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- 8. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს ავტორის მიერ გამოყენებული სამამულო და უცხოური შრომების ბიბლიოგრაფიული სია (ბოლო 5-8 წლის სიღრმით). ანბანური წყობით წარმოდგენილ ბიბლიოგრაფიულ სიაში მიუთითეთ ჯერ სამამულო, შემდეგ უცხოელი ავტორები (გვარი, ინიციალები, სტატიის სათაური, ჟურნალის დასახელება, გამოცემის ადგილი, წელი, ჟურნალის №, პირველი და ბოლო გვერდები). მონოგრაფიის შემთხვევაში მიუთითეთ გამოცემის წელი, ადგილი და გვერდების საერთო რაოდენობა. ტექსტში კვადრატულ ფჩხილებში უნდა მიუთითოთ ავტორის შესაბამისი N ლიტერატურის სიის მიხედვით. მიზანშეწონილია, რომ ციტირებული წყაროების უმეტესი ნაწილი იყოს 5-6 წლის სიღრმის.
- 9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.
- 10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.
- 11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.
- 12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

აღნიშნული წესების დარღვევის შემთხვევაში სტატიები არ განიხილება.

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# CHARACTERISTIC OF MYELOID SARCOMA BY CANCER GENOME PROFILING AND ALGORITHM OF POTENTIAL BIOMARKERS FOR UTERINE MESENCHYMAL TUMOR

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#### Abstract.

Background: The patient experienced irregular bleeding and menstrual cycles and was receiving medical treatment and follow-up at a nearby women's clinic. However, the patient complained of vulvar discomfort; therefore, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was performed to investigate the cause. Imaging revealed a cervical mass, and the patient was referred to the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of our general hospital. During the outpatient examination, our gynecologic staff noted significant swelling of the cervical lips. Furthermore, although the blood test results did not reveal any obviously high levels of tumor markers, the concentration of soluble interleukin-2 receptor (sIL-2R) was high at 4650 (U/mL). Therefore, pathological examination using a cervical biopsy was performed, and cervical sarcoma was suspected. Cervical carcinosarcoma or sarcoma is a rare tumor classified as an epithelial-mesenchymal mixed tumor. No established standard treatment exists for this tumor, and it has a poor prognosis. Contrast-enhanced computed tomography (CT) imaging and contrast-enhanced MRI were performed, and no obvious metastatic lesions were observed. Methods: A surgical treatment plan was established, and modified radical hysterectomy, bilateral oophorectomy, and pelvic lymphadenectomy were performed. To make a definitive diagnosis, surgical pathology was performed using surgically removed tissue and a diagnostic algorithm specific for uterine leiomyosarcoma. Result: Enlarged lymph nodes were observed, indicating pelvic lymph node metastasis. Based on the algorithm for uterine mesenchymal tumors established by the authors and the results of the surgical pathology examination of the tissue resected by surgical treatment, the patient's tumor was diagnosed as a myeloid sarcoma. Since the oncological properties of myeloid sarcoma are similar to those of acute myeloid leukemia (AML), the concentration of sIL-2R is elevated. Currently, treatment is the same as that for AML, consisting of induction therapy (daunorubicin + cytarabine) and consolidation therapy (highdose cytarabine). To date, no recurrence of myeloid sarcoma was noted, and the patient is doing well. Conclusion: In cancer treatment, contrast-enhanced MRI is useful for identifying the size and location of tumor masses. However, contrast-enhanced MRI does not lead to the diagnosis of tumor masses. Therefore, early blood tests and tumor biopsy results are important for differential diagnosis and early treatment decisions.

**Key words.** Myeloid sarcoma, leiomyosarcoma, cervical tumor, acute myeloid leukemia.

#### Introduction.

Two types of uterine cancer are reported depending on the origin of the malignant tumor [1]. They are those originating in the endometrium of the uterine body and those originating in the uterine body [2]. Malignant tumors of the endometrium are composed of malignant cells with various morphologies [3]. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) classification of gynecological tumors, malignant tumors arising from the endometrium of the uterine body include endometrial cancer, endometrial stromal sarcoma, uterine carcinosarcoma, and uterine adenocarcinoma [4]. According to the WHO classification of gynecological tumors, tumors arising from within the uterine body include uterine mesenchymal tumors such as uterine leiomyoma and uterine leiomyosarcoma [5].

