

The Timing of Angiography after NSTEMI: Now, or a Little Later or Only if Needed?

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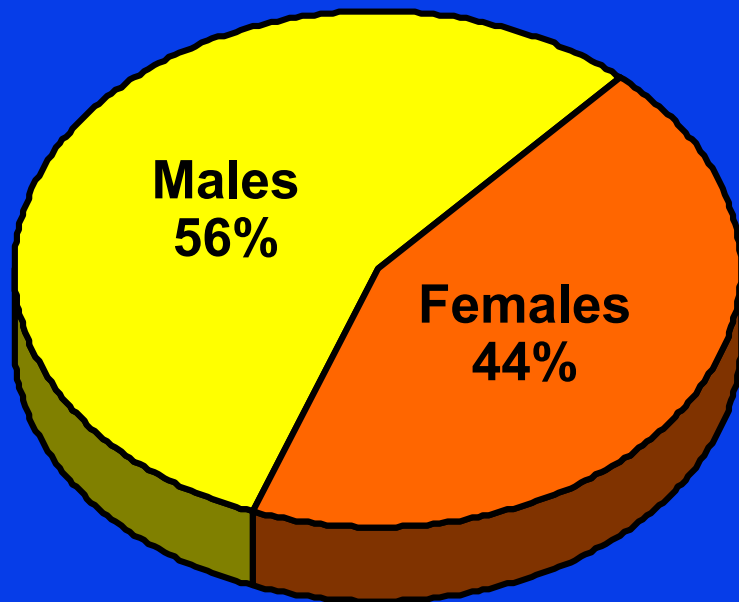
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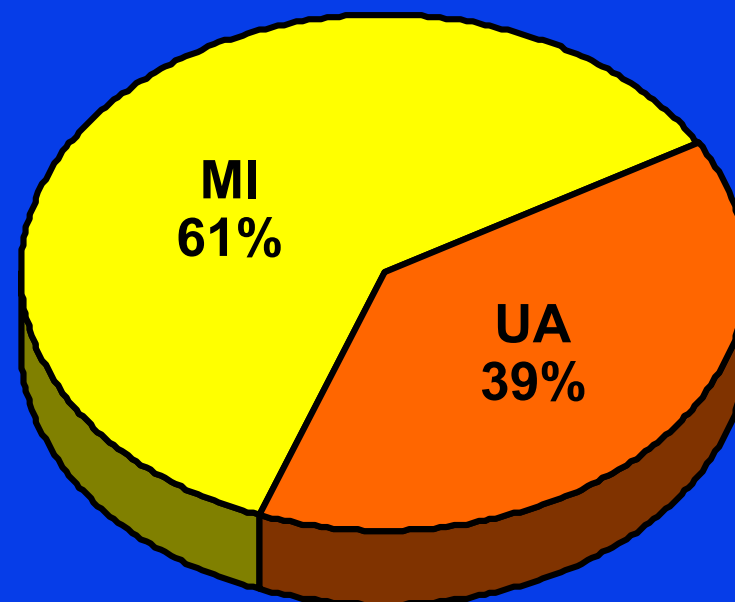
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Acute Coronary Syndromes 2006

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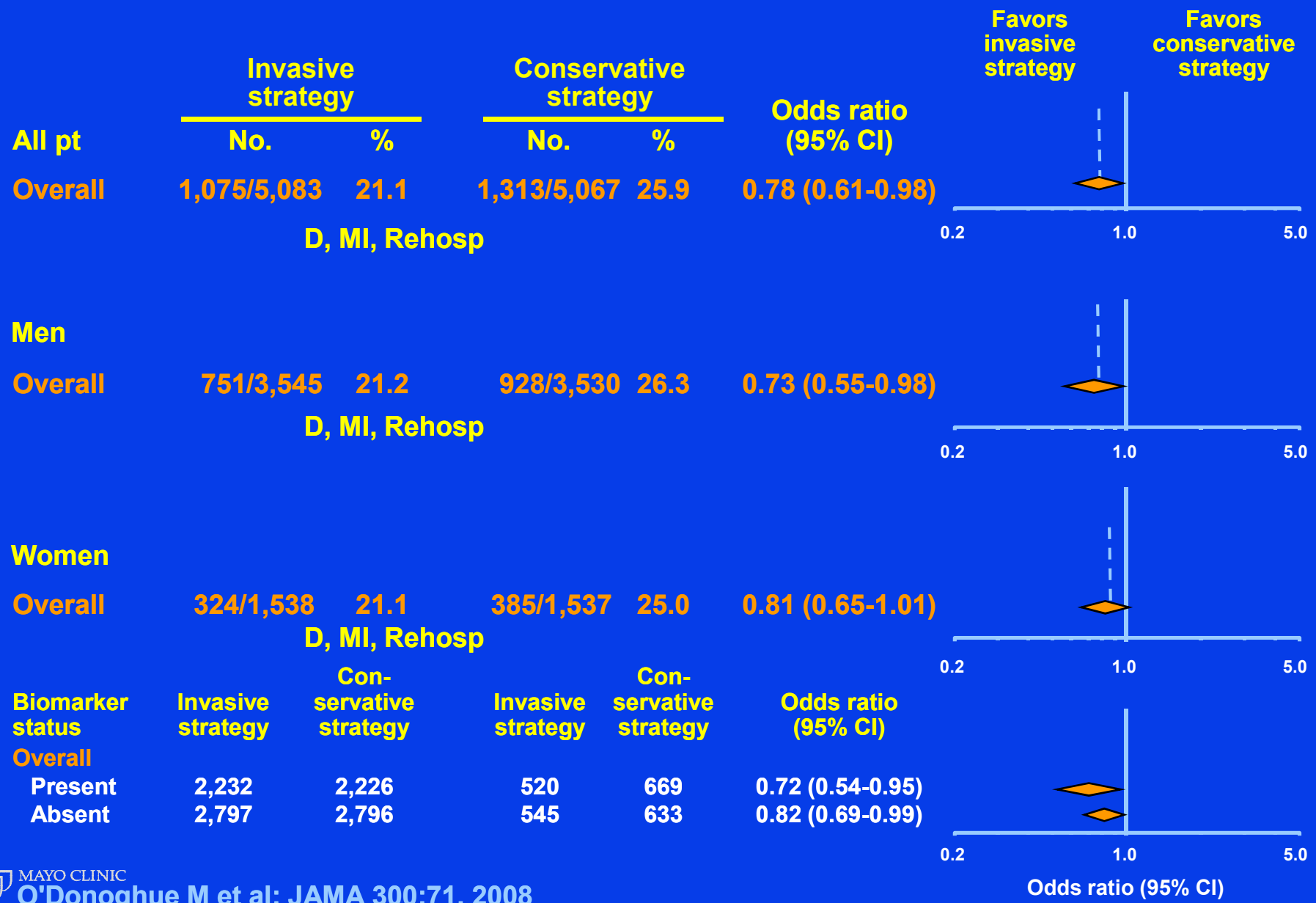
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Invasive vs Conservative Strategies ACS, NSTEMI

- **Meta-analysis of 8 RCT's: 1994-2005**
- **Evaluate sex specific incidences of death, MI and rehospitalization with ACS at 12 months of follow-up**

Invasive vs Conservative Treatment Strategy in NSTE ACS



Early Invasive vs Conservative Treatment

Conclusions: In NSTEMI ACS, an invasive strategy has a comparable benefit in men and high-risk women for reducing the composite end point of death, MI, or rehospitalization with ACS. In contrast, our data provide evidence supporting the new guideline recommendation for a conservative strategy in low-risk women.

Patients with unstable angina and non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI), data from some trials suggest that this strategy may not benefit women. Despite an overall benefit for patients randomized to an invasive strategy in the FRISC II (Fragmin and Fast Revascularisation During Instability in Coronary Artery Disease) and the RITA 3 (Randomized Intervention Trial of Unstable Angina) trials,^{1,3} subgroup analyses from these studies showed that an invasive strategy may be associated with a higher risk of death or MI in wom-

en. In contrast, our data provide evidence supporting the new guideline recommendation for a conservative strategy in low-risk women. In NSTEMI ACS, an invasive strategy was not associated with a significant reduction in the triple composite end point in biomarker-negative women (OR, 0.94; 95% CI, 0.61-1.44; *P* for interaction = .36) and was associated with a nonsignificant 35% higher odds of death or MI (OR, 1.35; 95% CI, 0.78-2.35; *P* for interaction = .08). Among men, the OR for death, MI, or ACS was 0.56 (95% CI, 0.46-0.67) if biomarker-positive and 0.72 (95% CI, 0.51-1.01) if biomarker-negative (*P* for interaction = .09).

Conclusions In NSTEMI ACS, an invasive strategy has a comparable benefit in men and high-risk women for reducing the composite end point of death, MI, or rehospitalization with ACS. In contrast, our data provide evidence supporting the new guideline recommendation for a conservative strategy in low-risk women.

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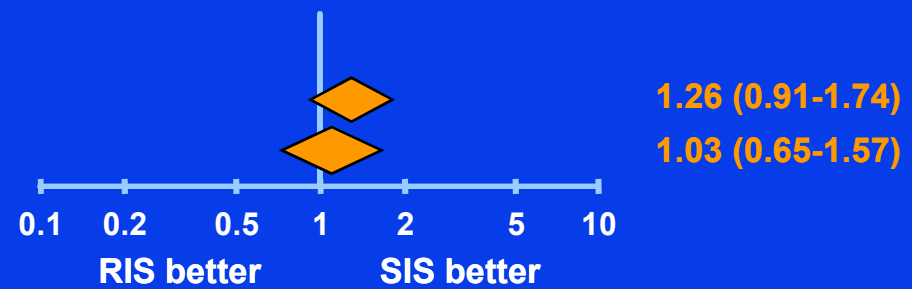
Invasive vs Conservative Strategies

- **Systematic review of 10 trials and 10,648 patients with NSTEMI ACS with random assignment to routine invasive or a selective invasive strategy**
- **Evaluate composite outcome of death or non fatal infarction**

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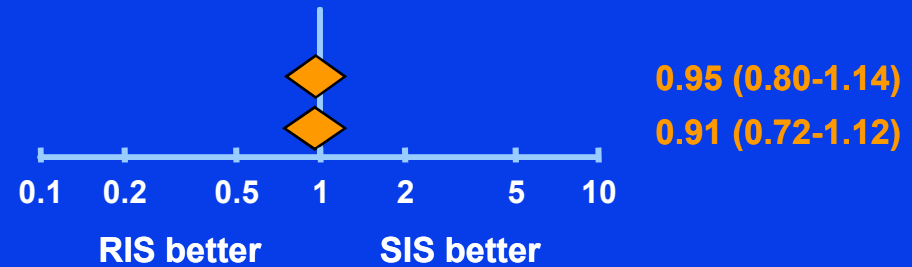
Meta-Analysis, In-hospital death/nonfatal MI

