorescence

Two-photon

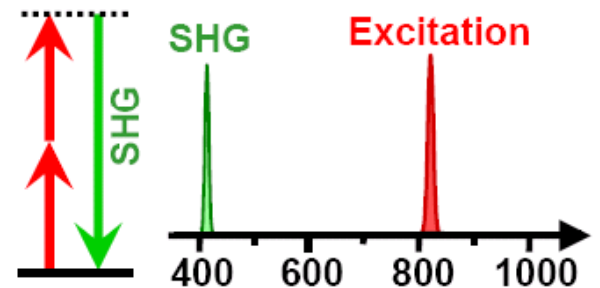
Three-photon



■ Multi-harmonic generation

Second-harmonic generation

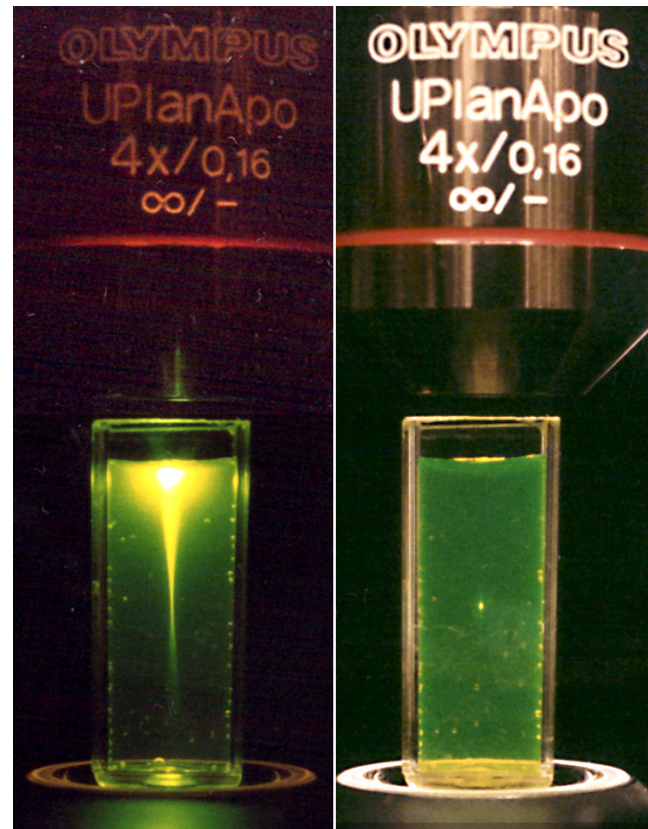
Third-harmonic generation



Advantages of Multiphoton Microscopy

- ✓ Intrinsic optical sectioning ability
- ✓ Deeper penetration depths in scattering tissue,
- ✓ Reduced overall specimen photodamage and photobleaching

Single photon excitation (488 nm)	Two photon excitation (900 nm)
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(From Web's Group)

Applications of Multiphoton Microscopy

It has a wide variety of biological and clinical applications

- ◆ Gene expression
- ◆ Protein interactions
- ◆ Calcium concentrations
- ◆ Neural activity
- ◆ Disease diagnosis and treatment
- ◆ Optical biopsy

Applications of Multiphoton Microscopy

- ◆ Cancer is a leading cause of death around the world
- ◆ WHO estimates that without intervention 84 million people will die of cancer between 2005 and 2015.
- ◆ Early detection of cancer greatly increases the chances for successful treatment.

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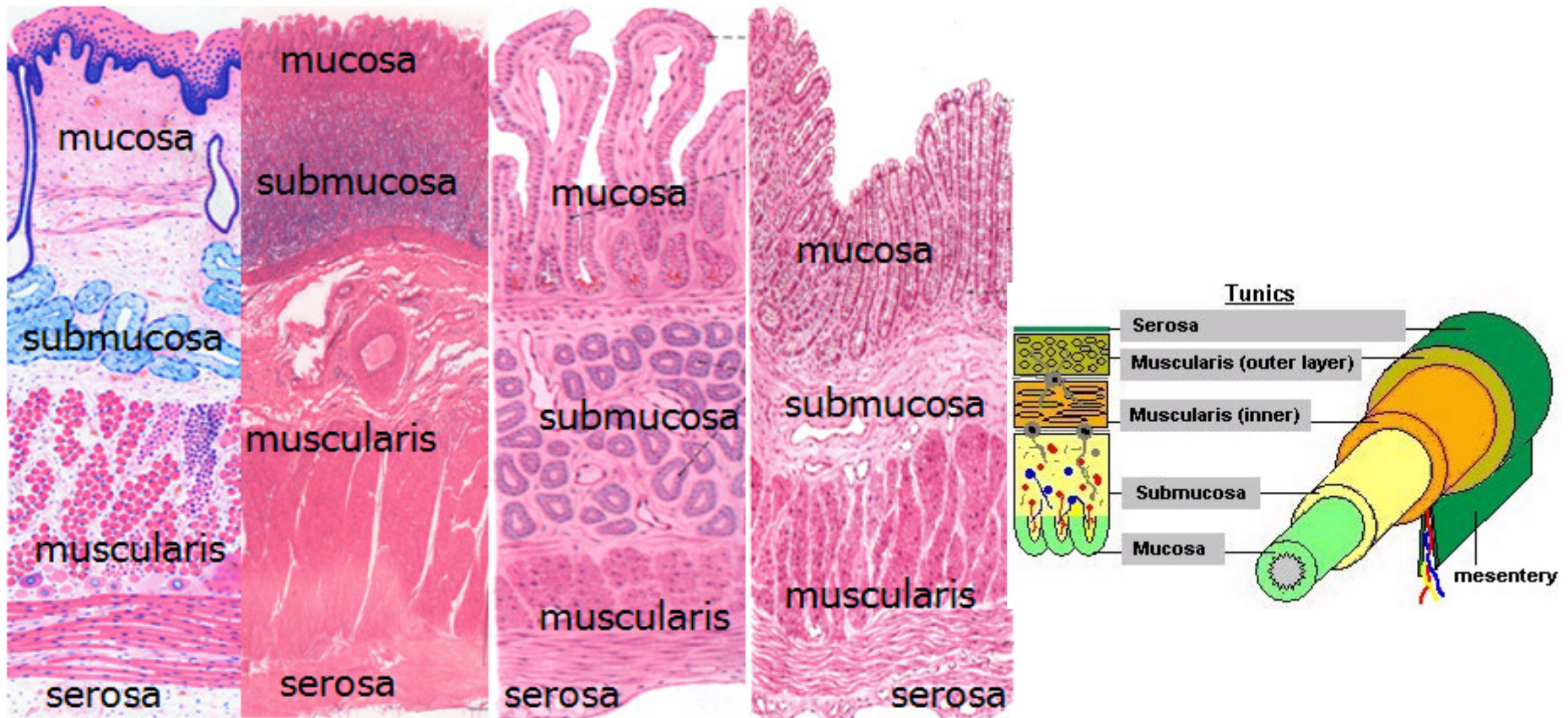
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Applications of Multiphoton Microscopy



Esophagus Stomach Small intestine Large intestine

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Instrument in our lab



Ti:sapphire laser and LSM 510 META Microscope

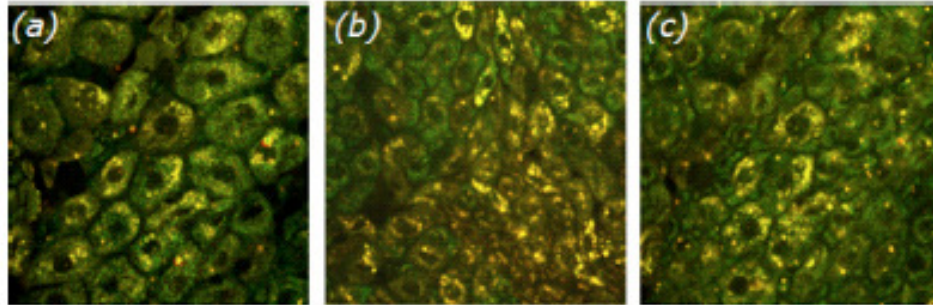
Applications of Multiphoton Microscopy

- ◆ **To differentiate between normal and dysplastic tissues**
- ◆ **To differentiate between normal and cancerous tissues**
- ◆ **To monitor cancer progression**
- ◆ **To perform photoablation of preinvasive cancer cells**

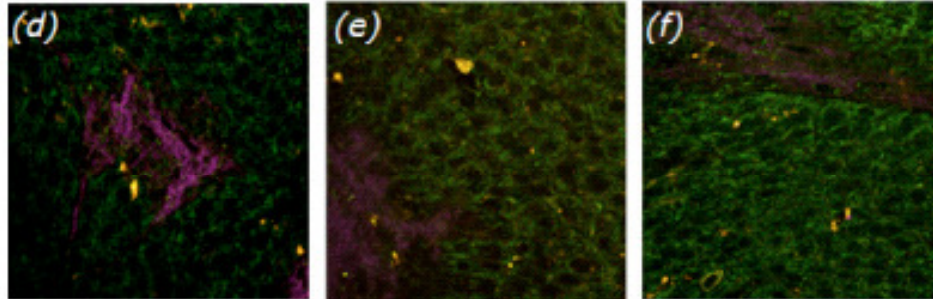
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Differentiating between normal and dysplastic cervical tissues

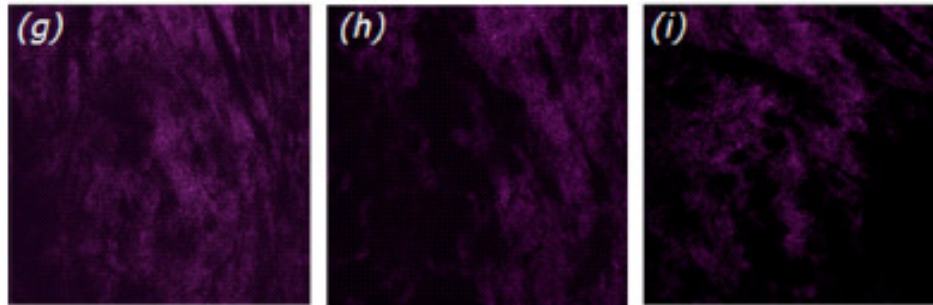
Epithelium



Basement Membrane



Stroma



Normal tissue

Inflammatory tissue

Dysplastic tissue

Applied Physics Letters 97, 173701, 2010

Differentiating between normal and dysplastic cervical tissues

TABLE I. Depth-cumulated epithelial redox ratio from normal, inflammatory, and dysplastic epithelial tissues. Superscript numbers of value: serial numbers of patient.

