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PCI vs CABG for left main disease

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Background

- ❖ Left main disease: ↑morbidity & mortality, ↑amount of myocardium at risk
- ❖ European and US guidelines recommend CABG
- ❖ Randomized non-inferiority trials examined the role of PCI

CABG

PCI

Historical Pros & Cons

- ✓ Angina relief
- ✓ Reduced re-intervention
- ✓ Complex anatomy
- ✓ Completed revascularization
- ✓ Mortality benefit in selected pts
- ✓ Potential high costs
- ✓ Invasive

- ✓ Initially cost effective
- ✓ Fast recovery
- ✓ Reduced acute complications
- ✓ Increased restenosis
- ✓ Repeat revascularization
- ✓ Least invasive



The NOBLE Trial

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Percutaneous coronary angioplasty versus coronary artery bypass grafting in treatment of unprotected left main stenosis (NOBLE): a prospective, randomised, open-label, non-inferiority trial

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Hypothesis

PCI with drug-eluting stents produce non-inferior clinical results compared with CABG in revascularization of patients with unprotected left main coronary artery stenosis

Non-inferiority study

Inclusion criteria

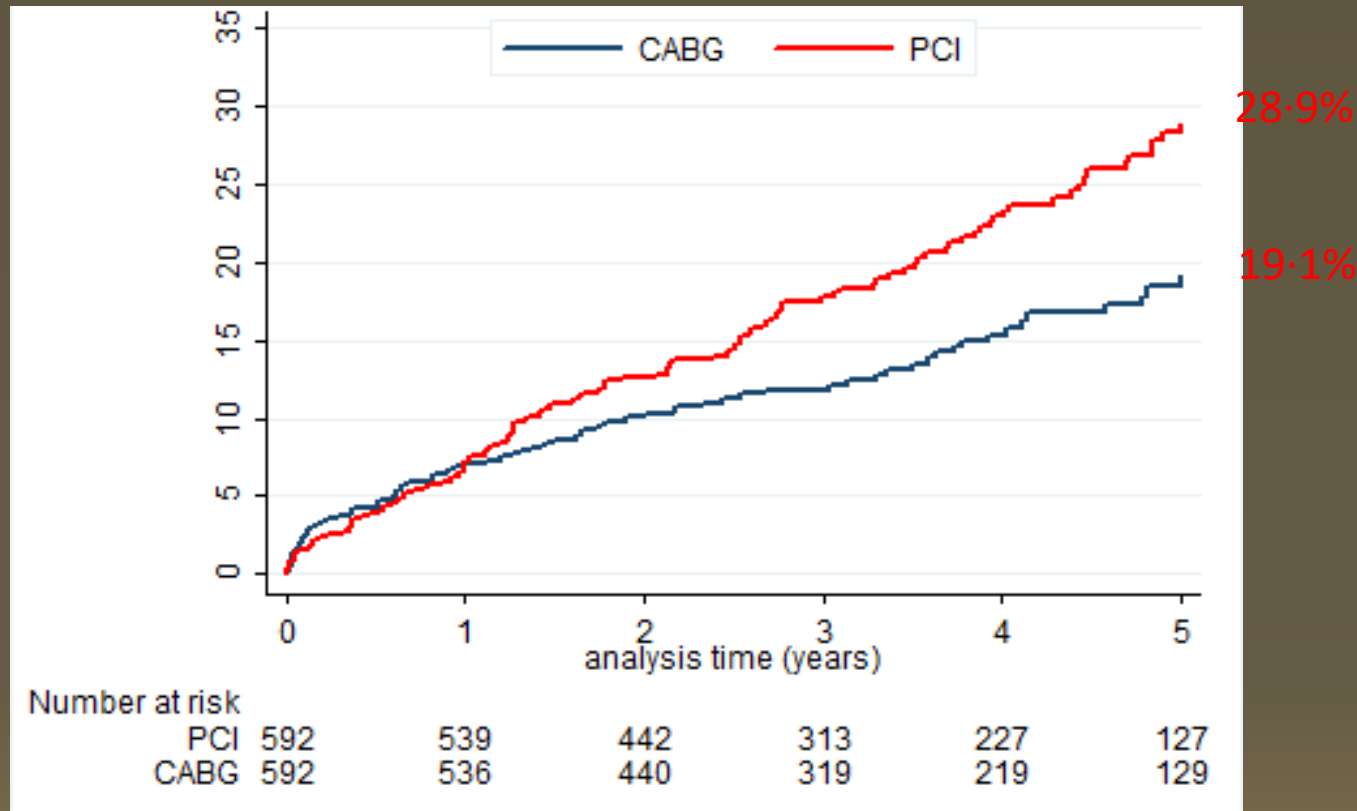
- Stable angina, unstable angina, or acute coronary syndrome
- A significant left main lesion
 - Visually assessed stenosis diameter $\geq 50\%$ or fractional flow reserve ≤ 0.80
 - Located in the ostium, mid-shaft, or bifurcation
- No more than three additional non-complex lesions
- Local interventional cardiologists and cardiac surgeons determined that equivalent revascularization could be achieved with CABG or PCI

