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**EXPIRA Trial substudy.**

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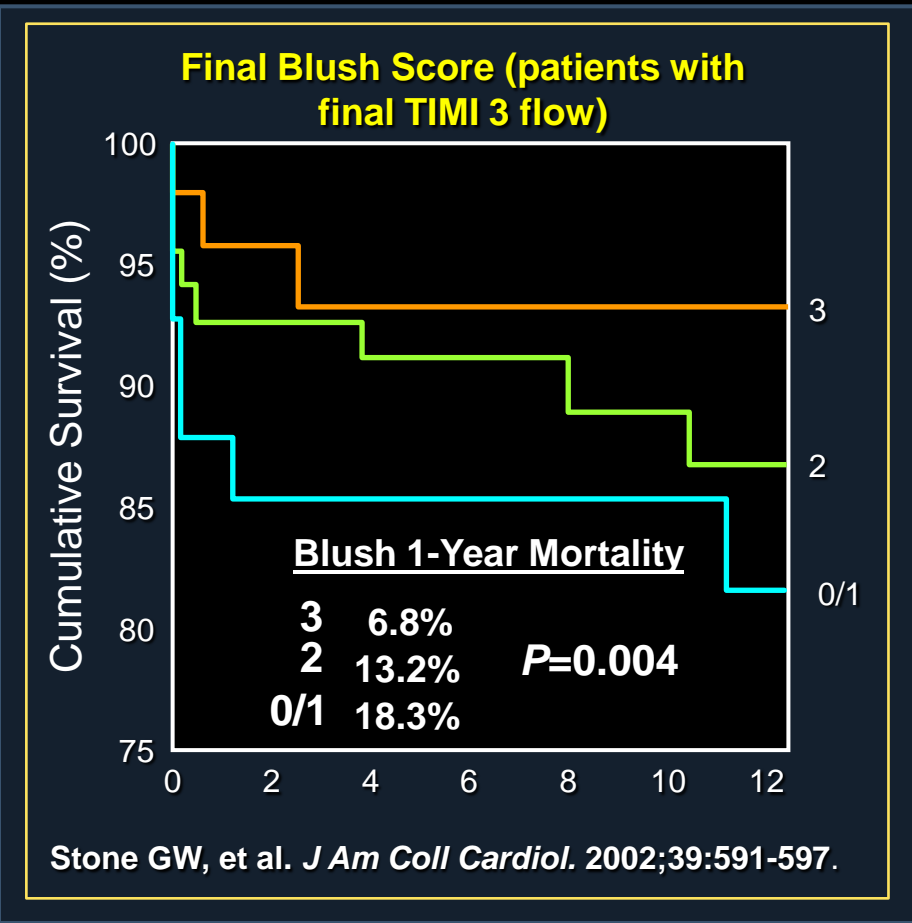
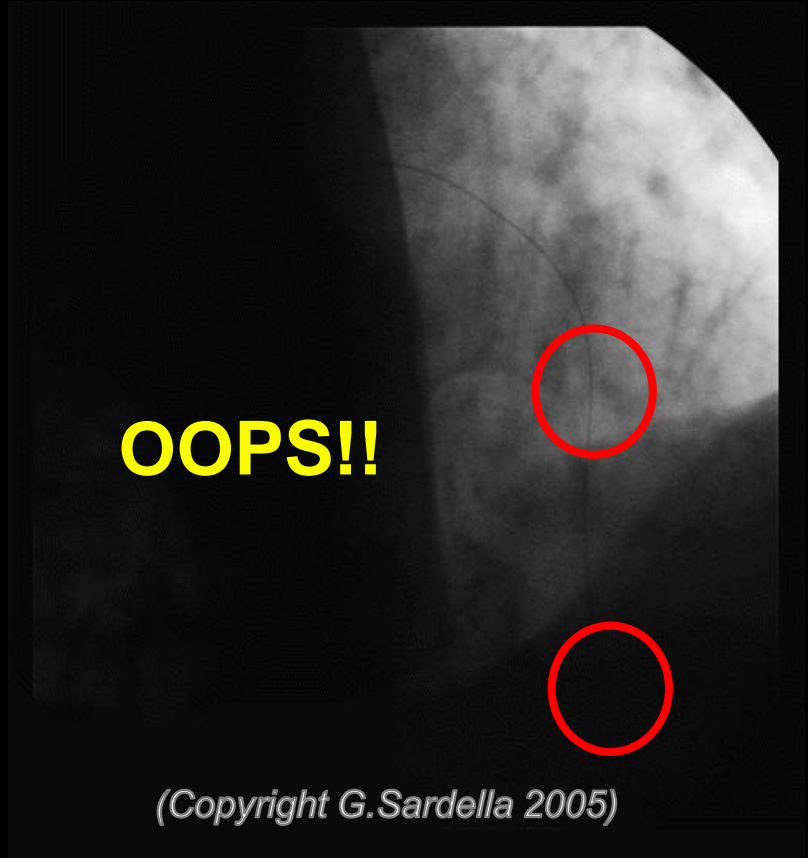
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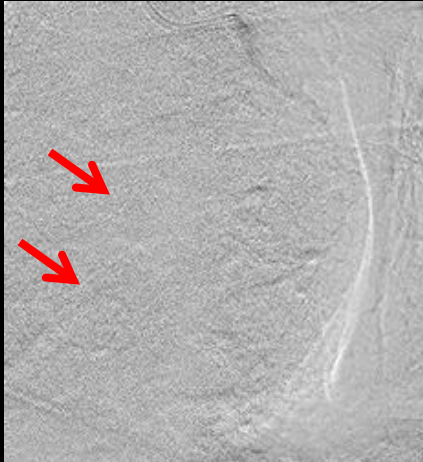
➤ In the AMI setting the **distal embolization** after the IRA reopening (“no-flow” phenomenon) is associated with **poor perfusion and high mortality.**



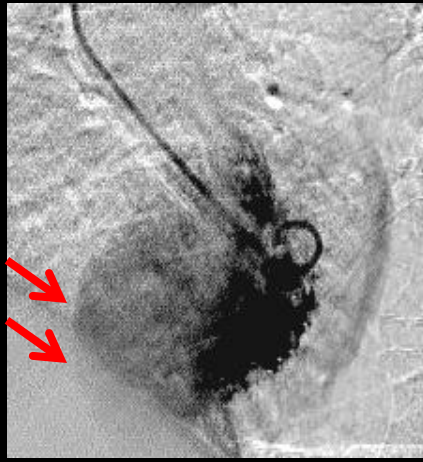
➤ **Myocardial Perfusion (MBG) After Primary PCI is the Strongest Predictor of Mortality independently from IRA reopening**

# Background

## PPCI Hardest point



“Open Artery ..but Closed Myocardium !!”