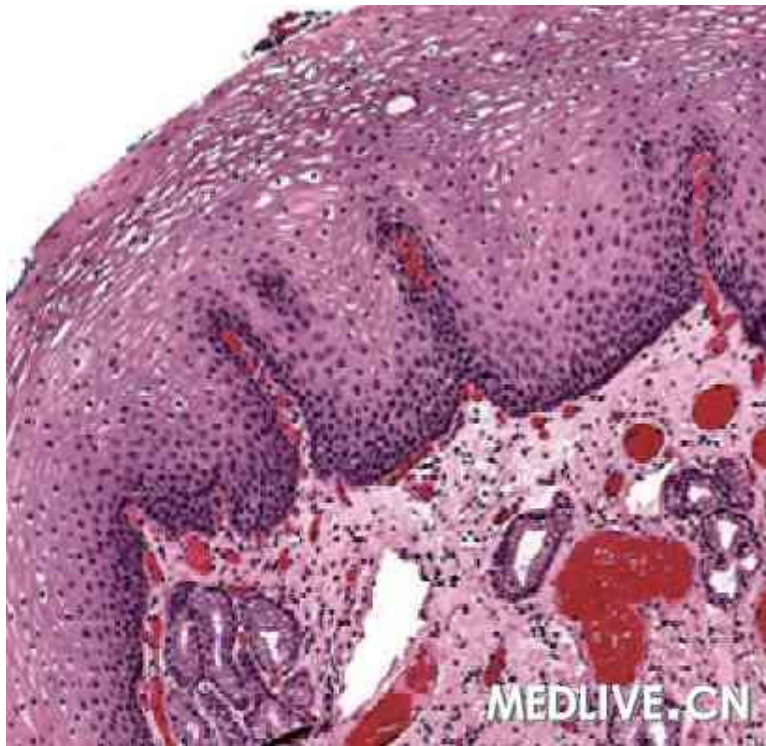
Tissue type	Sample No.					Average
	1	2	3	4	5	
Normal case	⁽¹⁾ 63.8 ± 4.9	⁽²⁾ 62.4 ± 3.2	⁽³⁾ 58.9 ± 2.6	⁽⁴⁾ 61.7 ± 3.7		61.7 ± 4.3
Inflammation	⁽¹⁾ 48.7 ± 3.6	⁽²⁾ 54.2 ± 2.0	⁽³⁾ 50.4 ± 2.9			51.1 ± 3.8
Dysplasia	⁽¹⁾ 64.7 ± 6.5 (CINI)	⁽⁵⁾ 71.0 ± 5.7 (CINII)	⁽⁶⁾ 68.5 ± 3.9 (CINII)	⁽⁷⁾ 77.4 ± 7.4 (CIN III)	⁽⁴⁾ 79.9 ± 6.2 (CIN III)	72.3 ± 6.1

TABLE II. Depth-cumulated stromal collagen quantity from normal, inflammatory, and dysplastic epithelial tissues. Superscript numbers of value: serial numbers of patient.

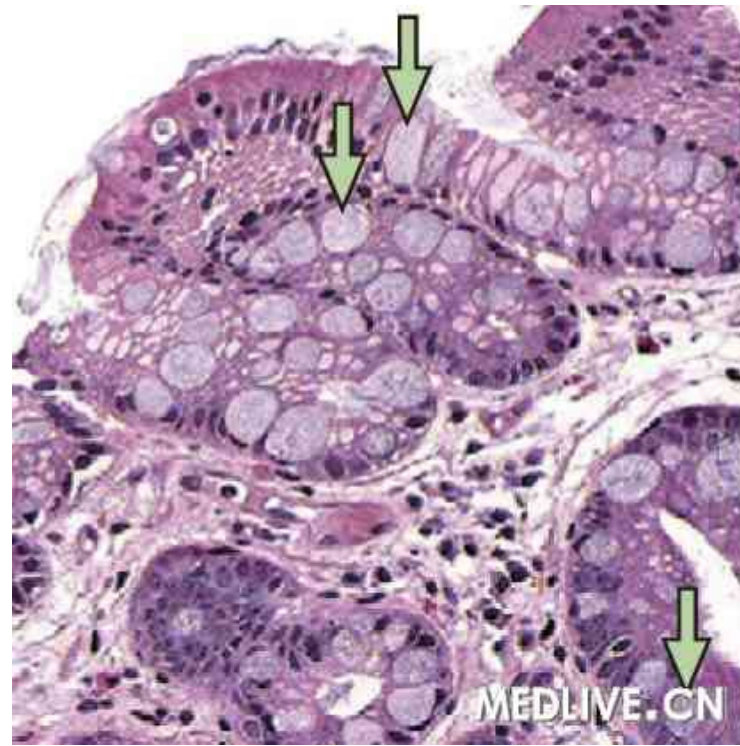
Tissue type	Sample No.					Average
	1	2	3	4	5	
Normal case	⁽¹⁾ 27.1 ± 1.7	⁽²⁾ 25.8 ± 1.1	⁽³⁾ 26.6 ± 2.2	⁽⁴⁾ 24.9 ± 1.4		26.1 ± 1.9
Inflammation	⁽¹⁾ 19.5 ± 3.0	⁽²⁾ 21.7 ± 3.4	⁽³⁾ 20.1 ± 2.4			20.4 ± 3.2
Dysplasia	⁽¹⁾ 23.5 ± 1.8 (CINI)	⁽⁵⁾ 22.6 ± 2.9 (CINII)	⁽⁶⁾ 21.0 ± 2.1 (CINII)	⁽⁷⁾ 16.8 ± 3.4 (CIN III)	⁽⁴⁾ 15.1 ± 2.7 (CIN III)	19.8 ± 2.7

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Differentiating between normal and Barrett esophageal tissue



