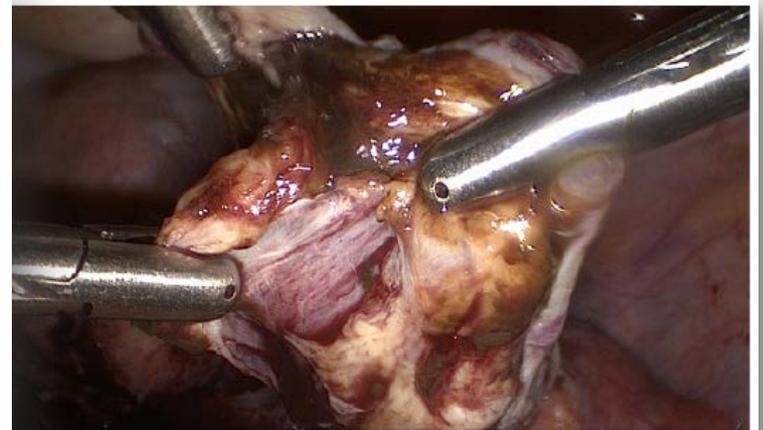


ENDOMETRIOSIS

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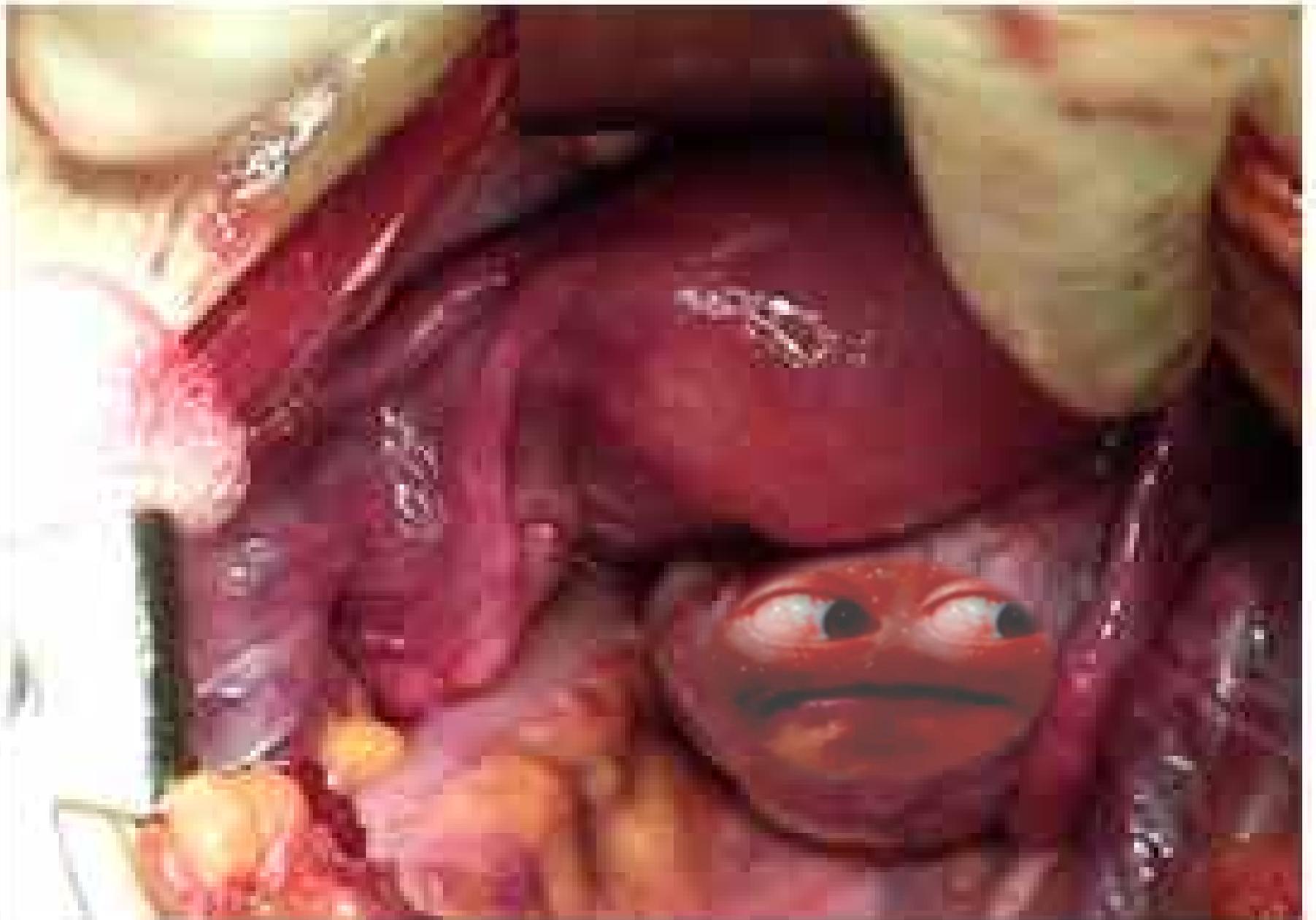
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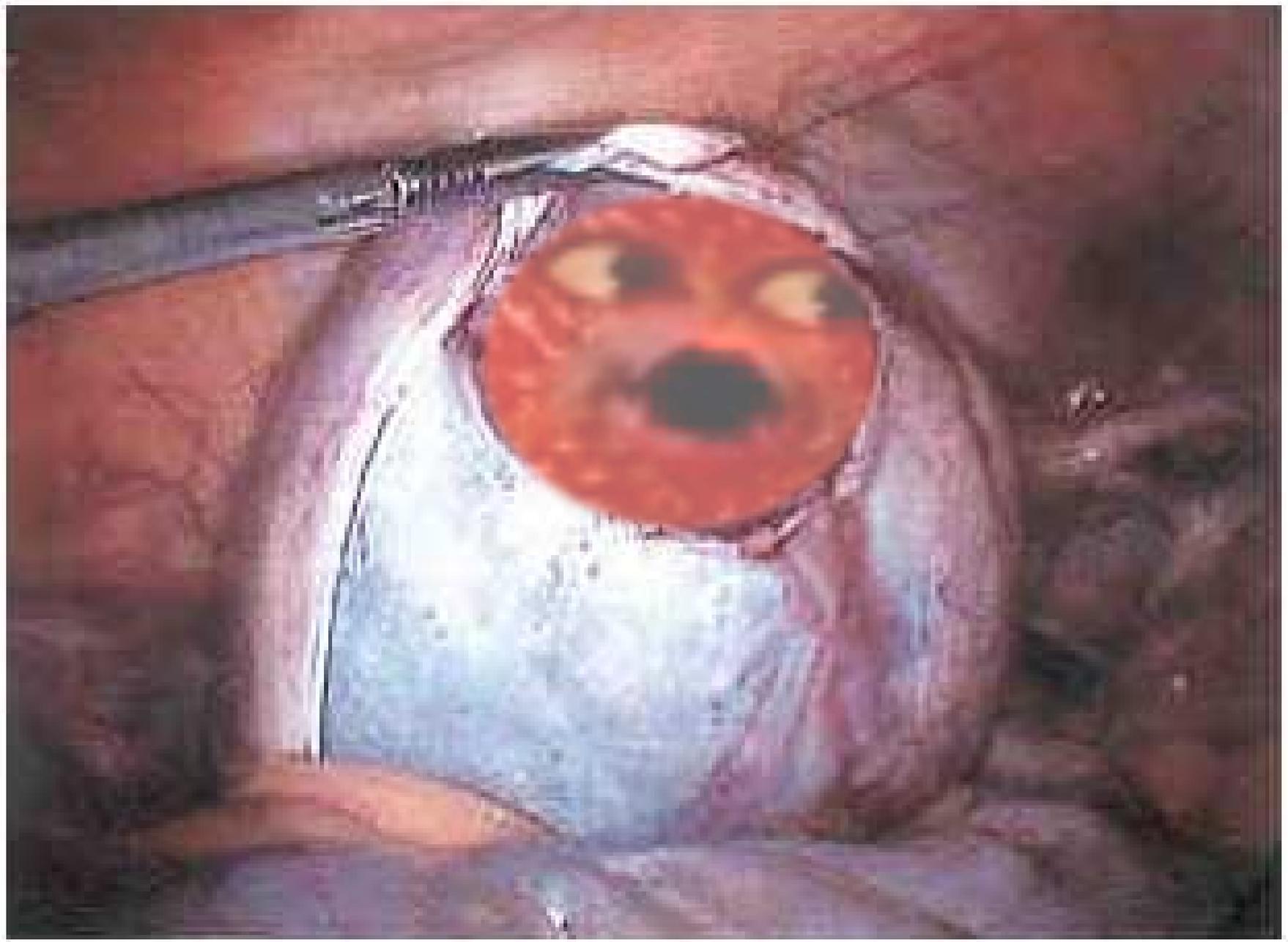
Ante la duda



RESECALO

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ENDOMETRIOSIS

10-22 % Pacientes Fértiles
20-35 % Pacientes Infértiles
30-40 % Endometriosis-Endometrioma

Endometrioma:

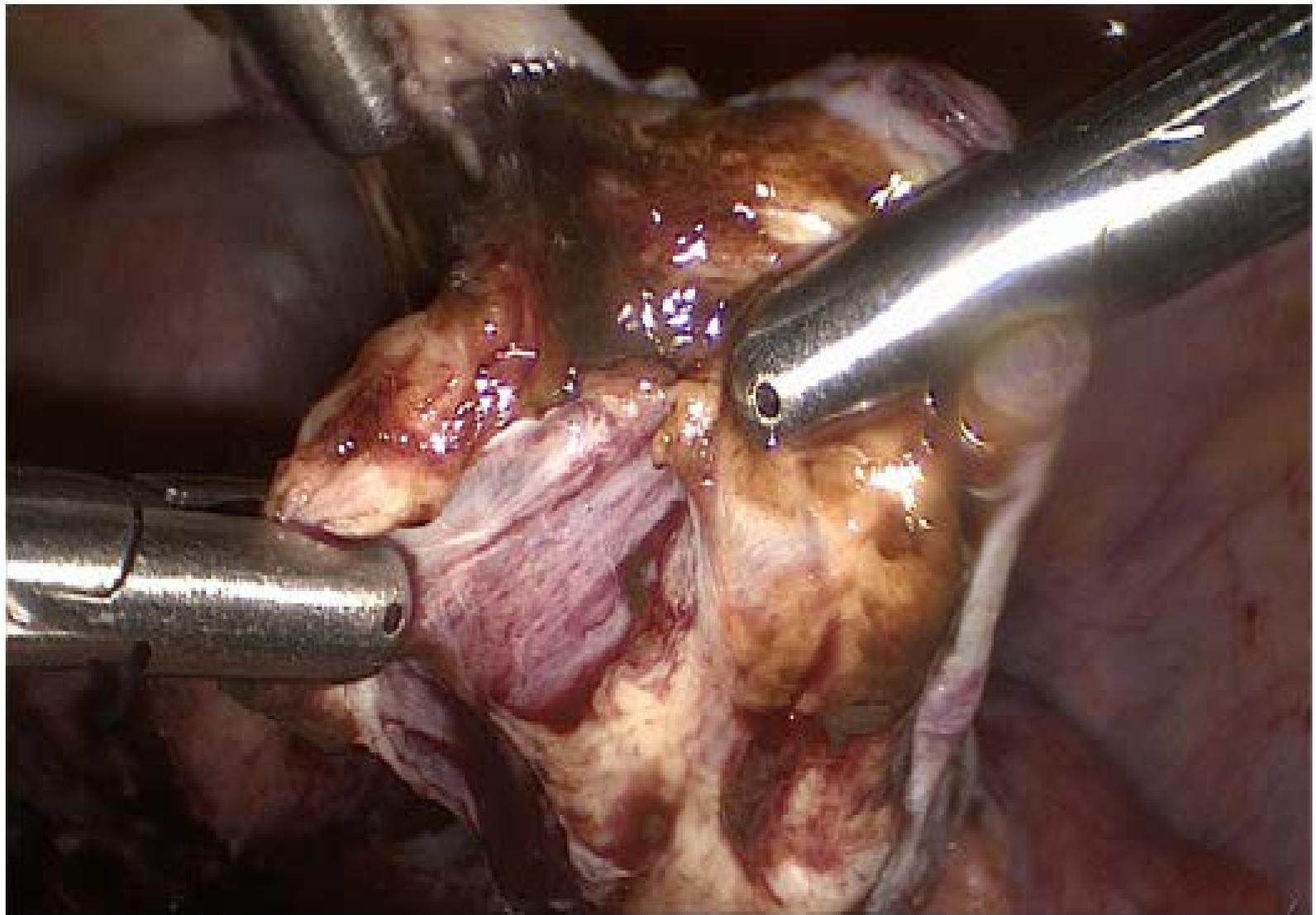
Pseudoquiste de la pared del ovario, con inversión de la corteza ovárica, con posibles implicaciones adversas para la fertilidad futura.

