

Pour ou contre : fermeture du foramen ovale
perméable en haut de 60 ans
POUR

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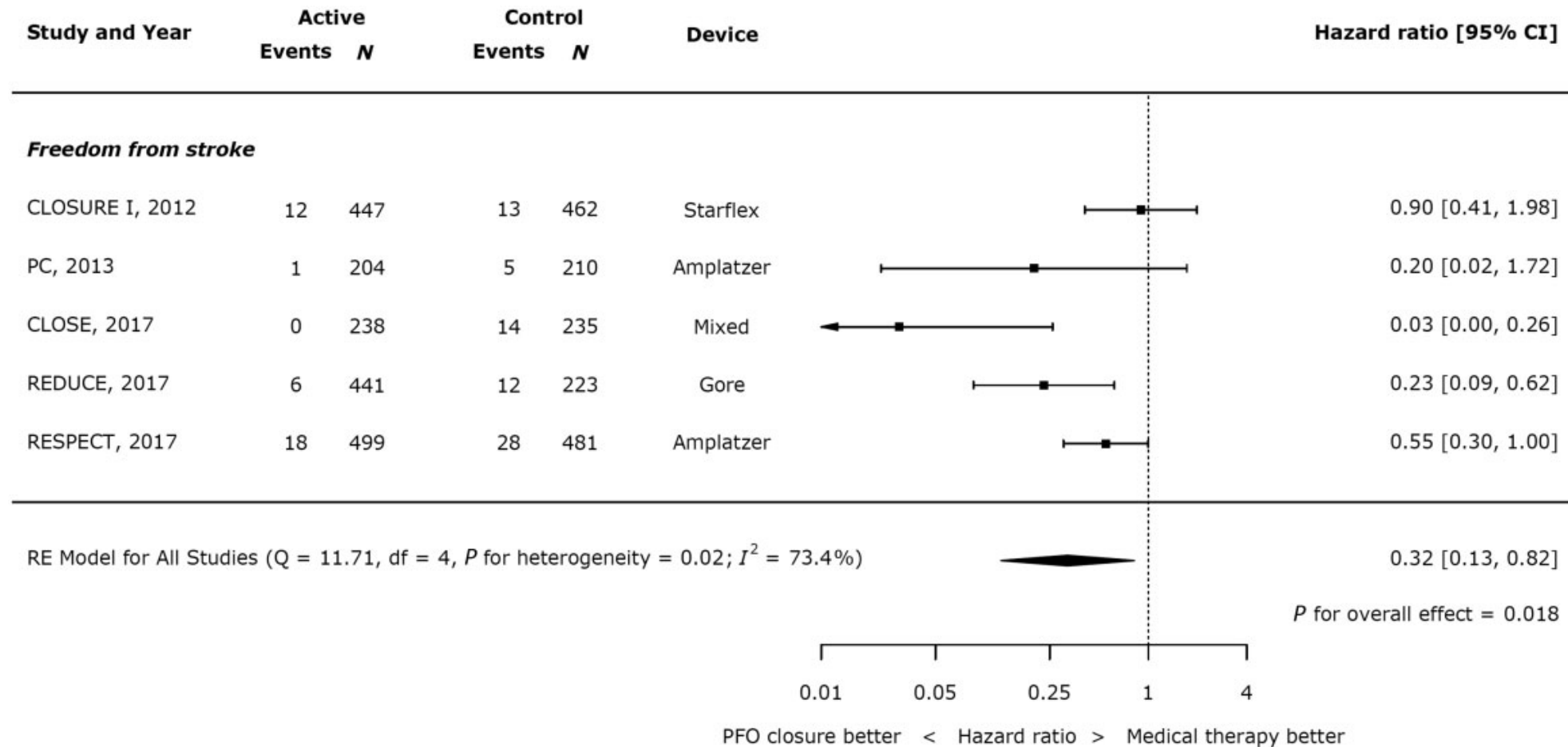
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Randomized Trials on PFO closure



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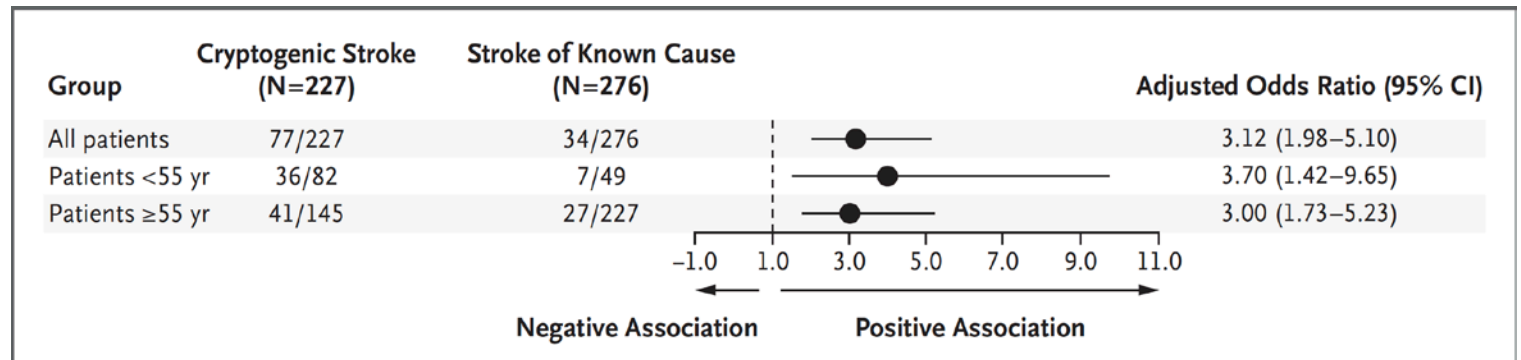
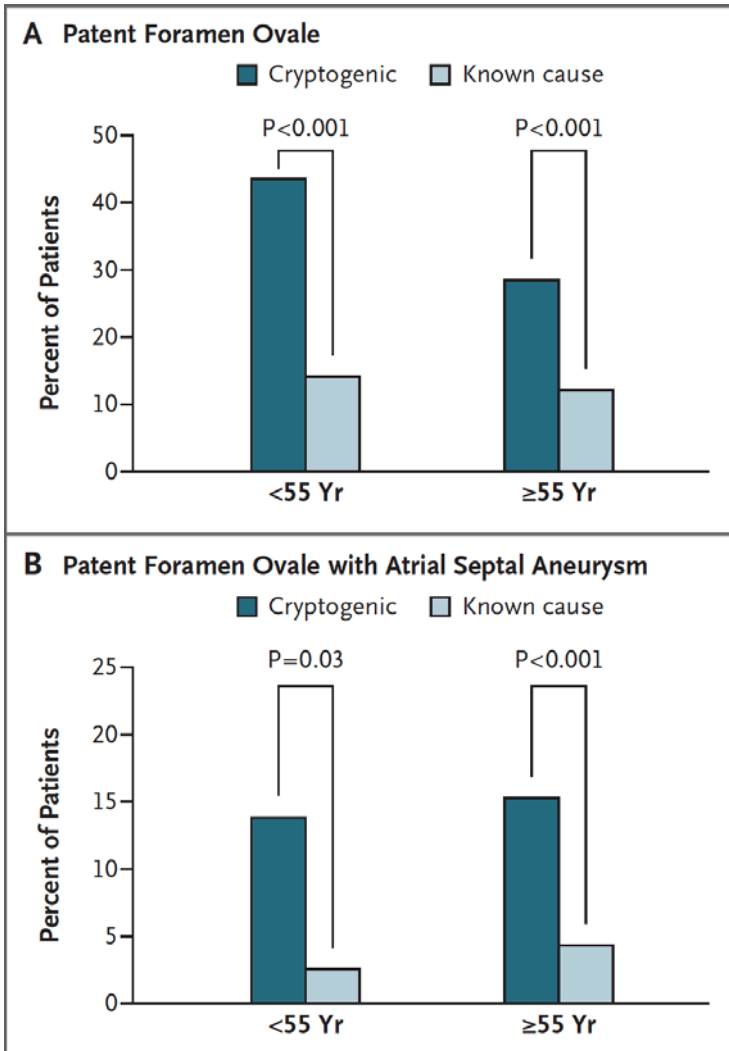
Section 10 Recommendations

