





Should Transradial Approach be Always the First Choice of Percutaneous Route in Coronary Intervention?

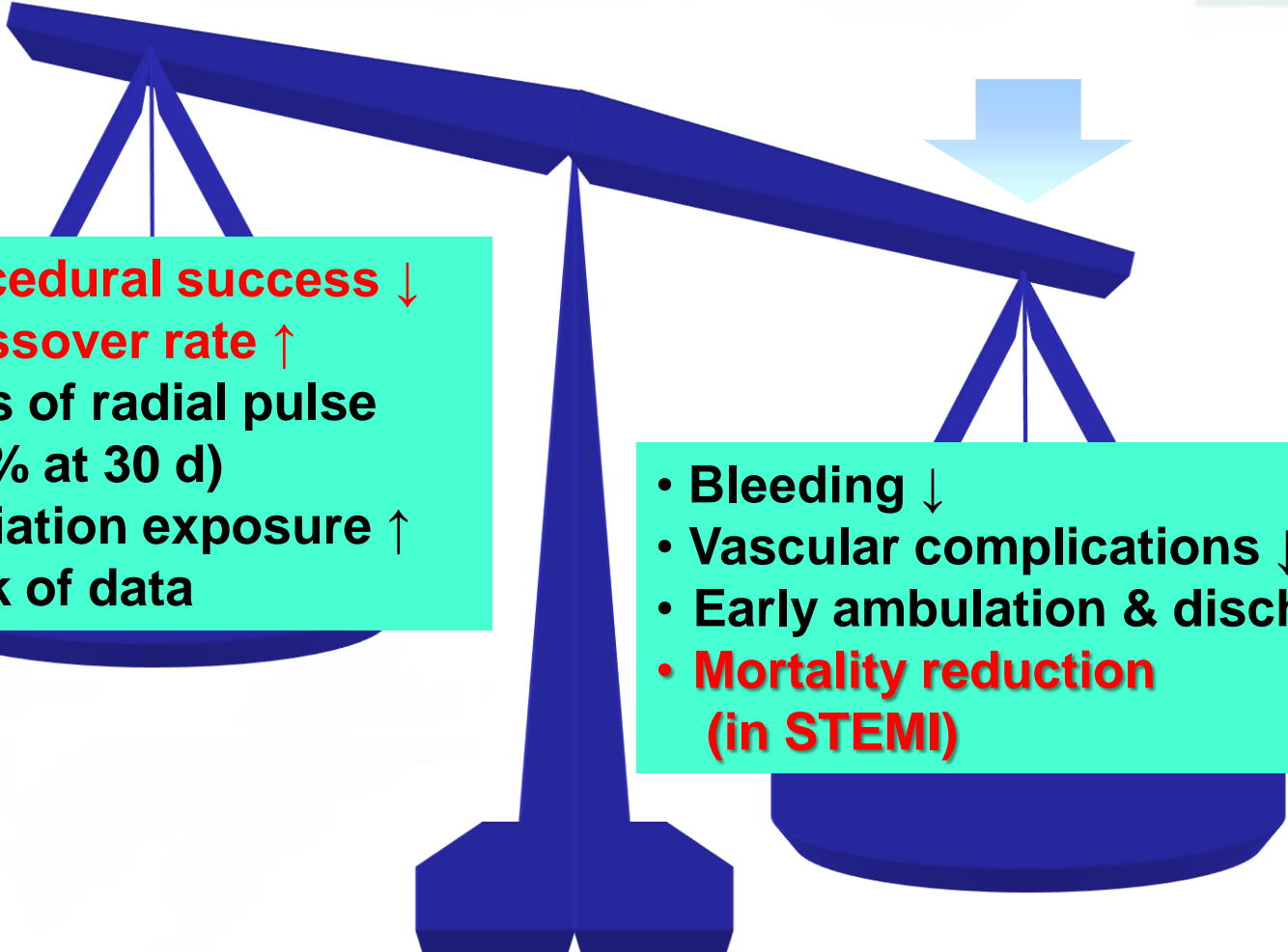
- A Pro's View -

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Transradial Approach: Advantages and Disadvantages

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- **Procedural success** ↓
 - **Crossover rate** ↑
 - **Loss of radial pulse**
(~7% at 30 d)
 - **Radiation exposure** ↑
 - **Lack of data**

