

Intravascular Imaging-Guided Versus Angiography-Guided Complex PCI The RENOVATE-COMPLEX-PCI Trial

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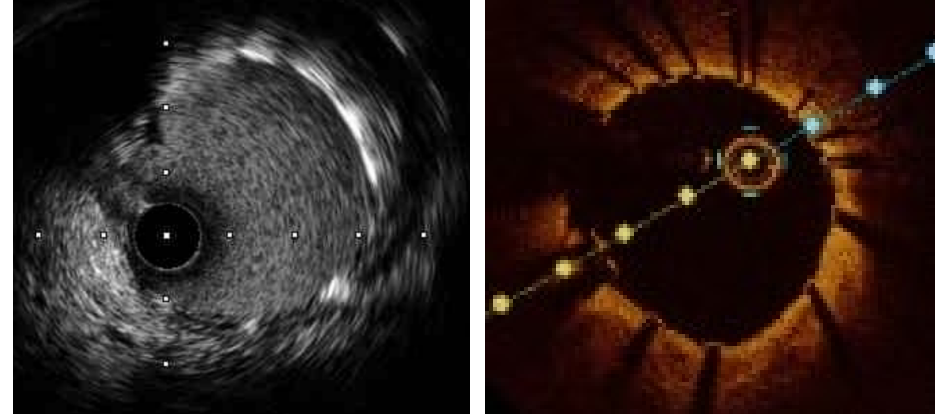
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Disclosure

- The **RENOVATE-COMPLEX-PCI** trial was an investigator-initiated, prospective, randomized, open-label, multicenter, superiority trial.
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Background

- Patients with complex coronary artery lesions undergoing PCI have worse clinical outcomes than patients without complex coronary artery lesions.
- Intravascular imaging with intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) or optical coherence tomography (OCT) are used to select the appropriate stent size, to determine the stent landing zone, and to determine if the stent is underexpanded, or there is a stent edge dissection.
- Previous trials (CTO-IVUS, AVIO, HOME-DES-IVUS, IVUS-XPL, ULTIMATE) have reported lower rates of major adverse clinical events following IVUS-guided PCI compared with angiography-guided PCI but have not been considered definitive due to limited sample size, short follow-up duration, or inclusion of highly selected coronary lesion subsets.



Randomized controlled trial is needed to confirm the prognostic benefit of intravascular imaging-guided PCI than angiography-guided PCI in patients with complex coronary artery lesions.

Study Objective

- To investigate whether intravascular imaging-guided PCI using IVUS or OCT would improve clinical outcomes compared with angiography-guided PCI in patients with complex coronary artery lesions.

Primary Hypothesis

Intravascular imaging-guided PCI would reduce target vessel failure (a composite of cardiac death, target vessel-related myocardial infarction, and target vessel revascularization), compared with angiography-guided PCI in treatment of patients with complex coronary artery lesions.

Study Design

RENOVATE-COMPLEX-PCI Trial (NCT03381872)

1,620 Patients with Complex Coronary Artery Lesions Undergoing PCI

* Definition of Complex Coronary Artery Lesions

- ① True bifurcation (Median 1,1,1/1,0,1/0,1,1) with side branch ≥ 2.5 mm
- ② Chronic total occlusion (≥ 3 months) as target lesion
- ③ PCI for unprotected left main disease
- ④ Implanted stent length ≥ 38 mm
- ⑤ Multivessel PCI (≥ 2 vessels treated at one PCI session)
- ⑥ Multiple stent needed (≥ 3 more stent per patient)
- ⑦ In-stent restenosis lesion as target lesion
- ⑧ Severely calcified lesion (encircling calcium in angiography)
- ⑨ Ostial lesion in LAD, LCX, and RCA

Randomization (2:1) for Treatment Strategy of Target Lesions
(Stratified by acute coronary syndrome and participating centers)

Imaging-Guided Strategy

N = 1,080

Angiography-Guided Strategy

N = 540

All patients were followed until 1 year after last patient enrollment.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

INCLUSION

1. Patients (≥ 19 years) with coronary artery disease requiring PCI
2. Patients with a **complex coronary artery lesion** defined as:
 - True bifurcation lesion (Medina 1,1,1/1,0,1/0,1,1) with side branch ≥ 2.5 mm
 - Chronic total occlusion (≥ 3 months) as target lesion
 - Unprotected LM disease PCI (LM ostium, body, distal LM bifurcation including non-true bifurcation)
 - Long coronary lesions (implanted stent ≥ 38 mm in length)
 - Multi-vessel PCI (≥ 2 vessels treated at one PCI session)
 - Multiple stents needed (≥ 3 more stent per patient)
 - In-stent restenosis lesion as target lesion
 - Severely calcified lesion (encircling calcium in angiography)
 - Ostial coronary lesion (LAD, LCX, RCA)

KEY EXCLUSION

1. Target lesions not amenable to PCI by operators' decision
2. Cardiogenic shock (Killip class IV) at presentation
3. Intolerance to Aspirin, Clopidogrel, Prasugrel, Ticagrelor, Heparin, or Everolimus
4. Known true anaphylaxis to contrast medium (not allergic reaction but anaphylactic shock)
5. Pregnancy or breast feeding
6. Non-cardiac co-morbid conditions are present with life expectancy < 1 year or that may result in protocol non-compliance (per site investigator's medical judgment)
7. Unwillingness or inability to comply with the procedures described in this protocol.

