

# **Are DES safer than BMS?**

**Evidence from a Network Meta-Analysis**

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# Remember the days of restenosis?

# Circulation

JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

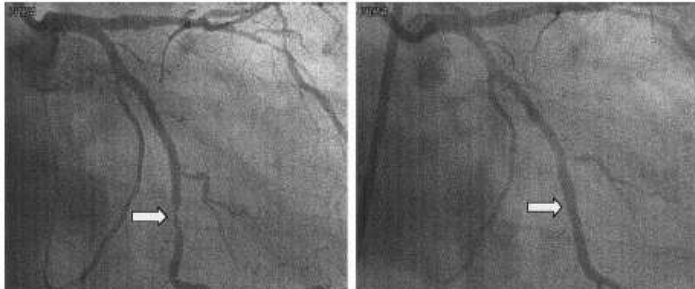
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Sustained Suppression of Neointimal Proliferation by  
Sirolimus-Eluting Stents  
One-Year Angiographic and Intravascular Ultrasound Follow-Up

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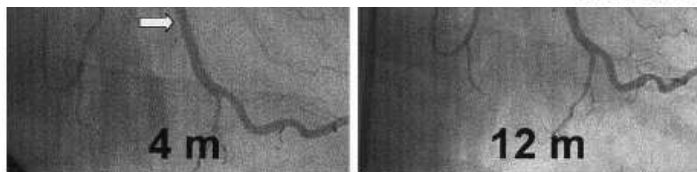


*Patrick Serruys – “If I am in a dream, please don’t wake me”*

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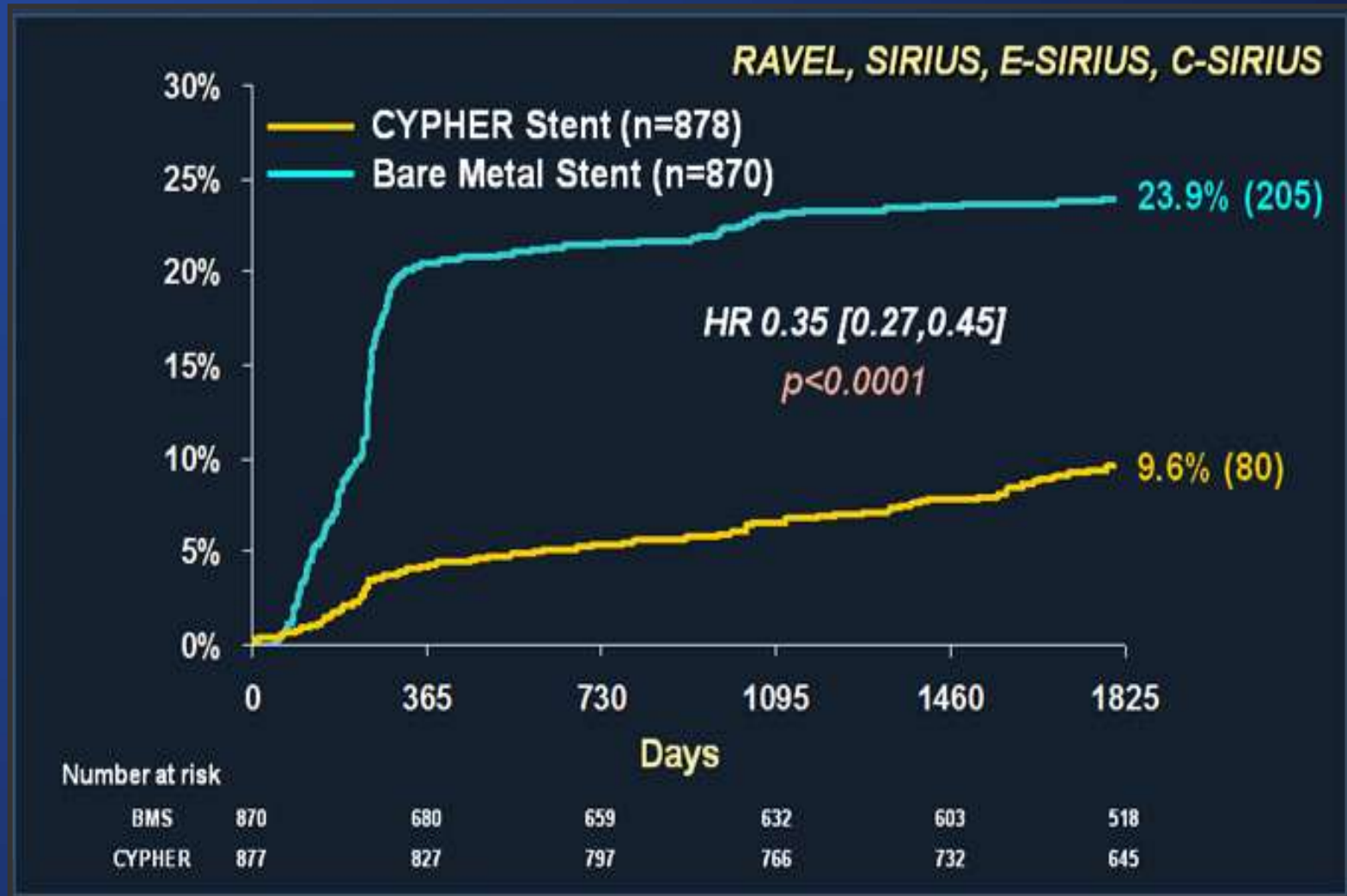
Living the Dream of No Restenosis

Paul S. Teirstein, MD



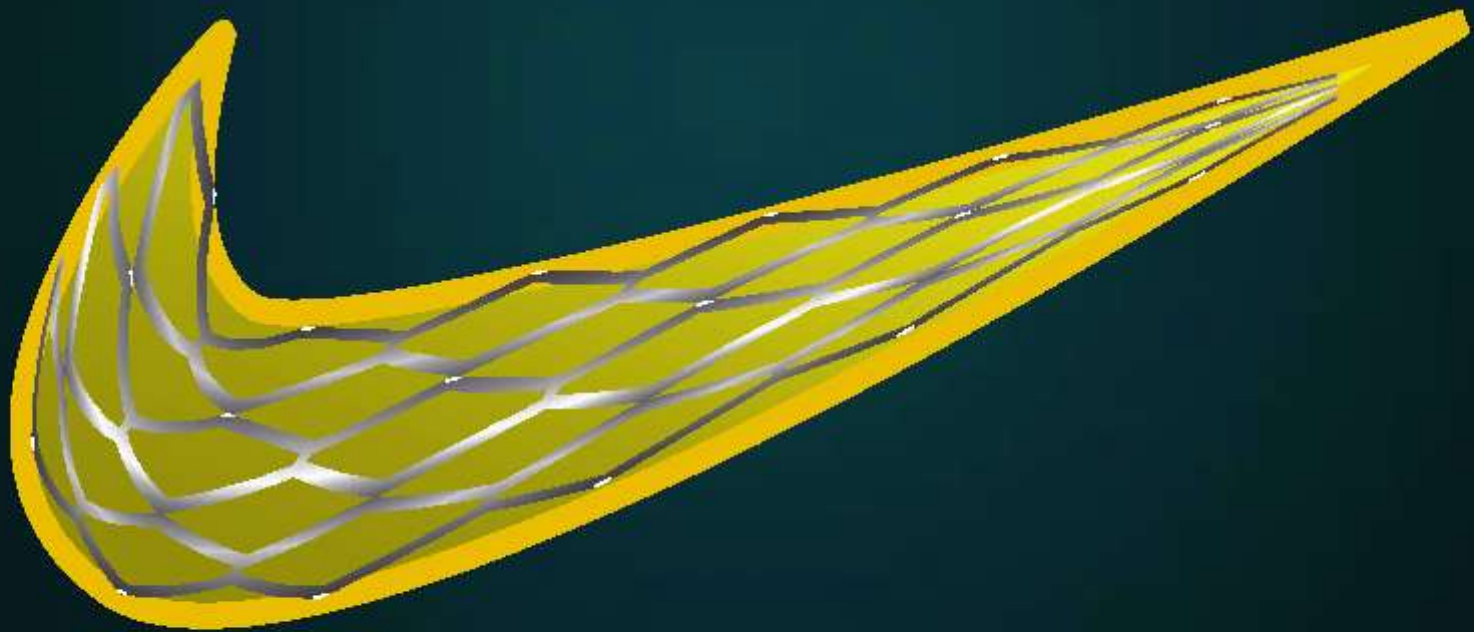
# CYPHER vs. BMS : Pooled Analysis

TLR rate from 4 RCTs



**Intervention 2003**

***Just DES It!***



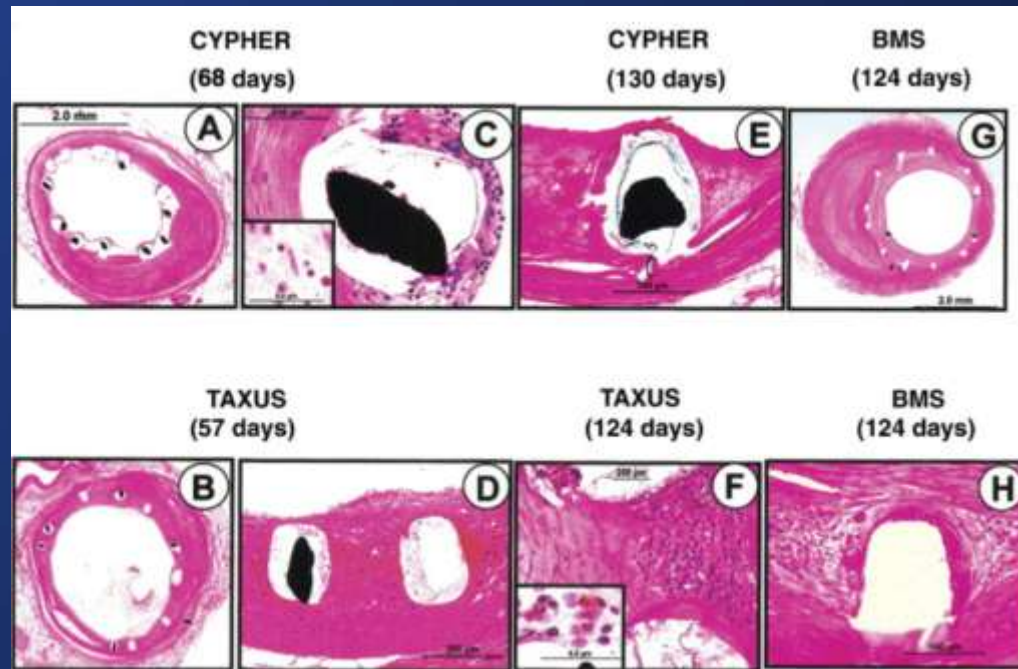
# The “Camenzind” Shock – ESC 2006



**Do DES kill patients?  
Unsafe in the long term compared with BMS**

# DES and Late Stent Thrombosis

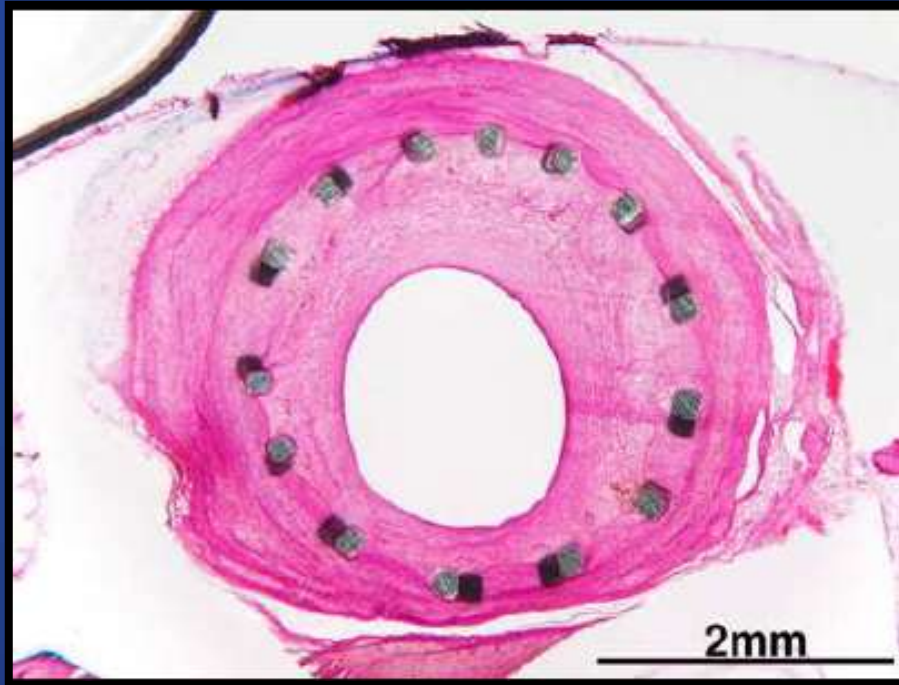
- DES reduce the need for repeat revascularization compared with bare metal stents (BMS)
- However, concerns have been raised regarding the potential for late stent thrombosis with DES related to delayed healing of vessel wall.



