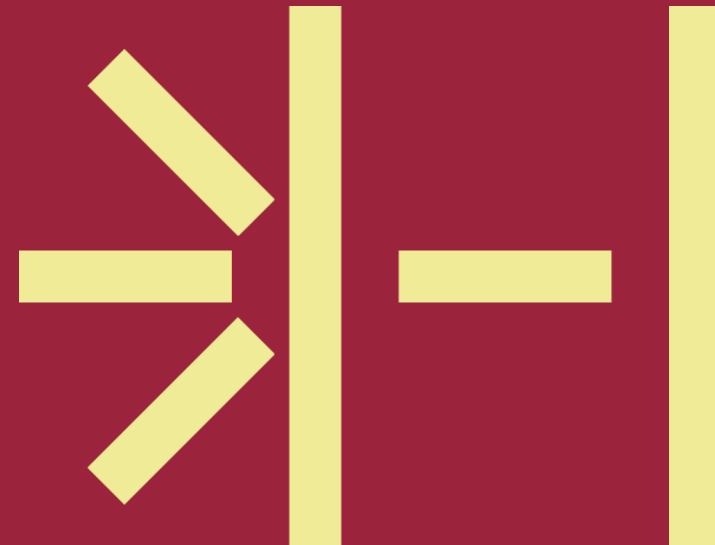


Vaskulitis - «Screening»

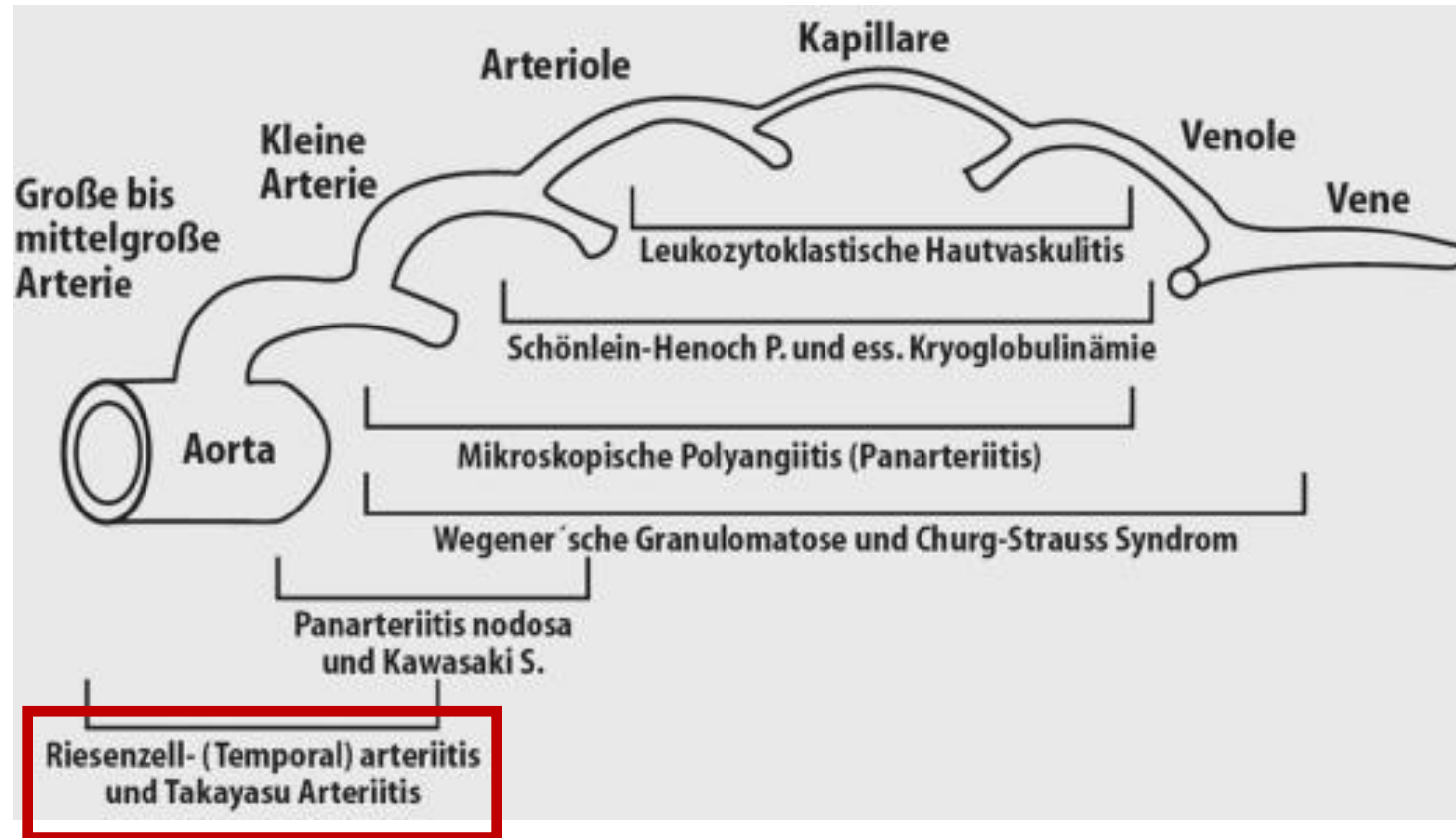
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Klassifikation der Vaskulitiden



Riesenzellararteritis/Temporalarteritis = GCA (giant cell arteritis)

Takayasu – Arteritis = TA

2022 ACR/EULAR classification criteria (!) for giant cell arteritis

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN APPLYING THESE CRITERIA

- These classification criteria should be applied to classify the patient as having giant cell arteritis when a diagnosis of medium-vessel or large-vessel vasculitis has been made
- Alternate diagnoses mimicking vasculitis should be excluded prior to applying the criteria

ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT

Age \geq 50 years at time of diagnosis

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL CRITERIA

Morning stiffness in shoulders/neck	+2
Sudden visual loss	+3
Jaw or tongue claudication	+2
New temporal headache	+2
Scalp tenderness	+2
Abnormal examination of the temporal artery ¹	+2