Study End Points

Primary End Point

- **Target vessel failure**

- A composite of cardiac death, target vessel-related MI, and clinically-driven target vessel revascularization.

Secondary End Point

- Target vessel failure without procedure-related MI
- Cardiac death or target vessel-related MI
- Target vessel-related MI with or without procedure-related MI
- Non-target vessel-related MI
- Any MI with or without procedure-related MI
- Target lesion revascularization
- Target vessel revascularization
- Any revascularization (clinically-driven)
- Definite stent thrombosis
- Total amount of contrast
- Incidence of contrast-induced nephropathy
- Total procedural time
- Total medical cost (not reported in this publication)

Definition of Clinical Events

- Spontaneous MI according to 3rd Universal Definition¹
- Other clinical events according to ARC-2 criteria³
- Procedure-related MI according to SCAI Definition²

Sample Size Calculation

Reported Event Rates in Previous Studies of Complex PCI

Study	Sample Size	Timepoint	MACE		
			Imaging-guided PCI	Angiography-guided PCI	Relative Risk Reduction, %
ADAPT-DES ¹	8665	1 Year	3.1%	4.7%	34.0%
AVIO trial ²	284	2 Year	16.9%	23.2%	27.2%
HOME DES IVUS ³	210	1.6 Years	11.0%	12.0%	8.3%
RESET ⁴	543	1 Year	4.5%	7.3%	38.4%
CTO-IVUS ⁵	402	1 Year	2.6%	7.1%	63.4%
IVUS-XPL ⁶	1400	1 Year	2.9%	5.8%	50.0%

- The current trial was designed as a superiority trial to follow enrolled patients until a prespecified follow-up duration of the last patient enrolled.
- Since the follow-up duration of the previous studies varied, we assumed that the annual incidence of target vessel failure in the angiography-guided PCI group would be 6.0%, especially based on the results of the CTO-IVUS, RESET, and IVUS-XPL studies. These 3 studies were selected because they were randomized trials conducted in South Korea and the follow-up duration was 1 year. The relative risk reduction of target vessel failure of the 3 studies ranged from 38% to 60%.
- **To be conservative, we assumed that the relative risk reduction at 1 year would be 40% and, in turn, the annual incidence of target vessel failure in the intravascular imaging-guided PCI would be 3.6%.**
- **Accrual time – 3 years**
- **Total follow-up time – 1 year after last patient enrollment**
- **2:1 randomization, Drop-out rate – 5.0%**
- **Based on these assumption, a total of 1620 patients would provide a statistical power of 90% with significance level of 0.05 (2-sided).**

Randomization, Data Collection, Statistical Analysis

- **Randomization**
 - Eligible patients were randomized via a web-based randomization sequence (S-Soft), in permuted blocks, with block sized of 6.
 - Stratified by acute coronary syndrome and by participating centers.
- **Data collection and management**
 - Data collected by a web-based electronic case report form.
 - Imaging data and angiograms were analyzed by core laboratories.
 - An independent Data and Safety Monitoring Boards monitored trial.
 - All clinical events were adjudicated by an independent Clinical Events Adjudication Committee.
- **Statistical analysis**
 - The main analysis were performed according to the intention-to-treat principle and the primary outcome analysis included an estimation of the cumulative incidence function of target vessel failure and a comparison of randomization groups with the use of the method of Fine and Gray to adjust for the potential competing risk of non-cardiac death.

Procedures

Standardized Protocols of Intravascular Imaging and Optimization

	IVUS	OCT
Reference Sites	Largest size vessel lumen Plaque burden <50% At least 5 mm apart from target lesion	Most normal looking segment No lipid-containing plaque At least 5 mm apart from target lesion
Stent Sizing	By mean EEM diameter of proximal and distal reference segment	By mean EEM diameter at distal reference segment (rounded down to the nearest 0.25 mm). By mean Lumen diameter at distal reference segment (rounded up to the nearest 0.25 mm).
Stent Length	By measuring the distance from the distal to the proximal reference site.	
Stent Optimization		
● Stent Expansion	Visually assess that the residual angiographic diameter stenosis is <10% “AND” ● Non-left main coronary artery lesions: MSA > 80% of the average reference lumen area “OR” a MSA of >5.5 mm ² by IVUS and >4.5 mm ² by OCT. ● Left main coronary artery lesions: MSA of >7 mm ² for a distal left main coronary artery stenosis and >8 mm ² for a proximal left main coronary artery stenosis by IVUS.	
● Stent Apposition	No major malapposition (defined as an acute malapposition of ≥0.4 mm with longitudinal extension >1 mm) of the stent over its entire length against the vessel wall.	
● Edge Dissection	No major edge dissection in the proximal or distal reference segments, defined as a location that is 5 mm from the edge of the stent, extends to the medial layer with potential to provoke flow disturbances (defined as ≥60° of the circumference of the vessel at site of dissection and/or ≥3 mm in length of the dissection flap)	
Additional Procedure	If any of above findings are identified, additional procedural intervention, including additional post-dilatation of the stent or additional stent implantation is recommended.	

