

**Post-polypectomy follow-up after
removal of colorectal neoplasia**

Post-polypectomy colonoscopy surveillance: European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) Guideline



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This Guideline is an official statement of the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE). The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) system was adopted to define the strength of recommendations and the quality of evidence.

Main recommendations: The following recommendations for post-polypectomy endoscopic surveillance should be applied only after a high quality baseline colonoscopy with complete removal of all detected neoplastic lesions.

1 In the low risk group (patients with 1–2 tubular adenomas < 10 mm with low grade dysplasia), the ESGE recommends participation in existing national screening programmes 10 years after the index colonoscopy. If no screening programme is available, repetition of colonoscopy 10 years after the index colonoscopy is recom-

3 In the high risk group, if no high risk adenomas are detected at the first surveillance examination, the ESGE suggests a 5-year interval before a second surveillance colonoscopy (weak recommendation, low quality evidence). If high risk adenomas are detected at first or subsequent surveillance examinations, a 3-year repetition of surveillance colonoscopy is recommended (strong recommendation, low quality evidence).

4 The ESGE recommends that patients with serrated polyps < 10 mm in size with no dysplasia

The Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines and Evidence

Statistical
MethodsAmir Qaseer
Committee*Table 1. The American College of Physicians' Guideline Grading System**

Quality of Evidence	Strength of Recommendation	
	<u>Benefits Clearly Outweigh Risks and Burden OR Risks and Burden Clearly Outweigh Benefits</u>	<u>Benefits Finely Balanced With Risks and Burden</u>
High	Strong	Weak
Moderate	Strong	Weak
Low	Strong	Weak
Insufficient evidence to determine net benefits or risks		

* Adopted from the classification developed by the GRADE (Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation) workgroup.

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For each type of polyp

BENEFIT

1. What is the risk of CRC/Adv. Neo. (AN) w/out surveillance?
2. What is the efficacy of end. surveillance in reducing CRC risk?

BURDEN

3. How many pts. present with this type of lesions?

1. Low-risk Group (LR-G)

1-2 tubular <10 mm adenoma(s) with LGD

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Low-risk Group (LR-G)

BENEFIT

1. What is the risk of CRC/Adv. Neo. (AN) w/out surveillance?
 - vs. general population (CRC)

Life-time CRC risk: LR-G

-LR-A cohort vs. general population

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-Case (CRC) vs. controls (no CRC)

Colonoscopy with polypectomy,	Adjusted OR	95% CI
< 3 years ago	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.1 to 0.2</u>
3-5 years ago	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.2 to 0.6</u>
6-10 years ago	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.4 to 1.5</u>

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Long-Term Colorectal-Cancer Mortality after Adenoma Removal

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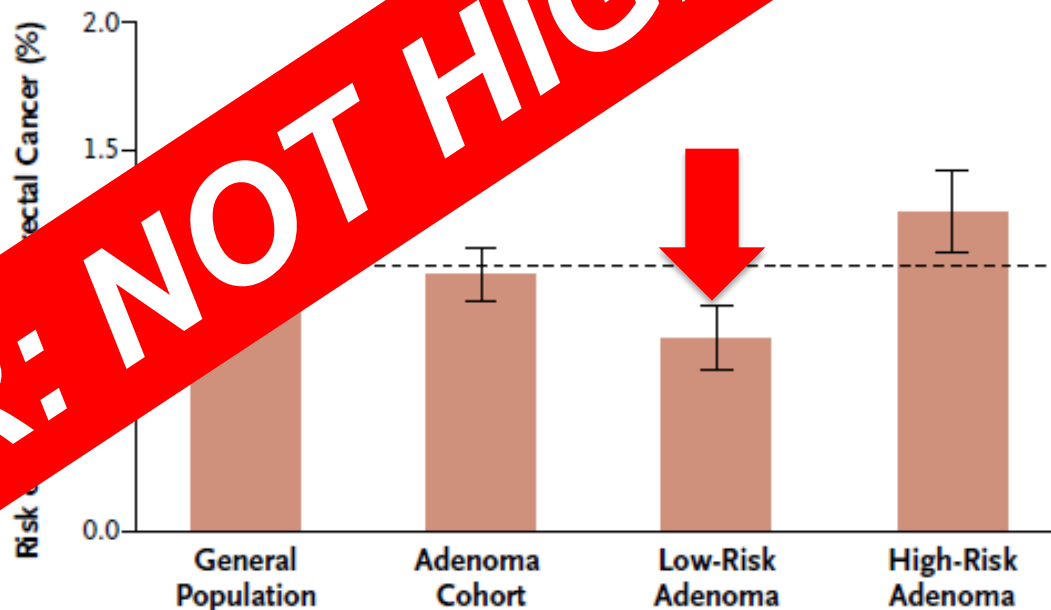


