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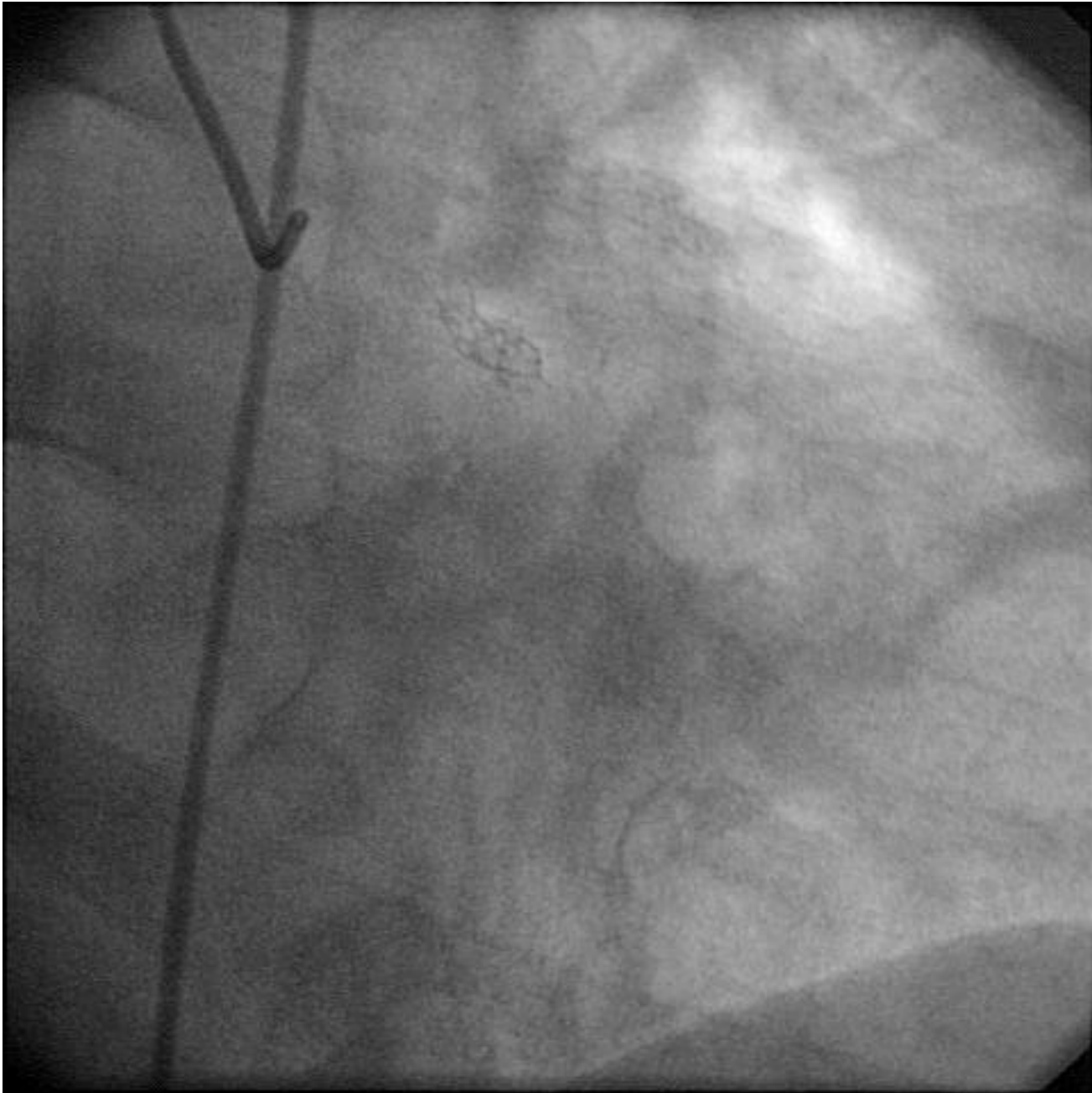
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Is FFR essential to guide PCI?

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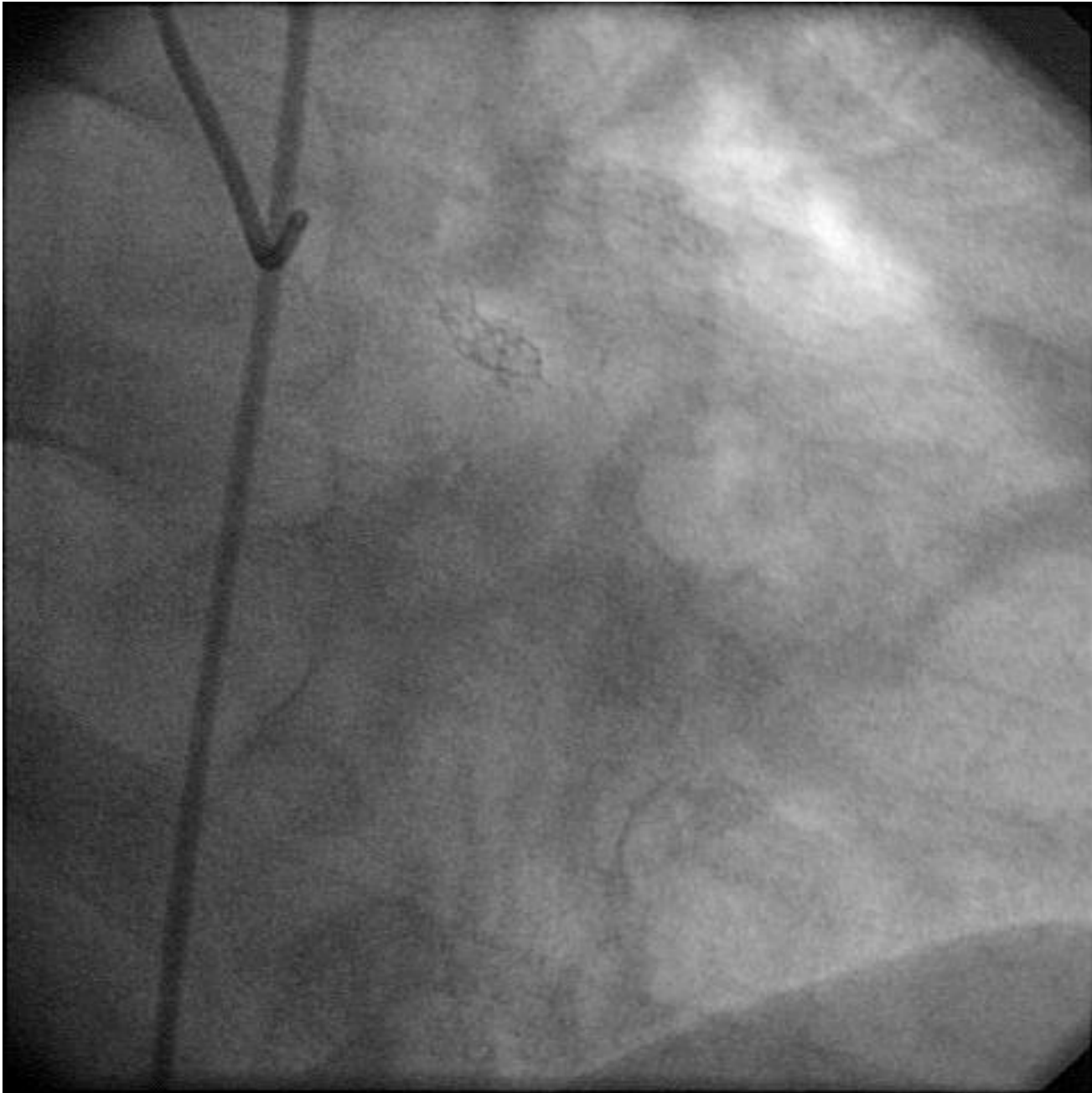
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Percutaneous Interventions



Is FFR essential to guide PCI?

