Step 1. Compare and contrast against a healthy macula using applied knowledge of ocular anatomy, in the context of other clinical findings.

Images may vary between instruments, and will depend on the:

- Scan parameters – speed, density, orientation, location, depth
- Wavelength of the light source
- Axial and lateral resolution of the instrument
- Signal roll-off
- Other features such as averaging, enhanced depth imaging or eye tracking

B-scans may be viewed in white on black (featured), black on white or pseudocolour. Grayscale enhances the visualisation of subtle pathologies such as cystic spaces.

Step 2. Review each B-scan qualitatively, including the vitreous, retina, RPE, choroid and choroid sclera junction for:

**Intermediate AMD**
- Drusen and pigmentary changes
- Altered visibility of Henle’s Fibre Layer

**Central serous chorioretinopathy**
- Serous PED and subretinal fluid
- Pachy- (thick) choroid

**Myopic foveoschisis**
- Schisis cavities
- ↑ visibility of choroid sclera junction

**Diabetic retinopathy**
- Hard exudates and haemorrhages

**Epiretinal membrane**
- Fibrosis

**Foveal hypoplasia**
- Abnormally flat foveal pit
Step 3. Evaluate the macular thickness and/or other reports

The normative classification may depend on the representativeness of the normative database, including variables such as age, ethnicity, refraction and number of subjects.

The quality or continuity of the thickness map may depend on the instrument’s automated algorithms for finding the fovea and segmentation. All results should be evaluated for inter-eye asymmetry.

Other report options include variations of:
- Macular thickness change analysis
- Advanced RPE analysis
- Ganglion cell analysis
- Asymmetry analysis
- Structure-function analyses

Scan density for this report, there are 128 horizontal B-scans. Each is comprised of 512 A-scans, covering a 6x6mm area. Denser scans decrease the likelihood of missing small lesions.

Thickness maps represent the raw data across the cube, colour coded using the central scale. Misaligned scan maps should be interpreted with caution.

Fundus reference image acquired in this case using a line scanning ophthalmoscope.

ETDRS thickness grid colour coded based on each subfield’s classification according to the normative database (legend shown in the centre) and automatically centred on the fovea. The diameter of the inner, middle and outer circles is 1mm, 3mm and 6mm respectively.

Summary parameters relating to the whole cube scan.

Horizontal scans through the instrument identified fovea.

Step 4. Be wary of artefacts

Patient dependent (eye-related)
- Blink
- Motion, lack of fixation
- Media opacities

Acquisition dependent (operator-related)
- Vignetting, small pupils
- Truncation

Instrument dependent (OCT-related)
- Posterior shadowing
- Cut-edge or mirror artefacts

Software algorithm errors
- Segmentation errors
- Misidentification of the fovea
Landscapes of the macula

- Adult-onset foveomacular vitelliform dystrophy
- Central serous chorioretinopathy (acute)
- Central serous chorioretinopathy (sequelae)
- Chloroquine maculopathy
- Choroidal naevus
- Cone dystrophy
- Epiretinal membrane
- Focal choroidal excavation
- Full thickness macular hole
- Lamellar macular hole
- Macular branch vein occlusion
- Macular telangiectasia type 2
- Neovascular age-related macular degeneration
- Pachychoroid pigment epitheliopathy
- Polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy
- Retinitis pigmentosa
- Solar retinopathy
- Stargardt’s disease
- Toxplasmosis
- Vitreomacular traction