

# **Case Report**

# Primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast: report of 2 cases and literature review

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#### ABSTRACT

Neuroendocrine tumors of the breast are very rare accounting for less than 0.1% of all breast cancers and less than 1% of all neuroendocrine tumors. Focal neuroendocrine differentiation can be found in different histologic types of breast carcinoma including in situ and invasive ductal or invasive lobular. However, primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast requires the expression of neuroendocrine markers in more than 50% of the cell population, the presence of ductal carcinoma in situ, and the absence of clinical evidence of concurrent primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of any other organ. Reports discussing the imaging characteristics of this rare carcinoma in different breast imaging modalities are scarce. We present 2 cases of primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast for which mammography, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance imaging findings and pathology findings are described. A review of the medical literature on this particular topic was performed, and the results are presented.

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# Case report #1

A 58-year-old asymptomatic female presented for an annual mammogram.

Mammography (Figs. 1A–D) demonstrated a persistent focal asymmetry with associated amorphous, indistinct, and coarse, heterogeneous calcifications spanning approximately 5.0 cm in maximum length in the left breast lower inner quadrant. There were additional coarse heterogeneous calcifications in the immediate left retroareolar region spaced approximately 5.0 cm from the anterior margin of the focal asymmetry.

Breast ultrasound (Figs. 2A–C) showed a  $1.0 \times 0.8 \times 0.7$  cm irregular, spiculated, hypoechoic not parallel mass with posterior acoustic shadowing in the left breast at the 8 o'clock axis, 8.0 cm from the nipple, in the area of focal asymmetry on mammogram. Ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy of the mass at 8 o'clock was performed, and the results showed well-differentiated neuroendocrine carcinoma (Fig. 3). Immunohistochemistry showed tumor cells to be positive for E-cadherin, estrogen receptor (ER), progesterone receptor (PR), gross cystic disease fluid protein-15, cytokeratin 7, chromogranin, and synaptophysin (Figs. 4A–E). Immunohistochemistry was negative for cytokeratin 20 and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2.

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Fig. 1 – A 58-year-old female with left primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Findings: left CC (A), left spot compression CC (B), left MLO (C), and left spot compression MLO (D) views demonstrate a focal asymmetry (arrow) with associated heterogeneous calcifications spanning 5 cm in length in the left breast lower inner quadrant (circle) and retroareolar heterogeneous calcifications (circle). Technique: (A) left breast full field digital mammographic craniocaudal (kVp 30; mAs 78), (B) Spot compression craniocaudal views (kVp 32; mAs 34), (C) left breast mediolateral oblique (kVp 30; mAs 80), and (D) spot compression mediolateral (kVp 32; mAs 52) projections. CC, craniocaudal; MLO, mediolateral oblique.

The patient then underwent presurgical breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) (Figs. 5A–D) which demonstrated 2 confluent spiculated enhancing masses with rapid wash-in and delayed washout enhancement (progressive kinetics), heterogeneous on T2, isointense on T1 located in the left lower inner quadrant corresponding to area of mammographic and ultrasound findings. There was a focus of signal void artifact corresponding to a biopsy clip adjacent to the most posterior mass. There were several associated adjacent small sub centimeter enhancing satellite lesions. The entire area of abnormality on breast MRI measured approximately  $5.5 \times 3.5 \times 2.5$  cm.

Subsequently, the patient underwent a left breast lumpectomy with sentinel lymph node biopsy. The final pathology (Figs. 6A–C) revealed 2 different foci of well-differentiated neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast measuring 15 mm and 8 mm in greatest microscopic dimension with negative margins and negative sentinel nodes (stage: pT1cN0M0).

# Case report #2

A 62-year-old asymptomatic female presented for an annual mammogram.

Mammography (Figs. 7A and B) demonstrated a 0.9 cm oval partially obscured mass and an adjacent 0.5 cm oval circumscribed mass in the right breast upper outer quadrant at 10 o'clock.

