

Five-Year Outcomes of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) in “Inoperable” Patients With Severe Aortic Stenosis: The PARTNER Trial

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Background

- Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) is the recommended treatment for “inoperable” patients with severe aortic stenosis (AS).
- Long term clinical benefit and valve performance in this population remain unknown.



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PARTNER Study Design



Symptomatic Severe Aortic Stenosis

Inoperable

N = 358

ASSESSMENT:
Transfemoral
Access

1:1 Randomization

TF TAVR
n = 179

VS

Standard
Therapy
n = 179

Primary Endpoint: All-Cause Mortality
Over Length of Trial (Superiority)

Severe Symptomatic AS with
AVA < 0.8 cm² (EOA index
< 0.5 cm²/m²), and mean
gradient > 40 mmHg
or jet velocity > 4.0 m/s

Inoperable defined as risk of
death or serious irreversible
morbidity of AVR as assessed
by cardiologist and two
surgeons exceeding 50%.

- Primary endpoint evaluated when all patients reached one year follow-up.
- After primary endpoint analysis reached, patients were allowed to cross-over to TAVR.

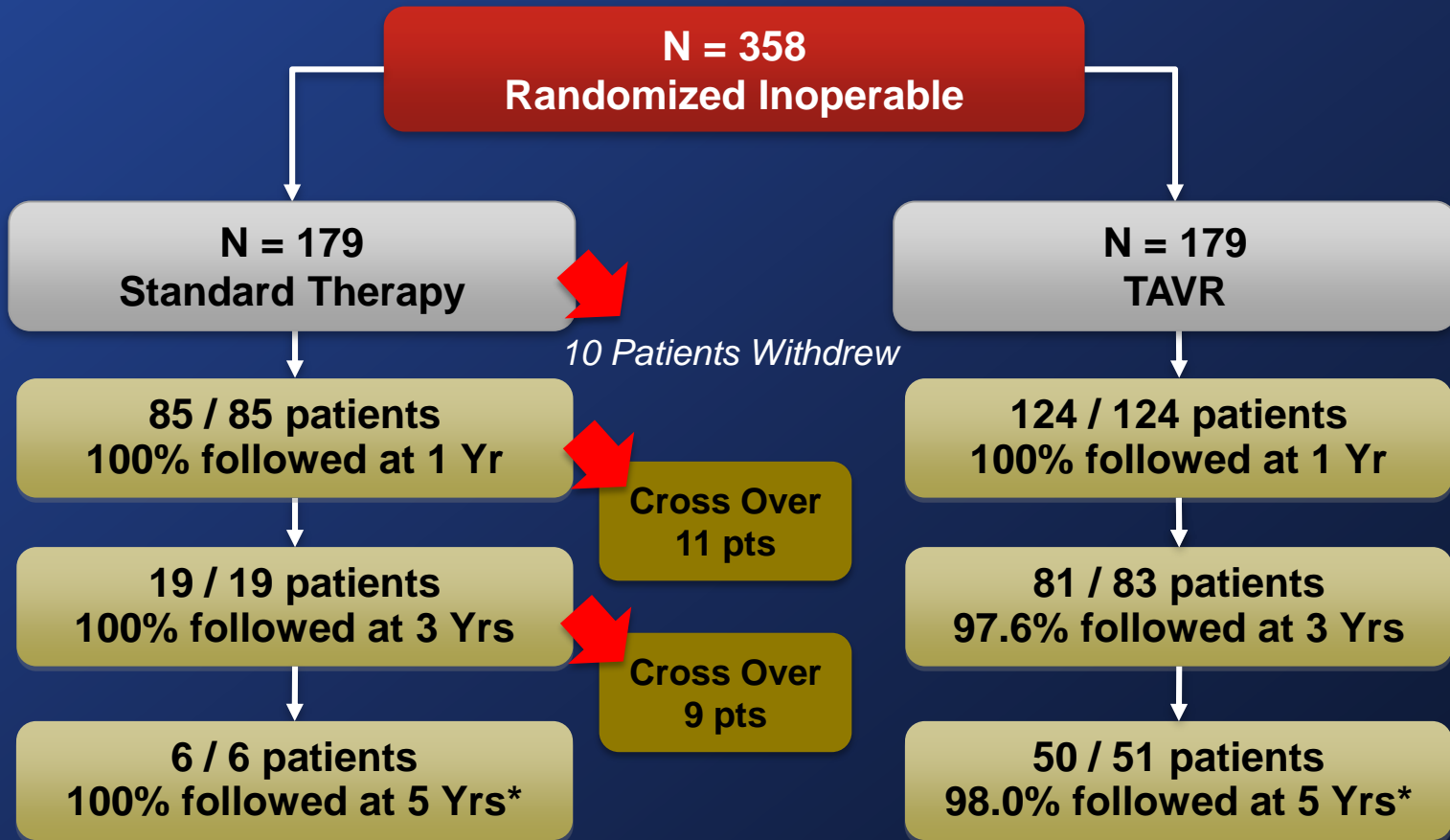
Key End-Points for 5 Year Analysis



- All-Cause Mortality
- Cardiac Mortality
- Re-hospitalization
- Stroke
- NYHA functional class
- Echo-derived valve areas, transvalvular gradients, and paravalvular leak.
- Mortality outcomes stratified by STS score, paravalvular leak and age.

Study Flow

Inoperable Cohort



* ± 2 months follow-up window

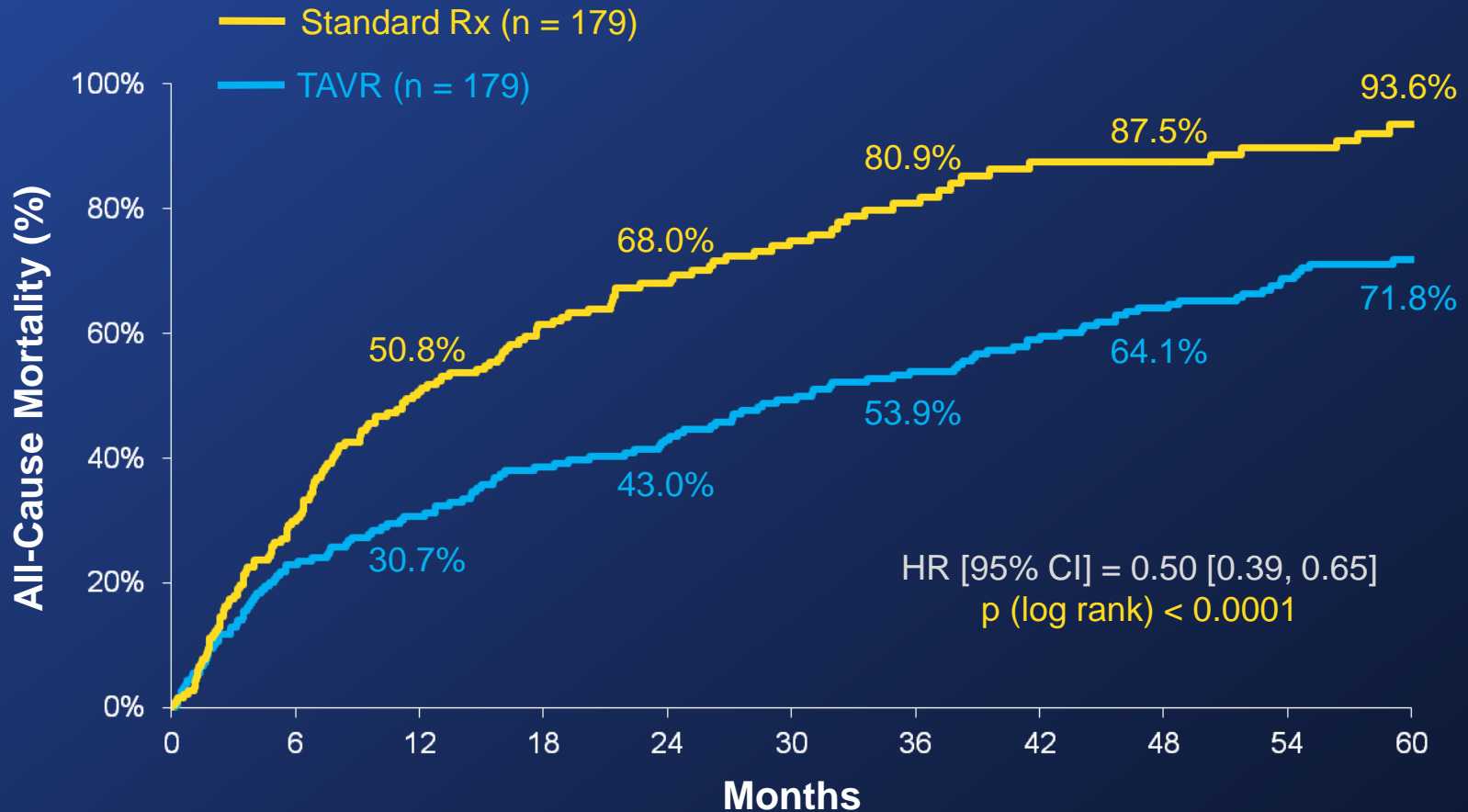
Patient Characteristics



Characteristic	TAVR N = 179	Standard Rx N = 179	p-value
Age – yr	83.1 ± 8.6	83.2 ± 8.3	0.95
Male sex (%)	45.8	46.9	0.92
STS Score	11.2 ± 5.8	12.1 ± 6.1	0.14
NYHA			
I or II (%)	7.8	6.1	0.68
III or IV (%)	92.2	93.9	0.68
CAD (%)	67.6	74.3	0.20
COPD			
Any (%)	41.3	52.5	0.04
O₂ dependent (%)	21.2	25.7	0.38
Creatinine > 2 mg/dL (%)	5.6	9.6	0.23
Frailty (%)	18.1	28.0	0.09
Porcelain aorta (%)	19.0	11.2	0.05
Chest wall radiation (%)	8.9	8.4	1.00

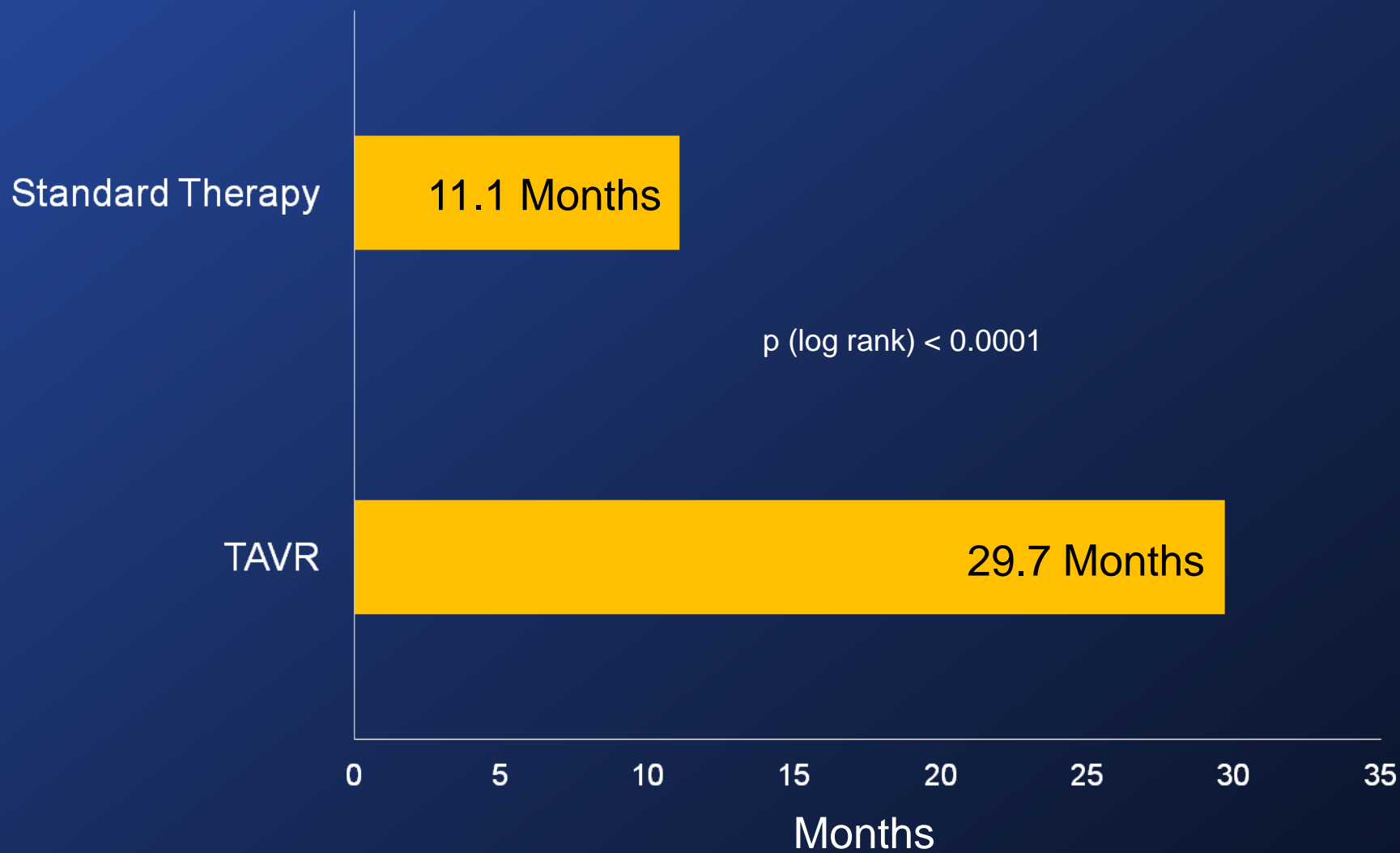
All-Cause Mortality (ITT)