10.1 Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO)

- i. Patients with a recent ischemic stroke suspected to be related to a PFO should have an evaluation by healthcare professionals with stroke and cardiovascular expertise [Evidence Level C].
- ii. For carefully selected patients with a recent ischemic stroke attributed to a PFO, PFO device closure plus long-term antiplatelet therapy is recommended over long-term antithrombotic therapy alone **provided all** the following criteria are met [Evidence Level A]:
 - a. Age 18–60 years.
 - b. The diagnosis of the index stroke event is confirmed by imaging as a non-lacunar embolic ischemic stroke.
 - c. The patient has been evaluated by a neurologist or healthcare professional with stroke expertise, and the PFO is felt to be the most likely cause for the index

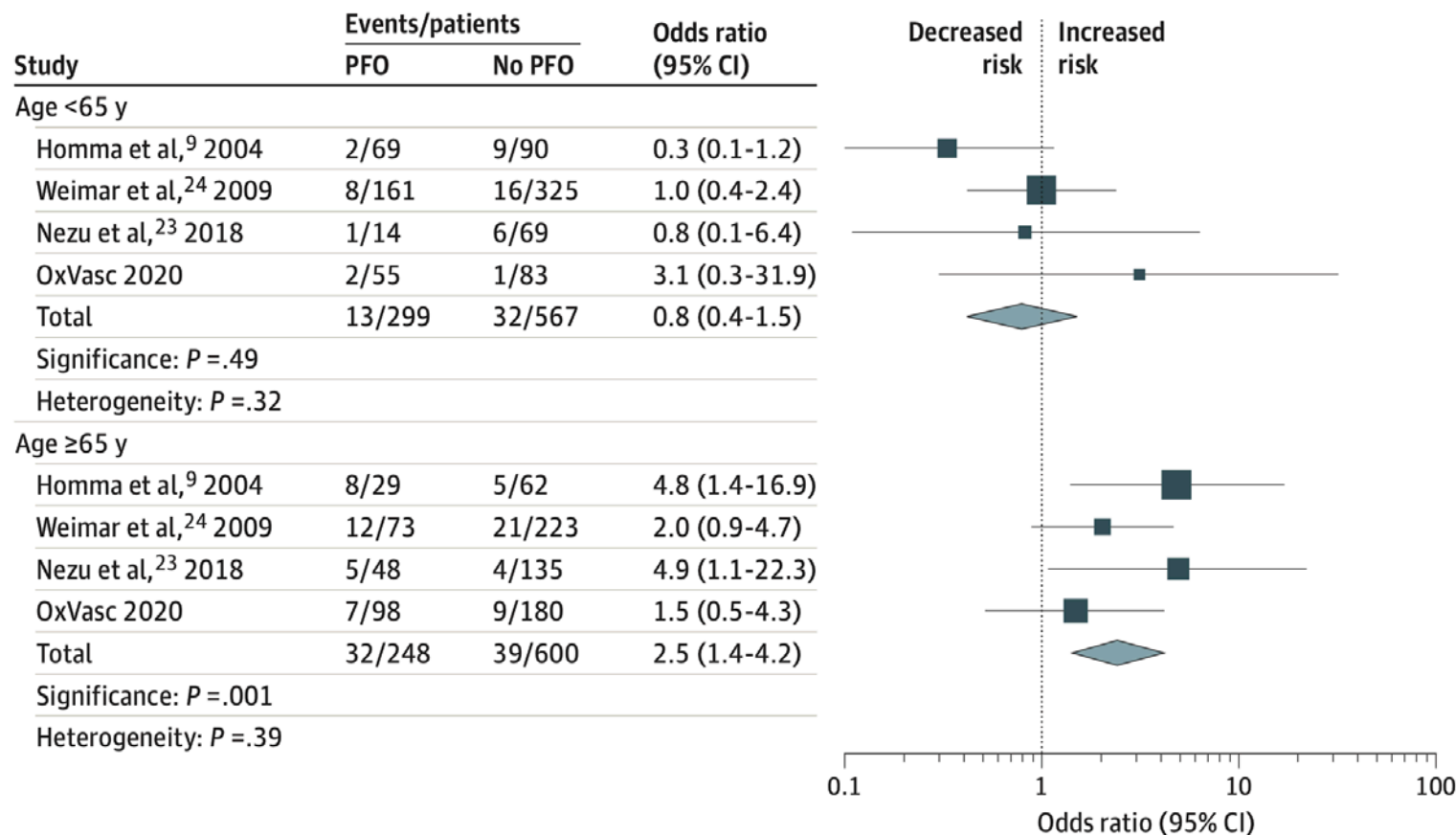
Guideline	Young patients (18 to ≤60–65 years)	Older patients (>60–65 years)
American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association ⁸	In patients 18 to 60 years of age with a non-lacunar ischemic stroke of undetermined cause despite a thorough evaluation and a PFO with high-risk anatomic features, it is reasonable to choose closure with a transcatheter device and long-term antiplatelet therapy over anti-platelet therapy alone for preventing recurrent stroke.	None
American Academy of Neurology ⁶	In patients younger than 60 years with a PFO and embolic-appearing infarct and no other mechanism of stroke identified, clinicians may recommend closure following a discussion of potential benefits (absolute recurrent stroke risk reduction of 3.4% at 5 years) and risks (periprocedural complication rate of 3.9% and increased absolute rate of non-periprocedural atrial fibrillation of 0.33% per year).	PFO closure may be offered in other populations, such as for a patient who is aged 60–65 years with a very limited degree of traditional vascular risk factors (i.e., hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, or smoking) and no other mechanism of stroke detected following a thorough evaluation, including prolonged monitoring for atrial fibrillation (level C).
European position paper on the management of patients with patent foramen ovale ⁷	The position of our societies is to perform percutaneous closure of a PFO in carefully selected patients aged from 18 to 65 years with a confirmed cryptogenic stroke, TIA, or systemic embolism and an estimated high probability of a causal role of the PFO as assessed by clinical, anatomical, and imaging features.	With the same shared decision-making approach, PFO closure can also be considered in patients >65 or <18 years of age, taking into account on a case-by-case basis the lack of evidence, the age-related confounders and additional risks of interventional and drug therapies.
Consensus statements and recommendations from the ESO-Karolinska Stroke Update Conference ¹¹	In patients aged 18–60 years old with cryptogenic stroke/TIA and with high risk PFO features (moderate or severe shunt, ASA, atrial septal hypermobility) we recommend percutaneous closure plus medical therapy instead of antiplatelet therapy alone (Grade A).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In patients between 60 and 65 years, percutaneous closure plus medical therapy instead of antiplatelet therapy alone can be offered (Grade B). - Percutaneous closure plus medical therapy can be considered in place of antiplatelet therapy alone also for patients aged <18 and >65 years old on an individual basis (Grade C).

