

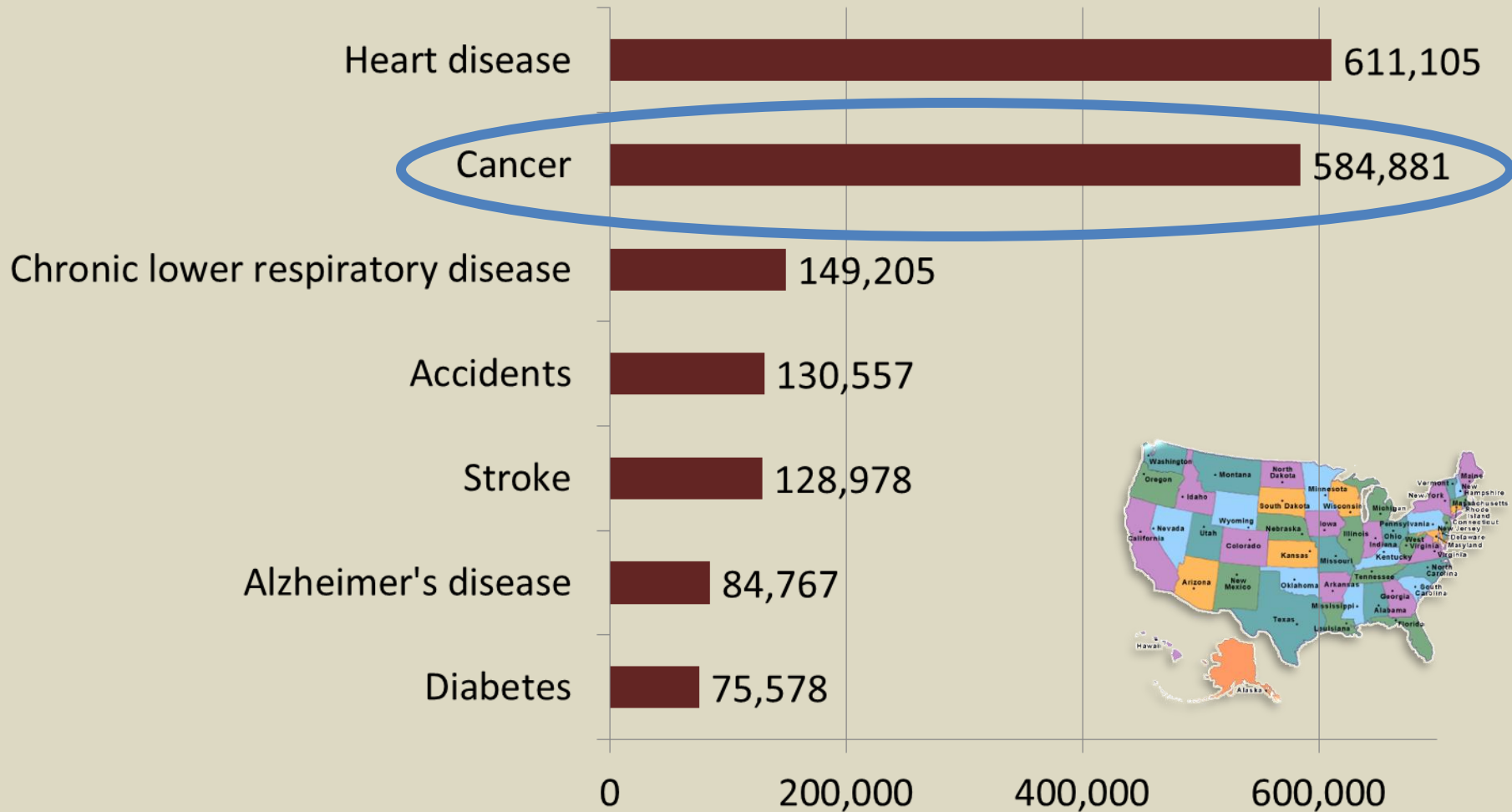
# *Cancer*

## *Prevention*



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# Causes of mortality, United States



Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009. Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/FASTATS/lcod.htm>

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**Food, Nutrition,  
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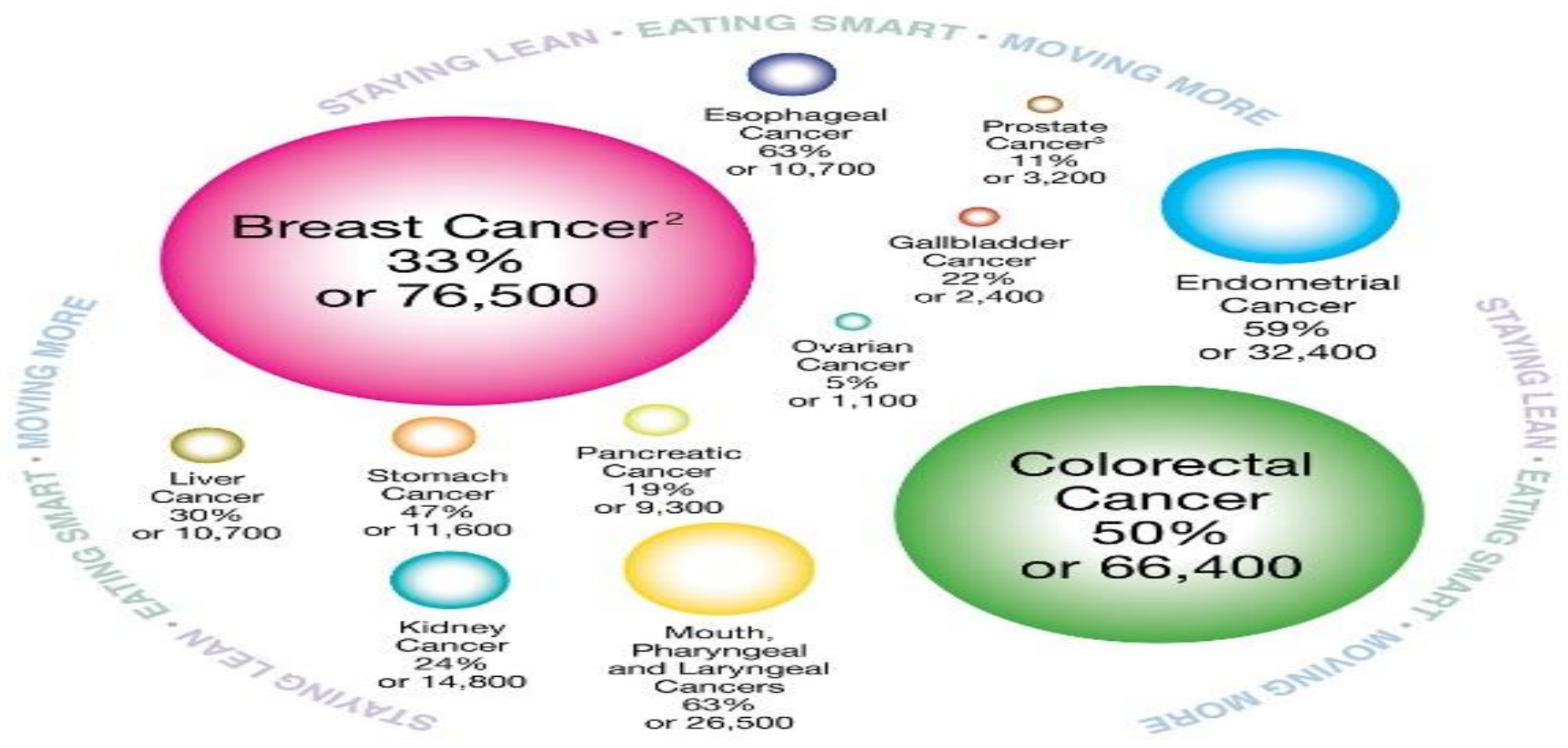
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“The prevention of cancer worldwide is one of the most pressing challenges facing scientists and public health policy-makers, among others. ... The challenge can be effectively addressed and suggest that food, nutrition, physical activity, and body composition play a central part in the prevention of cancer.” (p. 16)



# Americans can prevent $\frac{1}{3}$ of the most common cancers<sup>1</sup>



There is strong evidence that diet can reduce the risk of lung cancer. But not smoking is by far the most important thing you can do to reduce your risk of this cancer.

<sup>1</sup> Estimated cases that could be prevented annually through a healthy diet, regular physical activity and being lean. Tobacco use is a convincing cause of many cancers.  
<sup>2</sup> Female only  
<sup>3</sup> Advanced prostate cancers

The evidence is the latest from the AICR/WCRF Continuous Update Project (CUP), which systematically updates and reviews the research conducted worldwide into cancer risk related to diet, physical activity and body weight. All the evidence gathered is then assessed by a panel of independent scientists who make recommendations for cancer prevention.

Source: Estimated, based on: AICR/WCRF, Policy and Action for Cancer Prevention 2009; Continuous Update Project reports; American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts & Figures 2015. [www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2015/index](http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2015/index).

# CDC. Cancer Prevention and Control

- **Educational Campaigns**

- *[Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge/index.htm)*(<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge/index.htm>) raises awareness of the five main types of gynecologic cancer: cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar.
- *[Screen for Life: National Colorectal Cancer Action Campaign](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/sfl/index.htm)*(<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/sfl/index.htm>) informs men and women aged 50 years and older about the importance of having regular colorectal cancer screening tests.
- *[Bring Your Brave](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/young_women/bringyourbrave/index.htm)*([http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/young\\_women/bringyourbrave/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/young_women/bringyourbrave/index.htm)) educates women younger than age 45 about breast health and breast cancer risk by sharing real stories about young women whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

- **National Programs**

- The [National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program](#) supports breast and cervical cancer screening services for underserved women.
- The [National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ncccp/index.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ncccp/index.htm>) supports programs to fight cancer through coalitions.
- The [National Program of Cancer Registries](#) helps programs collect high-quality cancer data.
- The [Colorectal Cancer Control Program](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/crccp/index.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/crccp/index.htm>) helps increase colorectal (colon) cancer screening rates.

# Recommendation 1 – body fatness

Maintaining a  
healthy weight is the  
single most  
important way to  
protect against  
cancer.

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# Calculating BMI

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{Weight(lb)} \times 703}{\text{Height(in)}^2}$$



A photograph of a person's midsection, showing a large belly. The person is wearing blue jeans and is using a white measuring tape to measure their waist. The background is plain white.

