

ENDOMETRIOSIS ASSOCIATED OVARIAN CANCERS

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EPIDEMIOLOGY

- endometriosis is a chronic inflammatory disease
- affects 5-10% of fertile-age women

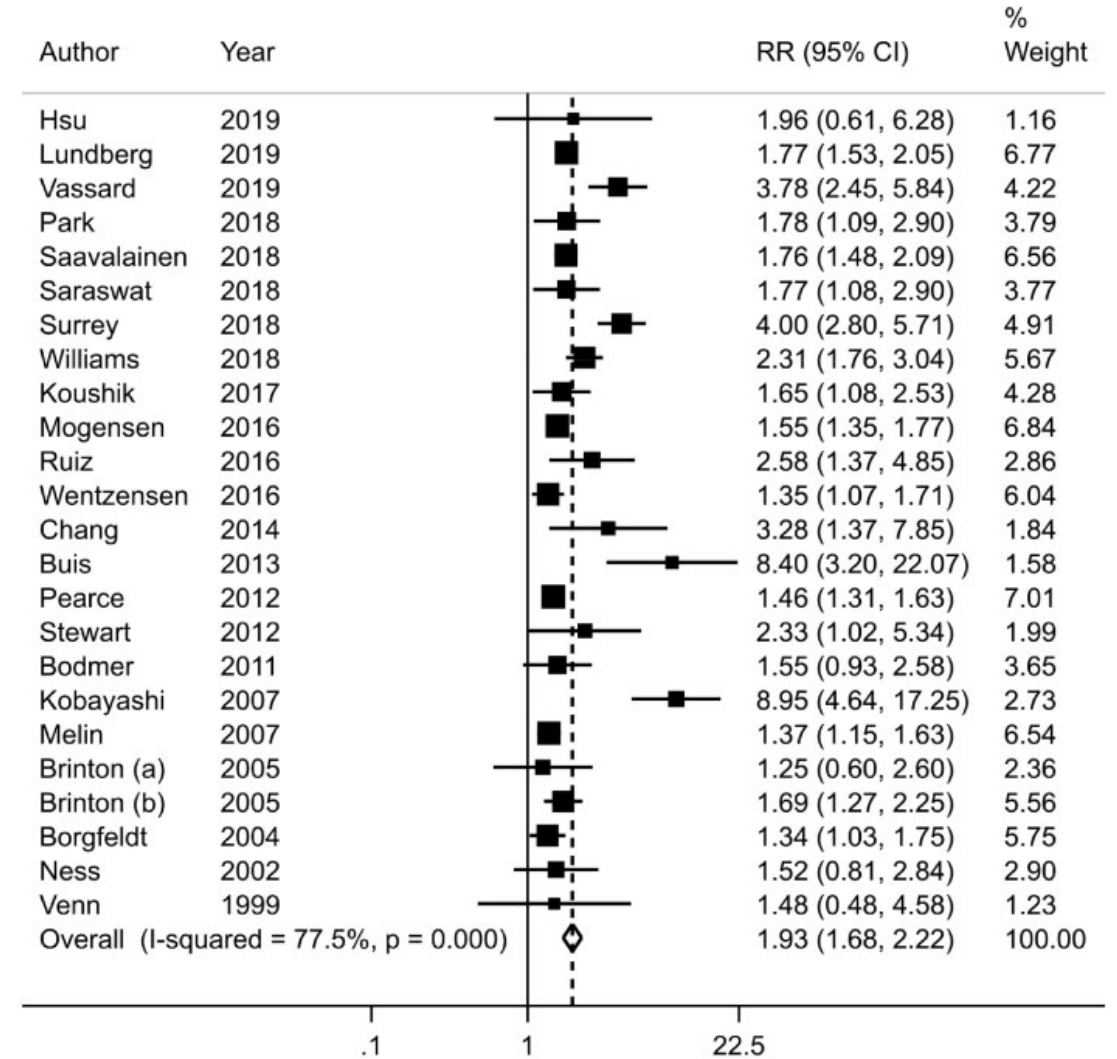
Kvaskoff et al 2021; Meta-analysis on 24 studies

- associates with increased risk of ovarian cancer:
 - RR 1.9
 - the risk is higher in registry based than by self-reported endometriosis dg (RR 2.07 vs 1.5)
- the association is strongest with:
 - clear cell RR 3.4
 - endometrioid RR 2.3
 - low grade serous RR 2.3

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Endometriosis and cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis ^{FREE}

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Gynecologic Oncology: Original Research

Risk of Gynecologic Cancer According to the Type of Endometriosis

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- Finnish Hospital Discharge Register 1987-2012
- All first diagnosis of endometriosis
- Concomitantly with relevant surgical procedure
- n=49,933
- Cancers from Finnish Cancer Registry
- Reference: General population (SIR)