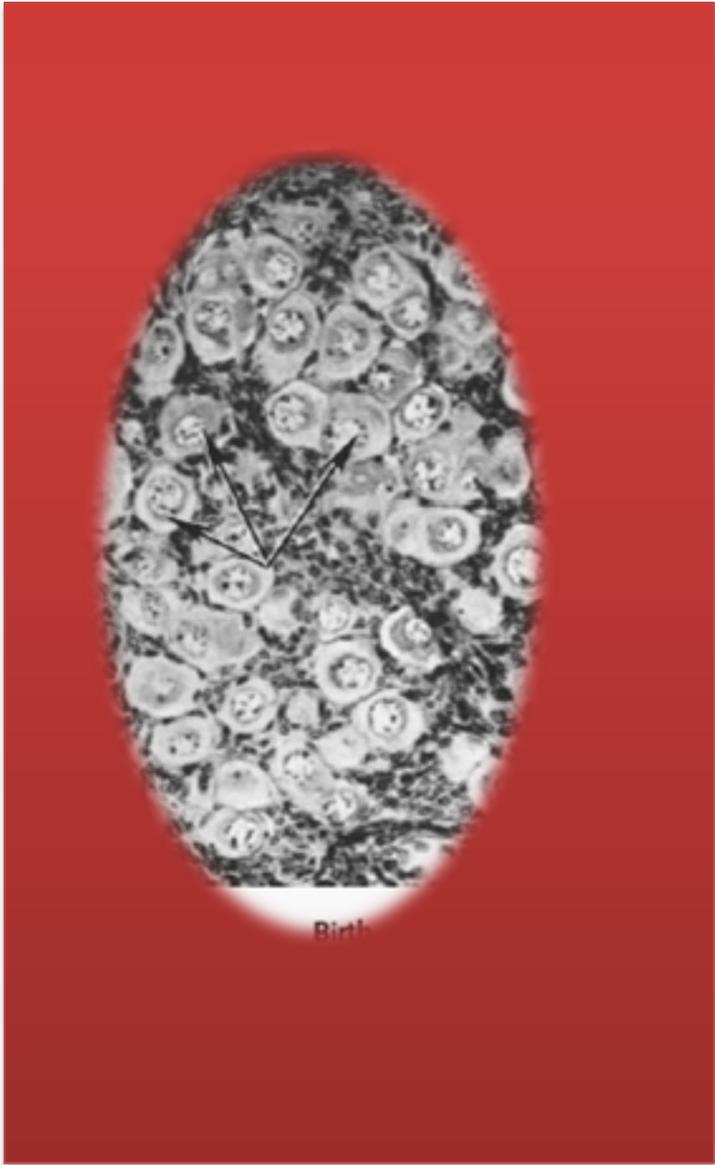
10 -15 % FIV Endometriosis
17-44 % Endometriomas

ENDOMETRIOSIS

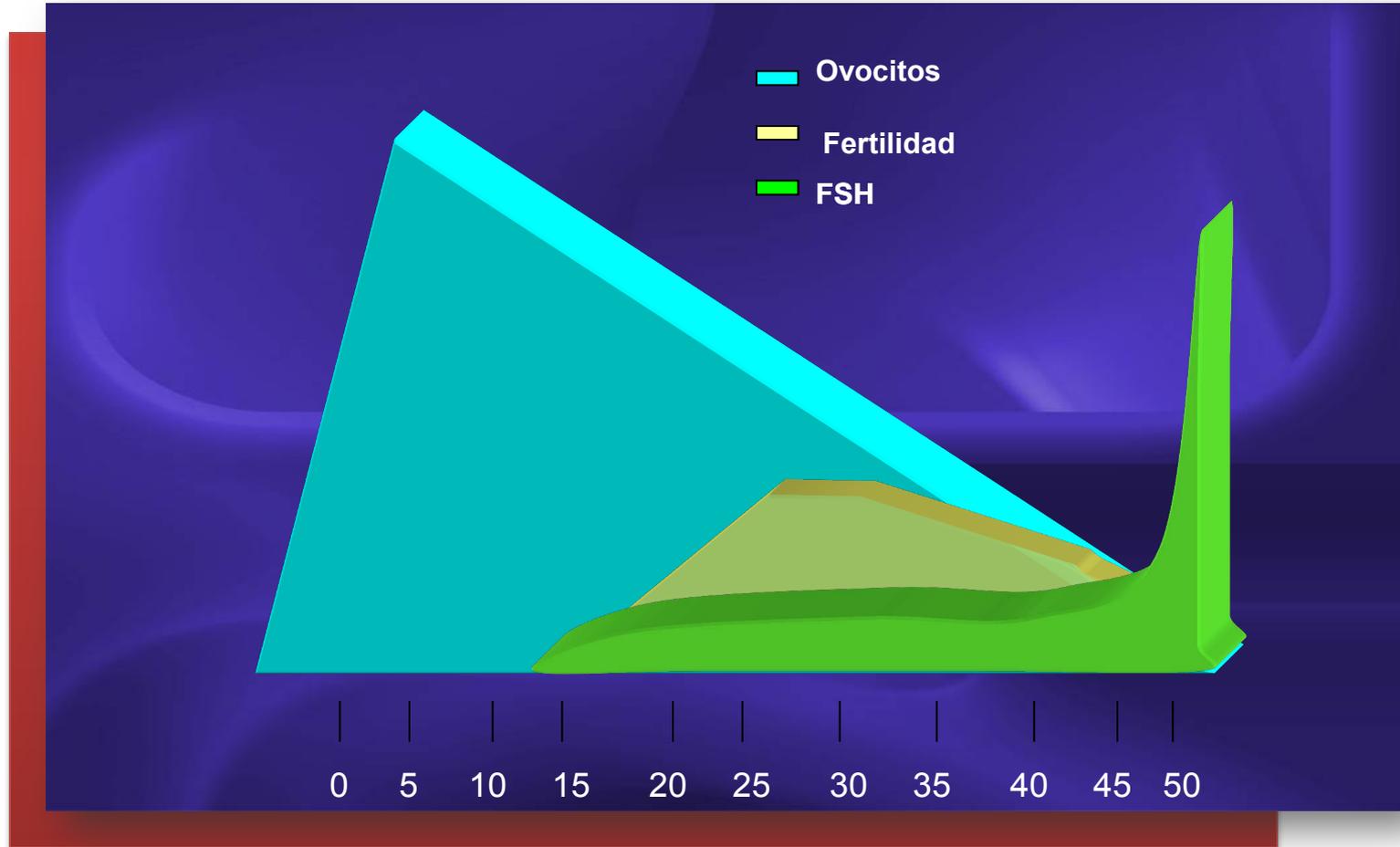
Patogénesis de los Endometriomas

1. Inversión y progresiva invaginación de la corteza ovárica luego de la acumulación de tejido endometrial derivados del sangrado de focos endometriósicos superficiales
2. Envolvimiento secundario de quistes funcionales ováricos por implantes endometriales localizados en la superficie ovárica
3. Metaplasia del epitelio celómico, cubriendo el ovario





FISIOLOGÍA DE LA RESERVA OVÁRICA



Edad Materna

RESERVA OVÁRICA

EDAD

Ecográficos:

Hormonales:

Volumen ovárico

Estradiol

Número de folículos antrales

FSH

Pruebas dinámicas:

FSH/LH

Prueba de Clomifeno

EFFORT

Inhibina B

GAST

Hormona AntiMulleriana

LH

HORMONA ANTI MULLERIANA

- **Glicoproteína.**
- **Expresada por las células de la granulosa en el ovario**
- **Estabilidad en el ciclo menstrual.**
- **Juega un papel en varias fases de la foliculogénesis.**
- **Se correlaciona fuertemente con el número de folículos antrales.**
- **Actualmente es presentada como un buen marcador de la reserva ovárica.**

CIRUGÍA ENDOMETRIOSIS Y RESERVA OVÁRICA

DAÑO A LA GÓNADA

FIV - ENDOMETRIOSIS

**DAÑO A LA GÓNADA ASOCIADO AL TRATAMIENTO
QUIRÚRGICO DEL ENDOMETRIOMA**

ASPECTOS HISTOPATOLÓGICOS

HAM

ENDOMETRIOMAS: IMPACTO EN LA RESPUESTA OVÁRICA :EVENTO PRIMARIO O SECUNDARIO?

Endometrioma.

Kaplan y col 1989:

implantes endometriales en ovario de ratas reducen el número de puntos ovulatorios

Maneschi y col 1993:

reducción del número y actividad de folículos, en comparación con cistoadenomas o teratomas.

Stilley y col 2009: número de folículos antrales en las ratas con endometriosis es menor que en los controles

Somigliana y col 2006:

36 pacientes no operados con endometrioma unilateral

folículos	3.0 ± 1.7	4.0 ± 2.2
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REDUCCIÓN DEL 25% EN OVARIO AFECTADO

The presence of ovarian endometriomas is associated with a reduced responsiveness to gonadotropins

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Conclusion(s): The presence of ovarian endometriomas is associated with a reduced responsiveness to gonadotropins. (Fertil Steril® 2006;86:192–6. ©2006 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

TABLE 3

Number of codominant follicles according to the characteristics of the endometrioma(s) and the responsiveness to ovarian hyperstimulation.

	No. of cycles	Intact ovary	Ovary with endometrioma(s)	P
No. of cysts				
1	49	3.9 ± 2.0	3.2 ± 1.7	.08
2	7	5.1 ± 3.1	2.0 ± 1.5	.06
Diameter of the cysts ^a				
≤20 mm	31	3.7 ± 2.1	3.0 ± 1.4	.16
>20 mm	25	4.5 ± 2.2	3.2 ± 2.1	.03
Total IU of rFSH used				
≤2,700 ^b	29	4.6 ± 2.1	3.1 ± 1.7	.01
>2,700 ^b	27	3.4 ± 2.1	3.0 ± 1.8	.42
No. of oocytes retrieved				
≤5	27	3.6 ± 2.2	2.9 ± 1.5	.22
>5	29	4.5 ± 2.1	3.2 ± 1.7	.03

Note: The cutoff chosen corresponds to the whole number closest to the median values. rFSH = recombinant follicle-stimulating hormone.

^a If more than one cyst was diagnosed, the diameter of the larger one is reported.

^b Total number ± SD of oocytes retrieved in patients receiving ≤ and >2,700 IU rFSH were 6.4 ± 3.4 and 6.8 ± 4.9, respectively (*P* = .76).

THE PRESENCE OF OVARIAN ENDOMETRIOMAS IS ASSOCIATED WITH A REDUCE RESPONSIVENESS TO GONADOTROPINS. Somigliana y col. Fertil Steril 2006

La **resección laparoscópica del endometrioma** está asociada con **daño cuantitativo permanente de la reserva ovárica**. Este daño en parte es preexistente antes de la cirugía.

Endometrioma esta asociado con una respuesta menor a la estimulación ovárica

(tamaño y número de folículos).

- Endometriomas grandes
- Más de un quiste
- Antecedente de mejor respuesta a la hiperestimulación

OBSERVACIONAL

LIMITACIONES: ENDOMETRIOMAS? / ENDOMETRIOMAS PEQUEÑOS

EFFECTS OF OVARIAN ENDOMETRIOMA ON THE NUMBER OF OOCYTES RETRIEVED FOR IN VITRO FERTILIZATION. Almog y col Fertil Steril 2011

ENDOMETRIOMA (FIV)

NO está asociado con disminución del número de ovocitos recuperados del lado afectado

	Ovary with endometrioma	Ovary with no endometrioma	P value	95% Confidence interval
No. of antral follicles	7.7 ± 1.0	8.5 ± 0.9	.3	-1.0 to 3.0
No. of retrieved oocytes	6.0 ± 0.4	6.1 ± 0.5	.8	-1.0 to 1.0
No. of retrieved oocytes when endometrioma size >25 mm	5.8 ± 1.4	6.6 ± 1.1	.5	-4.0 to 2.0

Almog. Endometrioma and number of retrieved oocytes. Fertil Steril 2011.

RETROSPECTIVO

UNOPERATED OVARIAN ENDOMETRIOMA AND RESPONSIVENESS TO HYPERSTIMULATION.

Benaglia y col. Human Reprod 2011

ENDOMETRIOMA (FIV)

NO afecta de manera importante la respuesta a la hiperestimulación ovárica.

Decreased anti-Müllerian hormone and altered ovarian follicular cohort in infertile patients with mild/minimal endometriosis

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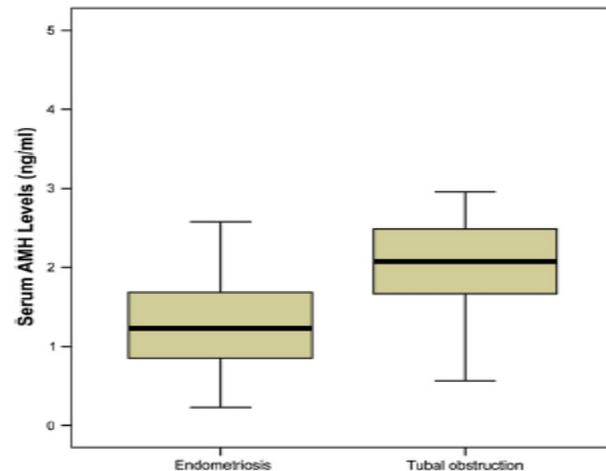
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Result(s): Serum FSH were not different between the groups. However, infertile patients with endometriosis have a decreased serum anti-Müllerian hormone (1.26 ± 0.7 ng/mL) compared to the control group (2.02 ± 0.72 ng/mL). The analysis of follicular cohort showed that the number of selectable follicles were similar, but the follicular diameter was different.

