



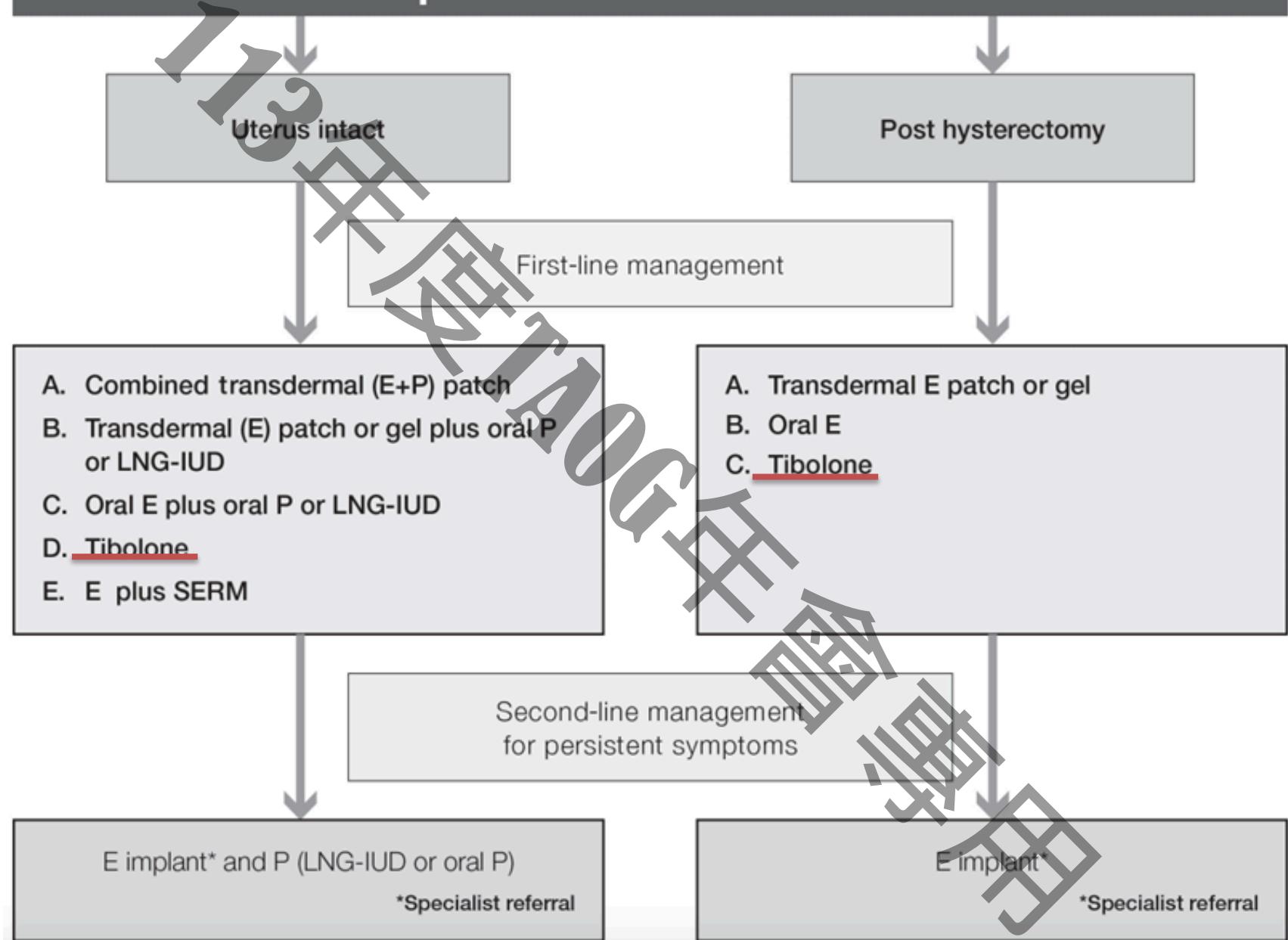
# Selective Tissue Estrogenic Activity Regulator (STEAR)

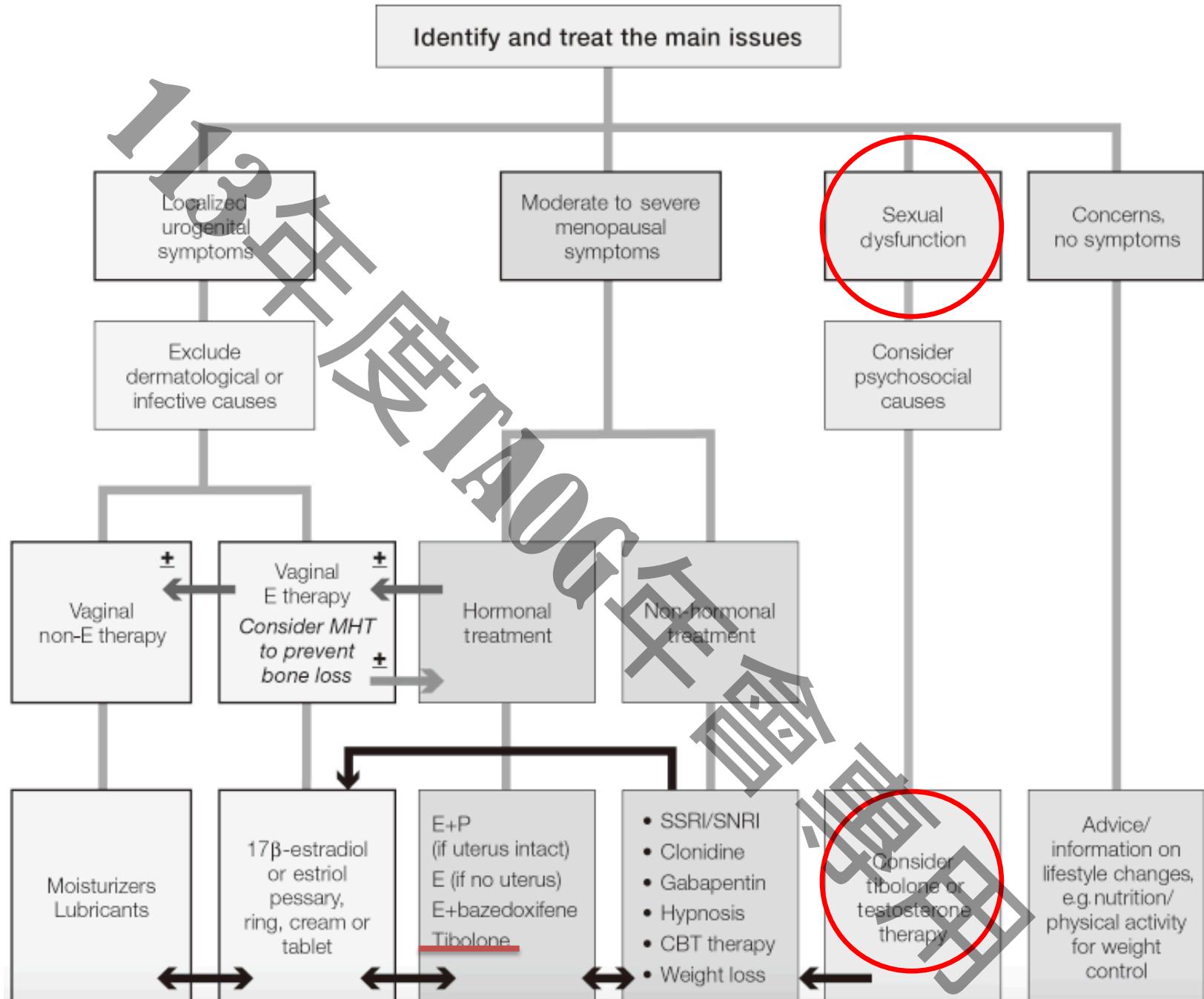
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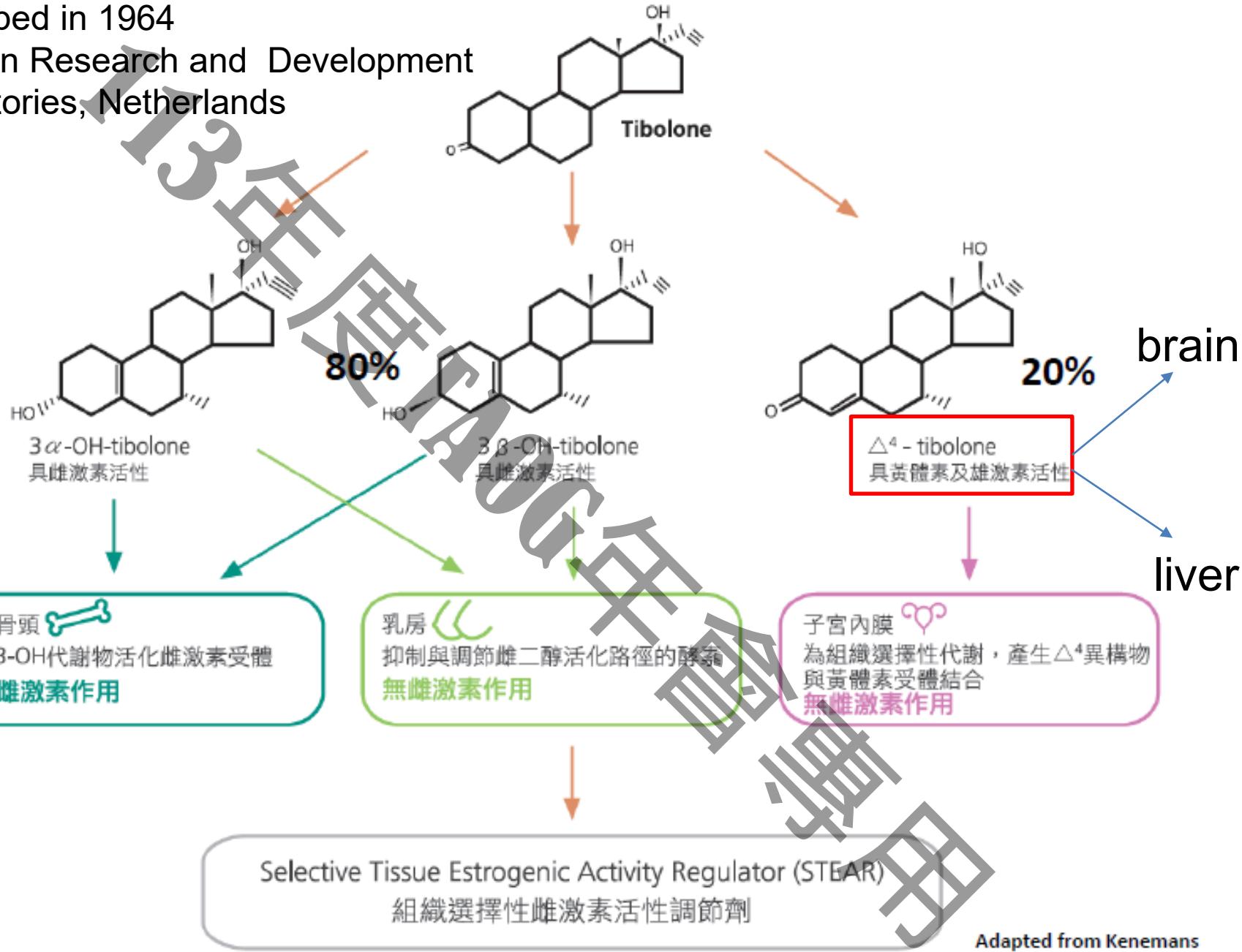
# Menopausal hormonal treatment





Developed in 1964

Organon Research and Development  
Laboratories, Netherlands



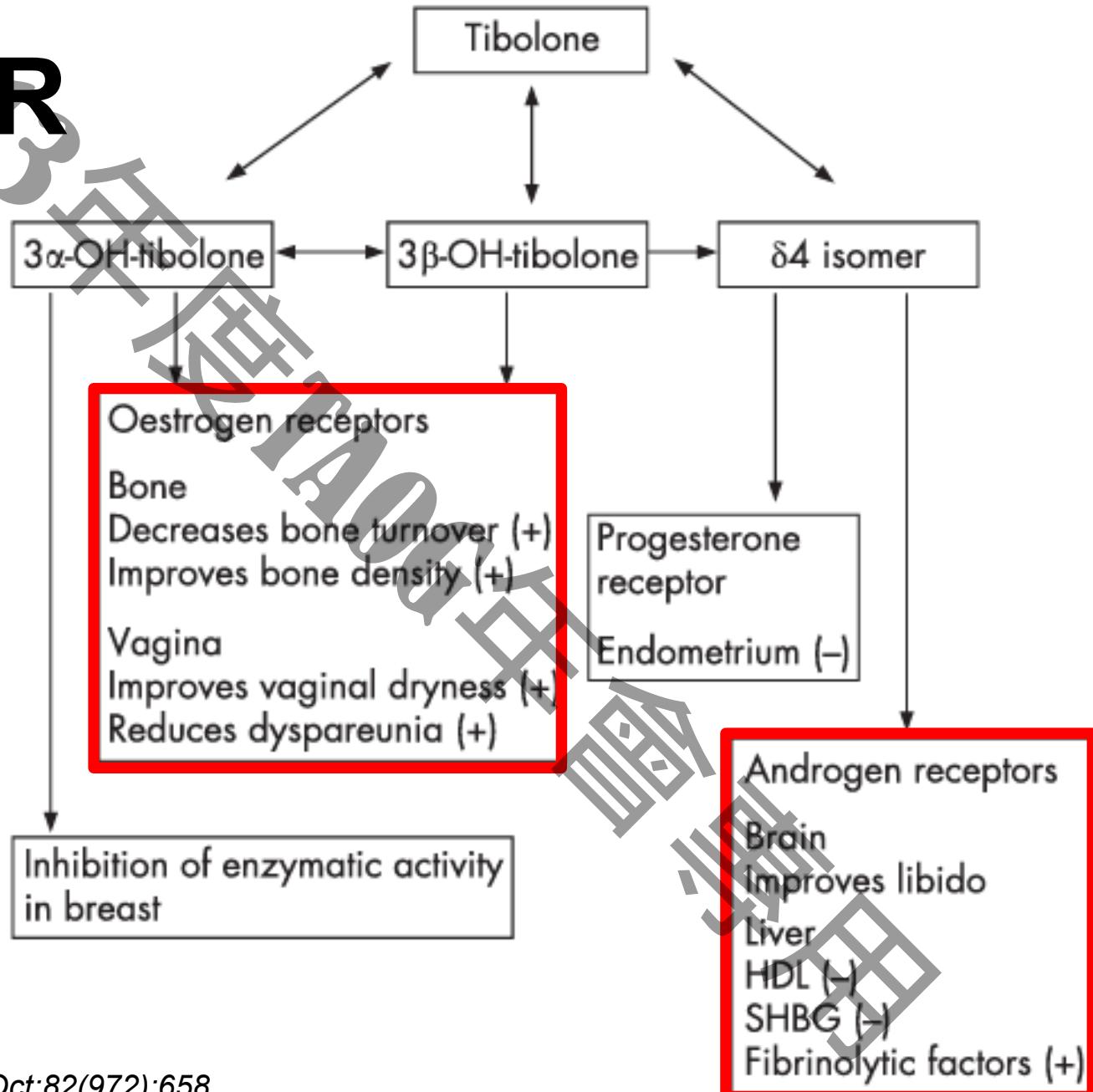
Adapted from Kenemans

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**TABLE 1.** *Affinities of tibolone and its metabolites for steroid receptors*

