

# Is There (real) Gender Difference in Prognosis of Ischemic Heart Disease?



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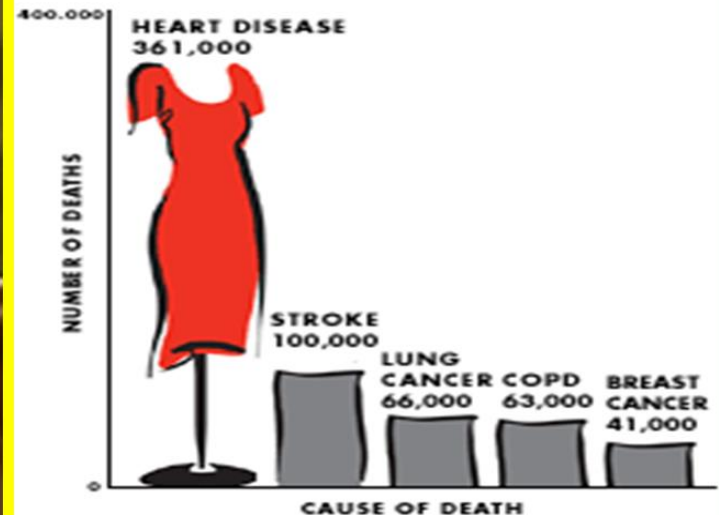
# Underestimated ischemic heart disease in women

## THE NO. 1 KILLER OF WOMEN

► One out of three women will die of **HEART DISEASE**. What you can do to **protect yourself** ►



### LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH FOR AMERICAN WOMEN (2001)



### What women think they will die of :

BREAST CANCER	40-60%
Heart Disease	15-18%

### What women ACTUALLY die from:

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	53%
Breast Cancer	4%

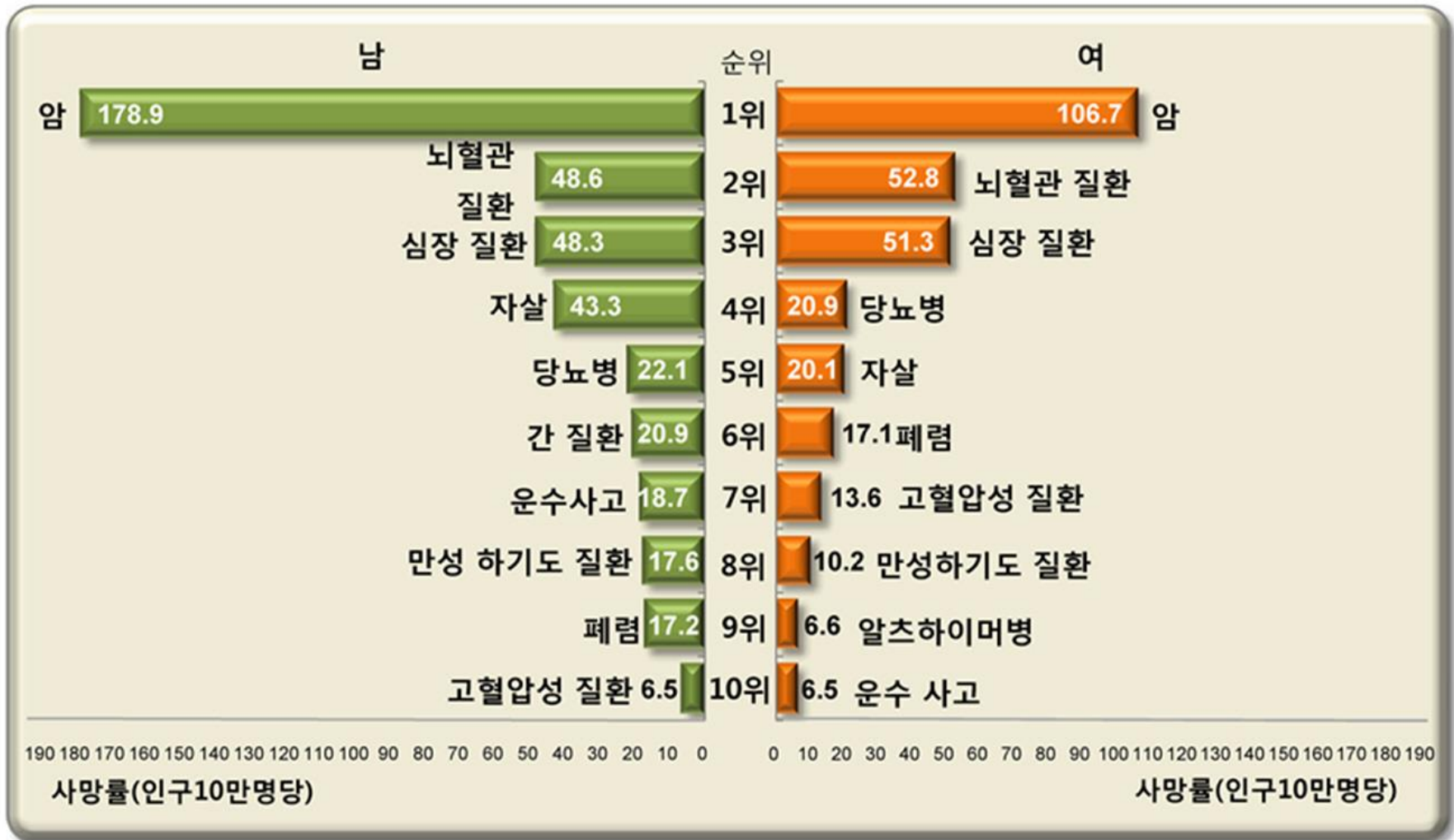
# Go Red for women



**Americans nationwide will take women's health to heart by wearing red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness**



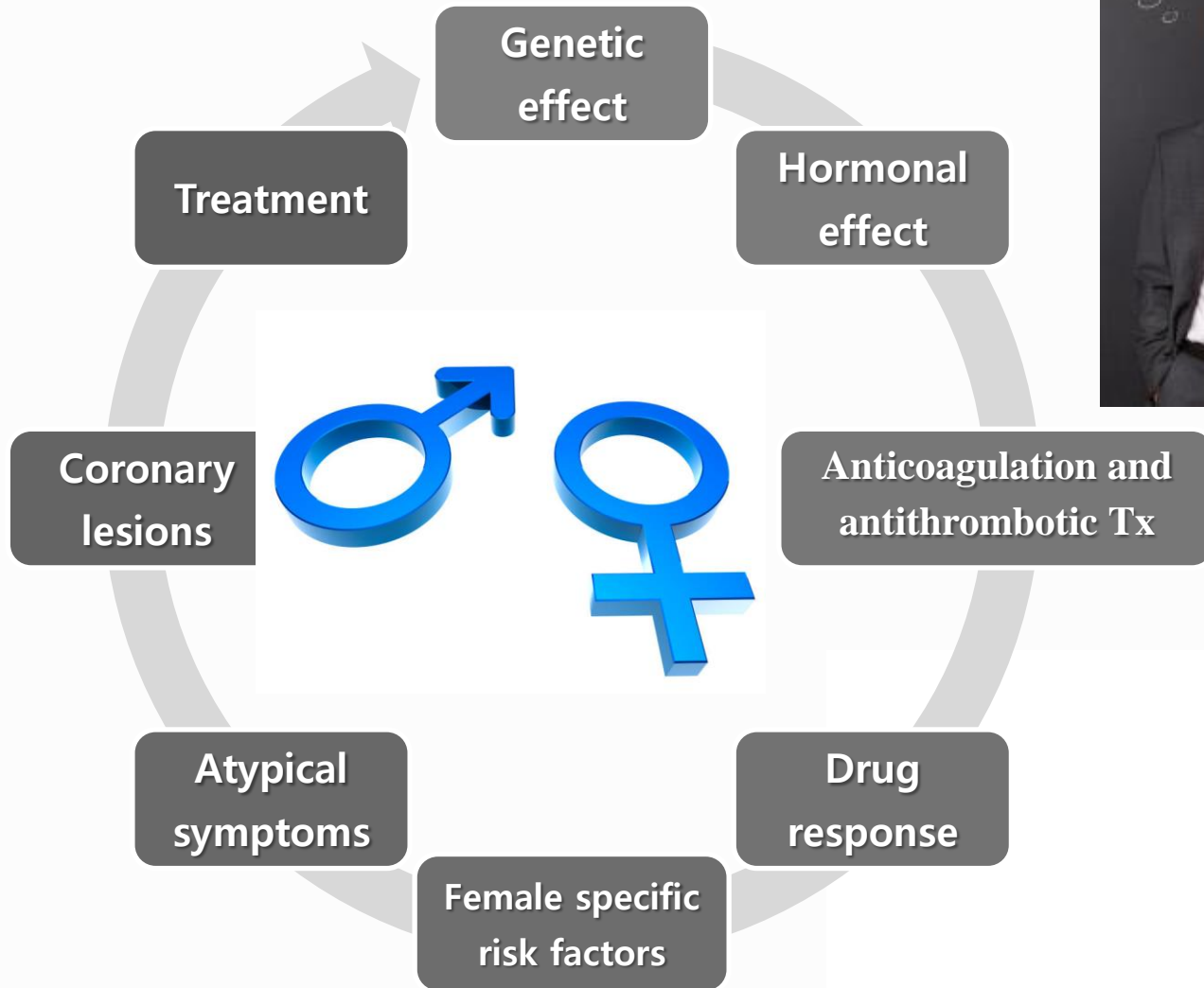
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# What is different ?