Conclusion(s): Minimal/mild endometriosis is associated with a decrease in the follicular ovarian reserve. In addition, the follicular cohort of these patients is more heterogeneous in comparison to the control group. (Fertil Steril® 2008;89:1064-8. ©2008 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

FIGURE 1

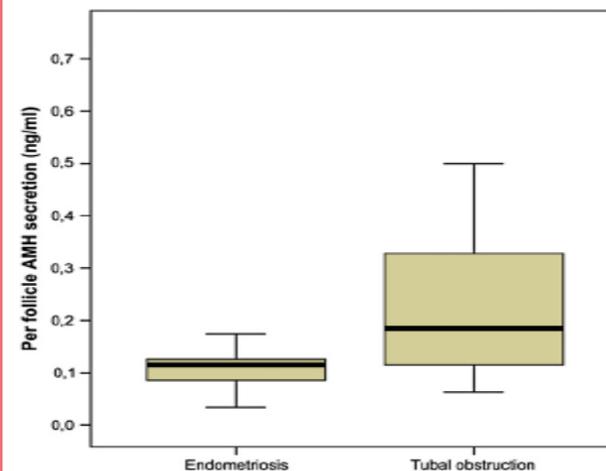
Serum anti-Müllerian hormone (AMH) (in nanograms per milliliter) comparison between infertile patients with minimal/mild endometriosis and infertile patients with tubal obstruction (without endometriosis). The box represents the interquartile range that contains the 50% of values. The whiskers are lines that extend from the box to the highest and lowest values, excluding outliers. A line across the box indicates the median. $P = .004$, Student's t -test.



Lemos. Follicular cohort, AMH, and endometriosis. Fertil Steril 2008.

FIGURE 2

Per follicle anti-Müllerian hormone (AMH) (in nanograms per milliliter) secretion comparison between infertile patients with minimal/mild endometriosis and infertile patients with tubal obstruction (without endometriosis). The box represents the interquartile range that contains the 50% of values. The whiskers are lines that extend from the box to the highest and lowest values, excluding outliers. A line across the box indicates the median. $P = .001$, Student's t -test.



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ENDOMETRIOMA

Impacta sobre la respuesta

Resultados de FIV



Daño cuantitativo más que cualitativo

Ragni y col. 2005

Reducción significativa de folículos y de oocitos recuperados

NO diferencias en tasas de fecundación entre oocitos recuperados del ovario con endometrioma y sin endometrioma

ENDOMETRIOMA

- Unilaterales
- Bilaterales (19- 28%) (Somigliana 2008)

El lado no afectado podría compensar la reducción del lado afectado

Esinler 2006: 23 pacientes con endometriomas
bilateral.
99 controles

Tasa de embarazo: 35 vs 43% NS

Somigliana 2008: 68 pacientes con endometriomas bil
136 controles

Reducción significativa en la TE

SART

2004 - 2008

23000

FIV TE ENDOMETRIOSIS

450000

TODAS INDICACIONES DE FIV

TI TRNV SIMILARES

In vitro fertilization is a successful treatment in endometriosis-associated infertility

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Objective: To assess success rates of IVF and intracytoplasmic sperm injection in women with various stages of endometriosis.

Design: Retrospective cohort study.

Setting: Reproductive medicine unit in a university hospital.

Patient(s): Infertile women ($n = 2,245$) with various stages of endometriosis or tubal factor infertility.

Intervention(s): IVF or intracytoplasmic sperm injection.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Dose of FSH, number of oocytes retrieved, fertilization rate, implantation rate, pregnancy rate (PR), live birth/ongoing PR.

Result(s): Women with endometriosis had similar pregnancy and live birth/ongoing PR as did women with tubal factor infertility, but the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) stage I and II endometriosis patients had a lower fertilization rate, and stage III and IV patients required more FSH and had fewer oocytes retrieved. Splitting the stage III and IV groups into patients with and without endometriomas showed that the endometrioma group required more FSH and had a significantly lower pregnancy and live birth/ongoing PR.

Conclusion(s): With the exception of patients with endometrioma, infertile women with various stages of endometriosis have the same success rates with IVF and intracytoplasmic sperm injection as patients with tubal factor. This contrasts with the systematic review on which the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology bases its recommendations. (Fertil Steril® 2012;97:912-8. ©2012 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

Key Words: In vitro fertilization (IVF), ASRM stage I-II (minimal/mild) endometriosis, ASRM stage III-IV (moderate/severe) endometriosis, pregnancy rate, live birth rate

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TABLE 2

Results of first attempt.

Type of treatment	ASRM I-II (n = 724)	ASRM III-IV (n = 350)	Tubal factor (n = 1171)
IVF	671 (92.7%)	332 (94.9%)	1110 (95.6%)
ICSI	53 (7.3%)	18 (5.1%)	52 (4.4%) ^a
Dose of FSH	1965 ± 930	2313 ± 1024 ^b	2081 ± 1046
Cancellation rate	1.2% (9/724)	2.3% (8/350)	1.2% (14/1171)
No. of oocytes	9.3 ± 5.2	8.0 ± 5.3 ^b	9.2 ± 5.6
Mature	90.3% (5082/5627)	91.3% (2050/2246)	90.4% (7619/8427)
Immature	8.5% (476/5627)	7.0% (158/2246)	7.2% (606/8427)
Others	1.2% (69/5627)	1.7% (38/2246)	2.4% (202/8427)
Sperm concentration	117 ± 89 ^b	123 ± 77	135 ± 90
Sperm motility	54 ± 20 ^b	57 ± 19	59 ± 20
Fertilization rate IVF	59.6% ^b (3643/6109)	62.9% (1626/2584)	63.5% (6447/10,145)
Implantation rate	27.8% (294/1058)	25.0% (133/533)	24.9% (471/1895)
PR per started cycle	36.0% (261/724)	32.9% (115/350)	34.7% (406/1171)
PR per ET	39.4% (261/662)	36.7% (115/312)	37.9% (406/1072)
Biochemical pregnancy (<6)	9.6% (25/261)	8.7% (10/115)	14.5% (59/406)
Miscarriage (6–12)	18.8% (49/261)	17.4% (20/115)	12.6 (51/406)
Birth/Ongoing	71.6% (187/261)	73.9% (85/115)	72.9% (296/406)
Birth/Ongoing pregnancy per started cycle	25.8% (187/724)	24.3% (85/350)	25.3% (296/1171)

^a P < .05.

^b P < .01.

Opøien. Endometriosis and IVF/ICSI outcomes. *Fertil Steril* 2012.

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TABLE 3

Outcome of the first cycle in patients with ASRM stage III-IV without and with endometrioma.

	Without endometrioma	Endometrioma
No. of cycles	164	186
<u>Dose of FSH (IU)</u>	2152 ± 924	2446 ± 1124 ^a
<u>No. of oocytes</u>	8.6 ± 5.3	7.6 ± 5.5
Fertilization rate	62.5% (866/1386)	61.6% (819/1329)
Implantation rate	26.9% (83/308)	20.9% (66/316)
PR	40.2% (66/164)	26.3% (49/186) ^a
Birth/ongoing PR	30.5% (50/164)	18.8% (35/186) ^b

^a $P < .01$.

^b $P < .05$.

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ENDOMETRIOMA

Tratamiento médico antes de FIV

Reducción del tamaño

No cambios en la tasa de éxitos

Ozcan y col 2008

Cochrane:

3 meses antes de FIV

Análogos de la GnRH

4 veces mayor la tasa de embarazo.

Sallam y Garcia Velasco y col 2006

ENDOMETRIOMA

Alternativas a la cirugía

Aspiración

Aspiración con agentes esclerosantes:

Tetraciclina

Metrotexate

Etanol

ENDOMETRIOMAS QX Y RESPUESTA OVÁRICA

- RESPUESTA FOLICULAR MENOR
- MAYOR GONADOTROPINAS
- PEOR PRONÓSTICO

Respuesta ovárica comprometida después de la cirugía.

Gupta 2006 y Somigliana 2006

Meta-análisis de Gupta 2006

número de folículos desarrollados y el número de oocitos recuperados es menor en mujeres operadas comparadas con los controles

Folículos 0.9(95% IC - 1.4-0.3)

Oocitos recuperados 1.7 (95% IC -3.2 – 0.2)

OR Embarazo Clínico 1.07(95% CI 0.63-1.81)

CIRUGÍA

Efecto de la Cirugía del endometrioma en la reserva ovárica

Dermoides o quistes serosos o mucinosos



6% de tejido sano

Endometriomas



50% tienen folículos primordiales

No penetra mas allá de 1,5 mm

Muzzi y col

CIRUGÍA / PÉRDIDA FOLICULAR

Evidencia en la respuesta folicular:

SI

Nargund 1996
Loh 1999
Donnez 2001
Ho 2002
Somigliana 2003

NO

Canis 2001
Marconi 2002

Evidencia histológica

Muzii 2002 Remoción inadvertida en 54%

Maneschi 1993 Tejido ovárico cercano al endometrioma es
DIFERENTE

Hachisuga y Kawarabayashi 2002

Fácil **folículos primordiales 69%**

Difícil **NO folículos primordiales**

TÉCNICA

CIRUGÍA Y TÉCNICA

Mayor tejido ovárico fue removido con la técnica numero II (excisión circular)

No diferencia en la calidad de tejido ovárico (número y tipo de folículos)

Sitio de adhesión inicial e intermedio no evidencia de folículos o folículos primordiales

Cerca del íleo ovárico si contiene folículos primarios y secundarios

EL TEJIDO OVARICO ES RESECADO EN FORMA INADVERTIDA AL RESECAR LOS ENDOMETRIOMAS EN LA MAYORIA DE LOS CASOS.

Muzii et al. Laparoscopic stripping of endometriomas: a randomized trial on different surgical techniques: I. Hum Reprod 2005.

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CIRUGÍA

Muzii y col. 2002

Endometrioma es un pseudoquiste extra ovárico que convierte la corteza ovárica en su pared

Brosens y col 1996

Resección de importante cantidad de tejido ovárico en la cistectomía

Cápsula genera fuerte adhesión al tejido sano

DIFICULTADES QUIRÚRGICAS

Inflamación

Electrocoagulación Compromiso vascular

MENOR POOL DE FOLICULOS PRIMORDIALES

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CIRUGÍA

Resección bilateral de endometriomas por laparoscopia

2.4% FOP Busacca y col 2006

Daño estroma ovárico y Vascularización

Wu y col 2003

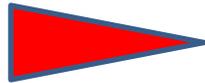
Apertura del quiste con vaporización o coagulación de la superficie interna del quiste puede prevenir la resección inevitable de corteza ovárica

Donnez y col (2001)

Somigliana y col (2006)

CIRUGÍA

Laparoscopia



Endometriomas



EMBARAZO

30-67%



CIRUGÍA

Demirool, 2006

99p

FIV

cirugía conservadora



**Mayor tiempo de estimulación
Mayor número de ampollas
Menor número de oocitos**

NO DIFERENCIAS

Fecundación

Tasa de implantación

Embarazo

Quirúrgico

34%

Expectante

38%

Removal of endometriomas before in vitro fertilization does not improve fertility outcomes: a matched, case-control study

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In vitro fertilization/intracytoplasmic sperm injection cycle outcomes in women with an endometrioma present at the beginning of the stimulation compared with women with a previously removed ovarian endometrioma by laparoscopic cystectomy.

	Endometrioma removed (147 cycles)	Endometrioma present (63 cycles)	P value
No. of oocytes retrieved	10.8 ± 0.6	11.8 ± 0.9	.378
No. of mature oocytes	8.7 ± 0.6	8.4 ± 0.8	.780
Fertilization rate (%)	76.5	69.9	.051
No. of embryos/cycle	6.0 ± 0.4	6.4 ± 0.6	.582
No. of embryos transferred	2.7 ± 0.1	2.8 ± 0.1	.281
Implantation rate (%)	12.8	14.1	.958
Positive β-hCG (%)	30.2	28.8	.480
Clinical pregnancy rate (%)	25.4	22.7	.776
Multiple pregnancy rate (%)	7.9	12.1	.545
Biochemical pregnancy (%)	3.9	3.0	.817
Miscarriage rate (%)	3.9	6.1	.636
Cancellation rate (%)	6.3	7.6	.844

Note: Data are presented as mean ± SEM or %.

Garcia-Velasco. IVF and endometriosis. Fertil Steril 2004.

Management of endometriomas in women requiring IVF: to touch or not to touch

1990 - 2008

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The classic, unproven dogma that ovarian endometrioma should be removed in all infertile women prior to IVF has been recently questioned. There is currently insufficient data to clarify whether the endometrioma-related damage to ovarian responsiveness precedes or follows surgery. Both endometrioma-related injury and surgery-mediated damage may be claimed to be involved and the relative importance of these two insults remains to be clarified. Convincing evidence has emerged showing that responsiveness to gonadotrophins after ovarian cystectomy is reduced. Conversely, the impact of surgery on pregnancy rates is unclear since no deleterious effect has been reported. Of relevance here is that surgery exposes women to risk related to a demanding procedure whereas risks associated with expectant management are mostly anecdotal or of doubtful clinical relevance. We recommend proceeding directly to IVF to reduce time to pregnancy, to avoid potential surgical complications and to limit patient costs. Surgery should be envisaged only in presence of large cysts (balancing the threshold to operate with the cyst location within the ovary), or to treat concomitant pain symptoms which are refractory to medical treatments, or when malignancy cannot reliably be ruled out.

Key words: ovarian endometriomas / surgery / IVF / ovarian responsiveness / pregnancy rates

CONCLUSIONES

Conducta en Endometriomas antes de FIV

- Respuesta a la estimulación es menor
- La calidad y cantidad ovocitaria es la misma
- Riesgos de la cirugía
- Costos
- Tiempo
- Cirugía laparoscópica: no mejora los resultados de fertilidad

CONCLUSIONES

- Respuesta ovárica se modifica en las gónadas afectadas.
- Daño más cuantitativo que cualitativo generalmente excepciones de mínima recuperación en los casos de bilateralidad

VARIABLES CLÍNICAS A CONSIDERAR PARA DECIDIR OPERAR O NO EN PACIENTES CON ENDOMETRIOMAS PREVIO A FIV

CARACTERÍSTICAS	CIRUGIA	EXPECTANTE
Intervención de Endometriomas	NO	≥ 1
Reserva Ovárica	Intacta	Afectada
Dolor	Presente	Ausente
Bilateralidad	Unilateral	Bilateral
Malignidad Ecográfica	Presente	Ausente
Crecimiento	Rápido	Estable

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The effect of surgical treatment for endometrioma on in vitro fertilization outcomes: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Objective: To investigate the effect of surgical treatment of endometrioma on pregnancy rate and ovarian response to gonadotrophin stimulation in women undergoing IVF.

