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Prothrombotic genotypes and risk of venous thromboembolism in cancer

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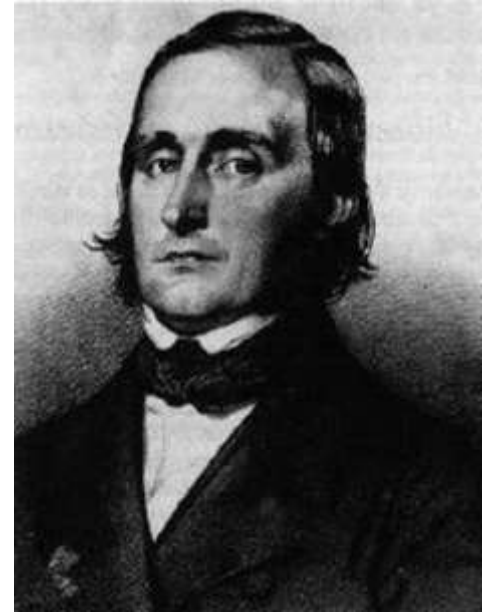
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Cancer-related VTE

- **Of all cases of VTE:**
 - 20 to 25% occur in cancer patients¹
 - Incidence of VTE in cancer patients is increasing²
- **Of all cancer patients:**³
 - 15% will have a symptomatic VTE during the course of their disease
 - Up to 50% have a VTE at autopsy
- **Compared to patients without cancer:**³⁻⁵
 - Higher risk of VTE
 - Higher risk of bleeding on anticoagulants
 - Higher risk of death



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Risk factors for cancer-related VTE

Patient Related

- Increased age
- Obesity
- Comorbidities
- Performance status

Cancer Related

- Primary site
- Stage
- Histology
- Time since diagnosis

Risk Factors

Biomarkers

- Platelet count $>350 \times 10^9/L$
- Leukocyte count $>11 \times 10^9/L$
- Hemoglobin $<10 \text{ g/dL}$
- P-selectin, TF, and others
- Prothrombotic genotypes?

Treatment Related

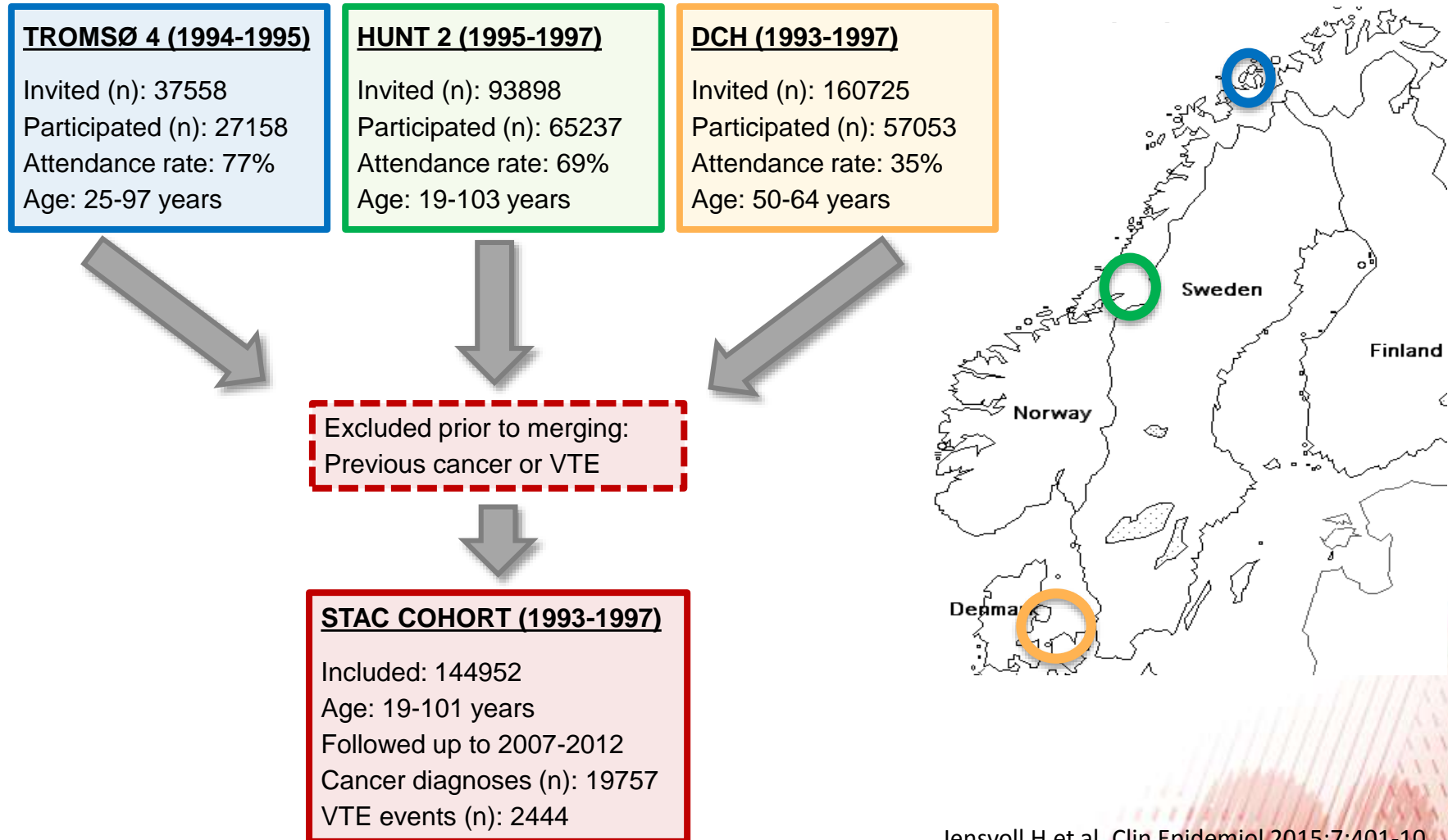
- Chemotherapy
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- Surgery
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- Prothrombotic genotypes and cancer-related VTE
- Conclusions

