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Correlated Observation of Human Scalp with Scanning Acoustic Microscope and Light Microscope

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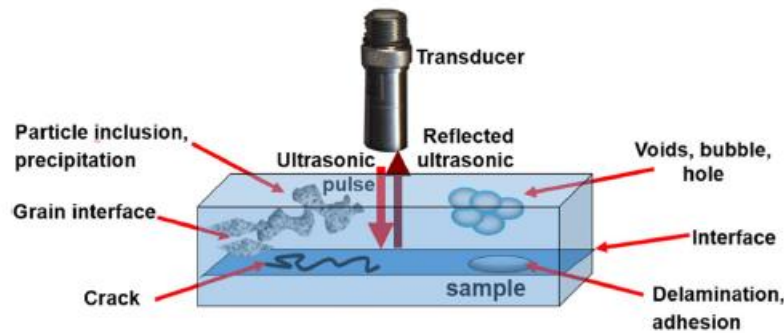


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Scanning acoustic microscopy (SAM): one of the useful ultrasonic techniques

- enable non-destructive detecting of physical defects in the field of material science (Scheme 1)
- non-invasive inspection of subsurface structures of biological samples including human skin



Scheme 1 Schematic showing the probing pulse and the reflected echo detected from the internal structure of a sample consisting of a variety of defects and inclusions.

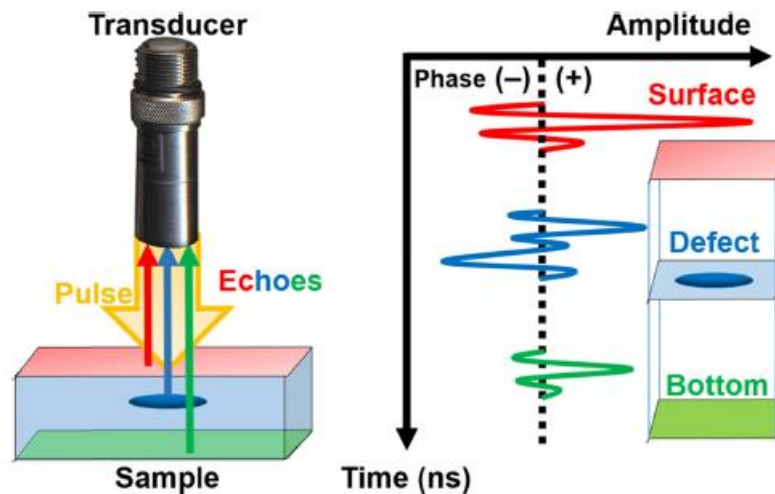
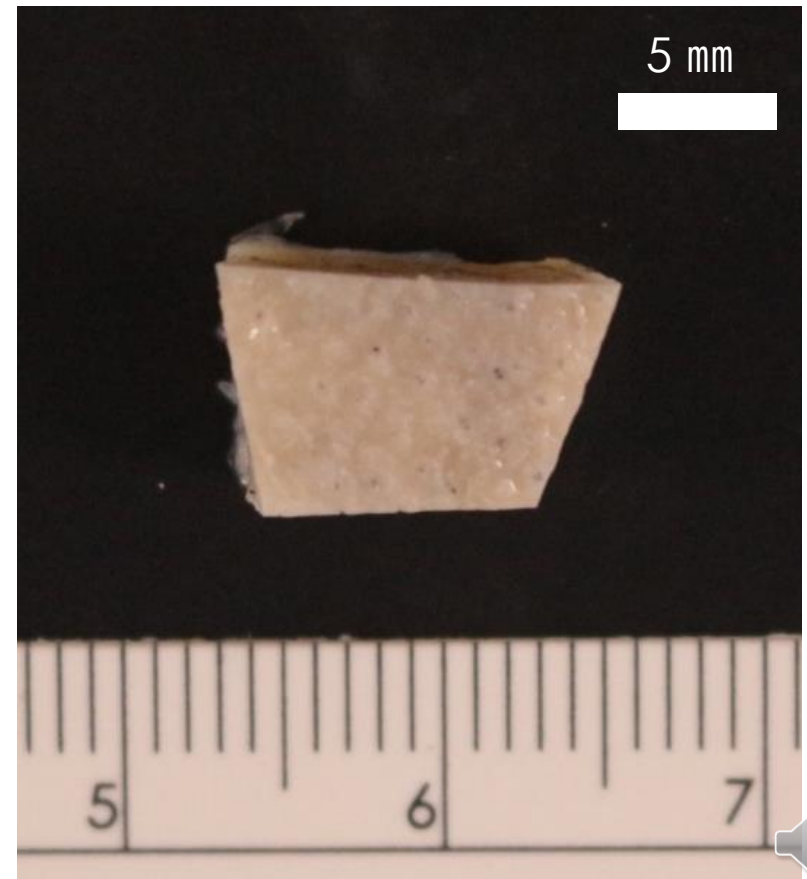
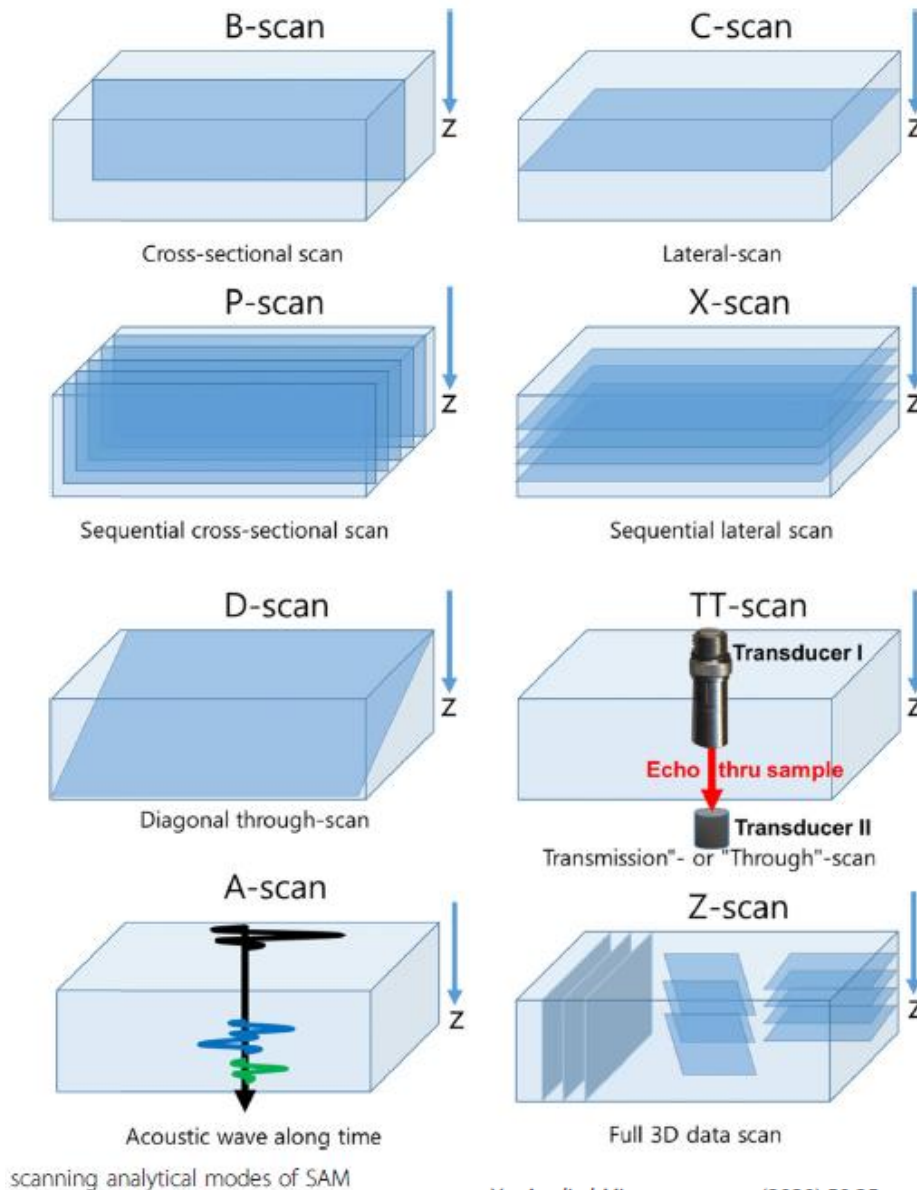