# Example

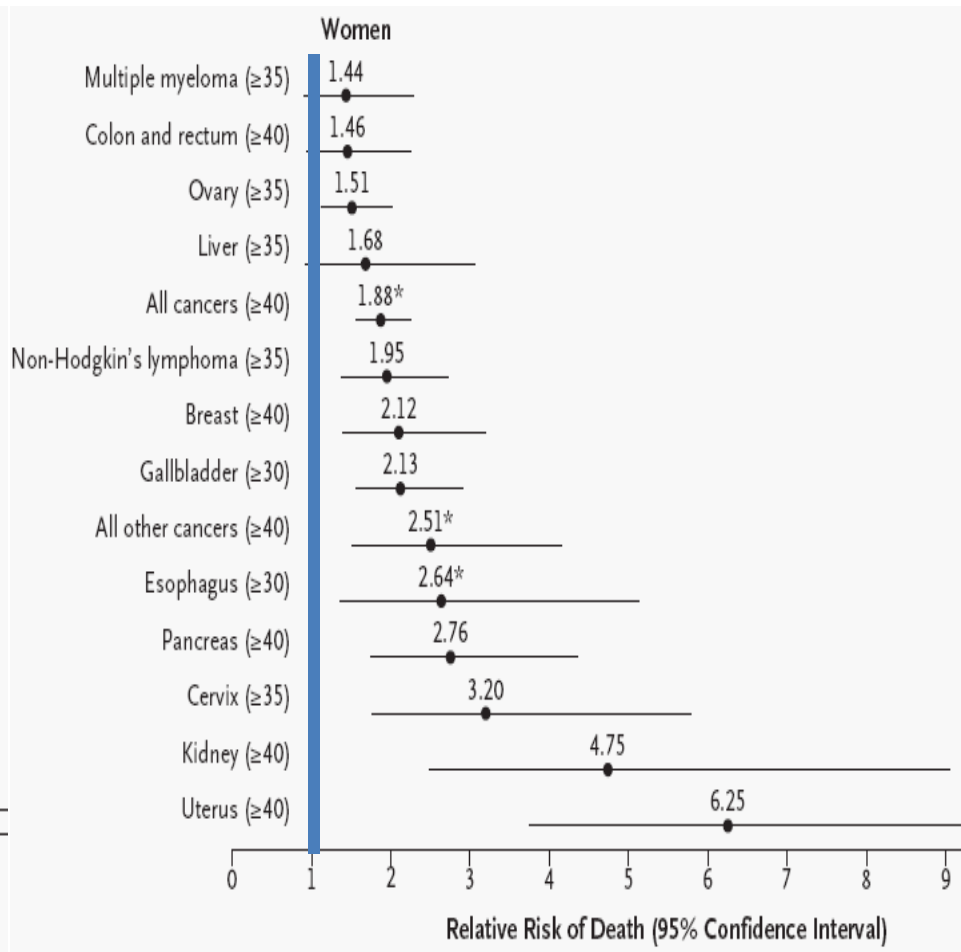
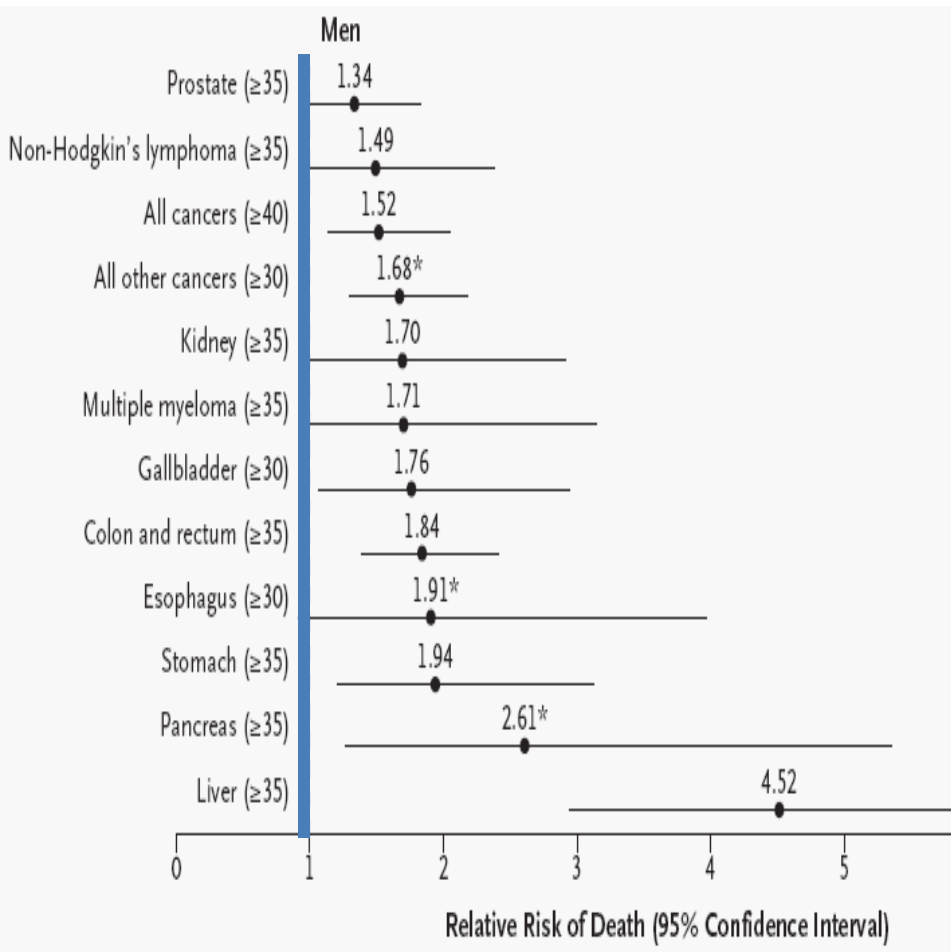
**Weight – 150lbs**

**Height– 69in**

**BMI =  $W(\text{kg}) \times 703 / H(\text{in})^2$**

**BMI =  $150 \times 703 / (69 \times 69) = 23$**

# Cancer mortality rates among men and women with BMI $\geq 35$ compare to BMI between 18.5-24.9, in the Cancer Prevention Study II.



Calle, et al., NEJM, 2003, April 24, 348;17:1625-1638

## Recommendation 2 – physical activity

Cancer rates have increased as the population has become more sedentary.

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# Recommendation 3 – sugary drinks

Choosing healthy foods and drinks ... can help us avoid overweight and obesity and thereby reduce our cancer risk. ... Water is the best alternative.

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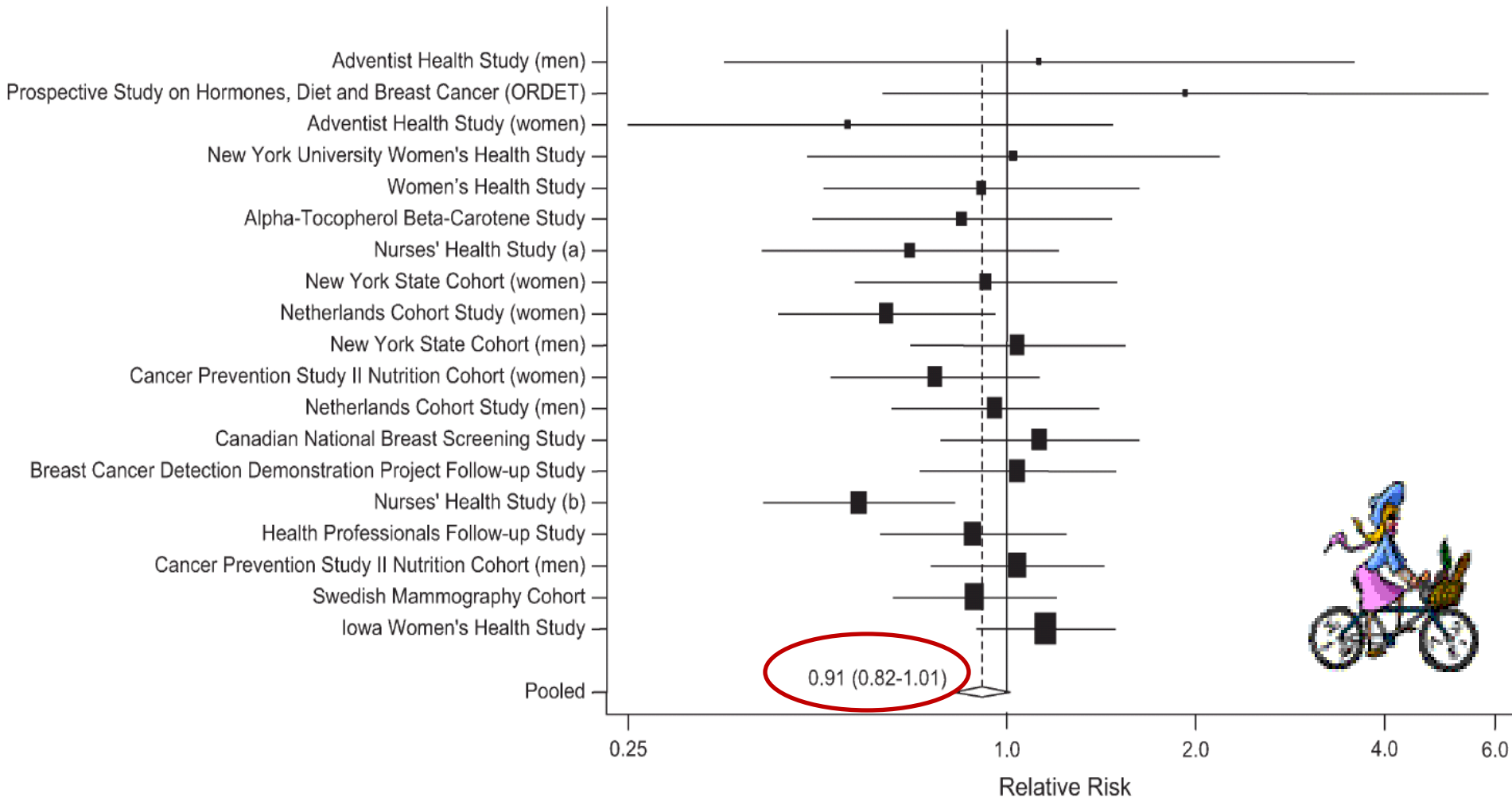
# Recommendation 4 – eat mostly plant foods

**Plant foods bolster our bodies'  
defenses against cancer.**

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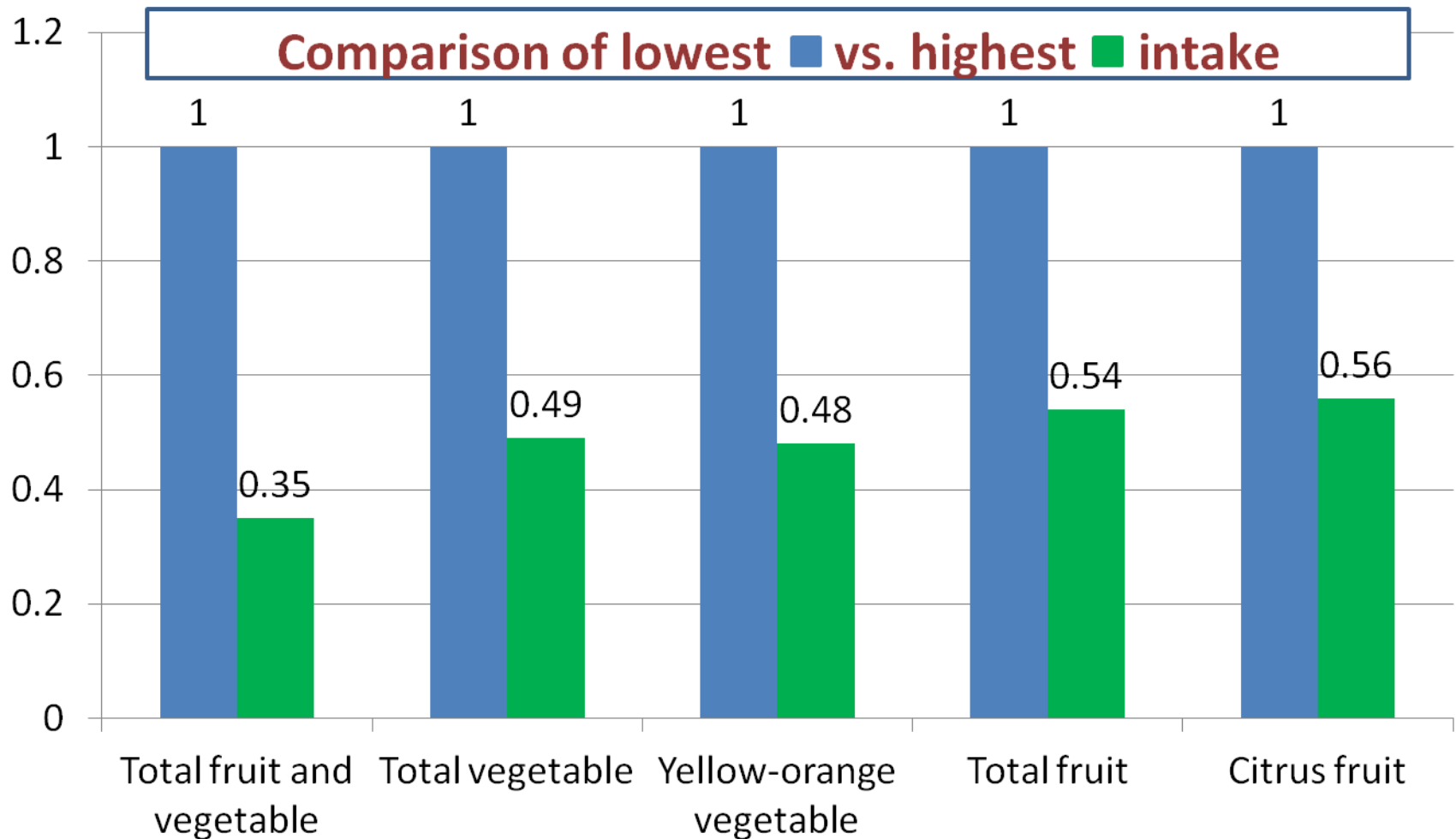
# Fruits, Vegetables, and Colon Cancer Risk in a Pooled Analysis of 14 Cohort Studies

Koushik A., et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 2007;99: 1471 – 83



# Fruit and Vegetable Intakes Are Associated with Lower Risk of Bladder Cancer among Women in the Multiethnic Cohort Study