Cervical cancer that develops in the cervix can be classified into two types based on differences in cell morphology [6]. According to the WHO classification of gynecological tumors, two types exists: squamous cell carcinoma, which develops from squamous epithelial cells of the mucosal tissue at the entrance of the cervix, and adenocarcinoma, which develops from columnar epithelial cells of the glandular tissue near the body of the uterus [7]. The number of individuals with cervical cancer increases from their late 20s onwards, whereas the number of individuals with endometrial cancer increases after the age of 40 years [8]. In many cases, the location and size of a tumor in the body are determined from the results of imaging tests such as computed tomography (CT) imaging or contrast-enhanced magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); however, these imaging tests rarely lead to an accurate diagnosis of the tumor [9].

In this patient, the tumor, which was thought to have developed from the uterine body to the cervix, grew outside the uterine body within the pelvis and reached the Douglas pouch. Therefore, the mass did not appear to originate from the uterine or cervical endometrium. Therefore, our medical staff considered the possibility that the patient may have developed a uterine mesenchymal tumor originating from the smooth muscle layer of the uterus. Furthermore, contrast-enhanced MRI revealed that the tumor tended to grow rapidly. Since she was in her 50s when the disease first appeared, we considered the possibility that the tumor was a uterine leiomyosarcoma.

Therefore, we performed radical hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy to remove the uterus, fallopian tubes, and ovaries. Molecular pathological analysis was performed on the uterine tissue, fallopian tubes, and ovaries removed during surgical treatment. High caveolin 1 expression has been

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observed in mesenchymal tumors, including uterine leiomyomas and leiomyosarcomas [10]; however, no caveolin 1 expression has been observed in tumor tissues excised from patients. The concentration of soluble interleukin 2 receptor (sIL-2R) in the serum collected from the patient was 4650 (U/mL), which was high, raising the suspicion of a tumor in hematopoietic cells [11]. Immunohistochemical (IHC) staining showed that the excised tissue was positive for myeloid cells surface markers (MPO, CD68, CD117, and CD43) [12]. These results revealed the development of myeloid sarcoma, a malignant tumor primarily caused by bone marrow cells. Myeloid sarcoma is a type of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) blood cancer [13]. It often occurs simultaneously with AML or as a sign of AML recurrence after treatment. However, AML was not observed in this case.

In this case, we observed a tumor originating from the smooth muscle layer of the uterine body or cervix that grew into the Douglas pouch. Furthermore, contrast-enhanced MRI suggested the possibility of developing a malignant uterine mesenchymal tumor, that is, a uterine leiomyosarcoma. However, IHC results from the tumor tissue removed during surgical treatment confirmed the development of myeloid sarcoma. The patient had no history of AML or treatment, and the tumor extending from the uterine body or cervix to the Douglas pouch was diagnosed as myeloid sarcoma.

#### Materials and Methods.

#### **Enhaced-MRI image examination:**

Contrast-enhanced MRI (Vantage Centurian: Vantage Galan 3T MRT-3020, Canon Medical Systems, Inc., Ohtawara, Tochigi, Japan) was performed to identify the size and the location of the mass in the patient's body, Contrast-enhanced MRI imaging (Vantage Centurian: Vantage Galan 3T MRT-3020) can also reveal bleeding within the mass, but it is difficult to make a definitive diagnosis.

#### Laparoscopic surgery:

The modified radical hysterectomy, bilateral salpingooophorectomy, and pelvic lymphadenectomy were performed via laparoscopic surgery (ENDOEYE FLEX 3D, Olympus Corporation, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan) and a surgical device (HICURA, Olympus Corporation), respectively, for surgical treatment of tumor surrounding the uterine body and cervix.

#### Histopathological examination:

A surgical pathologist performed histopathological analysis of the sections from formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded resected tissue to evaluated the gross findings and histopathological characteristics of the specimens [14]. Using the standard procedure, hematoxylin and eosin (H.E.) staining analyses were performed [14]. The entire brown 3,3'-Diaminobenzidine, tetrahydrochloride-stained tissues were scanned with a digital fluorescence microscope BZ-X800 by corporation recommended procedure (Keyence, Osaka, Osaka, Japan).

