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155 **ABSTRACT**

156 **BACKGROUND:** While childbearing protects against risk of epithelial ovarian cancer
157 (EOC), few studies have explored the impact on maternal EOC risk of sex of offspring,
158 which may affect the maternal environment during pregnancy.

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160 **METHODS:** We performed a pooled analysis among parous participants from 12 case-
161 controls studies comprising 6,872 EOC patients and 9,101 controls. Odds ratios (ORs)
162 and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated using multivariable logistic
163 regression for case-control associations and polytomous logistic regression for
164 histotype-specific associations, all adjusted for potential confounders.

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166 **RESULTS:** In general, no associations were found between offspring sex and EOC risk.
167 However, compared to bearing only female offspring, bearing one or more male
168 offspring was associated with increased risk of mucinous EOC (OR=1.45; 95%CI=1.01-
169 2.07), which appeared to be limited to women reporting menarche before age 13
170 compared to later menarche (OR=1.71 vs 0.99; P-interaction=0.02). Bearing increasing
171 numbers of male offspring was associated with greater risks of mucinous tumors
172 (OR=1.31, 1.84, 2.31, for 1, 2 and 3 or more male offspring, respectively; trend-p =
173 0.005). Stratifying by hormonally-associated conditions suggested that compared to
174 bearing all female offspring, bearing a male offspring was associated with lower risk of
175 endometrioid cancer among women with a history of adult acne, hirsutism, or polycystic

176 ovary syndrome (OR=0.49, 95%CI=0.28-0.83) but with higher risk among women
177 without any of those conditions (OR=1.64 95%CI=1.14-2.34; P-interaction=0.003).

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179 **CONCLUSION:** Offspring sex influences the childbearing-EOC risk relationship for
180 specific histotypes and conditions. These findings support the differing etiologic origins
181 of EOC histotypes and highlight the importance of EOC histotype-specific epidemiologic
182 studies. These findings also suggest the need to better understand how pregnancy
183 affects EOC risk

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186 **INTRODUCTION**

187 Ovarian cancer is the fifth most common cancer among women in developed countries
188 and the most fatal gynecological malignancy(1). In 2018, more than 295,000 women
189 were newly diagnosed with the disease and over 185,000 women died from it
190 worldwide(1). More than 70% of cases are diagnosed at late stages when 5-year
191 survival is less than 30%(2). This high fatality coupled with the lack of a screening test
192 for early detection(3) makes it critical to understand risk factors in order to help inform
193 prevention strategies(4).

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195 Ever bearing children is associated with about a 30% decrease in risk of epithelial
196 ovarian cancer (EOC) in general (5) and increasing parity increases protection (6),
197 although the magnitudes of the relationship vary by histotype (7, 8). The exact
198 mechanism underlying the protective effect of pregnancy remains unknown, although it
199 is frequently attributed to ovulation suppression that accompanies pregnancy(9).
200 However, an ovulation alone cannot explain the magnitude of the protective effect(10),
201 suggesting that other pregnancy-associated factors may impact EOC risk. Alterations in
202 the maternal hormonal and immune milieus may be such factors(11-13). Fetal sex
203 potentially affects these environments during pregnancy(14-21), can impact maternal
204 physiology(22, 23), and is associated with conditions that have long-term maternal
205 health consequences(24, 25). Together these data support the possibility that offspring
206 sex may impact maternal EOC risk.

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208 Few epidemiologic studies have explored the relationship between offspring sex and
209 EOC, and results have been inconsistent(26-30). Methodological limitations including
210 small sample sizes overall and for specific histotypes may account for these disparate
211 findings. EOC is a heterogeneous disease consisting of distinct histotypes exhibiting
212 varied risk factor profiles(8) and likely having distinct etiologic pathways(31). The main
213 aim of this study was to evaluate the associations between offspring sex and EOC in an
214 international collaborative investigation using pooled data from 12 case-control studies
215 participating in the Ovarian Cancer Association Consortium (OCAC). Secondly, we
216 wished to evaluate associations by histotype. The large sample size of the pooled
217 analysis enabled more robust estimates of the associations between offspring sex and
218 EOC overall and by histotype than previously reported. In addition, the pooled analysis
219 enabled exploration of potential interactions with hormonally-associated exposures.

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221 **METHODS**

222 Study population

223 OCAC was established in 2005 to promote collaborative research on epidemiologic and
224 genetic factors associated with EOC(32). The present analysis included participant-level
225 data for parous women from 12 OCAC case-control studies conducted in Australia,
226 Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States with available
227 information on offspring sex(33-45). Characteristics of the studies are shown in Table
228 1. Because offspring sex was inconsistently reported for non-singleton births across
229 studies and because non-singleton births may differentially impact EOC risk relative to
230 singleton births, we excluded subjects with any non-singleton births (n=528) from

231 current analyses, resulting in 16,343 parous women with all singleton births. We then
232 excluded women missing covariate data (n=35) and women missing offspring sex
233 information (n=335), resulting in a total sample of 15,973 participants for data analysis
234 (6,872 EOC patients and 9,101 controls). All participants provided informed consent and
235 all participating institutions obtained approval from relevant ethics committees.

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237 Study variables

238 Information on offspring sex for each pregnancy lasting six months or longer (full-term)
239 was self-reported. Based on our previous work, we classified women according to the
240 number of male offspring(26). Ever having given birth to a boy was defined as reporting
241 at least one male offspring among all singleton full-term births. Giving birth to all boys
242 was defined as reporting a male offspring for each full-term, singleton pregnancy. The
243 number of boys was calculated by summing the total number of pregnancies resulting in
244 male offspring. The number of girls was calculated by subtracting the number of boys
245 from the total number of full-term pregnancies. The fraction of births that were boys was
246 defined as the total number of male offspring divided by the number of full-term
247 pregnancies.

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249 Information on other relevant variables and potential confounders was obtained from the
250 OCAC core dataset and included age at diagnosis (cases) or interview (controls), race,
251 education, body mass index (BMI) at 18 years of age, recent BMI (defined as previously
252 reported as BMI 1 year prior or 5 year prior to diagnosis/interview or at

253 diagnosis/interview(46)), total duration of oral contraceptive (OC) use, number of full-
254 term pregnancies (parity), family history of ovarian or breast cancer, smoking status,
255 and history of endometriosis, adult acne, hirsutism, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS),
256 and irregular periods.

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258 Statistical analysis

259 We used unconditional logistic regression to estimate odds ratios (ORs) and their 95%
260 confidence intervals (95% CIs) for associations between bearing male offspring and
261 EOC risk among parous women. The main multivariate model was adjusted for study
262 site, age at reference (continuous), duration of OC use (never, less than 1 year, 1-4
263 years, 5-9 years, 10+ years), parity (1, 2, 3, 4, 5+ offspring) and race (white, black,
264 Asian, other). We also considered adjustment for additional ovarian cancer risk factors
265 including education (less than high school, high school, post-high school, college
266 graduate, post graduate), family history of ovarian or breast cancer (yes/no), history of
267 breastfeeding (yes/no), BMI at 18 (<18.5 / 18.5-24.9 / 25-30 / >=30 kg/m²), recent BMI
268 (<18.5 / 18.5-24.9 / 25-30 / >=30 kg/m²), history of endometriosis (yes/no), history of
269 irregular periods (yes/no), history of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), adult acne, or
270 hirsutism (yes/no), smoking history (never, ever), and age at menarche (<13 years/
271 >=13 years). These factors did not change the association between bearing a male
272 offspring and EOC risk in general by more than 10% and were therefore not included in
273 final models. Where they did alter associations by more than 10%, we present both the
274 parsimonious model and the more adjusted model.

