**Biostatistics III**

**Questions for discussion**

The following questions are thought to help you plan your discussion of the paper(s) that you have been assigned. You don´t necessarily need to discuss all aspects in detail but choose the ones you think are of most relevance for the study that you have been reviewing critically.

1. What was the research question and aim of the study?
2. What was the outcome of interest?
3. What time scales were used in the analysis (when did the subjects become/stop being at risk)?
4. Was there an exposure of primary interest?
5. Were any subjects censored in the analysis (what were the reasons)?
6. Do you believe that the censoring was informative, if yes, what do you think would be the consequences with respect to the results/conclusions?
7. What statistical methods were used and do you think these methods were appropriate for the purpose of the study?
8. How was the proportional hazards assumption assessed?
9. Was confounding or effect modification an issue in the analysis and was this discussed?
10. How were the results presented (i.e. what measures were reported) and what was the main conclusion?
11. Were there any aspects of the statistical analysis and reporting of the results that you think the authors should have handled differently (e.g. using more appropriate methods)?