

CARDIOVASCULAR AND METABOLIC MORBIDITY FOLLOWING BREAST CANCER TREATMENT

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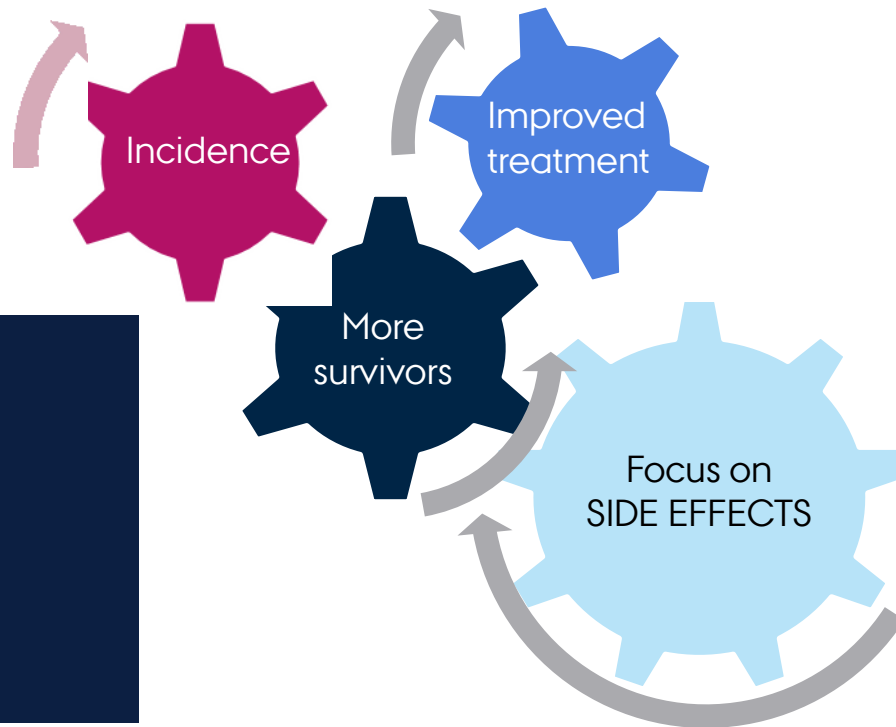


BACKGROUND

INCIDENCE

DK: 5000 women are diagnosed every year

5 years survival rates approaching 90%



DK: 70,000

US: 4.000.000

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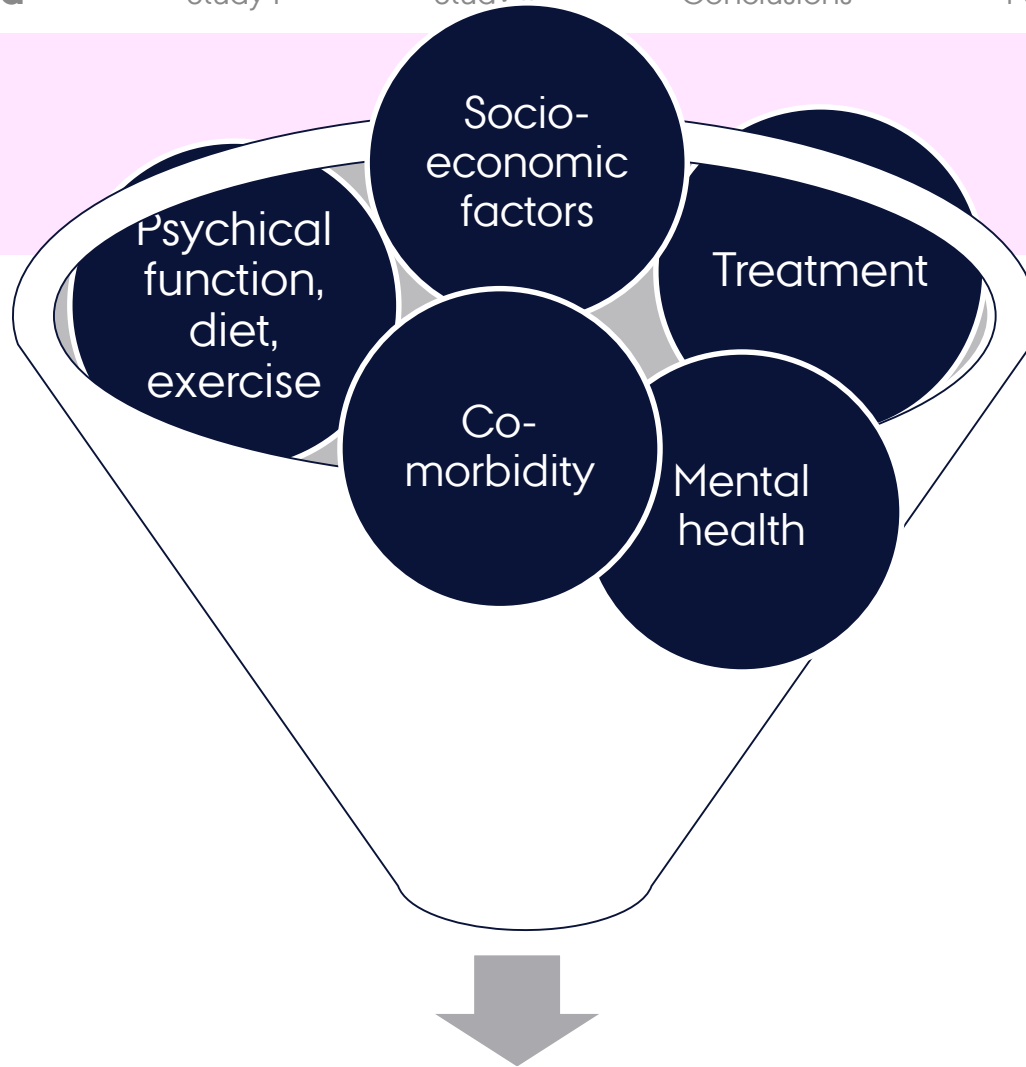
YOUNG SURVIVORS



Around 1/4 of all BC patients are below the age of 50 years at diagnosis [3], meaning that many BC survivors have a long remaining life expectancy

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SURVIVORSHIP



Survivorship

BC AND COMORBIDITY

At time of BC diagnosis

Manifest comorbidity

As a result of cancer treatment and/or the cancer itself

Latent comorbidity

- During cancer treatment (side effects)
- After cancer treatment (late effects)

BC AND COMORBIDITY

A high comorbidity score **at time of diagnosis** is associated with

- reduced likelihood of receiving guideline based treatment
- reduced effect of the treatment received
- increased risk of dying from BC as well as from all causes

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BC AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Increased morbidity and mortality **after treatment**

- Cardiovascular diseases (CVD)

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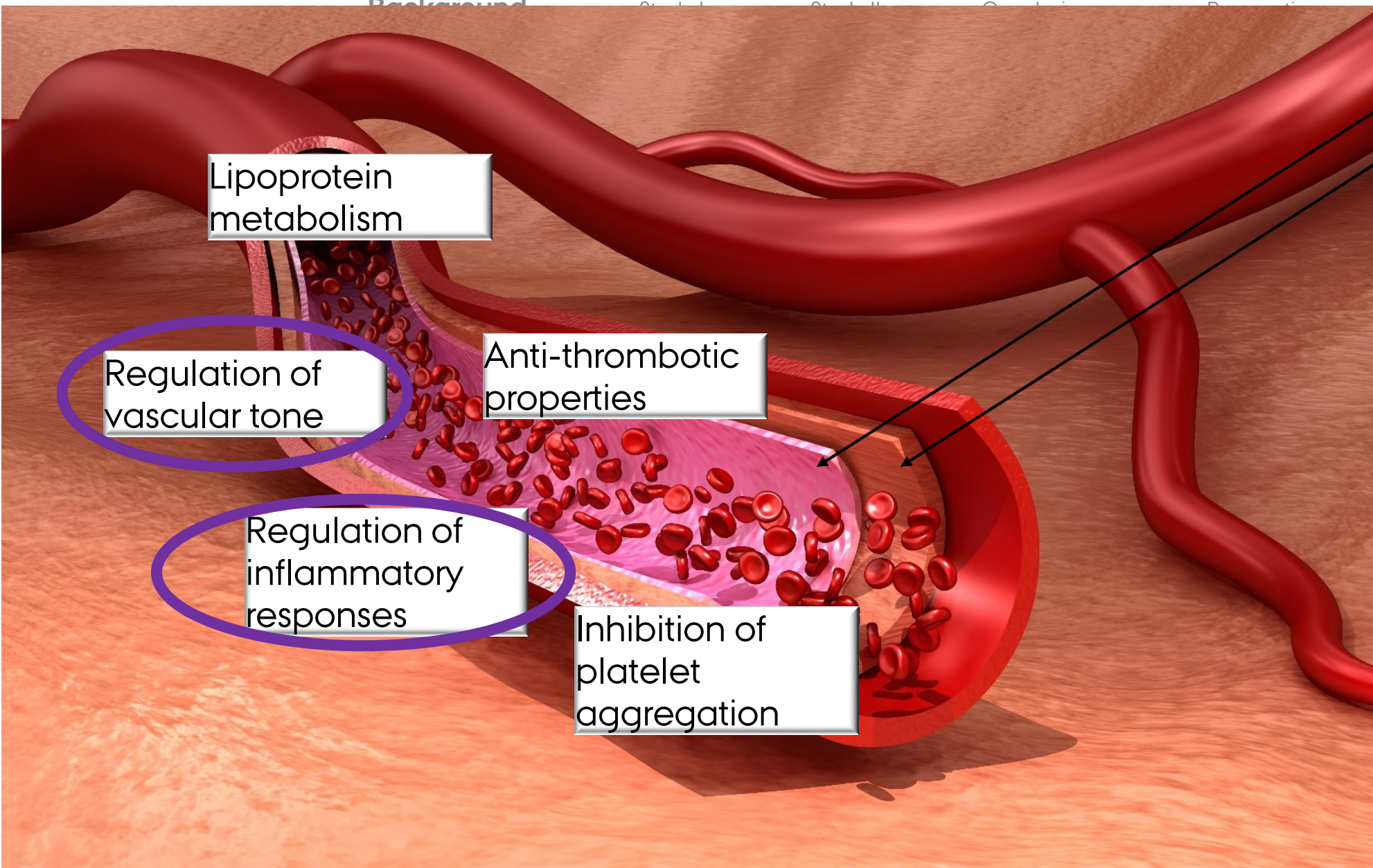
Cardiovascular disease

