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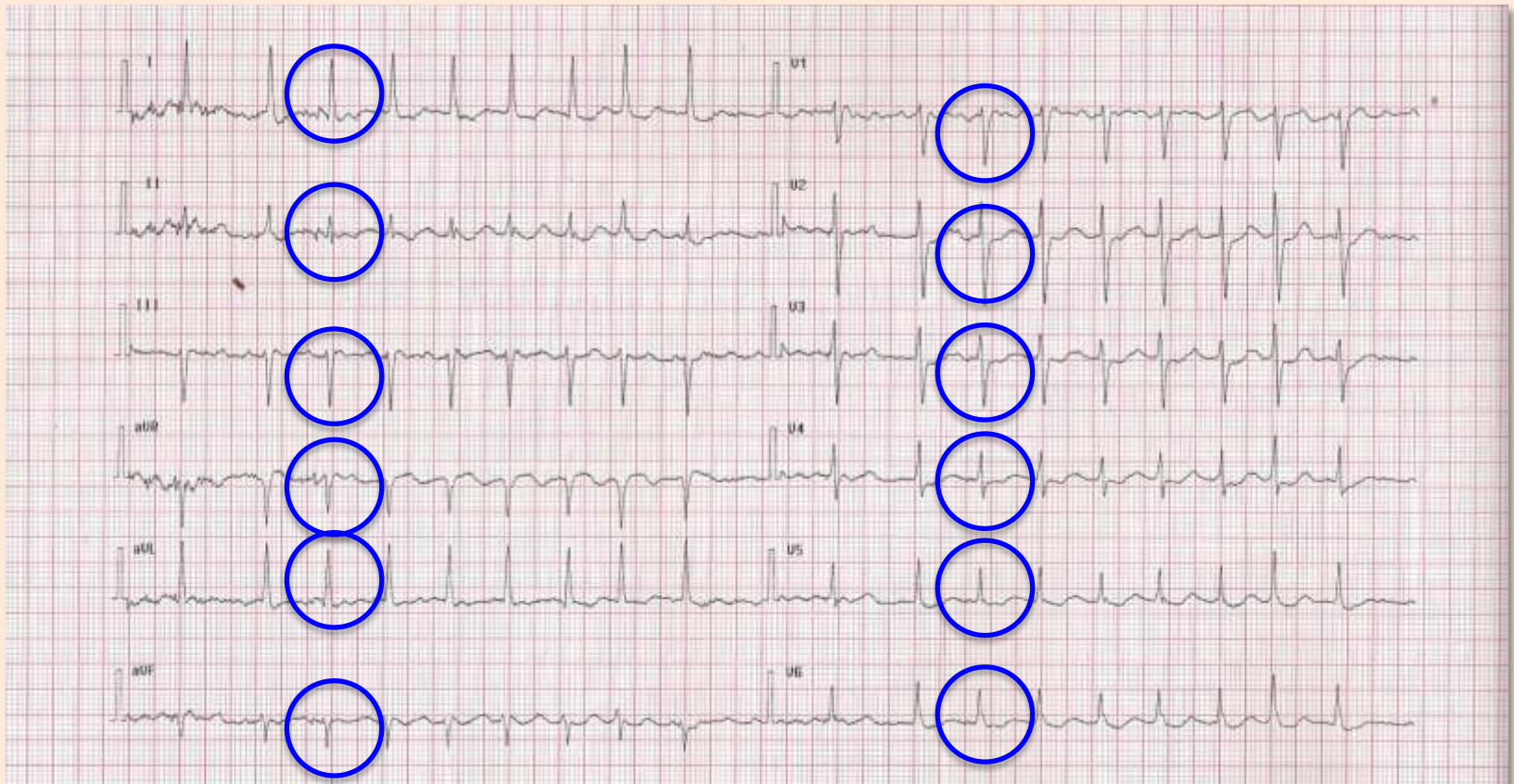
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Premesse

ECG in assenza di terapia in una paziente di 83 anni

Presenza di fibrillazione atriale ad elevata risposta ventricolare media (FC: 95-120 b/min); PA 160/100 mmHg

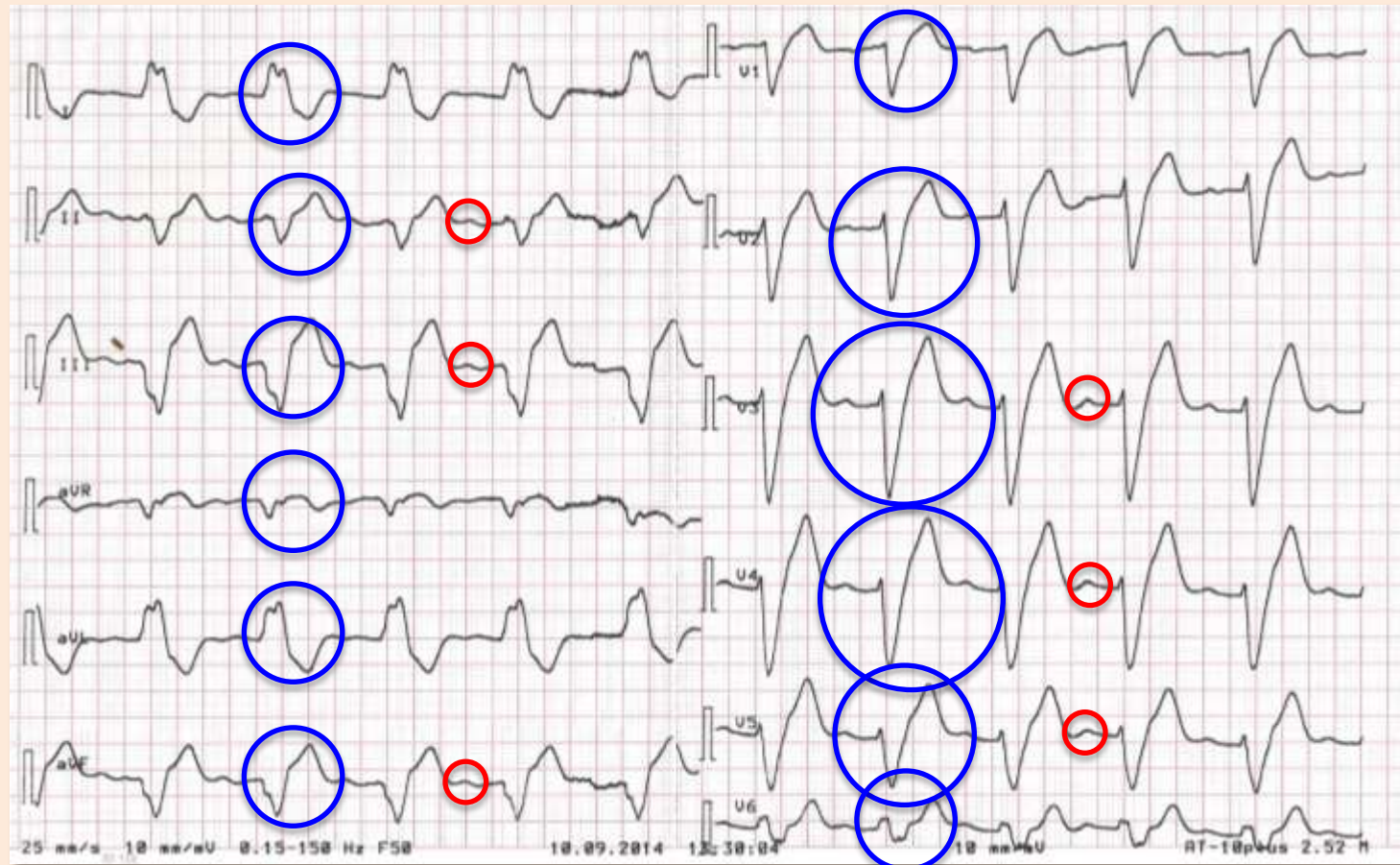
QRS di normale morfologia



ECG dopo assunzione di propafenone 600 mg “*pill-in-the-pocket*”

