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#### 835 Hypothalamic-pituitary-ovarian Axis in Thyroid Dysfunction

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*Findings from this study suggest that impairment of reproductive function associated with thyroid dysfunction is related to derangement of hormonal milieu and alteration in reproductive organs cytoarchitecture. Luteinizing hormone and oestradiol are implicated.*

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*A second transurethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT) is suitable for muscle-invasive bladder cancer when bladder preservation is planned and it prolongs survival time and improves the quality of patients' life.*

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*Thyroidectomy is preferable for the treatment of benign thyroid diseases due to the high prevalence of incidental thyroid cancer after thyroidectomy in such cases.*

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