Total 376/5,330 279/5,318
Relative risk (Q statistic P<0.001; I²=74.1%)
Bayesian relative risk



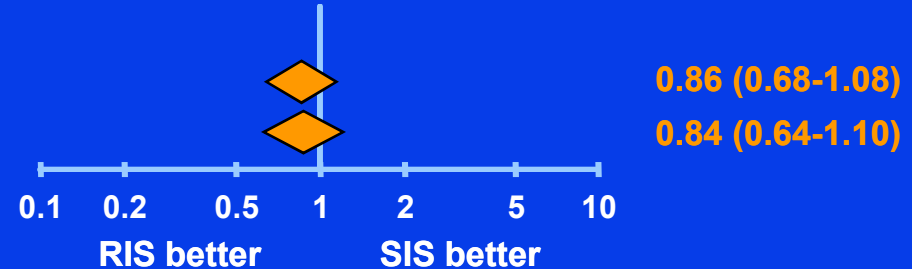
Meta-Analysis, F/U Death

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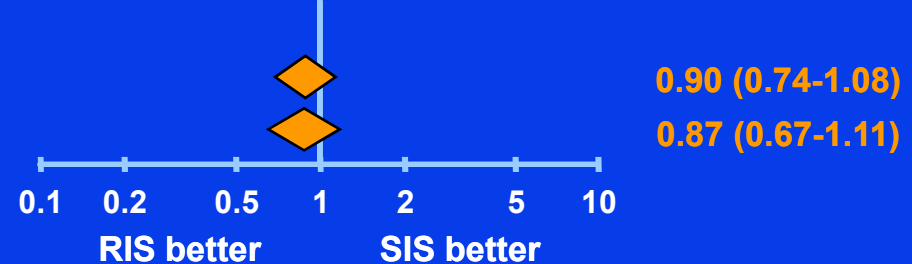
Meta-Analysis, F/U Nonfatal MI

Total 490/5,330 569/5,318
Relative risk (Q statistic P=0.004; I²=63.2%)
Bayesian relative risk



Meta-Analysis, F/U Combined Death or Nonfatal MI

Total 847/5,330 928/5,318
Relative risk (Q statistic P<0.001; I²=72.1%)
Bayesian relative risk



Systematic Review: Comparing Routine and Selective Invasive Strategies for the Acute Coronary Syndrome

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Background: Patients with non-ST-segment elevation acute coronary syndrome (ACS) are managed with either a routine invasive strategy, in which all patients receive coronary angiography, or a selective invasive strategy, in which only patients with refractory or inducible ischemia receive coronary angiography.

Purpose: To evaluate whether a routine invasive strategy improves cardiovascular outcomes more than a selective invasive strategy in patients with non-ST-segment elevation ACS.

Data Sources: English-language publications in PubMed, EMBASE, and the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials from 1966 to 18 September 2007.

Study Selection: Two investigators independently reviewed searches and selected trials that compared death or myocardial infarction outcomes among adults with non-ST-segment elevation ACS by randomly assigning patients to either a routine invasive strategy or a selective invasive strategy.

Data Extraction: Three investigators independently abstracted data from trial reports by using standardized forms.

Data Synthesis: 10 trials with a total of 10 648 patients (mean age, 62 years; 71% male; median follow-up, 16.5 months) were found. Trial participants had typical symptoms of unstable angina

and frequently had a positive electrocardiogram or marker evidence of myocardial ischemia. Of the 5330 participants assigned to the routine invasive strategy group, 847 had the composite outcome of death or nonfatal myocardial infarction, compared with 928 of 5318 participants assigned to the selective invasive strategy group (relative risk, 0.90 [95% CI, 0.74 to 1.08]). Four hundred thirty-eight patients in the routine invasive strategy group and 463 in the selective invasive strategy group died (relative risk, 0.95 [CI, 0.80 to 1.14]). Four hundred ninety and 569 nonfatal myocardial infarctions, respectively, occurred in the 2 groups (relative risk, 0.86 [CI, 0.68 to 1.08]).

Limitations: Methodology, protocols, and outcome definitions differed substantially among the trials. The lower bound of the CI for the pooled results did not rule out the superiority of the routine invasive strategy.

Conclusion: Available trial evidence is heterogeneous and insufficient for comparing routine and selective invasive strategies. Therefore, in patients with non-ST-segment elevation ACS a routine invasive strategy cannot be proven to reduce deaths or nonfatal myocardial infarction.

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base searches, we also hand searched reference lists of retrieved articles and personal files of investigators to identify missed trials.

Study Selection

Two investigators independently screened the titles and abstracts of the reports that were identified in the searches. We selected trials that randomly assigned patients



Insight

- Occasional glimpse that life affords us of not just who but what we actually are
- Evaluation of the outcomes of actual treatment received

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Intended vs Received ICTUS Trial

- **ICTUS**
 - **Randomized clinical trial of 1200 patients with NSTEMI-ACS**
- **Randomization to early invasive or selective invasive strategy**
- **No significant benefit at 4 years with early invasive**

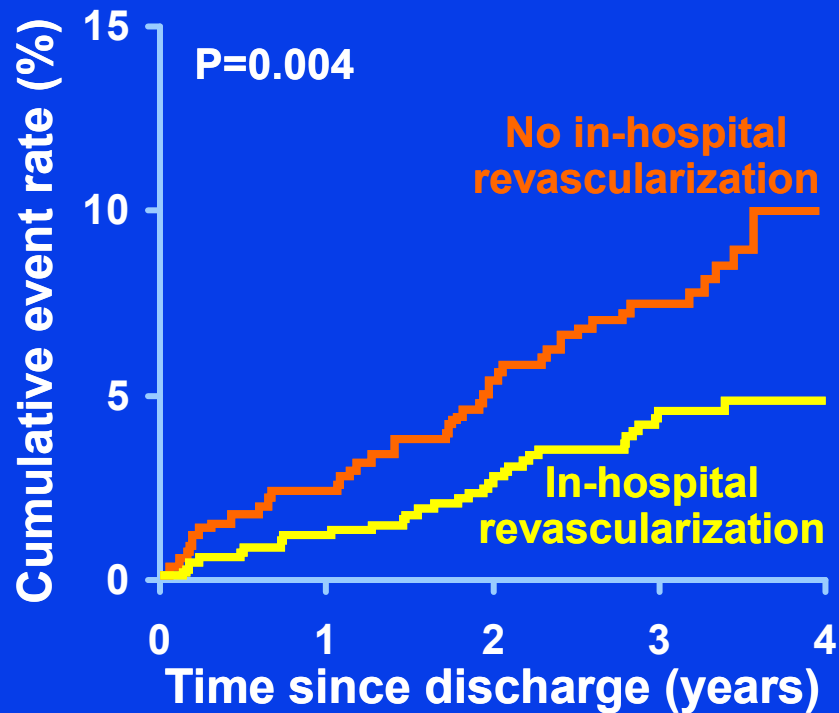
Intended vs Received ICTUS Trial

- Question:
 - What is the effect of treatment received on outcome?
- Of 1189 patients, 691 (58%) were treated with revascularization

Risk of Death

Stratified by Actual In-Hospital Revascularization

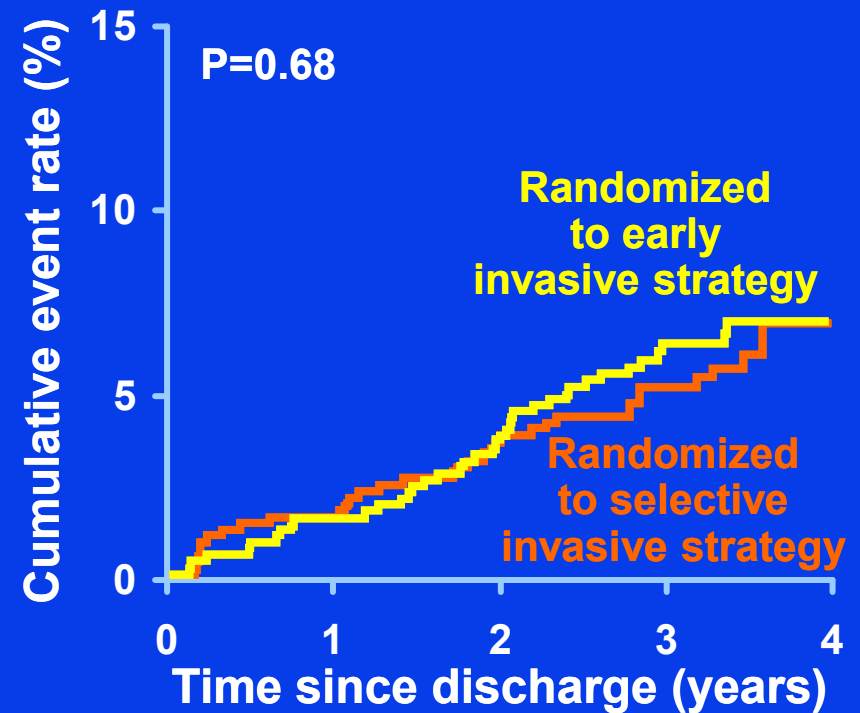
Death



No. at risk		0	1	2	3	4
Revasc	691	683	671	504	127	
No revasc	498	485	470	360	96	

Stratified by Randomized Treatment Strategy

Death

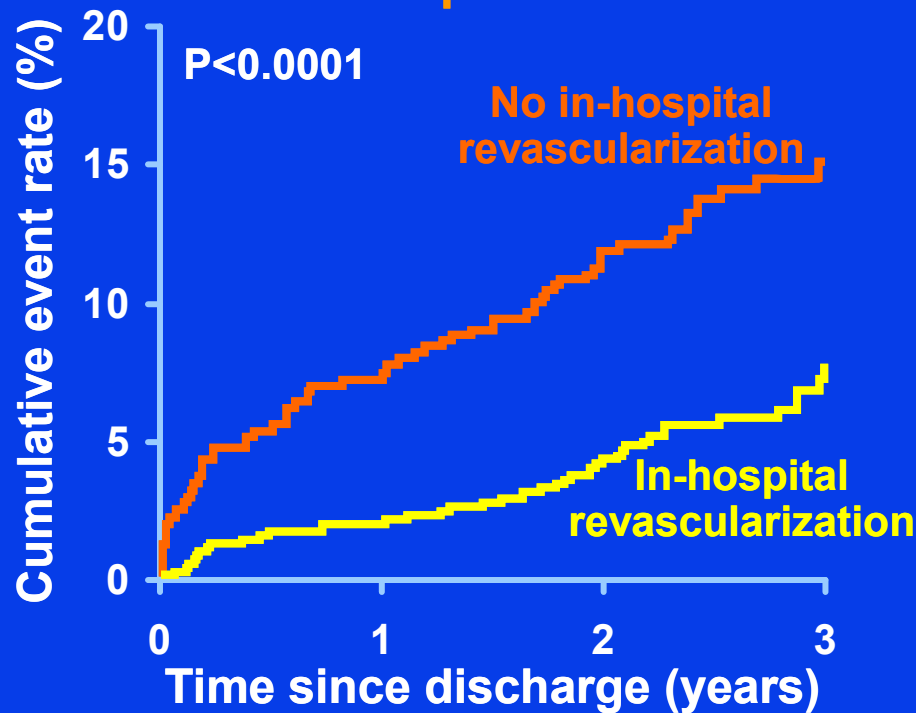


No. at risk		0	1	2	3	4
Early invasive	598	588	574	429	110	
Selective invasive	591	580	567	435	113	

