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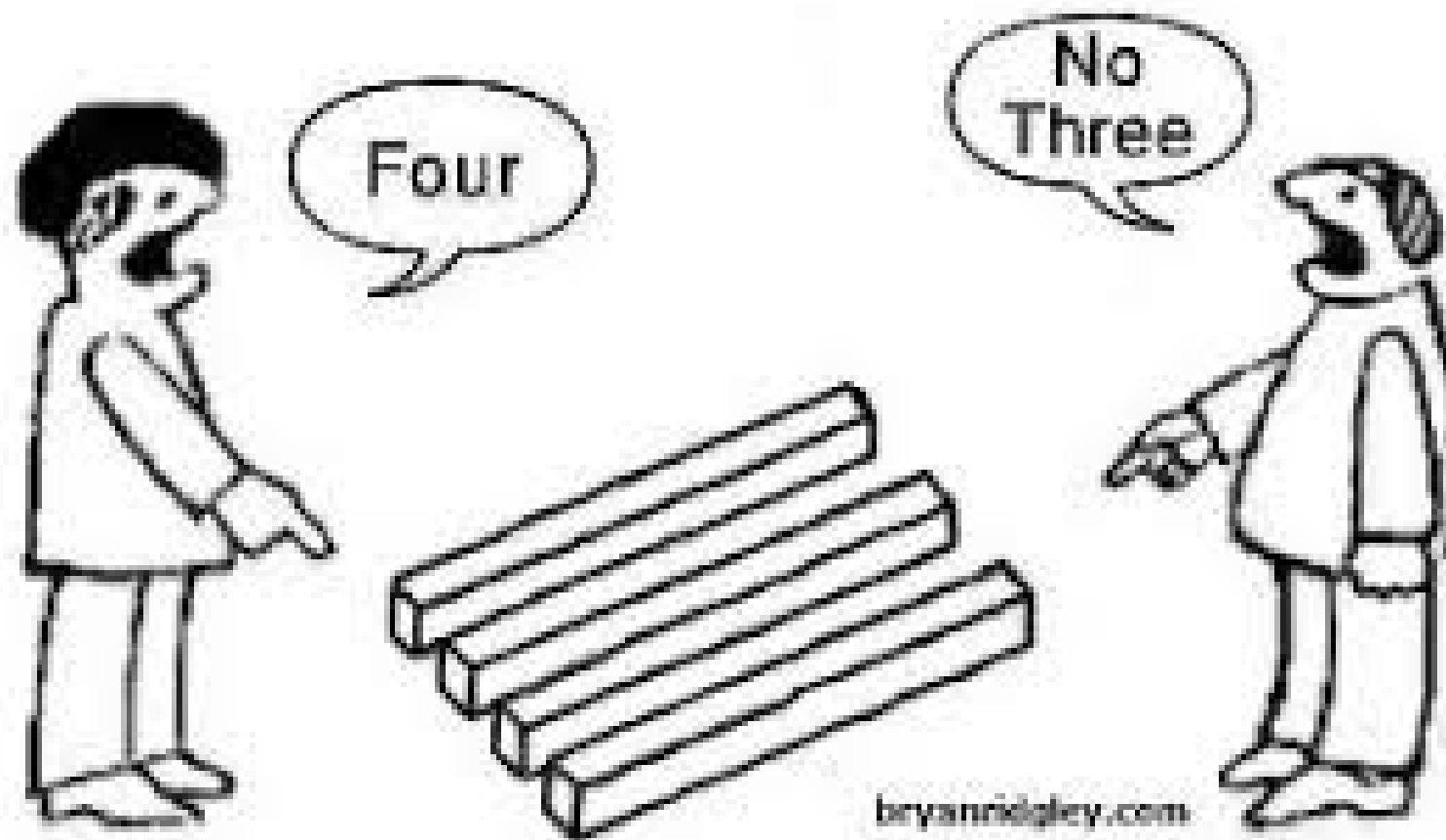


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Reality can be so complex that equally valid observations from differing perspectives can appear to be contradictory.



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τους φίλους σας
σε υποψήφιους
δημοτικούς
συμβούλους**

@axlg



...don't wait to anticoagulate



In the next 4 hours
10 people
with atrial fibrillation (AF)
will suffer a stroke
in the UK



250,000
people are believed
to be undiagnosed
with AF currently
in the UK

800,000
people are currently
diagnosed with AF

Prevalence of AF
increases with age...
in UK population
1.6%

aged 50-59

0.5%

aged 80-90

9%

From the age of 55
the likelihood of
developing AF is...



Nearly 50% of people with AF
are not effectively protected
against stroke because
...they do not have an AF diagnosis.
...are on aspirin or are not on
anticoagulation at all.
...labile INR.

230,000
people with AF still
at risk of stroke
because treated
with aspirin
monotherapy instead
of anticoagulants

Anticoagulation
is
3 times
more effective at
preventing AF
related stroke
than aspirin



x5
People with AF have a
five-fold higher stroke
risk than those without

Every year

7,000 strokes



2,000 premature deaths

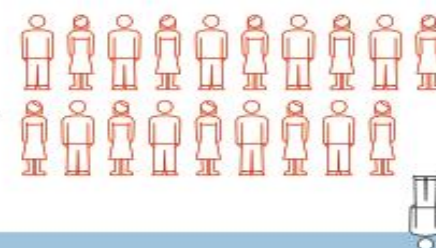


could be avoided through effective detection
and protection with anticoagulant drugs

Each year
approximately

1 in 20

people with AF will have
a stroke because they
are not anticoagulated



Mortality rate from stroke
for people with AF is double
that of people with
normal heart rhythm



Each AF related stroke cost the NHS
£12,000 in the first year alone



15%
of all strokes
are caused by AF

An estimated **3 people** from
each GP practice in the
West of England AHSN will
suffer an AF related stroke
per year



West of England
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The West of England Academic Health Science Network (WEAHSN) is a vibrant and diverse network of providers of NHS care, universities and NHS commissioners working with a wide range of partners to accelerate the spread of innovative, evidence-based practice to improve health and care quality. The Network covers Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire.