inflammatory infiltrate including eosinophils  
around Cypher & Taxus struts

## Restenosis

Requiring repeat revascularization  
Relatively soft adverse event

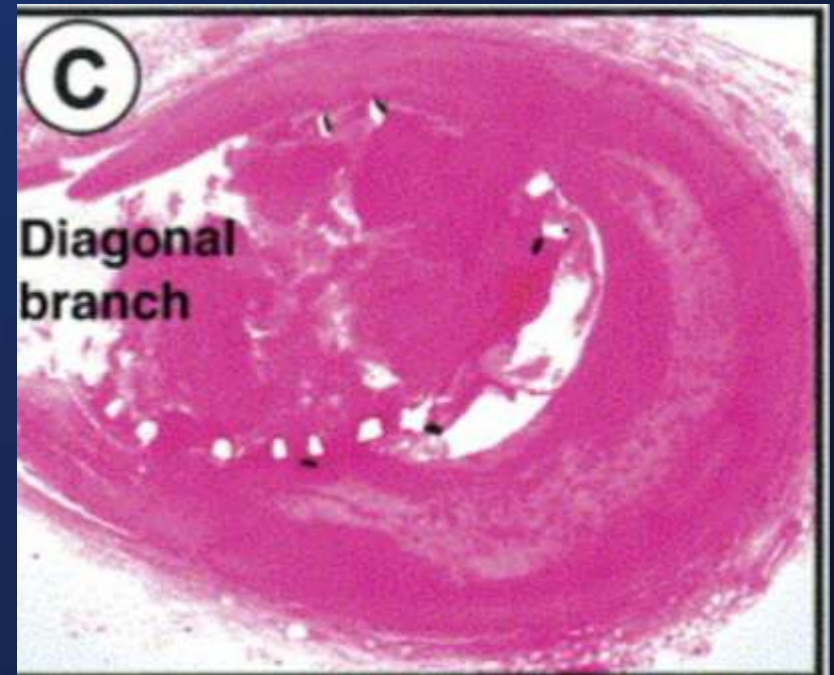


**BMS?**

vs.

## Stent Thrombosis

Results in death/MI  
Relatively hard adverse event



**DES?**



## Stent thrombosis with drug-eluting and bare-metal stents: evidence from a comprehensive network meta-analysis



*Tullio Palmerini, Giuseppe Biondi-Zoccai, Diego Della Riva, Christoph Stettler, Diego Sangiorgi, Fabrizio D'Ascenzo, Takeshi Kimura, Carlo Briguori, Manel Sabatè, Hyo-Soo Kim, Antoinette De Waha, Elvin Kedhi, Pieter C Smits, Christoph Kaiser, Gennaro Sardella, Antonino Marullo, Ajay J Kirtane, Martin B Leon, Gregg W Stone*

**Lancet 2012; 379: 1393-402**

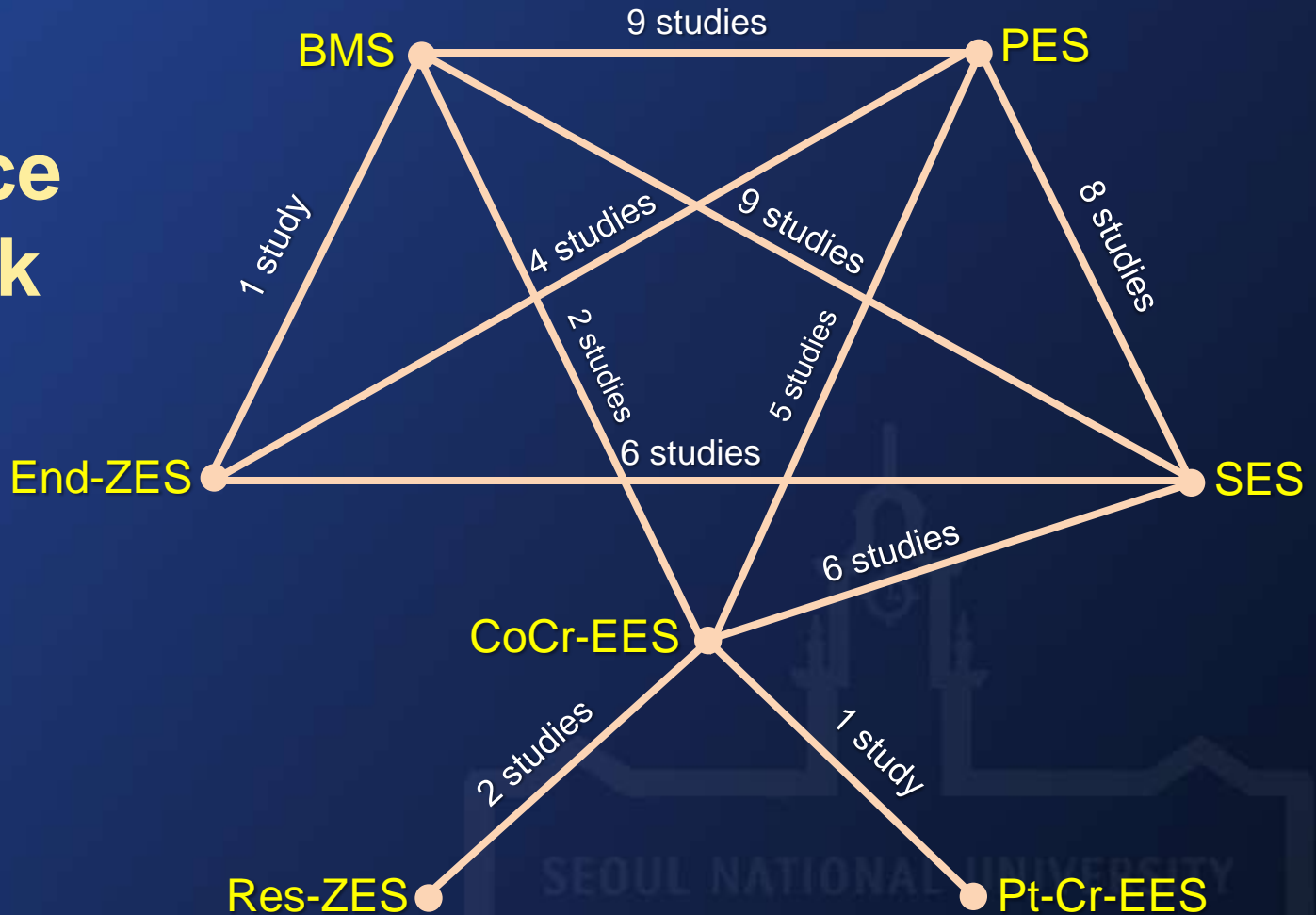
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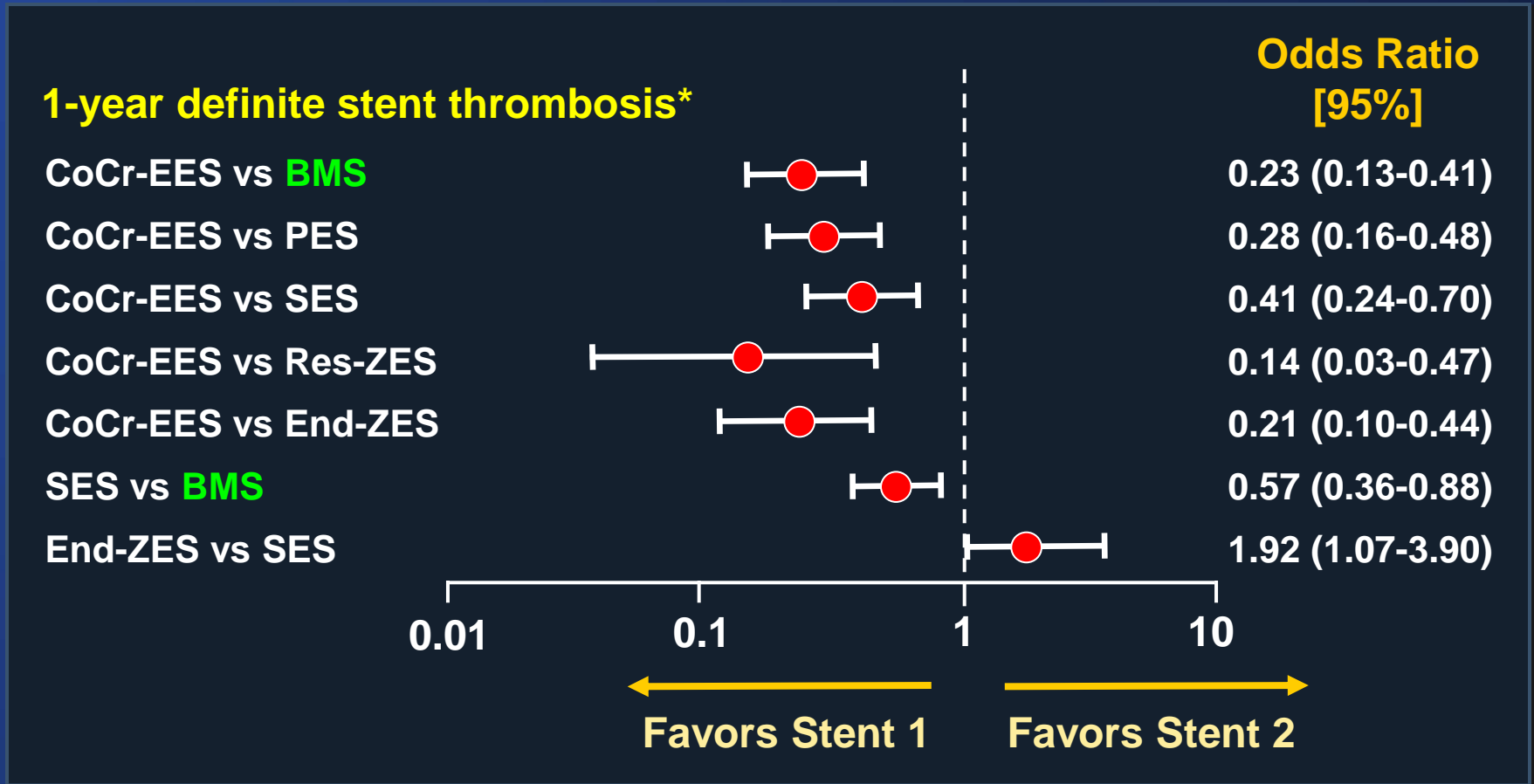
Evidence network



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## **Interventional Cardiology**

