

# Hormones and cardiovascular disease

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An aerial photograph of the Rigshospitalet (National Hospital) in Copenhagen, Denmark. The image shows a large, modern, dark-colored building complex with a grid-like facade. A white arrow points from the text 'Gynaecological Clinic' to a specific building within the complex. The surrounding area includes green spaces, trees, and other urban buildings.

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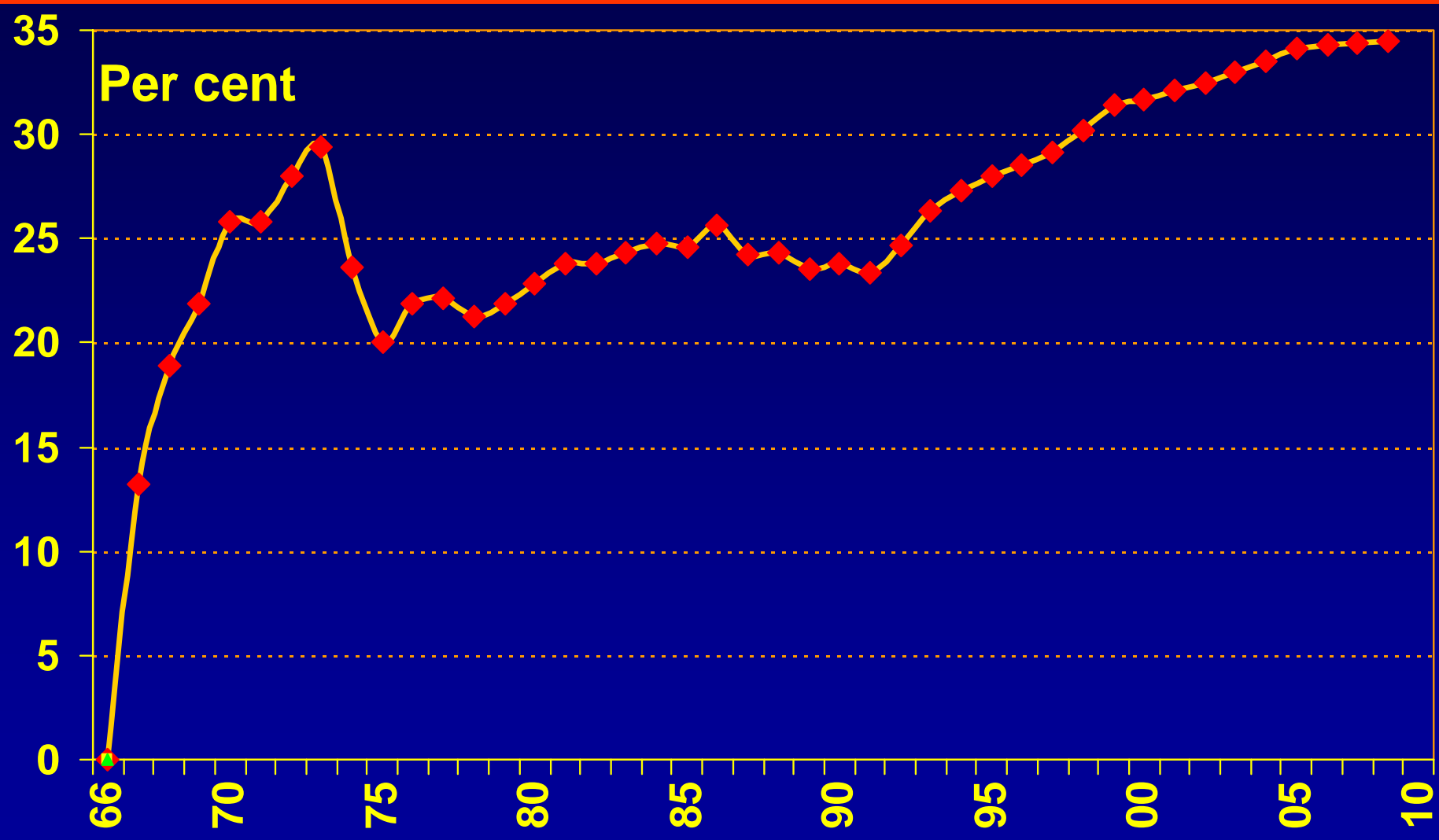
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# OC use in Denmark 1966-2008



Calculated from total sale in DDD/fem pop 15-44 years.

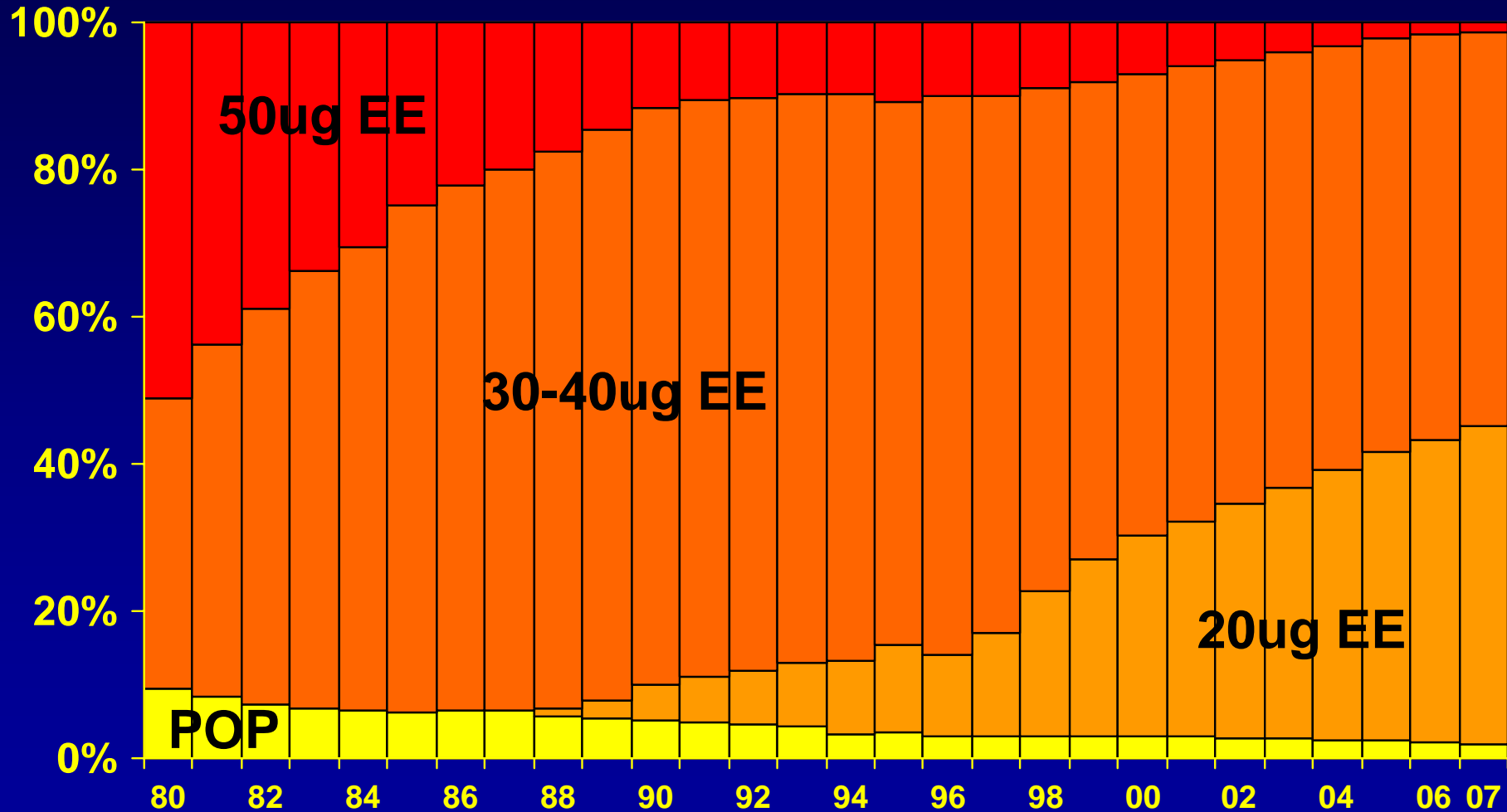
# OC generations according to estrogen dose and progestagen type

## Progestagen generation

	1	2	"2"	3	3	4
	Estrans NETA	Levonor- gestrel	Norges- timate	Deso- gestrel	Gesto- dene	Dros- pirenon
50	-	<b>1st+</b>	EVRA	-	-	-
30-40	-	+ <b>2nd</b> +		+ <b>3rd</b> +		+ <b>4th</b>
20	-	-	-	Nuvaring	+	+
POP	+	+	-	+	-	-