Fig. 1 Schematic showing the incident and reflected ultrasonic pulse (left) and histogram (right) showing the amplitude of the reflected echo (A-scan) after an ultrasonic pulse interacts with a sample

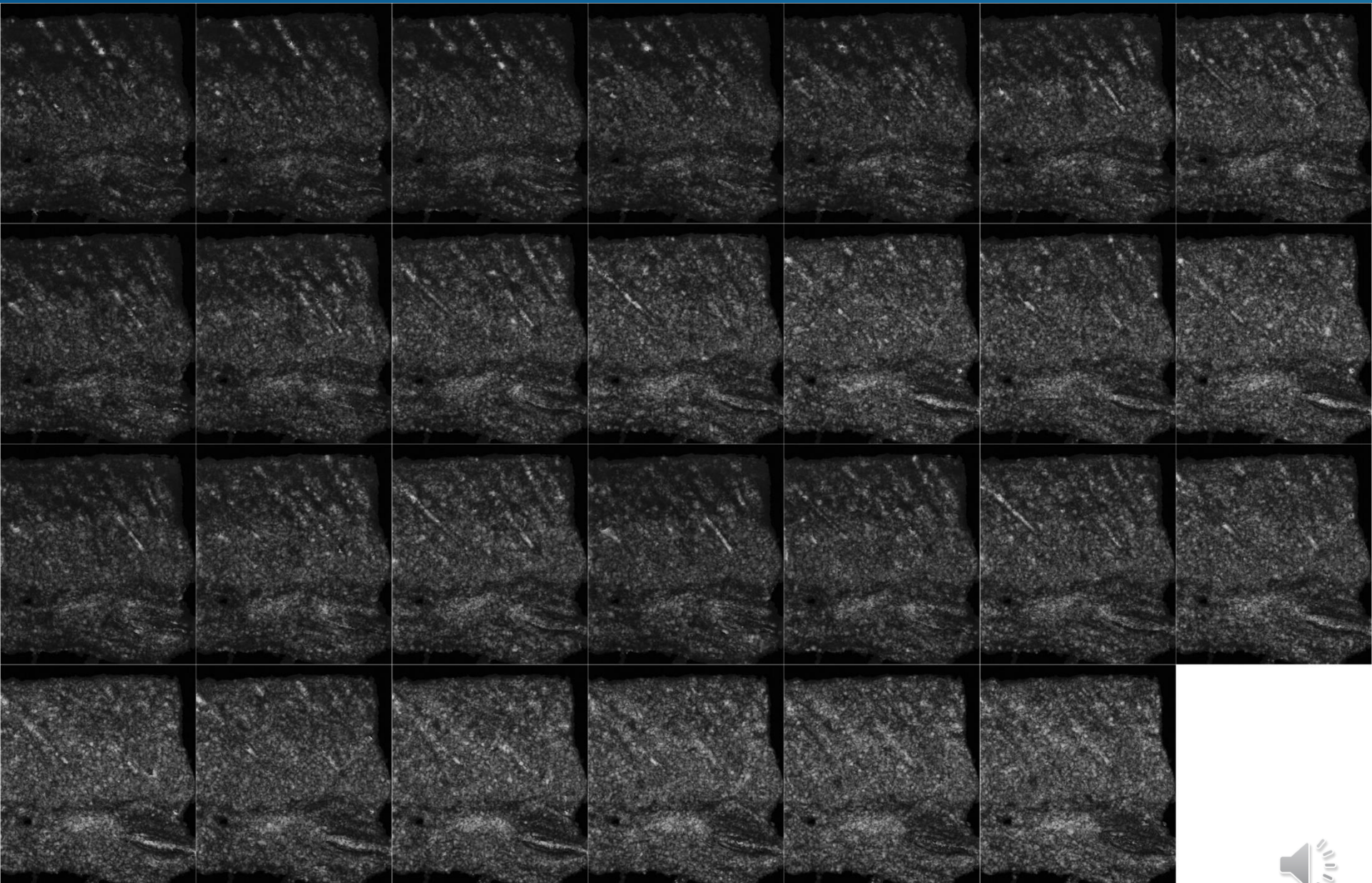
- 1) To investigate the possible availability of SAM in a non-invasive inspection of subsurface normal structures of human scalp by correlative analysis of images obtained from SAM and histology
- 2) Human cadaveric scalp was biopsied and fixed in 4% formalin → trimmed by 1cm by 1cm