### **Short- and Long-Term Outcomes With Drug-Eluting and Bare-Metal Coronary Stents**

**A Mixed-Treatment Comparison Analysis of 117 762 Patient-Years of Follow-Up From Randomized Trials**

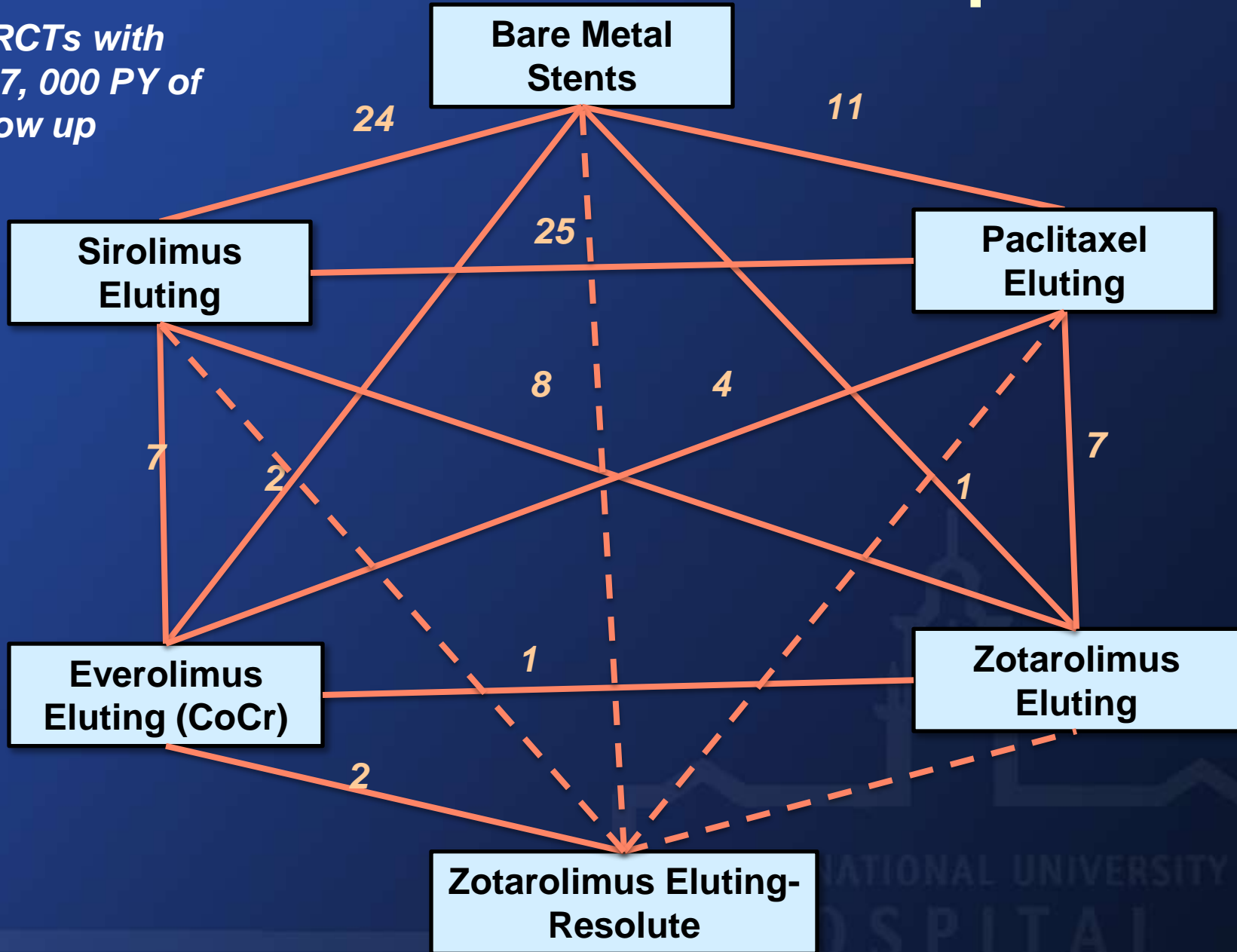
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Bangalore et al. Circulation 2012

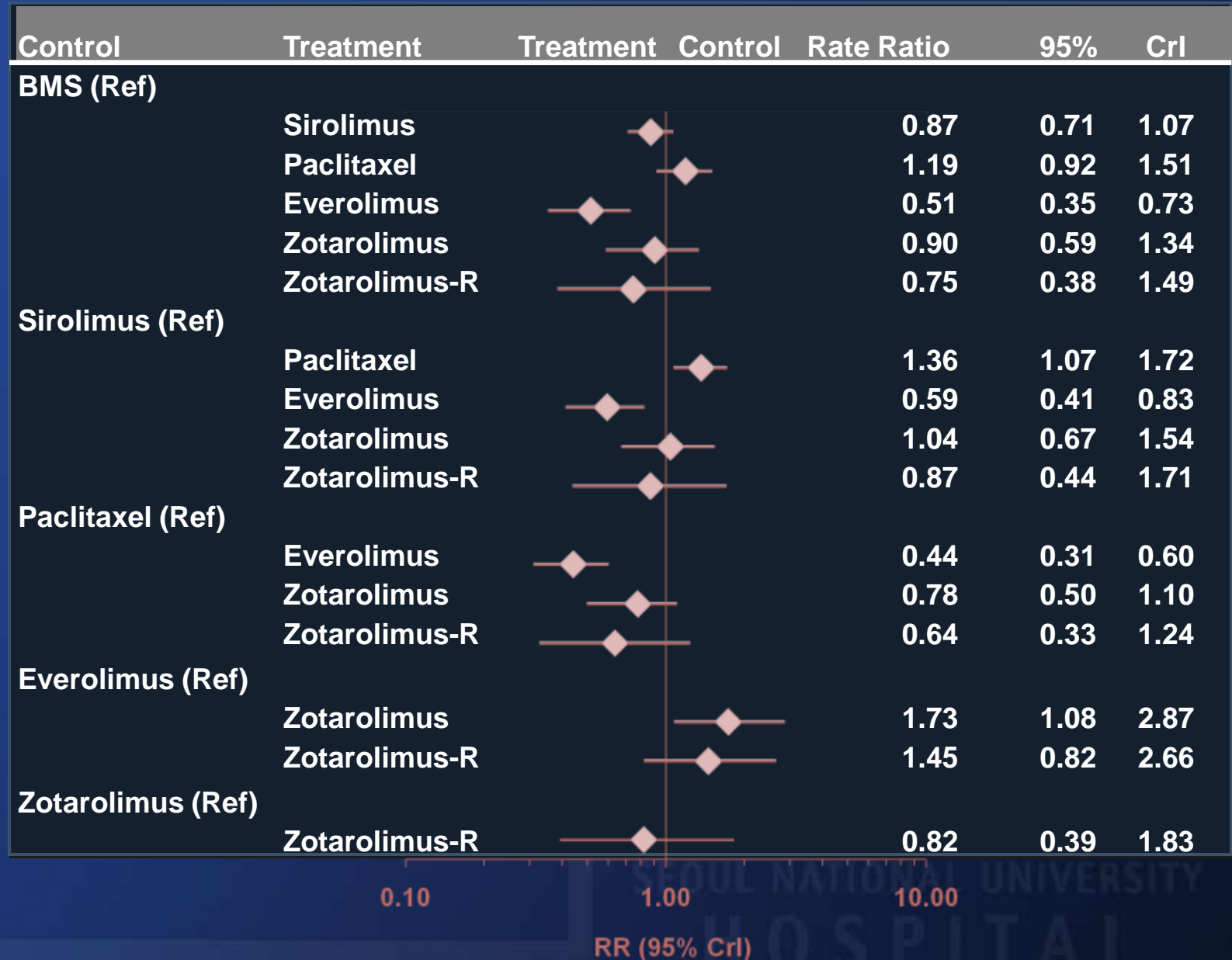
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# Network of Treatment Comparisons

76 RCTs with  
>117,000 PY of  
follow up



# Any Stent Thrombosis



# Background

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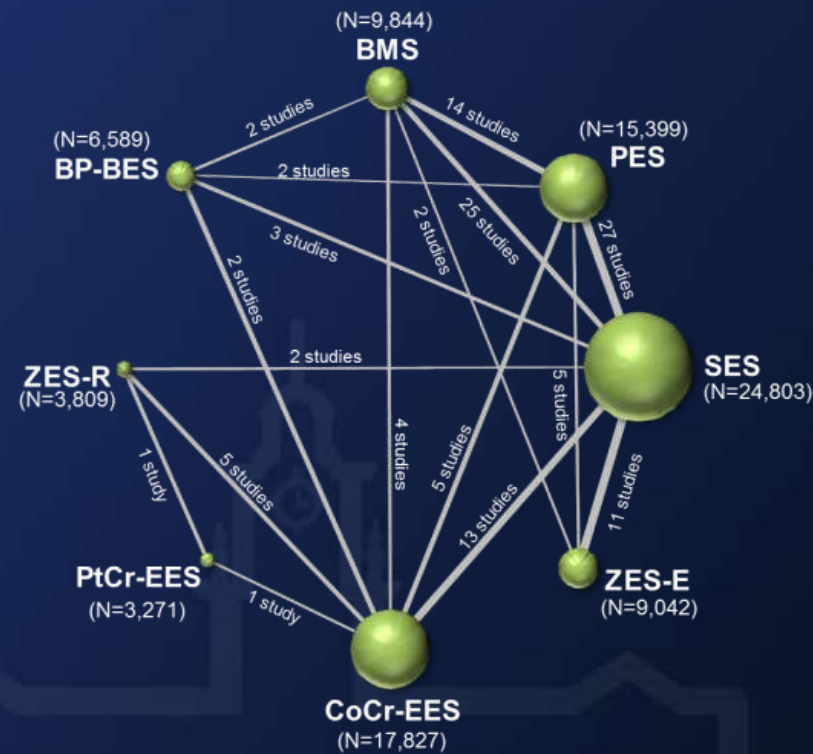
# Aim of Study

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# Eligible Study Criteria

- **Inclusion criteria**

- RCT comparing 2 or more coronary stents in patients undergoing PCI
- Study stents
  - (1) BMS
  - (2) Paclitaxel-eluting stents (PES, Boston Scientific)
  - (3) Sirolimus-eluting stent (SES, Cordis)
  - (4) Endeavor zotarolimus-eluting stents (ZES-E, Medtronic)
  - (5) Cobalt-chromium everolimus-eluting stents (CoCr-EES, Abbott Vascular and Boston Scientific)
  - (6) Platinum-chromium everolimus-eluting stents (PtCr-EES, Boston Scientific)
  - (7) Resolute zotarolimus-eluting stents (ZES-R, Medtronic)
  - (8) BP biolimus A9-eluting stents (BP-BES, Biosensors and Terumo)

- **Exclusion criteria**

- 1) Studies comparing two stents with different stent design within the same category described above,
- 2) Studies in which specific type of DES was not predefined and the choice among available DES was left to the investigators' discretion (for example, BMS versus any DES)
- 3) Studies published in a language other than English.
  - ※ No restrictions were imposed on study period, sample size, or publication status as well as patient or lesion criteria.

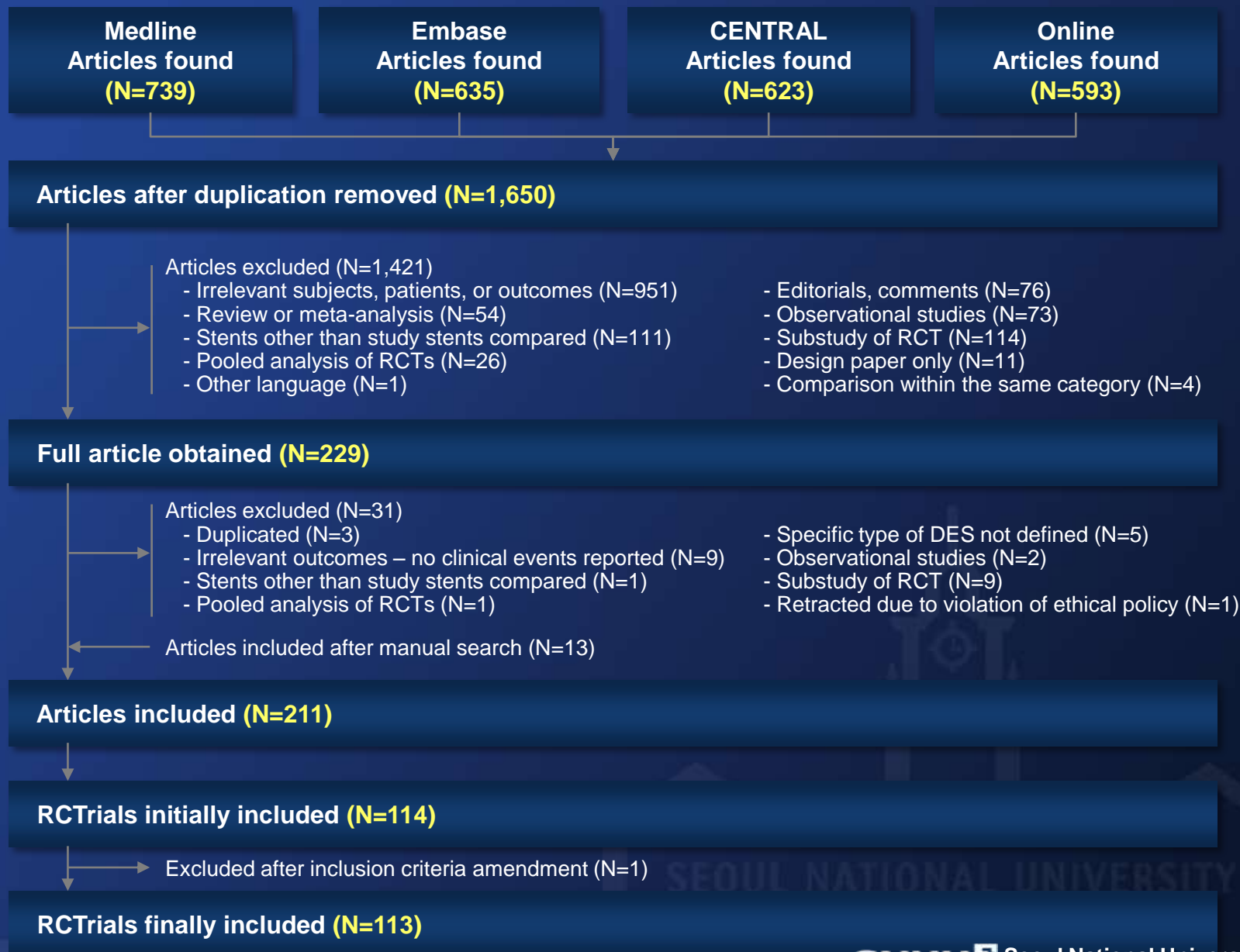
# Data Sources

- **Electronic search** (from the inception to March 2013)
  - PubMed
  - Embase
  - Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL)
  - Relevant websites ([www.crronline.org](http://www.crronline.org), [www.clinicaltrialresults.com](http://www.clinicaltrialresults.com), [www.tctmd.com](http://www.tctmd.com), [www.cardiosource.com](http://www.cardiosource.com), and [www.pcronline.com](http://www.pcronline.com))

