

IMS III: Final Results and Key Subgroup Analysis Lessons Learned for the future

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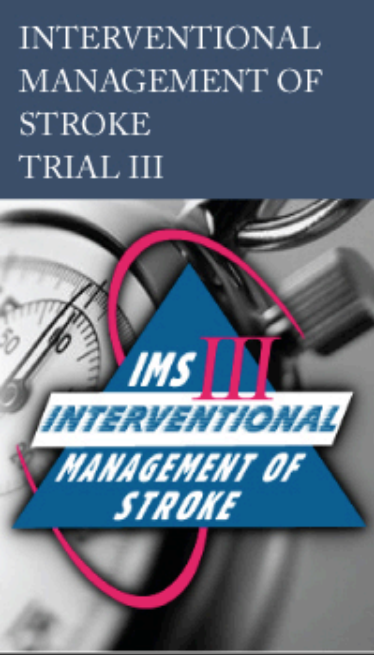
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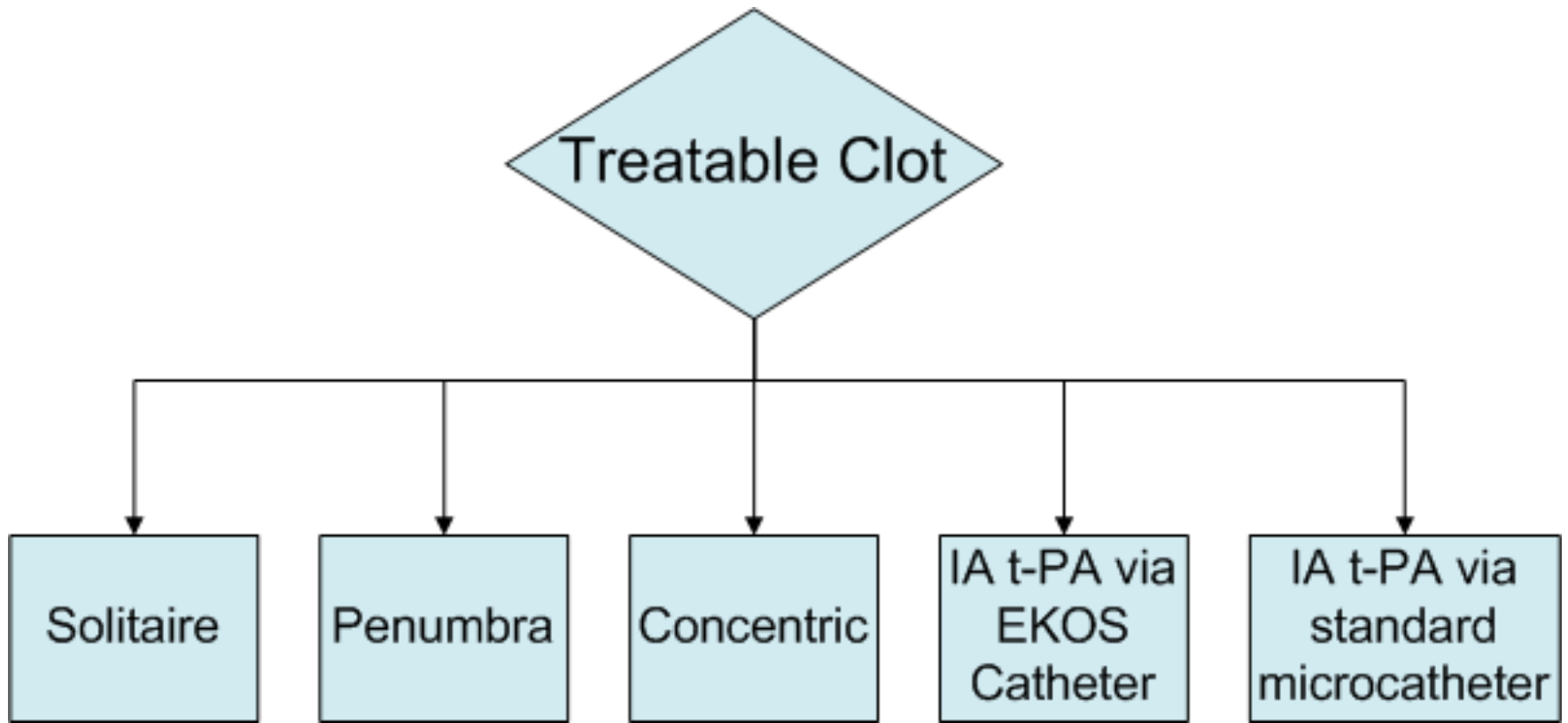
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Key Design Features of IMS III

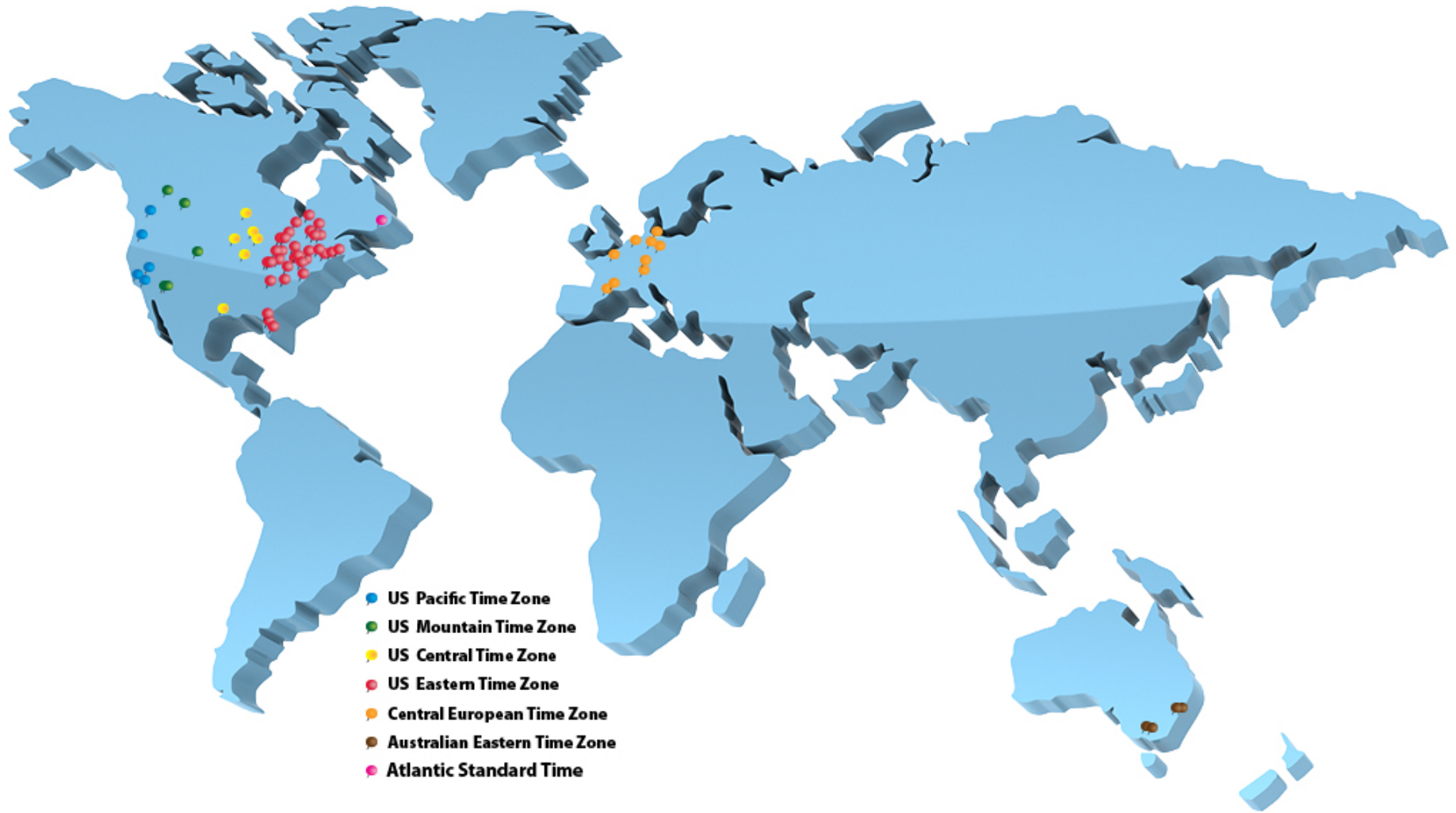
- Combined IV t-PA (0.6 mg/kg) + endo vs IV tPA (0.9 mg/kg)
- Planned **900** subjects
- **<3 hours** LSN time window
- **2 endo : 1 IV t-PA** ratio randomization
- Age **18-82** years
- **NIHSS ≥ 10** , or NIHSS 8-9 with CTA evidence of ICA, M1 or basilar occlusion prior to initiation of IV t-PA
- Consent/randomization within first 40-minutes IV t-PA infusion





But must follow the instructions for use and could only choose one device. OK to also use endovascular t-PA via standard microcatheter if time remaining after use of device.





April 2012: Preplanned 2/3rd DSMB IMS III – Crossed Futility Boundary

- Upon recommendation of the DSMB, NINDS stopped enrollment because a predefined futility boundary was crossed, based upon the low conditional power, given an expected difference of 10% between the two groups and a sample size of 900. There were no significant safety concerns.
- 656 subjects had been enrolled.



No Significant Baseline Differences

Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.*

Characteristic	Endovascular Therapy (N = 434)	Intravenous t-PA Alone (N = 222)
Age — yr		
Median	69	68
Range	23–89	23–84
Male sex — no. (%)	218 (50.2)	122 (55.0)
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)†		
Black	51 (11.8)	19 (8.6)
Hispanic	11 (2.5)	12 (5.4)
NIHSS score‡		
Median	17	16
Range	7–40	8–30
ASPECTS of 8, 9, or 10 — no. (%)§	247 (56.9)	131 (59.0)
Presumptive location of stroke — no. (%)		
Left hemisphere	224 (51.6)	106 (47.7)
Right hemisphere	197 (45.4)	109 (49.1)
Brain stem or cerebellum	10 (2.3)	4 (1.8)
Unknown or multiple locations	3 (0.7)	3 (1.4)
Atrial fibrillation — no. (%)	153 (35.3)	70 (31.5)
History of hypertension — no. (%)	319 (73.5)	171 (77.0)
History of diabetes — no. (%)	94 (21.7)	54 (24.3)
History of congestive heart failure — no. (%)	50 (11.5)	31 (14.0)
History of coronary artery disease — no. (%)	102 (23.5)	72 (32.4)
History of hyperlipidemia — no. (%)	215 (49.5)	112 (50.5)
Serum glucose — mmol/liter	7.4±2.9	7.6±3.1
Time from stroke onset to initiation of intravenous t-PA — min	122.4±33.7	121.2±33.8

69 vs 68

17 vs 16

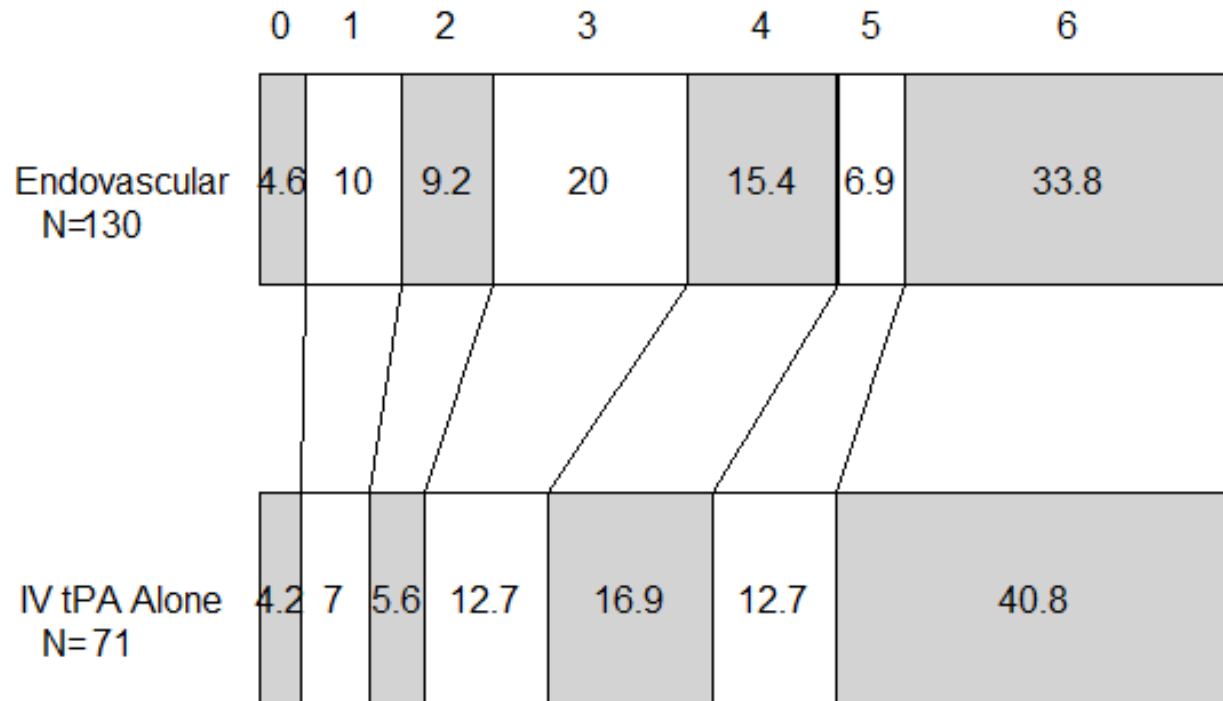
122 vs 121

90-Day Modified Rankin Scale Score Distribution All Subjects

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Endovascular N=415	12.8	16.6	13.3	17.1	15.4	4.8	20
IV tPA Alone N=214	8.9	18.2	13.1	16.3	14.1	7	22.4