- Decision to perform PCI is based on global appraisal of the clinical condition, functional evaluation, procedural benefits and risks, and coronary anatomy
- When functional evaluation is not available or inconclusive, FFR can be applied on the spot, with high spatial resolution to inform decision-making



No benefit of PCI

in the **absence** of ischemia

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2005: Besançon randomised trial*

2007: Defer randomised trial

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2013: SJ Park registry**

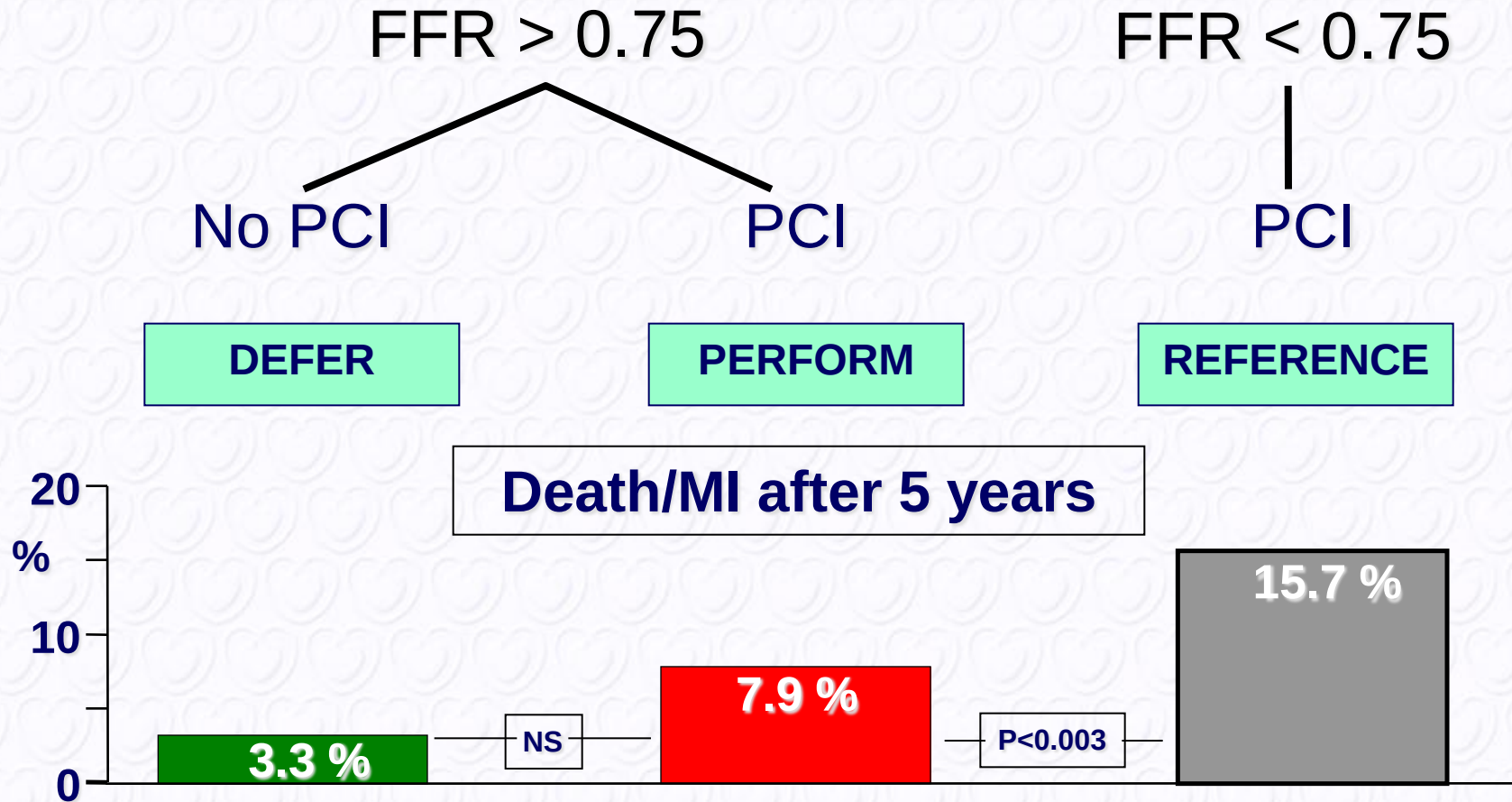
2013: Mayo Clinic registry ***

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DEFER Study Results at 5 years



When FFR > 0.75 Death and MI rate is < 1% per year

Pijls et al, JACC 2007;49:2105-1.

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Evidence for benefit of PCI

In the **presence** of ischemia

1997: ACIP trial

2003: Nuclear imaging studies

2008: Nuclear substudy COURAGE

2009: Substudy of BARI 2 D

2012: FAME 2 randomised trial

2013: Mayo Clinic registry***

20XX: ISCHEMIA trial

FAME 2 Flow Chart

Stable CAD patients scheduled for 1, 2 or 3 vessel DES-PCI
N = 1220

FFR in all target lesions

Randomized Trial

Registry

At least 1 stenosis
with $\text{FFR} \leq 0.80$ (n=888)

Randomization 1:1

PCI + MT

MT

73%

When all $\text{FFR} > 0.80$
(n=332)

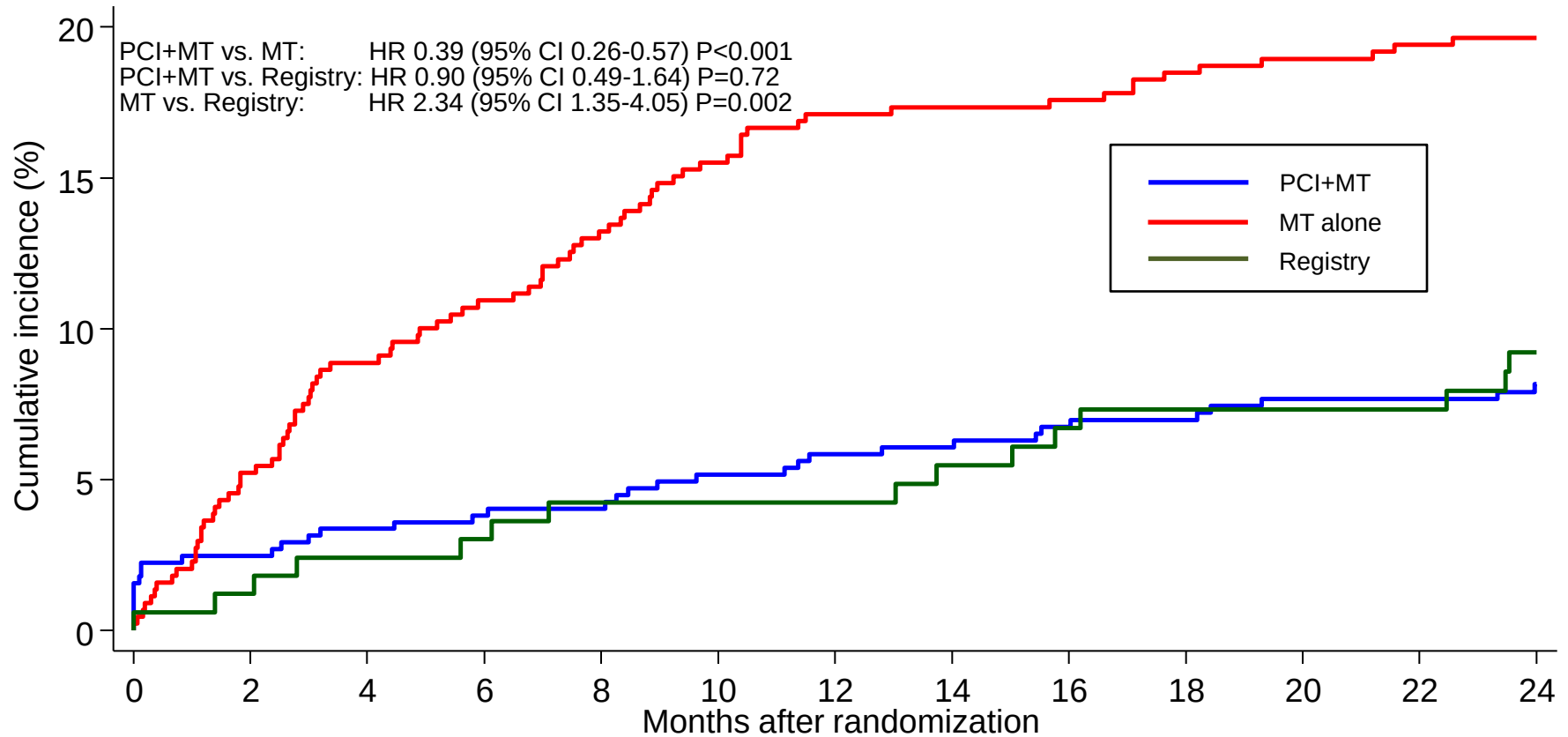
MT

27%

50% randomly
assigned to FU

Follow-up after 1, 6 months, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years

