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Literature search strategies

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Publications of cohorts eligible for inclusion in individual patient data meta-analysis

Study	Date	Patients	Study design	Other selection criteria
Robinson ^{WA18}	1991	66	Retrospective; hospital-based	None
Zabramski ^{WA24}	1994	21	Prospective; 6 families	Familial CCM
Aiba ^{WA21}	1995	110	Retrospective; hospital-based	None
Kondziolka ^{WA22}	1995	122	Retrospective + prospective; hospital-based	Conservative management
Kim ^{WA25}	1997	62	Retrospective; hospital-based	None
Porter ^{WA34*}	1997	110 [†]	Retrospective + prospective; tertiary referral centre	None
Moriarity ^{WA26}	1999	68	Prospective; hospital-based	None
Porter ^{WA27}	1999	100	Retrospective; hospital-based	Brainstem CCM location
Barker ^{WA28}	2001	136	Retrospective; hospital-based	Bled at presentation
Hasegawa ^{WA29}	2002	82	Retrospective + prospective; radiosurgery unit	High-risk, bled at presentation; pre-treatment
Mathiesen ^{WA19}	2003	68	Retrospective + prospective; hospital-based	Brainstem CCM location
Wang ^{WA20}	2003	137	Retrospective; hospital-based	Brainstem CCM location
Ghannane ^{WA30}	2007	79	Retrospective; hospital-based	None
Flemming ^{WA35*}	2012	292 [†]	Retrospective; tertiary referral centre	None
Schneble ^{WA36*}	2012	87 [†]	Retrospective; tertiary referral centre	None
Al-Shahi Salman ^{WA37*}	2012	135 [†]	Prospective; population-based	None
Al-Holou ^{WA31}	2012	<50	Retrospective; hospital-based	Children and young adults (≤ 25 years)
Riant ^{WA23}	2013	~50	Prospective; hospital-based	Familial CCM
Kalani ^{WA32}	2013	64	Retrospective; hospital-based	Pregnant women
Kondziolka ^{WA33}	2013	122	Prospective; hospital-based	Asymptomatic patients
Jeon ^{WA38*}	2014	326	Retrospective; hospital-based	None
Li ^{WA39*}	2014	331 [†]	Prospective; hospital-based	Brainstem CCM location

* Included in the individual patient data meta-analysis.

[†] Size of the published cohort. Some people in these six cohorts did not meet the inclusion criteria for this meta-analysis and were excluded.

Porter *et al.*^{WA34} and Al-Shahi Salman *et al.*^{WA37} provided unpublished data for this meta-analysis.

Characteristics of included cohorts														
Characteristic*	Scotland 1999–2003 (n=135)		Scotland 2006–2010 (n=160)		Hôpital Lariboisière (n=81)		Mayo Clinic (n= 267)		Toronto Western Hospital (n=345)		Seoul National University Hospital (n=326)		Beijing Tiantan Hospital (n=306)	
Median age at diagnosis, years (IQR)	41	32–53	46	34–60	42	28–59	46	31–62	42	33–54	55	43–64	37	29–47
Female sex	80	59%	77	48%	47	58%	143	54%	194	56%	181	56%	145	47%
Mode of presentation														
Incidental	62	46%	67	42%	47	59%	98	37%	101	29%	70	21%	16	5%
Seizure	35	26%	52	33%	10	12%	76	28%	69	20%	95	29%	0	0%
ICH	17	13%	31	19%	10	12%	64	24%	116	34%	107	33%	231	76%
FND	21	15%	10	6%	14	17%	29	11%	59	17%	54	17%	59	19%
Multiple CCM	24	18%	29	18%	27	33%	49	18%	79	23%	49	15%	25	8%
Primary CCM location														
Lobar	90	67%	120	75%	–	–	156	58%	189	55%	193	59%	0	0%
Deep	9	7%	4	2%	–	–	34	13%	30	9%	52	16%	0	0%
Cerebellum	19	14%	11	7%	–	–	14	5%	24	7%	36	11%	0	0%
Brainstem	17	12%	25	16%	17	21%	63	24%	102	29%	45	14%	306	100%
CCM management														
Surgery or stereotactic radiosurgery	23	17%	11	7%	4	5%	73	27%	40	12%	79	24%	83	27%
Conservative management	112	83%	149	93%	77	95%	194	73%	305	88%	247	76%	223	73%
First outcome event in untreated follow-up														
ICH	7	5%	7	4%	4	5%	20	7%	24	7%	52	16%	90	29%
FND	14	10%	6	4%	–	–	–	–	32	9%	–	–	–	–
No outcome event in 5-year follow-up	115	85%	147	92%	77	95%	247	93%	290	84%	274	84%	216	71%
Median censored follow-up, years (IQR)	5·0	2·6–5·0	3·9	2·9–5·0	2·2	0·7–4·2	4·5	1·1–5·0	3·9	1·8–5·0	2·1	1·3–3·3	4·2	2·2–5·0

* Values are *n* (%) unless stated otherwise. ICH denotes intracranial haemorrhage. FND denotes non-haemorrhagic focal neurological deficit.

