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## Simposio 16

## Terapie endocrino- metaboliche e rischio oncologico

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# Cancro della mammella



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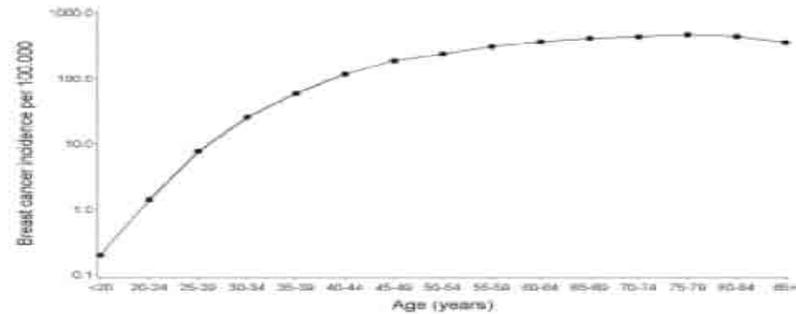
Il cancro della mammella è una neoplasia ormono-sensibile

Nel mondo è la seconda causa di morte dopo il tumore del polmone e per le donne rappresenta la principale causa di morte per neoplasia

# Fattori di rischio per carcinoma della mammella

## Non modificabili

- Età



**Fig. 1.** Age-specific breast cancer incidence (per 100,000) (data derived from SEER Cancer Statistic Review, 2000–2004 [3]).

- Razza, etnia, migrazione
- Fattori genetici/familiarità
- Età del menarca/menopausa
- Densità della mammella
- Ormoni endogeni
- Patologie benigne



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# Modificabili

- Dieta/consumo di alcool
- Fumo di sigaretta
- Attività fisica
- Obesità
- Età della prima gravidanza
- Allattamento al seno
- *Terapia ormonale contraccettiva/sostitutiva (?)*



## Other Risk Factors for Breast Cancer

Other risk factors for breast cancer include age, reproductive and menstrual history, hormone therapy, radiation exposure, mammographic breast density, alcohol intake, physical activity, anthropometric variables, and a history of benign breast disease. (Refer to the PDQ summary on [Breast Cancer Prevention](#) for more information.) These factors, including their role in the etiology of breast cancer among *BRCA1/BRCA2* mutation carriers, are considered in more detail in other reviews.<sup>[13-15]</sup> Brief summaries are given below, highlighting, where possible, the effect of these risk factors in women who are genetically susceptible to breast cancer. (Refer to the [Clinical management of BRCA mutation carriers](#) section of this summary for more information about their effects in *BRCA1/BRCA2* mutation carriers.)

### Oral contraceptives

Oral contraceptives (OCs) may produce a slight increase in breast cancer risk among long-term users, but this appears to be a short-term effect. In a meta-analysis of data from 54 studies, the risk of breast cancer associated with OC use did not vary in relationship to a family history of breast cancer.<sup>[21]</sup>

OCs are sometimes recommended for ovarian cancer prevention in *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutation carriers. Although the data are not entirely consistent, a meta-analysis concluded that there was no significant increased risk of breast cancer with OC use in *BRCA1/BRCA2* mutation carriers.<sup>[22]</sup> However, use of OCs formulated before 1975 was associated with an increased risk of breast cancer (summary relative risk [SRR], 1.47; 95% CI, 1.06–2.04).<sup>[22]</sup> (Refer to the [Reproductive factors](#) section in the [Clinical management of BRCA mutation carriers](#) section of this summary for more information.)

### Hormone replacement therapy

Data exist from both observational and randomized clinical trials regarding the association between postmenopausal HRT and breast cancer. A meta-analysis of data from 51 observational studies indicated a RR of breast cancer of 1.35 (95% CI, 1.21–1.49) for women who had used HRT for 5 or more years after menopause.<sup>[23]</sup> The [Women's Health Initiative](#) (WHI), a randomized controlled trial (NCT00000611) of about 160,000 postmenopausal women, investigated the risks and benefits of HRT. The estrogen-plus-progestin arm of the study, in which more than 16,000 women were randomly assigned to receive combined HRT or placebo, was halted early because health risks exceeded benefits.<sup>[24,25]</sup> Adverse outcomes prompting closure included significant increase in both total (245 vs. 185



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# Estroprogestinici e contraccezione

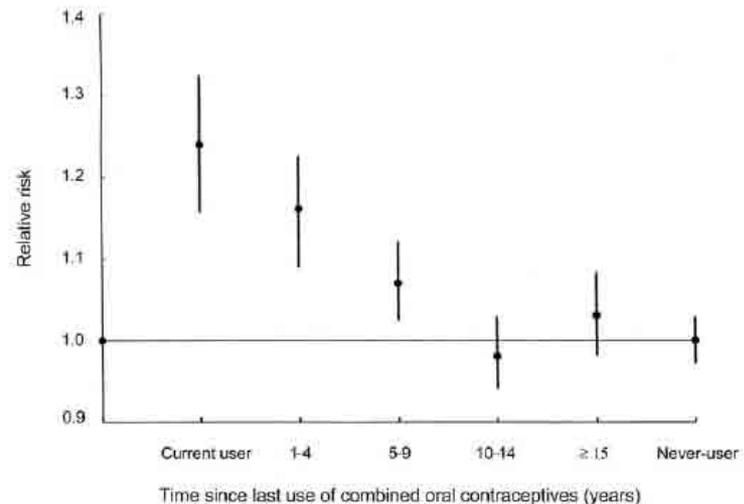
# Oxford meta-analysis (CGHFBC, 1996)

Collaborative Group on Hormonal Factors in Breast Cancer

Modesto incremento di rischio di cancro della mammella (RR 1.24) che sembra correlato al precoce inizio della terapia EP (< 20 anni)  
Il rischio torna alla norma dopo 10 anni dalla sospensione

Meta-analisi di 54 studi condotti in 25 paesi

Figure 2. Relative risk for breast cancer by time since last use of combined oral contraceptives



From Collaborative Group on Hormonal Factors in Breast Cancer (1996a,b)  
Relative risk (given with 95% confidence interval [CI]) relative to no use, stratified by study, age at diagnosis, parity, age at first birth and age at which risk for conception ceased.



# A prospective study of oral contraceptive use and risk of breast cancer (Nurses' Health Study, United States)



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Studio prospettico  
condotto dal 1976 al 1992 su 121,700 donne

Rischio di cancro della mammella

Per l'intero gruppo RR 1.07

Per le "past users" RR 1.06

Per le "corrent users" RR 1.53



# Women's CARE (Marchbanks et al., 2002)



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## Caso-controllo (circa 10000) donne tra i 35 e i 64 anni

**TABLE 2. RISK OF BREAST CANCER ACCORDING TO THE USE OF COMBINATION ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES.\***

VARIABLE	CASE SUBJECTS (N=4575)	CONTROLS (N=4682)	ODDS RATIO (95% CI)
	number		
No use	1032	980	1.0
Any use	3497	3658	0.9 (0.8-1.0)
Current use†	200	172	1.0 (0.8-1.3)
Former use	3289	3481	0.9 (0.8-1.0)‡
Duration of use			
<1 yr	782	822	0.9 (0.8-1.1)
1 to <5 yr	1200	1280	0.9 (0.8-1.0)
5 to <10 yr	848	882	0.9 (0.8-1.0)
10 to <15 yr	426	466	0.8 (0.7-1.0)‡
≥15 yr	234	202	1.0 (0.8-1.3)
Age at first use			
<15 yr	72	79	0.9 (0.6-1.2)
15 to 19 yr	1239	1272	1.0 (0.8-1.1)
20 to 24 yr	1260	1369	0.9 (0.8-1.0)‡
25 to 29 yr	587	592	0.9 (0.8-1.1)
30 to 34 yr	209	239	0.8 (0.6-1.0)‡
35 to 39 yr	84	67	1.2 (0.8-1.6)
≥40 yr	38	35	1.0 (0.6-1.6)
Time since last use			
Current use	200	172	1.0 (0.8-1.3)
7 mo to <5 yr	165	207	0.7 (0.5-0.9)‡
5 to <10 yr	244	239	0.9 (0.8-1.2)
10 to <15 yr	426	418	0.9 (0.8-1.1)
15 to <20 yr	650	717	0.9 (0.7-1.0)
≥20 yr	1803	1899	0.9 (0.8-1.0)
High estrogen dose§			
Any use	1082	1265	0.8 (0.7-0.9)‡
Current use	7	10	0.7 (0.2-1.8)
Former use	1074	1255	0.8 (0.7-0.9)‡
Low estrogen dose¶			
Any use	1460	1560	0.9 (0.8-1.0)
Current use	183	160	1.0 (0.8-1.3)
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**TABLE 4. RISK OF BREAST CANCER ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF PROGESTIN.\***

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Ethinodiol diacetate			
Any use	313	315	1.0 (0.8-1.2)
Current use	15	4	3.5 (1.1-10.7)‡
Norethindrone			
Any use	1993	2143	0.9 (0.8-1.0)‡
Current use	59	51	1.0 (0.7-1.6)
Norethindrone acetate			
Any use	241	244	1.0 (0.8-1.2)
Current use	40	39	1.1 (0.7-1.8)
Norethynodrel			
Any use	163	162	0.9 (0.7-1.2)
Current use	0	0	—
Gonane progestins			
Any use	649	678	1.0 (0.8-1.2)
Current use	85	80	1.0 (0.7-1.5)
Desogestrel, norgestimate, or gestodene§			
Any use	91	97	1.0 (0.7-1.3)
Current use	28	27	0.9 (0.5-1.7)
Levonorgestrel			
Any use	121	114	1.1 (0.8-1.5)
Current use	32	33	0.9 (0.5-1.5)
Norgestrel			
Any use	497	513	1.0 (0.9-1.3)
Current use	28	20	1.4 (0.8-2.5)
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Non vi è aumento di rischio correlabile con l'uso di EP, né con il tempo di terapia o l'età di inizio. Non c'è differenza tra diversi progestinici o dose di estrogeni