Crossover Patients Censored at Crossover



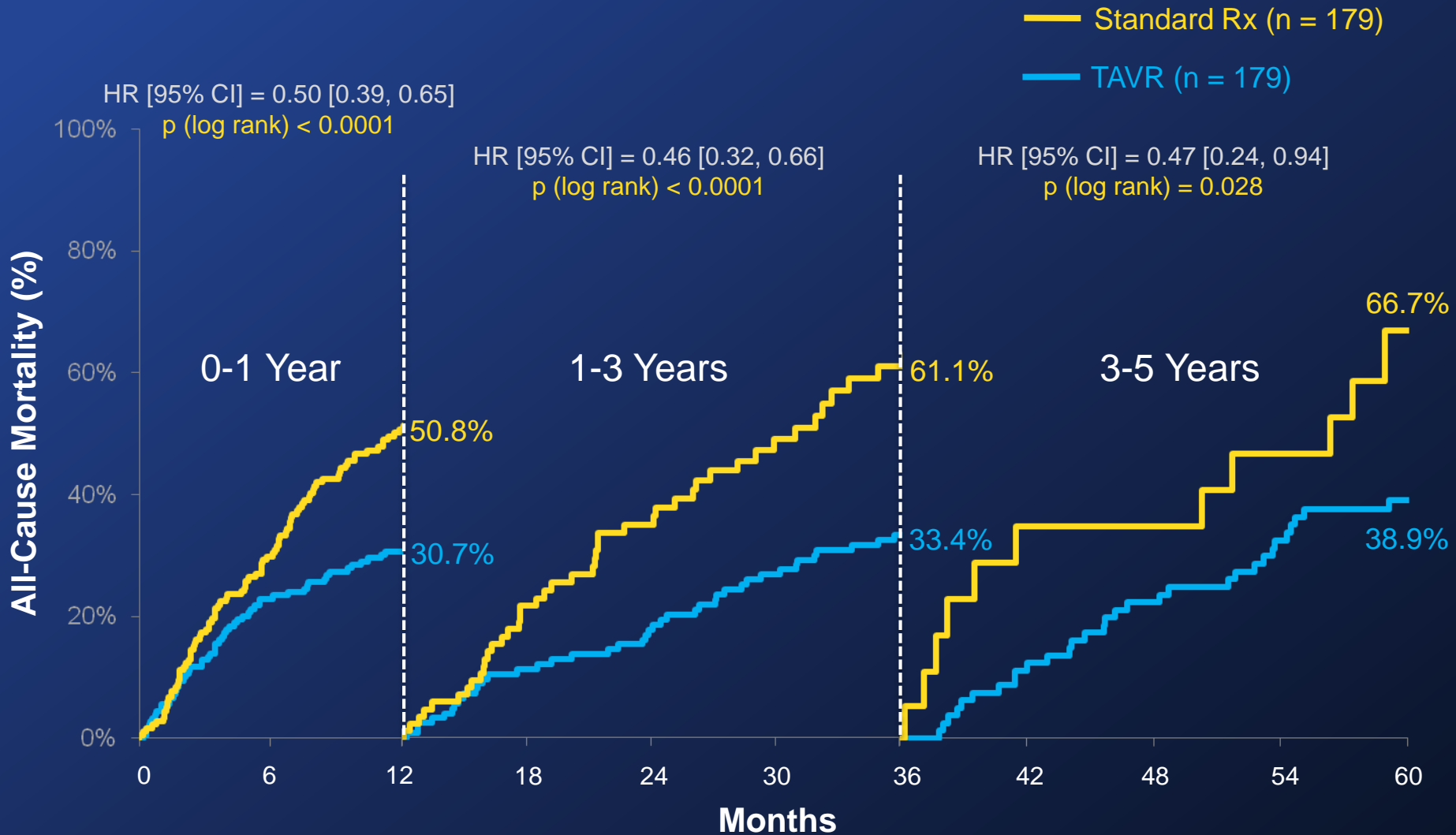
* In an age and gender matched US population without comorbidities, the mortality at 5 years is 40.5%.

Median Survival



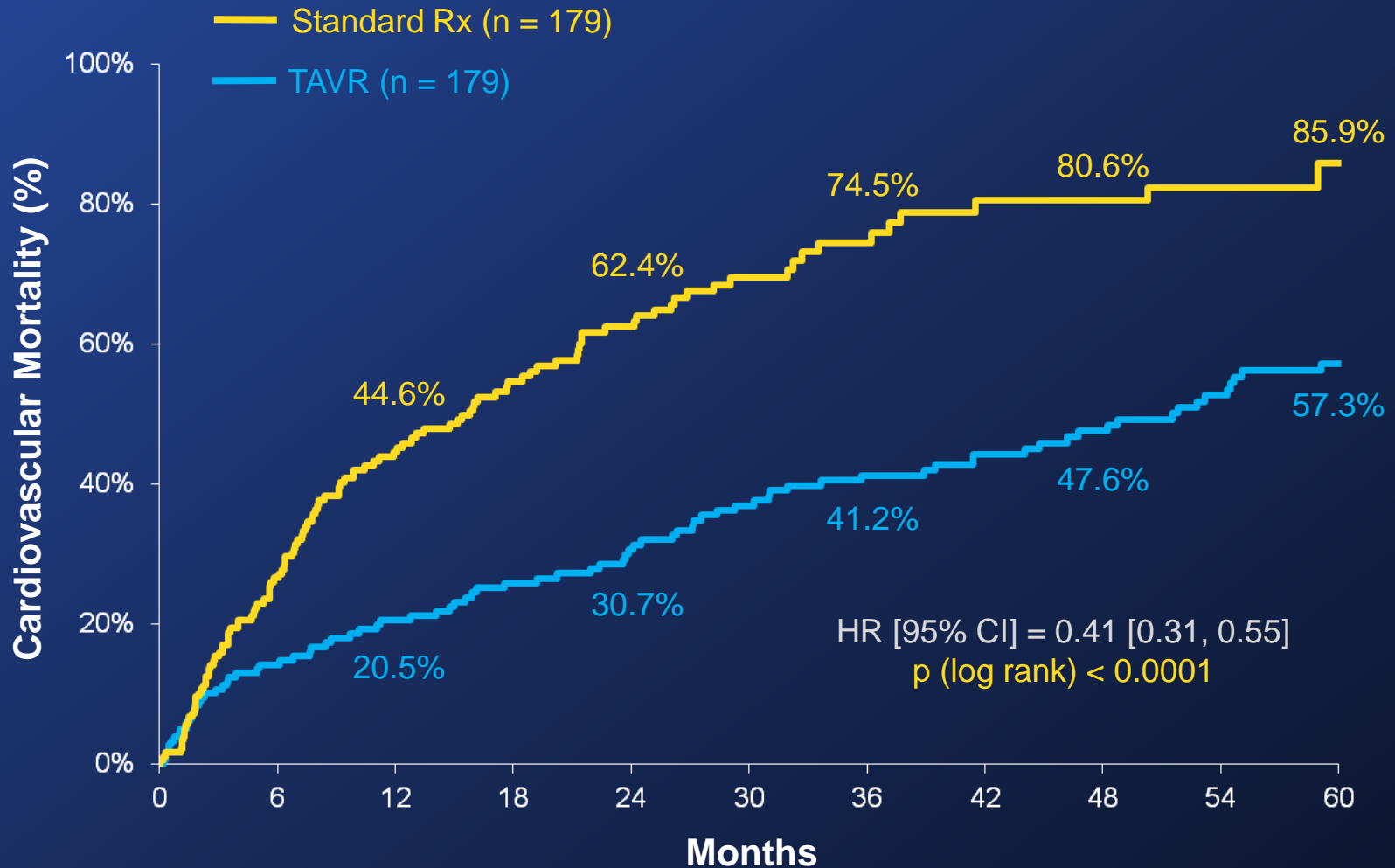
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Landmark Analysis

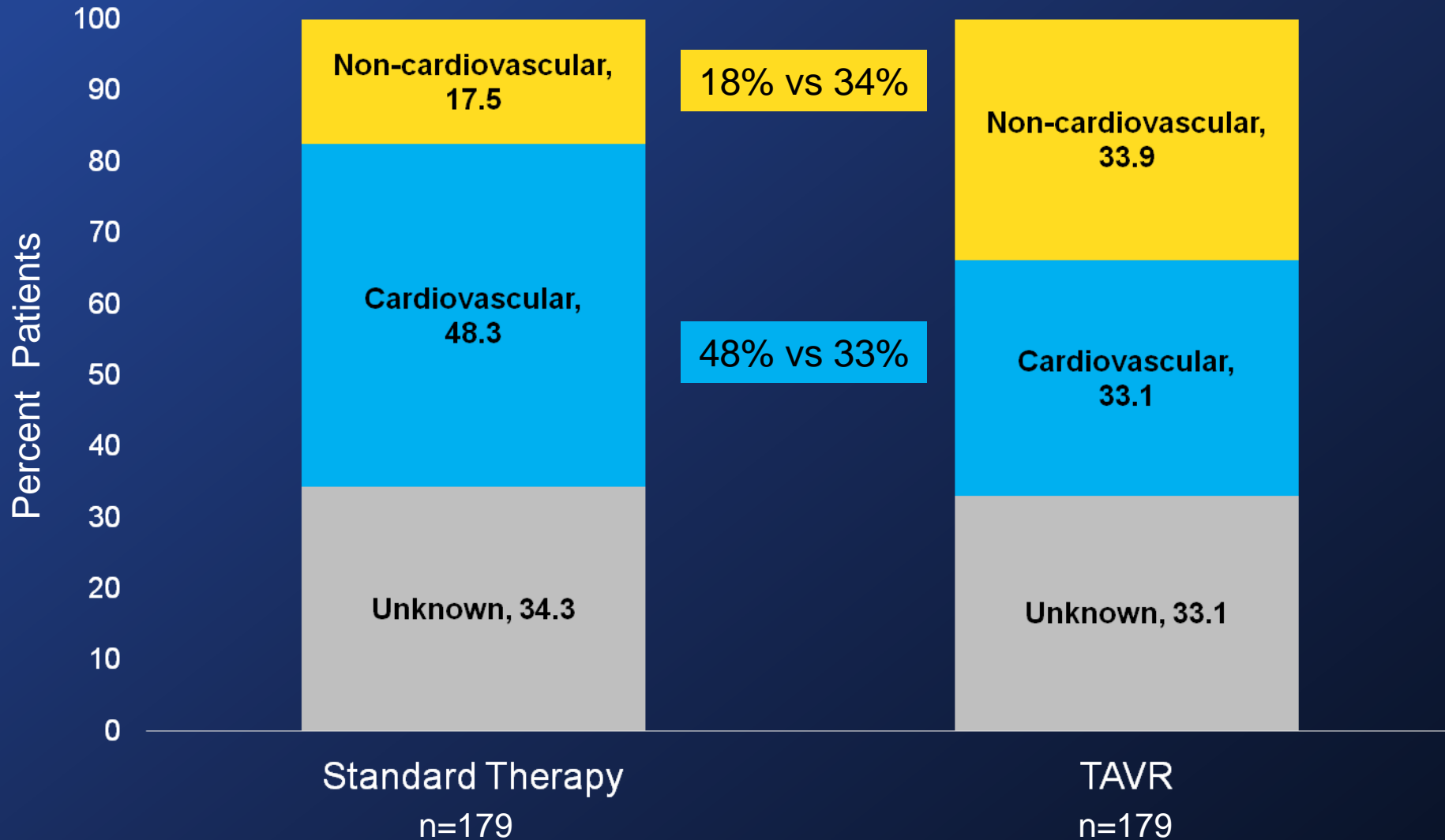


Cardiovascular Mortality (ITT)