Primary endpoint

A composite of major adverse cardiac and cerebrovascular events (*MACCE*)
in 5 years

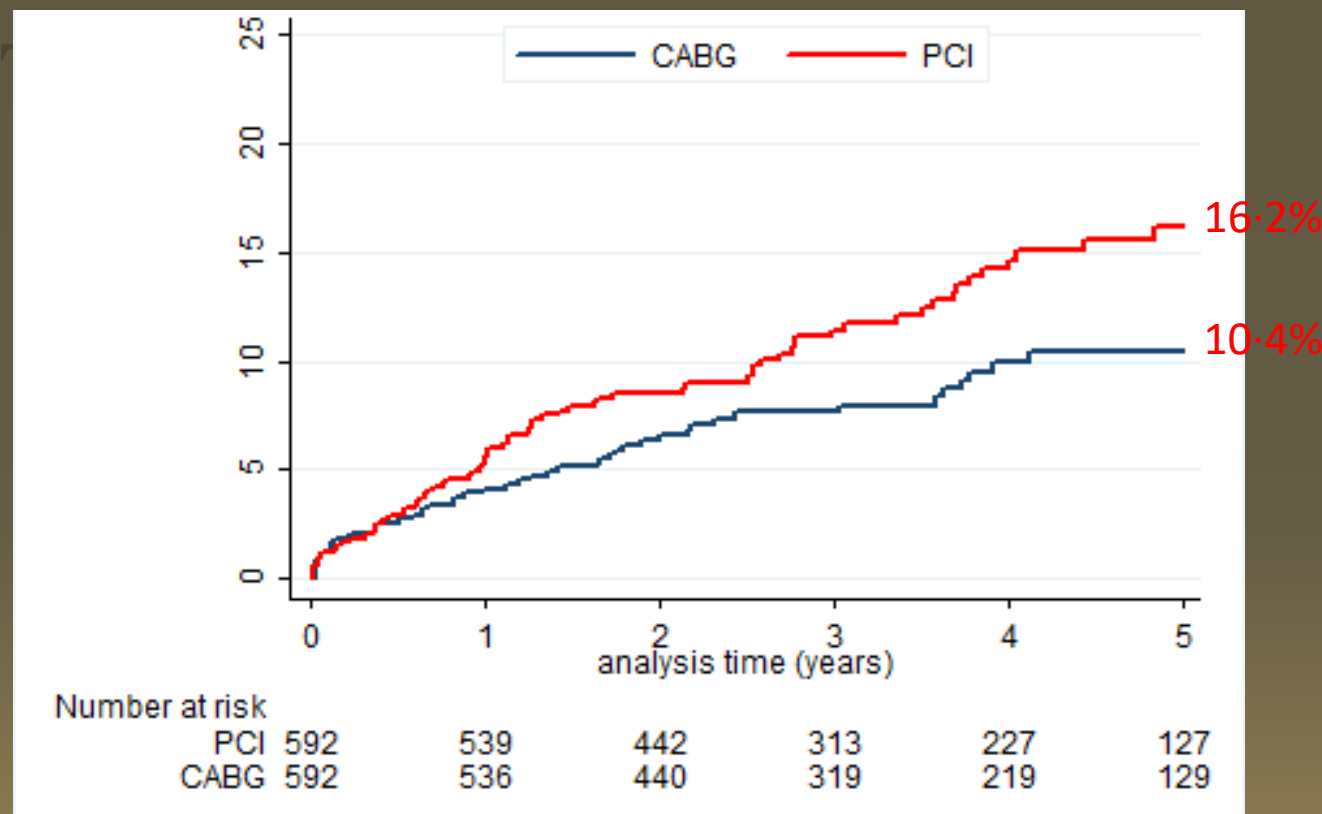
- Death from any cause
- Non-procedural myocardial infarction
- Repeat revascularization
- Stroke

Primary endpoint: MACCE



Superiority of CABG vs PCI ($p < 0.001$)

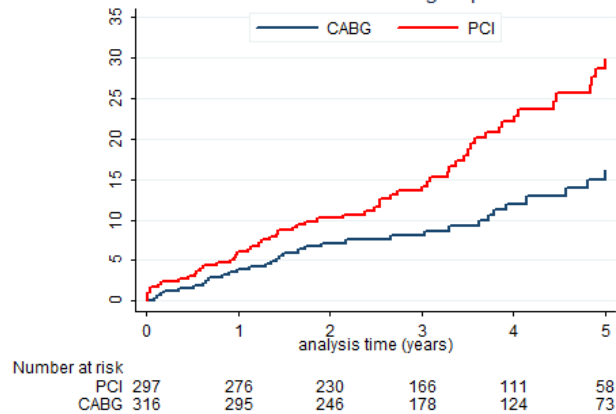
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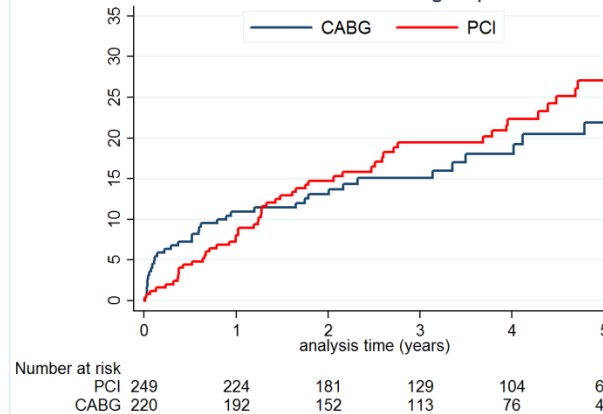
SYNTAX score subgroups