# 1. Gender Differences : Genetic Risk Profiles for CVD

- Estimate whether the genetic risk profiles of CVD differ between the genders

## False discovery rate analysis between men and women

239 variants in 46 candidate genes from selected pathways:  
- Inflammation & thrombosis 32 genes  
- Lipid & energy metabolism 8 genes  
- Other 6 genes  
(Table 3, Suppl. table 1)



FINRISK 92 case-cohort set:  
- Time-to-event analysis for CHD, ischemic stroke, CVD and all-cause mortality  
- Association with quantitative CVD risk factors

172 variants in 27 genes

60% false  
discovery rate  
cut off



FINRISK 97 case-cohort set:  
- Time-to-event analysis for CHD, ischemic stroke, CVD and all-cause mortality  
- Association with quantitative CVD risk factors



## Primary analysis

- : FINRISK 92 & 97 case-cohort sets
- Time to event analysis for CVD
- **Genotype-sex interaction analysis for CVD**
- Association with quantitative CVD risk factors in the subcohort free of disease at baseline
- **Genotype-sex interaction analysis for quantitative CVD risk factors**



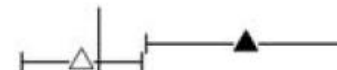
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## Gender-specific association between variants and CVD

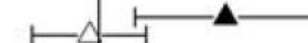
■ / □ Dominant model Women / Men  
▲ / △ Multiplicative model Women / Men  
● / ○ Recessive model Women / Men

USF1 rs2774279 C/T



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LPIN rs10192566 C/G



0.01

IL6 rs2069840 C/G



0.004

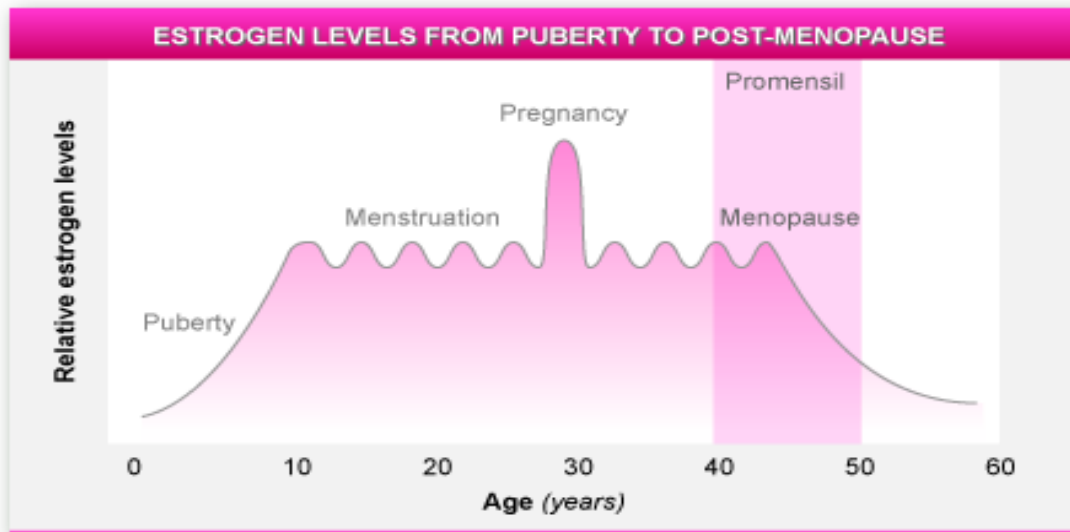
**Genetic risk loci for CVD are more detectable in women, while for men they are more confounded by environmental/lifestyle risk factors.**



## 2. Hormonal Differences : Menopause

- Exposure to endogenous estrogens delays the manifestation of atherosclerotic disease in women
- Women with an early menopause (<40 years)
  - ➔ 2 year lower life expectancy compared with women with a normal or late menopause
- Young women with endogenous estrogen deficiency 7x increase in coronary artery risk

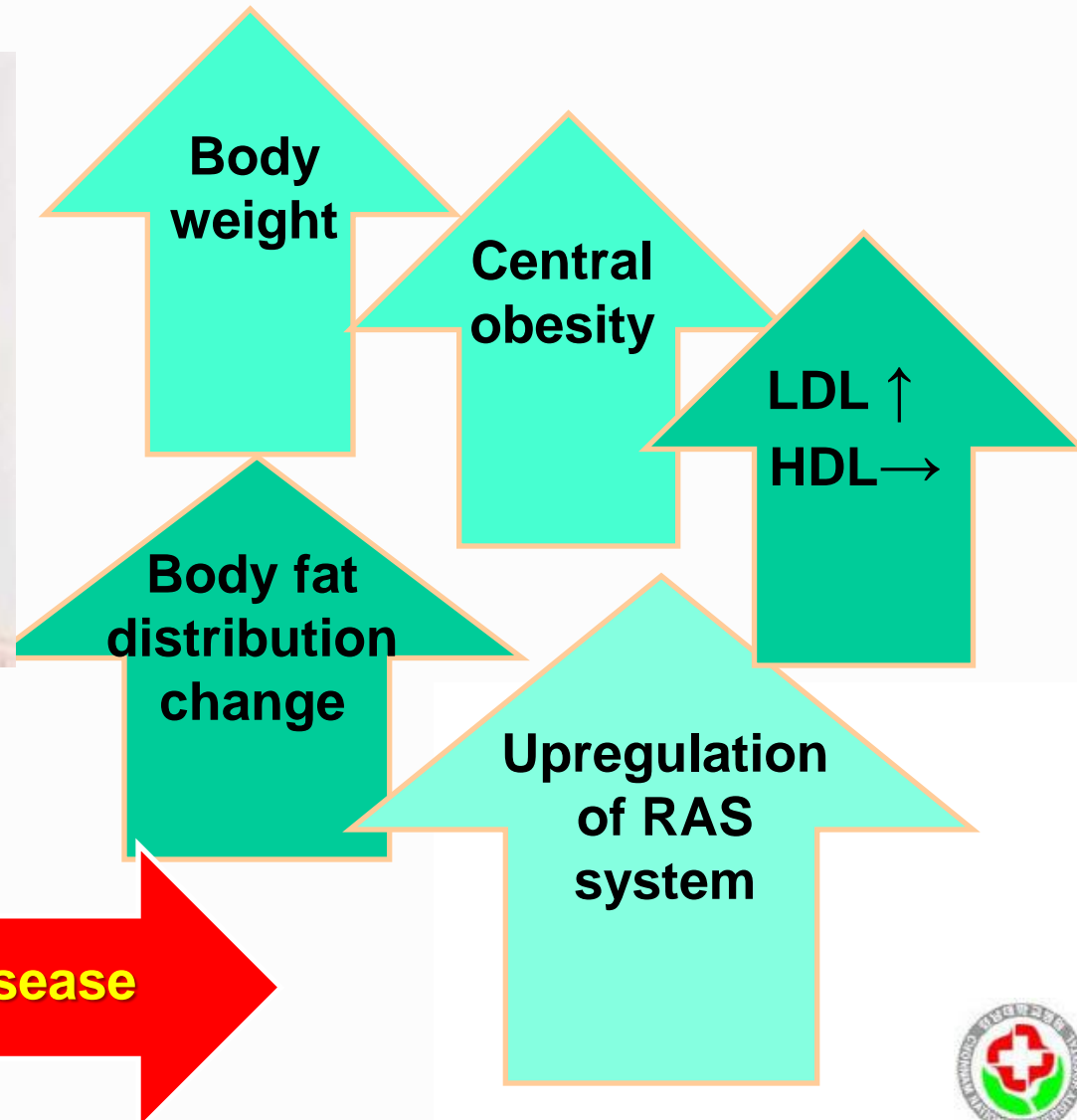
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- **Sexual hormones: Effects on cardiac and mitochondrial activity after ischemia–reperfusion in adult rats. Gender difference**