Assessment of each of the seven cohorts against each of eight risks of bias*							
	Scotland 1999–2003	Scotland 2006–2010	Hôpital Lariboisière	Mayo Clinic	Toronto Western Hospital	Seoul National University Hospital	Beijing Tiantan Hospital
Was selection of exposed and non-exposed patients drawn from the same population? (Criterion: all were adults diagnosed with CCM, validated by MRI)	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes
Can we be confident in the assessment of exposure? (Criteria: MRI was used to establish diagnosis, brainstem location, and CCM multiplicity; mode of presentation was determined by brain imaging; sex and age were recorded)	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes
Can we be confident that outcome of interest was not present at start of study? (Criterion: ICH/FND was described at inception and ICH was described during follow-up)	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes
Did the study match exposed and unexposed for all variables that are associated with the outcome of interest or did the statistical analysis adjust for these prognostic variables? (Not applicable because the analysis did not assume any associations were known)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Can we be confident in the assessment of the presence or absence of prognostic factors? (Criteria: MRI was used to establish diagnosis, brainstem location, and CCM multiplicity; mode of presentation was determined by brain imaging; sex and age were recorded)	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes
Can we be confident in the assessment of outcome? (Criterion: ICH was defined as symptomatic and confirmed by brain imaging)	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes
Was the follow-up of cohorts adequate? (Criterion: median follow-up was >2 years)	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Definitely yes
Were co-interventions similar between groups? (Not applicable because follow-up was censored at the time of any intervention)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

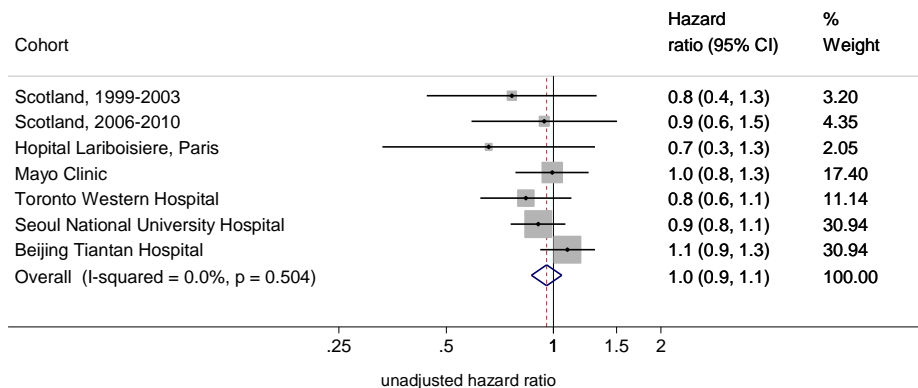
* An 8-item tool published by the Cochrane Methods Bias group: <http://bmg.cochrane.org/sites/bmg.cochrane.org/files/uploads/Tool%20to%20Assess%20Risk%20of%20Bias%20in%20Cohort%20Studies.pdf>

na = not applicable to the present study.

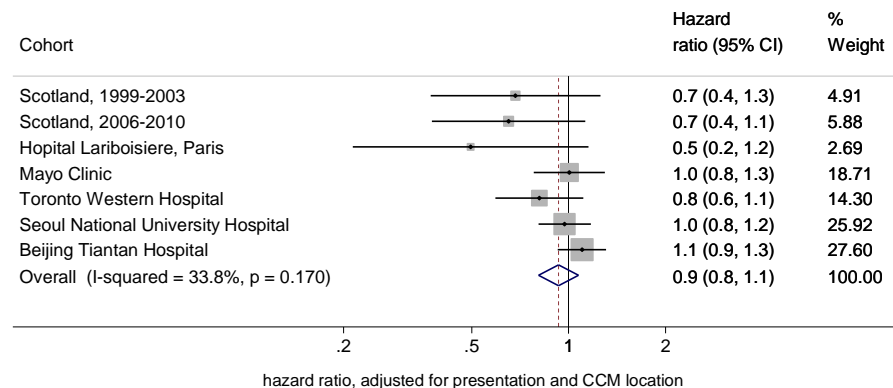
Estimated risk of intracranial haemorrhage in five-year follow-up of each cohort, by mode of presentation					
Study	Risk factor	Number of adults	Events	5-year estimated risk (95% confidence interval)	Unadjusted hazard ratio (95% confidence interval)
Scotland, 1999–2003	ICH or FND presentation	38	5	15.9% (3.0 to 28.8)	7.5 (1.4 to 38.5)
	Other presentation	97	2	2.5% (0 to 5.9)	
Scotland, 2006–2010	ICH or FND presentation	41	6	18.3% (4.8 to 31.8)	19.3 (2.3 to 160.4)
	Other presentation	119	1	0.9% (0 to 2.6)	
Hôpital Lariboisière	ICH or FND presentation	24	1	4.2% (0 to 12.2)	0.8 (0.1 to 7.5)
	Other presentation	57	3	10.8% (0 to 22.6)	
Mayo Clinic	ICH or FND presentation	93	15	20.7% (11.2 to 30.1)	6.4 (2.3 to 17.6)
	Other presentation	174	5	4.3% (0.6 to 7.9)	
Toronto Western Hospital	ICH or FND presentation	175	23	15.8% (9.7 to 21.9)	23.4 (3.2 to 173.1)
	Other presentation	170	1	0.6% (0 to 1.8)	
Seoul National University Hospital	ICH or FND presentation	161	42	33.5% (24.2 to 42.8)	5.0 (2.5 to 9.9)
	Other presentation	165	10	10.2% (2.8 to 17.6)	
Beijing Tiantan Hospital	ICH or FND presentation	290	88	32.9% (27.1 to 38.6)	3.0 (0.7 to 12.2)
	Other presentation	16	2	14.4% (0 to 33.1)	