SYNTAX score 1-22 subgroup MACCE



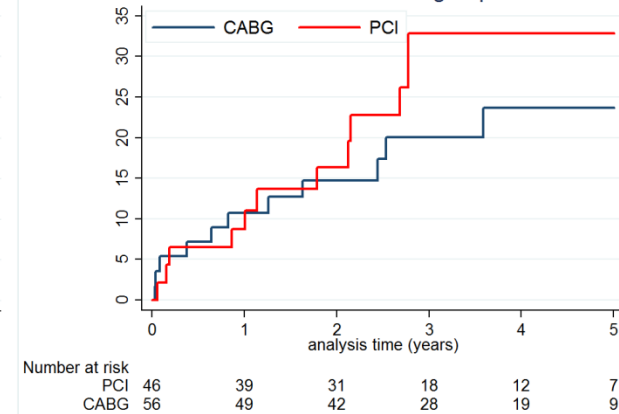
HR 1.88 (1.23–2.89); p=0.0031

SYNTAX score 23-32 subgroup MACCE



HR 1.16 (0.76–1.78); p=0.48

SYNTAX score + 33 subgroup MACCE



HR 1.41 (0.62–3.20); p=0.41

SYNTAX score assessed by independent corelab (CERC)

Outline of the results

- *PCI did not meet non-inferiority* for the primary endpoint of 5-year MACCE compared to CABG
- **CABG was superior to PCI**
- PCI resulted in higher rates of non-procedural myocardial infarctions
- Repeat revascularization was higher after PCI, primarily due to de novo lesions and non LMCA target lesion revascularization
- All-cause mortality was similar for PCI and CABG

The EXCEL Trial

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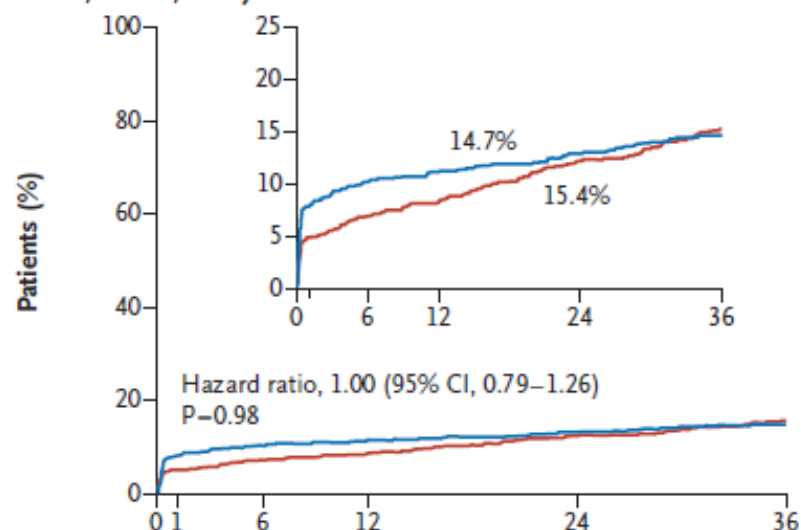
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Everolimus-Eluting Stents or Bypass Surgery for Left Main Coronary Artery Disease

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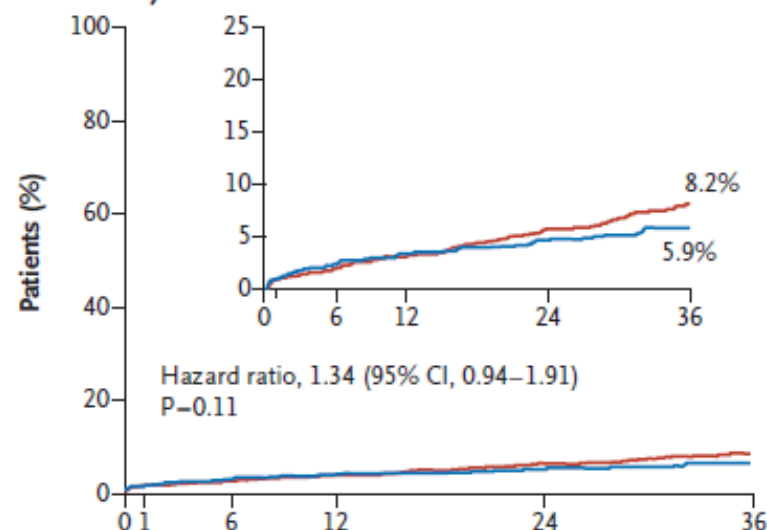
— PCI (N=948) — CABG (N=957)

A Death, Stroke, or Myocardial Infarction



No. at Risk	Month					
PCI	948	896	875	850	784	445
CABG	957	868	836	817	763	468

B Death from Any Cause



No. at Risk	Month					
PCI	948	933	921	898	839	476
CABG	957	933	910	889	835	522

Figure 1. Time-to-Event Curves for the Primary Composite End Point and its Components.

