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# THE NON-FATAL BURDEN OF CANCER IN BELGIUM, 2004-2019

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# Background

**The Belgian burden of disease study**

Assessing the **health status of the Belgian population** based on **national data** in terms of **both mortality and morbidity** – using disability-adjusted life years (DALYs)

**Cancer** is a major contributor to the overall burden of disease, and local estimates are lacking

**The non-fatal burden of cancer**

Incidence and prevalence-based years of life lived with disability (YLD) for all cancer types

**The fatal burden of cancer**

Computation of years of life lost (YLL) for all cancer types

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# Methods

## Timeframe

**From 2004 to 2019**

## Data source

### Belgian cancer registry foundation

- Incidence estimates for all cancer types by age, gender, region
- Survival estimates for all cancer types by age, gender, region

### Global burden of disease study

- Disease models
- Disability weights

### Population data from Statbel

### Expert elicitation

- Consultation of oncologist for proportion of complications

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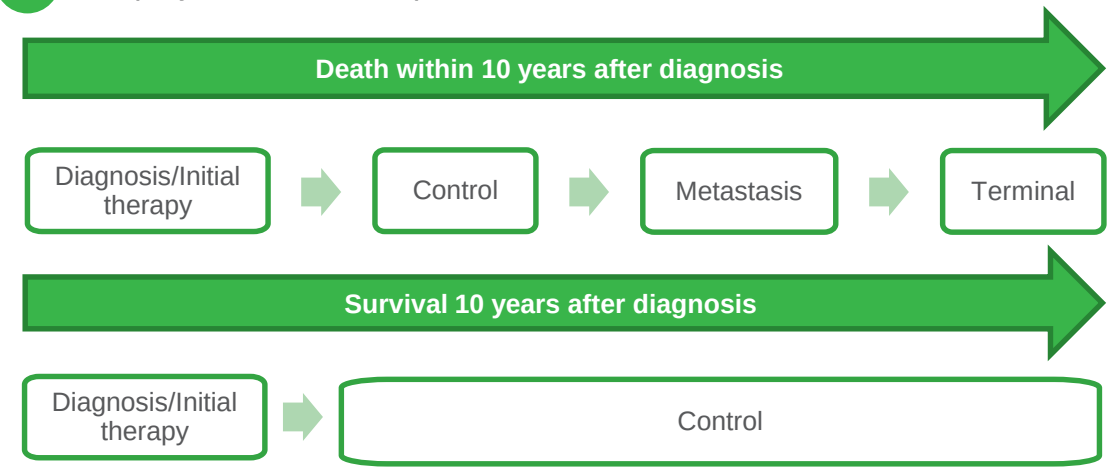
# Methods

Two measures, used to compute two “types” of YLDs:

- **Incidence estimates** based on the disease model adopted from the Global Burden of Disease study
- **Prevalence estimates** generated via microsimulation

1 We projected the time spent in the different health states for each incident cohort




2 **Observed survival probabilities** were used to model **the fraction of surviving vs non-surviving cases**, as well as the moment of death

Microsimulation approach to simulate **future health states for each year-, age-, sex-, region- and cancer-specific cohort**

