

Utility of Preoperative Inflammatory Markers to Distinguish Epithelial Ovarian Cancer

from Benign Ovarian Masses

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Table S1. Demographic and epidemiological characteristics of patients.

	Benign (N=207, N, %)	Malignant (N=887, N, %)	P value
Age (years, mean±SD)	47.17±14.66	54.23± 10.57	<0.001
Menopause			
No	106 (55.50)	280 (33.14)	<0.001
Yes	85 (44.50)	565 (66.86)	
BMI (kg/m ²)			
<25	127 (61.35)	571 (64.37)	0.415
≥25	80 (38.65)	316 (35.63)	
Family history of cancer			
No	161 (81.31)	649 (75.47)	0.080
Yes	37 (18.69)	211 (24.53)	
Alcohol consumption			
No	196 (99.49)	824 (97.51)	0.044
Yes	1 (0.51)	21 (2.49)	
Age of menarche (years)			
≤13	64 (30.92)	231 (26.04)	0.155
>13	143 (69.08)	656 (73.96)	
Number of pregnancies			
≤2	104 (50.24)	425 (47.91)	0.546
>2	103 (49.76)	462 (52.09)	
Number of live births			
≤1	133 (64.25)	518 (58.40)	0.123
>1	74 (35.75)	369 (41.60)	
Abortion			
No	58 (28.02)	295 (33.26)	0.147
Yes	149 (71.98)	592 (66.74)	

BMI, body mass index

Table S2. Clinical and pathological features of patients.

	Benign ovarian masses (N=207, N, %)	Malignant ovarian cancer (N=887, N, %)
Tumor diameter (cm)		
<5	85 (41.06)	337 (37.99)
≥5	122 (58.94)	550 (62.01)
Pathology		
Benign ovarian masses		
Serous cystadenoma	33 (15.94)	—
Mucinous cystadenoma	11 (5.31)	—
Mature teratoma	81 (39.13)	—
Others	82(39.62)	—
Epithelial ovarian cancer		
Serous	—	477 (53.78)
Mucinous	—	55 (6.20)
Endometrioid	—	194 (21.87)
Other EOC	—	161 (18.15)
Stage		
I	—	133 (15.36)
II	—	165 (19.05)
III	—	483 (55.77)
IV	—	85 (9.82)
Residual disease (cm)		
≤1	—	437 (75.22)
>1	—	144 (24.78)

EOC, epithelial ovarian cancer

Table S3. Univariate and multivariate logistic regression model showing association of biomarkers with malignancy.

Variables	OR (95%CI)	P value	OR (95%CI)*	P value *
CA125 (U/mL)	1.006 (1.005-1.007)	<0.001	1.006 (1.004-1.007)	<0.001
HGB (g/L)	0.972 (0.960-0.985)	<0.001	0.973 (0.960-0.986)	<0.001
MCV (fL)	0.964 (0.934-0.995)	0.024	0.946 (0.914-0.978)	0.001
HCT (%)	0.931 (0.889-0.974)	0.002	0.928 (0.884-0.973)	0.002
WBC ($10^9/L$)	1.310 (1.191-1.447)	<0.001	1.323 (1.199-1.467)	<0.001
NLR	2.061 (1.750-2.455)	<0.001	2.009 (1.701-2.340)	<0.001
PLR	1.012 (1.009-1.014)	<0.001	1.011 (1.009-1.014)	<0.001
LMR	0.811 (0.756-0.868)	<0.001	0.823 (0.766-0.883)	<0.001
Age at diagnosis	1.054 (1.039-1.068)	<0.001	-	-

CA125, Cancer Antigen 125; HGB, hemoglobin; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; HCT, hematocrit; WBC, white blood cell count; NLR, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio; PLR, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio; LMR, lymphocyte lymphocyte-to- monocyte ratio; OR = odds ratio, CI = confidence interval.

* adjusted for age.

Table S4. Area under the curve (AUC) for discriminating all malignant cases from benign cases adjusted for age.

Variables	AUC	95% CI	Cut-off	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
CA125 (U/mL)	90.8	88.6-92.9	193.65	78.6	89.4
HGB (g/L)	54.2	49.5-58.9	165.5	79.5	32.4
MCV (fL)	62.4	57.7-67.2	130.35	86.2	38.6
HCT (%)	62.8	58.0-67.6	83.55	80.8	45.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	67.4	62.8-72.1	53.525	78.8	55.8
NLR	67.6	62.9-72.3	49.673	78.6	54.4
PLR	75.4	72.1-78.8	215.023	62.2	78.3
LMR	62.7	57.9-67.5	52.835	70.2	56.3

CA125, Cancer Antigen 125; HGB, hemoglobin; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; HCT, hematocrit; WBC, white blood cell count; NLR, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio; PLR, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio; LMR, lymphocyte lymphocyte-to- monocyte ratio; AUC, Area under curve; CI = confidence interval.

Table S5. Area under the curve (AUC) for discriminating malignant from benign in stratified analysis by stage.

