

A Rapid Method for Detecting Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer in Mohs Micrographic Surgery

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INTRODUCTION

- ❖ This intended use of this device is to reduce Mohs Micrographic Surgery tissue evaluation and assessment time.
- ❖ The device detects and locates cancer in an excised Stage or Section prior to creating a frozen section.

DEVICE

- ❖ A small 160 mm wide, 33 mm high, 210 mm long portable device collects specimen impedance data from 1 kHz to 4 MHz.
- ❖ Non-linear regression is utilized to find best fit to specimen data.
- ❖ The analysis applies the best fit parameter, F_{Cole} , to determine probability of cancer presence.
- ❖ The device optically transmits the real and imaginary tissue impedance data to a laptop computer for display to include the analysis result to user.
- ❖ F_{Cole} (the fit relaxation frequency) provides prognostic value that can indicate a thousand fold difference between malignant and non-malignant tissue.

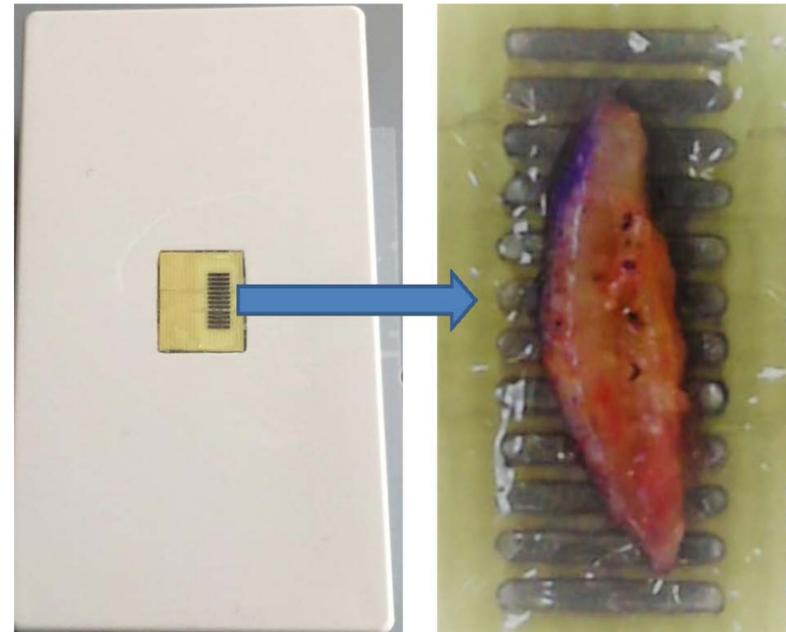


Figure 1: (left) overhead view of device; (right) sample placement

COMBINED BCC + SCC RESULTS			
N = 206	PATHOLOGY: NEG	PATHOLOGY: POS	
DEVICE: NEG	124	2	126
DEVICE: POS	2	78	80
	126	80	

ACCURACY = 98.00 %
 MISCLASSIFICATION RATE = 1.94 %
 SENSITIVITY / TPR = 97.50 %
 FALSE POSITIVE RATE = 1.59 %
 SPECIFICITY = 98.41 %

SCC RESULTS			
N = 29	PATHOLOGY: NEG	PATHOLOGY: POS	
DEVICE: NEG	22	0	22
DEVICE: POS	0	7	7
	22	7	

ACCURACY = 100.00 %
 MISCLASSIFICATION RATE = 0.00 %
 SENSITIVITY / TPR = 100.00 %
 FALSE POSITIVE RATE = 0.00 %
 SPECIFICITY = 100.00 %

BCC RESULTS			
N = 177	PATHOLOGY: NEG	PATHOLOGY: POS	
DEVICE: NEG	102	2	104
DEVICE: POS	2	71	73
	104	73	

ACCURACY = 98.00 %
 MISCLASSIFICATION RATE = 2.26 %
 SENSITIVITY / TPR = 97.30 %
 FALSE POSITIVE RATE = 1.92 %
 SPECIFICITY = 98.08 %

Figure 3: BCC and SCC statistics; (top) combined, (bottom) separate.

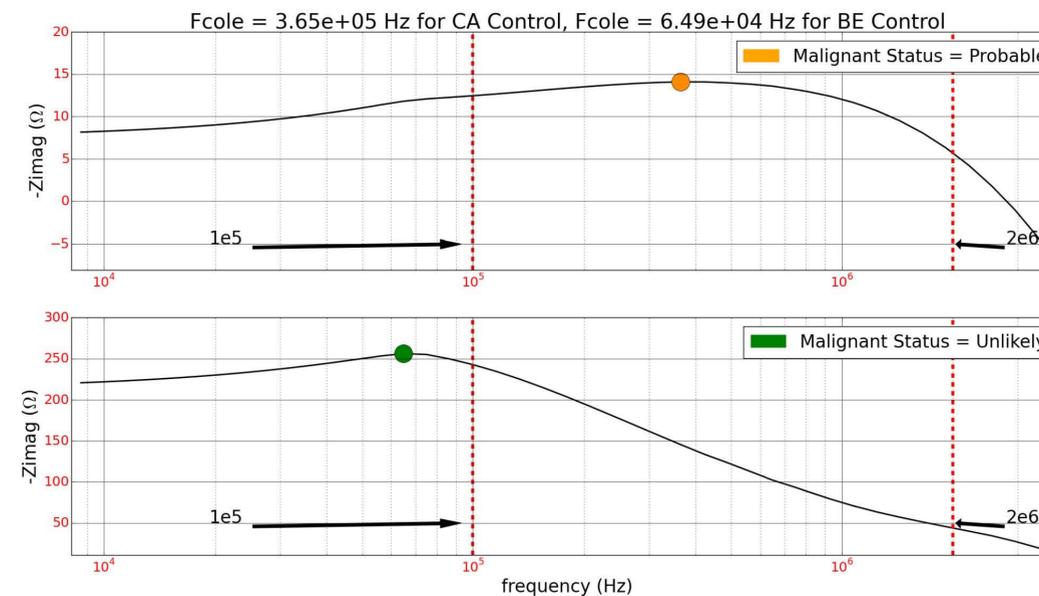


Figure 2: Scan results- (top) Positive (CA), (bottom) Negative (BN).

METHODOLOGY

- ❖ Surgeon excises suspicious lesion as Stage 1.
- ❖ Specimen is relaxed and sectioned.
- ❖ Sections or Stage are scanned for the presence and location of areas where cancer-free margin does not exist by device displaying tissue impedance and analysis on laptop requiring < 1 minute.
- ❖ Specimen is returned for further processing and histology.
- ❖ A comparison of device and histology findings provide Standard of Care confirmation.

SUMMARY

- ❖ Figure 1 depicts the 12 electrode sensor array that allows F_{Cole} mapping of the tissue (i.e., F_{Cole} per position on sample).
- ❖ Figure 2 shows user output of valid data acquisition.
- ❖ Figure 3 shows the statistical comparison to histology.
- ❖ Figure 3 shows statistics for 206 basal and squamous cell carcinomas indicating excellent sensitivity and specificity.
- ❖ Device does not detract from Standard of Care, provides accurate results, and doesn't require specialized training.

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