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Treatment of Ischemic Heart Disease in 2015

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Coronary Heart Disease: The Scope of the Problem

- CHD is the leading cause of death in the United States
- 15.4 million people in the U.S. have CHD
 - 8.8 million men, 6.6 million women
 - By age 60, 20% of men and 6% of women have CHD
- 1.2 million people have CHD events / year
 - 620,000 are first events
 - 295,000 are recurrent events
 - 150,000 are silent events
- 380,000 CHD deaths (1 in every 6 deaths)
- 7.8 million people in the U.S. have chronic stable angina.

AHA Heart Disease & Stroke Statistics:2014 Update

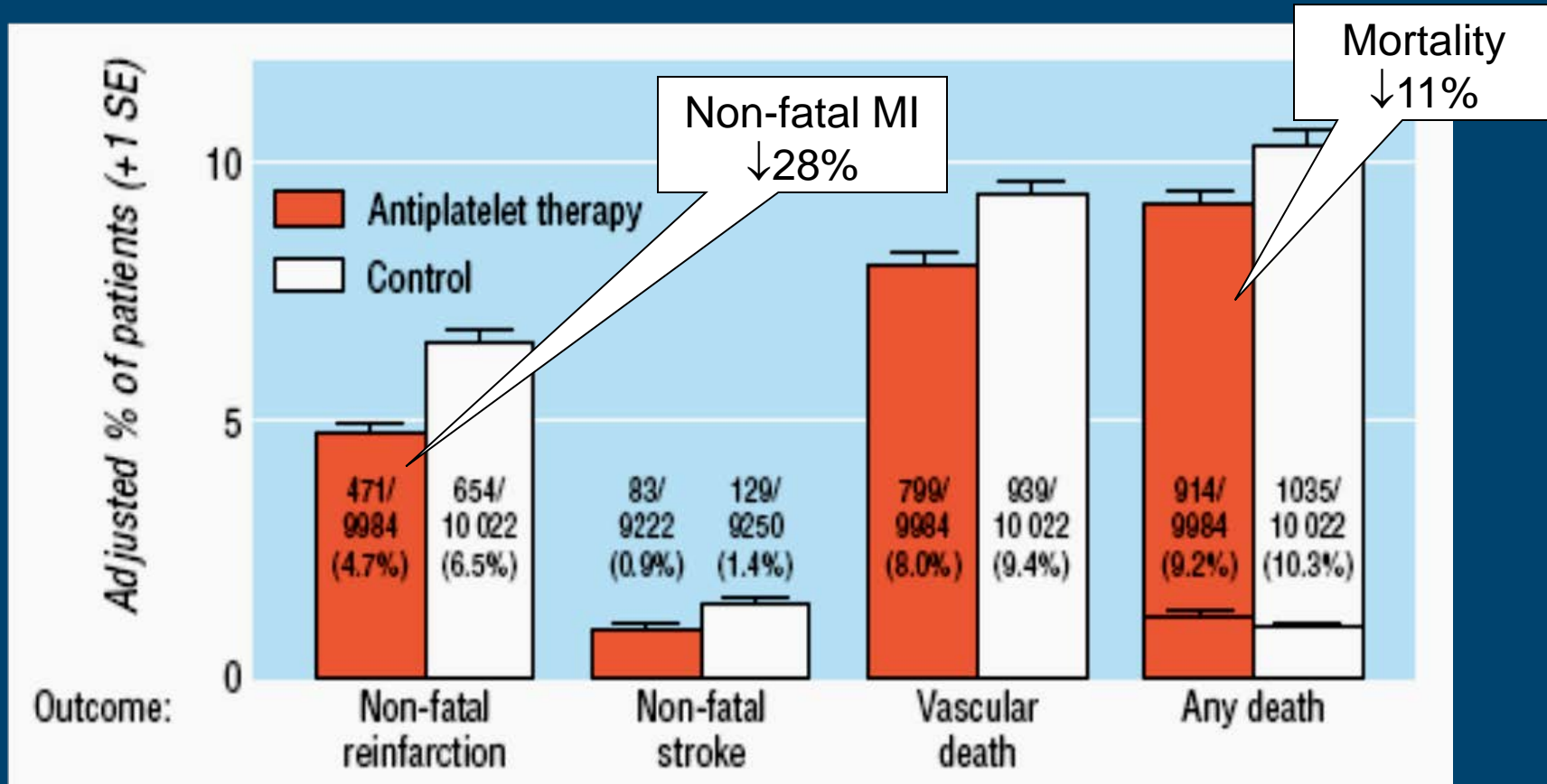
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Goals of Treatments for Chronic CAD

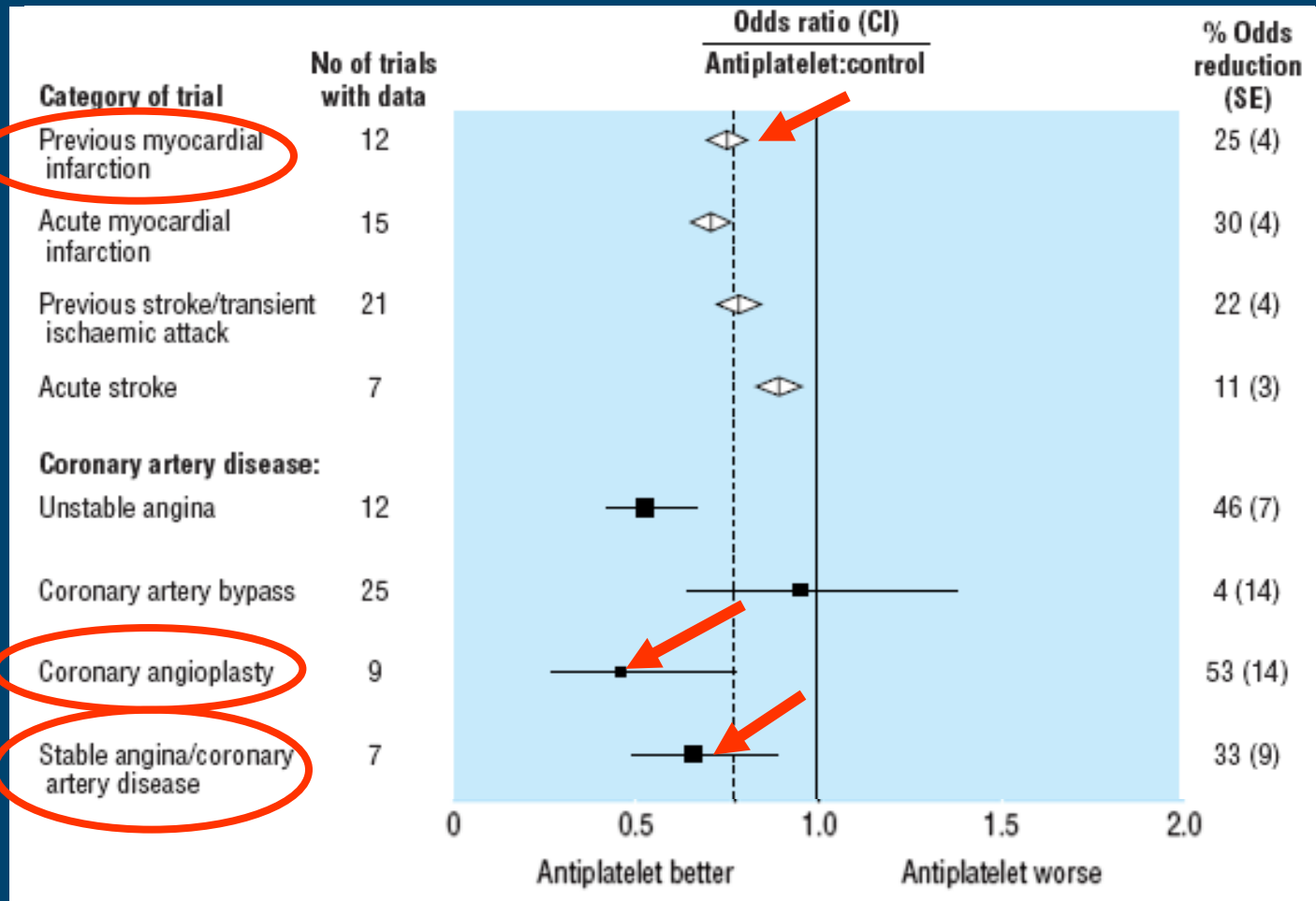
- Reduce acute coronary events (MI, cardiac death)
 - Pacify the platelet
 - Treat the plaque
 - Atherosclerotic process
 - Normalize arterial wall physiology
- Relieve the symptoms of angina

Anti-platelet Therapy: Aspirin for Secondary Prevention

Meta-analysis from the Antithrombotic Trialists' Collaboration



Anti-platelet Therapy: Aspirin for “Primary and a half” Prevention



Anti-platelet Therapy: Aspirin Dosing

- Meta-analysis showed similar benefits for doses from 75 – 325 mg
- However, data suggest that enteric coating may reduce bioavailability and antiplatelet activity compared with plain aspirin
- Recent trial suggests that most aspirin “resistance” is pseudoresistance due effects of enteric coating
- One should consider using plain aspirin at 81 mg dose and reserving enteric coating for 162 mg or 325 mg doses.

AT Collaboration. BMJ 2002;324:71-86

Cox D, et al. Stroke 2006;37:2153-2158

Grosser T, et al. Circulation Dec 4, 2012 published ahead of print

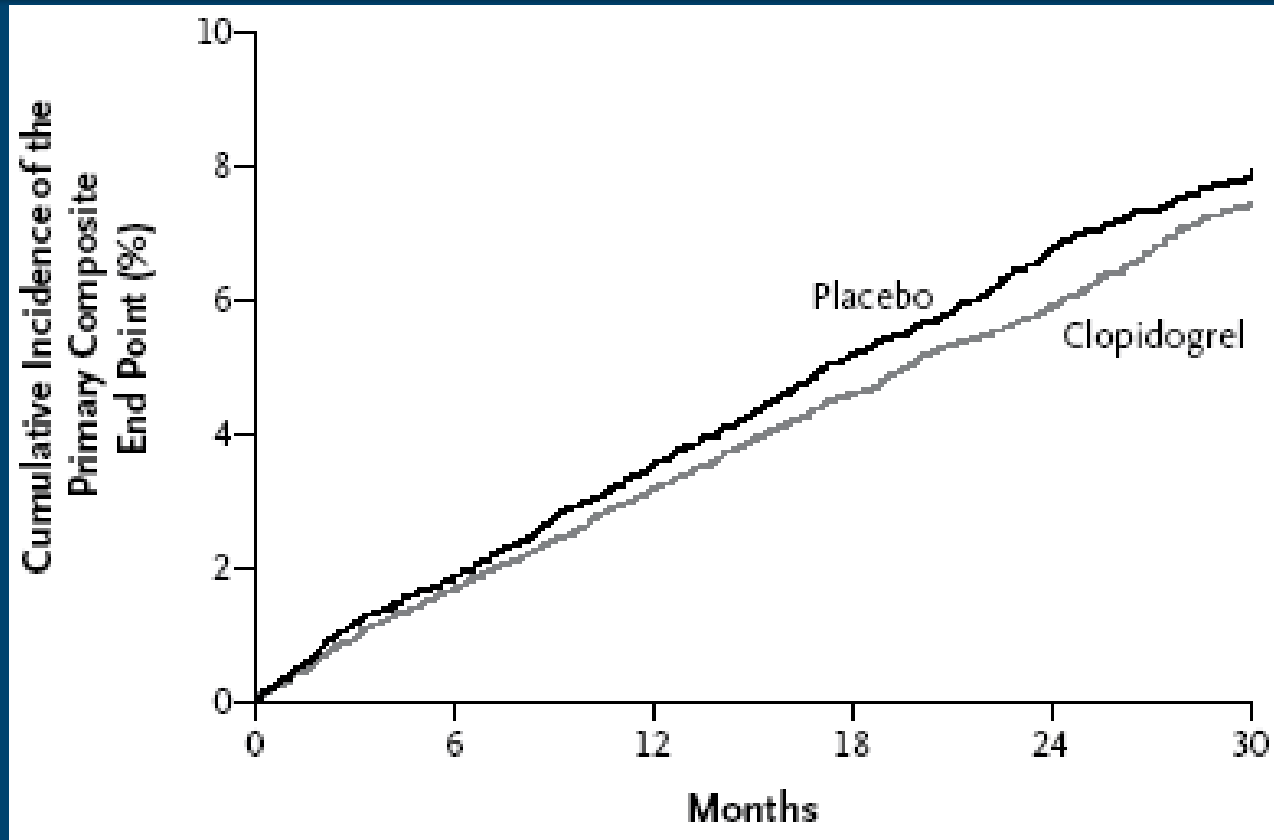
Anti-platelet Therapy: Clopidogrel (Plavix)

- Currently used most often in combination with aspirin following stent implantation
 - 1 month for bare metal stents
 - At least 12 months for drug-eluting stents
- Used with aspirin for 3-9 months following acute coronary syndromes:
 - CURE trial showed a 23% ↓ in MI (6.7% to 5.3%)
 - Event curves continue to separate even at 12 months, so the benefits might continue
 - Some have therefore prescribed combination therapy indefinitely for high-risk patients

CHARISMA: Clopidogrel and Aspirin vs. Aspirin Alone for Prevention of Atherothrombotic Events

- Hypothesis:
 - Long-term treatment with clopidogrel + aspirin may provide greater protection against CV events than aspirin alone in a broad population of high-risk patients (without ACS or PCI)
- 15,603 patients with either clinically evident cardiovascular disease or multiple risk factors
 - Randomly assigned to clopidogrel 75 mg + low-dose aspirin (75-162 mg) vs. placebo plus low-dose aspirin
 - Median follow up 2.5 years
- Primary end point = composite of MI, stroke, or CV death.

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No significant difference in rate of primary end point (6.8% vs. 7.3%; RR, 0.93; 95% CI, 0.83 to 1.05; P=0.22)

CHARISMA:

Some additional reasons for caution...

- In a subgroup analysis, the rate of death from CV causes was actually higher with clopidogrel group vs. placebo, at 3.9% vs. 2.2% ($P = 0.01$)
- The rate of moderate bleeding was higher with clopidogrel at 2.1% vs. 1.3% ($P < 0.001$).
 - Rates of severe bleeding and intracranial hemorrhage were not different in the two groups.

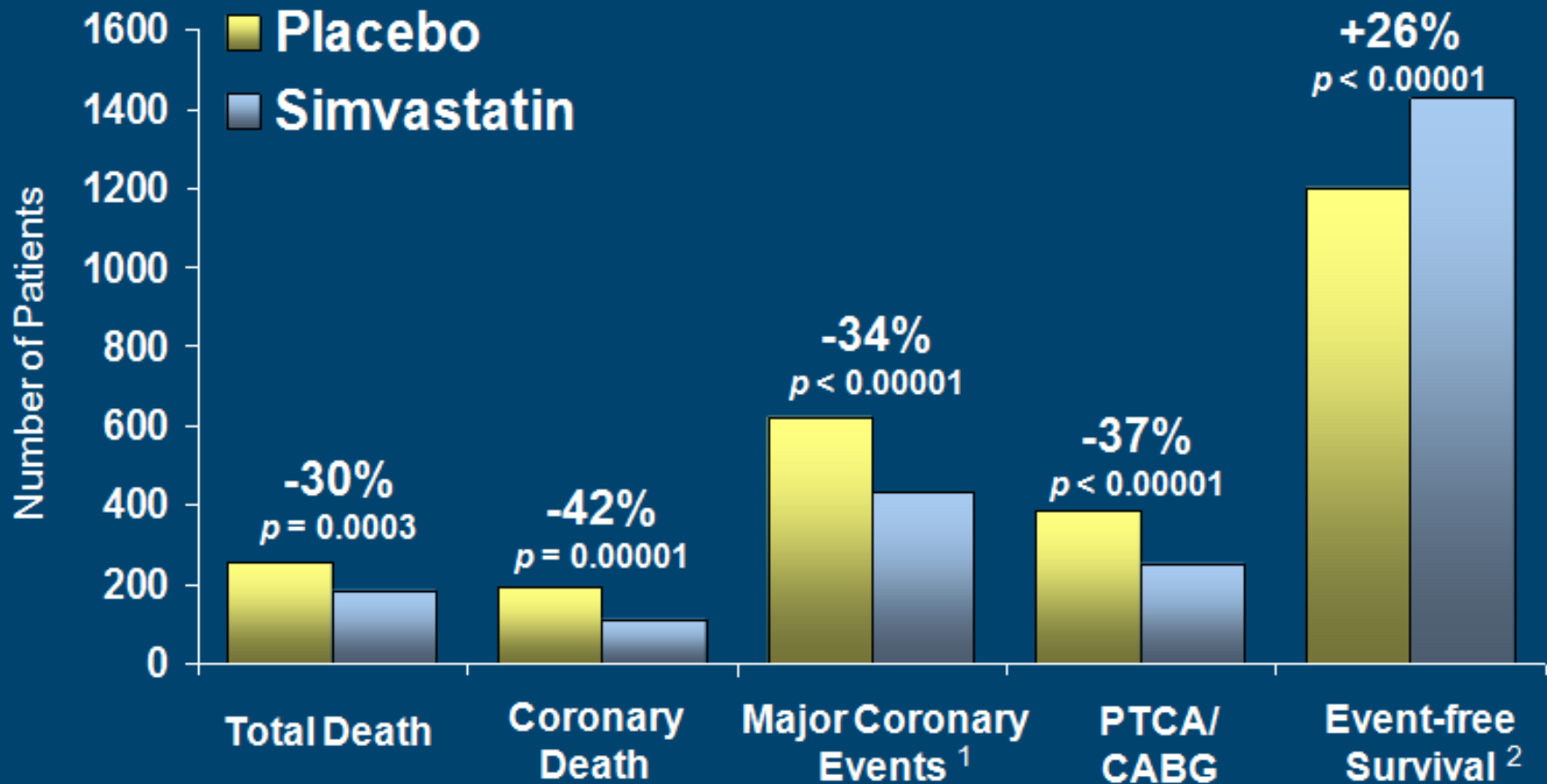
Lipid Lowering Therapy

- Originally intended to halt atherosclerosis and cause plaque regression
- Plaque regression does occur, but only to a small degree, with average stenosis decreasing by 2-4%
 - vs. controls increasing by 2-3%
- However, the clinical benefits of statin therapy far outweigh the angiographic improvements.