## Study Outcomes

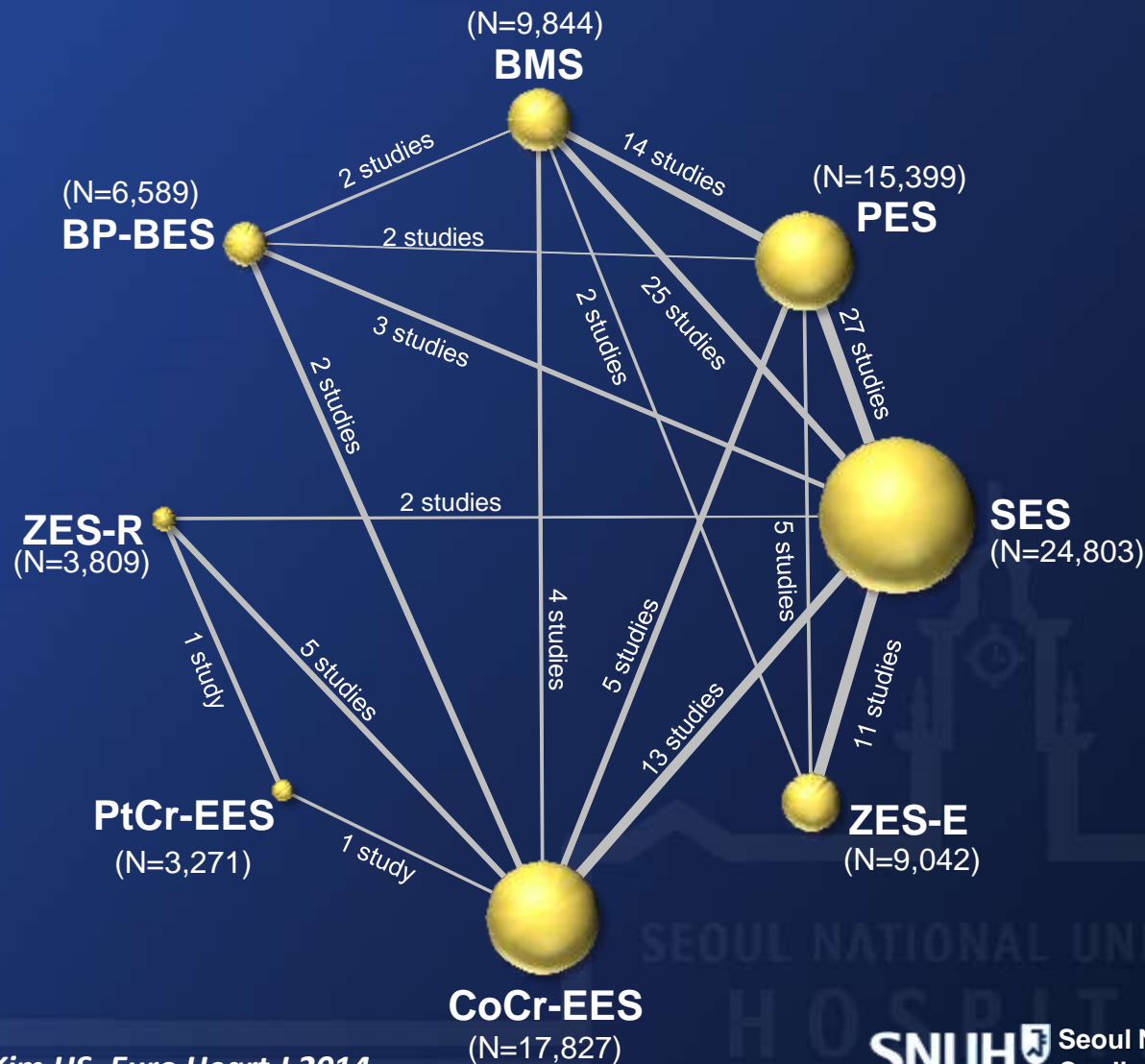
- Principal safety endpoint: **definite or probable ST** (ARC  $\leq$  1 year)
- Other safety endpoints
  - definite ST
  - all-cause death
  - cardiac death
  - myocardial infarction
- Efficacy endpoints
  - TLR
  - TVR

# Flow Diagram of Systematic Review

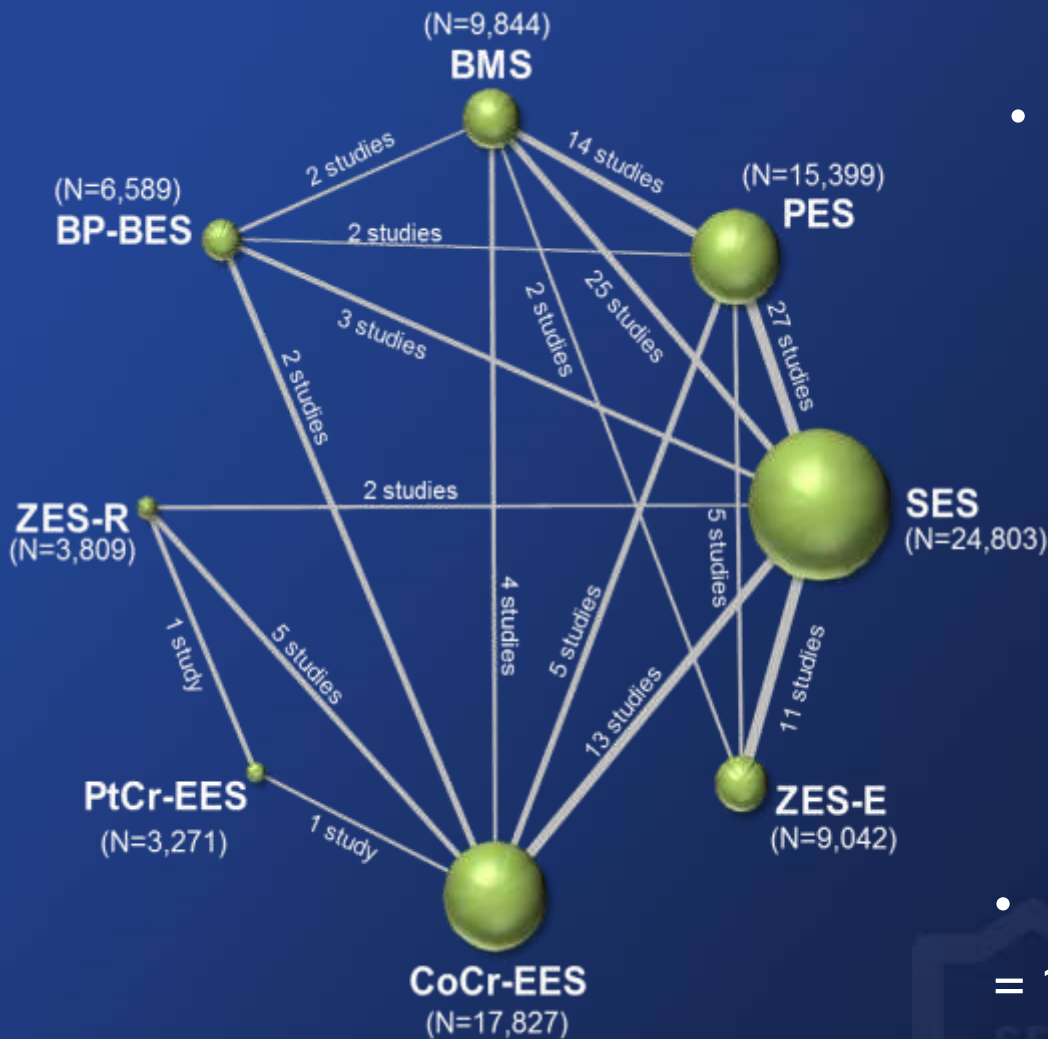


# Network Plot of Included Trials

- Polygonal network configuration with mixed connections
- Almost fully closed loops with limited comparisons of PtCr-EES and ZES-R



# Study Characteristics



- A total of 113 trials with 90,584 patients
  - 6 studies: 3-arm design
  - 1 study: 2-phase enrollment
  - 10 studies: DM
  - 21 studies: STEMI
  - 5 studies: CTO
  - 3 studies: uLMCA disease
  - 3 studies: in-stent restenosis
  - 2 studies: bypass graft
- Estimated median F/U duration = 19.1 months (3 months - 5 years)

# Main Characteristics of Included Trials

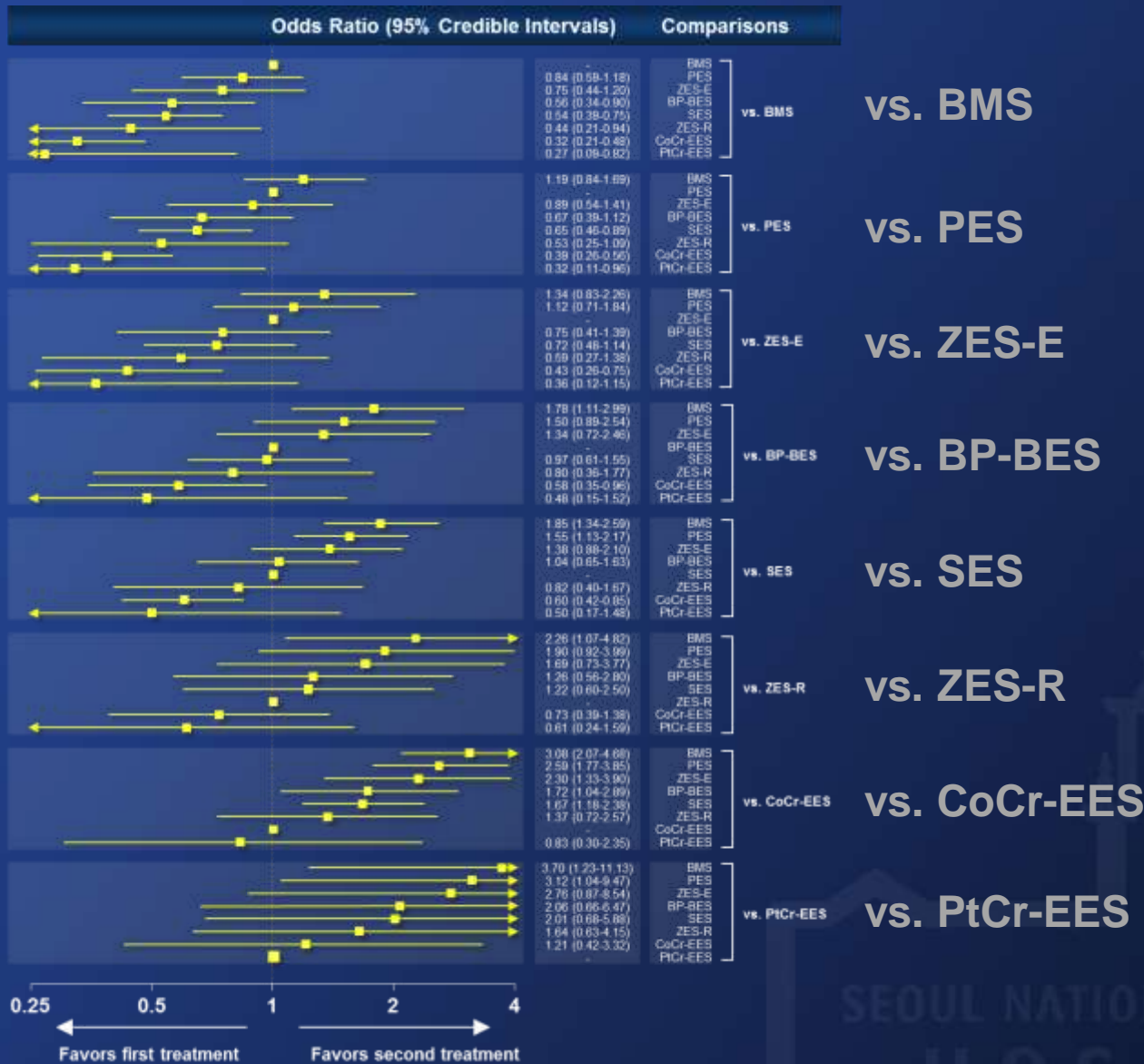
Trials	Stent Comparison (Patient Number)	Primary Endpoint	Design	Major Inclusion Criteria	Main Results	Follow-Up
<b>Published in 2002</b>						
<b>RAVEL</b>	SES vs. BMS (120:118)	In-stent LL at 6 months	Multicenter, superiority	Stable or unstable angina	SES superior to BMS	5 years
<b>Published in 2003</b>						
<b>ASPECT</b>	PES vs. BMS (117:58)	% stenosis at 4-6 months	Three-center, superiority	Stable or unstable angina	PES superior to BMS	6 months
<b>E-SIRIUS</b>	SES vs. BMS (175:177)	MLD at 8 months	Multicenter, superiority	Stable or unstable angina	SES superior to BMS	9 months
<b>SIRIUS</b>	SES vs. BMS (533:525)	TVF at 9 months	Multicenter, superiority	Stable or unstable angina	SES superior to BMS	5 years
<b>TAXUS I</b>	PES vs. BMS (31:30)	MACE (death Q-wave MI, TVR, ST) at 30 days	Three-center, feasibility	Stable or unstable angina	Promising results of PES	2 years
<b>TAXUS II</b>	BMS vs. PES (270:266)	%NIH by IVUS at 6 months	Multicenter, superiority	Stable or unstable angina	PES superior to BMS	5 years
<b>Published in 2004</b>						
<b>C-SIRIUS</b>	SES vs. BMS (50:50)	MLD at 8 months	Multicenter, superiority	Stable or unstable angina	SES superior to BMS	9 months
<b>SES-SMART</b>	SES vs. BMS (129:128)	In-segment binary restenosis at 8 months	Multicenter, superiority	Stable angina, ACS	SES superior to BMS	2 years
<b>TAXUS IV</b>	BMS vs. PES (652:662)	TVR at 9 months	Multicenter, superiority	Stable or unstable angina	PES superior to BMS	5 years
<b>Published in 2005</b>						
<b>BASKET</b>	SES vs. PES (264:281)	Cost-effectiveness after 6 months	Single-center, superiority	All-comer design	DES (SES and PES) not superior to BMS	18 months
<b>DIABETES</b>	SES vs. BMS (80:80)	in-segment LL at 9 months	Multicenter, superiority	Diabetes	SES superior to BMS	5 years
<b>ISAR-CREST</b>	SES vs. PES (100:100)	Binary restenosis at 6 months	Multicenter, superiority	ISR	DES superior to balloon angio	1 year

