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The top 5 trials in the last year: Ischemic Heart Disease

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Effect of Aspirin on All-Cause Mortality in the Healthy Elderly

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J.D. Williamson, K.L. Margolis, M.E. Ernst, W.P. Abhayaratna, N. Stocks,
S.M. Fitzgerald, S.G. Orchard, R.E. Trevaks, L.J. Beilin, G.A. Donnan, P. Gibbs,
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for the ASPREE Investigator Group*

The role for ASA in primary prevention is unclear
and its use is diminishing

ASPREE – Aspirin and primary prevention

Recruitment 19,114 patients between 2010-2014

≥70 yrs from Australia and USA (≥65 yrs if Black or Hispanic)

Randomized to 100-mg EC-ASA or placebo

4.7 yrs median follow-up

(trial terminated - no benefit to continued ASA)

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Secondary endpoints				
Any cause death	12.7	11.1	1.14	--
Dementia	6.7	6.9	0.98	--
Persistent physical disability	4.9	5.8	0.85	--

38% more major bleeds with ASA

Mortality higher in the ASA group
(primarily attributed to cancer-related death)

No significant difference in CV events

No overall benefit !



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PCI Strategies in Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction

In acute MI with shock, primary end point was lower
among those who had culprit-only PCI
rather than multivessel PCI

In acute MI with multivessel disease
and cardiogenic shock,
debate continues over culprit-only vs. multivessel PCI

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<u>Secondary:</u> Bleeding (BARC 2,3 or 5)	16.6%	22.0%	No
Stroke	3.5%	2.9%	No

WARNING!

Any potential advantage of multivessel PCI is outweighed by mortality hazard of the initial longer procedure

REMEMBER!

Main proven goal in shock is rapid and complete reperfusion of culprit vessel

Hochman J (NEJM editorial 2017):

Other apparently intuitive strategies – CABG, ECMO, ventricular assist devices etc – should also be subjected to RCTs



Drug-eluting stents in elderly patients with coronary artery disease (SENIOR): a randomised single-blind trial



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Summary

Background Elderly patients regularly receive bare-metal stents (BMS) instead of drug-eluting stents (DES) to shorten the duration of double antiplatelet therapy (DAPT). The aim of this study was to compare outcomes between these two types of stents with a short duration of DAPT in such patients.

Methods In this randomised single-blind trial, we recruited patients from 44 centres in nine countries. Patients were eligible if they were aged 75 years or older; had stable angina, silent ischaemia, or an acute coronary syndrome; and had at least one coronary artery with a stenosis of at least 70% ($\geq 50\%$ for the left main stem) deemed eligible for percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI). Exclusion criteria were indication for myocardial revascularisation by coronary artery bypass grafting; inability to tolerate, obtain, or comply with DAPT; requirement for additional surgery; non-cardiac comorbidities with a life expectancy of less than 1 year; previous haemorrhagic stroke; allergy to aspirin or P2Y₁₂ inhibitors; contraindication to P2Y₁₂ inhibitors; and silent ischaemia of less than 10% of the left myocardium with a

