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#### **ABSTRACT**

For a high-precision objective histological determination of the prescription of damage to internal organs over a long period of time, a systematic approach was used based on digital azimuthally invariant polarizing, Mueller-matrix and tomographic methods for studying temporary changes in the molecular and polycrystalline structure of brain, liver and kidney samples in the post-mortal period.

It was revealed that a linear change in the magnitude of statistical moments of the 1st - 4th orders characterizing the distribution of data of digital azimuthally invariant polarizing, Mueller-matrix and tomographic methods is interconnected with the duration of damage to internal organs. On this basis, a new algorithm for digital histological determination of the prescription of the occurrence of damage is proposed.

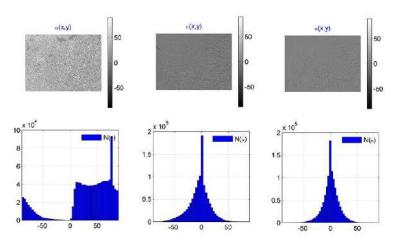
To determine the extent of damage, the method of azimuthally invariant polarization microscopy with different magnification of the image of histological sections of tissues of internal organs was used, which provided diagnostic relationships between changes in the magnitude of statistical moments of the 1st to 4th orders, which characterize the azimuth and elliptic polarization maps of digital microscopic images and time intervals of damage duration.

**Keywords:** polarization, biological tissues, optical anisotropy, Mueller matrix, diagnostics.

# 1. DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF THE LIMITATION OF THE FORMATION OF DAMAGE TO THE INTERNAL ORGANS OF A PERSON BY MAPPING MAPS OF AZIMUTH OF POLARIZATION

Maps of azimuth of polarization of microscopic images of histological sections of the kidney and histograms of the distribution of its magnitude are illustrated by a series of fragments of fig.  $1^{1-4}$ .

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**Fig. 1.** Maps ((1), (2), (3)) and histograms ((4), (5), (6)) of the distribution of the azimuth of polarization of microscopic images (x4) of histological sections of the kidney of the dead from the control group ((1), (4)), research groups with different damage durations (6 hours - (2), (5)) and (18 hours - (3), (6)).

The statistical structure (Fig. 1, (4) - (6)) of polarization maps (Fig. 1 (1) - (3)) of the images of samples of histological sections of the kidney is less developed compared with the same parameters of the samples of the brain and liver from the control and experimental groups - the average values and dispersion variance are insignificant and decrease with increasing damage duration - 6 hours. (fragment (5)) and 18 hours (fragment (6)), respectively (table 1)<sup>5-15</sup>.

**Table 1.** Temporal dynamics of changes in statistical moments of the 1st - 4th orders of magnitude characterizing the distribution of the PA value of microscopic images (4x) of histological sections of the kidney

T, hours	2	4	6	12	18
$SM_1$	$0,29 \pm 0,017$	$0,25 \pm 0,016$	$0,24 \pm 0,017$	$0,27 \pm 0,015$	$0,23 \pm 0,014$
p			p \phi 0,05		
$SM_2$	$0,29 \pm 0,017$	$0,25 \pm 0,016$	$0,24 \pm 0,017$	$0,27 \pm 0,015$	$0,23 \pm 0,014$
p			p \phi 0,05		
$SM_3$	$0,63 \pm 0,031$	$0,78 \pm 0,033$	$0,93 \pm 0,042$	$1,24 \pm 0,061$	$1,29 \pm 0,064$
p		p π 0,05			
$SM_4$	$0,49 \pm 0,022$	$0,71 \pm 0,34$	$0,92 \pm 0,044$	$1,33 \pm 0,055$	$1,39 \pm 0,055$
p		p π 0,05			p \phi 0,05
T, hours	24	30	36	42	48
$SM_1$	$0.25 \pm 0.013$	$0,24 \pm 0,012$	$0,22 \pm 0,011$	$0,19 \pm 0,012$	$0,17 \pm 0,011$
p			p \phi 0,05		
$SM_2$	$0,21 \pm 0,012$	$0,19 \pm 0,011$	$0,17 \pm 0,009$	$0,16 \pm 0,009$	$0.18 \pm 0.009$
p			p \phi 0,05		
$SM_3$	$1,34 \pm 0,071$	$1,38 \pm 0,074$	$1,41 \pm 0,077$	$1,49 \pm 0,081$	$1,54 \pm 0,087$
p	p \phi 0,05				
$SM_4$	$1,42 \pm 0,074$	$1,46 \pm 0,076$	$1,53 \pm 0,083$	$1,65 \pm 0,085$	$1,64 \pm 0,091$
p	p \phi 0,05				