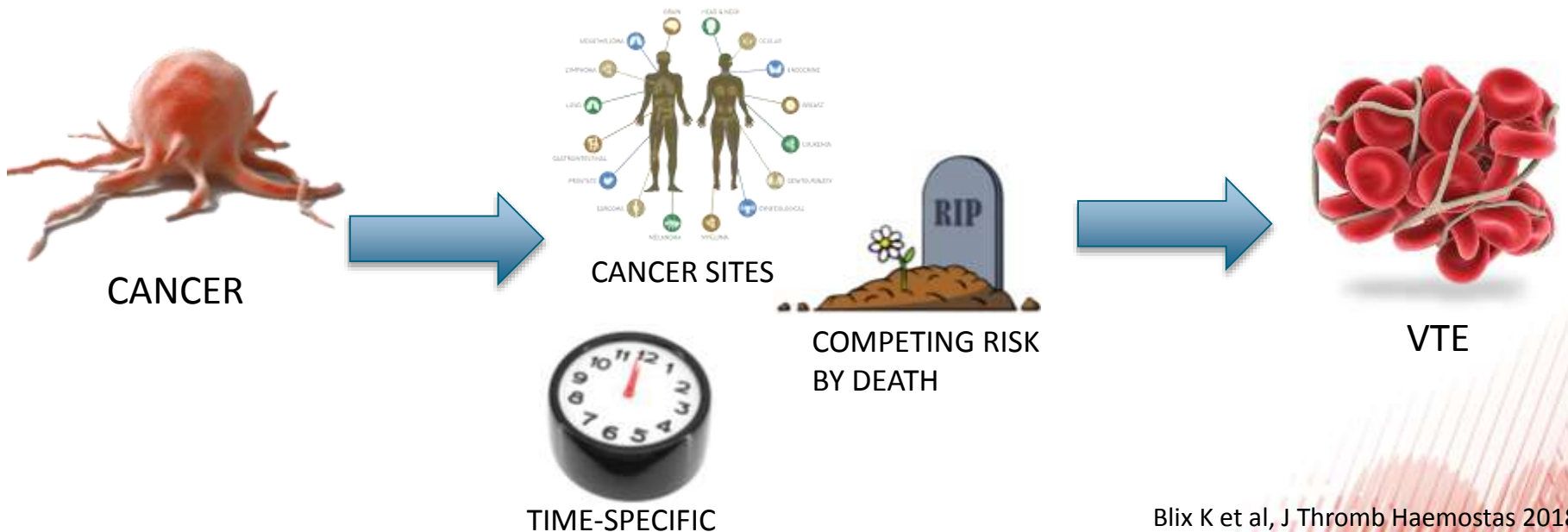


The Scandinavian Thrombosis and Cancer cohort (STAC)

