



**RIVAL Program**

*Radial Versus femorAL access for coronary  
intervention study*

# A randomized comparison of Radial Vs. femorAL access for coronary intervention in ACS (RIVAL)

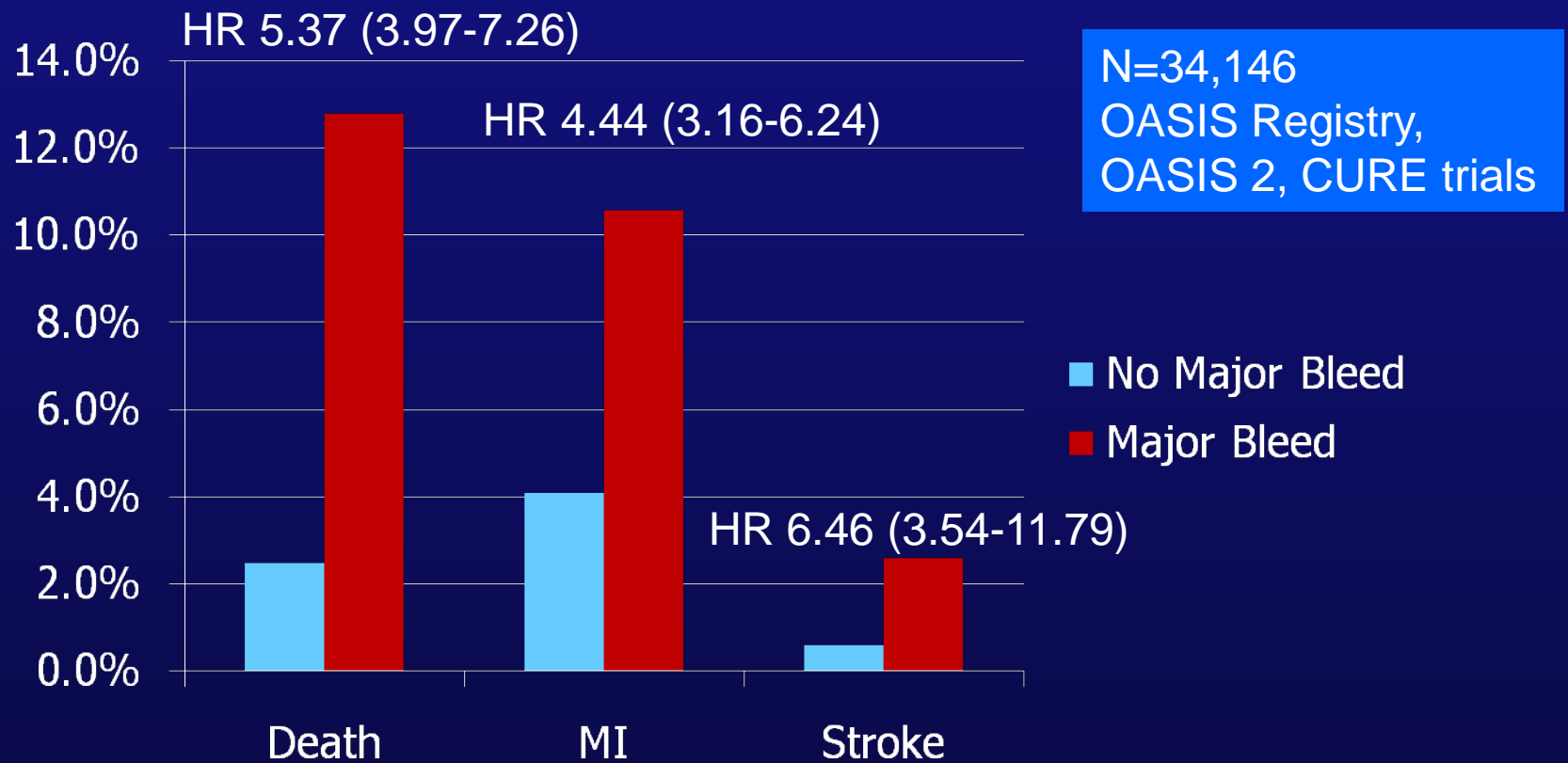
