REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE OF PEMBROLIZUMAB MONOTHERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH RECURRENT OR PERSISTENT CERVICAL CANCER: A KOREAN MULTI-CENTER RETROSPECTIVE STUDY (KGOG1041)

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OBJECTIVES
To investigate the antitumor activity and safety of pembrolizumab in patients with recurrent cervical cancer in real world practice.

METHODS
We conducted a multi-center retrospective study of patients with recurrent or persistent cervical cancer treated with pembrolizumab at a dose of 200 mg every 3 weeks at 16 institutions in Korea. The primary endpoint was the objective response rate and safety.

RESULTS
Data of 117 patients were treated with pembrolizumab between 2016 and 2020 was available. Median age was 53 years (range, 28–79 years). 64 (54.7%) of patients had ECOG of performance status of ≥2. 49 (41.9%) patients were FIGO stage ≥III at diagnosis. 88 (75.2%) patients had histology of squamous cell carcinoma. The median number of prior chemotherapy lines was 2 (range, 1–6). During the median follow-up of 4.9 months (range, 0.2–35.3), the objective response rate was 9.4% with 3 complete responses and 8 partial responses. Median time to response was 2.8 months (range 1.4–13.4). Median duration of response was not reached. In the population of patients with favorable performance status (ECOG ≤1) (n=53), the ORR was 18.9% and median time to response was 3.0 months (range 1.4 to 13.4), while mucinous and endometrioid histology represented 4, 5.7% vs. 6, 22.2% (p<0.001) and 36, 51.4% vs. 0, 0% (p<0.001), respectively. The G3 grade was more represented in LND group (40, 36.7% vs. 22, 20.2%, p<0.001). No differences were found in terms of baseline characteristics. Patients in LND group (vs. NO-LND) were less likely to present with high grade serous histotype (16, 22.9% vs. 12, 44.4%, p<0.001), while mucinous and endometrioid histology represented 4, 5.7% vs. 6, 22.2% (p<0.001) and 36, 51.4% vs. 0, 0% (p<0.001), respectively. The G3 grade was more represented in LND group (40, 36.7% vs. 22, 20.2%, p<0.001). No differences were found in terms of FIGO stage (p=0.42), rate of minimally-invasive approach (63, 88.7% vs. 32, 84.2%, p=0.55), DFS

CONCLUSIONS
Pembrolizumab monotherapy demonstrated modest antitumor activity in patients with recurrent or persistent cervical cancer comparable as previously reported clinical trials, although in patients with favorable performance status showed effective antitumor activity. Some safety profiles should be carefully monitored.

SURVIVAL ROLE OF LYMPHADENECTOMY IN PATIENTS SURGICALLY TREATED FOR APPARENT EARLY-STAGE EPITHELIAL OVARIAN CANCER

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OBJECTIVE
To evaluate the impact of lymphadenectomy (LND) on oncological outcomes in patients surgically treated for apparent early-stage epithelial ovarian cancer (aEOC).

METHODS
Consecutive patients with aEOC who underwent surgery at Del Ponte Hospital, (Varese-Italy) between January 2000 and December 2019 were analyzed. The cases were stratified according with the performance of lymphadenectomy (LND) or not (NO-LND). Demographic, pathologic and surgical-related characteristics were compared. Survivals curves were estimated with Kaplan-Meier methods and predictors of recurrence were investigated.

RESULTS
Overall 109 patients were included, 71 and 38 in LND and NO-LND groups, respectively. No differences were found in terms of baseline characteristics. Patients in LND group (vs. NO-LND) were less likely to present with high grade serous histotype (16, 22.9% vs. 12, 44.4%, p<0.001), while mucinous and endometrioid histology represented 4, 5.7% vs. 6, 22.2% (p<0.001) and 36, 51.4% vs. 0, 0% (p<0.001), respectively. The G3 grade was more represented in LND group (40, 36.7% vs. 22, 20.2%, p<0.001). No differences were found in terms of FIGO stage (p=0.42), rate of minimally-invasive approach (63, 88.7% vs. 32, 84.2%, p=0.55), DFS