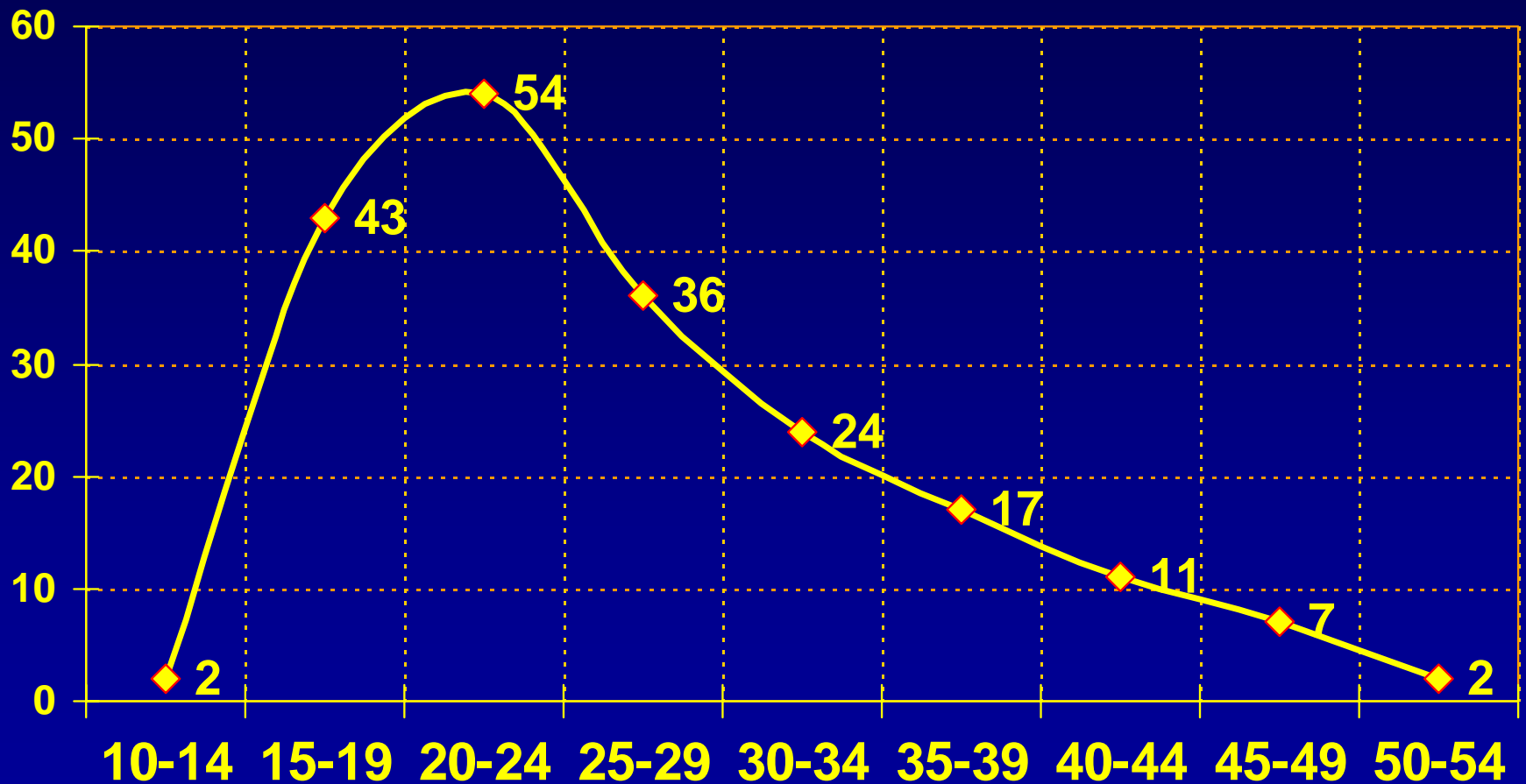
Low dose = 20-40ug EE

# OC types in DK according to estrogen dose during the period 1980-2007



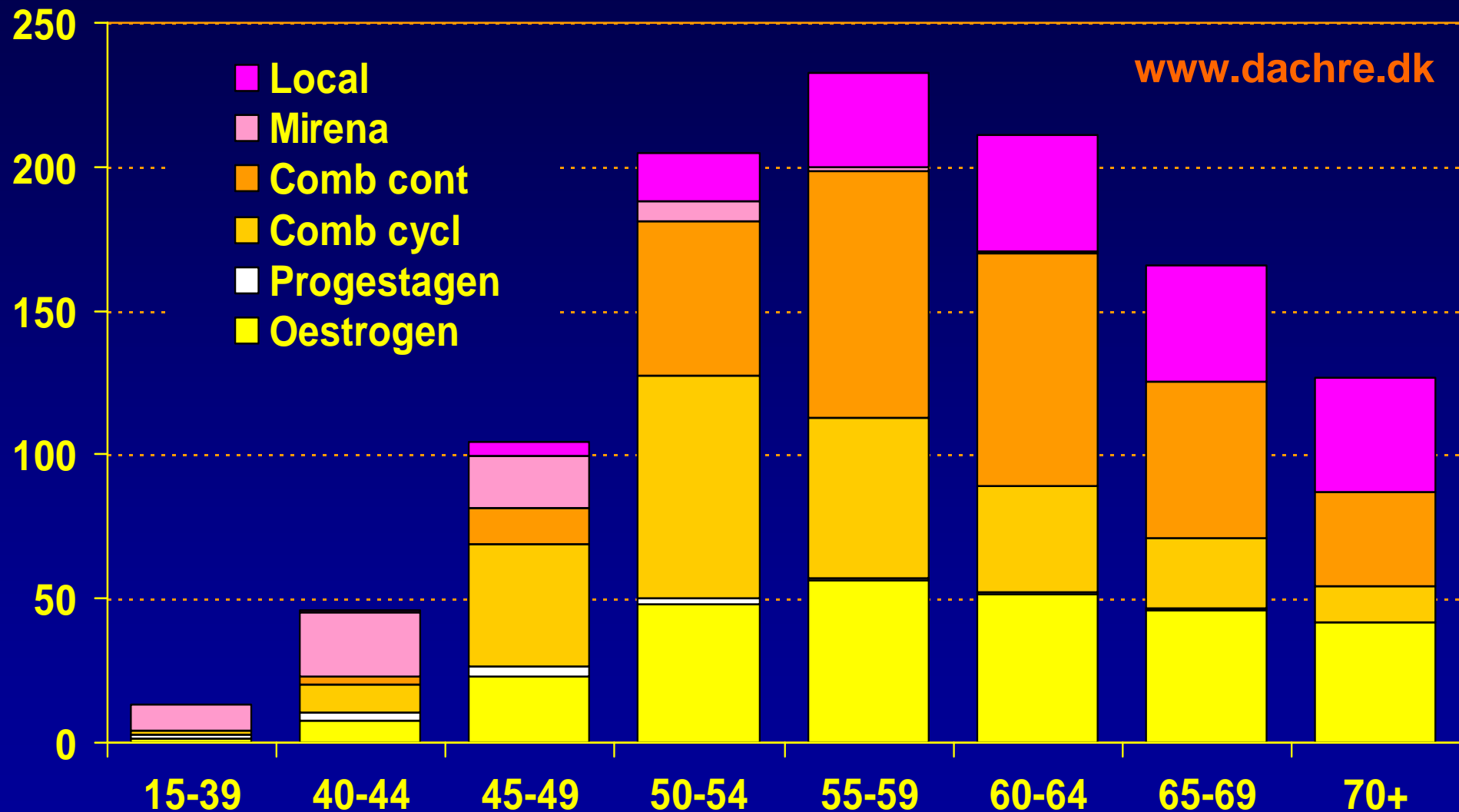
# Use of OC according to age

DDD/100 women/day



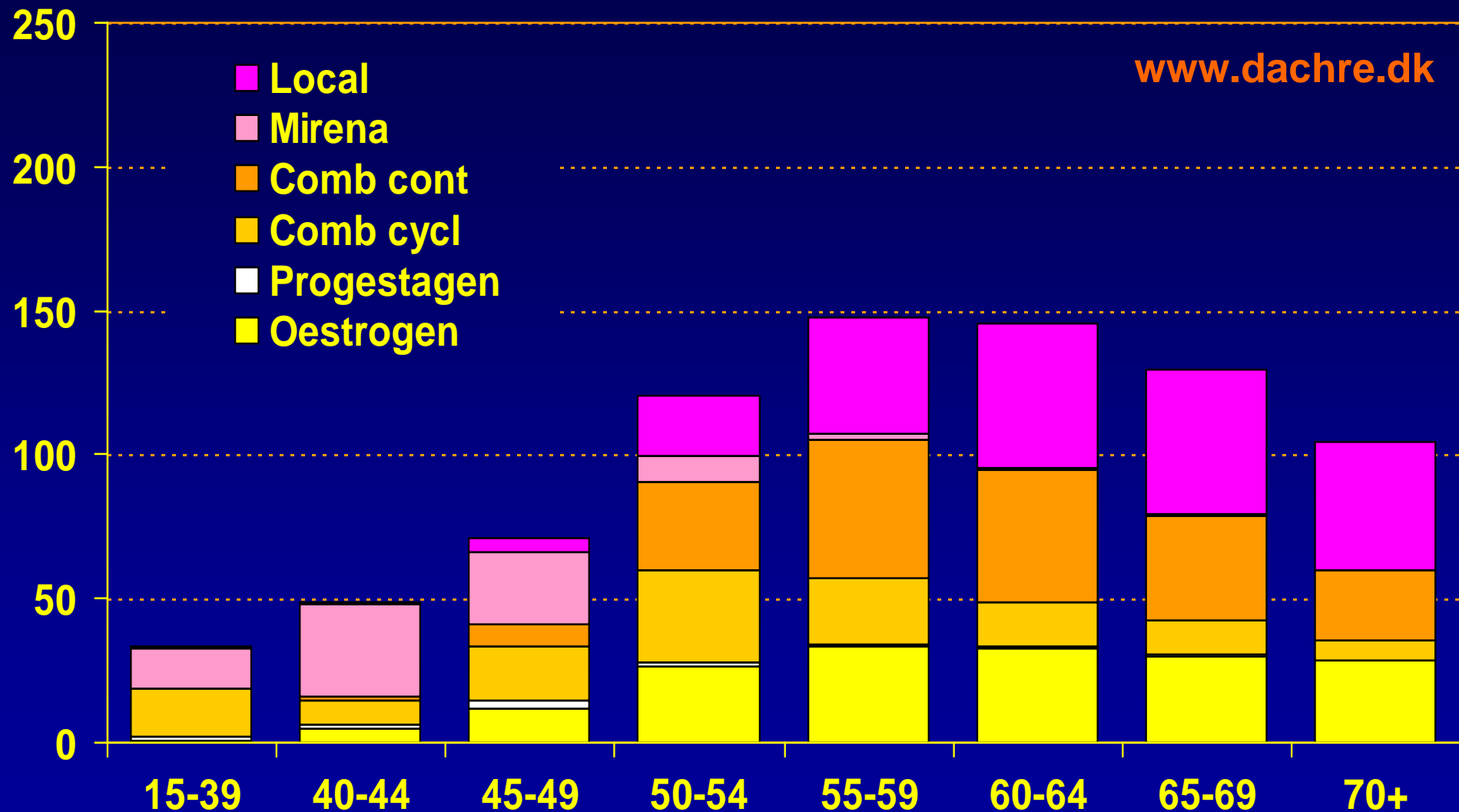


# HT sale DK 2002. DDD/1,000 per day



Danish Sex Hormone Register Study (DaHORS).