#### Immunohistochemistry:

Histological staining for caveolin-1, cyclin B, cyclin E1, Large Multifunctional Protease 2 (LMP2)/β1i, Ki-67, desmin, and myogenin was performed on serial tumor sections obtained

from patients with uterine mesenchymal tumors and tissue sections obtained from tumors that wrap around the uterine corpus and cervix (Supplementary Material 1). Monoclonal antibodies against human cyclin E1 (clone CCNE1/2460) were purchased from Abcam (Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge, UK), and the monoclonal antibodies against Ki-67 (clone MIB-1) were purchased from Dako Denmark A/S (DK-2600 Glostrup, Denmark). Monoclonal antibodies against human desmin (clone RM234) and human myogenin (clone MGN185) were purchased from GeneTex, Inc. (Irvine, CA, USA). Monoclonal antibodies against human caveolin-1 (clone sc-53564), human cyclin B1 (clone sc-245), and human LMP2/β1i (clone sc-373689) were purchased from Santa Cruz Biotechnology Inc. (Santa Cruz, CA, USA). These antibodies have been used to diagnose mesenchymal tumors in humans. Anti-MPO (clone sc-390109), anti CD68 (clone sc-20060), anti CD117/c-kit (clone sc-365504), and anti CD43 (clone sc-21774) antibodies were purchased from Santa Cruz Biotechnology Inc. These antibodies have been used previously to diagnose myeloid sarcoma. All immunohistochemistry experiments were performed using the avidin-biotin complex method, as previously described [15,16]. Briefly, a representative 5 mm tissue section was cut from a paraffin-embedded radical hysterectomy specimen obtained from each patient with a uterine mesenchymal tumor. The sections were first incubated with a biotinylated secondary antibody (Dako, DK-2600 Glostrup, Denmark) and then with a streptavidin complex solution (Dako). The chemical reaction was developed using 3,39'-diaminobenzidine tetrahydrochloride hydrate (DAB; Dako), and the tissue slides treated with appropriate primary monoclonal antibody and biotinylated 2nd monoclonal antibody were counterstained with hematoxylin. Normal myometrial portions of the specimens were used as positive controls. Tissue sections incubated with normal rabbit immunoglobulin G instead of the primary antibody were used as the negative controls. Brown DAB staining reveals the expression of cyclin E and Ki-67. Normal rabbit or mouse antisera were used as negative controls for primary antibodies. The DAB-stained tissues were scanned using a digital microscope by corporation recommended procedure (BZ-X800; Keyence Corporation, Osaka, Japan). Brown dots indicate expression levels of cyclin E, Ki-67 and other candidate molecules. Normal rabbit or mouse antisera (Santa Cruz Biotechnology Inc.) were used as negative controls for primary antibodies.

## Pathogenic variants of patient's tumor and human uterine leiomyosarcomas:

Pathogenic variants (PVs) of the patient's tumor and human uterine leiomyosarcomas were identified using the FoundationOne® CDx tissue examination (Foundation Medicine, Inc., Cambridge, MA, USA) with patient tissues resected via surgical treatment. Cancer genome profiling using FoundationOne® CDx tissues is covered by health insurance.

# Standard treatment for acute myeloid leukemia (AML): Treatment of patients with myeloid sarcoma with CP X-351 (daunorubicin/cytarabine encapsulated liposomes)

CPX-351 is a liposomal formulation of cytarabine and daunorubicin used for AML [17]. The standard therapy for AML

is a combination of cytarabine and daunorubicin. The standard doses of these drugs are 100–200 mg/m2 for consecutive 7 days, and 45 mg/m2 for three injections in older adult patients.

