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International Study of Comparative Health Effectiveness With Medical and Invasive Approaches - ISCHEMIA

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ISCHEMIA Trial
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- Patients:** Stable w/ at Least Moderate Ischemia (Core Lab)

SPECT ≥10% LV	Echo / CMR RWMA ≥3/6 segments New / Worse WMA	CMR Perfusion >12% LV	OR	Ex ECG ST ↓ ≥1.5 mm in 2 leads or ≥2.0 mm in ≥1 lead OR ST ↓ ≥1.0 mm in non-infarct territory
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- Primary Aim:** To Determine if Initial Invasive Strategy of Cath & PCI / CABG + Medical Therapy Will Reduce Events Compared to a Strategy of Medical Therapy Alone (Cath - Reserved for Failed Medical Therapy)
- Sample Size:** 5,000 Followed for ~4 years

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Flowchart: ≥10% Ischemic LVEF ≥35% → Blinded CCTA in vivo LM, NCA → RANDOMIZE → Cath (Revasc + OMT) vs No Cath (OMT)

Detailed Results

Primary Endpoint:

Time to CV death, MI, hospitalization for unstable angina, heart failure or resuscitated cardiac arrest

Adjusted Hazard Ratio INV vs CON
0.93 (0.80, 1.08); P-value = 0.34

Detailed Results

Secondary Endpoint:

Time to CV death or MI

Adjusted Hazard Ratio INV vs CON
0.90 (0.77, 1.06); P-value = 0.21

Impressions

The probability of at least a 10% benefit of INV on all-cause mortality was <10%, based on pre-specified Bayesian analysis

Contribution To Literature:

The **ISCHEMIA** trial failed to show that routine invasive therapy was associated with a reduction in major adverse ischemic events compared with optimal medical therapy among stable patients with moderate ischemia.

Description:

The goal of the trial was to evaluate routine invasive therapy (IV) compared with **optimal medical therapy (OMT)** among patients with stable ischemic heart disease and moderate to severe myocardial ischemia on noninvasive stress testing.

Study Design

Randomized

Parallel

Patients with stable ischemic heart disease and moderate to severe ischemia were randomized to **routine invasive therapy** (n = 2,588) versus (OMT) **medical therapy** (n = 2,591).

In the routine invasive therapy group, subjects underwent coronary angiography and percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) or coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) as appropriate.

Study design

In the medical therapy groups, subjects underwent coronary angiography **only** for failure of medical therapy.

Total number of enrollees: 5,179

Duration of follow-up: 3.3 years

Mean patient age: 64 years

Percentage female: 23%

Percentage with diabetes: 41%

Inclusion criteria:

Patients >20 years of age

Moderate to severe ischemia on noninvasive stress testing (nuclear $\geq 10\%$ ischemia; echo ≥ 3 segments of ischemia; cardiac magnetic resonance $\geq 12\%$ ischemia and/or ≥ 3 segments with ischemia; exercise treadmill test ≥ 1.5 mm ST depression in ≥ 2 leads or ≥ 2 mm ST depression in single lead at < 7 METs with angina)

Exclusion criteria:

$\geq 50\%$ left main stenosis (from blinded computed tomography)
Advanced chronic kidney disease (estimated glomerular filtration rate < 30 ml/min)

Recent myocardial infarction

Left ventricular ejection fraction $< 35\%$

Left main stenosis $> 50\%$

Unacceptable angina at baseline

New York Heart Association class III-IV heart failure

Prior PCI or CABG within last year

Angina frequency at baseline:

None, 34%
Several times per month, 44%
Daily/weekly, 22%

Other salient features/characteristics:

Over the entire follow-up period, cardiac catheterization was performed in 96% of the invasive group vs. 28% of the medical therapy group
Over the entire follow-up period, coronary revascularization was performed in 80% of the invasive group vs. 23% of the medical therapy group

Principal Findings:

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Principal Findings:

Invasive therapy was associated:
with
harm within the first 6 months (**~2% absolute increase**)
and
benefit within 4 years (**~2% absolute decrease**)

Secondary outcomes:

Cardiovascular death or myocardial infarction: **11.7%** of the routine invasive group compared with 13.9% of the medical therapy group (p = 0.21)

All-cause death: 6.4% of the routine invasive group compared with 6.5% of the medical therapy group (p = 0.67)

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Secondary outcomes:

Periprocedural myocardial infarction: (invasive/conservative hazard ratio [HR] **2.98**, 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.87-4.74)

Spontaneous myocardial infarction: (invasive/conservative HR **0.67**, 95% CI 0.53-0.83)

Quality of life outcomes:

Improvement in symptoms was observed among those **with angina** daily/weekly/monthly, but not in those without angina.

Interpretation:

Among patients with stable ischemic heart disease and moderate to severe ischemia on noninvasive stress testing, routine invasive therapy failed to reduce major adverse cardiac events compared with optimal medical therapy.

Interpretation:

There was also **no benefit** from invasive therapy regarding all-cause mortality or cardiovascular mortality/myocardial infarction.

