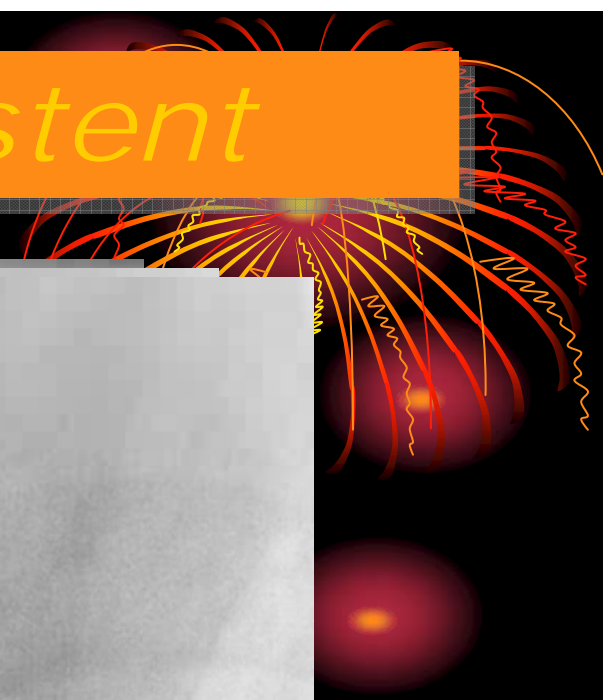


Distal protection for ACS

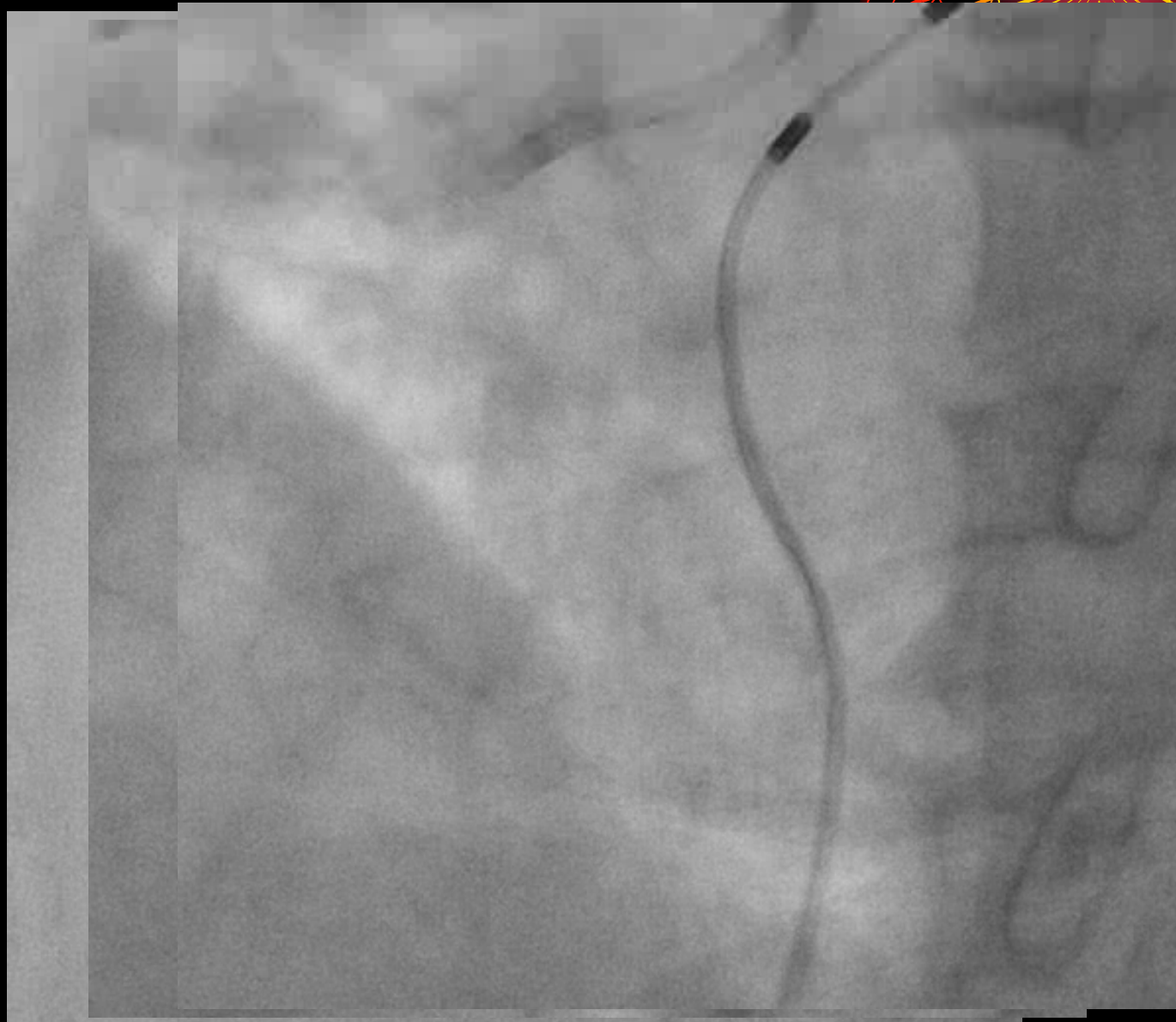
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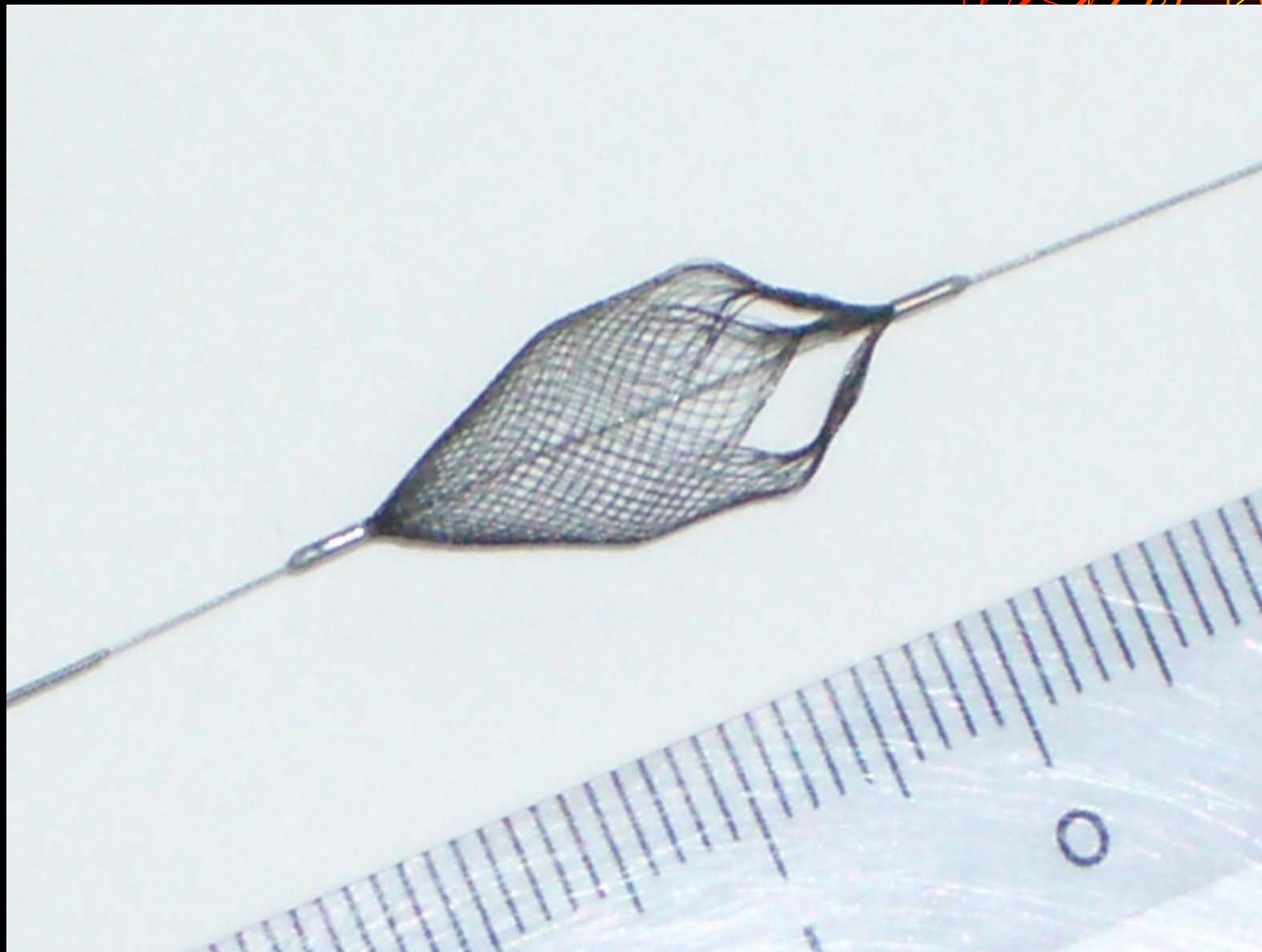
Slow flow after stent