Circa 100.000 donne (34-49 anni) tra Svezia e Norvegia al 1991 al 1999

Table 2 RRs and 95% CIs of developing breast cancer according to use of OCs, The Women's Lifestyle and Health Study

Use of OCs	Study population	Breast cancer cases	RR (95% CI)	
			Age-adjusted	Multivariate <sup>a</sup>
Never-users	28,171	261	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)
Ever-users	74,856	747	1.2 (1.1-1.4)	1.3 (1.1-1.5)
Current/recent users at start of follow-up	9,299	91	1.6 (1.2-2.0)	1.6 (1.2-2.1)
Former users at start of follow-up	65,557	656	1.2 (1.1-1.4)	1.2 (1.1-1.4)
Duration of use (yrs)				
<5	38,742	384	1.2 (1.0-1.4)	1.2 (1.0-1.5)
5-9	18,876	178	1.3 (1.0-1.5)	1.2 (1.0-1.5)
10-14	10,803	113	1.4 (1.1-1.8)	1.4 (1.1-1.8)
15+	5,441	63	1.3 (1.0-1.8)	1.3 (1.0-1.8)
Test for trend			<i>P</i> = 0.001	<i>P</i> = 0.005

<sup>a</sup> Multivariate analysis, adjusted for: age (continuous variable), parity (0, 1, 2, 3+), age at first birth (-20, 21-24, 25+), age at menarche (continuous variable), use of HRT (ever/never), menopausal status (pre-/postmenopausal), history of breast cancer in first-degree relatives (yes/no), duration of breastfeeding (continuous variable), BMI (continuous variable), region (Sweden and five health regions in Norway), and a term for interaction between BMI and menopausal status.



## Women's Lifestyle and Health study (cohort) (Kumle et al., 2002)



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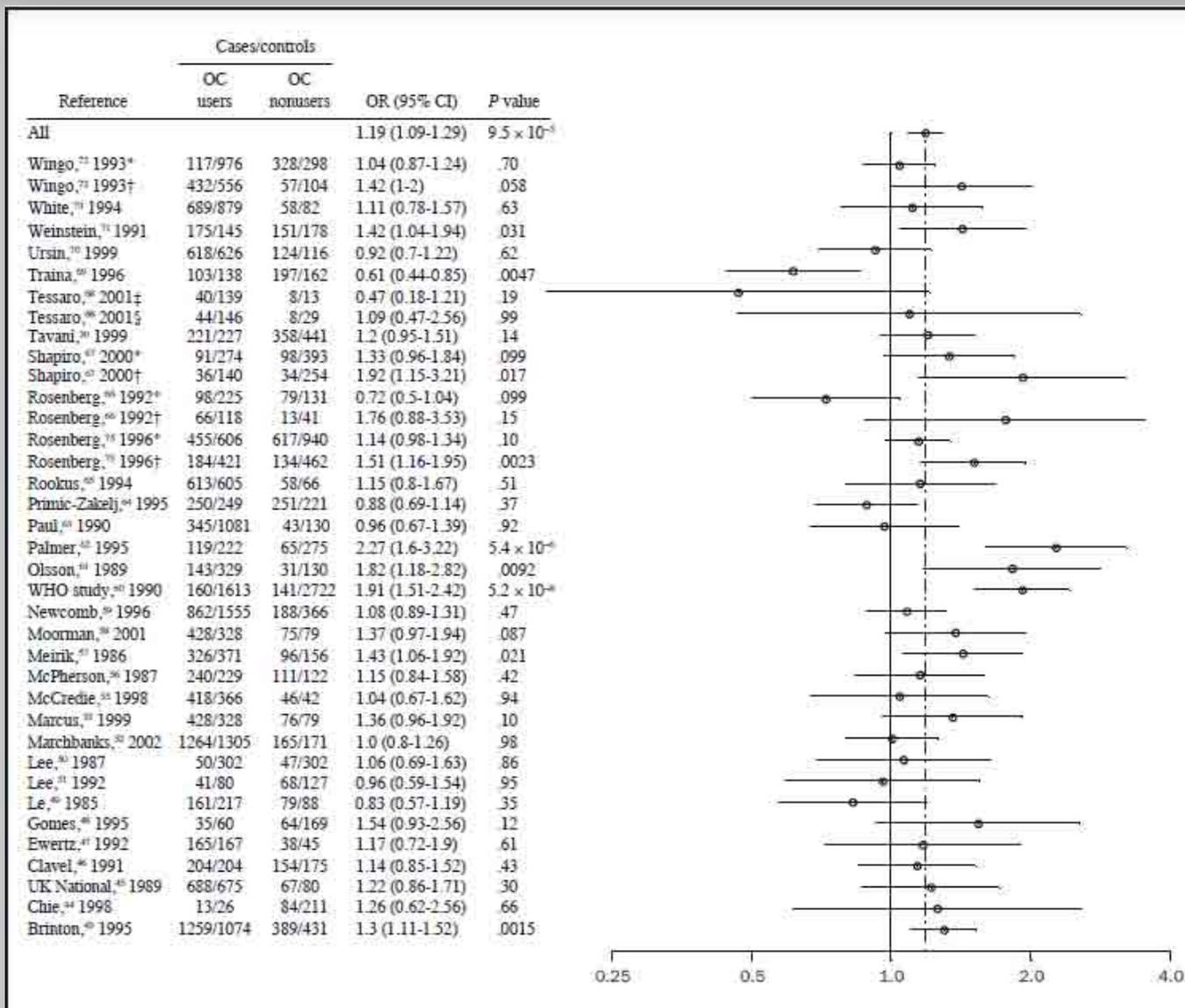
Le donne che utilizzano o hanno utilizzato EP hanno un aumentato rischio di sviluppare il cancro al seno. Uso prima dei 20 anni e prima della prima gravidanza non sembrano correlati ad incremento del rischio  
Il rischio non sembra ridursi con il tempo

# Oral Contraceptive Use as a Risk Factor for Premenopausal Breast Cancer: A Meta-analysis

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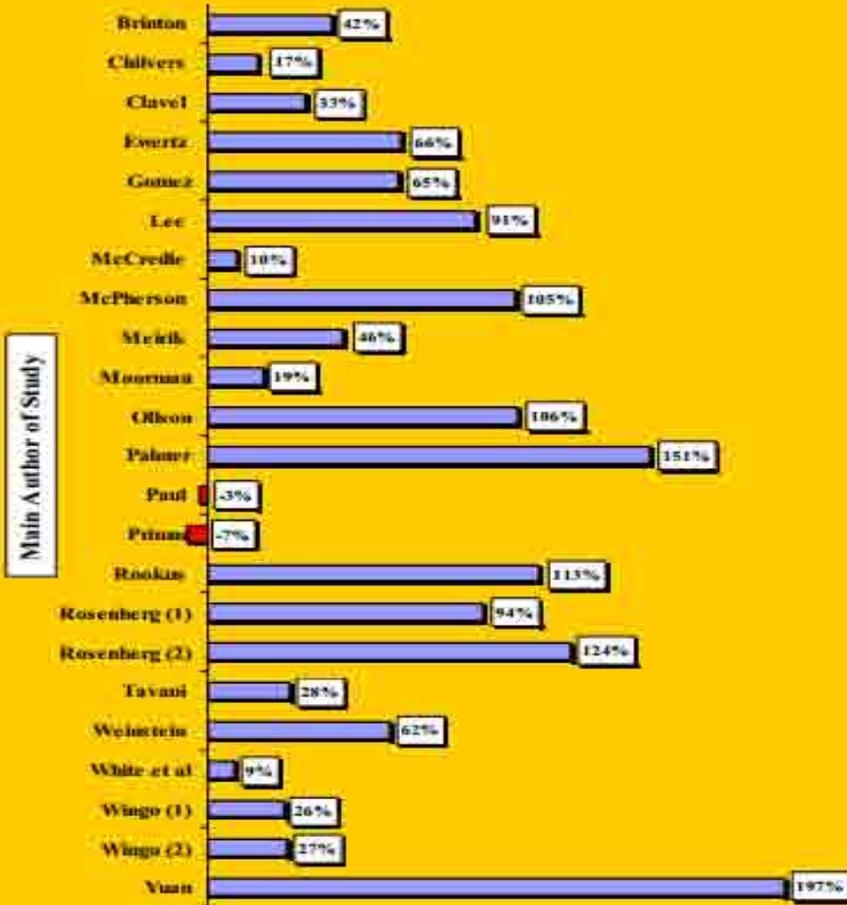
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Increased Risk of Breast Cancer in Studies of Pre-menopausal Women Who Took Oral Contraceptives Prior to Their First-Term Pregnancy\*



\*Data taken from *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* (Kahlenborn et al. 10/06)  
Included studies were published between 1980-2002. The individual studies show the change from parous non-oral contraceptive users.

