



# Markører for nedsat immunforsvar og risiko for tilbagefald af brystkræft

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# Markører for immunfunktion

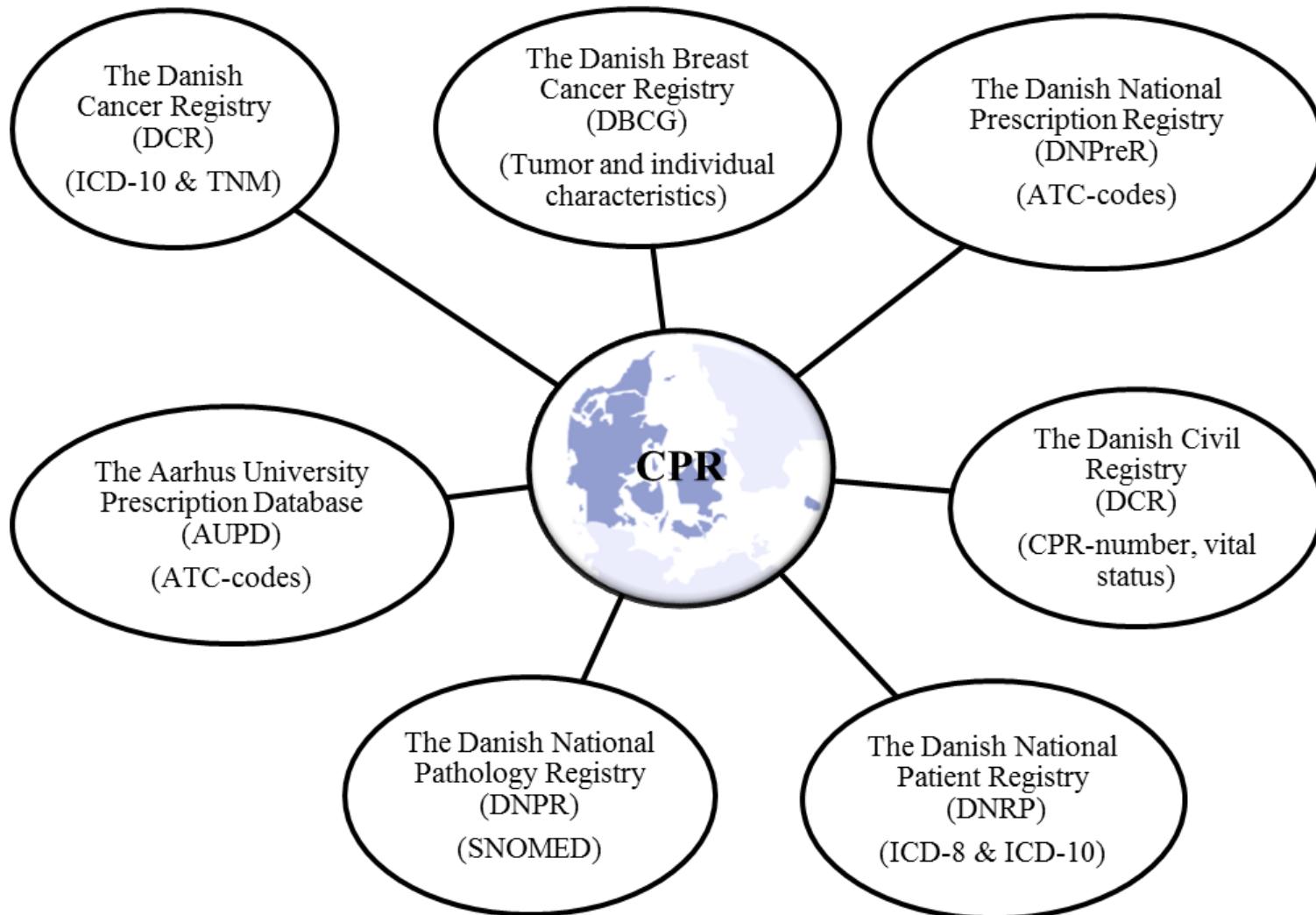


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# Administrative og kliniske registre