Stenting with filter



Parachute Wire



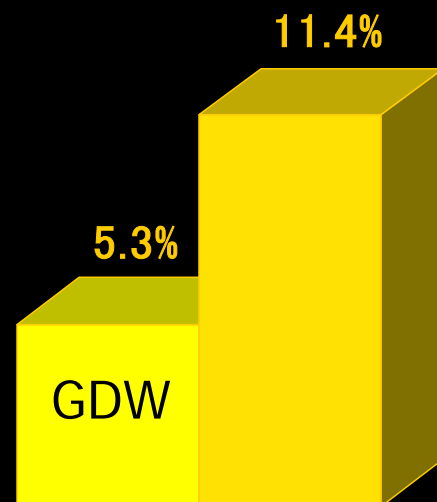
ASPARAGUS

Comparison of Myocardial Perfusion by Distal Protection Before and After Primary Stenting for Acute Myocardial Infarction: Angiographic and Clinical Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial

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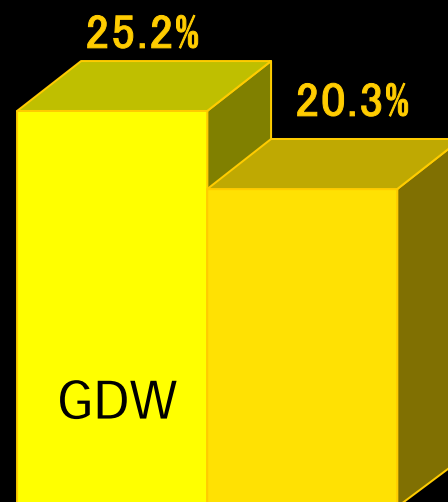
Slow flow & No reflow

P=0.05



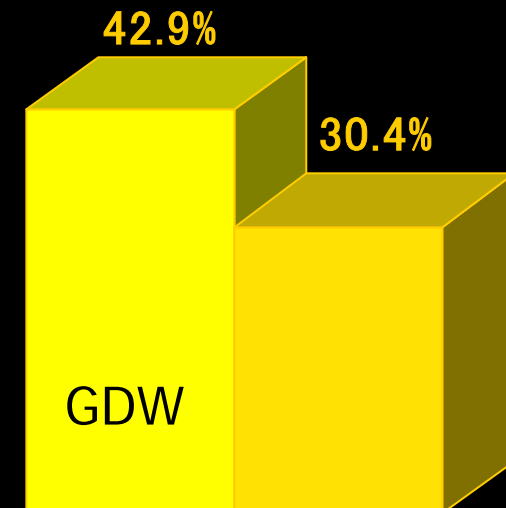
Postprocedural MBG3

P=0.26



30-day MBG3

P=0.035



Adjunctive mechanical devices to prevent distal embolization in patients undergoing mechanical revascularization for acute myocardial infarction: A meta-analysis of randomized trials

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Background The benefits of adjunctive mechanical devices to prevent distal embolization in patients with acute myocardial infarction (AMI) are still a matter of debate. The aim of this meta-analysis was to combine data from all randomized trials conducted with adjunctive mechanical devices to prevent distal embolization in AMI.

Methods The literature was scanned by formal searches of electronic databases (MEDLINE and Central) from January 1990 to October 2006, scientific session abstracts (from January 1990 to October 2006), and oral presentation and/or expert slide presentations (from January 2002 to October 2006) [on the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics, American Heart Association, European Society of Cardiology, American College of Cardiology, and European Percutaneous Revascularization Web sites]. We examined all randomized trials on adjunctive mechanical devices to prevent distal embolization in AMI. The following key words were used: randomized trial, myocardial infarction, reperfusion, primary angioplasty, rescue angioplasty, thrombectomy, thrombus aspiration, proximal or distal protection device, X-sizer, Diver, Export Catheter, Angiojet, Rescue catheter, Pronto catheter, PercuSurge, GuardWire, FilterWire, and SpiderRX. Disagreements were resolved by consensus.

Results A total of 21 trials with 3721 patients were included (1877 patients [50.4%] in the adjunctive mechanical device group and 1844 [49.6%] in the control group); 1502 patients (40.3%) were randomized in trials with distal protection devices, and 2219 patients (59.7%) were randomized in trials with thrombectomy devices. Adjunctive mechanical devices were associated with a higher rate of postprocedural TIMI 3 flow (89.4% vs 87.1%, $P = .03$), a significantly higher rate of postprocedural myocardial blush grade 3 (48.8% vs 36.5%, $P < .0001$), and less distal embolization (6.0% vs 9.3%, $P = .008$), without any benefit in terms of 30-day mortality (2.5% vs 2.6%, $P = .88$). No difference was observed in terms of coronary perforations (0.27% vs 0.07%, $P = .24$).

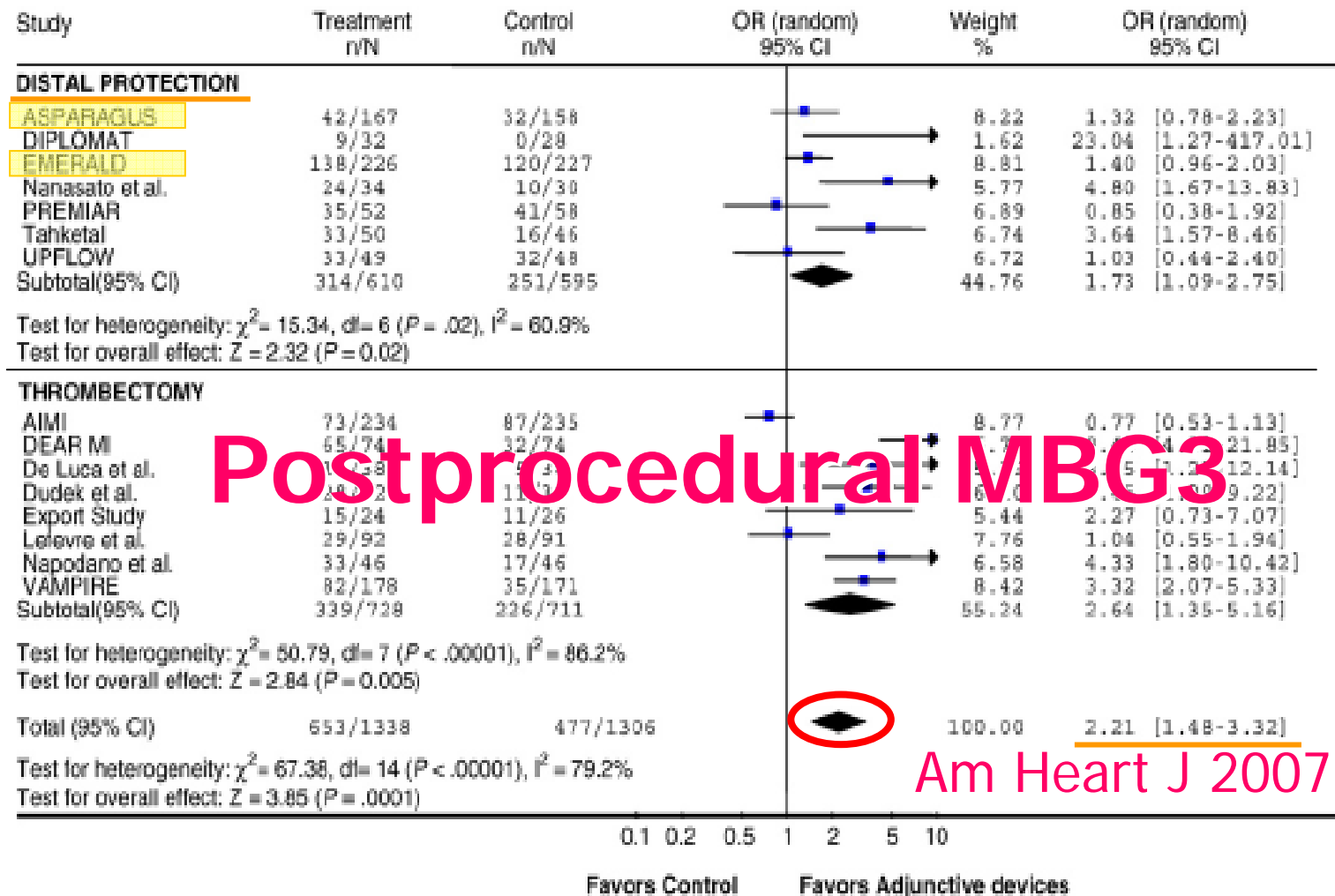
Conclusions This meta-analysis demonstrates that, among patients with AMI treated with percutaneous coronary intervention, the use of adjunctive mechanical devices to prevent distal embolization is associated with better myocardial perfusion and less distal embolization, but without an apparent improvement in survival. [Am Heart J 2007;153:343-53.]

