

# PCI: The Year in Review -- 2017

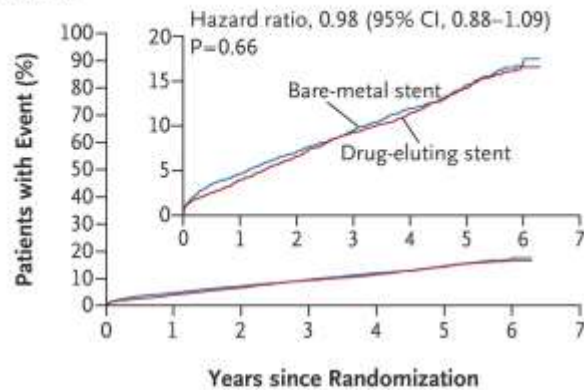
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# DES vs BMS: NORSTENT Trial

- 9,013 Patients randomized to DES vs BMS between 9/2008 and 2/2011 (20,663 total underwent PCI In Norway)
- Median follow-up 59 months
- Primary EP: death/spontaneous MI at 6 years
- DAPT x 9 months
- 82% Everolimus-eluting stents; 11.9% zotarolimus-eluting

# NORSTENT: DES vs BMS

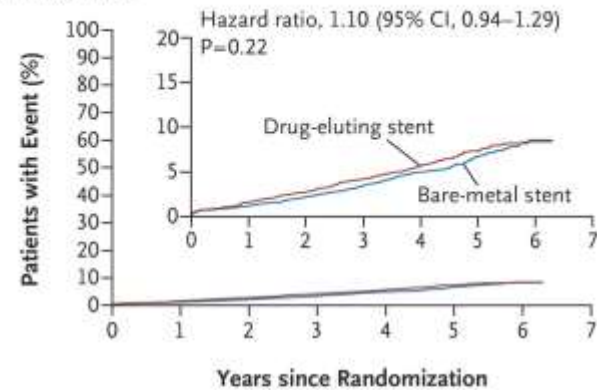
## A Primary Outcome



### No. at Risk

Drug-eluting stent	4504	4325	4206	4083	3814	2028	240
Bare-metal stent	4509	4300	4190	4076	3791	2019	224

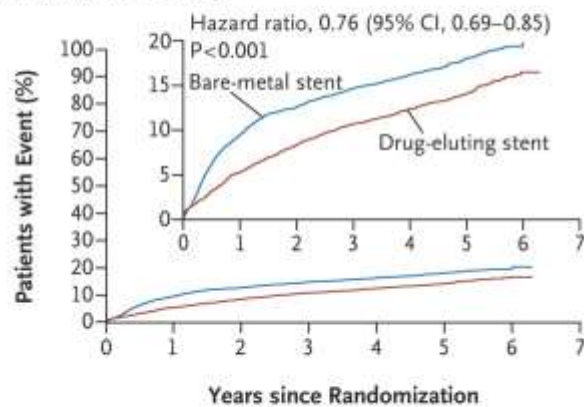
## B Death from Any Cause



### No. at Risk

Drug-eluting stent	4504	4427	4375	4310	4063	2192	264
Bare-metal stent	4509	4451	4407	4348	4094	2198	243

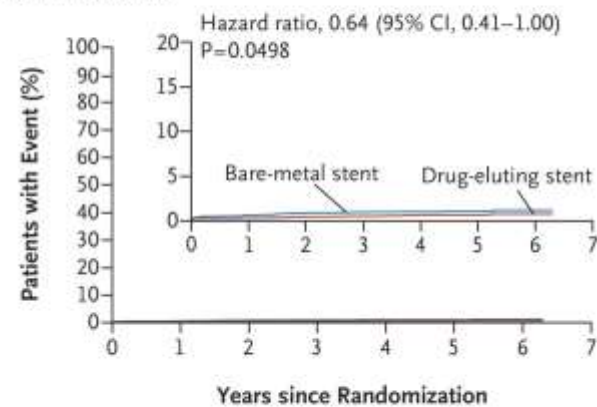
## C Revascularization (PCI or CABG)



### No. at Risk

Drug-eluting stent	4504	4192	4012	3853	3559	1887	200
Bare-metal stent	4509	4034	3856	3719	3426	1798	212

## D Definite Stent Thrombosis



### No. at Risk

Drug-eluting stent	4504	4413	4355	4287	4036	2182	262
Bare-metal stent	4509	4425	4371	4309	4054	2177	240

# Balancing the Evidence Base on Coronary Stents

Eric R. Bates, M.D.

The development of percutaneous coronary inter-  
vention (PCI) to treat obstructive coronary artery disease has replaced invasive revascularization with percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) and bypass grafting. The clinical outcomes achieved with these catheters were largely similar to those achieved with early intervention with coronary artery bypass grafting.

## Drug-Eluting or Bare-Metal Stents for Coronary Artery Disease

**TO THE EDITOR:** The results from the Norwegian Coronary Stent Trial (NORSTENT) (Sept. 29 issue)<sup>1</sup> showing that mortality was not significantly lower with drug-eluting stents than with bare-metal stents are unsurprising, given that stents have not been shown to affect survival. Drug-eluting stents are highly effective in reducing recurrent symptoms that require revascularization, which is their designed intent. In the accompanying editorial, Bates<sup>2</sup> suggests that bare-metal stents are preferred over drug-eluting stents in patients who cannot adhere to dual-antiplatelet therapy owing to a high risk of bleeding, ostensibly because bare-metal stents are associated with a lower risk of stent thrombosis. However, in NORSTENT, the rate of stent thrombosis was 36% lower in the patients who received drug-eluting stents than in those who received bare-

in large-diameter vessels, in which the risk of restenosis is low; however, in the Basel Stent Kosten-Effektivitäts Trial–Prospective Validation Examination (BASKET-PROVE) trial, wherein only stents that were 3.0 mm or more in diameter were used, the rate of repeat revascularization was lower with drug-eluting stents than with bare-metal stents.<sup>3</sup> We believe there is little role remaining for bare-metal stents in the contemporary practice of interventional cardiology.

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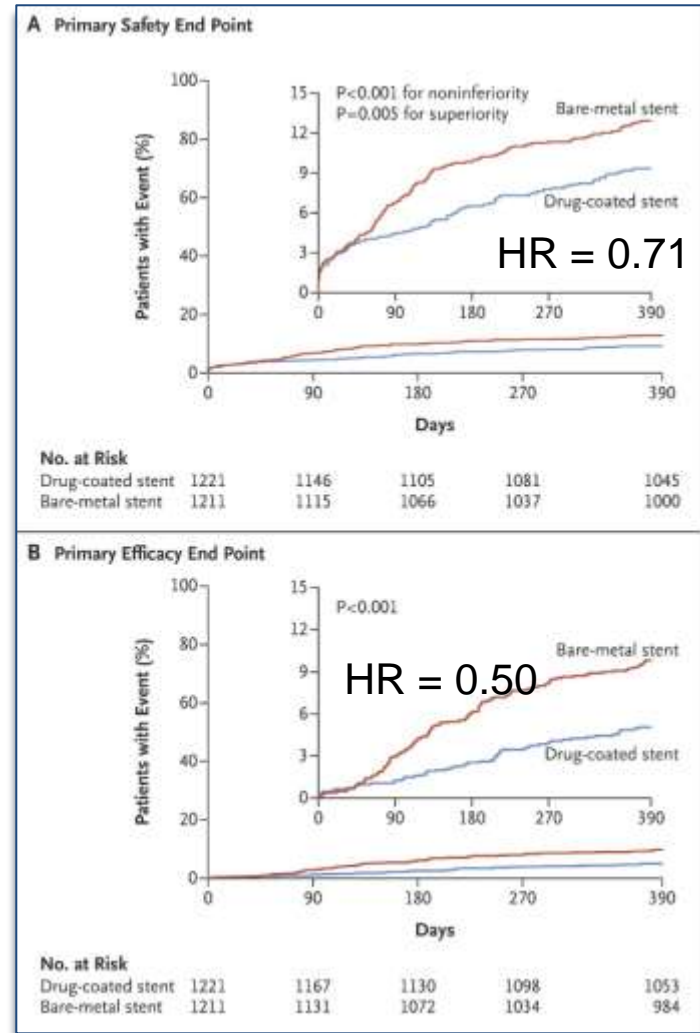
Of the 20,600 patients treated at 12,425 centers in Norway, 12,425 met the criteria for the study (72.5%) and were treated with contemporary drug-eluting stents. After a median follow-up of 1.5 years, there were no significant differences between the two groups.