Statin Therapy: Mechanisms of Benefit

- Lower cholesterol
 - Reduce progression of disease
 - Reduce lipid content in plaque core:
Vulnerable plaque → stable plaque
- Pleiotropic benefits
 - Reduce inflammation
 - Improve endothelial dysfunction.

The Benefits of Statin Therapy Are Clear: 4S (Simvastatin Survival) Study



1 Death from coronary disease and non-fatal heart attacks.

2 Finished the study without suffering any coronary events or other atherosclerotic events such as stroke.

Statin Therapy: What Should Be the Target LDL?

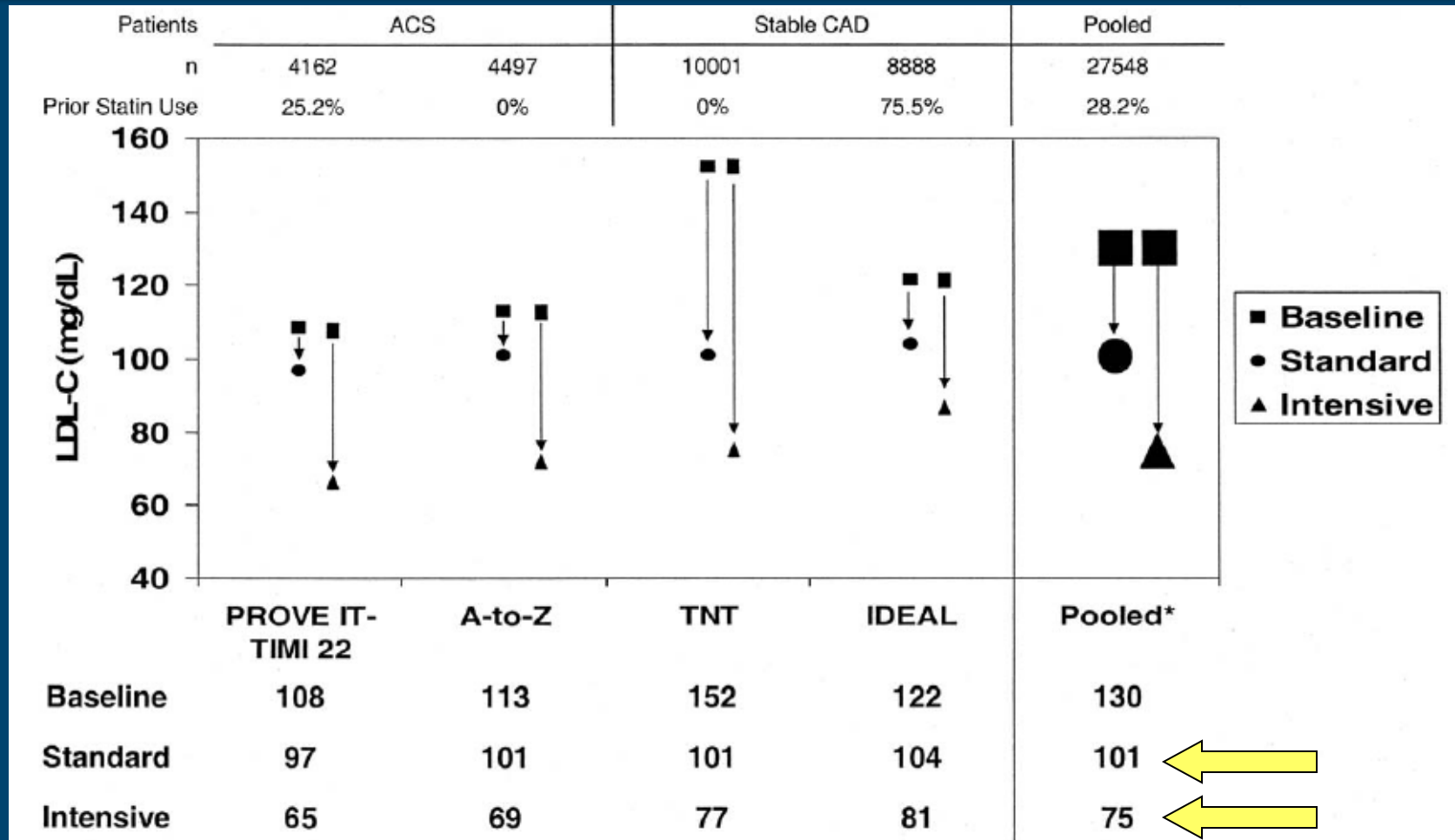
- ATP III Guidelines in 2001:
 - Treat to a target LDL < 100 in all patients with known CAD or at high risk
- But more recent trial data of intensive lipid lowering therapy show that even lower LDL is better

Current LDL Goals:

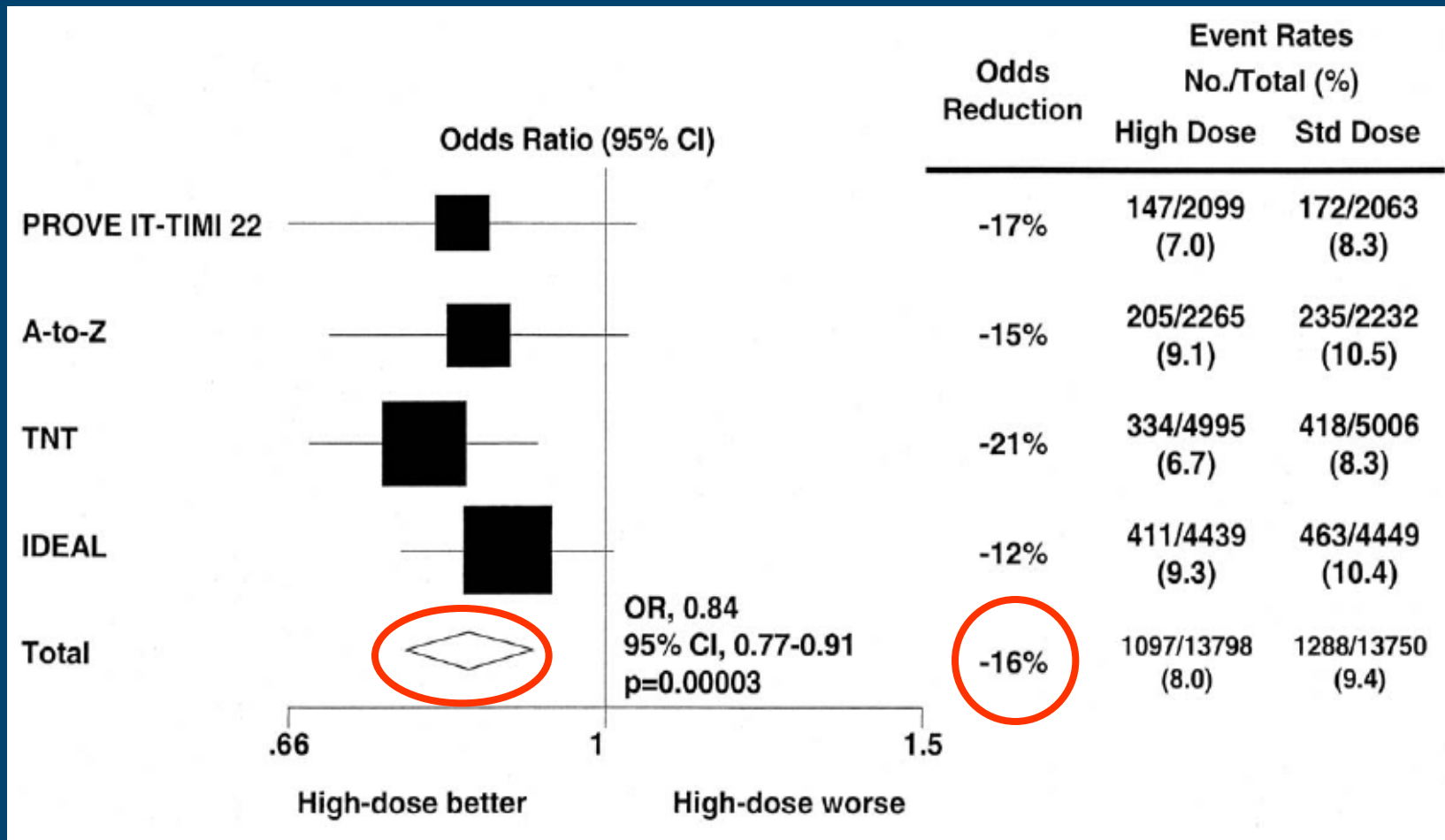
Randomized Trials of Intensive Statin Therapy

- Acute Coronary Syndromes:
 - PROVE-IT (Pravastatin or Atorvastatin Evaluation and Infection Therapy)
 - A-to-Z (Aggrastat to Zocor Trial)
- Stable CAD
 - IDEAL (Incremental Decrease in End Points Through Aggressive Lipid Lowering)
 - TNT (Treating to New Targets Study)

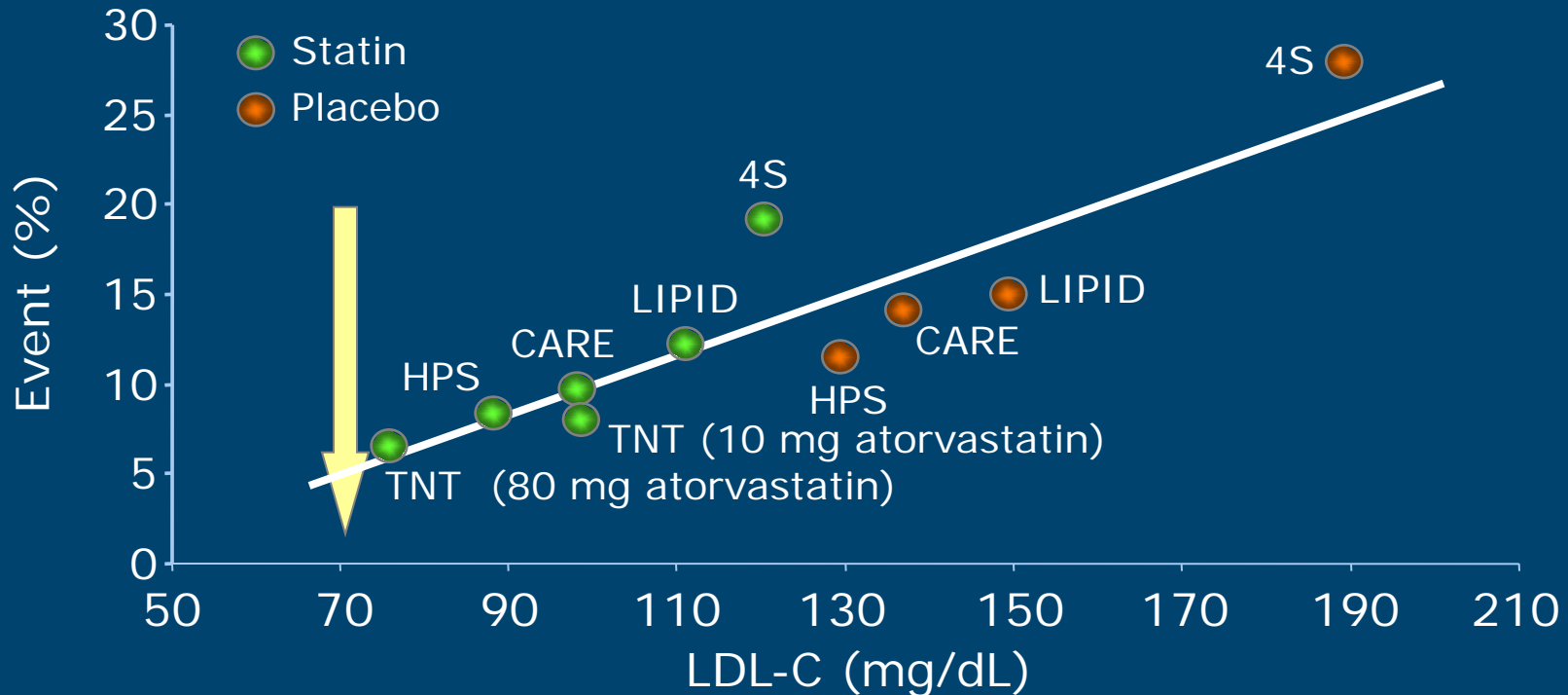
Meta-analysis of Intensive Statin Therapy: LDL Levels for High-dose vs. Standard-dose



Meta-analysis of Intensive Statin Therapy: Risk of Coronary Death or MI



LDL Goals Over the Past Decade: Lower is Better



ATP III Updated Guidelines in 2004 (ATP III-R): Target LDL \leq 70 (Grundy SM, et al. *Circulation* 2004;110:227-39.)

HPS = Heart Protection Study; CARE = Cholesterol and Recurrent Events Trial; LIPID = Long-term Intervention with Pravastatin in Ischemic Disease; 4S = Scandinavian Simvastatin Survival Study.

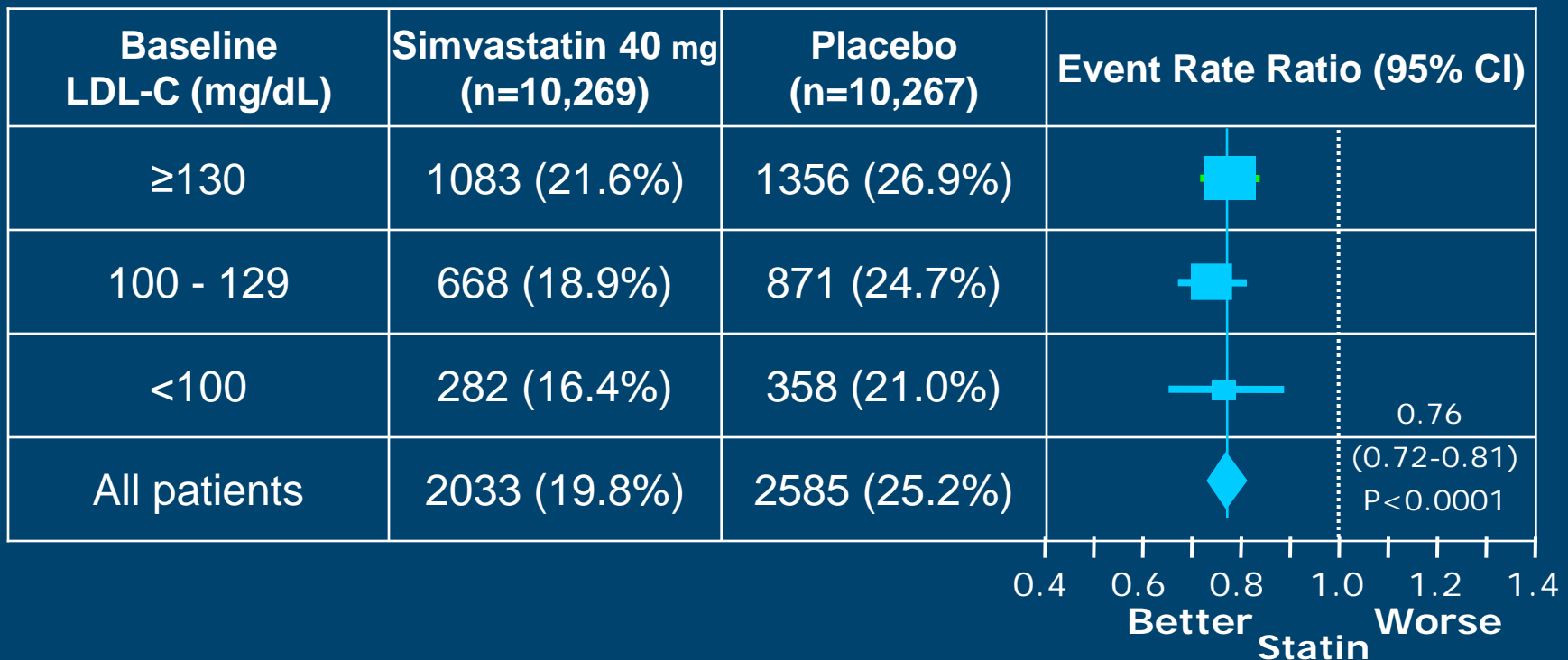
LaRosa et al. *N Engl J Med* 2005;352:1425-1435.

