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COLPOFIX® Medical kit

Global Medical Brand Team

 **Laborest**

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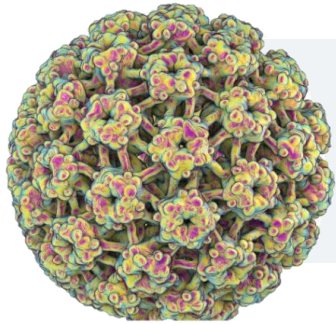
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1. Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

- Introduction
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Introduction



Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a non-enveloped, double-stranded DNA virus.
Over **150 genotypes** have been identified, **each with characteristic tissue tropism**.

CUTANEOUS

HPV infection and virus replication in squamous epithelium of the skin

MUCOUS MEMBRANES

HPV infection and virus replication in the **genital mucosa**

More than **150 types of HPV**, classified according to their oncogenic potential

- **High risk:** 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66
- **Low risk:** 6, 11, 40, 42, 43, 44, 54, 61, 70, 72, 81

LOW-RISK HPV TYPES

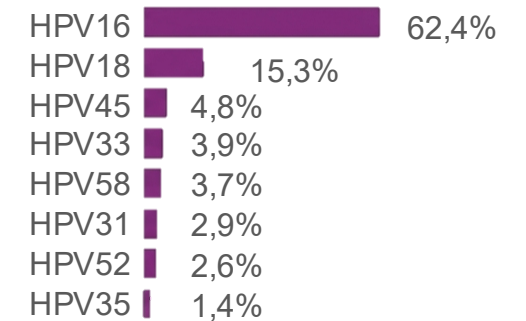
HIGH-RISK HPV TYPES



SKIN WARTS (genitals, anus, etc.)

PRECANCEROUS CERVICAL LESIONS AND CERVICAL CANCER (if persistent)

Attributable Fraction of Key High Risk Types



Epidemiology

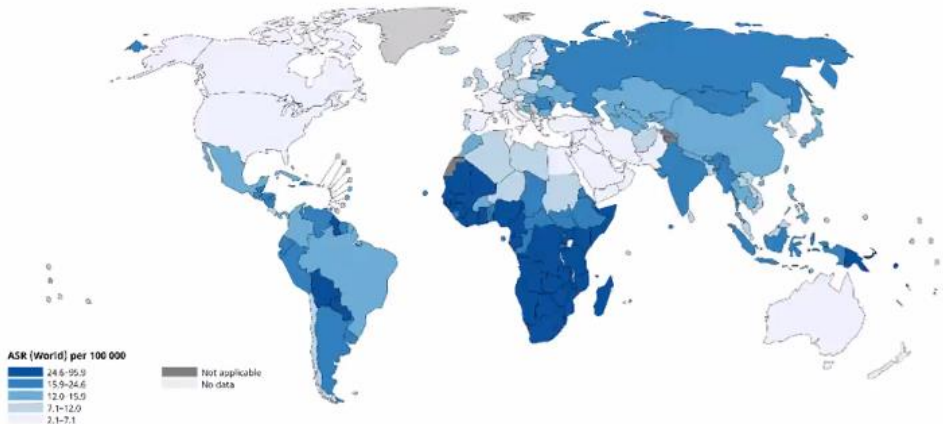
HPV infection is highly prevalent, but **persistence** is the key clinical concern.

75-80%
of sexually active individuals may be exposed to HPV during their lifetime

One of the **most common** sexually transmitted infections (STI) worldwide

Cervical cancer strongly associated with persistent high-risk HPV infection

Age-Standardized Rate (World) per 100 000, Incidence, Females, in 2022
Cervix uteri



- Highest prevalence in Africa and Central America; lowest in Europe and Asia.
- Cervical cancer is the 3rd most frequent in women between 25 – 64 years old
- Cervical cancer comprises 80% of cancers associated with HPV

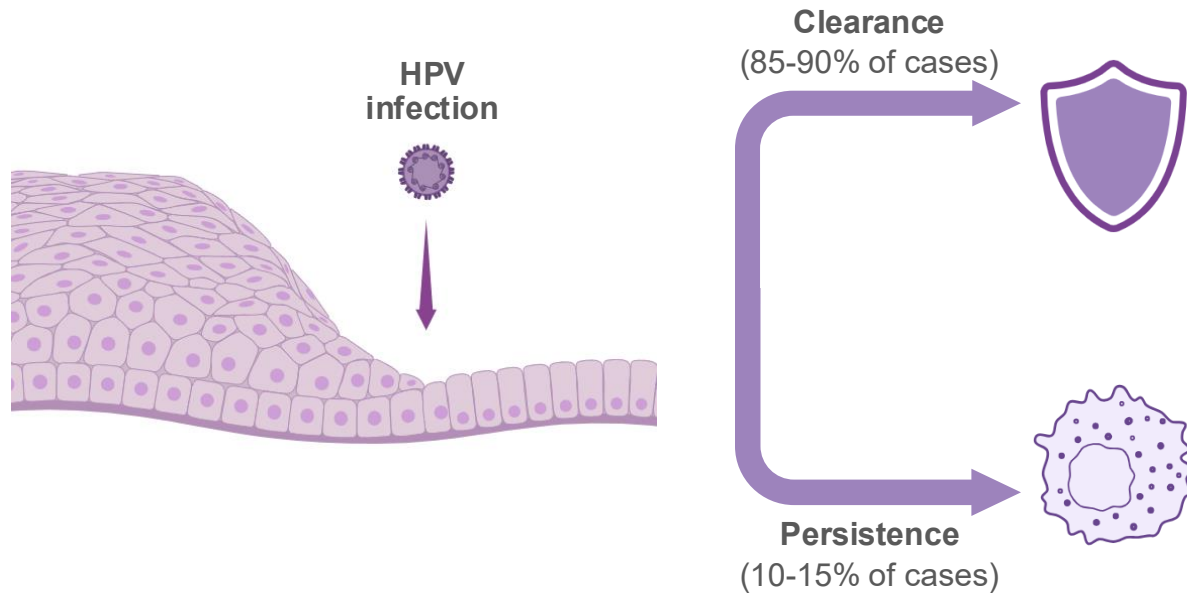
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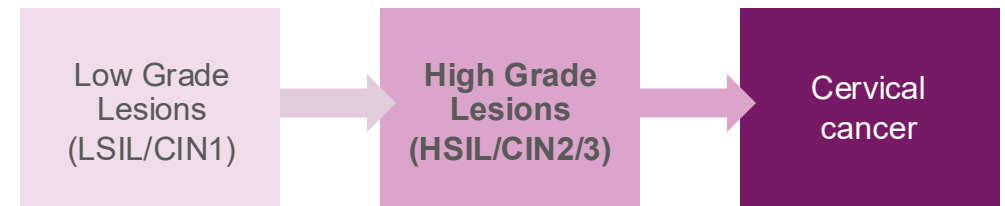


Natural history

Most HPV infections are transient, but persistent high-risk HPV infection is the key driver of cervical lesion progression.

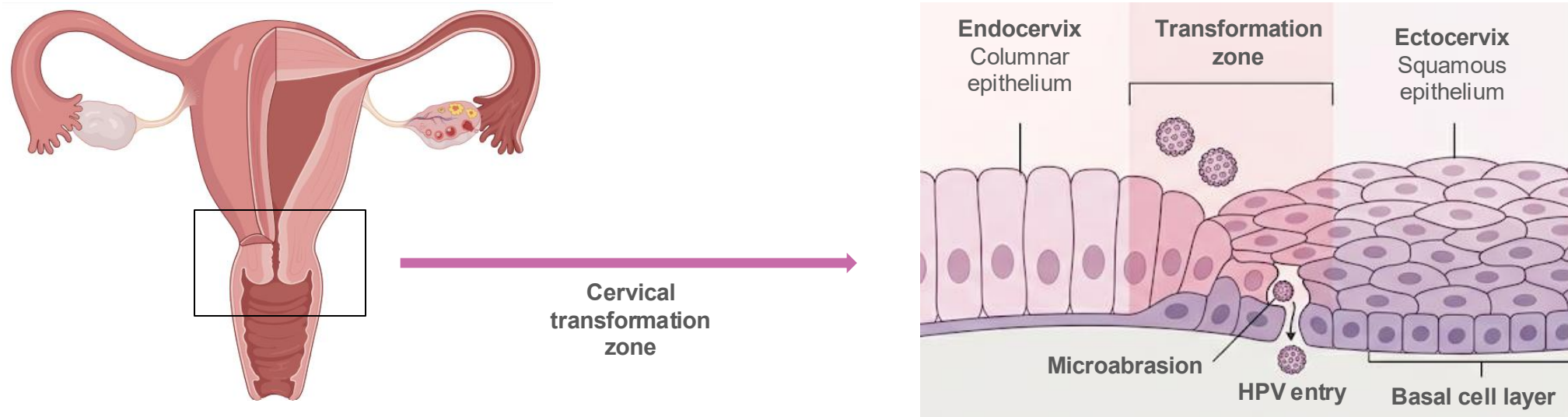


The immune system successfully eliminates the virus within 2 years.



Natural history

HPV reaches the basal epithelial cells through microabrasions, especially in the cervical transformation zone.

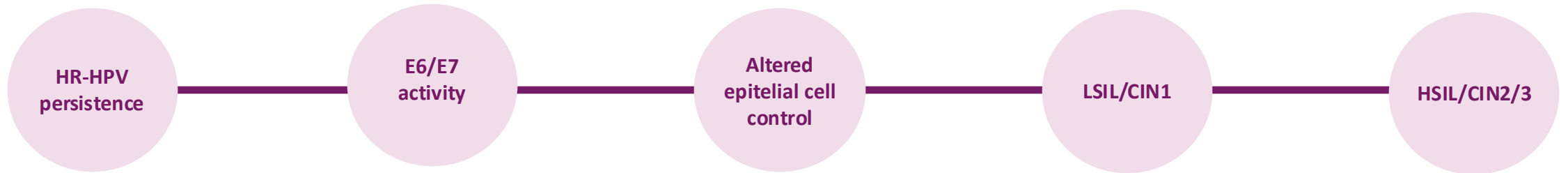


- The **transformation zone** is the **main site** of cervical HPV infection
- **Microabrasions** allow HPV to reach the basal cell layer.
- **Basal epithelial cells** are the initial site of infection.

Natural history

Why persistence matters: role of high-risk HPV and E6/E7

Persistent high-risk HPV infection can disrupt normal cell-cycle control, increasing the risk of cervical lesion progression.



Persistent HR-HPV infection

The virus remains active in the cervical epithelium instead of being cleared by the immune system

E6/E7 activity

High-risk HPV oncoproteins interfere with normal cell-cycle control mechanisms.

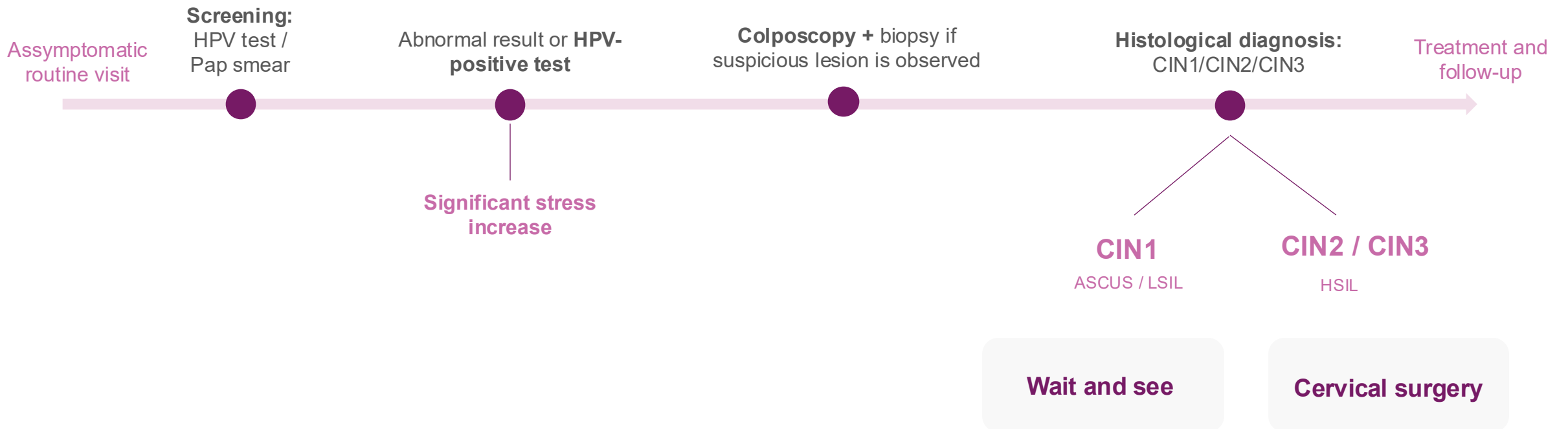
Progression risk

Sustained epithelial cell dysregulation may contribute to LSIL/CIN1 persistence and progression to HSIL/CIN2/3.

Diagnosis

Patient Journey

Screening tests identify women at risk, while histology confirms the grade of cervical lesion.



Diagnosis

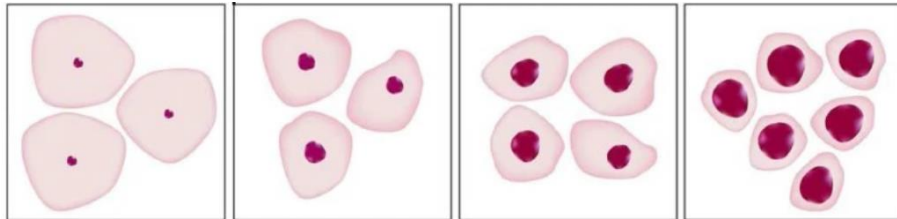
HPV-related cervical lesions can be classified according to the sample evaluated: **cells** in **cytology** or tissue in histology.

CYTOLOGY



Bethesda system

Classifies the cytological **intraepithelial squamous lesions**



NORMAL

ASC-US:

presence of **atypical squamous cells**

LSIL:

intraepithelial squamous lesions of **low grade**

HSIL:

intraepithelial squamous lesions of **high grade**

ASC-H:

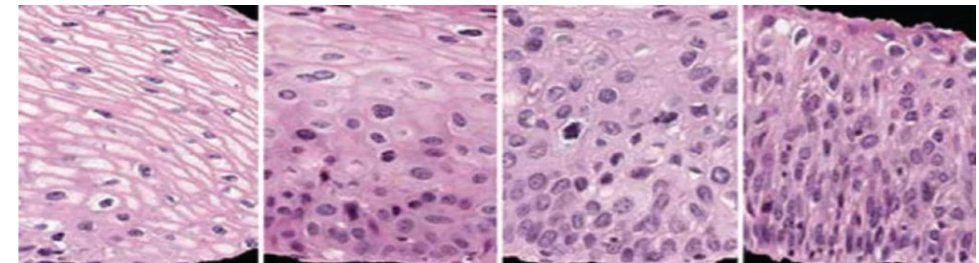
atypical squamous cells that raise concern for the presence of **H-SIL**

HISTOLOGY



CIN: Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia

Classifies the histological lesions by **their grade of neoplasia**



NORMAL

CIN1:

cervical intraepithelial neoplasia of **low grade** considered light dysplasia

CIN2:

lesions whose evolution **may progress** to neoplasia

CIN3:

true intraepithelial neoplasms with a **high potential for progression**

LSIL usually corresponds to CIN1, whereas HSIL is more commonly associated with CIN2 and CIN3

Risk factors

Main risk factors involved in HPV persistence



IMMUNE RESPONSE



VAGINAL MICROBIOTA



EPITHELIUM INTEGRITY



OTHER FACTORS:
STRESS

Risk factors

IMMUNE RESPONSE



Key role in HPV clearance

An effective local immune response is essential for HPV recognition, clearance and prevention of persistence.

