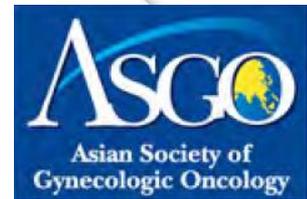


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Session II : Special Issues I

Fertility Preservation In Endometrial Cancer

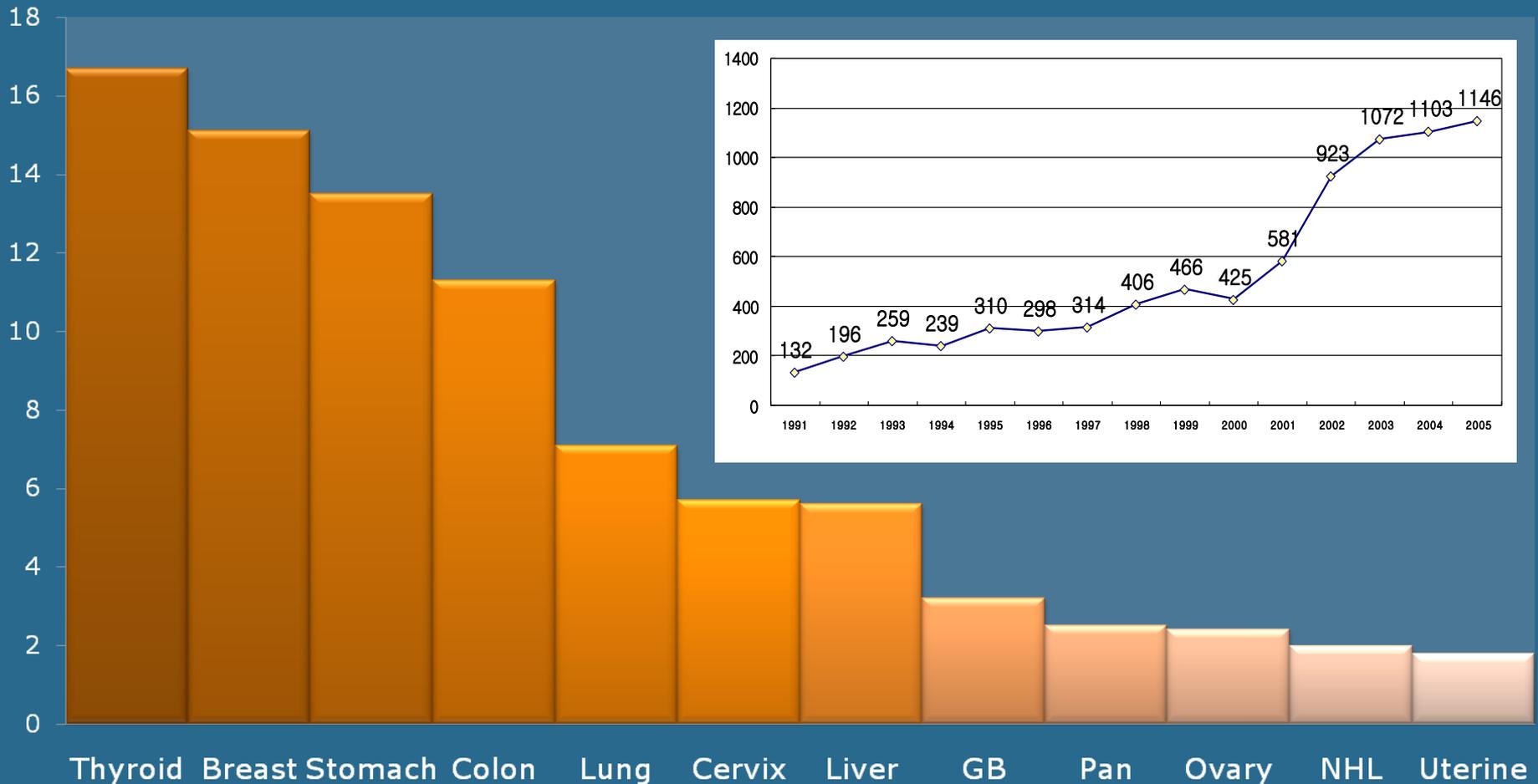
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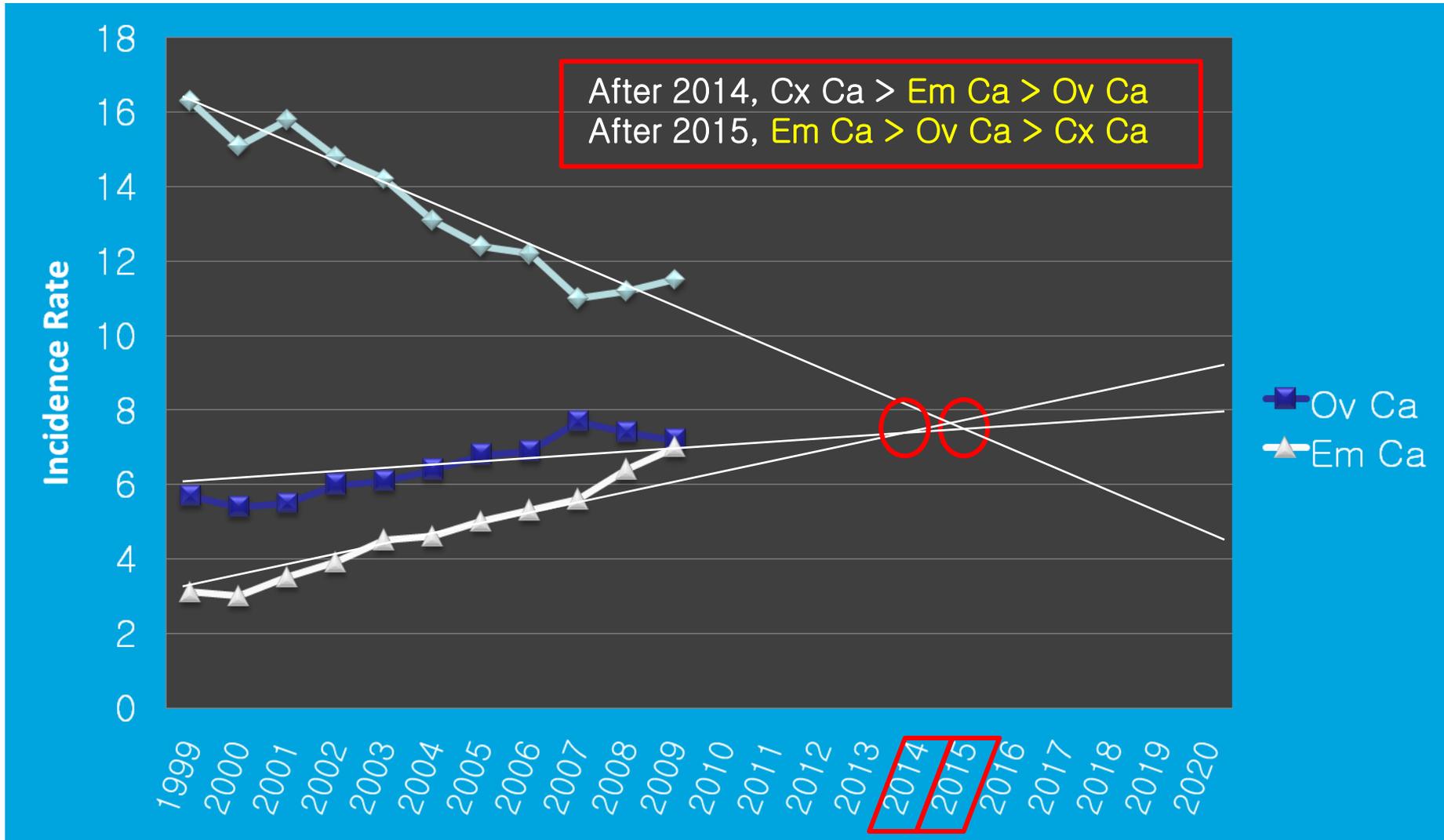
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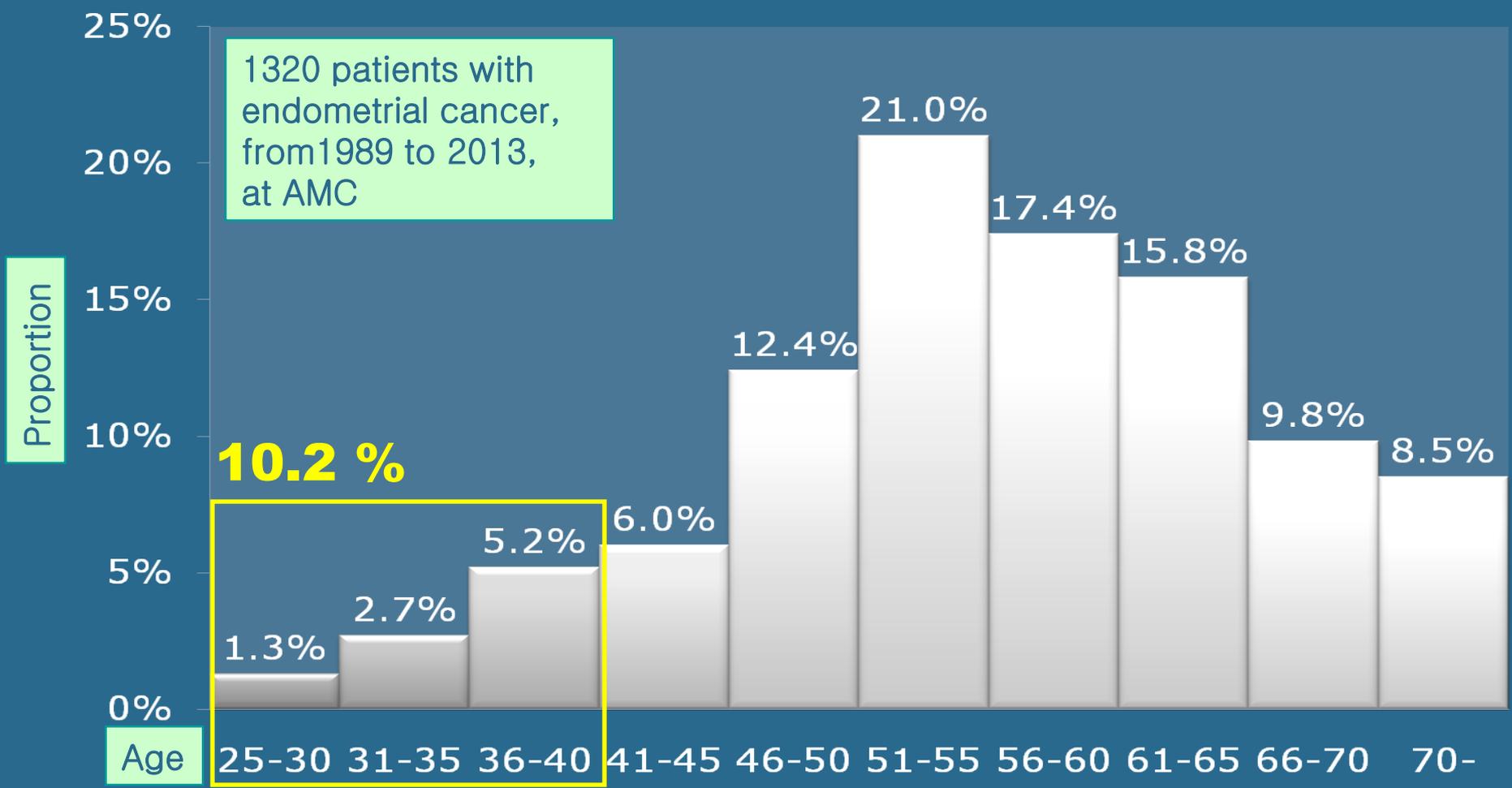