Should We Treat CHD Patients with Baseline LDL Levels <100?

Results of the Heart Protection Study

Vascular Events by Baseline LDL

Risk ratio and 95% CI



2013 ACC/AHA Cholesterol Guidelines

December 16, 2013

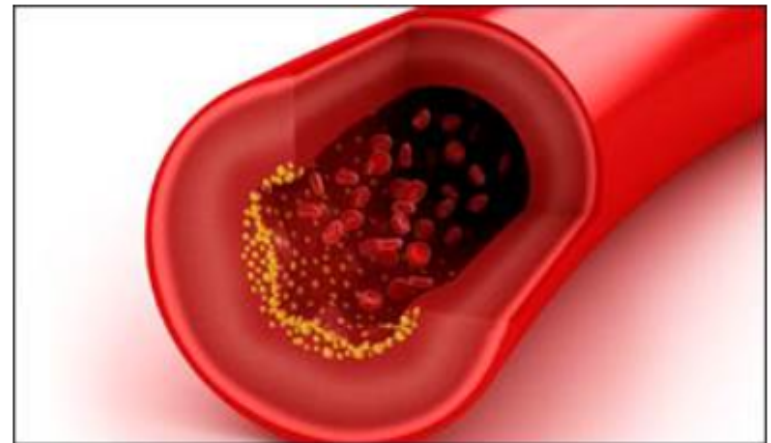


New ACC/AHA Guidelines -- Part 3: Panel Member Addresses Controversies Surrounding New Cholesterol Guideline

2013
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On Nov. 12, 2013, the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American College of Cardiology (ACC) released four new sets of clinical practice guidelines to assist primary care clinicians in identifying adults who may be at high risk for developing atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) and who may benefit from lifestyle changes or drug therapy for prevention.¹

MPR offers a four-part series summarizing the new guidelines and discussing how they differ from earlier recommendations.



New ACC/AHA Guidelines -- Part Three: Controversies Surrounding New Cholesterol Guidelines

2013 ACC/AHA Cholesterol Guidelines

- High-intensity statin therapy
 - Goal = lowering LDL-C by $\geq 50\%$
 - Atorvastatin 40-80 mg, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily
- Moderate-intensity statin therapy
 - In those ≥ 75 years of age, or those who don't tolerate or are at risk from high-dose statins
 - Goal = lowering LDL-C by 30-50%
 - Atorvastatin 10-20 mg, rosuvastatin 5-10 mg daily

ACE Inhibitors for Risk Reduction

- HOPE (Heart Outcomes Prevention Evaluation) Study in 2000
 - 9300 high-risk patients (vascular disease or DM + one other CV risk factor and no LV dysfunction or CHF)
 - Randomized to ramipril 10 mg qd vs. placebo for 5 years
 - Ramipril group had lower rates of
 - MI ↓ 20%, CV mortality ↓ 26%, All-cause mortality ↓ 16%
- EUROPA study in 2003
 - Showed a similar 20% reduction in primary cardiac endpoints from high dose perindopril
- PEACE (Prevention of Events with ACE Inhibition) trial in 2004
 - Failed to show an overall benefit fromtrandolapril

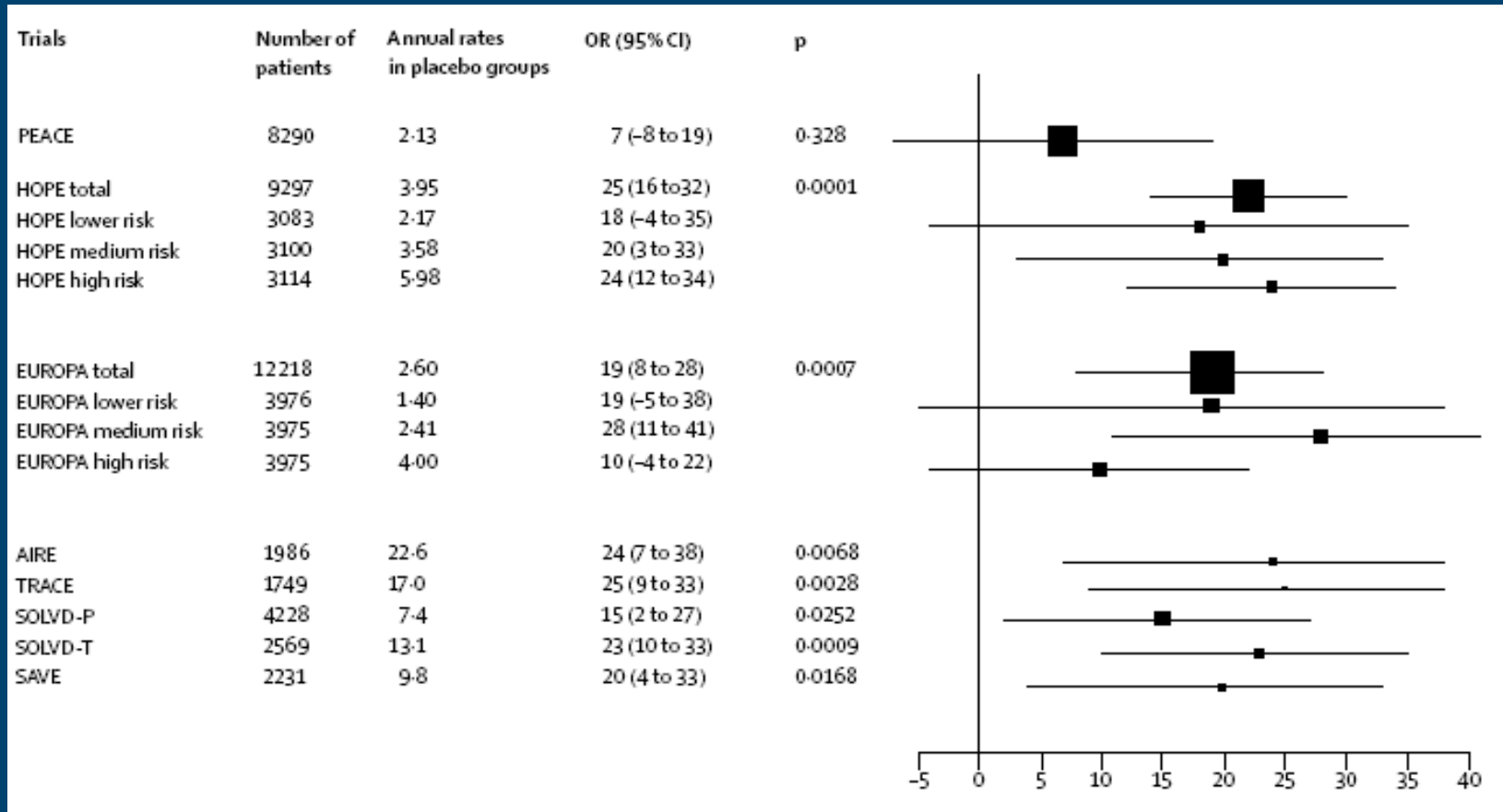
Yusuf S. N Engl J Med 2000;342:145-53.

Fox KM, et al. Lancet. 2003;362:782–788.

The PEACE Trial Investigators. N Engl J Med 2004; 351:2058.

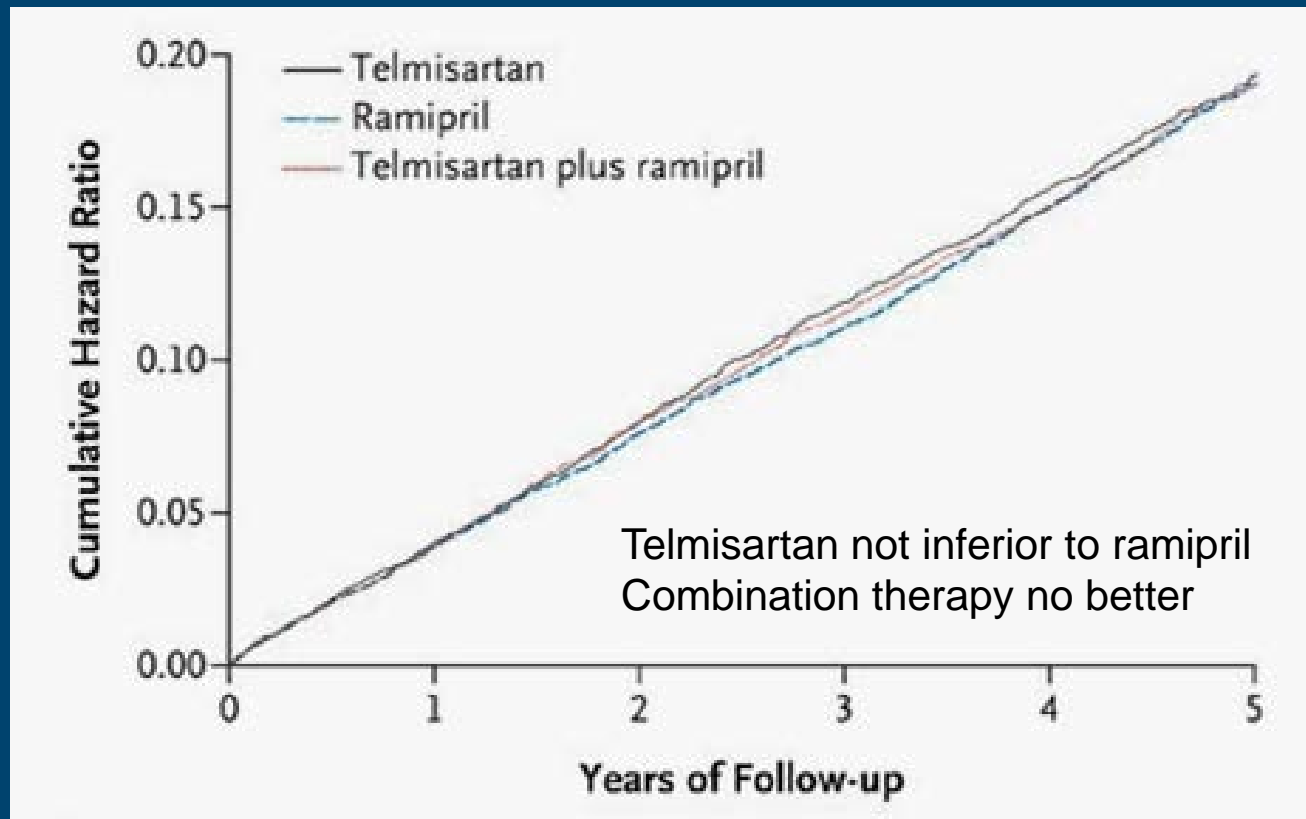
ACE Inhibitors for Risk Reduction: A Combined Analysis of Multiple Trials

Percent reduction in odds of CV death, non-fatal MI, or stroke



Do ARBs Confer Similar Benefit?: ONTARGET Study

Kaplan–Meier curves for the primary outcome =
CV death, MI, stroke, or hospitalization for CHF



Other Therapeutic Strategies: Treating Elevated Homocysteine

- Vitamin treatments can lower homocysteine
 - Folic acid, vitamin B12, vitamin B6
- We had been treating for years, presumptively, while awaiting evidence of improved CV outcomes
- 3 large randomized trials in 2006 and 2010 showed no reduction in MI or stroke
 - HOPE 2 Study
 - The Norwegian Vitamin Trial (NORVIT)
 - SEARCH trial

HOPE 2 Investigators. N Engl J Med 2006;354:1567.

Bønaa KA, et al. N Engl J Med 2006;354.

Armitage JM et al. JAMA 2010; 303:2486-2494.

Other Potential Therapeutic Strategies: Antioxidant Vitamins

- There is no evidence of improved outcomes
 - Simvastatin and niacin trial: 800 IU vitamin E, 1000 mg vitamin C, 25 mg beta carotene, 100 mcg selenium; No benefit from vitamins alone, but when given with statin therapy there was a blunting of the outcomes improvement of statin therapy
 - Heart Protection Study : 600 mg vitamin E, 250 mg vitamin C, and 20 mg beta-carotene daily: Neutral effect on mortality and vascular events in 5 years
 - SECURE trial: Vitamin E had no effect on progression of atherosclerosis in carotid arteries by ultrasound

Brown, BG et al. N Engl J Med 2001;1583-92.

Heart Protection Study. Lancet 2002;360:23-33.

Lonn E, et al. Circulation, 2001;103:919-25.

Other Potential Therapeutic Strategies: Multivitamins

- TACT Trial
- 1700 patients aged ≥ 50 years s/p MI
- Double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of high-dose MVI vs. placebo
- Median follow-up 31 months
- Primary end point = total death, recurrent MI, stroke, coronary revascularization, or hospitalization for angina
- No significant reduction in cardiovascular events

Omega-3 Fatty Acids: Early Recommendations

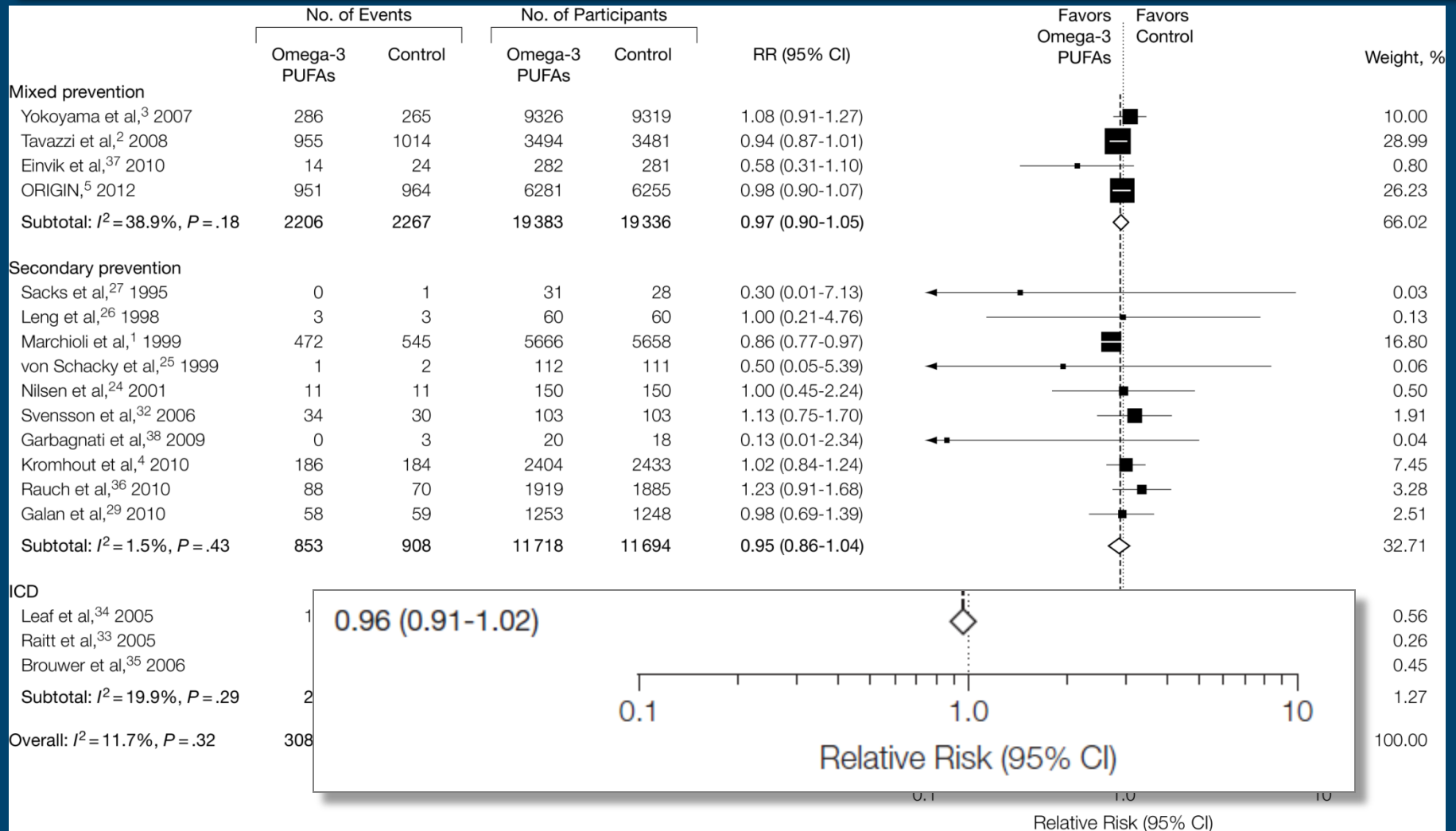
- 2000: AHA recommended 2 servings of fish per week or 1g supplement daily
- 2004: NIH Working Group Report on Future Clinical Research Directions on Omega-3 Fatty Acids and Cardiovascular Disease:
 - *“The body of evidence is consistent with the hypothesis that intake of omega-3 FA reduces CVD but a definitive trial is needed.”*
- Several randomized controlled trials ongoing
 - One has been completed