#### Ethics approval and consent to participate:

Shinshu University approved the experiments (Approval No. M192). All experiments using human tissues were conducted at the National Hospital Organization, Kyoto Medical Center (approval no. NHO H31-02), in accordance with the institutional guidelines issued on August 17, 2019, by the Central Ethics Review Board of the National Hospital Organization Headquarters (Tokyo, Japan) and Shinshu University (Nagano, Japan). The authors attended educational lectures on medical ethics in 2020 and 2021, supervised by the Japanese government (completion numbers AP0000151756, AP0000151757, AP0000151769, and AP000351128). Consent for participation in this clinical study was obtained from all the patients. After being briefed on the clinical study and agreeing to the clinical research objectives, the participants signed consent forms. The authors attended seminars on the ethics of experimental research using small animals on July 2, 2020, and July 20, 2021. The code number for ethical approval of experiments with small animals was KMC R02-0702.

#### Results.

A woman in her 50s with a history of endometrial hyperplasia visited the gynecology department of a nearby clinic for outpatient treatment due to irregular bleeding and menstrual irregularities. However, during follow-up at our clinic, she experienced genital discomfort; therefore, a contrast-enhanced MRI was performed. Contrast-enhanced MRI revealed a cervical mass. Consequently, in December 2021, she was referred by her doctor to our gynecology department at a general hospital for further examination and treatment of the cervical mass. Examination at the outpatient clinic revealed a prominent mass on her cervical lip. Macroscopic examination of the cervix revealed no abnormalities in the uterine mucosa. Therefore, contrast-enhanced CT and MRI scans were performed. The results of imaging tests indicated that her illness was most likely due to a submucosal stromal lesion, such as a uterine sarcoma. We performed a cervical biopsy, and the pathological results were suggested uterine sarcoma. Therefore, after discussion at a medical conference, the decision was made to surgically remove the tumor. In January 2022, modified radical hysterectomy, bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy, and pelvic lymphadenectomy were performed. Surgical pathology was performed on surgically removed tissues.

#### Contrast-enhanced MRI imaging results:

A tumor was observed occupying the area from the urethra to the bladder wall and from the vagina to the uterine vagina. Contrast-enhanced MRI T2W1 imaging results showed a homogeneous, moderate signal (Supplementary Figure 1A). In addition, chronic compression fractures of the thoracic and lumbar spines were observed. Contrast-enhanced MRI (DW1) revealed severe diffusion restriction (Supplementary Figure 1B). Based on the extent of the lesion and signal, the mass was considered to be either a uterine leiomyosarcoma or malignant lymphoma. The rectum was compressed by the mass. However,

no evidence of tumor invasion was observed in the rectal wall. Bilateral hydronephrosis and hydroureter formation occurred due to tumor progression. Left ureteral stones, left kidney stones, and left kidney atrophy were observed. Lymphadenopathy was not observed.

#### **Blood test results:**

When a malignant tumor develops in the digestive organs, the serum concentrations of the tumor markers Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA) and Carbohydrate Antigen 19-9 (CA19-9) increase [18]. When a malignant tumor develops in gynecological organs (ovaries, fallopian tubes, or uterus), the serum concentration of the tumor marker Carbohydrate Antigen 125 (CA125) increases [19]. However, no diagnostic markers malignant uterine mesenchymal tumors (i.e., uterine leiomyosarcoma) were identified (Supplementary Table 1). Blood test results revealed normal levels of the tumor markers, CEA, CA19-9, and CA125. Therefore, the occurrence of malignant tumors in the digestive or female organs (ovaries, fallopian tubes, and uterus) was excluded. In contrast, the serum sIL-2R concentration was 4650 (U/mL), which was high (normal value is 212 or higher but less than 613) (Supplementary Table 1). Diseases that may cause high levels of sIL-2R include malignant lymphoma, lymphocytic leukemia, Adult T-cell leukemia (ATL), hemophagocytic syndrome, interstitial pneumonia, and collagen diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis.

