

**No,  
I do not have enough time  
to calculate SYNTAX Score**

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**SYNTAX score before decision making!**

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# SYNTAX SCORE

Search...



Welcome to the SYNTAX Score website. The SYNTAX Score is a unique tool to score complexity of coronary artery disease. However, it is very important to use this new scoring tool correctly, hence, it is strongly recommended to complete the tutorial first.

## TUTORIAL

Knowledge of definitions is vital. Please use the tutorial prior to first calculator use.

[Start tutorial...](#)

## CALCULATOR

Start using the calculator when you have successfully completed the tutorial.

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## Calculator updated to version 2.11: four-year outcomes



Version 2.11 of the SYNTAX Score calculator contains the latest four-year SYNTAX trial results. The SYNTAX Score website now uses this version.

Unlike the online calculator, the standalone calculator is not automatically updated. Be sure to check our website regularly to ensure you are using the latest calculator version. The current version can be downloaded here:

[SYNTAX Score Calculator 2.11](#)

For a detailed changelog select *read more* below.

**STATE-OF-THE-ART PAPER**

# Prediction of Coronary Risk by SYNTAX and Derived Scores

Synergy Between Percutaneous Coronary Intervention With  
Taxus and Cardiac Surgery

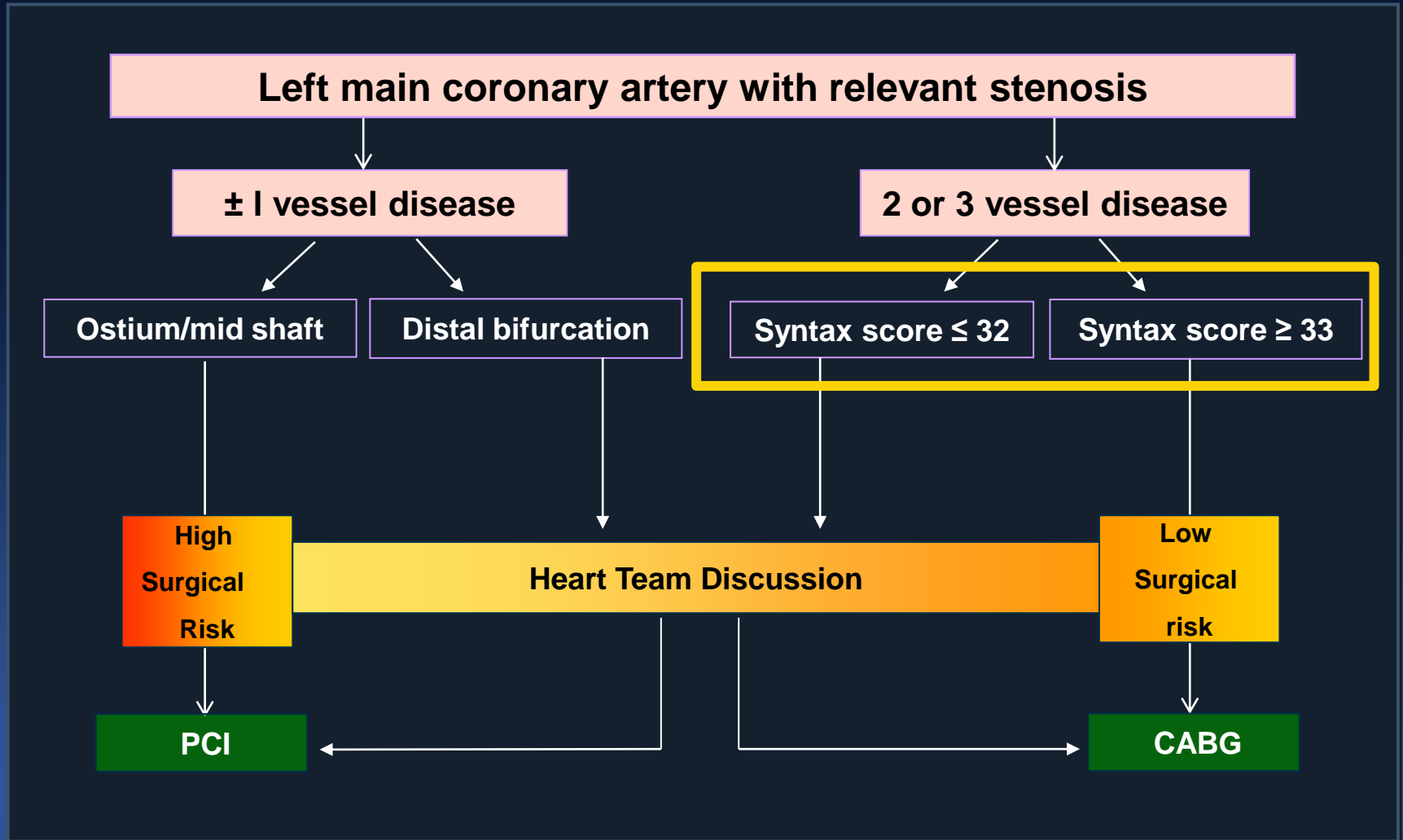
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The introduction of the SYNTAX (Synergy Between PCI With Taxus and Cardiac Surgery) score has prompted a renewed interest for angiographic risk stratification in patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention. Syntax score is based on qualitative and quantitative characterization of coronary artery disease by including 11 angiographic variables that take into consideration lesion location and characteristics. Thus far, this score has been shown to be an effective tool to risk-stratify patients with complex coronary artery disease undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention in the landmark SYNTAX trial, as well as in other clinical settings. This review provides an overview of its current applications, including its integration with other nonangiographic clinical scores, and explores future applications of the SYNTAX and derived scores. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2013;62:1219–30) © 2013 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation

# ESC Guideline for LM Revascularization





# SYNTAX Score

Think again ....

Global Risk Stratification

Functional SS

Clinical SS

CABG SS

SS II

CT SS



# Thought Again on SYNTAX Score

- Basics as a risk classifier
  - Development
  - Reproducibility
  - Simplicity
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  - To classify risk of patients
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# Development of SYNTAX Score

EuroIntervention

The SYNTAX Score: an angiographic tool grading the complexity of coronary artery disease

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- Based on the previous angiographic scores of
  1. AHA classification of the coronary tree segments modified for the ARTS study
  2. Leaman score
  3. ACC/AHA lesions classification system
  4. Total occlusion classification system
  5. Duke and ICPS classification systems for bifurcation lesions
- **NOT** was created or validated with the usual statistical modeling of risk score using population studies

***Was developed by creative researchers on the table... probably scientific but not with an usual way ...***

# Is it easy to measure ?

Hand-made in AMC  
for Core Lab analysis

web-version SS Calculator

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Access database form titled "SYNTAX SCORE". The form contains several input fields and checkboxes for patient data. A red box highlights a section of the form containing the following fields:

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BOTHSB	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Other fields in the form include: ID, INITIAL, DOMINAN, LEGIONNO, SEGMENTS, CTO, TRIFUR, BIFUR, ANGULA, OSLESION, TORTUS, LENGTH, CALCIFI, THROMBY, and DD/SV.

The screenshot shows the web-version SS Calculator interface. At the top, there is a logo for "SYNTAX SCORE" with a globe icon. Below the logo are the logos for "Boston Scientific" and "CARDIOOLYSIS".

The main section is titled "IMPORTANT INFORMATION" and contains the following text:

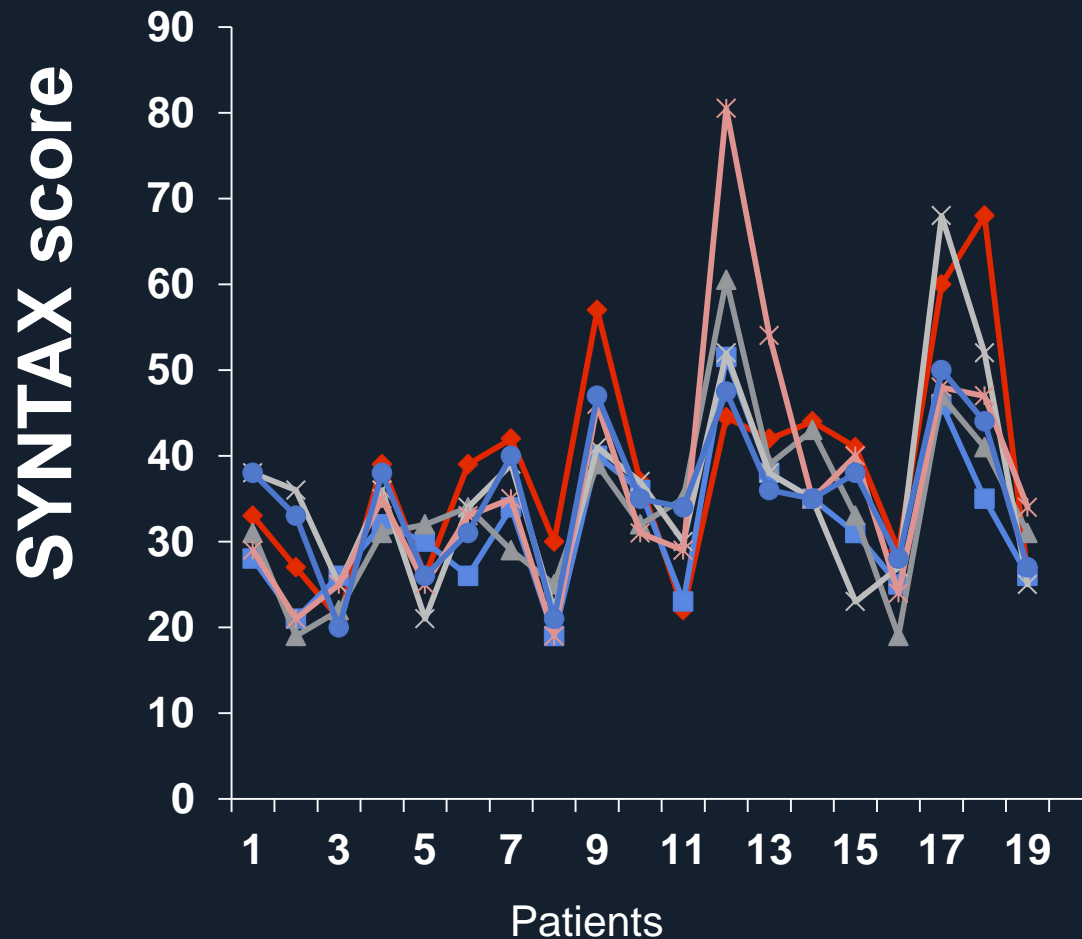
The SYNTAX Score is a tool developed in connection with the SYNTAX Trial, a trial comparing PCI and Cardiac Surgery in complex, high-risk LM and/or 3VD patients. It is important to note that **the safety and effectiveness of drug-eluting stents have not been established in these high risk patients**, and physicians are strongly encouraged to review the indications, contraindications, warnings and instructions included in the products' Directions for Use.

