



Asymptomatic Long QT

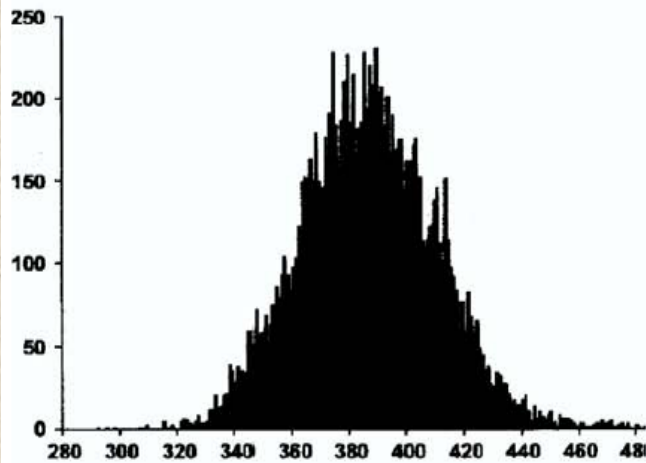
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QT interval

Distribution of QTc intervals in large population-based studies

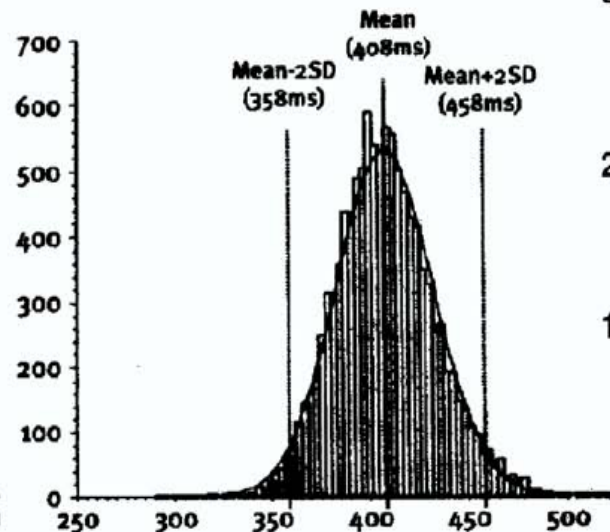
12,000 adults (90% males)

Gallagher, *Am J Cardiol* 2006.



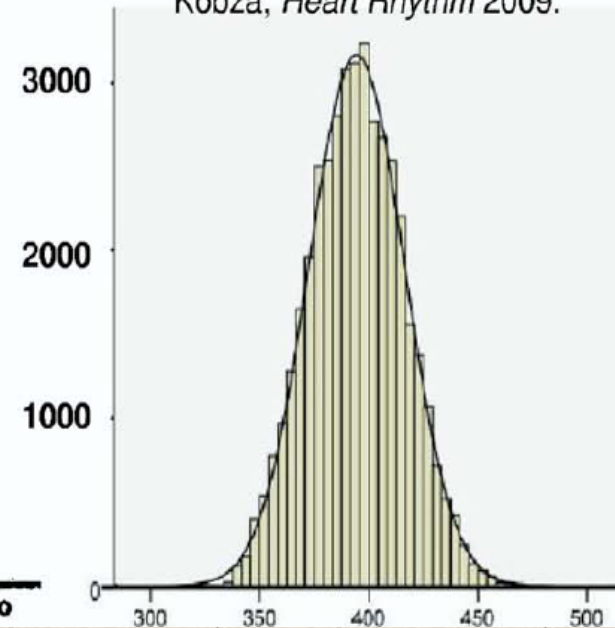
11,000 adults (50% males)

Funada, *Clin Cardiol* 2008.



40,000 conscripts (male)

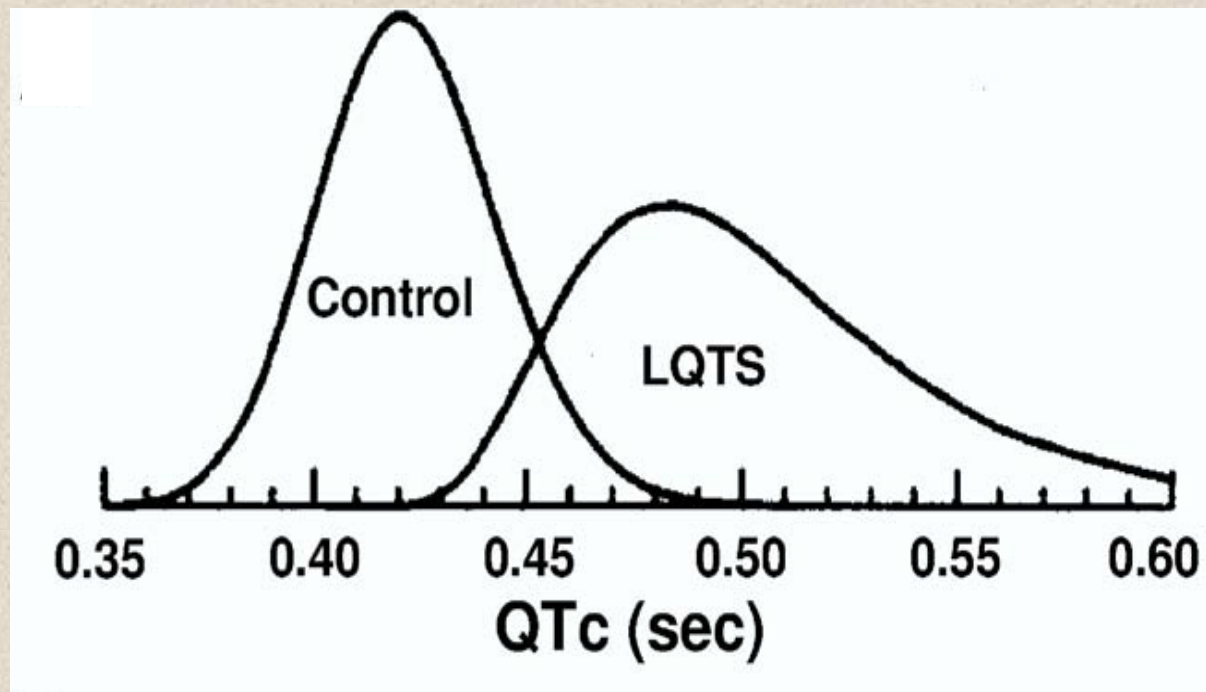
Kobza, *Heart Rhythm* 2009.



Viskin S, *Heart Rhythm* 2009; 6: 711-715

QT interval

Distribution of QTc intervals of 117 LQTS mutation carriers and 113 healthy relatives (noncarriers) as reported by Vincent's group



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QT interval

Spectrum of QT intervals

QT scale.	
Males	Females
470	480
Very long QT. LQTS even if asymptomatic. Exclude II ^o causes	
450	460
Long QT. LQTS when supported by symptoms, family history or additional tests.*	
390	400
Long QT possible. Additional tests when indicated:* Repeated ECG, Holter, T-wave morphology, exercise, epinephrine-challenge, adenosine-challenge.	
360	370
Normal QT.	
330	340
Short QT. SQTS when supported by symptoms or family history. Additional tests: Repeated ECG, Holter, T-wave morphology (?), electrophysiologic studies (?)	
Very short QT. SQTS even if asymptomatic. Exclude II ^o causes	

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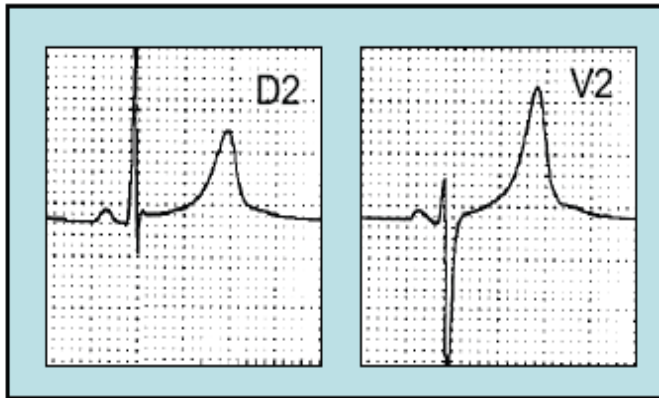