- **Drug-eluting Stents**

- Biodegradable polymer-coated everolimus eluting stents (Synergy stent system, Boston Scientific Corporation)
- Biocompatible polymer-coated everolimus-eluting stents (Xience stent system family, Abbott Vascular).

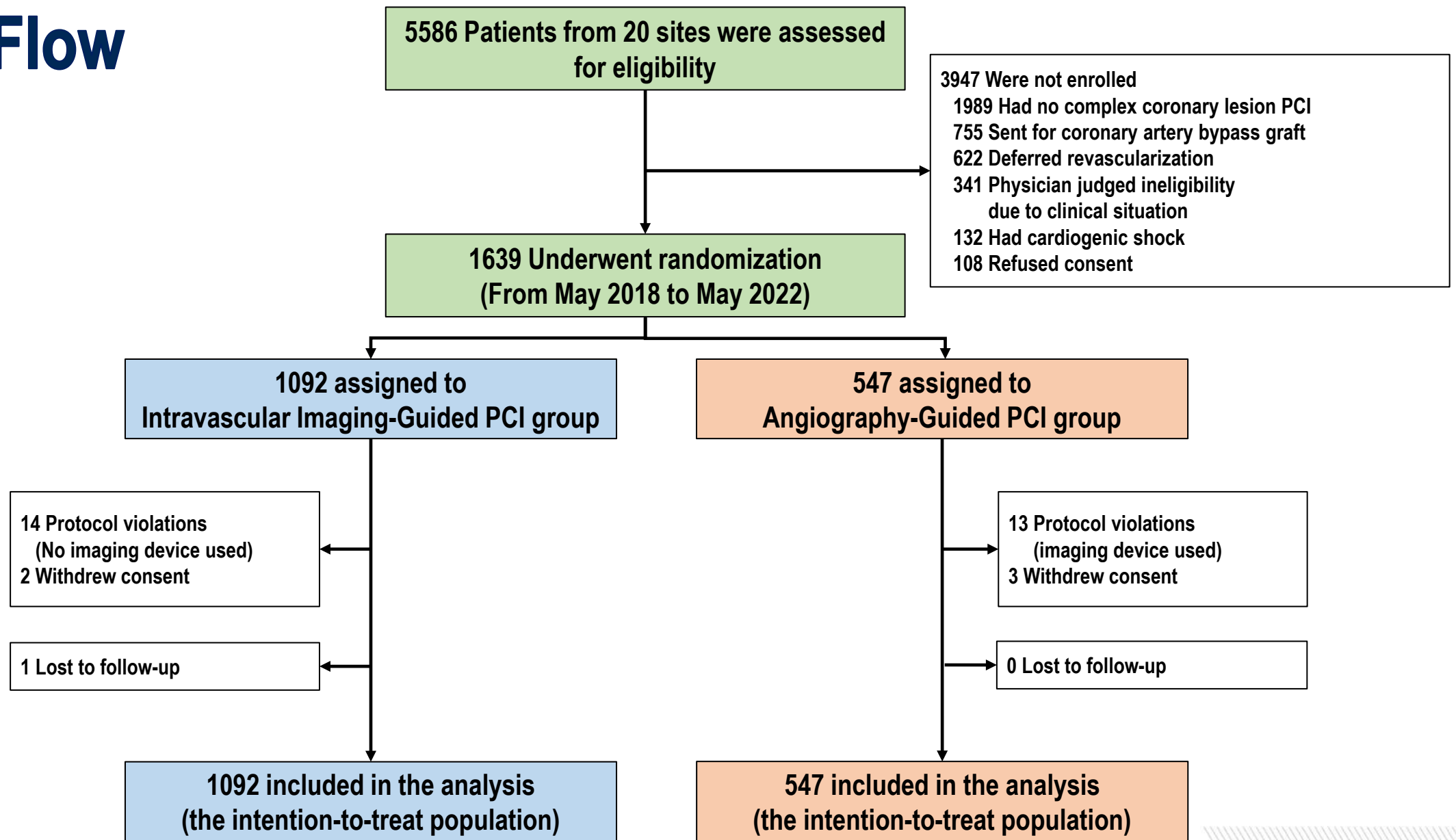
- **Intravascular Imaging Devices**

- IVUS (Opticross™, Boston Scientific Corporation) or OCT (Dragonfly™, Abbott Vascular)
- Protocols for selecting the reference segments for the lesion, for selecting the appropriate size of the stent, and for stent optimization were prespecified based on previous reports in the literature.¹
- While use of intravascular imaging devices was allowed at any step of the PCI procedure, **intravascular imaging evaluation after PCI was mandated for optimization of the stented segment.**

