

Table 1. Baseline characteristics of the participants, by case-control status

Characteristics	Cases (N=313)		Controls (N=452)	
	No. (%) with non-missing data ^a	Mean (SD) ^b	N (%) with non-missing data ^a	Mean (SD) ^b
Age at questionnaire [years]	313 (100)	53.2 (1.5)	452 (100)	51.5 (3.3)
Age at diagnosis [years], cases only	313 (100)	46.7 (2.8)	N/a	N/a
Age at first screen	313 (100)	40.7 (0.91)	452 (100)	40.8 (0.9)
Age at menarche [years]	303 (96.8)	12.8 (1.7)	356 (78.7)	12.8 (1.5)
Parous	313 (100)	263 (84.4) ^c	447 (98.9)	434 (90.4) ^c
BMI at age 40 years ^d	266 (85.0)	24.3 (3.9)	408 (90.2)	25.0 (4.4)
BMI at age 50 years ^d	300 (95.8)	26.6 (4.7)	441 (97.6)	27.2 (5.3)
Family history of breast cancer	307 (98.1)	52 (16.9) ^c	449 (99.3)	31 (6.9) ^c
Post-menopausal at first screen ^e	294 (93.4)	24 (7.6) ^c	433 (95.8)	8 (10.6) ^c
Post-menopausal at last screen ^f	294 (93.4)	52 (16.6) ^c	433 (95.8)	102 (22.6) ^c
Parous women only				
	Cases (N=263)		Controls (N=404)	
Number of children	256 (97.3)	2 (2, 2) ^g	400 (99.0)	2 (2, 3) ^g
Had ever breastfed	257 (97.7) ^c	179 (69.7) ^c	178 (44.1) ^h	134 (75.3) ^c
Age at first birth [years]	254 (96.6)	26.8 (5.2)	342 (75.7)	26.0 (5.1)

BMI: body mass index (kg/m²); IQR: inter-quartile range; N/a: not applicable; SD: standard deviation

^a Number (%) of women with non-missing data for each one of the variables examined

^b Mean (SD) for characteristic among women with non-missing data, except if specified otherwise

^c Number (%) of women with characteristic among subjects with non-missing data

^d As reported in the questionnaire completed by each woman.

^e Median age at menopause for participants who were post-menopausal at first screen was 38.5 (IQR: 35; 40) years for cases and 35.5 (IQR: 32; 38) years for controls.

^f Median age at menopause for participants who were post-menopausal at the screen taken 1 year prior to diagnosis for cases, and equivalent time for controls, was 47 (IQR: 44; 50) years for cases and 49 (IQR: 42.5; 52) years for controls.

^g Median (inter-quartile range) for characteristic among women with non-missing data.

^h The higher proportion of missing values on breastfeeding among controls was due to the fact that this question was not included in the first version of the questionnaire.