LABORATORY, IMAGING, AND BIOPSY CRITERIA

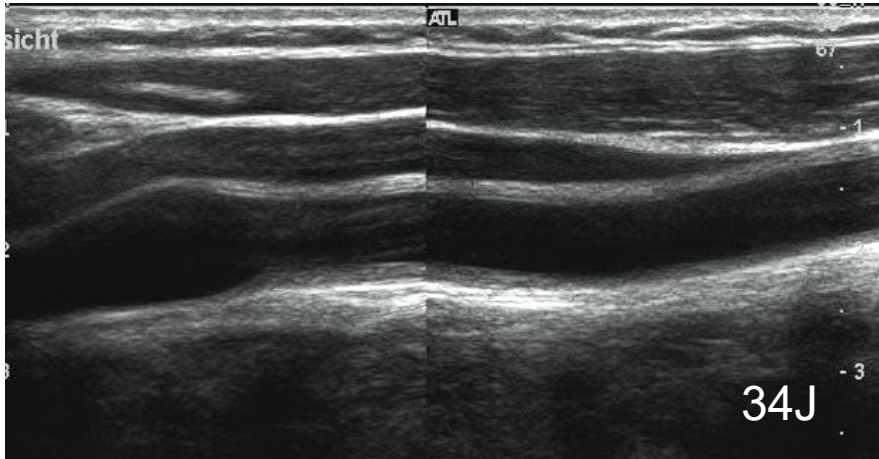
Maximum ESR \geq 50 mm/hour or maximum CRP \geq 10 mg/liter ²	+3
Positive temporal artery biopsy or halo sign on temporal artery ultrasound ³	+5
Bilateral axillary involvement ⁴	+2
FDG-PET activity throughout aorta ⁵	+2

Sum the scores for 10 items, if present. A score of \geq 6 points is needed for the classification of **GIANT CELL ARTERITIS**.

1. Examination of the temporal artery showing absent or diminished pulse, tenderness, or hard 'cord-like' appearance.
2. Maximum erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) or C-reactive protein (CRP) values prior to initiation of treatment for vasculitis.
3. Presence of either definitive vasculitis on temporal artery biopsy or halo sign on temporal artery ultrasound. There are no specific histopathologic criteria to define definitive vasculitis on temporal artery biopsy. Presence of giant cells, mononuclear leukocyte infiltration, and fragmentation of the internal elastic lamina were independently associated with histopathologic interpretation of definite vasculitis in the DCVAS cohort^[24]. Halo sign is defined by the presence of an homogenous, hypochoic wall thickening on ultrasound^[25].

4. Bilateral axillary involvement is defined as luminal damage (stenosis, occlusion, or aneurysm) on angiography (computed tomography, magnetic resonance, or catheter-based) or ultrasound, halo sign on ultrasound, or fluorodeoxyglucose uptake on positron emission tomography.
5. Abnormal fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) uptake in the arterial wall (e.g., greater than liver uptake by visual inspection) throughout the descending thoracic and abdominal aorta on positron emission tomography (PET).

Takayasu - Arteriitis

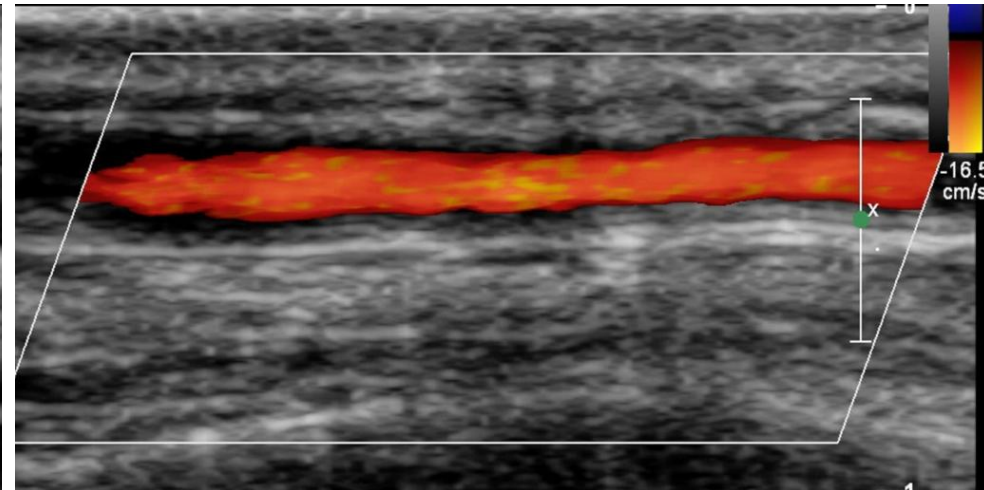
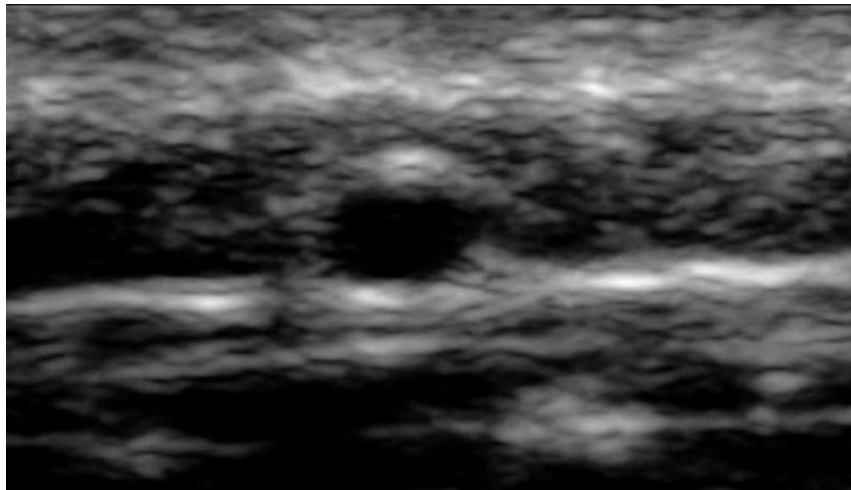
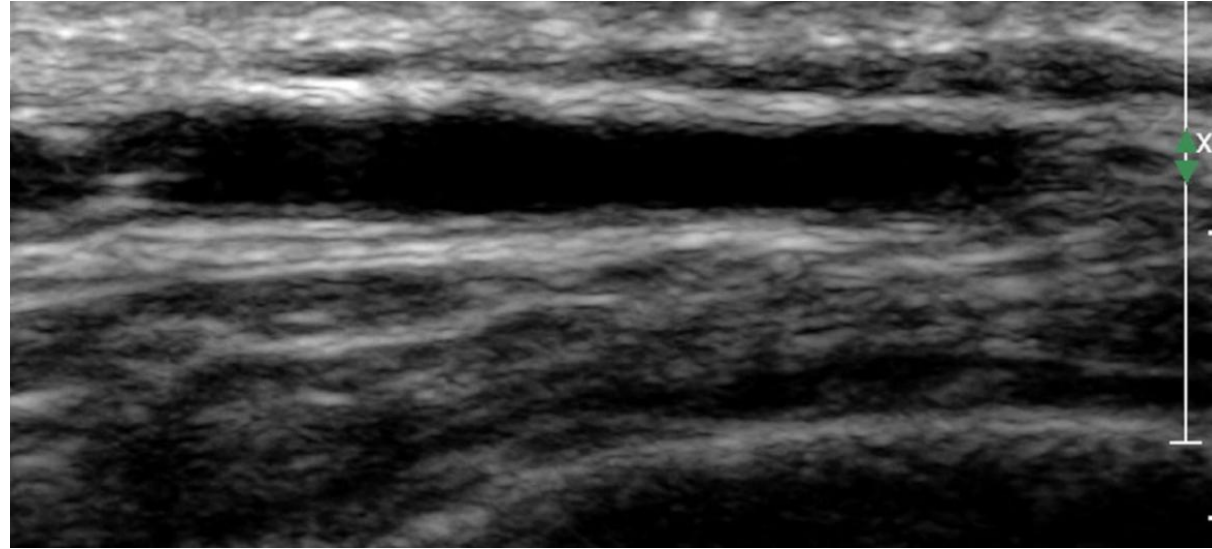