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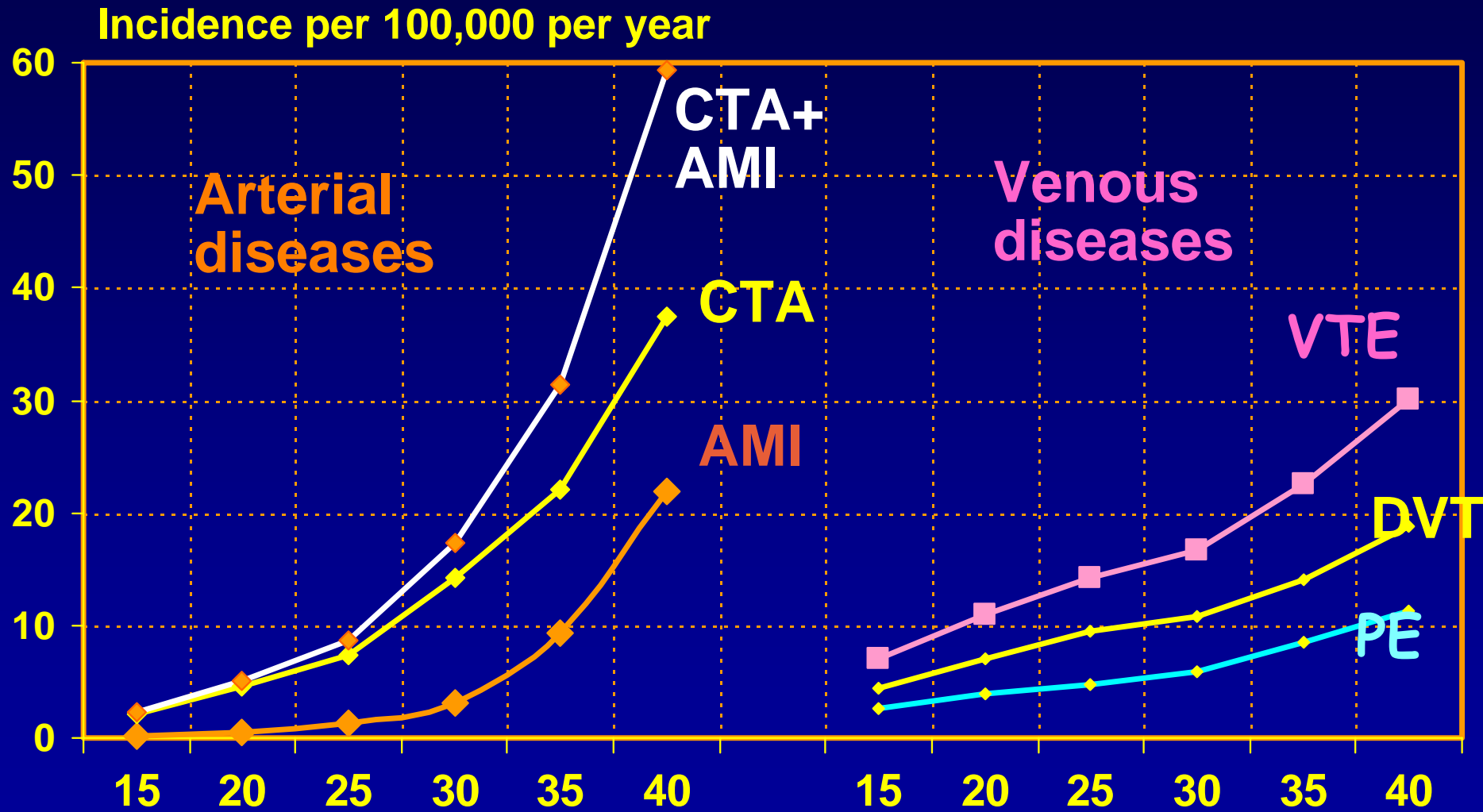
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# CTA, AMI and VTE in DK 1980-93

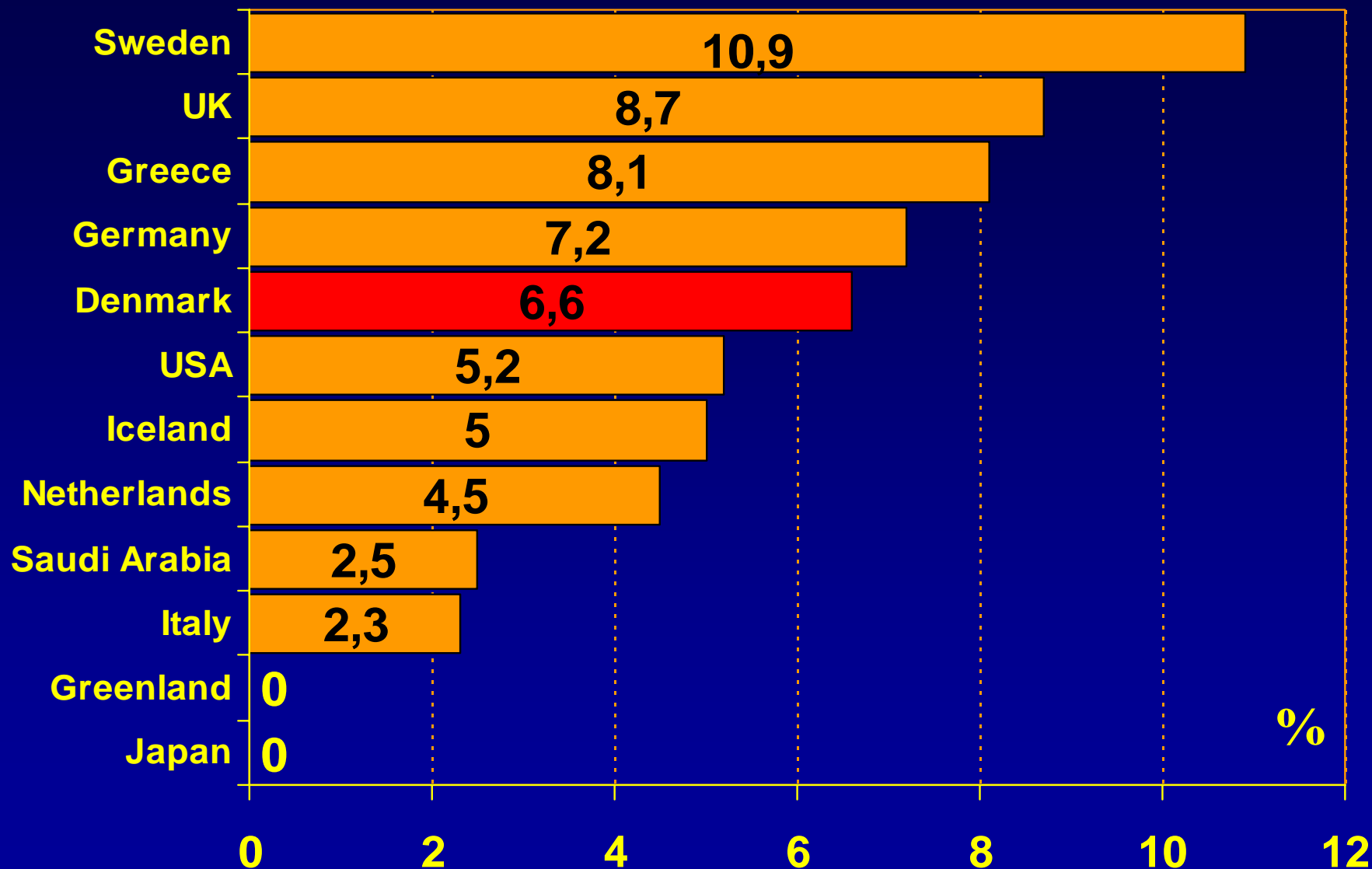
## Pregnant and puerperal women excluded



# Thrombotic diseases in young women

<u>Per 1 million per year</u>	<b>CTA</b>	<b>AMI</b>	<b>VTE</b>
Incidence	170	62	230
Non pregnant	150	60	170
Mortality	3	15	2.7
Non pregnant	3	15	2.3
Case-fatality rate	2.3%	25%	1.3%
Significant disability	30%	30%	5%
Long-term survival	↓	↓↓	→

# Leiden V mutations, prevalence



# VTE: Genetic risk factors

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<b>Risk factor</b>	<b>Prevalence</b>	<b>RR</b>
Leiden fact V hetero	6.6%	8
Leiden fact V homoz	0.2%	64
Protein C insufficiency	0.2%	15
Protein S insufficiency	<0.1%	>10
Antithrombin III insuff.	0.02%	50
Prothrombin 20210A	2%	3
Hyperhomocysteinaemia	3%	3

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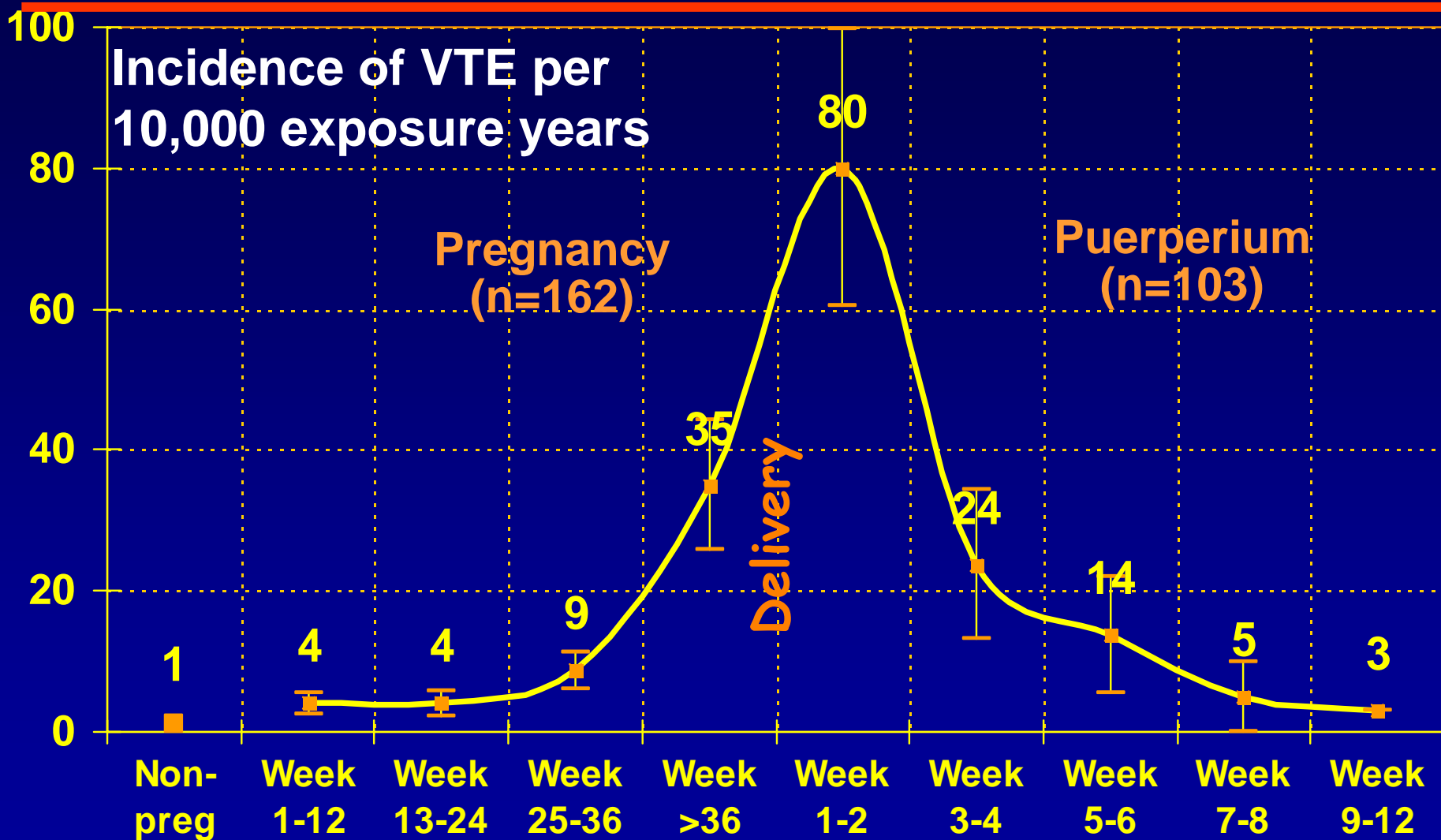
# VTE: Acquired risk factors

