



# Magnetic resonance imaging of classified and unclassified Müllerian duct anomalies: Comparison of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology classifications

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Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), due to its optimal delineation of anatomy, has become the mainstay in imaging for diagnosing Müllerian duct anomalies (MDA). Pelvic MRI is requested for various conditions such as primary amenorrhoea, infertility or poor obstetric history with regard to MDA, as identifying the exact aetiology for these conditions is vital. Knowledge regarding the classification of MDA is important, as the treatment varies with respect to the different classes. As all the lesions do not fit within the classification of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, a new anatomy-based classification was established by the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology and the European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy, to fulfil the needs of experts. We aim to discuss various classes of classified and unclassified MDA with regard to both the above-mentioned classifications and illustrate some of them using various cases based on pelvic MRI studies.

## Introduction

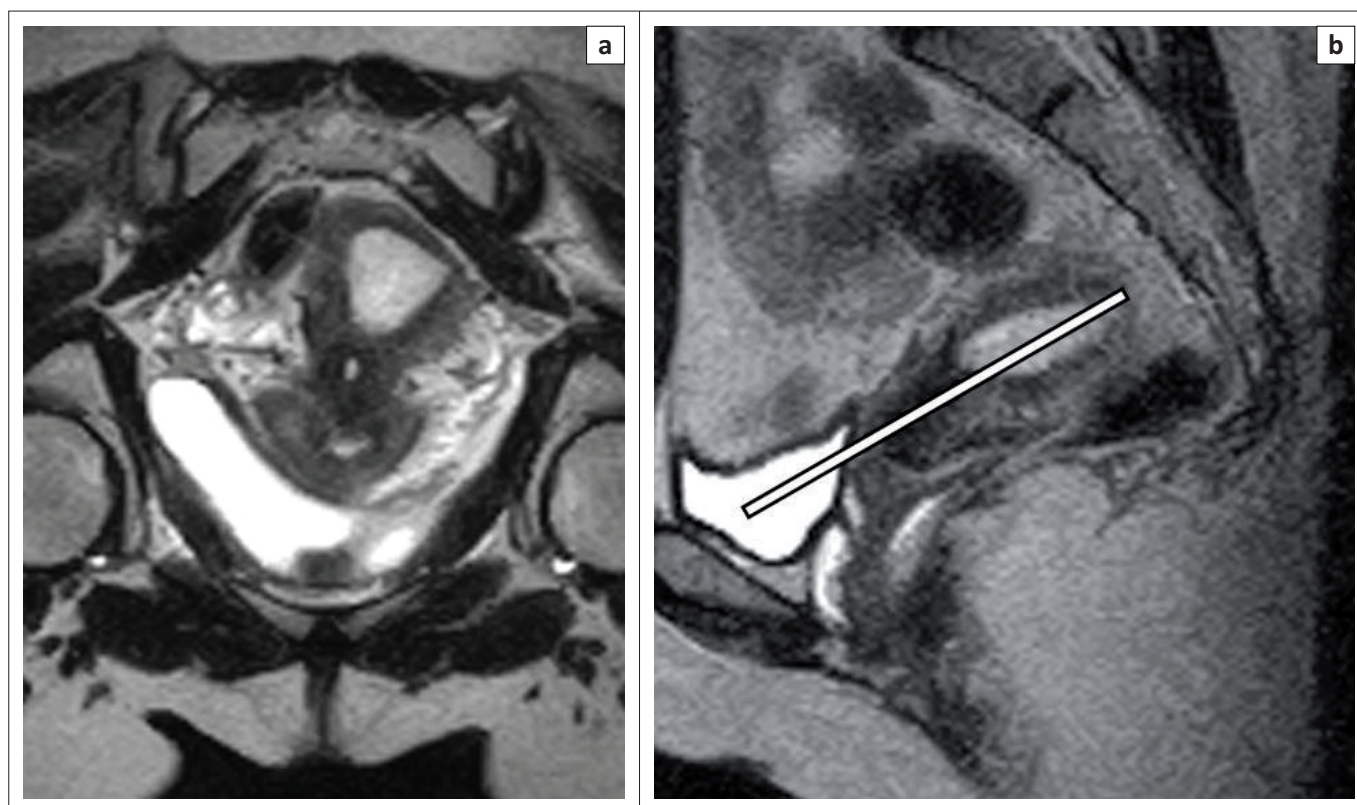
Embryologically, the two-paired Müllerian ducts fuse in the midline in the lower part by the 6th to the 11th week of gestation. Lateral fusion forms the uterus and upper two-thirds of the vagina and the cephalad parts of the separated ducts form the fallopian tubes. Resorption of the midline septum results in a single uterine cavity. The sinovaginal bulb forms the lower third of the vagina, which fuses with the lower part of the fused Müllerian ducts.<sup>1</sup>

Any deviation from the above process leads to Müllerian duct anomalies (MDA). Three-dimensional transvaginal ultrasound is almost as sensitive as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in diagnosing congenital uterine anomalies.<sup>2</sup> However, MRI is preferred, as the T2 sequences enable clear delineation of the uterine zonal anatomy, ovaries, follicles, vaginal continuity to the uterus and vaginal septum.<sup>3</sup> Though MDA are classified by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) into seven classes, there are some anomalies that are not included in the classification. In order to rectify the deficiencies, a new anatomy-based classification was established by the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) and the European Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy (ESGE),<sup>4</sup> classifying the anomalies according to the morphology of the uterus, cervix and vagina, independently.<sup>4</sup>

Clinical presentation of the MDA is variable, where patients with obstructive anomalies present earlier. In these young women, the goals of therapy are to relieve the obstruction immediately, restore normal menstruation and sexual function and preserve reproductive potential.<sup>5</sup> Proper description and classification of the MDA on imaging is vital for planning and instituting appropriate treatment.

## Magnetic resonance imaging sequences

T2-weighted sequences in all three planes (axial, coronal and sagittal) are adequate. Firstly, a sagittal T2-weighted image is obtained (TR/TE-4860/86, slice thickness [ST] 5mm and NEX-2), following which oblique coronal (Figure 1) and oblique axial sections are obtained along and perpendicular to the long axis of the uterus. A true coronal section along the long axis of the uterus allows for proper visualisation of the fundal contour. Volume sequences such as T2



**FIGURE 1:** Oblique coronal image (a) obtained by planning along the long axis of uterus (white line) on the sagittal T2 sequence (b).

CUBE (TR/TE-2000/102, ST2.8 mm and gap 1.4 mm) are very useful in this regard. With this sequence (Figure 2a), reformats in all the planes, including oblique sections, can be determined after image acquisition (Figure 2b). When complex anomalies such as accessory uterus-like structures are seen or in the case of didelphys with a divergent fundus, it is usually necessary to repeat the sequences for each component separately to get the exact coronal and axial sections of uterine cavities. T2 CUBE (GE Medical Corporation) is very beneficial in these circumstances (Figure 2c and d).

T1-weighted sequences are used to define any haemorrhagic component in the obstructed anomaly such as haematometra, adenomyosis, ovarian chocolate cyst and benign teratoma. It is also useful for uterine cysts with mucinous components and paravaginal Gartner's duct cysts (Figure 3b).

Coronal screening of the upper abdomen is mandatory in all cases of MDA to evaluate for associated renal abnormalities (Figure 3e). Instillation of vaginal gel (Figure 3b) is useful in cases of a blind vagina or transverse or longitudinal vaginal septum. Near-field artefacts can be reduced by placing saturation bands at both the anterior and posterior body walls.

## Classifications

American Society for Reproductive Medicine (Table 1 and Figure 4) and ESHRE and ESGE classifications are used to illustrate the cases here.