Inherited Long QT Syndromes

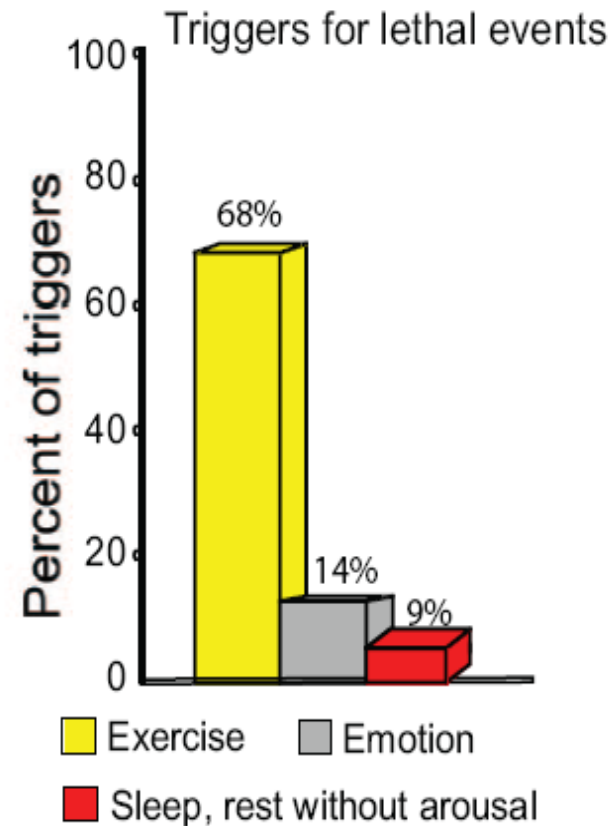
Locus Name	Chromosomal Locus	Gene Symbol	Protein (Symbol)	Current	In Vitro Characterization	Gene-Specific Therapy*
LQT1	11p15.5	<i>KCNQ1</i>	I_{Ks} potassium channel α -subunit (KvLQT1)	↓ Ks	Dominant negative suppression, trafficking defect, abnormal gating, reduced response to β -AR signal	β -blockers, † potassium channel openers †
LQT2	7q35-q36	<i>KCNH2</i>	I_{Kr} potassium channel α -subunit (HERG)	↓ Kr	Dominant negative suppression, trafficking defect, abnormal gating	β -blockers, † potassium supplement, † potassium channel openers, flecainadine and thapsigargin
LQT3	3p21	<i>SCN5A</i>	Cardiac sodium channel α -subunit (Nav 1.5)	↑ Na	Abnormal gating: sustained current, slower inactivation, faster recovery, increased window current	Sodium channel blockers (mexiletine) †
LQT4	4q25-q27	<i>ANKK2</i>	Ankyrin B (ANKB)	↓ Ncx1, Na/K ATPase, InsP3	Loss of expression and mislocalization	None proposed
LQT5	21q22.1-q22.2	<i>KCNE1</i>	I_{Ks} potassium channel β -subunit (MinK)	↓ Ks	Dominant negative suppression, abnormal gating, reduced response to β -AR signal	β -blockers, potassium supplement, potassium channel openers
LQT6	21q22.1-q22.2	<i>KCNE2</i>	I_K potassium channel beta subunit (MiRP)	↓ Kr	Reduced current density and abnormal channel gating	β -blockers, potassium supplement, potassium channel openers, flecainadine and thapsigargin
LQT7/Andersen	17q23.1-q24.2	<i>KCNJ2</i>	I_{K1} potassium channel (Kir2.1)	↓ K1	Dominant negative suppression, nonfunctional channels, trafficking defect, abnormal gating	None proposed
LQT8/Timothy	12p13.3	<i>CACNA1c</i>	Voltage-gated calcium channel, CaV1.2	↑ Ca	Loss of inactivation	Calcium channel blockers †
LQT9	3p25	<i>CAV3</i>	Caveolin-3	↑ Na	Increased late I _{Na}	Sodium channel blockers (mexiletine)
LQT10	11q23	<i>SCN4B</i>	Cardiac sodium channel β -4 subunit	↑ Na	Increased late I _{Na}	Sodium channel blockers (mexiletine)
LQT11	7q21-22	<i>AKAP</i>	A-kinase anchoring proteins	↓ Ks	Reduced phosphorylation of the I _{Ks} channel	β -blockers
LQT12	20q11.2	<i>SNTA1</i>	Syntrophin	↑ Na	Increased late I _{Na}	Sodium channel blockers (mexiletine)

Ruan et al, *Circ Arrhythmia Electrophysiol* 2008; 1:290-297

The Long QT Syndromes: LQT1

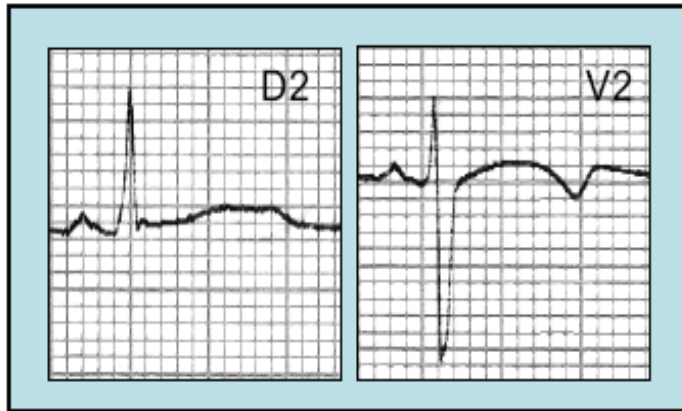


- QTc: 457 ± 38 ms
- Mean Penetrance: 55%
- Events: 30%
- CA or LQTS-death: 10%
- **Beta blockers:**
 - All events*
Pre Rx: 39% Post Rx: 10%
 - Cardiac arrest*
Pre Rx: 2% Post Rx: 1%



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The Long QT Syndromes: LQT2



- QTc: 467 ± 36 ms
- Mean Penetrance: 70%
- Events: 46%
- CA or LQTS-death: 20%

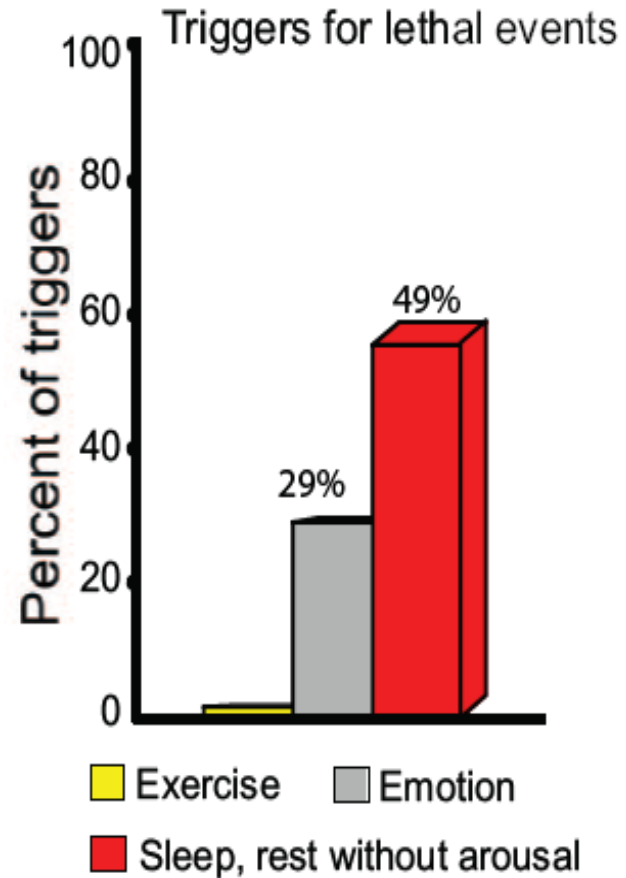
• **Beta blockers:**

All events

Pre Rx: 58% Post Rx: 32%

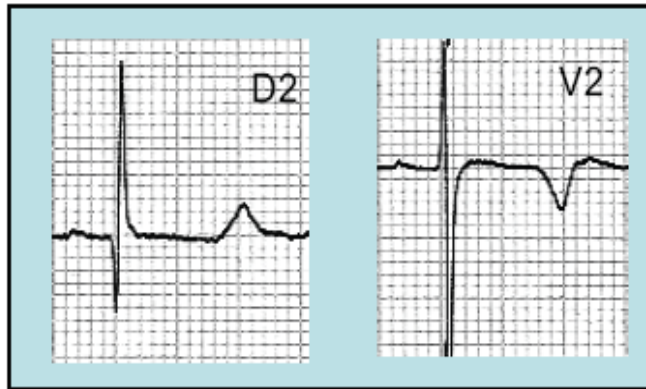
Cardiac arrest

Pre Rx: 8% Post Rx: 6%



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The Long QT Syndromes: LQT3



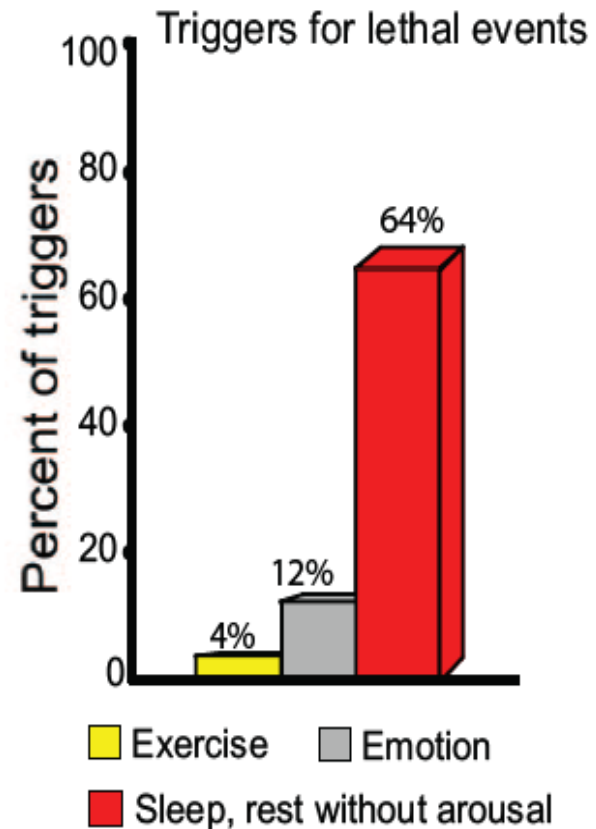
- QTc: 478 ± 52 ms
- Mean Penetrance: 79%
- Events: 46%
- CA or LQTS-death: 16%
- **Beta blockers:**

