PRIMARY CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING WITH A 5-TYPE HPV E6/E7 MRNA TEST: RESULTS OF 10 YEARS FOLLOW-UP

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HPVs «causal» relationship to cervical cancer is based on data from

- Case-control studies (1990ies)
- Prospective cohort studies (starting in the 1990ies)
- Laboratory studies on molecular mechanisms for loss of cell control
- Vaccine trials (after 2007)

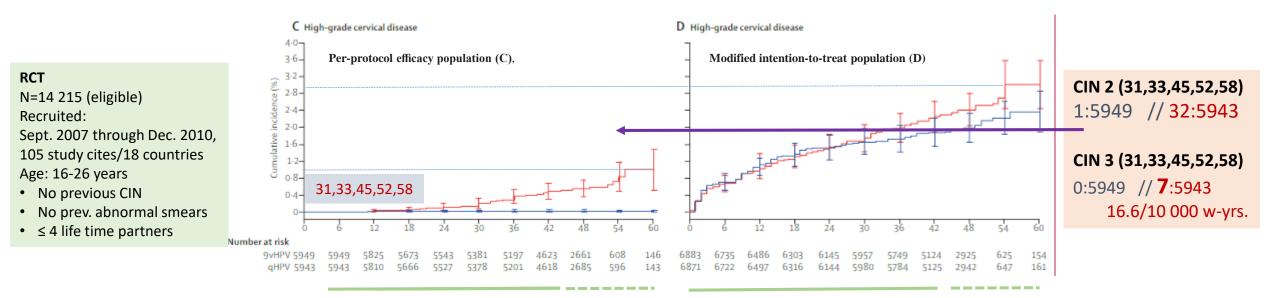
Cohort N=8 656 women «The Copenhagen HPV-cohort study» Age: 20-29 years at study start Starting 1991 35 35 Follow-up through March 2007 HPV16 HPV18 (excluding 16) HR HC2 pos (excluding 16,18,31,33) Linkage Danish Pathology Data Bank (PV33 (excluding 16) F 30 Z 30 HC2 neg HPV31 (excluding 16) 25 Norse SIQ25 8 25 b 20 END 20 Outcome: CIN 3 CIN3 ъ ö 15 15 ž 10 10 0 10 11 12 0 0 9 10 11 12 0 1 g 10 11 12 Years of follow-up Years of follow-up Years of follow-up

Figure 1. Absolute risks of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia grade 3 (CIN3) or worse after infection with different high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) types in women with normal cytological findings at baseline. Error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals. HR HC2 positive = positive to high-risk HPV types as measured by the Hybrid Capture 2 test. HC2 neg = HC2 negative.

Kjær S, Frederiksen K, Munk C, Iftner T. Long-term Absolute Risk of Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia Grade 3 or Worse Following Human Papillomavirus Infection: Role of Persistence. J Natl Cancer Inst 2010;102:1478–1488

Final efficacy analyses of a nine-valent human papillomavirus

9vHPV vaccine: 6,11,16,18,31,33,45,52,58 4vHPV vaccine: 6,11,16,18



Time to the development of cervical disease related to HPV 31, 33, 45, 52, or 58

High-grade cervical disease was defined as grade 2 or 3 cervical intraepithelial neoplasia or adenocarcinoma in situ.

Analyses of the per-protocol efficacy population (**C**), which included participants who received all three doses of vaccine within 1 year, were seronegative at day 1, and PCR-negative from day 1 to month 7 for the HPV type being analysed, and had no protocol deviations that could affect the evaluation of vaccine prophylactic efficacy.

Analyses of) the modified intention-to-treat population (D including participants who received one or more doses of vaccine and had efficacy follow-up for the relevant endpoint, including participants who tested positive or negative for HPV DNA at the time of vaccination.

Huh WK, Joura EA, Giuliano AR et al. Final efficacy, immunogenicity, and safety analyses of a nine-valent human papillomavirus vaccine in women aged 16–26 years: a randomised, double-blind trial. Lancet 2017; 390: 2143–59

Our cohort study:

2003-2004: Screened with a five type mRNA E6/E7 test (PreTect HPV-Proofer)

- Individual genotyping of HPV 16, 18, 31, 33, 45
- By general practitioners and gynaecologists in privat settings at Pap-smear screening

Inclusion/exclusion criteria, follow-up; data from the Norwegian Cancer Registry (NCR)

- Cancer case-report-form (clinical) (case-based reporting)
- Cytology case-report-form (from pathology departments, smear basis for reporting)
- Histology case-report-form (from pathology departments, histology basis for reporting)
- CIN treatment case-report-form (from gynecology departments/gynaecologists that treat patients, case-based reporting)

Follow-up through December 31, 2015

Merged by personal identification number (11 digits)

Formal issues

The Regional Committee for Medical Research Ethics, Region East, Oslo, Norway, reviewed the study. The committee approved merging the laboratory data on HPV with clinical/cytology/histology data from NCR without informed consent from the participants (REK Sør-Øst 2010/2858)