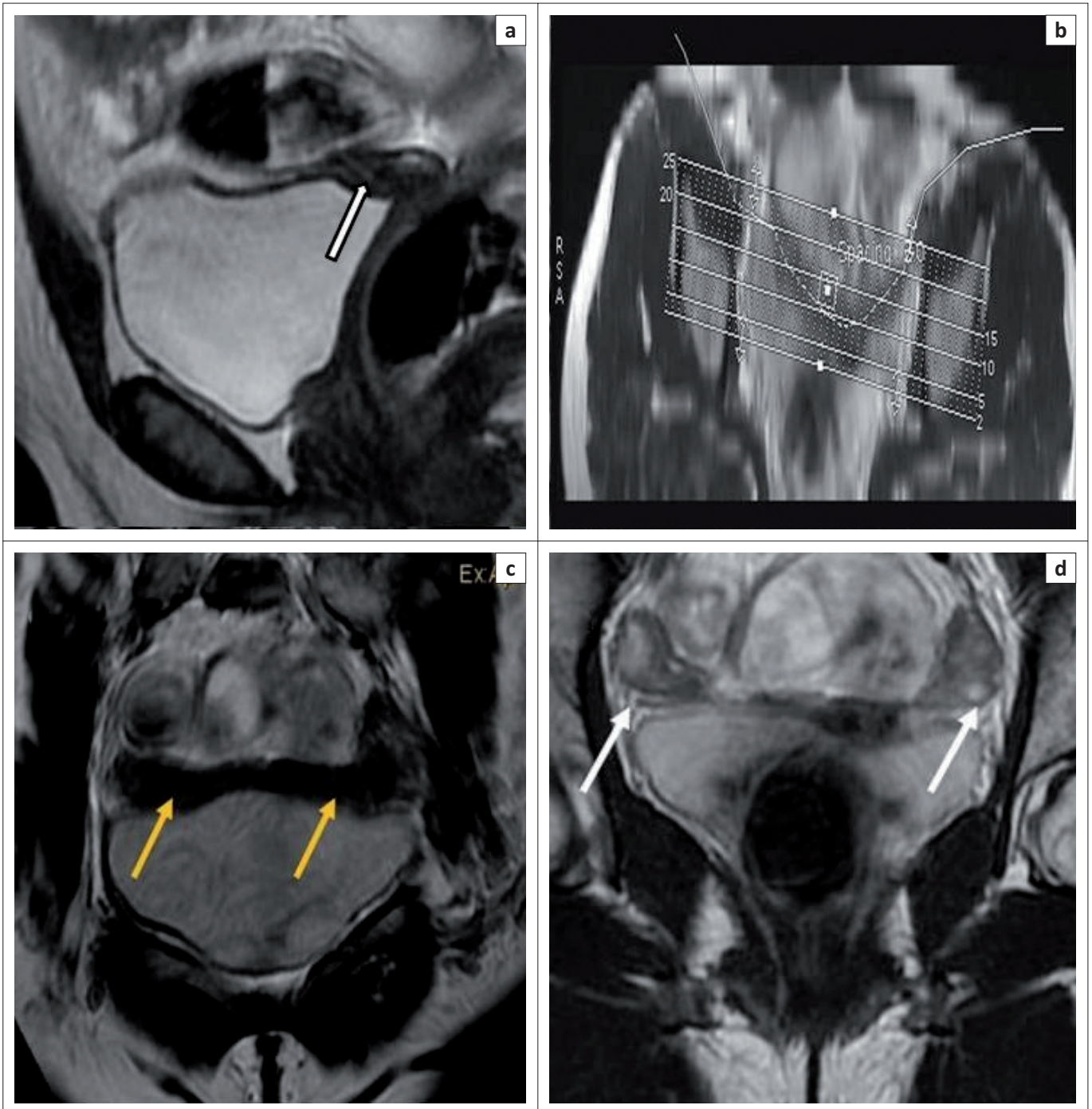
### The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology and the European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy classification

Uterine anatomical deviations are classified as normal uterus U0, dysmorphic uterus U1, septate uterus U2, bicorporeal uterus U3, hemi-uterus U4, aplastic uterus U5 and still unclassified cases U6.<sup>4</sup> Each main class is further divided into sub-classes (Figure 5 and Figure 6).<sup>4</sup>

### The main diagnostic features used in the American Society for Reproductive Medicine classification

1. An external fundal contour with dipping of more than 10% or 1 cm,<sup>6</sup> indicates a possible diagnosis of uterine didelphys or a bicornuate uterus. Two separate uteri with preserved myo-endometrium zonal widths, two cervixes and two vaginas are in keeping with didelphys.<sup>7</sup> The uterine horns are widely splayed in uterine didelphys. Some degree of fusion in the lower uterine segment points more towards a bicornuate uterus than uterine didelphys.
2. To differentiate bicornuate and septate uterus: an intercornual distance of more than 4 cm, an intercornual angle of more than 105° and external fundal dipping favours a bicornuate uterus.<sup>7,8</sup>
3. Flat or subtle fundal dipping (less than 1 cm), an intercornual distance of less than 4 cm and an acute intercornual angle of less than 75° suggests a septate uterus.<sup>9</sup> The septum can be muscular or fibrous. A muscular septum is thick and appears similar to myometrial intensity. A fibrous component is hypointense, thin and sharp.





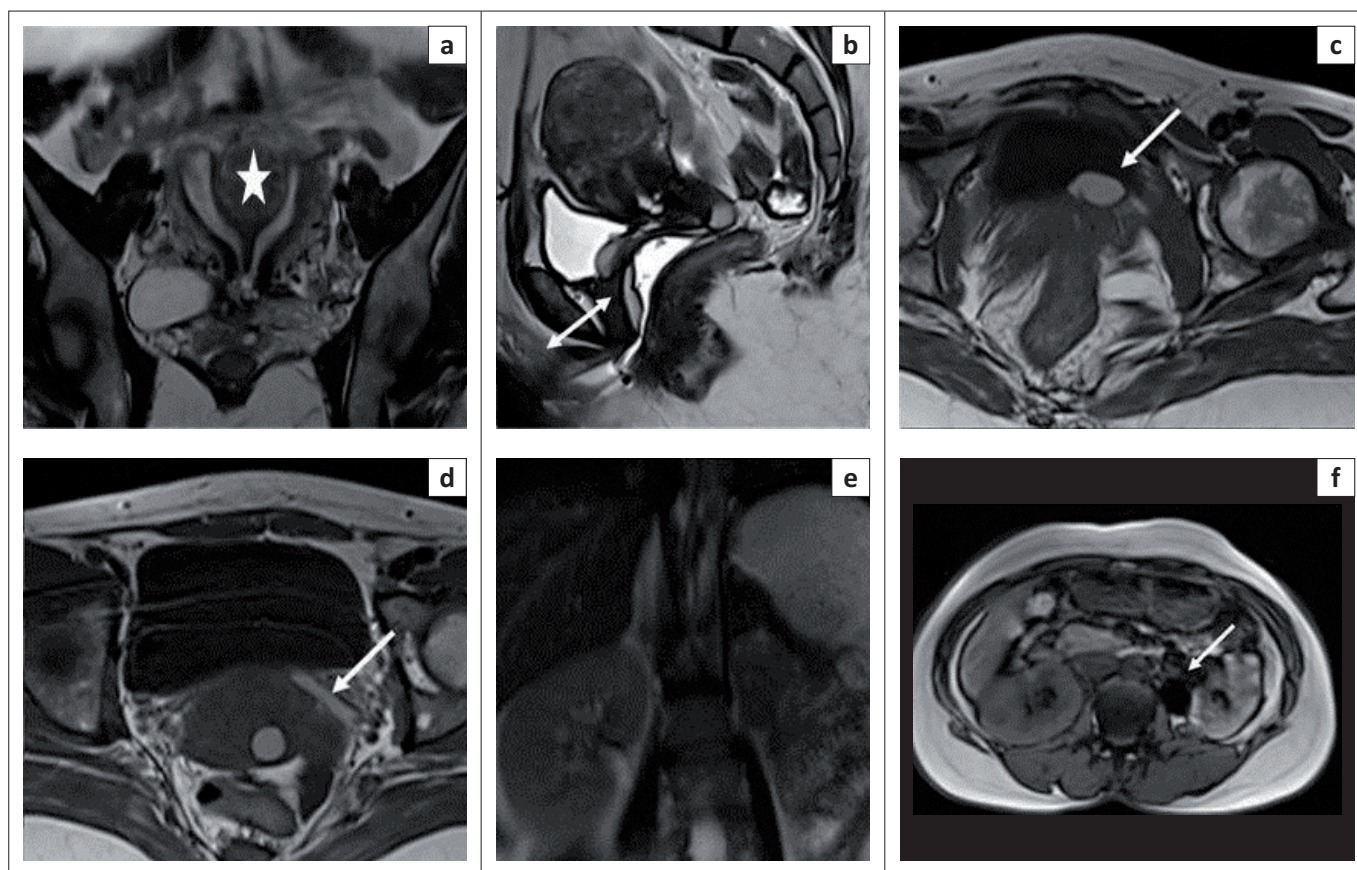
Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology – European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Unclassified U6 – mix of U3a and U5b. American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class IV b – Rudimentary bicornuate uterus.

**FIGURE 2:** (a) Sagittal T2 sequence demonstrates a rudimentary uterus (white arrow). (b) Planning of the T2 CUBE curved maximum intensity projection (MIP). (c) T2 cube curved MIP demonstrates a bicornuate rudimentary uterus with an intercornual distance of more than 4 cm and widely separated (yellow arrows). (d) Coronal T2 sequence shows both ovaries (white arrows).

- In an arcuate uterus, myometrial dipping in the inner aspect of less than 10% is seen with a convex or flat outer fundal contour. The inner dipping edge is not sharp and saddle shaped,<sup>10</sup> differentiating arcuate from a partial septate uterus.
- The unicornuate uterus does not have the usual rounded fundal contour and oblong shape. Zonal anatomy and endometrial–myometrial differentiation is maintained.<sup>10,11</sup>
- Absence of myometrial–endometrial differentiation or fundus, body and cervix differentiation represent a hypoplastic uterus.<sup>8</sup>

### Salient points of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology and the European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy classification

- Bicornuate and didelphys uterus of the previous ASRM classification incorporate under bicorpooreal uterus U3,



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U2b– Septate uterus. (Complete). American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class Va – Septate uterus (complete).