the primary composite outcome of death from any cause or nonfatal spontaneous myocardial infarction

with a large vessel diameter in whom restenosis rates are low,<sup>7</sup> those who cannot complete the lon-

# Leaders Free Trial

- 2,466 Patients at **high risk** for bleeding
- Polymer-free biolimus-eluting vs bare metal stent + one month of DAPT
- 36% were on oral anticoagulants
- Primary EPs
  - Safety: CV death, MI, definite or probable ST
  - Efficacy: TLR

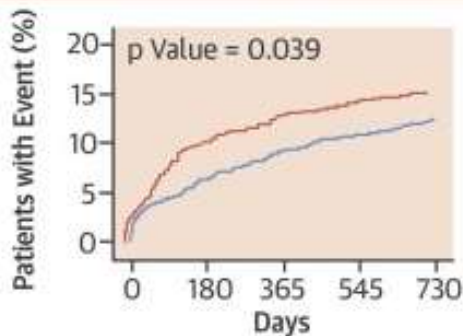


**TLR 5.1% vs 10.0% (P<0.001)**  
**Stent Thrombosis: 1.9% vs 2.2% (P=0.56)**

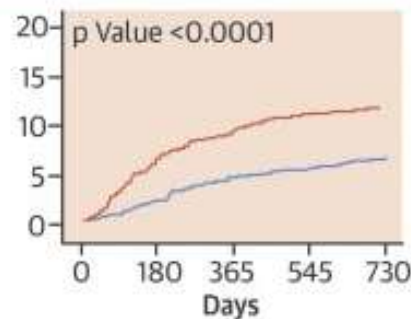


# LEADERS FREE: 2 Year Follow-Up

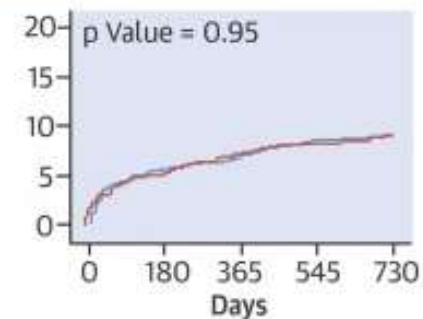
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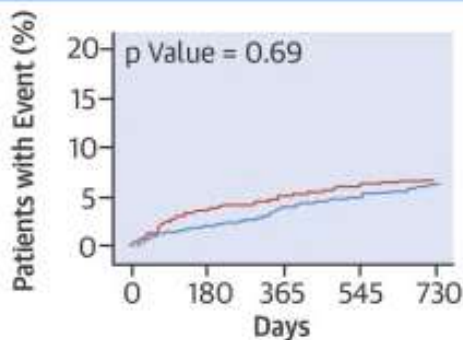
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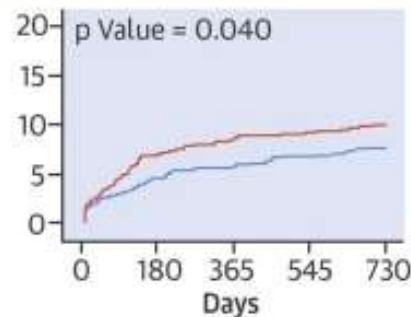
C. Major Bleeding



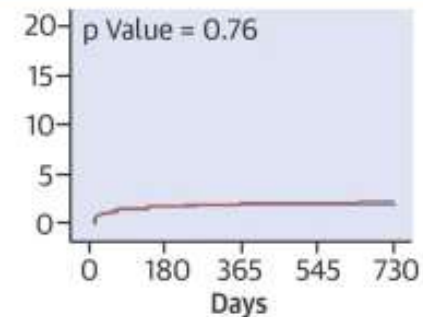
D. Cardiac Death



E. Myocardial Infarction



F. Stent Thrombosis



— Drug-coated Stents — Bare-metal Stents

# PRECOMBAT Trial: Five Year Follow-up

**BACKGROUND** In a previous randomized trial, we found that percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) was not inferior to coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) for the treatment of unprotected left main coronary artery stenosis at 1 year.

**OBJECTIVES** This study sought to determine the 5-year outcomes of PCI compared with CABG for the treatment of unprotected left main coronary artery stenosis.

**METHODS** We randomly assigned 600 patients with unprotected left main coronary artery stenosis to undergo PCI with a sirolimus-eluting stent (n = 300) or CABG (n = 300). The primary endpoint was a major adverse cardiac or cerebrovascular event (MACCE: a composite of death from any cause, myocardial infarction, stroke, or ischemia-driven target vessel revascularization) and compared on an intention-to-treat basis.

**RESULTS** At 5 years, MACCE occurred in 52 patients in the PCI group and 42 patients in the CABG group (cumulative event rates of 17.5% and 14.3%, respectively; hazard ratio [HR]: 1.27; 95% confidence interval [CI]: 0.84 to 1.90; p = 0.26). The 2 groups did not differ significantly in terms of death from any cause, myocardial infarction, or stroke as well as their composite (8.4% and 9.6%; HR, 0.89; 95% CI, 0.52 to 1.52; p = 0.66). Ischemia-driven target vessel revascularization occurred more frequently in the PCI group than in the CABG group (11.4% and 5.5%, respectively; HR: 2.11; 95% CI: 1.16 to 3.84; p = 0.012).

**CONCLUSIONS** During 5 years of follow-up, our study did not show significant difference regarding the rate of MACCE between patients who underwent PCI with a sirolimus-eluting stent and those who underwent CABG.

However, considering the limited power of our study, our results should be interpreted with caution. (Bypass Surgery Versus Angioplasty Using Sirolimus-Eluting Stent in Patients With Left Main Coronary Artery Disease [PRECOMBAT]; NCT00422968) (J Am Coll Cardiol 2015;65:2198-206) © 2015 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

# Study Design

2900 pts with unprotected left main disease

SYNTAX score  $\leq 32$

Consensus agreement of eligibility and equipoise by heart team

**Yes**  
(N=1900)

**No**  
(N=1000)

Enrollment  
registry

Stratified by diabetes, SYNTAX score and center

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**PCI (Xience EES)**  
(N=950)

**CABG**  
(N=950)

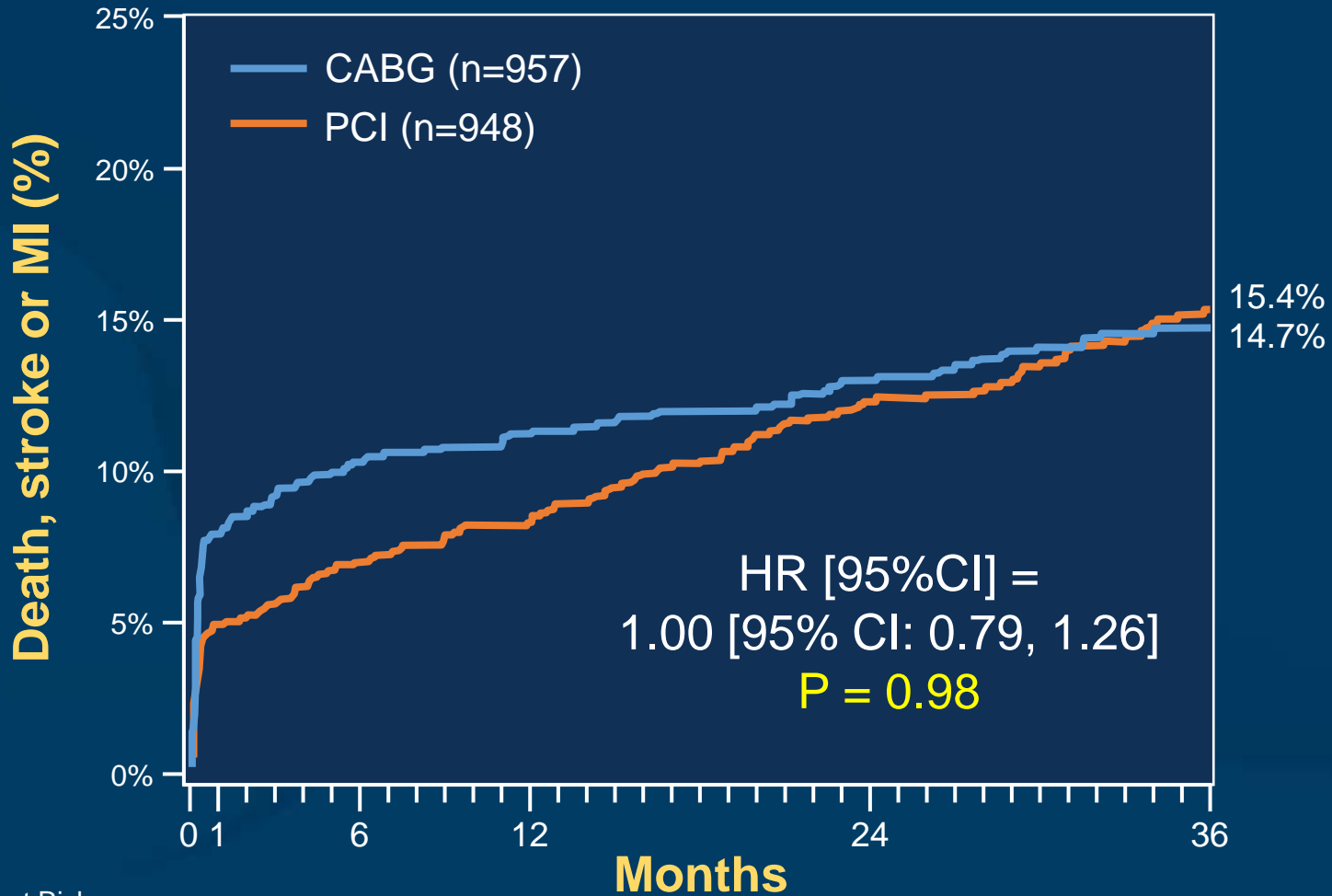
Follow-up: 1 month, 6 months, 1 year, annually through 5 years