Association of PFO with cryptogenic stroke in older patients



PFO-related cryptogenic stroke with medical treatment alone in older patients

Figure 3. Risk of Ischemic Stroke Recurrence After Cryptogenic Transient Ischemic Attack/Stroke in Patients With Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO) vs Patients Without PFO



Circulation: Cardiovascular Interventions

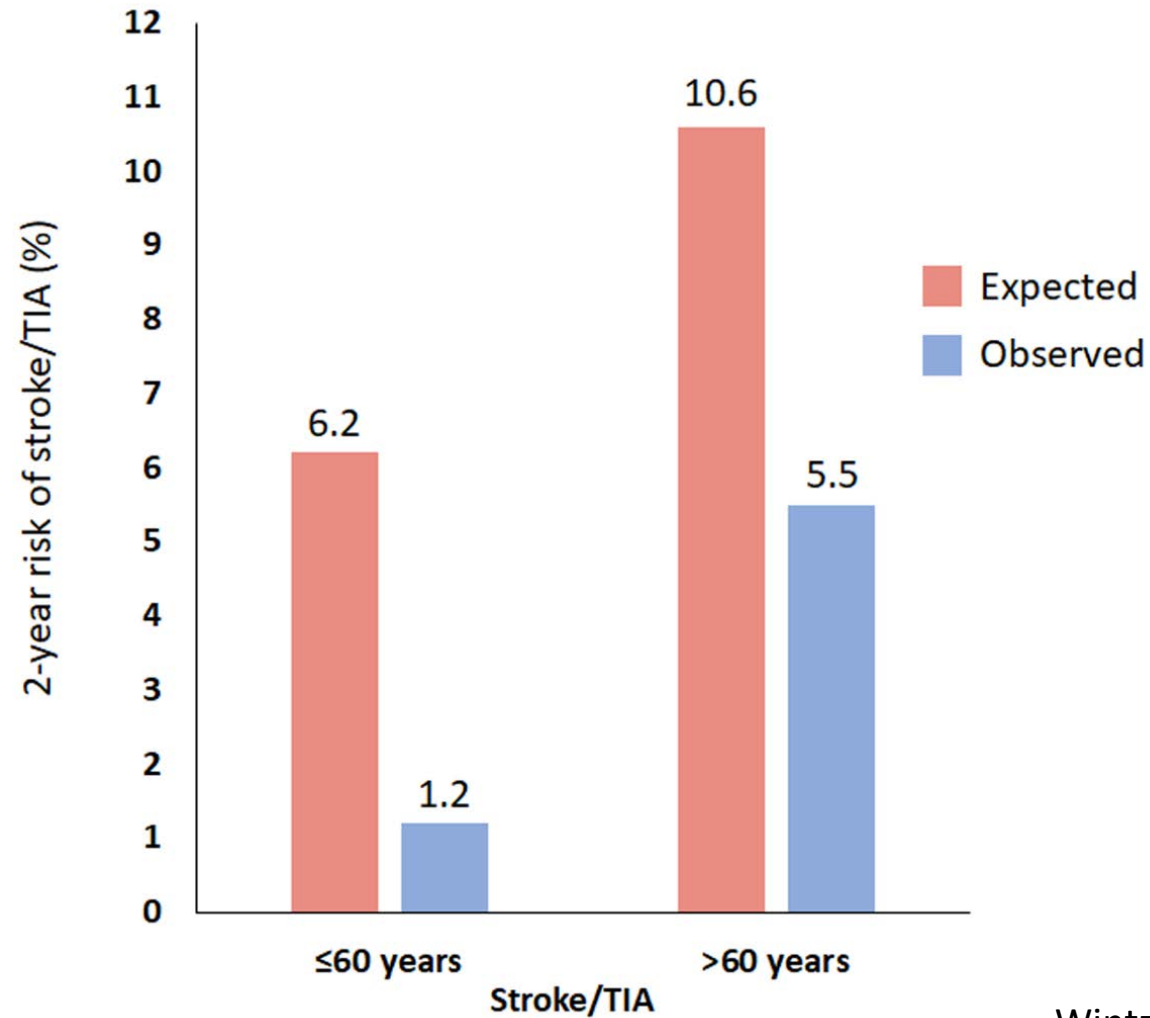
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale in Older Patients With Cryptogenic Thromboembolic Events

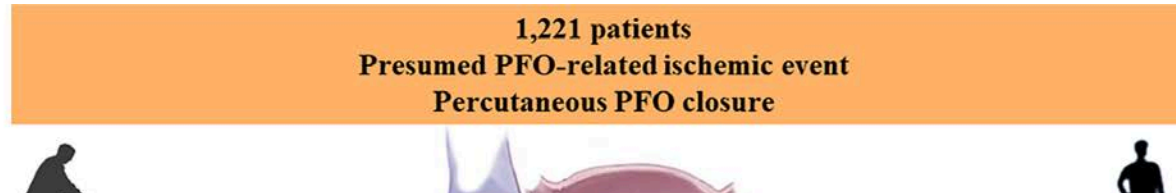
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	Older cohort (>60 y; n=388)	Younger cohort (≤60 y; n=883)	P value
Successful device implantation	387 (99.9)	882 (99.9)	0.99
Device type			0.001
Amplatzer PFO	257 (66.2)	679 (76.9)	
Amplatzer ASD	11 (2.8)	47 (5.3)	
Amplatzer Cribiform	26 (6.7)	35 (3.9)	
Cardia atriasept	19 (4.9)	12 (1.4)	
Occlutech	28 (7.2)	92 (10.4)	
Starflex	36 (9.3)	0	
Gore cardioform	6 (1.5)	1 (0.1)	
Helix	1 (0.3)	0	
Noble stitch	1 (0.3)	0	
Premere	3 (0.8)	17 (1.9)	
Device size, mm			0.001
<25	13/354 (3.7)	39/778 (5)	
25	125/354 (35.3)	355/778 (45.6)	
>25	139/354 (61)	384/778 (49.4)	
In-hospital complications			
Device embolization*	2 (0.5)	1 (0.1)	0.22
Device thrombosis*	0	2 (0.2)	1
Cardiac perforation	0	0	-
Tamponade	0	0	-
Atrial fibrillation/flutter*	4 (1)	9 (1)	0.98
Myocardial infarction*	1 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	0.52
DVT/pulmonary embolism*	0	1 (0.1)	0.99
Aortic dissection	0	0	-
Atrioventricular block	0	0	-
Esophageal hematoma*	0	1 (0.1)	0.99
Minor vascular complication	2 (0.5)	7 (0.8)	0.73