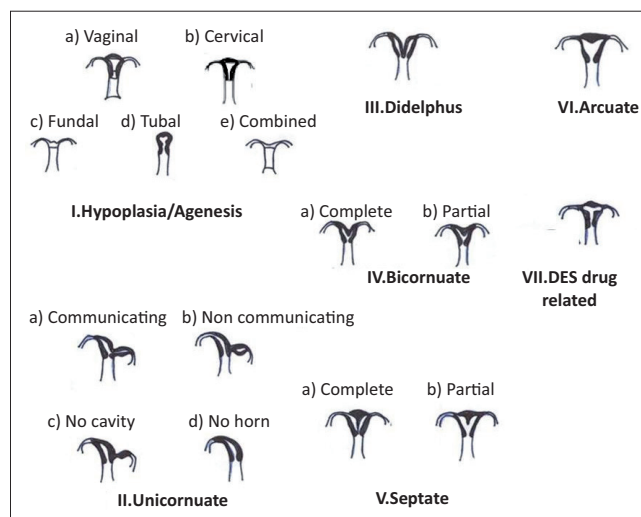
**FIGURE 3:** (a) Coronal T2 sequence demonstrates a complete septate uterus with a myoma (star) in the septum. (b) Sagittal T2 sequence shows a Gartner's duct cyst with focal sacculations (double-headed white arrow) from the fornix extending along the anterior vaginal wall, well delineated against the instilled gel in the vagina. (c and d) Axial T1 sequence demonstrates a left ureterocolocele with a blind-ending atretic ureter (white arrows) in the broad ligament. (e) Coronal T2 sequence shows a normal right kidney; left kidney not visualised. (f) Incidental left adrenal adenoma (fat component in out-of-phase images) marked by a white arrow.

**TABLE 1:** American Society for Reproductive Medicine classification.

Class	Classification
Class I	Ageneis or hypoplasia – (a–e) (vaginal or cervical or fundal or tubal or combined)
Class II	Unicornuate – (a–d) (communicating horn or non-communicating horn or no cavity or no horn)
Class III	Uterine didelphys
Class IV	Bicornuate uterus (a and b – Complete or partial)
Class V	Septate uterus (a and b – Complete or partial)
Class VI	Arcuate uterus
Class VII	Diethylstilboestrol related

subcategories 3a and 3b, respectively. A dysfused septate uterus is 3c.

- Unicornuate uterus is classified under hemi-uterus U4.
- A clear description of the septate uterus is provided as a fundal midline indentation of >50% of the uterine wall thickness. Anything less is included in the subcategory of U1, a dysmorphic uterus.<sup>4</sup> The reference for myometrial thickness is obtained on the sagittal image of the uterus by calculating the mean of the measured anterior and posterior wall thicknesses.<sup>12</sup>
- Arcuate uterus (type VI of ASRM) is not included in the ESHRE–ESGE classification system, avoiding unnecessary apprehension created by this almost normal variant as an anomaly. In the ESHRE–ESGE classification, these patients are classified as normal or



**FIGURE 4:** The American Society for Reproductive Medicine classification.

septate, depending on the degree of midline indentation.<sup>13</sup>

- The ESHRE and ESGE classification classifies 38 of the 39 congenital anomalies of the female genital tract, whereas the ASRM classification is not as comprehensive.<sup>13</sup>
- Independent classification of uterine, cervical and vaginal anomalies is made. It is very useful, especially in cases of

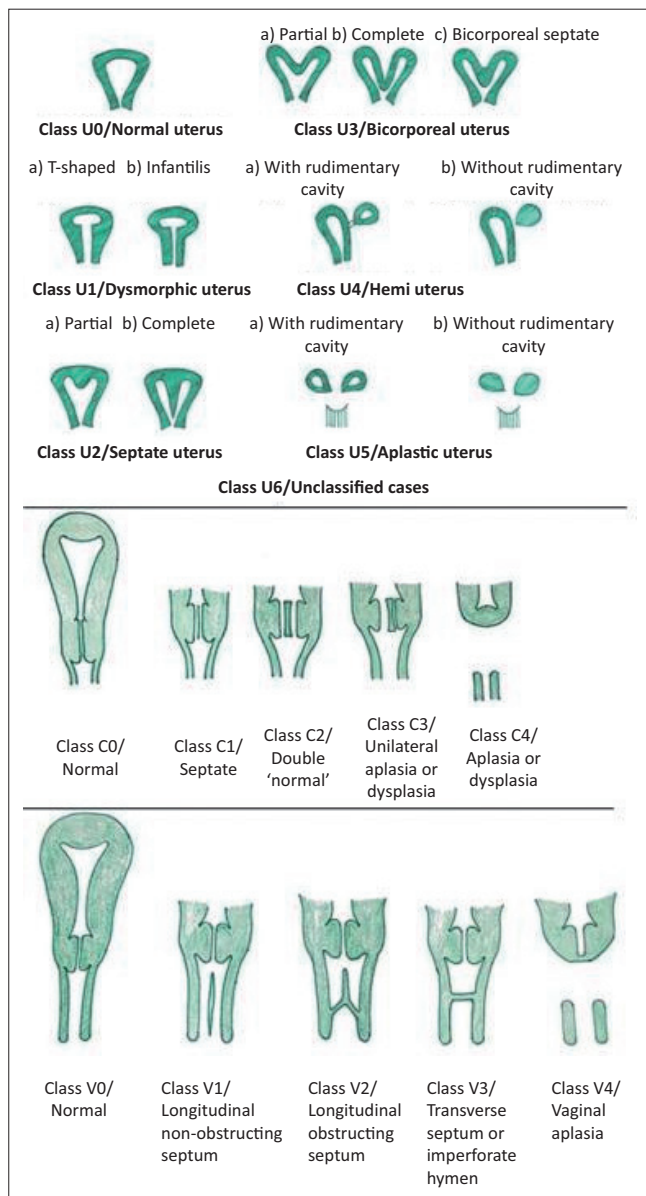


Uterine anomaly			Cervical/Vaginal anomaly	
	Main class	Sub-class		Co-existent class
U0	Normal uterus	-	C0	Normal cervix
U1	Dysmorphic uterus	U1a – T-shaped uterus U1b – uterus infantile U1c – others	C1	Septate
U2	Septate uterus	U2a – partial septate uterus U2b – complete septate	C2	Double 'normal'
U3	Bicorporeal uterus	U3a – partial bicorporeal U3b – complete bicorporeal U3c – bicorporeal septate uterus	C3	Unilateral aplasia or dysplasia
U4	Hemi-uterus	U4a – hemi-uterus with a rudimentary (functional) cavity U4b – hemi-uterus without rudimentary (functional) cavity	C4	Aplasia or dysplasia
U5	Aplastic uterus	U5a – aplastic uterus with rudimentary (functional) cavity U5b – aplastic uterus without rudimentary (functional) cavity	V0	Normal vagina
U6	Unclassified cases		V1	Longitudinal non-obstructing vaginal septum
			V2	Longitudinal obstructing vaginal septum
			V3	Transverse vaginal septum or imperforate hymen
			V4	Vaginal aplasia

#### Associated anomalies of non-Müllerian origin

U, uterine; C, cervical; V, vaginal

**FIGURE 5:** The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology and European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy classification.



**FIGURE 6:** The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology and the European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy classification.

obstructive cervical or vaginal malformations with a normal uterus, which constitutes about 22 out of the 39 types of anomalies.<sup>13</sup> The ASRM classification does not provide specific classes for these anomalies and groups them all under Class I.

- The ESHRE and ESGE classification uses common terms for describing anomalies and the exact anatomical status of the female genital tract, rather than the liberal non-specific terminologies used in the ASRM classification.
- The ESHRE and ESGE classification includes associated anomalies of non-Müllerian origin as part of its system to accommodate the renal tract malformations which are common with MDA.
- The embryological origin of the anomalies can be easily identified on the basis of the ESHRE and ESGE classification.
- The ESHRE and ESGE classification places less severe anomalies at the beginning with the more deformed anomalies placed as the later classes and sub-classes.<sup>4</sup>
- The ESHRE and ESGE classification defines uterine deformities based on the proportions of uterine anatomical landmarks, such as uterine wall, rather than using definite objective numerical values, keeping in consideration the variability of uterine dimensions in different patients.<sup>4</sup>

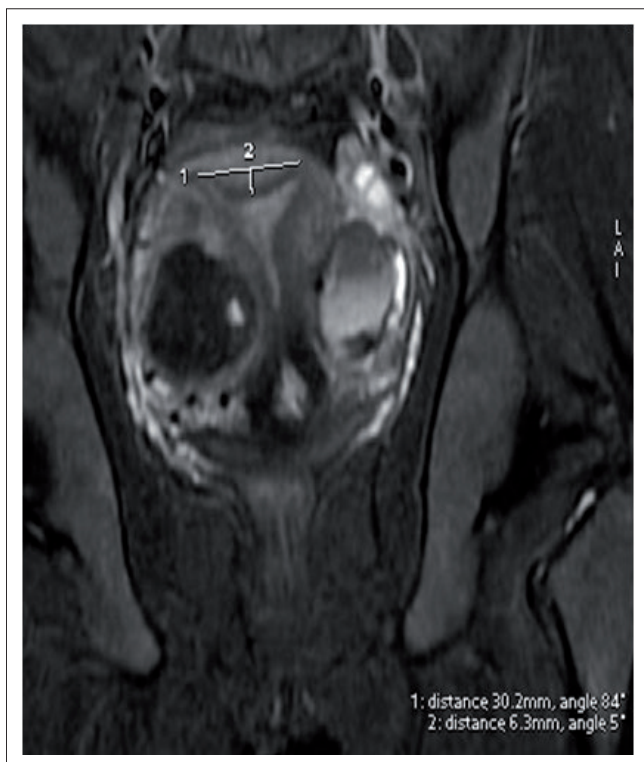
## Ethical consideration

Written informed consent was obtained from all the patients for publication of this review article, including all the images.