**Influence of sex hormones on heart and mitochondrial functions, from adult castrated female and male, and intact rats**

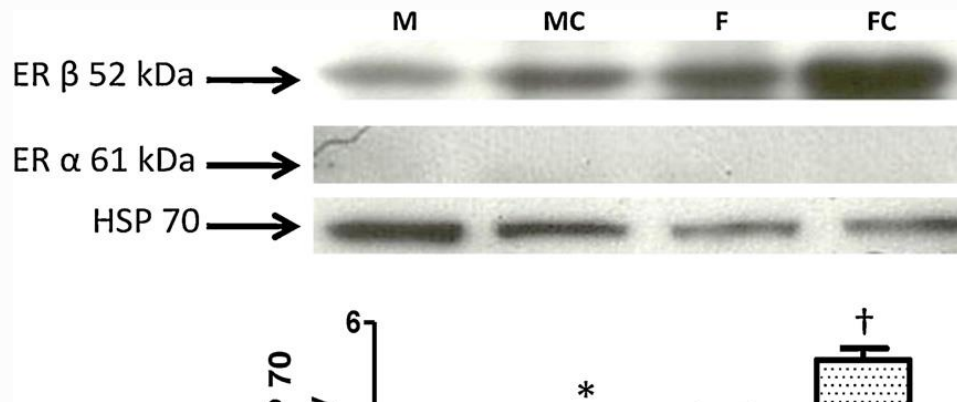
- **Mitochondria are involved in cell survival and are important targets for estrogen actions.**
- **Estrogen receptor has been described in mitochondria of different kinds of cells, such as primary cardiomyocytes.**



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Western blot analysis of ER  $\alpha$  and ER  $\beta$  from intact and castrated, female and male rats mitochondria

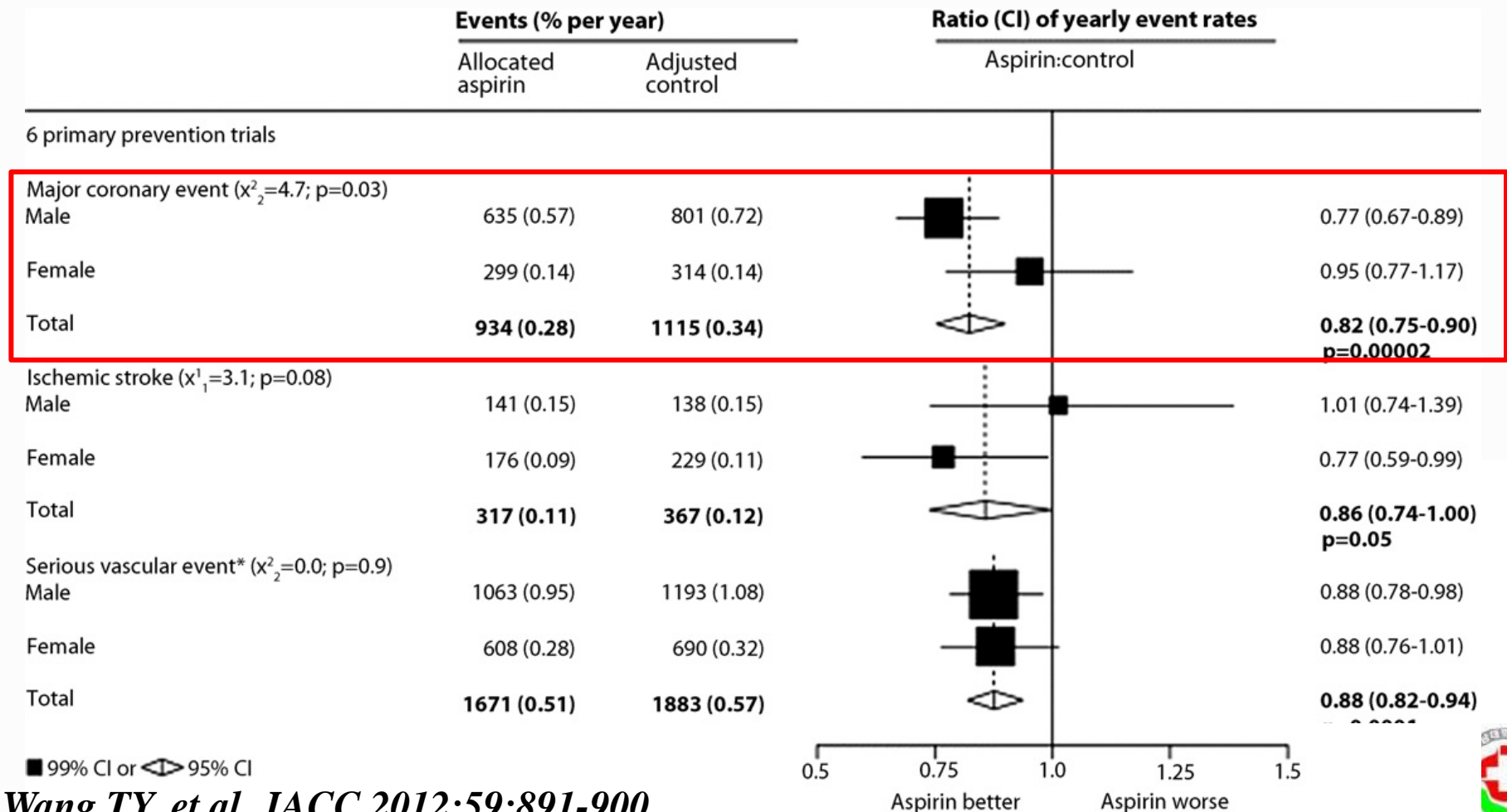


Cardiac function were worst in intact males and castrated females as compared with those found in intact females and castrated males.