Future Incidence Rate Estimation

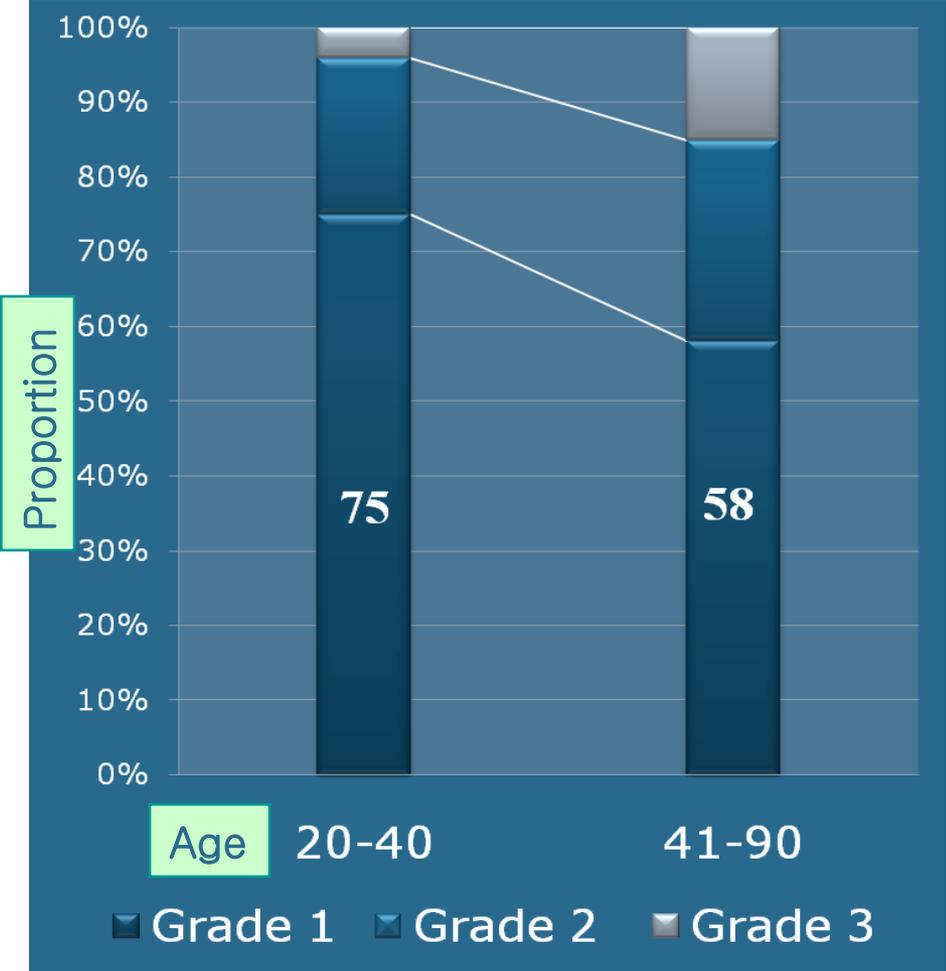
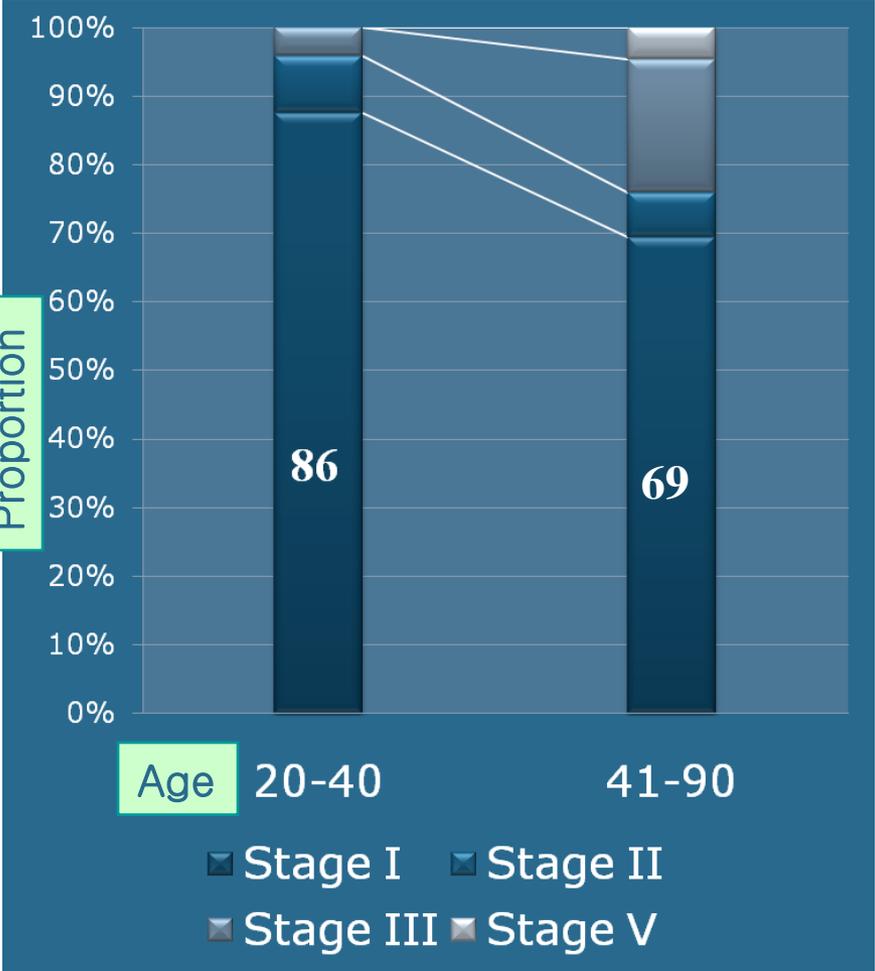
(cases/100,000)



Age Distribution of Endometrial Cancer at AMC



Stage & Grade Distribution by Age at AMC



Endometrial Cancer in the Young

- Typically associated with **good prognosis** because of early stage & high tumor differentiation

⇒ 5 year survival ; >90%

Ota T, et al. Int J Gynecol Cancer 2005;15:657-62.

Cormio G, et al. Int J Gynecol Cancer 2006;16:2044-8.

Type I	Type II
Hyperestrogenic setting	Hypoestrogenic setting
40-60 years (rarely in 20s)	Elderly
Obesity (+)	Obesity (-)
Nulliparous	Multiparous
Chronic anovulation, HRT	No history of hyperestrogenism
Well differentiated	High grade
Stage I	Advanced stage
Non-myoinvasive	Deep myoinvasion
Endometrial hyperplasia	Non-noeplastic enometrium, atrophic
ER (+), PR (+), p53 (-), low Ki-67	ER (-), PR (-), p53 (+), high Ki-67
Endometrioid	UPSC, ECCC
Favorable prognosis	Poor prognosis

First suggested by Bokhman et al. Gyneol Oncol 1983;15:10-7



Fertility-sparing Management

Conventional treatment

Staging operation including hysterectomy &BSO
Radiotherapy

Definitive
sterilization

Surgical
menopause

Loss of sexuality

Fertility preservation

Ovary preservation

Sexuality preservation

Quality of life



Fertility-sparing Treatment

- Current fertility-sparing treatment modalities mainly comprise hormonal therapies involving
 - ✓ Progestins
 - ✓ Progestin-releasing intrauterine devices
 - ✓ Natural progesterone
 - ✓ Oral contraceptives
 - ✓ Selective estrogen receptor modulators
 - ✓ Gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist
 - ✓ Aromatase inhibitor



Progestin Therapy

- ❑ The most common conservative therapy
- ❑ Progesterone receptor
 - ◆ Often positive in EM cancer
 - ◆ The level of PR ↑
 - ⇒ Differentiation ↑, stage ↓
 - ◆ As independent prognostic factor
- ❑ Progesterone effect
 - ◆ Antagonistic to estrogen-mediated cell proliferation
 - ◆ Down-regulation of estrogen receptor concentration
 - ❑ ↓ active estrogen concentration
 - ◆ Antagonizing the action of ER at the molecular level
 - a) sequestration of transcription factors
 - b) direct dominant-negative effects on estrogen receptor



Well-known Indications

- 1. Histologically confirmed endometrioid type endometrial adenocarcinoma
- 2. Well-differentiated tumor (FIGO grade 1)
- 3. Disease confined to the endometrium (FIGO stage IA)
- 4. No evidence of myometrial invasion on imaging study
- 5. No clinical evidence of extrauterine spread of disease
- 6. Strong desire to preserve fertility
- 7. Age (≤ 40 years); relative indication
- 8. No contraindication for medical treatment
- 9. Informed consent with the understanding that this is not a standard treatment and carries a higher risk of recurrence