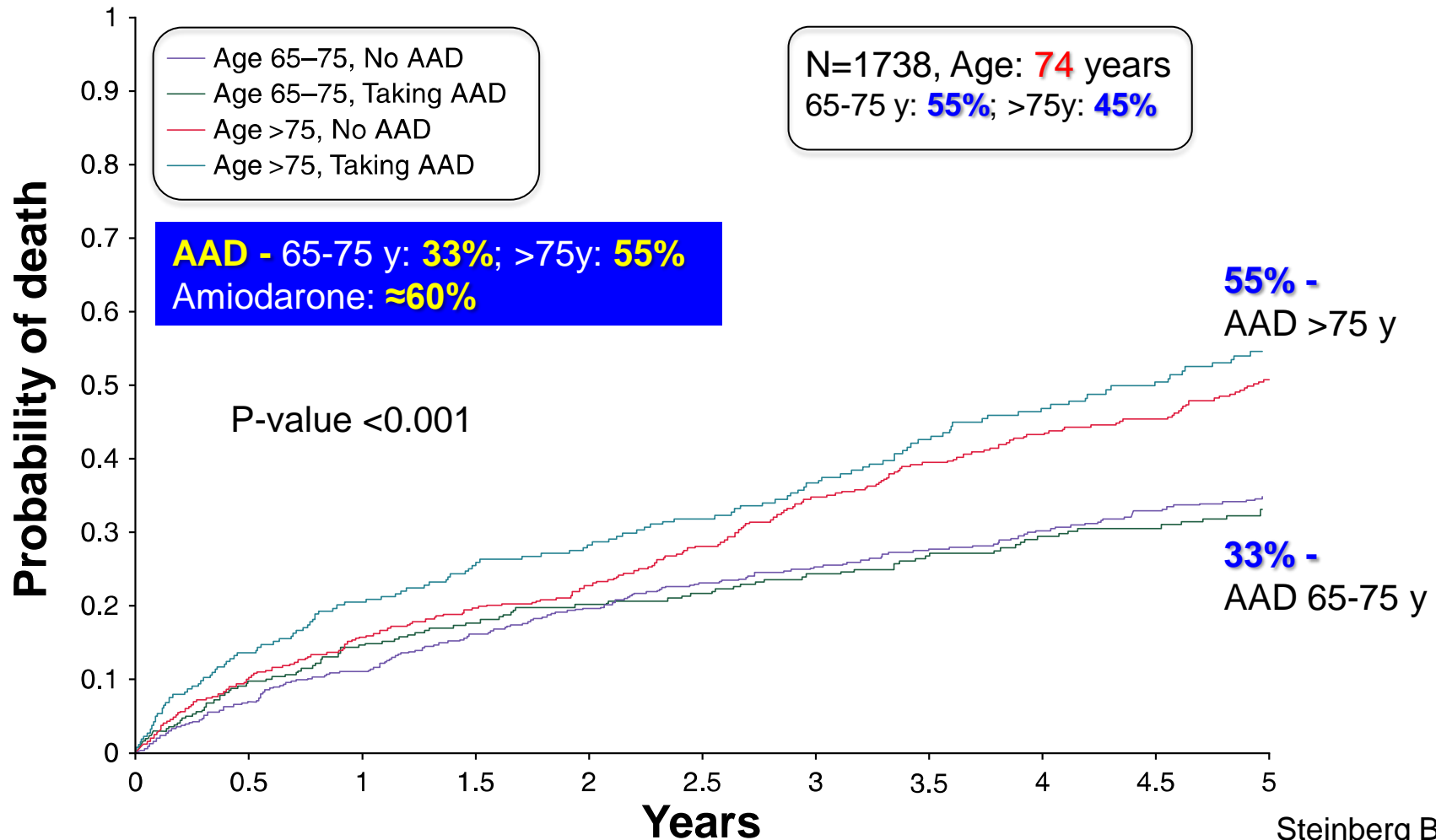
La paziente ha preso due volte la terapia, emozionata per l'arrivo dei familiari. Comparsa di astenia, senso di vertigine e quindi presincope, giunge in DEA ...

PA 150/70 mmHg; FC 72 b/min. ECG – ritmo sinusale, BAV I grado (PR: 250 ms); comparsa di BBS (QRS: 240 ms)



Use of antiarrhythmic drug therapy and clinical outcomes in older patients with concomitant atrial fibrillation and coronary artery disease

Unadjusted KM event rates for all-cause mortality in the Duke Databank for Cardiovascular Disease (DDCD) cohort (2000-10)



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Forest plot of adjusted KM event rates at 1 year in the Duke Databank for Cardiovascular Disease (DDCD) cohort (2000-10)

Adjusted hazard ratio
(AAD – No AAD)

95%
Confidence
interval

Conclusions

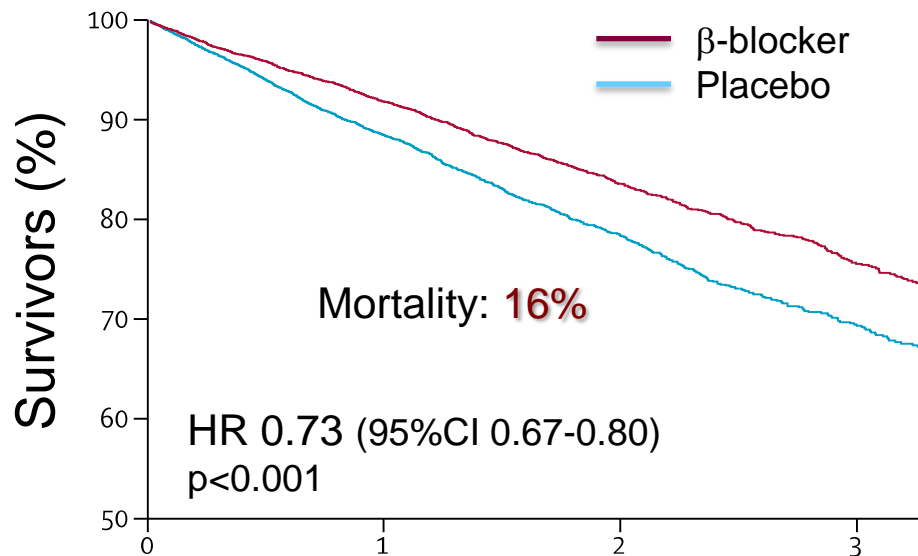
- ✓ **Older patients** with AF and CAD are at high risk of long-term death and rehospitalization
- ✓ Treatment with AAD was associated with increased **rehospitalization** at 1 year
- ✓ These data highlight the need for **improved therapies** in this population

Efficacy of β blockers in patients with heart failure plus atrial fibrillation: an individual-patient data meta-analysis

Kaplan-Meier survival curve for patients with sinus rhythm and atrial fibrillation in the β -blocker and placebo groups (FU: 3.3 years)

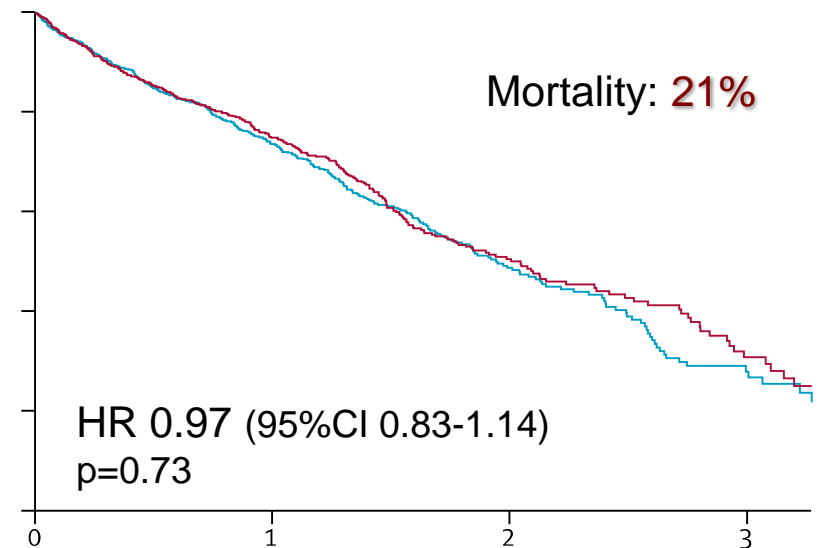
Sinus Rhythm

(N=13946, Age: 64 y, EF: 27%)



Atrial Fibrillation

(N=3066, Age: 69 y, EF: 27%)



Time (years)

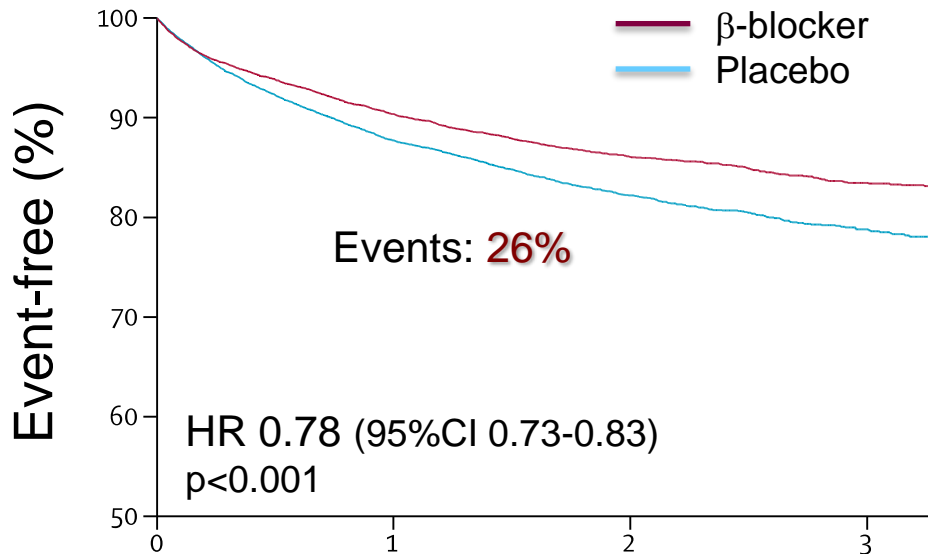


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Cardiovascular hospital admission in patients with sinus rhythm and atrial fibrillation in the β -blocker and placebo groups (FU: 3.3 years)