**Primary endpoint:** Measured at a median 3-yr FU, minimum 2-yr FU



# Primary Endpoint

## Death, Stroke or MI at 3 Years



No. at Risk:

PCI	948	896	875	850	784	445
CABG	957	868	836	817	763	458

# Primary and Hierarchical Secondary Clinical Outcomes

	PCI (n=948)	CABG (n=957)	Diff [upper confidence limit]	P <sub>NI</sub>	HR [95%CI]	P <sub>Sup</sub>
<b>Primary endpoint</b>						
Death, stroke or MI at 3 years	15.4%	14.7%	0.7% [4.0%] <sup>†</sup>	0.018	-	-
<b>Secondary endpoints</b>						
Death, stroke or MI at 30 days	4.9%	7.9%	-3.1% [-1.2%] <sup>††</sup>	<0.001	-	-
Death, stroke, MI or ischemia-driven revasc at 3 years	23.1%	19.1%	4.0% [7.2%] <sup>††</sup>	0.01	-	-
Death, stroke or MI at 3 years	15.4%	14.7%	-	-	1.00 [0.79, 1.26]	0.98

The pre-specified non-inferiority margins (deltas) were 4.2% for death, stroke or MI at 3 years, 2.0% for death, stroke or MI at 30 days, and 8.4% for death, stroke, MI or ischemia-driven revascularization at 3 years.

<sup>†</sup>Upper 97.5% confidence limit; <sup>††</sup>Upper 95.0% confidence limit.

**Percutaneous coronary angioplasty versus coronary artery bypass grafting in treatment of unprotected left main stenosis**

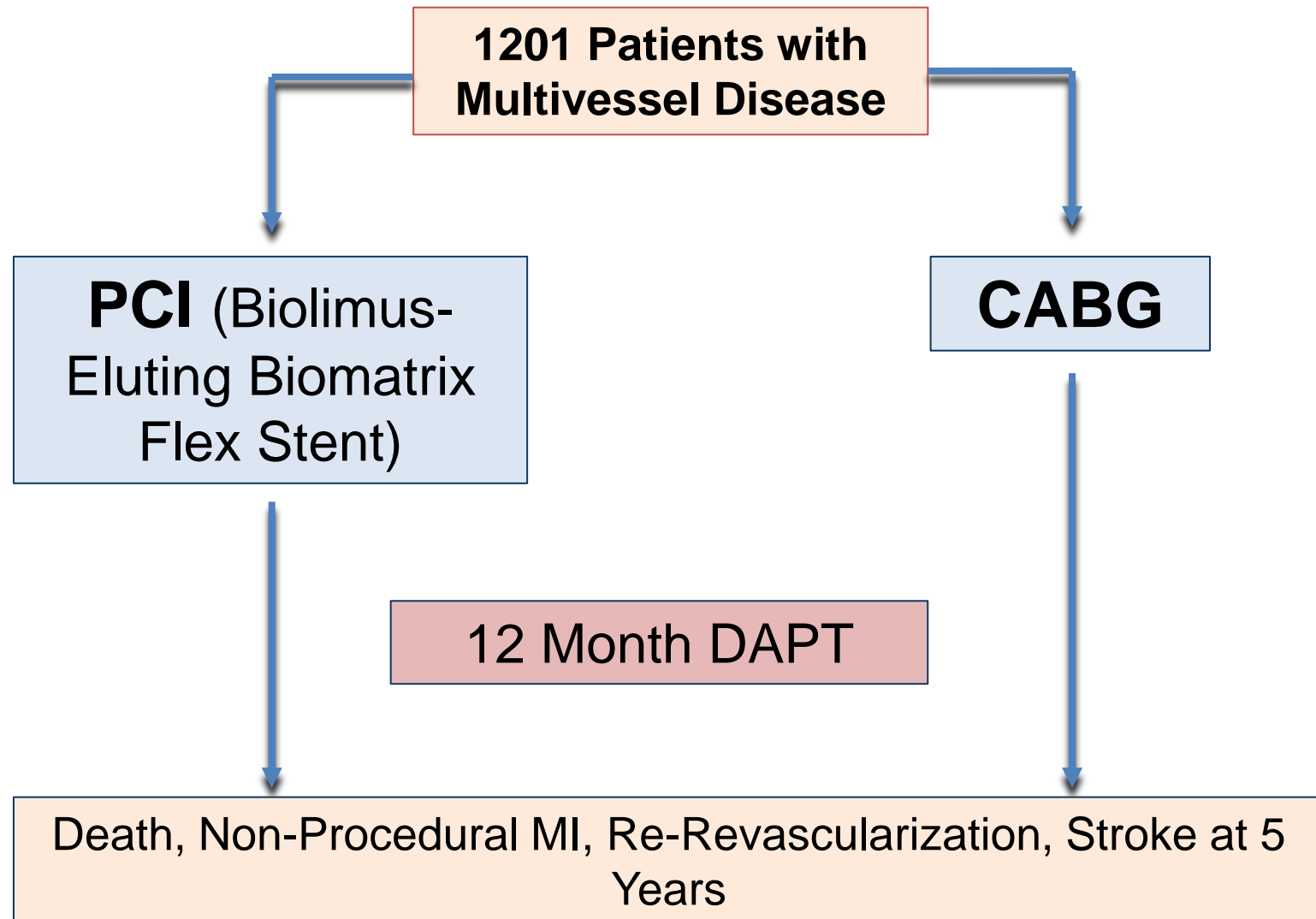
**Nordic–Baltic–British left main revascularisation study (NOBLE)  
A prospective, randomised, open-label, non-inferiority trial**