Variables	AUC	95% CI	Cut-off	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
Early stage malignant vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	81.3	77.6-85.1	59.03	68.4	78.9
HGB (g/L)	54.7	49.6-59.8	131.5	62.8	46.9
MCV (fL)	51.2	46.0-56.3	87.15	23.8	80.7
HCT (%)	52.4	47.3-57.6	42.15	87.6	18.4
WBC ($10^9/L$)	61.9	56.9-66.9	5.295	80.9	40.3
NLR	62.3	57.4-67.2	2.015	53.4	66.5
PLR	58.3	53.3-63.3	141.864	56.0	60.9
LMR	56.5	51.5-61.6	3.619	32.8	83.0
Advantaged stage malignant vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	95.4	93.6-97.1	228.7	85.2	95.5
HGB (g/L)	62.6	58.2-66.9	123.5	47.9	72.9
MCV (fL)	58.6	54.1-63.2	87.15	34.5	80.7
HCT (%)	59.0	54.6-63.5	38.75	56.3	59.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	64.4	60.1-68.8	5.815	71.0	52.4

NLR	81.6	78.2-84.9	2.139	78.3	71.8
PLR	80.9	77.7-84.1	196.41	60.3	90.8
LMR	78.5	74.9-82.0	3.615	65.0	83.0

CA125, Cancer Antigen 125; HGB, hemoglobin; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; HCT, hematocrit; WBC, white blood cell count; NLR, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio; PLR, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio; LMR, lymphocyte lymphocyte-to- monocyte ratio; AUC, Area under curve; CI = confidence interval.

Table S6. Area under the curve (AUC) for discriminating malignant from benign in stratified analysis by stage adjusted for age.

Variables	AUC	95%CI	Cut-off	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
Early stage malignant vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	81.1	77.2-84.9	106.535	70.9	77.4
HGB (g/L)	55.3	50.2-60.5	164.5	80.9	30.4
MCV (fL)	60.8	55.7-65.9	130.35	82.9	38.6
HCT (%)	60.4	55.3-65.6	83.55	76.2	45.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	63.7	58.6-68.8	53.56	72.1	55.8
NLR	62.8	57.6-67.9	51.023	66.4	57.8
PLR	61.4	56.5-66.4	192.133	56.7	62.3
LMR	60.9	55.7-66.1	52.874	66.2	56.3
Advantaged stage malignant vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	95.7	94.1-97.4	276.4	85.4	96.0
HGB (g/L)	53.6	48.6-58.5	162.5	84.8	27.5
MCV (fL)	63.3	58.4-68.2	131.25	86.7	40.1
HCT (%)	64.1	59.1-69.0	83.6	83.2	45.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	69.4	64.6-74.2	53.525	82.3	55.8

NLR	70.1	65.3-74.9	49.673	83.8	54.4
PLR	83.0	79.8-86.1	215.385	74.9	78.3
LMR	63.7	58.6-68.7	52.835	72.3	56.3

CA125, Cancer Antigen 125; HGB, hemoglobin; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; HCT, hematocrit; WBC, white blood cell count; NLR, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio; PLR, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio; LMR, lymphocyte lymphocyte-to- monocyte ratio; AUC, Area under curve; CI = confidence interval.

Table S7. Area under the curve (AUC) for discriminating malignant from benign in stratified analysis by histological subtype.

Variables	AUC	95%CI	Cut-off	Sensitivity	Specificity
Serous ovarian cancer vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	93.1	91.0-95.2	228.7	78.8	95.5
HGB (g/L)	60.5	55.9-65.0	124.5	46.0	71.0
MCV (fL)	56.6	51.9-61.4	87.15	31.7	80.7
HCT (%)	57.4	52.8-62.0	38.65	52.4	60.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	62.0	57.8-66.9	5.815	69.7	52.4
NLR	74.7	70.8-78.6	2.14	68.2	71.8
PLR	73.6	69.8-77.4	182.698	52.8	86.5
LMR	71.2	67.1-75.3	3.619	53.4	83.0
Endometrioid ovarian cancer vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	91.7	88.8-94.5	129.0	84.0	88.4
HGB (g/L)	59.3	53.8-64.9	124.5	45.4	71.0
MCV (fL)	58.2	52.6-63.7	90.05	60.8	54.6
HCT (%)	55.5	49.9-61.2	38.75	51.5	59.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	66.5	61.3-71.8	7.14	42.8	80.6

NLR	76.1	71.4-80.7	2.49	57.8	84.5
PLR	73.0	68.0-78.0	155.814	67.2	71.5
LMR	73.5	68.6-78.5	3.599	57.8	83.0
Other EOC vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	84.1	80.3-87.9	59.03	74.4	78.9
HGB (g/L)	59.0	53.6-64.5	129.5	62.3	53.1
MCV (fL)	53.6	48.1-59.2	87.15	29.3	80.7
HCT (%)	56.5	51.0-61.9	35.65	21.4	89.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	63.7	58.5-69.0	5.3	83.3	40.3
NLR	74.3	69.7-79.0	2.139	67.4	71.8
PLR	71.7	66.7-76.6	196.477	45.3	90.8
LMR	67.8	62.6-72.9	3.615	50.2	83.0

CA125, Cancer Antigen 125; HGB, hemoglobin; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; HCT, hematocrit; WBC, white blood cell count; NLR, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio; PLR, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio; LMR, lymphocyte lymphocyte-to- monocyte ratio; EOC, epithelial ovarian cancer; AUC, Area under curve; CI = confidence interval.