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276 Random effects meta-analyses across study sites of all cancer histotypes showed no
277 evidence of heterogeneity ($I^2=0.0\%$; $p\text{-het}=0.57$ Figure 1). Consequently, all analyses
278 were performed using the pooled dataset adjusted for study site. We performed
279 polytomous logistic regression to evaluate associations between bearing male offspring
280 and EOC risk by the main histotypes (high-grade serous, mucinous, endometrioid, clear
281 cell). We further stratified analyses by number of full-term births to separate
282 associations with offspring sex from those with parity. We also explored models
283 containing terms for total number of male and total number of female offspring and
284 models containing terms for total number of full-term pregnancies and fraction of boys.

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286 To identify potential interactions between offspring sex and hormonally-associated
287 exposures for EOC in general and by specific histotypes, we performed stratified
288 analyses by history of endometriosis (associated with excess estrogens(47) or reduced
289 progesterone(48)), history of acne or hirsutism or PCOS (associated with excess
290 androgens(49-51)), age at menarche less than 13 (which is associated with excess
291 estrogens and increased ovulations(52-54)), recent BMI greater than or equal to 30
292 kg/m^2 (which is associated with hormonal imbalances(55, 56)), history of irregular
293 periods (associated with hormonal dysregulation(57)), history of ever using oral
294 contraceptives (associated with altered hormonal milieu(58-60)), and history of ever
295 smoking cigarettes (associated with anti-estrogenic effects(61)). Interactions and linear
296 trends were assessed with Wald statistics. Stata/SE version 15.1 (StataCorp, College

297 Station, TX) was used to conduct all analyses. All tests were two-sided with significance
298 level of 5%.

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300 **RESULTS**

301 Among parous controls, the study-specific frequency of never bearing a male offspring
302 ranged from 17% to 31%, whereas among parous cases it ranged from 19% to 36%
303 (Table 1). Compared to controls, women with EOC were less likely to have used OCs,
304 had more than one child, attained a college education, reported a history of acne,
305 hirsutism, or PCOS, and reported a history of irregular periods. Case women were more
306 likely to **have higher recent BMI**, reported histories of endometriosis, and family histories
307 of breast or ovarian cancer (Table 2).

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309 Compared to bearing all females, ever having borne a male was not associated with
310 EOC overall (OR=1.05; 95%CI=0.96-1.14; Table 3); however, bearing a male offspring
311 was associated with increased risk of mucinous histotype (OR=1.25; 95%CI=1.02-1.54).
312 This association strengthened when we further adjusted for hormonally-associated
313 conditions (endometriosis, irregular periods, acne or PCOS or hirsutism, smoking,
314 **history of early menarche and recent BMI; OR=1.45; 95%CI=1.01-2.07**). Similarly,
315 giving birth only to boys was not associated with EOC risk overall, whereas compared to
316 giving birth to at least one girl, bearing all male offspring was associated with increased
317 risk of mucinous tumors (OR=1.29; 95%CI=1.07-1.55). The association was slightly
318 strengthened when further adjusted for hormonally-associated conditions (**OR=1.35;**

319 95%CI=0.99-1.84). Increasing number of male offspring was associated with increasing
320 risk of mucinous ovarian cancer in both the most parsimonious model (OR=1.16, 1.56,
321 1.55, for 1, 2 and 3 or more male offspring compared to all female offspring,
322 respectively; trend-p = 0.006) and in a model additionally controlling for hormonally-
323 associated conditions (OR=1.31, 1.84, 2.31, for 1, 2 and 3 or more male offspring,
324 respectively; trend-p = 0.005). There were no associations between increasing number
325 of male offspring and EOC risk overall or for any other histotypes.

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327 In models including separate quantitative terms for total number of male offspring and
328 total number of female offspring, each additional offspring was associated with about an
329 8% decrease in EOC risk overall regardless of whether the offspring was male
330 (OR=0.93; 95%CI=0.90-0.96) or female (OR=0.92; 95%CI=0.89-0.95) (Table 3). While
331 the point estimates for high-grade serous, clear cell, and endometrioid subtypes were
332 similar for both male and female offspring, for the mucinous histotype, each additional
333 female offspring was associated with a 12% decrease in risk (OR=0.88; 95%CI=0.81-
334 0.96) whereas each male offspring was not associated with risk (OR=1.03;
335 95%CI=0.95-1.11). The results from models controlling for total number of full-term
336 births also showed that a 25% increase in the fraction of births that were boys was
337 associated with a 9% increase in risk of mucinous EOC (OR=1.09; 95%CI=1.03-1.16).
338 Fraction of male births was not associated with risk of the other subtypes.

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340 Stratifying by number of offspring (Table 3) yielded similar patterns of risk associated
341 with increasing male offspring for the mucinous histotype. Among women with exactly
342 one full-term birth, bearing a male offspring was associated with a 22% increased risk of
343 mucinous cancer compared to bearing a female offspring. Among women with exactly
344 two births, compared to bearing all female offspring, bearing exactly one male offspring
345 was associated with a 16% increased risk of mucinous tumors, whereas bearing two
346 male offspring was associated with a 58% increased risk (P-trend=0.01).

347

348 For mucinous histotype, we further observed interactions with age at menarche (Table
349 4). Compared to never giving birth to a boy, ever bearing a male offspring was
350 associated with an increased risk of mucinous cancer among women with menarche
351 before age 13 (OR=1.71, 95%CI=1.23-2.38) but no increased risk associated with
352 menarche at a later age (OR=0.99, 95%CI=0.76-1.30; P-interaction=0.02). Results were
353 similar when we examined interactions between menarche and giving birth to all boys
354 (OR=1.55 for early menarche versus OR=1.08 for later menarche; P-interaction=0.08).
355 Among women with menarche prior to age 13, increasing number of male offspring was
356 associated with increasing risk of mucinous tumor (ORs for bearing 1, 2, 3+ male
357 offspring: 1.54, 2.34, 2.24 compared to no male offspring; P-trend =0.002). Among
358 women with later menarche no trend was observed (ORs for bearing 1, 2, 3+ male
359 offspring: 0.94, 1.16, 1.20; P-trend=0.32; P-interaction=0.10). Consistent with this
360 observation, each 25% increase in fraction of male offspring was associated with a
361 significant 18% increase in mucinous cancer among women with earlier menarche but
362 no increase in women with later menarche (P-interaction=0.01). We also observed an

363 interaction between age at menarche and bearing female offspring, with each female
364 offspring associated with a significant 21% reduced risk of mucinous tumors among
365 women with earlier menarche but little or no association among women with later
366 menarche (OR=0.79 versus 0.94 for each female offspring in women with and without
367 early menarche, respectively; P-interaction=0.02). There was no interaction between
368 age at menarche and bearing male offspring (OR=1.04 versus 1.01 for each male
369 offspring in women with and without early menarche, respectively; P-interaction=0.51).