HPV infection in cervical epithelium →

Antigen capture by dendritic and Langerhans cells



→ T-cell activation →

Clearance of infected epithelial cells

If immune surveillance is impaired → Reduced antigen presentation → Reduced T-cell activation → Higher risk of HPV persistence

- Innate immunity is **the first line of defense** during early HPV infection.
- **Weakness** of the immune system appears to be the most significant factor for HPV progression and persistence
- Dendritic and Langerhans cells contribute to local immune activation by promoting **cytokine and chemokine secretion and supporting NK-cell and T-cell responses.**

Risk factors

VAGINAL MICROBIOTA

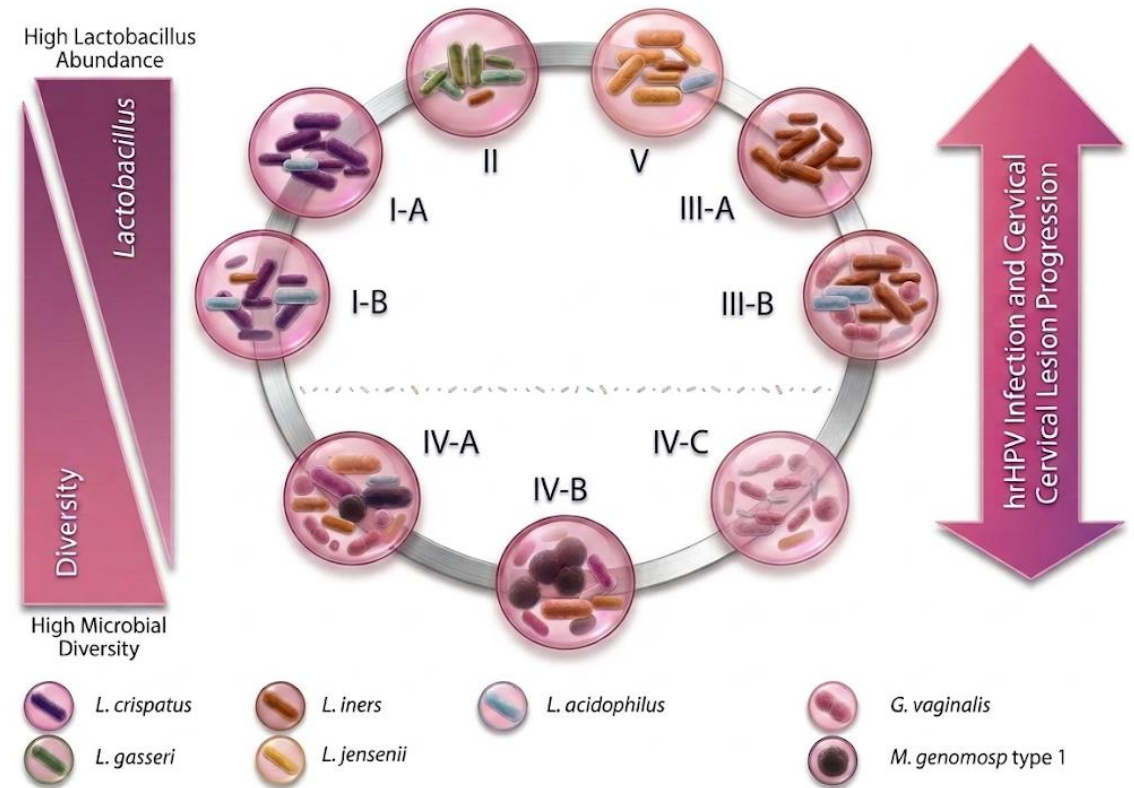


The **vaginal microbiome (VM)** plays a functional role in **HPV acquisition and persistence**, influencing the cytokine profile of the cervical microenvironment.

HPV-positive women often show a **more diverse and altered vaginal microbiota** compared with HPV-negative women.

Rebalancing the microbiota may help create a **less favourable environment** for HPV persistence and support viral clearance.

The cervicovaginal microbiota can be classified into community state types (CSTs I–V), according to the dominant bacterial species. CST IV is typically associated with dysbiosis.



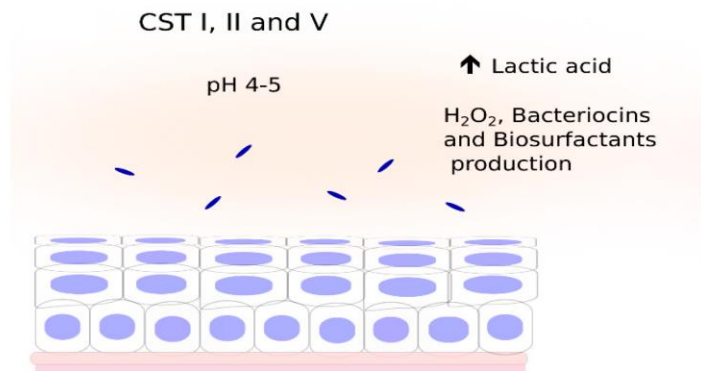
Risk factors

VAGINAL MICROBIOTA



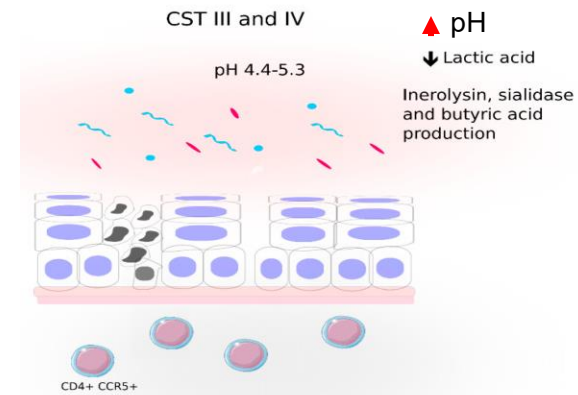
Protective microbiota profile CST I, II and V

Dominated by non-iners *Lactobacillus* species associated with low vaginal pH
Produce high levels of lactic acid, hydrogen peroxide and protective bacterial bioproducts
Help maintain a more stable and protective cervicovaginal environment



Dysbiotic / less protective microbiota profile CST III and IV

CST III is dominated by *Lactobacillus iners*
CST IV is characterized by high bacterial diversity and an increased frequency of anaerobic species
Both profiles produce less lactic acid
They may exhibit inerolysin, sialidase and butyric acid production
They can modulate the local immune response through pro-inflammatory cytokine production and recruitment of CD4+CCR5+ lymphocytes



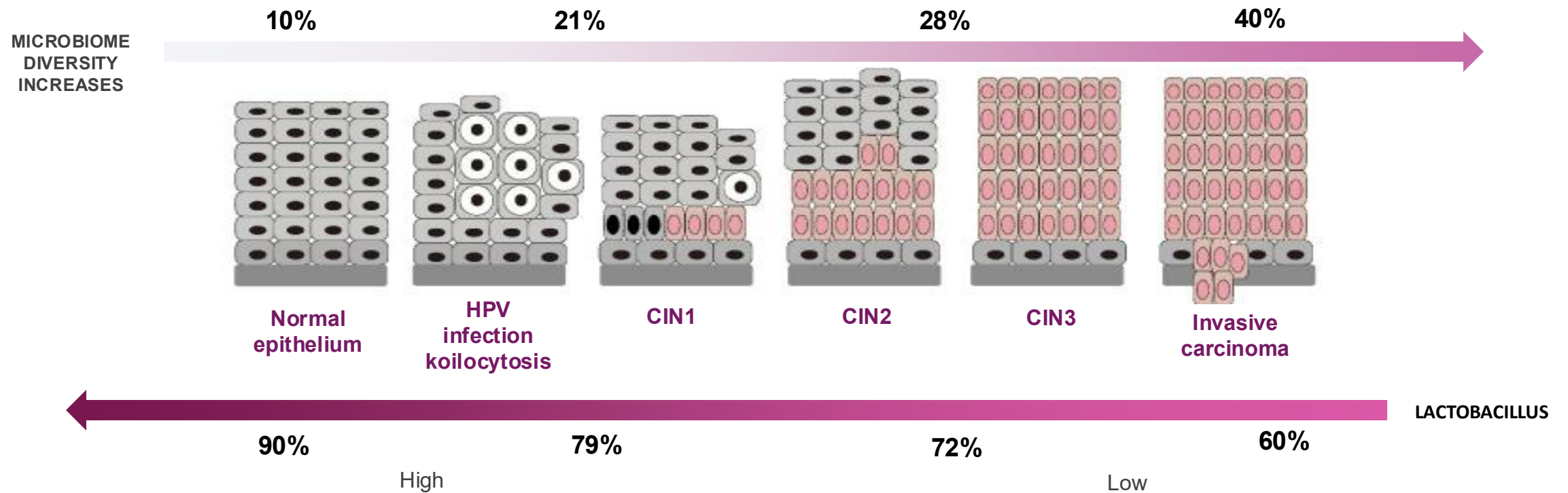
Risk factors

VAGINAL MICROBIOTA



Protective balance vs dysbiosis

A vaginal microbiota dominated by Lactobacillus helps maintain a protective low-pH environment, while dysbiosis is associated with HPV persistence and lesion progression.



Risk factors

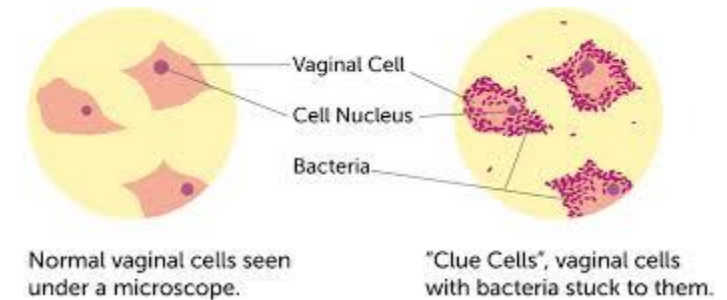
VAGINAL MICROBIOTA



Amsel Criteria

In clinical practice, Bacterial Vaginosis (BV) can be assessed using **Amsel criteria**, including:

- Leucorrhoea: Thin, white, yellow, homogeneous discharge
- Presence of clue cells
- pH of vaginal fluid **>4.5**
- Whiff test: amine odor , KOH
- **At least two of the four** criteria should be present for a confirmed diagnosis



Risk factors

EPITHELIUM INTEGRITY

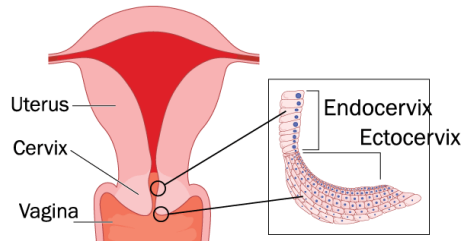


Cervical epithelium

Endocervix

Columnar cells, single layer epithelium

Lines the inner cervical canal and contains mucus-producing columnar cells, which can be exposed on the outer cervix in ectopy and later replaced by squamous cells in the transformation zone.

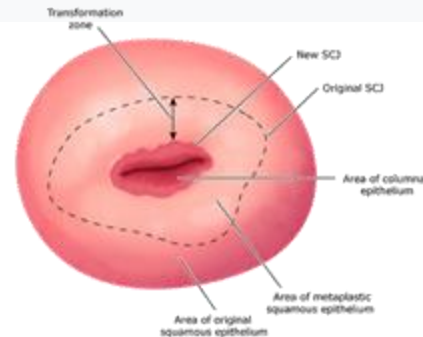


Transformation zone

The transformation zone is the area of the cervix where **columnar cells are replaced by squamous cells.**

Because cells are actively changing, it is the most common site for cervical abnormalities to develop.

*Its location can vary between women.



Ectocervix or exocervix

Squamous multilayer epithelium

Ectopy is the presence of columnar cells from the cervical canal on the outer surface of the cervix. It is a physiological condition, commonly seen in young women, during pregnancy, or in women using contraceptive pills.



Risk factors

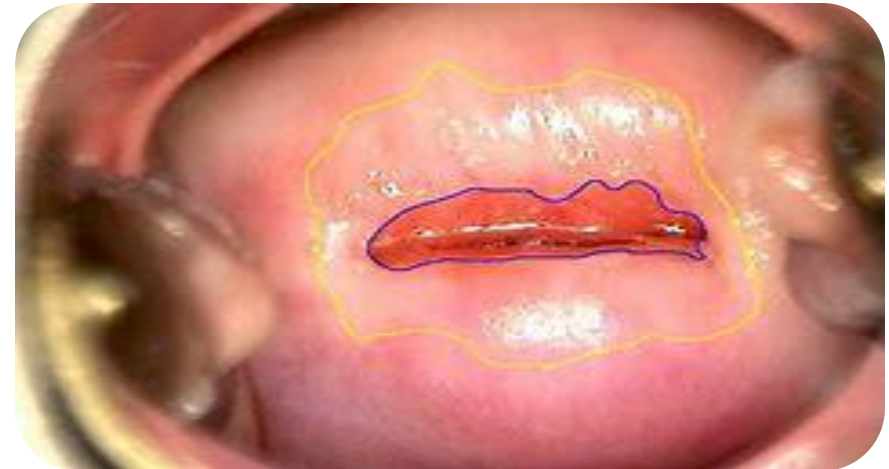
EPITHELIUM INTEGRITY



Metaplasia

Squamous metaplasia in the cervix refers to the **physiological replacement of the everted columnar epithelium on the ectocervix** by a newly formed squamous epithelium.

Maintaining epithelial integrity is relevant because HPV infection begins when the virus reaches basal epithelial cells.



Risk factors

Other factors influencing HPV infection and persistence: Stress

WORRIES

- Afraid of developing cervical cancer
- Loss of reproductive capacity
- Negative reactions from partners, family, and friends
- Infidelity

CHANGES

- Body image (undesirable)
- Sexual activity: **Spontaneity, Frequency, Satisfaction**

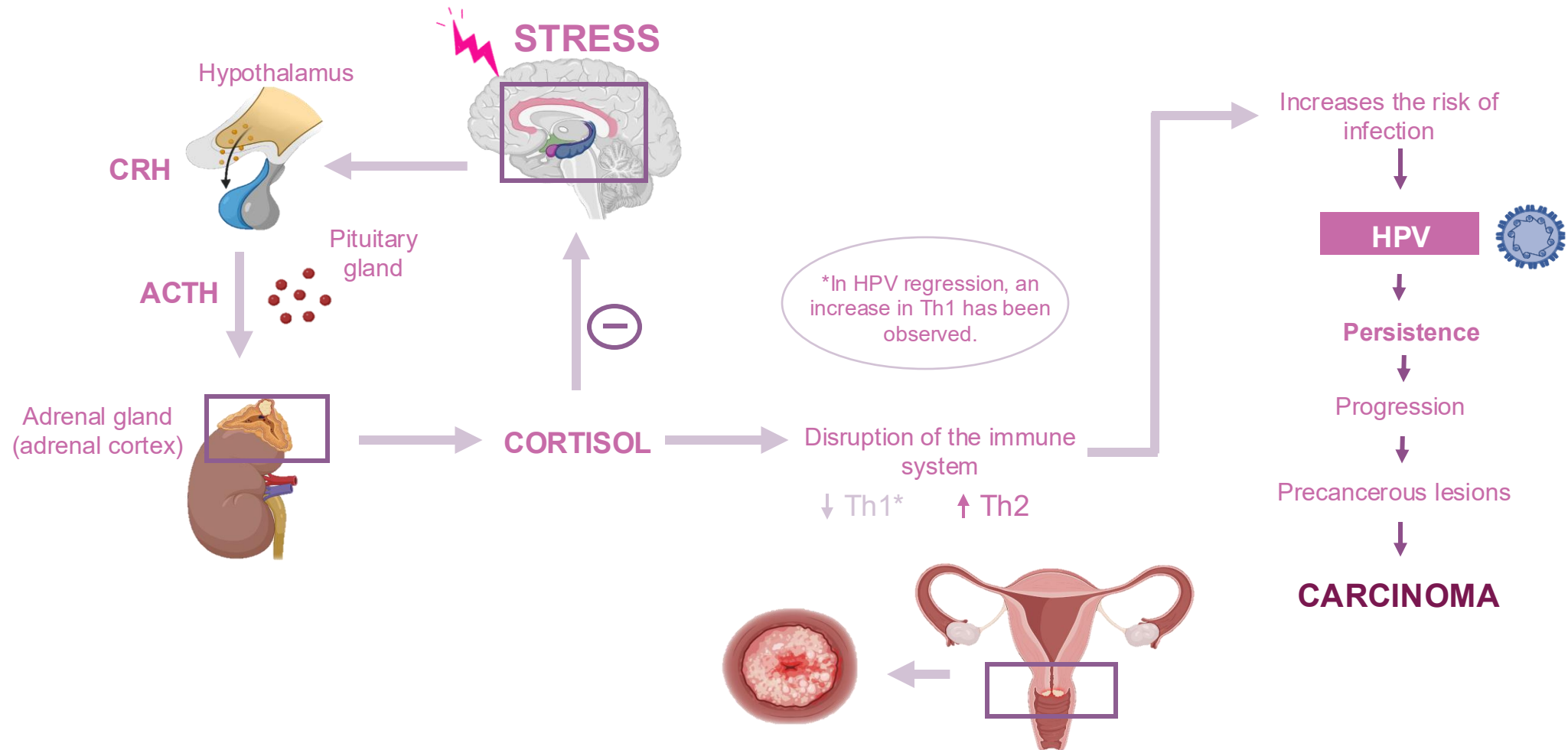
REACTIONS

Angriness 78%	Depressive feelings 76%	Shame 86%	Anxiety 82%	Guilt 80%
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Risk factors

Other factors influencing HPV infection and persistence: Stress



Risk factors

Other factors influencing HPV infection and persistence: Stress

- 30% post-traumatic stress and 50% afraid to die of cancer
- Psychological distress in cervical cancer screening: results from a Germany online survey (2020)

Archives of Gynecology and Obstetrics (2020) 302:699–705
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Psychological distress in cervical cancer screening: results from a German online survey

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Abstract
Purpose The PODCAD study aimed at assessing the degree of psychological stress that women experience due to notification of an abnormal Papanicolaou (Pap) smear finding or a positive human papillomavirus (HPV) test result.
Methods We designed a survey to address the question of psychological burden due to abnormal Pap smear results and/or positive HPV tests. In this online campaign approach, we aimed to reach >2000 women all over Germany irrespective of kind and number of abnormal screening findings. We asked for different kinds of anxiety, distress and uncertainty regarding both, Pap and HPV status.
Results A total of 3753 women completed the survey at least partially, and almost 2300 fully completed the survey. Of these, more than 50% were affected already since more than 1 year, and almost half of them had experienced at least three Pap smears in follow-up examinations. Almost 70% of the women were afraid of developing cancer. Intriguingly, almost half of the women with abnormal findings were not aware of their stage of the Pap smear. Furthermore, almost 30% of the women displayed signs of a post-traumatic stress disorder.
Conclusion Abnormal results in cervical cancer screening have an impact on patients' psychology, irrespective of the knowledge and severity of the findings. Better information concerning risks and benefits of cervical cancer screening and about the meaning of the outcome of its procedures are required to decrease this anxiety.