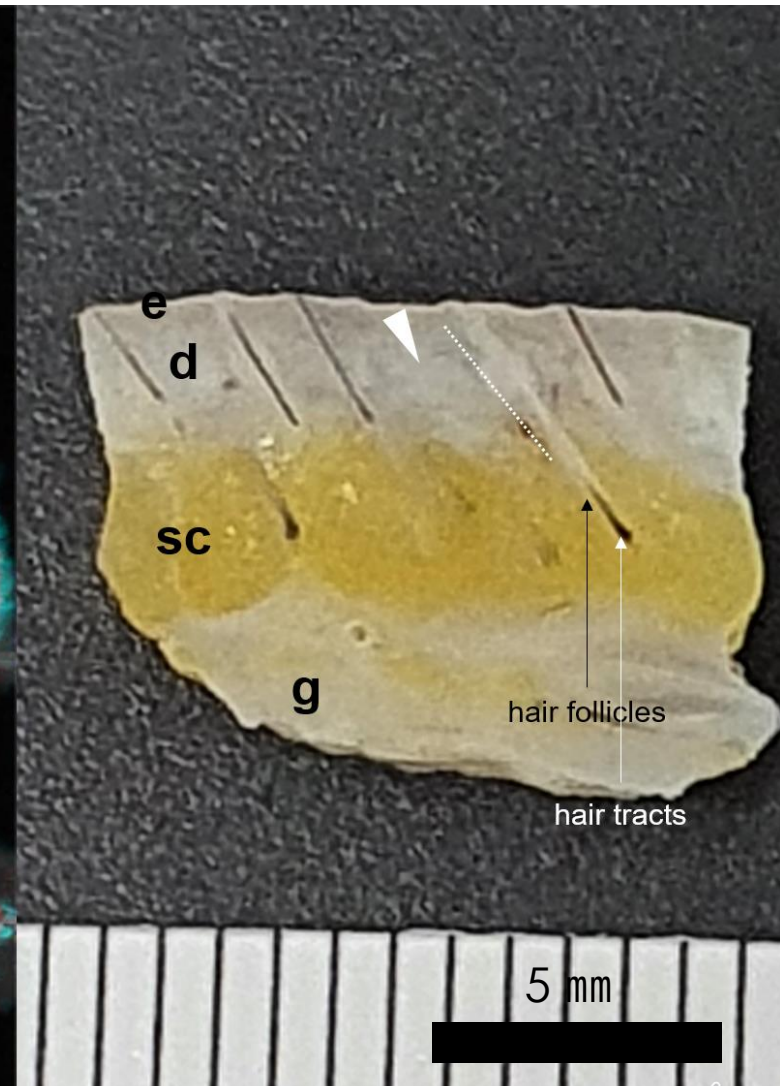
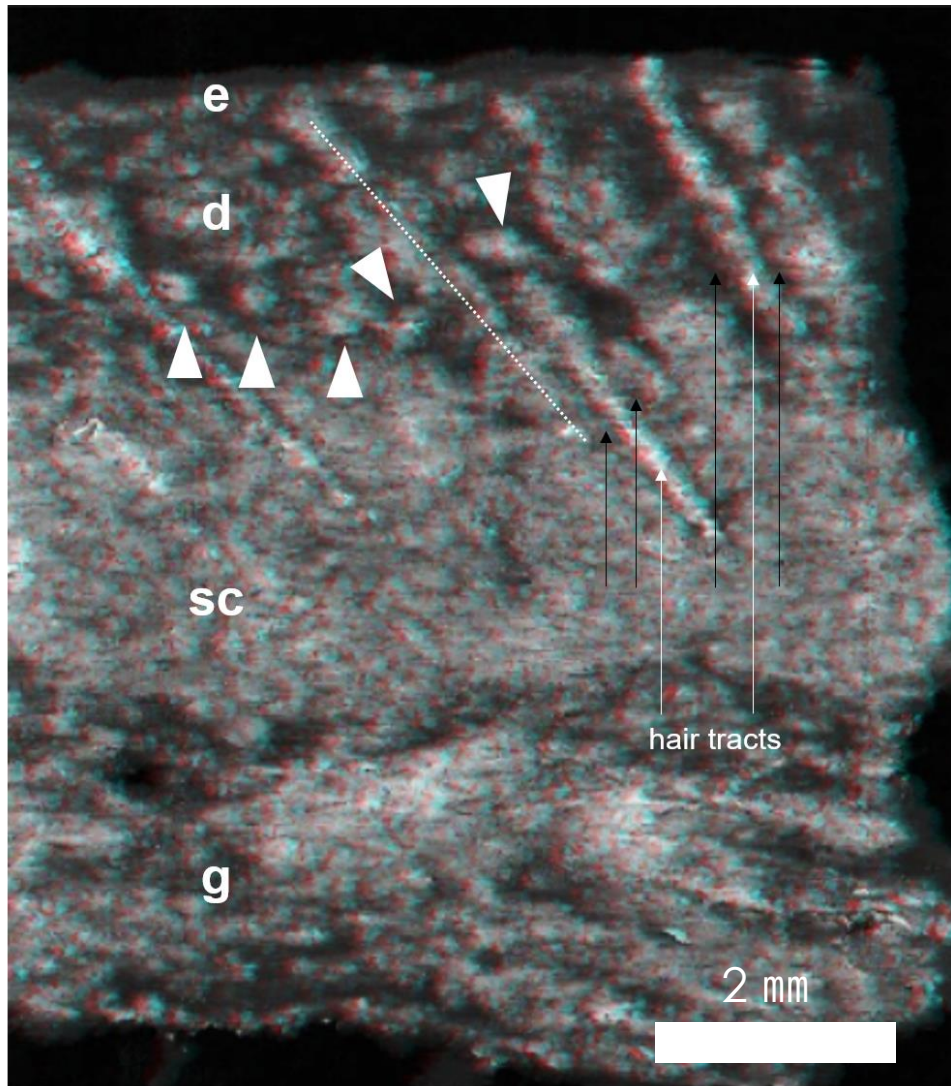
- 1) The trimmed scalp samples were observed under the SAM (X-scan)
- 2) The same tissue was paraffin-embedded and processed with Masson's trichrome stain
- 3) The histological slides were imaged with light microscopy to correlate with the images obtained from SAM