3 From 2013 onwards, prevalence was given as the **sum of person-months** spent in the different health states

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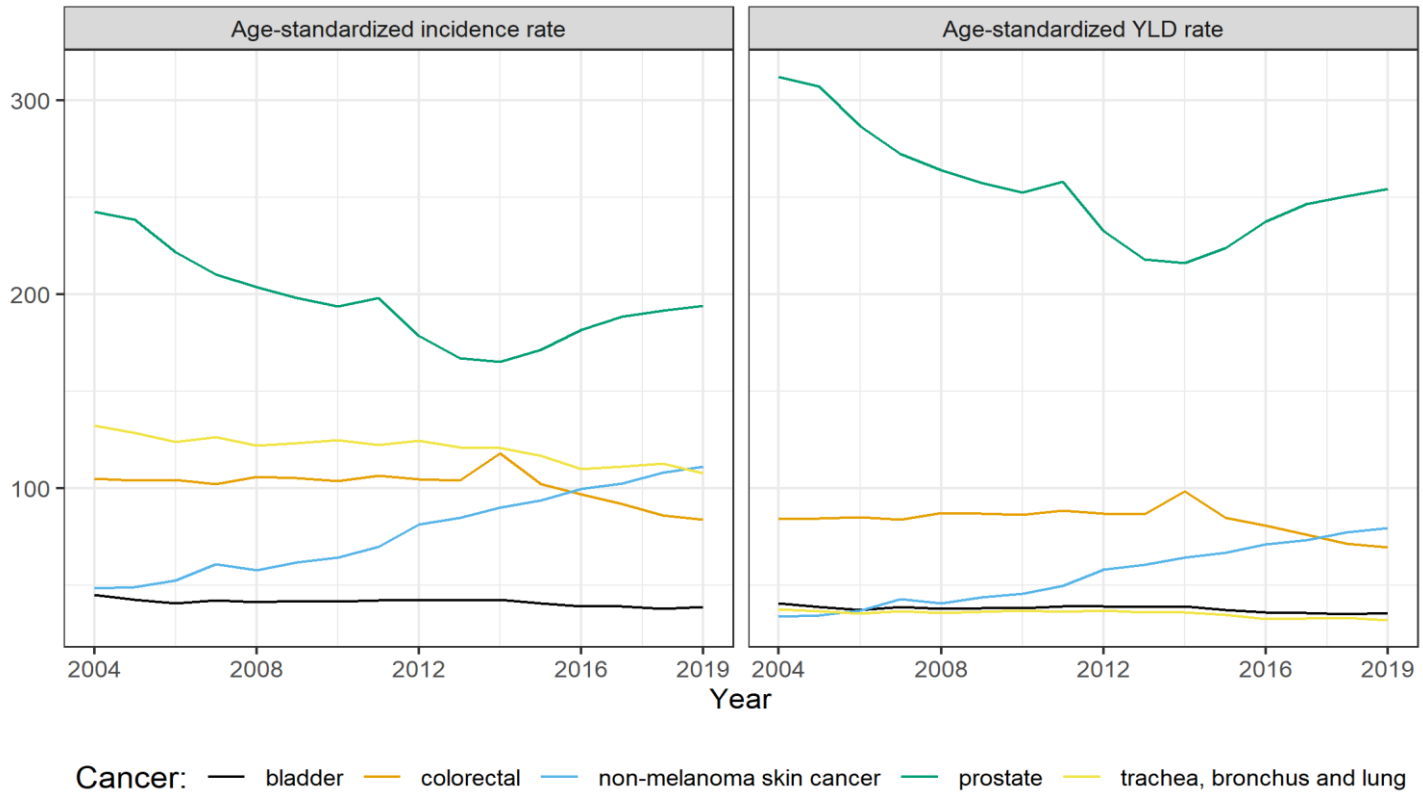
# RESULTS