## Surgical pathology results and cancer genome profiling (CGP):

- 1. At the time of initial onset, myeloid sarcoma is often accompanied by malignant myeloid tumors such as AML. However, AML was not detected in this patient. The image shows the macroscopic appearance of a tumor in the cervical tissue. Subendometrial tumors are circled in white dotted lines. The tumor has grown from the uterine body to the cervix (Supplementary Figure 1C, D).
- 2. Metastatic lesions of the myeloid sarcoma were observed in the pelvic lymph nodes.
- 3. The surgical pathological diagnosis performed in this case did not reveal any findings suggesting the development of benign tumors (leiomyoma) or malignant uterine mesenchymal tumors, such as uterine leiomyosarcoma (Figure 1 A, B, Supplementary Table 2).
- 4. In uterine mesenchymal tumors (uterine leiomyosarcoma), caveolion 1 expression is strong, but the expression of LMP2/β1i is extremely weak or undetectable [20,21] (Figure 1B, Supplementary Table 2). However, in tumor tissues obtained from patients following surgical treatment, the expression of caveolin 1 was significantly weak, whereas the expression of LMP2/β1i was strong. Based on these results, the patient did not develop a uterine mesenchymal tumor [22] (Figure 2 A, B).
- 5. Analysis of cell surface markers: Myeloid cell surface markers (myeloperoxidase (MPO), Cluster Designation 68 (CD68), CD117, and CD43) were all positive (Figure 2B). Based on the results of this pathological test, the tumor was diagnosed as a myeloid sarcoma.
- 6. Genetic analysis has shown that most patient of AML has nucleophosmin 1 (NPM1) and c-KIT/ CD117 mutations. Based on the results obtained from FoundationOne® CDx,

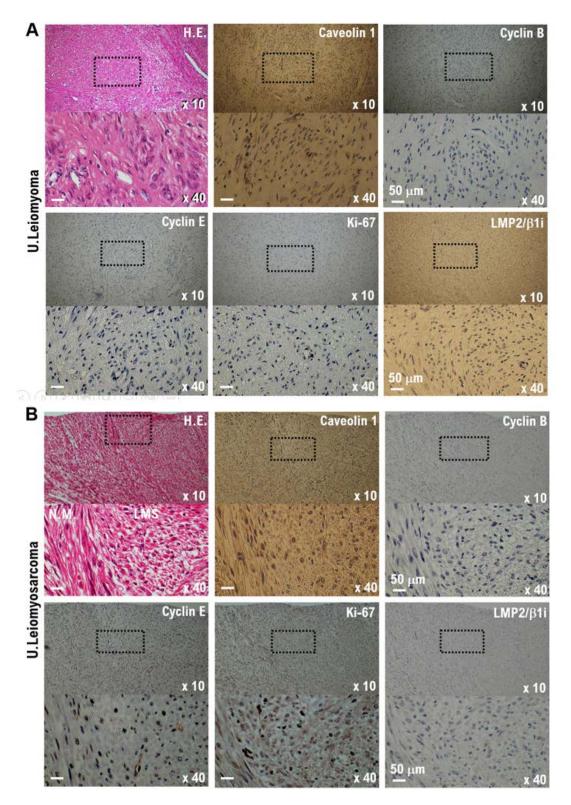
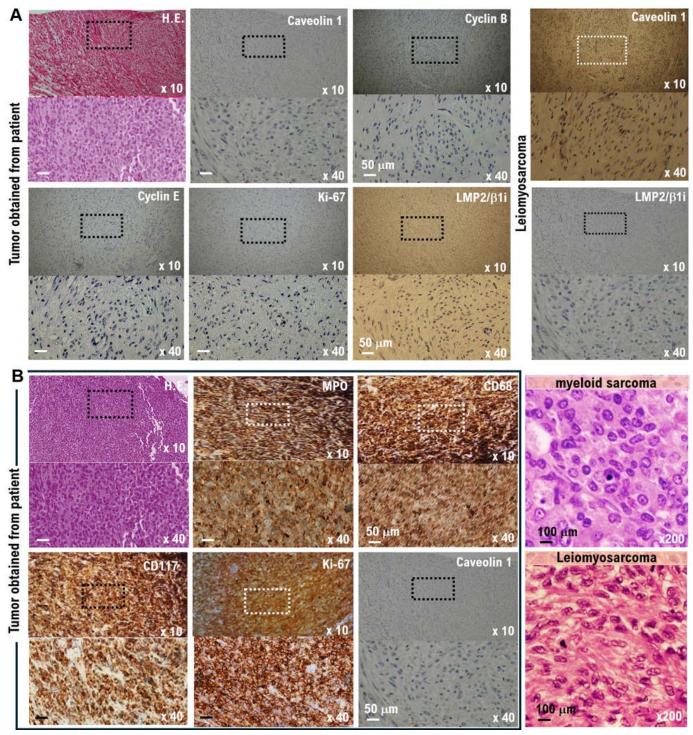