Crossover Patients Censored at Crossover



Causes of Death

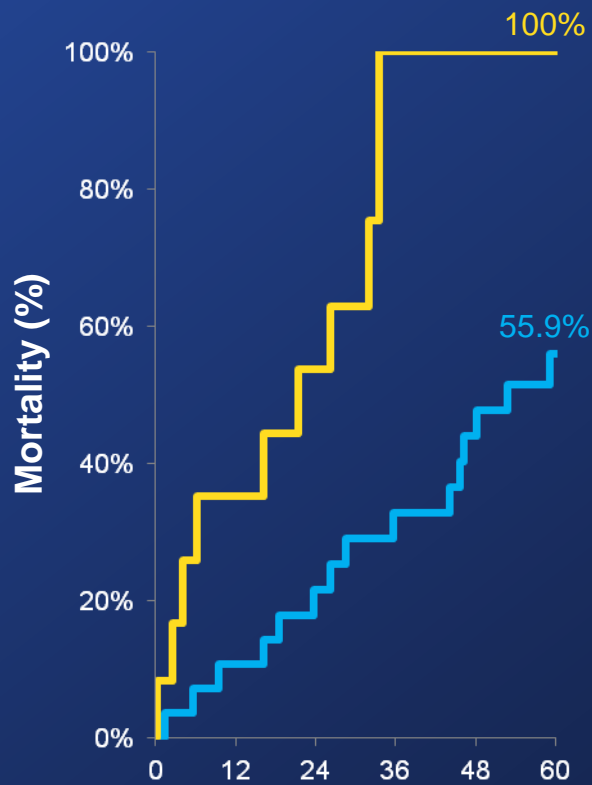


All-Cause Mortality Stratified by STS Score (ITT)



STS < 5

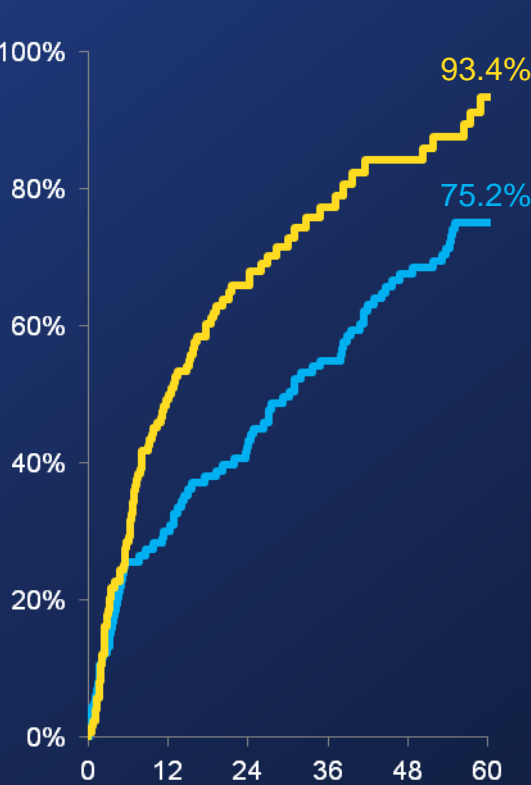
p (log rank) = 0.0012



Standard Rx (n = 12)
TAVR (n = 28)

STS 5-15

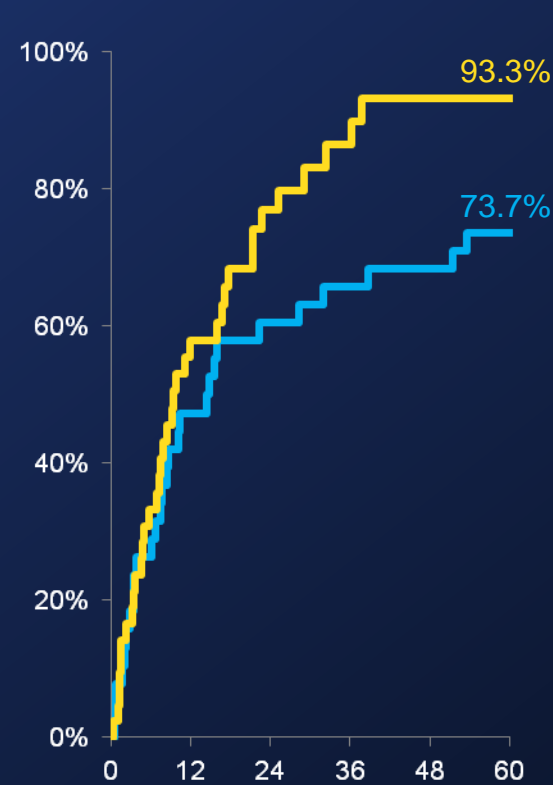
p (log rank) = 0.0002



Standard Rx (n = 123)
TAVR (n = 113)

STS > 15

p (log rank) = 0.0749



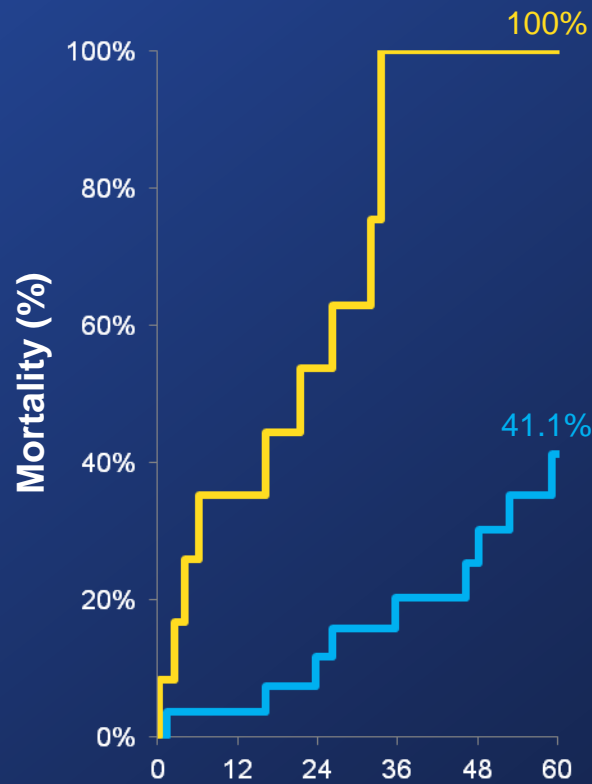
Standard Rx (n = 43)
TAVR (n = 38)

Cardiovascular Mortality Stratified by STS Score (ITT)



STS < 5

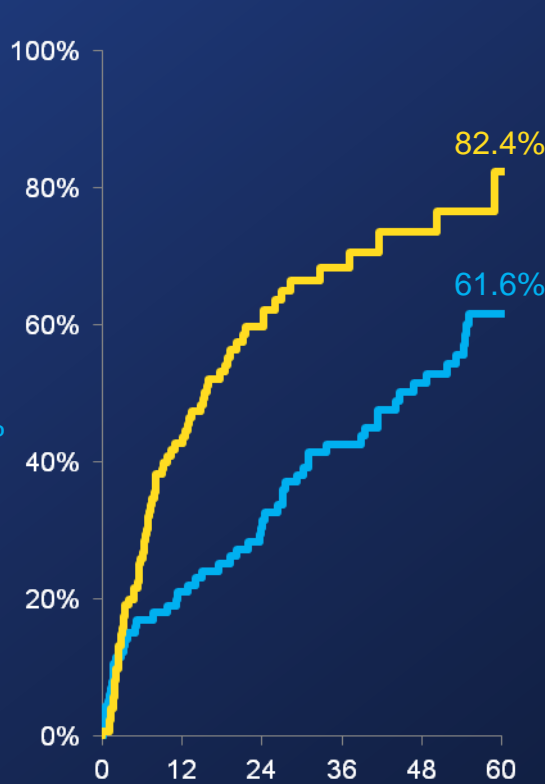
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— TAVR (n = 28)

STS 5-15

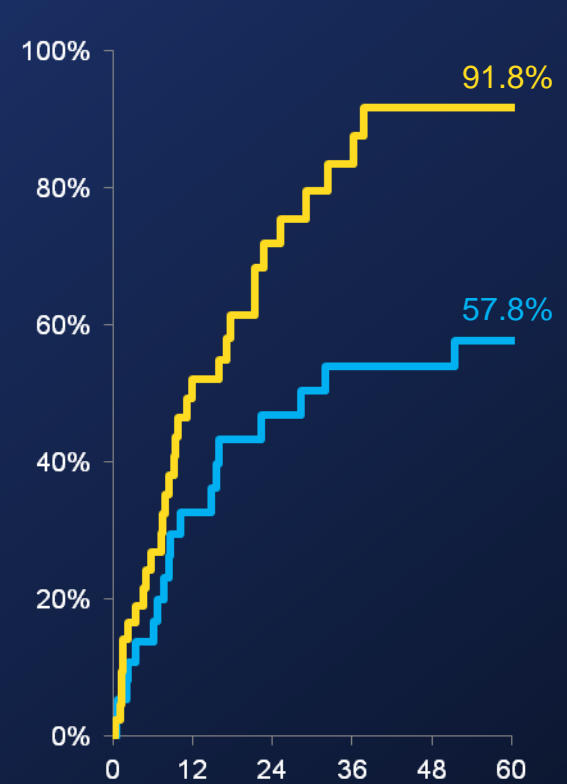
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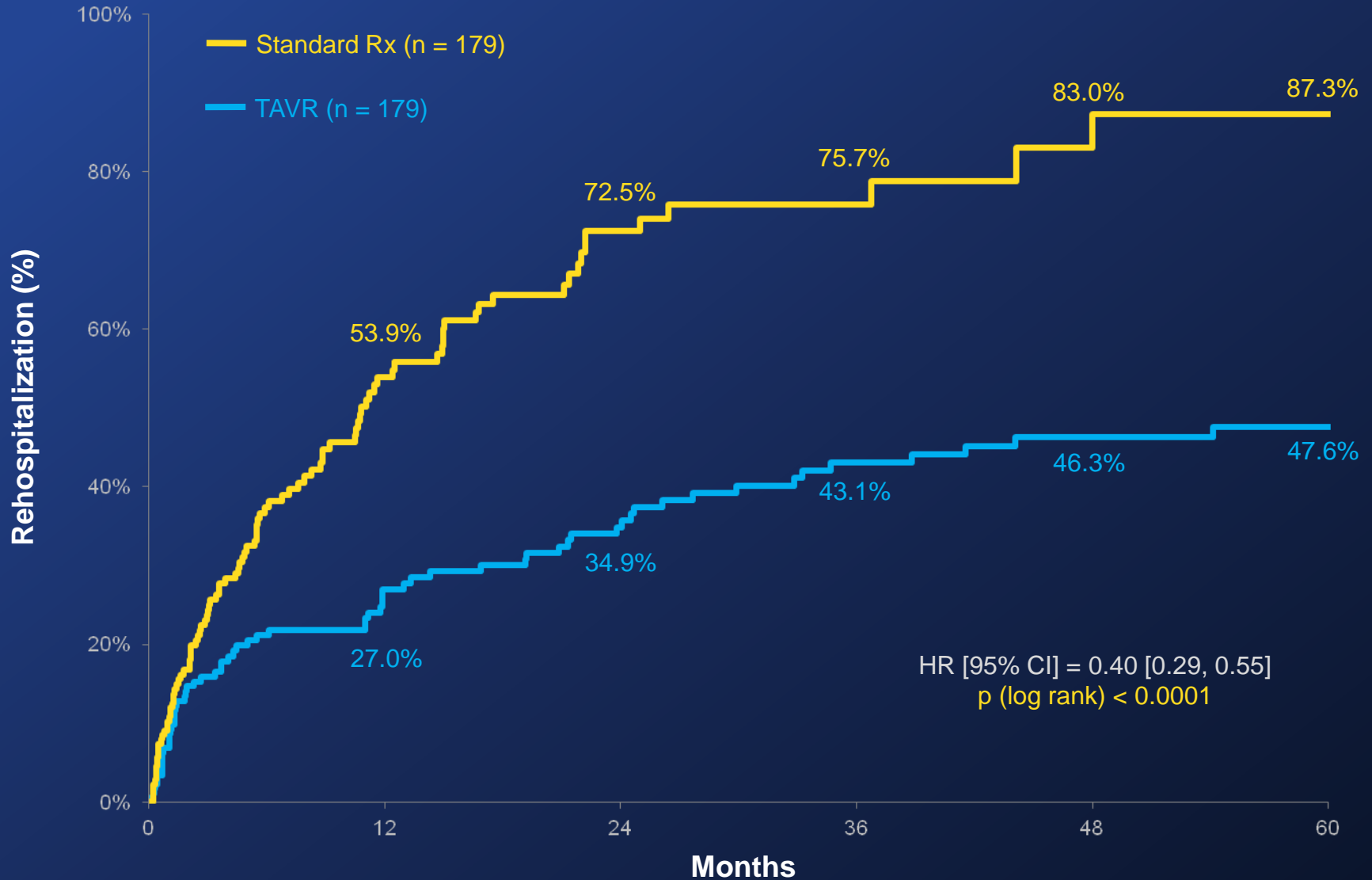
STS > 15