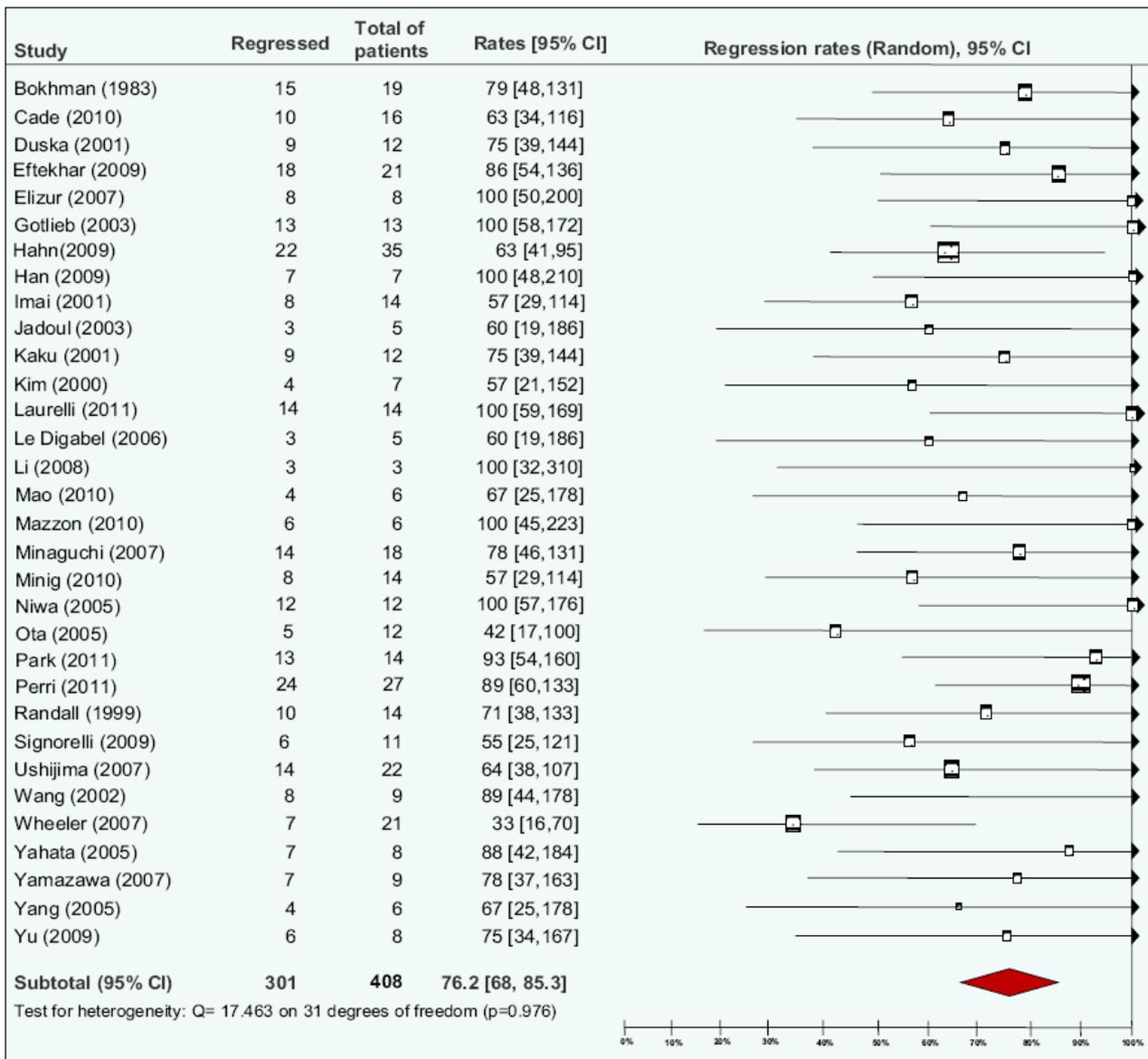


Complete Response Rate

Conservative Management of Endometrial Cancer

Regression
= 76.2%
(98-85.3%)

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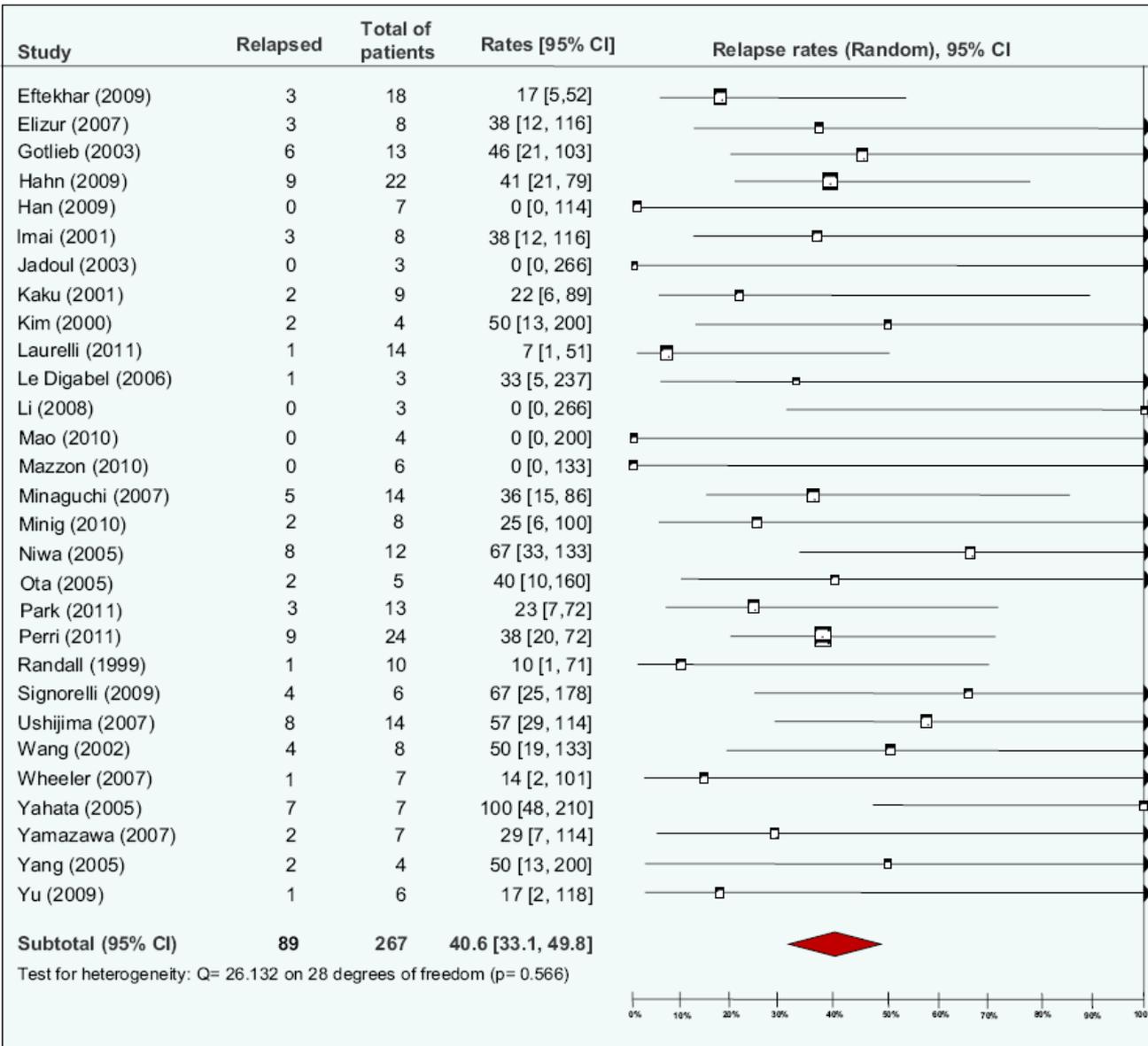


Recurrence Rate

Conservative Management of Endometrial Cancer

**Relapse
= 40.6%
(33.1-49.8%)**

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Long-term oncologic outcomes after fertility-sparing management using oral progestin for young women with endometrial cancer (KGOG 2002)

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- To estimate *long-term survival outcomes* after fertility-sparing management using oral progestin in young women (≤ 40 years) with FIGO stage IA, grade 1, endometrioid type endometrial cancer
- To analyze *the predictive factors for response and recurrence*



Inclusion Criteria

- Young women who desire to preserve fertility (Age \leq 40years)
- Endometrioid type
- Well differentiated carcinoma (Grade 1)
- No myometrial invasion (stage IA)
- No synchronous ovarian malignancy



Patients' characteristics (n=148)

Characteristics		N (%)
Age	Mean (range), years	31.3 (21-40)
	≤ 30 years	68 (45.9)
	> 30 years	80 (54.1)
Body mass index	Mean (range), kg/m ²	24.98 (15.06-38.20)
	< 25 kg/m ²	89 (60.1)
	≥ 25 kg/m ²	59 (39.9)
Medical co-morbidity*	No	127 (86.5)
	Yes	20 (13.5)
Marital status at diagnosis	Unmarried	53 (35.8)
	Married	95 (64.2)
Parity	0	139 (93.9)
	1	7 (4.7)
	2	2 (1.4)
Polycystic ovary syndrome	No	125 (84.5)
	Yes	23 (15.5)

* Hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hypothyroidism, valvular heart disease, IgA nephropath



Treatment summary

Characteristics		Variable (n=148)
Progestin type	Medroxyprogesterone acetate	91 (61.5%)
	Megestrol acetate	57 (38.5%)
Progestin dose, mean (range)	Medroxyprogesterone acetate	500 mg/day (30-1500)
	Megestrol acetate	160 mg/day (40-240)
Patients who achieved complete remission		115 (77.7%)
Mean time interval to complete remission (range), weeks		18 (8-55)
Mean duration of treatment (range), months		8 (2-31)

Complete remission:

