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## I. INTRODUCTION

In the majority of cardiovascular diseases, the acute coronary syndromes are the result of inflammation of the coronary arteries and thrombosis-related complications (i.e., plaque rupture). The vasa vasorum (VV) is a network of microvessels that nourish the tissues of the wall of bigger vessels [1]. Recent studies have related the presence of neovascularization in the vasa vasorum of the plaque as a common feature of inflammation [2] and a preceding or concomitant factor associated with plaque rupture and instability [3], [4]. For this reason, there is an urgent need for tools that allow detection and measurement of plaque neovascularization and detection of leakage and entrapment of blood within atherosclerotic plaques. Such measurements can enable developing an index of plaque vulnerability. Intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) is currently the gold-standard technique for assessing the morphology of blood vessels and atherosclerotic plaques *in vivo*. Although IVUS provides reliable cross section images of the coronary arteries, the *in vivo* imaging of the coronary VV remains a great challenge due to its small size, its echo transparency, and the different IVUS artifacts. To overcome these limitations, IVUS is being used in combination with contrast agents in the form of microbubbles with size similar to red blood cells (RBC). Microbubbles resonate in response to the pressure changes induced by the ultrasound wave. This makes them several times more echogenic than normal body tissues and as result they appear bright in the B-mode ultrasound images. These contrast agents serve as surrogate RBCs and perform acoustically as true intravascular tracers providing, in real-time, the amount and distribution of neovessels within atherosclerotic lesions [5]. In the literature, two methods have been proposed for the detection of microbubbles within the vessel wall. The first method [6], [7], [8] uses differential imaging to quantify the changes in intensity due to microcirculation after the microbubbles' injection. The disadvantage of these methods is related to the necessity of using gated sequences and a registration step. These tasks are difficult due to the nature of the IVUS images. In addition, these methods work with the cartesian B-mode representation. This is a disadvantage because the transformation to this representation results in loss of potentially valuable information. In the second method [9], [10], [11], the harmonic oscillations induced on the microbubbles are detected by a

specially designed IVUS system. The disadvantage of this method is the necessity of a custom-build IVUS system that is not currently commercially available.

In this work, we investigate the feasibility of detecting contrast agent on IVUS sequences by the characterization of the radio frequency (RF) IVUS signal using two contrast detection classifiers (CDC) based on one-class cost-sensitive learning. In the first contrast detection classifier (CDC<sub>1</sub>), we build a model for the detection of contrast agent from samples of contrast agent present in the lumen during the microbubble injection. In the second contrast detection classifier (CDC<sub>2</sub>), we detect the contrast agent as a change from baseline IVUS (i.e., lumen, intima, media and adventitia signals acquired from frames prior to the bolus injection).

Our contribution is a method for the identification of contrast agent in ungated IVUS data based on one-class cost-sensitive learning using the RF IVUS signal. The primary advantage of this method is that by using the RF IVUS data, we do not lose information contained in the frequency of the signal. The second advantage is that by using one-class learning, we do not need to provide “background” samples for building the classifiers. In our case this is important because, although samples for contrast agent in lumen can be acquired by manual annotations from an expert, the background can consist of a wide variety of other imaged tissues. Thus, obtaining samples for the other tissues may be difficult and labor-intensive to obtain.

## II. PREVIOUS WORK

The majority of existing methods for IVUS data analysis are focused on the characterization of atherosclerotic plaque composition [12], [13], [14], [15]. These methods can be divided in two categories: those that extract texture features from the gray-level IVUS B-mode representation [12], [13] and those that analyze the ultrasound RF signal [14], [15]. Since the B-mode images are generated using only the amplitude information of the RF signal, those methods that deal directly with it are expected to provide better results. In fact, it has been shown that the ultrasound RF signals provide quantitative information on tissue microstructures [16], [17].

