

# **Optimal Timing of Invasive Strategy in NSTEMI Patient : Immediate or Delayed?**

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# European guideline says

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**ESC GUIDELINES**

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## **2015 ESC Guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation**

# Guideline says

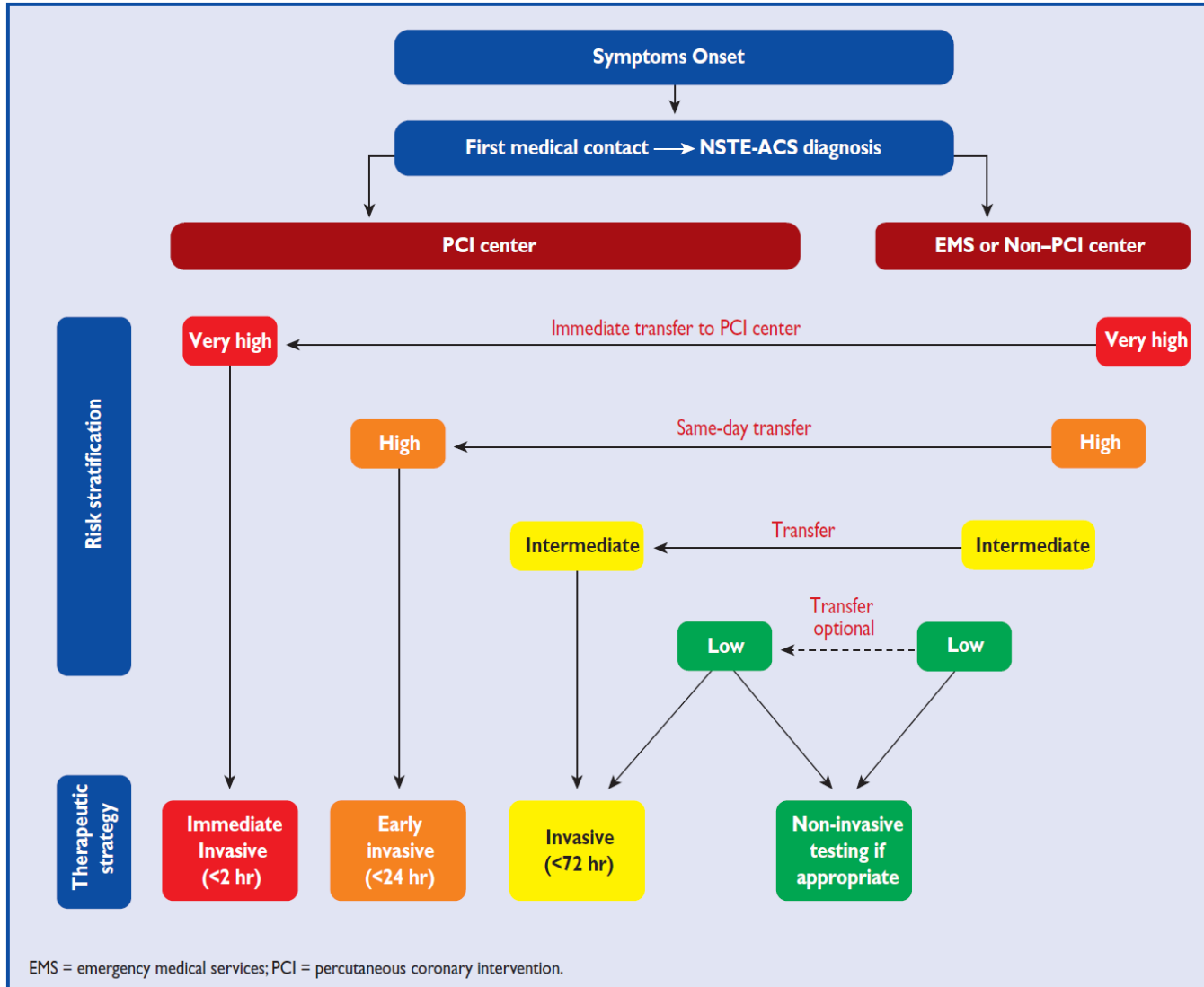
- Risk criteria in patients with NSTEMI

**Table 13** Risk criteria mandating invasive strategy in NSTEMI-ACS

Very-high-risk criteria
• Haemodynamic instability or cardiogenic shock
• Recurrent or ongoing chest pain refractory to medical treatment
• Life-threatening arrhythmias or cardiac arrest
• Mechanical complications of MI
• Acute heart failure
• Recurrent dynamic ST-T wave changes, particularly with intermittent ST-elevation
High-risk criteria
• Rise or fall in cardiac troponin compatible with MI
• Dynamic ST- or T-wave changes (symptomatic or silent)
• GRACE score >140
Intermediate-risk criteria
• Diabetes mellitus
• Renal insufficiency (eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )
• LVEF <40% or congestive heart failure
• Early post-infarction angina
• Prior PCI
• Prior CABG
• GRACE risk score >109 and <140
Low-risk criteria
• Any characteristics not mentioned above

# Guideline says

- Selection of non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndrome (NSTEMI-ACS) treatment strategy and timing according to initial risk stratification.



# US Guideline says

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- “It is reasonable to choose an early invasive strategy (within 24 h of admission) over a delayed invasive strategy (within 25 to 72 hours) for initially stabilized **high-risk patients** with NSTEMI-ACS. For patients **not at high/intermediate** risk, a delayed invasive approach is reasonable” (COR: II, LOE: B). : based on the results of the Intracoronary Stenting With Antithrombotic Regimen Cooling Off – ISAR-COLL
- Although the AHA/ACC recommend an early invasive strategy in patients at very high risk of ischemic events (COR: I, LOE: B), the ESC recommends **urgent angiography (<2 hours)** in these patients (COR: I, LOE: C).

# Previous Key article : Cooling off Strategy, JAMA 2003

- early intervention : pretreatment less than 6hours
- Prolonged antithrombotic pretreatment : 3-5 days

528 Patients Assessed for Eligibility

**Table 3.** Incidence of Clinical Events During 30 Days

Event	No. (%)		RR (95% CI)	P Value
	Prolonged Antithrombotic Pretreatment (n = 207)	Early Intervention (n = 203)		
Death and nonfatal MI	24 (11.6)	12 (5.9)	1.96 (1.01-3.82)	.04
Death	3 (1.4)	0		.25
Nonfatal MI	21 (10.1)	12 (5.9)	1.72 (0.87-3.40)	.12
Q-wave	7 (3.4)	4 (2.0)	1.72 (0.51-5.77)	.54
Non-Q-wave	14 (6.8)	8 (3.9)	1.72 (0.74-4.00)	.21
Major bleeding event	8 (3.9)	6 (3.0)	1.31 (0.46-3.70)	.61
Nadir platelet count <20 × 10 <sup>3</sup> /μL	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)	1.96 (0.18-21.5)	>.99

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; MI, myocardial infarction; RR, relative risk.

**Conclusion** In patients with unstable coronary syndromes, deferral of intervention for prolonged antithrombotic pretreatment does not improve the outcome compared with immediate intervention accompanied by intense antiplatelet treatment.



