

Chapter II

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OESOPHAGUS

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Compared with other parts of the world, Thailand is among the low incident countries for oesophagus cancer. The estimated incidence rate of oesophagus cancer in Thailand is 3.2 per 100 000 population in males and 0.9 in females. The highest incidence of oesophagus cancer is observed in the south (Songkhla) in both sexes (Figure 2.4.1). The incidence rate in males is about 3 times higher than in the

other provinces except Bangkok. The ratio is less in females. Very low below the age of 40 years, the age-specific incidence rates of oesophagus cancer rapidly rise with age (Figure 2.4.2).

The incidence rate for oesophagus cancer in males shows a stable trend while it is slightly declining in females in all registries throughout the past decade (Figure 2.4.3).

Figure 2.4.1 Oesophagus cancer in different regions, 1995-1997

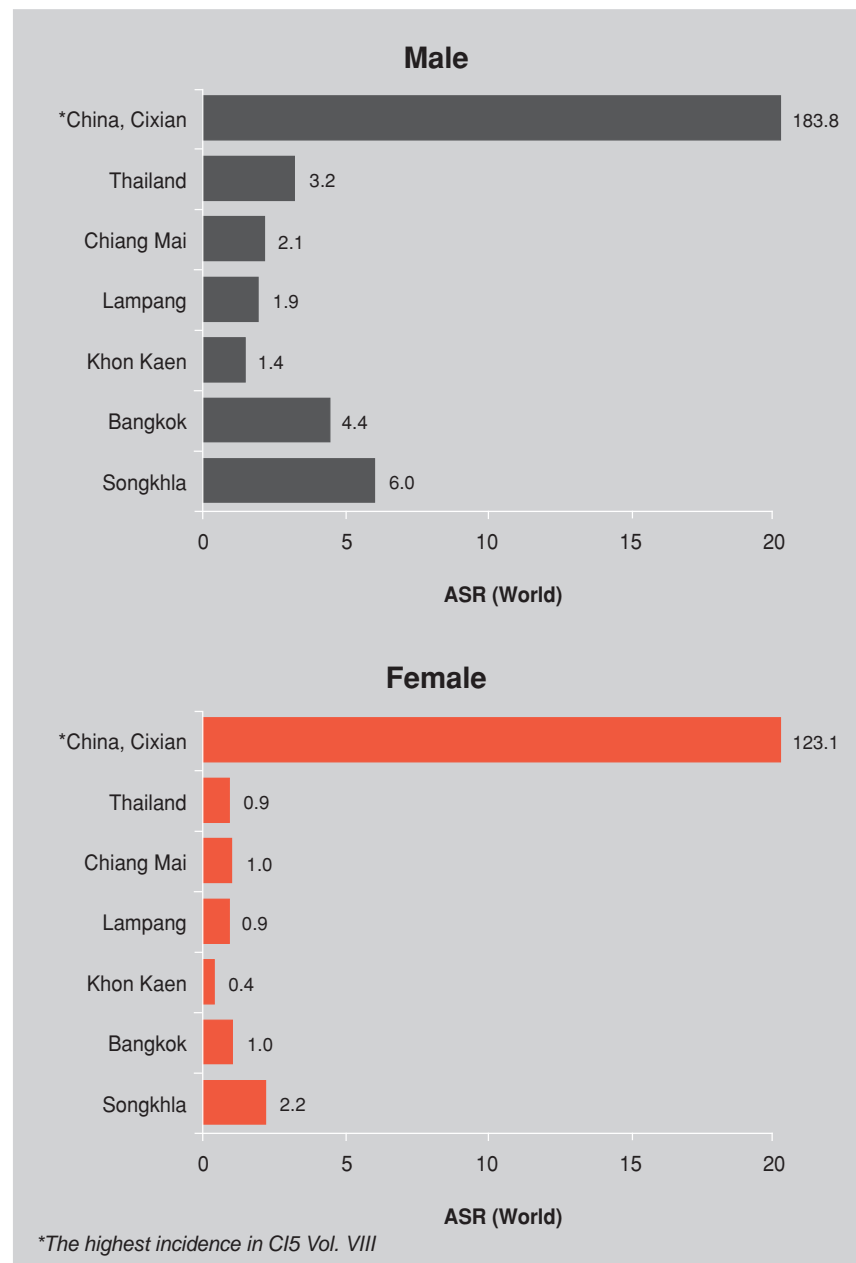


Figure 2.4.2 Age-specific incidence rates of oesophagus cancer, 1995-1997

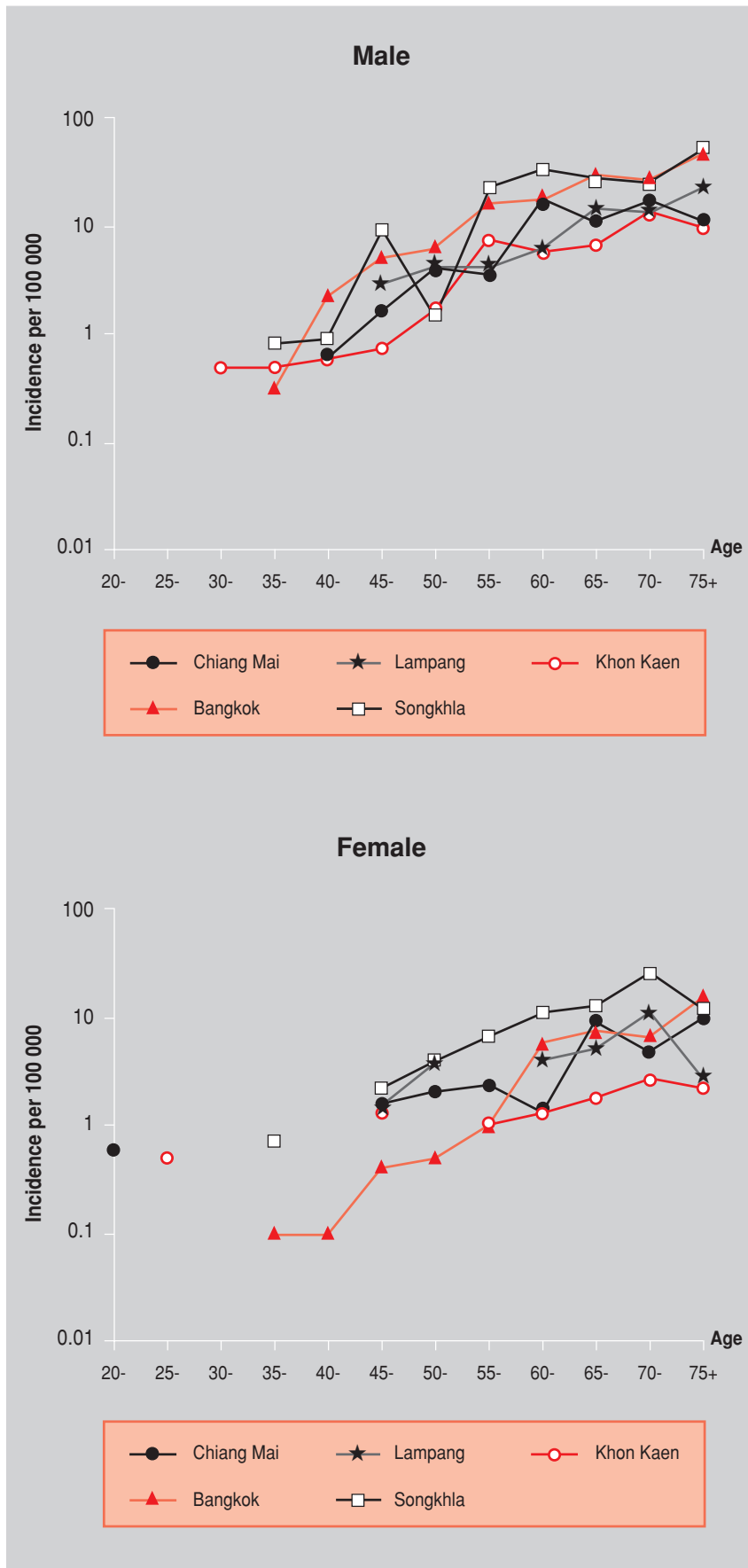


Figure 2.4.3 Trend in incidence of oesophagus cancer