Figure 1. As cells of uterine mesenchymal tumors have various cell and nuclear morphologies, surgical pathological diagnosis is often challenging. Therefore, biomarkers specific to various tumors were searched for using tissues of uterine mesenchymal tumors removed by surgical treatment. Consequently, five factors, caveolin1, cyclin B, cyclin E, Ki-67, and LMP2/β1i, were identified as candidate biomarkers for uterine mesenchymal tumors. A. The expression of five candidate factors was examined using immunohistochemistry (IHC) in 102 cases of uterine leiomyoma (57 cases of ordinary leiomyoma and 45 cases of cellular leiomyoma), a benign tumor of uterine mesenchymal tumors. Strong expression of caveolin 1 and LMP2/β1i was observed in uterine leiomyoma. Weak expression of cyclin B, cyclin E, and Ki-67 was observed in uterine leiomyoma. B. Expression status of five candidate factors was shown using immunohistochemical staining in 151 cases of uterine leiomyosarcoma, a malignant tumor of the uterine mesenchymal tumor. Uterine leiomyosarcoma showed strong expression of caveolin 1, cyclin B, cyclin E, and Ki-67, whereas LMP2/β1i showed weak expression.



**Figure 2.** Based on the results of previous clinical studies, five factors, caveolin1, cyclin B, cyclin E, Ki-67, and LMP2/β1i, have been identified as candidate biomarkers for uterine mesenchymal tumors. The expression status of the five candidate factors was determined using immunohistochemical staining (IHC) of tumor tissues that developed in the cervical tissue. Strong expression of Ki-67 and LMP2/β1i was observed in tumor tissues that developed in the cervical tissue.

Furthermore, compared to uterine leiomyoma, strong expression of cyclin E was observed in tumor tissues that developed in the cervical region. Furthermore, compared to uterine leiomyoma, strong expression of cyclin E was observed in tumor tissues that developed in the cervical region. Strong expression of MPO, CD68, CD117, and Ki-67 was observed in tumor tissues arising from the uterine cervix, whereas caveolin 1, a biomarker for uterine mesenchymal tumors, was not expressed. The two images on the right are Hematoxylin Eosin (HE) images of myeloid sarcoma and uterine leiomyosarcoma. Although they vary slightly depending on the case, the cellular and nuclear morphologies of myeloid sarcomas are similar to those of uterine leiomyosarcomas.

Table 1. Cancer Genome Profiling of the tumor obtained from patient and uterine leiomyosarcin.

#### Results from FoundationOne CDx tissue with tumor obtained from patient

Tumor Obtained from Patient	Genome status	Results
	Microsatellite status	Stable
	Tumor mutation burden (TMB)	6 Muts/Mb
	LOH	1.3%
	Pathogenic variants	KRAS G12D (VAF 35.9%), NPM1 Q289M (VAF 43.2%), TP53 t211l (VAF 45.3%), RUNX1-RUNX1T1 rearrangement (VAF 43.6%)
	Proposed Antitumor Agents	KRAS G12C Sotorasib

#### Possible pathogenic variants of uterine leiomyosarcoma

Uterine Leiomyosarcin	Genome status	Results
	Microsatellite status	Stable
	Tumor mutation burden (TMB)	4 Muts/Mb
	LOH	2.1%
	Pathogenic variants	ATRX K242* (VAF 32.9%), Rb M605fs*48 (VAF 35.7%), PTEN loss, CDKN2A loss
	Proposed Antitumor Agents	CDKN2A loss Palbociclib Abemaciclib

VAF: Variant Allele Frequency.

NPM1 Q289M was detected as pathogenic variant (Table 1). The results of cancer gene panel testing FoundationOne CDx using tumor tissue obtained from patients indicate a pathogenic variant specific to myeloid sarcoma but differ from the pathogenic variant specific to uterine leiomyosarcoma (Table 1). The results of cancer gene panel testing FoundationOne® CDx using tumor tissue obtained from patients indicate CPG of myeloid sarcoma (Table 1).