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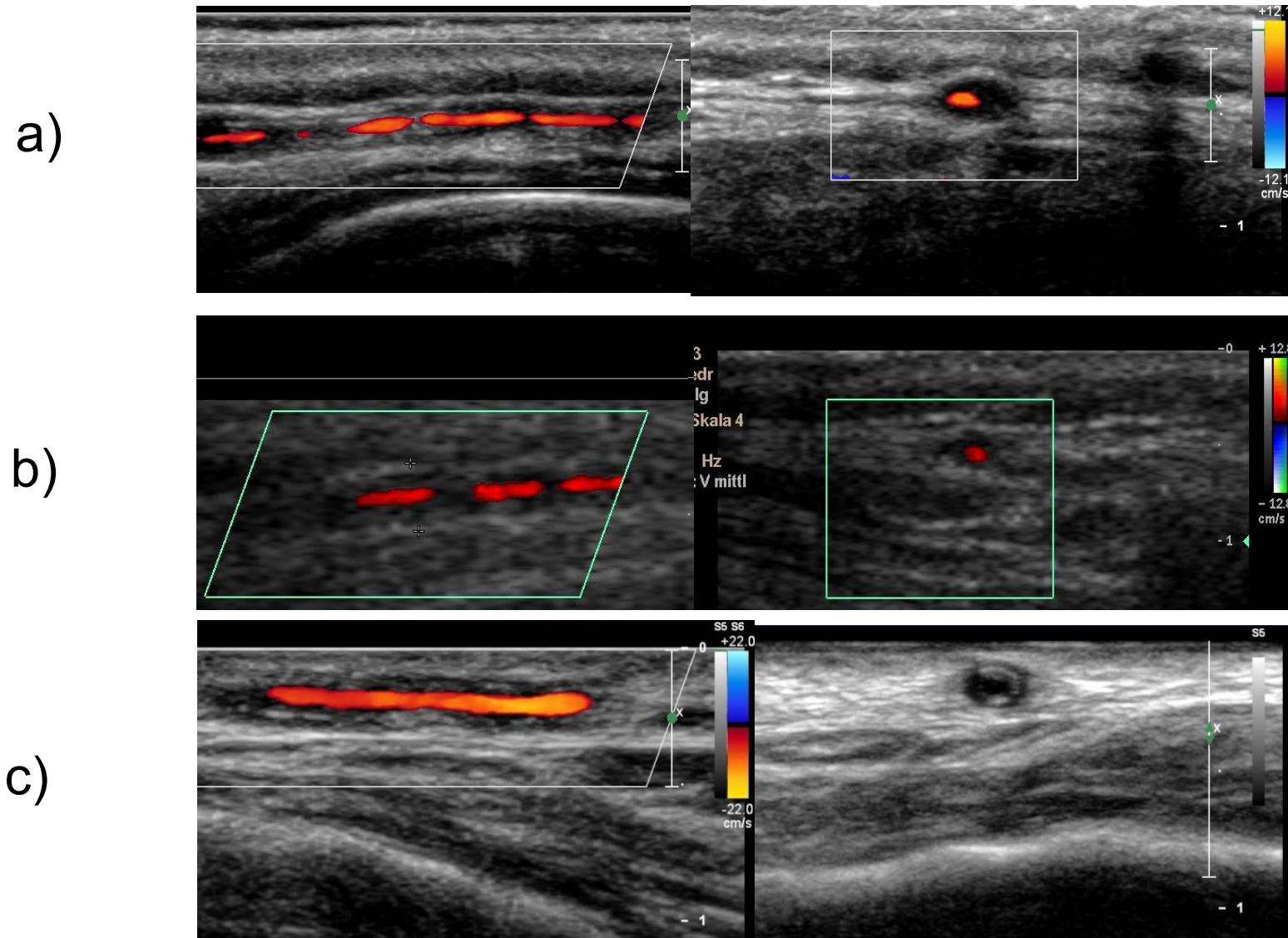
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✦ Abstand 0.117 cm
✦ Abstand 0.100 cm

Normalbefund A. temporalis



Bestätigte GCA temporal



Sonographische Kriterien der Grossgefässvaskulitis

- Diffuse, zirkumferente, rel. echoarme Intima/Mediaverdickung, sog. „macaroni sign“ (soll inflammatorisches Oedem, erhöhte Vaskularisation oder beides darstellen)
- Atherosklerotische Läsionen sind normalerweise durch unregelmässige, teils lokalisierte, unterschiedlich echodichte Intima/Mediaveränderungen oder Plaques charakterisiert.
- Atherosklerotische und vaskulitische Läsionen betreffen teils unterschiedliche Gefässareale (v.a. A. scl./axillaris).

