

Is endometriosis a pre-neoplastic condition after the age of 40 ?

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Conflicts of interest

- None

Outlines

- Overview of endometriosis and ovarian cancer
- Pathogenesis of malign transformation of endometriosis
 - Epidemiology
 - Molecular-genetic
 - Histopathology
- Endometriosis associated non-ovarian malignancy (Endometrial, Breast)
- Adenomyosis related cancer
- Clinical Applications
- Take home messages

Questions Questions ?

- Is Endometriosis a risk factor for epithelial ovarian cancer?
- Is Endometriosis a risk factor for Borderline epithelial ovarian tumour?
- If the answers are yes, etiology?
- Which subtypes of invasive epithelial ovarian cancer are related with the endometriosis?
- What screening opportunities are available to practitioners for women with endometriosis associated ovarian cancer?
- What is the impact of the age of the patient with endometriosis on the cancer risk?
- Are there any morphologic criteria that suggest malignancy?
- What preventative measures can be offered to women with endometriosis?
- How should we approach treatment options for women with endometriosis who are determined to be at an increased risk for ovarian cancer?

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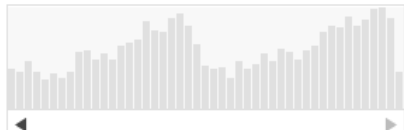
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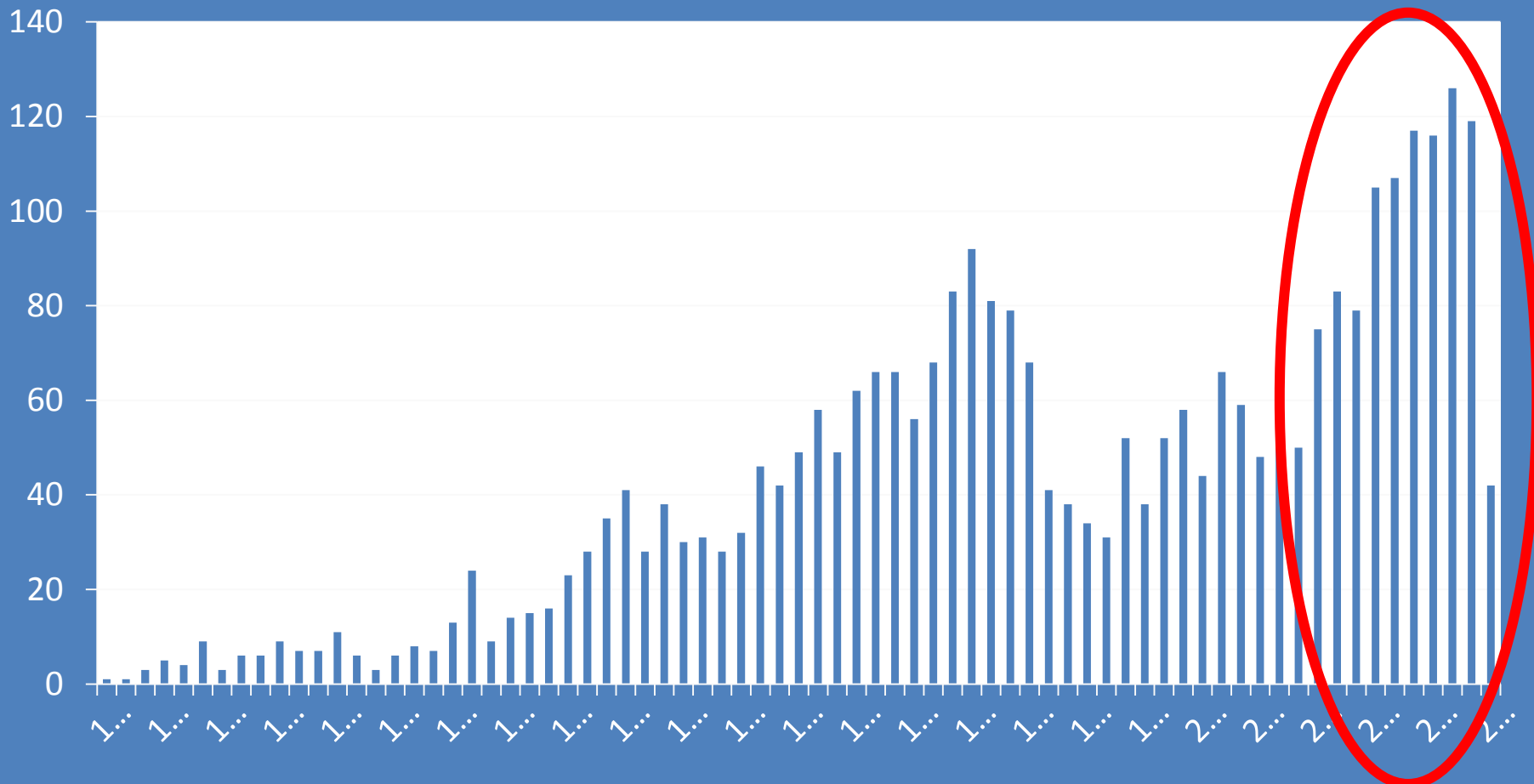
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Could common women's condition be linked to cancer? Scientists find connection between endometriosis and dangerous cell mutation

- Experts claim to have found a link between endometriosis and mutated genes
- Endometriosis is a painful, incurable condition suffered by one in 10 women
- It affects Hollywood stars including Lena Dunham and Julianne Hough
- The disease is the abnormal and painful growth of tissue outside of the uterus

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Scientists claim to have found the first link between endometriosis and gene

Researchers from BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre, BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver Coastal Health, the University of British Columbia and collaborators at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

Introduction

- Although it is a benign gynecologic condition, endometriosis shares pathophysiologic features with cancer.
- In recent years, both histologic and epidemiologic evidence has accumulated, suggesting that ovarian endometriosis may give rise to malignant ovarian tumors, primarily those that are epithelial in origin, known as endometriosis-associated ovarian carcinoma (EAOC) including ovarian clear cell carcinoma, endometrioid carcinoma, and the least common, seromucinous tumors.

- **MOST WOMEN WITH
ENDOMETRIOSIS DO NOT
DEVELOP OVARIAN CANCER**

Endometriosis-Related Ovarian Neoplasms (ERONS)

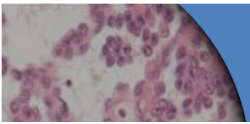
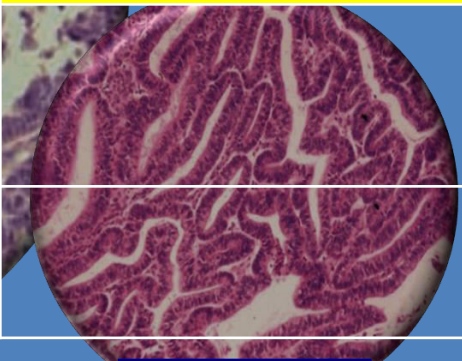

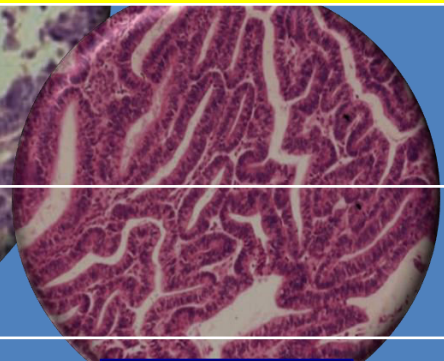
- Approximately 80% of all malignancies associated with endometriosis are identified in the ovary; 20% of those are extragenital.
- Although the most common histologies are endometrioid and clear cell carcinomas, other histologies, such as carcinosarcomas and adenocarcinoma have also been reported.
- ***Endometriosis-associated ovarian cancer (EAOC)***
- Endometriosis-associated adenocarcinoma (EAC)
 - Endometrioid carcinoma
 - Clear cell carcinoma
 - Seromucinous borderline tumour,
 - Squamous cell carcinoma,
 - Carcinosarcoma,
 - Adenosarcoma,
 - Endometrioid stromal sarcoma

Endometriosis-Associated Ovarian Cancers (EAOC)

EAOC is defined as a neoplastic condition arising from endometriosis through clonal expansion of its constituents, including epithelial or stromal components.

Therefore, strictly by definition, it should be continuous with pre-existing endometriosis.

Histology and incidence of Ovarian Cancer

High Grade Serous		Low Grade Serous
Histology	Incidence	
Serous	40-50%	Most common
Endometrioid	15-25%	2 nd most common
Mucinous	6-16%	
Clear Cell	5-11%	
		
Clear Cell	Mucinous	Endometrioid

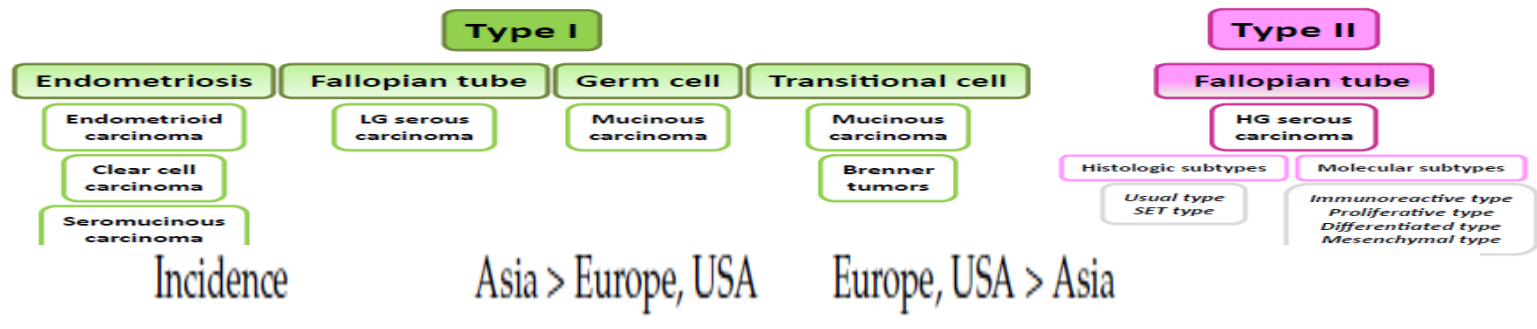
“The Dualistic Model of ovarian carcinogenesis”

Type I Tumors

- Low-grade, slow-growing
- All histological subtypes, including serous (MPSC), endometrioid, mucinous and clear cell carcinomas
- Mutations in KRAS, BRAF, ERBB2, PTEN, B-catenin, ARID1A
- Benign precursors in ovary (benign and atypical proliferative (borderline) tumours and Endometriosis ?)

Type II Tumors

- High-grade, aggressive
- **HG Serous carcinoma**, carcinosarcoma, undifferentiated carcinoma
- **Mutations in TP53**
- **Mutations in BRCA**
- **CIN (Chromosomal Instability)**
- No known ovarian precursor



Ovarian Cancer-Risk

- Lifetime risk (general population): 1.4%
- BRCA 1 mutation carrier: 60 %
- BRCA 2 mutation carrier: 30%
- HNPCC (hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal carcinoma) 10%
- Endometriosis 2-3%

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Endometriosis-associated Ovarian Cancer: A Distinct Clinical Entity?