N=3.753 women in Germany
Mean age of 31.8 years old
Survey from May to June 2018




- **Abnormal results** in cervical cancer screening have an **impact** on patients' **psychology**, **irrespective** of the knowledge and **severity** of the findings
- The **psychological outcome** of women with cervical intraepithelial neoplasia was **similar** to those of women with abnormal cytology

2. Clinical management

- Prevention
- Screening
- Treatment

Prevention

Primary Prevention

- **Vaccination**   
 - It covers HPV types: 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58
- Absolute abstinence
- Mutual monogamy for life
- Condom use
- Circumcision only partially protect

Secondary Prevention

- Screening for cervical cancer
- Cytology / HPV test

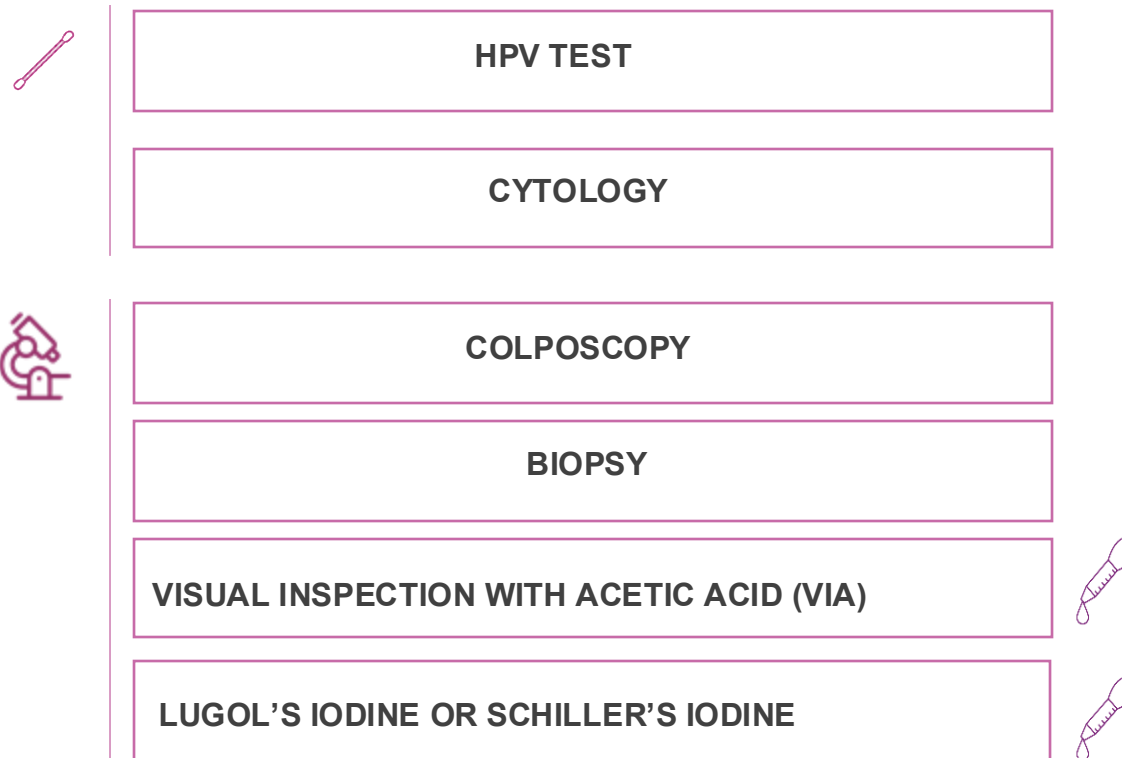


Precancerous lesions are usually **asymptomatic**, for this reason **screening** helps **detect lesions early and prevent progression.**

WHO recommends screening from **30 years of age.**

Screening

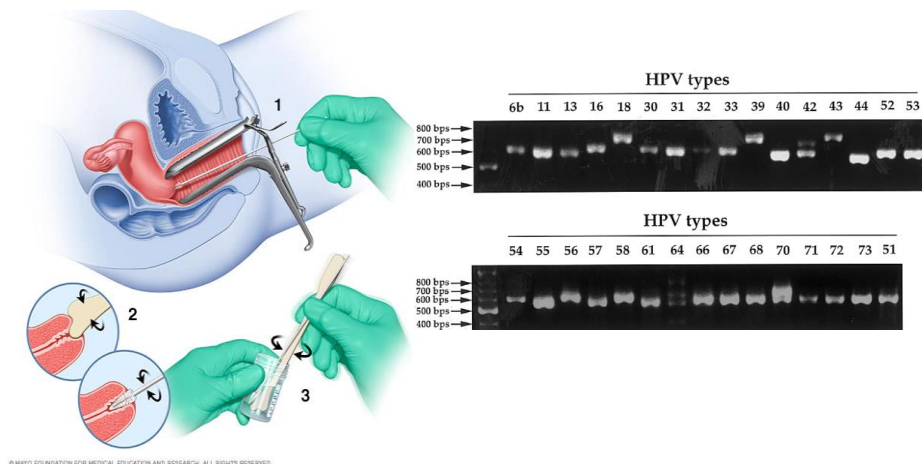
WHO recommendation for HPV screening (on a routine basis)



Screening

HPV Test

Detection of the viral DNA by PCR.
Positive: HPV DNA detected.



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Cytology

PAPANICOLAU OR PAP TEST:
Conventional cytology of cervical tissue



Screening

Colposcopy

Colposcopy is a diagnostic procedure used to visually examine the cervix with a colposcope after a positive screening result. Since visual assessment is subjective, a biopsy is needed to confirm the diagnosis.



Biopsy

CIN diagnosis is confirmed by **histopathological examination of a cervical biopsy or excision specimen**. The CIN grade is determined by histological features such as cell differentiation, maturation, stratification and nuclear abnormalities. Women with a positive colposcopy may undergo biopsy for confirmation or receive immediate treatment.

Visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA)

Inspection of the cervical tissue, appropriate only in women whose zone is visible (typically, in those younger than 50).



Negative



Positive



Thick well-defined acetowhite areas

Lugol's iodine or Schiller's iodine

Iodine stains glycogen and turns dark brown. Normal squamous epithelium is rich in glycogen

Positive: premalignant squamous epithelium is deficient, so **non-staining areas are suspicious of premalignant disease**



Screening

HPV test as primary screening: superior protection vs cytology

Superior cancer prevention

Women screened with primary HPV testing had a 17–28% lower risk of invasive cervical cancer compared to cytology-screened women over 8 years of follow-up
(Wang et al., Lancet Public Health, 2024)

Higher CIN3+ detection

Primary HPV screening detected 58% fewer CIN3+ lesions at 48 months compared to cytology-based screening
(Ogilvie et al., HPV FOCAL RCT, JAMA, 2018)

Longer safe interval

A single HPV-negative result provides very low cervical cancer risk for up to 7 years, versus cytology-negative intervals of 3-5 years
(Yao et al., PLOS Med, 2024)

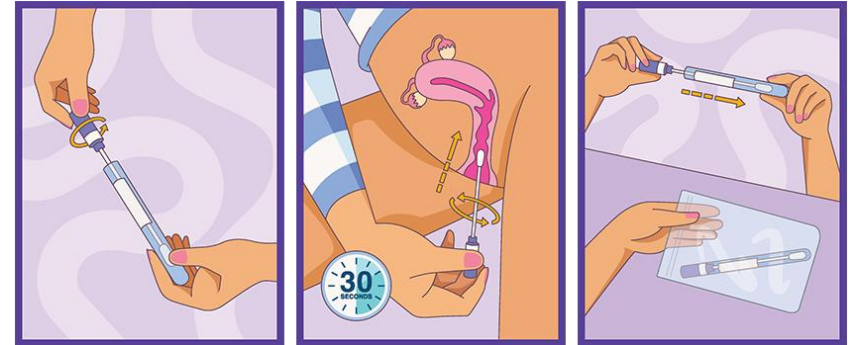
Adapted for vaccinated cohorts

HPV partial genotyping (HPV16/18) allows stratification of risk in vaccinated women, enabling program adaptation
(Canfell et al., BMJ Open, 2018)

Screening

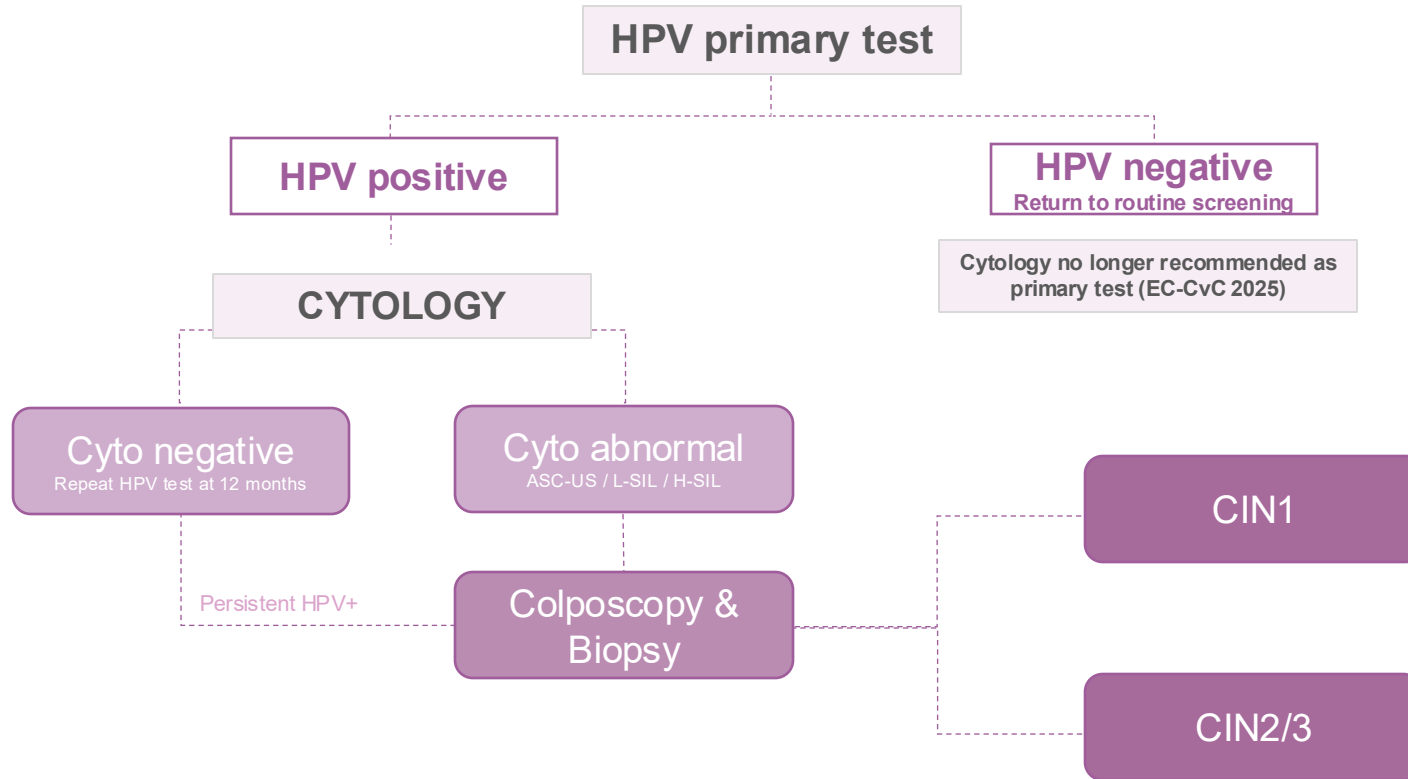
Guidelines

- **No differences** in the results compared with a test taken **by an HCP**
- **High acceptance rate in women:** easy to use, painless, comfortable, and time-saving
- **Higher coverage** in the screening program than the current one
- It does not replace the concept of screening; rather, it is a way to collect the sample for the HPV test.



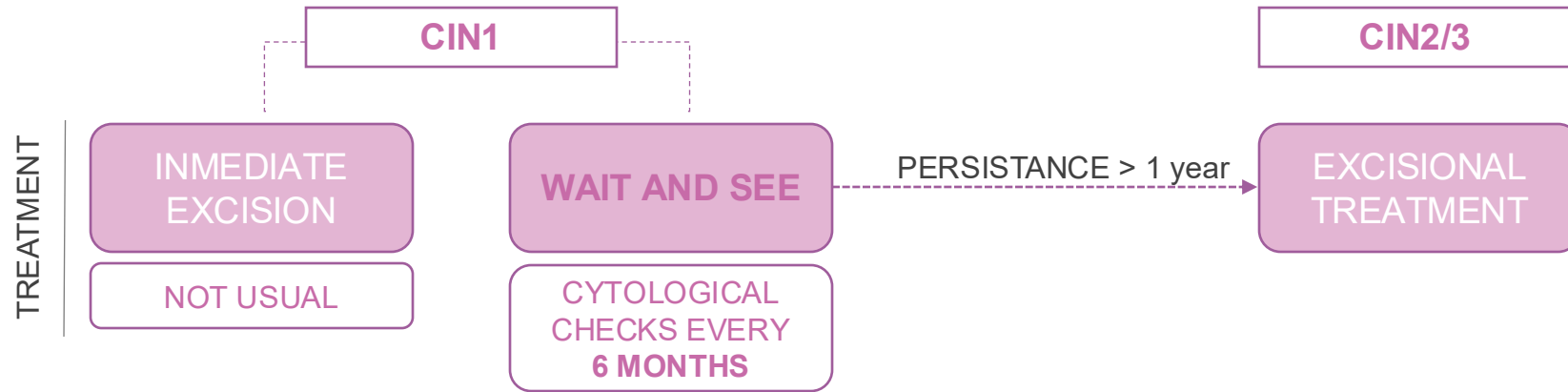
Screening

What does the guidelines say?



Treatment

There was no medication indicated to fight HPV infections



ARE RESERVED FOR MORE SEVERE CASES

These destructive therapies are only indicated in case of CIN2 and CIN3, and women exhibiting CIN1 are often kept without any treatment.

If the infection progresses, excisional or destructive treatments are performed that require surgical intervention, intended to eliminate altered tissue considered a pre-cancerous lesion



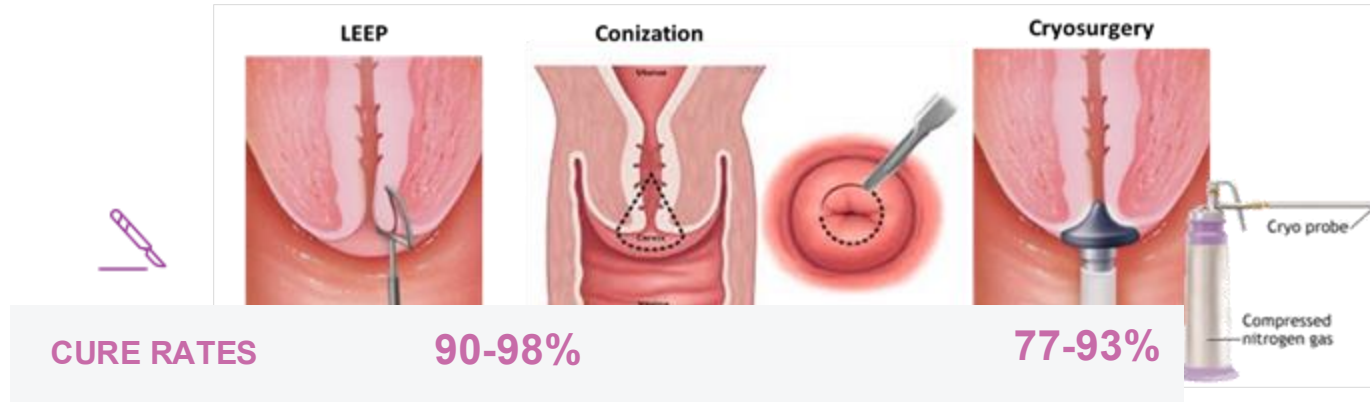
These procedures can negatively affect the quality of life of patients

Consequences on reproduction: premature births

Excisional and ablative treatment further increases that risk. The frequency and severity of adverse sequelae increases with increasing cone depth and is higher for excision than for ablation.

