Chromophobe Renal Cell Carcinoma, Oncocytoma and Clear Cell Carcinoma: A Compartive Immunohistochemical Study

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Abstract

Background: Renal oncocytoma, chromophobe RCC, and conventional RCC (granular cell type) have different prognosis. The differentiation between them sometimes is difficult and may cause a diagnostic dilemma.

Aim of Study: To reveal the better immunohistochemical diagnostic markers for differentiation between Chromophobe Renal Cell Carcinoma (ChRCC), Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma (CCRCC), and oncocytoma.

Material and Methods: We reviewed one hundred and fifty cases of renal cell carcinoma: ChRCC (100 case), CCRCC (25 cases) and RO (25 cases). We carried out comprehensive immunohistochemical profiling using Hales Colloidal Iron stain (HCI), and 6 markers: Vimentin, CK7, CD 10, CD 117. EpCAM, and S100.

Results: Our results demonstrated a statistically significant difference in the expression of Hales colloidal iron among the studied renal tumors (p-value <0.0001) as 94% of cases of chromophobe renal cells carcinoma showed positive staining for Hales colloidal iron, but cases of clear cell renal cell carcinoma and oncocytoma showed no staining for Hales colloidal iron stain. All cases of ChRCC were negative for vimentin. 72% of CCRCC and 8% of oncocytoma showed cytoplasmic positivity for vimentin. This difference in the expression was statistically significant (p-value <0.0001). 76% of ChRCC cases showed cytoplasmic immunoreactivity to CK7, while 8% of CCRCC and 4% of oncocytoma showed such cytoplasmic immunoreactivity for CK7. These results were statistically significant with p-value <0.0001. We found that CD 10 showed statistically significant correlation with tumour type with p-value 0.025. CD 117, EpCAM, S100A1 showed statistically significant correlation with tumor type with p-value <0.0001.

Conclusion: We concluded that the best panel of markers that can differentiate between the three studied renal tumour types by calculating sensitivity and specificity of each marker in each tumour type we found that the best panel is Vimentin, EpCAM and S100A1.

Correspondence To: Dr. Mohammed Abd Elhamid, The Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, Benha University Key Words: CD1 0 - CK7 - Chromophobe renal cell carcinoma - Clear cell renal cell carcinoma - CCRCC - S100A1 - EpCAM - Immunohistochemistry - Renal oncocytoma - Vimentin.

Introduction

RENAL Cell Carcinoma (RCC) ratio is about 90% of all of the renal tumors that affects adults in both sexes. Generally, it represents the 12 th most common neoplasm in males and 17 th in females. In developed countries like Japan, it is incidence resembles non-Hodgkin lymphoma representing the 6th, but in less developed areas it represents the 16th. Regarding females, it represents the 12th and 17th in developed and developing countries respectively [1,2]. In Egypt the male to female ratio is about 2:1 and the incidence in men is about 1.53% representing the 10th most common cancers in male and in women is about .97% representing the 17th most common cancers in females [3].

There is a great prognostic significance of histological types of renal cell carcinoma; so it is essential to detect the type of renal malignant epithelial neoplasm in a correct way, and to discriminate between them and the benign neoplasm [4]. There are many overlaps in the histopathological features between renal neoplasms, this overlaps make the accurate diagnosis of the histological subtypes a challenge in some cases. The correct diagnosis of renal cell neoplasm is usually depends on the cytological, architectural, IHC and cytogenatic features [5,6].

The incidence of chromophobe renal cell carcinoma is relatively low, represents about 5% of kidney neoplasm [7]. Discrimination between chromophobe RCC and other kidney neoplasms depending on H & E staind slides and Hales colloidal iron stained section is possible in many

cases, but overlaps of the cytoarchitectural features make the proper diagnosis a problem, even with the expeperienced pathologist [8,9].

Therefore, there is a great importence to find a fast and reliable IHC markers that can be applied in the pathology labs. Recently, few, but effective IHC markers have been identified to differentiate between chromophobe RCC and oncocytoma, clear RCC. Vimentin, CD 10 and cytokeratin (CK7) were reported by many studies as effecint IHC markers to make such differentiation, but their results were conflicted [10]. Recently, many studies have concluded that CD 117 and EpCAM were also helpful for discrimination, but no single marker can be used with great accurecy for this purpose. In conclusion, it is not reliable to depend on a single IHC marker to make such differentiation, especially if the method of interpretation of staining of this marker is not straight or with small tissue sample [11,12].