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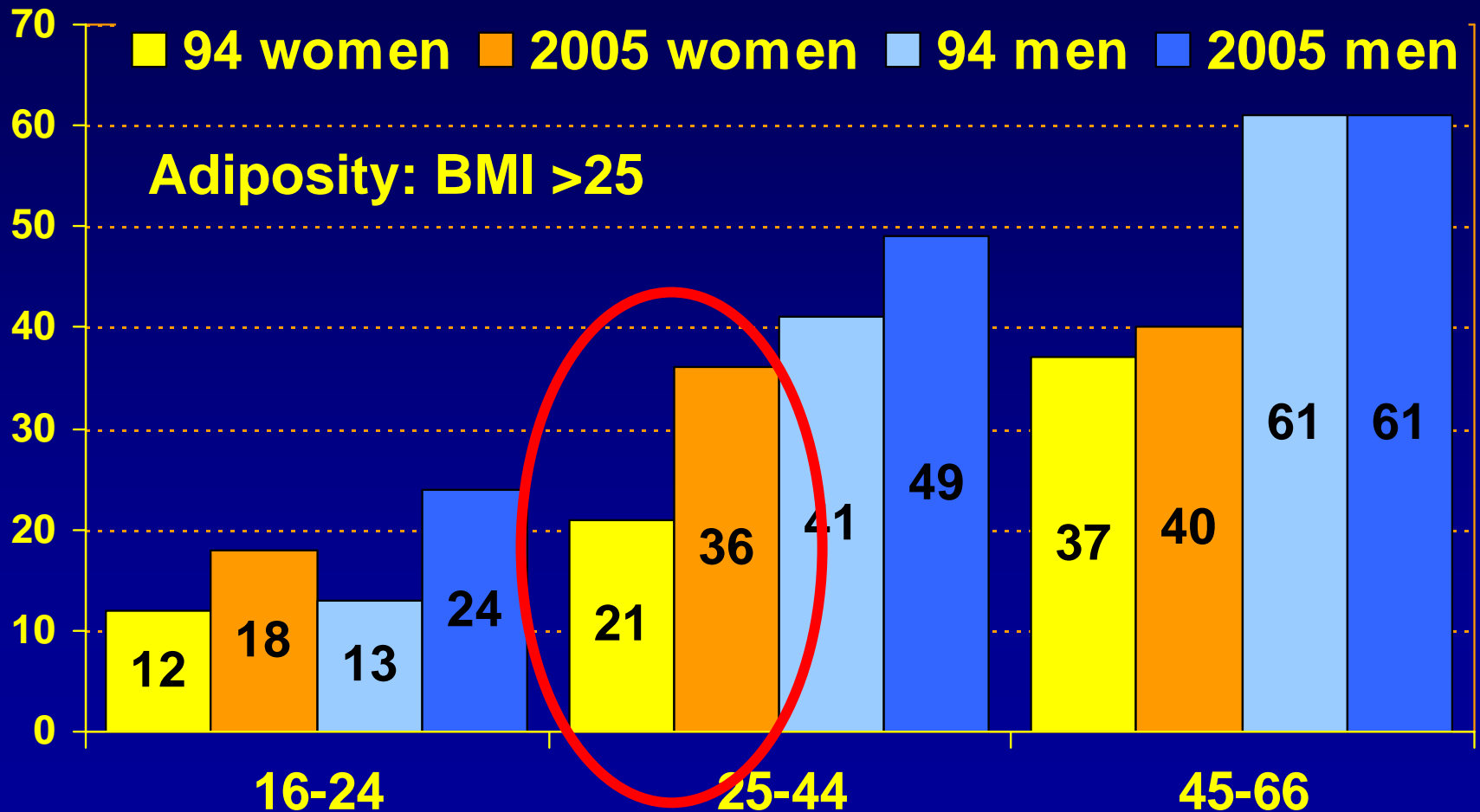
	Prevalence	RR
Age $\geq 30$ vs $< 30$	50%	2.5
Pregnancy	4%	8
Adiposity (BMI $> 25$ )	36%	2
Varicose veins	8%	2
Immobilisation/trauma	?	2-10
Oral contraceptives	33%	3-4
Medical diseases	5%?	2-5

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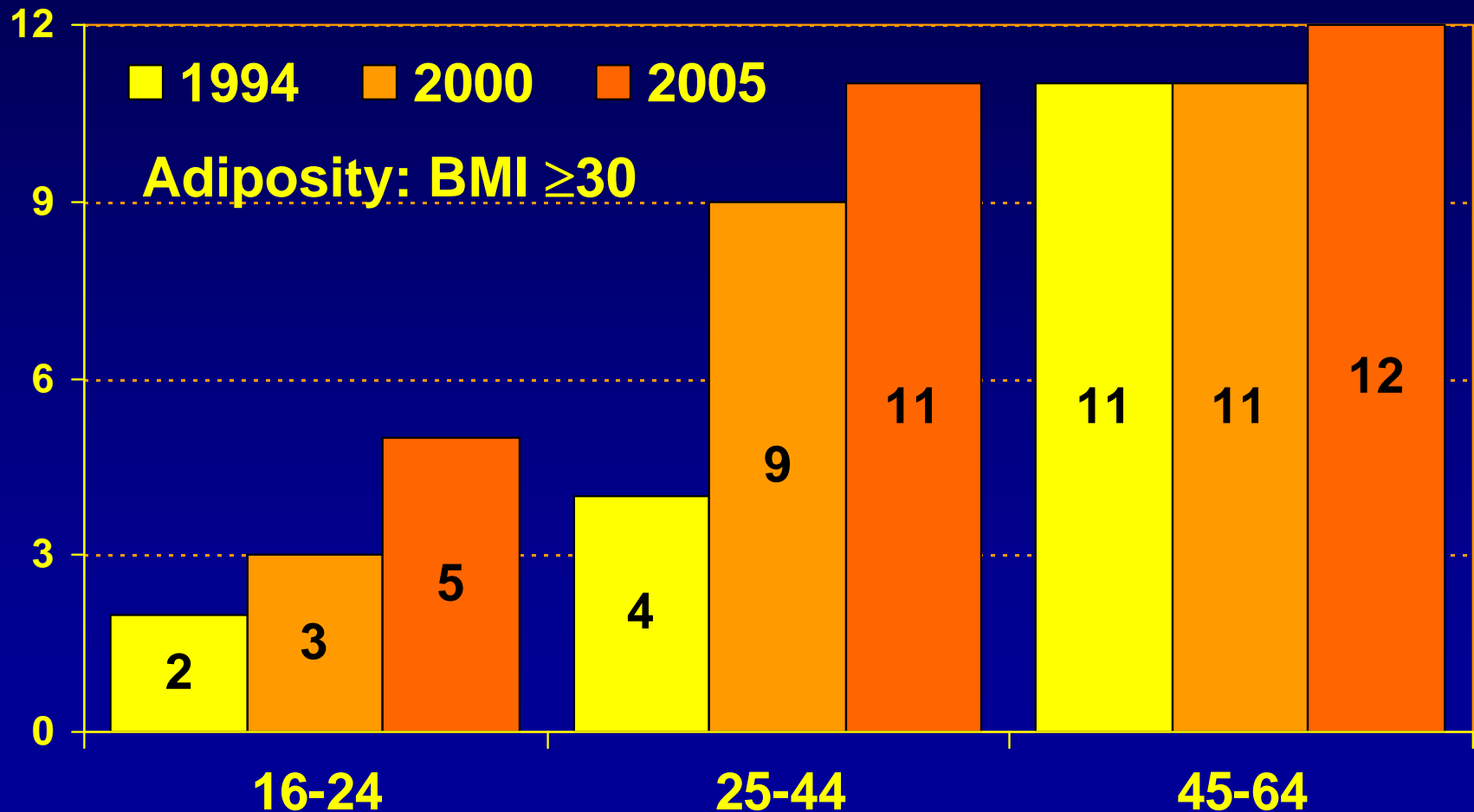
# Incidence rate of VTE among pregnant and puerperal women, DK 1994-96. N=265



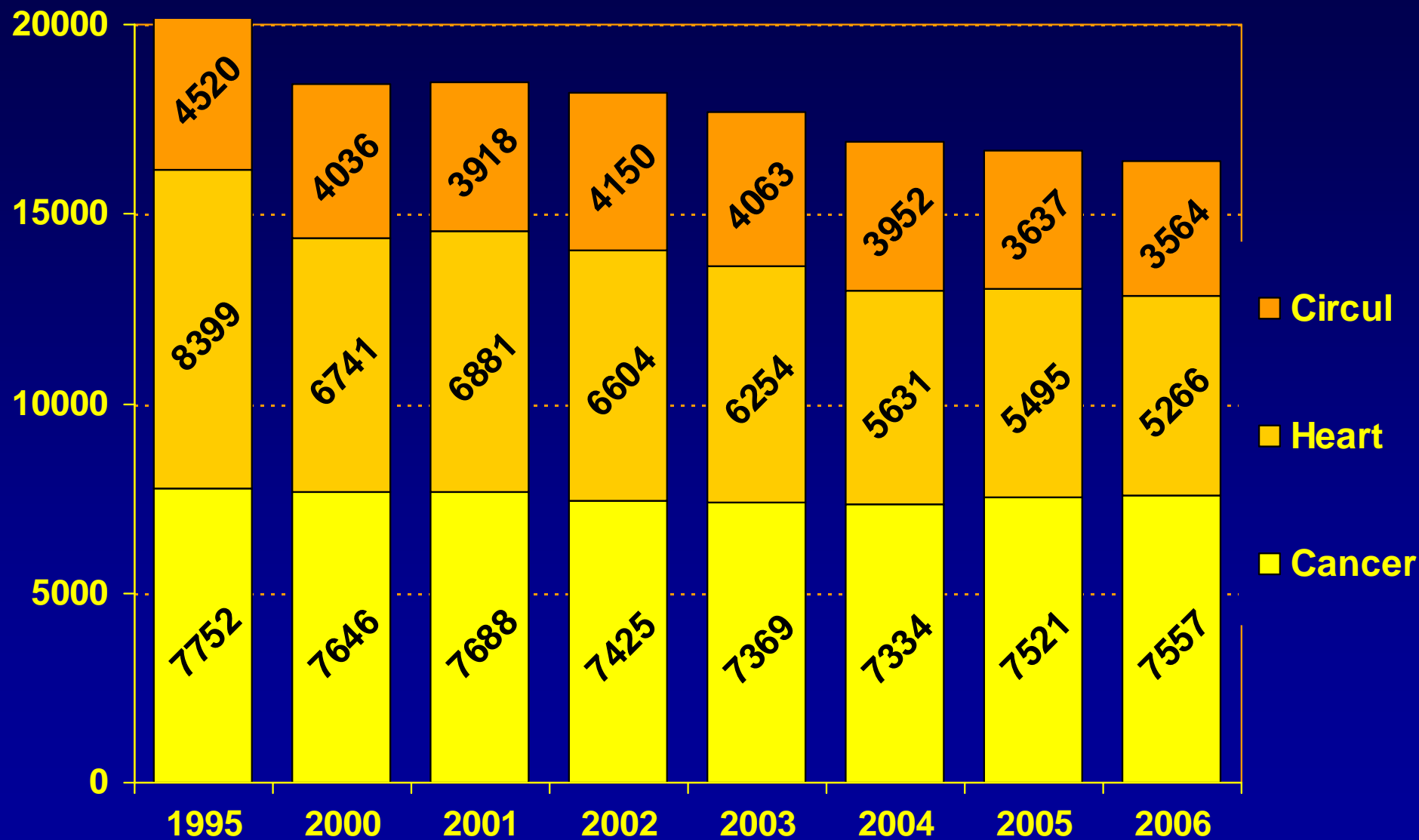
# Adiposity in Danish women and men in 1994 and 2005