Nair *et al.* [14], [15] proposed a method known as “virtual histology” (IVUS-VH) that is based on the power spectral analysis (intercept, slope, mid-band fit, and minimum and maximum powers and their corresponding frequencies) of the IVUS RF signals combined with classification trees. High accuracies (>85%) were reported for differentiating fibrous, fibrofatty, calcified, and necrotic regions. In addition, Rodriguez-Granillo and Nasu *et al.* [18], [19], present *in-vivo* studies of this method reporting high correlation with the corresponding histology. Kawasaki *et al.* [20], [21] proposed another method of tissue classification using the integrated backscatter (IB) that is a parameter derived from the RF signal. The resulting values from this parameter are used to divide the tissue into five categories: thrombus, intimal hyperplasia or lipid core, fibrous tissue, mixed lesions and calcification. This method has demonstrated high sensitivity and specificity for characterizing calcification (100%, 99%), fibrosis (94%, 84%), and lipid pool (84%, 97%) [22]. O’Malley *et al.* [23] presented a study of the feasibility of blood characterization on IVUS data using features intended to quantify speckle and features based on frequency-domain measures of high-frequency signal using one-class support vector machines on the RF raw signal, the signal envelope and the log-compressed signal envelope. Most recently, the feasibility of using wavelet analysis for plaque characterization using the RF amplitude [24], [25] and the RF signal itself [26] has been studied with promising results. Furthermore, wavelet analysis has also been used for blood classification [27] and IVUS image segmentation [28], [29].

## III. METHODS

### *Experimental data*

*In vivo* ungated IVUS sequences were acquired in swines using a 40 MHz catheter, from which the raw backscatter data were sampled at 400 MHz. Recordings were made over several minutes, during which time the catheter was held steady. Approximately half-way through the recording session, a bolus injection of microbubbles (SonoVue<sup>®</sup>) took place proximally to the imaging catheter. This resulted in a brief (1 to 3 s.) period of luminal echo-opacity followed by a gradual diminution of contrast in the lumen (5 to 10 s.).

### *A. One-class cost-sensitive learning*

The one-class support vector machine (SVM) method is a widely-studied learner or “recognizer”. The strategy of one-class SVM is to map the data into an infinite feature space and then use a hyper-sphere to describe the data

in that feature space. The goal is to have the smallest possible hyper-sphere that includes most of the training data. The trade-off between the radius of the hyper-sphere and the number of training samples that it can hold is set by the parameter  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ . Small values of  $\nu$  will attempt to put more data into the hyper-sphere while larger values of  $\nu$  will try to squeeze the size of the hyper-sphere. The second parameter of interest is the width,  $\gamma$ , of the SVM radial basis function (i.e.,  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp(-\gamma \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|^2)$  for a pair of feature vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$ ). Properties of a good SVM solution include an acceptable classification rate as well as a low number of resulting support vectors relative to the number of training examples.

### B. Features

By stacking the 1-D raw signals we obtain a 2-D frame in polar coordinates. Stacking consecutive frames over time, we obtain a 3-D IVUS signal volume  $S(R, \Theta, T)$  (Fig. 1) where  $R$  indicates radial distance from the transducer,  $\Theta$  is the angle with respect to an arbitrary origin, and  $T$  is the time since the start of the recording (i.e., frame number).

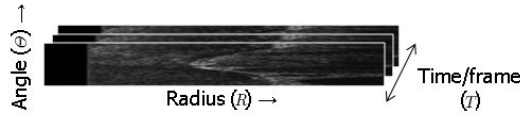


Fig. 1. 3-D IVUS signal volume obtained by frame stacking.

We study the feasibility of characterizing the contrast agent's signal using two types of features: features based on frequency-domain spectral characterization as proposed by O'Malley *et al.* [23] and features based on 2-level 2-D discrete wavelet decomposition. These features are defined for a 3-D window of size  $r \times \theta \times t$ . The frequency-domain-based features are computed as:

$$f_{\zeta}^{\Gamma}(R, \Theta, T) = \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil r/2 \rceil} \sum_{j=1}^{\lceil \theta/2 \rceil} \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil t/2 \rceil} ijk \hat{W}(i, j, k), \quad (1)$$

$$f_{\eta}^{\Gamma}(R, \Theta, T) = \frac{F_{\zeta}}{\sum_{i=1}^{\lceil r/2 \rceil} \sum_{j=1}^{\lceil \theta/2 \rceil} \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil t/2 \rceil} \hat{W}(i, j, k)}, \quad (2)$$

with  $\Gamma \in S, E, L$  being  $S$  the 3-D signal volume,  $E$  the 3-D volume of the signal envelope and  $L$  the log-compressed volume of the signal envelope, and  $\hat{W}$  defined as the magnitude of the Fourier spectrum of the windowed signal  $W$  centered on the point  $(R, \Theta, T)$ .