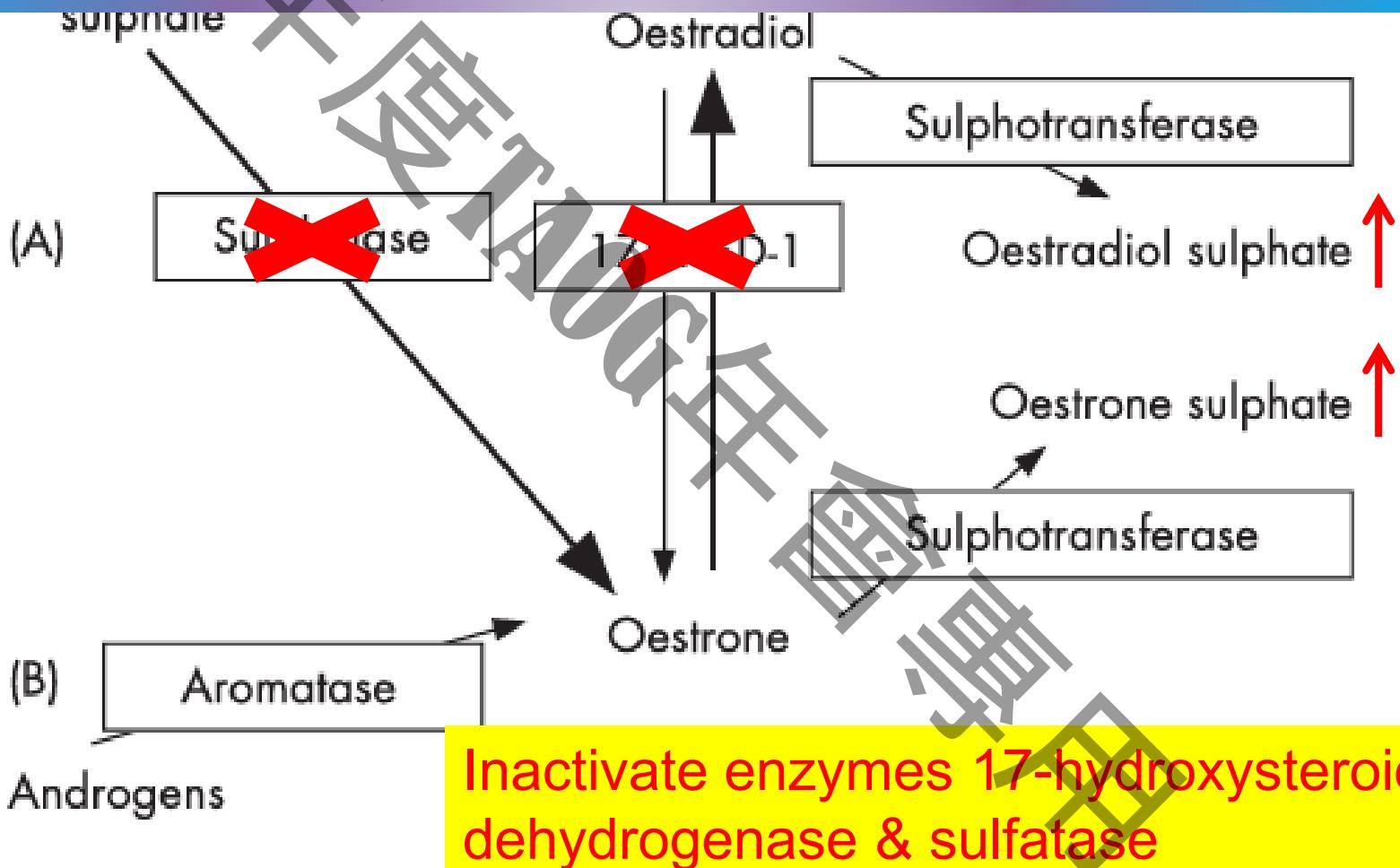
Steroid	Steroid receptor		
	Estrogen	Progesterone	Androgen
Tibolone	Weak	Weak	Weak
Isomer $\Delta^4$	None	Moderate	Moderate
3 $\alpha$ -OH-derived	Weak	None	None
3 $\beta$ -OH-derived	Weak	None	None

# STEAR



# In breast 17 beta-HSD inhibited by tibolone

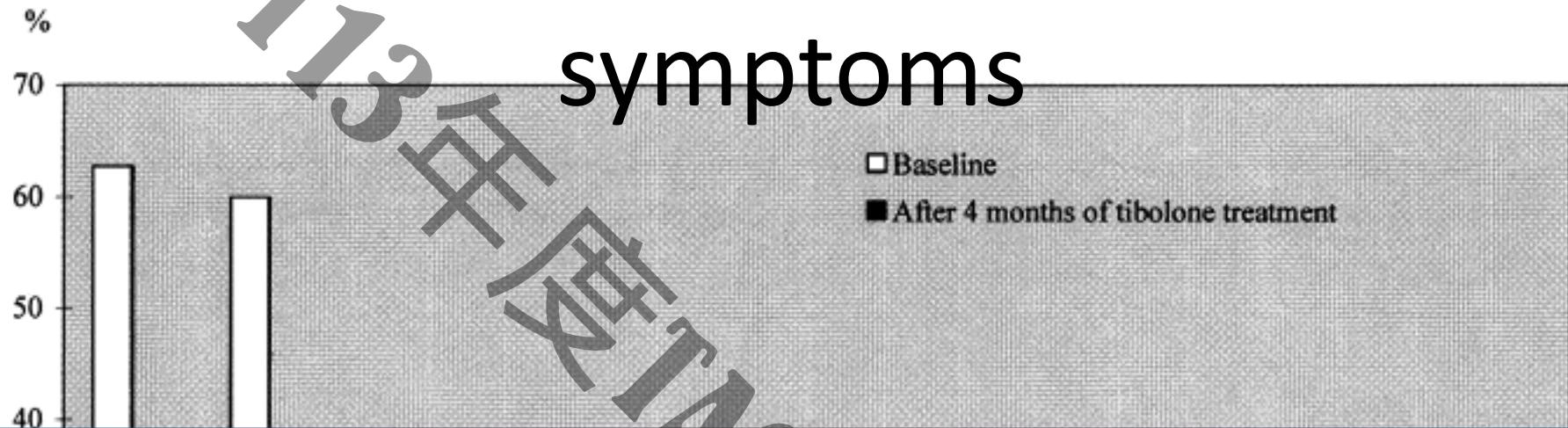
總反應：減少Estradiol濃度



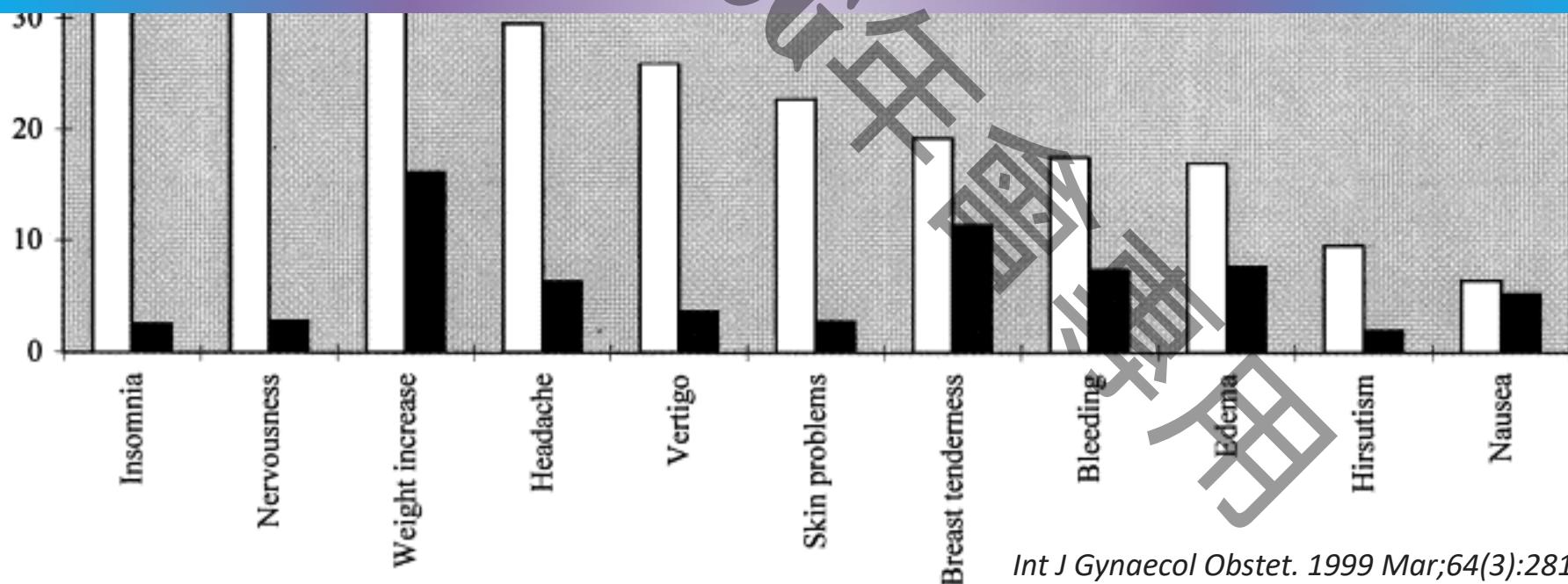
# VASOMOTOR SYMPTOMS

# ASOMOTOR SYMPTOM

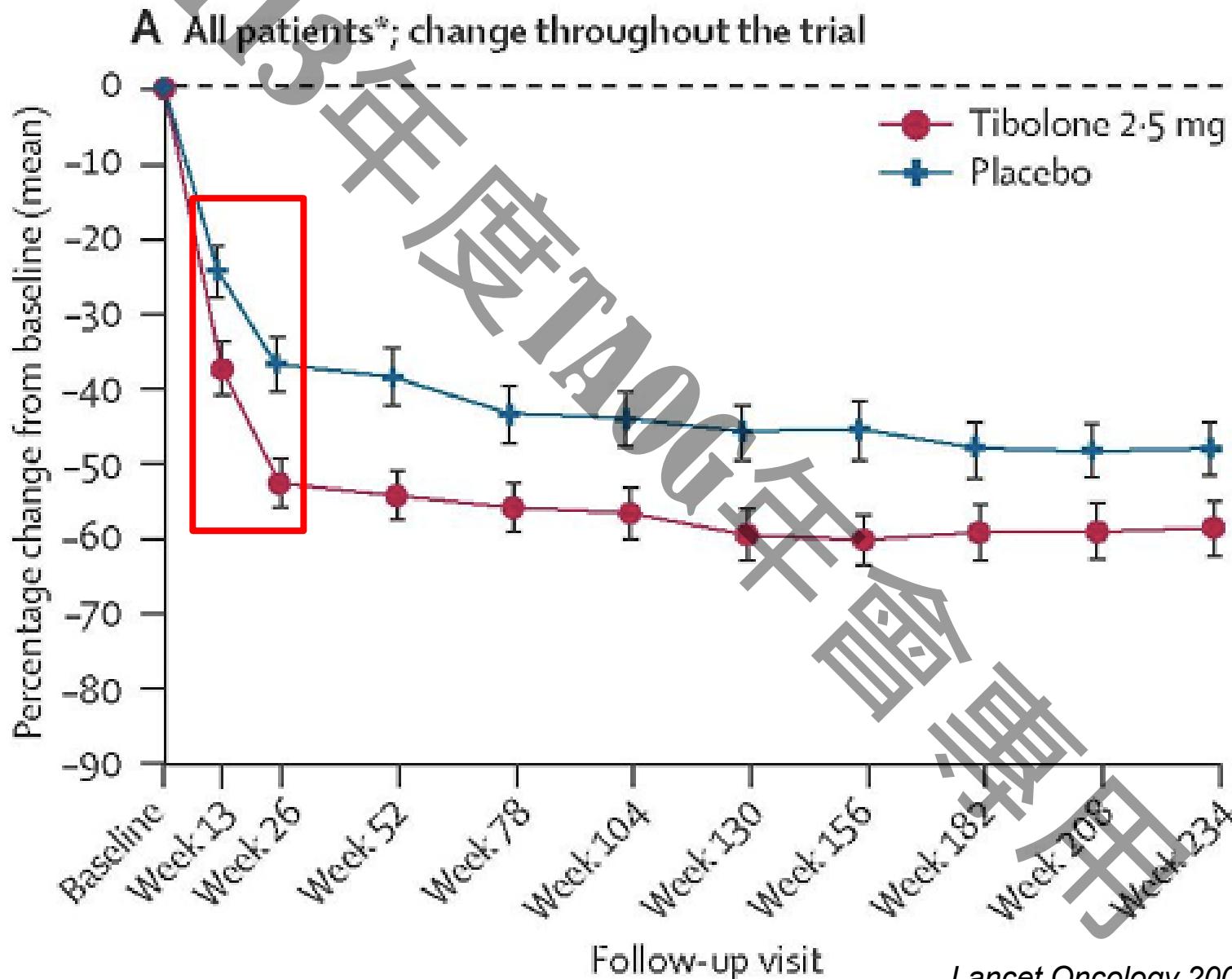
# Effective in relieving climacteric symptoms

