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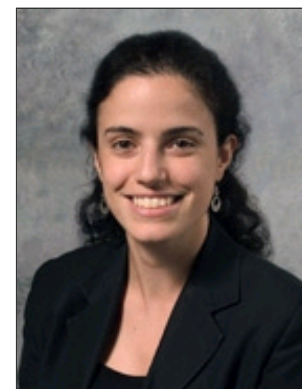
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- RWB Stephens Student prize, World Conference in Ultrasound '99, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 1999
- Award for the Best Non-Clinical Paper Published in the journal *Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology* in 1998 from the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB), February 2000
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