# NOBLE

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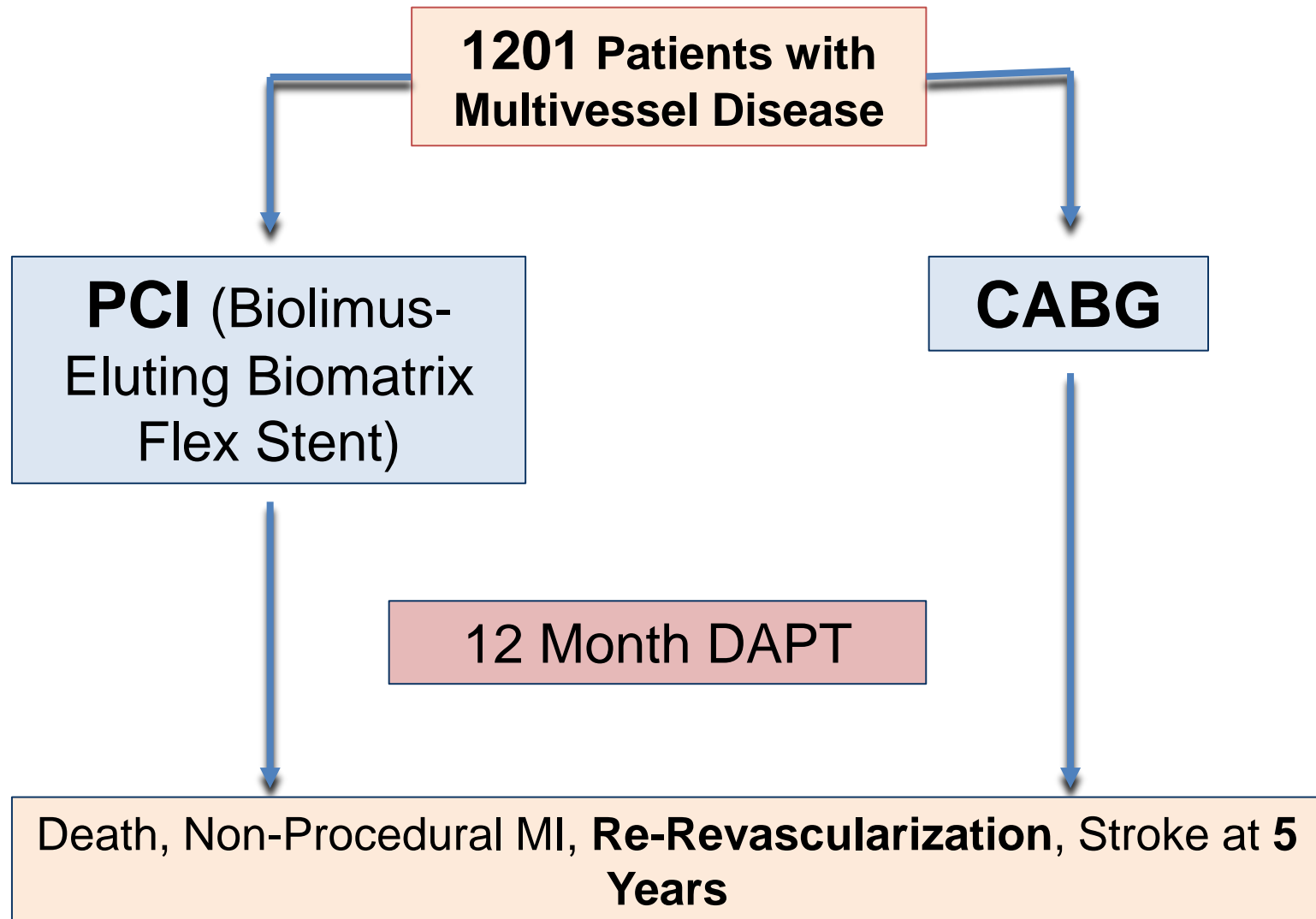
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# NOBLE Trial Design



