

GLOBAL AND SEXUAL QUALITY OF LIFE IN 130 PATIENTS WITH MRKH SYNDROME : A COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN SURGICAL VERSUS NON SURGICAL MANAGEMENT OF VAGINAL AGENESIS

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Background

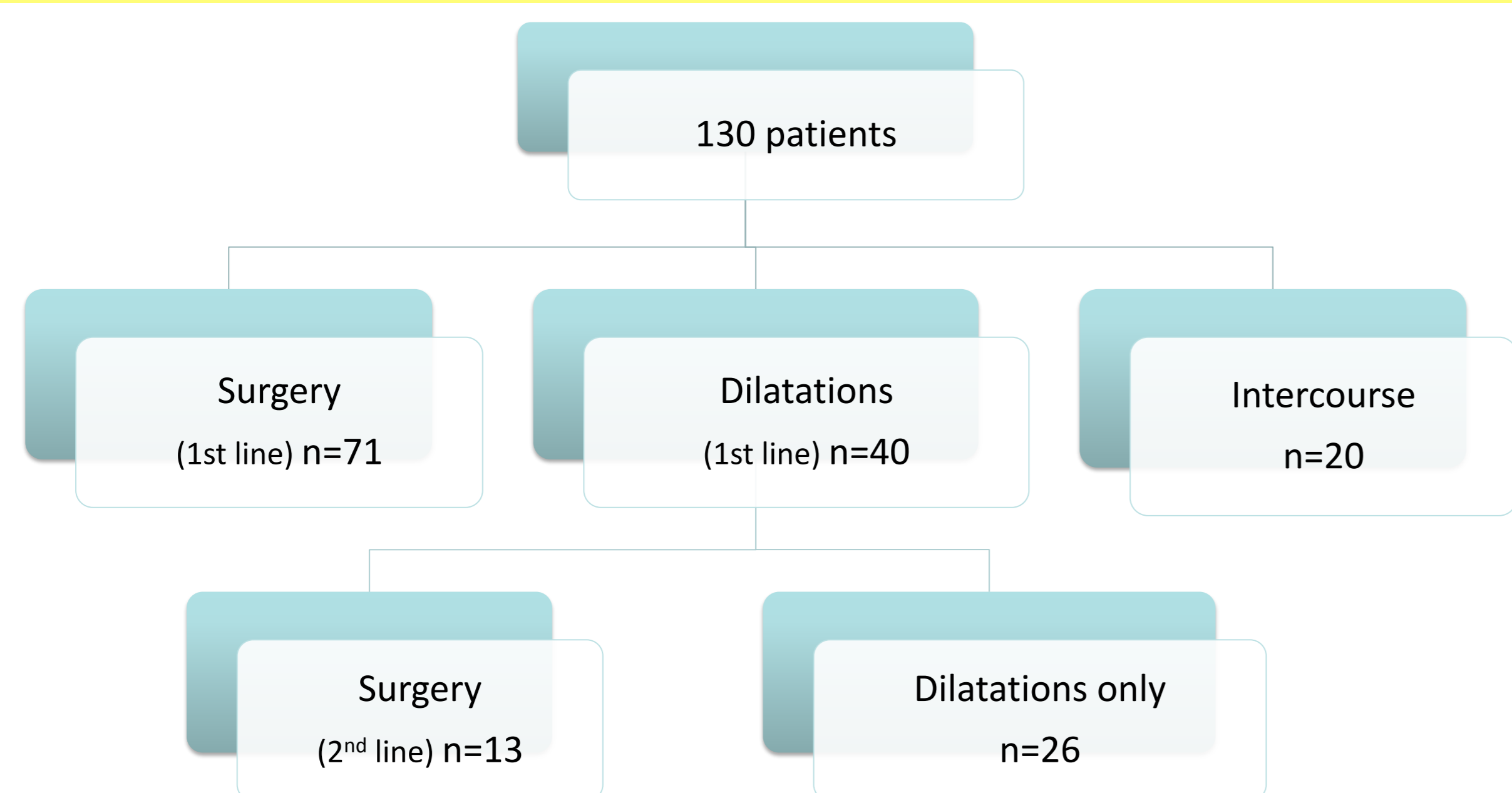
- MRKH syndrome is a rare disease affecting 1/4500 females.
- The patients have 46 XX karyotype, normal ovarian function and uterine and vaginal agenesis (VA)
- VA management aims to help sexual life and can be non surgical (dilatations) or surgical (various types of vaginoplasties)

Objectives

Our aim was to compare dilatations versus surgery in terms of global and sexual quality of life and anatomical results in a multicentric population of MRKH syndrome.

