

OCT vs. IVUS in True Bifurcation PCI: Analysis From the OCTIVUS Trial

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- I have nothing to disclose.

Current Guideline for PCI at True Bifurcation

2018 ESC/EACTS guideline vs 2021 ACC/AHA/SCAI Guideline

Recommendations on intravascular imaging for procedural optimization

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
IVUS or OCT should be considered in selected patients to optimize stent implantation. ^{603,612,651–653}	IIa	B
IVUS should be considered to optimize treatment of unprotected left main lesions. ³⁵	IIa	B

Recommendations for Use of Intravascular Imaging

Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in [Online Data Supplement 25](#).

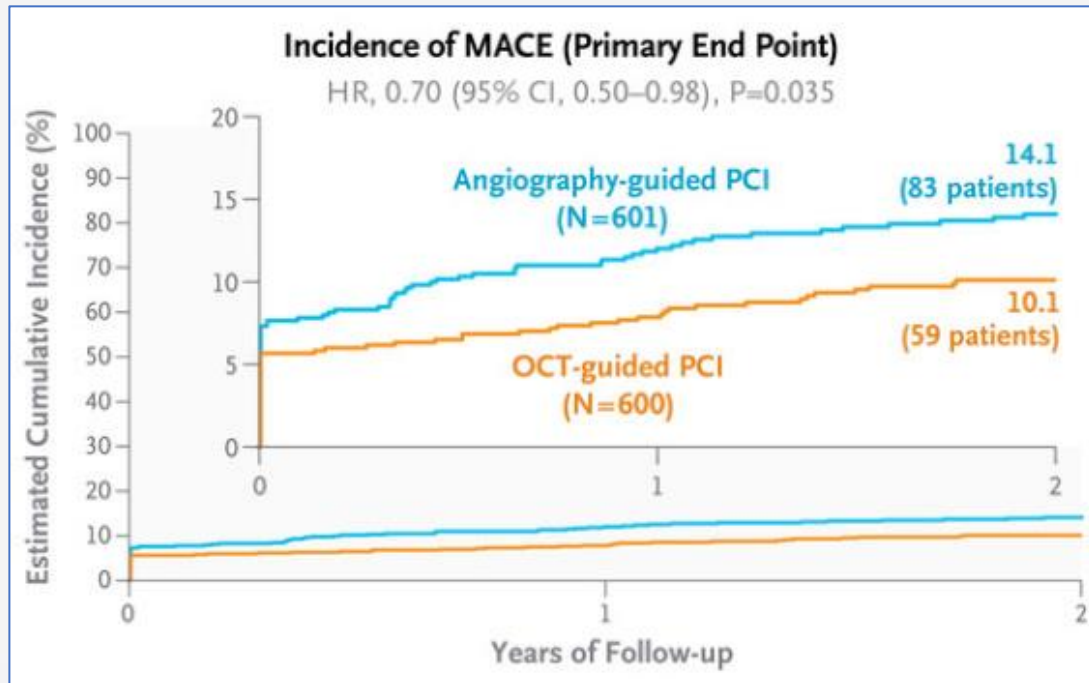
COR	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
2a	B-R	1. In patients undergoing coronary stent implantation, IVUS can be useful for procedural guidance, particularly in cases of left main or complex coronary artery stenting, to reduce ischemic events (1-10).
2a	B-R	2. In patients undergoing coronary stent implantation, OCT is a reasonable alternative to IVUS for procedural guidance, except in ostial left main disease (11-13).
2a	C-LD	3. In patients with stent failure, IVUS or OCT is reasonable to determine the mechanism of stent failure (14-17).