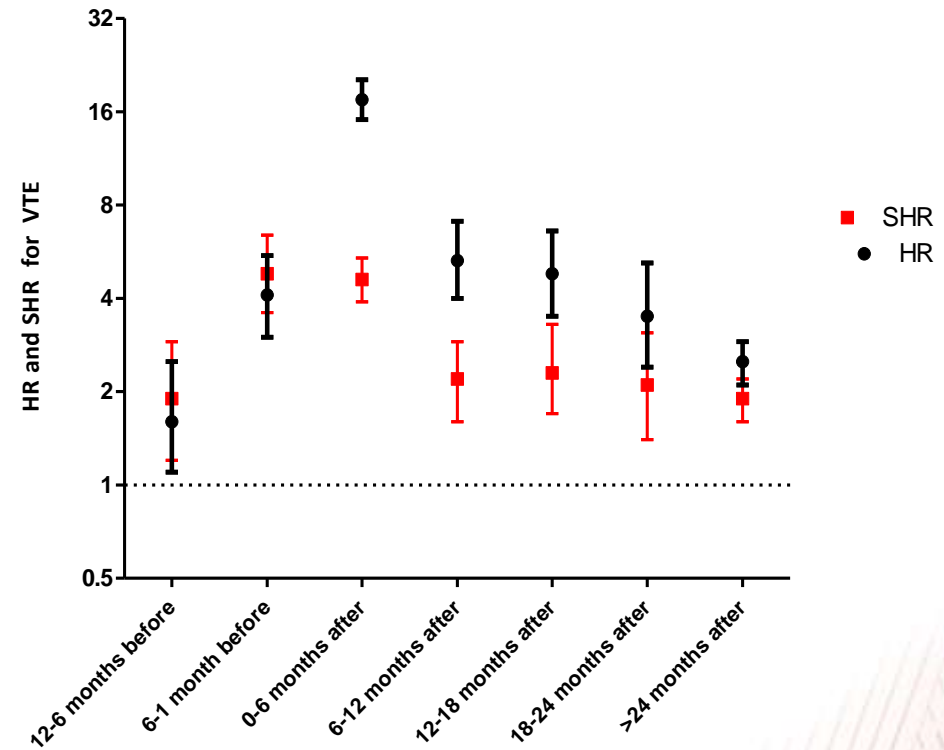
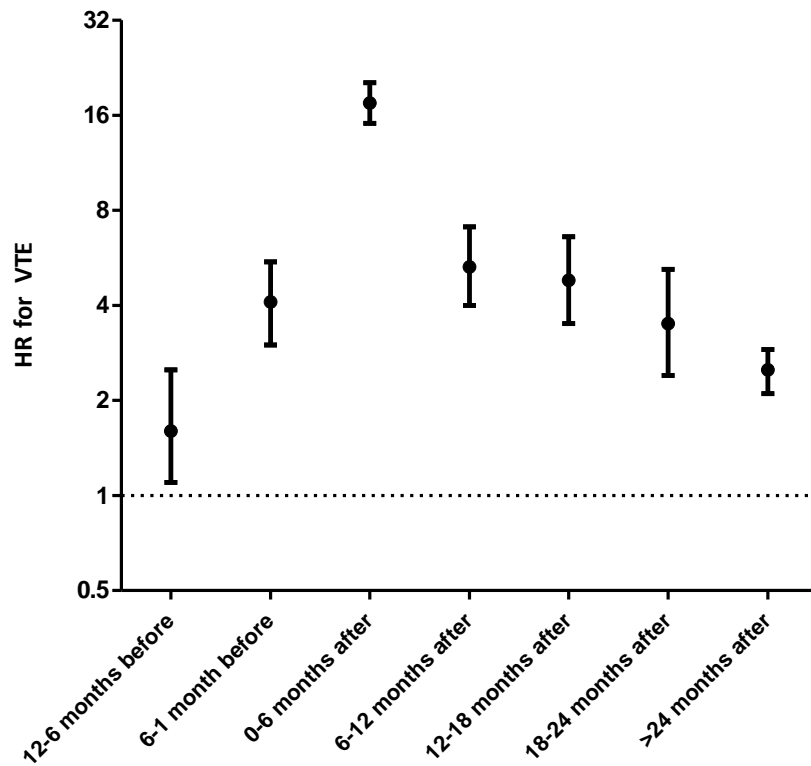


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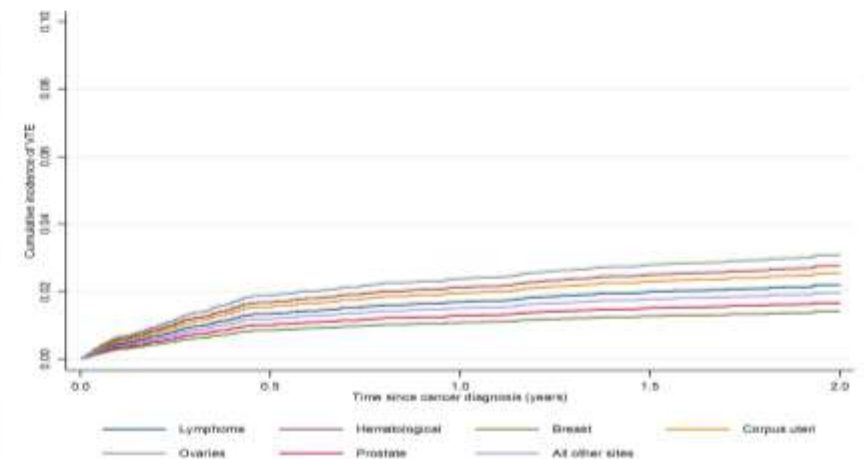
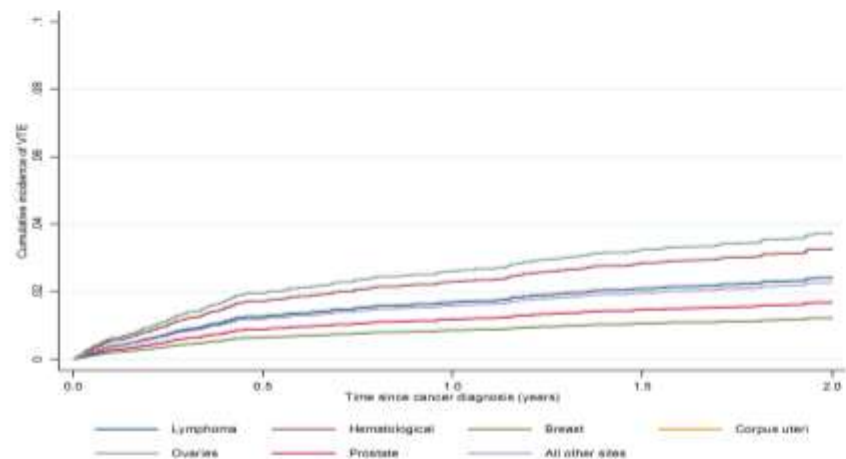
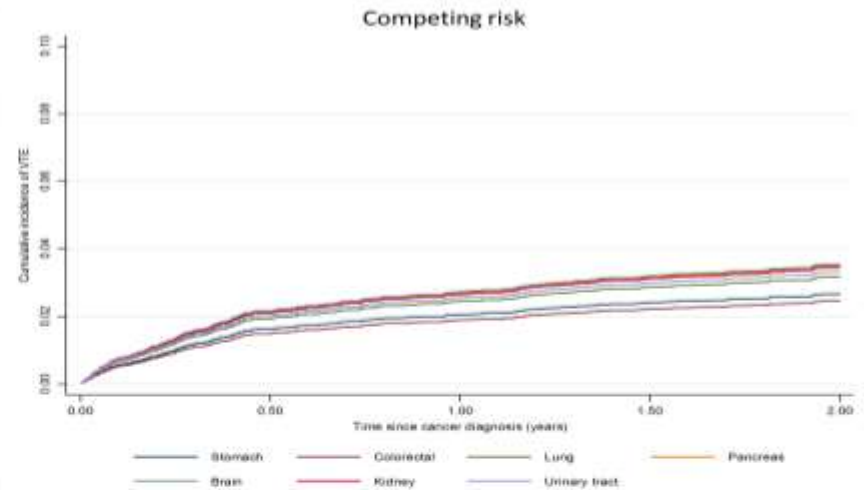
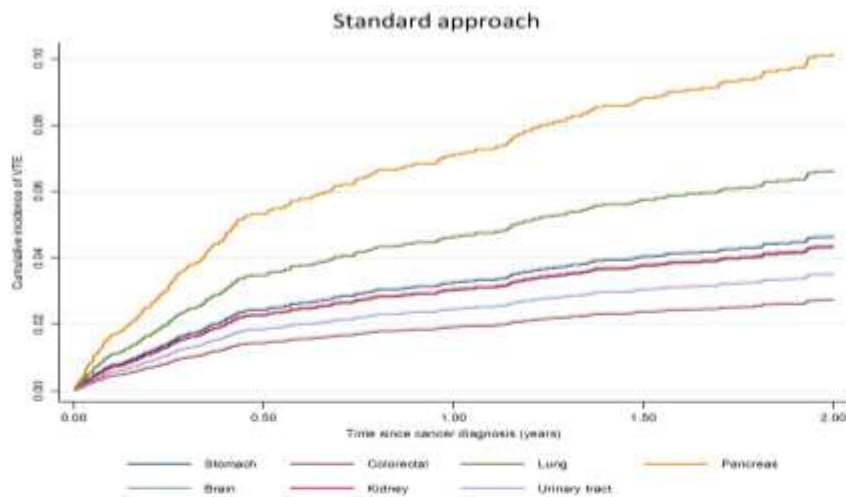
- To assess the overall- and time-specific risk of VTE in cancer patients recruited from three large population-based cohorts
- To compare the short-term cumulative incidence for each cancer site taking competing risk by death into account