No evidence of hyperplasia or carcinoma on endometrial biopsy

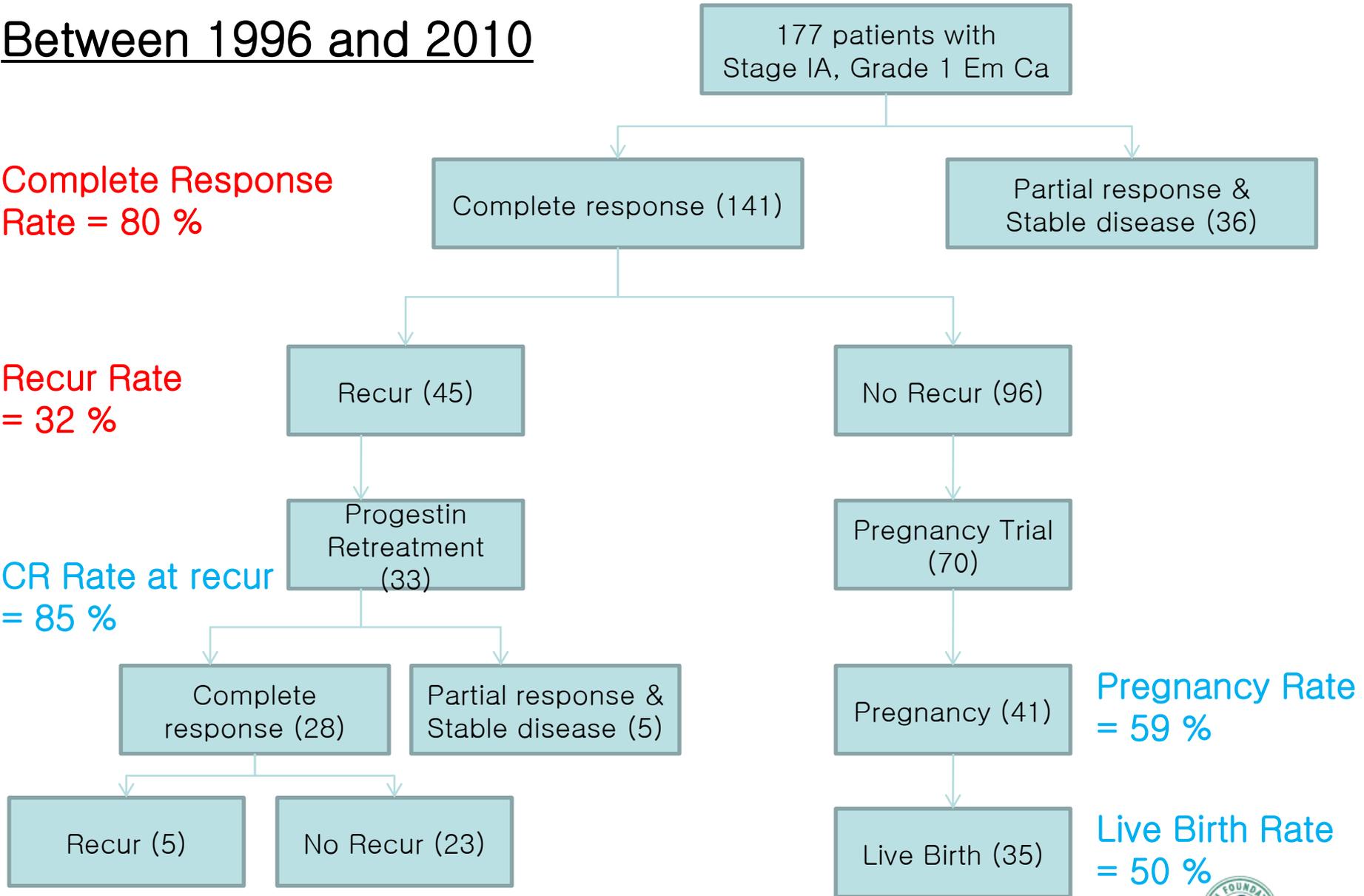


Between 1996 and 2010

Complete Response
Rate = 80 %

Recur Rate
= 32 %

CR Rate at recur
= 85 %



Pregnancy Rate
= 59 %

Live Birth Rate
= 50 %



Factors predicting CR to progestin treatment (n=148)

Characteristics		Total, n	Complete response, n (%)	p-value
Age	≤ 30 years	68	52 (76.5)	0.740
	> 30 years	80	63 (78.8)	
Body mass index	< 25 kg/m ²	89	79 (85.4)	0.006
	≥ 25 kg/m ²	59	39 (66.1)	
Medical co-morbidity*	No	128	101 (78.9)	0.374
	Yes	20	14 (70)	
Parity	0	139	108 (77.7)	0.999
	1-2	9	7 (77.8)	
Polycystic ovary syndrome	No	125	98 (78.4)	0.635
	Yes	23	17 (73.9)	
Progestin type	Medroxyprogesterone acetate	57	45 (78.9)	0.773
	Megestrol acetate	91	70 (76.9)	
Progestin dose	< 500 mg	73	56 (76.7)	0.775
	≥ 500 mg	75	59 (78.7)	

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete remission

* Hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hypothyroidism, valvular heart disease, IgA nephropathy



Follow-up after treatment

➤ Recurrence after complete remission

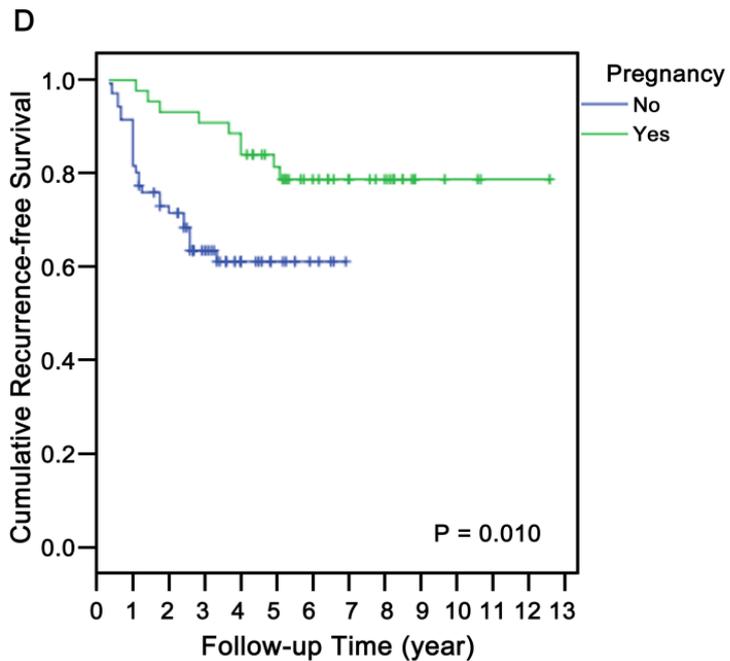
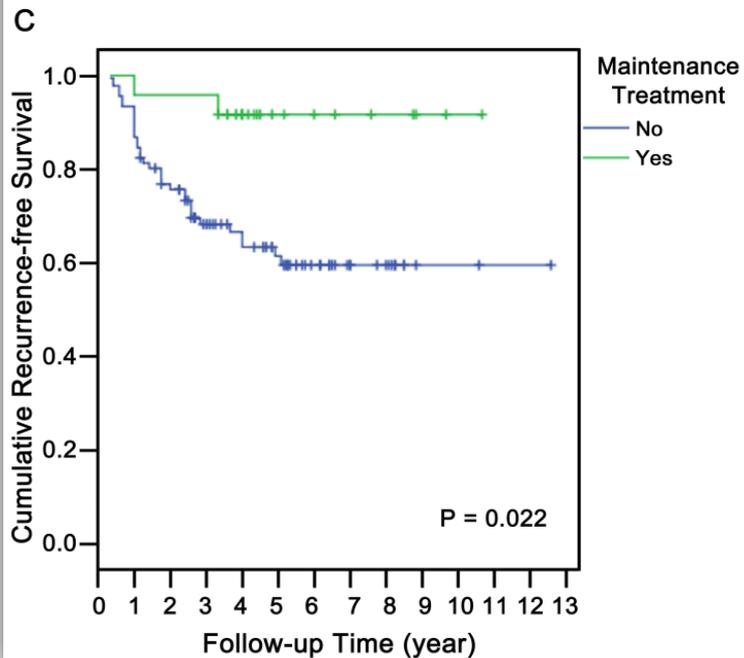
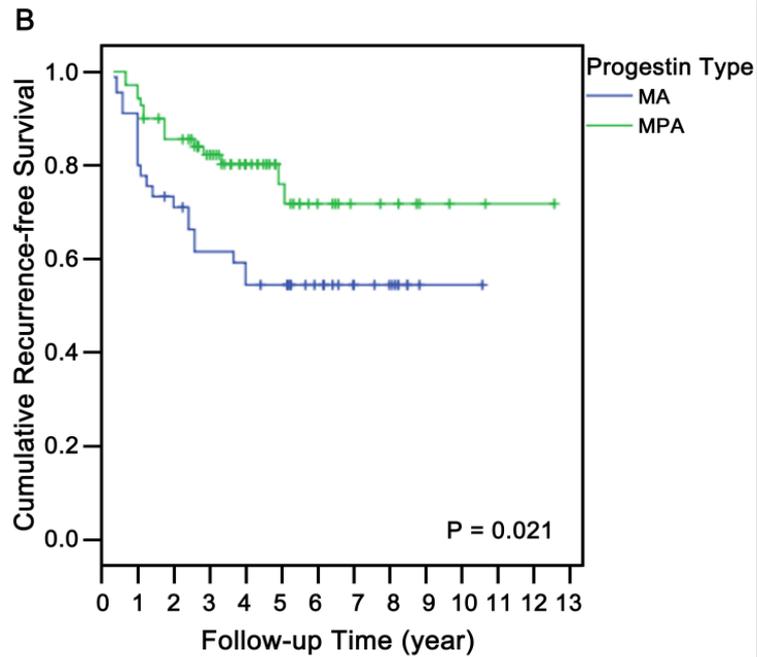
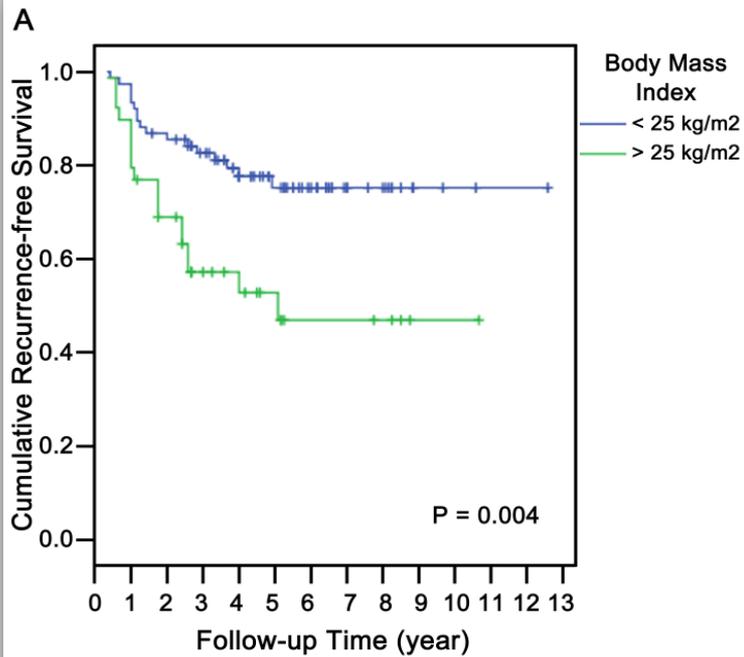
- ✓ After median follow-up time of 66 months (range, 14-194 months), **35 (30.4%)** of 115 patients who achieved complete remission experienced recurrence.
- ✓ The median time interval to recurrence was 15 months (range, 4-61 months).
- ✓ 5-year recurrence free survival rate was 68%.
- ✓ At the time of recurrence, no one had clinical progression of disease.