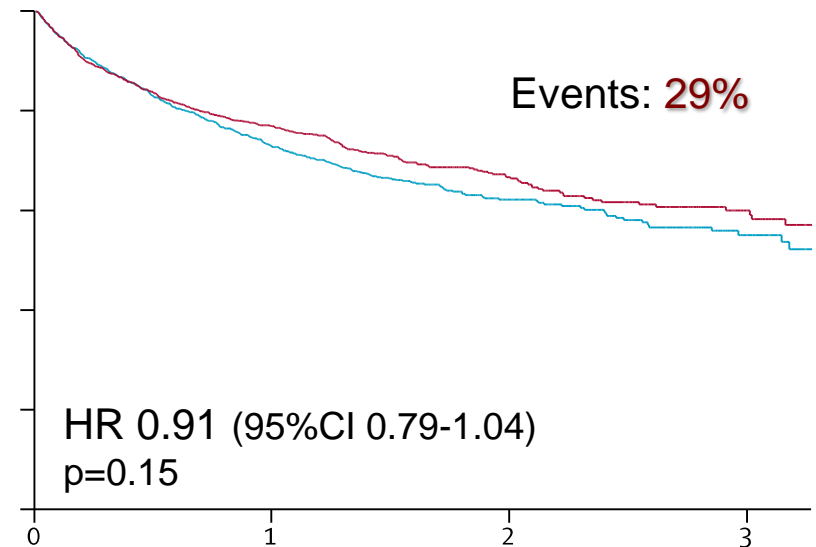
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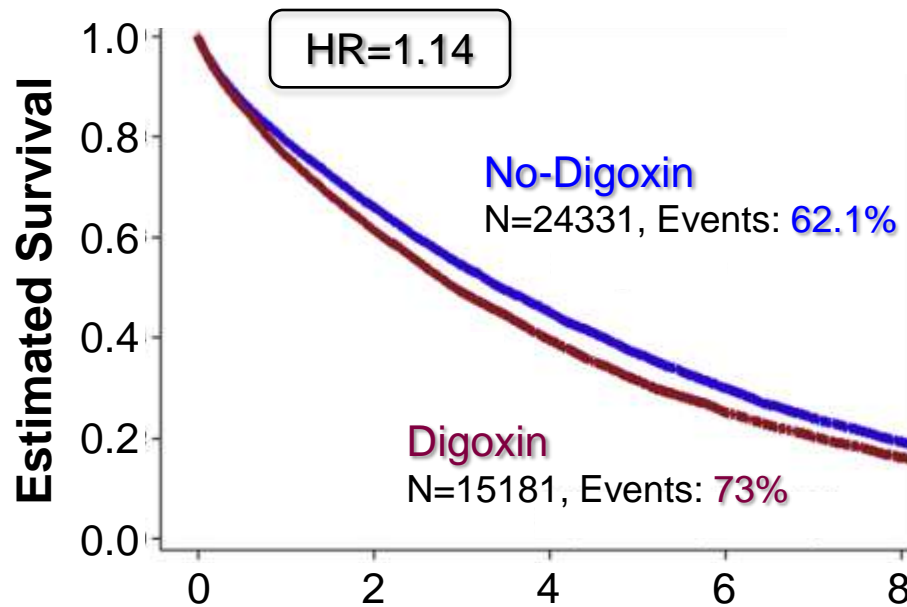


Relation of *Digoxin* Use in Atrial Fibrillation and the Risk of All-Cause Mortality in Patients ≥ 65 Years of Age With Versus Without Heart Failure

Kaplan-Meier curves for digoxin use and all-cause mortality in AF patients with and without heart failure (Quebec, Canada; 1998-2012)

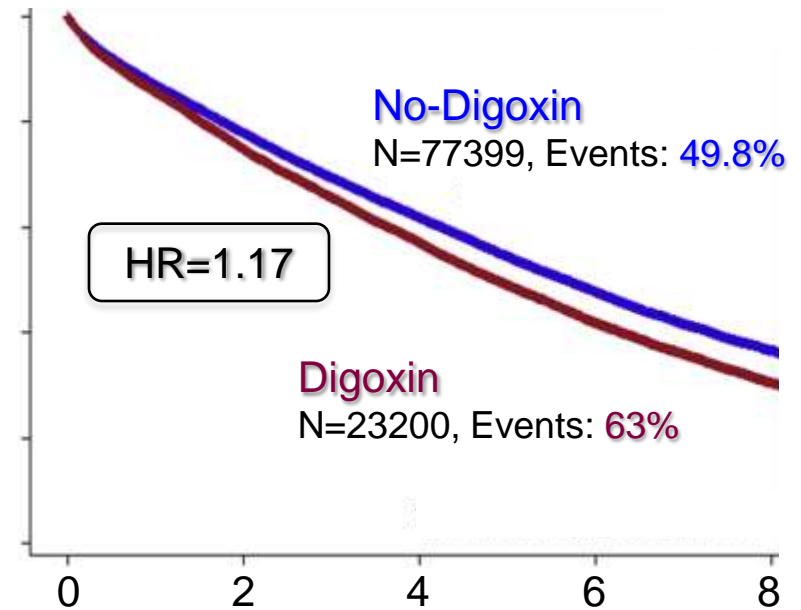
AF with Heart Failure

(Age: 80 years, FU: 3.1 & 3.0 years)



AF without Heart Failure

(Age: 79 years, FU: 4.2 & 3.9 years)



Time (years)



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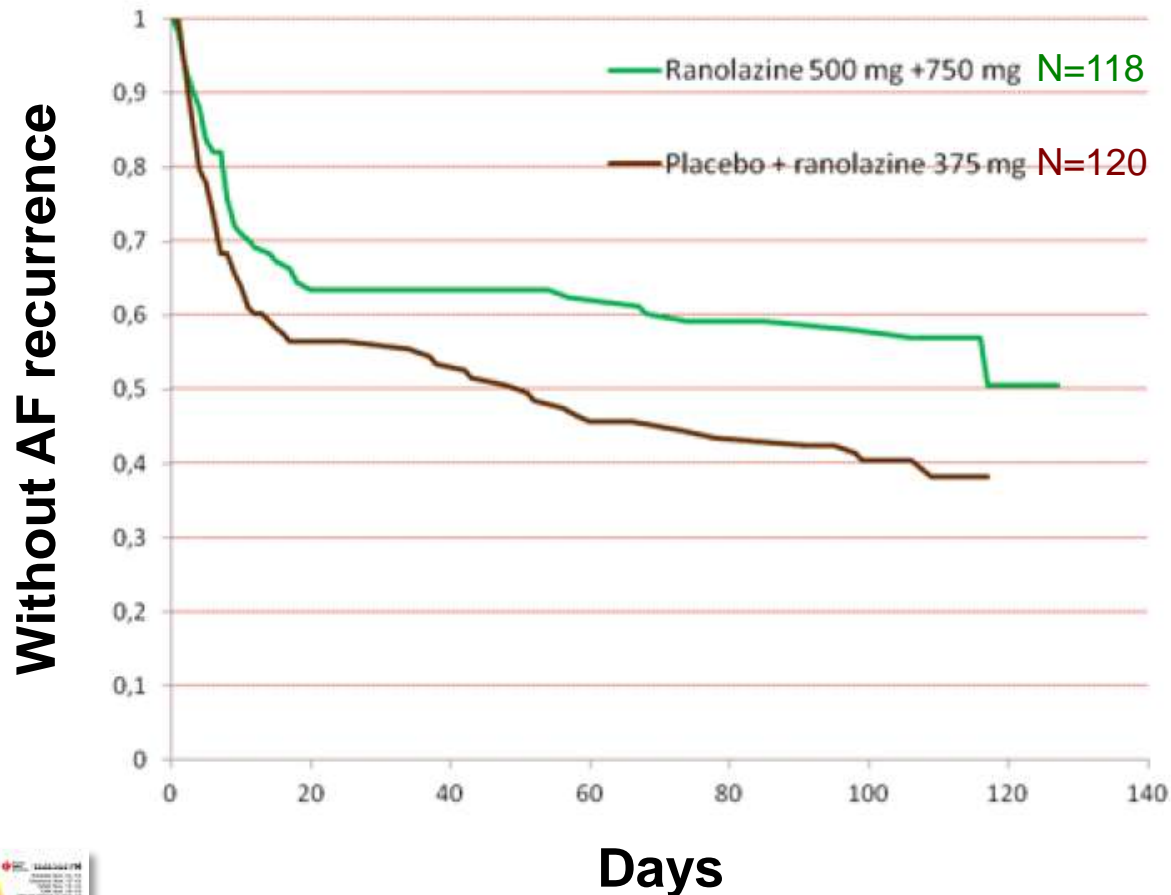
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Verso un nuovo approccio ...

Ranolazine Reduces the Late Recurrences of Atrial Fibrillation. An Exploratory Analysis of the Raffaello Study

Session Treatment of Arrhythmias: Pharmacological---Atrial Fibrillation

Late sodium current blockers, by reducing the triggers, may represent a novel approach against AF



