



# COMPLETE TRIAL

**A randomized, comparative effectiveness study of  
complete versus culprit-only revascularization strategies  
to treat multivessel disease after early percutaneous coronary  
intervention for ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction**

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# Background

- Patients undergoing primary PCI to the culprit lesion for STEMI are often found to have multivessel CAD, with 1 or more angiographically significant non-culprit lesions.
- There is uncertainty on how best to manage these non-culprit lesions:
  - *Routinely revascularize them with PCI?*
  - *Manage them conservatively with guideline-directed medical therapy alone?*
- Prior RCT's have shown non-culprit lesion PCI reduces revascularization but none were powered to detect moderate reductions in hard clinical outcomes such as CV death or MI.<sup>1-4</sup>
- Meta-analyses have suggested a possible reduction in CV death or MI, but this result is fragile and no single RCT has been adequately powered to confirm this.<sup>5</sup>

**The COMPLETE trial was designed to address this evidence gap.**

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# Primary Objective

*In patients presenting with STEMI and multi-vessel coronary artery disease who have undergone culprit-lesion PCI, the objective is:*

To determine whether a strategy of routine, staged non-culprit lesion PCI with the goal of complete revascularization is superior to a strategy of culprit lesion-only PCI in reducing the composite of CV death or new MI.



# COMPLETE Trial Design

## STEMI WITH MULTIVESSEL CAD AND SUCCESSFUL PCI TO THE CULPRIT LESION

MVD defined as at least one additional non-culprit lesion  $\geq 2.5$  mm diameter  
and  $\geq 70\%$  stenosis or 50-69% with FFR  $\leq 0.80$

### Actual Time to study NCL PCI in Complete Group (median)

During initial hospitalization: 1 day (IQR 1-3)

After hospital discharge: 23 days (IQR 12.5-33.5)

### RANDOMIZATION

#### Stratified for intended timing of NCL PCI:

During initial hospitalization or after discharge (max 45 d)

Exclusion Criteria: Intent to revascularize NCL, planned surgical revascularization, prior CABG

### COMPLETE REVASCULARIZATION

Routine staged PCI\* of all suitable non-culprit lesions  
with the goal of complete revascularization

N=2016

### CULPRIT-LESION-ONLY REVASCULARIZATION

No further revascularization of non-culprit lesions,  
guideline-directed medical therapy alone

N=2025

\*Everolimus-eluting stents  
strongly recommended

### Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy

ASA, P2Y12 inhibitor (Ticagrelor strongly recommended), Statin, BB, ACE/ARB + Risk Factor Modification