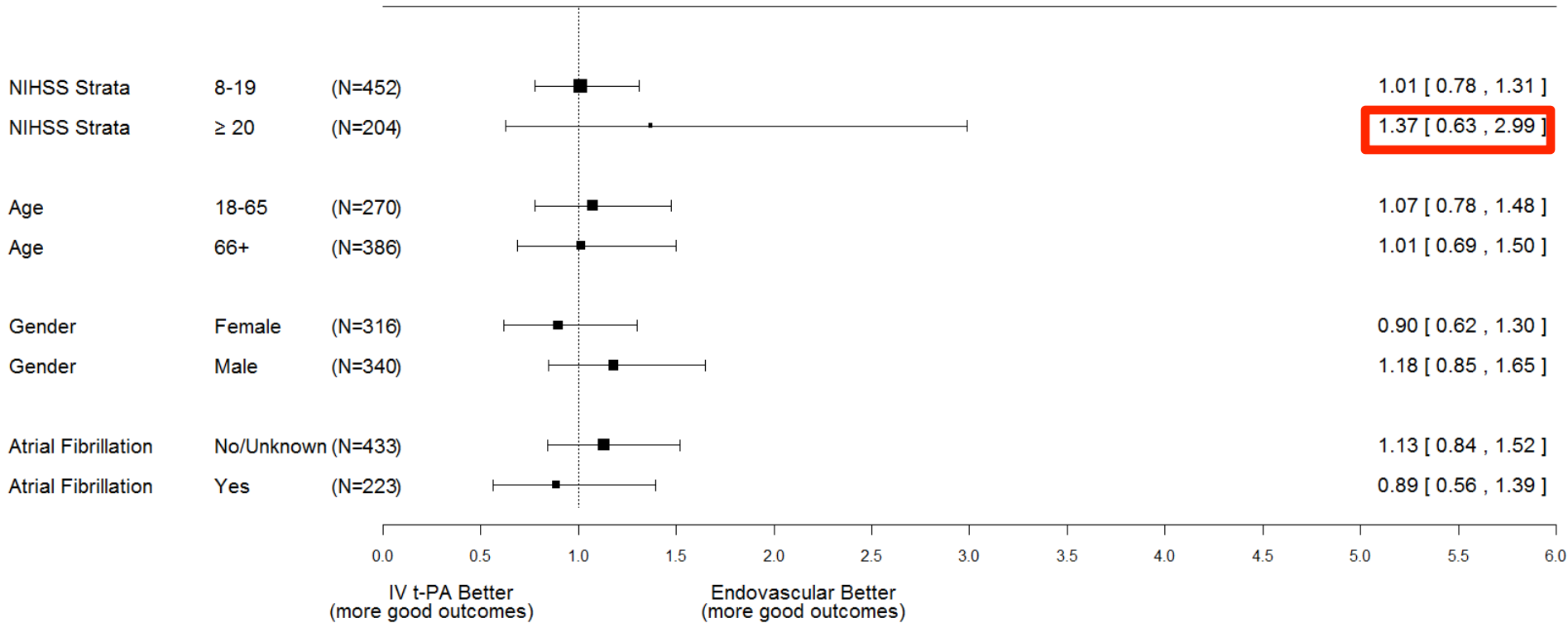
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90-Day Modified Rankin Scale Score Distribution by Treatment Group: Baseline NIHSS ≥ 20



Differences between the two treatment groups across the entire distribution ($p = 0.065$)

NIHSS Strata, Age, Gender, and Atrial Fibrillation



90-Day Modified Rankin Scale Score Distribution by Treatment Group: Baseline NIHSS 8-19

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Endovascular N=285	16.5	19.6	15.1	15.8	15.4	3.9	13.7
IV tPA Alone N=143	11.2	23.8	16.8	18.2	12.6	4.2	13.3

Differences between the two treatment groups across the entire distribution for the ≤ 19 NIHSS stratum ($p = 0.83$)



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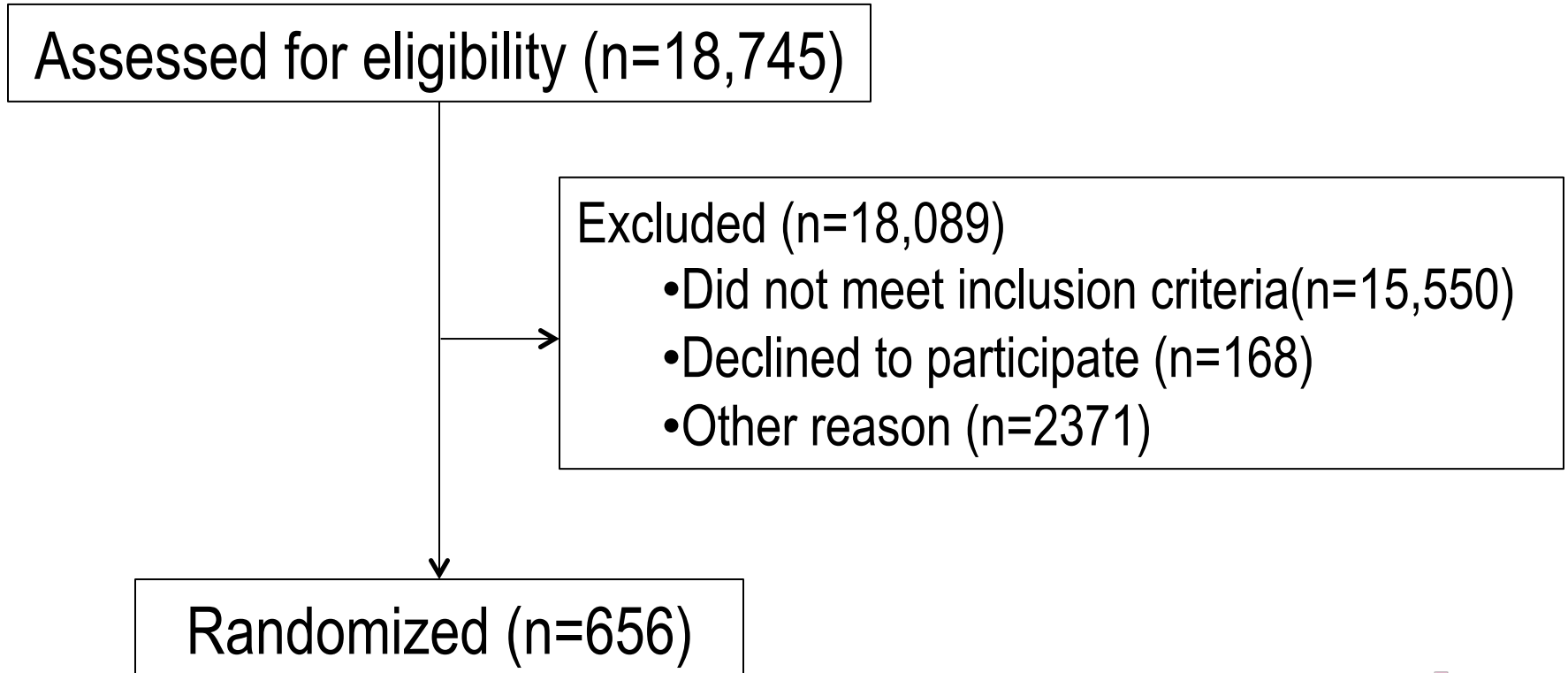
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A Perspective: What Lessons Should be Learned from IMS-III for the future

Study population enrolled

Pre-specified/post-hoc clinical/imaging
analysis

Eligibility and Enrollment

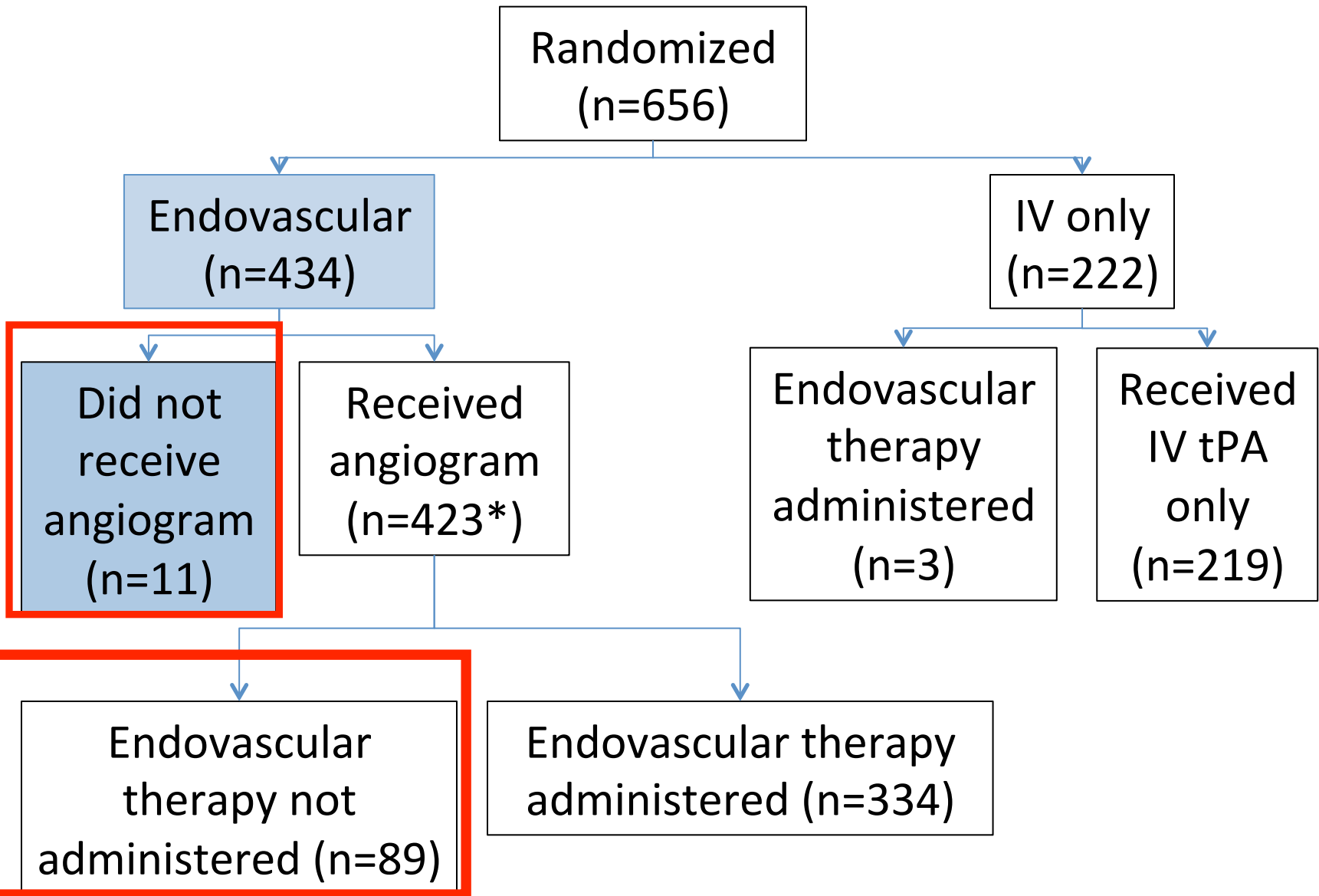


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Subject Accountability



* Includes 2 subjects treatment with IA therapy but with angiogram data not available