Aim of the work:

This study aims to study the histopathological characters of chromophobe renal cell carcinoma with revision of its incidence and study the pattern of expression of different immunohistochemical markers in differentiation between chromophobe RCC, oncocytoma and clear RCC.

Patients and Methods

This was a retrospective study including retrieval of selected, previously diagnosed, formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue sections from archival blocks of one hundred and fifty cases of renal cell carcinoma that were collected from the Department of Pathology, Urology and Nephrology Center, Mansoura University from 2004 up to 2013. The studied cases fulfilled the following criteria:

- Clinical data as regard patient's age, sex and site of the tumor that collected from hospital records and pathology reports.
- Cases undergone radical nephrectomy for the proper evaluation of tumor type, size, stage and lymph node status.

The cases are classified into 100 case of chromophobe renal cell carcinoma, 25 cases of clear renal cell carcinoma and 25 cases of oncocytoma.

Histological review:

Serial sections of 5 microns thickness were cut from each tissue block, one section was stained by Hematoxylin and Eosin (H & E) to examine the histopathological features. The renal epithelial carcinoma specimens were graded by WHO nuclear grading 2016 and staged by TNM staging system (AJCC, 2018). Presence or absence of capsular and perirenal fat invasion and renal vein invasion by the tumor.

Hale's colloidal iron staining method:

Using the colloidal iron suspension of Rhinehart and Abu'l Haj.

Immunohistochemical staining:

The corresponding cell blocks were cut $4\,\mu m$ thick, were mounted on positively-charged slides, steps of staining followed the standard ABC (avidin-biotin complex) procedure using the Ultra Vision Detection System (Anti-polyvalent, HRP/DAB, ready-to-use, Lab Vision corporation). Antigen retrieval was done with microwave treatment in 10mM citrate buffer (Neo-Markers, Cat. # AP-9003), pH 6.0. and stained with:

- 1-Anti-CD 10 (Clone GM003), mouse monoclonal antibody. (Genemed, USA).
- 2- Anti-CD117 (Clone CL-1657) mouse monoclonal antibody. (Novus, USA).
- 3- Anti-Vimentin (clone V9), mouse monoclonal antibody. (Genemed, USA).4
- 4- Anti-CK7 (clone OV-TL 12/30), mouse monoclonal antibody. (Genemed, USA).
- 5- Anti-EpCam (Clone 60N5D8) mouse monoclonal antibody. (Novus, USA).
- 6- Anti-S 100A1 (clone 2C8B8), mouse monoclonal antibody. (Novus, USA).
- 7- Power stain 1.0 poly HRP/DAB kit for mouse and rabbit (Genemed, USA).

Table (1): The incubation and pre-treatment time were 30 minutes for all the immunostains. Appropriate positive and negative controls were included. The freshly prepared DAB-substrate-chromogen solution was applied.

Table (1): The Ag retrieval, incubation period and positive control for the IHC markers.

Antibody	Ag retreival	Incubation period	Positive control
Vimentin	Citrate buffer	30 minutes	• Lymph node.
CK7	Citrate buffer	30 minutes	• Lunge adenocarcinoma.
CD 10	Citrate buffer	30 minutes	• Follicular lymphoma.
CD117	Citrate buffer	30 minutes	 Lymphoid cells ion
			normal stomach.
EpCam	Citrate buffer	30 minutes	Normal human colon.
S100	Citrate buffer	30 minutes	Brain tissue.

Interpretation of special stain and IHC staining:

I- Hale's colloidal iron stain: Cytoplasmic acid mucopolysaccharides and sialomucins stained deep blue and nuclei stained pink-red.