Table S8. Area under the curve (AUC) for discriminating malignant from benign in stratified analysis by histological subtype adjusted for age.

Variables	AUC	95%CI	Cut-off	Sensitivity	Specificity
Serous ovarian cancer vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	93.3	91.3-95.4	276.4	78.8	96.0
HGB (g/L)	54.0	49.0-59.0	164.5	83.6	30.4
MCV (fL)	62.8	57.8-67.7	131.25	85.5	40.1
HCT (%)	63.2	58.1-68.2	83.55	82.7	45.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	67.8	62.9-72.7	53.525	80.6	55.8
NLR	68.0	63.1-72.9	49.949	79.2	54.9
PLR	76.1	72.4-79.8	212.59	64.0	77.3
LMR	63.3	58.2-68.3	52.835	72.5	56.3
Endometrioid ovarian cancer vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	92.4	89.7-95.1	203.15	84.0	89.9
HGB (g/L)	55.1	49.5-60.8	173.5	68.6	44.4
MCV (fL)	62.2	56.7-67.7	129.75	89.7	37.2
HCT (%)	63.4	58.0-68.9	77.7	93.3	33.8
WBC ($10^9/L$)	68.0	62.8-73.3	49.28	92.3	40.8

NLR	67.6	62.3-72.9	45.712	91.1	40.8
PLR	75.6	70.8-80.4	226.352	60.9	82.6
LMR	62.7	57.1-68.2	46.36	90.1	36.4
Other EOC vs. benign					
CA125 (U/mL)	83.5	79.6-87.5	106.535	76.4	77.4
HGB (g/L)	53.7	48.1-59.2	172.5	67.9	42.5
MCV (fL)	61.9	56.5-67.3	138.75	67.9	57.0
HCT (%)	61.6	56.2-67.0	78.25	87.4	35.3
WBC ($10^9/L$)	66.2	60.9-71.4	53.24	79.1	53.9
NLR	66.6	61.4-71.9	49.707	78.6	54.4
PLR	74.0	69.3-78.7	261.421	44.9	93.2
LMR	61.5	56.1-67.0	53.275	67.0	57.8

CA125, Cancer Antigen 125; HGB, hemoglobin; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; HCT, hematocrit; WBC, white blood cell count; NLR, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio; PLR, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio; LMR, lymphocyte lymphocyte-to- monocyte ratio; EOC, epithelial ovarian cancer; AUC, Area under curve; CI = confidence interval.

Table S9. Area under the curve (AUC) for discriminating malignant from benign in stratified analysis by menopausal status.

Variables	AUC	95%CI	Cut-off	Sensitivity	Specificity
Premenopausal					
CA125 (U/mL)	89.5	86.0-93.0	228.7	71.3	94.1
HGB (g/L)	58.5	52.2-64.8	132.5	70.3	44.3
MCV (fL)	56.3	50.0-62.6	87.25	40.9	74.5
HCT (%)	56.2	49.8-62.6	35.95	26.9	84.9
WBC ($10^9/L$)	63.7	57.6-69.8	5.81	74.5	47.2
NLR	74.9	69.8-80.0	2.59	55.2	84.0
PLR	74.7	69.7-79.7	182.243	54.8	87.7
LMR	73.6	68.5-78.6	3.624	56.6	84.9
Postmenopausal					
CA125 (U/mL)	90.9	88.0-93.9	133.95	78.8	91.5
HGB (g/L)	61.7	55.7-67.6	123.5	41.7	81.2
MCV (fL)	60.0	53.4-66.6	93.35	81.6	35.3
HCT (%)	58.8	52.6-65.0	38.75	49.9	68.2
WBC ($10^9/L$)	64.4	57.9-70.9	6.030	61.3	65.5

NLR	75.0	69.6-80.4	2.113	66.9	73.8
PLR	71.5	66.1-76.8	196.197	45.1	90.6
LMR	69.1	63.2-75.0	3.721	52.9	81.0

CA125, Cancer Antigen 125; HGB, hemoglobin; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; HCT, hematocrit; WBC, white blood cell count; NLR, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio; PLR, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio; LMR, lymphocyte lymphocyte-to- monocyte ratio; AUC, Area under curve; CI = confidence interval.

Table S10. Area under the curve (AUC) for discriminating malignant from benign in stratified analysis by menopausal status adjusted for age.