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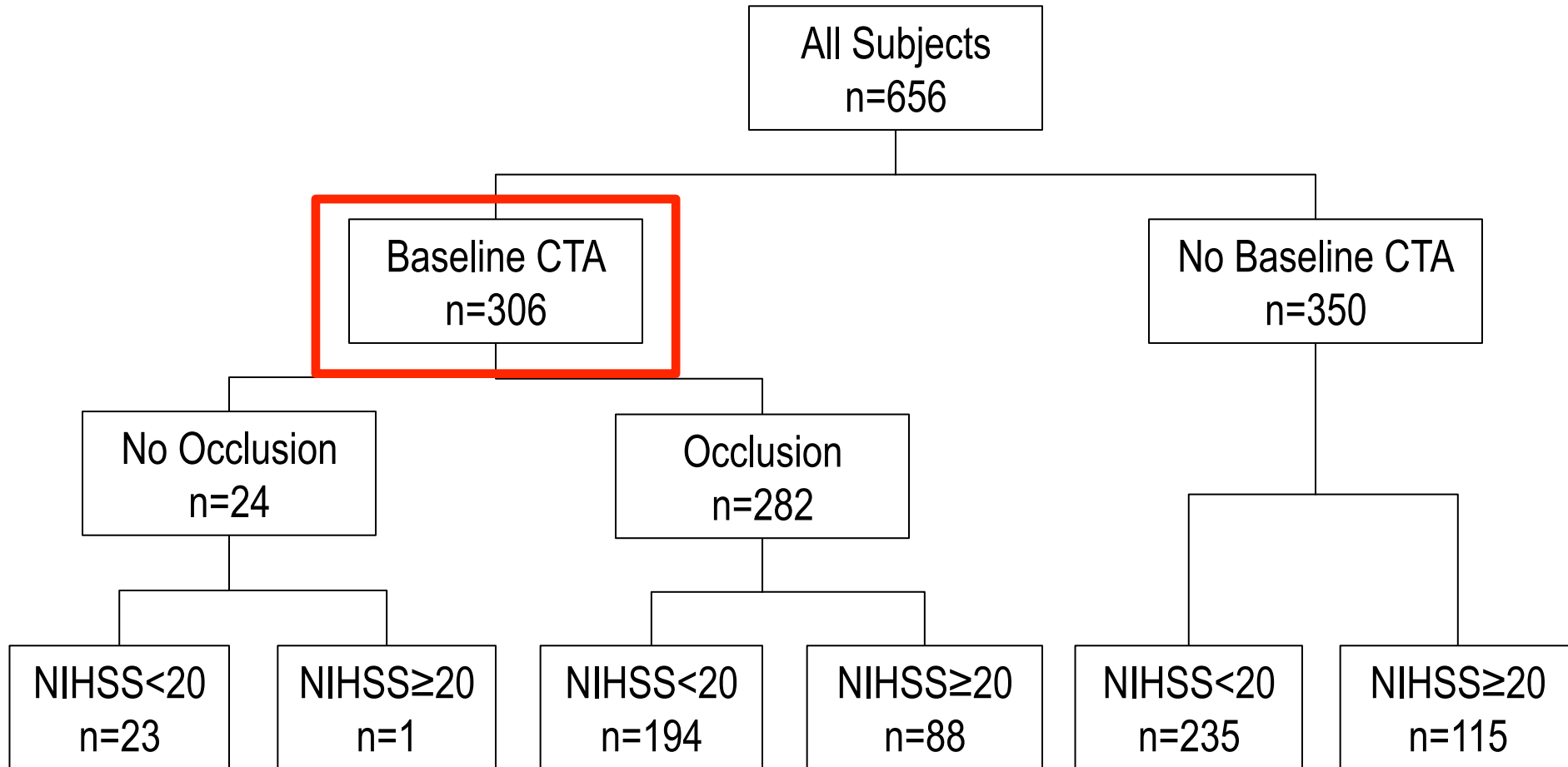
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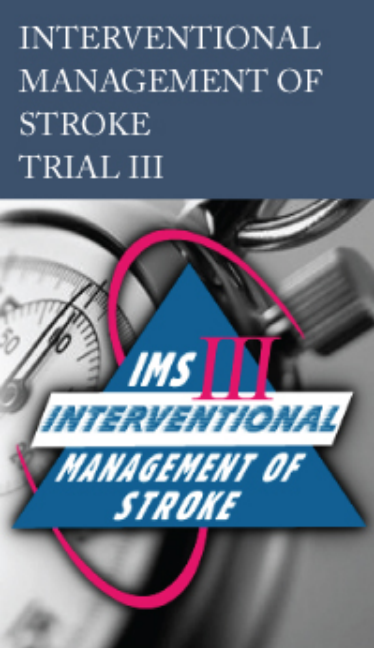
Enrollment by CTA and Treatment Group



24hr Recanalization by Occlusion Site

Baseline Primary Occlusion Vessel Category	Percent Recanalized of Subjects with 24 hour CTA (95% CI)		Treatment Difference (95% CI)
	Endovascular	IV t-PA Only	
All*	86.3% (79.6, 91.4)	64.7% (52.2, 75.9)	21.6% (8.9, 34.3)





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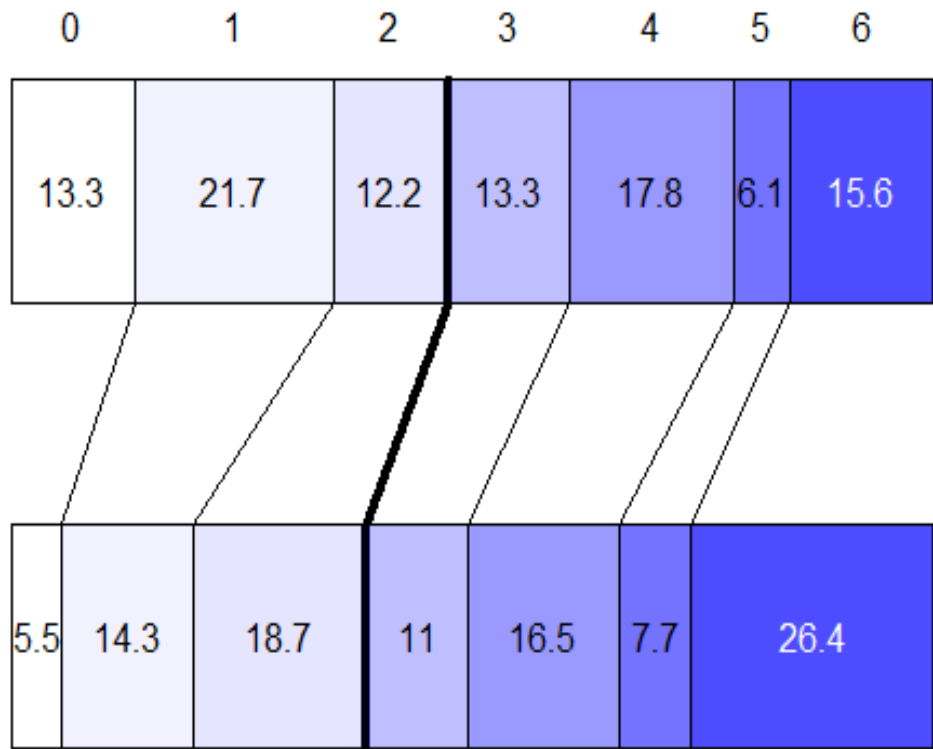
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90-Day mRS Distribution bCTAoccl+

Post-hoc



Differences between the two treatment groups across the entire distribution of the mRS ($p = 0.0114$, van Elteren test)

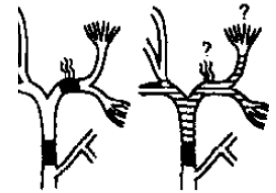
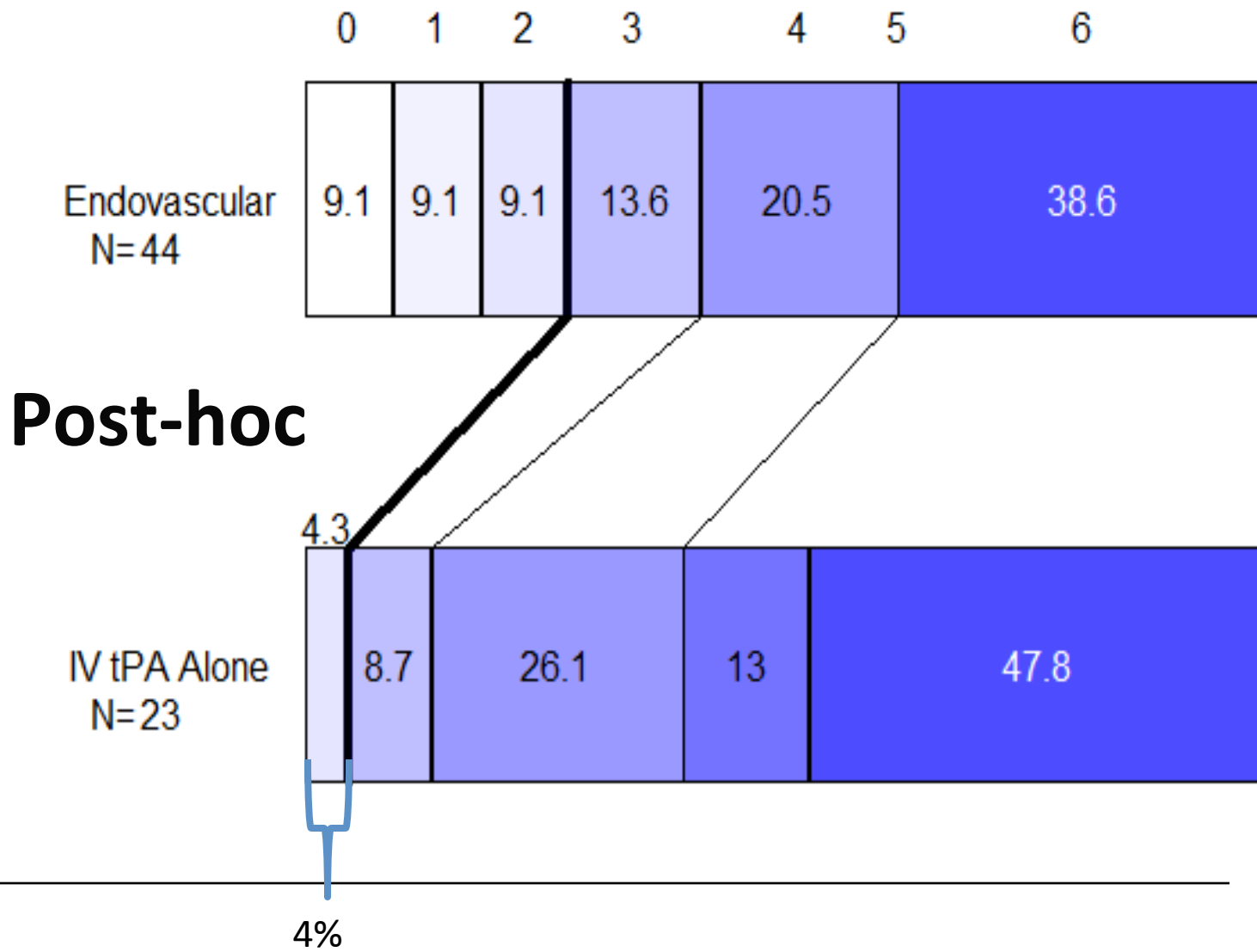


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Proximal: ICA, M1, BA	84.3% (76.4, 90.5)	55.8% (41.3, 69.5)	28.6% (13.5, 43.6)
ICA-T/L or Tandem ICA/M1	83.3% (65.3, 94.4)	27.8% (9.7, 53.5)	55.6% (30.9, 80.2)
Proximal M1, no ICAo	90.3% (74.3, 98.0)	80.0% (44.4, 97.5)	10.3% (-16.6, 37.2)
Distal M1, no ICAo	85.1% (71.7, 93.8)	85.7% (63.7, 97.0)	-0.6% (-18.7, 17.5)
M2 with or without ICAo	88.5% (69.9, 97.6)	78.6% (49.2, 95.3)	9.9% (-14.9, 34.6)
M3/M4 with or without ICAo	100.0% (NA)	100.0% (NA)	NA
BA; VA+BA; PCA	83.3% (35.9, 99.6)	33.3% (0.8, 90.6)	50.0% (-11.1, 100.0)



