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Excel and Noble Trials : What Is the Impact on Clinical Practice Two Years Later

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Before EXCEL and NOBLE...

PCI vs CABG for LM Disease : 12 Meta-Analyses, 2009-2014

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DES vs. CABG for LM Disease Consensus from trials and meta-analysis

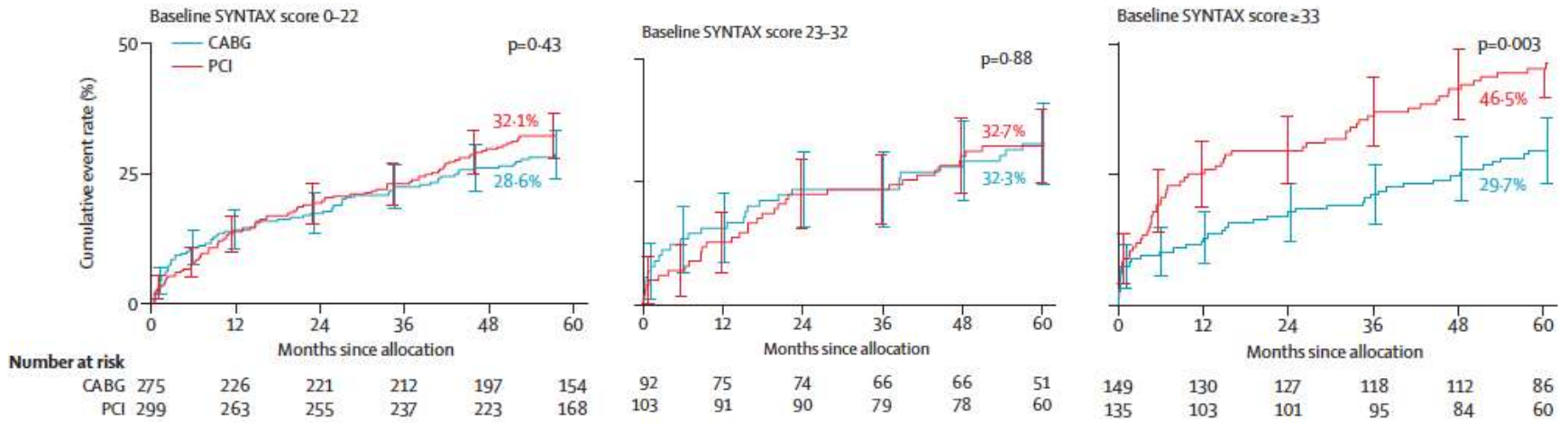
- 1. Stroke is Higher in CABG.**
- 2. TVR is Higher in PCI.**
- 3. Outcomes of PCI with DES is Comparable with CABG in low and intermediate risk patients**
- 4. CABG is superior in patients with diffuse disease**

SYNTAX Trial : LM 5yrs Outcome

SYNTAX Score 0-22

SYNTAX Score 23-32

SYNTAX Score ≥ 33



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The Trial That Changed our Practice ...

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ESC/EACTS GUIDELINES



2014 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

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

Recommendation for the type of revascularization (CABG or PCI) in patients with SCAD with suitable coronary anatomy for both procedures and low predicted surgical mortality

Yes We Can !

Left main disease with a SYNTAX score ≤ 22 .	I	B	I	B	17,134,170
Left main disease with a SYNTAX score 23–32.	I	B	IIa	B	17

CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; LAD = left anterior descending coronary artery; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention; SCAD = stable coronary artery disease.

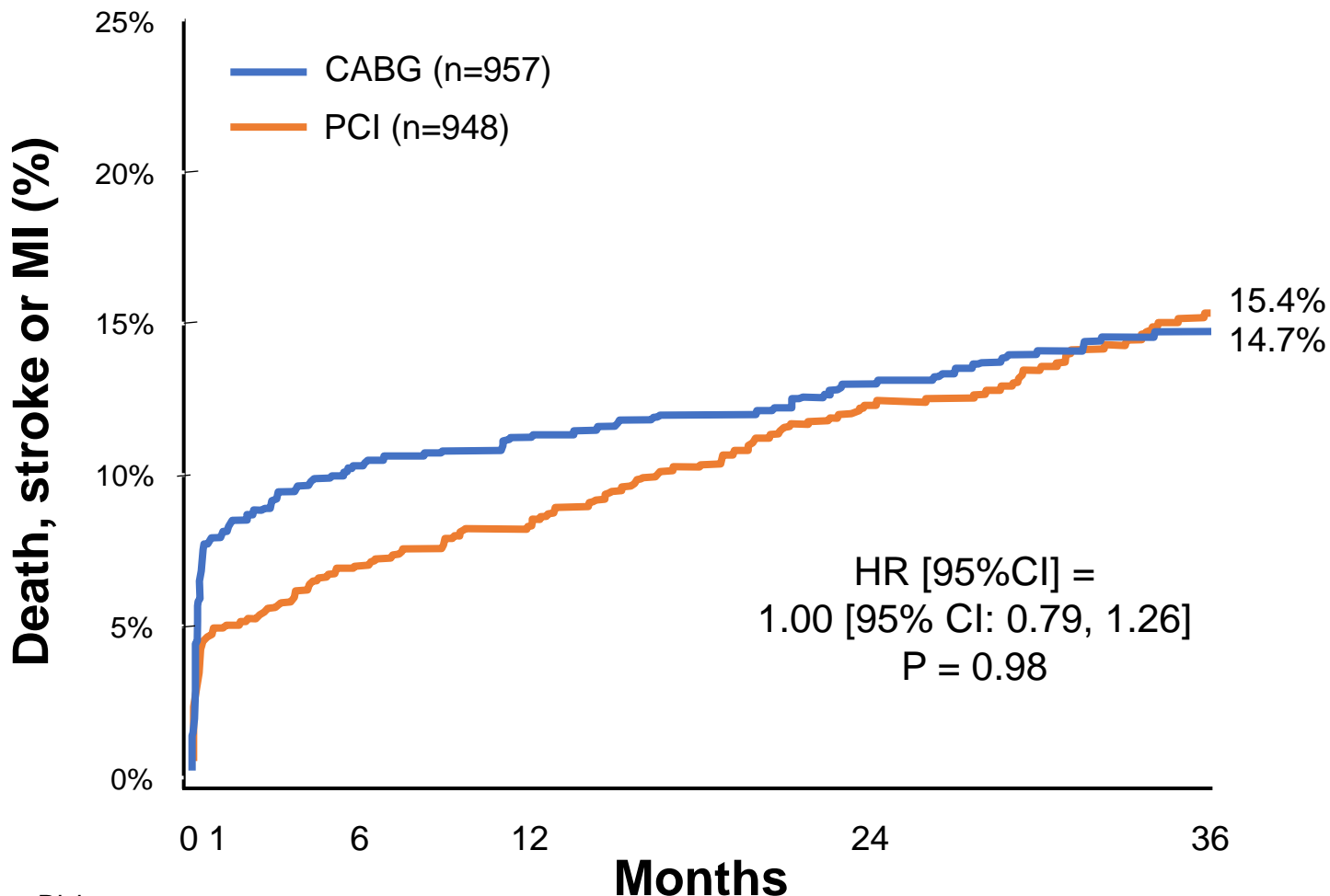
^aClass of recommendation.

^bLevel of evidence.

^cReferences.