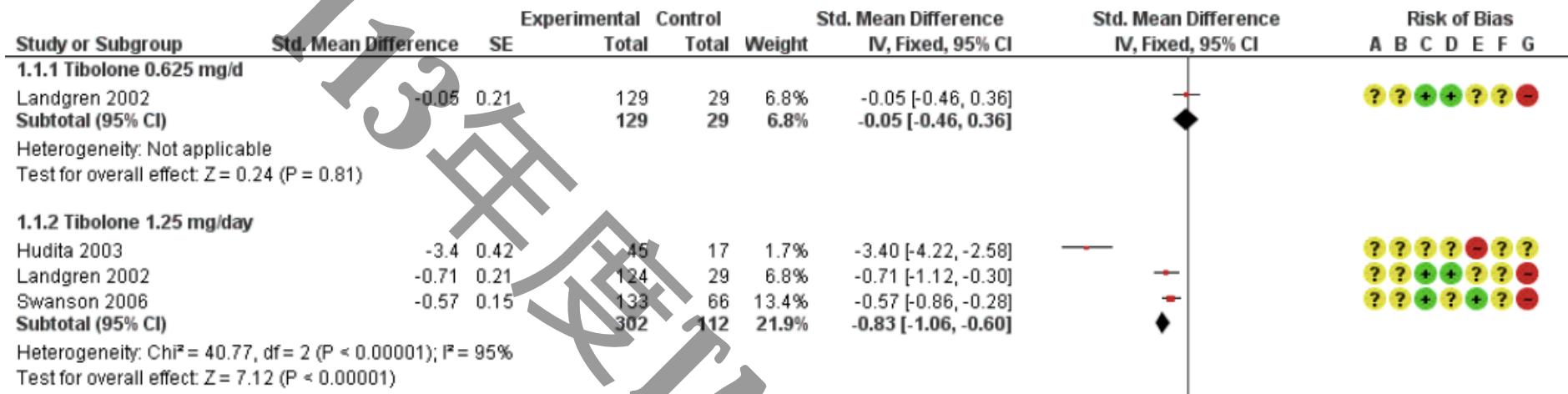


使用四個月後，各項更年期症狀明顯改善

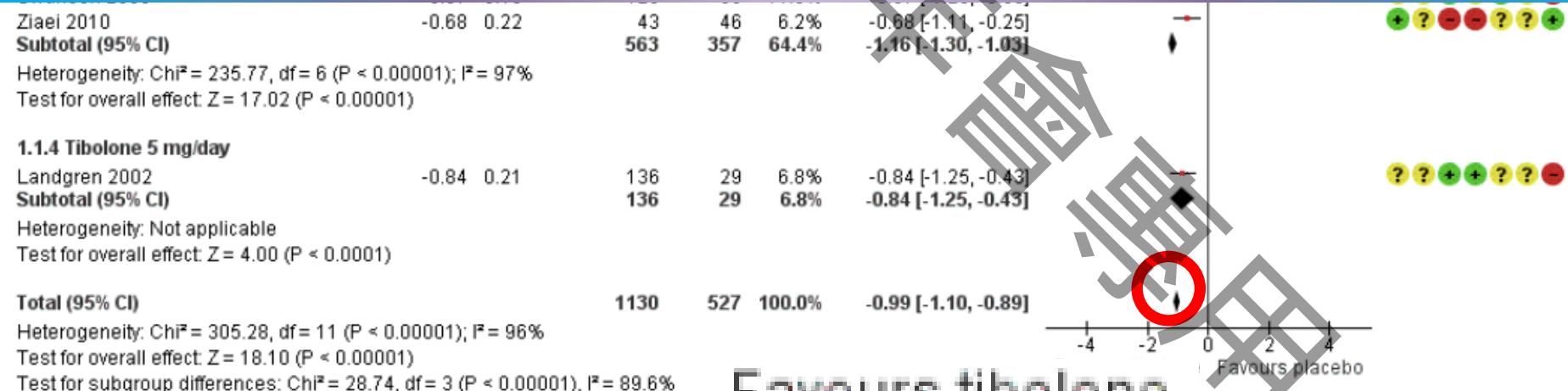


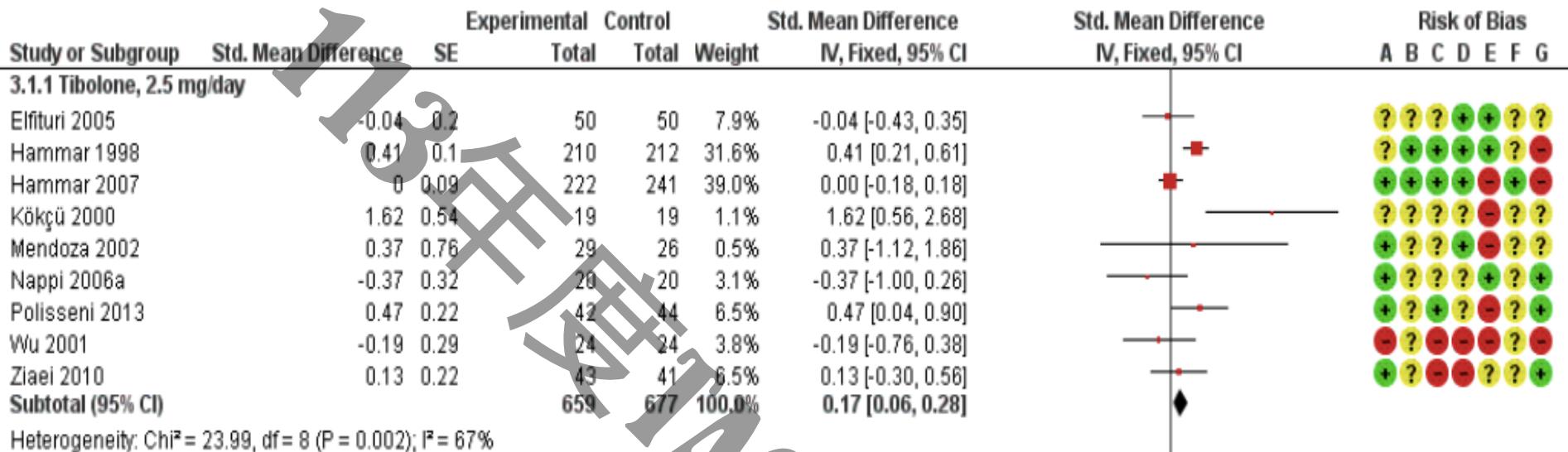
# Change of hot flush





## Tibolone attenuate vasomotor symptoms better than placebo





## HT still more effective in vasomotor symptoms

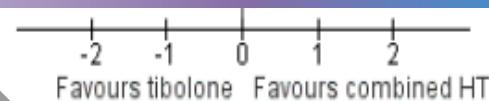
Heterogeneity: Chi<sup>2</sup> = 23.99, df = 8 (P = 0.002); I<sup>2</sup> = 67%

Test for overall effect: Z = 2.96 (P = 0.003)

Test for subgroup differences: Not applicable

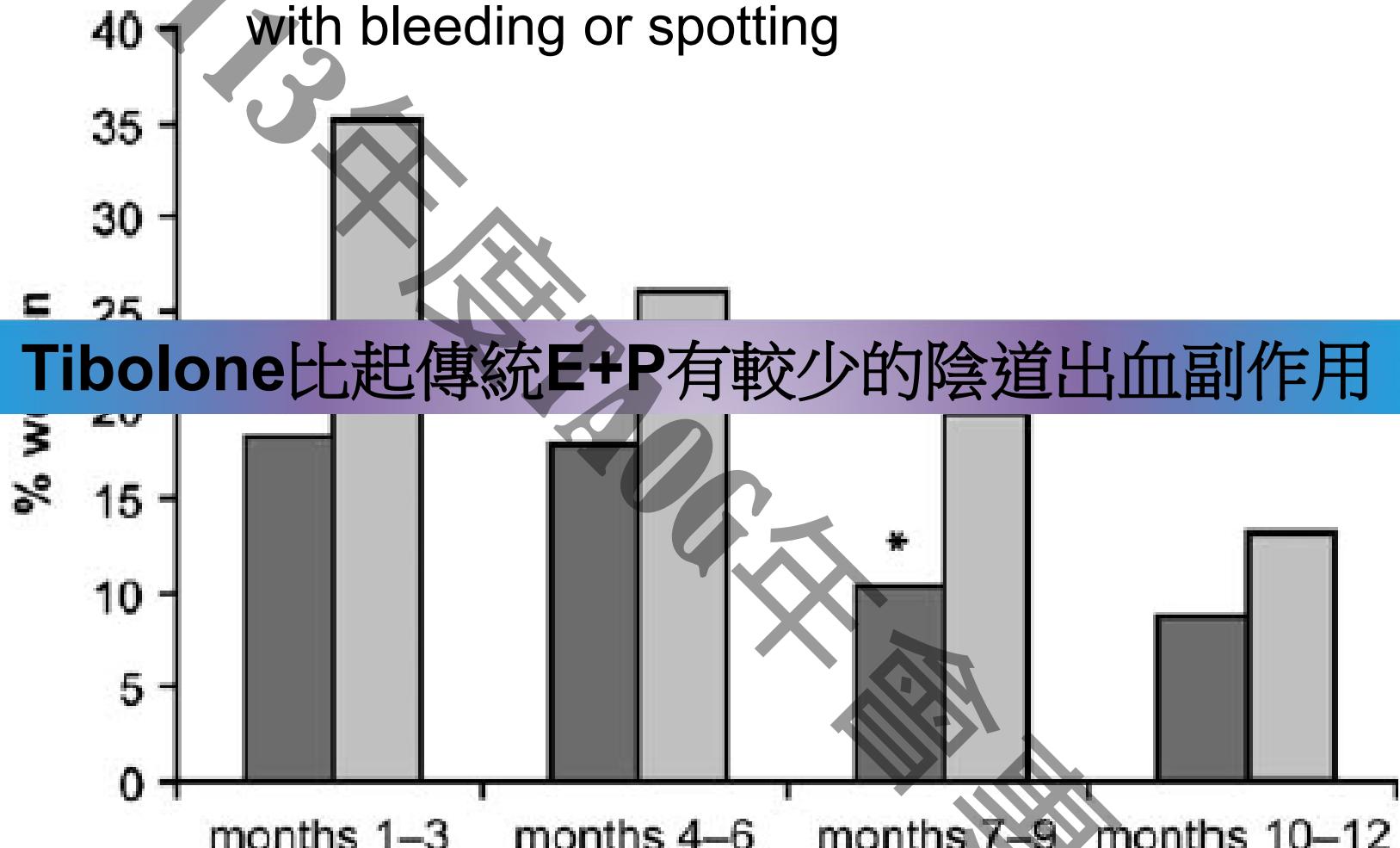
### Risk of bias legend

- (A) Random sequence generation (selection bias)
- (B) Allocation concealment (selection bias)
- (C) Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias)
- (D) Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)
- (E) Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)
- (F) Selective reporting (reporting bias)
- (G) Conflict of interest



**TOLERABILITY**

Percentage of women reporting at least 1 day  
with bleeding or spotting



Tibolone 2.5 mg ( $n = 242$ ) = ■; E2/NETA ( $n = 263$ ) = □

\* $P < 0.05$ ; \*\* $P < 0.001$

# LISA: adverse events

Livial International Study in sexual Arousal disorders

	Tibolone	$E_2$ /NETA patch
Vaginal haemorrhage	0%**	11%
Breast signs and symptoms	4%*	11%

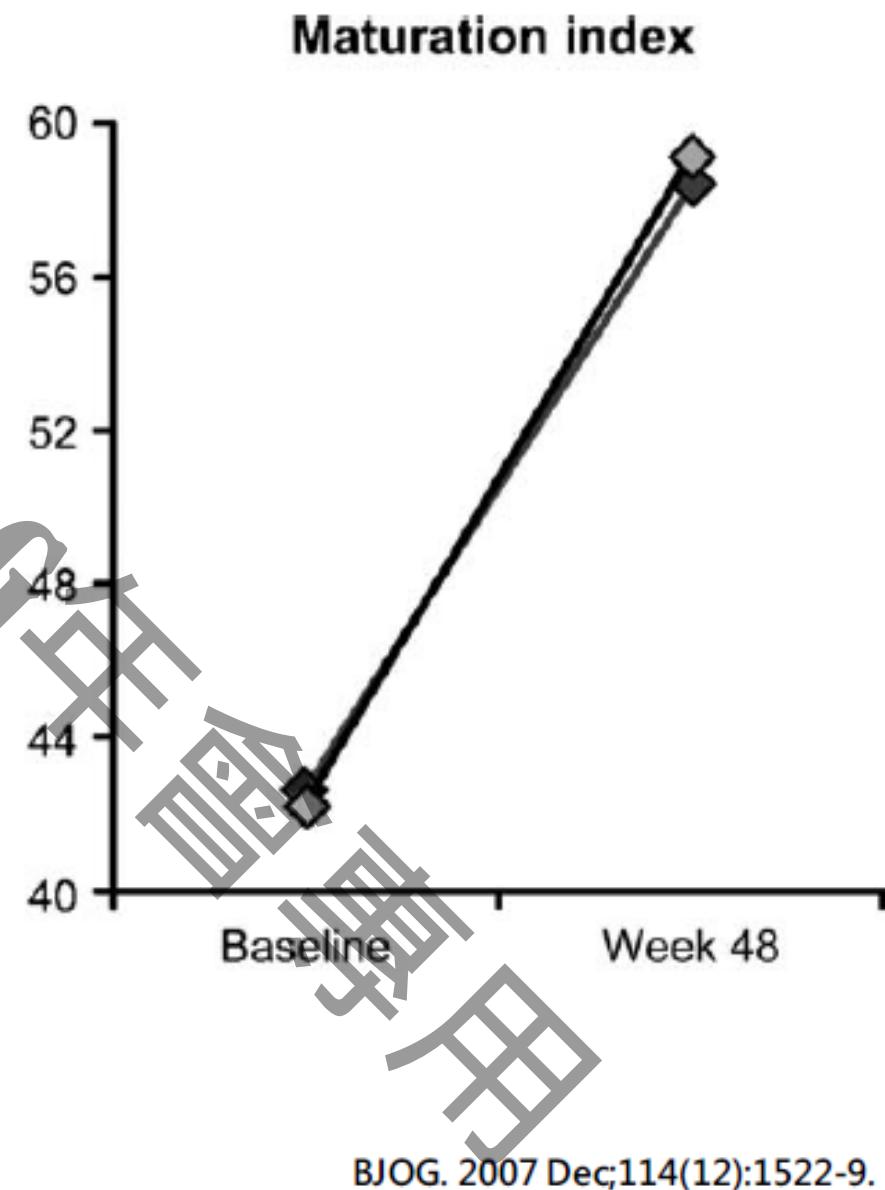
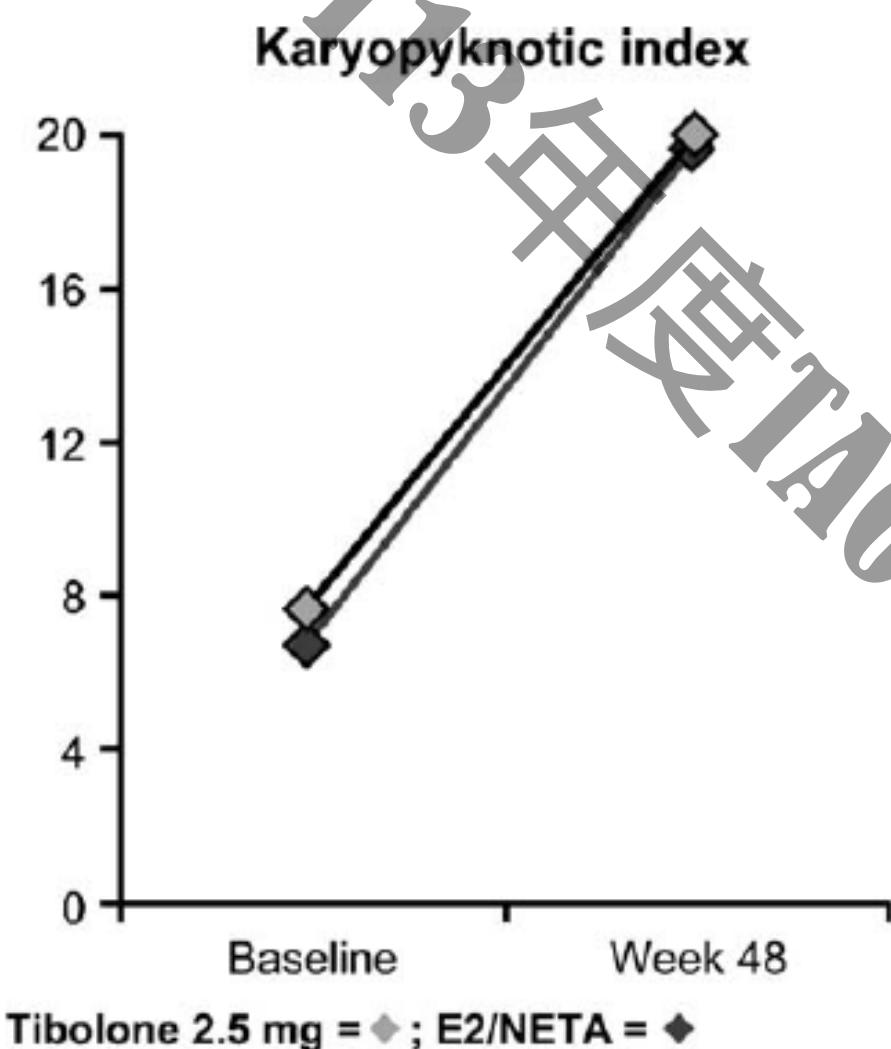
\*  $P = 0.015$  vs.  $E_2$ /NETA

\*\*  $P < 0.001$  vs.  $E_2$ /NETA

# **GENITAL TRACT ATROPHY & SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION**



# Similar effect in genital tract atrophy



Mean

19  
18.5

Tibolone (N = 242)

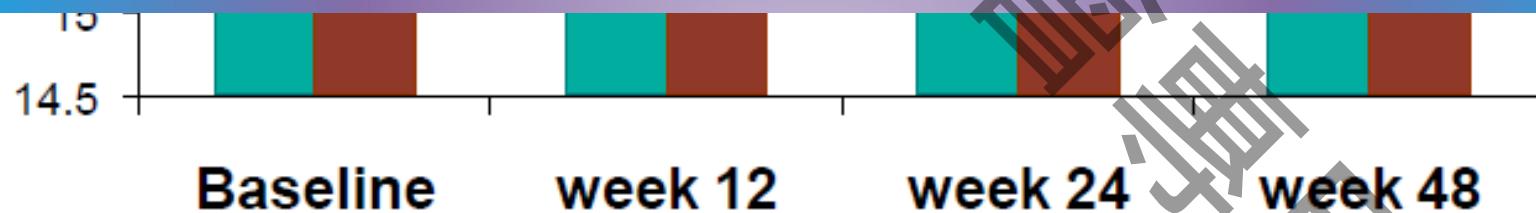
E2/NETA (N = 263)