II- Immuno-reactivity: Positive immunoreactivity gives a brown cytoplasmic staining in tumor cells. The whole section was examined to detect the score. Semiquantitative assessment of the staining intensity was scored as 0 (negative), 1 (weak), 2 (moderate), and 3 (strong). The percentage of tumor cells that showed positivity for the marker relative to the whole carcinoma area was calculated, then the cases were scored as 0 (0%), 1 (1 to 25%), 2 (26 to 50%), 3 (51 to75%), and 4 (76 to 100%), based on such percentage. The sum of the intensity and extent score was used as the final staining score (0 to 7), tumors having a final staining score of >or equal 3 were considered to be positive [1,13].

IV- Statistical analysis:

Data analysis was performed using the IBM-SPSS version 21 for windows software package. The association between any two tumour characteristics was estimated by Chi-square test and *p*-value of ≤0.05 was considered significant and of <0.001 was considered highly significant. To study the simultaneous effects of different prognostic factors on survival, Cox proportional hazards analysis was used for the significant variables by Log rank test.

Results

- A- Clinical and histopathological features of the studied cases:
- Insignificant statistical correlation between patients age and tumour type was found with *p*-value: 0.906.
- We found insignificant statistical correlation between patients' sex and tumour type with *p*-value: 0.383.
- There was significant statistical correlation between tumour size and tumour type with *p*-value: 0.001.
- No significant Statistical correlation between tumour site and tumour type was found (*p*-value: 0.653).
- Nuclear grade showed high statistical correlation with tumour type with *p*-value: <0.0001.
- LNs metastasis didn't significantly correlate with tumour type, with *p*-value: 0.375.
- Invasion of renal capsule didn't significantly correlate with tumour type, with *p*-value: 0.450.

- There was no significant statistical correlation between invasion of renal sinus fat and tumour type with *p*-vale: 0.042.
- There was no statistical correlation between malignant renal vein thrombosis and tumour type with *p*-value: 0.263.
- There was significant statistical correlation between tumour type and tumour stage with *p*-value <0.0001.

Table (2): Clinical and histopathological features of the studied cases

cases.								
Clinical and histopathological	Ch RCC		CCRCC		Oncocytoma		p-	
features	No	%	No	%	No	%	value	
Mean age	51.7	±12.5	52.7±11.6		51.8±11.6		0.906	
Sex:								
Male	57	57%	20	80%	15	60%	0.383	
Female	43	43%	5	20%	10	40%		
Size:								
1-4cm	11	11%	5	20%	7	28%	0.001	
4-7cm	30	30%	13	52%	7	28%		
7-10cm	26	26%	7	28%	6	6%		
>10cm	33	33%	5	20%	5	5%		
Site:								
Upper pole	28	28%	10	40%	3	12%	0.653	
Mid zone	12	12%	6	24%	7	28%		
Lower pole	49	49%	7	28%	15	60%		
Whole kidney	11	11%	2	8%	0	0		
Nuclear grade:								
GI	36	36%	10	40%	_	_	0.0001	
GII	52	52%	12	48%	_	_		
GIII	6	6%	3	3%	_	-		
GIV	6	6%	0	0	-	_		
LN metastasis:								
Absent	96	96%	24	96%	_	_	0.359	
Present	4	4%	1	4%	_	_		
Cap invasion:								
Absent	95	95%	23	92%	_	_	0.450	
Present	5	5%	2	8%	_	_		
RS invasion:								
Absent	81	81%	20	80%	_	_	0.042	
Present	19	19%	5	20%	_	_		
RV thrombosis:								
Absent	93	93%	23	92%	_	_	0.263	
Present	7	7%	2	8%	_	_		
Tumor stage:								
SI	41	41%	17	68%	_	_	0.0001	
SII	40	40%	3	12%	_	_		
SIII	17	17%	4	16%	-	-		
SIV	2	2%	1	4%	-	_		

- B- Results of special stain and IHC in the studied cases:
- There was a statistically significant difference in the expression of Hales colloidal iron among the studied renal tumors (*p*-value <0.0001) (Table 3), Fig. (1D,E,F).