Park SY., et al. Journal of Nutrition 2013;143:1283–1292

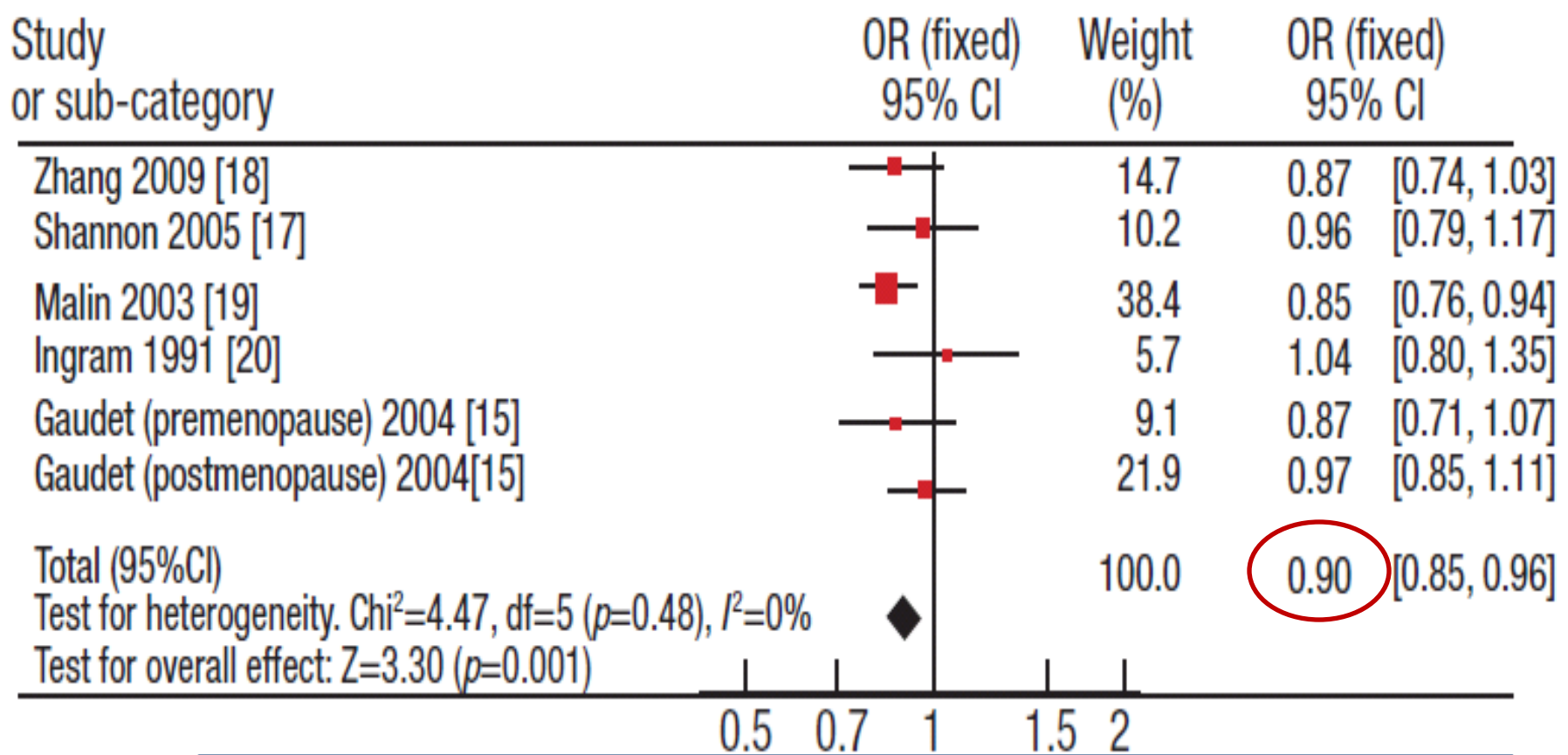




## Citrus Fruit Intake and Breast Cancer Risk: A Quantitative Systematic Review

Song & Bae

*J Breast Cancer* 2013 March; 16(1): 72-76

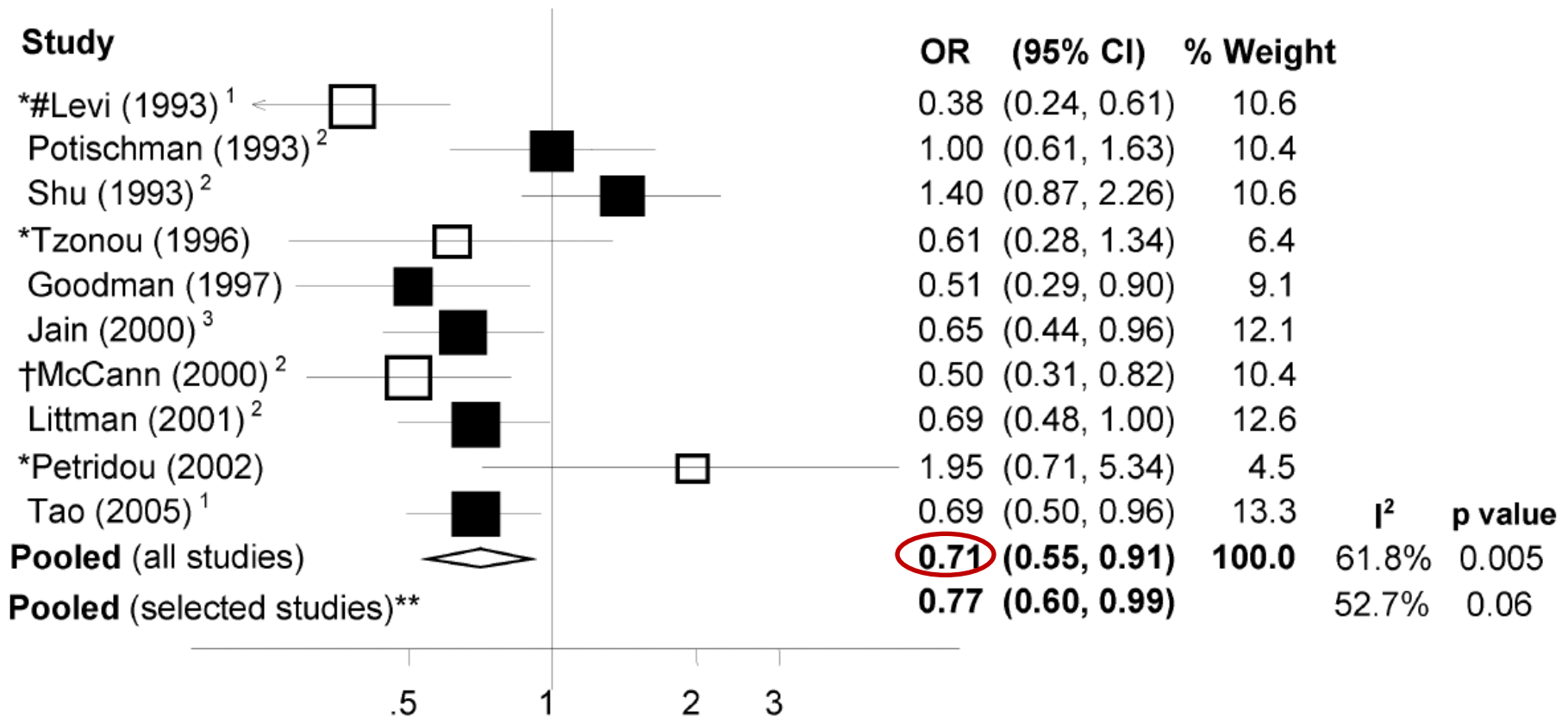


**Comparison of highest vs. lowest intake**

# Fruits and Vegetables and Endometrial Cancer Risk: A Systematic Literature Review and Meta-Analysis.

Bandera EV., et al. Nutrition & Cancer 2007;58(1):6–21

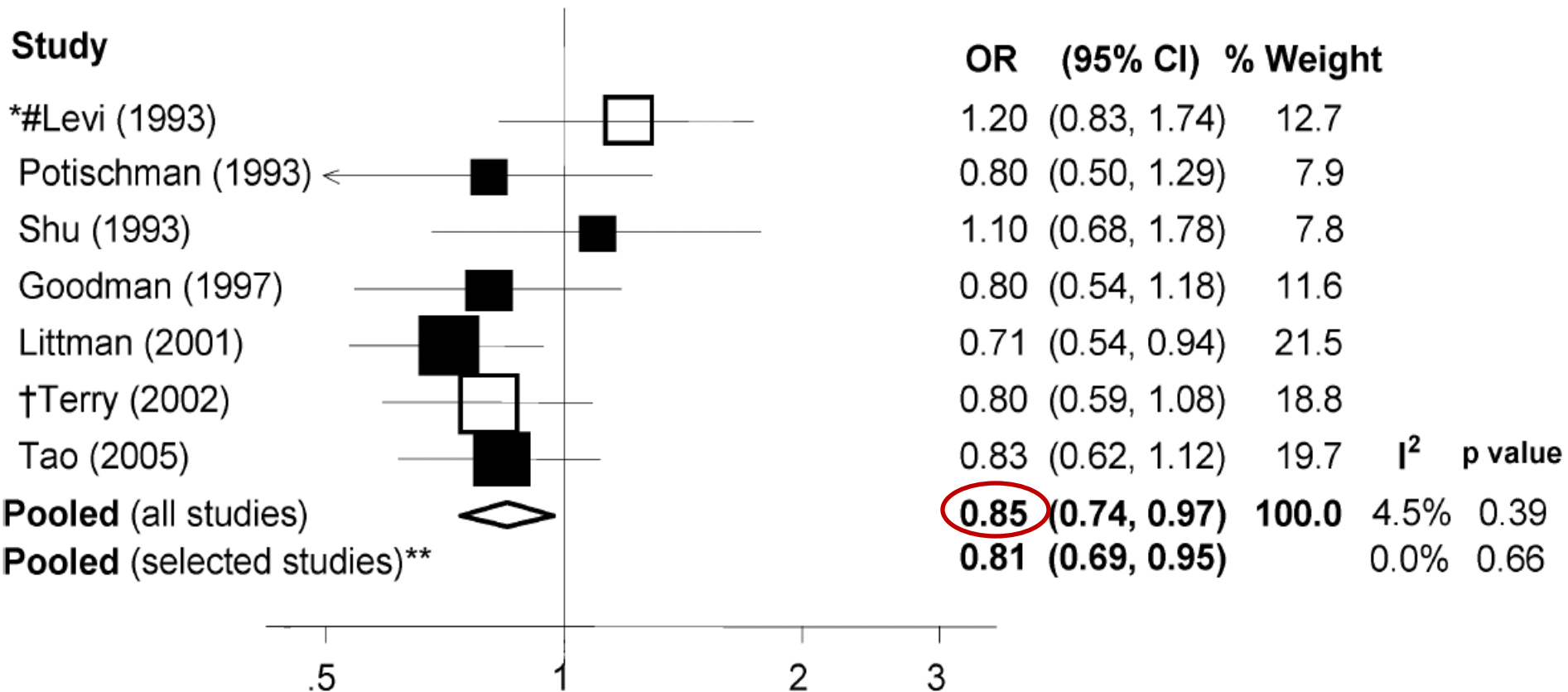
## Odds for highest vs. lowest total vegetable intake



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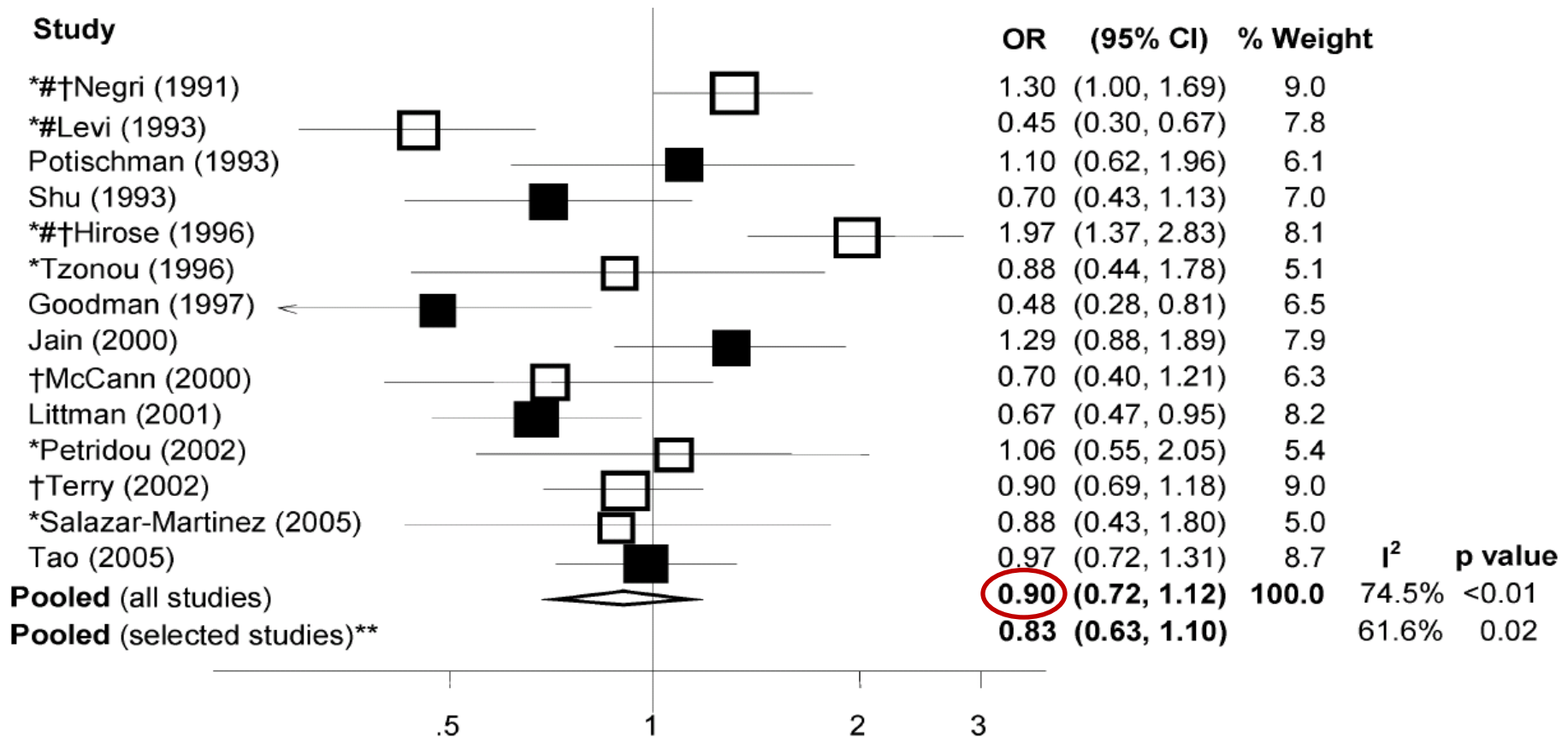
## Odds for highest vs. lowest cruciferous vegetable intake