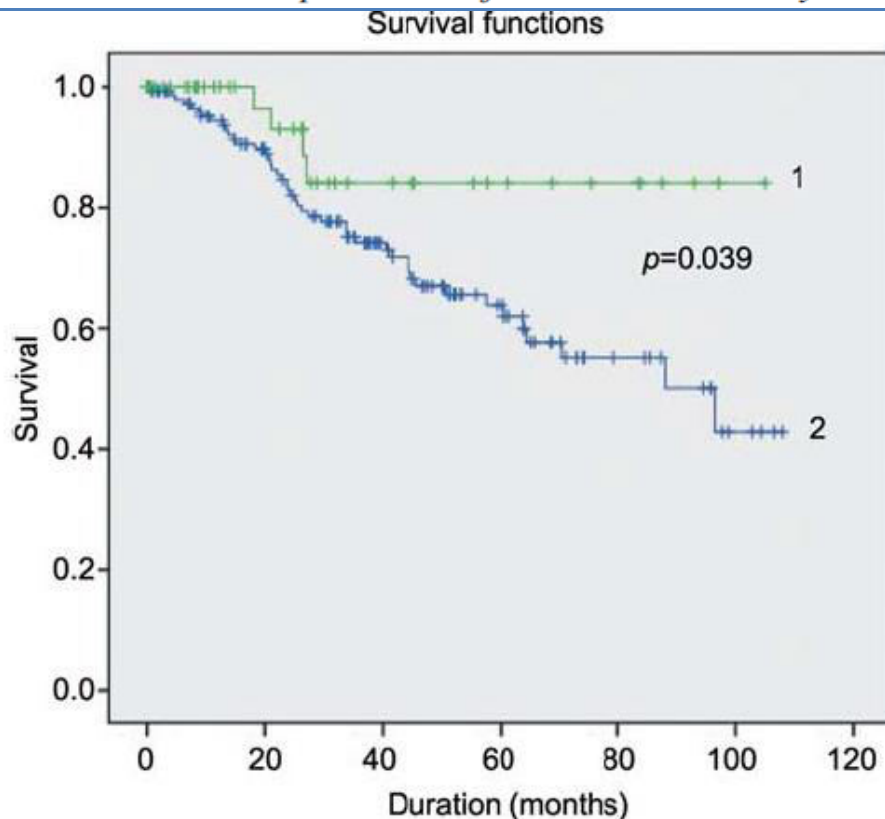
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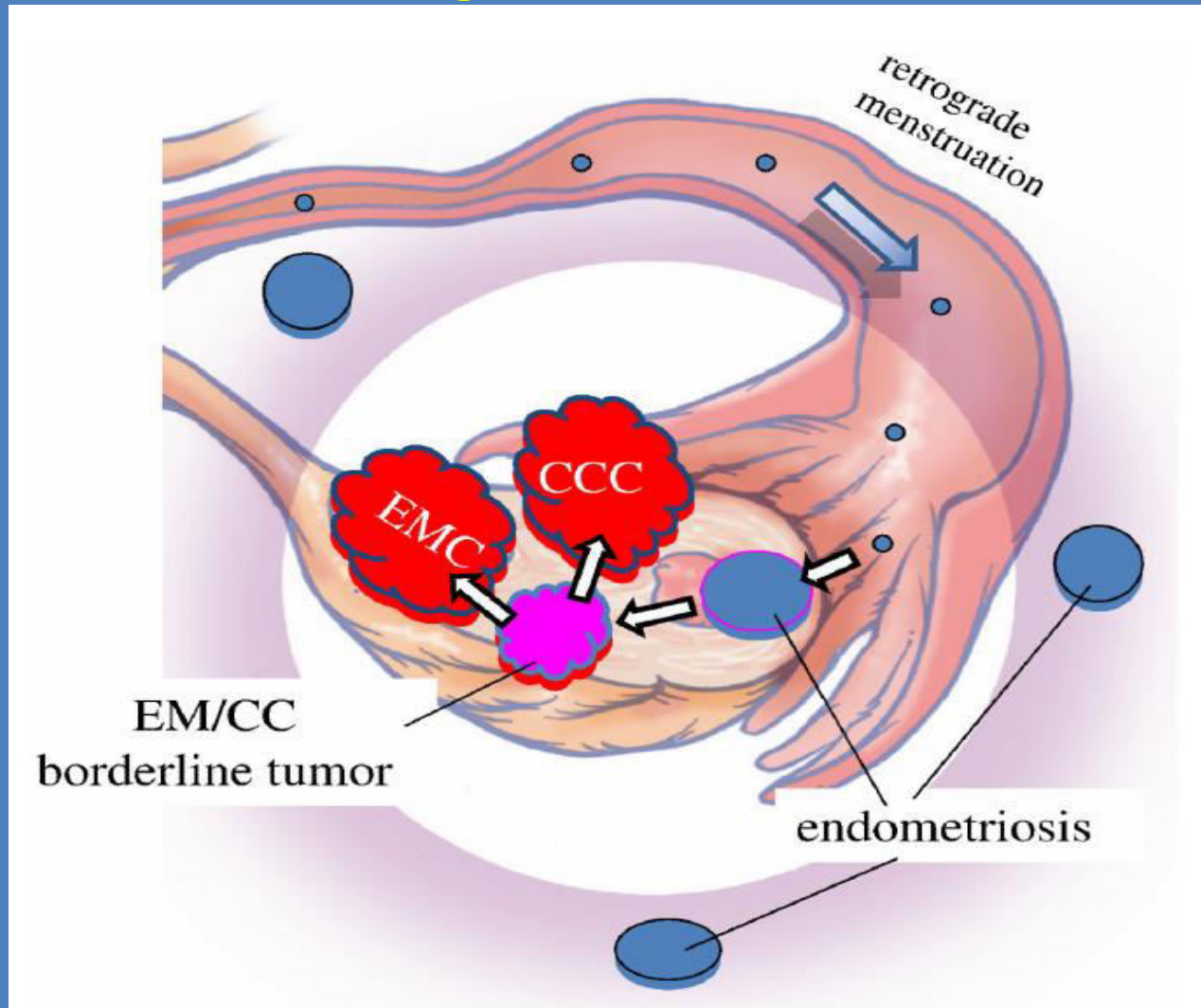
EAOc appears to be diagnosed at an earlier stage and confers a better OS. However, stratifying by stage, the advantage in survival of EAOc disappears

Figure 1. Overall survival (OS) of patients with ovarian cancer according to the presence (1) or absence (2) of associated endometriosis.

Endometriosis-associated Ovarian Cancer: A Distinct Clinical Entity?

- 1) Occurrence at a younger age,
- 2) Diagnosis established at an earlier stage,
- 3) Low-grade,
- 4) Better overall survival.
- 5) predominantly endometrioid and clear-cell type

Development of low-grade endometrioid and clear cell carcinoma from endometriosis by retrograde menstruation



Prevalence of endometriosis in malignant epithelial ovary tumours

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- A retrospective analysis of 160 malignant and 23 borderline ovarian tumours during the period 1995–2001.

Table 2

Summary of the reports on the incidence of ovarian endometriosis in ovarian cancer patients

Reference	Incidence of ovarian endometriosis (%)
Aure et al. [17]	35/831 (4.2)
Russel [18]	46/407 (11.3)
Vercellini et al. [11]	60/504 (11.9)
Jimbo et al. [19]	25/172 (14.5)
Fukunaga and Ushigome [7]	48/179 (26.8)
Ogawa et al. [8]	37/127 (29.1)
Oral et al. (2003)	14/183 (7.6)

Association between endometriosis and risk of histological subtypes of ovarian cancer: a pooled analysis of case-control studies

2012

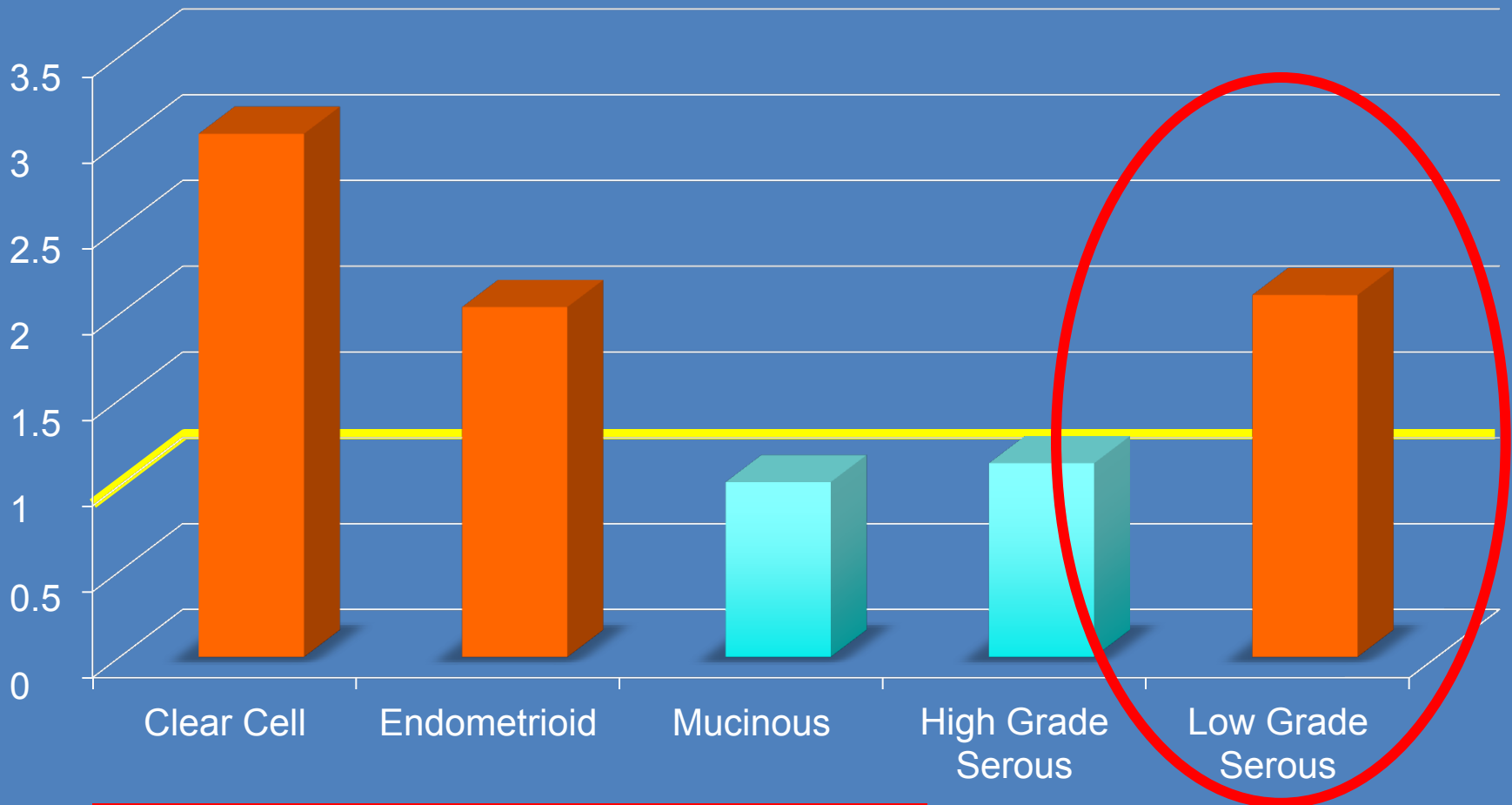
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Ovarian Cancer Association Consortium

- Total: 23, 1444 patients
- 13,266 controls:
 - Hx of endometriosis: 818 (6.2%)
- 7,911 invasive cancer:
 - Hx of endometriosis: 738 (9.3%)
- 1,907 borderline tumors:
 - Hx of endometriosis: 168 (8.8 %)

Relationship of Endometriosis and OC



No association was noted between a history of endometriosis and borderline ovarian cancer

Pearce, Lancet Oncol (2012) 13:285

The relation between endometriosis and ovarian cancer – a review

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Twenty-eight studies

The risk of ovarian cancer in women with endometriosis was reported to be a standardized incidence ratio of 1.43–8.95, a rate ratio of 1.6–2.88, an odds ratio of 1.34, with a prevalence of ovarian cancer in 2.0–17.0% of women with endometriosis.

Conversely, the prevalence of endometriosis in women with ovarian cancer ranged from 3.4 to 52.6%.

Keywords: endometriosis; ovarian cancer; risk; prognosis; meta-analysis

2014

Risk and prognosis of ovarian cancer in women with endometriosis: a meta-analysis

H S Kim¹, T H Kim¹, H H Chung¹ and Y S Song^{*,1,2,3}

- January 1990 and December 2012, we found 20 case–control and 15 cohort studies including 444 255 patients
- Conclusions: Endometriosis is strongly associated with the increased risk of ovarian cancer, and EAO shows favourable characteristics including early-stage disease, low-grade disease and a specific histology such as endometrioid or clear cell carcinoma. However, endometriosis may not affect disease progression after the onset of ovarian cancer.

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Results

- **Endometriosis increases ovarian cancer risk:**
 - Case-control or two-arm cohort studies (RR, 1.265)
 - Single-arm cohort studies (SIR, 1.797)

Ovarian Cancer Risk Factors by Histologic Subtype: An Analysis From the Ovarian Cancer Cohort Consortium

- Among 1.3 million women from 21 studies, 5,584 invasive epithelial ovarian cancers were identified
- (3,378 serous, 606 endometrioid, 33 mucinous, 269 clear cell, 1,000 other).