p (log rank) = 0.0098



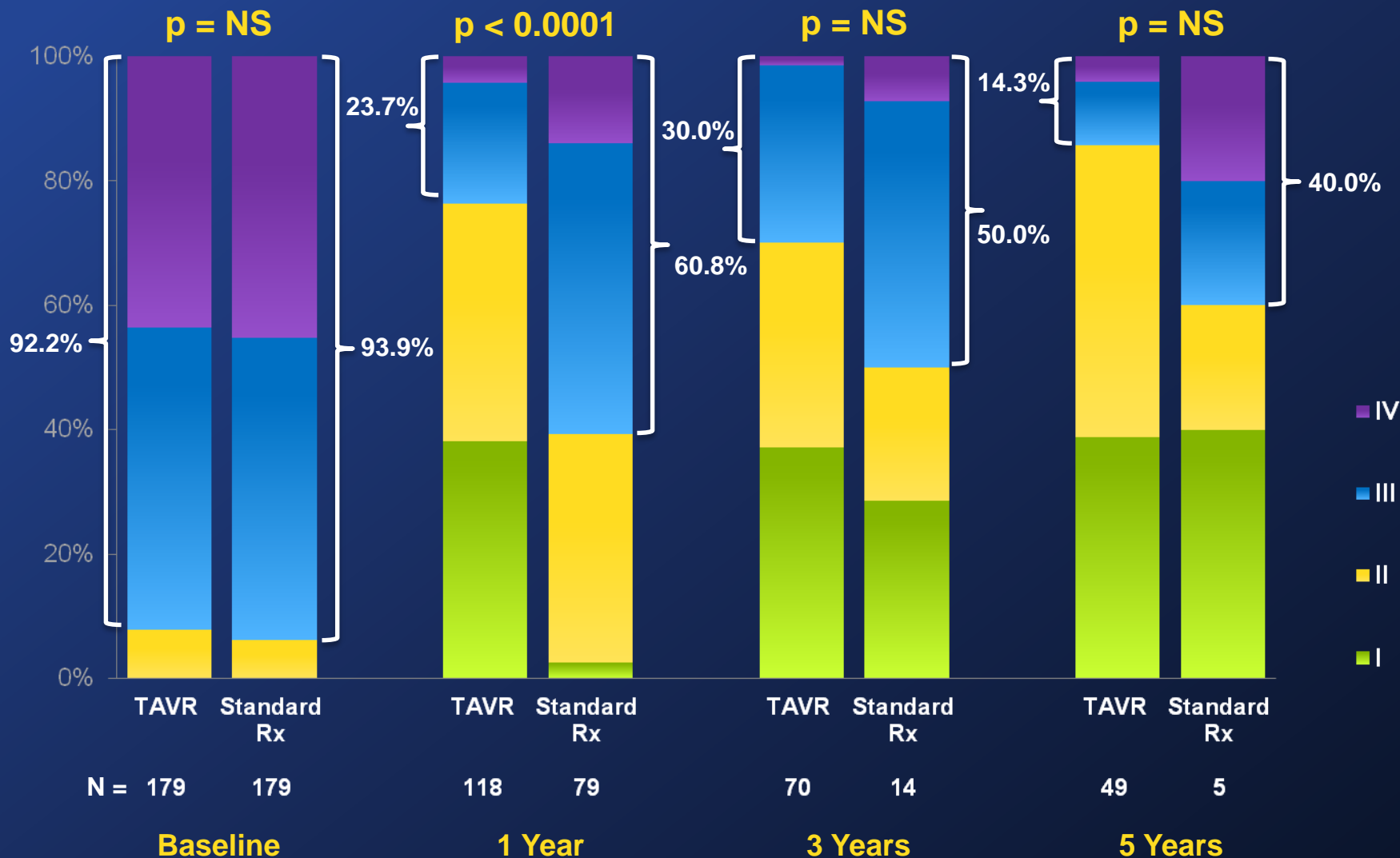
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Repeat Hospitalization (ITT)



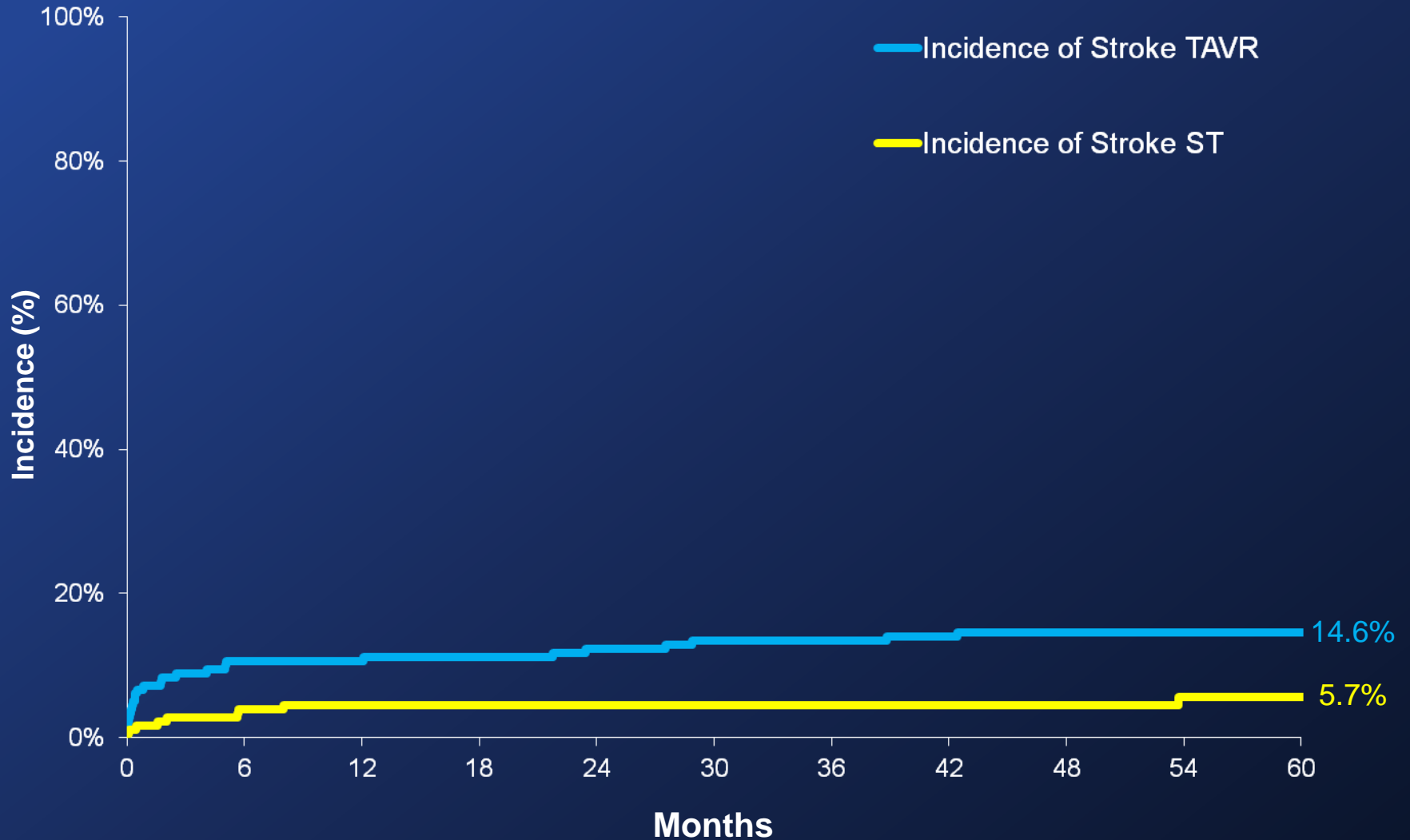
NYHA Class Over Time (ITT)

Survivors

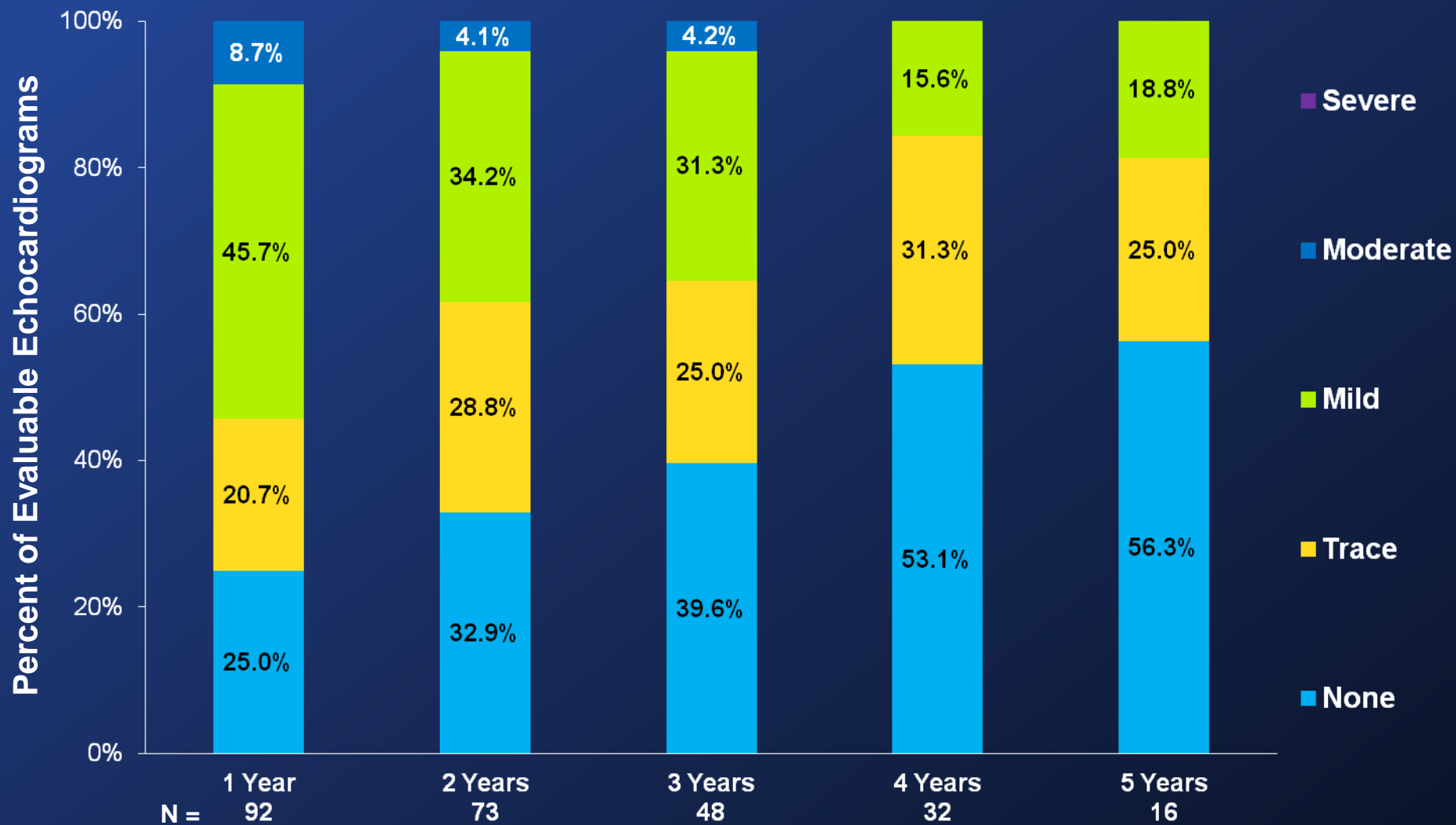


Competing Risks Analysis (ITT)

Death and Stroke



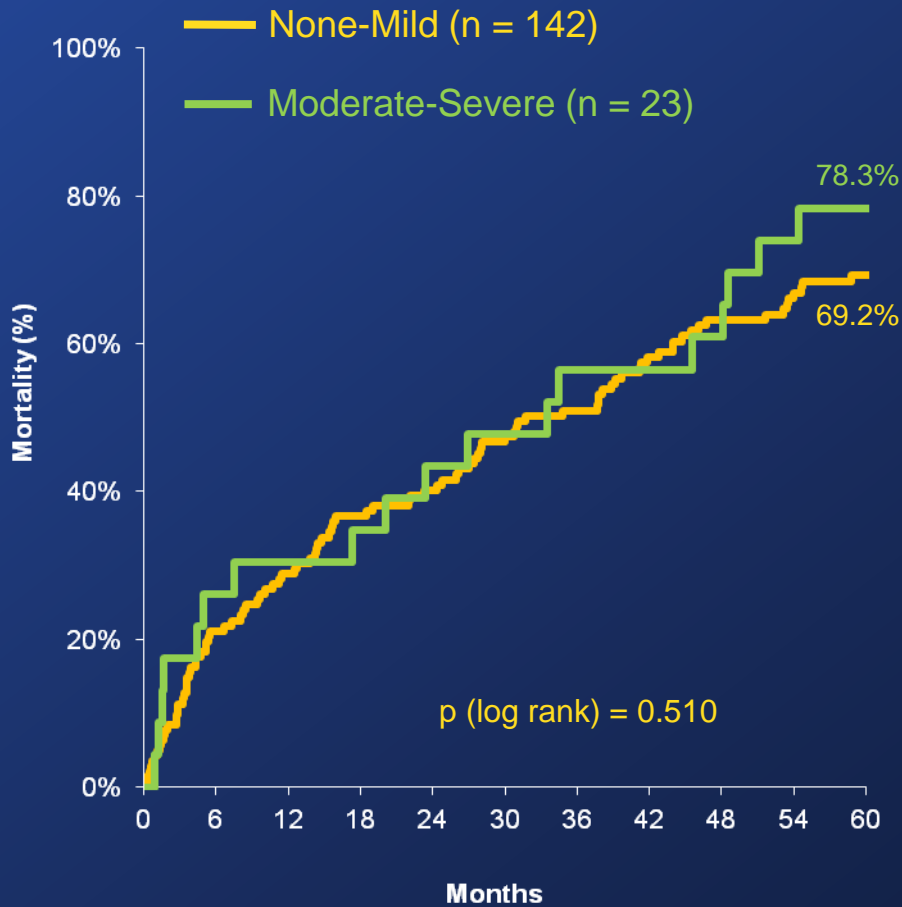
Paravalvular Leak (AT)