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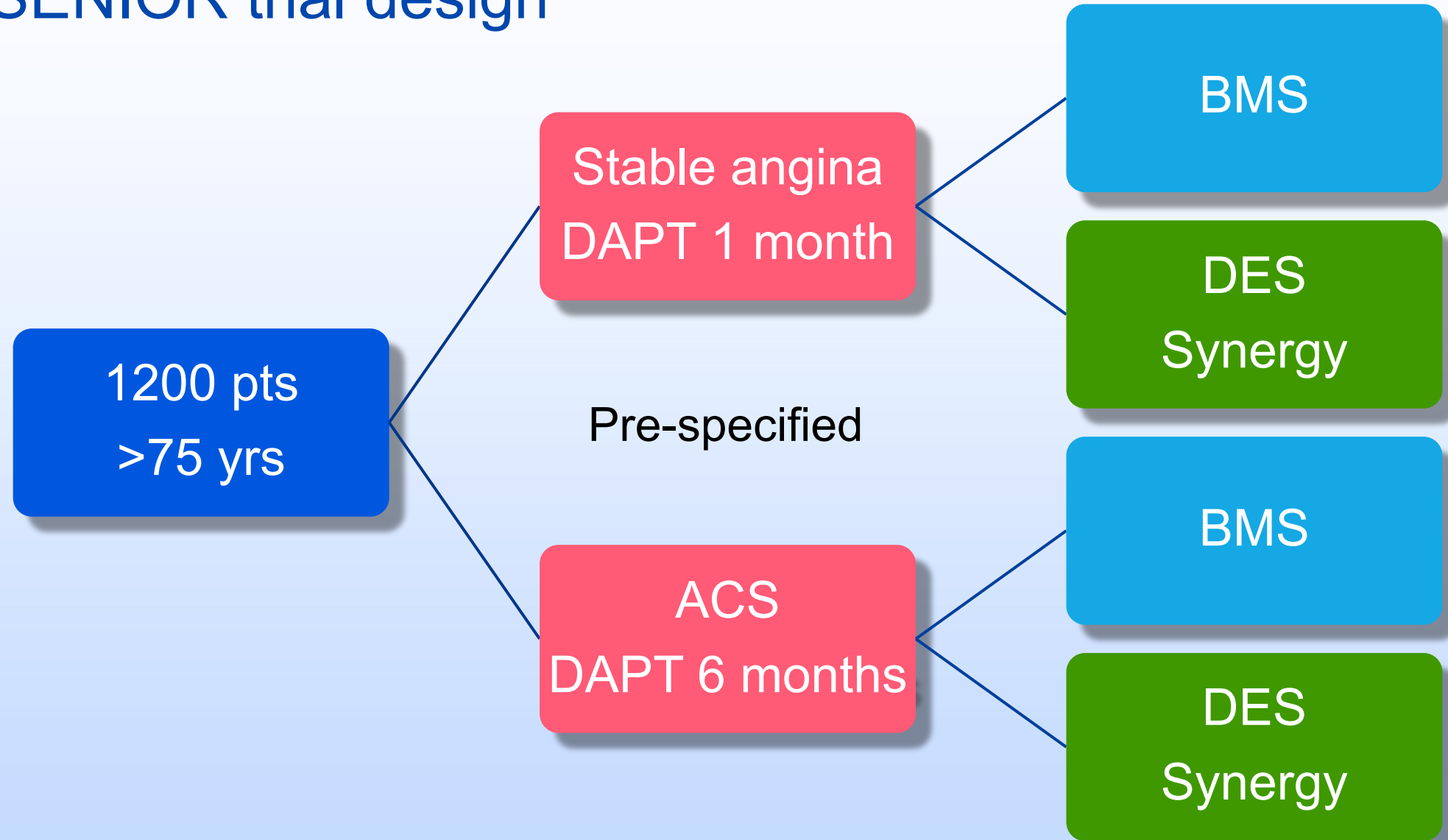
Use of DES with short DAPT duration better than BMS with short DAPT

98 (16%) in the BMS group (relative risk [RR] 0·71 [95% CI 0·52–0·94]; $p=0\cdot02$). Bleeding complications (26 [5%] in the DES group vs 29 [5%] in the BMS group; RR 0·90 [0·51–1·54]; $p=0\cdot68$) and stent thrombosis (three [1%] vs eight [1%]; RR 0·38 [0·00–1·48]; $p=0\cdot13$) at 1 year were infrequent in both groups.

Interpretation Among elderly patients who have PCI, a DES and a short duration of DAPT are better than BMS and a similar duration of DAPT with respect to the occurrence of all-cause mortality, myocardial infarction, stroke, and ischaemia-driven target lesion revascularisation. A strategy of combination of a DES to reduce the risk of subsequent repeat revascularisations with a short BMS-like DAPT regimen to reduce the risk of bleeding event is an attractive option for elderly patients who have PCI.

