

# THE ADDED VALUE OF RESCREENING CYTOLOGY NORMAL SAMPLES WITH POSITIVE HPV MRNA TEST FOR THE DETECTION OF CIN2+ IN PRIMARY SCREENING

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# Norway – cervical cancer screening

≤ 1994: opportunistic cytology screening (25-69 yrs)

≥ 1995: organized cytology screening (25-69 yrs)

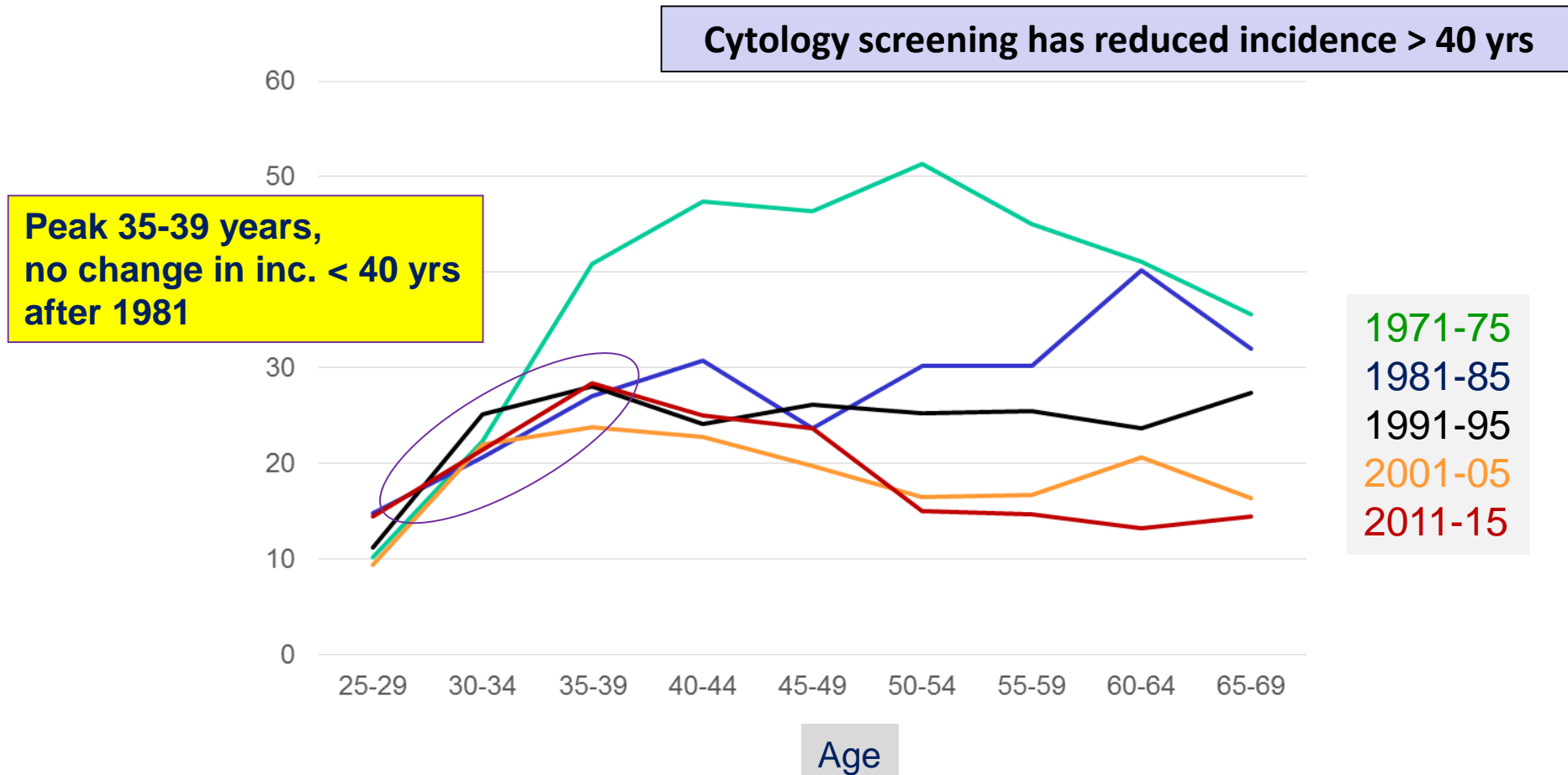
2015 – Age group 25-33: cytology screening