All events

Pre Rx: 57% Post Rx: 32%

Cardiac arrest

Pre Rx: 18% Post Rx: 14%

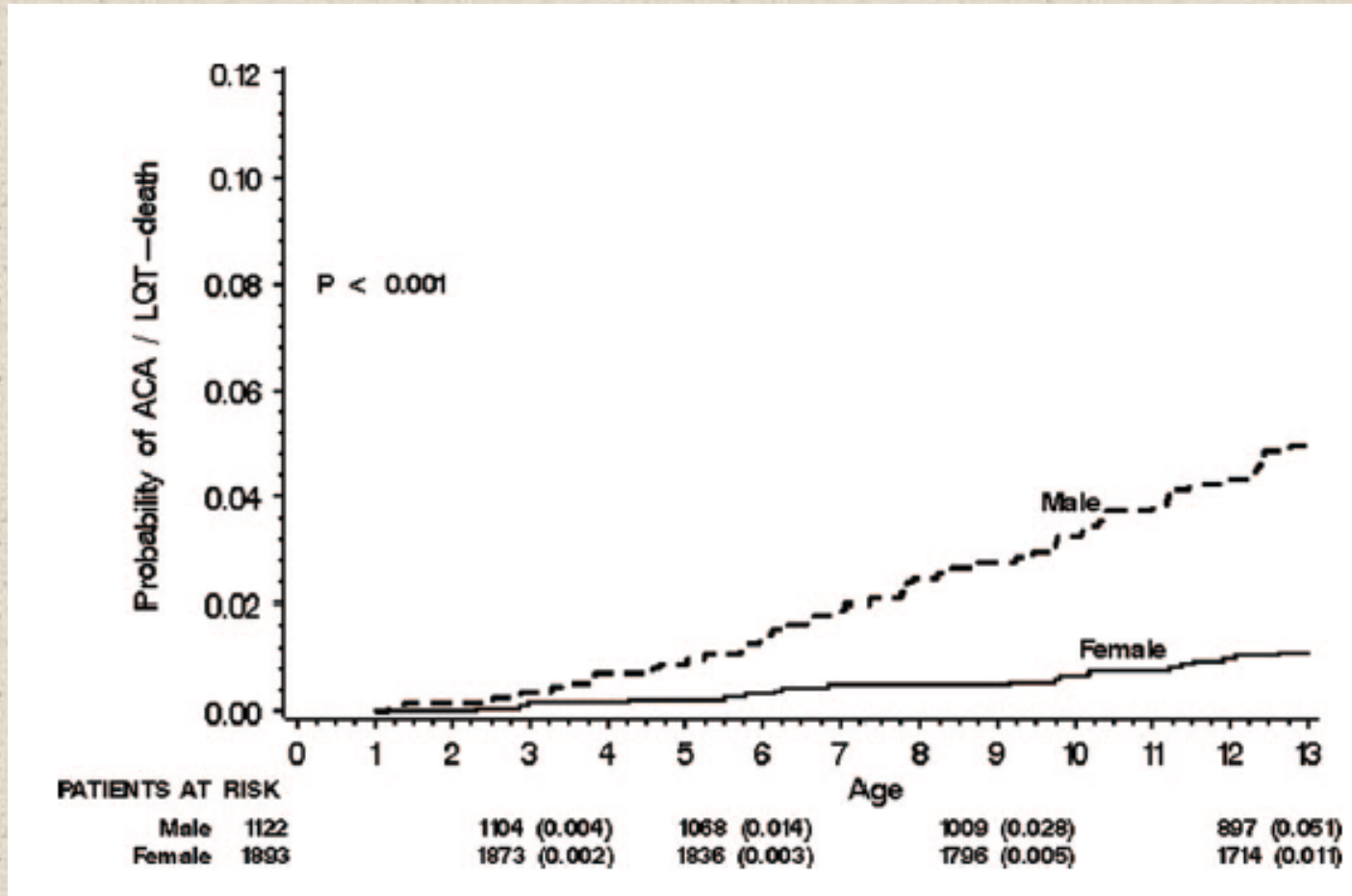


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Risk Factors for ACA or SCD During Childhood: Male Versus Female HR in Risk Subsets

Risk Subset	Male vs Female Risk	
	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
No prior syncope and		
QTc >500 ms	12.11 (3.73–39.31)	<0.001
QTc ≤500 ms	4.23 (1.47–12.19)	0.008
Prior syncope and		
QTc >500 ms	2.68 (1.22–5.91)	0.01
QTc ≤500 ms	0.94 (0.38–2.30)	0.88

Probability of ACA or SCD by gender

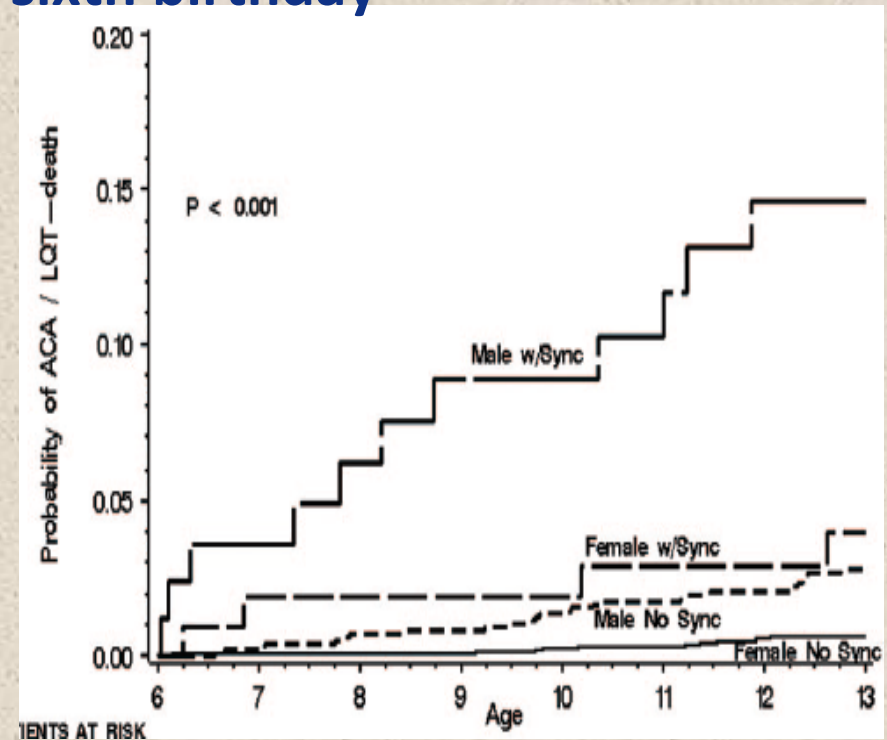
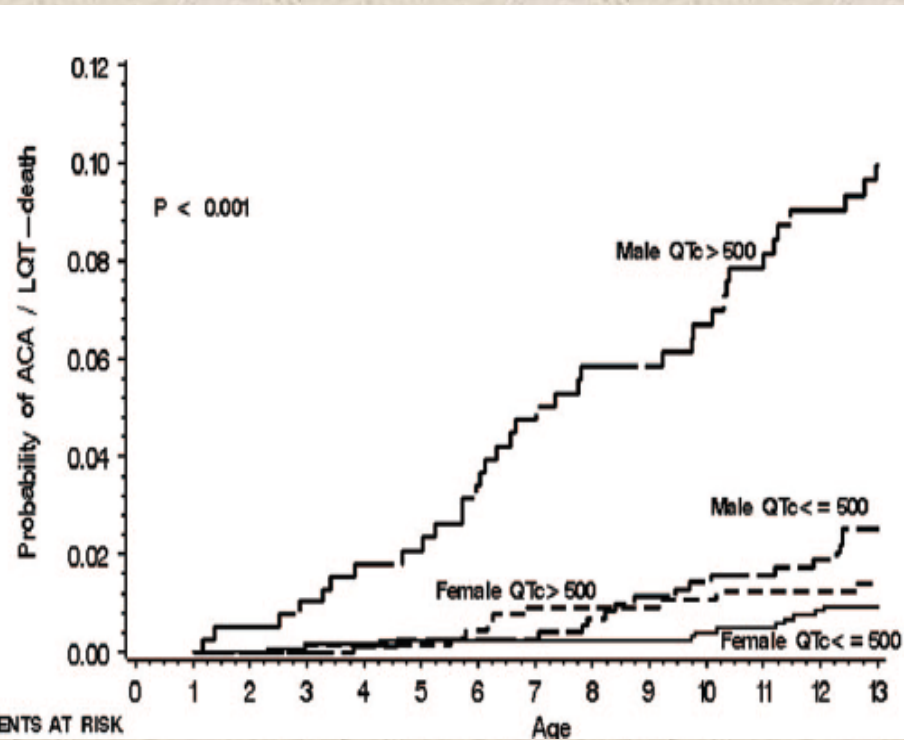