Panel A shows the results of the analysis of the primary composite end point of death, stroke, or myocardial infarction at 3 years. Results of analyses of the components of the primary end point are shown in Panel B (death from any cause), Panel C (stroke), and Panel D (myocardial infarction). Event rates were based on Kaplan–Meier estimates in time-to-first-event analyses. Hazard ratios are for the patients who underwent percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) with everolimus-eluting stents. The rates of stroke and myocardial infarction are nonhierarchical (i.e., fatal and nonfatal events were included). In each panel, the inset shows the same data on an enlarged y axis. CABG denotes coronary-artery bypass grafting.

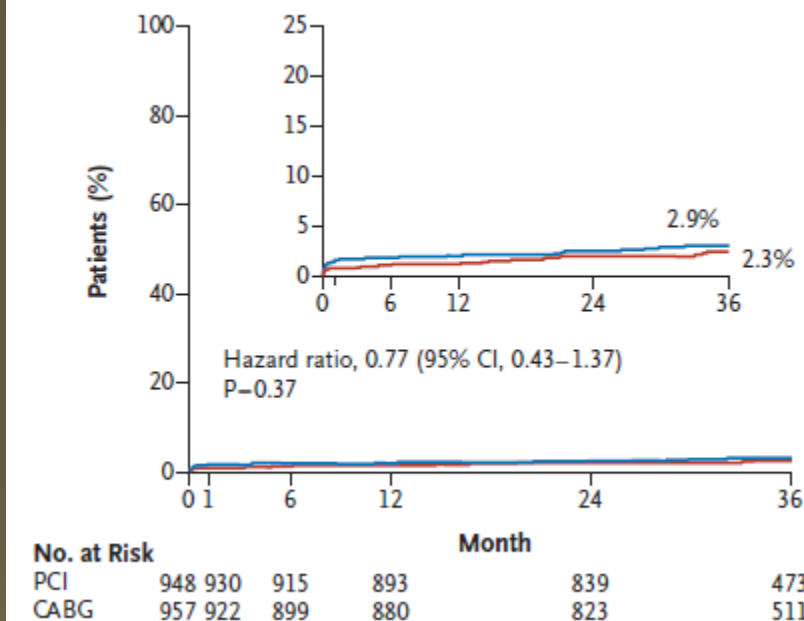
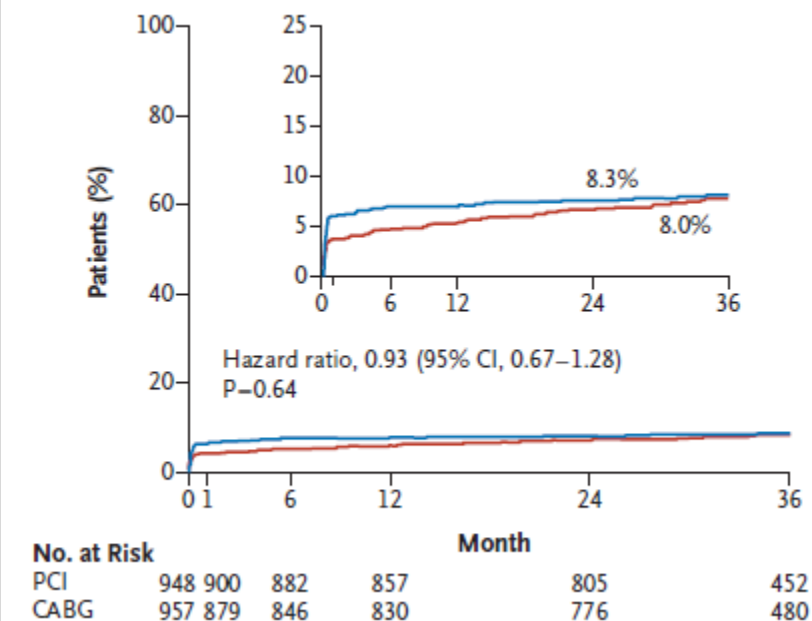
C Stroke**D Myocardial Infarction**

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Table 3. Additional Secondary Clinical End Points.*

