

Supplementary Online Content

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List of previous WHI publications

eFigure 1. Number of events (annualized %), difference in absolute risks per 10,000 person-years, and hazard ratios (95%CI) for various health outcomes in the overall study population in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials (post-intervention phase). The total cardiovascular disease outcome is defined in the legend for Figure 2.

eFigure 2. Number of events (annualized %), difference in absolute risks per 10,000 person-years, and hazard ratios (95%CI) for various health outcomes in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials (intervention phase) according to time since menopause (10-year groups) at randomization.

eFigure 3. Number of events (annualized %), difference in absolute risks per 10,000 person-years, and hazard ratios (95%CI) for secondary endpoints in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials (intervention phase) according to 10-year age groups at randomization. The total cardiovascular disease outcome is defined in the legend for Figure 2.

eFigure 4. Number of events (annualized %), difference in absolute risks per 10,000 person-years, and hazard ratios (95%CI) for secondary endpoints in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials (overall combined phases, cumulative followup) according to 10-year age groups at randomization. The total cardiovascular disease outcome is defined in the legend for Figure 2.

eFigure 5. Mean (95% CI) and effect sizes for other health-related quality of life variables in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials by randomization arm at Year 1 (intervention phase).

eFigure 6. Number of events (annualized %), difference in absolute risks per 10,000 person-years, and hazard ratios (95%CI) for various health outcomes in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials (intervention phase) among women with no prior HT Use according to 10-year age groups at randomization.

eFigure 7. Number of Events (annualized %) and hazard ratios (95%CI) for CHD in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials (intervention phase) according to vasomotor symptoms and age at randomization.

Secondary and patient-reported outcomes in the two trials

Additional analyses addressing risk stratification

Additional discussion of the breast cancer findings

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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

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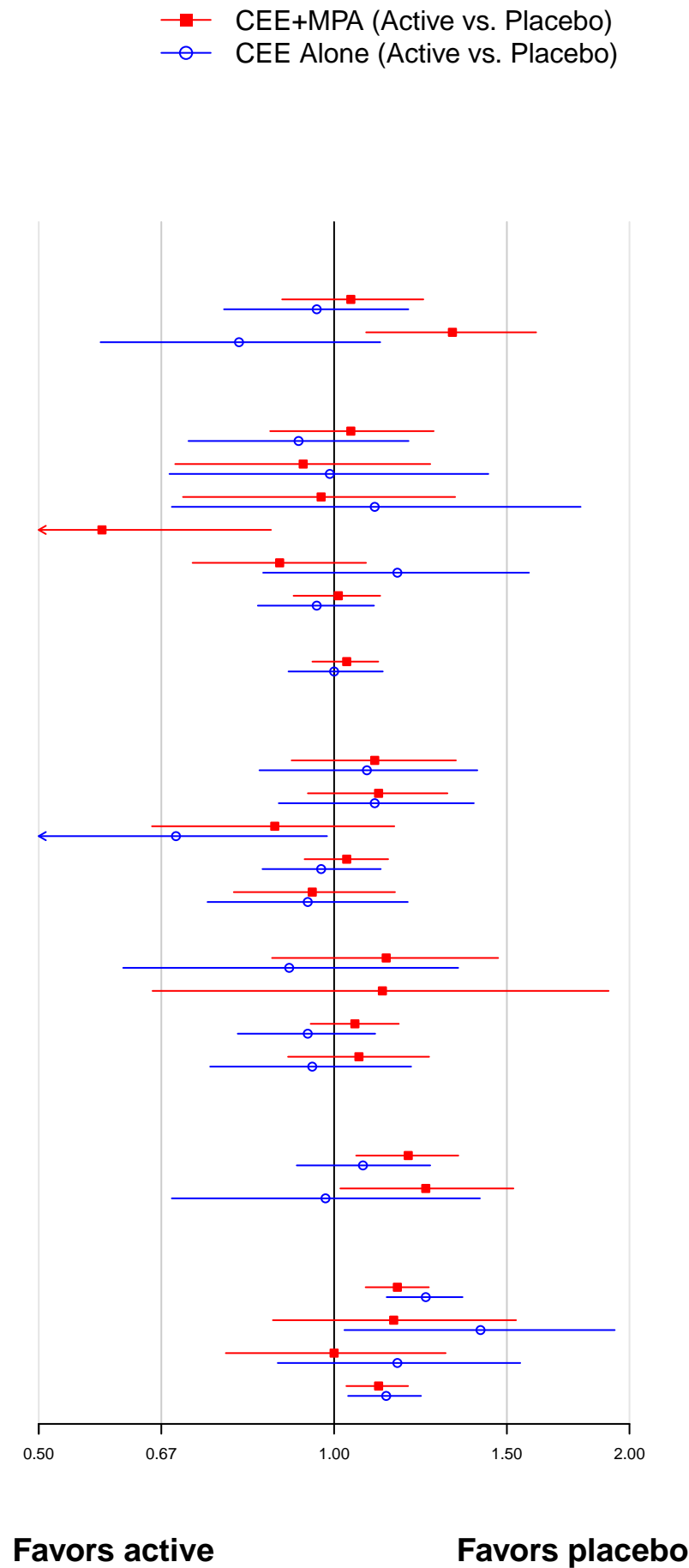
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Appendix eFigure 1. Absolute Risks and Hazard Ratios for Outcomes in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials (PostIntervention Phase)