# 3. Gender differences in anticoagulation and antithrombotic Tx

## ■ Platelet Biology and Response to Antiplatelet Therapy in Women

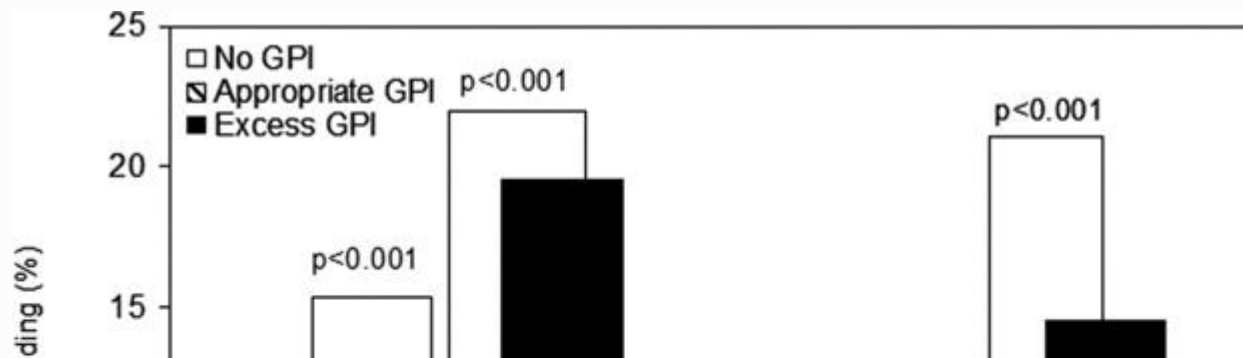
### Selected outcomes in primary prevention trials of aspirin, by sex



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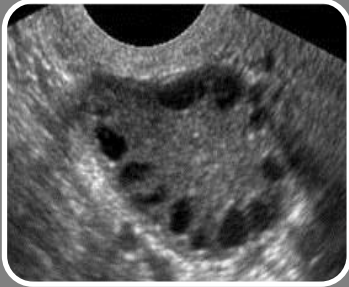
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##### Major bleeding by sex and GPI dosing



Women respond differently from men to antithrombotic therapies – showing a greater propensity for bleeding, even c/ appropriate dosing, and differential benefit in terms of prevention of ischemic events.

## 5. Female-specific risk factors



**Polycystic ovary disease**

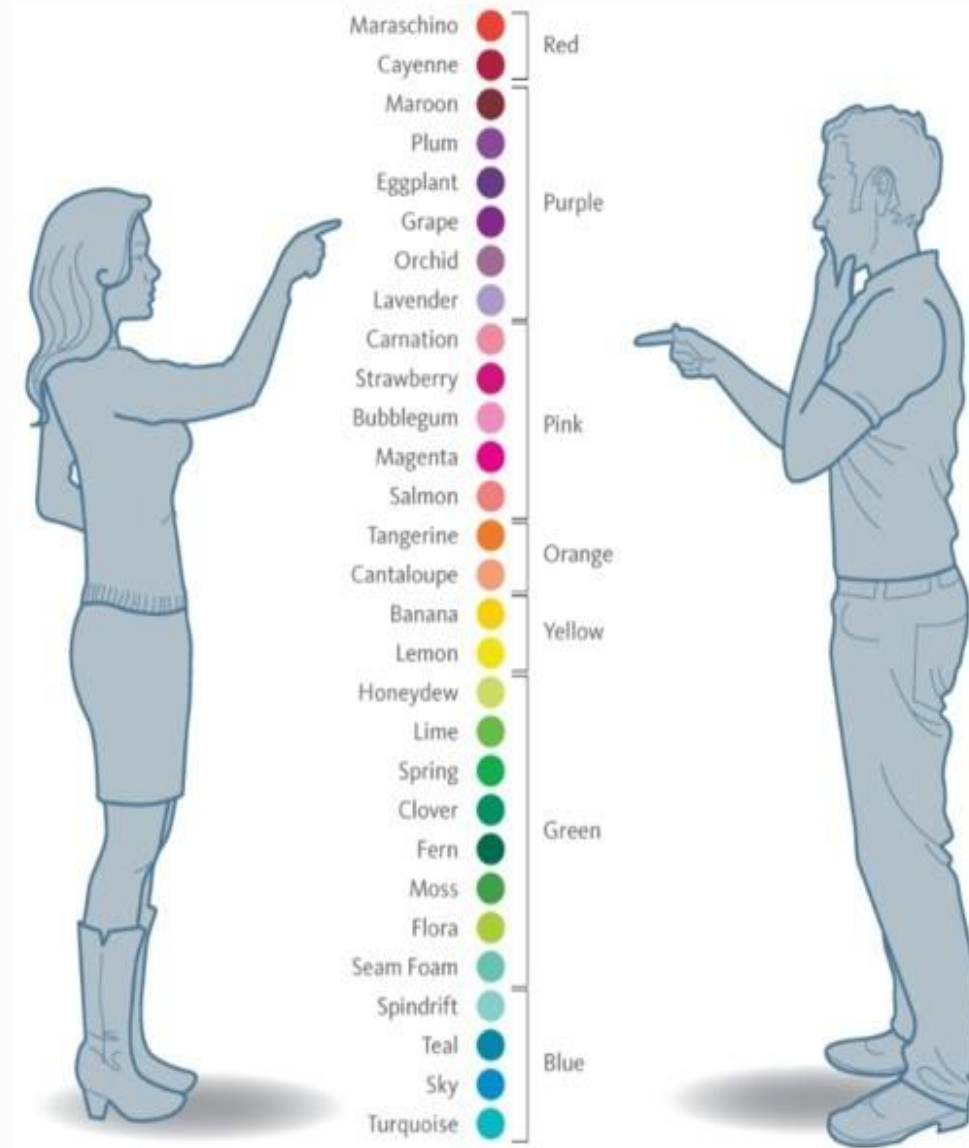


**Hypertensive disease in pregnancy**



**Gestational diabetes**

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# 6. Gender Differences in Symptoms

- Presenting symptoms among patients with documented MI without chest pain



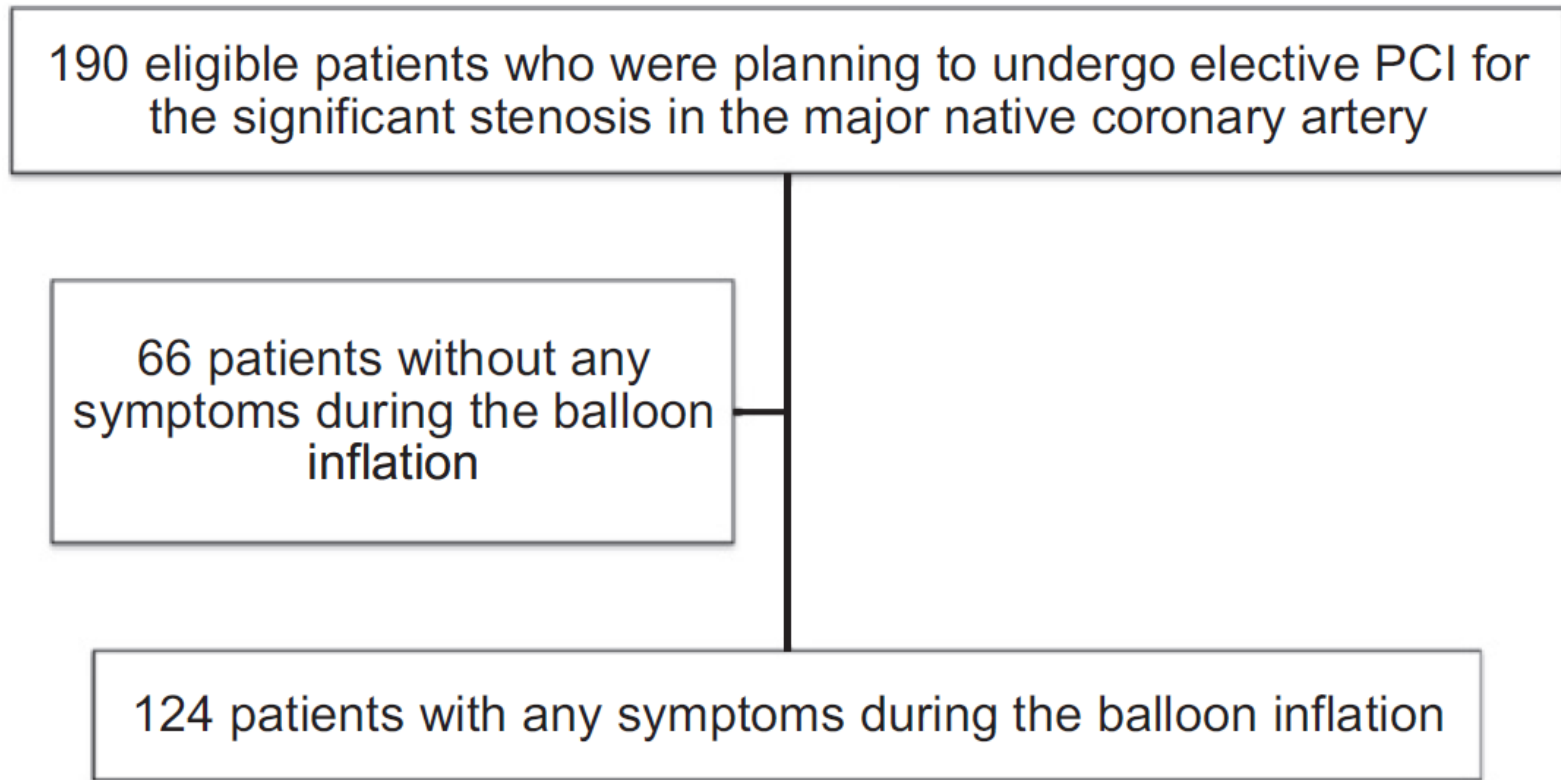
	682 men	344 women	p value
Presyncope	144 (21%)	76 (22%)	0.75
Dyspnea	282 (41%)	144 (42%)	0.89
Palpitation	29 (4.3%)	21 (6.1%)	0.22
<b>Jaw pain</b>	27 (4.0%)	36 (10%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Nausea or vomiting</b>	154 (23%)	111 (32%)	<b>0.001</b>
Diaphoresis	203 (30%)	83 (24%)	0.07

