Stents versus Surgery for Left Main or MVD Evolution and Current Status

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Which one is better?

CABG vs. PCI for LM or Multi-vessel Disease

 Most RCTs have limited power to assess the clinical equipoise between CABG & PCI with DES regarding hard outcomes.

 Pooling of patient-level data from RCTs increases the statistical power, allowing further analysis including hard outcomes.



Individual Meta-analysis

Database Pooling

• We combined the database from the BEST (n=880, EES), PRECOMBAT (n=600, SES) and SYNTAX (n=1800, PES) trials.

• Unless specified, previously reported definitions from each study were used for variables.







Individual Meta-analysis

Study Outcomes

 Primary Outcome: A composite of all-cause death, MI, or stroke over all available follow-up.

 Secondary Outcomes: Death from any causes, cardiac death, MI, stroke, any coronary revascularization, a composite of death or MI





Baseline Characteristics

	CABG (n=1639)	PCI (n=1641)
Age (years)	64.5±9.7	64.2±9.7
Men	1264 (77.1%)	1222 (74.5%)
Current smoking	368 (22.5%)	344 (21.0%)
Diabetes	532 (32.5%)	534 (32.5%)
Stable CAD	987 (60.2%)	1030 (62.8%)
Previous MI	349 (21.4%)	323 (19.8%)
Previous stroke	76 (4.6%)	72 (4.4%)
LM	649 (39.6%)	657 (40.0%)
MVD	991 (60.5%)	984 (60.0%)
SYNTAX score	27.3±10.7	26.7±10.3
Follow-up (years)	4.4±1.4	4.4±1.3



Primary Outcome: Death, MI or Stroke





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Primary Outcome in Major Subgroups



Secondary Outcomes: Individual Components of Primary Outcome



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Conclusions

- CABG, as compared to PCI with DES, significantly reduced the risk of all-cause death, MI, or stroke in patients with left main or multivessel CAD.
- The benefit of CABG was particularly pronounced in patients with multivessel CAD, but not in those with left main CAD.







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Further Insights into long-term mortality







Death in LM Disease: "Extent of Disease"

Limited LMCAD (LM alone or LM plus 1-VD)

Extensive LMCAD (LM plus 2- or 3-VD)



Death in LM Disease: "Number of Stents"





A Pooled Analysis

BEST, PRECOMBAT and SYNTAX Trial All-Cause Mortality

P for Interaction < 0.001







Possible Explanations

What's Different between LMD and MVD?

• The left main coronary artery is large and short, leading to a lower rate of target lesion failure.

• The advantage of CABG over PCI seems to be attenuated in the presence of concomitant left main CAD (LM total: a large ischemic island, graft dependent).







All-Cause Mortality Summary (4 RCTs)







More PCI or More CABG?

The final winner here will be a simple, effective and durable treatment!

Thanks