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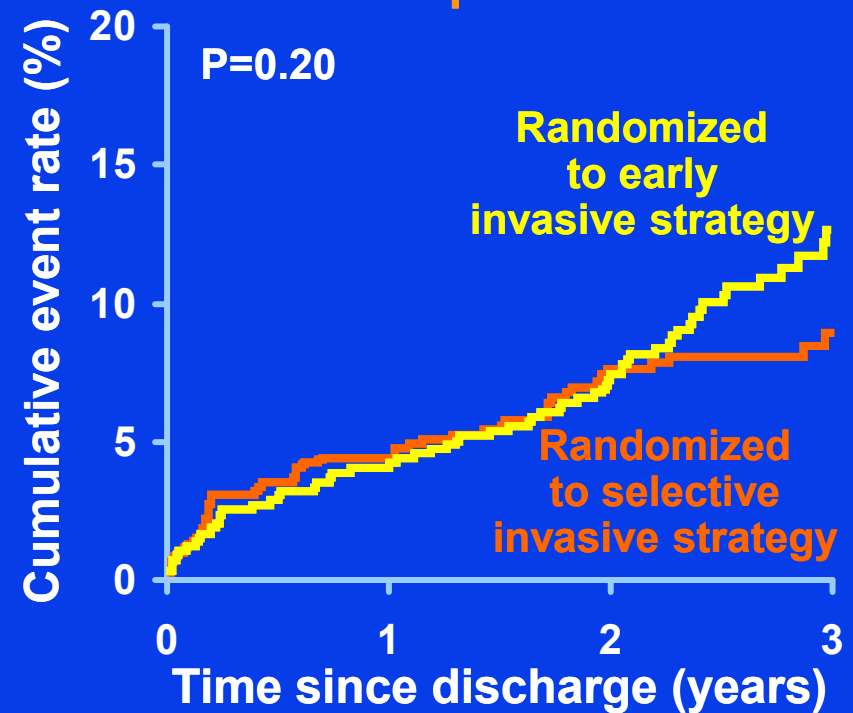
Risk of Death or MI

**Stratified by Actual In-Hospital
Revascularization
Death or Spontaneous MI**



No. at risk		0	1	2	3
Revasc	691	677	641	212	
No revasc	498	461	424	142	

**Stratified by Randomized
Treatment Strategy
Death or Spontaneous MI**



No. at risk		0	1	2	3
Early invasive	598	573	538	175	
Selective invasive	591	565	527	179	

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Diverging associations of an intended early invasive strategy compared with actual revascularization

Conclusion – The ICTUS trial did not show that an early invasive strategy resulted in a better outcome than a selective invasive strategy in patients with nSTE-ACS. However, similar to retrospective analyses from observational studies, actual revascularization was associated with lower mortality and fewer MI. Whether an early invasive strategy leads to a better outcome than selective invasive strategy cannot be inferred from the observation that revascularized patients have a better prognosis in non-randomized studies.

(58%) underwent revascularization during initial hospitalization. In multivariable Cox regression analyses, in-hospital revascularization was independently associated with a reduction in 4 year mortality and 3 year event rate of death or spontaneous MI: hazard ratio (HR) 0.59 [95% confidence interval (CI) 0.37–0.96] and 0.46 (95% CI 0.31–0.68). However, when intention-to-treat analysis was performed, no differences in cumulative event rates were observed between the early invasive and selective invasive strategies: HR 1.10 (95% CI 0.70–1.74) for death and 1.27 (95% CI 0.88–1.85) for death or spontaneous MI.

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Keywords

Unstable angina • Treatment strategy • Revascularization • Prognosis



The Right Timing TIMACS Trial

- Multicenter RCT
- 3031 patients with ACS randomized to:
 - Coronary angio/PCI \leq 24 hours
 - Coronary angio/PCI \geq 36 hours
- Primary endpoint:
 - Death, MI, stroke at 6 months
- Secondary endpoint:
 - Death, MI, refractory ischemia at 6 months

TIMACS TRIAL

What is the Cost of Refractory Ischemia?

- Early intervention reduces refractory ischemia
 - HR 0.30 (95% CI 0.17, 0.54 p<0.001)
3.3% → 1.0%
- With refractory ischemia
 - Subsequent risk of MI increases >4x
4.8% → 20.6%

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Early versus Delayed Invasive Intervention in Acute Coronary Syndromes

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Conclusions – Early intervention did not differ greatly from delayed intervention in preventing the primary outcome, but it did reduce the rate of the composite secondary outcome of death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia and was superior to delayed intervention in high-risk patients.

of patients in the early-intervention group, as compared with 11.3% in the delayed-intervention group (hazard ratio in the early-intervention group, 0.85; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.68 to 1.06; $P=0.15$). There was a relative reduction of 28% in the secondary outcome of death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia in the early-intervention group (9.5%), as compared with the delayed-intervention group (12.9%) (hazard ratio, 0.72; 95% CI, 0.58 to 0.89; $P=0.003$). Prespecified analyses showed that early intervention improved the primary outcome in the third of patients who were at highest risk (hazard ratio, 0.65; 95% CI, 0.48 to 0.89) but not in the two thirds at low-to-intermediate risk (hazard ratio, 1.12; 95% CI, 0.81 to 1.56; $P=0.01$ for heterogeneity).

CONCLUSIONS

Early intervention did not differ greatly from delayed intervention in preventing the primary outcome, but it did reduce the rate of the composite secondary outcome of death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia and was superior to delayed intervention in high-risk patients. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00552513.)

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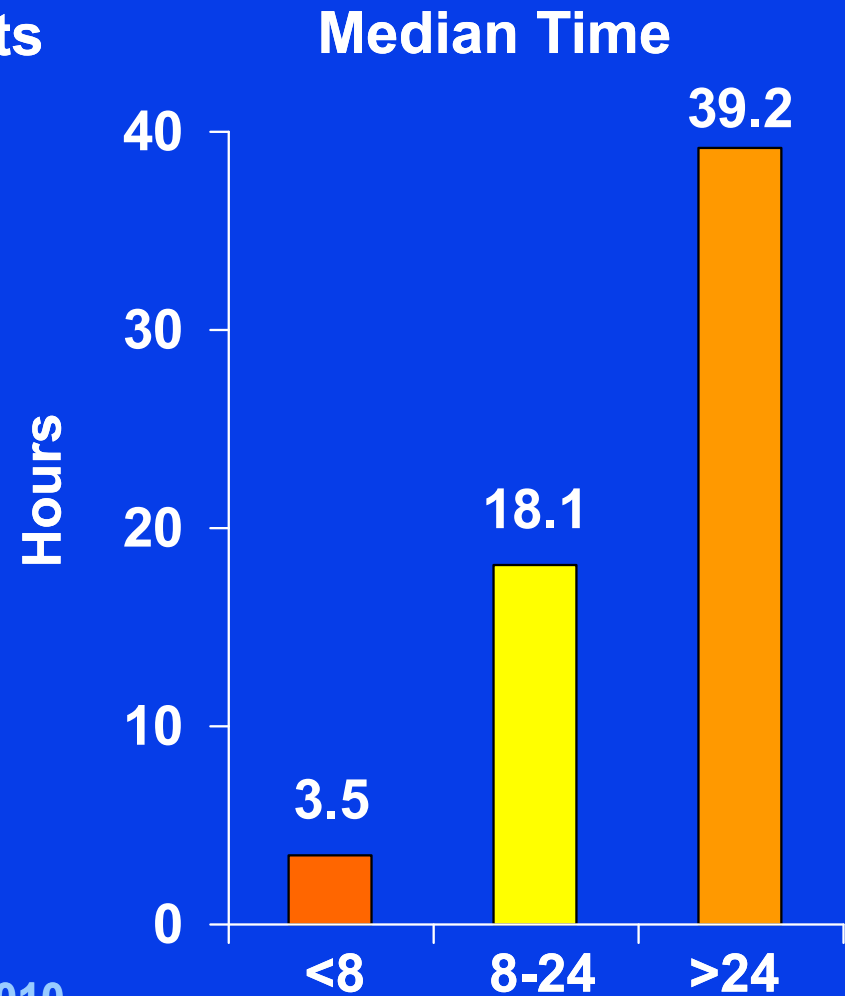
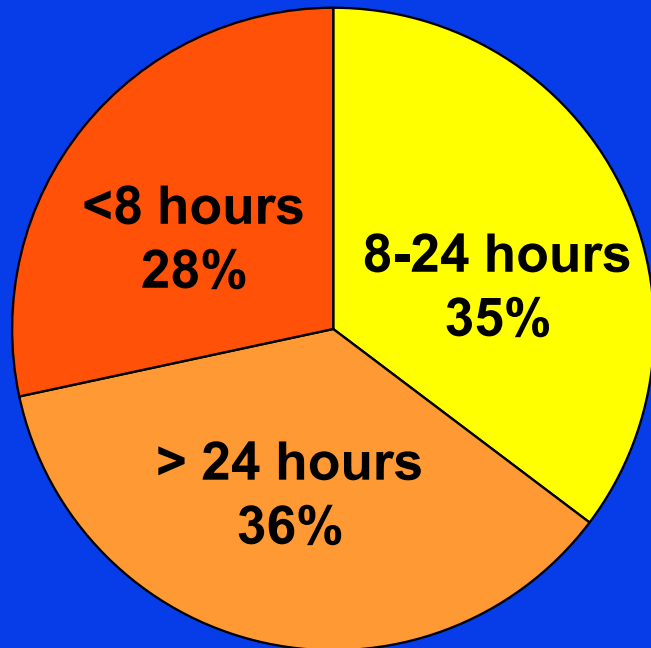
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Acute Coronary Syndromes Delay to Angioplasty