Goldenberg et al, Circulation, 2008; 117: 2184-2192



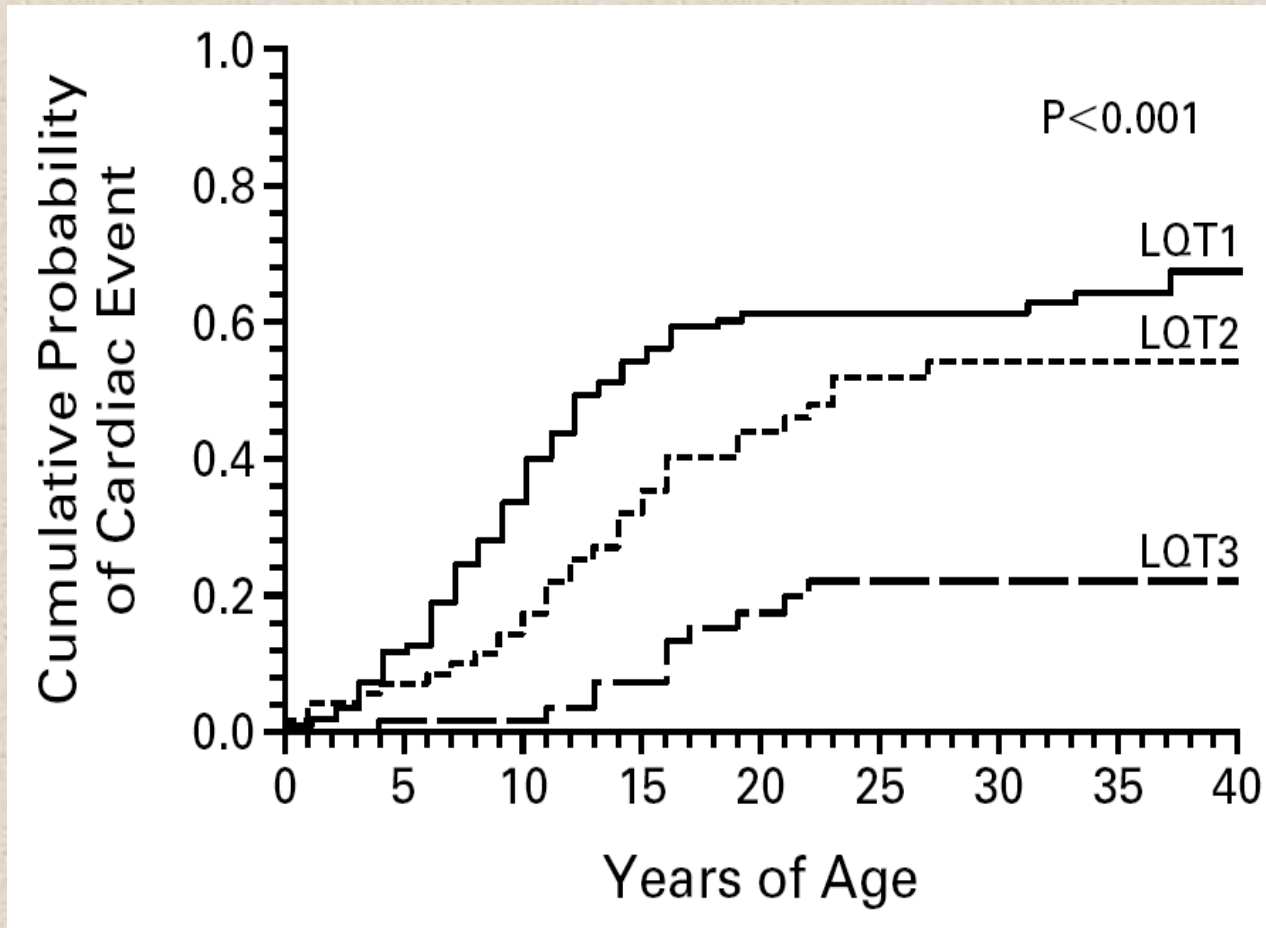
Probability of ACA or SCD by gender and QTc subgroups

Probability of ACA or SCD after 6 years of age by gender and a history of syncope before the sixth birthday



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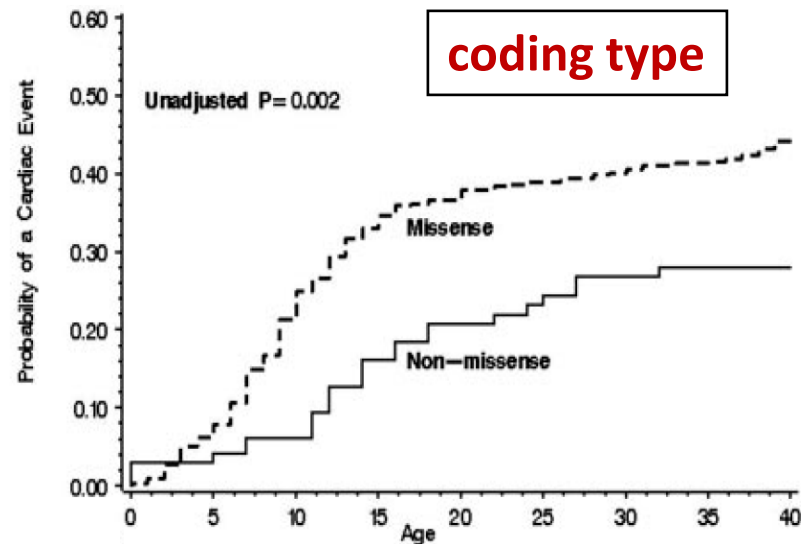
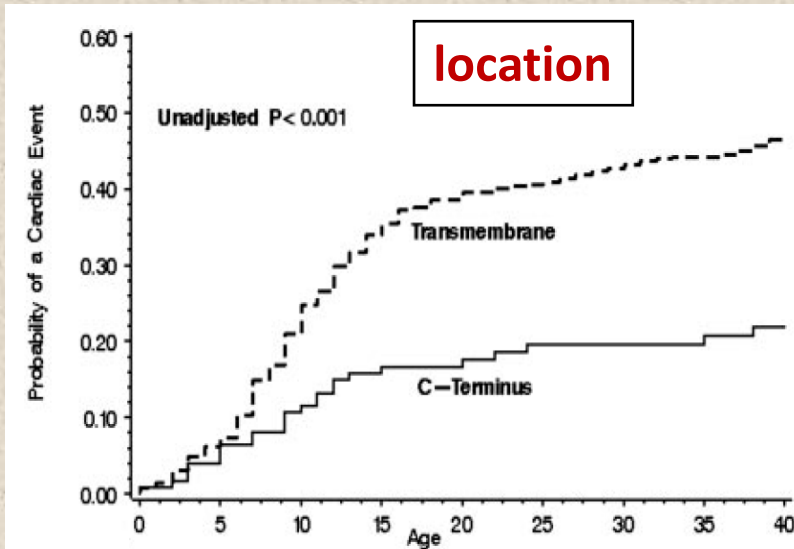
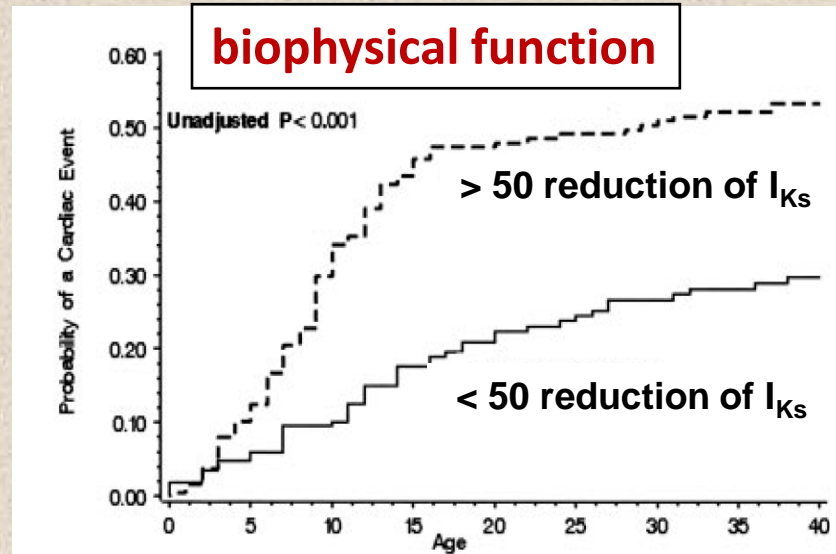
Risk in LQT according to genotype and age



Zareba et al NEJM 1996

Type of LQT1 mutation and outcome

- 600 patients with LQT 1
- Outcome regarding:
 - location
 - coding type
 - biophysical function