Breast ultrasound, (Figs. 8A–C) showed a  $1.0 \times 0.5 \times 0.7$  cm oval hypoechoic circumscribed parallel mass without posterior



Fig. 2 – A 58-year-old female with left primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Findings: gray scale images (A) and (B) and power Doppler images (C) show a  $1.0 \times 0.8 \times 0.7$  cm in the left breast at in the area of focal asymmetry on mammogram. Technique: (A and B) gray scale and (C) power Doppler ultrasound images of the left breast using a high-frequency linear probe.

acoustic features in the right breast 11 - 12 o'clock axis in the retroareolar region, corresponding to the largest mass on mammogram. Deep to this mass, there was a  $0.6 \times 0.4 \times 0.8$  cm oval anechoic circumscribed mass consistent with a simple cyst corresponding to the smallest mass on mammogram.

Ultrasound guided core needle biopsy was performed and yielded invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC) with neuroendocrine

features, Nottingham grade 1, measuring up to 0.5 cm (Fig. 9). Immunohistochemistry (Figs. 10A–E) showed tumor cells to be positive for E-cadherin, ER, PR, and synaptophysin. Immunohistochemistry was negative for human epidermal growth factor receptor 2.

The patient then underwent presurgical breast MRI, (Figs. 11A–D) which demonstrated a  $1.2 \times 1.3$  cm oval



Fig. 3 – A 58-year-old female with left primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Low (left) and high (right) magnification hematoxylin and eosin stains from left breast core biopsy at 8 o'clock. Low magnification demonstrates nests and solid sheets of cells with rounded margins separated by fibrovascular stroma. High magnification demonstrates neoplastic cells which display large polygonal, granulomas, and eosinophilic cytoplasm with salt and pepper like nuclei. These pathologic findings are highly characteristic of a primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast.



Fig. 4 – A 58-year-old female with left primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Left breast core biopsy at 8 o'clock positive immunohistochemistry shown above include the following: (A) ER, (B) PR, (C) synaptophysin, (D) chromogranin, and (E) E-cadherin. ER, estrogen receptor; PR, progesterone receptor.



Fig. 5 – A 58-year-old female with left primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Findings: (A) axial T1 precontrast image, (B) axial inversion recovery precontrast image, and (C and D) axial T1 postcontrast subtracted images of both breasts demonstrate 2 confluent spiculated masses (arrows show better) isointense on T1, heterogeneous on T2, enhance with rapid wash-in and delayed washout enhancement located in the left lower inner quadrant, in the area of suspicious mammographic and ultrasound findings. There is a biopsy clip adjacent to the most posterior mass. There are several associated adjacent small enhancing satellite lesions. The entire area of abnormality on breast MRI measures approximately  $5.5 \times 3.5 \times 2.5$  cm. Technique: breast magnetic resonance images obtained in a 3.0 Tesla magnet using a dedicated breast coil. (A) Axial MRI T1 precontrast image, TR 4.728 TE 2.292 1 mm slice thickness. (B) Axial MRI T2 stir inversion recovery precontrast image TR 5475 TE 66.816, 4 mm slice thickness. (C) Axial MRI T1 postcontrast subtracted image 1 minute, TR 6.429 TE 2.556, 2 mm slice thickness, 18 ml Prohance. (D) Axial MRI T1 postcontrast subtracted image (5 minutes), TR 6.429 TE 2.556, 2 mm slice thickness, 18 ml Prohance. MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.



Fig. 6 – A 58-year-old female with left primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Left breast lumpectomy with sentinel lymph node dissection. (A) Low magnification hematoxylin and eosin stain demonstrates nests and solid sheets of cells with rounded margins separated by fibrovascular stroma. Positive immunohistochemistry shown above includes the following: (B) synaptophysin and (C) chromogranin.

heterogeneously enhancing spiculated mass in the right retroareolar region with an adjacent biopsy clip corresponding to the largest mass on mammogram, ultrasound and to the biopsyproven carcinoma. Adjacent to this mass there was a 3.8 cm in maximum length area of ductal clumped non-mass-like enhancement corresponding to pathology-proven DCIS at lumpectomy.

Subsequently, the patient underwent right breast lumpectomy with sentinel lymph node biopsy which showed ductal carcinoma in situ and invasive mammary carcinoma with neuroendocrine and focal mucinous features, measuring up to 1.7 cm in greatest microscopic dimension, without margin involvement and negative sentinel lymph nodes (Figs. 12A-C), (stage: pT1cN0Mx).