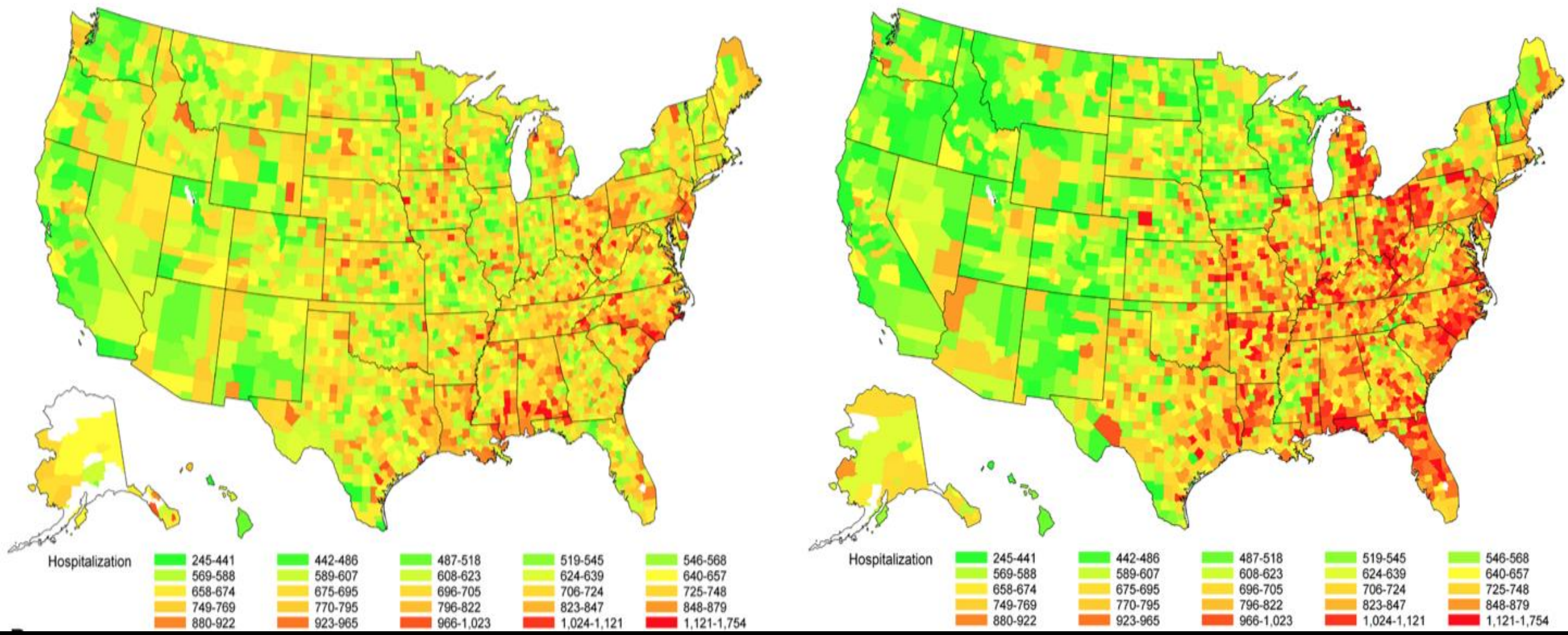
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National Trends in Atrial Fibrillation Hospitalization, Readmission, and Mortality for Medicare Beneficiaries, 1999–2013

Risk-standardized hospitalizations in 1999 (per 100,000 person-years) Risk-standardized hospitalizations in 2013 (per 100,000 person-years)



AF SCREENING
THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE



Κλειστό Κύκλωμα
Παρακολούθησης

Guidelines:

Definition of AF and Screening Recommendations

An irregular pulse should always raise the suspicion of AF, but an ECG recording is necessary to diagnose AF. Any arrhythmia that has the ECG characteristics of AF and lasts sufficiently long for a 12-lead ECG to be recorded, or at least 30 s on a rhythm strip, should be considered as AF



ESC (2016)¹

“In patients over 65 years, opportunistic screening for AF is recommended by pulse palpation, or ECG rhythm strip” (IB)







AHA/ACC /HRS
(2014)²

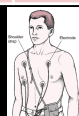
“The physical exam suggests AF by the presence of an irregular pulse...an ECG is the essential tool in confirming the diagnosis”

EU and US guidelines suggest pulse palpation during physical exams, but otherwise do not recommend widespread screening for AF.

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OVERVIEW OF SELECTED AF SCREENING STUDIES WITH SINGLE STATIC MEASUREMENTS

Study (first author)	Method	N	Design	Total AF detected % (n)	Newly diagnosed AF % (n)
Systematic review* (Lowres) ¹	Multiple methods	>67 772 (all); >18 189 (≥65 yrs)	30 studies in GP or outpatient clinics or population screening	All: 2.3% Age ≥65: 4.4%	All: 1.0% Age ≥65: 1.4%
SAFE (Hobbs) ²		14 802 (all); 4936 (std prac); 4933 (opp); 4933 (syst)	Patients aged ≥65 years in primary care	8.9% (std prac) 8.5% (opp) 8.4% (syst)	1.04%/yr (std prac); 1.64%/yr (opp); 1.62%/yr (syst)
SEARCH-AF (Lowres) ³		1000	In-pharmacy screening of persons aged ≥65 years; all screened by both pulse palpation and AliveCor	AliveCor [†] : 6.7% (67)	AliveCor [†] : 1.5% (15)
(Tieleman) ⁴		676	Persons coming to primary care office for flu vaccination, mean age 74±7.1	8.1% (55)	1.6% (11)
(Kaasenbrood) ⁵		3269	Persons coming to primary care office for flu vaccination, mean age 69.4±8.9	3.7% (121)	1.1% (37)



12-lead EKG



Pulse palpation



AliveCor[®]





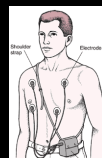
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*This included the OFRECE-AF study, Deif et al, Fitzmaurice et al, and Engdahl et al, among others. [†]This detection rate is for the interpretation of the EKG by the AliveCor predictive algorithm. Opp: opportunistic screening arm; std prac: standard practice; syst: systematic screening arm.

