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Hard Exudates Segmentation based on Learned Initial Seeds and Iterative Graph Cut

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**Highlights**

- Hard exudates are segmented using both supervised and unsupervised learning.
- Color transfer is used to normalize color tones across different retinal images.
- MLP is learned to identify initial seeds of hard exudates with high confidences.
- Graph cut is used to finalize the segmentation based on clusters of initial seeds.
- Evaluations are performed on both within and cross datasets scenarios.

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