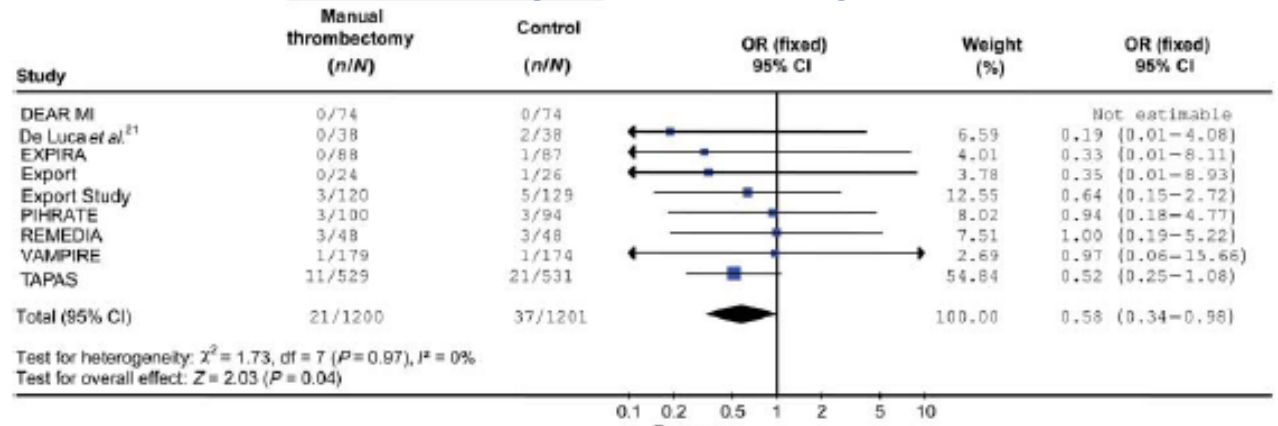
### MBG 3

Study	Manual thrombectomy (n/N)	Control (n/N)
DEAR MI	65/74	32/74
De Luca et al. <sup>21</sup>	14/38	5/38
EXPIRA	62/88	25/88
Export	15/24	11/24
Export Study	39/109	29/109
PIHRATE	67/88	48/88
VAMPIRE	82/178	35/178
TAPAS	224/490	158/490
Total (95% CI)	568/1089	343/1089

Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2 = 27.23$ ,  $df = 7$  ( $P = 0.0003$ ),  $I^2 = 74.3\%$   
 Test for overall effect:  $Z = 8.74$  ( $P < 0.00001$ )

Favours C

### 30 – Day mortality



Favours Thrombectomy

Favours Control





Impact of thrombectomy with **EXPort** catheter in **Infarct Related Artery** on procedural and clinical outcome in patients with AMI.  
( **EXPIRA Trial** ) . A Prospective, Randomized Trial of Thromboaspiration during Primary Angioplasty in Acute Myocardial Infarction

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# Impact of Thrombectomy with **EX**Port catheter in **I**nfarct **R**elated **A**rtery on procedural and clinical outcome in patients with AMI ( **EXPIRA** Trial ).

(G.Sardella et al. TCT 2007)

## Design

□ Prospective, randomized, double-arm, mono-centric study.

□ Primary end-point :

■ Final MBG  $\geq 2$  ;

■ 90' ST resolution

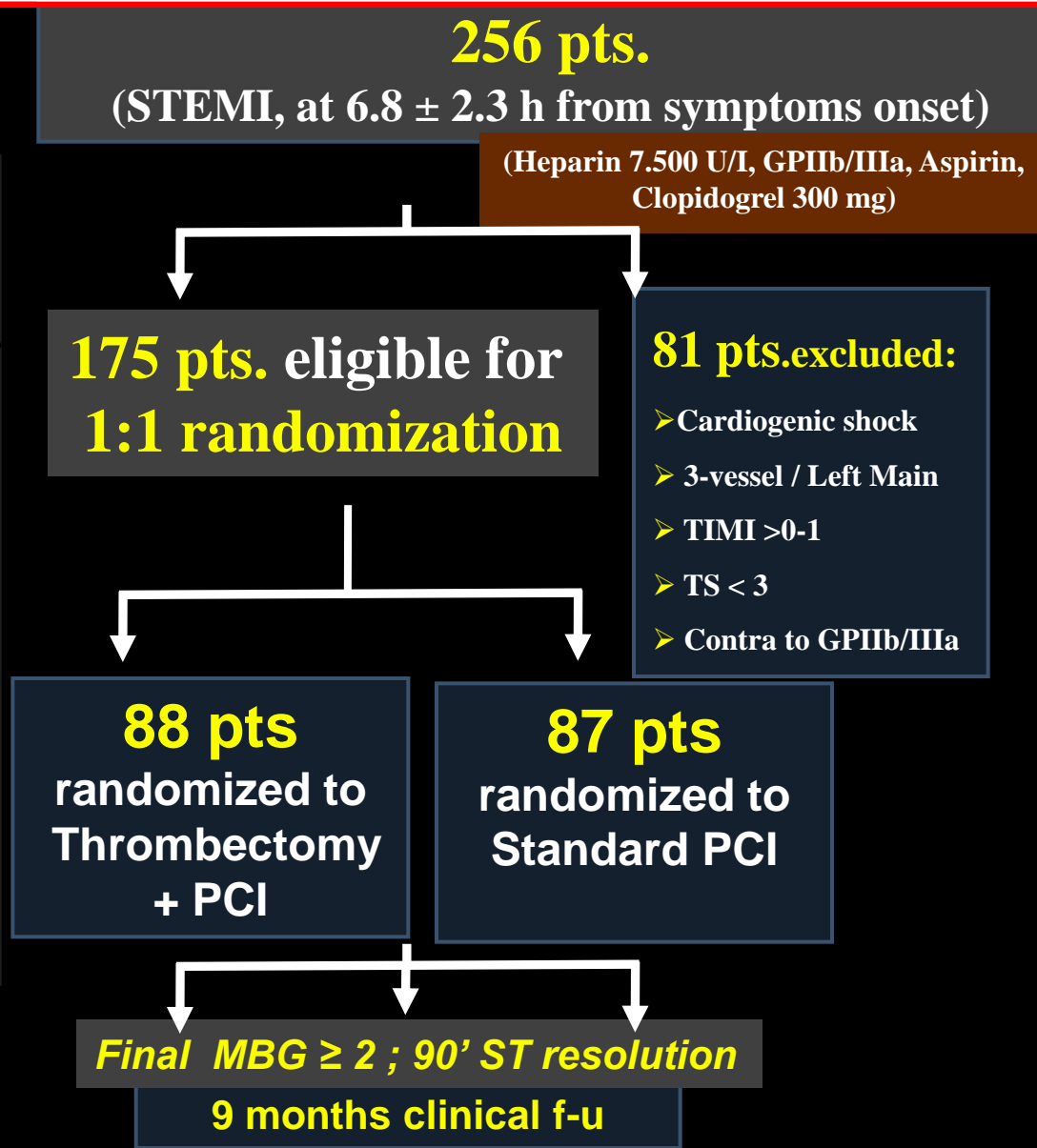
(> 70% decrease of ST segment after PCI)

□ Secondary end-point :

□ MACE at 9 month clinical f-u

□ Principal investigator

G.Sardella MD



## Inclusion Criteria

- Age >18 yrs
- STEMI within 9 hrs from symptoms onset
- “*De novo*” coronary artery lesions
- Native IRA  $\geq 2.5$  mm diameter
- Angiographically identifiable occlusive thrombus (TS grade  $\geq 3$ )
- TIMI 0-1 at time of initial angiography