PFO closure in older patients



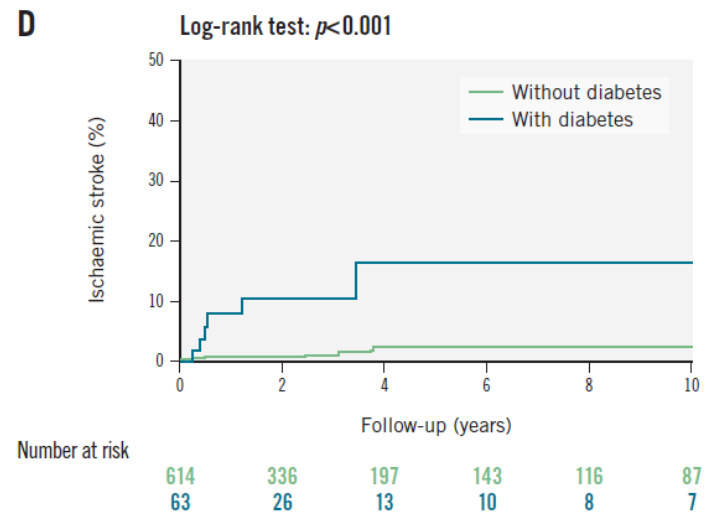
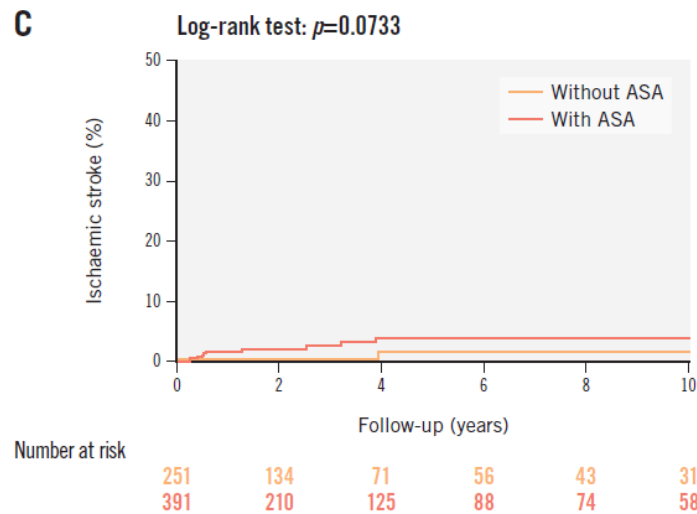
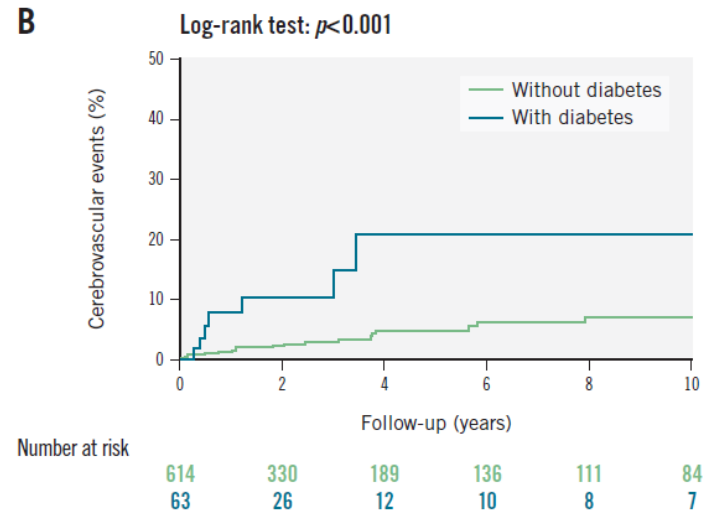
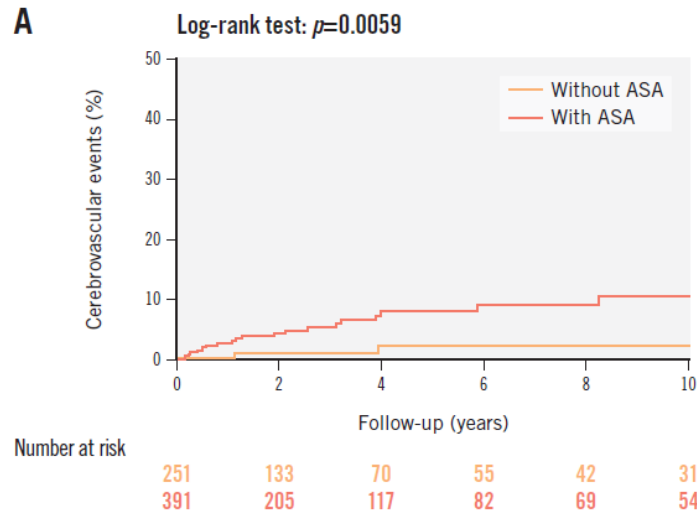
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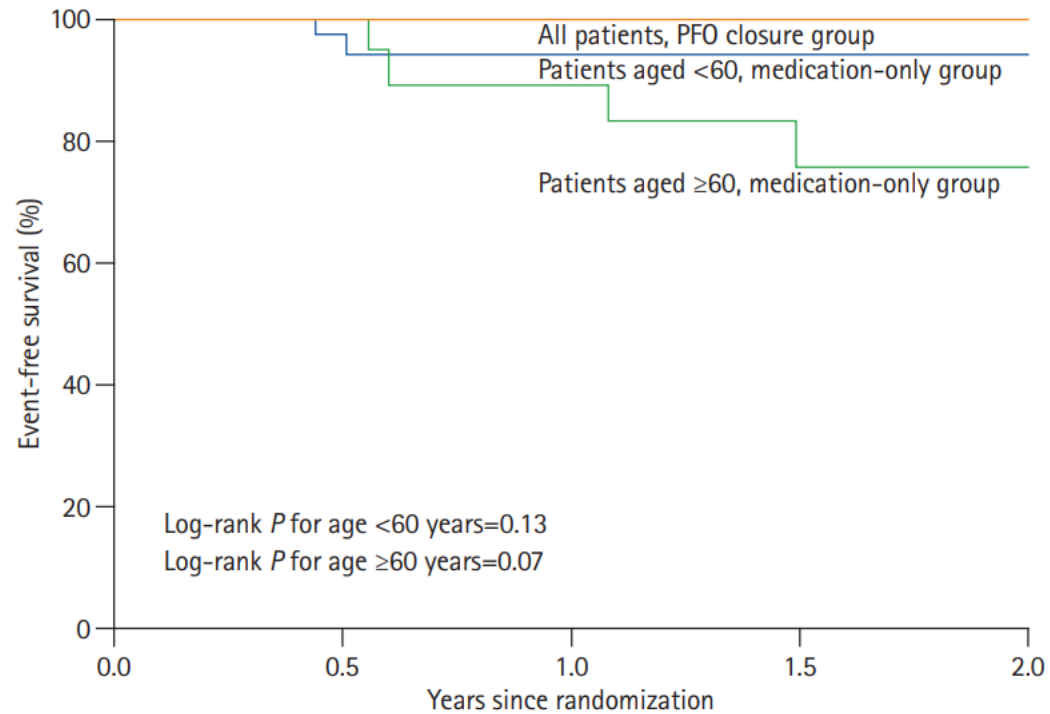
Observed-to-Expected Rates of TIA/Stroke