	CEE+MPA Trial						CEE Alone Trial					
	Active N(%*)	Placebo N(%*)	Diff per 10K pys [^]	HR	95%CI	P	Active N(%*)	Placebo N(%*)	Diff per 10K pys [^]	HR	95%CI	P
Primary Endpoints												
Coronary heart disease	291(0.55)	271(0.53)	+2	1.04	(0.89, 1.23)	0.61	159(0.68)	171(0.72)	-4	0.96	(0.77, 1.19)	0.70
Invasive breast cancer	228(0.43)	168(0.33)	+10	1.32	(1.08, 1.61)	0.007	64(0.27)	81(0.34)	-7	0.80	(0.58, 1.11)	0.19
Other Endpoints in the Global Index												
Stroke	217(0.40)	202(0.39)	+1	1.04	(0.86, 1.26)	0.67	109(0.46)	123(0.51)	-5	0.92	(0.71, 1.19)	0.53
Pulmonary embolism	85(0.16)	87(0.17)	-1	0.93	(0.69, 1.25)	0.63	55(0.23)	57(0.23)	0	0.99	(0.68, 1.44)	0.95
Colorectal cancer	76(0.14)	75(0.15)	-1	0.97	(0.70, 1.33)	0.83	35(0.15)	32(0.13)	+1	1.10	(0.68, 1.78)	0.69
Endometrial cancer	41(0.08)	66(0.13)	-5	0.58	(0.40, 0.86)	0.007				Not applicable		
Hip fracture	179(0.33)	195(0.38)	-5	0.88	(0.72, 1.08)	0.22	86(0.36)	74(0.31)	+6	1.16	(0.85, 1.58)	0.36
All-cause mortality	761(1.39)	728(1.39)	0	1.01	(0.91, 1.11)	0.90	403(1.66)	426(1.73)	-7	0.96	(0.84, 1.10)	0.54
Global index	1322(2.75)	1261(2.70)	+4	1.03	(0.95, 1.11)	0.50	621(2.90)	642(2.96)	-6	1.00	(0.90, 1.12)	0.95
Secondary Endpoints												
Total MI	221(0.42)	195(0.38)	+3	1.10	(0.91, 1.33)	0.34	121(0.52)	115(0.48)	+3	1.08	(0.84, 1.40)	0.54
CABG/PCI	308(0.59)	271(0.54)	+5	1.11	(0.94, 1.30)	0.22	156(0.69)	141(0.61)	+8	1.10	(0.88, 1.39)	0.40
Deep vein thrombosis	90(0.17)	101(0.20)	-3	0.87	(0.65, 1.15)	0.32	50(0.21)	74(0.31)	-10	0.69	(0.48, 0.98)	0.04
All cardiovascular events	820(1.70)	783(1.68)	+2	1.03	(0.93, 1.14)	0.57	390(1.93)	414(2.00)	-6	0.97	(0.85, 1.12)	0.68
Cardiovascular deaths	214(0.39)	216(0.41)	-2	0.95	(0.79, 1.15)	0.63	134(0.55)	145(0.59)	-4	0.94	(0.74, 1.19)	0.60
Lung cancer	120(0.22)	101(0.19)	+3	1.13	(0.86, 1.47)	0.38	47(0.20)	53(0.22)	-2	0.90	(0.61, 1.34)	0.61
Ovarian cancer	29(0.05)	25(0.05)	+1	1.12	(0.65, 1.90)	0.69						
All cancer types**	753(1.51)	690(1.45)	+7	1.05	(0.95, 1.16)	0.36	286(1.27)	308(1.36)	-9	0.94	(0.80, 1.10)	0.43
Cancer deaths	295(0.54)	268(0.51)	+3	1.06	(0.90, 1.25)	0.50	134(0.55)	143(0.58)	-3	0.95	(0.75, 1.20)	0.65
Self-Reported Endpoints^^												
Diabetes	603(1.24)	482(1.04)	+20	1.19	(1.05, 1.34)	0.005	323(1.64)	306(1.54)	+10	1.07	(0.92, 1.25)	0.39
Gallbladder disease@	213(1.27)	166(1.01)	+26	1.24	(1.01, 1.52)	0.04	57(1.65)	61(1.66)	-2	0.98	(0.68, 1.41)	0.92
Self-Reported Symptoms#												
Urinary incontinence^^	23.5%(5194)	20.3%(4879)		1.16	(1.08, 1.25)	<0.001	28.6%(2781)	23.1%(2863)		1.24	(1.13, 1.35)	<0.001
Vasomotor symptoms##	32.8%(232)	28.4%(204)		1.15	(0.87, 1.53)	0.33	41.6%(149)	29.6%(142)		1.41	(1.02, 1.93)	0.03
Breast tenderness^^	1.8%(6594)	1.8%(6334)		1.00	(0.78, 1.30)	0.98	2.6%(3811)	2.2%(3900)		1.16	(0.88, 1.55)	0.29
Joint pain^^	23.4%(5228)	21.2%(5038)		1.11	(1.03, 1.19)	0.006	29.1%(2752)	25.8%(2819)		1.13	(1.03, 1.23)	0.007



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* Annualized percentage

** Excludes non-melanoma skin cancer

[^]Difference in estimated absolute excess risk (active minus placebo) per 10,000 person years. Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding error.