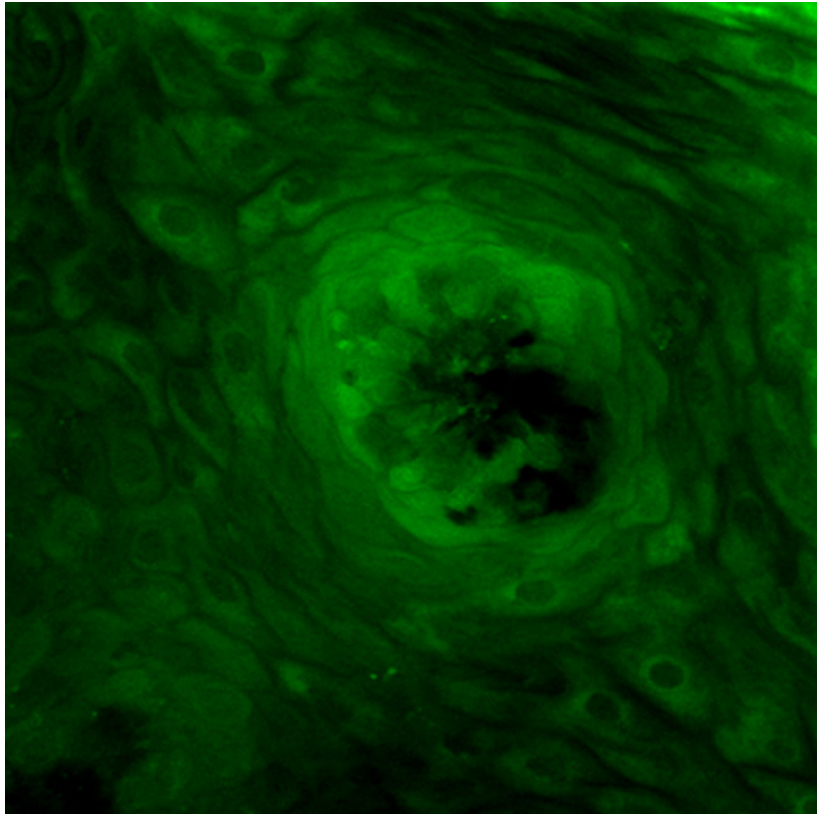
**Normal squamous
epithelium**



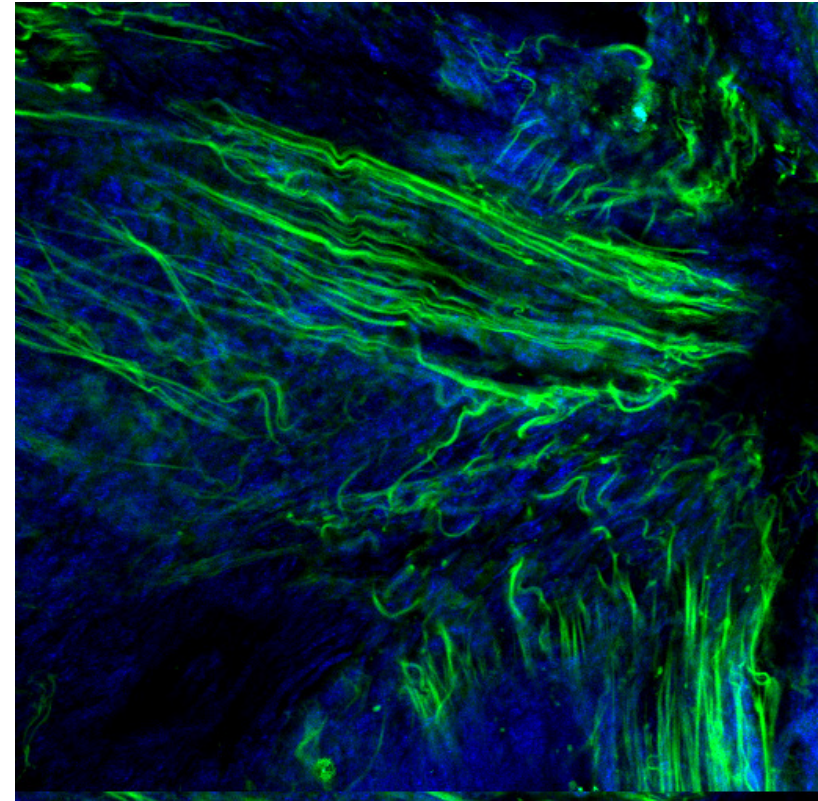
**Barrett's
esophagus**

Arch Pathol Lab Med 138, 204 , 2014

Differentiating between normal and Barrett esophageal tissue



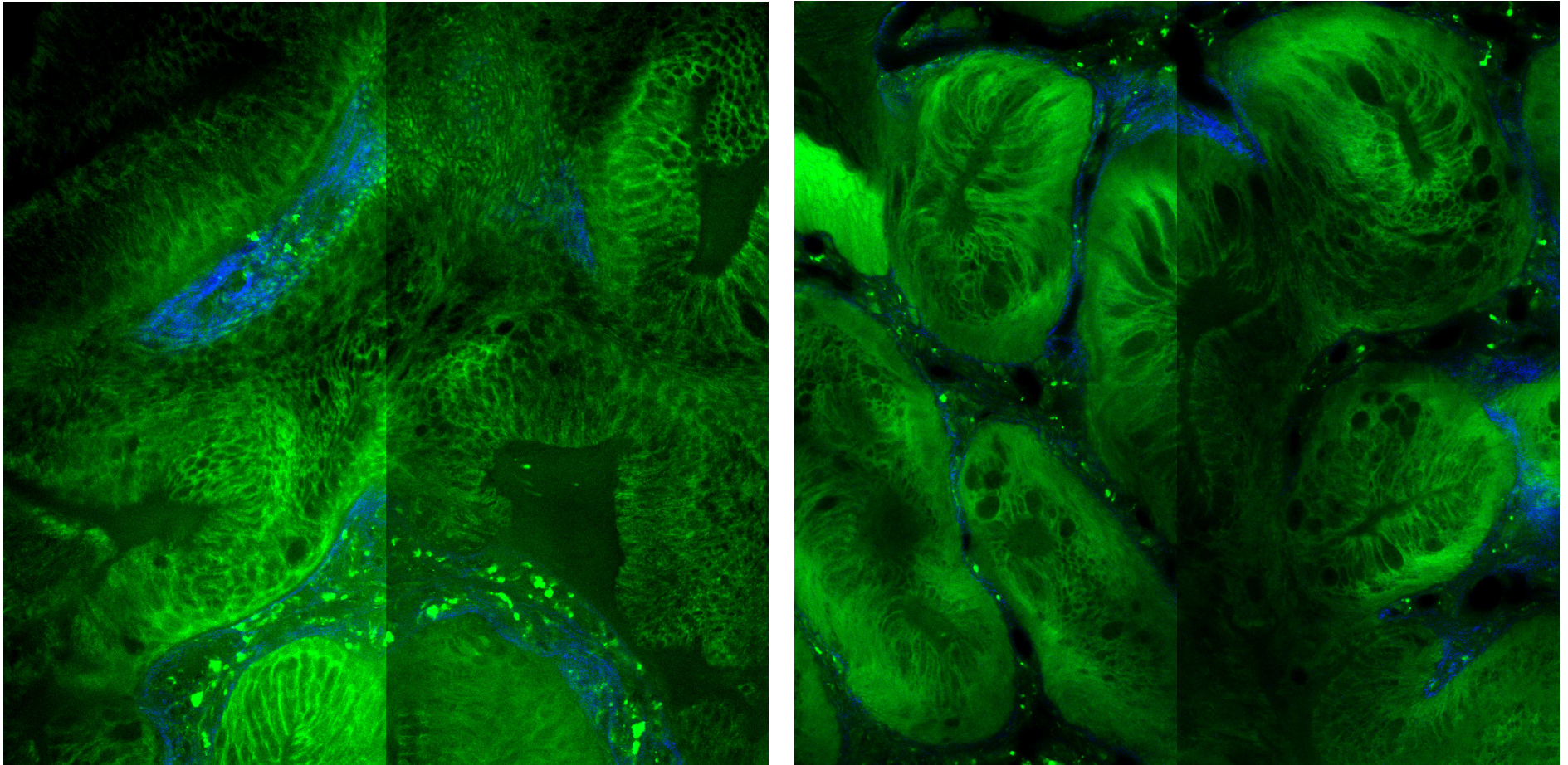
**Normal squamous
epithelium**



**Connective tissues in
lamina propria layer**

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Differentiating between normal and Barrett esophageal tissue



Barrett epithelium at the upper part of mucosa

Barrett epithelium at the deeper part of mucosa

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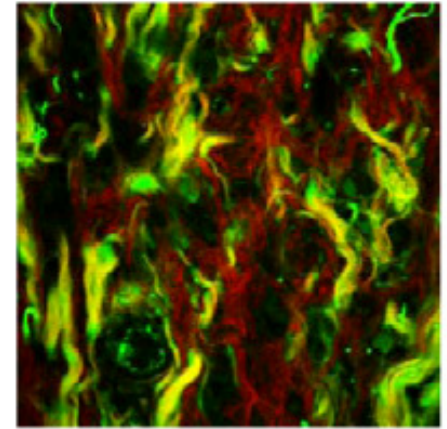
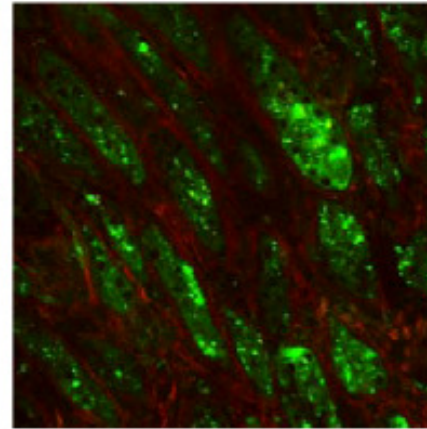
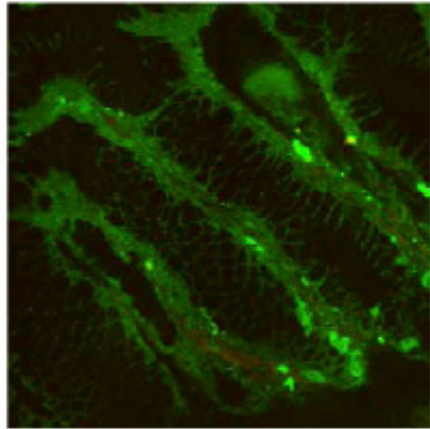
Differentiating between normal and cancerous stomach tissue

Mucosa Epithelium

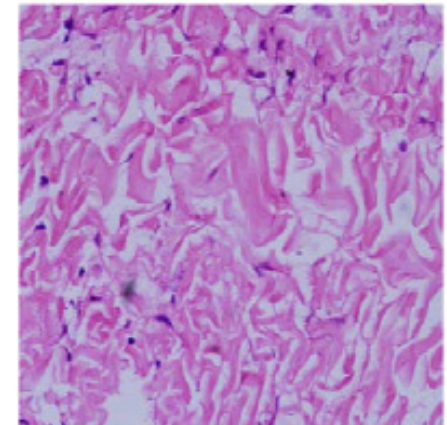
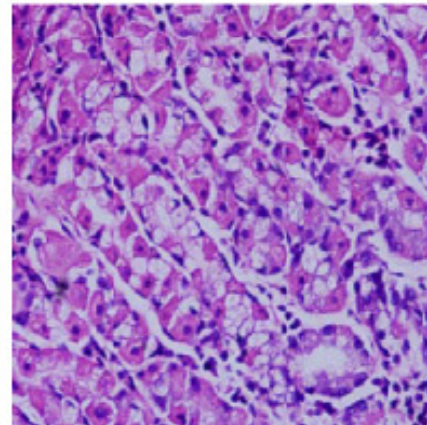
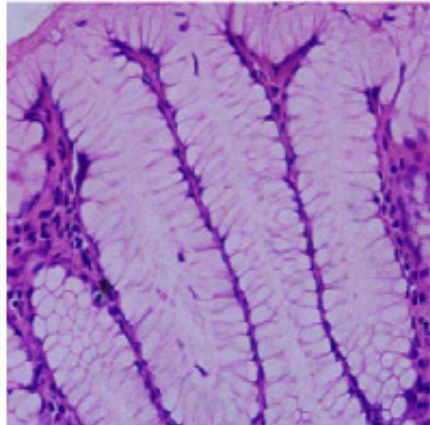
Lamina Propria