Risk for ovarian cancer

- Overall SIR 1.8
- Endometrioid SIR 3.1
- Clear cell SIR 5.2
- Serous 1.4

OVARIAN CANCER HISTOLOGY	TYPE OF ENDOMETRIOSIS		
	OVARIAN (n= 23 222)	PERITONEAL (n=20 197)	DEEP (n=2372)
ALL	2.56 (1.98-3.27)	1.32 (0.99-1.72)	1.41 (0.29-4.10)
Serous	1.62 (0.99-2.49)	1.21 (0.79-1.79)	2.05 (0.25-7.41)
Endometrioid	4.72 (2.75-7.56)	2.03 (1.05-3.54)	3.35 (0.08-18.7)
Clear Cell	10.1 (5.50-16.9)	2.76 (0.98-5.81)	0.00 (0.00-28.2)
Mucinous	1.29 (0.42-3.01)	0.80 (0.26-1.86)	2.05 (0.25-7.41)

Original Investigation

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Endometriosis Typology and Ovarian Cancer Risk

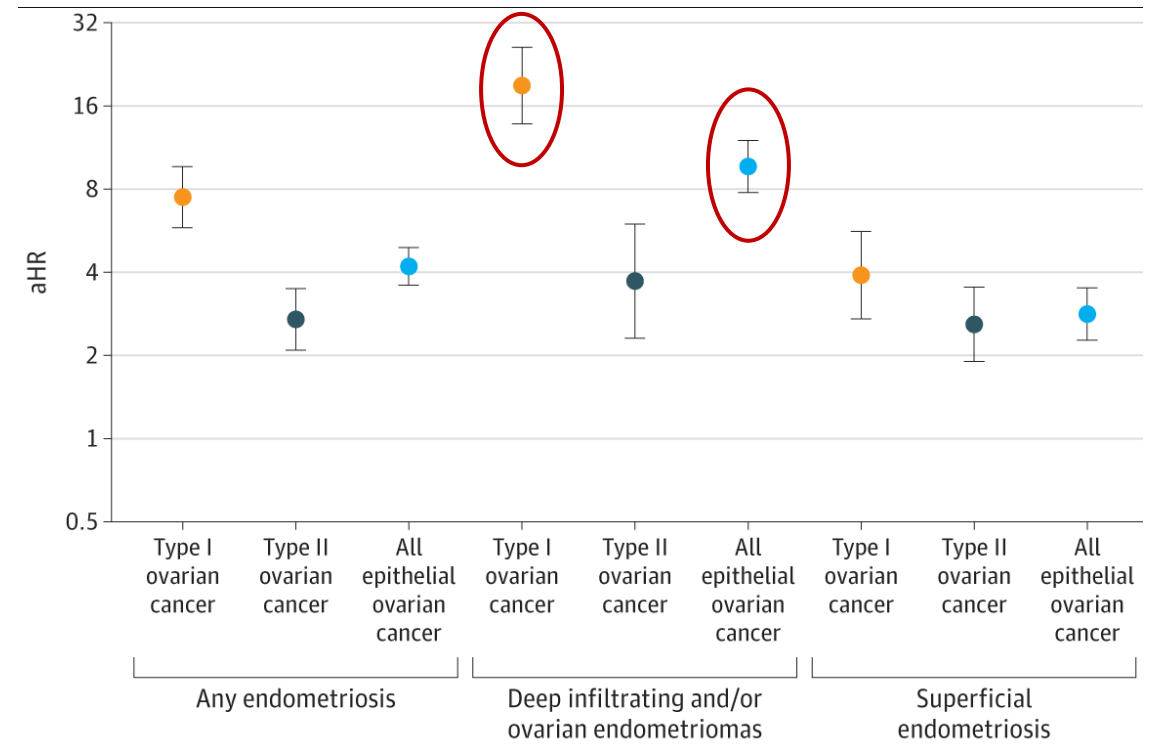
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- Population-based cohort study from Utah population Database
- 78 893 women with endometriosis (dg 1992-2009)
- the risk ratios were higher than in previous works:
 - all ovarian cancers HR 4.20
 - type I cancer (cc, endometrioid, low grade serous, mucinous) HR 7.48
 - clear cell HR 11.1
 - endometrioid HR 7.96
 - type II cancer (hg serous) HR 2.7