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OVERVIEW OF SELECTED AF SCREENING STUDIES WITH EXTENDED MEASUREMENTS: REPEAT STATIC VS. CONTINUOUS

Study (first author)	Method	N	Design	Total AF detected % (n)	Newly diagnosed AF % (n)
STROKESTOP ¹ (Svennberg)		7173	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-wide screening of persons aged 75–76 One 12-lead index EKG followed by twice-daily Zenicor thumb EKG for 2 weeks* 	12.3% (884)	12-lead index EKG: 0.5% (37) Zenicor: 3.0% (218)
STUDY-AF ² (Turakhia)		75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients from outpatient clinics at VA Aged ≥55 with ≥2 risk factors for AF (CHD, HF, HTN, diabetes, sleep apnea) Known AF patients were excluded 14-day continuous Zio® patch screening† 	5.3% (4)	5.3% (4)



12-lead EKG



Zenicor thumb EKG



Zio® patch

*AF was defined as one 30-second recording or a minimum of 2 similar episodes lasting 10–29 seconds.

†Each AF episode was defined as the presence of ≥30 seconds of continuous AF during monitoring.

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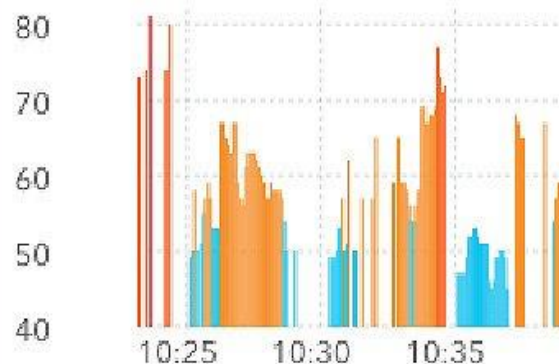
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APPLE HEART STUDY

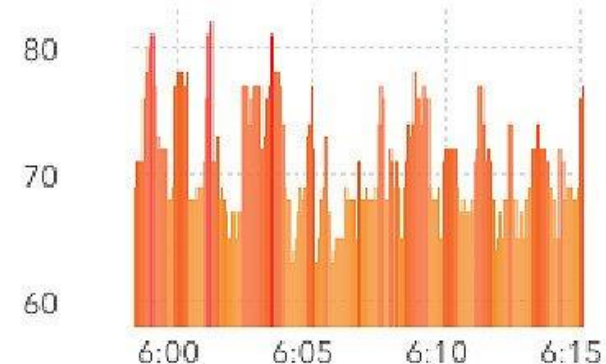
- 419,297 participants
- 24,626 were 65 years or older
- 2161 individuals notified (0.5%)
- PPV 84%



Atrial Fibrillation



Normal heart rhythm



the future may be the patients test themselves and send the [results] to us....

ΠΙΟ ΑΠΛΑΠΙΟ ΦΘΗΝΑ

GREEK

Ζακέτα να πάρεις.....και
να ελέγξεις και το σφυγμό
σου



SECURITY CAMERAS

Relationships of Overt and Silent Brain Lesions With Cognitive Function in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

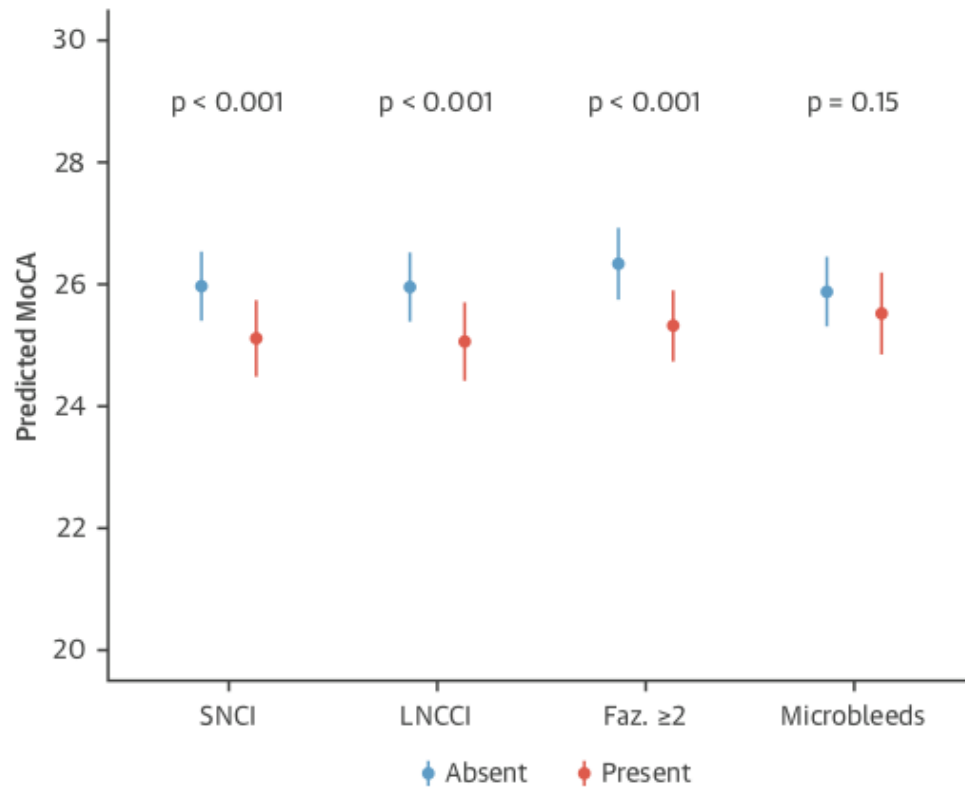
OBJECTIVES This study sought to assess the relationships between cognitive function and vascular brain lesions in patients with AF.

METHODS Patients with known AF were enrolled in a multicenter study in Switzerland. Brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and cognitive testing using the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) were performed in all participants. Large noncortical or cortical infarcts (LNCCIs), small noncortical infarcts (SNCIs), microbleeds, and white matter lesions were quantified by a central core laboratory. Clinically silent infarcts were defined as infarcts on brain MRI in patients without a clinical history of stroke or transient ischemic attack.