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SENIOR trial design



Varenne O: Lancet 2018

SENIOR results at 1 year

DES

29%
reduction

Primary
endpoint
NNT = 25

DES

71%
reduction

Ischemia-
driven TLR

Bleeding
no different

Stent thrombosis
*numerically lower
with DES*



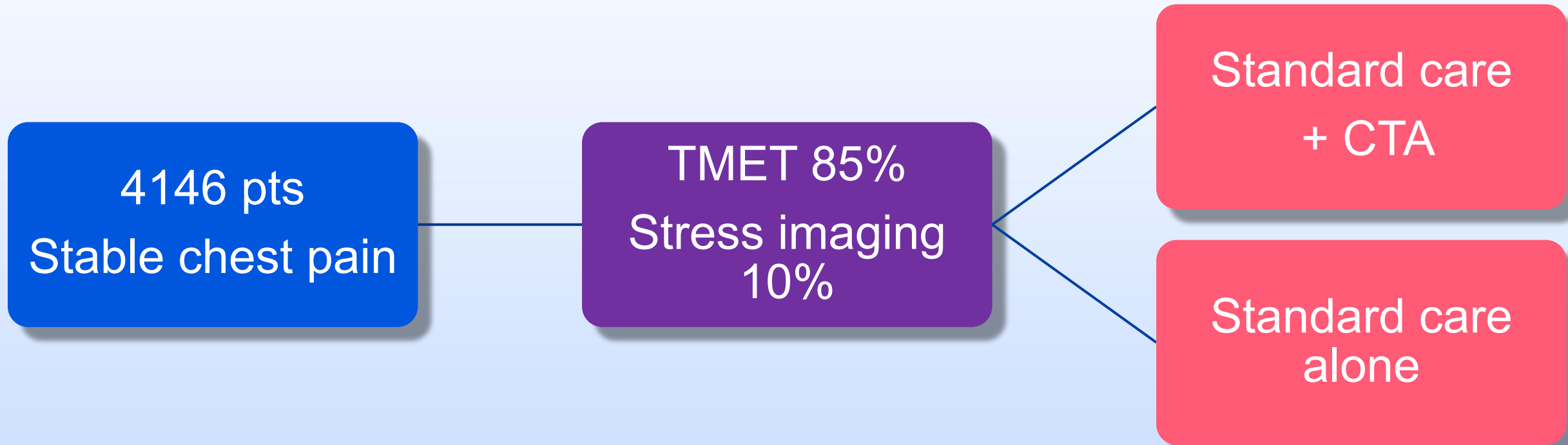
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Coronary CT Angiography and 5-Year Risk of Myocardial Infarction

The SCOT-HEART Investigators*

Use of CTA in stable chest pain resulted in lower rate of death or nonfatal MI at 5 years

SCOT-HEART trial design



SCOT-HEART results at 5 years

Endpoint	CTA group	Standard care group	HR (95% CI)	P value
<u>Primary:</u> CHD death or nonfatal MI	2.3%	3.9%	0.59 (0.41-0.84)	0.004
<u>Secondary:</u> Nonfatal MI	2.1%	3.5%	0.60 (0.41-0.87)	--
Death from CHD	0.2%	0.4%	0.46 (0.14-1.48)	--

No significant difference in use of coronary angiography or revascularization

Controversial

Implausible!

“Game-changer”!

Provocative!

....the week after NEJM publication

49 yr old man with exertional chest pain

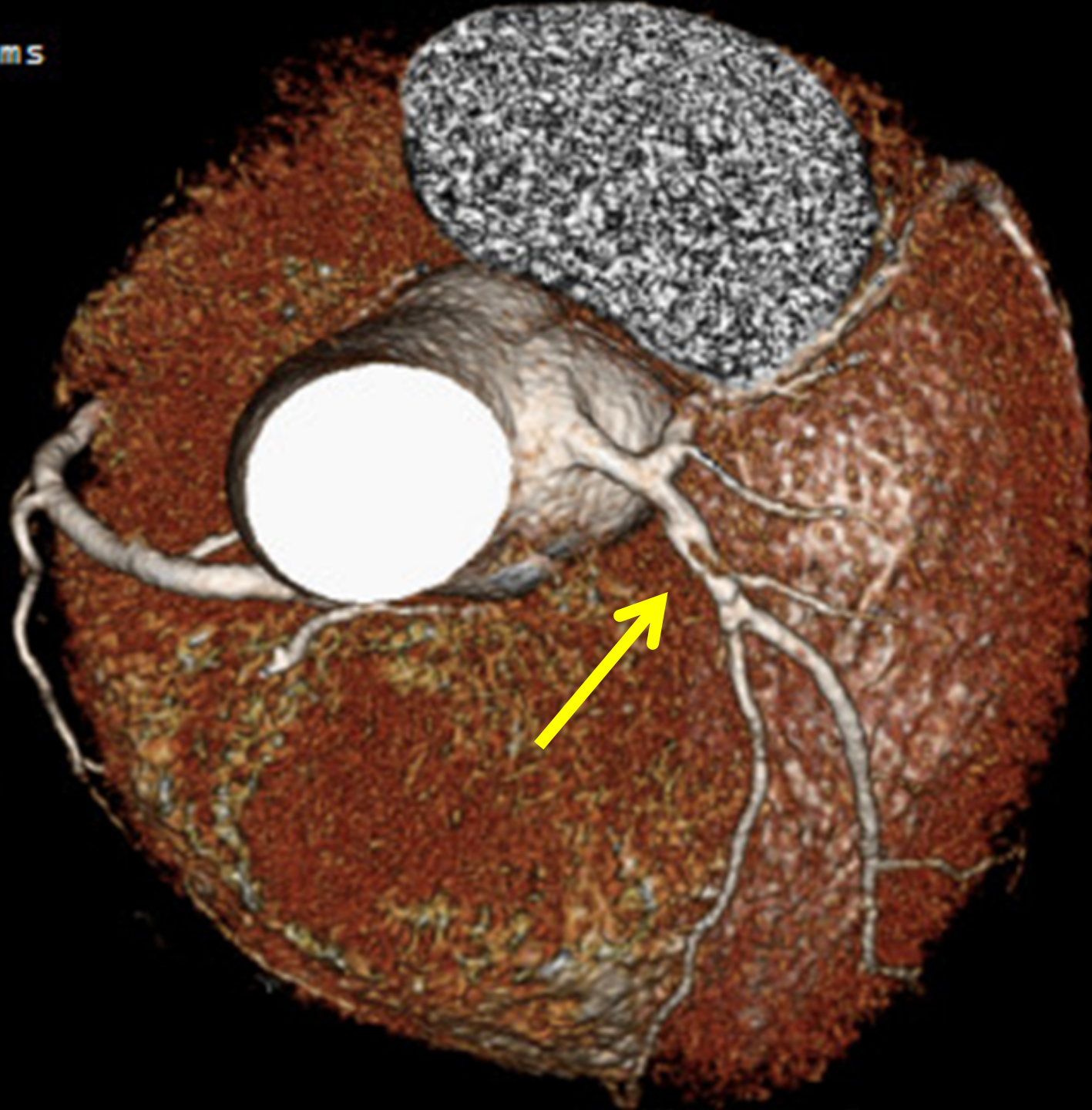
Positive family history and abnormal lipids