The wavelet decomposition-based features are computed as:

$$f_{A,l}^S(R, \Theta, T) = \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil r \rceil} \sum_{j=1}^{\lceil \theta \rceil} \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil t \rceil} |A_l(W(i, j, k))| \quad (3)$$

$$f_{H,l}^S(R, \Theta, T) = \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil r \rceil} \sum_{j=1}^{\lceil \theta \rceil} \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil t \rceil} |H_l(W(i, j, k))| \quad (4)$$

$$f_{V,l}^S(R, \Theta, T) = \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil r \rceil} \sum_{j=1}^{\lceil \theta \rceil} \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil t \rceil} |V_l(W(i, j, k))| \quad (5)$$

$$f_{D,l}^S(R, \Theta, T) = \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil r \rceil} \sum_{j=1}^{\lceil \theta \rceil} \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil t \rceil} |D_l(W(i, j, k))| \quad (6)$$

where  $A_l(\cdot)$ ,  $H_l(\cdot)$ ,  $V_l(\cdot)$  and  $D_l(\cdot)$  are the approximation, horizontal detail, vertical detail, and diagonal detail, respectively, at level  $l$  of the 2-D discrete wavelet transform decomposition of  $W$ .

### C. Contrast agent and baseline samples

The contrast agent samples were obtained from a manual segmentation of the lumen by an expert on those frames that encompass the period from when the lumen was no longer echo-opaque following injection to when contrast was no longer visible in the lumen. For obtaining the baseline IVUS samples, we use data from the pre-injection period that corresponds to those frames that encompass the period from the start of the recording to one frame before the contrast agent was first visible in the lumen.

Only those samples for which the class remains constant along the 3-D window are used. The features are computed for this window and are associated with the class contained by it. To improve the scaling of the feature space, each feature of the samples used for training is normalized to zero mean and unit variance. The normalization values are retained for use in testing and deployment.

For the CDC<sub>1</sub>, contrast agent samples are used as examples for the positive class  $S_+$  in training and testing. In addition, baseline IVUS samples are used as negative examples  $S_-$  for testing, since we know that these samples are contrast agent-free. Similarly, for the CDC<sub>2</sub>, samples from the baseline IVUS are used as the positive examples  $S_+$  for training and testing, and samples of contrast agent are used as negative examples  $S_-$  for testing the detection of the change.

### D. Training

Given a set of positive  $S_+$  and negative  $S_-$  examples, a grid search for the one-class SVM parameters  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  is performed over a subset of the positive and negative samples to optimize the classifiers. Optimization in this case aims to obtain an acceptable true positive rate on  $S_+$ , true negative rate on  $S_-$ , and low number of support vectors. The one-class SVM models for the CDCs are computed using only the positive examples of the subset corresponding to each case. Next, the rest of the positive and negative examples are used for testing. Thus, we will have two performances: rate of samples of the class of interest (contrast agent for CDC<sub>1</sub> and baseline IVUS for CDC<sub>2</sub>) correctly classified as positive, and rate of other samples correctly classified as negative.

The parameters  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  must be selected in such a way that high rate on the classification of both classes is achieved. Therefore, the criteria for the selection of the best parameters is given by a weighted linear combination of the accuracy on the classification of both classes:

$$R = w_1 R_P + w_2 R_N, \quad (7)$$

where  $R$  stands for total rate,  $R_P$  and  $R_N$  are the rates of the class of interest and the negative samples respectively, and  $w_1$  and  $w_2 \in [0, 1]$  are the weights associated with the class of interest and negative sample rates respectively. This can be considered cost-sensitive learning for one-class classifiers.

### E. Deployment

The performance of the CDCs was evaluated for the frequency-domain and two-level wavelet-based features using two different IVUS sequences. Since the performance of the features is related to the window size  $(r, \theta, t)$  used for extracting them, we compute the performance of each type of feature separately. We use different sizes of windows on each experiment for each sequence by computing the average rate of detection of contrast-agent (CD) and the rejection of baseline IVUS (BR) for CDC<sub>1</sub> and the rate of the detection of baseline IVUS (BD) and the rejection of contrast agent (CR). For all the experiments, the weights used for the cost-sensitive learning were  $w_1 = 0.6$  and  $w_2 = 0.4$  for both CDCs.