Factors predicting recurrence-free survival after complete remission (n=115)

Characteristics		Total, n	Recur, n (%)	5 year RFS (%)	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
					Odds ratio (95% CI)	p-value	Odds ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Age	≤ 30 years	52	18 (34.6)	64	1		-	
	> 30 years	63	17 (27)	71	0.77 (0.40-1.50)	0.450	-	-
BMI	< 25 kg/m ²	76	17 (22.4)	75	1		1	
	≥ 25 kg/m ²	39	18 (46.2)	53	2.64 (1.35-5.13)	0.004	2.14 (1.06-4.31)	0.033
Medical co-morbidity*	No	101	31 (30.7)	68	1		-	
	Yes	14	4 (28.6)	63	0.94 (0.33-2.67)	0.910	-	-
Parity	0	108	33 (30.6)	67	1		-	
	1-2	7	2 (28.6)	71	0.93 (0.22-3.88)	0.920	-	-
Polycystic ovary syndrome	No	98	23 (26.6)	72	1		-	
	Yes	17	9 (52.9)	47	2.01 (0.94-4.29)	0.072	-	-
Progestin type	MA	45	20 (44.4)	54	1		1	
	MPA	70	15 (21.4)	76	0.45 (0.23-0.89)	0.021	0.44 (0.22-0.88)	0.021
Progestin dose	< 500 mg	56	22 (39.3)	60	1		-	
	≥ 500 mg	59	13 (22)	75	0.55 (0.28-1.10)	0.089	-	-
Time interval to achieve CR	≤ 18 weeks	64	24 (37.5)	59	1		-	
	> 18 weeks	51	11 (21.6)	78	0.55 (0.27-1.13)	0.105	-	-
Treatment duration	≤ 8 months	56	16 (28.6)	71	1		-	
	> 8 months	59	19 (32.2)	65	1.14 (0.59-2.21)	0.695	-	-
Maintenance treatment after CR	No	91	33 (36.3)	61	1		1	
	Yes	24	2 (8.3)	92	0.19 (0.05-0.78)	0.022	0.22 (0.05-0.94)	0.042
Pregnancy	No	71	26 (36.6)	61	1		1	
	Yes	44	9 (20.5)	81	0.36 (0.17-0.78)	0.010	0.25 (0.11-0.56)	0.001





Summary

- Fertility-sparing management using daily oral MPA or MA was highly effective & safe
- BMI < 25 kg/m², MPA (compared to MA), maintenance treatment and pregnancy were a/w higher possibility of long-term success

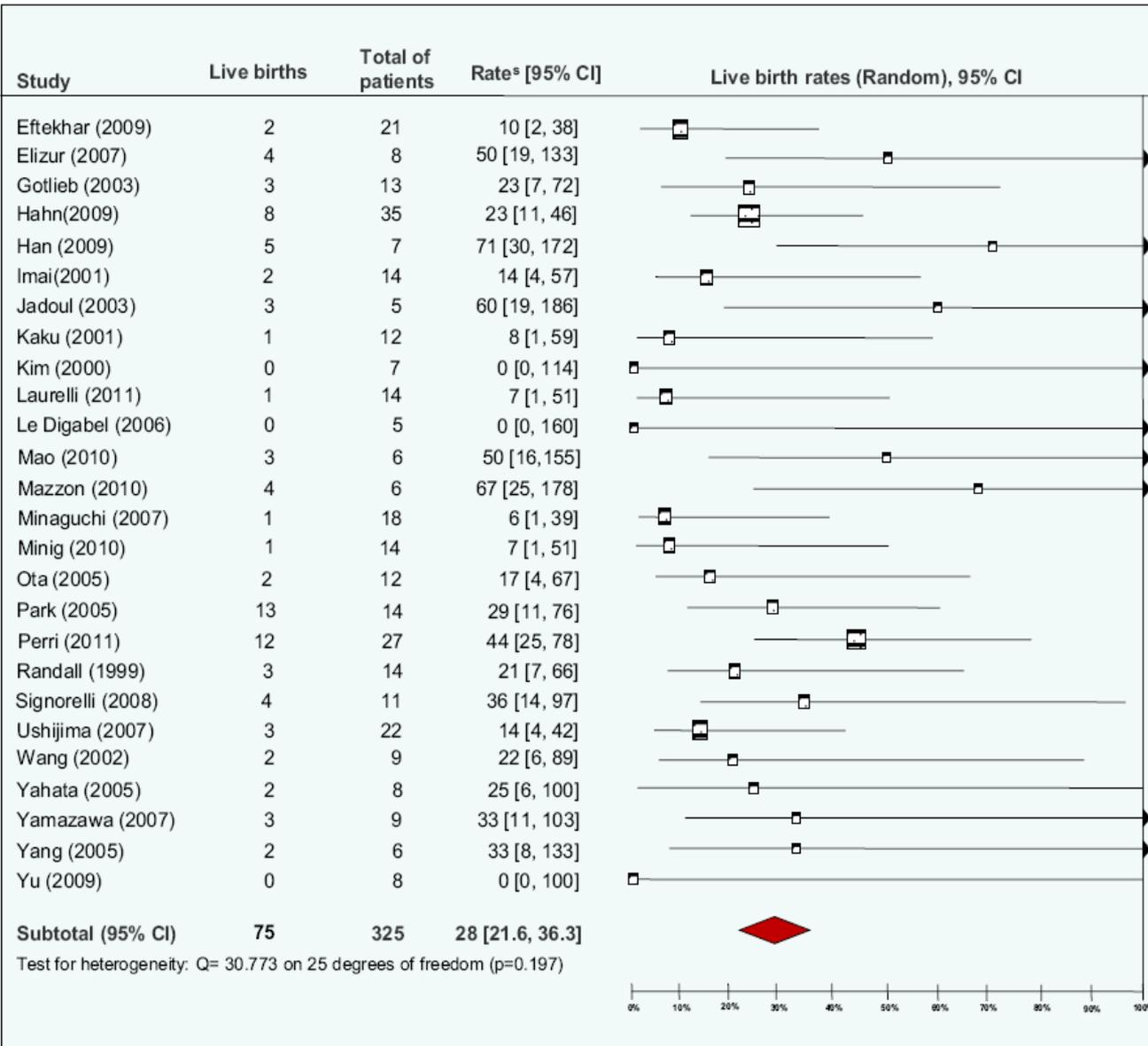


Live Birth Rate

Conservative Management of Endometrial Cancer

Live Birth
= 28%
(21.6-36.3%)

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Pregnancy Outcomes After Fertility-Sparing Management in Young Women With Early Endometrial Cancer

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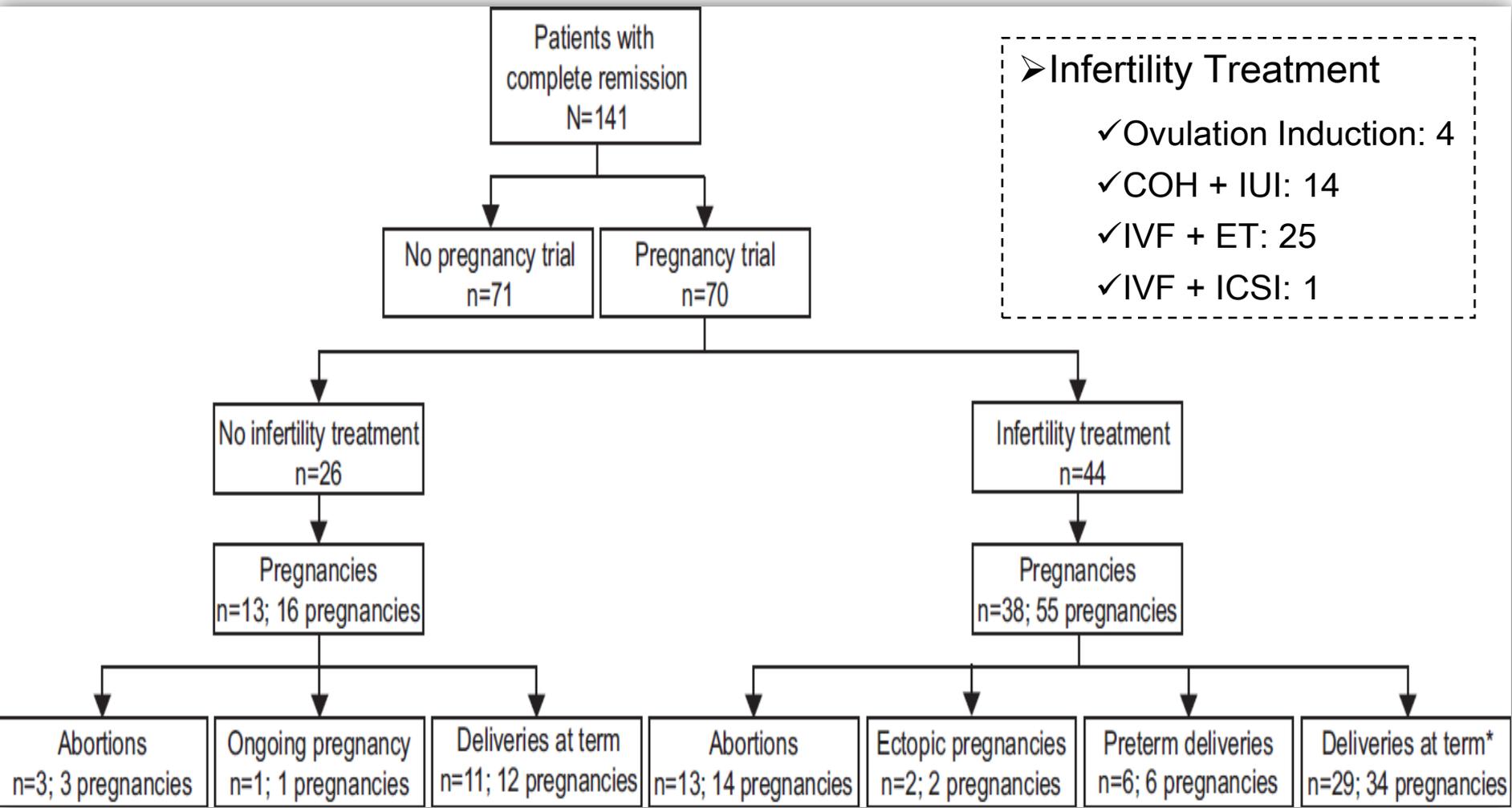
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Pregnancy Outcomes