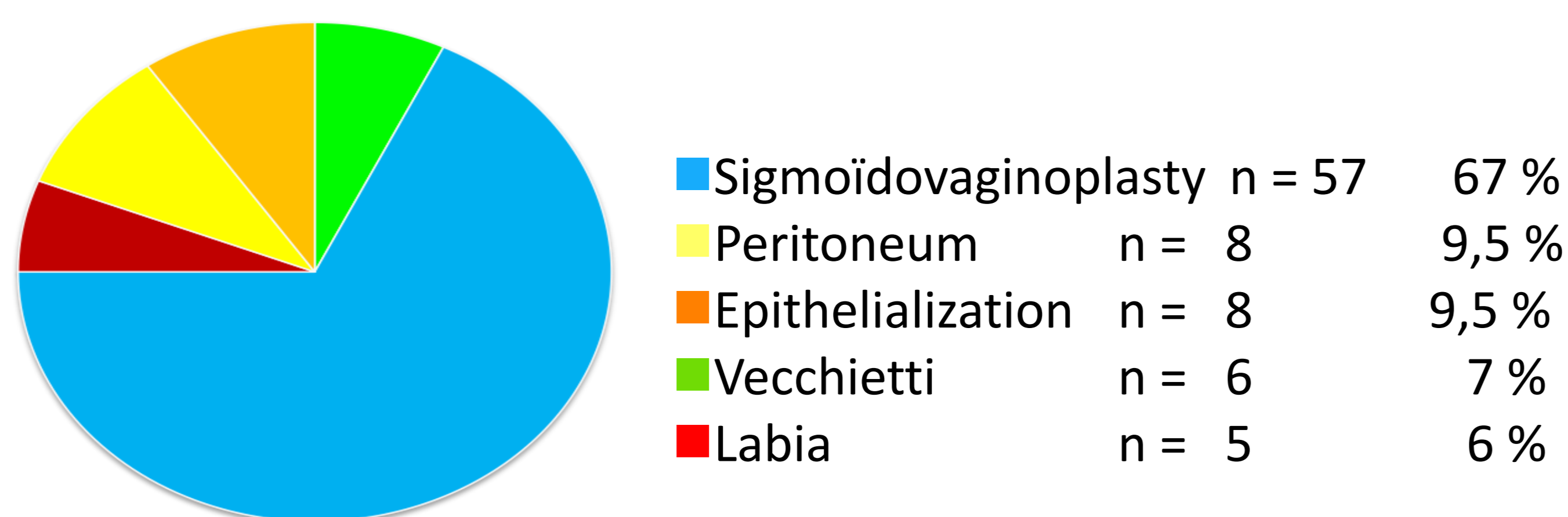
Subjects and Methods

We realized a multicentric observational study included 130 patients older than 18, at least one year after completing vaginal agenesis management. They aged 26.5 years (18-41). All had medical evaluation including normalized pelvic exam, and filled WHOQOL-BREF (General Quality of Life), FSFI and FSDS-R (Sexual QOL) scales.



Results

84 patients had surgery.



- 34 patients (40.5%) had complications, needing 20 additional procedures in 17 patients. Stenosis (23%, n=8), hemorrhage (21%, n=7), myofacial and vestibular pain (17.6%, n=6), pulmonary embolism (5.8%, n=2), bowel adhesions (2.9%, n=1), others (11%, n=4)
- 17 patients (20%) had an abnormal pelvic exam (introit stenosis, vaginal narrowing, myofacial pain syndrome)
- 49 patients had dyspareunia, significantly more often after sigmoidovaginoplasty (70%, p=0.014) compared other techniques.