Design: A systematic review and meta-analysis.

Setting: Tertiary referral center for reproductive medicine.

Patient(s): Subfertile women with endometrioma undergoing IVF.

Intervention(s): Surgical removal of endometrioma or expectant management.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Clinical pregnancy rate and ovarian response to gonadotrophins (number of gonadotrophin ampoules, peak E₂ levels, number of oocytes retrieved, and number of embryos available for transfer).

Result(s): A search of three electronic databases for articles published between January 1985 and November 2007 yielded 20 eligible studies. Meta-analysis was conducted for five studies that compared surgery vs. no treatment of endometrioma. There was no significant difference in clinical pregnancy rate between the treated and the untreated groups. Similarly, no significant difference was found between the two groups with regard to the outcome measures used to assess the response to controlled ovarian hyperstimulation with gonadotrophins.

Conclusion(s): Collectively the available data in the literature show that surgical management of endometriomas has no significant effect on IVF pregnancy rates and ovarian response to stimulation compared with no treatment. Randomized controlled trials are needed before producing best-practice recommendations on this topic. (Fertil Steril® 2009;92:75–87. ©2009 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

Key Words: Endometrioma, surgery, IVF, ovarian response, pregnancy outcome

TABLE 1

Characteristics of all studies included in the systematic review.

Study (reference)	Design	Intervention	Study group	Control group	Type of surgery	Cyst size (cm)	Laterality	Dt	Outcomes
Nargund et al. 1995 (54)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Ovarian cystectomy for simple (52) and dermoid cyst (2)	Cystectomy	ND	Unilateral	ND	Mature follicles, NOR
Loh et al. 1999 (55)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Contralateral normal ovary	Laparoscopic cystectomy	4.23 ± 2	Either	ND	Mature follicles
Tinkanen et al. 2000 (63)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Non-treated endometrioma	Endometrioma stripping	1.5-7	Either	1-7 y	NOR, no. of embryos, FR, IR, PR, LBR
Ho et al. 2002 (64)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Contralateral normal ovary	Endometrioma stripping (laparoscopy or laparotomy)	ND	Unilateral	31 ± 27 mo	Mature follicles, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak
Marconi et al. 2002 (50)	Retrospective cohort	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Tubal factor infertility	Endometrioma stripping (laparoscopy)	4.8 ± 2.3	Either	12 ± 7 mo	Mature follicles, NOR, CPR, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak
Suganuma et al. 2002 (65)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Aspirated endometrioma Non-treated endometrioma	Endometrioma stripping (laparoscopy or laparotomy)	ND	ND	31 ± 27 mo	NOR, FR, PR
Takuma et al. 2002 (56)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Laparoscopic aspiration of endometrioma	Laparoscopic cystectomy	ND	ND	12 mo	NOR, PR
Somigliana et al. 2003 (57)	Retrospective case-control	IVF/ICSI long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Contralateral normal ovary	Laparoscopic cystectomy	3.9 ± 1.5	Unilateral	2.4 ± 1.7 mo	Mature follicles, NOR, no. of embryos, IR, CPR, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak
Wu et al. 2003 (58)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Tubal factor infertility Contralateral normal ovary	Laparoscopic cystectomy	>6	ND	ND	NOR, FR, PR, LBR, CPR, E ₂ peak
Wyns and Donnez 2003 (27)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Tubal factor infertility Laparoscopically treated peritoneal endometriosis Idiopathic infertility Contralateral normal ovary	Laparoscopic cyst wall laser vaporization	ND	ND	ND	Mature follicles, number of embryos, FR, IR, CPR, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak

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Study (reference)	Design	Intervention	Study group	Control group	Type of surgery	Cyst size (cm)	Laterality	Dt	Outcomes
Garcia-Velasco et al. 2004 (16)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Non-treated endometrioma	Laparoscopic cystectomy	>3	Unilateral	12 mo	NOR, no. of embryos, FR, IR, CPR, MR, units ^a , E ₂ peak
Pabuccu et al. 2004 (51)	Prospective cohort	IVF/ICSI long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Non-treated endometrioma Aspirated endometrioma Tubal factor infertility	Endometrioma stripping (laparoscopy or laparotomy)	ND	Either	≤4 y	Mature follicles, FR, IR, CPR, MR, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak
Wong et al. 2004 (17)	Retrospective cohort	IVF/ICSI long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Non-treated endometrioma Non-treated peritoneal endometriosis	Laparoscopic cystectomy	ND	ND	3–48 mo	Mature follicles, FR, IR, PR, CPR, MR, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak
Loo et al. 2005 (59)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Tubal factor infertility	Laparoscopic cystectomy	>3	ND	6 mo	NOR, no. of embryos, FR, IR, CPR, units ^a , E ₂ peak
Ragni et al. 2005 (52)	Prospective cohort	IVF/ICSI long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Contralateral normal ovary	Endometrioma stripping (laparoscopy)	4.0 ± 2.4	Unilateral	2.4 ± 2 y	Mature follicles, NOR, FR, IR, CPR, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak
Demiroglu et al. 2005 (53)	RCT	ICSI long protocol	Surgical removal of endometrioma	Aspirated endometrioma	Endometrioma stripping (laparoscopy)	3–6	Unilateral	3 mo	NOR, FR, IR, CPR, E ₂ peak
Esinler et al. 2006 (60)	Retrospective case-control	ICSI long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Tubal factor infertility	Laparoscopic cystectomy	>3	Either	ND	Mature follicles, IR, CPR, MR, LBR, units ^a , E ₂ peak
Yazbeck et al. 2006 (61)	Retrospective case-control	IVF-ET long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Non-treated endometriosis stage I-II	Laparoscopic cystectomy	≥4	Unilateral	ND	Mature follicles, FR, PR, CPR, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak
Duru et al. 2007 (66)	Retrospective case-control	IVF/ICSI	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Laparoscopically treated peritoneal endometriosis Contralateral normal ovary	Endometrioma stripping Laparoscopy (28) Laparotomy (10)	ND	Unilateral	≥1 y	Mature follicles, CPR
Mataliotakis et al. 2007 (62)	Retrospective case-control	IVF/ICSI long protocol	Surgical treatment of endometrioma	Tubal factor infertility	Laparoscopic cystectomy	ND	ND	ND	Mature follicles, NOR, no. of embryos, IR, FR, PR, CPR, MR, LBR, ampoules ^a , E ₂ peak

Note: Dt = interval between surgery and IVF; ND = not documented; NOR = number of oocytes retrieved; FR = fertilization rate; IR = implantation rate; PR = pregnancy rate; LBR = live birth rate; CPR = clinical pregnancy rate; MR = miscarriage rate; ICSI: intracytoplasmic sperm injection; RCT = randomized control trial.

^a Ampoules/units of gonadotrophin used for ovarian stimulation.

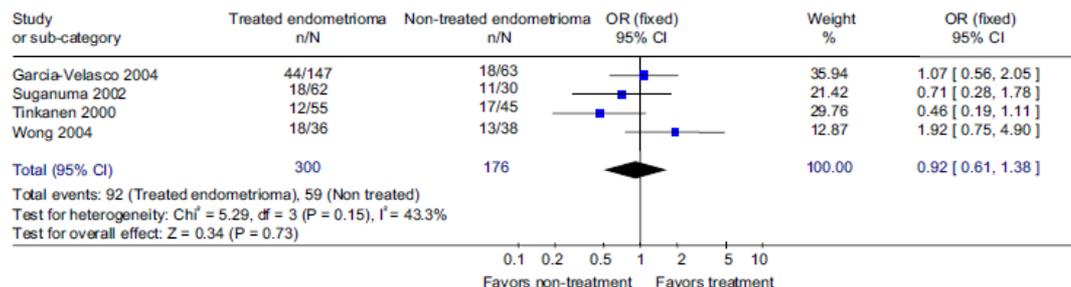
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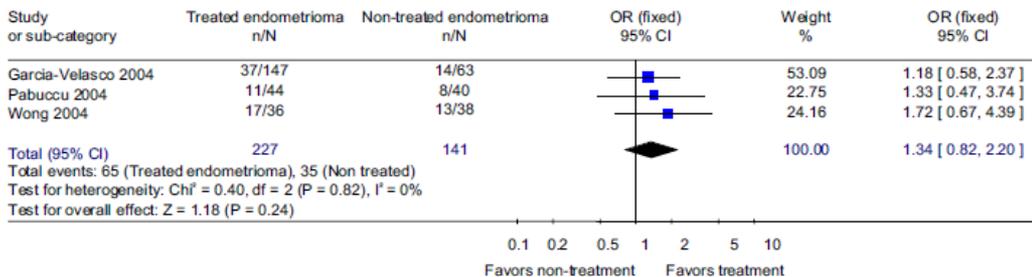
FIGURE 2

(A-F) Forest plots of the meta-analysis on clinical outcomes and on the parameters of ovarian response to gonadotrophin stimulation in women who underwent surgical treatment for endometrioma versus women with non-treated endometrioma.

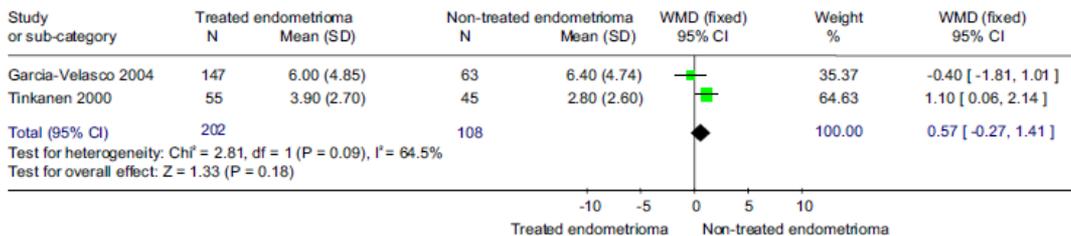
Outcome: a. Pregnancy / cycle



Outcome: b. Clinical pregnancy / cycle



Outcome: c. Number of embryos / cycle

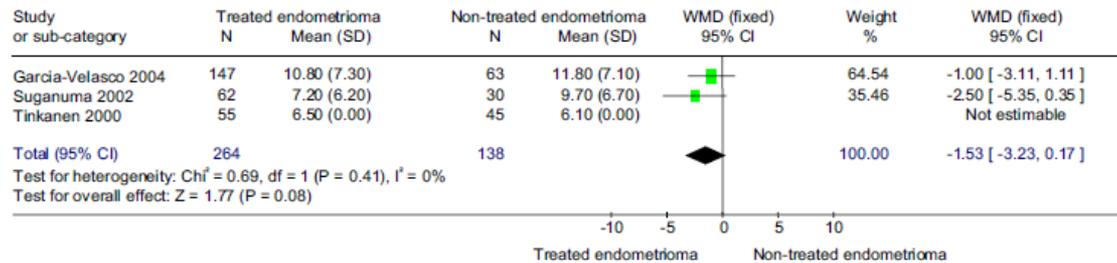


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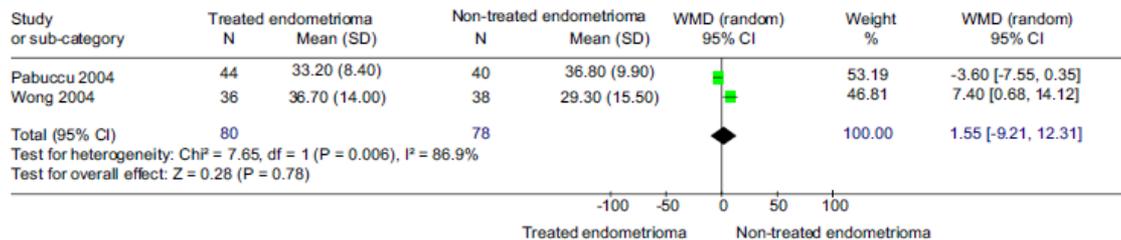
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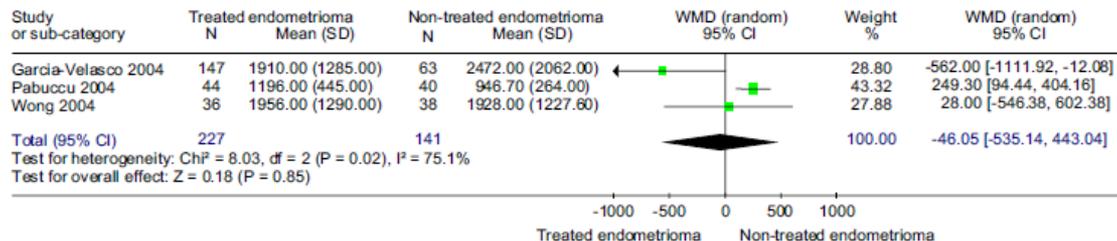
Outcome: d. Oocytes retrieved / cycle



Outcome: e. Gonadotrophin ampoules / cycle



Outcome: f. Estradiol peak (pg/mL)



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Endometrioma

Tratamiento quirúrgico vs No Tratamiento antes del FIV

No diferencias :

- Tasa de embarazo
- Niveles de estradiol
- Número de ovocitos recuperados
- Número de ampollas utilizadas
- Número de embriones para Transferencia

La mayoría de los trabajos NO reportan el tamaño de Endometrioma operado, NO SON TCR

CONCLUSIONES

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El daño precede a la cirugía

Evidencia de cambios (descenso) en la HAM y Endometriosis

Cistectomía: Resección de tejido ovárico sano en forma inadvertida disminuye la reserva Ovárica

El tamaño del endometrioma no determina el número de folículos para FIV o severidad en la caída de la reserva ovárica

CONCLUSIONES

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Reducción de la reserva ovárica por alteración en la vascularización por la cirugía, electrocoagulación e inflamación.