Impact of time since cancer diagnosis and prognosis on risk of VTE



Cumulative incidence of VTE across different cancer sites



Risk factors for cancer-related VTE

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Heritability of VTE

Family

Genetic Susceptibility to Thrombosis and Its Relationship to Physiological Risk Factors: The GAIT Study

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Although there are a number of well-known physiological risk factors for venous thrombosis, information is available on the relative contribution of each. We performed a family-based study of thrombosis and to identify the phenotypes. We examined 398 individuals with idiopathic thrombotic thrombosis liability and the genetic risk factors exhibited significant genetic variation in these physiological risk factors exhibited significant genetic correlations with XL, XII, and von Willebrandt, tissue factor, and plasminogen activator. This is the first study that quantifies the genetic component of susceptibility to common thrombosis: The high heritability of thrombotic risk and the significant genetic correlations between thrombotic and related risk factors suggest that the exploitation of correlated quantitative phenotypes will aid the search for susceptibility genes.

Twin

Major Genetic Susceptibility for Venous Thromboembolism in Men: A Study of Danish Twins

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Background. Although several genetic determinants (mutations or polymorphisms) have been associated with increased risk of venous thromboembolism, the overall influence of genetic factors on the relative risk of venous thromboembolism for one twin pair, respectively, was 0.22 (95% confidence interval = 0.14 to 0.30) and 0.26 (0.04–0.32). The odds ratio (unadjusted) for the relative risk of venous thromboembolism for one twin pair was 3.6 (1.3–8.3) for venous thromboembolism for venous thromboembolism for one twin pair was 52% (39%–65%) attributed to men's venous thromboembolism.

50-60% of the VTE events is attributed to genetic factors

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Two large studies have examined the heritability of venous thromboembolism (VTE). However, twin studies have been suggested to overestimate heritability. The aim of the present study was to determine the heritability nationwide in the general Swedish population using full siblings and half siblings.
Methods: VTE was defined using the Swedish patient register. Full sibling (75) and half sibling (350) pairs born 1954–1980 were obtained from the Swedish Multi-generational Register. A maximum of 5 years age difference was allowed. We also required that the individuals within the pair should reside in the same household for at least 8 years or not at all (0 years) before the youngest turned 18. Information about sibling pair residence within the same household, usual residential area, and nationality was obtained from Statistics Sweden. We assumed three potential sources of liability to VTE: additive genetic (A), shared (or common familial) environment (C), and unique environmental (E) components.
Results: Totally 881,308/55 pairs and 95,748/54 pairs were included. The full sibling pair heritability for VTE was 47% for males and 40% for females. Environmental factors shared by siblings contributed to 15% of the variance in liability for both sexes, and unique environment (E) components accounted for 33% in males and 40% in females.
Conclusion: The high heritability of VTE may indicate that genetic susceptibility plays a substantial role for VTE in the Swedish general population. Overestimation of heritability from twin studies is not likely. The proportion of the variance attributable to shared familial environment factors is small.
Subject words: Genetics, epidemiology, thrombosis, cardiovascular disease, embolism