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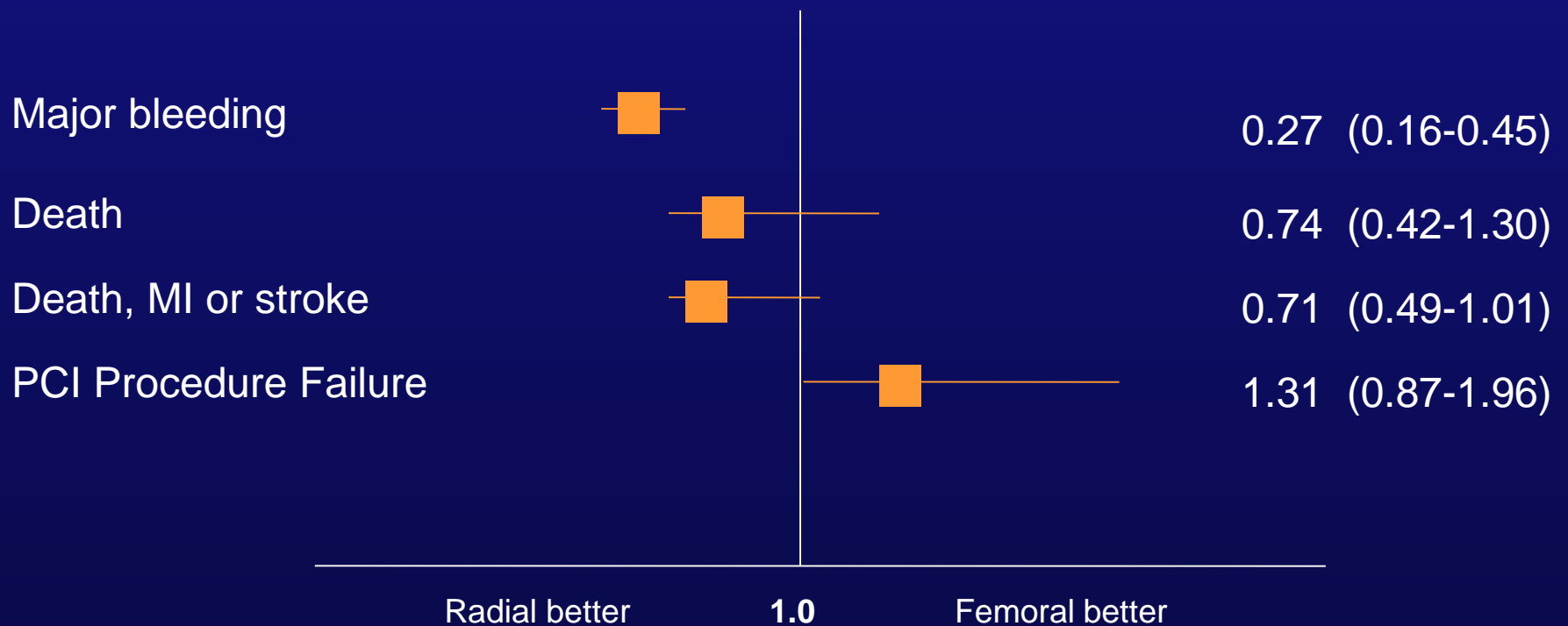
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# Bleeding is associated with Death and Ischemic Events