Study Organization

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Study Flow



Baseline Clinical Characteristics

Characteristics	Total (N=1639)	Imaging-guided PCI (N=1092)	Angio-guided PCI (N=547)
Age — yr	65.6±10.2	65.3±10.3	66.0±10.0
Male — n (%)	1300 (79.3)	869 (79.6)	431 (78.8)
Initial presentation — no. (%)			
Stable ischemic heart disease	807 (49.2)	532 (48.7)	275 (50.3)
Acute coronary syndrome	832 (50.8)	560 (51.3)	272 (49.7)
Unstable angina	534 (32.6)	361 (33.1)	173 (31.6)
Acute myocardial infarction	298 (18.2)	199 (18.2)	99 (18.1)
Non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction	258 (15.7)	171 (15.7)	87 (15.9)
ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction	40 (2.4)	28 (2.6)	12 (2.2)
Medical history — no. (%)			
Hypertension	1005 (61.3)	682 (62.5)	323 (59.0)
Diabetes mellitus	617 (37.6)	394 (36.1)	223 (40.8)
Dyslipidemia	840 (51.3)	560 (51.3)	280 (51.2)
Current smoking	307 (18.7)	212 (19.4)	95 (17.4)
Chronic renal insufficiency	296 (18.1)	203 (18.6)	93 (17.0)
Previous PCI	395 (24.1)	268 (24.5)	127 (23.2)
Previous myocardial infarction	117 (7.1)	75 (6.9)	42 (7.7)
LV ejection fraction —(%)	58.7±11.6	58.4±11.9	59.3±11.0

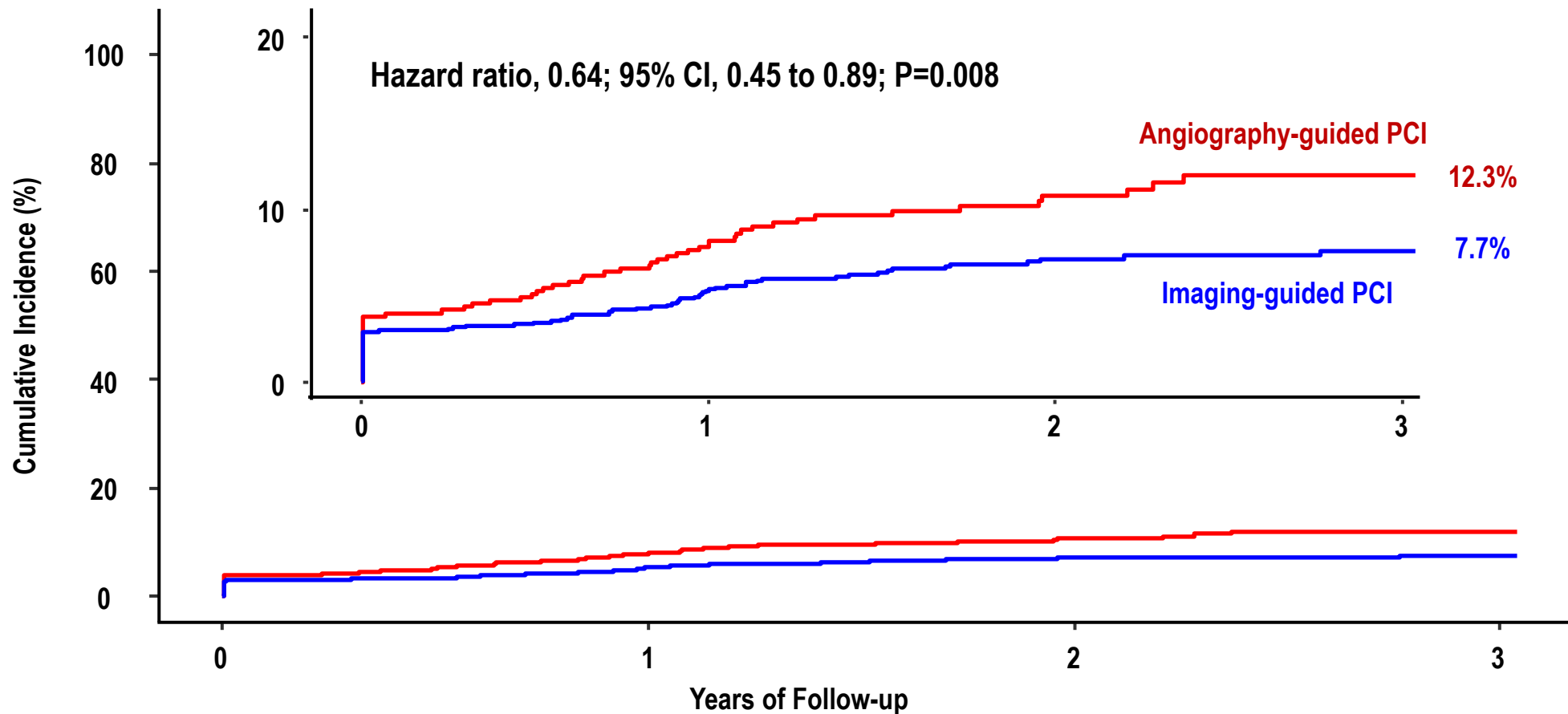
Discharge Medications

Characteristics	Total (N=1639)	Imaging-guided PCI (N=1092)	Angio-guided PCI (N=547)
Discharge medication — no. (%)			
Aspirin	1606 (98.0)	1069 (97.9)	537 (98.2)
P2Y₁₂ inhibitor			
Any	1603 (97.8)	1067 (97.7)	536 (98.0)
Clopidogrel	1217 (74.3)	799 (73.2)	418 (76.4)
Ticagrelor	209 (12.8)	148 (13.6)	61 (11.2)
Prasugrel	178 (10.9)	120 (11.0)	58 (10.6)
Oral anticoagulant — no. (%)	75 (4.6)	46 (4.2)	29 (5.3)
Statin — no. (%)	1567 (95.6)	1041 (95.3)	526 (96.2)
Beta blocker — no. (%)	710 (43.3)	466 (42.7)	244 (44.6)
ACE inhibitor or ARB — no. (%)	945 (57.7)	622 (57.0)	323 (59.0)