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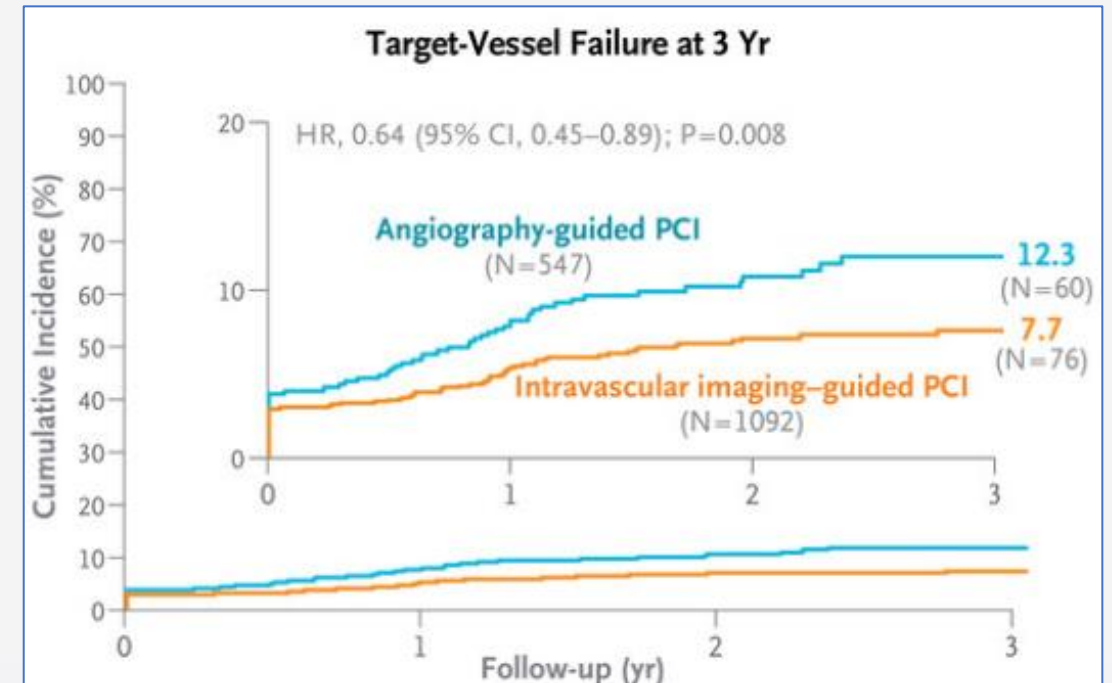
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Recent RCTs including True Bifurcation PCI

OCTOBER and RENOVATE-COMPLEX



OCTOBER



RENOVATE-COMPLEX

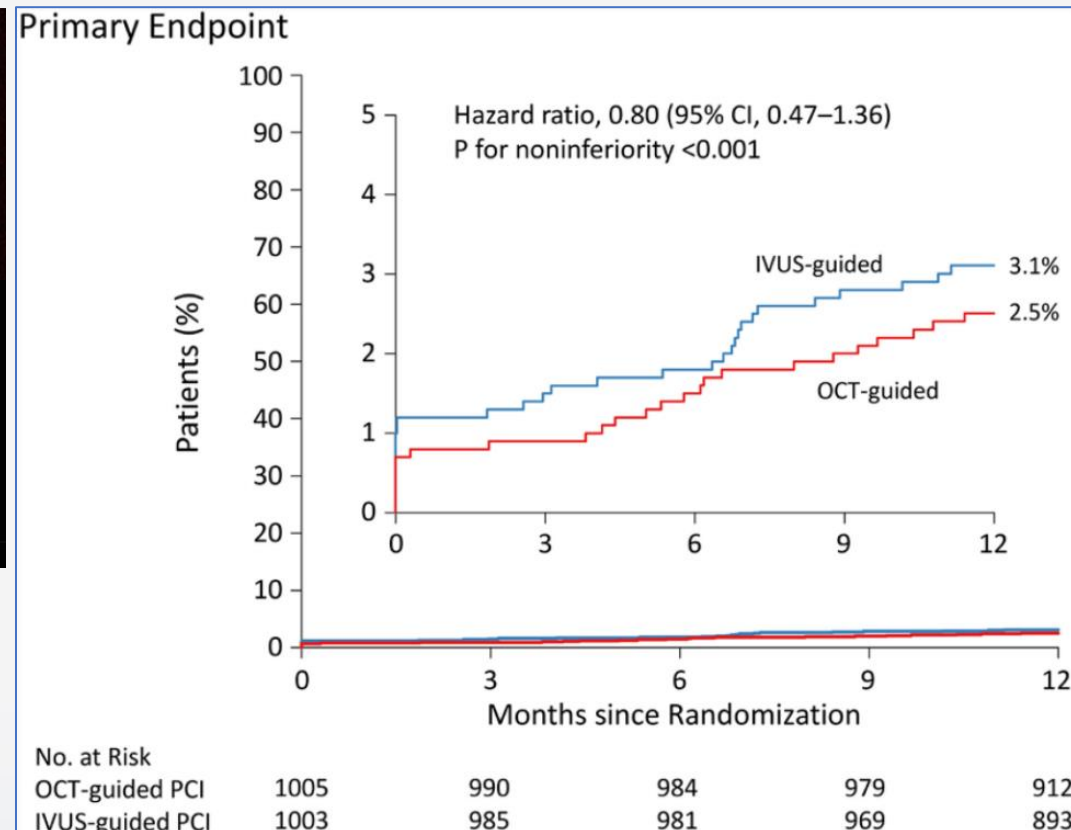
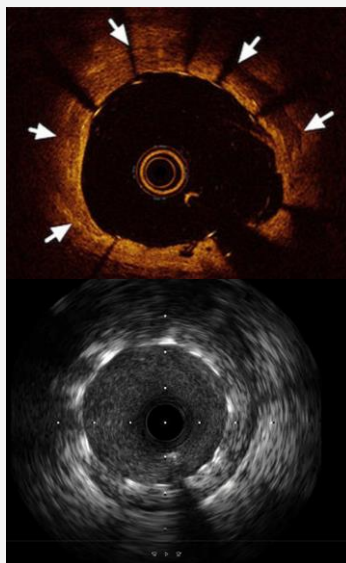
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OCTIVUS trial