Figure 1. Colorectal-Cancer Mortality in a Cohort of Patients Who Underwent Removal of Adenomas and in the General Population.

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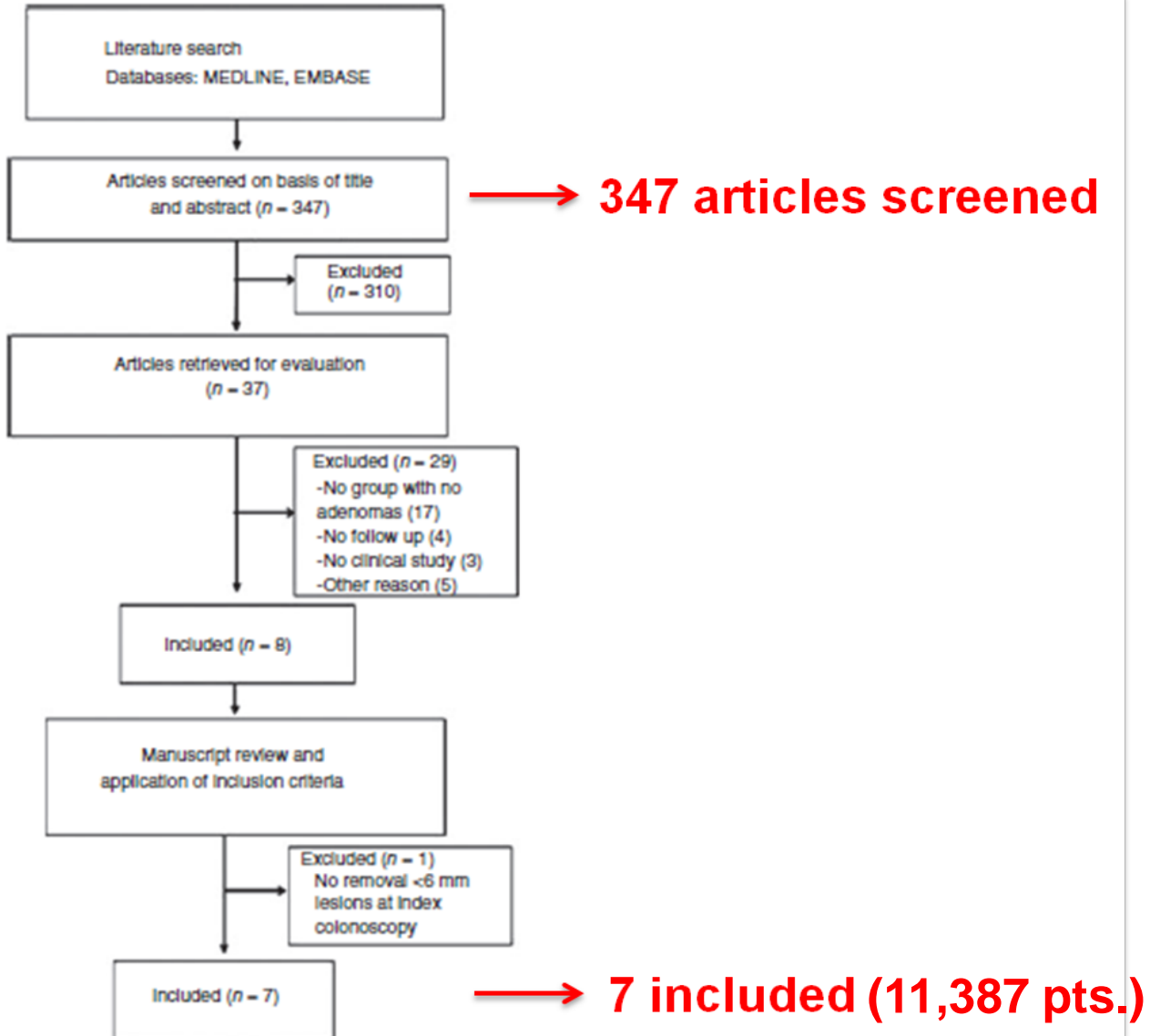
Low-risk Group (LR-G)