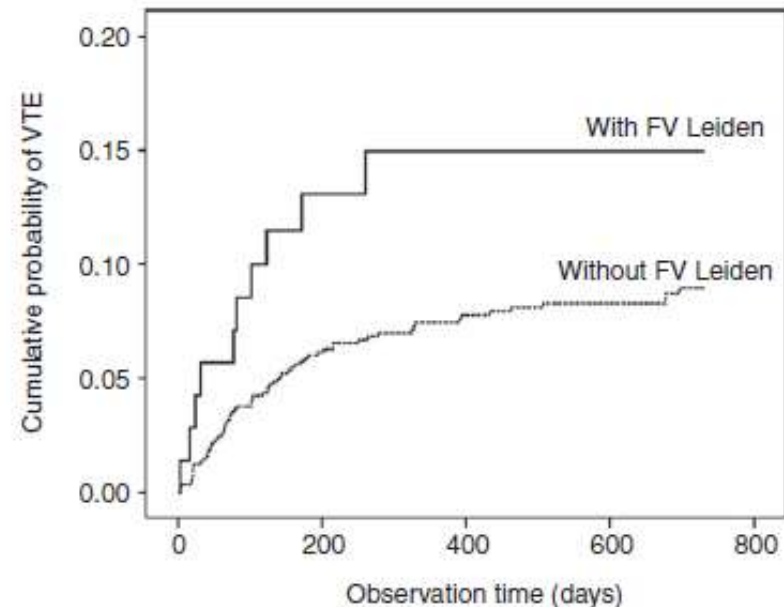
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Prothrombotic single nucleotide polymorphisms and VTE risk

Gene	Site	Phenotype	Frequency	VTE OR
Genes associated with VTE identified before GWAS				
F2	rs1799963	VTE	0.02	2.50
F5	rs6025	VTE	0.05	3.00
FGG	rs2066865	VTE	0.25	1.47
ABO	rs8176719	VTE	0.3	1.50
PROC	multiple	VTE	rare	~10
PROS1	multiple	VTE	rare	~10
SERPINC1	multiple	VTE	rare	~10
Novel SNPs associated with VTE identified by GWAS				
VWF	rs1063856	Increased vWF	0.37	1.15
STXBP5	rs1039084	Increased vWF	0.46	1.11
GP6	rs1613662	Increased platelet function	0.82	1.15
F11	rs2289252	Increased FXI	0.41	1.35
F11	rs2036914	Increased FXI	0.52	1.35
C4BPB/C4BPA	rs3813948	Increased C4BP	0.08	1.18
KNG1	rs710446	Increased aPTT	0.45	1.20
SERPINC1	rs2227589	Decreased antithrombin	0.10	1.29
TSPAN15	rs78707713	Unknown	0.88	1.28

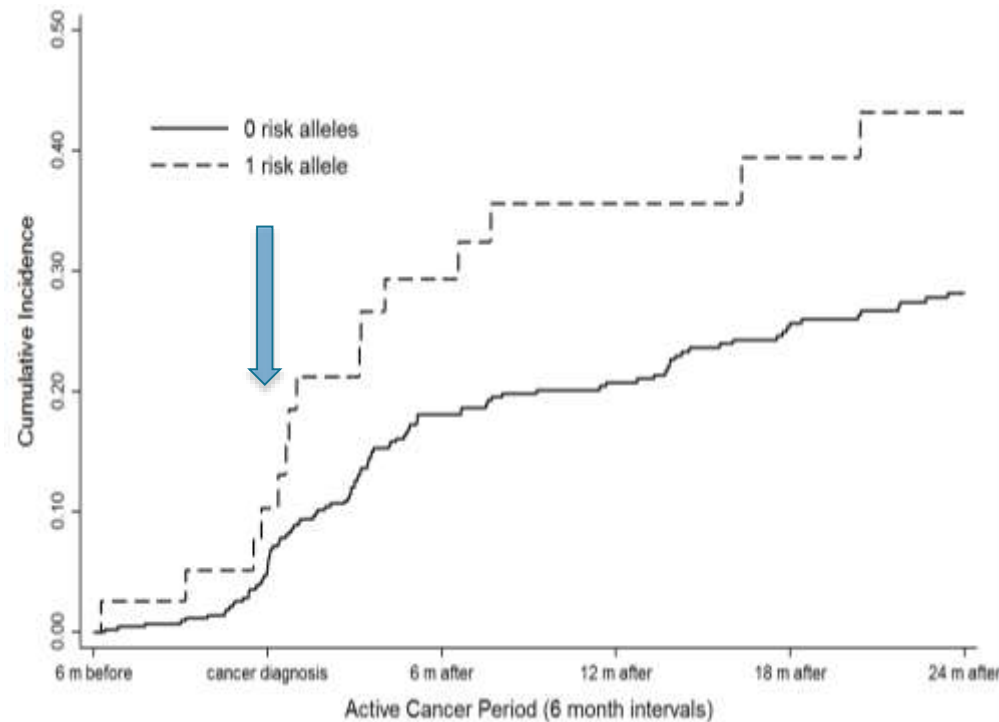
FV Leiden and cancer-related VTE – The Vienna Cancer and Thrombosis Study (CATS)