Protection/Thrombectomy

21 randomized trials

Meta-analysis

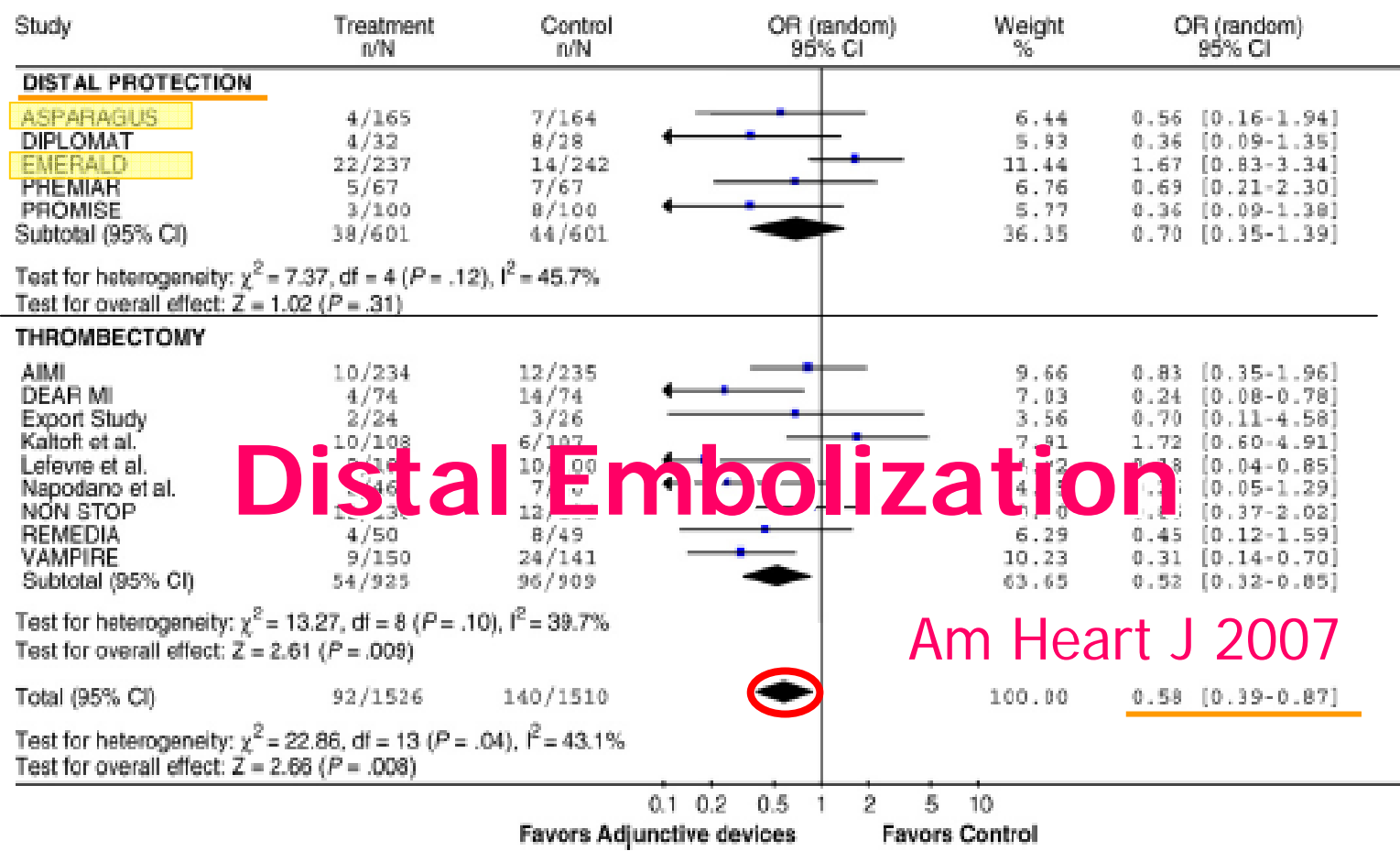
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Postprocedural MBG3

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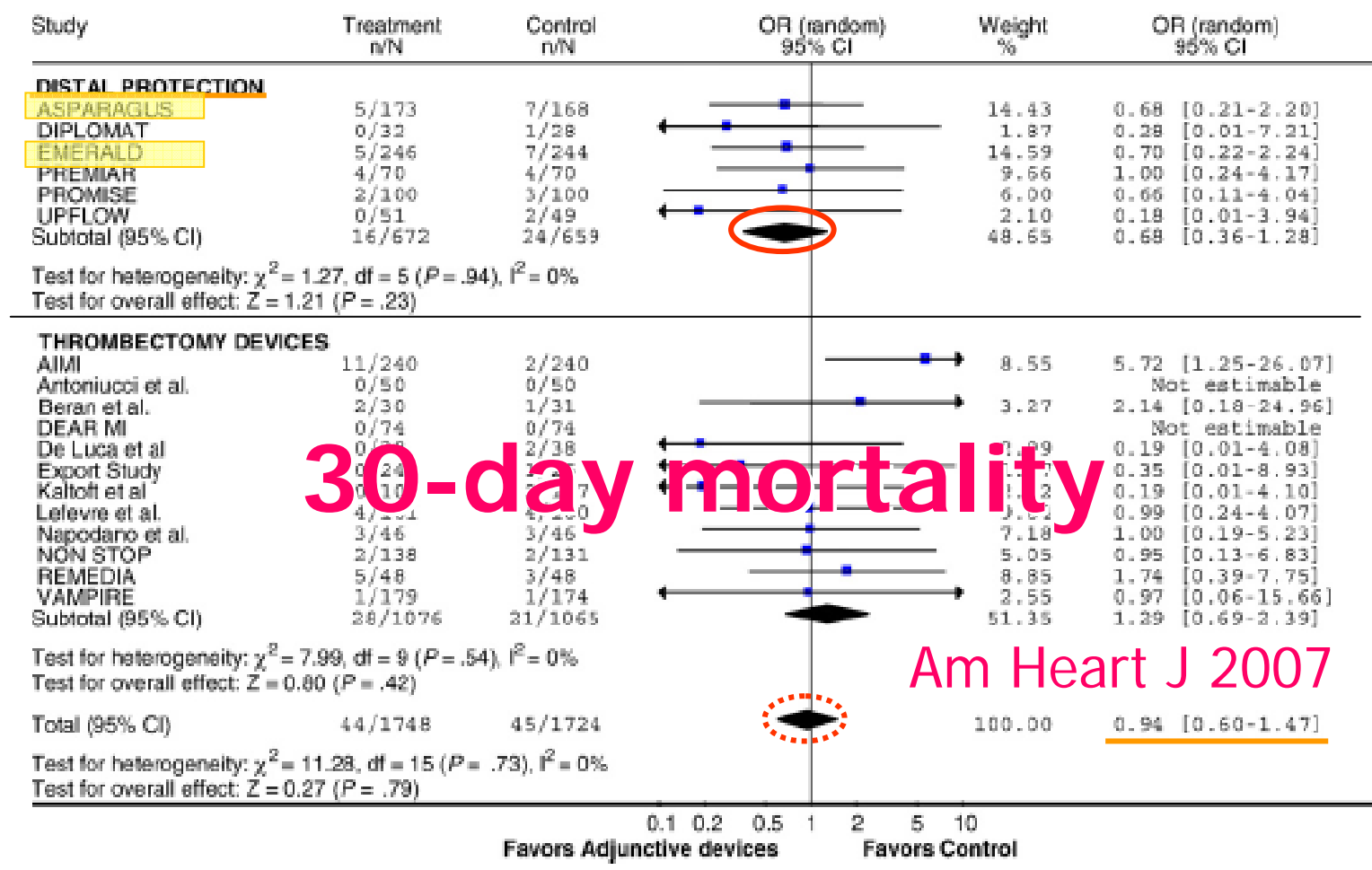
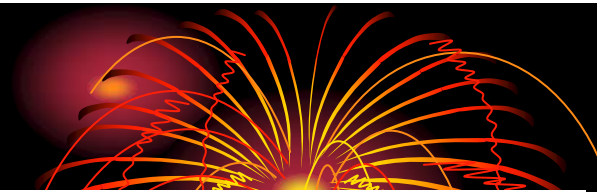
Adjunctive mechanical devices and postprocedural MBG 3, with ORs and 95% CIs. The size of the data markers (squares) is approximately proportional to the statistical weight of each trial.