OCT vs IVUS

- **Design** : a multicenter, pragmatic, randomized controlled trial at 9 sites in South Korea
- **Objective** : comparing OCT and IVUS for PCI guidance in patients with **diverse coronary artery lesions**.
- **Method** : a total of 2008 patients were randomly assigned to OCT-guided PCI (n=1005) and IVUS-guided PCI (n=1003)
- **Primary end point** : a composite of death from cardiac causes, target-vessel myocardial infarction, or ischemia-driven target-vessel revascularization at 1 year.
- **Conclusion** : both OCT and IVUS can be used safely and effectively in the vast majority of procedures, demonstrating comparable acute and long-term outcomes.



3.1% in IVUS vs. 2.5% OCT guided PCI at 1yr

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria in OCTIVUS

INCLUSION

1. Men or women at least age ≥ 19 years.
2. Patients with obstructive coronary artery disease (native or restenotic) undergoing PCI with contemporary drug-eluting stents or drug-coated balloons (only for in-stent restenotic lesion) under intracoronary imaging guidance.
3. The patient or guardian agreed to the study protocol and the schedule for clinical follow-up, and provided informed written consent, as approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board/Ethical Committee of the respective clinical site.

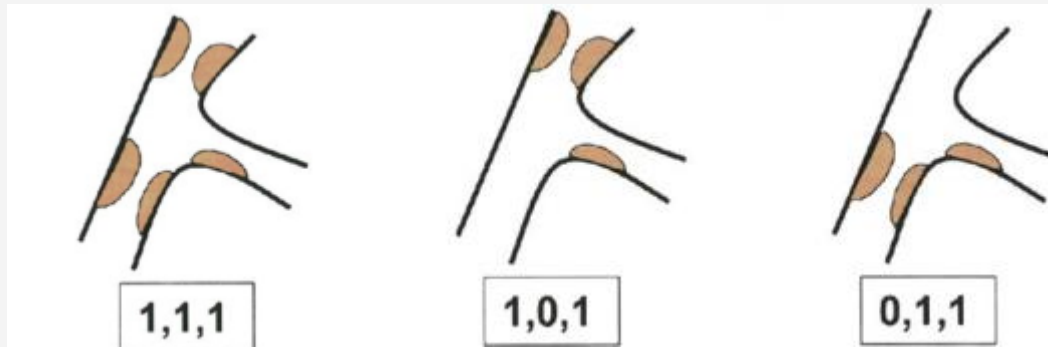
EXCLUSION

1. ST-elevation myocardial infarction.
2. Severe renal dysfunction (eGFR < 30 mL/min/1.73 m²), unless patient is on renal replacement therapy.
3. Cardiogenic shock or decompensated heart failure with severe left ventricular dysfunction (left ventricular ejection fraction $< 30\%$).
4. Life expectancy < 1 years for any non-cardiac or cardiac causes.
5. Any lesion characteristics resulting in the expected inability to deliver the intracoronary imaging catheter during PCI (e.g., severe vessel calcification or tortuosity).