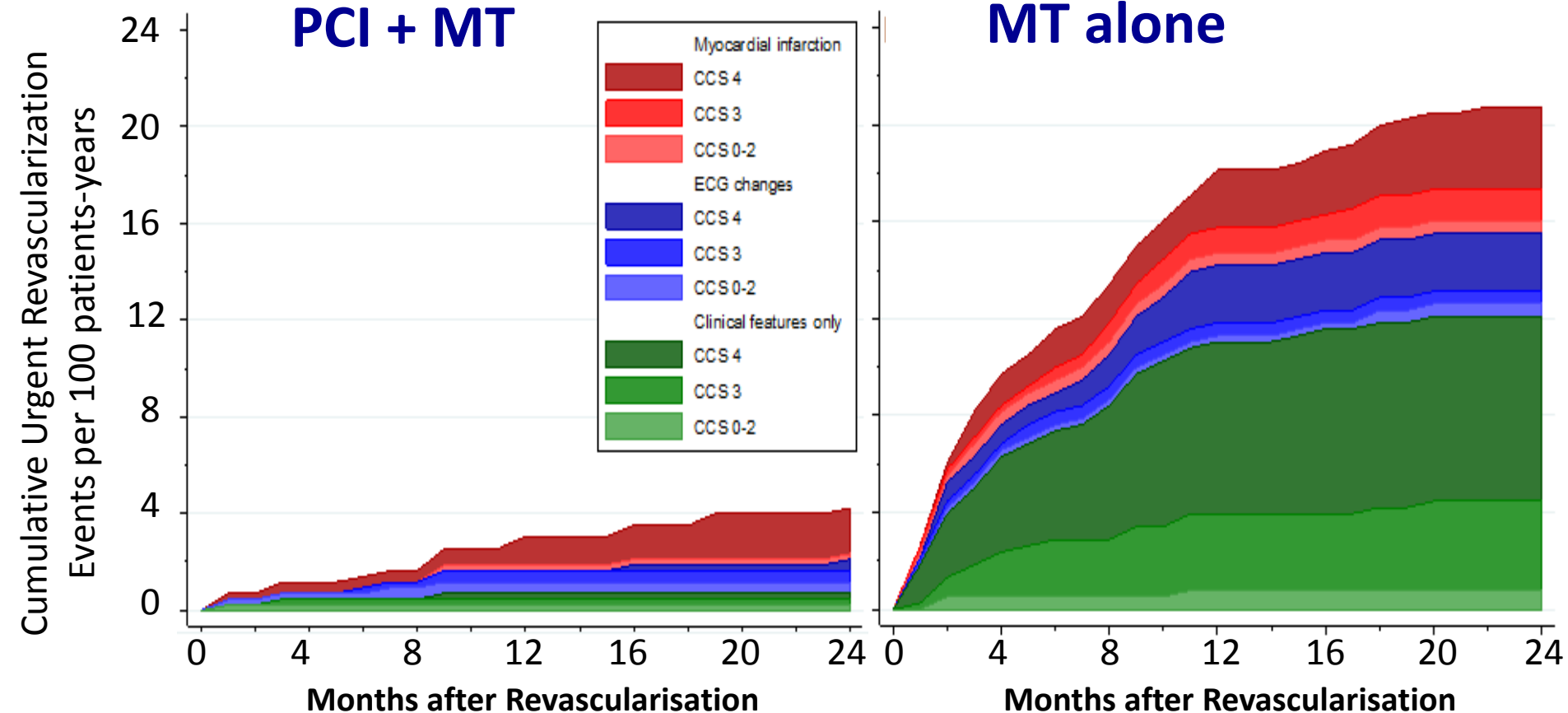
FAME 2 Primary Outcomes



No. at risk

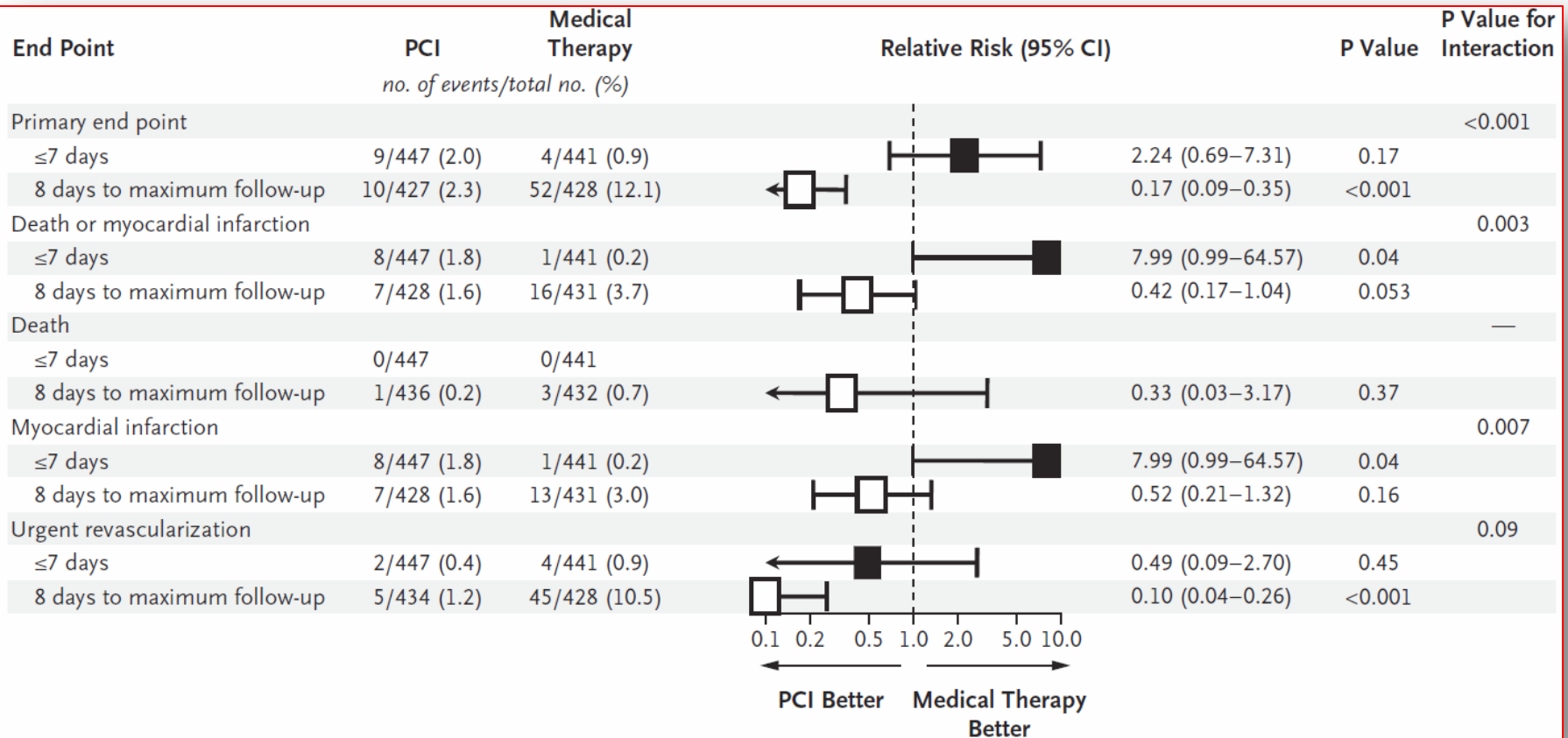
MT	441	417	398	389	379	369	362	360	359	355	353	351	297
PCI+MT	447	434	429	426	425	420	416	414	410	408	405	403	344
Registry	166	164	162	160	157	157	156	153	151	150	150	150	122

Urgent revascularizations according to different triggers for the revascularization



Urgent revascularization was triggered in >80% by an MI, by dynamic ST changes, or by resting angina