### MEDIAN FOLLOW-UP: 3 YEARS

#### CO-PRIMARY OUTCOMES:

1. Composite of CV death or new MI
2. Composite of CV death, new MI or IDR

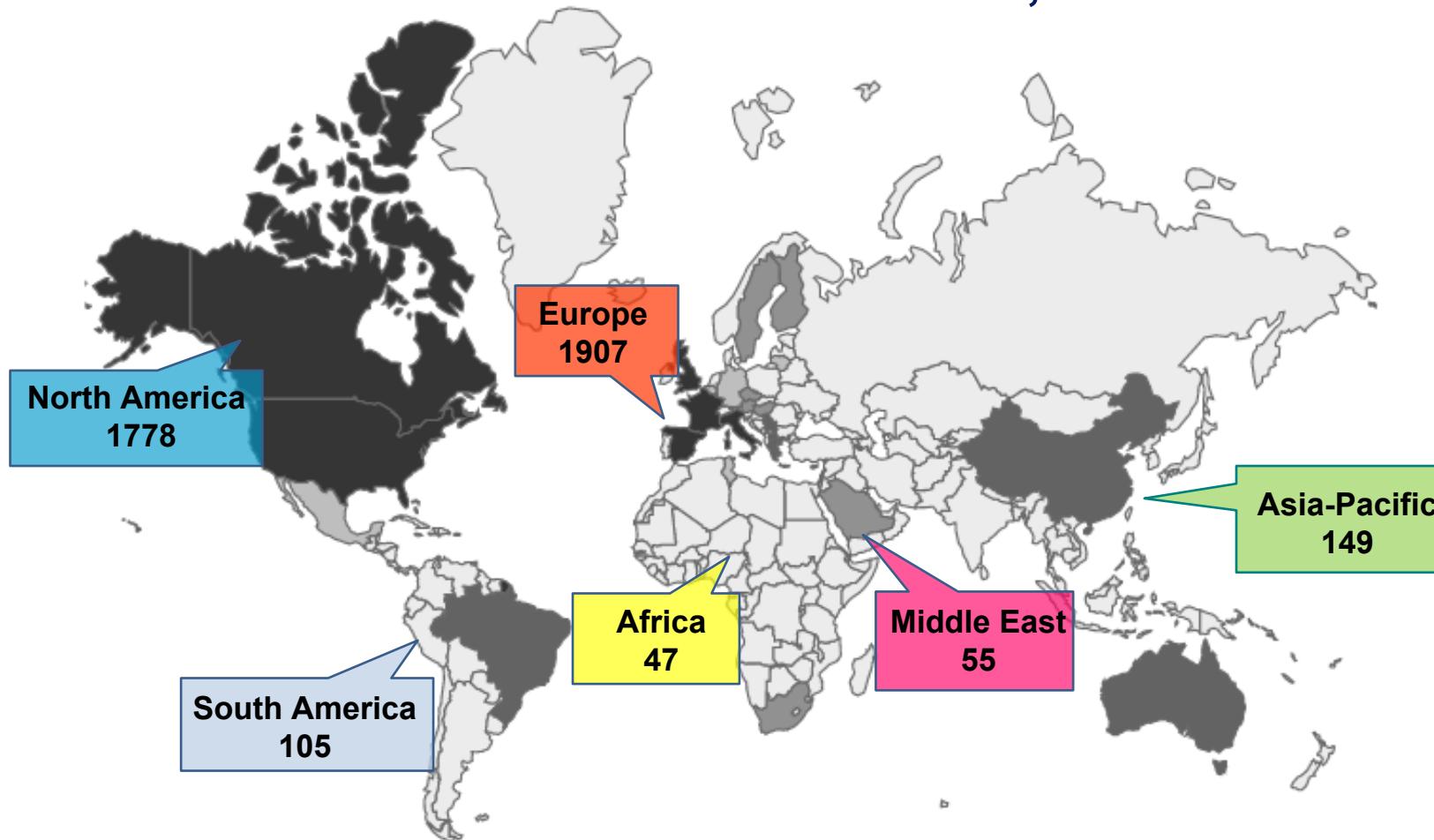
#### KEY SECONDARY OUTCOME:

CV death, new MI, IDR, unstable angina, NYHA class IV heart failure



# Global Recruitment

## 140 centers, 31 countries



<i>Australia</i>	<i>Lithuania</i>
<i>Austria</i>	<i>Macedonia</i>
<i>Belgium</i>	<i>Mexico</i>
<i>Brazil</i>	<i>Poland</i>
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<i>Hungary</i>	<i>Tunisia</i>
<i>Israel</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>
<i>Italy</i>	<i>USA</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	



# Study Power and Follow-up

- **Study Power:** 80% power for CVD/MI and 89% power for CVD/MI/IDR to detect a 22% HRR.  
To preserve the overall type I error rate of 5% for the testing of both co-primary outcomes, the first co-primary outcome was tested at a P value of 0.045 and the second at a P value of 0.0119\*
- **Recruitment Period:** February 1, 2013 – March 6, 2017
- **Angiographic Core Lab:** Central review of all coronary angiograms in the trial
- **Analysis:** Intention-to-treat, Cox proportional hazards model, stratified by intended timing of revascularization, stratified log rank test
- **Follow-up (vital status):** 99.1% in *Complete* group and 99.3% *Culprit-Lesion-only* group
- **Crossover in first 45 days:** From *Complete Revasc* to *Culprit-Lesion-only* = 3.9%  
From *Culprit-Lesion-only* to *Complete Revasc* = 4.7%

# Baseline Characteristics

	Complete N=2016	Culprit-only N=2025	Complete N=2016	Culprit-only N=2025
<b>Age (yrs)</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>Sx onset to Culprit PCI (%)</b>	
<b>Gender (% male)</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>&lt;6 hours</b>	<b>69.4</b>
<b>Diabetes (%)</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>6~12 hours</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>Chronic renal insuff. (%)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>&gt;12 hours</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b>Prior MI (%)</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>Discharge Meds (%)</b>	
<b>Current smoker (%)</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>ASA</b>	<b>99.8</b>
<b>Hypertension (%)</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>P2Y12 Inhibitor</b>	<b>99.4</b>
<b>Dyslipidemia (%)</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>Ticagrelor</b>	<b>64.4</b>
<b>Prior PCI (%)</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>Prasugrel</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>Prior stroke (%)</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>Clopidogrel</b>	<b>25.6</b>
<b>Hemoglobin A1C</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>Beta blocker</b>	<b>88.1</b>
<b>LDL (mmol/L)</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>ACEi/ARB</b>	<b>85.5</b>
<b>Creatinine (μmol/L)</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>Statin</b>	<b>98.2</b>
				<b>97.2</b>