Selection of study population

Eligible for study participation	n	N 19 153
Age < 25	2 020	
Age > 69	223	
History of CIN1+	883	
History of >= ASC-US (no CIN1+)	4 756	
Unsatisfactory smear at HPV screening	501	
No smear collected at HPV screening	627	
No follow-up smear	561	
Total exclusions	9 571	9 571
Final study population (all with normal smear)		9 582

HPV mRNA-status at study start by age (%)

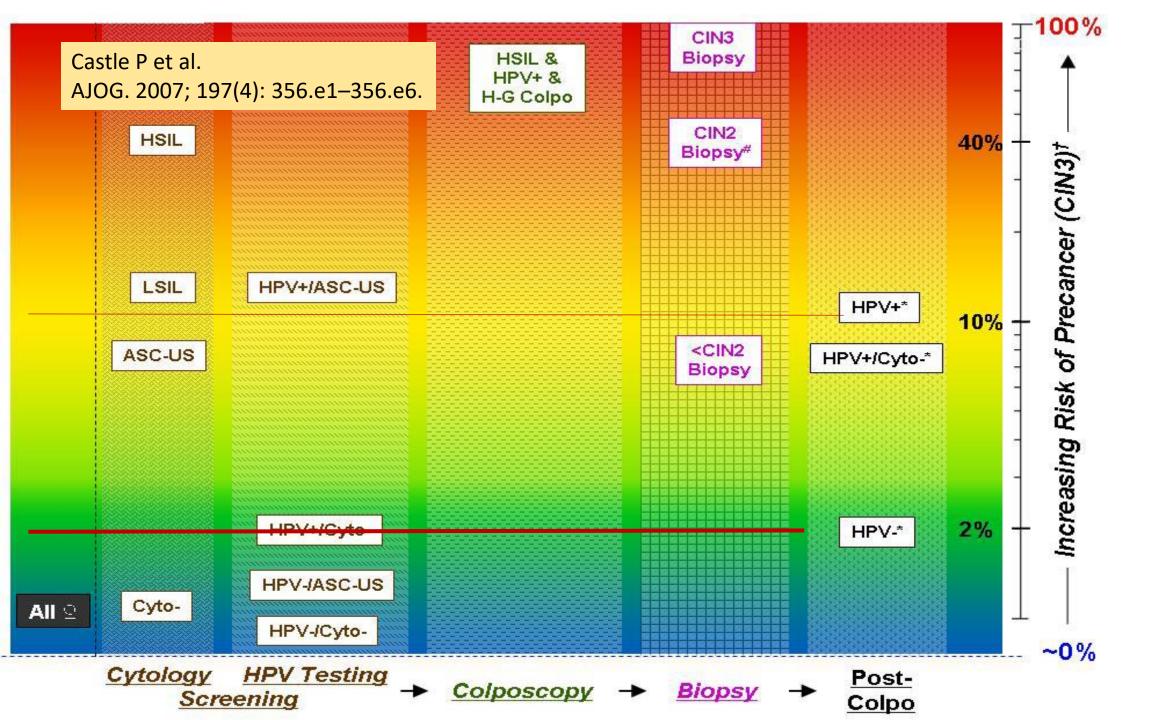
HPV-result	25-33 yrs. N=2 610 %	34-69 yrs. N=6 972 %	Total N= 9 582 %
HPV negative	94.3	97.8	96.8
HPV positive	5.7	2.2	3.2
HPV-16	2.8	1.0	1.5
HPV-18 (not 16)	0.8	0.3	0.5
HPV-31/-33/-45 (not 16/not 18)	2.1	0.9	1.2

All participants had normal smear

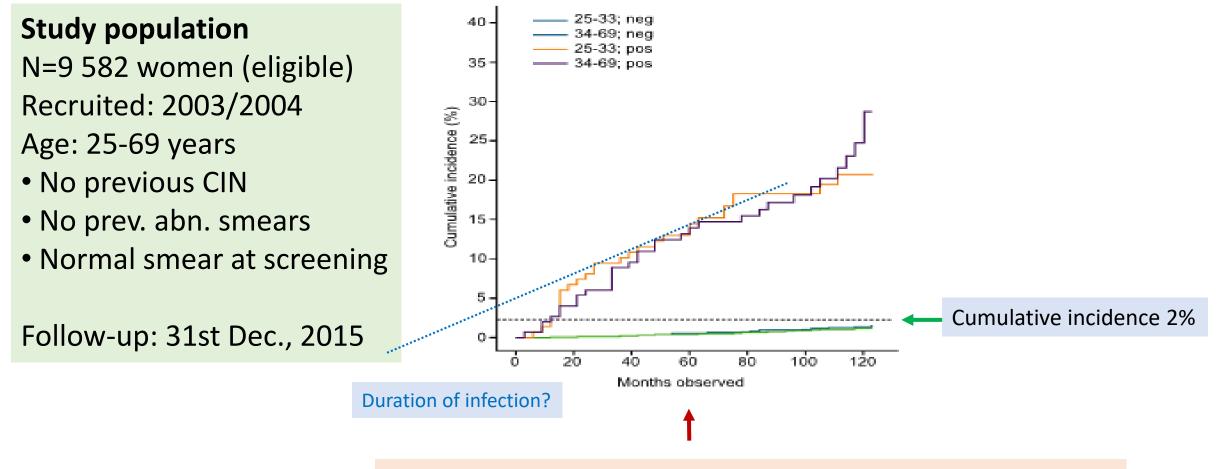
• At least 1 follow-up reported to NCR

Status last observation or most severe outcome \geq CIN2 (%) (No attrition bias)