388 patients	The observed 2-year rate of TIA/stroke among patients with available RoPE score in the older group (n=271) was 3.3%, whereas the estimated 2-year recurrence according to the RoPE score was 10.6%, yielding an observed-to-expected ratio of 0.31 (95% CI, 0.11–0.91).	
Anatomical Moderate/ Interatrial	0.59 events per 100 patient-years	IRR: 6.1 (95%CI 1.7-27.3)
		0.09 events per 100 patient-years
	TIA	
	1.05 events per 100 patient-years	IRR: 4.6 (95%CI 1.96-12.1)
		0.22 events per 100 patient-years
	STROKE/TIA	
	1.64 events per 100 patient-years	IRR: 4.7 (95%CI 2.36-9.80)
		0.34 events per 100 patient-years

PFO closure in older patients



PFO closure vs. Medical treatment in older patients



Number at risk

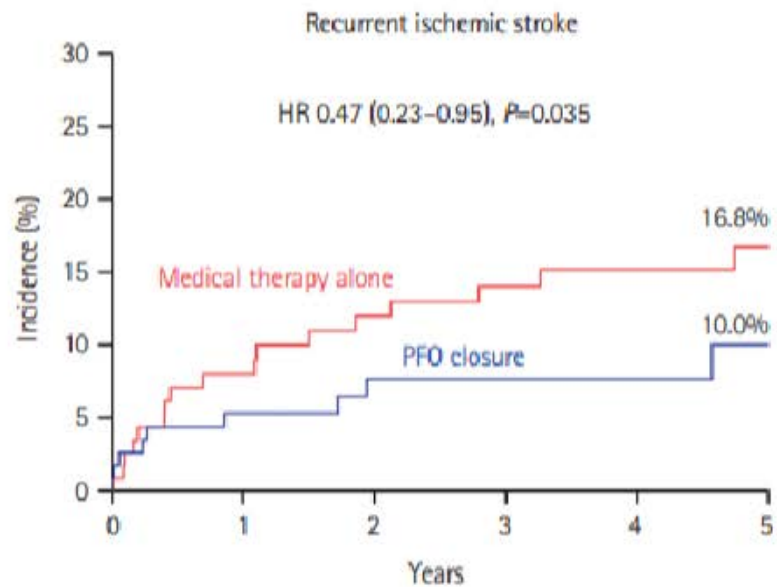
Age <60 years

PFO closure	47	39	35	31	29
Medication-only	39	32	28	26	25

Age \geq 60 years

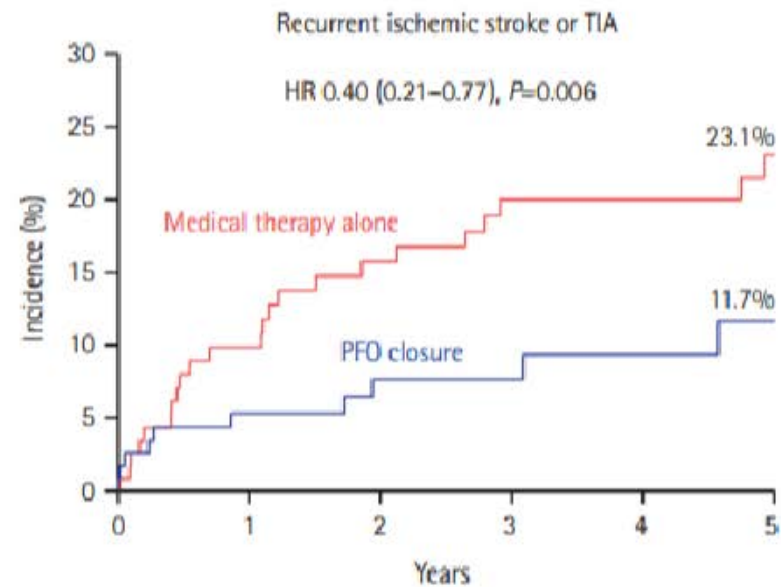
PFO closure	13	13	12	12	12
Medication-only	21	19	15	10	10

PFO closure vs. Medical treatment in older patients



Number at risk

Medical therapy alone	116	95	89	80	63	51
PFO closure	116	97	80	57	44	37



Number at risk

Medical therapy alone	116	93	85	74	60	48
PFO closure	116	97	80	57	44	37

DEVICE CLOSURE OF PATENT FORAMEN OVALE IN PATIENTS >60 YEARS WITH ISCHEMIC STROKE: RESULTS FROM U.S. MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

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Background and Objective



- Randomized clinical trials have demonstrated reduction of recurrent ischemic stroke events following transcatheter PFO closure in patients with age 18 – 60 years
- Data in patients with age>60 is currently lacking
 - Studies reporting device related outcomes in patients with age>60 are currently limited by cohort size
- **Objective of this study is to assess the clinical outcomes of U.S. Medicare beneficiaries >60 years old implanted with Abbott Amplatzer™ and Amplatzer™ Talisman™ PFO Occluder compared with those without the device**