BENEFIT

1. What is the risk of CRC/Adv. Neo. (AN) w/out surveillance?
 - vs. general population (CRC)
 - vs. no-adenoma population (AN)

LR-A vs. no-A: Advanced Neoplasia incidence

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Systematic review with meta-analysis: the incidence of advanced neoplasia after polypectomy in patients with and without low-risk adenomas

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Synthesis of results

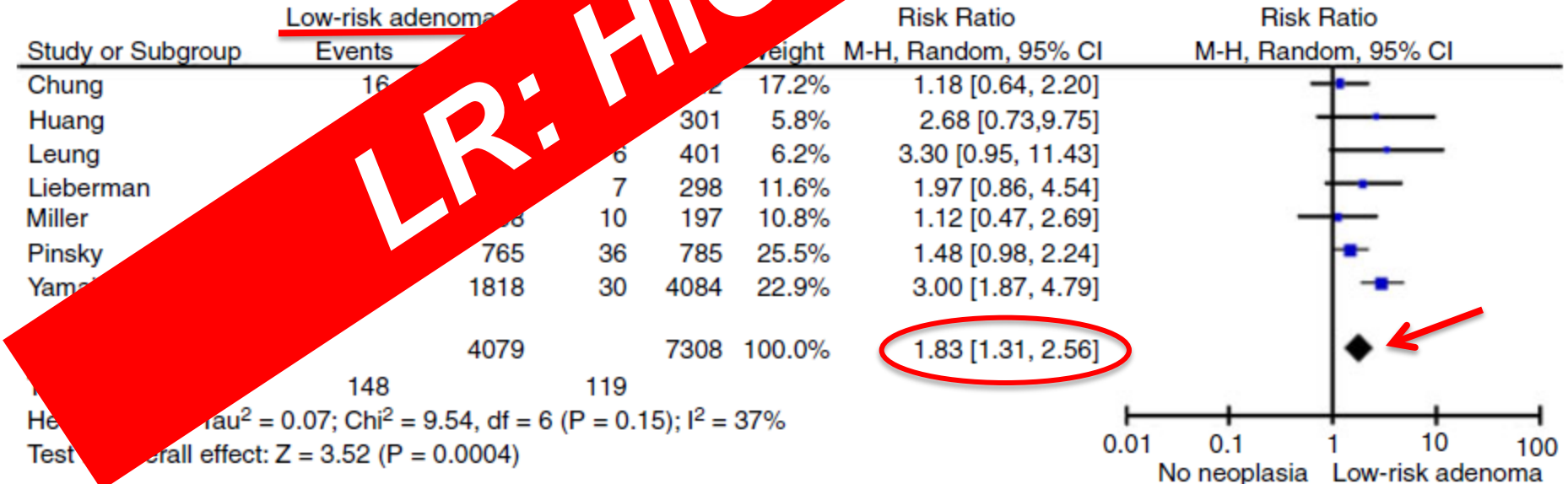
The detection rate of post-polypectomy advanced neoplasia was 3.6% in the LOW-RISK and 1.6% in the CONTROL groups. As shown in Figure 2, the incidence

LR-A vs. no-A: Advanced Neoplasia incidence

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LR: HIGHER AN!