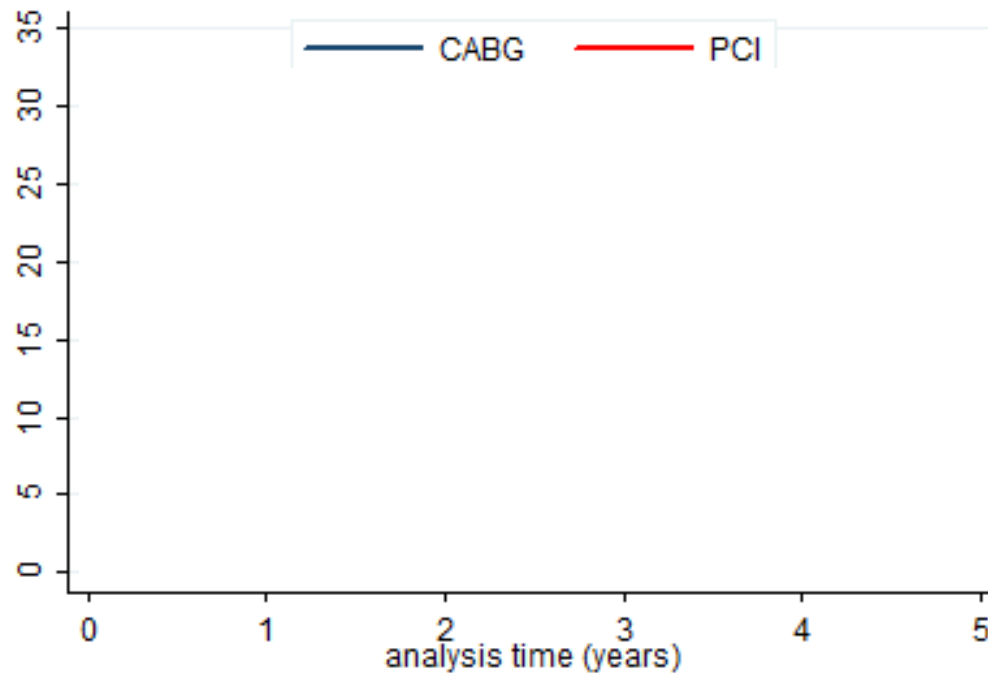


# NOBLE Trial Design



# Results

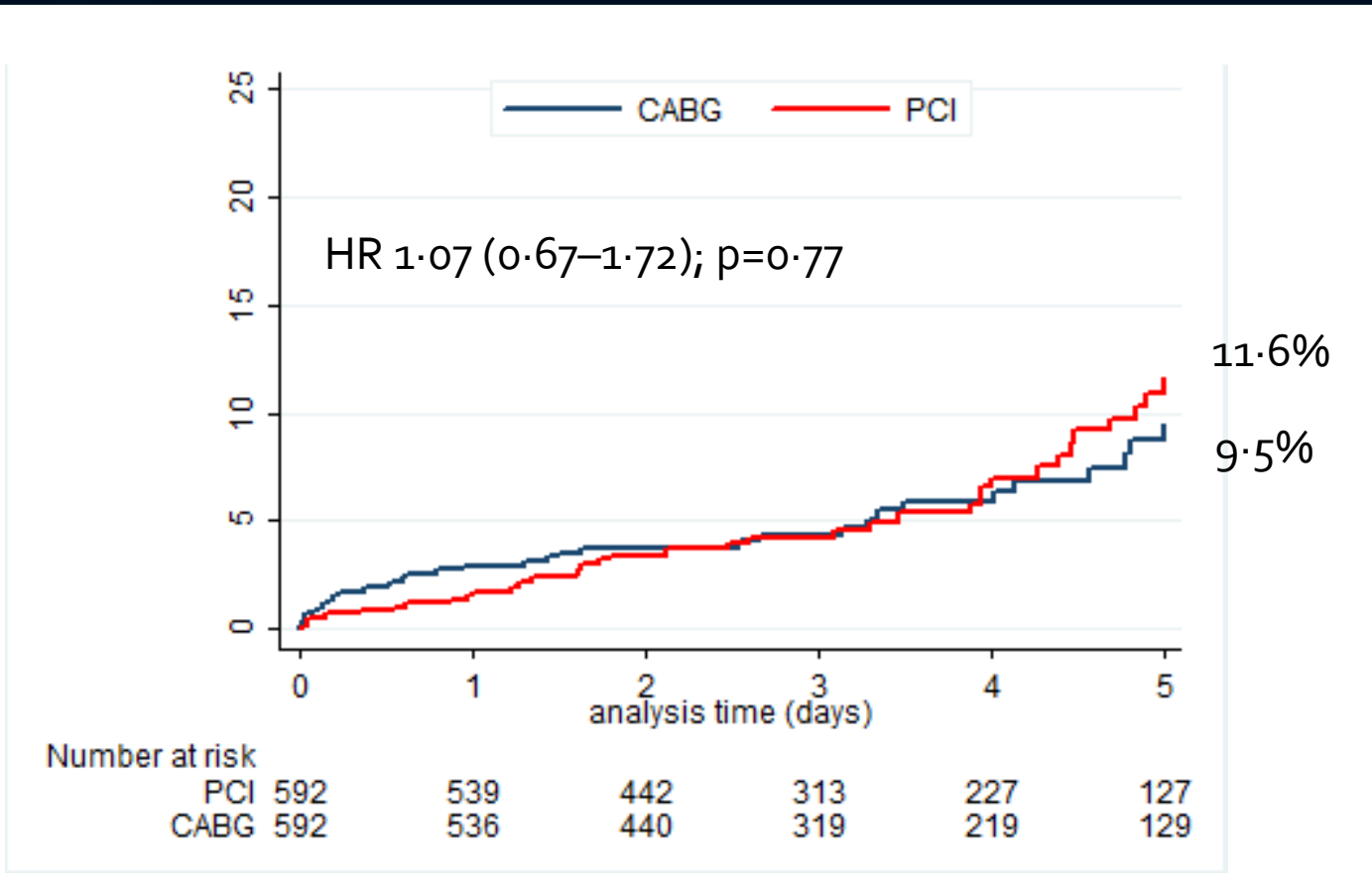
## Primary endpoint: MACCE



PCI did not show non-inferiority  
and CABG was superior to PCI

# Results

## All-cause mortality



11.5%

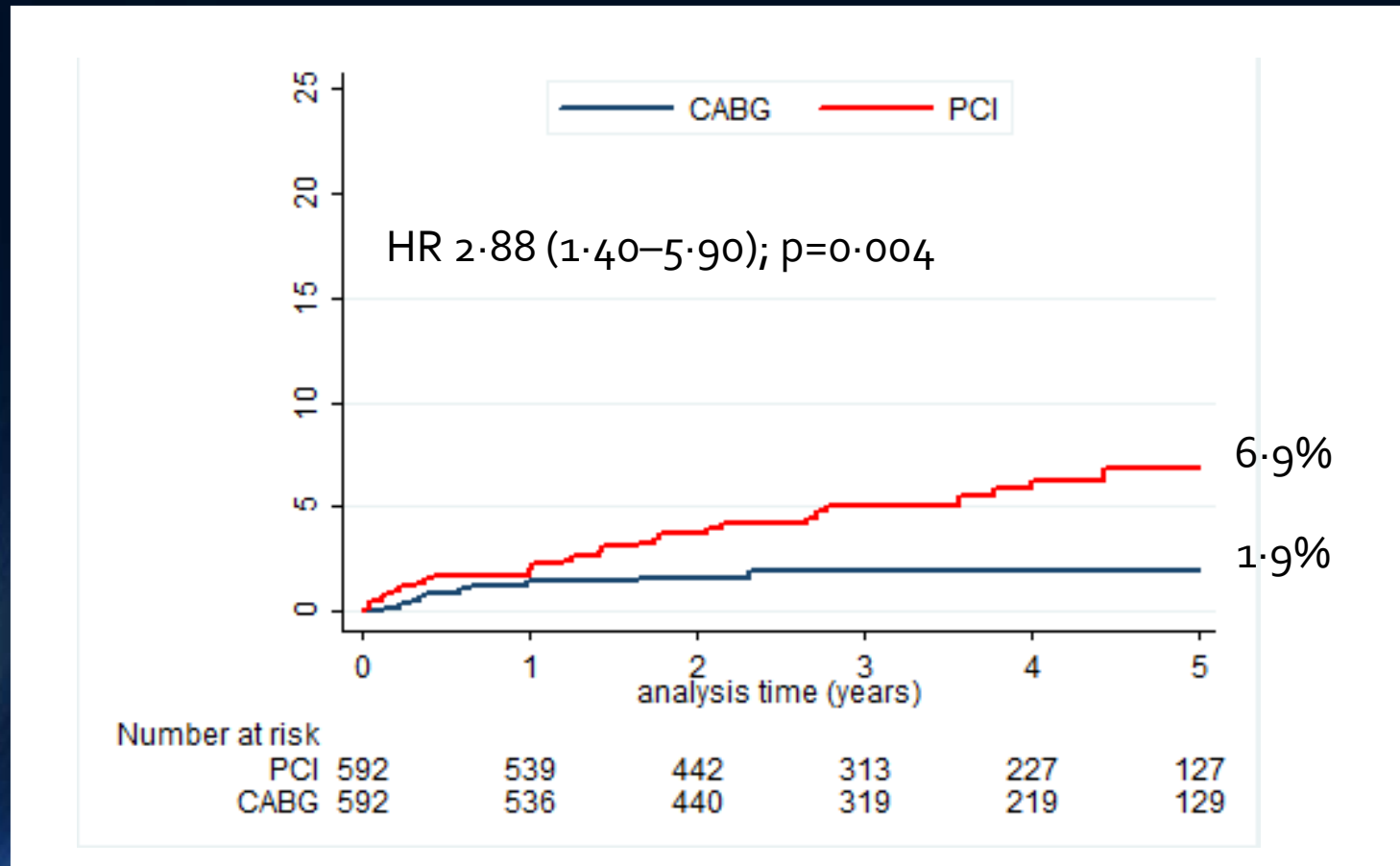
9.5%

11.6%

9.5%

# Results

## Non-procedural myocardial infarction





# Results

## Secondary endpoints

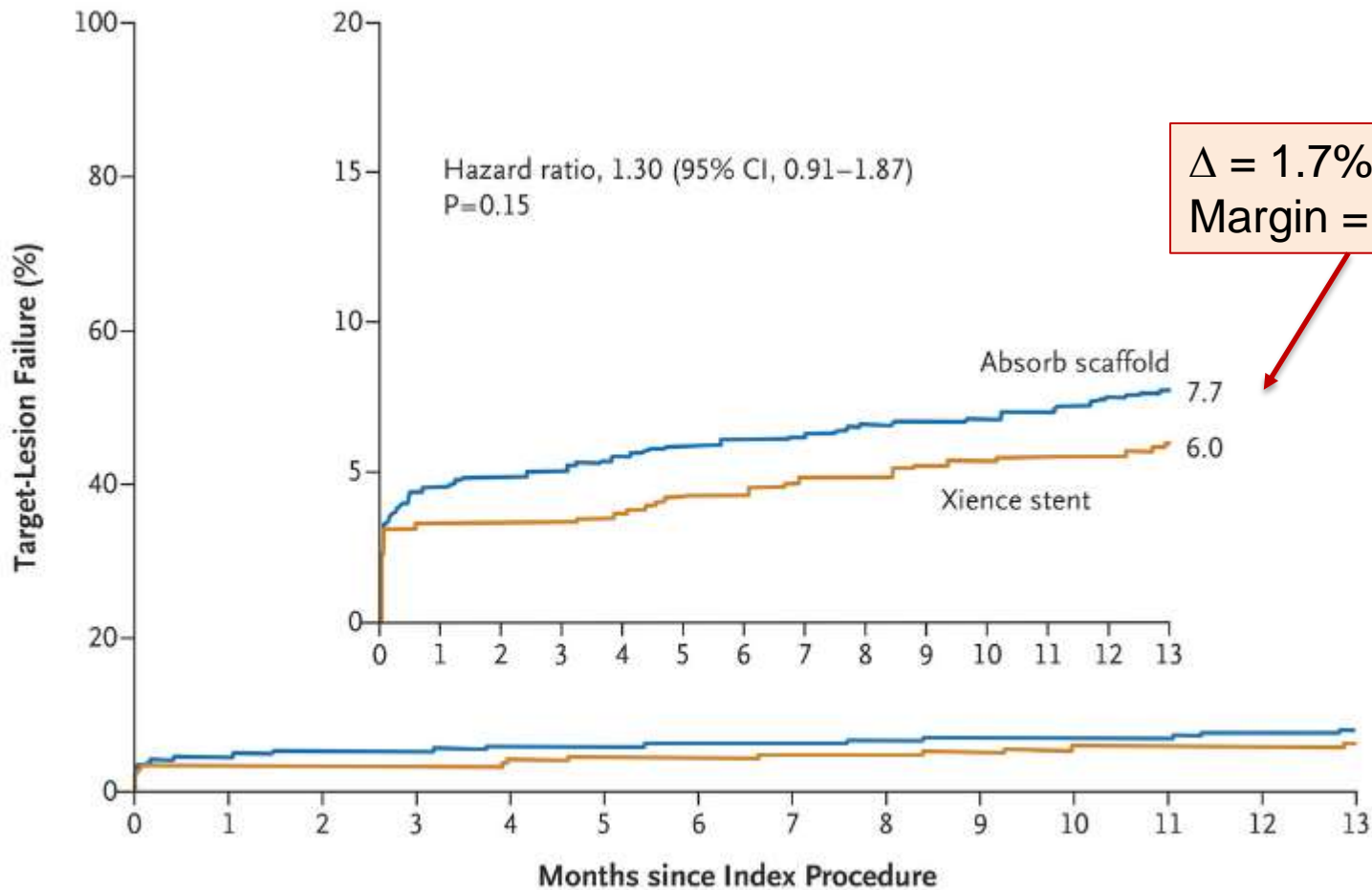
	PCI	CABG	P-value
<b>Definite ST or symptomatic graft occlusion*</b>	<b>3%(9)</b>	<b>4%(15)</b>	<b>0.22</b>
Procedural myocardial infarction (post hoc)	5%(16/296)	7%(16/238)	0.52