It was established (table 1) that, as diagnostic parameters for identifying the age of kidney damage with polarization mapping of the polarization azimuth, one can use a statistically significant linear change in the magnitude of the

statistical moments of the 3rd (asymmetry - dynamic range 0.61) and 4th (excess - dynamic range 0.84) orders within 12 hours after damage.

Similar data from polarization mapping of large-scale (40x) microscopic images of histological sections of the kidney are presented in fragments of fig. 2.

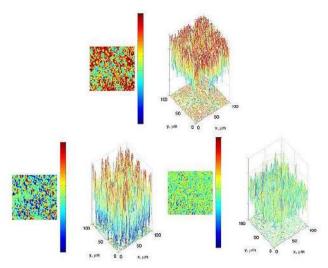


Fig. 2. Maps ((1), (2), (3)) and coordinate distributions ((4), (5), (6)) polarization azimuth values of microscopic images (x40) of histological sections of the kidneys of the dead from the control group ((1), (4)), research groups with different damage durations (6 hours - (2), (5)) and (18 hours - (3), (6)).

A comparative analysis (with mapping data of polarization maps at a magnification of 4, - fig. 1) of the coordinate and fluctuation structures of large-scale maps of the azimuth of polarization of kidney images (as in the case of digital polarization histological studies of brain and liver samples) revealed an increase in the range (fig. 2, fragments (2), (4), (6)) and coordinate heterogeneity (fig. 2, fragments (1), (3), (5)) of the azimuth value variations, - table 2<sup>16-21</sup>.

**Table 2.** Temporal dynamics of changes in the statistical moments of the 1st - 4th orders characterizing the distribution of the PA value of microscopic images (40x) of histological sections of the kidney

T, hours	2	4	6	12	18
$SM_1$	$0,22 \pm 0,017$	$0,21 \pm 0,016$	$0,19 \pm 0,017$	$0,17 \pm 0,015$	$0.18 \pm 0.014$
p			p \phi 0,05		
$SM_2$	$0,17 \pm 0,017$	$0,11 \pm 0,016$	$0,12 \pm 0,017$	$0,09 \pm 0,015$	$0.07 \pm 0.014$
p		p π 0,05		p \phi 0,05	
$SM_3$	$0,88 \pm 0,031$	$1,06 \pm 0,033$	$1,21 \pm 0,042$	$1,54 \pm 0,061$	$1,92 \pm 0,064$
p	p π 0,05				
$SM_4$	$0,71 \pm 0,022$	$0.83 \pm 0.34$	$0,96 \pm 0,044$	$1,23 \pm 0,055$	$1,46 \pm 0,055$
p			p π 0,05		
T, hours	24	30	36	42	48
$SM_1$	$0.16 \pm 0.09$	$0.14 \pm 0.08$	$0.12 \pm 0.07$	$0.13 \pm 0.08$	$0,12 \pm 0,07$
p	p \phi 0,05				
$SM_2$	$0.08 \pm 0.005$	$0,09 \pm 0,006$	$0.07 \pm 0.004$	$0.05 \pm 0.003$	$0.06 \pm 0.004$
p	p \phi 0,05				
$SM_3$	$2,04 \pm 0,12$	$1,98 \pm 0,11$	$2,09 \pm 0,13$	$2,19 \pm 0,15$	$2,11 \pm 0,12$