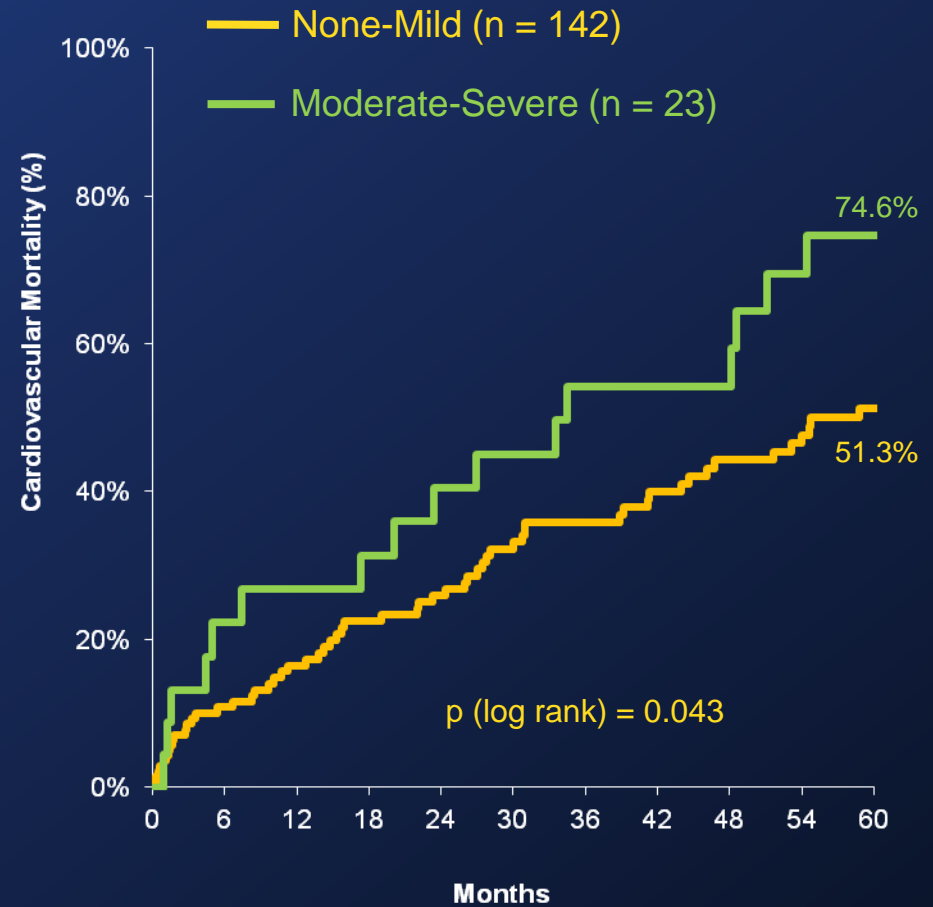
Mortality by Paravalvular Leak



All-Cause Mortality



Cardiovascular Mortality



Mean Gradient & Valve Area (AT)



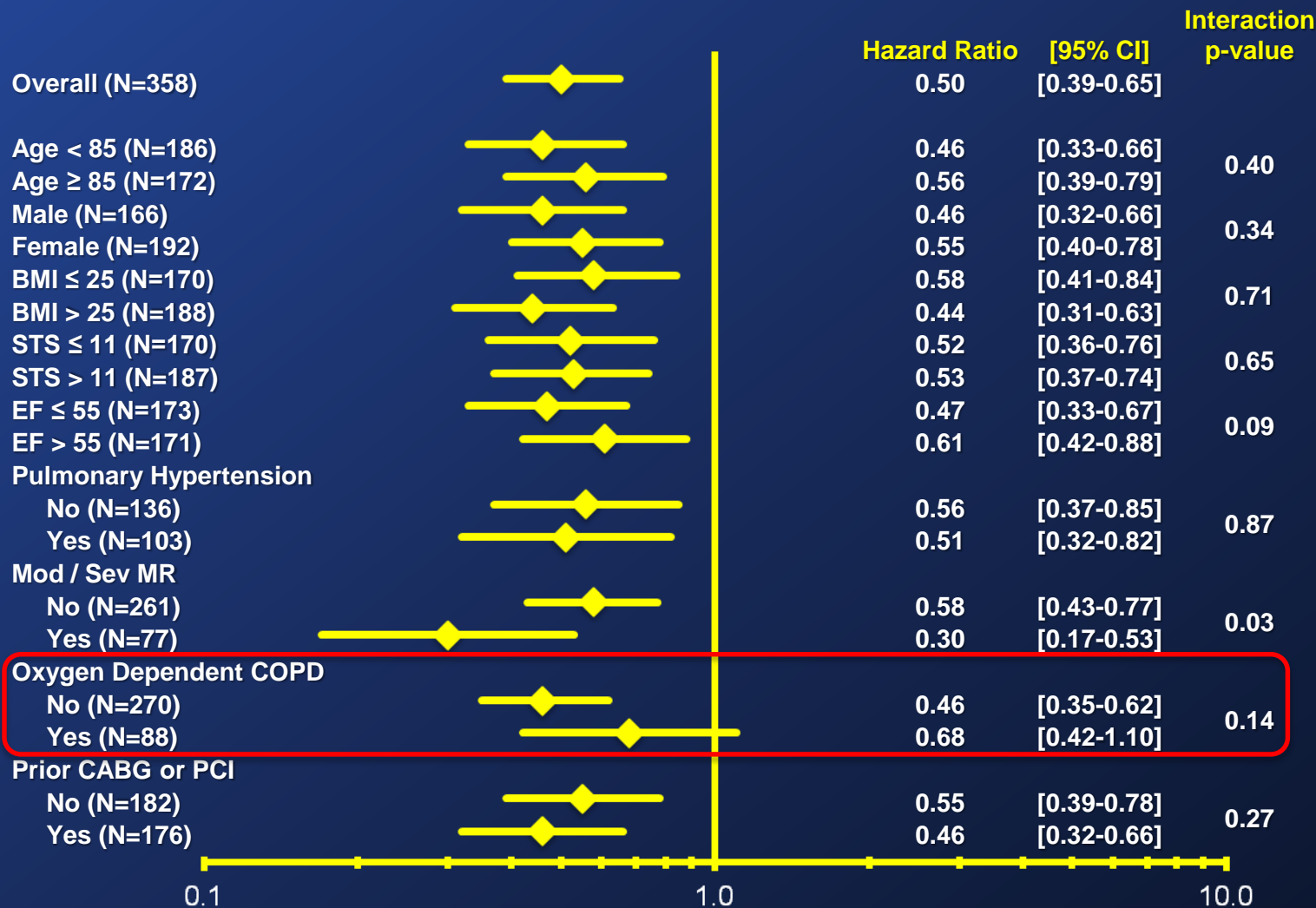
Mean Gradient & Valve Area (AT)

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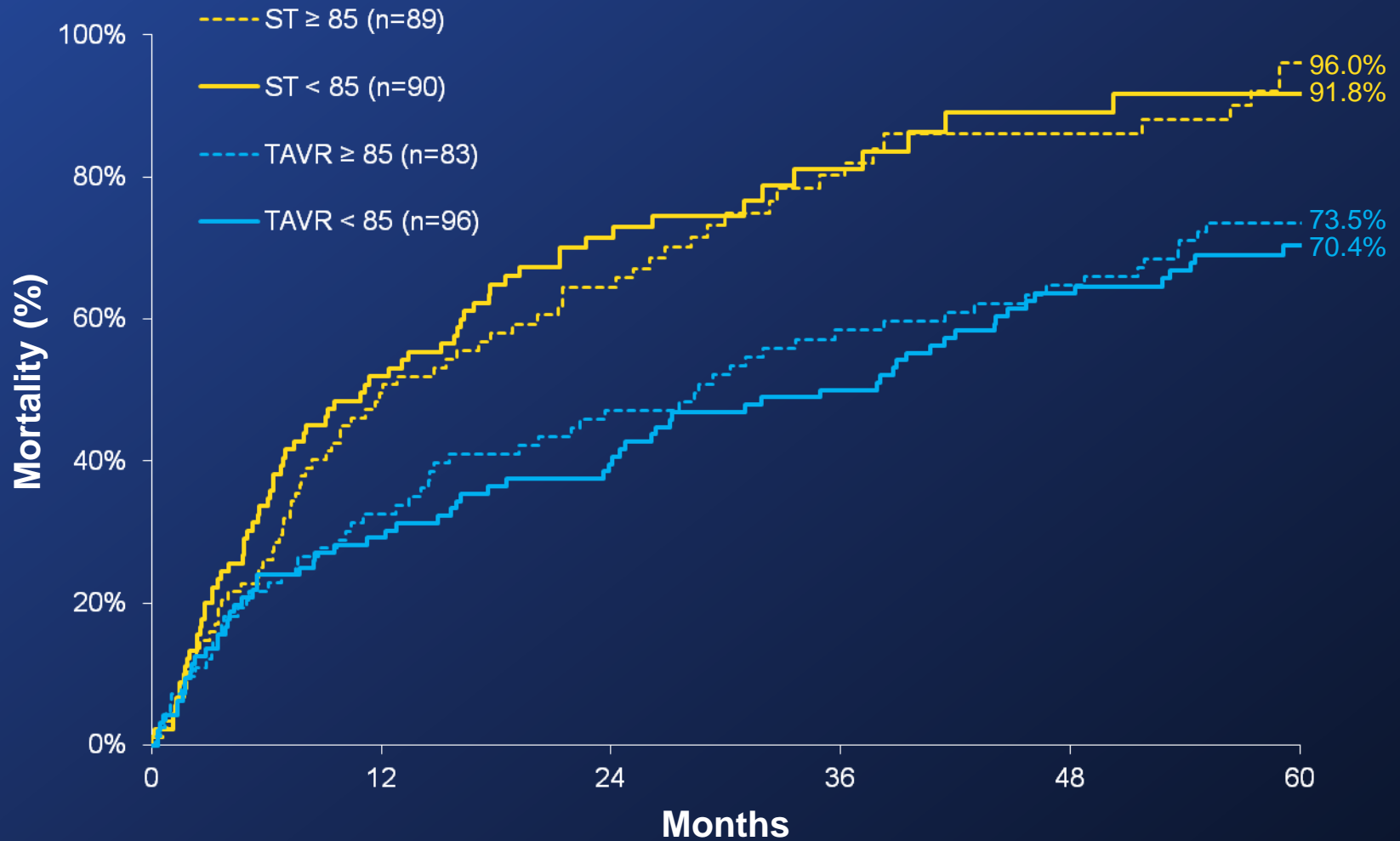


Subgroup Analysis

All-Cause Mortality



TAVR Mortality Stratified by Age (ITT)



Clinical Observations



- Mortality benefit was similar in elderly (>85 yr) patients compared to those ≤ 85 years.
- Cardiovascular mortality and all-cause mortality benefit was seen even in patients with high STS score.
- Patients with O₂ dependent COPD may have less mortality benefit.
- Beyond early procedural risk of stroke there was no persistent risk over 5-year follow up.
- Moderate and severe paravalvular leak is associated with higher cardiovascular mortality particularly in patients with less comorbidities.

Main Conclusions



- At 5 years follow-up benefits of TAVR were sustained as measured by:
 - All-Cause Mortality
 - Cardiovascular Mortality
 - Repeat Hospitalization
 - Functional Status
- Valve durability was demonstrated with no increase in transvalvular gradient or attrition of valve area.

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Back-Up Slides

Aortic Stenosis

By JOHN ROSS, JR., M.D. AND EUGENE BRAUNWALD, M.D.