# Fruits and Vegetables and Endometrial Cancer Risk: A Systematic Literature Review and Meta-Analysis.

Bandera EV., et al. Nutrition & Cancer 2007;58(1):6–21

## Odds for highest vs. lowest total fruit intake



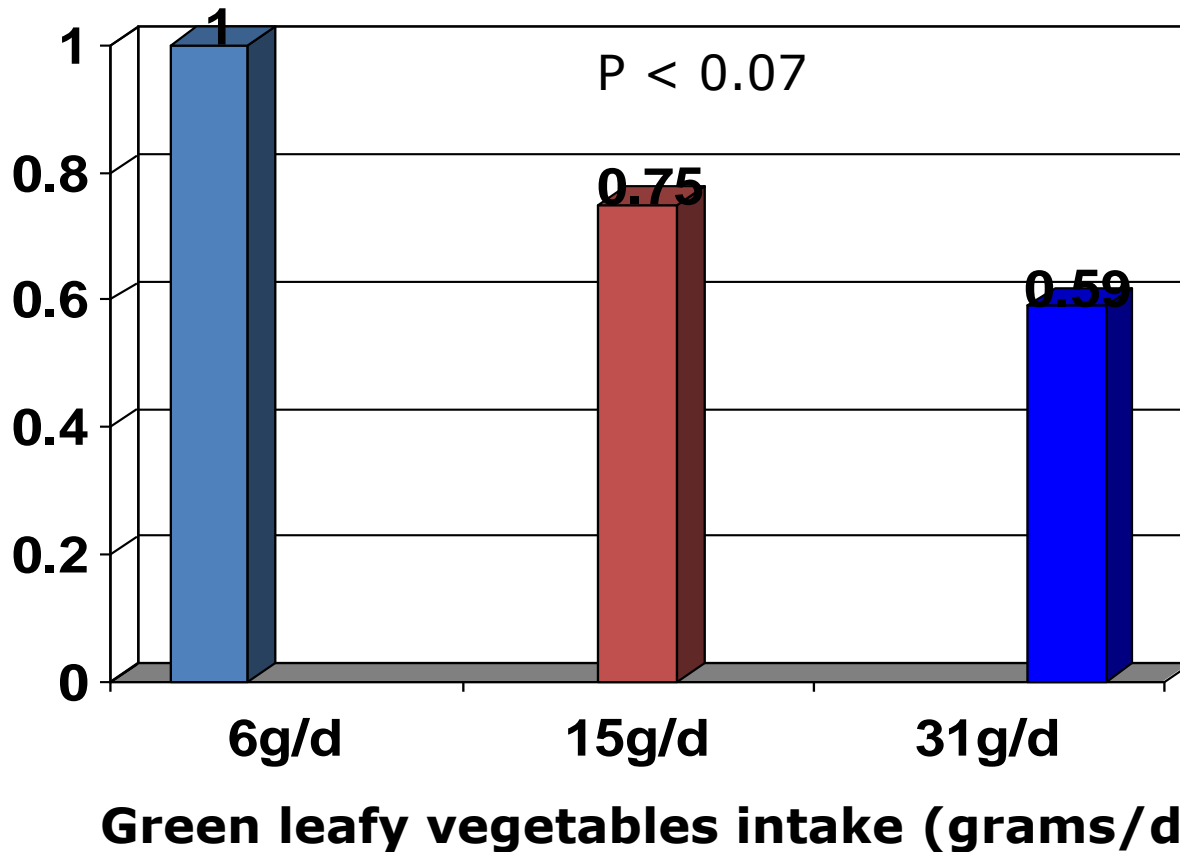


# **Lycopene/tomato consumption and the risk of prostate cancer: A systemic review and meta-analysis of prospective studies**

**Chen J. J Nutr Sci Vitaminol, 2013;59:213-223**

**“Compared with consumers with lower raw tomato intake, the odds ratio (OR) of incidence of prostate cancer among consumers of higher raw tomato intake was 0.81; for consumers of higher level of cooked tomato intake, this odds ratio was 0.85; the OR for higher lycopene intake versus lower lycopene intake for prostate cancer was 0.93 (...)”**

# Intake of green leafy vegetables and risk for squamous cell carcinoma (skin cancer)

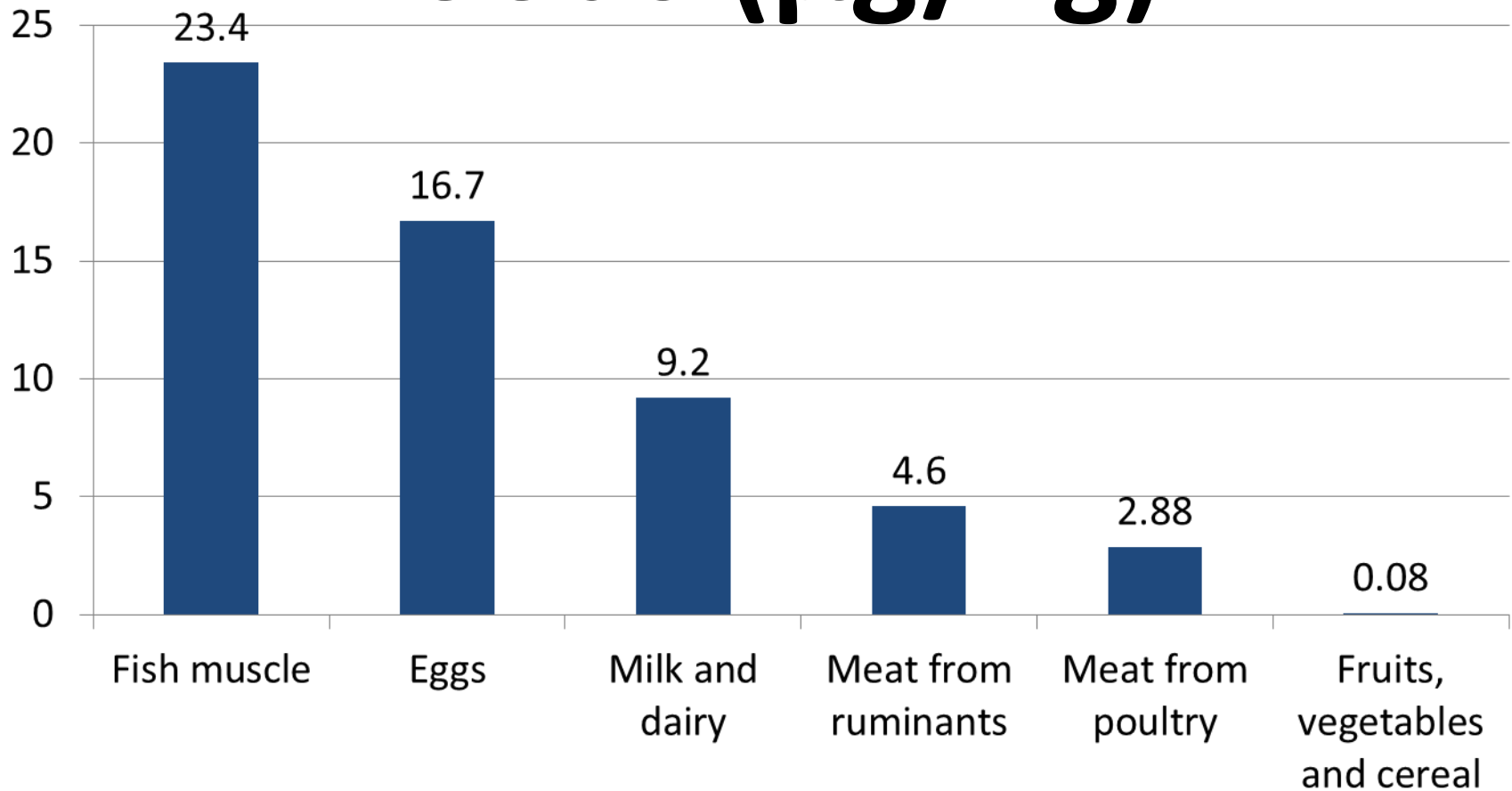


Squamous cell carcinoma is the second most common cancer of the skin in white-skinned populations worldwide, accounting for up to 20% of all deaths from skin cancer.

A black monkey is shown in a lush green jungle, holding and eating a piece of bright yellow fruit. The monkey is looking towards the camera. The background is filled with various green leaves and branches.

**Eat  
your  
fruits  
and  
veggies**

# PCBs content of selected foods ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )



Adopted from: European Food Safety Authority. 2010.  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/1701.pdf>

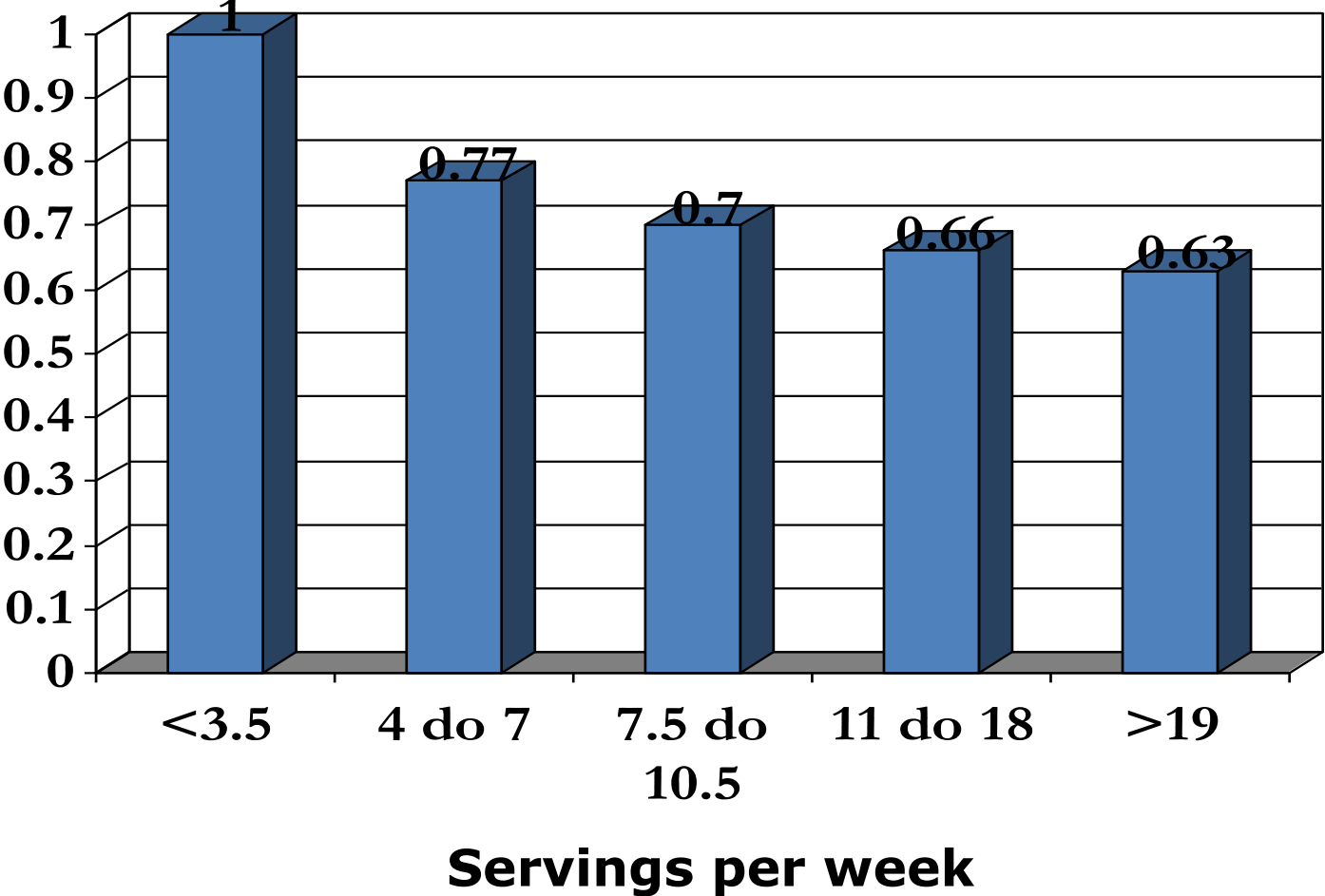
# Dietary fiber and grain consumption in relation to **head** and **neck** cancer in the NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study

Lam TK., et al, Cancer Causes Control. 2011;22(10):1405–1414

*“Women with higher intake of total fiber and total grains had a lower risk of head and neck cancer ( $HR_{10g/day}=0.77$ ,  $HR_{serving/1000kcal}=0.89$ , respectively); this inverse relation was consistent across subtypes of fiber and grains.”*



# Intake of whole grains and risk for endometrial cancer in 23,014 Iowa Women, 1986–98



Kasum et al., Nutrition and Cancer, 2001;39(2):180-186



# Post-diagnosis Soy Food Intake and Breast Cancer Survival: A Meta-analysis of Cohort Studies

Chi F., et al. *Asian Pacific J Cancer Prev*, 2013;14 (4):2407-2412

**“(...) soy food intake after diagnosis was associated with reduced mortality (HR 0.85, ...) and recurrence (HR 0.79, ...).”**