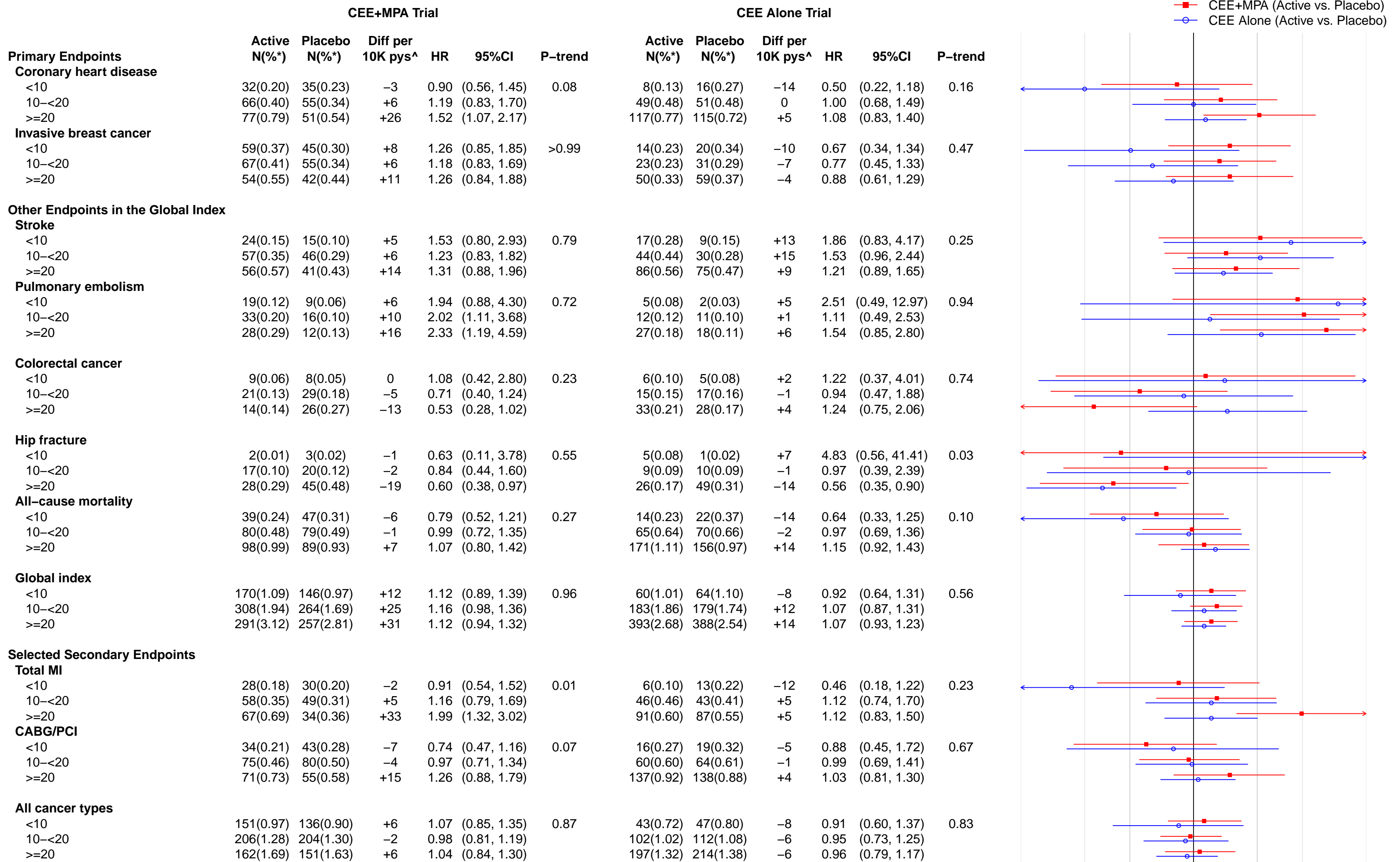
@ Follow-up through planned close-out. Data not collected during WHI extension

^{^^} Includes participants who did not report a prevalent condition at baseline

Collected at close-out. Proportion of women that reported symptom(denominator) and relative risk(95%CI) are reported

Includes symptomatic women 50-54 yrs of age

Appendix eFigure 2. Absolute Risks and Hazard Ratios for Outcomes in the Trials (Intervention Phase by Time Since Menopause)



CEE indicates conjugated equine estrogens; and MPA, medroxyprogesterone acetate.