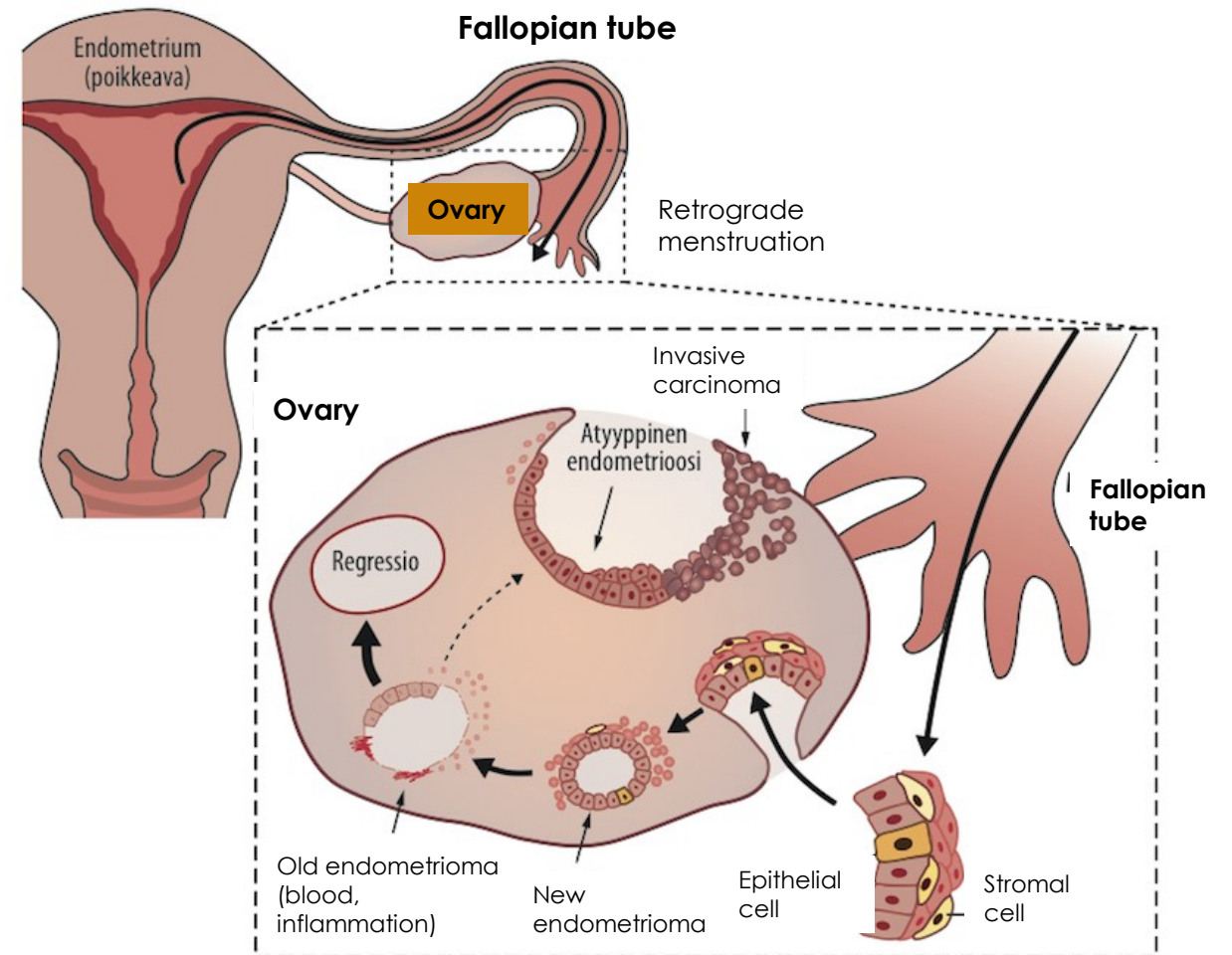
The risk was highest in deep infiltrating and ovarian endometriosis

Main differences compared to the Finnish registry study:

- Included also patients without surgery
- Tubal and peritoneal cancer diagnoses were included as well (C57 and C48)
- If the diagnosis of endometriosis and cancer were made in the same operation – the endometriosis index date was set 0.5 yrs before

PATHOGENESIS

- **atypical endometriosis - precursor lesion of endometrioid and clear cell** ovarian carcinomas
- most of the endometriomas regress
- some progress to atypical endometriosis and cancer
- chronic inflammation and oxidative stress due to iron load
- another precursor lesion - noncystic clear cell adenofibroma
- direct transition from atypical endometriosis to cancer seen in 15-35% of cases
- **similar molecular changes** in atypical endometriosis as in adjacent cancer: mutations of ARID1A, CTNNB1 and PIK3CA


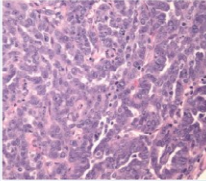
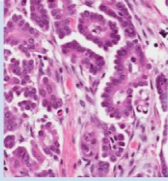
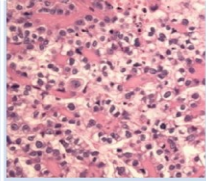
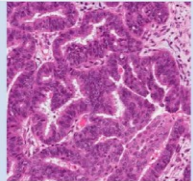
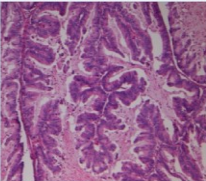



modified from Lassus et al. Duodecim 2015

Prat et al. Hum Pathol 2018; Wiegand et al. NEJM 2010;
Matsumoto et al. Am J Clin Pathol 2015; Improta et al AIMM 2019;
Marks et al Am J Clin Oncol 2020; Anglesio et al NEJM 2017

CLINICOPATHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Median age of dg 55-58 yrs
- WT1 negative (clear cell: Napsin, HNF1beta positive)
- Genetic predisposition: Lynch sdr (MMR mutations in germline)
- Hormone receptors
 - endometrioid ER >75% positive, PR >60% positive
 - clear cell ER 20% positive, PR <10% positive
- Overall prognosis is favorable in EAOCs
 - due to stage distribution: St I endometrioid 40% and clear cell 70%
- Poor prognosis in advanced disease

	75%	<5%	10%	10%	<5%
	HGSOC	LGSOC	Clear Cell	Endometrioid	Mucinous
Clinical information	Age, heredity, clinical examination, imaging, staging				
Subtype-specific clinical information	Inherited predisposition in 15-25%	Evolution from borderline tumor	Associated with endometriosis	Synchronous primary ~10% in endometriosis	Exclude GI primary
 Pathology					
 Molecular features	CNA high <i>TP53</i> <i>BRCA1/2</i> HRD	CNA low MAPK act. <i>KRAS</i> <i>BRAF</i>	<i>ARID1A</i> PI3K/AKT act. RTK/Ras act. MMR	<i>PI3KCA</i> <i>ARID1A</i> <i>KRAS</i> Wnt/ β -catenin act. <i>PTEN</i>	<i>KRAS</i> <i>HER2</i> amplif.

Lheureux et al, CA Cancer J Clin. 2019

MOLECULAR CHANGES

- Typical mutations

Endometrioid

CTNNB1 (30-50%)

PIK3CA (20-50%)

ARID1A (20-50%)

KRAS (15-40%)

PTEN (15-45%)

Clear cell

ARID1A (40-55%)

PIK3CA (40-55%)

PPP2R1A (10-20%)

KRAS (5-20%)

TERT (5-20%)

- MMR mutations
 - endometrioid 6-19%
 - cc 4-6%
- Mutations of *TP53* relatively infrequent in (as compared to HGSC):
 - endometrioid 10-25%
 - clear cell 5-20%
- Relatively low genomic complexity

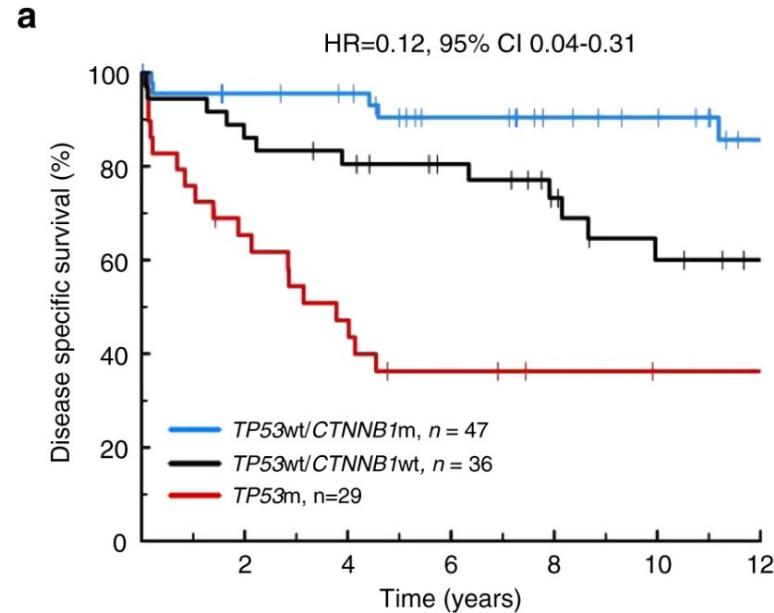
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Poor prognosis

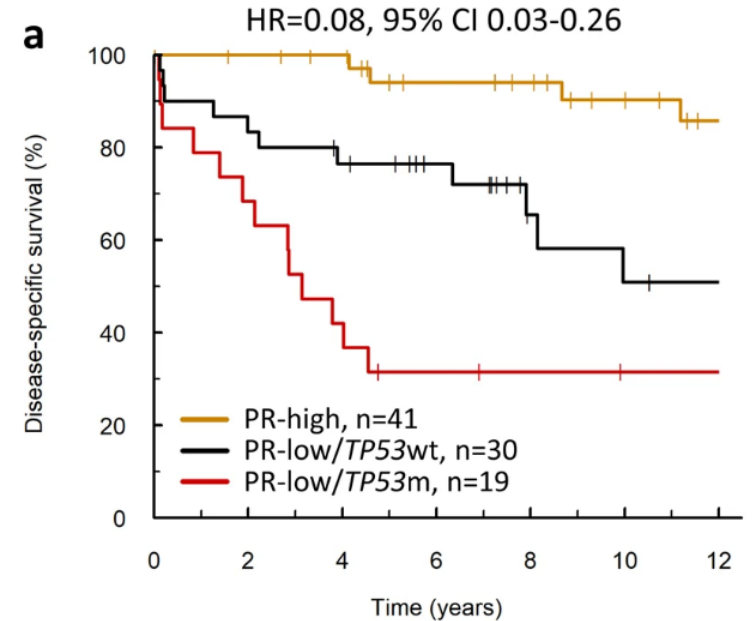
- **TP53** mutations/ **p53** aberrant expression