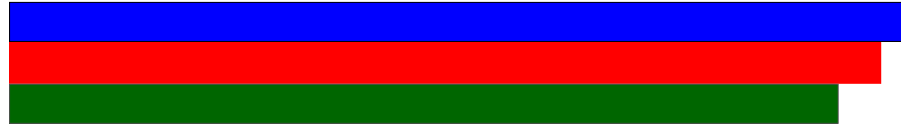
FAME 2 - Landmark Analysis



FAME 2 Symptoms

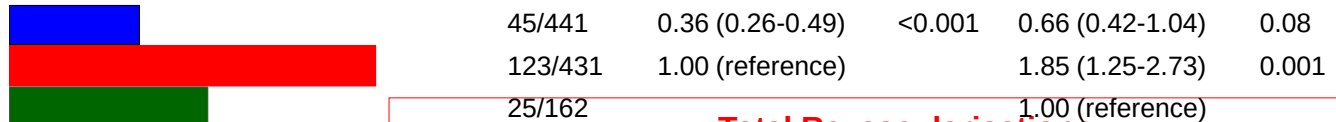
Baseline

PCI+MT
MT alone
Registry



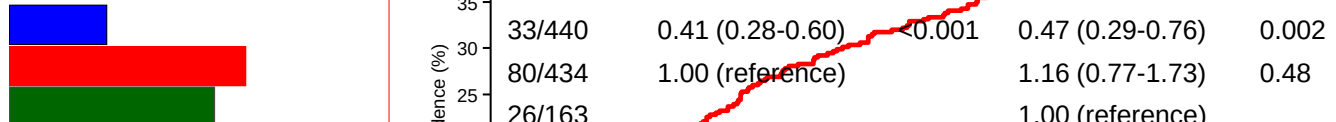
30 Days

PCI+MT
MT alone
Registry



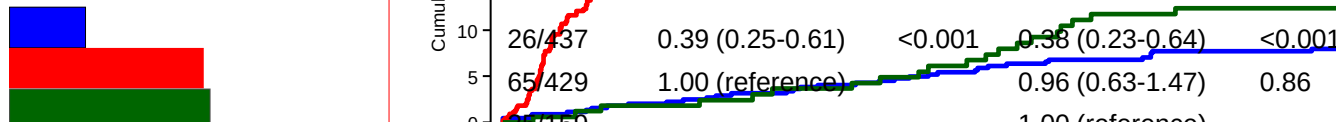
6 Months

PCI+MT
MT alone
Registry



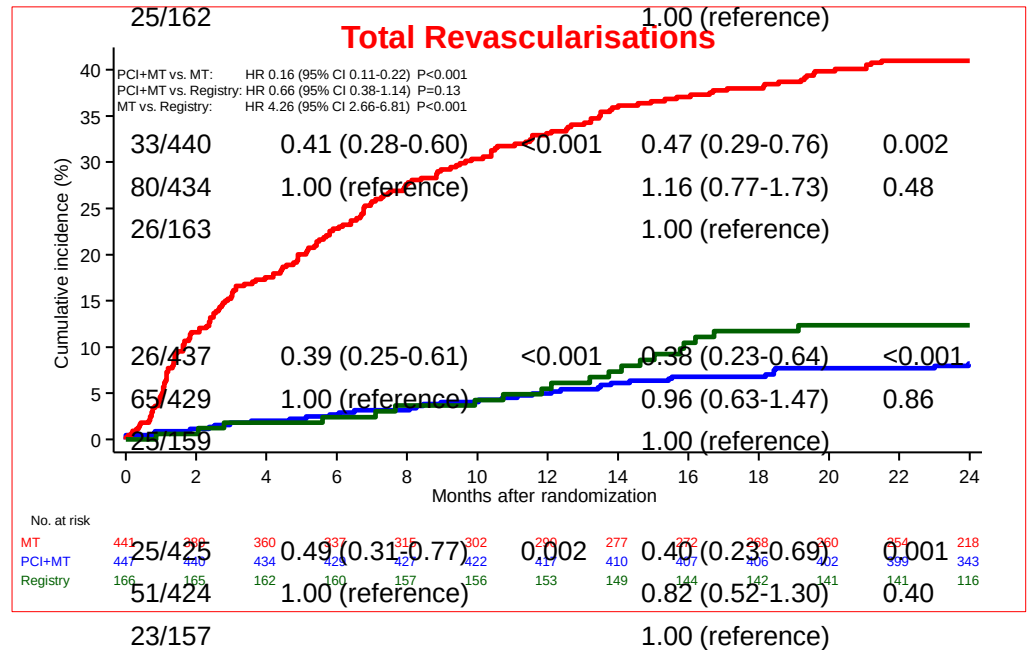
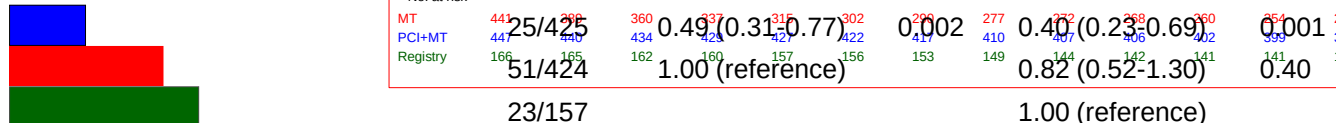
12 Months

PCI+MT
MT alone
Registry



24 Months

PCI+MT
MT alone
Registry

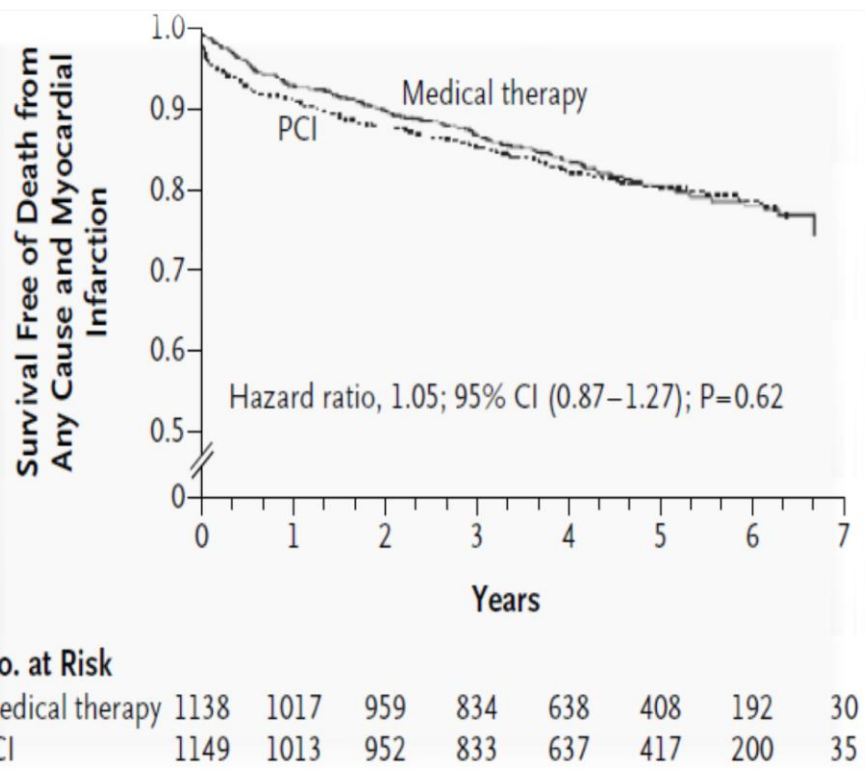


0 20 40

Patients with CCS II to IV (%)

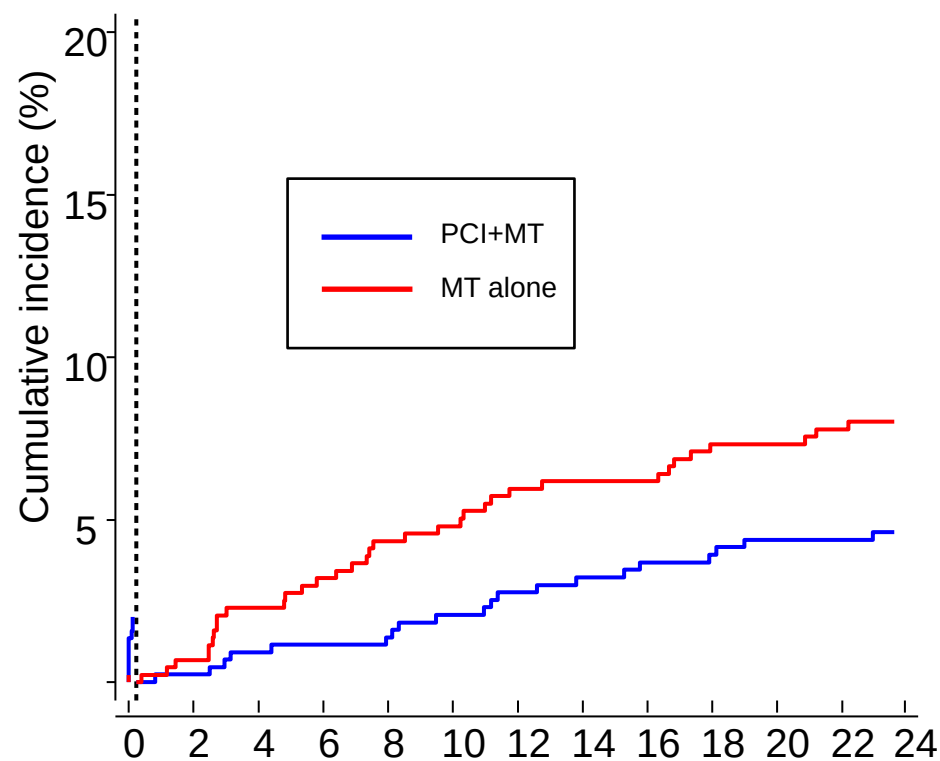
- In order to optimise appropriate use of revascularisation, dual targeting (by anatomy and function) is to be recommended
- Then outcomes are prognostically superior and symptomatically equivalent to those obtained with single targeting (by anatomy only)