Treatment

Excisional or destructive treatments



HPV infection rate post-excisional surgery may remain high.²

Most studies assessed HPV persistence after loop excision (42%), followed by conization (7%), cryotherapy (11%), laser treatment (4%), interferon-alpha, therapeutic vaccination, and photodynamic therapy (2% each) and mixed treatment (38%).

Types of excisional treatments for the management of cervical neoplasia. LEEP uses a small, electrically charged wire loop to remove tissue, it can also remove tissue samples for further analysis. Cold knife cone biopsy (conization): a cone-shaped piece of tissue containing

1. Laborest approach: Colpofix®

- Introduction
- Indication
- Mode of use
- International footprint



Introduction

COLPOFIX® is an innovative vaginal spray gel for the **prevention and treatment of cervical lesions caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**

It acts through the control of physiological conditions on the cervico-vaginal transformation zone



Introduction

Innovative medical device



Colpofix® is a **vaginal spray gel** based on two complementary components:

Carboxymethyl β -glucan

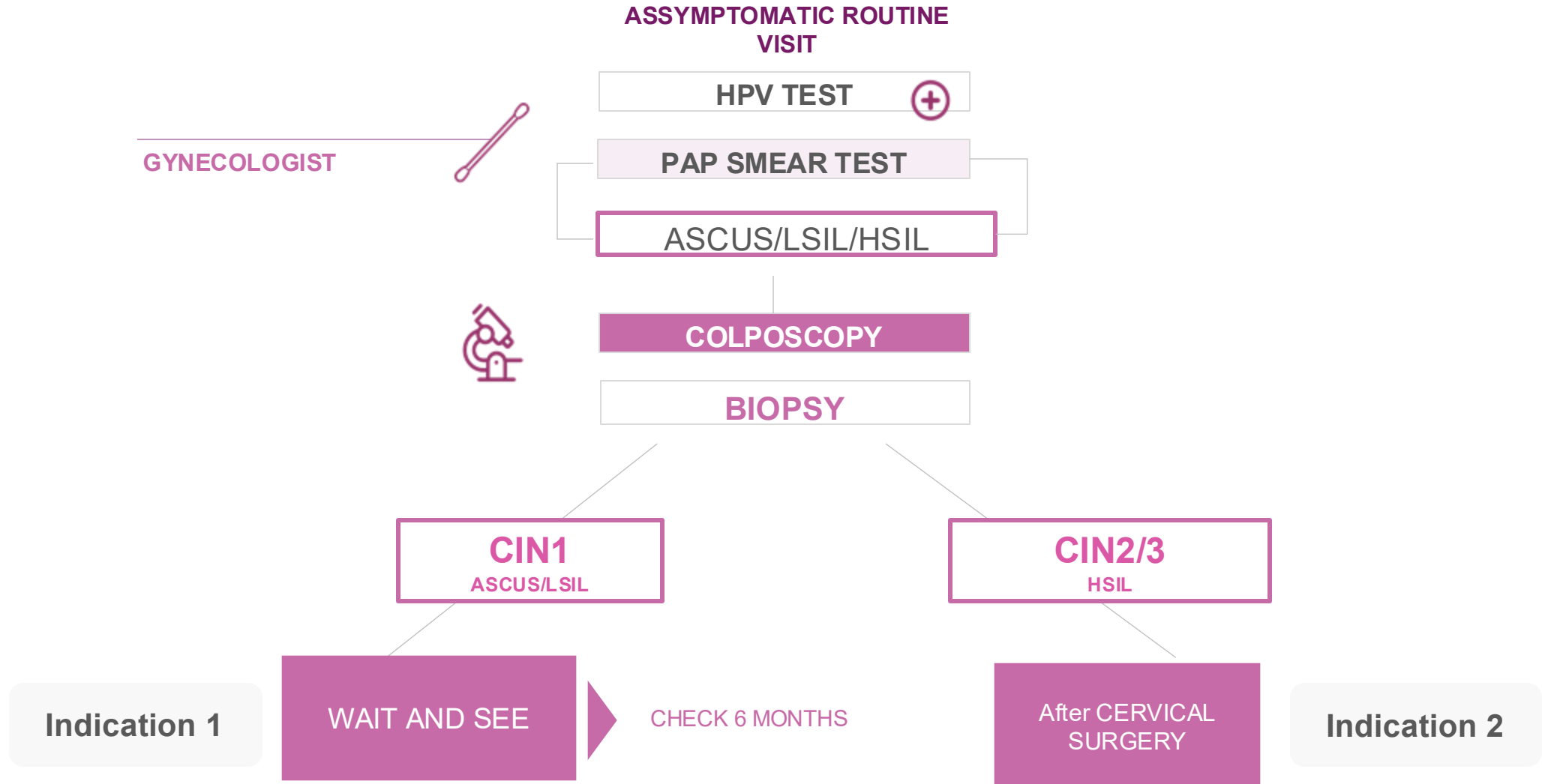
✓ Supports local immune response, tissue repair and epithelial recovery.

Polycarbophil

✓ Forms a **mucoadhesive protective film** and helps maintain an **acidic vaginal environment**.

Its spray delivery system allows a **uniform distribution of the gel over the cervical-vaginal mucosa**.

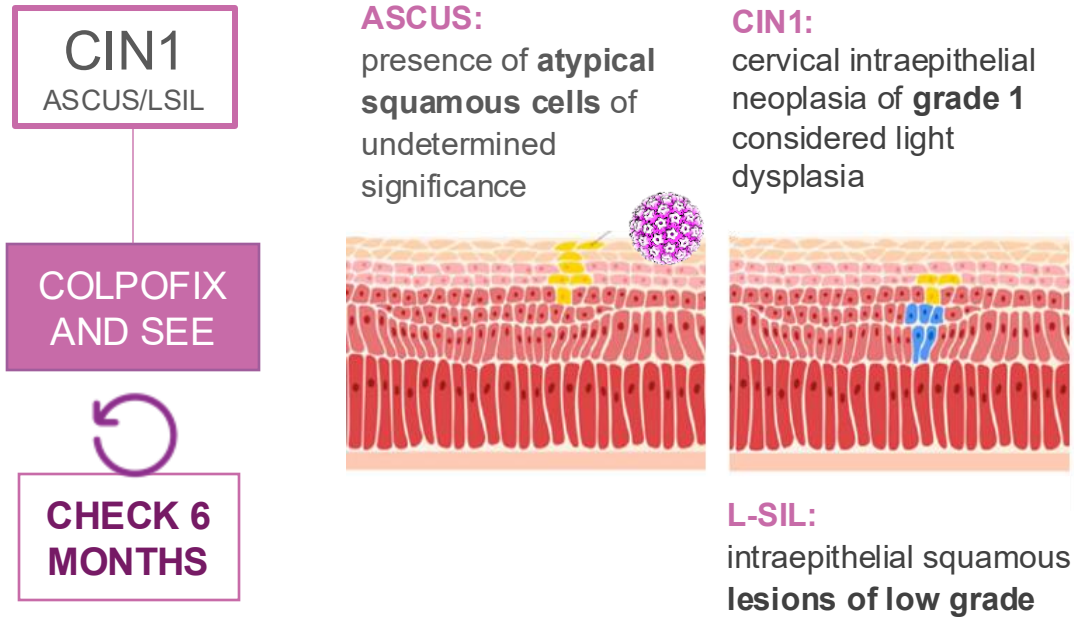
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Indication

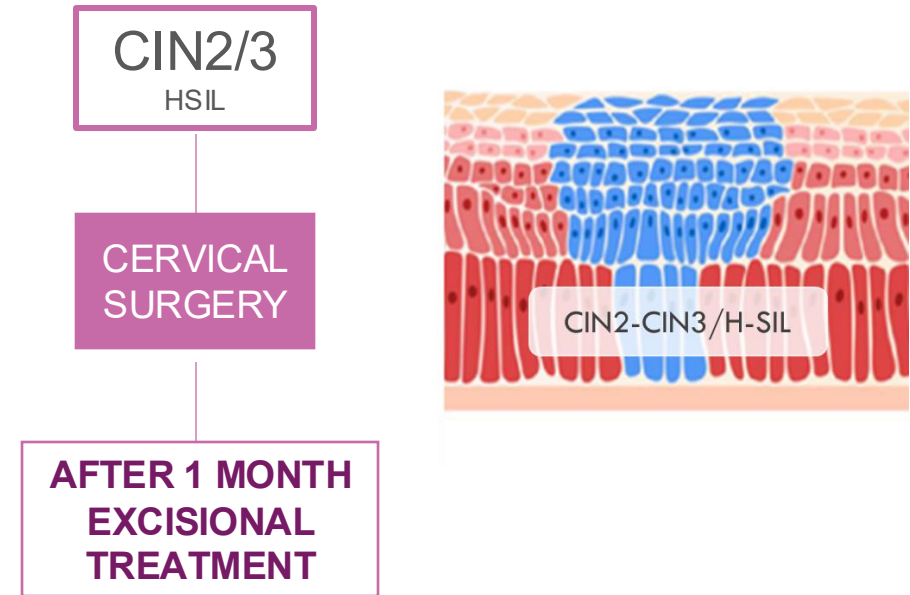
Colpofix indication 1: HPV+/ low grade cervical lesions

Colpofix® is an alternative to “Wait and see” on low grade cervical lesions



Colpofix indication 2: After cervical surgery

Colpofix® helps to restore the damaged tissue by its reepithelialization capacity. Its action on the vaginal immunity help to decrease the risk of reinfection.



Mode of use

1. Remove a vaginal applicator (single use) from its protective cover
2. Remove the cap from the bottle
3. Insert the applicator into the bottle dispensing nozzle
4. Activate dispensing by first pressing the button until the product appears
5. Insert the applicator deep into the vagina
6. Perform 5 sprays
7. Discard the applicator after use
8. Close the bottle with the lid



1 application a day
↳ 5 sprays

20 days per month*

3-6 months

International footprint

+23 markets launched

+5 markets under registration

+10 planned launches in 2026

Key considerations

- Established presence across Europe and Asia-Pacific markets.
- New launches planned in Nordic and Central American markets in 2026.
- Registration processes ongoing in Asia and Kazakhstan.
- Local strategies should be adapted according to regulatory status and market dynamics.

2. Colpofix® ingredients

- Polycarbophil
- Carboxymethyl beta-glucan



Polycarbophil

A key component supporting the cervical-vaginal mucosa

- ✓ High molecular-weight **acrylic acid polymer**
- ✓ High **bio-adhesivity** and gel consistency
- ✓ This gel forms non-covalent bonds with mucus secreted by tissues
- ✓ **It contains a high density of available hydrogen bonding that combines strongly with mucins** (glycoproteins secreted by epithelial cells of the mucous membrane)

Polycarbophil associated with mucin forms a **mucoadhesive protective film**

Polycarbophil

Mechanisms of Action (MoA)

1

EPITHELIUM INTEGRITY

(difficult HPV access to basal layer)

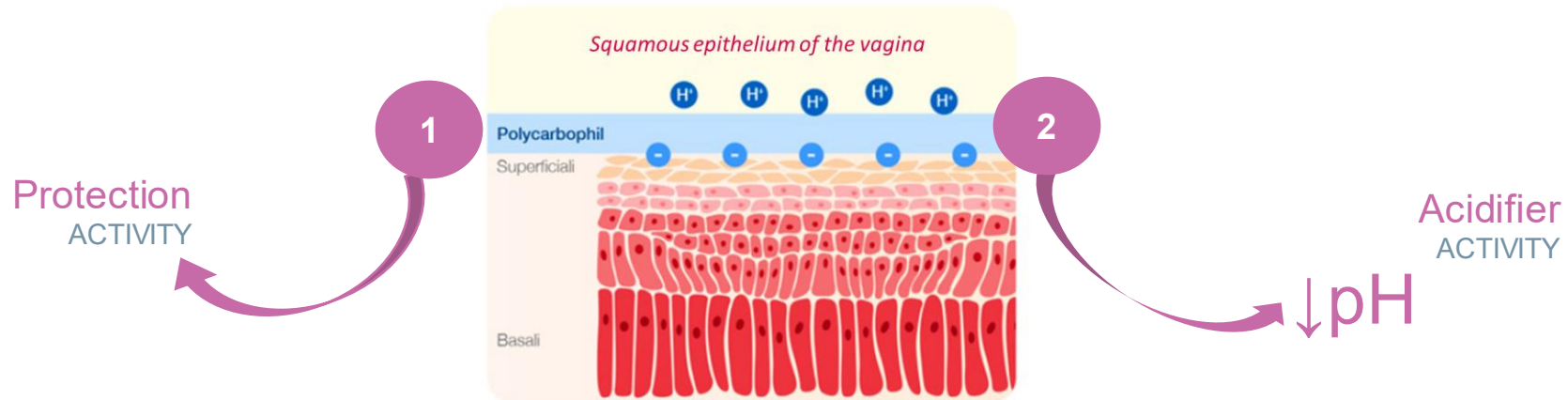
Mucoadhesive film formation allows the maintenance of **epithelium integrity** and works as a **protective barrier** (mechanic barrier)

2

OPTIMAL VAGINAL MICROBIOTA

(decrease infection and persistence risk)

Once attached to the mucous, polycarbophil releases H^+ ions which contribute to **reducing pH in the vaginal environment (pH acid)** for an **optimal vaginal microbiota**

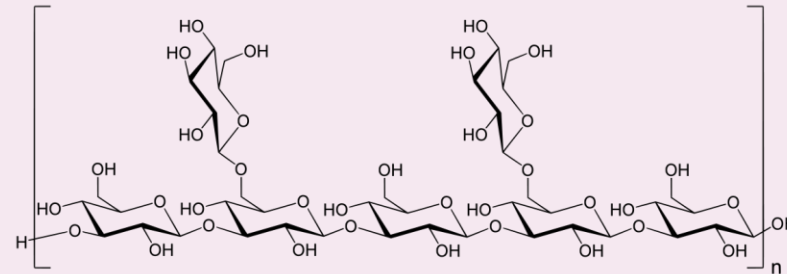


Carboxymethyl betaglucan

Key component supporting local immune response and epithelial recovery

Carboxymethyl β -glucan is a linear glucose polysaccharide obtained from the cell wall of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

- ✓ Known for its **immunomodulatory properties**
- ✓ Supports **local immune activation** involved in HPV clearance.
- ✓ Helps promote **tissue repair and epithelial recovery**.
- ✓ Contributes to maintaining a more favourable **cervical-vaginal environment**.



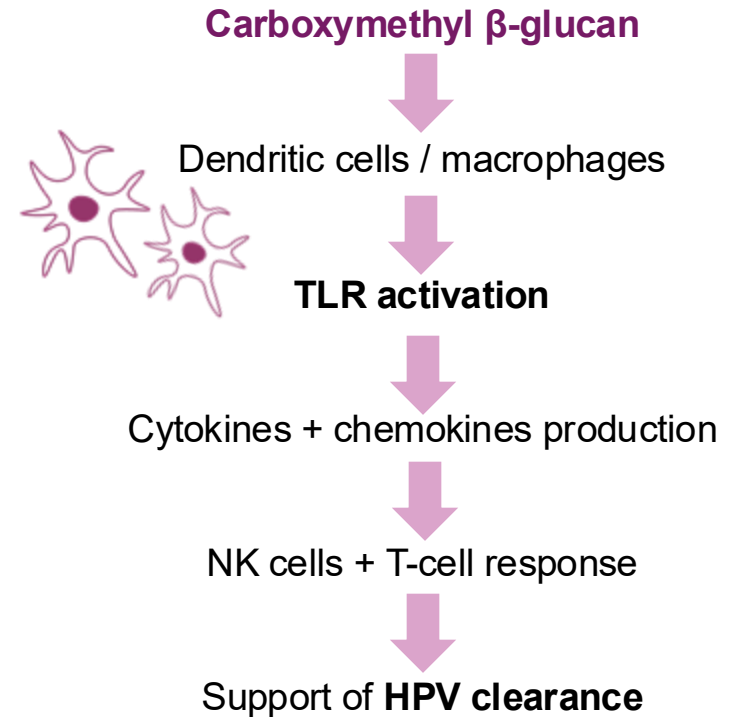
Carboxymethyl betaglucan

Immune stimulation action

Carboxymethyl β -glucan can interact with immune cells such as macrophages and dendritic cells, helping activate local immune responses and cytokine production.