Favorable prognosis

- **CTNNB1** mutations
- **PR** expression



Hollis et al. Nature Comm 2020;
WES 112 EnOCs, UK Edinburgh



Hollis et al. npj Precision Oncol 2021;
IHC 90 EnOCs; UK Edinburgh

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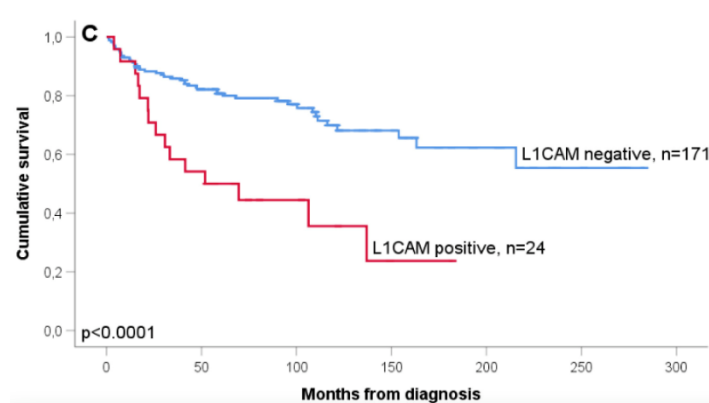
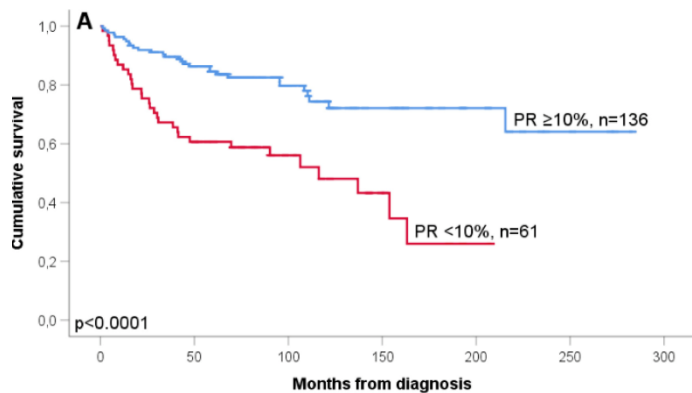
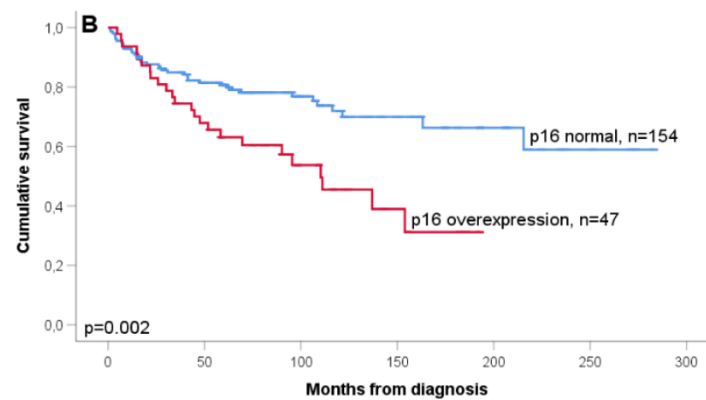
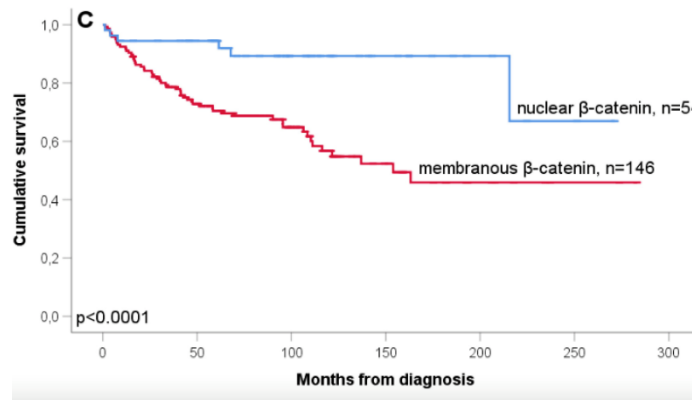
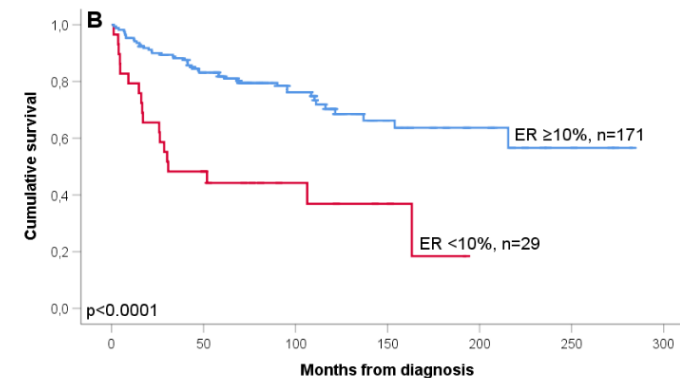
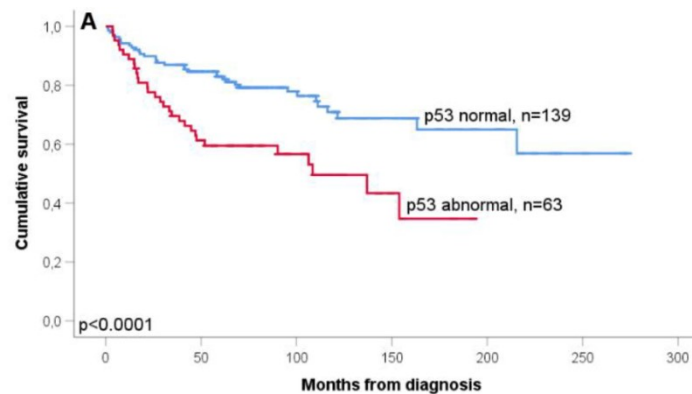
- Similar findings by IHC (n=215; Helsinki University Hospital)