Negative TMET

6 ms

3D VR
Full

5mm/div







Percutaneous coronary intervention in stable angina (ORBITA): a double-blind, randomised controlled trial



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Summary

Background Symptomatic relief is the primary goal of percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in stable angina and is commonly observed clinically. However, there is no evidence from blinded, placebo-controlled randomised trials to show its efficacy.

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Methods ORBITA is a blinded, multicentre randomised trial of PCI versus a placebo procedure for angina relief that

In patients with medically treated angina and severe coronary stenosis, PCI did not increase exercise time more than a placebo procedure.

between Jan 6, 2014, and Aug 11, 2017, 200 patients underwent randomisation, with 105 patients assigned PCI and

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Suggests that efficacy of invasive procedures can be assessed with a placebo control, as is standard for pharmacotherapy

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Prof J Mayet, M Shun-Shin,

Prof S Thom, J E Davies,

Prof D P Francis FRCP; Cancer

“...show unequivocally that there are no benefits for PCI compared with medical therapy for stable angina, even when angina is refractory to medical therapy...”

Last nail in the coffin for PCI

Interventional cardiology began in 1977, when Andreas Gruentzig performed the first successful percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) on a 38-year-old patient with a focal proximal stenosis of the left descending coronary artery. Despite the success of these early trials, subsequent randomised trials and meta-analyses, which have shown no reduction in mortality or myocardial infarction,¹ the use of percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) has grown exponentially. Investigation with optimal medical Therapy of Some of this growth was driven by data from clinical trials suggesting that PCI was more effective than medical therapy alone. For example, in 1992, the results of the Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor in Myocardial Infarction (ACME) study,² showed that at 6 months, 61 (64%) of 96 patients in the PTCA group were free of angina compared with 47 (46%) of 102 medically treated patients (p=0.01). The patients in the PTCA group also had a significantly lower rate of angina at 12 months (p=0.01).

“Health-care providers should focus their attention on treating patients with stable coronary artery disease with optimal medical therapy, which is very effective,....”

“....all cardiology guidelines should be revised to downgrade the recommendation for PCI in patients with angina despite use of medical therapy...”

Coronary stents for chronic stable Angina

R.I.P.



***Funeral service by ORBITA , Imperial college , London
Co-directed by Lancet !***

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Stent operations 'are a waste of time'
for people with angina: Study warns
the procedure carries huge risks and
few benefits

- Millions of people with angina get a stent put in to widen their arteries
- A study by Imperial College London found the operation has a huge risk of damaging the arteries but does not improve quality of life
- The results add to growing evidence that procedures including keyhole knee surgery and arthritis operations only work because of a 'placebo effect'

By VICTORIA ALLEN SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT FOR THE DAILY MAIL

Study finds stents don't always relieve angina chest pain



Study questions the effectiveness of heart stents



A new study is calling into question how effective the use of a stent is during invasive heart surgeries. Pauline Chan reports.

CTV News Channel: Overreaction to study?



Interventionist Cardiologist Dr. Rasha Al-Lamee says her study on stents shows the procedure is ineffective with some patients.

Commentary on ORBITA trial

GOOD trial which was well designed and executed

Important implications trials using sham procedures

Small trial – only 200 patients

Follow up only 6 weeks

Operators blinded to FFR and iFR:

- 29% patients had FFR >0.80 and 32% had iFR >0.89

Microvascular dysfunction as cause of chest pain?



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