Baseline Procedural Characteristics

Characteristics	Total (N=1639)	Imaging-guided PCI (N=1092)	Angio-guided PCI (N=547)
Complex coronary lesions — no. (%)			
True bifurcation lesion with side branch ≥ 2.5 mm	359 (21.9)	233 (21.3)	126 (23.0)
Chronic total occlusion (≥ 3 months)	319 (19.5)	220 (20.1)	99 (18.1)
Unprotected left main coronary artery disease	192 (11.7)	138 (12.6)	54 (9.9)
Long coronary lesion (implanted stent ≥ 38 mm in length)	898 (54.8)	617 (56.5)	281 (51.4)
Multivessel PCI (≥ 2 vessels treated at one PCI session)	622 (37.9)	409 (37.5)	213 (38.9)
Multiple stents (≥ 3 more stent per patient)	305 (18.6)	208 (19.0)	97 (17.7)
In-stent restenosis	236 (14.4)	158 (14.5)	78 (14.3)
Severely calcified (encircling calcium in angiography)	231 (14.1)	157 (14.4)	74 (13.5)
Ostial coronary lesion (LAD, LCX, RCA)	251 (15.3)	182 (16.7)	69 (12.6)
Number of vessels with disease — no. (%)			
1-vessel disease	526 (32.1)	342 (31.3)	184 (33.6)
2-vessel disease	621 (37.9)	420 (38.5)	201 (36.7)
3-vessel disease	492 (30.0)	330 (30.2)	162 (29.6)
Procedural characteristics			
Total no. of target lesions treated	1.5 \pm 0.7	1.5 \pm 0.7	1.5 \pm 0.7
Intravascular imaging devices used — no./total no. (%) †	1091/1639 (66.6)	1078/1092 (98.7)	13/547 (2.4)
Intravascular ultrasound	813/1091 (74.5)	800/1078 (74.2)	13/13 (100.0)
Optical coherence tomography	278/1091 (25.5)	278/1078 (25.8)	0/13 (0.0)
Volume of contrast media used — ml	207.3 \pm 116.5	214.2 \pm 118.5	193.7 \pm 111.3
Procedural time — min	65.0 (47.0-89.0)	70.0 (51.0-95.0)	53.5 (40.0-75.0)
Procedural success — no. (%)	1613 (98.4)	1073 (98.3)	540 (98.7)

Primary End Point



Number at risk

Angiography-guided PCI

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Imaging-guided PCI

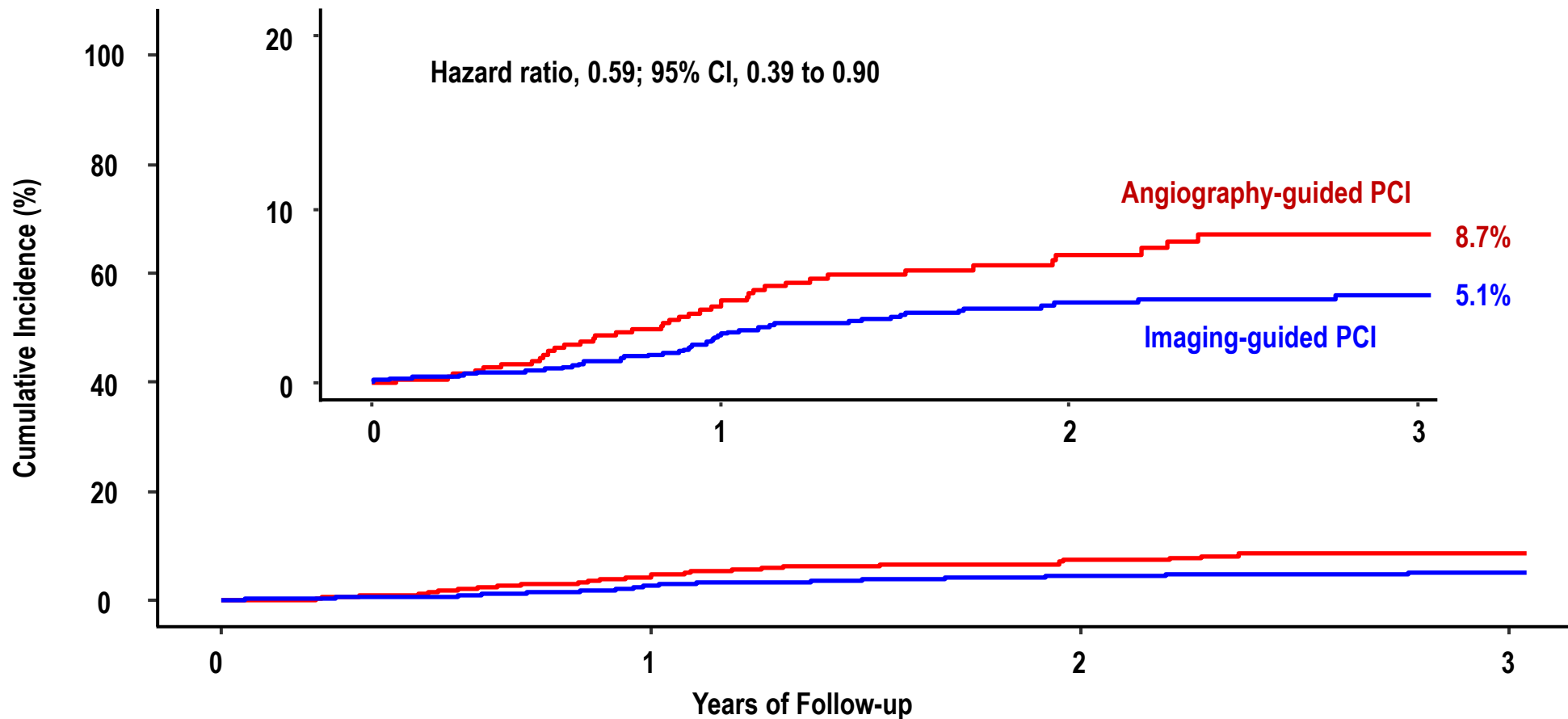
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Target Vessel Failure excluding Procedural MI



