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Hormonal contraception and the risk of breast cancer

Background: We know little about the risk of breast cancer in users of newer types of hormonal contraception and in users of hormone intrauterine devices.

Method: We assessed associations between hormonal contraception use and invasive breast cancer risk in a nationwide prospective cohort study following all women in Denmark aged 15-49 years without previous cancer, venous thromboembolism or infertility treatment. Nationwide registers provided individually updated information about use of hormonal contraception, breast cancer diagnoses and information on potential confounders.

Result: Among 1.8 million women followed on average for 10.9 years with a total of 19.6 million person-years, 11,517 breast cancers occurred. Compared to never users, the relative risk of breast cancer among all current and recent users was 1.2 (95% CI 1.1-1.3), increasing from 1.1 (1.0-1.2) with less than one year of use to 1.4 (1.3-1.5) with more than 10 years of use. There was little evidence that the risk varied by type of progestogen in the combined formulations. Current or recent users of the progestin-only intrauterine system also experienced an increased relative risk of breast cancer of 1.2 (1.1-1.3). The overall absolute mean increase in breast cancers among current and recent users of any hormonal contraceptive for all ages was 13 (10-16) per 100,000 person-years, approximately one extra breast cancer for every 7690 women using hormonal contraception for one year, the absolute risk difference increased by age.

Conclusion: Breast cancer risk was increased among current and recent users of contemporary hormonal contraception and increased with longer durations of use however, absolute increases in risk were small and the same products protects against ovarian cancer.

Biography

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Chronic colitis and colitis-associated colorectal carcinogenesis

The activation of Wnt/beta-catenin signaling pathway and chronic colitis malignant transformation are the two major causes to colorectal cancer. The former is well studied, but the mechanisms of colitis development and how chronic colitis progresses to malignancy is largely unknown. Using a unique mouse model, we have demonstrated that mice with targeted disruption of the intestinal mucin gene *Muc2* spontaneously develop chronic inflammation at the colon and rectum at an early age, whose histopathology was similar to ulcerative colitis in humans. In aged mice, *Muc2*^{-/-} mice develop colonic and rectal adenocarcinoma accompanying severe inflammation. To determine the mechanisms of malignant transformation, we conducted a miRNA array on the colonic epithelial cells from *Muc2*^{-/-} and *Muc2*^{+/+} mice. MicroRNA profiling showed differential expression of miRNAs (i.e. lower or higher expression enrichments) in *Muc2*^{-/-} mice. Based on relevance to cytokines and cancer, the miRNAs were validated and were found significantly down-regulated or up-regulated in human colitis and colorectal cancer tissues, respectively. The targets of the miRNAs were further characterized and their functions were investigated. More studies from the *Muc2*^{-/-} mice showed disorder of gut microbiota. Moreover, a novel tumor suppressor PRSS8 also plays a critical role in colorectal carcinogenesis and progression, for instance, tissue-specific deletion of the PRSS8 gene resulted in intestinal inflammation and tumor formation in mice. Gene set enrichment analysis showed that colitis and tumorigenesis were linked to the activation of Wnt/beta-catenin, PI3K/AKT and EMT (Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition) signaling pathways. Taken together, the disorder of gut microbiota could result in genetic mutations, epigenetic alterations and activation of oncogenic signaling in colorectal epithelial cells, leading to colitis development, promoting malignant transformation and mediating colorectal cancer metastasis.

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