The SYNTAX Score and related materials are not intended to provide medical advice or guidance as to appropriate treatment strategies for individual patients. Risks and benefits should be carefully considered for each patient taking into account all available data and treatment options and physicians and other healthcare providers should always

Below the text is a checkbox labeled "Yes, I have fully read the Important Information above." and two buttons: "Proceed" (red) and "Close calculator" (green).

# Is the SCORE reproducible across observers?

**In 2008**



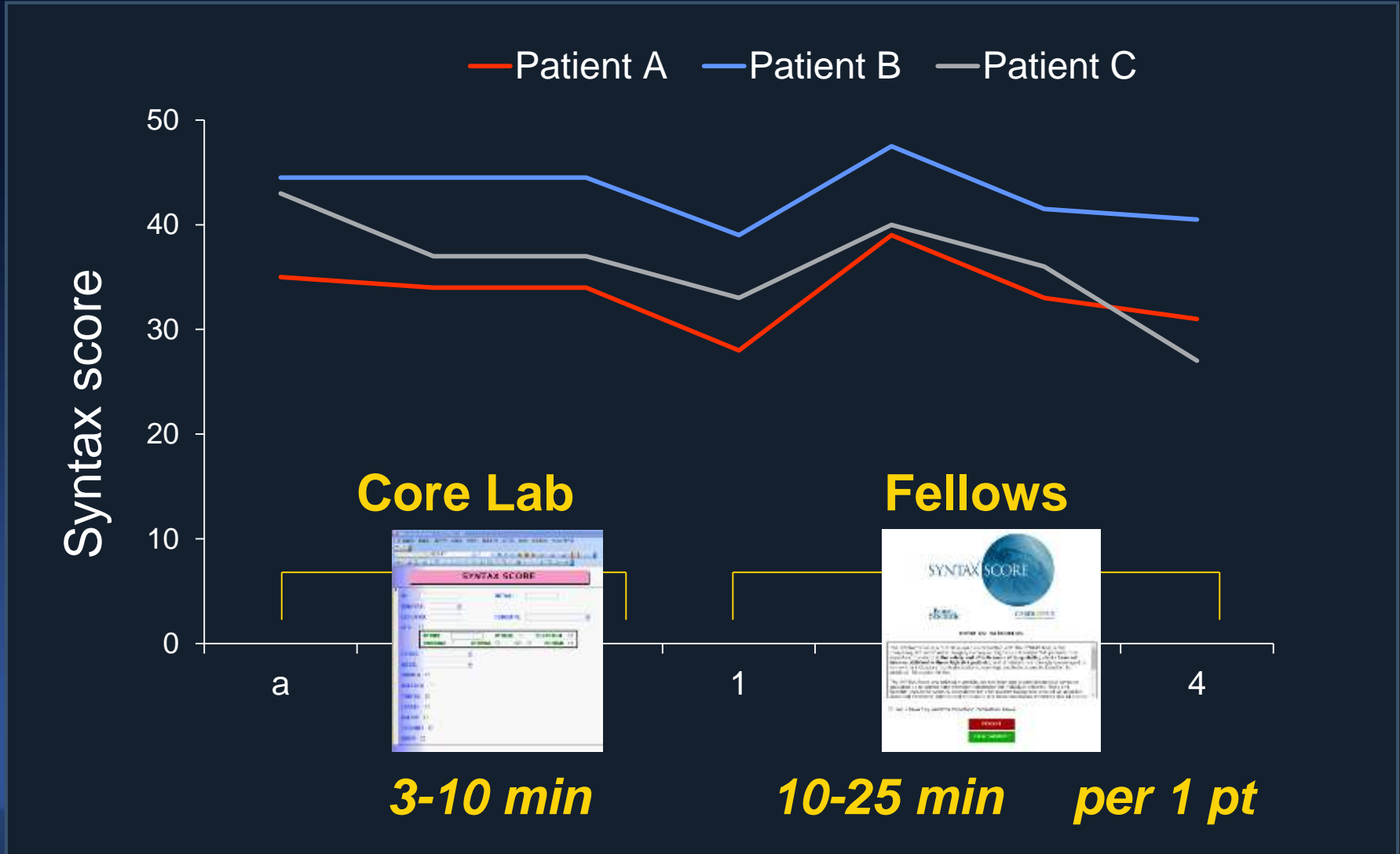
To validate the SYNTAX score

20 pts from MAIN-COMPARE registry

6 angiographers in core lab of CVRF

Kappa = 0.67

# Measurement for LM + MVD in 2014



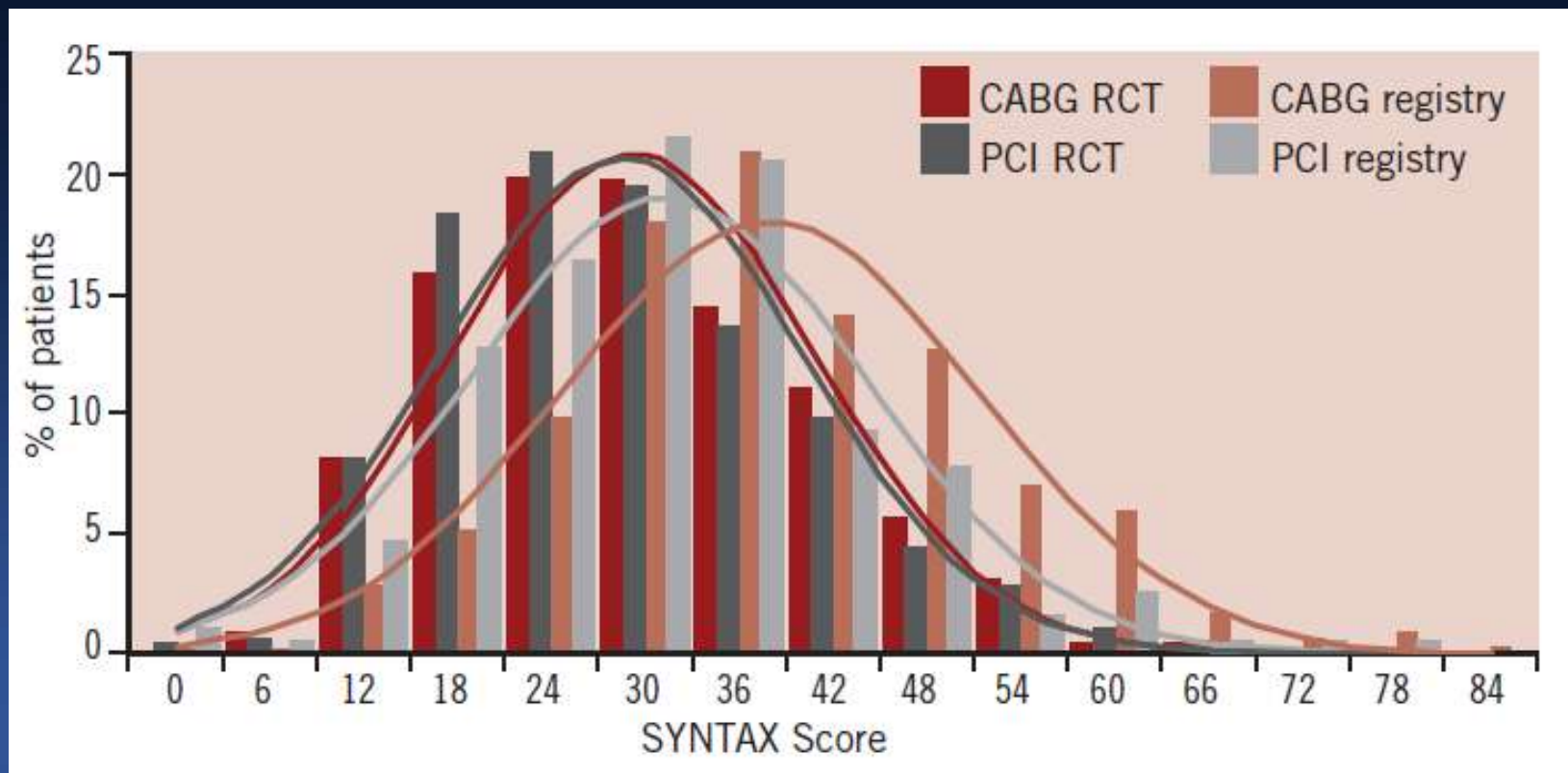
# Inter-observer Variability

**Kappa of SS** ranged from **0.4 to 0.8** in Literatures.

Kappa	Agreement
< 0	Less than chance agreement
0.01 – 0.20	Slight agreement
0.21 – 0.40	Fair agreement
0.41 – 0.60	Moderate agreement
0.61 – 0.80	Substantial agreement
0.81 – 0.99	Almost perfect agreement