Only Angiography



COURAGE
NEJM 2007

Angiography + FFR



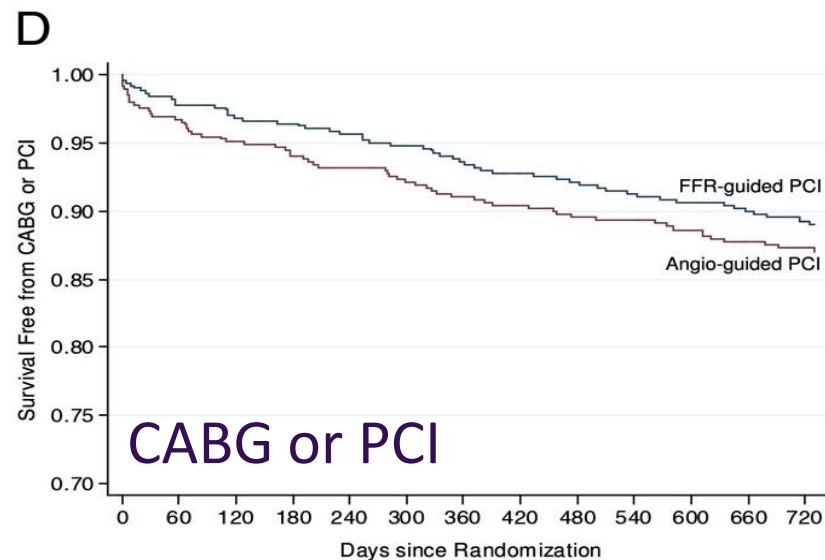
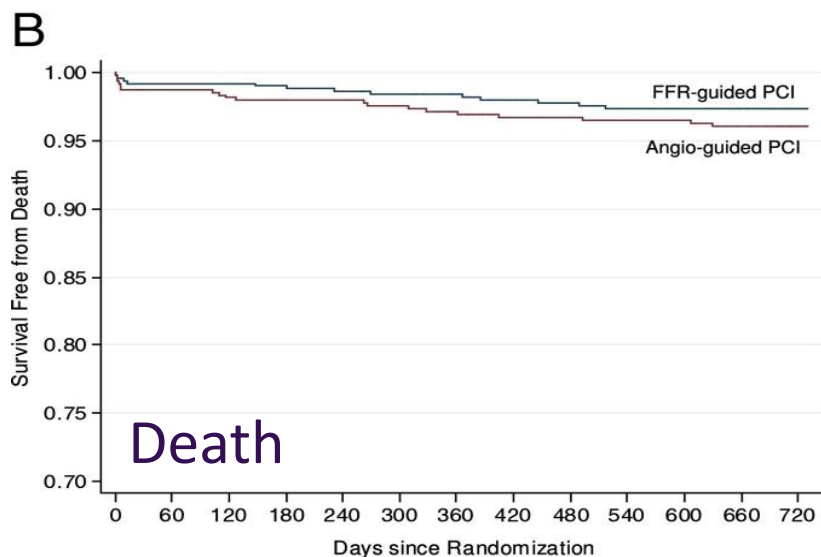
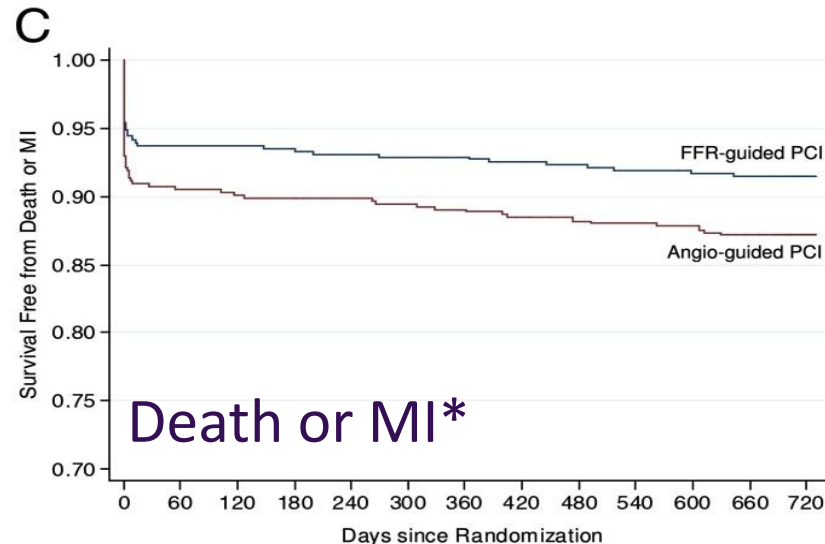
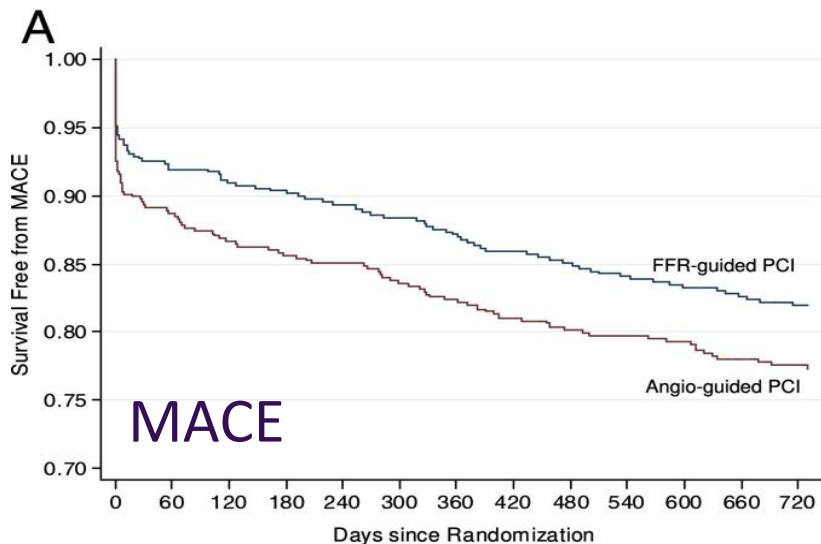
FAME 2
NEJM 2014

**What if the benefit of revascularisation
by PCI was confounded by ...**

failure to restrict stent implantation to
ischemic stenoses (FFR +)

