

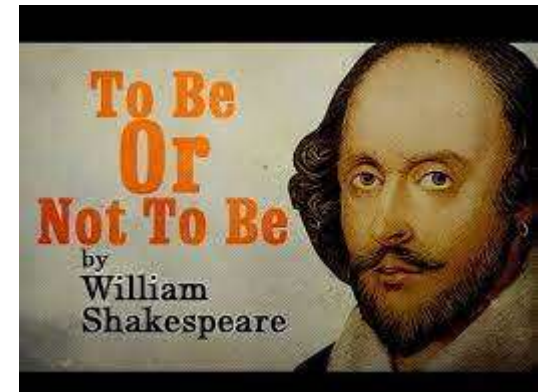


Optimal medical therapy

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No disclosures

Revasc or not revasc



Highlights

- Why to revascularize?
- Physiological targets for revascularization
- Is viability the way to improve prognosis ?
- Or what do we know about viability?

What are the goals of revasc ?

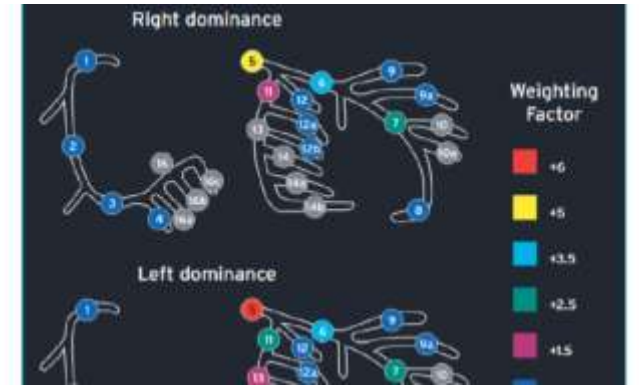
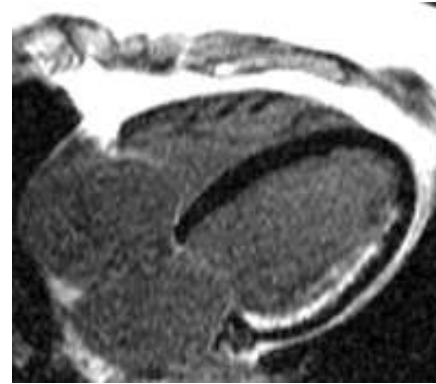
- Symptomatic (eg angina, HF symptoms)
- Prognostic (survival, HF hospitalisations,...)

Risk - benefit

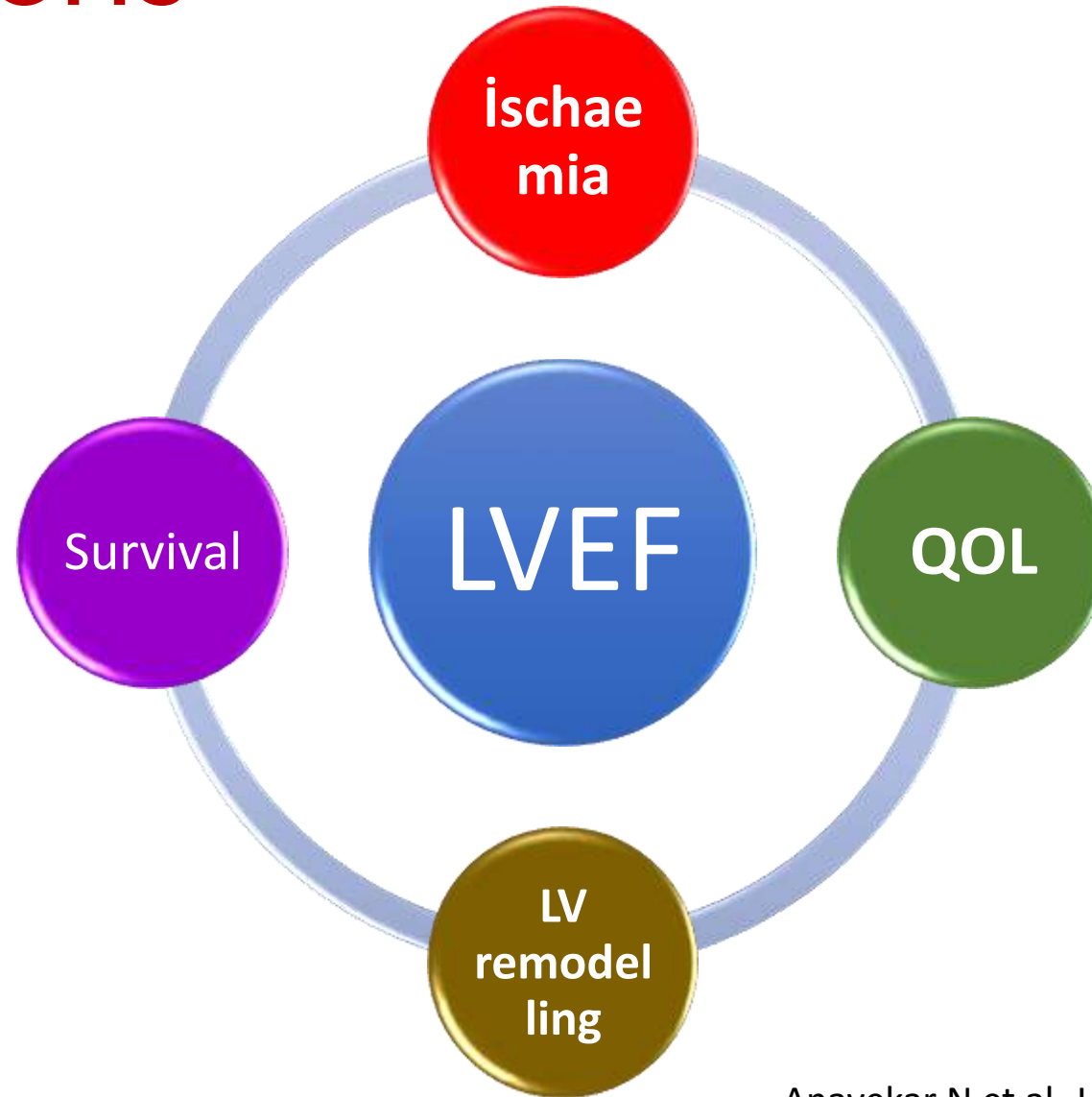


Successful revascularization

- ✓ Coronary anatomy
- ✓ LVEF
- ✓ Ischemia
- ✓ Viability
- ✓ Comorbidity

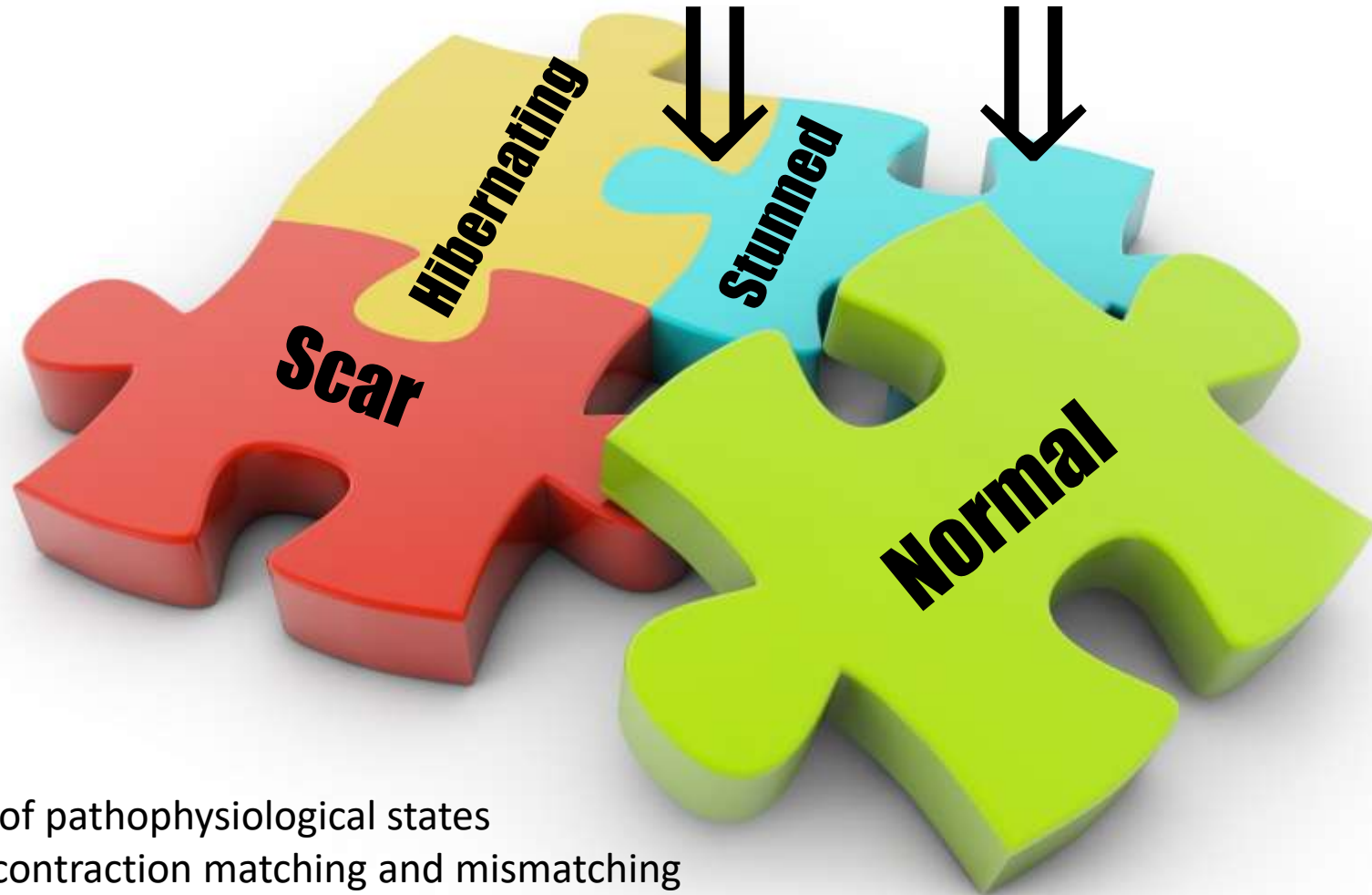


Expectations



Physiological targets of revasc

Dyfunctional, but viable



ICM consists of a puzzle of pathophysiological states that relate to perfusion contraction matching and mismatching

2018 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

The Task Force on myocardial revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

Developed with the special contribution of the European Association for Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI)

Recommendations on revascularizations in patients with chronic heart failure and systolic left ventricular dysfunction (ejection fraction $\leq 35\%$)

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
In patients with severe LV systolic dysfunction and coronary artery disease suitable for intervention, myocardial revascularization is recommended. ^{81,250}	I	B
CABG is recommended as the first revascularization strategy choice in patients with multivessel disease and acceptable surgical risk. ^{68,81,248,255}	I	B

What the guidelines say?