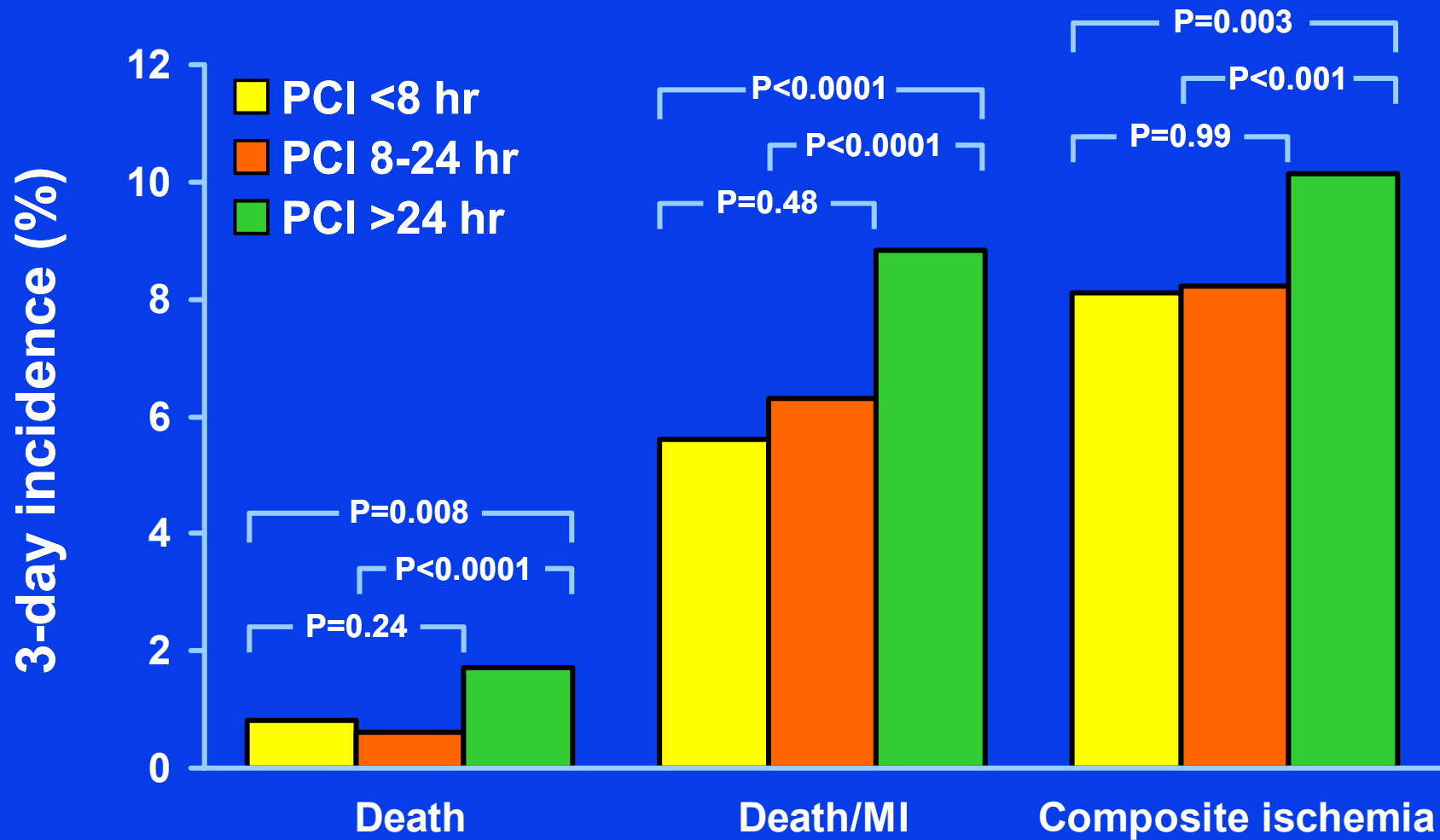
- ACUITY Trial of NSTEMI patients
- 7,749 patients underwent PCI



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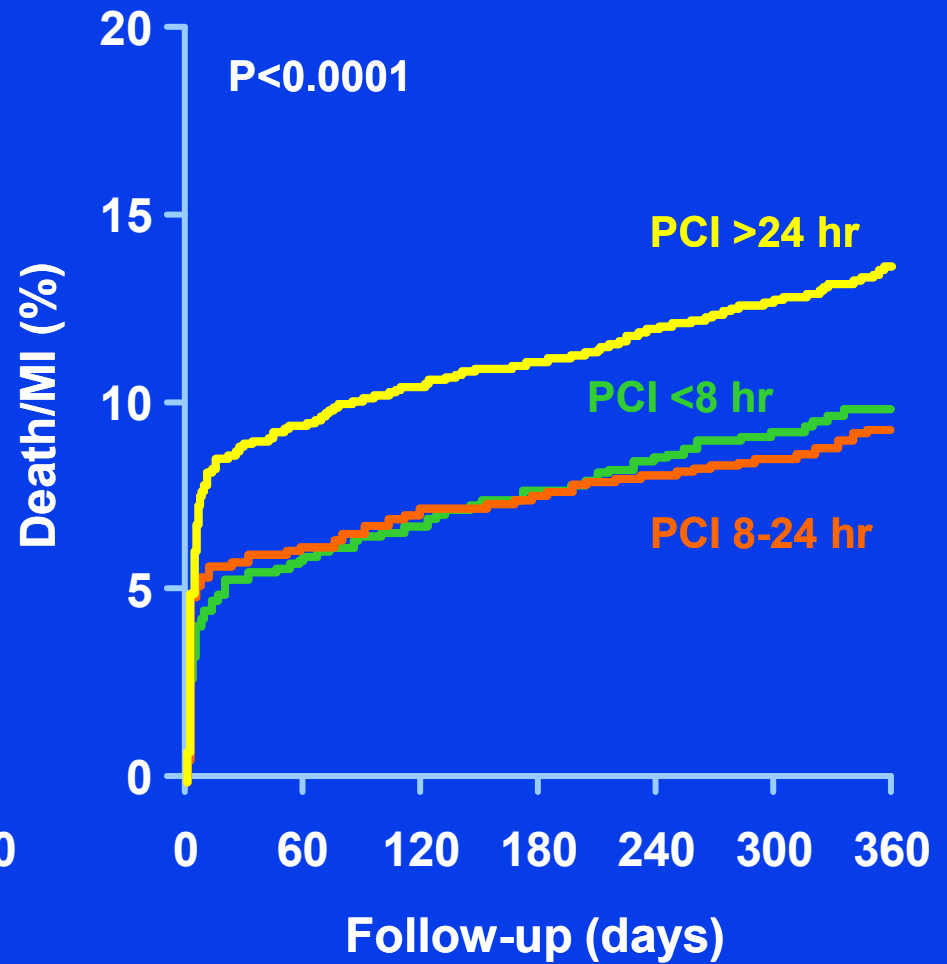
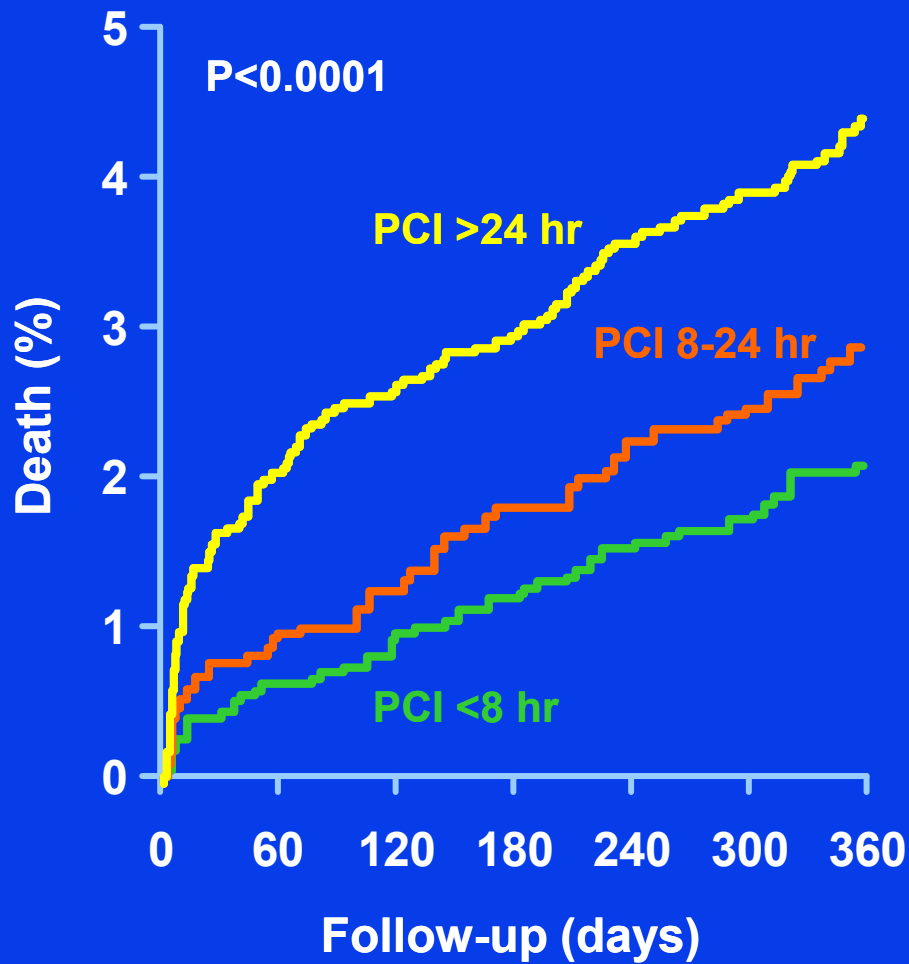
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Timing of PCI