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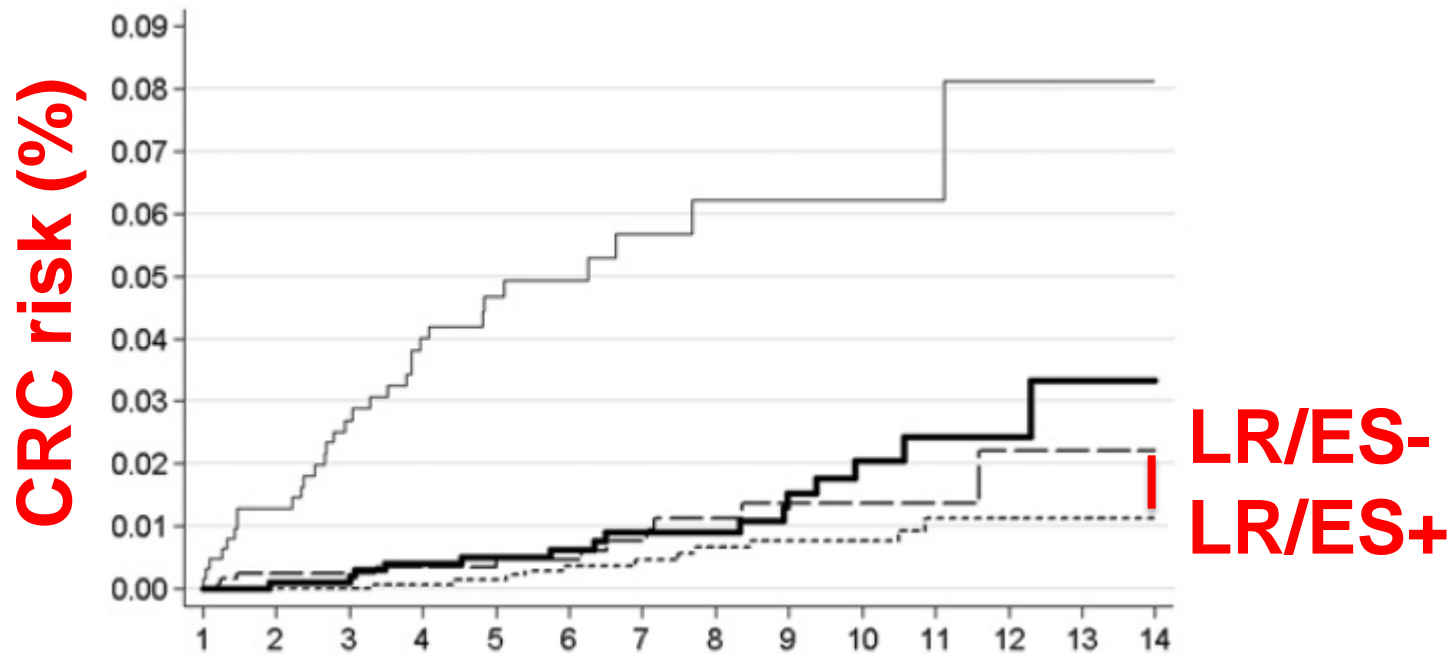
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	Persons at risk	Observed cases	SIR	95% CI
Adenomas				
Colonoscopic follow-up				
At least once	12 328	11	0.60	0.30 to 1.07
No colonoscopy	7362	11	0.82	0.41 to 1.47
Total	3736	4	0.61	0.17 to 1.57

SURVEILLANCE: NO EFFICACY!

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Low-risk Group (LR-G)

BENEFIT

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BURDEN

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Prevalence of LR-G with HD

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High Yields of Small and Flat Adenomas With High-Definition Colonoscopes Using Either White Light or Narrow-Band Light

DOUGLAS K. REX, and CLAIRE C. HELBIG

	Standard Definition (n = 124)	High-Definition (n = 124)	P value
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≥1 adenomas ≥1 cm	77 (58)	71 (57)	.91
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>50% LR: BIG BURDEN!

Surveillance Colonoscopy Is Cost-Effective for Patients With Adenomas Who Are at High Risk of Colorectal Cancer

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Table 4. Costs, QALYs, and ICERs of Surveillance Strategies





Strategy	Average Cost	Average QALYs	ICER
10/10	\$1775	17.5728	—
3/3	\$1831	17.5826	\$5743
3/5	\$3170	17.5871	<u>\$296266</u>
3/10	\$4936	17.5848	Dominated

HR

ity compared with the 10/10 strategy is shown in parentheses.

SURVEILLANCE: NO CONVENIENT!