Incremento del rischio di carcinoma della mammella nelle donne che hanno utilizzato EP prima della prima gravidanza. L'uso precoce sembra inoltre associato a forme più aggressive di cancro

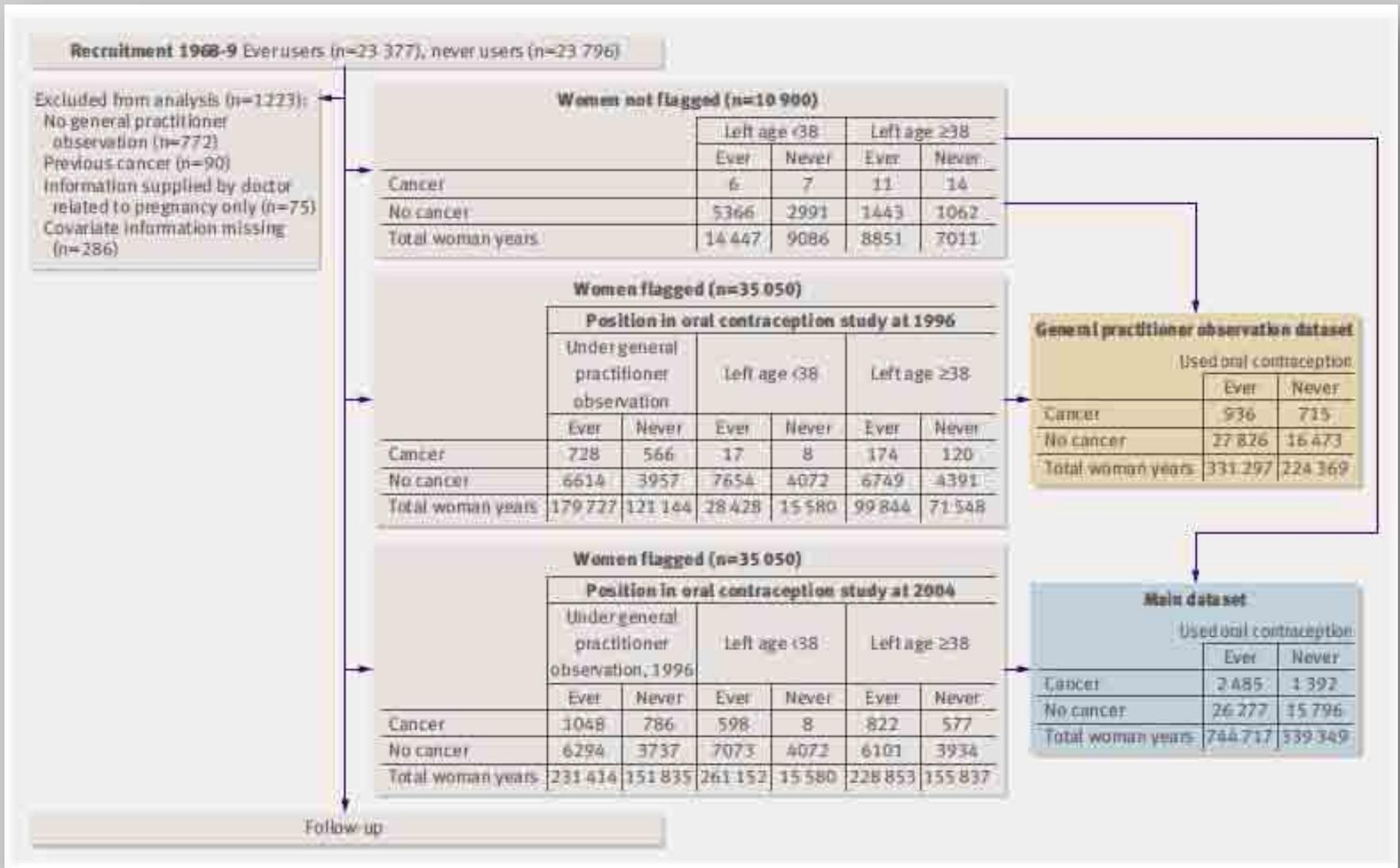


# Cancer risk among users of oral contraceptives: cohort data from the Royal College of General Practitioner's oral contraception study

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Recruitment 1968-9 Ever users (n=23 377), never users (n=23 796)

Table 1 | Characteristics of women who ever or never used oral contraceptives

Characteristics	No (%) of ever users of oral contraceptives	No (%) of never users of oral contraceptives
Age at recruitment (years):		
<30	18 305 (63.6)	8854 (51.5)
30-39	8690 (30.2)	6579 (38.3)
40-49	1744 (6.1)	1724 (10.0)
50-59	23 (0.1)	31 (0.2)
Smoking at recruitment (cigarettes per day):		
0	15 054 (52.3)	10 371 (60.3)
1-14	7986 (27.8)	4164 (24.2)
≥15	5722 (19.9)	2653 (15.4)
Parity at recruitment:		
0	4862 (16.9)	3458 (20.1)
1	6570 (22.8)	4465 (26.0)
2	9179 (31.9)	5472 (31.8)
≥3	8151 (28.3)	3793 (22.1)
Social class at recruitment:		
Non-manual	10 347 (36.0)	6630 (38.6)
Manual	18 415 (64.0)	10 558 (61.4)
Never used hormone replacement therapy	25 056 (87.2)	15 453 (90.0)
Ever used hormone replacement therapy	3695 (12.9)	1716 (10.0)

Values for age, smoking, parity, and social class based on main dataset and for use of hormone replacement therapy on general practitioner observation dataset.

**Table 2 | Risk of cancer among ever and never users of oral contraceptives in main dataset and in general practitioner observation dataset**

Malignancies	ICD-8 code	Ever users		Never users		Relative risk† (95% CI)
		Observed rate (No of women)	Standardised rate	Observed rate (No of women)	Standardised rate	
<b>Main dataset*:</b>						
Large bowel or rectum	153 and 154	24.65 (188)	26.01	38.56 (135)	36.10	0.72 (0.58 to 0.90)
Gallbladder or liver	155 and 156	1.83 (14)	1.99	3.70 (13)	3.62	0.55 (0.26 to 1.17)
Lung	162	26.97 (206)	27.12	25.94 (91)	25.77	1.05 (0.82 to 1.35)
Melanoma	172	12.58 (96)	12.86	14.28 (50)	13.99	0.92 (0.65 to 1.29)
Breast	174	117.79 (891)	121.53	129.31 (448)	124.20	0.98 (0.87 to 1.10)
Invasive cervix	180	15.48 (118)	14.94	10.28 (36)	11.19	1.33 (0.92 to 1.94)
Uterine body	182	10.61 (81)	11.30	21.41 (75)	19.53	0.58 (0.42 to 0.79)
Ovary	183	12.57 (96)	13.23	26.54 (93)	24.66	0.54 (0.40 to 0.71)
Central nervous system or pituitary	191,1943	4.45 (34)	4.79	4.27 (15)	3.56	1.34 (0.73 to 2.47)
Site unknown	199	7.20 (55)	7.22	12.54 (44)	11.34	0.64 (0.43 to 0.95)
Other cancers		113.93 (863)	119.49	145.20 (504)	135.57	0.88 (0.79 to 0.98)
Main gynaecological	180,182,183	38.75 (295)	39.58	58.41 (204)	55.54	0.71 (0.60 to 0.85)
Any cancer	140-209	333.68 (2485)	344.91	410.20 (1392)	390.37	0.88 (0.83 to 0.94)
<b>General practitioner observation dataset:</b>						
Large bowel or rectum	153 and 154	19.63 (66)	22.07	25.85 (59)	26.11	0.85 (0.59 to 1.20)
Gallbladder or liver	155 and 156	2.08 (7)	3.06	2.63 (6)	2.76	1.11 (0.37 to 3.30)
Lung	162	19.91 (67)	19.47	17.07 (39)	18.87	1.03 (0.70 to 1.53)
Melanoma	172	14.57 (49)	15.26	14.90 (34)	14.81	1.03 (0.66 to 1.60)
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Site unknown	199	6.54 (22)	7.01	10.50 (24)	8.97	0.78 (0.44 to 1.39)
Other cancers		91.13 (305)	94.60	103.90 (236)	98.58	0.96 (0.81 to 1.14)
Main gynaecological	180,182,183	37.53 (126)	37.36	50.46 (115)	47.56	0.79 (0.61 to 1.01)
Any cancer	140-209	282.53 (936)	295.96	318.67 (715)	306.59	0.97 (0.88 to 1.06)

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Le donne che hanno utilizzato OC mostrano:

- significativa riduzione del rischio (12%) di sviluppare cancro del colon, retto e ovaio.
- nessuna modificazione di rischio del cancro al seno
- incremento non significativo del rischio di cancro del polmone, cervice uterina, ipofisi, SNC per l'uso > 8 anni

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# Oral contraceptive use and cancer. Findings in a large cohort study, 1968–2004

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Circa 17000 donne tra i 25 e i 39 anni reclutate in Inghilterra e Scozia tra il 1968 e il 1974