Primary Endpoint Death, Stroke or MI at 3 Years



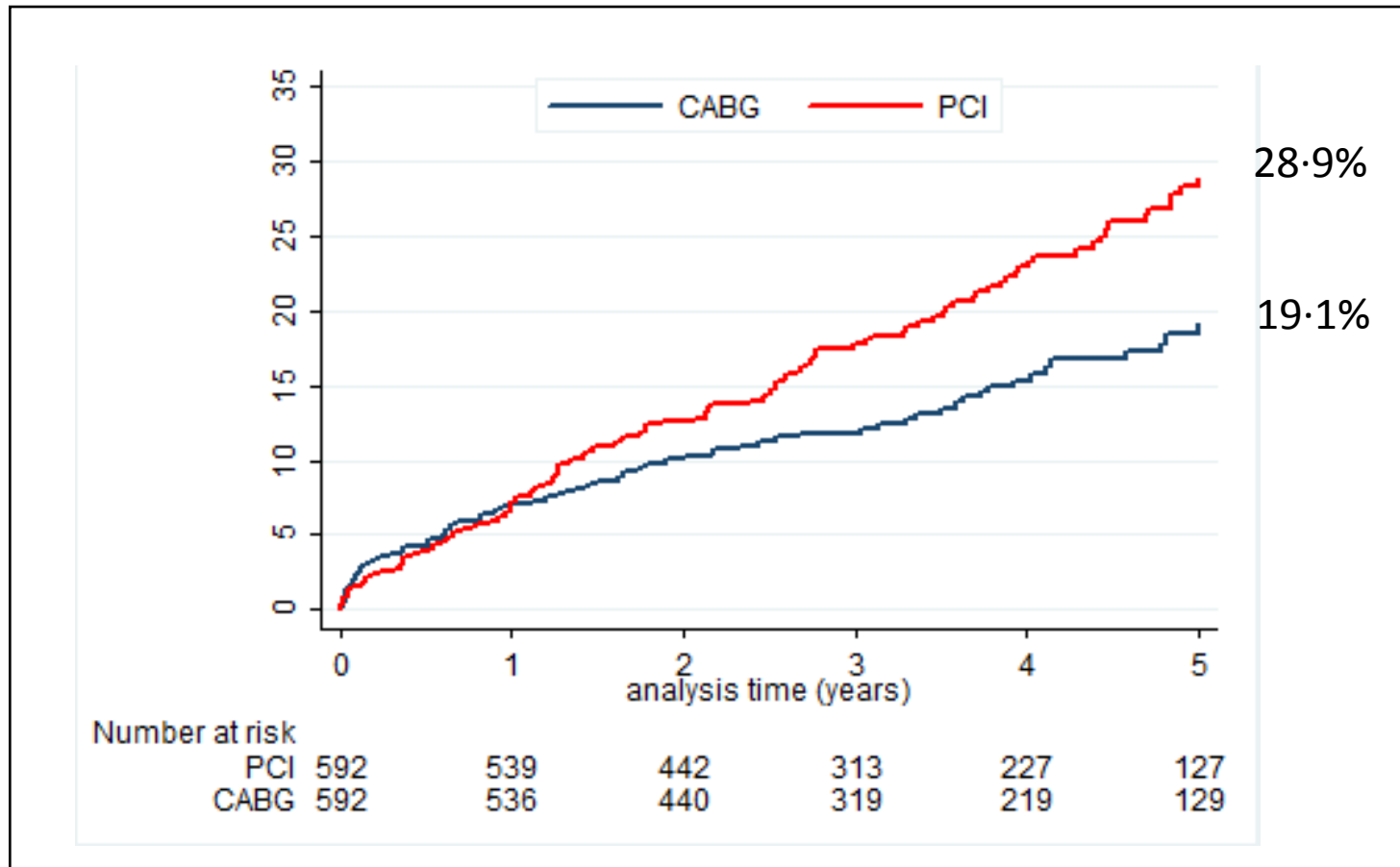
No. at Risk:

PCI	948	896	875	850	784	445
CABG	957	868	836	817	763	458

NOBLE

Primary endpoint: MACCE

(All cause-Mortality, Non-procedural MI, RR, Stroke)



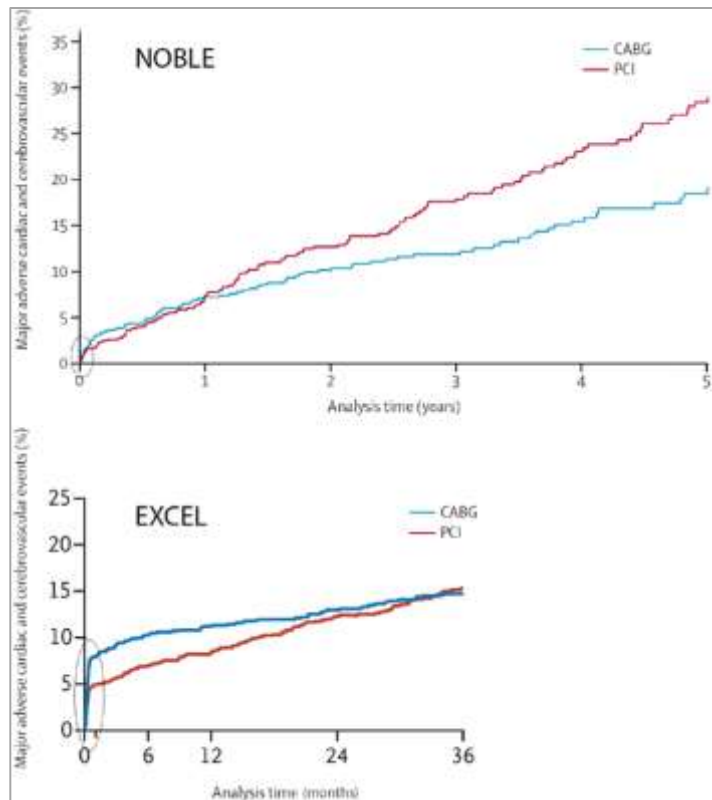
EXCEL and NOBLE Trials : Similarities and Differences

Variables	NOBLE trial	EXCEL trial
Trial design		
Patient characteristics	STEMI within 24 h excluded	All ACS eligible
Anatomic characteristics	ULMCAD stenosis >50% or FFR<0.80; no more than 3 additional lesion or complex addition lesion	ULMCAD stenosis >70% or if 50–70% then FFR<0.80; SYNTAX <32
Primary endpoint	Death, spontaneous MI, stroke or revascularization	Death, any MI or stroke
Geographic region	100% Europe	56% Europe, 40% North America, 4% Other*
Sample size	1,201	1,905
Median follow-up time	3.1 years	3.0 years
Study population		
SYNTAX score	22.5±7.5	20.6±6.2
ACS	18%	15% (1.4% STEMI)
LVEF	60% (IQR 55–65%)	57%±10%
Diabetes	PCI group: 15%; CABG group: 15%	PCI group: 32.2%; CABG group: 28.0%
Procedural characteristics		
Stent used	89% biolimus-eluting stent (BIOMATRIX™), 11% 1 st Gen DES	100% everolimus-eluting stent (XIENCE™)
Distal/bifurcation disease	81%	81%
IVUS guidance	Pre-stent evaluation: 47%; post-stent evaluation: 77%	IVUS guidance: 77%
2-stents used	37%	NR
2-stent technique	Culotte: 24%; crush: 4%; other: 9%	NR
LIMA to LAD	96%	98.8%
Only arterial grafts used	14.3%	24.8%

EXCEL and NOBLE Trials : Similarities and Differences

Variables	NOBLE trial	EXCEL trial
Trial design		
Results: PCI vs. CABG		
Primary endpoint	Favors CABG	No difference
All-cause-mortality	No difference	No difference
Cardiac mortality	No difference	No difference
Total MI	NR	No difference
Spontaneous MI	Favors CABG	No difference
Stroke	No difference	No difference
Total revascularization	Favors CABG	Favors CABG
Target-lesion revascularization	No difference	No difference
LMCA revascularization	No difference	NR
Stent thrombosis	2% [†] , 0.8% (BIOMATRIX™ DES only) [†]	0.7% [‡]

Primary end point event in NOBLE and EXCEL trials at 5 and 3 years of follow-up respectively.



Interpreting the results of EXCEL and NOBLE:

- **Study population** : More 704 pts recruited in EXCEL mean SYNTAX score of EXCEL was 20.6% versus 22.5 % in NOBLE (ns) but both had 81% of distal bifurcation disease. IVUS guidance was used in 77% of cases in EXCEL compared to 47% pre-stent and 77% post-stent in NOBLE. To underline the prevalence of distal LM bifurcation which might impact the outcome since it needs having an experienced heart team, familiar with current best practices and techniques for the management of these patients and to achieve optimal outcomes
- **All-cause-mortality or cardiac-death similar between PCI and CABG in both studies** .
- **Difference in rates of spontaneous MI and higher stent thrombosis** PCI may reflects the **different stents** used in the two trials. (meta-analysis has shown that the BES has an inferior safety profile compared to the EES).
- **In NOBLE, the higher rate of spontaneous MI and TLR** drove the primary composite endpoint in favor of CABG

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From October 2016 to March 2018 : 269 publications !!

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Summary of Major Clinical Trials Endpoints Evaluating PCI vs CABG for Management of Unprotected Left Main Coronary Artery Disease

- No difference in mortality between the two treatment strategies
- Meta-analysis including the SYNTAX, PRECOMBAT, Buodriot et al., NOBLE and EXCEL show no difference in safety endpoints.
- In patients with high-risk anatomy with LM and/or MV disease with CABG is clearly the better strategy with superior long-term outcomes.
- Patients with low or intermediate risk anatomy (SYNTAX score ≤ 32) either PCI or CABG are reasonable with PCI being associated with less morbidity, hospital stays and lower stroke rates in the periprocedural period but with higher over
- time despite use of II generation DES, intravascular imaging, procedural techniques and medical therapy.

Systematic

Meta-analysis of coronary artery disease left main coronary artery disease: a meta-analysis of clinical outcomes

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Meta-Analysis of Artery Bypass Graft vs Percutaneous Coronary Intervention for Coronary Artery Disease

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Patients with unprotected left main coronary artery disease (LMCAD) who underwent percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) using drug-eluting stents (DES) compared with coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) for left main coronary artery disease (LMCAD) were evaluated in this meta-analysis. We searched through November 2016 for randomized controlled trials (RCTs) comparing CABG with PCI for LMCAD. The composite of death from any cause, stroke, myocardial infarction (MI), or repeat revascularization (RR) was the primary endpoint. Secondary endpoints included mortality, stroke, MI, and repeat revascularization. The risk of any repeat revascularization (OR 1.85, 95% CI 1.53 to 2.24) was comparable to mortality, stroke, and MI. CABG was associated with higher rates of

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Background

Numerous randomized trials have compared coronary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) for patient studies have been powered to detect a difference in strategies.