**Women with ACS more likely to have atypical symptom  
→ Sometimes misdiagnosed, delayed treatment**



# 6. Gender Differences in Symptoms

## ■ Gender Differences in Symptoms During 60-Second Balloon Occlusion of the Coronary Artery



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### Incidence of chest pain and non-chest pain symptoms during 60-second balloon inflation

Variable	Men (n = 72)	Women (n = 52)	p Value
Chest pain	72 (100)	50 (96)	0.96
Non-chest pain symptoms	10 (14)	16 (31)	0.02
Right shoulder/upper arm pain	0 (0)	3 (6)	0.07
Left shoulder/upper arm pain	8 (11)	4 (8)	0.76
Jaw pain	1 (1)	0 (0)	1.00
Neck/throat pain	1 (1)	8 (15)	0.12

**Non-chest pain symptoms during the 60-second balloon occlusion of the coronary artery were more common in women than in men, supporting the presence of the gender difference in myocardial ischemic symptoms**



# 7. Gender Differences in coronary lesion

## ■ Gender and the Extent of Coronary Atherosclerosis, Plaque Composition, and Clinical Outcomes in ACS

### Baseline QCA Characteristics of NC Lesions According to Sex

	Univariate Analysis			Female Sex In Multivariable Analysis		
	Men	Women	p Value	Coefficient	SE	p Value
All NC lesions	n = 1,417	n = 397				
<u>Number of NC lesions</u>	2.72 ± 2.03	2.38 ± 1.84	0.05	-0.509	0.183	0.0053
<u>Vessels with NC lesions</u>	1.46 ± 0.98	1.29 ± 0.98	0.048	-0.282	0.091	0.0001
<u>Total length of NC lesions, mm</u>	20.6 [9.0-38.4]	16.6 [7.0-30.6]	0.008	-0.825	1.713	0.0001
Lesion location						
Right coronary artery	28.9% (410/1,417)	27.2% (108/397)	0.50	—	—	—
Left main artery	0.6% (8/1,417)	0.3% (1/397)	0.69	—	—	—
Left anterior descending artery	39.1% (554/1,417)	43.3% (172/397)	0.13	—	—	—
Left circumflex artery	31.4% (445/1,417)	29.2% (116/397)	0.41	—	—	—
<u>Lesion length, mm</u>	8.3 [5.7-12.4]	7.6 [5.1-11.3]	0.01	-1.747	0.690	0.011
Reference vessel diameter, mm	2.3 [1.9-2.8]	2.2 [1.8-2.7]	0.01	-0.005	0.062	0.936
Minimal luminal diameter, mm	1.4 [1.1-1.9]	1.4 [1.0-1.8]	0.08	0.041	0.059	0.491
Diameter stenosis, %	37.4 [31.8-46.3]	37.3 [31.9-46.9]	0.77	—	—	—



# 7. Gender Differences in coronary lesion

## Baseline IVUS Characteristics of Coronary Tree According to Sex

	Univariate Analysis			Female Sex in Multivariable Analysis		
	Men (n = 508)	Women (n = 152)	p Value	Coefficient	SD Error	p Value
Total IVUS length analyzed, mm	175.5 [137.4–217.2]	166.5 [125.3–210.4]	0.07			
Number of NC lesions/patient	5 [4–6]	4 [3–6]	0.002	–0.509	0.183	0.005
Echolucent NC plaques	17.5% (89/508)	13.8% (21/152)	0.28	—	—	—
<u>Ruptured NC plaques</u>	16.3% (83/508)	6.6% (10/152)	0.002	–0.949	0.330	0.004
Number of NC lesions	2,558	671				
Lesion length, mm	11.5 [5.9–21.8]	10.6 [5.2–20.5]	0.05	—	—	—
<u>MLA, mm<sup>2</sup></u>	6.0 [4.4–8.3]	5.2 [4.0–7.0]	<0.0001	–0.830	0.145	<0.0001
MLA <4 mm <sup>2</sup>	18.6% (475)	24.1% (162)	0.001	0.307	0.125	0.014
MLD, mm	2.5 [2.1–2.9]	2.2 [2.0–2.7]	<0.0001	0.041	0.050	0.401

Women have less extensive coronary artery disease by angiographic and IVUS measures, and that lesions in women compared with men have less plaque rupture, less necrotic core and calcium, similar plaque burden, and smaller lumens. TCFA was a stronger marker of plaque vulnerability

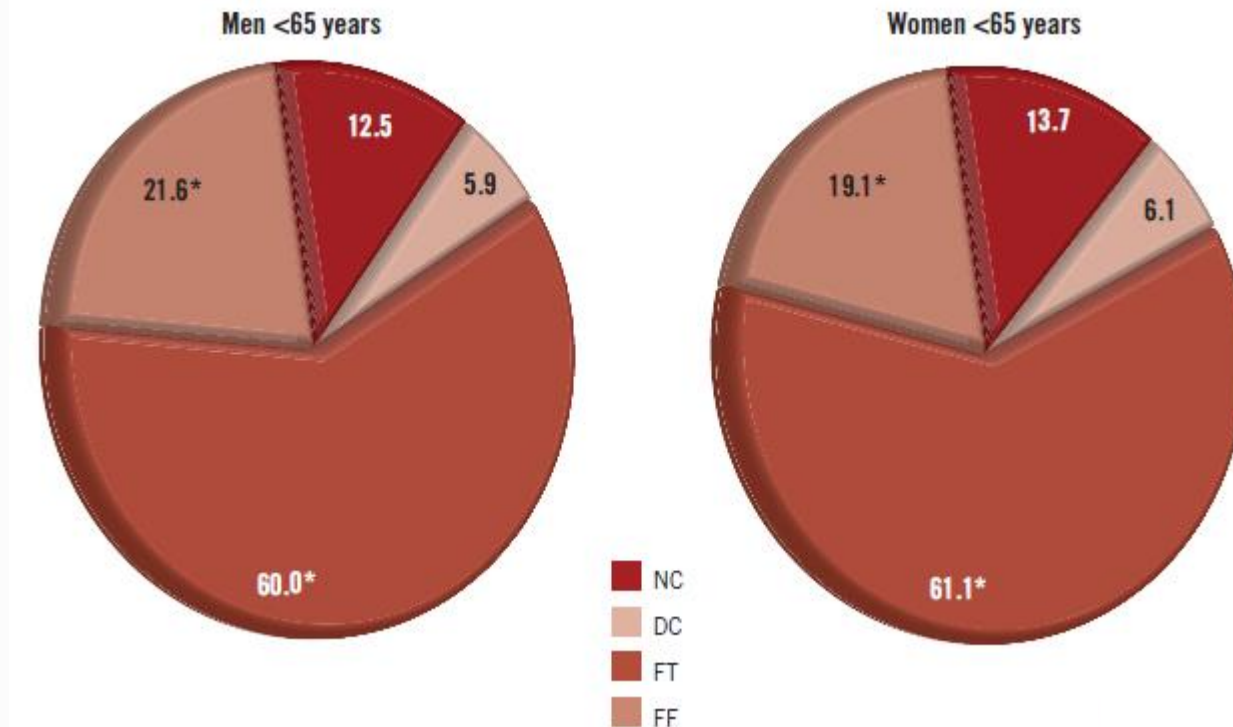
Remodeling index	0.93 [0.85–1.00]	0.94 [0.85–1.00]	0.65	—	—	—
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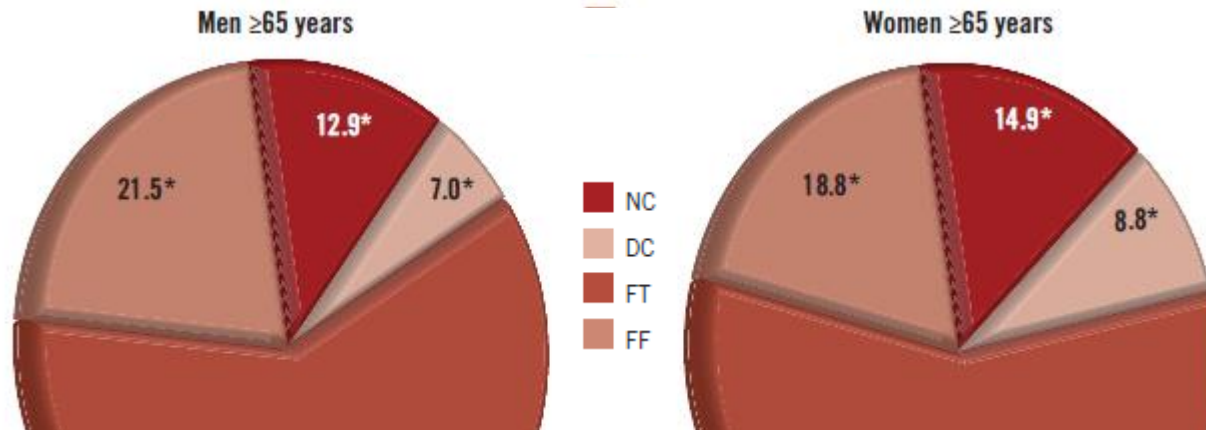
- Age- and gender-related changes in plaque composition in patients with acute coronary syndrome: the PROSPECT study