- Cohort of 982 patients with cancer
- Followed for a maximum of 2 years
- 79 VTEs
- 2-fold increased risk of VTE in those with FVL
- The risk was particularly high during the first 3 months after cancer diagnosis



FV Leiden and cancer-related VTE – The Tromsø Study

- Case-cohort study
- 609 VTE patients and a sub-cohort of 1691 individuals
- Those with FVL had a 1.9-fold higher risk of cancer-related VTE
- The risk was particularly high during the first 6 months after cancer diagnosis



Risk of VTE according to FV Leiden and cancer status

Cancer status	Risk alleles	n	VTE HR (95% CI)	n	DVT HR (95% CI)	n	PE HR (95% CI)
No cancer	0	374	1.0	198	1.0	176	1.0
	1	63	2.1 (1.6-2.7)	47	2.9 (2.1-4.0)	16	1.5 (0.7-1.9)
	2	2	3.3 (0.8-13.2)	2	6.4 (1.6-25.9)	0	-
Active cancer	0	102	8.6 (6.9-10.8)	55	9.3 (6.8-12.5)	47	7.9 (5.7-11.0)
	1	15	16.7 (9.9-28.0)	12	25.3 (14.1-45.4)	3	7.0 (2.2-22.0)
	2	9	-	0	-	0	-

HRs adjusted for age and sex

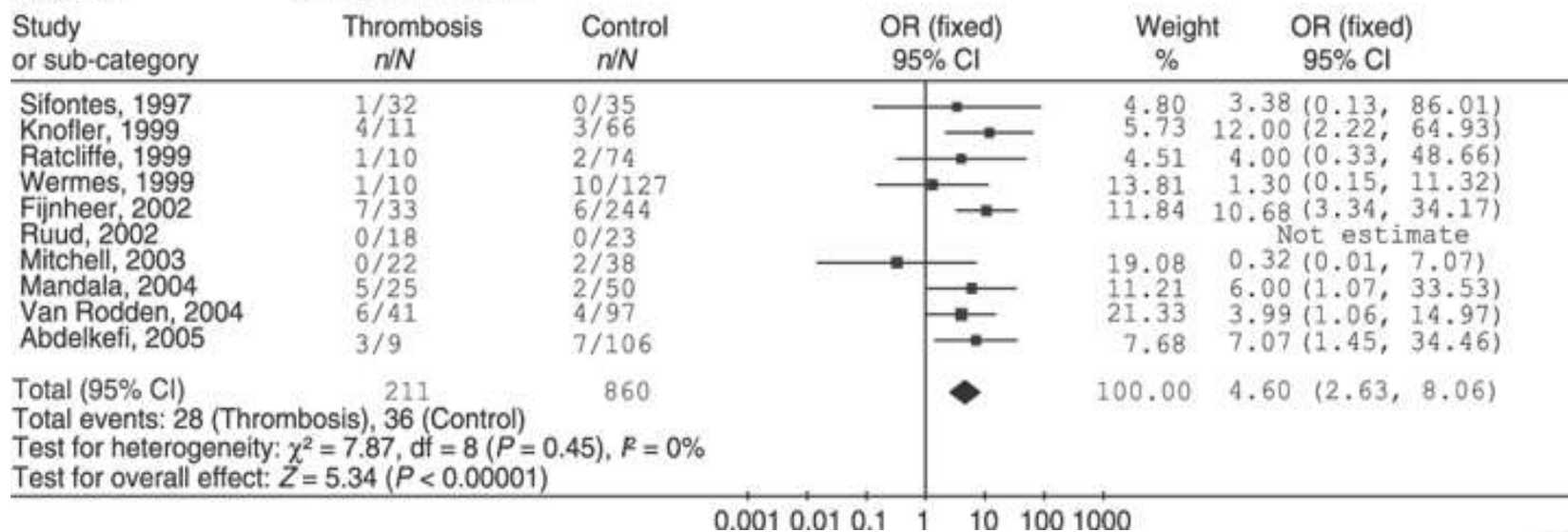
Studies on FV Leiden and cancer-related VTE

Study	Study design	Study population	Risk estimate (95% CI)
Otterson et al. 1996	Cohort	353 patients with unselected cancers	OR 3.1 (0.6-14.7)
Pihusch et al. 2002	Cohort	175 patients with gastrointestinal carcinomas	RR 4.4 (1.3-14.9)
Ravin et al. 2002	Case-control	75 patients with gynecological cancers	OR 0.3 (0.1-1.7)
Paspatis et al. 2002	Case-control	74 patients with colorectal cancer 192 colonoscopically selected controls	OR 1.5 (p>0.5, NS)
Ramacciotti et al. 2003	Cohort	211 patients with unselected cancers	OR 0.6 (0.1-5.4)
Kennedy et al. 2005	Case-control	202 patients with solid cancers	OR 1.7 (0.3-10.7)
Blom et al. 2005	Case-control	205 patients with unselected cancers	OR 2.2 (0.3-17.8)
Eroglu et al. 2007	Case-control	124 patients with unselected cancers	OR 8.1 (2.4-27.1)
Curigliano et al. 2006	Case-control	25 breast cancer patients with VTE 50 breast cancer patients without VTE	OR 6.1 (1.1–34.3)
Onur et al. 2012	Case-control	78 patients with unselected cancers 50 healthy controls	OR 0.7 (0.2-8.9)
Pabinger et al. 2015	Cohort	982 patients with unselected cancers	HR 2.0 (1.0-4.0)
Gran et al. 2016	Case-cohort	2300 subjects (609 with VTE) of which 461 are patients with cancer	HR 1.9 (1.1-3.3)



