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CRITICITA' DELLE LINEE GUIDA ESGO NEL CARCINOMA DELL'ENDOMETRIO E DELLA CERVICE

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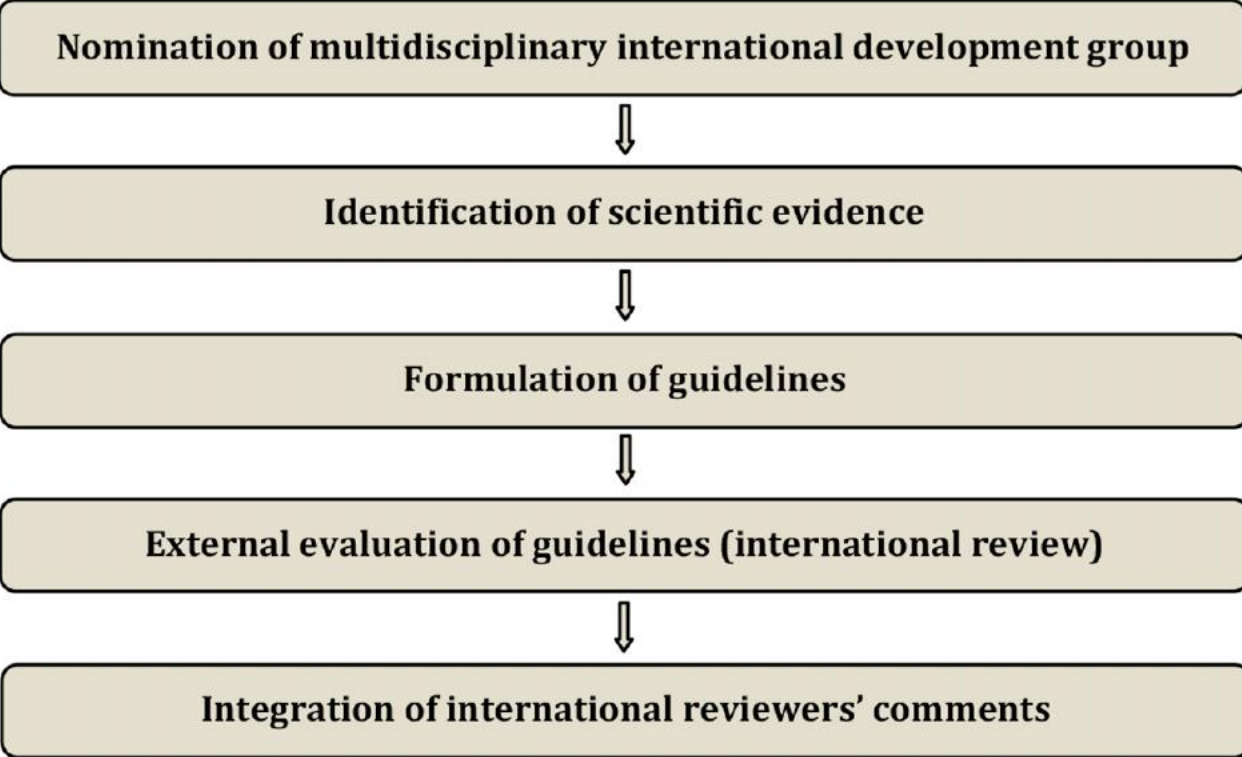
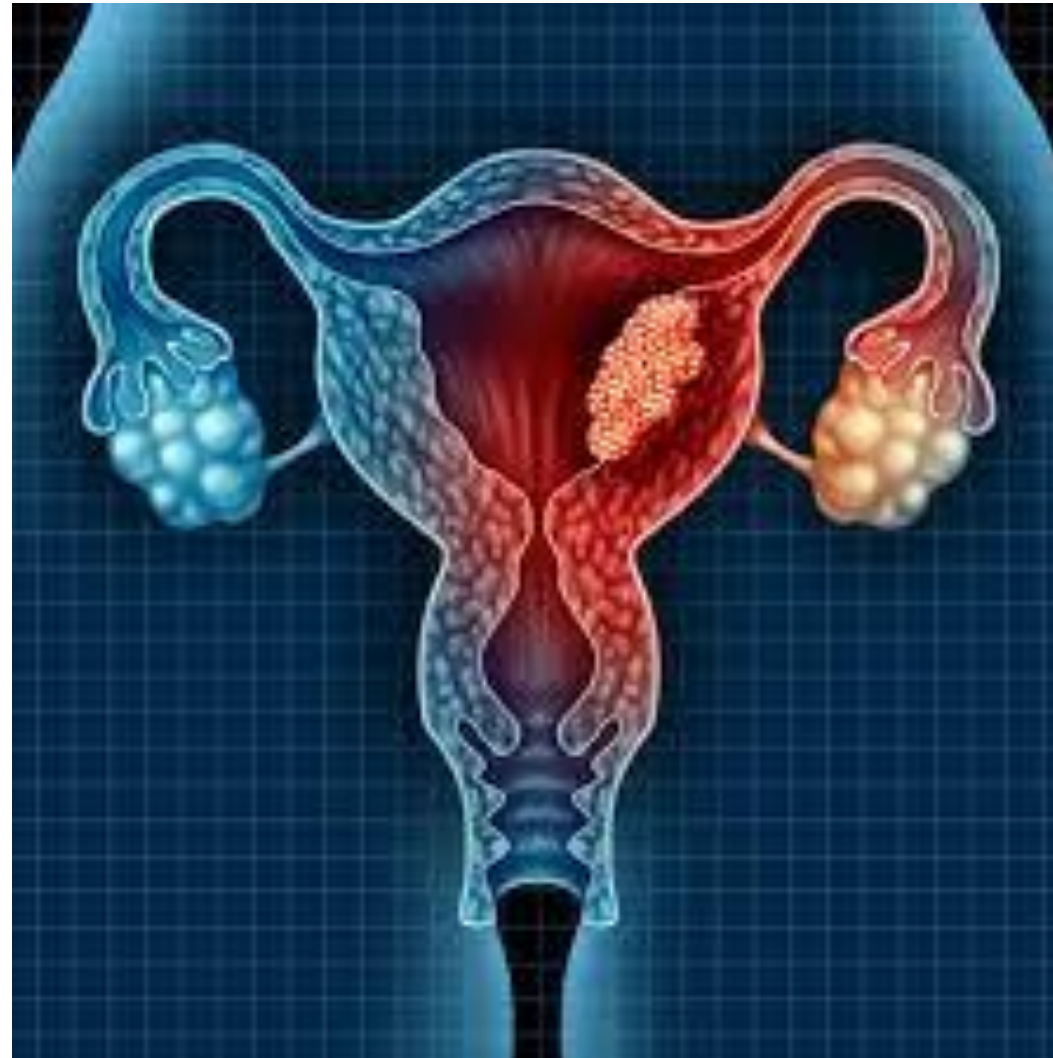


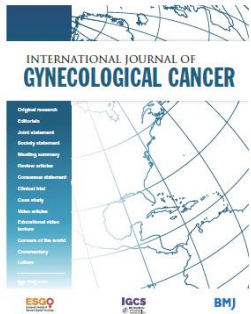
Figure 1 Guideline development process.

LEVELS OF EVIDENCE	
I	Evidence from at least one large randomized, controlled trial of good methodological quality (low potential for bias) or meta-analyses of well-conducted, randomized trials without heterogeneity
II	Small randomized trials or large randomized trials with a suspicion of bias (lower methodological quality) or meta-analyses of such trials or of trials with demonstrated heterogeneity
III	Prospective cohort studies
IV	Retrospective cohort studies or case-control studies
V	Studies without control group, case reports, experts opinions
GRADES OF RECOMMENDATIONS	
A	Strong evidence for efficacy with a substantial clinical benefit, strongly recommended
B	Strong or moderate evidence for efficacy but with a limited clinical benefit, generally recommended
C	Insufficient evidence for efficacy or benefit does not outweigh the risk or the disadvantages (adverse events, costs, ...), optional
D	Moderate evidence against efficacy or for adverse outcome, generally not recommended
E	Strong evidence against efficacy or for adverse outcome, never recommended

Figure 2 Levels of evidence and grades of recommendations.

Endometrial cancer





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Table 2 Definition of prognostic risk groups

Risk group	Molecular classification unknown	Molecular classification known*†
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage IA endometrioid + low-grade‡ + LVSI negative or focal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage I-II POLEmut endometrial carcinoma, no residual disease ▶ Stage IA MMRd/NSMP endometrioid carcinoma + low-grade‡ + LVSI negative or focal
Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage IB endometrioid + low-grade‡ + LVSI negative or focal ▶ Stage IA endometrioid + high-grade‡ + LVSI negative or focal ▶ Stage IA non-endometrioid (serous, clear cell, undifferentiated carcinoma, carcinosarcoma, mixed) without myometrial invasion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage IB MMRd/NSMP endometrioid carcinoma + low-grade‡ + LVSI negative or focal ▶ Stage IA MMRd/NSMP endometrioid carcinoma + high-grade‡ + LVSI negative or focal ▶ Stage IA p53abn and/or non-endometrioid (serous, clear cell, undifferentiated carcinoma, carcinosarcoma, mixed) without myometrial invasion
High-intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage I endometrioid + substantial LVSI regardless of grade and depth of invasion ▶ Stage IB endometrioid high-grade‡ regardless of LVSI status ▶ Stage II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage I MMRd/NSMP endometrioid carcinoma + substantial LVSI regardless of grade and depth of invasion ▶ Stage IB MMRd/NSMP endometrioid carcinoma high-grade‡ regardless of LVSI status ▶ Stage II MMRd/NSMP endometrioid carcinoma
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage III-IVA with no residual disease ▶ Stage I-IVA non-endometrioid (serous, clear cell, undifferentiated carcinoma, carcinosarcoma, mixed) with myometrial invasion, and with no residual disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage III-IVA MMRd/NSMP endometrioid carcinoma with no residual disease ▶ Stage I-IVA p53abn endometrial carcinoma with myometrial invasion, with no residual disease ▶ Stage I-IVA NSMP/MMRd serous, undifferentiated carcinoma, carcinosarcoma with myometrial invasion, with no residual disease
Advanced metastatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage III-IVA with residual disease ▶ Stage IVB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stage III-IVA with residual disease of any molecular type ▶ Stage IVB of any molecular type

- No adj th
- When molecular classification available: I-II stage POLE mutated tumors no adj th

- Adj BT can be recommended to decrease local recurrence
- Omission of adj BT can be considered
- When molecular classification available: POLE and P53 mutated tumors have specific recommendations (P53 abn tumors restricted to a polyp or without myometrial is present on polyp or without myometrial invasion, adj th is generally not recommended)

- Adj BT can be recommended to decrease local recurrence
- EBRT can be considered for substantial LVSI and for stage II
- Adj CT can be considered, especially for high grade and/or substantial LVSI
- Omission of any adj th is an option
- When mol class avail: POLE and P53 mutated tumors have specific recomm