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# Procedural Characteristics

	Complete N=2016	Culprit-only N=2025
<b>Index PCI for STEMI</b>		
Primary	<b>91.9%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
Pharmaco-invasive	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Rescue	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Radial access</b>	<b>80.8%</b>	<b>80.7%</b>
<b>Residual diseased vessels</b>		
1	<b>76.1%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>
≥2	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
<b>NCL location</b>		
Left main	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
LAD	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>41.2%</b>
Proximal LAD	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
Mid LAD	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>23.7%</b>
Circumflex	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>35.6%</b>
RCA	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>

	Complete N=2016	Culprit-only N=2025
<b>NCL diameter</b>		
	<b>2.8 mm</b>	<b>2.9 mm</b>
<b>Mean NCL stenosis (visual)</b>	<b>79.3%</b>	<b>78.7%</b>
<b>NCL stenosis (visual)</b>		
50-69% and FFR<0.80	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
70-79%	<b>41.3%</b>	<b>45.1%</b>
80-89%	<b>33.5%</b>	<b>32.6%</b>
90-99%	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>19.7%</b>
100%	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>SYNTAX score (Core Lab)</b>		
Baseline	<b>16.3</b>	<b>16.0</b>
Culprit lesion specific	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Non-culprit lesion specific	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Residual (after index PCI)	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>



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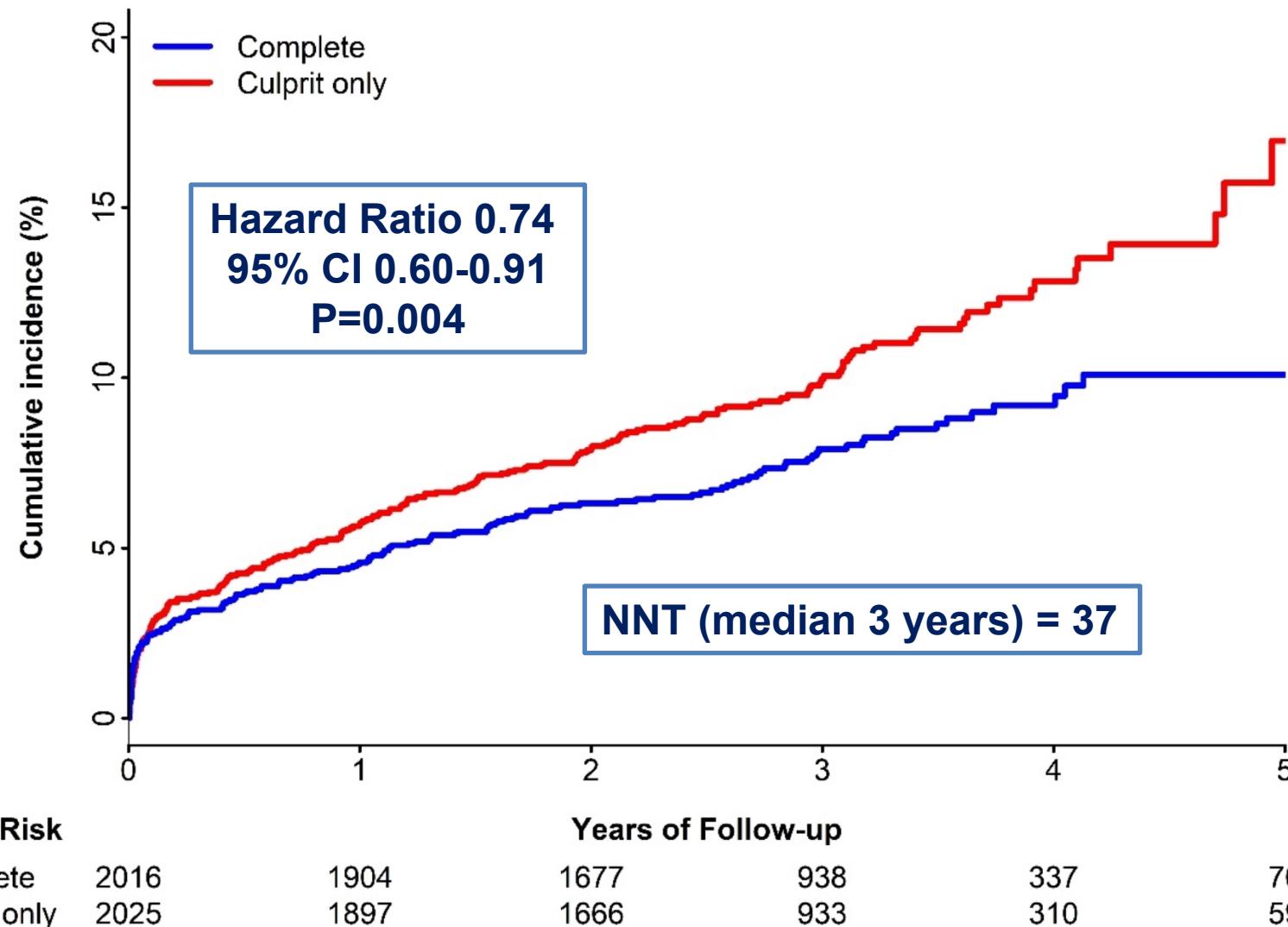
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<b>Residual diseased vessels</b>				
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≥2	23.9%	22.9%	80-89%	33.5% 32.6%
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Mid LAD	21.7%	23.7%	Residual (after index PCI)	7.2 7.0
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Complete revascularization was achieved in **90.1%** after NCL PCI (SYNTAX score = 0)