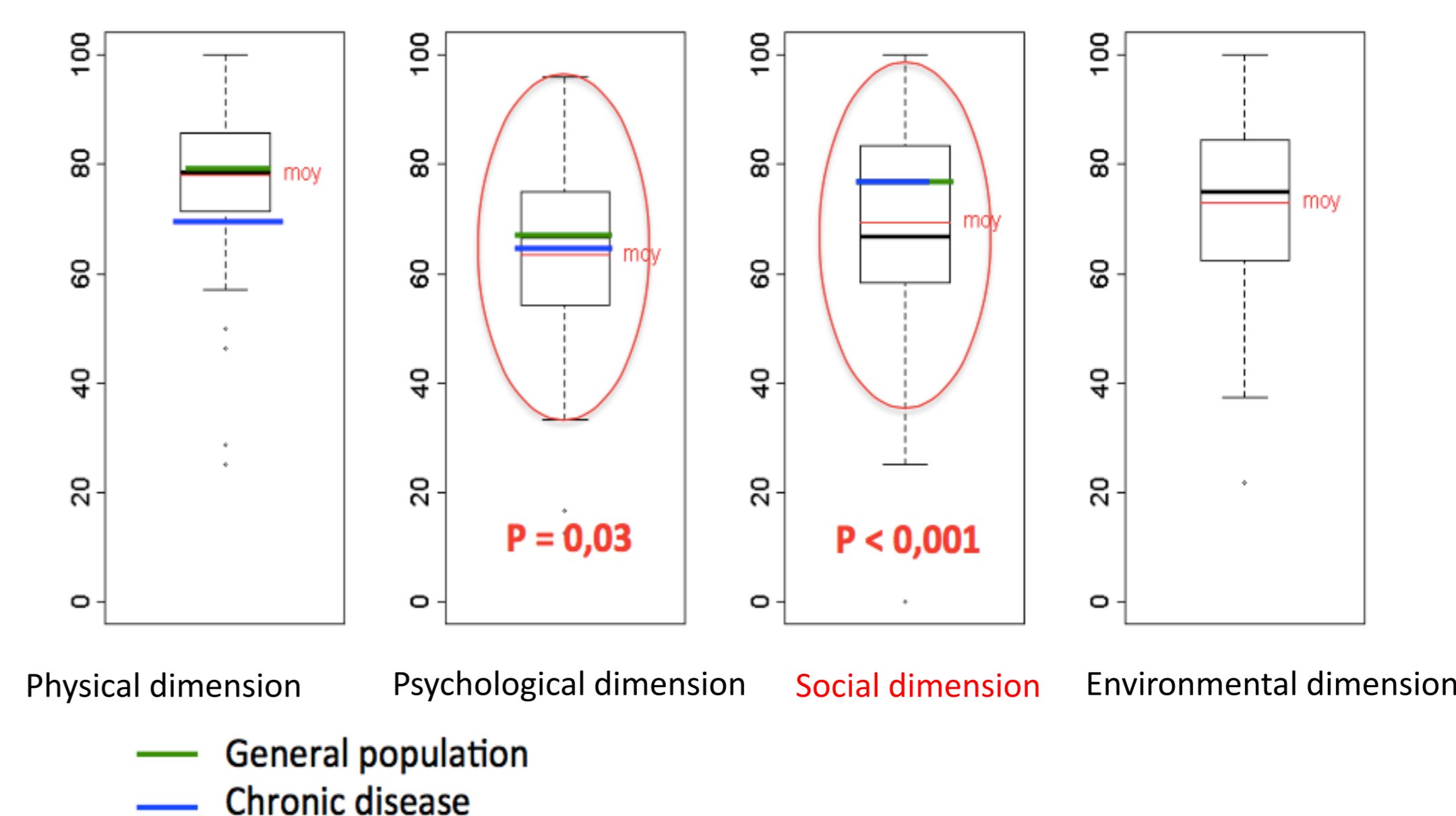
Anatomical results

Vaginal size: 10,17 cm (Sd = 1,77)
less than 6,5 cm n = 4
less than 9 cm n = 30 (23,8 %)

Technique	n	+/ -	Vecchiatti	11,25	(Sd = 1,72)
Surgery	11	+/ - 1,7	Sigmoid	11	(Sd = 1,72)
Dilatations	9,25	+/ - 1,9	Labia	12	(Sd = 1)
Intercourse	11	+/ - 1,6	Peritoneum	8,5	(Sd = 1,31)
			Epithelialization	9,2	(Sd = 1,37)
					p=0,002

Vaginal length was significantly lower after dilatations and after peritoneum/epithelium techniques in the surgical group, but remained within normal range (9.6 cm (6.2-12.5), Llyod, BJOG 2005)

Global quality of life (WHOQOL)



Sexual Activity:

- Age at first intercourse: 18 years ± 2.6 ans
- Time between diagnosis and first intercourse: 2.2 years ± 3.7 (NS)
- Time between management and first intercourse: 6 months (NS)