Estimated risk of intracranial haemorrhage in five-year follow-up of each cohort, by primary CCM location					
Study	Risk factor	Number of adults	Events	5-year estimated risk (95% confidence interval)	Unadjusted hazard ratio (95% confidence interval)
Scotland, 1999–2003	Brainstem	17	3	18.4% (0 to 37.3)	5.1 (1.1 to 22.6)
	Other location	118	4	4.2% (0.1 to 8.2)	
Scotland, 2006–2010	Brainstem	25	6	29.3% (8.9 to 49.7)	36.0 (4.3 to 299.1)
	Other location	135	1	0.8% (0 to 2.4)	
Hôpital Lariboisière	Brainstem	17	3	25.1% (0 to 50.8)	10.0 (1.0 to 96.8)
	Other location	64	1	3.1% (0 to 9.2)	
Mayo Clinic	Brainstem	63	10	19.5% (8.6 to 30.5)	3.7 (1.5 to 8.9)
	Other location	204	10	7.2% (2.9 to 11.5)	
Toronto Western Hospital	Brainstem	102	16	18.3% (10.0 to 26.6)	5.1 (2.2 to 11.9)
	Other location	243	8	4.3% (1.3 to 7.3)	
Seoul National University Hospital	Brainstem	45	11	29.5% (13.2 to 45.9)	1.8 (0.9 to 3.6)
	Other location	281	41	20.5% (14.0 to 27.1)	
Beijing Tiantan Hospital	Brainstem	306	90	31.9% (26.3 to 37.5)	–
	Other location	0	0	–	

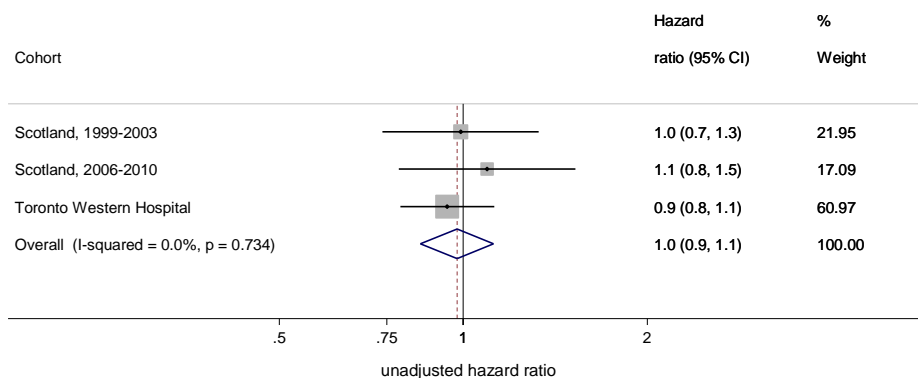
(a) Age per decade on occurrence of first ICH in five-year follow-up



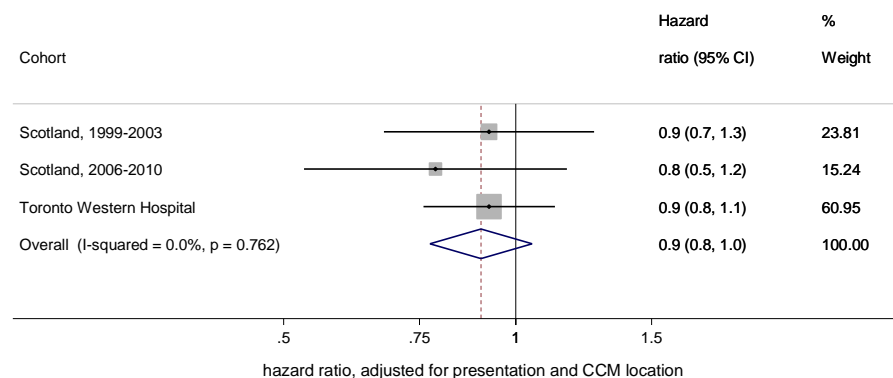
(b) Age per decade on occurrence of first ICH in five-year follow-up