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Diabetes



Metabolic syndrome



Lipoprotein metabolism

Regulation of vascular tone

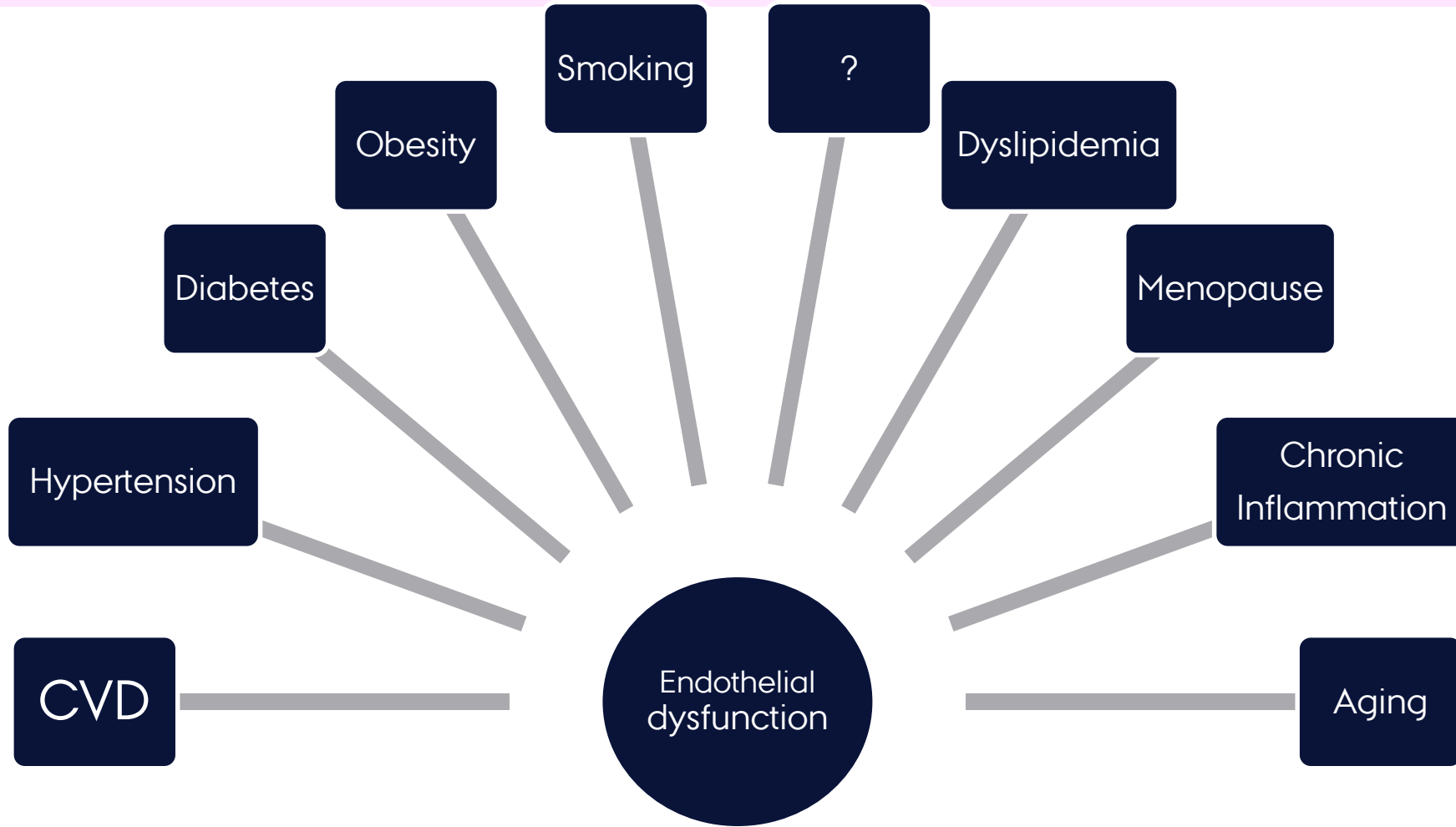
Regulation of inflammatory responses

Anti-thrombotic properties

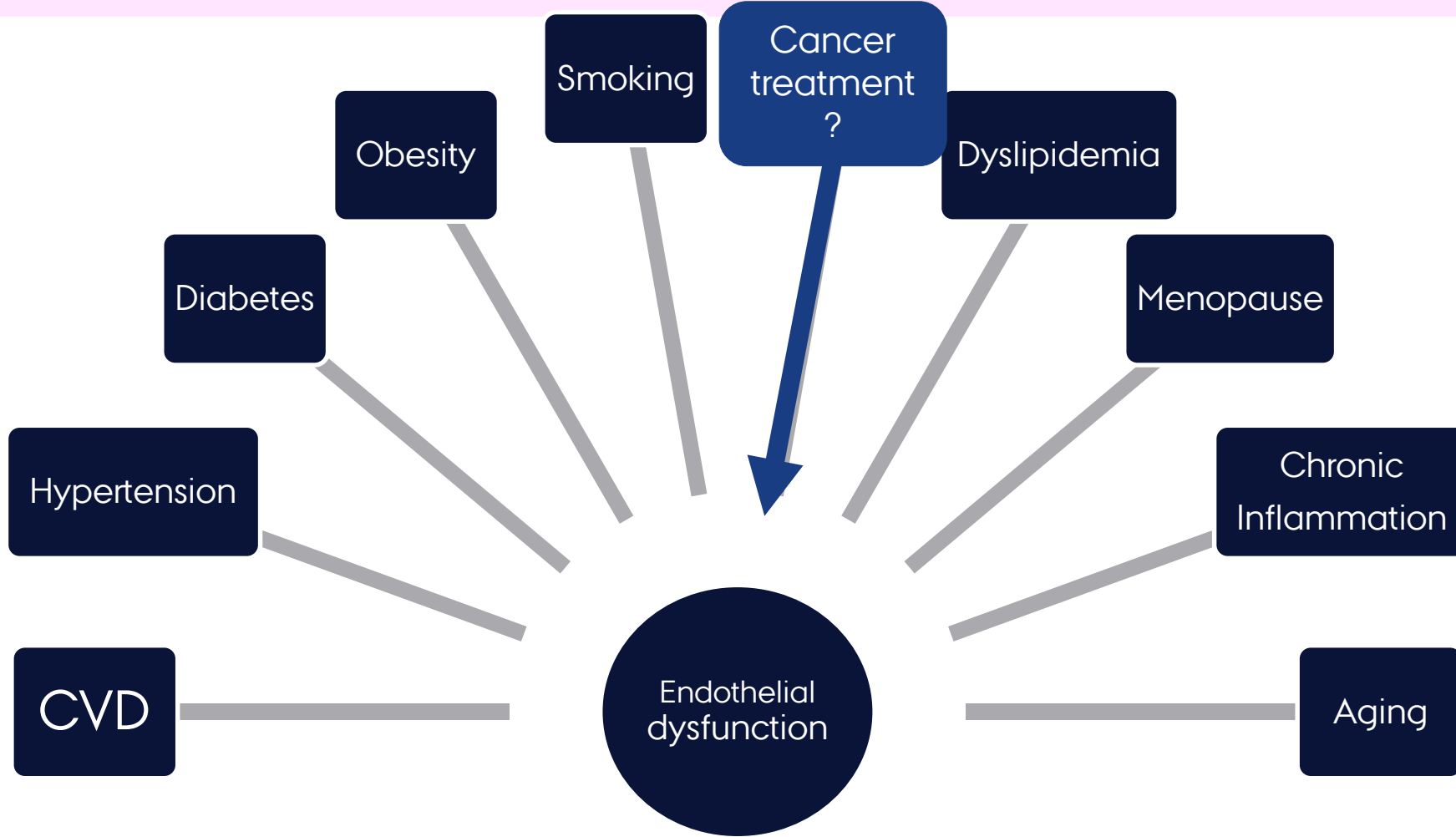
Inhibition of platelet aggregation

Endothelium
Smooth muscle cells

ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION



ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION



BC TREATMENT

Breast surgery	100 %
Radiotherapy	80%
Chemotherapy	40%
Endocrine therapy	80%
Targeted therapy	20%
Bisphosphonates	60%

BC TREATMENT



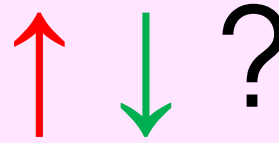
	CVD	Diabetes	Dyslipidaemia	Metabolic syndrome	Endothelial dysfunction
Radiotherapy	↑↑↑				↑
Chemotherapy					
Anthracycline	↑↑↑	↑	↑?	↑?	?
Cyclophosphamide	↑↑	↑	↑?	↑?	↑?
Taxane	↑	↑	↑?	↑?	?
Endocrine therapy					
Tamoxifen	↓?	↑↑	↓/↑	↑?	?
Letrozol	↑?	↑↑	↑↑	↑?	(↑)
Trastuzumab	↑↑				?
Bisphosphonates			↓		

BC TREATMENT



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Taxane	↑	↑?	↑?	↑?	?	↑
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Bisphosphonates	↓?		↓			

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BC TREATMENT



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Breast surgery	?	? (↑)	?	?	? (↑)	?

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PHD PROJECT

Clinical study (study I)

Register study (study II)



STUDY I

THE ABCDE STUDY

Adjuvant treatment of
Breast cancer related to
Cardiotoxicity and
Dysfunctional
Endothelium

AIMS

To do an extensive examination of patients receiving adjuvant treatment for early stage breast cancer

With special focus on changes in parameters related to **endothelial function, metabolic and cardiovascular disease**

DESIGN

A clinical prospective cohort study

PATIENTS

A clinical prospective cohort study

Pre- and postmenopausal women

Inclusion criteria;

- 1) newly diagnosed **primary early stage breast cancer**
- 2) assigned to receive **adjuvant chemotherapy** after surgery
- 3) age ≥ 18 years.

DESIGN

1 year and 5 months



1st visit



2nd visit



3rd visit



Surgery

Adjuvant chemotherapy

Endocrine therapy

Trastuzumab

T0

T1

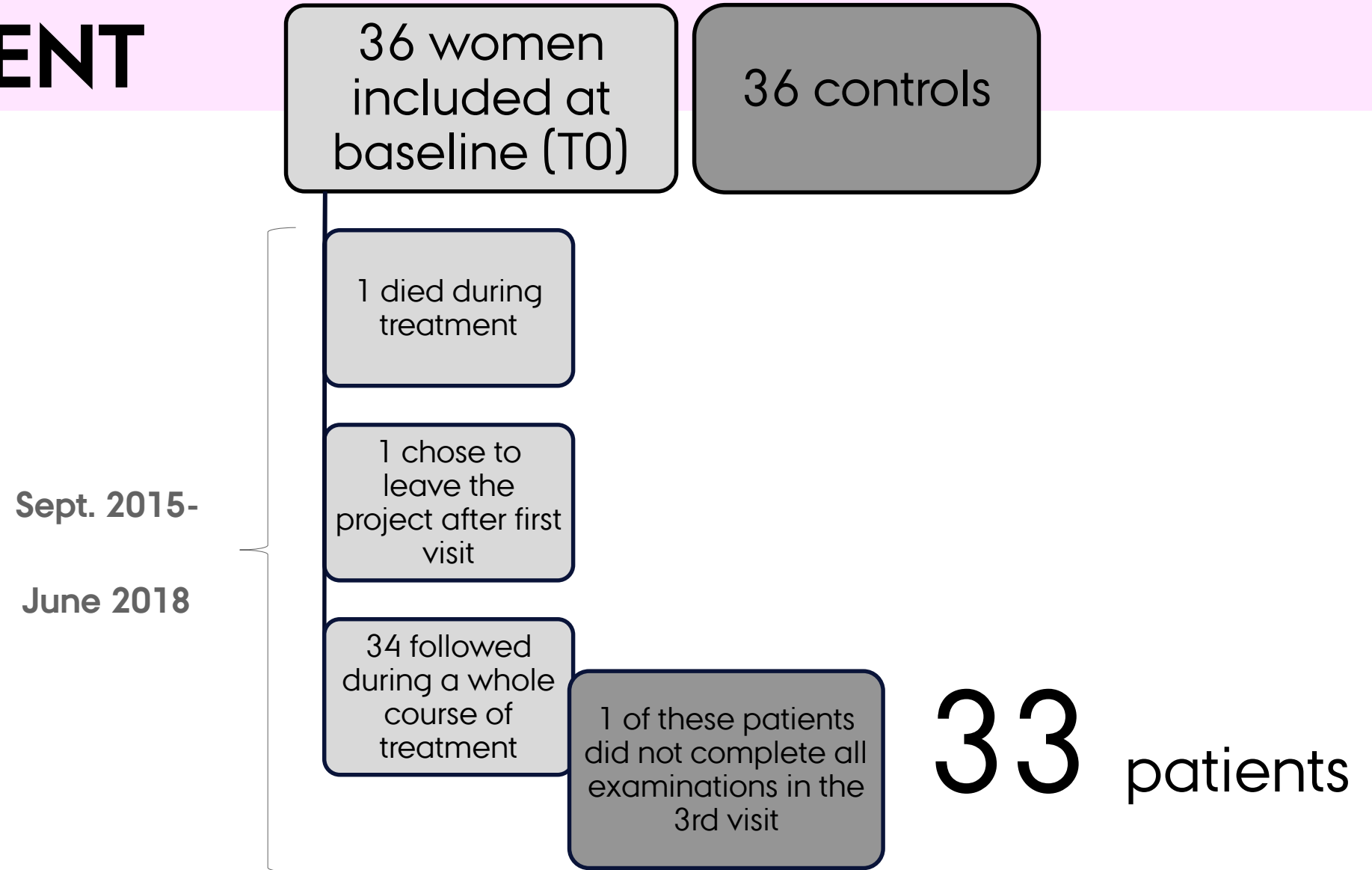
T2

1 year after end of chemotherapy



control

ENROLMENT

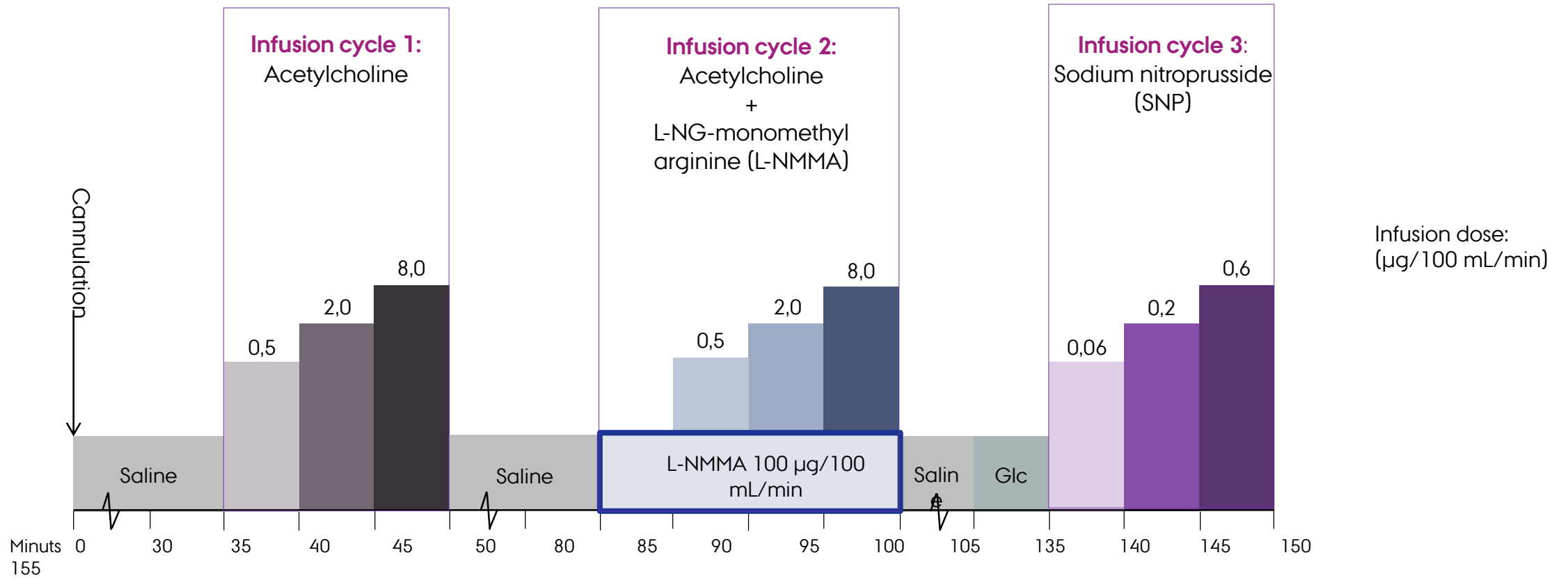


EXAMINATION PROGRAMME

- Blood samples
 - Inflammation markers, BNP, L-arginine, ADMA, hormones, blood glucose, lipids
- Venous occlusion plethysmography (VOP)
- Sphygmocor®
 - Pulse wave velocity (PWV) → arterial stiffness
 - Pulse wave analysis (PWA) → central blood pressure
- 24 hour blood pressure measurement
- Whole body DEXA scan → Body fat, BMD

VENOUS OCCLUSION PLETHYSMOGRAPHY

ENDOTHELIAL FUNCTION



RESEARCH

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Key metabolic parameters change significantly in early breast cancer survivors: an explorative PILOT study



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Changes in vascular function during breast cancer treatment

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RESULTS - BASELINE

At baseline, there was no statistical significant difference between BC patients and controls in...

- Metabolic profiles
- Inflammation markers
- Forearm blood flow
- Central blood pressure
- Heart rate
- Measures of arterial stiffness

RESULTS

Premenopausal
BC patients

	Mean/median			Paired <i>t</i> -test/signed rank ^c	
	T0	T1	T2	T0 vs. T1	T0 vs. T2
Weight (kg) ^a	73.3 ±9.56	74.3 ±9.31	74.7 ±10.7	0.1	0.1
	25.1	25.2 [23.0; 29.2]		0.1	0.2
	87.7 ±7.91			0.2	0.008*
	36.7 ±5.87			0.06	0.01*
	5.22 ±1.01			0.3	1.0
	2.77 ±0.87			0.06	0.5
	1.76 ±0.49			0.003*	0.8
	5] 1.20 [0.80; 2.10]			0.05*	0.03*
	5.28 ±0.41			1.0	0.02*
	5] 36.7 [27.3; 49.1]			0.05*	1.0
	116 ±9.16			0.3	0.1
	74.3 ±7.01			0.3	0.04*
	27 [15; 252]			0.002*	0.07
	0.7 [0.3; 0.7]			0.005*	0.006*
	39 [24.2; 50.3]			0.002*	0.03*
	25 [16.3; 28.8]			0.004*	0.2