<1990 - 2010

Sonographische Kriterien der Temporalarteriitis

- Dunkle, hypoechogene, zirkumferente Wandverdickung („Halo“)
mindestens 0.5mm an mindestens 1 Gefäßsegment (>0.3mm Dicke)*
- (Stenose = $V_{max} > 2x$ erhöht, ev. Turbulenzen)
- (Okklusion)

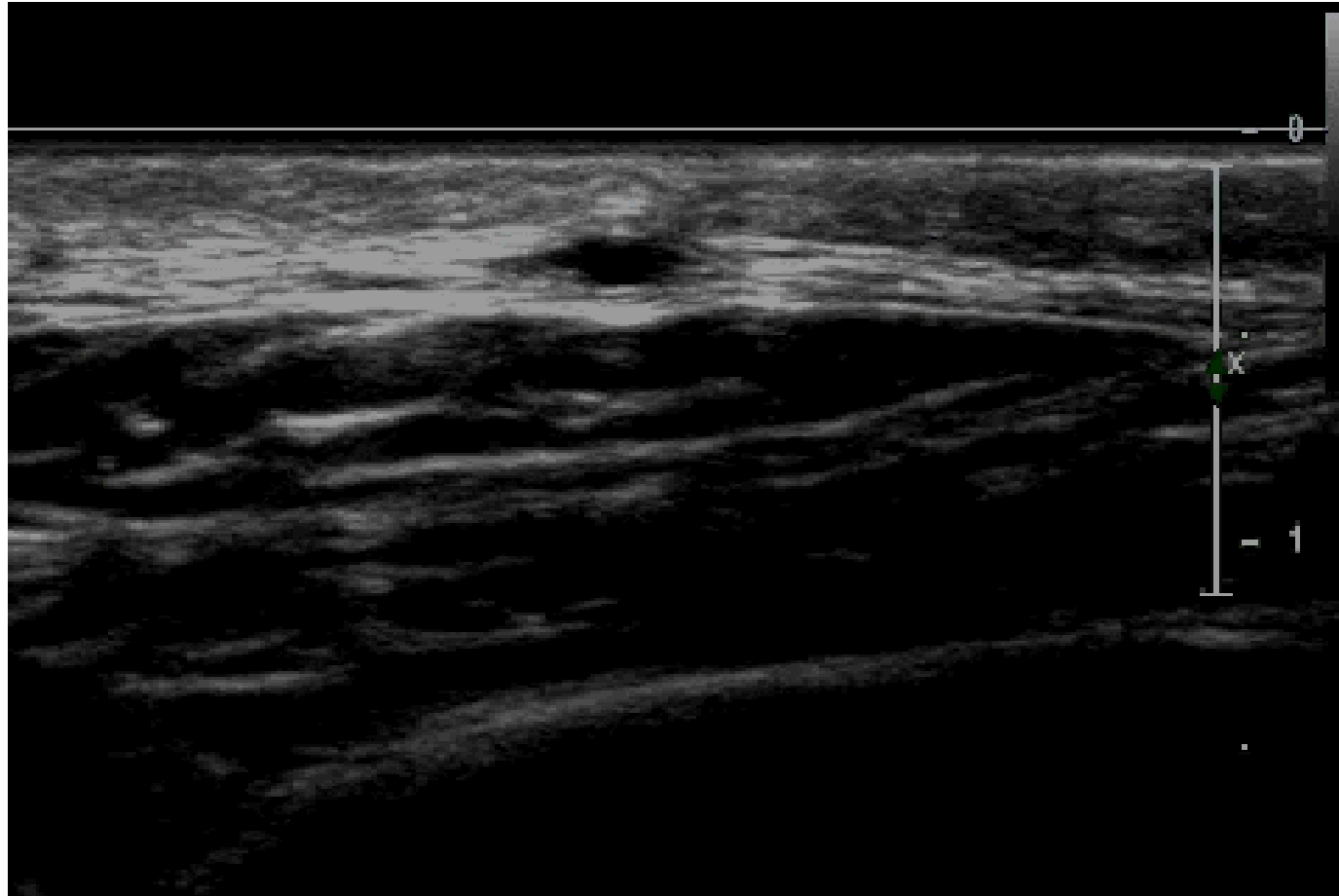
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Untersuch längs **und quer** 😊

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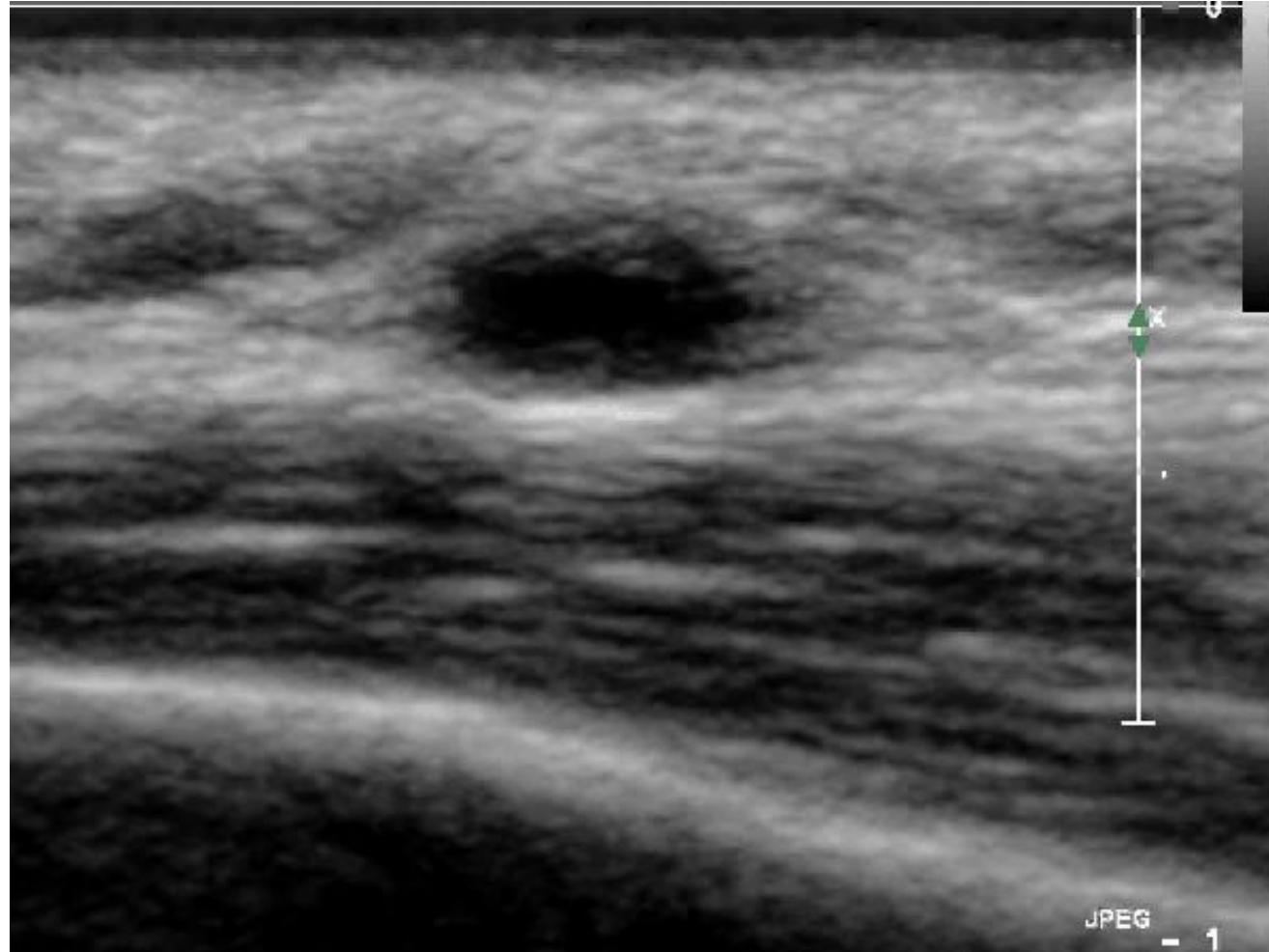
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Ab ca 2010