- Vimentin showed statistically significant correlation with tumour type with *p*-value <0.0001 (Table 3), Fig. (1G,H,I).
- CK7 showed statistically significant correlation with tumor type with *p*-value <0.0001 (Table 3), Fig. (1J,K,L).
- CD10 showed statistically accepted significant correlation with tumour type with *p*-value 0.025 (Table 3), Fig. (2A,B,C).
- CD 117 showed statistically significant correlation with tumor type with *p*-value <0.0001 (Table 3), Fig. (2D,E,F).
- EpCAM showed statistically significant correlation with tumour type with *p*-value <0.0001 (Table 3), Fig. (2G,H,I).
- S100A1 showed statistically significant correlation with tumour type with *p*-value <0.0001 (Table 3), Fig. (2J,K,L).

Table (3): Results of special stain and IHC in the studied cases.

	ChRCC		CCRCC		Oncocytoma		Specificity	Sensitivity	<i>p</i> -value
	+ve	-ve	+ve	-ve	+ve	-ve	- Specificity	Schsitivity	p-value
Colloidal iron	94	6	0	25	0	25	100%	94%	< 0.0001
Vimentin	0	100	18	7	2	23	98%	72%	< 0.0001
CK7	76	24	2	23	1	24	94%	76%	< 0.0001
CD 10	50	50	23	2	2	23	58%	92%	0.05
CD117	100	0	3	22	24	1	54%	100%	< 0.0001
EpCAM	95	5	0	25	0	25	100%	95%	< 0.0001
S100A1	0	100	0	25	25	0	100%	100%	< 0.0001

From this table we concluded that:

The best panel of markers that can differentiate between the three studied renal tumour types by calculating sensitivity and specificity of each marker in each tumour type we found that the best panel is Vimentin, EpCAM and S100A1.

Discussion

Renal oncocytoma, chromophobe RCC, and conventional RCC (granular cell type) have different prognosis in some cases discrimination between (ChRCC), oncocytoma and clear cell (conventional) renal cell carcinoma (eosinophilic variant) based on H & E slides alone is a big challange.

In the current research, we found a statistically significant difference in the expression of Hales colloidal iron among the studied renal tumors (pvalue <0.0001) as 94% of cases of chromophobe renal cells carcinoma showed positive staining for Hales colloidal iron, but cases of clear cell renal cell carcinoma and oncocytoma showed no staining for Hales colloidal iron stain. Matched to our results, Skinnider, et al. [14] reported that in all cases of chromophobe RCC, more than 75% of cells showed a diffuse cytoplasmic HCI positivity, whereas a variable proportion of cells in 20 oncocytomas showed focal cytoplasmic staining, in a perimembranous, apical, or perinuclear pattern. Geramizadeh, et al. [13] concluded that Hale's colloidal iron staining with diffuse reticular fine cytoplasmic pattern was present in ChRCCs, but was absent in other subtypes and oncocytomas.

Also, Din, et al. [15] found that Hale's colloidal iron was positive in all cases of ChRCCs. Conversely, Abrahams, et al. [16] found that the difference in the expression of Hales colloidal iron among studied cases was not contributory.

As regard vimentin expression we found that all cases of ChRCC were negative for vimentin. 72% of CCRCC and 8% of oncocytoma showed cytoplasmic positivity for vimentin. This difference in the expression was statistically significant (*p*-value <0.0001). Abrahams, et al., [16] reported that vimentin was useful but had low specificity (sensitivity 0.75; specificity 0.4) in differentiation between renal tumors.

Williams, et al., [17] reported that positive Vimentin ccRCC and positive CD9 positive in chRCC are the most reliable to differentiate between ccRCC and chRCC. The combination of vimentin negativity and CD9 positivity was found to distinguish chRCC from ccRCC with a sensitivity of 100.0% and a specificity of 95.2%. Geramizadeh et al., [13] reported that Vimentin, CK7, CD10, Hale's colloidal iron can be used for the differential diagnosis of problematic epithelial tumors of kidney (CRCC, ChRCC and oncocytoma)-ChRCC and oncocytoma showed negative Vimentin, and CRCC showed positive expression. Also, Zhao, et al., [1] and Kürschner, et al., [8] found that Vimentin was effective in discrimination between clear cell RCC and chromophobe RCC and oncocytoma (87% of clear cell RCC positive, negative in chromophobe, only focally positive in oncocytoma). Lüders, et al., [7] found that Renal Oncocytoma (RO) and

ChRCC showed negative reaction for vimentin, while CCRCC were positive for vimentin. Similarly, Zhang, et al., [5] reported that Eosinophilic clear cell renal cell carcinoma mainly showed positive immunostaining for Vimentin. Din, et al., [15] found

that Vimentin was negative in all cases of ChRCC. Williams, et al., [17] concluded that the combination of vimentin negativity and CD9 positivity was found to distinguish chRCC from ccRCC with a sensitivity of 100.0% and a specificity of 95.2%.