Poor prognosis

- **p53 aberrant** expression
- p16 positive expression
- **L1CAM** expression

Favorable prognosis

- nuclear **beta-catenin** expression
- **PR** expression
- **ER** expression

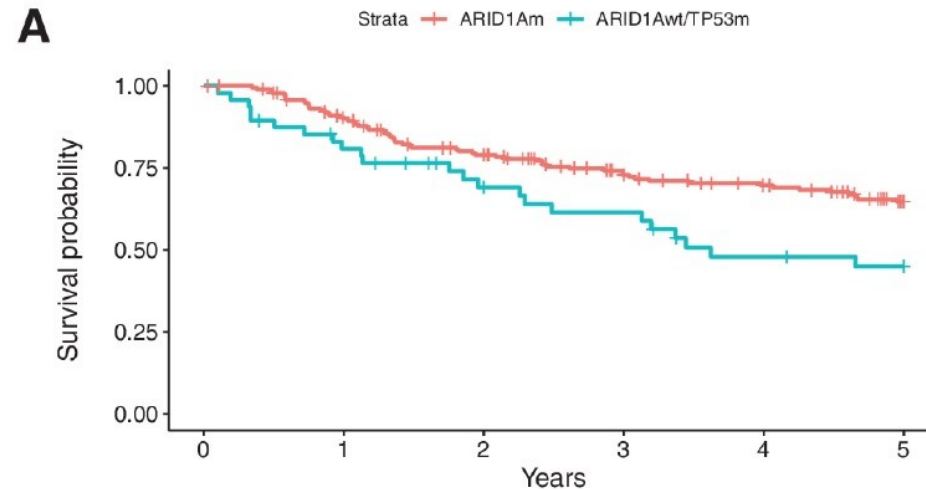


MOLECULAR SUBGROUPS – CLEAR CELL CA

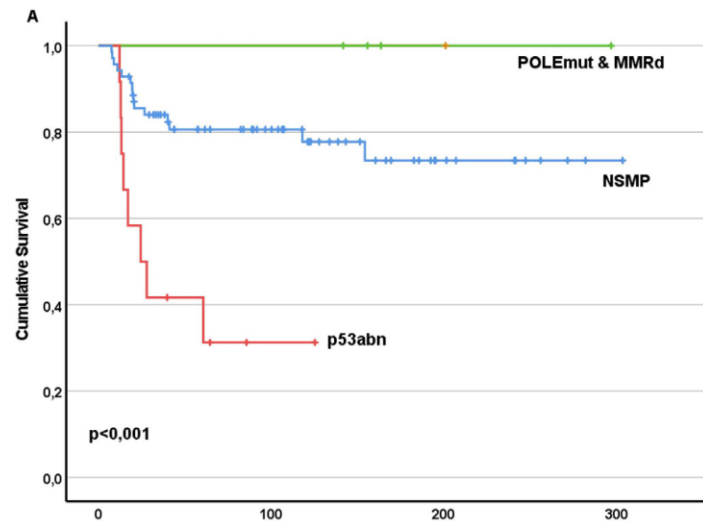
Whole genome/exome sequencing analysis projects identified subtypes of CCOC:

- **ARID1A/PIK3CA** mutations (canonical CCOC genes)
 - better prognosis
 - early stage disease
 - but resistance to chemotherapy
- **TP53** mutations
 - more advanced disease
 - poorer survival

Bolton et al. Clin Cancer Res 2022;
Nishijima et al. Scientific Rep 2024



Bolton et al. Clin Cancer Res 2022; n = 421



Similä-Maarala et al. Gynecol Oncol 2022

TCGA endometrial classification
(n=115):