(c) Age per decade on occurrence of first ICH or FND in five-year follow-up

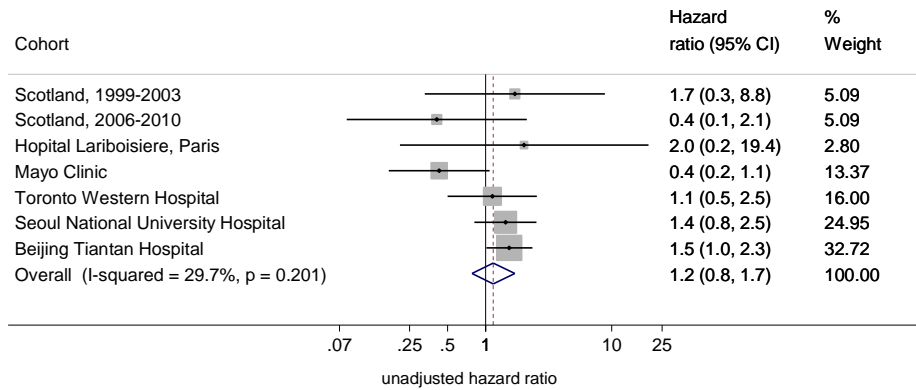


(d) Age per decade on occurrence of first ICH or FND in five-year follow-up

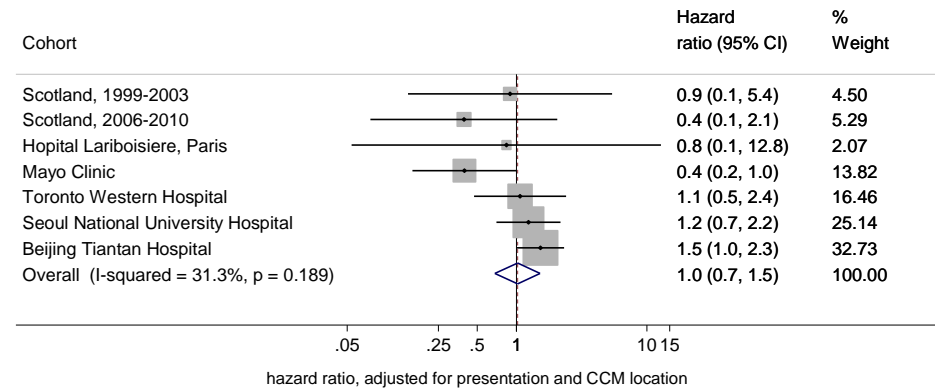


Forest plots displaying cohort-level and pooled estimates of associations between outcome over five years and age per decade, unadjusted (a and c) and adjusted for the two core predictors (b and d).

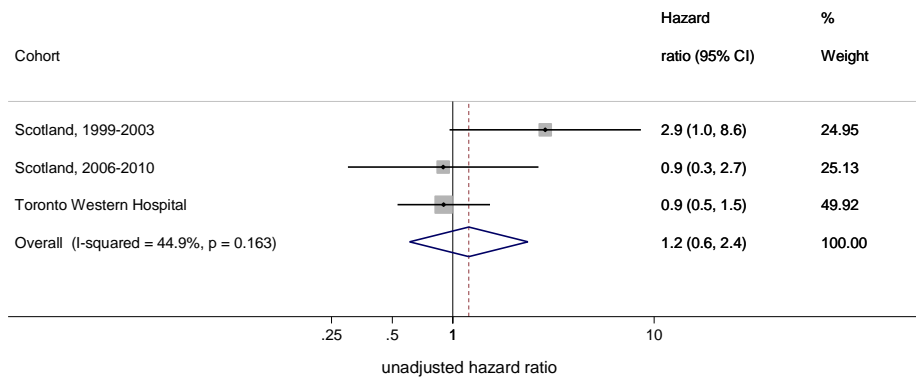
(a) Female vs male sex on occurrence of first ICH in five-year follow-up



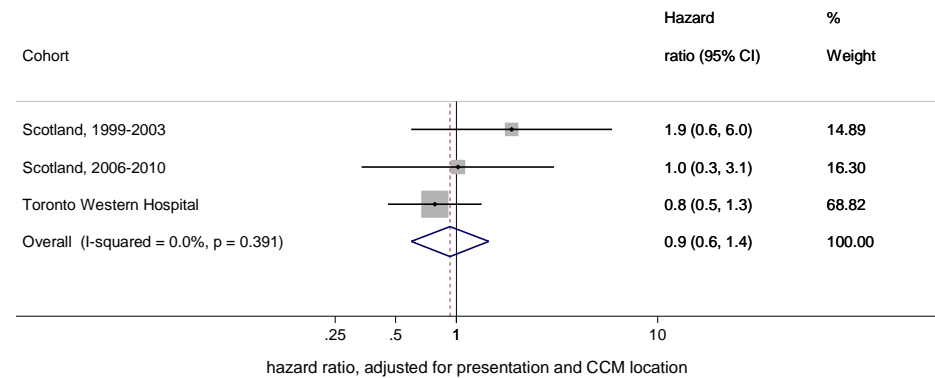
(b) Female vs male sex on occurrence of first ICH in five-year follow-up