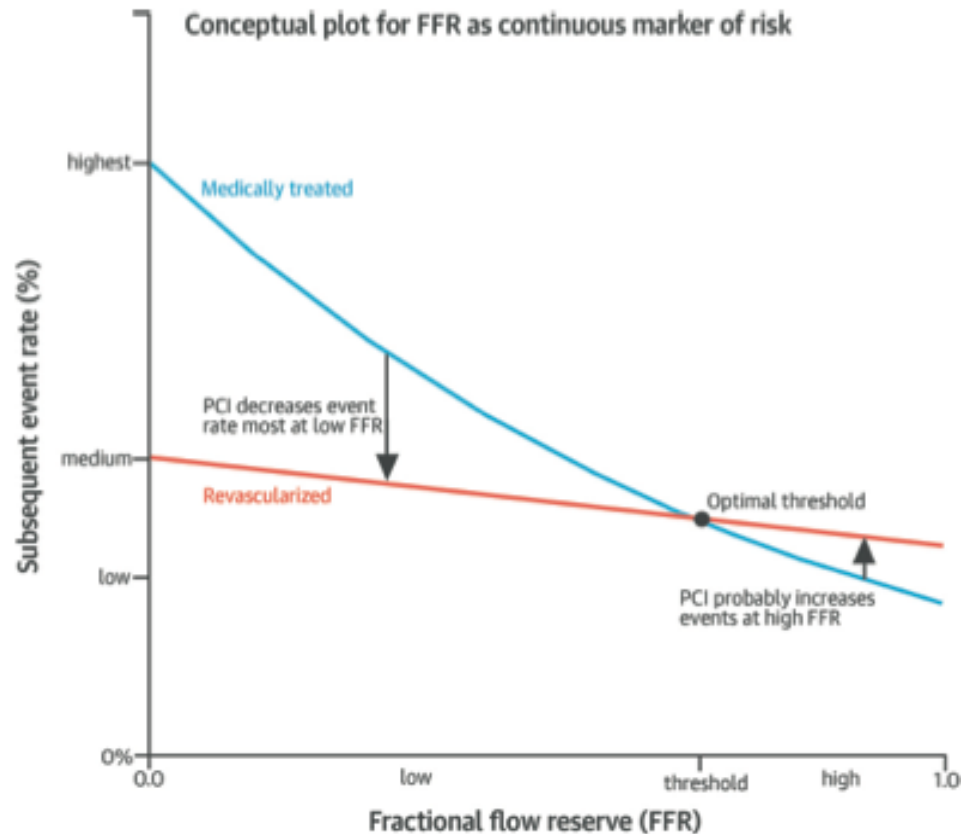
FAME 1 Guidance Randomised Trial

Event-free rates at 2 years



Prognostic Value of Fractional Flow Reserve

Linking Physiologic Severity to Clinical Outcomes



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Conceptual Relationship Between FFR and Outcomes

Prognostic Value of Fractional Flow Reserve Linking Physiologic Severity to Clinical Outcomes

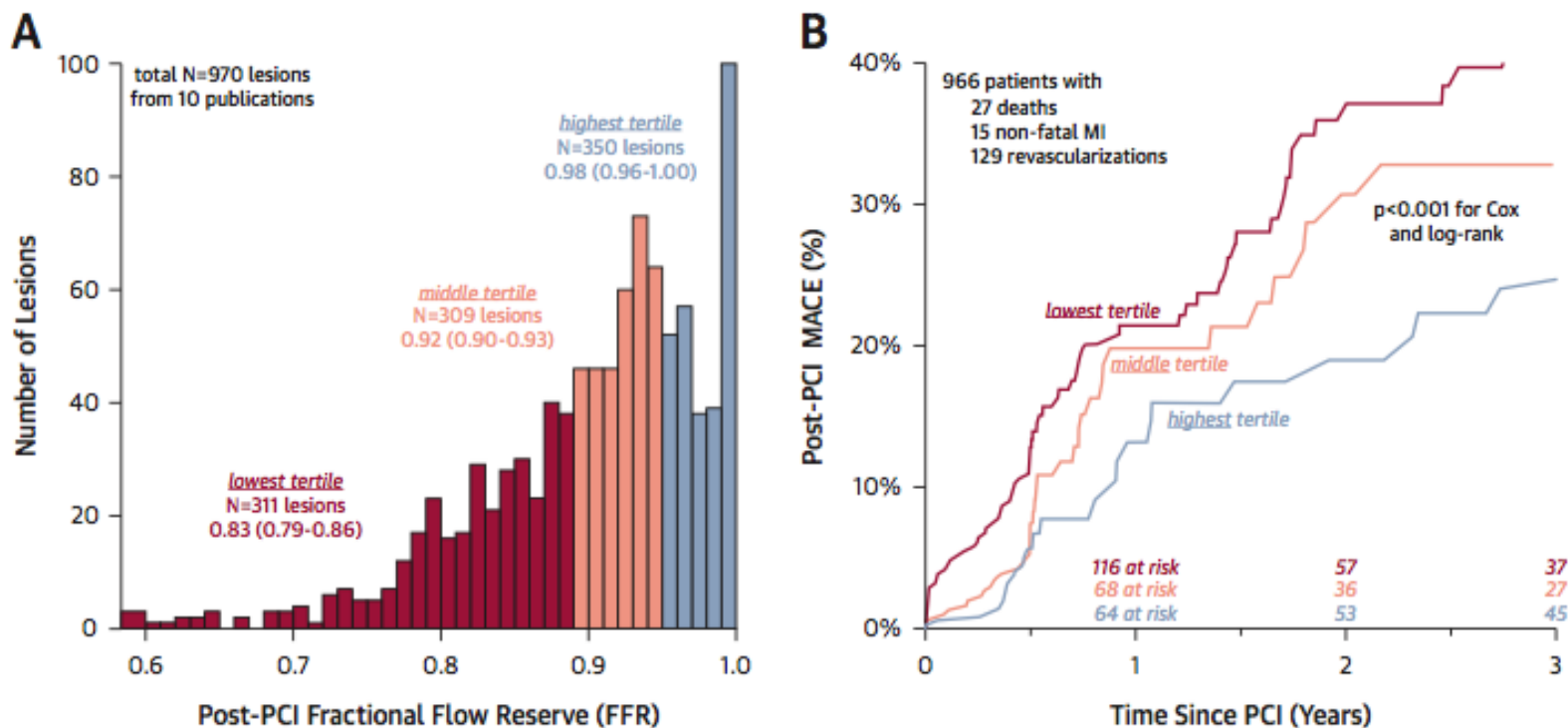
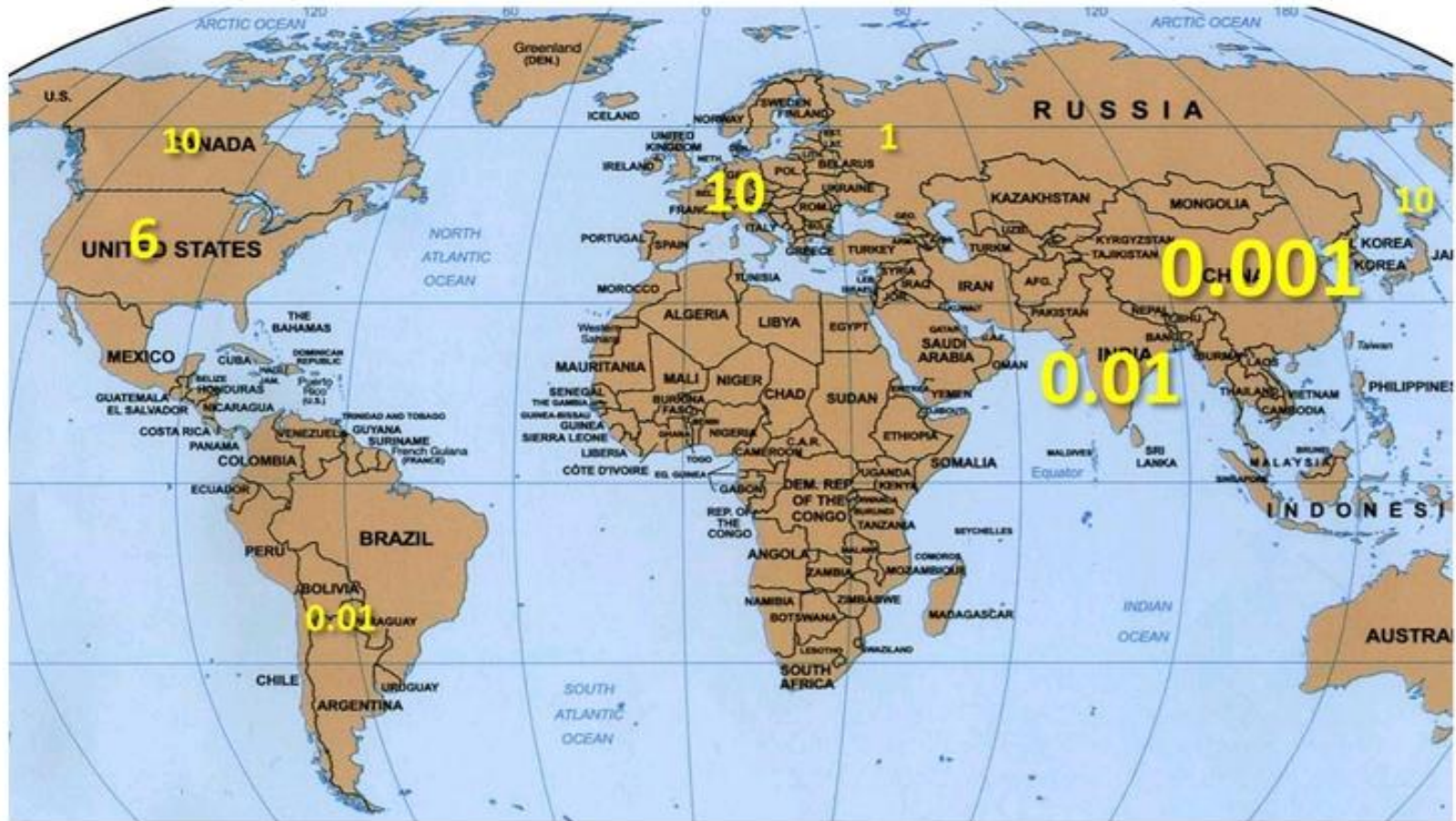


FIGURE 4 FFR Measurements Made Immediately After PCI

(A) Histogram. Lesion-level histogram of post-PCI FFR values from the patient-level analysis colored by tertiles (red, salmon, periwinkle). (B) Survival curves. Kaplan-Meier event curves for tertiles of post-PCI FFR values (colors match histogram). Both continuous Cox regression and tertile-based log-rank tests demonstrated a significant ($p < 0.001$), inverse relationship between post-PCI FFR and subsequent clinical events. Abbreviations as in Figures 1 and 2.