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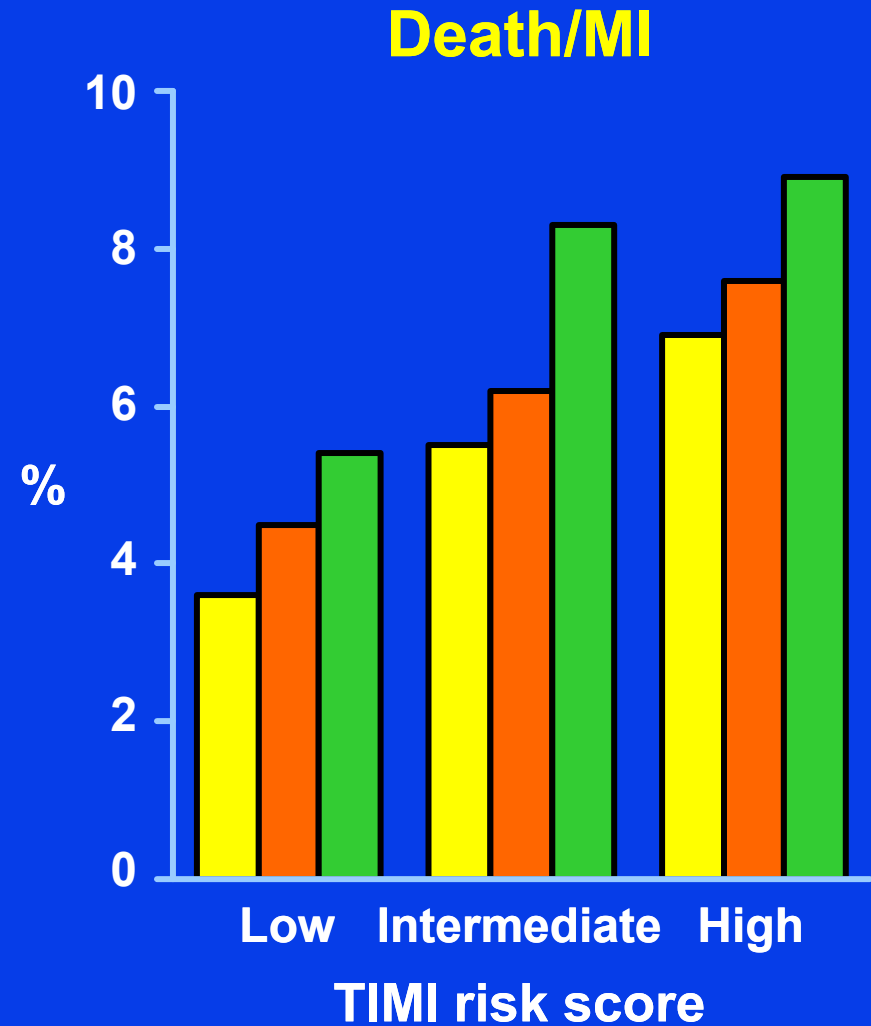
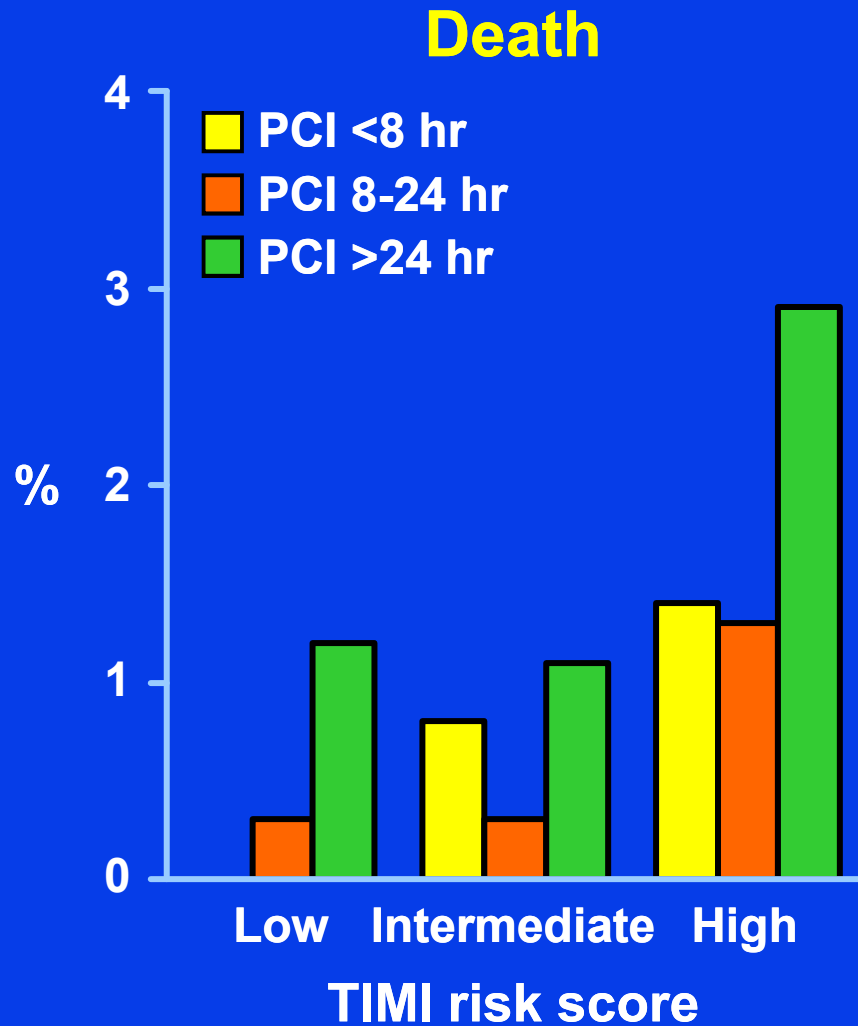
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30-Day Outcomes by Patient Risk and Timing PCI



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CLINICAL RESEARCH

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Impact of Delay to Angioplasty in Patients With Acute Coronary Syndromes Undergoing Invasive Management

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non-ST-segment elevation acute coronary syndromes (NSTEMI-ACS) undergoing an invasive management strategy.

Methods

Patients undergoing PCI in the ACUITY (Acute Catheterization and Urgent Intervention Triage strategY) trial were stratified according to timing of PCI after clinical presentation for outcome analysis.

Results

Percutaneous coronary intervention was performed in 7,749 patients (median age 63 years; 73% male) with NSTEMI-ACS at a median of 19.5 h after presentation (<8 h [n = 2,197], 8 to 24 h [n = 2,740], and >24 h [n = 2,812]). Delay to PCI >24 h after clinical presentation was significantly associated with increased 30-day mortality, myocardial infarction (MI), and composite ischemia (death, MI, and unplanned revascularization). By multivariable analysis, delay to PCI of >24 h was a significant independent predictor of 30-day and 1-year mortality. The incremental risk of death attributable to PCI delay >24 h was greatest in those patients presenting with high-risk features.

Conclusions

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What Then Could We Say

- In NSTEMI ACS patients, goal should be to get them to the point of care on time
- We should develop systems of care similar to those used for STEMI patients
- Optimize risk stratification
- In higher risk patients aggressive early revascularization improves outcome





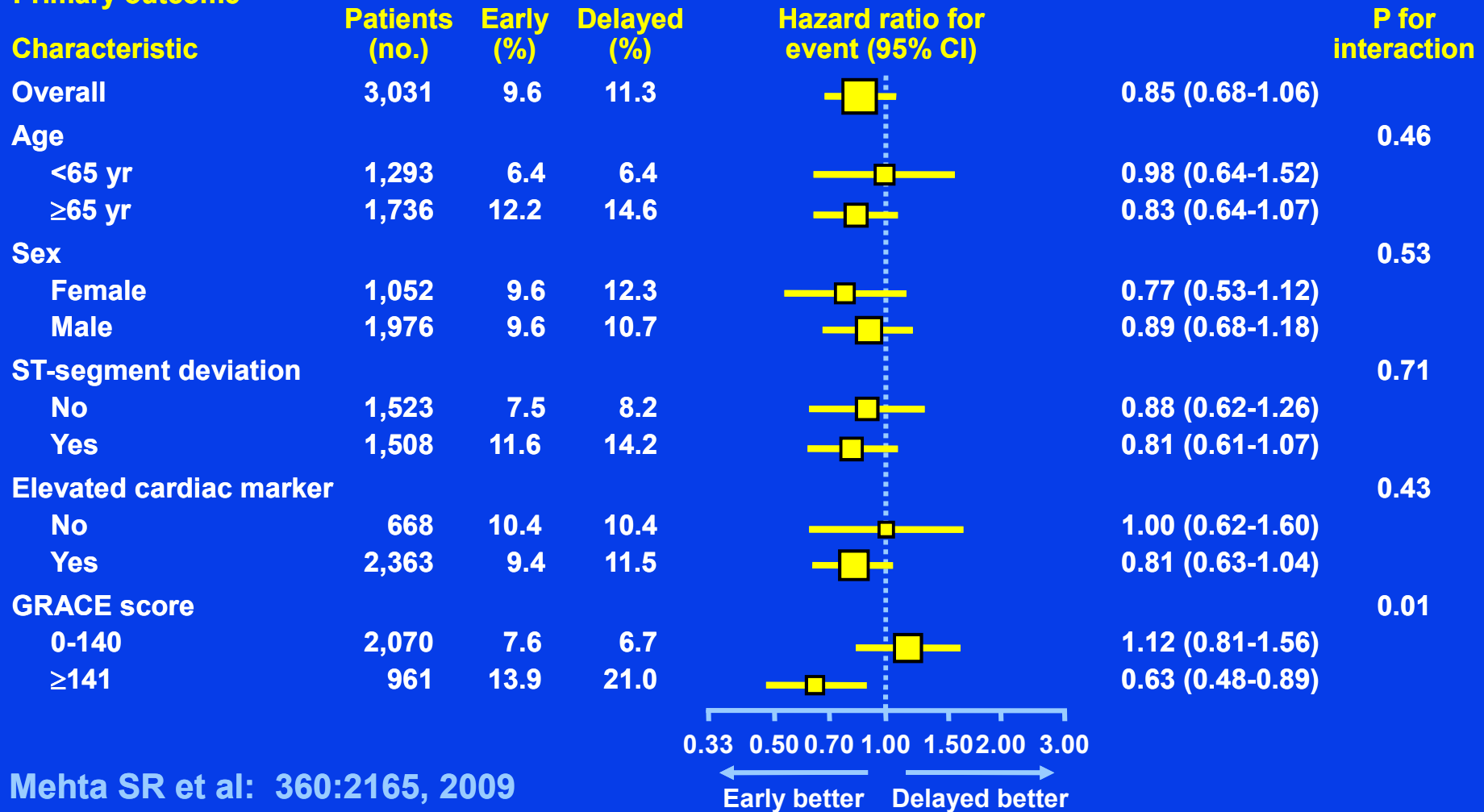
Invasive vs Conservative Strategies

Baseline Characteristics

	Women		Men	
	Invasive n=1571	Conservative n=1581	Invasive n=3641	Conservative n=3619
ST Dep (%)	39.0	38.6	37.6	37.3
T inv (%)	53.9	53.9	43.4	43.3
Bio + (%)	42.9	42.5	55.3	53.7

TIMACS Trial Hazard Ratios

Primary outcome



Mehta SR et al: 360:2165, 2009

Background

- **Increasing emphasis on rapid diagnosis, transport and treatment of STEMI (D2B & H2H)**
- **Question ‘If systems are in place for patients with STEMI, should they be applied for non STEMI?’**

Epidemiology of CAD/ACS

UA/NSTEMI vs STEMI

1.56 million
hospital discharges for ACS

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UA/STEMI
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STEMI
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ACC/AHA 2008 Performance Measures for Adults with ST-Elevation and Non-ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction

Early Invasive Strategy for High-Risk NSTEMI Patients

The UA/NSTEMI guidelines recommend an early invasive strategy for patients with UA/NSTEMI who have evidence of refractory symptoms and hemodynamic or electric instability (Class I; LOE:B) or an elevated risk for clinical events based on clinical characteristics, including elevated biomarkers or electrocardiographic abnormalities (Class I; LOE:A). A conservative selectively invasive strategy also is considered reasonable (Class IIb; LOE:B) for stable patients, including those with elevated biomarkers. The writing committee considered an AMI performance measure to evaluate the use of an early invasive strategy in patients with NSTEMI. However, a measure was not endorsed at this time because of the complexity of the guideline recommendations and the challenges in translating these recommendations into a measure that can be implemented feasibly.