## Distribution of the four VH-IVUS plaque components in the non-culprit lesions according to gender



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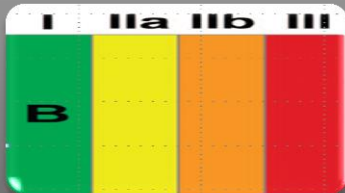


Gender-specific differences in the extent and composition of coronary plaque are present in patients <65 years (but not ≥65 years) of age:

Man had a greater number of fibroatheromas and NCLs per patient with larger plaque volumes, and fewer fibrotic plaques than women in the same age group.

# 8. Gender Differences in treatment

## ■ 2007 ACC/AHA Guideline - UA/NSTEMI (For women)



Women with UA/NSTEMI should be managed with the same pharmacological therapy as men both in the hospital and for secondary prevention



Recommended indications for noninvasive testing in women with UA/NSTEMI are similar to those for men



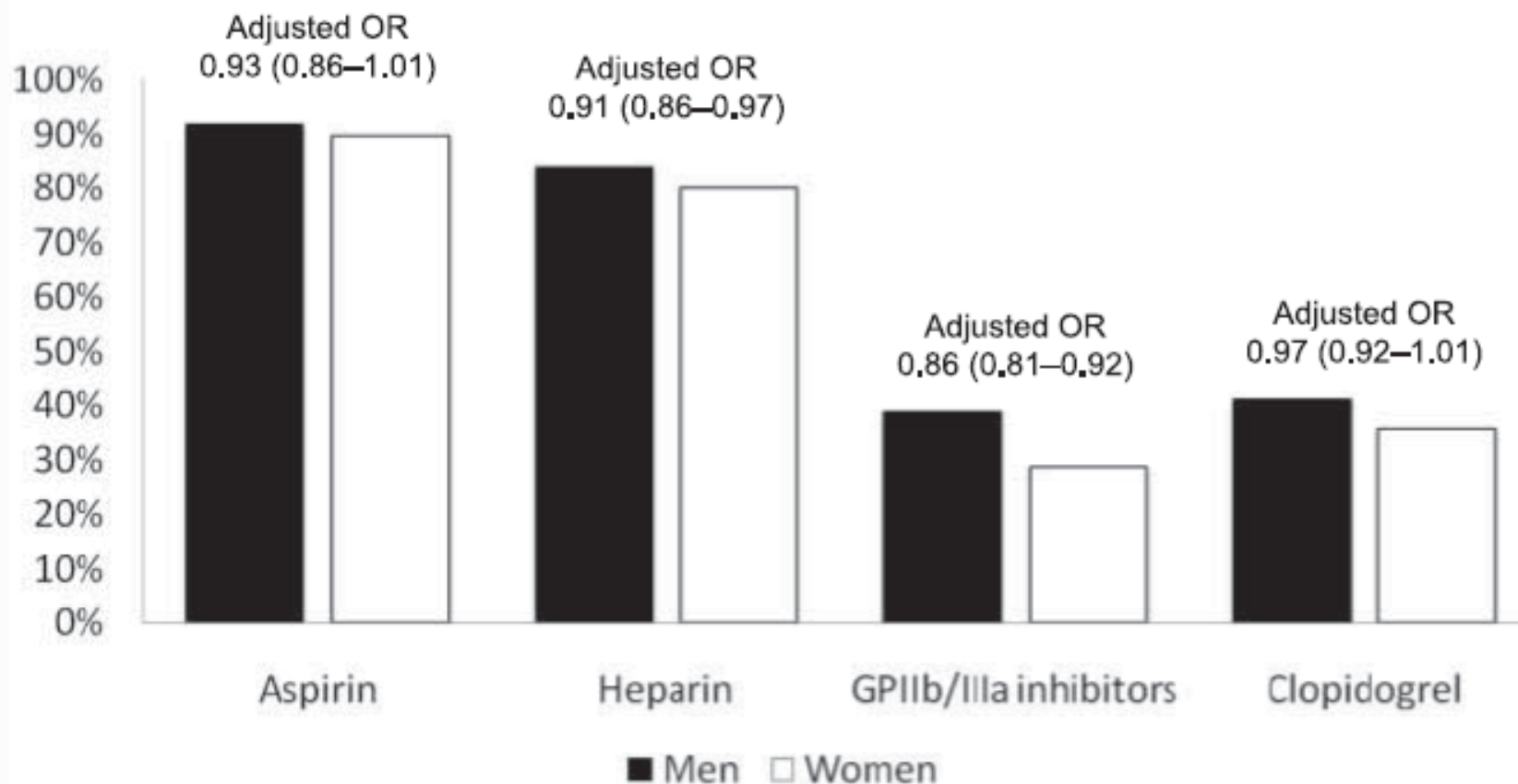
For women with high risk features, recommendations for invasive strategy are similar to those of men