## Exclusion Criteria

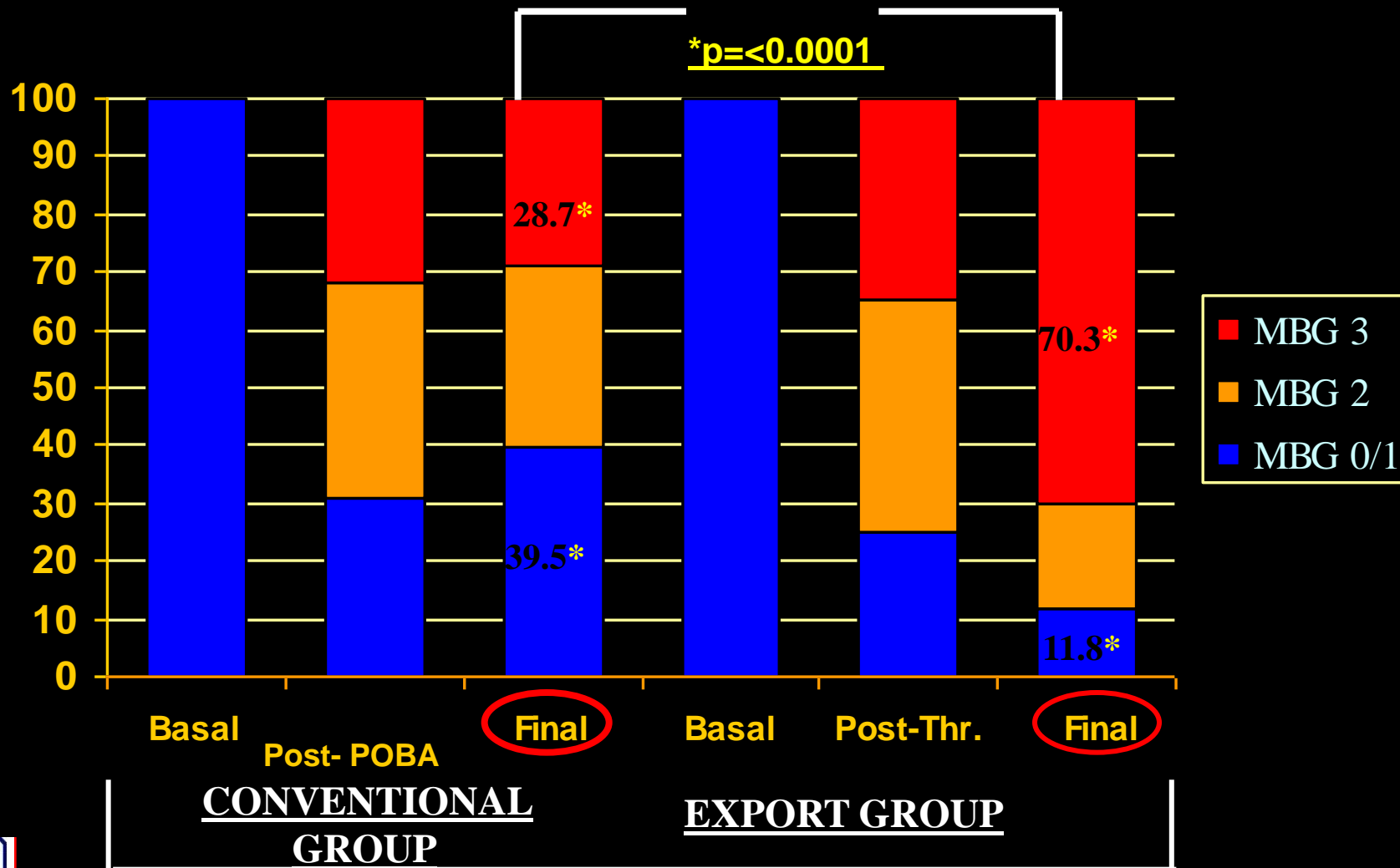
- Previous AMI or CABG
- Cardiogenic shock
- 3-vessel / Left Main CAD
- Severe valvular heart disease
- Unsuccessful PCI (*no antegrade flow or 50% residual stenosis in the IRA*)
- Rescue / Facilitated PCI
- Contraindication to GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors



# Impact of Thrombectomy with EXPort catheter in Infarct Related Artery on procedural and clinical outcome in patients with AMI ( EXPIRA Trial ).

## 1° Primary End-point

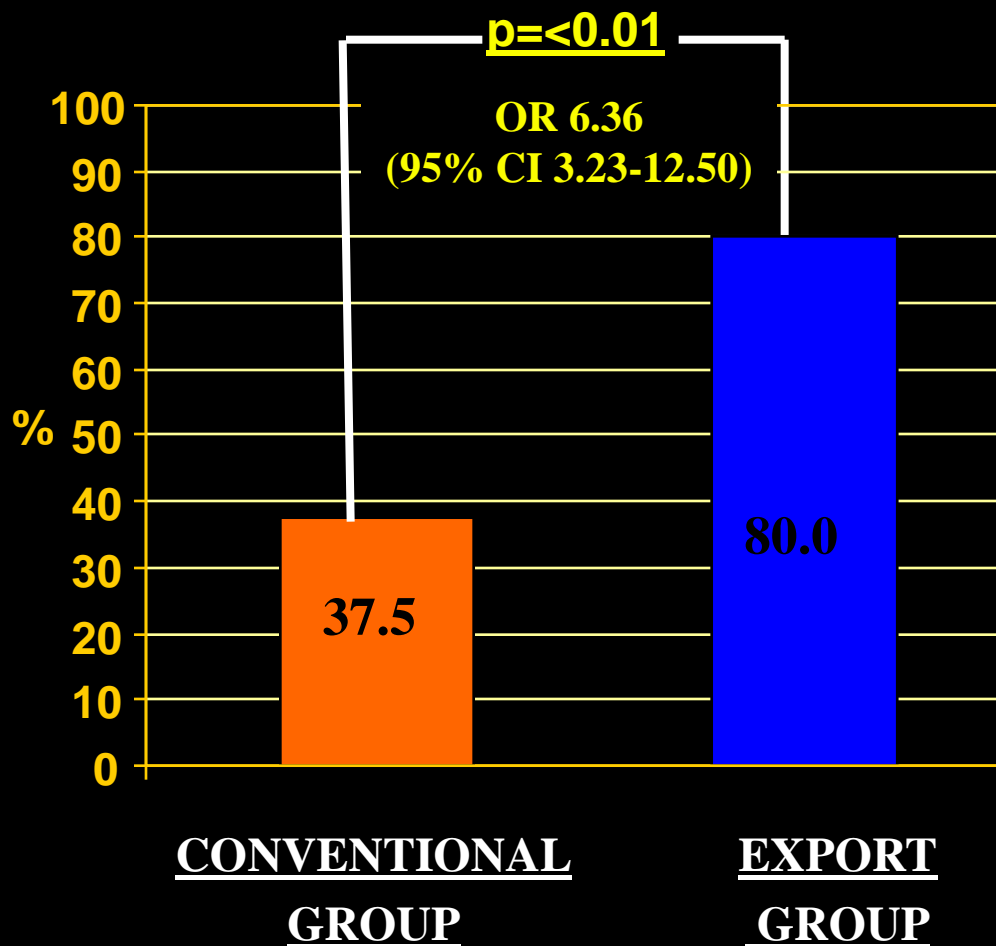
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## 2° Primary End-point