METHOD

Inclusion criteria : True bifurcation

- <https://www.thecardiologyadvisor.com/ddi/bifurcation-lesion/>

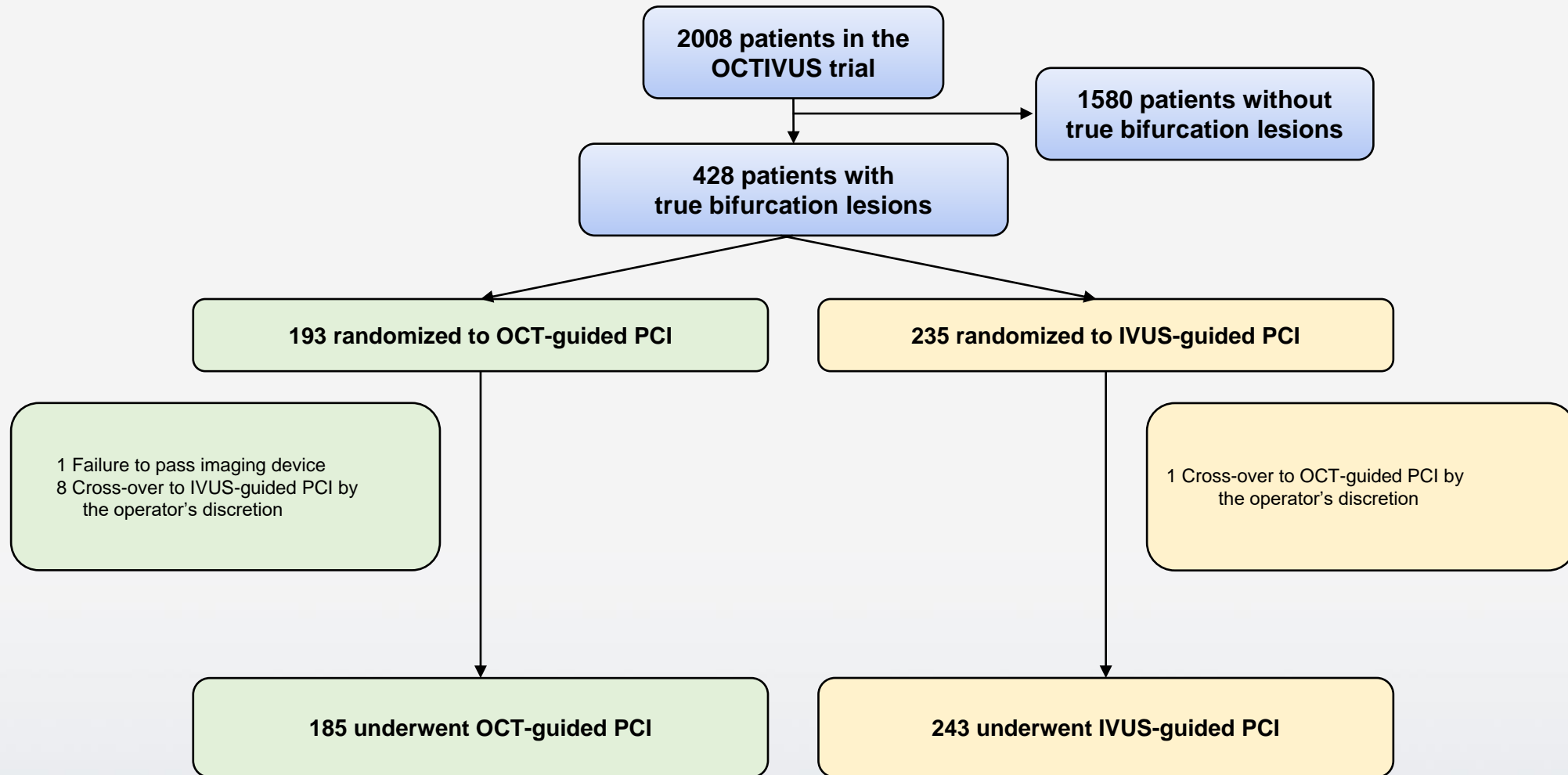


Study Outcomes

Primary outcome and Secondary outcomes

- The primary end-point : Target-vessel failure (a composite of death from cardiac causes, target-vessel-related MI, or ischemia-driven target-vessel revascularization)
- Key secondary end points
 - ✓ Individual components of the primary end-point
 - ✓ Target-lesion failure (a composite of death from cardiac causes, target-vessel MI, or ischemia-driven target-lesion revascularization)
 - ✓ Stent thrombosis
 - ✓ Stroke
 - ✓ Repeat revascularization
 - ✓ Re-hospitalization
 - ✓ Bleeding events