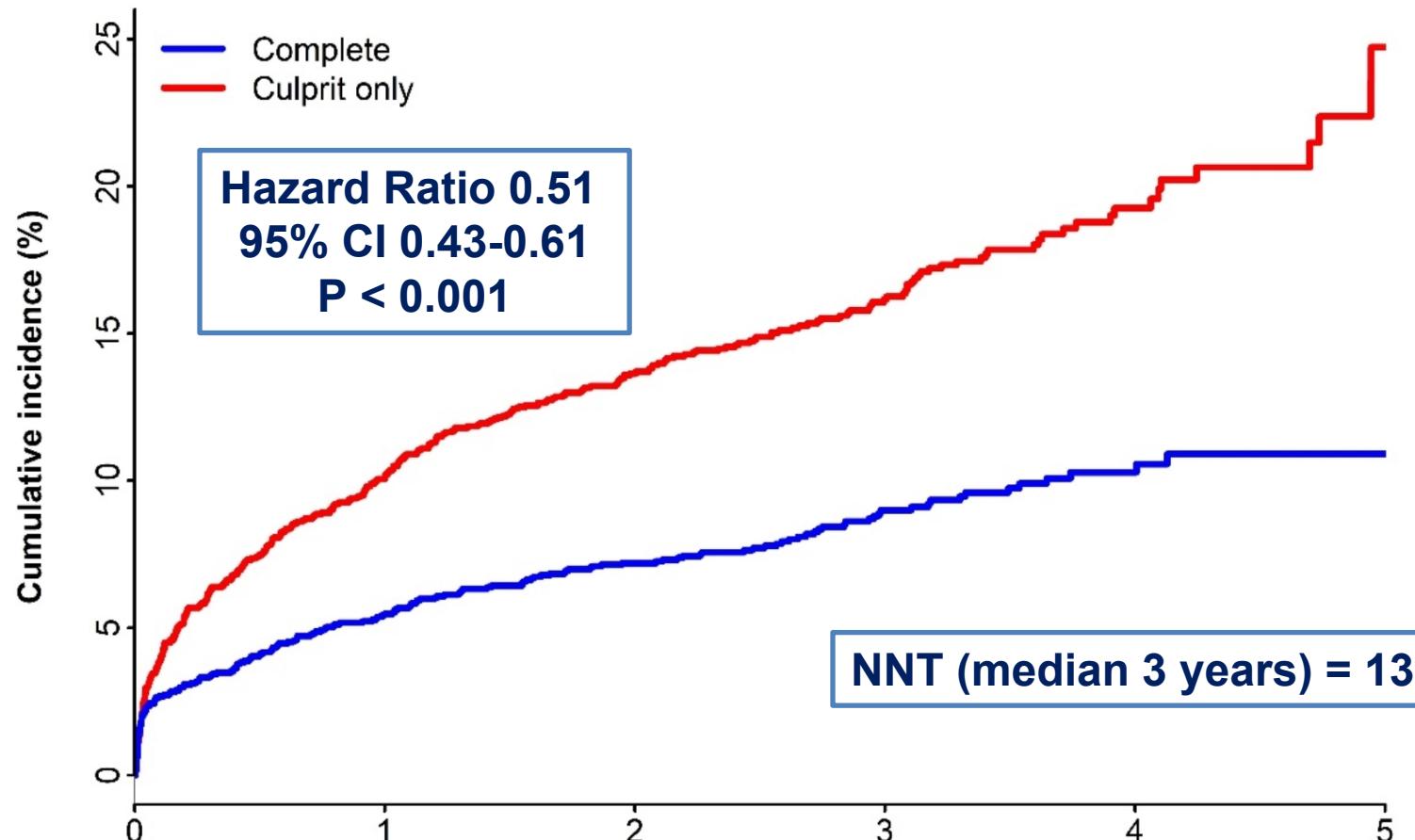


# First Co-Primary Outcome: CV Death or New MI





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Primary Outcome: CV Death, New MI, or IDR



### No. at Risk

Complete 2016

Culprit only 2025

### Years of Follow-up

1659

925

329

66

1559

865

294

57





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# Efficacy Outcomes

	Complete Revasc. N=2016		Culprit Lesion Only N=2025		HR (95% CI)	P value
	N (%)	%/year	N (%)	%/year		
<b>Co-Primary Outcomes</b>						
CV death or MI	158 (7.8)	2.7	213 (10.5)	3.7	0.74 (0.60-0.91)	0.004
CV death, MI or IDR	179 (8.9)	3.1	339 (16.7)	6.2	0.51 (0.43-0.61)	<0.001
<b>Key Secondary Outcome</b>						
CV death, MI, IDR, unstable angina or class IV HF	272 (13.5)	4.9	426 (21.0)	8.1	0.62 (0.53-0.72)	<0.001
<b>Other Secondary Outcomes</b>						
MI	109 (5.4)	1.9	160 (7.9)	2.8	0.68 (0.53-0.86)	0.002
IDR	29 (1.4)	0.5	160 (7.9)	2.8	0.18 (0.12-0.26)	<0.001
Unstable Angina	70 (3.5)	1.2	130 (6.4)	2.2	0.53 (0.40-0.71)	<0.001
CV death	59 (2.9)	1.0	64 (3.2)	1.0	0.93 (0.65-1.32)	0.68
All-cause Death	96 (4.8)	1.6	106 (5.2)	1.7	0.91 (0.69-1.20)	0.51



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# Sub-types of MI

	Complete Revasc. N=2016		Culprit Lesion Only N=2025		HR (95% CI)
	N (%)	%/year	N (%)	%/year	
<b>Subtype of MI</b>					
NSTEMI	66 (3.27)	1.11	105 (5.19)	1.78	0.63 (0.46-0.85)
STEMI	43 (2.13)	0.72	53 (2.62)	0.88	0.81 (0.54-1.22)
<b>Universal MI Definition</b>					
Type 1	63 (3.13)	1.05	128 (6.32)	2.17	0.49 (0.36-0.66)
Type 2	16 (0.79)	0.26	13 (0.64)	0.21	1.24 (0.60-2.58)
Type 3	4 (0.20)	0.07	1 (0.05)	0.02	4.04 (0.45-36.17)
Type 4a	16 (0.79)	0.27	8 (0.40)	0.13	2.01 (0.86-4.70)
Type 4b	8 (0.40)	0.13	13 (0.64)	0.21	0.62 (0.26-1.49)
Type 5	1 (0.05)	0.02	1 (0.05)	0.02	1.00 (0.06-15.92)