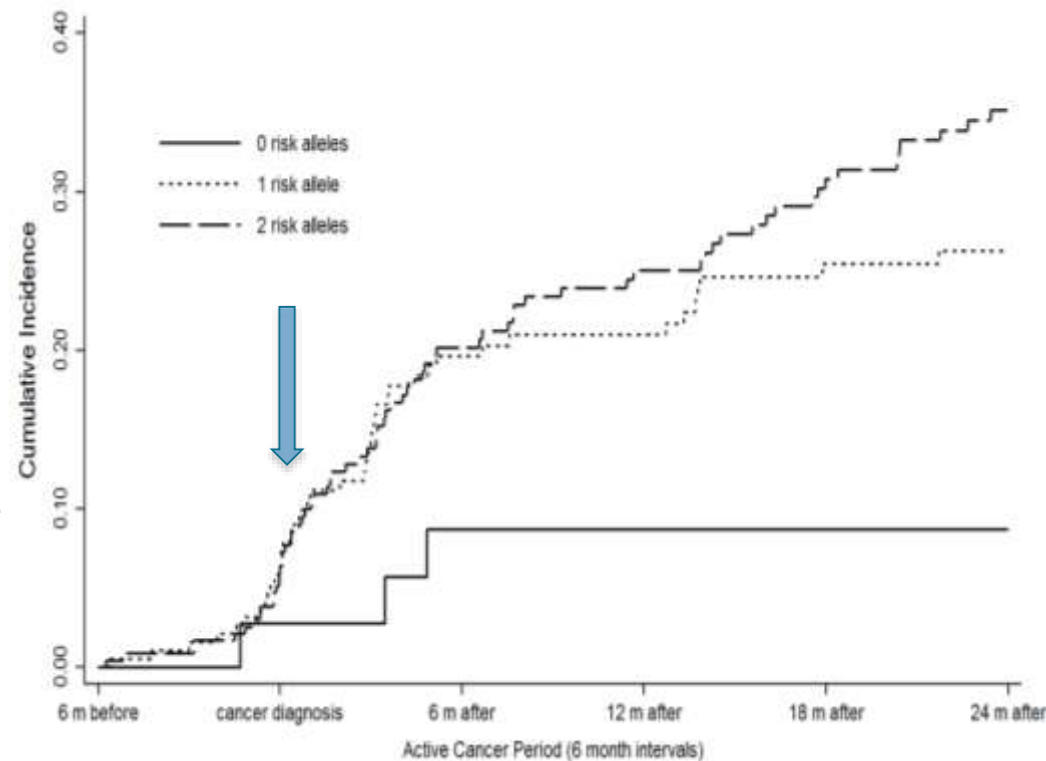
FVL and the risk of CVC-related VTE in cancer

Review: CVC (Versione aggiornata)
 Comparison: 01 Factor V Leiden
 Outcome: 01 Factor V Leiden



FV rs4524 and cancer-related VTE – The Tromsø Study

- Case-cohort study
- 609 VTE patients and a sub-cohort of 1691 individuals
- Those with FV rs4524 had a 4-fold higher risk of cancer-related VTE
- The risk was particularly high during the first 6 months after cancer diagnosis



Risk of VTE according to F5 rs4524 and cancer status

Cancer status	Risk alleles	n	VTE HR (95% CI)	n	DVT HR (95% CI)	n	PE HR (95% CI)
No cancer	0	17	1.0	7	1.0	10	1.0
	1	160	1.9 (1.2-3.1)	93	2.7 (1.2-5.8)	67	1.4 (0.7-2.6)
	2	262	2.3 (1.4-3.8)	47	3.1 (1.5-6.6)	115	1.7 (0.9-3.3)
Active cancer	0	3	4.8 (1.4-16.5)	2	8.5 (1.8-41.0)	1	2.5 (0.3-19.2)
	1	44	15.9 (9.1-27.9)	26	23.9 (10.4-55.3)	18	10.4 (4.8-22.6)
	2	70	21.1 (12.4-35.8)	39	29.7 (13.3-66.6)	31	15.1 (7.4-30.9)