For women with low risk features, a conservative strategy is recommended

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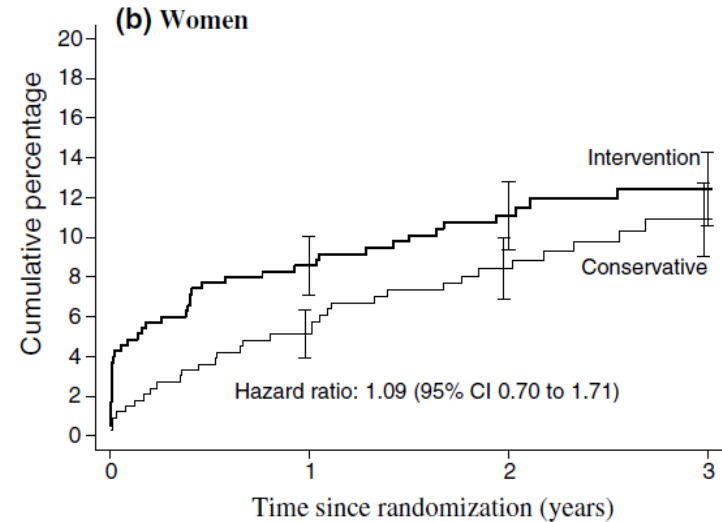
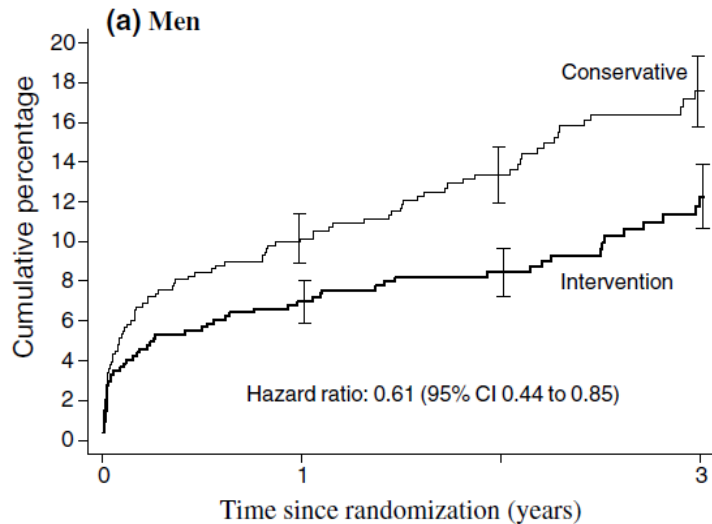
## ■ Use of medical treatment by gender in the CRUSADE study





# 8. Gender Differences in treatment

- Do men benefit more than women from an interventional strategy in patients with UA or NSTEMI?



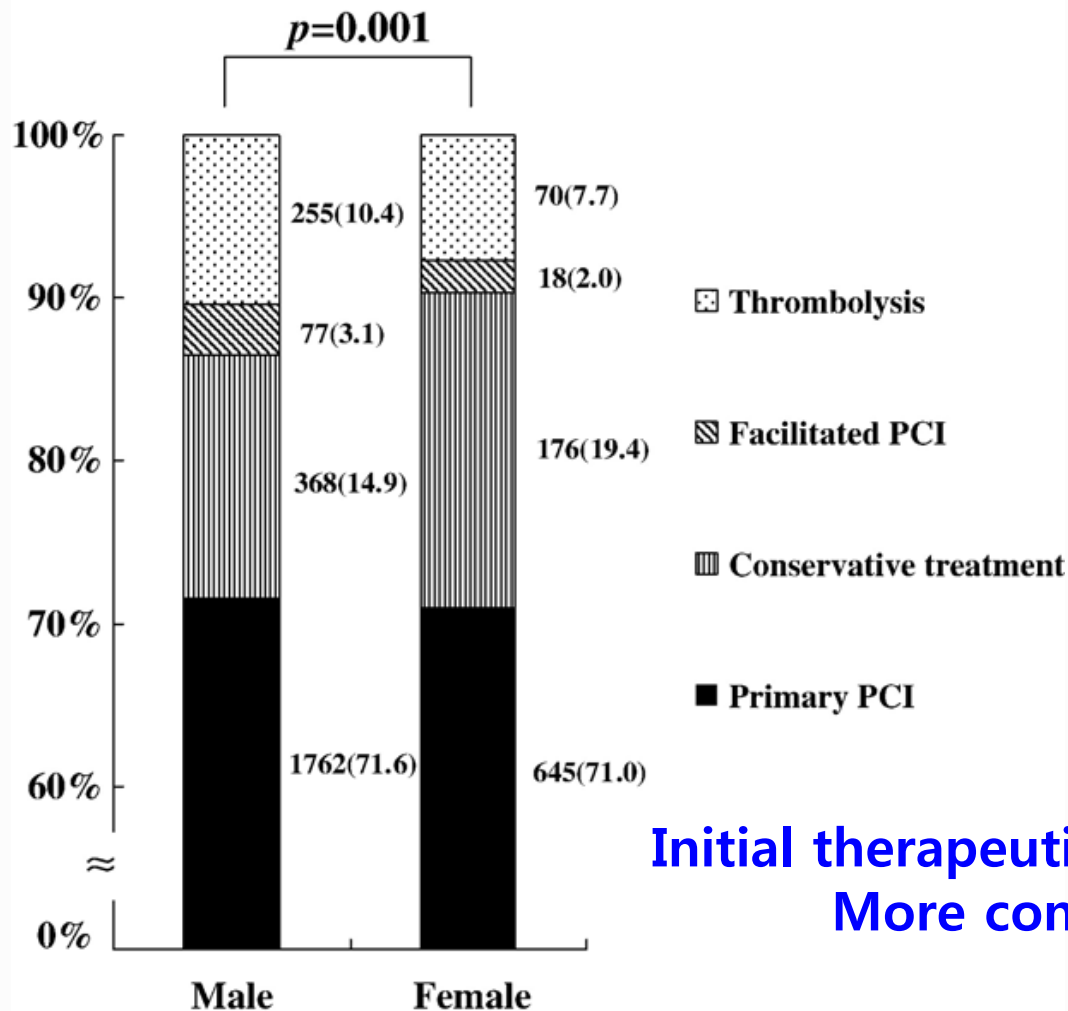
Time since randomization (years)	Intervention	Conservative
0	545	545
1	491	491
2	354	354
3	189	189

An early intervention strategy resulted in a beneficial effect in men which was not seen in women although caution is needed in interpretation.



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- Gender differences of success rate of PCI and short term cardiac events