How it works

- ✓ **Targets innate immune cells**, mainly macrophages and dendritic cells.
- ✓ May interact with **pattern-recognition receptors**, such as Toll-like receptors.
- ✓ Activates intracellular signalling pathways.
- ✓ Promotes **cytokine and chemokine secretion**.
- ✓ Supports activation of immune effector cells, including **NK cells and T lymphocytes**



Carboxymethyl betaglucan

Mechanisms of Action (MoA)

1

IMMUNE STIMULATION



IMPROVES HPV CLEARANCE

Immune system fights against HPV infection



HELPS LESIONS REGRESSION

As HPV is cleared, lesions are improve

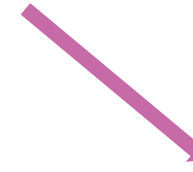
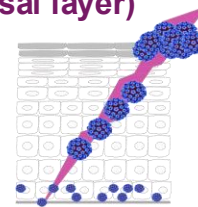
TISSUE REPAIRING ACTION

Macrophages, keratinocytes and fibroblasts are considered the main target of β -glucans during wound healing

β -glucans enhance wound repair by increasing the infiltration of macrophages, which stimulates tissue granulation, collagen deposition and **re-epithelialization**.



EPITHELIUM INTEGRITY
(Difficult HPV Access to basal layer)



HELPS REPAIRING TISSUE
after excisional treatment



Carboxymethyl betaglucan

Mechanisms of Action (MoA)

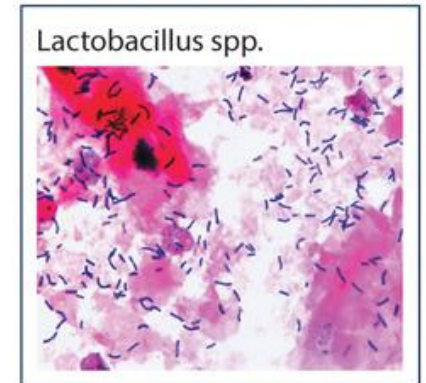
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PREBIOTIC ACTION

Maintenance and/or restoration of the vaginal microbiota by a specific prebiotic effect

Betaglucan vaginal application provides a **specific source of energy for *Lactobacillus* sp., promoting their growth and domination of the vaginal microbiota**

Lactobacillus sp., the most abundant genus of bacteria found in the vaginal ecosystems, is critical for its role in maintaining a **low pH, which prevents pathogens overgrowth.**



PREBIOTIC ACTION

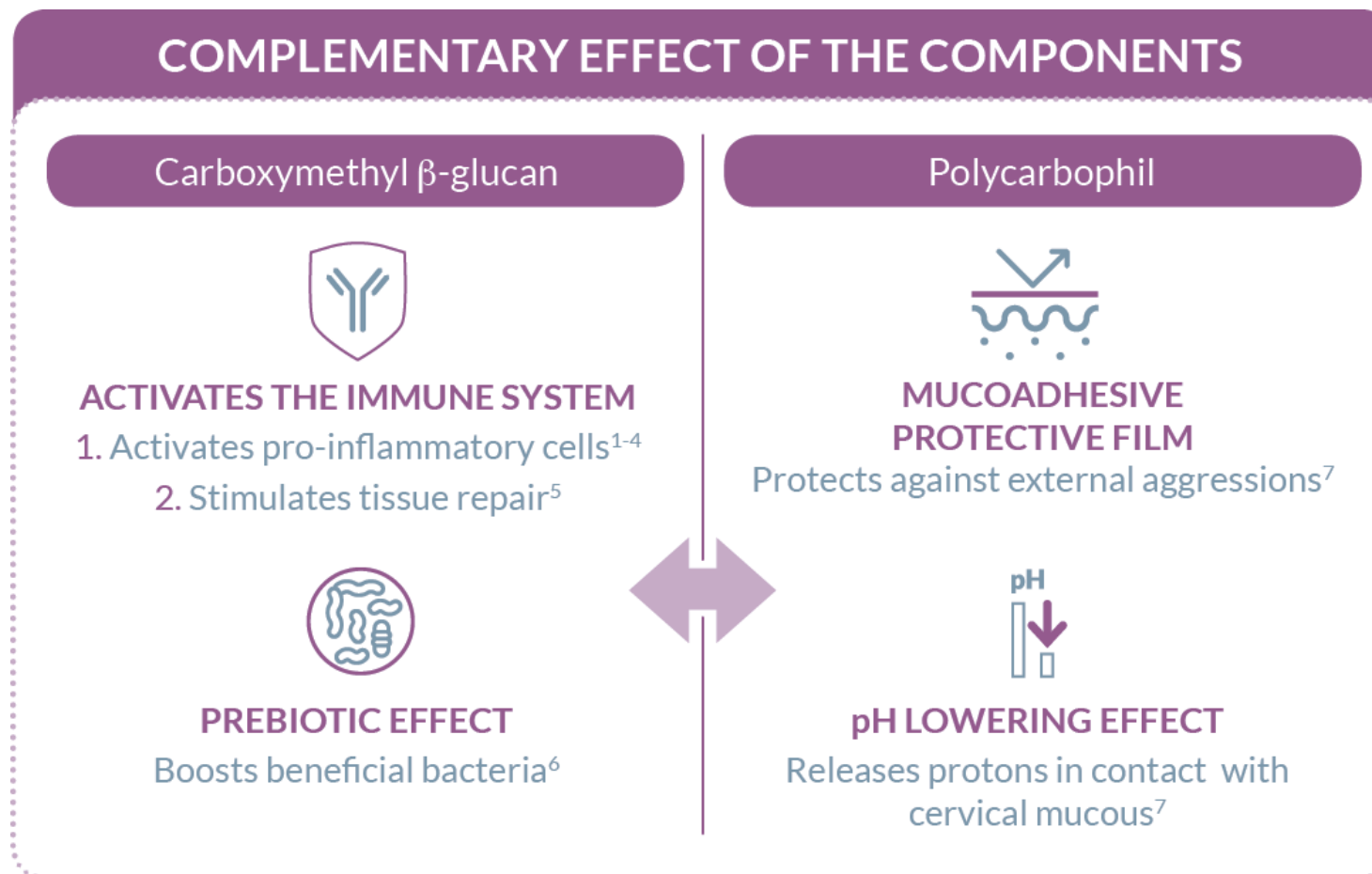


OPTIMAL VAGINAL MICROBIOTA



DECREASE INFECTION AND RISK OF PERSISTENCE

Complementary effect of the components



2. Clinical evidence of Colpofix®

Overview of clinical studies

Efficacy of carboximethyl beta-glucan in the regression of HVP correlated, low-grade cervical cytological alterations

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EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TREATMENT WITH BETA-GLUCAN IN THE HPV-CIN1 LESIONS

Atm. The aim of the study was to evaluate the effectiveness of the beta-glucan in women with abnormal cytology, including the women with a positive screening for ASCUS-LSIL further divided in women with positive cytology (ASCUS or LSIL) and negative colposcopy and women with abnormal cytology, positive colposcopy and human papilloma virus (HPV)-CIN1 histology who opted for follow-up.

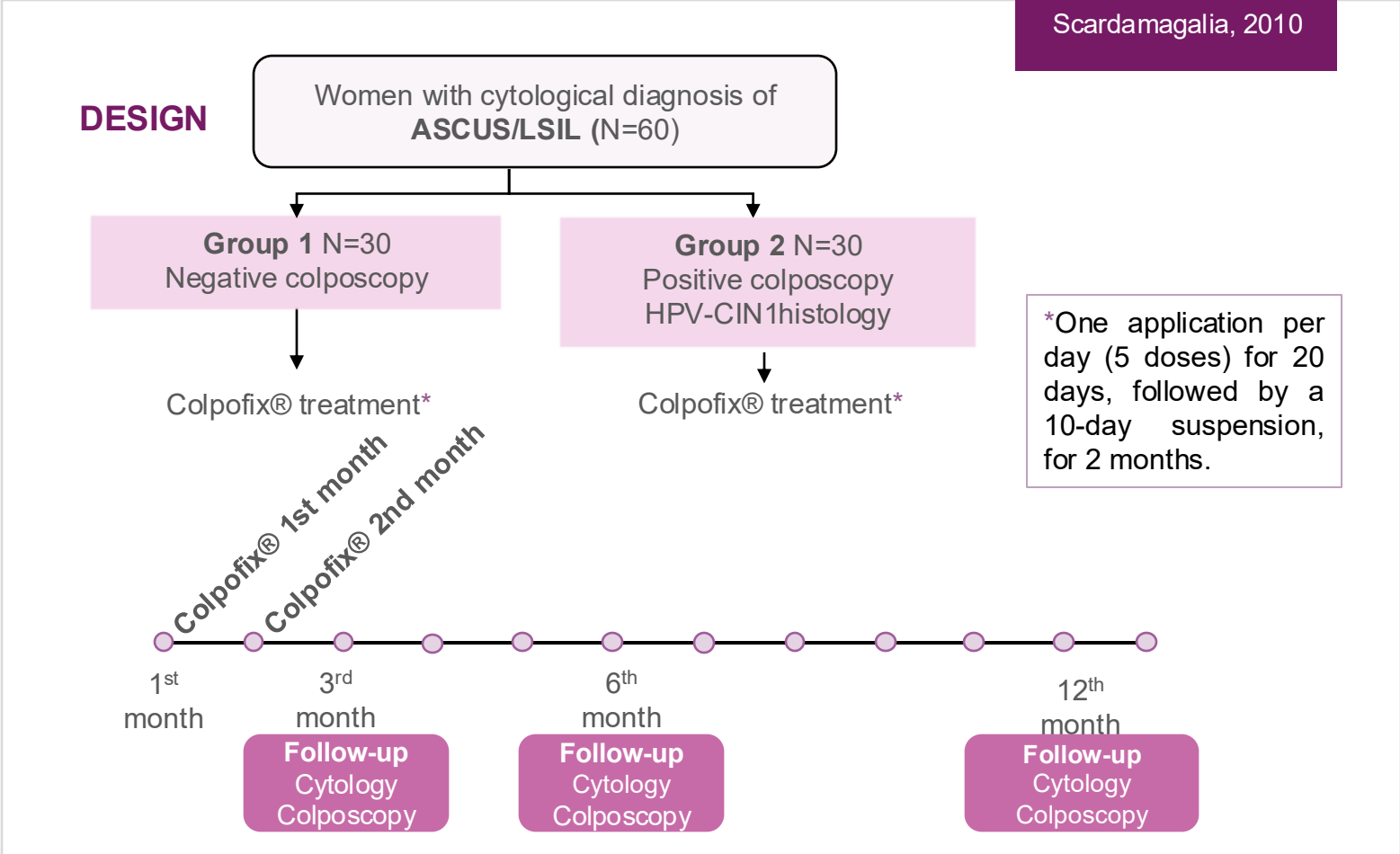
Methods. From September 2007 to December 2008, 60 women with ASCUS-LSIL diagnosis were recruited at the ambulatory of Lasersurgery and Cervico-Vaginal Pathology, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics of Poli-

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negative; after 6 months 100% with ASCUS diagnosis resulted negative, 70% with LSIL diagnosis resulted negative; after 12 months 85% with LSIL diagnosis resulted negative. Of the 30 women with positive cytology, positive colposcopy and HPV-CIN1 histology after 3 months 20% resulted negative, after 6 months

- ✓ Retrospective study
- ✓ N = 60 women Mean age of 24 (aged 18-35)
- ✓ T = 12 months
- ✓ Inclusion criteria
 - ✓ Women with an abnormal cytology (ASCUS/LSIL lesions)

Scardamaglia, 2010

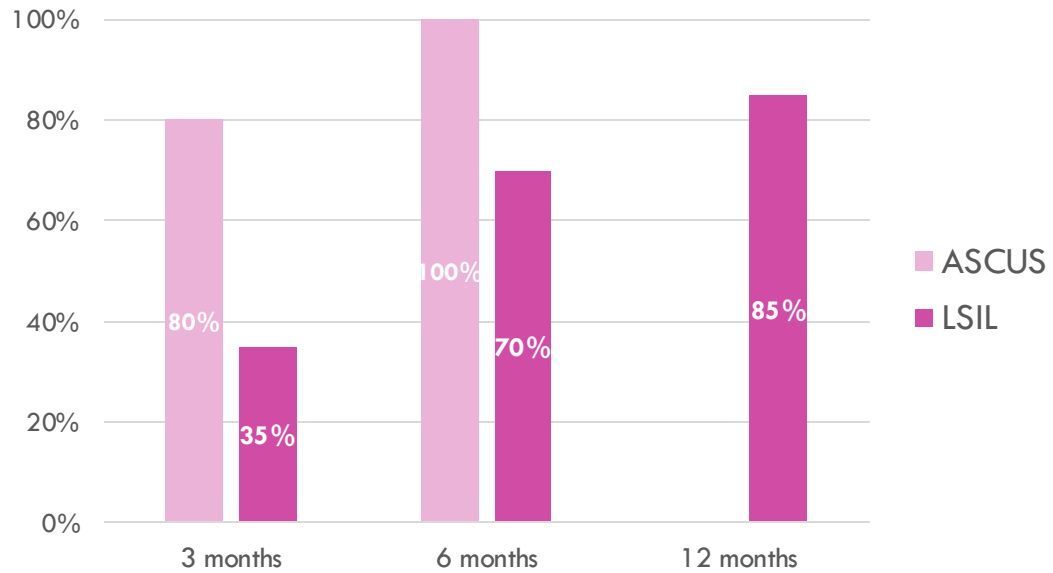


Overview of clinical studies

RESULTS

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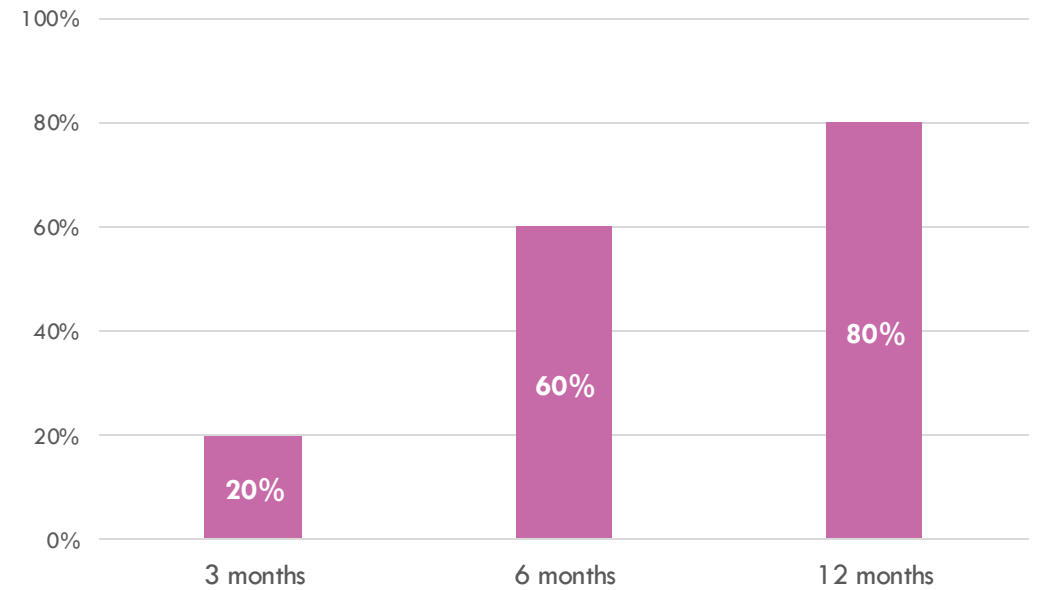
Group 1: Colpocytological negative examinations



Scardamaglia, 2010

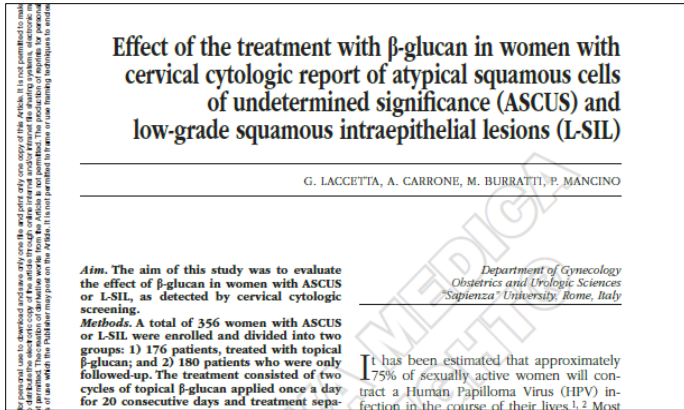
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Group 2: Colpocytological negative examinations