	All Patients (N = 1,737)	No History of Stroke/TIA (n = 1,390)	History of Stroke/TIA (n = 347)	p Value*
Age, yrs	73 ± 8	72 ± 9	75 ± 7	<0.001
Female	477 (28)	369 (27)	108 (31)	0.10
Body mass index, kg/m ²	27.7 ± 4.8	27.8 ± 4.8	27.3 ± 4.7	0.10
Blood pressure, mm Hg	135 ± 19/79 ± 12	135 ± 18/79 ± 12	135 ± 19/78 ± 12	0.69/0.12
History of hypertension	1,197 (69)	939 (68)	258 (74)	0.017
History of diabetes mellitus	265 (15)	197 (14)	68 (20)	0.015
Smoking status				0.73
Current	168 (10)	138 (10)	30 (9)	
Past	871 (50)	697 (50)	174 (50)	
Never	695 (40)	552 (40)	143 (41)	
Education level†				0.43
Basic	203 (12)	157 (11)	46 (13)	
Middle	850 (49)	677 (49)	173 (50)	
Advanced	684 (39)	556 (40)	128 (37)	
Atrial fibrillation type				0.012
Paroxysmal	797 (46)	623 (45)	174 (50)	
Persistent	524 (30)	442 (32)	82 (24)	
Permanent	416 (24)	325 (23)	91 (26)	
History of coronary artery disease	462 (27)	363 (26)	99 (29)	0.40
History of clinical stroke	230 (13)	0 (0)	230 (66)	—
History of TIA	159 (9)	0 (0)	159 (46)	—
History of heart failure	376 (22)	295 (21)	81 (23)	0.44
History of major bleeding	97 (6)	72 (5)	25 (7)	0.18
CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score	3.3 ± 1.7	2.8 ± 1.4	5.3 ± 1.3	<0.001
Oral anticoagulation	1,560 (90)	1,236 (89)	324 (93)	0.019
Direct oral anticoagulants	929 (54)	741 (53)	188 (54)	0.82
Vitamin K antagonists	631 (36)	495 (36)	136 (39)	0.24
Antiplatelet therapy	309 (18)	237 (17)	72 (21)	0.12

TABLE 2 Prevalence of Vascular Brain Lesions Detected on Brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging

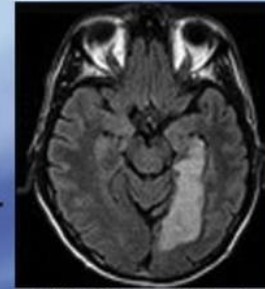
	Prevalence	Volume, mm ³	Number
All patients (N = 1,737)			
Small noncortical infarcts	368 (21)	63 [30-163]	1 [1-3]
Large noncortical or cortical infarcts	387 (22)	1,623 [255-7,314]	1 [1-2]
Microbleeds	372 (22)	-	1 [1-2]
White matter lesions	1,715 (99)	3,918 [1,439-9783]	23 [11-41]
Fazekas scale ≥ 2	928 (54)		
Patients without a history of stroke or TIA (n = 1,390)			
Small noncortical infarcts	245 (18)	57 [30-141]	2 [1-3]
Large noncortical or cortical infarcts	201 (15)	525 [162-3,396]	1 [1-2]
Microbleeds	272 (20)	-	1 [1-2]
White matter lesions	1,372 (99)	3,512 [1,323-8,669]	21 [10-40]
Fazekas scale ≥ 2	694 (50)		



Relationships of Overt and Silent Brain Lesions With Cognitive Function in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

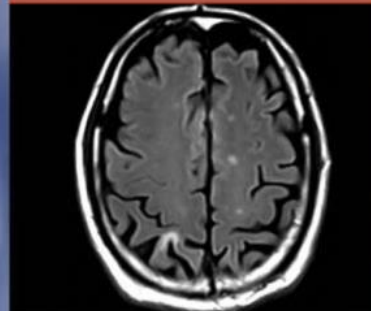
Clinical Stroke

Patients With a History of Stroke and/or
Transient Ischemic Attack (n = 347)



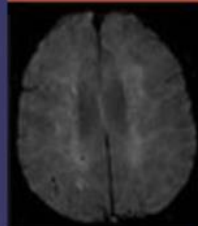
13% History of Stroke
9% History of
Transient Ischemic
Attack

Silent Infarcts



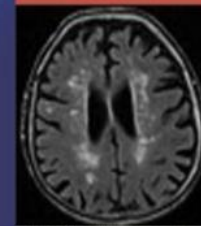
18% Small Non-Cortical Infarct
15% Large Non-Cortical and
Cortical Infarcts

Microbleeds



20% at Least
One Lesion

White Matter Lesions



54% Moderate
White Matter
Lesions

Cognitive Decline?

Patients Without a History of Stroke and/or
Transient Ischemic Attack (n = 1,390)



ΑΣΘΕΝΕΙΣ ΜΕ ΚΑΡΔΙΑΚΗ ΑΝΕΠΑΡΚΕΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΚΟΛΠΙΚΗ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΥΓΗ

CATHETER ABLATION VERSUS STANDARD
CONVENTIONAL TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH
LEF T VENTRICULAR DYSFUNCTION AND
ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