# Prior Meta-analysis of 23 RCTs of Radial vs. Femoral (N=7030)



# RIVAL Study Objective

- To determine if Radial vs. Femoral access for coronary angiography/PCI can reduce the composite of death, MI, stroke or non-CABG major bleeding in ACS patients

# RIVAL Study Design

**NSTE-ACS and STEMI  
(n=7021)**

## Key Inclusion:

- Intact dual circulation of hand required
- Interventionalist experienced with both (minimum 50 radial procedures in last year)

## Randomization

**Radial Access  
(n=3507)**

**Femoral Access  
(n=3514)**

**Blinded Adjudication of Outcomes**

**Primary Outcome: Death, MI, stroke  
or non-CABG-related Major Bleeding at 30 days**

# Definitions

## **Major Bleeding (CURRENT/ OASIS 7)**

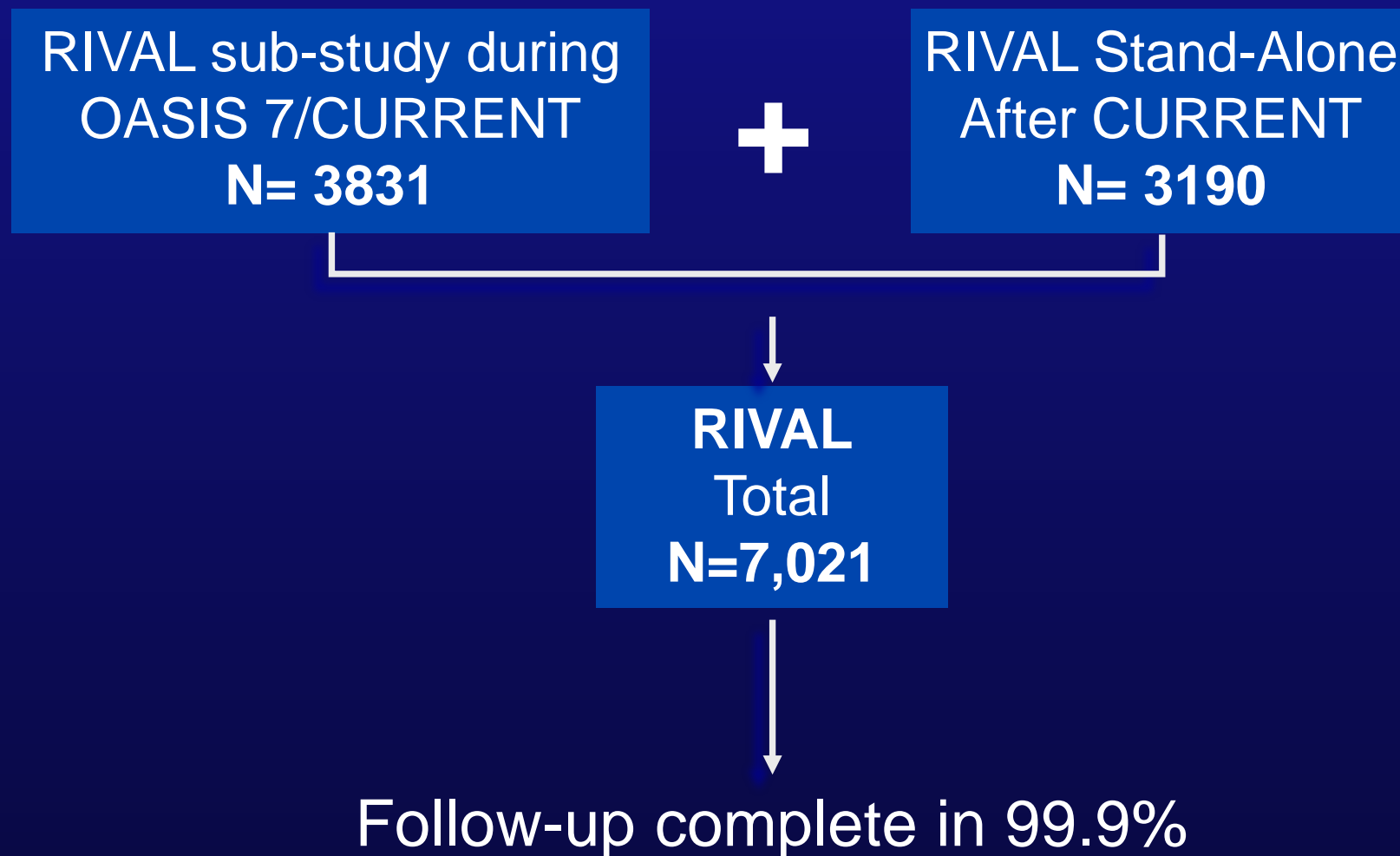
- Fatal
- $\geq 2$  units of Blood transfusion
- Hypotension requiring inotropes
- Requiring surgical intervention
- ICH or Intraocular bleeding leading to significant vision loss

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## **Major Vascular Access Site Complications**