Late (>14 days) recurrences
RR=0.51, 95%CI (0.25-1.00), p=0.03

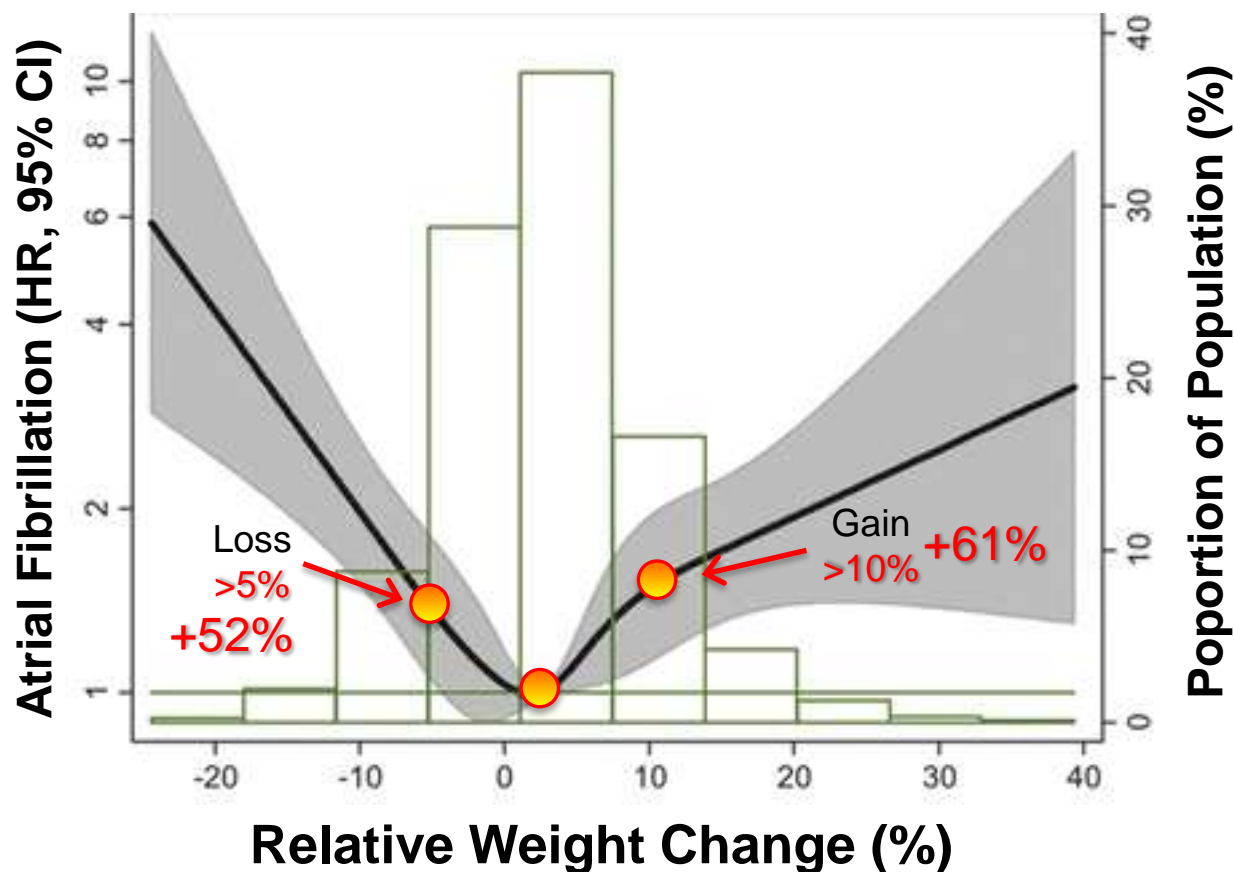
De Ferrari G, Camm JA, Marchionni N, Fumagalli S, 2014

Physical Activity, Obesity, Weight Change, and Risk of Atrial Fibrillation

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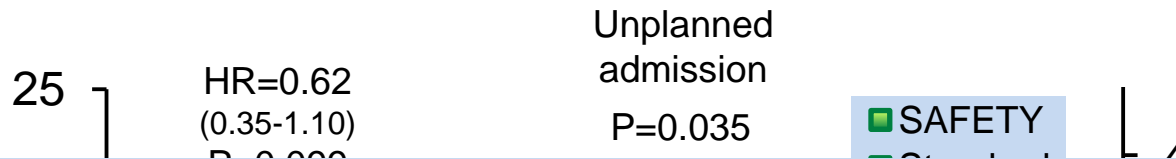
Association of relative weight change with incidence of AF in men after adjustment for age and race



Standard versus atrial fibrillation-specific management strategy (SAFETY) to reduce recurrent admission and prolong survival: pragmatic, multicentre, randomised controlled trial

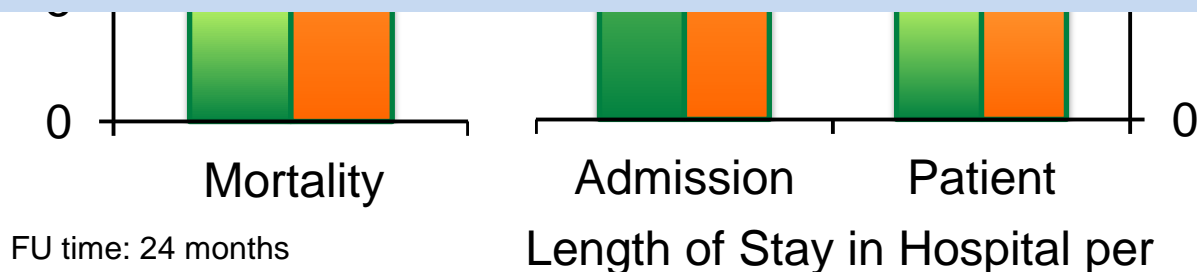
THE LANCET

Mortality and length of stay in hospital for recurrent admissions by type of management



Standard management consisted of routine primary care & hospital follow-up. The **SAFETY intervention** comprised a home visit and Holter monitoring after discharge by a cardiac nurse with prolonged FU and multidisciplinary support

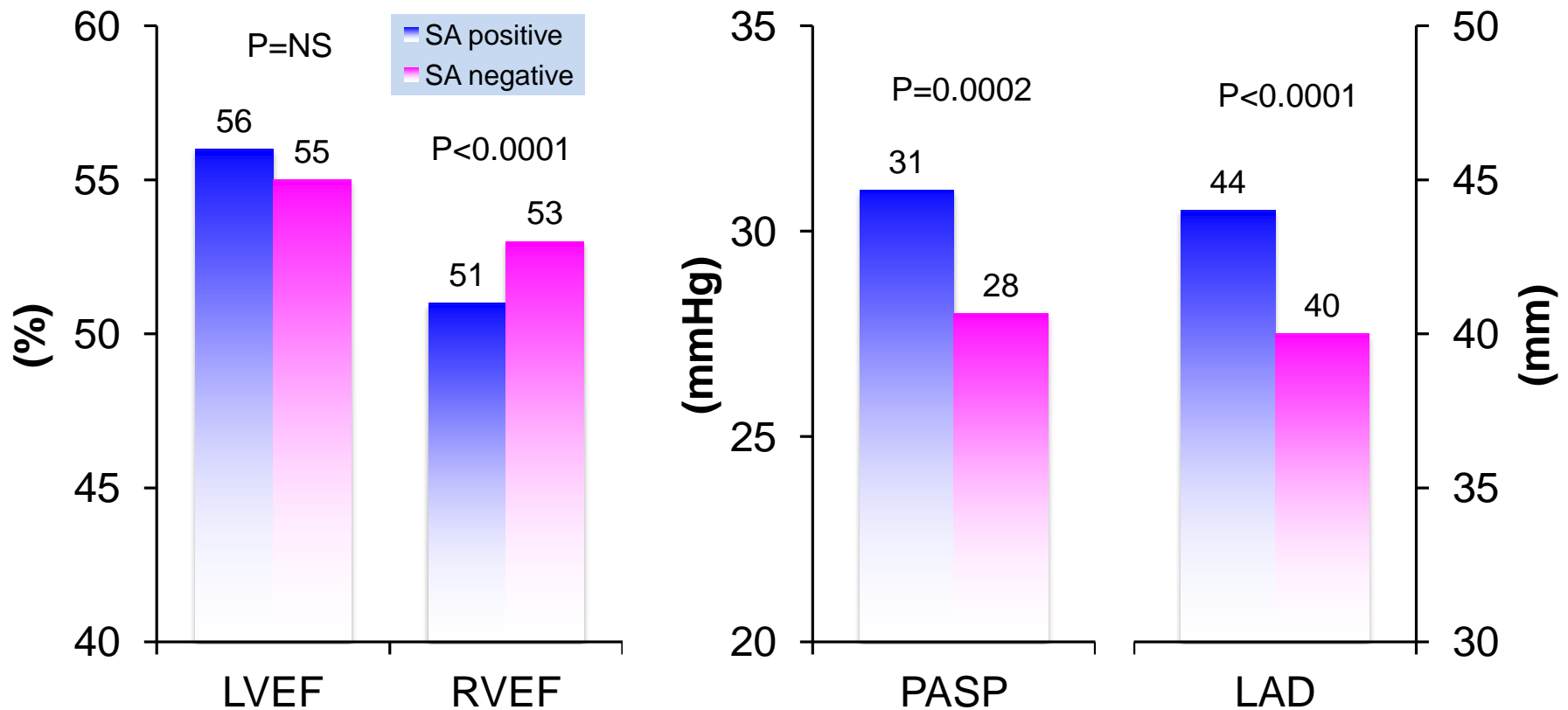
- ✓ Intensive educative sessions – N=144 (93%)
- ✓ Regular telephone support – N=77 (50%); telephone calls – N: 12.6 (3' 26")
- ✓ Repeat home visits – N=40 (26%)



SAFETY (N=168) – Age: 72 y
Standard (N=167) – Age: 71 y

Effect of Sleep Apnea and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure on Cardiac Structure and Recurrence of Atrial Fibrillation

Imaging Characteristics Stratified by Sleep Apnea (N=720; Age: 56±11 years; sleep apnea – N=142, 20%)