Variables	AUC	95%CI	Cut-off	Sensitivity	Specificity
Premenopausal					
CA125 (U/mL)	89.2	85.6-92.7	275.05	70.9	95.0
HGB (g/L)	55.4	48.9-61.9	172.5	43.4	68.9
MCV (fL)	65.8	59.6-72.1	129.9	65.9	61.3
HCT (%)	67.2	60.9-73.6	77.4	78.5	54.7
WBC ($10^9/L$)	74.7	69.2-80.2	47.225	79.1	59.4
NLR	74.8	69.3-80.4	43.012	80.6	60.4
PLR	76.8	72.0-81.7	224.952	54.8	89.6
LMR	67.1	60.9-73.3	45.159	74.2	56.6
Postmenopausal					
CA125 (U/mL)	90.3	87.3-93.3	190.75	79.1	90.2
HGB (g/L)	63.3	57.1-69.5	190.5	63.8	55.3
MCV (fL)	57.6	50.9-64.3	150.55	59.8	55.3
HCT (%)	57.7	50.9-64.5	97.05	49.7	64.7
WBC ($10^9/L$)	51.2	44.1-58.3	65.115	51.4	57.1

NLR	50.5	43.3-57.7	73.529	90.0	17.9
PLR	71.3	65.9-76.7	209.7	66.5	69.4
LMR	58.9	52.0-65.9	66.898	71.1	46.4

HGB, hemoglobin; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; HCT, hematocrit; WBC, white blood cell count; PLT, platelet; NP, neutrophil percentage; LP, lymphocyte percentage; NLR, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio; PLR, platelet-to-lymphocyte ratio; AUC, Area under curve; CI = confidence interval.

SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES

Figure S1.