THE ADVENT of corrective operations for various forms of heart disease has placed increasing emphasis upon the need for

sons. Ten of 12 patients with severe aortic stenosis (transvalvar pressure gradients ≥ 50 mm Hg, or effective aortic valve orifices ≤ 0.70 cm²/m² BSA) who were followed for at least five years after catheterization are now dead.¹⁴

The advanced age at death of patients with severe acquired stenosis has been a remarkably consistent feature of this disease; this age has averaged 63 years in males. In several studies that were based on analysis of data obtained at postmortem examination,^{2-5, 15-17} the average durations of various symptoms were as follows: angina pectoris three years, syncope three years, dyspnea two years, and congestive heart failure 1½ to 2 years. Moreover, in more than 80% of these patients who

patients with isolated valvular aortic stenosis of rheumatic etiology and patients without a history of rheumatic fever who have isolated aortic stenosis is present, symptoms usually begin during the sixth decade of life,

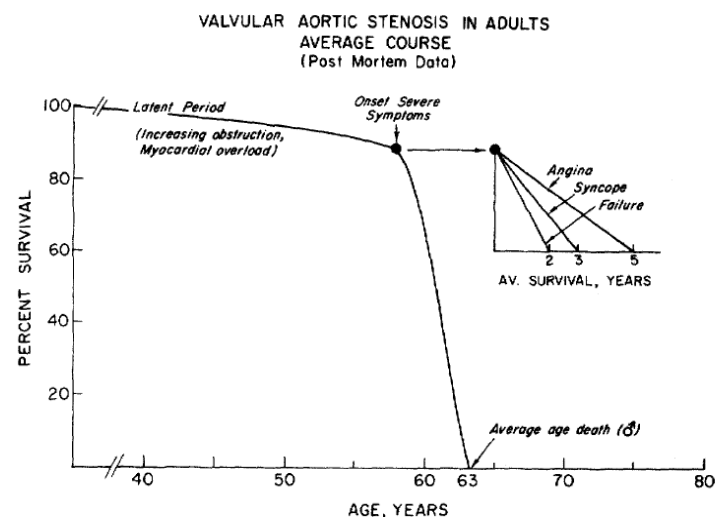


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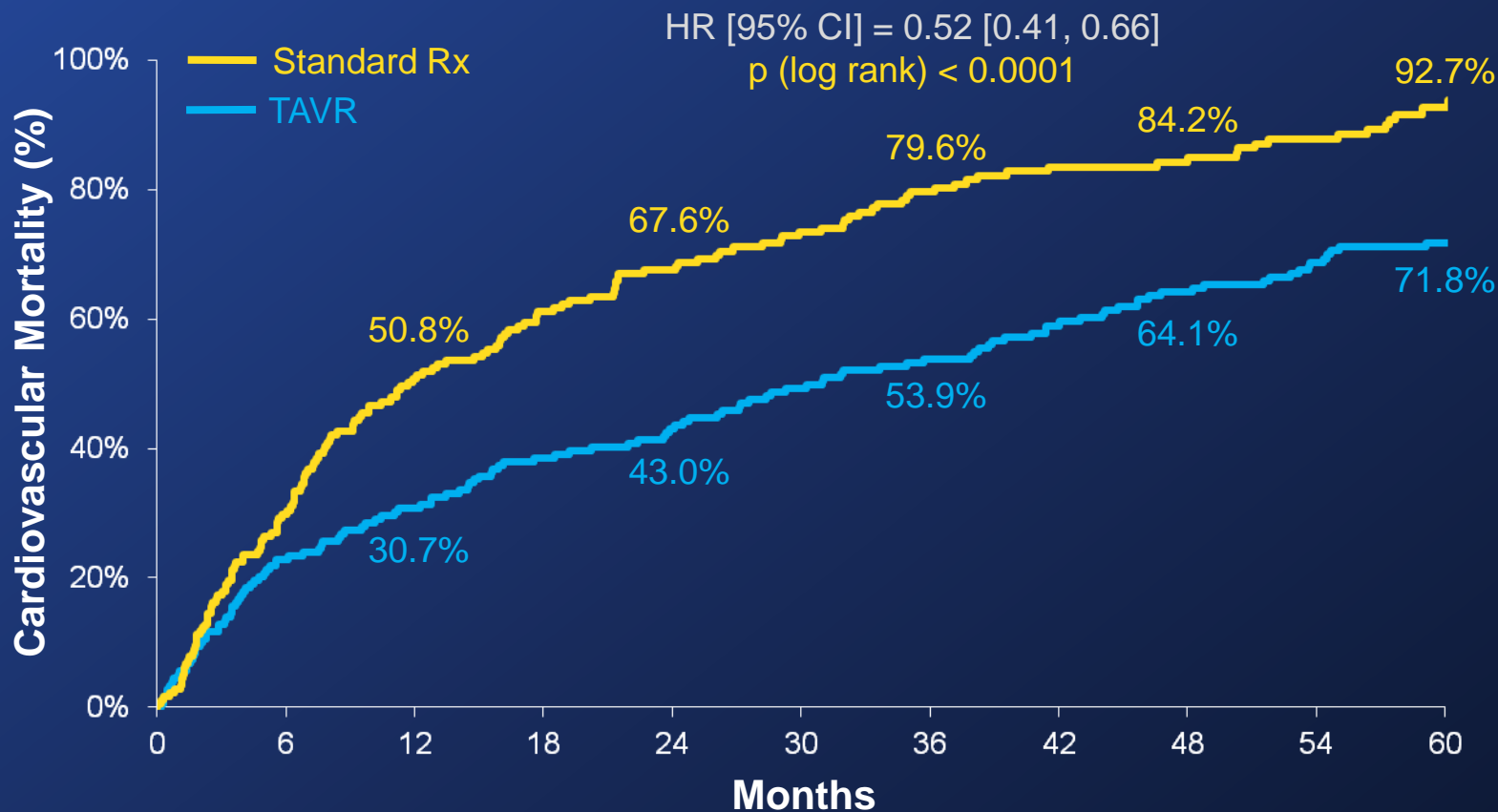
Average course of valvular aortic stenosis in adults. Data assembled from postmortem studies.

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All-Cause Mortality (ITT)

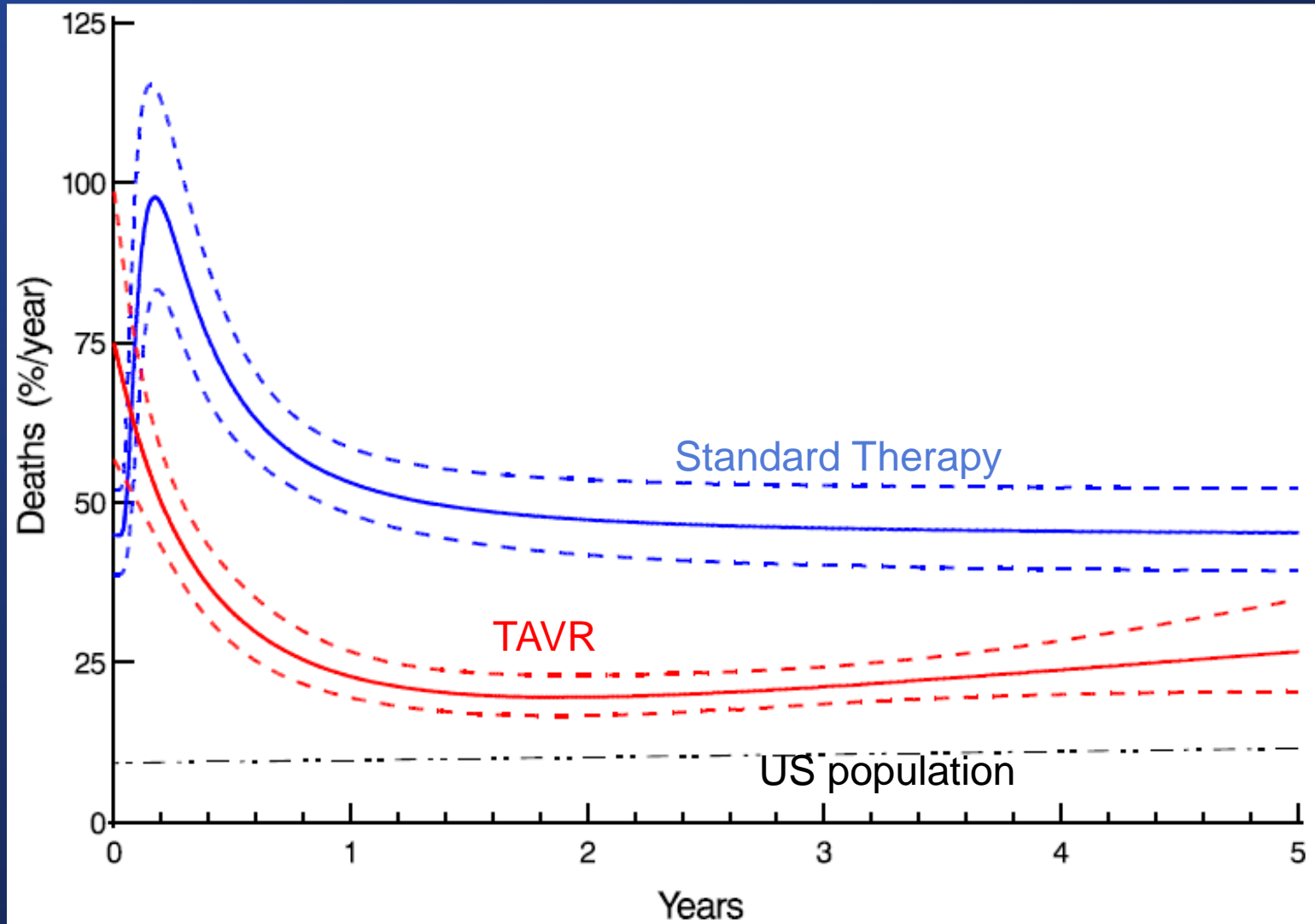
Patients Followed Post-Crossover



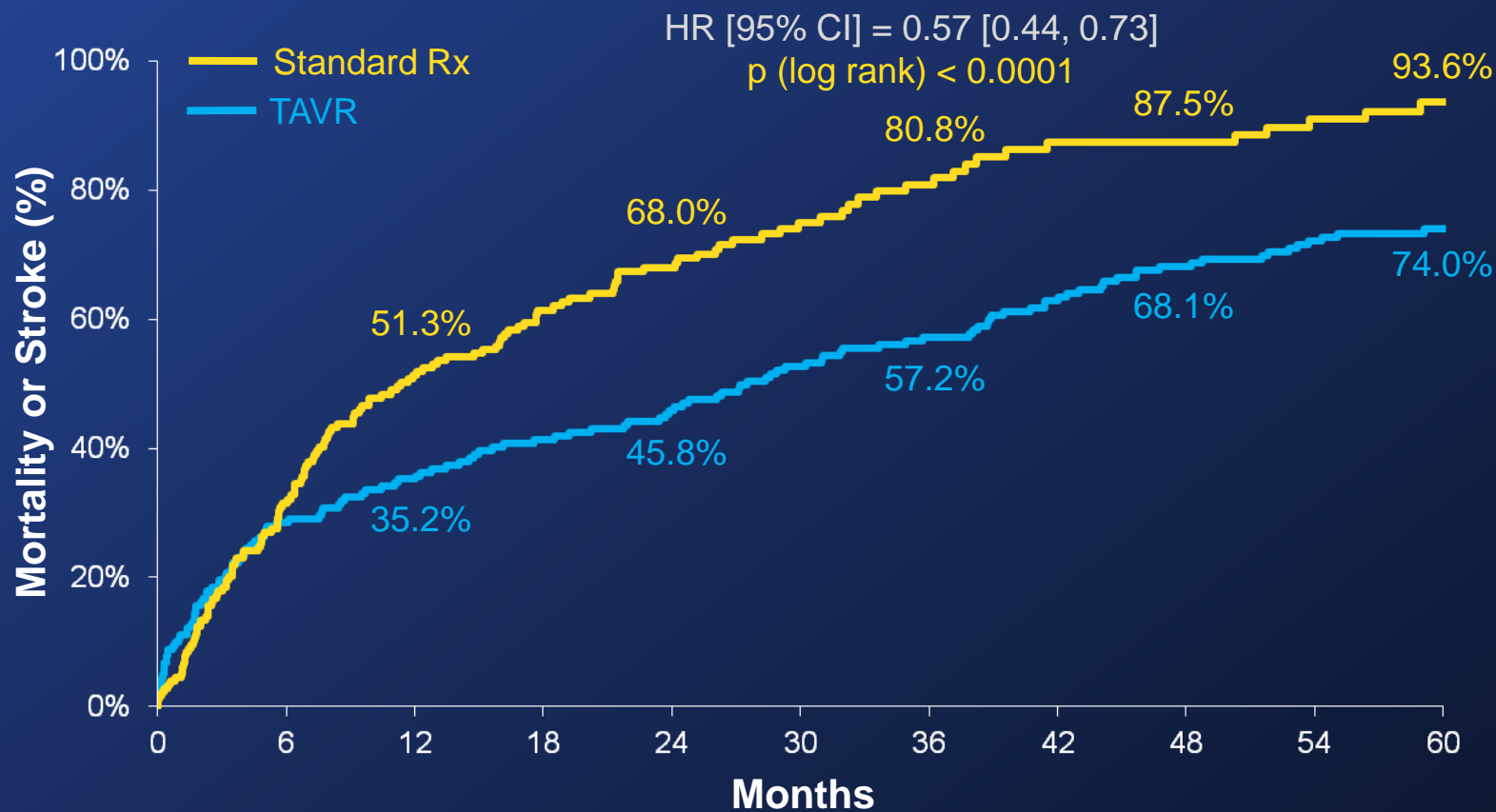
Numbers at Risk

Standard Rx	179	121	85	67	56	43	33	25	22	17	6
TAVR	179	138	124	110	101	89	81	72	63	53	35

