Dr Gjorgov's letter has been communicated to Prof. de Waard, who offers the following comments:

Dr Gjorgov challenges my opinion that we should not expect too much from a search for new risk factors of breast cancer. Fortunately, all of us are free to try. The suggestion that women limiting fertility by means of the condom would be at high risk is new to me; one wonders whether such women (such couples) share other lifestyle factors which might confound the suggested relationship. Moreover, I have some difficulty in

understanding the biologic mechanism relating condom use with the breast.

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