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SHBG



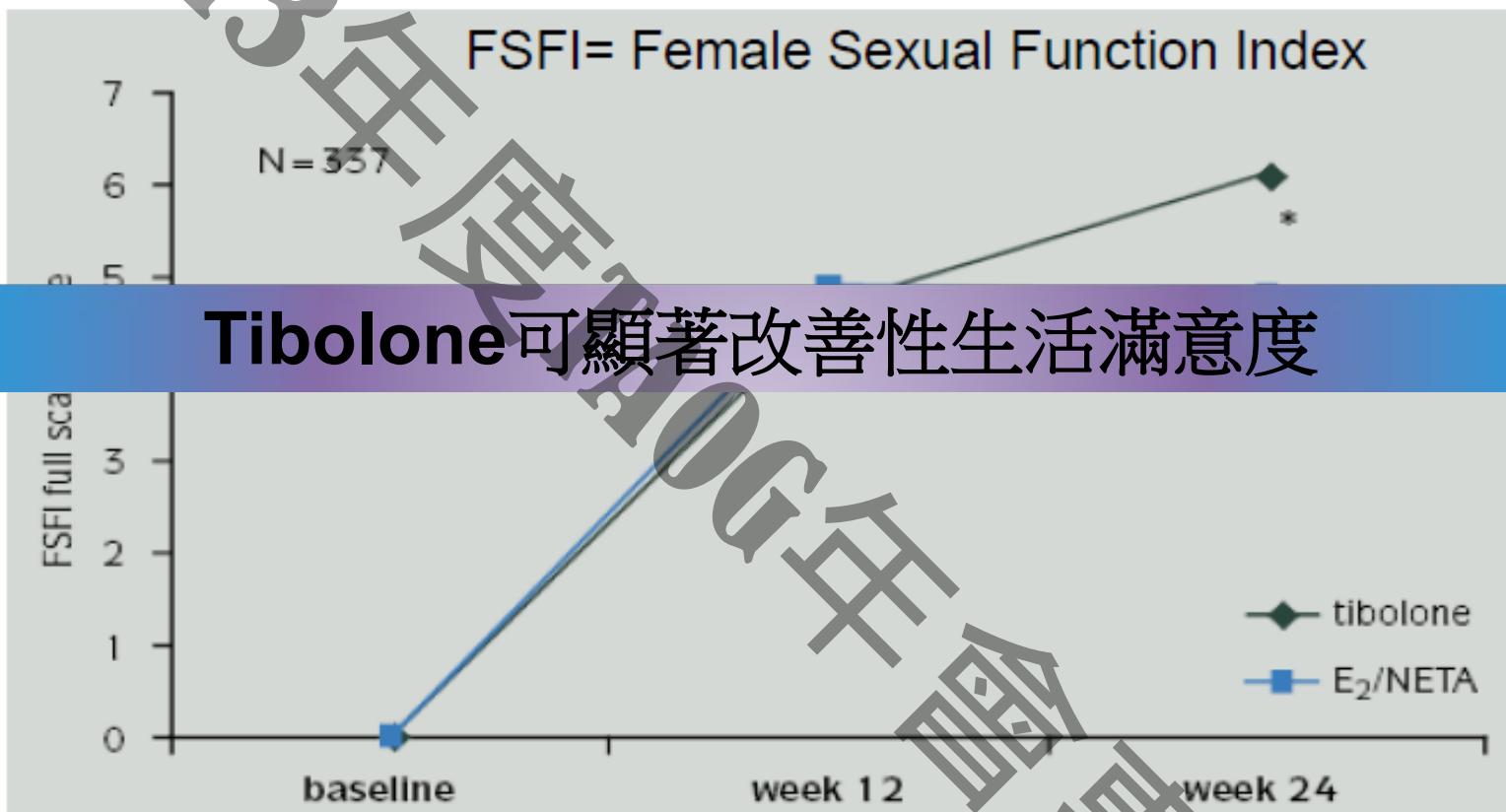
Androgen Receptor



\*P<0.05 between treatment groups \*\*P=0.003 between treatment groups

Menopause 2002;9:162–70

# LISA: effects on sexual dysfunction (FSFI)

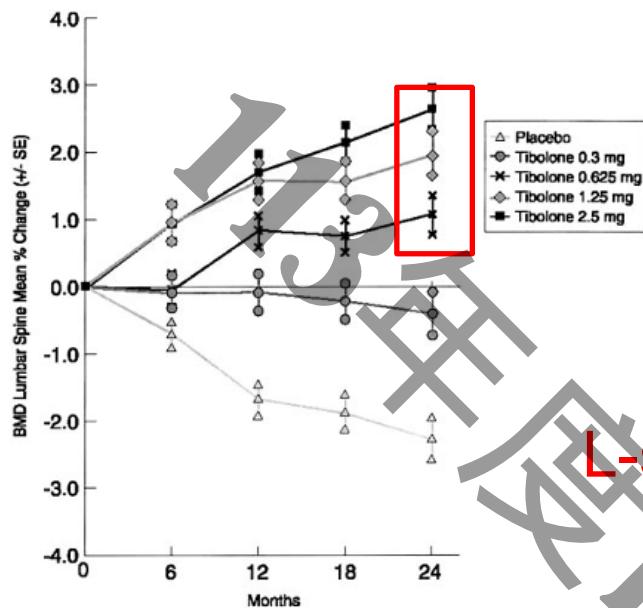


\*P < 0.025 vs. E<sub>2</sub>/NETA for full scale score

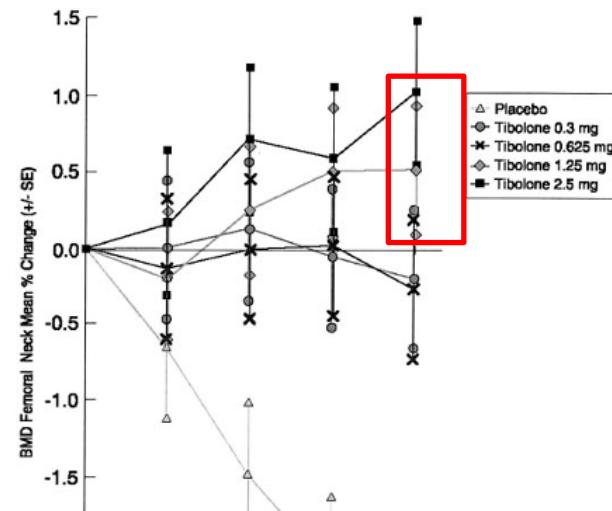
FSFI sub-scores such as arousal, desire, satisfaction also significantly more increased in tibolone group

# BONE DENSITY AND FRACTURE

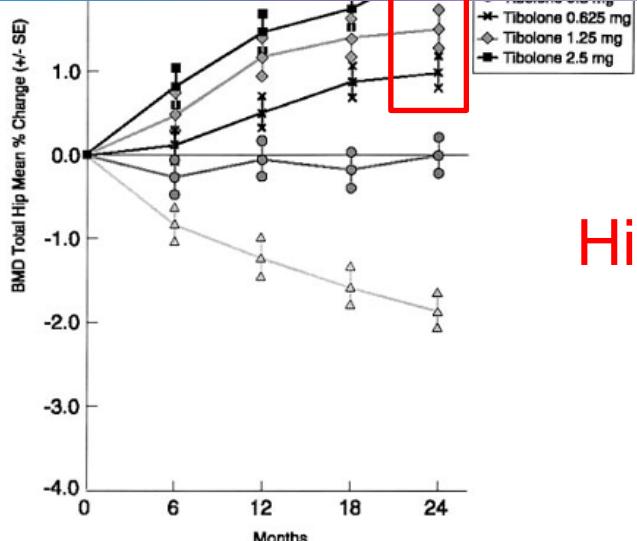
# LINE DENSITY AND FRACTAL LOG-LOG PLOTS