➤ Infertility Treatment

- ✓ Ovulation Induction: 4
- ✓ COH + IUI: 14
- ✓ IVF + ET: 25
- ✓ IVF + ICSI: 1



Pregnancy Outcomes

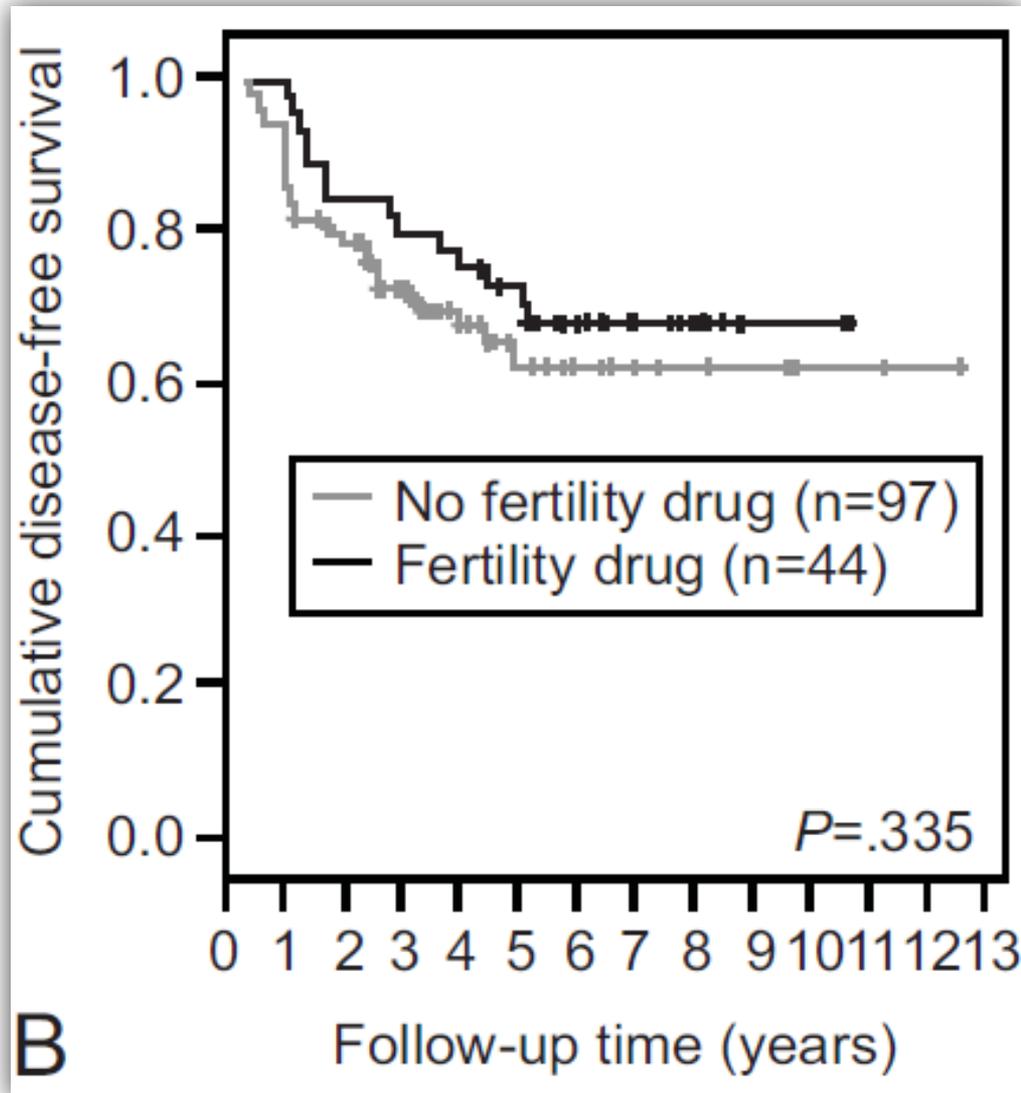
	Total	Infertility treatment -	Infertility treatment +	General population
Pregnancy rate	73% (61%-82%)	50%*	86.4%*	
Live birth rate	66% (54%-76%)	42.3%*	70.5%*	
Spontaneous abortion **	24% (15%-35%)	18.8%	25.5%	15-20%
Ectopic pregnancy	2.8% (0.2%-10.3%)	0%	3.6%	2%
Preterm delivery	11.5% (5%-52.3%)	0%	10.9%	10%

*P < 0.05

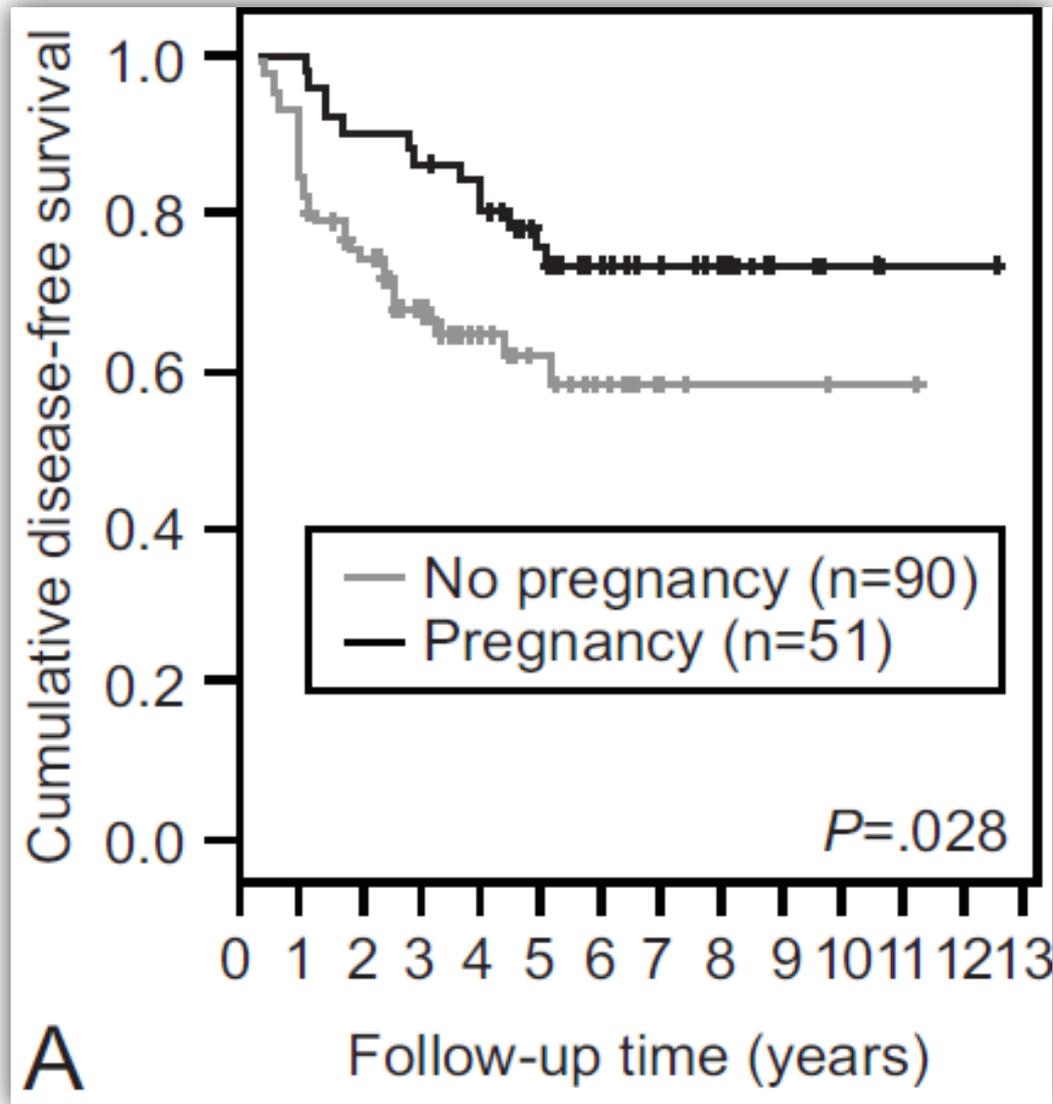
** < 35 year vs. ≥ 35 years = 22.5% vs. 63.6% (P = 0.023)



Fertility drug vs Recurrence



Pregnancy vs Recurrence



Summary

- Although the proportion of our current patients with a history of subfertility or infertility was high, the pregnancy outcomes following the use of assisted reproductive technology are very promising.
- Importantly, the use of fertility drugs in our present cohort was not found to be associated with a higher incidence of endometrial cancer recurrence.

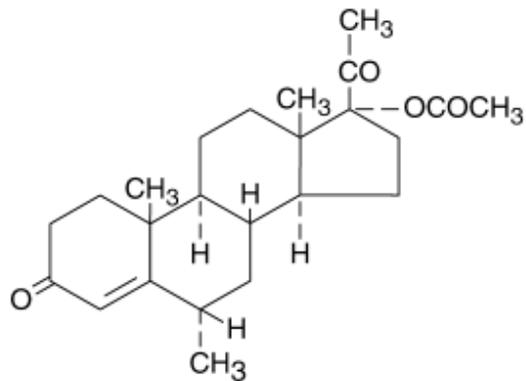
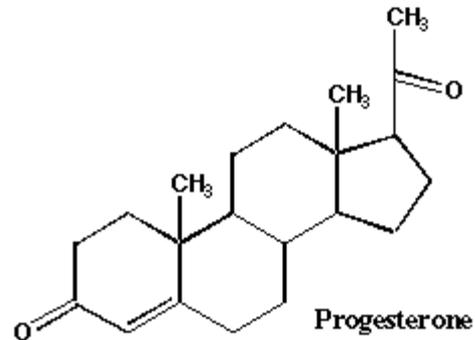


Controversial Issues

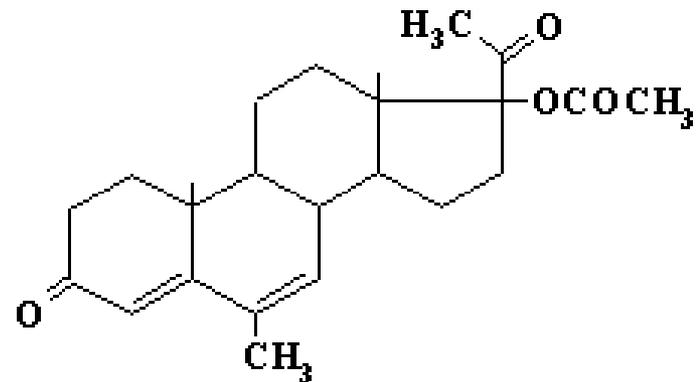
- Type of progestin (preferred progestin?)
- Dose of progestin
- Duration of progestin therapy
- Consolidation and maintenance therapy
- Progestin therapy for more advanced disease
- Progestin therapy for recurrent disease



Progestin Agents



Farlutal® 500mg/1T
(medroxyprogesterone acetate)



Megace®
40mg/1T
(megestrol acetate)