**Table 1** Cancer (ICD order) in relation to total duration of OC use

Cancer site	Total duration of oral contraceptive use (months)									
	Nonuser		Up to 48		49 to 96		97 or more		All durations	
	No	RR	No	RR	No	RR	No	RR	No	RR
Oesophagus and stomach (1,2,3)	19	1.0	7	0.8 (0.3–1.9)	9	0.7 (0.3–1.7)	7	0.5 (0.2–1.2)	23	0.6 (0.3–1.3)
Rectum and colon (1,4)	56	1.0	26	1.1 (0.6–1.7)	23	0.8 (0.4–1.2)	26	0.8 (0.5–1.2)	75	0.8 (0.6–1.2)
Lung (1,2,3,5)	30	1.0	17	1.2 (0.6–2.3)	30	1.5 (0.8–2.5)	38	1.4 (0.8–2.3)	85	1.4 (0.9–2.1)
Malignant melanoma (1,2,3,6)	40	1.0	9	0.4 (0.2–0.9)	21	0.9 (0.5–1.5)	24	1.0 (0.6–1.7)	54	0.8 (0.5–1.2)
Other skin (1,2,3)	128	1.0	61	1.1 (0.8–1.5)	86	1.2 (0.9–1.6)	77	1.0 (0.7–1.3)	224	1.1 (0.9–1.4)
Breast (1,3,7)	314	1.0	141	0.9 (0.8–1.1)	182	0.9 (0.8–1.1)	207	1.0 (0.8–1.2)	530	1.0 (0.8–1.1)
Uterine cervix (1,2,3,5,8)	6	1.0	9	2.9 (0.9–9.9)	16	3.3 (1.2–10.4)	28	6.1 (2.5–17.9)	53	4.2 (1.8–12.0)
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Ovary (1)	58	1.0	28	1.0 (0.6–1.7)	10	0.3 (0.1–0.6)	10	0.3 (0.1–0.5)	48	0.5 (0.3–0.7)
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Lymphomas and leukaemias (1)	47	1.0	23	1.1 (0.6–1.8)	28	1.0 (0.6–1.7)	32	1.1 (0.7–1.7)	83	1.1 (0.7–1.6)
Other known (1)	54	1.0	34	1.2 (0.8–1.9)	26	0.8 (0.5–1.3)	36	1.1 (0.7–1.7)	96	1.0 (0.7–1.5)
Uncertain (1,3)	14	1.0	6	1.0 (0.3–2.7)	9	1.1 (0.4–2.6)	19	1.8 (0.9–3.9)	34	1.4 (0.7–2.7)



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Non si dimostra un incremento del rischio di cancro alla mammella

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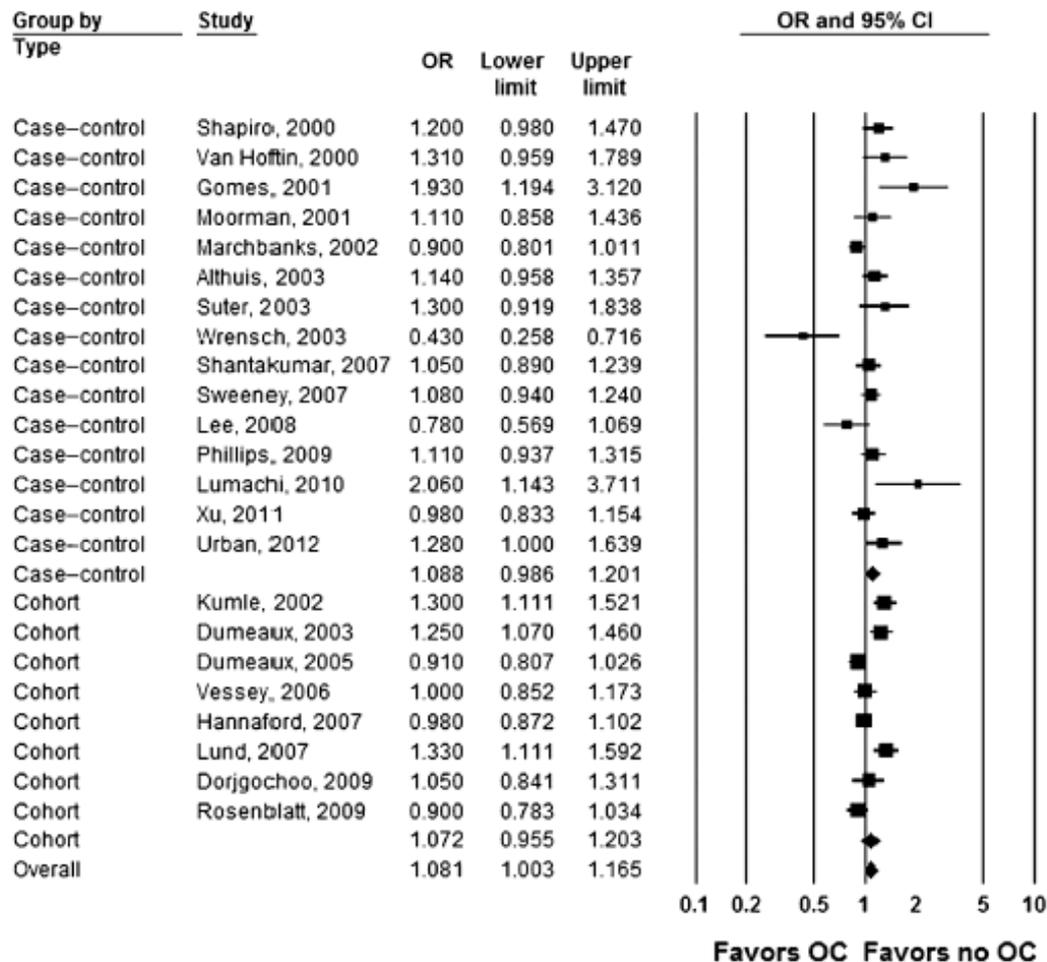
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Incremento non significativo del rischio cancro della cervice

Riduzione rischio cancro colon-retto

Effetto protettivo su cancro dell'endometrio che si prolunga anche dopo la sospensione

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Favors OC Favors no OC



# Possibili bias



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- ✓ Dosaggi e formulazioni degli EP
- ✓ Età delle donne incluse
- ✓ Disegno e tempo di osservazione degli studi
- ✓ Diversi paesi



# Possibili bias



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- ✓ Se l'uso di EP prima della prima gravidanza è associato a forme più aggressive di cancro, le donne affette potrebbero non essere incluse perché già decedute o a causa del disegno dello studio
- ✓ Diverse possibilità di accedere ad esami radiologici



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# Fattori di rischio per cancro della mammella ed EP

# Oral contraceptives and family history of breast cancer☆☆☆

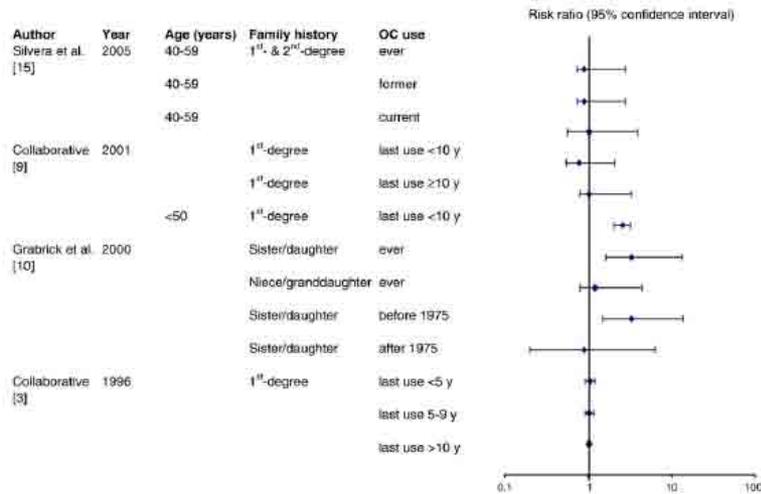


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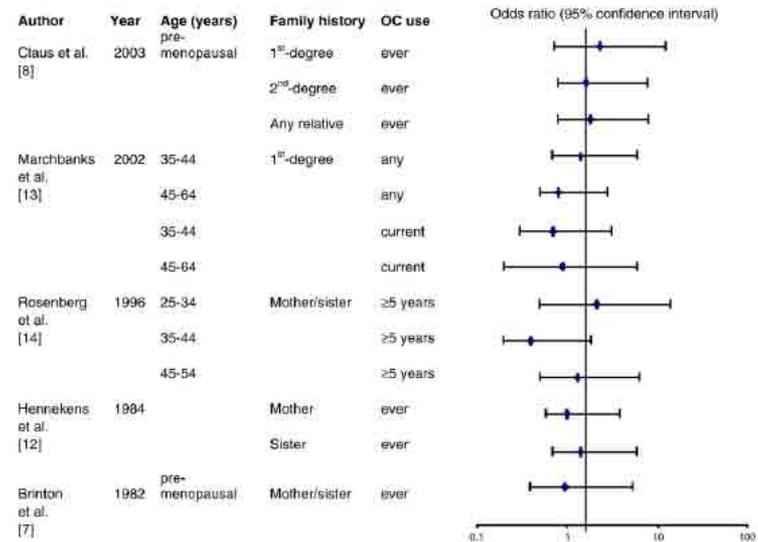
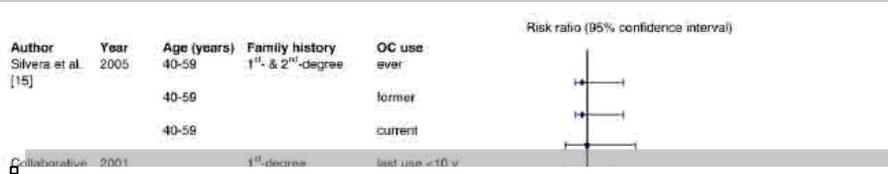