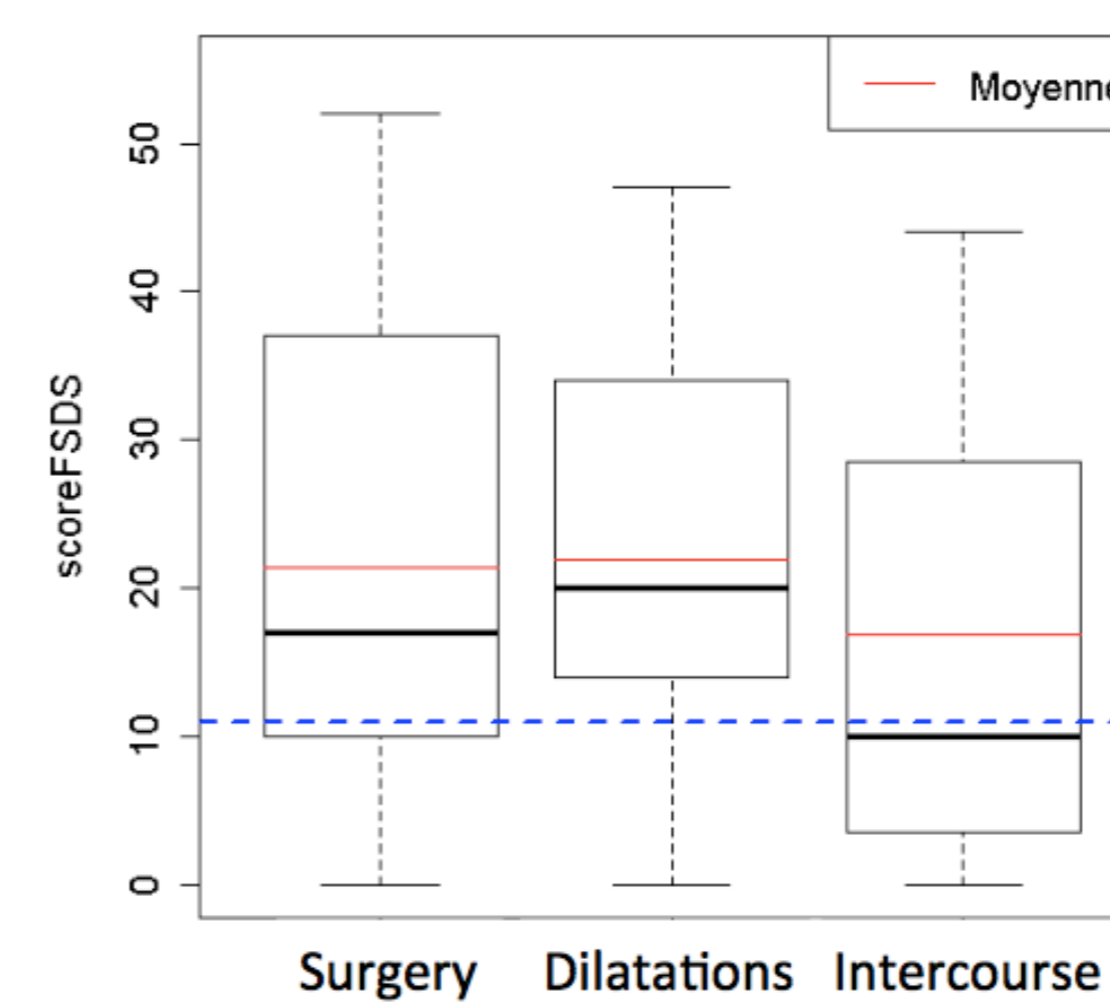
Sexual quality of life (FSFI):

	FSFI	Desire	Excitation	Lubrication	Orgasm	Satisfaction	Pain
All	26	4,2	4,5	4,8	4,4	5,2	3,6
Surgery	25,95	4,2	4,5	4,8	4,2	4,8	3,2
Dilatation	24,7	4,5	4,35	4,65	3,6	4,8	3,6
Intercourse	30,2	4,5	4,5	4,65	4,8	6	5,4
p	0,04	0,17	0,57	0,56	0,32	0,03	0,22

- Global FSFI scores in MRKH patients were similar to the general population
- There were no significant differences in the sexual QOL between dilatation and surgery group, and between the different surgical techniques. The intercourse group had a significantly higher sexual QOL, because a higher score in the satisfaction dimension.
- There were no differences in FSFI scores depending on vaginal length, except in the 4 patients who had vaginal length shorter than 6.5 cm.

Sexual Distress (FSDS_R) :

FSDS-R scores > 11 express sexual distress



	FSDS-R	FSDS-R > 11
All	18 (0-52)	70 %
Surgery	17 (0-52)	72 %
Dilatation	20 (0-47)	77 %
Intercourse	10 (10-44)	50 %
p	0,37	0,1

Sexual distress was very high in all MRKH patients, unresponsive of the type of management.

Conclusions

Surgery is not superior to autodilatations, bears more complications and should therefore be only a second-line treatment. Sexual distress is high in the majority of patients. Psychological counseling is mandatory at diagnosis and during therapeutical management.

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