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- 3. left main stenosis
- 4. left ventricular ejection fraction <35%.

Key findings

The curves cross for the primary endpoint and the major secondary endpoint at approximately 2 years from randomization

- ~2 in 100 higher estimated rate with INV at 6 months
- ~2 in 100 lower estimated rate with INV at 4 years

Procedural MIs were increased with an invasive strategy

Other Endpoints

Cardiovascular Death
Adjusted Hazard Ratio INV vs CON
0.87 (0.66, 1.15); P-value = 0.33

Myocardial Infarction
Adjusted Hazard Ratio INV vs CON
0.92 (0.76, 1.11); P-value = 0.38

Other Endpoints

Procedural MI (Type 4a or 5)
Adjusted Hazard Ratio INV vs CON
2.98 (1.87, 4.74); P-value < 0.01

Spontaneous MI (Types 1,2,4b or 4c)
Adjusted Hazard Ratio INV vs CON
0.67 (0.53, 0.83); P-value <0.01

[ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT01471522](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT01471522) (opens in new window)

Other Endpoints

All-Cause Death
Adjusted Hazard Ratio INV vs CON
1.05 (0.83, 1.32); P-value = 0.67

Net clinical benefit (stroke added to primary endpoint)
Hazard Ratio INV vs CON
0.95 (0.82, 1.10); P-value= 0.50

Interpretation:

Although the overall interpretation of this trial was negative, there were mixed findings with evidence for both harm and benefit. This signals that: 1) invasive therapy for stable ischemic heart disease patients needs to be carefully considered in the context of angina burden and background medical therapy, and 2) likelihood that optimal coronary revascularization can be achieved with low procedural complications.

Key findings

Spontaneous MIs were reduced with an invasive strategy

Low all-cause mortality in both groups despite high-risk clinical characteristics, high-risk ischemia and extensive CAD

No heterogeneity of treatment effect, including by type of stress test, severity of ischemia or extent of CAD

Very low rates of procedure-related stroke and death

Impressions

ISCHEMIA is the largest trial of an invasive vs conservative strategy for patients with SIHD

Overall, an initial INV strategy as compared with an initial CON strategy did not demonstrate a reduced risk over median 3.3 years for

Primary endpoint - CV death, MI, hospitalization for UA, HF, RCA

Major Secondary endpoint - CV death or MI

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Myocardial infarction in young individuals

traditional risk factors

2. use of recreational drugs (cocaine and methamphetamine)

spontaneous Coronary artery dissection (SCAD), myocarditis or

coronary embolism (CE)

myocardial infarction due to atheromatous coronary artery disease but without critical coronary artery stenosis (MINOCA)

coronary vasospasm

Incidence MI

Age	Men	Women
	per 1000 patients	
30-34 y/o	12.9	2.2
35-44 y/o	38.2	5.2
45-54 y/o	71.2	13.0

Clinical presentation

708 /5127 were silent

Higher prevalence in women

**2017 AHA/ACC
Clinical performance and Quality
measures for patient's
with STEMI and NON-STEMIs**

Quality Measures

- QM-1 risk stratification of non-STEMI patients with a risk score
- QM-2 early invasive strategy (within 24 hours and the high risk Non STEMI patient
- QM-3 therapeutic hypothermia for comatose STEMI patients with an out of hospital cardiac arrest
- QM -4 aldosterone antagonists prescribed at discharge
- QM-5 inappropriate hospital use of NSAIDs
- QM-6 inappropriate prescription for Prasugrel at discharge in patients with a history of prior stroke or TIA
- QM-7 inappropriate prescription of High Dose aspirin with Ticagrelor at discharge

ACC/AHA Performance measures

- PM-1 Aspirin on arrival
- PM-2 Aspirin prescribed at discharge
- PM-3 Beta blocker prescribed at discharge
- PM-4 High-intensity statin prescribed at discharged
- PM-5 Evaluation of LVEF
- PM-6 ACE or ARB prescribed for LVSD
- PM-7 Time to Fibrinolytic Therapy
- PM-8 Time to Primary PCI

ACC/AHA Performance Measures

- PM-9 Reperfusion therapy
- POM-10 Time from ED arrival at STEMI referral facility to ED discharge from the STEMI referral facility inpatients transferred for primary PCI
- PM-11 Time from FMC (at or before ED arrival at STEMI referral facility) 2 primary PCI it's STEMI receiving facility among transferred patient's
- PM-12 Cardiac rehabilitation patient referral from an inpatient setting
- PL-13 PY 12 receptor inhibitor prescribed at discharge

ACC/AHA Performance measures

- PM-14 Immediate angiography for resuscitated out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and STEMI patient's
- PM-15 Noninvasive stress testing before discharge and conservatively treated patient's
- PM-16 Early cardiac Troponin measurements (within 6 hours of arrival)
- PM-17 Participation in > 1 regional or national registries that include patient's with Acute Myocardial infarction Registry

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Thank You
Questions?