– Age group 34-69: HPV-DNA scr. (3 counties)

≥ 2019 – Age group 25-33: cytology screening

– Age group 34-69: national HPV-DNA screening

# Incidence CC Norway 1971 – 2015 by age



Data source: Nordcan database

**N cervical cancers among women < 70, < 25, and < 40 yrs., number of women < 40 yrs. with smears within 4 years of cancer diagnosis, and proportion (%) of women with normal last smear before start of cascade of smears leading to a cancer diagnosis, Norway, 2007-2016, and total.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>N CC &lt; 70 yrs.</b>	<b>N CC &lt; 25 yrs.</b>	<b>N CC 25-39 yrs.</b>	<b>N women &lt; 40 yrs., smears &lt; 4 yrs. cancer diag.</b>	<b>% women &lt; 40 yrs., normal last smear before cancer diagnosis</b>
<b>2007</b>	206	2	64	43	48.8
<b>2008</b>	243	5	93	65	55.4
<b>2009</b>	260	6	94	62	46.7
<b>2010</b>	278	4	106	67	65.7
<b>2011</b>	259	5	107	66	51.5
<b>2012</b>	278	1	100	56	48.2
<b>2013</b>	243	6	74	40	55.0
<b>2014</b>	306	6	133	75	56.0
<b>2015</b>	338	5	126	67	58.0
<b>2016</b>	301	<b>13</b>	108	62	53.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 712</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1 005</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>57.0</b>

**2007-16: 344 w. < 40 yrs., false neg. last smear < 4 yrs. Prior a ca. diag.**

## Human papillomavirus type distribution in invasive cervical cancer and high-grade cervical lesions: A meta-analysis update

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TABLE I – GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF STUDIES AND CASES WITH TYPE SPECIFIC HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS DNA TYPING FOR INVASIVE CERVICAL CARCINOMA (ICC) AND HIGH-GRADE SQUAMOUS INTRAEPITHELIAL LESIONS (HSIL)

CONTINENT	ICC		HSIL		Countries represented
	N studies	N cases	N studies	N cases	
Africa	13	1,339	5	296	Algeria, <sup>1</sup> Benin, Ethiopia, <sup>2</sup> Guinea, Ivory Coast, <sup>3</sup> Kenya, <sup>3</sup> Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, <sup>2</sup> Senegal, <sup>1</sup> South Africa, <sup>1</sup> Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe <sup>2</sup>
Asia	51	5,652	22	1,364	China, <sup>1</sup> India, <sup>1</sup> Indonesia, <sup>1</sup> Japan, <sup>1</sup> South Korea, <sup>1</sup> Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan, <sup>1</sup> Thailand, <sup>1</sup> Iran <sup>2</sup>
Europe	41	4,373	37	3,494	Austria, <sup>1</sup> Belgium, <sup>1</sup> Croatia, <sup>3</sup> Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Greenland, The Netherlands, <sup>1</sup> Hungary, Ireland, Italy, <sup>1</sup> Latvia, <sup>2</sup> Lithuania, <sup>2</sup> Norway, Poland, <sup>1</sup> Portugal, <sup>2</sup> Russia, Sweden, <sup>1</sup> UK
North America	13	1,354	10	1,059	Canada, <sup>1</sup> USA <sup>1</sup>
Oceania	5	450	1	48	Australia <sup>1</sup>
South/Central America	13	1,427	11	833	Argentina, <sup>1</sup> Bolivia, Brazil, <sup>1</sup> Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, <sup>1</sup> Cuba, Honduras, Jamaica, <sup>3</sup> Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru
Total	130 <sup>4</sup>	14,595	85 <sup>4</sup>	7,094	