# Studie A: Glukokortikoid og recidiv

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## Glucocorticoid prescriptions and breast cancer recurrence: a Danish nationwide prospective cohort study

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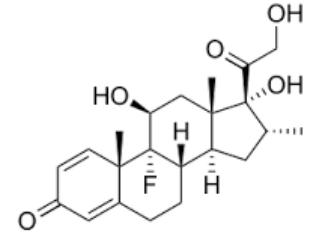
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**Background:** Treatment with synthetic glucocorticoids (GCs) depresses the immune response and may therefore modify cancer outcomes. We investigated the association between GC use and breast cancer recurrence.

**Materials and methods:** We conducted a population-based cohort study to examine the risk of breast cancer recurrence associated with GC use among incident stage I–III female breast cancer patients aged >18 years diagnosed 1996–2003 in Denmark. Data on patients, clinical and treatment factors, recurrence, and comorbidities as well as data on GC prescriptions and potential confounders were obtained from Danish population-based medical registries. GCs were categorized according to administrative route: systemic, inhaled, or intestinal. Women were followed for up to 10 years or until 31 December 2008. We used Cox proportional hazards regression models to compute hazard ratios (HRs) and associated 95% confidence intervals (95% CIs) to evaluate the association between GC use and recurrence. Time-varying drug exposures were lagged by 1 year.

# Glukokortikoider



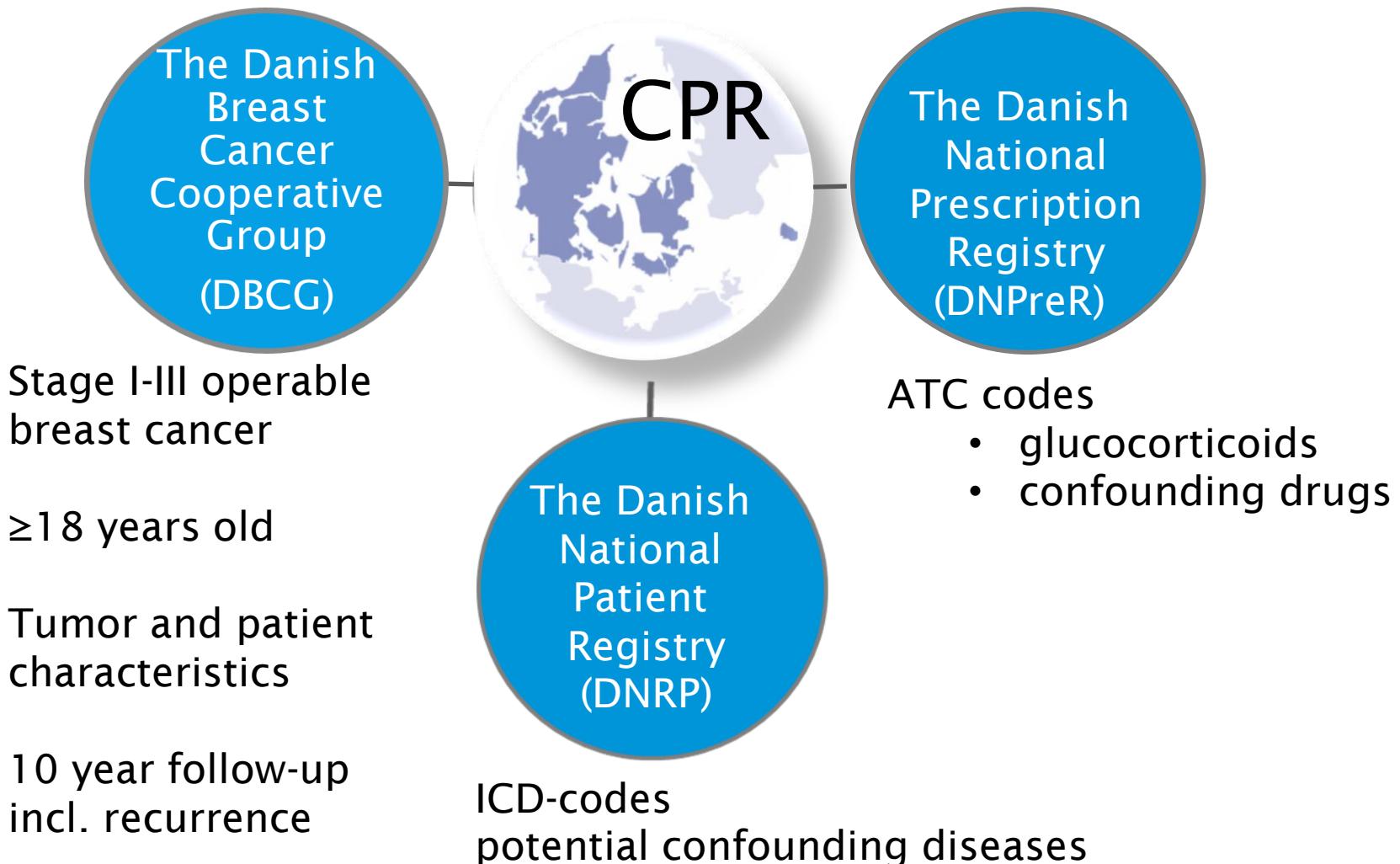
## Anti-inflammatorisk Immunsupprimerende