A mayor grado de endometriosis mayor pérdida de reserva posterior a la cirugía

La bilateralidad también esta asociada con mayor pérdida de reserva ovárica posterior Cirugía

Effects of excision of ovarian endometrioma on the antral follicle count and collected oocytes for in vitro fertilization

We compared the response of operated and nonoperated ovaries to gonadotropin stimulation in 38 women who had had excision of ovarian endometrioma. The antral follicle count, numbers of dominant follicles, and number of oocytes collected in the operated ovaries were significantly lower than in the nonoperated ovaries suggesting reduced ovarian reserve after excision of ovarian endometrioma. (*Fertil Steril*® 2010;94:2340–2. ©2010 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

Key Words: Endometrioma, laparoscopy, ovarian reserve, laparoscopic treatment of endometrioma, ovarian cystectomy

TABLE 1

Number of antral follicle count, dominant follicle, and collected oocytes in the operated ovaries and in the nonoperated ovaries among women with previous ovarian endometrioma.

	Operated side (n = 80)	Nonoperated side (n = 80)	P value	95% CI
Antral follicle count	4.5 ± 3.8	7.4 ± 5.2	0.003	1.0–5.0
No. of dominant follicles	4.7 ± 3.9	7.5 ± 4.7	<0.0001	1.5–4.2
No. of dominant follicles ≤ 2 (%)	24 (30%)	10 (12.5%)	0.02	5.1–29.8
No. of collected oocytes	4.3 ± 3.9	7.4 ± 4.8	<0.0001	1.7–4.4
No. of collected oocytes ≤ 2 (%)	32 (40%)	13 (16.2%)	0.008	10.3–37.2
No. of zero oocytes collected (percent)	15 (18.7%)	1 (1.2%)	0.0002	8.6–26.4

Almog. Endometrioma excision, antral follicle count, and retrieved oocytes. Fertil Steril 2010.

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- Número de folículos antrales
- Número de folículos dominantes
- Número de ovocitos recuperados

Son significativamente menores en los pac operados sugiriendo **reducción de la reserva ovárica posterior a la excisión del Endometrioma**

The effect of laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy versus coagulation in bilateral endometriomas on ovarian reserve as determined by antral follicle count and ovarian volume: a prospective randomized study

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Conclusion(s): The decreases in AFC and ovarian volume were found for both coagulation and cystectomy, but the decrease was statistically significantly more frequent in cystectomized ovaries than in coagulated ovaries. Also, in the in vitro fertilization cycles, the ovarian response to ovulation induction was statistically significantly reduced in cystectomized ovaries as compared with coagulated ovaries. (*Fertil Steril*® 2011;95:2247–50. ©2011 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

TABLE 1

Presurgical and postsurgical basal follicle numbers.

Surgical technique	Basal follicle number		P value
	Presurgical	Postsurgical	
Cystectomy	5.58 ± 1.13	3.67 ± 1.26	.001
Cauterization	5.42 ± 0.77	4.75 ± 0.60	.02

Note: $P < .05$ was considered statistically significant. Data are expressed as mean ± standard deviation.

Viz: Ovarian cystectomy vs. coagulation in bilateral endometriomas. *Fertil Steril* 2011.

TABLE 2

Presurgical and postsurgical ovarian volumes.

Surgical technique	Ovarian volume		P value
	Presurgical	Postsurgical	
Cystectomy	13.03 ± 1.13	6.27 ± 1.95	.01
Cauterization	13.56 ± 1.5	9.87 ± 2.01	.01

Note: $P < .05$ was considered statistically significant. Data are expressed as mean ± standard deviation.

Viz: Ovarian cystectomy vs. coagulation in bilateral endometriomas. *Fertil Steril* 2011.

TABLE 3

The number of basal follicles, dominant follicles, and retrieved oocytes, and the ovarian volume after two different surgical techniques.

Parameter	Postcystectomy	Postcauterization	P value
Basal follicle number	3.67 ± 1.26	4.75 ± 0.60	.001
Ovarian volume	6.27 ± 1.95	9.87 ± 2.01	.005
Dominant follicle	4.38 ± 0.95	5.05 ± 0.91	.03
Retrieved oocyte	3.08 ± 0.79	3.86 ± 0.88	.01

Note: $P < .05$ was considered statistically significant. Data are expressed as mean ± standard deviation.

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Laparoscopic management of endometriomas using a combined technique of excisional (cystectomy) and ablative surgery

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TABLE 1

Ovarian volume and AFC 6 months after surgery in women treated for endometriomas by the combined technique and in women of similar age with normal ovaries and regular ovulatory cycles presenting for IVF because of male factor infertility.

	Ovarian volume (cm ³)	AFC
Combined technique (n = 31)	7.64 ± 2.95	6.1 ± 3.2
Women without endometriosis (n = 20)	7.99 ± 5.33	6.2 ± 4.8

Donnez. Laparoscopic surgery of endometriomas. Fertil Steril 2010.

TABLE 2

Ovarian volume and AFC 6 months after surgery in women with unilateral endometriomas and contralateral normal ovaries serving as controls.

	Ovarian volume (cm ³)	AFC
Combined technique (n = 20)	7.45 ± 2.93	5.5 ± 2.4
Contralateral normal ovaries (n = 20)	7.82 ± 3.91	5.7 ± 1.6

Donnez. Laparoscopic surgery of endometriomas. Fertil Steril 2010.

Ovarian endometrioma ablation using plasma energy versus cystectomy: a step toward better preservation of the ovarian parenchyma in women wishing to conceive

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Conclusion(s): When compared with plasma energy ablation, cystectomy is responsible for a statistically significant decrease in ovarian volume and a statistically significant reduction in AFC. This data should be taken into account in therapeutic decision-making concerning women attempting pregnancy, especially where there are other risk factors for postoperative ovarian failure. (*Fertil Steril*[®] 2011; ■: ■-■. ©2011 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

TABLE 1

Patient characteristics and results of three-dimensional ultrasound examination.

	Endometrioma ablation using plasma energy n = 15 (%)	Endometrioma cystectomy n = 15 (%)	P value
Age (y)	31.6 ± 5.2	33.9 ± 5.3	.23
Nulligesta	10 (67)	5 (33)	.01
Nullipara	13 (87)	7 (47)	.06
Cyst diameter (mm)	38 ± 13	47 ± 16	.10
Side			1
Left	11	10	
Right	4	5	
AFSr score	48 ± 24	52 ± 29	.68
Volume of nonoperated ovary (mL)	7 ± 2.7	8.8 ± 4.2	.15
Volume of operated ovary (mL)	5.2 ± 2.5	3 ± 1.6	.007
Ratio of the volume operated/nonoperated ovary	0.79 ± 0.26	0.35 ± 0.17	<.001
AFC of nonoperated ovary	6.8 ± 3.5	8 ± 5.3	.47
AFC of operated ovary	5.5 ± 3.9	2.9 ± 2.4	.03
Ratio of the AFC of operated/nonoperated ovary	0.83 ± 0.31	0.33 ± 0.25	<.001

Note: AFC = antral follicle count; AFSr = Revised American Fertility Society score.

Roman. Plasma energy ablation versus excision. *Fertil Steril* 2011.

Endometriomas as a possible cause of reduced ovarian reserve in women with endometriosis

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Objective: To evaluate the adverse effects of endometriomas on ovarian reserve.

Design: Analysis of prospectively collected biopsy samples.

Setting: Gynecology research unit in a university hospital.

Patient(s): Women younger than age 35 years with endometriomas.

Intervention(s): Biopsy of normal cortex from ovaries affected by endometriomas (≤ 4 cm) and contralateral ovaries without cysts.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Presence of cortex-specific stroma, observation of superficial endometriosis, follicular density, and presence of fibrosis.

Result(s): Twenty samples of cortical tissue from ovaries with endometriomas and 11 from contralateral ovaries without cysts were analyzed. Follicular density was significantly lower in cortex from ovaries with endometriomas than in cortex from contralateral ovaries without cysts (mean \pm SD = $6.3 \pm 4.1/\text{mm}^3$ vs $25.1 \pm 15.0/\text{mm}^3$). Eleven (55%) cortical samples from ovaries with endometriomas showed fibrosis and concomitant loss of cortex-specific stroma, not observed in contralateral normal ovaries. Multivariate analysis revealed that the presence of endometrioma and fibrosis were significantly and independently associated with follicular density.

Conclusion(s): Endometriotic cyst formation and associated structural tissue alterations in apparently normal ovarian cortex may be a cause of reduced ovarian reserve. Early diagnosis and intervention may be beneficial in women with endometriomas to protect their ovarian function. (*Fertil Steril*® 2011;96:685–91. ©2011 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

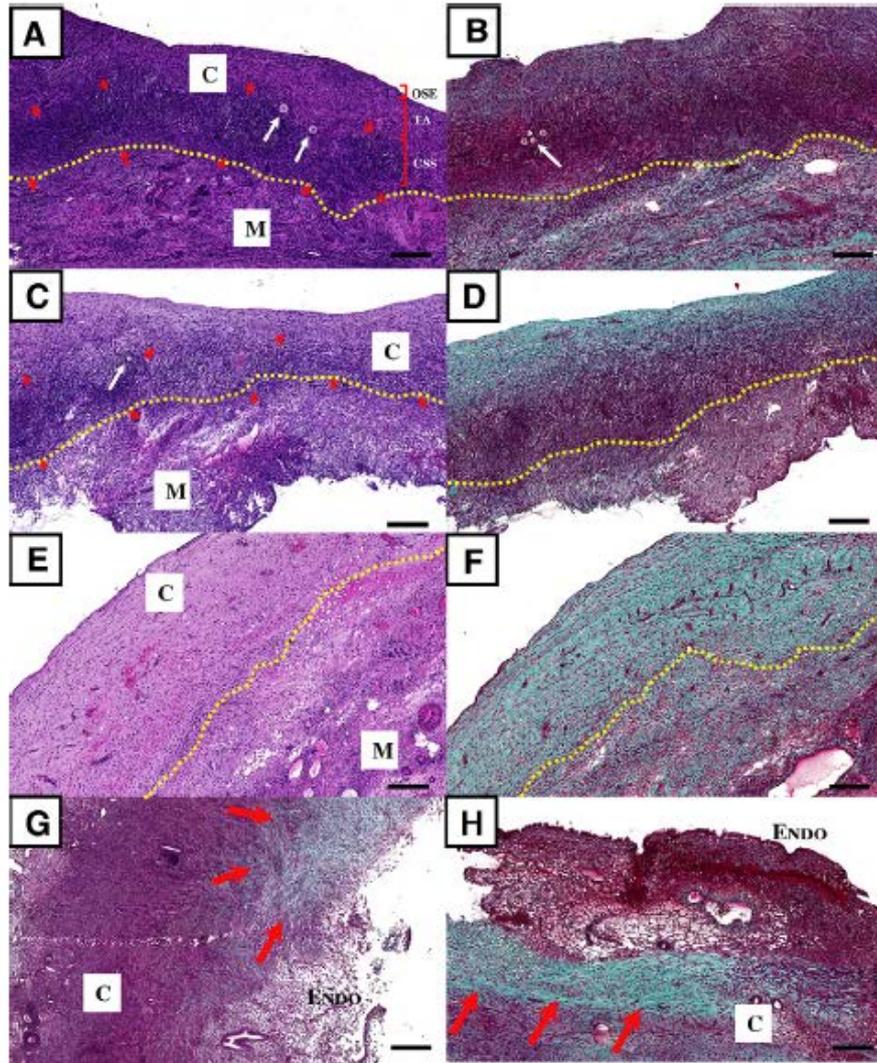
Key Words: Endometriosis, endometrioma, ovarian reserve, follicular density, fibrosis, ovarian stroma

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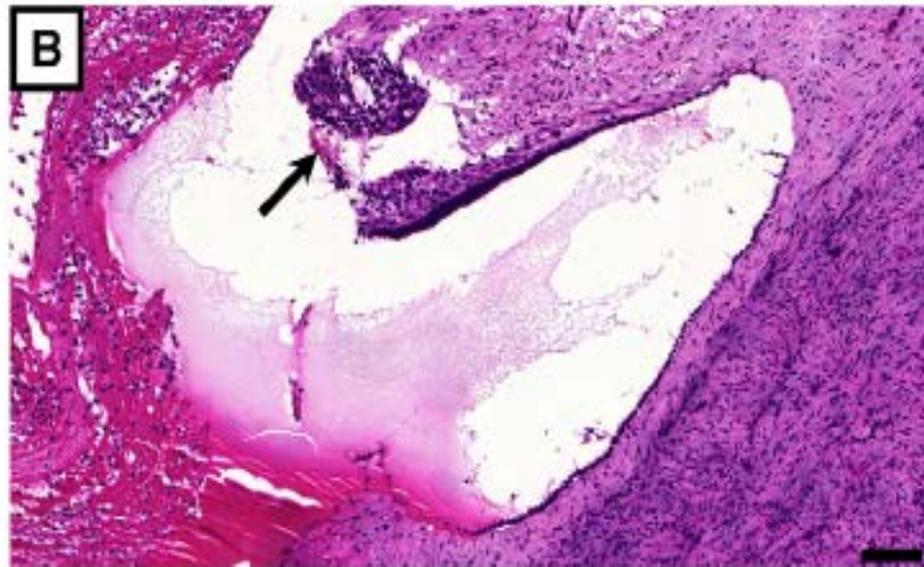
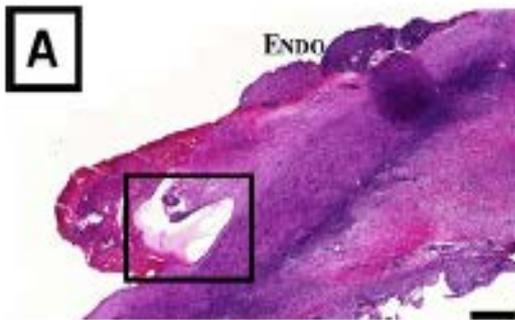
La densidad folicular en la corteza de ovarios con endometriomas menor de 4 cm de diámetro es significativamente menor que la corteza de ovarios normales.