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### Dati controversi:

- ✓ aumento del rischio in donne che hanno fatto uso di EP prima del 1975
- ✓ mancanza dati su tipo EP
- ✓ differente definizione di “storia familiare”

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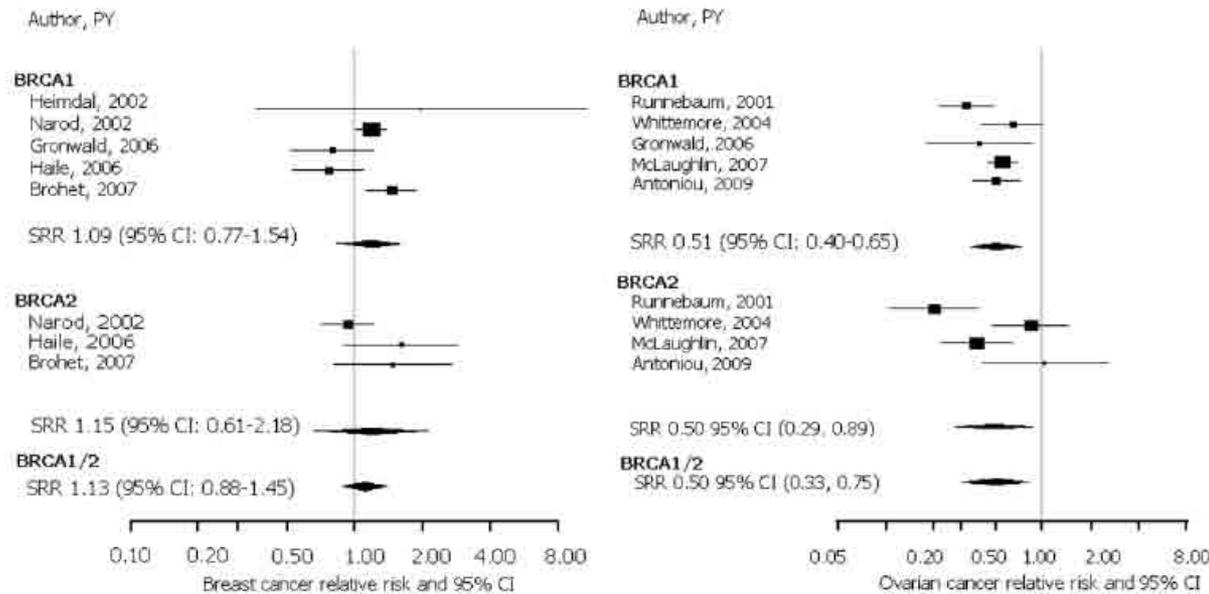
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Study	Mutation	Number	RR	CI 95%
Sweden (Jernstrom <i>et al.</i> , 1999)	BRCA1/2	245	1.65	0.95–2.87
			Use <20 years 2.10	1.02–2.62
			Before FFTP 1.63	1.32–3.33
Norway (Heimdal <i>et al.</i> , 2002)	Familial	1423	0.90	0.68–1.18
	BRCA1	96	2.00	0.36–10.9
USA, Canada, Australia (Haile <i>et al.</i> , 2006)	BRCA1	497/195cases	0.77	0.53–1.12
	BRCA2	307/128cases	Use >5 years 2.06 Before FFTP 3.46	1.08–3.94 2.10–5.70
USA, Canada, Australia (Milne <i>et al.</i> , 2005)	BRCA1	47 cases	0.22	0.10–
	BRCA2	36 cases	0.93	0.34–3.09
USA, Canada, Europe (Narod <i>et al.</i> , 2002)	BRCA1	981 pairs	1.18	1.01–1.38
			Use <5 years NS	
			Use >5 years 1.33	1.11–1.60
Europe (Brohet <i>et al.</i> , 2007)	BRCA2	330 pairs	0.93	0.72–1.21
	BRCA1	1181/597 cases	1.4	1.13–1.91
			Before FFTP + greater than 4 years: 1.49	1.05–2.11
USA (Lee <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	BRCA1/2	94 cases	1.49	0.8–2.70
			1.49	
			Before FFTP + greater than 4 years: 2.58	1.21–5.49
USA (Figueiredo <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	BRCA1	109 cases	NS	
	BRCA2	72 cases	2.38	0.72–7.83
			0.82	0.21–3.13

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# Patologia mammaria benigna



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Con il termine di patologia mammaria benigna si intendono una serie eterogenea di lesioni diverse per istologia e storia naturale.

Nelle donne sottoposte a biopsia per patologia benigna:

- ✓ 70% lesioni non proliferative
- ✓ 26% iperplasia tipica con aumento rischio 2 volte
- ✓ 4% iperplasia atipica aumento rischio 5 volte

Dati controversi

- ✓ effetto protettivo su iperplasia tipica
- ✓ nessun effetto su iperplasia atipica
- ✓ possibile incremento di iperplasia atipica



# Composizione EP



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Table 5 RRs and 95% CIs of developing breast cancer according to exclusive use of progestin-only oral pills (POPs) or combined OCs (COCs), The Women's Lifestyle and Health Study

Use of OCs	Study population	Breast cancer cases	RR (95% CI)	
			Age-adjusted	Multivariate <sup>a</sup>
Never-users	28,171	261	1.0 (reference)	1.00 (reference)
Ever-users of				
POPs	3,435	29	1.1 (0.8-1.6)	1.1 (0.8-1.7)
COCs	42,811	444	1.3 (1.1-1.5)	1.3 (1.1-1.6)
Both POPs and COCs or missing values on brand	28,610	274	1.2 (1.0-1.4)	1.2 (1.0-1.4)
Current/recent users at start of follow-up				
POPs	2,189	25	1.6 (1.1-2.5)	1.6 (1.0-2.4)
COCs	6,691	60	1.6 (1.2-2.2)	1.5 (1.0-2.0)
Age-stratified analysis				
Current/recent users at start of follow-up				
Age at start of follow-up 30-39 yrs <sup>b</sup>				
Never-users	8,829	41	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)
POPs	1,251	8	1.6 (0.8-3.4)	1.7 (0.8-3.7)
COCs	5,130	36	1.9 (1.2-3.1)	2.0 (1.2-3.2)
Age at start of follow-up 40-49 yrs				
Never-users	19,342	220	1.0 (reference)	1.0 (reference)
POPs	938	17	1.7 (1.0-2.8)	1.6 (0.9-2.6)
COCs	1,561	24	1.5 (1.0-2.3)	1.2 (0.7-1.9)

## Oral contraceptive formulation and risk of breast cancer☆☆☆



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Risk of breast cancer according to OC formulation in the Women's CARE Study among women who reported exclusive use of a combination OC formulation that was used by at least 50 women<sup>a</sup>

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	Cases	Controls	OR (95% CI)	Cases	Controls	OR (95% CI)	Cases	Controls	OR (95% CI)	Cases	Controls	OR (95% CI)
Total no. of subjects	1124	1085		1089	1034		1234	1172		1221	1206	
General use												
No use <sup>b</sup>	1032	980	1.0	1032	980	1.0	1032	980	1.0	1032	980	1.0
Ever use	81	95	0.8 (0.6–1.1)	47	44	1.2 (0.7–1.8)	192	179	1.0 (0.8–1.3)	179	213	0.8 (0.7–1.1)
Current use <sup>c</sup>							7	6	1.0 (0.3–3.0)			
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Duration of use												
<2 years	19	23	0.8 (0.4–1.5)	28	26	1.2 (0.7–2.0)	70	68	0.9 (0.6–1.4)	50	65	0.8 (0.5–1.2)
2+ years	62	72	0.8 (0.5–1.1)	19	18	1.2 (0.6–2.3)	122	111	1.0 (0.8–1.4)	129	148	0.8 (0.6–1.1)
Time since last use												
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7 months–<5 years							11	11	1.1 (0.5–2.5)	8	7	1.2 (0.4–3.4)
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Variable	80 mcg mestranol/1.0 mg norethindrone			100 mcg mestranol/2.0 mg norethindrone			100 mcg mestranol/2.5 mg norethindrone			30 mcg ethinyl estradiol/0.3 mg norgestrel		
	Cases	Controls	OR (95% CI)	Cases	Controls	OR (95% CI)	Cases	Controls	OR (95% CI)	Cases	Controls	OR (95% CI)
Total no. of subjects	1177	1168		1171	1137		1097	1047		1138	1081	
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Former use	131	178	0.7 (0.6–0.9)*	129	146	0.8 (0.6–1.1)	55	57	0.9 (0.6–1.3)	85	86	1.0 (0.7–1.3)
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2+ years	92	118	0.8 (0.6–1.0)	74	94	0.7 (0.5–0.9)*	34	30	1.0 (0.6–1.7)	53	62	0.8 (0.5–1.1)
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## **Comparative actions of progesterone, medroxyprogesterone acetate, drospirenone and nesterone on breast cancer cell migration and invasion**

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Taken together, our findings show that P, MPA, DRSP and NES alone or in combination with E2 increase breast cancer cell migration and invasion through the functional modulation of the actin-binding protein moesin and the induction of dynamic rearrangements of the actin cytoskeleton. This suggests that progestins may have an impact on the progression of PR+ breast cancer by altering the ability of cancer cells to interact with the extracellular environment and to eventually move or invade the surrounding environment. The potency of the progestins on these targets is however different, with maximal effects induced by MPA, followed by P, NES and DRSP. These differences in biological efficacy are possibly related to partially discrepant recruitment of extra-nuclear signaling pathways by PR in the presence of each progestin. All together, these findings provide evidence that PR activation might play a role in the progression of ER+/PR+ breast cancers.