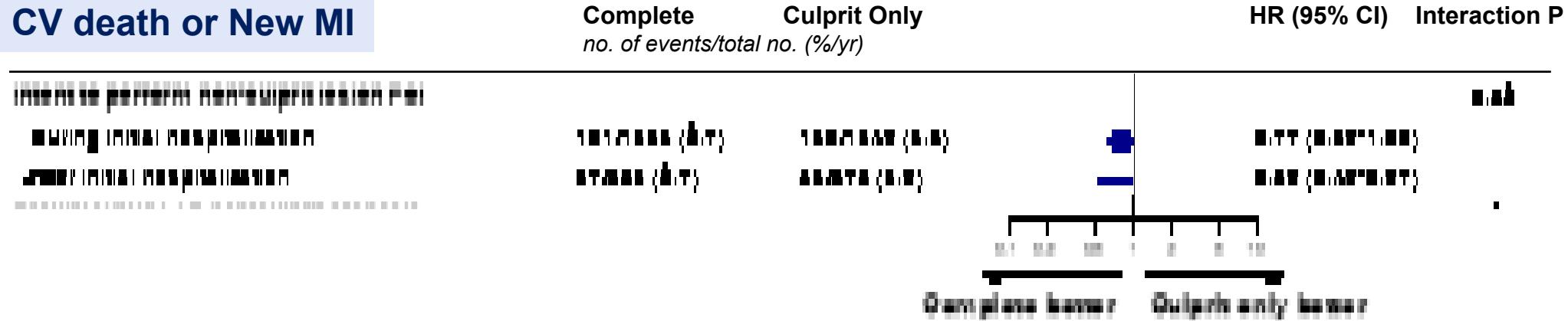


# Timing of Non-Culprit Lesion PCI: During or After Index Hospitalization

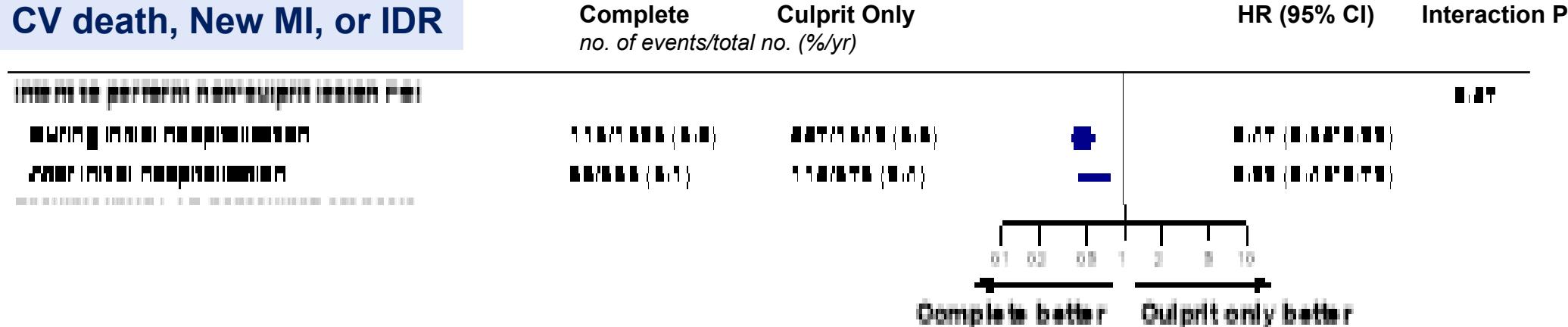
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## CV death or New MI