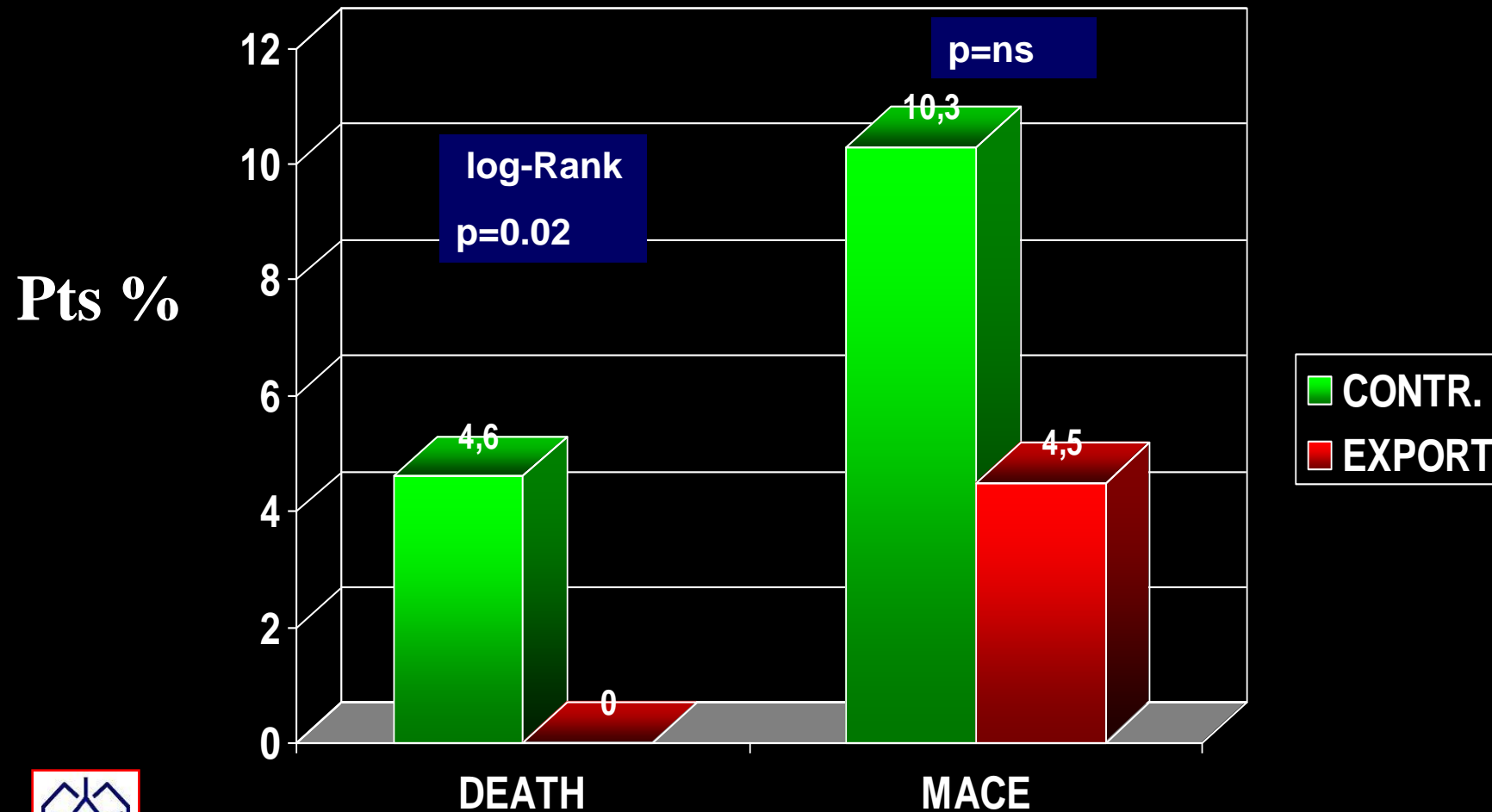
### 90' ST resolution after PCI (%)

( > 70% decrease of ST segment)



# Impact of Thrombectomy with **EX**Port catheter in **I**nfarct **R**elated **A**rtery on procedural and clinical outcome in patients with AMI ( **EXPIRA** Trial ).

## 9 months Composite Cardiac Event Rates



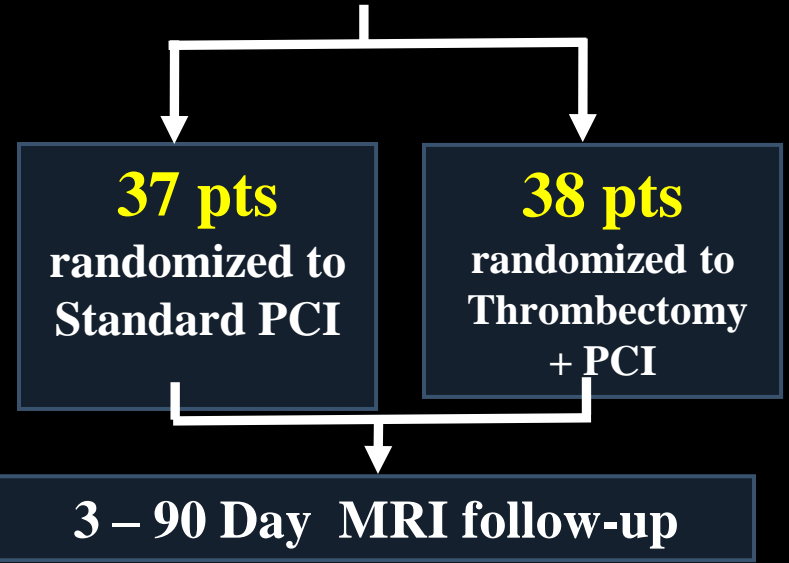
# EXPIRA Trial MRI Study

## Design

- Prospective, randomized, double-arm, mono-centric study.
- 1° End-points (MRI evaluation)
  - *Microvascular damage (grams/g) in terms of Hypoenhancement.*
  - *Infarct size (grams/g) in terms of Hyperenhancement.*

**75 patients eligible for 1:1 randomization**  
(Anterior STEMI, at 6.8 + 2.3 h from symptoms onset)

(Heparin 7.500 U/I, GPIIb/IIIa, Aspirin, Clopidogrel 300 mg)