Distal Embolization

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30-day mortality

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Summary of Total 21 trials (randomized study)

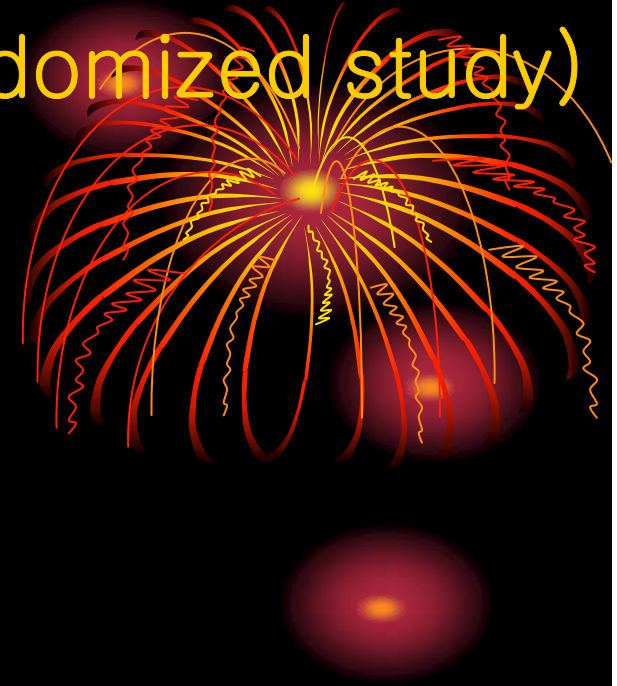
3721 patients

1877 [50.4%] ; Adjunctive mechanical device group

1844 [49.6%] ; Control group

1502 (40.3%) ; Distal protection devices

2219 (59.7%) ; Thrombectomy devices.



Adjunctive mechanical devices;

Higher rate of postprocedural TIMI 3 flow (89.4% vs. 87.1%, $P = .03$)

Higher rate of postprocedural myocardial blush grade 3 (48.8% vs. 36.5%, $P < .0001$)

Less distal embolization (6.0% vs. 9.3%, $P = .008$)

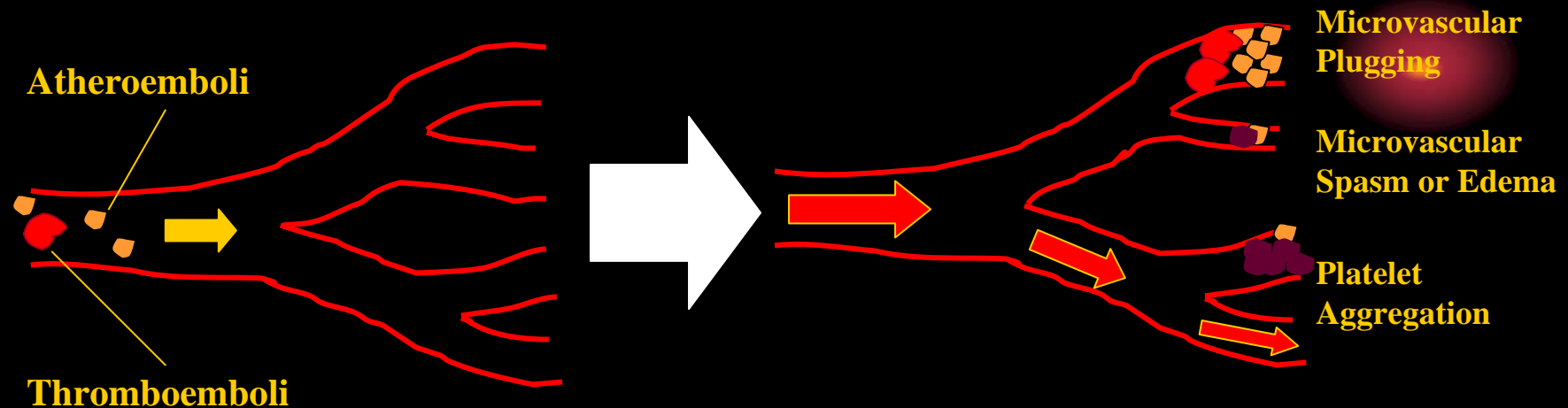
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Microvascular Obstruction

Pathophysiology

Hori M, et.al. *Am J Physiol* 1986; 250:H509-18.



Epicardial flow is maintained or even enhanced due to an adenosine-related hyperemia of the myocardium surrounding the embolized microregions, with blood shunting around the areas of obstruction

Manual thrombus–aspiration improves myocardial reperfusion : the randomized evaluation of the effect of mechanical reduction of distal embolization by thrombus–aspiration in primary and rescue angioplasty (REMEDIA) trial.

| | Aspiration | No Aspiration | Odds | P |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| N | 50 | 50 | | |
| MBG ≥ 2 | 66% | 48.9% | 2.6 | 0.02 |
| STR $\geq 70\%$ | 58% | 36.7% | 2.4 | 0.034 |
| Optimal reperfusion | 46% | 24.5% | 2.6 | 0.025 |

Multivariate analysis :

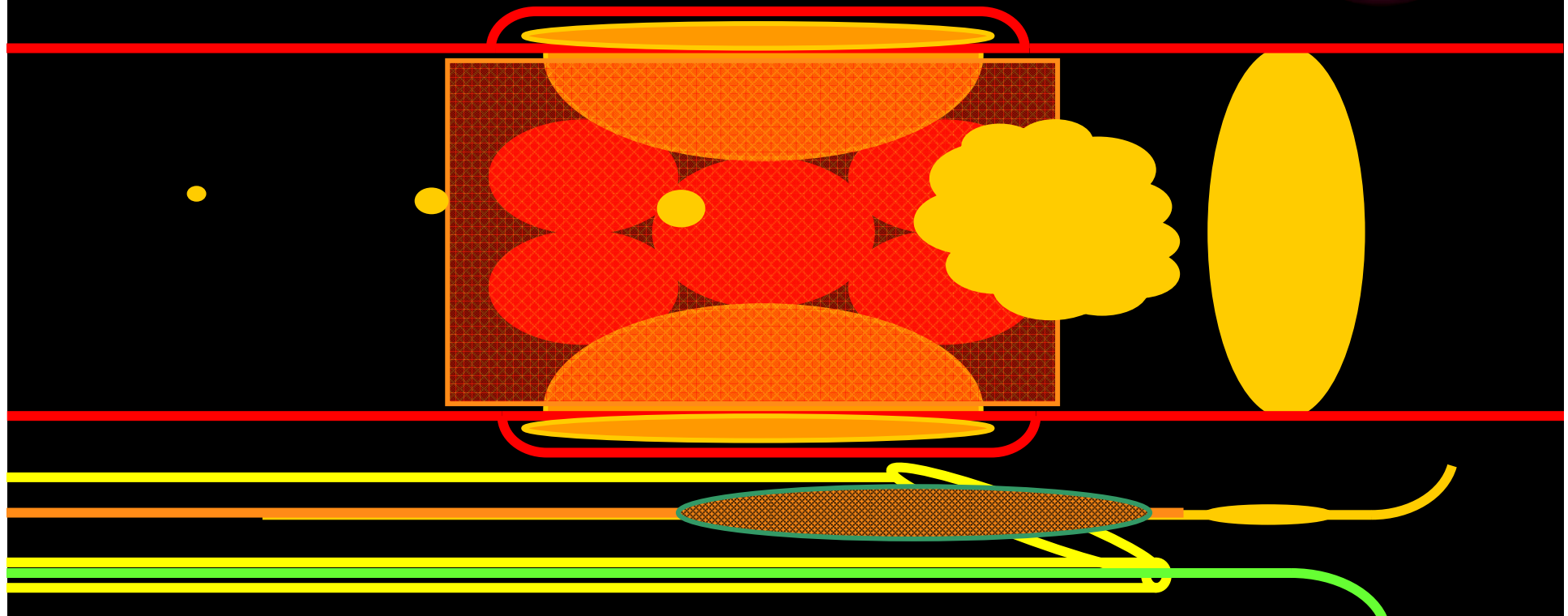
Thrombus aspiration was a significant independent predictor of achievement of MBG $>$ or $=2$ and STR $>$ or $=70\%$ (p = 0.013).