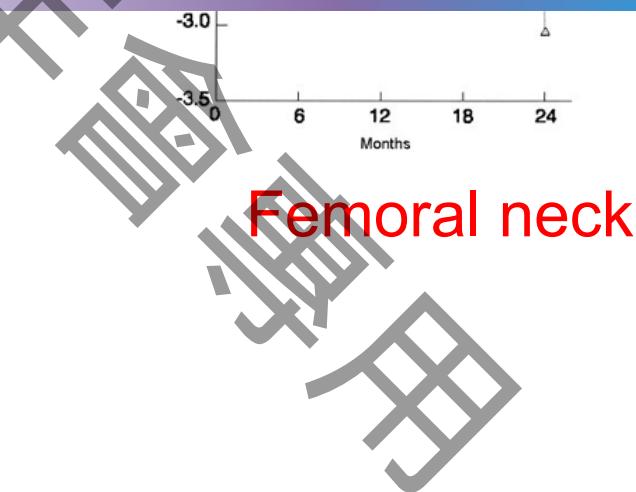
L-spine



Tibolone在1.25mg以上的劑量可以減緩骨質的流失



Hip

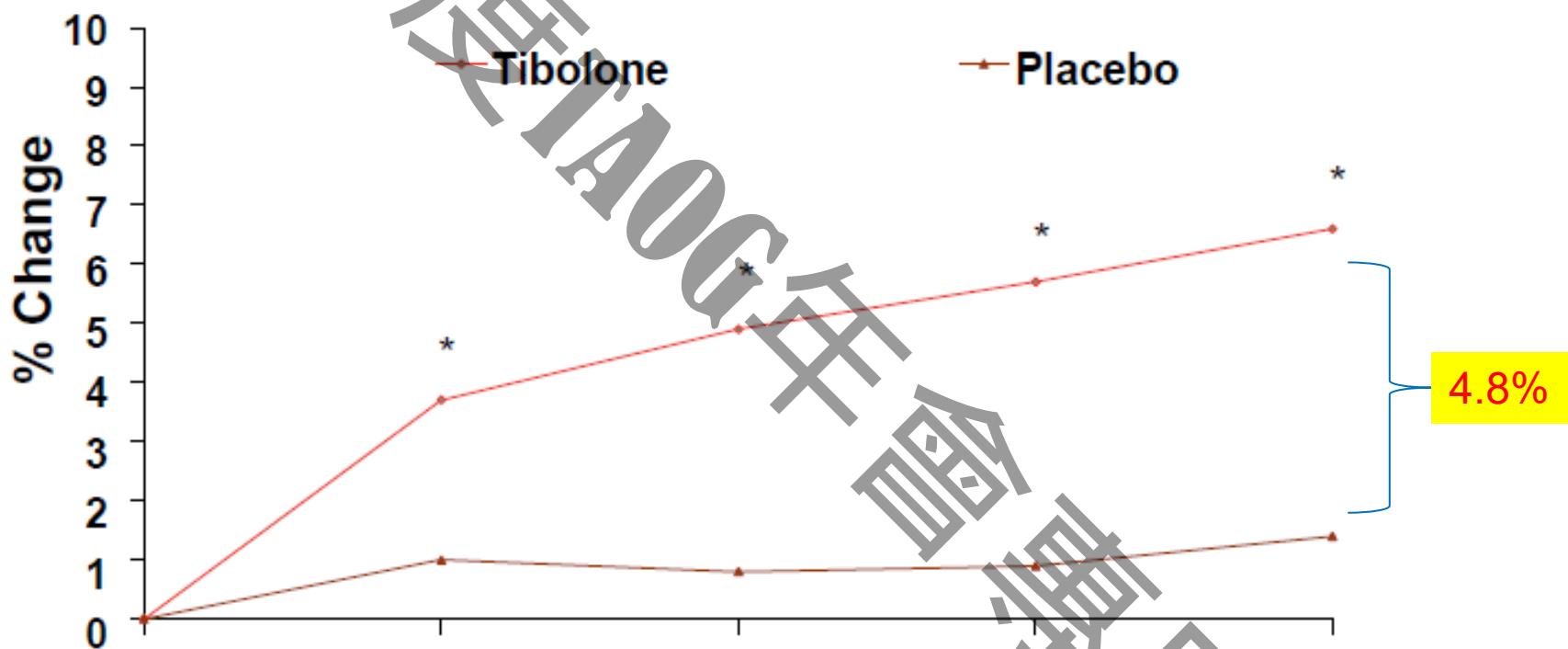


Femoral neck

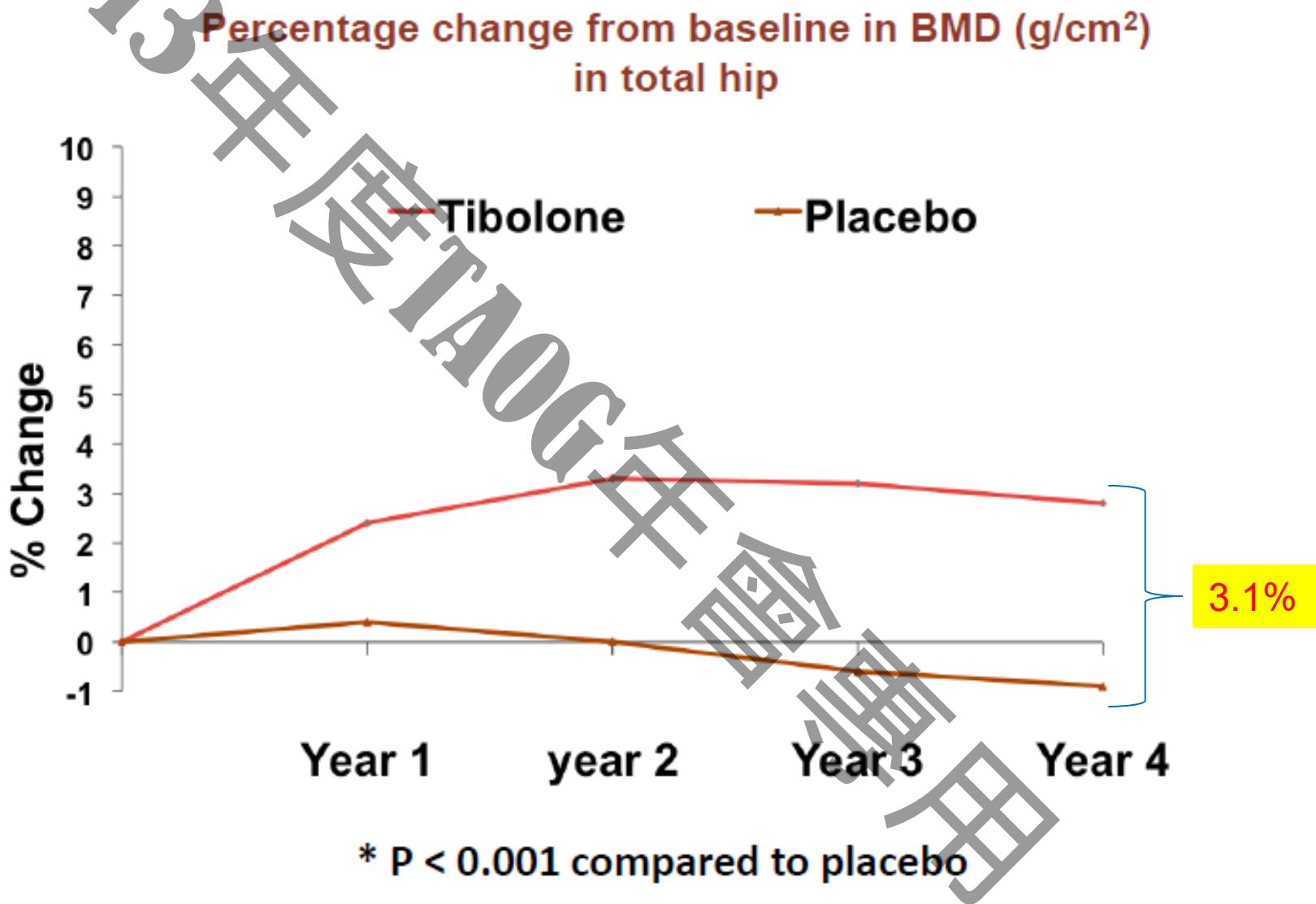
# LIFT: BMD lumbar spine

LIFT: Long-Term Intervention on Fractures with Tibolone

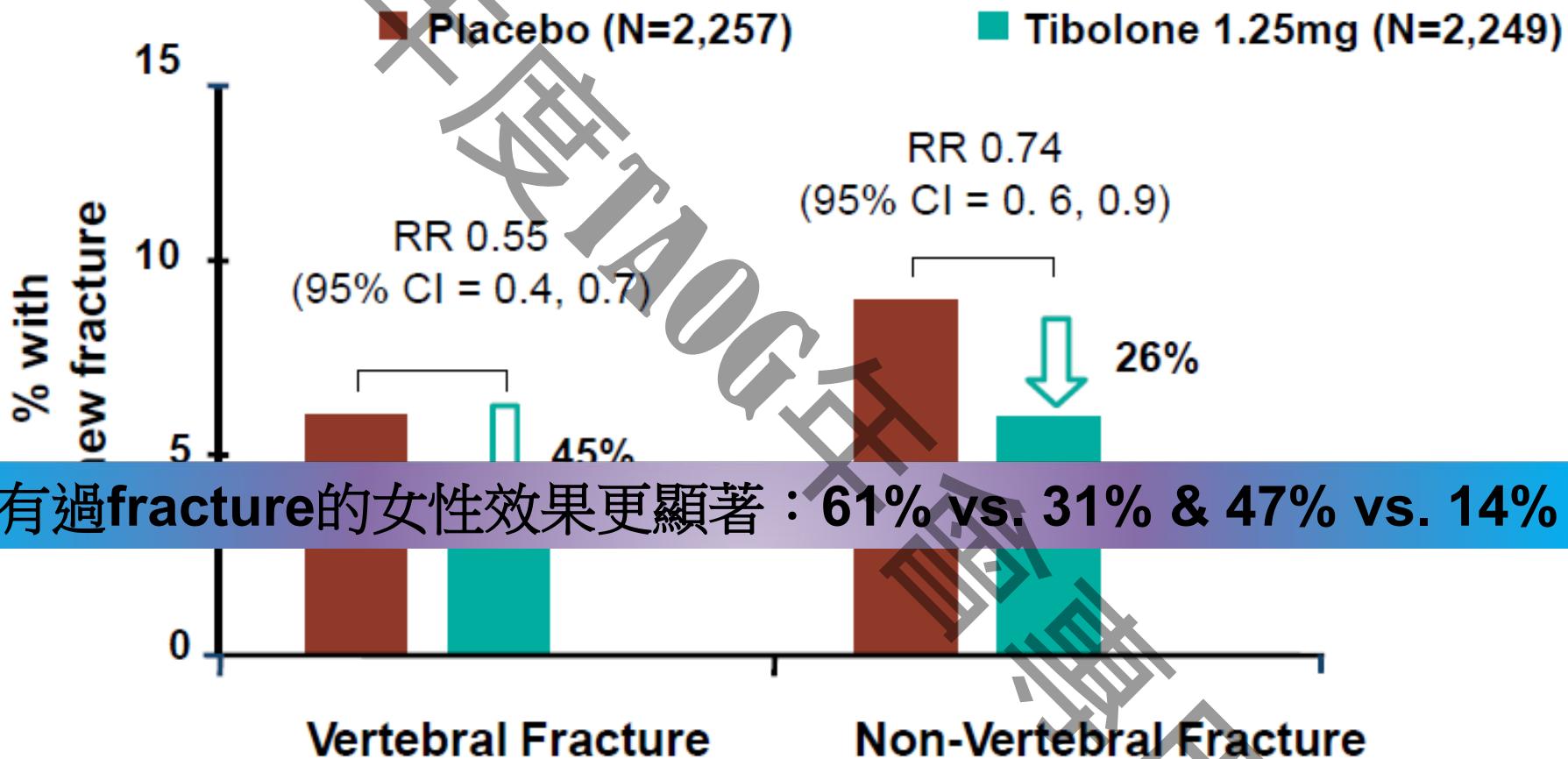
Percentage change from baseline in BMD ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )  
in lumbar vertebrae (L1–L4)



# LIFT: BMD total hip



# LIFT: fractures



在有過fracture的女性效果更顯著：61% vs. 31% & 47% vs. 14%

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# Minimal impact on breast density

166 postmenopausal women randomized to take Tibolone, E2/NETA, or placebo



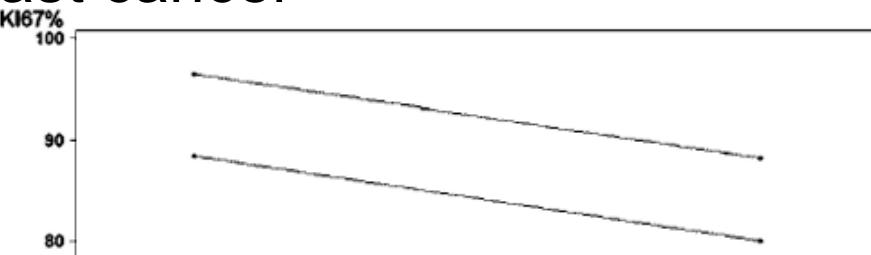
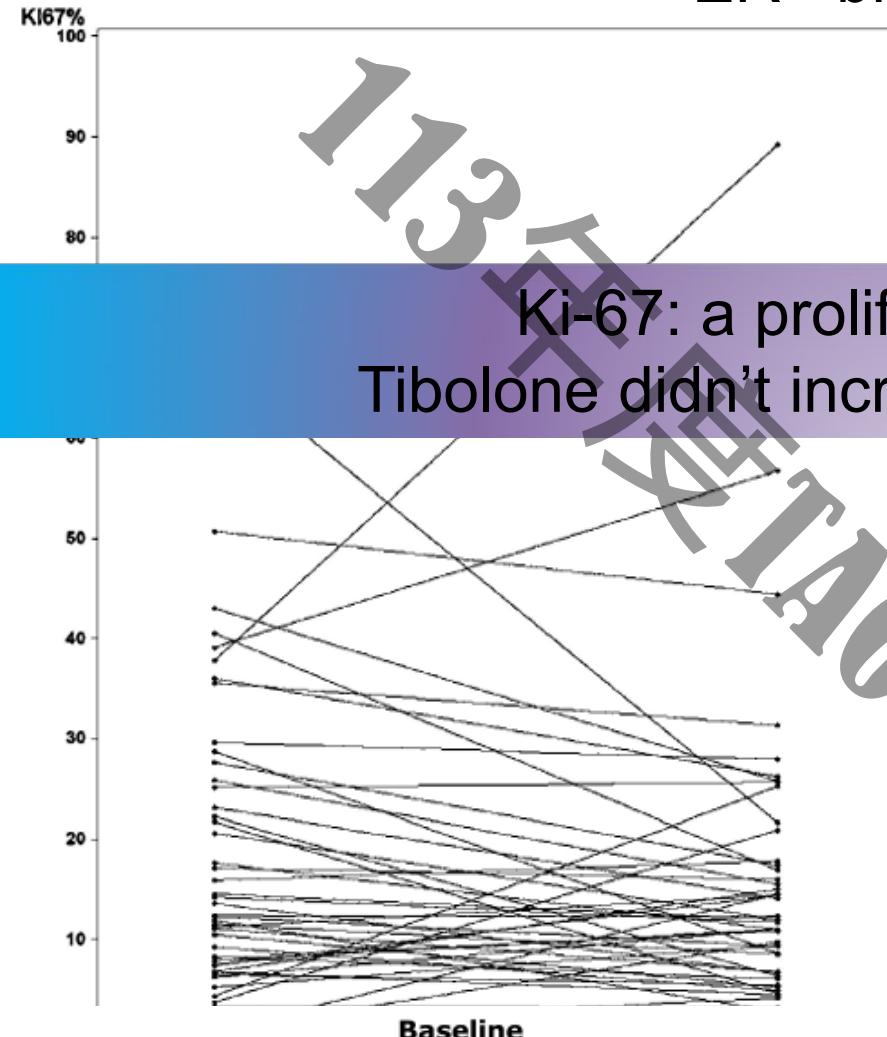
## Wolfe classification

	<i>Wolfe increase</i>	<i>Percentage classification increase</i>
E <sub>2</sub> /NETA	22/48 (46%)	24/48 (50%)
Tibolone	1/51 (2%)	3/51 (6%)
Placebo	0/55 (0%)	0/55 (0%)

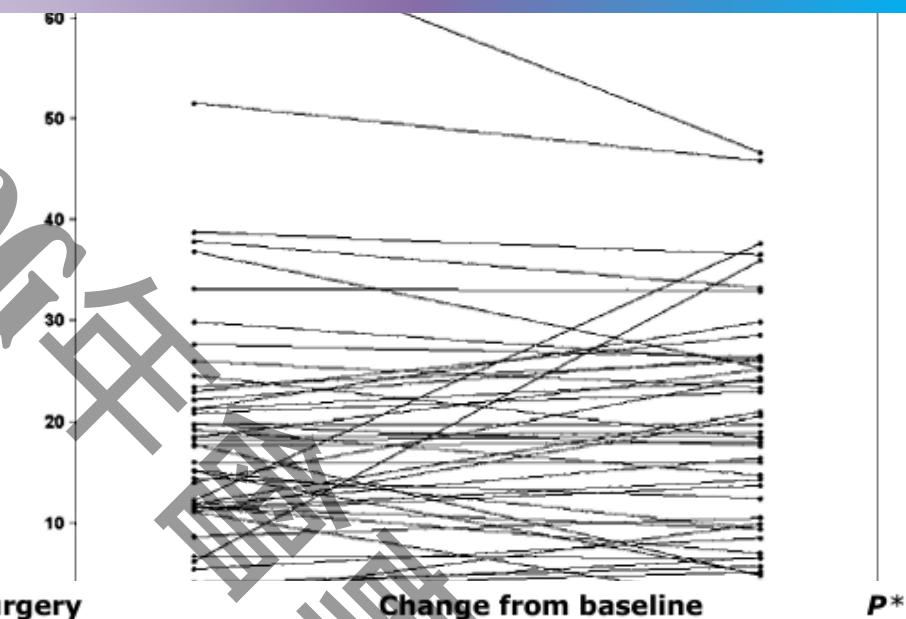
Tibolone, 2.5 mg

## ER+ breast cancer

Placebo



Ki-67: a proliferation marker  
Tibolone didn't increase the expression



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	Tibolone	Placebo	
Ki-67 (%)			0.170
n	46	49	
Median	13.0	17.8	
Mean (SE)	18.2 (2.2)	21.6 (2.8)	
	Tibolone	Placebo	

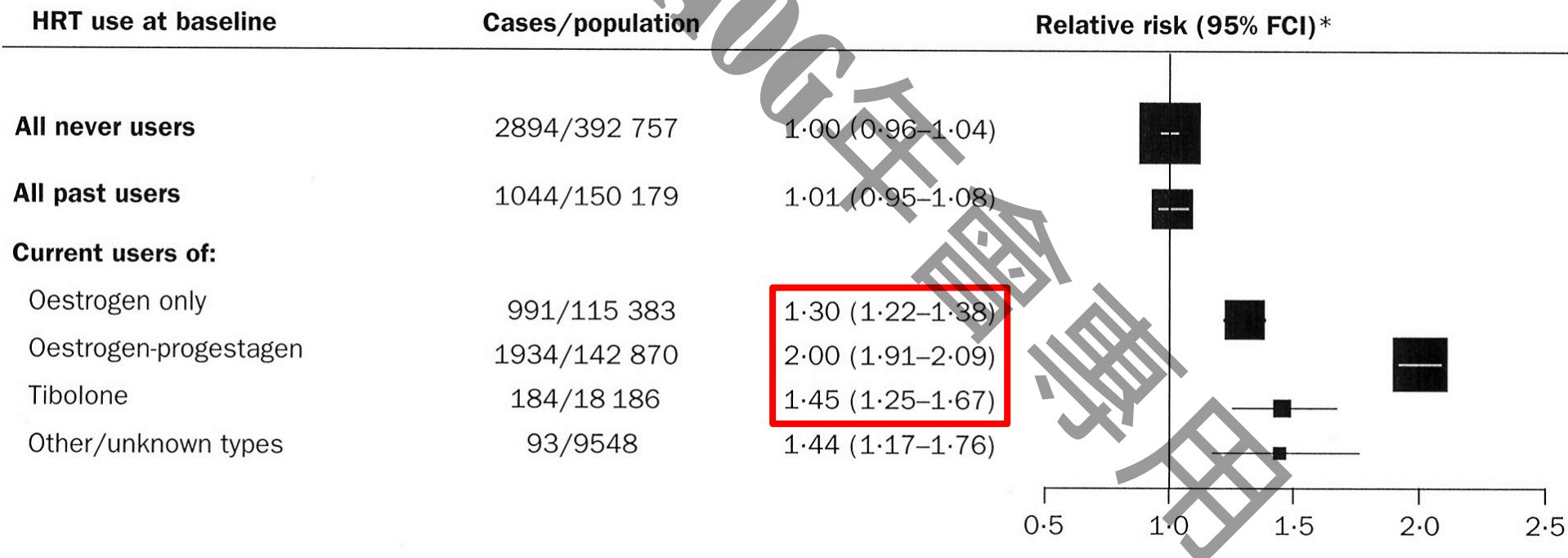


## The Million Women Study (UK)

### Breast cancer and hormone-replacement therapy in the Million Women Study

Million Women Study Collaborators

Design	Prospective cohort, observational study
Population	1,084,110 UK women, aged 50–64 years
Time	May 1996 – March 2001



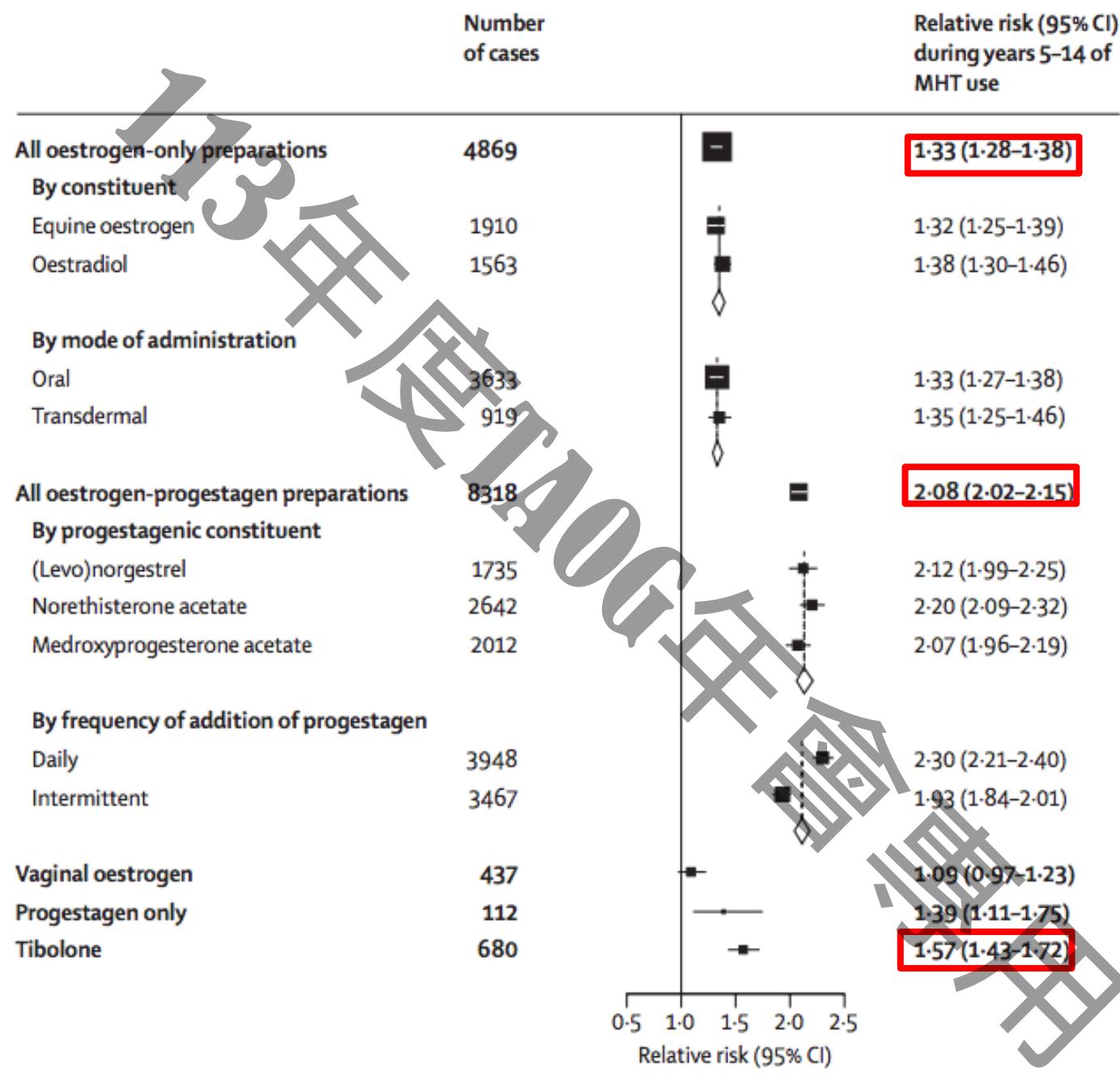
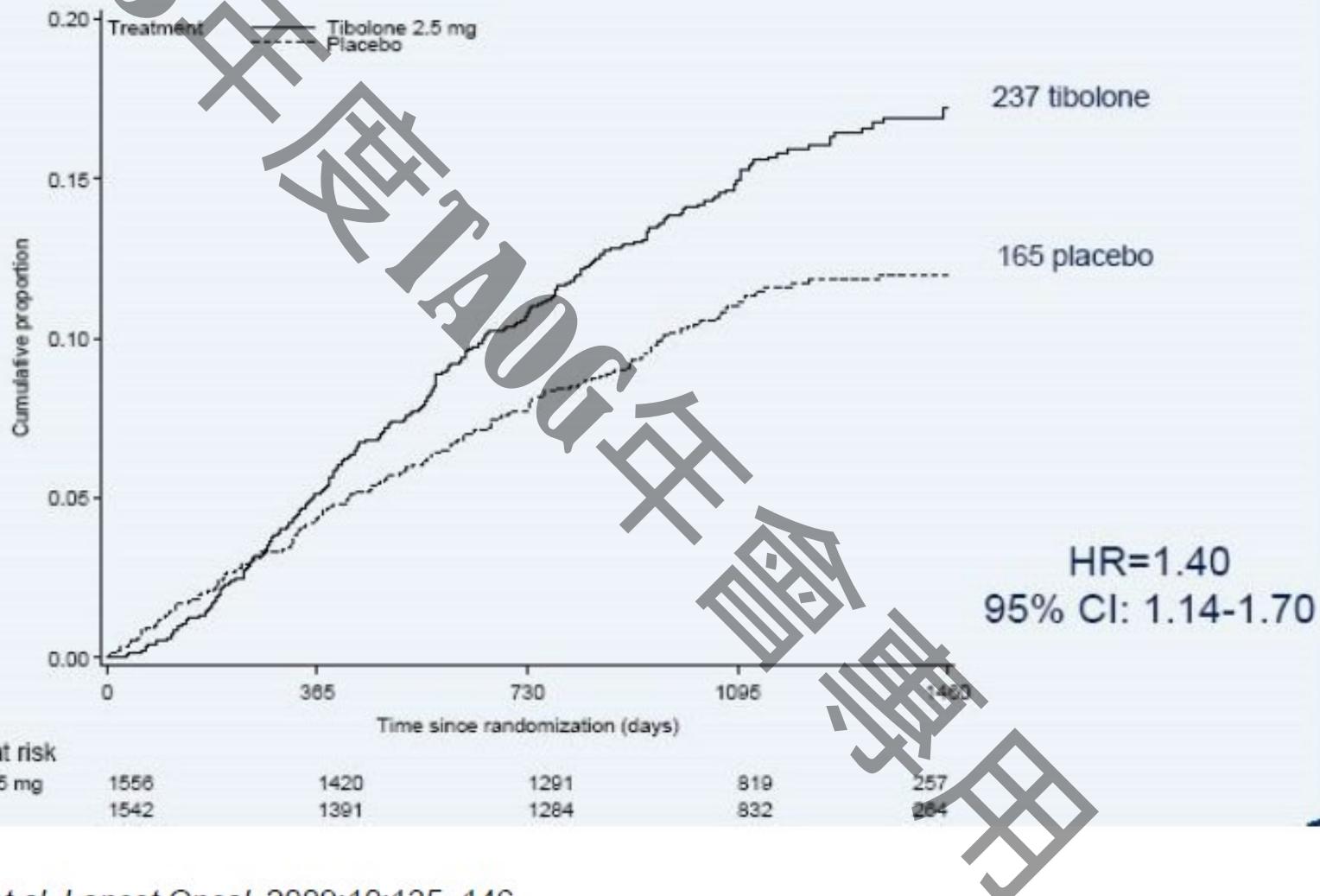