Moss et al Circulation 2007

Location of mutation and prognosis in LQT 2

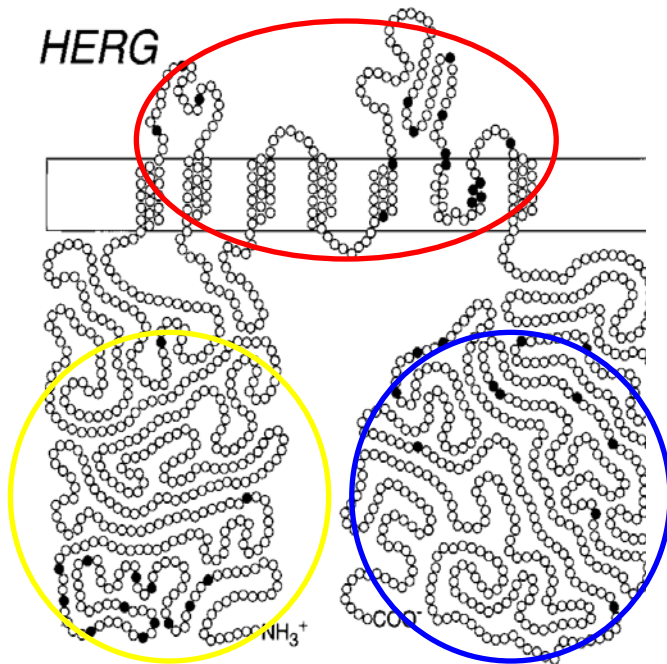
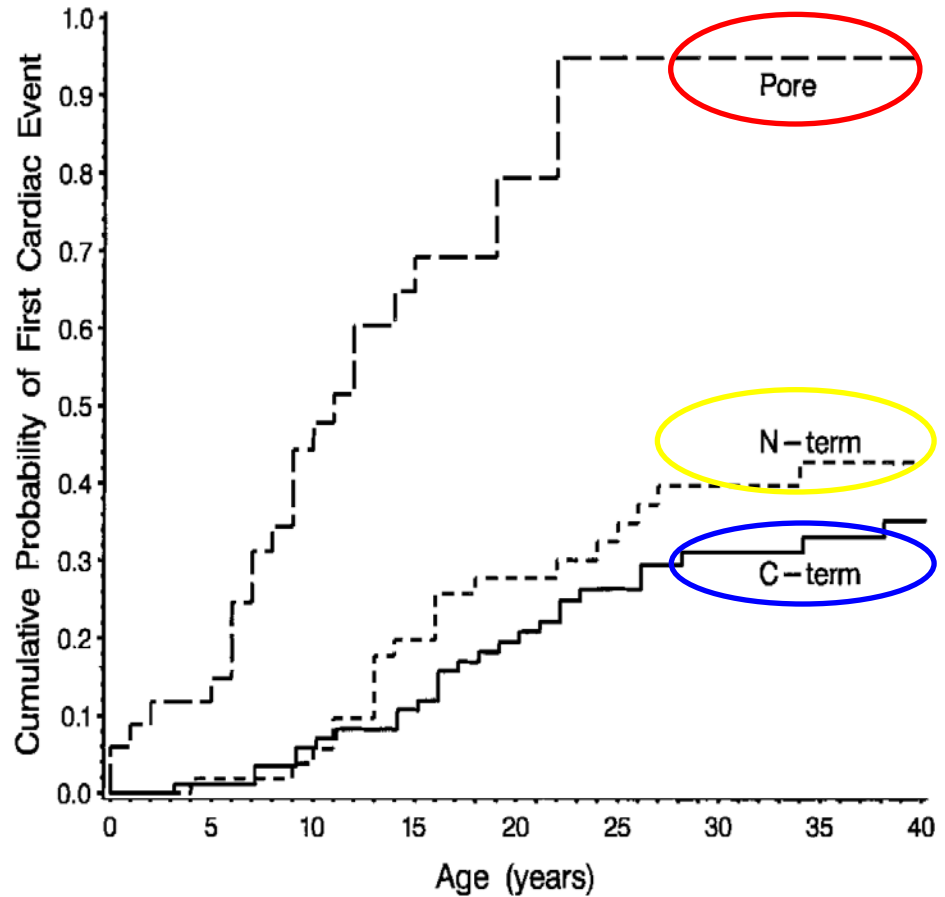


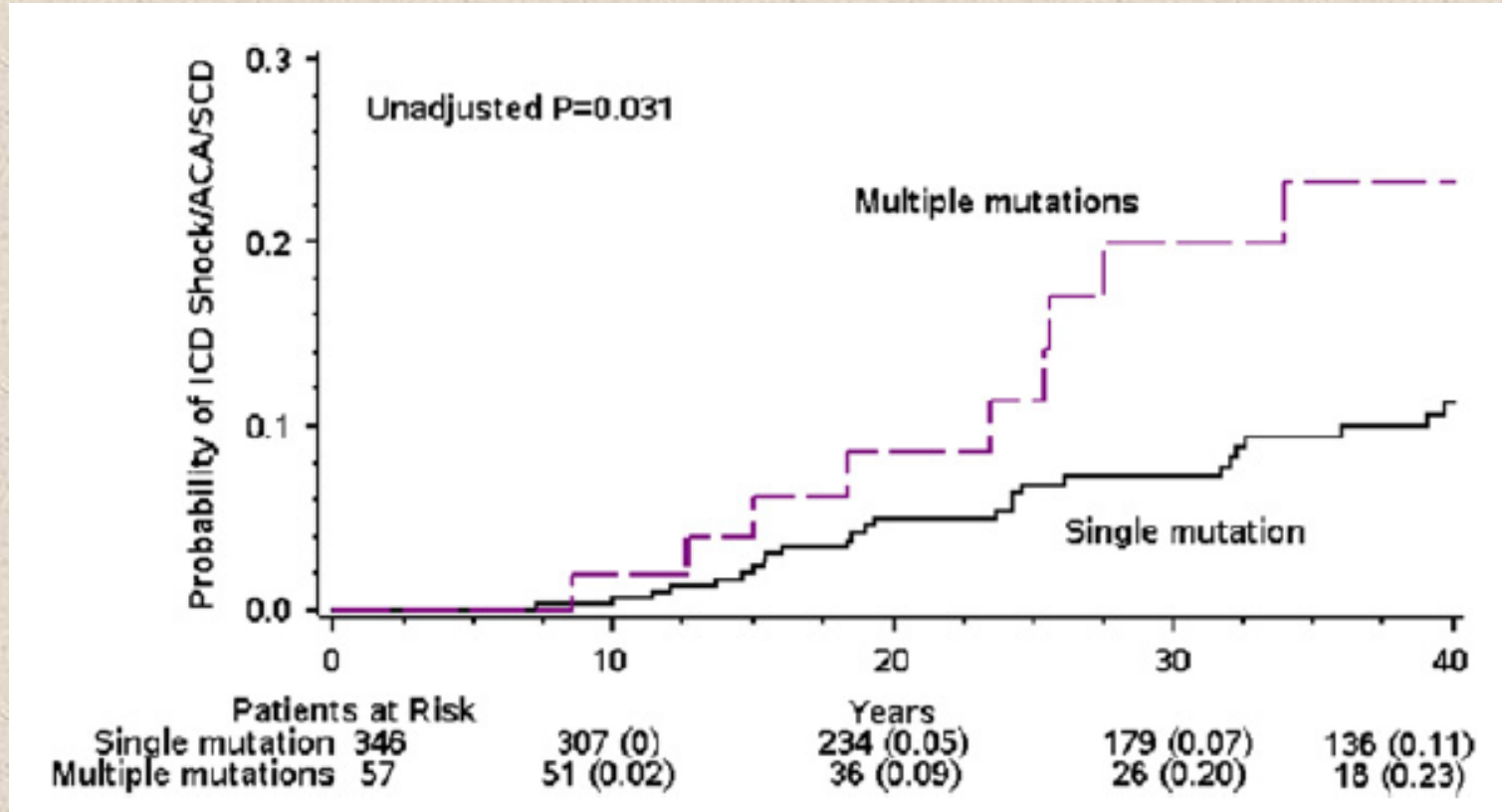
Figure 1. Schematic representation of HERG potassium channel- α subunit involving the N-terminus portion (NH) membrane-spanning segments with the pore region ex from segments S₅ to S₆, and the C-terminus portion (C) Mutational locations are indicated by black dots.