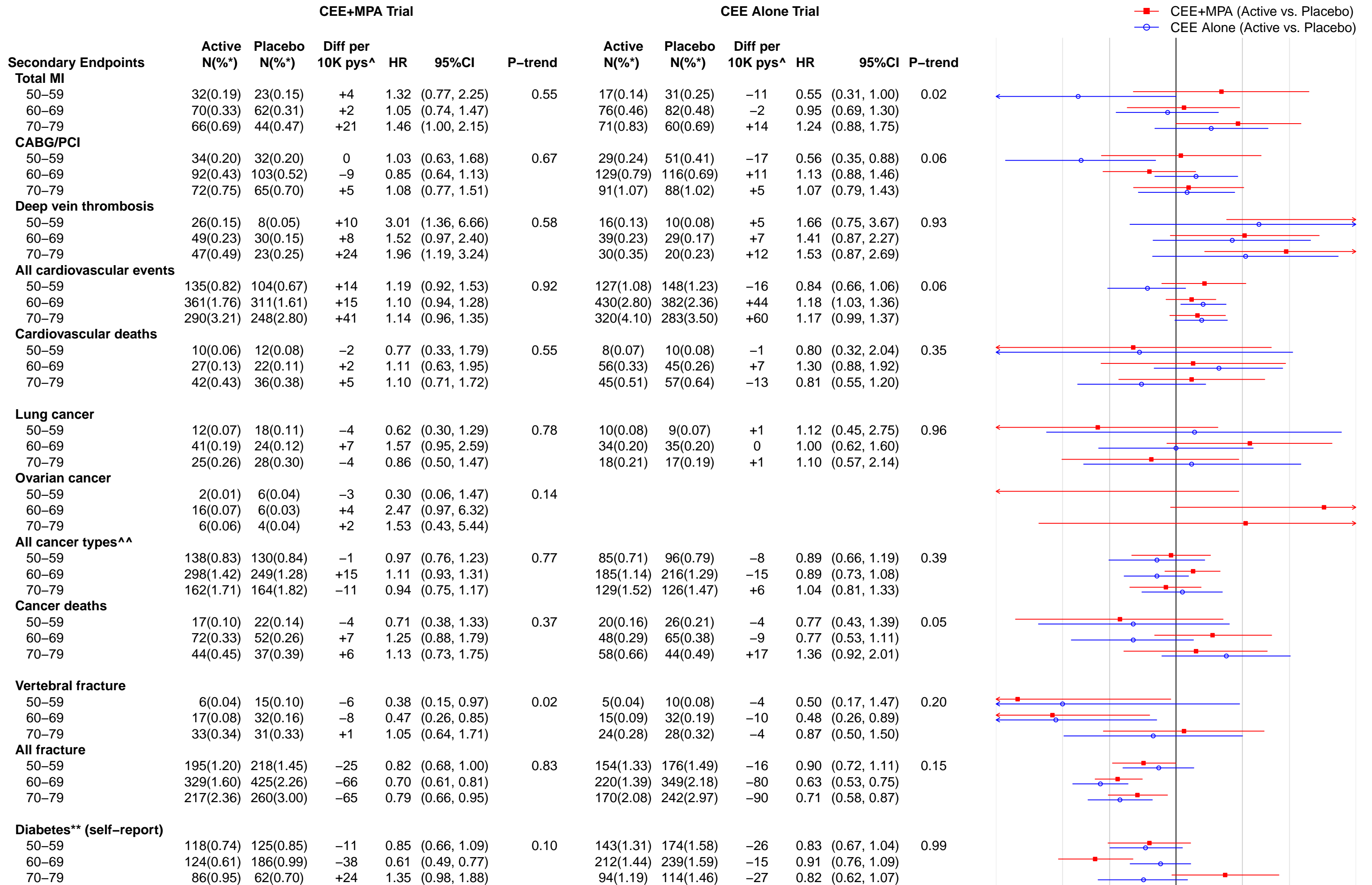
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Favors active

Favors placebo

Appendix eFigure 3. Absolute Risks and Hazard Ratios for Secondary Outcomes in the Trials (Intervention Phase by Age Group)



CEE indicates conjugated equine estrogens; and MPA, medroxyprogesterone acetate.

* Annualized percentage

^Difference in estimated absolute excess risk (active minus placebo) per 10,000 person years. Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding error.

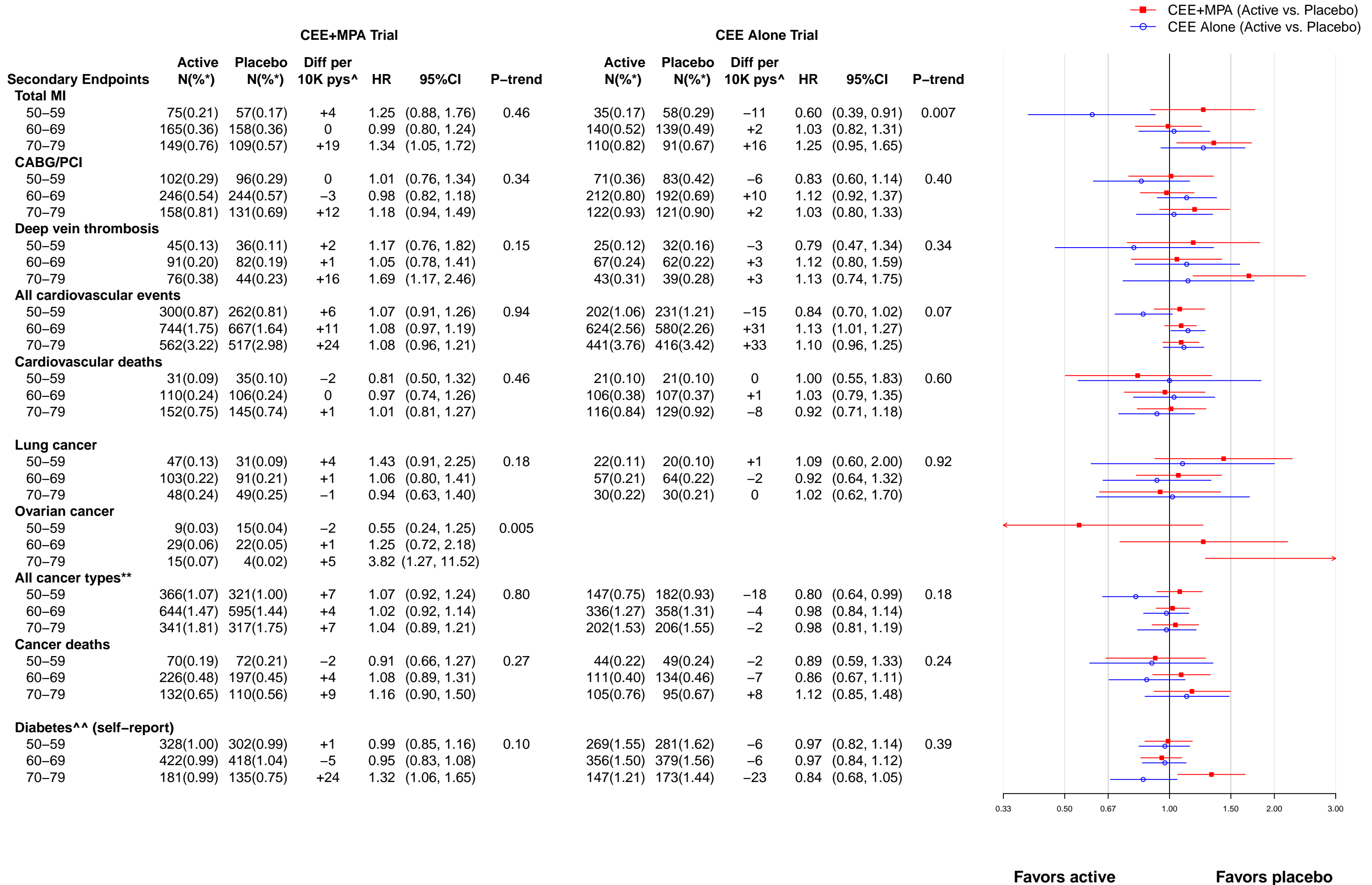
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** Includes participants that did not report a prevalent condition at baseline