Direct stent with distal Protection in Rebirth

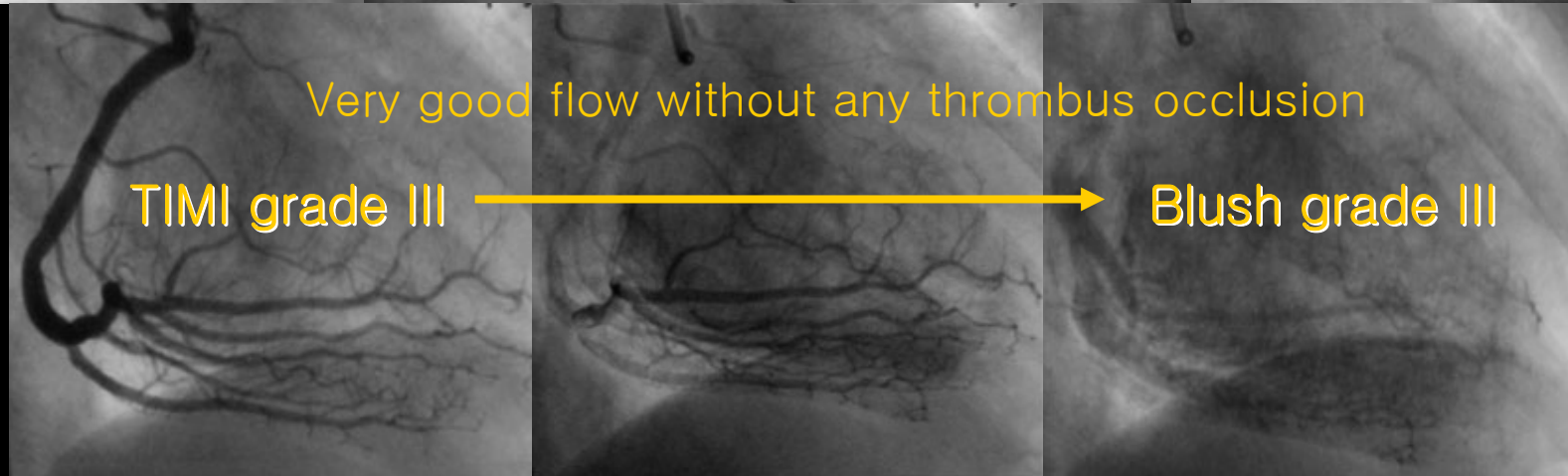
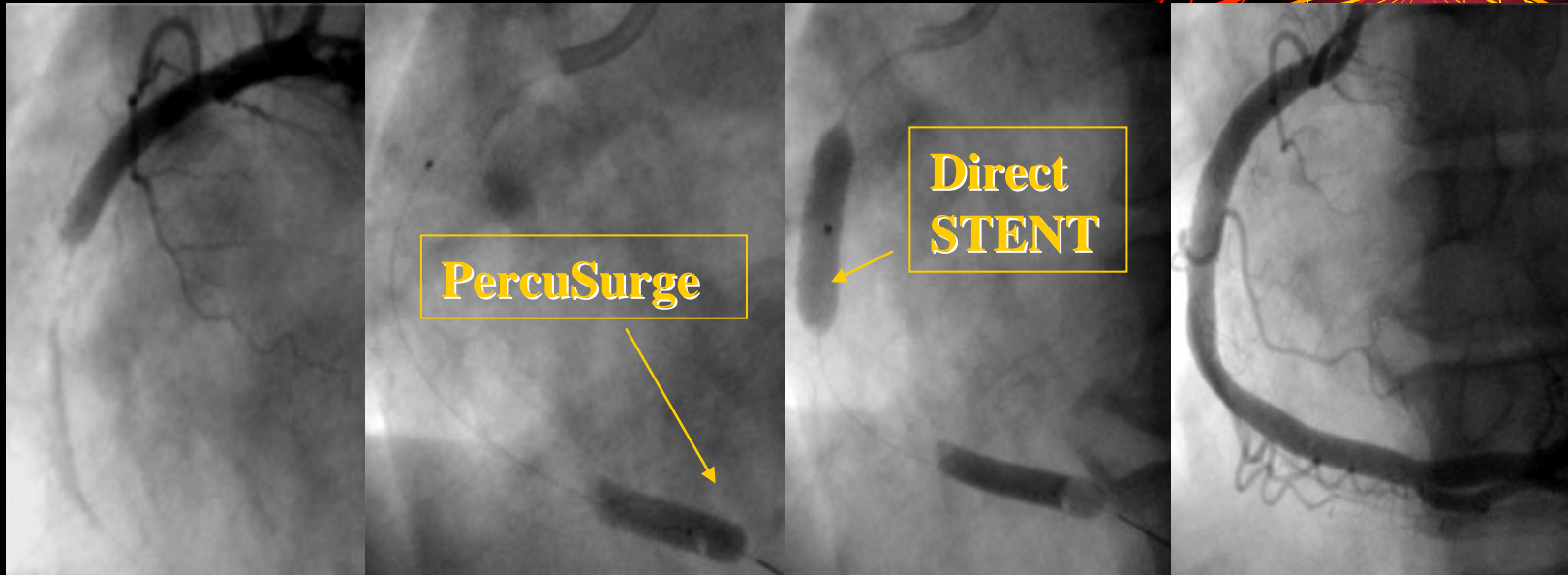
Duraflex 4.0 × 25mm (Crossing profile 0.044inch = 1.12mm)