The CASTLE-AF trial

CASTLE-AF

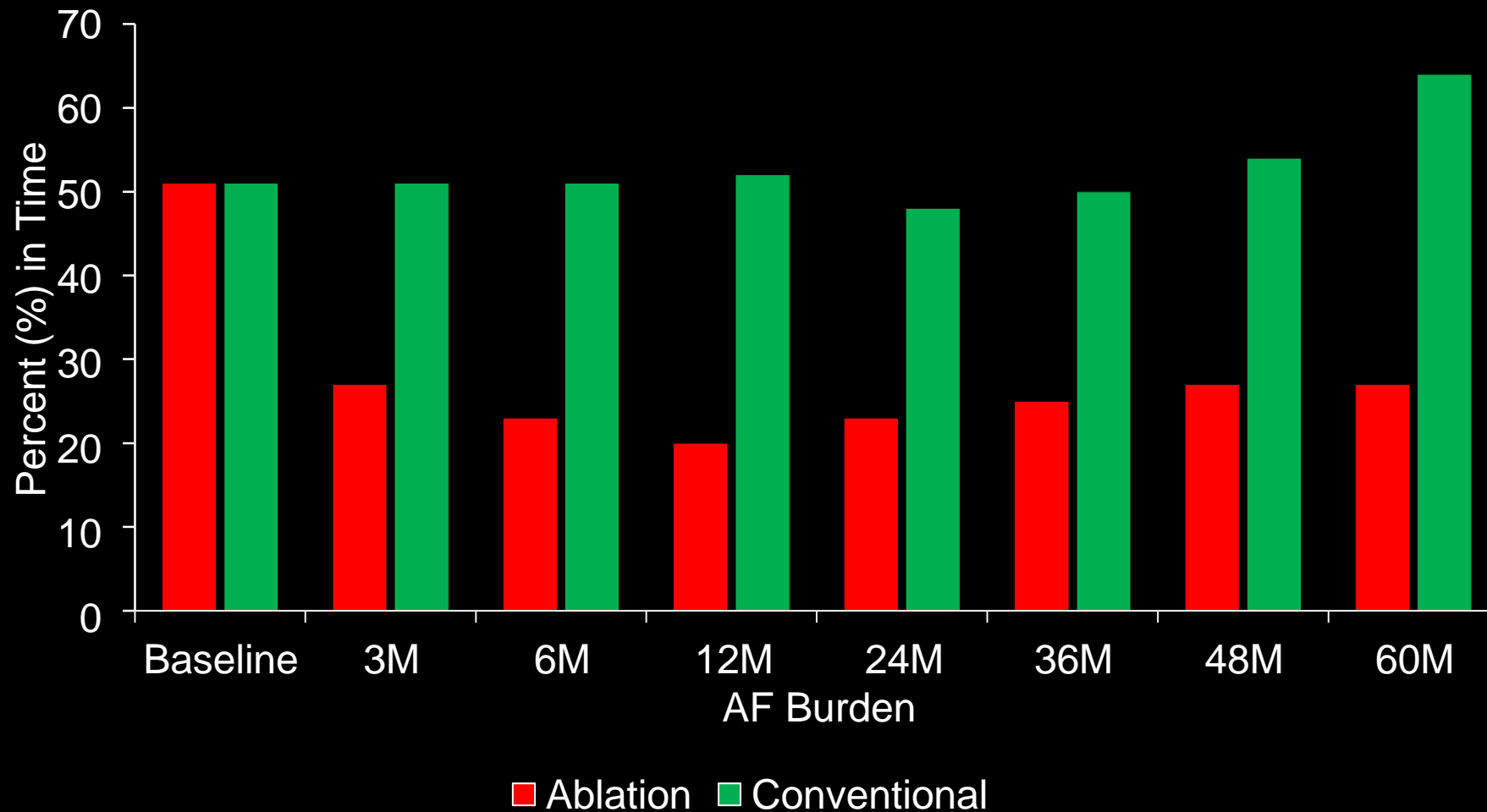
RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVE

- Study the effectiveness of catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation in patients with heart failure in improving hard primary endpoints of mortality and heart failure progression when compared to conventional standard treatment

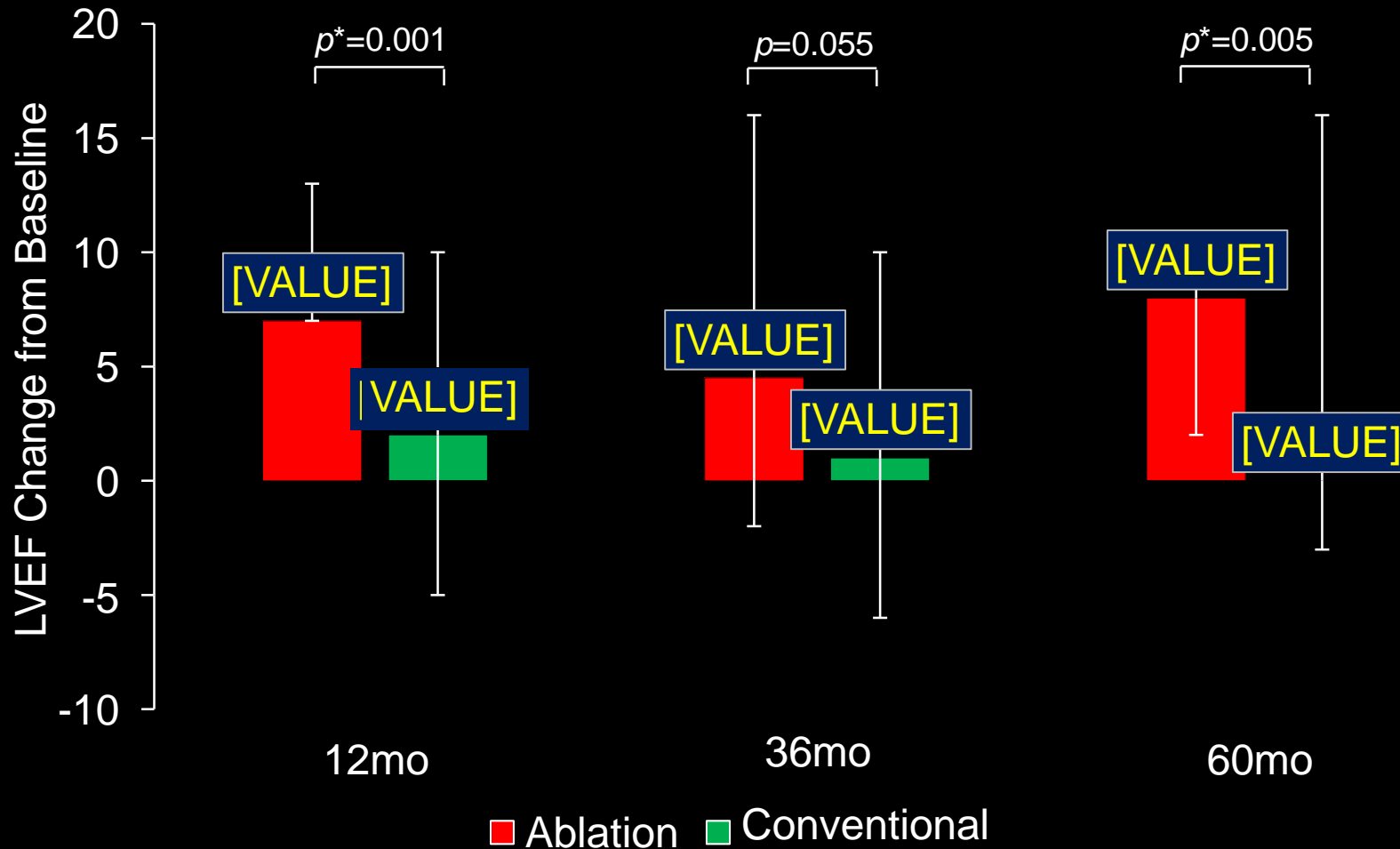
BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS CASTLE AF