- Systemisk: piller og injektioner
- Inhalationspræparerter
- Skum og suppositorier til brug i tarmen



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1996-2003



N=18,251

# Resultater

	<b>Unadjusted<sup>§</sup> HR (95% CI)</b>	<b>Adjusted<sup>§*</sup> HR (95% CI)</b>	
<b>Systemic GC</b>	1.1 (0.9,1.3)		1.1 (0.9,1.3)
<b>Inhaled GC</b>	0.9 (0.7,1.0)		0.9 (0.7,1.0)
<b>Intestinal GC</b>	1.0 (0.9,1.2)		1.0 (0.8,1.2)
	<b>Chemotherapy</b>	<b>No chemotherapy</b>	<b>Chemotherapy</b>
<b>Systemic GC</b>	1.1 (0.9, 1.4)	1.0 (0.9, 1.2)	1.1 (0.9, 1.4)
<b>Inhaled GC</b>	0.9 (0.6, 1.2)	0.9 (0.7, 1.1)	0.9 (0.6, 1.3)
<b>Intestinal GC</b>	0.9 (0.7, 1.2)	1.1 (0.9, 1.3)	0.9 (0.6, 1.2)
	<b>ER positive</b>	<b>ER negative</b>	<b>ER positive</b>
<b>Systemic GC</b>	1.1 (0.9,1.3)	1.1(0.8,1.4)	1.1(0.9,1.3)
<b>Inhaled GC</b>	0.9 (0.7,1.1)	0.8(0.6,1.2)	0.8(0.7,1.0)
<b>Intestinal GC</b>	1.0 (0.8,1.2)	1.0(0.7,1.4)	1.0(0.8,1.2)
<b>Prednisolone-equivalent dose**</b>			
1-999 mg	0.9 (0.8, 1.0)		0.9 (0.8, 1.1)
1000-4999 mg	0.9 (0.8, 1.1)		0.8 (0.7, 1.0)
≥5000 mg	1.0 (0.7, 1.5)		0.9 (0.6, 1.4)
<b>Cumulative increase in duration of GC exposure over a 10-year period ^</b>	1.0 (0.9, 1.0)		1.1 (0.9, 1.3)