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371 No other interactions between hormonal-associated exposures and EOC were
372 observed, except for self-reported history of acne or hirsutism or PCOS and risk of
373 endometrioid cancer (Table 5). Compared to bearing all female offspring, bearing at
374 least one male offspring was associated with reduced risk of endometrioid cancer
375 among women with a history of any of those conditions (OR=0.49, 95%CI=0.28-0.83),
376 but an increased risk among women with no history of any of those conditions (OR=1.64
377 95%CI=1.14-2.34; P-interaction=0.003). Results were similar when we examined the
378 interaction between reported history of acne/hirsutism/PCOS and number of male
379 offspring (ORs for bearing 1, 2 or 3+ male offspring: 0.47, 0.52, 0.47 versus 1.69, 1.59,
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381 interaction was also observed between reported history of those androgenic conditions
382 and bearing female offspring, with each female offspring associated with reduced
383 endometrioid cancer risk in women with no reported history compared to those with
384 such a history (OR=0.80 vs 1.02 for each female offspring in women without and with a
385 history, respectively; P-interaction 0.03). There appeared to be no interaction between

386 a history of those androgenic conditions and bearing male offspring (OR=0.82 vs 0.87
387 for each male offspring in women without and with a history, respectively; P-
388 interaction=0.44).

389

390 **DISCUSSION**

391 In this pooled analysis of data from 6,872 parous women with EOC and 9,101 parous
392 controls, sex of offspring was not associated with maternal EOC risk overall. However,
393 bearing male offspring was associated with less protection against mucinous cancers.
394 When examining the per-pregnancy association, offspring sex was not associated with
395 EOC risk overall or for high-grade serous, clear cell, and endometrioid histotypes, but
396 was associated with risk of mucinous tumors. In particular, bearing female offspring was
397 associated with decreased risk of mucinous tumors among parous women, whereas
398 bearing male offspring appeared to have no relation to that histotype. We observed no
399 interactions between offspring sex and hormonally-associated exposures, except
400 among women with mucinous tumors and menarche prior to age 13 and among women
401 with endometrioid tumors and a history of acne, hirsutism, or PCOS. Among women
402 with menarche before age 13, bearing male children was associated with higher risk of
403 mucinous cancer than in women with later menarche. Among women with a history of
404 acne, hirsutism, or PCOS, bearing male children was associated with lower risk of
405 endometrioid cancer than in women without those conditions.

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407 Five studies have reported the association between offspring sex and ovarian cancer
408 risk(26-30), including two studies included in this pooled analysis (HOPE and AUS). In
409 the HOPE Study, conducted in western Pennsylvania, USA from 2003-2008, compared
410 to bearing all female offspring, bearing any male offspring was associated with lower
411 risk of EOC (OR=0.92) and bearing all male offspring was associated with even lower
412 risk (OR=0.86)(30). A earlier population-based study of 511 cases and 1136 controls
413 conducted in eastern Pennsylvania, USA from 1994-1998 by the same group reported
414 similar findings – relative to all female offspring, bearing all male offspring was
415 associated with decreased EOC risk (OR=0.80)(26). These findings were supported by
416 a nested case-control study within the population-based Swedish Fertility Register that
417 included 7,407 women diagnosed with EOC between 1961 and 2001 and 37,658
418 controls(27): compared to bearing all female offspring, bearing a male child was
419 associated with reduced EOC risk in a dose-response fashion (ORs: 0.92, 0.87, 0.82,
420 for 1, 2 or 3+ boys, compared to all girls)(27). In contrast, the Australia-wide
421 population-based study (AUS) conducted between 2002 and 2005 and included in this
422 pooled analysis reported no association between offspring sex and EOC for parous
423 women in general but a 2-fold increased risk of the mucinous histotype associated with
424 bearing only male offspring(29). Notably, excluding AUS data from the current analysis
425 did not appreciably affect the observed association with mucinous tumors. A
426 population-based cohort study of 5,092 EOC cases in the Norwegian national registry
427 also reported no EOC-offspring sex association in general(28). However, that study
428 reported an increased risk of endometrioid tumors among women who gave birth only to

429 girls compared to those who gave birth only to boys (incidence ratio 1.35 based on 475
430 cases).

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432 Although there are histotype differences in the magnitude of the protective effect,
433 greater parity has consistently been associated with reduced EOC risk(7, 8), especially
434 among non-mucinous disease; however, the mechanism underlying this association
435 remains unknown. Two theories have dominated the literature: suppressed ovulation(9)
436 and lowered gonadotropin levels(62). Pregnancy, regardless of fetal sex, should equally
437 affect ovulation and gonadotropin secretion; thus, our results suggest the possibility of
438 additional mechanisms. Reducing inflammation(12) and altering circulating steroid
439 hormones(11) have been postulated. During pregnancy, both maternal hormonal and
440 immune milieus differ by fetal sex. Carriage of a male fetus is associated with lower
441 maternal levels of estradiol and hCG(14, 15, 18) and higher maternal levels of
442 progesterone(16) and testosterone(19). While the role of hCG in EOC etiology is
443 unclear, progesterone is believed to protect against EOC while estrogens and
444 androgens may increase risk(11) in a histotype-specific way(20, 21). Whether the
445 observed maternal hormonal differences by fetal sex are large enough to matter in the
446 context of the high hormonal levels of pregnancy is unknown. Women carrying male
447 fetuses also exhibit more proinflammatory/proangiogenic immune milieus than women
448 carrying female fetuses(17). Pregnancy outcomes also vary by offspring sex, with
449 preterm birth, higher birth weight, and gestational diabetes associated with males(63-
450 65), and increased risk of maternal hypertensive disorders and asthma flares
451 associated with females(66, 67). Genetic and metabolic profiles of the placenta also

452 vary by fetal sex(68), and both hormones and cells derived from the fetoplacental unit
453 persist in maternal circulation for years after pregnancy ends(69). Moreover, male-origin
454 microchimerism, which arises predominantly but not exclusively from fetal cells acquired
455 during pregnancy(70) and persists for decades after pregnancy(71), has recently been
456 associated with reduced rates of ovarian cancer(72). Fetal sex also influences maternal
457 physiology(22, 23), and pregnancy conditions that differ by fetal sex, such as pre-
458 eclampsia and gestational diabetes, may impact future maternal health outcomes(24,
459 25). Together, these observations suggest that fetal sex-based differences can have
460 long-term health consequences and support a potential link between offspring sex and
461 EOC risk.

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463 Despite this apparent biologic plausibility, the results of this study did not show any
464 overall relationship between offspring sex and EOC risk. However, we did observe
465 relationships with offspring sex for the mucinous histotype in general and specifically for
466 women with menarche prior to age 13. We further observed an association for
467 endometrioid tumors in relation to maternal androgenic conditions.