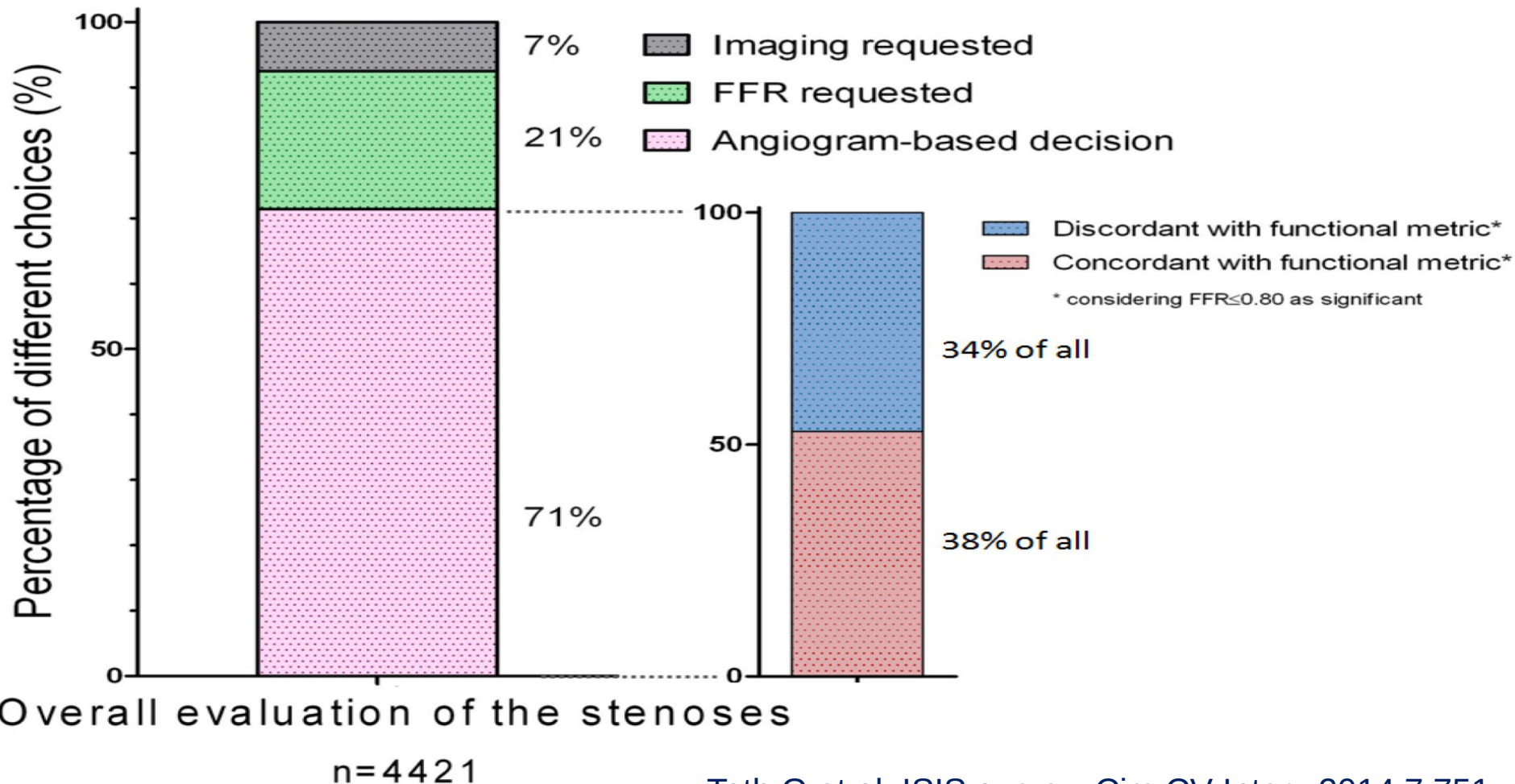
Global Adoption of FFR remains limited



*Rough estimate of FFR adoption in different regions of the world.
Figures show % of FFR adoption in clinical practice (not p values!)*

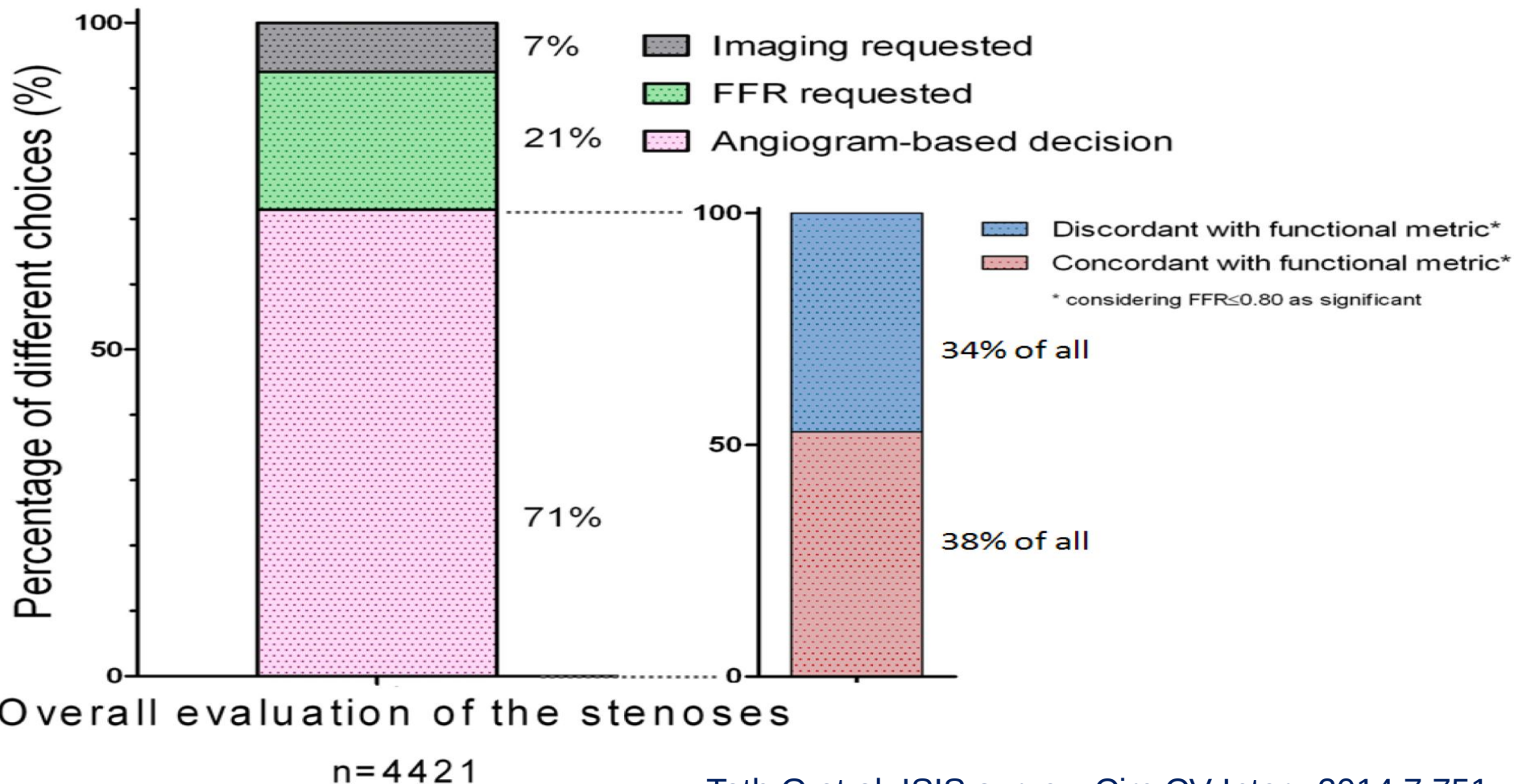
FFR to identify appropriate targets for PCI