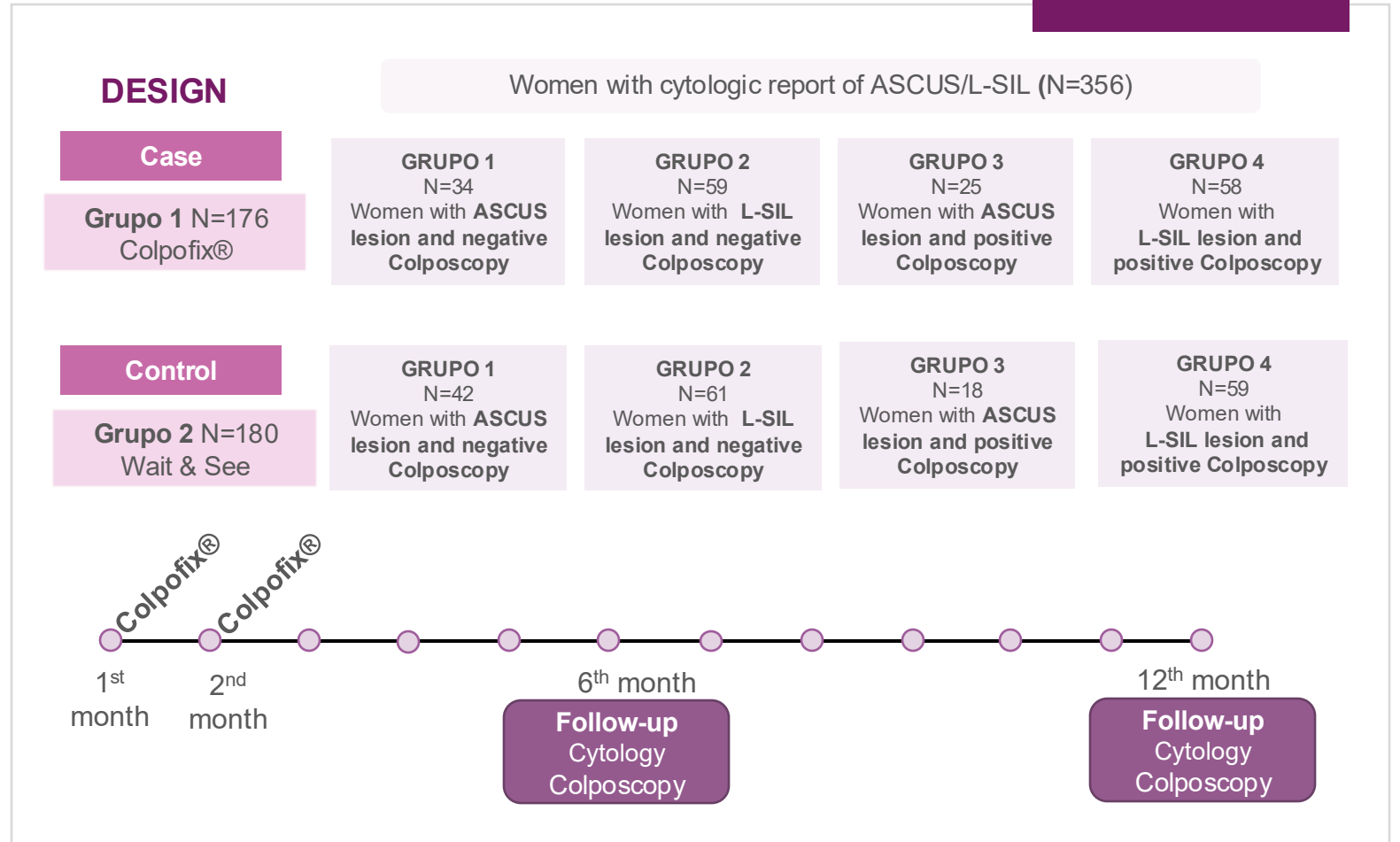


Overview of clinical studies

Laccetta, 2015



- Prospective, Randomized 1:1, Case-control study
- N = **356 women** between **16 to 75** years old (mean age of **33.3 years old**)
- T = **6 and 12 months**
- Inclusion criteria:
 - Women HPV+
 - Women diagnosed with ASCUS/LSIL

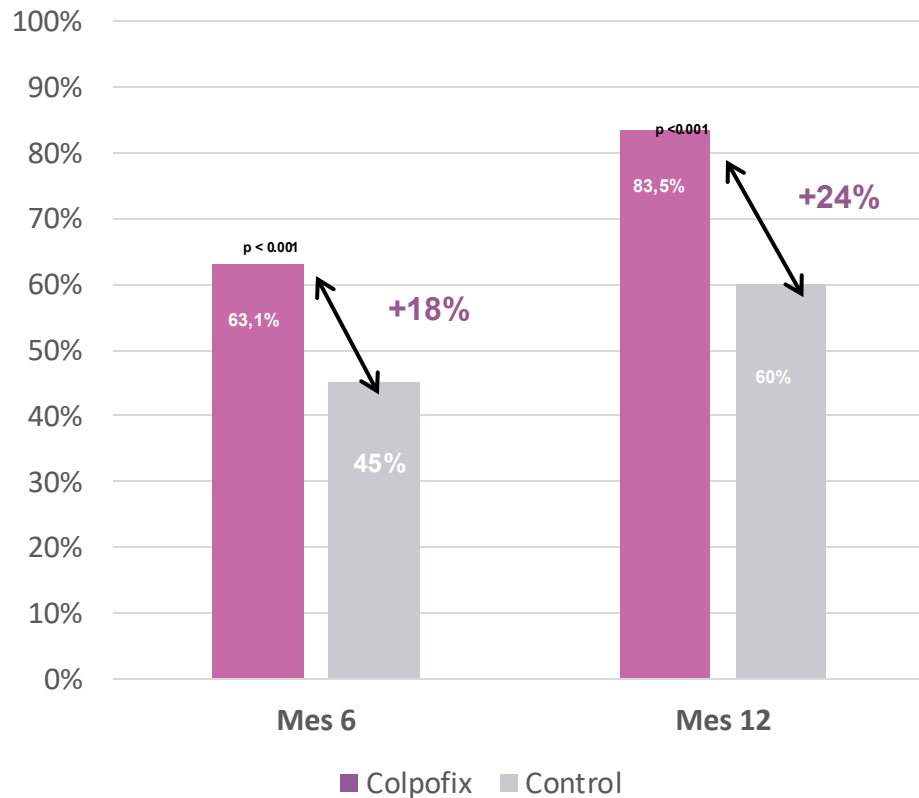


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Laccetta, 2015

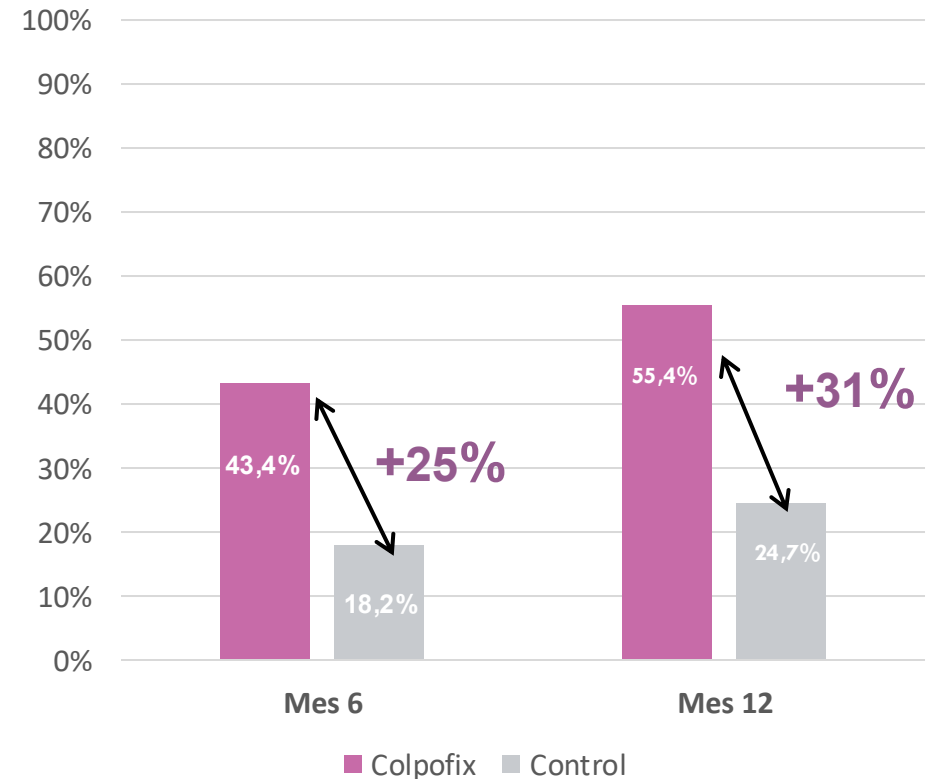
+24% negative cytology and +31% negative colposcopy at 12 months

Negative Cytology

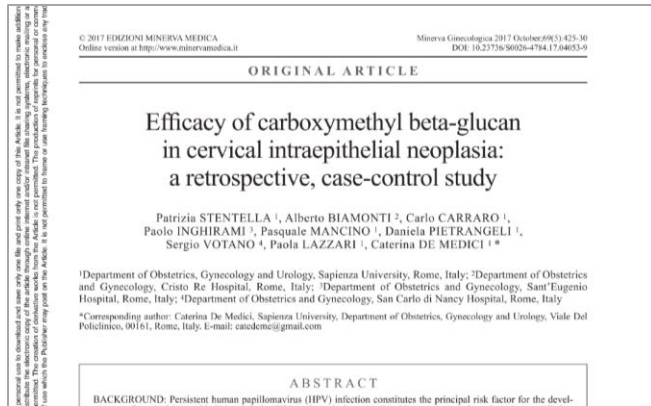


No adverse events reported in the treated group

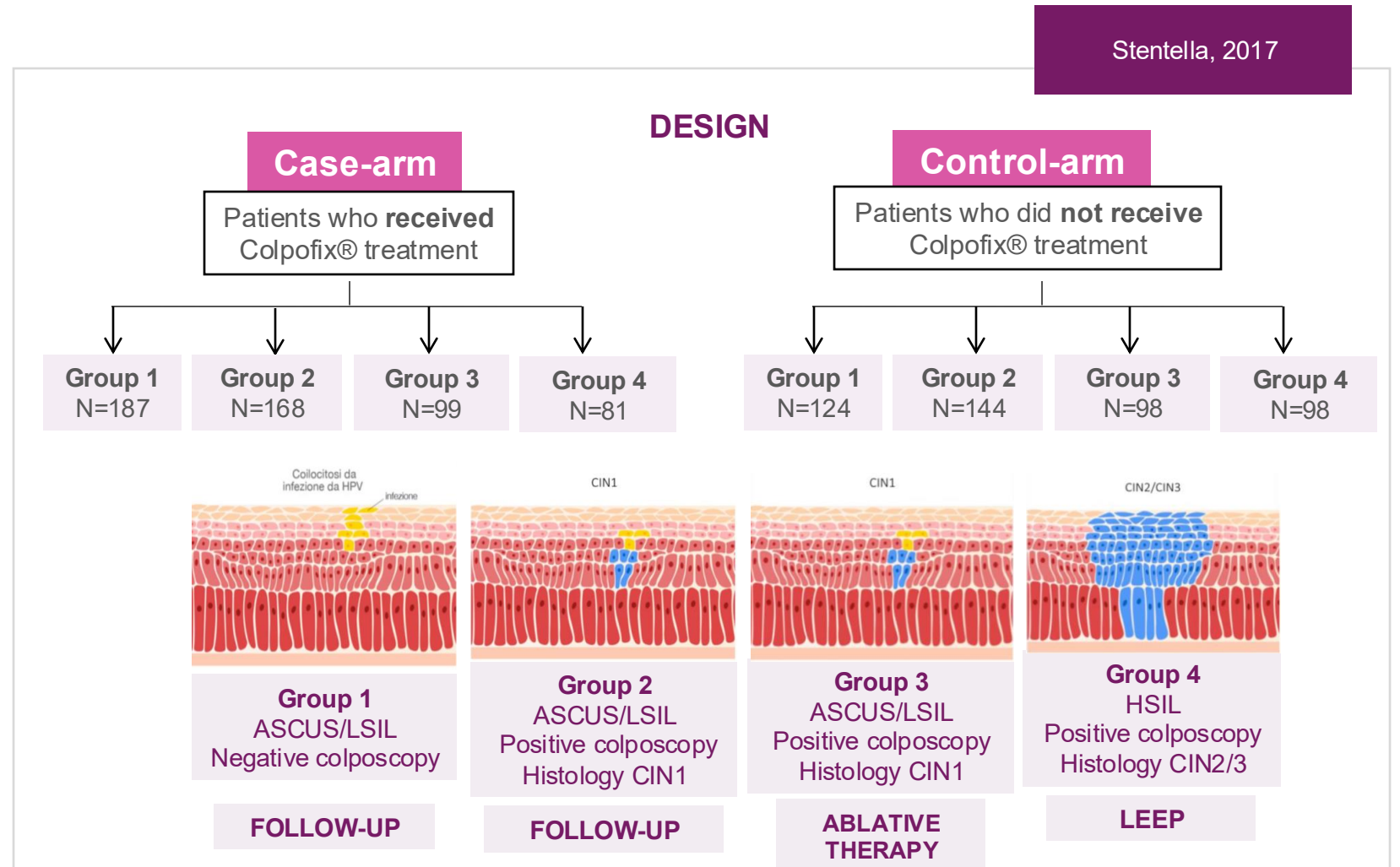
Negative Colposcopy In women with ASCUS/LSIL and positive colposcopy



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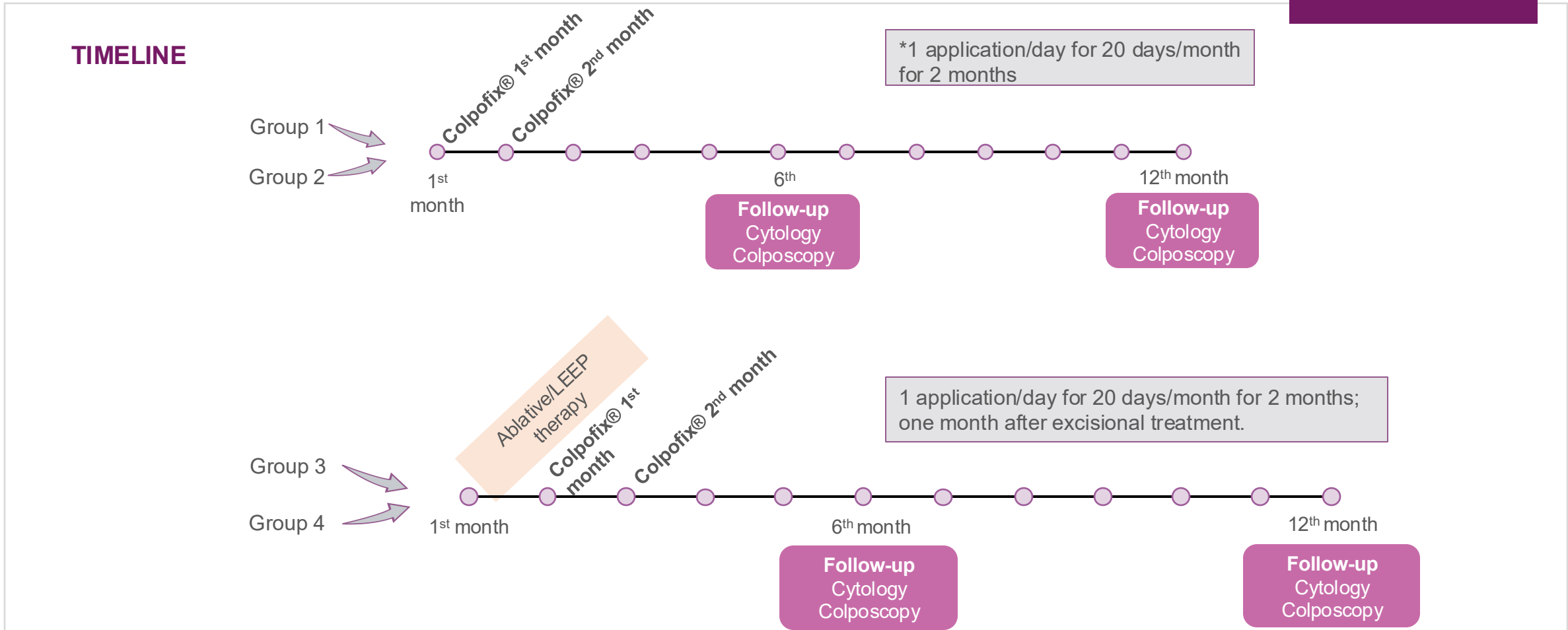


- **Retrospective case-control study**
- **Multicentric** (4 hospitals)
- **N = 999 women with mean age of 36.1 (+/- 10) (18-65 years old)**
- **T = 12 months**
- Inclusion criteria:
 - Patients attending Colposcopy for abnormal Pap Test