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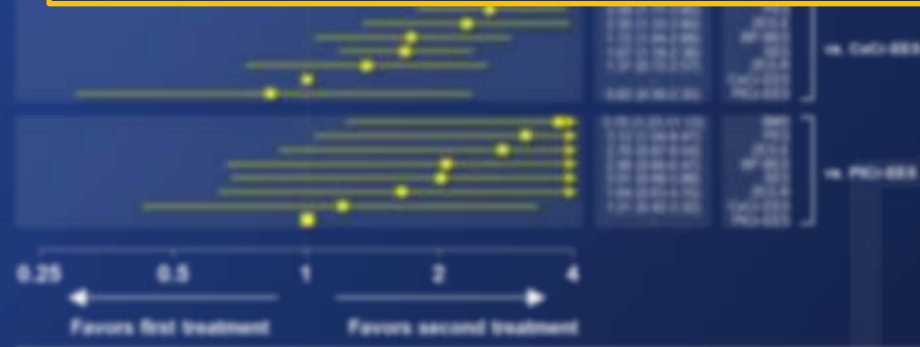
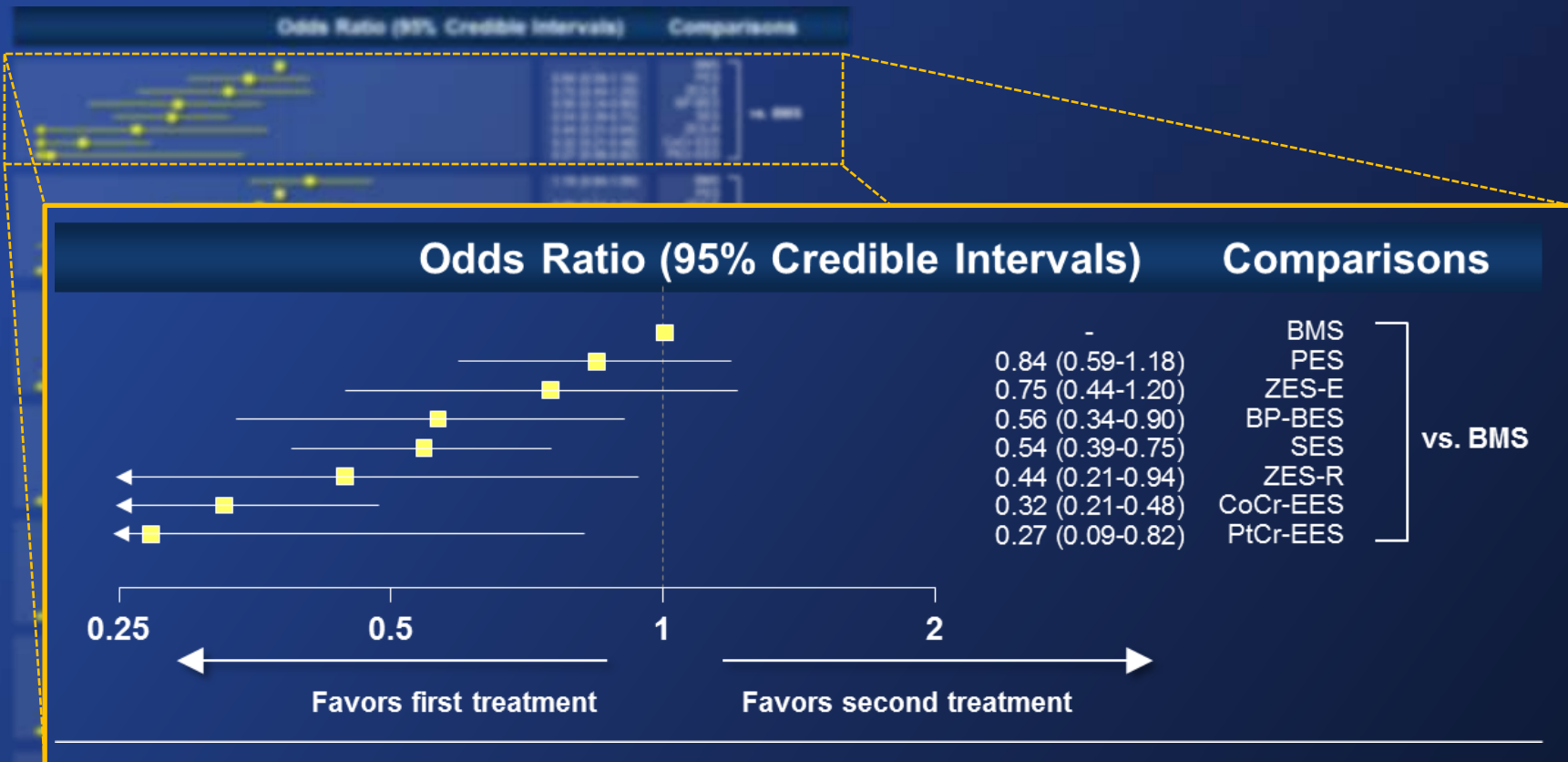




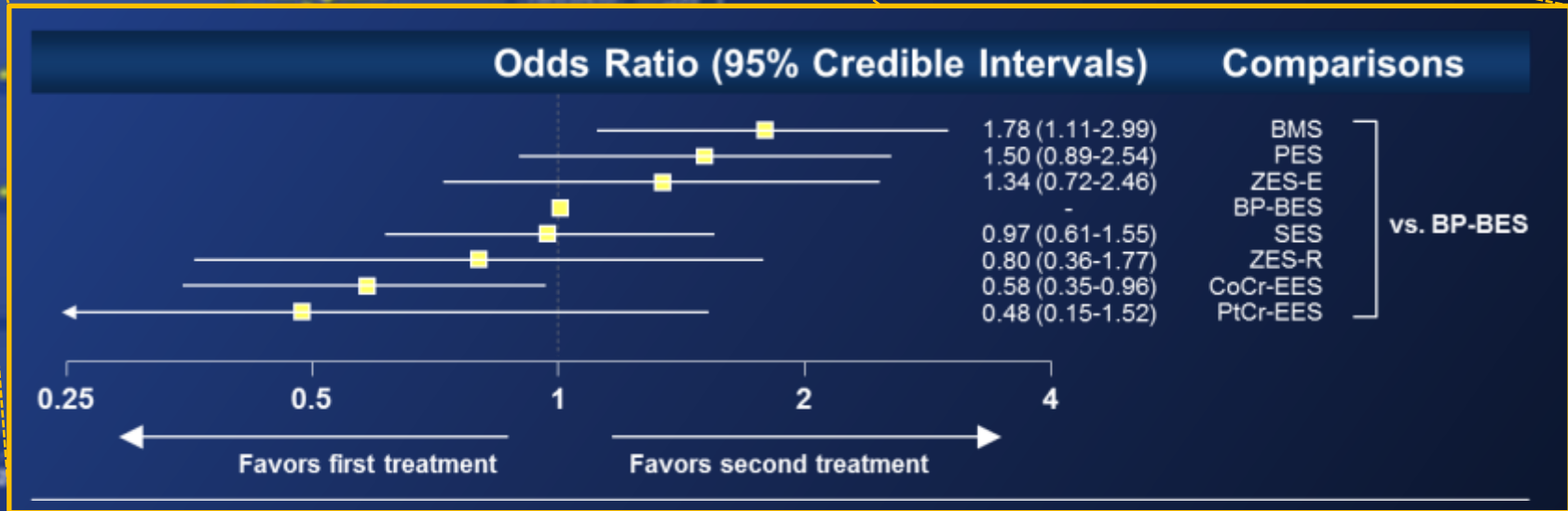
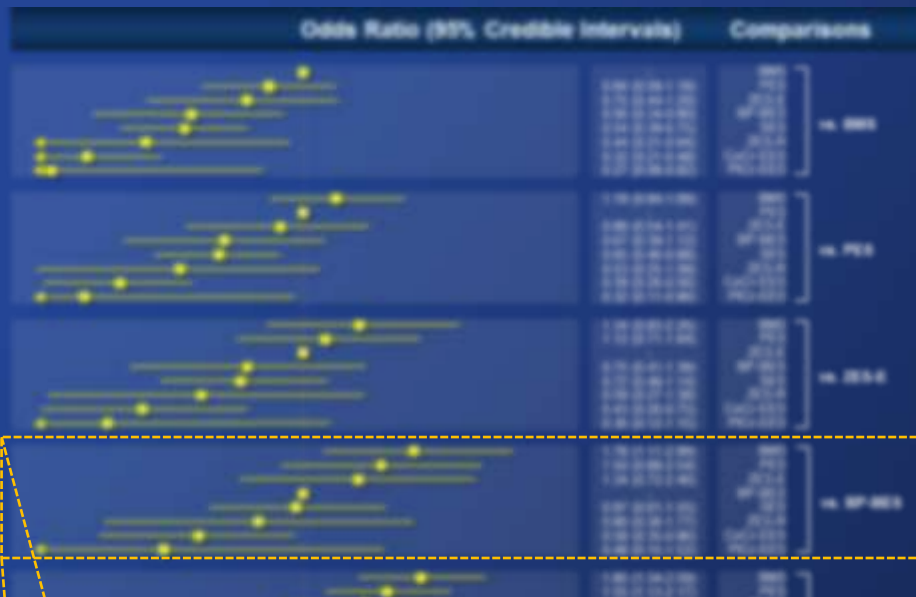
# Definite or Probable ST Within 1 Year