(c) Female vs male sex on occurrence of first ICH or FND in five-year follow-up

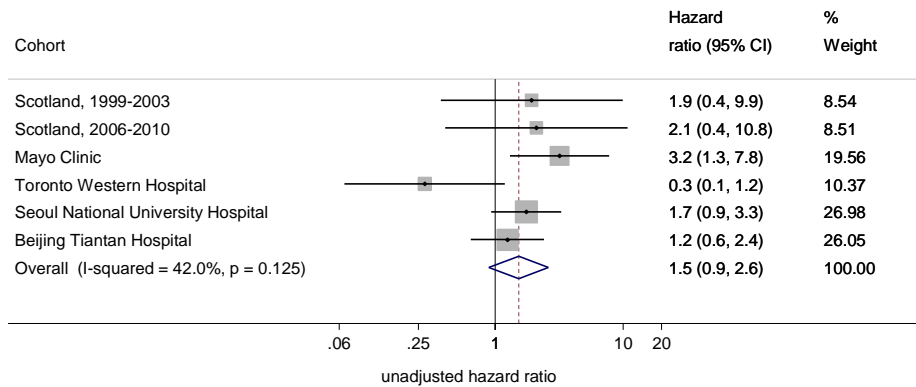


(d) Female vs male sex on occurrence of first ICH or FND in five-year follow-up

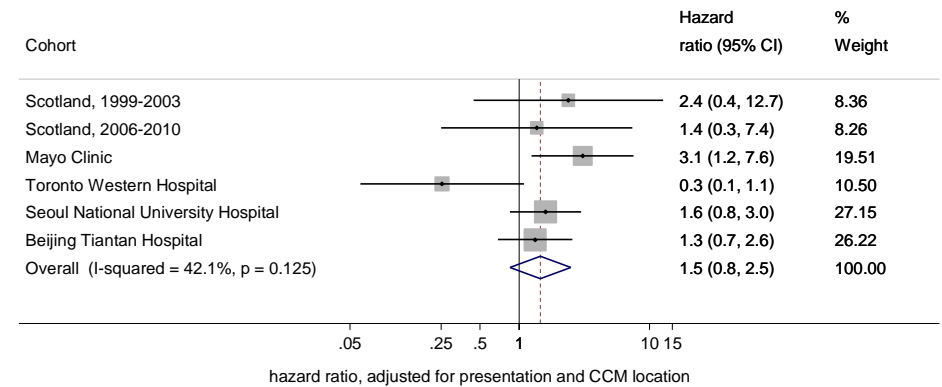


Forest plots displaying cohort-level and pooled estimates of associations between outcome over five years and sex, unadjusted (a and c) and adjusted for the two core predictors (b and d).

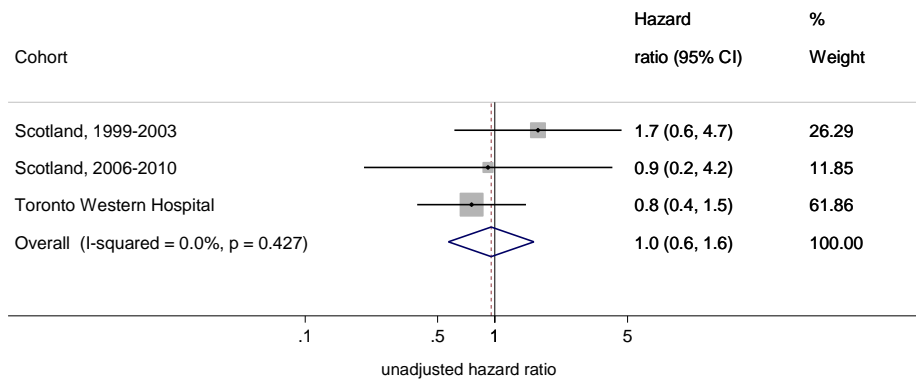
(a) CCM multiplicity for first ICH in five-year follow-up



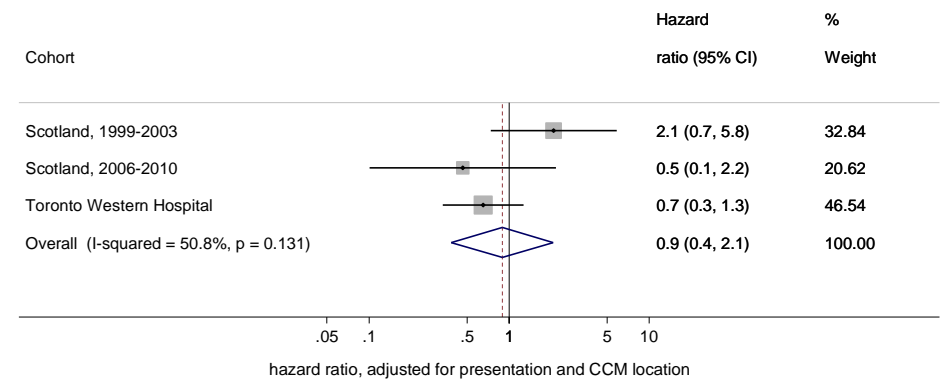
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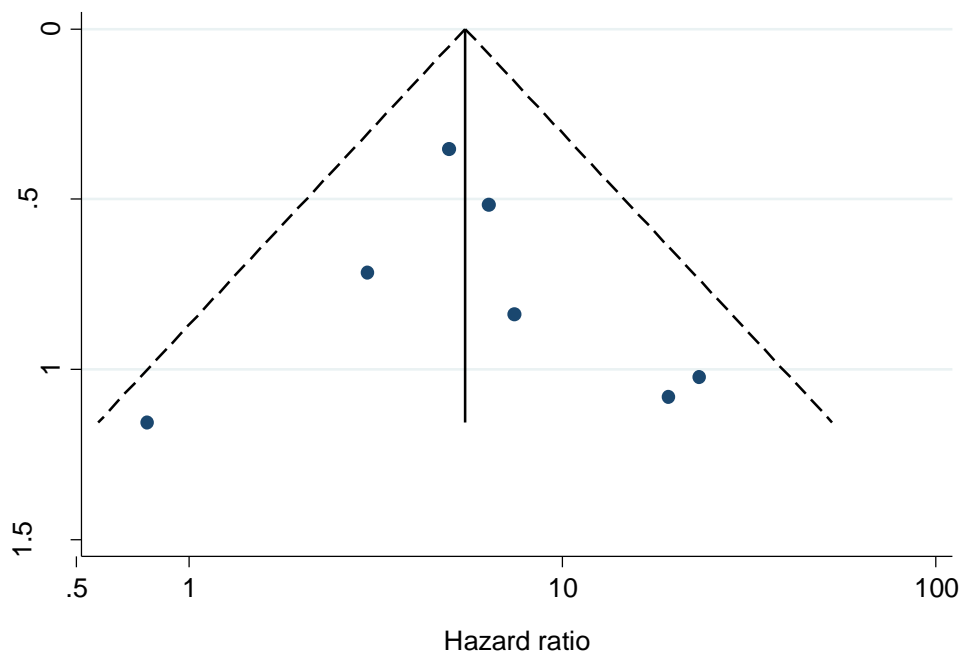
(c) CCM multiplicity on occurrence of first ICH or FND in five-year follow-up