# SS Distribution in SYNTAX Study

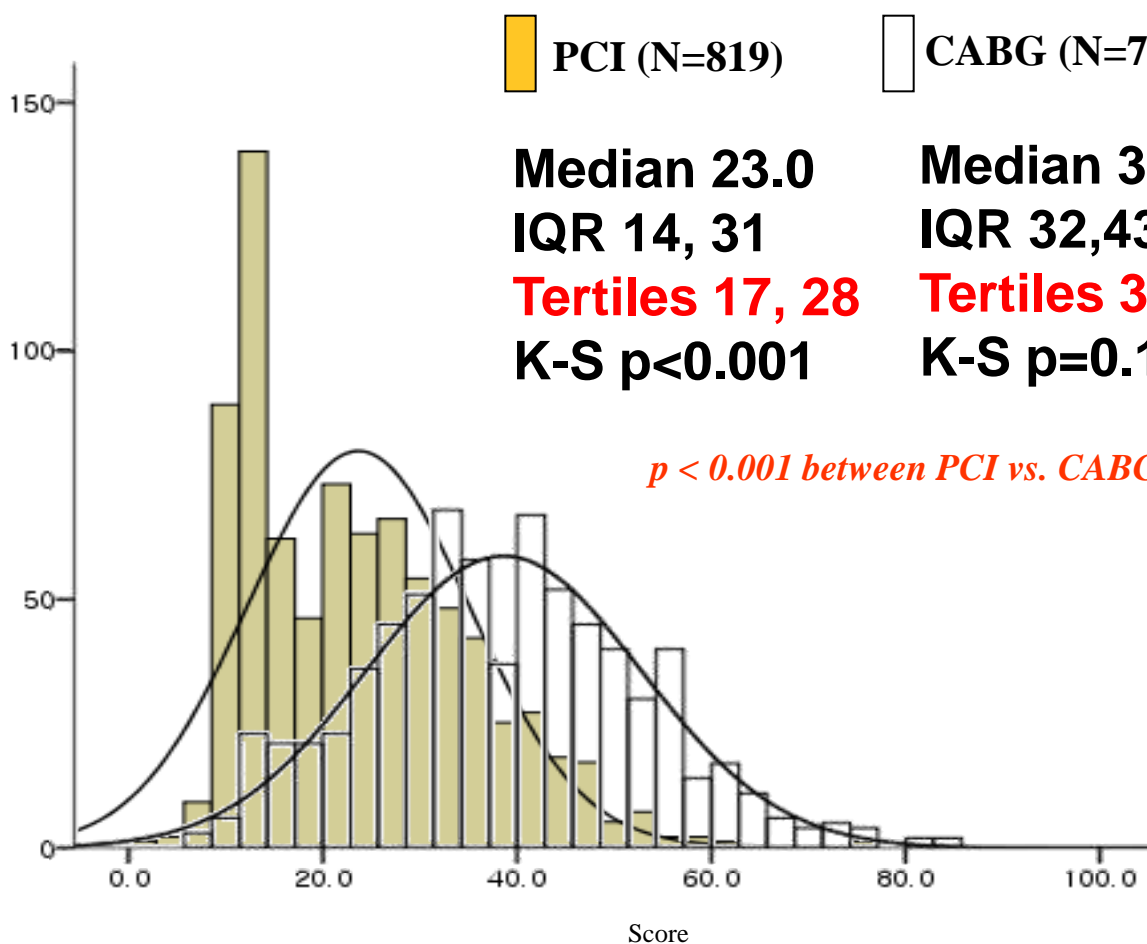
## Gaussian Distribution with Terciles of Low (~22), Int. (23-32), High (>32)





# Validity of Low (~22) Int. (23-32) High (>32) ? SS Distribution in MAIN-COMPARE Registry

Frequency (#)



# My Thought 1

## Basic Function as a Risk Score

- I am convinced that ...
  - good to represent angiographic complexity
  - good agreement across observers with training
- But ...
  - still complex to calculate it in daily practices
  - more inter-observe variability for high SS
  - gap between core-lab and on-site
  - inherent limitation as not based on the pts DB
  - varying tercile groups according to the cohorts

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# 5-Y MACCE in SYNTAX LM

**Low**

**0 – 22**

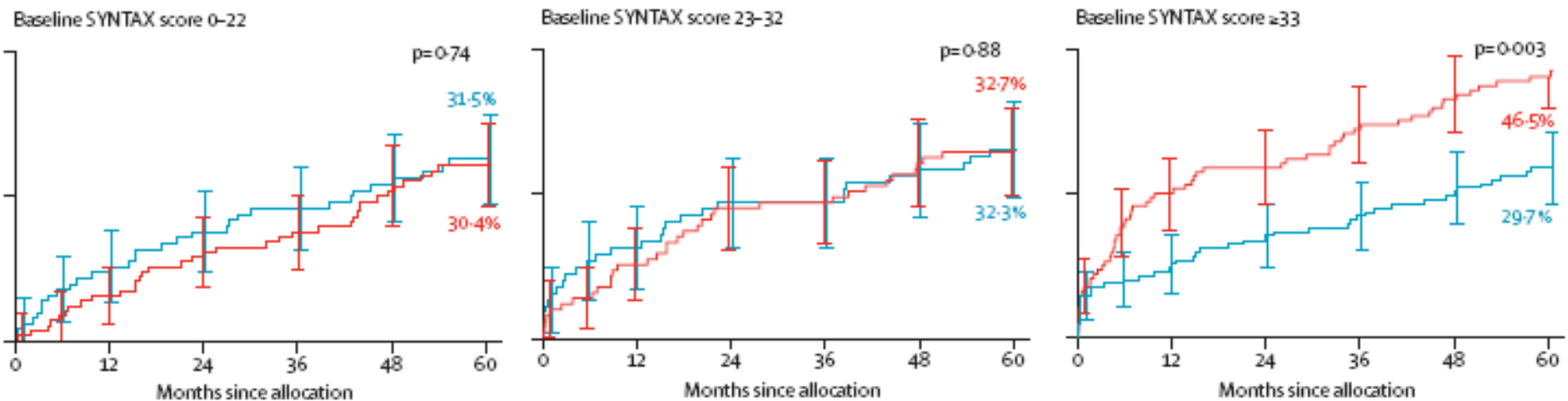
**Intermediate**

**23 – 32**

**High**

**≥ 33**

— CABG — PCI



- ✓ Gradual increase after PCI: **30.4 vs. 32.7 vs. 46.5**
- ✓ No change after CABG: **31.5 vs. 32.3 vs. 29.7**

# MAIN-COMPARE

## Unprotected LM Disease

**Validation of SYNTAX (Synergy between PCI with Taxus and Cardiac Surgery) Score for Prediction of Outcomes After Unprotected Left Main Coronary Revascularization**

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Stents versus Coronary-Artery Bypass Grafting for Left Main Coronary Artery Disease

# Clinical Profiles according to SS

	Low (N=518)	Intermediate (N=352)	High (N=662)	P value
Age (yrs)	58.5 ± 11.5	63.0 ± 10.0	64.5 ± 9.4	< 0.001
Male gender	347 (67.0)	253 (71.9)	493 (74.5)	0.018
Hypertension	217 (41.9)	183 (52.0)	363 (54.8)	< 0.001
Diabetes mellitus	121 (23.4)	111 (31.5)	254 (38.4)	< 0.001
(Insulin-treated)	20 (3.9)	28 (8.0)	39 (5.9)	0.036
Hypercholesterolemia	154 (29.7)	122 (34.7)	264 (39.9)	0.003
Current smoking	143 (27.6)	102 (29.0)	161 (24.3)	0.218