Table A4. Associations of Risk Factors With Ovarian Cancer Subtypes Based on Meta-analysis by Pooling the Results of Individual Studies in the Ovarian Cancer Cohort Consortium

Exposure	Serous	Endometrioid	Mucinous	Clear cell
Endometriosis, yes/no	1.14 (0.81 to 1.61)	2.84 (1.56 to 5.18)	5.06 (1.51 to 16.9)	3.43 (1.52 to 7.75)

Ovarian cancer in women with endometriosis

Year	Study	Association (OR, SIR, RR or HR and 95% CI)
2017	Poole et al.	1.81 (1.26-2.58) <i>self-reported endometriosis</i> 2.14 (1.45-3.15) <i>laparoscopically confirmed endometriosis</i>
2016	Wentzensen et al.	1.35 (1.07-1.71)
2016	Mogensen et al.	1.34 (1.16-1.55) <i>ovarian cancer</i> 1.64 (1.09-2.37) <i>endometrioid tumor</i> 3.64 (2.36-5.38) <i>clear cell tumor</i>
2015	Kok et al.	4.37 (1.07-17.83)
2015	Burghaus et al.	2.63 (1.28-5.41)
2014	Wang et al.	5.62 (3.46-9.14)
2014	Chang et al.	3.28 (1.37-7.85)
2013	Stewart et al.	3.11 (1.13-8.57) <i>nulliparous</i>
2013	Merritt et al.	1.92 (1.36-2.71) <i>for type I tumor, having a history of endometriosis</i>
2013	Buis et al.	8.2 (3.1-21.6)
2012	Pearce et al.	3.05 (2.43-3.84) <i>clear cell ovarian tumor</i> , 2.11 (1.39-3.20) <i>low-grade serous tumor</i> , 2.04 (1.67-2.48) <i>endometrioid invasive ovarian tumor</i> <i>self-reported endometriosis</i>
2011	Melin et al.	0.83 (0.67-1.03)
2010	Aris A.	1.6 (1.12-2.09)
2009	Moorman et al.	1.76 (1.26-2.46) <i>history of endometriosis</i>
2008	Rosasing et al.	1.6 (1.1-2.3) <i>among women with endometriosis and no surgery</i> 1.2 (0.5-2.5) <i>among women with endometriosis who underwent ovarian surgery</i>
2007	Melin et al.	1.37 (1.14-1.62)
2007	Kobayashi et al.	8.95 (4.12-15.3) <i>ovarian endometrioma cohort</i>

Increased risk for ovarian cancer and borderline ovarian tumours in subfertile women with endometriosis

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1980-1995

3657 Endometriosis

5247 Control subfertile women
(male factor or idiopathic) without endometriosis

Table II Risk of ovarian tumours associated with endometriosis.

	All cases (n = 34)		Ovarian cancer (n = 19)		BOT (n = 15)	
	HR	95% CI	HR	95% CI	HR	95% CI
Ovarian endometriosis ^d	11.3	4.0–31.8	15.0	3.1–72.4	8.9	2.2–35.7

Endometriosis –Borderline ovarian tumours

Table 5. Prevalence of endometriosis in women with borderline ovarian tumours



Bell&Scully, 1985 ⁴¹	15% (3/20)
Rutgers&Scully, 1988 ⁴²	53% (19/36 müllerian-type BOT)
Snyder RR et al., 1988 ⁴³	52% (16/31 endometrioid BOT)
Fukunaga M et al., 1997 ³⁶	9.5% (4/42)
Bell&Kurman, 2000 ⁴⁴	42% (14/33 endometrioid BOT)
Oral E et al., 2003 ¹⁵	13% (3/23)
Roth LM et al., 2003 ⁴⁵	63% (19/30 endometrioid BOT)
Zhao C et al., 2011 ³⁹	34% (14/41 clear cell BOT)
Pearce CL et al., 2012 ¹⁹	8.8% (168/1907)
Uzan C et al., 2012 ⁴⁶	19% (3/16 endometrioid BOT)



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- During the years 1995-2011, a total of 661 women with ovarian tumours (530 malignant ovarian cancer and 131 borderline ovarian tumours) were retrospectively analyzed
- Endometriosis was found in 48 of 661 cases (7.3%).
- The prevalence of ovarian endometriosis coexistence in borderline tumors (16/131, 12%) was found to be significantly higher than that in malignant ovarian tumours (32/530, 6%; $p=0.02$).
- Infertility was noted in nearly half of patients with endometriosis-associated BOT and 1/3 of patients with endometriosis-associated malignant ovarian tumours

Hormonal and reproductive factors and the risk of ovarian cancer


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Table 2 Multivariable ORs (95% CIs) of epithelial ovarian cancer associated with hormonal and reproductive characteristics

	Controls (n=908) n (%)	Cases (n=496) n (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)
Endometriosis ^b			
Never	843 (94.4)	441 (90.7)	1.00 (ref)
Ever	50 (5.6)	45 (9.3)	1.65 (1.08–2.54)

A population-based case-control study was carried out in Montreal, Canada from 2011 to 2016, including 496 cases and 908 controls

Table 3 Multivariable ORs (95% CIs) of invasive ovarian cancer and borderline ovarian cancer associated with

	Controls (n=908) n (%)	Invasive (n=364) n (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Borderline (n=132) n (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Phet ^b
Endometriosis ^c						
Never	843 (94.4)	324 (90.5)	1.00 (ref)	117 (91.4)	1.00 (ref)	0.81
Ever	50 (5.6)	34 (9.5)	1.70 (1.07–2.71)	11 (8.6)	1.55 (0.77–3.13)	

Table 4 Multivariable ORs (95% CIs) of Type I and Type II ovarian cancer associated with hormonal and reproductive characteristics

	Controls (n=908) n (%)	Type I (n=103) n (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Type II (n=261) n (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Phet ^b
Endometriosis ^c						
Never	843 (94.4)	85 (85.0)	1.00 (ref)	239 (92.6)	1.00 (ref)	0.04
Ever	50 (5.6)	15 (15.0)	2.96 (1.54–5.67)	19 (7.4)	1.33 (0.76–2.32)	

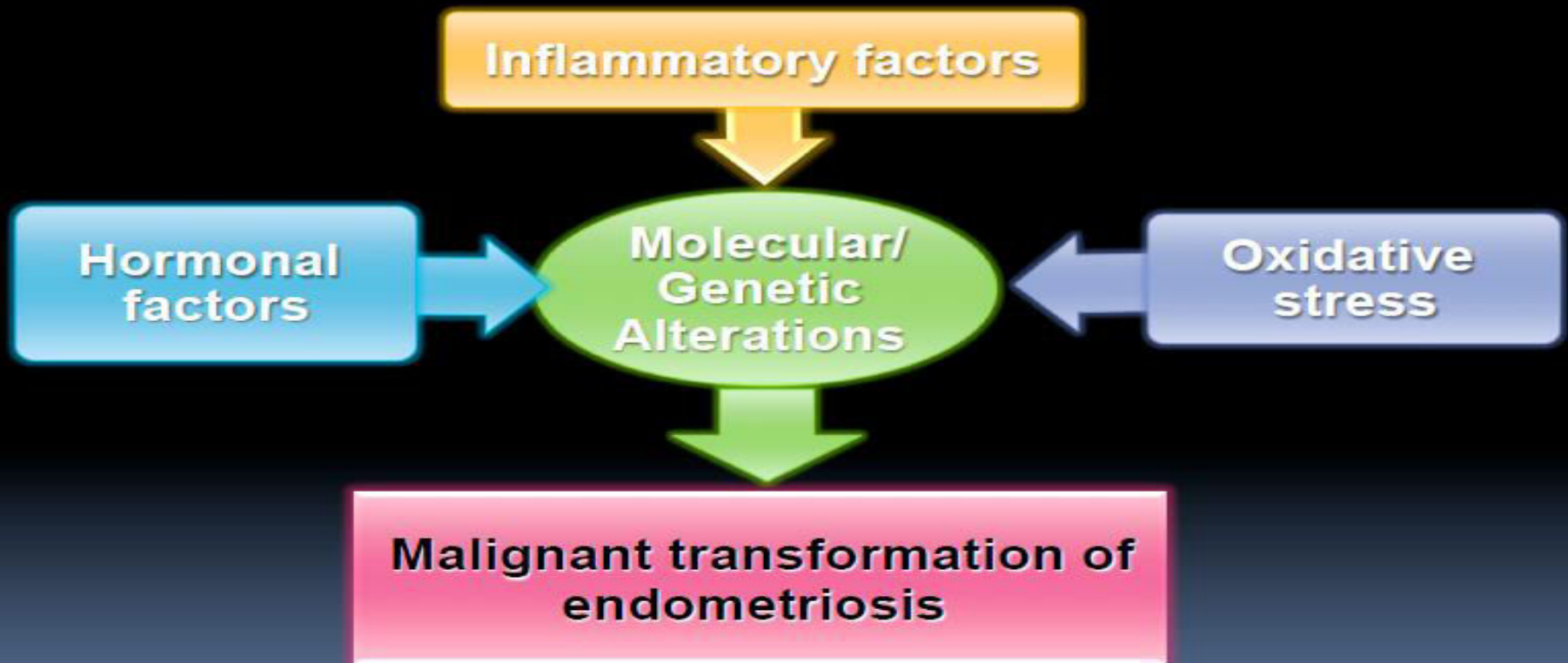
A history of endometriosis was most strongly associated with Type I cancers

ENDOMETRIOSIS AND ENDOMETRIOSIS ASSOCIATED OVARIAN MALIGNANCY PREVALANCE IN 40 AGES AND OLDER WOMEN OPERATED DUE TO ADNEXAL MASS

- Of the **1156 subjects** who participated in this study, **319 (27.6%)** were diagnosed as having endometriosis. Among these patients **21 (6.6%)** were diagnosed as having malign disease which was developed from basis of the endometriosis
- **Endometrioid adenocarcinoma** was the most frequently encountered histological subtype, accounting for the 5 of the 21 tumours (**23.8%**), followed by **mixed (clear cell and endometriod)** 4 (**19%**), **clear cell** 3 (**14.3%**), mucinous borderline tumours 3 (14.3%), endometriod borderline tumours 2 (9.5%) and others 4 (19%).

Potential Different Mechanisms Involved In The Malignant Transformation Of Endometriotic Lesions

Three factors have been implicated in molecular/genetic alterations for malignant transformation of endometriosis



Endometriosis-associated ovarian cancer Pathogenesis

- Inflammation
- Heme and free iron are pro oxidant
 - Induce oxidative stress
 - DNA damage results
 - Increased numbers of cytokines and growth factors
 - Inflammation is hallmark of endometriosis
 - Endometriotic implant → Production of proinflammatory **cytokines** → Persistent exposure to these factors → disruption of homeostasis, genomic instability → **abnormal proliferation**
 - Microenvironment of endometriotic cysts (**↑free iron, ↑ lipid peroxidase**) induces state of **oxidative stress** that plays a role in malignant transformation of endometriosis