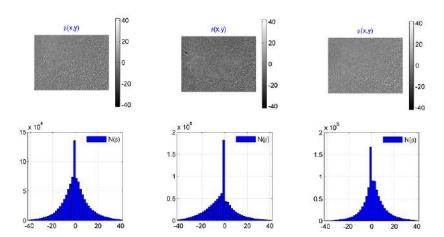
p			p \phi 0,05		
$SM_4$	$1,52 \pm 0,08$	$1,58 \pm 0,09$	$1,66 \pm 0,11$	$1,73 \pm 0,11$	$1,81 \pm 0,12$
p			p \phi 0,05		

Analysis of the results of statistical processing of large-scale azimuth maps of polarization of microscopic images of histological sections of the kidneys of all groups revealed the following group of parameters that are suitable for detecting the duration of damage:

- time interval of 6 hours (dynamic range 0.06) dispersion of the variance of the azimuth of polarization of microscopic images;
- time interval of 18 hours. asymmetry (dynamic range 1.04) and excess (dynamic range 0.75) of azimuth distribution;
- for all other intervals, a temporary change in the magnitude of the statistical moments of the 1st 4th orders that characterize the polarization structure of large-scale images of histological sections of intact and damaged kidneys is statistically unreliable ( $p \neq 0.05$ ).

# 2. DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF THE LIMITATION OF THE FORMATION OF DAMAGE TO INTERNAL ORGANS OF A PERSON BY THE METHOD OF MAPPING MAPS OF POLARIZATION ELLIPTICITY

In a series of fragments of fig. 3 and table 3 show the results of polarization mapping of the distribution of the ellipticity of digital microscopic images of histological sections of the kidney with different damage durations and statistical analysis of the temporal dynamics of changes in the average, dispersion, asymmetry and excess of polarization maps.



**Fig. 3.** Maps ((1), (2), (3)) and histograms ((4), (5), (6)) of the distribution of the magnitude of the ellipticity of polarization of microscopic images (x4) of histological sections of the kidney of the dead from the control group ((1), (4)), research groups with different damage durations (6 hours - (2), (5)) and (18 hours - (3), (6)).

Patterns similar to the data of digital polarization histology of brain and liver samples have been established.:

- coordinate heterogeneity of the aggregate of polarization ellipticity maps (fig. 3 (1) (3) small-scale (4x) microscopic images of intact and damaged kidney samples;
- decrease of the range of variation of random values of the polarization ellipticity at the points of digital microscopic images of histological sections of the kidney from all the studied groups.

**Table 3.** Temporal dynamics of changes in statistical moments of the 1st - 4th orders characterizing the distribution of the magnitude of the PE of microscopic images (4x) of histological sections of the kidney

T, hours	2	4	6	12	18	
$SM_1$	$0,09 \pm 0,005$	$0.08 \pm 0.013$	$0.07 \pm 0.004$	$0.08 \pm 0.005$	$0.07 \pm 0.004$	
p			p \phi 0,05			
$SM_2$	$0,11 \pm 0,006$	$0,105 \pm 0,006$	$0,09 \pm 0,005$	$0.08 \pm 0.005$	$0.07 \pm 0.004$	
p			p \phi 0,05			
$SM_3$	$0,71 \pm 0,032$	$0.85 \pm 0.036$	$0,99 \pm 0,041$	$1,31 \pm 0,069$	$1,36 \pm 0,062$	
p		<i>p</i> π (	),05		p \phi 0,05	
$SM_4$	$1,42 \pm 0,071$	$1,72 \pm 0,81$	$2,03 \pm 0,091$	$2,68 \pm 0,12$	$2,79 \pm 0,13$	
p		$0.36 \pm 0.016$				
T, hours	24	30	36	42	48	
$SM_1$	$0.06 \pm 0,003$	$0,04 \pm 0,002$	$0,02 \pm 0,001$	$0.03 \pm 0.002$	$0.02 \pm 0.001$	
P			p \phi 0,05			
$SM_2$	$0.08 \pm 0.005$	$0,055 \pm 0,003$	$0.03 \pm 0.002$	$0.04 \pm 0.002$	$0.03 \pm 0.002$	
p	p \phi 0,05					
$SM_3$	$1,44 \pm 0,078$	$1,55 \pm 0,082$	$1,64 \pm 0,083$	$1,73 \pm 0,091$	$1,68 \pm 0,085$	
p	p \phi 0,05					
$SM_4$	$2,84 \pm 0,14$	$2,86 \pm 0,16$	$2,73 \pm 0,15$	$2,84 \pm 0,16$	$2,74 \pm 0,15$	
p	p φ 0,05					