1) 8x9 mm 2000 pixel, sectional approach

X-can, From top to bottom



e: epidermis

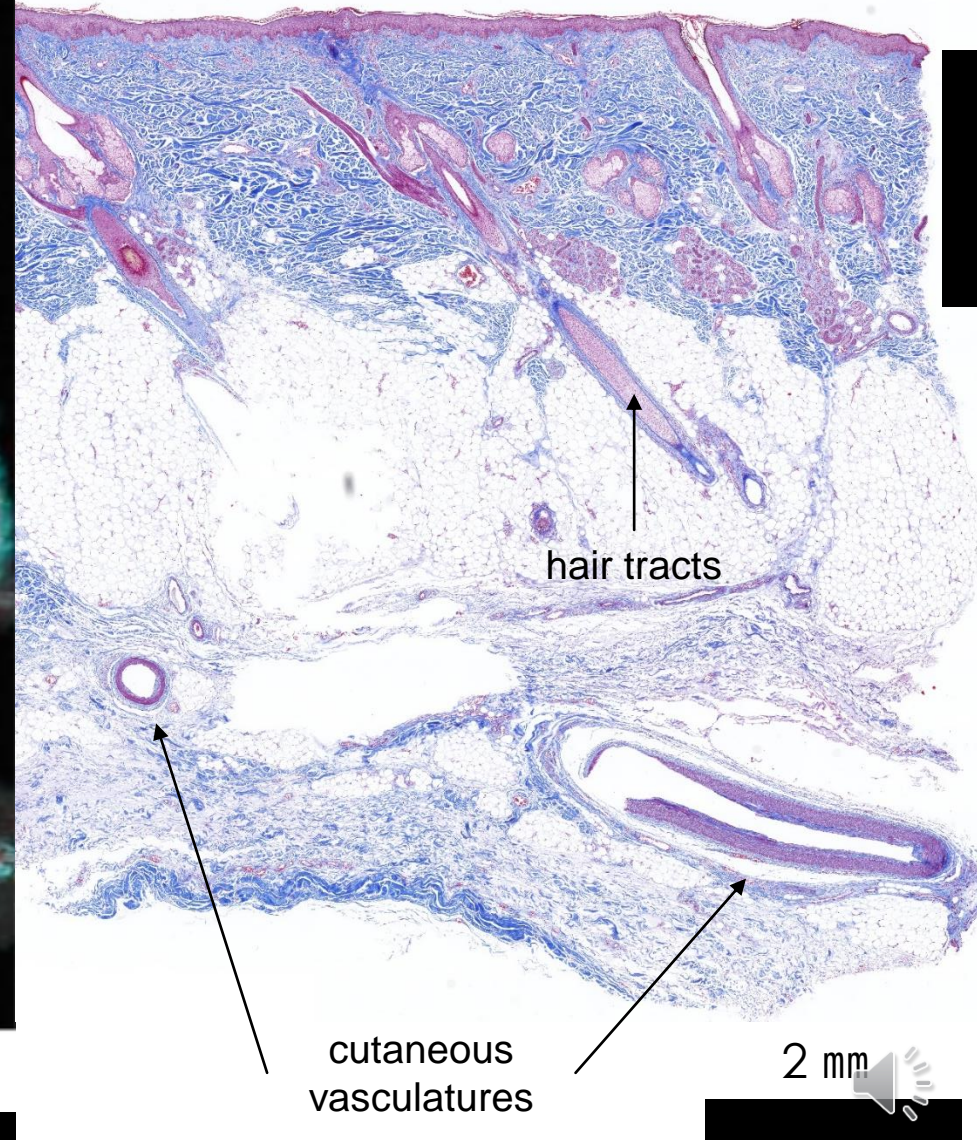
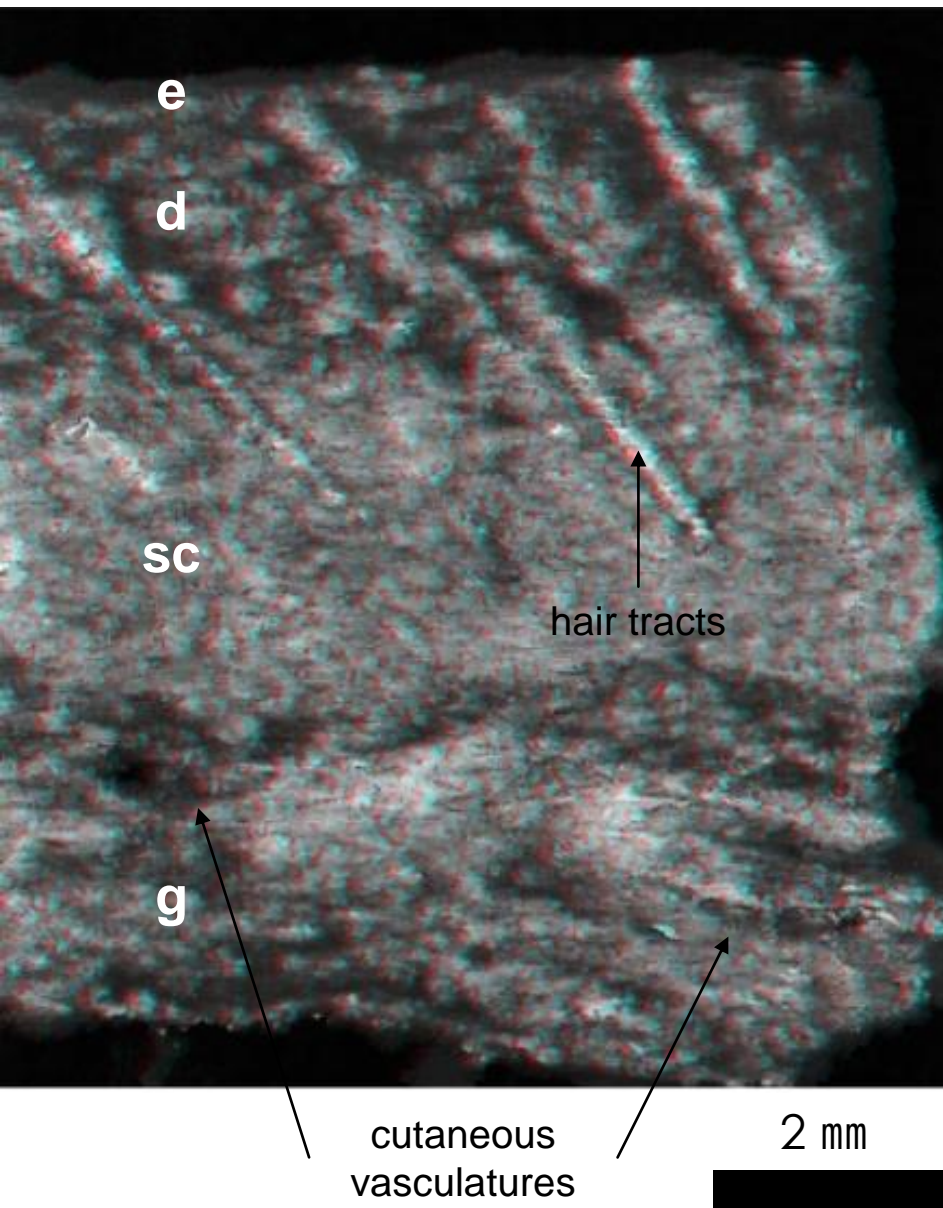
d: dermis