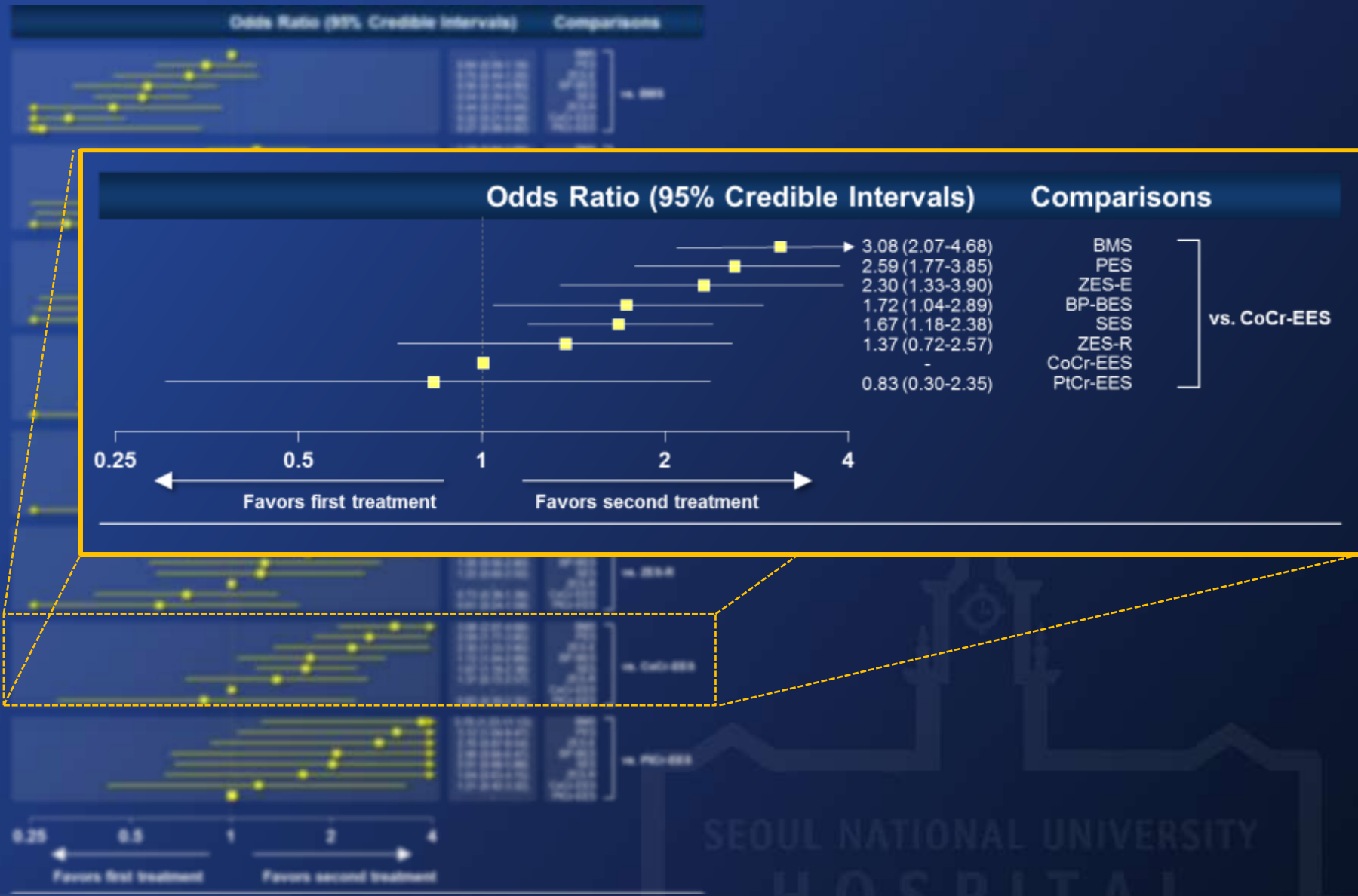
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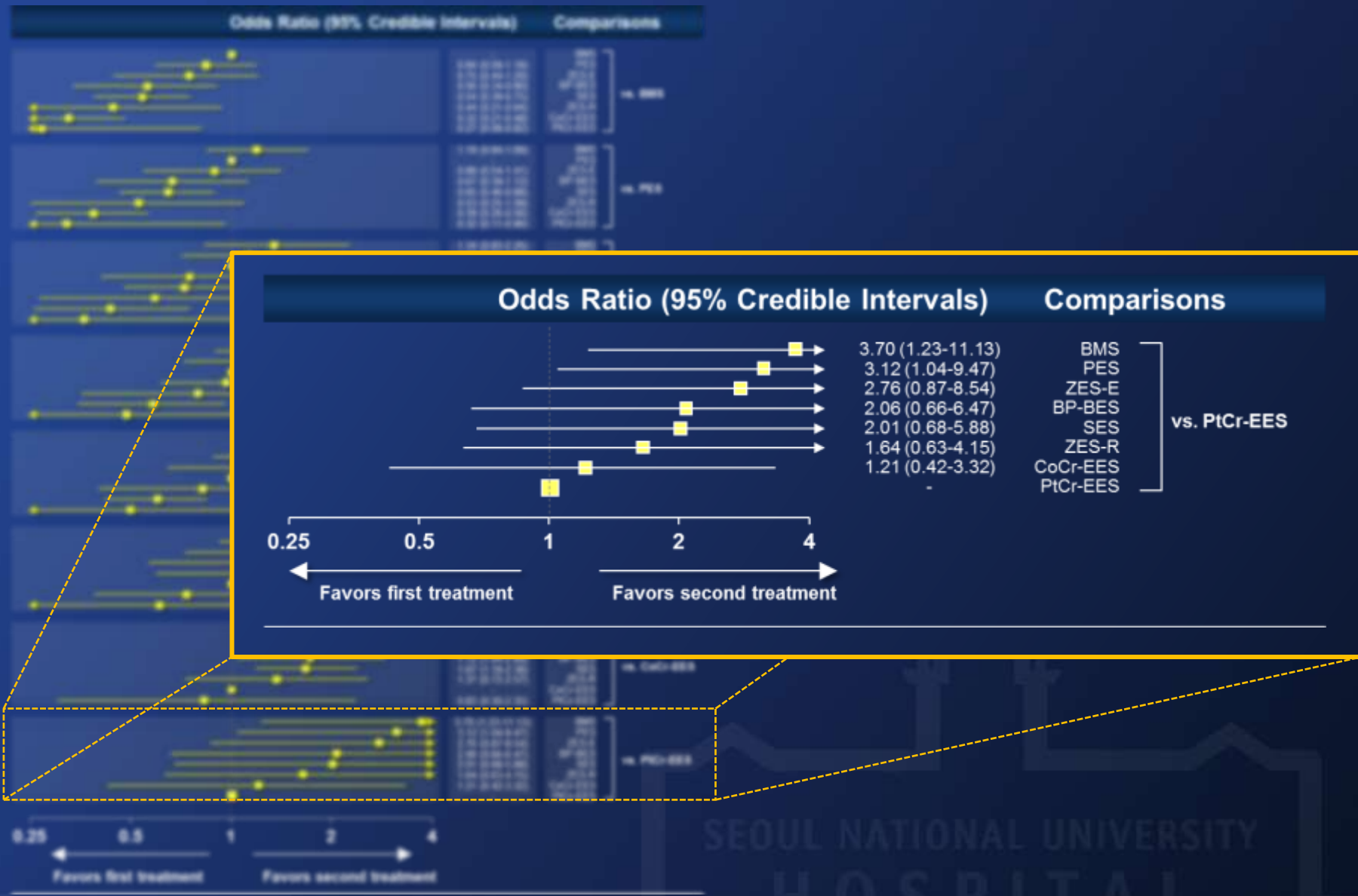
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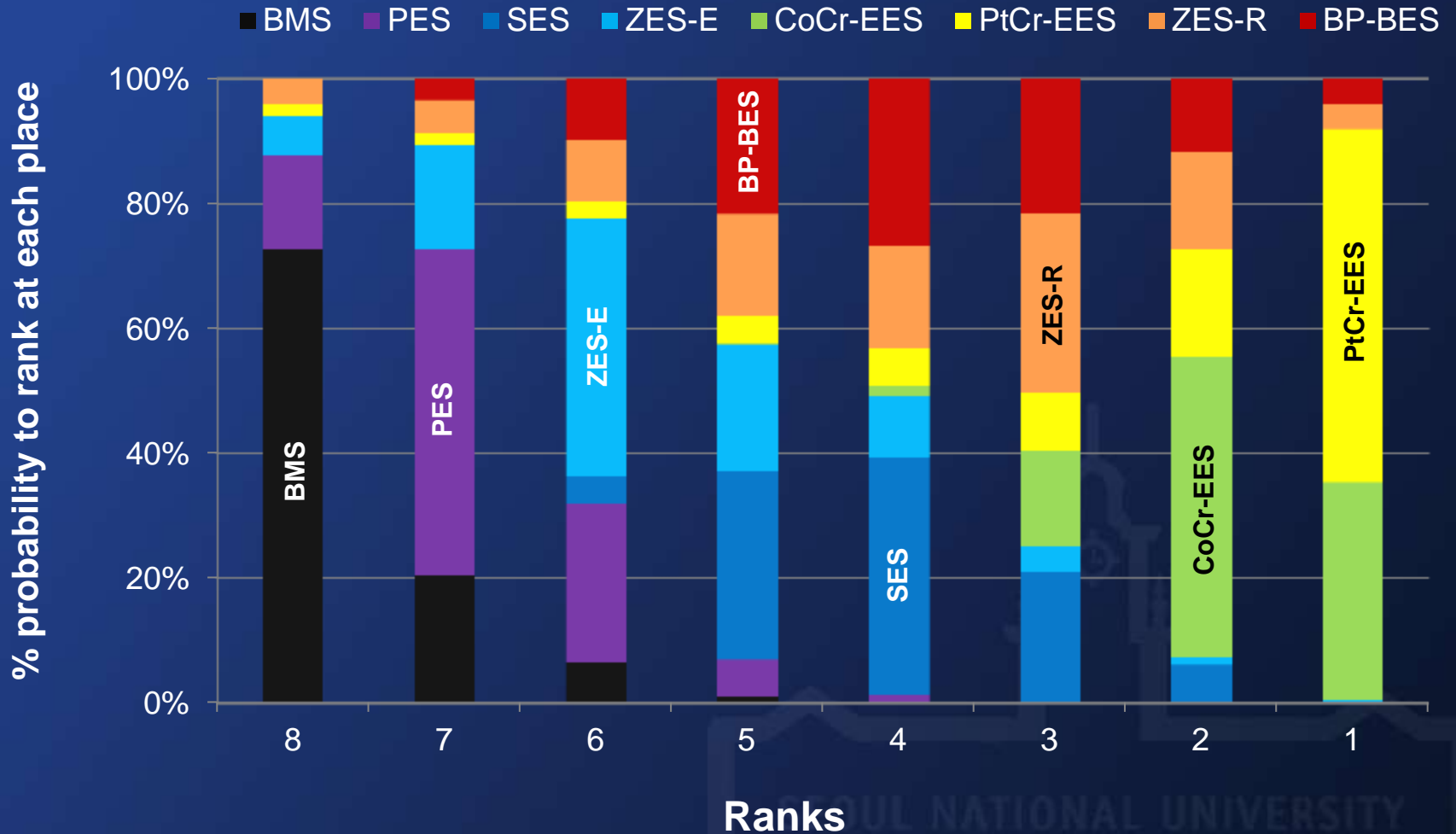


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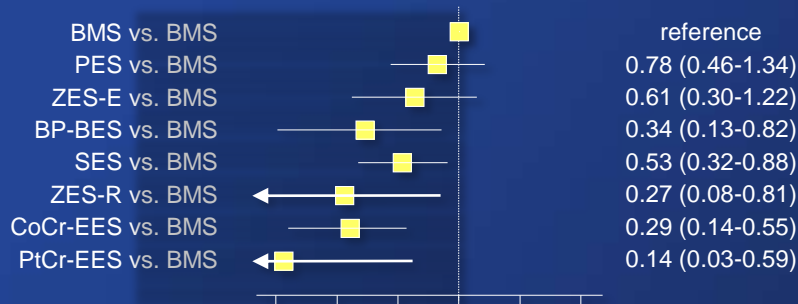
# Rankogram

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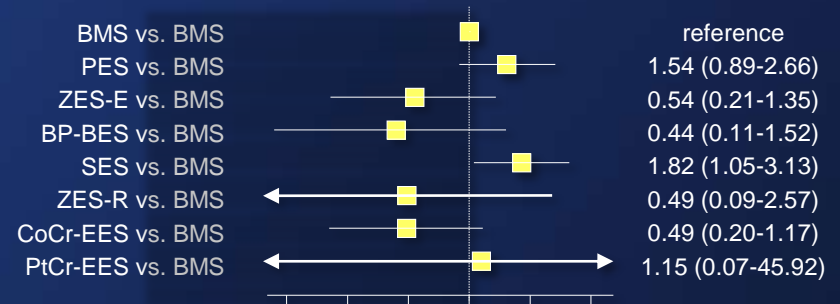


# Definite or Probable ST of DES with Reference to BMS

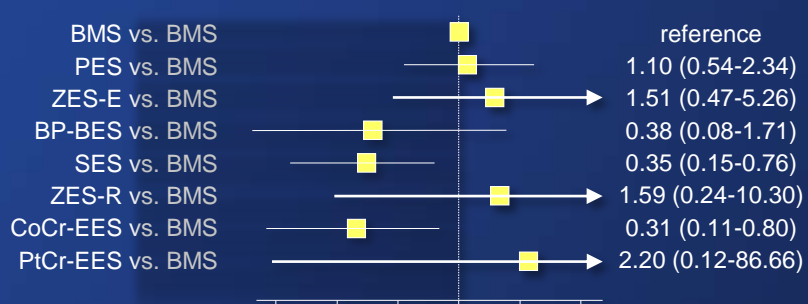
(A) Early ST ( $\leq 30$  days)