Methods

We did a systematic review up to July 19, 2017, to identify randomized controlled trials comparing PCI with drug-eluting stents (DES) with CABG for left main coronary artery disease (LMCAD). Eligible studies included patient disease who did not present with acute myocardial infarction (MI), and had more than 1 year of follow-up pooled analysis of individual patient data from the id up to 5 years using Kaplan-Meier analyses and competing hazards model stratified by trial. Coxs subgroup analyses, with subgroups defined according characteristics.

Findings

We included 11 randomised trials involving 11 518 patients assigned to PCI (n=5753) or to CABG (n=5765), 976 per (SD 1.4). Mean Synrgy between PCI with Taxus and C 9.5), with 1798 (22.1%) of 8138 patients having a SYN mortality was 11.2% after PCI and 9.2% after CABG (h p=0.0038). 5 year all-cause mortality was significantly with multivessel disease (11.5% after PCI vs 8.9% after including in those with diabetes (15.5% vs 10.9%; 1.4 diabetes (8.7% vs 8.9%; 1.08, 0.86-1.36; p=0.49). SYN difference between the interventions in multivessel d between the interventions in patients with left main 1.07, 0.87-1.33; p=0.52), regardless of diabetes status

Interpretation

CABG had a mortality benefit over PCI in patients with diabetes and higher coronary complexity. No benefit main disease. Longer follow-up is needed to better d revascularisation strategies.

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Clinical outcomes of revascularization vs surgery in patients with coronary artery disease: A meta-analysis of 4,686 patients

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Background

Some but not all randomized controlled trials (RCTs) comparing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) with drug-eluting stents (DES) with CABG for left main coronary artery disease (LMCAD) have been powered to detect a difference in strategies.

Methods

Randomized controlled trials comparing PCI with drug-eluting stents (DES) with CABG for left main coronary artery disease (LMCAD) were identified from MEDLINE, EMBASE, Cochrane data

Results

Six trials including 4,686 randomized patients were included. There were no significant differences between PCI with drug-eluting stents (DES) and CABG for left main coronary artery disease (LMCAD) for mortality (OR 1.02, 95% CI 0.76-1.30) or cardiac mortality (OR 0.76-1.30) or cardiac mortality. However, apparent between randomization arm lower with PCI compared with CABG intermediate tertile, and higher in the with CABG was associated with a similar 1.06, 95% CI 0.82-1.37), with fewer CABG (P_{interaction} < .0001). Percutaneous revascularization compared with CABG

Conclusions

In patients undergoing revascularization compared with CABG at a median follow-up of 1.5 years, there were no differences in mortality, myocardial infarction, and stroke rate at 3-5 years follow-up after CABG or PCI, but CABG decreased the rate of repeat revascularization and non-periprocedural myocardial infarction. However, at short-term follow-up, CABG showed higher rate of stroke and periprocedural myocardial infarction, but these effects attenuated over time. These findings merit further investigation at longer follow-up.

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Coronary artery bypass graft surgery versus percutaneous coronary intervention with drug-eluting stents for left main coronary artery disease: A meta-analysis of randomized trials

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Background

Despite several clinical studies, efficacy of coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) surgery versus percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in patients with left main (LM) disease remains controversial. The objective of this meta-analysis of randomized trials was to evaluate the clinical outcome of CABG versus PCI with drug-eluting stents in LM coronary disease.

Methods

We systematically searched online databases up to March 2017 for randomized trials comparing CABG to PCI with drug-eluting stents. We calculated odds ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).

Results

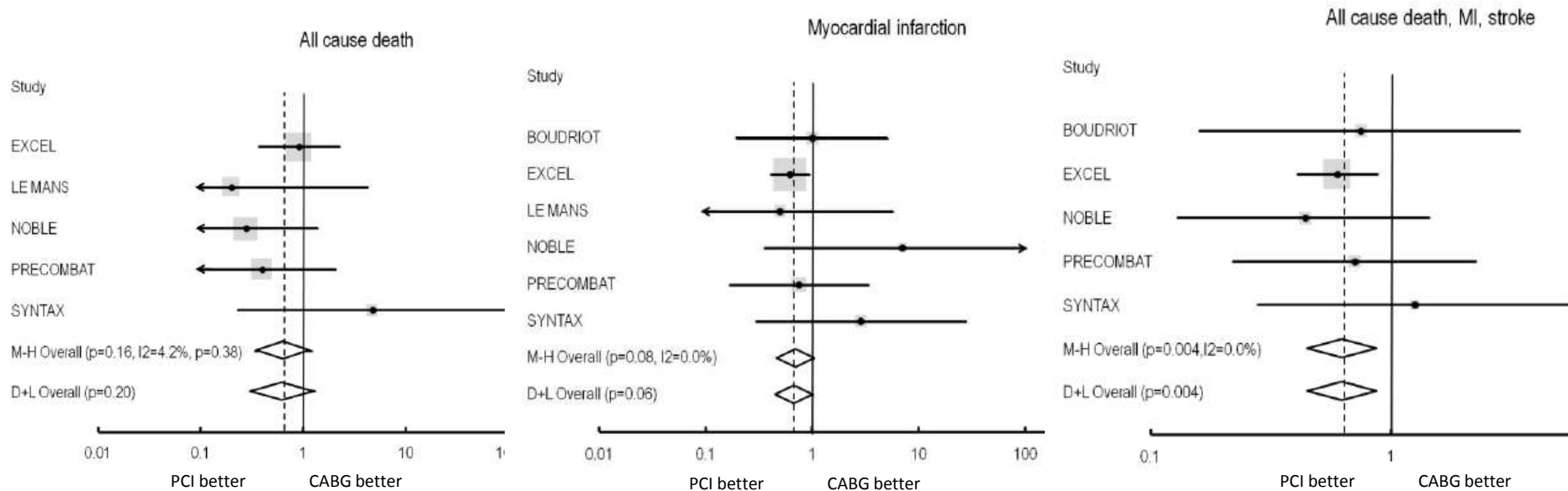
We included data from 5 randomized trials and 4595 patients. At 30 days, CABG was associated with higher stroke (OR 2.54 [95% CI, 1.02-6.31]) and periprocedural myocardial infarction (OR 1.45 [95% CI, 1.00-2.10]), with no other significant differences compared to PCI. At 1 year, CABG reduced repeat revascularization (OR 0.58 [95% CI, 0.40-0.77]), but increased stroke (OR 5.11 [95% CI, 1.62-16.12]). At 3-5 years, CABG reduced repeat revascularization (OR 0.55 [95% CI, 0.45-0.67]) and non-periprocedural myocardial infarction (OR 0.45 [95% CI, 0.29-0.70]), without significant differences on other outcomes.

Conclusions

From the present updated meta-analysis of available studies on LM coronary disease treatment, there were no differences in mortality, myocardial infarction, and stroke rate at 3-5 years follow-up after CABG or PCI, but CABG decreased the rate of repeat revascularization and non-periprocedural myocardial infarction. However, at short-term follow-up, CABG showed higher rate of stroke and periprocedural myocardial infarction, but these effects attenuated over time. These findings merit further investigation at longer follow-up.