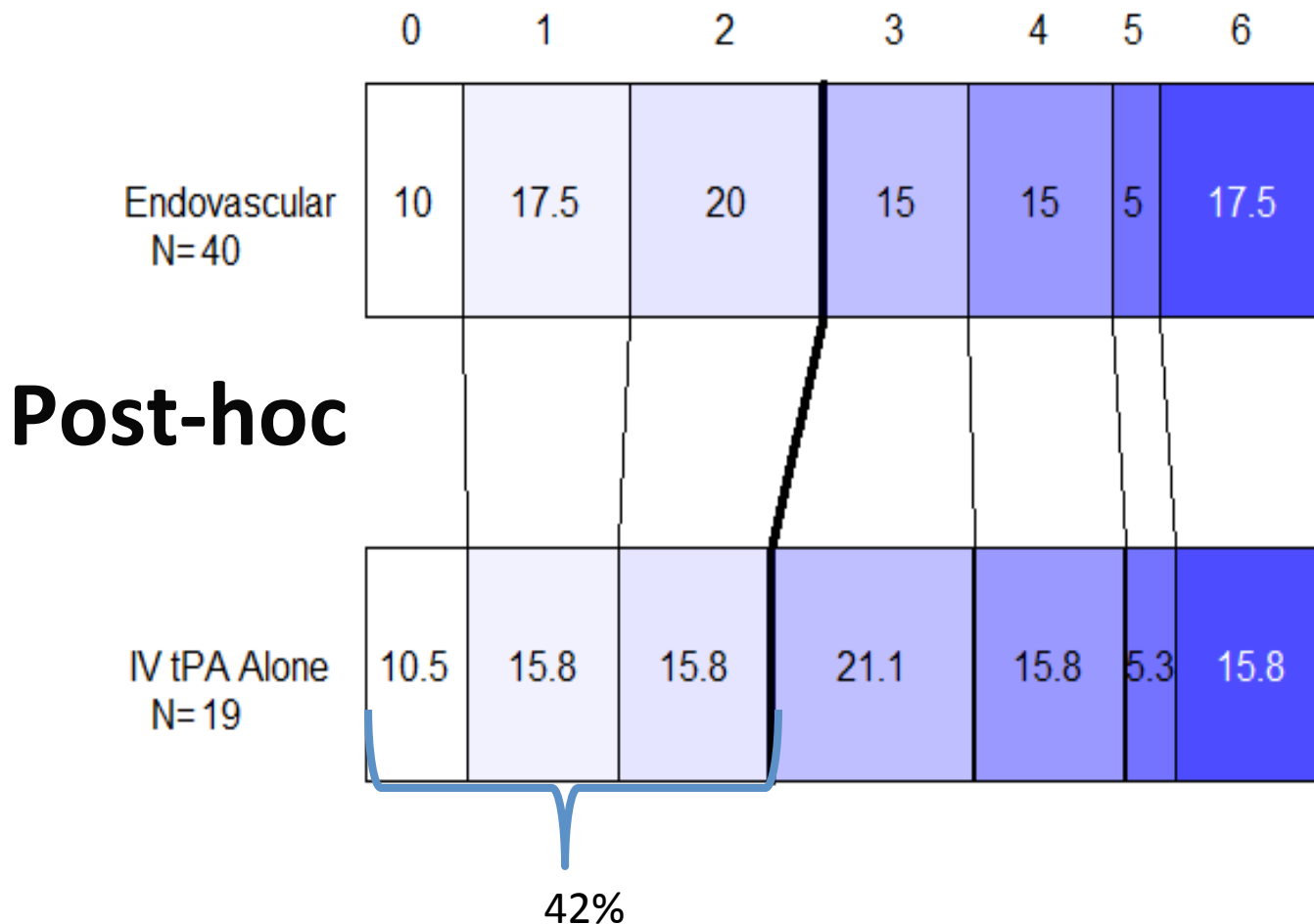
90-Day mRS Distribution, Baseline CTA: Carotid T/L or Tandem ICA+M1



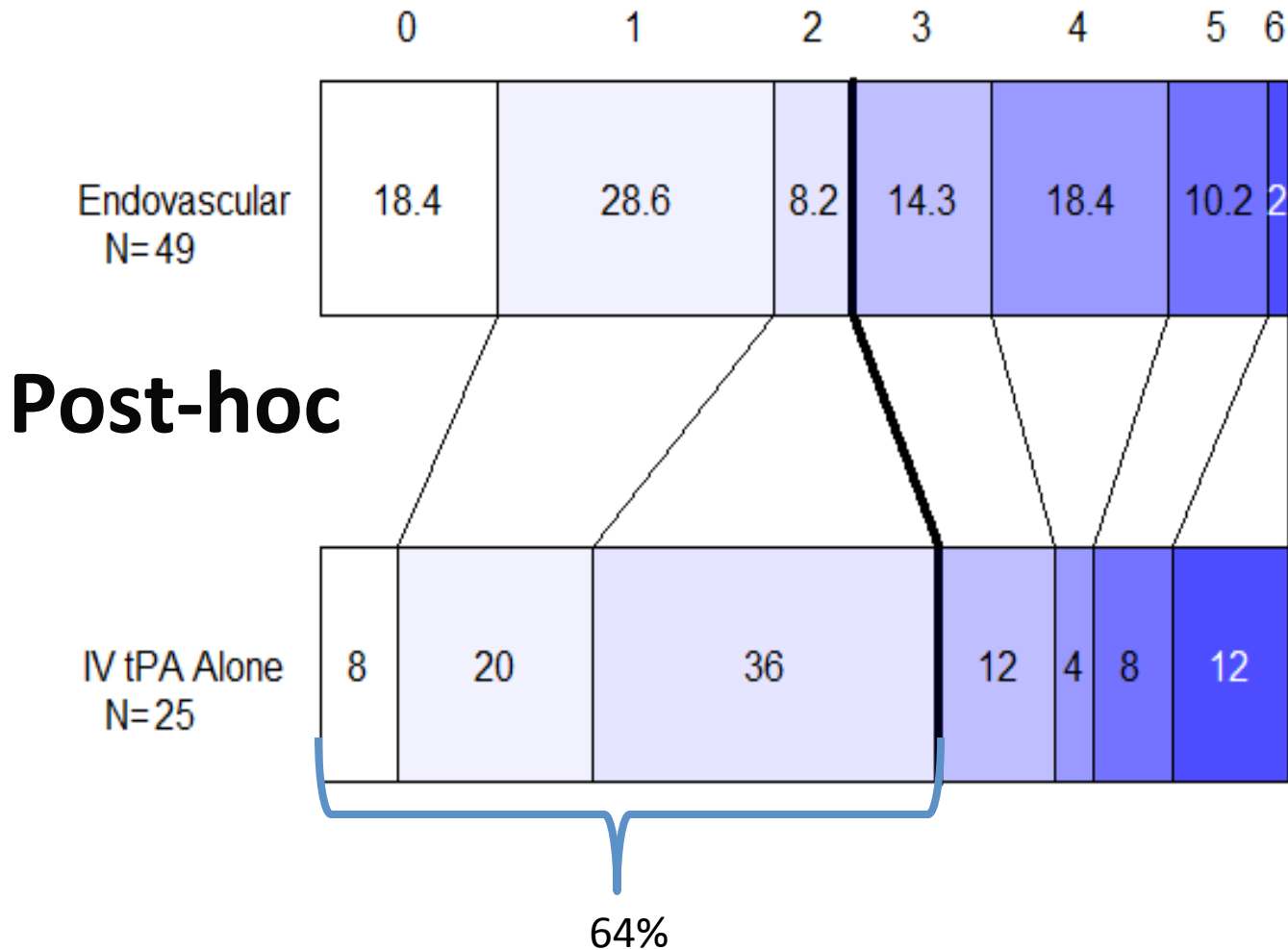
Ann Neurol 1992;32:78-86



90-Day mRS Distribution, Baseline CTA Proximal M1, no ICAo Occlusion Present

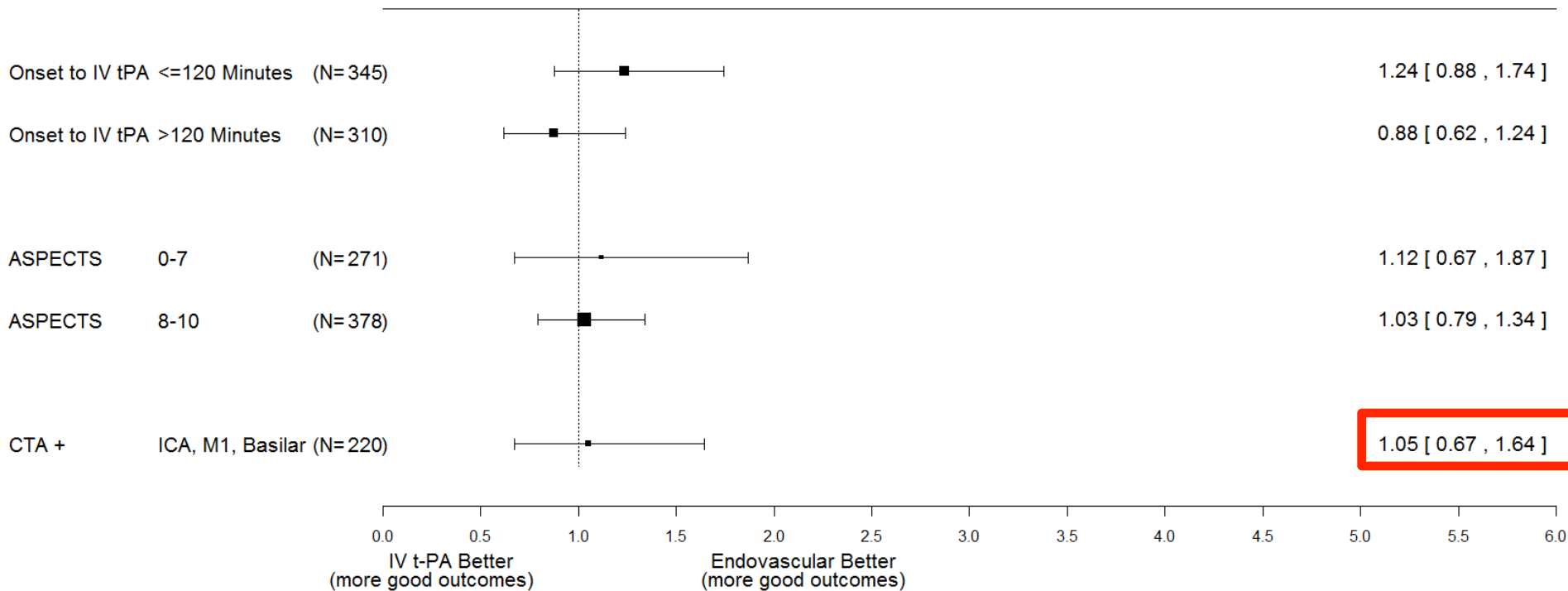


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Onset to IV t-PA, ASPECTS Score, CTA

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Table 2. Primary and Secondary Safety End Points.*

End Point	Endovascular Therapy (N = 434)	Intravenous t-PA Alone (N = 222)	P Value
Death — no. (%)			
Within 7 days	52 (12.0)	24 (10.8)	0.57
Within 90 days	83 (19.1)	48 (21.6)	0.52
Intracerebral hemorrhage within 30 hr — no. (%)			
Symptomatic	27 (6.2)	13 (5.9)	0.83
Asymptomatic	119 (27.4)	42 (18.9)	0.01
Parenchymal hematoma identified within 30 hr — no./total no. (%) [†]			
Type 2	25/417 (6.0)	13/207 (6.3)	0.90
Type 1	15/417 (3.6)	3/207 (1.4)	0.12
Hemorrhage — no./total no. (%)			
Subarachnoid	48/417 (11.5)	12/207 (5.8)	0.02
Intraventricular	27/417 (6.5)	10/207 (4.8)	0.40
Major complication due to nonintracerebral bleeding within 5 days — no. (%) [‡]	13 (3.0)	5 (2.3)	0.55
Recurrent stroke within 90 days — no. (%)	22 (5.1)	14 (6.3)	0.54
Device or procedural complication — no. (%) [‡]	70 (16.1)	—	



Safety:

ICH – Endovascular Group All Occlusions



	Standard Microcatheter		Ekos		Merci		Penumbra		Other (Protocol Violations)	
	t-PA	No t-PA	t-PA	No t-PA	t-PA	No t-PA	t-PA	No t-PA	t-PA	No t-PA
	n= 132	n= 3	n= 22	n= 0	n= 57	n= 37	n= 38	n= 15	n= 8	n= 7
PH-1 or PH-2	8.1%		9.1%		14.9%		9.4%		6.7%	
SAH	6.8%		9.1%	NA	29.8%	8.1%	7.9%	20.0%	12.5%	28.6%
New Emboli (Core Lab)	4.3%		4.5%	NA	21.1%	23.7%	0.0%	12.5%	11.1%	42.9%
Perforation (Core Lab)	0.0%		0.0%	NA	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Dissection (Operator)	0.7%		0.0%	NA	1.8%	2.6%	2.6%	12.5%	0.0%	14.3%
Death 90 days	17.9%		18.2%	NA	26.3%	34.2%	10.5%	25.0%	33.3%	42.9%

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TICI Reperfusion by Primary Target Occlusion

Primary Target Vessel	Frequency	Percent with TICI 2b-3 at completion of procedure
All	328	40%
ICA Intracranial	65	38%
M1	135	44%
Single M2	61	44%
Multiple M2 s	22	23%
M3	20	25%