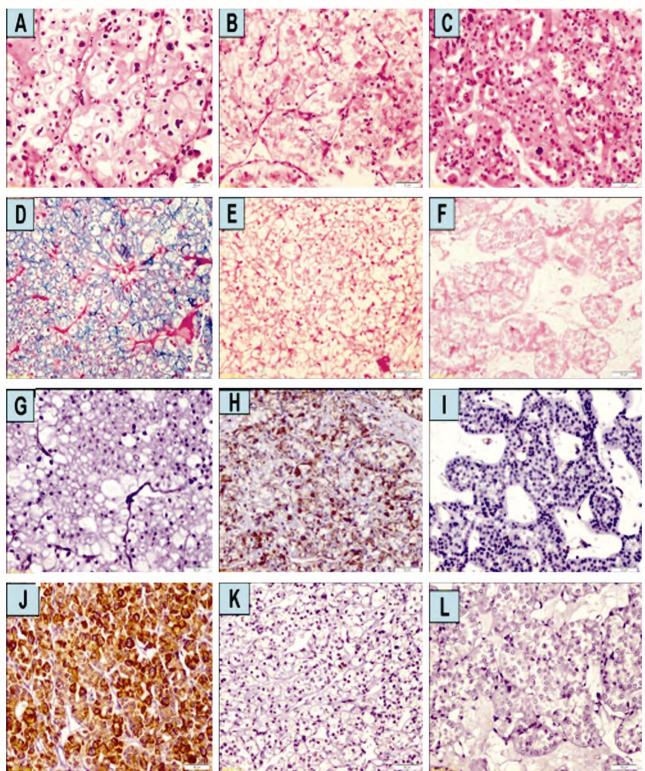


Fig. (1): (A, B, C) ChRCC, CCRCC, Oncocytoma respectively (H & E X200). (D) ChRCC showed positive HCI with homogenous light blue cytoplasm and pink nuclei staining. (E, F) CCRCC, RO showed negative staining for HCI. (G, I) ChRCC, RO respectively showed negative expression for vimentin. (H) CCRCC showed cytoplasmic expression of vimentin. (J) ChRCC showed positive cytoplasmic expression for CK7. (K, L) CCRCC, RO showed: Negative expression of CK7 (IHC X200).