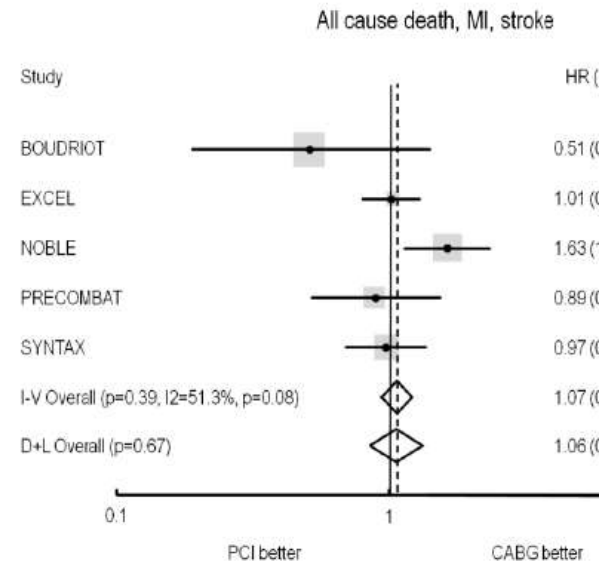
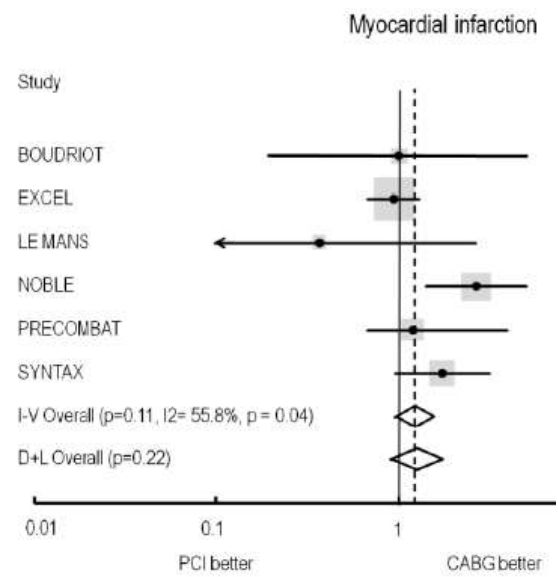
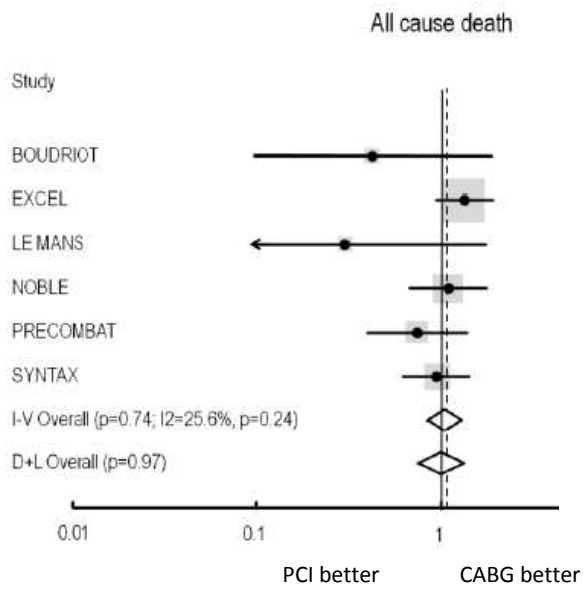
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30-day outcomes



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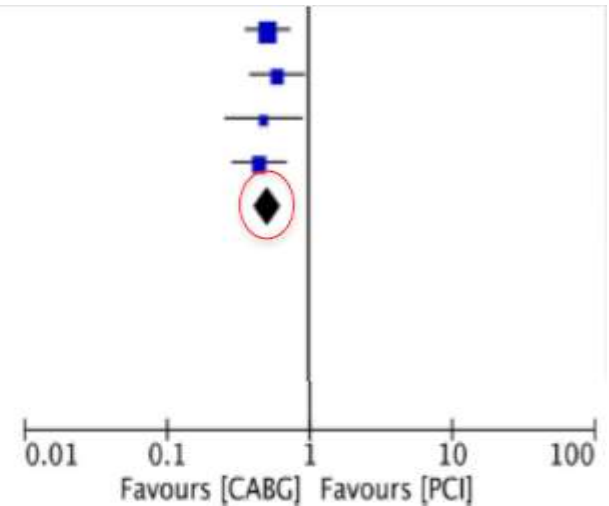
Long Term outcomes



Repeat Revascularization

EXCEL	67	957	114	948	37.6%	0.55 [0.40, 0.76]
NOBLE	47	592	71	592	23.1%	0.63 [0.43, 0.93]
PRECOMBAT	21	300	38	300	12.5%	0.52 [0.30, 0.91]
SYNTAX	49	348	90	357	26.9%	0.49 [0.33, 0.71]
Subtotal (95% CI)		2197		2197	100.0%	0.55 [0.45, 0.67]

Total events 184 313
 Heterogeneity: $\text{Chi}^2 = 0.94$, $\text{df} = 3$ ($P = 0.82$); $I^2 = 0\%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 6.08$ ($P < 0.00001$)



Drug-eluting stents versus coronary artery bypass grafting for left-main coronary artery disease

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Death at follow-up

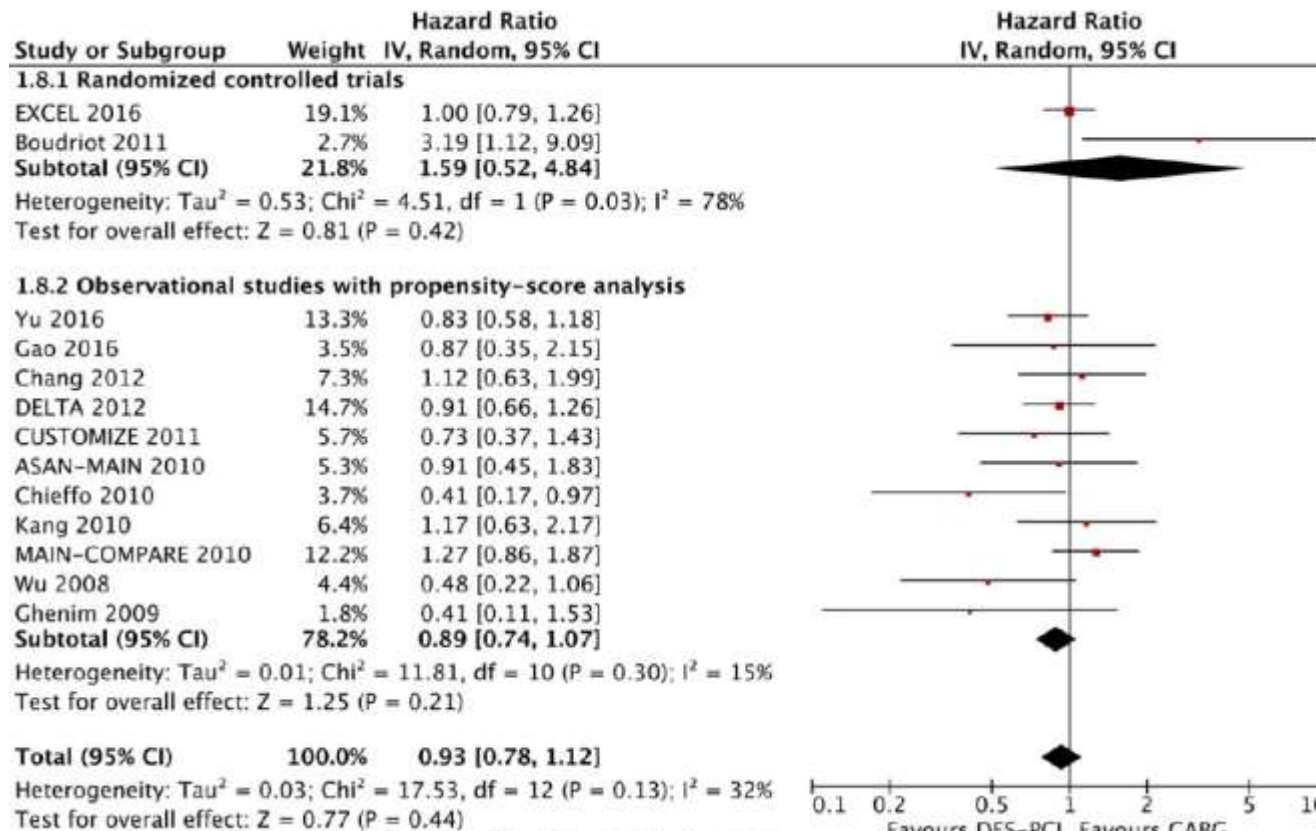
Study or Subgroup	Weight	Hazard Ratio IV, Random, 95% CI
1.1.1 Randomized controlled trials		
Boudriot 2011	0.7%	0.40 [0.08, 2.03]
SYNTAX 2014	10.2%	0.88 [0.58, 1.32]
PRECOMBAT 2015	4.7%	0.73 [0.39, 1.37]
EXCEL 2016	13.2%	1.34 [0.94, 1.91]
NOBLE 2016	8.0%	1.07 [0.67, 1.72]
Subtotal (95% CI)	37.0%	1.01 [0.78, 1.31]
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.02; Chi ² = 5.18, df = 4 (P = 0.27); I ² = 23%		
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.07 (P = 0.94)		
1.1.2 Observational studies with propensity-score analysis		
Palmerini 2007	3.0%	0.82 [0.37, 1.81]
Wu 2008	0.9%	1.38 [0.30, 6.25]
White 2008	2.1%	1.50 [0.58, 3.89]
Wu 2010	1.7%	0.35 [0.12, 1.03]
MAIN-COMPARE 2010	11.0%	1.26 [0.85, 1.87]
Kang 2010	3.6%	1.39 [0.68, 2.86]
Chieffo 2010	1.5%	0.50 [0.16, 1.58]
ASAN-MAIN 2010	2.3%	0.84 [0.34, 2.07]
Rittger 2011	0.9%	0.45 [0.11, 1.89]
Yi 2012	3.1%	1.94 [0.89, 4.25]
Watanabe 2012	3.6%	1.42 [0.69, 2.93]
DELTA 2012	13.1%	1.00 [0.70, 1.43]
Chang 2012	5.5%	1.20 [0.67, 2.14]
Gao 2016	1.2%	0.69 [0.19, 2.54]
Yu 2016	9.6%	0.79 [0.52, 1.21]
Subtotal (95% CI)	63.0%	1.03 [0.86, 1.24]
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.01; Chi ² = 14.98, df = 14 (P = 0.38); I ² = 7%		
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.34 (P = 0.73)		
Total (95% CI)	100.0%	1.03 [0.90, 1.18]
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.01; Chi ² = 20.16, df = 19 (P = 0.38); I ² = 6%		
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.41 (P = 0.68)		
Test for subgroup differences: Chi ² = 0.02, df = 1 (P = 0.89), I ² = 0%		



