

C – Category	Definition	Diagnosis
C1	inadequate	hypocellularity error in aspiration, spreading or staining excessive blood
C2	Benign	fibroadenoma, fat necrosis, granulomatous mastitis, breast abscess or lymph node
C3	Atypia, probably benign	nuclear pleomorphism some loss of cellular cohesiveness nuclear and cytoplasmic changes resulting from for example, hormonal treatment influences increased cellularity accompanying the above features.
C4	Suspicious of malignancy	specimen is scanty, poorly preserved or poorly prepared, but some cells with features of malignancy are present some malignant features in the absence of overtly malignant cells overall benign pattern ... but with occasional cells showing distinct malignant features.
C5	Malignant	“The interpreter should feel at ease in making such a diagnosis”

C – Classification (from Guidelines for Non-operative Diagnostic Procedures and Reporting in Breast Cancer Screening)

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