The results are shown in table 3, for different times ago kidney damage was found:

- almost all changes in the magnitude of the statistical moments of the 1st 4th orders are statistically unreliable  $(p \neq 0.05)$ ;
- in the time range with a limitation of up to 12 hours the statistical moments of the 3rd (dynamic range 0.61) and 4th (dynamic range 1.24) orders characterizing the asymmetry and excess of distributions of the polarization ellipticity.

In fig. 4 shows maps of polarization ellipticity and coordinate distribution of fluctuations of its magnitude in the plane of large-scale (40x) microscopic images of histological sections of the kidney.

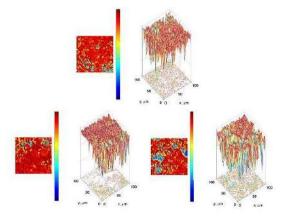


Fig. 4. Maps ((1), (2), (3)) and coordinate distributions ((4), (5), (6)) the magnitude of the ellipticity of polarization of microscopic images (x40) of histological sections of the kidneys of the dead from the control group ((1), (4)), research groups with different damage durations (6 hours - (2), (5)) and (18 hours - (3), (6)).

**Table 4.** Temporal dynamics of changes in the statistical moments of the 1st - 4th orders characterizing the distribution of the magnitude of the PE of microscopic images (40x) of histological sections of the kidney

T, hours	2	4	6	12	18	
$SM_1$	$0.08 \pm 0.005$	$0.07 \pm 0.004$	$0.06 \pm 0.004$	$0.07 \pm 0.005$	$0.06 \pm 0.004$	
p			p \phi 0,05			
$SM_2$	$0.09 \pm 0.004$	$0,06 \pm 0,003$	$0.05 \pm 0.003$	$0.04 \pm 0.002$	$0.05 \pm 0.003$	
p		p π 0,05		p \phi 0,05		
$SM_3$	$0.97 \pm 0.043$	$1,31 \pm 0,063$	$1,64 \pm 0,071$	$2,27 \pm 0,105$	$2,93 \pm 1,42$	
p		p π 0,05				
$SM_4$	$1,84 \pm 0,071$	$2,09 \pm 0,09$	$2,34 \pm 0,11$	$2,84 \pm 0,12$	$3,29 \pm 0,15$	
p			p π 0,05			
T, hours	24	30	36	42	48	
$SM_1$	$0.06 \pm 0,003$	$0.04 \pm 0.002$	$0.02 \pm 0.001$	$0.03 \pm 0.002$	$0.02 \pm 0.001$	
p			p \phi 0,05			
$SM_2$	$0.05 \pm 0.003$	$0,055 \pm 0,003$	$0.03 \pm 0.002$	$0.04 \pm 0.002$	$0.03 \pm 0.002$	
p	p \phi 0,05					
$SM_3$	$3,11 \pm 0,16$	$3,25 \pm 0,17$	$3,36 \pm 0,17$	$3,39 \pm 0,17$	$3,44 \pm 0,18$	
p	p \phi 0,05					
$SM_4$	$3,38 \pm 0,14$	$3,49 \pm 0,16$	$3,31 \pm 0,16$	$3,39 \pm 0,16$	$3,14 \pm 0,15$	

Quantitatively, the transformation of the statistical structure of polarization ellipticity maps in the form of temporal dynamics of changes in statistical moments of the 1st to 4th orders of magnitude characterizing the distribution of the magnitude of the PE of microscopic images (40x) of histological sections of the kidney is presented in table 4.