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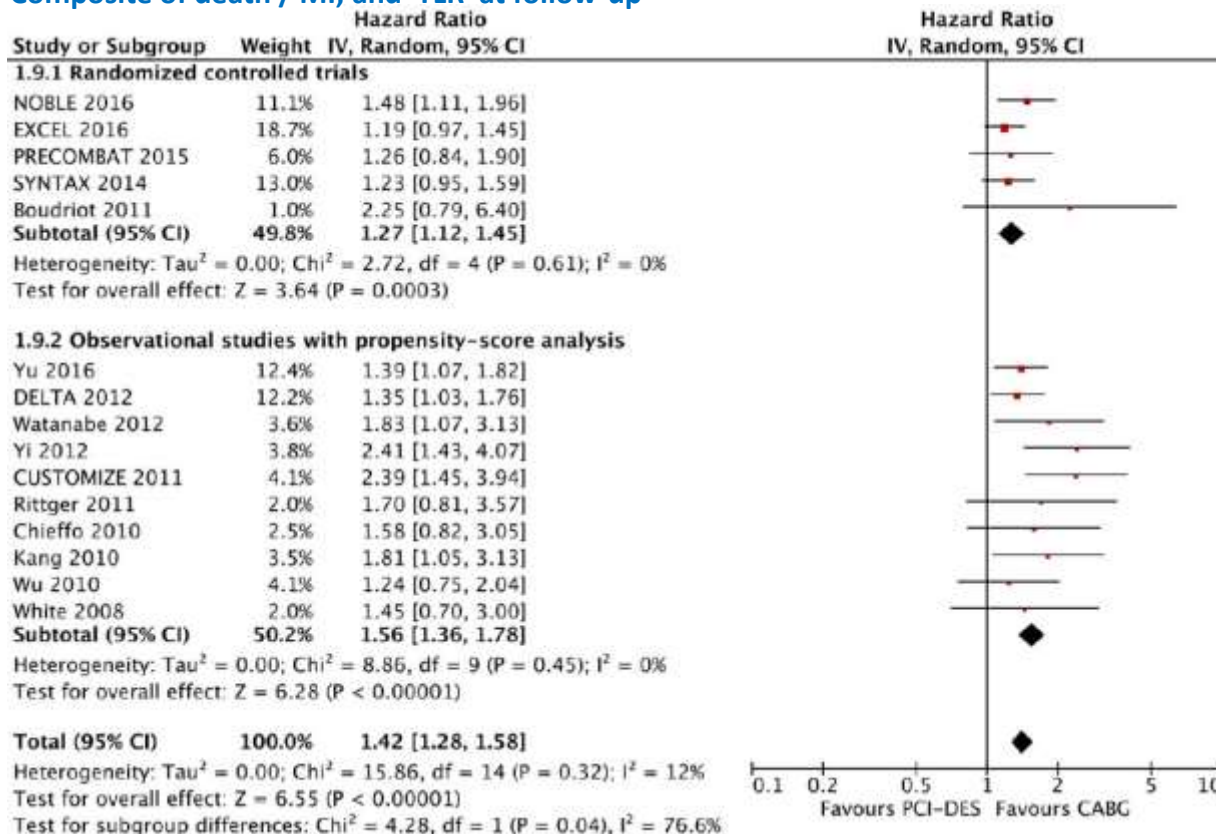
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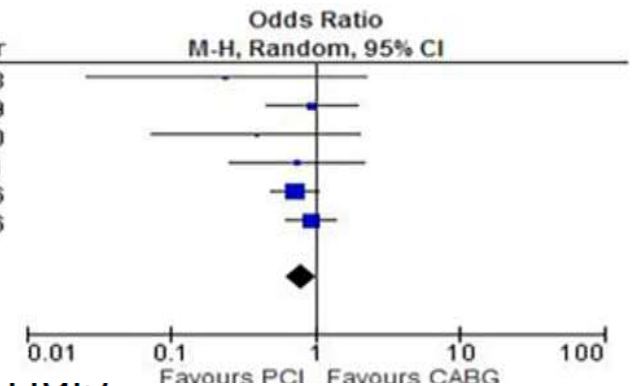
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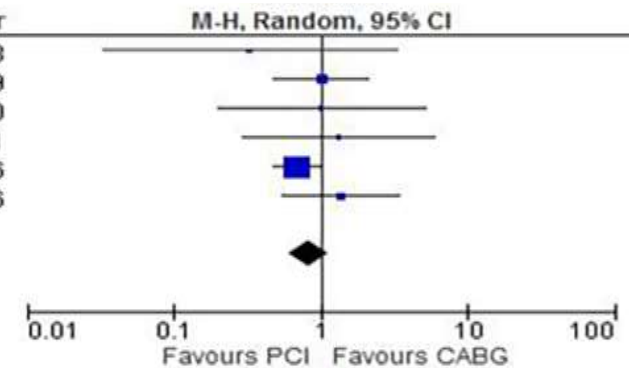
Death

Study or Subgroup	PCI		CABG		Weight	Odds Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total			
LEMANS	1	52	4	53	1.2%	0.24 [0.03, 2.23]	2008
SYNTAX LM	15	355	15	336	11.1%	0.94 [0.45, 1.96]	2009
Boudriot et al	2	100	5	101	2.2%	0.39 [0.07, 2.07]	2010
PRECOMBAT	6	300	8	300	5.2%	0.74 [0.26, 2.17]	2011
EXCEL	50	948	68	957	42.0%	0.73 [0.50, 1.06]	2016
NOBLE	53	592	56	592	38.3%	0.94 [0.63, 1.40]	2016
Total (95% CI)		2347		2339	100.0%	0.81 [0.63, 1.03]	
Total events	127		156				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.00; Chi ² = 2.94, df = 5 (P = 0.71); I ² = 0%							
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.73 (P = 0.08)							



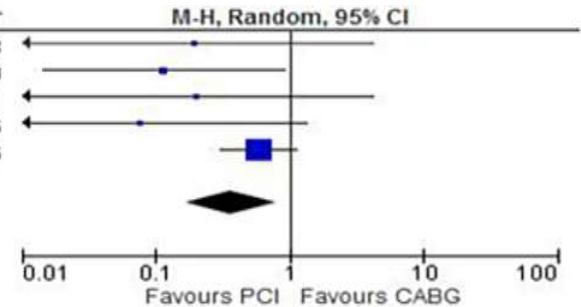
MI

Study or Subgroup	PCI		CABG		Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total			
LEMANS	1	52	3	53	1.8%	0.33 [0.03, 3.25]	2008
SYNTAX LM	15	355	14	336	16.8%	1.01 [0.48, 2.14]	2009
Boudriot et al	3	100	3	101	3.5%	1.01 [0.20, 5.13]	2010
PRECOMBAT	4	300	3	300	4.1%	1.34 [0.30, 6.03]	2011
EXCEL	47	948	67	957	62.9%	0.69 [0.47, 1.02]	2016
NOBLE	11	592	8	592	11.0%	1.38 [0.55, 3.46]	2016
Total (95% CI)		2347		2339	100.0%	0.82 [0.60, 1.11]	
Total events	81		98				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.00; Chi ² = 3.38, df = 5 (P = 0.64); I ² = 0%							
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.29 (P = 0.20)							



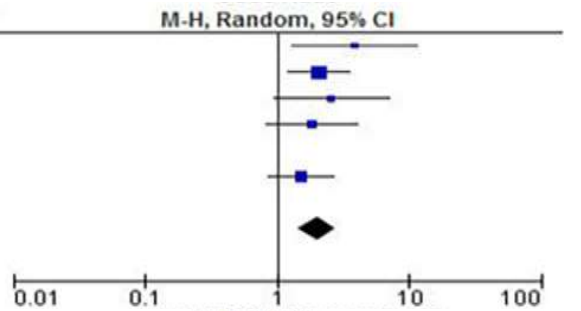
Stroke

Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
LEMANS	0	52	2	53	6.1%	0.20 [0.01, 4.19]	2008
SYNTAX LM	1	355	8	336	12.6%	0.12 [0.01, 0.93]	2009
PRECOMBAT	0	300	2	300	6.2%	0.20 [0.01, 4.16]	2011
NOBLE	0	592	6	592	6.9%	0.08 [0.00, 1.35]	2016
EXCEL	14	948	24	957	68.1%	0.58 [0.30, 1.13]	2016
Total (95% CI)		2247		2238	100.0%	0.36 [0.17, 0.79]	
Total events		15	42				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.11; Chi ² = 4.44, df = 4 (P = 0.35); I ² = 10%							
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.57 (P = 0.01)							