<sup>1</sup>Country for which additional ICC cases have been gained since Clifford *et al.*, 2003 [ref. 4].–<sup>2</sup>Country not previously represented with ICC cases in Clifford *et al.*, 2003 [ref. 4].–<sup>3</sup>Country for which HSIL data only is available.–<sup>4</sup>Continents do not add up to total due to multi-centric studies.

**TABLE II – COMPARISON OF HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) TYPE DISTRIBUTION IN SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA (SCC) VERSUS HIGH-GRADE INTRAEPITHELIAL LESIONS (HSIL)**

HPV type	SCC		HSIL		SCC vs HSIL Prevalence ratio <sup>2</sup> (95% CI)
	N	% HPV positive <sup>1</sup>	N	% HPV positive <sup>1</sup>	
Any	9,494	89.7	7,094	84.9	1.06 (1.05–1.07)
→ 16	9,494	55.2	7,094	45.3	→ 1.30 (1.26–1.34)
→ 18	9,402	12.8	6,978	6.9	→ 1.76 (1.58–1.95)
→ 45	6,215	4.6	3,726	2.3	→ 1.54 (1.20–1.98)
31	7,565	3.8	6,282	8.6	0.53 (0.45–0.61)
33	8,803	3.7	6,418	7.3	0.52 (0.45–0.60)
52	6,431	2.9	3,945	5.1	0.44 (0.36–0.54)
58	6,873	2.8	4,181	7.0	0.30 (0.25–0.35)
35	6,982	1.5	4,739	3.8	0.38 (0.29–0.49)
59	5,160	1.1	2,933	0.8	0.88 (0.53–1.47)
51	5,706	1.0	3,509	3.6	0.21 (0.15–0.30)
56	5,605	1.0	3,465	2.9	0.29 (0.20–0.42)
39	5,578	0.9	3,067	2.0	0.40 (0.27–0.60)
68	5,224	0.5	2,563	1.1	0.44 (0.24–0.82)
6	7,523	0.5	3,728	2.2	0.17 (0.11–0.25)
66	5,427	0.4	2,840	1.9	0.20 (0.12–0.34)
73	4,717	0.4	1,464	1.8	0.45 (0.23–0.87)
70	4,925	0.1	1,105	1.3	0.11 (0.04–0.29)
82	4,776	0.1	1,183	1.2	0.06 (0.02–0.18)
11	6,874	0.1	3,762	1.3	0.09 (0.05–0.18)

<sup>1</sup>Type-specific prevalence includes that in single or multiple infections.—<sup>2</sup>Prevalence ratio adjusted for continent. CI = confidence interval.

# HPV prevalence CC – Norway

Kraus I, Molden T, Lie KA, et al. JCM 2006;44:1310-7.

	mRNA	mRNA	DNA	DNA	Gp5+/Gp6+	ISH	All
	N=204	N	N=204	N	N	N	N
Neg.	16	16	16	16	17		6
16		121 ★		122 ★			
18	89%	21	88%	21		78%	93%
31		10		★ 8 ★			
33		★ 11		★ 12			
45		18		17			
35	93%	3	92%	★ 5 ★	92%		97%
52		4 ★		5 ★			
58		★ 2 ★		★ 2 ★			
6, 26					2		
66, 69	HPV 16, 18, 45 ~ 80%				2		
73					3		
51		1 ★		1 ★			



# Quality control of cytology in cervical cancer screening

- a) Rescreen all
- b) Rescreen a random sample
- c) Rescreen samples positive for another detection method / mRNA or DNA test-positive samples