Kompressionszeichen -



Kompressionszeichen +



Kompression der Temporalarterie

Diagnostic performance of the compression-sign and the halo-sign

80 Patienten, 43 GCA, 37 ohne GCA

	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value
	%	%	%	%
<i>ACR criteria as the reference standard (n=80)</i>				
Compression-sign	79.1	100	100	80.4
Halo-sign	79.1	100	100	80.4
<i>Biopsy as the reference standard (n=52)</i>				
Compression-sign	100	68.8	66.6	100
Halo-sign	100	68.8	66.6	100

Übereinstimmung Angiologe / Rheumatologe

- Krippendorff 's alpha coefficient
 $K\alpha$ (95%CI) = 0.92 (0.85 – 0.98)
- Spearman Korrelations-Koeffizient Angio / Rheuma
 $r_s = 0.96$

1/60 unterschiedlich beurteilt (V.a. vs eindeutige Vaskulitis)

6.2 min für Rheumatologen pro Pat. (ohne Dokumentation)

2018

Sonographische Kriterien der Riesenzellarteriitis

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Original article

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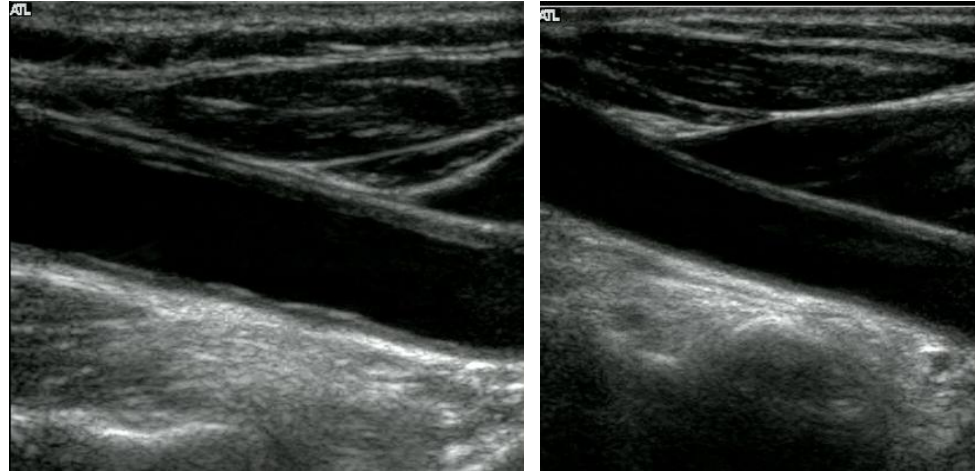
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Conclusions

The 'halo' and the 'compression' signs are regarded as the most important US abnormalities for GCA. The inter-rater and intra-rater agreement of the new OMERACT definitions for US lesions in GCA was excellent.

Cave: Ultraschall «ambiguous» (verdächtig)

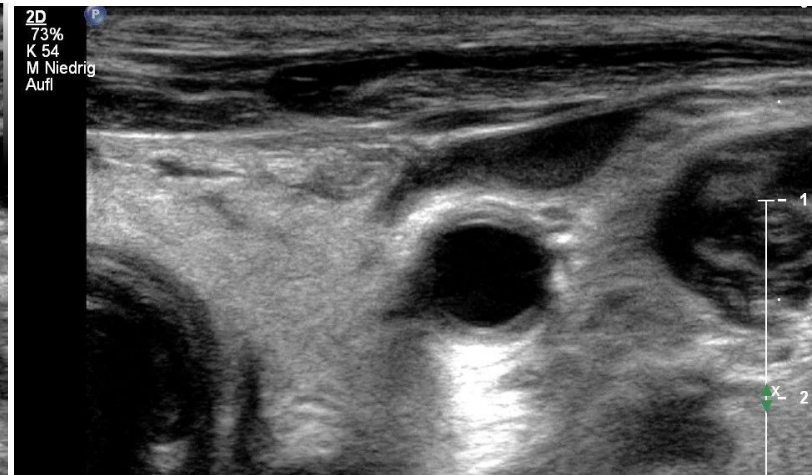
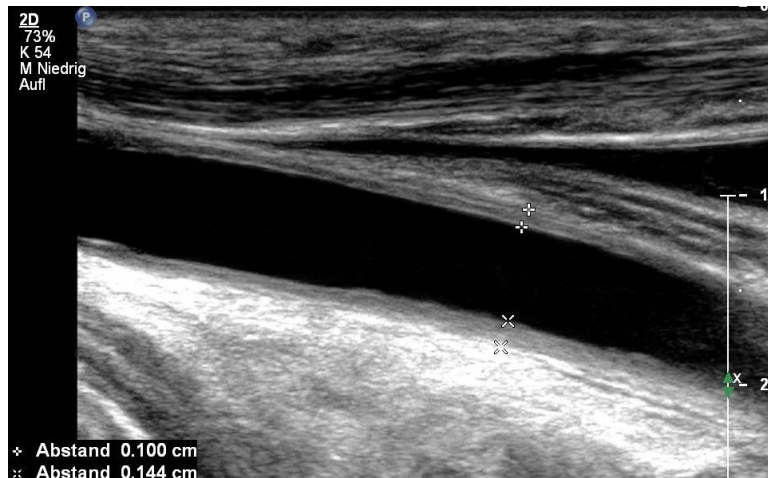
Vaskulitis



u.a. PET pos.