## Case reviews

### Normal uterus U0

A uterus having an interstitial straight or curved line with less than 50% of the uterine wall thickness, internal indentation in the midline fundus and a flat external contour on coronal MRI section is considered a normal uterus U0 (Figure 7).



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy– Class U0 – Normal Uterus. American Society for Reproductive Medicine– Normal uterus.

**FIGURE 7:** Coronal oblique T2 sequence shows a normal uterus. No fundal external dipping, intercornual distance of less than 4 cm and internal fundal muscular indentation of less than 50% of the uterine wall thickness. Associated right lateral wall intramural fibroid and left benign teratoma seen.

### Dysmorphic uterus U1

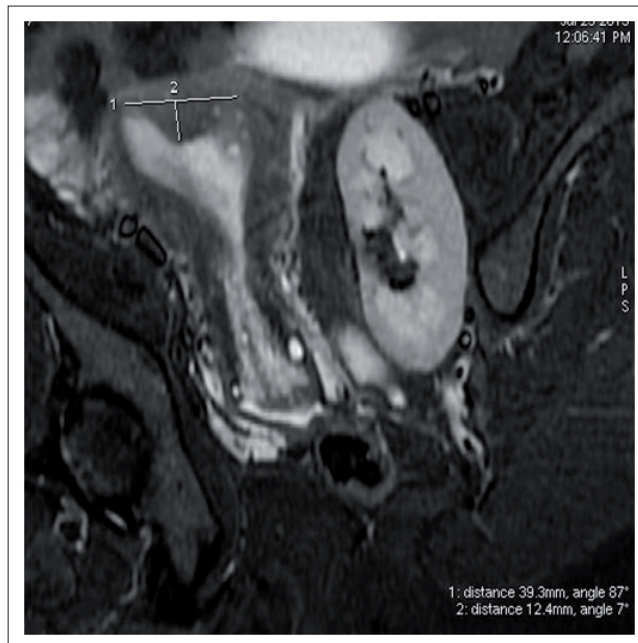
A dysmorphic uterus is sub-classified by the shape of the uterine cavity as T-shaped, infantile and others. The other category is used to differentiate minor deformities.

### Septate uterus U2

This is due to an absorption defect. A uterus having a flat external contour and more than 50% internal fundal midline indentation is classified as a septate uterus. It is divided into subtypes a and b (partial [Figures 8 and 9] and complete [Figure 10] septate) by the extension of the septum above or below the internal cervical os, respectively. When two cervixes are identified at clinical examination, it should not be interpreted as uterine didelphys, where no treatment is required. Imaging is mandatory.<sup>6</sup> Septate uteri with two cervixes (Figure 10) have been documented in the literature.<sup>14,15,16,17</sup> The optimum treatment is resection of the septum.<sup>18</sup>

An arcuate uterus may be classified as a partial septate uterus in the ESHRE–ESGE classification (Figure 8). Somayya et al. state that the diagnosis of septate uterus is made frequently by following the ESHRE–ESGE classification, resulting in increased hysteroscopic metroplasty.<sup>19</sup> This could be considered as one of the limitations of the study.

Ludwin et al.<sup>20</sup> identified the median length of septum as 10.7 mm by the ESHRE–ESGE classification and as 21.1 mm



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U2a – Septate uterus (partial). American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class VI Arcuate uterus.

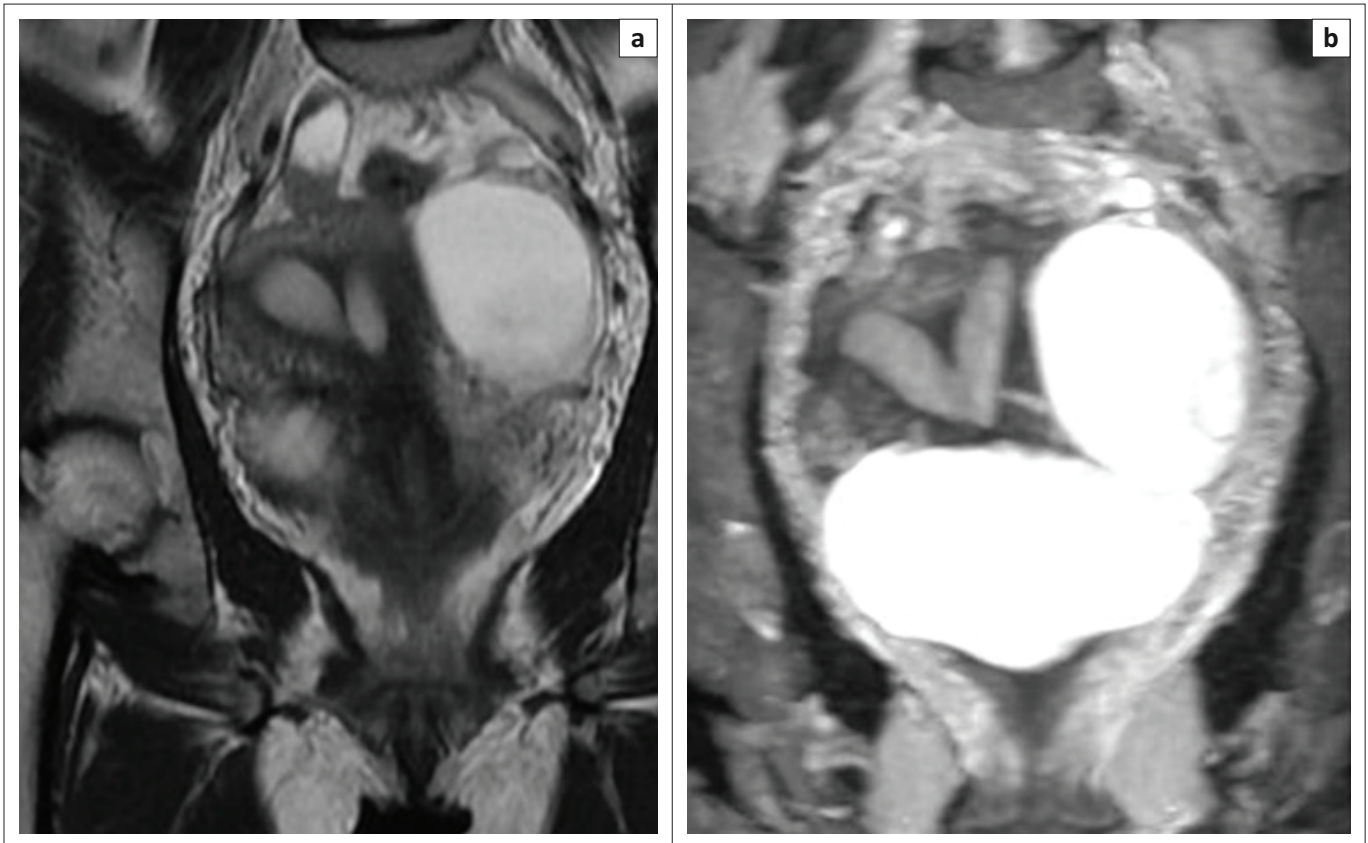
**FIGURE 8:** Coronal oblique T2 sequence shows no fundal external dipping, an intercornual distance of less than 4 cm and an internal fundal muscular indentation of more than 50% of the uterine wall thickness. Associated left pelvic kidney is seen.

by the ASRM criteria. In 36.4% of cases of septate uterus, internal fundal indentation was <1 cm by ESHRE–ESGE criteria and is usually considered as a normal uterus by ASRM. Their study further stated that the septate uterus was overdiagnosed and needed to be redefined for determining the treatment option of hysteroscopic metroplasty.<sup>20</sup> Ludwin et al. stated that using three-dimensional ultrasonography and the ASRM classification with morphometric criteria is preferable and that further study with a larger sample size should be evaluated for reliability.<sup>21</sup>