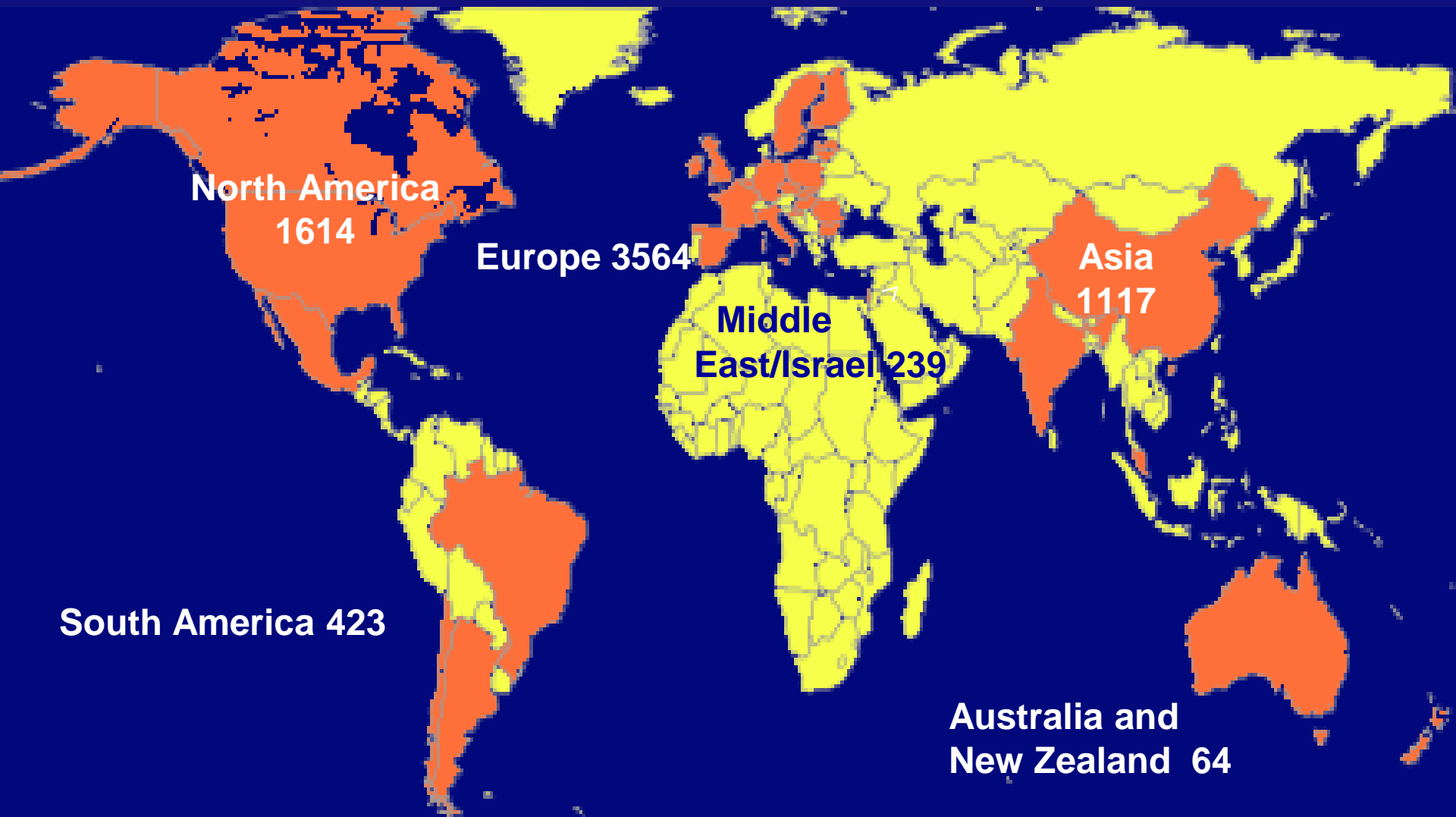
- Large hematoma
- Pseudoaneurysm requiring closure
- AV fistula
- Other vascular surgery related to the access site

# Final Recruitment





# International Study



# Baseline Characteristics

	Radial (n =3507)	Femoral (n =3514)
<b>Mean Age (years)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Male (%)</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>72.9</b>
<b>Diabetes (%)</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>
<b>Diagnosis at presentation</b>		
UA (%)	<b>44.3</b>	<b>45.7</b>
NSTEMI (%)	<b>28.5</b>	<b>25.8</b>
STEMI (%)	<b>27.2</b>	<b>28.5</b>

# Therapies - Initial Hospitalization

	Radial (n=3507) %	Femoral (n=3514) %
ASA	99.2	99.3
Clopidogrel	96.0	95.6
LMWH	51.5	51.8
UFH	33.3	31.6
Fondaparinux	10.9	10.8
Bivalirudin	2.2	3.1
GP IIb IIIa inhibitors	25.3	24.0
PCI	65.9	66.8
CABG	8.8	8.3

# Operator Volume Procedure Characteristics

	Radial (n=3507)	Femoral (n=3514)	HR (95% CI)	P value
<b>Operator Annual Volume</b>				
PCI/year (median, IQR)	300 (190, 400)	300 (190,400)		
Percent Radial PCI (median, IQR)	40 (25,70)	40 (25, 70)		
<b>PCI Success</b>	95.4	95.2	1.01 (0.95-1.07)	0.83

- Vascular closure devices used in 26% of Femoral group

# Primary and Secondary Outcomes

	Radial (n=3507) %	Femoral (n=3514) %	HR	95% CI	P
<b>Primary Outcome</b>					
Death, MI, Stroke, Non-CABG Major Bleed	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	0.92	0.72-1.17	0.50
<b>Secondary Outcomes</b>					
Death, MI, Stroke	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	0.98	0.77-1.28	0.90
Non-CABG Major Bleeding	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	0.73	0.43-1.23	0.23

# Other Outcomes

	Radial (n=3507) %	Femoral (n=3514) %	HR	95% CI	P
Major Vascular Access Site Complications	1.4	3.7	0.37	0.27-0.52	<0.0001
Other Definitions of Major Bleeding					
TIMI Non-CABG Major Bleeding	0.5	0.5	1.00	0.53-1.89	1.00
ACUTY Non-CABG Major Bleeding*	1.9	4.5	0.43	0.32-0.57	<0.0001