Figure 4: Main types of MHT: relative risks during years 5–14 of current use

# LIBERATE: breast cancer recurrence (ITT)

The Livial Intervention following Breast Cancer; Efficacy Recurrence, and Tolerability Endpoints



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# ENDOMETRIAL SAFETY

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# THEBES: endometrial hyperplasia and cancer

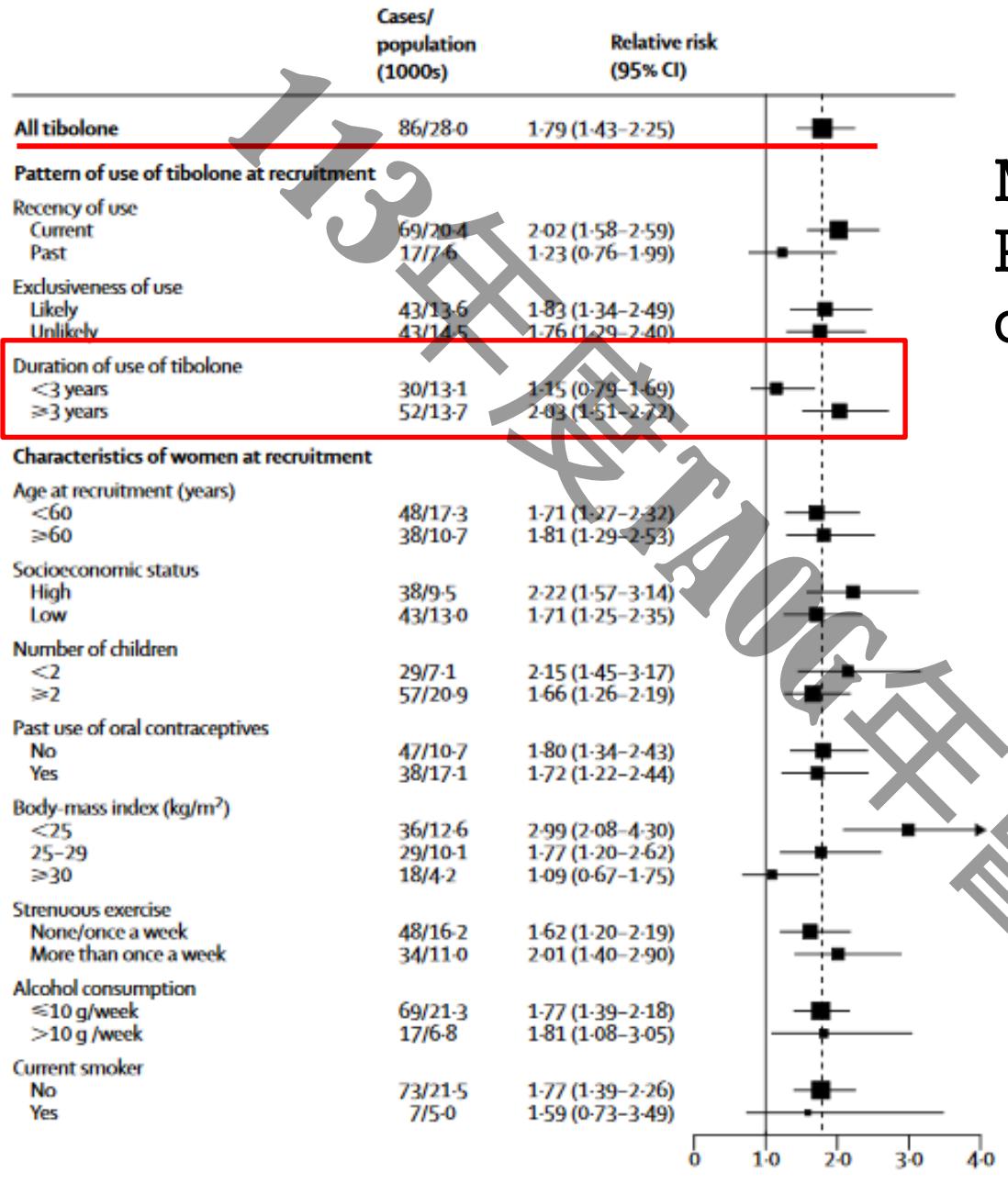
Tibolone Histology of the Endometrium and Breast Endpoints Study

Parameter	Tibolone 1.25 mg (N = 637) <sup>†</sup>	Tibolone 2.5 mg (N = 671) <sup>†</sup>	CE/MPA (N = 1,320) <sup>†</sup>
Women-years of exposure	1,179	1,223	2,415
Endometrial hyperplasia	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.2%)
Endometrial cancer	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.08%) <sup>#</sup>

<sup>†</sup> Evaluable subjects (90 days treatment and biopsy taken)

<sup>#</sup> Endometrial stromal sarcoma,

# Million Women Study: Risk of endometrial cancer



# Tibolone and risk of gynecological hormone sensitive cancer

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	Person years	Cases	All endometrial cancers IRR (95% CI)	Cases	Type I endometrial cancer IRR (95% CI)
<b>Tibolone use</b>					
Never any HT	6,174,059	3,411	1.00	2,685	1.00
Previous systemic HT	1,029,019	881	1.38 (1.28–1.49)	698	1.55 (1.42–1.69)
Current other HT	1,071,488	1,064	2.10 (1.96–2.25)	905	2.23 (2.07–2.40)
Current tibolone	49,850	107	3.56 (2.94–4.32)	91	3.80 (3.08–4.69)
<b>Duration of tibolone</b>					
<i>Current users</i>					
<2 years	8,383	12	3.00 (1.70–5.31)	8	2.45 (1.22–4.92)
2–4 years	13,609	24	3.31 (2.21–4.95)	20	3.42 (2.20–5.32)
5–9 years	19,131	46	3.77 (2.81–5.05)	39	4.03 (2.93–5.54)
10+ years	8,725	25	3.80 (2.56–5.64)	24	4.70 (3.13–7.04)

cohort study of >900,000  
women followed for 8.9 years in average

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	Person years	Cases	All epithelial ovarian tumors IRR (95% CI)	Cases	Serous ovarian tumors IRR (95% CI)
Tibolone use					
Never any HT	6,598,898	2,860	1.00	1,324	1.00
Previous systemic HT	250,883	559	1.17 (1.07–1.28)	72	1.24 (1.09–1.41)
Current other HT	1,241,824	532	1.39 (1.28–1.51)	368	1.64 (1.46–1.84)
Current tibolone	46,590	31	1.42 (1.01–2.00)	24	2.21 (1.48–3.32)
Duration of tibolone					
Current users					
<2 years	8,485	5	1.40 (0.58–3.37)	2	1.49 (0.37–5.97)
2–4 years	12,973	9	1.55 (0.80–2.98)	8	3.08 (1.53–6.18)
5–9 years	18,021	9	1.08 (0.56–2.08)	8	2.04 (1.01–4.09)
10+ years	7,111	8	2.28 (1.13–4.57)	6	3.15 (1.40–7.03)

not able to adjust for body mass index, physical activity, smoking or oral contraceptive use

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# Cancer Risk

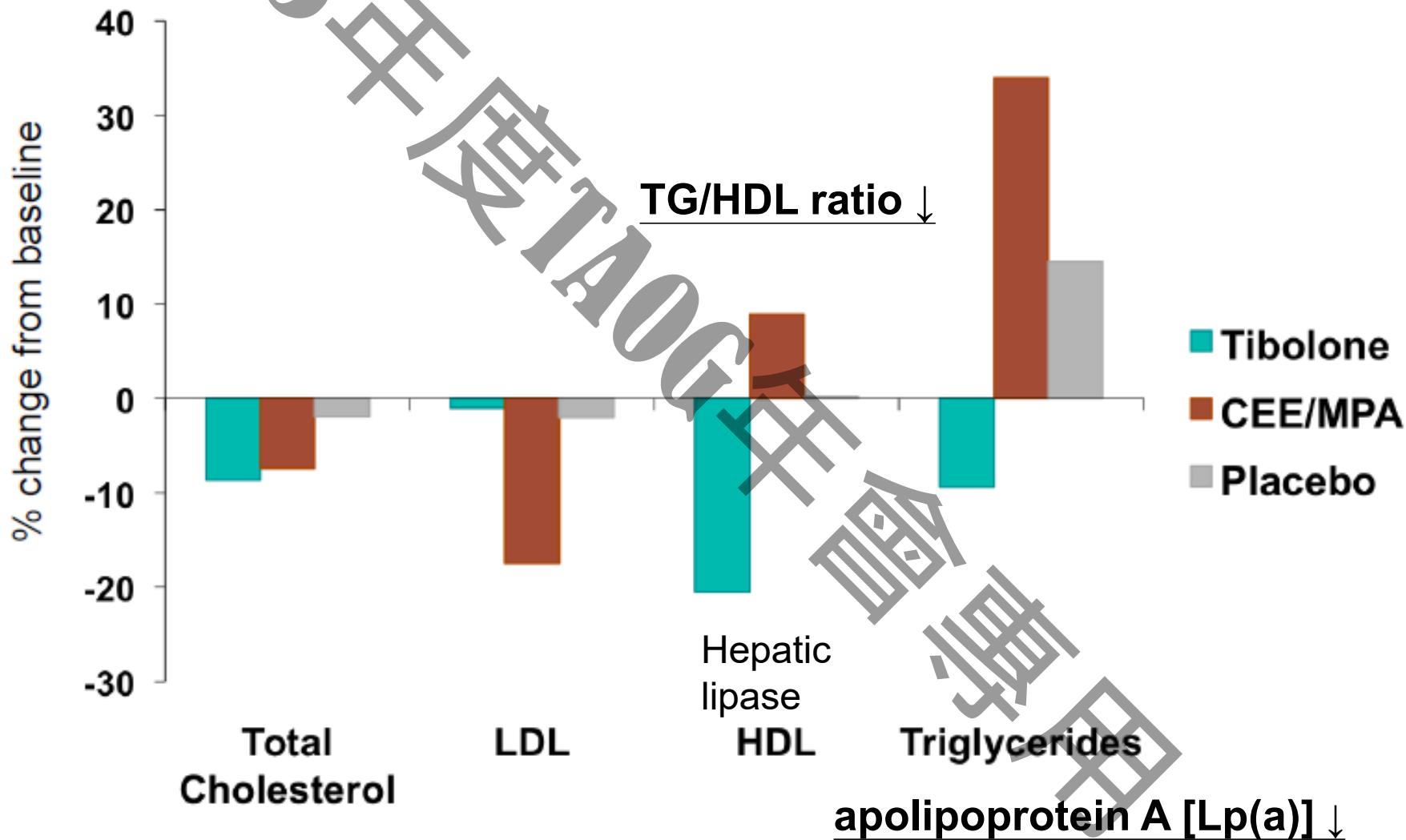
- Not recommend treatment with tibolone in patients who have a personal or first-grade relative history of a hormone-sensitive neoplasm