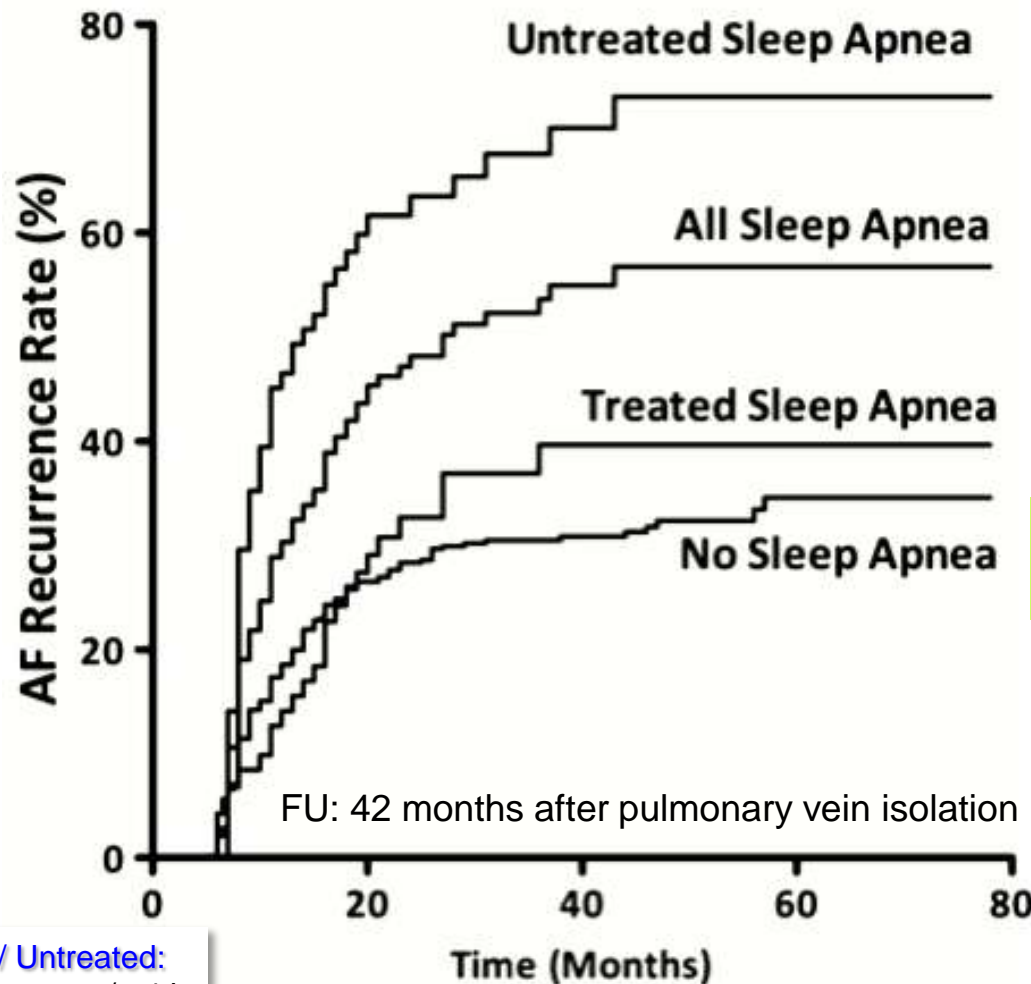
LVEF: LV ejection fraction
RVEF: RV ejection fraction

PASP: pulmonary artery systolic pressure
LAD: left atrium dimensions

Neilan TG, 2013

Effect of Sleep Apnea and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure on Cardiac Structure and Recurrence of Atrial Fibrillation

AF recurrence according to presence and treatment of sleep apnea



N=71,
RR: 68%

N=142,
RR: 51%

N=71,
RR: 35%

N=578,
RR: 30%

P<0.0001

P<0.0001

P=NS

RR: recurrence rate

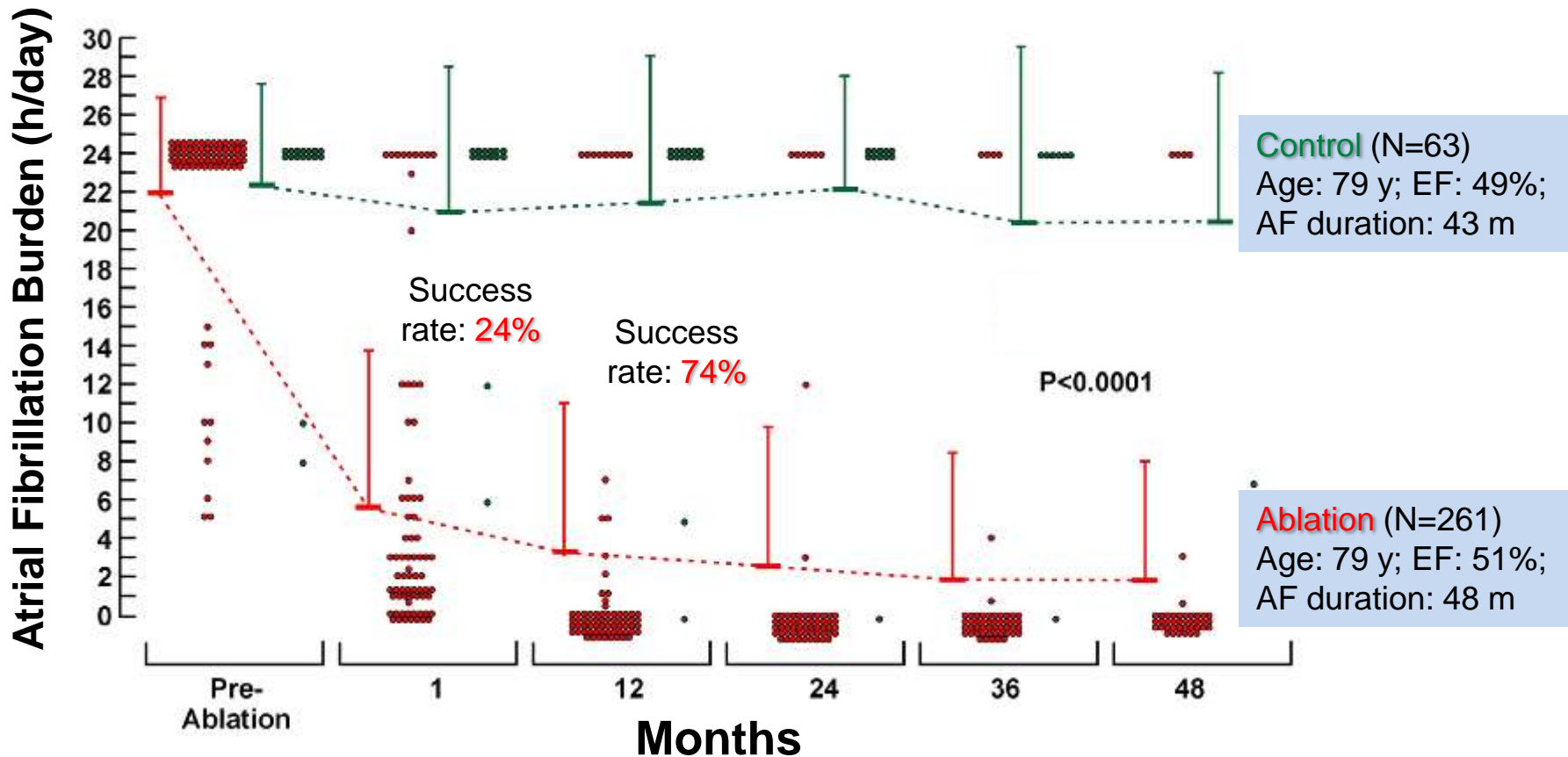
Treated / Untreated:
CPAP therapy >/< 4 h

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Benefits and risks of catheter ablation in elderly patients with atrial fibrillation ^e ^{CP}



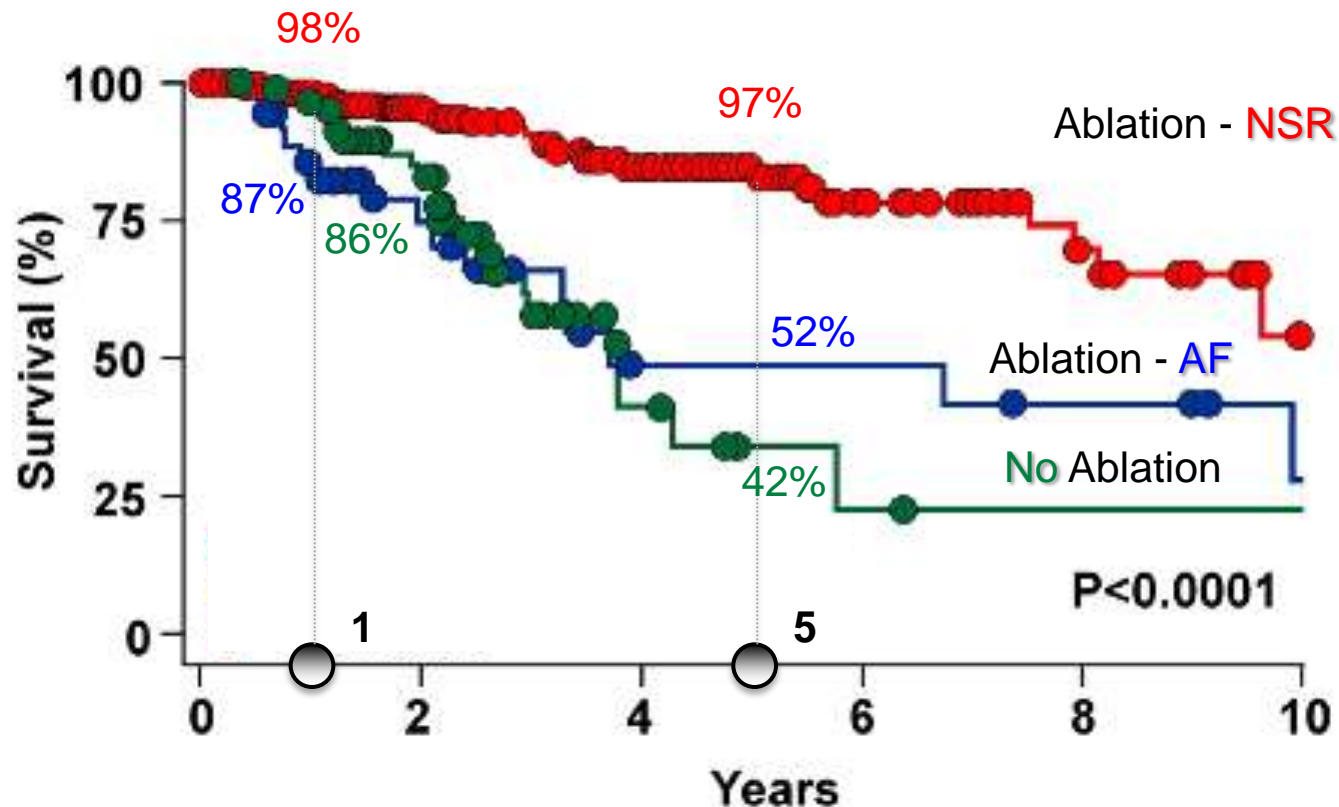
Comparison of 4-year atrial tachycardia/atrial fibrillation burden between group 1 and group 2 patients with an implantable device