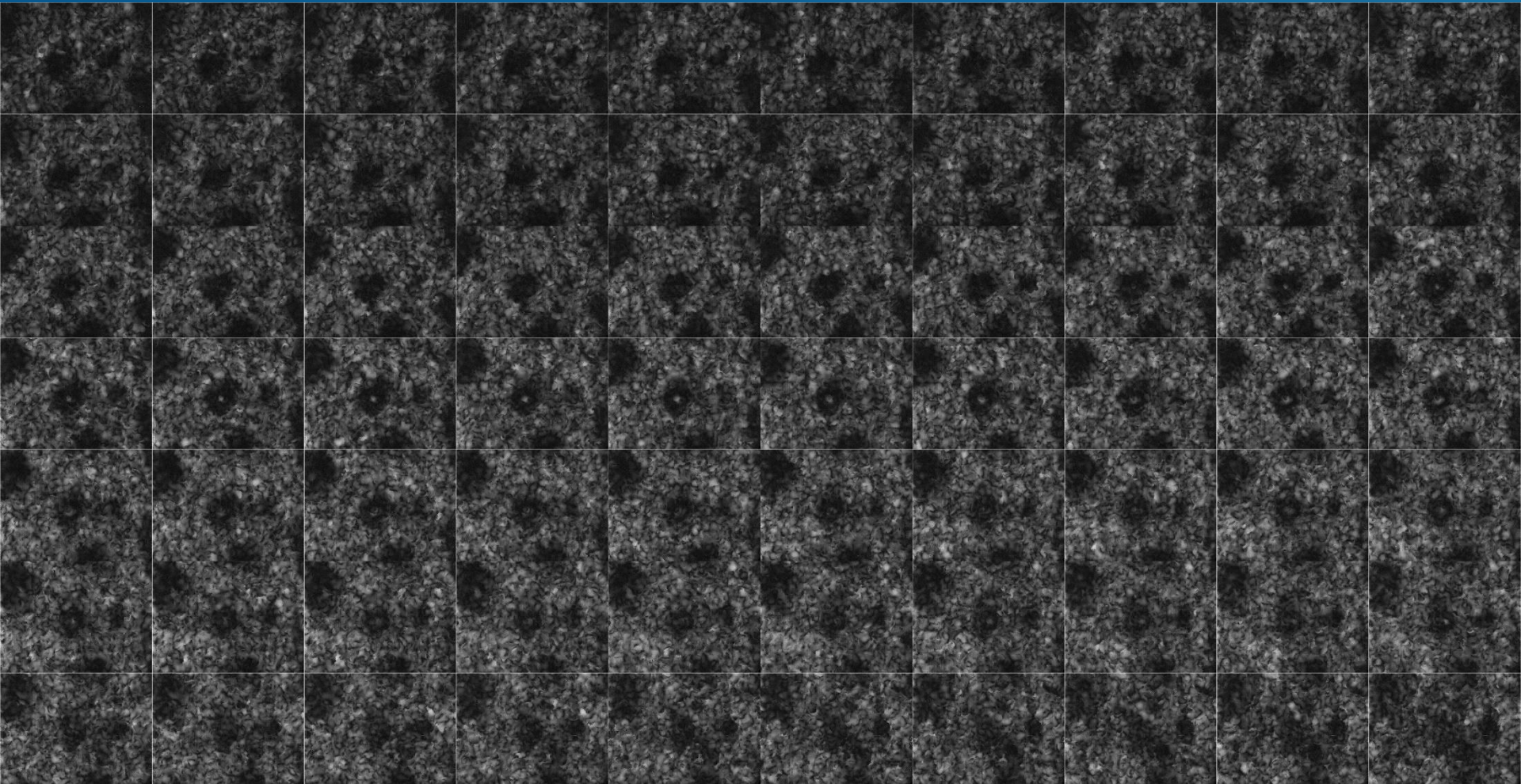
sc:
subcu. tissue

g: galea
aponeurotica

arrowheads: sebaceous glands

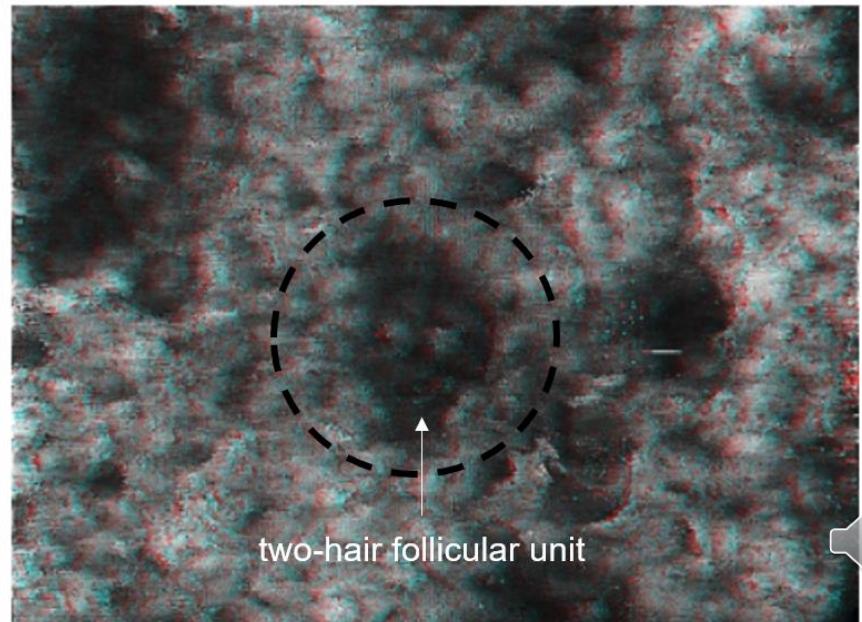