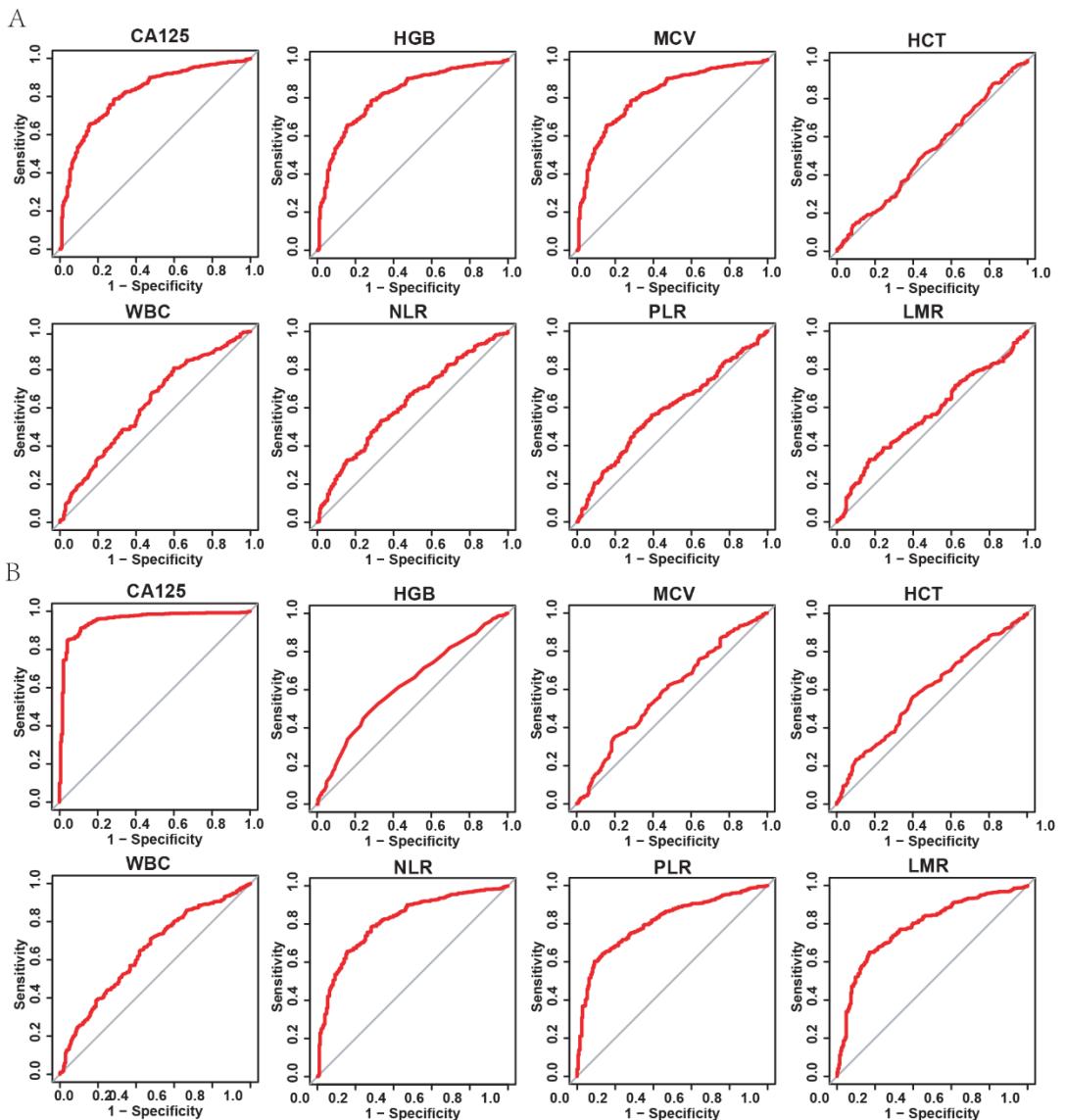


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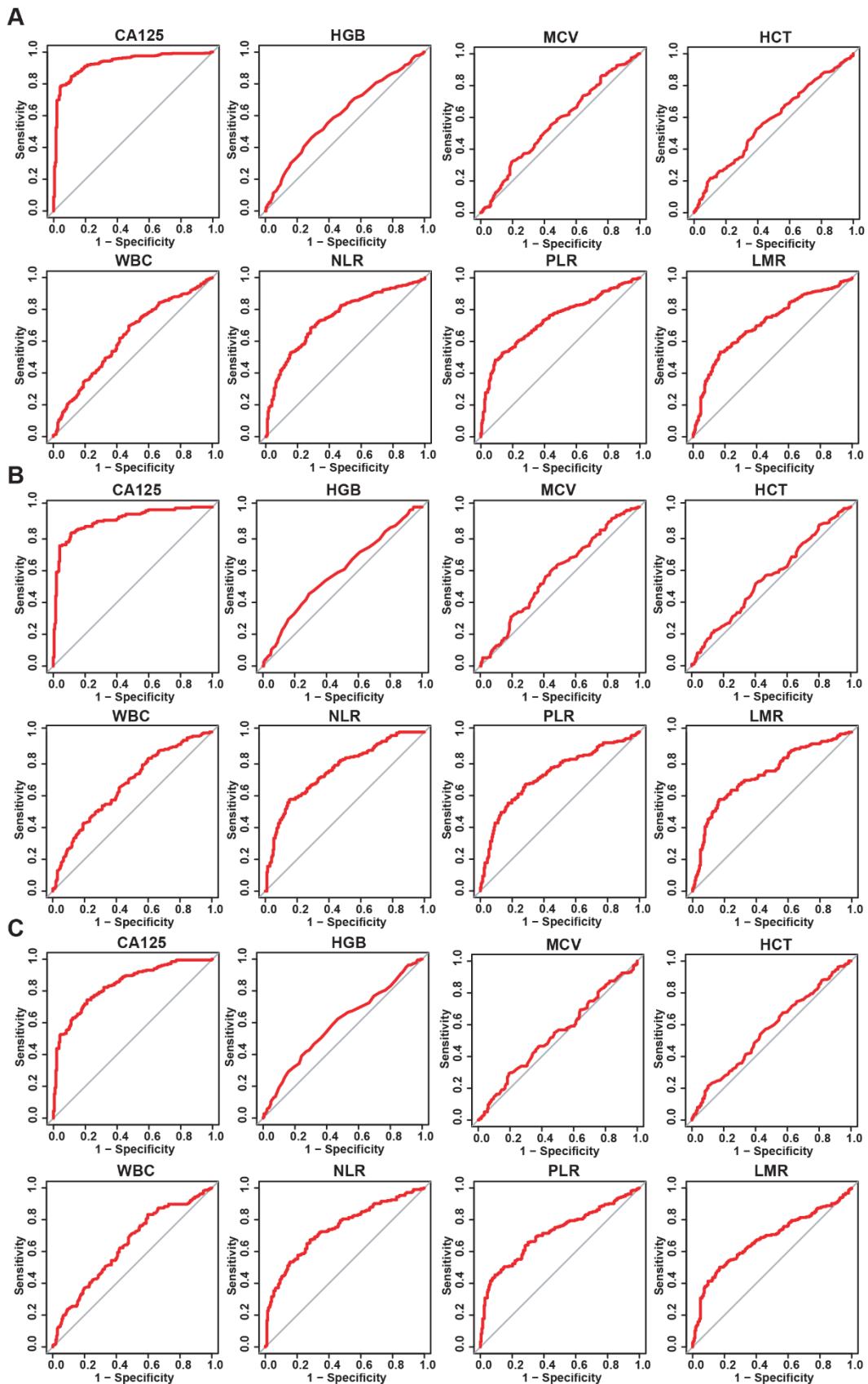


