

**Primary Stenting for  
Unprotected Left Main  
Coronary Artery stenosis  
during AMI**

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# *Background*

- AMI caused by LMCA occlusion is complicated by high mortality that resulted from pump failure and malignant ventricular tachyarrhythmias

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- Primary angioplasty or stenting have emerged as a valuable reperfusion strategy for management of AMI
- However, the issue of best approach to LMCA disease during AMI is controversial

## Primary LMCA Stenting

# Previous Studies

	Year	Balloon / Stent	In-hospital mortality	Long-term mortality
Quigley	1993	4/0	100%(4/4)	-
Chauhan	1997	6/0	83% (5/6)	-
ULTIMA	2001	23/17	55%(22/40)	57%
Yip	2001	8/10	33% (6/18)	56% (8/18)
Neri	2002	5/17	50%(11/22)	59%(13/22)
Luca	2003	10/14	58%(14/24)	63%(15/24)

# ***Previous Studies***

## ***Predictors of survival***

- Dominant RCA
- Good intercoronary collaterals ( $\geq 2$ )
- Post TIMI 3 flow
- Cardiogenic shock (negative predictor)

# Purpose

- To evaluate *the clinical outcome and prognostic determinant* of primary stenting of unprotected LMCA stenosis during AMI

# **Methods**

From July, 1996 to May, 2003

Primary stenting for LM in acute myocardial infarction was performed in 22 consecutive patients



**Pre-intervention**



**Primary stenting**



**Final result**





# Baseline characteristics

N=22

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Age, yrs	58±12
Men	19 (86%)
Diabetes	3 (14%)
Hypertension	6 (27%)
Current smoker	12 (54%)
Hypercholesterolemia	7 (32%)

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Prior MI	1 (5%)
Cardiogenic shock	18 (82%)
Ventilator support	7 (32%)
Abxiciimab	12 (55%)
IABP support	18 (82%)

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# Angiographic characteristics

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Lesion location

Ostium

3 (14%)

Body

8 (36%)

Bifurcation

11 (50%)

Lesion length (mm)

14±6

Ref vessel diameter (mm)

3.8±0.5

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# In-hospital outcomes

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Angiographic success(TIMI $\geq$ 2)	19 (86%)
Emergency CABG	2 (9%)
Elective CABG	2 (9%)
Other lesion stenting	6 (27%)
Death	8 (36%)

# In-hospital outcomes

- *Emergency CABG*

was done in 2 patients after stenting within 24 hrs.

: hemodynamic instability due to 3VD

: suboptimal angiographic outcome with TIMI 1 flow (heavy calcification)

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# Long-term clinical outcomes

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Follow-Up (Months)

25±30

TLR(CABG)

1 (4.5%)

Reinfarction

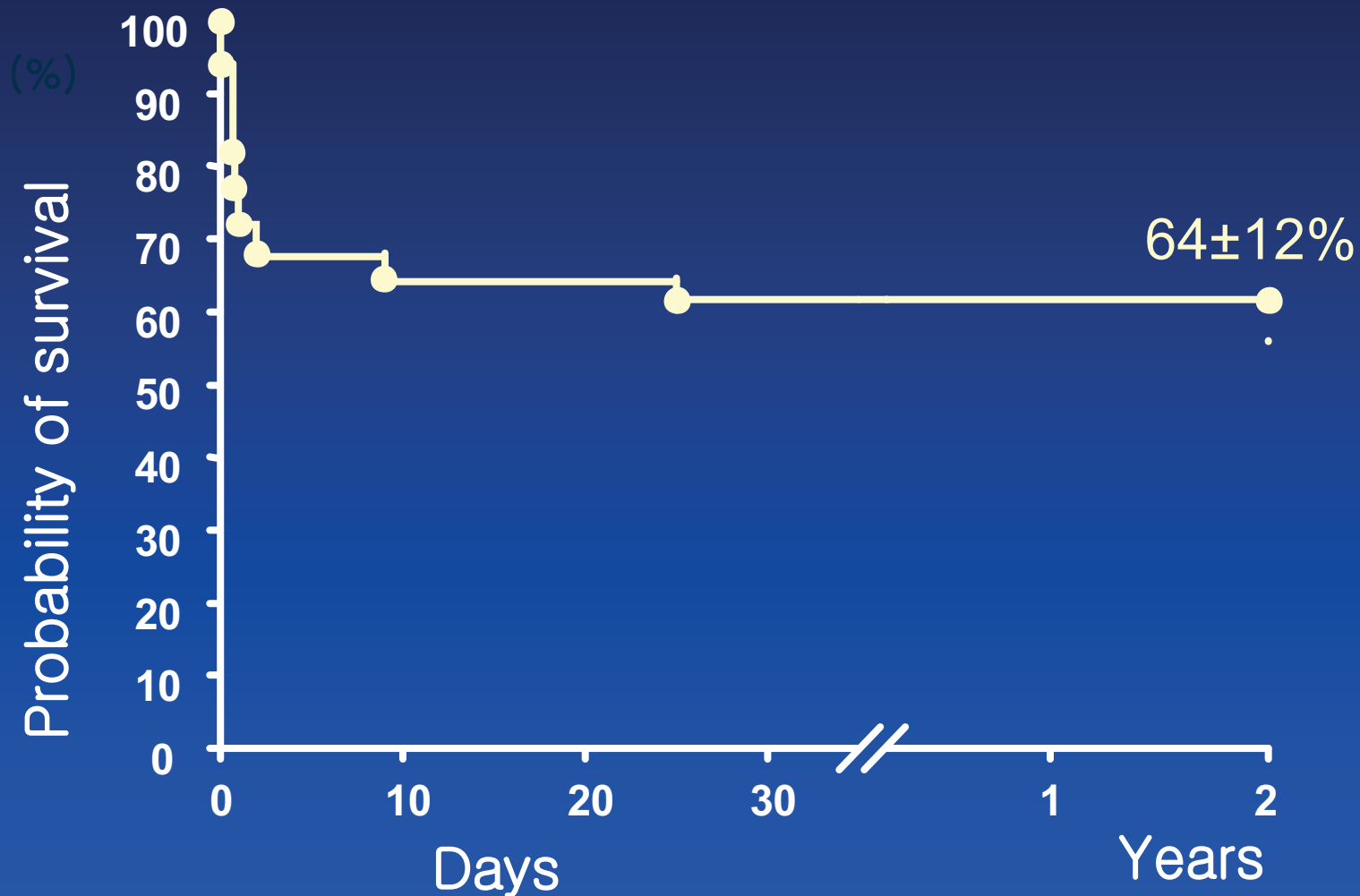
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Death

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## Primary LMCA Stenting

### 3-year Death free survival



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# Prognostic determinants

	Alive (n=13)	Dead (n=9)
Initial TIMI $\geq 2$	10(77%)	1(11%)*
Dominant RCA	3(23%)	4(44%)
Collaterals $\geq 2$	1(8%)	1(11%)
Final TIMI flow =3	12(92%)	4(44%)*
Cardiogenic shock	9(69%)	9(100%)

\*  $p < 0.05$



# Conclusion

- **Primary stenting** of left main during AMI is technically feasible and appropriate therapeutic option
- **Good pre- ( $\geq 2$ ) & post-intervention antegrade flow ( $\geq 3$ )** is significant predictors of survival
- Long term clinical outcomes of patients Surviving to hospital discharge was favorable