## IV. RESULTS

Tables I and II show the number of contrast agent (CA) and baseline IVUS (BL) samples used for training and testing in each experiment for the first and second sequences, respectively. These samples were used for both CDCs simply by changing the class of importance (CA for the CDC<sub>1</sub> and BL for CDC<sub>2</sub>). Tables III and IV show the average performance results when using the frequency-domain and the wavelet-based features, respectively, for both CDC<sub>1</sub> and CDC<sub>2</sub>.

The best performance for both CDCs and the two type of features are obtained when using a window of size  $(r = 255, \theta = 7, t = 13)$ . For the frequency-domain features, the best average performance with CDC<sub>1</sub> is

CD=96.61% and BR=95.67%. With CDC<sub>2</sub> is BD=96.79% and CR=94.24%. The best performance for wavelet-based features with CDC<sub>1</sub> is CD=96.79% and BR=94.13%. With CDC<sub>2</sub> is BD=98.51% and CR=96.94%.

In more detail, the performance of the frequency-domain-based features have a strong dependence on the time information ( $t$ ), and a moderate dependence on the radial information ( $r$ ) for both CDCs. The best results for this cases are obtained when using a window size with  $r \geq 127$  and  $t = 13$  independently of the size of  $\theta$ . For windows with  $t < 13$ , the performance reduce rapidly despite the values of  $r$  and  $t$ . On the other hand, wavelet-based features tend to be more consistent independently of the time, angular and radial information as long as the overall information is sufficient. Here, for CDC<sub>1</sub>, the best results are obtained using a window of size  $r = 255$  independently of the size of  $\theta$  and  $t$ . However, for CDC<sub>2</sub>, wavelet-based features are shown to be more robust to variation on the window size achieving good performance even for the smallest window used in the experiments.

Figures 2 and 3 depict examples of the classification results for CDC<sub>1</sub> using the frequency-domain-based features and wavelet-based features, respectively, on frames corresponding to pre-injection (Fig. 2(a) and Fig. 3(a)) and during-injection (Fig. 2(b) and Fig. 3(b)) with a window of size ( $r = 255$ ,  $\theta = 7$ ,  $t = 13$ ). Most of the misclassifications on the pre-injection frames occur in the lumen. This is due to the fact that the contrast agent samples were acquired from the lumen on the frames corresponding to the microbubble injection where some blood can be still present. However, this does not pose a problem at all since the long-term goal of contrast agent detection is the revelation of angiogenesis in the plaque. Then, we can exclude the lumen from the analysis. The majority of the misclassification of the during-injection frames occurs in places where the radial information  $r$  of the corresponding window is near to a change in tissue (i.e., change from lumen to media/adventitia).

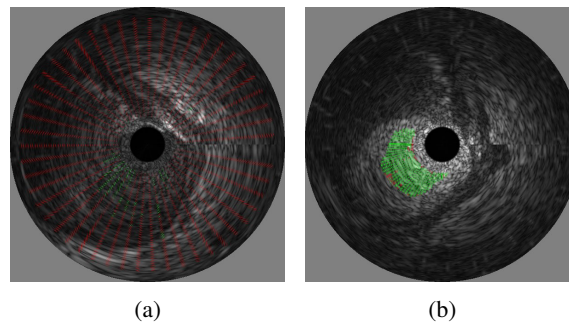


Fig. 2. Classification results for CDC<sub>1</sub> using the frequency-domain-based features in (a) IVUS frame before injection and (b) IVUS frame during the injection. In both images, the green color indicates the pixels classified as contrast agent and the red color those classified as non-contrast agent.

