

Analysis of postoperative adjuvant therapy in 102 patients with gastric-type mucinous carcinoma of the uterine cervix: a multi-institutional study

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Background

- Gastric-type mucinous carcinoma (GAS) is a representative of HPV-independent adenocarcinoma carcinoma of the uterine cervix (WHO Classification 2020).
- In Japan, postoperative adjuvant therapy for cervical cancer includes not only radiation therapy (RT) or concurrent chemoradiotherapy (CCRT), but also chemotherapy in many cases.
- However, there are no reports analyzing adjuvant therapy for GAS.

Patients and methods

- This was a preplanned secondary analysis of the dataset of a previous nationwide, retrospective observational study (UMIN00007987).
- The study population comprised women with stage I to II GAS who underwent surgery between 2000 and 2009.
- The progression-free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS) of patients who received no adjuvant therapy, RT, CCRT, or chemotherapy were statistically compared with the Kaplan-Meier method.
- In our study, cases were reclassified as low-risk, intermediate-risk, and high-risk according to the Japan Society of Gynecologic Oncology (JSGO) guidelines.

Table 1. Risk classification for postoperative relapse of cervical cancer

Low-risk group: Patients who satisfy all the following criteria:

- Small cervical mass
- Negative pelvic lymph node metastasis
- Negative parametric invasion
- Shallow cervical stroma invasion
- Negative vascular invasion

Intermediate-risk group: Patients with negative pelvic lymph node metastasis and negative parametric invasion that satisfy any of the following criteria:

- Large cervical mass
- Deep cervical stromal invasion
- Positive vascular invasion

High-risk group: Patients who satisfy either of the following items:

- Positive pelvic lymph node metastasis
- Positive parametric invasion

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Results

Table 2. Patient characteristics (n=102)

Factor	N (%)
Age (range)	48 (21–79)
FIGO Stage (1988)	
IA1/IB1/IB2/IIA1/IIA2/IIIB	5 (4.9)/ 34 (33.3)/ 24 (23.5)/ 24 (23.5)/ 6 (5.9)/ 8 (7.8)/ 24 (25.6)
Tumor diameter (mm) median (range)	37 (2-94)
Body mass index	21 (10.6-35.1)
Differentiation	
Well/Moderately/Poorly/Unclassified	71 (69.6)/19 (18.6)/6 (5.9)/6 (5.9)
Adjuvant therapy	
None	39 (38.2)
Radiotherapy	22 (20.6)
Concurrent chemoradiotherapy	11 (11.8)
Chemotherapy	30 (29.4)

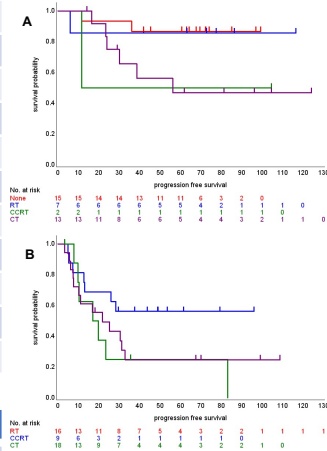
Table 3. Type of adjuvant therapy

	None	RT	CCRT	Chemotherapy
Low-risk	16	0	0	1
Intermediate-risk	17	7	2	11
High-risk	6	15	9	18

Conclusion

- The prognosis of GAS was again confirmed to be poor, even in cases of early-stage cancer and surgical resection.
- Chemotherapy as a postoperative adjuvant therapy is associated with poor prognosis.

Figure A. Progression-free survival in the intermediate-risk group and B. in the high-risk group



PFS in the intermediate-risk group and in the high-risk group ($P = 0.141$ and $P = 0.169$, respectively)