In patients with one- or two-vessel disease, PCI should be considered as an alternative to CABG when complete revascularization can be achieved.	IIa	C
In patients with three-vessel disease, PCI should be considered based on the evaluation by the Heart Team of the patient's coronary anatomy, the expected completeness of revascularization, diabetes status, and comorbidities.	IIa	C
LV aneurysmectomy during CABG should be considered in patients with NYHA class III/IV, large LV aneurysm, large thrombus formation, or if the aneurysm is the origin of arrhythmias.	IIa	C
Surgical ventricular restoration during CABG may be considered in selected patients treated in centres with expertise. ^{252–254,256,257}	IIb	B

ESC Guidelines: for Revascularisation & for Heart Failure

Heart Failure 2021

	Class ^a	Level ^b
CABG should be considered as the first-choice revascularization strategy, in patients suitable for surgery, especially if they have diabetes and for those with multivessel disease. ^{581,587,588,590}	IIa	B
Coronary revascularization should be considered to relieve persistent symptoms of angina (or an angina-equivalent) in patients with HFrEF, CCS, and coronary anatomy suitable for revascularization, despite OMT including anti-anginal drugs.	IIa	C
In LVAD candidates needing coronary revascularization, CABG should be avoided, if possible.	IIa	C
Coronary revascularization may be considered to improve outcomes in patients with HFrEF, CCS, and coronary anatomy suitable for revascularization, after careful evaluation of the individual risk to benefit ratio, including coronary anatomy (i.e. proximal stenosis >90% of large vessels, stenosis of left main or proximal LAD), comorbidities, life expectancy, and patient's perspectives.	IIb	C
PCI may be considered as an alternative to CABG, based on Heart Team evaluation, considering coronary anatomy, comorbidities, and surgical risk.	IIb	C

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B?

Revascularisation 2018

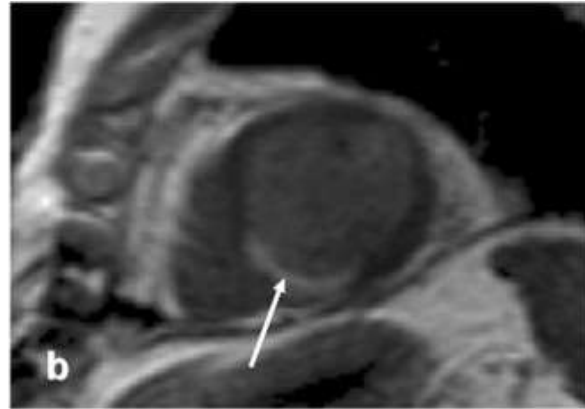
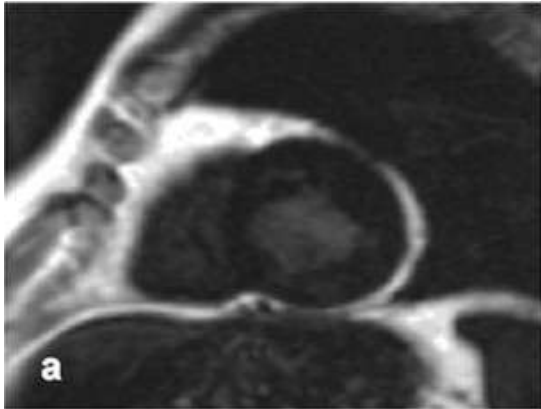
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Class I	Evidence and/or general agreement that a given treatment or procedure is beneficial, useful, effective.	Is recommended or is indicated.
Class II	Conflicting evidence and/or a divergence of opinion about the usefulness/efficacy of the given treatment or procedure.	
Class IIa	Weight of evidence/opinion is in favour of usefulness/efficacy.	Should be considered
Class IIb	Usefulness/efficacy is less well established by evidence/opinion.	May be considered
Class III	Evidence or general agreement that the given treatment or procedure is not useful/effective, and in some cases may be harmful.	Is not recommended

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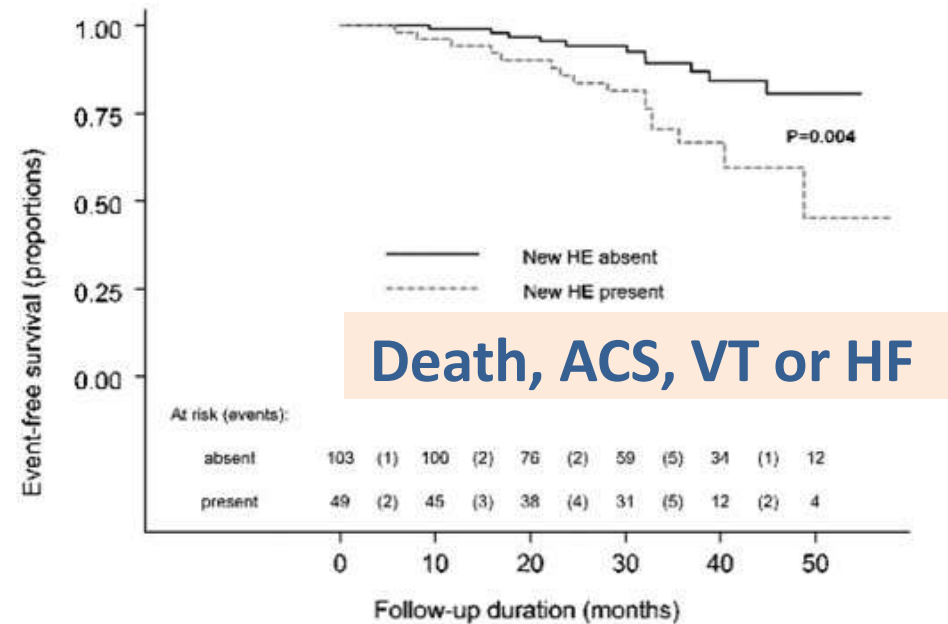
Iatrogenic Myocardial Infarction (CABG / PCI – just a controlled myocardial infarction?)

- How Common?
 - 32%
- Does it matter?
 - Three-fold increase in adverse events



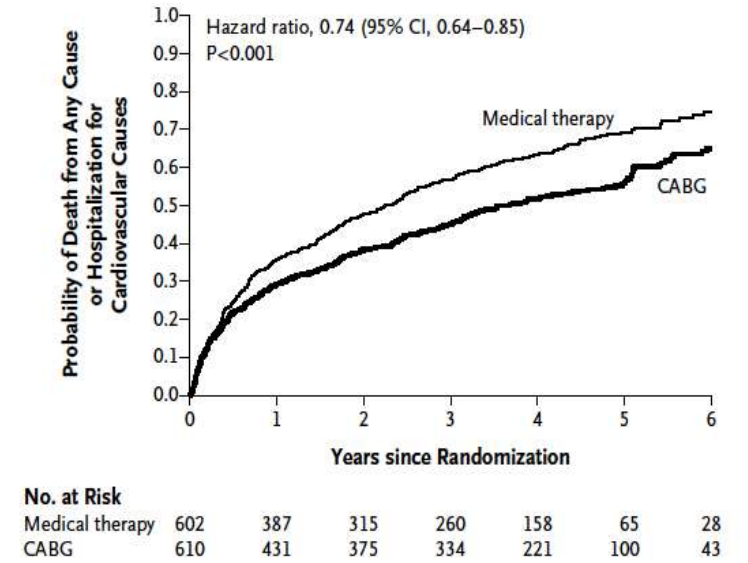
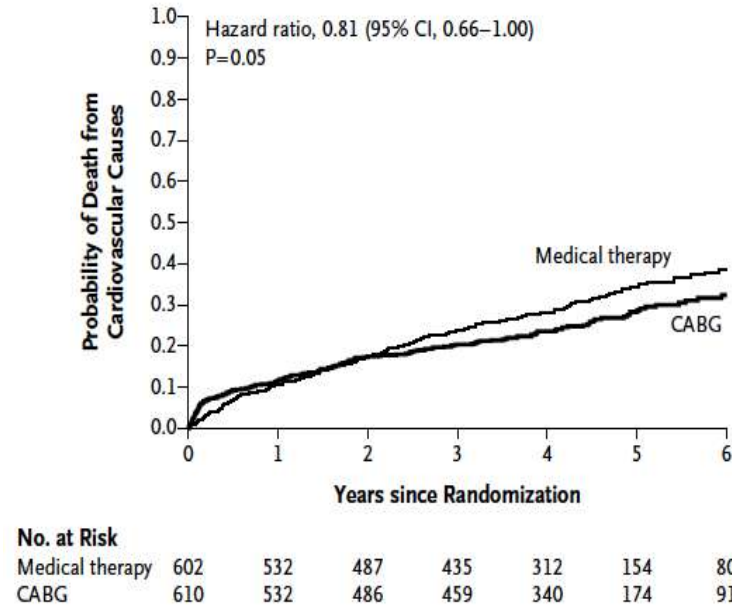
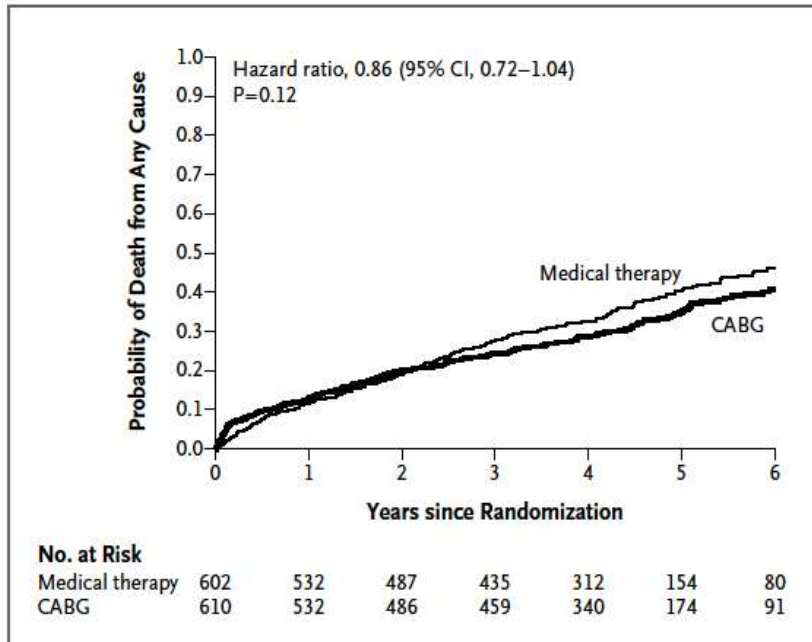
Prognostic value of coronary revascularisation-related myocardial injury: a cardiac magnetic resonance imaging study

K Rahimi,¹ A P Banning,² A S H Cheng,³ T J Pegg,⁴ T D Karamitsos,⁴ K M Channon,² S Darby,¹ D P Taggart,⁵ S Neubauer,⁶ J B Selvanayagam⁷



Conclusions: Myocardial injury during PCI or CABG, identified by DE-CMR, adversely affects clinical outcome. This suggests the benefits from revascularisation could partially be offset by new myocardial injury caused by the intervention itself.