Low-risk Group (LR-G)

CRC risk		<u>Low/not increased</u>
Surveillance efficacy		<u>No</u>
Convenient		<u>No</u>
BURDEN		<u>High</u>

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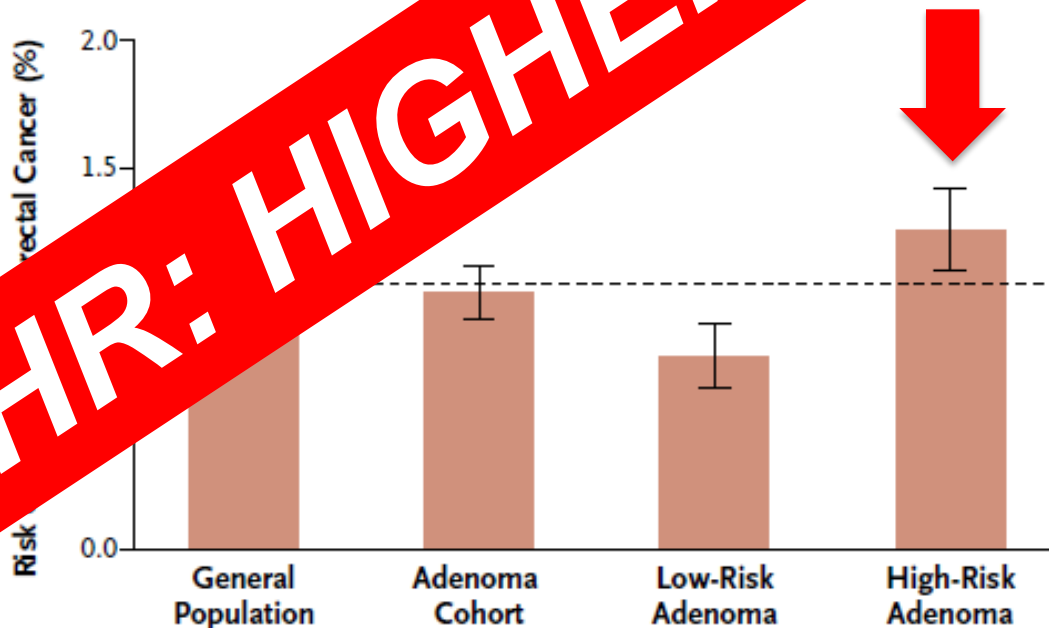


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HR-G vs. LR-G: Advanced Neoplasia incidence

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A Pooled Analysis of Advanced Colorectal Neoplasia Detection and Impact of Colonoscopic Polypectomy

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HR: HIGHER AN!

Characteristic	Adenoma, % (95% CI)	Cancer, % (95% CI)
Low-risk group	6.9 (6.2–7.6)	0.5 (0.3–0.7)
High-risk group	15.5 (14.5–16.6)	0.8 (0.5–1.0)