Patients with a complete septate uterus may have multiple associated findings. Myomas were seen in the septum and left broad ligament in one of our patients (not shown). There was an associated Gartner's duct cyst that appeared hyperintense on the T1 sequence, extending from the fornix to the anterior vaginal wall. This patient also had a left ureteroceles with a short ureter ending blindly. She had a normal right kidney and an absent left kidney with an incidental left adrenal adenoma (Figures 3a–f). A blind-ending ureteral bud in association with renal agenesis and a ureteroceles are rarely reported.<sup>22,23,24</sup> Magnetic resonance imaging is the modality of choice for diagnosing an atretic ureteroceles; other cross-sectional imaging modalities have limited value.<sup>23</sup>

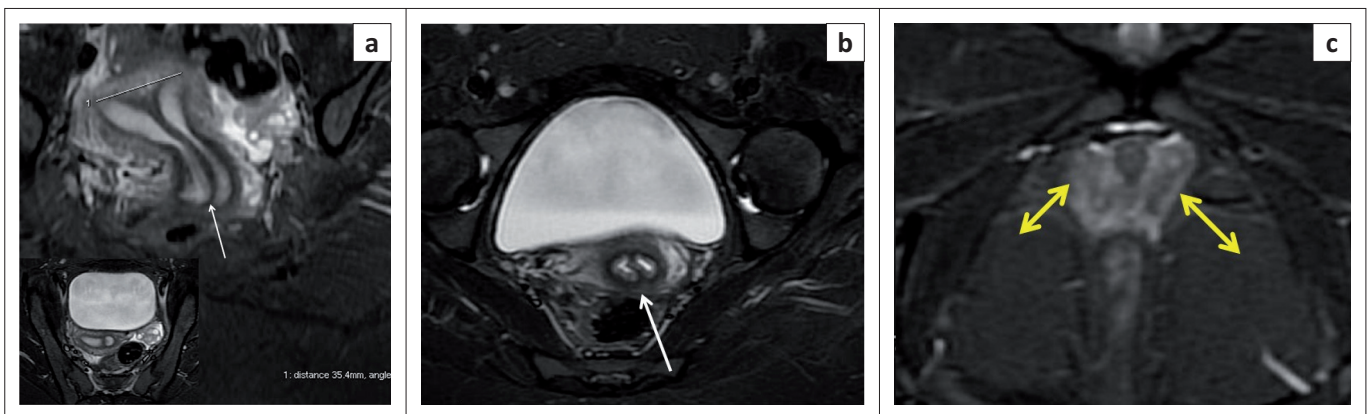
### Bicorporeal uterus U3

Abicorporeal uterus is caused by fusion defects, characterised by external indentation of more than 50% of the uterine wall thickness. This is subdivided into partial and complete (Figure 11) by the extension of the division above or up to the level of the cervix. A bicorporeal septate uterus (Class



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U2a – Septate uterus (partial). American Society for Reproductive Medicine– Class Vb. Partial septate uterus.

**FIGURE 9:** Coronal oblique T2 sequence (a) shows no fundal external dipping. There is a partial septum with a muscular and fibrous component separating the endometrial cavity in the fundal region. A single cervix is seen. T2 CUBE maximum intensity projection (MIP) image (b) demonstrates well the inferior sharp end of the septum. Partial septate uterus. Associated left ovarian cyst.



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U2b – Septate uterus (Complete), C1: Septate cervix and V1: Longitudinal non-obstructing vaginal septum. American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class Va. Complete septate uterus.

**FIGURE 10:** Coronal oblique T2 sequence demonstrates a complete septate uterus. The outer fundal contour is flat. The intercornual distance is 3.5 cm. Internal indentation of the muscular and fibrous component is seen in fundal region (a) and there is only a fibrous component in the lower part (white arrow) (b), extending down to the cervix and two vaginal cavities (c – yellow double-headed arrows).

U3c) has a coexistent absorption defect in addition to the fusion defect and shows fundal indentation exceeding 150%.

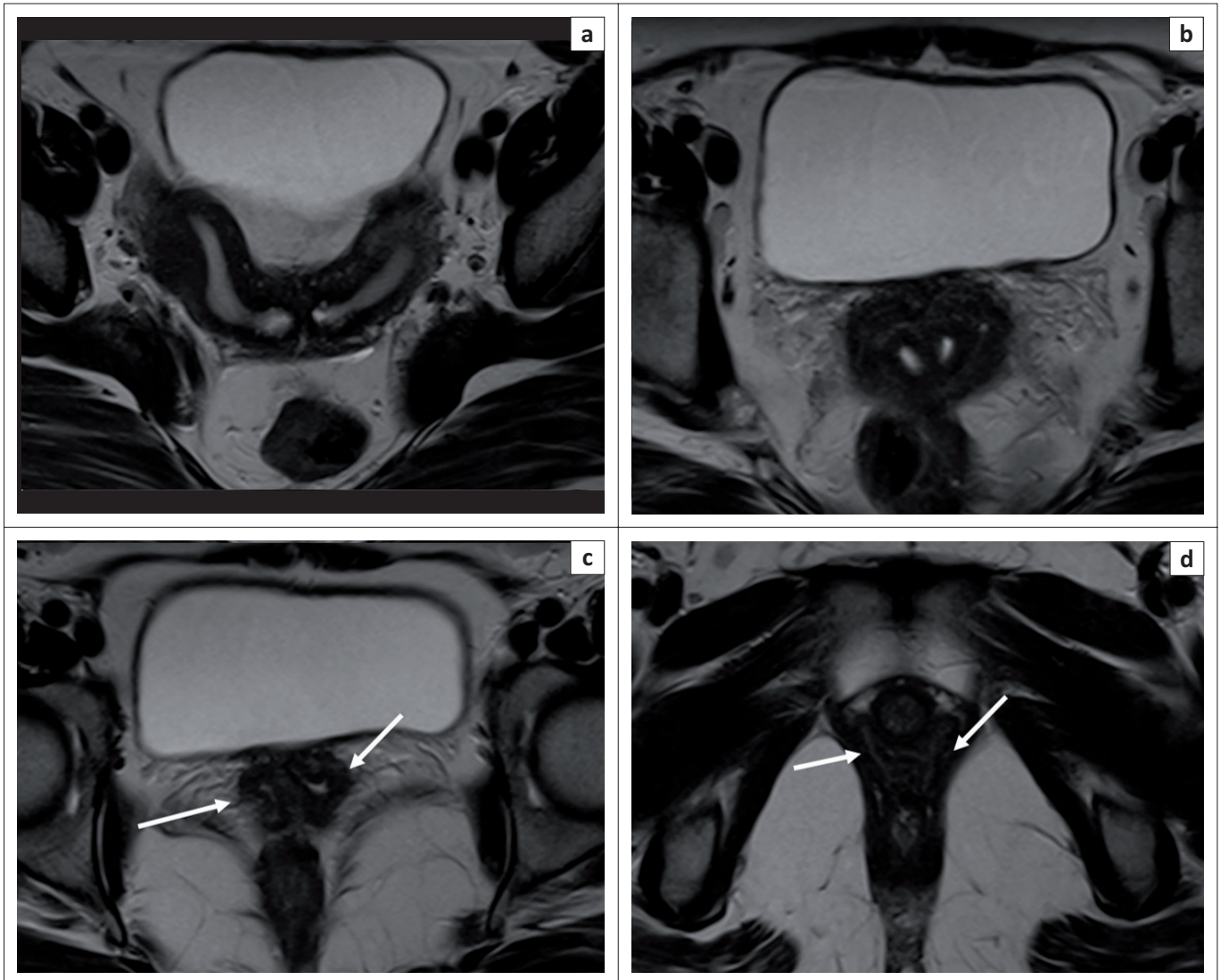
Increased risk of placental abnormalities has been reported with uterine anomalies,<sup>25</sup> especially with uterus didelphys (Figure 12) and bicornuate, unicornuate and septate uteri. Uterine didelphys (bicorporeal U3b) with a vaginal septum and obstructed hemivagina resulting in haematometra along with ipsilateral renal agenesis is known as Herlyn–Werner–

Wunderlich syndrome (Figure 13). The treatment for class U2 and U3c is metroplasty. It is also recommended in cases of arcuate uterus with repeated pregnancy loss.<sup>26,27</sup>

#### Hemi-uterus U4

A unilaterally formed uterus, which occurs as a result of a formation defect with an absent or incompletely formed contralateral part, is usually laterally deviated. It is sub-





Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U3b – Bicorniporeal uterus (Complete), C2 – double normal cervix and V1-duplicated non-obstructing vagina. American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class III – Uterine didelphys.