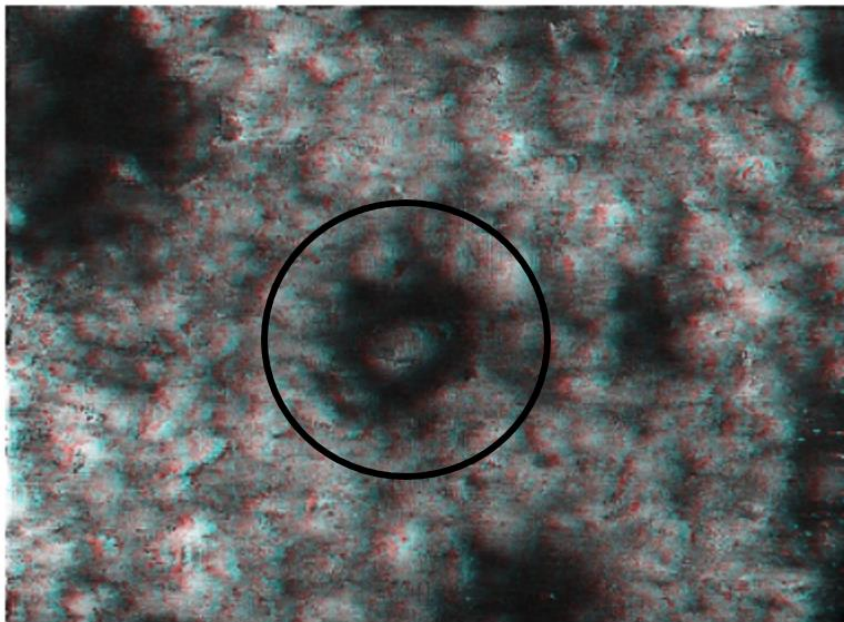
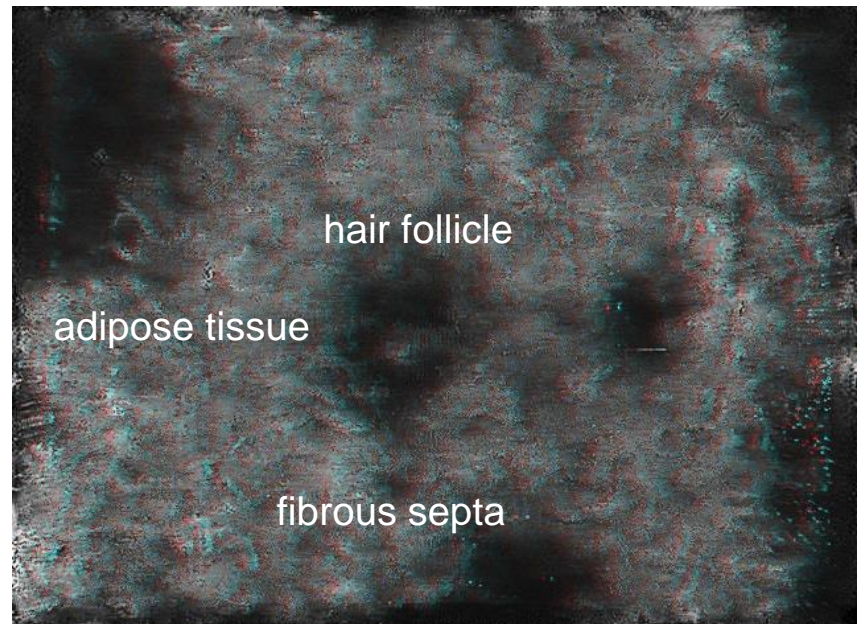
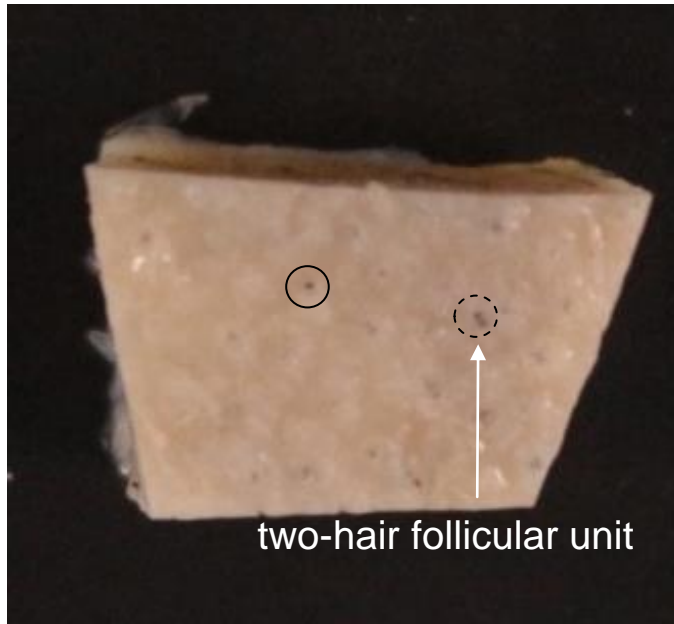