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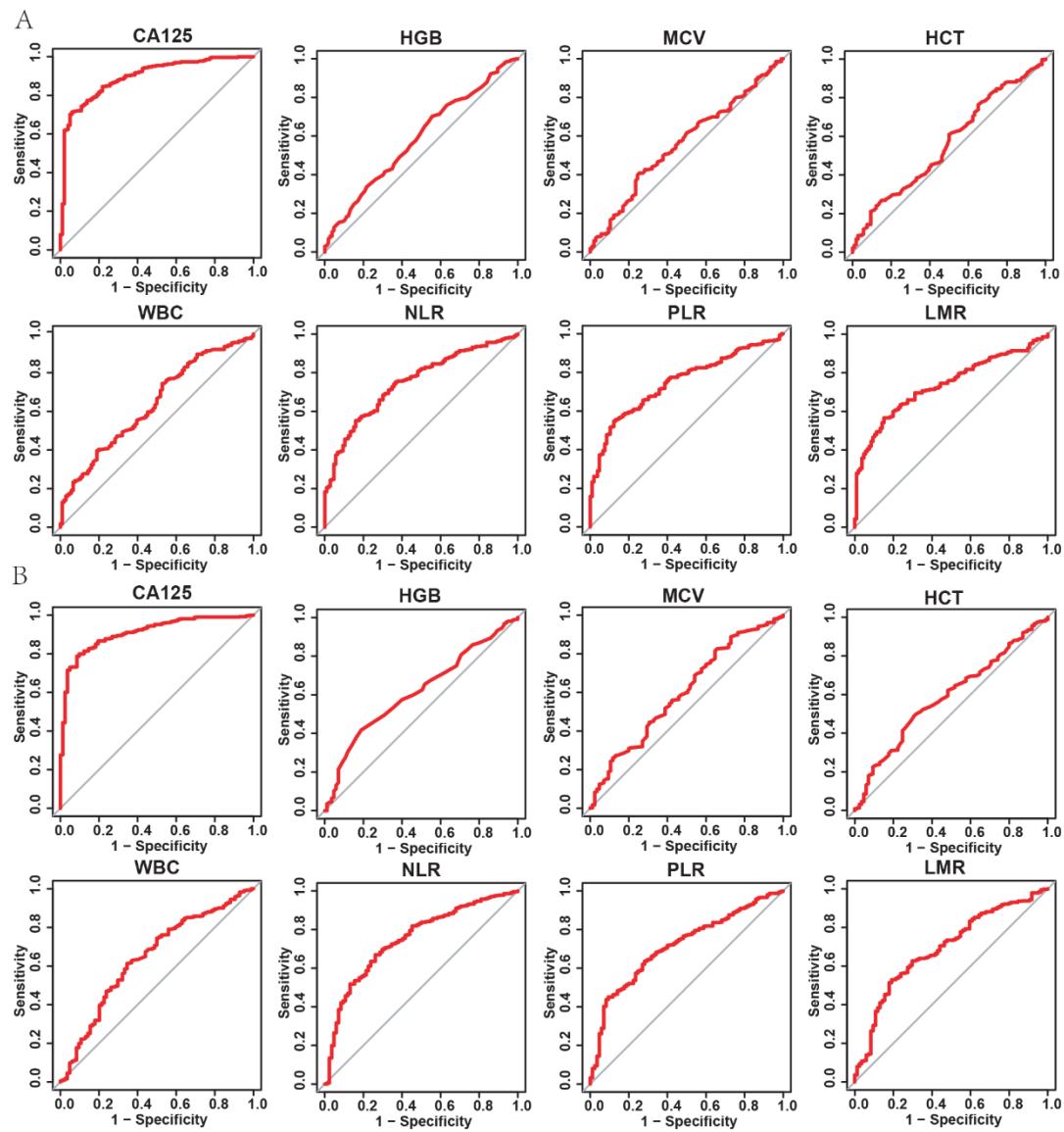