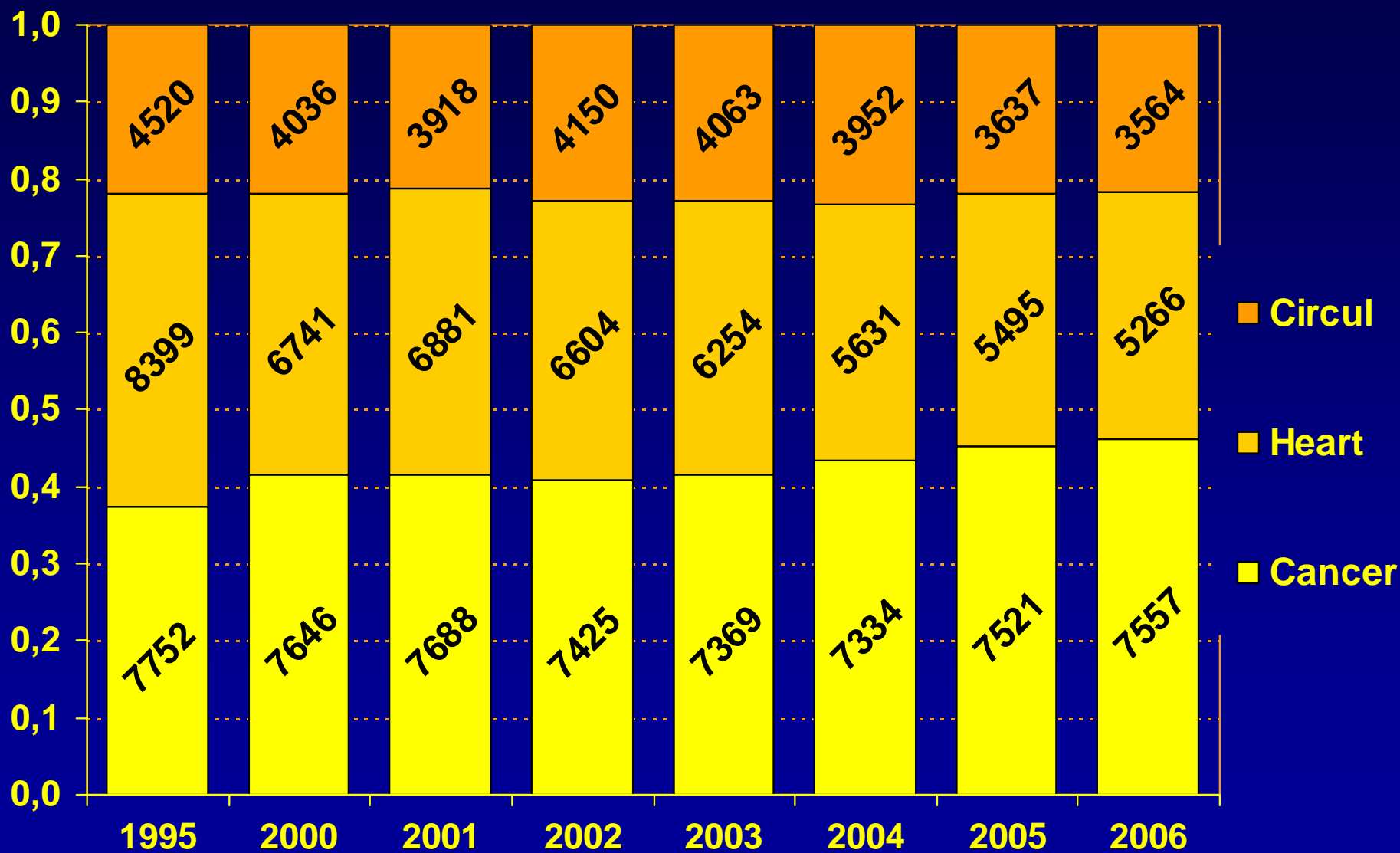
# Severe adiposity in Danish women in 1994, 2000 and 2005