\*Kaplan-Meier 5 year estimates by intention-to-treat

# Bioabsorbable Scaffolds in PCI: *Background*

- Absorb stent: 150  $\mu\text{m}$  poly(L-lactide) scaffold + 7 $\mu\text{m}$  poly(D,L lactide) coating which elutes everolimus.
- Prior prospective studies were small (ABSORB II – 501 pts, EVERBIO II - 240, ABSORB Japan – 400)
- Concern about late scaffold thrombosis (GHOST-EU Registry) reported 2.1% at 6 months

# ABSORB III: Time to Event Analysis



## No. at Risk

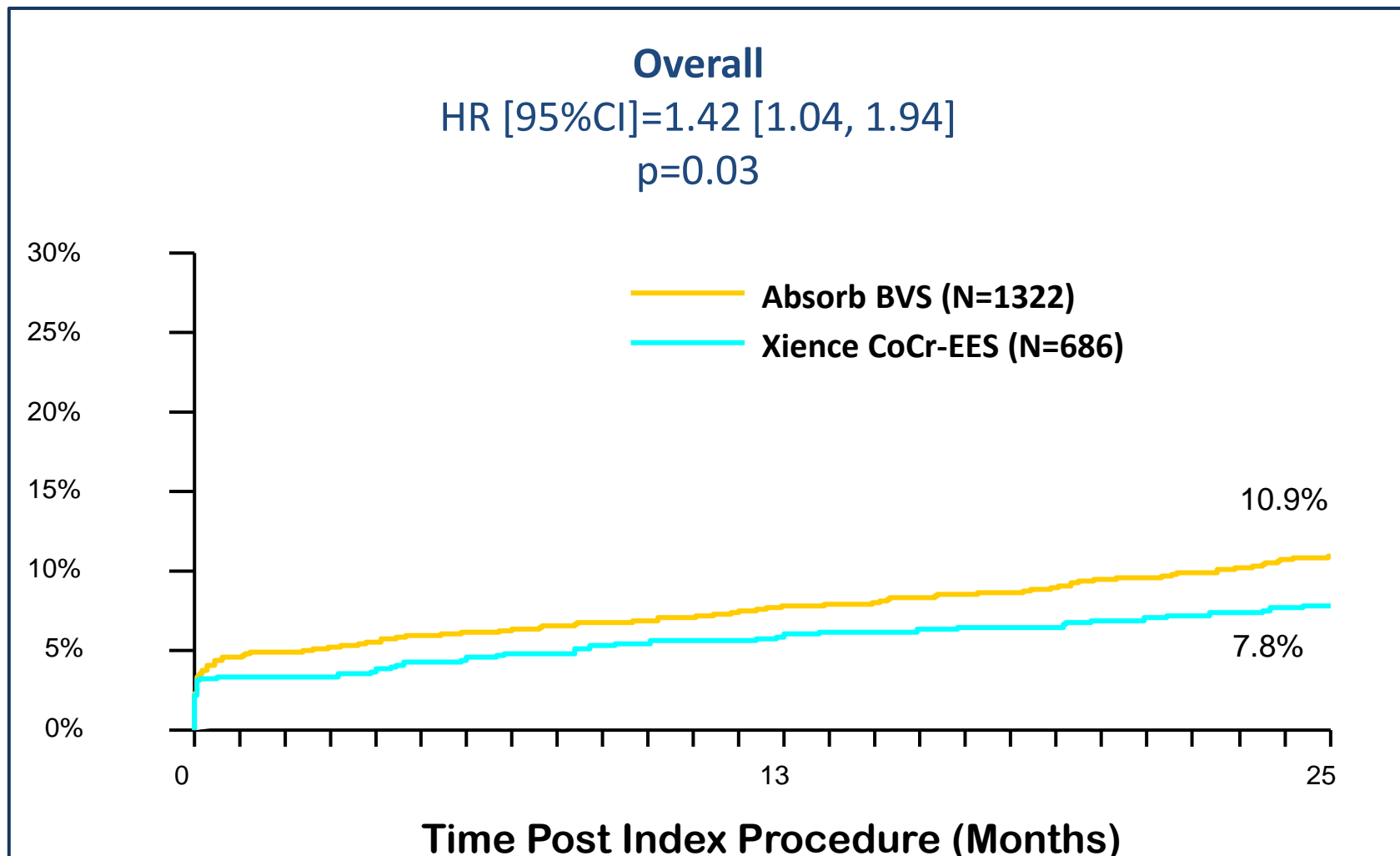
Absorb	1322	1254			
Xience	686	661			

	1230			
	651			

	1218		
	643		

	1205	
	638	

# ABSORB III: TLF by 2 Years

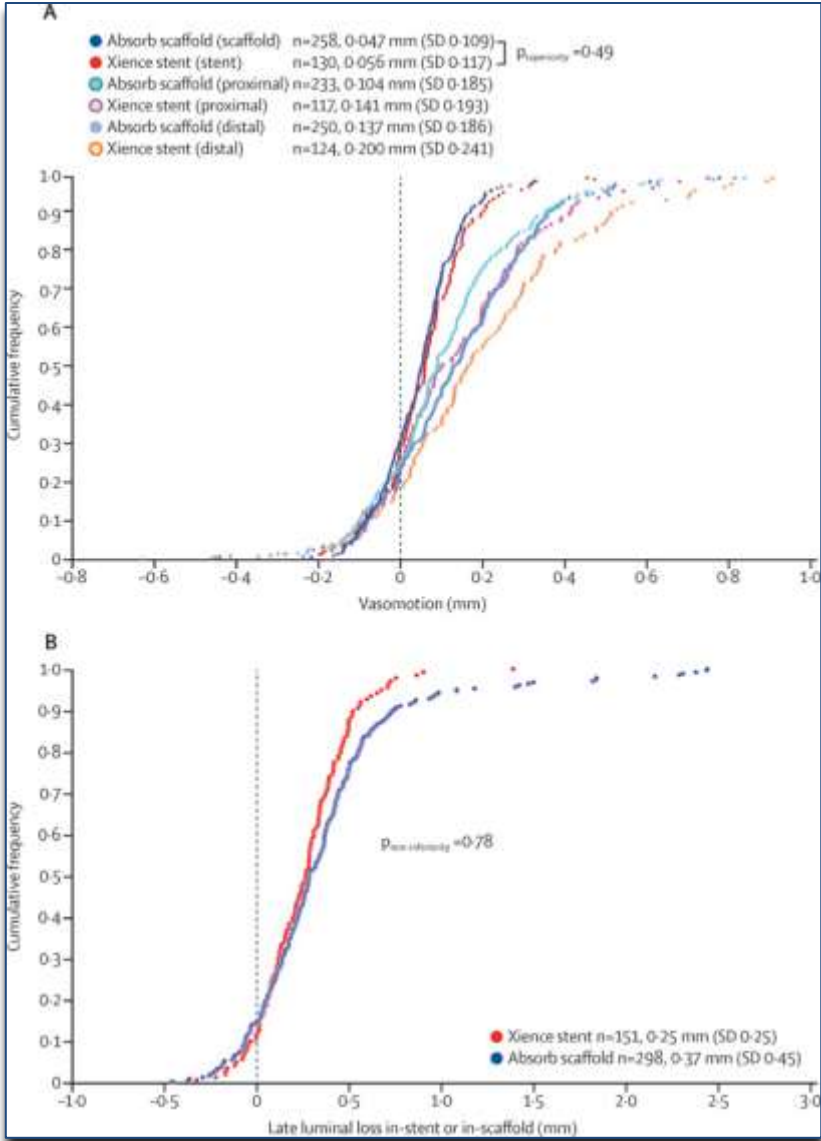




# ABSORB III Clinical Endpoints by 2 Years

	<b>Absorb (N=1322)</b>	<b>XIENCE (N=686)</b>	<b>P-Value</b>
TLF	11.0%	7.9%	0.03
Cardiac Death	1.1%	0.6%	NS
TV-MI	7.3%	4.9%	0.04
ID-TLR	5.3%	4.3%	NS
ST (Def/Prob)	1.9%	0.8%	NS