\* Post Hoc analysis

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Other Outcomes					
	Radial (n=3507) %	Femoral (n=3514) %	HR	95% CI	P
Death	1.3	1.5	0.86	0.58-1.29	0.47
MI	1.7	1.9	0.92	0.65-1.31	0.65
Stroke	0.6	0.4	1.43	0.72-2.83	0.30
Stent Thrombosis	0.7	1.2	0.63	0.34-1.17	0.14

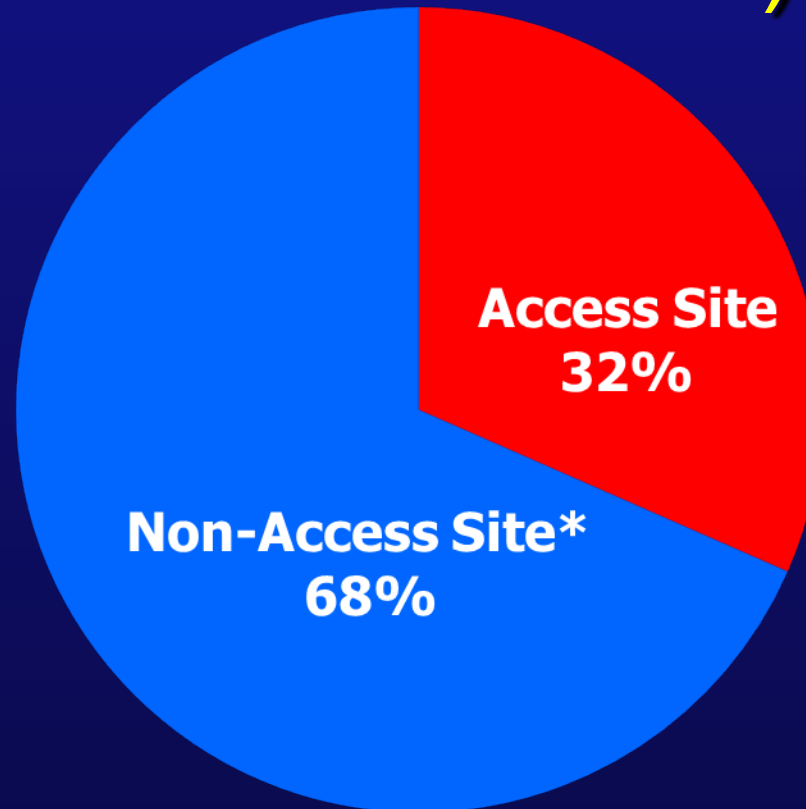
# Other Outcomes

	<b>Radial</b> (n=3507)	<b>Femoral</b> (n=3514)	<b>P</b>
Access site Cross-over (%)	<b>7.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<0.0001
PCI Procedure duration (min)	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	0.62
Fluoroscopy time (min)	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<0.0001
Persistent pain at access site >2 weeks (%)	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	0.22
Patient prefers assigned access site for next procedure (%)	<b>90</b>	<b>49</b>	<0.0001