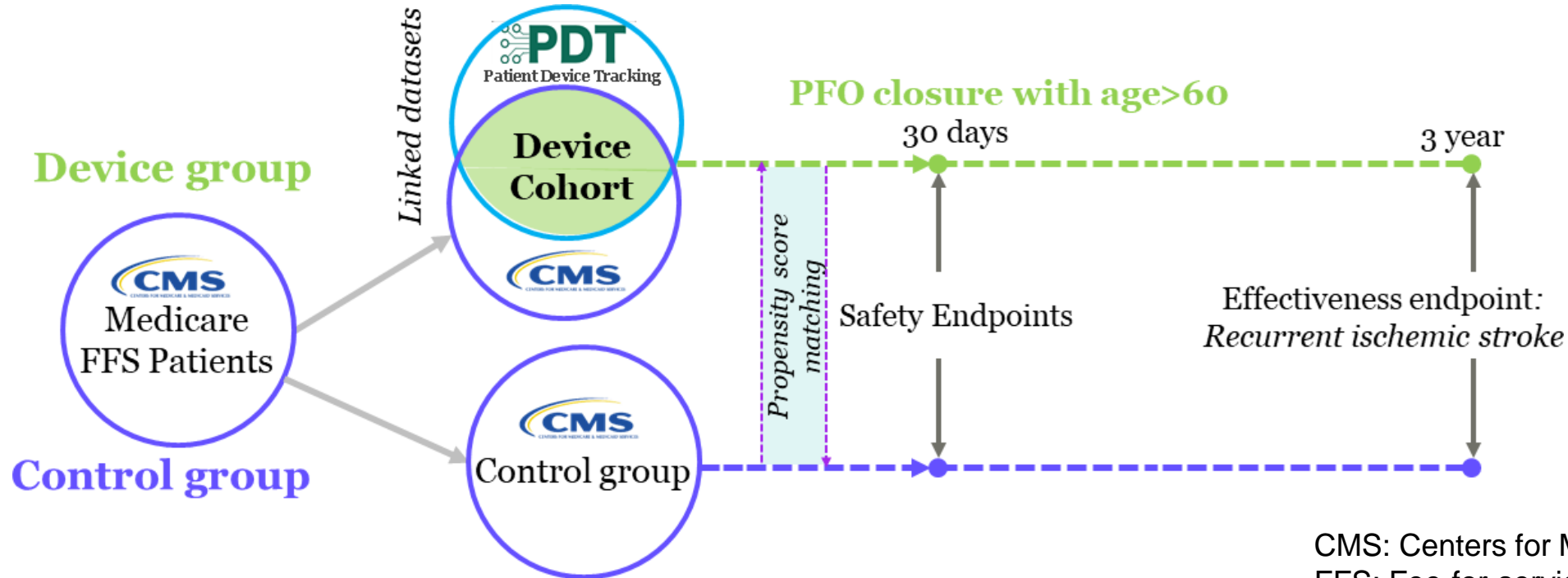


Methods



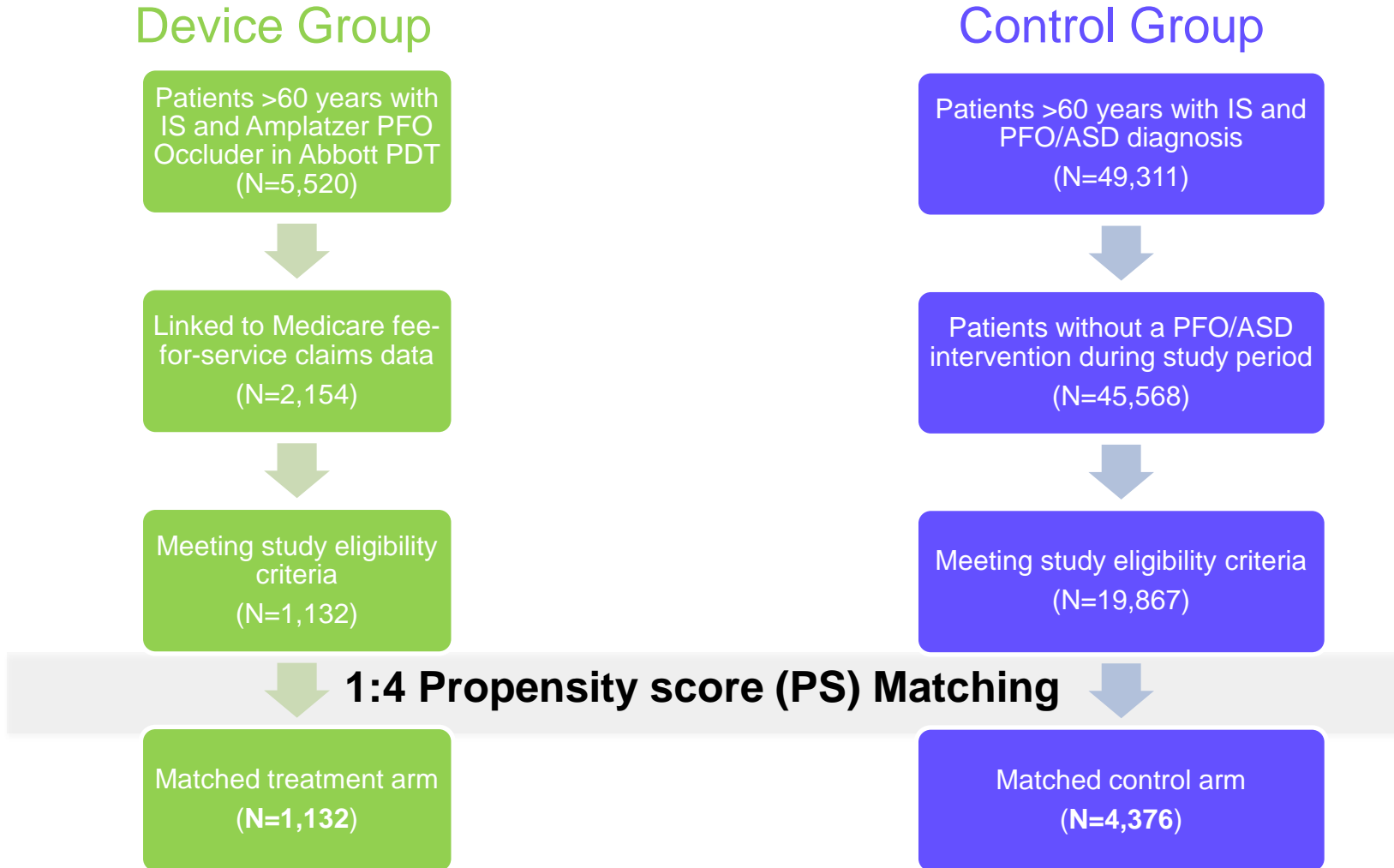
Retrospective observational study using Medicare administrative claims data

- Key Inclusion criteria: 6 months of prior enrollment, history of ischemic stroke diagnosis
- Key Exclusion criteria: history of atrial fibrillation or flutter



CMS: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
FFS: Fee-for-service
PDT: Patient device tracking

Methods: Consort diagram



IS: Ischemic stroke
ASD: Atrial septal defect
PFO: Patent foramen ovale
PDT: Patient device tracking