# Clinical Profiles according to SS

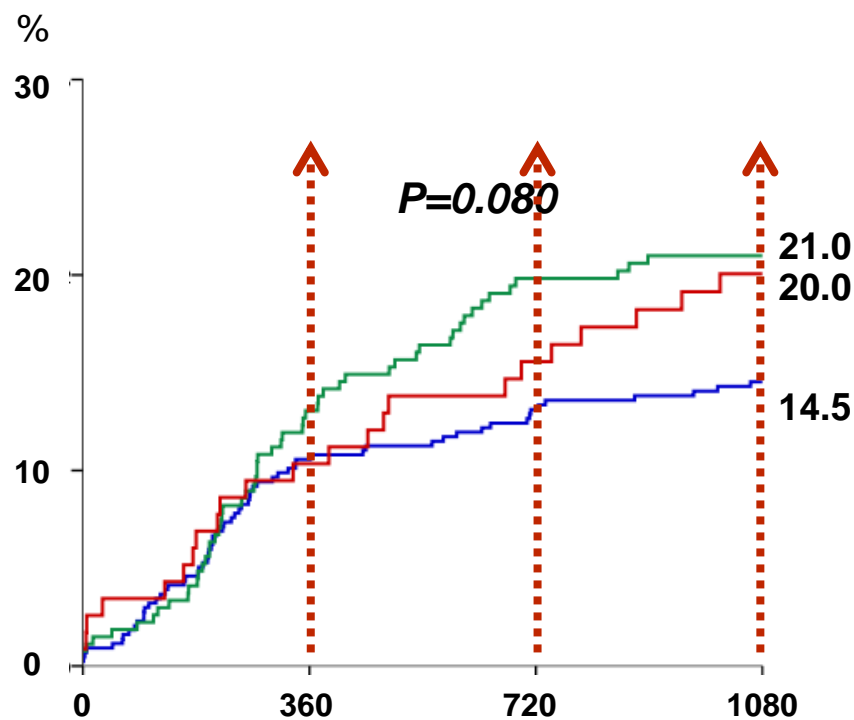
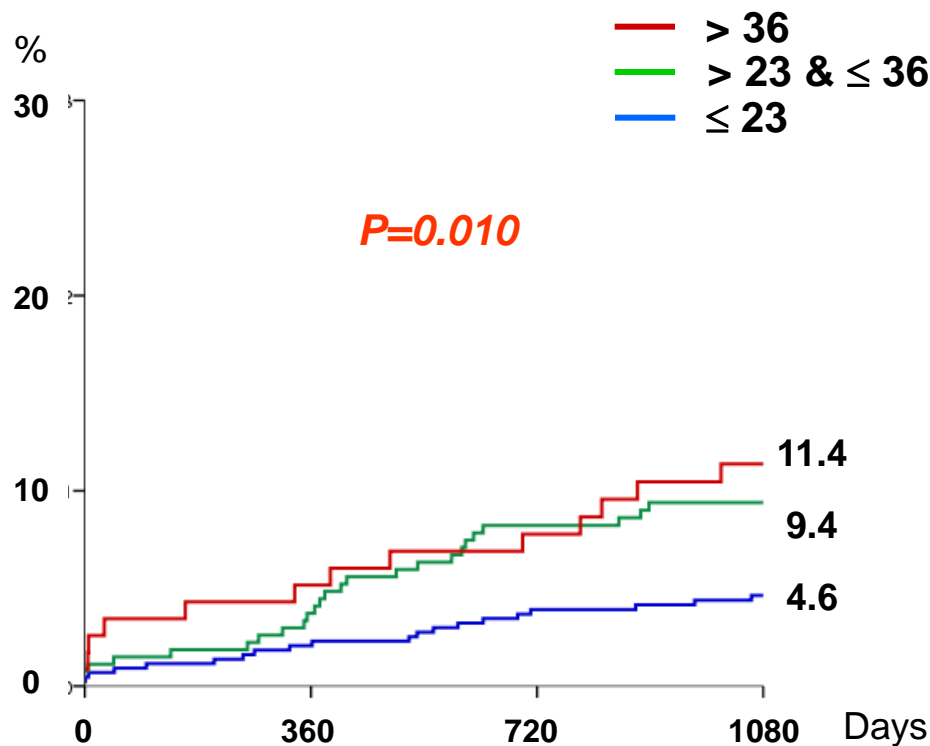
	Low (N=518)	Intermediate (N=352)	High (N=662)	P value
Previous MI	27 (19.1)	38 (27.0)	76 (53.9)	<b>0.001</b>
Previous CHF	10 (1.9)	6 (1.7)	24 (3.6)	0.093
History of CVA	27 (5.2)	26 (7.4)	63 (9.5)	<b>0.021</b>
Peripheral disease	11 (2.1)	10 (2.8)	36 (5.4)	<b>0.007</b>
Chronic lung disease	10 (1.9)	7 (2.0)	15 (2.3)	0.913
CRF (Cr > 2.0 mg/dl)	9 (1.7)	9 (2.6)	29 (4.4)	<b>0.027</b>
Euro Score	3.6 ± 2.2	4.1 ± 2.3	4.6 ± 2.3	<b>&lt; 0.001</b>
LV Ejection Fraction (%)	61.5 ± 9.6	59.4 ± 11.7	56.6 ± 11.8	<b>&lt; 0.001</b>

# Outcomes by SYNTAX Score

## MAIN-COMPARE *PCI* Patients (N=819)

### Death, MI, or Stroke

### MACCE



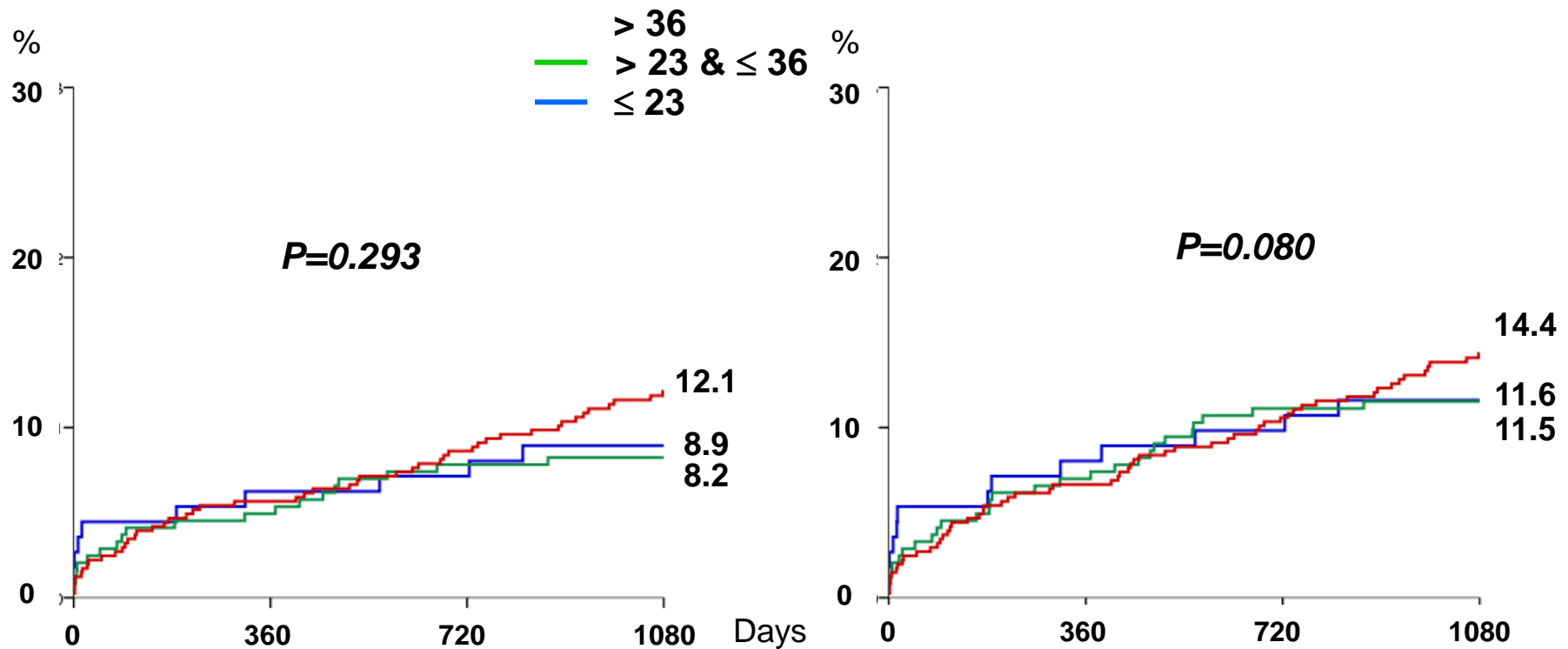


# Outcomes by SYNTAX Score

## **CABG** Patients (N=761)

### Death, MI, or Stroke

### MACCE



## My Thought 2

# Prognostic Ability of SS for LM

- Correlation with clinical risks
- PCI prognostics: heterogeneous
  - Good in SYNTAX trial
  - Modest in MAN-COMPARE registry
- CABG prognostics
  - NOT good

# 5-Y MACCE in SYNTAX LM

Low

0 – 22

Intermediate

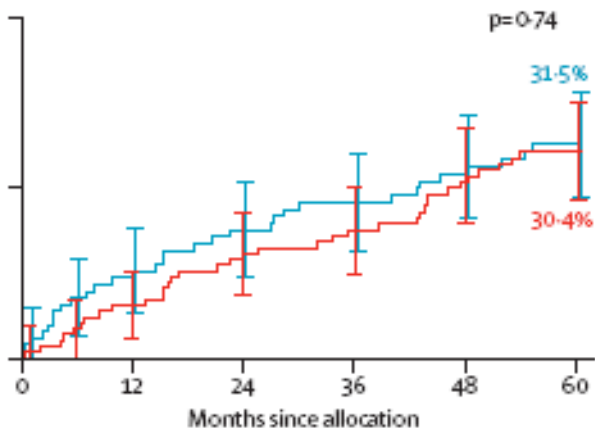
23 – 32

High

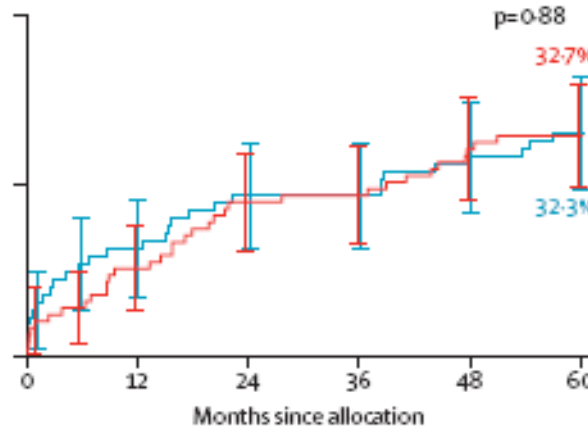
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— CABG — PCI