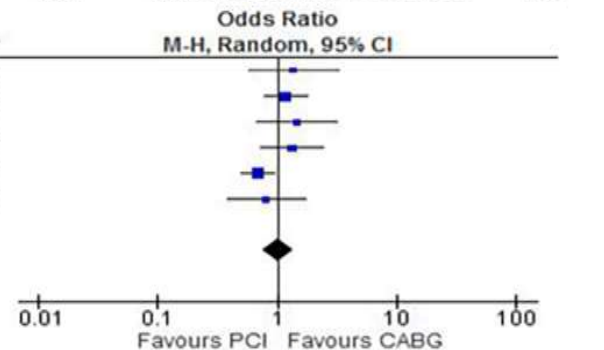
TVR

Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
LEMANS	15	52	5	53	8.3%	3.89 [1.30, 11.68]	2008
SYNTAX LM	45	355	22	336	35.3%	2.07 [1.22, 3.53]	2009
Boudriot et al	14	100	6	101	10.1%	2.58 [0.95, 7.01]	2010
PRECOMBAT	18	300	10	300	16.1%	1.85 [0.84, 4.08]	2011
EXCEL	0	0	0	0		Not estimable	2016
NOBLE	30	592	20	592	30.2%	1.53 [0.86, 2.72]	2016
Total (95% CI)		1399		1382	100.0%	2.00 [1.46, 2.75]	
Total events		122	63				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.00; Chi ² = 2.55, df = 4 (P = 0.64); I ² = 0%							
Test for overall effect: Z = 4.28 (P < 0.0001)							

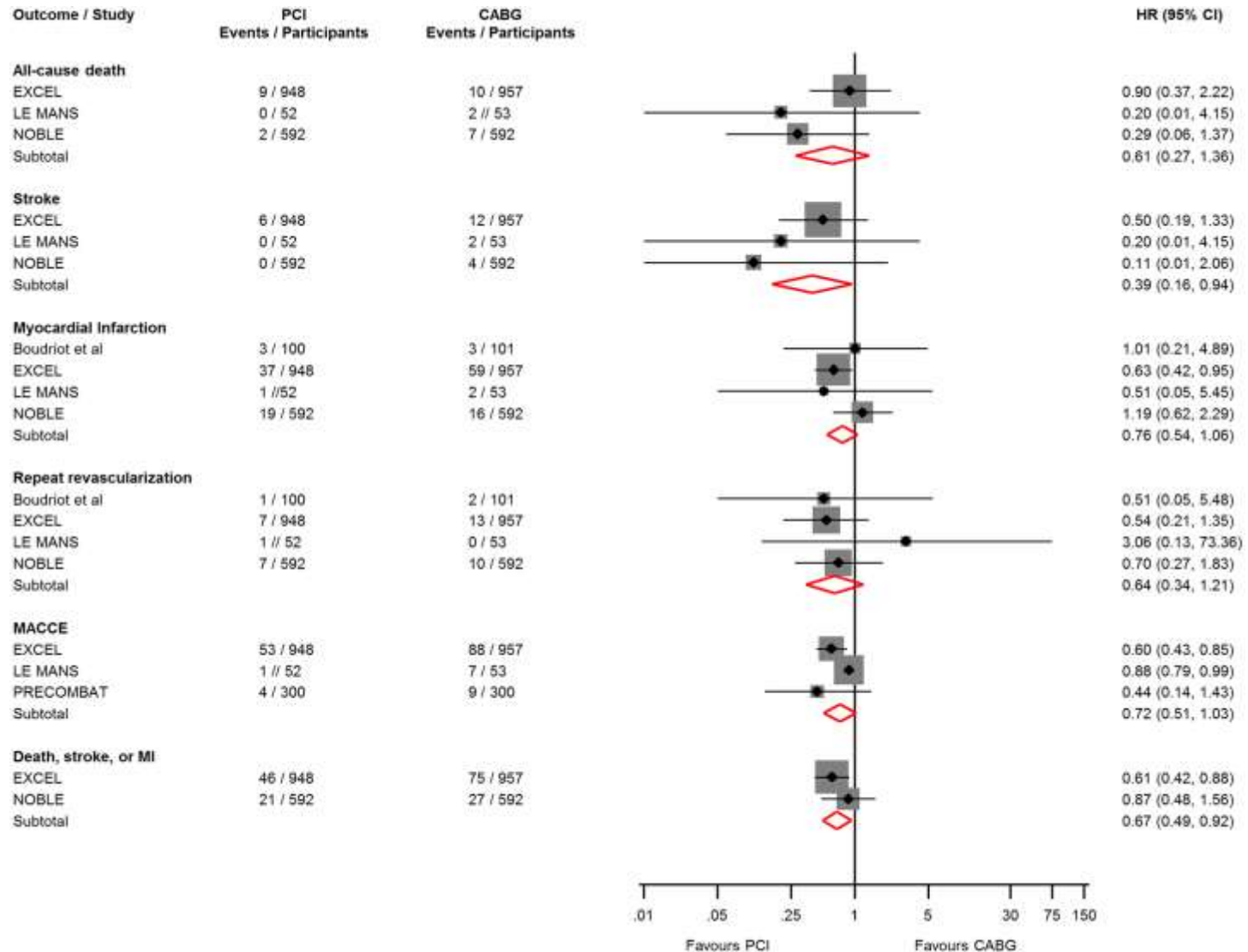


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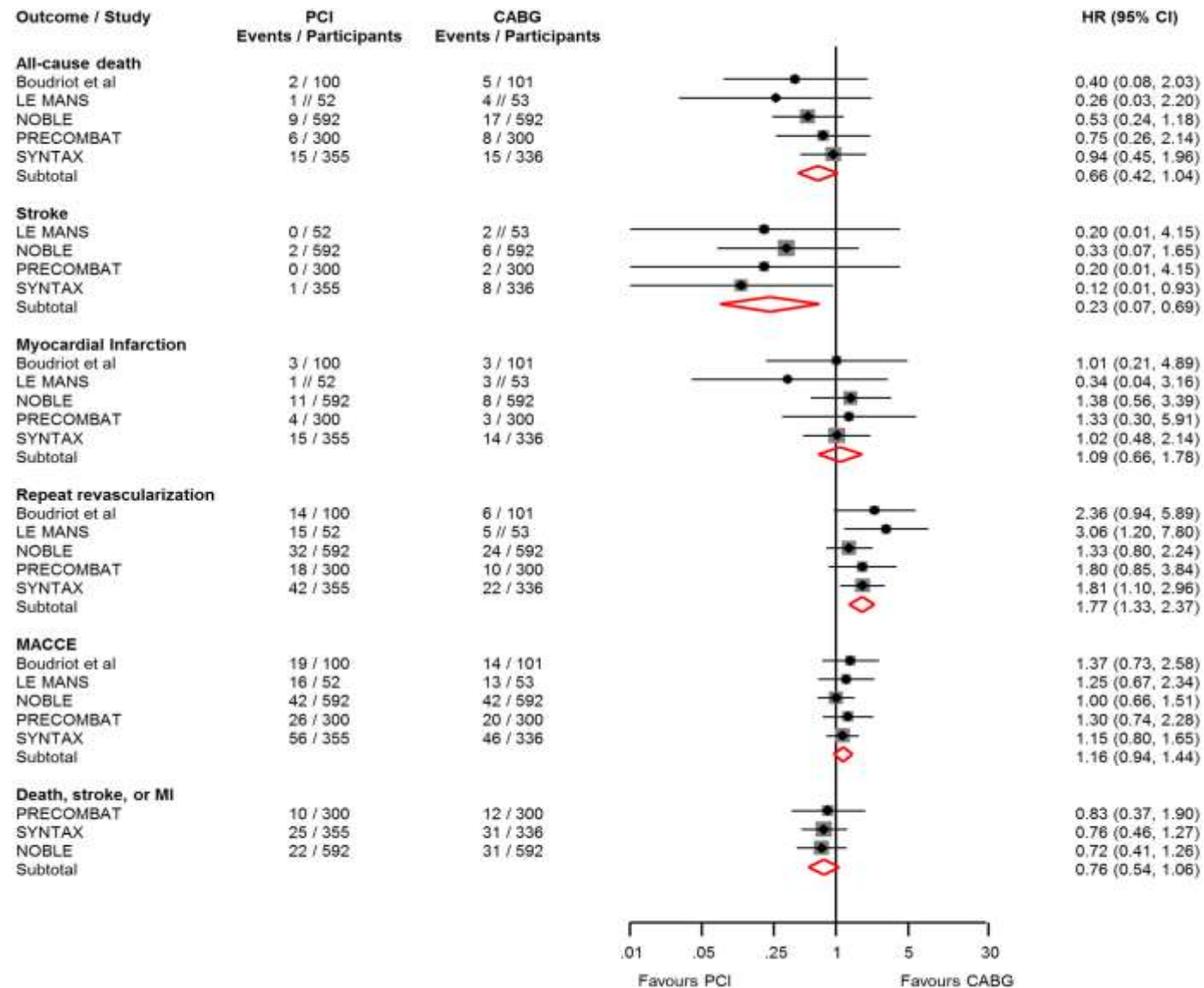
Study or Subgroup	PCI		CABG		Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total			
LEMANS	16	52	13	53	9.1%	1.37 [0.58, 3.23]	2008
SYNTAX LM	56	355	46	336	23.3%	1.18 [0.77, 1.80]	2009
Boudriot et al	19	100	14	101	11.2%	1.46 [0.69, 3.10]	2010
PRECOMBAT	26	300	20	300	15.3%	1.33 [0.72, 2.44]	2011
EXCEL	71	948	100	957	29.7%	0.69 [0.50, 0.95]	2016
NOBLE	13	592	16	592	11.5%	0.81 [0.39, 1.70]	2016
Total (95% CI)		2347		2339	100.0%	1.02 [0.76, 1.36]	
Total events		201	209				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.05; Chi ² = 8.05, df = 5 (P = 0.15); I ² = 38%							
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.13 (P = 0.89)							