Results: Patient demographics



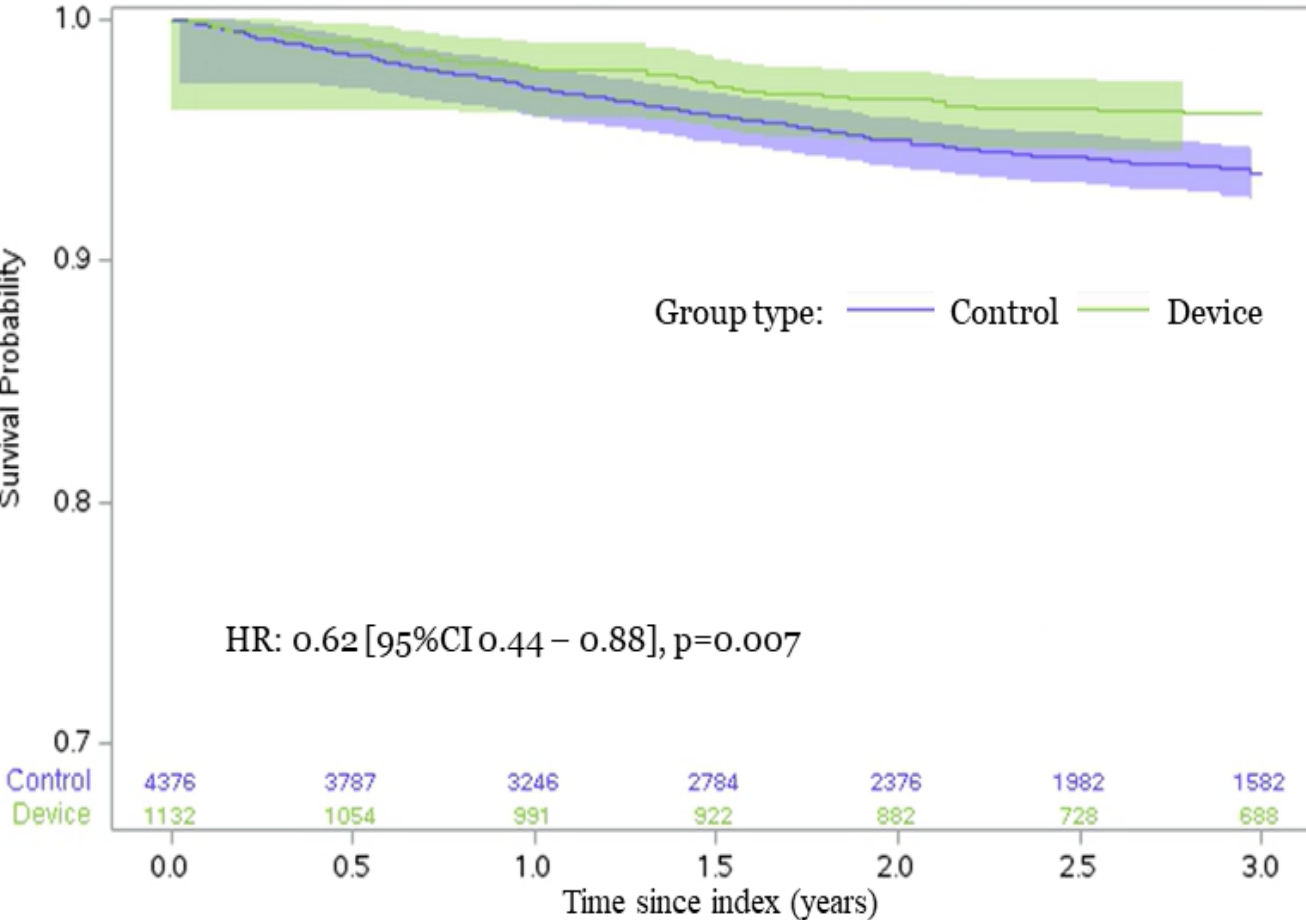
	Before matching			After matching		
	Device group (N=1,132)	Control group (N=19,867)	SMD	Device group (N=1,132)	Control group (N=4,376)	SMD
Age (years)	71.6±5.39	76.3±7.97	-0.691	71.6±5.39	71.8±6.11	-0.041
Female gender	510 (45.1%)	10,099 (50.8%)	-0.116	510 (45.1%)	1,938 (44.3%)	-0.015
Race						
White	983 (86.8%)	15,844 (79.8%)	0.191	983 (86.8%)	3,785 (86.5%)	0.010
Black	58 (5.1%)	2,113 (10.6%)	-0.206	58 (5.1%)	243 (5.6%)	-0.019
Other	91 (8.0%)	1,910 (9.6%)	-0.070	91 (8.0%)	348 (7.9%)	-0.010
Comorbidity						
Smoking	521 (46.0%)	10,528 (51.6%)	-0.112	521 (46.0%)	2,053 (46.9%)	-0.018
Hyperlipidemia	987 (87.2%)	17,784 (89.5%)	-0.073	987 (87.2%)	3,836 (87.7%)	-0.014
Systemic emboli	72 (6.4%)	1,191 (6.0%)	0.015	72 (6.4%)	291 (6.6%)	-0.012
Migraine	163 (14.4%)	1,339 (6.7%)	0.251	163 (14.4%)	577 (13.2%)	0.035
Peripheral vascular disease	394 (34.8%)	9,072 (45.7%)	-0.228	394 (34.8%)	1,533 (35.0%)	-0.005
Thrombophilia	99 (8.7%)	1,363 (6.9%)	0.070	99 (8.7%)	358 (8.2%)	0.02
Johns Hopkins claims-based frailty index (JH-CFI) category*						
Low-risk (<0.12)	644 (56.9%)	5,055 (25.4%)	0.674	644 (56.9%)	2,379 (54.4%)	0.051
Intermediate-risk (0.12-0.20)	275 (24.3%)	4,376 (22.0%)	0.054	275 (24.3%)	1,149 (26.3%)	-0.045
High-risk (>0.20)	213 (18.8%)	10,436 (52.5%)	-0.752	213 (18.8%)	848 (19.4%)	-0.014

SMD: Standardized mean difference
 *Segal et al., Development of a Claims-based Frailty Indicator Anchored to a Well-established Frailty Phenotype. Med. Care. 2017.

Results: Effectiveness endpoint through 3 years



Freedom from recurrent ischemic stroke



Event rate (per 100 PY)

Incidence rate ratio (IRR)
(control as reference)

Device 1.65 [1.18-2.13]

Control 2.66 [2.33-3.00]

0.62 [0.46-0.85]

Relative risk reduction (RRR)=**38%**

Conclusions



- **Largest** comparative study in patients over 60 years
- *Effectiveness endpoint*
 - Recurrent Ischemic stroke (IS) event rate post PFO implant is comparable to that reported in literature¹
 - RRR in age>60 was about **38%** compared to 59% in age<60² as seen in RCTs

Study	Sample size: Device	Recurrent IS event rate (device)	IRR / Hazard ratio
Current study (Incidence of Ischemic stroke in pts >60)	1,132	1.65 [1.18 – 2.13] per 100 PY	IRR: 0.62 [0.46-0.85] => RRR=38%
Alperi et al ¹ (Incidence of Stroke/TIA/peripheral embolism in pts >60 yrs)	388	1.61 [1.06 – 2.40] per 100 PY	NR
SCOPE consortium: Meta analysis ² of 6 PFO RCT's (Incidence of Ischemic stroke in from 6 PFO RCT's in age≤60)	1,889	0.47 [0.35 – 0.65] per 100 PY	HR: 0.41 [0.28 -0.60]] => RRR=59%

- *Safety endpoints*
 - Rate of patients with safety endpoint related outcomes is low
- In properly selected patients >60 years of age PFO closure may be beneficial in reducing recurrent ischemic stroke with a low incidence of adverse events.