- **POLE ja MMRd** (4,5%)
 - excellent outcome
- **aberrant p53** (20%)
 - poor survival
- **NSMP** (76%)
 - intermediate prognosis

TARGETABLE PATHWAYS

Relatively low genomic complexity

- rational for targeting activated pathways
- several trials ongoing

PI3K-AKT-mTOR pathway

- phase II temsirolimus (mTOR inhibitor) + paclitaxel-carboplatin 1st line – no survival benefit (Farley Gyn Oncol 2022)
- phase II DICE TAK228 (mTOR inhibitor) + paclitaxel - closed, no results yet (NCT03648489)
- phase Ib inavolisib (PIK3CA inhibitor) + paclitaxel – recruiting (ISRCTN45319897)

PP2A

- dostarlimab and LB-100; (NCT06065462)

ARID1A

- ATARI – ceralasertib (ATR inhibitor) +/- olaparib and/or durvalumab; (NCT04065269); ongoing
- phase II Tazemetostat (EZH2 inhibitor) (NCT03348631); active, not recruiting

RAS-RAF-MAPK pathway

- MEK inhibitors

Hormonal treatment

- endometrioid ca
- aromatase inhibitors (Pan et al Curr Oncol 2010), MPA? (Hollis et al Gynecol Oncol 2019)

PARP inhibitors

- high grade endometrioid (HRD)

HER2

- no mut/amplif, expression in 20% of CCOCs
- HER2-targeted ADCs; other ADCs

IO-TRIALS

- IO-therapies have shown promise in clear cell ovarian carcinomas
- In contrast to high grade serous carcinomas where responses are rare
- Less is known about endometrioid carcinomas

(Zamarin et al. J Clin Oncol; Disis et al. Jama Oncol 2019; Matulonis et al. Ann Oncol 2019; Sia et al. Int J Gyn Cancer 2022)

- Several abstracts published in OCCC this year:

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Final results of BrUOG 354:

A randomized phase II trial of nivolumab alone or in combination with ipilimumab for people with ovarian and other extra-renal clear cell carcinomas

Treatment	ORR (%)	Median PFS (range, months)	Median OS (range, months)
Nivolumab	14.3	2.2 (1.2-3.4)	17.3 (2.1-42.7)
Nivolumab/Ipilimumab	33.3	5.6 (1.6-29.1)	24.7 (5.7-NR)

Don S. Dizon, Cara Amanda Mathews, Shannon MacLaughlan David, Jason T Machan, Matthew James Hadfield, Eric I Marks, Rani Bansal, Christine McGinn, Faith Hassinger, Denise Luppe, Janine Grigevich, Kelly A Mitchell, Adam Braga, Ashlee Sturtevant, Roxanne Wood, Ursula A. Matulonis, Alexi A. Wright, Susana M. Campos, Michael J. Birrer

Dizon et al. J Clin Oncol 2024; Abstr
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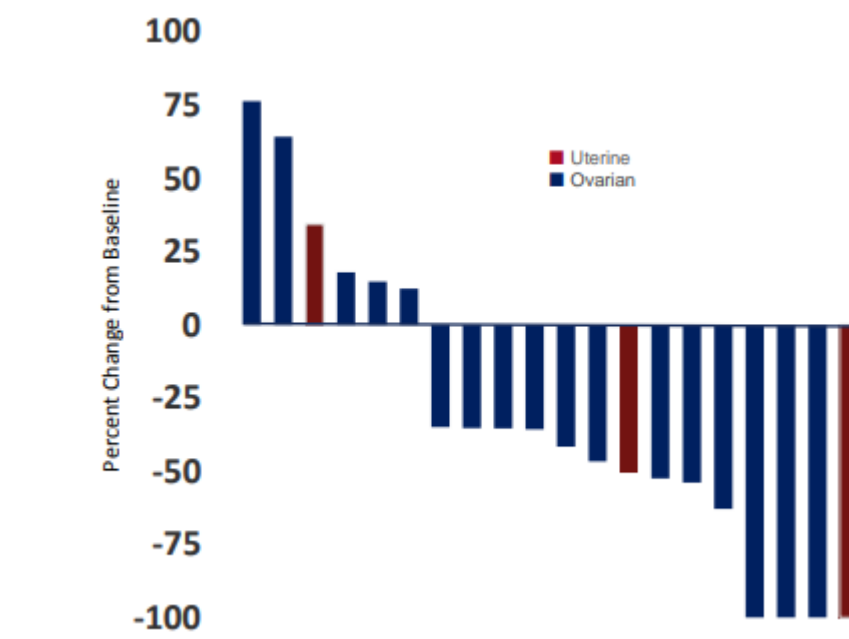
44 clear cell carcinomas:

- 44 ovarian
- 8 uterine
- 2 other

IO-TRIALS



Nivolumab and Ipilimumab combination treatment in advanced gynaecological clear cell cancers: Results from the phase II MoST-CIRCUIT trial