Alpha Omega Trial: Primary and secondary outcomes in EPA-DHA alone vs. placebo/ALA

Outcome	EPA-DHA (n=2404), %	Placebo or ALA- only (n=2433), %	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
Major CV events*	14.0	13.8	1.01 (0.87–1.17)
Incident CV disease	7.0	7.6	0.92 (0.75–1.13)
Death from CV disease	3.3	3.4	0.98 (0.72–1.33)
Death from CHD	2.8	2.9	0.95 (0.68–1.32)
Ventricular arrhythmia- related events	2.8	3.0	0.90 (0.65–1.26)
Any death	7.7	7.6	1.01 (0.82–1.24)

*Primary end point; EPA=eicosapentaenoic acid; DHA=docosahexaenoic acid; ALA=alpha-linolenic acid

Meta-analysis of Omega-3 Supplements for All-Cause Mortality



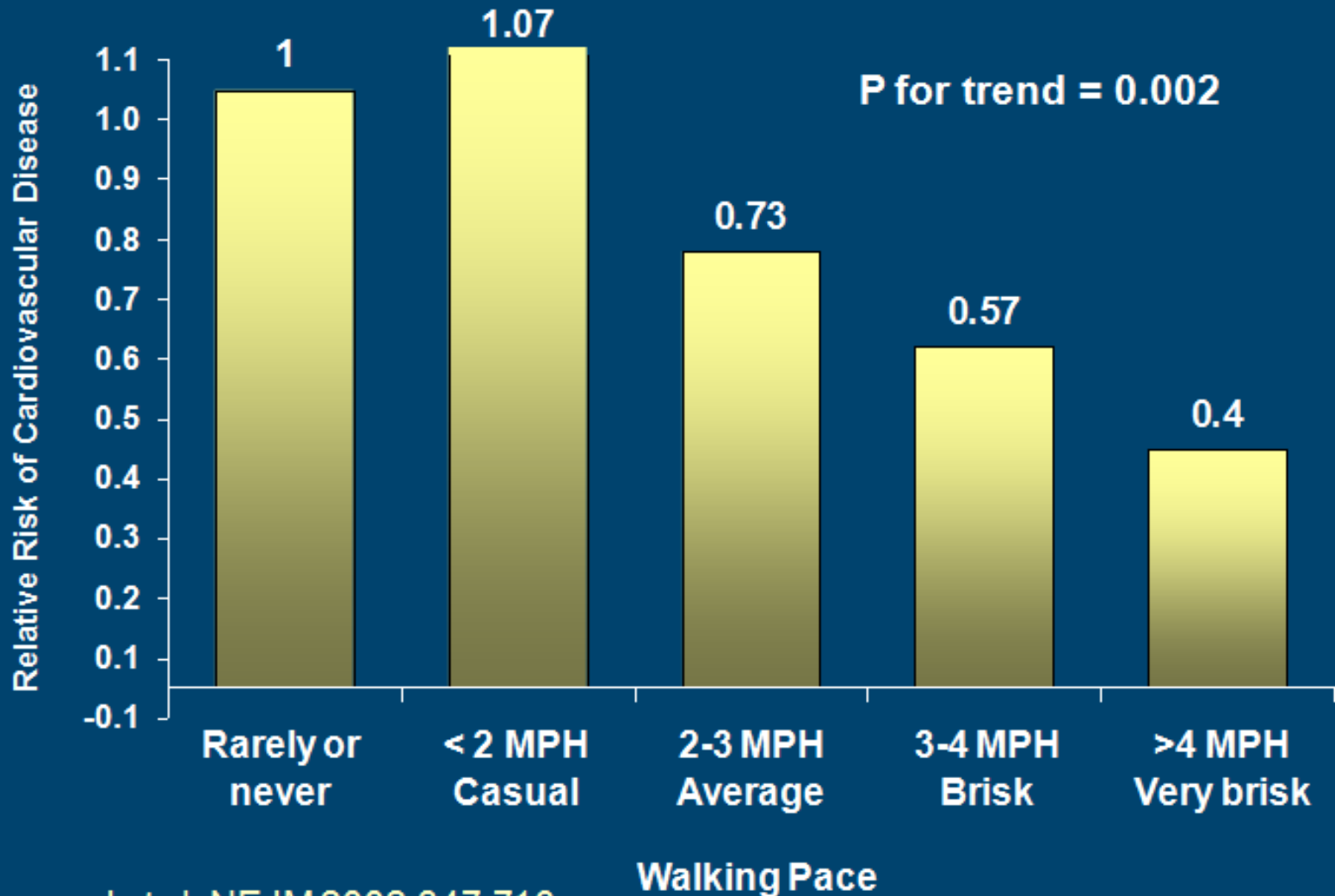
Control Other Risk Factors

- Smoking cessation
- Control hypertension
- Control of hyperglycemia in diabetics
 - United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study:
For each 1% reduction in mean HbA1c there was a 14% RR for nonfatal MI ($p < 0.0001$)
- Avoid saturated fats:
 - Avoid saturated fat, cholesterol, and trans-fats
 - Increase intake of polyunsaturates
- Weight loss

Benefits of Exercise \approx Other “Interventions”

- Reduces atherosclerosis
 - Patients with angiographically proven CAD randomized to regular exercise or usual care
 - After 1 year, underwent repeat coronary angiography
 - Least exercise: atherosclerosis progressed
 - Most exercise: atherosclerosis modestly regressed ($p < 0.005$)
- Reduces CV events and mortality
 - \downarrow mortality post-MI by 20-25%
 - Even with only moderate levels of exercise

Relative Risk of Cardiovascular Disease vs. Pace (Adjusted for Age and Walking Time)



“Prescribe” Exercise



- Moderate intensity aerobic exercise for a total of ≥ 30 min at least 5 days per week
 - Episodes of exercise should be at least 10 min long
- Moderate resistance (strength) training at least twice per week

American Heart Association and
American College of Sports Medicine 2007 guidelines

Anti-ischemic Medications: Mechanism of Action

- Decrease myocardial oxygen demand in the face of limited blood flow
 - Reduce heart rate
 - Reduce contractility
 - Reduce wall tension: afterload (SBP), preload
- Increase oxygen delivery
 - Vasodilation in the setting of increased vasomotor tone or vasospasm
 - Increase duration of diastole.

Anti-ischemic Medications: Beta Blockers

- Mainstay of therapy of angina in CAD
- ↓ heart rate, ↓ BP, and ↓ contractility
- Reduce late mortality and non-fatal recurrent infarction post-MI by 25%
- Note: Despite a widely held belief, there is NO reduction in MI or mortality among those with CAD but without a prior MI

Anti-ischemic Medications:

Nitrates

- ↓ Preload by venodilation, ↓ BP, ↑ collateral circulation
- Minimize any component of increased vasomotor tone or spasm
- Relieve symptoms of exertional angina
- Particularly useful in patients with LV dysfunction
- Sublingual: PRN or prophylactically

Anti-ischemic Medications: Calcium Channel Blockers

- Nifedipine or amlodipine
 - For those with hypertension, vasospasm
 - Long-acting preparations are safest
- Diltiazem or verapamil
 - For those with higher heart rates or who cannot tolerate beta blockers

Anti-ischemic Medications: Combination Therapy

- When one alone does not provide symptomatic relief two or three agents are more efficacious
- Nitrates and beta-blockers are especially complementary



Persistent Angina

- Of the 7.8 million Americans with chronic stable angina, 5-15% may have symptoms refractory to triple therapy
- Revascularization is an option
 - But some patients are poor candidates for revascularization
 - Some have persistent angina despite revascularization
- Is there any other pharmacologic option for anti-anginal therapy?

An Additional Pharmacologic Option: Ranolazine (Ranexa)

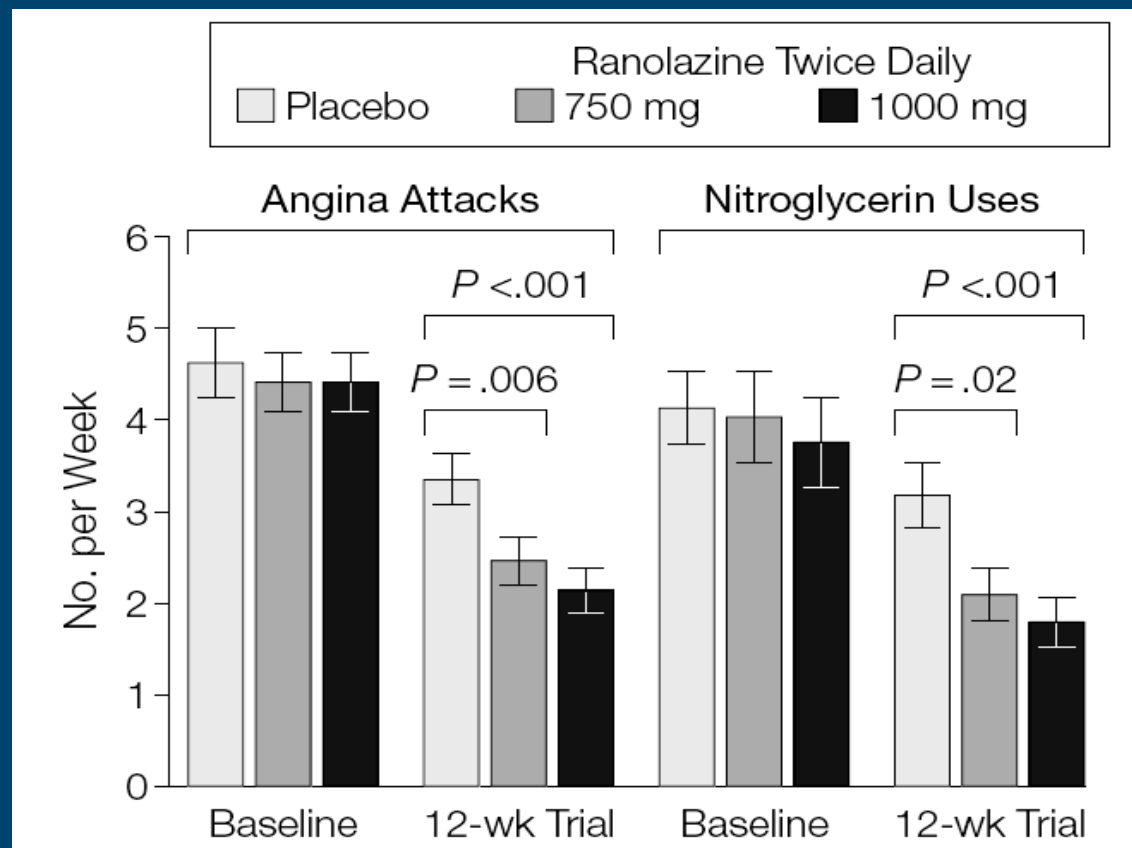
- Newer antianginal agent
 - Approved by the FDA in 1/06
- Mechanism of action is uncertain:
 - Orally active piperazine derivative
 - Does not decrease heart rate or blood pressure
 - Theory: Inhibits late Na^+ current → reduces influx of Ca^{++} → reduces Ca^{++} overload → reduces myocyte dysfunction → reduces diastolic stiffness → reduces extravascular compression of intramural vessels → preserves myocardial blood flow → improves myocardial oxygen delivery

Ranolazine

- Dosage = 500 mg or 1000 mg twice daily
- Has anti-ischemic efficacy when used alone
 - Efficacy similar to atenolol
- Effective in combination with other anti-anginal medications
 - Because it does not decrease HR or BP it can be added even when HR or BP limits standard therapy.

Combination Assessment of Ranolazine in Stable Angina (CARISA) Trial

Double blind trial of 823 patients with CSA symptoms on standard doses of BBs and CCBs randomized to placebo vs. ranolazine and followed for 12 weeks



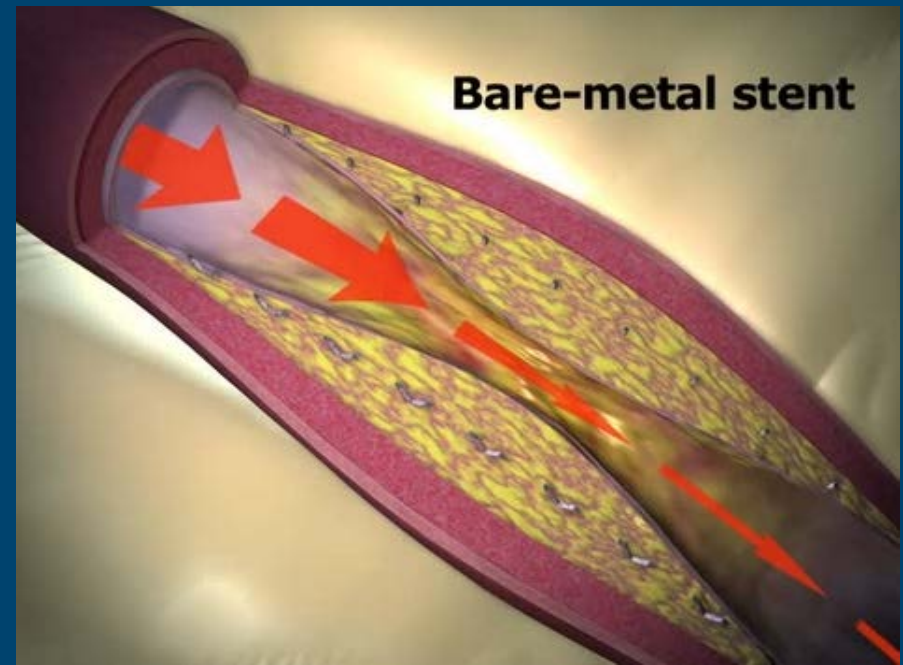
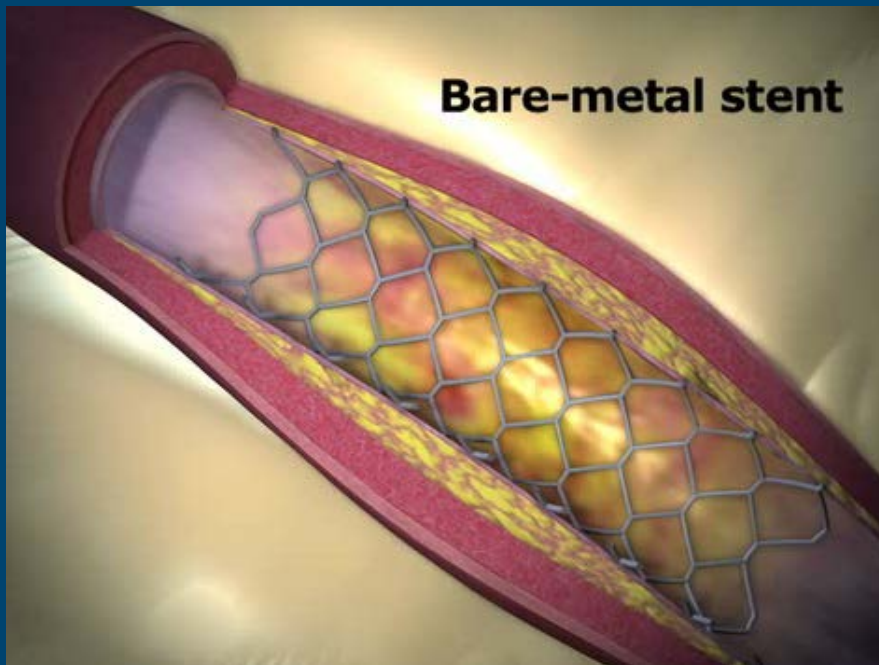
Ranolazine: Precautions

- Side effects:
 - Dizziness, nausea, constipation, vasovagal syncope
- May slightly prolong QTc (avg. 2-5 ms)
 - But trial data showed no evidence of proarrhythmia or sudden death
- Metabolized by liver (cytochrome P3A), excreted in urine
 - Avoid use in sig. liver dysfunction, reduce dose in renal failure
 - Limit dose to 500 mg for those on digoxin, diltiazem, verapamil, erythromycin, fluconazole, TCAs, grapefruit
 - Do not use with strong CYP3A inhibitors: ketoconazole, clarithromycin, etc.
 - Long list of drug interactions, so read prescribing info each time

Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)

