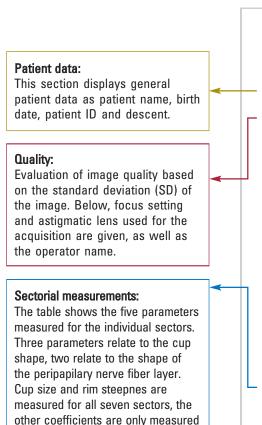
Interpreting the GPS Printout

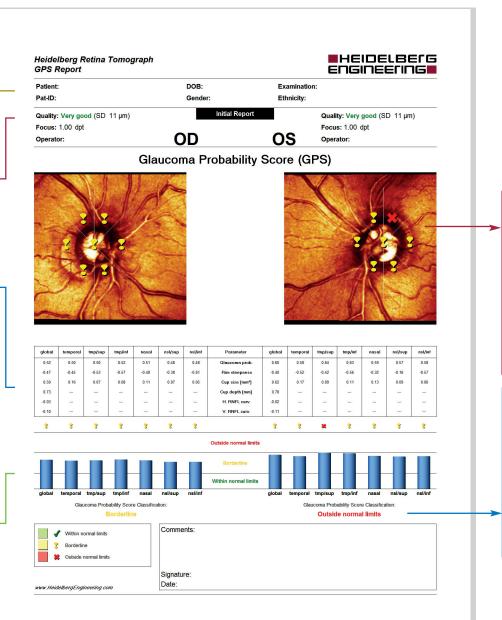




Graphic display of the classification result: For each sector, the classification result is displayed as a column, based on the probability values. The height of the columns indicates how close the individual GPS value is to the next threshold value.

for the global sector, i.e. for the

entire optic nerve head.



Sectorial classification:

Foreachsector,aGlaucoma ProbabilityScore(GPS)iscalculated. The classification result for each sector is indicated as an overlay on the reflectivity image:

1

Within normal limits

3

Borderline

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Outside normal limits

Overall GPS result:

The overall GPS result is derived from the sectorial classifications.
Only if all sectors are "within normal limits", the overall result will be "within normal limits".

The Glaucoma Probabilty Score is a measure for the likelyhood that the examined eye belongs to a group of early glaucomatous eyes.

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Classification using Glaucoma Probability Score

A user-independent classification method



A method to assess the patients glaucoma risk

The Glaucoma Probability Score (GPS) is an objective method for structural analysis of the optic nerve head. The optic disc is compared to models of normal and early glaucomatousdiscsderivedfromreferencedatabases.

- Cup (cup size, -depth and rim steepness) as well as the perip-apillary nerve fiber layer are incorporated into the model.
- The measured values are compared to values from the respective descentspecific reference database.
- GPS is an objective, user-independent classification method.

Methods of artificial intelligence

In order to assess the optic disc for typical structural change patterns, GPS employs a method of artificial intelligence, a "Machine Learning Classifier". This is a computer program which has developed models of normal and glaucomatous eves by comparing different data sets of healthy and glaucomatous eyes.

Comparison with Moorfields Regression Analysis

Both, Moorfields Regression Analysis (MRA) and GPS use different structural characteristics to classify an optic nerve head. While MRA relies on rim area in relation to disc size, GPS is based on the 3-D structure of the optic nerve head. Therefore, both classification methods may give different results for an eye. However, sensitivity and specificity of GPS are comparable to those of MRA.

Constructing a 3D-model

The GPS model comprises information on the optic disc as well as the peripapillary nerve fiber layer:



Shape analysis

The shape of the optic nerve head changes with progression of glaucoma. The GPS software analyses the anatomical structure of the optic nerve head and compares it to structures of 3-D models of healthy and glaucomatous eyes.



The models represent the typical structures of normal eyes and structures developing during the glaucomatous process:

- The RNFL surface becomes flatter
- The cup becomes larger, deeper and the rim slope steeper

From this comparison, the GPS classification is calculated.



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