Based on the surgical pathological diagnosis of the surgically removed tissue, the patient was diagnosed with myeloid sarcoma and underwent induction therapy with CPX-351 (daunorubicin + cytarabine liposome) and maintenance therapy (high-dose cytarabine), which are the standard treatments for AML [23]. Subsequent contrast-enhanced MRI showed no progression of the malignant tumor, and the patient remained in remission with standard treatment regimen. Subsequently, the patient was not administered antitumor drugs and was monitored.

#### Discussion.

A woman in her 50s with a history of endometrial hyperplasia visited the gynecology department of a nearby clinic for outpatient treatment of abnormal bleeding and irregular menstrual cycles. However, during follow-up at this clinic, she reported genital discomfort; therefore, contrast-enhanced MRI was performed. Contrast-enhanced MRI suggested a submucosal uterine sarcoma of the cervix. However, blood tests revealed high serum sIL-2R concentrations. The patient underwent a modified radical hysterectomy, bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy, and pelvic lymphadenectomy via laparoscopic surgery (ENDOEYE FLEX 3D). Furthermore, the surgical pathological diagnosis of tumor tissues removed by surgical treatment revealed tissues with characteristics of myeloid sarcoma.

In this case, AML did not develop; however, one year after surgical treatment, the patient experienced lower abdominal and lower back pain, so imaging studies were performed. The imaging results showed clinical evidence of myeloid sarcoma recurrence. The patient therefore underwent induction therapy with CPX-351 (daunorubicin + liposomal cytarabine), a standard treatment for AML, followed by maintenance therapy

(high-dose cytarabine) [23]. Tumor had shrunk, confirming the effectiveness of standard treatment with CPX-351 and maintenance therapy. If a recurrence is confirmed again, our medical staff will consider treatment with a bone marrow transplant. If a recurrence is confirmed again, our medical staff will consider treatment with a bone marrow transplant. The biological characteristics of malignant tumors vary from patient to patient. Therefore, treatment for myeloid sarcoma must be tailored to the specific characteristics of the tumor.

As mentioned earlier, many studies recommend chemotherapy before the onset of AML, and our medical team is currently treating a patient with primary cervical myeloid sarcoma. This study showed a tendency to prevent AML onset. In this case, chemotherapy may have prevented the development of AML. Primary myeloid sarcoma of the cervix is extremely rare, but primary myeloid sarcoma may develop into AML and has a poor prognosis. Therefore, careful follow-up is necessary, even if AML does not develop.

#### Conclusion.

In cancer treatment, contrast-enhanced MRI is useful for identifying the size and location of tumor masses. However, contrast-enhanced MRI does not lead to the diagnosis of tumor masses. Therefore, early blood tests and tumor biopsy results are important for differential diagnosis and early treatment decisions.

#### Ethical considerations.

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval and Consent to Participate: This research on human cancer genome information derived from results of cancer genome profiling was conducted by Cancer Genomic Medicine Members at the Kyoto University Hospital, its affiliated hospitals, and the National Hospital Organization Kyoto Medical Center in accordance with institutional guidelines (IRB approval no. 50-201504, NHOKMC-2023-2, and H31-cancer-2). All patients received an explanation of the clinical trial and provided informed consent to participate in this study. Clinical research conducted by us complies with the Declaration of Helsinki.

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#### Ethical compliance with human study.

This study involves human subjects and has been approved by the ethics committee and IRB (Institutional Review Board) of the institution to which it is affiliated. This paper contains personally identifiable personal and/or medical information, as well as case reports/medical histories. Therefore, in accordance with our anonymization policy, it has been sufficiently anonymized to prevent the identification of individual patients. The authors obtained consent directly from the patients.

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This study involves research with human materials and was approved by the institutional ethics committee(s) and IRBs (Ethics Committee for research with animals in National Hospital Organization Headquarter; Meguro, Tokyo, Japan).

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Authors have nothing to disclose.

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TH and KA reviewed the content of the case reports and selected the images obtained from the contrast-enhanced MRI examinations. TH, KA, and IK compiled the patient's medical history and chief complaints. TH, KA, and IK were the attending physicians and reviewed the case report and blood test results. IK reviewed the draft case report.

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#### **Informed Consent Statement.**

This research includes clinical/human materials, therefore Informed consent is required.

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