Metabolic syndrome

Waist

HDL

Triglycerides

Blood pressure

Blood glucose



* Significantly different

RESULTS – INFLAMMATION MARKERS

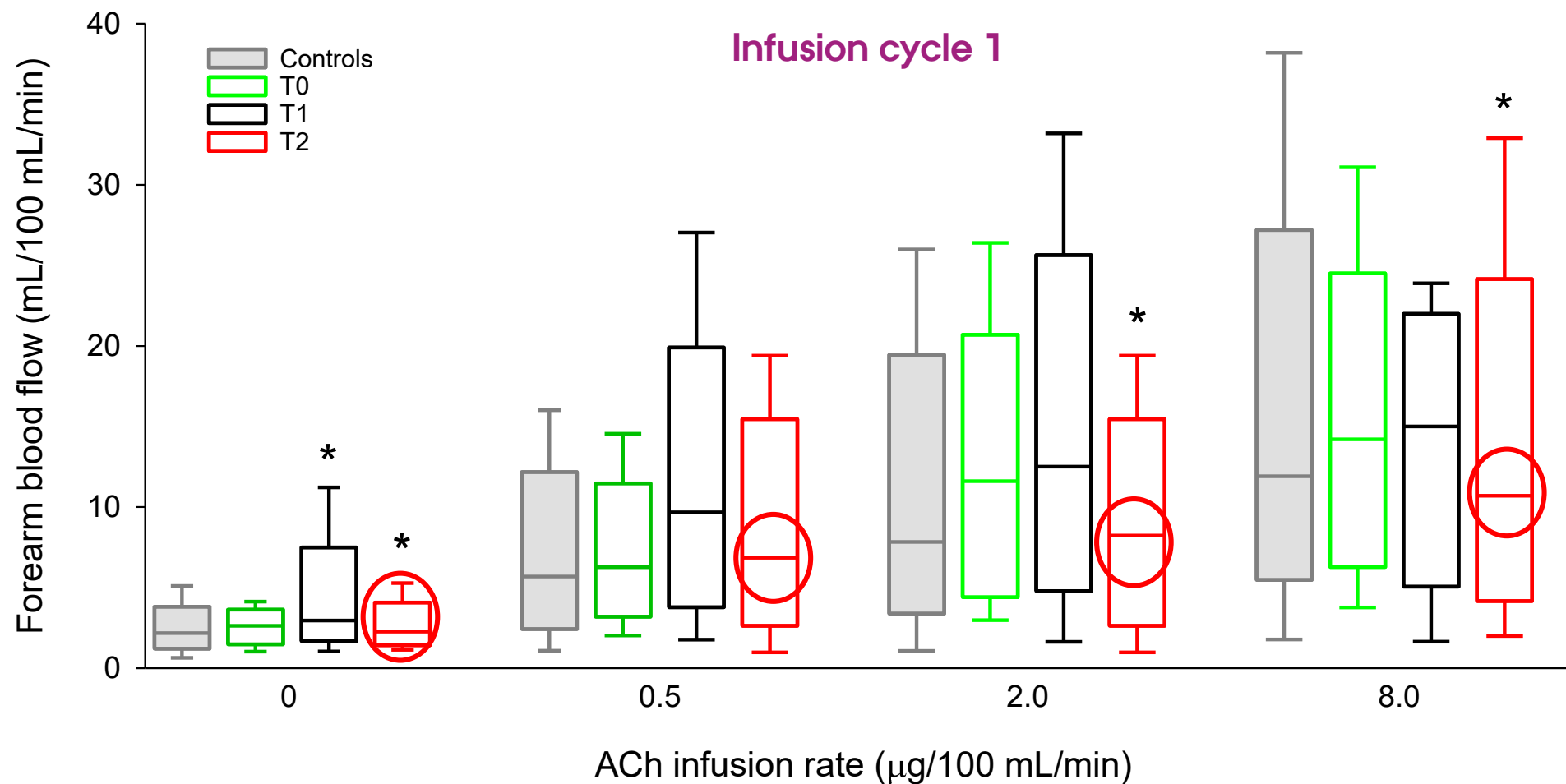
Premenopausal women

	Controls	BC patients		
		T0	T1	T2
Hs-CRP (mg/ L)	0.63 [0.6; 1.2]	1.04 [0.68; 2.45]	1.94 [0.96; 3.15]	1.21 [0.64; 2.15]
CD163 (mg/ L)	1.54 [1.40; 2.04]	1.66 [1.27; 2.10]	2.33 [1.58; 2.69]*	1.71 [1.40; 2.22]
CD206 (mg/ L)	0.20 [0.15; 0.24]	0.21 [0.17; 0.25]	0.23 [0.20; 0.32]*	0.23 [0.20; 0.28]*

* Significantly different from cases at baseline (T0), p-value<0.05

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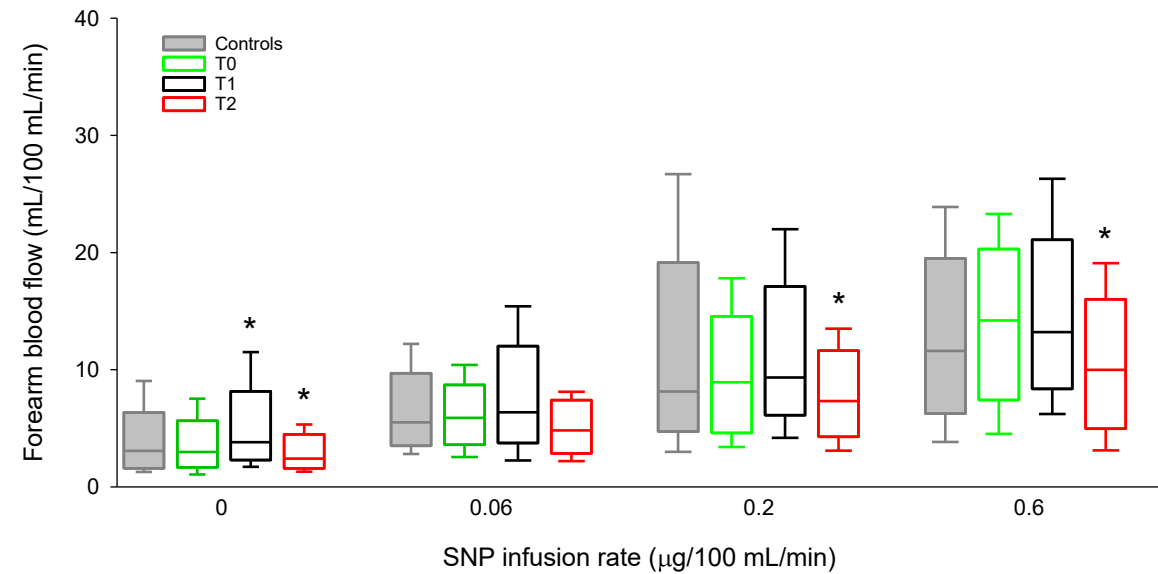
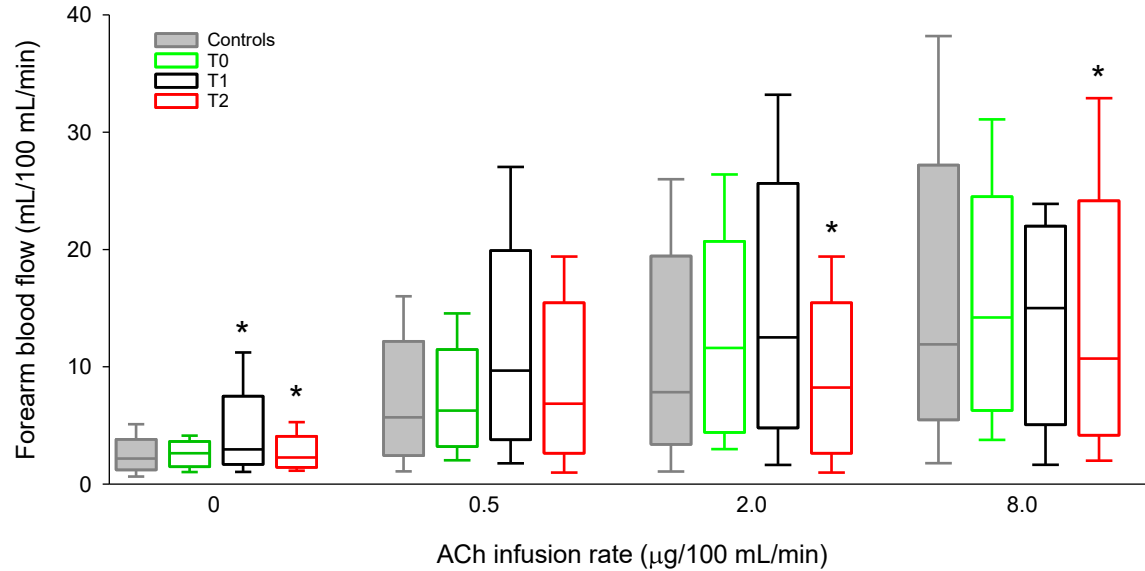
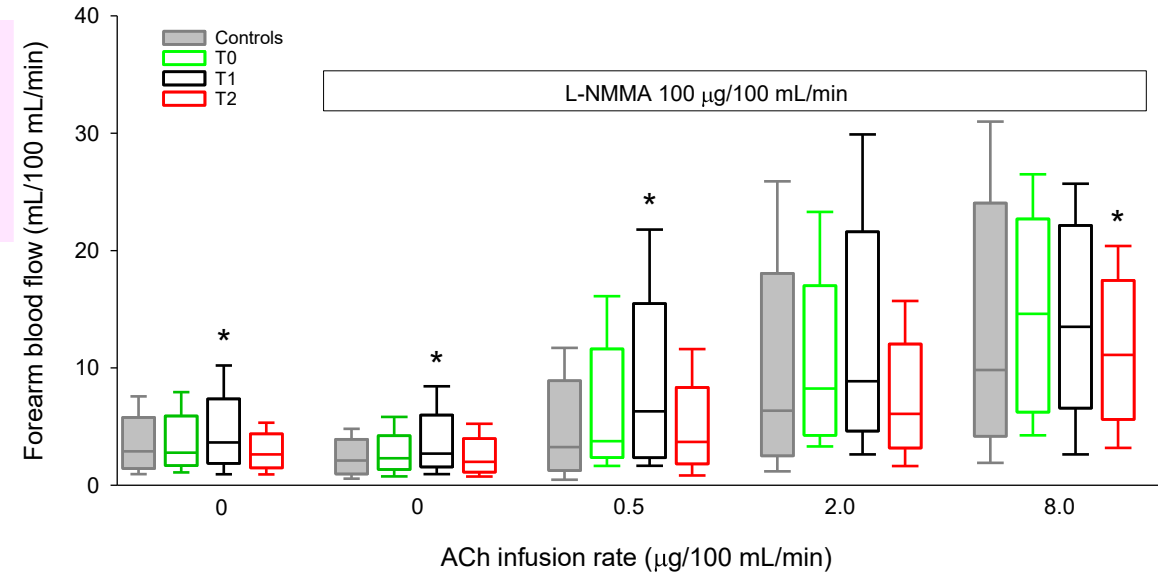
ENDOTHELIAL FUNCTION



* Significantly different from cases at baseline (T0), p-value<0.05

RESULTS

VOP



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CONCLUSIONS – STUDY I

- The metabolic profile of BC patients at baseline was similar to that of healthy age-matched controls
- The metabolic profile of the BC patients changed significantly during adjuvant cancer treatment, and remained pathologically impaired 1 year after.
- In premenopausal BC patient inflammation markers increased significantly during treatment and remained increased 1 year after.
- In general premenopausal patients was shown to be more vulnerable compared to postmenopausal patients

CONCLUSIONS – STUDY I

- The vascular function of BC patients at baseline right after surgery was similar to that of healthy age-matched controls.
- The vascular function of BC patients 1 year after cessation of adjuvant cancer treatment was significantly impaired.



STUDY II

AIMS

The aim of this register study was to determine

acute and long-term morbidity in Danish women treated for breast cancer

described by means of both

- hospital contacts
- medicine use

METHODS

Data from the following registries:

A nationwide registry-based cohort study

The Clinical database of Danish Breast Cancer Cooperative Group (DBCG)

Statistics Denmark

The Danish National Patient Registry

The Danish National Prescription Registry (NPR)

The Danish Register of Causes of Death

METHODS

BC PATIENTS

All females diagnosed with primary BC, stage I-III and registered in the DBCG Database from 1990 to 2017

In total 105,268 women.

CONTROLS

1,051,660 healthy female controls

matched on age, and included in the year of diagnosis of their respective case.

Surgery

last date of treatment

21 weeks

A: during treatment

B: after treatment

last date of treatment

End of follow-up

RESULTS – STUDY II

Hospital contacts during treatment

RE

	Age ≤ 52 years [#]					Age > 52 years ^{##}				
	Events in cases	Events in controls	HR	95% CI	p-value	Events in cases	Events in controls	HR	95% CI	p-value
Infections	19	308	11.3	[7.12;18.1]	<0.0001*	52	1,164	3.80	[2.86;5.00]	<0.0001*
Neoplasms	14,373	1,492	16.1	[15.3;17.1]	<0.0001*	35,82	5,921	11.3	[10.9; 11.6]	<0.0001*
Blood/immune system	9	158	8.06	[4.11;15.8]	<0.0001*	29	954	2.92	[2.02;4.23]	<0.0001*
Endocrinology	10	1,079	3.96	[2.12;7.38]	<0.0001*	96	3,724	2.59	[2.11;3.17]	<0.0001*
Mental disorders	26	283	13.1	[8.71;19.7]	<0.0001*	46	814	5.15	[3.82;6.93]	<0.0001*
Nervous system	9	1,036	2.66	[1.38;5.13]	<0.0001*	37	2,883	1.72	[1.24;2.37]	<0.0001*
Eyes	5	672	2.72	[1.13;6.56]	0.03*	77	6,682	1.54	[1.23;1.93]	<0.0001*
Ears	6	478	3.00	[1.34;6.71]	0.008*	50	4,202	1.37	[1.03;1.80]	<0.0001*
Circulation	28	1,503	5.93	[4.08;8.62]	<0.0001*	316	11,345	3.68	[3.29;4.11]	<0.0001*
Respiratory diseases	10	883	2.91	[1.56;5.42]	0.001*	126	5,036	2.79	[2.34;3.33]	<0.0001*
Gastrointestinal	28	2,042	4.73	[3.26;6.86]	<0.0001*	159	7,136	2.52	[2.15;2.95]	<0.0001*
Skin	32	661	7.33	[5.13;10.5]	<0.0001*	88	1,594	5.84	[4.71;7.24]	<0.0001*
Musculoskeletal system	34	4,289	2.23	[1.59;3.12]	<0.0001*	367	14,887	2.37	[2.14;2.63]	<0.0001*
Genitourinary disorders	318	3,131	16.6	[14.7;18.7]	<0.0001*	669	5,892	8.41	[7.75;9.11]	<0.0001*
Pregnancy	7	1,49	1.00	[0.48;2.10]	1.0	1	3	7.14	[0.74;68.6]	0.09
Perinatal period	1	1	8.49	[0.53;136]	0.1	0	3			
Congenit malformation	3	475	0.90	[0.29;2.79]	0.9	3	174	1.82	[0.53;5.68]	0.3
Unspecified	77	2,468	4.97	[3.96;6.24]	<0.0001*	263	8,759	3.35	[2.96;3.78]	<0.0001*
External influences	266	6,193	11.7	[10.3;13.2]	<0.0001*	926	16,877	5.69	[5.33; 6.08]	<0.0001*
Factors infuencing health	8,996	23,372	30.0	[29.2;30.8]	<0.0001*	26,012	82,877	19.4	[19.1;19.7]	<0.0001*
All	25,205	53,312	20.4	[20.1; 20.7]	<0.0001*	66,675	186,415	13.2	[13.1; 13.3]	<0.0001*