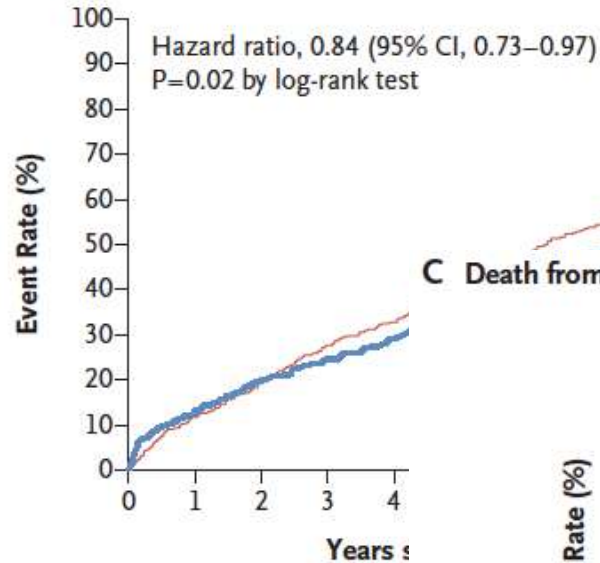
Improvement of Prognosis – STICH



Revascularization by CABG is superior to optimal medical therapy

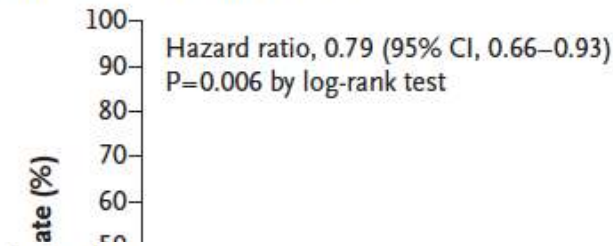
Improvement of Prognosis – STICHES

A Death from Any Cause (Primary Outcome)

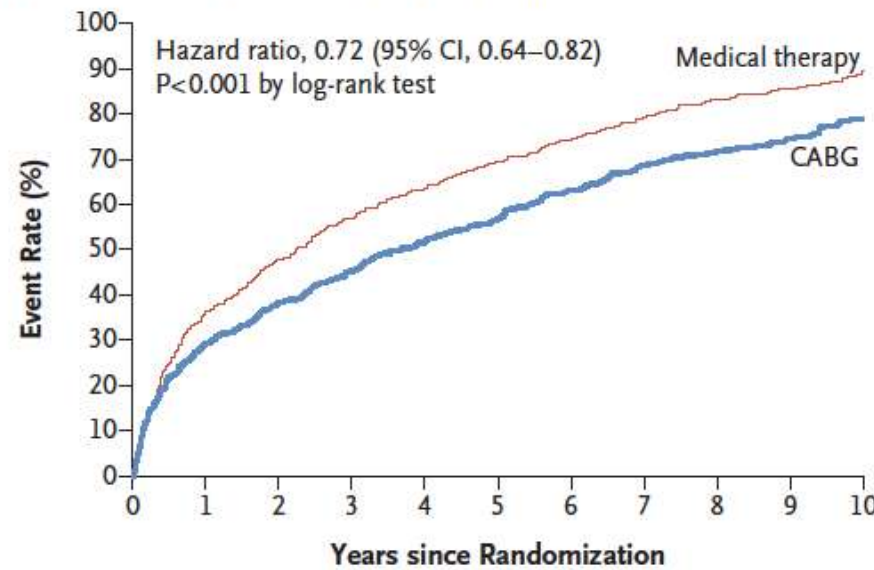


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Medical therapy	602	532	487	435	404	
CABG	610	532	487	460	432	

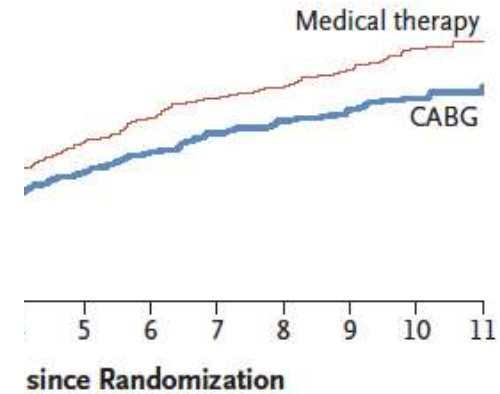
B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



C Death from Any Cause or Cardiovascular Hospitalization



No. at Risk		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Medical therapy	602	385	314	259	219	185	152	123	98	57	19	
CABG	610	431	376	334	293	259	218	184	166	106	43	

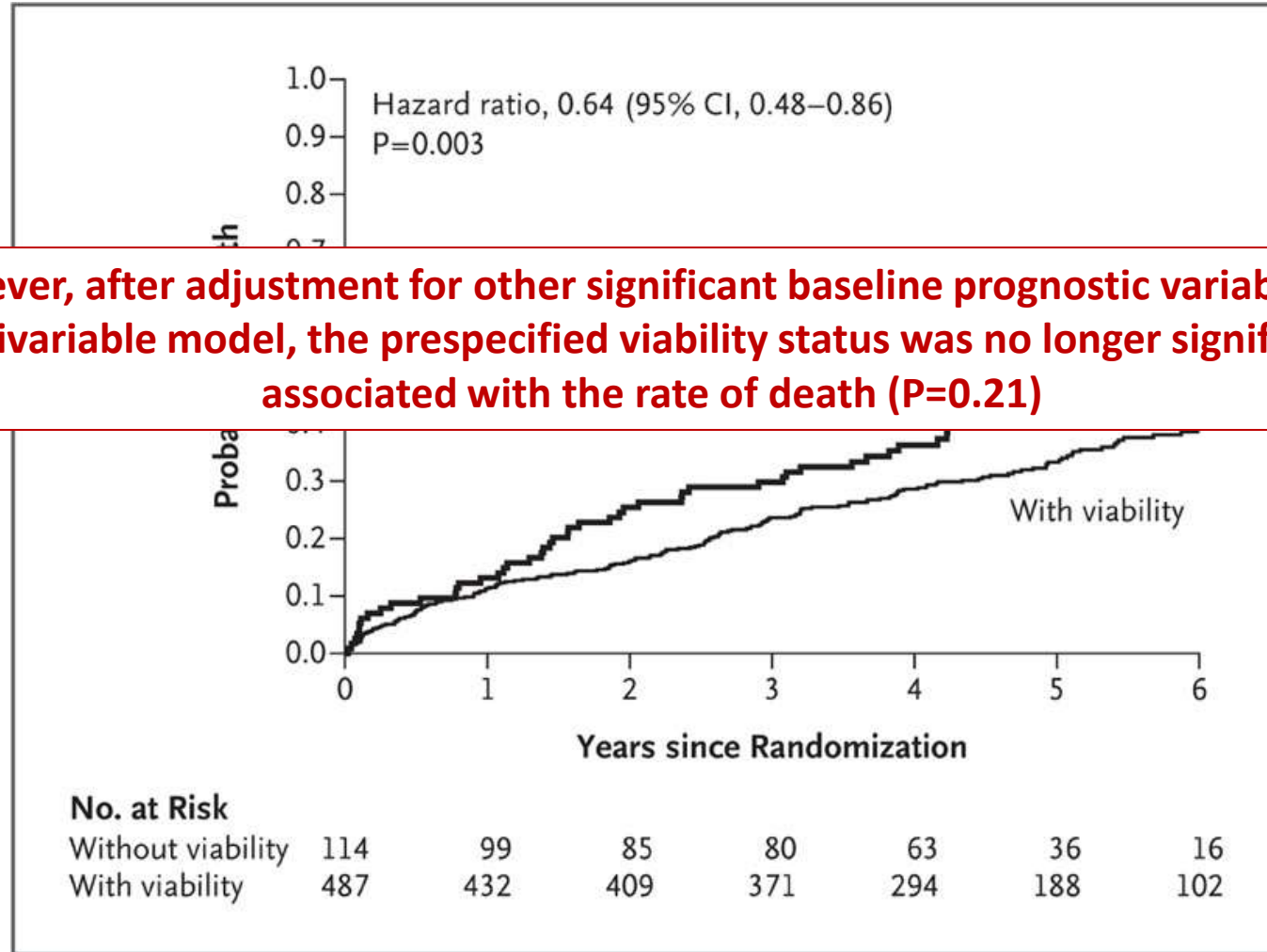


No. at Risk		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Medical therapy	4	357	315	274	248	164	82	37
CABG	2	392	356	312	286	205	103	42

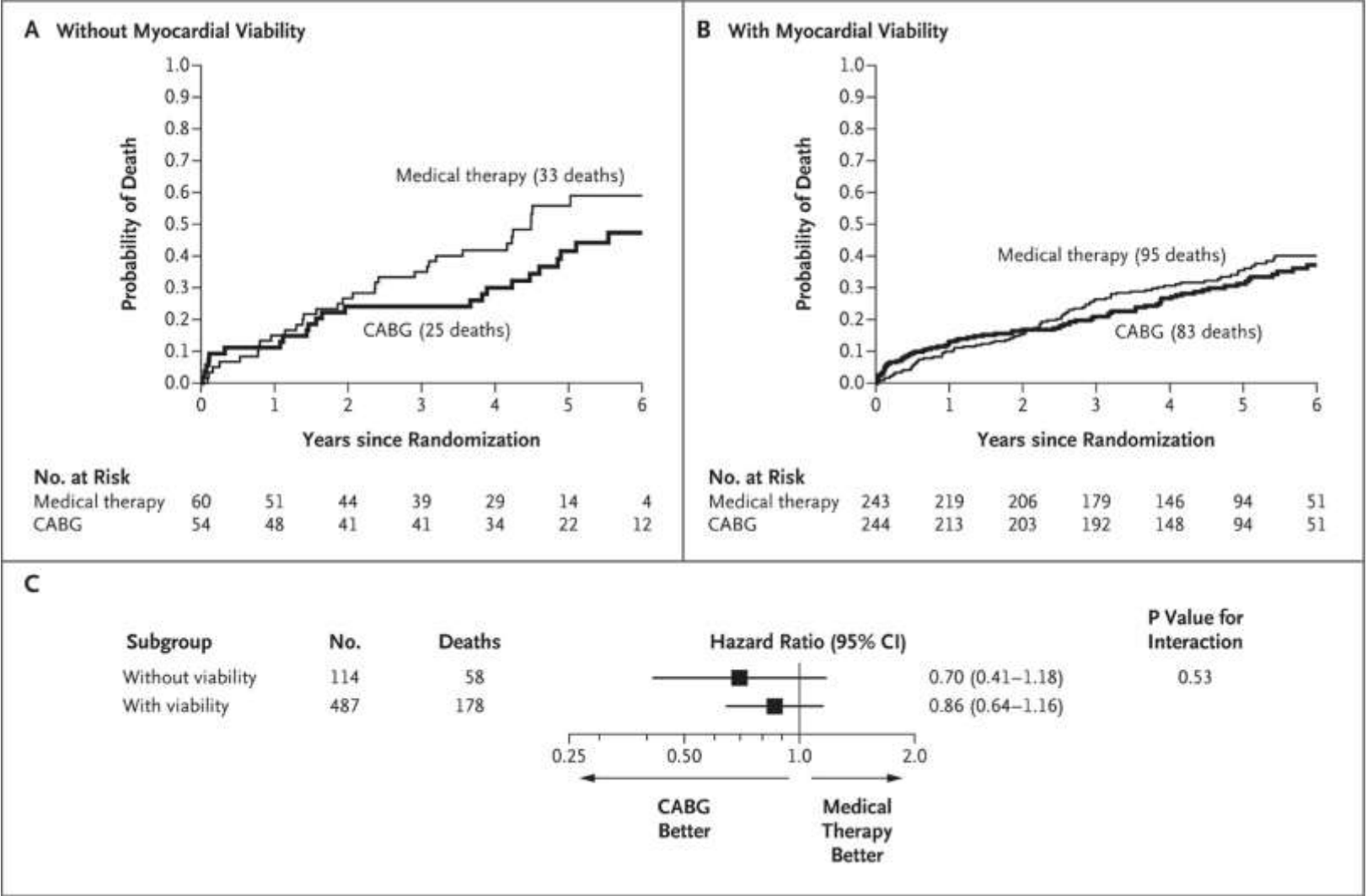
STICH: Myocardial Viability Sub-study

Kaplan–Meier Analysis of the Probability of Death, According to Myocardial Viability Status

Patients with viable myocardium had lower overall rates of death than those without viable myocardium