Number at risk

Angiography-guided PCI	547	516	284	121
Imaging-guided PCI	1092	1051	596	256

Primary and Secondary End Points

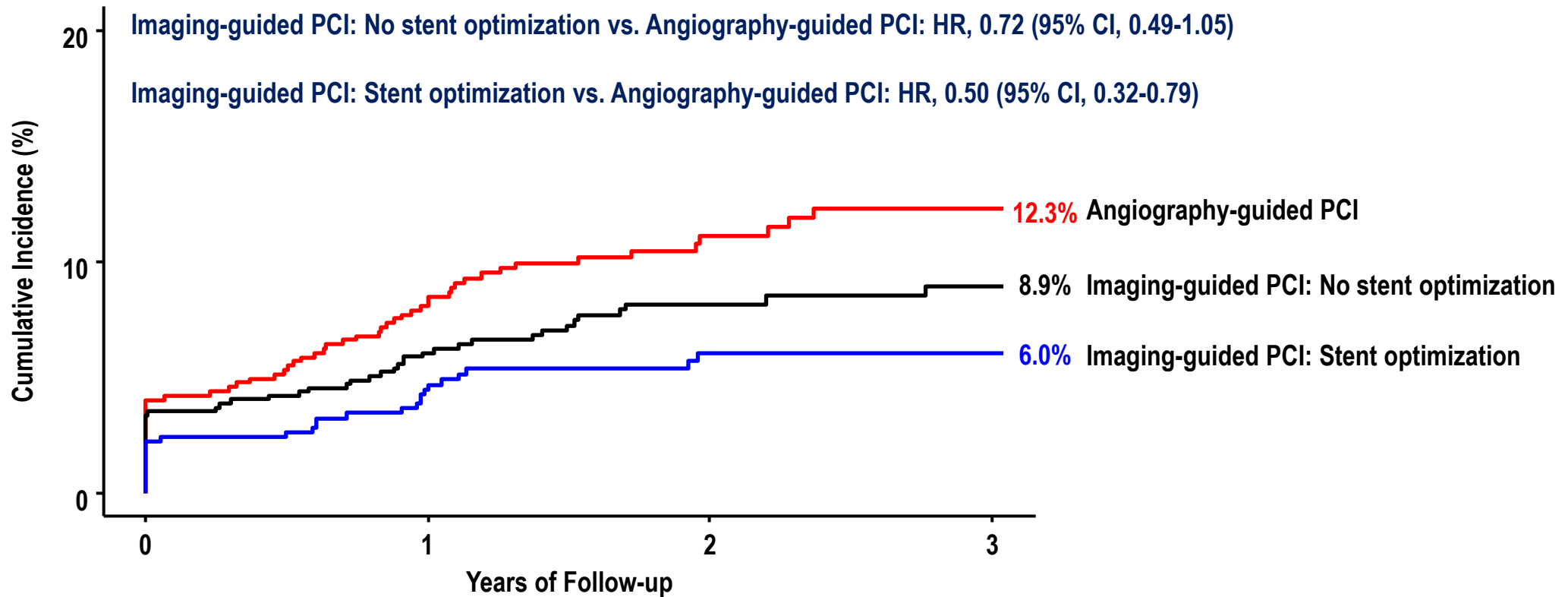
End Point	Total (N=1639)	Imaging-guided PCI (N=1092)	Angiography-guided PCI (N=547)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)*	P Value
Primary end point — no. (%)					
Target vessel failure	136 (9.2)	76 (7.7)	60 (12.3)	0.64 (0.45-0.89)	0.008
Secondary end points — no. (%)					
Target vessel failure without procedure-related MI	88 (6.3)	48 (5.1)	40 (8.7)	0.59 (0.39-0.90)	
Cardiac death or target-vessel related MI	96 (6.4)	53 (5.3)	43 (8.5)	0.63 (0.42-0.93)	
All-cause death	-	-	-	-	
Cardiac death	33 (2.4)	16 (1.7)	17 (3.8)	0.47 (0.24-0.93)	
Myocardial infarction	75 (5.0)	43 (4.4)	32 (6.2)	0.78 (0.48-1.25)	
Target-vessel related MI	68 (4.3)	38 (3.7)	30 (5.6)	0.74 (0.45-1.22)	
Spontaneous MI	17 (1.2)	8 (0.9)	9 (1.8)	0.66 (0.23-1.90)	
Procedure-related MI	52 (3.2)	30 (2.7)	22 (4.0)	0.77 (0.43-1.35)	
Non-target vessel related MI	8 (0.8)	5 (0.8)	3 (0.8)	1.24 (0.24-6.40)	
Repeat revascularization	87 (6.6)	55 (6.3)	32 (7.1)	0.95 (0.60-1.48)	
Target vessel revascularization	57 (4.1)	32 (3.4)	25 (5.5)	0.69 (0.40-1.18)	
Target lesion revascularization	44 (3.2)	24 (2.6)	20 (4.4)	0.66 (0.36-1.22)	
Definite stent thrombosis	5 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	4 (0.7)	0.25 (0.02-2.75)	
Contrast induced nephropathy†	40 (2.4)	26 (2.4)	14 (2.6)	0.99 (0.51-1.92)	