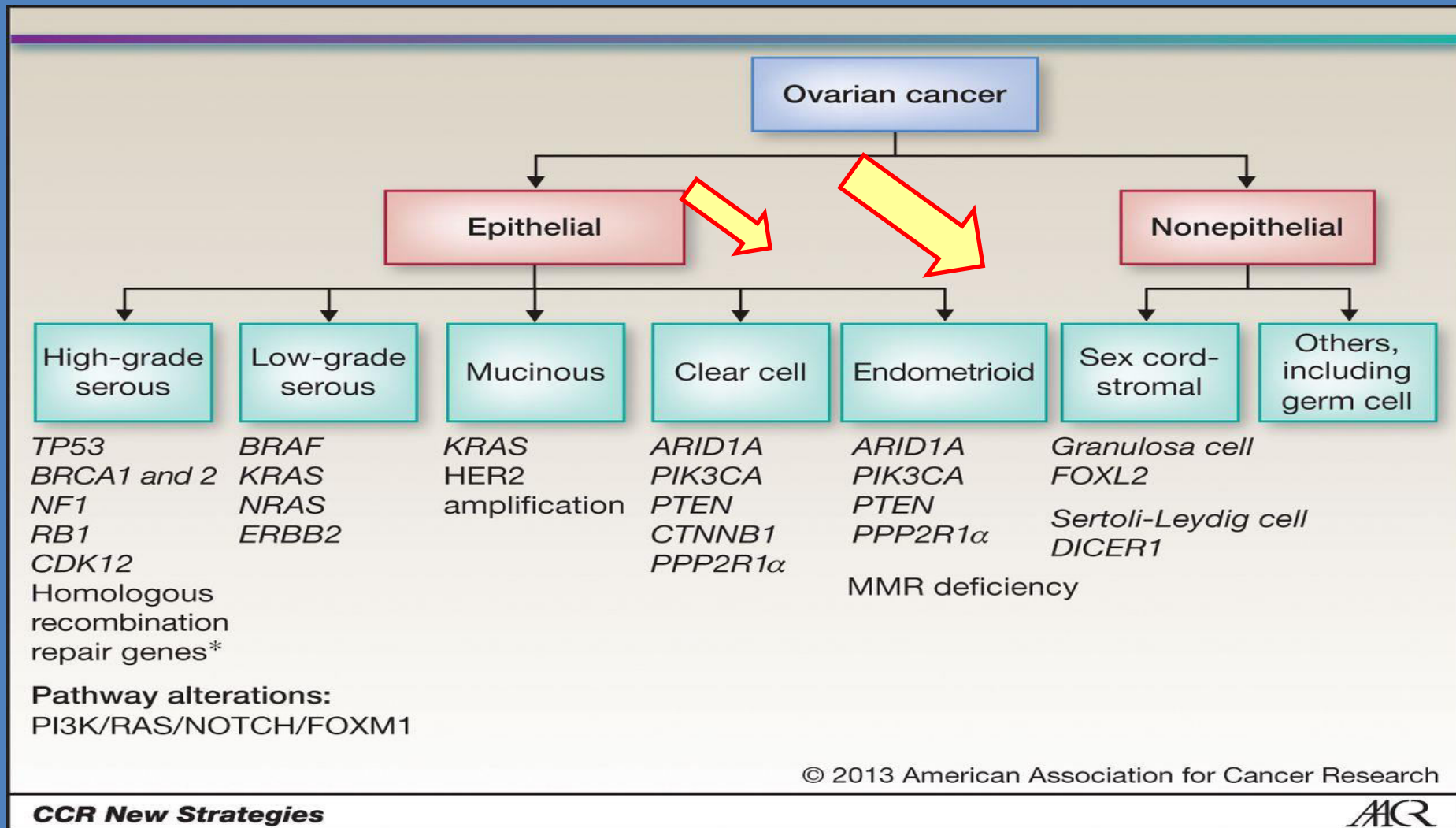
Endometriosis-associated ovarian cancer

Pathogenesis

- Hormonal factors
- Steroid Hormones
 - Estrogen may increase risk of malignant transformation
 - High levels of aromatase activity found
 - ↑estrogen persist due to aromatase activity in microenvironment of endometriotic implant and in the ovary → alters physiologic milieu around ovarian surface → proliferation with increased chance of DNA damage and mutations.

Proposed Genetic Mechanisms Of Malignant Transformation

Prevalence Of Histologic Types Of Epithelial Ovarian Cancer And Their Associated Molecular Genetic Changes



Endometrioid carcinoma

- Approximately 15%-20% of patients have synchronous endometrioid endometrial carcinoma.
- Mutations;
 - PTEN (20%),
 - CTTNB1 (beta- catenin; 16%-54%),
 - KRAS (4%-5%),
 - PIK3CA (20%),
 - ARID1A (AT-rich interactive domain 1A; 30%)

Clear cell carcinoma

- Loss of heterogeneity (LOH) of PTEN (20%),
- Mutation of KRAS (5%-16%),
- PIK3CA (50%),
- TGF- β II (66%),
- ARID1A (46%-57%)

Evidence of a genetic link between endometriosis and ovarian cancer

2016

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Objective: To evaluate whether endometriosis-associated genetic variation affects risk of ovarian cancer.

Design: Pooled genetic analysis.

Setting: University hospital.

Patient(s): Genetic data from 46,176 participants (15,361 ovarian cancer cases and 30,815 controls) from 41 ovarian cancer studies.

Intervention(s): None.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Endometriosis-associated genetic variation and ovarian cancer.

Result(s): There was significant evidence of an association between endometriosis-related genetic variation and ovarian cancer risk, especially for the high-grade serous and clear cell histotypes. Overall we observed 15 significant burden statistics, which was three times more than expected.

single nucleotide polymorphisms
(SNPs), which are both common in these two diseases



2017



Genetic risk factors for ovarian cancer and their role for endometriosis risk

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Table 4

12 validated OCAC SNPs. Odds ratios (ORs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs) (in brackets) and corresponding P values are shown.

SNP	Gene	Unadjusted analysis			Analysis adjusted for clinical predictors		
		OR (CI) ^a	Uncorrected P value ^b	Corrected P value ^c	OR (CI) ^d	Uncorrected P value ^b	Corrected P value ^c
rs2072590	HAGLROS,HAGLR	0.99 (0.80–1.22)	0.94	1.00	0.98 (0.75–1.27)	0.85	1.00
rs2665390	TIPARP	0.87 (0.60–1.27)	0.46	1.00	0.91 (0.56–1.47)	0.70	1.00
rs10069690	TERT	1.32 (1.06–1.63)	0.01	0.15	1.22 (0.94–1.59)	0.14	1.00
rs11782652	CHMP4C	0.93 (0.62–1.39)	0.72	1.00	0.76 (0.46–1.28)	0.31	1.00
rs10088218	LINC00824	1.01 (0.75–1.34)	0.97	1.00	1.08 (0.75–1.55)	0.67	1.00
rs1243180	MLLT10	1.02 (0.83–1.24)	0.87	1.00	0.96 (0.75–1.24)	0.76	1.00
rs7405776	HNF1B	0.96 (0.78–1.17)	0.65	1.00	0.72 (0.56–0.94)	0.01	0.15
rs757210	HNF1B	0.93 (0.76–1.13)	0.45	1.00	0.73 (0.56–0.94)	0.02	0.16
rs11651755	HNF1B	0.84 (0.69–1.02)	0.08	0.86	0.66 (0.51–0.84)	<0.01	0.01
rs9303542	SKAP1	1.19 (0.95–1.48)	0.13	1.00	1.03 (0.78–1.35)	0.86	1.00
rs8170	BABAM1	0.80 (0.62–1.03)	0.09	0.90	0.76 (0.55–1.06)	0.10	0.93
rs2363956	ANKLE1	0.97 (0.80–1.17)	0.75	1.00	0.98 (0.77–1.24)	0.86	1.00

^a OR calculated with simple logistic regression model, one SNP per model.

^b P value, uncorrected for multiple testing.

^c P value, corrected for multiple testing (Bonferroni-Holm).

^d OR calculated with multiple logistic regression model.

Cancer-Associated Mutations in Endometriosis without Cancer

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- The **exome sequencing study** on samples from **deep infiltrating endometriosis lesions** provides interesting results and shows further complexity of the disorder. They identified **somatic mutations in lesions from 19 of 24 patients (79%)**. The number of mutations in each lesion was variable. Lesions **from 5 patients (21%) harbored known somatic cancer driver mutations in ARID1A, PIK3CA, KRAS, and PPP2R1A**. More detailed experiments on samples from **3 other patients revealed KRAS mutations in 2 of them**. One patient had two different activating KRAS mutations, and the other patient had the same somatic KRAS mutation in three separate lesions. Lesions contain multiple cell types, and KRAS mutations were detected only in the epithelium and not in the stroma.

- The potential association between **endometriosis and cancer** has been theorized for decades.
- The establishment of an association was reported **90 years ago (*Sampson 1925*)** and was refined in 1953, proposing that benign endometriosis should be observed in close anatomic proximity to the arising endometriosis-associated cancer(***Scott 1953***).

Definition of neoplastic transformation of endometriosis

Based on the criteria by Sampson and Scott, neoplastic transformation of endometriosis is defined as follows:

- 1) adjacent to unequivocal foci of endometriosis;
- 2) absence of any other primary tumour;
- 3) microscopic features are within a spectrum of well-recognized neoplasms originating from endometriosis;
- 4) a transition from neoplastic epithelium (or stromal component) to endometriosis.

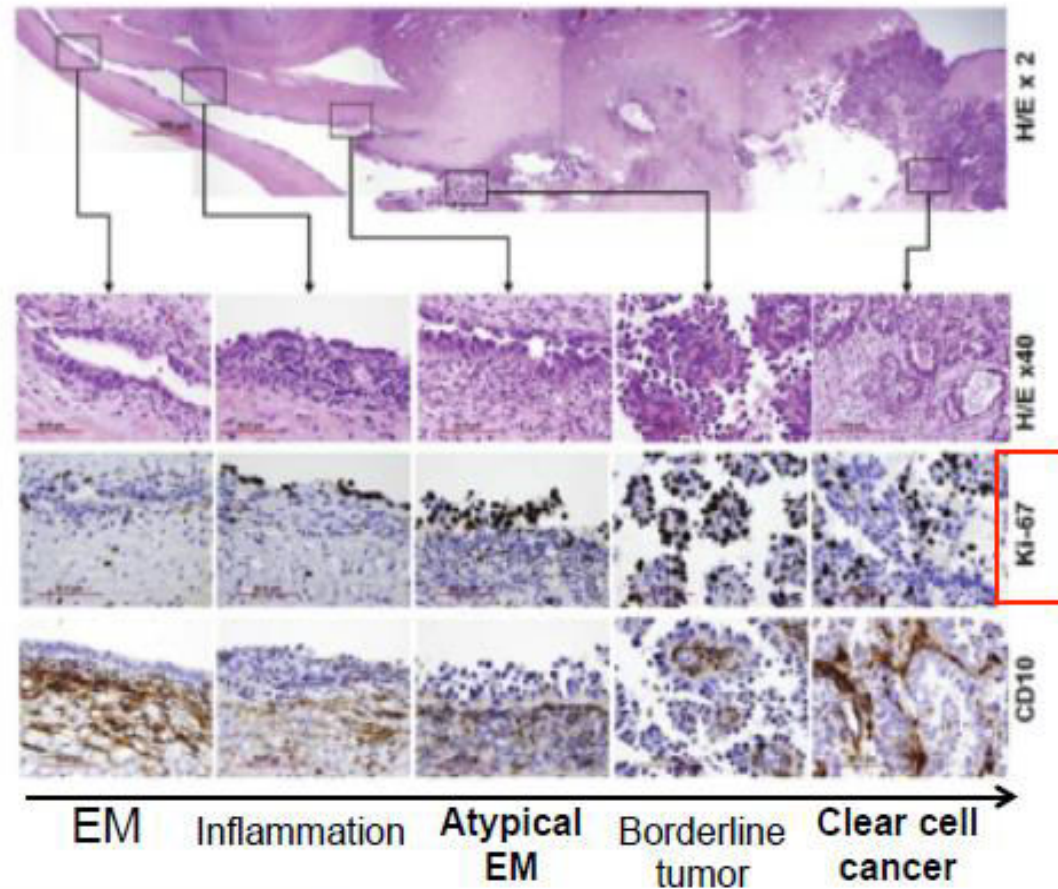
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Scott RB. Malignant changes in endometriosis. Obstet Gynecol 1953

Endometriosis and Cancer: Hypotheses

1. Endometriotic implants may directly undergo malignant transformation, perhaps through an atypical transition phase
2. Endometriosis and cancer share common antecedent mechanisms and/or predisposing factors (genetic susceptibility, immune/ angiogenic dysregulation, environmental toxin exposure).