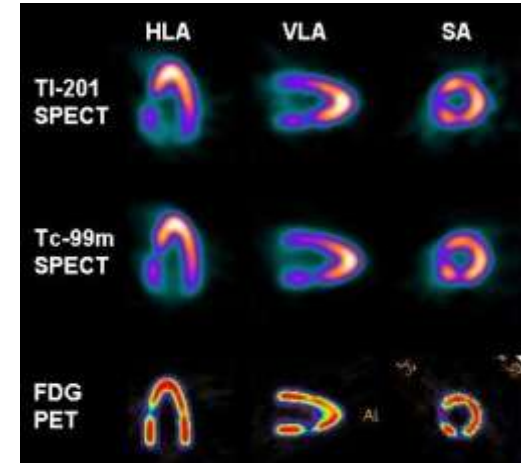


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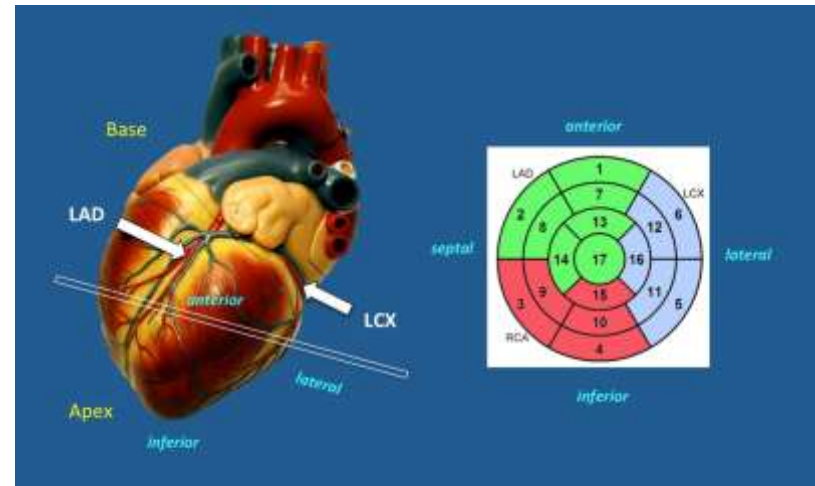


STICH viability tests

SPECT



**Dobutamine
Stress-
echocardiography**



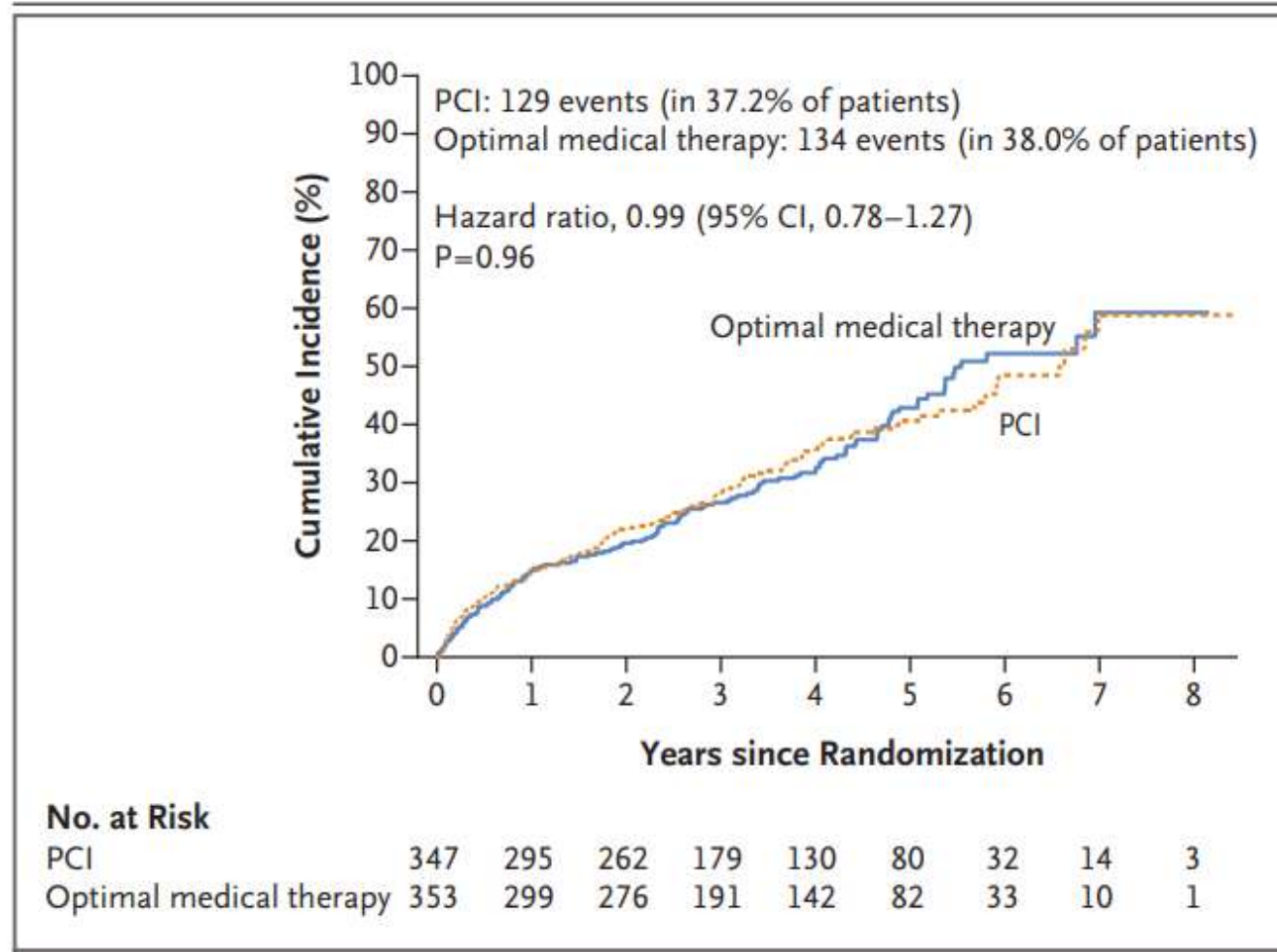
Revasc for Ischemic ventricular dysfunction (REVIVED trial)



129 Events (37.2%)

134 Events (38.0%)

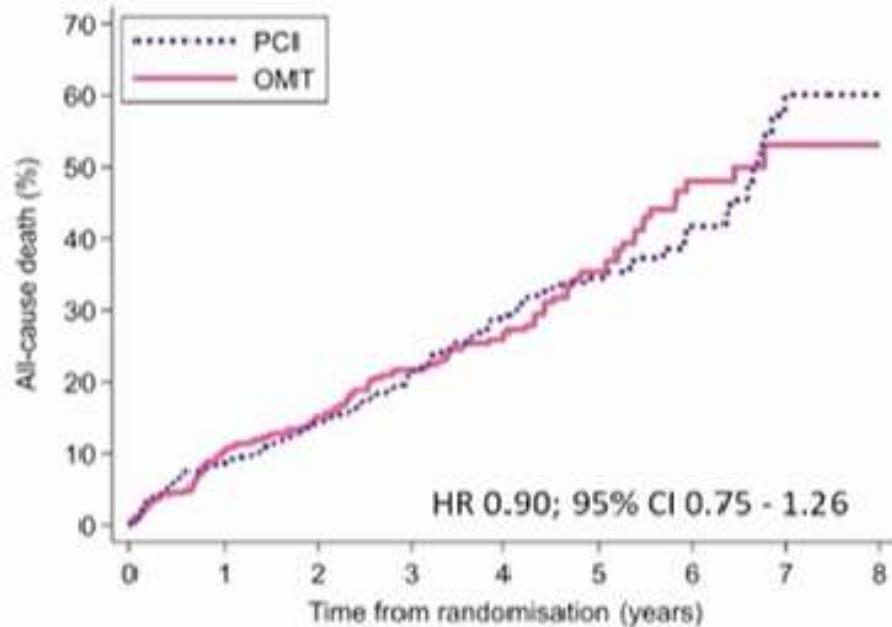
**Primary
Endpoint**



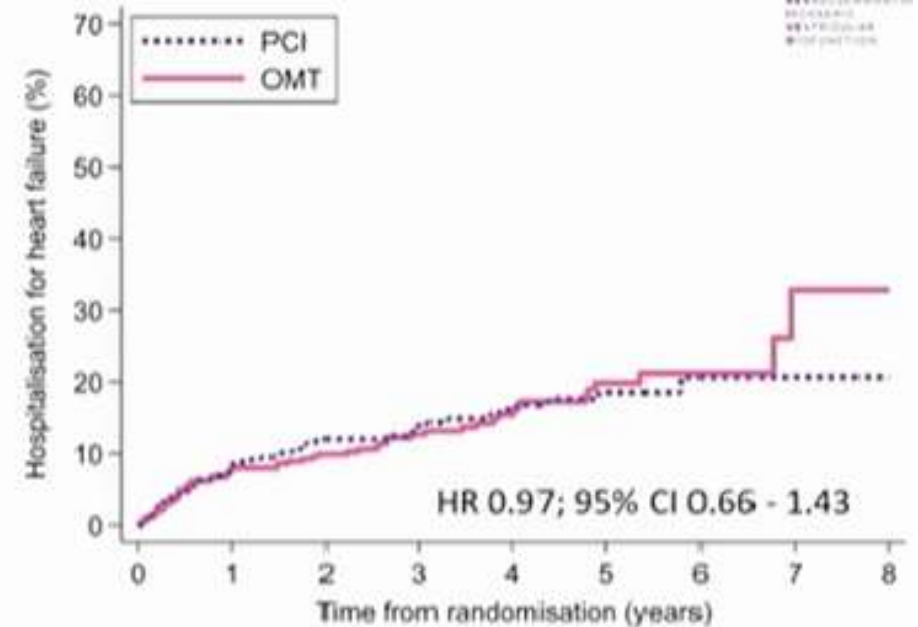
**Hazard Ratio 0.99
95% CI 0.78 - 1.27
p=0.96**

REVIVED : RCT on PCI versus OMT in CHF

Components of primary endpoint



Number at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PCI	347	317	287	198	143	87	37	14	3
OMT	353	315	291	204	155	93	36	11	2