# Conclusioni



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Non possiamo affermare che l'uso di contraccettivi sia associato ad un incremento del rischio di cancro della mammella

Tuttavia

- ✓ Alcuni studi suggeriscono che il loro uso incrementi leggermente tale rischio specialmente tra le donne più giovani e che iniziano più precocemente
- ✓ Il rischio torna alla norma 10 anni dopo la sospensione della terapia



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- ✓ Le donne che usano contraccettivi hanno un aumentato rischio di cancro della cervice, rischio che potrebbe tuttavia essere determinato e/o amplificato da HPV
  
- ✓ L'uso di contraccettivi riduce il rischio di cancro endometriale, dell'ovaio e del colon retto. Questo effetto protettivo si prolunga nel tempo, anche dopo la sospensione



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# Estroprogestinici e terapia sostitutiva



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Year	First author (reference)	Study design	Finding
1896	Beatson (1)	Case report	Oophorectomy associated with breast cancer regressions
1968	Feinleib (2)	Cohort analysis	Oophorectomy associated with lower breast cancer risk
1970	MacMahon (3)	International collaborative study	Age at first birth related to breast cancer risk
1973	McGuire (4)	Summary, findings from clinical correlative studies	Estrogen receptor quantitative status correlated with clinical breast cancer response to hormone-directed therapy
1976	Hoover (5)	Incidence rate in cohort vs rate in general population	Exogenous estrogen alone associated with higher breast cancer risk
1980	Ross (6)	Case-control analysis	Exogenous estrogen associated with higher breast cancer risk
1983	Pike (7)	Analysis	Model of endogenous hormonal risk factors with breast cancer
1989	Bergkvist (8)	Cohort analysis	Exogenous estrogen alone and exogenous estrogen plus progestin both associated with higher breast cancer risk
1995	Colditz (9)	Cohort analysis	Exogenous estrogen alone and exogenous estrogen plus progestin both associated with higher breast cancer risk
1997	Collaborative Group on Hormonal Factors in Breast Cancer (10)	Collaborative reanalysis of 51 case-control studies	Hormone therapy (80% exogenous estrogen alone) associated with higher breast cancer risk



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## 1991 Women's Health Initiative

Set di trial clinici più studio osservazionale che hanno coinvolto 161.808 donne sane in menopausa

Trials: valutare effetti di HRT, dieta, calcio e Vit D su cardiopatia, fratture, cancro della mammella e colon-retto

Trial E+P: interrotto dopo circa 5 anni per evidenza di incremento del rischio di cancro

Trial E: interrotto dopo circa 7 anni per evidenza di aumento del rischio di stroke.

Minore incidenza di cancro della mammella, non confermata dallo studio osservazionale.



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TABLE 4

Invasive breast cancer hazard ratios for CEE\* by years from menopause to first hormone therapy use in the Women's Health Initiative clinical trial, United States, 1993–2004

	No. of years from menopause to first HT <sup>†</sup> use			
	<5		≥5	
	HR <sup>‡</sup>	95% CI <sup>§</sup>	HR <sup>‡</sup>	95% CI
No prior HT <sup>‡</sup>	1.12	0.39, 3.21	0.58	0.36, 0.93
Prior HT <sup>‡</sup>	1.00	0.66, 1.51	0.77	0.33, 1.80

\* CEE, 0.625 mg/day of conjugated equine estrogens; HT, postmenopausal hormone therapy; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup> Hazard ratios (and 95% confidence intervals) from Cox model analyses that stratified on baseline age (5-year categories). Numbers of women and breast cancer cases contributing to each hazard ratio estimate are given in table 1.

<sup>‡</sup> Prior HT was defined relative to enrollment in the clinical trial.

# Estrogen Plus Progestin Therapy and Breast Cancer in Recently Postmenopausal Women

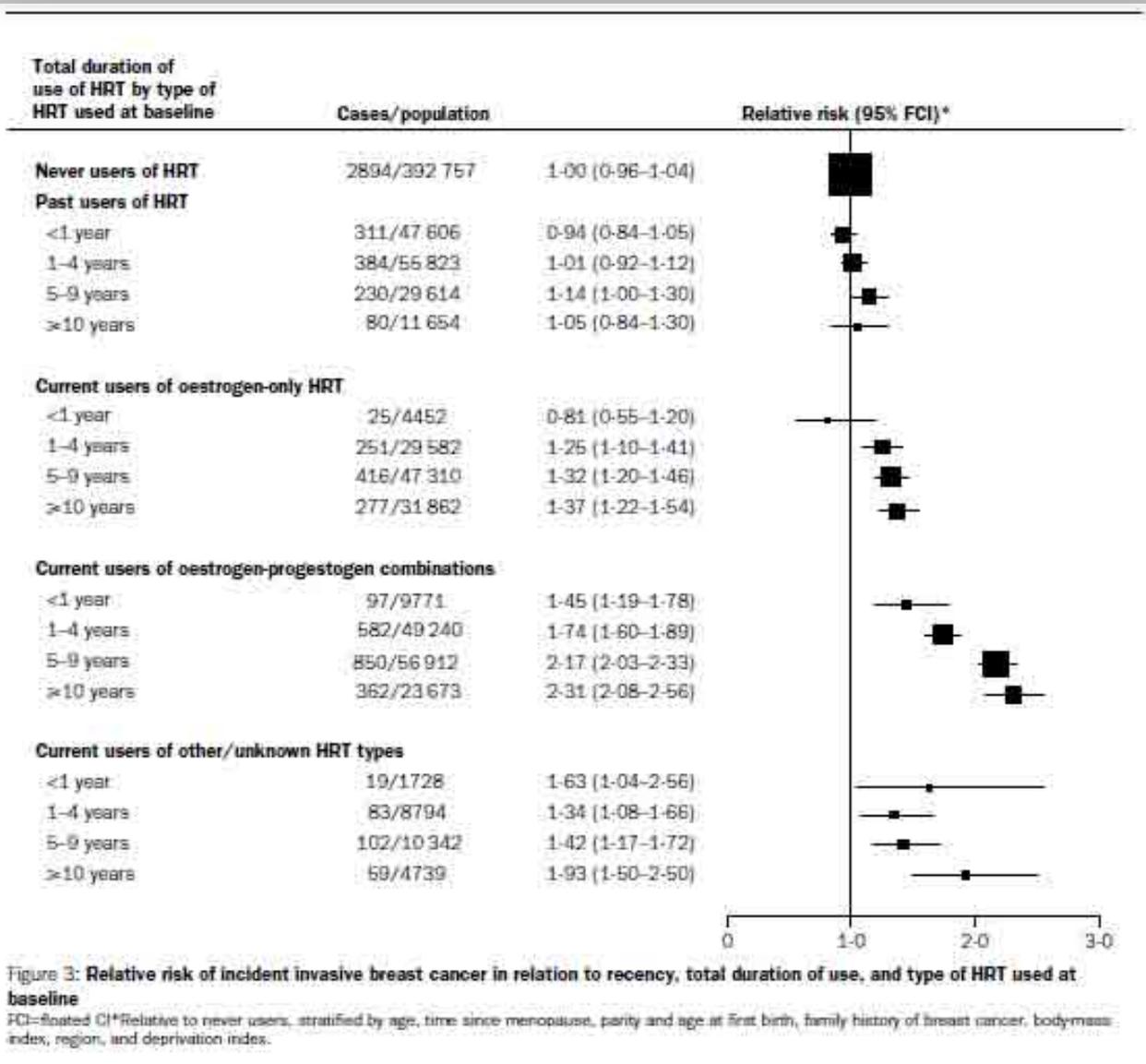
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**TABLE 3.** Hazard ratios for invasive breast cancer for E+P\* use by years from menopause to first use of postmenopausal hormones (gap time) and prior hormone therapy use in the US Women’s Health Initiative clinical trial (enrollment, 1993–1998)

	Gap time (years)†				HR* for interaction with gap time (<5 vs. ≥5 years) (p value)‡
	<5		≥5		
	HR	95% CI*	HR	95% CI	
No prior hormone therapy§	1.77	1.07, 2.93	0.99	0.74, 1.31	0.02
Prior hormone therapy§	2.06	1.30, 3.27	1.30	0.57, 2.99	
HR for interaction with prior hormone therapy (no vs. yes) (p value)¶					0.53

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HRT use at baseline

Cases/population

Relative risk (95% FCI)\*

Never users

2894/392 757

1.00 (0.97–1.04)

Current users

3202/285 987

1.66 (1.60–1.72)

Last use <5 years previously

579/81 875

1.04 (0.95–1.12)

Last use 5–9 years previously

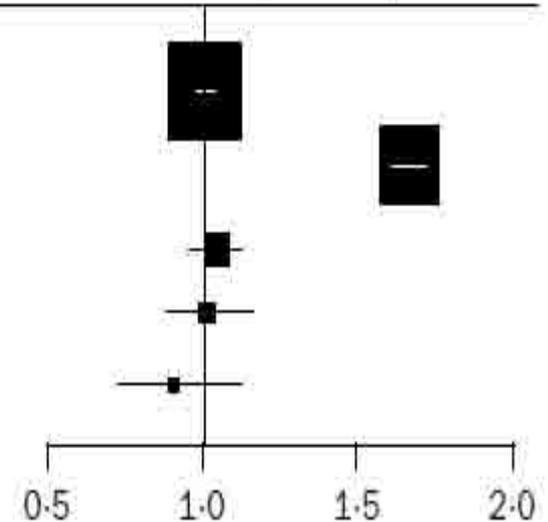
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1.01 (0.88–1.16)

