

## IMPACT OF DIFFERENT DNA PLOIDY PATTERNS ON ENDOMETRIAL CARCINOMAS BASED ON IMAGE CYTOMETRY

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*Worldwide, endometrial cancer is one of the most frequently diagnosed malignancies in women and a notable cause of death. The aim of this study was to perform image cytometric DNA ploidy analysis on a prospective material of endometrial adenocarcinomas in order to determine potential correlation between ploidy status and their histological features. The analysis was carried out in fresh tissue samples resected by implementing complete hysterectomy in a series of patients (n = 126). We found that ploidy status using image cytometry correlate with histologic type, grade and stage in endometrial cancer and aneuploid tumor samples are associated with aggressive phenotype statistics. Furthermore, DNA ploidy should be used as a reliable and applicable prognostic marker in the routine clinical practice.*

**Key words:** DNA ploidy, Image cytometry, diploid, aneuploidy, endometrial carcinoma.

### ВИЯВЛЕННЯ ВПЛИВУ РІЗНИХ МОДЕЛЕЙ ПЛОЇДНОСТІ ДНК НА КАРЦИНОМИ ЕНДОМЕТРІЮ ЗА ДОПОМОГОЮ ЦИТОМЕТРІЇ З ВІЗУАЛІЗАЦІЄЮ

У всьому світі рак ендометрію є однією з найчастіше діагностованих злоякісних пухлин та значною причиною смерті жінок. Мета цього дослідження

полягала в проведенні цитометричного аналізу плоїдності ДНК з візуалізацією, використовуючи передбачуваний матеріал ендометріальних аденокарцином, щоб визначити можливу кореляцію між статусом плоїдності та їхніми гістологічними характеристиками. Проводили аналіз свіжих зразків тканин, отриманих резекцією під час повної гістеректомії у пацієток (n=126). Ми виявили, що статус плоїдності, виявлений за допомогою цитометрії з візуалізацією, корелював із гістологічним типом, ступенем та етапом раку ендометрію, а зразки пухлин із анеуплоїдними клітинами пов'язані зі статистикою агресивного фенотипу. Плоїдність ДНК потрібно використовувати як надійний та застосовний прогностичний маркер у звичайній клінічній практиці.

**Ключові слова:** плоїдність ДНК, цитометрія з візуалізацією, диплоїд, анеуплоїдія, карцинома ендометрію.

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