- EBRT with concurrent and adj CT or with seq CT and RT
- CT alone is an alternative option
- When mol class avail: POLE and P53 mutated tumors have specific recomm

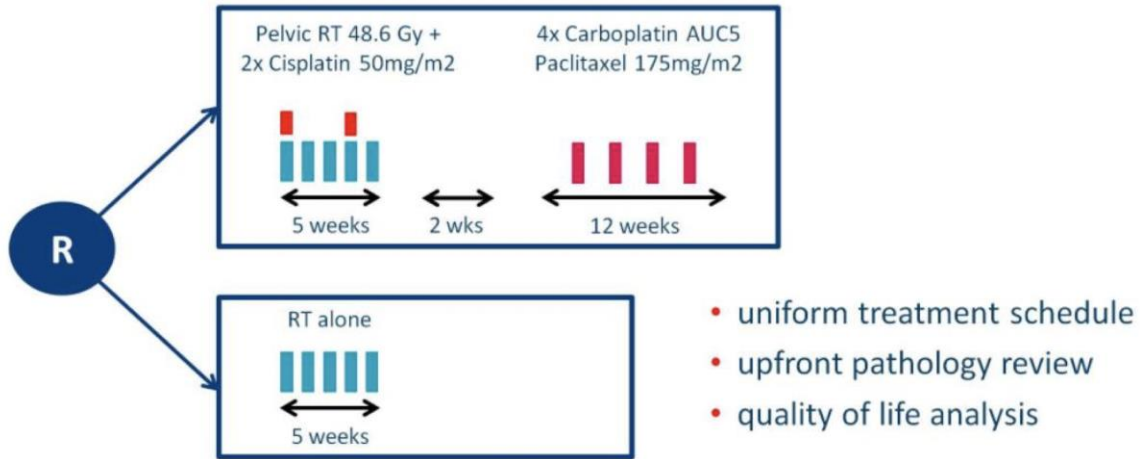
Mostly debated

POLE gene mutation in EC is observed EC in 7-12%

PORTEC-3 trial design



High risk Endometrial Cancer (HREC)



Post-hoc analysis



POLEmut

- POLEmut endometrioid carcinoma had an excellent outcome in both arms.
- However, both trial arms included EBRT.
- Prospective registration preferably in national or international studies) of POLEmut endometrial carcinoma cases with treatment and outcome data is strongly recommended.

Stage						< .001
IA	54 (13.2)	23 (24.7)	12 (23.5)	13 (9.5)	6 (4.7)	
IB	73 (17.8)	14 (15.1)	20 (39.2)	26 (19.0)	13 (10.1)	
II	105 (25.6)	24 (25.8)	7 (13.7)	33 (24.1)	41 (31.8)	
IIIA	46 (11.2)	8 (8.6)	2 (3.9)	10 (7.3)	26 (20.2)	
IIIB	29 (7.1)	4 (4.3)	4 (7.8)	13 (9.5)	8 (6.2)	
IIIC	103 (25.1)	20 (21.5)	6 (11.8)	42 (30.7)	35 (27.1)	

Evaluation of Treatment Effects in Patients With Endometrial Cancer and *POLE* Mutations: An Individual Patient Data Meta-Analysis

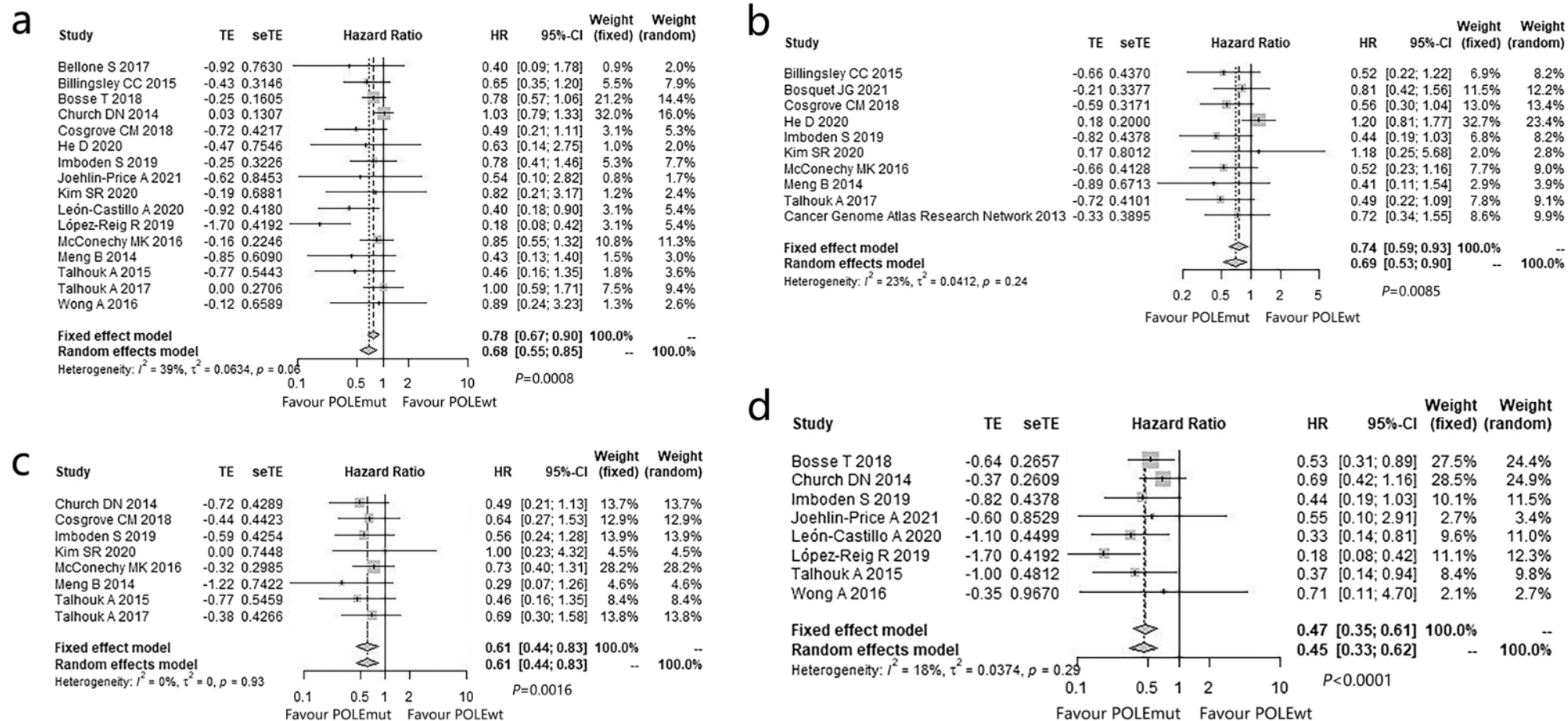


Fig. 3 Forest plot of the meta-analysis estimating the hazard ratio (HR) with 95% confidence interval (CI) of **a** overall survival (OS), **b** progression free survival (PFS), **c** disease specific survival (DSS), and **d** relapse free survival (RFS) for POLEmut compared with POLE-wild-type (POLEwt) EC patients

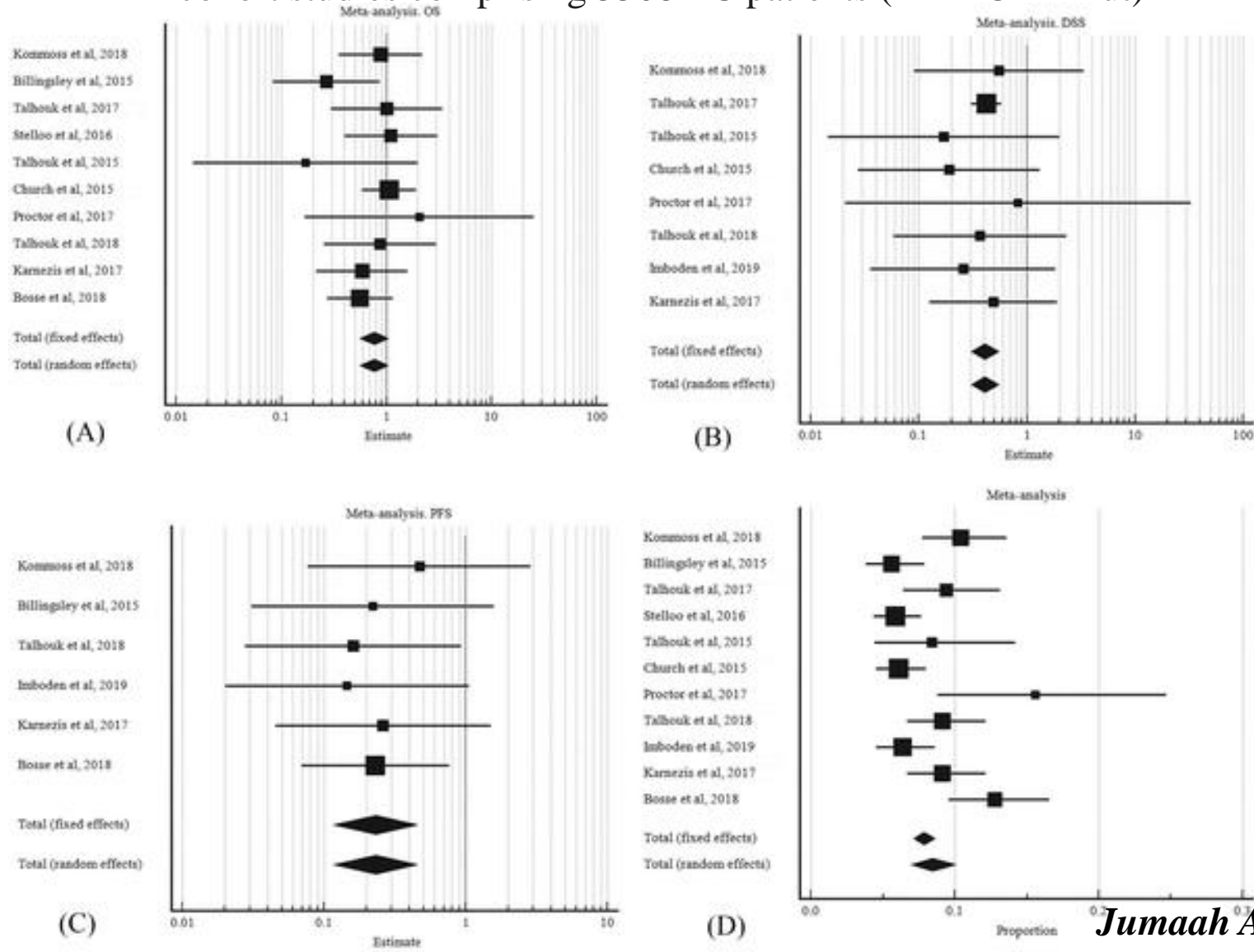
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TABLE 1. Clinicopathological Characteristics, Treatments, and Outcomes for *POLE* Pathogenic and Nonpathogenic/Variant of Uncertain Significance Endometrial Cancers