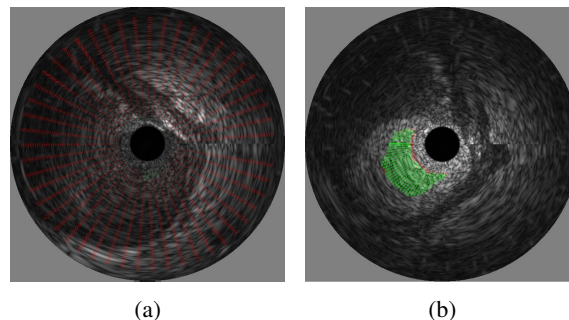


Fig. 3. Classification results for CDC<sub>1</sub> using the wavelet-based features in (a) IVUS frame before injection and (b) IVUS frame during the injection. In both images, the green color indicates the pixels classified as contrast agent and the red color those classified as non-contrast agent.

Figure 4 depicts an example of the classification results for CDC<sub>2</sub> using the frequency-domain-based features and a window of size ( $r = 255$ ,  $\theta = 7$ ,  $t = 13$ ). In the pre-injection frame (Fig. 4(a)), we can observe that most of the misclassifications do not occur in the lumen as with CDC<sub>1</sub>, but in different places along the wall. This is due to the lack of samples that are sufficiently representative of all the different tissues in the vessel. Moreover, in the during-injection frames (Fig. 4(b)) we can observe that most of the contrast agent was detected as a change

from baseline IVUS data, with only some misclassifications of those samples where the radial information  $r$  of the corresponding window is near to a change on tissue (i.e., change from lumen to media/adventitia). Regarding the results with  $CDC_2$  and wavelet-based features (Fig. 5), we can observe a better performance for both the pre-injection (Fig. 5(a)) and the during-injection frames (Fig. 5(b)) as expected.

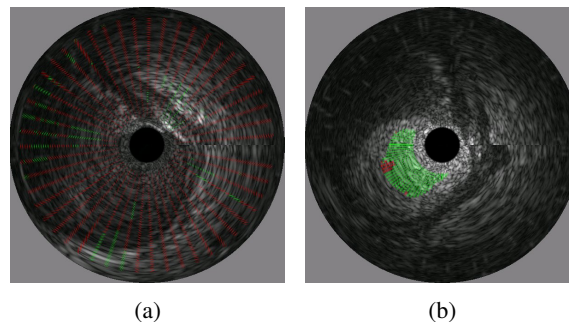


Fig. 4. Classification results for  $CDC_2$  using the frequency-domain-based features in (a) IVUS frame before injection and (b) IVUS frame during the injection. In both images, the green color indicates the pixels classified as non-baseline and the red color those classified as baseline.

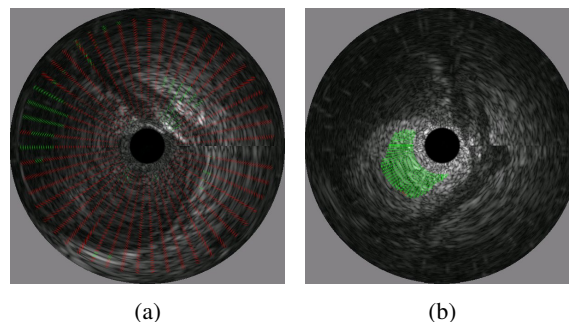


Fig. 5. Classification results for  $CDC_2$  using the wavelet-based features in (a) IVUS frame before injection and (b) IVUS frame during the injection. In both images, the green color indicates the pixels classified as non-baseline and the red color those classified as baseline.

## V. DISCUSSION

The results obtained in our experiments indicate that it is possible to identify contrast agent in IVUS data using one-class learning techniques. In addition, we observe that wavelet-based features perform better and are more robust compared with the frequency-domain-based features.

Since the radius of the hyper-sphere is controlled by the parameter  $w$ , cost-sensitive learning is possible with one-class.

Although our method provides promising results without the necessity of gating or a registration step, the inclusion of this pre-process could increase accuracy and would allow us to use a smaller window to achieve higher resolution. Future research includes the use of this preprocessing step and the investigation of new features.

## VI. LIMITATIONS

For the results presented here, training and testing were performed on each sequence independently. A topic of future investigation is whether a classifier trained on one sequence will have similar accuracy when applied to another (for instance, a sequence recorded from a different subject or even with a different catheter or contrast agent).

To achieve our ultimate goal of detecting and quantifying the microvasculature, it is necessary to increase the resolution of our method.

Histological validation would be necessary to determine the accuracy of our approach when applied to the detection of extra-luminal blood.