- Symptomatic radial occlusion requiring medical attention 0.2% in radial group



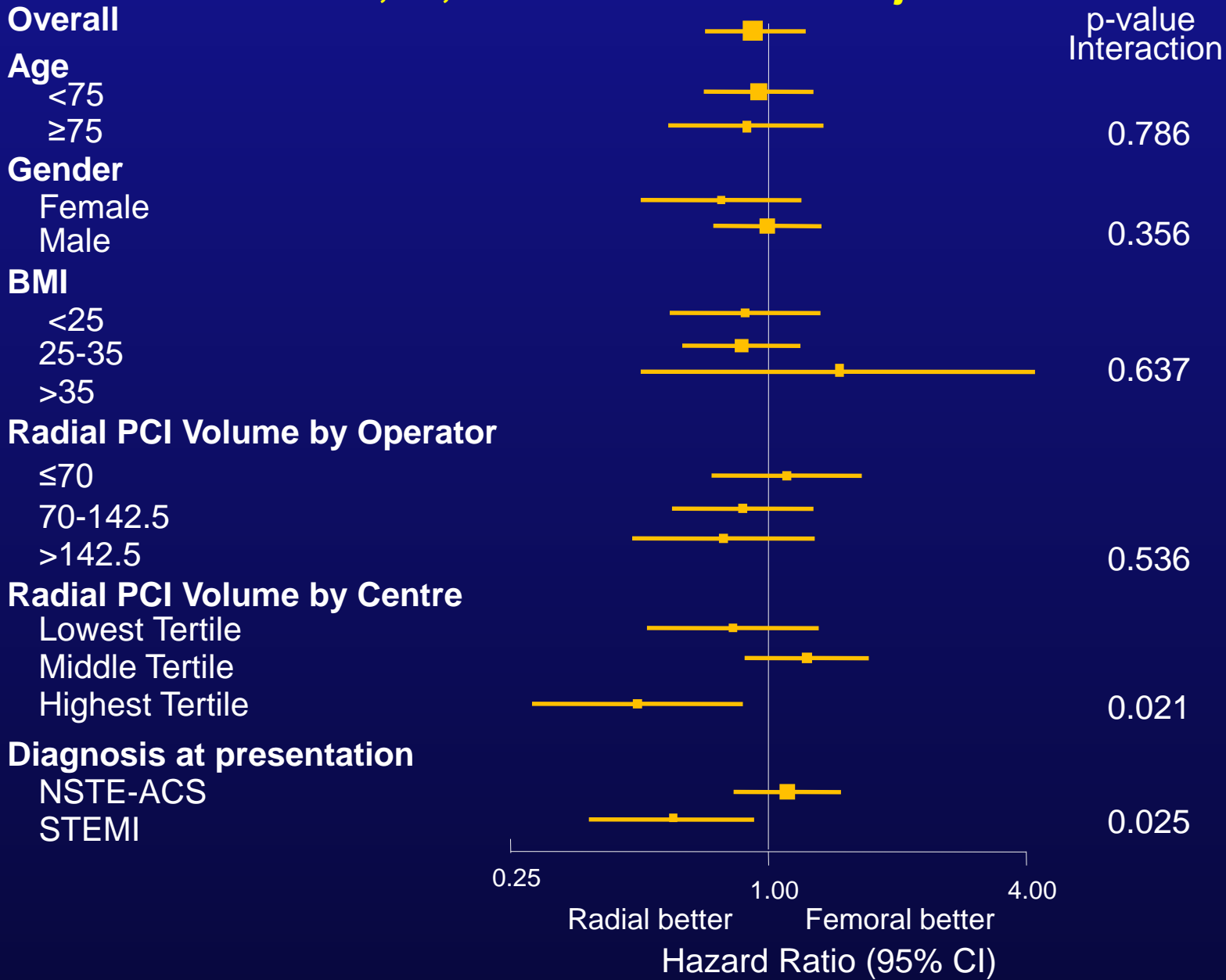
# Site of Non-CABG Major Bleeds (RIVAL definition)



\*Sites of Non Access site Bleed: Gastrointestinal (most common site), ICH, Pericardial Tamponade and Other