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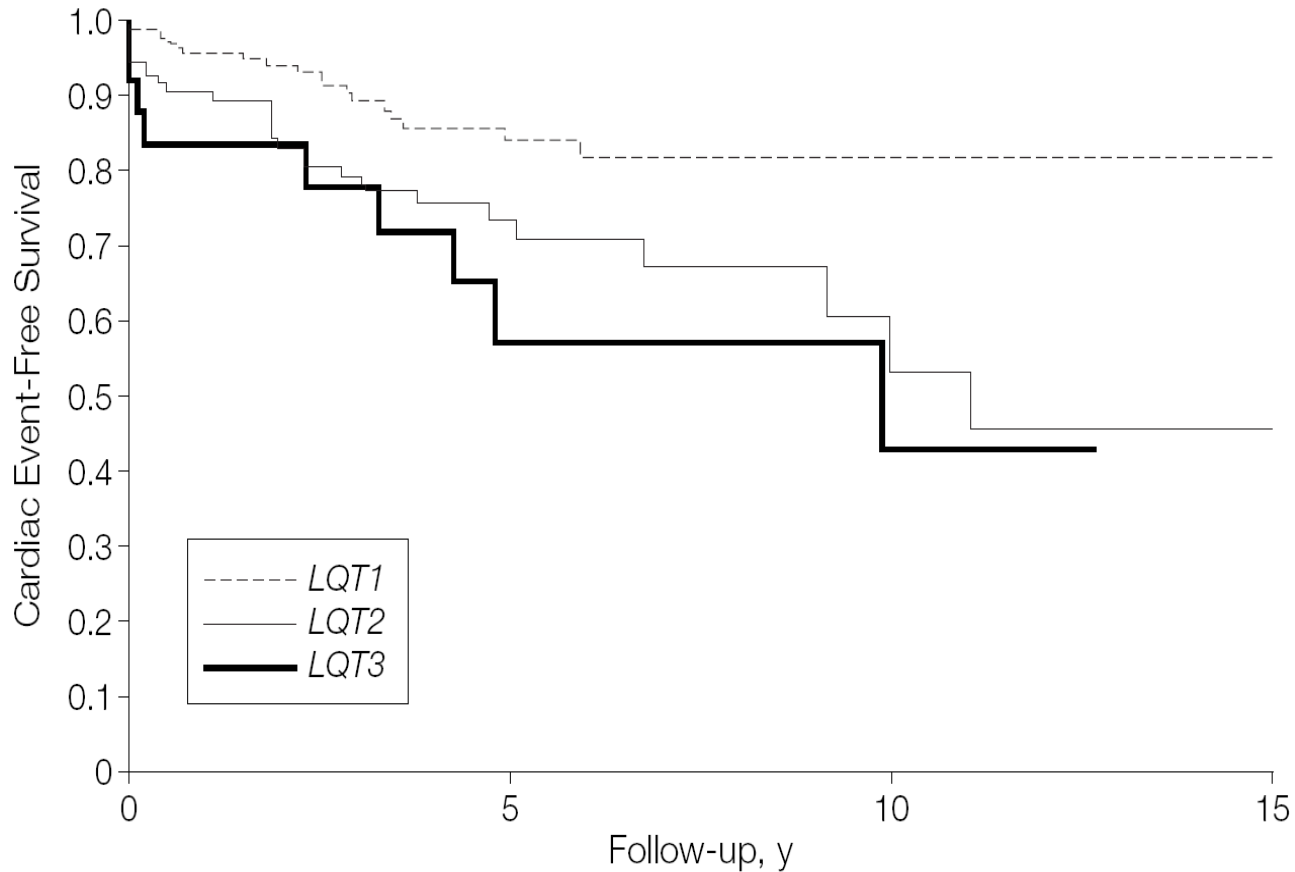
Long QT Syndrome and Multiple Mutations

Cumulative probability of life-threatening cardiac events by mutation subgroup



Mullally et al. Heart Rhythm 2013;10:378-382

Betablocker response and genotype

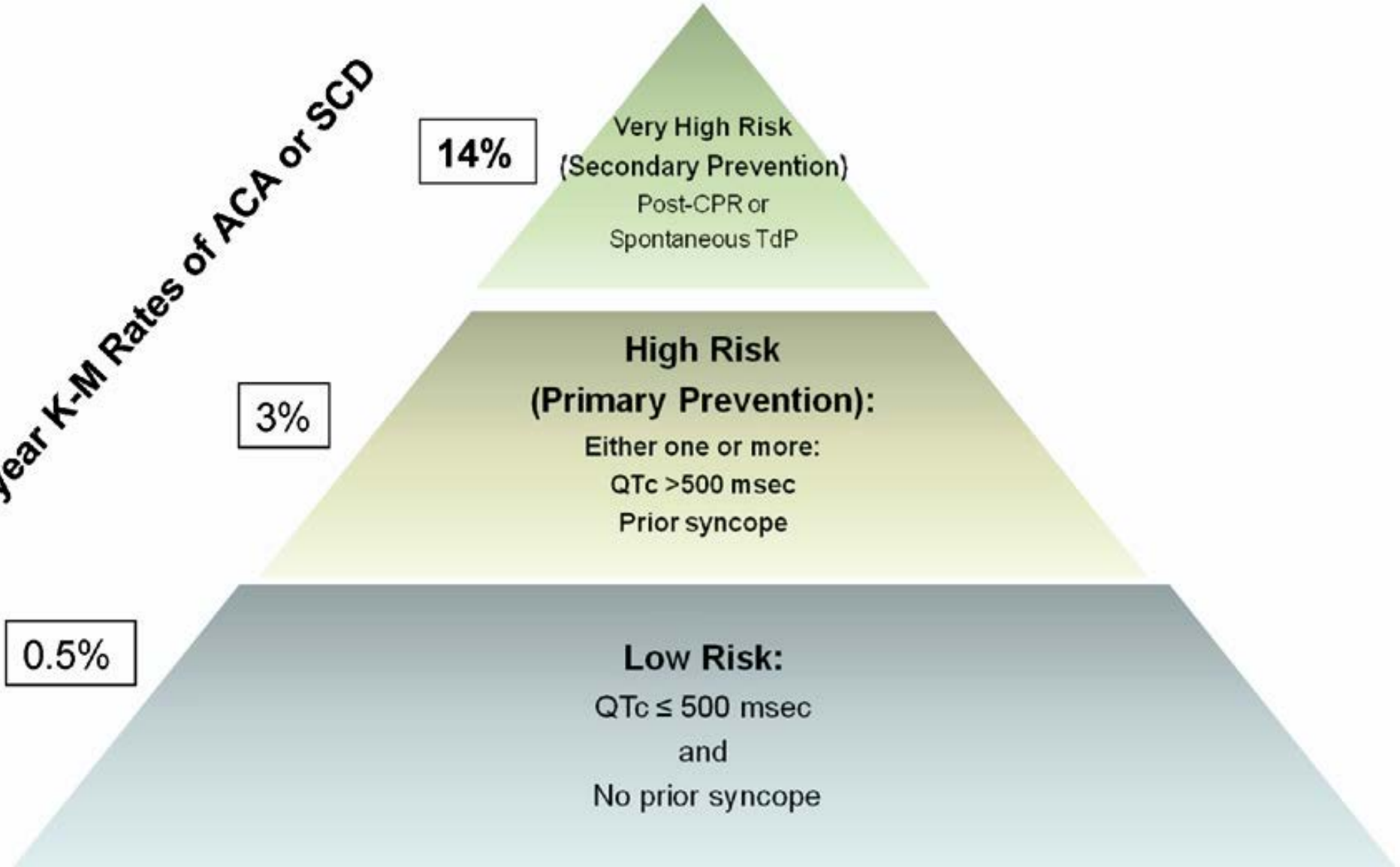


No. at Risk

LQT1	187	50	26	17
LQT2	120	30	8	4
LQT3	28	8	3	0

Priori et al. Jama 2004

5-year K-M Rates of ACA or SCD



Goldenberg et al, JACC 2008



International LQT Registry - Outcome

Age	No. of Patients	Symptoms	No. (%) SCD/ACA	Annual event rate
1–12y	3015	21 %	53 (1.8%)	0.15%
10–20y	824	21 %	26 (3.2%)	0.31%
18–40y	812	23 %	50 (6.1%)	0.28%
40–75y	2759	21 %	246 8.9%	0.47%

Goldenberg et al Circulation 2008;

Hobbs et al JAMA 2006;

Sauer et al JACC 2007



Beta-Blockers in Long QT syndrome

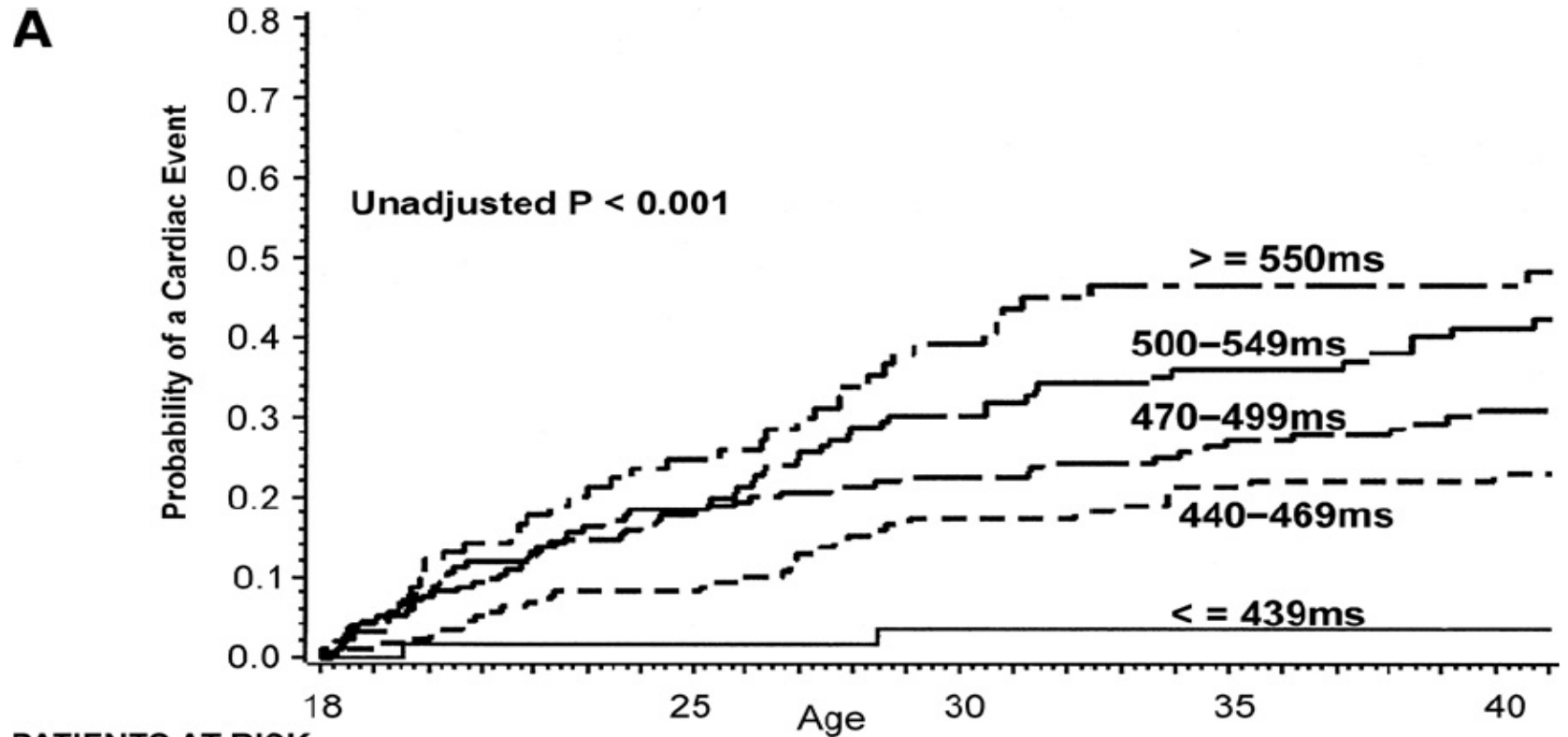
Age	Reduction of ACA/SCD	Patients on beta-blockers
1 – 12y	53 %	21 %
10 – 20y	64 %	14 %
18 – 40y	60 %	18 %
40 - 75y	42 %	31 %
MEAN	55 %	21 %