Variable	Total (n = 359)	Pathogenic (n = 294)	Nonpathogenic (n = 65)	<i>P</i>
Age, y ^a				.002
Median (range)	58.0 (31.0-92.6)	57.0 (31.0-92.6)	64.0 (35.0-82.3)	
BMI, kg/m ²				.359
Median (range)	27.3 (17.4-213.5)	27.1 (18.0-54.2)	28.3 (17.4-213.5)	
Missing	104	95	9	
Stage, No. (%) ^a				.095
IA	193 (53.8)	165 (56.1)	28 (43.1)	
IB	101 (28.1)	81 (27.6)	20 (30.8)	
II	22 (6.1)	19 (6.5)	3 (4.6)	
IIIA	16 (4.5)	10 (3.4)	6 (9.2)	
IIIB	5 (1.4)	3 (1.0)	2 (3.1)	
IIIC	15 (4.2)	12 (4.1)	3 (4.6)	
IV	7 (1.9)	4 (1.4)	3 (4.6)	

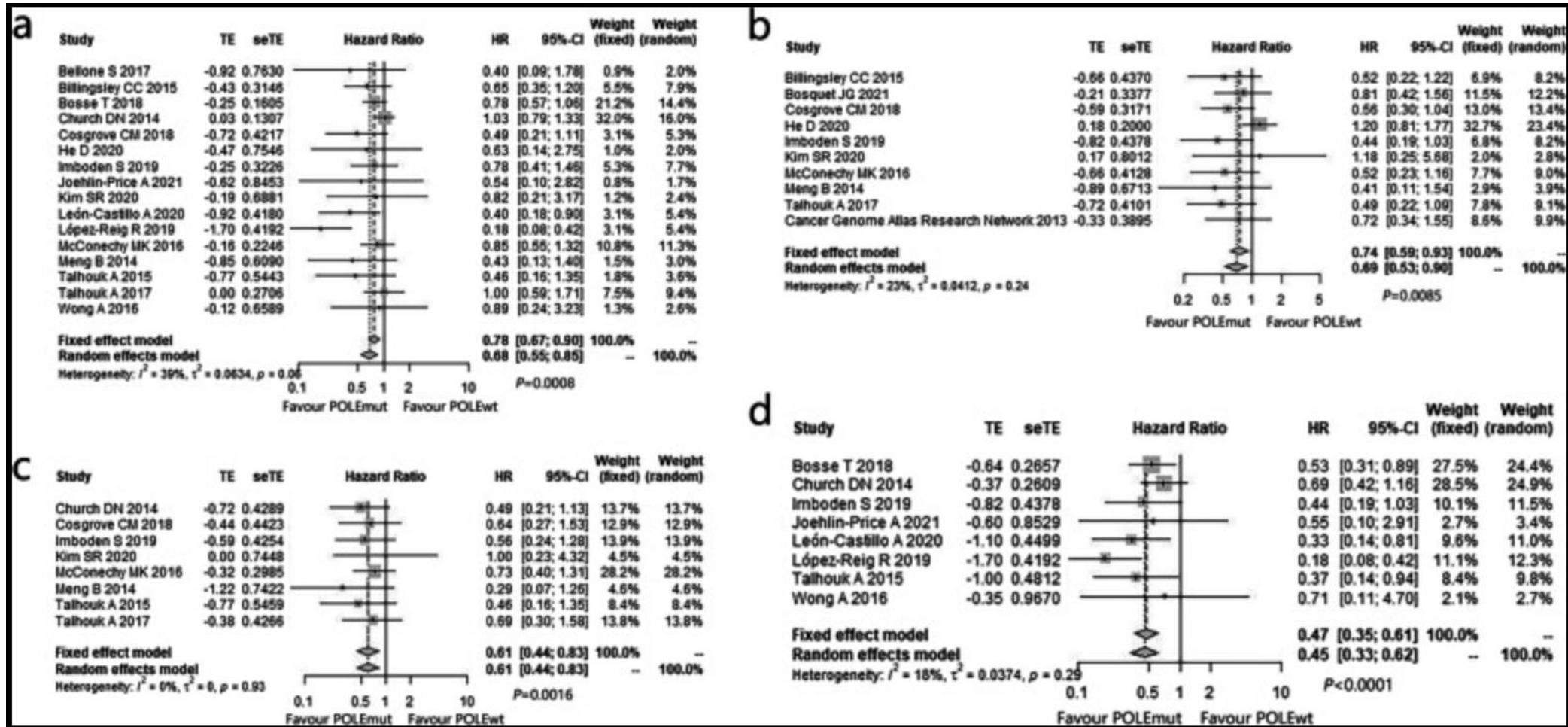
POLE mutations and survival analysis meta-analysis.

11 cohort studies comprising 5508 EC patients (442 POLE mut)



The clinicopathological characteristics of POLE-mutated/ultramutated endometrial carcinoma and prognostic value of POLE status: a meta-analysis based on 49 articles incorporating 12,120 patients

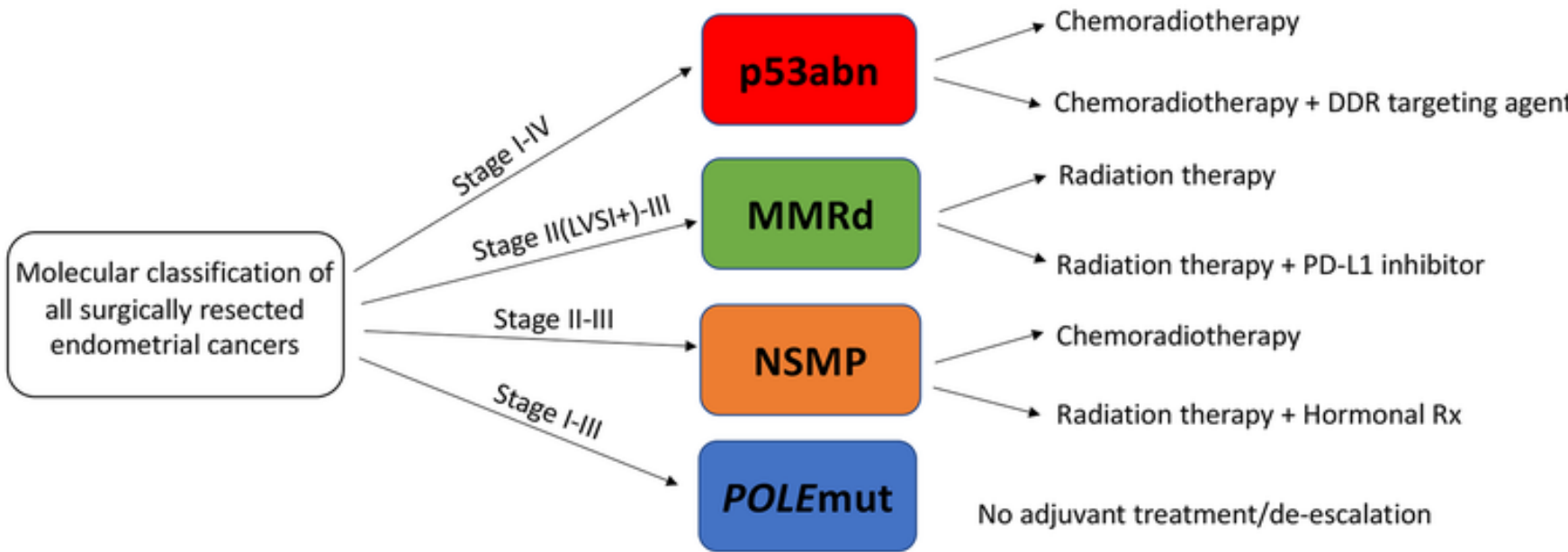
POLE 8%



More data...



TransPORTEC RAINBO Umbrella Trial



DDR- DNA damage response
 PD-L1 inhibitor- immune checkpoint blockade therapy



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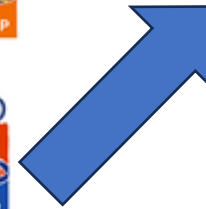
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POLEmut	
Sottostudio A: RAINBO BLUE	
Istotipi Endometrioide, sieroso, cellule chiare, in-differenziato, carcinosarcoma, misto	
Coorte A1	Gruppo A1.1 Osservazione
	Gruppo A1.2 Osservazione
	Gruppo A1.3 Osservazione
Coorte A2	Gruppo A2.1* Osservazione
	Gruppo A2.2* Radioterapia adiuvante +/- brachiterapia vaginale in accordo con la pratica clinica dell'istituzione. Non chemioterapia

Molecular categories attribution

POLE	MMR	p53	MOLECULAR SUBTYPE
mut	MMR-p	normal	POLE
wt	MMR-d	normal	MMR-d
wt	MMR-p	normal	NSMP/p53wt
wt	MMR-p	abn	p53abn
mut	MMR-d	normal	double classifier → POLE
mut	MMR-p	abn	double classifier → POLE
wt	MMR-d	abn	double classifier → MMR-d
mut	MMR-d	abn	multiple classifier → POLE

Stelloo et al, Gyn Onc 2014; Talhouket al, Gyn Onc 2016; Kommoss, McAlpine, Talhouk Annals Onc 2018; Abdulfatahet al, Gyn Onc 2019; Leon-Castillo al, J Path 2019

Pathological classification doesn't really matter?