# Another previous Key article : TIMACS NEJM 2009

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## Early versus Delayed Invasive Intervention in Acute Coronary Syndromes

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- routine early intervention (coronary angiography  $\leq 24$  hours after randomization)
- delayed intervention (coronary angiography  $\geq 36$  hours after randomization)

**Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Patients, Medications, and Interventions after Randomization.\***

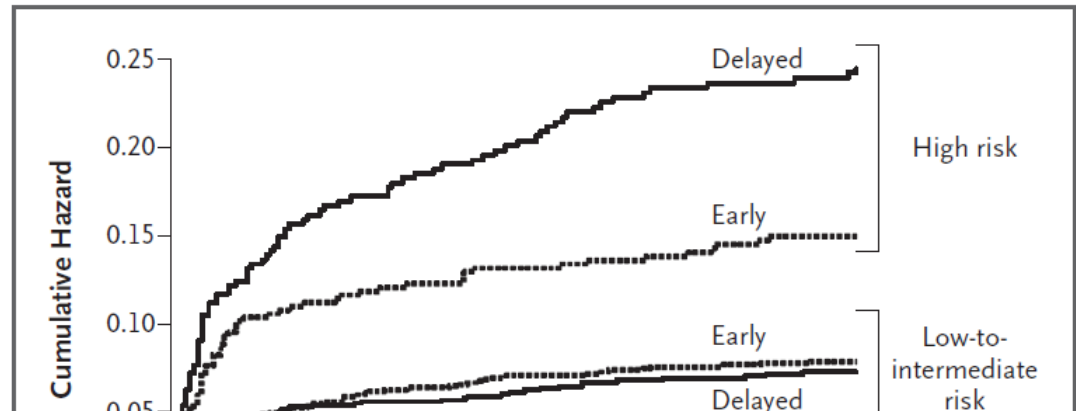
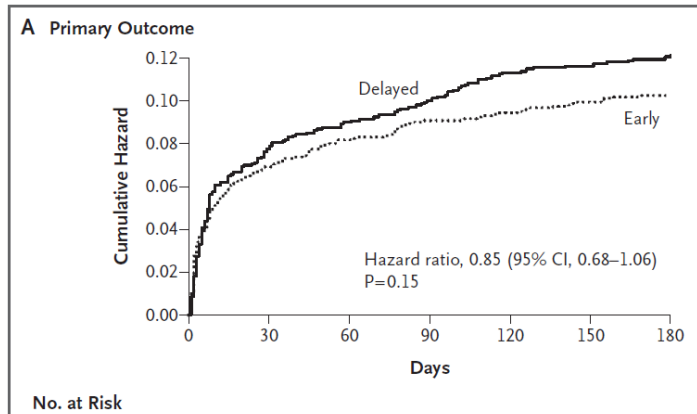
Variable	Early Intervention (N=1593)	Delayed Intervention (N=1438)	P Value
Demographic characteristic			
Age (yr)	65.0	65.7	0.28
Female sex (%)	34.8	34.6	0.92
Medical history (%)			
Diabetes	26.5	27.4	0.58
Previous myocardial infarction	19.7	20.9	0.41
Previous stroke	7.2	7.5	0.71
Ischemic changes on ECG	80.5	79.9	0.69
Elevated cardiac biomarker	77.2	76.9	0.84
Previous coronary procedure (%)			
PCI	13.9	14.2	0.81
CABG	7.0	7.3	0.73
In-hospital medication (%)			
Aspirin	98.0	98.1	0.90
Thienopyridine	87.2	86.7	0.66
Clopidogrel			
Loading dose of 300 mg before PCI	81.0	85.7	<0.001
Loading dose of 600 mg before PCI	9.8	6.9	0.009
Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitor	23.2	22.4	0.61
Thienopyridine or glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitor	88.2	88.4	0.87
Anticoagulant†	97.0	97.0	1.00
Heparin			
Unfractionated	24.6	24.7	0.97
Low-molecular-weight	64.6	63.9	0.70
Fondaparinux	41.3	41.8	0.81
Bivalirudin	0.4	0.5	0.85
Beta-blocker	86.8	86.9	0.93
Statin	85.1	84.3	0.56
Angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor	74.2	73.6	0.70
Extent of coronary disease			0.70
Left main artery	10.0	9.5	
No. of vessels involved			
1	31.6	31.1	
2	24.5	23.4	
3	17.1	15.8	
Interventions after randomization			
Coronary angiography (%)	97.6	95.7	0.003
Median time (hr)	14	50	<0.001
Interquartile range (hr)	3–21	41– 81	
PCI (%)	59.6	55.1	0.01
Median time (hr)	16	52	<0.001
Interquartile range (hr)	3–23	41–101	
CABG (%)	14.8	13.6	0.56
Median time (days)	7.7	10.8	<0.001
Interquartile range (days)	4.7–17.4	6.7–19.8	

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**Table 2. Primary and Secondary Outcomes.\***

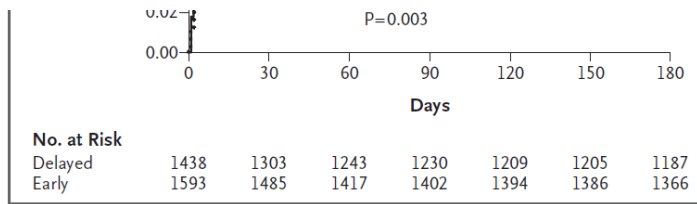
Variable	Early Intervention (N=1593)	Delayed Intervention (N=1438)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	<i>percent</i>			
<b>At 6 mo</b>				
Death, myocardial infarction, or stroke	9.6	11.3	0.85 (0.68–1.06)	0.15
Death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia	9.5	12.9	0.72 (0.58–0.89)	0.003
Death, myocardial infarction, stroke, refractory ischemia, or repeat intervention	16.6	19.5	0.84 (0.71–0.99)	0.04
Death	4.8	5.9	0.81 (0.60–1.11)	0.19
Myocardial infarction	4.8	5.7	0.83 (0.61–1.14)	0.25
Stroke	1.3	1.4	0.90 (0.49–1.68)	0.74
Refractory ischemia	1.0	3.3	0.30 (0.17–0.54)	<0.001
Repeat intervention	8.7	8.5	1.04 (0.82–1.34)	0.73
<b>At 30 days</b>				
Death, myocardial infarction, or stroke	6.7	7.6	0.88 (0.67–1.15)	0.34
Death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia	6.6	9.3	0.70 (0.54–0.90)	0.006
Death, myocardial infarction, stroke, refractory ischemia, or repeat intervention	12.0	13.0	0.91 (0.75–1.12)	0.37
Death	2.9	3.3	0.86 (0.58–1.29)	0.48
Myocardial infarction	3.6	4.1	0.87 (0.61–1.25)	0.46
Stroke	0.9	0.9	1.04 (0.50–2.19)	0.91
Refractory ischemia	1.0	3.1	0.30 (0.17–0.55)	<0.001
Repeat intervention	5.9	4.2	1.39 (1.01–1.93)	0.05

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## CONCLUSIONS

Early intervention did not differ greatly from delayed intervention in preventing the primary outcome, but it did reduce the rate of the composite secondary outcome of death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia and was superior to delayed intervention in high-risk patients. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00552513.)



Patients who had a risk score of more than 140 on the Global Registry of Acute Coronary Events (GRACE) scale (high risk) benefited more from early intervention than did patients with a score of 140 or less (low-to-intermediate risk) with respect to the composite primary outcome of death, myocardial infarction, or stroke.