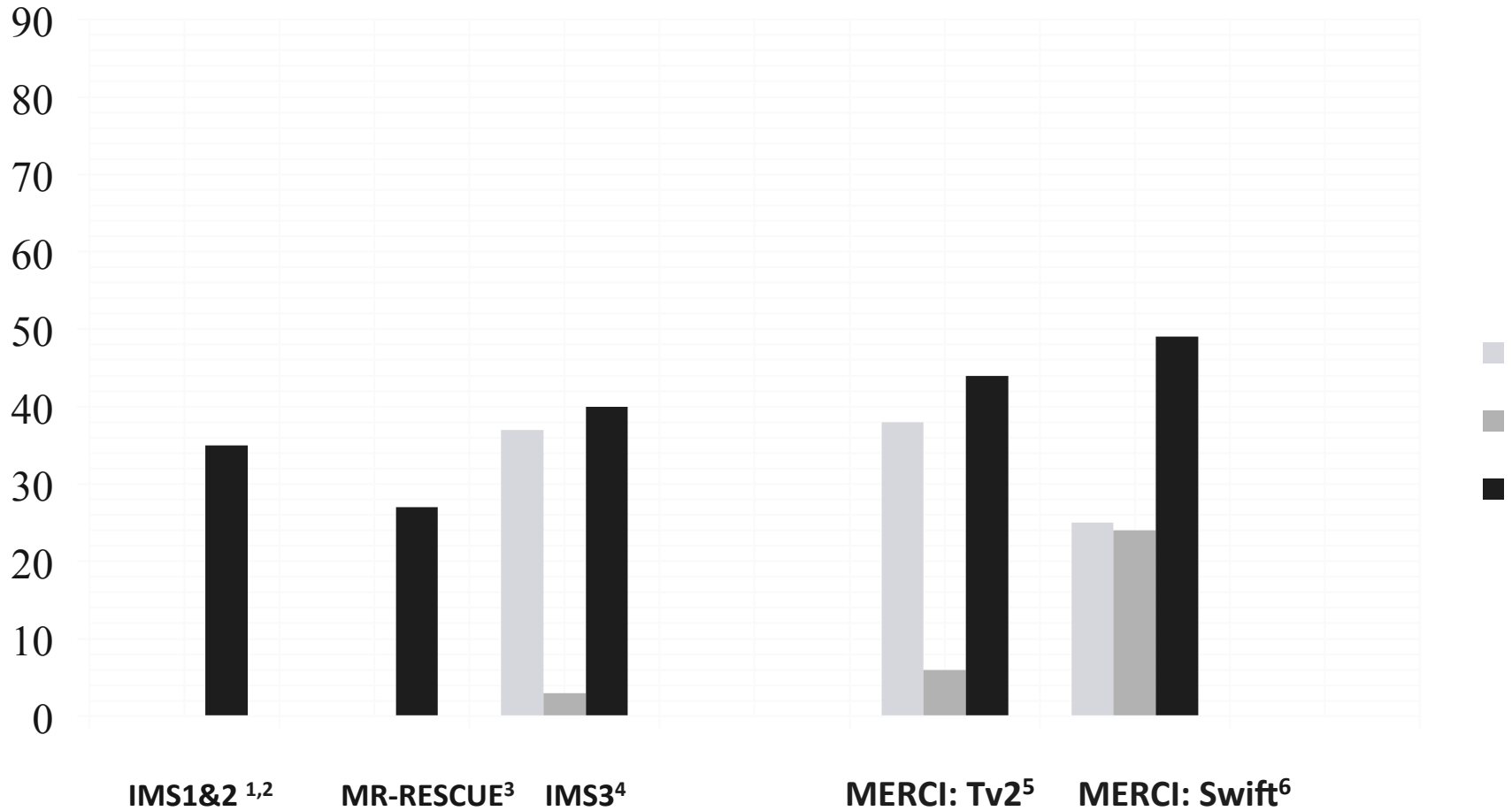


More reperfusion is better

IMS-3: 40% substantial reperfusion rate

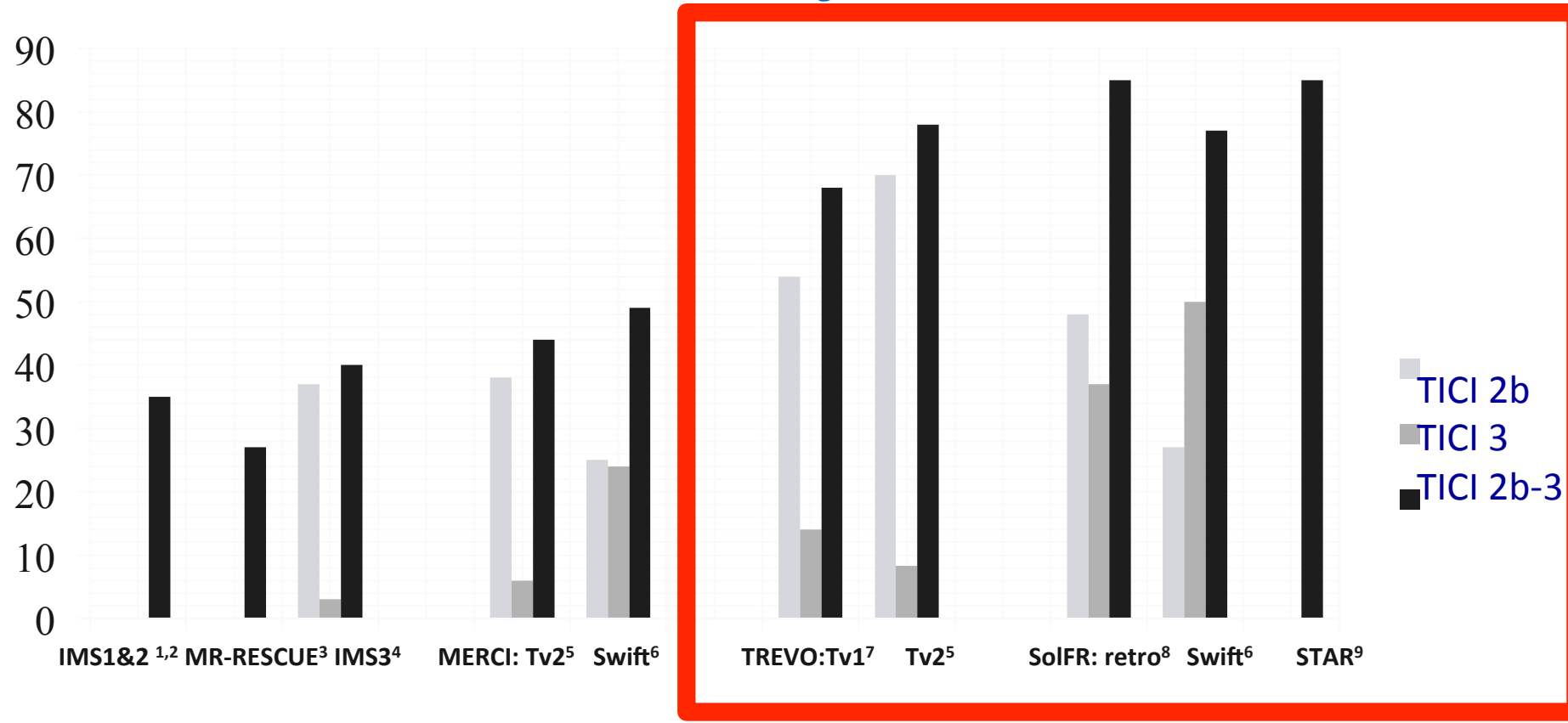
	TICI=0	TICI=1	TICI=2a	TICI=2b	TICI=3	
	n= 32	n= 16	n= 67	n= 80	n= 5	
% 90 Day mRS 0-2	3.1%	12.5%	19.4%	46.3%	80%	
	13.9%		48.2%			p < .0001

Central Core Lab Adjudicated TICI Scores



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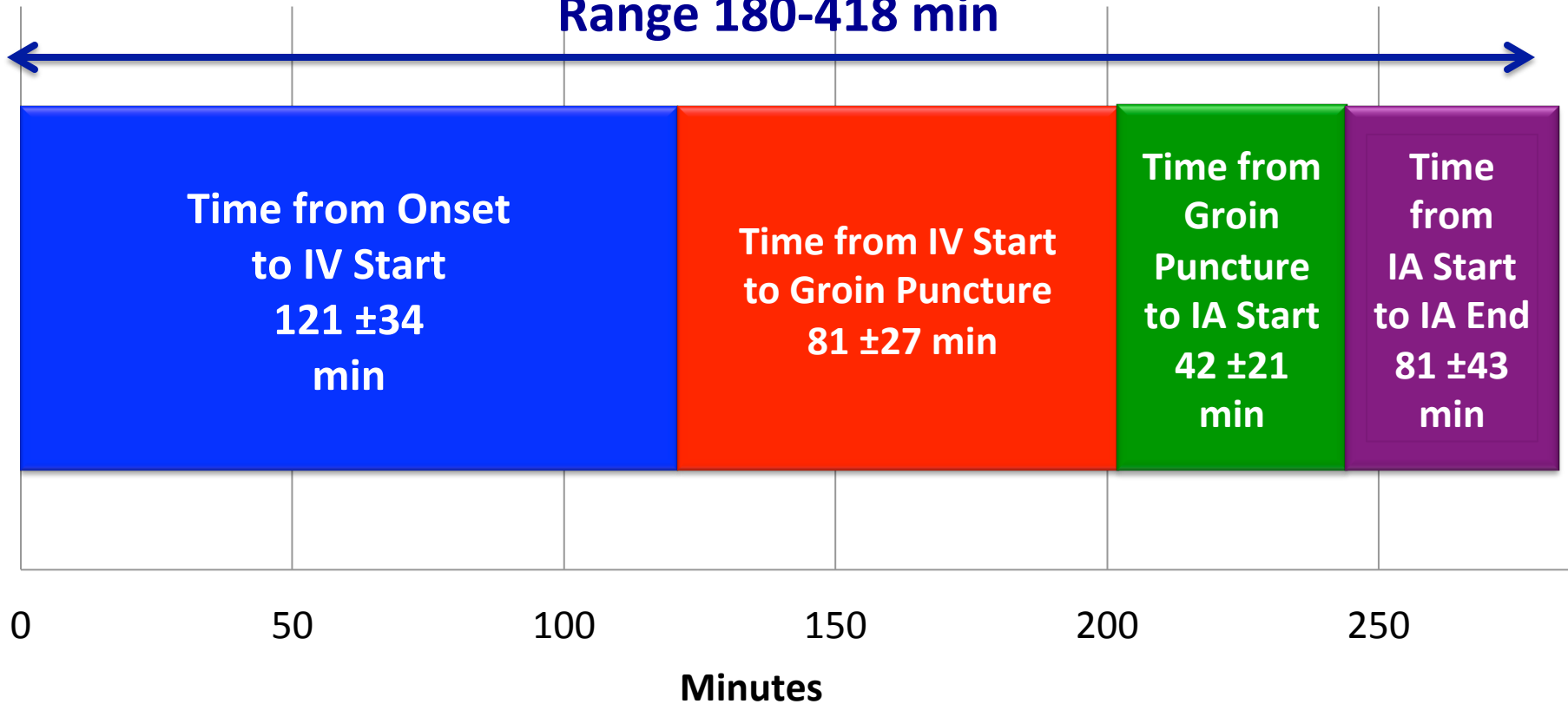
Descriptive Characteristics