# Discussion

#### Etiology and demographics

Neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast (NECB) is rare, accounting for less than 0.1% of all breast cancers and

less than 1% of all neuroendocrine tumors (Table 1) [1]. In a retrospective study of 381,786 cases of invasive mammary carcinoma recorded from 2003 to 2009 in the surveillance, epidemiology and end results database (SEER), Wang et al. (2014) reported only 142 cases of primary neuroendocrine breast carcinomas [2]. This study calculated an incidence of <0.1% of total invasive carcinomas with most patients presenting in the sixth decade of life (mean age 64 years) [2].

The histogenesis of neuroendocrine breast tumors is unclear, with 2 leading theories: that the tumor arises from endocrine differentiation of breast carcinoma rather than preexisting endocrine cells in the breast; or that the tumor arises from multi potential stem cells that differentiate along neuroendocrine carcinoma phenotype [3].

### Clinical and imaging findings

In 2003, the World Health Organization established formal diagnostic criteria for NECB requiring: the expression of neuroendocrine markers in more than 50% of the cell population, no evidence of other primary sites, and histologic evi-



Fig. 7 – A 62-year-old female with right primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Findings: right CC (A), right spot compression CC (B), right MLO (C), and right spot compression MLO (D) views demonstrate a 0.9-cm oval partially obscured mass with spiculated margins (arrow) with an adjacent 0.5-cm oval circumscribed mass in the anterior right upper outer quadrant at 10 o'clock (circle). Technique: right breast digital mammogram (A) full field craniocaudal (kVp 30; mAs 72) and spot compression craniocaudal (kVp 32; mAs 38) and (B) full field mediolateral oblique (kVp 30; mAs 80) and spot compression mediolateral (kVp 32; mAs 57). CC, craniocaudal; MLO, mediolateral oblique.

dence of a carcinoma in situ component [4]. Neuroendocrine markers include chromogranin, synaptophysin, and neuronspecific enolase. Neuroendocrine carcinomas of the breast are further histologically defined as solid, atypical/carcinoidlike, large cell-type, and small/oat cell-type. The most defining histologic features are cellular monotony, nuclear palisading, and pseudorosette formation [3].

The number of cases with radiology findings has been too small to allow generalization of the imaging features. The imaging features of Primary Neuroendocrine Tumor of the breast have been previously described by only a small number of case reports [1,5–10]. The published cases describe nonspecific suspicious findings and do not provide ground for generalization of the imaging characteristics of this particular carcinoma (Table 1). The described mammographic characteristics of this carcinoma include a high-density mass with spiculated, lobulated, or indistinct margins. The typical sonographic appearance of this cancer has been reported as a hypoechoic or heterogeneous mass, with irregular shape or microlobulated margins, and with normal sound transmission [7,11]. On breast MRI, the tumor has been described as a mass of heterogeneously low signal intensity on T1-weighted images, and heterogeneously high signal intensity on T2-weighted images, and heterogeneous contrast enhancement with rapid initial enhancement and delayed washout [11].

Given that the presence of carcinoma in situ is one of the required criteria for the diagnosis of NECB, it is of interest that in our case 1, there is presence of associated suspicious calcifications, which from an imaging/mammographic point of view suggests the presence of carcinoma in situ (later proved by pathology) and that in case 2, there is presence of associated linear clumped non-mass-like enhancement, which



Fig. 8 – A 62-year-old female with right primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Findings: right breast ultrasound using a high-frequency linear probe (A and B) gray scale and (C) power Doppler images shows a  $1.0 \times 0.5 \times 0.7$  cm oval hypoechoic circumscribed parallel mass with normal sound transmission in the right breast 11-12 o'clock axes in the retroareolar region, corresponding to the largest mass on mammogram. Just deeper to this mass is a  $0.6 \times 0.4 \times 0.8$  cm oval anechoic circumscribed mass, consistent with a simple cyst, corresponding to the smallest mass on mammogram. Technique: right breast ultrasound using a high-frequency linear probe (A and B) gray scale and (C) power Doppler. from an imaging/MRI point of view suggests the presence of carcinoma in situ (later proved by pathology).