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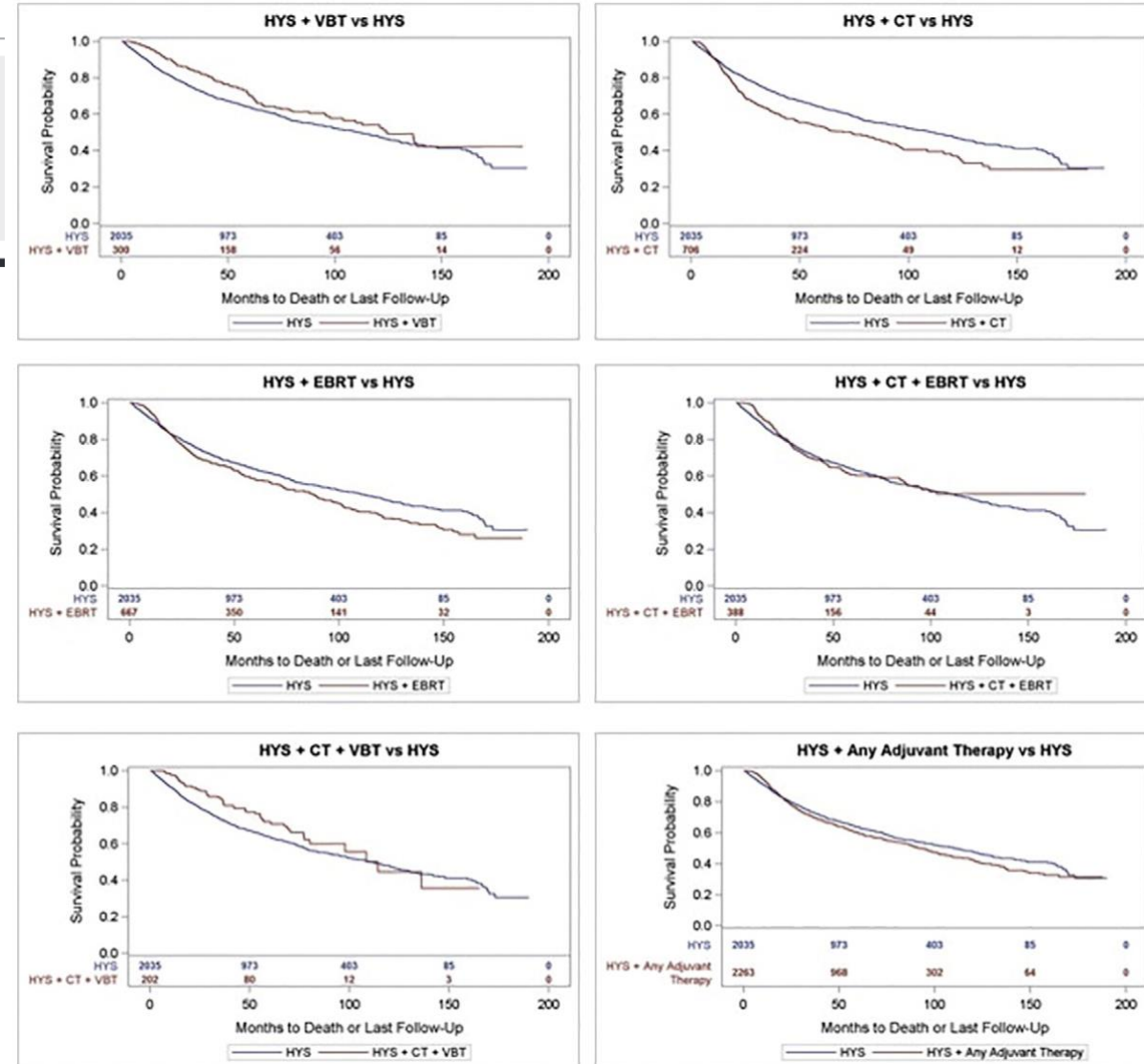
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Adjuvant therapy in patients with clear cell endometrial carcinoma: An analysis of the National Cancer Database☆

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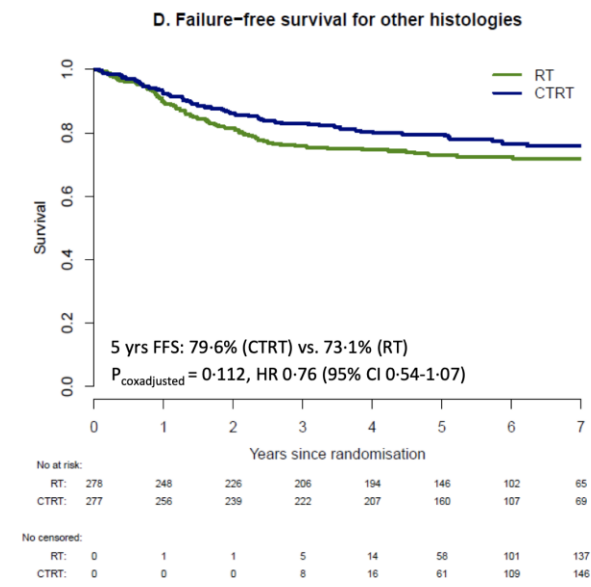
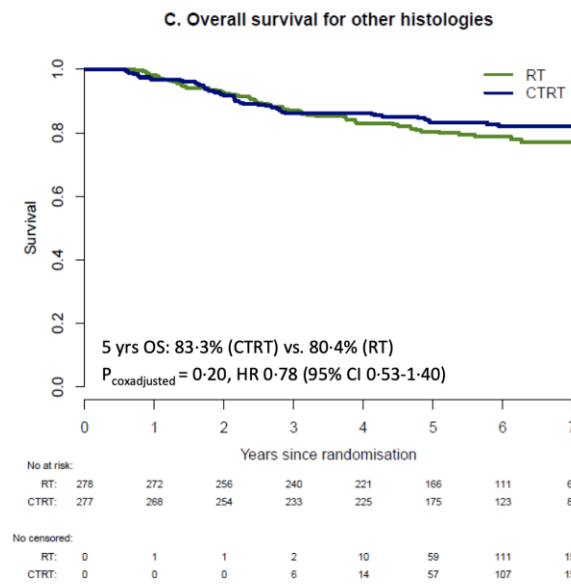
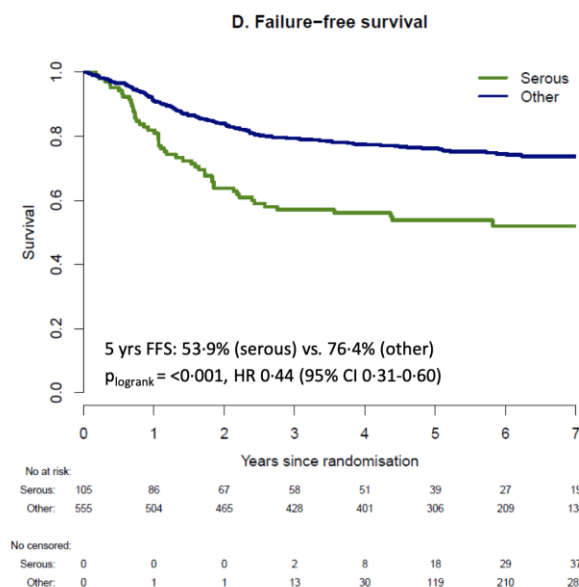
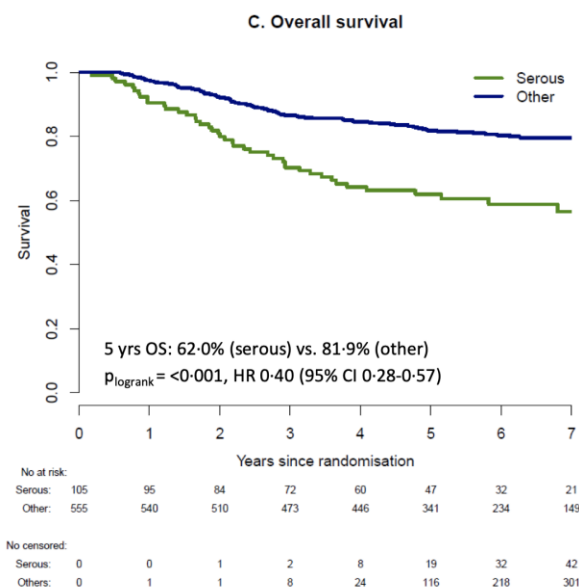
4298 patients treated from 1998 to 2011 with Stage I–IVA CCC were identified within the National Cancer Database.



Adjuvant chemoradiotherapy versus radiotherapy alone in women with high-risk endometrial cancer (PORTEC-3): patterns of recurrence and post-hoc survival analysis of a randomised phase 3 trial



Stephanie M de Boer, Melanie E Powell, Linda Mileschkin, Dionyssios Katsaros, Paul Bessette, Christine Haie-Meder, Petronella B Ottevanger, Jonathan A Ledermann, Pearly Khaw, Romerai D'Amico, Anthony Fyles, Marie-Helene Baron, Ina M Jürgenliemk-Schulz, Henry C Kitchener, Hans W Nijman, Godfrey Wilson, Susan Brooks, Sergio Gribaudo, Diane Provencher, Chantal Hanzen, Roy F Kruitwagen, Vincent T H B M Smit, Naveena Singh, Viet Do, Andrea Lissoni, Remi A Nout, Amanda Feeney, Karen W Verhoeven-Adema, Hein Putter, Carien L Creutzberg, on behalf of the PORTEC Study Group*



686 women were enrolled, of whom 660 were eligible and evaluable

With data in other tumors being controversial!!!!

Radiotherapy and Renal Cell Carcinoma: A Continuing Saga

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In Vivo May 2021, 35 (3) 1365-1377; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21873/invivo.12389>

Radiation Therapy for Recurrent Clear-Cell Cancer of the Ovary

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A new FIGO staging

in

clas

been first published

on 20th June!!!



TABLE 1 2023 FIGO staging of cancer of the endometrium.^{a,b}

Stage	Description
Stage I	Confined to the uterine corpus and ovary ^c
IA	Disease limited to the endometrium OR non-aggressive histological type, i.e. low-grade endometrioid, with invasion of less than half of myometrium with no or focal lymphovascular space involvement (LVSI) OR good prognosis disease
IA1	Non-aggressive histological type limited to an endometrial polyp OR confined to the endometrium
IA2	Non-aggressive histological types involving less than half of the myometrium with no or focal LVSI

TABLE 2 FIGO endometrial cancer stage with molecular classification.^a

Stage designation	Molecular findings in patients with early endometrial cancer (Stages I and II after surgical staging)
Stage IA _m _{POLEmut}	<i>POLEmut</i> endometrial carcinoma, confined to the uterine corpus or with cervical extension, regardless of the degree of LVSI or histological type
Stage IIC _m _{p53abn}	<i>p53abn</i> endometrial carcinoma confined to the uterine corpus with any myometrial invasion, with or without cervical invasion, and regardless of the degree of LVSI or histological type

Stage III	Local and/or regional spread of the tumor of any histological subtype
IIIA	Invasion of uterine serosa, adnexa, or both by direct extension or metastasis
IIIA1	Spread to ovary or fallopian tube (except when meeting stage IA3 criteria) ^c
IIIA2	Involvement of uterine subserosa or spread through the uterine serosa
IIIB	Metastasis or direct spread to the vagina and/or to the parametria or pelvic peritoneum
IIIB1	Metastasis or direct spread to the vagina and/or the parametria
IIIB2	Metastasis to the pelvic peritoneum
IIIC	Metastasis to the pelvic or para-aortic lymph nodes or both ^f
IIIC1	Metastasis to the pelvic lymph nodes
IIIC1i	Micrometastasis
IIIC1ii	Macrometastasis
IIIC2	Metastasis to para-aortic lymph nodes up to the renal vessels, with or without metastasis to the pelvic lymph nodes
IIIC2i	Micrometastasis
IIIC2ii	Macrometastasis
Stage IV	Spread to the bladder mucosa and/or intestinal mucosa and/or distance metastasis
IVA	Invasion of the bladder mucosa and/or the intestinal/bowel mucosa
IVB	Abdominal peritoneal metastasis beyond the pelvis
IVC	Distant metastasis, including metastasis to any extra- or intra-abdominal lymph nodes above the renal vessels, lungs, liver, brain, or bone



ESGO/ESHRE/ESGE Guidelines for the fertility-sparing treatment of patients with endometrial carcinoma

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Differentiation of the Tumor

- ▶ Fertility-sparing treatment is considered for endometrioid patients with endometrial carcinoma with grade 1, stage IA without myometrial invasion and without risk factors (Level of evidence V, grade A).
- ▶ Evidence for grade 2 endometrioid endometrial carcinoma is limited. Therefore fertility-sparing treatment should be discussed on a case-by-case basis (Level of evidence IV, grade C).

