

## ABSTRACT

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Intraoperative detection of IDH-mutant glioma using fluorescence lifetime imaging.

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Identifying isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH)-mutation and glioma subtype during surgery instead of days later can aid in modifying tumor resection strategies for better survival outcomes. We report intraoperative identification of IDH-mutant glioma (N=12 patients) with a clinically compatible fluorescence lifetime imaging (FLIm) device (excitation: 355 nm; emission spectral bands: 390/40 nm, 470/28 nm, 542/50 nm). The fluorescence-derived parameters were analyzed to study the optical contrast between IDH-mutant tumors and surrounding brain tissue. IDH-mutant oligodendrogliomas exhibited shorter lifetimes ( $3.3 \pm 0.1$  ns) than IDH-mutant astrocytomas ( $4.1 \pm 0.1$  ns). Both IDH-mutant glioma subtypes had shorter lifetimes than white matter ( $4.6 \pm 0.4$  ns) but had comparable lifetimes to cortex. Lifetimes also increased with malignancy grade within IDH-mutant oligodendrogliomas (grade 2:  $2.96 \pm 0.08$  ns, grade 3:  $3.4 \pm 0.3$  ns) but not within IDH-mutant astrocytomas. The current results support the feasibility of FLIm as a surgical adjuvant for identifying IDH-mutant glioma tissue. This article is protected by copyright. All rights reserved.

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