- **Bleeding** ↓
- **Vascular complications** ↓
- **Early ambulation & discharge**
- **Mortality reduction**
(in STEMI)

Studies



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- Vink (n=2,209), **2011** Heart - STEMI

Outlines



- **Procedural success and clinical outcomes**
- **Bleeding and access site complications**
- **Access site crossover**
- **Primary PCI at the setting of acute STEMI**

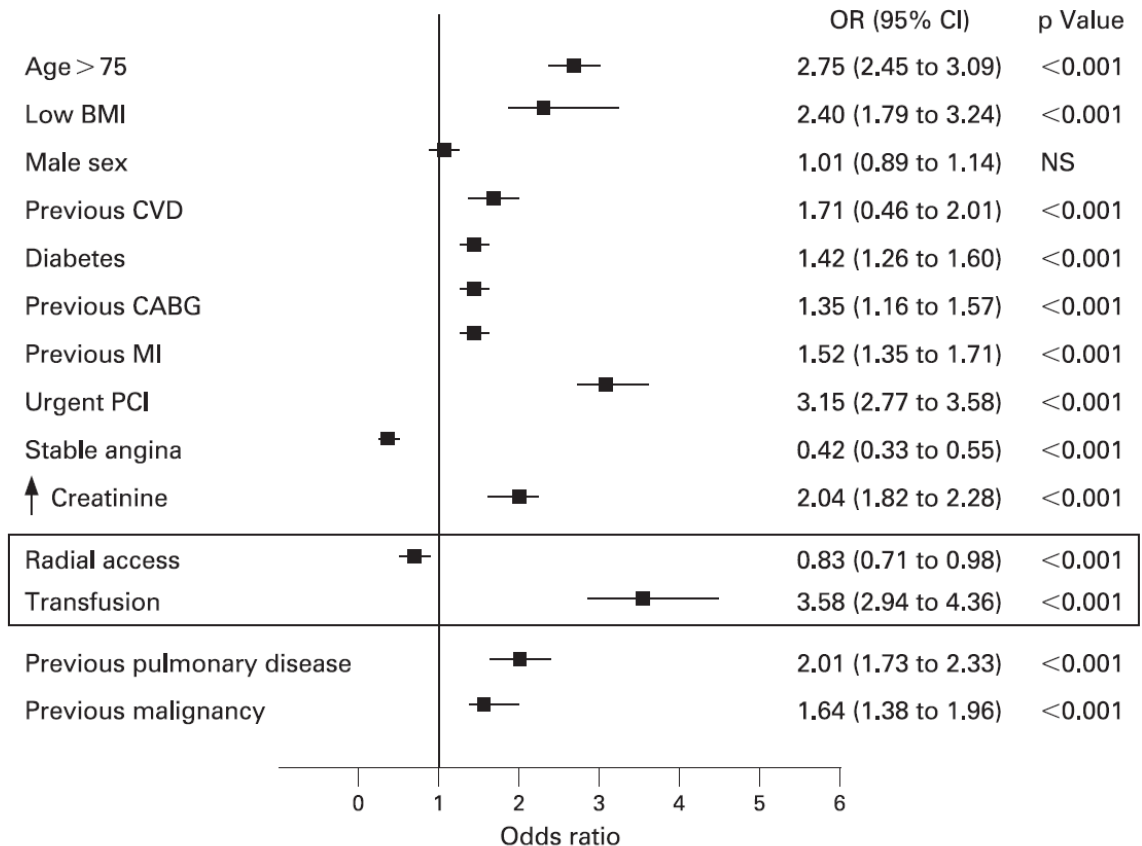
Procedural Success and Clinical Outcomes