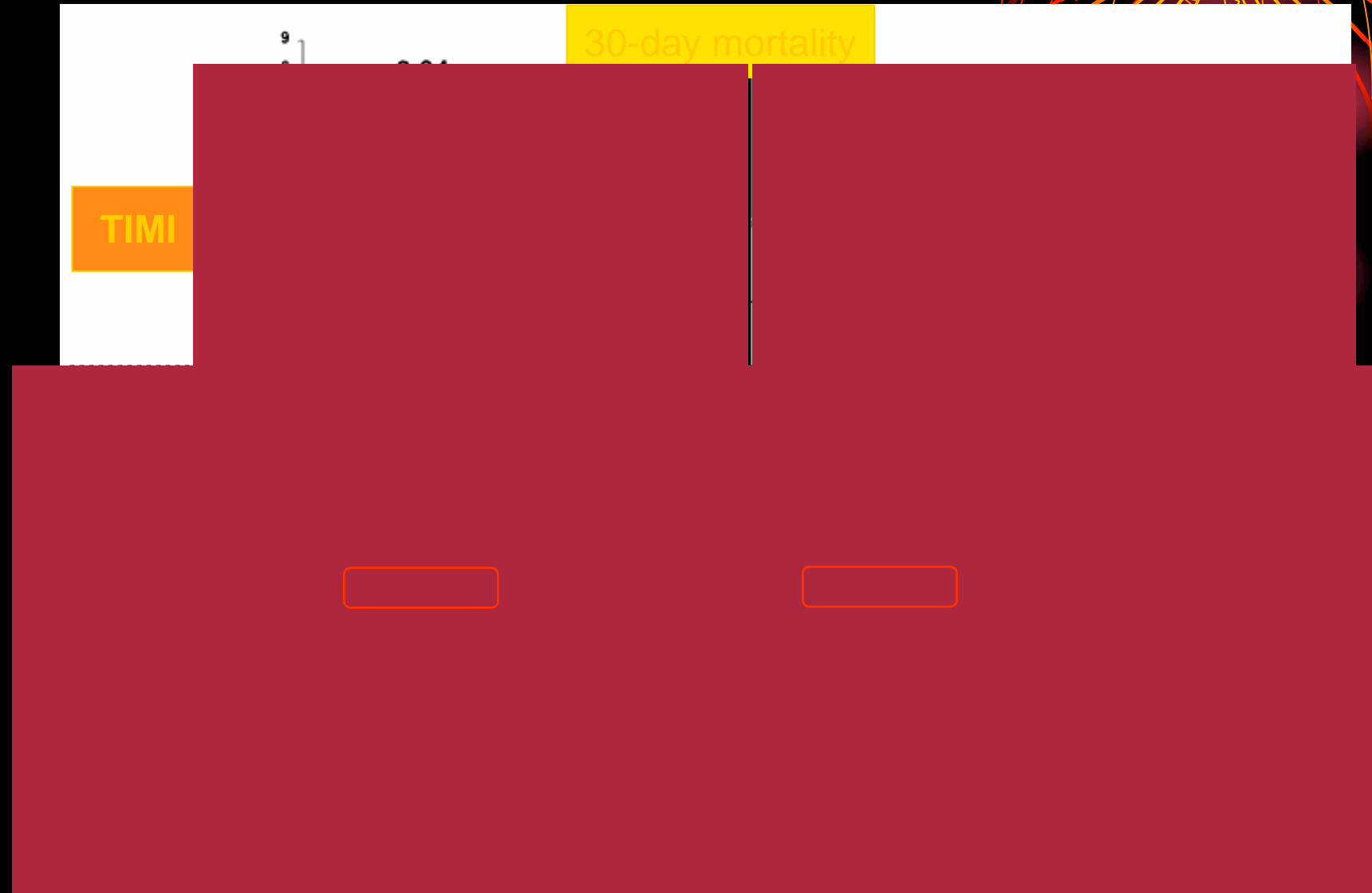
Rebirth Distal Shaft



Evaluation of myocardial perfusion Blush grade



Blush grade and Prognosis



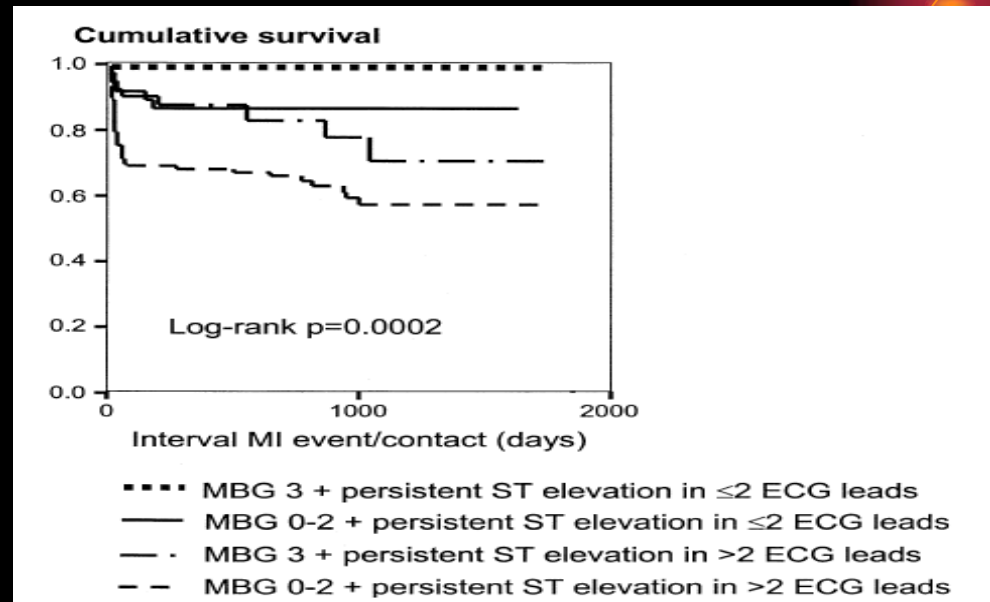


Table 1. Baseline Clinical and Angiographic Characteristics

| | Dead (n = 62) | Alive (n = 191) | p |
|---|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Age (yrs) | 63.6 ± 10.8 | 58.3 ± 11.7 | 0.002 |
| Chest pain to hospital (h) | 4.8 ± 5.7 | 3.8 ± 4.5 | 0.336 |
| Door to needle time (h) | 2.0 ± 2.2 | 1.9 ± 2.0 | 0.892 |
| Female | 17 (27%) | 31 (16%) | 0.082 |
| Cardiogenic shock | 11 (18%) | 23 (12%) | 0.171 |
| Heart rate before PTCA (beats/min) | 90.7 ± 26.5 | 73.3 ± 16.4 | < 0.001 |
| Patient referral | 24 (39%) | 50 (26%) | 0.063 |
| No. of diseased vessels | 2.1 ± 0.8 | 1.7 ± 0.7 | 0.002 |
| Peak creatine kinase (U/l) | 1,492 ± 1,713 | 914 ± 1,166 | 0.004 |
| Abciximab | 30 (48%) | 92 (48%) | 1.000 |
| IABP | 25 (41%) | 11 (6%) | < 0.001 |
| Stent | 42 (68%) | 151 (79%) | 0.058 |
| Target vessel: left anterior descending | 24 (39%) | 80 (42%) | 0.626 |
| Baseline TIMI flow 3 | 7 (11%) | 67 (35%) | < 0.001 |
| Previous myocardial infarction | 22 (36%) | 67 (35%) | 1.000 |
| Left bundle branch block | 14 (23%) | 11 (6%) | < 0.001 |
| Markers of reperfusion | | | |
| Postprocedure TIMI flow 3 | 50 (80%) | 173 (91%) | 0.064 |
| MBG 0/1 | 39 (63%) | 61 (32%) | < 0.001 |
| MBG 2 | 14 (23%) | 60 (31%) | 0.206 |
| MBG 3 | 9 (14%) | 70 (37%) | 0.004 |
| CTFC (frames) | 42.6 ± 32.2 | 32.8 ± 23.9 | 0.012 |
| ECG leads with ST-segment elevation post PTCA | 4.42 ± 1.87 | 3.20 ± 2.22 | 0.001 |

CTFC = corrected TIMI frame count; IABP = intraaortic balloon pump; MBG = myocardial blush grade; PTCA = percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty; TIMI = Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction

Trials in native coronary artery ST-elevated MI

| Trial and Treatment | Inclusion Criteria | No. | Primary End Point(s) | Results (Experimental vs Control) | <i>P</i> |
|------------------------|---|-----|--|-----------------------------------|----------|
| EMERALD | | | | | |
| GuardWire Plus | ST-elevation myocardial infarction | 252 | Complete ST-segment resolution at 30 minutes | 63.3% vs 61.9% | 0.78 |
| Conventional guidewire | | 249 | Infarct size (median) | 12.0% vs 9.5% | 0.34 |
| PROMISE | | | | | |
| FilterWire EX | ST- or non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction or visible thrombus | 100 | Maximum adenosine-induced flow velocity | 34±17 vs 36±20 cm/s | 0.46 |
| Conventional guidewire | | 100 | | | |
| ASPARAGUS | | | | | |
| GuardWire Plus | ST-elevation myocardial infarction | 165 | TIMI grade 3 flow | 77% vs 78% | 0.73 |
| Conventional guidewire | | 164 | | | |

The reason of ~~discrepancy~~ in
outcome?



The reason of negative data

- The timing of intervention: after much of the injury had taken place?
- The Difficulty of measuring benefits: background of large infarction?
- Other reason of injury: reperfusion injury, edema?
- Smaller amount of debris ?
- Selection bias

Myocardial blush grade data in AMI

| Author | Van't Hof et al | Gibson et al | Stone et al | Hagger et al | Henrique et al |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Journal | Circulation 1998 (97: 2302-2306) | Circulation 2000 (101: 125-130) | JACC 2002 (39: 591-597) | JACC 2003 (41: 532-538) | Circulation 2003 (107: 2115-2119) |
| No. of Pts. | 777 | 762 | 173 | 253 | 924 |
| Strategy | PCI | Thrombolysis | PCI | PCI | PCI |
| Blush Grade 0-1 | 30% | 71% | 30% | 40% | 11% |

Henrique et al, Circulation 2003 ; 107: 2115-2119

The CARROT Registry

Clinical Result of Registry
for Patients with Unstable Plaque

All unstable plaque cases in angiography
STEMI, Non-STEMI, Recent MI, UAP, SVG

Consecutive enrolled

- PCI
- Aspiration
- Aspiration + PCI
- Aspiration + Protection + PCI

TIMI, Blush, QCA, ECG, Complications

6Mo FU: TIMI, Blush, MACE

3 years FU: MACE

Final Myocardial Blush (Overall)

■ GuardWire (n=211)