The imaging features demonstrated by our 2 cases, although suspicious for malignancy, are not specific. This was also noted in other published case reports of NECB (Table 2). This precludes the possibility of diagnosing NECB solely based on imaging characteristics. In these cases, biopsy is warranted.

#### Differential diagnosis

Primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast is an in situ breast carcinoma, which expresses neuroendocrine markers in more than 50% of the cell population. Therefore, imaging findings carry the same differential as in situ breast carcinoma. A definitive diagnosis of primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast can only be made by biopsy. In both cases, the imaging finding differential diagnosis includes invasive ductal carcinoma, fibroadenoma/phyllodes tumor, focal adenosis, abscess, invasive lobular carcinoma, radial scar, and stromal fibrosis (Table 3). Most importantly, the findings found on all imaging modalities were considered suspicious for malignancy and required biopsy.

#### Treatment and prognosis

To date, there is no standard treatment protocol for primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Optimal treatment requires simultaneous consideration of both the neuroendocrine and breast in situ carcinoma features [4]. Most cases are treated like adenocarcinoma of the breast with radical mastectomy and axillary clearance considered as a first line of treatment with adjuvant chemotherapy (Table 1) [18]. Differentiating "primary" from "metastatic" NECB is crucial because the latter does not justify submitting a patient to mastectomy and axillary node dissection [19].

There is no consensus on the optimal adjuvant chemotherapeutic regimen. The most commonly used chemotherapeutic regimens include cisplatin and etoposide, adriamycin and cyclophosphamide, or 5 fluorouracil, epirubicin, and



Fig. 9 – A 62-year-old female with right primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Low (left) and high (right) magnification hematoxylin and eosin stains from 11 o'clock right breast core biopsy. Low magnification demonstrates nests and solid sheets of cells with rounded margins separated by fibrovascular stroma. High magnification demonstrates neoplastic cells which are uniform in shape and size with increased nuclear cytoplasmic ratio, hyperchromatic nucleus, and scant cytoplasm. These pathologic findings are highly characteristic of a primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast.



Fig. 10 – A 62-year-old female with right primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Right breast core biopsy at 11 o'clock positive immunohistochemistry shown above includes the following: (A) E-cadherin, (B) ER, (C) PR, (D) synaptophysin, and (E) ki67. ER, estrogen receptor; PR, progesterone receptor.



Fig. 11 – A 62-year-old female with right primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Findings: (A) axial T1 dynamic 1 minute postcontrast fat-suppressed subtracted image demonstrates a  $1.2 \times 1.3$  cm oval heterogeneously enhancing spiculated mass in the right retroareolar region (arrow), with an adjacent biopsy clip, corresponding to the largest mass on mammogram and ultrasound and to the biopsy-proven carcinoma. (B) axial T1 dynamic 1 minute postcontrast fat-suppressed subtracted image demonstrates a 3.8 cm in maximum length area of ductal clumped non-mass-like enhancement adjacent to the mass (arrow), without mammographic or sonographic correlate, corresponding to pathology-proven DCIS at lumpectomy. (C) Axial T1 dynamic 6 minute postcontrast fat-suppressed subtracted image demonstrates delayed washout of the right retroareolar  $1.2 \times 1.3$  cm spiculated mass (arrow). (D) Axial T1 precontrast image shows the right retroareolar  $1.2 \times 1.3$  cm spiculated mass (arrow). Technique: breast magnetic resonance images obtained in a 1.5 Tesla magnet using a dedicated breast coil: (A) axial MRI T1 postcontrast subtracted image 1 minute, TR 3.87 TE 1.05, 0.9 mm slice thickness, 18 mL Magnevist image 108/208. (C) Axial MRI T1 precontrast subtracted image 1 minute, TR 3.87 TE 1.05, 0.9 mm slice thickness, 18 ml Magnevist image 112/208. (C) Axial MRI T1 precontrast subtracted image 6 minutes, TR 3.87 TE 1.05, 0.9 mm slice thickness, 18 ml Magnevist. (D) Axial MRI T1 precontrast image, TR 449 TE 12 4 mm slice thickness. MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.