Variable	PCI (N = 948)		CABG (N = 957)		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	Events	Event Rate†	Events	Event Rate†		
	no.	%	no.	%		
Clinical end points at 30 days						
Death, stroke, or myocardial infarction	46	4.9	75	7.9	0.61 (0.42–0.88)	0.008
Death	9	1.0	10	1.1	0.90 (0.37–2.22)	0.82
Stroke	6	0.6	12	1.3	0.50 (0.19–1.33)	0.15
Myocardial infarction	37	3.9	59	6.2	0.63 (0.42–0.95)	0.02
Periprocedural	34	3.6	56	5.9	0.61 (0.40–0.93)	0.02
Spontaneous	3	0.3	3	0.3	1.00 (0.20–4.95)	1.00
STEMI	7	0.7	22	2.3	0.32 (0.14–0.74)	0.005
Non-STEMI	30	3.2	37	3.9	0.82 (0.50–1.32)	0.41
Q-wave	7	0.7	14	1.5	0.50 (0.20–1.24)	0.13
Non-Q-wave	30	3.2	43	4.5	0.70 (0.44–1.12)	0.13
Death, stroke, myocardial infarction, or ischemia-driven revascu- larization	46	4.9	80	8.4	0.57 (0.40–0.82)	0.002
Revascularization						
Ischemia-driven revascularization	6	0.6	13	1.4	0.46 (0.18–1.21)	0.11
All revascularization	7	0.7	13	1.4	0.54 (0.21–1.35)	0.18
Stent thrombosis, definite or probable‡	6	0.6	0	0	—	0.01
Graft occlusion, symptomatic	0	0	11	1.2	—	<0.001
Definite stent thrombosis or symptom- atic graft occlusion‡	3	0.3	11	1.2	0.27 (0.08–0.97)	0.03
Bleeding according to BARC criteria§ ¹⁵						
Any	69	7.3	123	13.0	0.55 (0.41–0.74)	<0.001
Type 2–5	51	5.4	111	11.7	0.45 (0.32–0.63)	<0.001
Type 3–5	23	2.4	82	8.7	0.27 (0.17–0.43)	<0.001
Bleeding according to TIMI criteria ¹⁵						
Major or minor	35	3.7	85	9.0	0.41 (0.27–0.60)	<0.001
Major	11	1.2	37	3.9	0.29 (0.15–0.58)	<0.001
Minor	24	2.5	49	5.2	0.49 (0.30–0.79)	0.003
Blood transfusion	30	3.2	120	12.7	0.24 (0.16–0.36)	<0.001

30-day data

3-year data

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Clinical end points at 3 yr						
Death, stroke, or myocardial infarction: primary end point	137	15.4	135	14.7	1.00 (0.79–1.26)	0.98
Death	71	8.2	53	5.9	1.34 (0.94–1.91)	0.11
Cardiovascular	39	4.4	33	3.7	1.18 (0.74–1.87)	0.48
Definite	33	3.7	30	3.4	1.10 (0.67–1.80)	0.71
Undetermined cause	6	0.8	3	0.3	2.00 (0.50–7.98)	0.32
Noncardiovascular	32	3.9	20	2.3	1.60 (0.91–2.80)	0.10
Stroke	20	2.3	26	2.9	0.77 (0.43–1.37)	0.37
Myocardial infarction	72	8.0	77	8.3	0.93 (0.67–1.28)	0.64