# ABSORB II: Three Year Endpoints



30% of Patients were on DAPT at 3 years

	Absorb	Xience
<b>Cardiac Mortality</b>	<b>3/325 (1%)</b>	<b>3/161 (2%)</b>
<b>Myocardial Infarction</b>	<b>27/325 (8%)</b>	<b>5/161 (3%)</b>
<b>TVR</b>	<b>33/325 (10%)</b>	<b>19/161 (12%)</b>
<b>Very Late Stent or Scaffold Thrombosis</b>	<b>6/329 (2%)</b>	<b>0/164 (0%)</b>

# AIDA Trial (All-Comers): Two Year Outcome

- 1,845 Patients randomized to Absorb vs Xience Stent
- Lesions < 70 mm; no bifurcations allowed
- 63% Post dilation
- 4.5% Non-Inferiority margin for cardiac death, MI, TVR

	BBVS	Metal	P
1 EP	11.1%	10.7%	0.43
Definite ST	3.1%	0.6%	<0.001
Definite or Probable ST	3.5%	0.9%	<0.001

**No relation between ST and vessel size, post-dilation, or stent sizing**

# FDA Informational Posting

[Posted 03/18/2017]

**AUDIENCE:** Cardiology, Surgery, Risk Manager

**ISSUE:** The FDA is informing health care providers treating patients with Absorb GT1 Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS) that there is an increased rate of major adverse cardiac events observed in patients receiving the BVS, when compared to patients treated with the approved metallic XIENCE drug-eluting stent.

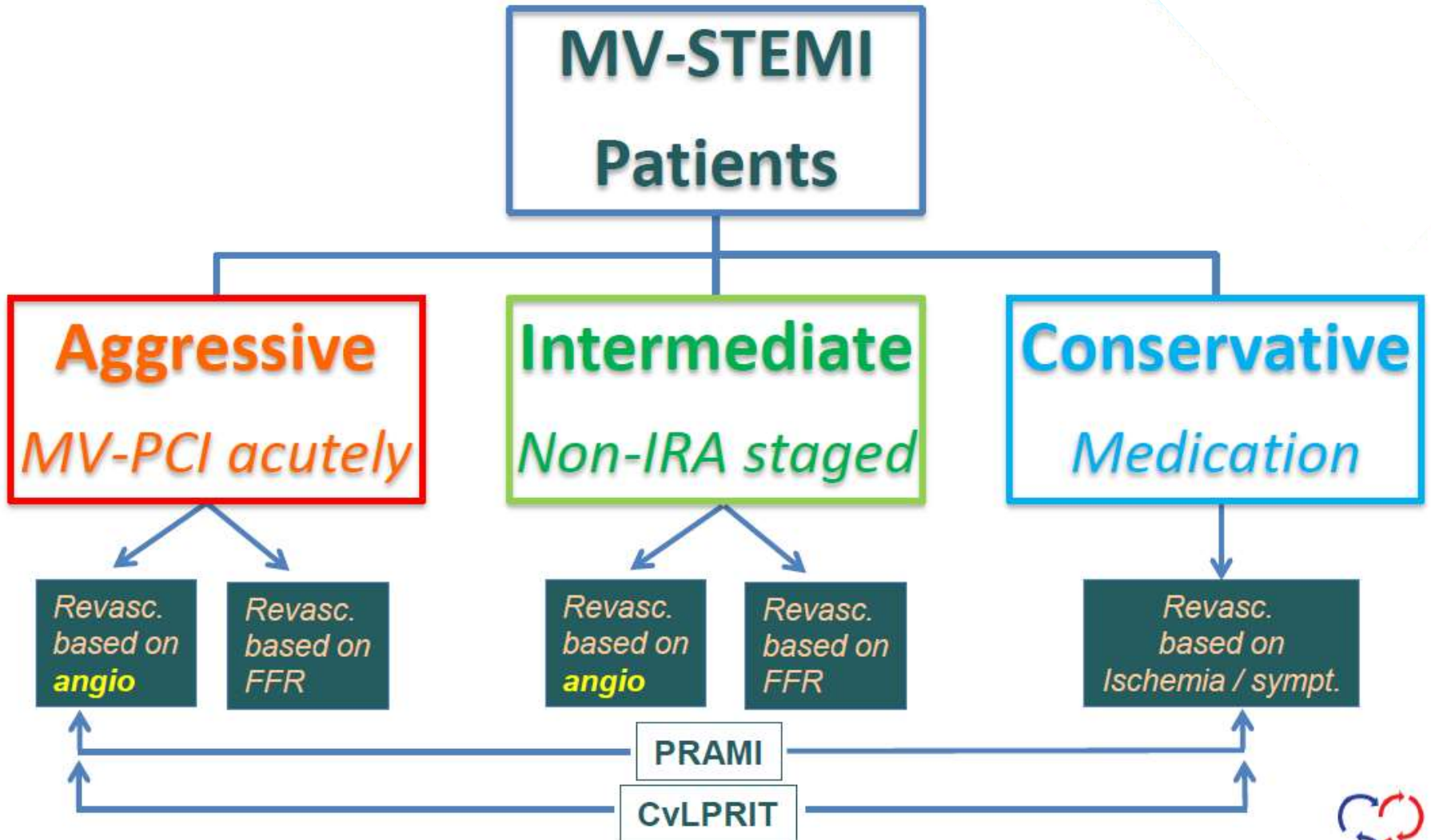
The FDA's initial review of two-year data from the BVS pivotal clinical study (the ABSORB III trial) shows an 11 percent rate of major adverse cardiac events (e.g., cardiac death, heart attack, or the need for an additional procedure to re-open the treated heart vessel) in patients treated with the BVS at two years, compared with 7.9 percent in patients treated with the already-approved Abbott Vascular's metallic XIENCE drug-eluting stent (p = 0.03). This study also shows a 1.9 percent rate of developing blood clots (thrombosis) within the BVS versus 0.8 percent within the XIENCE stent at 2 years. These observed higher adverse cardiac event rates in BVS patients were more likely when the device was placed in small heart vessels.