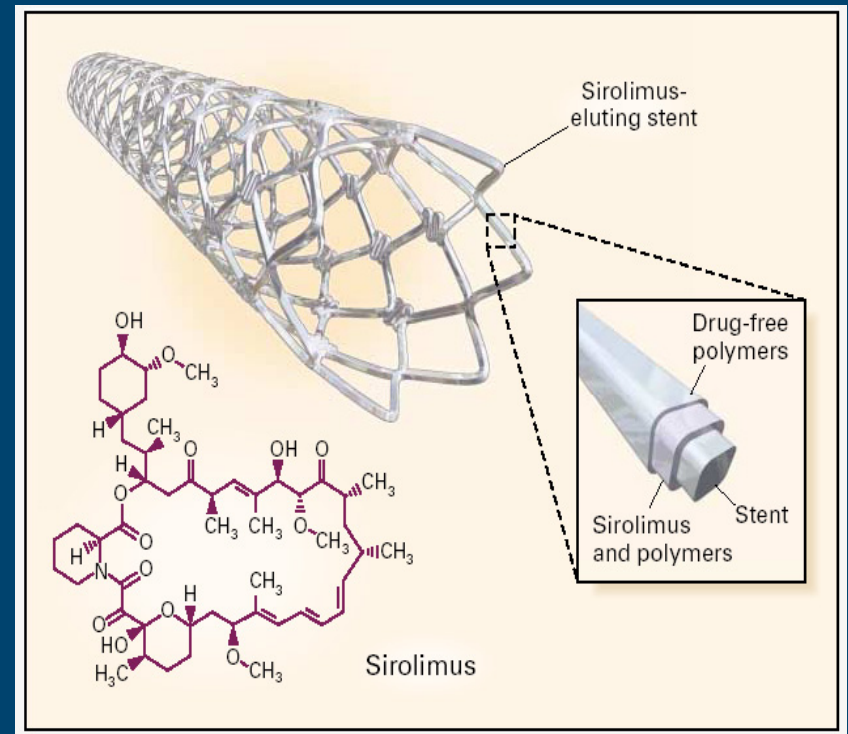
- Balloon angioplasty (PTCA → POBA)
 - Initial success rate = 90-95%
 - Restenosis rate = 30-35%
- Intracoronary stents
 - Clinical restenosis rate decreased to 17%
 - Made angioplasty safer for high risk lesions (e.g. proximal LAD)
 - Not useful in small vessels

Bare-metal Stents: The Risk of Restenosis

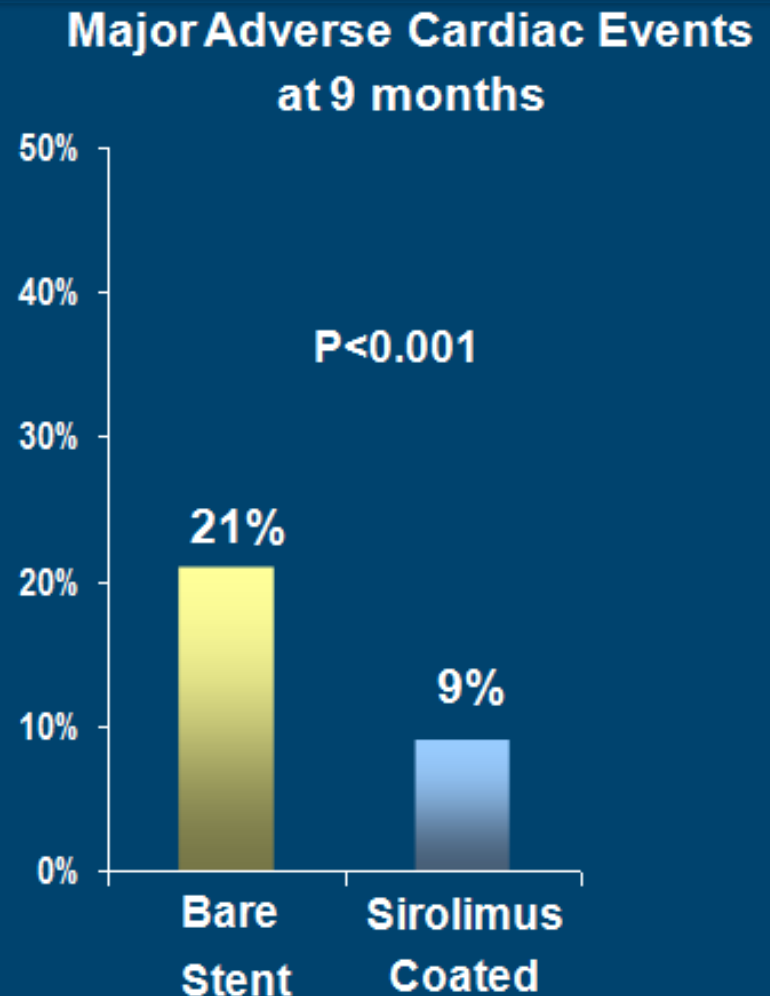
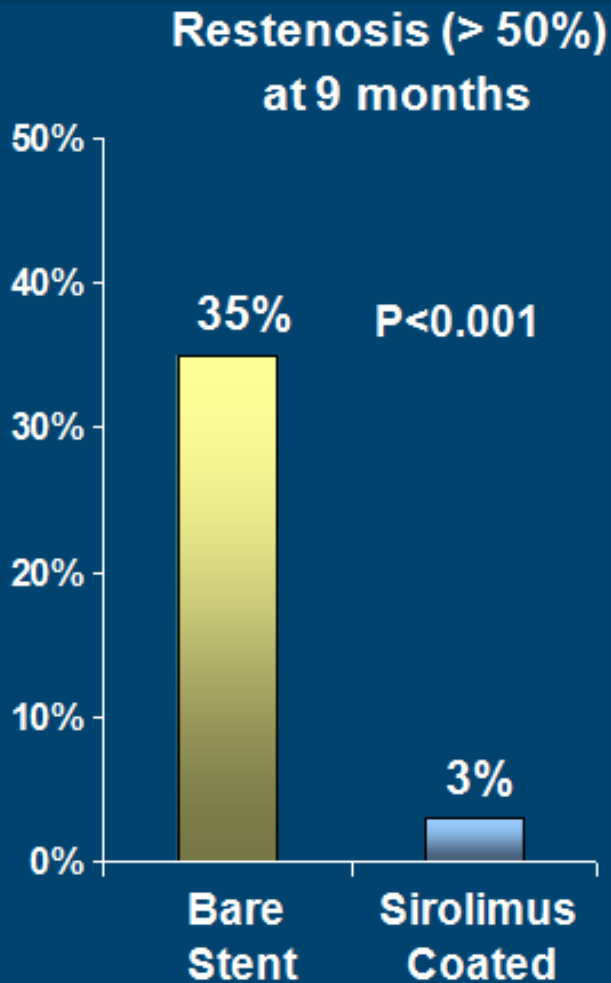


Drug-Eluting Stents

- Stents are coated with polymers impregnated with drugs to arrest the cell cycle and thus prevent neointimal proliferation after stent placement

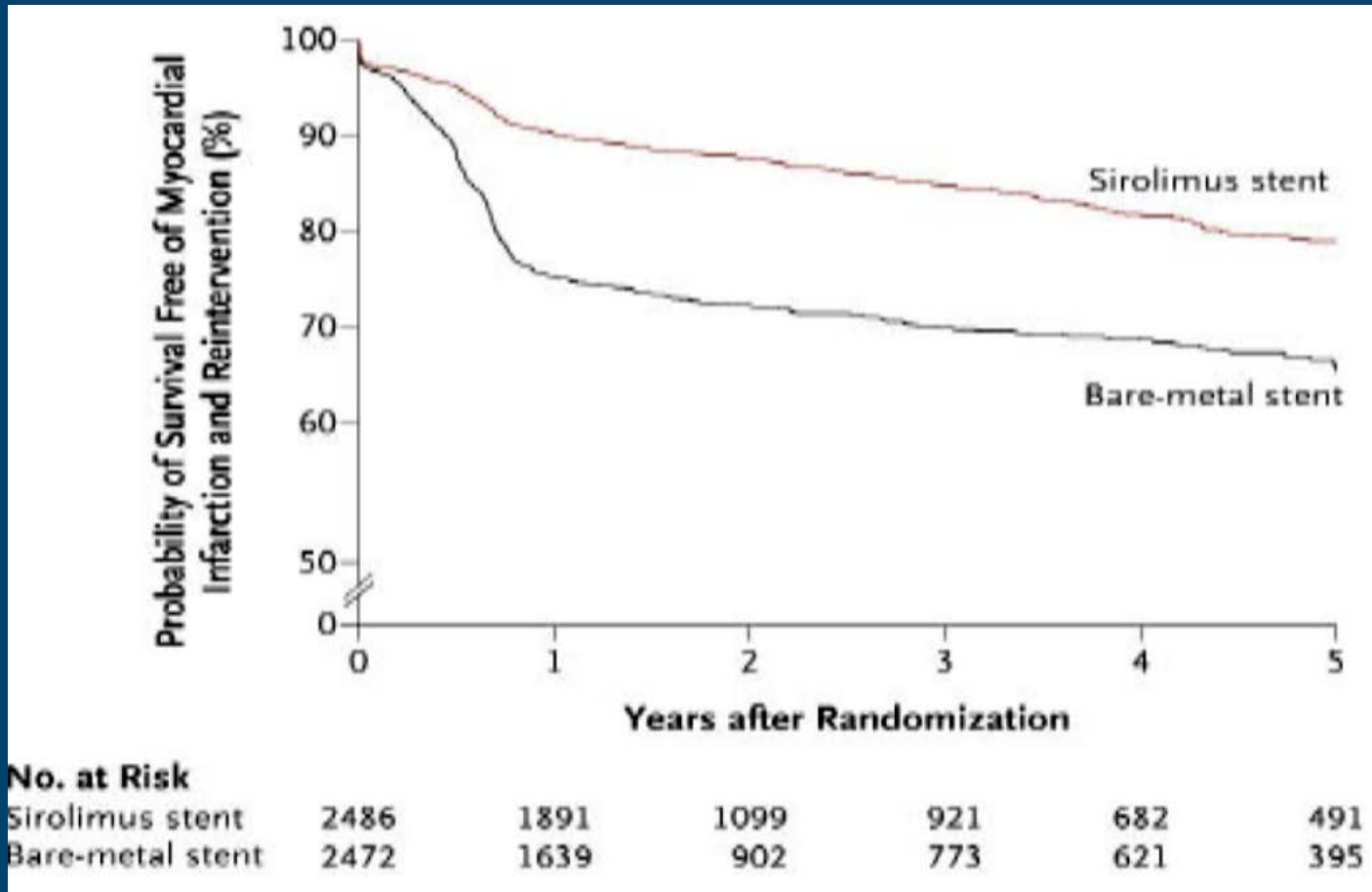


Drug-Eluting Stents: Intermediate Outcomes

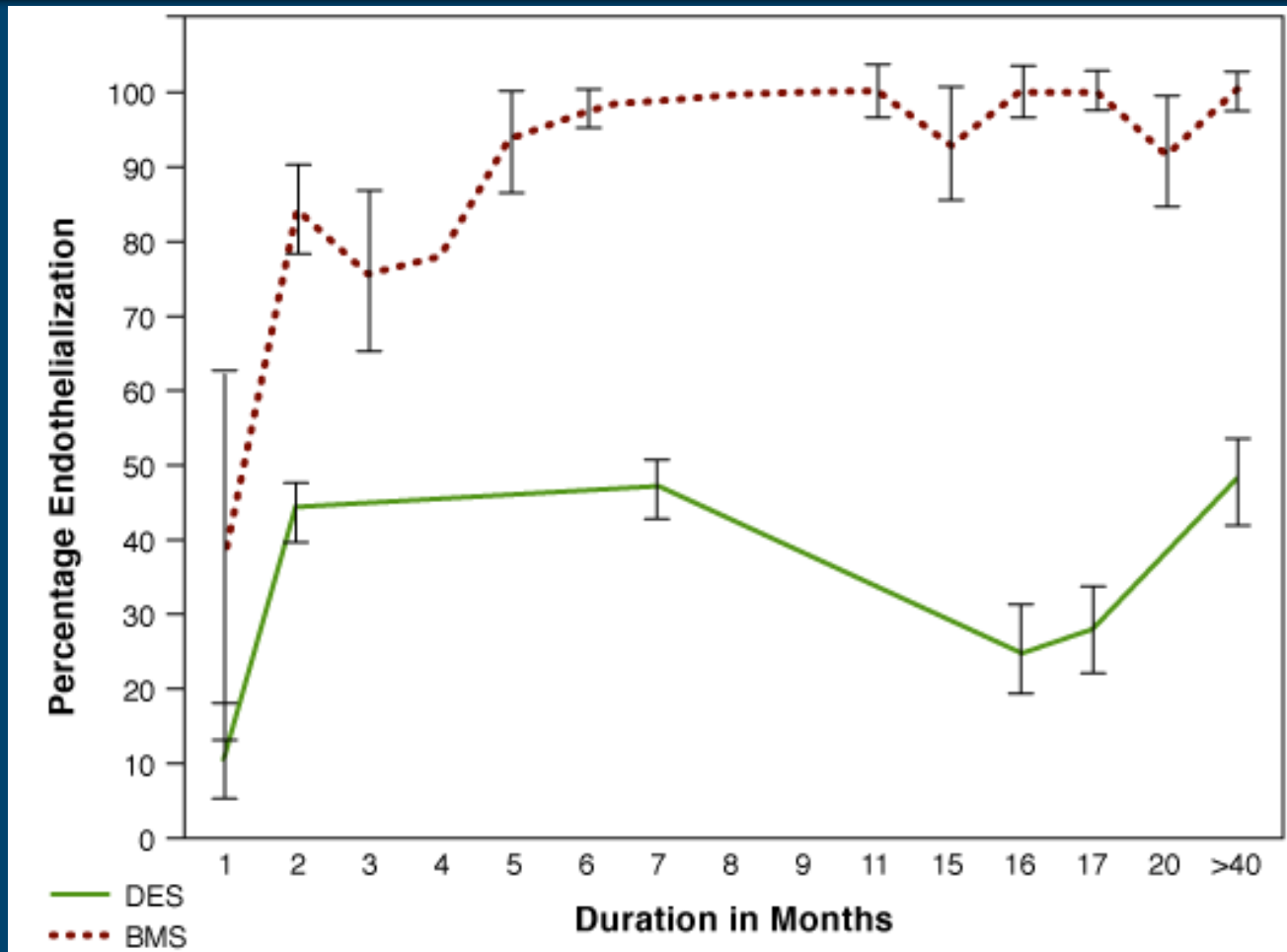


The SIRIUS Study: 1058 patients at 53 US centers
Moses JW, et al. N Engl J Med 2003;349:1315-23

Large Trial Data of DES vs. BMS: Survival Free of MI and Reintervention



Endothelialization in Drug-Eluting Stents vs. Bare Metal Stents



Joner M, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2006;48:193-202.