Time Parameters

Time from Symptom Onset to IA End/Reperfusion

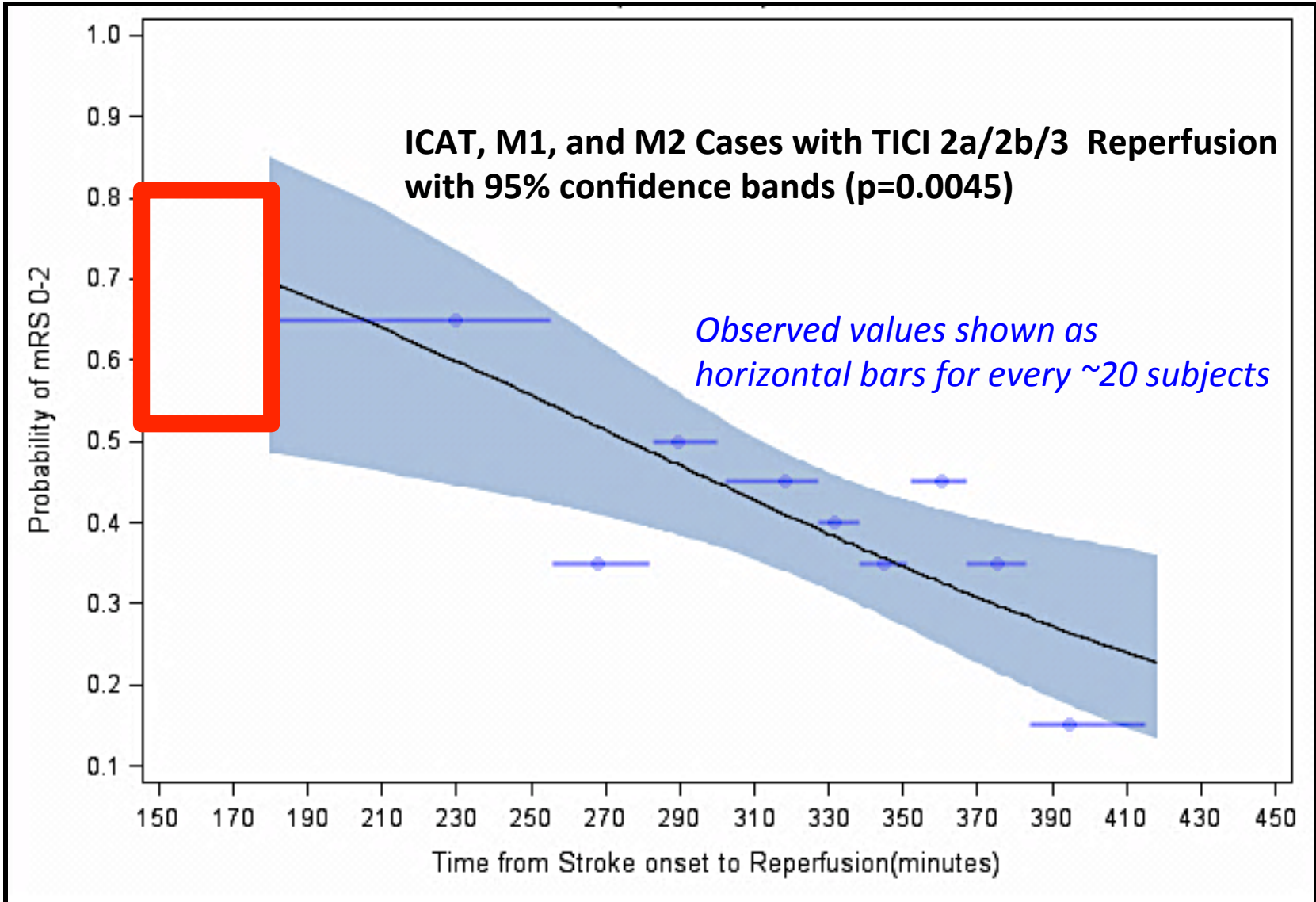
Mean (SD) = 325 (\pm 52) min

Range 180-418 min



Time to Reperfusion and Good Clinical Outcome

Observed Vs Predicted

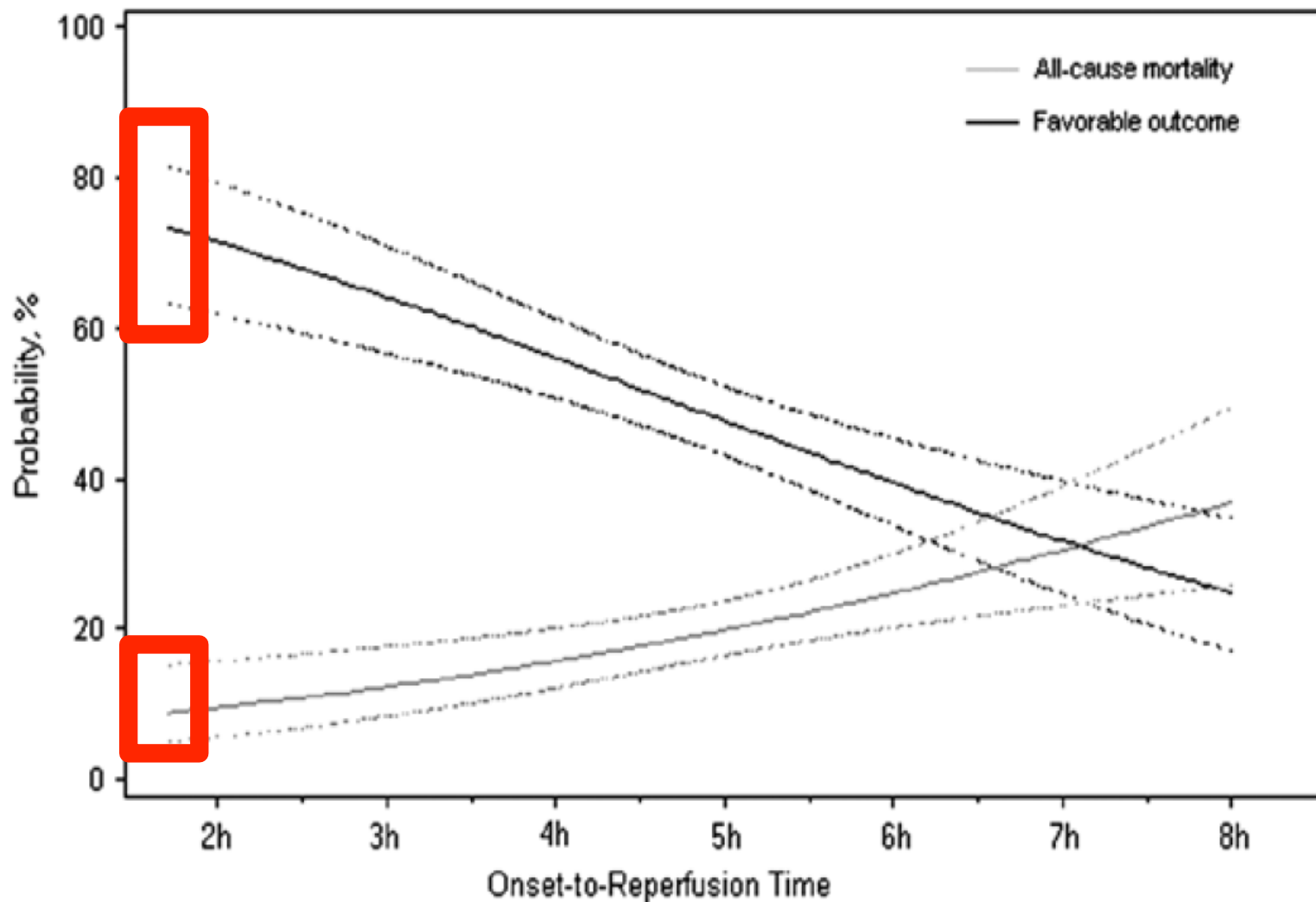


Stroke

Impact of Onset-to-Reperfusion Time on Stroke Mortality A Collaborative Pooled Analysis

(*Circulation*. 2013;127:1980-1985.)

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Time was not managed efficiently (iv tPA 121 min but recan ~325 min)

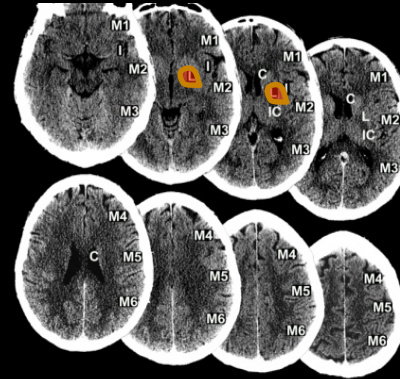
- **Onset to reperfusion <180 minutes (70-90% mRS 0-2!)**
- **EMS redirect to comprehensive stroke centre**

ASPECTS Trichotomy

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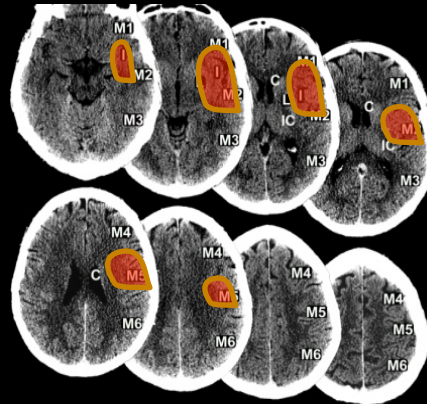
ASPECTS score

Good scan



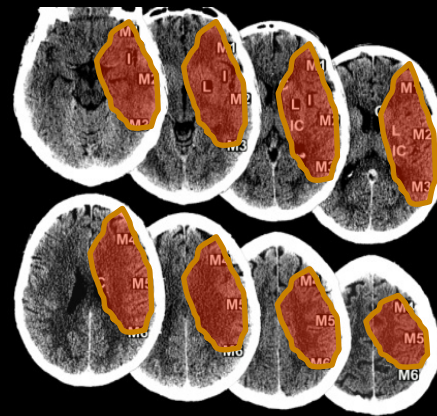
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Fair scan



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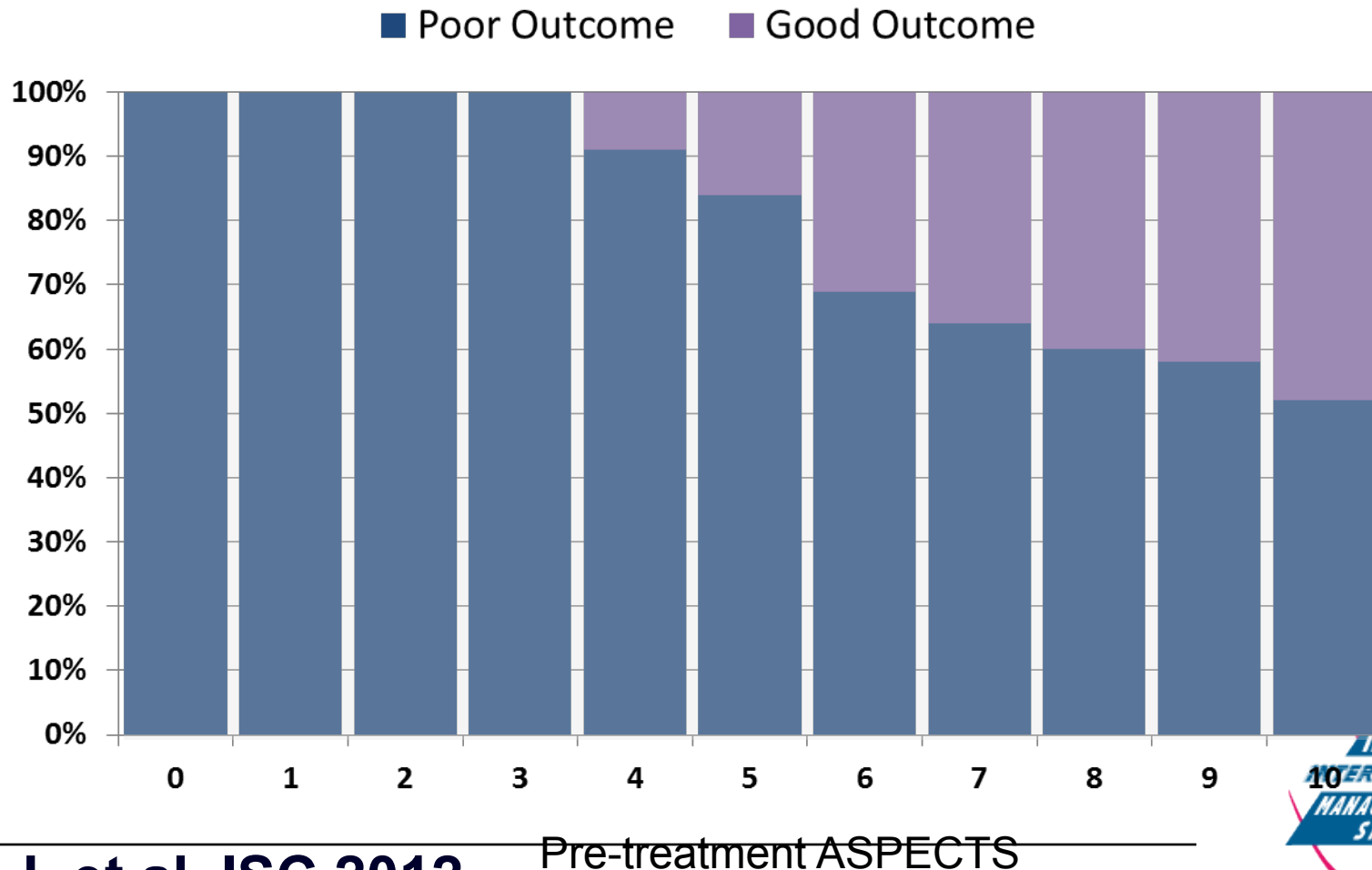
Poor scan