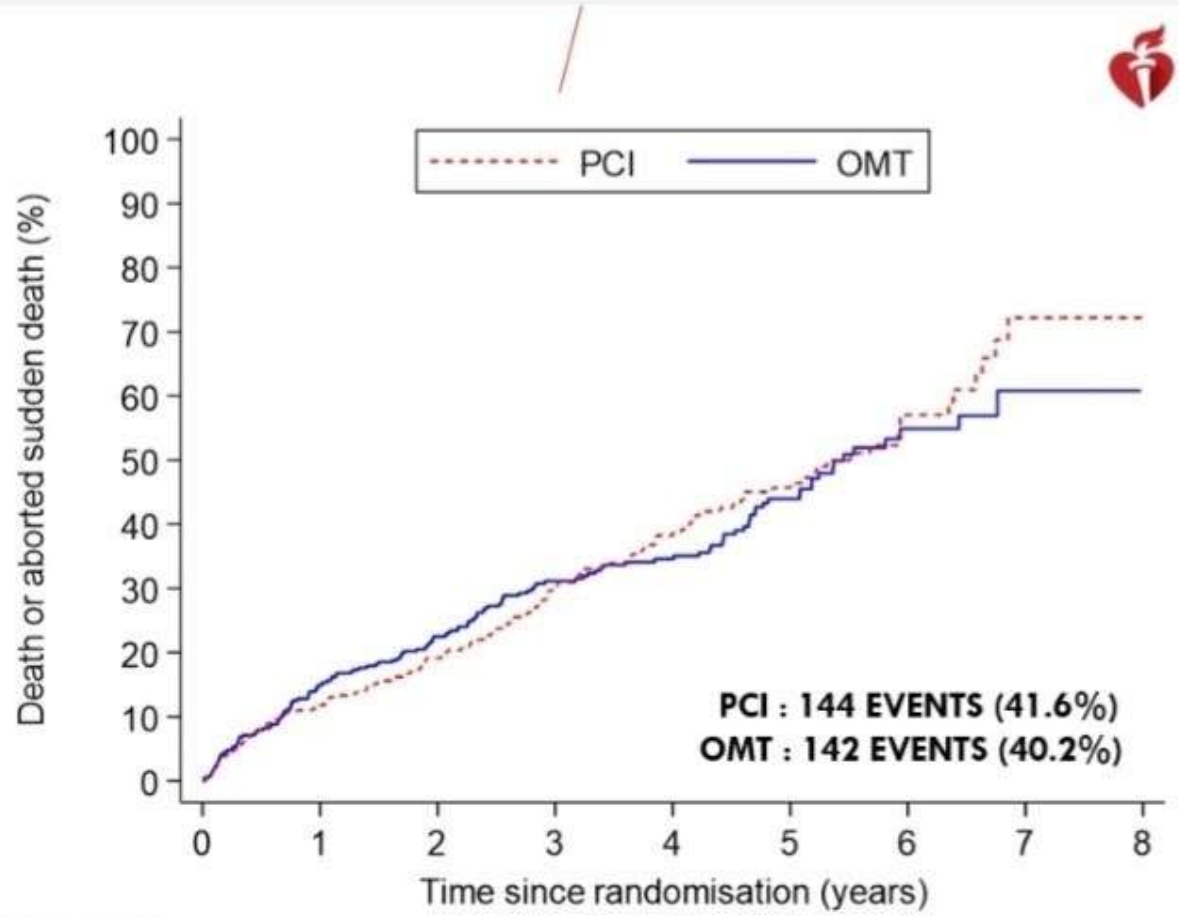
Number at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PCI	347	295	262	179	130	80	32	14	3
OMT	353	299	276	191	142	82	33	10	1

Arrhythmia-Reduction

**Primary
outcome**

**Hazard ratio
1.03 (95% CI 0.82 to 1.30)
p=0.80**

*Adjusted hazard ratio
1.02 (95% CI 0.81 to 1.29)
p=0.84*

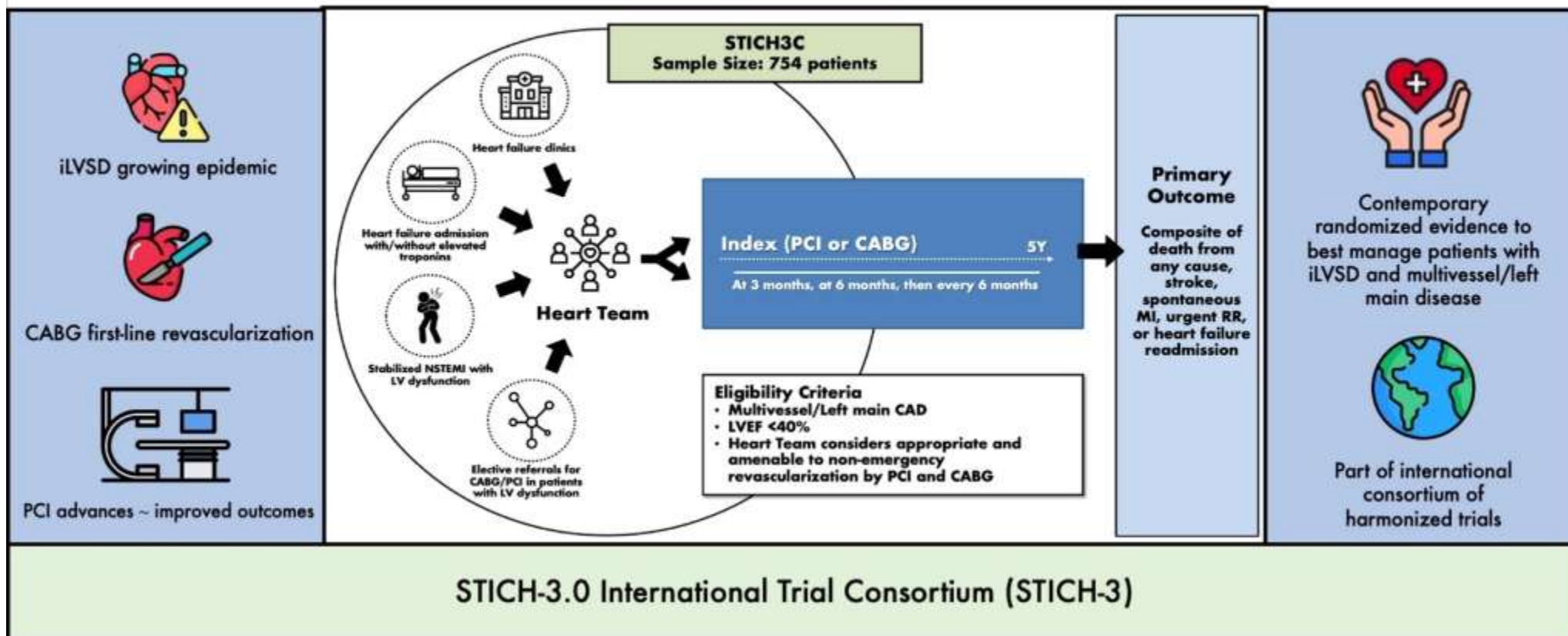


Number at risk

PCI	346	305	269	176	124	74	27	8	3
OMT	353	299	266	177	134	79	29	8	0

Upcoming RCTs – STICH-3

The Canadian CABG or PCI in Patients with Ischemic Cardiomyopathy Trial (STICH3C): Rationale and Study Protocol



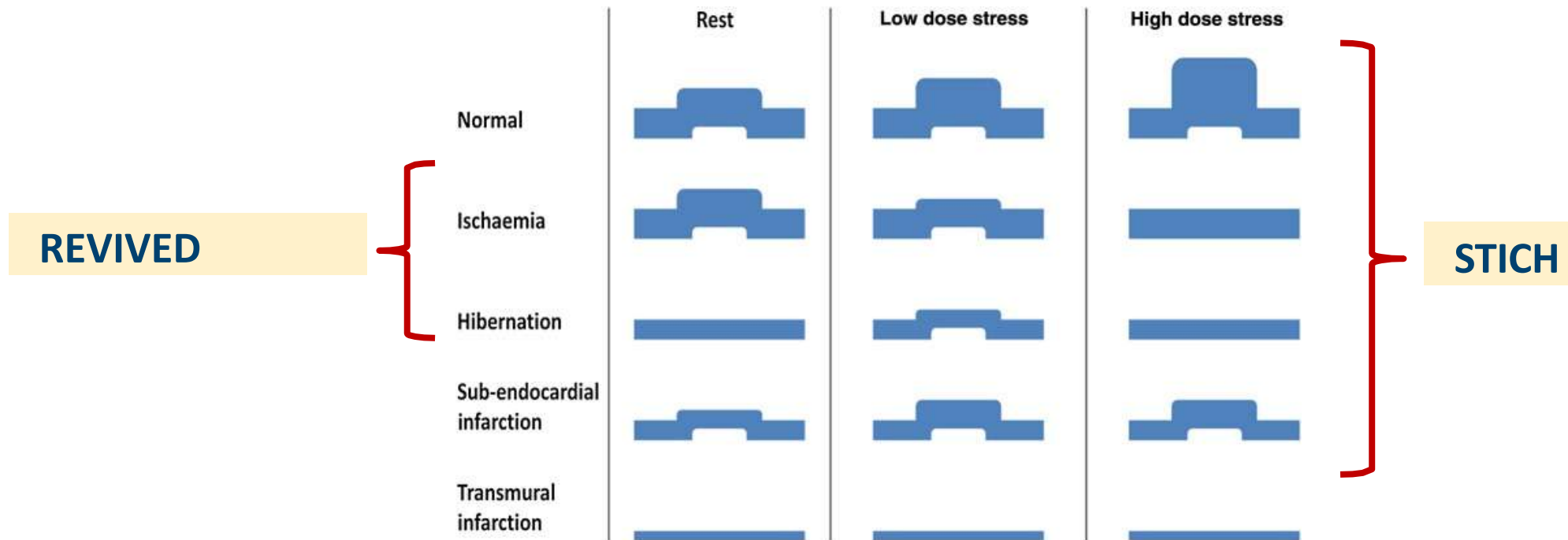
Fremes et al. *Circulation: Cardiovascular Interventions*. 2023.

Differing Definitions of Viability

Clinical update

Taxonomy of segmental myocardial systolic dysfunction

Adam K. McDiarmid¹, Pierpaolo Pellicori², John G. Cleland², and Sven Plein^{1*}



Coronary revascularization for patients with heart failure and coronary artery disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized trials

Search



PubMed, Ovid,
Cochrane Central
Register of
Controlled Trials
(CENTRAL)