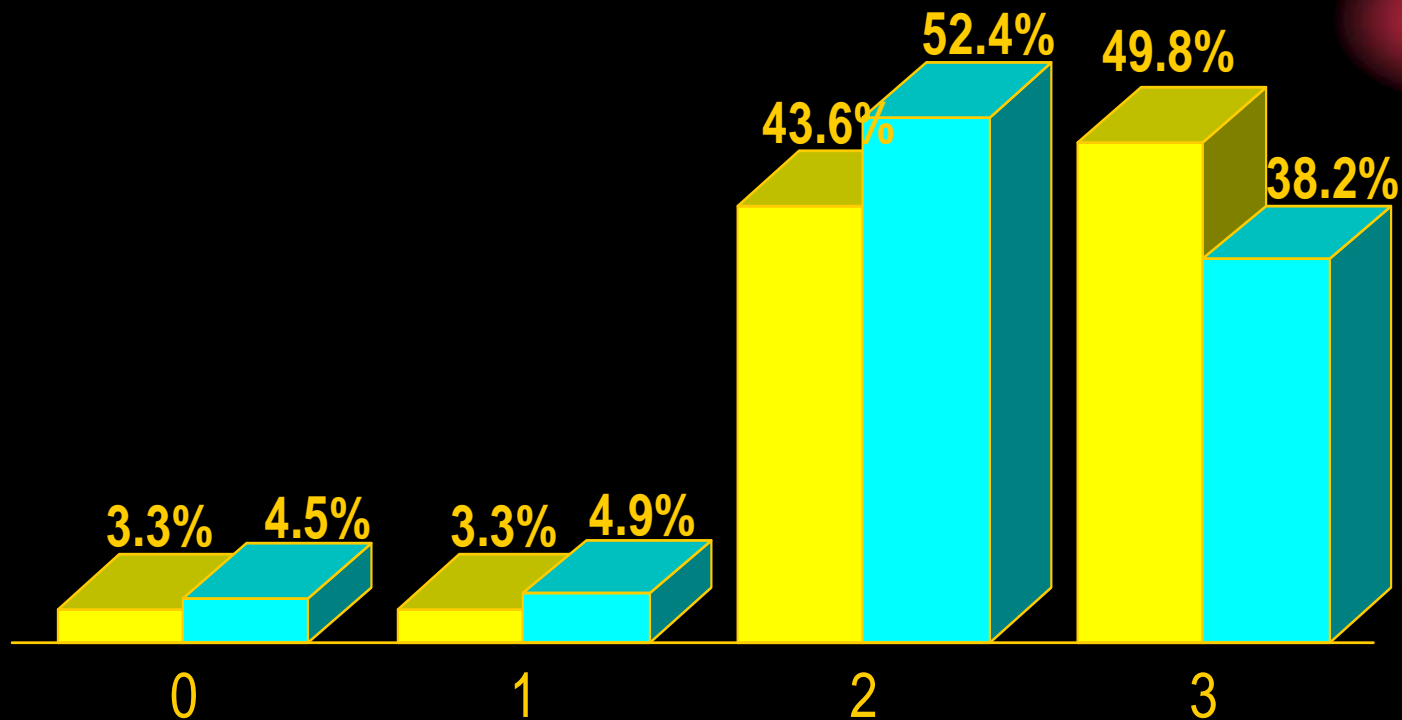
■ Control (n=289)

P=0.50

P=0.40

P=0.05

P=0.01

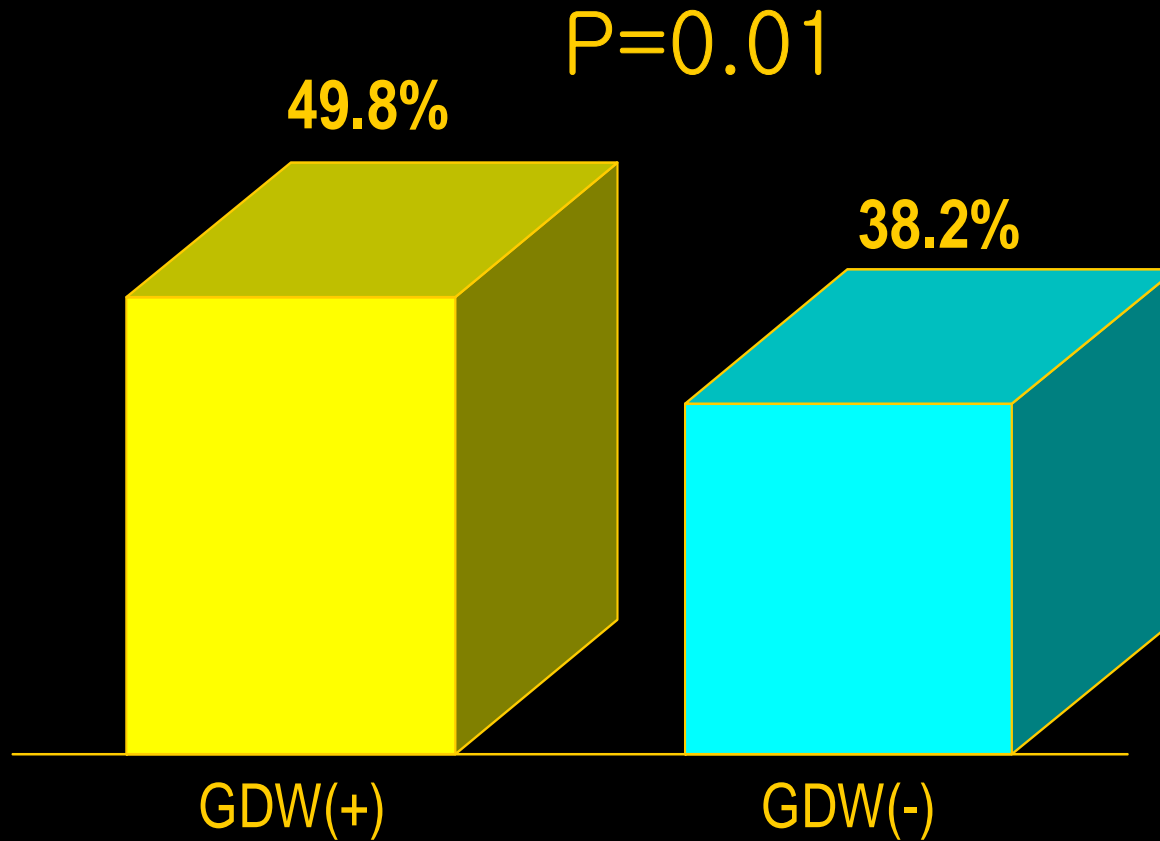


Final Myocardial Blush 3 (Overall)

Distal protection

■ GuardWire (n=211)

■ Control (n=288)



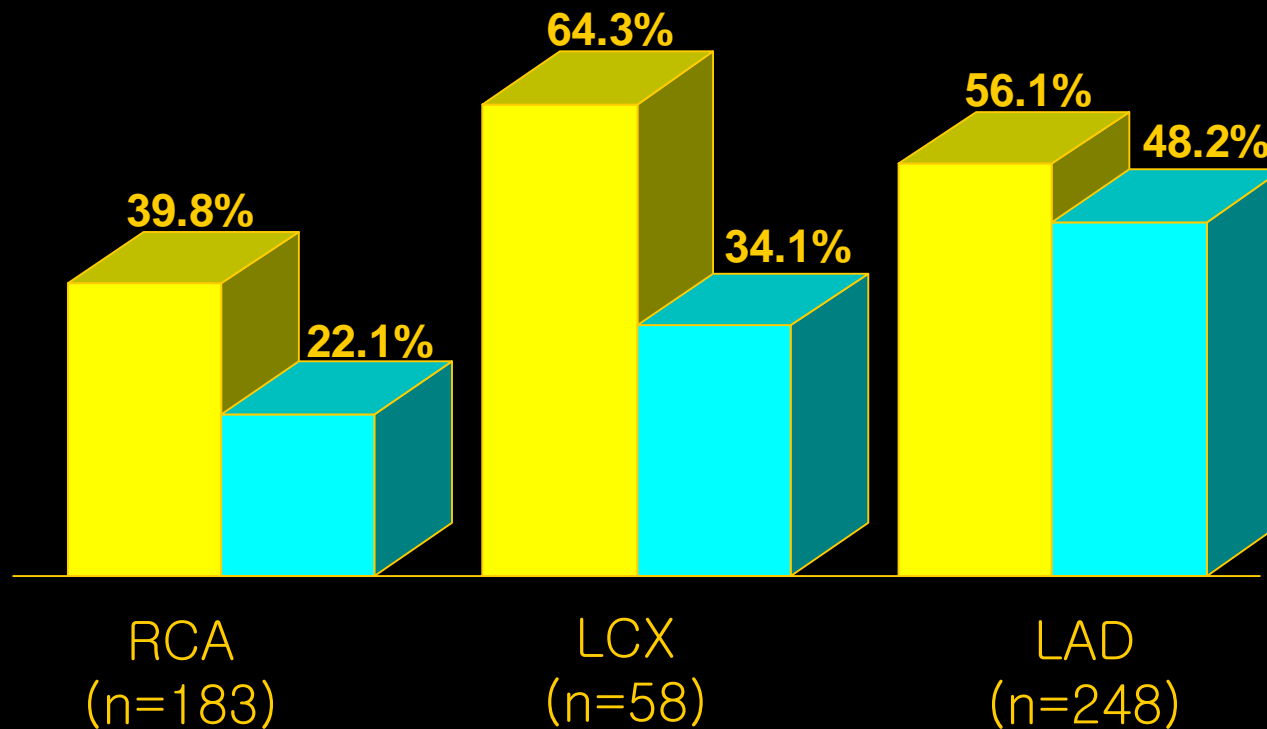
Final Myocardial Blush 3 (Overall) Target Vessels