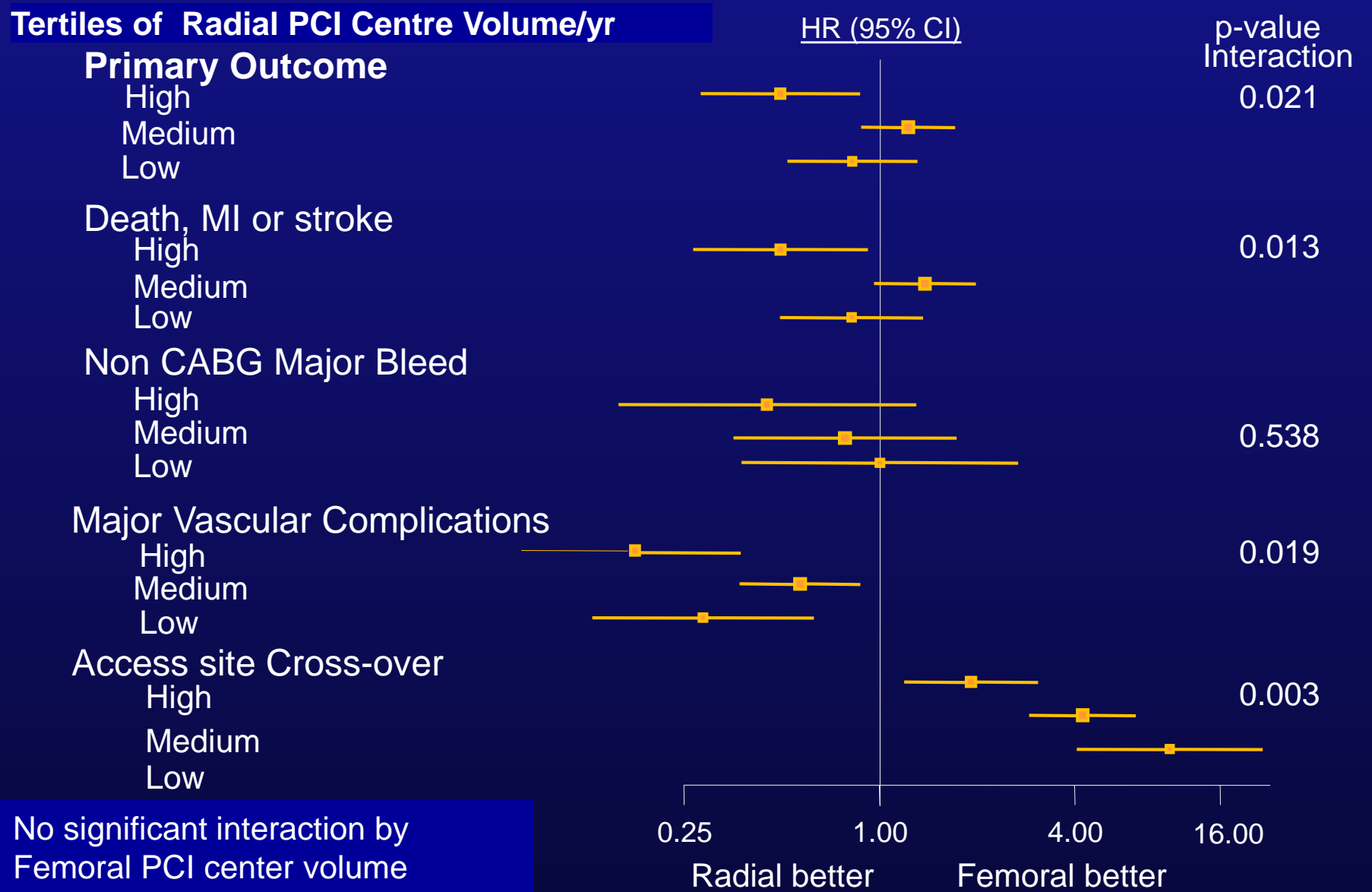
# Subgroups: Primary Outcome

Death, MI, Stroke or non-CABG major Bleed

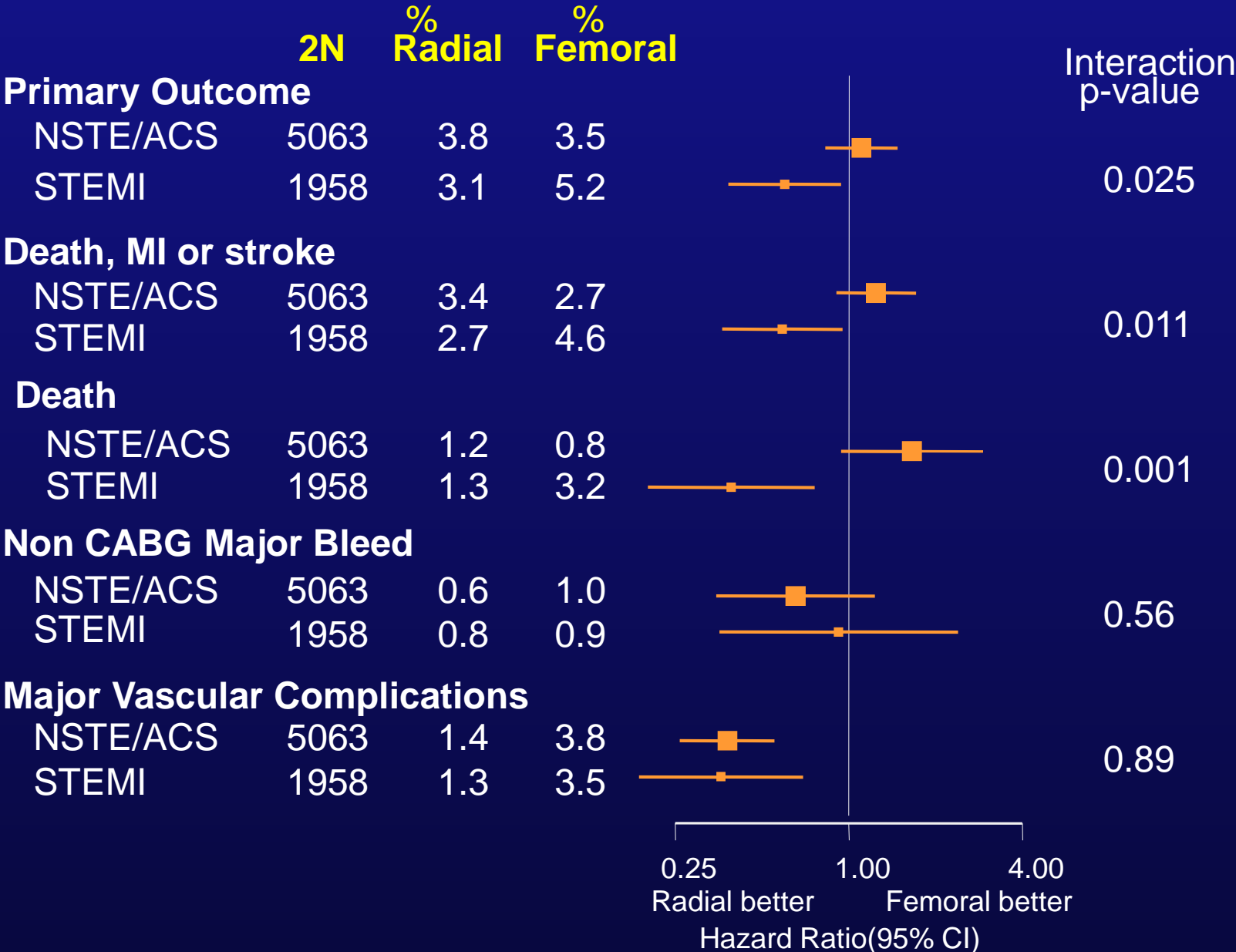


# Results stratified by High\*, Medium\* and Low\* Volume Radial Centres

\*High (>146 radial PCI/year/ median operator at centre), Medium (61-146), Low (≤60)



# Outcomes stratified by STEMI vs. NSTEMI/ACS



# Conclusion

- No significant difference between radial and femoral access in primary outcome of death, MI, stroke or non-CABG major bleeding
- Rates of primary outcome appeared to be lower with radial compared to femoral access in high volume radial centres and STEMI
- Radial had fewer major vascular complications with similar PCI success

# Implications

- Both radial and femoral approaches are safe and effective
- Increasing experience may improve outcomes with radial access
- Clinicians and patients may choose radial because of its similar efficacy and reduced vascular complications

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## Radial versus femoral access for coronary angiography and intervention in patients with acute coronary syndromes (RIVAL): a randomised, parallel group, multicentre trial



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### Summary

**Background** Small trials have suggested that radial access for percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) reduces vascular complications and bleeding compared with femoral access. We aimed to assess whether radial access was superior to femoral access in patients with acute coronary syndromes (ACS) who were undergoing coronary angiography with possible intervention.

**Methods** The Radial Vs femoral Access for coronary intervention (RIVAL) trial was a randomised, parallel group, multicentre trial. Patients with ACS were randomly assigned (1:1) by a 24 h computerised central automated voice response system to radial or femoral artery access. The primary outcome was a composite of death, myocardial infarction, stroke, or non-coronary artery bypass graft (non-CABG)-related major bleeding at 30 days. Key secondary outcomes were death, myocardial