Study Flow Diagram



Baseline Characteristics

Clinical characteristics

	OCT (N = 185)	IVUS (N = 243)	P-value
Age [yrs], mean (SD)	65.5 ± 9.8	65.5 ± 9.7	0.98
Female sex	56 (30.3%)	46 (18.9%)	0.01
Body-mass index	24.6 ± 3.2	24.9 ± 2.9	0.33
Diabetes mellitus — no. (%)	72 (38.9%)	87 (35.8%)	0.58
Hypertension — no. (%)	125 (67.6%)	156 (64.2%)	0.53
Dyslipidemia — no. (%)	162 (87.6%)	205 (84.4%)	0.42
Current smoking — no. (%)	35 (18.9%)	53 (21.8%)	0.54
Previous PCI — no. (%)	44 (23.8%)	47 (19.3%)	0.32
Previous CABG — no. (%)	6 (3.2%)	6 (2.5%)	0.85
Previous stroke — no. (%)	11 (5.9%)	19 (7.8%)	0.58
Atrial fibrillation — no. (%)	6 (3.2%)	12 (4.9%)	0.53
End-stage renal disease on dialysis — no. (%)	3 (1.6%)	3 (1.2%)	1.00
Left ventricular ejection fraction [%], mean (SD)	60.5 ± 7.2	60.7 ± 6.7	0.78
Clinical indication for index PCI — no. (%)			0.54
Silent ischemia	20 (10.8%)	23 (9.5%)	
Stable angina	138 (74.6%)	175 (72.0%)	
Acute coronary syndrome	27 (14.6%)	45 (18.5%)	
Unstable angina	18 (9.7%)	22 (9.1%)	
NSTEMI	9 (4.9%)	23 (9.5%)	

Baseline Characteristics

Anatomical characteristics

	OCT (N = 185 patients with 188 lesions)	IVUS (N = 243 patients with 253 lesions)	P-value
Trial bifurcation vessels — no. (%)			0.32
LMCA-LAD-LCX— no. (%)	46 (24.5%)	63 (24.9%)	
LAD-D— no. (%)	112 (59.6%)	149 (58.9%)	
LCX-OM— no. (%)	19 (10.1%)	34 (13.4%)	
RCA-PDA-PLA— no. (%)	11 (5.9%)	7 (2.8%)	
Medina classification(site report) — no. (%)			0.74
(1,1,1)	150 (79.8%)	194 (76.7%)	
(1,0,1)	21 (11.2%)	32 (12.6%)	
(0,1,1)	17 (9.0%)	27 (10.7%)	
SYNTAX score			
Mean	20.6 ± 10.0	21.2 ± 9.4	0.57
Category — no./total no. (%)			0.67
Low, 0 to 22	117 (63.2%)	144 (59.3%)	
Intermediate, 23 to 32	45 (24.3%)	68 (28.0%)	
High, >32	23 (12.4%)	31 (12.8%)	