# Studie B: Autoimmune sygdomme og recidiv

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## EPIDEMIOLOGY

### Autoimmune diseases and breast cancer recurrence: a Danish nationwide cohort study

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**Abstract** Autoimmune diseases (ADs) comprise a large group of heterogeneous diseases in which the immune system attacks healthy organs. Both intrinsic changes in the body and AD treatment can compromise immune function. Impaired immune function could increase the risk of recurrent cancer. We aimed to investigate this hypothesis in a population-based epidemiological study. We examined the risk of breast cancer (BC) recurrence associated with an AD diagnosis among patients with incident stages I–III BC diagnosed during 1980–2007. Data were obtained from Danish population-based medical registries. ADs were categorized dichotomously and according to organ system of origin. Follow-up was up to 10 years or until 31 December 2009. Multivariate Cox proportional hazard

recurrence during follow-up. 6,716 women had at least one AD. In adjusted models, the association between ADs and BC recurrence was near null:  $HR_{adjusted}$  0.96 (95 % CI 0.89, 1.04). These results held in all AD subcategories, except for central nervous/neuromuscular system ADs, with  $HR_{adjusted}$  0.56 (95 % CI 0.40, 0.78). Among women with BC, a history of at least one AD diagnosis was not associated with BC recurrence, with the possible exception of ADs of the central nervous/neuromuscular system.

**Keywords** Autoimmune diseases · Breast neoplasm · Clinical epidemiology · Outcome/recurrence · Denmark

1980-2007



Stage I-III operable  
breast cancer

≥18 years old

Tumor and patient  
characteristics

10 year follow-up and  
incl. recurrence

N=78,095

ICD-codes of  

- 30 Autoimmune diseases
- modified Charlson  
Comorbidity Index

# Kohorten

78,095 kvinder

Median alder 61 (19-102)

13,545 (17%) fik recidiv

6,716 (9%) med autoimmune sygdom

Crude Hazard Ratio  
0.83 (0.77, 0.89)

Adjusted Hazard Ratio  
0.96 (0.89, 1.04)

alder, stadie, kemo, kirurgi, menopausestatus, CCI  
competing-risk-of-death model

# Kategorier

		N	HR <sub>adjusted</sub> (95% CI)
	Benigne blodsygdomme	69	0.96 (0.89, 1.04)
	Mave-tarmsygdomme	872	0.87 (0.70, 1.07)
	Hudsygdomme	399	0.92 (0.71, 1.24)
	Bindvævssygdomme	2,369	1.11 (0.98, 1.25)
	Endokrine sygdomme	2,704	0.98 (0.87, 1.10)
	CNS/neuromuskulære sygd.	297	0.56 (0.40, 0.78)

Høj validitet og stor kohorte

Misklassifikation af exposure

Under-estimering (ikke registreret i LPR)

Under-diagnosticering (ukarakteristiske sympt)

Forskellig ætiologi af de individuelle sygdomme

Detection bias/diagnostic neglect

MS kan have aggressivt forløb

Recidiv kunne blive overset

# **Studie C: Alder og lymfeknudestatus**

## **Age at Diagnosis and Proportion of Node–Positive Breast Cancer Cases: A Danish Population–based Study**

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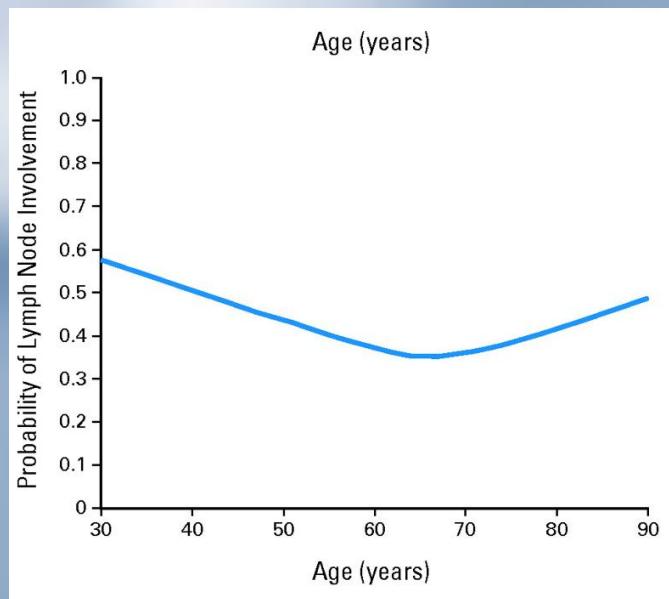
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Alder  $\leq 70$  havde faldende risiko for positive  
lymfeknude med stigende alder