infarction, or stroke; and non-CABG-related major bleeding at 30 days. A masked central committee adjudicated the primary outcome, components of the primary outcome, and stent thrombosis. All other outcomes were as reported by the investigators. Patients and investigators were not masked to treatment allocation. Analyses were by intention to treat. This trial is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT01014273.

**Findings** Between June 6, 2006, and Nov 3, 2010, 7021 patients were enrolled from 158 hospitals in 32 countries. 3507 patients were randomly assigned to radial access and 3514 to femoral access. The primary outcome occurred in 128 (3·7%) of 3507 patients in the radial access group compared with 139 (4·0%) of 3514 in the femoral access group (hazard ratio [HR] 0·92, 95% CI 0·72–1·17;  $p=0·50$ ). Of the six prespecified subgroups, there was a significant interaction for the primary outcome with benefit for radial access in highest tertile volume radial centres (HR 0·49, 95% CI 0·28–0·87;  $p=0·015$ ) and in patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (0·60, 0·38–0·94;  $p=0·026$ ). The rate of death, myocardial infarction, or stroke at 30 days was 112 (3·2%) of 3507 patients in the radial group compared with 114 (3·2%) of 3514 in the femoral group (HR 0·98, 95% CI 0·76–1·28;  $p=0·90$ ). The rate of non-CABG-related major bleeding at 30 days was 24 (0·7%) of 3507 patients in the radial group compared with 33 (0·9%) of 3514 patients in the femoral group (HR 0·73, 95% CI 0·43–1·23;  $p=0·23$ ). At 30 days, 42 of 3507 patients in the radial group had large haematoma compared with 106 of 3514 in the femoral group (HR 0·40, 95% CI 0·28–0·57;  $p<0·0001$ ). Pseudoaneurysm needing closure occurred in seven of 3507 patients in the radial group compared with 23 of 3514 in the femoral group (HR 0·30, 95% CI 0·13–0·71;  $p=0·006$ ).

**Interpretation** Radial and femoral are approaches are both safe and effective for PCI. However, the lower rate of local vascular complications may be a reason to use the radial approach.

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