**FIGURE 11:** (a, b) Axial T2 sequence demonstrates a fundal external indentation exceeding 50% of the uterine wall thickness, dividing the uterine corpus and cervix completely. (c, d) Axial T2 sequence demonstrates two vaginal cavities (white arrows).

classified into subtypes a and b by the presence or absence (Figure 14) of a functional cavity in the contralateral component (rudimentary horn communicating or non-communicating). Laparoscopic removal of the rudimentary horn is advised if there is a functional cavity. Forty percent of hemi-uteri have associated renal anomalies.<sup>28</sup>

### Aplastic uterus U5

An aplastic uterus is a formation defect with bilateral (Figure 15) or unilateral, complete or partially absent uterine cavity or rudimentary horn, with or without a cavity or uterine remnants. Presence (Figure 15) or absence of a functional cavity sub-classifies an aplastic uterus into subtypes a and b.

Fundal, body and cervix differentiation as well as endometrial–myometrial differentiation are not seen (Figure 2).

Failure of the Müllerian duct to develop leads to Müllerian agenesis. Parikh et al. state that the most common cause of

primary amenorrhea is Müllerian agenesis.<sup>5</sup> Uterovaginal aplasia or hypoplasia is referred to as Mayer–Rokitansky–Küster–Hauser syndrome. In type I or the typical form, there is isolated uterovaginal aplasia. Laparoscopy can identify Müllerian remnants as symmetric muscular buds and normal Fallopian tubes.<sup>29</sup> In type II (Figure 16) or the atypical form, other upper urinary tract, vertebral, cardiac and otologic malformations are seen.<sup>29</sup>

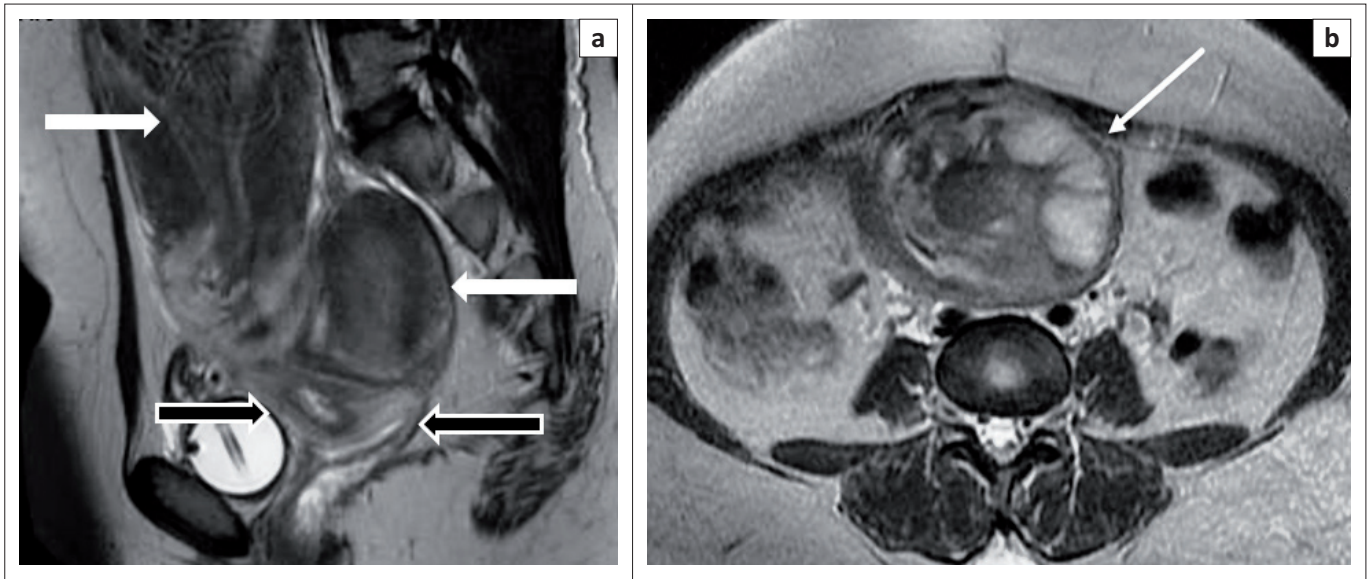
### Still unclassified cases U6

Rare anomalies or combined pathologies that do not comply correctly with one of the above six groups are categorised into unclassified (Figure 17). Ectopic Müllerian tissue anomalies such as an accessory-cavitating uterine mass<sup>30</sup> and tricavitated uterus<sup>13</sup> belong to this category.

### Cervical and vaginal anomalies (Figure 6)

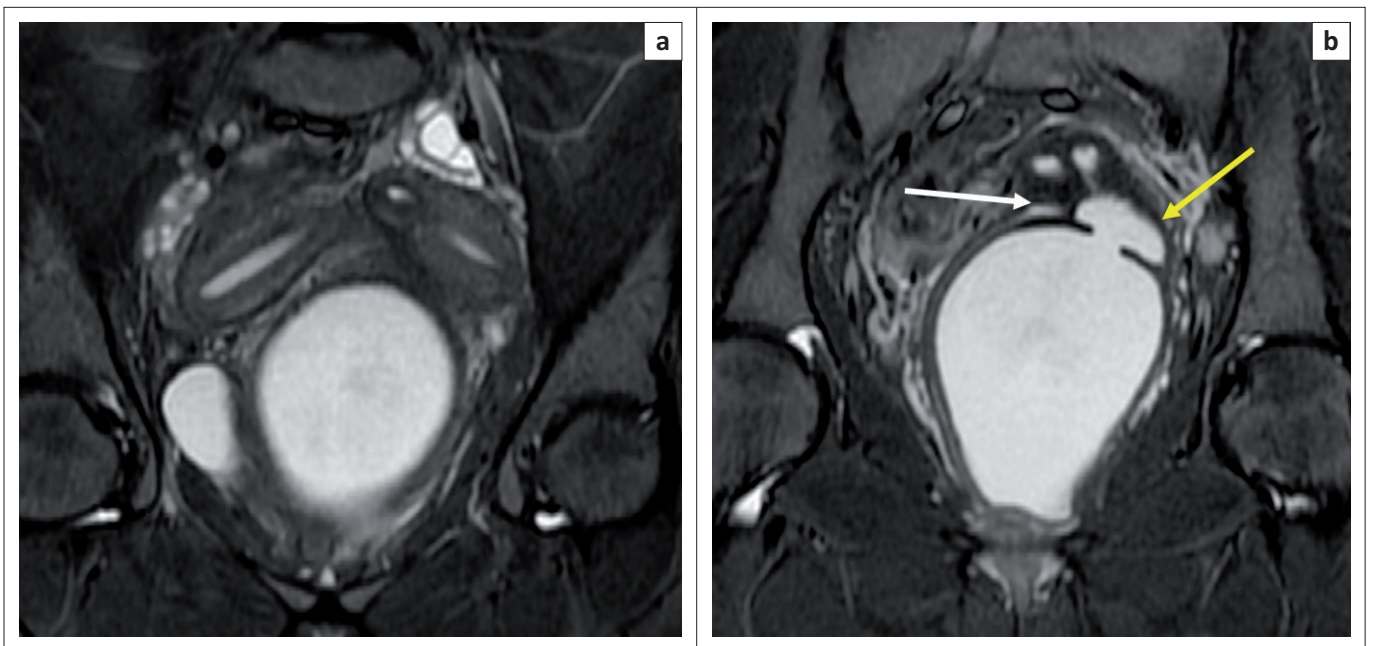
Figure 18 represents a case of vaginal aplasia (V4).





Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U3b – Bicorporeal uterus (Complete), C2 – double normal cervix. American Society for Reproductive Medicine –Class III – Uterine didelphys.

**FIGURE 12:** Sagittal T2 sequence (a) demonstrates two fundi and two uterine bodies (white arrows) with two endometrial cavities and two cervixes (black arrows). Post-partum changes seen in the anterior uterus. (b) Axial T2 sequence shows post-partum changes with the placenta in fundal and left lateral wall (white arrow) – placenta increta.



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U3b – Bicorporeal uterus (Complete), C2 – double normal cervix V2 – Obstructing Vaginal septum. American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class III – Uterine didelphys.

**FIGURE 13:** Coronal short tau inversion recovery (STIR) sequence (a) demonstrates two uterine bodies with endometrial cavities. Coronal STIR sequence (b) shows two cervixes with a compressed right hemivagina (white arrow) and an obstructed fluid distended left hemi-vagina (yellow arrow). It also shows a transverse partial septum. Associated ipsilateral renal agenesis was seen (not shown). Herlyn–Werner–Wunderlich syndrome.