## VII. CONCLUSION

We have presented a method for the identification of contrast agent in IVUS with contrast detection models based on one-class cost-sensitive learning. Both approaches have demonstrated the feasibility of detecting contrast agent using the raw IVUS signal without the necessity of a reference image or registration.

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TABLE I  
NUMBER OF EXAMPLES FROM CONTRAST AGENT (CA) AND BASELINE IVUS (BL) USED FOR TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT FOR SEQUENCE 1.

| Window size |          |     | Training |        | Deployment |        |
|-------------|----------|-----|----------|--------|------------|--------|
| $r$         | $\theta$ | $t$ | CA       | BL     | CA         | BL     |
| 255         | 13       | 13  | 18,924   | 9,055  | 9,462      | 4,528  |
| 255         | 13       | 7   | 17,949   | 13,844 | 8,975      | 6,921  |
| 255         | 13       | 5   | 20,474   | 16,610 | 10,238     | 8,305  |
| 255         | 7        | 13  | 14,838   | 8,473  | 7,419      | 4,236  |
| 255         | 7        | 7   | 20,165   | 15,270 | 10,082     | 7,634  |
| 255         | 7        | 5   | 22,959   | 18,218 | 11,479     | 9,109  |
| 255         | 5        | 13  | 15,394   | 8,693  | 7,697      | 4,346  |
| 255         | 5        | 7   | 20,912   | 15,762 | 10,456     | 7,881  |
| 255         | 5        | 5   | 23,791   | 18,836 | 11,896     | 9,419  |
| 127         | 13       | 13  | 27,968   | 11,570 | 13,984     | 5,785  |
| 127         | 13       | 7   | 26,046   | 17,474 | 13,022     | 8,737  |
| 127         | 13       | 5   | 29,505   | 20,829 | 14,753     | 10,415 |
| 127         | 7        | 13  | 21,501   | 10,665 | 10,751     | 5,333  |
| 127         | 7        | 7   | 28,754   | 19,136 | 14,377     | 9,568  |
| 127         | 7        | 5   | 32,513   | 22,709 | 16,256     | 11,355 |
| 127         | 5        | 13  | 31,873   | 13,636 | 15,937     | 6,818  |
| 127         | 5        | 7   | 42,713   | 24,487 | 21,356     | 12,243 |
| 127         | 5        | 5   | 33,551   | 23,348 | 16,775     | 11,675 |
| 63          | 13       | 13  | 33,679   | 13,041 | 16,839     | 6,520  |
| 63          | 13       | 7   | 44,922   | 23,504 | 22,461     | 11,752 |
| 63          | 13       | 5   | 50,790   | 27,922 | 25,396     | 13,961 |
| 63          | 7        | 13  | 36,912   | 14,306 | 18,456     | 7,153  |
| 63          | 7        | 7   | 49,196   | 25,606 | 24,598     | 12,803 |
| 63          | 7        | 5   | 38,616   | 25,295 | 19,308     | 12,648 |
| 63          | 5        | 13  | 38,019   | 15,267 | 19,010     | 7,633  |
| 63          | 5        | 7   | 50,689   | 27,330 | 25,344     | 13,664 |
| 63          | 5        | 5   | 39,730   | 25,972 | 19,865     | 12,987 |

TABLE II  
NUMBER OF EXAMPLES FROM CONTRAST AGENT (CA) AND BASELINE IVUS (BL) USED FOR TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT FOR SEQUENCE 2.