Morphologic steps of tumor progression from endometriosis to endometriosis-associated carcinoma

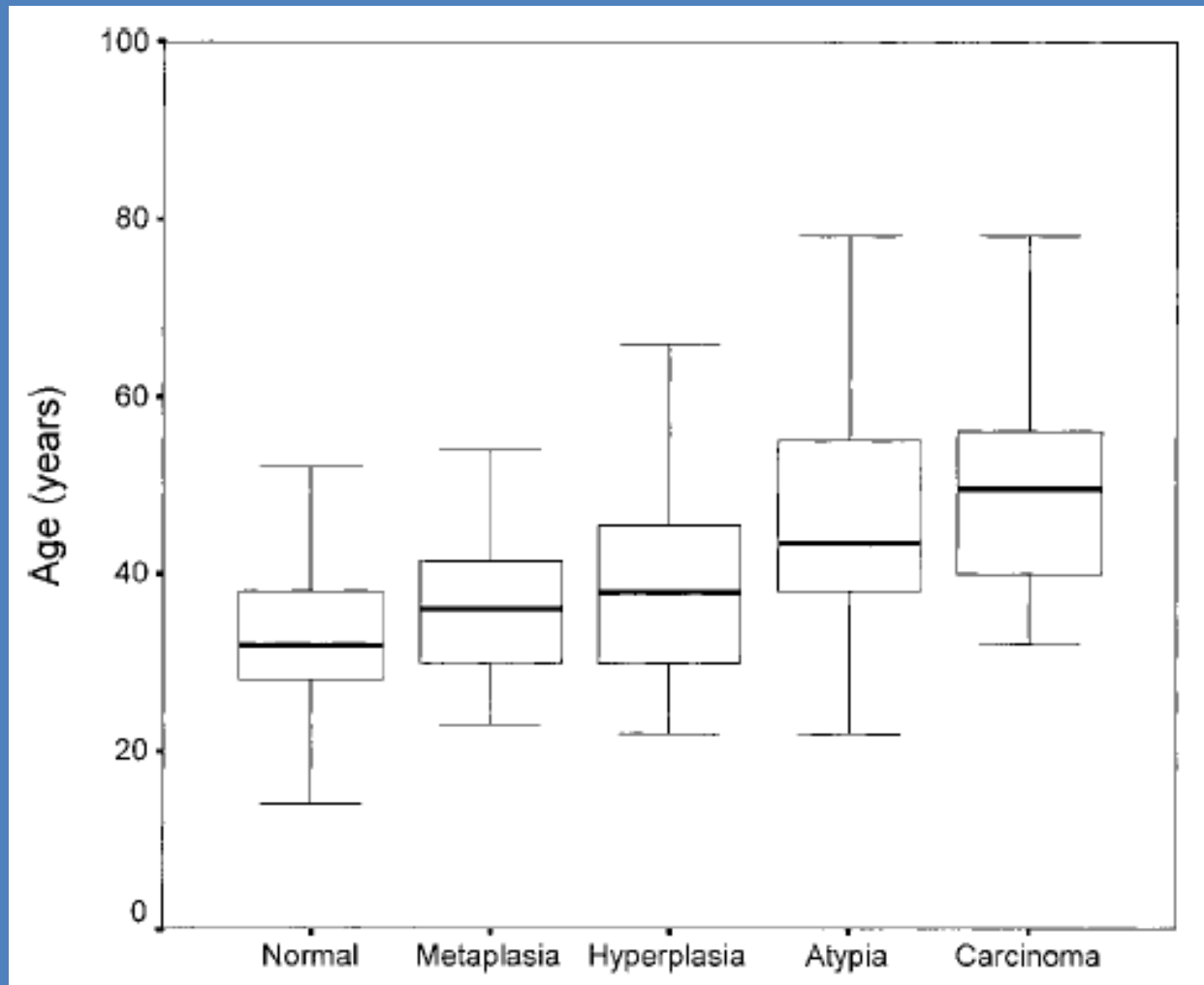


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Atypical endometriosis

- ~8% of endometrioses contain atypical endometriosis.
- In ovarian cancer, atypical endometriosis is present in 23% of endometrioid carcinomas and in 36% of clear cell carcinomas (Fukunaga et al. *Histopathology* 1997) .
- Most atypical endometriosis show direct continuity with endometriotic-associated carcinoma, but are rarely seen in noncancer endometriosis .
- Women with previously biopsy-proven atypia within endometriosis were found to develop a EAOC in the same ovary some years later
- The spatial and chronological association with endometriosis-associated carcinoma suggest that atypical endometrioses are precancerous lesions, as seen in atypical hyperplasia of the endometrium (Prefumo et al. *Gynecol Oncol* 2002).



A statistically significant trend for increasing age from normal epithelium to carcinoma was observed ($P < 0.001$).

Delineating Which Patients May be at an Increased Risk for Ovarian Cancer

Women with long-standing history of endometriosis.

Endometriosis diagnosed at an early age.

Endometriosis associated infertility and/or history of infertility treatment.

Patients with Ovarian endometrioma.

Risk factors of epithelial ovarian carcinomas among women with endometriosis: a systematic review

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- A lower risk of epithelial ovarian cancer was observed in women with documented complete surgical excision of endometriotic tissue and suggested among women with unilateral oophorectomy.
- The use of oral contraceptives (≥ 10 years) may be associated with a lower risk of epithelial ovarian cancer among women with endometriosis,
- whereas older age at endometriosis diagnosis (≥ 45 years, pre- or postmenopausal), nulliparity, hyperestrogenism (endogenous or exogenous), post menopausal status at endometriosis diagnosis, solid compartments as well as larger size of endometrioma (≥ 9 cm in diameter at endometriosis diagnosis) were all associated with an increased risk of ovarian cancer.

Development of ovarian cancer after excision of endometrioma

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Objective: To determine the prevalence rate of subsequent development of ovarian cancer after excision of endometrioma.

Design: Retrospective cross-sectional study.

Setting: University hospital.

Patient(S): A total of 485 women with endometrioma.

Intervention(s): Excisions of endometrioma were performed between 1995 and 2004. Data were collected from medical records in 2013.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Age, revised American Society for Reproductive Medicine score, cyst diameter, follow-up periods, endometrioma recurrence, and development of ovarian cancer.

Result(s): Recurrence of endometrioma was recorded in 121 patients (24.9% of the entire cohort), and 4 patients (0.8% of the entire cohort) developed ovarian cancer. All ovarian cancers developed from a recurrent endometrioma (3.3% of patients who experienced recurrence). Recurrence of endometrioma was significantly associated with ovarian cancer development.

Conclusion(s): Ovarian cancers can develop after excision of endometrioma and are more likely to arise from recurrent endometrioma.

Special care such as rigorous follow-up should be practiced to manage patients who experience recurrence of endometrioma. (Fertil Steril® 2016;106:1432–7. ©2016 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

What Diagnostic Opportunities are Available to Practitioners for Women with Endometriosis?

Pelvic US

- useful in the identification of ovarian endometrioma with homogeneous hypoechogenic cystic features and those with mural malignant changes
- **hyperdense mural nodules** within the ovary and **rapid growth** of an endometrioma can be visualized on MRI – associated with malignant transformation
- difficult to detect relatively small endocystic echogenic components with this modality

Endometrioma with diffuse, homogenous hypoechogenic features



Endometrioma with mural malignant features



Ovarian cancer arising in endometrioid cysts: ultrasound findings

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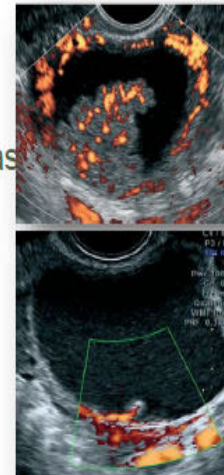
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ultrasound features for characterising benign from malignant masses remain valid

“endometrioma”

- ☐ Papillation with blood flow
may be a sign of malignisation in an endometriotic cyst
odds ratio for malignancy in any ovarian mass 3.23 (IOTA 1066 masses)
- ☐ A more inhomogenous cyst content
tumor secretions or tumor enlargement
- ☐ Postmenopausal status



is most probably not a benign mass

Sonographic characteristics of malignant transformation in endometrioid cysts

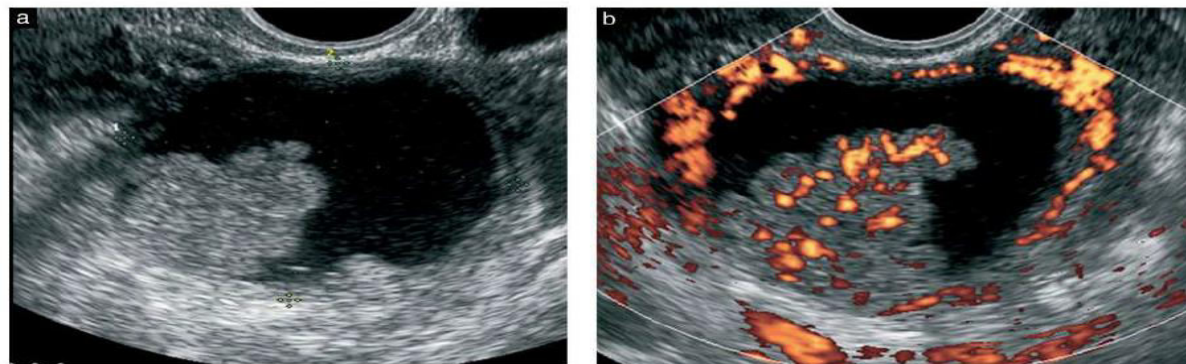
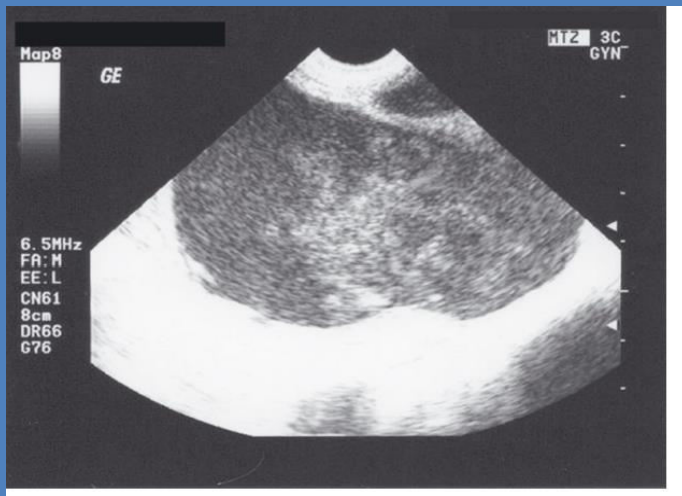
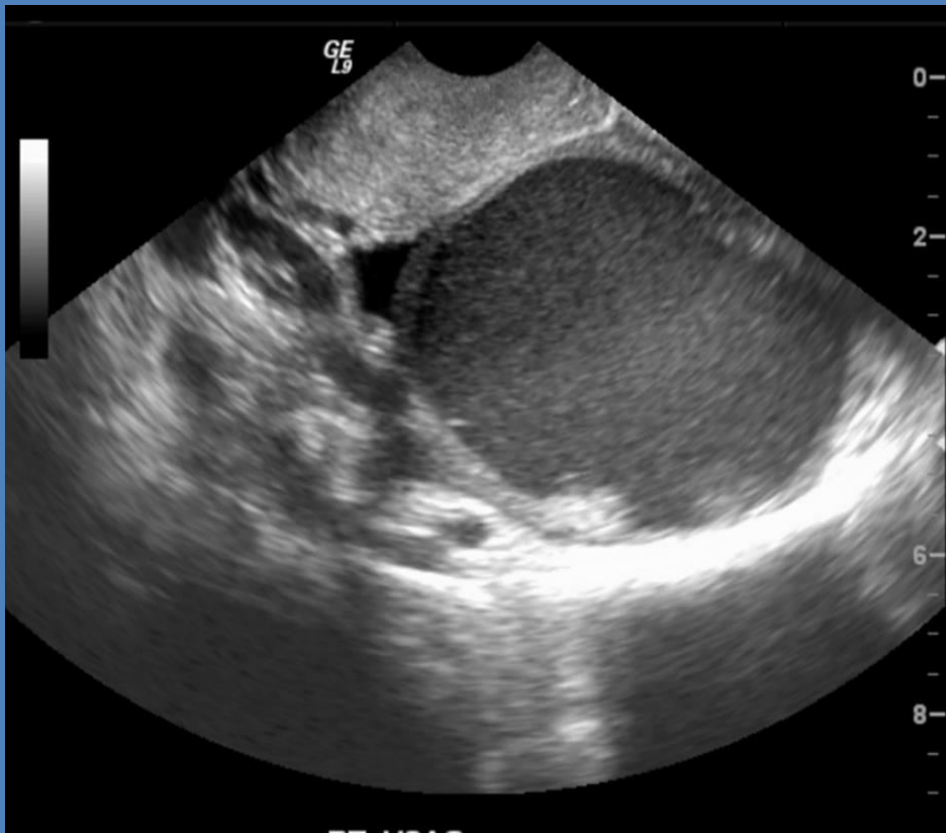