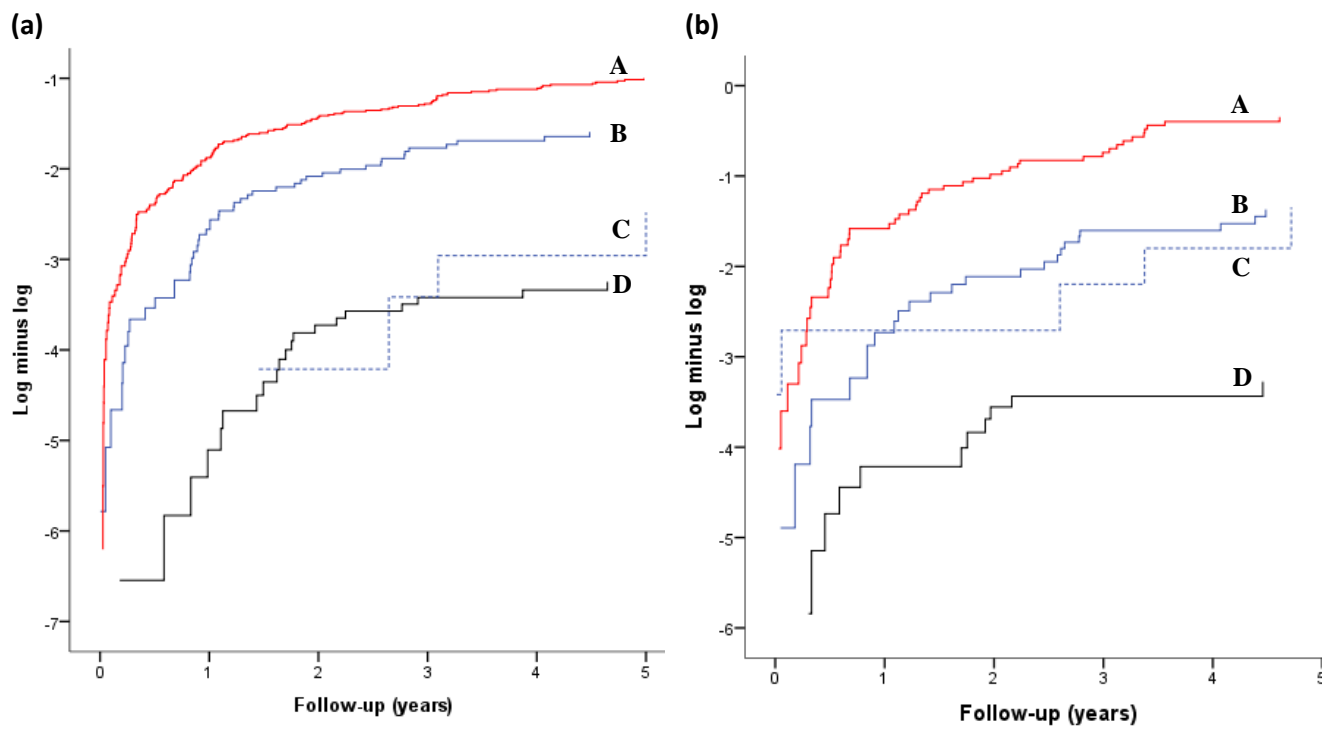
(d) CCM multiplicity on occurrence of first ICH or FND in five-year follow-up



Forest plots displaying cohort-level and pooled estimates of associations between outcome over five years and CCM multiplicity, unadjusted (a and c) and adjusted for the two core predictors (b and d).