Baseline Characteristics

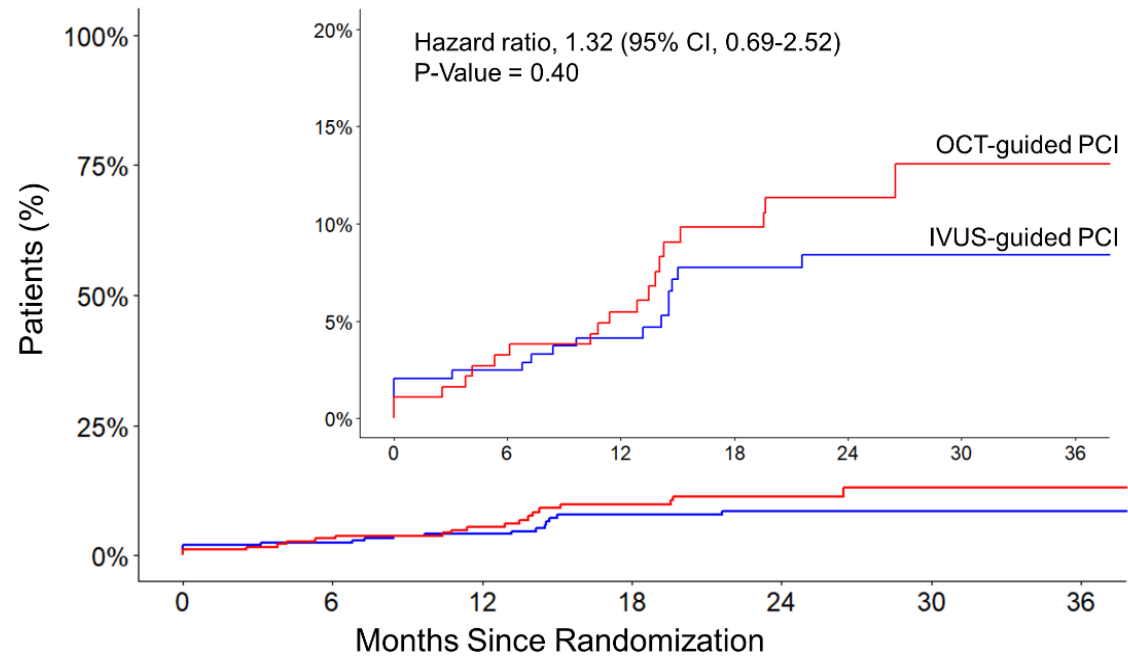
Procedural characteristics

	OCT (N = 185)	IVUS (N = 243)	P-value
PCI approach			0.90
Radial access	85 (45.9%)	109 (44.9%)	
Femoral access	100 (54.1%)	134 (55.1%)	
PCI modality			1.00
Use of drug-eluting stents	180 (97.3%)	237 (97.5%)	
Used of drug-coated balloons (only for ISR lesion)	5 (2.7%)	6 (2.5%)	
Mean number of stents per patient	2.2 ± 1.3	2.3 ± 1.2	0.57
Total stent length per patient — mm	65.0 ± 40.0	66.7 ± 37.5	0.67
Stent technique			0.29
1-Stent technique	109 (58.9%)	130 (53.5%)	
2-Stent technique	71 (38.4%)	107 (44.0%)	
Post-dilatation with larger or high-pressure balloon — no. (%)	176 (95.1%)	235 (96.7%)	0.57
Total amount of contrast media used — mL	283.3 ± 136.1	257.5 ± 129.5	0.047
Total PCI time — min	56.4 ± 25.3	64.1 ± 26.4	0.003

Primary Outcome

A composite of Death from cardiac causes, target-vessel-related MI, or ischemia-driven target-vessel revascularization