Last use  $\geq$ 10 years previously

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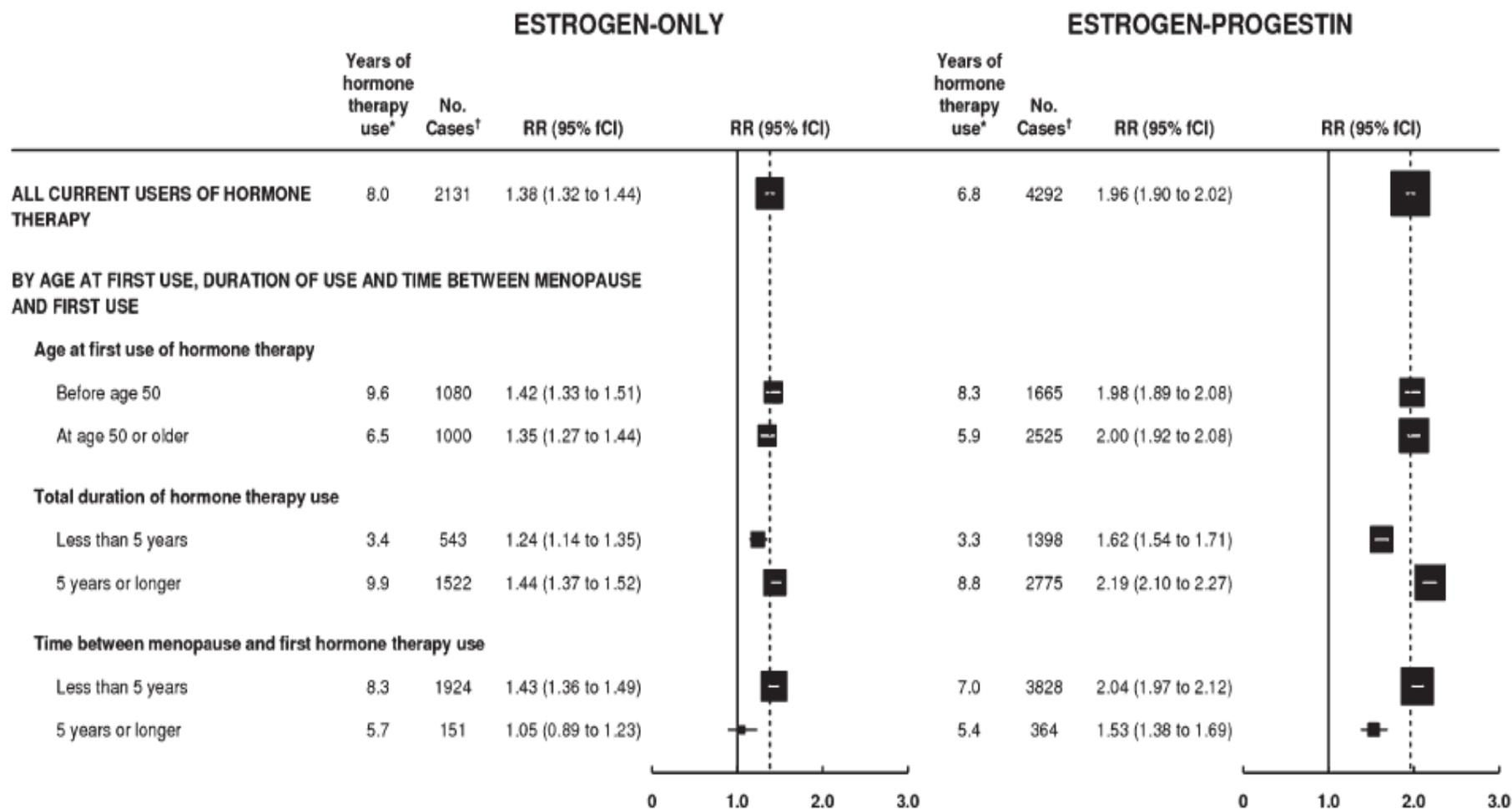
0.90 (0.72–1.12)



# Breast Cancer Risk in Relation to the Interval Between Menopause and Starting Hormone Therapy



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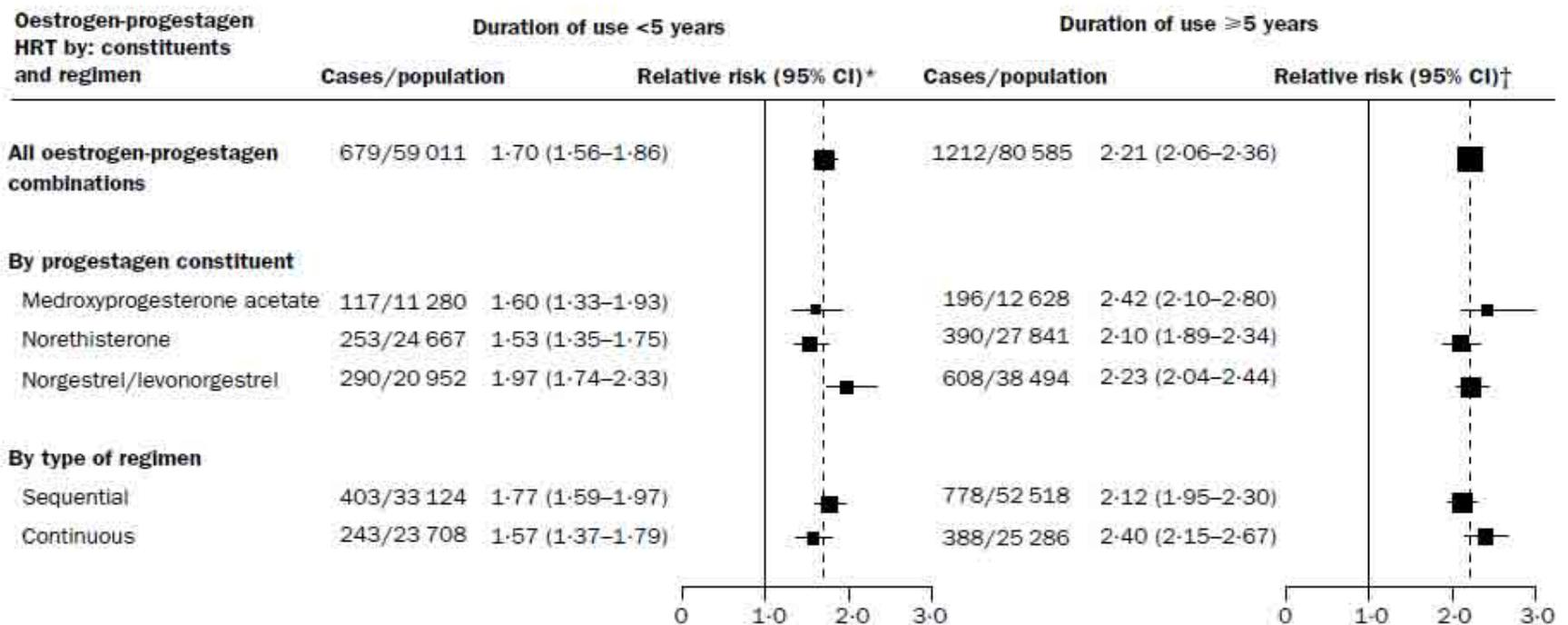


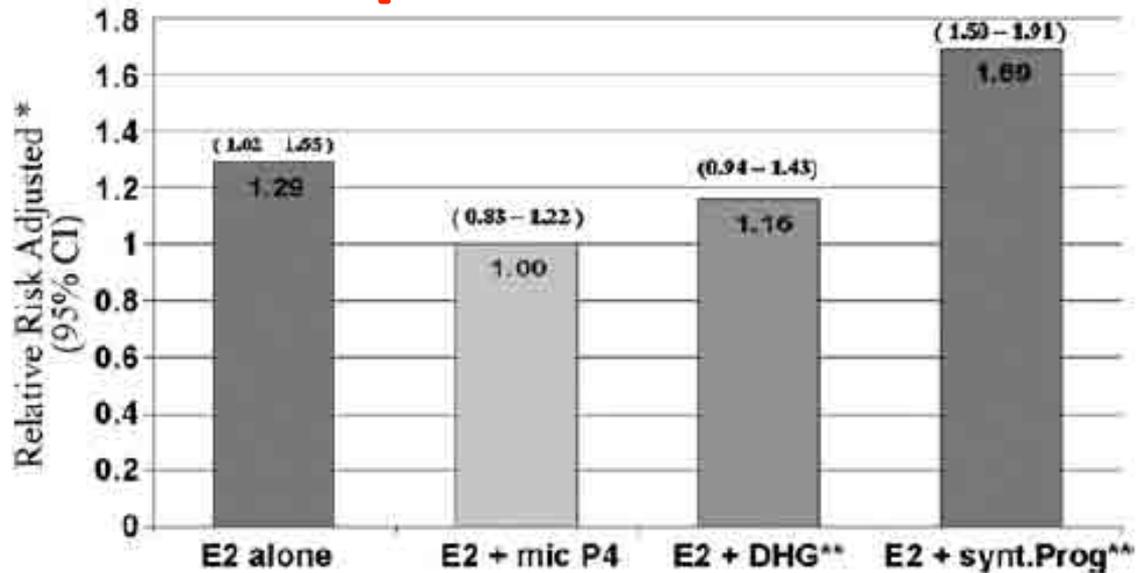
Figure 5: Relative risk of incident invasive breast cancer by constituent and regimen of oestrogen-progestagen combination HRT used at baseline\*