Benefits and risks of catheter ablation in elderly patients with atrial fibrillation



Kaplan–Meier curves demonstrating improved survival from all-cause mortality in patients who remained in SR after AF ablation



Benefits and risks of catheter ablation in elderly patients with atrial fibrillation



Procedure time: **136+40'**; 1/2/3/4 sessions = **56/34/7/3%** of patients

Acute complications (24-h)

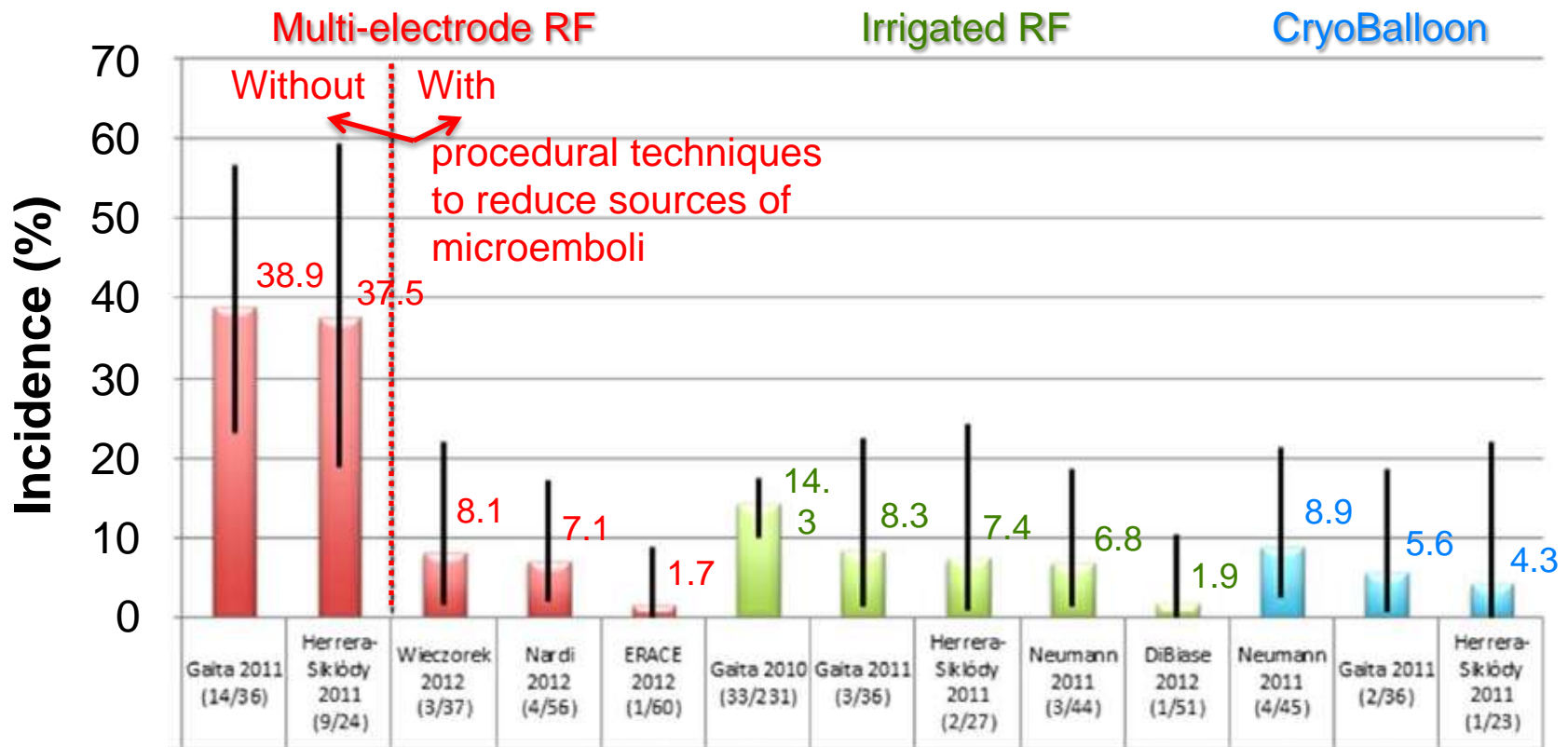
Ischemic stroke	2 (0.8%)
Hemopericardium	4 (1.5%)
Major bleeding (groin sites)	10 (4%)
Pulmonary edema	3 (1%)

30-day major events

Death for intracerebral hemorrhage	1 (0.4%)
Pseudoaneurysms	4 (1.5%)
Severe bleeding (groin sites)	3 (1%)
Atrial tachycardia	7 (2.5%)
Urinary tract infections	3 (1%)
High fever	2 (0.8%)

Evaluation and Reduction of Asymptomatic Cerebral Embolism in Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation, But High Prevalence of Chronic Silent Infarction

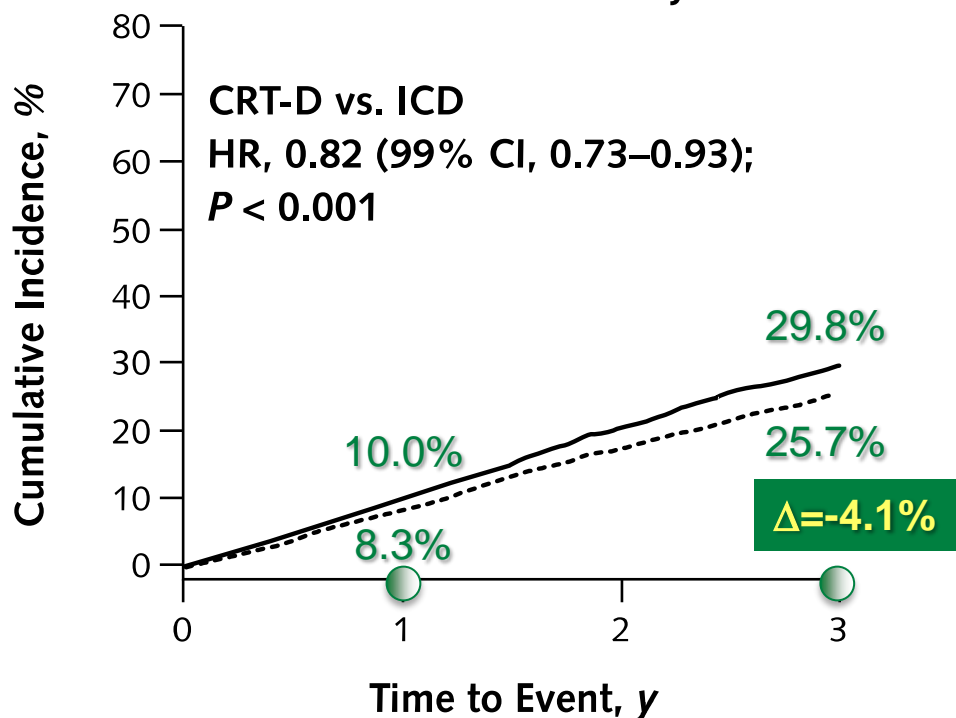
Summary of studies reporting on rates on asymptomatic cerebral emboli in the immediate AF post-ablation period (<24–48 h)



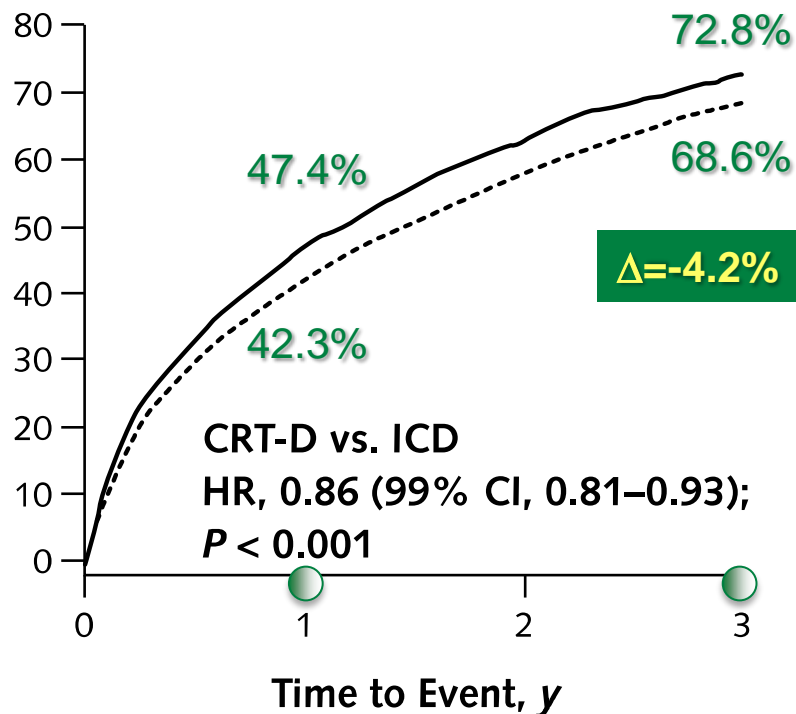
Comparative Effectiveness of Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy With an Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator Versus Defibrillator Therapy Alone