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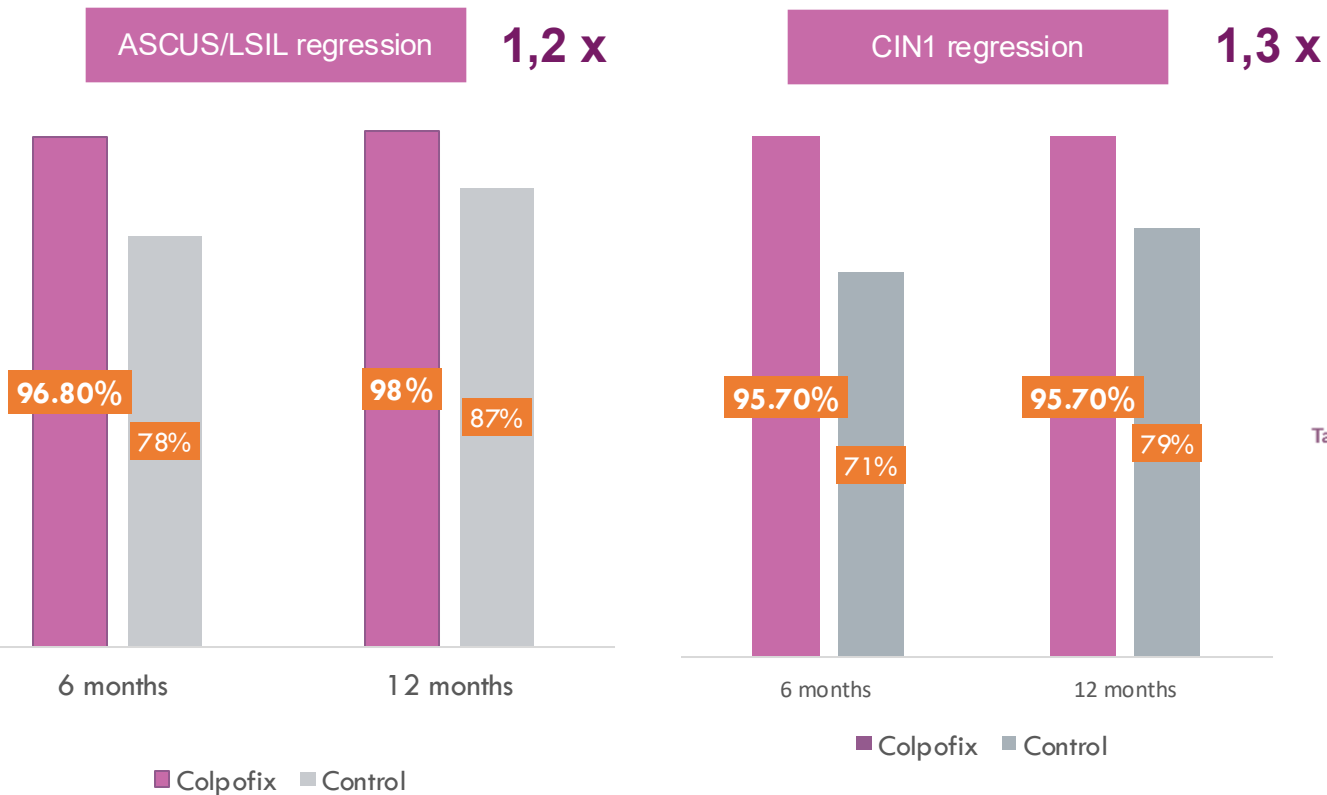
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Stentella, 2017

RESULTS



Post conization as reepithelialising

Group	6-month follow-up	12 month follow-up	P value
Group 3			
Colpofix®	91 (92%)	94 (95%)	NS
Control	88(90%)	94 (96%)	
Group 4			
Colpofix®	81 (100%)	78 (96.4%)	NS
Control	96 (98%)	94 (96%)	

Table 6. Negative histology (<CIN2+) at 6- and 12-months' follow-up in groups 3 and 4

There is no improvement in the regression rate due to removal of abnormal tissue by surgery

Overview of clinical studies

Lavitola, 2020

Clinical Study

Effects on Vaginal Microbiota Restoration and Cervical Epithelialization in Positive HPV Patients Undergoing Vaginal Treatment with Carboxy-Methyl-Beta-Glucan

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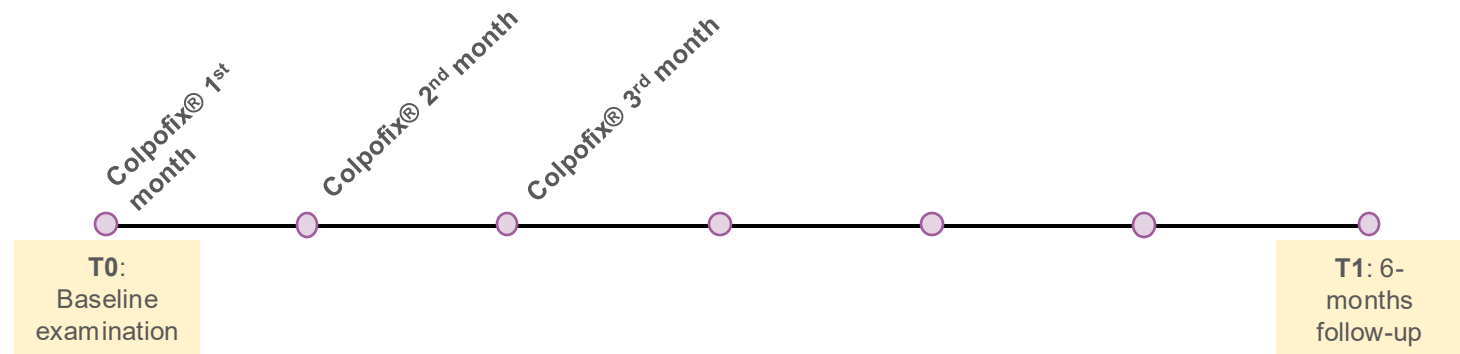
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- **Retrospective case-control study**
- **N = 784 women mean age of 34,11 (+/-6,35) years**
- **T = 6 months**
- Inclusion criteria
 - Women between 18 to 60 years old
 - **HPV-positive and/or CIN1 positive by punch biopsy.** Exclusion of CIN 2/3

DESIGN

- **Group A:** 392 treated women with **Colpofix®** (1 application/day for 20 days per month during 3 months).
- **Group B:** 392 untreated women (control group)



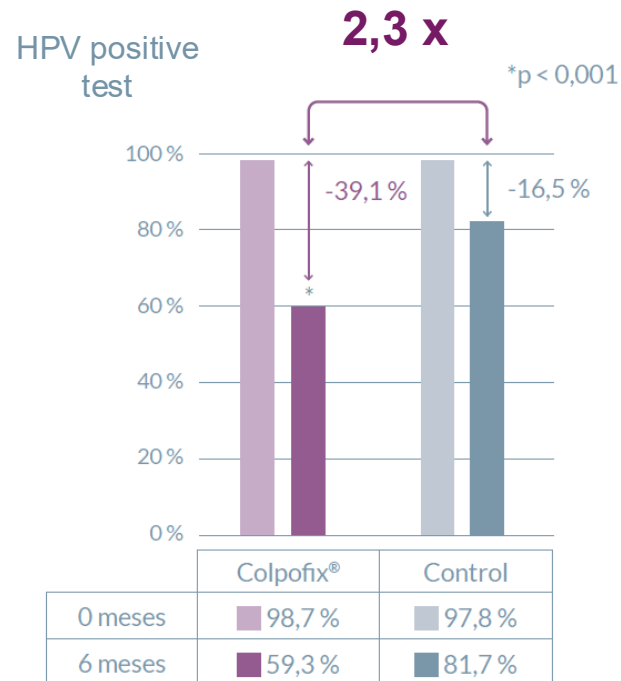
ENDPOINTS

Epithelialization and Vaginal health	Ectopia >2/3	Metaplasia >20%	Positive Lugol test
	Vaginal pH>4,5	Positive Whiff test	Presence of leucorrhoea
Cytohistological, molecular and colposcopic tests	Positive pap test	Positive HPV test	Positive Colposcopy
			Positive Biopsy

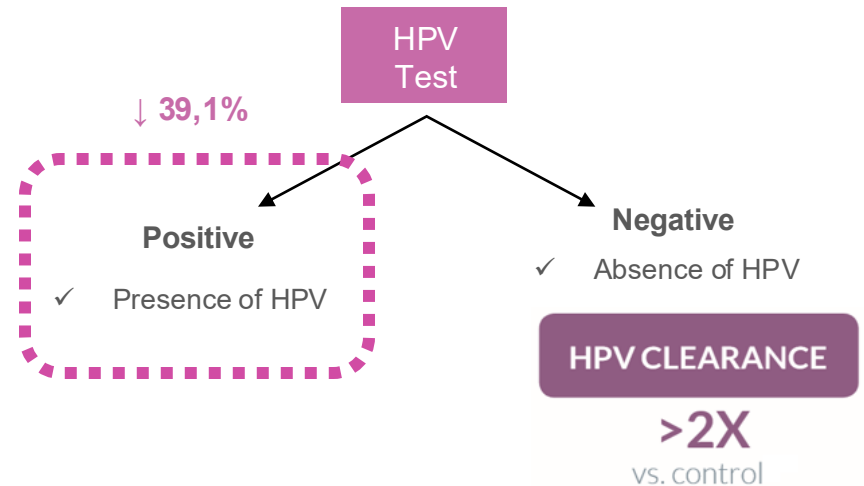
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RESULTS: Colpofix doubles HPV clearance



- After 6 months of Colpofix® treatment, patients decreased significantly (39,1%) positive results for HPV-test.
- After Colpofix® treatment, HPV clearance is improved twice as much as control group.

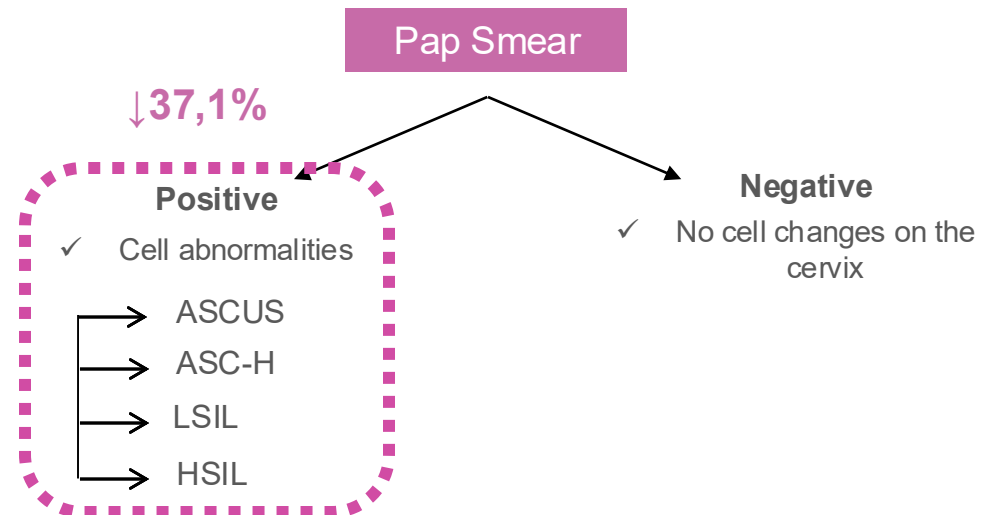


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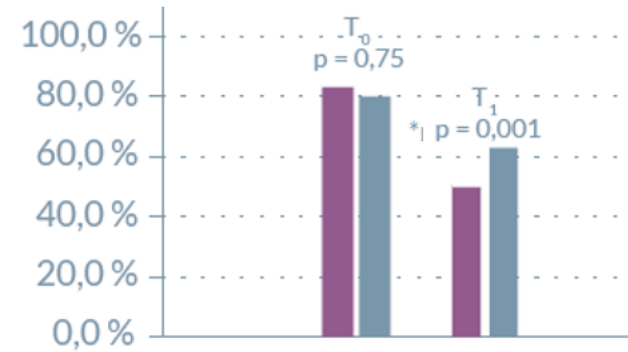
RESULTS: Colpofix doubles Negative Cytology

- After 6 months of Colpofix® treatment, patients **decreased significantly (37,1%)** positive results for Pap Test



2,4 x

Positive Cytology

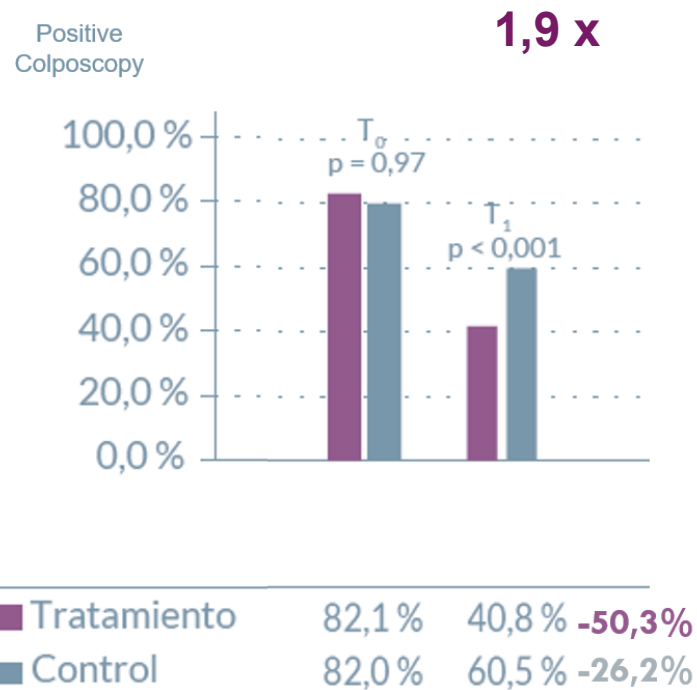


■ Tratamiento	81,3%	51,1%	-37,1%
■ Control	80,4%	68,1%	-15,2%

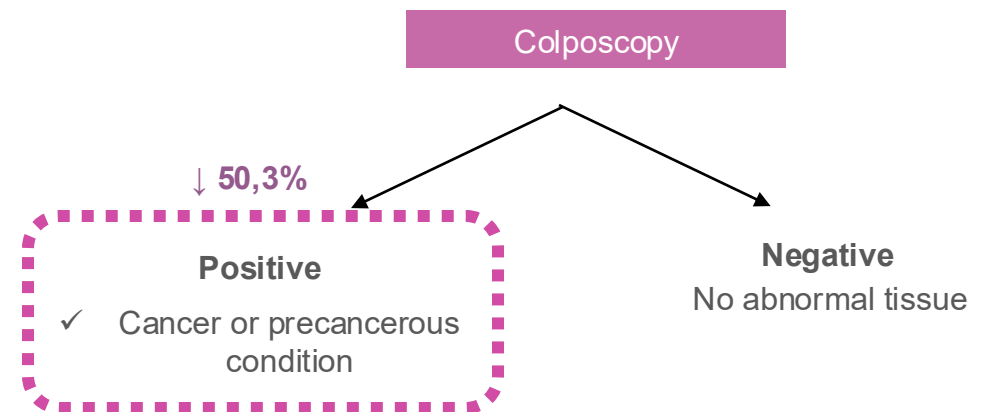
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RESULTS: Colpofix decreases significantly the number of positive colposcopies



○ After 6 months of Colpofix® treatment, patients **decreased significantly (50,3%)** positive results for colposcopy, which means that CIN1 lesions have regressed.

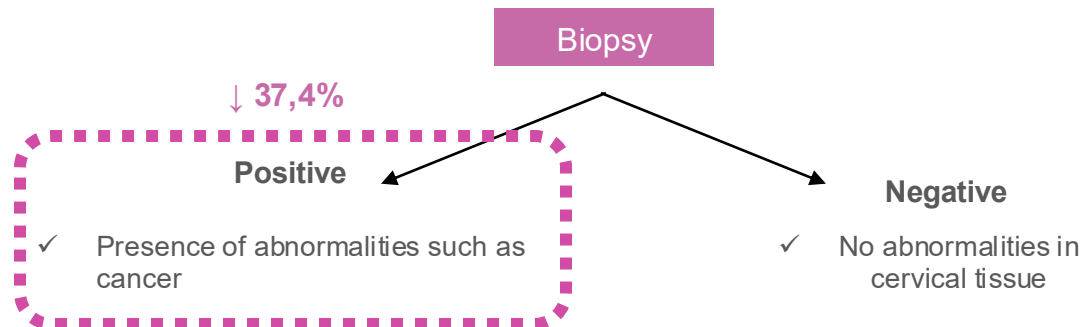


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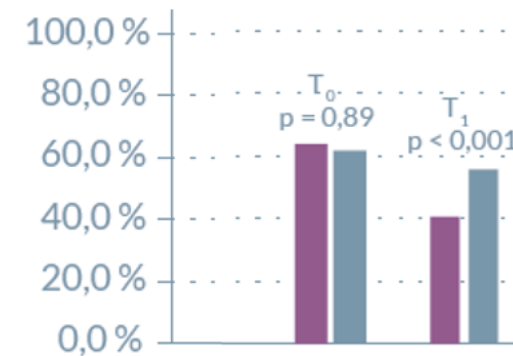
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RESULTS: Colpofix triples the number of negative biopsies

- After 6 months of Colpofix® treatment, patients **reduced significantly (37,4%)** positive results for biopsy, indicating an **increased regression rate**.