468
469 It is now accepted that while pregnancy protects against EOC in general, the protection
470 varies by histotype. In the Ovarian Cancer Cohort Consortium (OCCC), ever bearing
471 offspring provided a 31% decrease in risk in general, with a greatest protection seen for
472 the clear cell histotype (RR=0.35, 95%CI:0.27-0.47) and the least protection observed in
473 the serous histotype (RR=0.81, 95%CI=0.73-0.90) (8). The Million Women Study also
474 reported a differing protective effect against EOC associated with every bearing

475 offspring based on histotype, with the greatest effect seen among clear cell cases and
476 the least seen among serous cases (7). Both studies also report histotype differences
477 based on the number of offspring. Given these differences in protective effect of
478 pregnancy by histotype, it is possible that the relationship between offspring sex and
479 EOC could also vary by histotype.

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481 Thus, while our histotype-specific observations are plausible, the underlying biologic
482 reasons for these observations are unclear. Mucinous EOC is a relatively infrequent
483 histotype, representing some 5-20% of cases(73); however, epidemiologic evidence
484 supports a substantially different risk-factor profile than that of the other histotypes(74).
485 Notably, apart from pregnancy, the relationships between hormonal exposures and
486 mucinous tumors are less pronounced or perhaps nonexistent compared to other
487 histotypes(74), suggesting that alteration in the hormonal milieu may not account for our
488 mucinous-disease findings in general and among women with menarche prior to age
489 13. In addition to higher endogenous estrogen exposure, earlier age at menarche is
490 associated with earlier and more prolonged ovulation(52, 53). That observation,
491 however, cannot explain the mucinous-specific association because increasing lifetime
492 ovulations are associated with increased ovarian cancer risk overall(75-77). Moreover,
493 histotype-specific results show no relationship between lifetime ovulations and the
494 mucinous subtype(77). Similarly, it is unclear why the relationship between offspring sex
495 and endometrioid tumors should vary based on history of androgenic conditions, as
496 endometrioid tumors are more closely associated with estrogenic exposures(78-80) and
497 possibly higher circulating androgen levels in the post-menopause(20).

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499 Regardless of the underlying biology, our findings underscore the need to further
500 understand the mechanisms whereby pregnancy impacts EOC risk. Moreover, they
501 reflect the heterogeneous etiologic nature of ovarian cancer(81), which is no longer
502 believed to be a single disease but a group of diseases with separate etiologic origins.
503 EOC histotypes exhibit differing clinical behavior and are believed to have different or
504 differentially evolved cells of origin leading to distinct carcinogenic pathways(82).
505 Epidemiologic studies further support the multifactorial origin of EOC, with most well-
506 established risk factors exhibiting substantial heterogeneity by histotype(8, 74). Our
507 results lend further population-based support to the distinct etiology of EOC histotypes,
508 and in particular for that of mucinous tumors compared to the others(8, 74).

509

510 A strength of the present study is the use of participant-level data from 12 population-
511 based case-control studies spanning three continents. The large sample size resulted
512 in increased statistical power to examine histotype-specific associations, which
513 individual studies could not adequately do. In addition, pooling data from population-
514 based case-control studies with detailed lifestyle, reproductive, and medical history data
515 enabled us to control for potential confounders and to stratify by hormonally-associated
516 exposures, which the population-based registry studies were unable to do. The
517 included studies were all population-based, and the majority of studies used in-person
518 interviews to obtain data on offspring sex and other exposures, increasing the
519 generalizability of findings. Study-specific data were carefully cleaned, harmonized, and
520 entered into a single dataset, further increasing confidence in the quality of the data and

521 allowing us to adjust for a single set of standard confounders. Finally, all available
522 OCAC studies with information on offspring sex were included, thus mitigating the
523 possibility of publication bias.

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525 Despite these strengths, some limitations should be considered. First, data were self-
526 reported; thus, potential confounding variables could be influenced by case/control
527 status, which could distort our findings. Moreover, due to missing data, we were not
528 able to assess relationships between offspring sex and some factors that may influence
529 ovarian cancer risk, such as age at first pregnancy. We also can not eliminate the
530 possibility of unknown confounders influencing results. Selection bias is also a concern
531 as controls participating in these studies may differ from cases by factors related to
532 offspring sex or EOC risk, including unknown factors that could not be accounted for in
533 the analyses. Validation in prospective cohorts is needed to address these concerns.
534 Because our study population was predominately white, we could not evaluate the
535 impact of offspring sex in non-white women and how it may differ across race. Finally,
536 we cannot eliminate the possibility that our findings are due to chance.

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538 In conclusion, offspring sex appears to affect differentially EOC risk based on histotype
539 and, possibly, in combination with other host factors. Our findings support the distinct
540 etiologic pathways among EOC histotypes and suggest that current etiologic models of
541 EOC may be incomplete. Our findings also suggest the need to better understand how
542 pregnancy affects EOC risk. Confirmation of these findings in prospective cohorts is

543 needed to improve our understanding of EOC etiology, thereby paving the way for new
544 avenues of prevention research for this highly fatal disease.

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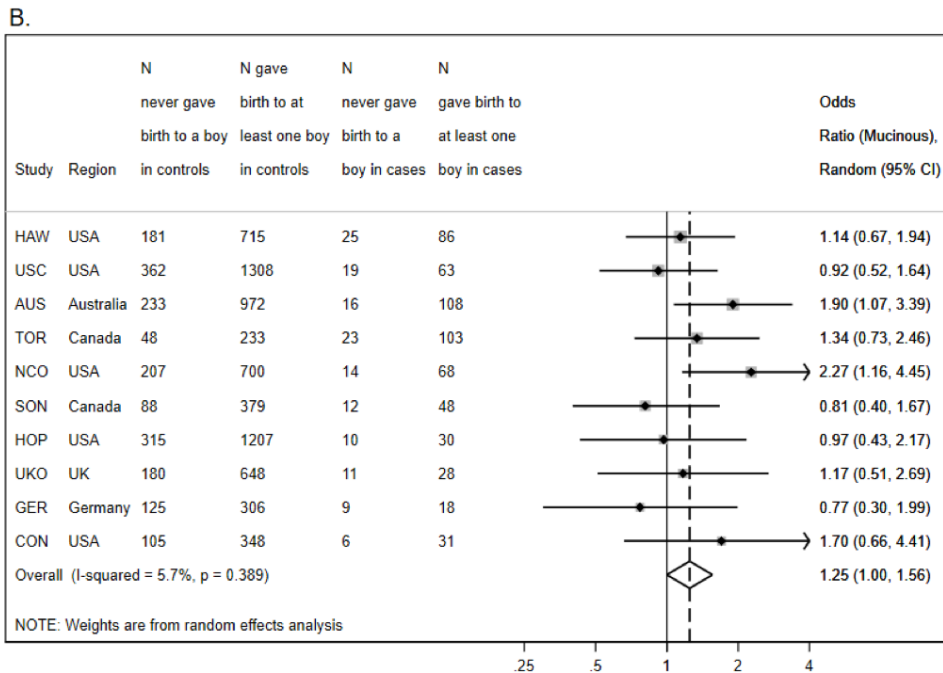
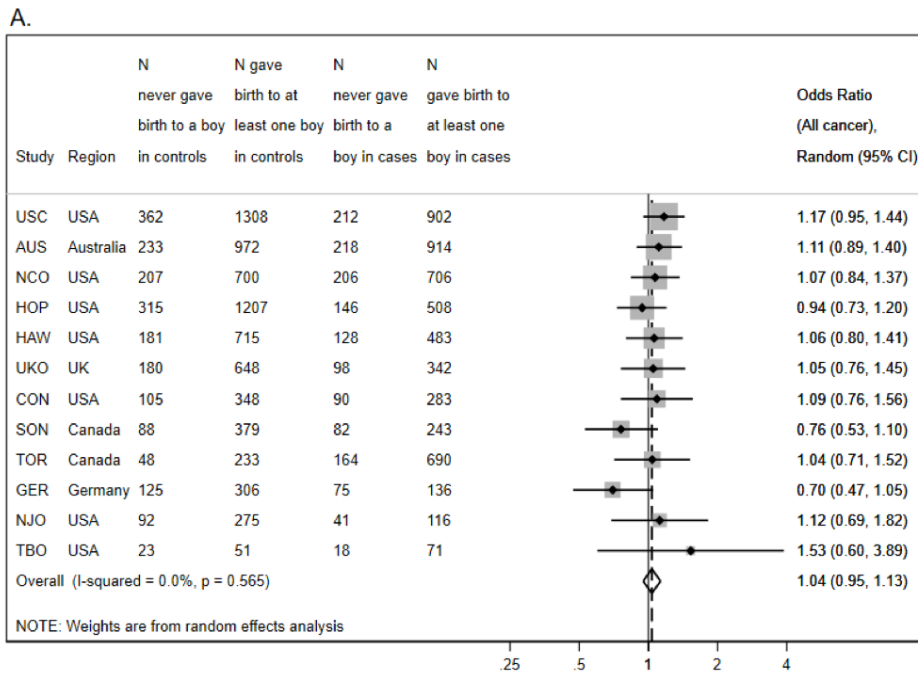
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Figure 1: Association Between Offspring Sex and Epithelial Ovarian Cancer (EOC) among Participants in 12 Population-Based, Case-Control Studies in Australia, Europe, and North America from 1989-2010.