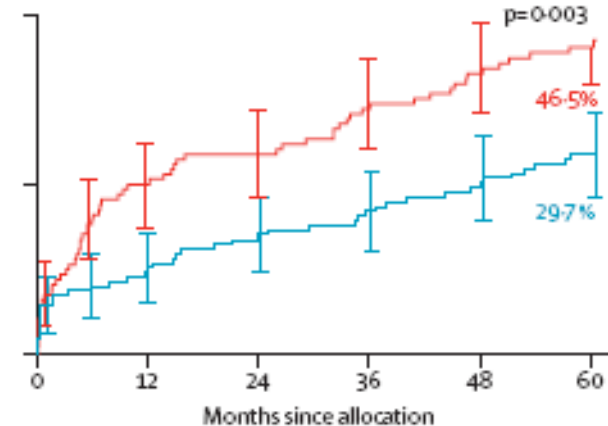
Baseline SYNTAX score 0–22



Baseline SYNTAX score 23–32



Baseline SYNTAX score ≥33



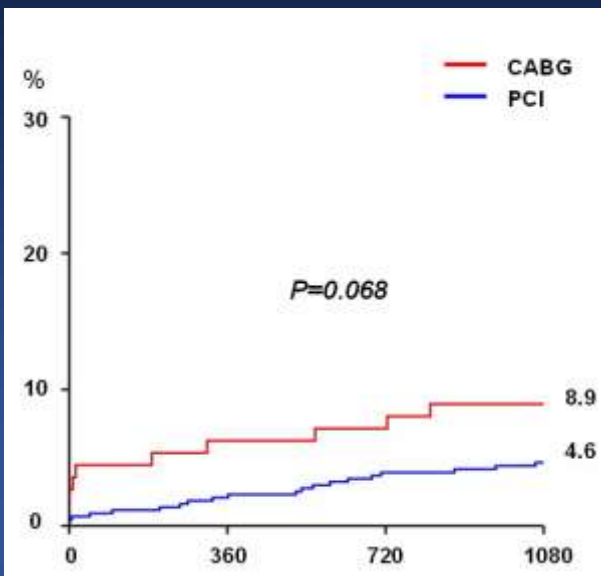
P for interaction = NS

# Different Treatment Effects between PCI and CABG

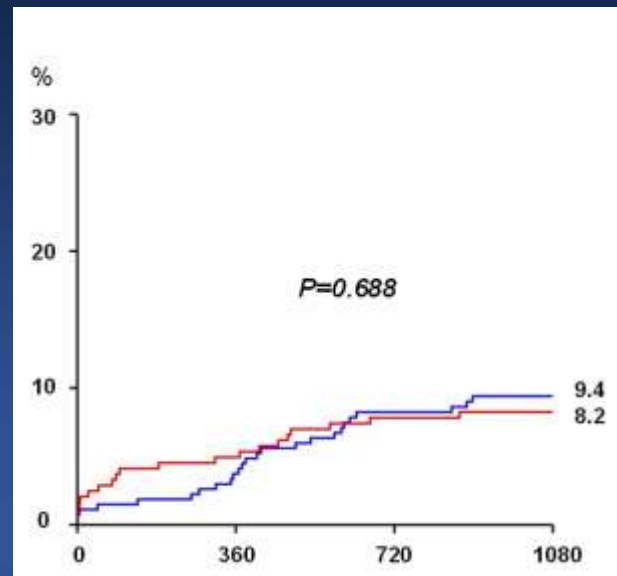
## Death, MI, or Stroke

*Interaction P=0.25 in MAIN-COMPARE*

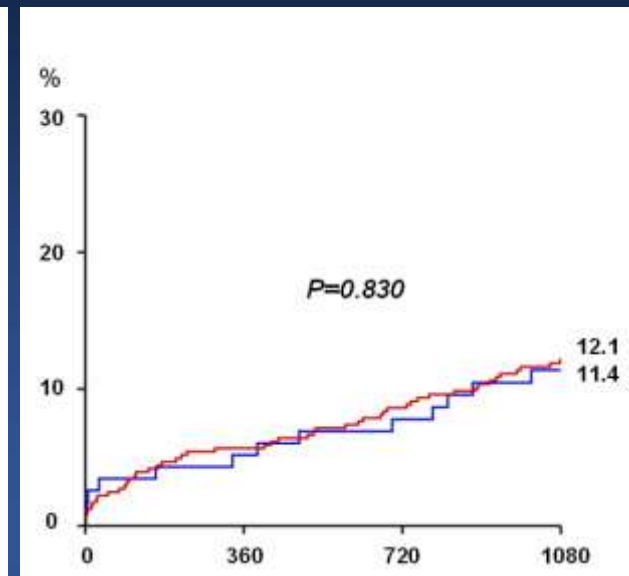
Low



Intermediate



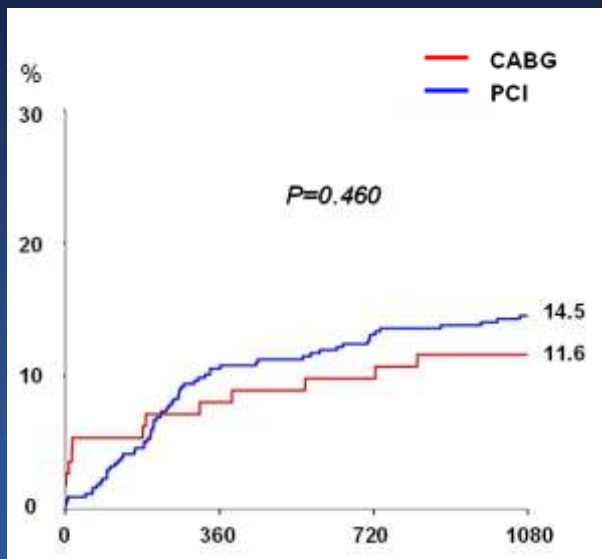
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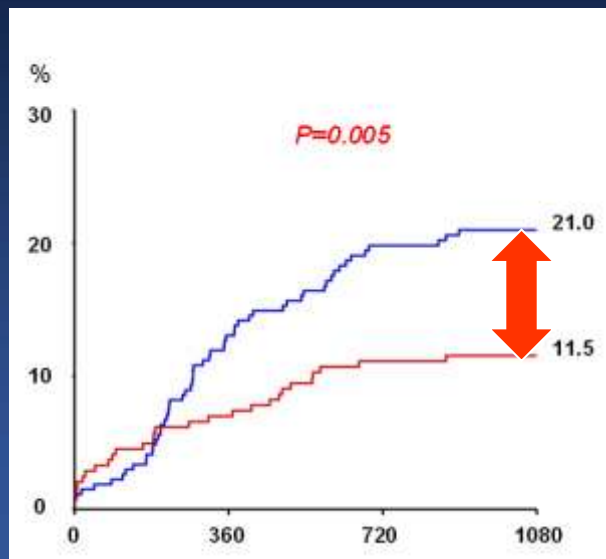
# Different Treatment Effects between PCI and CABG Death, MI, Stroke, or TVR