Invasive vs Conservative Treatment Strategy in NSTEMI ACS

Rates of death, MI or rehospitalization with ACS

	Invasive strategy		Conservative strategy		Odds ratio (95% CI)	Favors invasive strategy	Favors conservative strategy
	No.	%	No.	%			
All pt							
TIMI IIIB	122/895	13.6	171/915	18.7	0.75 (0.61-0.93)		
MATE	27/111	24.3	22/90	24.4	0.99 (0.52-1.90)		
VANQWISH	148/462	32.0	124/458	27.7	1.22 (0.92-1.61)		
FRISC II	196/1,093	17.9	322/1,102	29.2	0.53 (0.43-0.65)		
TACTICS-TIMI 18	177/1,114	15.9	215/1,106	19.4	0.78 (0.63-0.97)		
RITA 3	122/895	13.6	171/915	18.7	0.69 (0.53-0.88)		
VINO	5/64	7.8	19/67	28.4	0.21 (0.07-0.62)		
ICTUS	137/604	22.7	126/596	21.1	1.09 (0.83-1.44)	←	
Overall	1,075/5,083	21.1	1,313/5,067	25.9	0.78 (0.61-0.98)		

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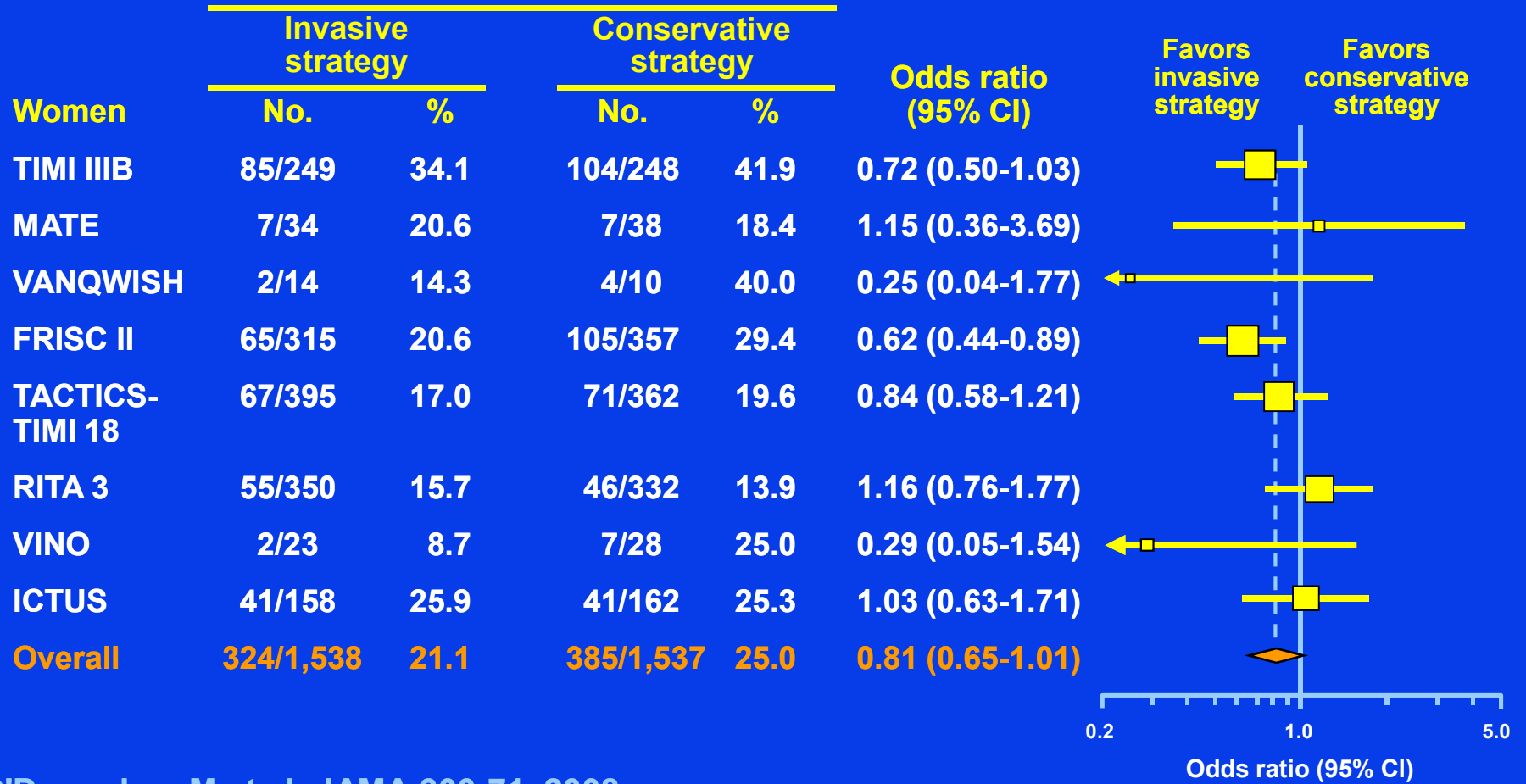
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	Invasive strategy		Conservative strategy		Odds ratio (95% CI)	Favors conservative strategy
	No.	%	No.	%		
Men						
TIMI IIIB	178/491	36.3	206/485	42.5	0.77 (0.60-1.00)	
MATE	20/77	26.0	15/52	28.8	0.87 (0.39-1.90)	
VANQWISH	146/448	32.6	124/448	27.7	1.26 (0.95-1.68)	
FRISC II	131/778	16.8	217/745	29.1	0.49 (0.39-0.63)	
TACTICS-TIMI 18	110/719	15.3	144/744	19.4	0.75 (0.57-0.99)	
RITA 3	67/545	12.3	125/583	21.4	0.51 (0.37-0.71)	
VINO	3/41	7.3	12/39	30.8	0.18 (0.05-0.69)	←
ICTUS	96/446	21.5	85/434	19.6	1.13 (0.81-1.56)	
Overall	751/3,545	21.2	928/3,530	26.3	0.73 (0.55-0.98)	

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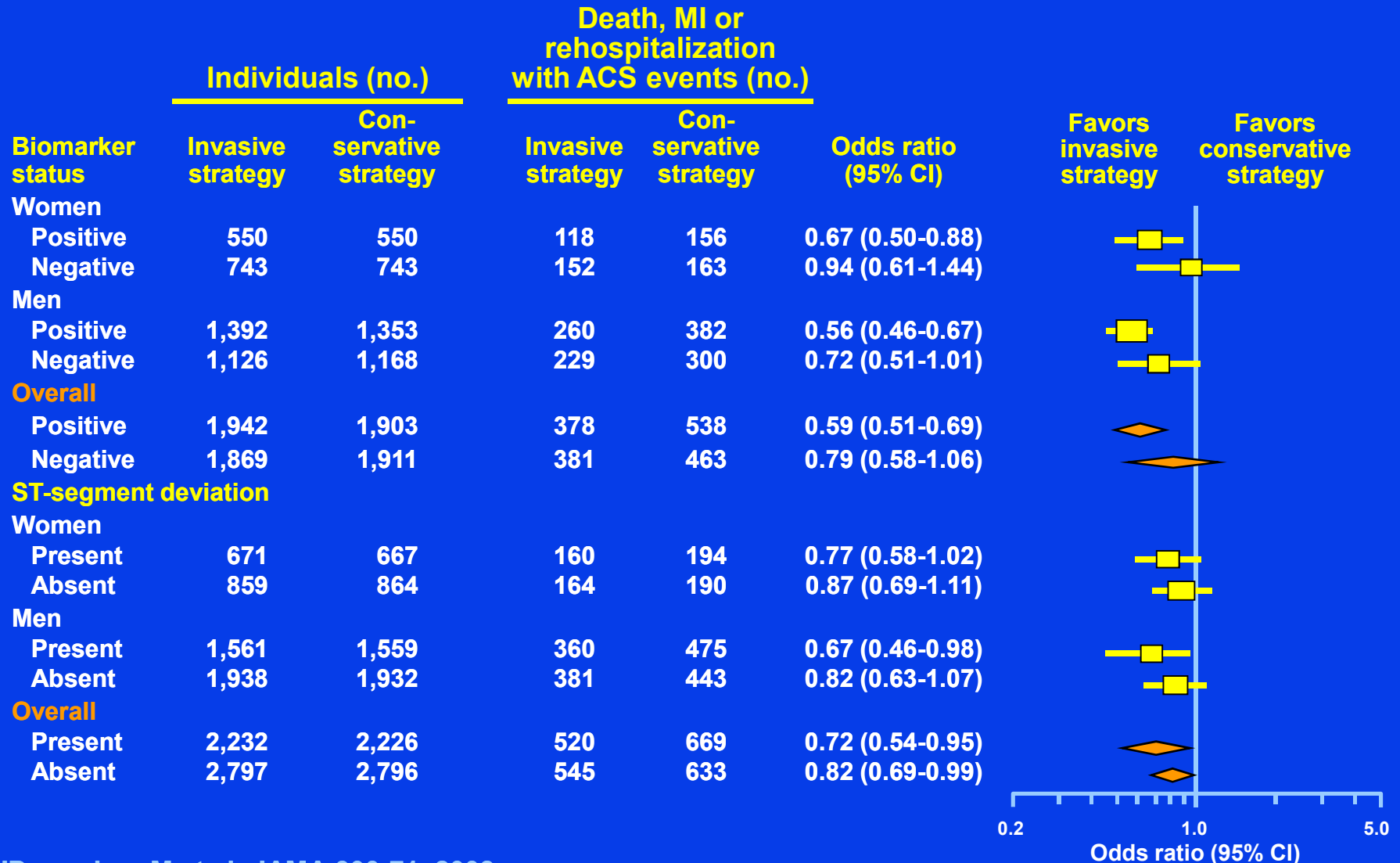
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RITA 3	2002
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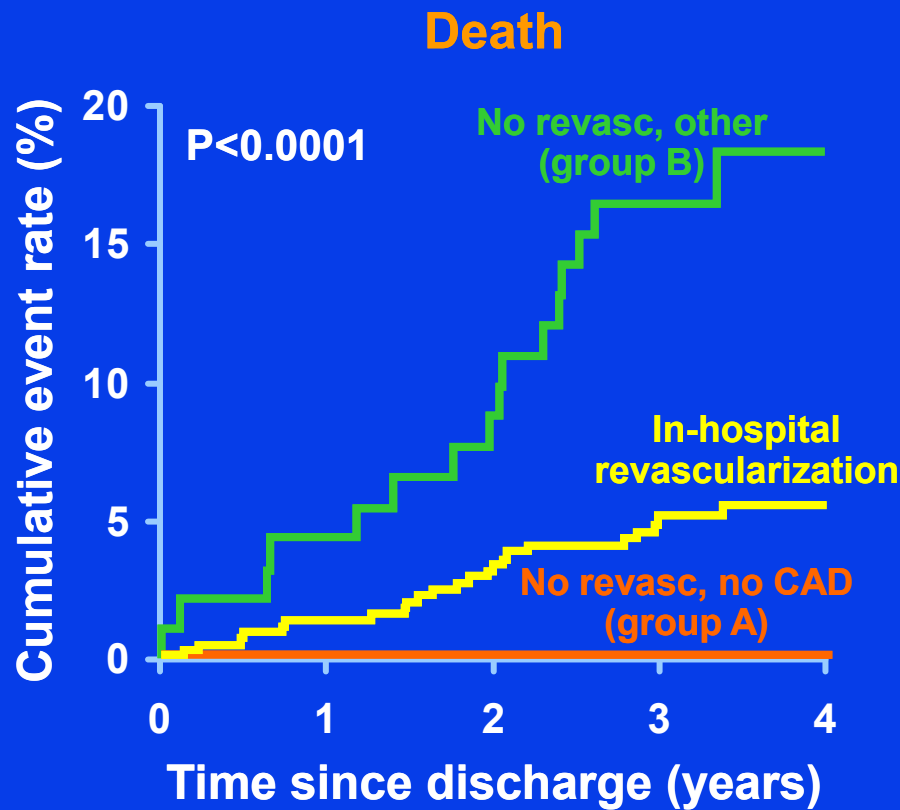
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VINO	2002