	Ablation group (179 patients)	Conventional group (184 patients)
Age – years	64 (5671)	64 (5673.5)
New York Heart Association class		
I (%)	11	11
II (%)	58	61
III (%)	29	27
IV (%)	2	1
Left ventricular ejection fraction – %	32.5 (25.038.0)	31.5 (27.037.0)
Current type of atrial fibrillation		
Paroxysmal (%)	30	35
Persistent (%)	70	65
CRTD implanted (%)	27	28
ICD implanted (%)	73	72

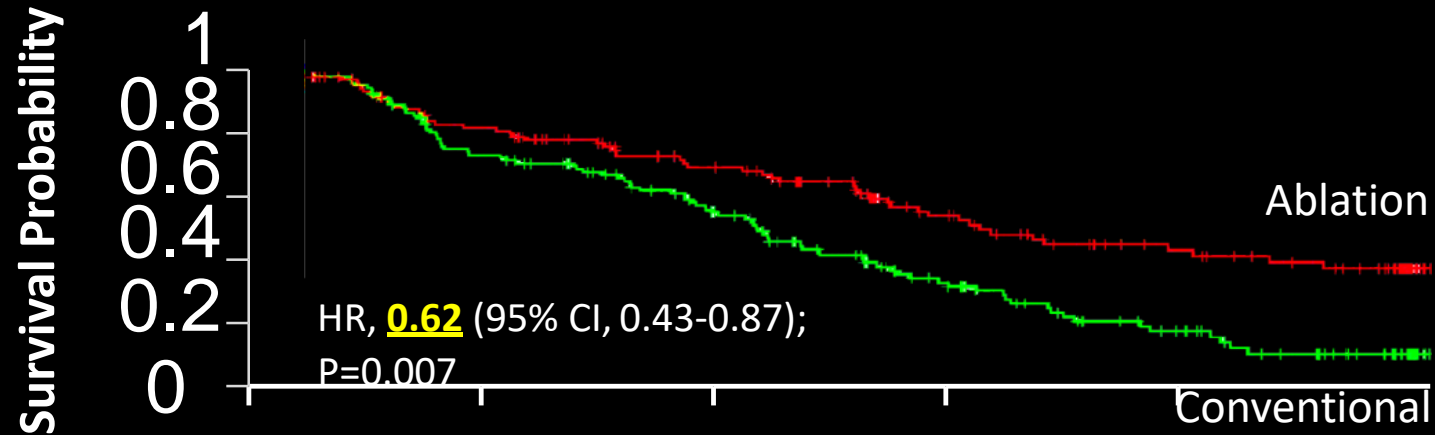
AF Burden Derived from Memory of Implanted Devices