## Recommendation 5 – animal foods

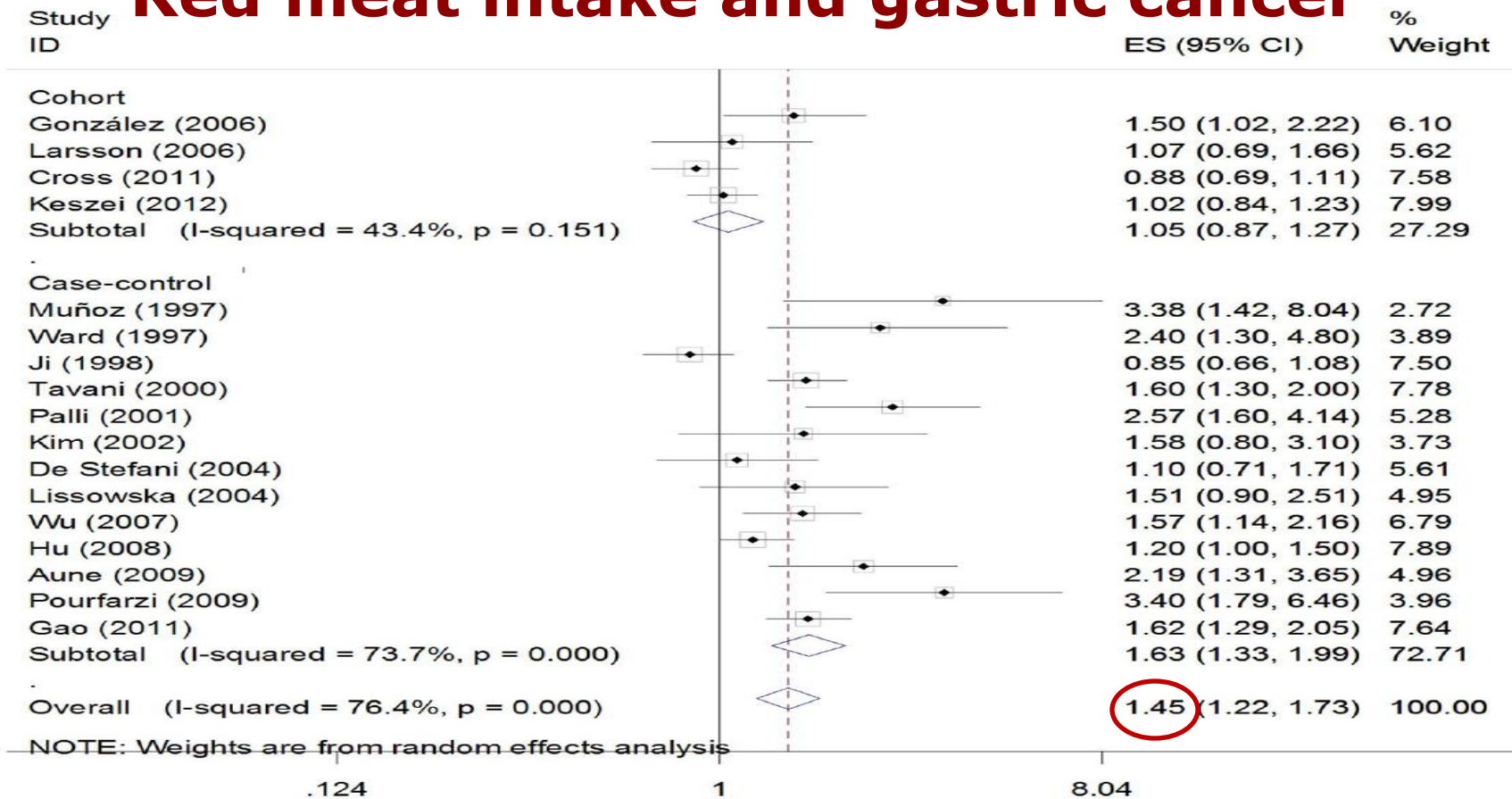
Limit intake of red meat and avoid processed meat.

Population average consumption of red meat to be no more than 300g (11oz) per week, very little if any of which should be processed.

# Red and Processed Meat Intake Is Associated with Higher Gastric Cancer Risk: A Meta-Analysis of Epidemiological Observational Studies

Zhu H, PLoS ONE 8(8): e70955. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0070955

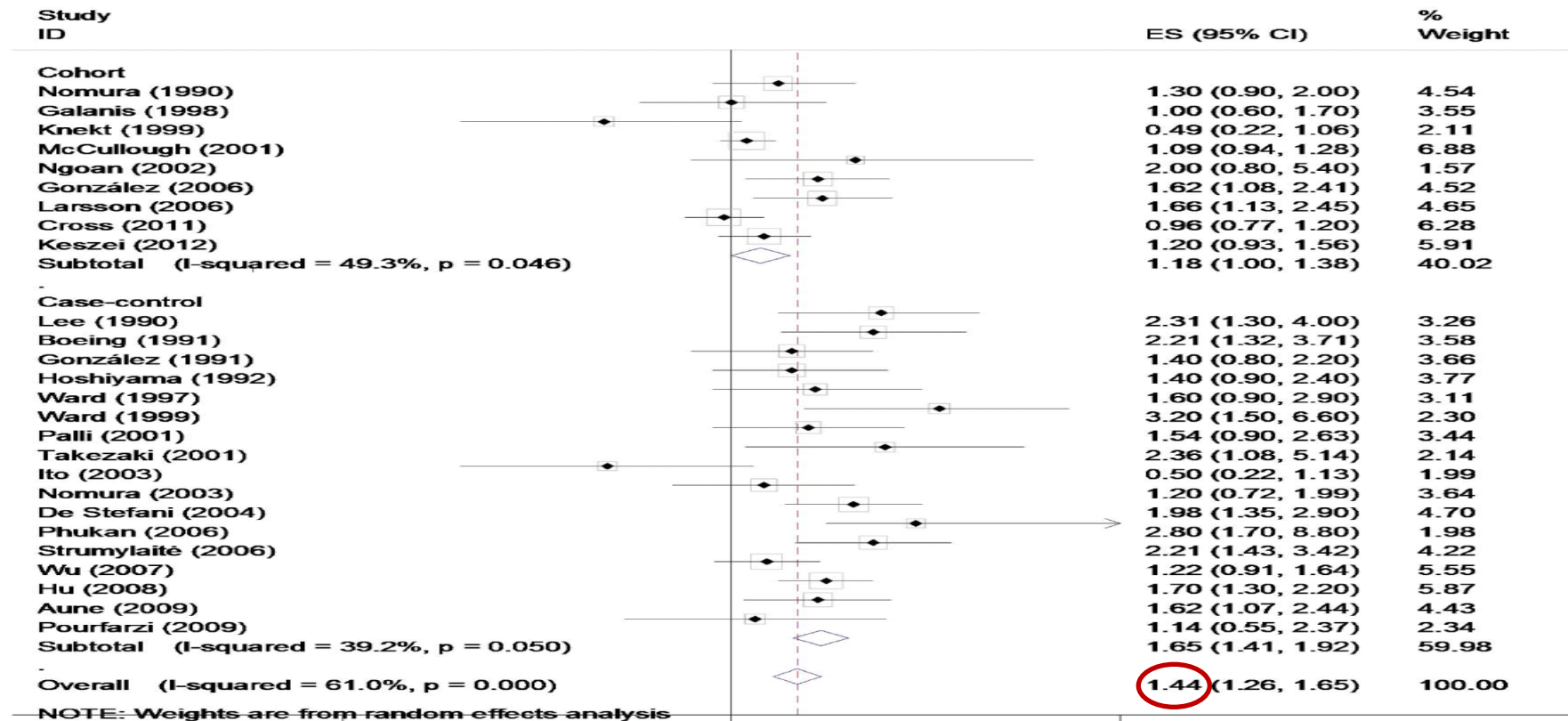
## Red meat intake and gastric cancer



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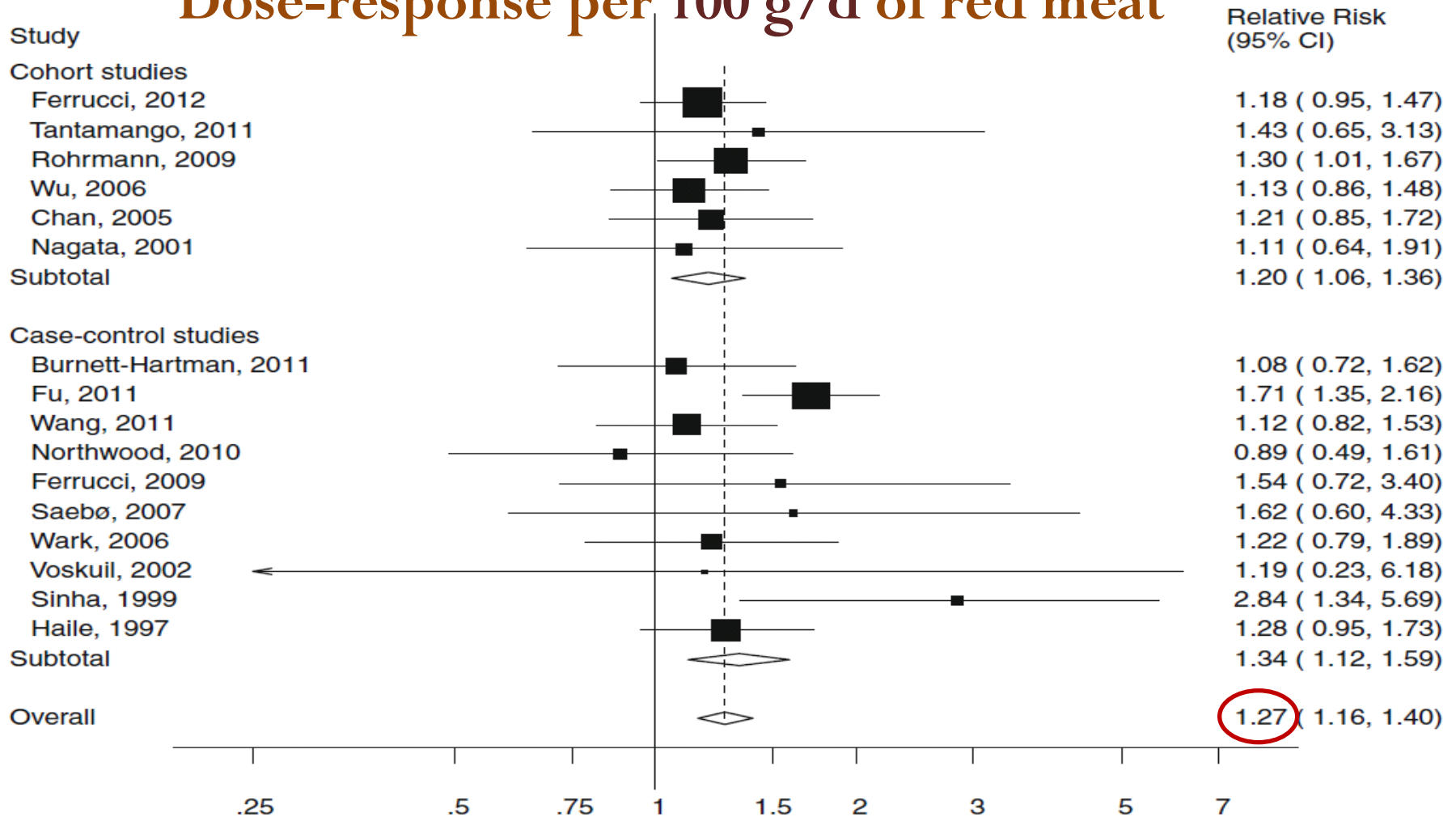
## Beef intake and gastric cancer



# Red and processed meat intake and risk of colorectal adenomas: a systematic review and meta-analysis of epidemiological studies