Favors active

Favors placebo

Appendix eFigure 4. Absolute Risks and Hazard Ratios for Secondary Outcomes in the Trials (Overall Combined Phases, by Age Group)



CEE indicates conjugated equine estrogen; and MPA, medroxyprogesterone acetate.

* Annualized percentage

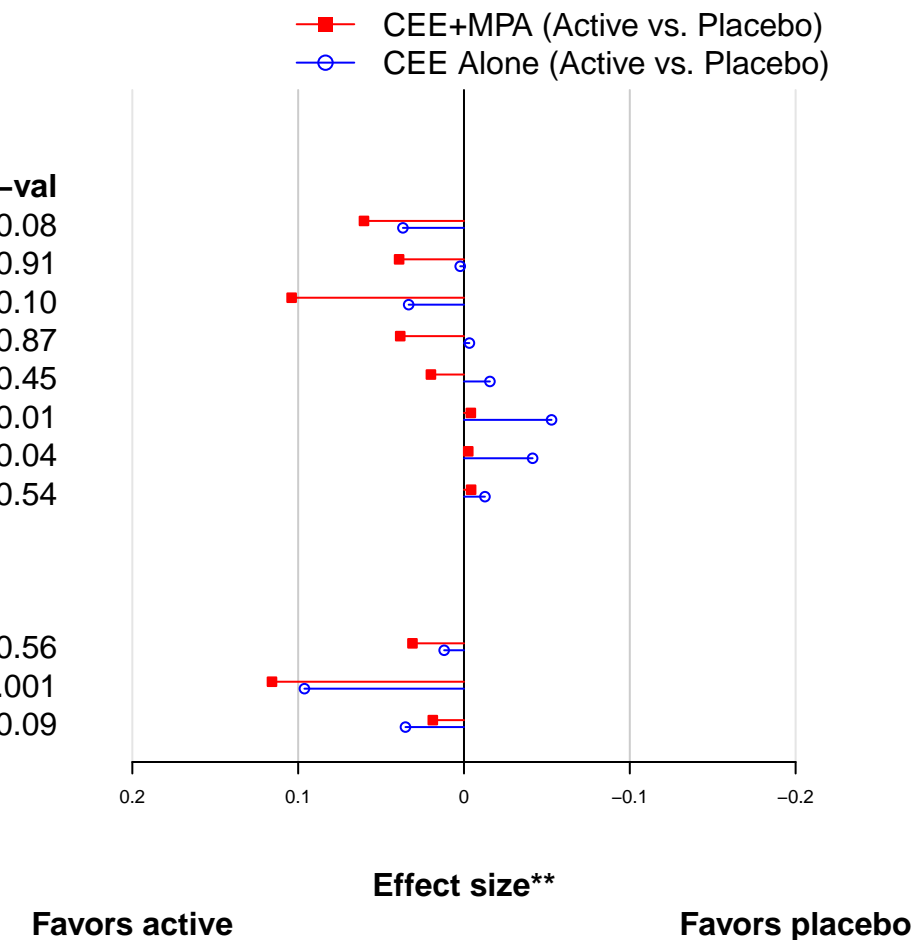
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** Excludes non-melanoma skin cancer

^^ Includes participants that did not report a prevalent condition at baseline

Appendix eFigure 5. Results for Other Health-Related Quality of Life Variables in the WHI Hormone Therapy Trials (Intervention Phase)