Health Status, Obesity

- ▶ Following fertility-sparing therapy for endometrial carcinoma, weight loss in overweight and obese women or maintaining a healthy BMI is important for improving the chances of pregnancy (natural or after assisted reproductive technologies) and live birth. Therefore, weight loss in overweight and obese women or maintaining a healthy BMI after fertility-sparing treatment is strongly suggested as soon as possible (Level of evidence II, grade A).

Review of Initial Pathology by an Experienced Histopathologist

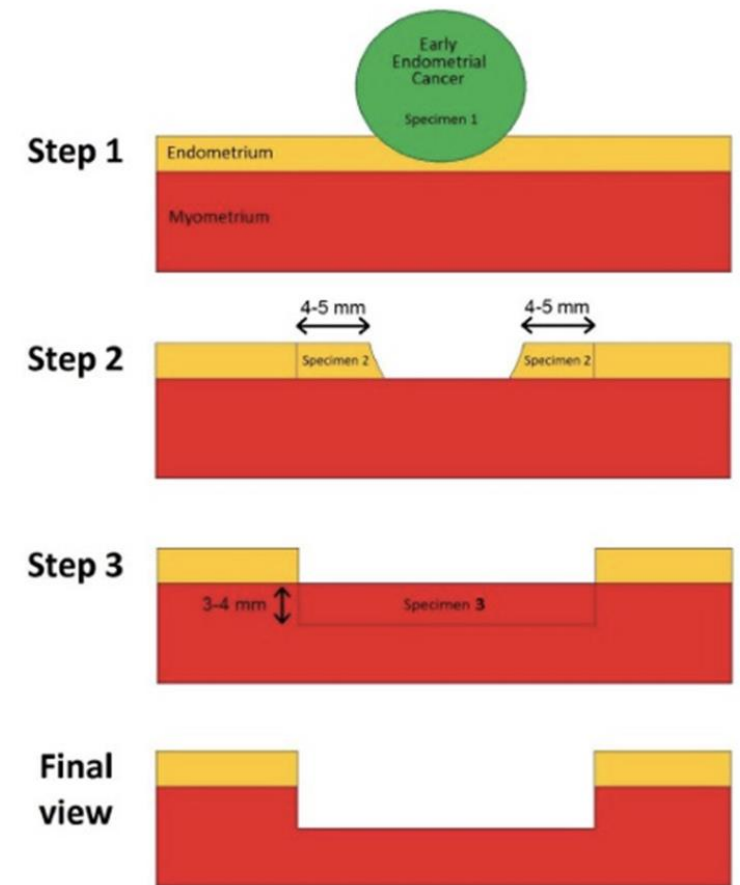
- ▶ A request for a second opinion by an experienced histopathologist is recommended if fertility-sparing treatment is considered (Level of evidence III, grade A).

Review of Initial Pathology by an Experienced Histopathologist

- ▶ A request for a second opinion by an experienced histopathologist is recommended if fertility-sparing treatment is considered (Level of evidence III, grade A).
- ▶ A combined approach consisting of hysteroscopic tumor resection, followed by oral progestins and/or levonorgestrel-intra-uterine device, is the most effective fertility-sparing treatment both for complete response rate and live birth rate compared with other treatment options (Level of evidence II, grade B).

Dose of Progestins

- ▶ Orally administered megestrol acetate at a dose of 160–320 mg/day or medroxyprogesterone acetate at a dose of 400–600 mg/day is recommended (Level of evidence III, grade B).
- ▶ A levonorgestrel-intra-uterine device at a dose of 52 mg, alone or in combination with oral progestins, is a safe and effective approach (Level of evidence III, grade B).



Duration of Treatment

- ▶ The recommended duration of therapy is 6–12 months, within which a complete response should be achieved (Level of evidence III, grade B).
- ▶ The maximum time to achieve complete response should not exceed 15 months (Level of evidence IV, grade C).
- ▶ In the absence of any kind of response at 6 months, multidisciplinary counseling is recommended for adapting the management on a case-by-case basis (Level of evidence IV, grade B).

Based on these evidences

Table 1. Oncological and Reproductive outcomes of fertility-sparing treatment of endometrial cancer.

First Author and Year	N. of Patient	Histology	Type of Treatment	Complete Response Rate	Recurrence Rate	Pregnancy Rate	Live Birth Rate
Ramirez 2004	81	EEC	OP	76%	24%	N.A.	N.A.
Gallos 2012	559	408 EEC	N.A.	76.2%	40.6%	N.A.	28%
		151 AEH		85.6%	26%	N.A.	26.3%
Falcone 2017	28	EEC	HR + OP/HR + LNG-IUS	96.3%	7.7%	93.3% ¹	86.6% ¹
Fan 2017	619	EEC	HR + OP	95.3%	14.1%	47.8%	N.A.
			OP	76.3%	30.7%	52.1%	N.A.
Wei 2017	1038	EEC/AEH	LNG-IUS	72.9%	11%	56%	N.A.
			OP	71%	20%	34%	20%
			LNG-IUS	76%	9%	18%	14%
Giampaolino 2018	69	14 EEC 55 AEH	OP + LNG-IUS	87%	N.A.	40%	35%
			HR + LNG-IUS	78.6%	18.2%	0%	0%
				92.7%	3.9%	26.3% ¹	26.3% ¹

NEW EC GUIDELINES ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE END OF 2024.

Integrating new data about the immunotherapy

New fertility sparing indications

Updated FIGO staging

Cervical cancer



FIRST CRITICISM: the STRUCTURE!!!

Comparing to the 2018 version the structure is similar, however...

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MOLECULAR MARKERS FOR ENDOMETRIAL CARCINOMA DIAGNOSIS AND AS DETERMINANTS FOR TREATMENT DECISIONS

Different types of endometrial carcinoma have specific histological and molecular features, precursor lesions and natural histories. Conventional pathologic analysis remains an important tool for tumor stratification, but suffers from inter-observer variation. Different groups have applied a diagnostic algorithm using three immunohistochemical markers (p53, MSH6 and PMS2) and one molecular test (mutation analysis of the exonuclease domain of POLE) to identify prognostic groups analogous to the TCGA molecular-based classification.¹⁷⁻²¹ The feasibility of this approach was confirmed by a large number of publications that have all consistently reported prognostic relevance particularly in high-grade and high-risk tumors in several independent cohorts and prospective clinical trials.²² To apply this molecular classification, all these diagnostic tests need to be performed. Performing one of the surrogate marker tests in isolation is insufficient, as a combination of positive tests can occur in approximately 5% of

Joint statement

There is still room for other biomarkers that may be potentially useful in the big group of low-grade endometrioid carcinoma with NSMP, such as L1CAM expression or mutations in *CTNNB1*.²⁹⁻³²

Recommendations

- ▶ Molecular classification is encouraged in all endometrial carcinomas, especially high-grade tumors (IV, B).
- ▶ POLE mutation analysis may be omitted in low-risk and intermediate-risk endometrial carcinoma with low-grade histology (IV, C).

DEFINITION OF PROGNOSTIC RISK GROUPS INTEGRATING MOLECULAR MARKERS

There is overwhelming evidence that traditional pathologic features, such as histopathologic type, grade, myometrial invasion, and lymphovascular space invasion (LVSI), are important in assessing prognosis, as recommended in the ISGyP guidelines.⁹ Histopathologic typing should be performed according to the WHO Classification of Tumors (5th edition).³³ A binary International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) grading is recommended, which

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positive patients. Sentinel lymph node biopsy (without additional pelvic lymph node dissection) is an acceptable method of lymph node staging (grade B).

- Conization can be considered a definitive treatment as hysterectomy does not improve the outcome (grade C).
- Radical surgical approaches such as radical hysterectomy or parametrectomy represent overtreatment for patients with T1a1 disease (grade C).

Management of stage T1a2 disease

- In patients with stage T1a2 disease, conization alone or simple hysterectomy is an adequate treatment (grade C).
- Parametrial resection is not indicated (grade C).
- Lymph node staging can be considered in LVSI-negative patients but should be performed in LVSI-positive patients. Sentinel lymph node biopsy alone (without additional pelvic lymph node dissection) appears to be an acceptable method of LN staging (grade B).
- Routine completion of hysterectomy is not recommended after conservative management of stage T1a disease.

be recommended outside prospective clinical trials. Systematic lymph node dissection should include the removal of lymphatic tissue from regions with the most frequent occurrence of positive lymph nodes (sentinel nodes) including obturator fossa, external iliac regions, common iliac regions bilaterally, and presacral region. Distal external iliac lymph nodes (so-called circumflex iliac lymph nodes) should be spared if they are not macroscopically suspicious.