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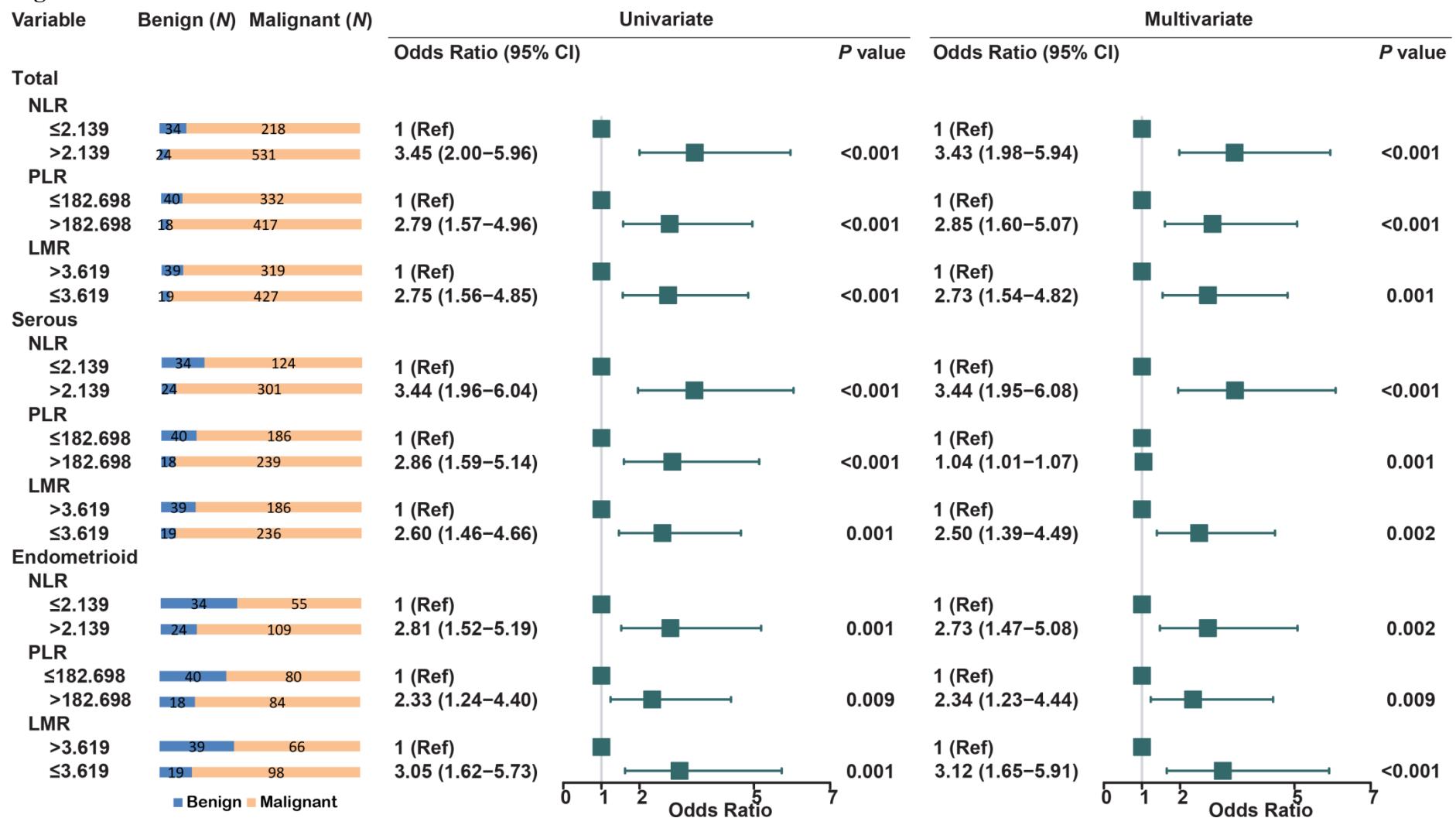


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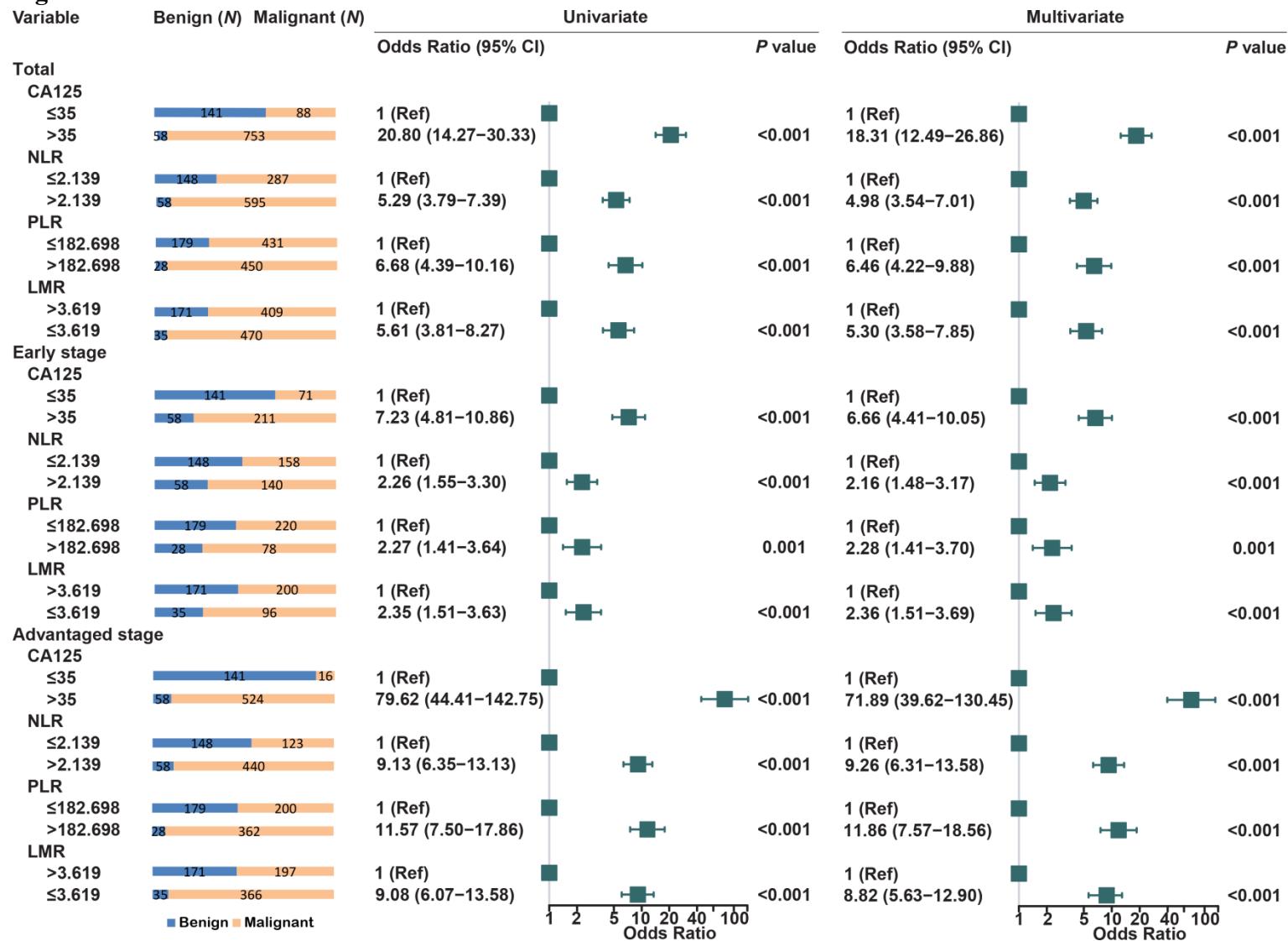