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Keine Vaskulitis



u.a. PET neg.

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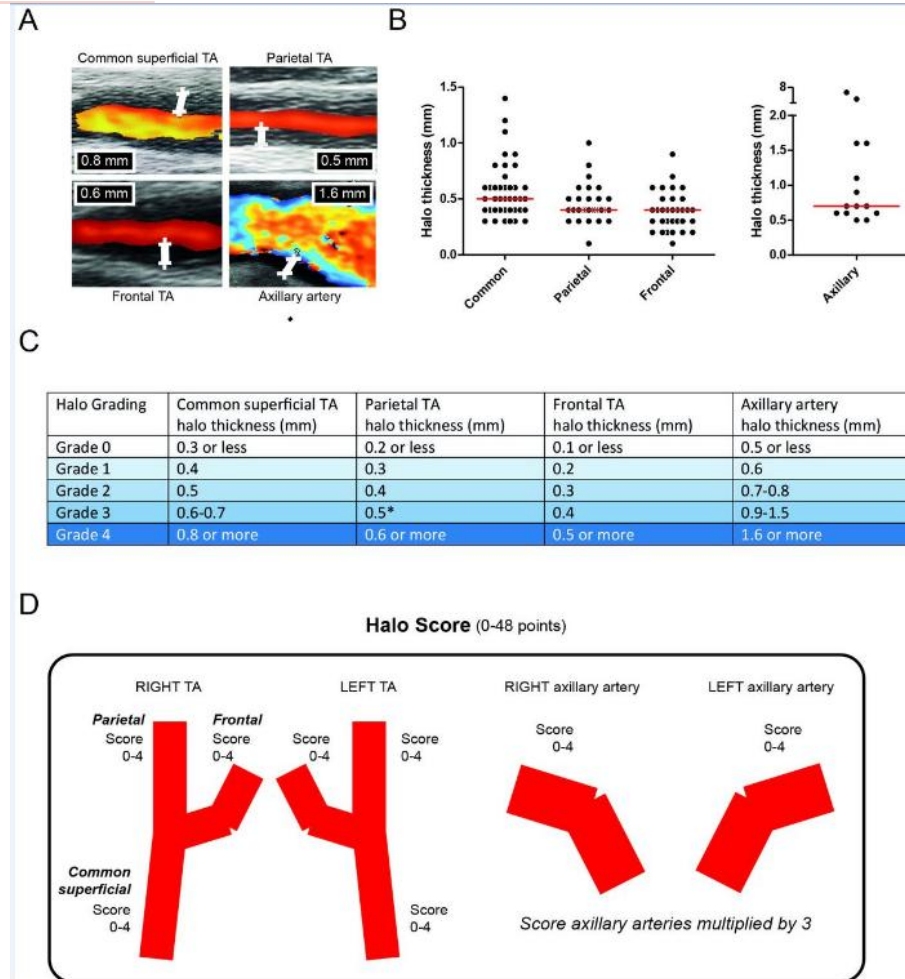
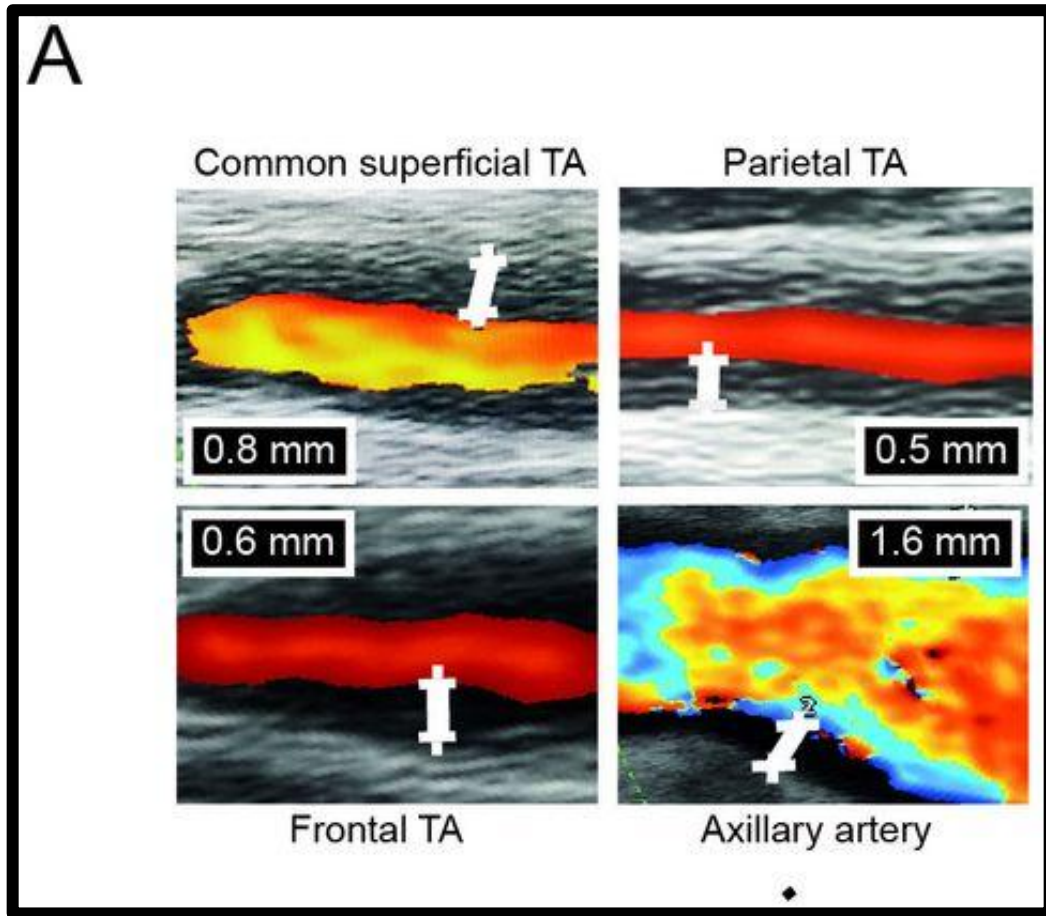
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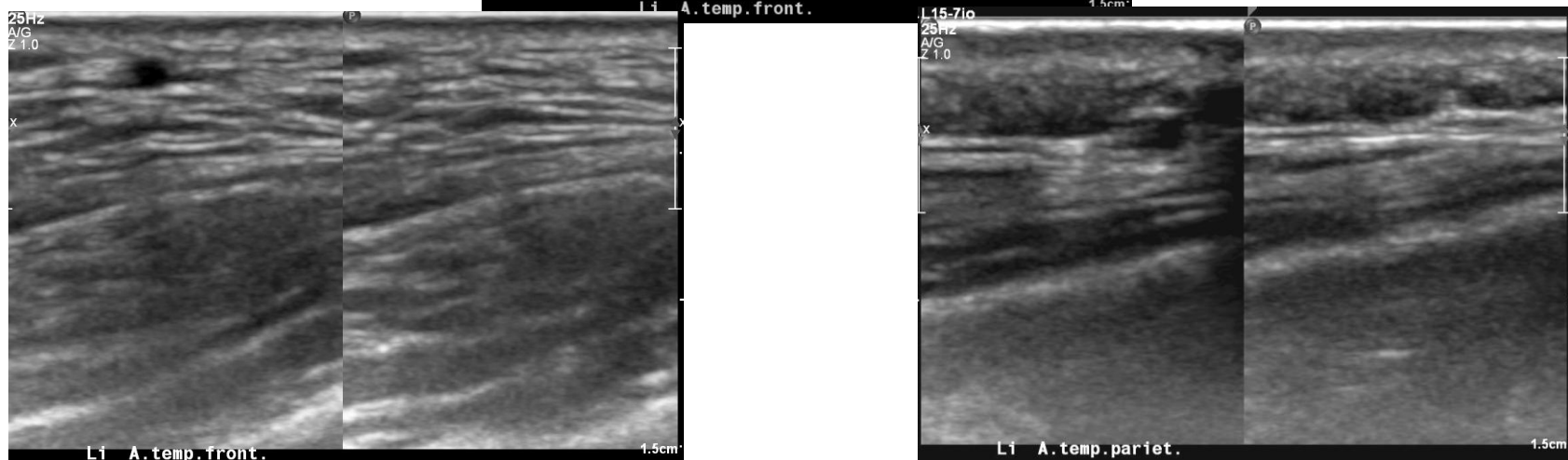
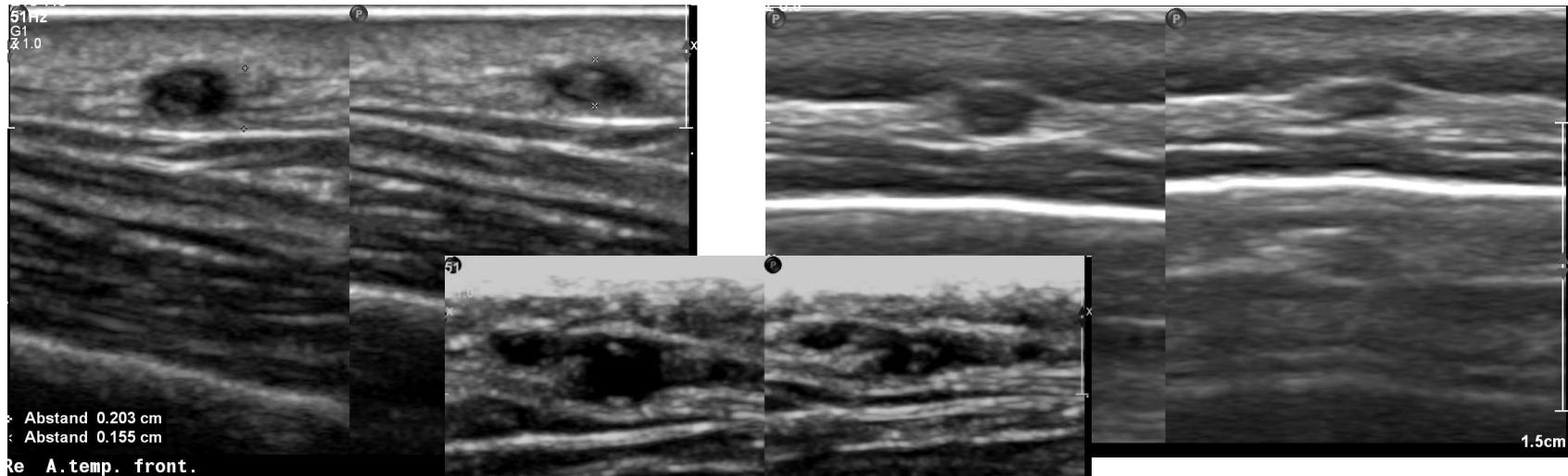