Hospital contacts after treatment

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	Age ≤ 52 years [#]					Age > 52 years ^{##}				
	Events in cases	Events in controls	HR	95% CI	p-value	Events in cases	Events in controls	HR	95% CI	p-value
Infections	120	1,474	3.01	[2.49;3.64]	<0.0001*	398	4,441	2.01	[1.81;2.23]	<0.0001*
Neoplasms	7,757	7,128	3.02	[2.92;3.13]	<0.0001*	14,019	18,357	2.08	[2.04;2.13]	<0.0001*
Blood/immune system	46	671	4.21	[3.11;5.71]	<0.0001*	244	2,919	1.84	[1.62;2.10]	<0.0001*
Endocrinology	231	4,482	2.30	[2.01;2.63]	<0.0001*	895	12,007	1.53	[1.43;1.63]	<0.0001*
Mental disorders	61	1,100	2.13	[1.64;2.77]	<0.0001*	203	2,879	1.64	[1.42;1.89]	<0.0001*
Nervous system	167	3,802	1.60	[1.37;1.87]	<0.0001*	586	8,453	1.53	[1.41;1.66]	<0.0001*
Eyes	139	3,69	2.09	[1.76;2.48]	<0.0001*	1,819	28,969	1.65	[1.58;1.74]	<0.0001*
Ears	100	2,653	1.73	[1.41;2.11]	<0.0001*	1,252	19,074	1.46	[1.38;1.55]	<0.0001*
Circulation	551	7,696	2.86	[2.62;3.12]	<0.0001*	2,911	40,415	1.80	[1.73;1.87]	<0.0001*
Respiratory diseases	171	3,661	2.16	[1.85;2.52]	<0.0001*	1,117	16,031	1.57	[1.48;1.67]	<0.0001*
Gastrointestinal	329	8,398	2.03	[1.82;2.27]	<0.0001*	1,617	23,392	1.59	[1.51;1.68]	<0.0001*
Skin	362	3,141	2.72	[2.44;3.05]	<0.0001*	755	5,385	2.08	[1.92;2.24]	<0.0001*
Musculoskeletal system	702	16,949	1.75	[1.62;1.88]	<0.0001*	3,599	41,29	1.55	[1.50;1.60]	<0.0001*
Genitourinary disorders	923	14,693	1.87	[1.75;1.99]	<0.0001*	1,977	18,944	1.74	[1.66;1.82]	<0.0001*
Pregnancy	37	2,743	0.89	[0.65;1.24]	0.5	1	10	5.91	[0.66;52.5]	0.1
Perinatal period	0	6				1	5	6.48	[0.40;104]	0.2
Congenit malformation	22	457	2.81	[1.83;4.34]	<0.0001*	35	451	1.24	[0.88;1.75]	0.2
Unspecified	646	9,955	2.59	[2.39;2.80]	<0.0001*	2,204	27,697	1.75	[1.67;1.82]	<0.0001*
External influences	1,354	36,064	1.80	[1.65;1.84]	<0.0001*	4,579	73,219	1.59	[1.54; 1.64]	<0.0001*
Factors influencing health	11,361	121,507	2.63	[2.58;2.68]	<0.0001*	27,440	282,518	1.61	[1.59;1.63]	<0.0001*
All	26,112	254,923	2.59	[2.56; 2.63]	<0.0001*	67,859	640,159	1.69	[1.68; 1.70]	<0.0001*

RESULTS

Prescriptions

RESULTS

Prescriptions during treatment

Prescriptions during treatment

	Age ≤ 52 years					Age > 52 years				
	Events in cases	Events in controls	HR	95% CI	p-value	Events in cases	Events in controls	HR	95% CI	p-value
Alimentary tract and metabolism	1,604	10,498	1.26	[1.19;1.32]	<0.0001*	4,849	46,057	1.06	[1.03;1.09]	<0.0001*
Blood and blood forming organs	228	2,732	1.45	[1.27;1.66]	<0.0001*	2,192	22,826	1.17	[1.12;1.22]	<0.0001*
Cardiovascular system	1,545	16,796	1.08	[1.02;1.13]	0.005*	11,759	127,166	1.09	[1.07;1.11]	<0.0001*
Dermatologicals	818	9,460	1.11	[1.04;1.20]	0.003*	1,553	17,709	1.12	[1.07;1.18]	<0.0001*
Genitourinary systems and sex hormones	548	25,535	0.86	[0.79;0.94]	0.001*	1,501	43,133	1.06	[1.01;1.12]	0.03*
Systemic hormonal preparations	552	4,894	1.11	[1.02;1.21]	0.02*	1,471	16,923	1.01	[0.96;1.06]	0.8
Antiinfectives	3,909	21,403	2.01	[1.94;2.08]	<0.0001*	7,700	35,249	2.05	[2.00;2.10]	<0.0001*
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	90	361	0.59	[0.47;0.75]	<0.0001*	722	1,225	0.87	[0.79;0.95]	0.003*
Musculoskeletal system	1,248	12,451	1.55	[1.46;1.64]	<0.0001*	3,508	35,874	1.25	[1.21;1.29]	<0.0001*
Nervous system	5,726	30,970	1.28	[1.24;1.31]	<0.0001*	16,785	103,954	1.26	[1.24;1.28]	<0.0001*
Antiparasitics	100	1,958	0.98	[0.80;1.20]	0.8	261	3,095	1.12	[0.99;1.27]	0.08
Respiratory system	1,101	13,807	1.08	[1.01;1.15]	0.02*	3,456	37,815	1.14	[1.10;1.18]	<0.0001*
Sensory organs	530	6,409	1.16	[1.06;1.27]	0.001*	1,920	24,968	1.10	[1.05;1.15]	<0.0001*
Various	5	106	1.19	[0.49;2.93]	0.7	10	80	1.43	[0.74;2.77]	0.3
All	18,004	157,38	1.37	[1.35; 1.39]	<0.0001*	57,687	514,074	1.24	[1.23; 1.25]	<0.0001*

RESULTS

Prescriptions after treatment

	Age ≤ 52 years					Age > 52 years				
	Events in cases	Events in controls	HR	95% CI	p-value	Events in cases	Events in controls	HR	95% CI	p-value
Alimentary tract and metabolism	1,988	17,136	1.17	[1.12;1.23]	<0.0001*	6,399	57,797	1.19	[1.016;1.22]	<0.0001*
Blood and blood forming organs	347	4,262	1.19	[1.06;1.32]	0.002*	2,704	27,897	1.19	[1.14;1.24]	<0.0001*
Cardiovascular system	2,650	25,017	1.29	[1.24;1.34]	<0.0001*	14,970	152,382	1.15	[1.13;1.16]	<0.0001*
Dermatologicals	1,999	21,111	1.12	[1.07;1.17]	<0.0001*	3,070	31,360	1.25	[1.20;1.30]	<0.0001*
Genitourinary systems and sex hormones	924	37,113	0.76	[0.71;0.81]	<0.0001*	2,098	49,022	0.99	[0.95;1.03]	0.07
Systemic hormonal preparations	618	6,829	1.01	[0.93;1.10]	0.8	1,875	20,41	1.07	[1.02;1.13]	0.003*
Antiinfectives	5,307	49,051	1.30	[1.26;1.33]	<0.0001*	7,444	67,723	1.37	[1.34;1.40]	<0.0001*
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	116	456	0.51	[0.42;0.63]	<0.0001*	613	1,334	0.67	[0.61;0.74]	<0.0001*
Musculoskeletal system	1,965	25,041	1.06	[1.01;1.11]	0.01*	5,081	52,443	1.18	[1.14;1.21]	<0.0001*
Nervous system	6,527	44,396	1.07	[1.04;1.10]	<0.0001*	17,096	131,786	1.16	[1.14;1.18]	<0.0001*
Antiparasitics	361	4,870	1.23	[1.10;1.37]	<0.0001*	518	2,276	1.23	[1.12;1.34]	<0.0001*
Respiratory system	1,062	22,993	1.03	[0.98;1.08]	0.3	4,736	49,571	1.15	[1.12;1.18]	<0.0001*
Sensory organs	1,441	14,889	1.29	[1.22;1.36]	<0.0001*	3,620	39,251	1.22	[1.18;1.26]	<0.0001*
Various	6	140	1.01	[0.45;2.30]	0.1	9	123	1.01	[0.51;1.99]	1.0
All	26,211	273,304	1.15	[1.14; 1.17]	<0.0001*	70,233	686,275	1.18	[1.17; 1.19]	<0.0001*

CONCLUSIONS – STUDY II

The burden of morbidity evaluated on both hospital contacts and medicinal prescriptions was shown to be greater in Danish breast cancer survivors than in age-matched controls

The increased morbidity was evident in all relevant chapter both during and after end of cancer treatment

The increased risk was mainly related with presumed premenopausal status

The most disturbing findings was related to increased morbidity among younger survivors in chapters related to cardiovascular and metabolic disease

A large graphic of a pink ribbon, composed of many small, overlapping triangles in various shades of pink and magenta. The ribbon starts as a solid shape on the left and then dissolves into a cloud of individual triangles that spread out towards the right side of the image.

FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

PERSPECTIVES

Treatment induced late effects can have substantial and lifelong consequences

Quality of life, medical expenses, earnings, employability, and even the lifespan could be affected

What we gain from an increasingly intensive treatment, we risk losing to late effects.

The risk of BC recurrence or a new primary cancer could be increased.

Special attention should be on cardiovascular and metabolic conditions, especially among younger survivors.

Efforts should be made to determine whether certain characteristics of the patients predispose to the development of late effects

PERSPECTIVES

Beyond the individual costs of each patient, the medical costs of society related to cancer treatment are significant

Improvement of the follow-up programme of Danish BC patients

Responsibility placement – who should be responsible of follow up?

FOLLOW UP

PRIMARY CARE OR...?

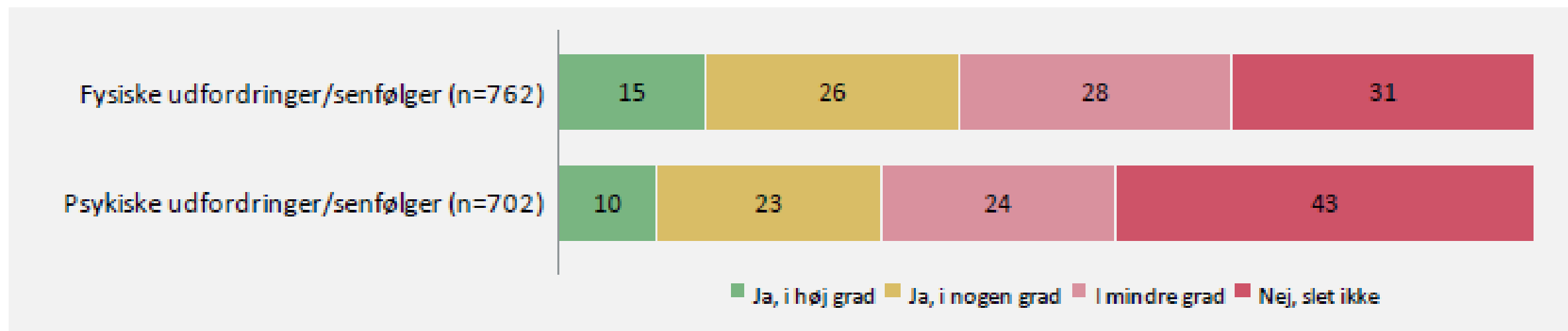
only 8% of Danish cancer patients want their follow up programme to be handled by their general practitioner

only 50% of hospital specialists believe that GPs follow their recommendations correctly

FOLLOW UP

PRIMARY CARE OR...?

FIGUR 38: Har du efter behandlingen på sygehuset blev afsluttet fået den hjælp, du har haft behov for i forhold til:



Delpopulation: Kun opgjort blandt de personer, der havde behov

Kræftens Bekæmpelses Barometerundersøgelse 2019



THANK YOU

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, wearing a pink top, holding a pink awareness ribbon. The ribbon is looped and held gently in the palms. The word "GUIDELINES" is superimposed in large, bold, dark blue capital letters across the center of the hands and ribbon.

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No official Danish guidelines regarding oncocardiology exists

ESMO GUIDELINES



CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

An ESMO Product

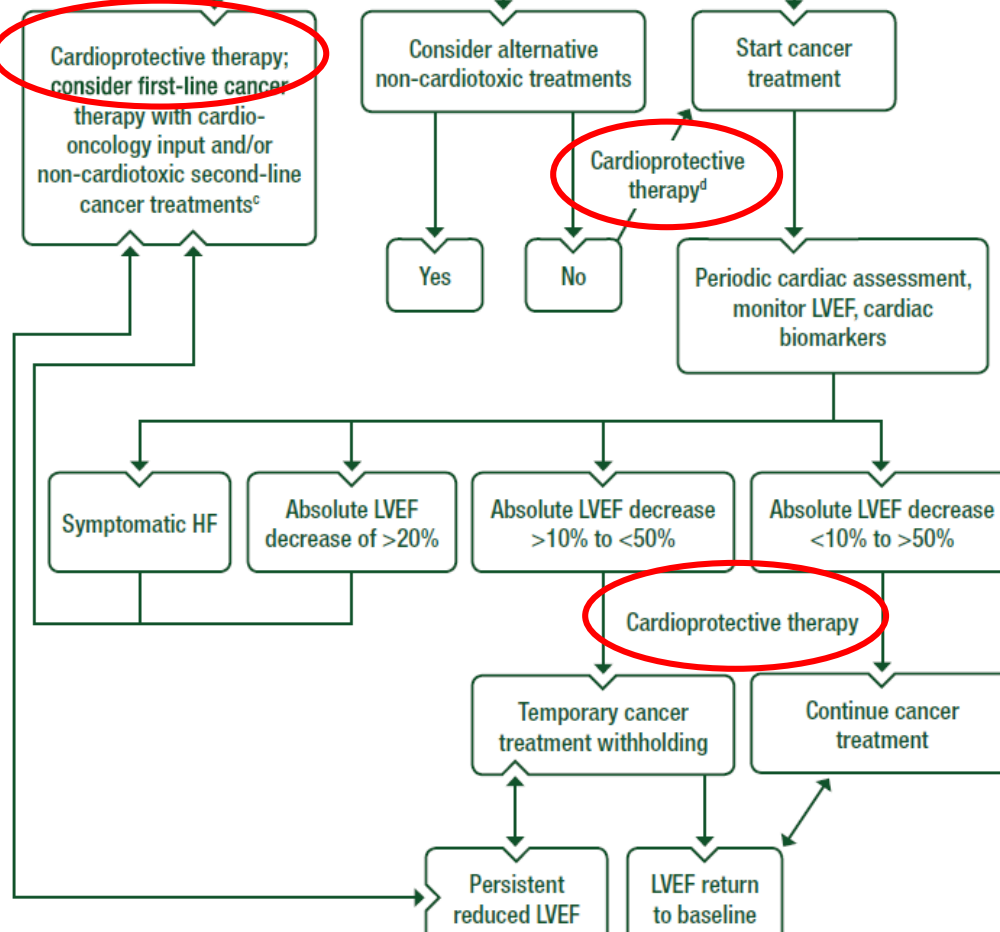


<https://www.esmo.org/guidelines/supportive-and-palliative-care/management-of-cardiac-disease>

ESMO GUIDELINES

Careful cardiac exam, ECG, baseline LVEF, cardiac biomarkers, lipid panel

Cardioprotective therapy



ESMO GUIDELINES

Monitoring of cardiotoxicity

*“At present, the most frequently used modality for detecting cardiotoxicity is the periodic measurement of **LVEF** by using either **echocardiography** or **multigated acquisition scanning**.”*

In the future hopefully we will be able to monitor cardiotoxicity using biomarkers alone...