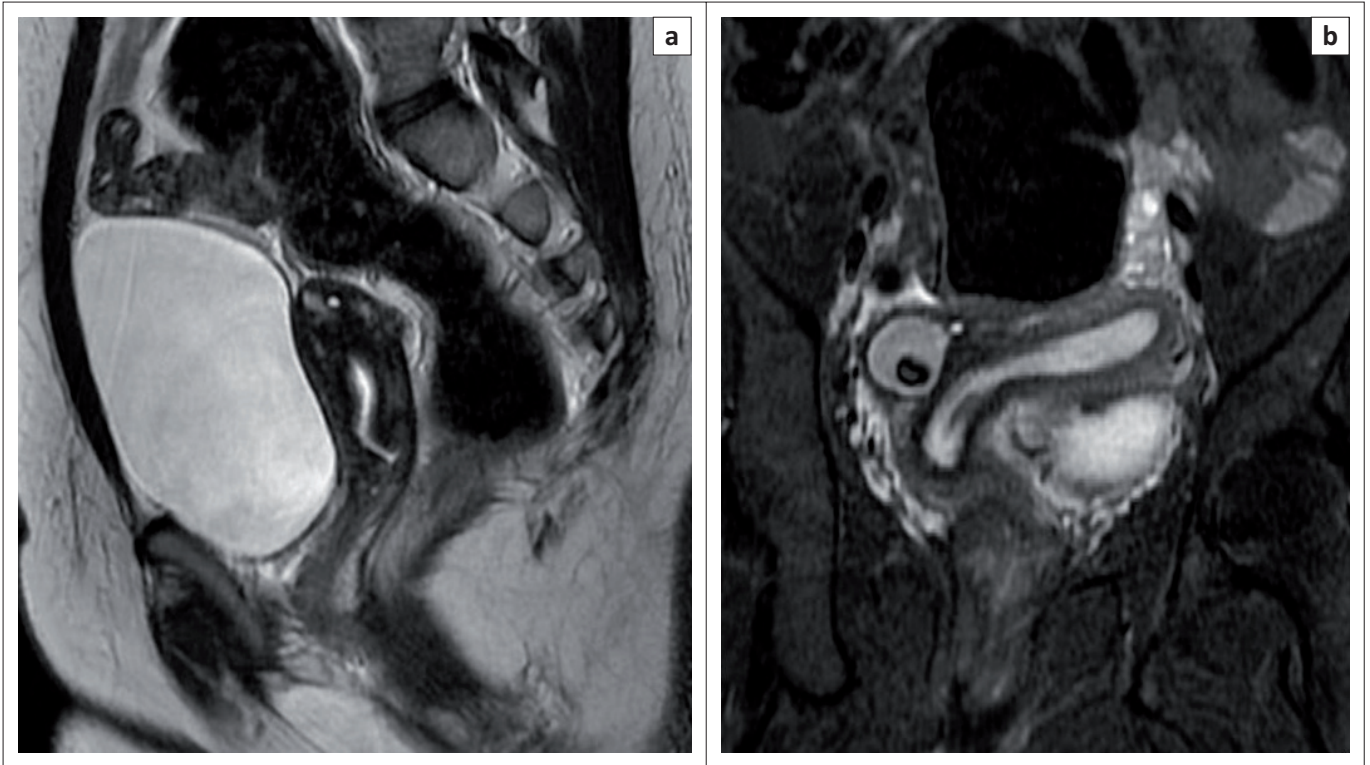
## Conclusion

The ESHRE and ESGE classification is an anatomical and embryological-based classification and includes cervical and vaginal anomalies. A volumetric T2-weighted MRI sequence such as T2 CUBE is the sequence of choice. Although the ESHRE classification is more accommodative than the ASRM classification, there are still a few unclassified anomalies. Magnetic resonance imaging acquired after the instillation of vaginal gel helps to clearly delineate the transverse and

longitudinal vaginal septum. Knowledge of the various classifications, differentiating points, imaging characteristics, associated anomalies, syndromes and various available treatment options is vital for the radiologist to guide the treating experts to achieve the best patient outcome.

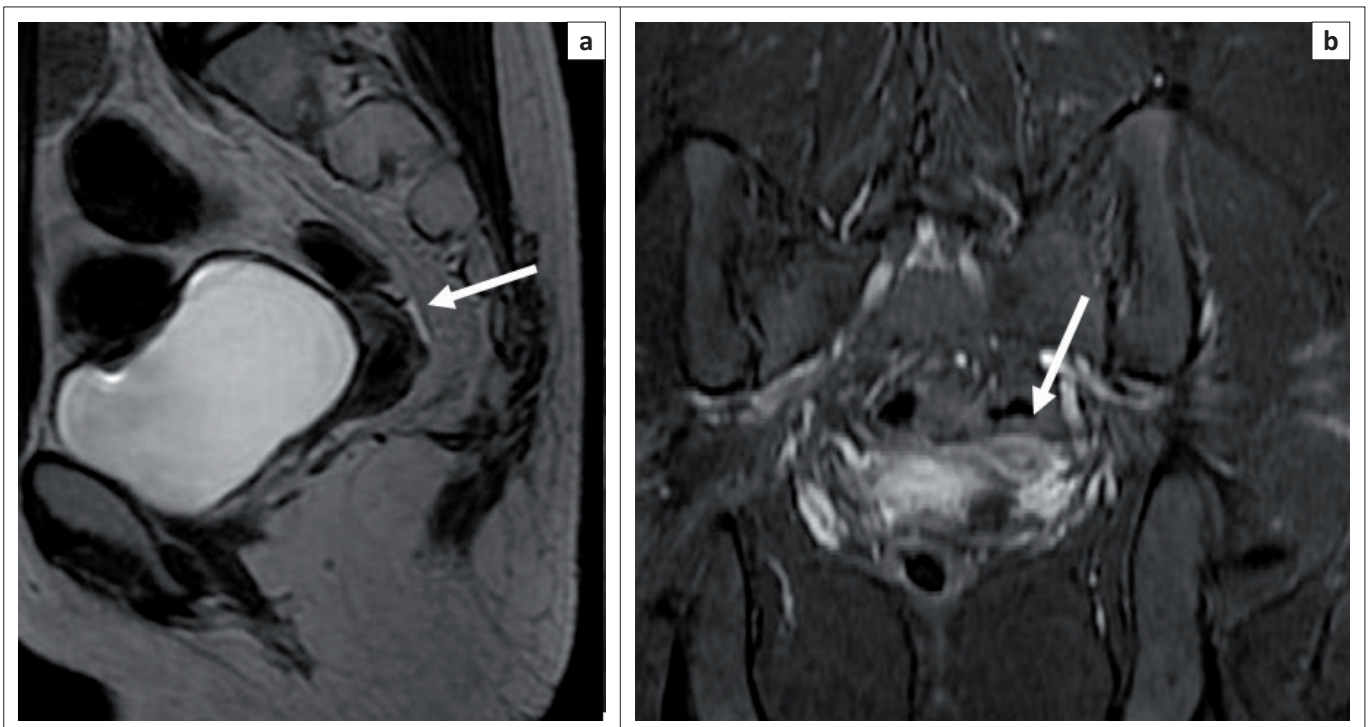
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Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U4b – Hemi-uterus with aplasia of the contralateral part. American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class IId – Unicornuate with no horn.

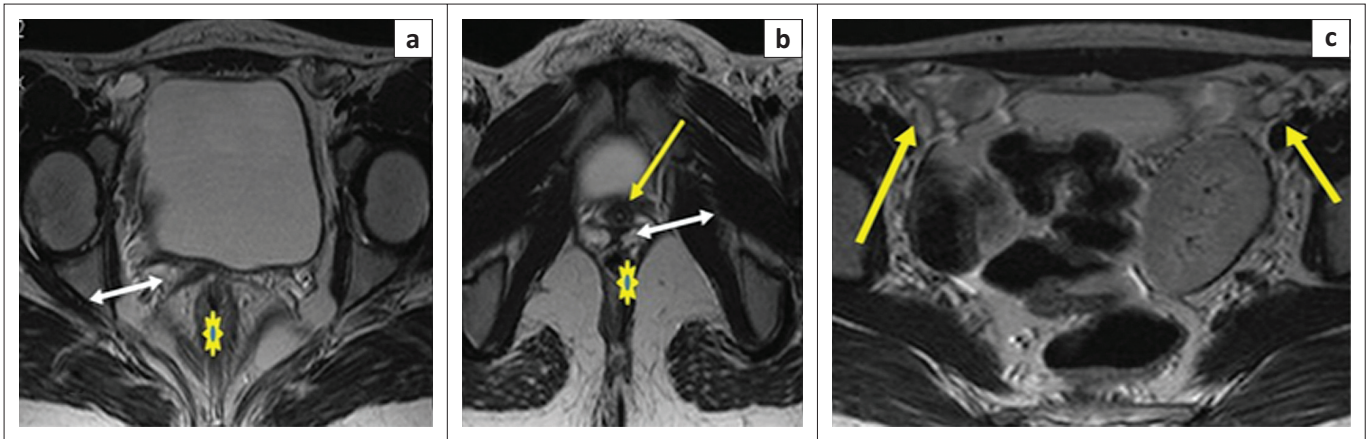
**FIGURE 14:** Sagittal T2 sequence (a) demonstrates non-extension of the endometrial cavity up to the fundal region. Coronal oblique T2 sequence (b) shows a unicornuate uterus. Banana-shaped endometrial cavity displaced to left side with right ovarian benign teratoma.



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U5a – Rudimentary uterus with cavity. American Society for Reproductive Medicine–Class Ib – Rudimentary uterus.