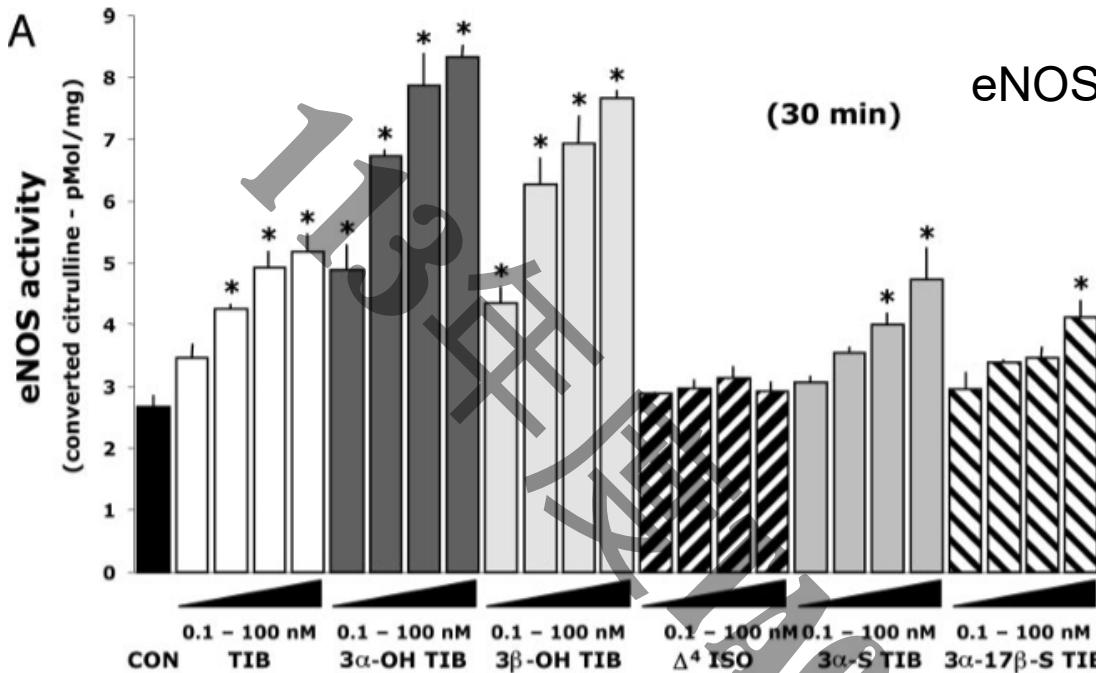
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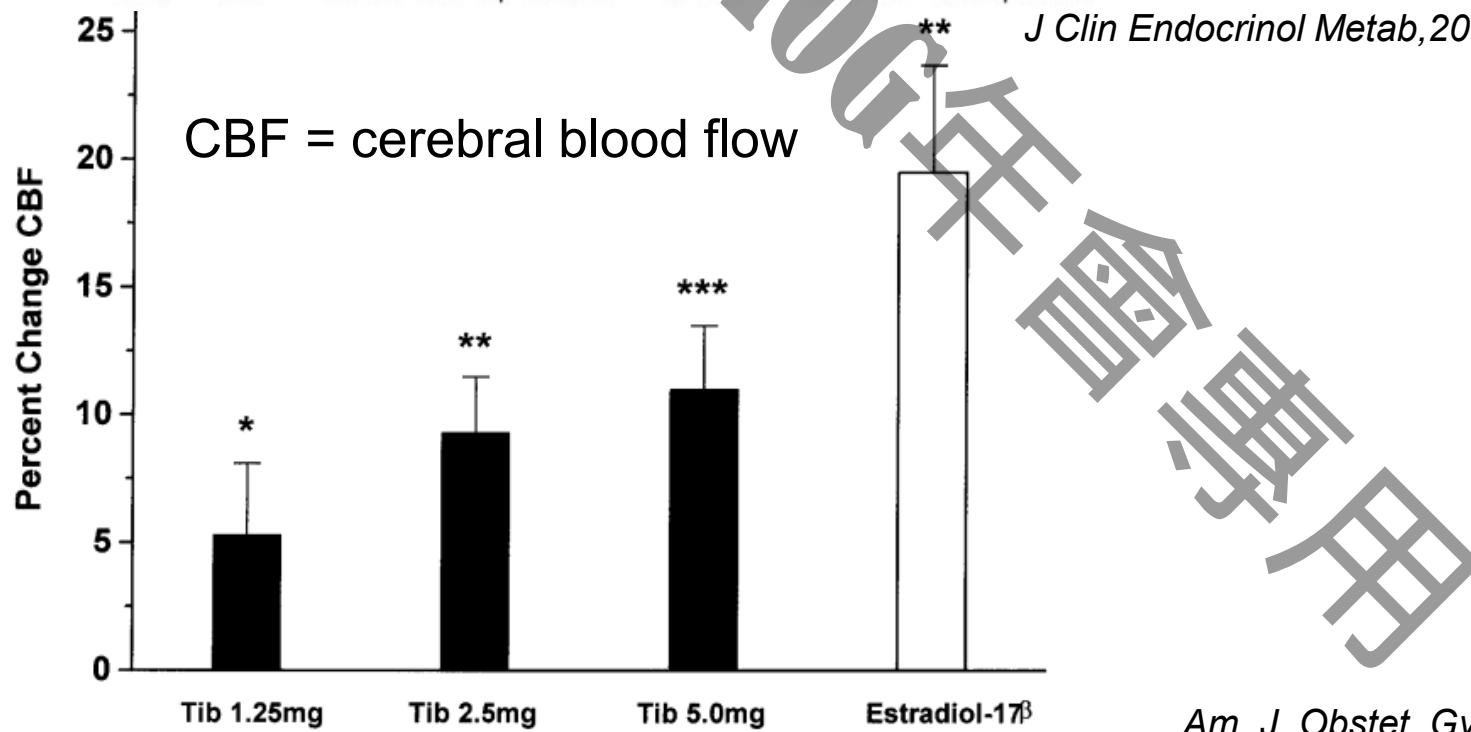
# OPAL: change in CVD risk factors – lipids

The Osteoporosis Prevention and Arterial effects of tibolone (OPAL) study





eNOS = Endothelial NO synthase↑



J Clin Endocrinol Metab, 2004, 89(9):4594–4600

Postmenopausal women

	Before tibolone treatment	After tibolone treatment	Relative change %	Premenopausal women
Systolic arterial pressure (mmHg)	125 ± 12	118 ± 10*	-6	108 ± 12*
Diastolic arterial pressure (mmHg)	75 ± 9	70 ± 7*	-7	70 ± 13*
Mean arterial pressure (mmHg)	91 ± 10	86 ± 7*	✓	83 ± 13*

NO release

Decreased plasma endothelin

Certain antagonistic activity on mineralocorticoid receptors (MRs)

Postmenopausal women

	Before tibolone treatment	After tibolone treatment	Average change %	Premenopausal women
Glucose (mg/dl)	93 ± 10	87 ± 13*	-6	86 ± 13
Tot CH (mg/dl)	201 ± 41	187 ± 34	-7	191 ± 26
HDL (mg/dl)	63 ± 13	52 ± 10*	-17	56 ± 9
TG (mg/dl)	75 ± 40	69 ± 39	-8	64 ± 27
LDL (mg/dl)	121 ± 31	118 ± 30	-2	121 ± 23
CRP (mg/dl)	0.09 ± 0.08	0.1 ± 0.09	11	0.1 ± 0.18
IL-6 (pg/ml)	0.24 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.5	60	0.12 ± 0.15*
TNF $\alpha$ (pg/ml)	4.1 ± 0.2	2.5 ± 1.7*	-39	0.6 ± 1.0**
ROMs (AU)	269 ± 79	299 ± 86	11	283 ± 45
OXY ( $\mu$ mol. HClO/ml)	296 ± 62	311 ± 59	5	378 ± 69**

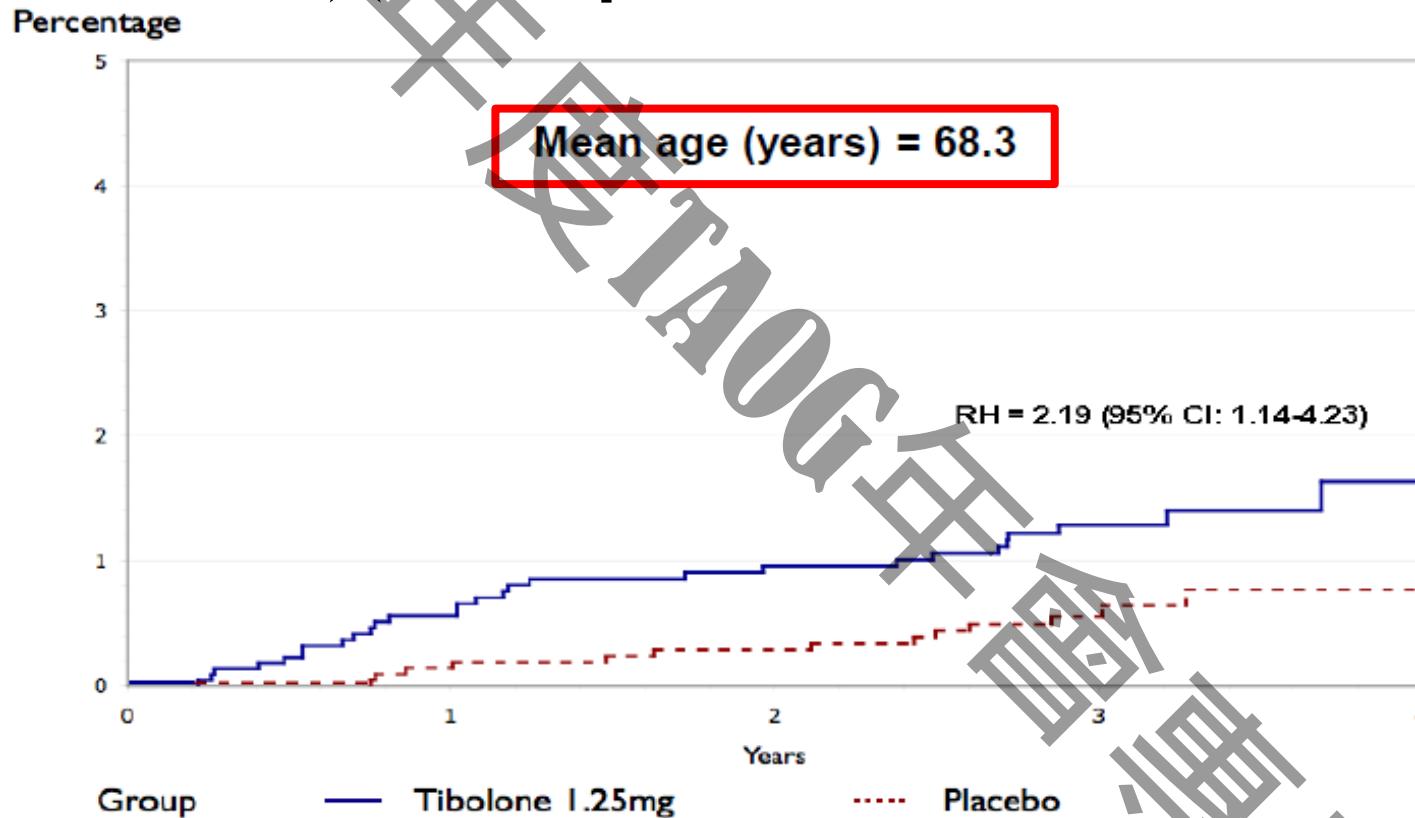
\* $p < 0.05$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$  versus postmenopausal women baseline

Tot CH, total cholesterol; HDL, high density lipoproteins; TG, triglycerides; LDL, low-density lipoproteins; CRP, C-reactive protein, IL-6, Interleukin-6; TNF $\alpha$ , tumor necrosis factor; ROMs, Hydroperoxides; OXY, total antioxidant capacity, values are expressed as mean ± SD

# LIFT:

Cumulative Percentages of Patients with Stroke

## ★ Therapeutic window



Cummings SR, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2008;359:697–708.

Venous thromboembolism &  
Coronary heart disease: no difference  
with placebo

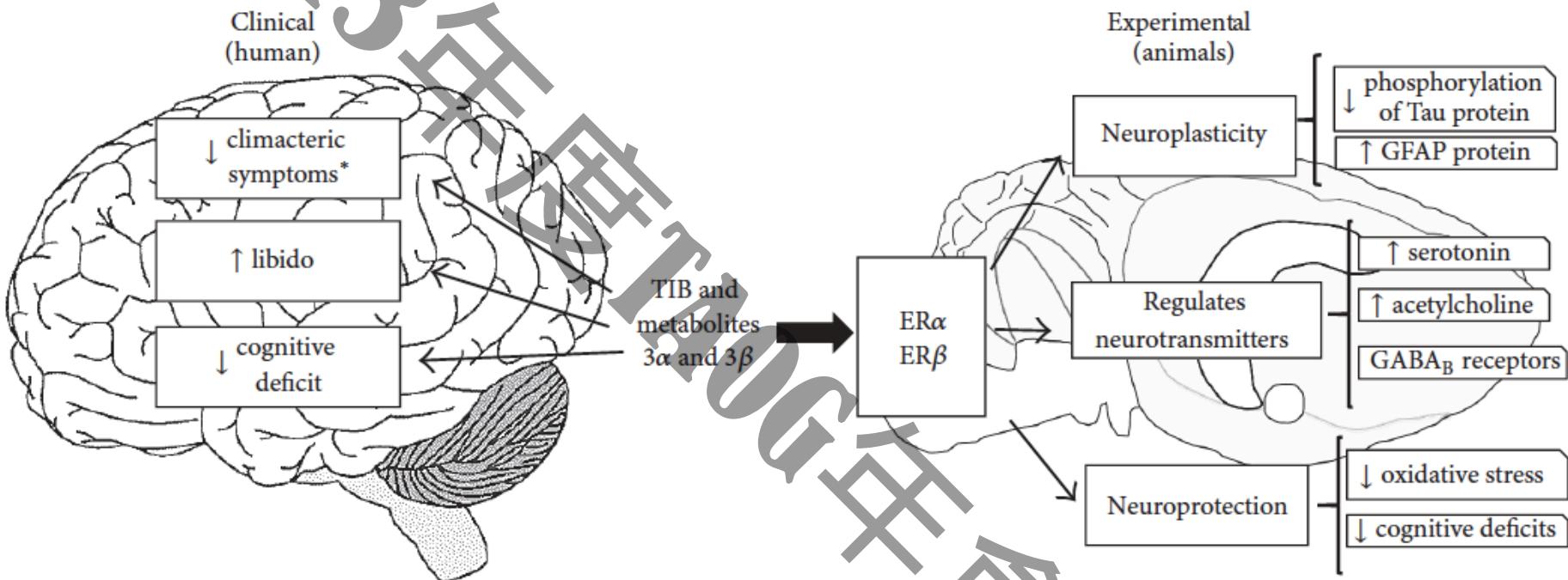
# CV & Coagulation Factors

- Recently menopausal women—  
no increased CV or augmented stroke risk
- Should not be used
  - Outside therapeutic window
  - High risk of cerebrovascular disease  
(hypertension, diabetes, atrial fibrillation, smoking habit)

# CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

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# Central Nervous System



1. More lipophilic, nonsulfated metabolites across blood-brain barrier
2. Organic anion transporter proteins in brain tissue

# Effect on mood

Mean symptom scores

Severe

3

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1

None

0

Mood depression

Climacteric symptom

- Tibolone baseline (n = 77)
- Tibolone 6 months
- CEE + MDG baseline (n = 52)
- CEE + MDG 6 months

Adapted from Egarter et al.

CEE + MDG, conjugated equine estrogens (0.625 mg/day) + medrogestone (10 mg/day for 12 days/month); \*p < 0.01 vs baseline

Tibolone (2.5 mg/day): \*\*p < 0.001 vs. baseline

Egarter et al., Maturitas 1996

# Mood

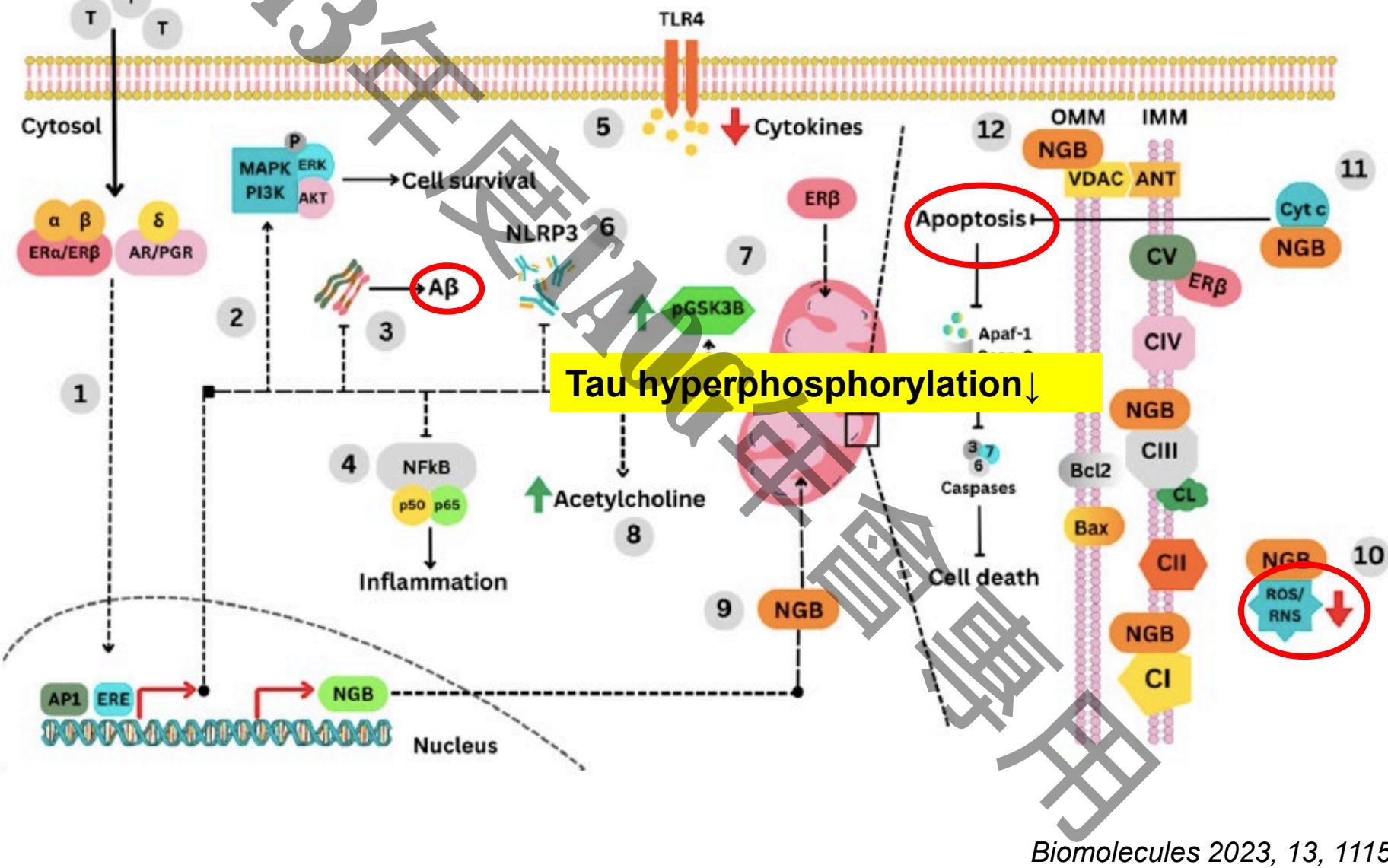
- Tibolone 2.5mg/day has positive impact on mood compared with placebo