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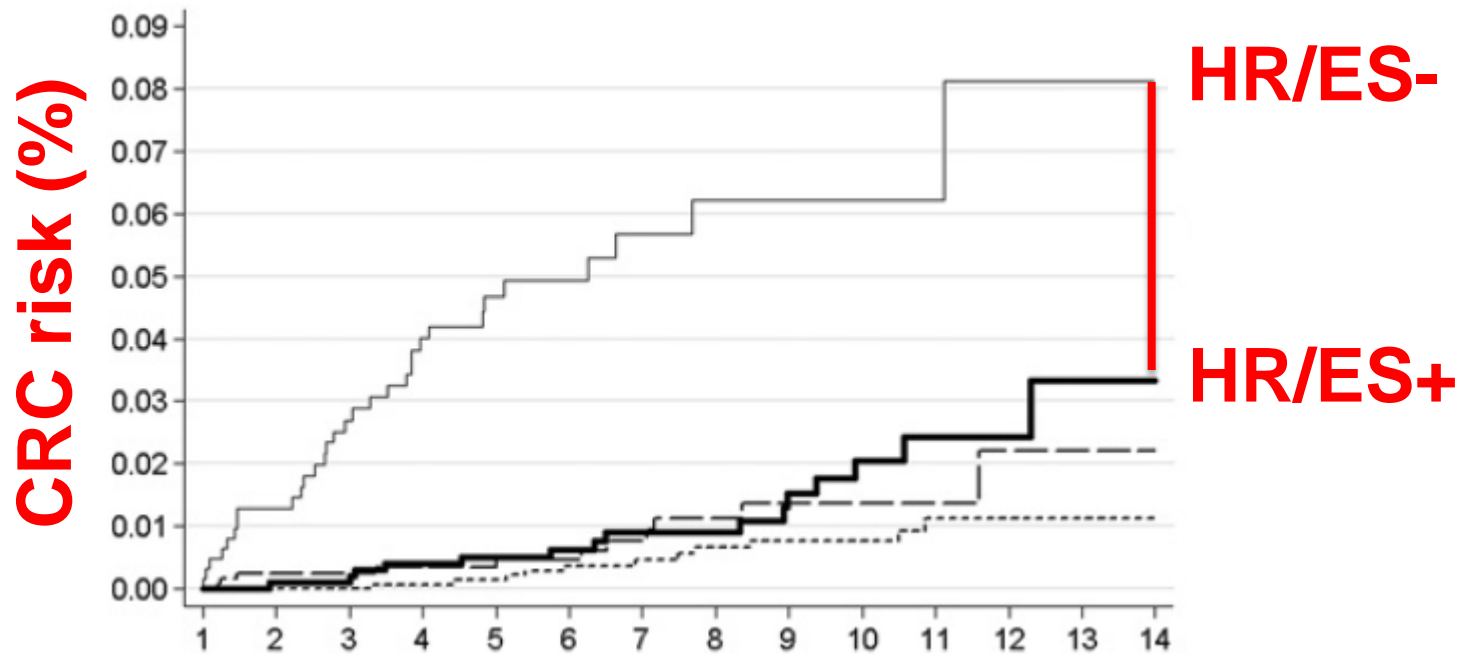
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Not specified	1335	7	2.46	0.99 to 5.08

SURVEILLANCE: YES EFFICACY!

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5% HR: SMALL BURDEN!

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CLINICAL-
ALIMENTARY TRACT

SURVEILLANCE: CONVENIENT!

High-risk Group (HR-G)

CRC risk		<u>Increased</u>
AN risk		<u>Increased</u>
Surveillance efficacy		<u>Yes</u>
Convenient		<u>Yes</u>
BURDEN		<u>Small</u>

High-risk Group (LR-G)

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High risk group

In the high risk group (patients with adenomas with villous histology or high grade dysplasia or ≥ 10 mm in size, or ≥ 3 adenomas), the ESGE recommends surveillance colonoscopy 3 years after the index colonoscopy (strong recommendation, moderate quality evidence). Patients with 10 or more adenomas should be referred for genetic counselling (strong recommendation, moderate quality evidence).

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2. High-risk Group (HR-G)

>10 mm/villous/HGD or >3 adenoma(s)

3. Serrated polyp (SP)

Hyperplastic, serrated sessile, etc.

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Serrated polyp (SP)

BENEFIT

1. What is the risk of CRC/Adv. Neo. (AN) w/out surveillance?
2. What is the efficacy of end. surveillance in reducing CRC risk?

Serrated polyps

- Long-term CRC risk with SP unknown
- One small study suggested a higher risk of AN at surveillance in pts. with sessile serrated lesions
- Pts. with large or proximal sessile serrated lesions at higher risk of synchronous AN
- No evidence on efficacy of end. surveillance in pts. with SP

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Serrated polyp (SP)

BENEFIT

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Prevalence of **LARGE SP**

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Relationship of colonoscopy-detected serrated polyps with synchronous advanced neoplasia in average-risk individuals (CME)

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TABLE 1. Characteristics of patients included in the study (n = 500)

Polyps	
Polyps	329 (6.5)
Serrated polyps	90 (1.8)
Large serrated proximal polyps	36 (0.7)

2% HR: SMALL BURDEN!

Serrated Polyps (SP)

CRC risk



Unknown

AN risk



Increased (synchronous)

**Surveillance
efficacy**



Unknown

Convenient



Unknown

BURDEN



Small

Sessile polyps (SP)

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The ESGE recommends that patients with serrated polyps < 10 mm in size with no dysplasia should be classified as low risk (weak recommendation, low quality evidence). The ESGE suggests that patients with large serrated polyps (≥ 10 mm) or those with dysplasia should be classified as high risk (weak recommendation, low quality evidence).

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