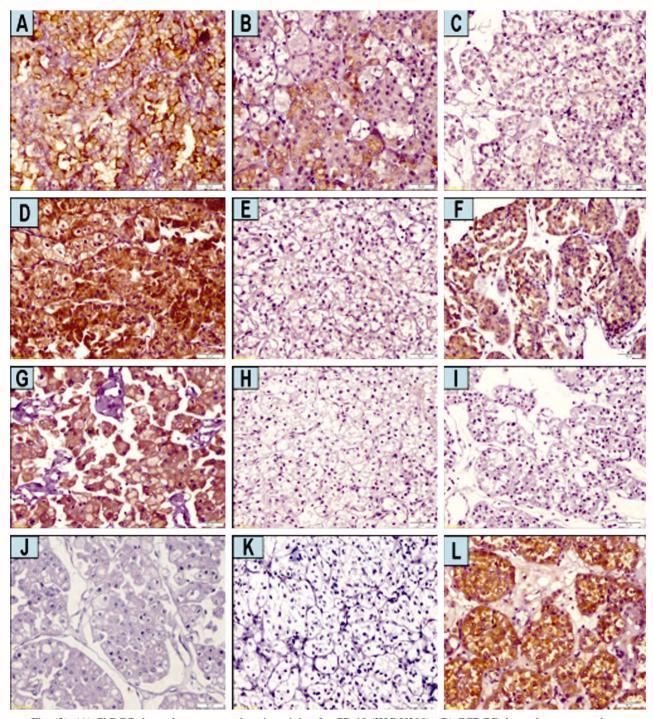


Fig. (2): (A) ChRCC showed strong cytoplasmic staining for CD 10 (IHC X200). (B) CCRCC showed strong membranous staining for CD 10 (IHC X200). (C) RO showed negative staining for CD 10 (IHC X200). (D) ChRCC showed intense cytoplasmic staining for CD 117 (IHC X200). (E) CCRCC showed negative cytoplasmic staining for CD 117 (IHC X200). (F) Oncocytoma showed intense cytoplasmic staining for CD 117 (IHC X200). (G) ChRCC showed moderate cytoplasmic staining for EpCAM (IHC X200). (H, I) CCRCC and oncocytoma respectively showed negative cytoplasmic staining for EpCAM (IHC X200). (J, K) ChRCC and CCRCC showed negative cytoplasmic staining for S100A1 (IHC X200). (L) Oncocytoma showed intense cytoplasmic staining for S100A1 (IHC X200).

Regarding CK7, 76% of ChRCC cases showed cytoplasmic immunoreactivity to CK7, while 8% of CCRCC and 4% of oncocytoma showed such cytoplasmic immunoreactivity for CK7. These results were statistically significant with *p*-value

<0.0001. Regarding other markers, we found that CD 10 showed statistically significant correlation with tumour type with p-value 0.025. CD 117, EpCAM, S100A1 showed statistically significant correlation with tumor type with p-value <0.0001,

and we concluded that the best panel of markers that can differentiate between the three studied renal tumour types by calculating sensitivity and specificity of each marker in each tumour type we found that the best panel is Vimentin, EpCAM and S 100A 1.

Abrahams, et al., [16] concluded that Keratin 7 had high sensitivity (0.83) but fairly low specificity (0.37) for CRCC. Zhao et al., 2015 reported that CK7 and CD117 were useful markers to distinguish ChRCC from renal oncocytoma and CRCC. Conversly, Yasir, et al. [18] found that 32% of CCRCC cases were positive for CK7, in chRCC/RO group, 41% of cases showed positive expression of CK7. and concluded that combination of positive CD 10 and negative CK7 is considered the best immunohistochemical panel in distinguishing ccRCC from chRCC/RO. Ng, et al., [19] found in a systematic review and meta-analysis of immunohistochemical biomarkers that differentiate chromophobe renal cell carcinoma from renal oncocytoma found that cytokeratin 7 (CK7) (11 studies, n=448, pooled OR=44.22, 95% CI 22.52 to 86.64, I(2)=15%); S100A1 (4 studies, n=124, pooled OR=0.01, 95% CI 0 to 0.03, I(2)=0%), and recommend a panel of IHC biomarkers including CK7, S100A1 in the differentiation of chRCC and RO. Luders, et al., [7] reported that for distinguishing between RO and ChRCC, CK7, claudin-7 (both strongly positive in ChRCC and negative or patchy positive in RO) and epithelial cell adhesion molecule (EpCAM) can be used (positive in ChRCC, negative in RO).

Zhang, et al., [5] found that Eosinophilic clear cell renal cell carcinoma showed positive immunostaining for Vimentin, whereas negative for CK7 and CD117 in most cases (10/15). Kryvenko, et al., [9] found that in low-grade nonpapillary eosinophilic neoplasms, distinction between oncocytoma and low-grade RCC mostly rests on histomorphology; however, cytokeratin 7 immunostaining may be helpful, while in high-grade nonpapillary lesions, there is more of a role for ancillary techniques, including immunohistochemistry for cytokeratin 7, CA9, CD 10. Ng, et al., [2] found that there was significantly higher CK7 expression in chRCC compared to RO (p=0.03), and concluded that immunohistochemical staining and standard morphometry of CK7 and S100A1 can aid in the differentiation of chRCC and RO. Ma, et al., [4] reported that their findings provided further evidences that the expression of CK7 contribute to differentiate RCC from Oncocytomas. CK7 protein overexpression was found in RCC, low expression in any of Oncocytomas. CK7 is potentially an important renal tumor marker. Din, et al., [15]

regarding ChRCC concluded that Hale's colloidal iron was positive in all cases. Immunohistochemical stain CK7 and CD117 were positive in 100% and 95.5% of cases respectively. Vimentin was negative in all cases.