ALTERNATIVE TESTING

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- myeloperoxidase (MPO),
- topoisomerase II beta (TOP2 β),
- interleukin-6 (IL-6),
- matrix metalloproteinase (MMP2+MMP9)
- troponin I and T
- NT-proBNP

Circulating levels of **micro RNAs**

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Sci Rep. 2021; 11: 7954. doi: 10.1038/s41598-021-87209-8
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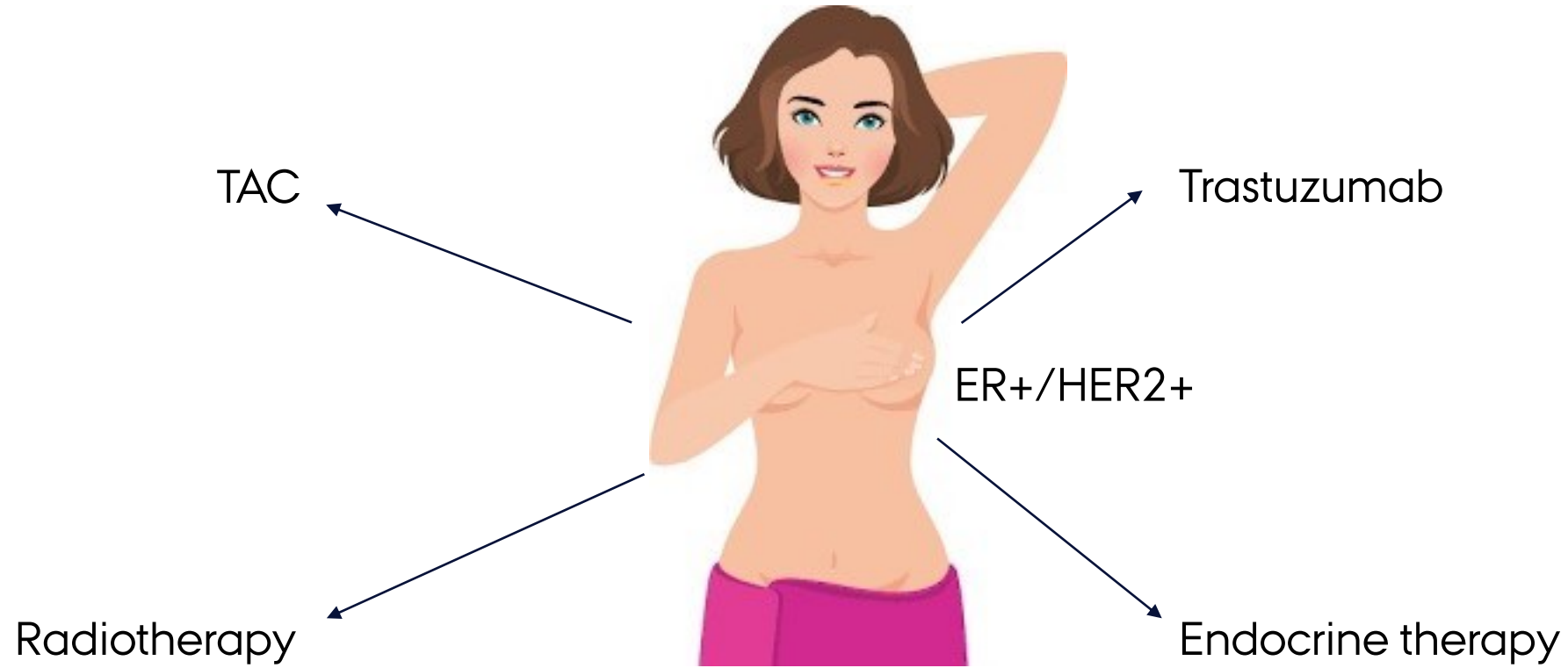
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WORST CASE...





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BC AND METABOLIC DISEASE

Metabolic syndrome

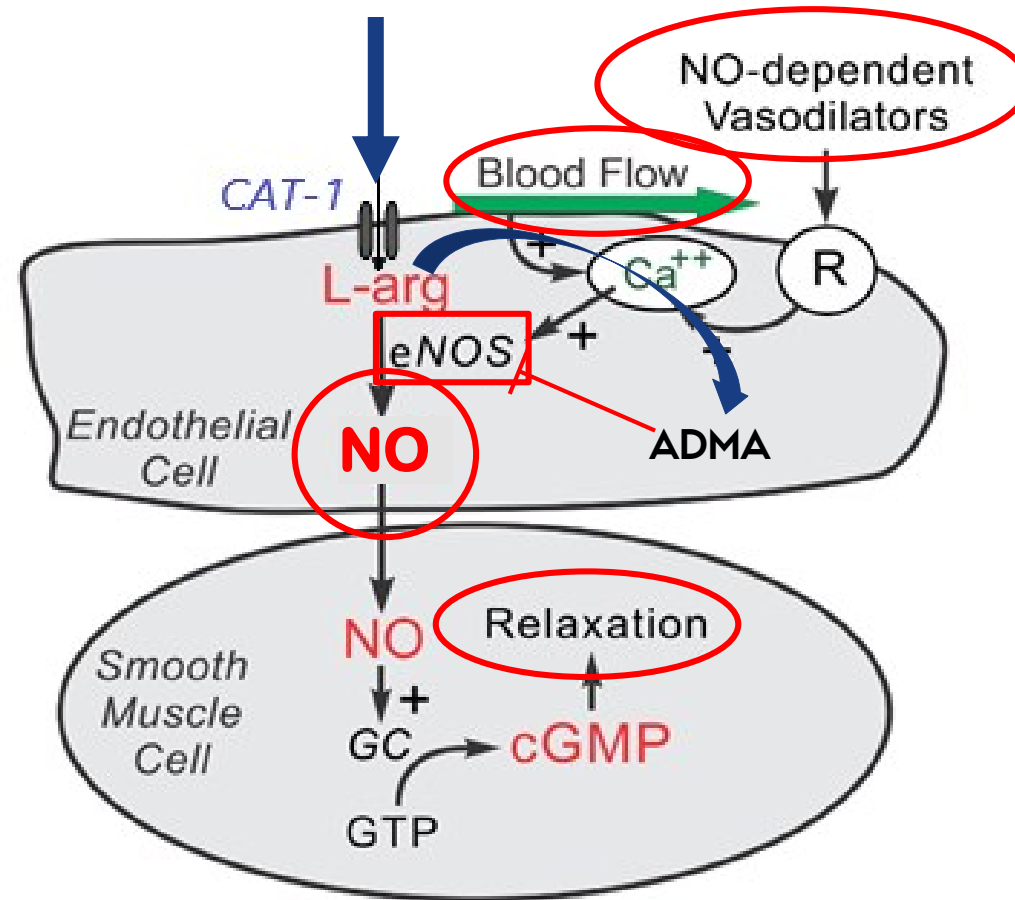
three or more of the following five criteria must be met:

- HDL < 1.3
- triglycerides \geq 1.7
- waist > 88 cm
- fasting glucose \geq 6.1
- blood pressure \geq 130/85

Dys

ENDOTHELIAL FUNCTION

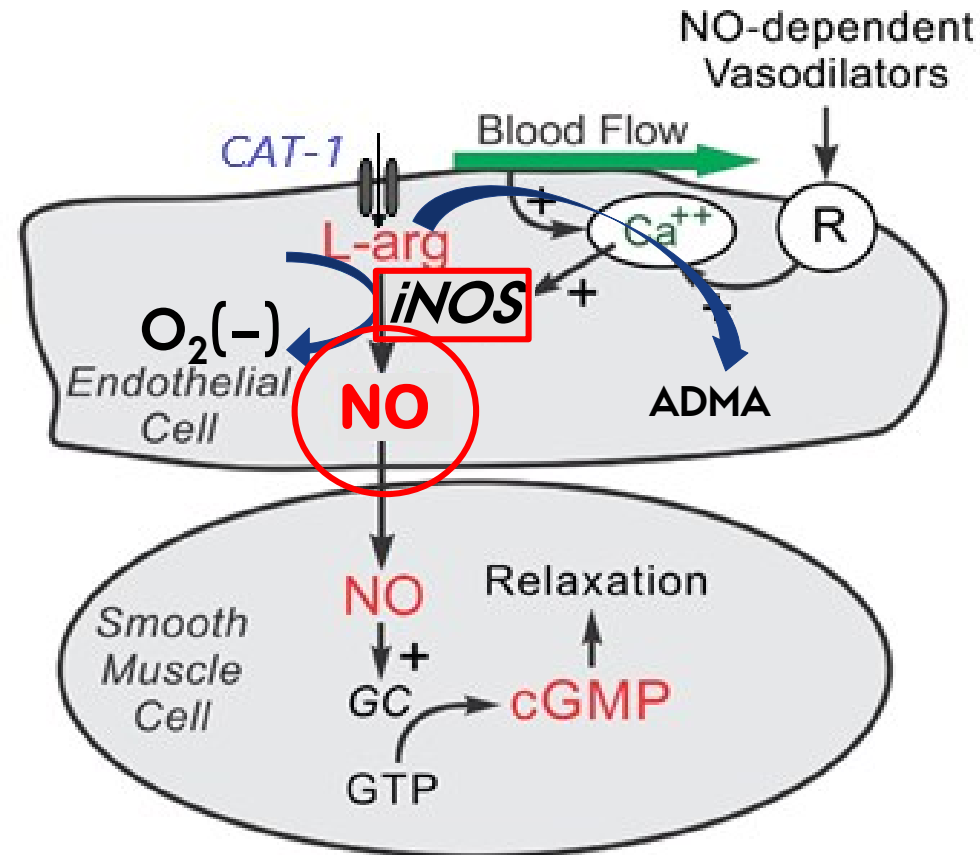
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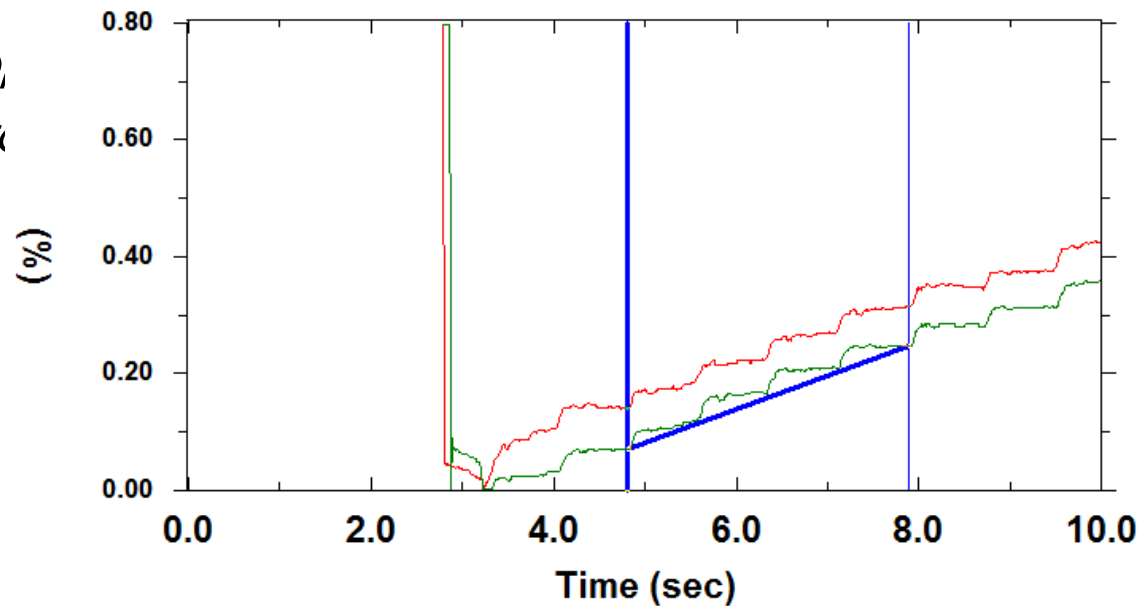
ENDOTHELIAL FUNCTION (ED)

1. reduced endothelial NOS-derived NO
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3. NOS uncoupling and generation of superoxide



VENOUS OCCLUSION PLETHYSMOGRAPHY (VOP)

"Invasive VO₂ gold standard"



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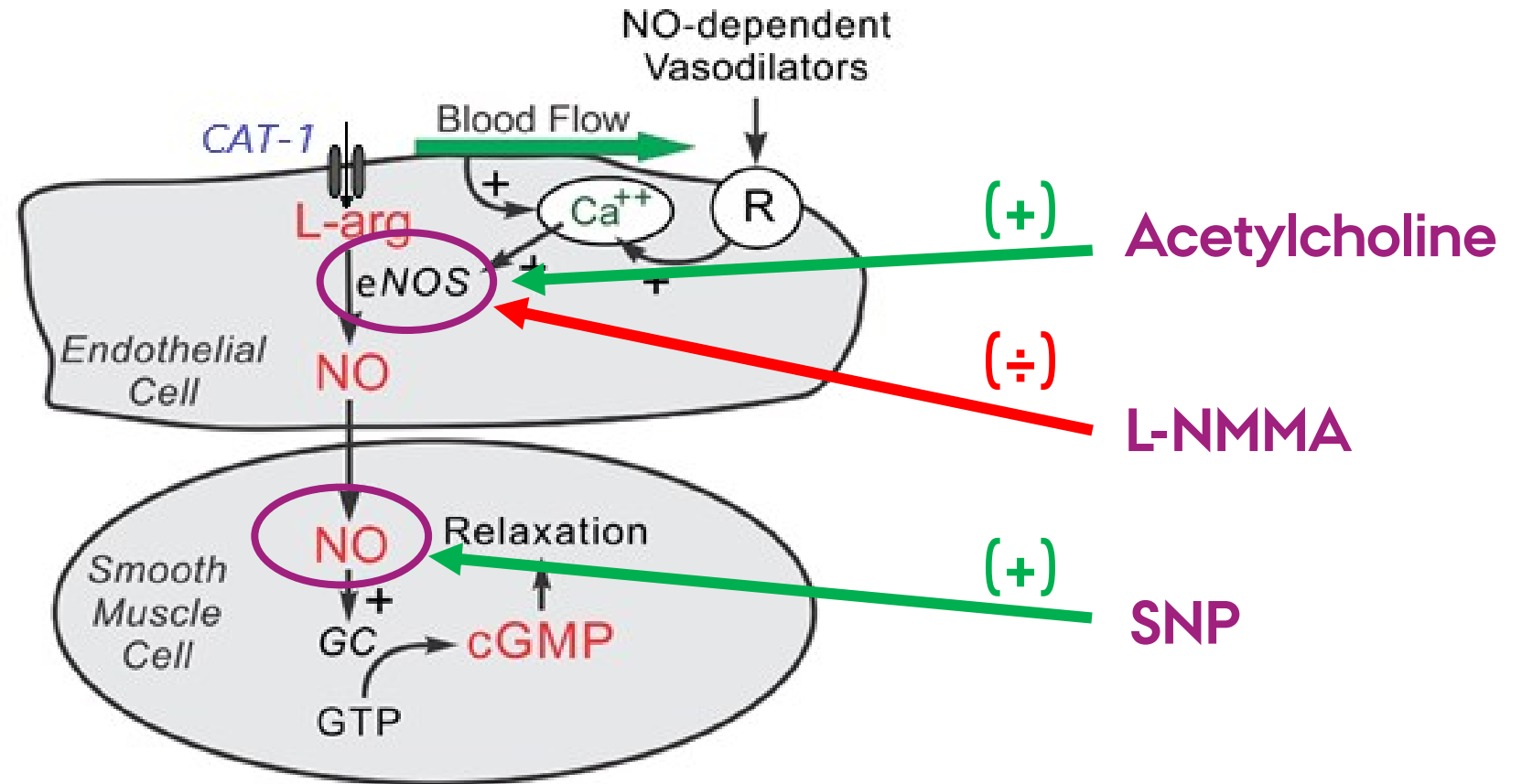
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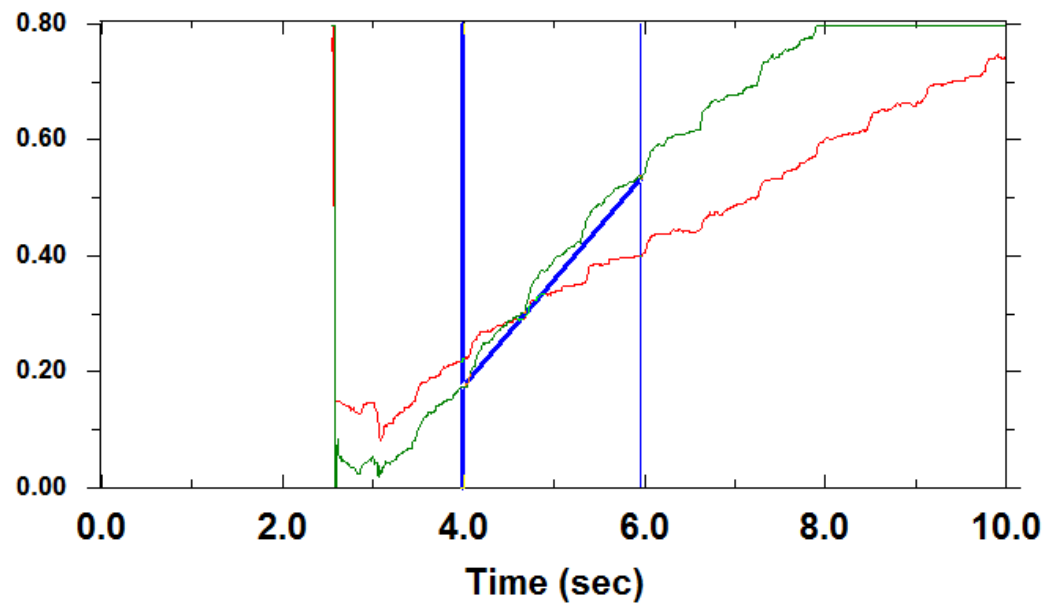
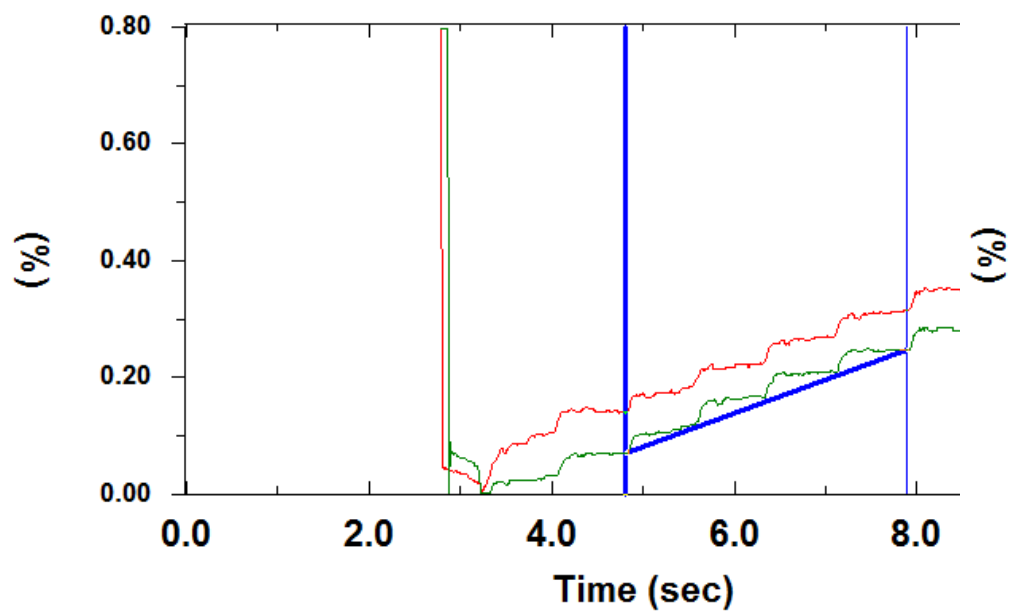
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VOP