- **ACCESS** study (n=900), Kiemeneij, **1997** JACC
 - randomized comparison of of PCI by radial, brachial, and femoral approaches
 - PTCA success: **91.7%**, 90.7%, and 90.7% (p=NS),
Event free at 1-mo f/u: **88.0%**, 87.7%, 90.0% (p=NS)
- Metaanalysis, Agostoni (n=3,224), **2004** JACC
 - Higher rate of procedural failure (**OR 3.3**, p<0.001),
MACE similar (OR 0.92, p=0.7)
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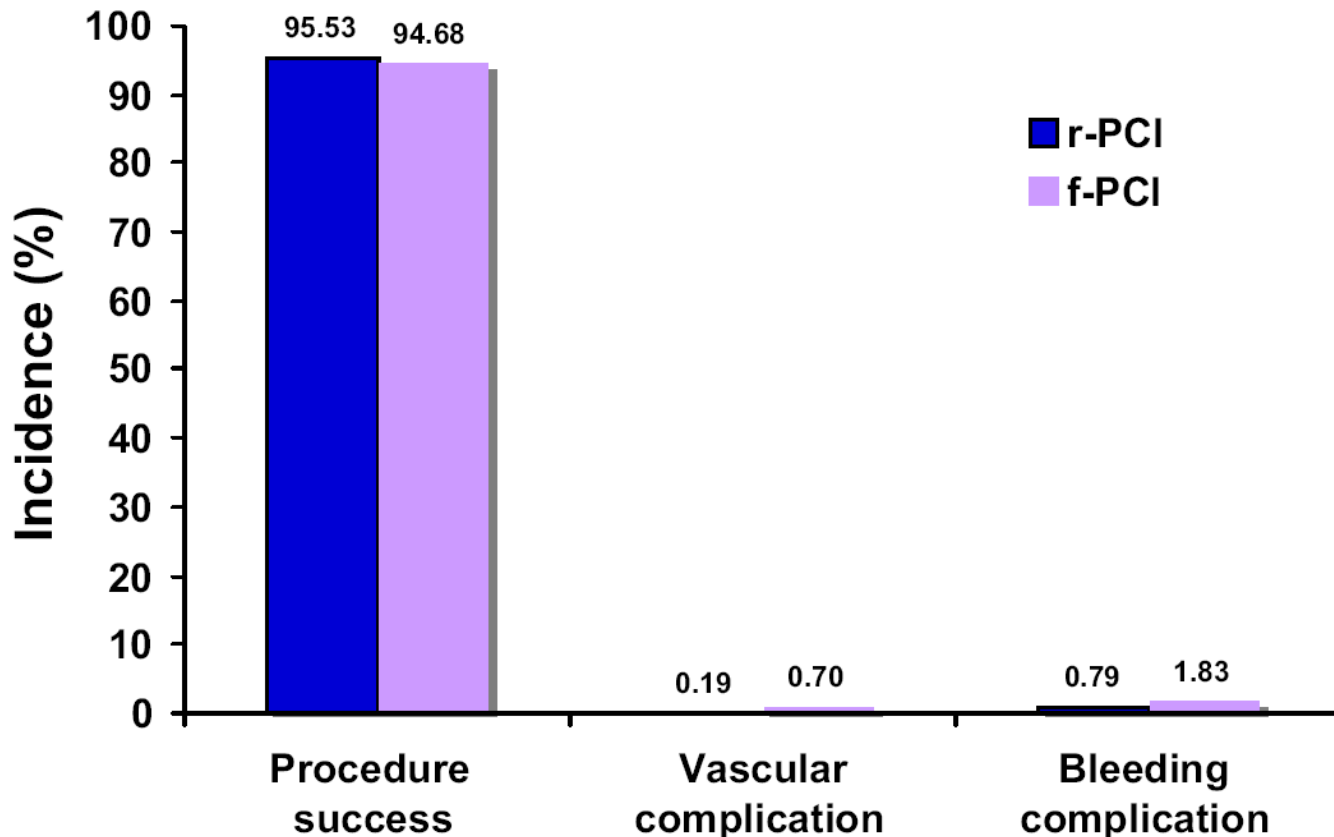
- **MORTAL** study (n=32,822, British Columbia, Canada), **2008** Heart
 - association between access site, transfusion, and outcomes
 - significant reduction in 30-days and 1-yr mortality (OR **0.71**, OR **0.83**; p<0.001)