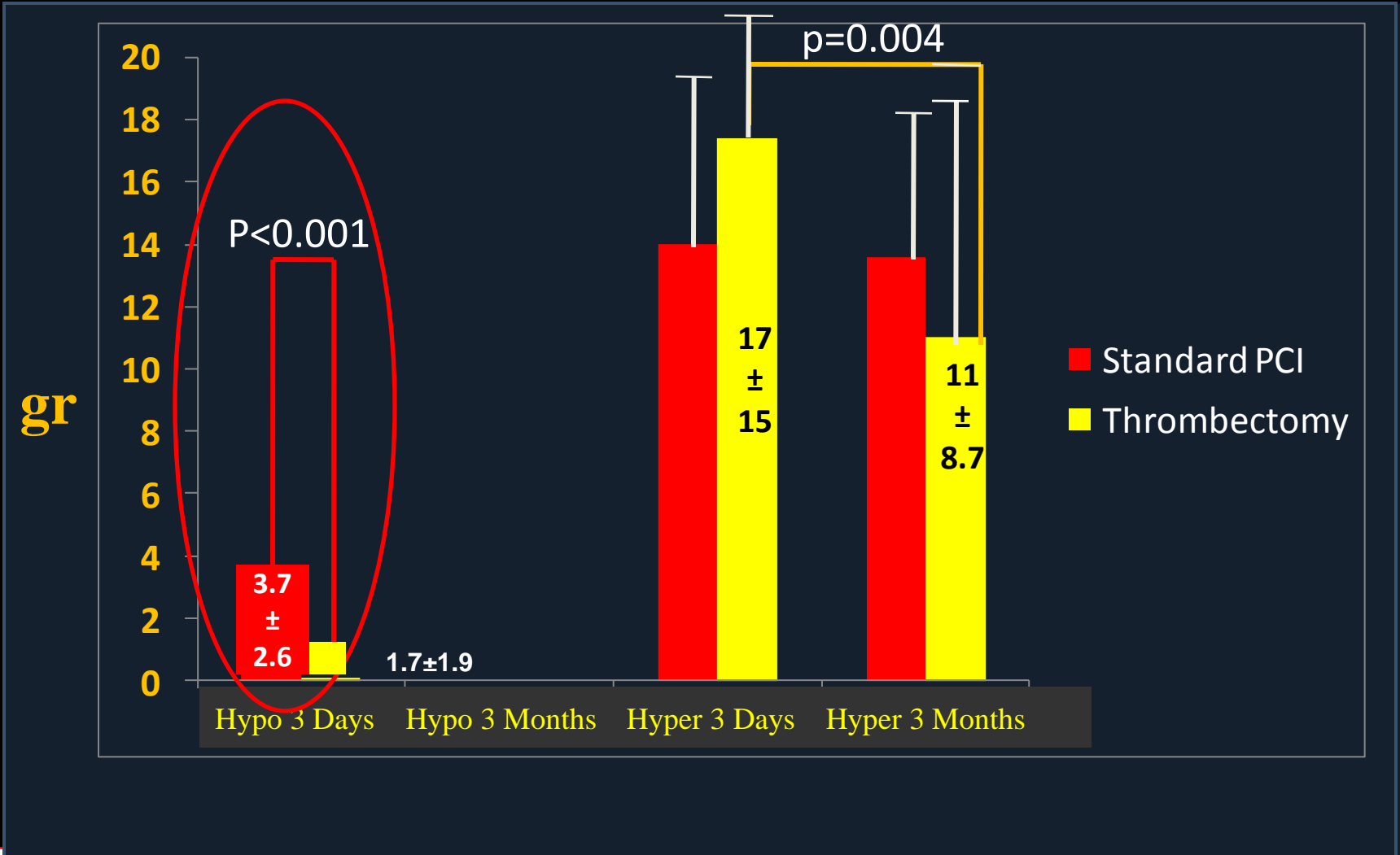


(G.Sardella et al, JACC 2008 in press)

- **Microvascular damage**
- **Infarct size**



# MRI Results



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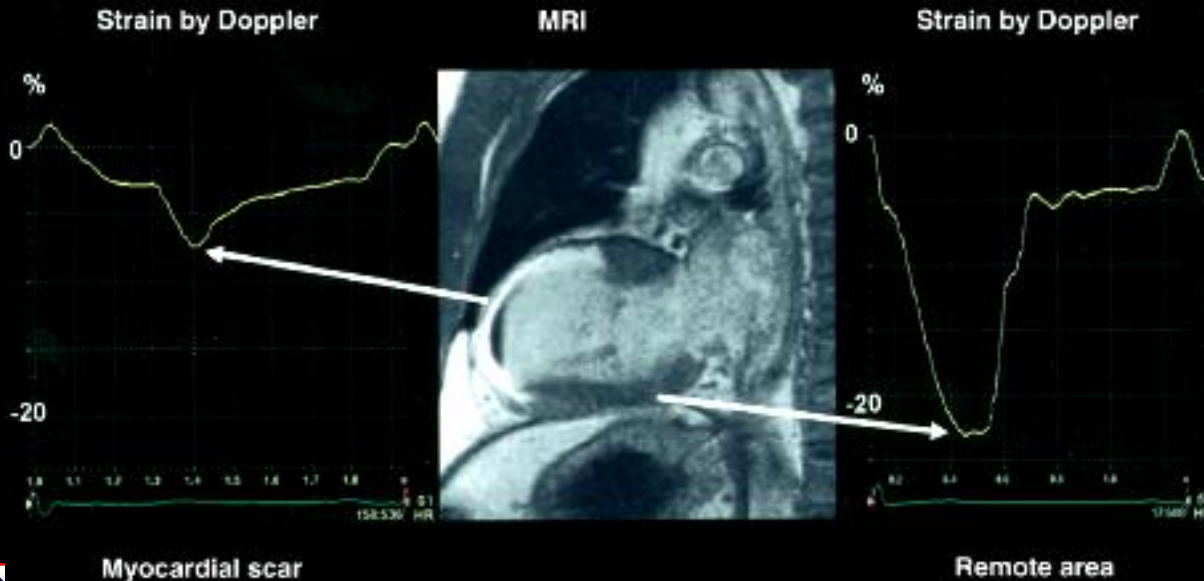


➤ **Tissue Doppler imaging (TDI) quantitatively assess regional myocardial function by measuring Systolic Strain, an index reflecting the extent of myocardial fiber deformation.**

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## Early Prediction of Infarct Size by Strain Doppler Echocardiography After Coronary Reperfusion



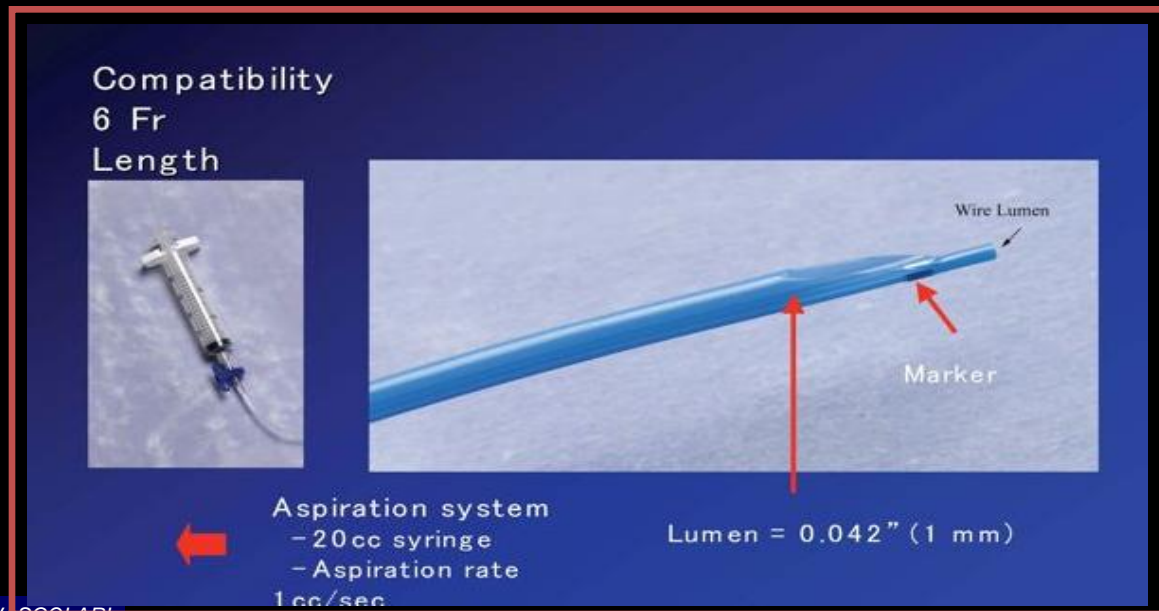
**Regional and global strain at 1.5 h after reperfusion therapy correlates with size and transmural extent of myocardial infarction as determined by CE-MRI.**



## Aim of the Study

➤ We sought to evaluate the impact of thromboaspiration on procedural outcomes and **Systolic Strain by TDI** as compared to conventional primary PCI

**Export® aspiration catheter (Medtronic, Minneapolis, Minnesota)**



## Design

■ Prospective, randomized, double-arm, single-centre study.

