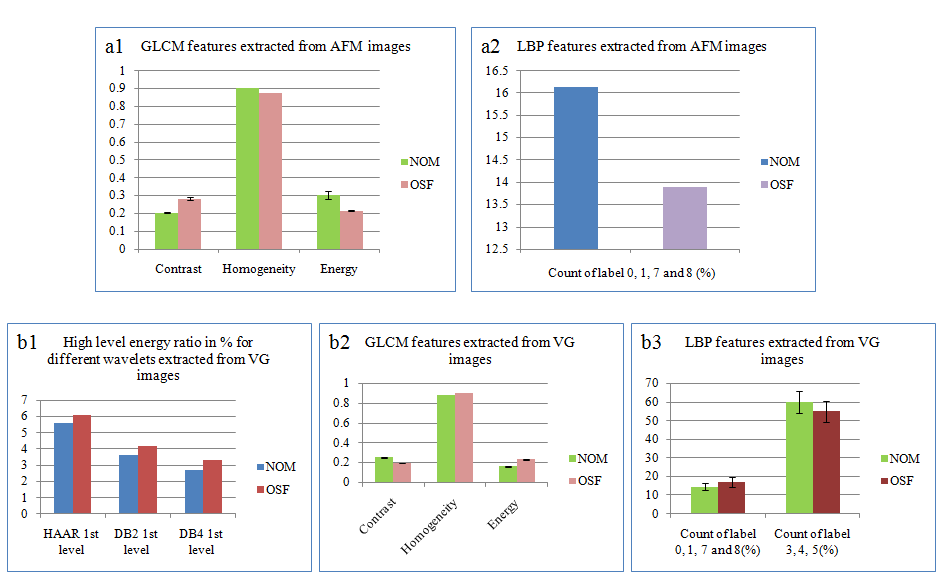


**Supplementary Fig 1**: Bar charts showing mean values ± standard deviation statistically significant epithelium features extracted from SEM images: (a) DWT (b) GLCM (c) LBP (d) LBP from nano-ridges



**Supplementary Fig 2**: Bar charts showing mean values ± standard deviation of statistically significant sub-epithelium features : (a1) GLCM and (a2) LBP from AFM; (b1) DWT, (b2) GLCM and (b3) LBP from VG images

**Supplementary Table 1**: Nano vs micro textural attributes of sub-epithelial connective tissue

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| Feature |  | NOM | | OSF | |
|  | | Micro level (VG) | Nano level (AFM) | Micro level (VG) | Nano level (AFM) |
| Contrast | | 0.251 | 0.204 | 0.193 | 0.283 |
| Homogeneity | | 0.879 | 0.906 | 0.904 | 0.875 |
| Energy | | 0.158 | 0.303 | 0.231 | 0.216 |
| Count of label 0, 1, 7 and 8 | | 14.6 | 16.13 | 17 | 13.88 |