Aune D., et al. Cancer Causes Control, 2013;24:611-627

## Dose-response per 100 g/d of red meat

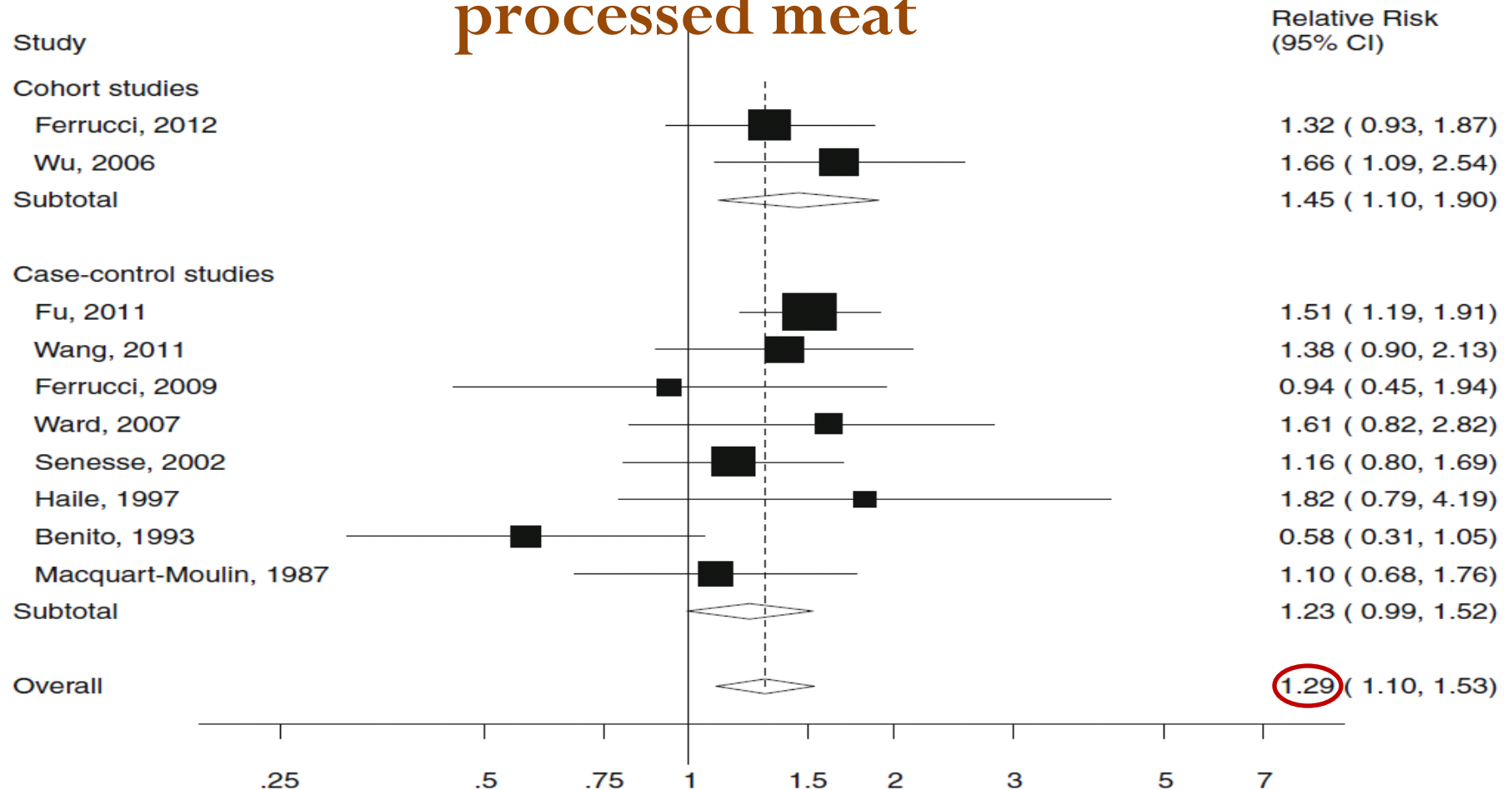




# Red and processed meat intake and risk of colorectal adenomas: a systematic review and meta-analysis of epidemiological studies

Aune D., et al. Cancer Causes Control, 2013;24:611-627

## Dose-response per 50 g/d of processed meat

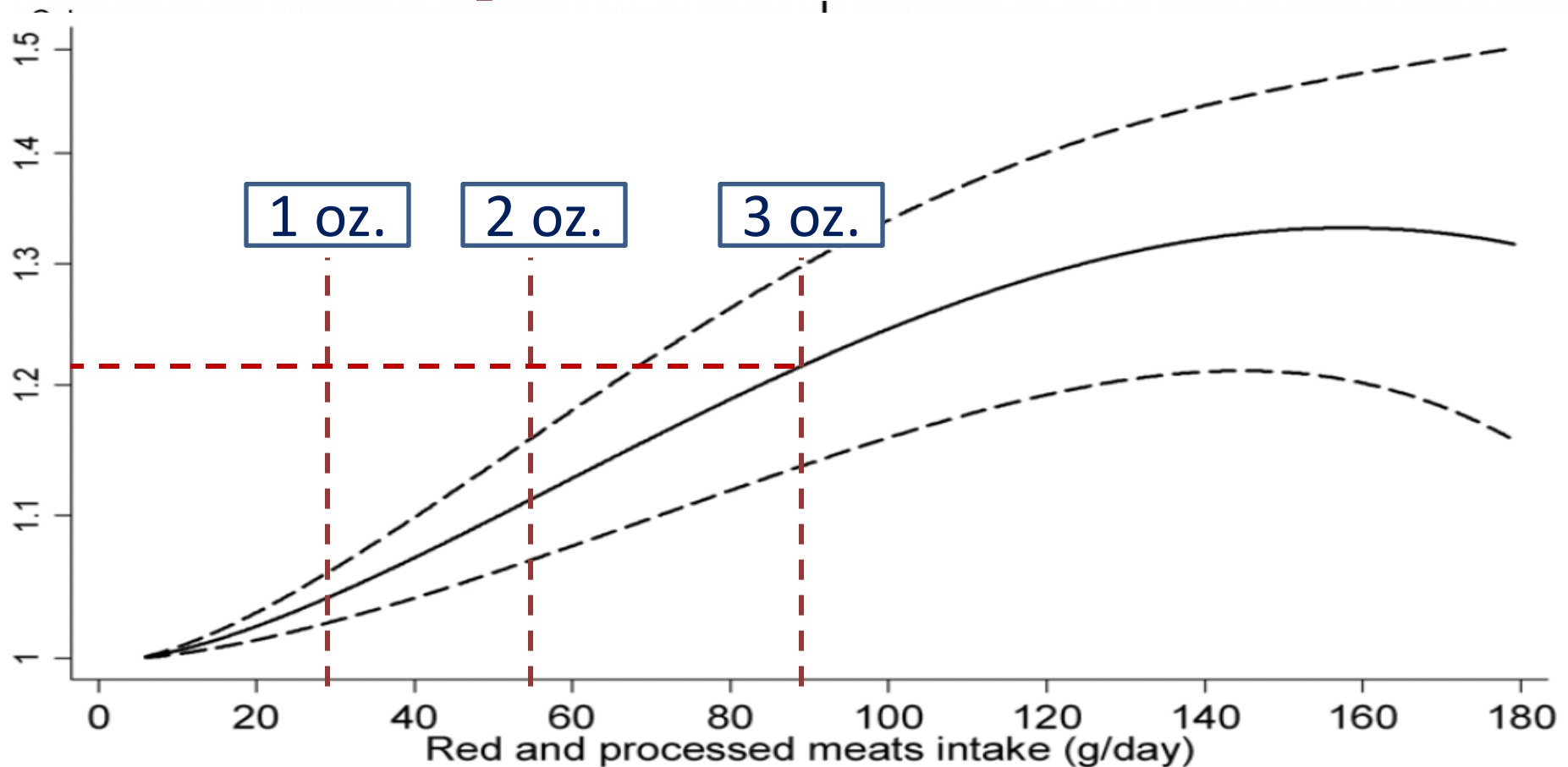




# Red and Processed Meat and Colorectal Cancer Incidence: Meta-Analysis of Prospective Studies

Chan DS., et al. PLoS ONE 6(6): e20456. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0020456