□ 1° End-point (TDI evaluation):

➤ *LV function recovery evaluated in terms of global and segmental Systolic Strain (%) by TDI*

**75 patients eligible for 1:1 randomization**  
(Anterior STEMI, at 6.8 + 2.3 h from symptoms onset)

(Heparin 7.500 U/I, GPIIb/IIIa, Aspirin, Clopidogrel 300 mg)

**37 pts**

randomized to  
Standard PCI

**38 pts**

randomized to  
Thrombectomy  
+ PCI

12 pts(16%) were not analyzed because of poor echocardiographic quality

TDI evaluation

**16 segments** model was applied and **regional myocardial function** was evaluated,  $\leq 90'$  after primary PCI, by measuring **peak systolic myocardial strain** by TDI





	Total Population (n=75)	Conventional Group (n=37)	Thrombectomy Group (n=38)
Age, yrs±SD	66.3±10.6	65.8±13.1	67.4±14.1
Males (%)	47 (62.7)	24 (64.7)	23 (60.5)
<u>Risk factors</u>			
Hypertension (%)	43 (57.8)	24 (64.9)	19 (50.0)
Diabetes (%)	17 (22.7)	9 (24.3)	8 (21.1)
Smoking (%)	26 (34.7)	11 (29.8)	15 (39.5)
Obesity (%)	2 (2.7)	2 (5.4)	0
Family History of CAD (%)	27 (36.0)	12 (32.4)	15 (39.5)
Cholesterol (mg/dl±SD)	164±13	165±10	163±11
Triglycerides (mg/dl±SD)	120±35	122±23	121±27
Renal Failure (%)	4 (5.3)	3 (8.1)	1 (2.6)
Killip class III (%)	19 (25.3)	12 (32.4)	7 (18.4)
Previous PCI (%)	10 (13.3)	4 (10.8)	6 (15.8)
Symptoms to balloon, (hrs±SD)	7.9±0.7	7.7±1.2	6.5±1.4
LVEF (%±SD)	43.1 ±12	40.8 ±7.5	41.9 ±0.9

P= ns for all characteristics



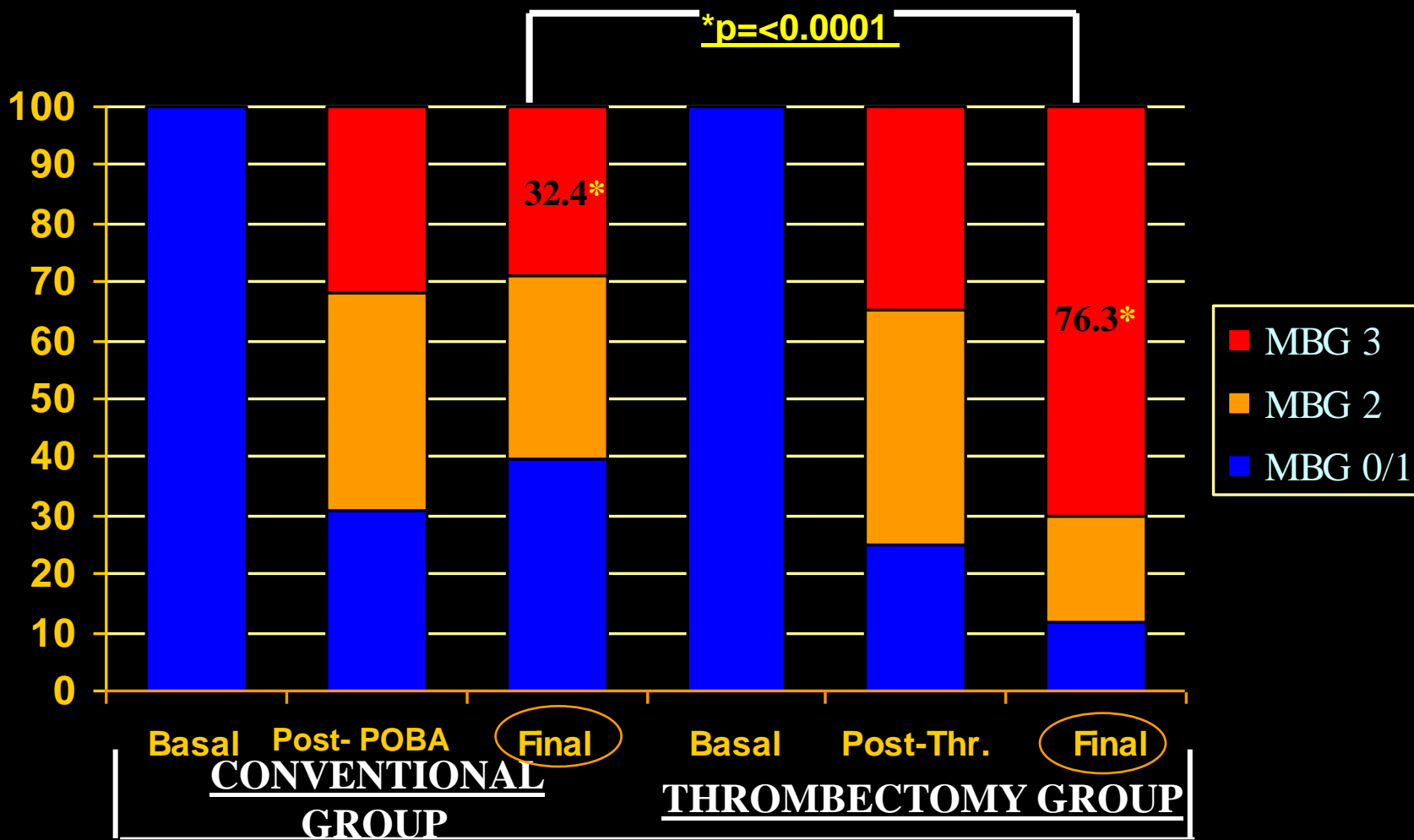


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IABP (%)	7 (9.3)	4 (10.8)	3 (7.9)
Lesion length, mm±SD	13.8±5.7	14.1±5.6	14.9±4.9
Vessel size, mm±SD	2.9±0.6	2.8±0.5	2.9±0.6
MLD pre, mm±SD	0.8±0.4	0.9±0.4	0.7±0.3
GPIIb/IIIa Inhibitors	75 (100)	37 (100)	38 (100)
<b>Direct stenting</b>	32 (42.6)	<b>2 (5.4)*§</b>	<b>28 (74.3)§</b>
Post-dilatation	7 (9.3)	3 (8.1)	4 (10.5)
MLD post, mm±SD	2.9±0.7	2.8±0.5	2.9±0.3
Post-PCI diameter stenosis, (%±SD)	3.4±5.2	3.5±3.9	3.4±5.4
<b>Stent Type (%)</b>			
Bare-metal Stent	29 (38.7)	17 (45.9)	12 (31.5)
Drug-eluting Stent	46 (61.3)	20 (54.0)	26 (68.4)