*Reproduccion 6, 81–91  
Maturitas 9, 303–308*

- Jayashri Kulkarni:  
RCT (12 weeks): perimenopausal depressive women with tibolone 2.5mg/day vs. placebo  
→ tibolone improved depression severity

*J Affect Disord 2018;15:236:88-92.*

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# Maybe safer in women with residual endometriosis

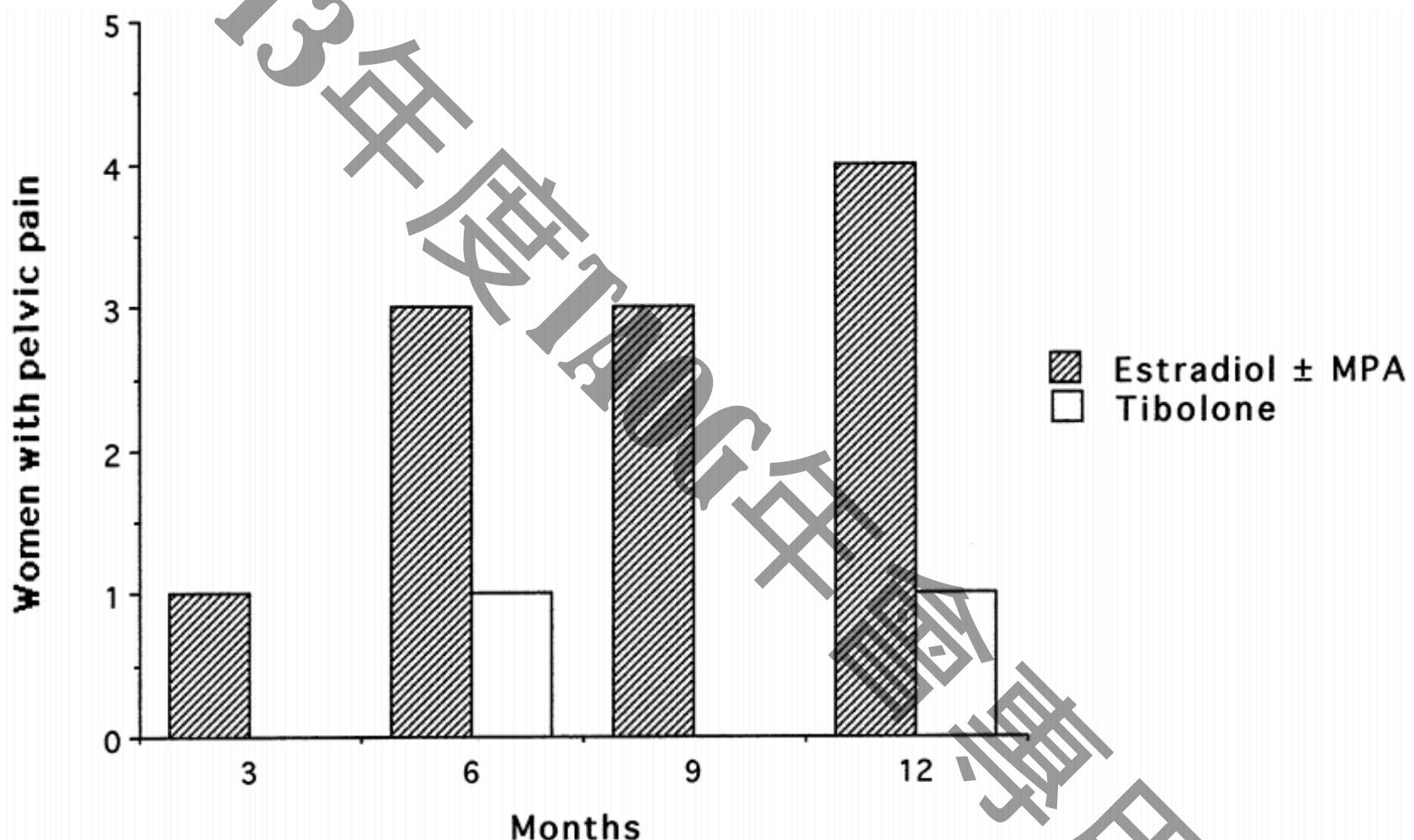


Fig. 1. Moderate pelvic pain in the two groups before and at different times during treatment.



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### HRT & MYOMAS

#### TIBOLONE

5 studies – 237 women

#### ESTROGENS/PROGESTINS

13 studies – 914 women

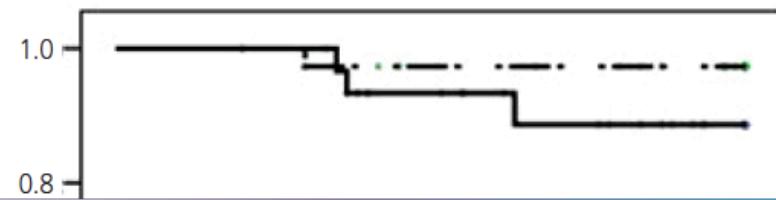
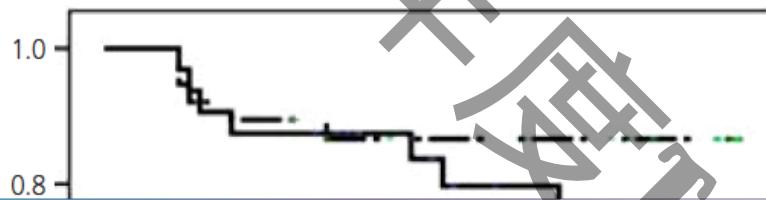
#### SERMs

2 studies – 102 women

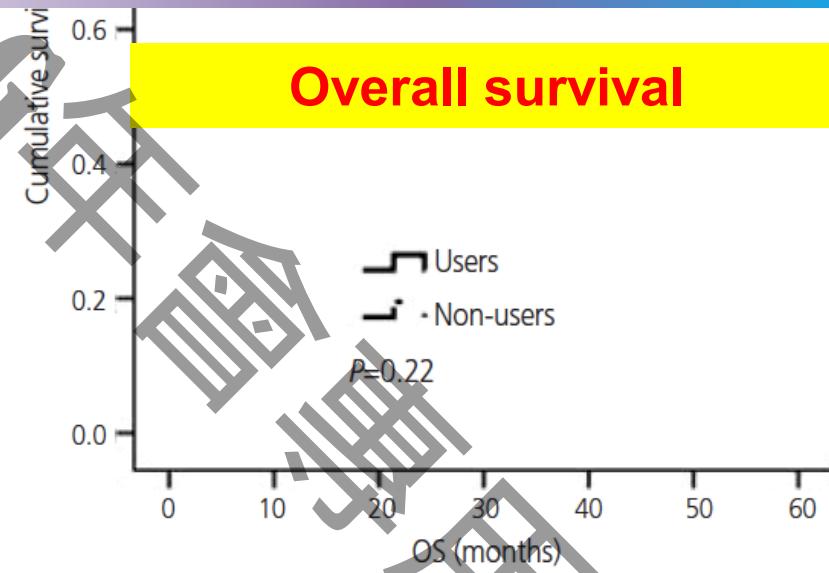
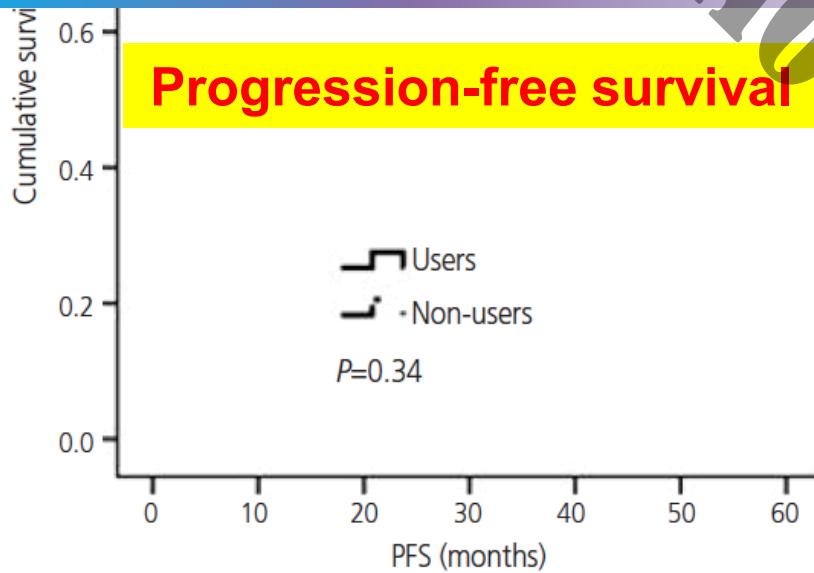
**Tibolone不會促進肌瘤生長，影響也較E+P小**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <u>Conflicting results</u></li><li>✓ No significant effect on myomas growth compared to placebo or estrogen-progestin therapy [28, 30]</li><li>✓ Significant difference in terms of fibroids growth was found in one study [29]</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <u>Conflicting results</u></li><li>✓ Significant influence on fibroids enlargement and newly detected myomas in menopause [14, 35, 39, 40]</li><li>✓ No significant increase in fibroids size, although a trend towards enlargement was noted [18, 33, 34, 37, 38]</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <u>Impact on uterine fibroids is still largely unknown</u></li><li>✓ Significant reduction in myomas size [31, 32]</li></ul>
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# 113 Early Stage Cervical Adenocarcinoma



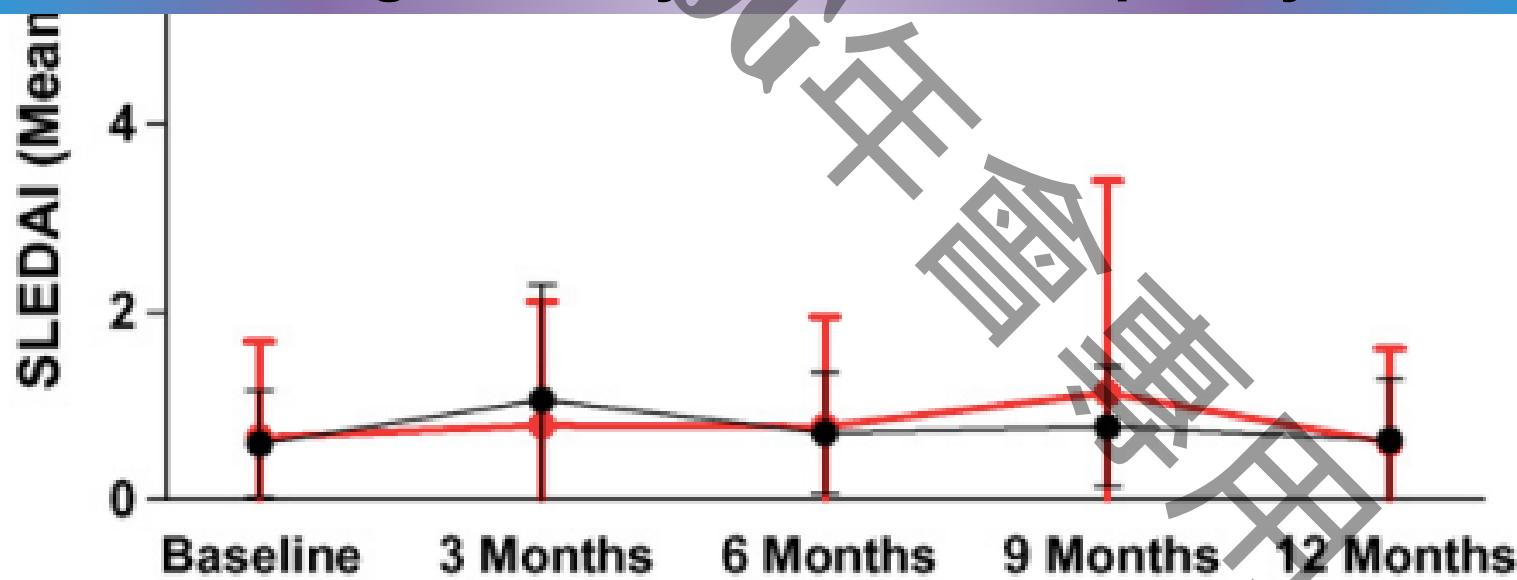
tibolone can be administered safely to cervical AC patients



# Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

5% CI)

In patients with inactive or stable SLE, the short-term use of tibolone did not significantly affect the frequency of flares



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# Updated clinical recommendations for the use of tibolone in Asian women

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**Table 1** Consensus statements on the use of tibolone and levels of supporting evidence

<i>Updated statements and/or new evidence published since 2005</i>	<i>Level of evidence*</i>
Tibolone is as effective as currently used EPT/ET regimens in the management of <u>climacteric symptoms</u> <sup>34</sup>	1b
Tibolone treats <u>vaginal atrophy</u> and alleviates local vaginal symptoms <sup>34</sup>	1b
Tibolone has a positive effect on <u>sexual well-being</u> and is more effective than oral EPT/ET in some respects, namely arousal, desire, and satisfaction <sup>8,34</sup>	1b
Tibolone positively affects <u>mood and quality of life</u> <sup>8,34</sup>	1b
Tibolone prevents <u>bone loss</u> and is as effective as standard doses of EPT/ET and more effective than raloxifene <sup>36</sup>	1b
Tibolone reduces the risk of vertebral and non-vertebral fracture in older osteoporotic women. The absolute reduction was greater among women who had already had a vertebral fracture than among those who had not <sup>16</sup>	1b

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Tibolone does not stimulate the endometrium or induce endometrial hyperplasia or carcinoma in postmenopausal women in randomized controlled clinical trials and has a low incidence of bleeding <sup>34,35,61</sup>	1b
In observational studies, an increased relative risk of endometrial cancer has been shown <sup>56,57</sup>	3b
Tibolone causes less breast tenderness and less mastalgia than EPT <sup>34</sup>	1b
Tibolone does not increase mammographic density	2b
Tibolone, taken by women with a personal history of breast cancer, is associated with an increased risk of recurrence <sup>18</sup>	1b
The evidence of tibolone use and increased risk of breast cancer from observational studies remains inconclusive <sup>41</sup>	3b
Tibolone 1.25 mg does not increase breast cancer risk in older osteoporotic women with no history of breast cancer <sup>16</sup>	1b
There are still no hard endpoint data on the effect of tibolone on cardiovascular health <sup>38</sup>	1b
Tibolone has different effects on lipids compared with EPT/ET <sup>38</sup>	1b
Tibolone increases CIMT in a manner similar to EPT <sup>38</sup>	1b
In one randomized, controlled trial, use of tibolone 1.25 mg in older women was associated with an increased risk of stroke <sup>16</sup> . Hence, tibolone should be used with caution in elderly women (i.e. over 60 years) and should not be used in those who have strong risk factors for stroke	1b
Tibolone did not increase the risk of stroke, VTE or myocardial infarction in observational studies <sup>37,40</sup>	2b

CIMT: carotid intima-media thickness



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