Footnote: Results presented according to study site and overall and are adjusted for age at diagnosis/reference date (continuous), race (Black, White, Asian, Other), duration of oral contraceptive use (never, less than 1 years, 1-4 years, 5-9 years, and more than 10 years) and number of full-term pregnancies (1, 2, 3, 4, 5+). Association for (a) EOC in general and for (b) the mucinous histotype.

Table 1. Characteristics of the 12 Ovarian Cancer Case-Control Studies from the Ovarian Cancer Association Consortium, Conducted in Australia, Europe, and North America Between 1989 and 2010																		
Study	Region	Study Name	Study Period	Study Type	Method of Data Collection	Matching Variables	Cases	Controls	Total number of parous women ²	Age (years), mean (SD)	Response Rate %							
											Never gave birth to a boy	Ever gave birth to a boy	Adjusted OR (95% CI) model ³					
											All cancer, n(%)		Mucinous, n(%)					
											Never gave birth to a boy	Ever gave birth to a boy	Adjusted OR (95% CI) model ³	Never gave birth to a boy	Ever gave birth to a boy	Adjusted OR (95% CI) model ³		
AUS	Australia	Australian Ovarian Cancer Study	2002-2005	Population-based	Self-administered questionnaire	Age (5-year categories)	84	47	2337	57.9 (11.1)	233 (19.3)	972 (80.7)	218 (19.3)	914 (80.7)	1.11 (0.89, 1.40)	16 (12.9)	108 (87.1)	1.90 (1.07, 3.39)
CON	USA	Connecticut Ovarian Cancer Study	1998-2003	Population-based	In-person interview	Age (3 age groups: 35-49 years, 50-64 years, and 65-79 years)	69	61	826	55.70 (10.96)	105 (23.2)	348 (76.8)	90 (24.1)	283 (75.9)	1.09 (0.76, 1.56)	6 (16.2)	31 (83.8)	1.70 (0.66, 4.41)
GER	Germany	Germany Ovarian Cancer Study	1993-1996	Population-based	Self-administered questionnaire	Age and study region	58	51	642	56.3 (10.6)	125 (29.0)	306 (71.0)	75 (35.6)	136 (64.5)	0.70 (0.47, 1.05)	9 (33.3)	18 (66.7)	0.77 (0.30, 1.99)
HAW	USA	Hawaii Ovarian Cancer Case-Control Study	1993-2008	Population-based	In-person interview	Age (5-year categories, race/ethnicity)	78	80	1507	56.5 (13.9)	181 (20.2)	715 (79.8)	128 (21.0)	483 (79.0)	1.06 (0.80, 1.41)	25 (22.5)	86 (77.5)	1.14 (0.67, 1.94)
HOP	USA	Hormones and Ovarian Cancer Prediction Study	2003-2008	Population-based	In-person interview	Age (5-year categories), Race, Telephone prefix	71	68	2176	59.4 (12.4)	315 (20.7)	1207 (79.3)	146 (22.3)	508 (77.7)	0.94 (0.73, 1.20)	10 (25.0)	30 (75.0)	0.97 (0.43, 2.17)
NCO	USA	North Carolina Ovarian Cancer Study	1999-2008	Population-based	In-person interview	Age (5-year categories, race/ethnicity)	67	60	1819	56.5 (11.0)	207 (22.8)	700 (77.2)	206 (22.6)	706 (77.4)	1.07 (0.84, 1.37)	14 (17.1)	68 (82.9)	2.27 (1.16, 4.45)
NJO	USA	New Jersey Ovarian Cancer Study	2002-2008	Population-based	In-person interview	No matching	47	40	524	62.4 (11.1)	92 (25.1)	275 (74.9)	41 (26.1)	116 (73.9)	1.12 (0.69, 1.82)	2 (40.0)	3 (60.0)	-
SON	Canada	Southern Ontario Ovarian Cancer Study	1989-1993	Population-based	In-person interview	Age (3 age groups: 35-49 years, 50-64 years, and 65-79 years)	71	65	792	56.7 (11.7)	88 (18.8)	379 (81.2)	82 (25.2)	243 (74.8)	0.76 (0.53, 1.10)	12 (20.0)	48 (80.0)	0.81 (0.40, 1.67)
TBO	USA	Tampa Bay Ovarian Cancer Study	2000-present	Population-based	In-person interview	Age (5-year categories, race)	68	60	163	61.3 (10.2)	23 (31.1)	51 (68.9)	18 (20.2)	71 (79.8)	1.53 (0.60, 3.89)	0 (0.0)	1 (100.0)	-
TOR ¹	Canada	Familial Ovarian Tumour Study (FOIS) AND Health Watch (HW)	FOIS: 1995-1999 and 2000-2003; HW: 1995-	Population-based	In-person interview	Age (5-year categories)	50	80	1135	57.3 (12.2)	48 (17.1)	233 (82.9)	164 (19.2)	690 (80.8)	1.04 (0.71, 1.52)	23 (18.3)	103 (81.7)	1.34 (0.73, 2.46)
UKO	UK	United Kingdom Ovarian cancer Population Study	2006-2010	Hospital-based	In-person interview	No matching	86	97	1268	63.5 (8.0)	180 (21.7)	648 (78.3)	98 (22.3)	342 (77.7)	1.05 (0.76, 1.45)	11 (28.2)	28 (71.8)	1.17 (0.51, 2.69)
USC	USA	Los Angeles County Case-Control Studies of Ovarian Cancer	1993-2009	Population-based	In-person interview	Age (5-year categories, race/ethnicity)	73	73	2784	56.9 (11.2)	362 (21.7)	1308 (78.3)	212 (19.0)	902 (81.0)	1.17 (0.95, 1.44)	19 (23.2)	63 (76.8)	0.92 (0.52, 1.64)
Pooled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15973	58.0 (11.6)	1959 (21.5)	7142 (78.5)	1478 (21.5)	5394 (78.5)	1.04 (0.95, 1.13)	147 (20.0)	587 (80.0)	1.25 (1.00, 1.56)