Events in the National Cardiovascular Data Registry's ICD Registry (propensity-matched cohort; eligible - N=29777; 2006-9)

All-Cause Mortality



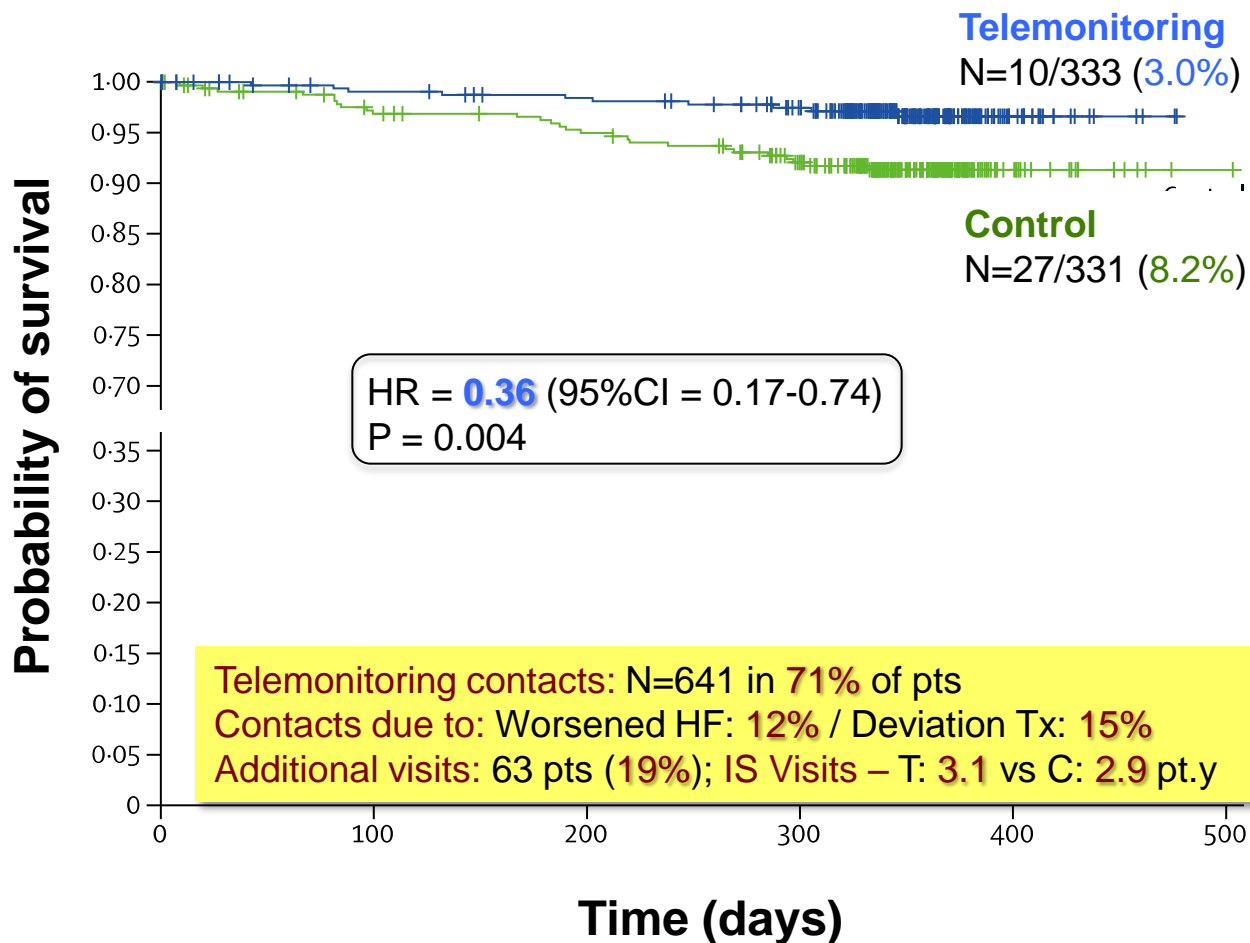
All-Cause Readmission



— ICD (N=3545) – Age: 74.9 y, ≥ 80 y: 23.9%, EF: 25%
..... CRT-D (N=3545) – Age: 74.6 y, ≥ 80 y: 22.9%, EF: 25%

Implant-based multiparameter telemonitoring of patients with heart failure (IN-TIME): a randomised controlled trial

Kaplan-Meier curves of patient survival in the IN-TIME trial
(2007-2010; age: 65.5 years, LVEF: 26%, CRT-D: ≈58%, FU: ≈330 days)^c

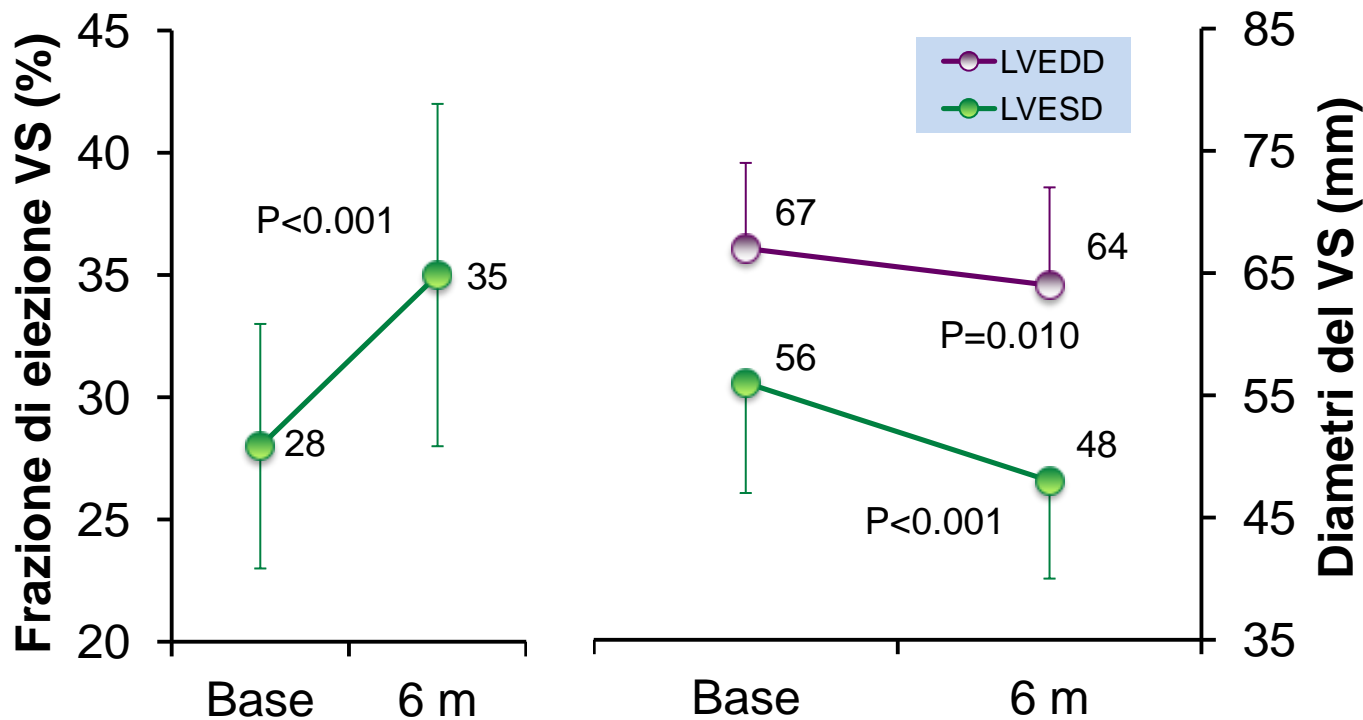


Effetti della terapia di resincronizzazione cardiaca (CRT). Risultati preliminari di uno studio policentrico italiano

N=52		intervallo
Età (anni)	68 \pm 10	41-82
Età \geq 75 anni (%)	26.6%	
FC (b/min)	73 \pm 12	50-100
PAS (mmHg)	117 \pm 15	85-145
PAD (mmHg)	70 \pm 10	45-90
FE VS (%)	28 \pm 5	18-38
Cardiopatia ischemica (%)	44	
Charlson Comorbidity Index	4.4 \pm 2.0	1-9
Farmaci (N)	7 \pm 2	1-13
ACE-I / ARB (%)	65 / 24	
β -bloccanti (%)	83	
Digitale (%)	9	
Diuretici (%)	86	

Effetti della terapia di resincronizzazione cardiaca (CRT) sulla performance e sul “reverse remodeling” del VS

N=52; età media: 68 ± 10 anni; Classe NYHA III: 65%; FA: 21% -
Risultati preliminari (Centri partecipanti: Firenze, Bergamo, Caserta)

