Although it could be argued that this reduction may simply be the result of reduced life expectancy in MS patients, this is unlikely, as an age-specific Cox survival model also showed a significant reduction in the risk of cancer.² Similarly, it is unlikely that this would represent under-reporting of cancer because patients are typically in closer contact with health practitioners than the normal population.² Explanations could include lifestyle alterations following diagnosis, genetic factors or immunological changes due to MS. Further study of mechanisms is therefore warranted, but more immediately, the results of this meta-analysis will be of use for MS patients and their care givers.

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