1. [Alperi et al., Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale in Older Patients With Cryptogenic Thromboembolic Events. *Circ. Card. Interv.* 2022.](#)

2. [Kent et al, Heterogeneity of Treatment Effects in an Analysis of Pooled Individual Patient Data From Randomized Trials of Device Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale After Stroke. *JAMA* 2021](#)

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Expert consensus statement

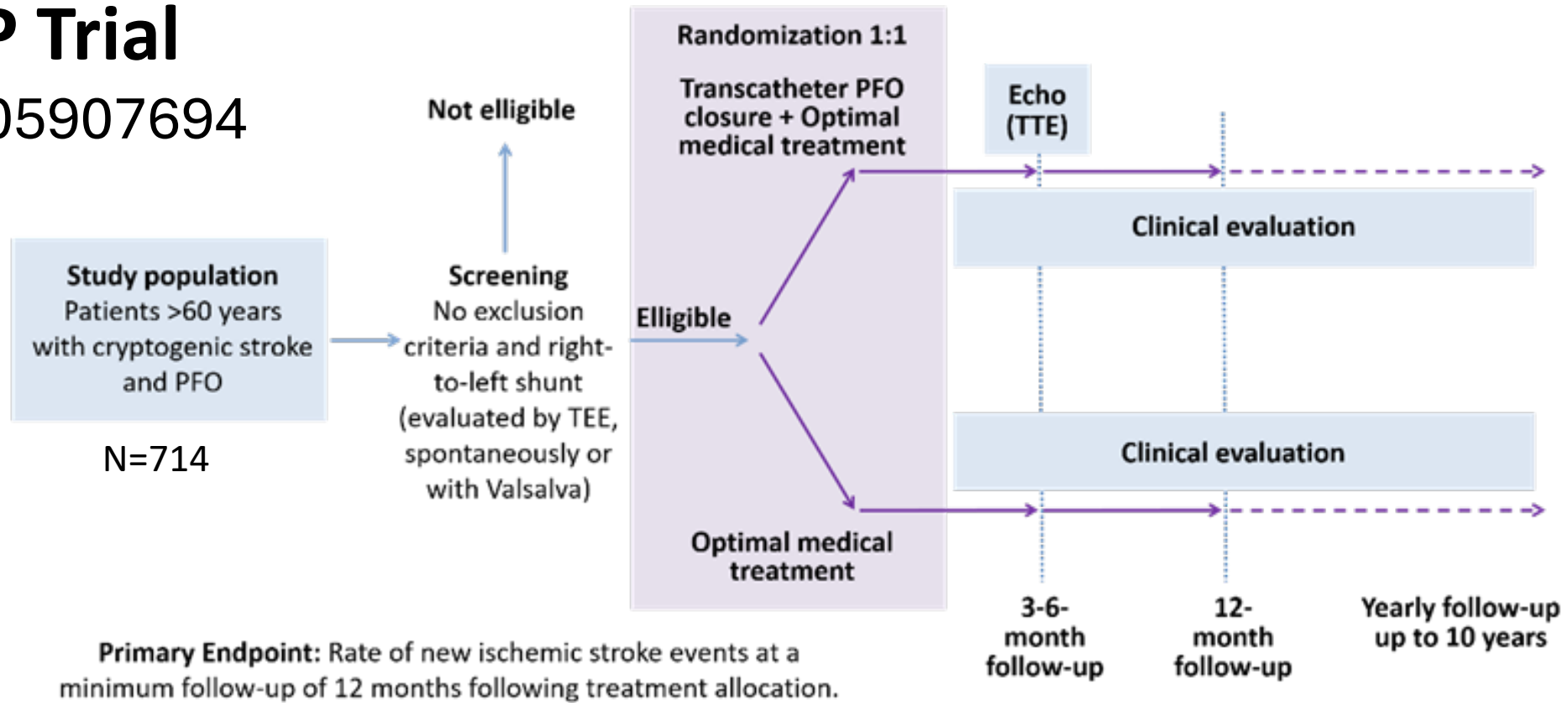
This panel encourages the inclusion of patients **older than 60 years old** with stroke and PFO in randomised trials whenever possible, or at least in a registry. If this is not possible, the majority of the module working group members suggest using the PASCAL Classification System and clinical judgement to guide therapy.

Vote: 8/9 experts agree

This panel suggests PFO closure in selected patients aged between 13 and 17 with PFO-related stroke according to PFO anatomy.

Vote: 9/9 experts agree

STOP Trial (NCT05907694)



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Study design

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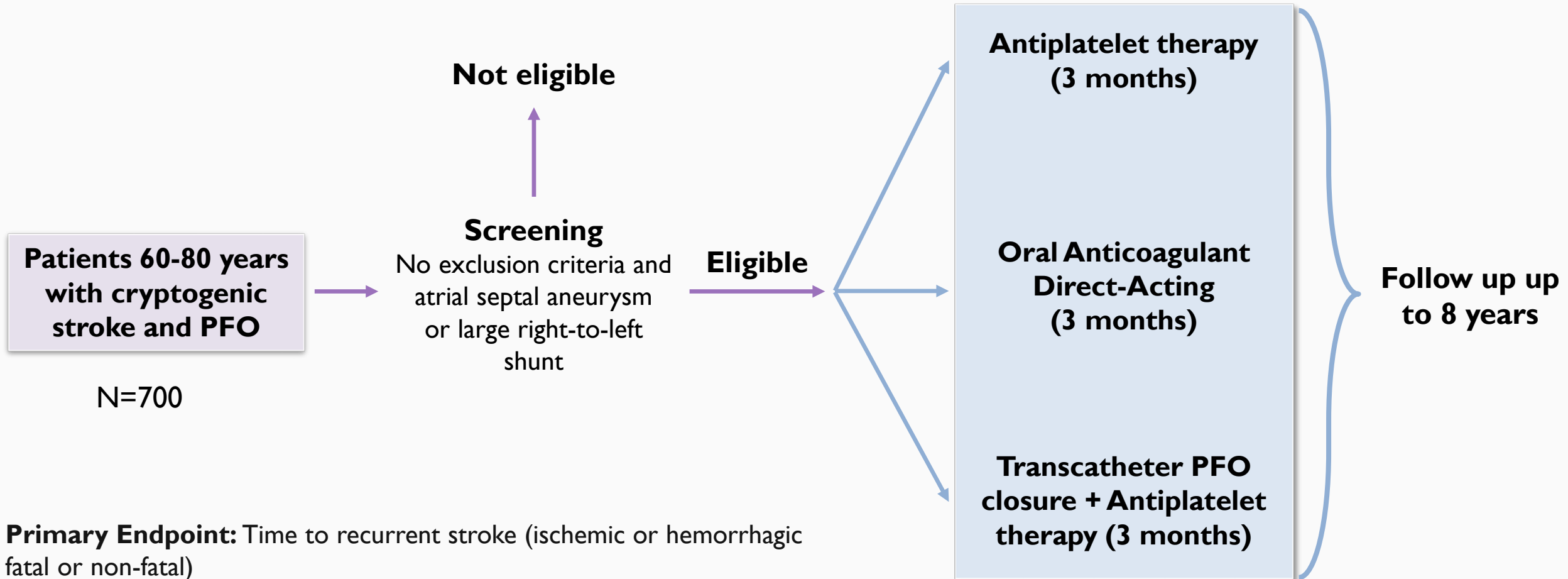
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CLOSE 2 TRIAL: STUDY DESIGN



Fermeture du foramen ovale perméable en haut de 60 ans: POUR

- FOP et patients âgés avec AVC cryptogénique: ↑ Prevalence; ↑ Risk
- Fermeture FOP: sécuritaire
- Études préliminaires: Diminution risque d'AVC (38% a 53%)
- Études randomisés: STOP, CLOSE 2