Type of Progestin Agent

Progestin	N (81)	%
Medroxyprogesterone acetate	36	44
Megestrol acetate	28	35
17 α -Hydroxyprogesterone	5	5
Oxyprogesterone acetate	3	4
Hydroxyprogesterone acetate	3	4
Norethindrone	2	3
Unspecified progesterone	2	3
Norethindrone and mestranol	1	1
Medrogestone	1	1

Ramirez et al. Gynecol Oncol 2004;95:133-138



Optimal dose of Progestin Agent

Study and year [reference]	n	Treatment protocol	Duration of treatment	Tumor regression (n)	Tumor recurrence (n)	Tumor progression (n)	Pregnancy (n)
Ota <i>et al.</i> 2005 [28*]	12	MPA 600 mg/day	3–12 months	5	3	5	4
Niwa <i>et al.</i> 2005 [25*]	12	MPA	6–10 months	12	8	1	5
Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005 [33*]	6	Megestrol acetate 160 mg/day	2–5 months	4	2	4	2
Jadoul and Donnez 2003 [21]	5	Endometrial resection + GnRH α	3–6 months	5	0	0	4
Gotlieb <i>et al.</i> 2003 [20]	13	Megestrol acetate or MPA	2–8 months	13	6	0	3 (several pending)
Wang <i>et al.</i> 2002 [17]	9	Megestrol acetate \pm tamoxifen \pm GnRH α	At least 8 weeks	8	4	0	4
Kaku <i>et al.</i> 2001 [22]	12	MPA	1–12 months	9	2	1	2
Kim <i>et al.</i> 1997 [23]	7	Megestrol acetate 160 mg/day	3 months	4	2	0	0
Randall and Kurman 1996 [5]	12	Megestrol acetate or MPA	3–18 months	9	1	0	4

MPA, medroxyprogesterone acetate.

Rackow *et al.* Curr Opin Obstet Gynecol 2006

MPA 200-800mg/day
or Megestrol acetate 40-400mg/day

- A high daily dose of oral progestin is typically used in clinical practice, but it is not clear whether low- or high-dose progestin is more effective.



Optimal dose of Progestin Agent

- In a previous Gynecologic Oncology Group randomized trial of advanced and recurrent endometrial cancer, the response rate and progression-free survival outcome following MPA therapy was higher in low dose group (200 mg/day) than in high dose group (1000 mg/day).
- In KGOG 2002, the response rate and recurrence rate in endometrial cancer patients did not differ between low dose (MPA or MA, < 250 mg/day) and high dose (MPA or MA, > 250 mg/day) fertility-sparing treatment groups.



Optimal Treatment Duration

- The median time interval to a complete response is 12 weeks (range, 4-60 weeks) and median total treatment duration was 6 months (range, 3-36 months).
- The impact of progestins on endometrial cancer cells becomes apparent as early as 10 weeks after the start of treatment.
- An initial exposure period of at least 12 weeks should be allowed before response is evaluated (a reasonable time point for the first pathologic response evaluation is 3 months after the start of treatment).
- If the patient has persistent disease without progression at this time point, further treatment with progestin can be performed to 9-12 months because many instances of a complete response after 9-12 months have been reported.

Consolidation or Maintenance

- It is not yet clear when progestin therapy should be discontinued in patients who achieve a complete response.
- The benefit of additional high-dose progestin therapy for several months after a complete response was not clear in a previous study.
- Long-term maintenance treatment using low-dose cyclic progestin, oral pill or progestin-containing IUD was associated with lower recurrence rate in previous studies.



Hormonal Therapy for Women With Stage IA Endometrial Cancer of All Grades

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- To estimate the oncologic and pregnancy outcomes after oral progestin treatment of young women with endometrial adenocarcinoma of ***grade 2-3 and/or superficial myometrial invasion.***



Results

- 48 patients had stage IA, **grade 2-3** or **superficial myometrial invasion**.
- Classification of patients
 - ✓ **Group 1:** Stage IA, grade 2-3, without superficial myometrial invasion (n=17)
 - ✓ **Group 2:** Stage IA, grade 1, with superficial myometrial invasion (n=23)
 - ✓ **Group 3:** Stage IA, grade 2-3, with superficial myometrial invasion (n=8)

Superficial myometrial Invasion:

Myometrial invasion $< \frac{1}{2}$ in pretreatment MRI



Response to Progestin Treatment (n=48)

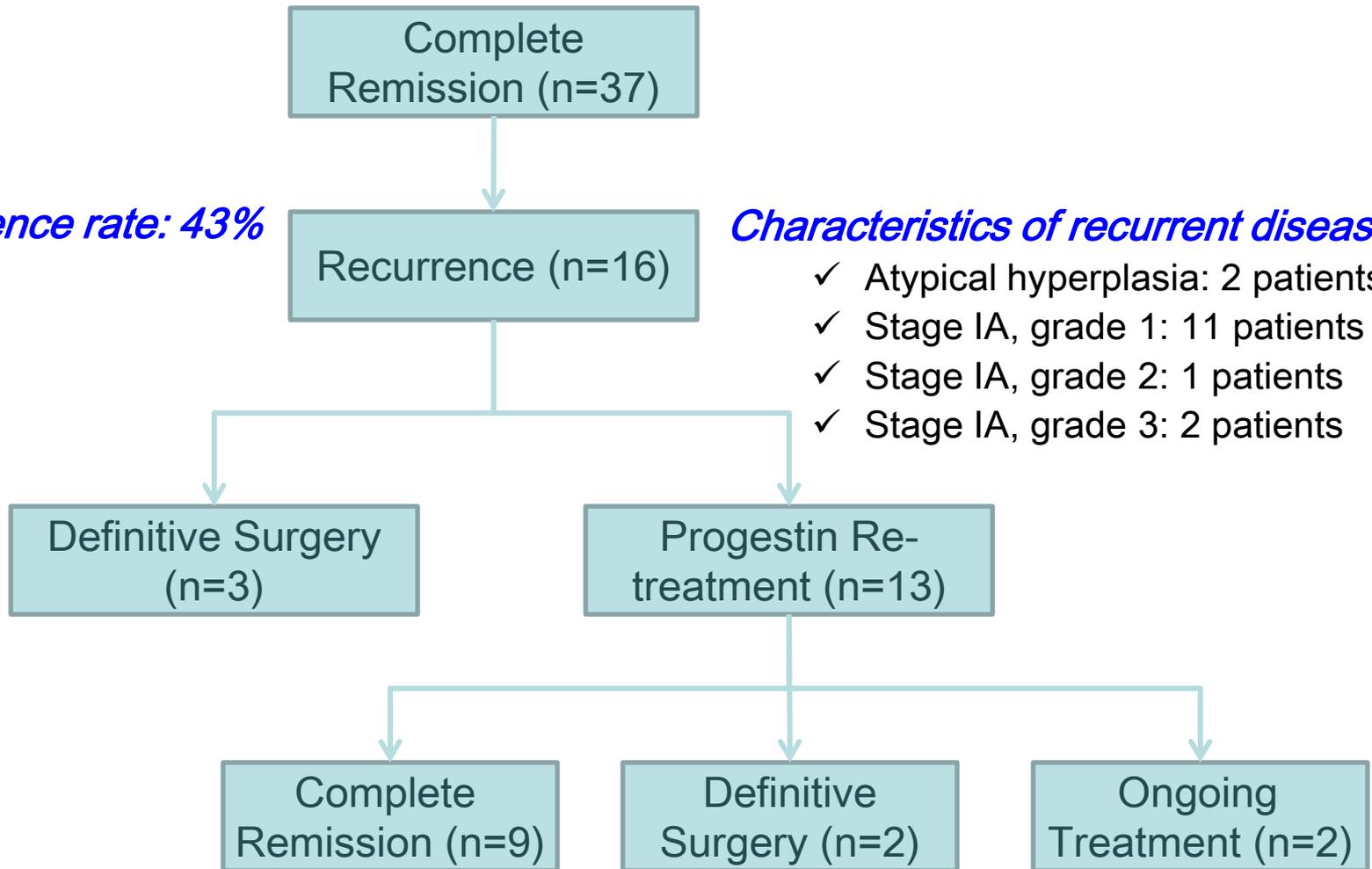
	Group 1 (n=17)	Group 2 (n=23)	Group 3 (n=8)	Total (n=48)
Complete Response	13 (76.5%)* (52.2-91%)	17 (73.9%)* (53.2-87.7%)	7 (87.5%)* (50.8-99.9%)	37 (77.1%) (63.3-86.9%)
Partial Response	0 (0%)	1 (4.3%) (0.01-22.7%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.1%) (0.01-11.9%)
Stable Disease	4 (23.5%) (9.1-47.8%)	5 (21.7%) (9.2-42.3%)	1 (12.5%) (0.1-49.2%)	10 (20.8%) (11.5-34.4%)
Progressive disease	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

“The median time to CR was 17 weeks (range, 9-51weeks).”

- Data are n (%) (95% confidence interval).
- * $P = 0.731$
- Group 1: Stage IA, grade 2-3, without superficial myometrial invasion (n=17)
- Group 2: Stage IA, grade 1, with superficial myometrial invasion (n=23)
- Group 3: Stage IA, grade 2-3, with superficial myometrial invasion (n=8)



Recurrent Disease (n=16)



Recurrence after CR (n=37)

	Group 1 (n=13)	Group 2 (n=17)	Group 3 (n=7)	Total (n=37)
Recurrence	3 (23.1%)* (7.5-50.9%)	8 (47.1%)* (26.2-69%)	5 (71.4%)* (35.2-92.4%)	16 (43.2%) (28.7-59.1%)
Median FU time (months)	38 (7-136)**	49 (22-95)**	76 (36-99)**	48 (7-136)
Median time to recur (months)	19 (8-20)***	18 (7-69)***	34 (14-48)***	20 (7-69)