| Window size |          |     | Training |        | Deployment |        |
|-------------|----------|-----|----------|--------|------------|--------|
| $r$         | $\theta$ | $t$ | CA       | BL     | CA         | BL     |
| 255         | 13       | 13  | 8,825    | 17,189 | 4,412      | 8,595  |
| 255         | 13       | 7   | 19,516   | 30,081 | 9,757      | 15,041 |
| 255         | 13       | 5   | 24,371   | 34,379 | 12,186     | 17,189 |
| 255         | 7        | 13  | 10,745   | 17,205 | 5,373      | 8,603  |
| 255         | 7        | 7   | 23,577   | 30,110 | 11,788     | 15,054 |
| 255         | 7        | 5   | 29,309   | 34,410 | 14,654     | 17,206 |
| 255         | 5        | 13  | 11,096   | 17,920 | 5,548      | 8,960  |
| 255         | 5        | 7   | 24,397   | 31,360 | 12,199     | 15,680 |
| 255         | 5        | 5   | 30,294   | 35,840 | 15,148     | 17,920 |
| 127         | 13       | 13  | 14,440   | 18,912 | 7,220      | 9,456  |
| 127         | 13       | 7   | 30,283   | 33,096 | 15,142     | 16,548 |
| 127         | 13       | 5   | 37,046   | 37,824 | 18,523     | 18,912 |
| 127         | 7        | 13  | 17,167   | 18,922 | 8,584      | 9,462  |
| 127         | 7        | 7   | 12,624   | 33,114 | 6,312      | 16,558 |
| 127         | 7        | 5   | 15,394   | 37,845 | 7,697      | 18,923 |
| 127         | 5        | 13  | 6,629    | 19,691 | 3,315      | 9,845  |
| 127         | 5        | 7   | 13,806   | 34,459 | 6,903      | 17,229 |
| 127         | 5        | 5   | 16,802   | 39,381 | 8,401      | 19,691 |
| 63          | 13       | 13  | 6,308    | 19,739 | 3,153      | 9,869  |
| 63          | 13       | 7   | 13,048   | 34,542 | 6,524      | 17,272 |
| 63          | 13       | 5   | 15,866   | 39,478 | 7,934      | 19,738 |
| 63          | 7        | 13  | 7,321    | 19,744 | 3,661      | 9,872  |
| 63          | 7        | 7   | 15,104   | 34,552 | 7,552      | 17,276 |
| 63          | 7        | 5   | 18,327   | 39,488 | 9,164      | 19,744 |
| 63          | 5        | 13  | 8,000    | 20,555 | 4,000      | 10,277 |
| 63          | 5        | 7   | 16,437   | 35,971 | 8,218      | 17,985 |
| 63          | 5        | 5   | 19,908   | 41,109 | 9,954      | 20,555 |

TABLE III  
 AVERAGE RATE OBTAINED FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF CONTRAST AGENT (CA) AND BASELINE IVUS (BL) FOR CONTRAST  
 DETECTION CLASSIFIERS 1 AND 2 (CDC<sub>1</sub> AND CDC<sub>2</sub> RESPECTIVELY) USING FREQUENCY-DOMAIN-BASED FEATURES.

| Window size |          |     | CDC <sub>1</sub> |       | CDC <sub>2</sub> |       |
|-------------|----------|-----|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| $r$         | $\theta$ | $t$ | CA(%)            | BL(%) | CA(%)            | BL(%) |
| 255         | 13       | 13  | 94.87            | 96.85 | 93.29            | 93.16 |
| 255         | 13       | 7   | 96.47            | 90.05 | 92.47            | 96.63 |
| 255         | 13       | 5   | 96.35            | 82.05 | 82.80            | 96.59 |
| 255         | 7        | 13  | 96.62            | 95.68 | 97.83            | 96.69 |
| 255         | 7        | 7   | 96.61            | 82.48 | 85.16            | 96.74 |
| 255         | 7        | 5   | 73.24            | 81.01 | 74.58            | 96.65 |
| 255         | 5        | 13  | 91.77            | 96.36 | 96.54            | 96.37 |
| 255         | 5        | 7   | 95.15            | 82.28 | 82.55            | 96.60 |
| 255         | 5        | 5   | 50.23            | 94.76 | 71.57            | 96.54 |
| 127         | 13       | 13  | 93.79            | 95.24 | 92.22            | 95.08 |
| 127         | 13       | 7   | 96.65            | 80.72 | 86.04            | 96.45 |
| 127         | 13       | 5   | 73.32            | 78.87 | 76.05            | 96.73 |
| 127         | 7        | 13  | 96.43            | 88.83 | 93.28            | 96.74 |
| 127         | 7        | 7   | 70.08            | 87.48 | 75.72            | 93.80 |
| 127         | 7        | 5   | 70.25            | 81.69 | 66.17            | 93.39 |
| 127         | 5        | 13  | 93.32            | 85.04 | 87.63            | 90.66 |
| 127         | 5        | 7   | 90.54            | 75.82 | 73.37            | 91.05 |
| 127         | 5        | 5   | 70.26            | 80.44 | 63.40            | 93.55 |
| 63          | 13       | 13  | 91.85            | 86.96 | 91.04            | 90.62 |
| 63          | 13       | 7   | 90.83            | 78.62 | 79.36            | 91.21 |
| 63          | 13       | 5   | 90.79            | 72.45 | 72.36            | 90.80 |
| 63          | 7        | 13  | 90.96            | 83.45 | 85.31            | 90.56 |
| 63          | 7        | 7   | 91.12            | 70.14 | 72.59            | 90.84 |
| 63          | 7        | 5   | 70.15            | 75.63 | 60.19            | 93.74 |
| 63          | 5        | 13  | 90.90            | 80.42 | 82.68            | 90.56 |
| 63          | 5        | 7   | 91.09            | 64.14 | 69.72            | 91.22 |
| 63          | 5        | 5   | 70.39            | 72.03 | 69.30            | 88.94 |