# Deaths, women 1995-2006

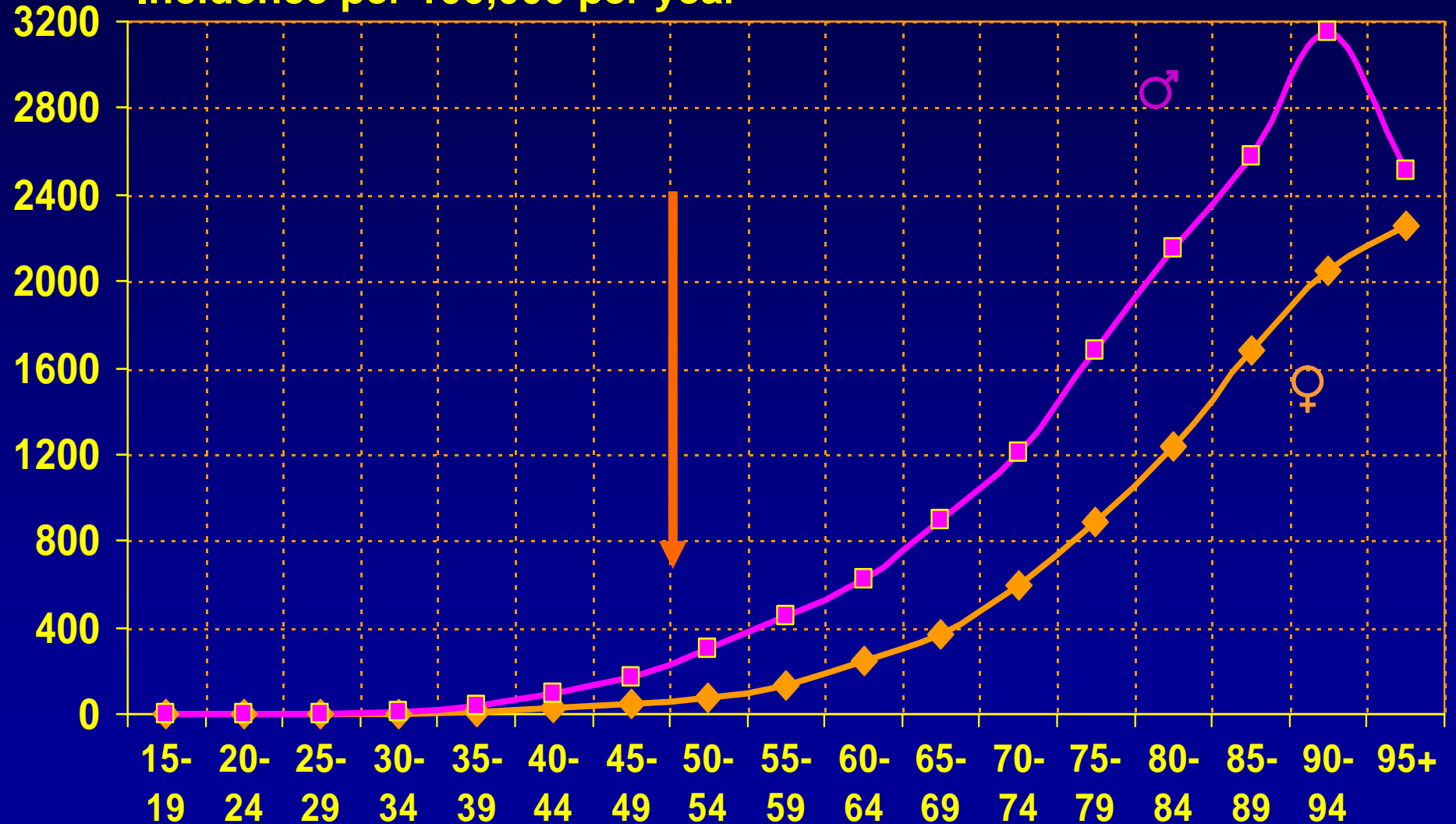


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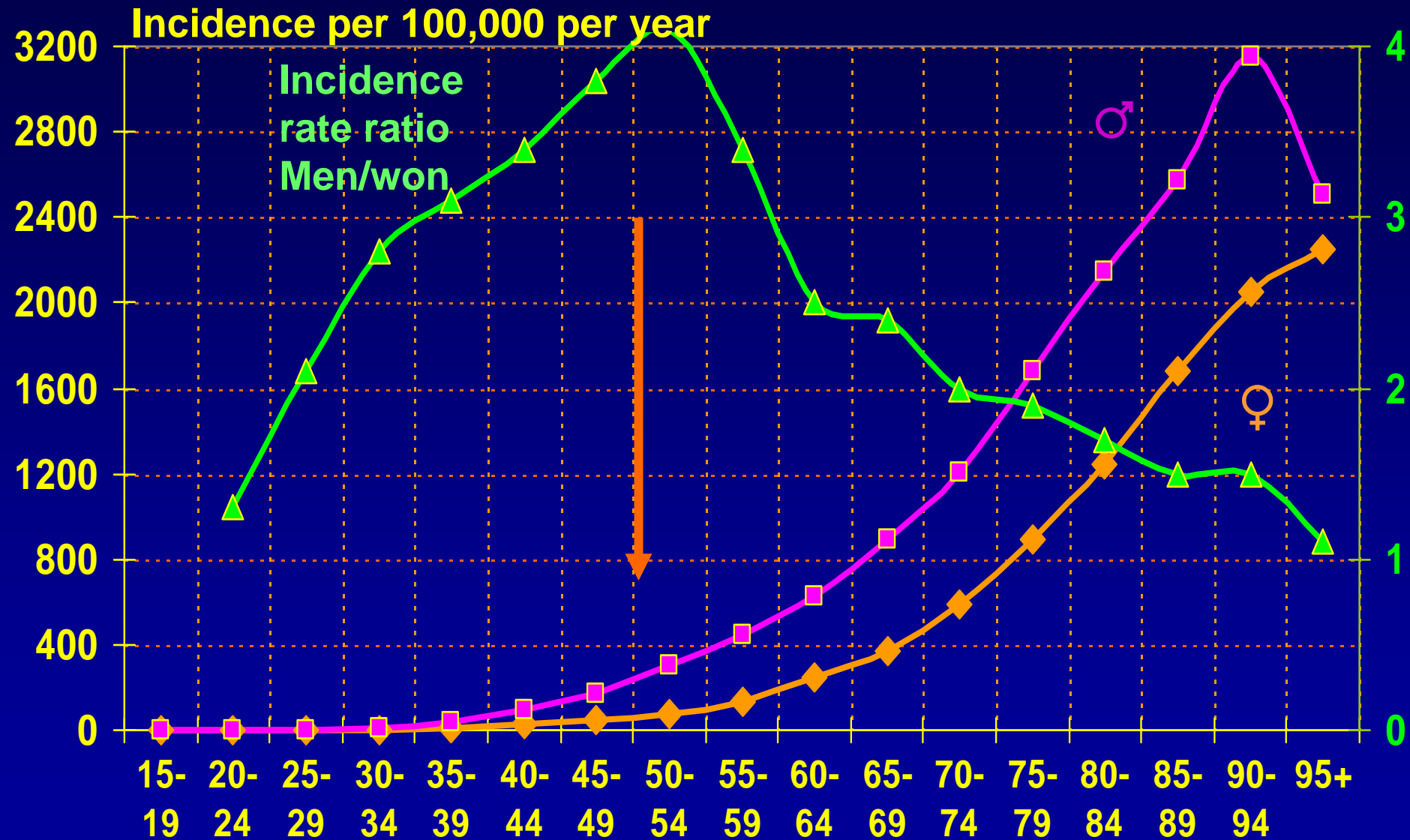


# AMI in women and men in DK

Incidence per 100,000 per year



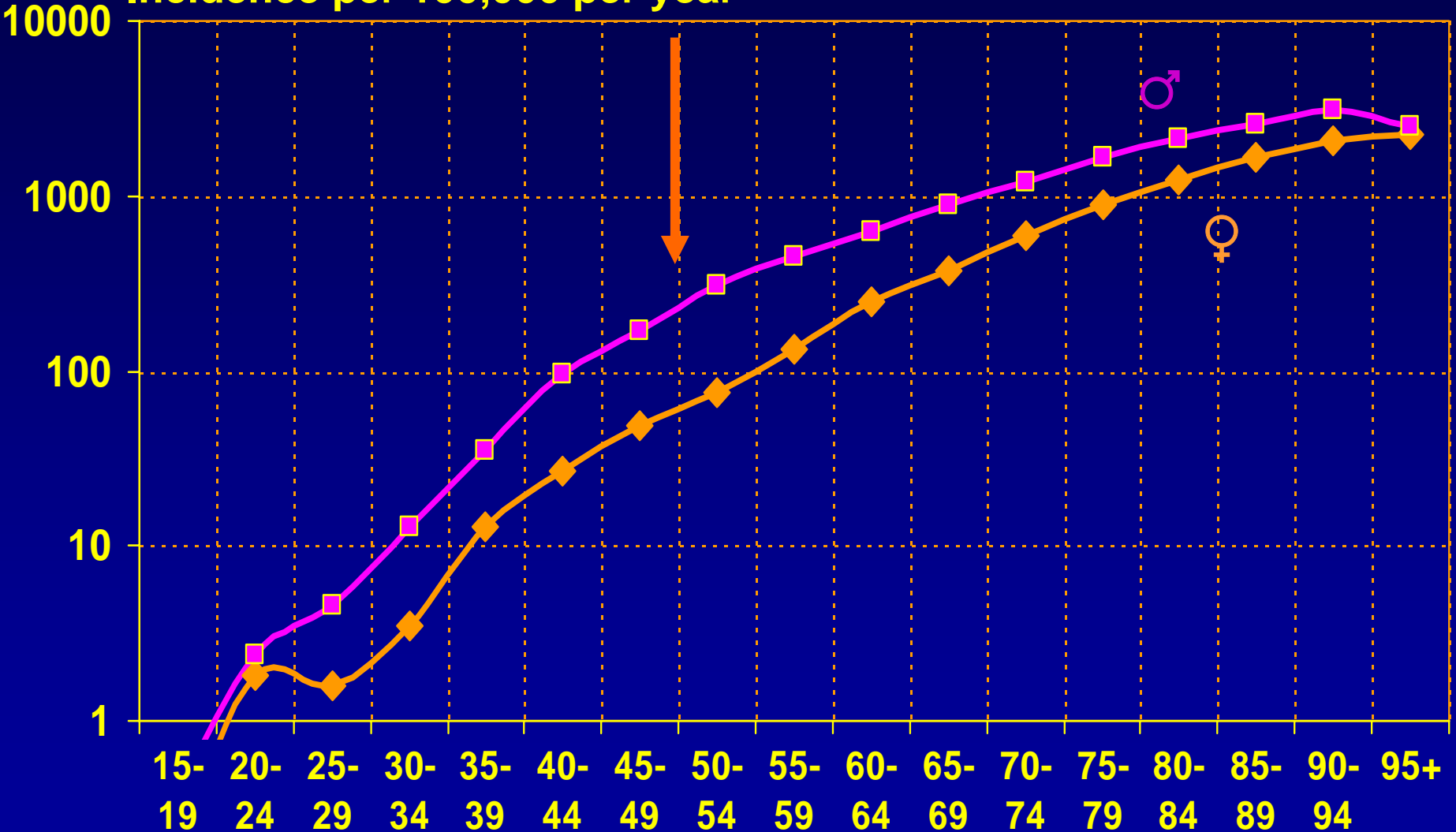
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# Hormonal contraception and VTE Denmark 1995-2005

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## Danish Sex Hormone Register Study DaHoRS

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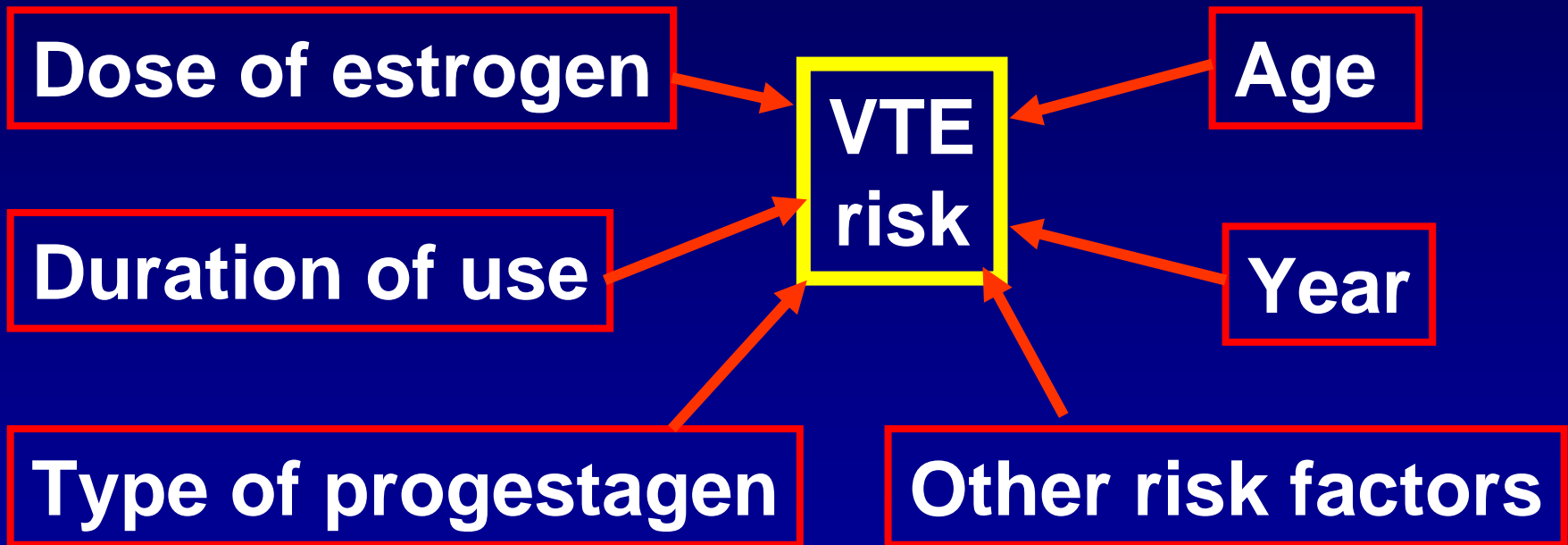
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# OC and VTE: Objectives

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## OC axes

## Confounders



# OC and VTE: Material

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## Inclusion

- All women in Denmark 15-49 years old during the period January 1995 through December 2005 (11 years)

## Exclusion

- Pregnant women
- Women with previous VTE or cancer
- Women censored at their first VTE

# OC and VTE: Methods

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## National Registry of Patients (NRP, 1977)

VTE diagnoses,  
Previous CaVD/canc.  
Pregnancies

## National Registry of Medicinal products (NRM, 1994): OC use

Medication against  
BP ↑, DM, Hyperchol.

