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## ABSTRACT

**Purpose:** to evaluate the role of apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC) in differentiating benign from malignant endometrial lesions.

**Methods:** fifty patients present with endometrial lesion, their ages ranged from 24 to 75 years. Conventional T1, T2 weighted and DW-MRI images with b values 0, 1000 s/mm2 were obtained. The mean ADC values of all lesions were calculated and recorded. Results were correlated with final histopathological diagnosis reached by dilatation and curettage (D&C) or hysterectomy.

**Results**: after histopathological examination of 50 lesions, we found that when a cut-off value of  $(1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{mm}^2/\text{s})$  was used for the ADC value: the sensitivity, specificity, PPV ,NPV and total accuracy rates were determined as 100% , 89% ,100% 90.6% and 94% respectively. The mean ADC value for the malignant lesions was  $(0.90 \pm 0.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{mm}^2/\text{s})$  that was significantly lower than that for the benign lesions  $(1.35\pm0.04 \times 10^{-3} \text{mm}^2/\text{s})$ .

**Conclusion:** DWI and ADC together were found to be of high sensitivity and specificity in detecting and differentiating benign and malignant endometrial lesions. It is a non-invasive technique that adds more to the total accuracy of the conventional MR exam increasing the confidence of the diagnosis.

Key words: Endometrial Lesions – Diffusion Weighted Imaging-Apparent Diffusion Coefficient.