Submucosa

MPM image



H&E image

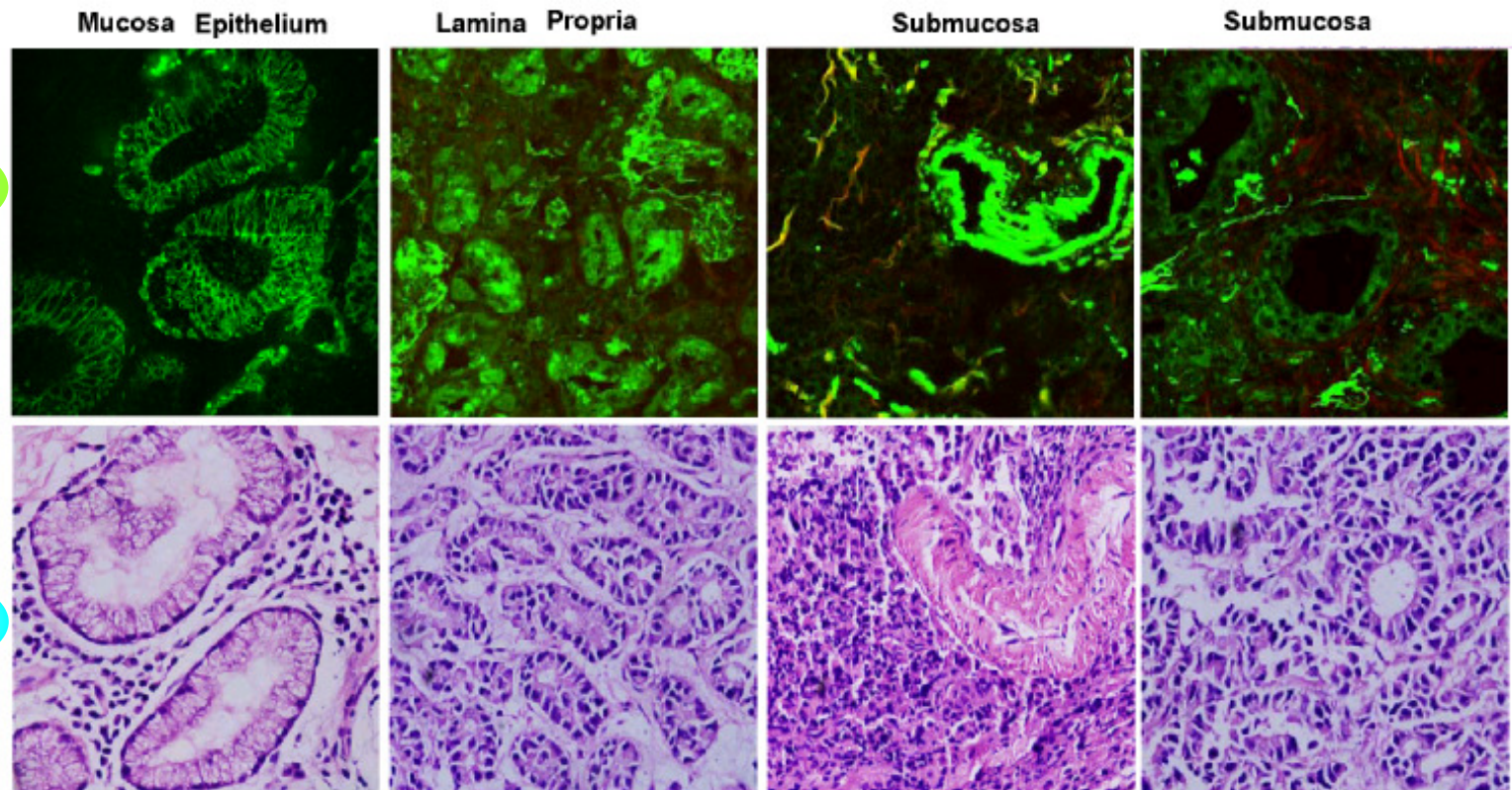


Comparison of MPM images and H&E images from normal mucosa and submucosa

Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 73, 802-807, 2011

Differentiating between normal and cancerous stomach tissue

MPM image



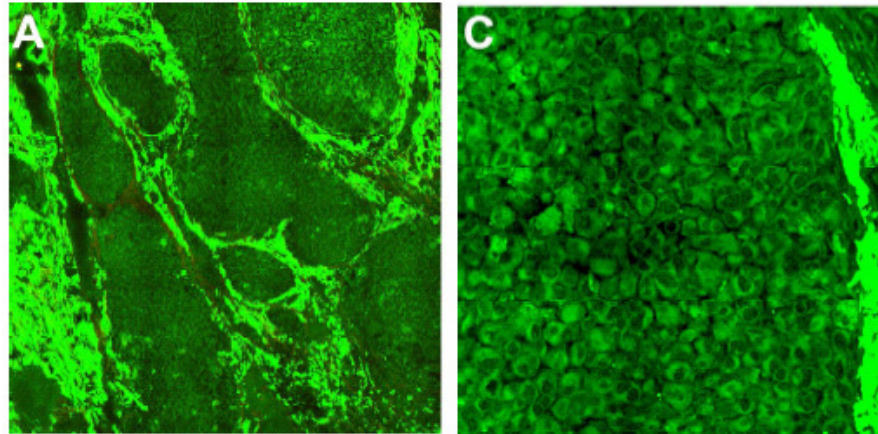
H&E image

Comparison of MPM images and H&E images from cancerous mucosa and submucosa

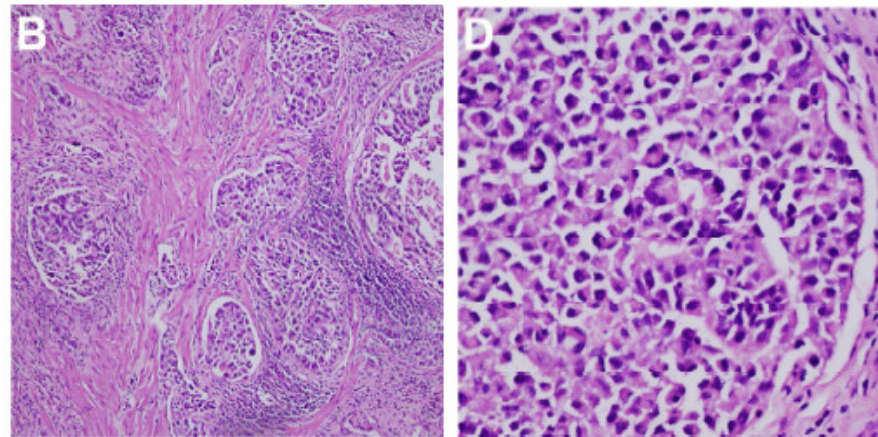
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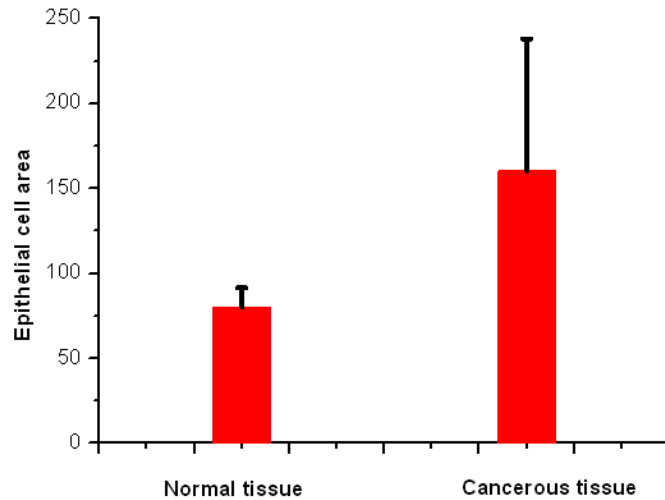
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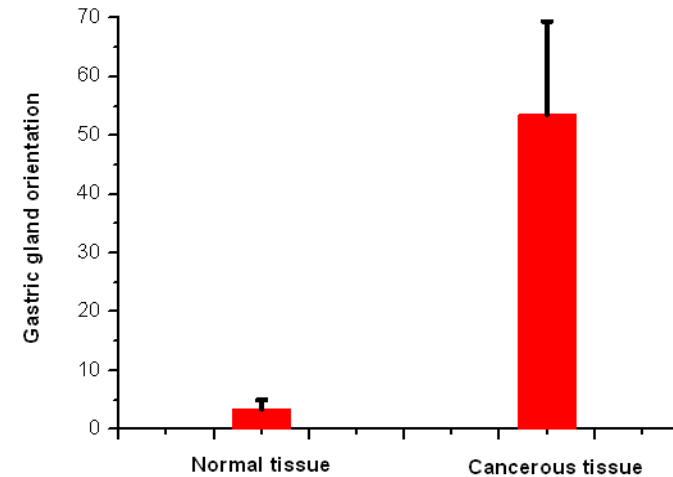
MPM image of the nest of cancer and the surrounding fibrous stroma.