(D) Very Late ST ( $>365$  days)



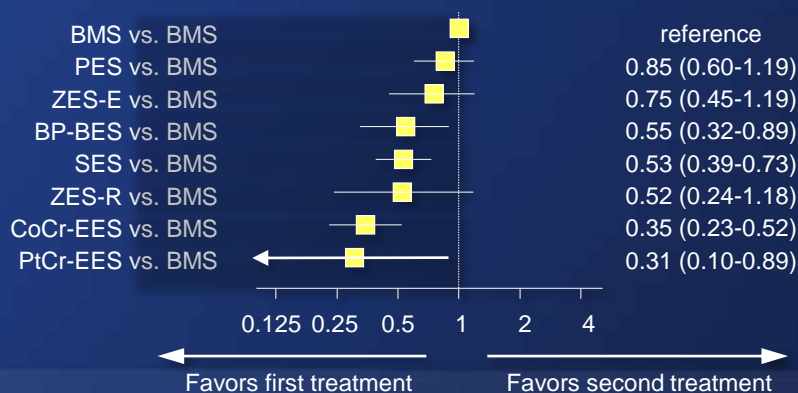
(B) Late ST (31-365 days)



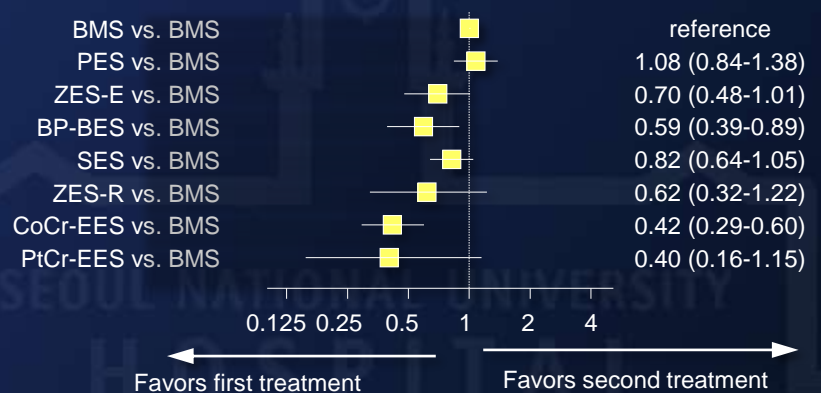
(E) Late and Very Late ST ( $>30$  days)



(C) ST within 1 Year ( $<365$  days)

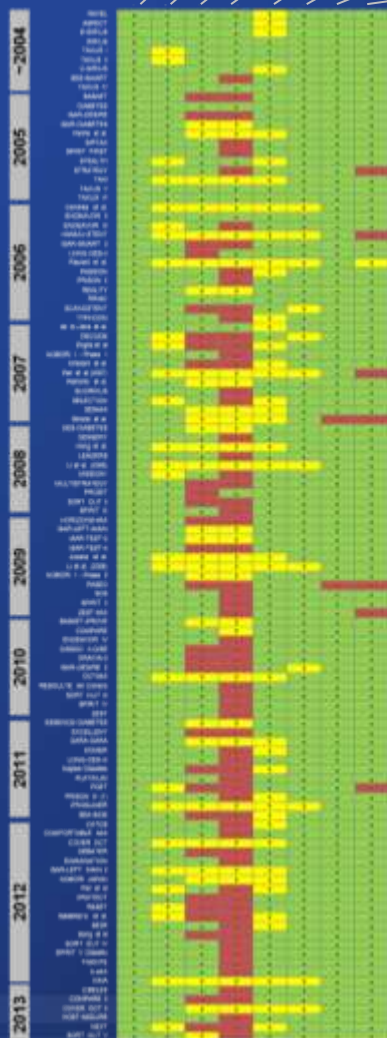


(F) ST at the Longest Follow-Up



- Random sequence generation
- Allocation concealment
- Blinding (study patient)
- Blinding (treating physician)
- Blinding of clinical outcome assessment
- Incomplete outcome data addressed
- Free of selective reporting
- Free of other bias

# Risk of Bias in all 113 RCTs (8 aspects)



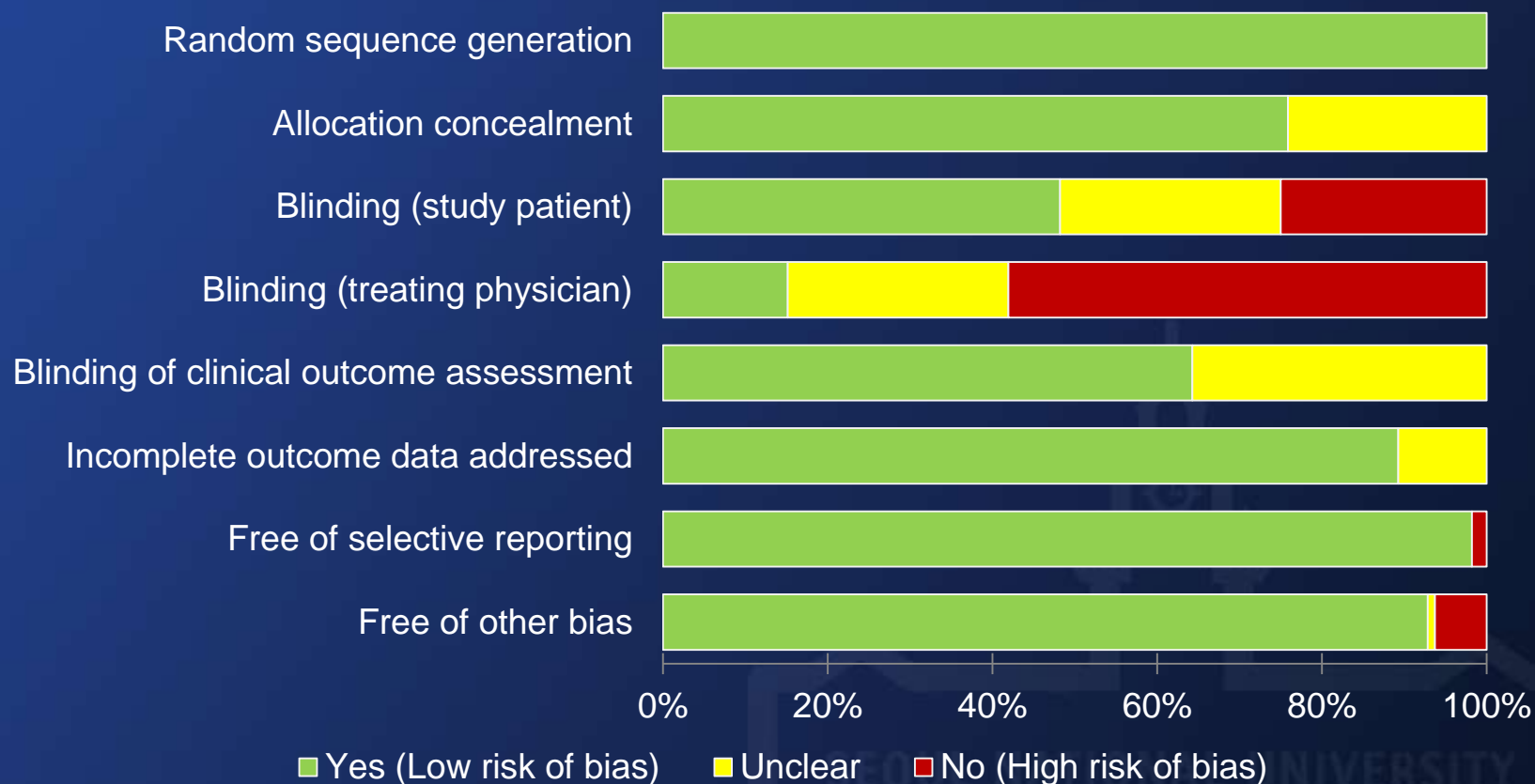
- Yes (Low risk of bias)
- Unclear
- No (High risk of bias)

- All trials were randomized controlled trials
- Allocation concealment: adequate in 86/113 trials
- A double-blind design
  - some studies in early period (2003-2006)
  - no studies since 2007
- Blinding of clinical event adjudication: adequate in 2/3



# Risk of Bias from 8 Aspects

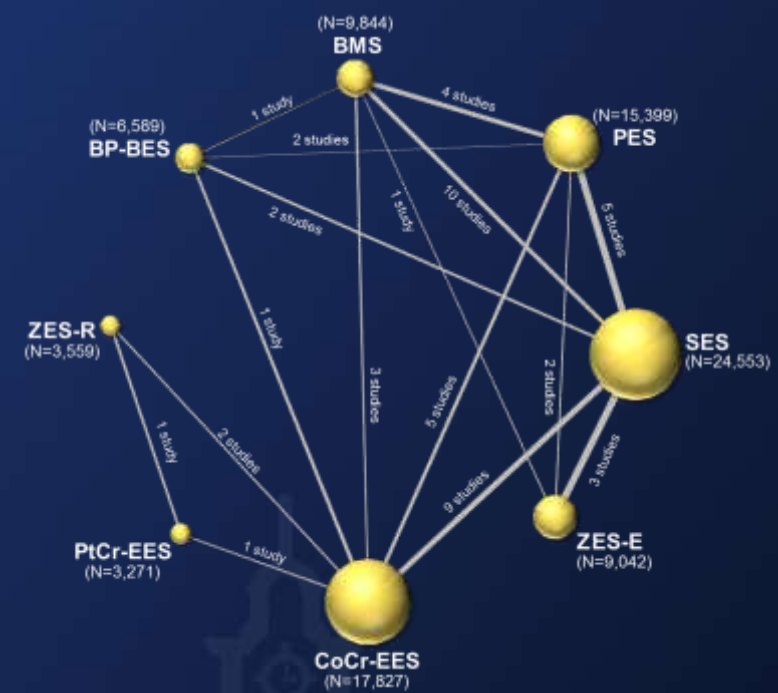
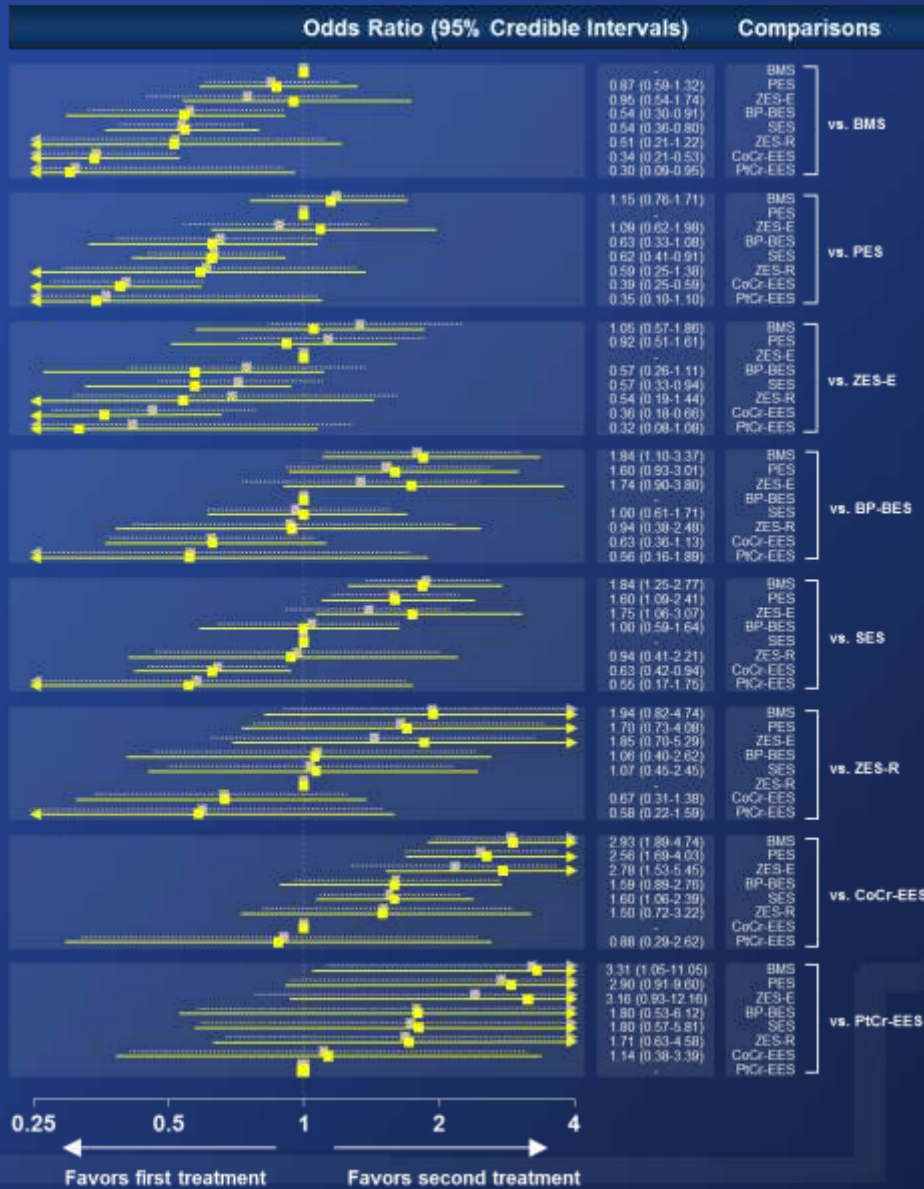
- Among a total of 113 trials included
- Proportion of studies with each of the judgments for each entry (according to the Cochrane Collaboration's tool)