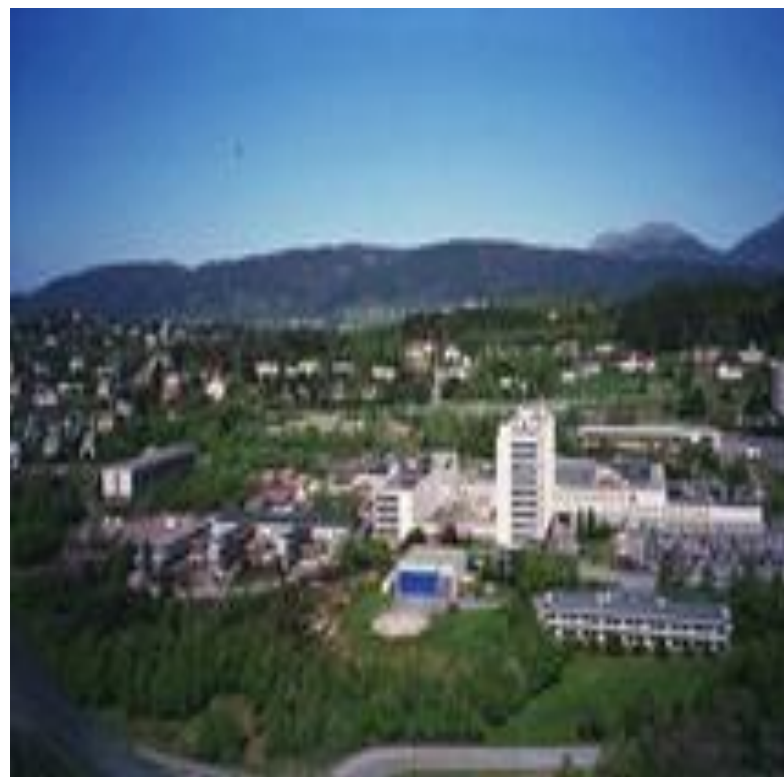
# Retesting - program sensitivity

	CIN 2+	CIN ≤1	
≥ ASC-US	TP	FP	PPV
Normal	FN	TN	NPV
	<b>Sensitivity</b>	Specificity	

Retest all cytology-negative smears with mRNA test –  
Rescreen all smears mRNA-positive



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# Study outline

- Examine all normal smears with a mRNA-test if liquid based sampling
- Rescreen all mRNA-positive women
- Age-group 23-39 yrs

PreTect SEE, mRNA test, targeting HPV 16, 18, 45

Inclusion period: April 5th, 2013 thru Sept. 15, 2014  
Follow-up: one screening round thru Dec. 31, 2017

Outcomes:

- Workload – need for rescreening
- Increase in screening sensitivity of CIN 2+

## Index smear and mRNA HPV positivity

Normal		ASC-US	LSIL	HSIL	ASC-H	AGUS	ACIS	Total
Not mRNA tested	mRNA tested							
n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	N
2 401	1 444	370	82	35	32	1	1	4 366
55.0%	33.1%	8.5%	1.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.02%	0.02%	100.0%
<b>mRNA (+)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
	<b>1.9%</b>							
	<b>HPV 16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>			
	<b>HPV 18</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
	<b>HPV 45</b>	<b>1</b>						

## Compliance with triage/follow-up

	<b>SEE- positive- arm</b>	<b>ASCUS/ LSIL-arm</b>	<b>HSIL- arm</b>
<b>Index smear</b>	N=28	N=452	N=69
	%	%	%
<b>No follow-up</b>	0	8	3
<b>Incomplete follow-up</b>	0	4	3
<b>Back to screening</b>	29	44	0
<b>Biopsies – not indicated</b>	0	8	0
<b>Biopsies - indicated</b>	71	36	94