Reviewing the results

Scissors diagram

The gap is expanding

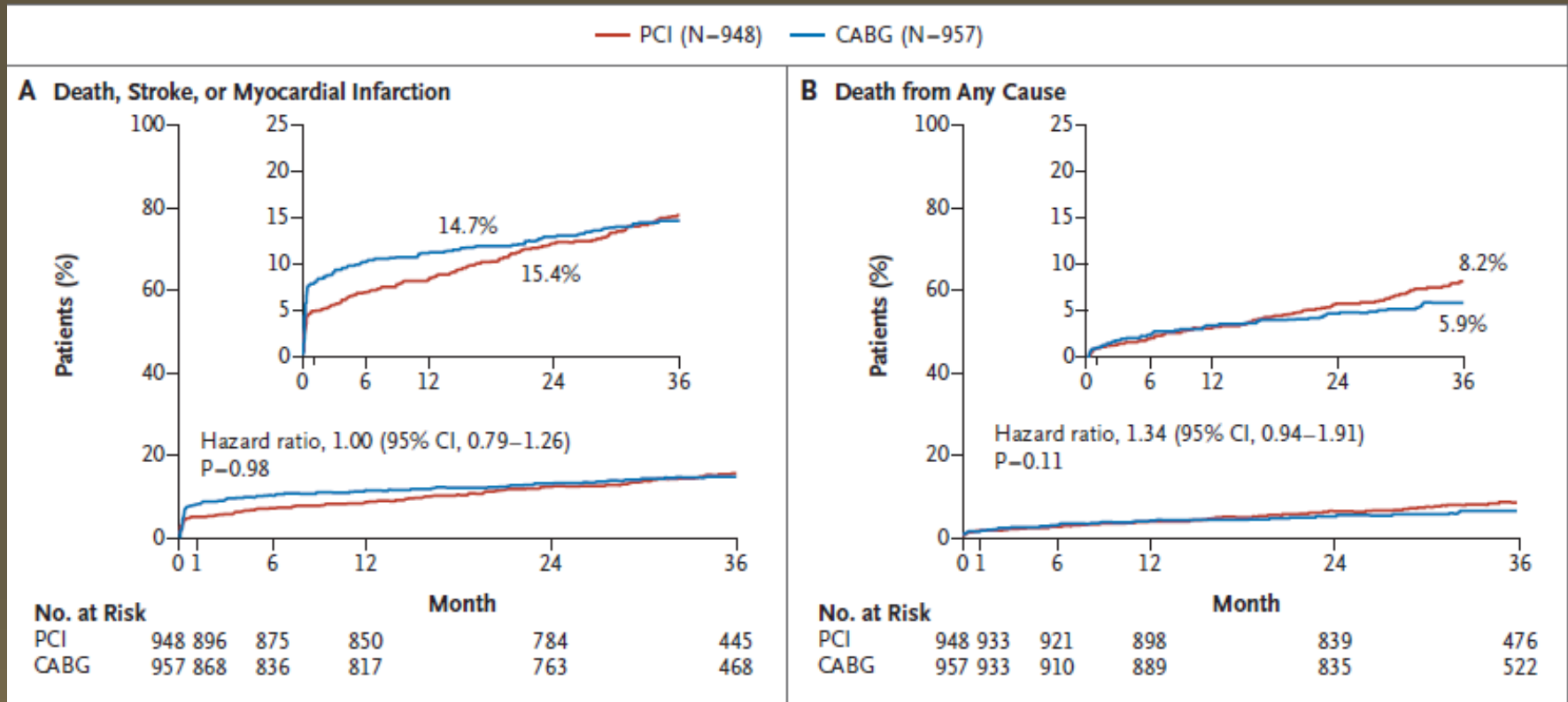


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NOBLE

Variables	NOBLE trial	EXCEL trial
Trial design		
Patient characteristics	STEMI within 24 h excluded	All ACS eligible
Anatomic characteristics	ULMCAD stenosis >50% or FFR<0.80; no more than 3 additional lesion or complex addition lesion	ULMCAD stenosis >70% or if 50–70% then FFR<0.80; SYNTAX <32
Primary endpoint	Death, spontaneous MI, stroke or revascularization	Death, any MI or stroke
Geographic region	100% Europe	56% Europe, 40% North America, 4% Other*
Sample size	1,201	1,905
Median follow-up time	3.1 years	3.0 years
Study population		
SYNTAX score	22.5±7.5	20.6±6.2
ACS	18%	15% (1.4% STEMI)
LVEF	60% (IQR 55–65%)	57%±10%
Diabetes	PCI group: 15%; CABG group: 15%	PCI group: 32.2%; CABG group: 28.0%
Procedural characteristics		
Stent used	89% biolimus-eluting stent (BIOMATRIX™), 11% 1 st Gen DES	100% everolimus-eluting stent (XIENCE™)
Distal/bifurcation disease	81%	81%
IVUS guidance	Pre-stent evaluation: 47%; post-stent evaluation: 77%	IVUS guidance: 77%
2-stents used	37%	NR
2-stent technique	Culotte: 24%; crush: 4%; other: 9%	NR
LIMA to LAD	96%	98.8%
Only arterial grafts used	14.3%	24.8%
Results: PCI vs. CABG		
Primary endpoint	Favors CABG	No difference
All-cause-mortality	No difference	No difference
Cardiac mortality	No difference	No difference
Total MI	NR	No difference
Spontaneous MI	Favors CABG	No difference
Stroke	No difference	No difference
Total revascularization	Favors CABG	Favors CABG
Target-lesion revascularization	No difference	No difference
LMCA revascularization	No difference	NR
Stent thrombosis	2% [†] , 0.8% (BIOMATRIX™ DES only) [†]	0.7% [‡]

EXCEL

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Unprotected left main revascularization: Percutaneous coronary intervention versus coronary artery bypass. An updated systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials

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Study design

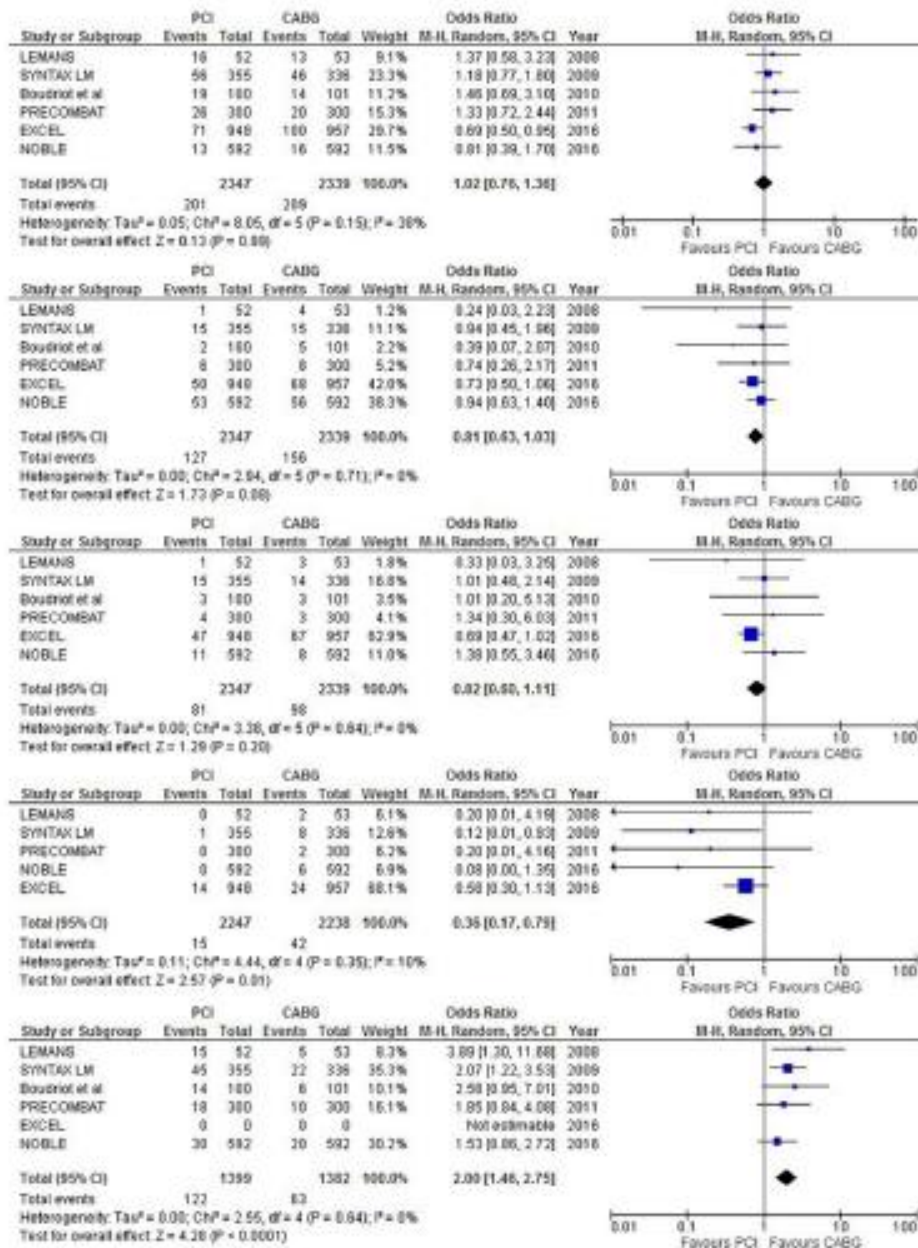
Table 1. Features of included studies. CABG: Coronary artery bypass graft; CVA; cerebrovascular accident; DES: drug eluting stent; LAD: left anterior descending; MI: myocardial infarction; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; RCT: randomised controlled trial.

Study	Design	PCI (N)	DES, %	CABG (N)	Arterial graft to LAD, %	Primary end point
LEMANS ^{3,9}	RCT	52	35	53	81	Cardiac death, MI, CVA, repeat revascularization, and/or acute/subacute ST
SYNTAX Left Main ^{4,10}	Pre-specified subanalysis from a RCT	357	100	348	97	All-cause death, CVA, MI, and repeat revascularization
Boudriot et al ⁵	RCT	100	100	101	99	All-cause death, MI, and repeat revascularization
PRECOMBAT ^{6,11}	RCT	300	100	300	94	All-cause death, CVA, MI, and repeat revascularization
EXCEL ⁷	RCT	948	100	957	99	Death, stroke, or myocardial infarction
NOBLE ⁸	RCT	598	100	603	93	Death from any cause, non-procedural myocardial infarction, repeat revascularisation, or stroke