- Data are n (%) (95% confidence interval) or n (range).
- * $P = 0.104$ / ** $P = 0.326$ / *** $P = 0.515$
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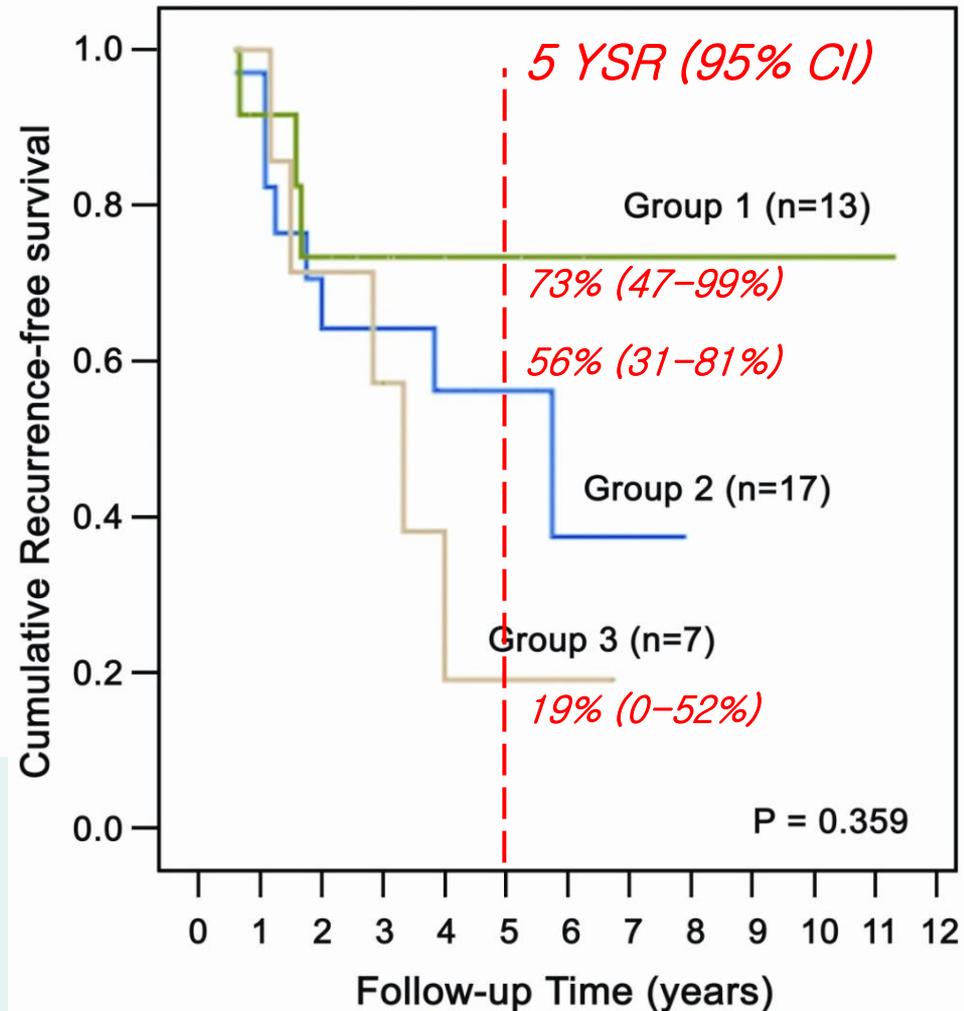
Recurrence-free Survival (n=37)

- 5-year recurrence-free survival rate: 52% (95% CI, 34-71%)
- Median recurrence-free survival: 69 months (95% CI, 32-106 months)

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Literature Review

Author	Year	Case	Age (yrs)	Grade	Myometrial invasion	Treatment	Treatment duration, mos	Response	Recur	Pregnancy	Follow-up time, mos	Status
Sardi et al.	1998	Case 1	32	2	no	Oral MPA, 50mg/day	4	no	—	no	20	NED
Zuckeman et al.	1998	Case 2	26	2	no	Oral MPA,	2	CR	no	Twin (IVF)	—	NED
Imai et al.	2001	Case 3	—	2	no	Oral MPA, 600mg/day	9	CR	Yes	no	7	FU loss
		Case 4	—	2	no	Oral MPA, 600mg/day	3	no	—	no	47	NED
Kaku et al.	2001	Case 5	30	2	no	Oral MPA, 800mg/day	4	CR	no	NFD	19	NED
		Case 6	33	2	no	Oral MPA, 600mg/day	6	no	—	no	22	NED
Gotlieb et al.	2003	Case 7	25	2	no	Oral MPA, 200mg/day*	3	CR	Yes	NFD	94	NED
		Case 8	35	3	no	Oral MPA, 600mg/day	5	CR	no	no	18	NED
		Case 9	26	3	no	Oral MA, 160mg/day	3	CR	no	no	16	NED
Koskas et al.	2011	Case 10	41	2	no	Oral NES, 20mg/day	3	CR	Yes	no	12	AWD
		Case 11	32	2	no	Oral MA, 160mg/day	6	CR	—	Twin	24	NED
		Case 12	35	2	no	Oral NG, 5mg/day	5	CR	Yes	no	60	NED
		Case 13	42	3	no	GnRHa	6	no	—	no	23	NED
Brown et al.	2012	Case 14	18	2	no	LNG-IUD	3	CR	no	no	13	NED

71% 40%

- * for 14 days, every 4 weeks, then LNG-IUD for 37 months as maintenance treatment
- MPA, medroxyprogesterone acetate; NED, no evidence of disease; CR complete response; IVF, in vitro fertilization; FU, follow-up; NFD, normal full term delivery; MA, megestrol acetate; NES, norethisterone; AWD, alive with disease; NG, nomegestrol; GnRHa, gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist; LNG-IUD, levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine device



Summary

- Conservative management with oral progestin can be a reasonable treatment option for
 - ✓ Patients with stage IA, grade 2-3 differentiation without superficial myometrial invasion
 - ✓ Patients with stage IA, grade 1 differentiation with superficial myometrial invasion





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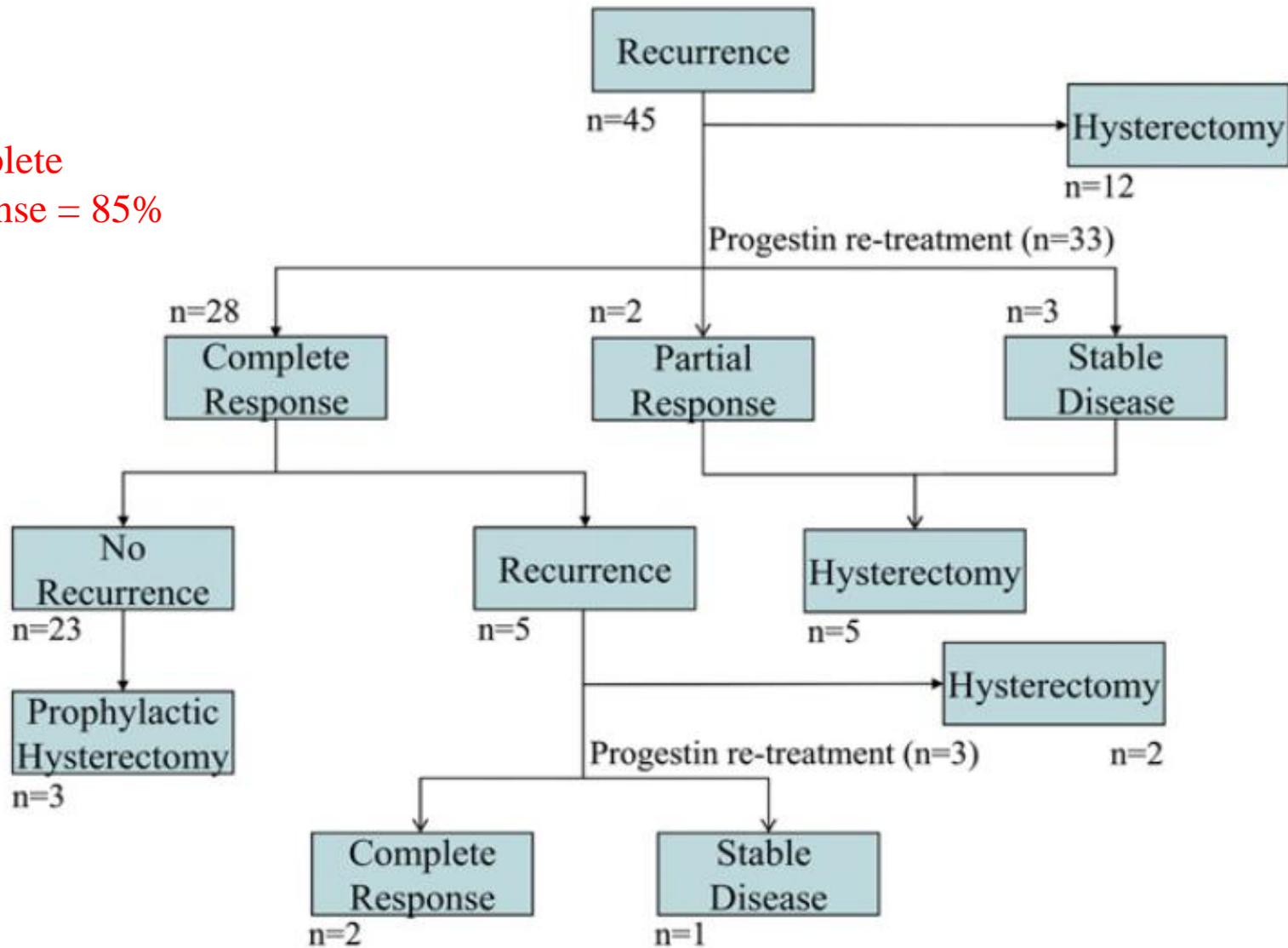


Progestin re-treatment in patients with recurrent endometrial adenocarcinoma after successful fertility-sparing management using progestin

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Complete response = 85%



Literature Review

Authors	Year	Recurrent disease					
		Recurrence, n (%)	Time to recurrence (months) ^a	Progesterin retreatment, n	Complete response, n (%)	Re-recurrence, n (%)	Follow-up time (months) ^{a,b}
Gotlieb et al. [16]	2003	6 (50)	40 (19-357)	4	4 (100)	0	40 (39-50)
Ushijima et al. [17]	2007	8 (57) 6 (43)	34.6 44.2	8	6 (75)	5 (83)	NA
Yu et al. [18]	2009	1 (20) 3 (21)	30 11 (6-16)	0 2	NA 1 (50)	NA 0	NA 12
Eftekhari et al. [19]	2009	3 (17)	36 (24-72)	3	2 (67)	0	NA
Perri et al. [20]	2011	15 (62)	NA	11	11 (100)	5 (45)	NA (22-43)



Summary

- Progestin re-treatment in patients with recurrent endometrial cancer was effective and safe.
- This can be recommended for young women who still want to preserve fertility at recurrence after complete response to progestin.



Conclusion

- Fertility-sparing progestin therapy is highly effective in selected young women with primary and recurrent endometrial cancer.
- The selection of appropriate patients through comprehensive pretreatment evaluations is of paramount importance to achieve the best outcomes without compromising survival outcomes.
- Because of the high rate of recurrence after successful fertility-sparing management, close surveillance is mandatory and prophylactic hysterectomy is the best option after a successful pregnancy.
- Pregnancy outcomes are very promising in these cases with the aid of assisted reproductive technologies.
- Continuous daily oral MPA or MA is the preferred progestins for fertility-sparing therapy. However, future studies should be performed to determine the optimal dose and treatment duration of these agents.



Thank you for your attention !!