**Figure 1.** Kaplan–Meier Cumulative Risk of the Primary and Secondary Outcome at 6 Months.

Panel A shows the cumulative risk of the composite primary outcome of death, myocardial infarction, or stroke in the early-intervention group, as compared with the delayed-intervention group, with a nonsignificant between-group difference (P=0.15). Panel B shows the risk of the composite secondary outcome of death, myocardial infarction, or refractory ischemia, with a significant between-group difference (P=0.002).

# Most recent evidence in this issue : RIDDLE JACC 2016

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## Immediate Versus Delayed Invasive Intervention for Non-STEMI Patients

### The RIDDLE-NSTEMI Study

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**FIGURE 1** Study Flow Chart

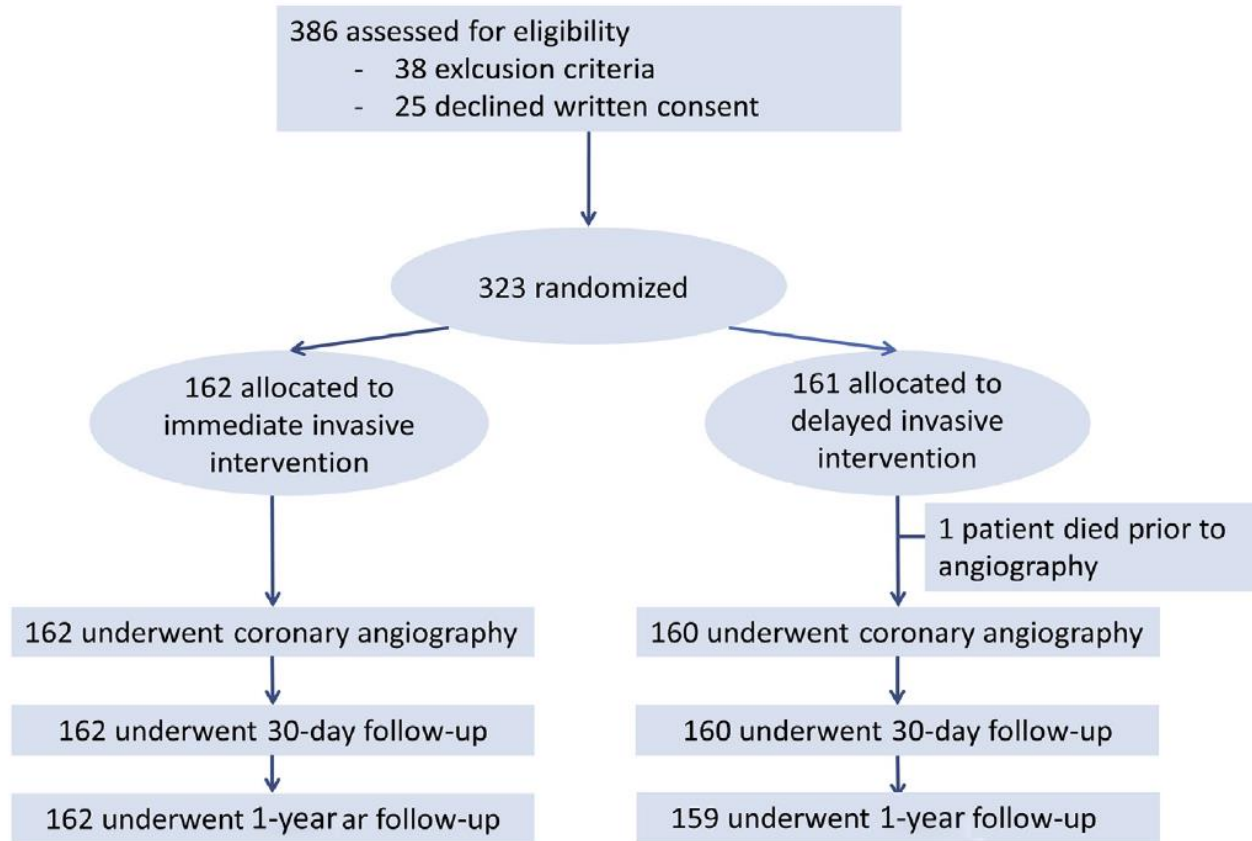


Diagram showing the flow of patients through each phase of the study. All randomized patients (n = 323) underwent 30-day follow-up for the primary endpoint.

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**TABLE 3 Clinical Outcomes Up to 1 Year**

	Immediate Intervention (n = 162)	Delayed Intervention (n = 161)*	HR (95% CI)†	p Value
<b>30 days</b>				
Death or MI	4.3	13.0	0.32 (0.13-0.74)	0.008
Death, MI, or recurrent ischemia	6.8	26.7	0.23 (0.12-0.45)‡	<0.001
Death§	3.1	3.1	0.98 (0.28-3.37)	0.97
MI	2.5	9.9	0.24 (0.08-0.70)	0.01
Recurrent ischemia	3.7	15.5	0.24 (0.10-0.57)‡	0.001
Major bleeding	0.6	0.6	0.99 (0.06-15.89)	0.99
<b>31 days to 1 yr</b>				
Death or MI	2.6	6.5	0.39 (0.12-1.27)	0.12
Death, MI, or recurrent ischemia	9.3	9.3	0.99 (0.45-2.19)‡	0.71
Death§	1.9	2.6	0.74 (0.17-3.31)	0.69
MI	0.6	4.3	0.15 (0.02-1.22)	0.07
Recurrent ischemia	6.5	2.2	2.99 (0.82-10.85)‡	0.06
Major bleeding	0.0	2.6	0.01 (0.01-46.38)	0.30
<b>1 yr</b>				
Death or MI	6.8	18.8	0.34 (0.17-0.67)	0.002
Death, MI, or recurrent ischemia	15.4	33.1	0.28 (0.15-0.51)‡	<0.001
Death§	4.9	5.6	0.87 (0.34-2.26)	0.78
MI	3.1	13.8	0.21 (0.08-0.55)	0.002
Recurrent ischemia	9.9	16.9	0.28 (0.12-0.63)‡	0.002
Major bleeding	0.6	3.1	0.20 (0.02-1.68)	0.14

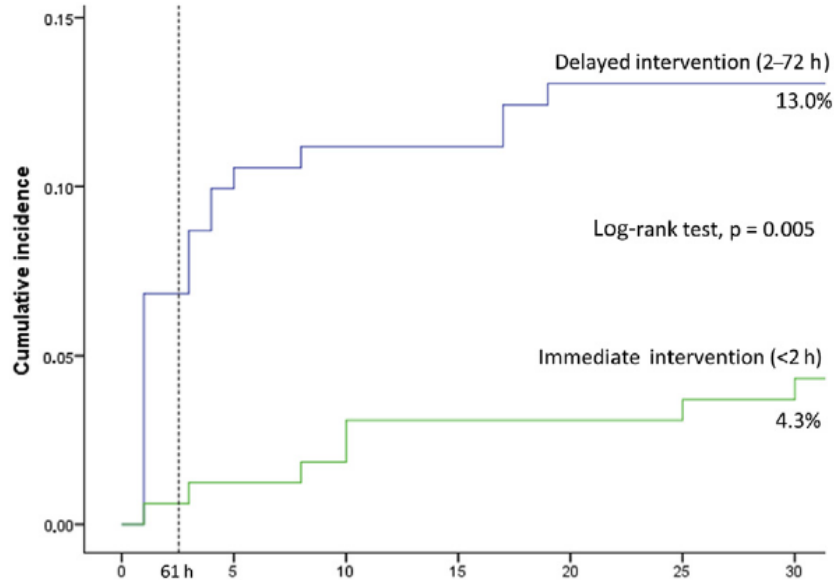
Values are % unless other indicated. \*In the delayed intervention group, 1 patient was not available for 1-year follow-up. †From unadjusted Cox regression models. ‡From an extended Cox regression model with assignment to immediate versus delayed invasive treatment as time-dependent variable. §All deaths were due to a cardiovascular cause.

CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio; MI = myocardial infarction.

- New MI, recurrent ischemia

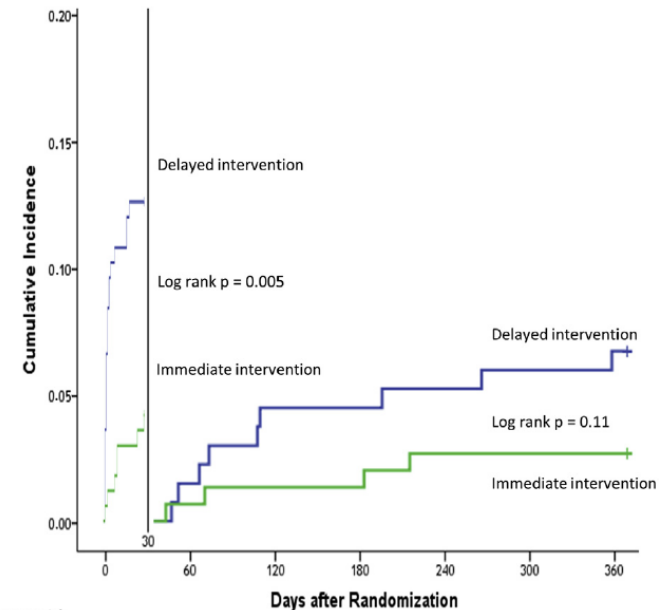
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**FIGURE 2** Cumulative Incidence of the Primary Endpoint



	Days after Randomization							
Number at risk	0	61 h	5	10	15	20	25	30
Immediate intervention	162	160	159	157	157	157	157	155
Delayed intervention	161	145	143	143	140	140	140	140

**FIGURE 3** Landmark Survival Analysis



	Days after Randomization							
Number at risk	0	30	60	120	180	240	300	360
Immediate intervention	162	155	154	153	152	151	151	151
Delayed intervention	161	139	136	133	133	132	131	130

Cumulative incidence of the combined primary endpoint of death or new myocardial infarction at 30 days and thereafter for patients undergoing immediate versus delayed invasive inter-

**CONCLUSIONS** Immediate invasive strategy in NSTEMI patients is associated with lower rates of death or new MI compared with the delayed invasive strategy at early and midterm follow-up, mainly due to a decrease in the risk of new MI in the pre-catheterization period. (Immediate Versus Delayed Invasive Intervention for Non-STEMI Patients [RIDDLE-NSTEMI]; [NCT02419833](#)) (J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2016;9:541-9) © 2016 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.



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- WHAT IS NEW? **An immediate invasive strategy** in NSTEMI patients is associated with **lower rates of death or MI at 30 days** compared with a delayed invasive strategy with a median time delay to intervention of 61 h. The observed difference is mainly due to **more frequent occurrence of new MI** in the period before catheterization of patients referred to delayed invasive intervention.
- WHAT IS NEXT? **Further large randomized studies with longer term** follow-up are needed to confirm these findings and to investigate whether the observed positive short-term effects of immediate invasive strategy in NSTEMI patients persist in the long term.

# Most recent evidence in this issue : editorial

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- Definition of “ New MI”
  - Most of event occurred within approximately the first 30 hrs.
  - Much higher PCI in early group (78.4% vs. 65.0%,  $p < 0.001$ ), a near doubling in the rate of CABG in the delayed group (12.3% vs. 23.8%,  $p = 0.001$ )
- All observations could have led to increased rates of new MI in the delayed group and potentially influenced the results.

# Recent evidence in this issue : CAD 2016

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## **Early versus delayed percutaneous coronary intervention in patients with non-ST elevation acute coronary syndromes**

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4307 patients with NSTEMACS who underwent PCI  
from the Melbourne Interventional Group  
registry.

# Recent evidence in this issue : CAD 2016

Table 1 Clinical characteristics, presentation, and angiographic characteristics

**Table 4 Multivariate analysis (mortality at 12 months)**

	Odds ratio	95% Confidence interval
Delayed PCI	0.95	0.68–1.32
eGFR <30 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	9.34	5.74–15.22
eGFR 30–59 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	3.17	2.18–4.61
Age	2.28	1.62–3.20
Positive cardiac biomarker	1.64	1.12–2.39
Previous CABG	1.33	0.86–2.05
Diabetes	1.31	0.93–1.83
Previous MI	1.22	0.83–1.79

CABG, coronary artery bypass graft surgery; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; MI, myocardial infarction; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention.

MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; TVR, target vessel revascularization.

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### Conclusion

In patients with stable NSTEMI treated with PCI, delayed intervention was performed in those who were older and had higher risk features. However, there appears to be

**no mortality hazard for these high-risk patients where PCI is delayed beyond the first 24 h after presentation and performed within the index admission.**

# Meta-analysis 1 : JACC CV Interv 2016

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## Timing of Coronary Invasive Strategy in Non-ST-Segment Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes and Clinical Outcomes

### An Updated Meta-Analysis

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**TABLE 1** Timing of Invasive Approach, Definitive Treatment, and Clinical Outcomes at Follow-Up for the 10 Randomized Controlled Trials Comparing Early and Delayed Strategies