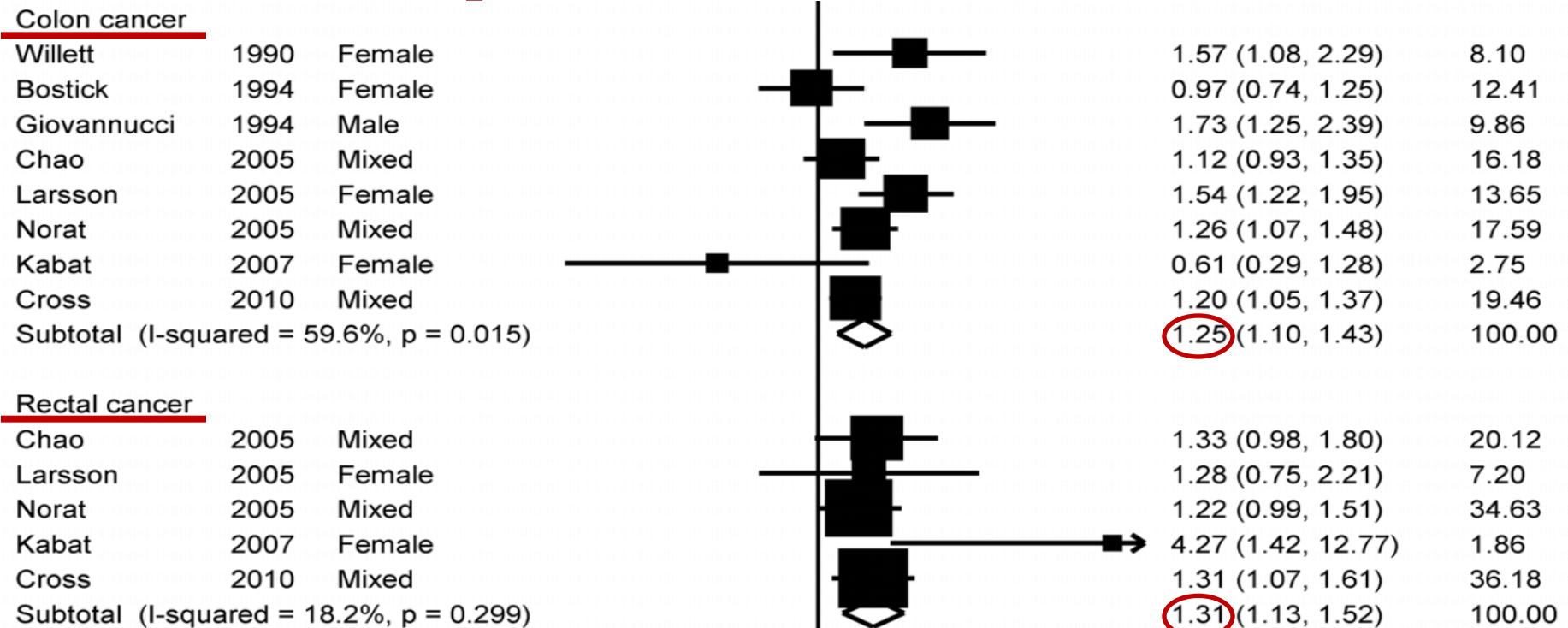
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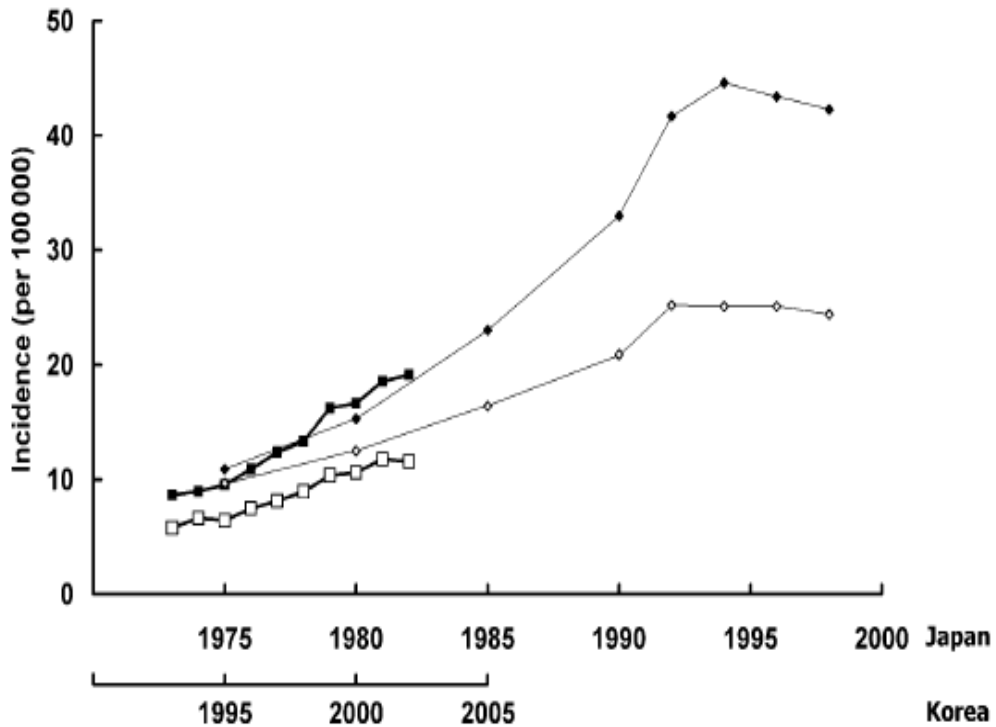
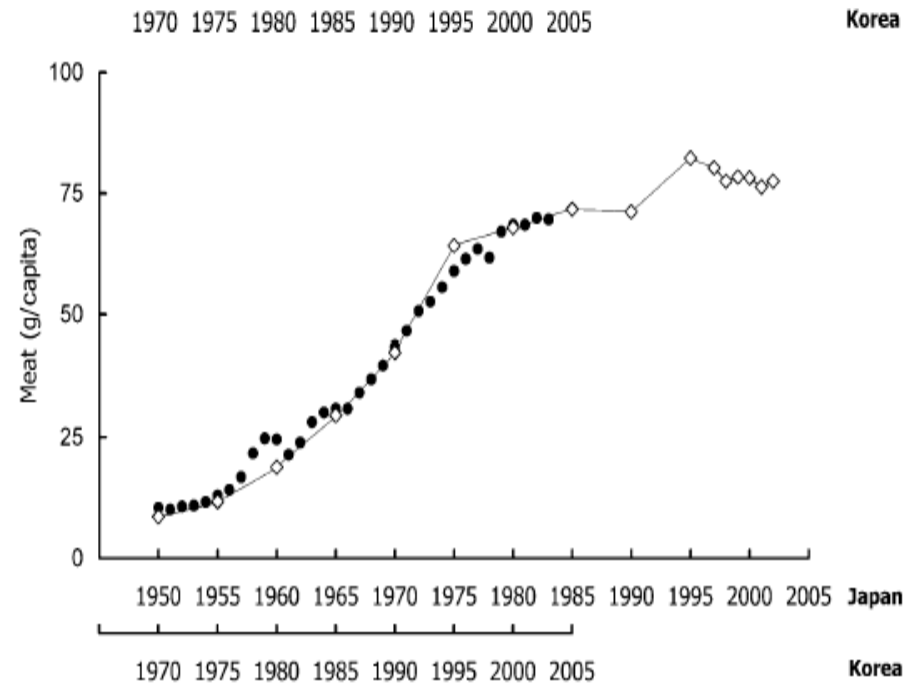
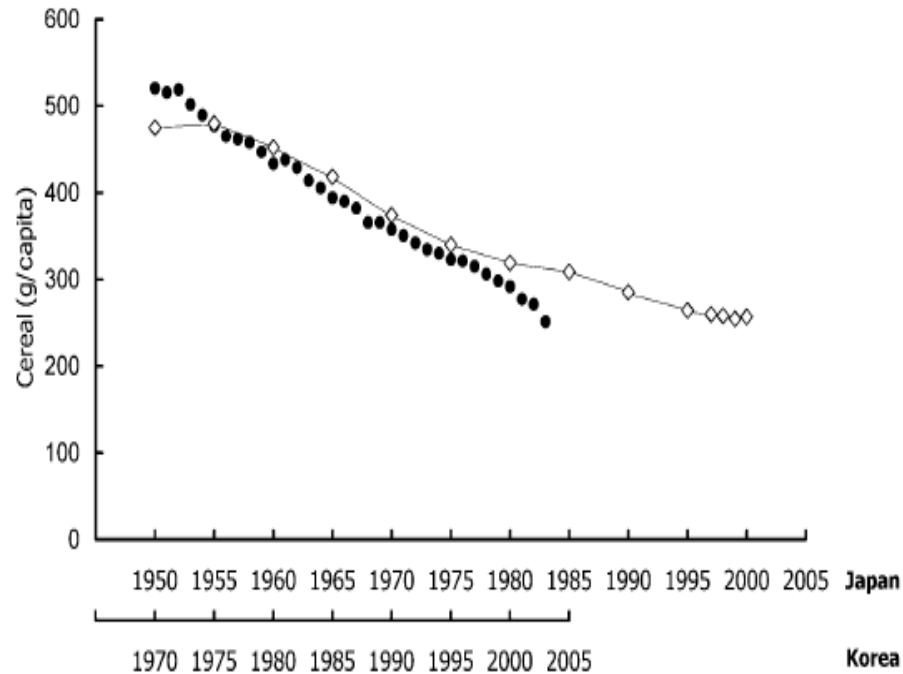
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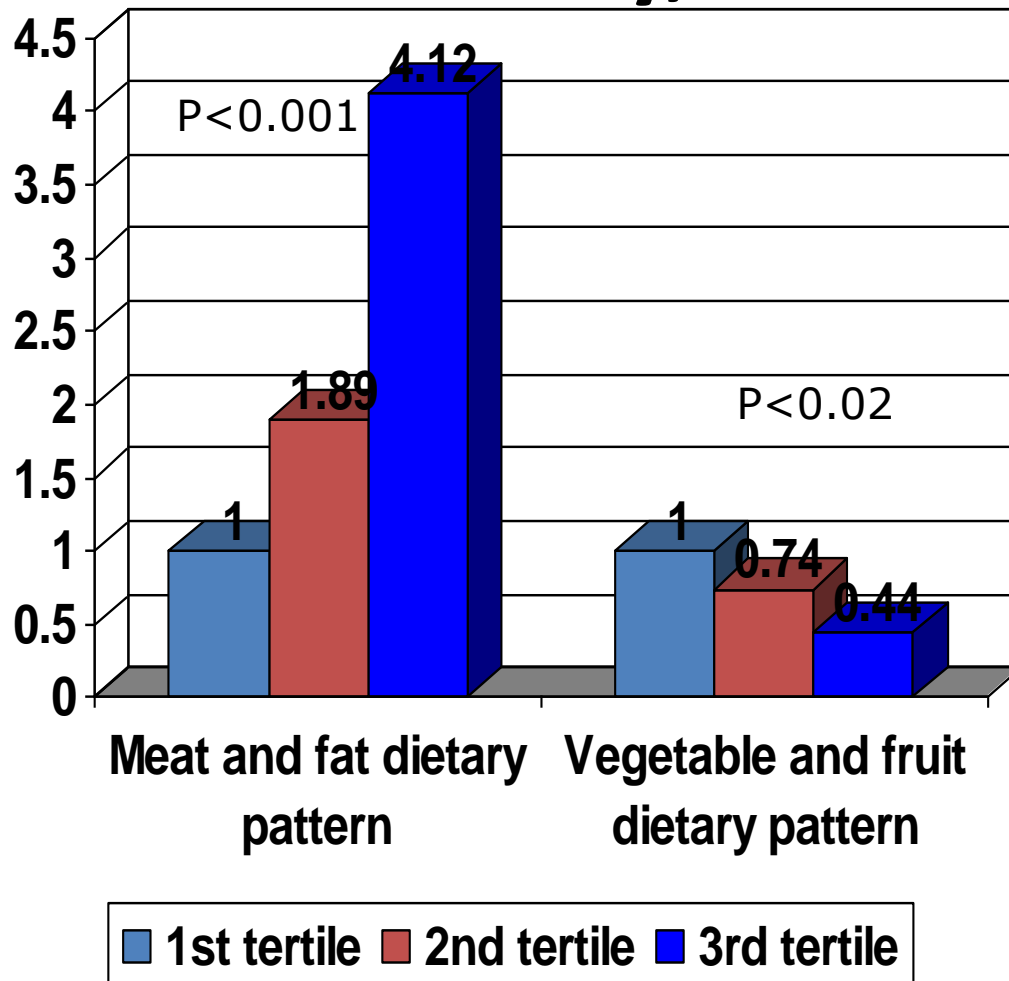


NOTE: Weights are from random effects analysis

# Meat & cereal consumption & colorectal cancer in Korea and Japan



# Risk for skin cancer in people with history of skin cancer the Nambour Skin Cancer Study, 1992–2002



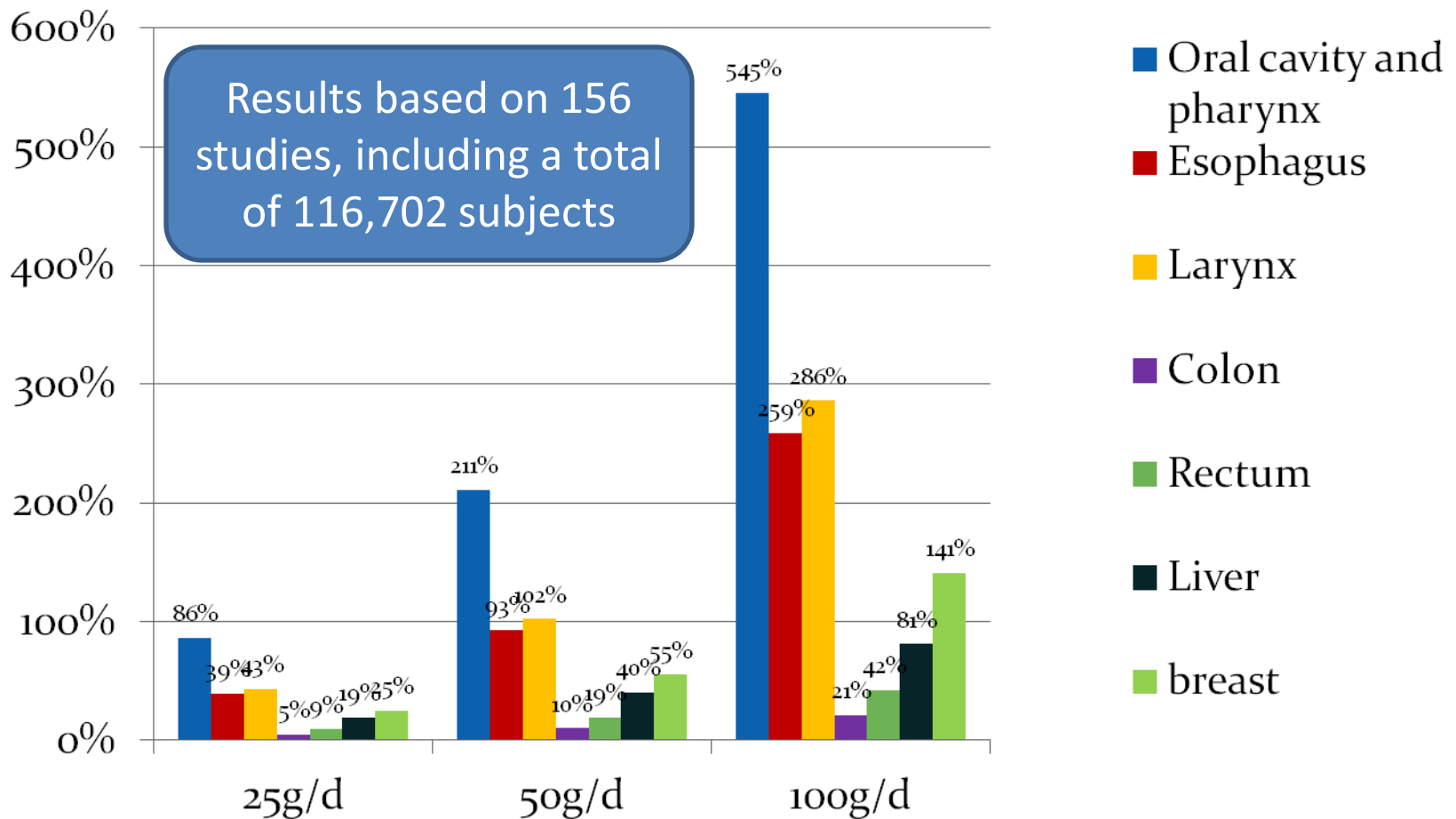
More than 1 million people in U.S. are diagnosed with Skin cancer each year.

# Recommendation 6 – alcohol

The evidence that all types of alcoholic drinks increase the risk of a number of cancers is now stronger than it was in the mid-1990s.

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# Alcohol intake and risk for cancer of different organs; a meta-analysis





# Recommendation 7 - salt

Limit consumption of processed foods with added salt.

Population average consumption of salt from all sources to be less than 5g (2g of sodium) a day.

# **Recommendation 8 – dietary supplements**

**Aim to meet dietary needs through diet alone.**

**Dietary supplements are not recommended for cancer prevention.**

# Vitamins E and C in the Prevention of Prostate and Total Cancer in Men

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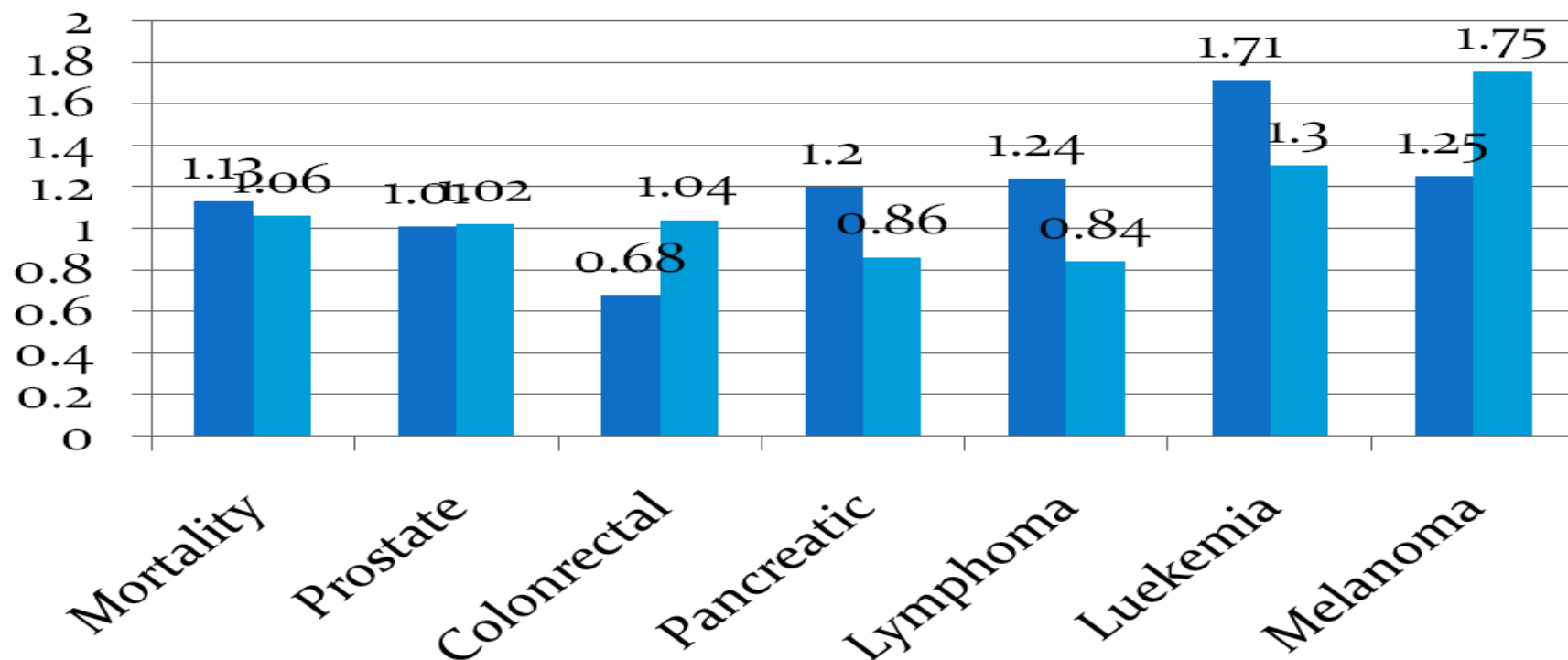
The Physicians' Health Study II Randomized Controlled Trial