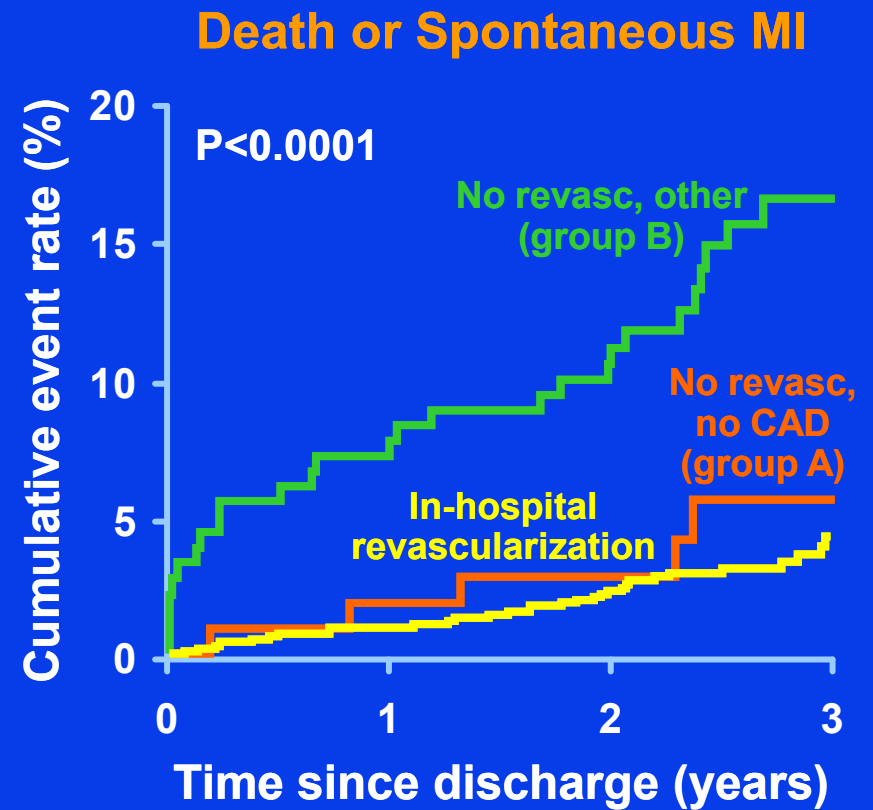
Revascularization Rates

	Early Invasive	Selective Invasive
ICTUS (1 yr)	79%	54%
TIMI III B (1 yr)	64%	58%
VANQWISH (23 mo)	44%	33%
FRISC II (6 mo)	77%	37%
TACTICS-TIMI 18	61%	44%
RITA 3 (1 yr)	57%	28%

Risk of Death



No. at risk	0	1	2	3	4
Revasc	454	448	438	329	84
No revasc, no CAD	53	53	53	35	8
No revasc, other	91	87	83	65	18



No. at risk	0	1	2	3
Revasc	454	445	423	137
No revasc, no CAD	53	51	49	14
No revasc, other	91	77	66	24

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Primary and Secondary Outcomes At 30 Days

Variable	Early intervention (n=1,593) %	Delayed intervention (n=1,438) %	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P
Death, myocardial infarction, or stroke	6.7	7.6	0.88 (0.67-1.15)	0.34
Death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia	6.6	9.3	0.70 (0.54-0.90)	0.006
Death, myocardial infarction, stroke, refractory ischemia, or repeat intervention	12.0	13.0	0.91 (0.75-1.12)	0.37
Death	2.9	3.3	0.86 (0.58-1.29)	0.48
Myocardial infarction	3.6	4.1	0.87 (0.61-1.25)	0.46
Stroke	0.9	0.9	1.04 (0.50-2.19)	0.91
Refractory ischemia	1.0	3.1	0.30 (0.17-0.55)	<0.001
Repeat intervention	5.9	4.2	1.39 (1.01-1.93)	0.05

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Primary and Secondary Outcomes At 6 Months

Variable	Early intervention (n=1,593) %	Delayed intervention (n=1,438) %	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P
Death, myocardial infarction, or stroke	9.6	11.3	0.85 (0.68-1.06)	0.15
Death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia	9.5	12.9	0.72 (0.58-0.89)	0.003
Death, myocardial infarction, stroke, refractory ischemia, or repeat intervention	16.6	19.5	0.84 (0.71-0.99)	0.04
Death	4.8	5.9	0.81 (0.60-1.11)	0.19
Myocardial infarction	4.8	5.7	0.83 (0.61-1.14)	0.25
Stroke	1.3	1.4	0.90 (0.49-1.68)	0.74
Refractory ischemia	1.0	3.3	0.30 (0.17-0.54)	<0.001
Repeat intervention	8.7	8.5	1.04 (0.82-1.34)	0.73

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TIMACS Trial Hazard Ratios

Secondary outcome

Characteristic	Patients (no.)	Early (%)	Delayed (%)	Hazard ratio for event (95% CI)	P for interaction
Overall	3,031	9.5	12.9	0.72 (0.58-0.89)	
Age					0.86
<65 yr	1,295	6.0	8.3	0.70 (0.46-1.06)	
≥65 yr	1,736	12.3	16.2	0.74 (0.58-0.95)	
Sex					0.69
Female	1,052	9.9	14.3	0.68 (0.48-0.97)	
Male	1,978	9.2	12.2	0.74 (0.56-0.97)	
ST-segment deviation					0.86
No	1,523	7.0	10.0	0.69 (0.49-0.98)	
Yes	1,508	11.9	16.0	0.72 (0.55-0.94)	
Elevated cardiac marker					0.22
No	666	11.8	12.9	0.92 (0.59-1.41)	
Yes	2,365	8.8	13.0	0.67 (0.52-0.85)	
GRACE score					0.15
0-140	2,049	7.5	8.8	0.83 (0.61-1.12)	
≥141	982	13.7	21.6	0.62 (0.45-0.83)	



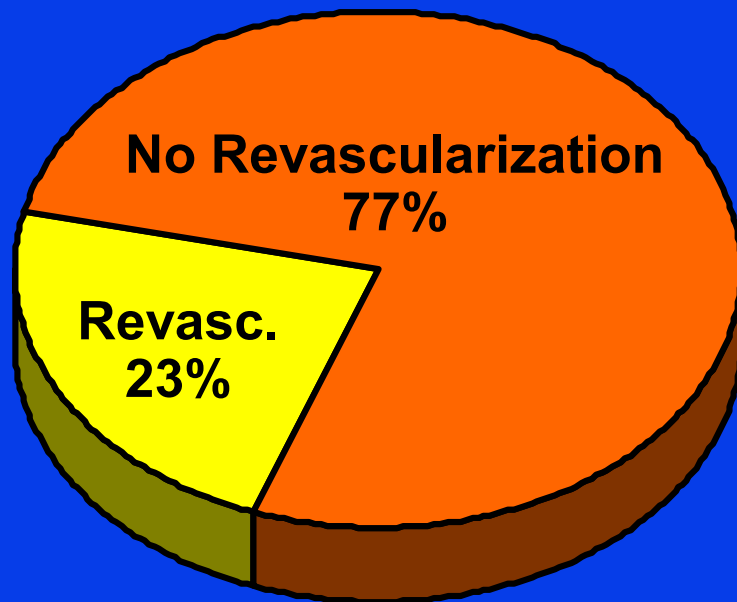
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Revascularization and Survival NSTEMI and CHF

- **Global Registry (GRACE)**
- **29,844 with NSTEMI between 1999 and 2007**
- **4,953 with CHF at presentation (35%)
K-II or III**
- **Goal: analyze impact of revascularization
on survival**