Distribution of different decisions

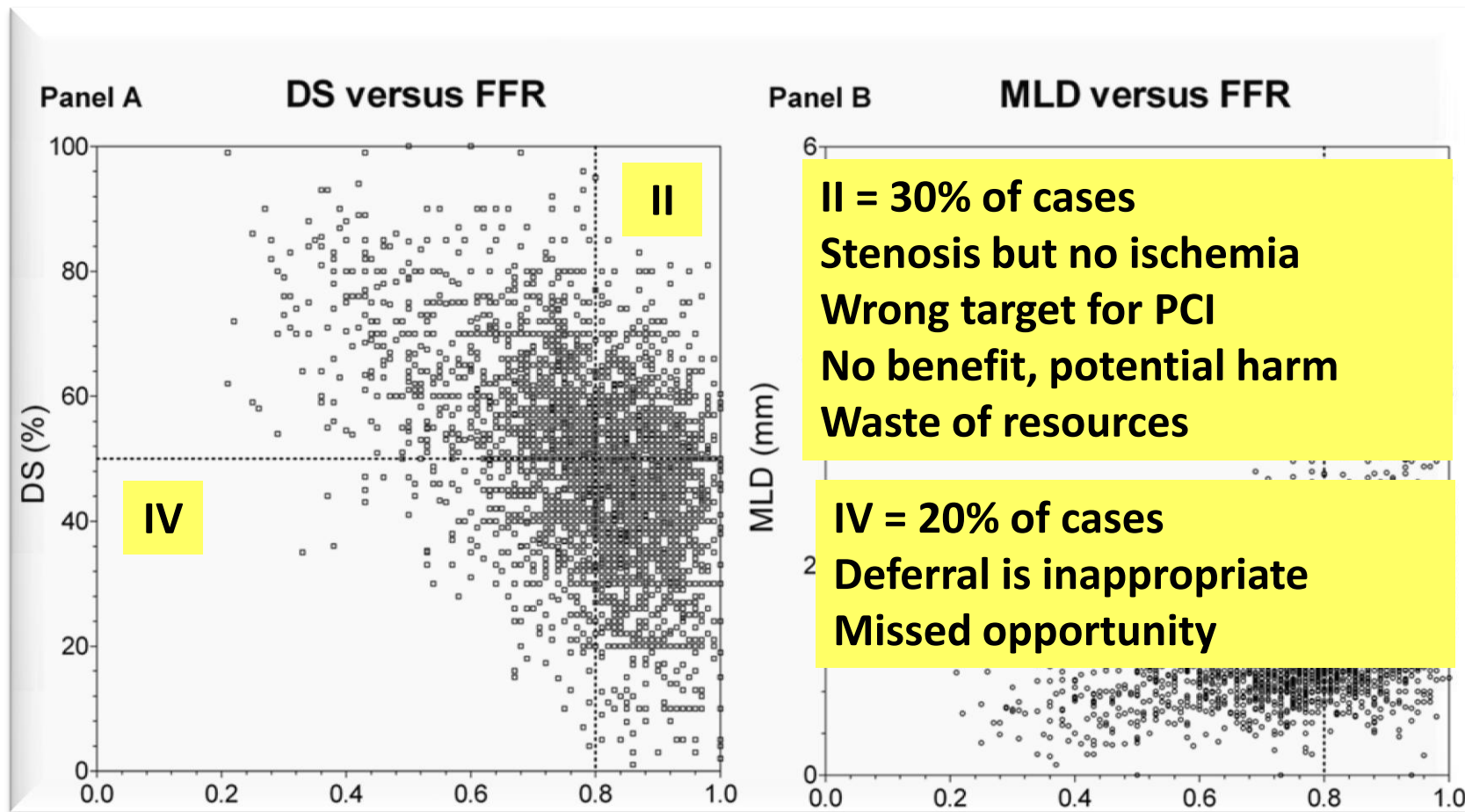


No perceived need for FFR

Distribution of different decisions



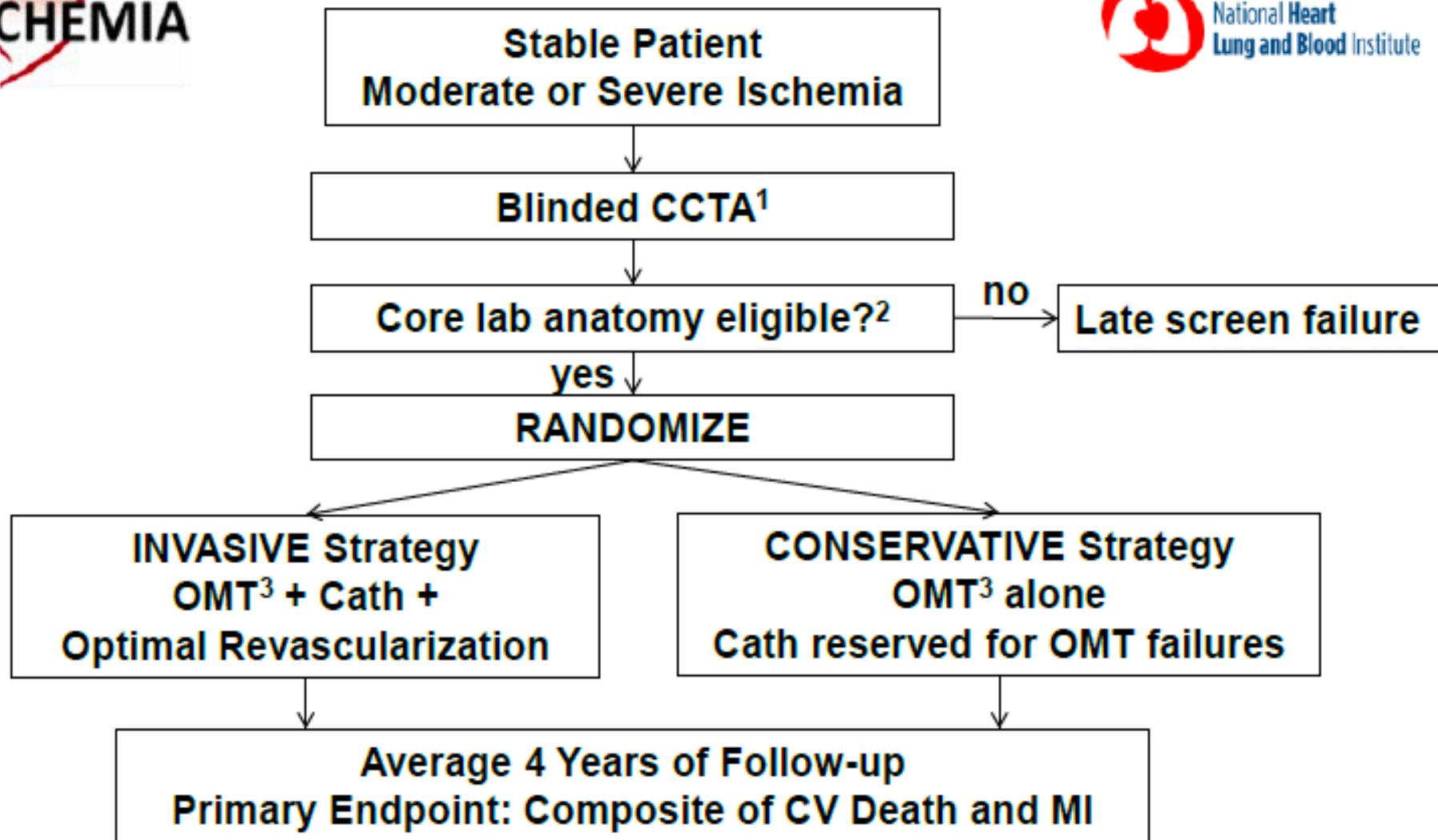
Why apply functional indices?



Angiographic guidance to revascularization results in inappropriate intervention in ~50% of cases

Is FFR essential to guide PCI?

**Evaluation of ischemia is essential
to guide revascularisation
by PCI (and CABG)**



¹CCTA will be performed in all patients with eGFR ≥ 60 mL/min

²Exclude patients with LM disease or no obstructive disease

³OMT=Optimal medical therapy