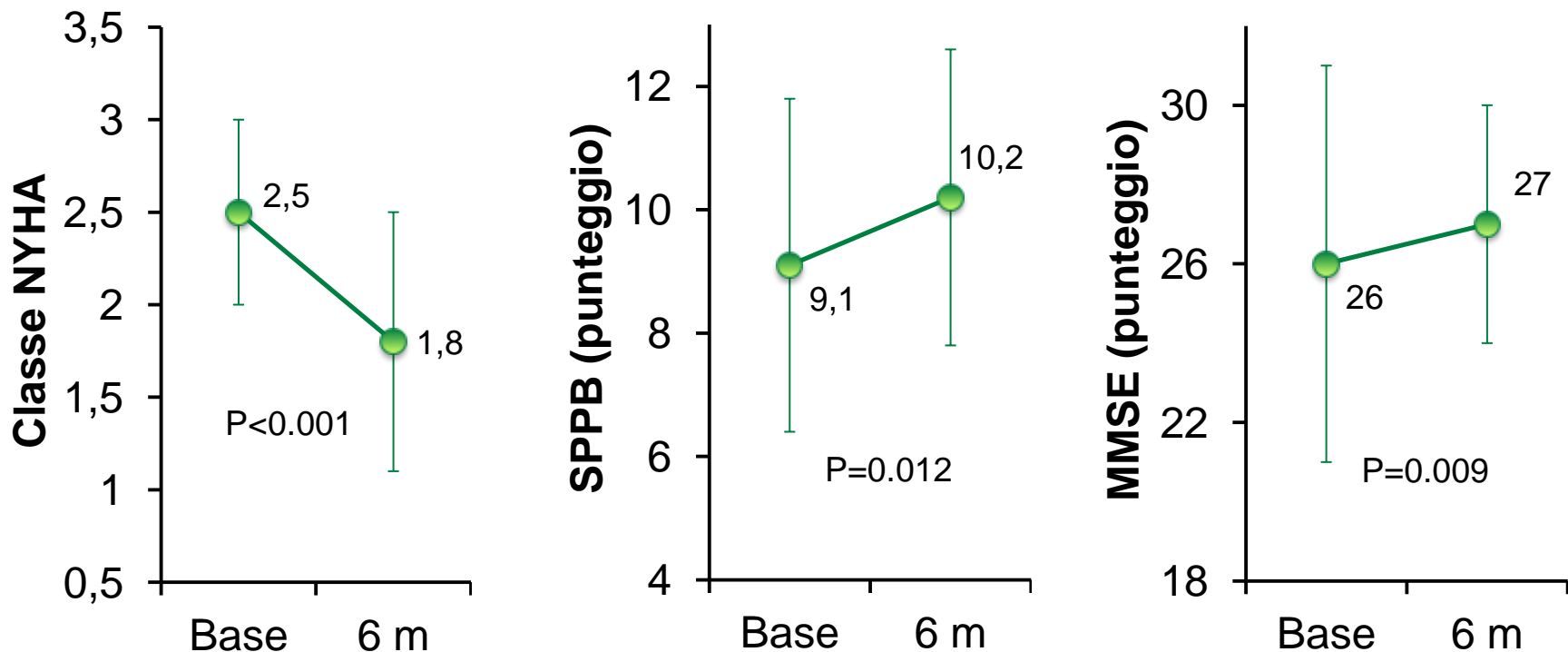


6 m: 6 mesi

LVEDD: diametro telediastolico
LVESD: diametro telesistolico

Effetti della CRT su stato funzionale e neuro-cognitivo di pazienti con grave scompenso cardiaco

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Risultati preliminari (Centri partecipanti: Firenze, Bergamo, Caserta)



6 m: 6 mesi

SPPB: Short Physical Performance Battery
Balance Test ($p=0.253$); Gait Speed ($p=0.005$);
Chair Standing ($p=0.015$)

Conclusioni



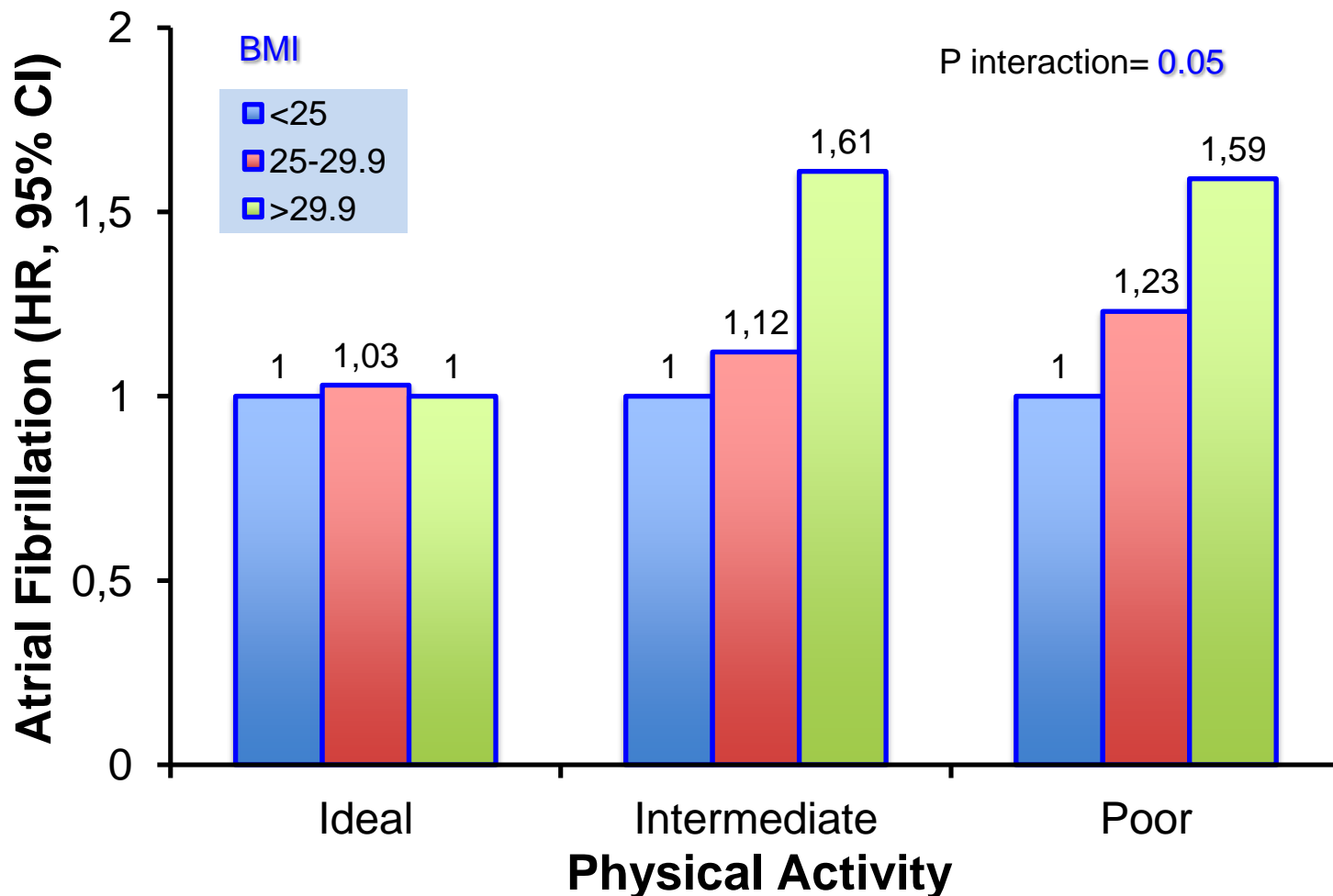
- ✓ La **terapia antiaritmica** in pazienti di età avanzata è estremamente **complessa** e, molto spesso, inefficace o pericolosa, se attuata con **trattamenti tradizionali**
- ✓ L'utilizzo di **trattamenti innovativi**, non necessariamente ad elevata tecnologia, indirizzati ad un **maggior contatto** con il paziente è risultato efficace nel ridurre le ospedalizzazioni e, talvolta, la mortalità
- ✓ Sono necessari **studi clinici specifici** per valutare quali pazienti anziani possano effettivamente trarre vantaggio da **interventi ad elevata invasività**
- ✓ La **terapia di resincronizzazione cardiaca**, grazie ad una azione significativa sul ventricolo sinistro, migliora non soltanto la prognosi del paziente, ma anche il profilo funzionale e neuro-cognitivo

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Risk of Incident AF by the Impact of Level of Physical Activity and Overweight & Obesity, in Men, in the ARIC (1987-2009, N=1775/14219, 6.9 per 1000 person-years)



ARE GERIATRIC SYNDROMES ASSOCIATED WITH RELUCTANCE TO INITIATE ORAL ANTICOAGULATION THERAPY IN ELDERLY ADULTS WITH NONVALVULAR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION?



Multivariate Predictors of the Absence of Oral Anticoagulation Therapy (N=137; Age: **82 years**; Permanent AF: **70%**; **Not** anticoagulated: **51%**; High risk – CHA₂DS₂VASc: **99%**; HAS-BLED: **39%**)

	OR	95%CI	p
Age	/	/	NS
Female	/	/	NS
Lives alone	/	/	NS
Education Years	/	/	NS
Depressive Symptoms	5.14	1.84-14.34	<0.05
Cognitive impairment	6.27	2.54-15.36	0.001
CHA ₂ DS ₂ VASc score	/	/	NS
HAS-BLED score	2.52	1.03-6.16	<0.05

Depressive Symptoms: Geriatric Depression Scale >5; **Cognitive impairment:** Mini-Mental State Examination ≤ 23