The following diagnostic intervals and parameters for detecting kidney damage were established.:

- 18 hours statistically significant (p π 0,05) a change in the magnitude of the statistical moments of higher orders (asymmetries the dynamic range of 1.45 and excess the dynamic range of 1.96) of the distribution of the magnitude of the polarization ellipticity;
- 6 hours linear and statistically significant ( $p \pi 0.05$ ) change (dynamic range 0.03) of the dispersion of the distribution of polarization ellipticity.

### 3. TIME INTERVALS AND ACCURACY OF THE POLARIZATION MAPPING METHOD

Table 5. Time intervals and accuracy of the polarization mapping method of the maps of azimuth of polarization

Brain					
Statistical moments	Interva	al, hours	Accura	ıcy, min.	
Magnification	4x	40x	4x	40x	
Average	_	_	_	-	
Dispersion	_	_	_	-	
Asymmetry	12	18	60	55	
Excess	12	18	60	55	
Liver					
Statistical moments	Interval, hours		Accura	ıcy, min.	
Magnification	4x	40x	4x	40x	
Average	_	_	_	_	

Dispersion	-	_		_	
Asymmetry	12	18	70	60	
Excess	12	18	70	60	
Kidney					
Statistical moments	Interval, hours		Accuracy, min		
Magnification	4x	40x	4x	40x	
Average	1	-	ı	-	
Dispersion	_	_	_	_	
Asymmetry	12	18	65	60	
Excess	12	18	65	60	

Table 6. Time intervals and accuracy of the method of polarization mapping of maps of polarization ellipticity

Brain					
Statistical moments	Interva	al, hours	Accura	acy, min.	
Magnification	4x	40x	4x	40x	
Average	_	-	-	_	
Dispersion	-	-	-	_	
Asymmetry	12	18	70	60	
Excess,	12	18	70	60	
	Live	er			
Statistical moments	Interva	al, hours	Accura	acy, min.	
Magnification	4x	40x	4x	40x	
Average	-	-	_	_	
Dispersion	-	_	_	_	
Asymmetry	12	18	80	70	
Excess	12	18	80	70	
	Kidn	ey			
Statistical moments	Interva	al, hours	Accura	acy, min.	
Magnification	4x	40x	4x	40x	
Average	_	-	_	_	
Dispersion	-	-	_	_	
Asymmetry	12	18	75	65	
Excess	12	18	75	65	

### **CONCLUSIONS**

- 1. The azimuthally invariant polarization techniques of digital histology of samples of human internal organs (kidney) with different damage durations of 1 hour up to 120 hours was experimentally tested.
- 2. The scenarios of changing the statistical structure of the azimuth and polarization ellipticity maps of microscopic images of histological sections of the internal organs of a person are determined with an increase in the duration of the damage, the average and dispersion decrease, the asymmetry and excess increase.
- 3. The following ranges of linear change in the variation of the magnitude of statistical indicators of polarizing digital histology and the accuracy of determining the duration of damage:
  - 3.1. Maps of azimuth of polarization of microscopic images with a magnification of 4x:

- ❖ asymmetry 12 hours;
- ♦ excess 12 hours
- ❖ accuracy 60 min. − 70 min.
- 3.2. Maps of azimuth of polarization of microscopic images with a magnification of 40x:
- **❖** asymmetry − 12 hours;
- ❖ excess − 12 hours
- ❖ accuracy − 55 min. − 60 min.
- 3.3. Maps of ellipticity of polarization of microscopic images with a magnification of 4x:
- ❖ asymmetry from 12 hours;
- ❖ excess − 12 hours
- ❖ accuracy 70 min. − 80 min.
- 3.4. Maps of ellipticity of polarization of microscopic images with a magnification of 40x:
- **❖** asymmetry − 12 hours;
- ❖ excess − 12 hours
- ❖ accuracy − 65 min. − 75 min.

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