

2,032 women with unilateral, invasive, operable early breast cancer diagnosed within a defined geographical region in Finland in 1991 or 1992; minimum clinical data available; no other malignancy in history

Excluded

729 had biological subtype classification not available

Excluded

965 had no distant cancer recurrence

338 had distant metastases diagnosed in 1991-2001

Excluded

Site of the first distant metastases known n=234
- One site, n=165
- Multiple sites n=69

Site of the first distant metastases unknown, n=104