Ovarios con endometriomas:

- fibrosis,
- inflamación,
- pérdida de estroma (folículos)



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Serum anti-Müllerian hormone level is a useful marker for evaluating the impact of laparoscopic cystectomy on ovarian reserve

To assess the impact of laparoscopic surgery on ovarian reserve, we evaluated pre- and postoperative levels of serum anti-Müllerian hormone (AMH) in comparison with basal levels of FSH. The median AMH level was 2.98 ng/mL and 3.92 ng/mL before operation and was significantly reduced to a median level of 2.24 ng/mL and 3.29 ng/mL at 1 month after operation in the endometrioma group (n = 29) and the nonendometrioma group (n = 21), respectively, whereas postoperative basal FSH levels did not significantly change in comparison with preoperative levels. (*Fertil Steril*® 2010;94:2846–9. ©2010 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

Key Words: Anti-Müllerian hormone, laparoscopic cystectomy, ovarian reserve

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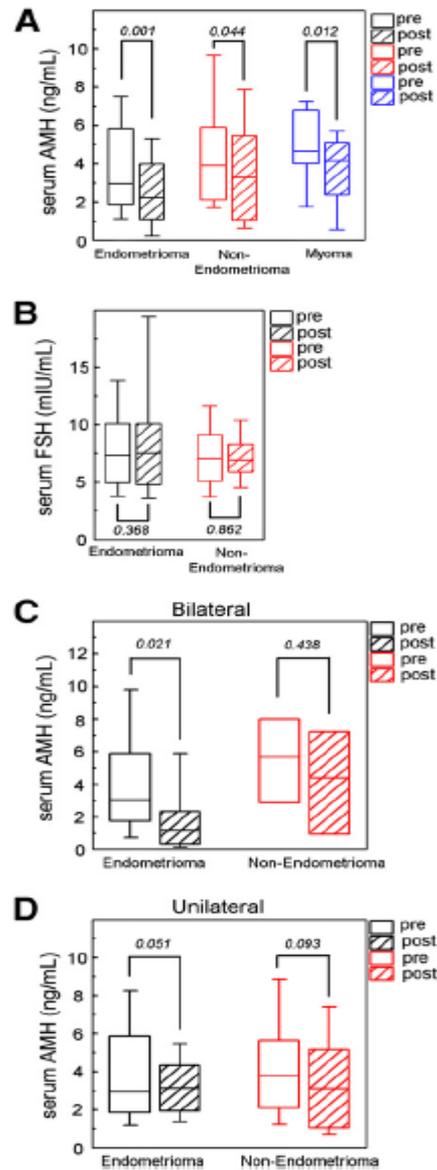
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FIGURE 1



The post-operative decline in serum anti-Müllerian hormone correlates with the bilaterality and severity of endometriosis

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BACKGROUND: To assess the impact of ovarian cystectomy for endometriomas on the ovarian reserve, we evaluated the pre- and post-operative levels of serum anti-Müllerian hormone (AMH). We also analyzed the correlations between factors related to endometriosis and surgery for endometriomas and the serum AMH levels to investigate which factors affect ovarian reserve.

METHODS: Thirty-eight patients who were undergoing ovarian cystectomy for unilateral endometrioma ($n = 20$) and bilateral endometriomas ($n = 18$) participated. Preoperative and post-operative serum samples were collected and assayed for AMH levels, and changes between the two samples were analyzed in association with parameters of endometriosis and surgery for endometriomas.

RESULTS: The mean AMH level was 3.9 ng/ml prior to surgery, and was reduced to 2.1 ng/ml at 1 month post-surgery. The rate of decline of the serum AMH level was significantly higher in the bilateral group than the unilateral group (62.8 ± 29.6 versus $24.7 \pm 32.5\%$, $P < 0.001$). The rate of decline in the serum AMH levels showed a significant correlation to the revised American Society for Reproductive Medicine (rASRM) score ($P = 0.003$), but not age, cyst diameter, blood loss during the operation or the number of follicles removed in the specimens.

CONCLUSIONS: Our results suggest that the decrease in ovarian reserve should be taken into account in patients indicated for cystectomy for bilateral endometriomas or unilateral endometrioma with high rASRM scores.

Key words: anti-Müllerian hormone / cystectomy / endometrioma / ovarian reserve

Table 1 Patient characteristics.

Characteristics and variables	Overall (n = 38)	Unilateral (n = 20)	Bilateral (n = 18)	P-value
Age (years)	33.8 ± 4.7	34.0 ± 3.9	33.6 ± 5.4	0.830 ^a
BMI (kg/m ²)	20.1 ± 2.3	20.4 ± 2.7	19.7 ± 1.7	0.781 ^b
Preoperative				
Monocystic/Multicystic (%)	6 (16)/32 (84)	5 (25)/15 (75)	1 (6)/17 (94)	0.184 ^c
Cyst size 1 (cm)	6.4 ± 2.2	6.1 ± 2.5	6.7 ± 1.8	0.125 ^b
Cyst size 2 (cm)	3.9 ± 1.3	NA	3.9 ± 1.3	NA
Cyst size 1 + 2 (cm)	8.2 ± 3.4	6.1 ± 2.5	10.6 ± 2.5	<0.001 ^b
Serum CA125 (IU/ml)	85.4 ± 84.8	99.7 ± 105.1	68.7 ± 46.3	0.915 ^b
Surgery				
Laparoscopy/Laparotomy	33 (87)/5 (13)	18 (90)/2 (10)	15 (83)/3 (17)	0.653 ^c
Blood loss (ml)	249 ± 305	152 ± 216	357 ± 350	0.005 ^b
rASRM score	49.5 ± 28.3	36.7 ± 23.5	63.7 ± 26.3	<0.001 ^b
Number of follicles in specimens	18.1 ± 19.8	16.9 ± 14.8	19.4 ± 24.2	0.763 ^b
Serum AMH (ng/ml)				
Preoperative	3.9 ± 2.5	4.1 ± 2.3	3.6 ± 2.7	0.299 ^b
Post-operative	2.1 ± 1.6	2.9 ± 1.6	1.2 ± 1.0	0.001 ^b

Values are means ± SD. P-values in unilateral versus bilateral.

^aStudent's t-test.

^bMann-Whitney U-test.

^cFisher's exact test.

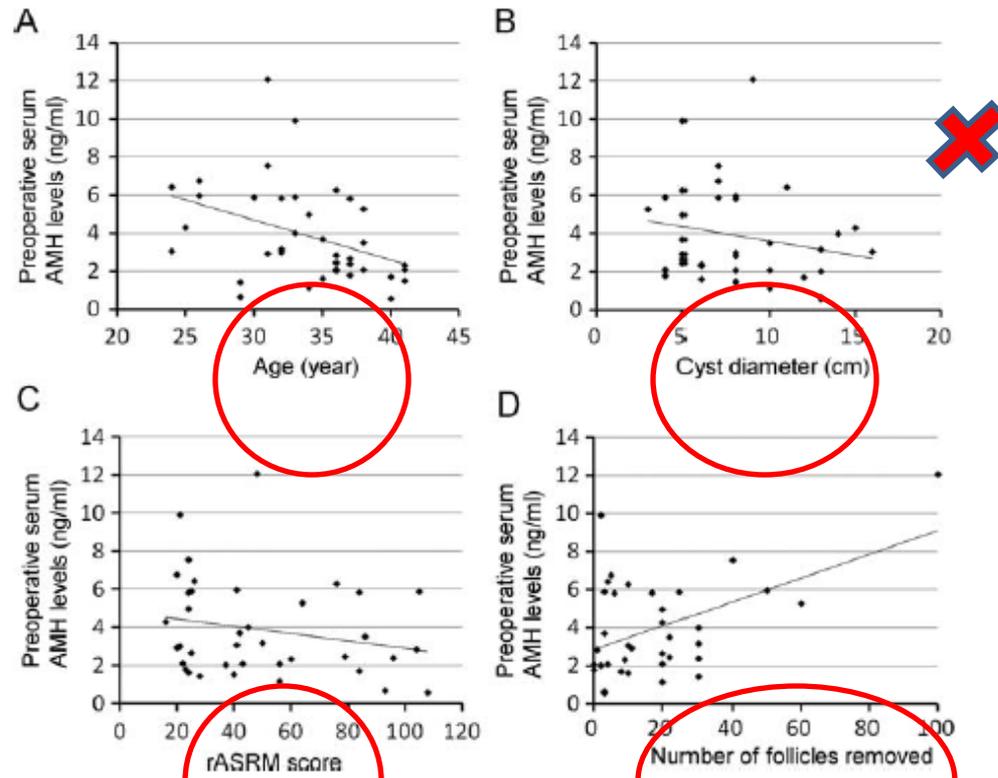


Figure 2 Correlation of the preoperative serum AMH level with (A) age ($r = -0.392, P = 0.0149$), (B) cyst diameter ($r = -0.203, P = 0.22$), (C) rASRM score ($r = -0.219, P = 0.187$) and (D) the number of follicles removed ($r = 0.488, P = 0.00255$). The r is the Pearson correlation coefficient.

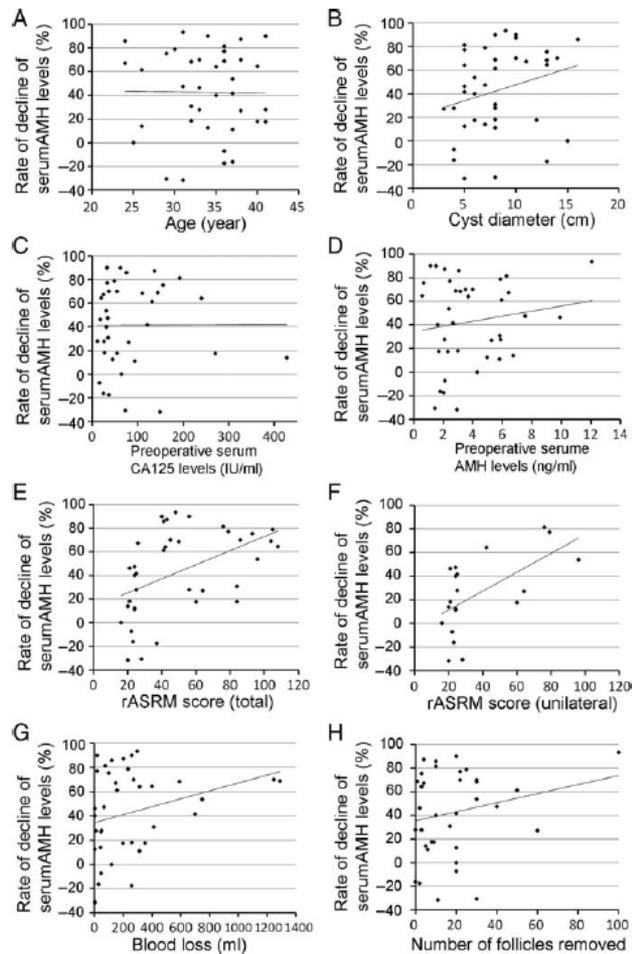


Figure 3 Correlation of rate of decline in the serum AMH level with (A) age ($r = -0.0122$, $P = 0.942$), (B) cyst diameter ($r = 0.259$, $P = 0.117$), (C) preoperative CA125 level ($r = 0.00221$, $P = 0.99$), (D) preoperative serum AMH level ($r = 0.151$, $P = 0.365$), (E) rASRM score in all patients ($r = 0.473$, $P = 0.00273$), (F) rASRM score in the unilateral patients ($r = 0.592$, $P = 0.00594$), (G) blood loss during operation ($r = 0.277$, $P = 0.0927$) and (H) the number of follicles removed ($r = 0.215$, $P = 0.208$). The r is the Pearson correlation coefficient.

Effect of laparoscopic excision of endometriomas on ovarian reserve: serial changes in the serum antimüllerian hormone levels

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Objective: To investigate the effect of laparoscopic endometrioma stripping on serum antimüllerian hormone (AMH) and the correlation between the clinicopathologic factors.

Design: Prospective study.

Setting: University hospital.

Patient(s): Sixty-five women with endometriomas.

Intervention(s): All patients underwent laparoscopic cystectomy. Serum AMH, FSH, LH, E₂, and antral follicle count (AFC) were measured preoperatively, at 6 weeks, and at 6 months postoperatively. Specimens were analyzed histopathologically.

Main Outcome Measure(s): The primary end point was to assess the ovarian reserve damage based on alterations of AMH and the secondary end point was to detect the changes in FSH, LH, E₂, and AFC.

Result(s): Serum AMH decreased significantly at the sixth month (61%) postoperatively. The FSH level increased significantly at the sixth week, but returned to normal at the sixth month. The AFC increased significantly at the sixth week and at the sixth month. The AMH level decrease was more evident in patients with the cyst < 5 cm (65.7% vs. 41.3%). The AMH decrease was more in bilateral compared with unilateral endometriomas (67% versus 57%, respectively). No correlation was detected between the histopathologic analyses and tAMH level. Initially the AMH level was the only independent factor affecting the AMH decrease (odds ratio, 3.68; 95% confidence interval 1.66–8.14).