Alder  $>70$  havde stigende risiko for positiv  
lymfeknude med stigende alder

## Immunosenescense?

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2000-2013



Invasive breast cancer

≥18 years old

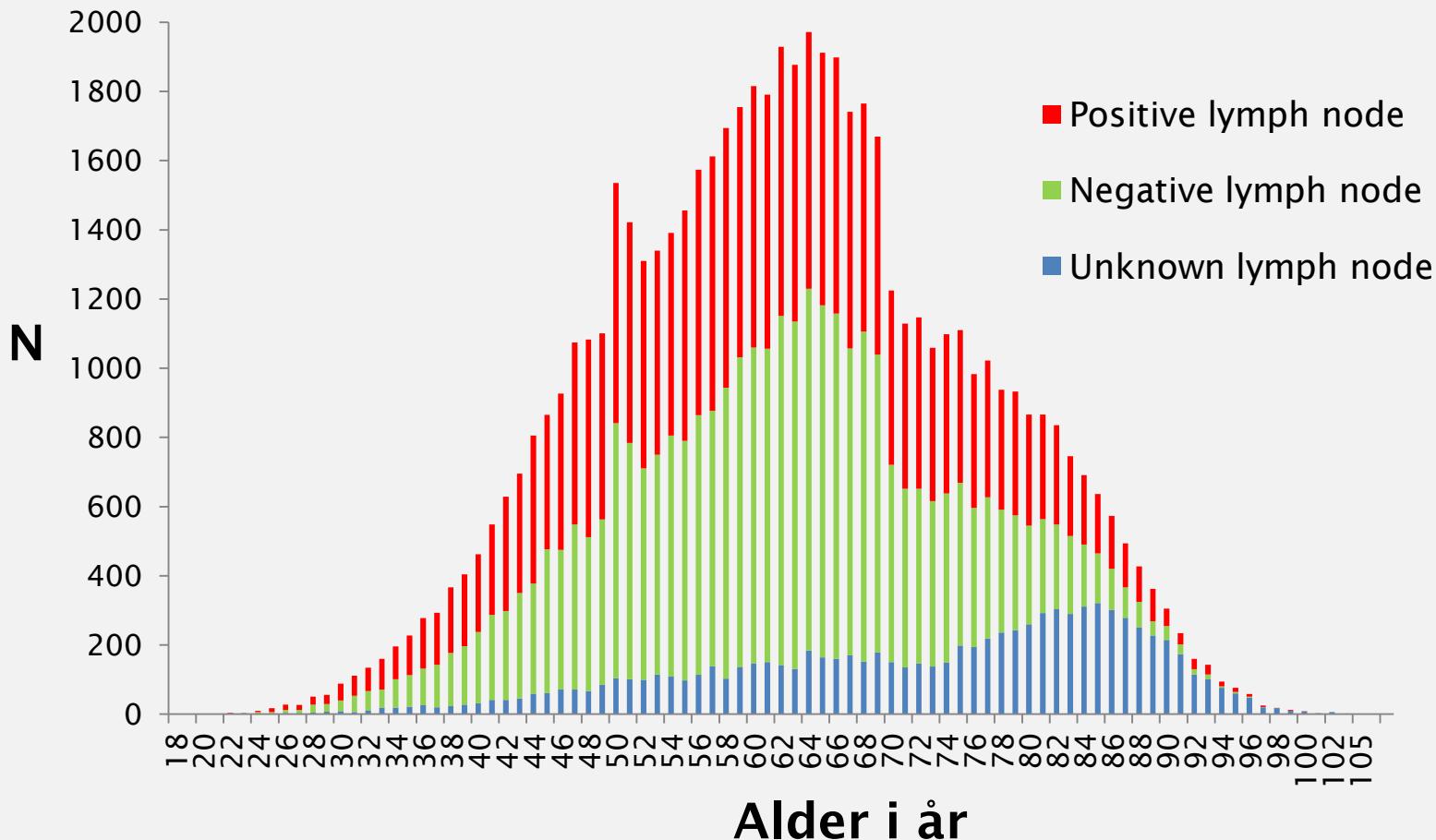
Lymph node status

SNOMED codes of  
invasive breast cancer

Lymph node status

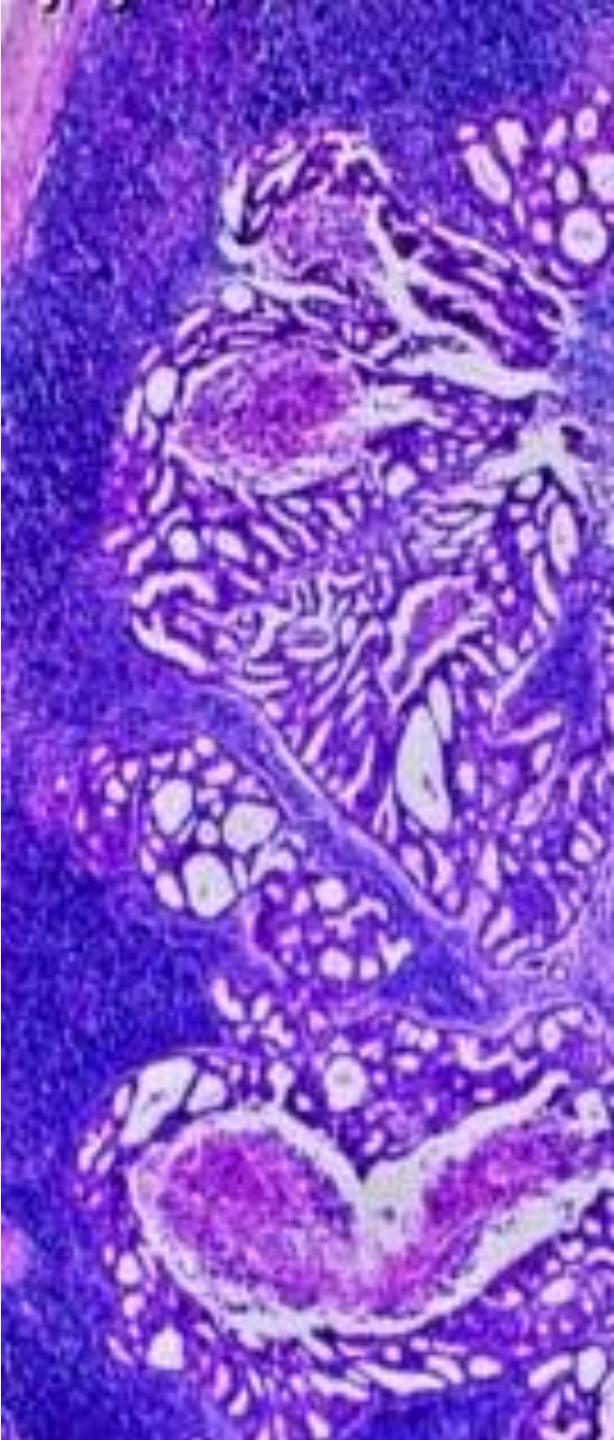
N=62,393

# Alder og lymfeknudestatus









# Konklusion

Ingen konklusion om  
Immunosenescenceteorien

Det belgiske studie kan heller ikke  
konkludere noget

Wildiers H *et al.* J Clin Oncol (2009)  
Voogd AC *et al.* J Clin Oncol (2009)  
Mamounas EP *et al.* J Clin Oncol (2009)

Andre har forgæves forsøgt at  
reproducere resultaterne

Yu KD *et al* PLoS One (2010)

Hvorfor har kvinder >70 år mindre sandsynlighed for at få standardbehandling?