# Incidence-based YLDs

Top 5 cancers diagnosed in **men** from 2004 to 2019

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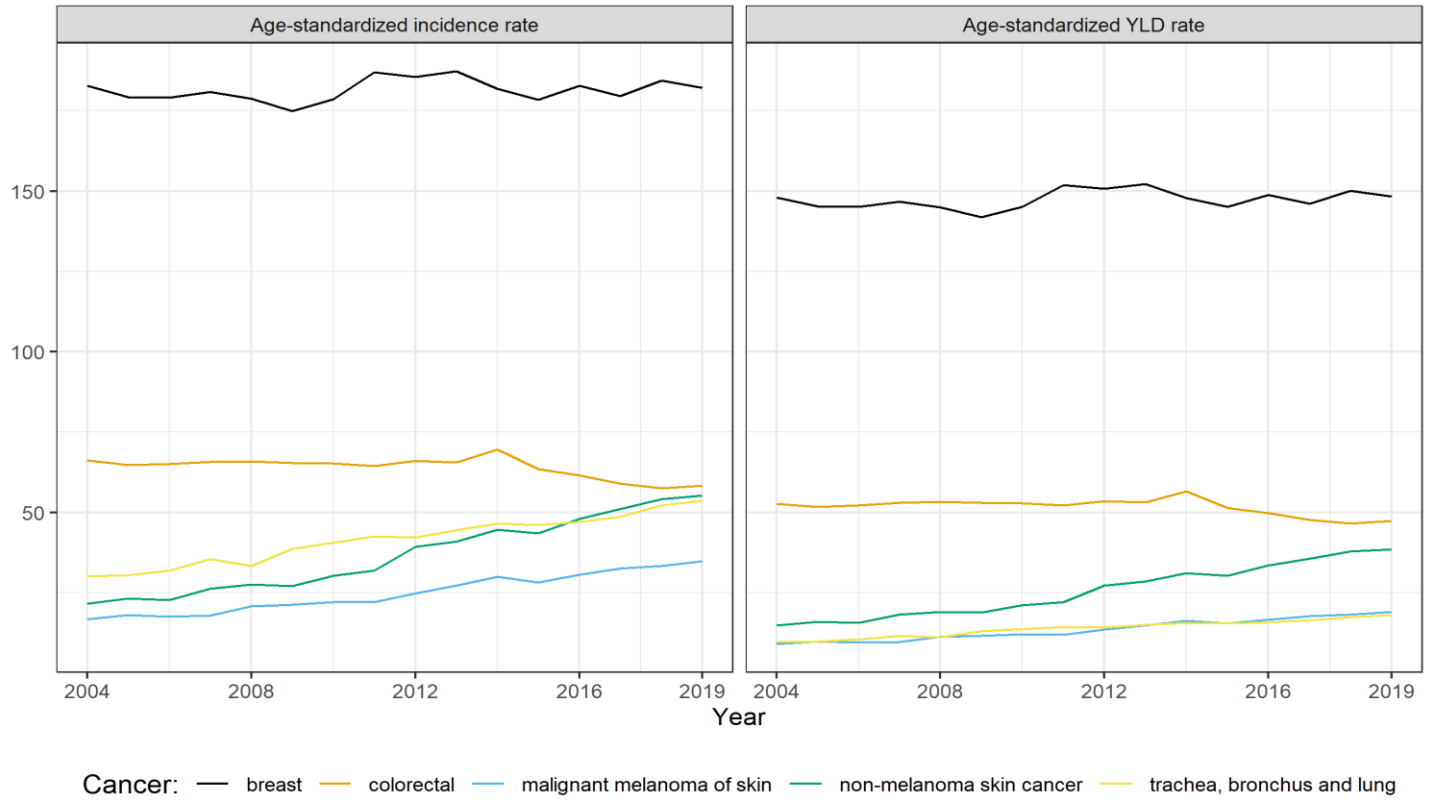
# Incidence-based YLDs

Top 5 cancers diagnosed in **women** from 2004 to 2019

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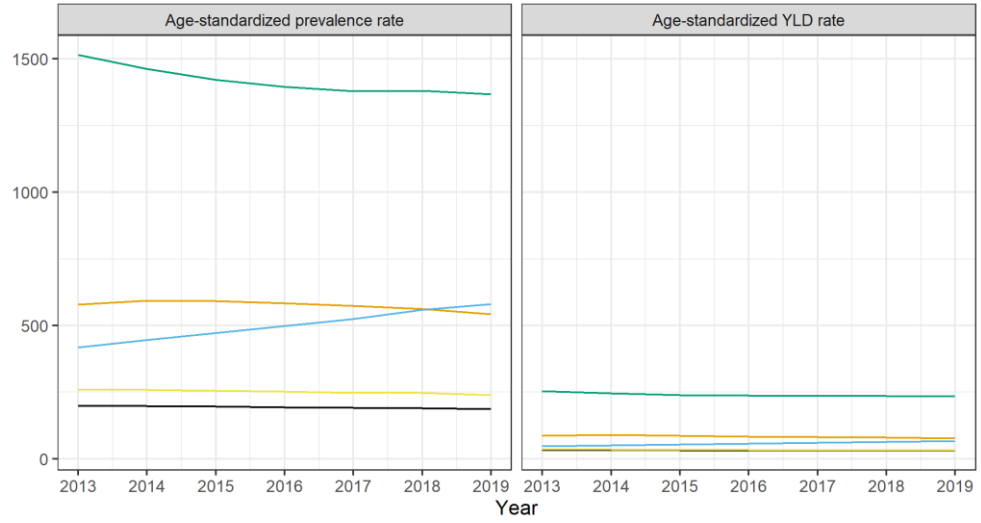
# Prevalence-based YLDs