0-4

PENUMBRA trials: Reperfusion and ASPECTS

Dichotomized outcome vs. pre-treatment ASPECTS



Graded Prognosis by ASPECTS

ITT population	ASPECTS 8-10 (Good scan)		ASPECTS 5-7 (Fair scan)		ASPECTS 0-4 (Poor scan)	
	IV-endo (n=247)	IV tPA (n=131)	IV-endo (n=130)	IV tPA (n=56)	IV-endo (n=57)	IV tPA (n=35)
mRS 0-2 at 90d	51%	47%	32%	29%	19%	23%
mRS 0-1 at 90d	36%	31%	22%	20%	9%	17%
NIHSS 0-1 at 90d	34%	29%	25%	16%	5%	9%

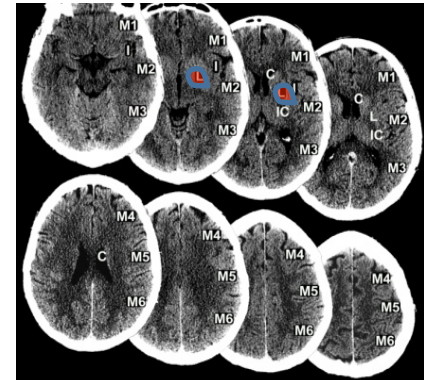
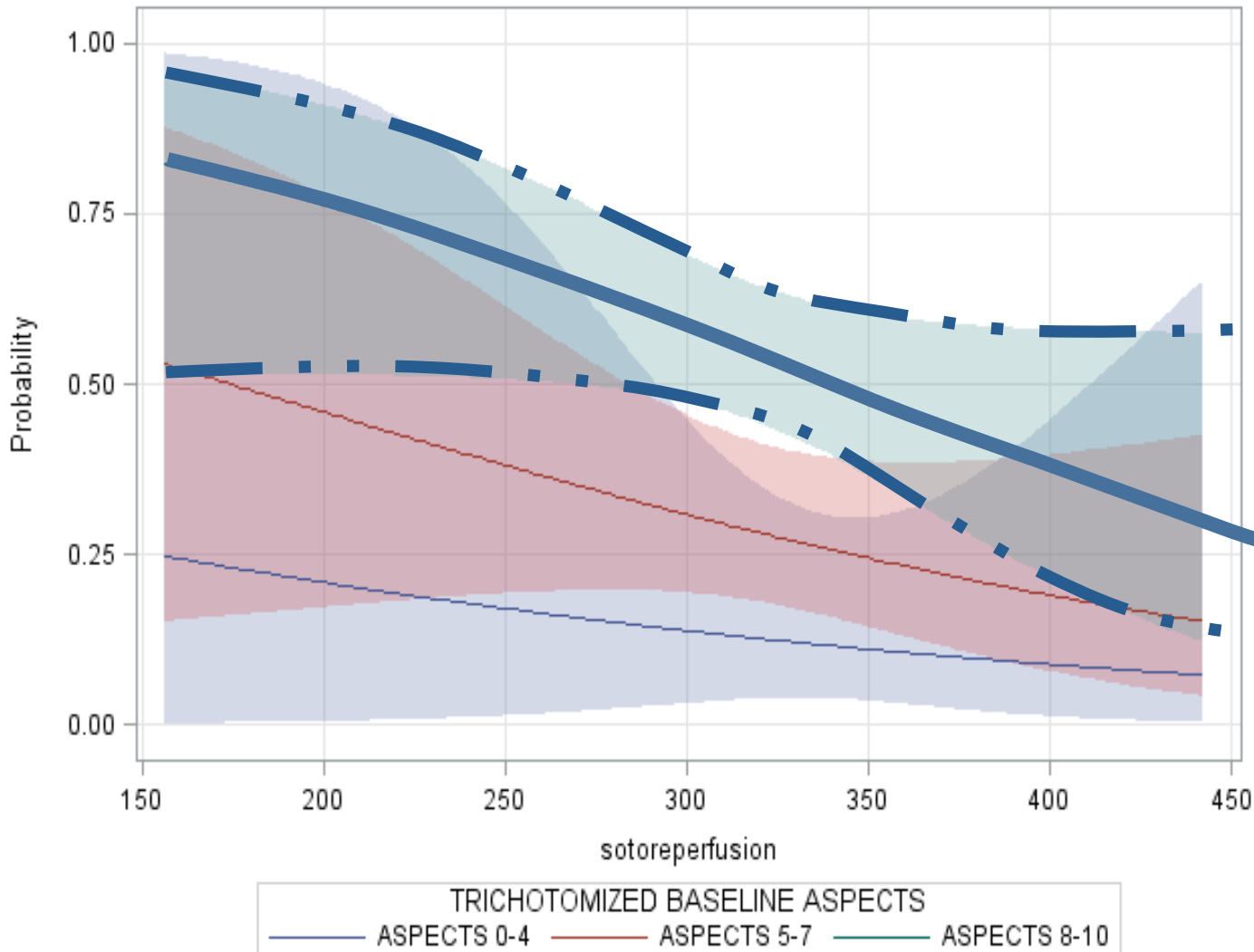


ASPECTS – CTA: ICA or MCA occlusions

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mRS 0-2 at 90d	57%	50%	33%	32%	24%	13%
mRS 0-1 at 90d	46%	27%	21%	18%	8%	0%
NIHSS 0-1 at 90d	42%	25%	24%	18%	4%	0%

ASPECTS Time Relationship

Predicted Probabilities for MRS2_3MONTH_I2=MRS <=2
With 95% Confidence Limits

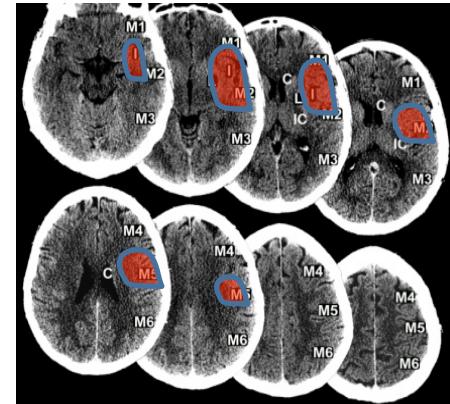
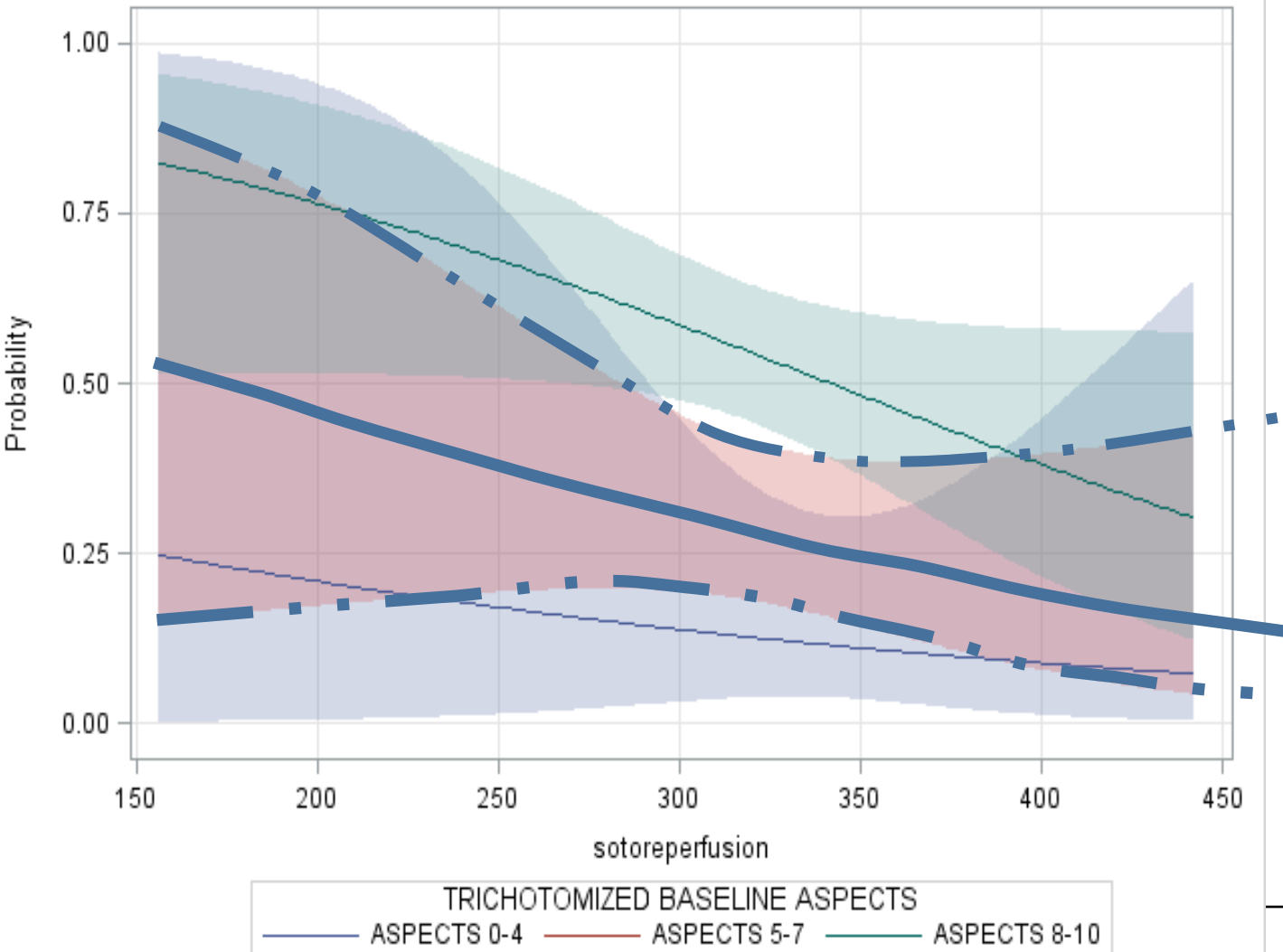


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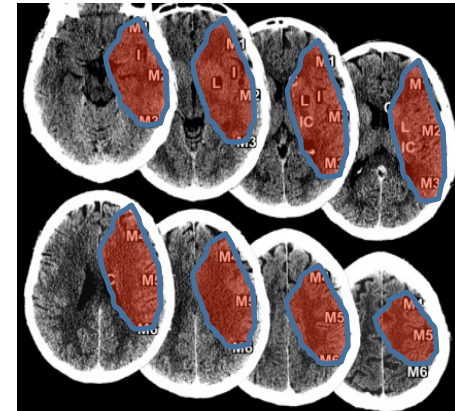
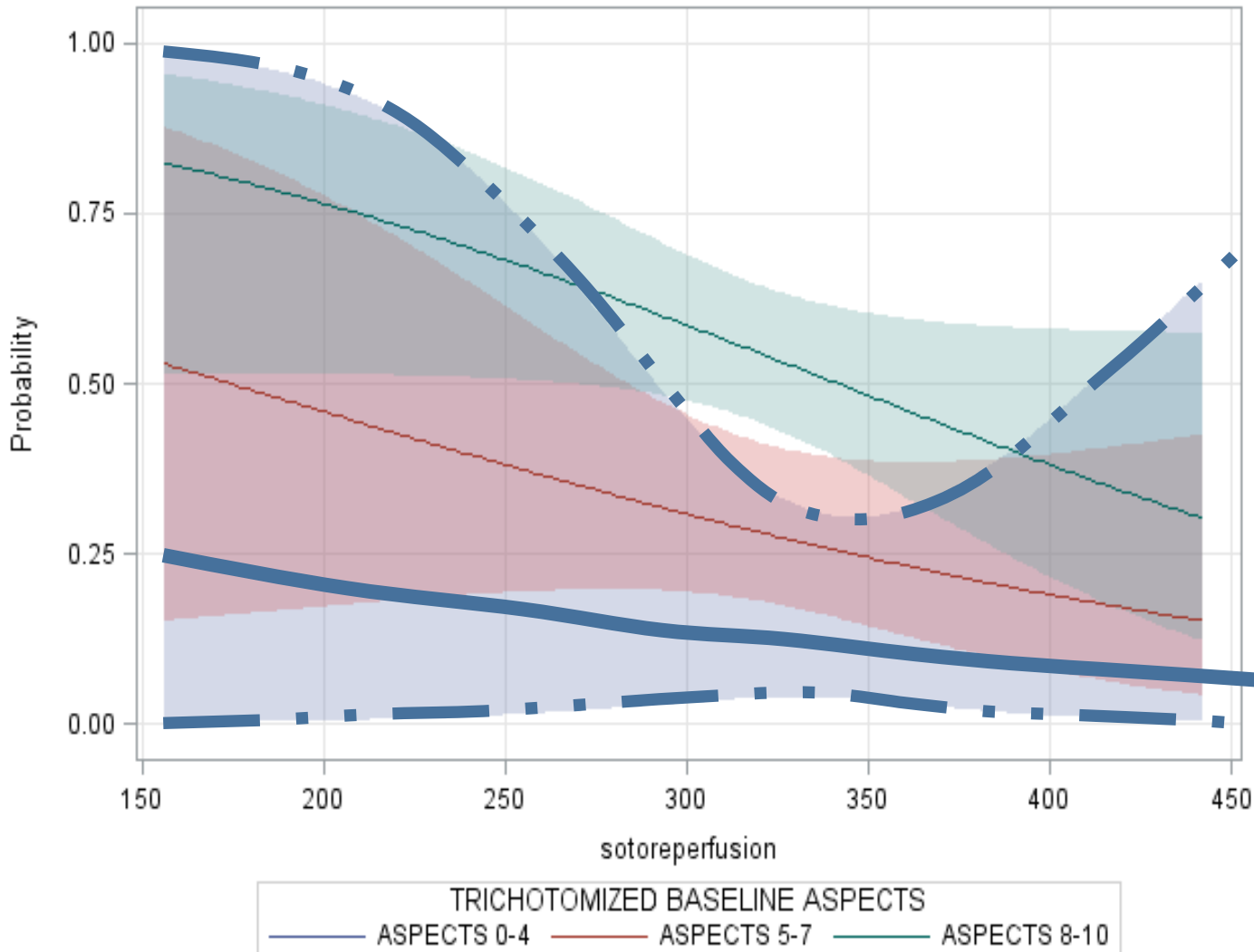
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Predicted Probabilities for MRS2_3MONTH_I2=MRS <=2
With 95% Confidence Limits