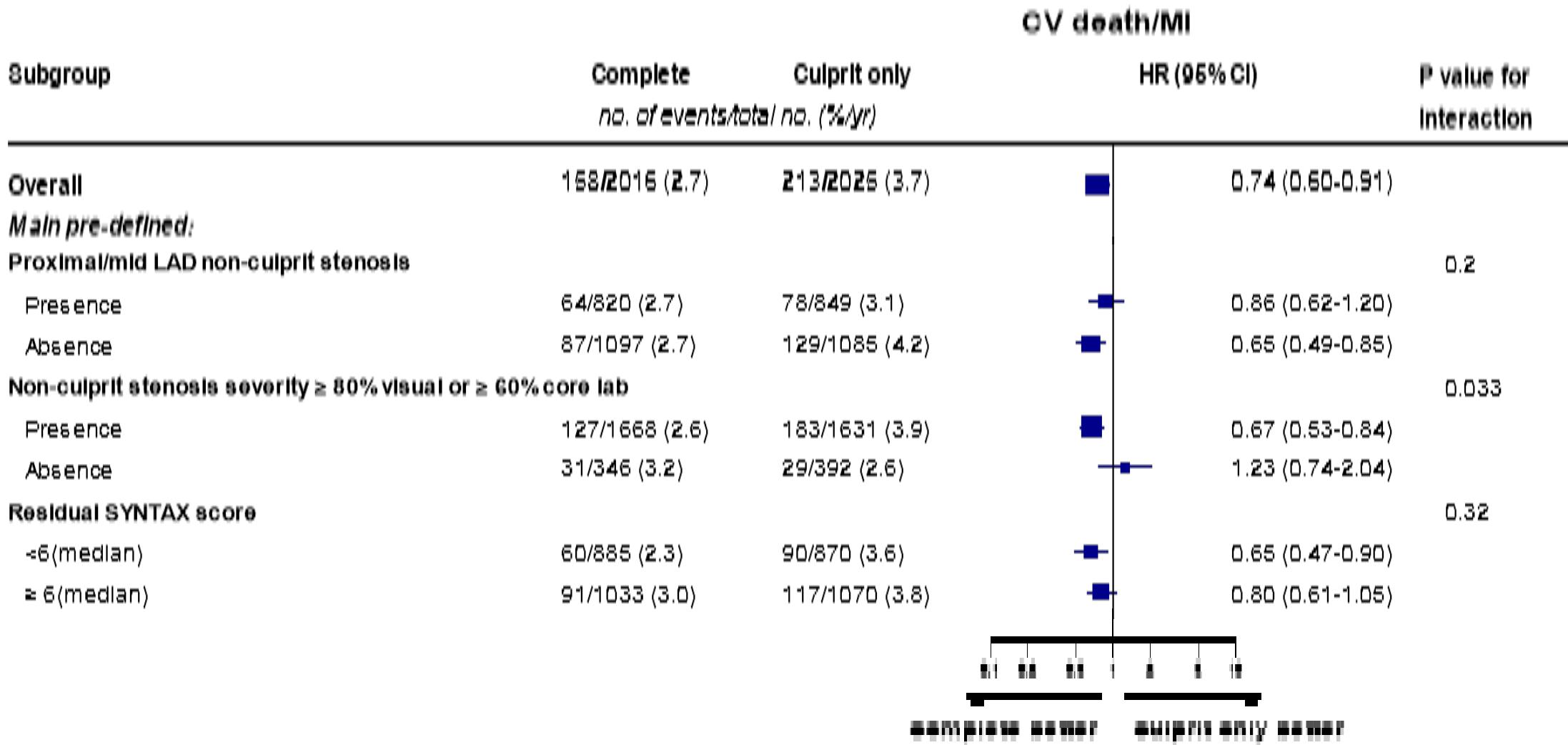
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## Main Pre-Defined Subgroup Analyses





# Safety and Other Outcomes

	Complete Revasc. N=2016		Culprit Lesion Only N=2025		HR (95% CI)	P value
	N (%)	%/year	N (%)	%/year		
Stroke	38 (1.9)	0.6	29 (1.4)	0.5	1.31 (0.81-2.13)	0.27
Stent thrombosis	26 (1.3)	0.4	19 (0.9)	0.3	1.38 (0.76-2.49)	0.28
All cause death or new MI	194 (9.6)	3.3	251 (12.4)	4.3	0.77 (0.64-0.93)	0.006
Major bleeding	58 (2.9)	1.0	44 (2.2)	0.7	1.33 (0.90-1.97)	0.15
Contrast-associated acute kidney injury*	30 (1.5)	-	19 (0.9)	-	1.59 (0.89-2.84)	0.11
NYHA class IV heart failure	58 (2.9)	1.0	56 (2.8)	0.9	1.04 (0.72-1.50)	0.83
Clinically non-significant bleeding	32 (1.6)	0.5	27 (1.3)	0.4	1.19 (0.71-1.99)	0.50

\* There were 7 vs 0 patients with AKI associated with complete revasc during index hospitalization

# Conclusions

In patients with STEMI and multi-vessel coronary artery disease:

- Compared with culprit-lesion-only PCI, routine non-culprit lesion PCI with the goal of complete revascularization:
  - **Reduced CV death or new MI by 26% ( $P=0.004$ ), NNT = 37**
  - **Reduced CV death, new MI or IDR by 49% ( $P<0.001$ ), NNT = 13**
- The benefit of complete revascularization was similar in those undergoing non-culprit lesion PCI during the index hospitalization (median 1 day) and several weeks after hospital discharge (median 3 weeks)
- There were no significant differences in bleeding, stent thrombosis, AKI or stroke



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