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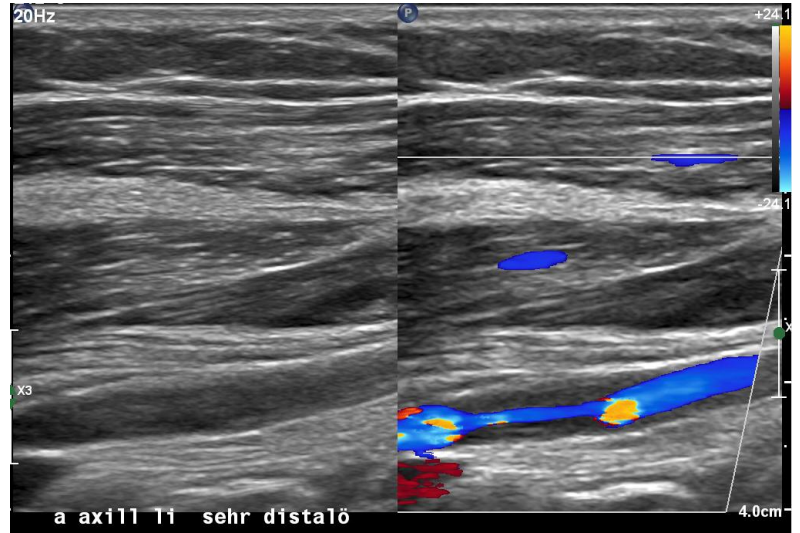
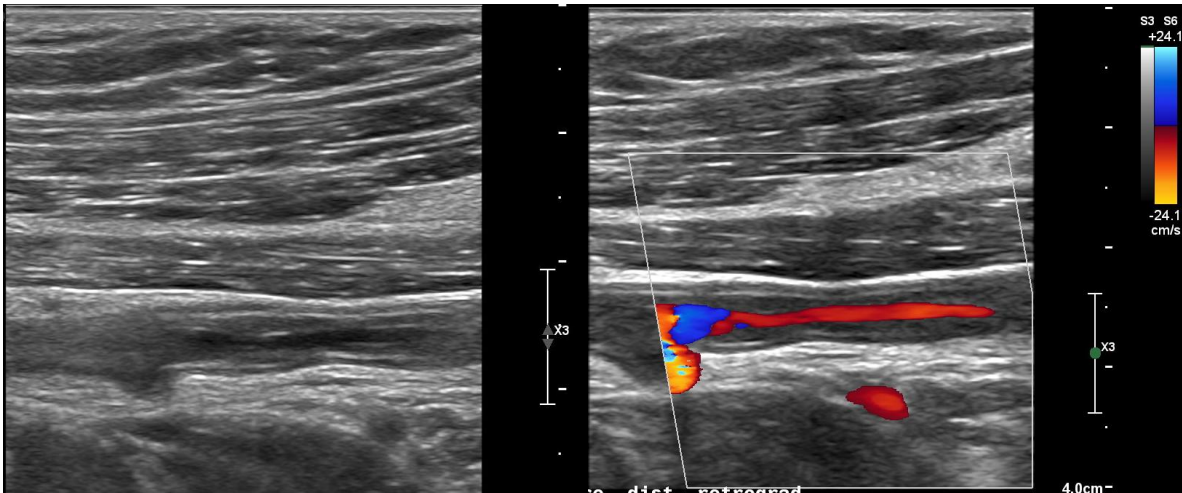
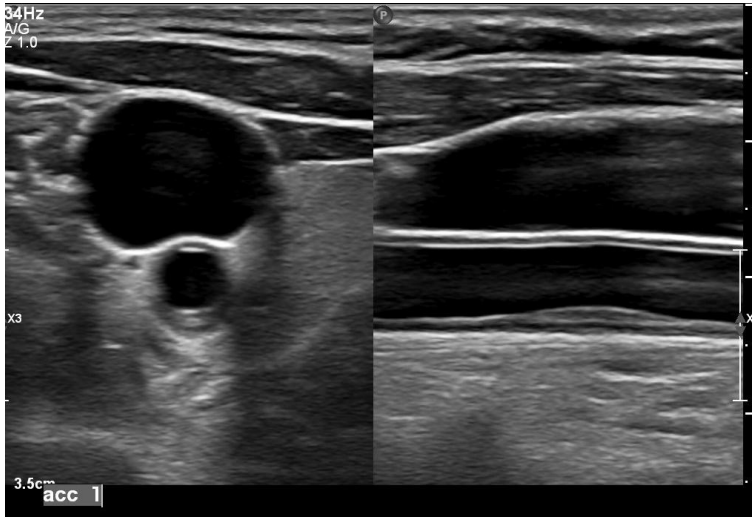
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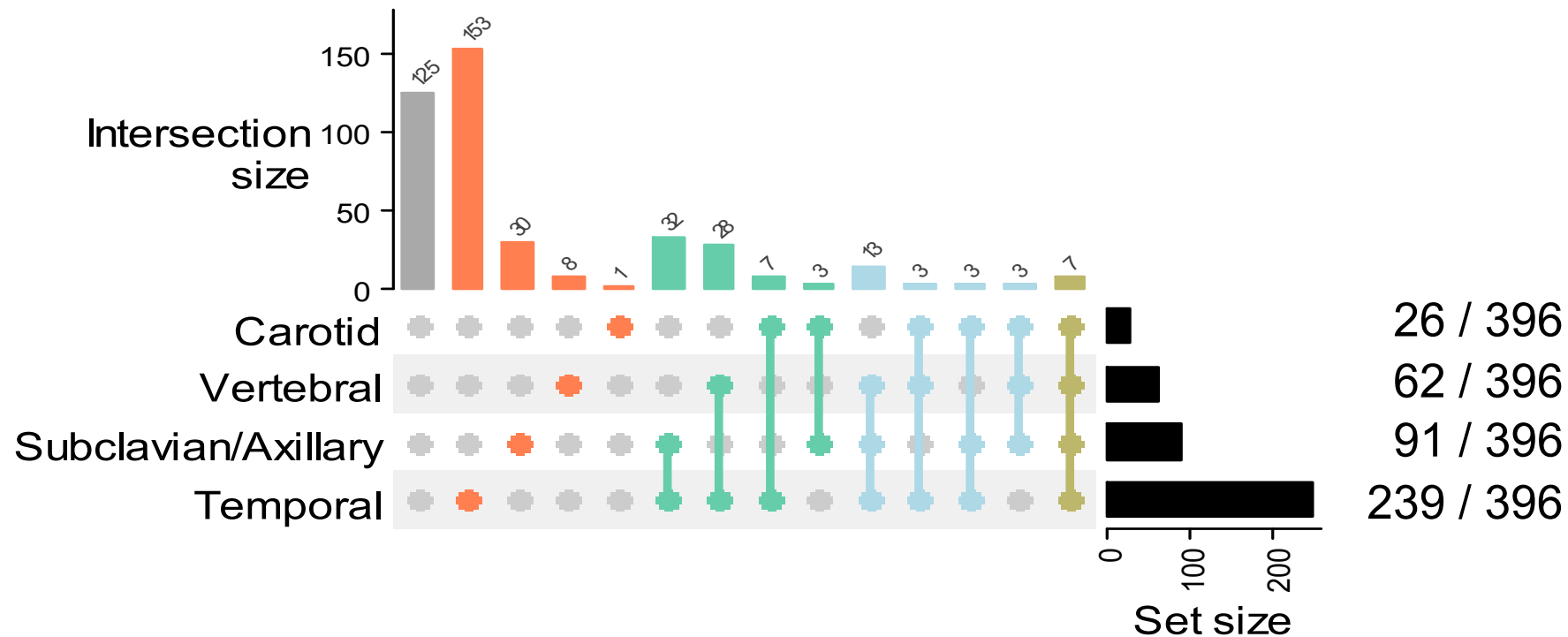


Bildgalerie Arterien extratemporal



Resultate (präliminär) aus Basel 2023

271 / 396 GCA – Patienten mittels US diagnostiziert (68.5%)



Zusammenfassung

- Sonographisch theoretisch und im Einzelfall eindeutig
- Untersuchung im Querschnitt viel wichtiger als üblicherweise
- Häufig grosse Grauzone (wird ev. durch «Quantifizierung» nicht weniger grau)
- Vorsichtige Interpretation (cave: therapeutische Konsequenz!)