# Sensitivity Analysis

Definite or Probable ST within 1 Year

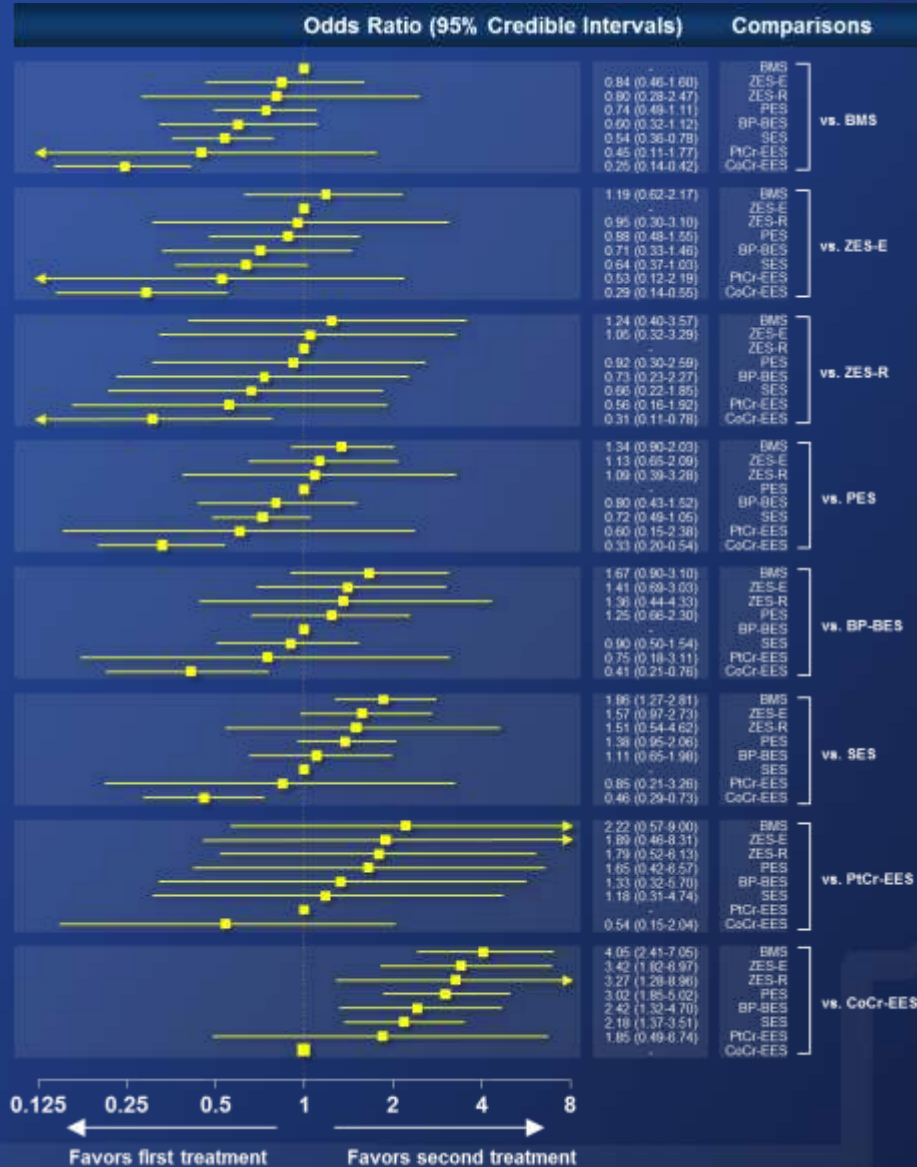
- Studies with Low Risk of Bias : 48 Trials; 60,911 Patients



- ..... All trials
- Trials with low risk of bias only

# Definite ST Within 1 Year

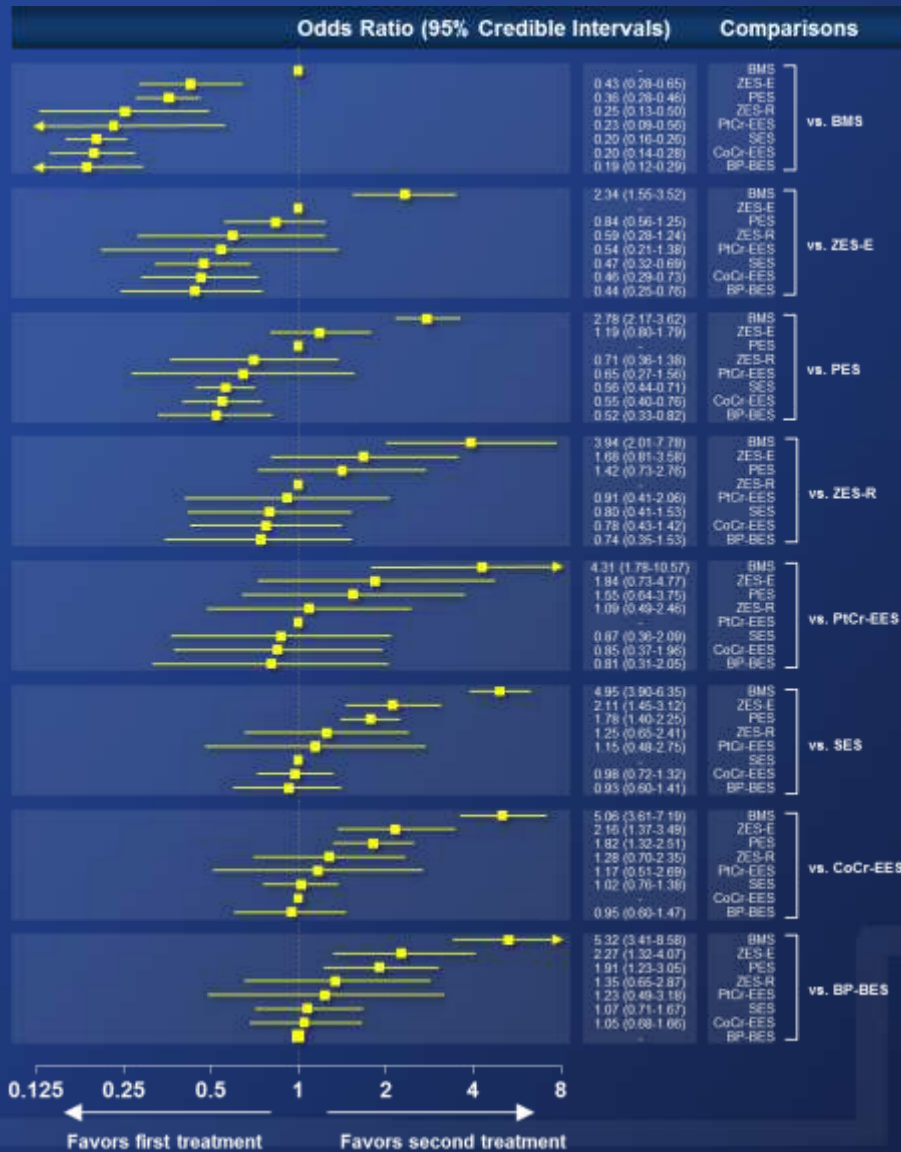
CoCr-EES > (PtCr-EES ≥ SES ≥ BP-BES ≥ PES ≥ ZES-R ≥ ZES-E ≥ BMS)



- CoCr-EES superior to BMS, ZES-E, ZES-R, PES, BP-BES, and SES
- SES superior to BMS
- SES tended to be superior to ZES-E and PES

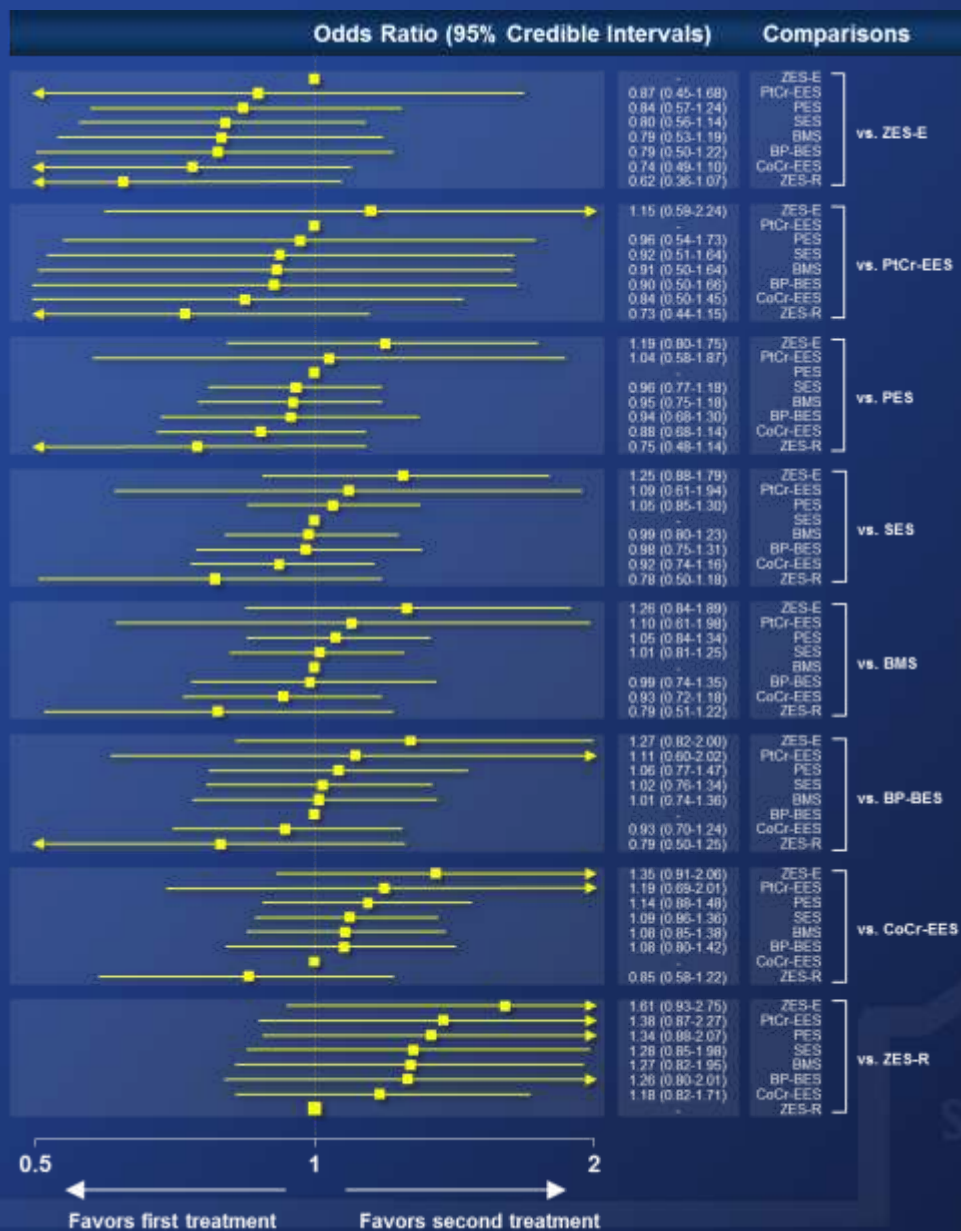
# TLR Within 1 Year

(BP-BES ≥ CoCr-EES ≥ SES ≥ PtCr-EES ≥ ZES-R) > (PES ≥ ZES-E) > BMS



- All DES superior to BMS
- BP-BES, CoCr-EES and SES superior to ZES-E and PES

# All-Cause Death in 1 Year



- No significant difference between any comparisons

# Conclusions

- All DESs but PES and ZES-E were superior to BMS in terms of ST within 1 year.
- CoCr EES (in large sample size) was superior to any DES even including BP-BES in terms of ST.
- PtCr EES (in small sample size) showed a promising tendency to be superior to any DES in terms of ST.
- Our results suggest that not only the biodegradability of polymer, but the optimal combination of stent alloy, design, strut thickness, polymer, and drug all combined determine the safety of DES.

# Are DES safer than BMS?

## YES!

***Just DES It!***

*2<sup>nd</sup> generation*



**Thank you for  
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