■ GuardWire (n=211) ■ Control (n=288)

P=0.01

P=0.06

P=0.25



Final Myocardial Blush 3 (Overall) Vessel Diameter

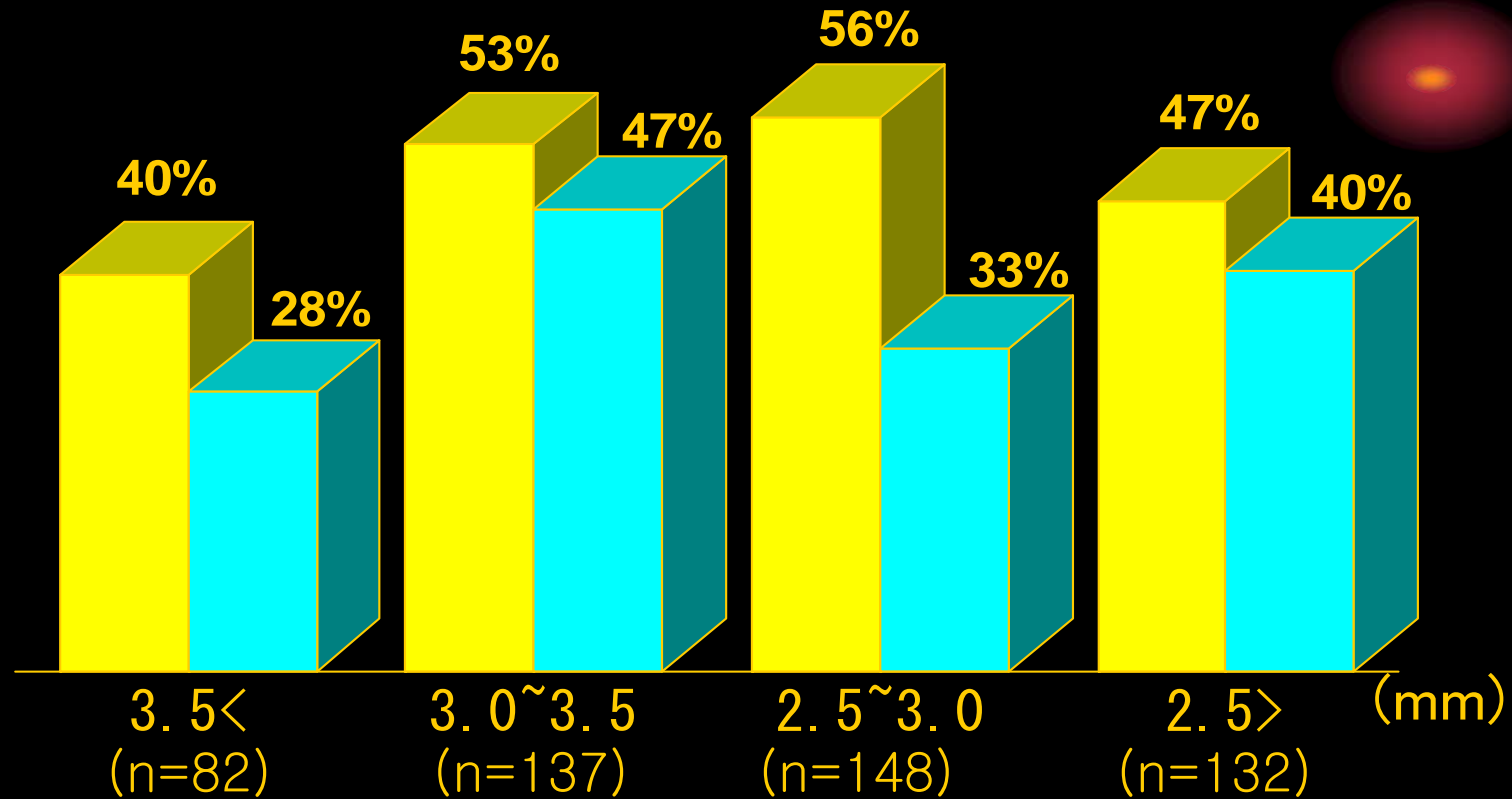
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P=0.35

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ST Elevation MI

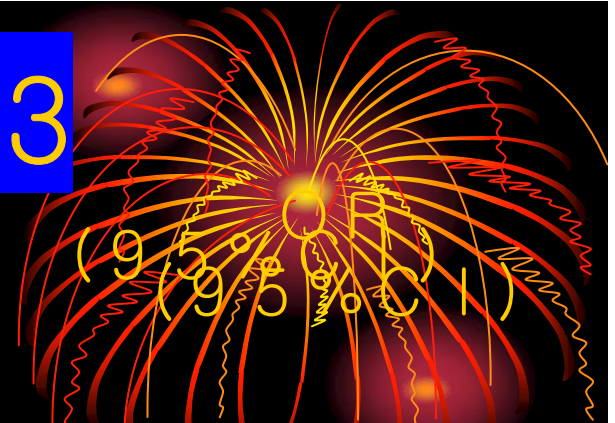
Baseline Characteristics 1-1

| | EMERALD | | ASPARAGUS | | CARROT-STEMI | |
|---|---------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | GDW | Control | GDW | Control | GDW | Control |
| N | 211 | 288 | 165 | 164 | 136 | 160 |
| Age (yrs) | 58.5 | 59.8 | 63.5 | 64.7 | 63.9 | 67.2 |
| Male | 76.2% | 80.7% | 78.6% | 72.9% | 79.4% | 72.5% |
| Hypertension | 35.9% | 38.2% | 42.2% | 44.1% | 52.4% | 47.6% |
| Hypercholest. | 20.2% | 28.5% | 32.9% | 32.9% | 51.1% | 48.9% |
| Smoker | 40.5% | 44.6% | 51.4% | 49.4% | 51.9% | 48.1% |
| <u>Diabetes</u> | 7.5% | 17.3% | 31.8% | 32.3% | 40.9% | 31.9% |
| Prior MI | 9.5% | 12.4% | 1.7% | 2.9% | | |
| <u>Killip class ≥ 2</u> | 11.7% | 13.1% | 2.3% | 0.0% | 7.5% | 18.9% |

Baseline Characteristics

| | EMERALD | | ASPARAGUS | | CARROT-STEMI | |
|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | GDW | Control | GDW | Control | GDW | Control |
| LAD | 40.2% | 38.5% | 50% | 48% | 52.2% | 53.1% |
| LCX | 9.6% | 11.1% | 10% | 10% | 5.1% | 10.0% |
| RCA | 48.6% | 48.0% | 40% | 42% | 42.6% | 37.5% |
| Pre TIMI flow | | | | | | |
| 0 | | | 51.5% | 49.0% | 64.7% | 66.9% |
| 1 | 64.0% | 67.8% | 68.7% | 68.3% | 74.3% | 75.7% |
| | | | 17.2% | 19.3% | 9.6% | 8.8% |
| 2 | 15.9% | 12.2% | 24.8% | 19.5% | 16.2% | 15.6% |
| 3 | 20.1% | 20.0% | 6.5% | 12.2% | 9.6% | 8.8% |

Achieved MBG 3



Odds Ratio

ASPARAGUS



1.32 (0.78–2.23)

EMERALD



1.40 (0.96–2.03)

CARROT



1.74 (1.06–2.85)

Total



1.23 (0.98–1.54)

0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2 5 10

Favors Control

Favors GDW

Difference between EMERALD and ASPARAGAS

| | EMERALD | ASPARAGAS |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| N | 500 | 300 |
| Use of GP II b/III a inhibitor | + | - |
| Use of thrombectomy | - | + |
| Serial angio FU | - | + |
| Frequency of slow flow | negative | positive |
| Frequency of distal emboli. | negative | positive |
| TIMI score | negative | negative |
| Blush score | negative | negative |
| Blush score in Prox. RCA | unknown | positive |
| Blush score in 1 mon. FU | unknown | positive |
| ST resolution | negative | negative |
| Infarct size | negative | negative |
| MACE | negative | negative |

What is useful cases for Distal Protection?

Clinical

1. Early onset Acute MI
2. Shock case

Lesion Morphology

1. Non calcified, non tortous vessel
2. Proximal RCA
3. Large LAD (without major SB)
4. Big thrombus case
5. Rupture plaque
6. Large plaque area by IVUS
7. Large vessel area by IVUS($>16\text{mm}^2$)