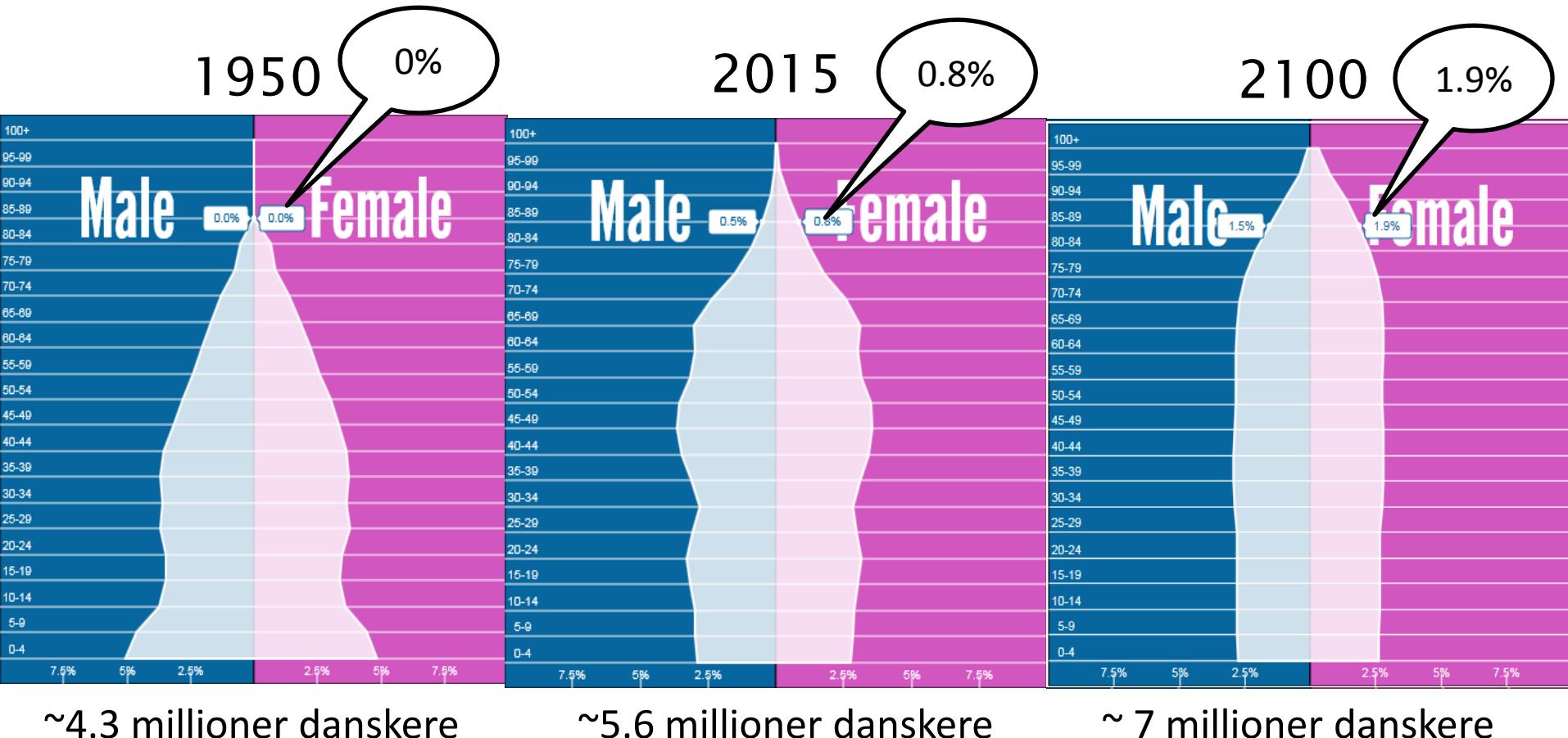
Hvad betyder den manglende efterlevelse af kirurgiske retningslinjer for outcome?

Kan geriatrisk intervention forbedre outcome?



WHERE  
ARE WE  
GOING?

# Aldrende befolkning



~4.3 millioner danskere

~5.6 millioner danskere

~ 7 millioner danskere



# Økonomisk støtte

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