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STUDY II



Study II

	BC patients	Controls
Participants (n)	100,834	1,008,320
Mean age at diagnosis (years)	61.4 ±13.1	60.9 ±13.1
Age range	8-103	7-102
SURGE		
Mastectomy	48,719 (48%)	
Lumpectomy	44,984 (45%)	
Lumpectomy followed by	1,353 (1%)	
Mastectomy after neo-adjuvant	2,008 (2%)	
Lumpectomy after neo-adjuvant	1,088 (1%)	
Only biopsy	2,657 (3%)	
Other	25 (0%)	
Missing information on surgery	0	
MEDICAL TREATMENT		
Chemotherapy		
Yes	25,570 (25 %)	
Not reported	74,479 (74 %)	
No	785 (1 %)	
Endocrine therapy		
Yes	41,446 (41 %)	
Not reported	58,107 (58 %)	
No	1,281 (1 %)	
Trastuzumab		
Yes	3,717 (4 %)	
Not reported	97,070 (96 %)	
No	47 (0 %)	

Study design

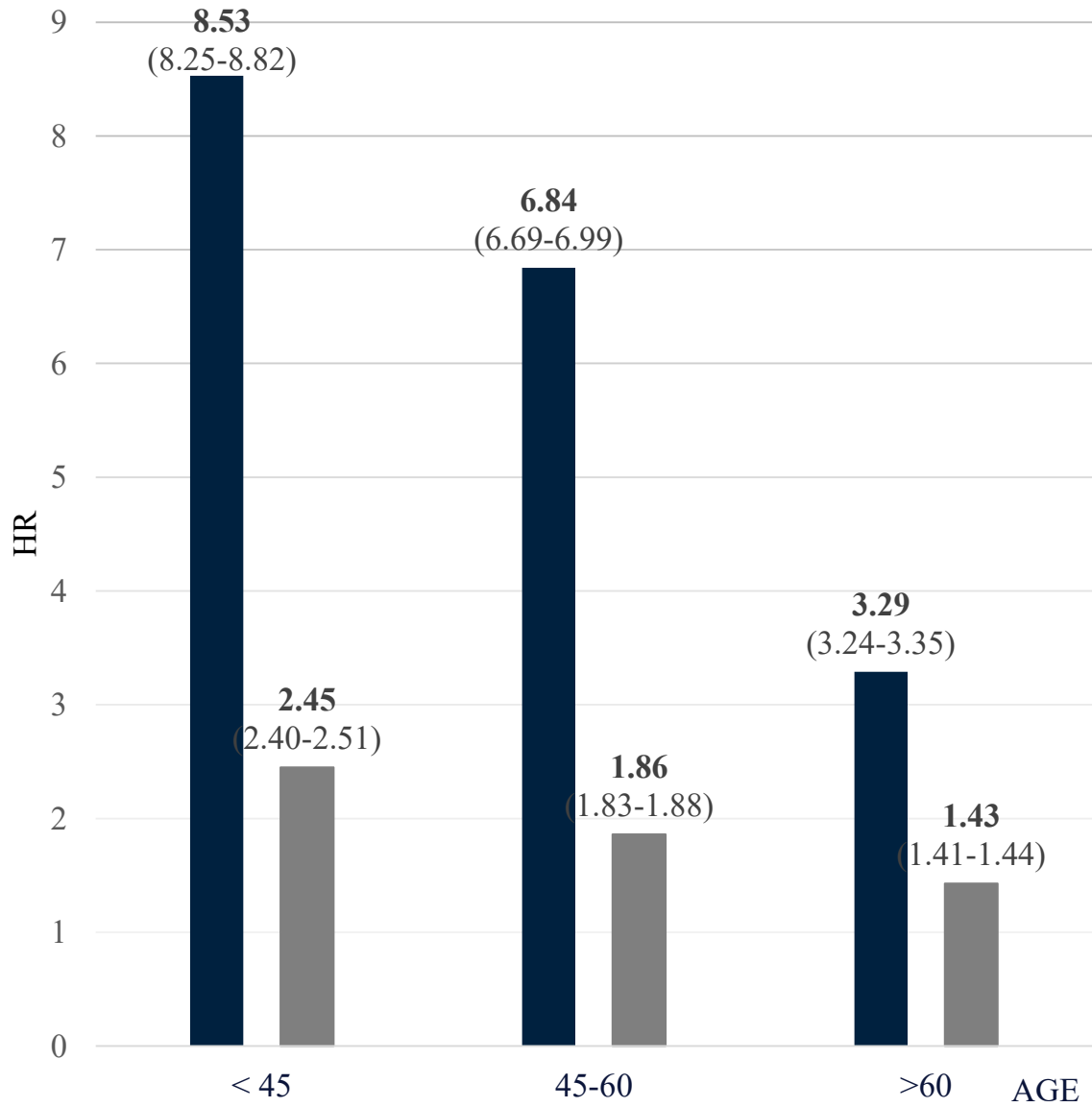
Observational cohort study:

- An empirical but non-experimental investigation of the effects caused by a treatment.
- What happens to the cohort members (Danish women) that have been exposed to a particular variable (BC) in comparison to the other members who have not been exposed

Randomized trials:

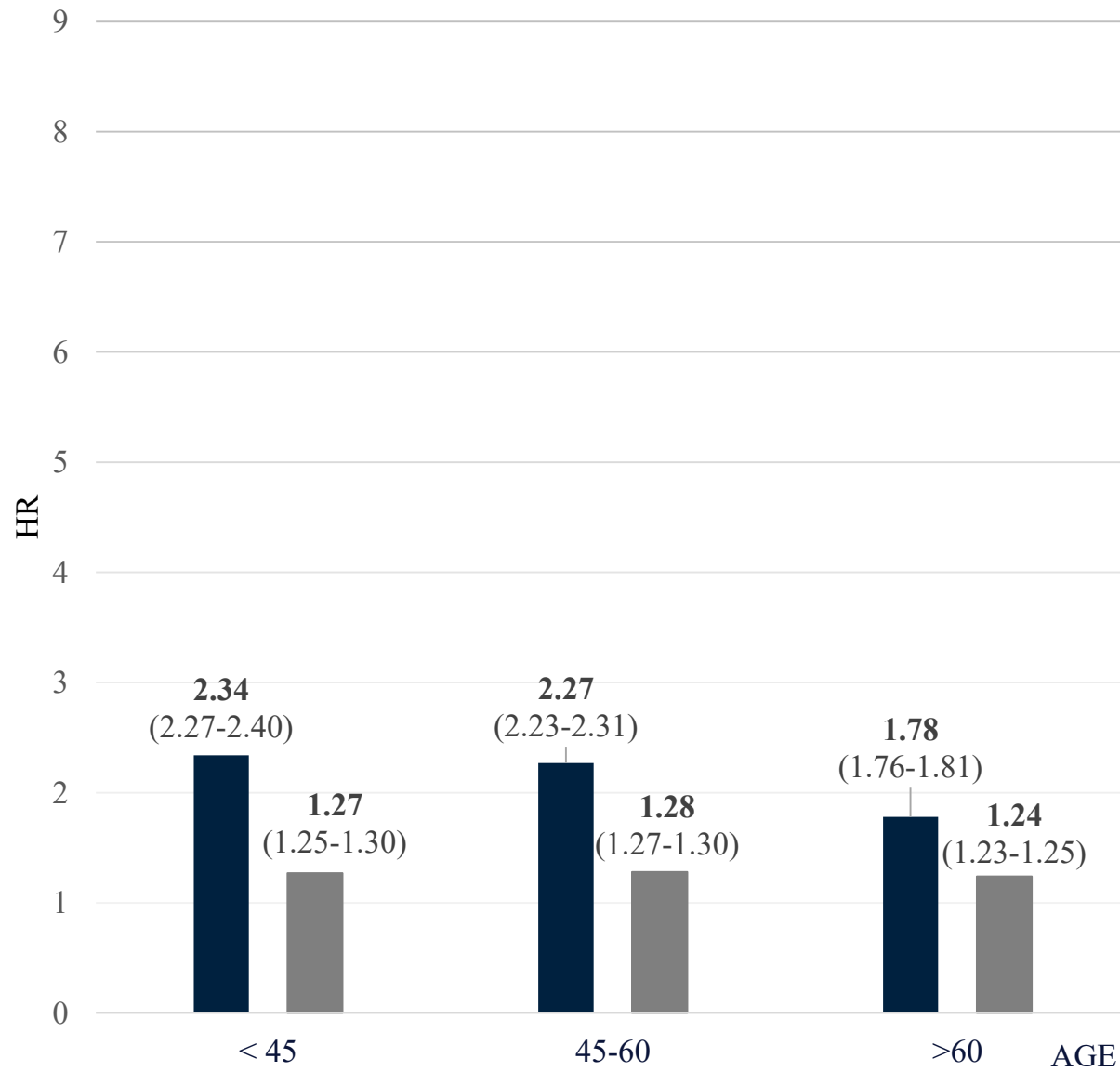
- Introduction of an intervention to study the effects
- Eligible people are randomly assigned to one of two or more groups.
- One group receives the intervention (such as a new drug) while the control group receives nothing or an inactive placebo

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS



■ During treatment ■ After treatment

PRESCRIPTIONS



■ During treatment ■ After treatment

Cancer related hospital contacts

We choose to include all hospital contacts due to diagnosis, treatment and follow-up for breast cancer knowing that these contacts could cover morbidity not directly related to the breast cancer but to comorbidity and side effects.

We believe that excluding these contacts would have underestimated the morbidity of the BC patients, but are also aware that some of these contacts are routine visits not necessarily indicating health problems.

ATC codes

In three instances, drugs are not registered in NPR:

(a) drugs used during hospital admissions;

(b) drugs used by certain institutionalized individuals (e.g. patients with psychiatric illnesses);

(c) drugs supplied directly by hospitals or treatment centers (including chemotherapeutic and anti-hormonal agents).

Data management

- 1) Cases were not and could not be matched with their controls. Serial numbers were missing.
- 2) We asked for 10 controls per case, but among the 911,640 controls, there were only 793,986 unique pnr. In addition, 11,752 controls were matched with 2 or more cases. And in addition, almost 9000 controls were in fact a case. So we ended up having to exclude more than 138,000 controls.
- 3) IDAN data was missing
- 4) We were given an outdated variable of date of death (DODSDTO), with 28% of the variable missing.
- 5) The controls consist of equal parts men and women (“matched by age and gender”).
- 6) New extraction; missing the entire Education Register and Migrations
- 7) The controls are matched with an incorrect match variable. Vital status year rather than year of operation. The entire dataset had to be rerun and re analyzed.

ESTROGEN



ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION

We found several metabolic changes, that could explain our results:

Obesity:

can lead to release of inflammatory cytokines, activation of macrophages and activation of the Angiotensin II-cascade resulting in oxidative stress (as we heard yesterday)

Superoxide

is a known inhibitor of dimethylarginine dimethylhydrolase (DDAH), a key regulatory enzyme, which controls the metabolism of ADMA.