## Status referral to biopsy/outcome biopsy

Screening cytology	SEE-positive-arm	ASCUS/LSIL-arm		HSIL-arm
Outcome referral to biopsy	Screening indication for biopsy			
	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	N=20	N=164	N=36	N=69
Not met for biopsy	0	0	0	2
Cytology follow-up	0	61	0	2
Highest histology	N=20	N=103	N=36	N=65
Normal	5	18	6	2
CIN 1	6	25	5	2
CIN 2	1	8	9	6
CIN 3	8	51	15	53
Sq. CC	0	1	1	1
Adenonc.	0	0	0	1
CIN2+ (%)	45.0	61.2		93.9

## Detection rates of CIN2+/CIN3+ in study population from

- a) Indicated referrals
- b) As practiced
- c) As practiced + rescreening + assumption that SEE-positivity (1.9%) was similar in untested women with normal cytology

Outcome	Biopsy collected	Normal cytology – not HPV tested	See-positive-arm	ASC-US/LSIL-arm		HSIL-arm	Total	Detection rate (95% CI)
		N=2 401	N=1 444	N=416	N=36	N=69	N=4 366	
CIN 2+	As indicated			60		61	121	2.8 (2.3-3.2)
	As practiced			60	25	61	146	3.3 (2.8-3.9)
	+ rescreening	15*	9	60	25	61	170	3.9 (3.3-4.4)
CIN3+	As indicated			52		55	107	2.5 (2.0-2.9)
	As practiced			52	16	55	123	2.8 (2.3-3.3)
	+ rescreening	13.3*	8	52	16	55	144.3	3.3 (2.8-3.8)



## Detection rates and increase in program sensitivity

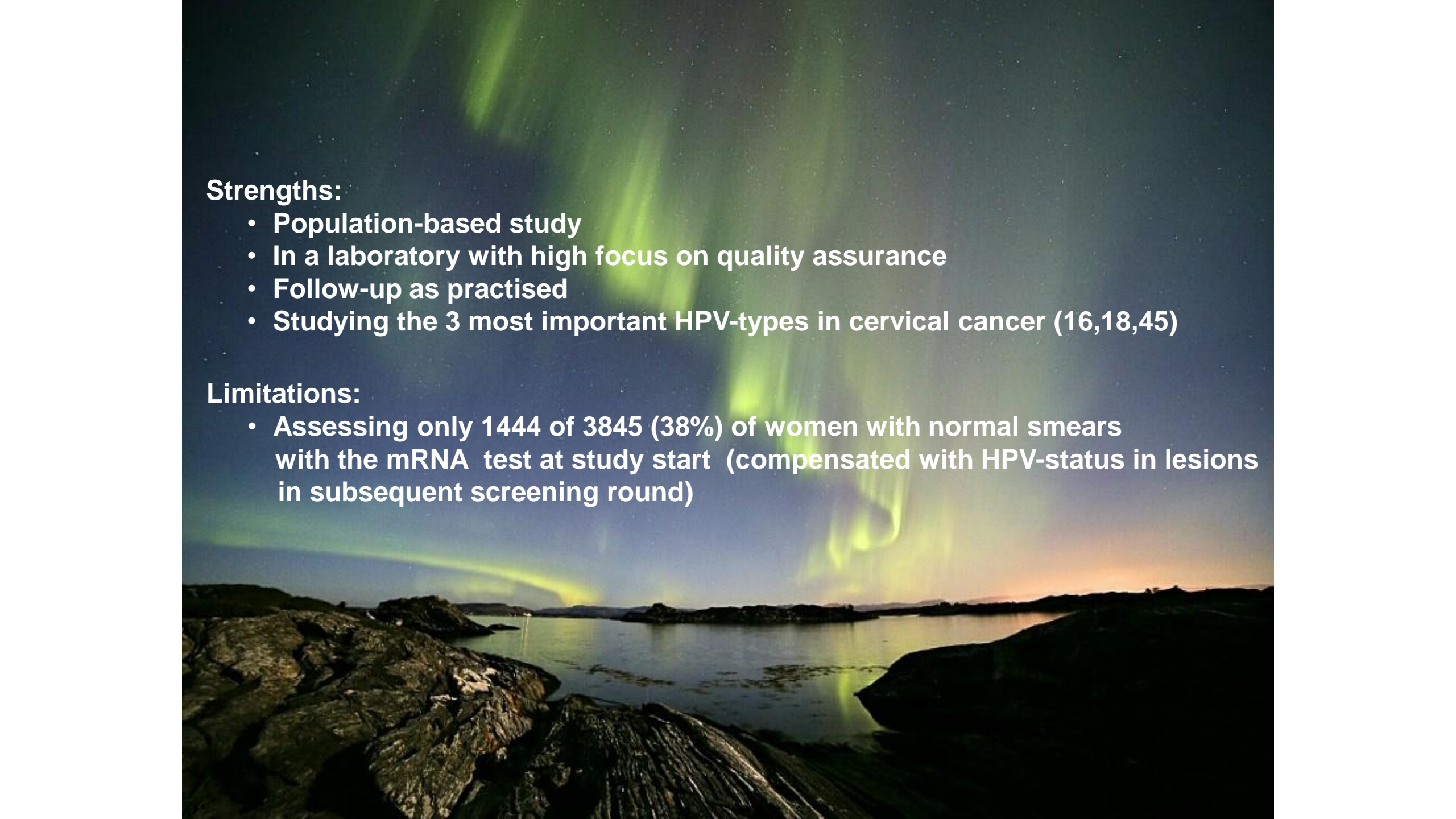
Age 23-39 yrs	Detection rates		Difference	95% (CI)
	As practiced	+Rescreening		
N=4 366	Per 100 w.	Per 100 w.	%	
CIN 2+	3.3	3.9	16.4	15.3-17.5
CIN 3+	2.8	3.3	17.3	16.2-18.4