Funnel plot based on the association between the primary outcome over five years and intracranial haemorrhage or focal neurological deficit vs other presentation, in each of the seven included cohorts



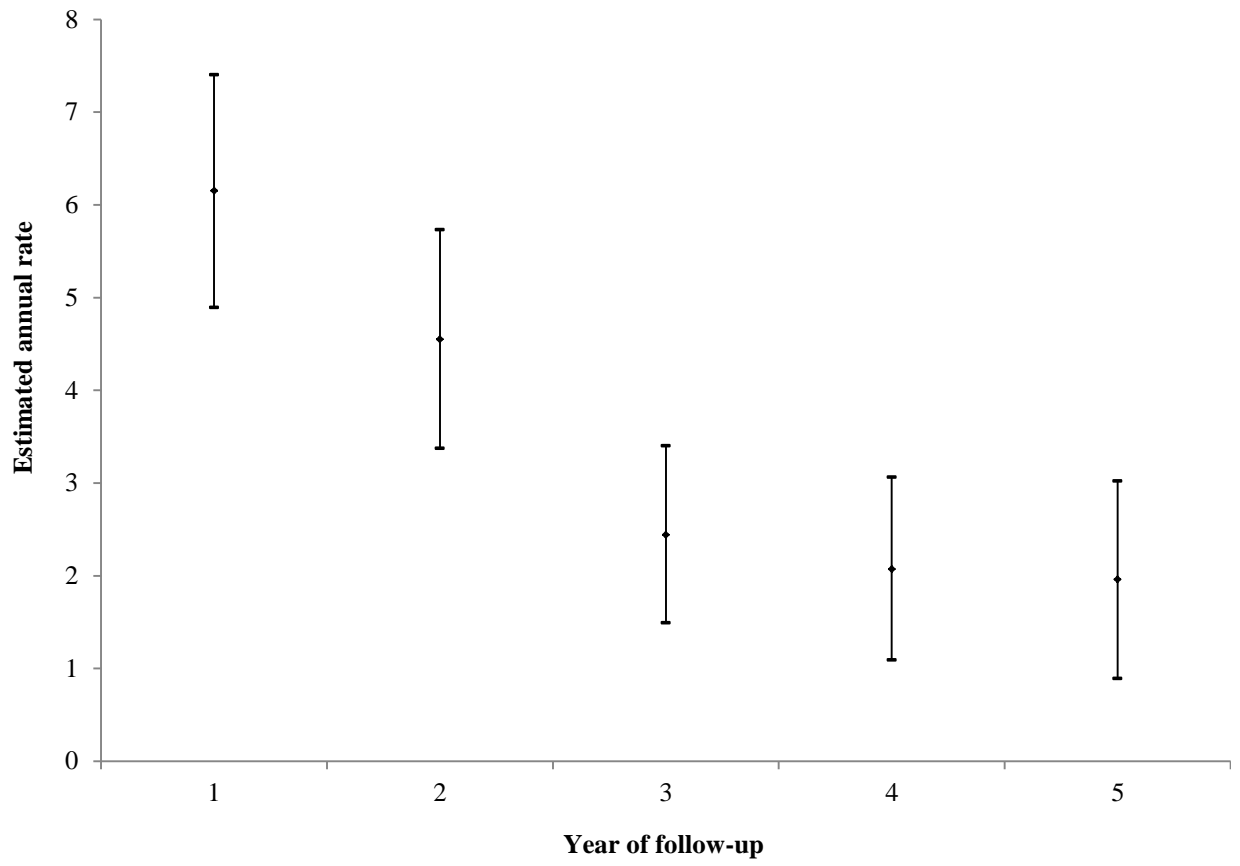
A – ICH or FND presentation, brainstem location; B – ICH or FND presentation, other location; C – Other presentation, brainstem location; D – Other presentation, other location

These two plots show the complementary logarithmic function of the survival function $S(t)$ – i.e. $\log\{-\log[S(t)]\}$ – (on the y-axis), plotted against the five-year follow-up (on the x-axis); $S(t)$ is the Kaplan-Meier estimate of the survival function at each successive occurrence of an ICH (a) or ICH or FND (b) at time t . These plots are used to test the assumption of proportional hazards before using Cox proportional hazards regression.

Tests of proportional hazards assumption using complementary log plots: (a) for an outcome of intracranial haemorrhage by presentation and location and (b) for an outcome of intracranial haemorrhage or focal neurological deficit by presentation and location

Estimated risk of intracranial haemorrhage, and intracranial haemorrhage or focal neurological deficit in five-year follow-up of each cohort, by core predictors								
Cohort	Other presentation, other location		Other presentation, brainstem location		ICH or FND presentation, other location		ICH or FND presentation, brainstem location	
	Risk (%)	(95% CI)	Risk (%)	(95% CI)	Risk (%)	(95% CI)	Risk (%)	(95% CI)
Outcome: ICH*								
Scotland, 1999–2003	2.7	0 to 6.3	—	—	10.0	0 to 23.5	26.7	0.7 to 52.6
Scotland, 2006–2010	1.0	0 to 2.9	—	—	—	—	46.9	17.5 to 76.3
Hôpital Lariboisière, Paris	3.8	0 to 11.2	46.7	0 to 95.3	—	—	11.1	0 to 31.6
Mayo Clinic	4.6	0.6 to 8.5	—	—	17.8	3.5 to 32.0	24.0	10.9 to 37.0
Toronto Western Hospital	0.7	0 to 2.0	—	—	10.3	2.9 to 17.7	21.7	12.1 to 31.3
Seoul National University Hospital	11.0	3.2 to 18.8	—	—	31.2	21.2 to 41.2	43.0	20.3 to 65.7
Beijing Tiantan Hospital	—	—	14.4	0 to 33.0	—	—	32.9	27.2 to 38.6
Pooled cohorts	3.8	2.1 to 5.5	8.0	0.1 to 15.9	18.4	13.3 to 23.5	30.8	26.3 to 35.2
Outcome: ICH or FND								
Scotland, 1999–2003	8.9	2.6 to 15.1	20.0	0 to 55.1	25.1	5.6 to 44.6	58.3	30.4 to 86.2
Scotland, 2006–2010	2.9	0 to 6.0	—	—	—	—	86.3	62.2 to 100
Toronto Western Hospital	0.7	0 to 2.0	42.8	5.6 to 79.9	27.3	16.3 to 38.2	44.4	32.1 to 56.7
Pooled cohorts	3.7	1.5 to 5.9	22.9	3.7 to 42.2	22.4	14.2 to 30.6	50.7	40.1 to 61.4

* 1,620 adults contributed data on ICH outcomes. 640 adults contributed data on ICH or FND outcomes. ICH denotes intracranial haemorrhage. FND denotes non-haemorrhagic focal neurological deficit.