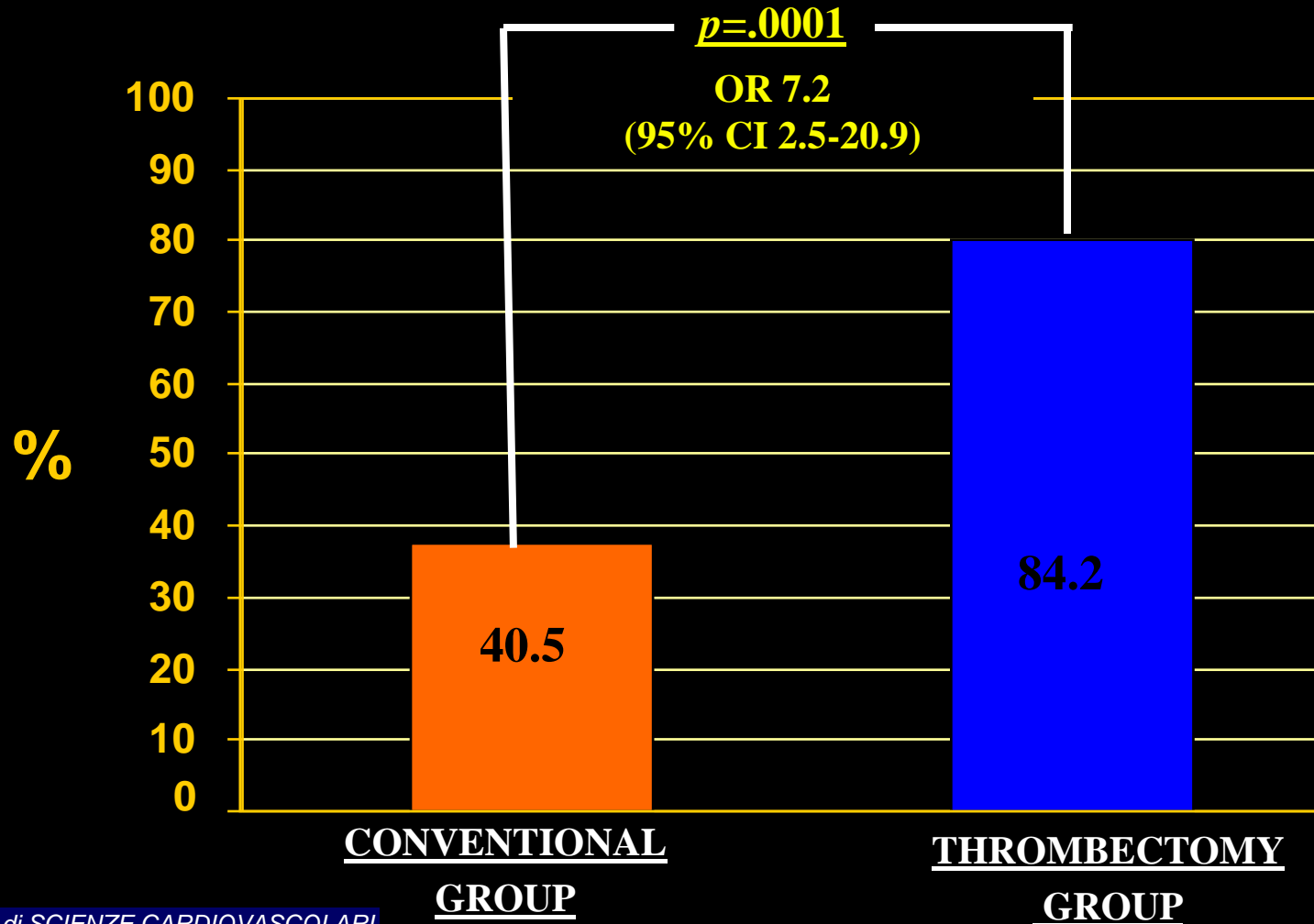


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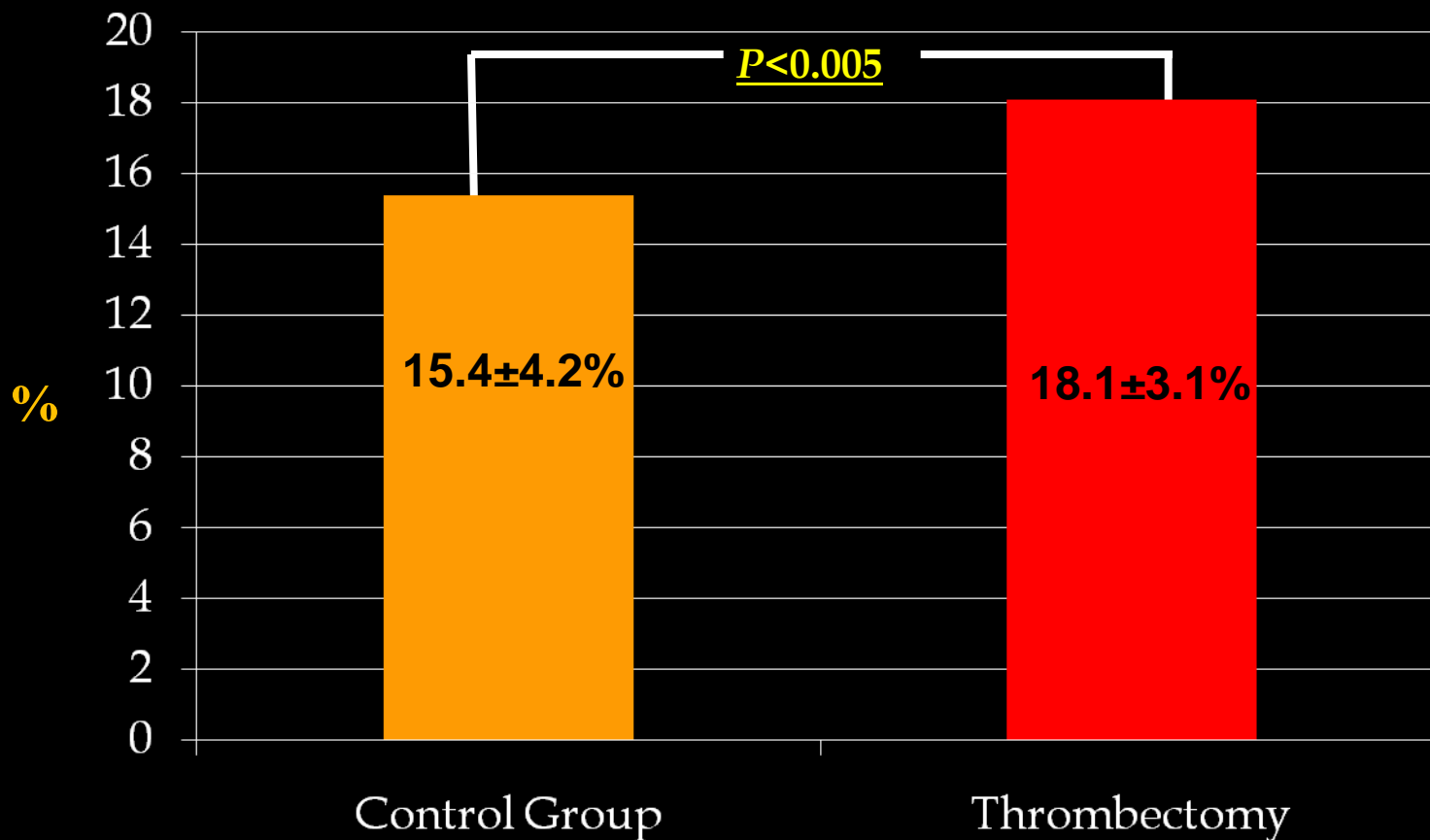
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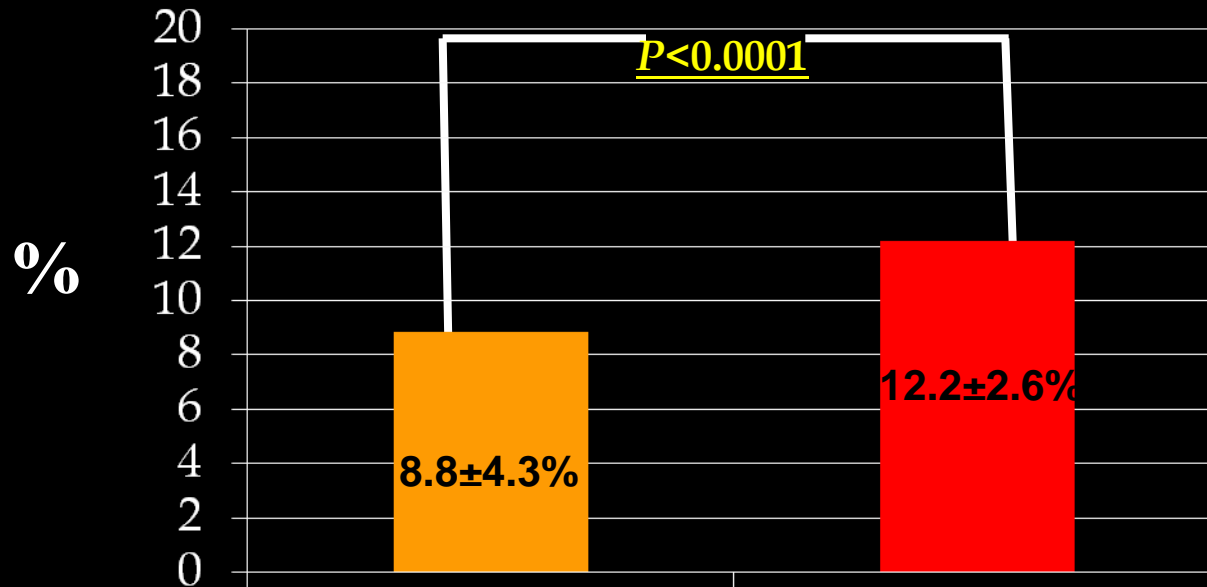