Patient characteristics

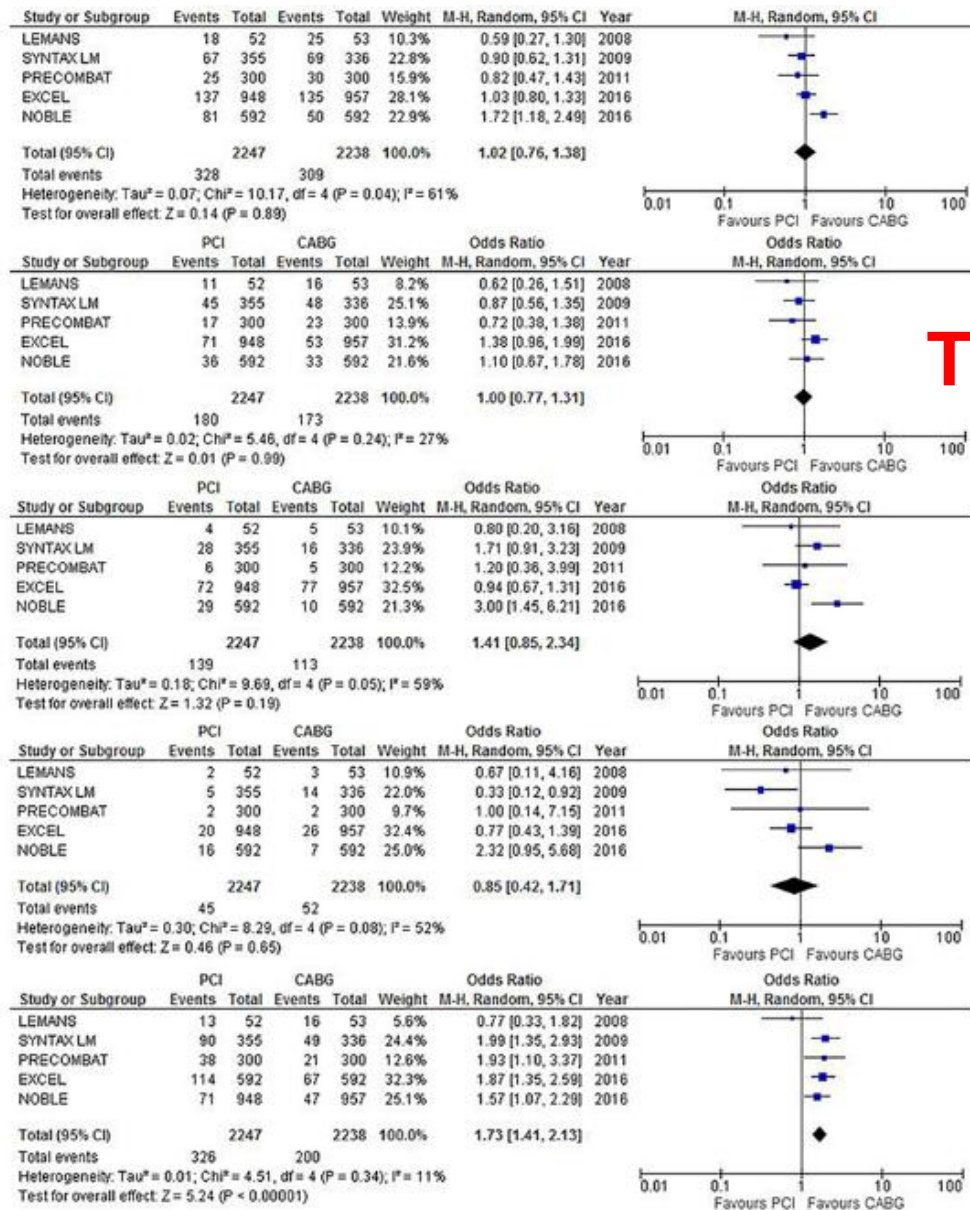
Table 2. Patients and procedural features of included studies.

Study	Age	Diabetes	Distal LM	No of Diseased vessel 0/1/2/ 3%	Syntax Score	Complete Revascularization (overall,PCI, CABG)
LEMANS ^{3,9}	61	18	58	0/9/23/68	23	84/79/89
SYNTAX Left Main ^{4,10}	65	25	61	13/20/31/36	30	68/65/73
Boudriot et al ⁵	68	36	71	29/31/27/14	24	98/98/97
PRECOMBAT ^{6,11}	62	32	65	10/17/32/41	25	69/68/70
EXCEL ⁷	66	29	80	163/292/325/162	20	NA
NOBLE ⁸	66	15	81	NA	22	92 (PCI only)



✓ Stroke favors PCI
✓ TVR favors CABG

Fig 2. Major adverse cardiovascular events at 1 year (from top to bottom, MACE, Death, MI, Stroke, TVR)



TVR favors CABG

Fig 3. Major adverse cardiovascular events at a median FU of 5 years, mean 5.6 years (from top to bottom: MACE, Death, MI, Stroke, TVR).

Main findings: *Equivalence*

Main findings can be featured as follows:

- At 1 year follow-up PCI and CABG achieve substantial equivalence with respect to the cumulative end point of MACE (overall death, MI and stroke), while CABG is associated with a higher risk of stroke and PCI is associated with a higher risk of TVR
- At long term follow up, PCI and CABG are equivalent with respect to MACE, mortality, MI and risk of stroke, while PCI is associated with a higher risk of TVR.

European guidelines for unprotected Left Main disease

- CABG: IB (regardless of SYNTAX score)
- PCI: IB (SYNTAX score <22)
- PCI: IIA (SYNTAX score 23-32)
- PCI: IIIB (SYNTAX score >32)

PCI ≤ CABG

Comments on the debate

- ✓ “Surgery solves the problem **long-term**.”
- ✓ “Some eligible patients will prefer surgery, and some eligible patients will prefer PCI.”
- ✓ “In the EXCEL trial, by the time you get out **over 3 years**, death is beginning to split in favor of surgery.”
- ✓ “Since the results, on their surface, are somewhat discordant with each other, it’s probably **not** going to be **enough** to change the guidelines.”
- ✓ The “*devil is in the details*.”

Take home message

*CABG remains the preferred method
while the long-term outcomes of NOBLE
and EXCEL trials are anticipated*