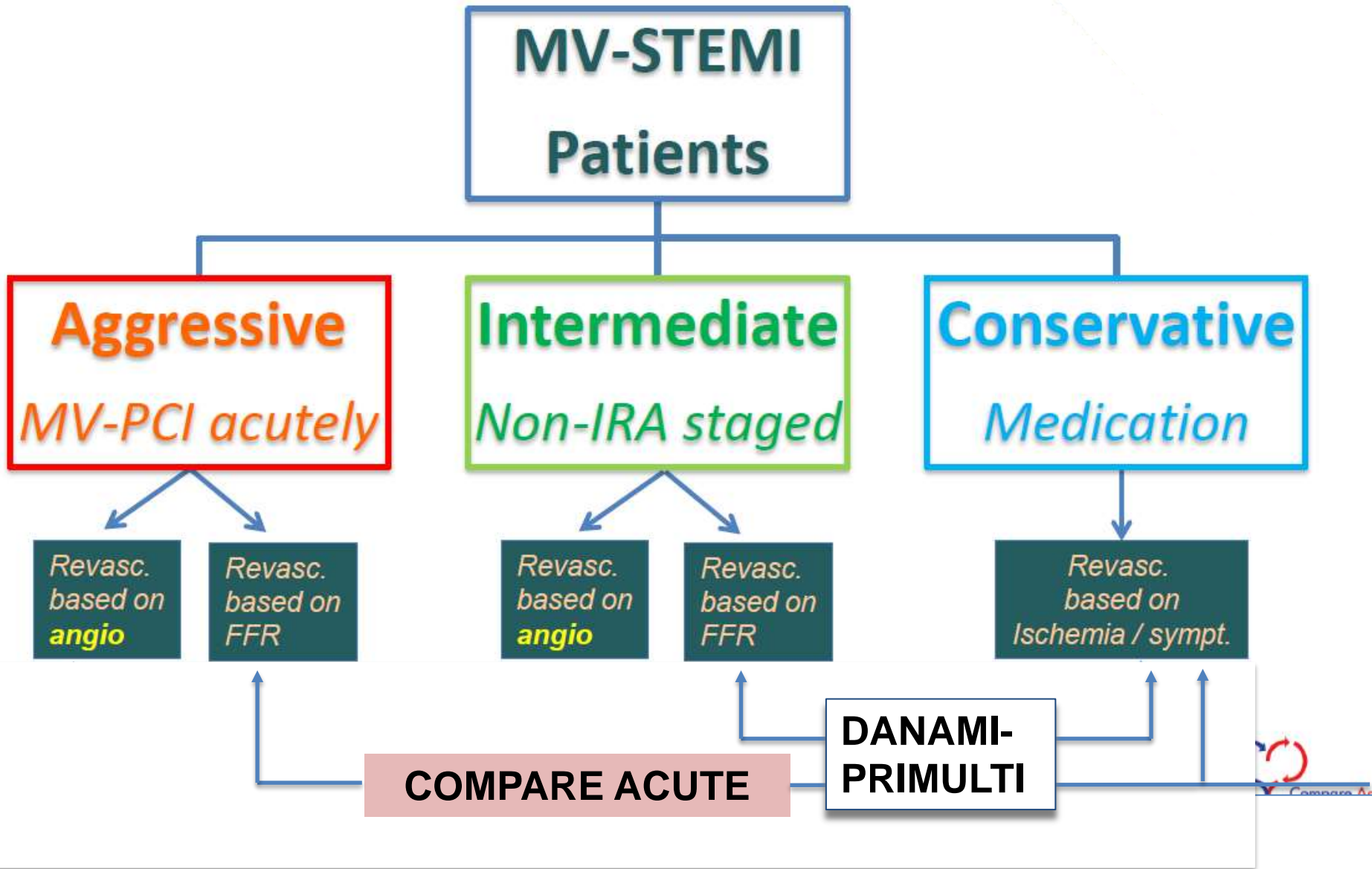
<https://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm547256.htm>

**MV-STEMI  
Patients**

**Conservative  
*Medication***

*Revasc.  
based on  
Ischemia / sympt.*







# COMPARE ACUTE

**STEMI and Multivessel Disease**  
**N = 885**

74% Prasugrel  
or Ticagrelor  
23% GP IIb-  
IIIa Inhib.

**FFR-Guided  
Complete Revascularization**  
**N = 295**

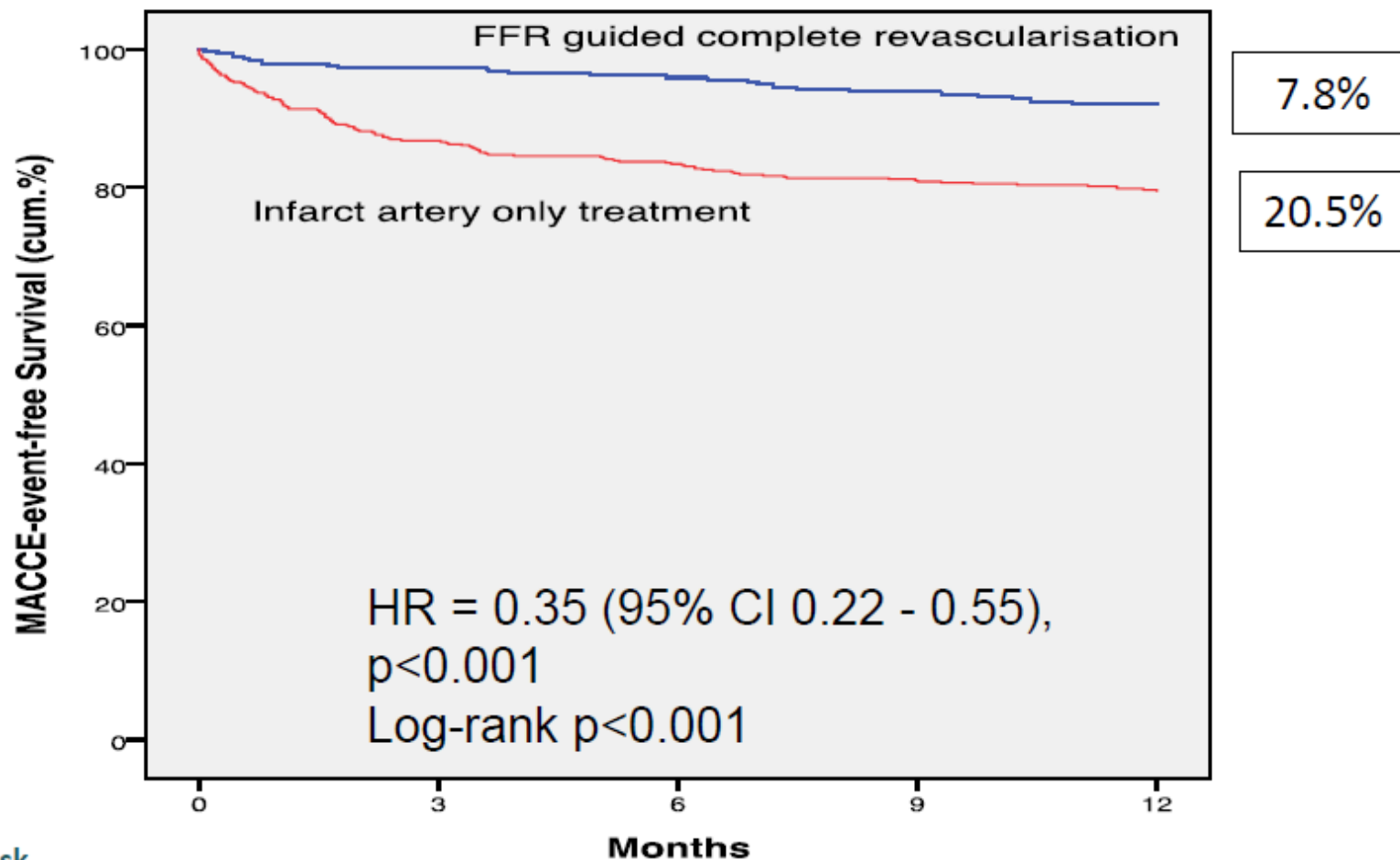
**Infarct Artery Only  
Revascularization  
(+ Blinded FFR)**  
**N = 590**

During Primary  
PCI (83%)

Staged < 72 h  
(17%)

**Death, re-MI, re-Revascularization, Stroke at 12 Months**

# COMPARE ACUTE: Primary Endpoint



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12
FFR guided complete	295	286	281	264	215
Culprit lesion only	590	512	492	457	371

# Components of the Primary Endpoint

	FFR guided Complete Revascularization (n=295)	Infarct Artery Only treatment (n=590)	HR	95% CI	P value
<b>Primary endpoint</b>	Number of events (%)				
<b>MACCE* (any first event)</b>	23 (7.8%)	121 (20.5%)	0.35	0.22 – 0.55	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Death, all cause</b>	4 (1.3%)	10 (1.7%)	0.80	0.25 – 2.56	0.70
<b>Cardiac</b>	3 (1.0%)	6 (1.0%)			
<b>Myocardial infarction (MI)</b>	7 (2.4%)	28 (4.7%)	0.50	0.22 - 1.13	0.10
<b>Spontaneous</b>	5 (1.6%)	17 (2.9%)	0.59	0.22 – 1.59	0.29
<b>Peri-procedural</b>	2 (0.6%)	11 (1.9%)	0.36	0.08 – 1.64	0.19
<b>Revascularization</b>	18 (6.1%)	103 (17.5%)	0.32	0.20 – 0.54	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>PCI</b>	15 (5.1%)	98 (16.6%)	0.37	0.24 – 0.57	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>CABG</b>	3 (1.0%)	5 (0.8%)	1.20	0.29 – 5.02	0.80
<b>Cerebrovascular event</b>	0 (0.0%)	4 (0.7%)	NA	NA	NA

# Perspective

- Complete revascularization has almost always proven superior to incomplete revascularization.
- The current trend is to manage stable coronary lesions conservatively.
- FAME 2 suggests that adding FFR may prove a useful discriminator (i.e. stent only the worst lesions).
- The preponderance of evidence now favors a more aggressive approach to non-culprit lesions
- Specific criteria favoring acute NCL PCI aren't yet defined