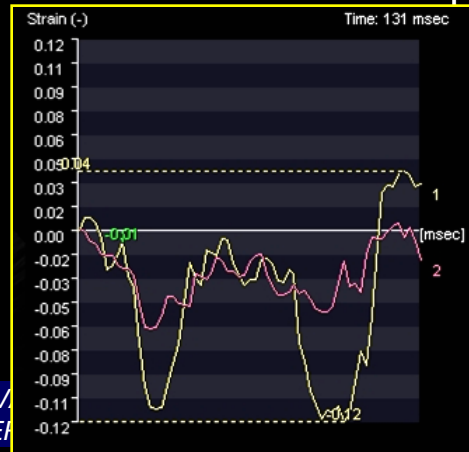
## Mean Systolic Strain



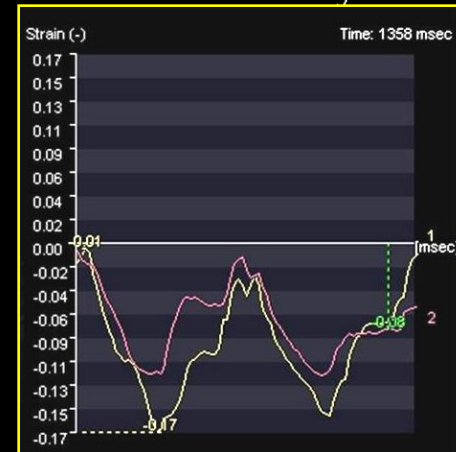
## Mean Systolic Strain in Infarcted Area



Control Group



Thrombectomy

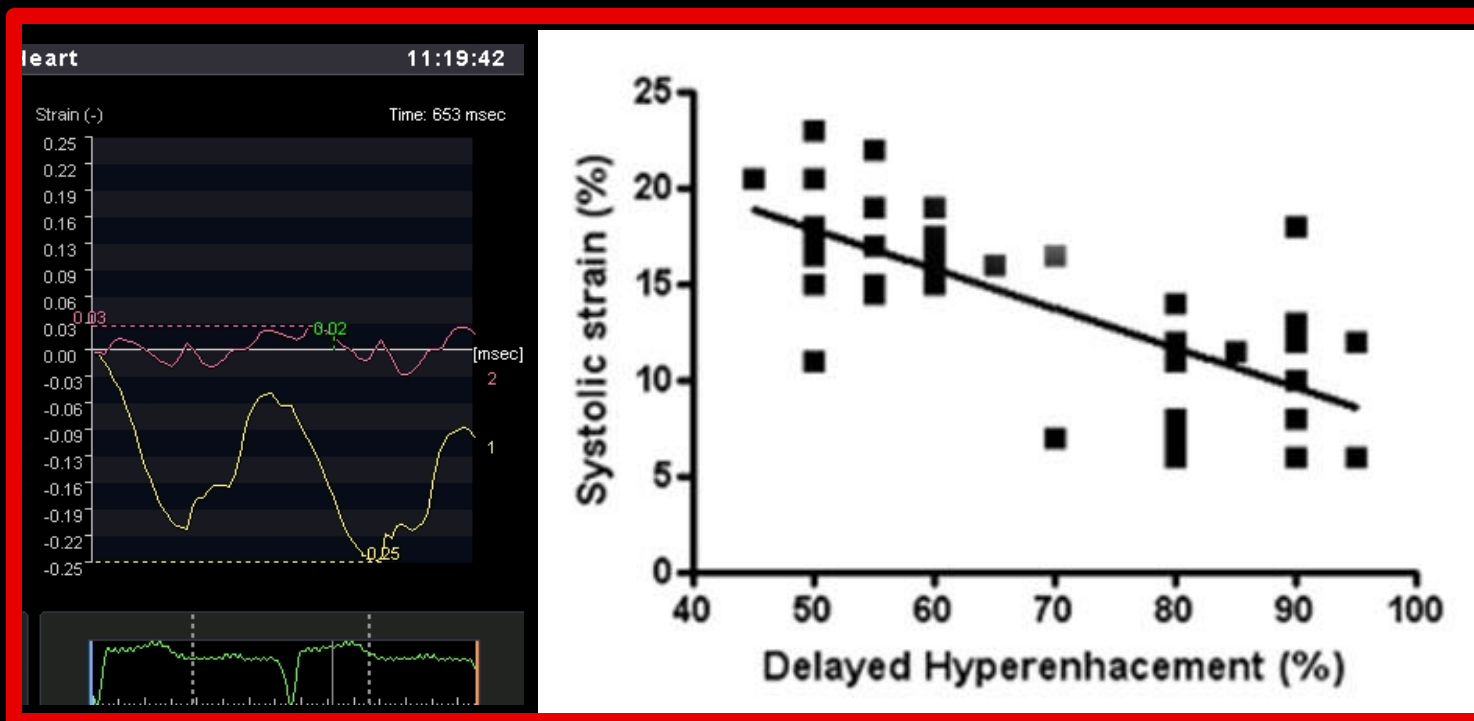


Infarcted Segments

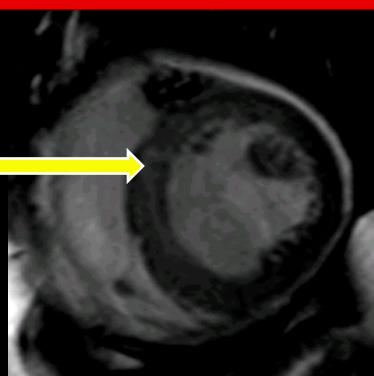
Non-Infarcted Segments



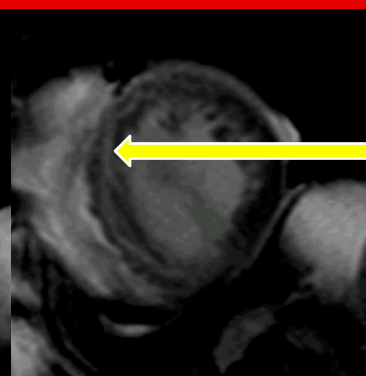
**Significant Systolic Strain / Delayed Hyperenhancement correlation ( $r=0.69$ ;  $p<0.05$ )**



**Low HPRE**



**High HPRE**



- ❖ In our experience **Thrombectomy** has been demonstrated to be **safe and effective** in AMI setting during Primary PCI.
- ❖ Compared with conventional stenting, in well selected patients with intracoronary visible and occlusive thrombus, pretreatment with manual aspiration thrombectomy during primary PCI improves acutely the **parameters of myocardial tissue perfusion and ST resolution** with a **reduction of microvascular damage and infarct size** in long term compared with acute evaluation.
- ❖ The difference observed in term of **Systolic Strain** between the two groups **suggest a rapid and better segmental function recovery** in pts treated with Thrombectomy.
- ❖ These data also confirm that **Systolic Strain** after primary PCI could be useful **to evaluate if primary percutaneous reperfusion has been effective in terms of function recovery.**

# Thank You !



## TIMI FLOW GRADE