First Author (Year) (Ref. #)	Trial Name	Median Time of Catheterization, h		Patients, n		Definitive Treatment, n (%)		Clinical Outcome
		Early	Late	Early	Late			
van't Hof et al. (2003) (12)	ELISA	6	50	109	111	PCI: 66 (60.5) CABG: 15 (13.8) Medical: 27 (24.7)	PCI: 64 (57.7) CABG: 21 (18.9) Medical: 25 (23.4)	Death, MI, major bleeding, re-PCI, RA
Neumann et al. (2003) (13)	ISAR-COOL	2.4	86	203	207	PCI: 143 (70.4) CABG: 16 (7.9) Medical: 44 (21.7)	PCI: 133 (64.3) CABG: 16 (7.7) Medical: 58 (28.0)	Death, MI, major bleeding, RI
Mehta et al. (2009) (5)	TIMACS	14	50	1,593	1,438	PCI: 954 (59.9) CABG: 225 (16.0) Medical: 384 (24.1)	PCI: 796 (55.4) CABG: 219 (15.2) Medical: 423 (29.4)	Death, MI, major bleeding, re-PCI, RA
Riezebos et al. (2009) (7)	OPTIMA	0.5	25	73	69	PCI: 73 (100.0)	PCI: 69 (100.0)	Death, MI, major bleeding, re-PCI
Montalescot et al. (2009) (14)	ABOARD	1.1	20.5	175	177	PCI: 117 (66.9) CABG: 16 (9.1) Medical: 42 (24.0)	PCI: 105 (59.3) CABG: 17 (9.6) Medical: 55 (31.1)	Death, MI, major bleeding, re-PCI, RI
Zhang et al. (2010) (9)		9.3	49.9	446	369	PCI: 314 (70.4) CABG: 41 (9.2) Medical: 91 (20.4)	PCI: 252 (68.3) CABG: 37 (10.1) Medical: 80 (21.6)	Death, MI, Major bleeding, re-PCI, RI
Thiele et al. (2012) (8)	LIPSIA-NSTEMI	1.1	18.3	200	200	PCI: 151 (75.5) CABG: 16 (8.0) Medical: 33 (16.5)	PCI: 141 (71.0) CABG: 25 (13.0) Medical: 34 (17.0)	Death, MI, RI, in-hospital bleeding
Badings et al. (2013) (10)	ELISA 3	2.6	54.9	269	265	PCI: 180 (66.7) CABG: 62 (23.2) Medical: 27 (10.1)	PCI: 164 (61.9) CABG: 68 (25.7) Medical: 33 (12.4)	Death, re-infarction RI, major bleeding
Reuter et al. (2014) (23)	SISCA	2.8	20.9	83	87	PCI: 45 (58.0) CABG: 8 (10.0) Medical: 25 (32.0)	PCI: 45 (59.0) CABG: 8 (11.0) Medical: 23 (30.0)	Death, myocardial infarction, urgent revascularization, major bleeding
Milosevic et al. (2016) (11)	RIDDLE-NSTEMI	1.4	61	162	161	PCI: 127 (78.4) CABG: 20 (12.3) Medical: 15 (9.3)	PCI: 105 (65.0) CABG: 38 (23.8) Medical: 18 (11.2)	Death, myocardial infarction, RI, major bleeding

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**TABLE 2** Summary Odds Ratios or Standardized Mean Differences for Major Clinical Outcomes Comparing Early and Delayed Intervention at the Latest Follow-Up Available

Outcome	p Value (Q)	I <sup>2</sup>	Random Effects (95% CI)	p Value
Death*	0.86	0.00	0.85 (0.67 to 1.09)	0.20
MI*	<0.01	77.54	0.88 (0.53 to 1.45)	0.62
RI*	0.21	28.34	0.55 (0.40 to 0.74)	<0.01
Major bleeding*	0.56	0.00	0.94 (0.73 to 1.22)	0.64
LOS†	<0.01	79.40	-0.40 (-0.59 to -0.21)	<0.01

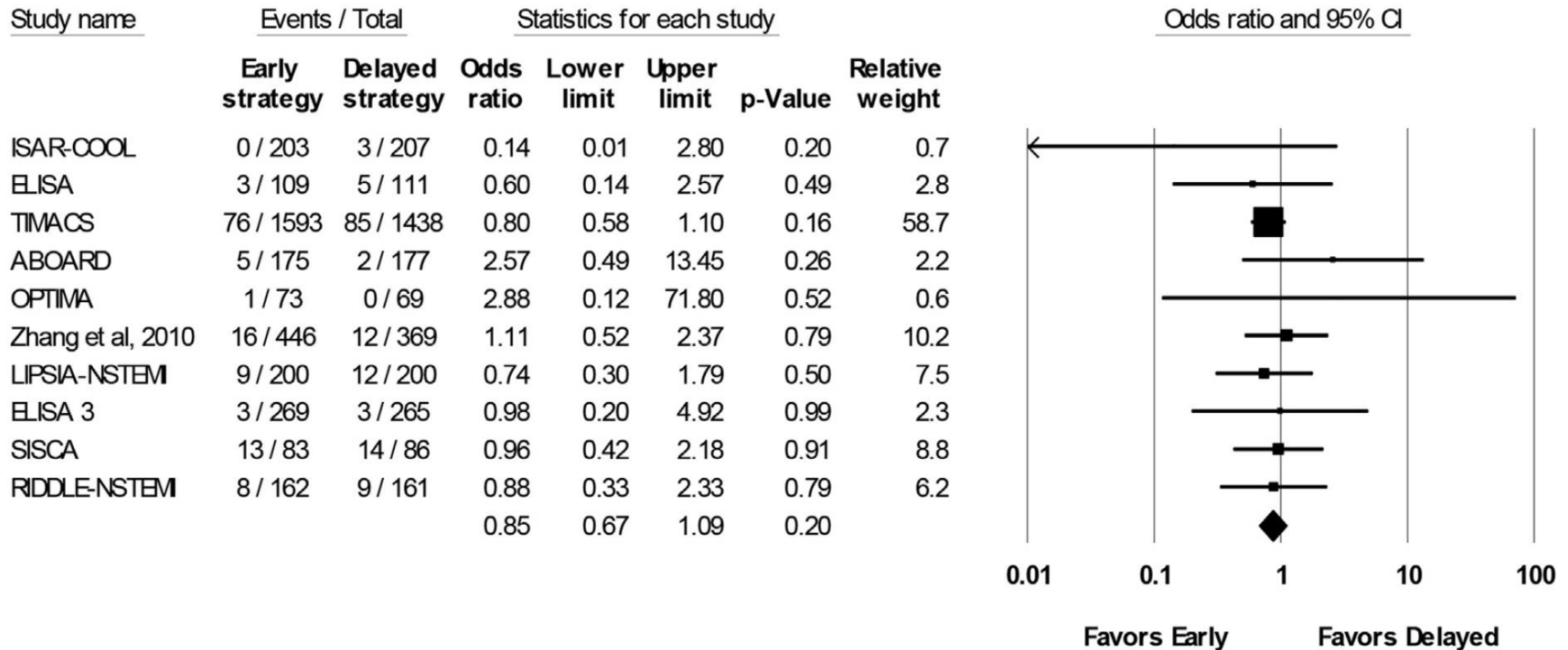
\*Odds ratio. †Standardized mean difference.

CI = confidence interval; MI = myocardial infarction; RI = recurrent ischemia; Q = Cochran Q test.