HR, 1.32 (95% CI, 0.69-2.52)
P = 0.40



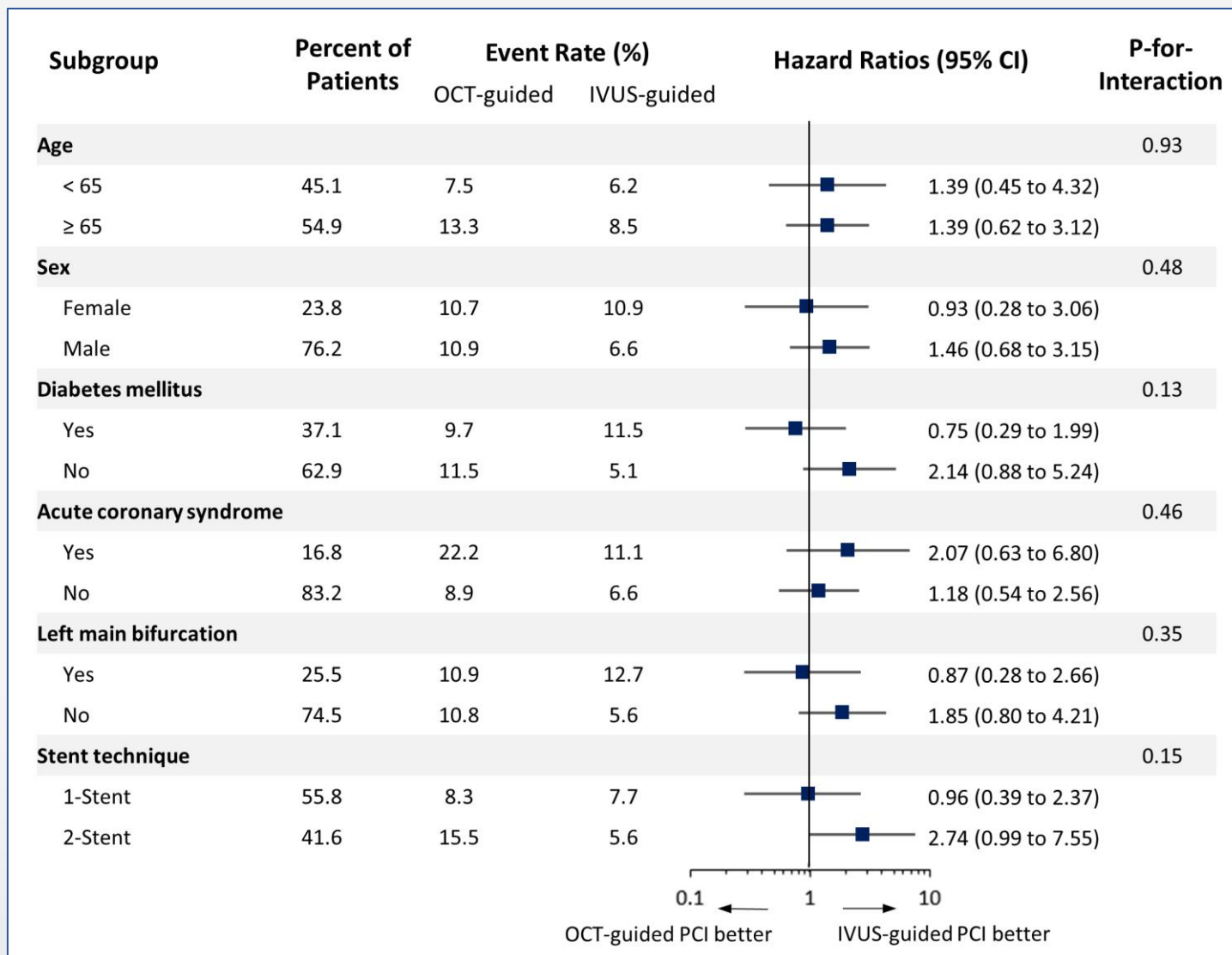
No. at Risk

IVUS-guided PCI	243	236	219	148	124	58	42
OCT-guided PCI	185	178	168	119	101	48	36

Key Secondary End Points

	OCT (N = 185)	IVUS (N = 243)	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Primary end point (TVF)	20 (10.8)	18 (7.4)	1.32 (0.69-2.52)	0.40
Secondary end points				
Target-lesion failure	18 (9.7)	17 (7.0)	1.24 (0.63-2.44)	0.53
All cause death	3 (1.6)	6 (2.5)	0.42 (0.09-2.10)	0.29
Cardiac death	2 (1.1)	2 (0.8)	0.64 (0.06-7.07)	0.72
Target-vessel MI	3 (1.6)	6 (2.5)	0.65 (0.16-2.60)	0.54
Periprocedural	2 (1.1)	4 (1.6)	0.66 (0.12-3.58)	0.63
Spontaneous	1 (0.5)	2 (0.8)	0.64 (0.06-7.09)	0.72
Stent thrombosis	0 (0.0)	2 (0.8)	NC	
Stroke	1 (0.5)	1 (0.4)	1.48 (0.09-23.74)	0.78
Repeat revascularization	19 (10.3)	16 (6.6)	1.46 (0.75-2.85)	0.27
Re-hospitalization	16 (8.6)	21 (8.6)	0.84 (0.43-1.64)	0.61
Bleeding	2 (1.1)	5 (2.1)	0.53 (0.10-2.72)	0.44
Contrast induced nephropathy	3 (1.6)	3 (1.2)	1.00 (0.98-1.03)	0.74

Subgroup Analysis



Conclusion

- In this sub-study of the OCTIVUS trial involving patients with true bifurcation lesions, **OCT-guided PCI showed a similar risk of a composite of death from cardiac causes, target-vessel–related MI, or ischemia-driven TVR as compared with IVUS-guided PCI.**
- This study supports that both OCT and IVUS can be utilized safely and effectively in patients with true bifurcation lesions who are undergone PCI.