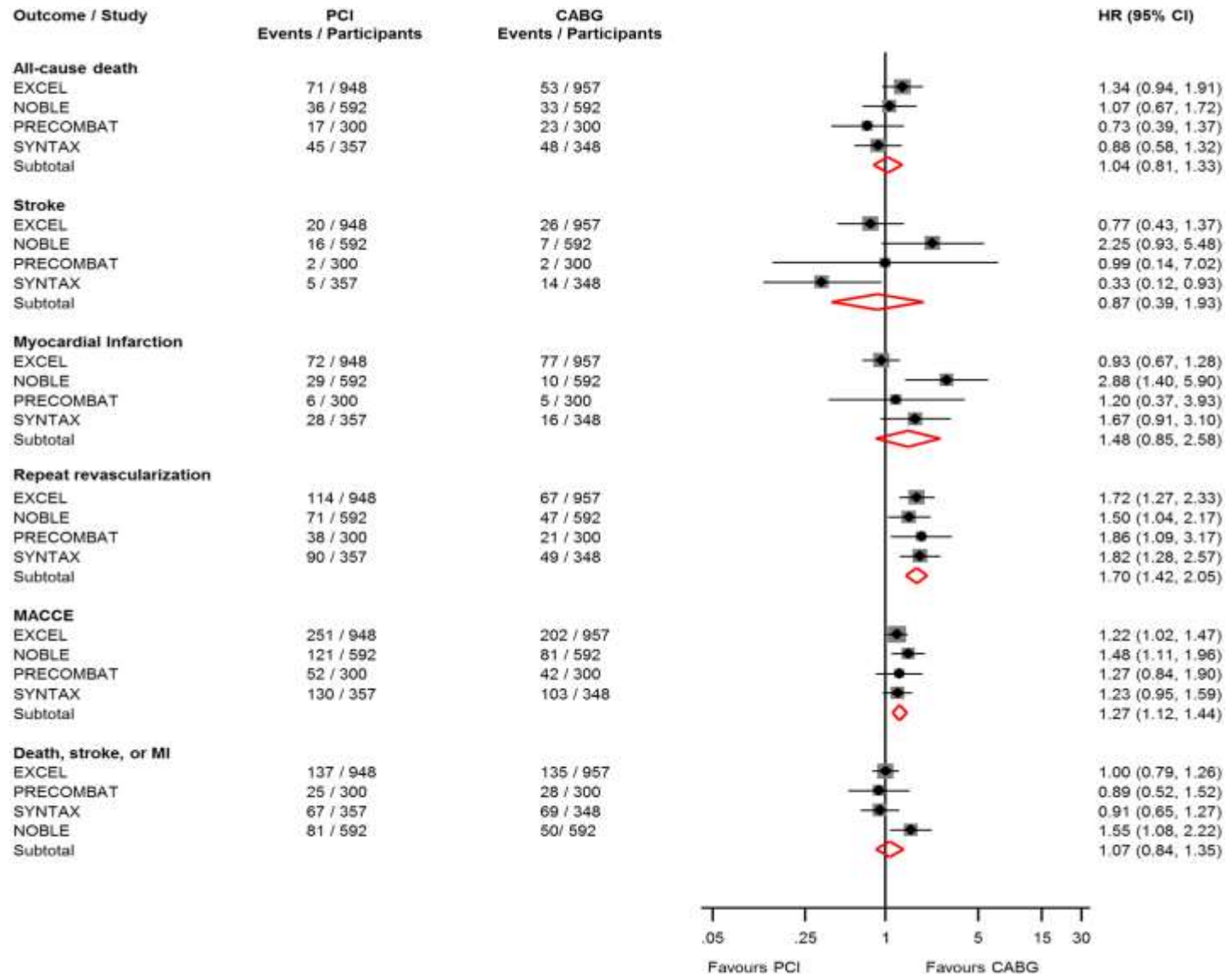
Effect of PCI on 30-day risk of all-cause mortality and major cardiovascular outcomes



Effect of PCI on **one year** risk of all-cause mortality and major cardiovascular outcomes



Effect of PCI on 3 to 5-year risk of all-cause mortality and major cardiovascular outcomes



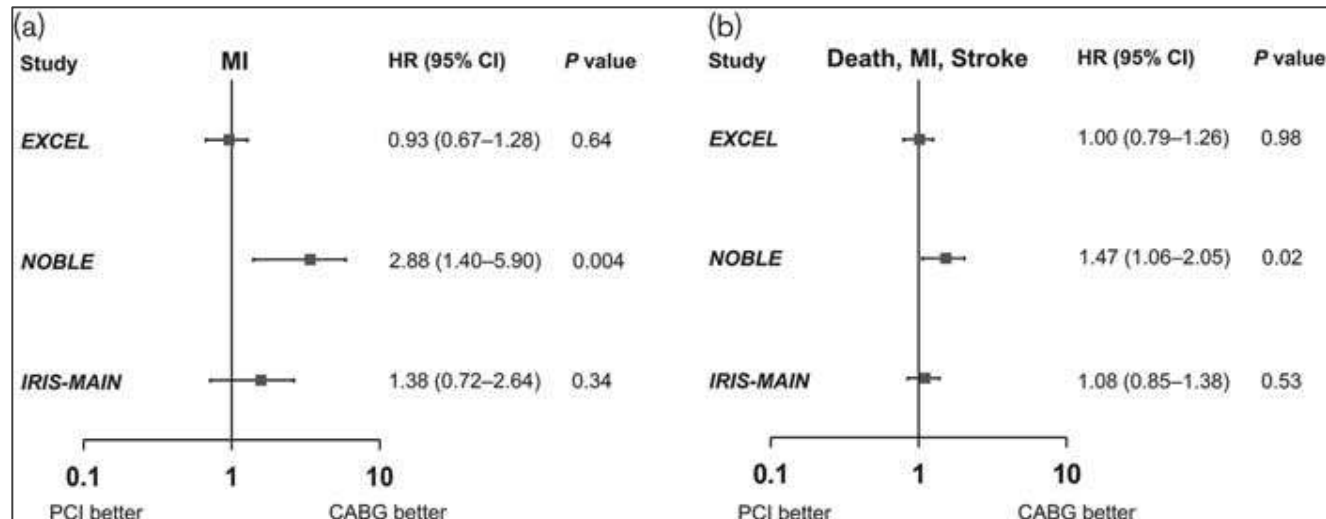
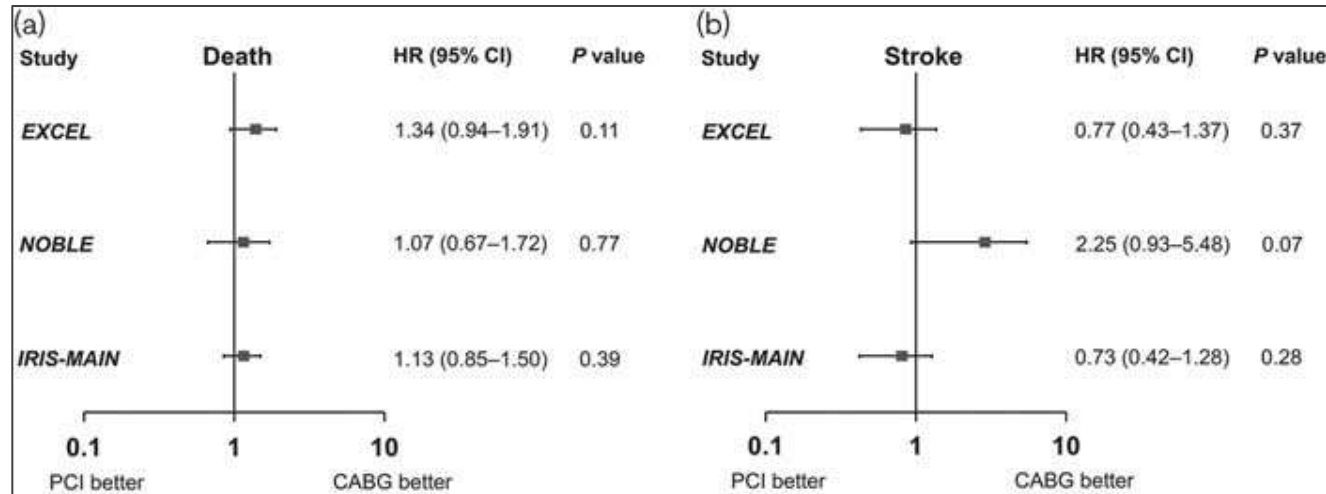
Generalizability of EXCEL and NOBLE results to a large registry population with unprotected left main coronary artery disease