Age 23-33 yrs	Detection rates		Difference	95% (CI)
	As practiced	+Rescreening		
N=2 701	Per 100 w.	Per 100 w.	%	
CIN 2+	4.5	5.4	19.8	18.6-20.9
CIN 3+	3.4	4.2	21.2	20.0-22.4

## Follow-up of the 2 401 women not screened with SEE

	Normal cytology – not HPV tested							
	N=2 401							
Not met for screening	701							
Incomplete f-up	83							
Back to screening	1570							
<b>Histology</b>								
Normal	18							
CIN 1	6							
CIN 2	4							
CIN 3	19							

Estimated 13.3 cases of CIN3 with HPV-16/-18/-45 among 2401 women.  
 Observed 13 cases with CIN3 with HPV-16/-18/-45 among 1700 women

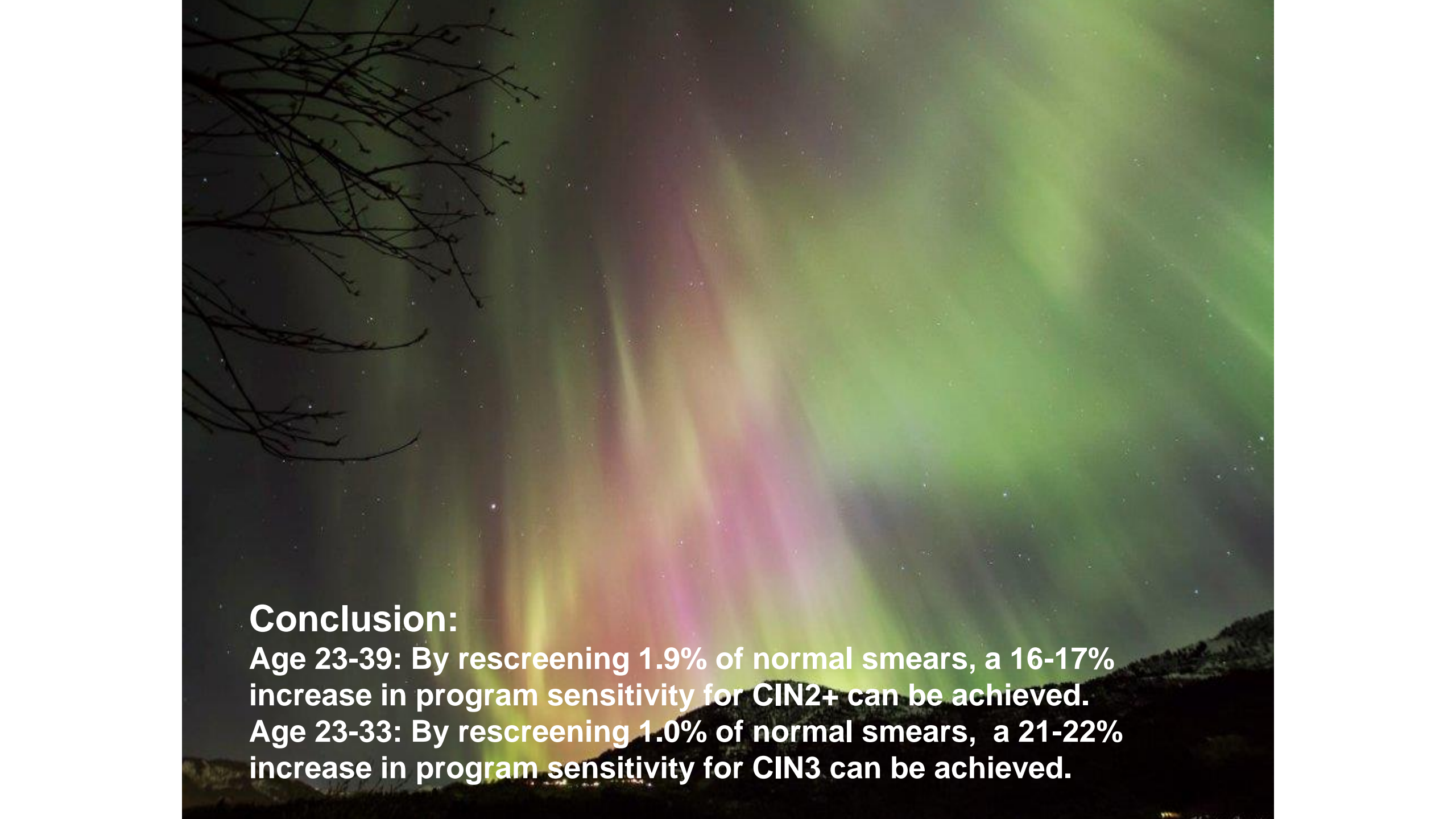
A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and yellow, dancing across a dark night sky. Below the sky, a calm body of water reflects the lights, and a rocky coastline is visible in the foreground. The overall scene is serene and natural.

### **Strengths:**

- **Population-based study**
- **In a laboratory with high focus on quality assurance**
- **Follow-up as practised**
- **Studying the 3 most important HPV-types in cervical cancer (16,18,45)**

### **Limitations:**

- **Assessing only 1444 of 3845 (38%) of women with normal smears with the mRNA test at study start (compensated with HPV-status in lesions in subsequent screening round)**



## **Conclusion:**

**Age 23-39: By rescreening 1.9% of normal smears, a 16-17% increase in program sensitivity for CIN2+ can be achieved.**

**Age 23-33: By rescreening 1.0% of normal smears, a 21-22% increase in program sensitivity for CIN3 can be achieved.**

A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in a dark sky over a mountain range. The aurora is a vibrant green, appearing as a series of vertical and horizontal bands of light. The sky is dark with some stars visible. The foreground shows the dark silhouettes of mountains.

## **Implication:**

**The Ålesund Hospital has implemented rescreening of all mRNA (+) smears as part of quality control of cytology in primary cervical cancer prevention for the age-group 25-39 years old women**



Thank you!