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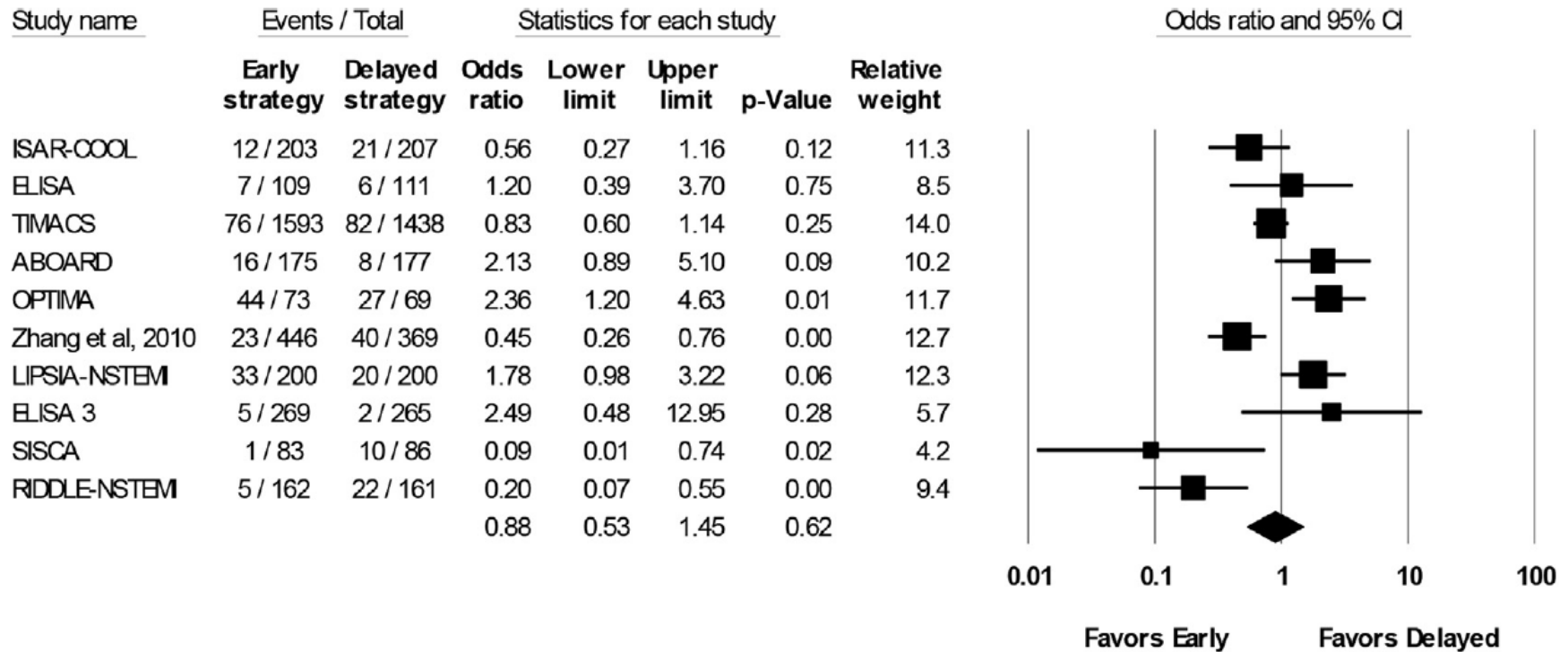
**FIGURE 1** Individual and Summary Odds Ratios for Mortality in Randomized Trials Comparing Early and Delayed Invasive Strategies



CI = confidence interval; other abbreviations as in [Table 1](#).

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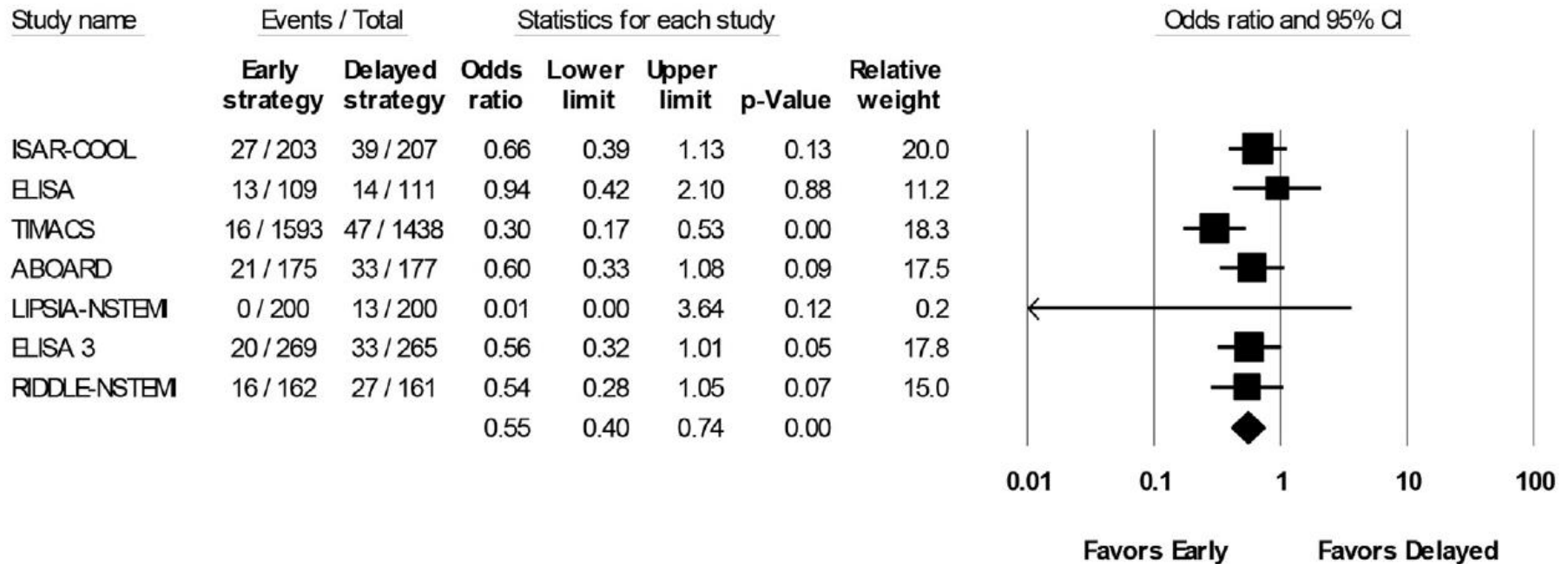
**FIGURE 2** Individual and Summary Odds Ratios for Myocardial Infarction in randomized Trials Comparing Early and Delayed Invasive Strategies



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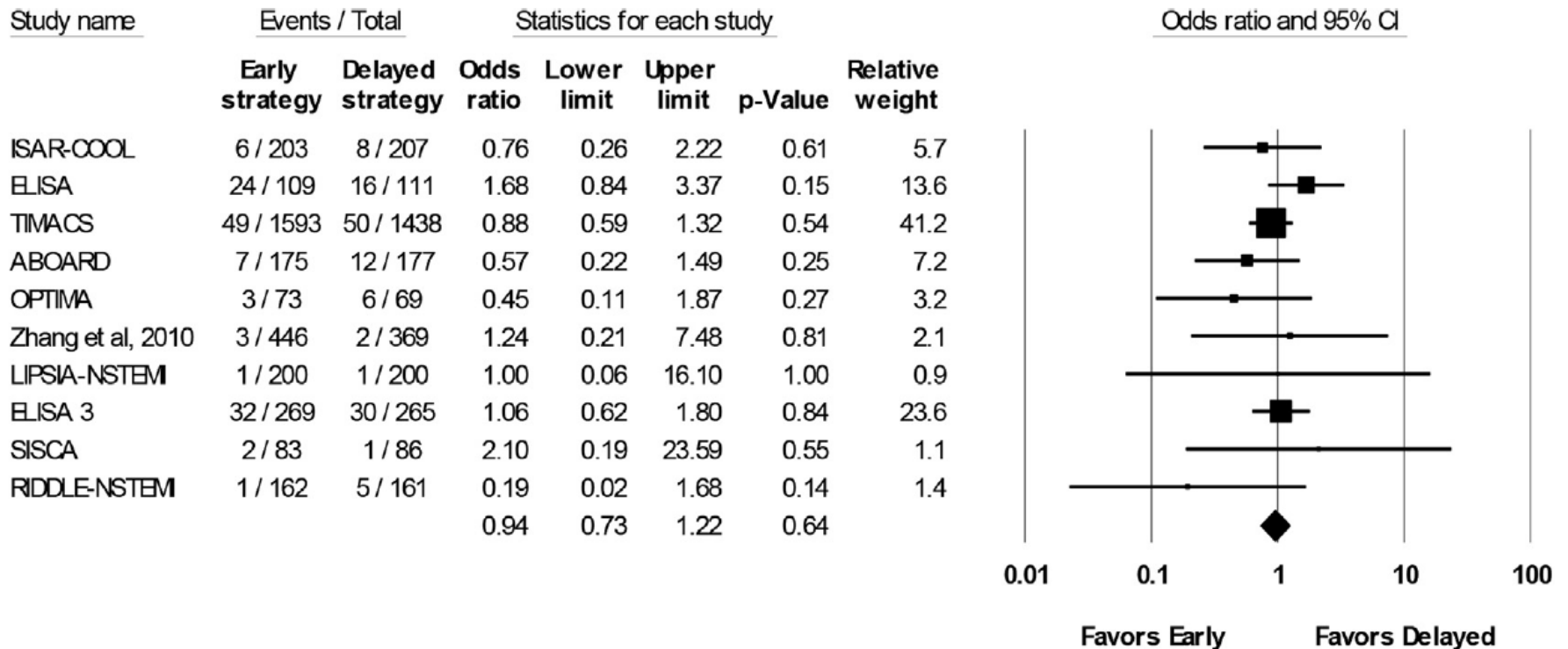
**FIGURE 3** Individual and Summary Odds Ratios for Recurrent Ischemia or Refractory Angina in Randomized Trials Comparing Early and Delayed Invasive Strategies