From 1st January
2001 to 22nd
November 2022

Trials



5 RCTs
2,842 patients
Mean age (range): 60 to
70 years; 85 % men

Intervention



Medical
therapy

VS

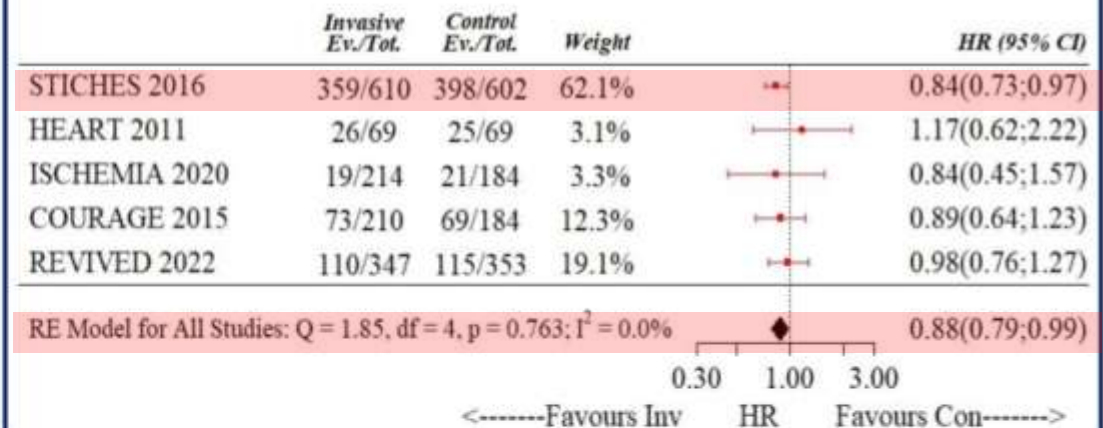


Revascularization
PCI CABG



+
Medical
therapy

Findings: All-cause mortality

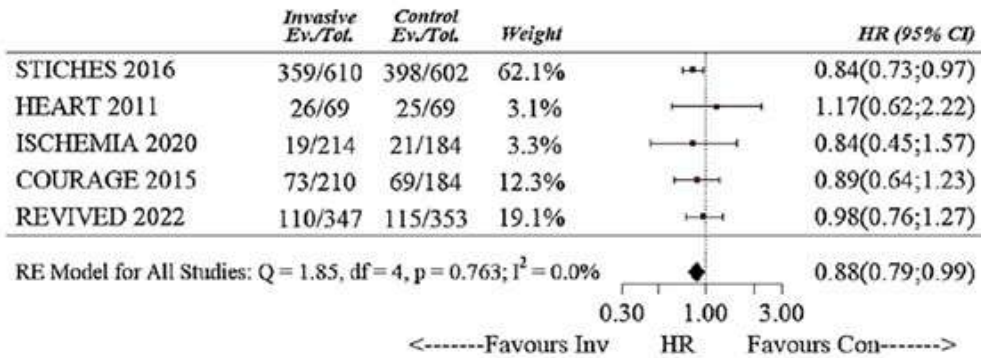


Test for Heterogeneity NOT significant

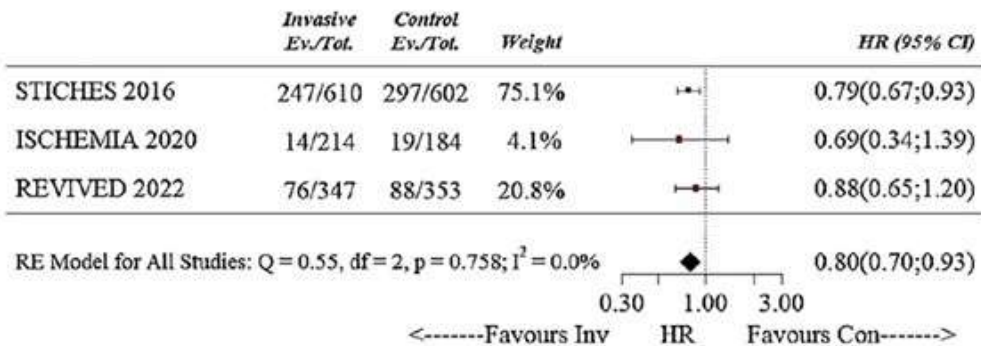
Conclusions

For patients with chronic HF and CAD enrolled in RCTs, the effect of coronary revascularization on all-cause mortality was, on average, modest (hazard ratio 0.88) and not robust (upper 95% CI close to 1.00).

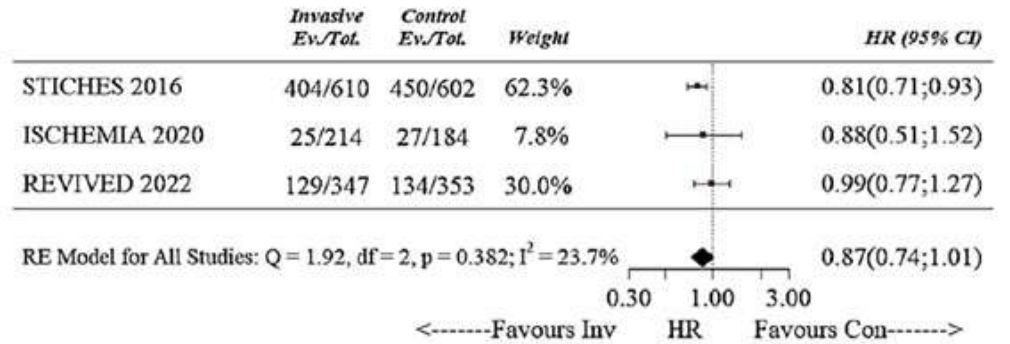
Panel A: All-cause mortality



Panel B: Cardiovascular mortality



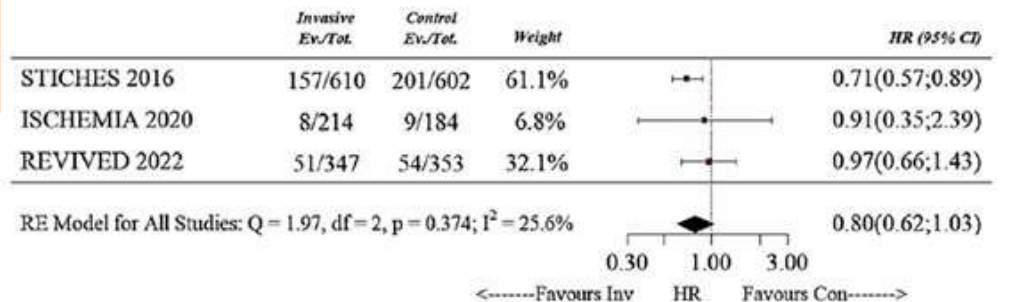
Panel C: Hospitalization for heart failure or all-cause mortality



NB: trials could not be blinded.

- This may influence endpoints requiring adjudication.

Panel D: Hospitalization for heart failure



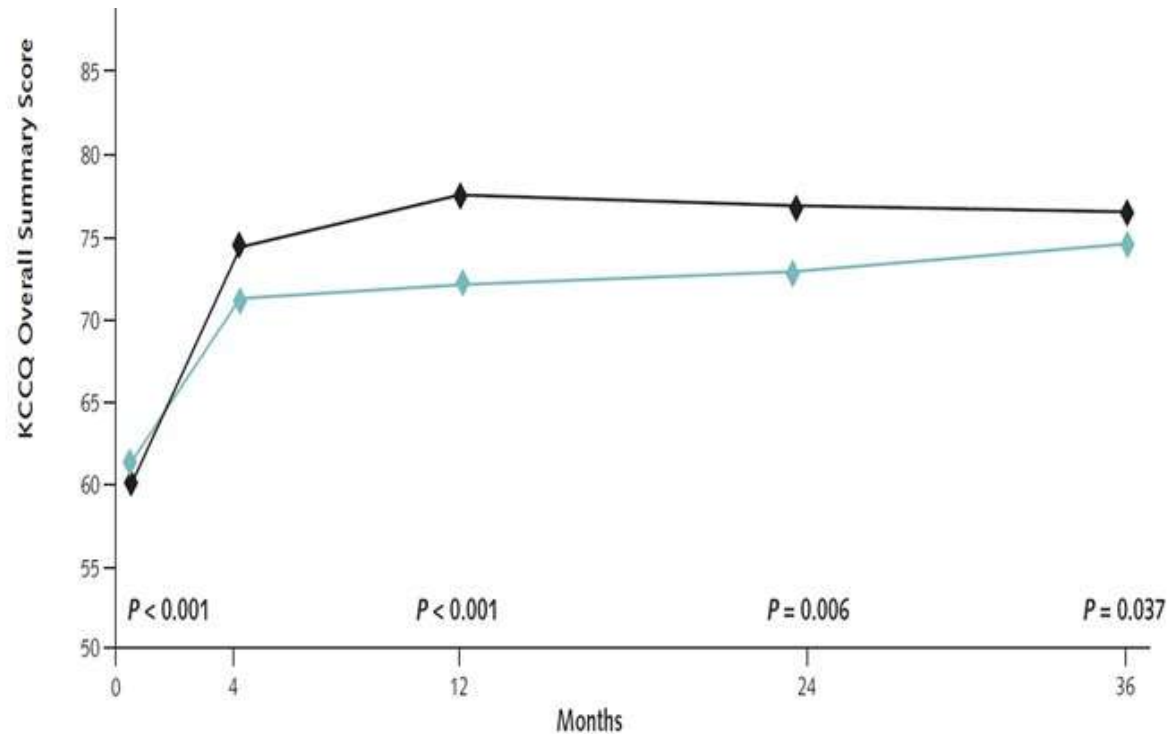
STICH Trial

Some improvement in quality of life

No improvement in symptoms other than angina

No improvement in exercise capacity

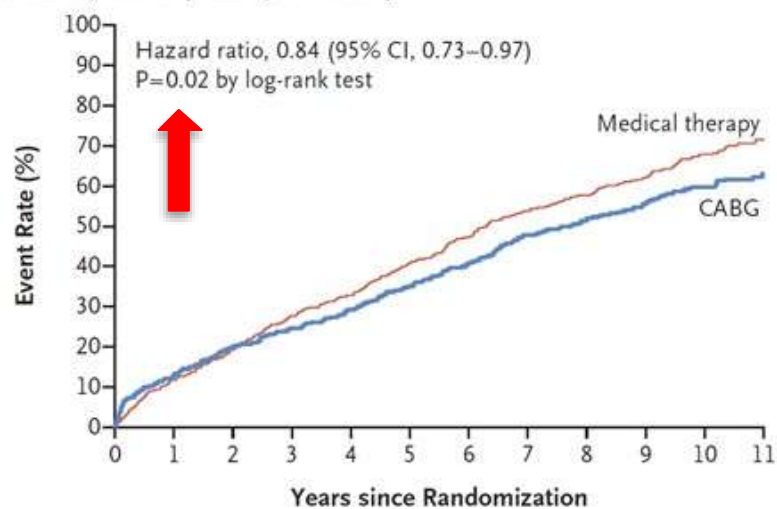
No improvement in left ventricular function



STICHES: NEJM 2016

No adjustment for multiple 'looks'