* Percentages are the cumulative incidence at 3 years. Hazard Ratio and 95% Confidence Intervals were calculated by Competing risk analysis using Fine and Gray methods.

† Contrast-induced nephropathy is defined as an increase in serum creatinine of ≥ 0.5 mg/dL or $\geq 25\%$ from baseline within 48-72 hours after contrast agent exposure. Event rate is presented as proportion among group.

Because the statistical analysis plan did not include a provision for correcting for multiplicity when conducting tests for secondary outcomes, results are reported as point estimates and 95% CIs. The widths of the CIs have not been adjusted for multiplicity, so the intervals should not be used to infer definitive treatment effects for secondary outcomes. All the models were adjusted for the clinical presentation and participating centers (stratification factors).

Imaging-guided Procedural Optimization

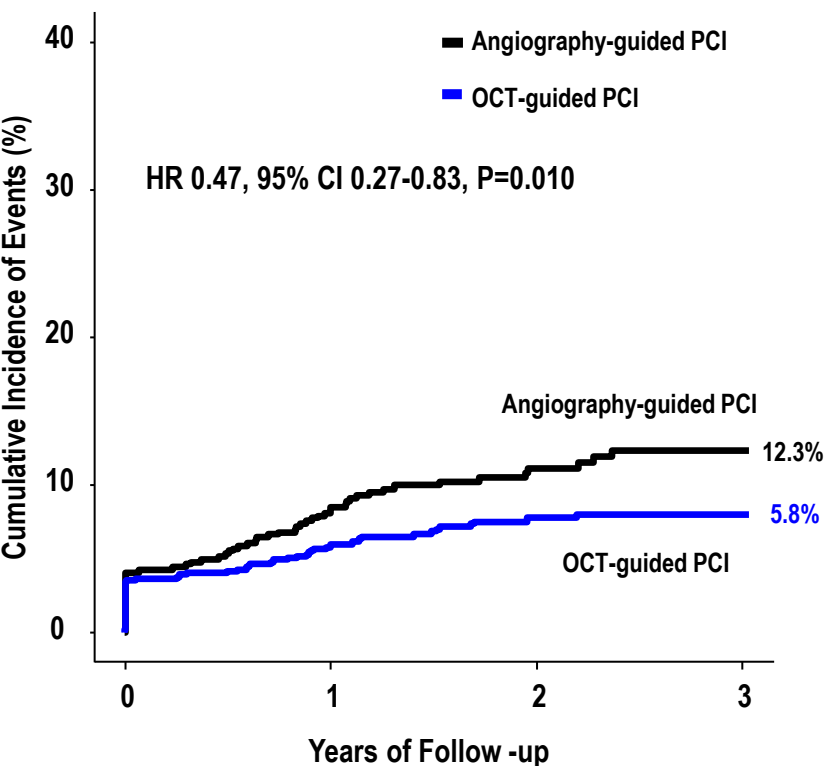


No. at Risk

Angiography-guided PCI	547	496	267	120
Imaging-guided PCI: No stent optimization	596	556	307	152
Imaging-guided PCI: Stent optimization	496	467	260	103