Instantaneous Risk of Death Hazard Function



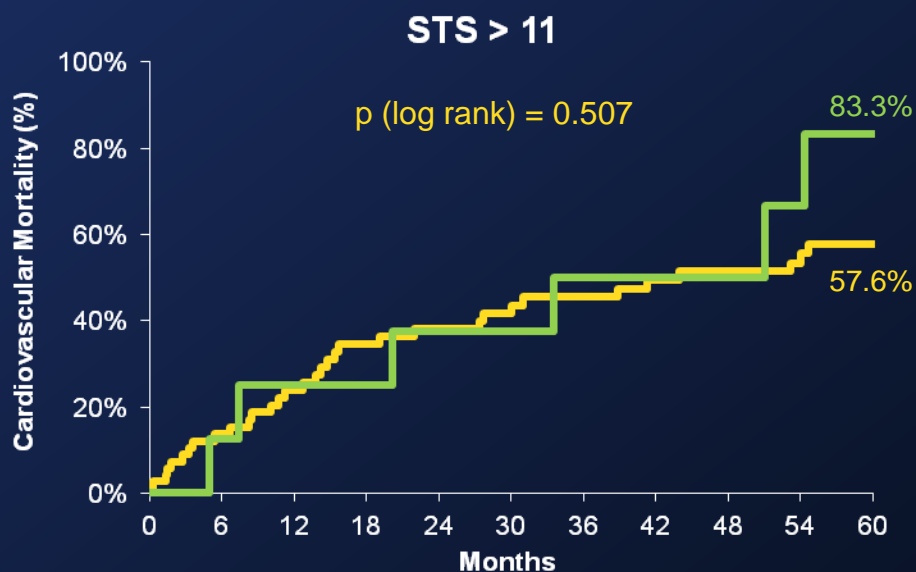
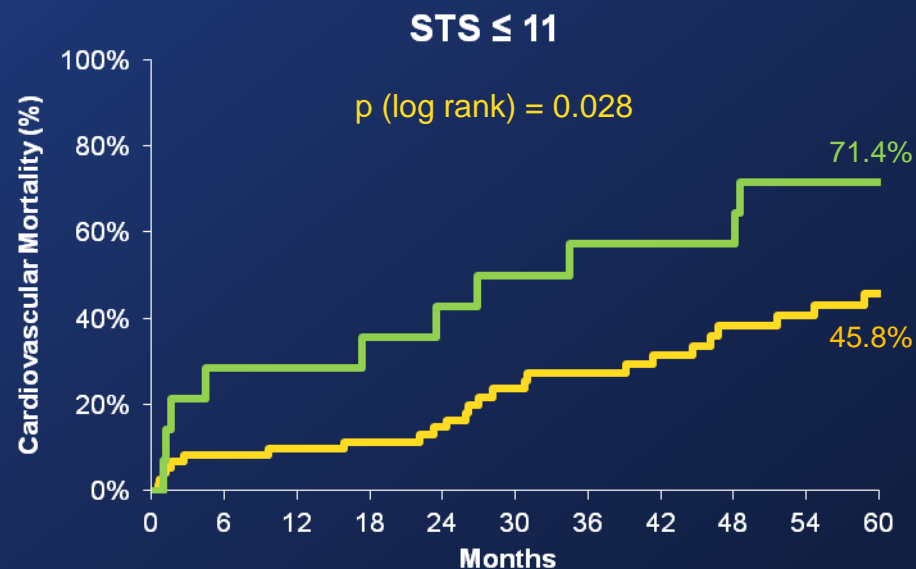
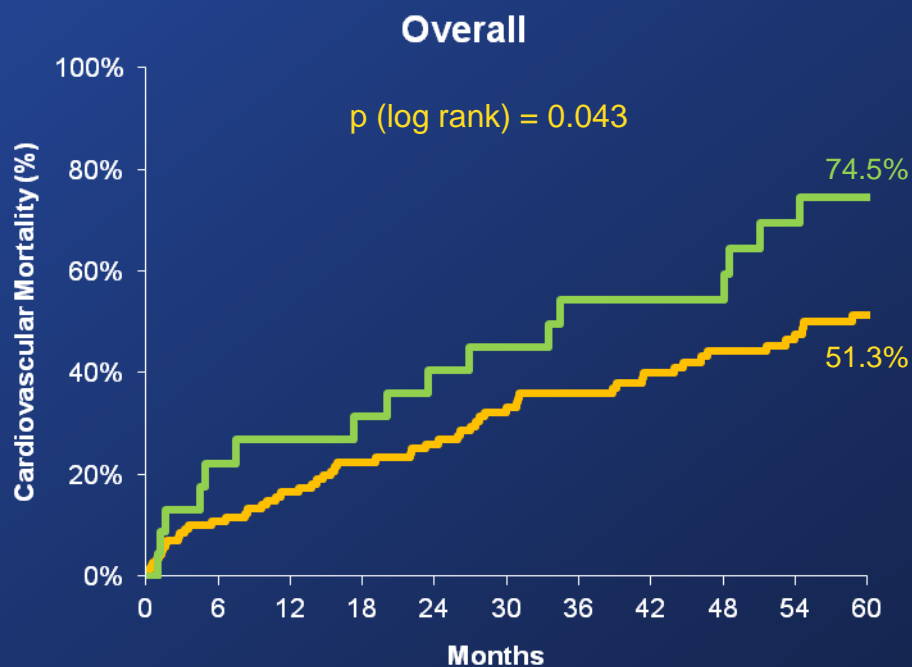
Mortality or Stroke (ITT)



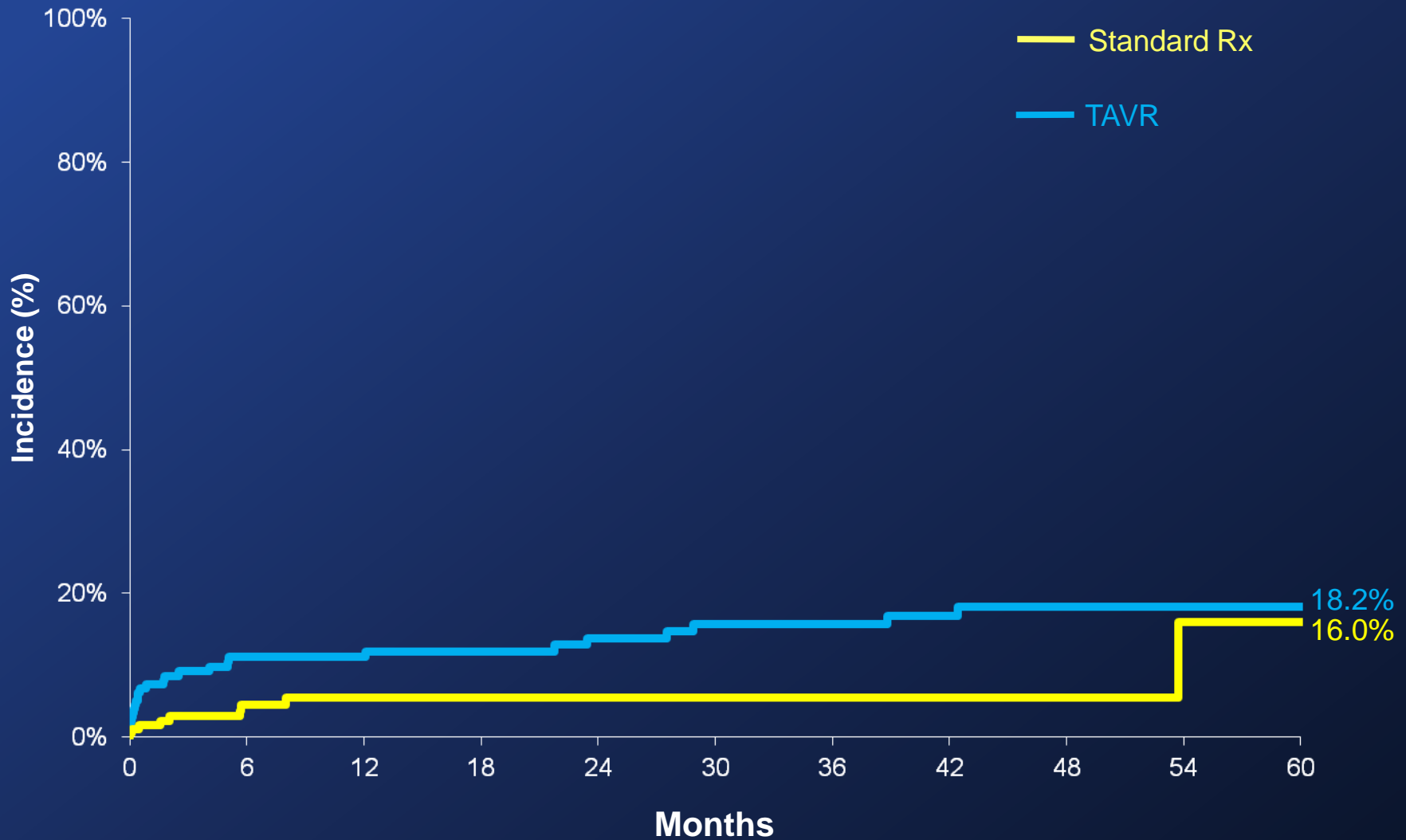
Cardiovascular Mortality by Paravalvular Leak Stratified by STS (AT)