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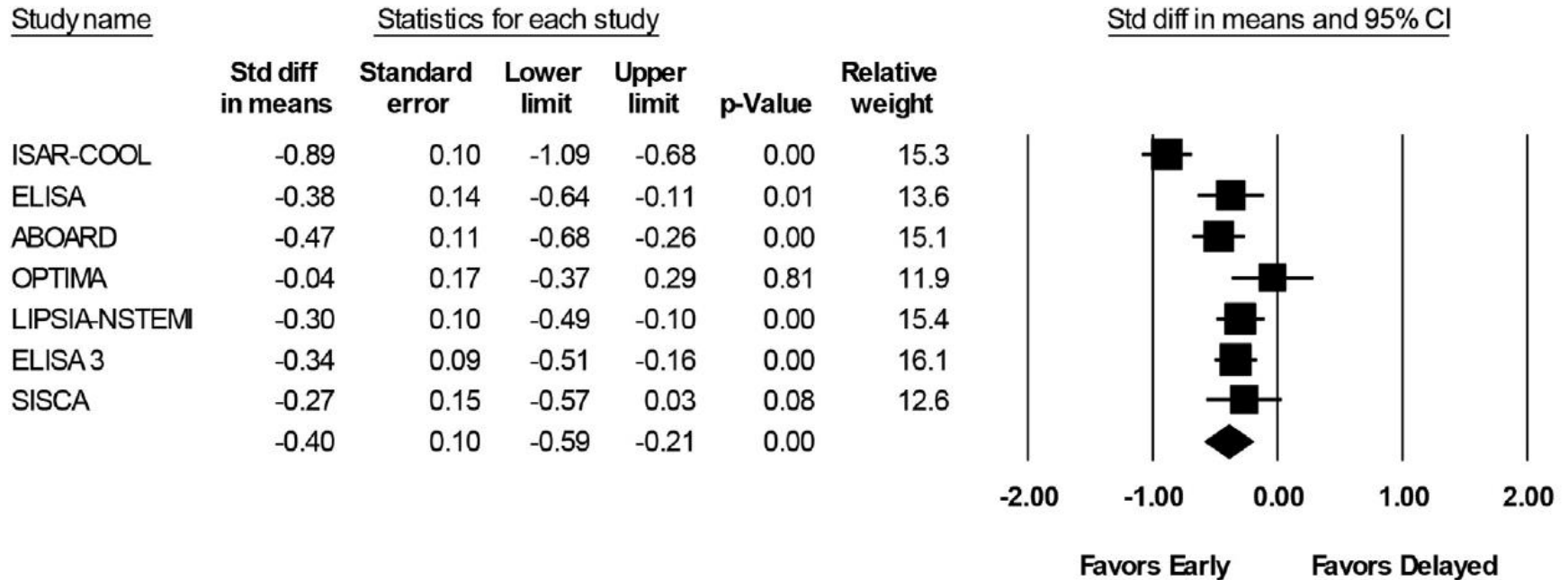
**FIGURE 4** Individual and Summary Odds Ratios for Major Bleeding in Randomized Trials Comparing Early and Delayed Invasive Strategies



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**FIGURE 5** Individual and Summary Standardized Mean Difference for In-Hospital Length of Stay in Randomized Trials Comparing Early and Delayed Invasive Strategies



CI = confidence interval; Std diff in means = standardized mean difference; other abbreviations as in [Table 1](#).

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The present updated meta-analysis suggests that there is **no difference in death or MI** between early and delayed invasive strategies in patients with NSTEMI-ACS. However, an **early strategy is safe and reduces both the rates of RI or RA and in-hospital LOS.**

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Timing of invasive strategy in NSTEMI-ACS patients and effect on clinical outcomes: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials



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**Table 1**  
Main study characteristics.

Study	TIMACS		ELISA		ISAR-COOL		OPTIMA		ABOARD		LIPSI-NSTEMI		ELISA-3		Tekin et al.		Sciahbasi et al.		Zhang et al.	
	Early	Delayed	Early	Late	Early	Delayed	Immed.	Defer.	Immed.	Delayed	Immed.	Early	Early	Delayed	Early	Delayed	Immed.	Early	Early	Delayed
No. of patients	1593	1438	109	111	203	207	73	69	175	177	200	200	269	265	69	62	27	27	446	369
Median time to angio (h)	14.0	50.0	6.0	50.0	2.4	86.0	0.5	25.0 <sup>c</sup>	1.1	20.5	1.1	18.3	2.6	54.9	<24	24–72	5	24	9.3	49.9
Median (mean) age	65.0	65.7	63.0	65.0	70.0	70.0	63.0	62.0	65.0	65.0	68.0	70.0	72.1	71.8	58.1	55.6	58.8	59.7	67.0	66.1
Female (%)	34.8	34.6	28.0	32.0	34.0	32.4	30.0	26.0	27.4	29.4	34.0	30.0	30.5	34.3	40.6	28.8	18.5	11.1	33.9	32.2
Diabetes (%)	26.5	27.4	15.0	14.0	26.1	31.4	19.0	20.0	21.7	32.2	39.0	43.0	23.8	20.4	31.9	45.2	26.0	18.5	23.5	22.5
NSTEMI at baseline (%)	77.2	76.9	78.0	71.0	66.0	67.6	47.0	45.0	75.4	72.9	100	100	nr	nr	100	100	nr	nr	79.1	77.8
PCI rate (%)	59.6	55.1	61	58	70.4	64.3	n/a <sup>c</sup>	n/a <sup>c</sup>	66.9 <sup>e</sup>	59.3 <sup>e</sup>	76.0	71.0	66.7	61.9	100	100	100	100	70.4	68.3
Primary end point	9.6	11.3 <sup>a</sup>	629	432 <sup>b</sup>	5.9	11.6 <sup>b</sup>	60.0	39.0 <sup>b</sup>	2.1	1.7 <sup>a</sup>	0.94	0.78 <sup>a</sup>	9.9	14.2 <sup>a</sup>	8.7	30.6	26	69 <sup>d</sup>	9.0	14.6 <sup>b</sup>
	death, new MI or stroke at 6 months (%)	area under the curve of 48-h LDH release	death or non-fatal MI at 30 days (%)	death, non-fatal MI or unplanned revasc. at 30 days (%)	In-hospital peak Troponin I (ng/ml)	In-hospital peak CK-MB activity (μkat/L)	Death, reinfarction or recurrent ischemia at 30 days (%)	LVEF/Death, re-MI or rehosp., at 3 months (%)	Peak CK-MB (ng/ml)	Death, MI or stroke at 6 months (%)										

nr – not reported; NSTEMI – non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; LVEF – left ventricular ejection fraction; CK-MB – creatine kinase MB isoenzyme.