- **N = 14 641 male physicians  $\geq 50$  years**
  - N of prostate cancer cases = 1008
  - N of total cancer = 1943
- **Follow-up = 8.0 years**

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The Physicians' Health Study II Randomized Controlled Trial

**“In this large, long-term trial of male physicians, neither vitamin E nor C supplementation reduced the risk of prostate or total cancer. These data provide no support for the use of these supplements for the prevention of cancer in middle-aged and older men.”**

# Vitamin E and the Risk of Prostate Cancer

## The Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial (SELECT)

Klein, E. et al., *JAMA*. 2011;306(14):1549-1556

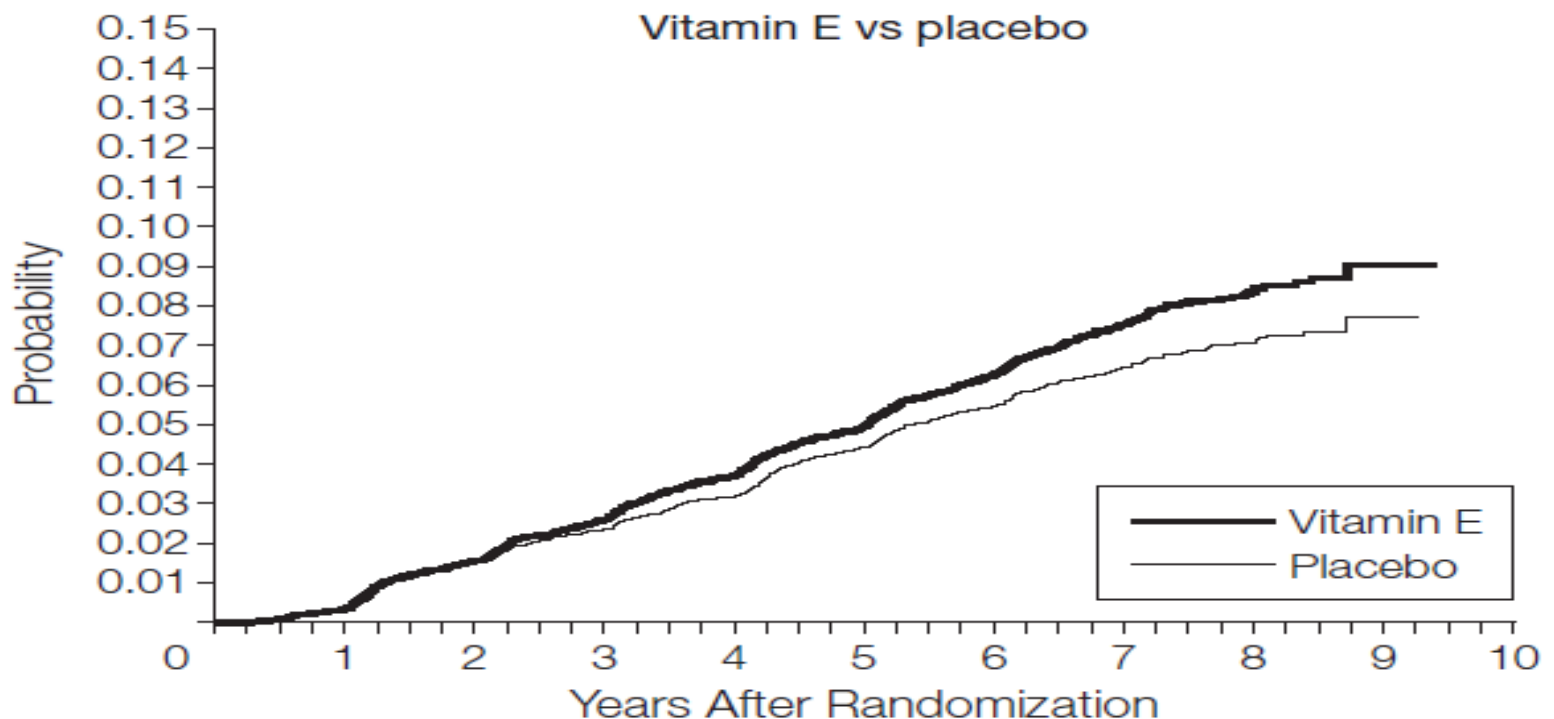
- **N = 34 887 men from 427 study sites in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico who were randomly assigned to the following groups**
  - **200 µg/d selenium - N = 8752**
  - **400 IU/d vitamin E – N = 8737**
  - **Both vitamin E and selenium – N = 8702**



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No. at risk

Placebo	8565	8344	8081	7831	7471	6399	4044	1833	70
Cumulative cases	32	127	201	268	367	446	503	524	529
Vitamin E	8620	8397	8150	7839	7442	6394	4010	1821	50
Cumulative cases	29	135	223	314	415	512	586	614	620

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	Placebo (n = 8696)	Vitamin E Alone (n = 8737)	Selenium Alone (n = 8752)	Vitamin E + Selenium (n = 8702)
Colorectal cancer, No.	75	85	74	93
Hazard ratio (99% CI)		1.09 (0.72-1.64)	0.96 (0.63-1.46)	1.21 (0.81-1.81)
<i>P</i> value		.60	.79	.22
Lung cancer, No.	92	104	94	104
Hazard ratio (99% CI)		1.11 (0.76-1.61)	1.02 (0.70-1.50)	1.11 (0.76-1.62)
<i>P</i> value		.49	.89	.48
All other primary cancers, excludes prostate, includes colorectal and lung, No.	579	570	557	594
Hazard ratio (99% CI)		0.97 (0.83-1.14)	0.96 (0.83-1.13)	1.02 (0.88-1.19)
<i>P</i> value		.65	.54	.74
All cancers, including prostate	1108	1190	1132	1149
Hazard ratio (99% CI)		1.07 (0.96-1.19)	1.02 (0.92-1.14)	1.02 (0.92-1.14)
<i>P</i> value		.13	.59	.60

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**“Dietary supplementation with vitamin E significantly increased the risk of prostate cancer among healthy men.”**

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**“The lack of benefit from dietary supplementation with vitamin E or other agents with respect to preventing common health conditions and cancers or improving overall survival, and their potential harm, underscore the need for consumers to be skeptical of health claims for unregulated over-the-counter products in the absence of strong evidence of benefit demonstrated in clinical trials.”**

# **Multivitamin Supplement Use and Risk of Breast Cancer: A Meta-Analysis**

Chan et al. Ann Pharmacother 2011;45:476-484

- **“A meta-analysis of 5 cohort studies and 3 case-control studies showed no association between multivitamin use and the risk of breast cancer (RR 0.99 [95% CI 0.60 to 1.60] and OR 1.00 [95% CI 0.51 to 1.97], respectively).”**

# **A Systematic Review of Multivitamin–Multimineral Use and Cardiovascular Disease and Cancer Incidence and Total Mortality**

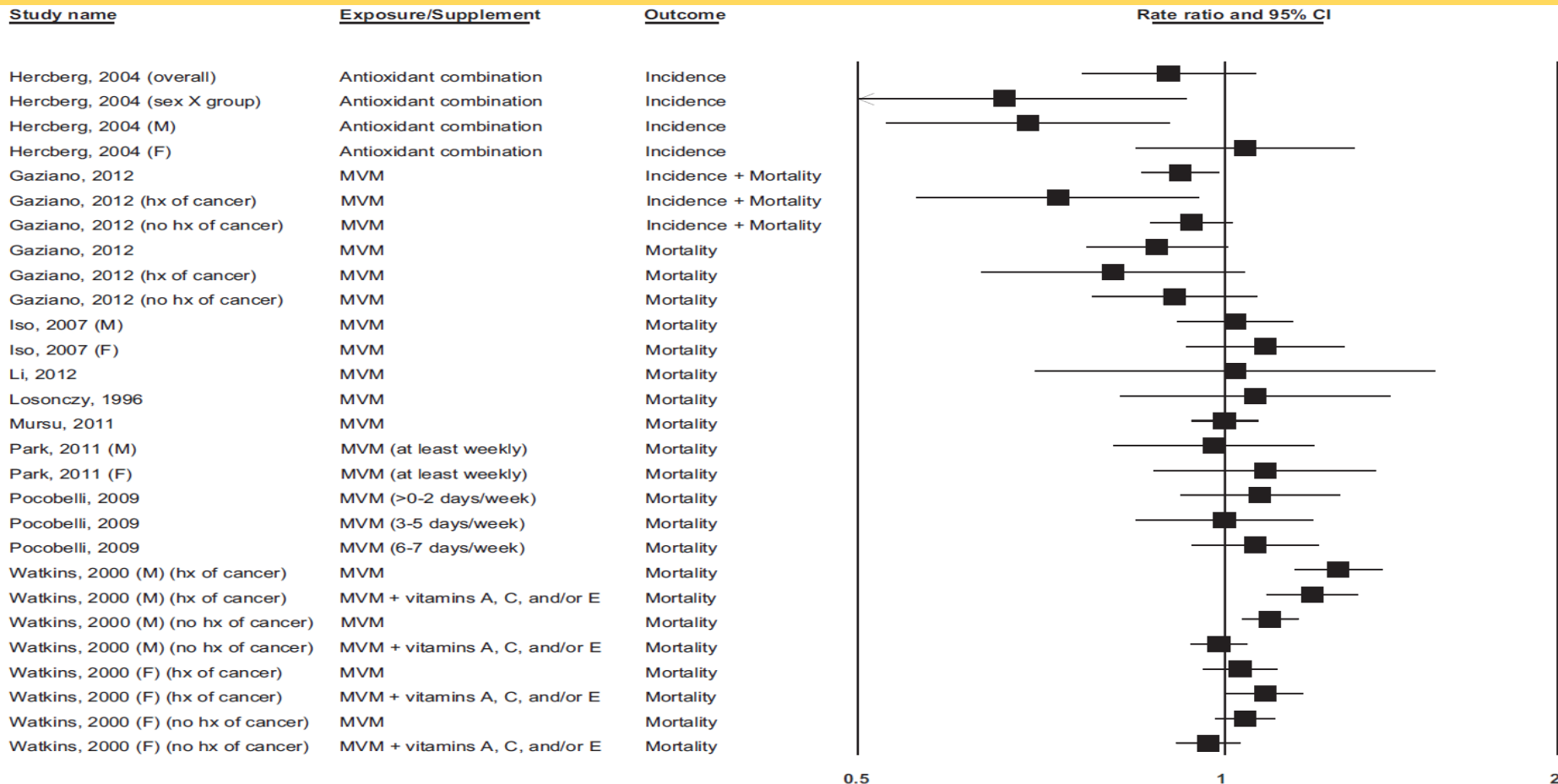
**Alexander et al. J Am Coll Nutr. 2013;32:339-354**

- N = 12 cohort studies and 3 primary prevention randomized controlled trials
  - United States n = 11,
  - European countries n = 3
  - Japan n = 1
- Publication dates from 1982 to 2012
- Duration of follow-up between 5 and 12 years

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## Cancer incidence and mortality based on cohort studies





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**“Collectively, MVM supplementation appears to have  
a slight inverse association with all-cause mortality.**

**Evidence from 2 RCTs suggests that MVM  
supplementation may modestly lower cancer  
incidence and mortality, although observational  
epidemiologic studies do not confirm this inverse  
Association.”**

# Editorial comment

“... almost every time we take a hard look at objective evidence regarding nutritional supplements, the balance tips away from benefit and toward harm. Over the past two decades, we have been repeatedly disappointed in the ability of vitamin supplements to reduce risk for cancers at several sites, including the stomach, colorectum, breast, and lung.

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**Foods that are rich in vitamins seem to be associated with reduced risk of cancer, but vitamins packaged as pills clearly do not have the same effect.”**

Byers T., Am J Respir Crit Care Med., 2008;177:470-471



