

ANALYSIS OF CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN MORPHOMETRY

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Background: Morphometry plays a crucial role in modern histology, allowing for the quantitative analysis of the morphological parameters of cells and tissues. With the advancement of digital technologies and machine learning methods, morphometric research has become more precise, automated, and accessible. This study examines current trends in morphometry, including the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for image analysis and data interpretation.

Materials and Methods: The aim of this study is to provide an overview of modern morphometric technologies, including measurement automation, the application of artificial intelligence, 3D morphometry, and integration with molecular methods. Their advantages, limitations, and perspectives in medical and biological research are discussed.

Results: Modern morphometry relies on computer-based technologies, enabling high-precision analysis of biological structures. The main areas of development include:

1. Automation of Morphometric Measurements

The development of software such as ImageJ and CellProfiler has enabled the automation of morphological analysis of cells and tissues. These tools are widely used in cancer diagnostics, pathology analysis, and the study of disease mechanisms.

2. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Advanced deep learning algorithms significantly improve the accuracy of morphometric analysis. For example, convolutional neural networks (CNNs) can automatically identify and classify cells based on their morphological characteristics. These methods are widely applied in digital pathology and oncological research.

3. 3D Morphometry

With the introduction of 3D scanning and digital reconstruction, it has become possible to analyze tissues not only in two dimensions but also in three dimensions. This is essential for studying complex biological structures such as neural networks and vascular systems.

4. Integration of Morphometry with Molecular Research

Modern studies increasingly combine morphometric data with molecular methods such as immunohistochemistry and genomic analysis. This approach helps identify correlations between morphological changes and the molecular mechanisms of diseases.

Conclusion: Modern morphometry is evolving through integration with digital technologies and artificial intelligence. The automation of image analysis, the use of neural networks and machine learning, and the development of 3D visualization make morphometric studies more accurate and efficient. These advancements open new opportunities in diagnostics and research, contributing to a deeper understanding of cellular and tissue processes. In the future, the continued development of AI in morphometry could lead to the creation of autonomous diagnostic systems and personalized medicine.

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