Baseline characteristics		Within screening	Awaiting cytology follow-up	Awaiting colposcopy/ biopsy	CIN2	CIN3	Cervical cancer
Age group	Ν	%	%	%	%	%	% (n)
25-33	2 610	95.3	2.0	0.04	0.5	2.2	0.0 (0)
34-69	6 972	95.7	2.2	0.12	0.5	1.4	0.07 (5)
HPV mRNA types							
Negative	9 279	96.3	2.2	0.09	0.4	1.0	0.02 (2)
16	140	69.3	1.4	0.7	5.0	22.9	0.7 (1)
18 (-16)	44	65.9	6.8	0.0	4.5	20.6	2.3 (1)
31/33/45 (-16, -18)	119	79.8	1.7	0.0	2.5	15.1	0.8 (1)
Total	9 582	95.6	2.2	0.09	0.5	1.6	0.05 (5)



Cumulative incidence of CIN3+ by age and HPV mRNA-status at study start



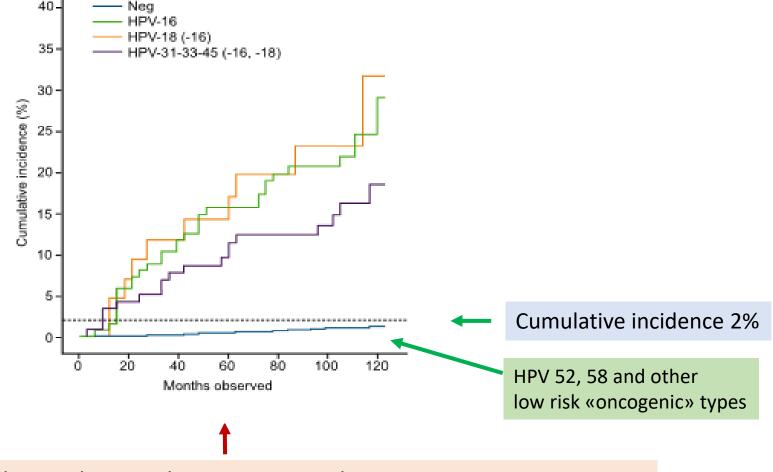
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Cumulative incidence of CIN3+ by HPV mRNA-status at study start

Study population N=9 582 women (eligible) Recruited: 2003/2004 Age: 25-69 years

- No previous CIN
- No prev. abn. smears
- Normal smear at screening

Follow-up: 31st Dec., 2015



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5 cases of cervical cancer:

Characteristics at study start and clinical features at time for diagnosis

	At study start			At diagnosis				
	Case Age (yrs.) HPV		Screening history		Diagnosed in	Months from	Histological	Stage
no. Age (yis.)	51	(months to last smear pri	for study start)	U	study start	type	0	
1	38	45	1 normal smear, only	(32 mo.)	Regular scr.	94	Sq. cc.	1A
2	39	16	8 normal smears	(23 mo.)	Regular scr.	38	Sq. cc.	1A
3	41	18	3 normal smears	(34 mo.)	Delayed scr.	58	Adenoca.	2b
4	48	Neg.	4 normal smears	(33 mo.)	Regular scr.	28	Sq cc.	1b
5	51	Neg.	6 normal smears	(27 mo.)	Delayed scr.	65	Sq cc.	1A

False negative smears

Strengths:

- Population-based study
- In a country with a 25-years of a well-established screening program
- Follow-up as practised
- Studying the 5 most important HPV-types in cervical cancer (16,18,31,33,45)

Limitations:

• No HPV-typing in CIN3+ lesions

Conclusions:

- 5-type HPV mRNA negative women have low risk of CIN3 in subsequent 10 years
 - extended screening interval

Castle P et al. Risk assessment to guide prevention of cervical cancer. AJOG. 2007; 197(4): 356.e1–356.e6.*

- Rescreening at 2-3 years intervals when CIN3+ risk < 2% (2 per 100 women...)
- 5-type HPV mRNA positive women can be referred directly to colposcopy/biopsy*
 - In comparison with a DNA-screening test the mRNA test has potential
 - to prevent overscreening
 - to reduce numbers of women in short-term f-up with very low risk of CIN3
 - to prevent overtreatment
- The results need to be confirmed in future prospective studies (which is ongoing)