Conclusion(s): Laparoscopic cystectomy of ovarian endometriomas causes a significant and progressive decline in serum AMH levels. (Fertil Steril® 2012;97:1472–8. ©2012 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

Key Words: Endometrioma, laparoscopy, ovarian reserve, antimüllerian hormone, antral follicle count

TABLE 1

The mean levels of ovarian reserve markers before and after laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy.

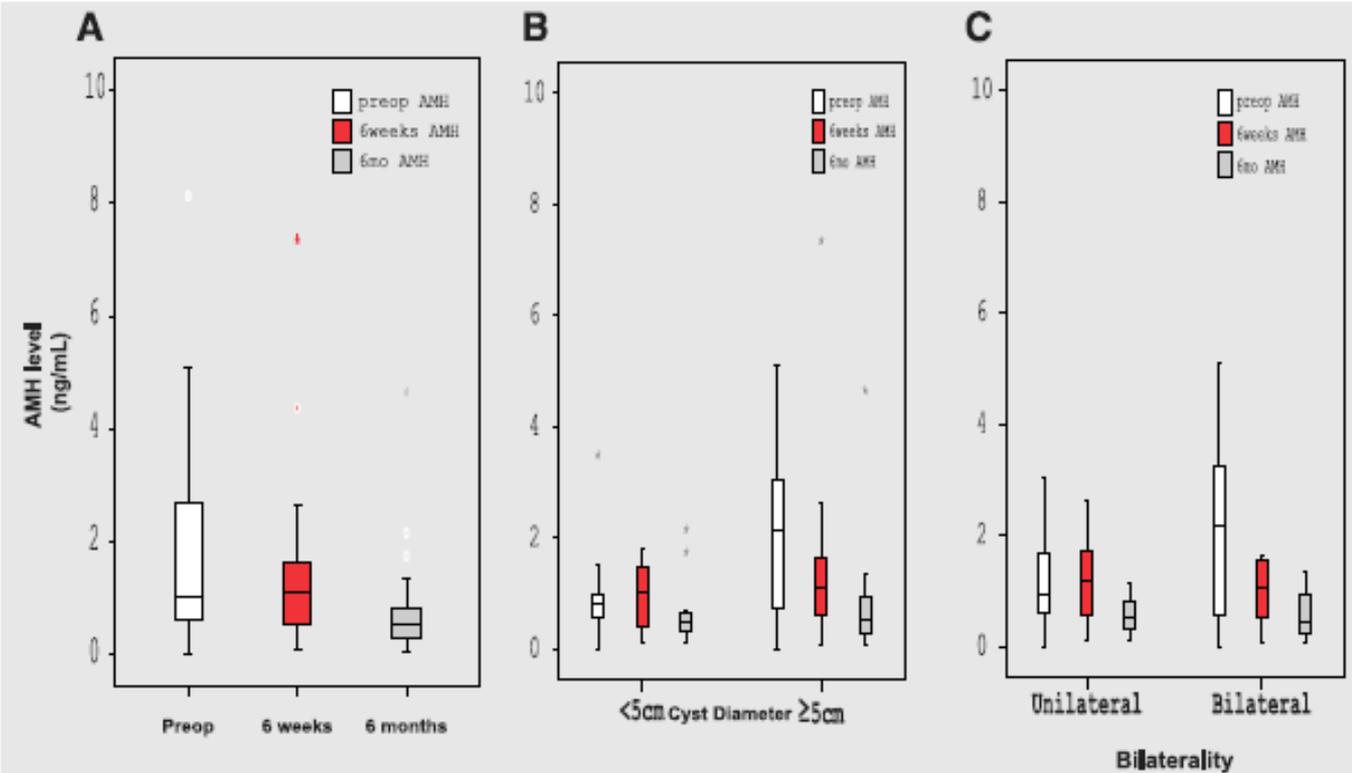
	Preoperative (n = 65)	Postoperative 6th week (mean ± SD; n = 64)	Postoperative 6th month (mean ± SD; n = 39)	P value ^a
FSH (mIU/mL)	6.37 ± 3.04	8.70 ± 5.74	6.67 ± 4.53	< .001
LH (mIU/mL)	7.32 ± 9.02	6.33 ± 7.89	5.64 ± 4.43	NS
FSH:LH ratio	1.66 ± 1.66	2.65 ± 4.42	1.90 ± 3.02	NS
E ₂ (pg/mL)	87.66 ± 63.54	101.56 ± 125.19	91.15 ± 74.58	NS
AFC	4.9 ± 2.2	5.1 ± 2.4	6.4 ± 2.2	.008
AMH (ng/mL)	1.78 ± 1.71	1.32 ± 1.29	0.72 ± 0.79	< .001

Note: AFC = antral follicle count; AMH = antimüllerian hormone; NS = not significant.

^a Analysis of variance (ANOVA) with repeated measures.

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FIGURE 1



Box-and-whisker plots showing the serum antimüllerian hormone (AMH) levels before and after laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy. Lines inside boxes indicate median, and the upper and lower limits of the boxes and whiskers indicate interquartile and total ranges. (A) The whole group; (B) AMH levels according to cyst diameter; and (C) AMH levels according to bilaterality of the endometrioma. Preoperative and sixth week postoperative values are for 65 patients and the sixth month value is for 39 patients.

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Surgical excision of endometriomas and ovarian reserve: a systematic review on serum antimüllerian hormone level modifications

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Objective: To evaluate serum antimüllerian hormone (AMH) level modification after surgical excision of ovarian endometriomas.

Design: Systematic review. MEDLINE search from January 1990 to April 2012 using the combination of medical terms endometriosis, endometrioma, endometriotic cyst, and AMH or antimüllerian hormone, MIF or müllerian inhibiting factor. Reference lists of selected studies were checked for additional potential contributions.

Setting: Not applicable.

Patient(s): Women with ovarian endometriomas requiring surgery.

Intervention(s): Serum AMH level assessment.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Serum AMH level modifications.

Result(s): Eleven articles satisfied our selection criteria. Data pooling were deemed inopportune owing to the heterogeneity of the study designs and of the reported parameters. Nine of 11 studies documented a statistically significant reduction of serum AMH level after surgery. The two studies failing to document this decrease were published by the same study group and partly overlapped. The magnitude of the decline was more evident in women operated on for bilateral endometriomas.

Conclusion(s): Evidence deriving from the evaluation of serum AMH level modifications after surgical excision of endometriomas supports a surgery-related damage to ovarian reserve. (Fertil Steril® 2012;98:1531-8. ©2012 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

Key Words: Endometrioma, AMH, surgery, stripping, ovarian reserve

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TABLE 1

Main characteristics of the included studies.

Study	Surgical technique used	AMH assay kit	Age (y)	No. of cases (monolateral/bilateral)	Data for monolateral/bilateral	Diameter (mm)	Type of controls (N)	Time points assessments
Chang et al., 2010 (11)	LPS stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis, ovarian suture	Stored -70°C, ELISA-DSL. Same assay	34 ± 7	13 (nr)	Yes ^b	nr	Benign cysts (7)	Basal, 1 wk, 1 mo, 3 mo
Biacchiardi et al., 2010 (12)	LPS stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis	Stored -20°C, ELISA-Immunotech. Different assays	34 ± 5	43 (33/10)	No	37 ± 11	None	Basal, 3 mo, 9 mo
Tsolakidis et al., 2010 (13)	LPS stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis	Not stored, ELISA-DSL. Different assays	33 ± 2	10 (7/3)	No	≥30	Endometrioma's vaporization (10) ^a	Basal, 6 mo
Ercan et al., 2010 (14)	LPS stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis	Stored -70°C, ELISA-DSL. Same assay	28 ± 4	47 (33/14)	Yes	≥45	None	Basal, 1 mo
Iwase et al., 2010 (15)	LPS stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis, ovarian suture	Stored -80°C, ELISA-Immunotech. Different assays	33 ± 5	29 (16/13)	Yes	nr	Benign cysts (21) and fibroids (15)	Basal, 1 mo
Lee et al., 2011 (16)	LPS stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis	Stored -70°C, ELISA-Beckman Coulter. Different assays	30 ± 4	13 (13/0)	na	40 ± 18	Ovariectomy for endometrioma (14)	Basal, 1 wk, 1 mo, 3 mo
Hirokawa et al., 2011 (17)	LPS or LPT stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis, ovarian suture	Stored -80°C, ELISA-Immunotech. Different assays	34 ± 5	38 (20/18)	Yes	64 ± 22	None	Basal, 1 mo
Kitajima et al., 2011 (18)	LPS stripping, measures for hemostasis not mentioned	Stored -80°C, ELISA-Immunotech. Different assays	30 ± 5	19 (19/0)	na	67 ± 19	Benign cysts (13)	Basal, 3 mo
Ercan et al., 2011 (19)	LPS stripping (coagulation if close to the hilus), bipolar forceps for hemostasis	Stored -70°C, ELISA-DSL. Different assays	29 ± 5	36 (36/0)	na	25 ± 23	None	Basal, 3 mo
Hwu et al., 2011 (20)	LPS stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis	Not stored, ELISA-DSL. Different assays	31 ± 4	31 (31/0)	na	≥30	None	Basal, 3 mo
Celik et al., 2012 (21)	LPS stripping, bipolar forceps for hemostasis	Stored -80°C, ELISA-DSL. Same assay	28 ± 6	65 (46/19)	Yes	59 ± 21	None	Basal, 6 wk, 6 mo

Note: AMH = anti-Müllerian hormone; DSL = Diagnostic System Laboratories; LPS = laparoscopic; LPT = laparotomy; na = not applicable; nr = not reported.

^a The study from Tsolakidis et al. (2010) is a randomized controlled trial comparing the classic stripping technique and the three-step technique (LPS drainage, GnRH analogues, LPS cyst vaporization).

^b Data are reported separately for monolateral and bilateral cysts but inferred to both endometriotic and non-endometriotic ovarian cysts.

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TABLE 2

Serum AMH levels at the different time points.

Study	Parameter reported	No. of cases	Basal	1 wk	4-6 wk	3 mo	6-9 mo	Pvalue
Chang et al., 2010 (11)	Median (IQR)	13	2.0 (1.3-3.1)	0.6 (0.4-0.8)*	1.0 (0.5-1.5)*	0.8 (0.7-1.6)	-	<.05 vs. basal*
Biacchiardi et al., 2010 (12)	Mean ± SD	43	3.0 ± 0.4	-	-	1.4 ± 0.2*	1.3 ± 0.3*	<.0001 vs. basal*
Tsolakidis et al., 2010 (13)	Mean ± SD	10	3.9 ± 0.4	-	-	-	2.9 ± 0.2*	.026 vs. basal*
Ercan et al., 2010 (14)	Mean ± SD	47	1.6 ± 1.1	-	1.4 ± 1.2	-	-	ns
Iwase et al., 2010 (15)	Median (range)	29	3.0 (0.5-12.1)	-	2.2 (0.1-7.2)*	-	-	.001 vs. basal*
Lee et al., 2011 (16)	Mean ± SD	13	4.7 ± 2.5	2.8 ± 1.6*	2.8 ± 1.5*	3.3 ± 2.1*	-	<.05 vs. basal*
Hirokawa et al., 2011 (17)	Mean ± SD	38	3.9 ± 2.5	-	2.1 ± 1.6*	-	-	<.001 vs. basal*
Kitajima et al., 2011 (18)	Mean ± SD % of reduction	19	4.3 ± 3.0	-	-	-25% ± 29%*	-	.02 vs. controls (-3% ± 35%)*
Ercan et al., 2011 (19)	Mean ± SD	36	2.0 ± 0.4	-	-	2.0 ± 0.6	-	ns
Hwu et al., 2011 (20)	Mean ± SD	31	3.9 ± 0.4	-	-	2.0 ± 0.2*	-	<.01 vs. basal*
Celik et al., 2012 (21)	Mean ± SD	65 ^a	1.8 ± 1.7	-	1.3 ± 1.3*	-	0.7 ± 0.8*	<.001 vs. basal*

Note: AMH levels are reported in nanograms per milliliter. AMH = antimüllerian hormone; IQR = interquartile range; ns = not significant.

^a Thirty-nine women remained at the 6-month assessment.

* P < .05. The specific comparison and the precise P value is shown in the last column.

Somigliana. Surgery for endometriomas and serum AMH. *Fertil Steril* 2012.**Determinantes de la reducción de HAM**

Hirokawa / Bilateralidad

Celik / niveles pre qx de HAM

Kitajima / tejido ovárico

Modificación de la HAM post a qx

9 - 11

Ecron

Modificaciones de HAM en grupos control / Control de técnicas qx

Kitajima / no cambios

Chang / recuperación a los 3 meses

Iwase / miomectomía

Tsolakidis / qx tres pasos

Lee oforectomía unilt - cistectomía

Trabajos de Ecran : menor edad
menor número de folículos antrales
en ovario operado sin cambios en
HAM

Limitaciones: difícil comparación
Disminución espontanea de HAM con el
tiempo (0,1 ng/ml por año)
Controles: quistes ováricos / disminución
del volumen luego de qx de endometriomas
Descenso de HAM luego de Miomectomia

**HAM disminuye después de la cirugía y es mayor en
endometriomas bilaterales**

CIRUGIA = DAÑO A LA RESERVA OVARICA

Endometriosis and infertility: a committee opinion

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Women with endometriosis typically present with pelvic pain, infertility, or an adnexal mass, and may require surgery. Treatment of endometriosis in the setting of infertility raises a number of complex clinical questions that do not have simple answers. This document replaces the 2006 ASRM Practice Committee document of the same name. (Fertil Steril® 2012;98:591–8. ©2012 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

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CONCLUSIONS

- Female age, duration of infertility, pelvic pain, and stage of endometriosis should be considered when formulating a management plan.