Mean event rate 0.32 SCD/SCA /year



Patients 18-40 years of age not stratified for symptoms



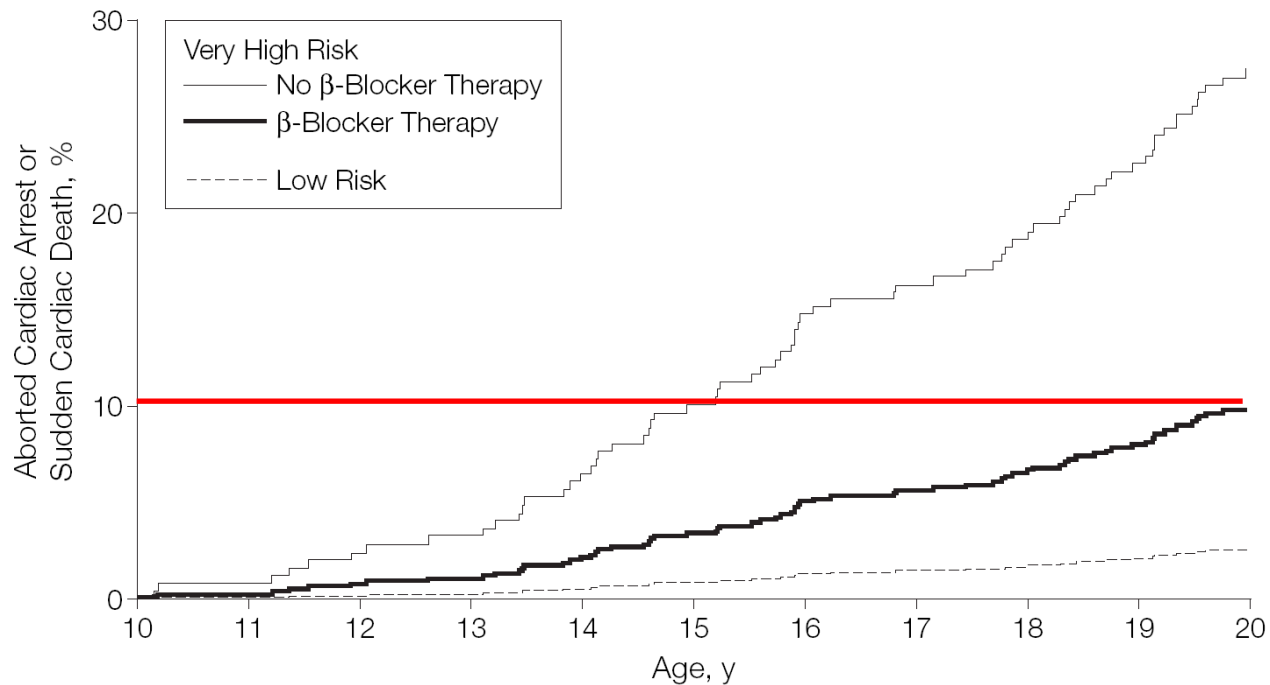
PATIENTS AT RISK

> = 550ms	93	62 (0.25)	44 (0.39)	34 (0.46)	29 (0.46)
500-549ms	173	116 (0.18)	87 (0.30)	71 (0.36)	56 (0.41)
470-499ms	196	138 (0.18)	124 (0.23)	107 (0.27)	89 (0.31)
440-469ms	180	139 (0.08)	110 (0.17)	100 (0.21)	91 (0.23)
< = 439ms	67	57 (0.02)	51 (0.03)	44 (0.03)	39 (0.03)

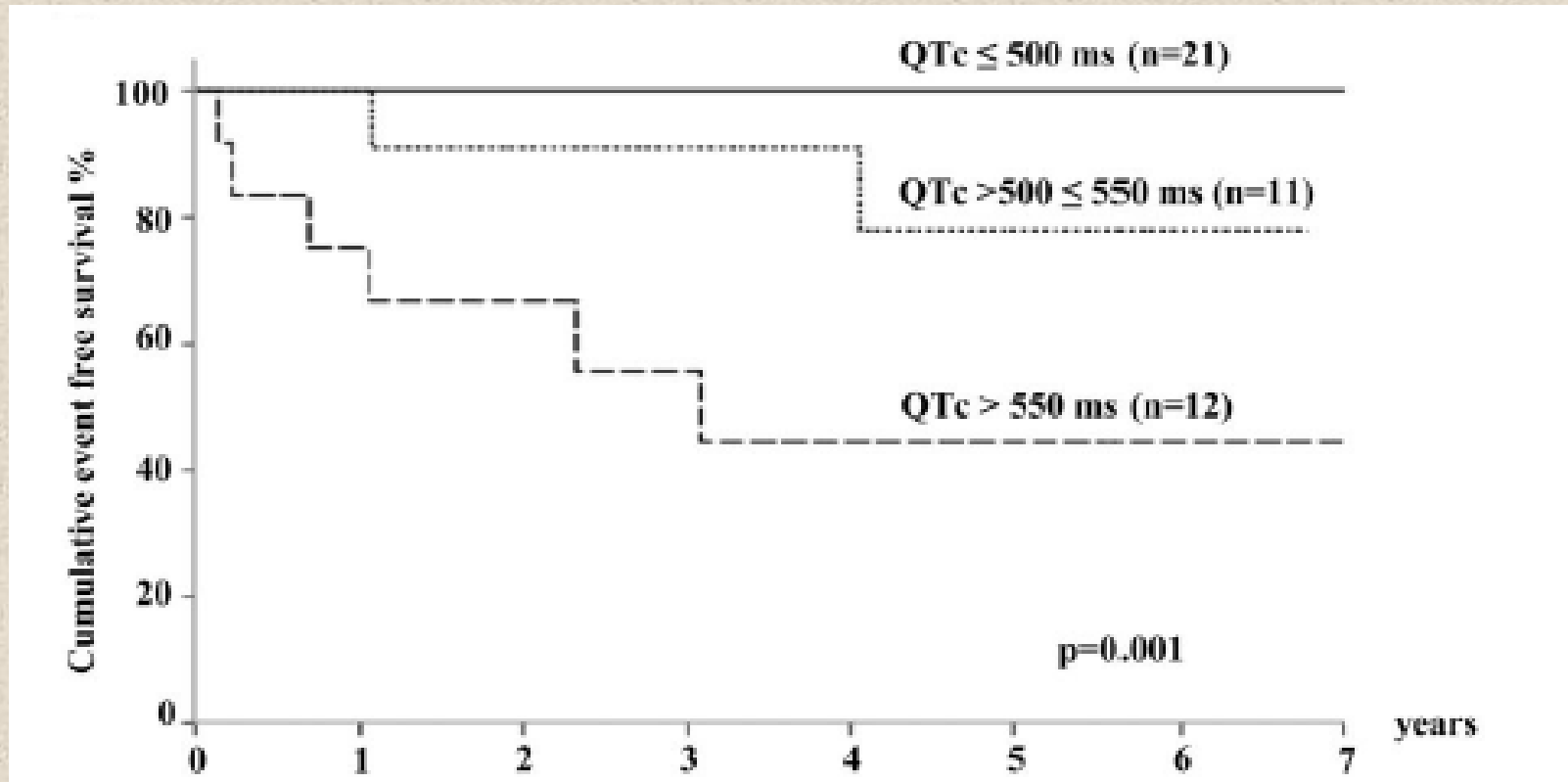
Sauer et al, JACC 2007

Morts subites pendant adolescence

Figure. Cox Model–Based Time to First Aborted Cardiac Arrest or Sudden Cardiac Arrest Between Ages 10 and 20 Years for Females with Long-QT Syndrome



Cumulative event-free survival for a first appropriate ICD shock is shown according to the degree of QT interval prolongation