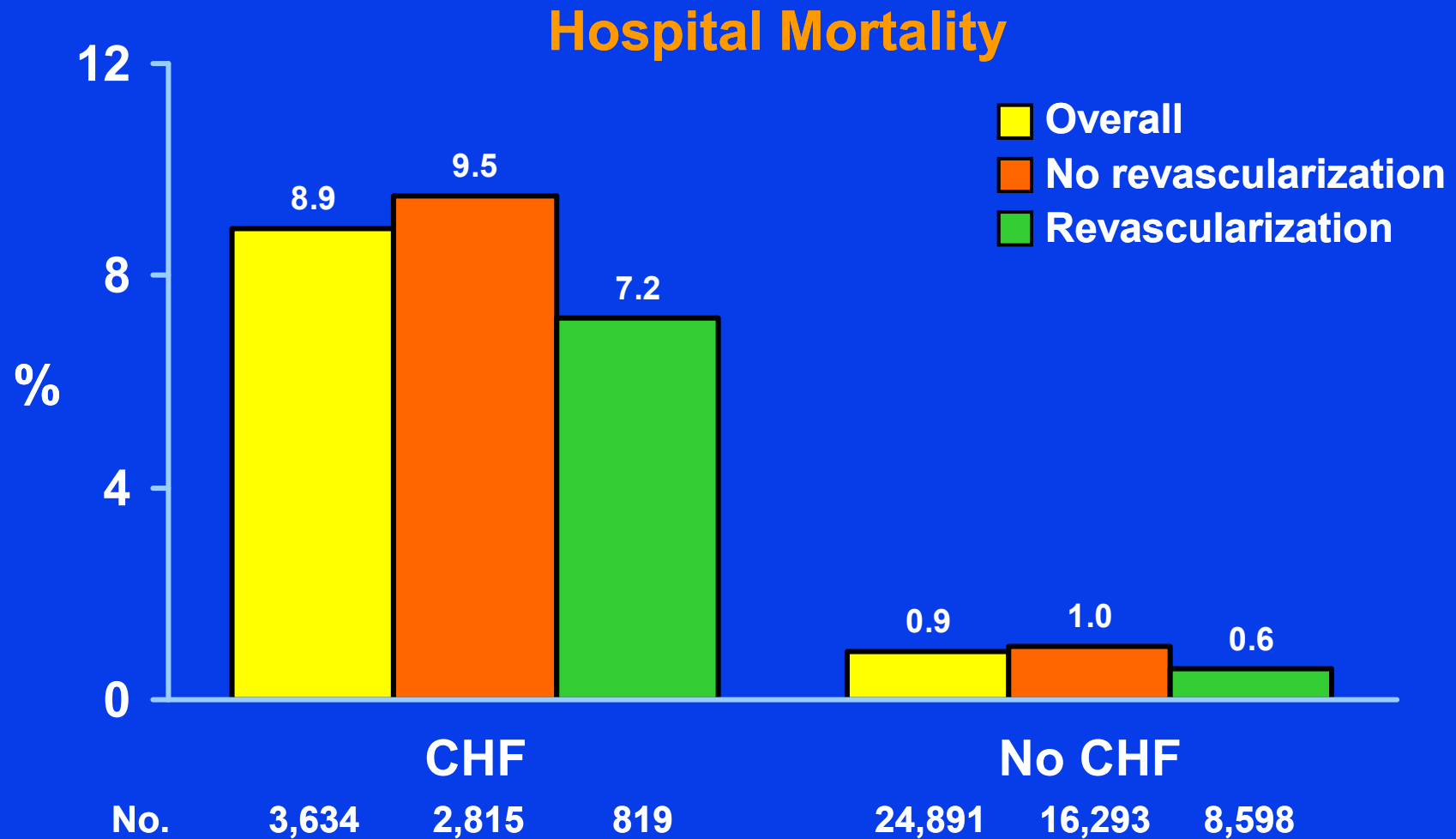
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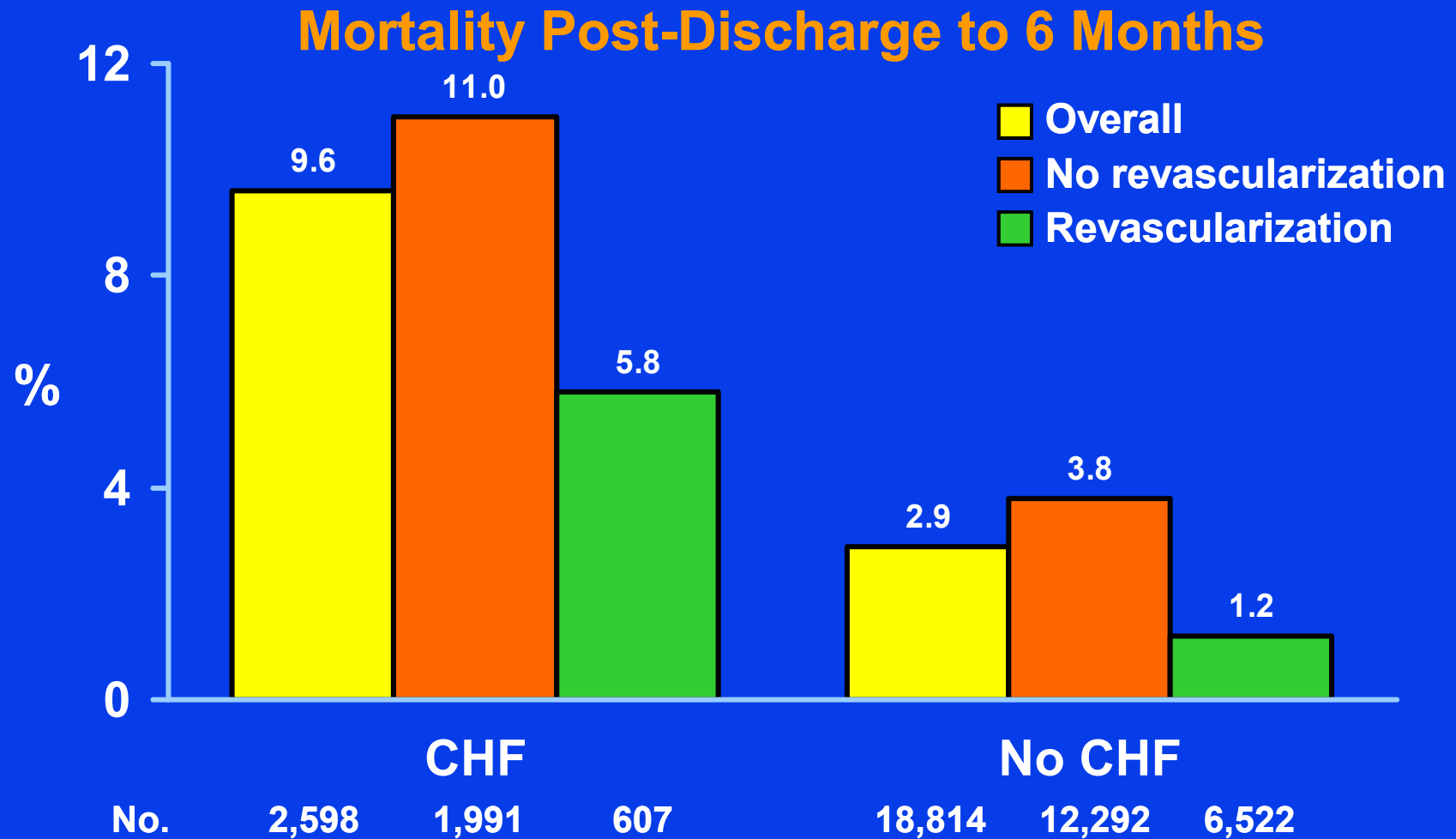
	No Revasc	Revasc	P
Male	58%	63%	0.01
Age	75	72	<0.001
EF	40%	50%	<0.001
Hx CHF	34%	24%	<0.001
TIA/CVA	15%	11%	0.01

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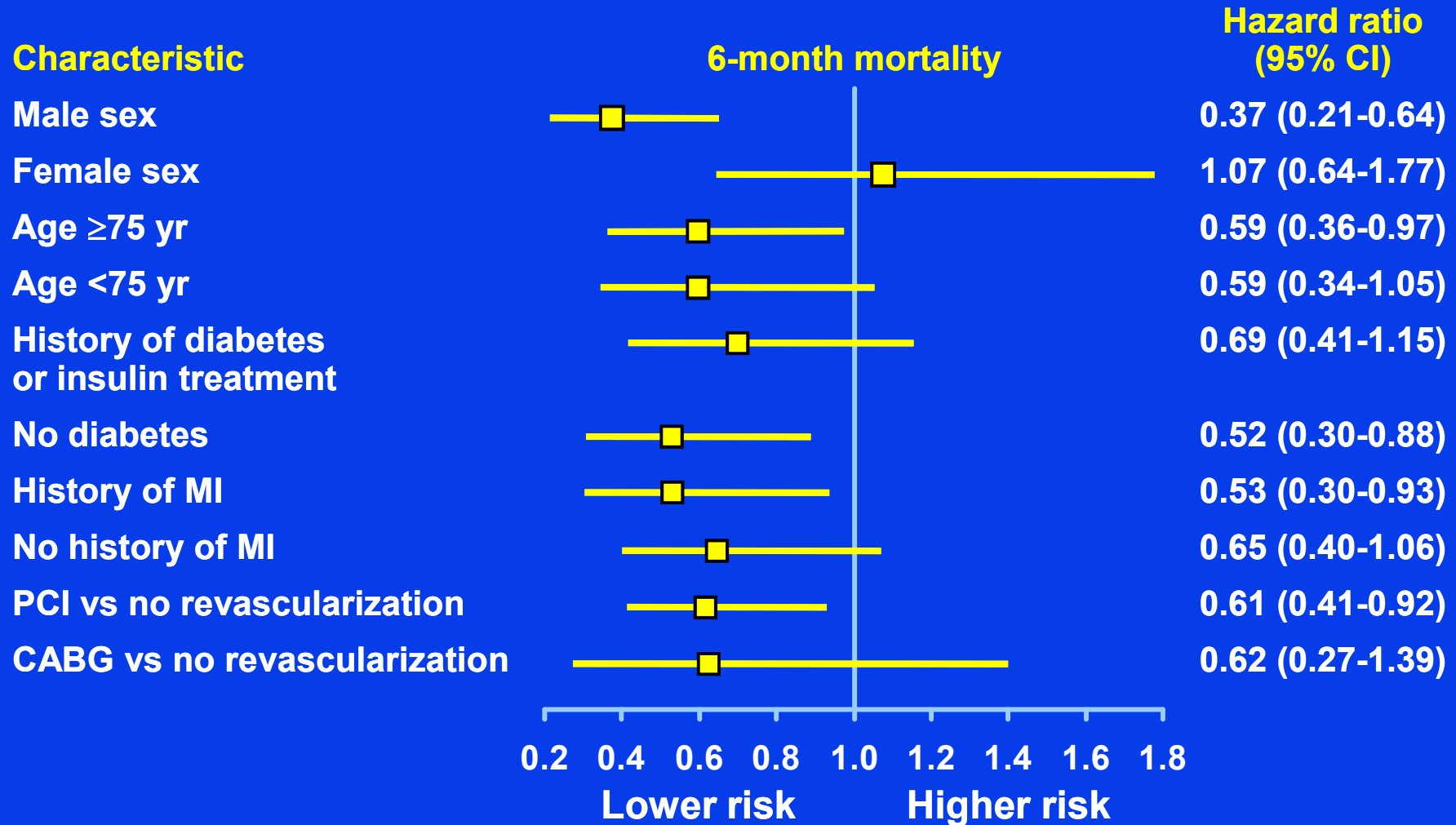
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Congestive heart failure (CHF) is a common complication in patients with an acute coronary syndrome (ACS).¹ In a previous report from the Global Registry of Acute Coronary Events (GRACE) involving nearly 14 000 ACS patients without prior heart failure, one fifth of those with acute myocardial infarction and 10% of those with unstable angina developed heart failure during hospitalization.² Patients with an ACS complicated by CHF have a poor prognosis.³ Patients with unstable angina who present with CHF have 4-fold higher hospital death rates than those without CHF at admission.⁴ ACS patients who develop acute de novo heart failure

during hospitalization are at even higher risk of death than those with heart failure at admission.⁴⁻⁶

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European and American guidelines⁷⁻⁹ recommend that high-risk non-ST-elevation ACS (NSTEMI-ACS) patients be candidates for early coronary angiography and revascularization, yet registry data from GRACE have shown that ACS patients with heart failure are less likely than those without to undergo revascularization or receive evidence-based cardiac medications.⁴ The goals of the present study are to describe

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