- The benefit of laparoscopic treatment of minimal or mild endometriosis is insufficient to recommend laparoscopy solely to increase the likelihood of pregnancy.
- When laparoscopy is performed for other indications, the surgeon may consider safely abating or excising visible lesions of endometriosis.
- In younger women (under age 35 years) with stage I/II endometriosis-associated infertility, expectant management or SO/IUI can be considered as first-line therapy.
- For women 35 years of age or older, more aggressive treatment, such as SO/IUI or IVF may be considered.
- In women with stage III/IV endometriosis-associated infertility, conservative surgical therapy with laparoscopy or possible laparotomy may be beneficial.
- Surgical management of an endometrioma should include resection or ablation, rather than drainage, with resection preferred.
- For women with stage III/IV endometriosis who fail to conceive following conservative surgery or because of advancing reproductive age, IVF-ET is an effective alternative.

Table II International guidelines on surgical treatment of endometriosis-associated infertility in asymptomatic women

Clinical condition	Recommendation		
	ESHRE 2005	ASRM 2006	RCOG 2006
Minimal-mild endometriosis (stage I–II disease)	Limited benefit: surgery recommended	Small benefit: surgery recommended	Demonstrated benefit: surgery recommended
Moderate–severe endometriosis (stage III–IV disease)	Possible but unproven benefit: surgery recommended	Possible benefit: surgery recommended	Possible benefit: recommendation uncertain
Post-operative adjuvant treatment	No benefit: not recommended	No benefit: not recommended	No benefit: not recommended
Surgery before IVF	Recommended if endometrioma ≥ 4 cm	Doubtful benefit: no recommendation	Recommended if endometrioma ≥ 4 cm
Recurrent endometriosis	No recommendation	Second-line surgery not recommended	No recommendation

ESHRE guideline: management of women with endometriosis[†]

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CONCLUSIONES I

1. EL endometrioma ovárico esta asociado con reducción de la reserva ovárica.
2. La resección del endometrioma resulta en compromiso de la reserva ovárica.
3. Los endometriomas bilaterales representan un aspecto negativo mayor sobre la reserva ovárica que los unilaterales, antes y después de la cirugía.

CONCLUSIONES II

4. La resección del Endometrioma debe evitar:
 - **Remover el estroma pre- capsular**
 - **Remover la porción iliar de la pseudo-cápsula**
 - **Excesiva coagulación.**

5. Medir los niveles de HAM antes de la cirugía para identificar las pacientes de riesgo de falla ovárica postoperatoria.

6. Los endometriomas pequeños y asintomáticos < 4 cm que no interfieren con la accesibilidad de los folículos, no deben removerse antes de FIV

“Se necesita poco para hacer las cosas bien pero menos aun para hacerlas mal”

Paul Bocuse

CIRUGÍA Y TÉCNICA

Endometrioma

Tratamiento quirúrgico vs No Tratamiento antes del FIV

Tamaño:

Asintomáticas:

- Dificultad técnica en aspiración
- Riesgo de infección /punción inadvertida

No Cirugía en endometriomas pequeños

- Técnicamente más difícil
- Mayor cantidad de tejido sano removido inadvertido
- Interfieren menos técnicamente
- Menor riesgo de infección

TRATAMIENTO EXPECTANTE

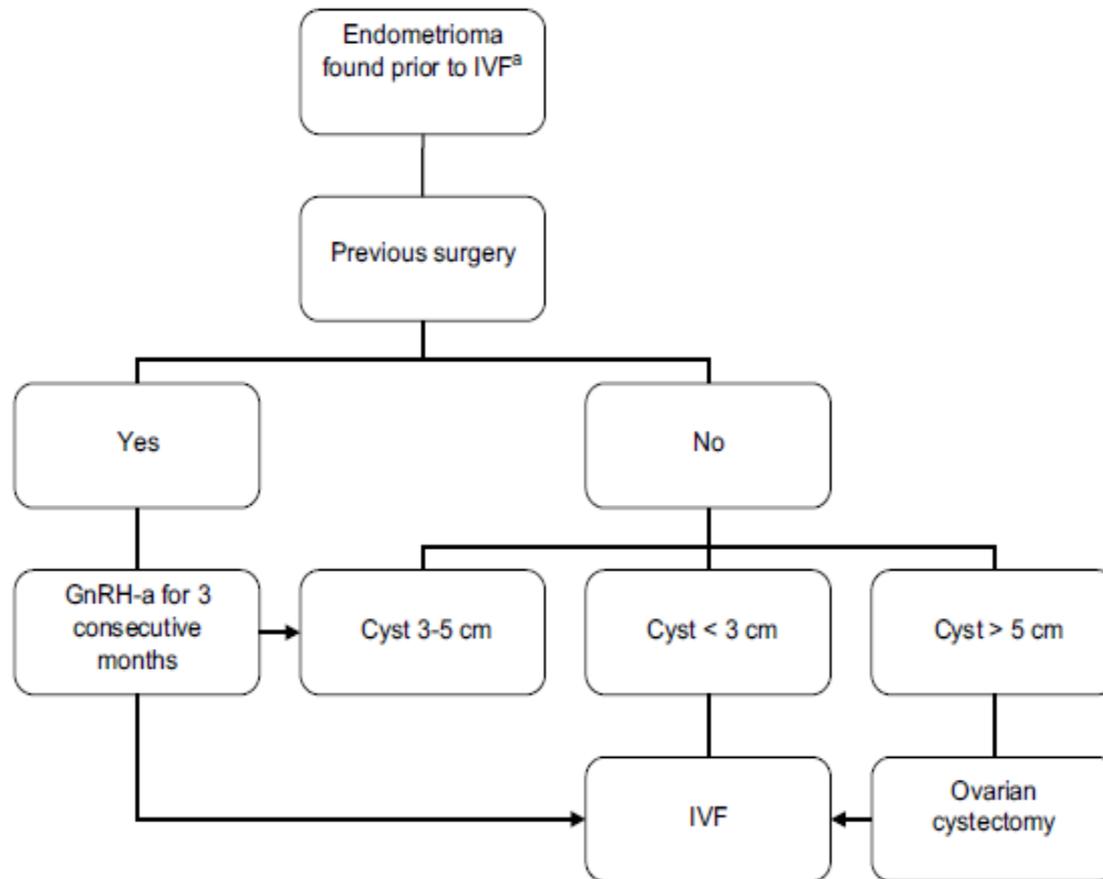
Ningún estudio

Riesgos:

- Dificultad en monitoreo de ovulación
- Ruptura espontanea
- Dificultad para la aspiración folicular
- Ruptura inadvertida en la aspiración
- Efectos en los ovocitos y embriones
- Reducción chance de implantación
- Infección pélvica
- No tejido / Exclusión de malignidad

Tsoumpou I. et al. **The effect of surgical treatment for endometrioma on invitro fertilization outcomes: a systematic review and meta analysis.** 2009

Flow chart for management of endometrioma.



^a: in vitro fertilization

Tsompou. Surgery for endometrioma and IVF outcome. Fertil Steril 2009.

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NO CIRUGÍA

1. Estudio histológico de los endometriomas

Muzzii

Roman

Dogan

Var

Bussaca

2. Pronóstico de FIV luego de la cistectomía del endometrioma

3. Reserva ovárica

volumen ovárico / Var

CFA

HAM

Surgical treatment of ovarian endometriomas: state of the art?

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Nevertheless, the authors did not reach a physiologic explanation for this finding. Therefore, we think that this finding could be somewhat compared with the accelerated dominant follicle development phenomenon in older women, formerly described by Nancy Klein (4). If these patients were suffering from a type of reduction of ovarian reserve, it would be plausible to accept that higher FSH levels in the luteal-follicular transition, also demonstrated by the authors, and the reactive response of ovarian tissue after surgery, have led to the production of larger follicles. It is well known that follicles in more-advanced stages of maturation do not produce AMH. It would justify a reduction in AMH levels and augmentation in the number of follicles counted.

Celik y col

To confirm this hypothesis, it would be necessary to have the size of all follicles measured by ultrasound before and after surgery. This model could provide us with valuable information about follicular dynamics in the remaining ovarian tissue after endometrioma excision.

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HORMONA ANTI MULLERIANA

NIVELES EN SANGRE ng/ml	INTERPRETACIÓN
< 0,3	MUY BAJO
0,3 – 0,6	BAJO
0,7 – 0,9	RANGO NORMAL BAJO
> 1,0 – 2,9	NORMAL
Más 3,0	ALTO (a menudo SOP)

CIRUGÍA

1. Dolor
2. Aumento de la tasa de embarazo
3. Endometriosis y Ca ovárico
4. Aspiración: Accesibilidad de ovario y folículos
Infección pélvica post aspiración
Calidad ovocitaria

NO CIRUGÍA

Disminución de la reserva ovárica / alto riesgo de falla ovárica prematura

1. Estudio histológico de los endometriomas
2. Pronóstico de FIV luego de la cistectomía del endometrioma
3. Reserva ovárica

REMOVAL ENDOMETRIOMAS BEFORE IVF DOES NOT IMPROVE FERTILITY OUTCOMES: A MATCHED, CASE-CONTROL STUDY. Garcia Velasco y col. Fertil Steril 2004

- 1.- La cirugía laparoscópica no mejora las tasas de FIV
2. - Dolor está indicada
3. - Posibilidad de ruptura del quiste
- 4.- Posibilidad de malignidad
- 5.- La cirugía laparoscópica **No compromete el número o calidad de los ovocitos obtenidos**
- 6.- No ofrece beneficios adicionales en términos de pronóstico de fertilidad
- 7.- Paciente asintomático no cirugía reduce el tiempo de embarazo, disminuye costos y evita complicaciones quirúrgicas
- 8.- Paciente sintomático operado por endometrioma con cirugía conservadora no cambia su pronóstico en FIV

IMPACTO DE LA CIRUGÍA

Número de Ovocitos recuperados después de Cistectomía en comparación al grupo control.

	CONTROL	ENDOMETRIOMAS
Al-Azemil et al. 2000	7.1 +/- 0.5	6.9 +/- 0.7
Canis et al. 2001	10.9 +/- 6.5	9.4 +/- 6.2
Donnez et al. 2001	8.6 +/- 4.3	10.6 +/- 4.2
Marconi et al. 2002	8.7 +/- 5.1	7.5 +/- 3.9
Geber et al. 2002	12.0 +/- 5.9	9.8 +/- 5.4
Pabuccu et al 2004	7.2 +/- 1.5	5.7 +/- 1.3
Esinler et al. 2006	11.1 +/- 6.1	10.8 +/- 6.2 (unilateral)
Esinier et al. 2006	-	7.1 +/- 4.4 (bilateral)
Demirool et al. 2006	8.6 +/- 2.8	7.8 +/- 3.1

Decline of serum antimüllerian hormone levels after laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy in endometrioma and other benign cysts: a prospective cohort study

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Objective: To identify the most important factor in predicting ovarian reserve after laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy and to evaluate whether there is any difference in the postoperative decline of ovarian reserve between women with endometrioma and those with other benign ovarian cysts.

Design: Prospective cohort study

Setting: University hospital

Patient(s): A total of 100 women who had undergone laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy for endometrioma (n = 68) or other benign ovarian cysts (n = 32).

Intervention(s): Serum antimüllerian hormone (AMH) levels measured by enzyme immunoassay preoperatively and at 3 months after surgery.

Main Outcome Measure(s): Rate of AMH decline after surgery and follicle numbers retained in cystectomy specimens.

Result(s): Serum AMH levels were obviously decreased at 3 months after the surgery (4.97 ± 2.83 vs. 3.33 ± 2.08 ng/mL, mean \pm standard deviation). Adjusting for several parameters, we could see that bilaterality of the ovarian cyst was the only significant factor in predicting the rate of postoperative decline of AMH levels. The rate of AMH decline did not differ between the endometrioma group and the other benign ovarian cyst group.

Conclusion(s): Bilaterality of the ovarian cyst is the only significant factor in predicting the rate of decline of AMH level after laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy. The rate of decline of AMH levels after surgery was similar between the endometrioma group and the other benign ovarian cyst group. (Fertil Steril® 2014;101:435–41. ©2014 by American Society for Reproductive Medicine.)

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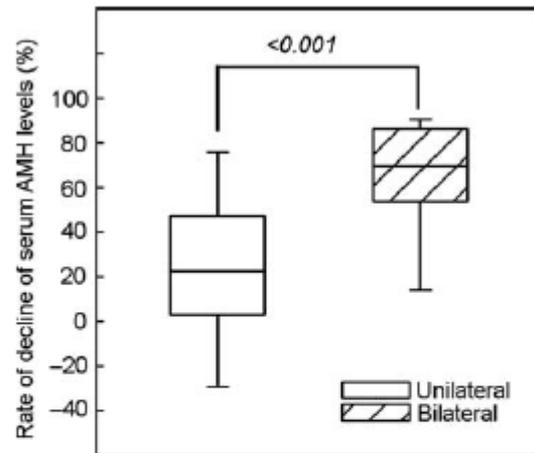


Figure 1 The rate of decline in serum AMH is defined as $100 \times$ [preoperative AMH level – post-operative AMH level]/preoperative AMH level. Data are represented by box-and-whisker plots. The lines inside boxes indicate the median value, and the upper and lower limits of the boxes and whiskers indicate the interquartile and total ranges. The *P*-value is denoted with italicized numbers.