

**Introduction/Background\*** The detection of *gBRCA1/2* mutations in patients (pts) with epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC) provides information regarding family risk and influences clinical management, e.g. use of PARP inhibitors. The availability of next generation sequencing (NGS) allows for simultaneous sequencing of multiple cancer risk genes including *BRCA1/2*. Our aim was to evaluate the prevalence and clinical outcome of deleterious germline mutations in EOC patients.

**Methodology** EOC patients treated between 2011 and 2020 at our institution and with germline TruRisk® gene panel testing were included in this retrospective analysis. Based on the genetic test result three cohorts were considered: A) no mutation, B) *gBRCA1/2*, and C) mutations in other risk genes. Demographic and clinicopathological characteristics were retrieved from the prospective database. To evaluate survival outcome in FIGO III/IV EOC univariate and multivariate logistic regression was performed.

**Result(s)\*** In total 702 EOC pts underwent germline panel testing. Median age was 59 years, 74.5% underwent primary debulking surgery, 83.9% were FIGO III/IV, and complete macroscopic resection was achieved in 74.0%. No mutation was detected in 76.6% (n=538), pathogenic *gBRCA1/2* mutations in 17.4% (n=122), and mutations in other risk genes in 6.0% (n=42), respectively (tbl.1). Significant differences between the cohorts were detected for age, previous history of malignancies, personal/familial breast/ovarian cancer history, and histology.

For FIGO III/IV patients median PFS was significantly different for cohort A, B, and C with 23, 37, and 34 months ( $p=0.059$ /multivariate 0.015), respectively. 3-years-OS was 70%, 83%, and 87% for cohorts A, B, and C ( $p=0.003$ ), respectively.

In multivariate analysis type of surgery (IDS: HR 2.79 (1.86-4.19),  $p<0.001$ ), ascites  $>500\text{mL}$  (HR 1.75 (1.14-2.68),  $p=0.010$ ), and residual disease (RD) $>0\text{mm}$ : HR 2.87 (1.99-4.14),  $p<0.001$ ), were identified as worse prognostic factors for OS. Patients from cohorts B and C showed significantly better OS than those from cohort A (B: HR 0.49 (0.31-0.80),  $p=0.004$ ; C: HR 0.34 (0.14-0.85),  $p=0.021$ ) (table 1, figure 1).

**Conclusion\*** The detection rate of germline mutations in EOC is 23.4%. Our findings underline the necessity to offer germline panel testing in EOC to identify families at risk. Further,

our findings underscore the prognostic value of germline mutations towards a better prognosis.

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#### ADVANTAGES OF LIGASURE® MARYLAND JAW OPEN SEALER/DIVIDER WITH NANOCOATING ON CYTOREDUCTIVE SURGERY IN WOMEN WITH ADVANCED OVARIAN CANCER

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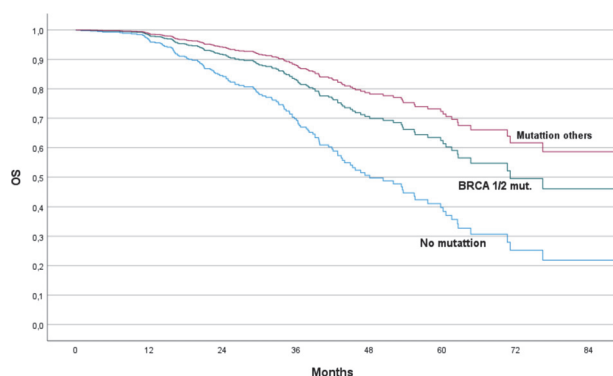
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**Introduction/Background\*** Cytoreductive surgery is the cornerstone treatment in the armamentarium for women with advanced ovarian cancer. The goal of successful cytoreduction is achieving no visible tumor or residual disease less than 1 cm. This prerequisite is a demanding process with high morbidity, requiring high clinical expertise and enhanced surgical skills. The objective of the presented analysis is to identify whether the usage of the Ligasure® Maryland jaw open sealer/divider (LMjsd) with nanocoating facilitates cytoreductive surgery by reducing intraoperative bleeding and hence other parameters regarding hospitalization.

**Methodology** Women with advanced stage ovarian cancer (stage III or IV) who were referred to the Department of Gynecologic Oncology, 1st Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Papageorgiou General Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece, and were subjected to either primary or interval cytoreductive surgery were included in the analysis. Women, who were operated on by the same group of Gynecologic Oncologists, were retrospectively allocated into two distinct groups comprised of women subjected to surgery with or without using the LMjsd. The analysis focused on differences between the two groups regarding intraoperative blood loss and blood transfusion, duration of surgery, blood transfusion within the post-operative course, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and overall hospital length of stay.

**Result(s)\*** Between 2012 and 2020, 284 women with ovarian cancer were subjected to surgery; of these, 208 had ovarian cancer stage III or IV. In the group of women (N=34), who were operated on using the LMjsd, duration of surgery, and blood loss during surgery were significantly decreased ( $p<0.0005$  for both parameters) compared to cases treated without the LMjsd (N=174). The intra-operative blood transfusion rate and the number of units of packed red blood cells given to the patients were significantly decreased in the first group ( $p=0.0025$ ), whereas post-operative blood transfusion rate was not affected ( $p=0.065$ ). Moreover, ICU and overall hospital length of stay were significantly decreased in cases where the LMjsd was used ( $p<0.0005$  and  $p=0.015$ ).

**Conclusion\*** The LMjsd with nanocoating reduces intra-operative bleeding and transfusion rates, and improves duration of surgery, and ICU and overall hospital length of stay in women subjected to cytoreductive surgery for advanced ovarian cancer.



**Abstract 291 Figure 1** Overall survival in patients with EOC undergoing cytoreductive surgery broken-down by gene panel analysis/pathogenic mutation status