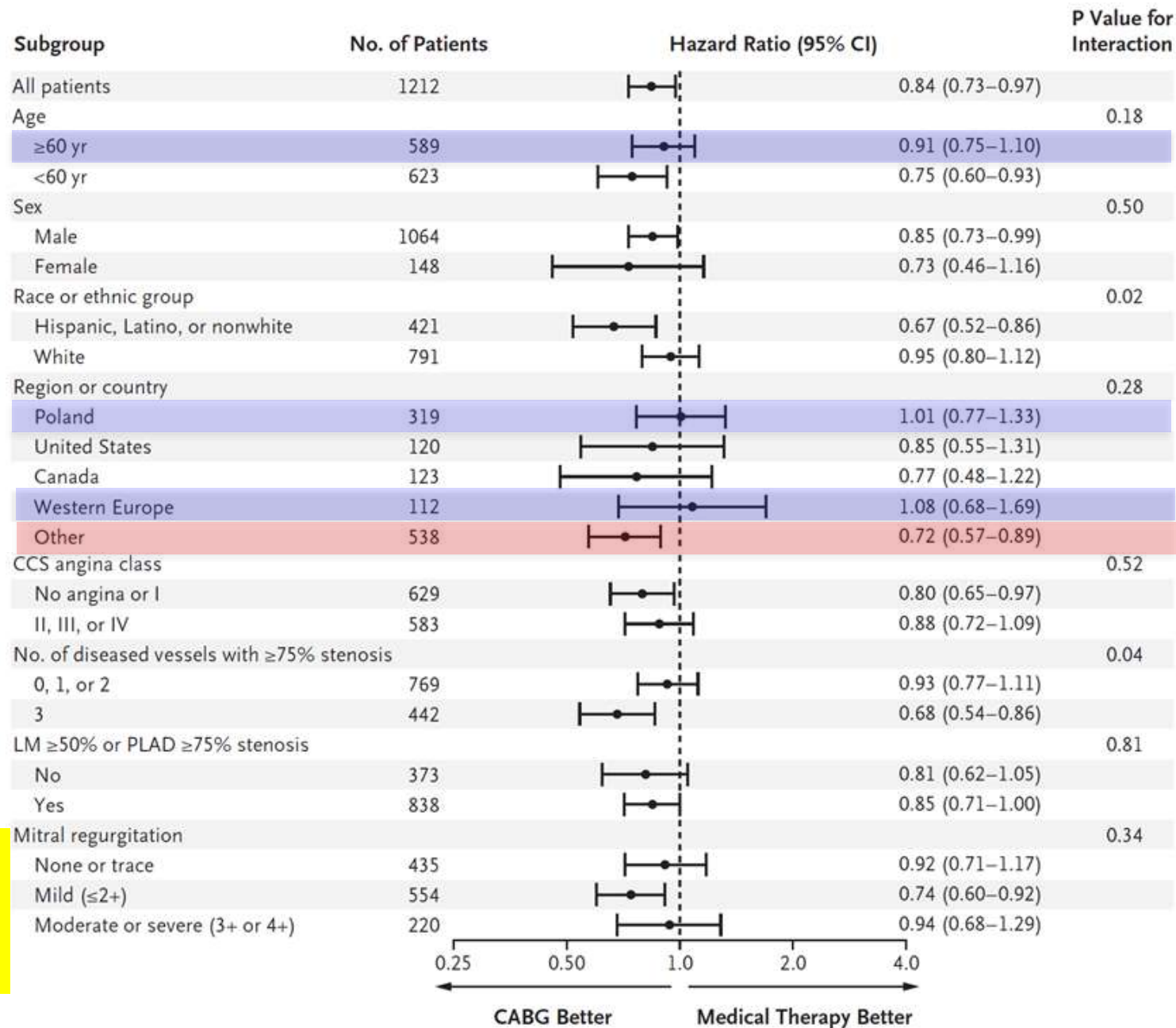
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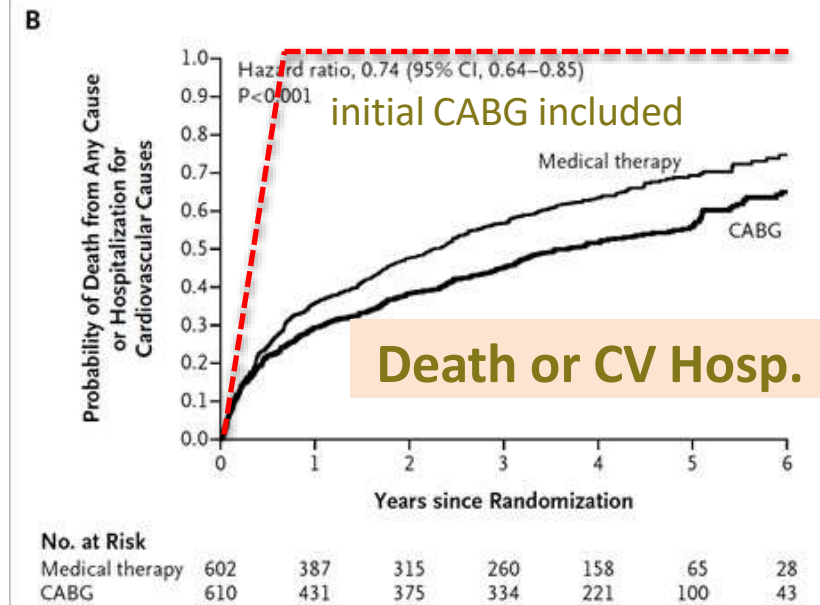
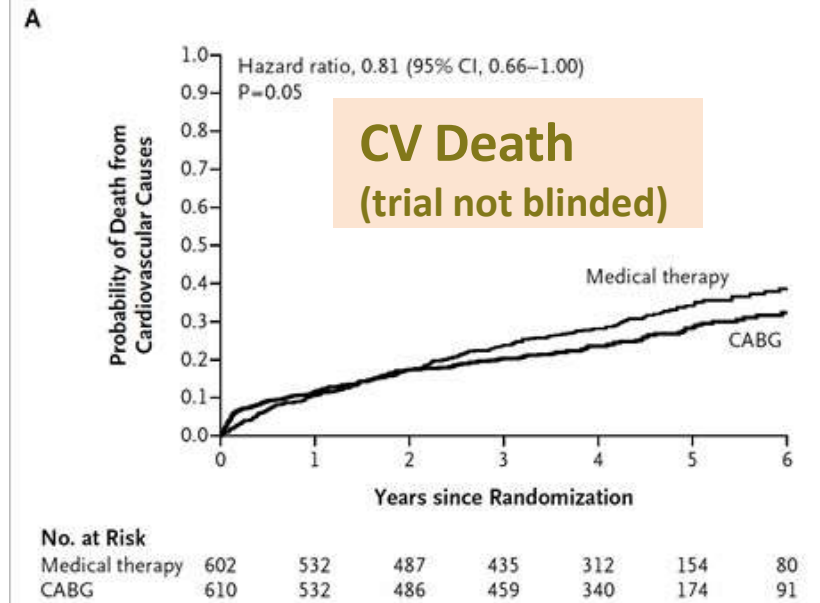
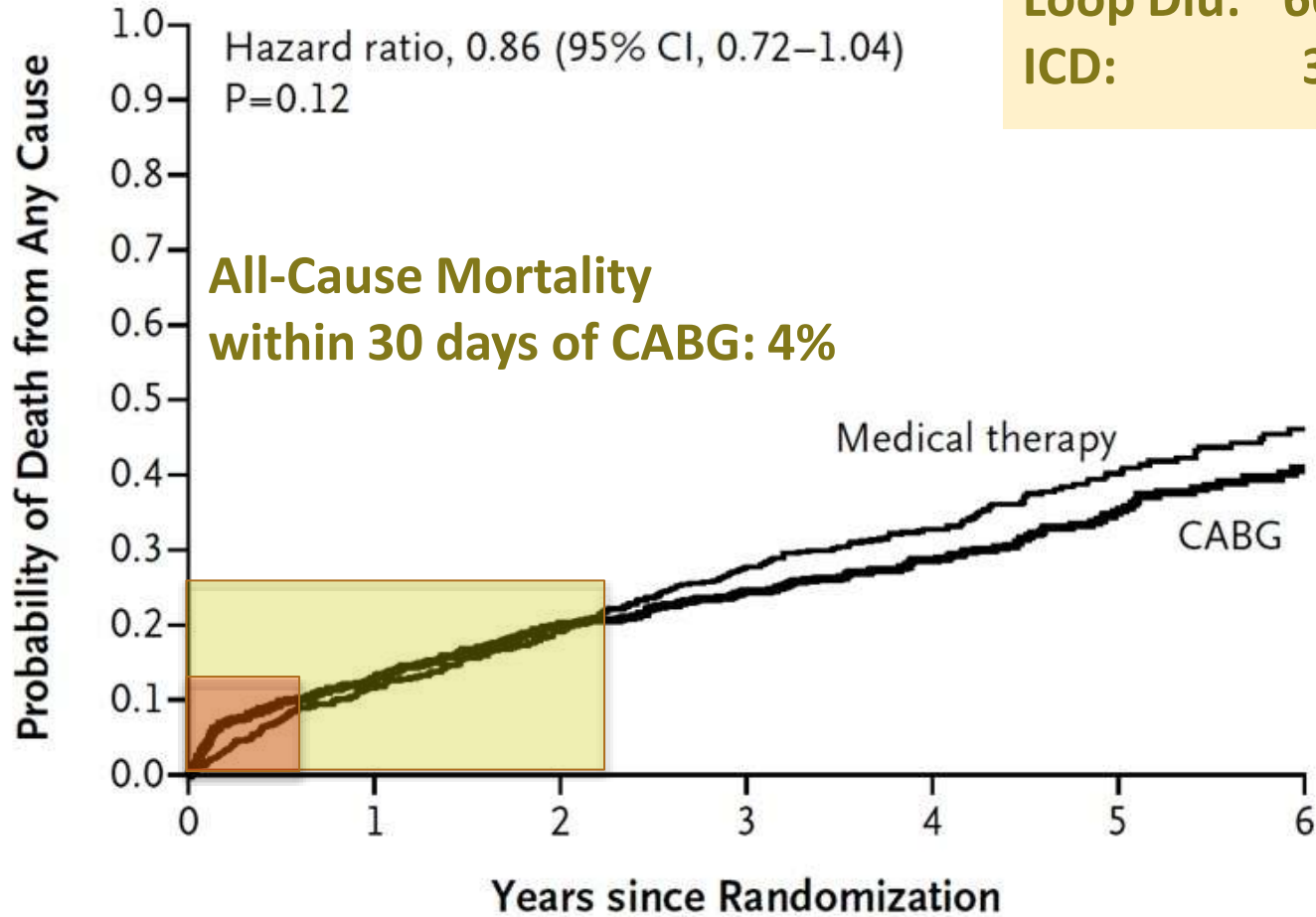
Small benefit: for 100 CABG –

- 4 peri-operative deaths
- After 10 years, CABG will have made no difference to the outcome of 90 patients