Increased ADMA levels leads to inhibition of NOs enzymes and CAT-1 (the cationic amino acid transporter 1,) and thereby reduced production of NO

ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION

Dyslipidemia:

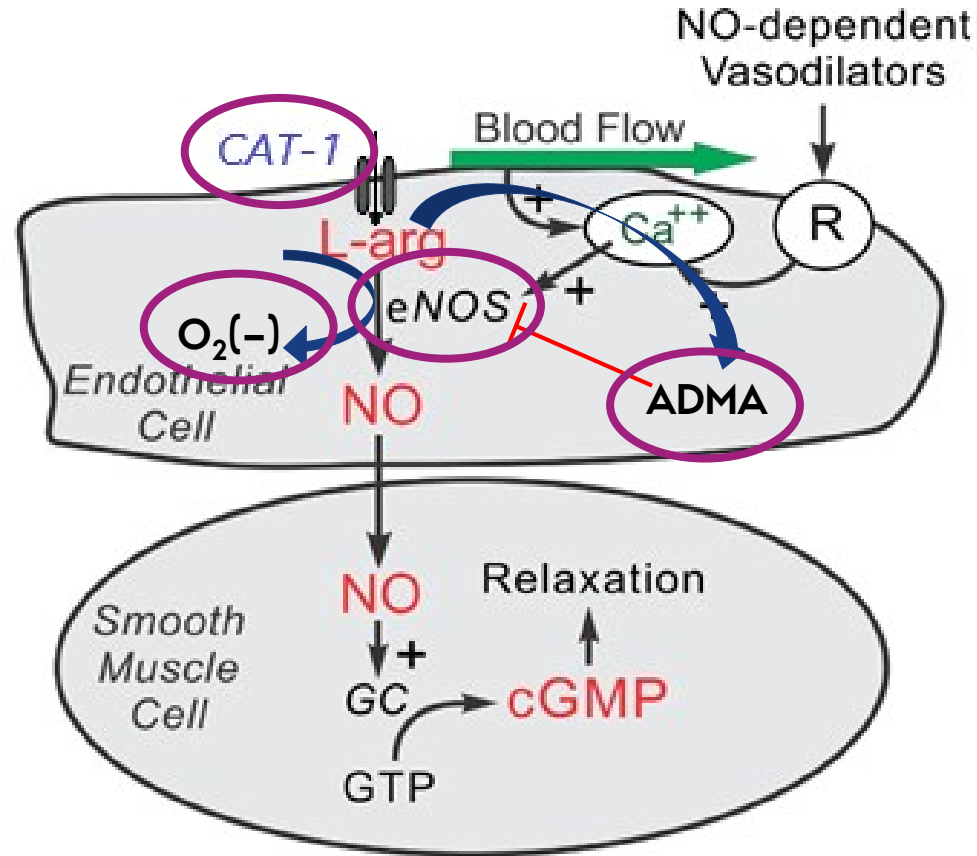
Endothelial release of ADMA is increased in the presence of oxidized LDL cholesterol.
HDL increases endothelial cell NO production

Decreased Estradiol...

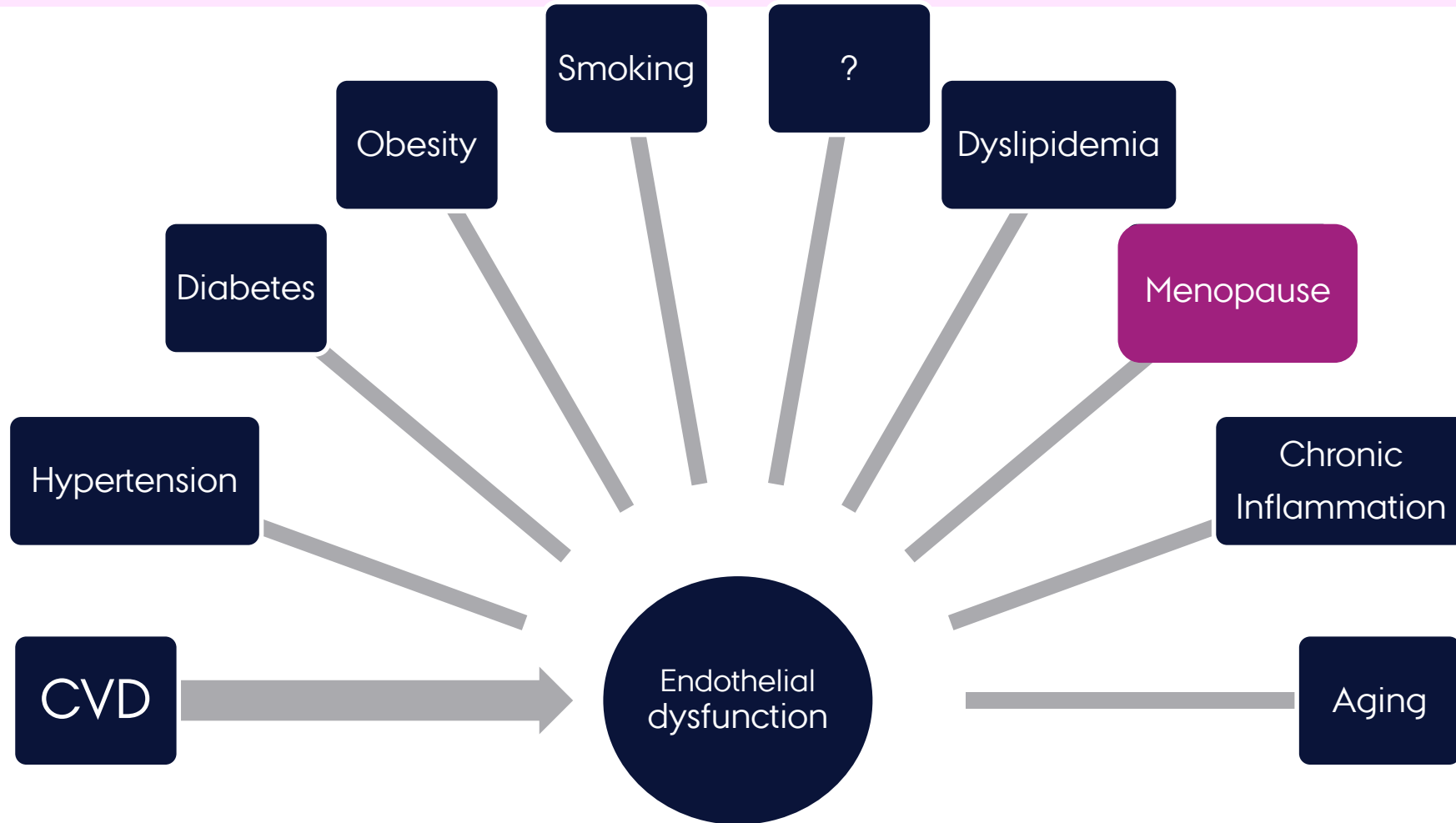
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**Estrogen**

ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION



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- The prevalence of Metabolic syndrome and CVD is known to increase after menopause

ESTROGEN

- Preventive and protective

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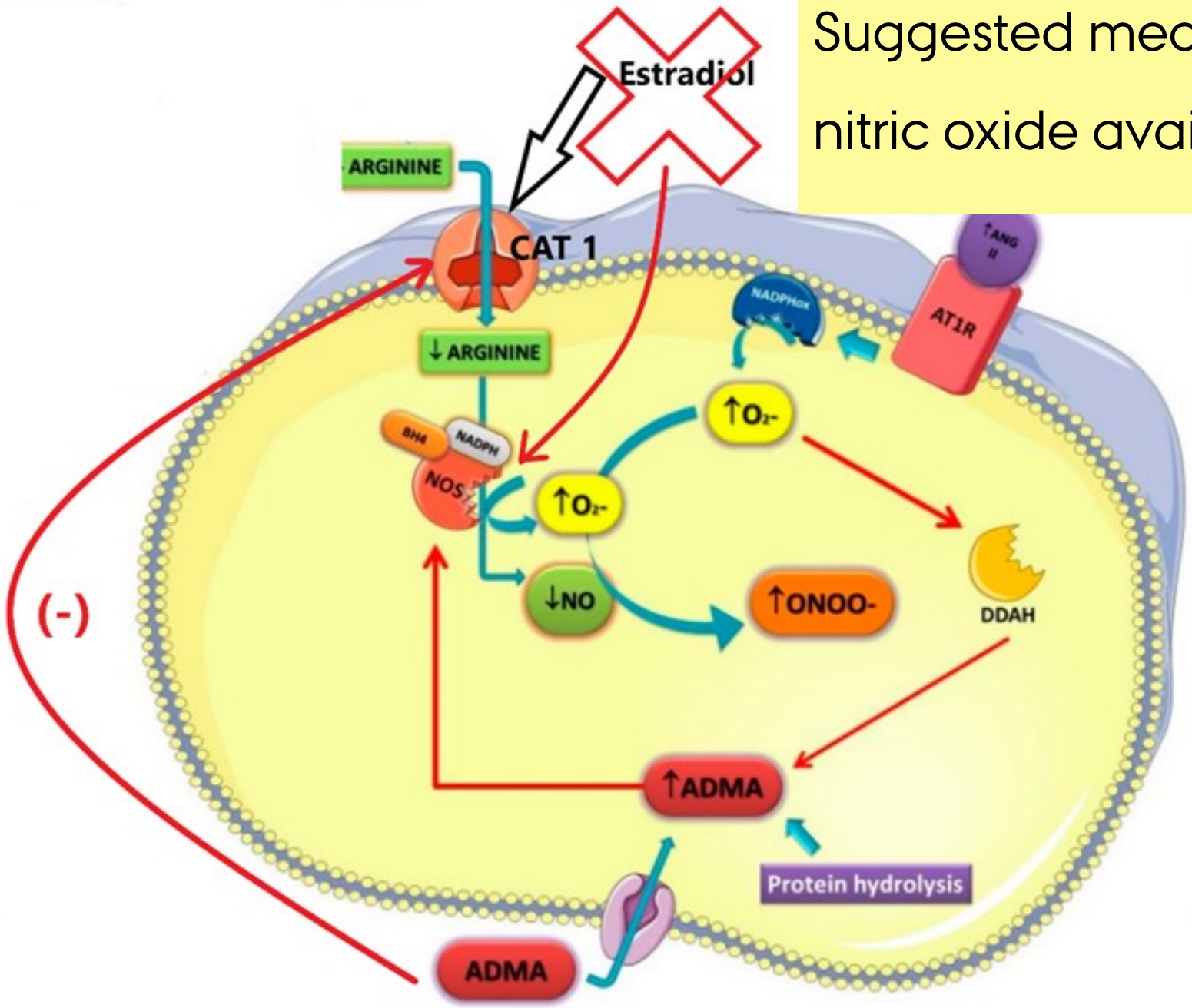
harmful effects

- HRT and extranormal estrogen levels in general are found to increase the risk of

- BC
- CVD and stroke in postmenopausal women

- Estrogen receptors
- Non-receptor mediated effects of estrogen

Suggested mechanisms for lowering nitric oxide availability in our cases



- Obesity
- Activation of macrophages
- Superoxide
- Increased ADMA
- Increased LDL cholesterol
- Decreased HDL cholesterol
- Decreased estradiol levels



RISK FACTORS



RISK FACTORS...

Breast cancer

Old age

Diet

Smoking

Alcohol

Physical inactivity

Obesity

Diabetes

Metabolic syndrome

Chronic inflammation

Estrogen

Cardiovascular disease

Old age

Diet

Smoking

Alcohol

Physical inactivity

Obesity

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Chronic inflammation

Estrogen

RISK FACTORS...

In BC, some factors can act both as

- risk factors,
- prognostic factors
- and predictive factors,

and this makes it crucial to distinguish whether focus is on risk of primary BC, on BC prognosis, on treatment outcome, or on all-cause morbidity

A pair of hands is shown from the front, cupping a bright pink awareness ribbon. The hands are positioned centrally, with the fingers slightly curled. The background is a solid, vibrant pink color. The overall image conveys a sense of care and support.

BISPHOSPHONATES

BC TREATMENT

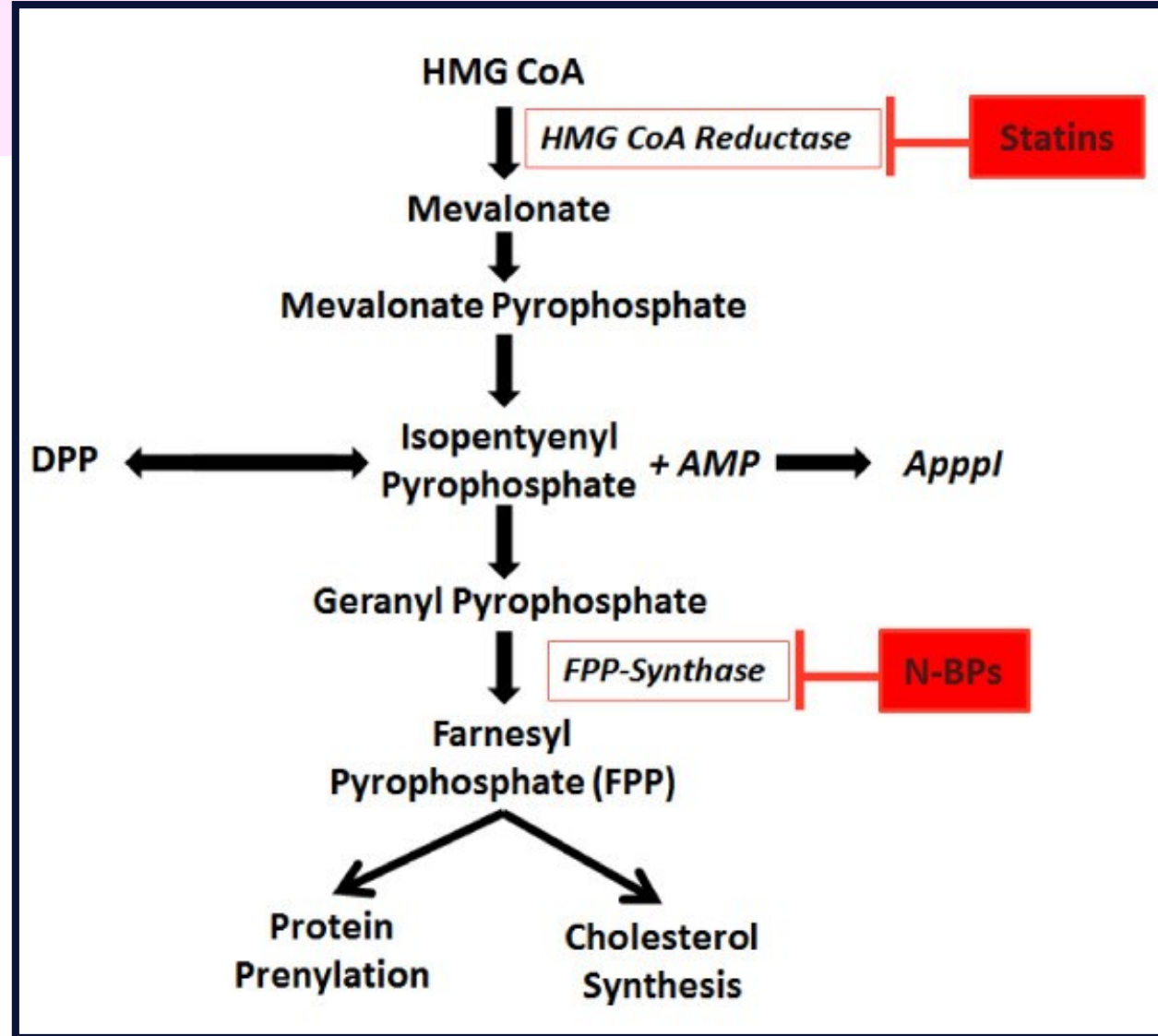
Bisphosphonates...


all postmenopausal BC patients are offered Zoledronic acid to reduce risk of bone metastases and increase overall survival

O'Carrigan B, Wong MHF, Willson ML, Stockler MR, Pavlakis N, Goodwin A.

Bisphosphonates and other bone agents for breast cancer.