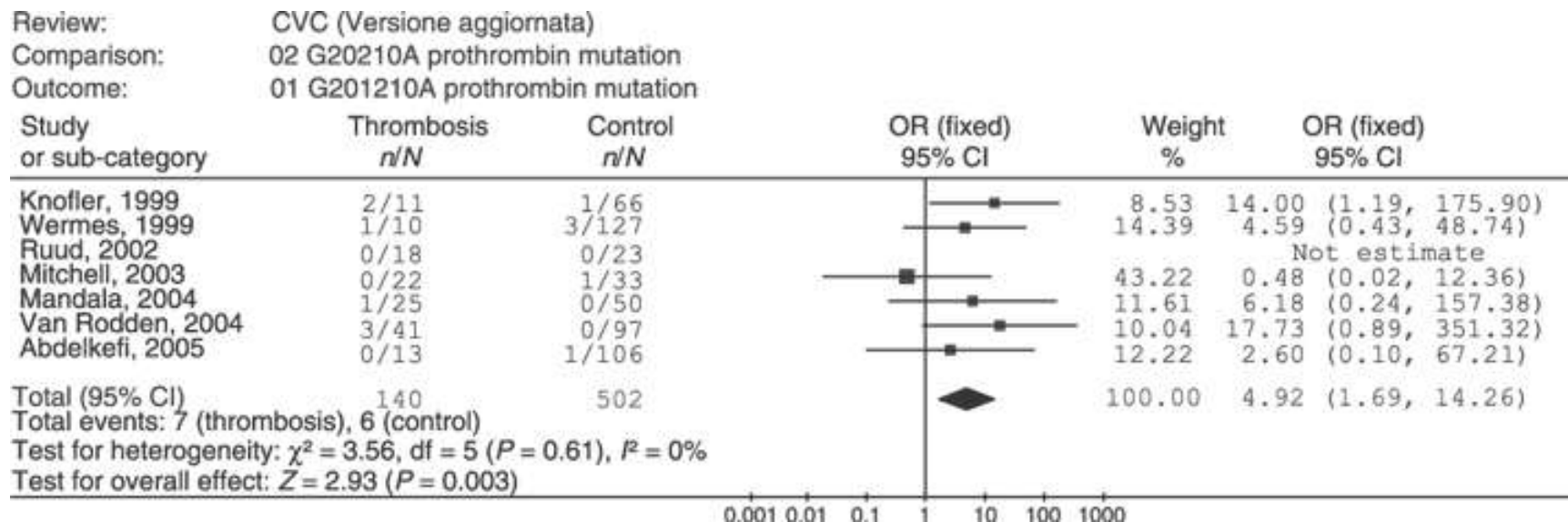
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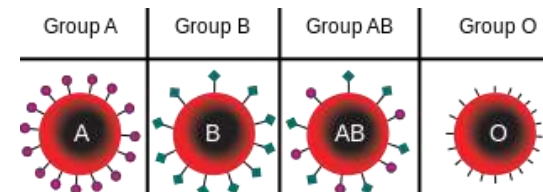
Studies on F2 G20210A and cancer-related VTE

Study	Study design	Study population	Risk estimate (95% CI)
Pihusch et al. 2002	Cohort	175 patients with gastrointestinal carcinomas	RR 2.4 (0.6-9.9)
Paspatis et al. 2002	Case-control	74 patients with colorectal cancer 192 colonoscopically selected controls	OR 1.51 (p>0.5, NS)
Ramacciotti et al. 2003	Cohort	211 patients with unselected cancers	OR 1.2 (0.1-13.1)
Kennedy et al. 2005	Case-control	202 patients with solid cancers	OR 6.7 (0.9-∞)
Blom et al. 2005	Case-control	205 patients with unselected cancers	OR 4.1 (0.3-17.8)
Curigliano et al. 2006	Case-control	25 breast cancer patients with VTE 50 breast cancer patients without VTE	OR 6.1 (1.1–34.3)
Mandala et al. 2009	Cohort	381 patients with breast or gastrointestinal cancers	OR 1.46 (0.18-8.38)
Onur et al. 2012	Case-control	78 patients with unselected cancers 50 healthy controls	OR 1.7 (0.5-32.5)



F2 G20210A and the risk of CVC-related VTE in cancer






Non-O blood type (rs8176719) and cancer-related VTE

Study	Study population	Risk estimate (95% CI)
Li et al. 2015	670 patients with pancreatic cancer	OR 1.55 (1.11-2.17) Non-O vs. O blood group
Mizrahi et al. 2015	523 children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia	OR 2.32 (1.28-4.34) Non-O vs. O blood group
Striff et al. 2004	130 patients with malignant gliomas	HR 2.7 (1.0-7.0) Non-O vs. O blood group
Moreno et al. 2009	219 pts with myeloproliferative disorders	27.1% vs. 21.9% (p=0.33) O vs. non-O blood group
Gran et al. 2018	1767 subjects from the general population and 634 VTE cases	HR 1.32 (0.95-1.83)

Other established prothrombotic genotypes and cancer-related VTE

Study	SNPs studied	Study population	Results
Eroglu et al. 2010	3 SNPs in the FVII gene	60 cancer patients with VTE and 130 cancer patients without VTE	No association with VTE.
Tiedje et al. 2011	fibrinogen -455G>A and FXIII-A Val34Leu	1079 cancer patients	No association with VTE
Onur et al. 2012	FVL, FV H1299R, FII G20210A, MTHFR C677T, MTHFR A1298C, PAI-1 4G/5G, β -fibrinogen -455 G \rightarrow A, FXIII Val34Leu and GpIIIa HPA-1a	78 patients with unselected cancers 50 healthy controls	No significant association between any SNP and VTE
Bazzarelli et al. 2016	TFPI -33T \rightarrow C	127 patients with colorectal cancer	VTE in 18% with TT/TC genotype and in 7% with CC genotype. CC was also associated with improved disease-free survival.
Ferroni et al. 2016	8 VEGF gene promoter SNPs	297 cancer patients	1154G/A (A allele) is associated with a reduced risk of VTE and a reduced risk of early cancer progression

Conclusions

- Patient-related factors, including biomarkers (e.g. prothrombotic genotypes), are important for cancer-related VTE
 - Many prothrombotic genotypes increase the risk of cancer-related VTE
 - Prothrombotic genotypes may have **differential impact on the VTE risk** in subjects without and with cancer (synergistic effects)
 - **Are prothrombotic genotypes attractive biomarkers** to include in risk prediction models?
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