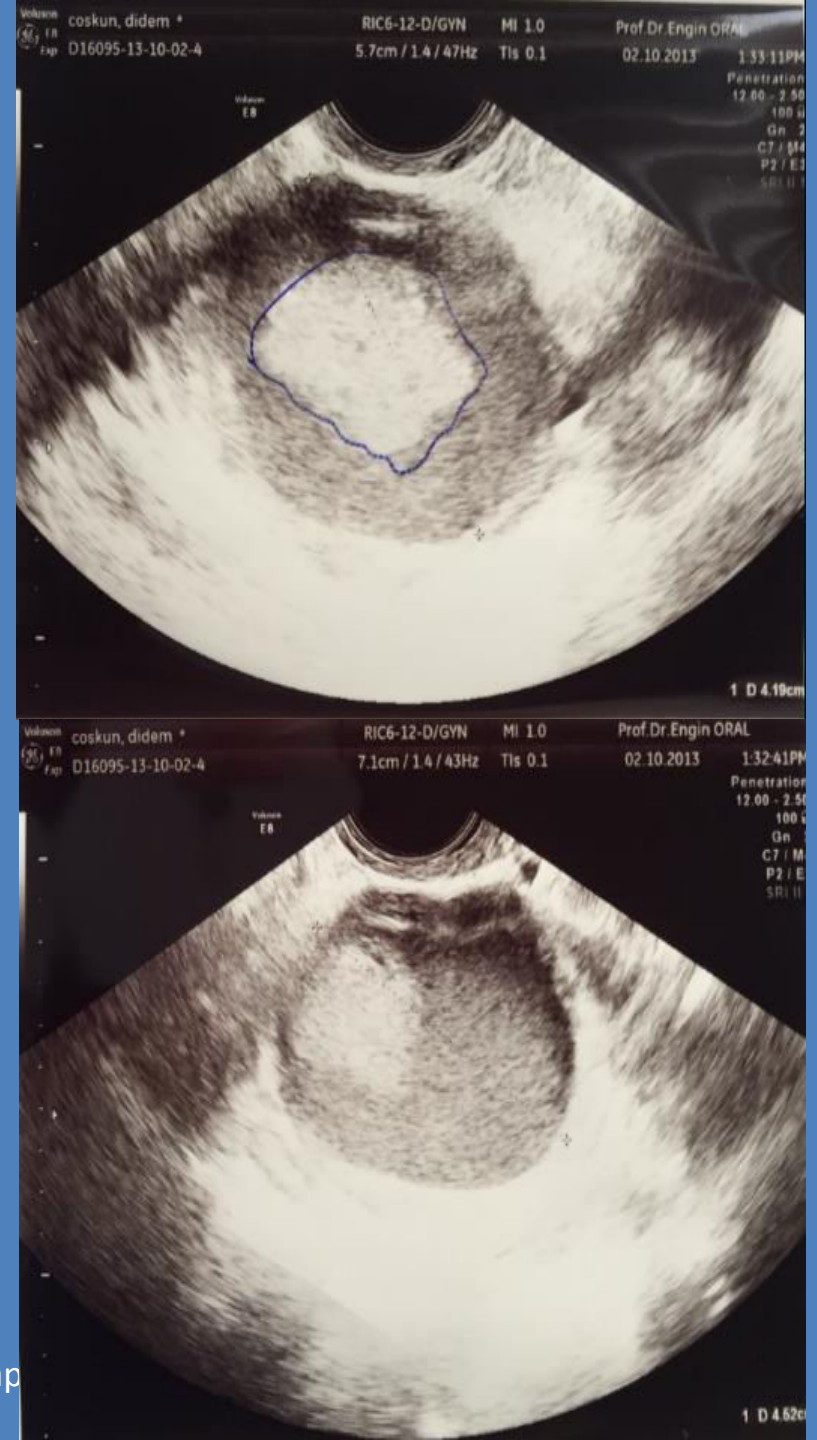
Figure 1 Endometrioid borderline tumor that developed in an endometrioid cyst in a 30-year-old patient. The ovarian lesion appeared as a unilocular-solid lesion (largest diameter of mass, 46 mm) with a papillary projection (height = 29 mm) (a), which was highly vascularized at power Doppler examination (b).

USG



CASE 1

- A.D.C.
- Age 52, single
- **20.05.2013**
- **2006**
- LSK: left tubaovary abscess left salpingectomy
- HE4: 42.5 pmol/L Roma : 5.4
- CA125: 33
- CA19.9: 1
- Smear: Class1
- Adenomyozis
- Right ovary 2cm endometriosis
- Left ovary 4 cm endometriosis
- **23.10.2013**
- TAH +BSO
- **Right Ovary: Clear Cell Carcinom**
 - No capsule invasion
 - No surface involment
 - Left Ovary: Endometriozis and Corpus Luteum
- **4.11.2013**
- Pelvic para-aortik lymphadenectomy omentectomy and ap
- Not Lymph Node Metastase



Case 2

- A.B, married
- GPO, infertility
- Age 30
- Dysmenorrhoea
- **02.03.2015**
- **HE4: 23.8** Roma : 1.5 **CA125: 49**
- AMH: 2.5
- **2015** bilaterally cystectomy
- Frozen:

Left ovary mucinous borderline ca

Right ovary suspect borderline ca

Partial omentectomy and appendectomy

Pathology:

Abdominal fluid: atypical epithelial cells in large quantities

- Right Ovary:
- Borderline seromucinous Ca (endocervical type borderline mucinous Ca)
- Left Ovary:
- Borderline seromucinous Ca (endocervical type borderline mucinous Ca)



CA-125

- ◆ CA-125 has been shown to be a poor screening modality for endometriosis-associated ovarian cancers as well as non-endometriosis ovarian cancers
- ◆ Wang et al found that CA-125 levels were lower in endometriosis-associated ovarian carcinoma compared to patients with non-endometriosis ovarian carcinoma (mean 122.9 versus 1377.5 respectively)
- ◆ Lim et al found that 32.6% of patients with early stage endometriosis-associated ovarian carcinoma demonstrated normal CA-125 levels

Wang S et al. Clinical analysis of ovarian epithelial carcinoma with coexisting pelvic endometriosis. Am J Obstet Gynecol 2013;208:413.e1-5.

Lim MC et al. Clinical presentation of endometrioid epithelial ovarian cancer with concurrent endometriosis: a multi-center retrospective study. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 2010;19:398-404.

What is the role of tumor markers, HE4 (**Human Epididymis Protein 4**) and CA 125, in differential diagnosis of endometrioma and ovarian malignancies?

- Similar sensitivity to CA 125 when comparing serum from *ovarian cancer cases to **healthy controls***
- Higher sensitivity when comparing ovarian cancer cases to **benign gynecologic disease**
- There are some data suggesting that human epididymal antigen (HEA) 4 is a better indicator than Ca-125 to distinguish epithelial ovarian cancers from pelvic endometriosis and pelvic inflammatory diseases especially in premenopausal women



RESEARCH

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The use of HE4, CA125 and CA72-4 biomarkers for differential diagnosis between ovarian endometrioma and epithelial ovarian cancer

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- Grup 1. Adneksiyal patoloji yok
- Grup 2. Bening adneksiyal yapılar
- Grup 3. Endometrioma
- Grup 4. Ovarian kanser

According to the indications of the manufacturer of the HE4 EIA assay, an index $\geq 13.1\%$ and $\geq 27.7\%$ indicates a high risk for the presence of EOC in pre- and postmenopausal women, respectively

Table 2 Serum markers for each group

	n	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
		50	17	57	39
CA125 U/mL	Mean	16.8	19.9	46.1	1976.3
	SD	8.6	20.5	34	7390.4
	Median(range)	14 (9-47)	13 (9-97)	38 (8-167) ^a	480 (8-4621) ^{a,b}
HE4 pmol/L	Mean	48.6	60.6	53.8	508.3
	SD	13.6	26.5	15.3	301.5
	Median(range)	47 (24-103)	58 (20-125)	53 (26-98)	426 (48-850) ^{a,b}
CA72-4 U/mL	Mean			3	39.8
	SD			0.98	45.1
	Median(r			2.7 (1.8-6.2)	7 (1-112) ^{a,b}

^ap-value < 0.05 vs Group 1 (healthy

Table 3 Sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV of controls and malignant vs benign cases for each marker

	CA125	HE4	CA72-4
Sensitivity %	90	87	67
Specificity %	70	100	96
PPV	51	100	84
NPV	95	96	89

Cut-off levels: CA125 = 35 U/mL; HE4 = 150 pmol/L; CA72-4 = 3.8 U/mL.

4 (ovarian cancer).

Utility Serum Marker HE4 for the Differential Diagnosis Between Endometriosis and Adnexal Malignancy

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- We collected 981 healthy patients diagnosed with adnexal pathology and selected 65 patients diagnosed with endometriosis and analyzed their serum markers CA125, HE4, and Risk of Ovarian Malignancy Algorithm (ROMA) index. In total, 642 (65.4%) patients presented with a pelvic mass, with 324 (33%) of them being diagnosed with malignant disease.
- HE4 was positive only in 1.5% of cases, CA125 in 64.6%, and ROMA index in 14.1%.
- Conclusions: The HE4 serum marker showed similar sensitivity, but better specificity, than CA125 and can improve the detection of malignant pathology in women diagnosed with **adnexal pathology. HE4 can be a very useful biomarker to exclude malignant disease in patients with endometriosis**

How should we approach treatment options for women with endometriosis who are determined to be at an increased risk for ovarian cancer?

Identification of all women with endometriosis, either surgically documented or self-reported by symptoms

- **Hormonal treatment/pregnancy** aimed at reducing the risk of recurrent endometriosis and endometriomas
- Careful follow up of ovarian **endometriomas with imaging** studies, particularly **MRI when Us is suspicious**, to detect any characteristics changes such as mural formation.
- **Fertility preservation** ;embro,egg or tissue preservation should be considered
- **Complete excision of endometriosis be proposed to peri-or postmenopausal women**

Summary of combined oral contraceptive (COC) use and risk of cancer

Studied relation	Reference	Type	Level of evidence	Material	Main findings	Relative risk (95% confidence interval)
Use of COC in relation to risk of epithelial ovarian cancer	Beral <i>et al.</i> [2008]	Meta-analysis	2	23,257 cases 87,303 controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreased risk in COC ever users A more pronounced effect by duration of use 	0.73 (0.70–0.76)
	Havrilesky <i>et al.</i> [2013]	Systematic review/meta-analysis		657,055 women, 3,981,072 women years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The protective effect lasts at least 30 years after use 	0.73 (0.66–0.81)
	Hannaforde <i>et al.</i> [2007]	Prospective cohort	2	46,000 women 744,000 women years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreased risk in COC ever-users A more pronounced effect by duration of use 	0.54 (0.40–0.71)
	Vessey and Painter [2006]	Prospective cohort		17,032 women, 540,000 women years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The protective effect lasts at least 15–20 years 	0.5 (0.3–0.7)

Original Research

Ovarian cancer (incidence rate ratio, 0.67; 99% confidence interval, 0.50-0.89)

GYNECOLOGY

Lifetime cancer risk and combined oral contraceptives: the Royal College of General Practitioners' Oral Contraception Study

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How should we approach treatment options for women with endometriosis who are determined to be at an increased risk for ovarian cancer?

- Treatment planning:
 - **Complete surgical resection** of all endometriotic foci in women undergoing surgical treatment, with tissue evaluation of ovarian endometriomas to rule out malignancy
 - **Oophorectomy and Salpingectomy** Should be individualized and offered Base on the patients Risk and desires

Hormonal and surgical treatments for endometriosis and risk of epithelial ovarian cancer

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- All women with a 1st time discharge Dx of endometriosis between 1969 – 2007 in Sweden [National Swedish Patient Register]
- Identified all women Dx with epithelial ovarian cancer [National Swedish Cancer Register] at least 1 year after the endometriosis Dx

Hormonal and surgical treatments for endometriosis and risk of epithelial ovarian cancer

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- Strong reduction in risk of epithelial ovarian CA:
 - One-sided oophorectomy involved with Endometriosis , **multivariate** analysis (OR 0.19, 95%CI 0.28-0.62) **81%** reduction.
 - Complete extirpation of endometriotic tissue (OR 0.30, 95%CI 0.25-0.55) **70%** reduction

Adenomyosis-Endometrial Cancer

- The reported incidence of the presence of these 2 conditions in hysterectomy specimens is variable, ranging from **10–70%**. The mechanism of the development of endometrial cancer in patients with adenomyosis remains unclear. Previous reports have suggested that adenomyosis can undergo malignant transformation and may be a precursor lesion to adenocarcinoma (Mittal and Barwick, 1993; Kucera et al., 2011). However, **no study has demonstrated the natural transformation of adenomyosis to adenocarcinoma**
- It has been reported that endometrial cancers involving adenomyosis was associated with a low histologic grade, a history of hormonal use and more favorable prognosis (Ismiil et al., 2007a). However, other data suggest that adenomyosis is related with deep myometrial invasion (Ismiil et al., 2007b).
- Musa et al. (2012) found that there was a close relationship between adenomyosis and lower tumor grade, less myometrial invasion, negative lymphovascular space invasion and negative lymph nodes (Musa et al., 2012). **This result shows that endometrioid tumor with adenomyosis are hormonally responsive, well differentiated, and more likely to be diagnosed earlier while it would be still confined to uterus**

Endometrial cancer arising in adenomyosis versus endometrial cancer coexisting with adenomyosis: are these two different entities?