Positive Biopsy **3,4 x**

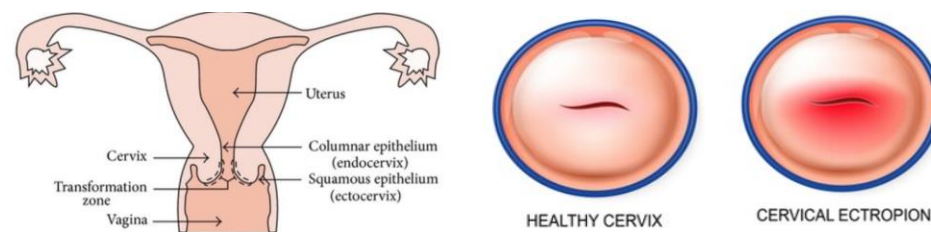
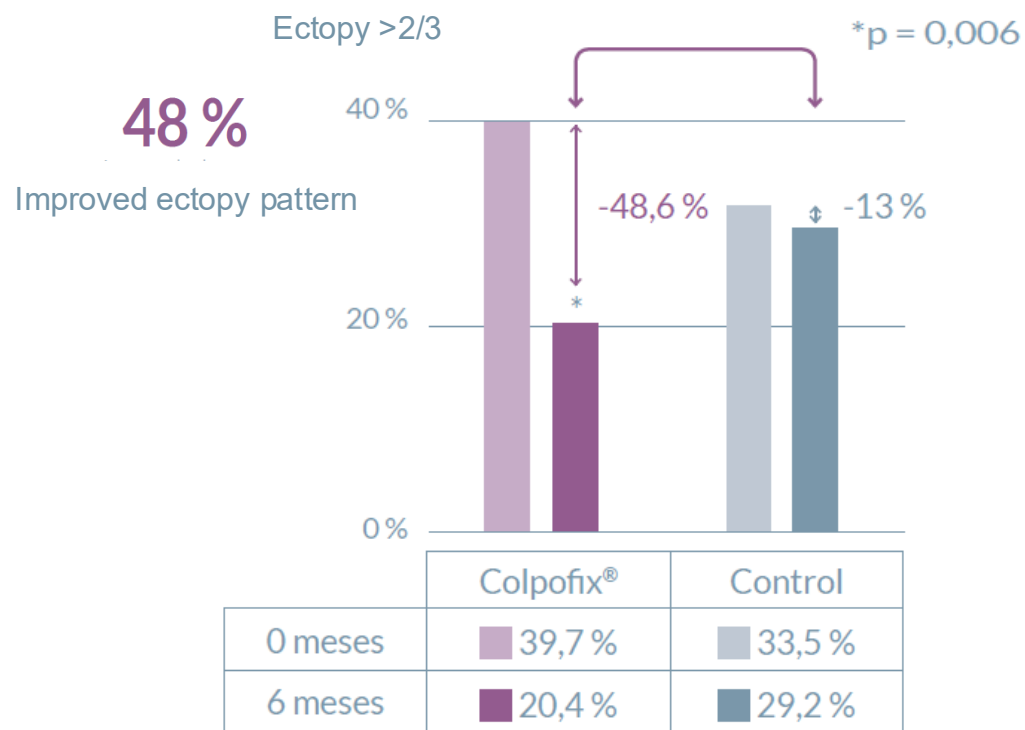


■ Tratamiento	63,4%	39,7%	-37,4%
■ Control	62,9%	56,1%	-10,8%

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RESULTS: Colpofix improves by 48% ectopy pattern



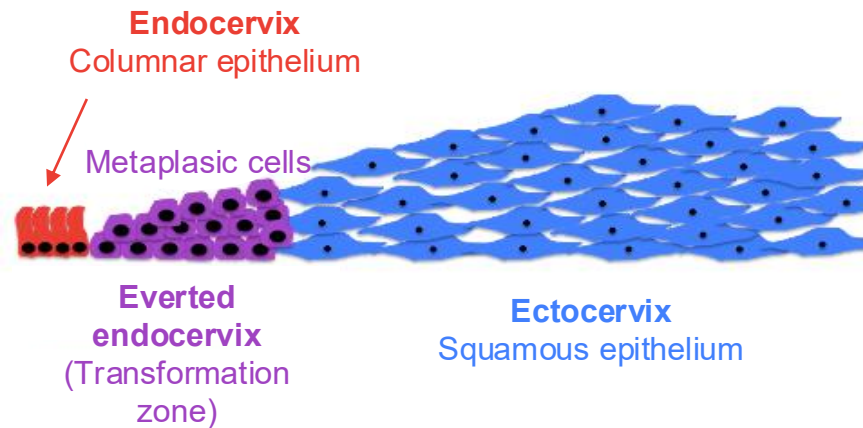
Presence of **endocervical columnar epithelium on the ectocervix.**

- After 6 months of Colpofix® treatment, patients **reduced significantly (48,6%)** ectopia.
- Colpofix® treatment reduced 4 times the presence of endocervical cells in the ectocervix compared with control.

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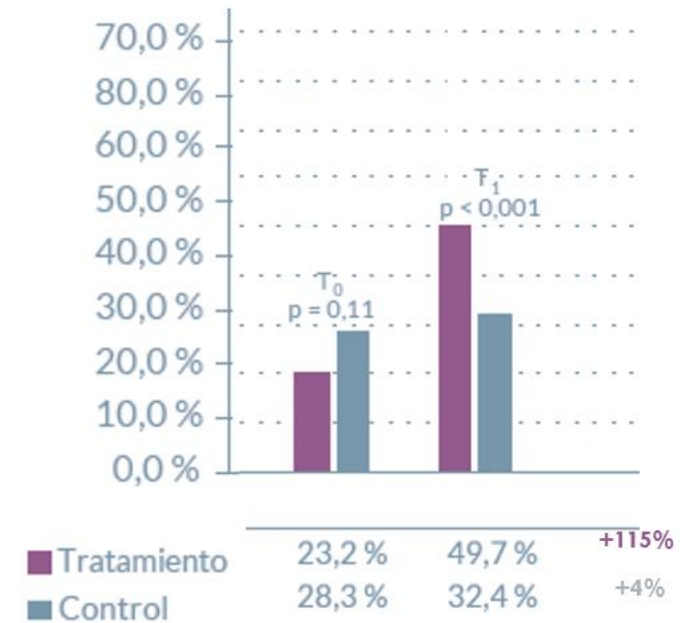
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RESULTS: Colpofix increases by 115% metaplasia



Physiological replacement of columnar epithelium to squamous epithelium in the everted endocervix to the ectocervix.

Metaplasia >20%

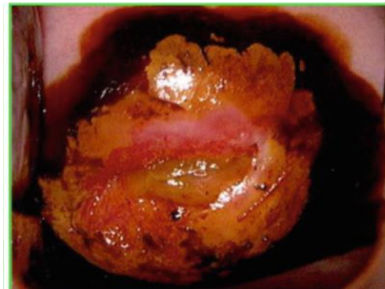


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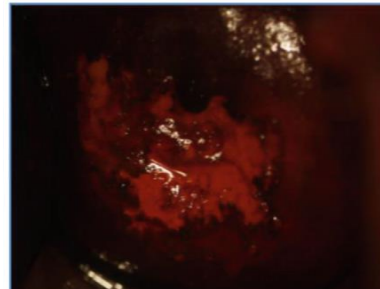
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RESULTS: Colpofix improves reduced by 36,3% Lugol test

Lugol Test



CIN1 before treatment with Colpofix®



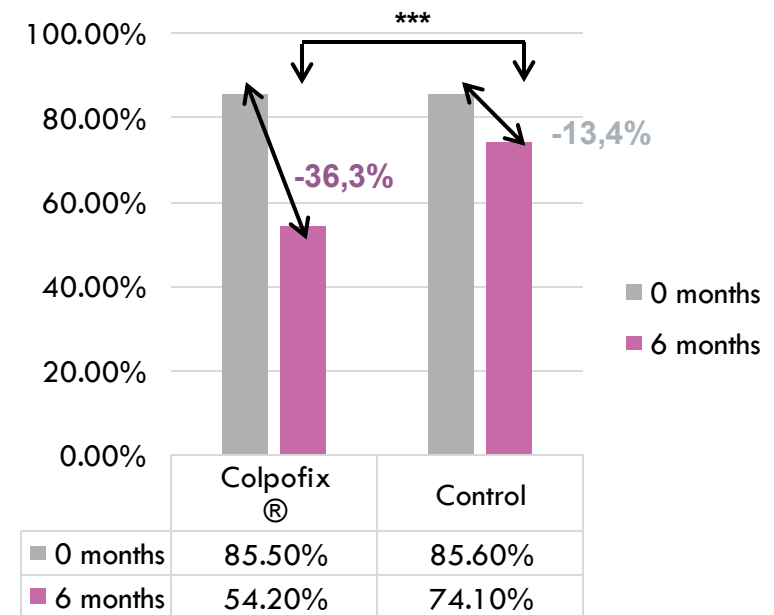
Transformation zone after treatment with Colpofix®

Lugol detects epithelial lesions.

Squamous epithelium is glycogenated, but other epithelial lesions contain little/no glycogen.

Glycogen of squamous epithelium stains brown as it uptakes Lugol; while columnar epithelium or epithelial lesions do not stain due to their lack of glycogen.

Lugol Test (non-captive)



- After 6 months of Colpofix® treatment, patients reduced significantly (36,3%) non-captive Lugol Test, which indicates less epithelial lesions and higher presence of resistant squamous epithelium.

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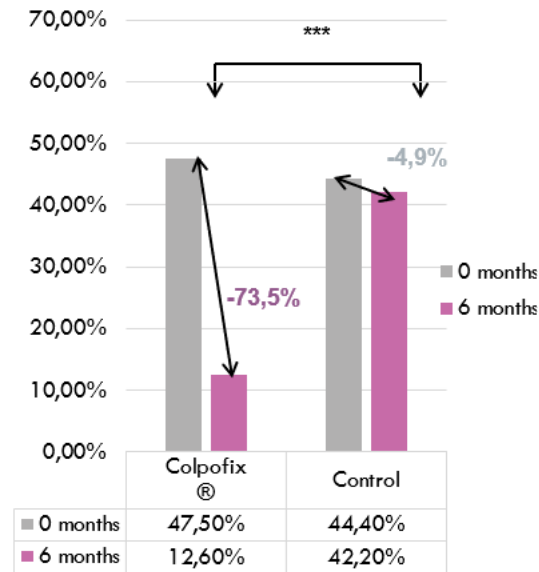
RESULTS Colpofix decreased 73,5% positives in Whiff Test

Whiff Test

Whiff test detects amine odor that occurs in dysbiosis. A positive result is abnormal.

- After 6 months of Colpofix® treatment, patients **decreased significantly (73,5%)** positives in Whiff Test.
- This results indicates an improvement in **vaginal microbiota**, a more **acidic environment** and therefore, an improved **HPV clearance** and **vaginal health**.

Positive Whiff Test



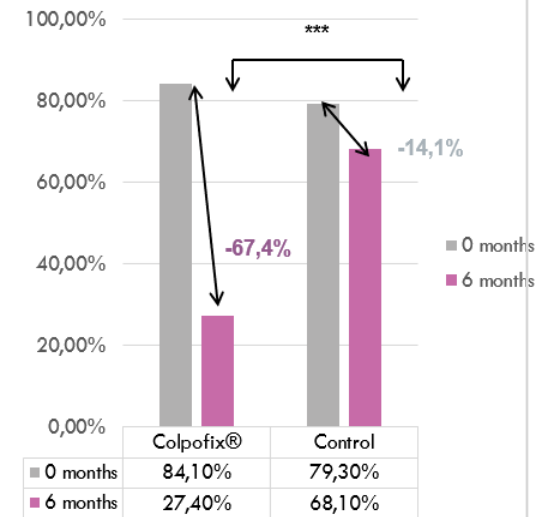
Colpofix reduced by 67,4% leucorrhoea

Presence of Leucorrhoea

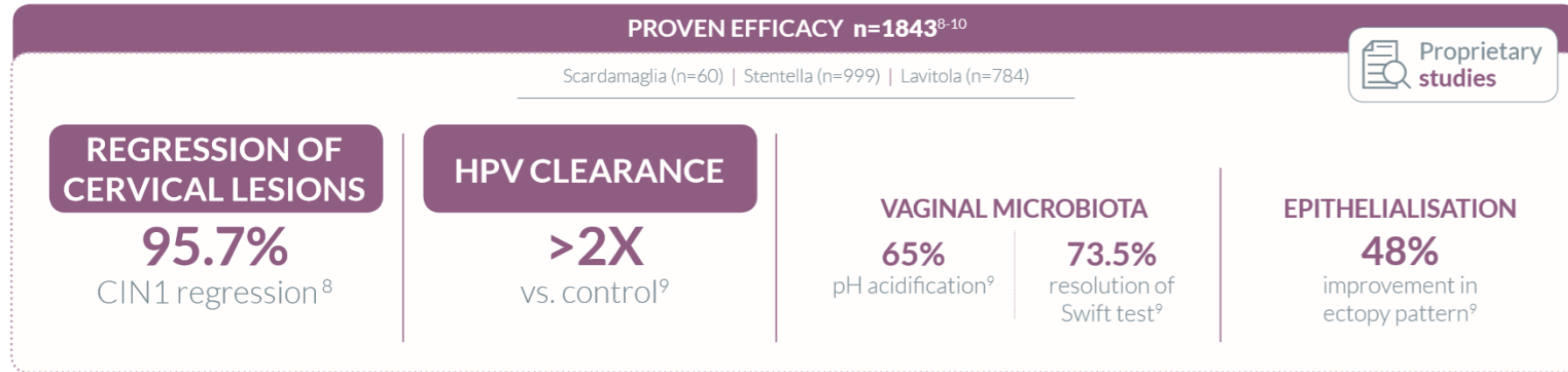
Leucorrhoea refers to a thick, whitish or yellowish vaginal discharge, usually due to vaginal infection.

- After 6 months of Colpofix® treatment, patients **reduced significantly (67,4%)** leucorrhoea, which indicates a **vaginal health improvement**.
- Colpofix treatment reduced **5 times** the presence of Leucohorrea compared with control group.

Presence of Leucorrhoea



Conclusions



Colpofix new study under publication



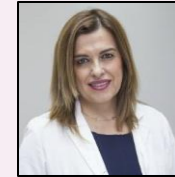
Objective:

Evaluate the efficacy and safety of the local treatment of Carboxymethyl beta-glucan and Polycarbophil in patients with normal cytology/ASCUS/LSIL (CIN1) with HPV+ PCR determination



Real World Evidence
Women from **25 to 65** years old
N= 533 patients

533 patients finished the study



PI: Dr. Carmen Pingarrón
29 Spanish KOLs

First visit



Colpofix for 3 months
6 month Follow up: HPV test

Final visit

Colpofix new study under publication

METHODOLOGY

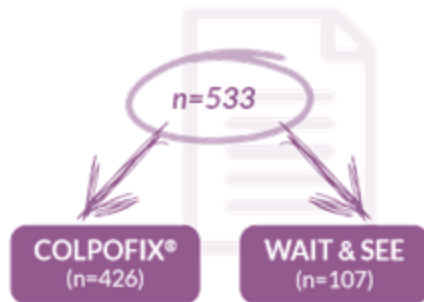
- Observational, Prospective, Control Group, Multicentric in Real Clinical Practice
- Population: Women between 25 – 65 years old with Normal/ASCUS/LSIL cytology and +HPV-HR

Genotypes:

16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66 y 68



- **44,1%** of women were vaccinated against HPV



RESULTS AT 6 MONTHS

Negativización total VPH+ AR



Total +HPV-HR negativisation was **DOUBLE (50,1%)** in Colpofix group vs. 24% of W&S at 6 months

Negativización VPH 16



HPV 16 negativisation was **5 times higher (50,7%)** in Colpofix group vs. 9,2% of W&S at 6 months

Colpofix effects



- ✓ Colpofix® improves HPV CLEARANCE
- ✓ Colpofix® increases REGRESSION OF CERVICAL LESIONS
- ✓ Colpofix® helps EPITHELIALIZATION
- ✓ Colpofix improves VAGINAL MICROBIOTA

Thank you!