Drug-Eluting Stents: The Risk of Thrombosis

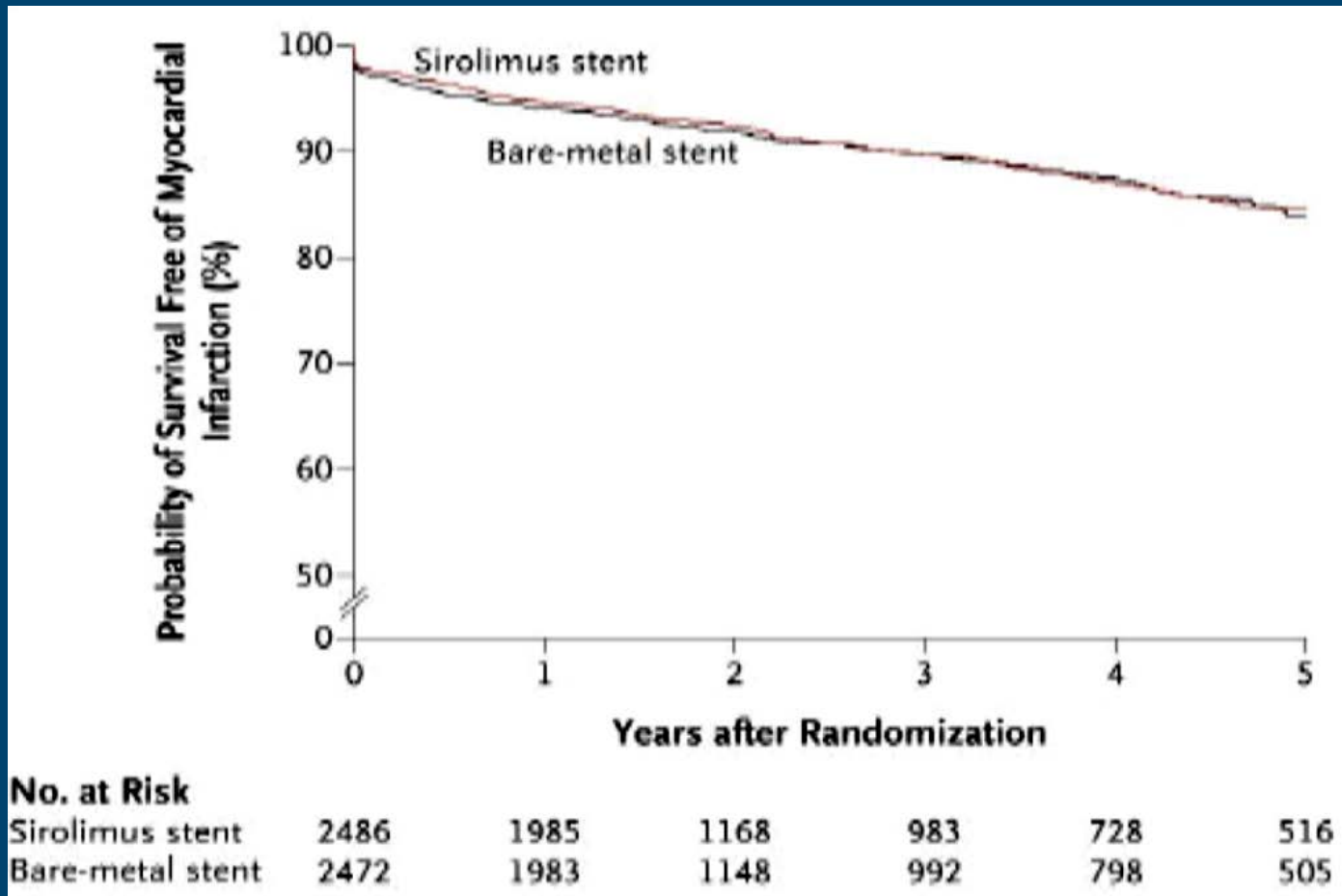


Drug-Eluting Stents: Require Dual Antiplatelet Therapy (DAPT) for at Least 12 Months

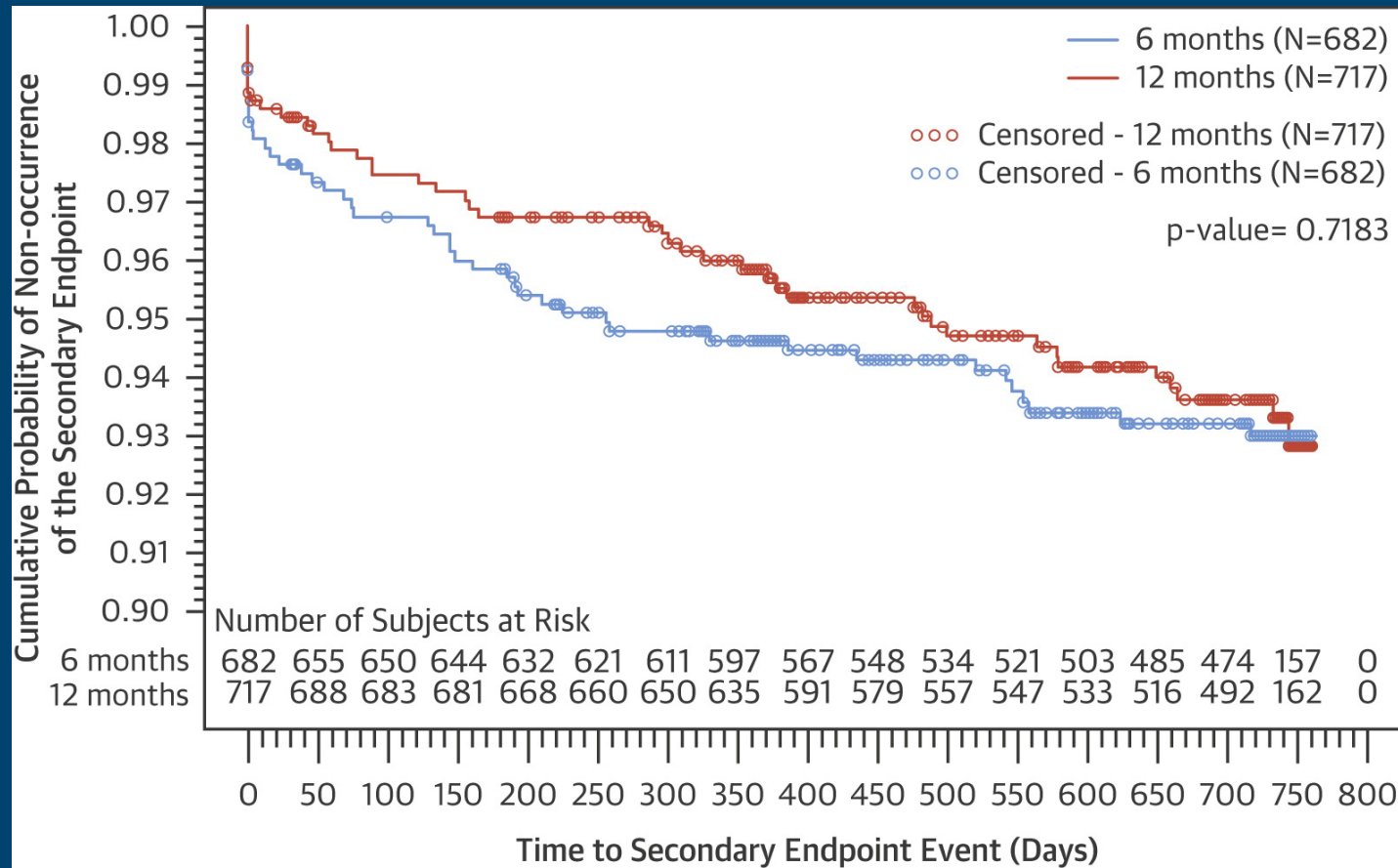


Aspirin plus clopidogrel (or other P2Y₁₂ inhibitor, i.e., ticagrelor or prasugrel)

Large Trial Data of DES vs. BMS: Survival Free of MI

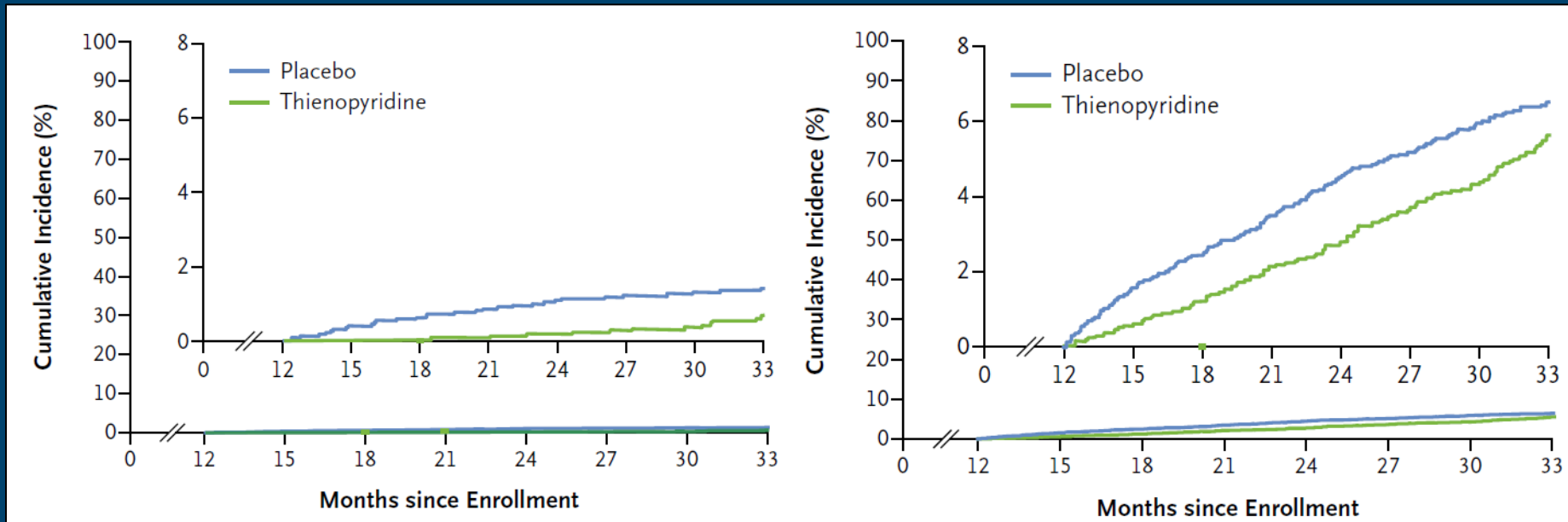


SECURITY: 6 vs. 12-months of dual antiplatelet therapy after 2nd-generation drug eluting stents



DAPT Study: 12 vs. 30 months of dual antiplatelet therapy after drug eluting stents

- 9961 patients who had completed 12 months of DAPT after a drug-eluting stent
- Randomized to an additional 18 months of thienopyridine therapy (clopidogrel or prasugrel) or placebo
- All the patients continued to take aspirin



Incidence of Stent Thrombosis

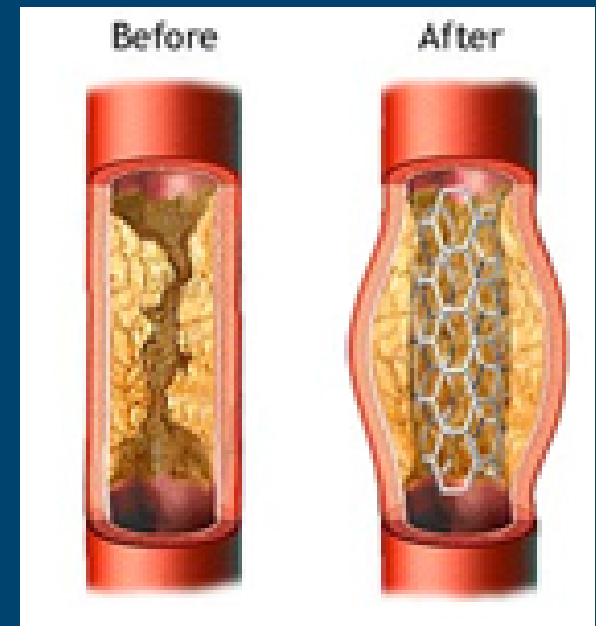
Incidence of Major Cardiovascular or Cerebrovascular Events

Conclusions About Drug-eluting Stents

- DES are effective in reducing restenosis
- Dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) should be continued for at least 12 months post DES, and perhaps indefinitely
- Risk is potentially lower for 2nd generation drug eluting stents, so for select patients DAPT might be discontinued at 6 months
- Impact of DAPT should be considered prior to stent implantation when such therapy may be problematic in the long-term, e.g.:
 - A surgical procedure is anticipated
 - Chronic warfarin therapy is required
 - Peptic ulcer disease / GI bleeding

Traditional Assumptions Regarding Treatment of CAD with Ischemia

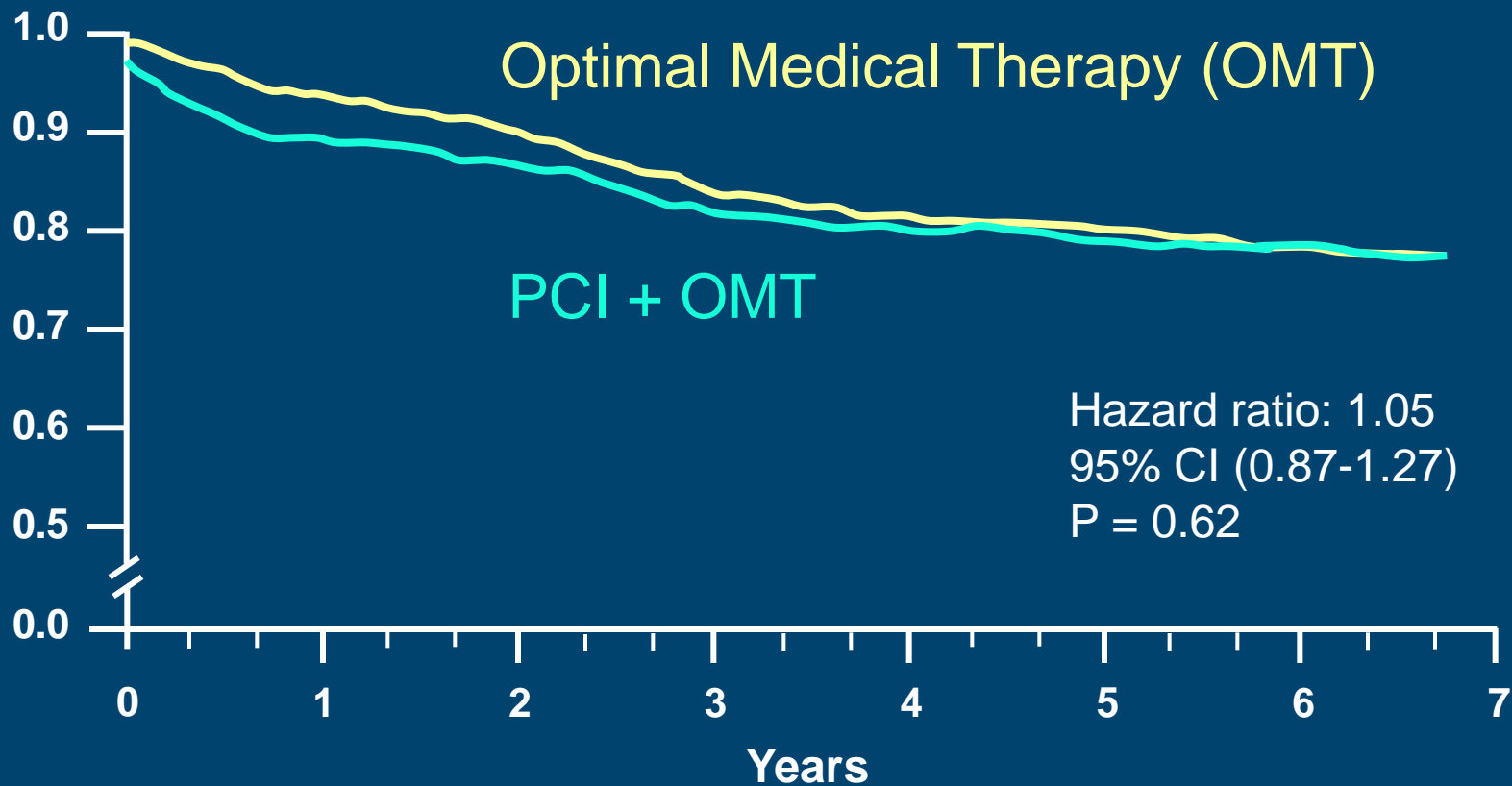
- Patients with symptomatic CAD and chronic angina who have significant coronary stenoses “need” revascularization
- PCI will improve prognosis
 - Prevent MI
 - Prevent cardiac death
- PCI will significantly improve symptoms.



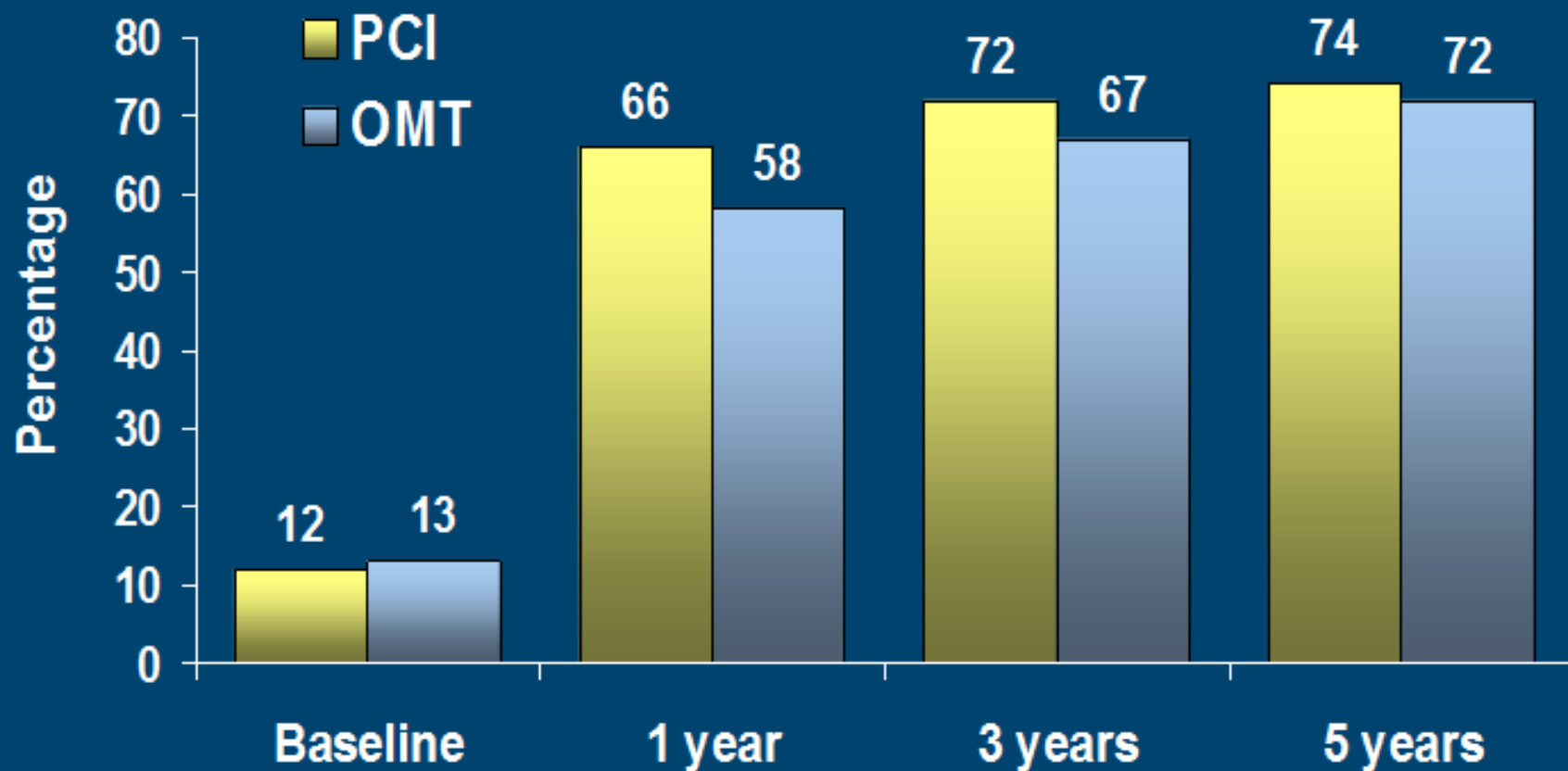
Routine stenting of significant coronary stenoses: The COURAGE Trial

- COURAGE = Clinical Outcomes Utilizing Revascularization and Aggressive Drug Evaluation
 - 2278 subjects with stable CAD
 - $\geq 70\%$ stenosis in a proximal epicardial coronary artery and objective evidence of myocardial ischemia
 - Mild to moderate angina
 - Anatomy suitable for PCI
- Randomized to PCI + optimal medical therapy vs. optimal medical therapy alone
- 2.5 to 7 year follow-up (mean 4.6 years)
- Primary outcome: Death or non-fatal MI.