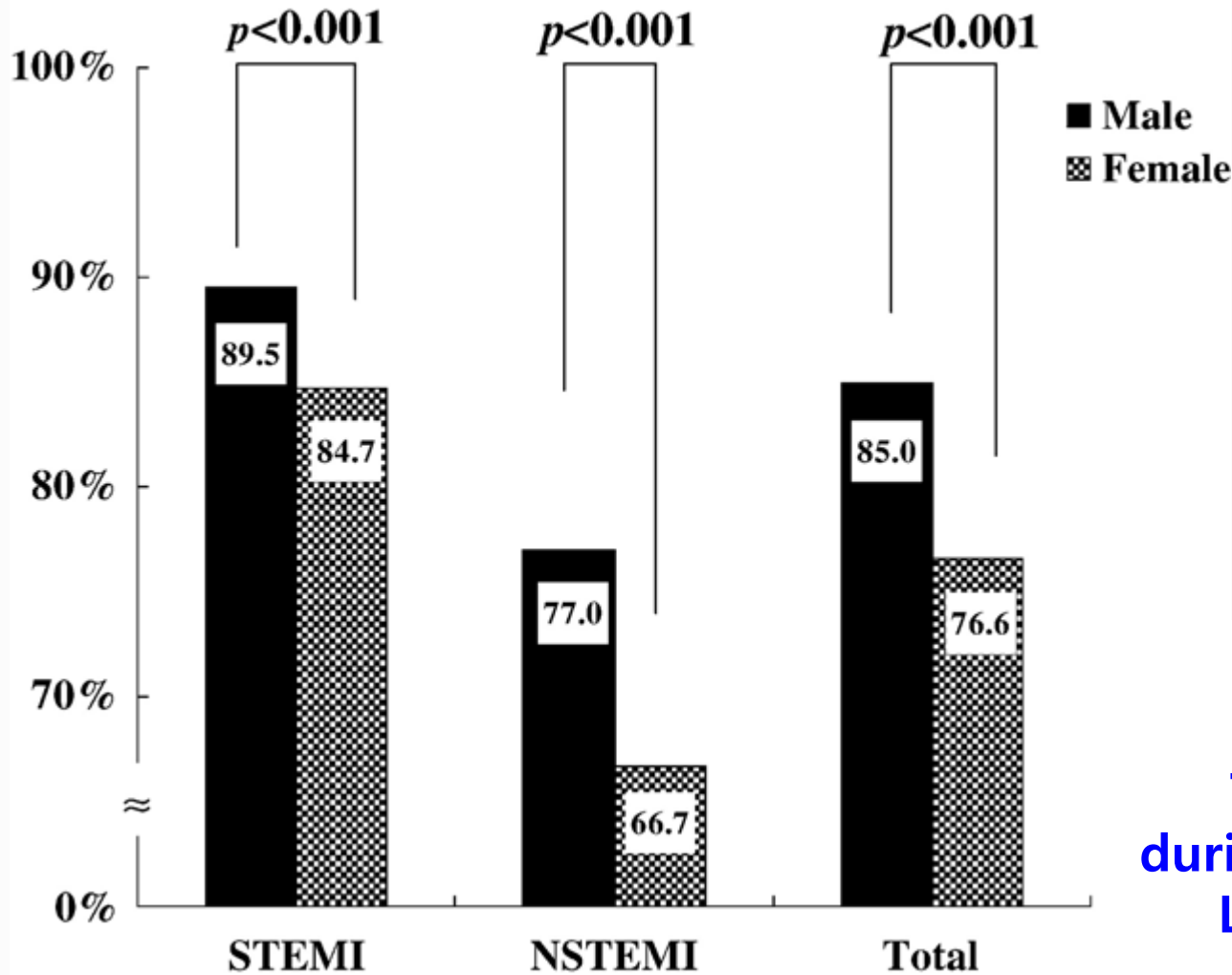


Initial therapeutic strategy in acute STEMI:  
More conservative in female



# 8. Gender Differences in treatment

## ■ Gender differences of success rate of PCI and short term cardiac events



The rate of PCI during hospitalization: Lower in female



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## ■ One month clinical follow-up for the development of MACEs

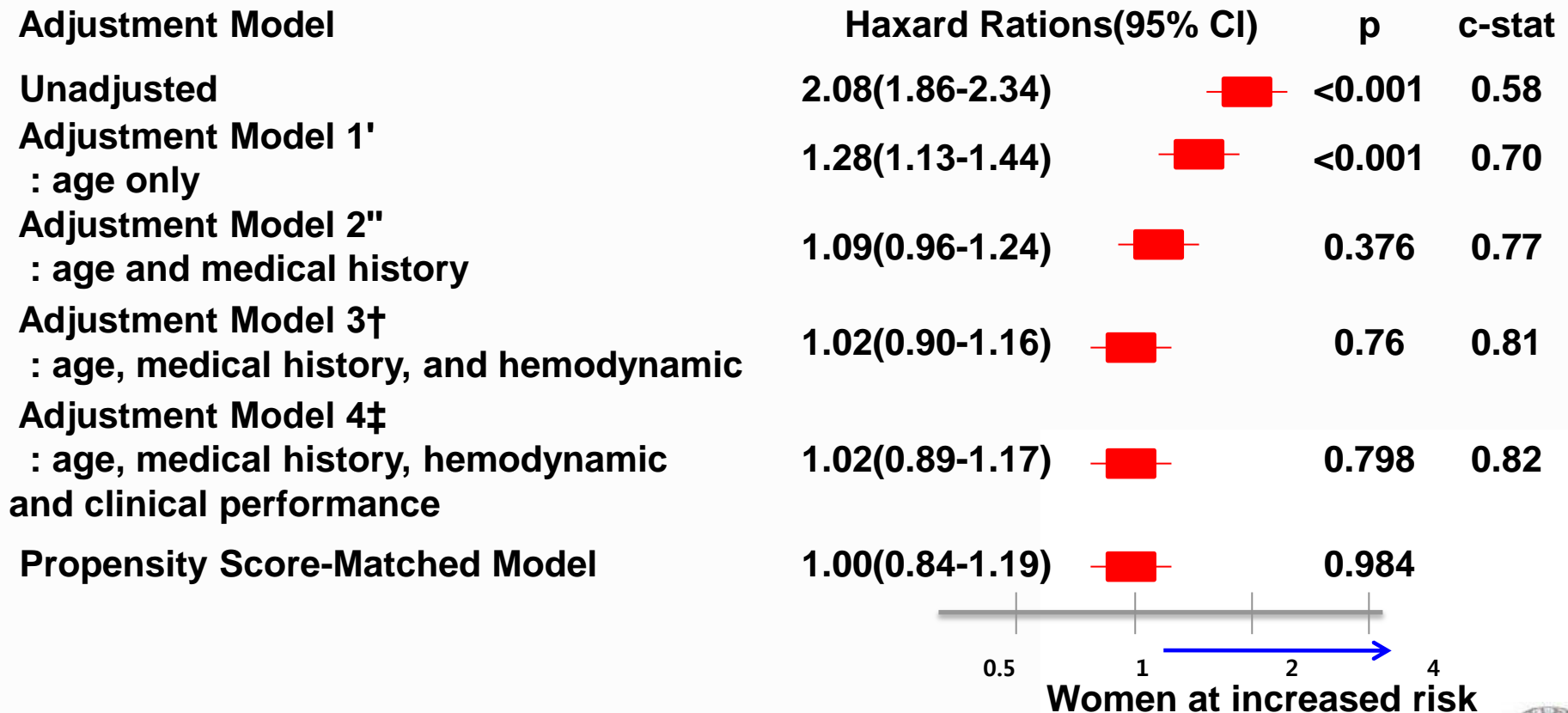
	STEMI			NSTEMI		
	Male (n=2493)	Female (n=918)	p value	Male (n=1405)	Female (n=765)	p value
Cardiac death	139 (5.6%)	116 (12.6%)	<0.001	49 (3.5%)	54 (7.1%)	<0.001
MI	19 (0.8%)	6 (0.7%)	0.742	15 (1.1%)	15 (2.0%)	0.089
Re-PCI	27 (1.1%)	8 (0.9%)	0.587	10 (0.7%)	6 (0.8%)	0.850
CABG	2 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0.391	7 (0.5%)	1 (0.1%)	0.177
Total MACE	229 (9.2%)	156 (17.0%)	<0.001	102 (7.3%)	92 (12.0%)	<0.001

One month MACE was higher in females than males in Korea.



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## Sex Differences in Management and Mortality of Patients With ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (from the Korean Acute Myocardial Infarction National Registry)



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## Clinical Investigations

### Gender Differences in Clinical Features and In-hospital Outcomes in ST-segment Elevation Acute Myocardial Infarction: From the Korean Acute Myocardial Infarction Registry (KAMIR) Study

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Studies have suggested that women are biologically different and that female gender itself is independently associated with poor clinical outcome after an acute myocardial infarction (AMI).

**Hypothesis:** We analyzed data from the Korean Acute Myocardial Infarction Registry (KAMIR) to assess gender differences in in-hospital outcomes post ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI).

**Methods:** Between November 2005 and July 2007, 4037 patients who were admitted with STEMI to 41 facilities were registered into the KAMIR database; patients admitted within 72 hours of symptom onset were selected and included in this study.

**Results:** The proportion of patients who had reperfusion therapy within 12 hours from chest pain onset was lower in women. Women had higher rates of in-hospital mortality (8.6% vs 3.2%,  $P < .01$ ), noncardiac death (1.5% vs 0.4%,  $P < .01$ ), cardiac death (7.1% vs 2.8%,  $P < .01$ ), and stroke (1.2% vs 0.5%,  $P < .05$ ) than men. Multivariate logistic regression analysis identified age, previous angina, hypertension, a Killip class  $\geq$  II, a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF)  $<$ 40%, and a thrombolysis in myocardial infarction flow (TIMI) grade  $\leq$ 3 after angioplasty as independent risk factors for in-hospital death for all patients; however, female gender itself was not an independent risk factor.

**Conclusions:** The results of this study show that although women have a higher in-hospital mortality than men, female gender itself is not an independent risk factor for in-hospital mortality.



# Conclusion

- There seems to be gender difference in IHD between men and women.
- Differences in prognosis between women and men with IHD are currently under attention.
- Still little is known about the prognostic implications of differences.
- Gender-based interpretation is needed to improve therapeutic efficacy and outcomes in women.

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