¹ Although TOR controls were limited to relatives and in-laws, it should not affect the exposure of interest, offspring sex. Thus, cases and controls from TOR can all be included in the current analysis.

² Excludes women with non-singleton births (n=528), missing core data (n=35), and missing offspring sex data (n=335)

³ Adjusted for age at diagnosis/reference date (continuous), race (Black, White, Asian, Other), duration of oral contraceptive use (never, less than 1 years, 1-4 years, 5-9 years, and more than 10 years) and number of full-term pregnancies (1, 2, 3, 4, 5+)

Table 2. Characteristics of Participants in the Ovarian Cancer Association Consortium (Australia, Europe, and North America), 1989-2010¹

	Controls (N=9101) n (%)	Cases (N=6872) n (%)	P-Value
Age, years, mean (SD)	57.5 (11.8)	58.6 (11.3)	<0.0001
Race			0.42
White	7544 (83.0)	5633 (82.2)	
Black	331 (3.6)	269 (3.9)	
Asian	331 (3.6)	276 (4.0)	
Other	880 (9.7)	677 (9.9)	
Education			<0.001
Less than High School	1233 (15.5)	1336 (22.4)	
High School	2530 (31.9)	1958 (32.9)	
Post High School Training	1964 (24.8)	1419 (23.8)	
College Graduate	1194 (15.1)	710 (11.9)	
Post graduate	1011 (12.7)	535 (9.0)	
Body Mass Index (BMI) at 18, kg/m²			0.064
<18.5	1246 (16.3)	792 (15.4)	
18.5-24.9	5689 (74.3)	3788 (73.8)	
25-29.9	551 (7.2)	429 (8.4)	
≥30	168 (2.2)	121 (2.4)	
Recent Body Mass Index (BMI), kg/m²			0.006
<18.5	108 (1.67)	68 (1.50)	
18.5-24.9	2874 (44.43)	1906 (42.07)	
25-29.9	1975 (30.53)	1370 (30.24)	
≥30	1512 (23.37)	1187 (26.2)	
Duration of Oral Contraceptive Use, years			<0.001
0	3031 (33.7)	2917 (43.0)	
<1	1203 (13.4)	1070 (15.8)	
1-4	1986 (22.1)	1277 (18.8)	
5-9	1466 (16.3)	894 (13.2)	
10+	1316 (14.6)	619 (9.1)	
Number of Full Term Pregnancies			<0.001
1	1493 (16.4)	1356 (19.7)	
2	3659 (40.2)	2632 (38.3)	
3	2282 (25.1)	1664 (24.2)	
4	1010 (11.1)	726 (10.5)	
5+	657 (7.2)	494 (7.2)	
Endometriosis			<0.001
No	8381 (94.5)	6180 (92.5)	
Yes	485 (5.5)	501 (7.5)	
Smoking Status			0.33
Never Smoker	4426 (54.7)	3206 (53.4)	

Former Smoker	1171 (14.5)	902 (15.0)	
Current Smoker	2501 (30.9)	1894 (31.6)	
Acne or Hirsutism or Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)			0.004
No	3906 (77.1)	2831 (79.7)	
Yes	1157 (22.9)	720 (20.3)	
Irregular periods			0.001
No	5692 (81.3)	4079 (83.6)	
Yes	1308 (18.7)	798 (16.4)	
Age at Menarche			
<13 years	4068 (44.96)	2972 (43.51)	0.069
≥13 years	4981 (55.04)	3859 (56.49)	
Family History of Breast or Ovarian Cancer in first-relative			<0.001
No	7516 (85.4)	4846 (80.7)	
Yes	1285 (14.6)	1156 (19.3)	

* Missing data are as follows: race 15 controls, 17 cases; education 1169 controls, 914 cases; BMI at 18 1447 controls, 1742 cases; recent BMI 2632 controls, 2341 cases; duration of oral contraceptive use 99 controls, 95 cases; endometriosis 235 controls, 191 cases; smoking 1003 controls, 870 cases; acne or hirsutism or PCOS 4038 controls, 3321 cases; irregular period 2101 controls, 1995 cases; age at menarche 52 controls, 41 cases; family history of breast or ovarian

Table 3: Adjusted Pooled Odds Ratios for the Association Between Offspring Sex and Epithelial Ovarian Cancer Among Parous Women with Only Singleton Births in the Ovarian Cancer Association