Survival Free from Death or Non-Fatal MI



Freedom from Angina During Follow-up

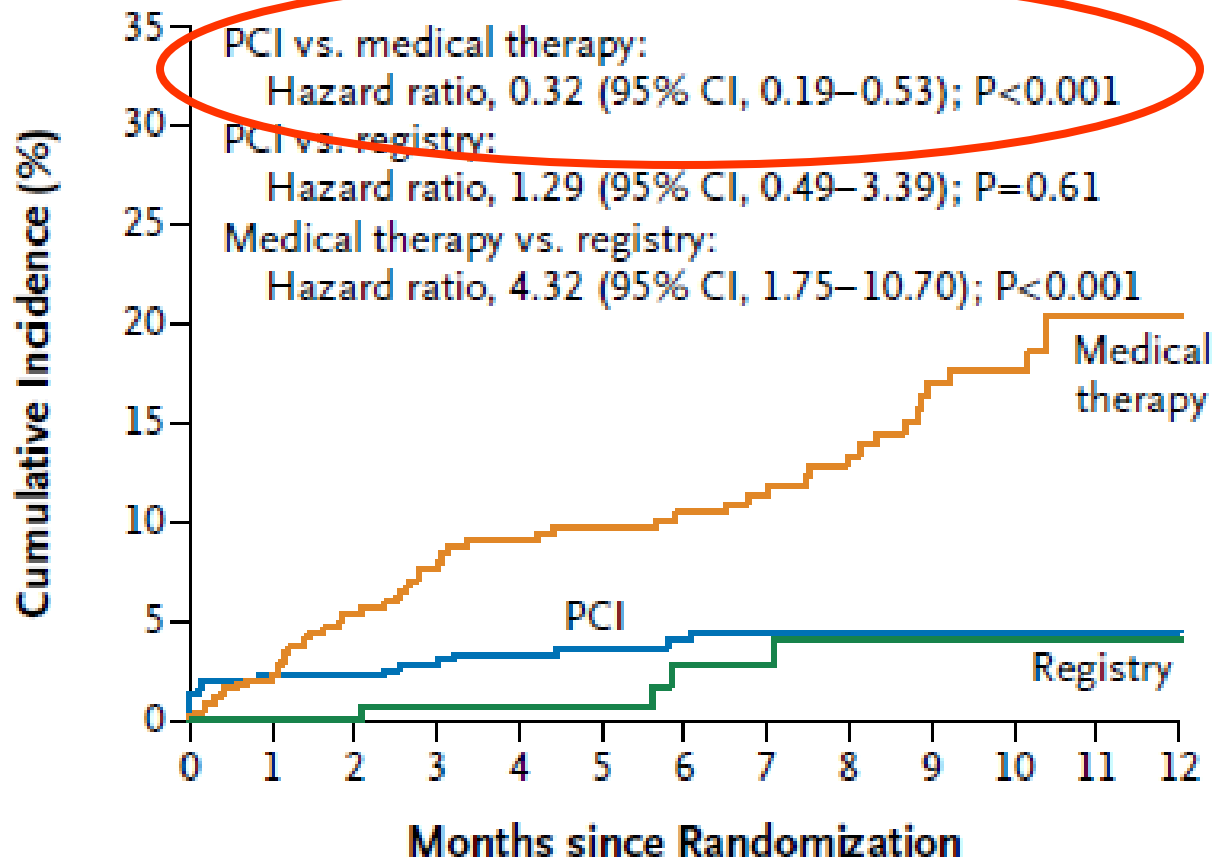


Fractional Flow Reserve vs. Angiography for Multivessel Evaluation 2 (FAME 2) Trial

- Hypothesis: Patients with functionally significant stenoses, as determined by measurement of fractional flow reserve (FFR), PCI plus BMT would be superior to BMT alone.
- 888 patients were randomized to PCI vs. BMT alone
 - With stable CAD for whom PCI was being considered
 - Who had a functionally significant stenosis ($FFR \leq 0.80$) in at least one visually stenotic ($\geq 50\%$) coronary were randomly assigned
 - 332 patients with $FFR > 0.80$ (non stenotic) were entered into a registry and received BMT
- The primary end point was a composite of death, MI, or urgent revascularization.
 - Study terminated early due to sig. differences in primary endpoint

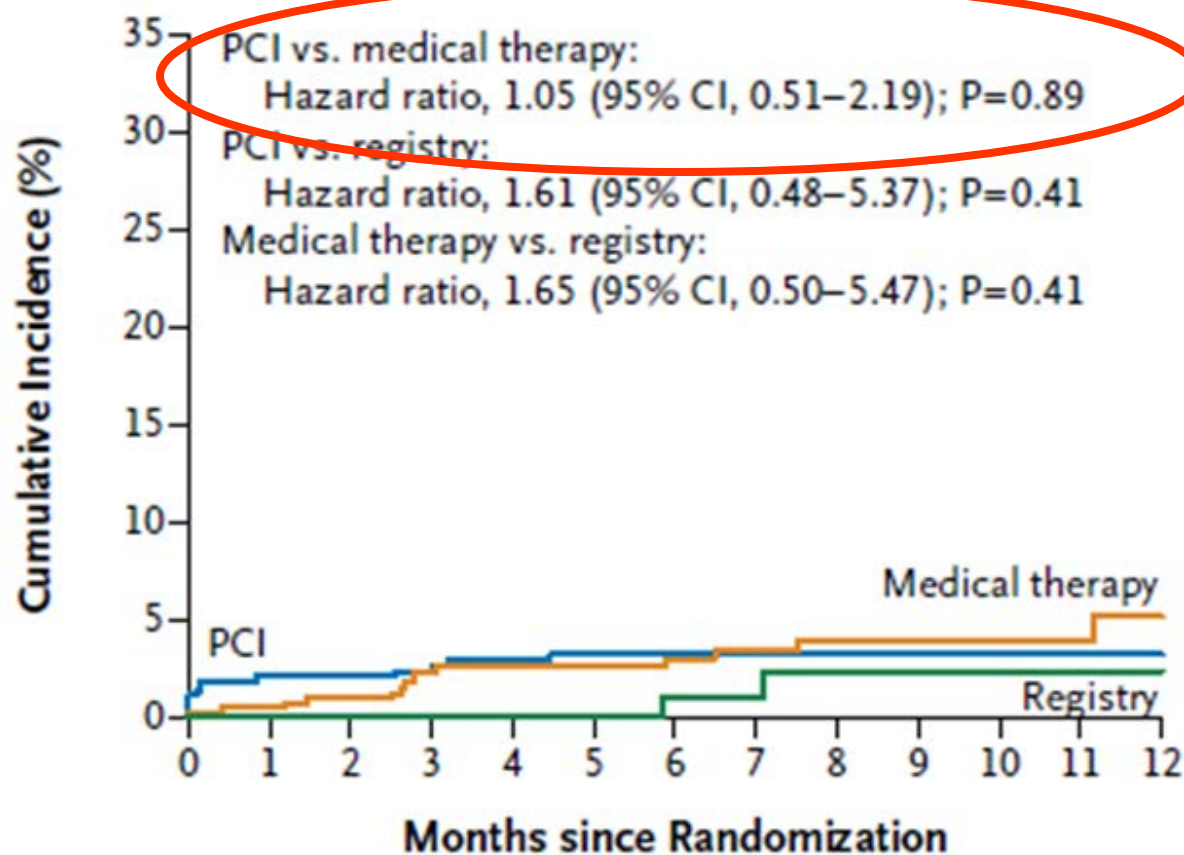
FAME 2: Incidence of Primary End Point of Death, MI, or Urgent Revascularization

Primary End Point



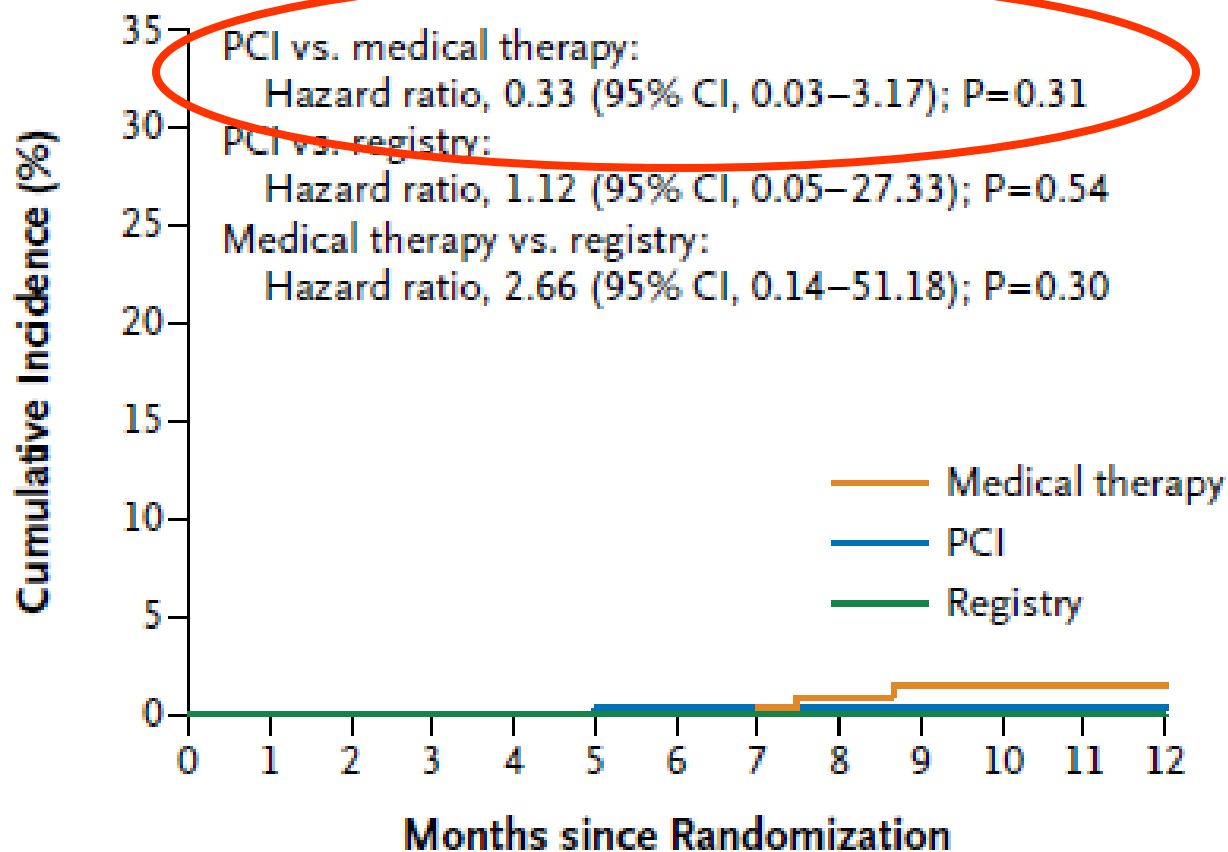
FAME-2: Incidence of MI

Myocardial Infarction



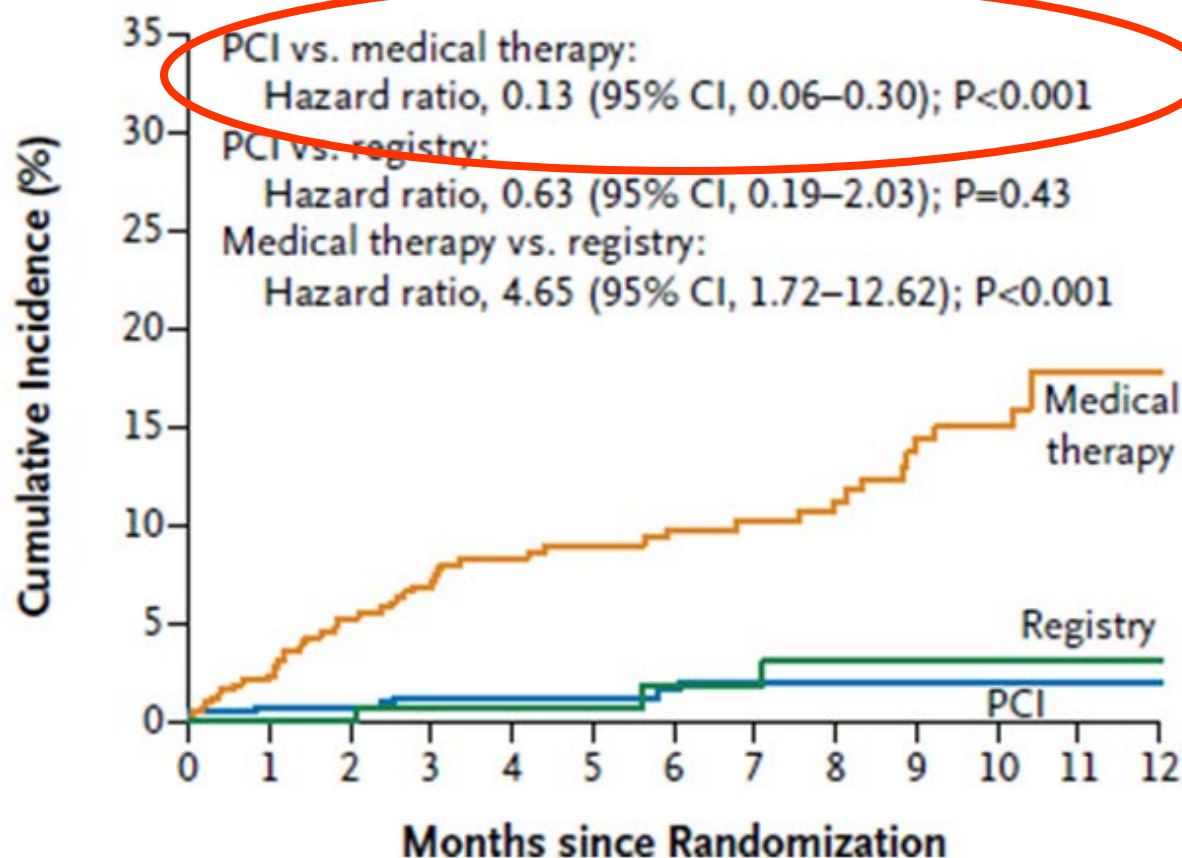
FAME-2: Incidence of All-Cause Mortality

Death from Any Cause



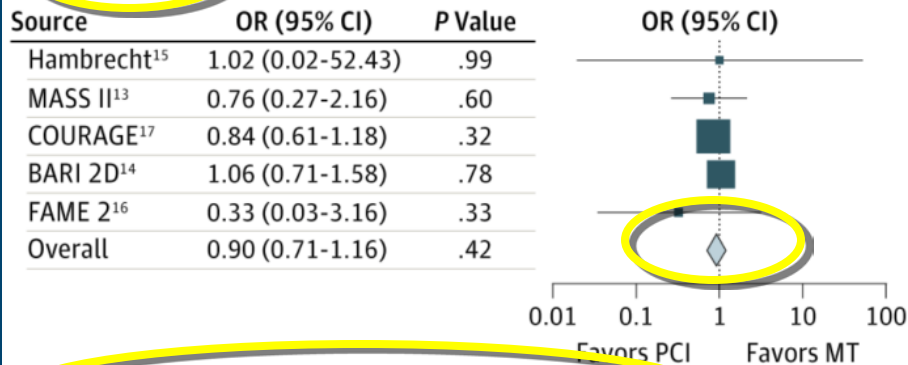
FAME-2: Incidence of “Urgent” Revascularization