# Unequal risks for breast cancer associated with different hormone replacement therapies: results from the E3N cohort study

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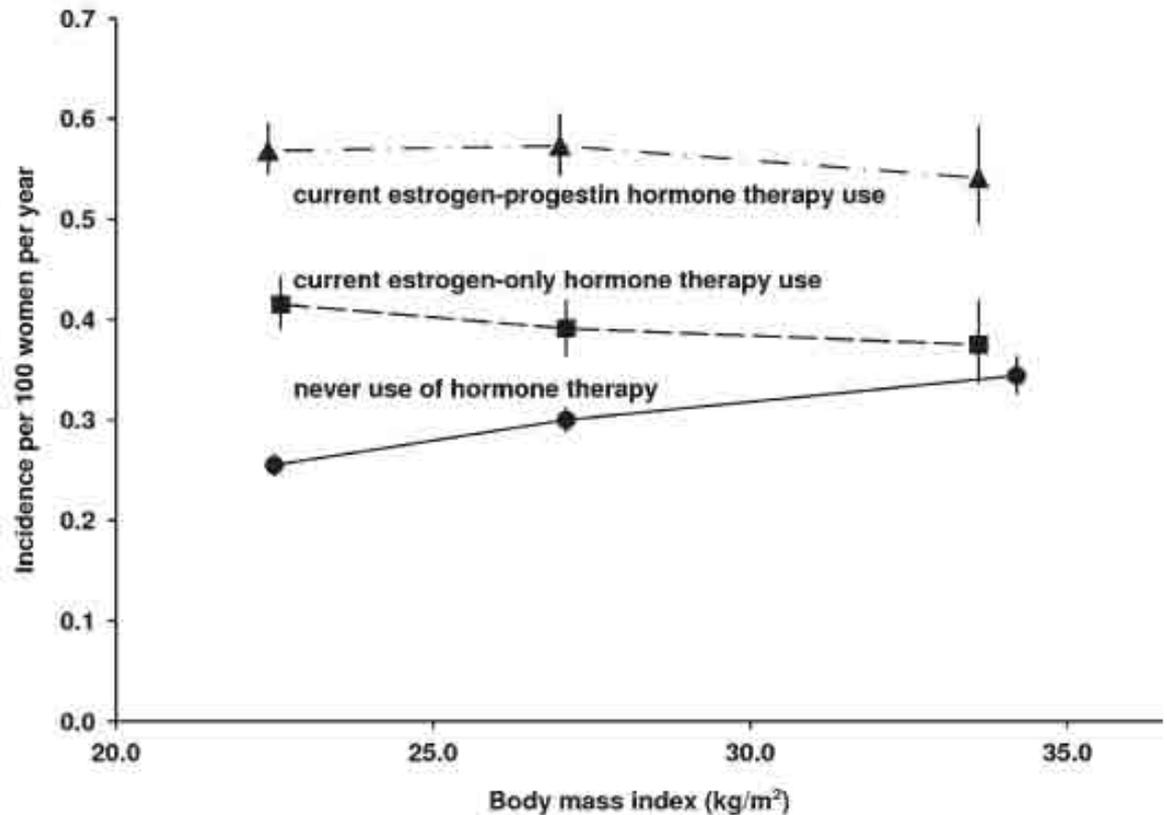


**Fig. 2.** Relative risks (95% confidence intervals) for invasive breast cancer by type of HRT and type of progestagen, compared with HRT never-use (E3N cohort study) Adapted from Fournier et al. (198) E2: estradiol; mic P4: micronized progesterone; DHG: dydrogesterone; synt. Prog.: synthetic progestins (mainly nomegestrol acetate, promegestone, chlormadinone acetate, cyproterone acetate, medrogestone).

# EP e BMI



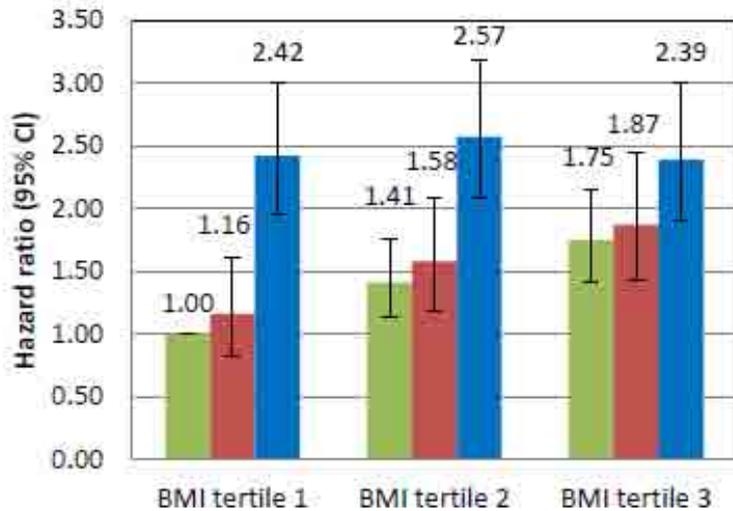
**Figure 5.** Standardized incidence rates for breast cancer in current users of hormone therapy by the type of hormone therapy used and women's body mass index. Standardized incidence rates per 100 women aged 50–59 years per year were calculated by taking never users of hormone therapy as the standard and standardizing by age, region of residence, socioeconomic status, age at menopause, age at birth of first child, parity, and alcohol consumption. It should be noted that incidence rates are plotted against the mean body mass index within each subgroup. 95% confidence intervals are shown (error bars).



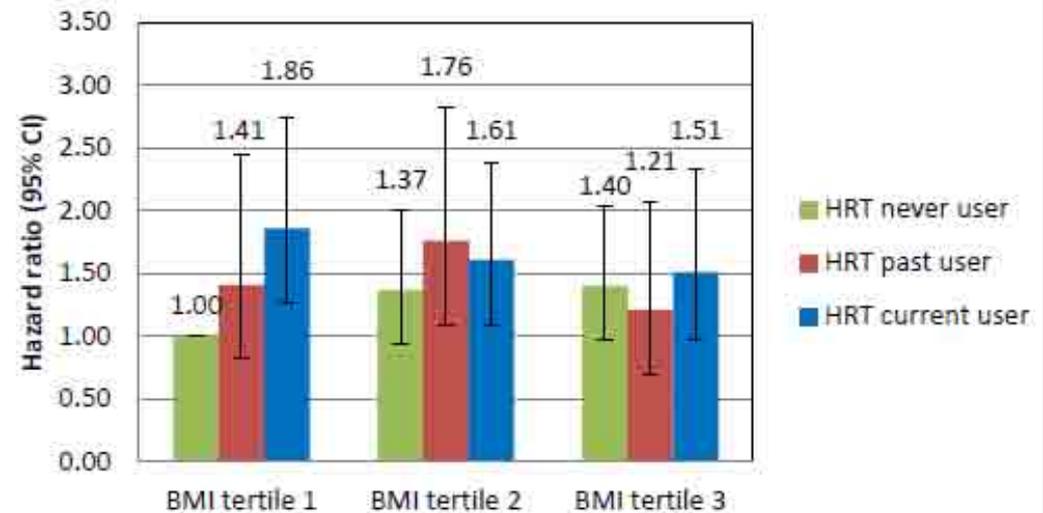
# EP e BMI



### ER+PR+



### ER-PR-



**Figure 2 Hazard ratios of ER+PR+ and ER-PR- tumors for increases in BMI across HRT user categories.** All models were restricted to postmenopausal women with information on baseline HRT use and stratified by age at recruitment and study center. HRT never users within BMI tertile1 were used as the reference category. BMI tertile 1:  $\leq 22.5$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>; BMI tertile 2: 22.6 to 25.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; BMI tertile 3:  $\geq 25.9$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>. BMI, body mass index; ER, estrogen receptor; HRT, hormone replacement therapy; PR, progesterone receptor.



# Conclusioni



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## Terapia sostitutiva con soli Estrogeni

- ✓ L'uso di soli estrogeni per meno di 5 anni riduce il rischio di cancro della mammella in donne che iniziano la terapia dopo diversi anni dalla menopausa (livello evidenza B)
- ✓ L'uso per un periodo  $> 5$  anni aumenta il rischio di cancro, soprattutto nelle donne che hanno iniziato la terapia subito dopo a menopausa (livello evidenza B)
- ✓ Il rischio si annulla dopo 5 anni dalla sospensione della terapia (livello evidenza B)



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## Terapia sostitutiva combinata E+P

- ✓ Il rischio di cancro della mammella, soprattutto con progesterone sintetico, aumenta progressivamente dopo 5 anni dall' inizio della tp (livello evidenza B)
- ✓ Il rischio si annulla circa 3 anni dopo la sospensione (livello evidenza B)
- ✓ Le donne che iniziano subito dopo la menopausa sono più a rischio (livello evidenza C)

*Per ogni donna il rischio assoluto di cancro al seno in corso di terapia con EP varia in funzione del momento di inizio della terapia, della durata della stessa, probabilmente in funzione del tipo di progestinico e del BMI*



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