	CEE+MPA Trial			CEE Alone Trial		
	Active Mean(95%CI)	Placebo Mean(95%CI)	P-val	Active Mean(95%CI)	Placebo Mean(95%CI)	P-val
RAND-36*						
Physical functioning	82.6(82.3, 82.9)	81.8(81.5, 82.1)	<0.001	76.0(75.5, 76.4)	75.4(75.0, 75.8)	0.08
Role physical	77.4(76.7, 78.0)	76.2(75.5, 76.9)	0.02	69.0(68.0, 70.0)	68.9(68.0, 69.9)	0.91
Bodily pain	77.6(77.2, 78.0)	75.6(75.2, 76.1)	<0.001	69.8(69.2, 70.4)	69.1(68.5, 69.7)	0.10
General health	76.6(76.3, 76.9)	76.1(75.8, 76.4)	0.02	72.2(71.8, 72.6)	72.2(71.9, 72.6)	0.87
Vitality	65.2(64.9, 65.6)	64.9(64.6, 65.3)	0.22	60.9(60.5, 61.3)	61.1(60.7, 61.6)	0.45
Social Functioning	89.9(89.5, 90.3)	90.0(89.6, 90.4)	0.80	85.8(85.3, 86.4)	86.9(86.3, 87.4)	0.01
Role emotional	85.3(84.7, 85.9)	85.4(84.8, 86.0)	0.87	81.0(80.2, 81.8)	82.2(81.4, 83.0)	0.04
Mental health	80.7(80.4, 80.9)	80.7(80.5, 81.0)	0.79	78.5(78.2, 78.9)	78.7(78.3, 79.0)	0.54
Other						
Self-reported health [^]	2.27(2.26, 2.29)	2.29(2.28, 2.31)	0.06	2.53(2.51, 2.55)	2.54(2.52, 2.55)	0.56
Sleep disturbance [#]	6.13(6.05, 6.20)	6.51(6.44, 6.59)	<0.001	6.92(6.81, 7.02)	7.25(7.15, 7.36)	<0.001
Depressive symptoms [@]	2.21(2.16, 2.26)	2.25(2.20, 2.30)	0.25	2.58(2.51, 2.65)	2.66(2.59, 2.73)	0.09



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* Scored from 0 (worst) to 100 (best).

[^] Scored from 1 (best) to 5 (worst).

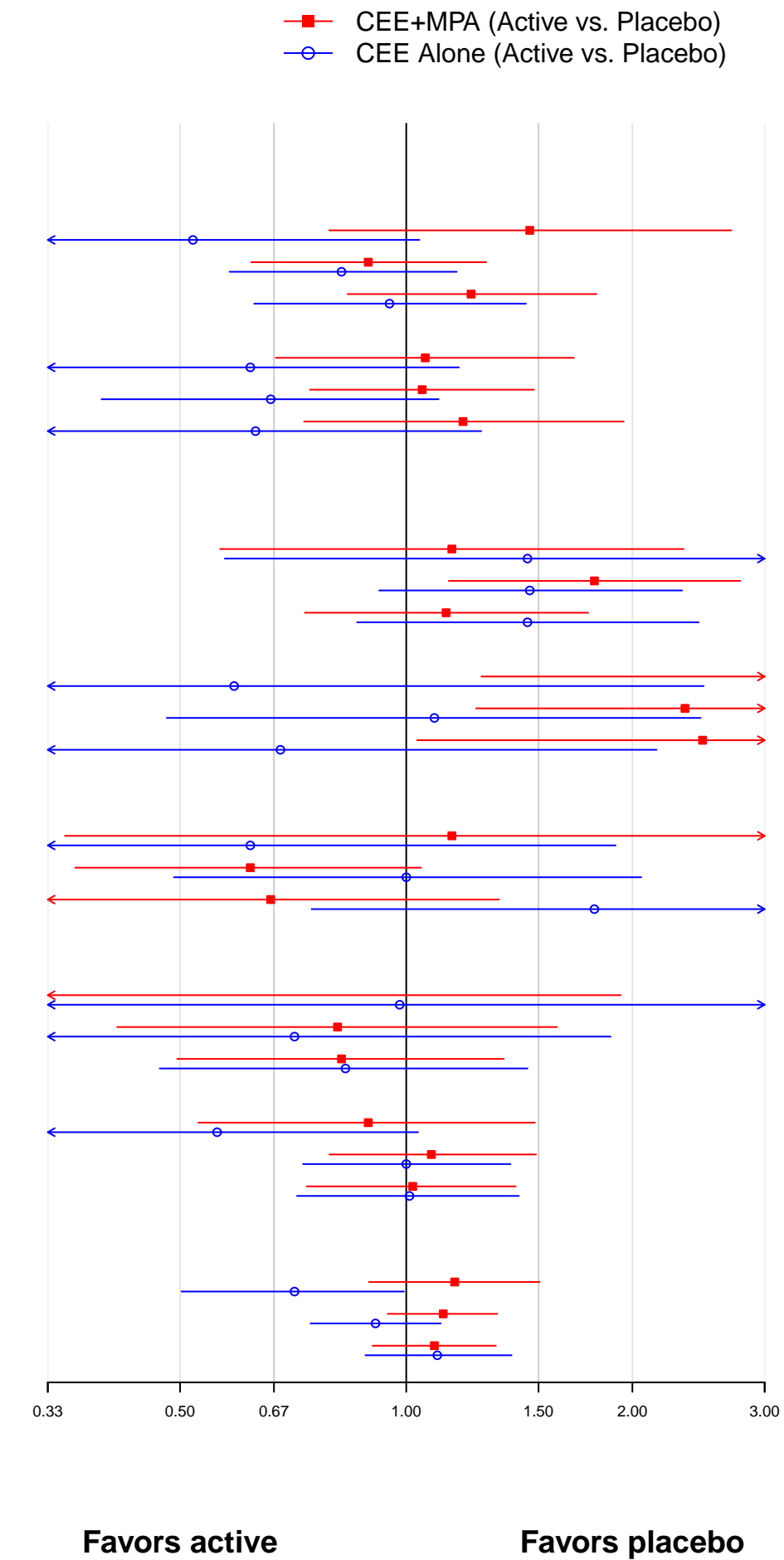
[#] Scored from 0 (best) to 20 (worst).