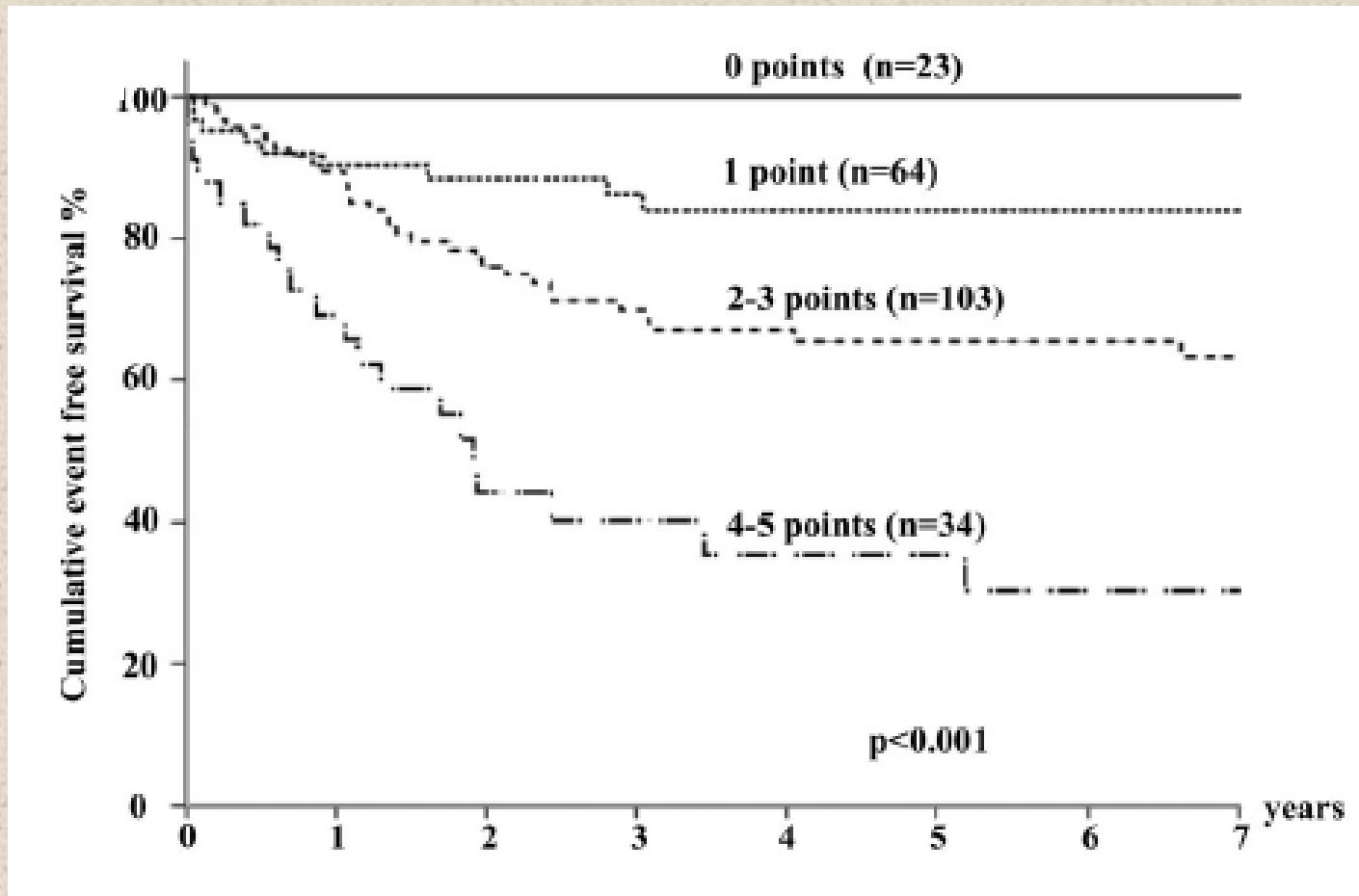
Multivariate Risk Predictors of Appropriate Shock During Follow-Up in Patients With an ICD

Clinical Variables	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P
Prior ACA	1.81 (1.09–3.0)	0.023
Events on therapy	1.81 (1.08–3.0)	0.025
Age at implantation <20 y	2.3 (1.38–3.8)	0.001
QTc	1.41 (1.03–1.92)	0.03

M-FACT* Risk Score

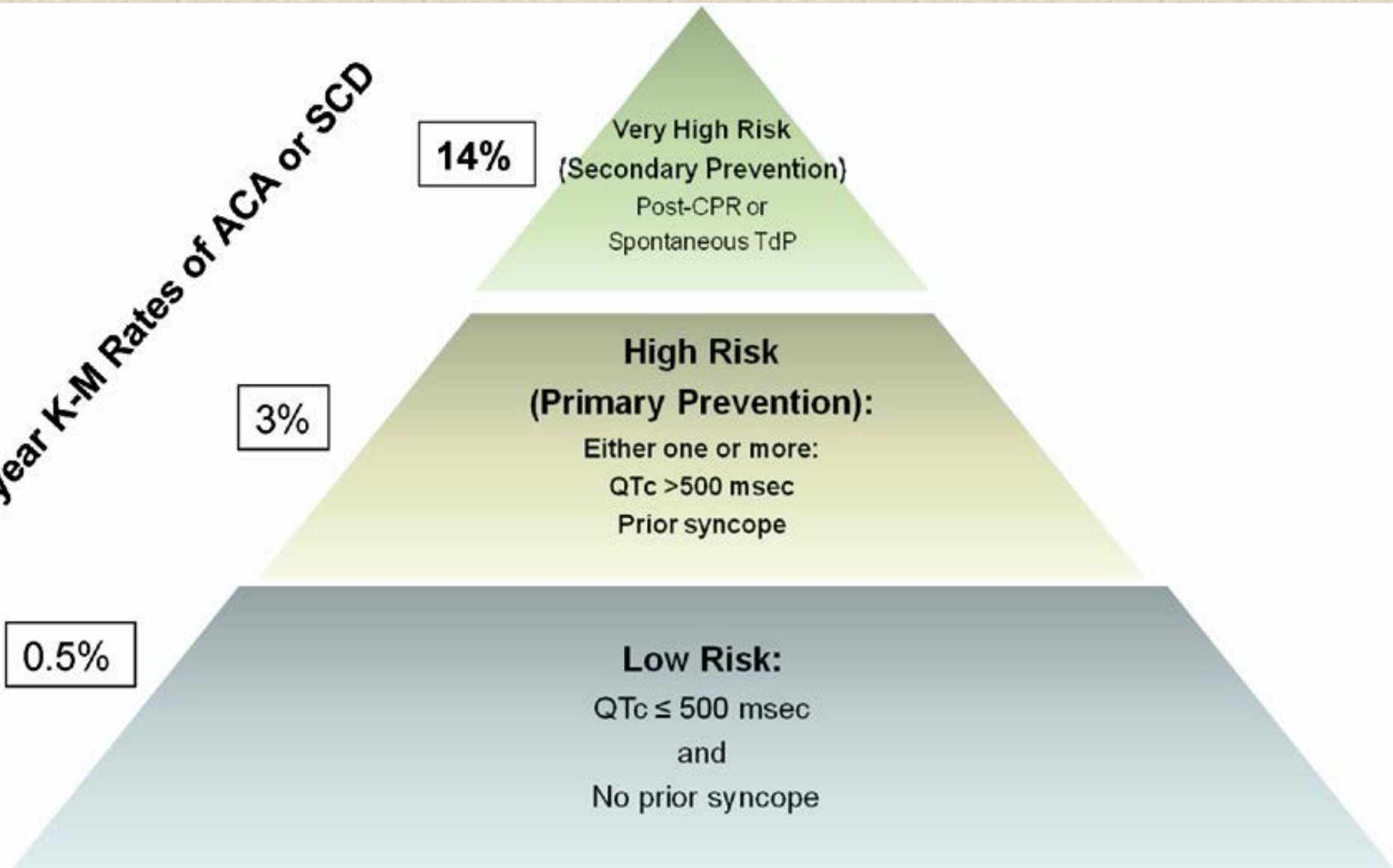
	-1 point	0 points	1 point	2 points
Event-free on therapy for 10 y	yes			
QTc, ms		≤500	>500–≤550	>550
Prior ACA		No	Yes	
Events on therapy		No	Yes	
Age at implantation, y	>20	≤20		

Cumulative event-free survival for a first appropriate ICD shock according to an increasing risk score in all patients



Schwartz et al. Circulation 2010;122:1272-1282

5-year K-M Rates of ACA or SCD



Long QT Syndrome

Class I

1. Lifestyle modification is recommended for patients with an LQTS diagnosis (clinical and/or molecular). *(Level of Evidence: B)*
 2. Beta blockers are recommended for patients with an LQTS clinical diagnosis (i.e., in the presence of prolonged QT interval). *(Level of Evidence: B)*
 3. Implantation of an ICD along with use of beta blockers is recommended for LQTS patients with previous cardiac arrest and who have reasonable expectation of survival with a good functional status for more than 1 y. *(Level of Evidence: A)*
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Long QT Syndrome

Class IIa

1. Beta blockers can be effective to reduce SCD in patients with a molecular LQTS analysis and normal QT interval. (*Level of Evidence: B*)
 2. Implantation of an ICD with continued use of beta blockers can be effective to reduce SCD in LQTS patients experiencing syncope and/or VT while receiving beta blockers and who have reasonable expectation of survival with a good functional status for more than 1 y. (*Level of Evidence: B*)
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aVR

V1

V4

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II

aVL

V2

V5



III

aVF

V3

V6



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