1995

→ 2005

## Statistics of Denmark, 1960

Education, PIN-codes,  
address, vital status

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# OC and VTE: Results

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- Number of observation years: 10.4 million
  - Number of current user years: 3.3 million
  - Number of former user years: 2.3 million
  - Number of never user years: 4.8 million
  - Number of included VTE: 4,213
  - VTE in current users of OC: 2,045
  - VTE in former users of OC: 667
  - VTE in never users of OC: 1,467
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# OC and VTE: Results

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	Crude IR/10,000wy	Rate ratio*
• Non use	3.1	1 ref.
• OC all	6.3	2.8 (2.7-3.0)
• Comb OC <1 yr	6.5	4.2 (3.7-4.7)
• Comb OC 1-4yrs	5.4	3.0 (2.7-3.3)
• Comb OC >4 yrs	7.7	2.8 (2.5-3.0)
• 1 <sup>st</sup> generation OC	7.8	2.7 (2.1-3.4)
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation OC	5.5	2.0 (1.8-2.3)
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation OC	6.8	3.6 (3.3-3.8)
• 4 <sup>th</sup> generation OC	7.8	4.0 (3.3-4.9)

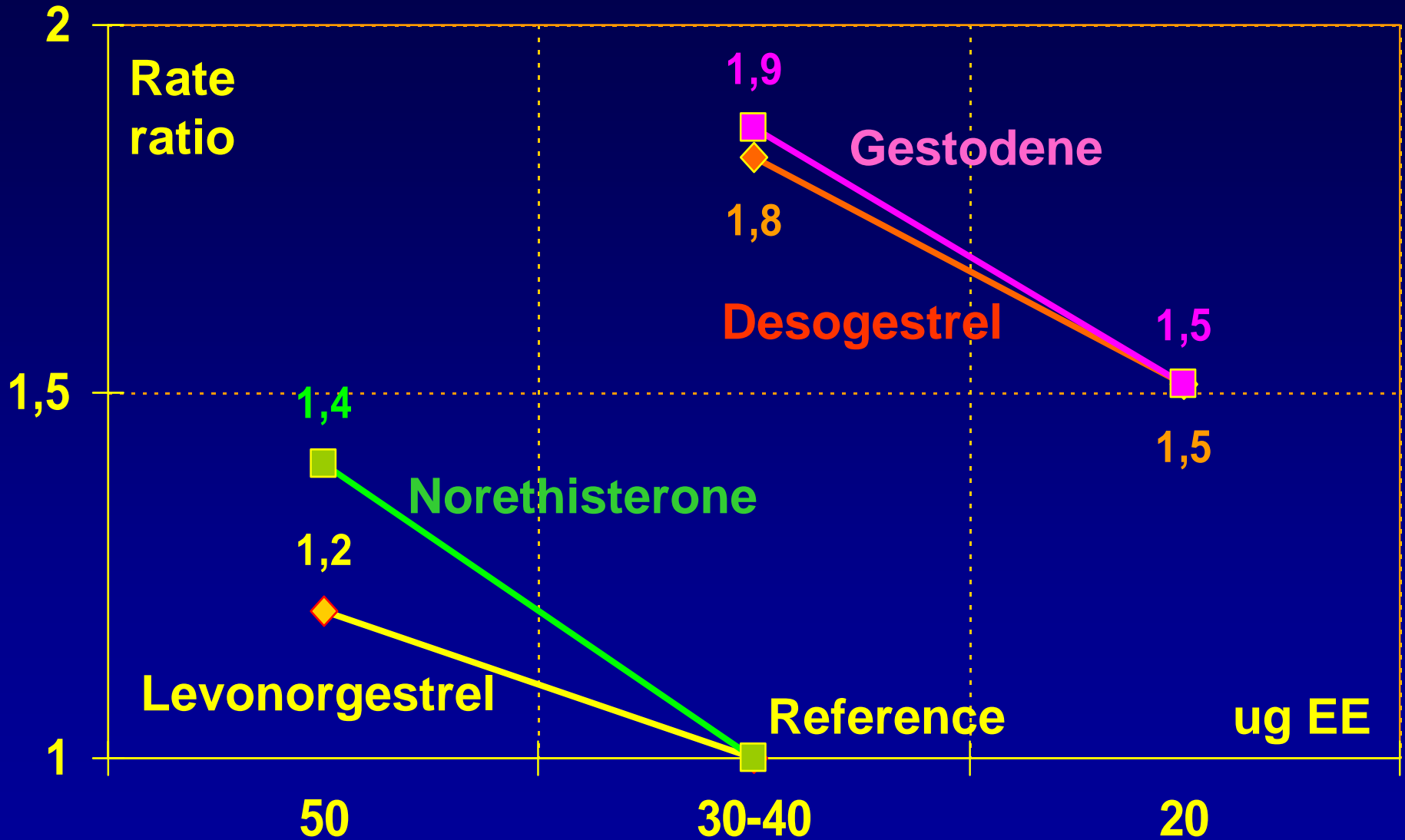
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**\*) Adjusted for age, year, education**

# OC and VTE: Progestagen type adjusted for duration of use

ug EE	Neta	Levo	Norg	Deso	Gest	Dros	Cypr
50	1.4 1.0-2.1	1.2 0.9-1.7	na	na	na	na	na
30-40	1.0 0.7-1.4	Ref	1.2 1.0-1.5	1.8 1.5-2.2	1.9 1.6-2.2	1.6 1.3-2.1	1.9 1.5-2.4
20	na	na	na	1.5 1.3-1.8	1.5 1.2-1.9	na	na
POP	na	0.3 0.2-0.5		0.5 0.2-1.7			
Mirena	na	0.4 0.3-0.6					

# Risk of VTE according to estrogen dose



Adjusted for age, year, education and length of use

# OC and VTE: Conclusion

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## Conclusion

- Risk of VTE about 50% higher the first year
- 30-40 → 20ug EE: 18% reduction in risk
- Norgestimate same risk as 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.
- 4<sup>th</sup> generation same risk as 3<sup>rd</sup> generation
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> generation higher risk than 2<sup>nd</sup> gen
- POP: No risk (low/middle dose)
- Hormone IUD: No risk

# OCs and thrombosis

## Current status November 2008

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	CTA	AMI	VTE
Non use	1	1	1
2nd gen:	2.5	1.5	2.5
3rd gen:	1.5	1.5	4.0
4th gen:	na	na	4.0
Average:	2	1.5	3.5

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OC influence (RR)	<b>2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Number of OC deaths	<b>+0.5</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>+1.2</b>

OC induced:  $3.8/20.3 = 19\%$

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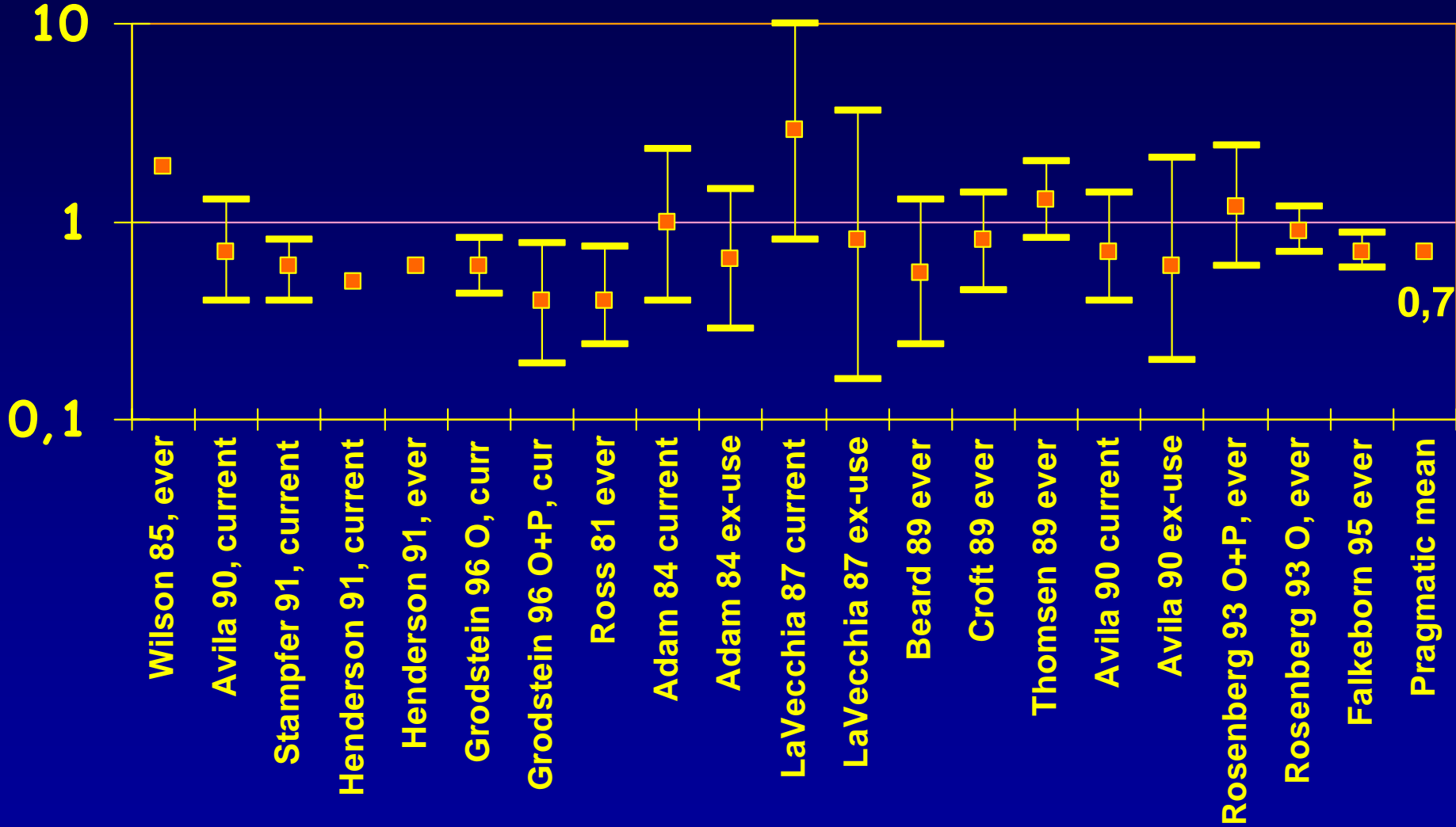
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# HT and acute myocardial infarction



# Heart and oestrogen/progestin replacement study (HERS)

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Design: Randomiseret blindet placebo-kontrolleret sekundært preventions studie

Materiale: 2,763 kvinder med koronar sygdom, yngre end 80 år. Gennemsnitsalder: 67y

Metode: Randomisering mellem placebo og 0.625mg østrogen + 2.5mg MPA.

HERS I: Follow up 4.1 år (randomiseret)

HERS II: Follow up 6.8 år (ikke randomiseret)

Outcome: Nye AMI tilfælde.

