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Abstract

. Proper recognition and tracking of microscopic sperm cells in video images are vital steps of male infertility diagnosis and treatment. The segmentation and detection of sperms in microscopic image analysis is a complicate process as a result of their small sizes, fast movements, and considerable collisions. Histogram-based thresholding schemes are very popularfor this purpose, since they are quite fast and provide almost acceptable results. This paper proposes a combined method for sperm cells detection, which consists of a non-linear pre-processing stage, a histogram-based thresholding algorithm, and a tracking method based on an adaptive distance scheme. The results of conducted experiments verify the superiority of the proposed scheme with incorporated Kittler algorithm compared to the other competitive methods in the majority of cases.

Keywords: Histogram-based thresholding, Sperm cells, Motility analysis, Segmentation, Tracking, Adaptive distance

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