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** Estimated Mean Difference at Year 1, adjusting for baseline, divided by the root-mean-square error. For all measures, the sign of the effect size has been flipped (if necessary) so that adverse effects (favors placebo) extend to the right and favorable effects (favors active) extend to the left.

Appendix eFigure 6. Results Among Women in the Trials with No Prior HT Use (Intervention Phase by Age Group)

	CEE+MPA Trial						CEE Alone Trial					
	Active N(%*)	Placebo N(%*)	Diff per 10K pys^	HR	95%CI	P-trend	Active N(%*)	Placebo N(%*)	Diff per 10K pys^	HR	95%CI	P-trend
Primary Endpoints												
Coronary heart disease												
50–59	25(0.21)	17(0.15)	+6	1.46	(0.79, 2.71)	0.50	12(0.19)	23(0.37)	-18	0.52	(0.26, 1.04)	0.96
60–69	59(0.36)	60(0.40)	-4	0.89	(0.62, 1.28)		59(0.69)	69(0.81)	-13	0.82	(0.58, 1.17)	
70–79	59(0.83)	49(0.71)	+12	1.22	(0.84, 1.79)		43(0.95)	46(0.99)	-4	0.95	(0.63, 1.44)	
Invasive breast cancer												
50–59	39(0.33)	35(0.31)	+2	1.06	(0.67, 1.67)	0.81	15(0.24)	24(0.39)	-15	0.62	(0.32, 1.18)	0.98
60–69	70(0.43)	61(0.41)	+2	1.05	(0.74, 1.48)		24(0.28)	36(0.42)	-14	0.66	(0.39, 1.10)	
70–79	36(0.50)	29(0.42)	+9	1.19	(0.73, 1.95)		13(0.28)	21(0.45)	-17	0.63	(0.32, 1.26)	
Other Endpoints in the Global Index												
Stroke												
50–59	17(0.14)	14(0.12)	+2	1.15	(0.57, 2.34)	0.83	11(0.18)	8(0.13)	+5	1.45	(0.57, 3.67)	0.69
60–69	58(0.36)	30(0.20)	+16	1.78	(1.14, 2.78)		44(0.51)	30(0.35)	+16	1.46	(0.92, 2.33)	
70–79	44(0.62)	38(0.55)	+7	1.13	(0.73, 1.75)		34(0.75)	24(0.51)	+23	1.45	(0.86, 2.45)	
Pulmonary embolism												
50–59	16(0.14)	4(0.04)	+10	3.77	(1.26, 11.29)	0.07	3(0.05)	5(0.08)	-3	0.59	(0.14, 2.49)	0.34
60–69	33(0.20)	13(0.09)	+12	2.35	(1.24, 4.47)		12(0.14)	11(0.13)	+1	1.09	(0.48, 2.47)	
70–79	18(0.25)	7(0.10)	+15	2.48	(1.03, 5.93)		5(0.11)	7(0.15)	-4	0.68	(0.22, 2.15)	
Colorectal cancer												
50–59	6(0.05)	5(0.04)	+1	1.15	(0.35, 3.78)	0.71	5(0.08)	8(0.13)	-5	0.62	(0.20, 1.90)	0.70
60–69	23(0.14)	34(0.23)	-9	0.62	(0.36, 1.05)		15(0.17)	15(0.17)	0	1.00	(0.49, 2.06)	
70–79	13(0.18)	19(0.27)	-9	0.66	(0.32, 1.33)		14(0.30)	8(0.17)	+13	1.78	(0.75, 4.25)	
Hip fracture												
50–59	1(0.01)	4(0.04)	-3	0.21	(0.02, 1.93)	0.87	1(0.02)	1(0.02)	0	0.98	(0.06, 15.67)	0.23
60–69	16(0.10)	18(0.12)	-2	0.81	(0.41, 1.59)		7(0.08)	10(0.12)	-4	0.71	(0.27, 1.87)	
70–79	29(0.41)	34(0.49)	-9	0.82	(0.50, 1.35)		22(0.48)	27(0.58)	-10	0.83	(0.47, 1.45)	
All-cause mortality												
50–59	28(0.24)	30(0.26)	-3	0.89	(0.53, 1.48)	0.14	16(0.26)	28(0.45)	-19	0.56	(0.30, 1.04)	0.73
60–69	85(0.52)	70(0.46)	+5	1.08	(0.79, 1.49)		76(0.87)	76(0.88)	-1	1.00	(0.73, 1.38)	
70–79	77(1.07)	73(1.04)	+3	1.02	(0.74, 1.40)		66(1.42)	67(1.42)	0	1.01	(0.72, 1.41)	
Global index												
50–59	125(1.08)	103(0.92)	+16	1.16	(0.89, 1.51)	0.58	57(0.93)	80(1.33)	-40	0.71	(0.50, 0.99)	0.49
60–69	304(1.93)	249(1.70)	+22	1.12	(0.94, 1.32)		188(2.27)	200(2.45)	-18	0.91	(0.75, 1.11)	
70–79	229(3.37)	204(3.07)	+30	1.09	(0.90, 1.32)		159(3.69)	149(3.35)	+34	1.10	(0.88, 1.38)	



CEE indicates conjugated equine estrogens; and MPA, medroxyprogesterone acetate.