Surgical Endoscopy, 25, 1425-1430, 2011

Differentiating between normal and cancerous stomach tissue



Epithelium cell boundary



Gastric gland orientation

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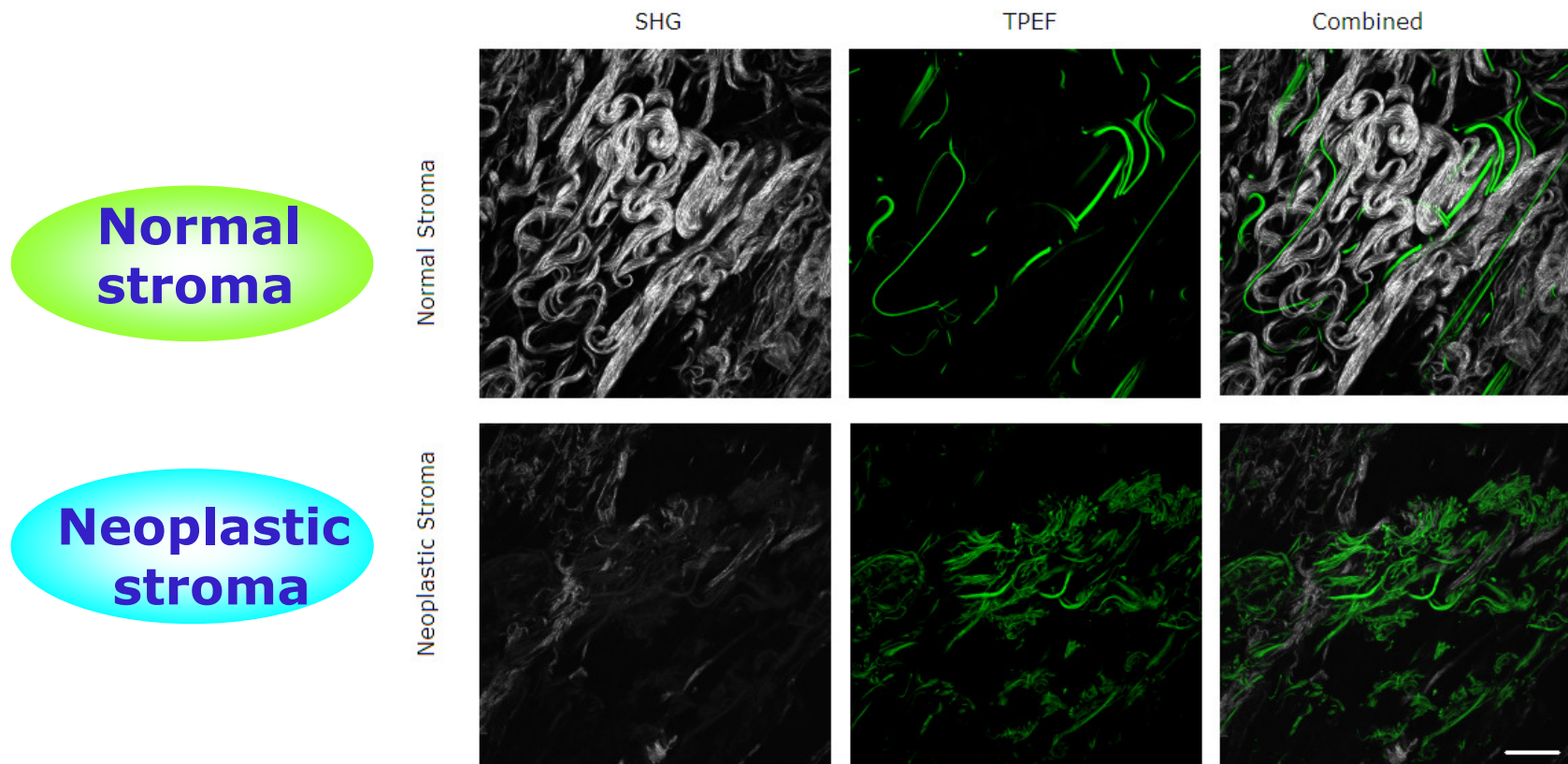
Diagnostic features for gastric cancer

TABLE 1. Comparison of the collagen area in the mucosa and submucosa of normal and cancerous gastric tissues

Tissue layer	Mucosa epithelium	Lamina propria	Submucosa
Normal tissue	0.042 ± 0.007	0.317 ± 0.021	0.629 ± 0.008
Cancerous tissue	0	0.075 ± 0.014	0.061 ± 0.002 (row 3)
			0.226 ± 0.019 (row 4)

The collagen area

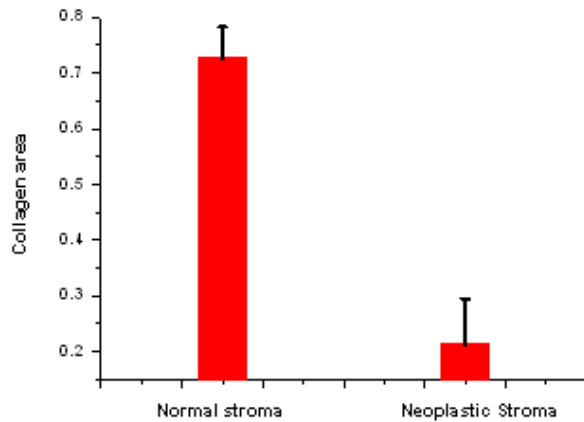
Differentiating between normal and cancerous esophagus tissue



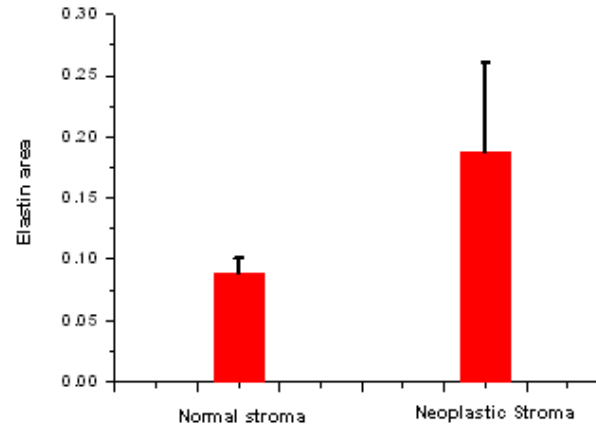
Representative multiphoton images of the human esophageal stroma

Journal of Biomedical Optics Letters 14, 020503, 2009

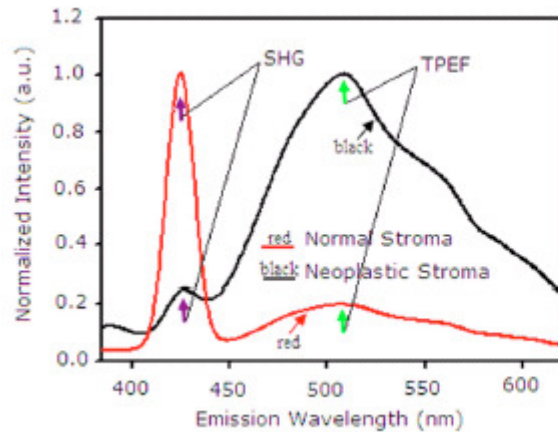
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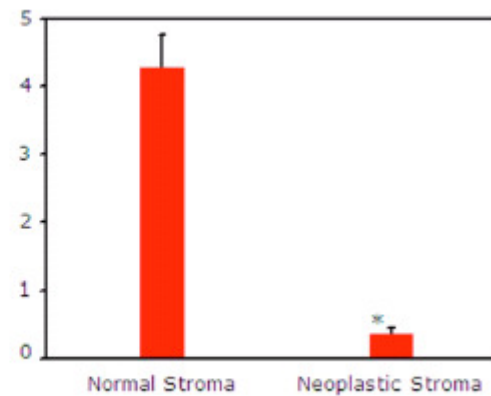
Collagen area



Elastin area



Emission spectra

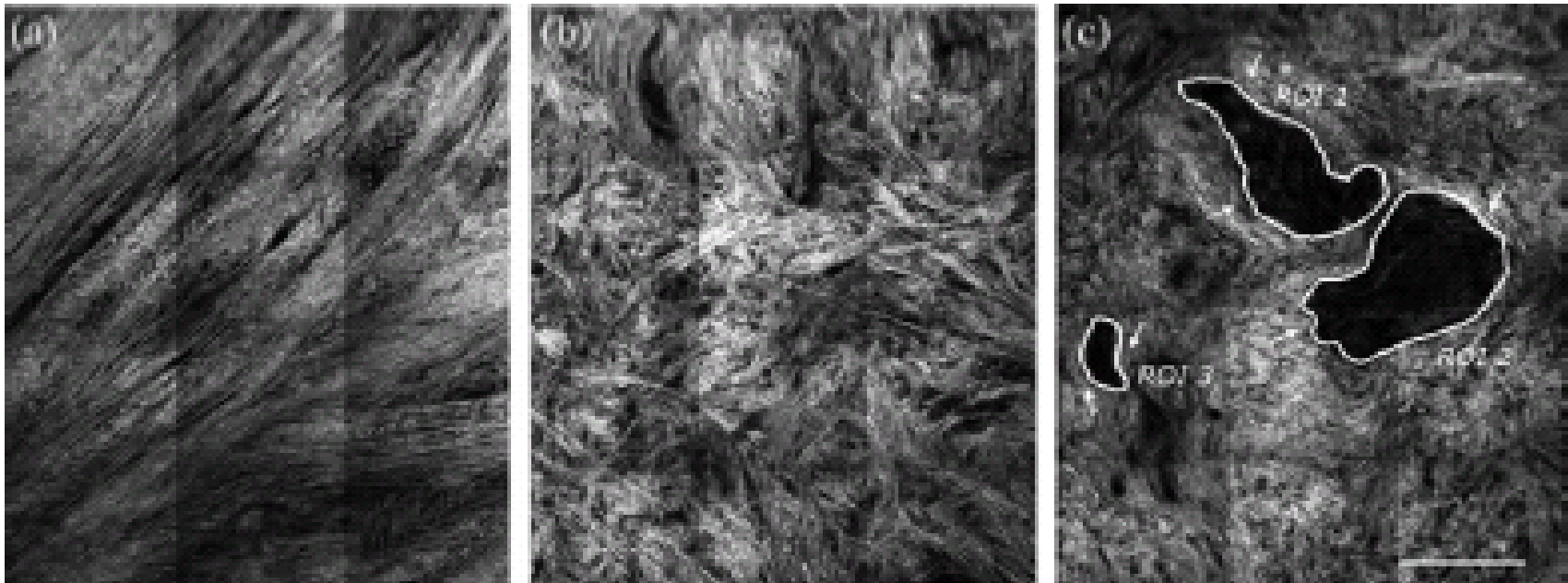


Ratio of SHG/TPEF

Indicating MPM has the ability to differentiate normal and cancerous esophageal stroma

