

Supplementary Table 5. Risk of relevant cancer within 2 years of first consultation for bleeding.

Characteristic	Rectal bleeding		Postmenopausal bleeding	
	Hazard ratio ^a	95% CI	Hazard ratio ^a	95% CI
Sex				
Female	1.00	–	–	–
Male	1.72	1.46, 2.01	–	–
Age group (years)				
54 or less ^b	1.00	–	1.00	–
55–64	4.54	3.48, 5.92	3.80	1.92, 7.52
65–74	7.14	5.52, 9.22	8.91	4.51, 17.63
75 and over	9.14	7.05, 11.85	12.98	6.47, 26.04
Area deprivation level				
Townsend quintile 1	1.00	–	1.00	–
Townsend quintile 2	1.11	0.88, 1.40	1.35	0.86, 2.11
Townsend quintile 3	1.11	0.87, 1.41	1.04	0.63, 1.70
Townsend quintile 4	1.14	0.89, 1.46	1.27	0.79, 2.06
Townsend quintile 5	0.91	0.69, 1.18	1.02	0.61, 1.72
Score missing	1.08	0.71, 1.64	0.68	0.26, 1.73
Body mass index (BMI)				
Normal (<25)	1.00	–	1.00	–
Overweight (25–29.9)	1.04	0.85, 1.28	1.39	0.89, 2.17
Obese (≥30)	1.13	0.88, 1.44	2.00	1.26, 3.10
No valid BMI recorded	1.00	0.77, 1.31	1.58	0.92, 2.73
Blood pressure (BP)				
Normal	1.00	–	1.00	–
High ^c	1.08	0.88, 1.34	0.91	0.61, 1.37
No valid BP recorded	1.25	0.92, 1.71	0.76	0.41, 1.43
Smoking status				
Non-smoker	1.00	–	1.00	–
Smoker	0.72	0.56, 0.93	1.13	0.68, 1.88
Not recorded	0.86	0.65, 1.15	1.10	0.64, 1.90
Comorbid physical conditions				
Coronary heart disease	0.79	0.63, 0.99	0.95	0.59, 1.52
Stroke	0.96	0.71, 1.29	0.78	0.36, 1.68
Diabetes	1.02	0.73, 1.41	1.10	0.63, 1.94
Chronic obstructive airways disease	1.09	0.77, 1.54	0.67	0.24, 1.86
Asthma	0.96	0.73, 1.25	0.66	0.36, 1.24
Cancer	1.05	0.77, 1.45	1.58	0.97, 2.59
HRT medication				
Previous user/none recorded	–	–	1.00	–
Used in last 12 months	–	–	0.31	0.18, 0.55

^aAdjusted for all other variables in table. ^bMinimum age 25 years for rectal bleeding, 40 years for menopausal bleeding. ^cHigh blood pressure = systolic >160 mmHg and/or diastolic >90 mmHg. HRT = hormone replacement therapy.