Estimates of the annual rate (95% confidence interval) of intracranial haemorrhage in each year of follow-up after initial CCM diagnosis for all 1,620 people in the entire dataset

Estimates of the annual rate of experiencing an intracranial haemorrhage in each year of follow-up after initial CCM diagnosis by the two core predictors and for all 1,620 people in the entire dataset					
Risk factor	Year of follow-up	Number of adults at start of year	Number of outcome events in forthcoming year	Hazard rate (HR)* (%)	95% CI (HR) (%)
Other presentation, other location (n = 718)	1 st	718	4	0.59	0 to 1.17
	2 nd	634	10	1.74	0.7 to 2.82
	3 rd	516	4	0.85	0 to 1.69
	4 th	422	1	0.27	0 to 0.79
	5 th	331	1	0.32	0 to 0.96
Other presentation, brainstem location (n = 80)	1 st	80	0	–	–
	2 nd	74	1	1.48	0 to 4.39
	3 rd	61	1	1.75	0 to 5.19
	4 th	53	1	2.04	0 to 6.04
	5 th	45	1	2.63	0 to 7.79
ICH or FND presentation, other location (n = 327)	1 st	327	20	6.81	3.83 to 9.80
	2 nd	260	13	5.57	2.54 to 8.59
	3 rd	207	8	4.48	1.38 to 7.59
	4 th	150	2	1.49	0 to 3.56
	5 th	118	2	1.92	0 to 4.59
ICH or FND presentation, brainstem location (n = 495)	1 st	495	68	15.09	11.52 to 18.67
	2 nd	406	33	8.76	5.78 to 11.75
	3 rd	347	12	3.77	1.64 to 5.91
	4 th	289	13	4.98	2.27 to 7.69
	5 th	233	9	4.20	1.46 to 6.94
Entire dataset (n = 1,620)	1 st	1,620	92	6.15	4.89 to 7.40
	2 nd	1,374	57	4.55	3.37 to 5.73
	3 rd	1,131	25	2.44	1.49 to 3.40
	4 th	914	17	2.07	1.09 to 3.06
	5 th	727	13	1.96	0.89 to 3.02

*Hazard rate is an estimate of the risk of experiencing an ICH during year x , given that an individual has survived to the start of year x .

Estimated risk of intracranial haemorrhage or focal neurological deficit in five-year follow-up of each cohort, by mode of presentation						
Study	Risk factor	Number of adults	Events	5-year estimated risk	95% confidence interval	Unadjusted hazard ratio (95% confidence interval)
Scotland, 1999–2003	ICH/FND presentation	38	12	37.6%	20.5 to 54.7	4.7 (1.9 to 11.5)
	Other presentation	97	8	9.4%	3.2 to 15.6	
Scotland, 2006–2010	ICH/FND presentation	41	10	30.8%	14.5 to 47.2	11.5 (3.2 to 41.9)
	Other presentation	119	3	2.7%	0 to 5.6	
Toronto Western Hospital	ICH/FND presentation	175	50	35.6%	27.2 to 43.9	11.3 (4.5 to 28.3)
	Other presentation	170	5	4.5%	0.4 to 8.6	
Pooled cohorts, un-stratified	ICH/FND presentation	254	72	35.3%	28.4 to 42.1	8.2 (4.8 to 14.2)
	Other presentation	386	16	5.2%	2.6 to 7.8	

Estimated risk of intracranial haemorrhage or focal neurological deficit in five-year follow-up of each cohort, by primary CCM location							
Study	Risk factor	Number of adults	Events	5-year estimated risk	95% confidence interval	Unadjusted hazard ratio	(95% confidence interval)
Scotland, 1999–2003	Brainstem	17	8	47.1%	23.3 to 70.8	5.2 (2.1 to 12.7)	
	Other location	118	12	12.1%	5.7 to 18.6		
Scotland, 2006–2010	Brainstem	25	10	50.3%	26.7 to 73.9	22.6 (6.2 to 82.5)	
	Other location	135	3	2.4%	0 to 5.1		
Toronto Western Hospital	Brainstem	102	35	43.4%	31.7 to 55.0	4.9 (2.9 to 8.6)	
	Other location	243	20	10.7%	6.1 to 15.4		
Pooled cohorts, unstratified	Brainstem	144	53	44.5%	35.0 to 54.0	6.3 (4.1 to 9.6)	
	Other location	496	35	8.8%	6.0 to 11.7		

Articles eligible for inclusion

A. Full text articles excluded

i. Data already included in a separate publication of an eligible cohort

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