- The type of radical hysterectomy (extent of parametrial resection, type A-C2) should be based on the presence of prognostic risk factors identified preoperatively (Table 3). Major prognostic factors for oncological outcome as tumor size, maximum stromal invasion, and LVSI are used to categorize patients at high, intermediate, and low risk of treatment failure. Complete description of the template used for radical hysterectomy should be present in the surgical report. The 2017 modification of the Querleu-Morrow classification is recommended as a tool (Table 4).
- Ovarian preservation should be offered to premenopausal patients with squamous cell carcinoma and usual-type

Discussion of literature data-----Statements

Only statements

2018



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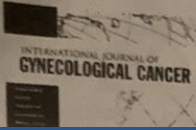
- Surgical management of stages T1b3 and T2a2 N0
- Quality of life & palliative care
- Rare tumors



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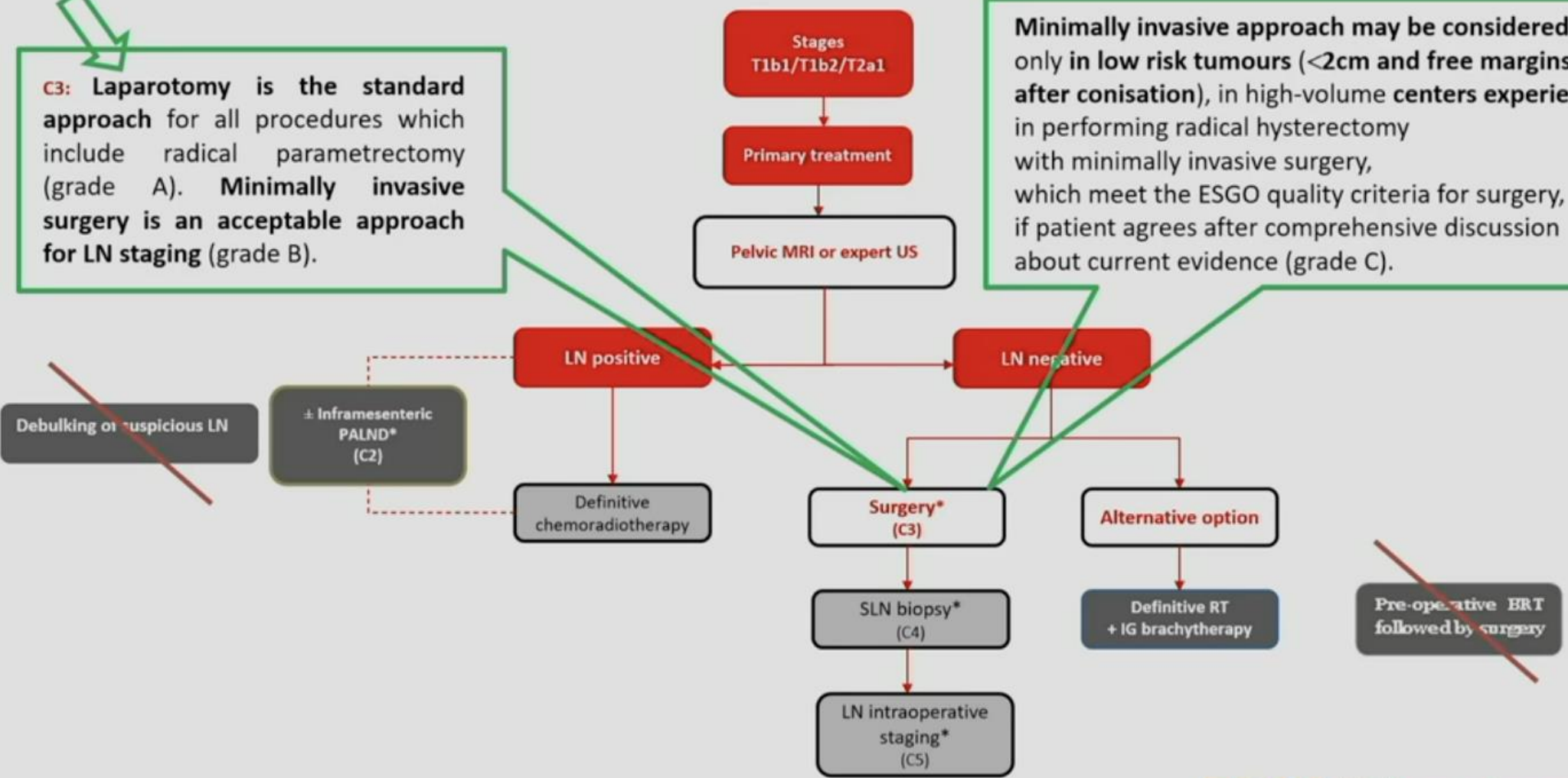
ESGO/ESTRO/ESP updated guidelines in cervical cancer

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MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY

C3: Laparotomy is the standard approach for all procedures which include radical parametrectomy (grade A). Minimally invasive surgery is an acceptable approach for LN staging (grade B).

Minimally invasive approach may be considered only in low risk tumours (<2cm and free margins after conisation), in high-volume centers experienced in performing radical hysterectomy with minimally invasive surgery, which meet the ESGO quality criteria for surgery, if patient agrees after comprehensive discussion about current evidence (grade C).



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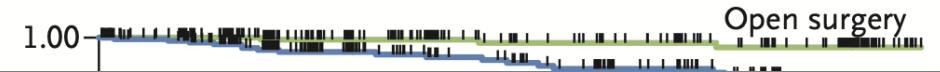
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Minimally Invasive versus Abdominal Radical Hysterectomy for Cervical Cancer

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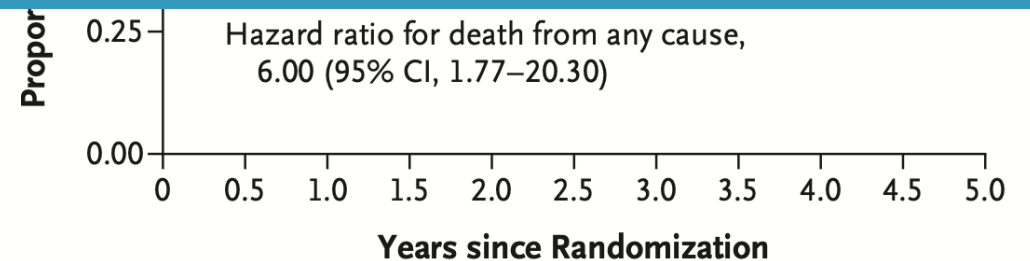
A Overall Survival



REGARDING THE NEW GUIDELINES »The use of minimally invasive approach proposed in new guidelines as an option in patients with ‘low risk’ tumors should be interpreted with caution, as such a recommendation is not based on properly conducted prospective evaluation and patients should be informed of this fact”.

Ramirez P et al., IJGC 2023

- stage of IA1 (lymphovascular invasion), IA2 (stromal invasion, 3 to 5 mm in depth and <7 mm in width), or IB1 (tumor size of ≤ 4 cm in the greatest dimension and no node involvement)
- 0-1 ECOG PS



No. at Risk

Open surgery	312	282	237	190	164	146	136	125	104	90	7
Minimally invasive surgery	319	297	249	198	174	163	150	133	113	87	5