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Hulley et al. JAMA 1998; 280: 605-13

Grady et al. JAMA 2002; 288: 49-57

# HERS: results

	Estr-prog <sup>1</sup>	Placebo	RR	95% CI
n	1380	1383		
CHD <sup>2</sup> I	179	182	1.0	0.8-1.2
CHD I+II	290	293	1.0	0.8-1.2
Fatal I+II	132	122	1.1	0.9-1.4
Nonfatal AMI	183	196	0.9	0.8-1.2

**Conclusion:** Comb. HT has no influence on the risk of further AMI

1) Oestr-prog = conjugated estrogen 0.625mg + medroxyprogesterone acetate 2.5mg

2) CHD: coronary heart disease (=AMI)

# WHI results

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	EPT	ET	50-59
• <b>Coronary heart disease</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>
• Stroke	1.4	1.4	1.1
• <b>Venous thromboembolism</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>
• Breast cancer	1.3	0.8	0.7
• Endometrial cancer	0.8	hysterect.	
• Colorectal cancer	0.6	1.1	0.6
• Hip fracture	0.7	0.6	NA
• Vertebral fracture	0.7	0.6	NA
• <b>All cause mortality</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>

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# Womens health initiative (WHI)

	<b>EPT vs placebo</b>	<b>ET vs placebo</b>
Age:	50-79	50-79, -uterus
Number:	16,608	10,739
Regimen:	0.6mg CEE/MPA	0.6mg CEE
Follow up:	5.2 yrs,	6.8 yrs
Average age:	63 years	
>60 years	66%	70%
Hypertension	36%	48%
BMI $\geq$ 25:	70%,	80%
BMI $\geq$ 30:	34%	45%

**Rossouw et al. JAMA 2002; 288: 321-33  
& JAMA 2004: 291: 1701**

# **Danish sex Hormone Register Study**

## **DaHoRS (1.8 mio women study)**

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### **Hormone therapy and AMI**

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# Pharmacoepidemiology

## Principal data sources

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National Registry of Ptt  
Cases  
Previous diseases  
Deliveries, abortions

Statistics Denmark  
Education  
Deaths  
Control women

1995

2001

National Registry of Medicine from 1994  
Specific daily prescription of medicine  
Identification of hypertensive, depressive,  
women with diabetes etc

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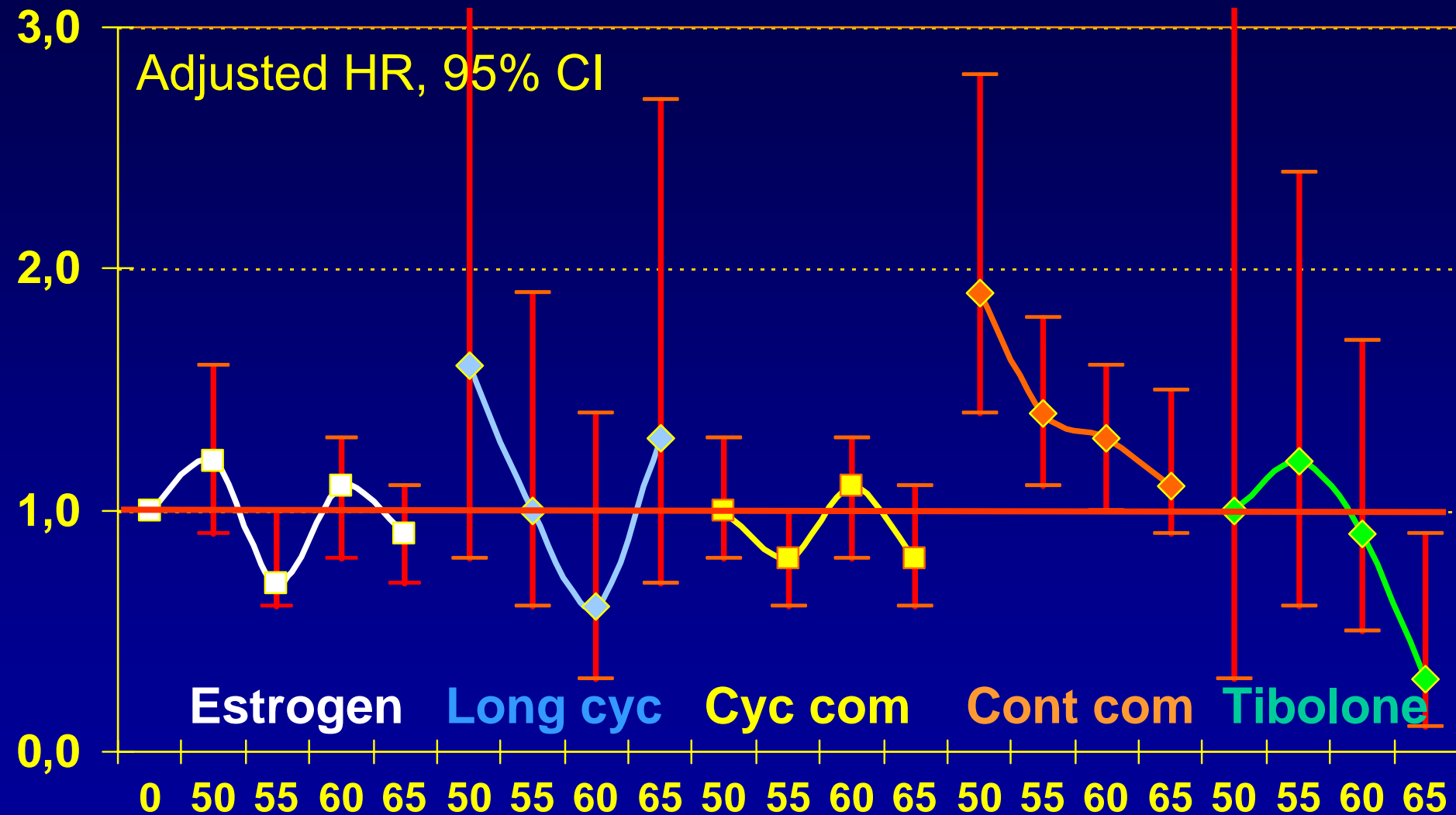
# Hormone therapy and AMI

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- Cohort: Included women 51-69: 698,098
- Observation years: 2,952,635
- Women on HT 19%
- Previous HT 7%
- Never HT 74%
- Women with AMI: 4,947



# AMI risk according to HT regimen

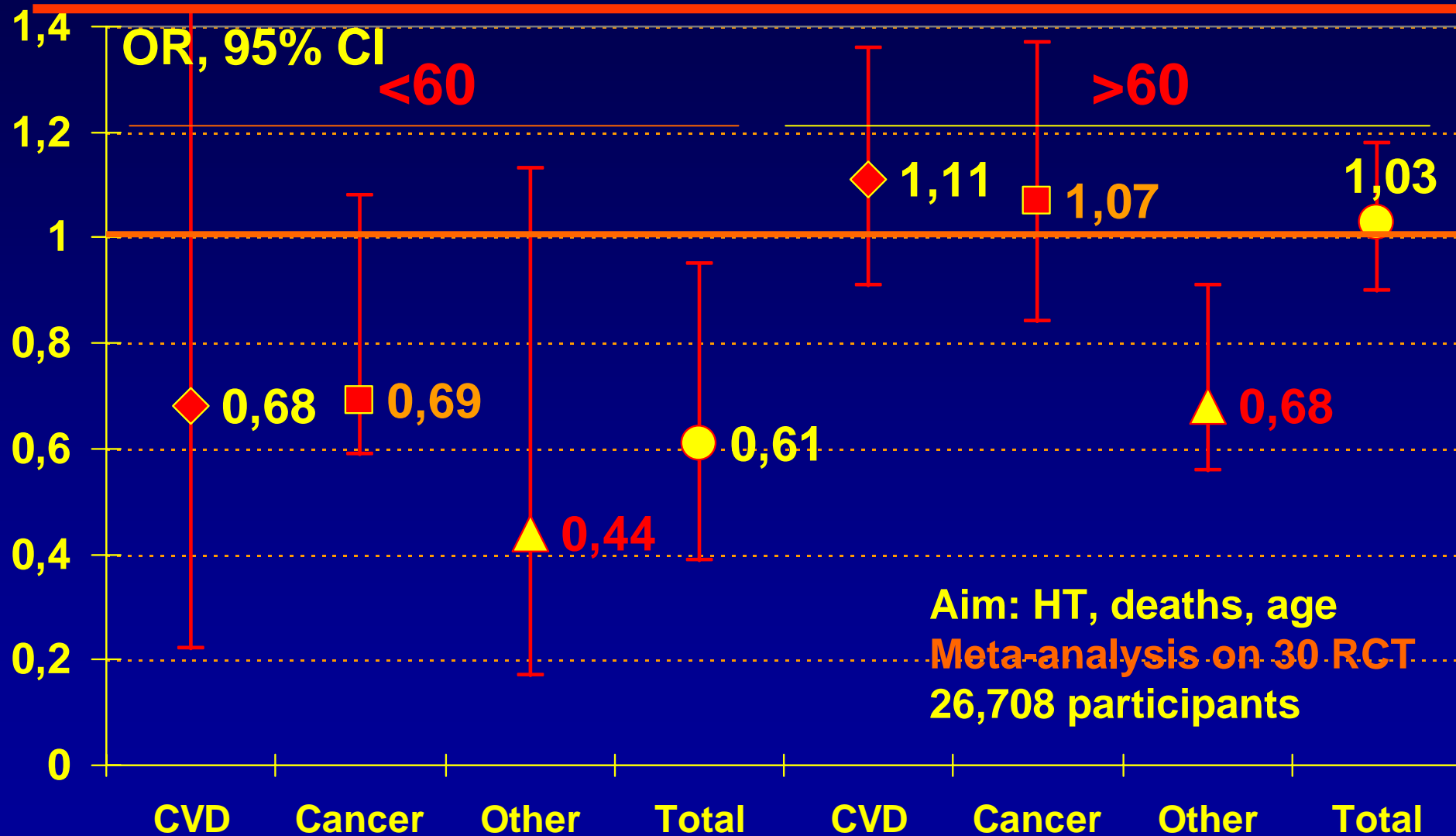


# HT-AMI: Conclusion

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- Overall no risk of AMI with HT
- No risk with estrogen only, vaginal, and cyclic combined therapy
- No risk with tibolone
- Increased risk in women on cont. combined
- This risk decreases with time
- Lower risk with cyclic combined therapy than with continuous combined therapy

# Metaanalysis on HT and death



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# HT and AMI: Conclusion

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- Observational studies: RR: 0.7-1  
Randomised studies: RR: 0.6-1.3
  - Previous AMI is not an indication for HT
  - Estrogen only protects more than EPT
  - Protection is detectable only after several years of HT
  - Protection more pronounced in women <60 years than in women >60 år
  - HT has little influence on AMI in women
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# HT and AMI: Mechanism

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- Estrogen exerts an anti-arteriosclerotic effect in all ages.
  - Estrogen-progestagen does the same, to a lesser extent.
  - HT exerts also a thrombotic effect by an influence on the coagulation system.
  - In women at an already increased thrombotic risk, HT may increase this risk further, and thereby counteract its positive influence on the vessel wall.
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