STICH: NEJM 2011

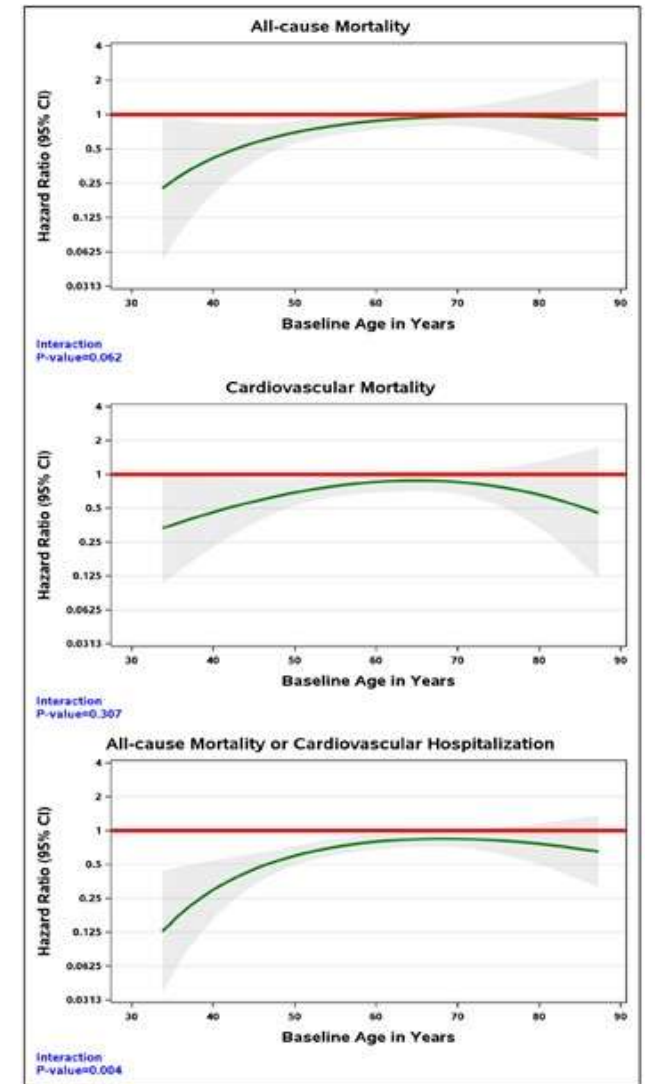
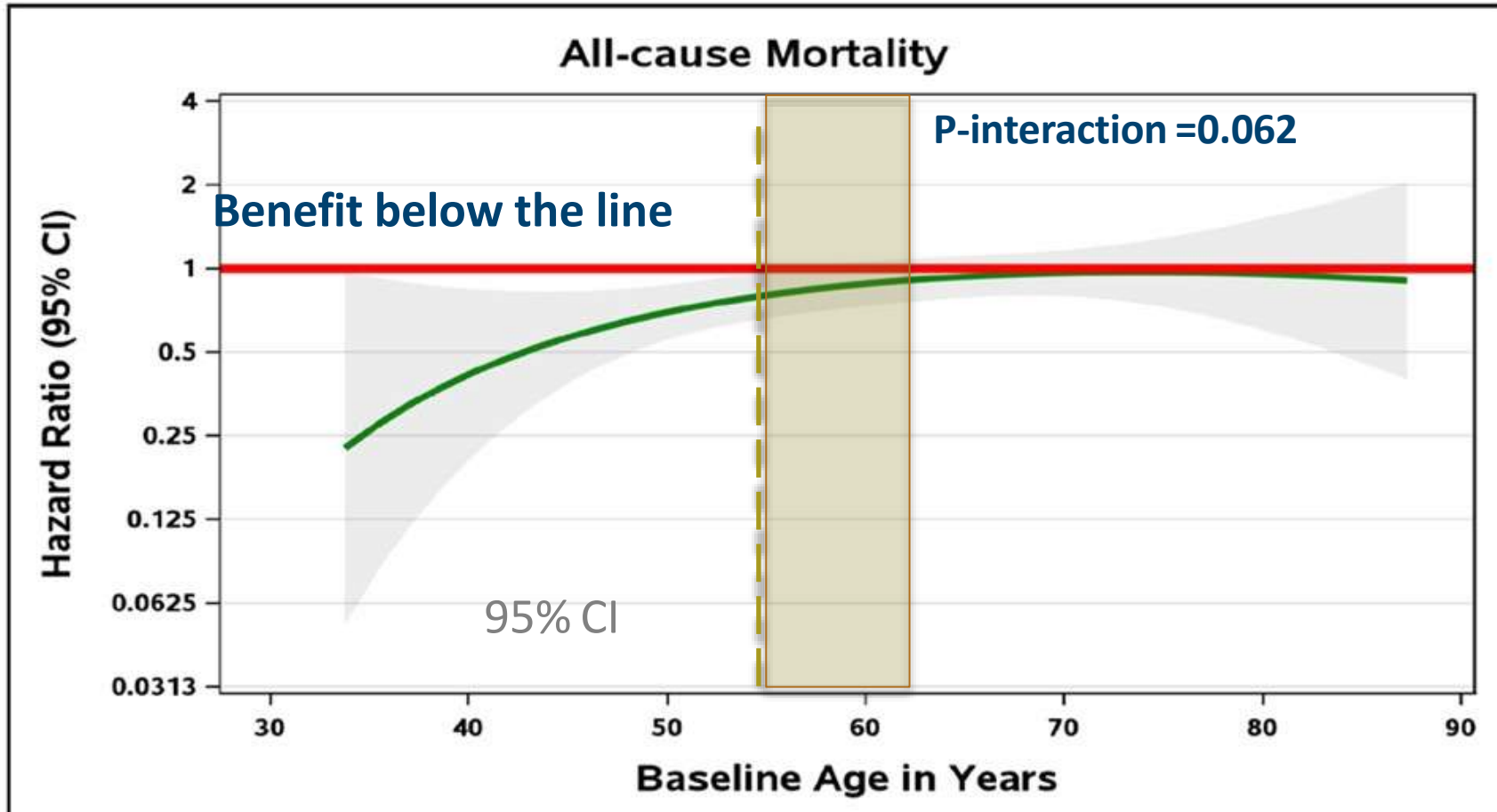
Age: (median) 60 yrs
 Women: 12%
 White: 67%
 Loop Diu: 66%
 ICD: 3%



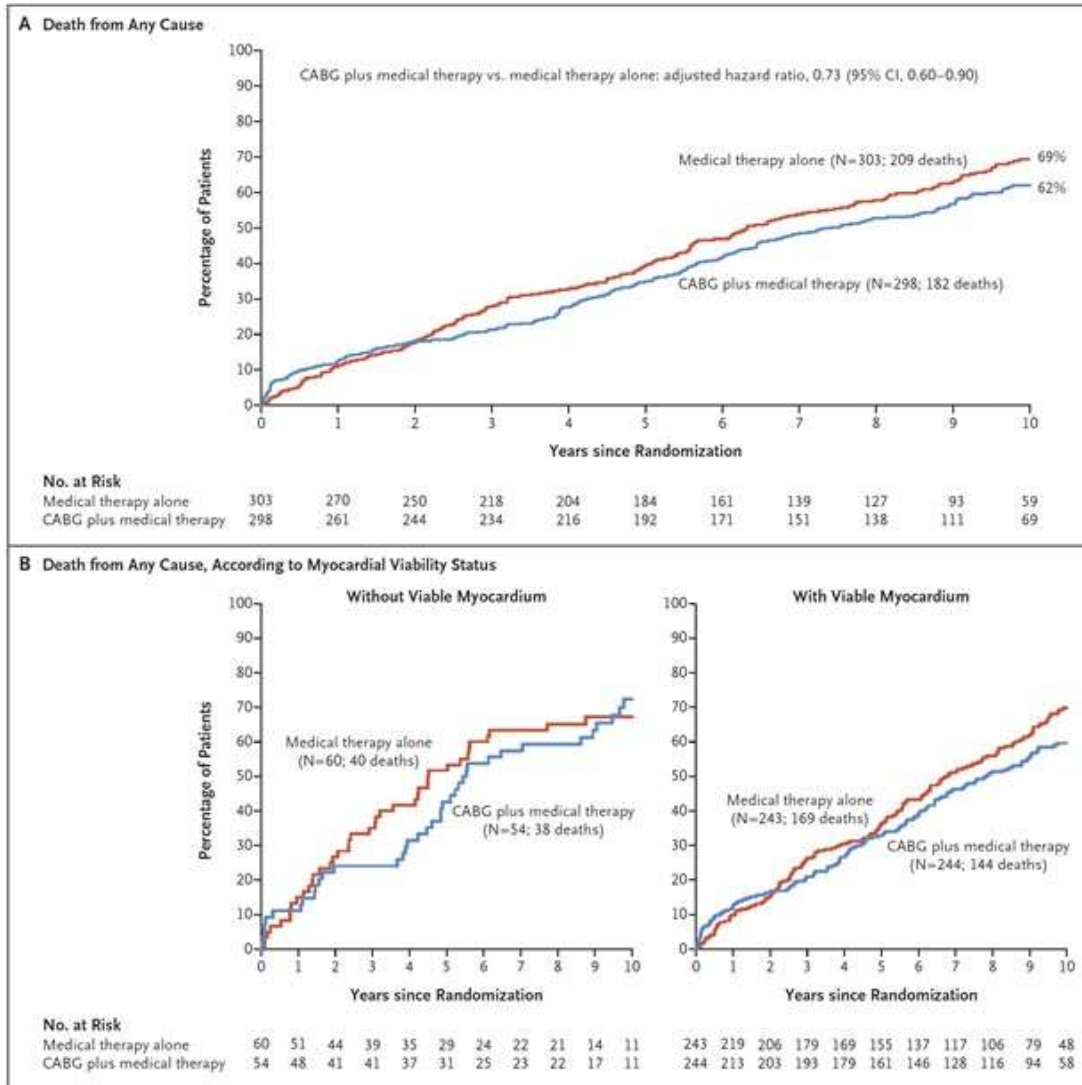
STICHES

You must live a long time to benefit from CABG.

Patients with HFrEF aged >55 years might not.

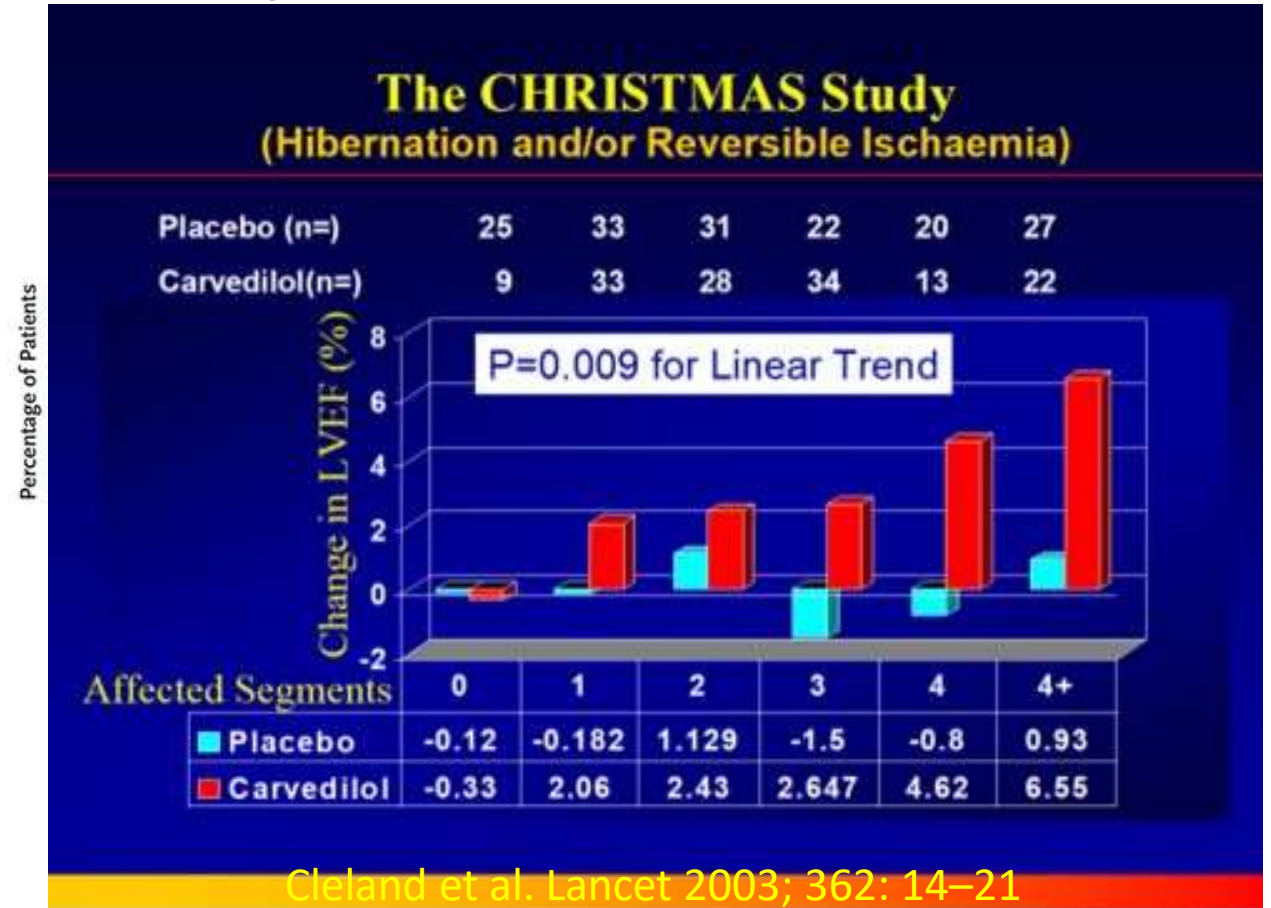


STICHES: Myocardial Viability Sub-study



Paired LVEF

- Viability - LVEF \uparrow ~2% at 4 months (with or without CABG)
- No viability – LVEF \downarrow 1% at 4 months (with or without CABG)



Cleland et al. Lancet 2003; 362: 14–21

Conclusions

- **No good evidence that revascularization (~~anatomical~~) of chronic 'stable' coronary artery disease improves outcome whether or not**
 - **LVEF is Reduced**
 - **Myocardial viability / ischaemia**
 - **Diagnosis of Heart Failure**
- **Most patients with heart failure**
 - **Are aged >70 years**
 - **Patients with heart failure are at high risk – bad things happen to them**

Future

Maybe - Functional revascularization