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Lessons learned from IMS-3

All eligible patients weren't randomized at participating centres

- No cherry-picking, enrol consecutive patients

Patient selection did not confirm accessible/persistent occlusion

- Baseline CTA or thrombus selection essential

Occlusion sites differ in IV t-PA response

- Carotid T/L occl data very encouraging; M1o will need big trials

Endovascular treatments weren't safe enough (SAH, 16% dev/proc SAE)

- Newer technology and more operator experience

Endovascular treatment technology suboptimal (TICI 2b-3 ~40%)

- Mechanical + aspiration thrombectomy + proximal flow arrest

Time was not managed efficiently (iv tPA 121 min recan ~325 min)

- Onset to reperfusion <180 minutes; redirect to CSC

Imaging – Reperfusion timing may trump all else

- **ASPECTS – predicts outcome, but no tx interaction**

- **CTA collaterals – ISC 2014**

- **Hyperdense signs/ CTA clot characteristics – ESC 2014?**

Randomize to a new Endo Trial !

Recipe





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Thank-you for your attention!

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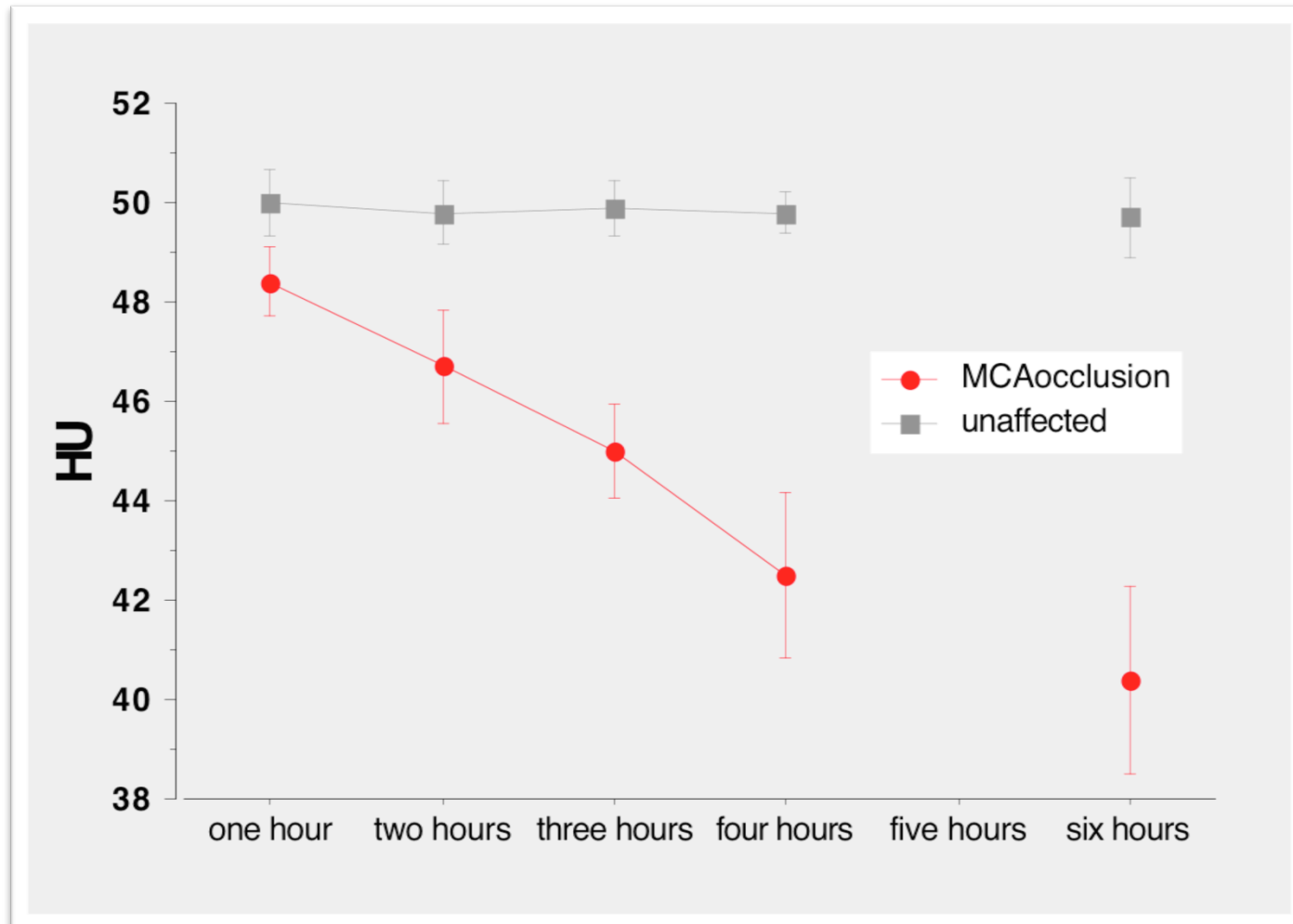
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Time dependence of reliability of noncontrast computed tomography in comparison to computed tomography angiography source image in acute ischemic stroke

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Really early NCCT scans hard to interpret for core

Table 1 Interobserver reliability of ASPECTS scoring on NCCT and CTASI in different time categories from stroke onset

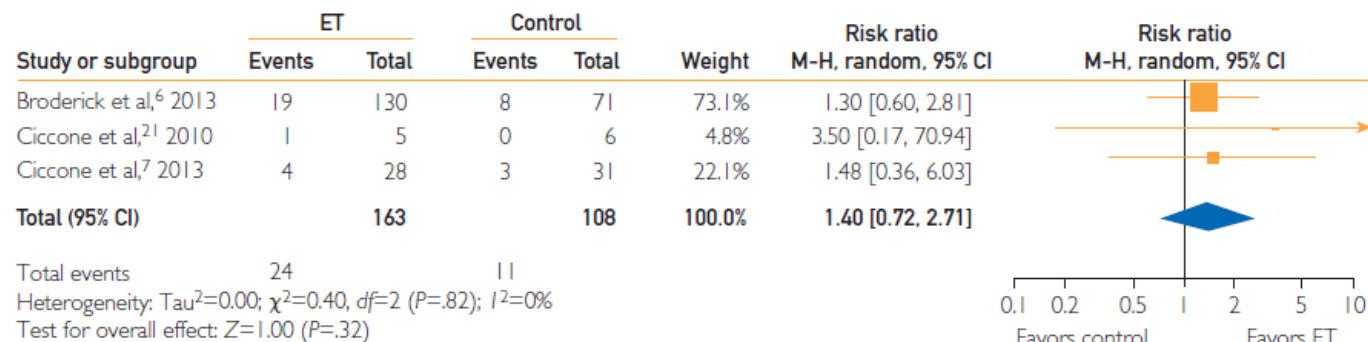
Time	NCCT		CTASI	
	Intraclass correlation	95% CI (lower, upper)	Intraclass correlation	95% CI (lower, upper)
0–90	0.48*	0.28–0.71	0.96*	0.93–0.98
91–180	0.80	0.66–0.90	0.94	0.89–0.97
181–360	0.81	0.69–0.91	0.87	0.78–0.94
>360	0.89	0.81–0.95	0.89	0.80–0.95
Overall	0.78	0.69–0.84	0.93	0.90–0.95

*Comparison of the intraclass correlation at 0–90 mins vs. 90 mins or greater, $P = 0.0001$ for NCCT and $P = 0.178$ for CTASI.

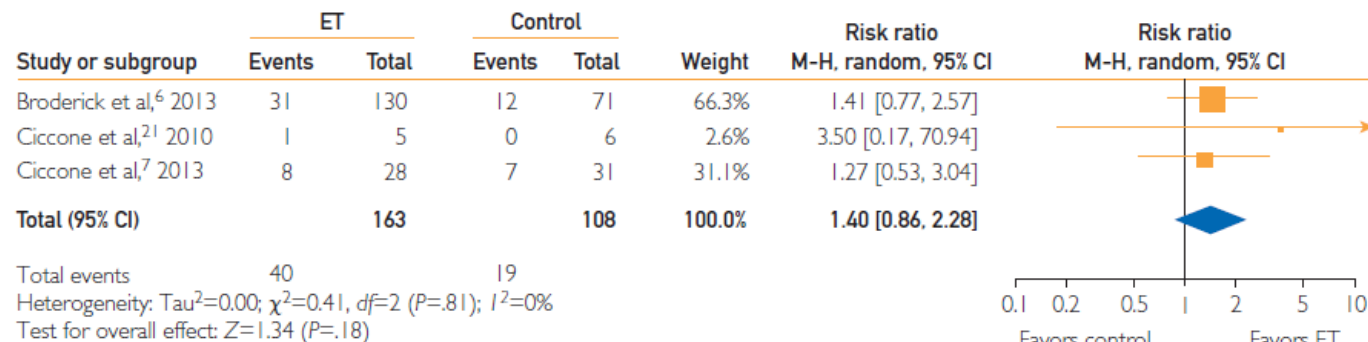
ASPECTS, Alberta Stroke Program Early CT Score; NCCT, noncontrast computed tomography; CTASI, CT angiography source image; CI, confidence interval.

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A

Excellent outcome (mRS ≤ 1)

B

Good outcome (mRS ≤ 2)

C

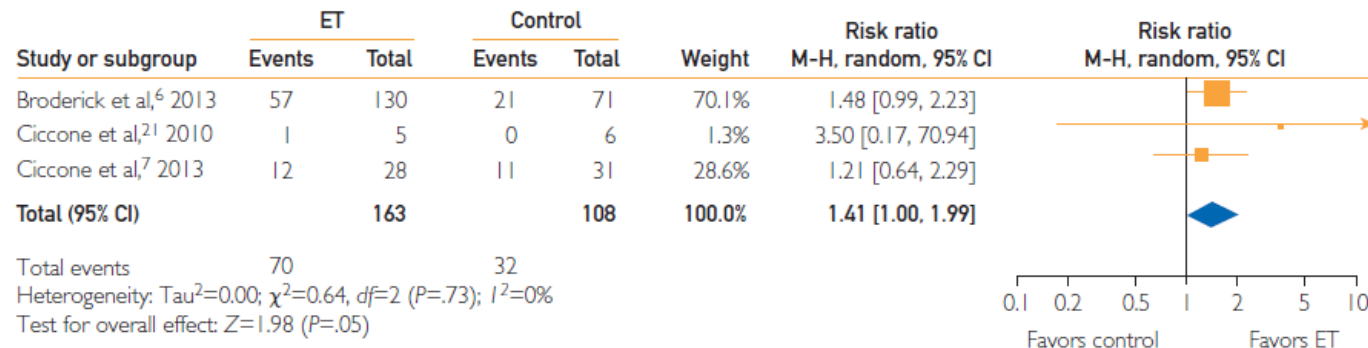
Fair outcome (mRS ≤ 3)

FIGURE 2. Outcomes in patients with severe stroke. A, Excellent outcome (mRS score ≤ 1). B, Good outcome (mRS score ≤ 2). C, Fair outcome (mRS score ≤ 3). ET = endovascular therapy; M-H = Mantel-Haenszel; mRS = modified Rankin Scale.

Who should get what?

	iv tPA+endo ideal “sweet spot”	iv tPA + endo modest net benefit	Avoid endo
Onset to reperfusion	<180 min	180-360 min	>360 min
Age	young		elderly?
RANDOMIZE TO AN ENDO TRIAL			
NIHSS	>20	11-20	<10
Occlusion site	ICA T/L tandem ICA/M1	M1o	distal occl?

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