**We examined if MPM has the
potential to monitor cancer
progression**

Monitoring cervical tumor progression



Normal tissue

**Precancerous
tissue**

**Cancerous
tissue**

Applied Physics Letters 96, 213704, 2010

Monitoring cervical tumor progression

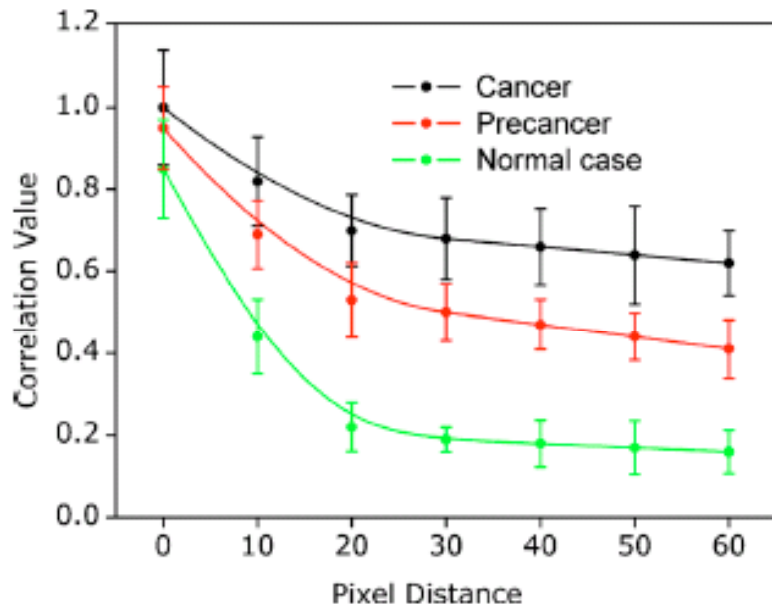


TABLE I. Quantitative characterization parameters derived from SHG imaging.

	Collagen presence	Collagen-fibril bundles orientation	Collagen fibril structure
Normal case	0.89 ± 0.05	0.21 ± 0.04	0.19 ± 0.03
Precancer	0.67 ± 0.11	0.53 ± 0.08	0.51 ± 0.07
Cancer	0.43 ± 0.12	0.86 ± 0.07	0.68 ± 0.10

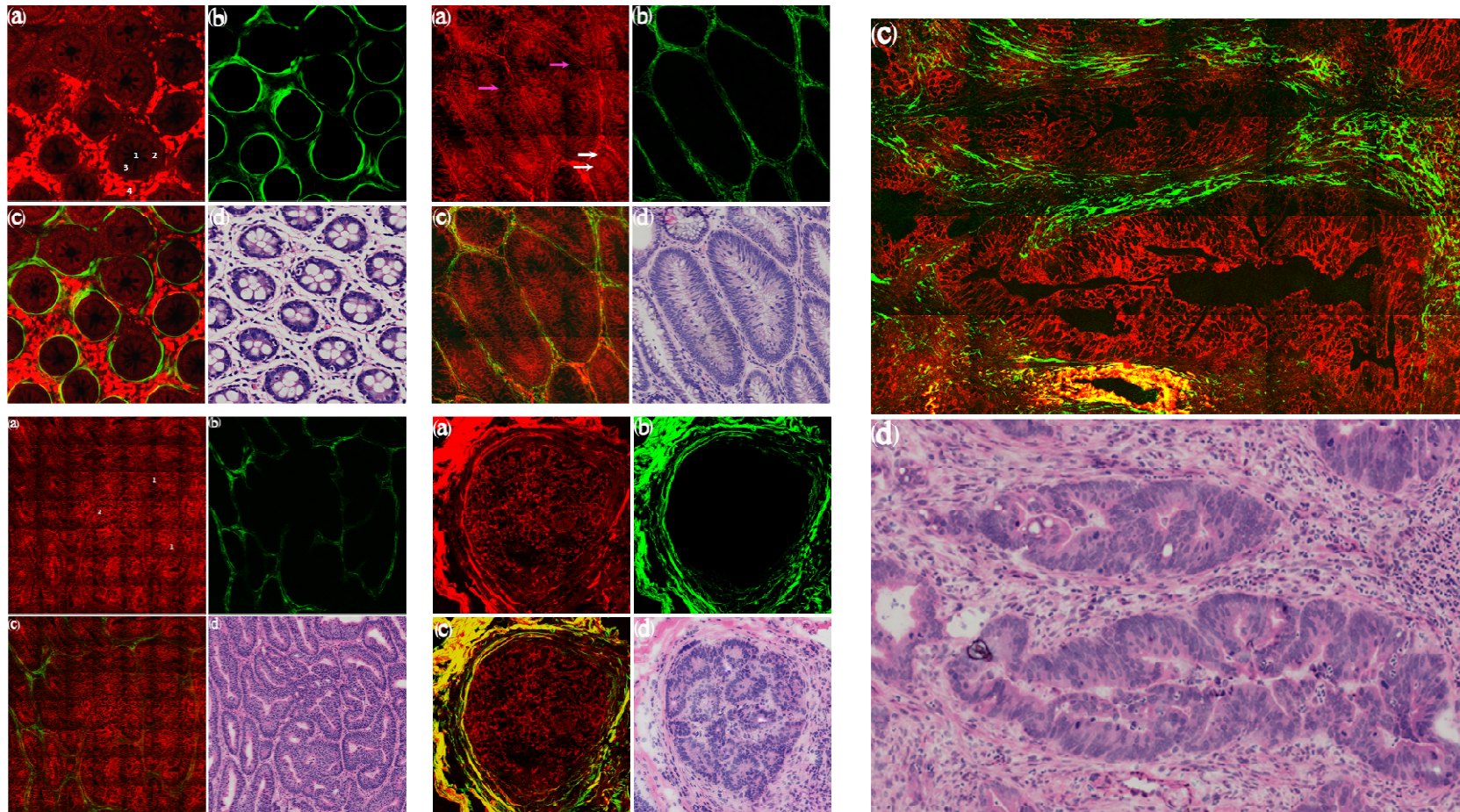
Correlation value as a function of pixel distance.

Quantitative characterization parameters derived from SHG imaging

Quantitatively linking collagen alteration and epithelial tumor progression

Applied Physics Letters 96, 213704, 2010

Monitoring colorectal tumor progression



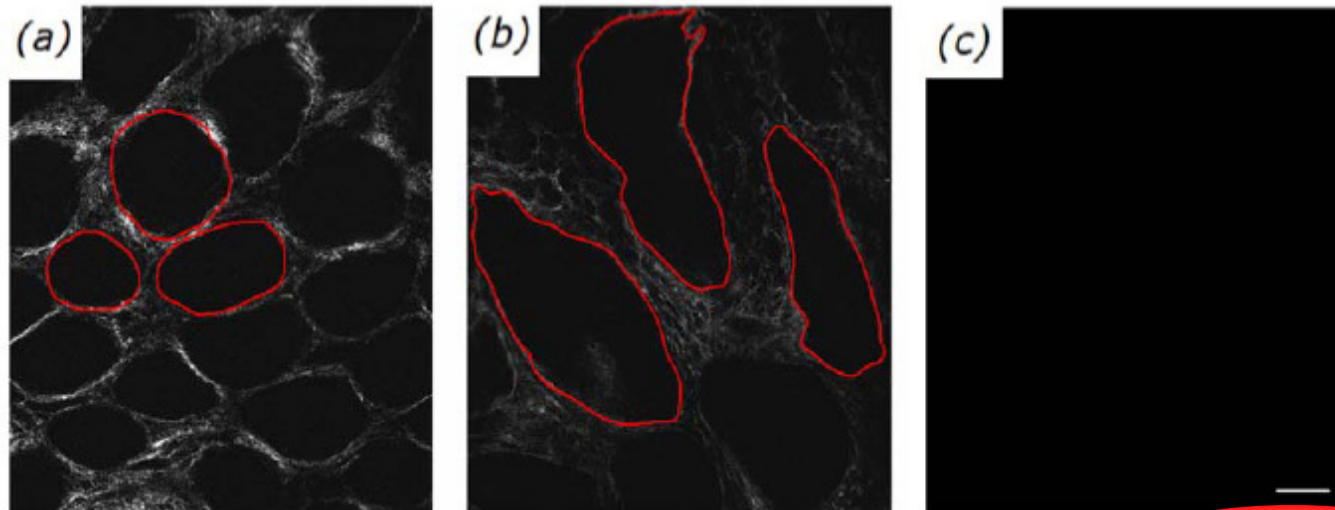
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Monitoring colorectal tumor progression

Table 1. MPM identification of the colorectal adenoma–carcinoma sequence according to cellular and glandular structure, and invasive depth of a typical glands.