- Independent predictors of 1-yr mortality



Procedural Success and Clinical Outcomes

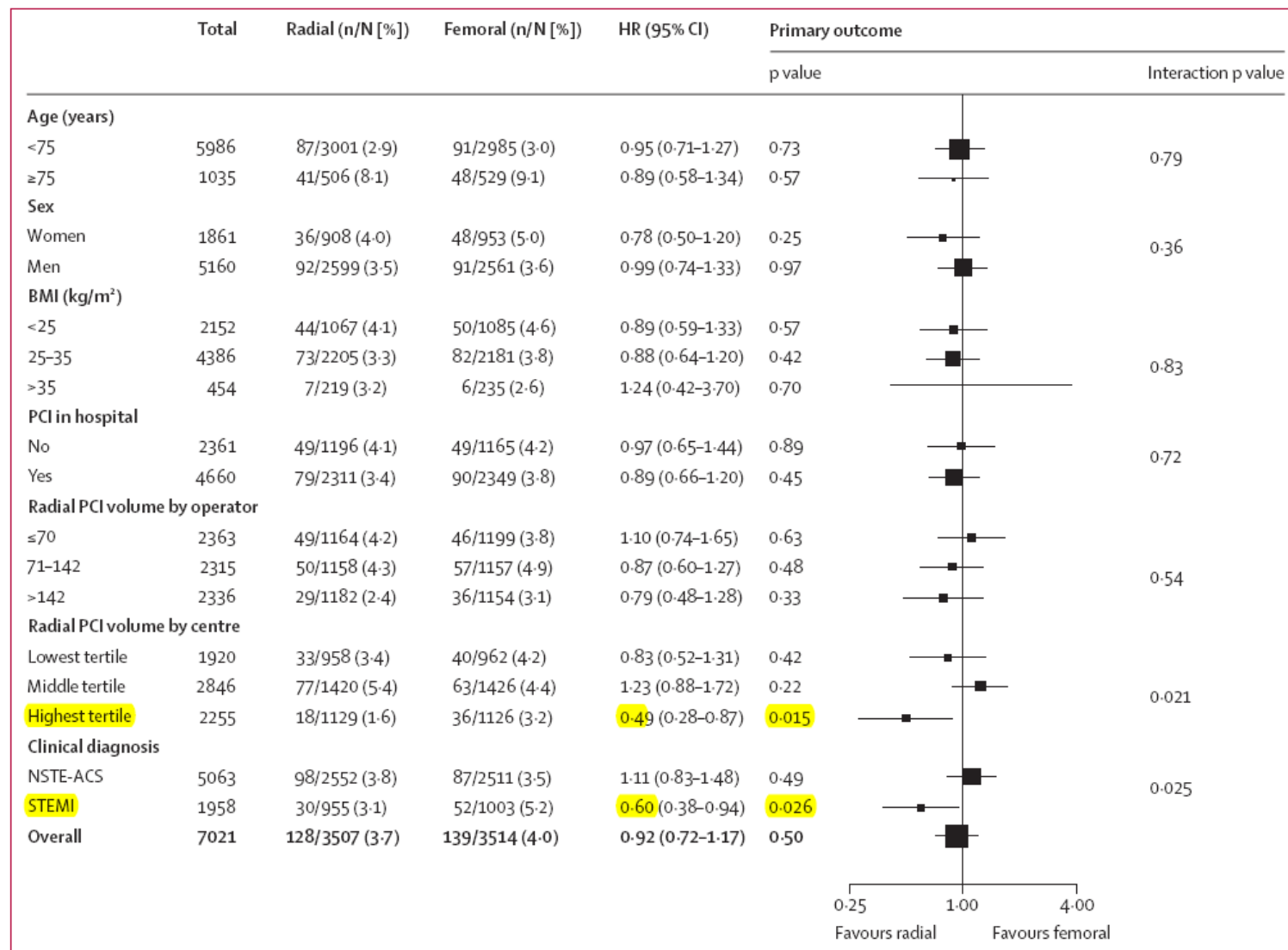
- Rao's NCDR study (n = 593,094, TRA 7,804, 1.32%), 2008 JACC Interv - r-PCI – similar rate of procedural success (adjusted OR 1.02)



Procedural Success and Clinical Outcomes

- Randomized **RIVAL** trial (n=7,021), **2011** Lancet
 - r-PCI – similar rate of procedural success (adjusted OR 1.02)
 - ACS pts (UA ~45%, NSTEMI ~28%, STEMI ~27%)
 - procedural success (**95.4%** radial vs. 95.2% femoral, p=0.83)
 - primary outcome (death+MI+stroke+non-CABG bleeding at 30-d)
: (**3.7%** radial vs. 4.0% femoral, p=0.50)