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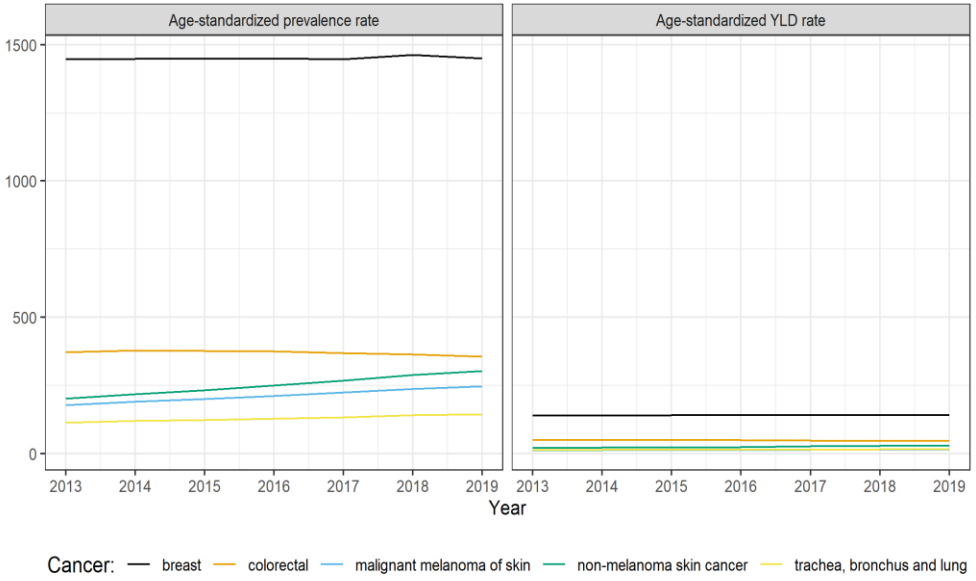


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# Conclusions

## From 2004 to 2019

Belgium experienced an increase in the cancer age-standardized incidence rate as well as in the age-standardized prevalence rate

## In 2019

More than **80,000 new cancers** were diagnosed and **more than 430,000 people** were living with cancer, corresponding to around **50,000 YLD each year**

**Most of the increase in the age-standardized incidence and prevalence can be attributed to the increase in non-melanoma skin cancer cases**

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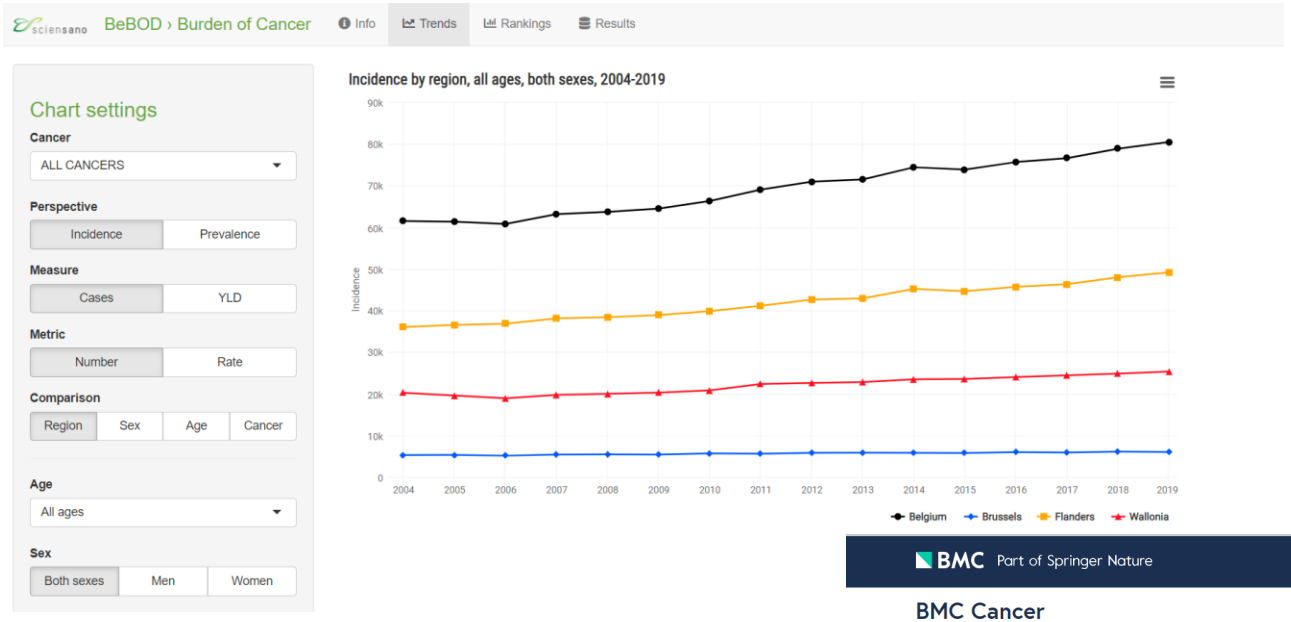
# Outcomes of the project





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# Future perspectives

- Fatal burden of cancer
- Cost of cancer

**Thank you for the attention!**

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