Tissue	Cell architecture based on TPEF image	Gland architecture based on TPEF image	Invasive depth based on TPEF and SHG images
Normal mucosa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuclei with round shape, uniformly arranging along basement membrane • Plenty of cytoplasm • Plenty of mucin with distinctive flask-like shape in goblet cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gland with round shape and regular distribution, being arranged at almost regular intervals • Gland opening with round shape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thin band with round shape surrounding individual glands, representing the position of basement membrane
Adenoma with low-grade dysplasia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuclei with spindle-shaped architecture and minor loss of polarity, being obviously elongated, presenting a clumping pattern with slight pseudostratification, • Increased nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio • Decrease of mucin in goblet cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gland with tubular shape, being relatively well-maintained, interglandular space being apparently reduced when compared to the normal case. • Gland opening with tubular shape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basement membrane with the tubular-shaped structure and larger size and lower population density in comparison with the normal case, still being relatively well preserved
Adenoma with high-grade dysplasia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuclei with roundish architecture but variable size and shape, marked pleomorphic structure, severe loss of polarity • Further increased nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio • Depletion and loss of goblet cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gland with variable size and shape, presenting severely distorted architecture • Frequent intraglandular bridging and budding, presenting glandular fusion and back to back (cribriform pattern) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basement membranes with the obviously distorted structure in comparison with normal case, still being relatively well preserved
Adenocarcinoma invading submucosa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuclei with roundish architecture but variable size and shape, marked pleomorphic structure, severe loss of polarity • Increased nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio • Depletion and loss of goblet cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A simple tubular gland with the distorted gland opening with the cribriform pattern appears in the submucosa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collagen bundles surrounding the gland and the appearance of blood vessel, indicating invasion of submucosa.

Monitoring colorectal tumor progression



**Normal
tissue**

**precancerous
tissue**

**Cancerous
tissue**

Table 1. Quantitative variables in different colonic cancer stages.

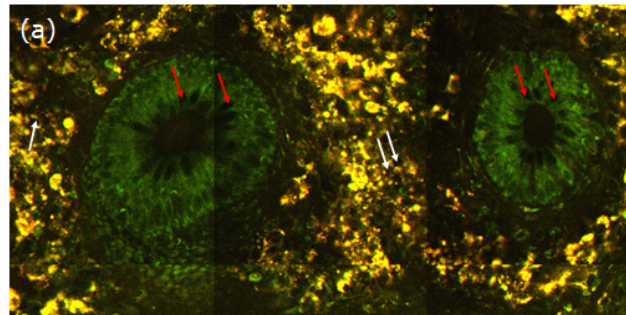
	Circle length of basement membrane (μm)	Population density of basement membranes (mm^{-2})
Normal case	342.7 ± 27.2	103.2 ± 10.6
Precancer	695.8 ± 79.1	27.1 ± 6.3
Cancer	1767.8 ± 166.3	0.3 ± 1.2

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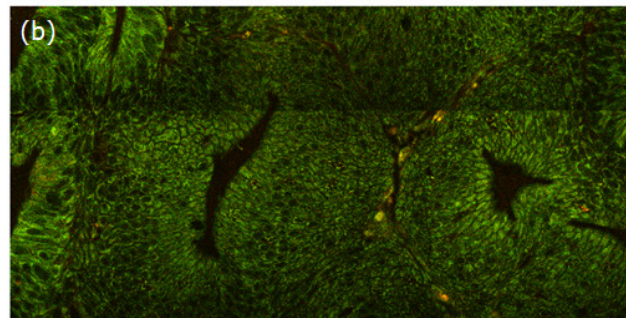
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Monitoring colorectal tumor progression

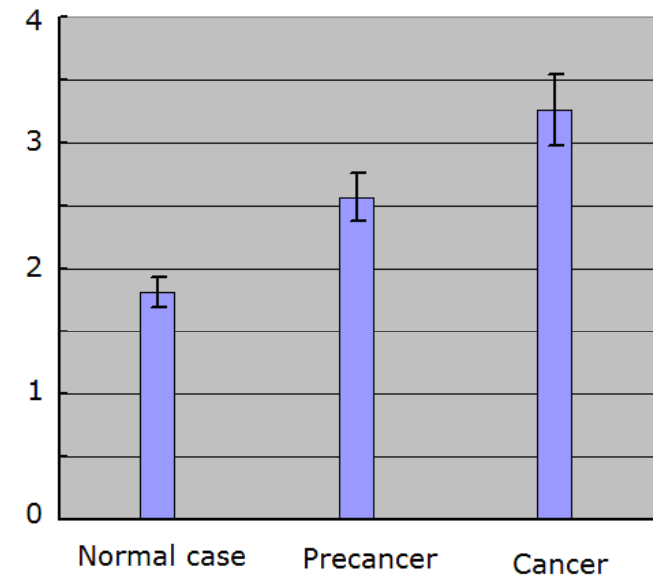
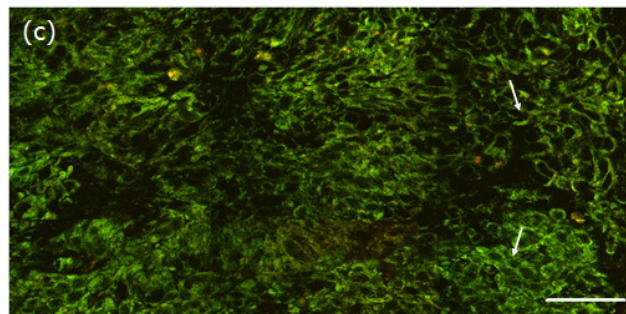
Normal tissue



precancerous tissue



Cancerous tissue

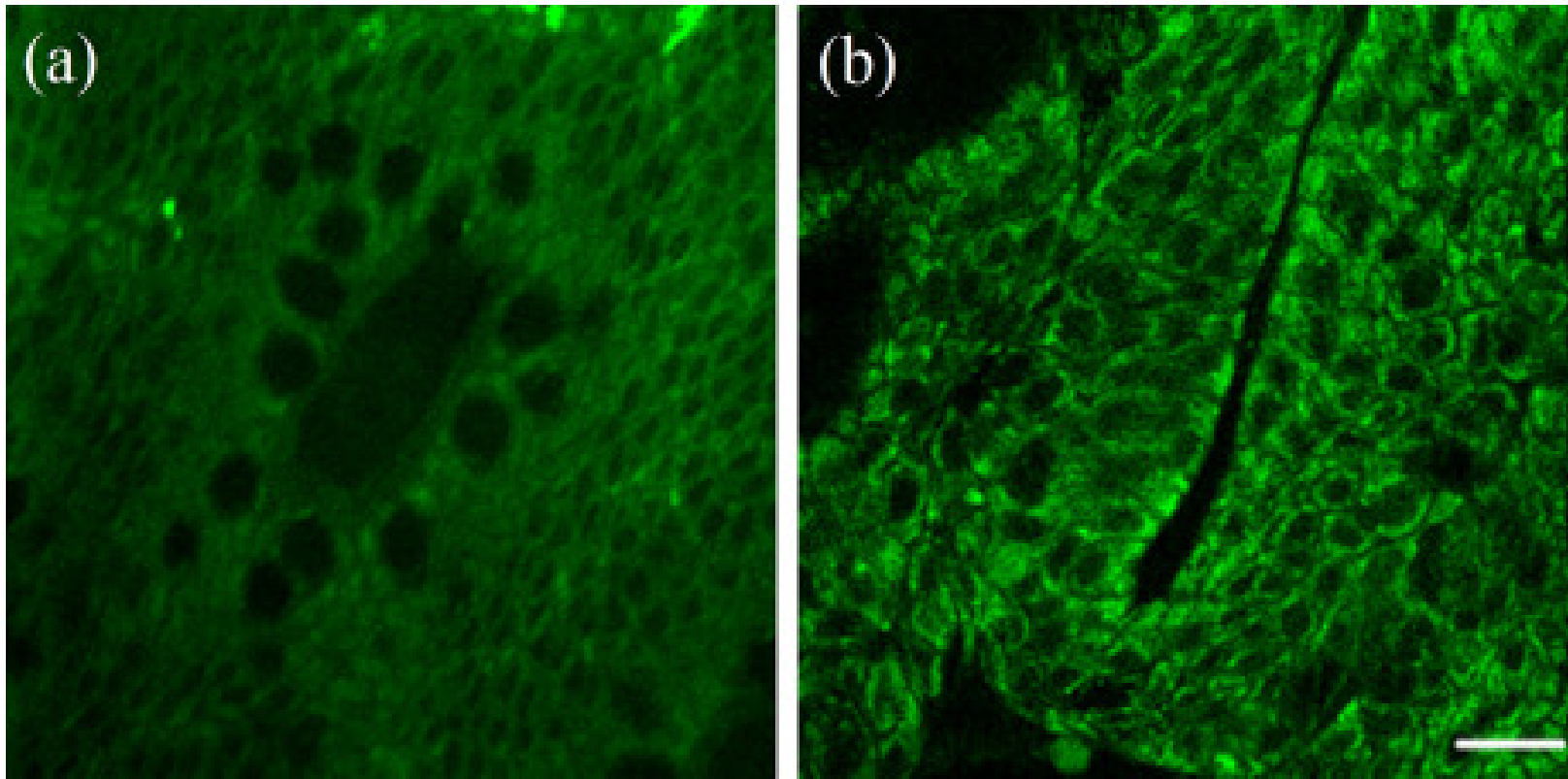


Redox Ratio

Biomedical Optics Express 2, 615-619, 2011

We examined if the combination of multiphoton imaging and absorption has the capability to perform photoablation of preinvasive cancer cells