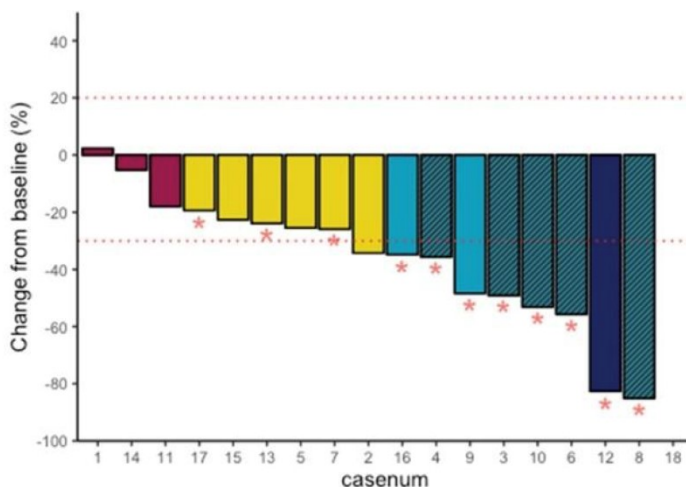


Combination of nivolumab and ipilimumab

26 clear cell carcinomas:

- 22 ovarian – ORR 50%
- 4 uterine – ORR 50%

Klein et al. Annals Oncol 2024; Abstr 713MO -



A PHASE II TRIAL OF PEMBROLIZUMAB AND LENVATINIB IN RECURRENT OR PERSISTENT CLEAR CELL OVARIAN CARCINOMA (NCT05296512): STAGE 1 RESULTS

Combination of pembrolizumab and lenvatinib

18 clear cell ovarian carcinomas:

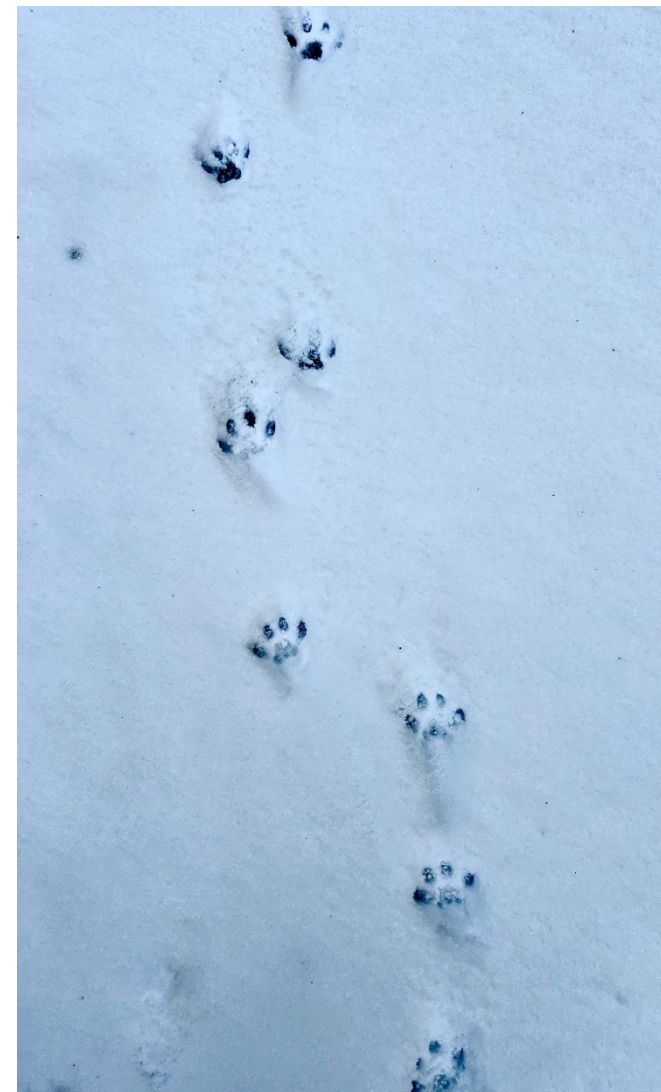
- 1 CR, 7 PR – ORR 44%
- Proceeds to stage 2 of the study

Lee et al. IGSC 2024 LB009/#1562 - NCT05296512

CONCLUSIONS

- **The risk of ovarian/pelvic cancer in patients with endometriosis may be higher than previously thought** (RR 1.9-4.2)
 - The risk is highest for **clear cell and endometrioid carcinomas**, and low grade serous carcinomas to lesser extent
- The **overall prognosis of EAOCs is good** due to **early stage** in the majority of cases, but **poor in advanced disease**
- **Atypical endometriosis** is the precursor of clear cell and endometrioid carcinomas
 - **Typical mutations (ARID1A, PIK3CA and CTNNB1)** already in atypical endometriosis
- **Combination IO-therapy** has shown promise in **clear cell** ovarian cancer
- **Understanding of the molecular subgroups of EAOCs** is needed for testing new therapies

We can see some signs, but not the whole picture yet...



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