Prespecified Subgroup Analyses of the RIVAL trial



Procedural Outcomes and Patient Preference of the RIVAL trial

	Radial (n=3507)	Femoral (n=3514)	HR (95% CI)	p value
Abrupt closure	12 (0.5%)	11 (0.5%)	1.11 (0.49-2.51)	0.81
No reflow	21 (0.9%)	31 (1.3%)	0.69 (0.40-1.20)	0.19
Dissection with reduced flow	30 (1.3%)	25 (1.1%)	1.22 (0.72-2.07)	0.46
Coronary perforation	5 (0.2%)	4 (0.2%)	1.27 (0.34-4.73)	0.72
Catheter thrombus	2 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	1.01 (0.14-7.21)	0.99
Stent thrombosis‡	16 (0.7%)	26 (1.2%)	0.63 (0.34-1.17)	0.14
Definite	8 (0.4%)	16 (0.7%)	0.51 (0.22-1.19)	0.12
Probable	8 (0.4%)	11 (0.5%)	0.74 (0.30-1.84)	0.52
PCI procedural time (min)	35 (22-50)	34 (22-50)	..	0.62
Fluoroscopy time (min)§	9.8 (5.8-15.0)	8.0 (4.5-13.0)	..	<0.0001
PCI contrast volume (mL)	181 (140-240)	180 (145-240)	..	0.87
Length of stay in hospital (days)	4 (3-7)	4 (3-7)	..	0.18
Persistent pain at access site for >2 weeks	87/3378 (2.6%)	104/3392 (3.1%)	0.84 (0.63-1.12)¶¶	0.22
Patient prefers radial next procedure	2962/3282 (90.2%)	1629/3210 (50.7%)	8.99 (7.86-10.28)¶¶	<0.0001

Procedural Success and Clinical Outcomes

- **Hetherington** (n=1051), **2009** Heart
 - **STEMI** without cardiogenic shock
 - peripheral vascular dz (**5.1%** radial vs. 5.4% femoral, p=0.799)
 - IABP use (**3.2%** radial vs. 6.0% femoral, p=0.024)

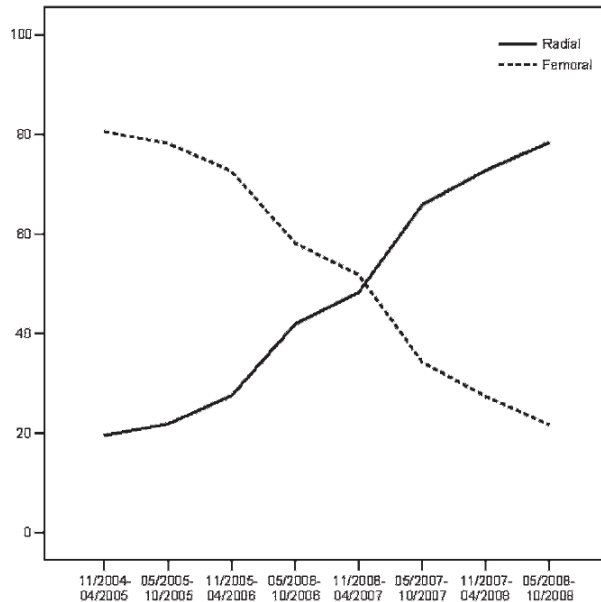
 - procedural success similar (**92.1%** radial vs. 89.9% femoral, p=0.201)
 - failure of initial access more frequent in radial (**7.7%** vs. 0.6%, p<0.001)

- **Vink** (n=2209), **2011** Heart
 - STEMI without cardiogenic shock
 - procedural success rate **94.1%**