Urgent Revascularization

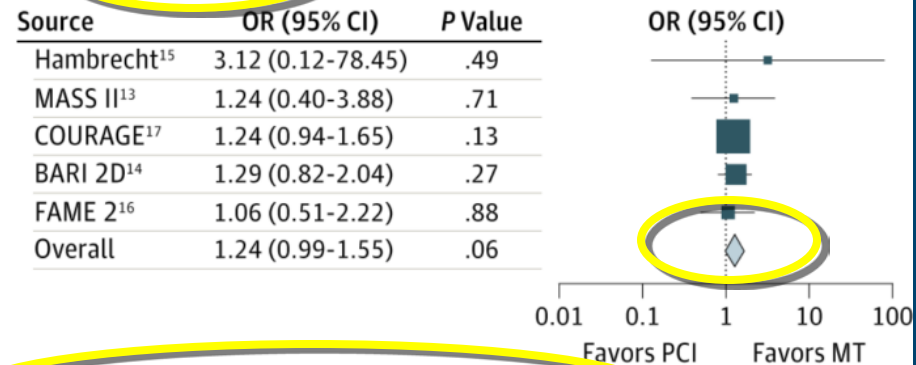


Meta-analysis of Initial Stenting vs. Medical Management for Stable Coronary Stenoses

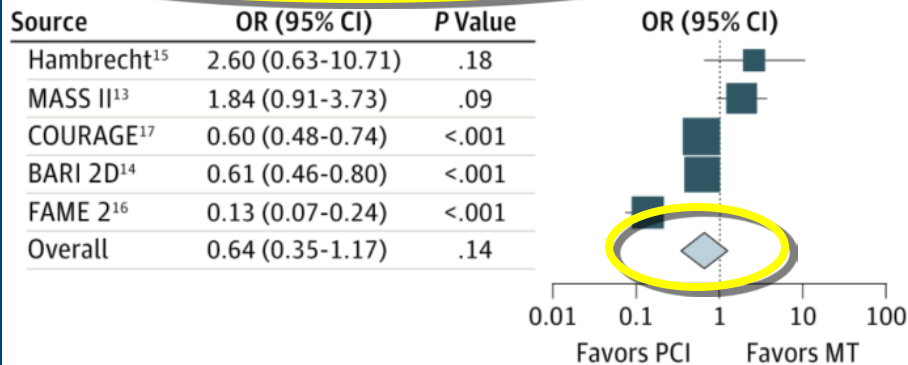
A Death



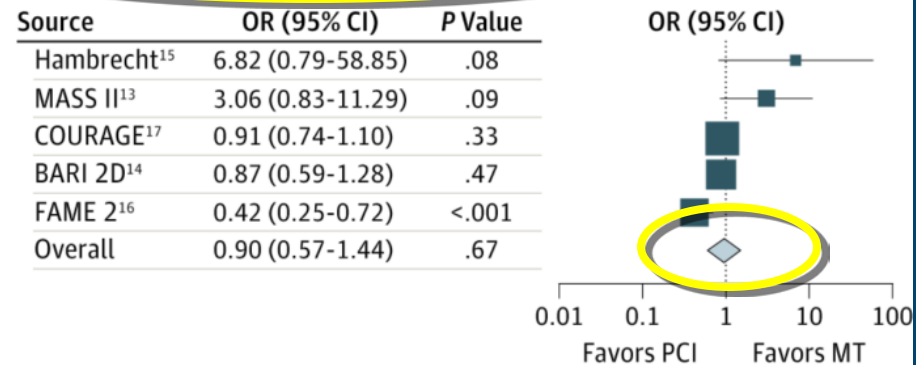
B Non-fatal MI



C Unplanned revascularization



D Angina during follow-up

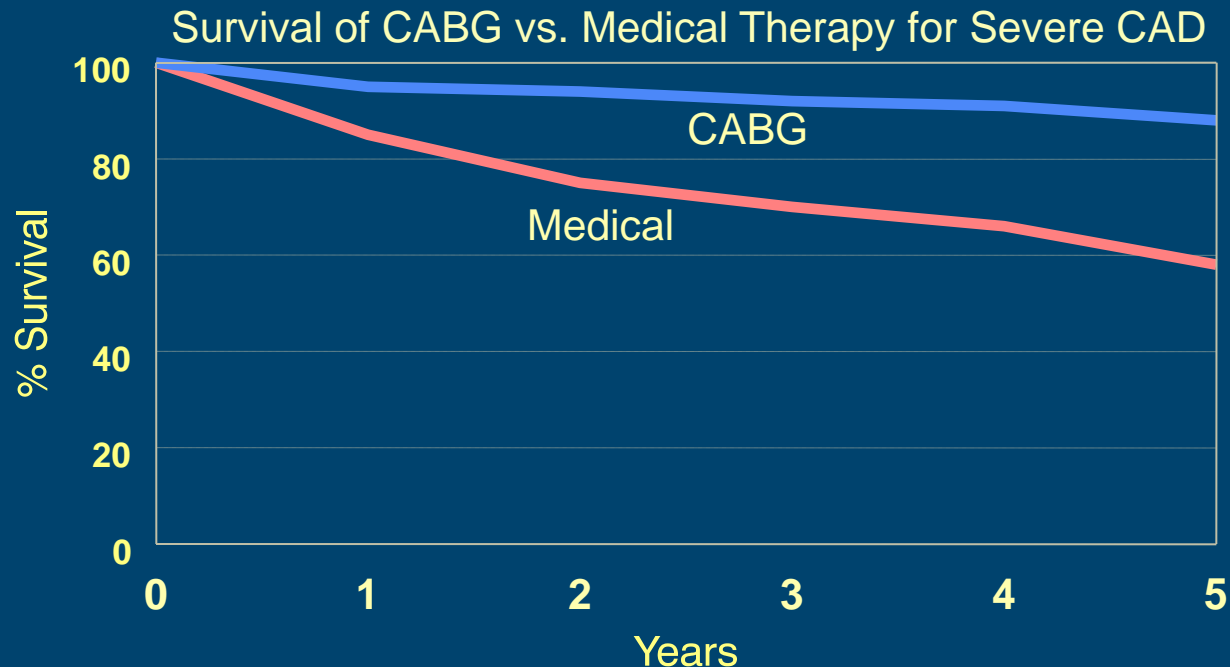


Waiting for the final word...

- The International Study of Comparative Health Effectiveness with Medical and Invasive Approaches (ISCHEMIA)
- NIH granted \$84 million
- Designed and powered to evaluate the long-term superiority of revascularization plus OMT vs. OMT alone
- Patients with stable CAD and moderate-to-severe myocardial ischemia documented noninvasively
- Outcomes = cardiovascular death or MI
- Currently enrolling

Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (CABG): Long-term Outcomes

- Effectively relieves symptoms of angina
- Reduces mortality in selected groups
 - 3 vessel-disease
 - Left main stenosis (or left-main equivalent)



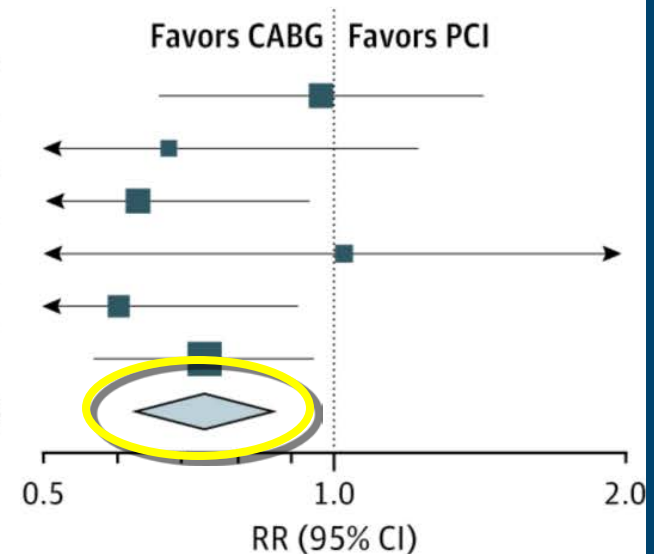
Meta-analysis of Randomized Trials of CABG vs. PCI in the Modern Era

- 6 randomized trials
 - 6055 patients with multi-vessel CAD
 - Median follow-up 4.1 years
- Primary outcomes
 - Death
 - Myocardial infarction
 - Repeat revascularization
 - Stroke

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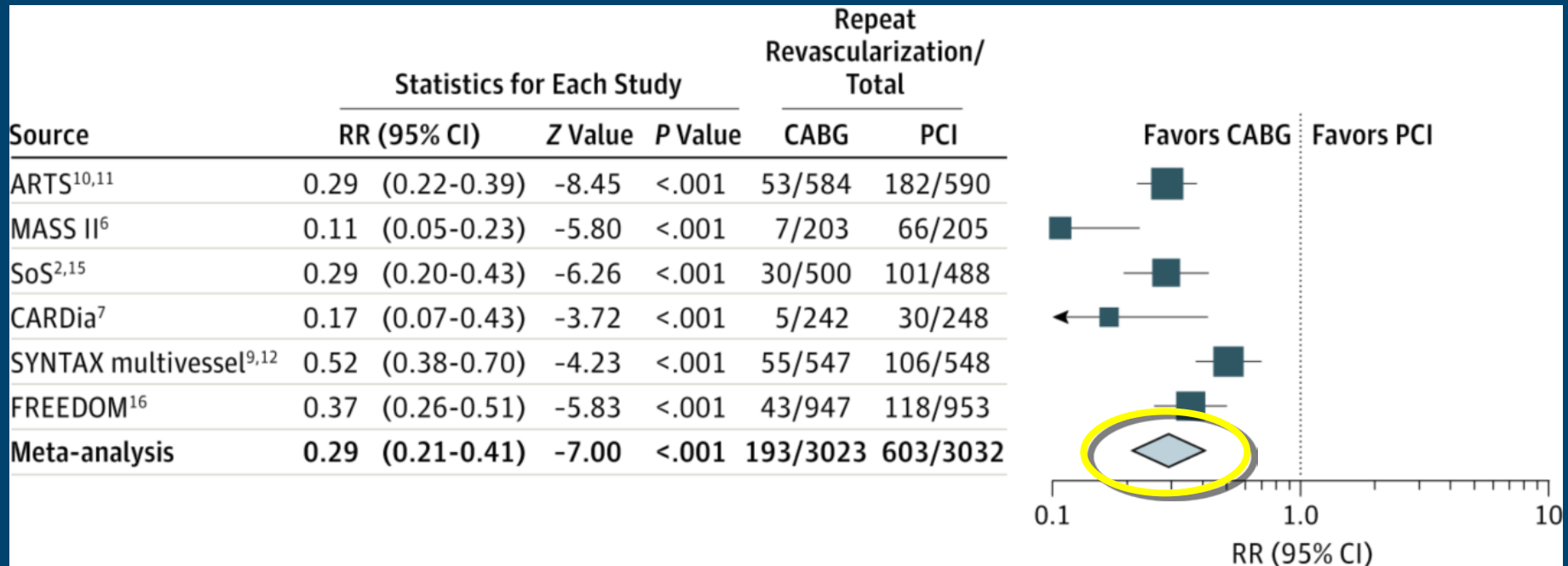
Mortality

Source	Statistics for Each Study				Death/Total	
	RR (95% CI)	Z Value	P Value	CABG	PCI	
ARTS ^{10,11}	0.97 (0.66-1.43)	-0.16	.87	46/584	48/590	
MASS II ⁶	0.67 (0.37-1.23)	-1.29	.20	16/203	24/205	
SoS ^{2,15}	0.63 (0.41-0.95)	-2.23	.03	34/500	53/488	
CARDia ⁷	1.02 (0.39-2.69)	0.05	.96	8/242	8/248	
SYNTAX multivessel ^{9,12}	0.60 (0.39-0.92)	-2.36	.02	31/547	52/548	
FREEDOM ¹⁶	0.73 (0.56-0.95)	-2.31	.02	86/947	118/953	
Meta-analysis	0.73 (0.62-0.86)	-3.69	<.001	221/3023	303/3032	



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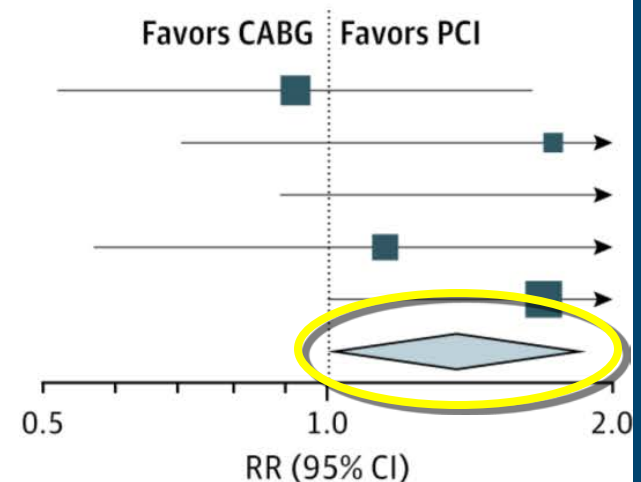
Repeat Revascularization



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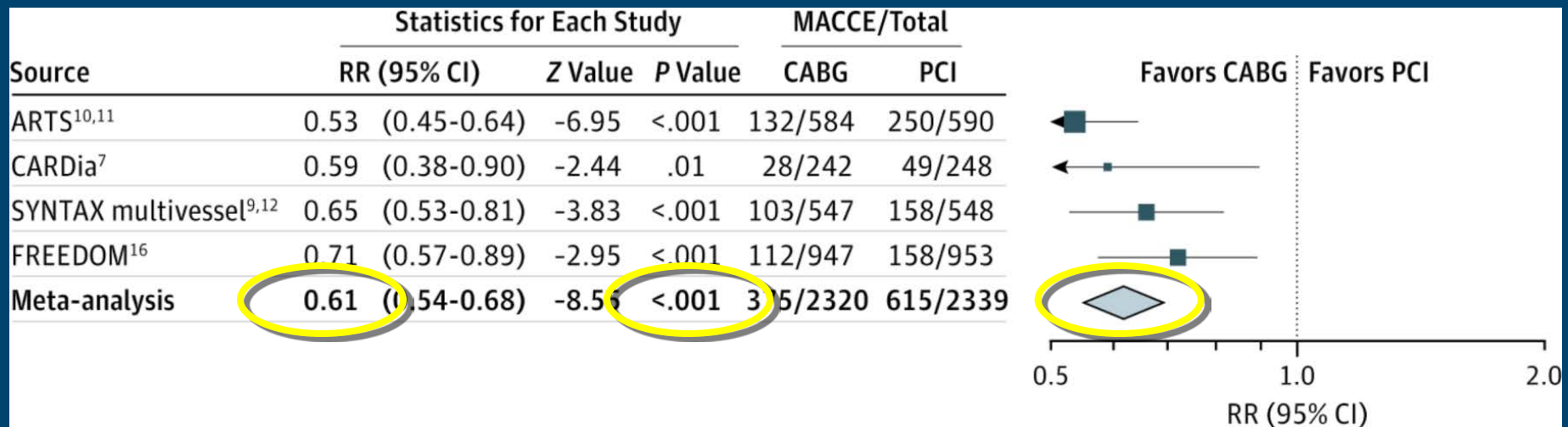
Stroke

Source	Statistics for Each Study			Stroke/Total	
	RR (95% CI)	Z Value	P Value	CABG	PCI
ARTS ^{10,11}	0.92 (0.52-1.65)	-0.27	0.79	21/584	23/590
MASS II ⁶	1.73 (0.70-4.31)	1.18	0.24	12/203	7/205
CARDia ⁷	7.17 (0.89-57.87)	1.85	0.06	7/242	1/248
SYNTAX multivessel ^{9,12}	1.14 (0.56-2.32)	0.38	0.71	16/547	14/548
FREEDOM ¹⁶	1.69 (1.01-2.85)	1.98	0.05	37/947	22/953
Meta-analysis	1.36 (0.99-1.86)	1.91	0.06	93/2523	67/2544



Meta-analysis of Randomized Trials of CABG vs. PCI in the Modern Era

Major Adverse Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Events (MACCE)



Intermediate Results of Revascularization: Outcomes at 5 years

- BARI trial (Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation), 1990s:
 - Revascularization failure comparable (20% vs 22%)
 - Recurrence of angina was predominantly due to progression of native CAD and less often the failure of the original revascularization procedure
- Therefore we need to diligently treat the underlying atherosclerosis even among those who have been revascularized