*Interaction P=0.66 in MAIN-COMPARE*

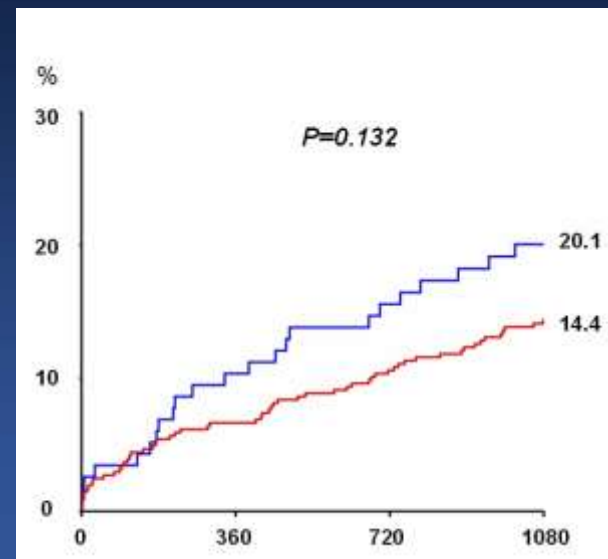
Low



Intermediate

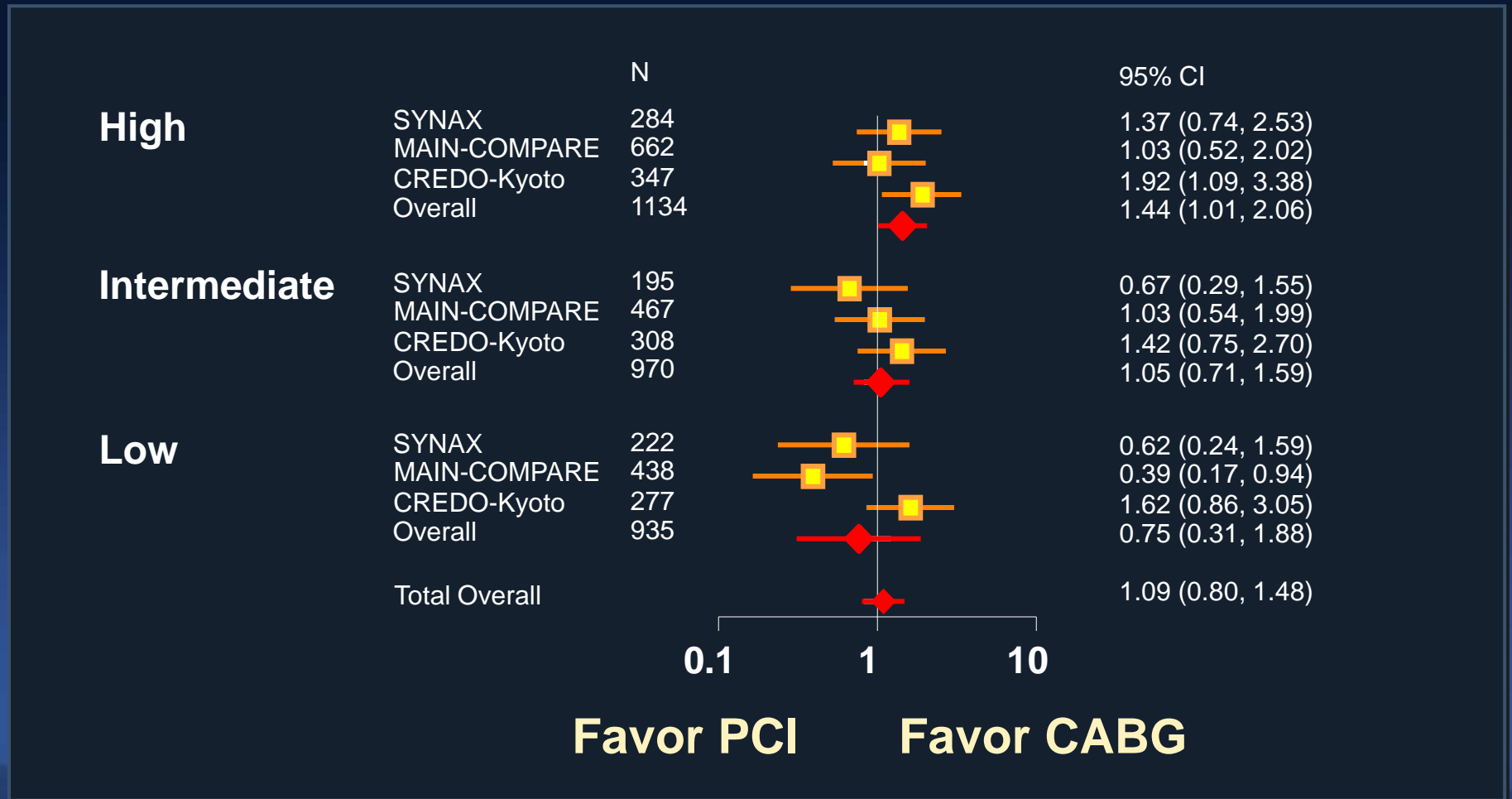


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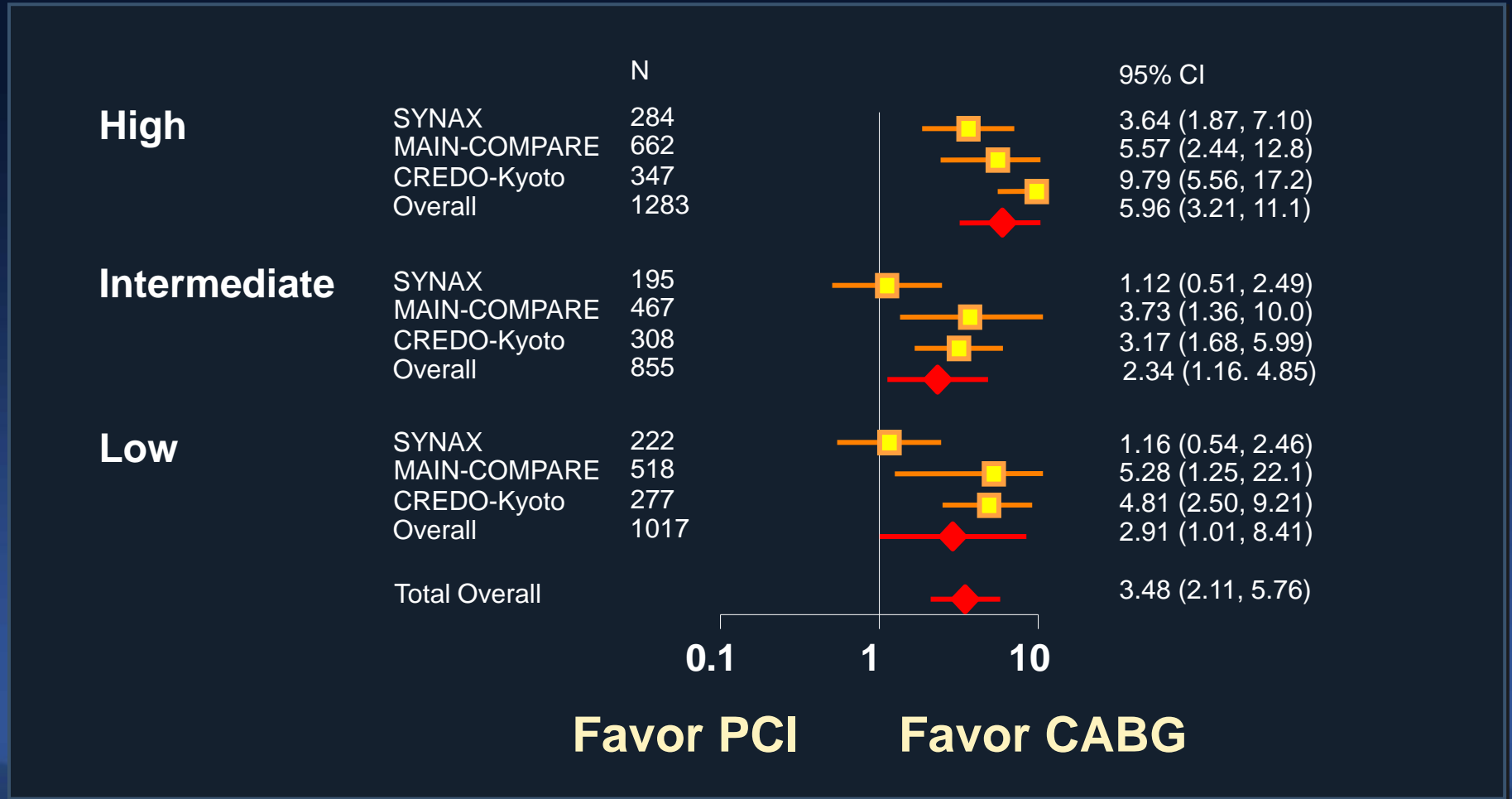
# Meta-analysis in LM PCI by SYNTAX Terciles

## 3 Year MACE



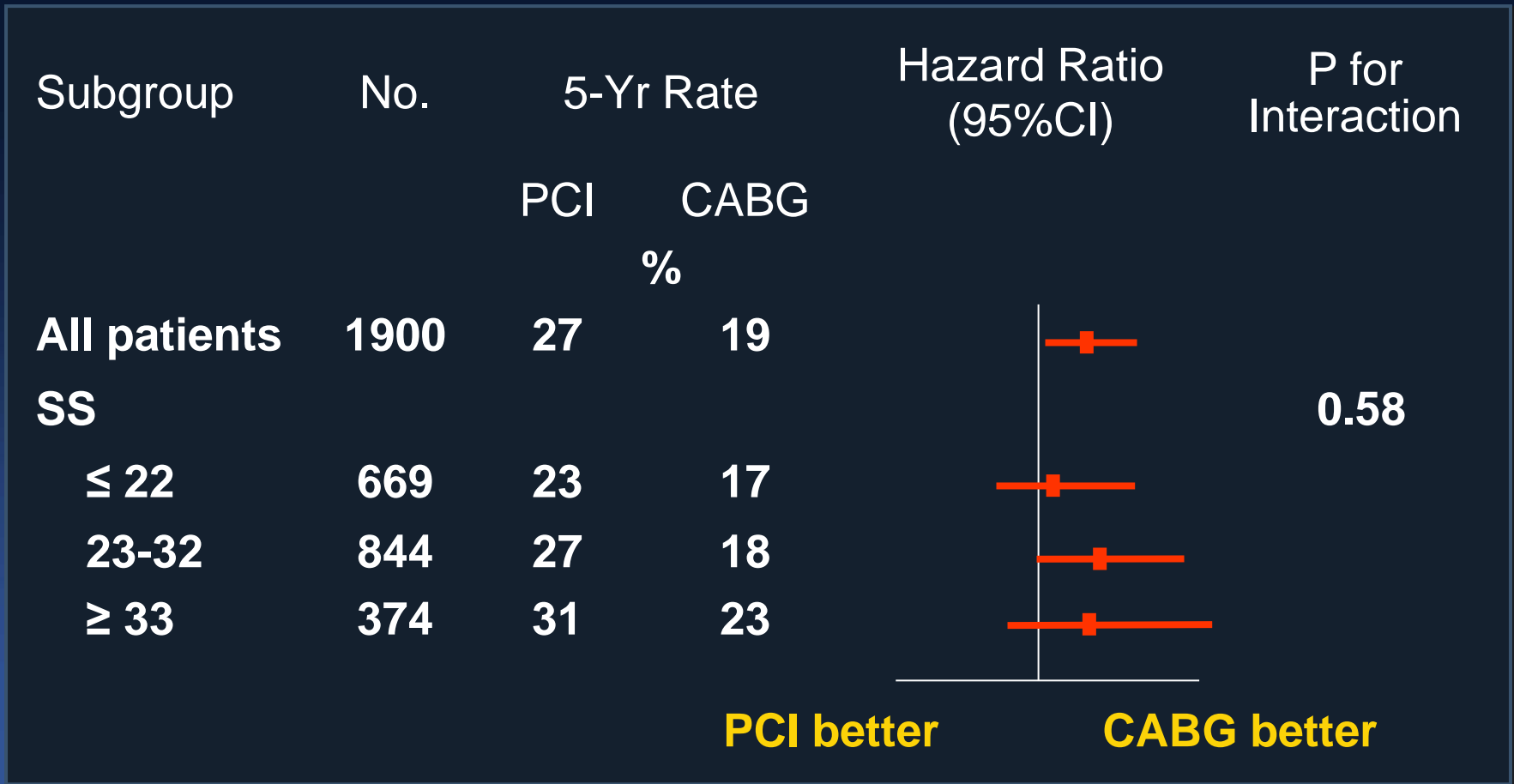
# Meta-analysis in LM PCI by SYNTAX Terciles