Primary and Secondary Outcomes in Hetherington study

Outcome	Radial approach (n = 571)	Femoral approach (n = 480)	p Value
Procedural success, n (%)	515 (92.1)	425 (89.9)	0.201
Major vascular complication, n (%)	3 (0.5)	6 (1.3)	0.315
Minor vascular complication, n (%)	10 (1.8)	12 (2.5)	0.398
Failed initial access strategy, n (%)	44 (7.7)	3 (0.6)	<0.001*
In-hospital mortality, n (%)	7 (1.2)	13 (2.7)	0.111
In-hospital MACCE, n (%)	15 (2.6)	25 (5.2)	0.029
Dual access required, n (%)	61 (10.7)	15 (3.1)	<0.001*
Needle-to-balloon time (minutes)	17 (13–22)	17 (12–23)	0.188
Door-to-balloon time (minutes)	46 (30–73)	67 (40–104)	<0.001*
Symptom-to-balloon time (minutes)	183 (131–279)	211 (143–305)	0.003*
Contrast volume used (ml)	210 (170–273)	240 (200–300)	<0.001*
Radiation dose absorbed (Gy/cm ²)	25 (15–37)	32 (20–49)	<0.001*
Time to discharge (days)	2.46 (1.60–3.83)	3.51 (2.36–6.07)	<0.001*

Change in Volume, Operator Preference in Hetherington study



Radial

Femoral

Outcome	Radial approach (n = 571)	Femoral approach (n = 480)	p Value
Lead operator preference, n (% of individual operator's activity)			<0.001*
Operator 1	86 (48)	94 (52)	
Operator 2	210 (90)	24 (10)	
Operator 3	110 (56)	86 (44)	
Operator 4	47 (21)	173 (79)	
Operator 5	16 (89)	2 (11)	
Operator 6	102 (50)	101 (50)	

Bleeding and Access Site Complications in RIVAL

	Radial (n=3507)	Femoral (n=3514)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p value
Secondary outcomes at 30 days				
Non-CABG major bleeding	24 (0.7%)	33 (0.9%)	0.73 (0.43-1.23)	0.23
Major vascular complications	49 (1.4%)	131 (3.7%)	0.37 (0.27-0.52)	<0.0001
Minor bleeding	100 (2.9%)	118 (3.4%)	0.84 (0.65-1.10)	0.21
Post-hoc exploratory outcomes				
ACUITY major bleeding†	66 (1.9%)	157 (4.5%)	0.43 (0.32-0.57)	<0.0001
Death, MI, or stroke, or ACUITY major bleed†	167 (4.8%)	256 (7.3%)	0.65 (0.53-0.78)	<0.0001
Non-CABG major bleeding and major vascular complications	67 (1.9%)	157 (4.5%)	0.43 (0.32-0.57)	<0.0001
Death, MI, stroke, non-CABG major bleeding, or major vascular complications	167 (4.8%)	260 (7.4%)	0.63 (0.52-0.77)	<0.0001

Data are number (%). MI=myocardial infarction. CABG=coronary artery bypass graft. PCI=percutaneous coronary intervention. TIMI=thrombolysis in myocardial infarction. ACUITY=Acute Catheterization and Urgent Intervention strategy. *As a proportion of patients who had PCI: n=2311 in the radial group and n=2349 in the femoral group.

†Large haematomas diagnosed as per investigator's clinical decision.

Access Site Crossover

- 7.7%, 6.5%, and 4.7% of TRA failure in 3 recent retrospective studies
- In RIVAL, crossover of TRA failure:
 - 7.6% (whole ACS; 7.6% radial vs. 2.0% femoral, $p < 0.0001$),
 - 5.3% (STEMI)
 - Only 4.4% in the highest tertile by TRA volume
- Vink study, PPCI in STEMI, 2011
 - 3.8% (nearly all PPCI performed in 8-yr experience (2,209/2300, 96.1% of total PPCI)
 - During study period, 5.9% → 1.5% (9.2% → 1.3% in cases of TRA not primary approach)
 - Independent predictors of crossover: female, age over 75 yrs, SVG interventions

Summary

- **Procedural success rate** of TRA remained high and stable, comparable to TFA (~95%), despite a constant increase in procedural complexity and the use of other devices
- Furthermore, **procedural and fluoroscopy times** decreased substantially over the years, presumably because of both an increased proficiency of the operators and improvements in catheters and materials.
- The **need for crossover** had no apparent impact on procedural success rates.

Conclusion

- Transradial approach for PCI in patients with CAD is efficacious in achieving both high rates of arterial access and procedural success.
- The radial artery may thereby represent the arterial access site of choice for the majority of patients with CAD undergoing PPCI.

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