<sup>a</sup> Not statistically significant ( $p > 0.05$ ).

<sup>b</sup> Statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ).

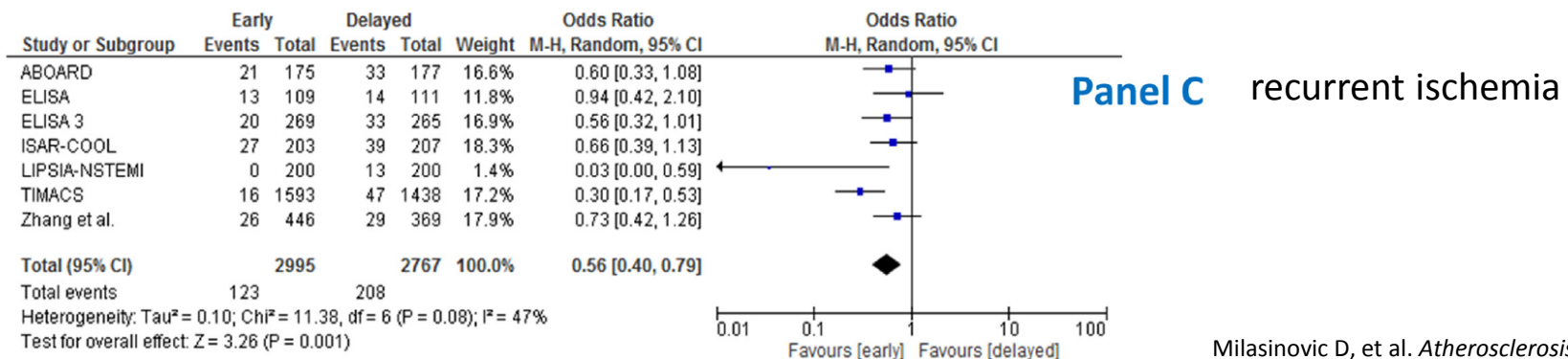
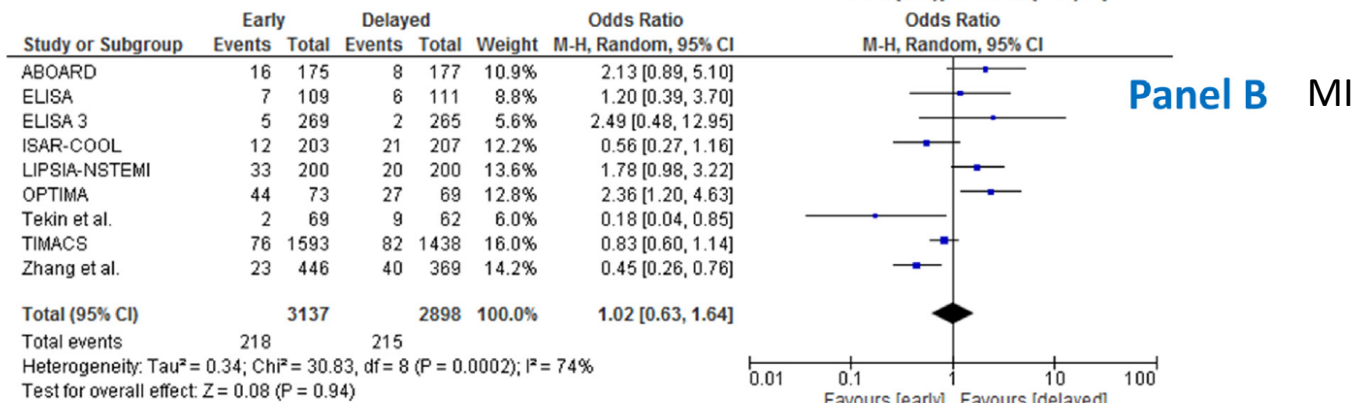
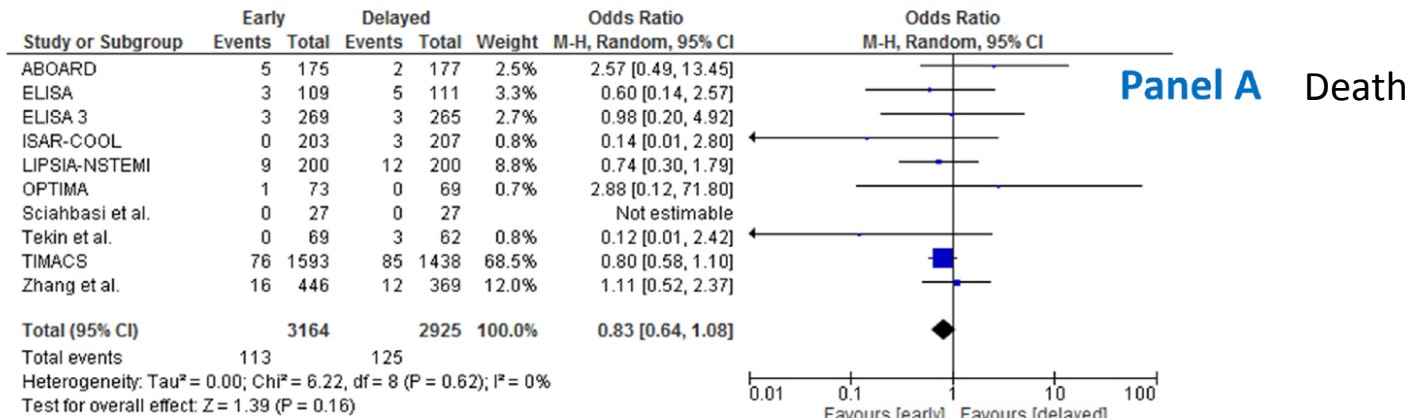
<sup>c</sup> All patients underwent early coronary angiography and were then randomized into immediate versus deferred PCI group.

<sup>d</sup> No primary end-point was formally defined in the manuscript.

<sup>e</sup> PCI rate in the overall study population.



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# Conclusion

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- There is **no mortality difference** between an early and a delayed invasive strategy in patients with **NSTE-ACS**. An early invasive strategy **reduces RI and in-hospital LOS**.
- Future trials should determine whether the results are different depending on **subgroups of patients on the basis of their risk profiles**. In addition, whether
- these results are valid for patients without pre-treatment with P2Y12 ADP receptor antagonists should be evaluated.
- We are waiting the results of **NONSTEMI trial** (Acute Versus Subacute Angioplasty in Patients With NON-ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction).

# Thank You For Your Attention