## 3 Year TVR



# FREEDOM Study

## DM with Multivessel





## My Thought 3

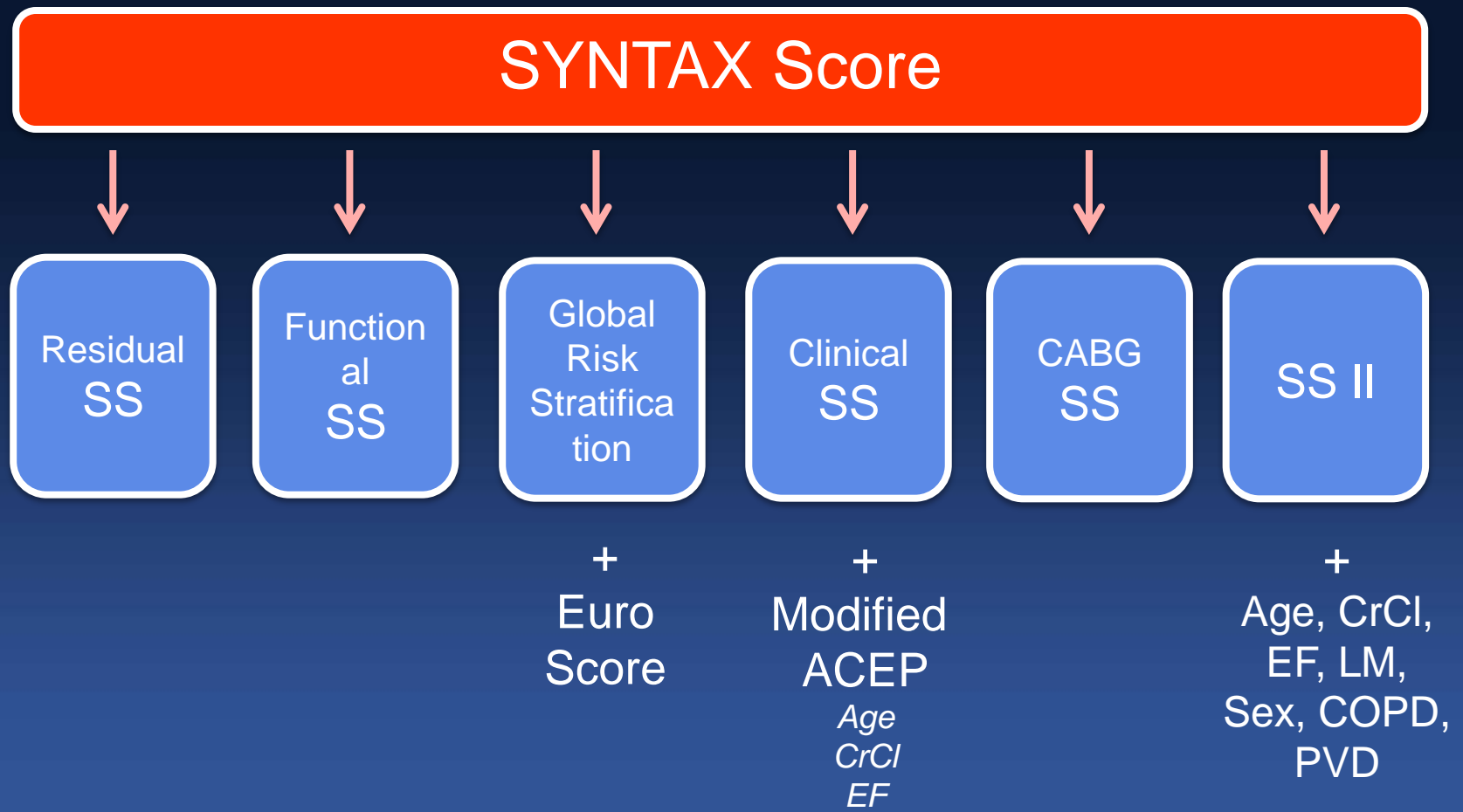
# Guidance of Revascularization Strategy

- Treatment effect was not significantly interacted between the revascularization strategy and SS terciles.
- Treatment effect between PCI and CABG does not proportionally change with SS.

***A caution is required to select revascularization strategy using the SS.***

# SYNTAX Score and Modifiers

*with combination of clinical parameters*



# Cox Model For Death, MI, or Stroke

## MAIN-COMPARE Registry

Outcomes	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P value
<b>Overall patients</b>			
EuroSCORE	1.25	1.16, 1.34	<0.001
Chronic lung disease	2.14	1.07, 4.29	0.032
Chronic renal failure	2.67	1.54, 4.63	<0.001
Atrial fibrillation	2.21	1.11, 4.42	0.024
<b>PCI patients</b>			
EuroSCORE	1.17	1.05, 1.31	0.004
Prior congestive heart failure	3.86	1.58, 9.44	0.003
Chronic renal failure	6.15	2.90, 13.01	<0.001
<b>CABG patients</b>			
EuroSCORE	1.27	1.16, 1.39	<0.001
Diabetes mellitus	1.76	1.13, 2.75	0.013
Chronic lung disease	4.03	1.79, 9.05	<0.001
Prior cerebrovascular disease	2.36	1.29, 4.31	0.005
Hyperlipidemia	0.60	0.36, 0.99	0.043

# Cox Model For MACCE MAIN-COMPARE Registry

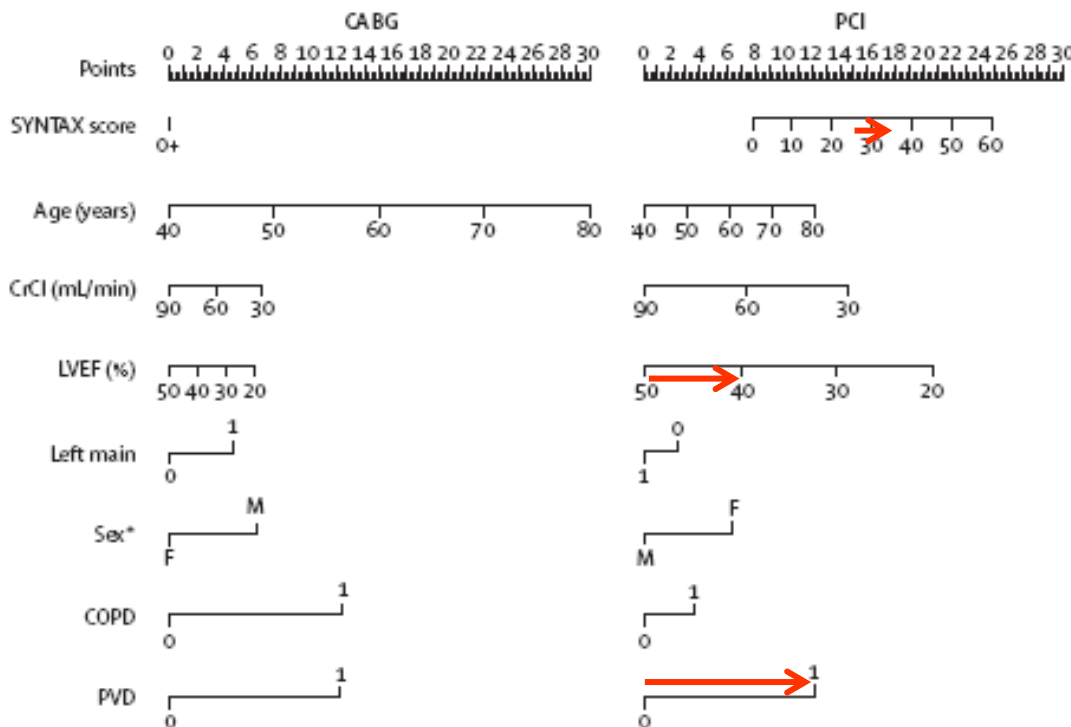
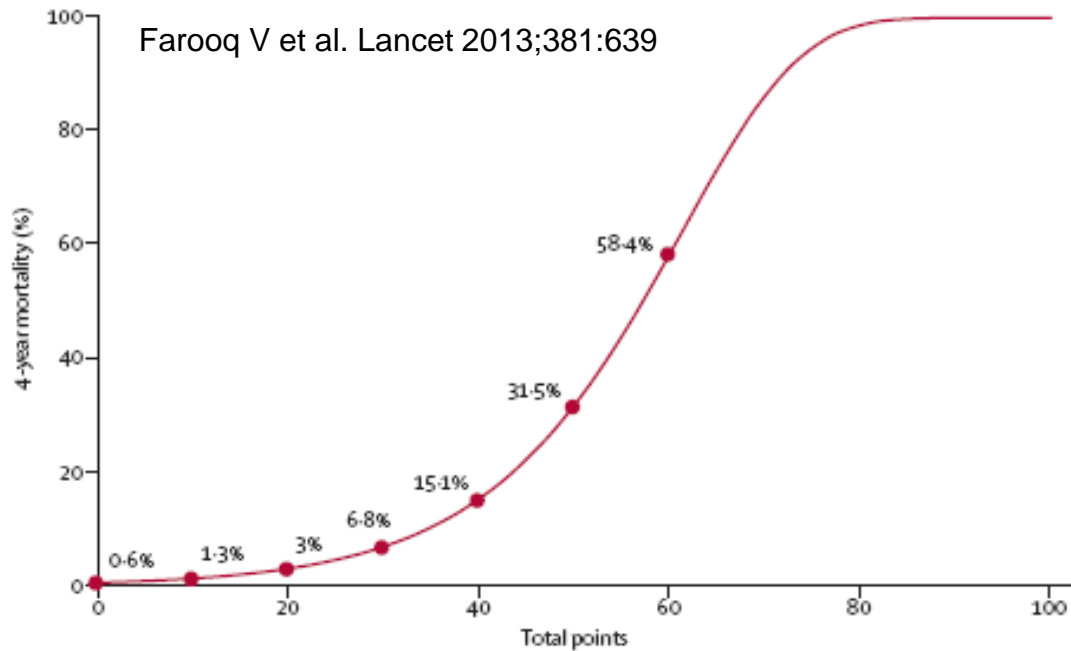
Outcomes	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P value
<b>Overall patients</b>			
EuroSCORE	1.10	1.04, 1.16	<0.001
CABG	0.71	0.54, 0.92	0.010
Chronic renal failure	2.32	1.40, 3.85	0.001
Prior cerebrovascular disease	1.58	1.08, 2.33	0.020
Use of intra-aortic balloon pump	2.00	1.09, 3.64	0.024
<b>PCI patients</b>			
Prior congestive heart failure	2.98	1.44, 6.16	0.003
Use of intra-aortic balloon pump	2.25	1.23, 4.10	0.008
Chronic renal failure	4.17	2.27, 7.64	<0.001
<b>CABG patients</b>			
EuroSCORE	1.22	1.12, 1.33	<0.001
Chronic lung disease	2.52	1.15, 5.49	0.021
Prior MI	1.76	1.06, 2.94	0.030
Prior cerebrovascular disease	2.32	1.36, 3.99	0.002