RH vs SH

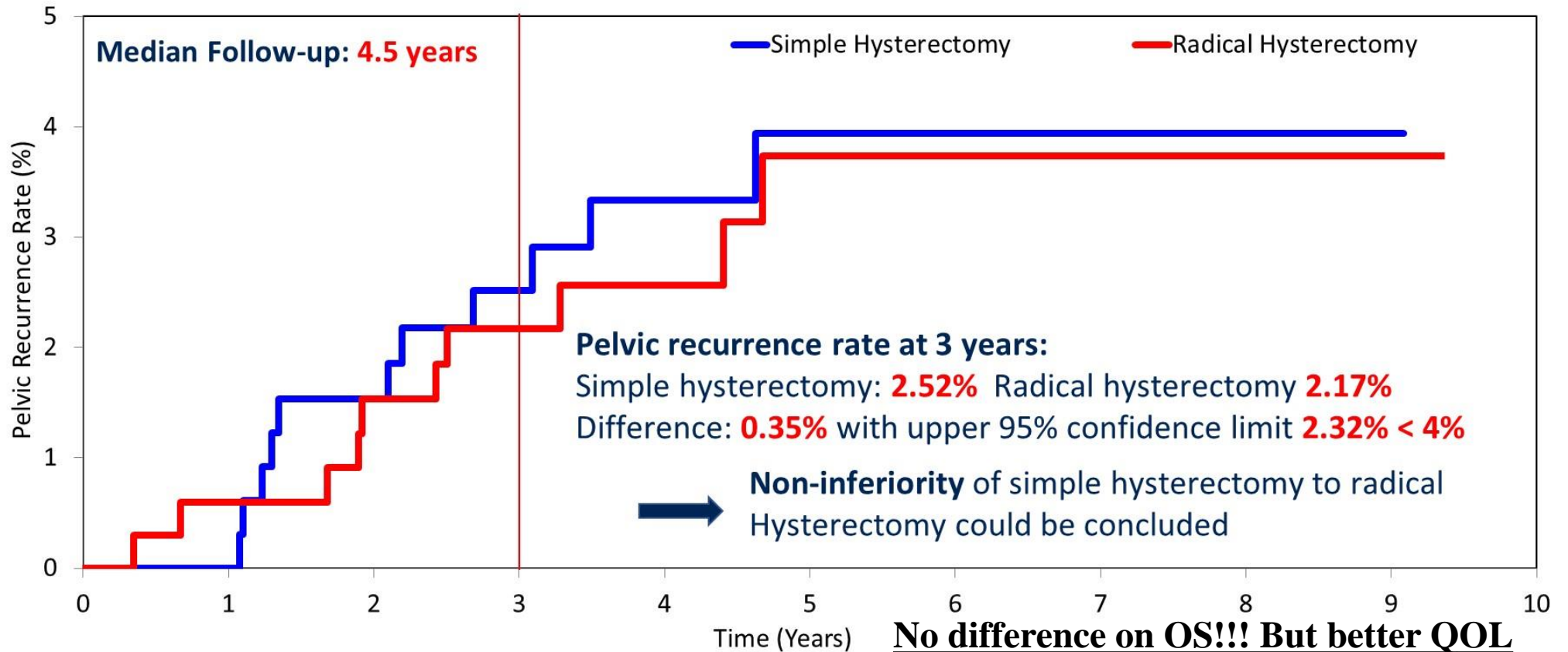
Minimally invasive surgery

80% in SH arm

69% in RH arm

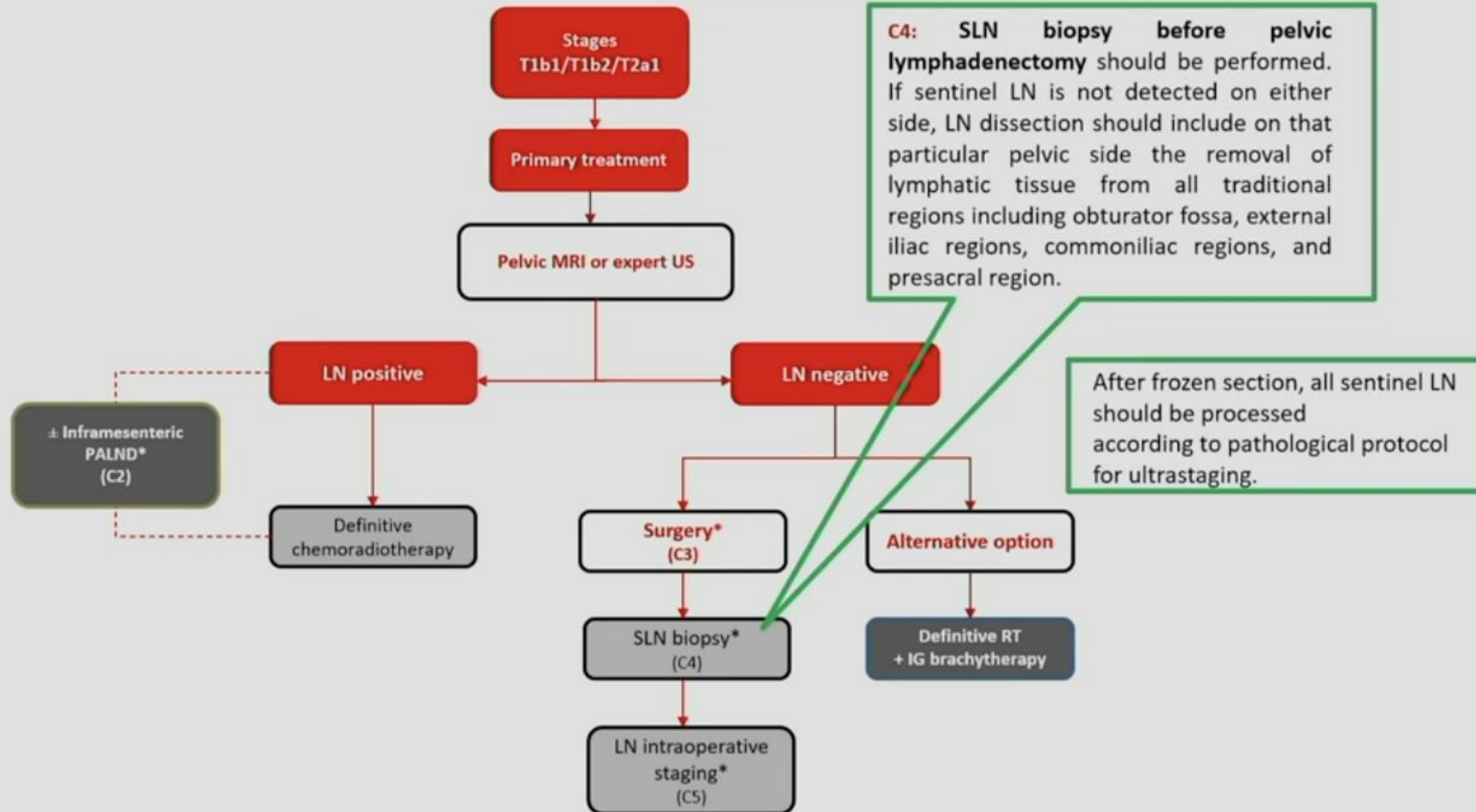
Pelvic Recurrence Rate (ITT)

- Low-risk cervical cancer as defined by:**
- Squamous cell, adenocarcinoma, adenosquamous carcinoma
 - Stage IA2 and IB1
 - < 10 mm stromal invasion on IFFP/cone
 - < 50% stromal invasion on MRI
 - Max dimension of ≤ 20 mm
 - Grade 1-3 or not assessable



Simple	350	328	311	273	204	133	61	31	14	4	0
Radical	350	329	315	286	208	132	66	31	16	2	0

SLN biopsy before pelvic lymphadenectomy



- Stages T1b1/T2a1 - Primary treatment -

SLN biopsy before pelvic lymphadenectomy

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In order to benefit from the results of intra-operative FS examination adopting a more detailed intra-operative pathologic processing is essential. The alternative would be to wait for final pathology results and use two-step surgical management.

High false negative rate of frozen section examination of sentinel lymph nodes in patients with cervical cancer

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Table 3

Diagnostic value of SN frozen section (as compared with SN ultrastaging results).

FS	All metastases	LVD	Macrometastases
Sensitivity	0.56 (0.44; 0.68)	0.08 (0.01; 0.28)	0.81 (0.67; 0.91)
Specificity	1.00 (0.97; 1.00)	1.00 (0.96; 1.00)	1.00 (0.97; 1.00)
PPV	1.00 (0.89; 1.00)	1.00 (0.19; 1.00)	1.00 (0.89; 1.00)
NPV	0.83 (0.76; 0.88)	0.87 (0.81; 0.91)	0.94 (0.89; 0.97)

FS = frozen section; LVD = low volume disease (micrometastases and ITC); NPV = negative predictive value; PPV = positive predictive value.

SLN from 647 patients processed by an intensive ultrastaging protocol

Standard assessment ≈ frozen section

	FROZEN SECTION	ULTRASTAGING			TOTAL % of all patients
		1st level	2nd - 4th level		
MAC	36 (83.7%)	6 (14.0%)	1 (2.3%)	0 (0%)	43 (6.6%)
MIC	10 (25.6%)	14 (35.9%)	8 (20.5%)	6 (15.4%)	39 (6.0%)
ITC	2 (9.1%)	6 (27.3%)	10 (45.4%)	4 (18.2%)	22 (3.4%)
pN1 (MAC + MIC)	46 (56.1%)	20 (24.4%)	9 (11.0%)	6 (7.3%)	82 (12.7%)

ITC: isolated tumour cells; MAC: macrometastases; MIC: micrometastases

44% pN1 cases found by ultrastaging

Is there a role for NACT?

T1b3-T4a

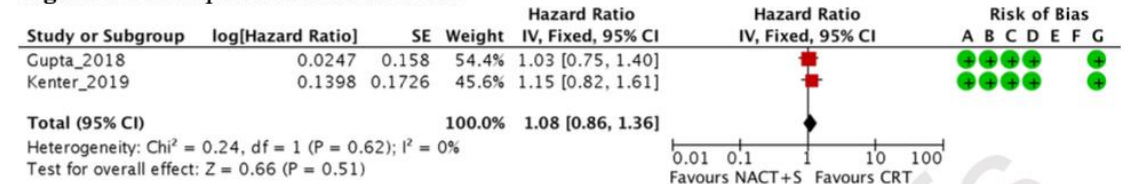
NACT in patients who otherwise are candidates for upfront definitive CRT and IGBT is not recommended outside of clinical trials [II, D].

T1B3 and T2a2 (LN Negative)

NACT followed by radical surgery should not be performed outside clinical trials [I, E].



Figure 2. Forest plot of overall survival



Risk of bias legend

- (A) Random sequence generation (selection bias)
- (B) Allocation concealment (selection bias)
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Other bias

Figure 3. Forest plot of disease-free survival

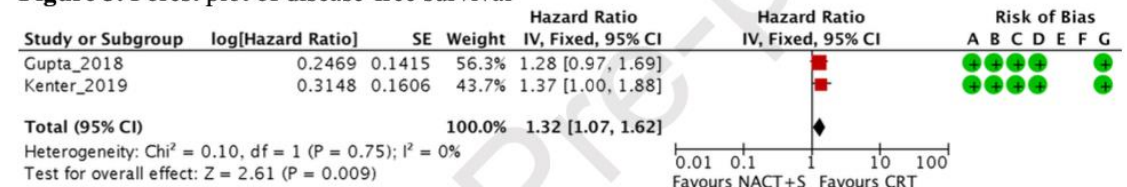
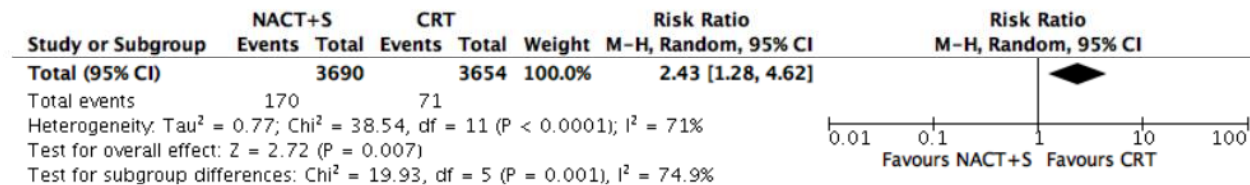
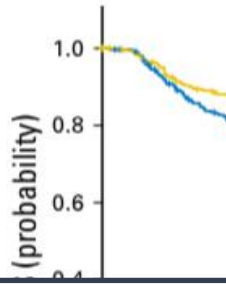


Figure 5. Forest plot of severe acute toxicity



A



B

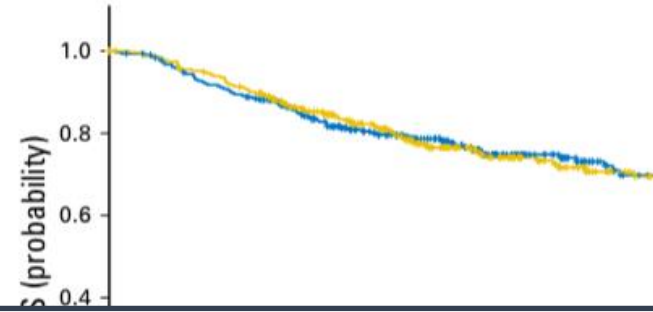


Table 4. Adverse Events of Any Grade Occurring or Persisting > 90 Days or > 24 Months After Completion of Treatment

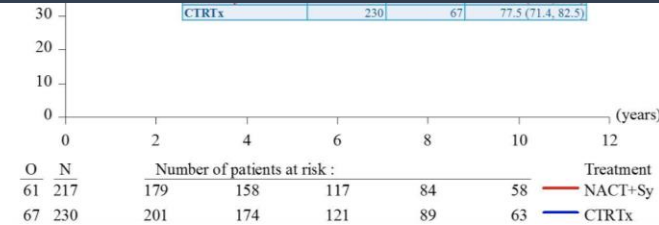
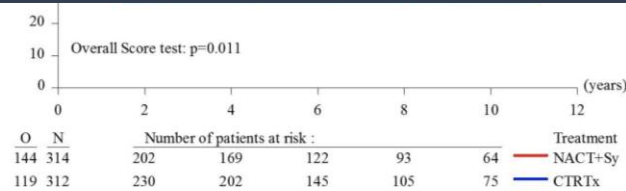
Site	> 90 Days			> 24 Months		
	NACT Plus Surgery, No. (%)	CTRT, No. (%)	P	NACT Plus Surgery, No. (%)	CTRT, No. (%)	P
Rectal	18 (5.7)	42 (13.3)	.002	7 (2.2)	11 (3.5)	.474
Bladder	9 (2.8)	23 (7.3)	.017	5 (1.6)	11 (3.5)	.204
Vaginal*	63 (19.9)	117 (36.9)	< .001	38 (12)	81 (25.6)	< .001
Other†	30 (9.5)	17 (5.4)	.068	17 (5.4)	11 (3.5)	.334

NOTE. Adverse events were assessed using the National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events version 2.0. Some patients had more than one adverse event.

Abbreviations: CTRT, concomitant chemotherapy and radiotherapy; NACT, neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

*Vaginal adverse events included synecchia, stenosis, and fibrosis.

†Other adverse events included lymphedema, hernia, and intestinal obstruction.