Fig. 12 – A 62-year-old female with right primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast. Right breast lumpectomy with sentinel lymph node dissection. (A) Low magnification hematoxylin and eosin stain demonstrates nests and solid sheets of cells with rounded margins separated by fibrovascular stroma. Positive immunohistochemistry shown above includes the following: (B) synaptophysin and (C) ki 67.

cyclophosphamide [20]. Wang et al. [2] found that radiation therapy did not prolong survival.

The prognosis for this rare carcinoma is controversial (Table 1). Patient outcome is affected by histologic traits, which include the following: grade, mucin production, and apocrine differentiation [21]. Better prognosis is seen with

well-differentiated carcinomas (eg, solid neuroendocrine carcinoma and atypical carcinoids), mucin production (eg, solid papillary carcinomas mucinous carcinomas), and apocrine differentiation [22–24].

Wei et al. [18] reported in a retrospective study of 74 patients with NECB that hormonal therapy, chemotherapy, and

Table 1 – Summary table of primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast.					
Uncertain					
<0.1% of all mammary carcinomas					
Female predominance					
Sixth decade of life					
Not known					
Surgical resection and chemotherapy (optimal adjuvant therapy is still unknown)					
Worse than invasive mammary carcinoma					
Wang et al. 2014 SEER study showed median survival duration of NEC cases was much shorter than that of IMC-NOS cases (26 months in NEC; 34 months in IMC-NOS)					
Nonspecific and cannot be differentiated from in situ breast carcinoma without biopsy. Mammogram: high-density spiculated mass, ultrasound: hypoechoic or heterogeneous irregular mass with normal sound transmission, MRI: heterogeneous low T1, high T2, enhancing mass with rapid initial enhancement and delayed washout					

IMC-NOS, invasive mammary carcinoma not otherwise specified case; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.

Table 2 – Literature review table of breast imaging characteristics of primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast.				
Source	Ultrasound	Mammogram	MRI	
Park Y et al., 2014 [12]	Irregular	High density	Irregular mass	
	Hypoechoic	Round or oval or lobular mass	Irregular margins	
	Indistinct margins	with nonspiculated margins	Washout kinetics	
	No or enhanced			
	posterior acoustic			
	features			
Chang E et al, 2013 [11]	Irregularly shaped	High-density mass	Heterogeneously	
	Heterogeneous	with ill-defined	low T1 high T2	
	Lobulated margins	margin	Washout kinetics	
	Posterior enhancement			
	Increased vascularity			
Valentim M et al, 2014 [13]	Irregular and ill defined,	Ovoid well-defined mass	Irregular	
	solid		Peripheral ring	
	Нуроеспоіс		ennancement	
	111 1-6		Washout kinetics	
Stita W et al. 2009 [14]	III-defined mass	Ovoid high-density mass w/	N/A	
	Microlebulated	m-defined margins		
Angarita E at al 2012 [15]	Microiodulated	Distinctivo moss w/ migroscopia	NT/ A	
Aliganta F et al. 2015 [15]	IN/A	colsifications and anigulations	IN/A	
Joon C at al 2014 [16]	Solid irrogular ill	Maga circumacribed icodonae	Incintoneo on TO	
Jeon C et al 2014 [10]	defined	mass, circumscribed, isodense	Irregular indistinct	
	Hypoechoic		margine	
	Posterior enhancement		Washout kinetics	
	Increased vascularity		wabilout miletieb	
	Cystic components			
Gunhan-Bilgen et al 2003 [7]	Irregular	Dense, round, speculated, or	N/A	
8	Hypoechoic	lobulated margins		
	Microlobulated	0		
Kim J et al 2008 [17]	Oval	Well-demarcated lobulated mass	N/A	
	Heterogeneous			
	Microlobulated			
MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.				

radiation therapy have not demonstrated an advantage in overall survival when compared to ductal carcinoma.

Recent reports on small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma indicate that the size, stage of disease at the time of diagnosis, and expression of the ER and PR are important determinants of the prognosis [25,26]. Higher grade, increased tumor size, and regional lymph node metastasis are associated with poor prognosis and decreased disease-free survival [27]. Mucinous differentiation and ER/PRs positivity are favorable prognostic factors [3].