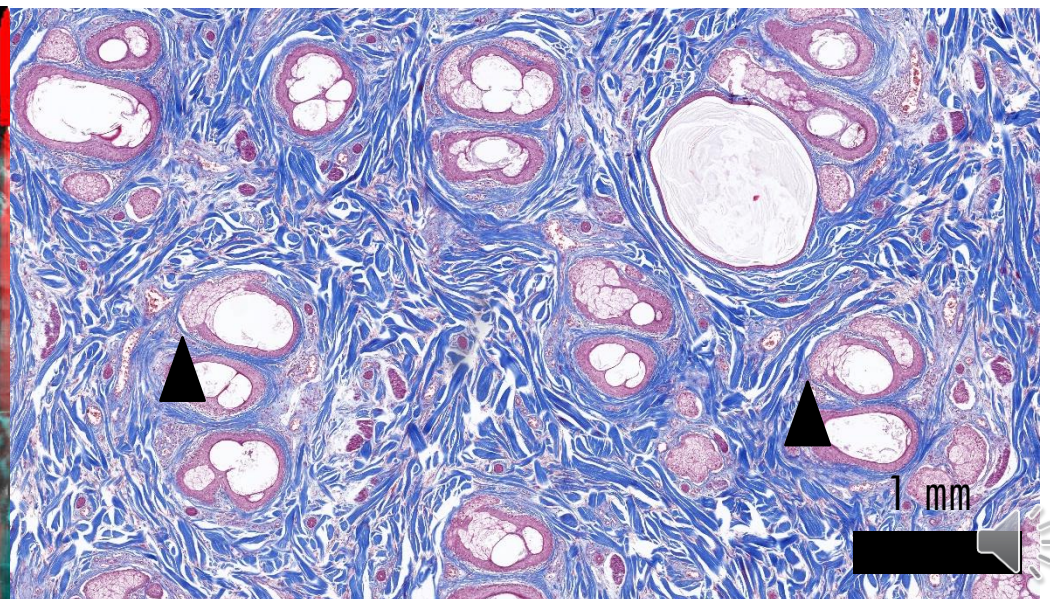
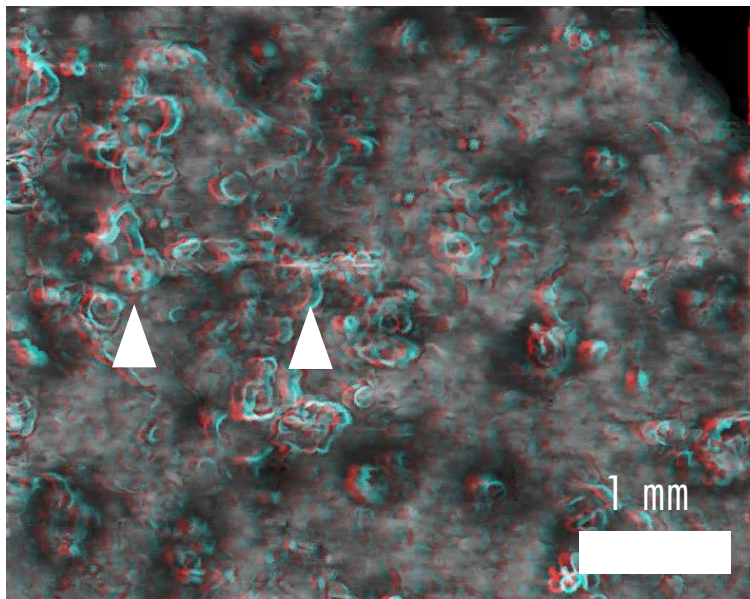
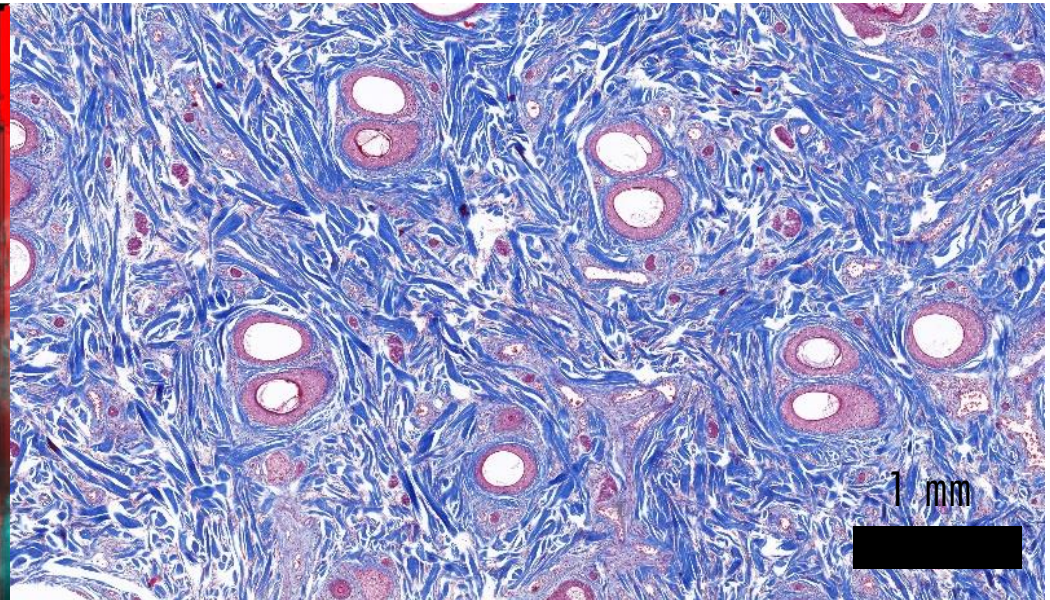
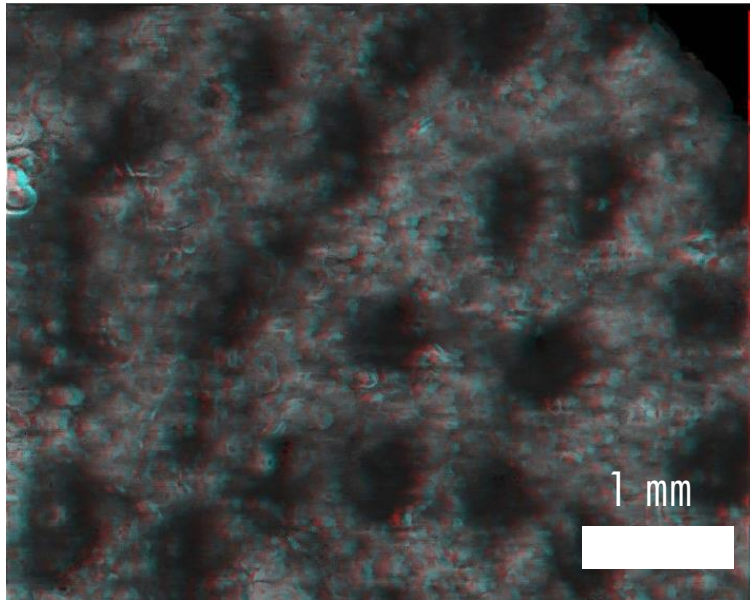




1) X-can, 70 slices, From top to bottom







1) The results indicate that

- ➔ the SAM could be an effective diagnostic modality assisting investigators interested in a non-invasive morphological analysis of human scalp
- ➔ the SAM provided well correlated images of subsurface normal structures of human scalp compared with histology such as,
 - each layer of skin, epidermis, dermis, subcutaneous fat, galea aponeurotica
 - hair structures, hair tracts, hair follicles
 - sebaceous glands
 - cutaneous vasculatures

2) The currently reported normal characteristics of human scalp under SAM is a mandatory for non-invasive detecting and understanding pathological features of hair disorders including alopecia



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