Table 1 Key features of each clinical study

Designs	EXCEL trial	NOBLE trial	IRIS–MAIN registry
Study type	Multicenter (126 sites in North/South America, Europe, Asia Pacific), prospective, open-label, randomized, noninferiority design trial comparing PCI and CABG	Multicenter (36 sites in northern Europe), prospective, open-label, randomized, noninferiority design trial comparing PCI and CABG	Multicenter (50 sites in Asia), prospective, nonrandomized observational registry including PCI, CABG, or medication alone
Main inclusion criteria	Unprotected LMCA disease with angiographic DS > 70%, as estimated visually, or 50% ≤ DS < 70% with at least one of following: (a) noninvasive evidence of ischemia referable to LMCA lesion; (b) IVUS MLA ≤ 6.0 mm ² ; or (c) FFR ≤ 0.80	Unprotected LMCA disease with angiographic DS > 50%, as estimated visually, or FFR < 0.8	Unprotected LMCA disease with angiographic DS > 50%, as estimated visually
Key exclusion criteria	SYNTAX score ≥ 33, prior PCI at left main (any time) or any other coronary artery (within 1 year), prior CABG, concomitant valvular or aortic surgery, CK-MB more than normal or recent MI with CK-MB still elevated, left main reference vessel diameter < 2.25 or > 4.25 mm	STEMI within 24 h, > 3 or complex additional coronary lesions (length > 25 mm, chronic total occlusion, two-stent bifurcation, calcified or tortuous vessel morphology), patient is too high risk for CABG or PCI, expected survival < 1 year	Minimal exclusion criteria (prior CABG, concomitant valvular or aortic surgery)
Primary endpoint	Composite of all-cause death, MI, or stroke	Composite rate of all-cause death, nonprocedural MI, repeat revascularization, or stroke	Outcomes of interest were death, MI, stroke, repeat revascularization, and its composite outcome
Recruitment period	September 2010–March 2014	December 2008–January 2015	November 2006–December 2013
Follow-up period (median) (years)	3.0 (2.4–3.0)	3.1 (2.0–5.0)	3.0 (2.0–4.1)
Number of CABG patients	957	592	774
Number of PCI patients	948	592	1707
Stent type used for PCI	XIENCE cobalt–chromium everolimus-eluting stent	BioMatrix biolimus-eluting stent recommended since March 2010, but other CE-marked DES allowed	Any second generation DES available in each participating center

CABG, coronary artery bypass grafting; CK-MB, creatine kinase-myocardial band; DES, drug-eluting stent; DS, diameter stenosis; EXCEL, Evaluation of XIENCE Everolimus-Eluting Stent Versus Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery for Effectiveness of Left Main Revascularization; FFR, fractional flow reserve; IRIS–MAIN, Interventional Research Incorporation Society–Left MAIN Revascularization; IVUS, intravascular ultrasound; LMCA, left main coronary artery; MI, myocardial infarction; MLA, minimal lumen area; NOBLE, Nordic–Baltic–British Left Main Revascularization Study; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; STEMI, ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; SYNTAX, Synergy Between Percutaneous Coronary Intervention with Taxus and Cardiac Surgery.

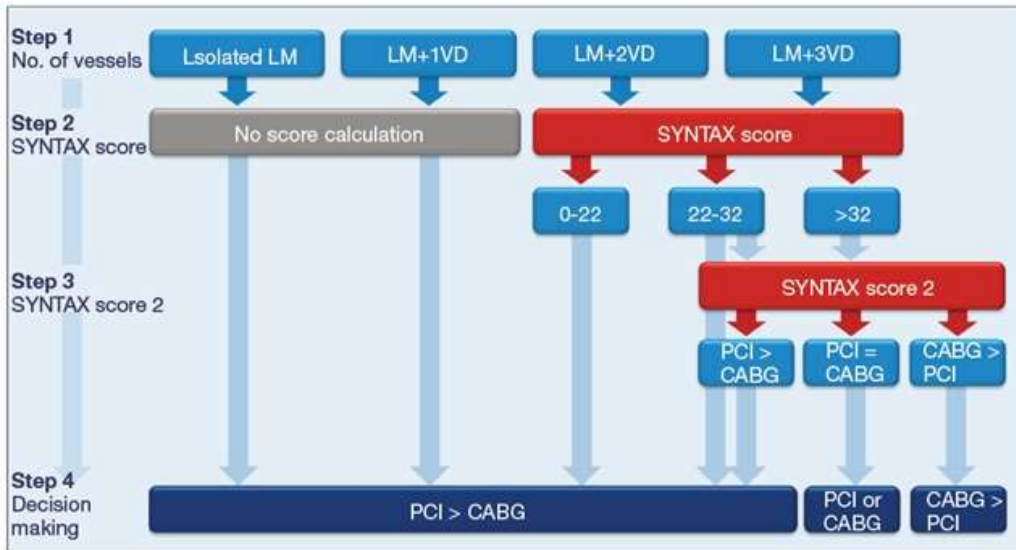
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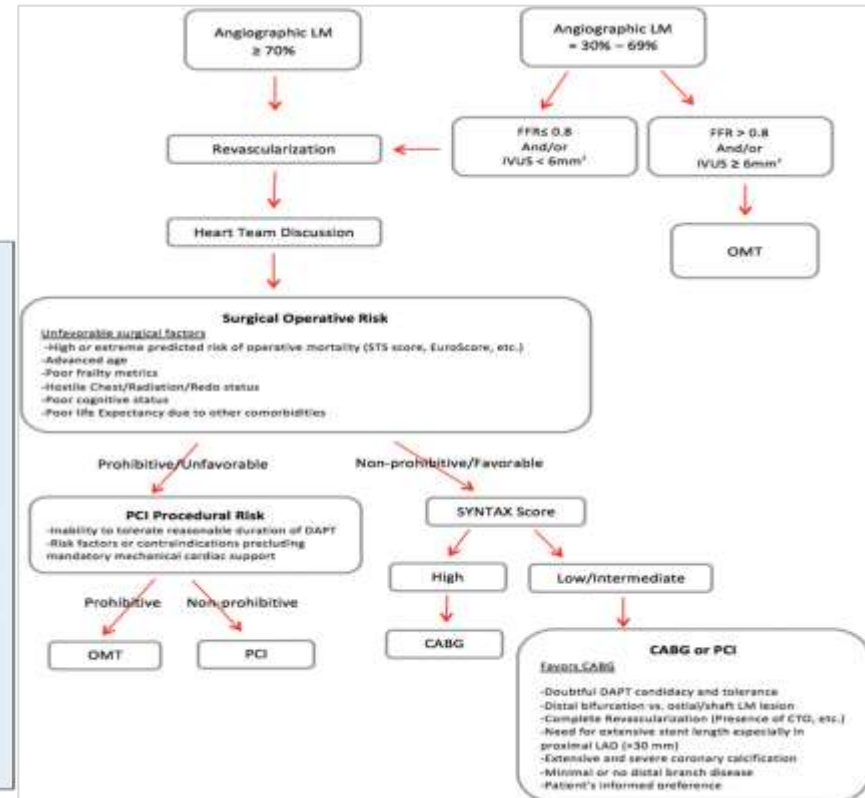
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ESC/EACTS GUIDELINES



2014 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

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

Recommendation for the type of revascularization (CABG or PCI) in patients with SCAD with suitable coronary anatomy for both procedures and low predicted surgical mortality

Left main disease with a SYNTAX score ≤ 22 .	I	B	I	B	17,134,170
Left main disease with a SYNTAX score 23–32.	I	B	IIa	B	17

Yes We Can... but we should continue to improve doing it improving outcomes in both PCI and CABG , waiting for longer follow-up data (10 yrs ?)

- **Benefit of CABG is often seen after extended follow-up (median follow-up duration of 3.1 years, which is relatively short in both studies). Longer-term follow-up data from both trials provide insights into the durability of the results for both PCI and CABG.**
- **The decision between PCI and CABG for ULMCAD still being based on weighing the benefits and risks of PCI versus CABG and taking patient preference into consideration.**

Thank You for Your Attention!