OCT-guided PCI vs. IVUS-guided PCI vs. Angiography-PCI

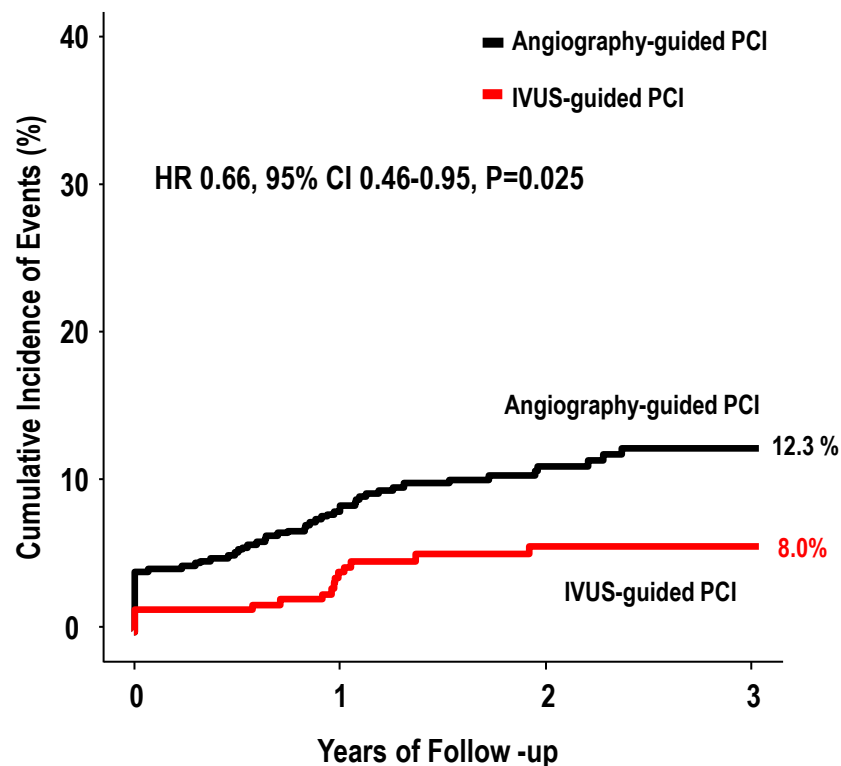
OCT-guided PCI vs. Angiography-guided PCI



Number at risk

547	496	267	120
278	265	151	80

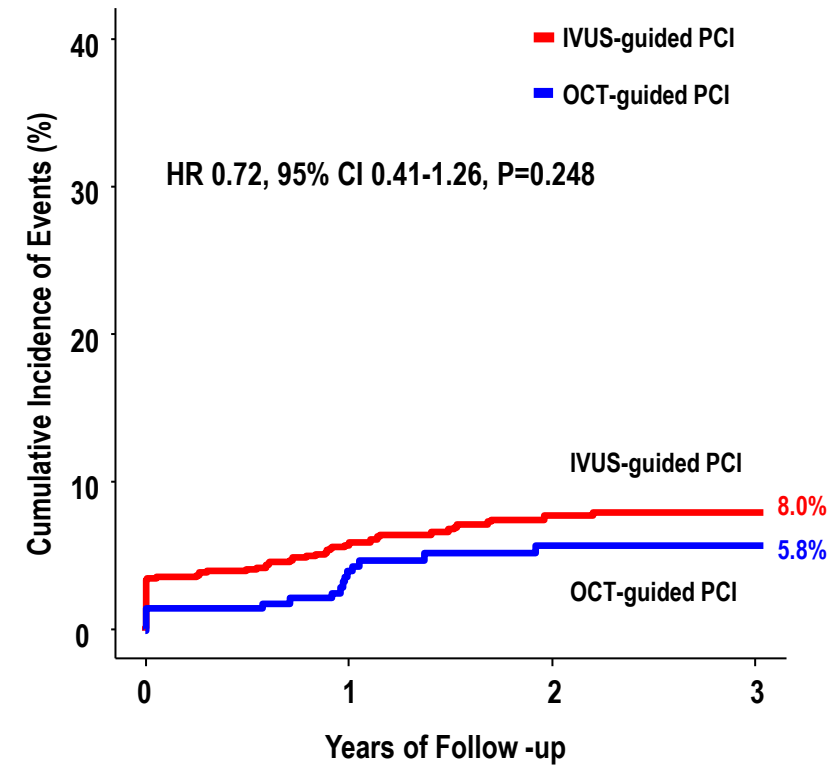
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Number at risk

547	496	267	120
800	745	409	172

OCT-guided PCI vs. IVUS-guided PCI



Number at risk

800	745	409	172
278	265	151	80

Limitations

- The trial was unblinded and it was not possible to mask the operator to the study arm. However, precisely defined criteria was used for endpoint analysis, core laboratories were done, and clinical events were adjudicated by a independent committee.
- Intravascular imaging-defined stent optimization was achieved in only 45.4% of patients. One possible explanation may be that we focused our study only on complex coronary artery lesions.
- Since patients in the angiography-guided PCI group did not undergo intravascular imaging, we can only assess stent optimization in this group by quantitative coronary angiography when examining the relationship between stent optimization and clinical differences between the groups.

Conclusion

Among patients with complex coronary artery lesions,

- **Intravascular imaging-guided PCI** was associated with a **lower incidence of a composite of cardiac death, target vessel-related myocardial infarction, or clinically driven target vessel revascularization** compared to **angiography-guided PCI**.
- The **RENOVATE-COMPLEX-PCI** trial support the intravascular imaging-guided PCI in treatment of patients with complex coronary artery lesions undergoing PCI.

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