

Thyroid nodules represent the most frequent endocrine lesion in our population and it is necessary to differentiate malignant lesions from them. The aim of the study was to validate determination of selected angiogenic, proliferative, and apoptotic markers in cytosol tissue extracts. We analysed 166 tissue samples (85 goitres, benign adenomas and 10 malignant tumours) in which VEGF, bFGF, Endostatin, Thymidinkinase and TPS were determined. Main limitation of cytosolic analysis is tissue sample volume, that must be about 1cm³ and interindividual variability caused by tissue sample heterogeneity. Best way is to compare normal with pathological tissue samples from one patient. We found significant differences among histological groups in VEGF, bFGF, Endostatin and mainly Thymidinkinase and TPS. These differences are not sufficiently huge to distinguish goitres and benign lesions. We also did not find any correlation between cytosolic markers and immunohistochemistry markers. Cytosol analysis is not able to measure local expression and its differences in analysed tissue, but it is able to quantitatively determine mean levels of selected markers.