# Discrimination and Calibration For MACCE in MAIN-COMPARE

Model	Discrimination	Calibration	
	C-index (95% CI)	AIC	SLR
SS	<b>0.53</b> (0.48-0.55)	3511.0	<b>0.93</b>
EuroSCORE	<b>0.57</b> (0.53-0.60)	3493.9	<b>1.09</b>
SS + EuroSCORE	<b>0.57</b> (0.53-0.60)	3495.7	<b>1.02</b>

- ✓ Discrimination: power to predict outcomes
- ✓ Calibration: accuracy between predicted and observed outcomes

# Syntax Score II



- SS 25 (Int.) → 35 (high)
- Points 15 → 18
- EF 50 → 40
- Points 0 → 7
- PVD yes
- Points 0 → 12

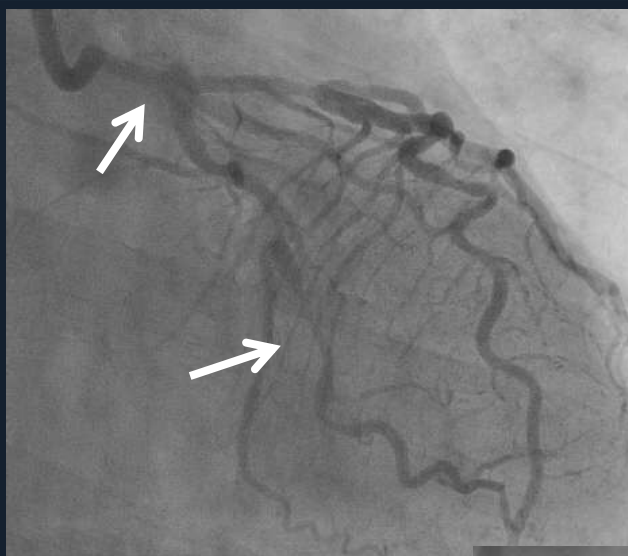
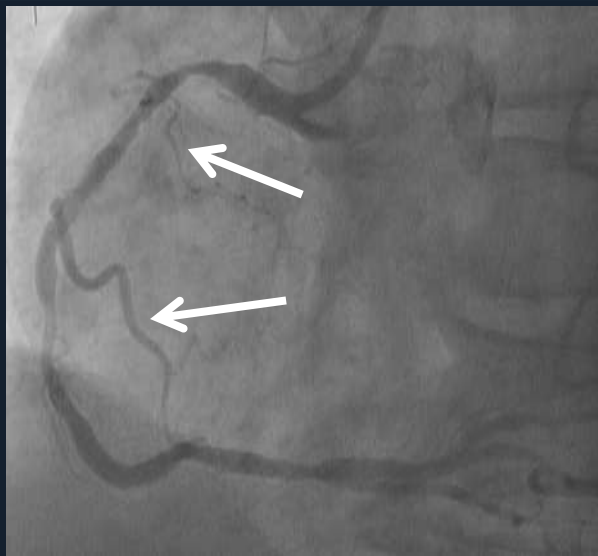
# My Thought 4

## SYNTAX + Clinical Parameters

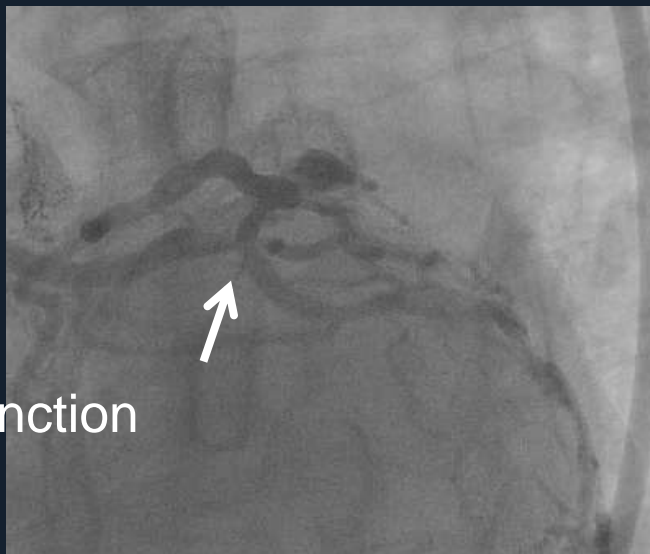
- SS is going to be just a component of predictors included in the risk model.
- Then, calculation of SS is not a prerequisite, but an option ...
- Why not simpler parameters, such as # of vessel disease or ACC/AHA classification, to represent angiographic complexity ?

# My Decision

## SS ranging from 33 - 44 across Operators



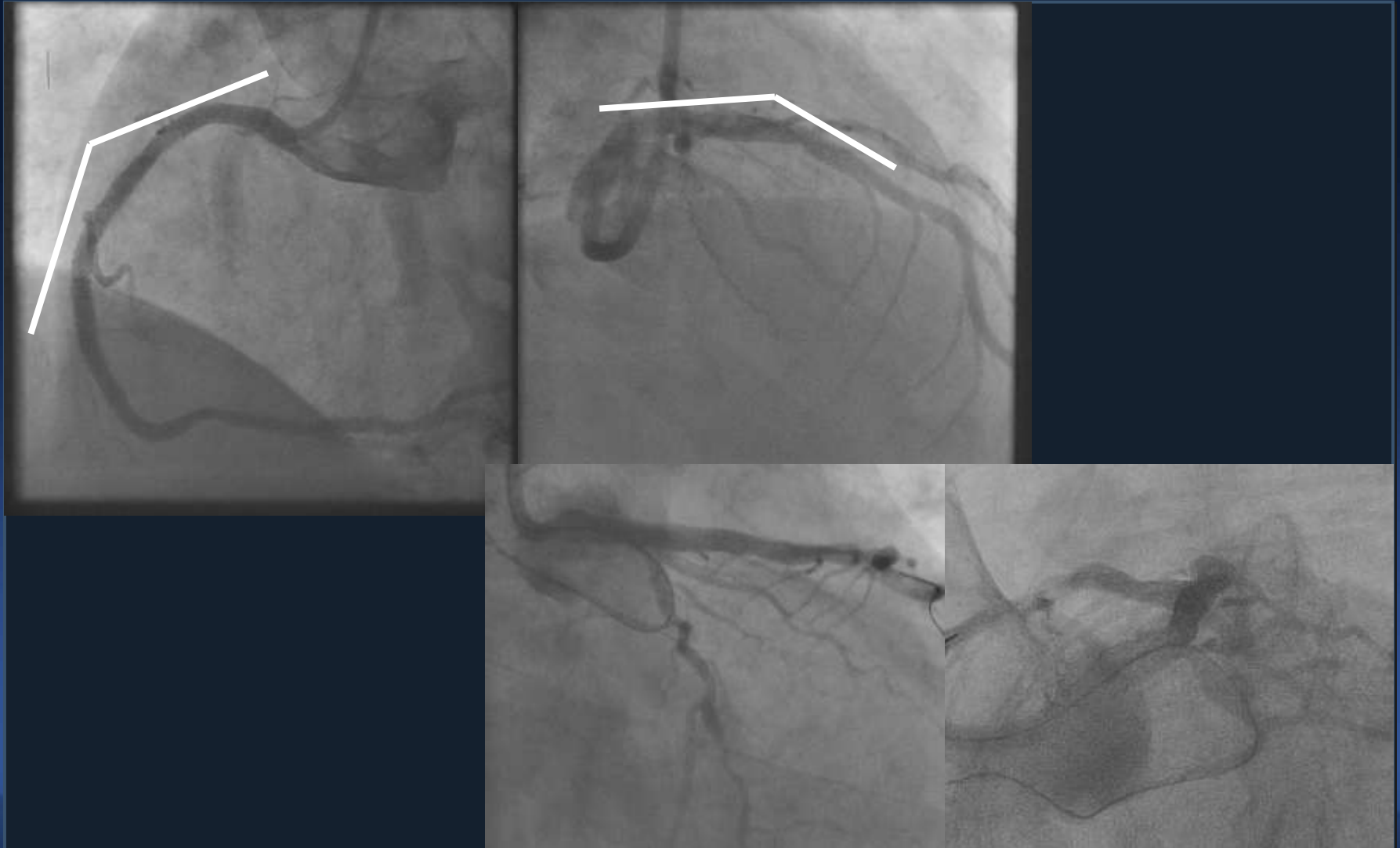
- Normal EF
- Male 68
- Non-diabetic
- Hypertension
- Normal renal function





# PCI using 4 DES for LM, LAD, RCA

## No touch for Diag and LCX



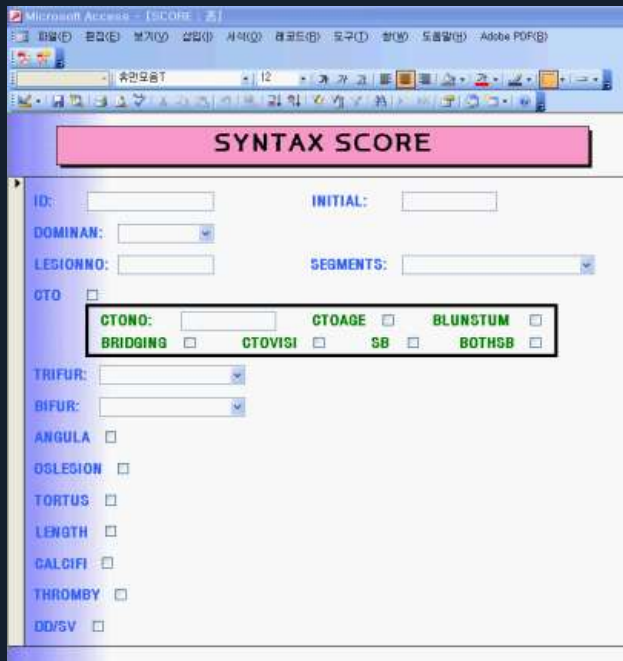
# SYNTAX Score in AMC

Routinely measured  
in the Core Lab

But, **NOT measured**  
in the Cath Lab

A good parameter of  
angiographic complexity

NOT a good parameter  
for individualized care



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