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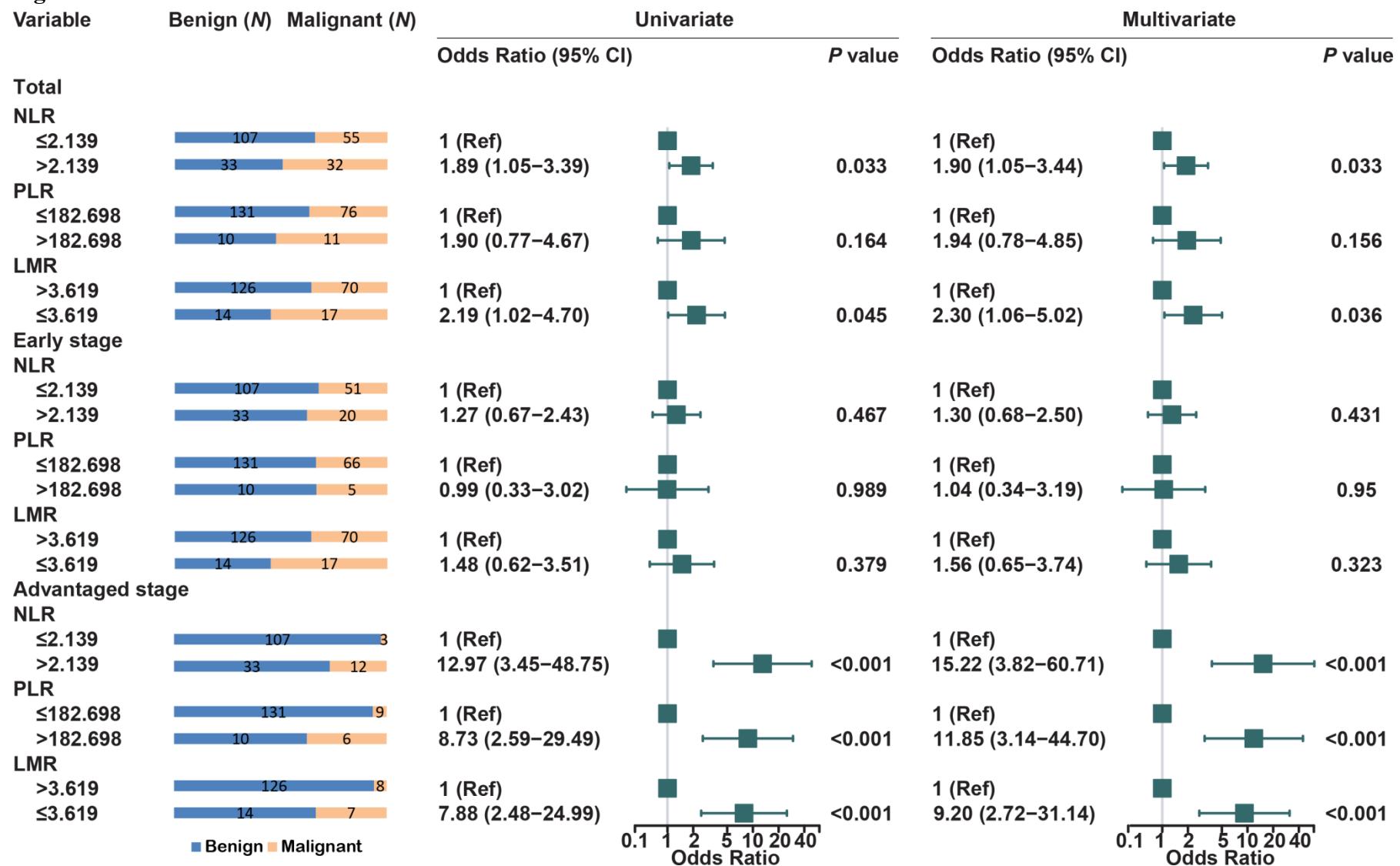


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