Is Knee Osteoarthritis a Symmetrical Disease?

District population between 35 and 54 years
N=5254

Sample of population
N=2000

Respondents N=1853

Chronic knee pain
N=279

Examined N=204

Available cohort 1990
N=183

Excluded:
- major knee trauma (N=6)
- Inflammatory rheumatic disorders (N=14)
- Misclassified due to misunderstanding (N=1)

Available cohort 1995
N=152

Excluded:
- Geographic reasons (N=17)
- Developed inflammatory joint disease (N=5)
- Serious illness and death (N=7)
- Not willing to participate in radiographic examination (N=2)

Available cohort 2002
N=143

Excluded:
- Developed inflammatory joint disease (N=1)
- Serious illness and death (N=3)
- Not willing to participate in radiographic examination (N=3)