^ Difference in estimated absolute excess risk (active minus placebo) per 10,000 person years. Numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding error.

* Three-way trend test between randomization assignment, age group, and prior HT use

APPENDIX (SUPPLEMENTAL ONLINE MATERIALS)

Secondary and Patient-Reported Outcomes in the Two Trials

Other symptoms and health-related quality of life outcomes: Several other symptoms have been examined in the WHI HT trials and results have been previously reported. Changes in menopausal symptoms and treatment-related effects were analyzed after 1 year (estrogen-progestin¹ and estrogen alone²), at trial closure (treatment-compliant women in the estrogen-alone trial²), and after stopping HT (treatment-compliant women in the estrogen-progestin³ and estrogen-alone trials²). In addition to the effects on vasomotor symptoms and other endpoints reported in the main text, CEE+MPA provided significantly greater relief than placebo at 1 year for vaginal or genital dryness (74.1 v. 54.6%; RR=2.40 [1.90-3.02]), joint pain or stiffness (47.1 v. 38.4%; RR=1.43 [1.24-1.64]), and general aches or pains (49.3 v. 43.7%; RR=1.25 [1.08-1.44]). However, it also raised the risk for vaginal or genital discharge (4.1 v. 1.0%; RR=4.47 [3.44-5.81]), vaginal or genital irritation (4.2 v. 2.8%; RR=1.52 [1.27-1.81]), headaches (5.8 v. 4.7%; RR=1.26 [1.08-1.46]), and breast tenderness (9.3 v. 2.4%; RR=4.26 [3.59-5.04]). Vaginal bleeding, mostly spotting, was commonly reported in the estrogen-progestin trial, occurring in 51% of women in the treatment group at month 6 and declining to 13% at year 5. Among women in the placebo group, 86.6% never reported bleeding. CEE+MPA also increased the risk for hysterectomy (3.1% v. 2.5%; RR=1.26 [1.03-1.48]) and dilation and curettage procedures (5.4 v. 2.4%; RR=2.23 [1.88-2.63]).

At 1 year, CEE alone, compared with placebo, improved vaginal dryness (34.3 v. 42.9%; RR=0.80 [0.68-0.93]), but increased the risk for breast tenderness (8.4 v. 3.4%; RR=2.48 [2.08-2.97]) CEE alone was also associated with a small but significant ($p=0.04$) reduction in joint pain in an analysis that combined women with and without joint pain at baseline. Assignment to CEE alone was associated with a reduced risk for knee or hip replacement by the end of the intervention period (RR=0.84 [0.70-1.00]; $p=0.05$),⁴ suggesting a favorable influence on joint health. Such a reduction was not seen for CEE+MPA.⁴

Among a subgroup of nondisabled participants aged ≥ 65 who completed performance-based assessments of physical function (grip strength, chair stands, and timed walk) at baseline and at 1, 3, and 6 years, neither CEE+MPA nor CEE alone reduced the risk for decline in physical function.⁵

Additional Analyses Addressing Risk Stratification

A detailed presentation of biomarker findings and analyses stratified by baseline risk factor status and other clinical characteristics is beyond the scope of this manuscript. However, three sets of analyses are highlighted in this section due to their potential relevance to clinical decision making about HT. Women with more favorable baseline CHD risk factor status (lower LDL-cholesterol levels, lower ratios of total cholesterol:HDL-C, and absence of metabolic syndrome criteria) tended to have more favorable CHD outcomes on HT than women at higher baseline risk of CHD.⁶⁻⁹ For breast cancer, women closer to the onset of menopause or with shorter gap times (interval between menopause and start of HT use) tended to have higher breast cancer risk on estrogen-progestin than women with longer gaps times.¹⁰ Finally, because some clinicians prescribe HT for fracture prevention, analyses stratifying women by their baseline risk of fracture (low, moderate, and high) were conducted, to assess the global index for each group. No group had a favorable global index in either trial (HRs were 1.20, 1.23, and 1.03, respectively, for CEE+MPA and 0.81, 1.09, 1.04, respectively, for CEE alone), indicating that the benefit in reducing fracture risk was offset or exceeded by other risks associated with HT, even among women at the highest risk for fracture.^{11, 12}

Additional Discussion of the Breast Cancer Findings

Breast cancer results differed between the two trials. Women on CEE+MPA had more abnormal mammograms and required more breast biopsies.¹³ CEE+MPA interfered with breast cancer detection,¹³ increased breast

cancer incidence, with cancers diagnosed at a more advanced stage, likely reflecting diagnostic delay.¹⁴ As women closer to menopause may have higher risk with estrogen plus progestin use,^{10, 15-17} the slightly elevated HRs seen with CEE+MPA in WHI may underestimate breast cancer in this group. In addition, deaths from breast cancer were significantly increased after 11 years of follow-up.^{14, 18} Analyses adjusting for time from menopause, mammography patterns, and prior HT use before enrollment can reconcile many of the discrepancies between observational and clinical trial findings for breast cancer.¹⁵ While the post-intervention findings for CEE+MPA on breast cancer show some persistent elevation in risk, the year-to-year reductions in HRs after stopping suggests possible influence of a carry over effect due to reduced diagnostic interference on mammography once HT ended. In contrast to the findings with CEE+MPA, the significant reduction in breast cancer seen with CEE was unexpected.^{19,20} Further study of the relationship between different HT regimens and breast cancer is warranted.

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