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- EC-AIA cases were identified via a systematic literature search (n = 46).
- EC-A cases were identified from a historical cohort that underwent hysterectomy-based surgical staging in two institutions (n = 350).
- The EC-AIA group was significantly older than the EC-A group
- The EC-AIA group was significantly associated with more non-endometrioid histology and deep myometrial tumor invasion
- Tumor grade, stage, and nodal metastasis risk were similar.
- In a univariate analysis, the EC-AIA group had a significantly decreased DFS compared to EC-A (5-year rates, 72.2 versus 85.5%, p = 0.001).

Conclusion Our study demonstrated that EC-AIA has distinct tumor characteristics and a poorer survival outcome compared to EC-A.

Clear cell adenocarcinoma arising from adenomyotic cyst: A case report and literature review

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Table 1 Demographic and clinical characteristics of cases with clear cell adenocarcinoma and adenomyotic uterine cysts in the literature

Reported Cases	Age	Complaint	Endometrial Cytology	Presurgical Diagnosis	Radiological Findings	Stage	Histopathology	Surgery	Chemotherapy / Radiotherapy	Prognosis
Case 1 (Mori <i>et al.</i> 1994)	63	Uterine bleeding	Negative	Degenerative myoma	CT: Muscle layer isodense cystic mass	II	Atrophic endometrium adenomyosis CCAC, hobnail (+)	TrA Hys + BSO+ pelvic LNS	CAP 3 course	Alive at 14 months
Case 2 (Koshiyama <i>et al.</i> 2002)	72	Pain	Negative	Ovarian cancer	MRI: Cystic pelvic mass	Ic	Atrophic endometrium adenomyosis CCAC	TrA Hys + BSO	Rx (5000 rad)	ILNM, expired at 60 months
Case 3 (Ohta <i>et al.</i> 2008)	54	Hypermenorrhea	Negative	Myoma	CT/MRI: Uterine myoma + ovary CA	IV	Adenomyosis CCAC, hobnail (+)	TrA Hys + BSO + O	Cx (DU)	LM, OM, expired at 7 months
Case 4 (Hirabayashi <i>et al.</i> 2009)	73	Fever, weight loss	Negative	Myoma	CT/MRI: Uterine solid mass + PALNM+ LSCLNM	IV	Adenomyosis CCAC, hobnail (+)	TrA Hys + BSO	Paclitaxel carboplatin, 3 cycles	Alive at 7 months
Case 5 (Jeoung Shin <i>et al.</i> 2011)	52	Uterine bleeding, pain	Negative	Myoma	CT/MRI: Uterine cystic mass	III	Adenomyosis CCAC	VHys + BSO+ PL + PAL + O	Paclitaxel carboplatin, 3 cycles + Rx (5040 cGy)	DU
Case 6 (Baba <i>et al.</i> 2014)	40	Polyuria mass sensation	Negative	Myoma	CT/MRI: Uterine cystic mass	Ib	Adenomyosis CCAC, hobnail (+)	TrAHys	Patient refused	Alive at 6 months

CA, carcinoma; CCAC, clear cell adenocarcinoma; CT, computed tomography; Cx, chemotherapy; DU, details unknown; ILNM, inguinal lymph node metastasis; Hys + BSO, transabdominal hysterectomy + bilateral salpingoophorectomy; LM, liver metastasis; LSCLNM, left subclavian lymph node metastasis; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; OM, omentum metastasis; PALNM, para-aortic lymph node metastasis; Rx, radiotherapy; TrA Hys + BSO + O, transabdominal hysterectomy + bilateral salpingoophorectomy + omentectomy; TrA Hys + BSO + Pelvic LNS, transabdominal hysterectomy + bilateral salpingoophorectomy + pelvic lymph node sampling; VHys + BSO + PL + PAL + O, vaginal hysterectomy + bilateral salpingoophorectomy + pelvic lymphadenectomy + paraaortic lymphadenectomy + omentectomy.

Endometriosis associated Extra Ovarian Malignancy

- Extragonadal sites are affected in **one-fourth to one-fifth of all cases**
- Since the malignant transformation can take place in every site affected by endometriosis, extragonadal malignancies can be found in the lower pelvis, gastrointestinal tract, abdominal wall, umbilicus, pleura and others .
- The most common localisations of extragonadal malignancies are the rectosigmoid, colon, rectovaginal septum and pelvic peritoneum; these sites are commonly involved by deep infiltrating endometriosis
- ***Endometrioid carcinoma (66 %)***
- ***Adenosarcoma (25 %)***

EXTRAOVARIAN ENDOMETRIOSIS

ABDOMINAL WALL

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CASE REPORT

Endometrial stromal sarcoma in the abdominal wall arising from scar endometriosis

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- The probability of developing endometriosis in a surgical scar is roughly 0.03–1%,
- Malignant transformation is likely to occur in 0.3 to 1% of the cases,**

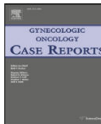
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Case Report

Malignant transformation of abdominal wall endometriosis with lymph node metastasis

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CASE REPORT

Malignant transformation of abdominal wall endometriosis to clear cell carcinoma: case report and review of the literature

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Objective: To report a case of clear cell carcinoma in abdominal wall endometriosis after cesarean section.

Design: Case report.

Setting: A French oncology center.

Patient(s): A 38-year-old woman who developed a 10-cm mass in the abdominal wall muscles, 13 years after a cesarean section.

Intervention(s): Abdominal wall resection and chemotherapy.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Clinical outcome.

Result(s): The diagnosis of clear cell carcinoma in abdominal wall endometriosis was confirmed, and wide surgical excision with abdominal wall reconstruction was performed after three courses of chemotherapy.

Conclusion(s): The malignant transformation of abdominal wall endometrioma has not been clearly elucidated, owing to its rarity. However, the eventuality should always be considered, and the prognosis improved through wide surgical excision. (Fertil Steril® 2008;90:1197.e13–e16. ©2008 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

Key Words: Abdominal wall endometrioma, malignant transformation, clear cell carcinoma

Endometriosis-Associated Abdominal Wall Cancer

A Poor Prognosis?

2015

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- Endometriosis-associated abdominal wall cancer (EAAWC) is rare, and few reports are available.
- The mean age of the patients at the time of diagnosis was 47 years (range of 38-60 years)
- In all of these patients, EAAWC was described after uterine surgery (mostly cesarean section).
- The delay between the first surgery and the diagnosis of malignant disease was more than 20 years.
- Clear cell carcinoma was the most common histology, followed by endometrioid carcinoma.
- Death was described in 44% of women within a few months of diagnosis.

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Endometriosis-associated clear cell carcinoma arising in caesarean section scar: a case report and review of the literature

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Table 1 Clear cell carcinoma arising from endometriosis of the scar caesarean section

	Age	Previous uterine surgeries	Months since symptoms	Size cm	FNA or biopsy	Primary treatment	Pathology	Adjuvant treatment	Relapse	Death
Schniebler Agner-Kolb 1986 [4]	40	1 CS 15 years before	—	—	—	WE, BSO, Hys	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Ovaries and uterus: negative	RT, progestins	—	Yes after 18 months
Hitt 1996 [5]	46	1 CS 14 years before 1 CS 12 years before	—	6	—	WE, BSO, Hys	CCC + endometriosis	RT	No after 30 months	No after 30 months
Miller 1998 [6]	38	1 hysterotomy 9 years before 1 abortion 3 years before 1 CS 2 years before	8	4	CCC + endometriosis	WE, BSO, Hys omentectomy	Scar: CCC Ovaries, uterus, omentum: negative Margins: close	CIS-based CT RT	No after 60 months ^a	No after 60 months ^a
Park 1999 [7]	56	1 CS 24 years 1 CS 20 years	—	5	—	WE	Mass: CCC + endometriosis	RT	—	—
Ishida 2003 [8]	56	1 CS 24 years 1 CS 20 years	7	10	Endometrial carcinoma	WE, Hys, BSO	Mass: CCC Ovaries and uterus: negative	CIS-based CT	—	Yes after 24 months ^b
Sergent 2006 [9]	45	1 CS 25 years 1 CS 23 years 2 excisions of benign endometriosis nodules at the scar	17	20	—	WE, BSO, later onc endometrial curettage	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Right ovary: benign endometriosis; left ovary and uterus: negative Margins: 1 cm free	Not done	Yes early after surgery ^a	Yes after 6 months
Alberto 2006 [10]	38	1 CS 11 years BSO, Hys for endometriosis	6	6	—	WE	CCC	Carbo/PTX RT	—	—
Razouk 2007 [11]	46	1 CS 26 years before 1 CS 24 years before 2 excisions of endometriosis nodules at the scar	—	>20	—	GnRh analogue without benefit WE, BSO	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Ovaries: negative LN: 1 positive	Carbo/PTX	Yes during CT	Yes after 6 months ^b
Rust 2008 [12]	42	3 CS Hys 5 years before	24	5	Carcinoma	WE	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Margins: 1 mm free	Not done	—	—
Bai 2008 [13]	38	1 CS 13 years before 1 excision of endometriosis nodule at the scar	—	10	Atypical cells	NACT (carbo/PTX) No benefit WE, BSO, Hys, omentectomy	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Uterus: adenomyosis Other specimens: negative Margins: 2 mm free	Not done	Yes after 4 months ^a	—
Williams 2009 [14]	53	1 CS 17 years before	24	2.5	CCC (excisional biopsy)	WE of the scar, BSO, Hys, omentectomy Inguinal/Pelvic LNectomy	Mass: CCC Uterus, right ovary, omentum: negative, left ovary: teratoma Inguinal LN: 7 positive/11 Pelvic LN: 8 positive/14	Carbo/PTX (4 cycles)	Yes after 3 months ^b	Yes after 11 months ^b
Boudel 2010 [15]	43	1 CS 20 years before 1 CS 15 years before 1 excision of endometriosis nodule at the scar	9	9	—	WE, partial resection of pubic symphysis, umbilicus, right rectus abdominis, pelvic LN sampling Later onc BSO, Hys	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Pelvic LN: multiple positive Ovaries, uterus: negative	Carbo/PTX (6 cycles) RT	Yes after 6 months ^a	Yes after 22 months ^b

Table 1 Clear cell carcinoma arising from endometriosis of the scar caesarean section (Continued)

Yan 2011 [16]	41	2 CS 5 years before 2 excisions of benign endometriotic nodule at the scar 1 year and 4 months before	4	9	Not done	Progestins without benefit WE	Mass: CCC	CT	No after 24 months ^d	No after 24 months ^d
Li 2012 [17]	49	1 CS 26 years before	25 years	9	Not done	WE, Hys, BSO	Mass: CCC Uterus, ovaries: negative	Carbo/PTX (6 cycles)	No ^c after 8 months	No ^c after 8 months
Mert 2012 [19]	42	Tubal ligation, right oophorectomy	–	15	Tumor cells Müllerian origin	NACT (carbo/PTX) WE, left SO Hys, left Pelvic LNctomy Omentectomy	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Other organs: negative Margins: free	Not done	No after 1 month ^a	No After 1 month ^a
	51	2 CS Hys for myomas	12	6	Excisional biopsy CCC + endometriosis	BSO, Omental biopsy	Negative Margins: free	RT	No after 31 months ^b	No after 31 months ^b
Shalin 2012 [18]	47	1 CS	10	3	CCC	WE, left ovary cystectomy, endometrial biopsy, pelvic LN sampling	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Ovarian cyst: endometriosis Endometrium: negative Pelvic LN: 2 positive/4 Margins: positive	CIS-based CT (6 cycles) RT	Yes after 5 months ^b	No after 7 months ^b
Ijichi 2014 [20]	60	1 CS 37 years before 1 CS 35 years before	48	4	Atypical cells	WE	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Margins: free	Not done	Yes after 8 months ^a	No after 23 months ^a
Aust 2015 [21]	47	1 CS 16 years before vaginal Hys 10 years before	6	10	–	WE Later on: BSO, pelvic, aortic LNctomy omentectomy	Mass: CCC Ovaries and omentum: negative LN: 2 positive/48 Margins: free	Carbo/PTX (6 cycles)	No after 10 months ^c	No after 10 months ^c
Heller 2014 [22]	37	1 CS 1 CS 1 CS 8 years before	96 ^a	18	CCC	WE, left SQ pelvic LNctomy	Mass: CCC Ovary: negative LFN: multiple LN positive	Refused treatment	Yes after 5 months ^a	–
Liu 2014 [23]	39	1 CS 1 excision of endometriotic nodule at the scar	60	6	–	WE, partial cystectomy, BSO, Hys, omentectomy, inguinal/pelvic, aortic LNctomy	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Ovaries, uterus, omentum: negative Bladder: positive Pelvic LN: 18 positive/21 Aortic LN: 6 positive /6 Inguinal LN: 8 positive/8	Carbo/PTX (3 cycles)	YES after 10 months ^c	Yes after 12 months ^c
Sosa-Durán 2015 [24]	45	1 CS 1 CS 1 CS	6	9	–	WE, margins: 2 cm free	Mass: CCC + endometriosis	Not done	No after 16 months ^a	No after 16 months ^a
Current case	44	1 CS 9 years before	8	22	Endometrial carcinoma	NACT (carbo/PTX) WE, BSO, Hys, inguinal, and pelvic LNctomy	Mass: CCC + endometriosis Ovaries, uterus: negative Pelvic LN: 7 positive/14 Inguinal LN: 8 positive/11 Margins: free	Not done	Yes after 2 months from surgery	Yes after 6 months