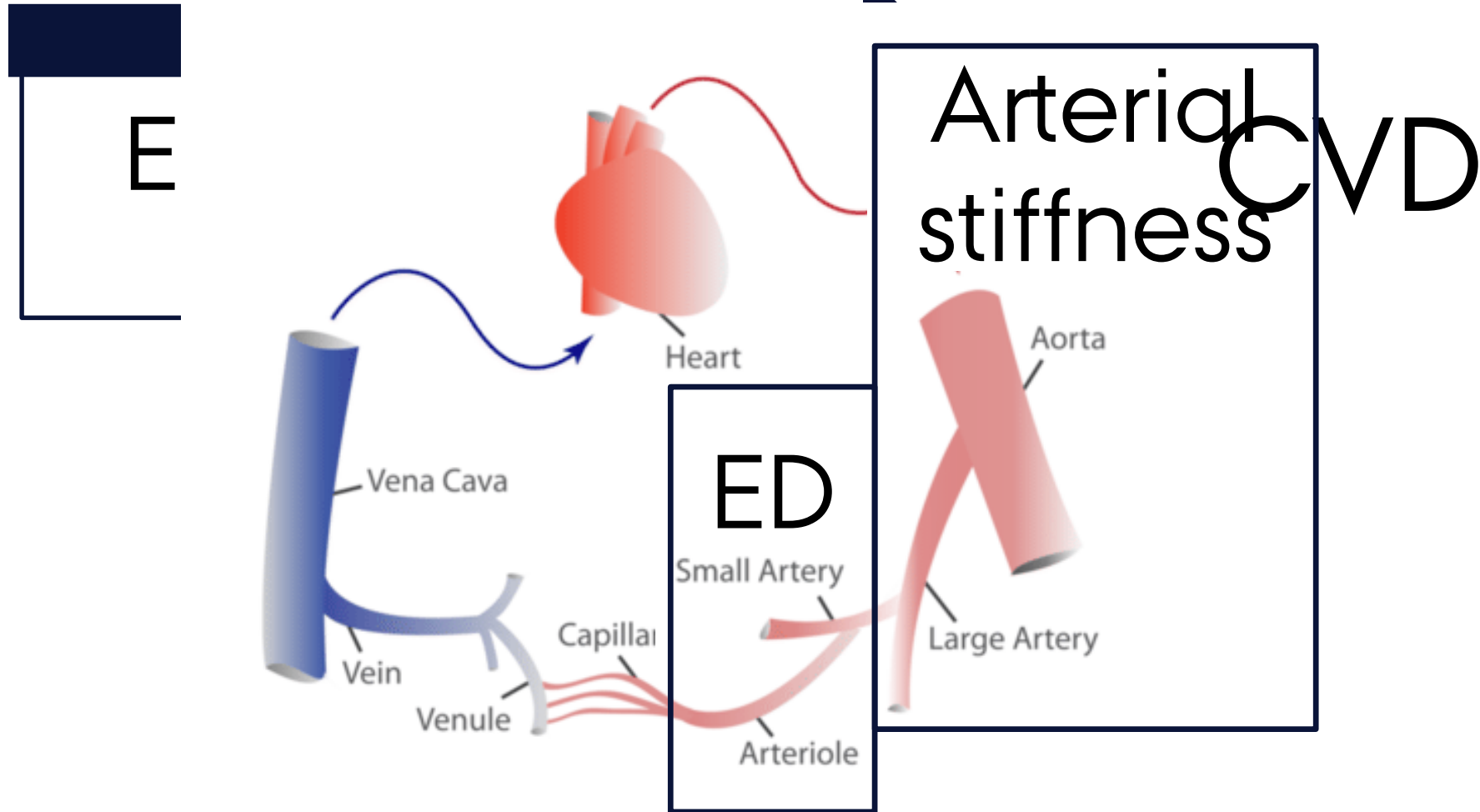
Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. 2017.



A pair of hands is shown from the front, cupped together, holding a bright pink awareness ribbon. The ribbon is draped across the palms and fingers, forming a central loop. The background is a soft-focus image of a person wearing a pink top, suggesting a breast cancer awareness theme. The text 'METHODS STUDY I' is overlaid in a large, bold, dark blue font across the center of the hands and ribbon.

METHODS STUDY I

ED VS. ARTERIAL STIFFNESS



Alternative methods

Vascular function can be described and evaluated in numerous way.

Indirectly, the function of the endothelium can be described by measurement of different biochemical compounds or physiological assessment of different cardiologic and vascular measures, including arterial stiffness.

Non-invasive methods are often preferred in order to avoid discomfort of the participants, to minimize time consumption, and to keep costs at a minimum. For this purpose the non-invasive tool Endopat® can be used.

However, venous occlusion plethysmography as used in our study is considered gold standard for the evaluation of endothelial function

Alternative methods - EndoPat®

“The EndoPAT measures changes in pressure that indicate changes in arterial blood volume and result in a value called EndoScore. The EndoPAT test, which can be performed in a doctor’s office, takes 15 minutes.

“The test is uniquely performed at the fingertip and proven to be accurate, sensitive and reproducible”

It is shown that measurements from SphygmoCor and EndoPat correlated well.

Though no measurements with simultaneously injection of vasoactive substances.

ARTERIAL STIFFNESS

Pulse wave velocity (PWV)

Measurement of pulse wave velocity (PWV) is considered the gold standard method for assessment of arterial stiffness.

PWV is reported as meters/second, and the calculations are based on recordings of travel speed of the pulse wave (generated by cardiac contraction) over a known distance.

CENTRAL BLOOD PRESSURE

Pulse wave analysis (PWA)

The PWA at the radial artery was determined non-invasively during 10 seconds of recording by a Millar tonometer.

Based on these recordings, central blood pressure in the ascending aorta was computed using the inbuilt transfer function of the SphygmoCor software.

CENTRAL BLOOD PRESSURE

Increased BNP levels (both BNP and NT-proBNP) is known to be associated with CVD. Studies have recently revealed that even small elevations in BNP level have prognostic value for future CVD.

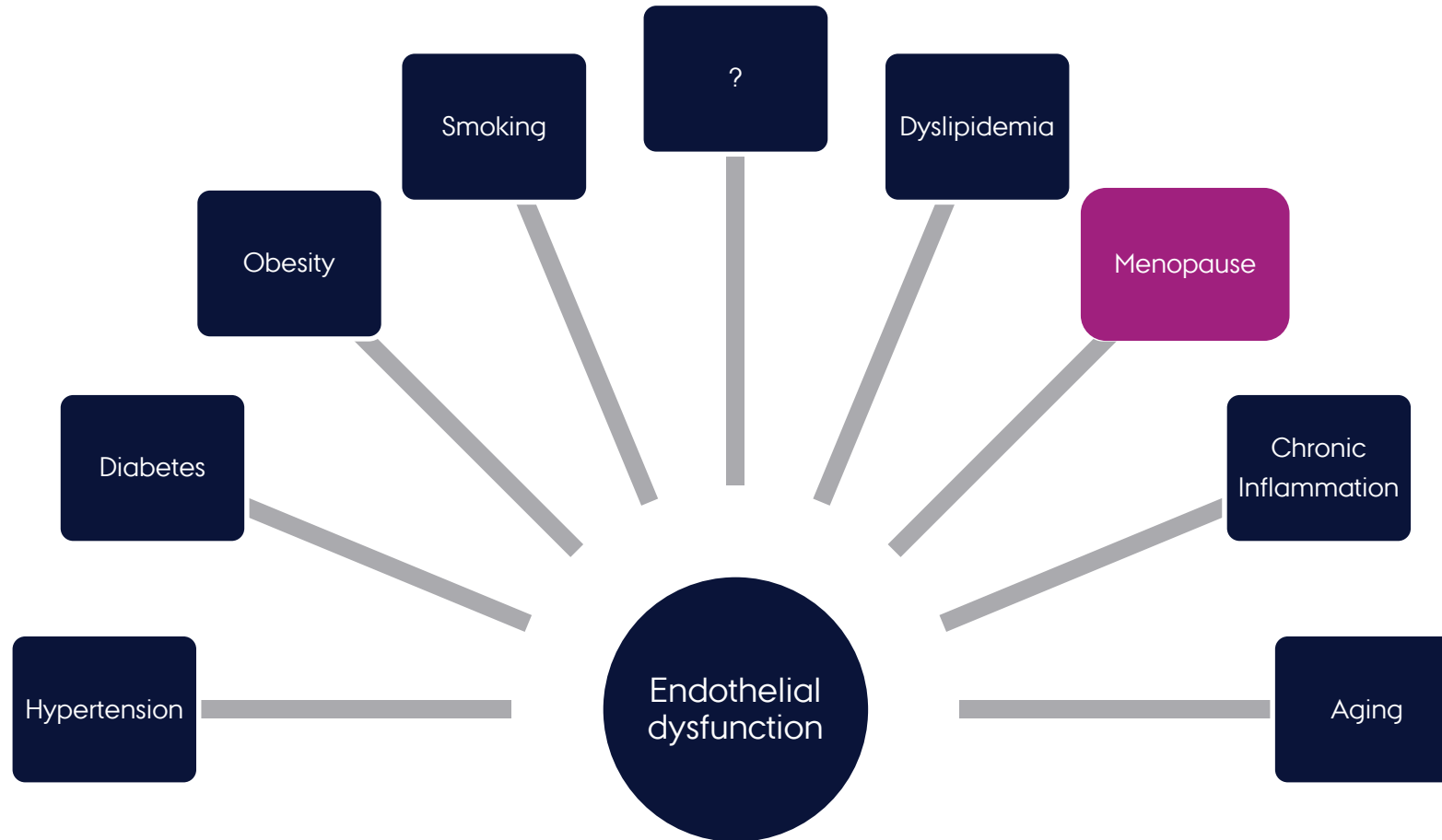
The levels shown to be associated with increased risk were well below the range, that is traditionally used as diagnostic criteria for heart failure. Specifically, BNP levels exceeding 20 pg/mL were associated with a significantly increased risk of both heart failure and atrial fibrillation.

96.0 ng/L

As a result of these and others studies, the European Society of Cardiology has lowered the threshold for the detection of heart failure from 400 pg/mL for NT-proBNP to 125 pg/mL, respectively.

1 pg/mL equals 1 ng/L, the latter unit is used in our study and is more commonly recognized in practice compared to pg/mL

ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION – CAUSALITY?



Criticism:

Treatment effects could have been more appropriately studied within the cohort of breast cancer patients with comparisons between different types of treatment, refined time periods since

diagnosis and omitting hospital contacts due to the breast cancer diagnosis per se.

Unfortunately treatment effects was not possible to evaluate, due to a lack of information from the DBCG data base

Optimally we would have categorized the patients according to standard treatment on basis of tumor characteristics

Criticism:

In respect to hospital data, this

covers stratifications on time since diagnosis, age at diagnosis and type of hospital contact, and it is difficult to get a clear overview by reading the result section. The result section concerning prescriptions is straightforward and much easier to follow than the section on hospital contacts.

Criticism:

somewhat difficult

to find a red line going through the discussion. For example inclusion of data on prescriptions are

rightfully emphasized as an advantage of the study, but this is mentioned in two paragraphs at

separate places in the discussion. Comparisons with previous studies are included both in the beginning and in the last sections of the discussion. The previous Danish study (Kjaer et al) is actually mentioned here, but it has not been recognized that the data in the current study overlaps to a great extent with the previous study, and therefore findings of the latter cannot be used to support those of the former.

BREAST CANCER TREATMENT

TAC

Taxanes

Anthracycline

Cyclophosphamide

- ▶ Radiotherapy
- ▶ Systemic treatment
 - ▶ Chemotherapy
 - ▶ Trastuzumab (HER2)
 - ▶ Endocrine therapy

Yun-Jiu Cheng MD et al., J Am Heart Assoc. 2017 May; 6(5)

Long-Term Cardiovascular Risk After Radiotherapy in Women With Breast Cancer

Eschenhagen T et al., European Journal of Heart Failure (2011) 13, 1–10

Cardiovascular side effects of cancer therapies: a position statement from the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology

Matthews A et al., BMJ. 2018 Oct 8;363:k3845.

Long term adjuvant endocrine therapy and risk of cardiovascular disease in female breast cancer survivors: systematic review.

N J Bundred et al. Br J Cancer. 2005 Aug; 93(Suppl 1): S23–S27.

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Lipscombe LL et al., Cancer. 2012 May 15;118(10):2615–22.

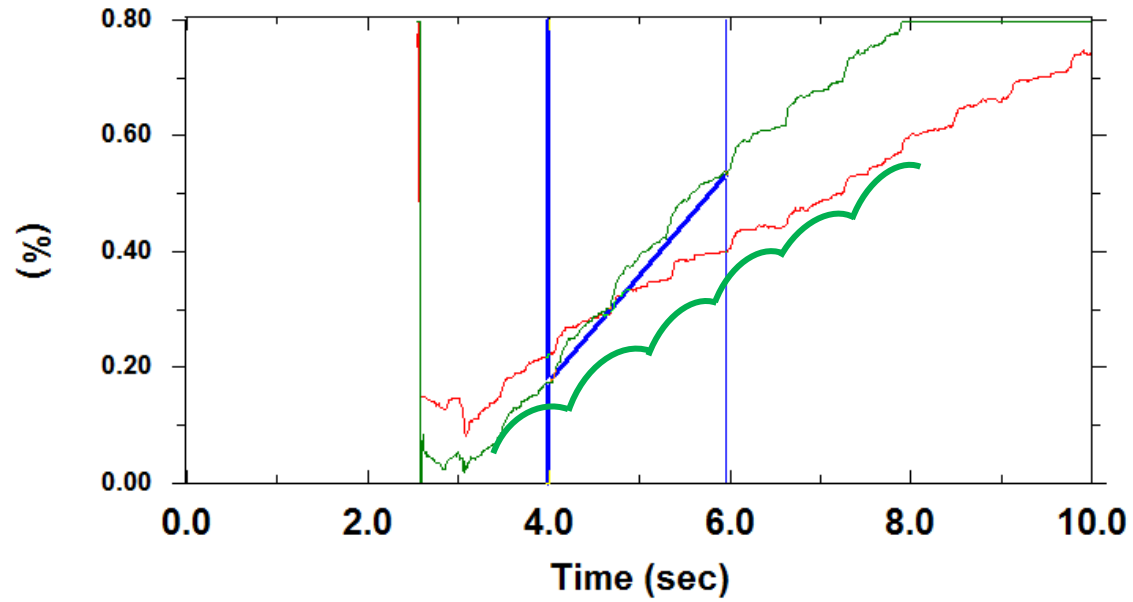
Association between tamoxifen treatment and diabetes: a population-based study.

Azizian H et al, Int. Immunopharmacol. 2018 Oct 10;65:190–198.

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RESULTS

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Strengths and limitations

- Ordinary linear regression predicts the [expected value](#) of a given unknown quantity (the *response variable*, a [random variable](#)) as a [linear combination](#) of a set of observed values (*predictors*). This implies that a constant change in a predictor leads to a constant change in the response variable (i.e. a *linear-response model*). This is appropriate when the response variable has a [normal distribution](#) (intuitively, when a response variable can vary essentially indefinitely in either direction with no fixed "zero value", or more generally for any quantity that only varies by a relatively small amount, e.g. human heights).
- The calculation is just the difference between the incidence proportion of a disease/event in the control group and the incidence proportion of the same outcome in the treated group