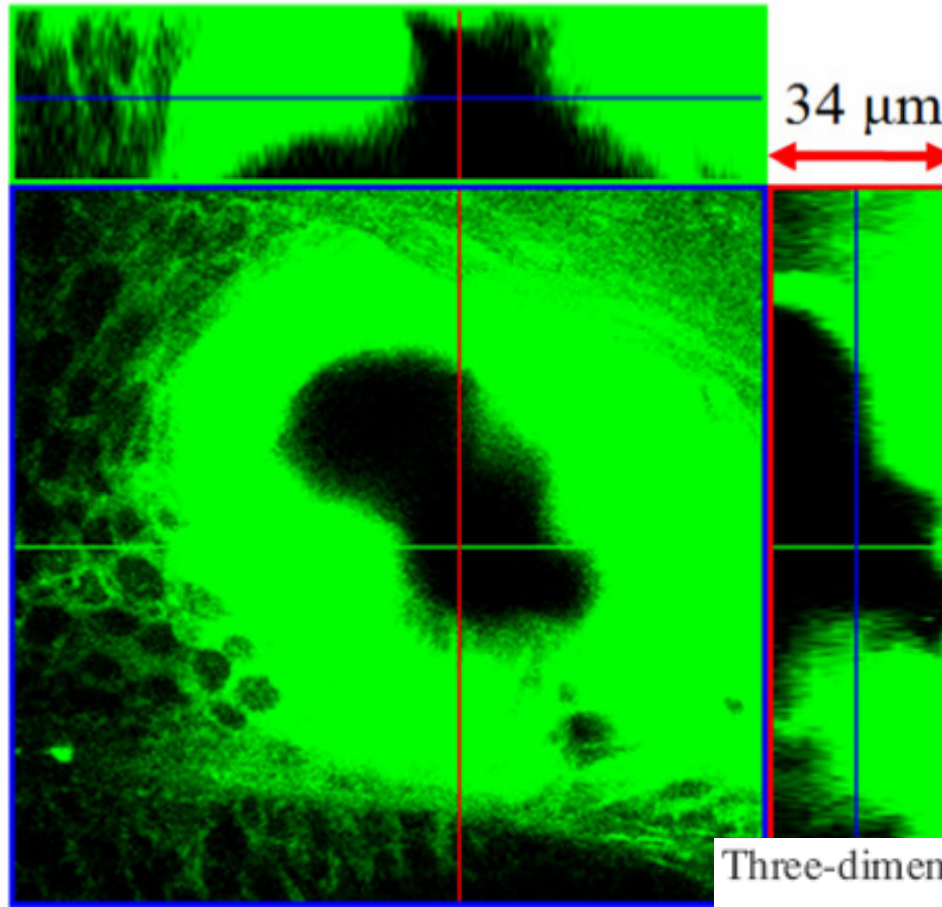
Photoablation of preinvasive cancer cells



Representative multiphoton images of the normal (a) and precancerous (b) epithelial tissues. Scale bar = 20 μm .

Applied Physics Letters, 100, 023703, 2012

Photoablation of preinvasive cancer cells



Three-dimensional reconstruction of precancerous epithelial tissues after laser processing.

Applied Physics Letters, 100, 023703, 2012

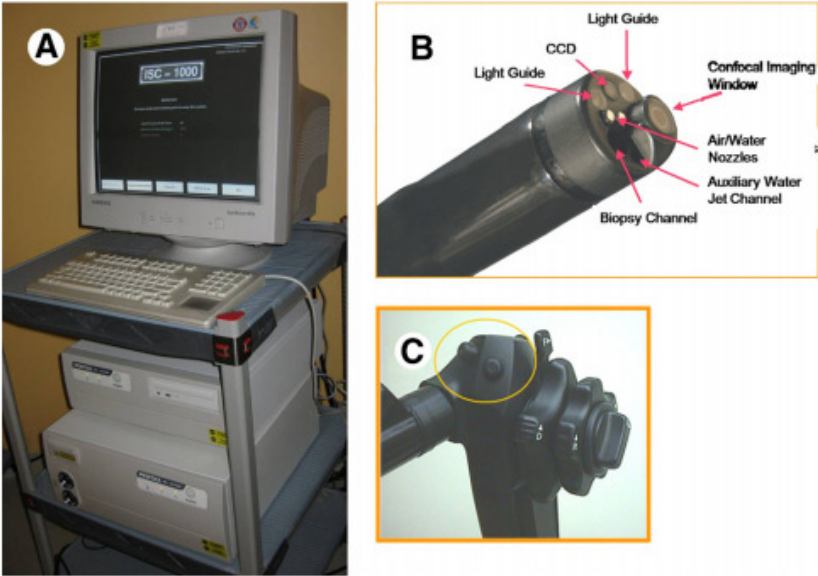
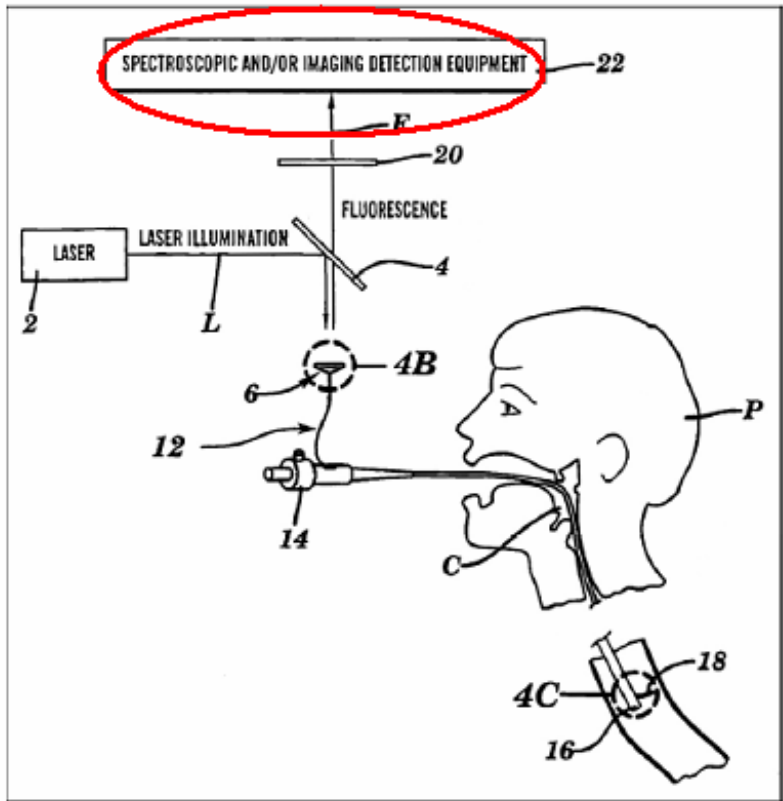
What is the future?



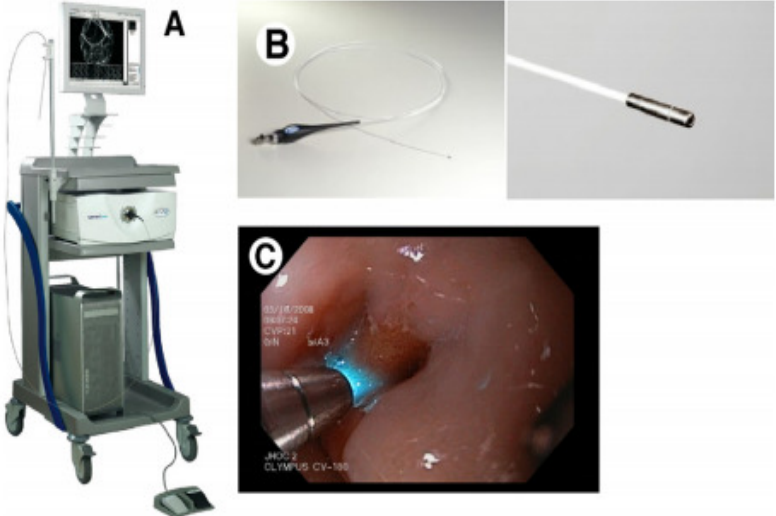
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What is the future?



Confocal endoscope (eCLE)



Probe-based confocal endomicroscopy (pCLE)

Confocal Laser Endomicroscopy platforms and equipment

Techniques in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (2010) 12, 90-99

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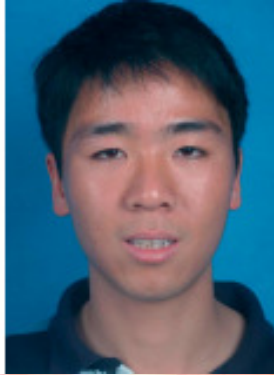
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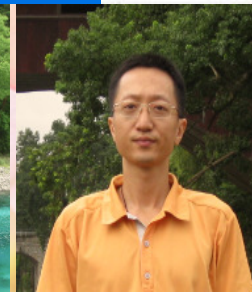
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