Absolute change in LVEF from baseline



Primary Composite Endpoint

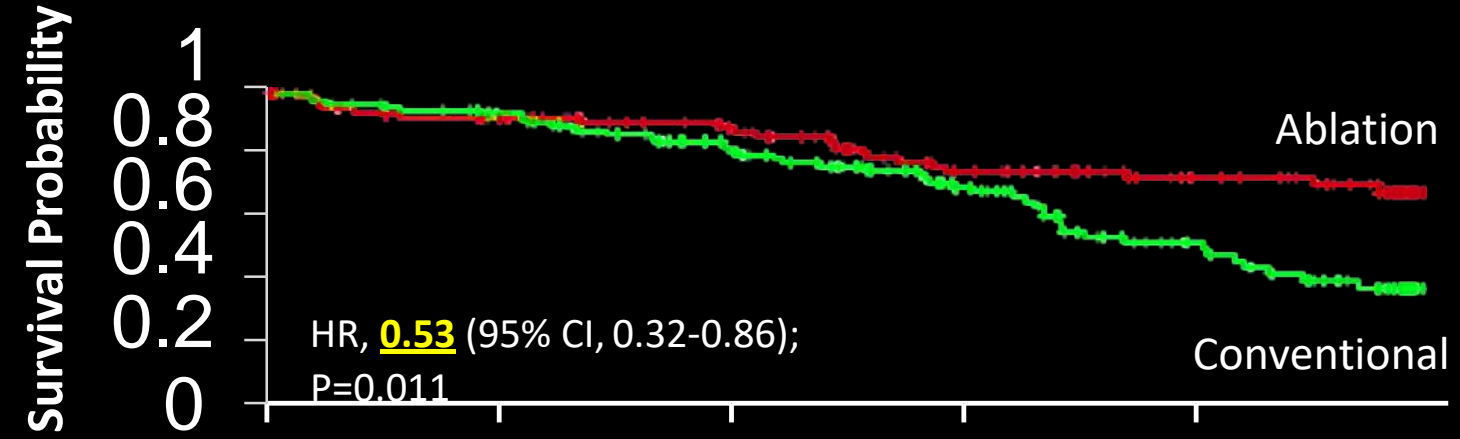


Risk Reduction 38%

Patients at Risk

Ablation	179	141	114	76	58	22
Conventional	184	145	111	70	48	12

ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY

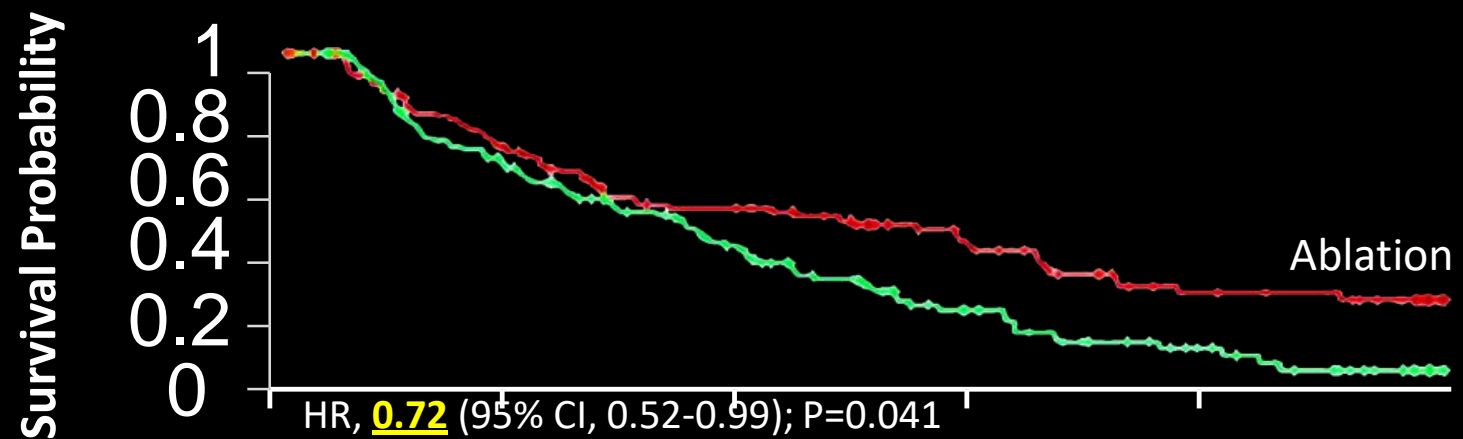


Risk Reduction 47%

Patients at Risk

Ablation	179	154	130	94	71	27
Conventional	184	168	138	97	63	19

Cardiovascular Hospitalization



Risk Reduction 28%

Patients at Risk

Ablation	179	127	95	60	42	17
Conventional	184	131	91	52	33	8

CONCLUSION CASTLE AF

- **Catheter ablation** of atrial fibrillation in patients with heart failure is associated with **improved all-cause mortality** and **fewer admissions for worsening heart failure** when compared to conventional standard of care treatment
- **Catheter ablation** of atrial fibrillation in patients with heart failure is also associated with **improved cardiovascular mortality** and **hospitalization** when compared to conventional standard of care treatment

RECURRENCE OF ATRIAL ARRHYTHMIAS IN THE CATHETER ABLATION VERSUS ANTIARRHYTHMIC DRUG THERAPY FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION (CABANA) TRIAL

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CABANA Trial Design

Enroll patients with *new onset* or *under-treated* paroxysmal↓ persistent, or longstanding persistent AF who warrant therapy

Key Inclusion Criteria

- ≥65 years of age
- <65 years of age with ≥1 CVA/CV risk factor
- Eligible for ablation and
- ≥2 rhythm or rate control drugs

No Exclusion Criteria Identified

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Ablation Therapy (1108)

Primary ablation:

- PVI/WACA

Ancillary ablation:

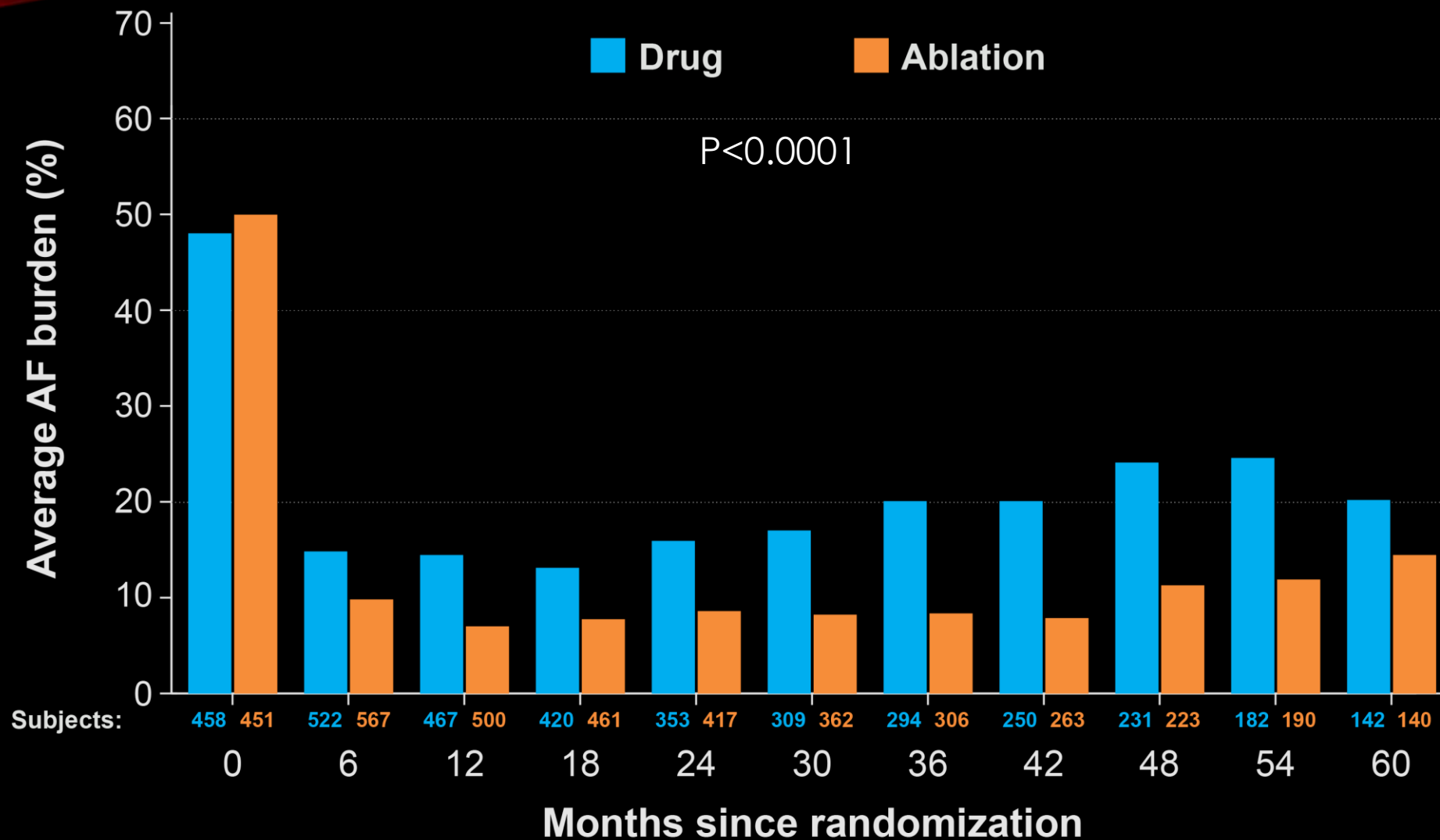
- Linear lesions
- CFAE

Anticoagulation

Drug Therapy (1096)