TABLE IV  
 AVERAGE RATE OBTAINED FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF CONTRAST AGENT (CA) AND BASELINE IVUS (BL) FOR CONTRAST  
 DETECTION CLASSIFIERS 1 AND 2 (CDC<sub>1</sub> AND CDC<sub>2</sub> RESPECTIVELY) USING WAVELET-BASED FEATURES.

| Window size |          |          | CDC <sub>1</sub> |       | CDC <sub>2</sub> |       |
|-------------|----------|----------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| <i>r</i>    | $\theta$ | <i>t</i> | CA(%)            | BL(%) | CA(%)            | BL(%) |
| 255         | 13       | 13       | 91.23            | 94.14 | 98.62            | 95.38 |
| 255         | 13       | 7        | 96.82            | 93.29 | 97.31            | 96.94 |
| 255         | 13       | 5        | 96.70            | 91.85 | 94.69            | 96.81 |
| 255         | 7        | 13       | 96.80            | 94.14 | 98.51            | 96.95 |
| 255         | 7        | 7        | 96.86            | 93.04 | 96.46            | 96.79 |
| 255         | 7        | 5        | 96.87            | 90.05 | 93.93            | 96.57 |
| 255         | 5        | 13       | 96.44            | 94.25 | 95.63            | 93.78 |
| 255         | 5        | 7        | 96.89            | 92.69 | 96.05            | 96.64 |
| 255         | 5        | 5        | 96.82            | 89.69 | 93.03            | 96.55 |
| 127         | 13       | 13       | 94.02            | 91.50 | 97.17            | 94.04 |
| 127         | 13       | 7        | 96.62            | 89.15 | 93.98            | 96.60 |
| 127         | 13       | 5        | 96.79            | 86.03 | 90.74            | 96.72 |
| 127         | 7        | 13       | 96.66            | 91.94 | 96.44            | 96.62 |
| 127         | 7        | 7        | 93.95            | 75.13 | 90.14            | 97.24 |
| 127         | 7        | 5        | 93.78            | 69.51 | 88.85            | 94.34 |
| 127         | 5        | 13       | 90.88            | 77.22 | 92.01            | 95.86 |
| 127         | 5        | 7        | 90.63            | 58.86 | 88.36            | 94.58 |
| 127         | 5        | 5        | 94.02            | 70.38 | 86.10            | 95.73 |
| 63          | 13       | 13       | 90.62            | 70.50 | 94.44            | 93.26 |
| 63          | 13       | 7        | 90.49            | 55.90 | 90.91            | 93.52 |
| 63          | 13       | 5        | 90.86            | 51.16 | 86.57            | 92.68 |
| 63          | 7        | 13       | 91.34            | 62.77 | 92.31            | 94.83 |
| 63          | 7        | 7        | 91.29            | 55.03 | 88.00            | 94.49 |
| 63          | 7        | 5        | 93.65            | 62.35 | 83.22            | 96.09 |
| 63          | 5        | 13       | 91.05            | 64.52 | 90.86            | 94.87 |
| 63          | 5        | 7        | 90.80            | 55.93 | 86.77            | 93.37 |
| 63          | 5        | 5        | 92.37            | 64.13 | 81.19            | 96.41 |