	All Cancers		HGSOc		Mucinous		Clear cell		Endometrioid		
	Controls N(%)	Cases, n (%) Adjusted OR ¹ (95% CI)	Adjusted OR ² (95% CI)	Cases, n (%) Adjusted OR ¹ (95% CI)	Adjusted OR ² (95% CI)	Cases, n (%) Adjusted OR ¹ (95% CI)	Adjusted OR ² (95% CI)	Cases, n (%) Adjusted OR ¹ (95% CI)	Adjusted OR ² (95% CI)	Cases, n (%) Adjusted OR ¹ (95% CI)	Adjusted OR ² (95% CI)
Gave birth to a boy	1959 (21.5)	1478 (21.5) ref	ref	548 (20.4) ref	ref	147 (20.0) ref	ref	88 (23.7) ref	ref	181 (23.4) ref	ref
Never	7142 (78.5)	5394 (78.5) 1.05 (0.96, 1.14)	1.06 (0.93, 1.21)	2135 (79.6) 1.06 (0.94, 1.20)	1.03 (0.87, 1.22)	587 (80.0) 1.25 (1.02, 1.54)	1.45 (1.01, 2.07)	283 (76.3) 1.14 (0.87, 1.49)	1.06 (0.70, 1.61)	593 (76.6) 1.03 (0.85, 1.25)	1.06 (0.78, 1.44)
Ever											
Gave birth to all boys											
No	7077 (77.8)	5257 (76.5) ref	ref	2133 (79.5) ref	ref	521 (71.0) ref	ref	269 (72.5) ref	ref	589 (76.1) ref	ref
Yes	2024 (22.2)	1615 (23.5) 0.99 (0.91, 1.08)	1.02 (0.90, 1.16)	550 (20.5) 0.91 (0.81, 1.02)	0.96 (0.82, 1.13)	213 (29.0) 1.29 (1.07, 1.55)	1.35 (0.99, 1.84)	102 (27.5) 1.02 (0.79, 1.31)	0.90 (0.60, 1.35)	185 (23.9) 0.93 (0.77, 1.13)	0.80 (0.58, 1.10)
Number of boys											
No boy	1959 (21.5)	1478 (21.5) ref	ref	548 (20.4) ref	ref	147 (20.0) ref	ref	88 (23.7) ref	ref	181 (23.4) ref	ref
1 boy	3826 (42.0)	2910 (42.3) 1.04 (0.95, 1.13)	1.05 (0.92, 1.20)	1130 (42.1) 1.08 (0.95, 1.22)	1.04 (0.87, 1.24)	309 (42.1) 1.16 (0.93, 1.44)	1.31 (0.90, 1.91)	186 (50.1) 1.20 (0.91, 1.57)	1.19 (0.78, 1.82)	339 (43.8) 1.03 (0.84, 1.26)	1.07 (0.78, 1.48)
2 boys	2244 (24.7)	1723 (25.1) 1.09 (0.98, 1.21)	1.12 (0.96, 1.31)	683 (25.5) 1.05 (0.90, 1.22)	1.05 (0.86, 1.29)	193 (26.3) 1.56 (1.20, 2.02)	1.84 (1.18, 2.87)	74 (20.0) 1.00 (0.70, 1.42)	0.70 (0.39, 1.24)	195 (25.2) 1.10 (0.86, 1.41)	1.11 (0.75, 1.64)
3 or more boys	1072 (11.8)	761 (11.1) 0.99 (0.86, 1.15)	0.93 (0.75, 1.16)	322 (12.0) 0.95 (0.77, 1.16)	0.86 (0.65, 1.13)	85 (11.6) 1.55 (1.08, 2.23)	2.31 (1.24, 4.29)	23 (6.2) (0.43, 1.31)	0.75 (0.34, 1.67)	59 (7.6) (0.47, 1.00)	0.54 (0.29, 1.02)
P for Trend		0.90	0.65	0.56	0.32	0.006	0.005	0.24	0.28	0.08	0.07
Continuous³											
number of boys	9101 (100.0)	6872 (100.0) 0.93 (0.90, 0.96)	0.91 (0.87, 0.96)	2683 (100.0) 0.95 (0.91, 0.99)	0.93 (0.87, 0.99)	734 (100.0) 1.03 (0.95, 1.11)	1.02 (0.88, 1.17)	371 (100.0) 0.70 (0.62, 0.80)	0.73 (0.60, 0.88)	774 (100.0) 0.81 (0.74, 0.88)	0.80 (0.70, 0.91)
number of girls	9101 (100.0)	6872 (100.0) 0.92 (0.89, 0.95)	0.91 (0.87, 0.96)	2683 (100.0) 0.96 (0.92, 1.00)	0.95 (0.90, 1.02)	734 (100.0) 0.88 (0.81, 0.96)	0.80 (0.69, 0.94)	371 (100.0) 0.73 (0.64, 0.82)	0.81 (0.67, 0.98)	774 (100.0) 0.85 (0.78, 0.92)	0.88 (0.77, 1.00)
Fraction of births that were boys, per 25% increase⁴	9101 (100.0)	6872 (100.0) 1.01 (0.99, 1.04)	1.01 (0.98, 1.05)	2683 (100.0) 1.00 (0.96, 1.03)	1.00 (0.95, 1.04)	734 (100.0) 1.09 (1.03, 1.16)	1.13 (1.03, 1.24)	371 (100.0) 1.01 (0.94, 1.09)	0.98 (0.87, 1.09)	774 (100.0) 1.00 (0.95, 1.06)	0.97 (0.89, 1.06)

Stratified by number of birth episodes ⁵																
Among with exactly 1 birth		651 (48.0)	ref	ref	230 (52.0)	ref	ref	71 (42.8)	ref	ref	45 (43.7)	ref	ref	75 (43.4)	ref	ref
Girl	742 (49.7)	705 (52.0)	1.02 (0.88, 1.20)	1.11 (0.87, 1.41)	212 (48.0)	0.96 (0.76, 1.20)	1.06 (0.77, 1.47)	95 (57.2)	1.22 (0.86, 1.72)	1.31 (0.73, 2.34)	58 (56.3)	1.22 (0.80, 1.86)	1.58 (0.79, 3.15)	98 (56.6)	1.27 (0.91, 1.78)	0.98 (0.56, 1.69)
Boy	751 (50.3)															
Among women with exactly 2 births		558 (21.2)	ref	ref	217 (21.4)	ref	ref	56 (19.4)	ref	ref	29 (19.5)	ref	ref	76 (24.4)	ref	ref
No boy	873 (23.9)	1423 (54.1)	1.14 (1.00, 1.30)	1.02 (0.84, 1.25)	564 (55.6)	1.20 (1.00, 1.44)	1.01 (0.78, 1.30)	146 (50.7)	1.16 (0.83, 1.61)	1.27 (0.71, 2.25)	87 (58.4)	1.30 (0.84, 2.01)	1.00 (0.52, 1.90)	166 (53.4)	0.99 (0.74, 1.33)	1.12 (0.69, 1.81)
1 boy	1924 (52.6)	651 (24.7)	1.15 (0.99, 1.35)	1.12 (0.89, 1.40)	233 (23.0)	1.07 (0.86, 1.33)	1.01 (0.75, 1.36)	86 (29.9)	1.58 (1.10, 2.28)	1.89 (1.02, 3.52)	33 (22.1)	1.15 (0.69, 1.93)	0.61 (0.27, 1.42)	69 (22.2)	0.92 (0.65, 1.32)	0.92 (0.51, 1.64)
2 boys	862 (23.6)															
P for trend			0.07	0.35		0.56	0.95		0.01	0.04		0.59	0.26		0.66	0.77
Among women with exactly 3 births		209 (12.6)	ref	ref	79 (11.4)	ref	ref	15 (9.3)	ref	ref	12 (15.6)	ref	ref	24 (13.7)	ref	ref
No boy	262 (11.5)	562 (33.8)	0.86 (0.69, 1.08)	0.91 (0.66, 1.27)	250 (36.1)	1.02 (0.75, 1.37)	1.06 (0.69, 1.62)	53 (32.9)	1.21 (0.65, 2.26)	2.08 (0.59, 7.35)	28 (36.4)	0.71 (0.35, 1.42)	0.82 (0.27, 2.51)	54 (30.9)	0.72 (0.42, 1.22)	0.76 (0.32, 1.73)
1 boy	822 (36.0)	682 (41.0)	0.97 (0.78, 1.20)	0.97 (0.70, 1.34)	277 (40.0)	1.03 (0.77, 1.39)	1.10 (0.72, 1.66)	68 (42.2)	1.52 (0.83, 2.81)	2.33 (0.67, 8.09)	27 (35.1)	0.66 (0.33, 1.34)	0.54 (0.17, 1.71)	82 (46.9)	1.00 (0.60, 1.65)	0.97 (0.44, 2.15)
2 boys	874 (38.3)	211 (12.7)	0.82 (0.63, 1.06)	0.79 (0.54, 1.18)	87 (12.6)	0.89 (0.62, 1.29)	0.92 (0.55, 1.52)	25 (15.5)	1.44 (0.72, 2.89)	2.59 (0.66, 10.10)	10 (13.0)	0.63 (0.26, 1.50)	0.55 (0.13, 2.22)	15 (8.6)	0.43 (0.21, 0.88)	0.33 (0.10, 1.13)
3 boys	324 (14.2)															
P for trend			0.23	0.31		0.57	0.78		0.22	0.16		0.28	0.31		0.05	0.11