- Rate Control or
- Rhythm Control
- Anticoagulation

PERCENT AF BURDEN - HOLTER ANALYSIS

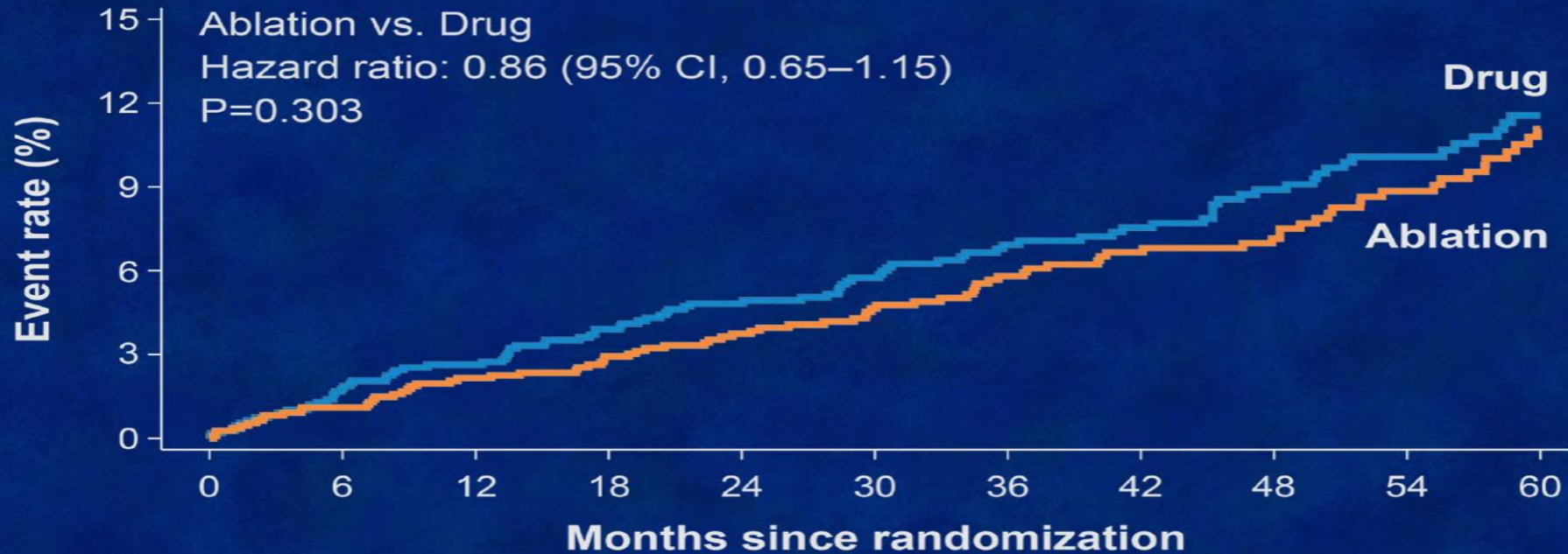


*Cabana study recording system only

CABANA



Primary Endpoint (Death, Disabling Stroke, Serious Bleeding, or Cardiac Arrest) (ITT)



Number at risk

Drug	1096	1036	1006	970	880	763	652	578	499	418	312
Ablation	1108	1045	1021	996	915	793	700	614	535	432	309

CABANA



Primary and Secondary Outcomes as Randomized (ITT)

	Ablation N = 1108	Drug N = 1096	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P- Value
Primary Outcome				
Composite:	89 (8.0%)	101 (9.2%)	0.86 (0.65, 1.15)	0.30
Death	58 (5.2%)	67 (6.1%)	0.85 (0.60, 1.21)	0.38
Disabling stroke	3 (0.3%)	7 (0.6%)	0.42 (0.11, 1.62)	0.19
Serious bleeding	36 (3.2%)	36 (3.3%)	0.98 (0.62, 1.56)	0.93
Cardiac arrest	7 (0.6%)	11 (1.0%)	0.62 (0.24, 1.61)	0.33
Secondary Outcomes				
All-cause mortality	58 (5.2%)	67 (6.1%)	0.85 (0.60, 1.21)	0.38
Death or CV hospitalization	573 (51.7%)	637 (58.1%)	0.83 (0.74, 0.93)	0.001

CABANA



Primary and Secondary Outcomes (Treatment Received)*

	Ablation (N = 1307)	Drug (N = 897)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P- Value
Primary Outcome	92 (7.0%)	98 (10.9%)	0.67 (0.50, 0.89)	0.006
Secondary Outcomes				
All-cause mortality	58 (4.4%)	67 (7.5%)	0.60 (0.42, 0.86)	0.005
Death or CV hospitalization	538 (41.2%)	672 (74.9%)	0.83 (0.74, 0.94)	0.002



Conclusion of the CABANA Trial

- Ablation did not produce a significant reduction in the primary endpoint and all-cause mortality.
- The results were affected by cross-overs in both directions and lower than expected event rates.
- Ablation significantly reduced mortality or CV hospitalization by 17% compared to drug therapy.
- There also was a significant 47% reduction in recurrent AF with ablation compared to drug therapy.
- A 33% reduction in the primary endpoint and 40% mortality risk reduction was present when patients actually *underwent* ablation (*treatment received*).
- Ablation is an acceptable treatment strategy for treating AF with low adverse event rates even in higher risk patients.



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το Λάθος;**

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