CCC clear cell carcinoma, CS caesarean section, WE wide mass excision, BSO bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy, SO salpingo-oophorectomy, Hys hysterectomy, LNctomy lymphadenectomy, LN lymph node, Carbo carboplatin,

CS cisplatin, PTX paclitaxel, RT radiotherapy

^aThe mass was reported to have come and gone over the last 8 years since the last CS

^bFrom surgical resection

^cFrom initial diagnosis

^dSince completion of chemotherapy

^eNot specified

Uterine Adenosarcoma: a Review

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- Adenosarcomas are rare malignancies of the female genital tract, accounting for approximately 5 % of uterine sarcomas.
- Occasionally, **adenosarcoma occurs in the ovaries or in extra-uterine tissue, which may be related to endometriosis.**
- Many of these extra-uterine adenosarcoma cases, at least, those within the abdomen or pelvis, reportedly arise in the setting of endometriosis or in patients with a history of endometriosis
- While endometriosis may be a risk factor for the development of adenosarcoma, it is likely not the sole risk factor.

Malignant Transformation of Vaginal Endometriosis – A Review of Literature

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- A total of 23 eligible studies were identified and included in the present review providing information for 37 patients.
- Endometrioid adenocarcinoma (17 cases) was the most common histological subtype followed by endometrial stromal sarcoma (6 cases).
- Vaginal cancer arising from endometriosis is exceedingly rare.

Other Gynecological Cancers

Endometrial cancer

Study design	year	studies	OR, SIR or RR or HR	95% CI
Cohort	1997	Brinton et al.	1.09	0.6– 1.9
Cohort	2002	Olson et al.	1.20	0.57– 2.53
Cohort	2005	Brinton et al.	0.82	0.3– 1.9
Cohort	2006	Melin et al.	1.19	0.96–1.46
Cohort	2007	Melin et al.	1.14	0.93–1.39
Case– control	2004	Borgfeldt and Andolf	0.58	0.42– 0.81
Case–control	2005	Brinton et al.	1.23	0.63–2.38
Case-control	2015	Yu HC et al.	2.83	1.49-5.35

- ✓ Data on the association between endometriosis and endometrial cancer was inconsistent
- ✓ Low number of cases

Endometriosis and risk of ovarian and endometrial cancers in a large prospective cohort of U.S. nurses

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Table 1 Age-standardized characteristics of NHSII participants at midpoint of follow-up (1999)

No endometriosis (<i>n</i> =86,930)	All self-reported endometriosis (<i>n</i> =8,226)	Laparoscopically confirmed endometriosis (<i>n</i> =5,910)	Self-reported endometriosis without laparoscopic confirmation (<i>n</i> =2,316)
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- Over 18 years of follow-up, we identified 228 ovarian and 166 endometrial cancers among 102,025 and 97,109 eligible women, respectively.
- Self-reported endometriosis was associated with ovarian cancer [relative risk (RR): 1.81; 95% confidence interval (CI): 1.26–2.58]; this association was stronger for laparoscopically confirmed endometriosis (HR: 2.14; 95% CI 1.45–3.15).
- No association was observed with endometrial cancer (self-report RR: 0.78; 95% CI 0.42–1.44; laparoscopic-confirmation RR: 0.76; 95% CI 0.35–1.64).

A prospective study of endometriosis and risk of benign breast disease

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- Among women in the Nurses' Health Study II followed from 1991–2003 (n = 76,393),
- we investigated the association between laparoscopically confirmed endometriosis and biopsy-confirmed BBD.
- Endometriosis was associated with a modest increased risk of biopsy-confirmed BBD in crude and multivariable adjusted models (HR 1.20, 95 % CI 1.00–1.43).

Laparoscopically Confirmed Endometriosis and Breast Cancer in the Nurses' Health Study II

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Table 2. Laparoscopically Confirmed Endometriosis in Relation to Breast Cancer Risk in the Nurses' Health Study II

Endometriosis	Cases Per Person-Year	Age and Calendar Time-Adjusted Model [HR (95% CI)]*	Multivariable-Adjusted Model [HR (95% CI)]*
Breast cancer overall			
No	4,479/2,329,489	1.0 (referent)	1.0 (referent)
Yes	500/215,434	1.07 (0.97–1.17)	0.96 (0.88–1.06)
Breast cancer by menopausal status			
Premenopausal women			
No	2,258/1,356,591	1.0 (referent)	1.0 (referent)
Yes	167/82,517	1.16 (0.99–1.35)	1.05 (0.89–1.23)
Postmenopausal women			
No	1,419/501,465	1.0 (referent)	1.0 (referent)
Yes	235/97,068	0.98 (0.85–1.13)	0.93 (0.80–1.07)
Breast cancer stratified by mode of menopause transition among postmenopausal women			
Natural menopause			
No	1,035/352,180	1.0 (referent)	1.0 (referent)
Yes	66/20,196	1.17 (0.91–1.50)	1.06 (0.82–1.36)
Any surgery (hysterectomy, oophorectomy)			
No	384/153,531	1.0 (referent)	1.0 (referent)
Yes	169/76,873	0.98 (0.82–1.18)	0.90 (0.75–1.09)

Endometriosis was not found to be associated with overall risk of breast cancer in this study;

Endometriosis and breast cancer: A survey of the epidemiological studies

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We found 4 retrospective cohort studies, 4 case-control studies and 3 case-cohort studies that demonstrated a notable risk for developing breast cancer among women with endometriosis. By contrast, we also found 5 case-control studies, 1 prospective cohort study, 1 case-cohort study and 1 cross-sectional study that demonstrated a negative association between endometriosis and breast cancer. In conclusion, as regards the clarification of a 'robust' or 'weak' association between endometriosis and breast cancer, no definite conclusions could be drawn, due to the limited number of studies and the limitations of each of these studies

Authors/(Ref.) year	Study design	No. of cases	No. of controls	OR (95% CI)	P-value	OR (95% CI)	P-value	OR (95% CI)	P-value	OR (95% CI)	P-value
Moseson <i>et al</i> (20) 1993	Case-control	114,327	2,031,811	17.8	1978	236	N/A	40.6	Yes	OR, 1.10 (95% CI, 0.90-1.34) ^k	0.6-5.1) P=0.33
Schairer <i>et al</i> (21) 1997	Case-control	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 2.40 (95% CI, 1.43-4.01) ^l	0.9-20.4) P=0.07 ^a
Brinton <i>et al</i> (22) 1997	Case-control	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.95-3.51) ^m	I, 1.2-8.0) ^b
Weiss <i>et al</i> (23) 1999	Case-control	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.95-3.51) ^m	I, 0.7-4.1) ^c
Venn <i>et al</i> (24) 1999	Case-control	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.95-3.51) ^m	I, 1.1-1.4)
Borgfeldt and Andolf (25) 2004	Case-control	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.95-3.51) ^m	I, 1.2-2.6) ^d
Melin <i>et al</i> (26) 2006	Case-control	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.95-3.51) ^m	I, 0.7-1.8) ^e
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Bertelsen <i>et al</i> (28) 2007	Case-control	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.95-3.51) ^m	I, 0.7-2.5) ^g
Nichols <i>et al</i> (29) 2011	Case-control	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.95-3.51) ^m	I, 0.71-1.54) ^h
Kok <i>et al</i> (30) 2015	Cohort	N/A	N/A	N/A	26 ^m	4,935	5,111	66.2	No	OR, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.95-3.51) ^m	I, 1.0-1.2)

Association between Endometriosis and Breast Cancer

- It is difficult to ascertain whether a strong correlation with endometriosis and breast cancer exists.
- Several reports support an association between these entities.
- However, the effect sizes in these studies are modest and there are an equal number of studies demonstrating no correlation.
- In fact, there exist several studies demonstrating an inverse correlation between endometriosis and breast cancer.
- It is notable that these latter studies showing no association or an inverse association largely employed more stringent statistic control for confounding variables.

The fact that many studies find an association between the two conditions and that the association is lost after controlling for confounders supports the notion that the correlation may not be causative.

Consensus on current management of endometriosis

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Endometriosis and cancer

(13) The relative risk and absolute risk of ovarian cancer amongst women with endometriosis is so low as not to justify routine ovarian cancer screening (strong). γ

The above represent the consensus statements from the WES Montpellier Consensus.

GPP, good practice point; α, unanimous or near-unanimous (more than 80% agreed without caveat and fewer than 5% disagreed); β, unanimous with caveat (fewer than 5% disagreed but fewer than 80% agreed without caveat); γ, majority (50–80% agreed); δ, no consensus (fewer than 50% agreed with or without caveat).

ENDOMETRIOSIS AND CANCER

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Recommendations

The GDG recommends that clinicians inform women with endometriosis requesting information on their risk of developing cancer that 1) there is no evidence that endometriosis causes cancer, 2) there is no increase in overall incidence of cancer in women with endometriosis, and 3) some cancers (ovarian cancer and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma) are slightly more common in women with endometriosis.

GPP

The GDG recommends that clinicians explain the incidence of some cancers in women with endometriosis in absolute numbers.

GPP

The GDG recommends no change in the current overall management of endometriosis in relation to malignancies, since there are no clinical data on how to lower the slightly increased risk of ovarian cancer or non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in women with endometriosis.

GPP

DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF ENDOMETRIOSIS 2014

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- Does endometriosis increase the cancer risk?
 - Yes EAOC
- What is the impact of the age of the patient with endometriosis on the cancer risk?
 - 40 years
- Is the size of endometrioma associated with the cancer risk?
 - 9 cm
- Should histopathological investigation of the suspected endometriotic lesions or endometrioma be recommended
 - Yes
- Are there any morphologic criteria that suggest malignancy?
 - Mural nodules
- What is the role of tumor markers, HE4 and CA 125, in differential diagnosis of endometrioma and ovarian malignancies?
 - HE4 is better
- Should the women with endometriosis scanned for ovarian cancer?
 - It is not recommended

Take home message

- Screening for genetic mutations in ovarian cancer is just the beginning, and an emerging concept of a dual model of ovarian carcinogenesis
- Currently , there is not sufficient data to recommend mutation screening tests in patients with endometriosis
- USG---useful in the identification of ovarian endometrioma with homogeneous hypoechogenic cystic features and those with mural malignant changes
 - hyperdense mural nodules within the ovary and rapid growth of an endometrioma can be visualized

Take home message

- Existing epidemiological evidence linking endometriosis with ovarian cancer is insufficient to change current clinical practice.
- It is not recommended to scan the women with endometriosis for ovarian cancer due to its low incidence and the absence of effective scanning test.

Endometrioma
in a peri-or postmenopausal women is a reason for concern
link with ovarian cancer

The risk of ovarian cancer associated with different t forms of endometriosis remains to be determined!!!

Take home message

- There is no recommended cancer screening for women with endometriosis.
- There is theoretical rationale to believe that surgical and hormonal control of endometriosis may also decrease the risk of ovarian cancer.
- However, there are no data to date to support such a conclusion