Conclusion:

A small but a significant proportion of renal tumours with cells having eosinophilic cytoplasm cannot be classified, even by experienced pathologists, based alone on histology. In these cases it is important to use IHC markers with known sensitivity and specificity for the diagnosis.

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سرطان الخلايا الكلوية الكاره، ورم المنتجات وسرطان الخلايا الكلوية الواضح دراسة هستوكيميائية مناعية مقارنة

المقدمة: يعتبر سرطان الكل من أكثر السرطانات انتشارا في العالم حيث يمثل السرطان السادس الأكثر انتشاراً بين الرجال والعاشر بين النساء على مستوى العالم.

الهدف من البحث: التعرف على دور كل من صبغة الحديد الكليودي، الفايمنتين: الاس-١٠٠السيتوكيراتين ٧ والسي دى ١٠ و السي دى ١١ و السي كان في التفرقة بين سرطان الخلايا الكلوية الكاره، ورم المنتبجات وسرطان الخلايا الكلوية الواضح.

طريقة البحث: أجريت هذه الدراسة على ١٥٠ حالة أورام من الكلى تم تجميعها من وحدة البا ثولوجيا مركز أمراض الكلى والمسالك البولية جامعة المنصورة والتى أجرى لها استئصال كلى أو جزئى فى الفترة من يناير ٢٠٠٤ وحتى ديسمبر ٢٠١٣ وقسمت الحالات إلى ١٠٠ حالة ورم كلوى من النوع الكاره و ٢٥ حالة ورم كلوى من النوع واضح الخلية و ٢٥ حالة من النوع الحليمي. وقد تم تقطيع شرائح من بلوكات الشمع الخاصة بكل حالة وت صباغتها بصبغة الهيماتوكسيلين والايوسين، صبغة الحديد الكليودي، صبغات المنعية الهيستوكيميائية وتشمل (الفيمينتين اس ١٠٠ السيوكيراتين ٧-السي دى ١٠-السي دى ١٧٠-الابي كام).

النتائج

- لم تظهر حالات أورام الكلي واضح الخلية أو الحليمي أي تعبيراً إيجابياً لصبغة الحديد الكليودي في حين أظهرت ٩٤٪ من أورام الكلي من النوع الكاره تعبيراً إيجابياً وكان هذا الفارق ذات قيمة إحصائية عالية.
- أظهرت هذه الدراسة أن العلاقة الاحصائية بين درجة الورم والصبغات الهيستوكيميائية المناعية المستخدمة ذات قيمة عالية مع كل الصبغات ما عدا الفايمنتين والسي دي ١١٧.
 - العلاقة الاحصائية بين مرحلة الورم والصبغات الهيستوكيميائية المناعية المستخدمة ذات قيمة عالية مع كل الصبغات الفايمنتين.
 - الابي كام هو الصبغة الهستوكيميائية المناعية التي أظهرت أعلى حساسية (٩٥٪) وأعلى خصوصية (١٠٠٪) مع حالات ورم الكلي الكاره.
- الفايمنتين هو الصبغة الهستوكيميائية المناعية التي أظهرت أعلى حساسية (٧٧٪) وأعلى خصوصية (٩٨٪) مع حالات ورم الكلي واضح الخلبة.
- الاس ١٠٠ هو الصبغة الهستوكيميائية المناعية التي أظهرت أعلى حساسية (١٠٠٪) وأعلى خصوصية (١٠٠٪) مع حالات ورم الكلي الحليمي.

الخلاصة: وقد خلصت هذه الدراسة إلى أن التفرقة بين سرطان الكلى الكاره والحليمى ممكنة باستخدام تسلسل صبغات هستوكيميائية مناعية مكون من السيتوكيراتين ٧ والابى كام والاس ١٠٠ ايه ١. وللتفرقة بين سرطان الكلى واضح الخلية والكاره ممكنة باستخدام تسلسل صبغات هستوكيميائية مناعية مكون من السيتوكيراتين ٧ والابى كام.