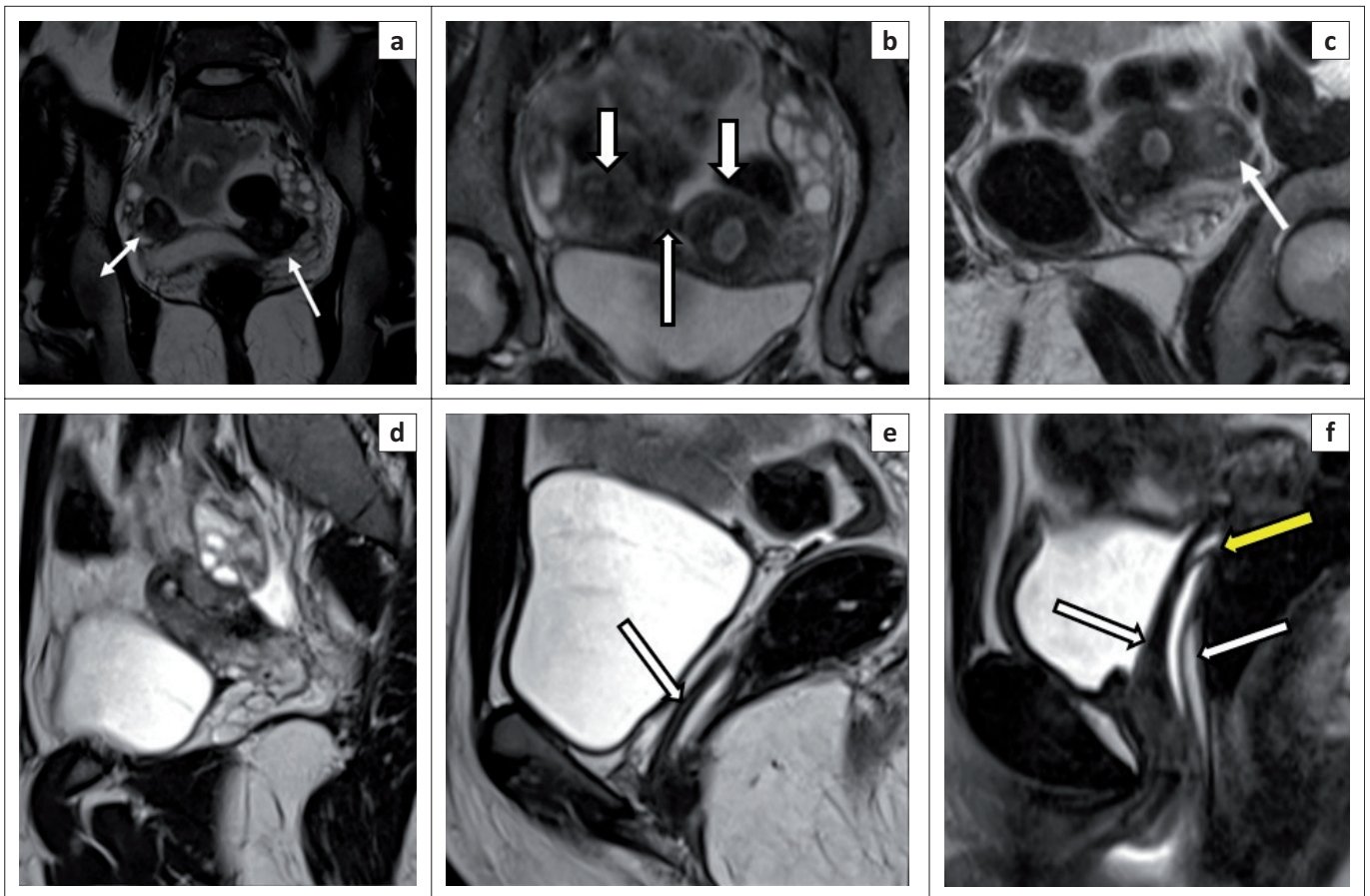
**FIGURE 15:** Sagittal T2 sequence (a) demonstrating a rudimentary uterus. Short tau inversion recovery (STIR) coronal (b) shows the rudimentary uterus with a cavity and absent ovaries.





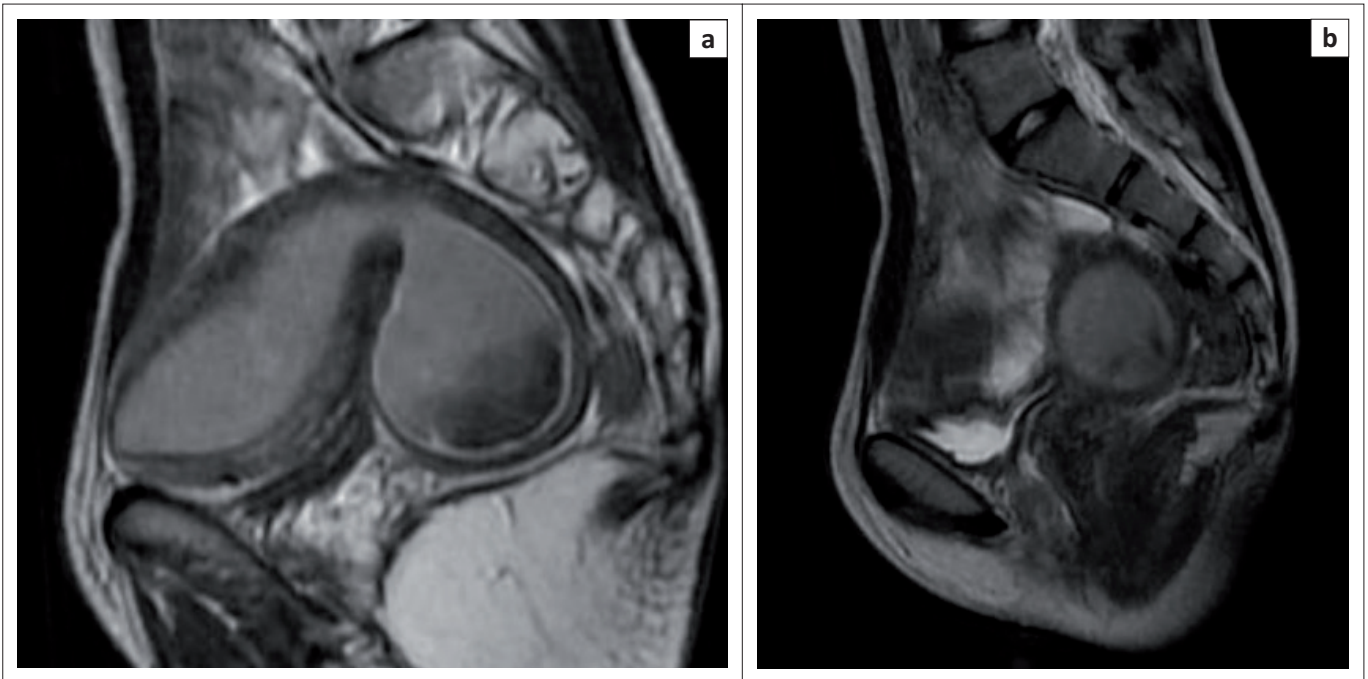
Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U5 – Aplastic uterus, C4 and V4 – cervical and vaginal aplasia. American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class Ie – Agenesis combined.

**FIGURE 16:** Axial T2 sequence (a) demonstrates a band of vagina (double-headed white arrow) in between the rectum (asterisk) and urethra (yellow arrow). Axial T2 sequence (b) identifies both ovaries (yellow arrows) and a left pelvic kidney. Mayer–Rokitansky–Küster–Hauser syndrome.



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Unclassified U6 – mix of U3b, U4a and U5a. C4: cervical aplasia and V1 and V3: Longitudinal non-obstructing vaginal septum and transverse vaginal septum. American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Unclassified – Ie, IIb and III mixed.

**FIGURE 17:** Coronal T2 sequence (a) demonstrates a uterus with endo-myometrial differentiation on the left (white arrow) and an additional uterus-like structure (double-headed arrow) on the right side attached to the left-sided uterus by a fibrous band. (b) Coronal T2 thick maximum intensity projection (MIP) delineates well both uteri (white arrows) and connecting fibrous band (long white arrow). (c) Oblique reformation of the left-sided uterus shows a unicornuate uterus with a rudimentary non-communicating horn (white arrow). (d) Sagittal T2 sequence shows cervical aplasia. (e) Sagittal T2 sequence demonstrates the blind-ended vagina (white arrow). (f) Sagittal T2 sequence with vaginal gel instillation shows a transverse septum superiorly (yellow arrow) and a longitudinal septum (white arrows) in the lower part.



Note: Diagnosis: The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology–European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy – Class U0, C0 and V4 – Obstructed normal uterus with vaginal aplasia. American Society for Reproductive Medicine – Class Ia – Vaginal agenesis with obstructed uterus.

**FIGURE 18 (a and b):** Sagittal T2 sequence demonstrates the uterus and cervix distended with haematometra with a thick non-canalised inferior margin of the cervix.

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