Clinical outcomes in the literature report a 15% local and 34% distant recurrence risk by 5 years among NECB patients [3]. The common sites for distant metastasis are bone and liver [18]. Wang et al. [2] reported median survival of patients with NECB cases to be shorter than that of invasive mammary

carcinoma not otherwise specified cases (26 months in NEC; 34 months in IMC-NOS).

## Significance to clinical practice

Imaging features of primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast are suspicious for malignancy, but are not specific, precluding the possibility of arriving at the diagnosis solely based on imaging characteristics. The diagnosis requires biopsy showing expression of neuroendocrine markers in more than 50% of the cell population, the presence of ductal carcinoma in situ, and the absence of clinical evidence of concurrent primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of any other organ.

Table 3 – Differential diagnosis table for primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast.						
Diagnosis	Mammogram	Ultrasound	MRI			
Primary neuroendocrine carcinoma of the breast	- High-density mass spiculated, lobulated, or indistinct margins	<ul> <li>Hypoechoic or heterogeneous mass</li> <li>Microlobulated margins</li> <li>Normal sound transmission</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>T2 heterogeneous high signal.</li> <li>T1 heterogeneous low signal</li> <li>T1 C + FS: heterogeneous enhancement. Rapid initial enhancement and delayed washout</li> </ul>			
Invasive ductal carcinoma	- Irregular mass with spiculated margins ± pleomorphic or fine linear Ca++	<ul> <li>Irregular or lobulated hypo- echoic mass</li> <li>Thick echogenic rim/halo</li> <li>Posterior shadowing</li> <li>Nonparallel orientation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>T2WI FS: hypointense</li> <li>T1 C+ FS: spiculated/lobulated heterogeneous mass</li> <li>Rim enhancement &lt;50%</li> <li>Early intense enhancement</li> <li>Washout</li> </ul>			
Fibroepithelial lesion	<ul> <li>Oval, macrolobulated or round mass</li> <li>Isodense to breast</li> <li>Involuting calcify over time ("popcorn" shape)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Circumscribed hypo to iso- echoic mass</li> <li>Hyperechoic pseudocapsule (compressed adjacent tissue)</li> <li>Echogenic Ca++ may be seen</li> <li>Echogenic septations may be seen</li> <li>Peripheral and feeding vessels on Doppler</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>T2WI FS: isointense</li> <li>T1 C + FS: oval/macrolobulated smooth enhancing mass</li> <li>Usually moderate rapid homo- geneous enhancement</li> <li>May have nonenhancing inter- nal septations</li> </ul>			
Focal adenosis	<ul> <li>Ca++ (60% amorphous/ indistinct)</li> <li>Circumscribed mass</li> </ul>	- Oval, circumscribed, hypo- echoic solid mass ± Ca++	<ul> <li>T1 C+ FS: indistinguishable from parenchyma</li> <li>30% enhance</li> </ul>			
Abscess	<ul> <li>Ill-defined spiculated non- calcified mass</li> <li>Adjacent trabecular thickening due to edema</li> <li>Often subareolar or periareolar</li> <li>Ipsilateral adenopathy may be present</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Heterogeneous complex mass</li> <li>Surrounding increased echogenicity</li> <li>May have fluid/debris level or septation</li> <li>Surrounding hyperemia</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not indicated for diagnosis</li> <li>T2 surrounding high T2 signal due to edema</li> <li>Rim enhancement due to hyperemia</li> </ul>			
Invasive lobular carcinoma	- Spiculated mass - Multifocal or multicentric	- Irregular hypoechoic mass with posterior shadowing	<ul> <li>Spiculated mass or multiple small foci with connecting septae</li> <li>T1 C+ enhancing septae</li> </ul>			
Radial scar	<ul> <li>Long radiating spicules with intervening lucency</li> <li>33%–50% Ca+</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Irregular hypoechoic mass</li> <li>Architectural distortion</li> <li>Posterior shadowing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>T1WI: spiculated mass surrounded by fat</li> <li>T2WI FS: typically occult</li> <li>T1 C + FS: enhances</li> </ul>			
Stromal fibrosis	- Spiculated mass - Architectural distortion	- Irregular hypoechoic mass				
MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; FS, fat suppressed.						

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