¹ Adjusted for study sites, age at diagnosis/reference date (continuous), race (Black, White, Asian, Other), duration of oral contraceptive use (never, less than 1 year, 1-4 years, 5-9 years, and more than 10 years) and number of full-term pregnancies (1, 2, 3, 4, 5+);
² Two hundred twenty-three women with missing data in race or oral contraceptive use were excluded from the analysis.
³ Further adjusted for endometriosis (yes, no), smoking (ever, never), acne or hirsutism or PCOS (yes, no), irregular periods (yes, no), recent BMI (<18.5, 18.5-24.9, 24.9-30, ≥30), and age at menarche (<13 years, ≥13 years).
⁴ Models did not adjust for total number of full-term pregnancies
⁵ Models adjust for total number of full-term pregnancies as a continuous variable
Adjusted for study sites, age at diagnosis/reference date (continuous), race (Black, White, Asian, Other) and duration of oral contraceptive use (never, less than 1 year, 1-4 years, 5-9 years, and more than 10 years)

Table 4: Adjusted Pooled Odds Ratios for the Association Between Offspring Sex and Mucinous Epithelial Ovarian Cancer Stratified by History of Estrogenic Conditions Among Parous Women with Only Singleton Births in the Ovarian Cancer Association Consortium (Australia, Europe, and North America), 1989-2010¹

	Age at Menarche <13 years			Age at Menarche ≥13 years		
	Controls N(%)	Cases N(%)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	Controls N(%)	Cases N(%)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)
Gave birth to a boy						
Never	916 (22.52)	56 (18.24)	ref	1032 (20.72)	91 (21.46)	ref
Ever	3152 (77.48)	251 (81.76)	1.71 (1.23, 2.38)	3949 (79.28)	333 (78.54)	0.99 (0.76, 1.30)
P for interaction			0.02			
Gave birth to all boys						
Not all boys	3124 (76.79)	205 (66.78)	ref	3913 (78.56)	314 (74.06)	ref
All boys	944 (23.21)	102 (33.22)	1.55 (1.18, 2.04)	1068 (21.44)	110 (25.94)	1.08 (0.83, 1.40)
P for interaction			0.08			
No. of boys						
No boy	916 (22.52)	56 (18.24)	ref	1032 (20.72)	91 (21.46)	ref
1 boy	1663 (40.88)	132 (43.00)	1.54 (1.09, 2.18)	2137 (42.90)	176 (41.51)	0.94 (0.71, 1.24)
2 boys	1010 (24.83)	86 (28.01)	2.34 (1.55, 3.53)	1222 (24.53)	105 (24.76)	1.16 (0.82, 1.63)
3 or more boys	479 (11.77)	33 (10.75)	2.24 (1.27, 3.98)	590 (11.85)	52 (12.26)	1.20 (0.75, 1.93)
P for trend			0.002			0.32
P for interaction			0.10			
Number of boys²	1919 (100.00)	132 (100.00)	1.04 (0.92, 1.18)	4981 (100.00)	424 (100.00)	1.01 (0.90, 1.12)
P for interaction			0.51			
Number of girls²	1919 (100.00)	132 (100.00)	0.79 (0.69, 0.91)	4981 (100.00)	424 (100.00)	0.94 (0.84, 1.05)
P for interaction			0.02			
Fraction of births that were boys,						
25% increase³	1919 (100.00)	132 (100.00)	1.18 (1.09, 1.28)	4981 (100.00)	424 (100.00)	1.03 (0.95, 1.11)

P for interaction

0.01

¹ Adjusted for study sites, age at diagnosis/reference date (continuous), race (Black, White, Asian, Other), duration of oral contraceptive use (never, less than 1 years, 1-4 years, 5-9 years, and more than 10 years) and number of full-term pregnancies (1, 2, 3, 4, 5+)

² Adjusted for each other

³ Models adjust for total number of full term pregnancies as a continuous variable

Table 5: Adjusted Pooled Odds Ratios for the Association Between Offspring Sex and Endometrioid Epithelial Ovarian Cancer Stratified by History of Androgenic Conditions Among Parous Women with Only Singleton Births in the Ovarian Cancer Association Consortium (Australia, Europe, and North America), 1989-2010¹

	History of Acne or Hirsutism or PCOS			No history of Acne or Hirsutism or PCOS		
	Controls N(%)	Cases N(%)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	Controls N(%)	Cases N(%)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)
Gave birth to a boy						
Never	253 (21.9)	28 (34.1)	ref	832 (21.3)	48 (18.8)	ref
Ever	904 (78.1)	54 (65.9)	0.49 (0.28, 0.83)	3074 (78.7)	207 (81.2)	1.64 (1.14, 2.34)
P for interaction			0.003			
Gave birth to all boys						
Not all boys	894 (77.3)	65 (79.3)	ref	3075 (78.7)	197 (77.3)	ref
All boys	263 (22.7)	17 (20.7)	0.88 (0.49, 1.59)	831 (21.3)	58 (22.7)	0.93 (0.67, 1.28)
P for interaction			0.56			
No. of boys						
No boy	253 (21.9)	28 (34.1)	ref	832 (21.3)	48 (18.8)	ref
1 boy	492 (42.5)	27 (32.9)	0.47 (0.27, 0.85)	1606 (41.1)	127 (49.8)	1.69 (1.18, 2.44)
2 boys	275 (23.8)	18 (22.0)	0.52 (0.26, 1.06)	1004 (25.7)	64 (25.1)	1.59 (1.02, 2.49)
3 or more boys	137 (11.8)	9 (11.0)	0.47 (0.16, 1.67)	464 (11.9)	16 (6.3)	0.78 (0.39, 1.56)
P for trend			0.21			0.47
P for interaction			0.007			
Number of boys²	1157 (100.0)	82 (100.0)	0.77 (0.60, 0.99)	3906 (100.0)	255 (100.0)	0.82 (0.71, 0.95)
P for interaction			0.44			
Number of girls²	1157 (100.0)	82 (100.0)	1.02 (0.81, 1.30)	3906 (100.0)	255 (100.0)	0.80 (0.69, 0.93)
P for interaction			0.03			
Fraction of births that were boys,						
25% increase³	1157 (100.0)	82 (100.0)	0.85 (0.72, 1.00)	3906 (100.0)	255 (100.0)	1.06 (0.96, 1.15)
P for interaction			0.03			

¹ Adjusted for study sites, age at diagnosis/reference date (continuous), race (Black, White, Asian, Other), duration of oral contraceptive use (never, less than 1 years, 1-4 years, 5-9 years, and more than 10 years) and number of full-term pregnancies (1, 2, 3, 4, 5+)

² Adjusted for each other

³ Models adjust for total number of full term pregnancies as a continuous variable