Criticisms

- **12 years accrual (SLOW)**
 - Primary end point PFS (OS?)
 - Statistical design: superiority NACT
 - Final sample size 730 (635 enrolled!
87% accrual) (EARLIER STOPPED)
 - 72% operability rate (LOW)
 - **QoL not explored**
- **Study period: May 2002-June 2014**
 - Patient enrolled=620
 - Primary endpoint=5-yrs OS.
 - Protocol treatment was completed in 459 (74%) patients (71% for NACTS; 82% for CCRT).
 - (76%) patients underwent surgery. Main reasons for not having surgery as per protocol, were toxicity (25/74, 34%), progressive disease (18/74, 24%) and insufficient response to NACT (12/74, 16%).
 - Short term severe adverse events (\geq G3) occurred more frequently in arm 1 than in arm 2 (35% vs 21%, $p < 0.001$).
 - **Heterogeneous chemotherapeutic treatment**

Surgical management of stages T1b3 and T2a2 N0

Role of Surgery in T1B3 and T2a2 (LN Negative) Tumors

- ▶ There is limited evidence to guide the choice between surgical treatment vs CTRT with IGBT in LN negative patients with T1b3 and T2a2 tumors. Histology, tumor size, completeness of the cervical rim, uterine corpus invasion, magnitude of vaginal invasion, age, comorbidity, menopausal status, body mass index, hemoglobin and experience with type C radical hysterectomy are some of the factors to consider [IV, B].
 - ▶ For surgery, avoidance of the combination of radical surgery and post-operative external radiotherapy requires acceptance for modifications of the traditional selection criteria (tumor size, degree of invasion, LVSI) for adjuvant treatment [IV, B].
 - ▶ The patient should be discussed in a multidisciplinary team and should be counseled for the advantages and disadvantages of both treatment options (surgery vs radiotherapy) in relation to the individual presence of prognostic factors [IV, A].
 - ▶ Given the limited number of patients with T1b3 and T2a2 (<10%) tumors, referral to highly specialized centers for treatment is recommended [IV, A].
- ▶ Type C radical hysterectomy is recommended. LN staging should follow the same principles as in T1b1-2 tumors [IV, A].
 - ▶ NACT followed by radical surgery should not be performed outside clinical trials [I, E].

NACT????

NACT (Sapienza experience)

Pattern di recidiva nelle pazienti affette da cervicocarcinoma localmente avanzato trattate con chemio chirurgia: studio clinico osservazionale

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60 dati incompleti



250 pz

Campione di riferimento
n=167

3 cicli di NACT
Platino e Taxolo
n=167

Isterectomia
radicale e
linfadenectomia
n=147

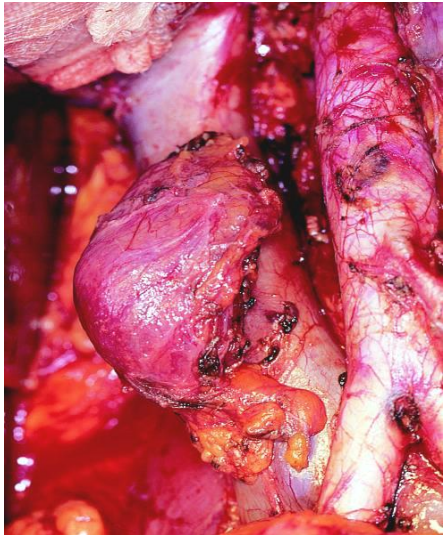
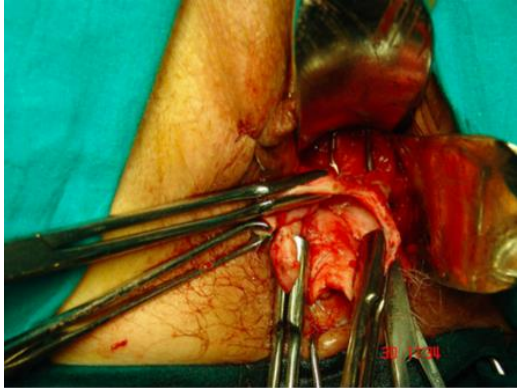
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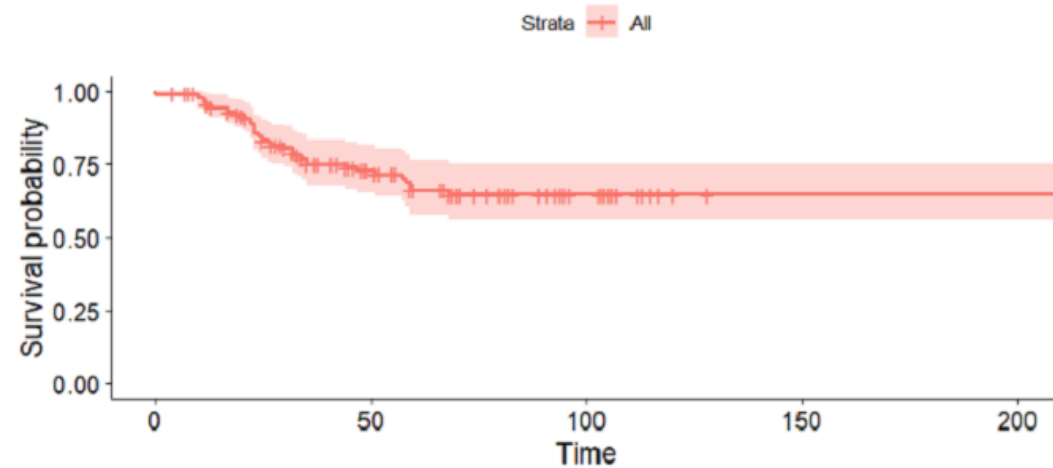
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Results

Recurrence rate 34%



	IB2 n=2	IIA n=4	IIIB n=40	IIIA n=1	IIIB n=5	IIIC1 n=80	IIIC2 n=8	IVA n=5	TOT n=145
Vaginale	-	-	1 (2,5%)	-	1 (25%)	4 (4,9%)	-	-	6 (4,1%)
Linfonodale	-	-	1 (2,5%)	-	-	6 (7,4%)	2 (25%)	1 (20%)	10 (7%)
Pelvica centrale	-	-	-	-	-	3 (3,7%)	-	-	3 (2,1%)
Isolate a distanza	-	-	-	-	1 (25%)	3 (3,7%)	-	-	4 (2,8%)
A distanza + locale	-	-	8 (20%)	-	-	17 (21%)	1 (12,5)	1 (20%)	27 (18,6%)



under submission

CC more than one!!!

HPVA	NHPVA
Usual-type	Endometrioid adenocarcinoma
Villoglandular	Gastric-type adenocarcinoma
Mucinous	Serous carcinoma
Mucinous, intestinal type	Clear cell adenocarcinoma
Mucinous, signet ring cell type	Mesonephric carcinoma
Invasive stratified mucin-producing carcinoma (iSMILE)	Invasive adenocarcinoma NOS

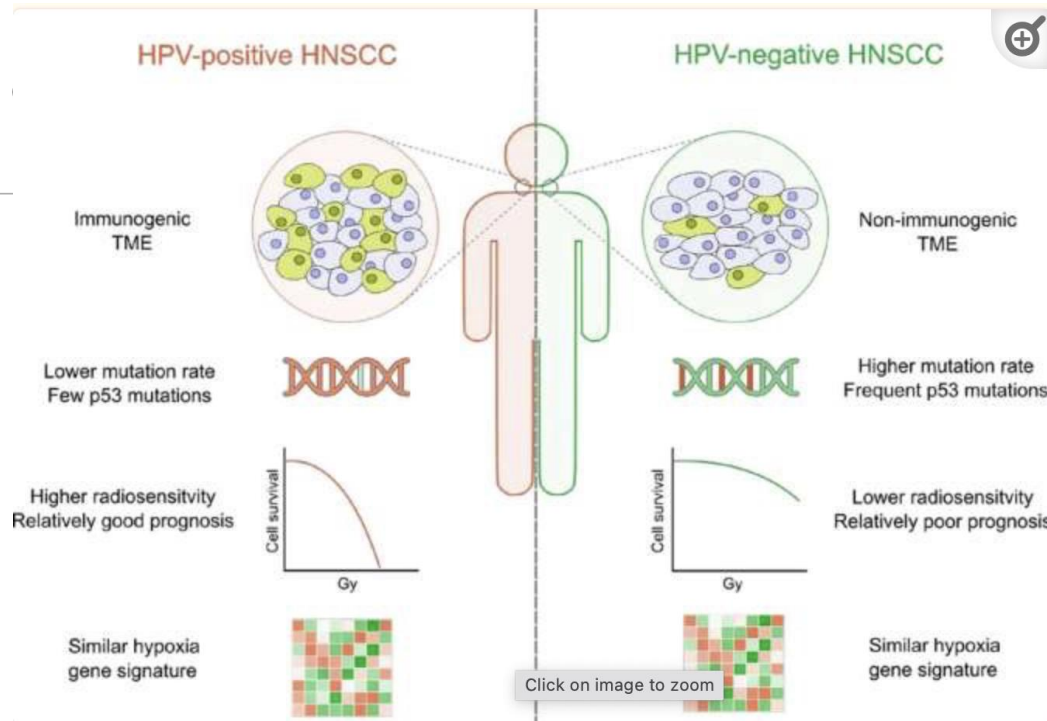
Rare Tumors

- ▶ Histopathological diagnosis of rare cervical tumors needs confirmation (second opinion) by an expert pathologist [IV, A].
- ▶ Treatment and care of rare cervical tumors needs to be centralized at referral centers and discussed in a multidisciplinary tumor board [IV, A].

Non HPV related cervical cancer

TABLE 3 | Studies of FIGO stage and prognosis of human papillomavirus (HPV)-negative cervical cancers.

Study (Reference)	Cases (HPV negative/overall)	HPV testing	Advanced FIGO stage (HPV negative vs. HPV positive)	Lymphatic metastasis (HPV negative vs. HPV positive)	DFS (HPV negative vs. HPV positive)	OS (HPV negative vs. HPV positive)
Nicolas et al. (57)	21/214	PCR	91% vs. 57%, $p < 0.01$	67% vs. 36%, $p < 0.01$	59.8 m (95%CI 32.0–87.6 m) vs. 132.2 m (95%CI 118.6–145.8 m), $p < 0.01$	77.0 m (95%CI 47.2–106.8 m) vs. 153.8 m (95%CI 142.0–165.6 m), $p = 0.01$
Van der Marel et al. (58)	8/136	HC2™, PCR	87.5% vs. 52.3%, $p = 0.053$	37.5% vs. 17.2%, $p = 0.150$	51.9 m (95%CI 12.2–91.7 m) vs. 109.9 m (95%CI 98.2–121.5 m),	67.7 m (95%CI 20.0–106.9 m) vs. 108.9 m (95%CI 97.7–120.0 m), $p = 0.225$
Feng et al. (59)	43/122					5 year: HR=1.250 (95%CI 0.562–2.784), $p = 0.584$ 8 year: HR=1.530 (95%CI 0.697–3.362), $p = 0.289$



5% of CC are HPV -

A MANGO proposal



A SURVEY testing the adherence of MANGO centres to guidelines highlighting these and other criticisms for each tumor.