- None-Mild
- Moderate-Severe

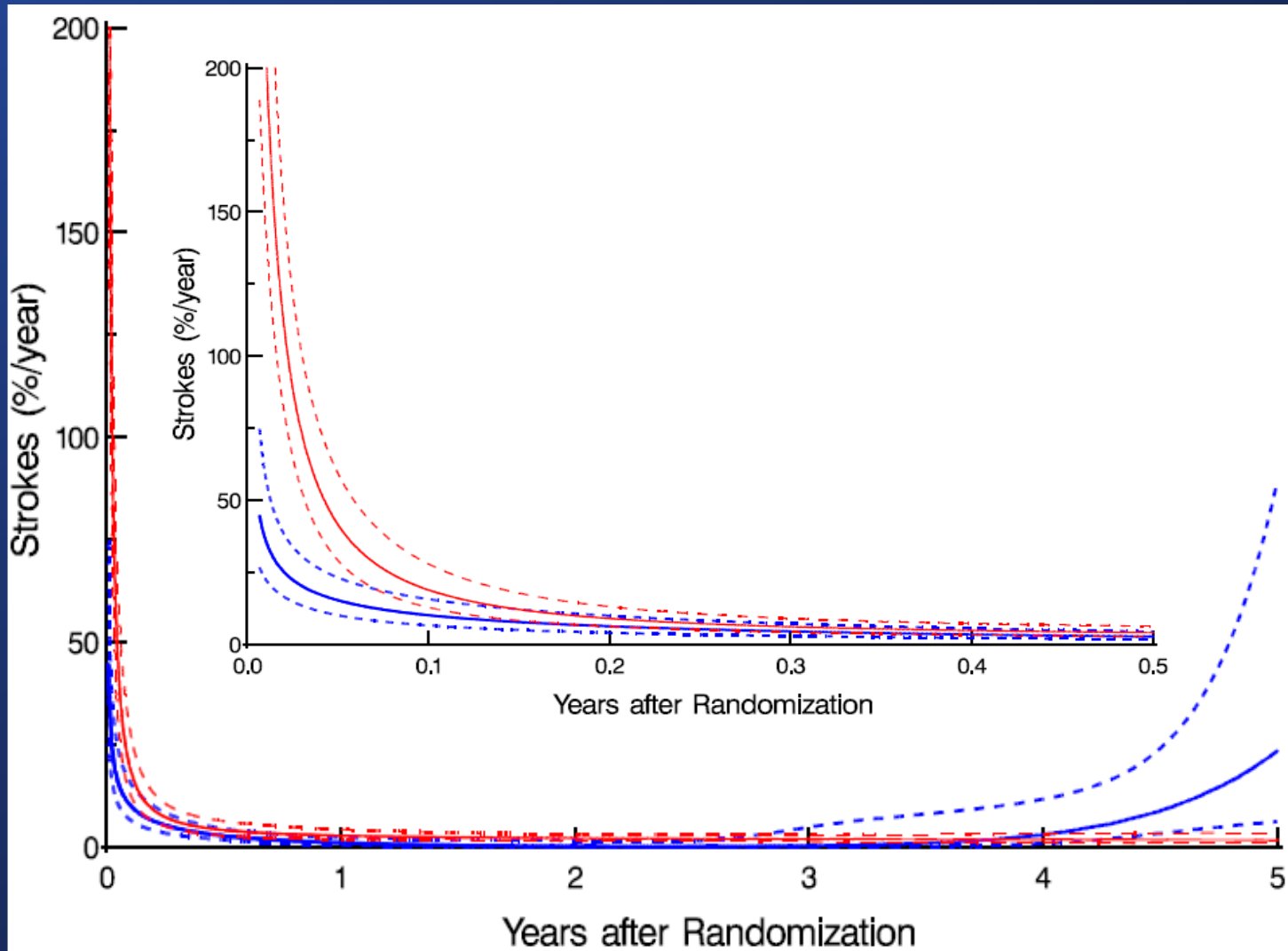


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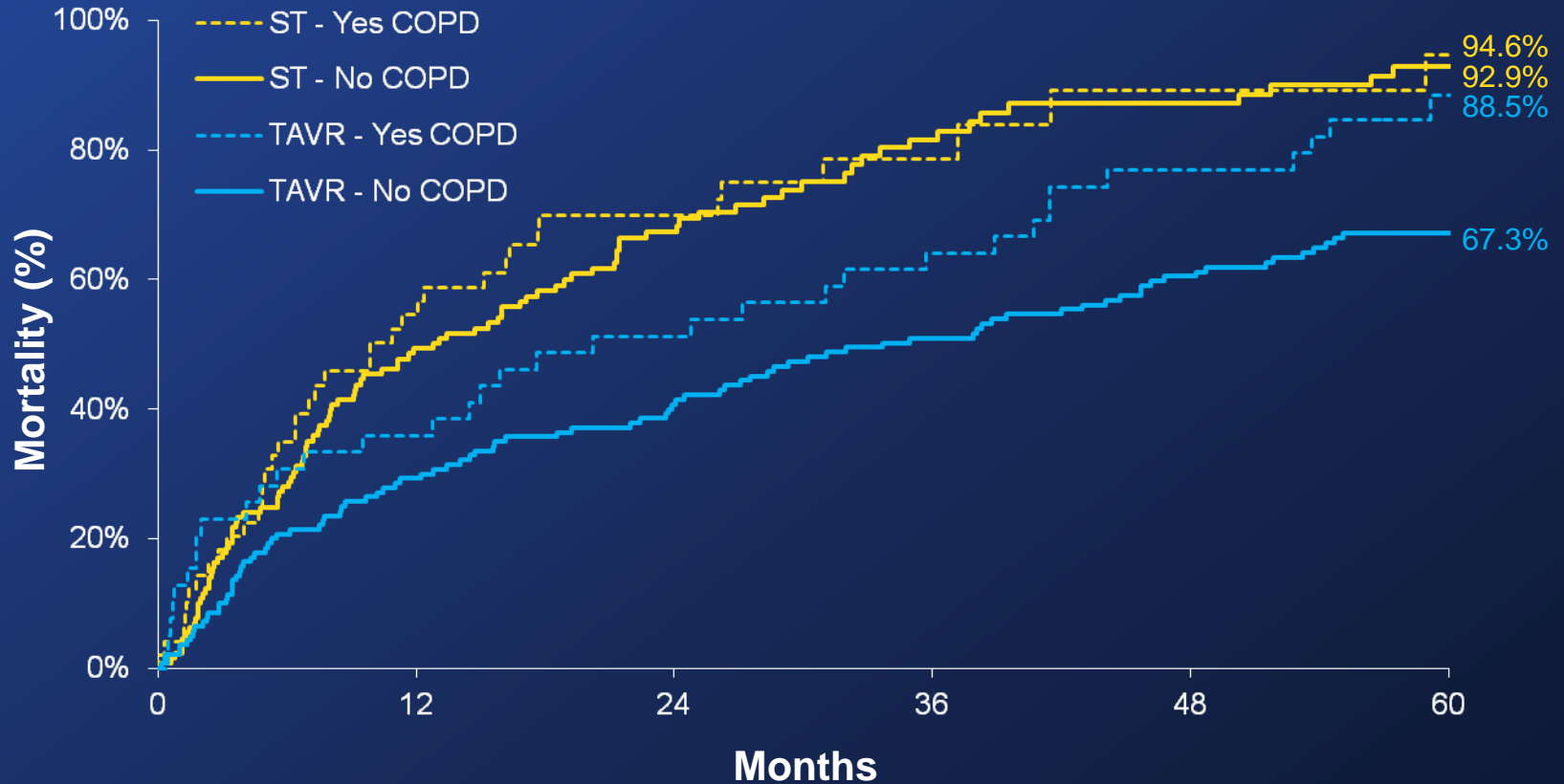


Stroke Analysis

Instantaneous Risk of Stroke



TAVR Mortality Stratified by Oxygen Dependent COPD (ITT)



Numbers at Risk

ST - Yes COPD	49	21	12	5	2	1
ST - No COPD	130	64	34	14	9	2
TAVR - Yes COPD	39	25	19	14	9	1
TAVR - No COPD	140	99	82	67	54	34

Univariate and Multivariate Predictors of Mortality after TAVR



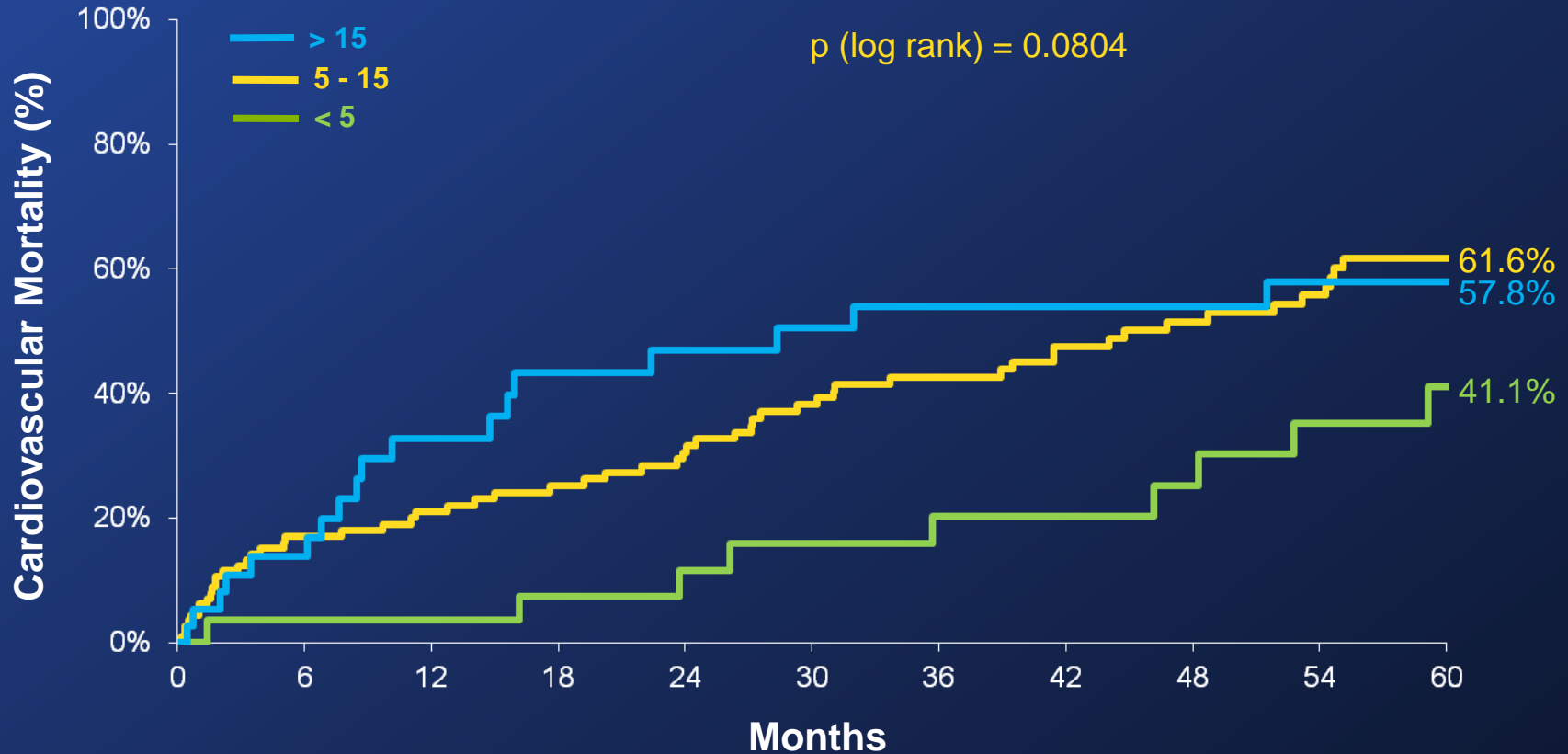
Univariate Predictors

	<i>Hazard Ratio</i>	<i>p-value</i>
BMI > 26	0.64 (0.45 – 0.91)	0.01
History of Stroke or TIA	3.18 (1.28 – 7.92)	0.01
Peripheral Vascular Disease	1.58 (1.10 -2.27)	0.01
Oxygen Dependent COPD	1.63 (1.10 – 2.42)	0.01

Multivariate Predictors

	<i>Hazard Ratio</i>	<i>p-value</i>
BMI > 26	0.50 (0.34 – 0.73)	< 0.01
Oxygen dependent COPD	1.83 (1.22 – 2.75)	< 0.01
Peripheral Vascular Disease	1.53 (1.04 – 2.24)	0.03
Moderate or Severe MR	0.60 (0.37 – 0.97)	0.04

TAVR Cardiovascular Mortality Stratified by STS Score (ITT)

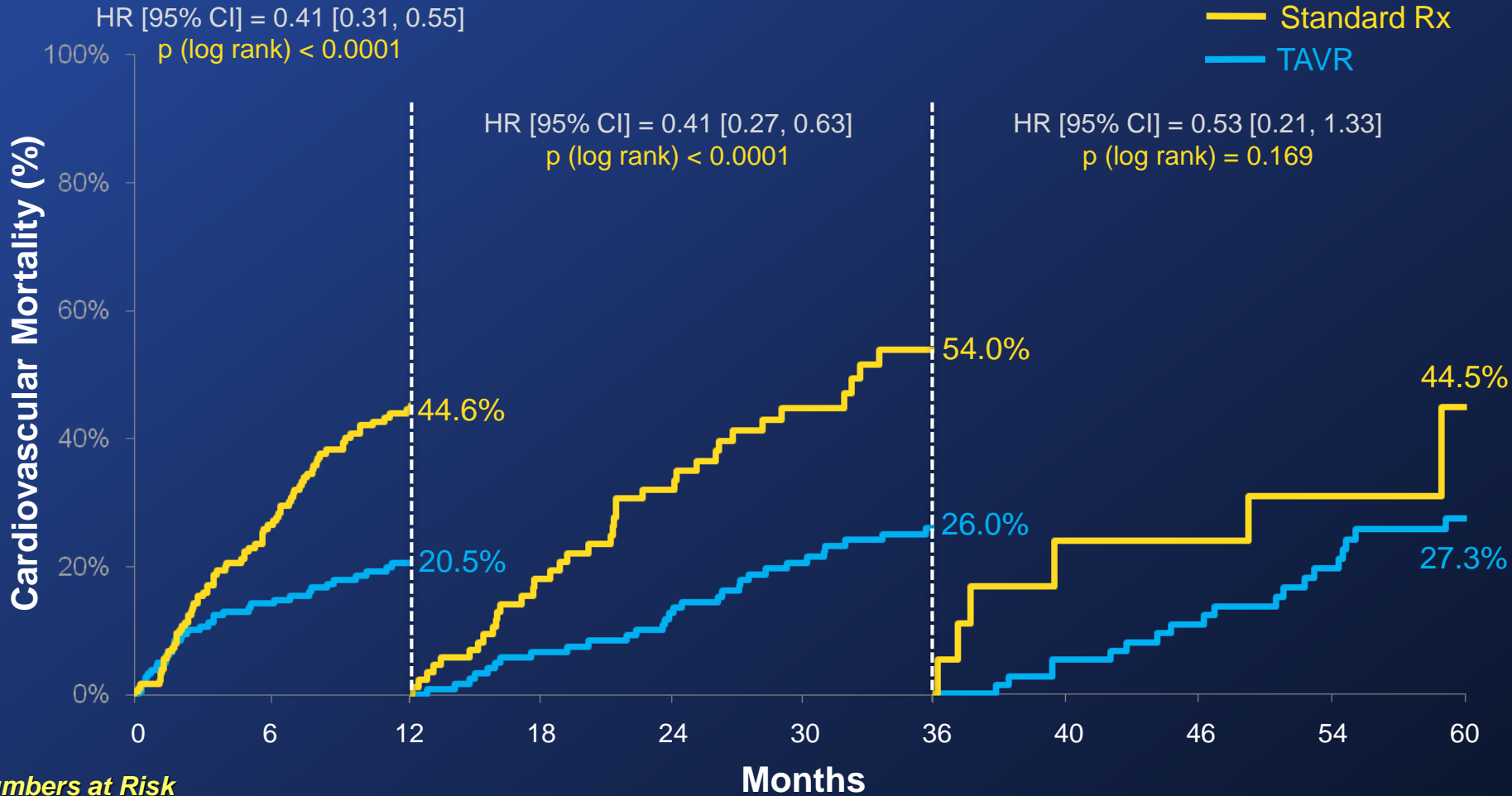


Numbers at Risk

STS Score	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
> 15	38	28	20	16	15	14	13	12	12	10	6
5 - 15	113	84	79	70	65	56	50	42	36	30	19
< 5	28	26	25	24	21	19	18	18	15	13	10

Cardiovascular Mortality (ITT)

Landmark Analysis

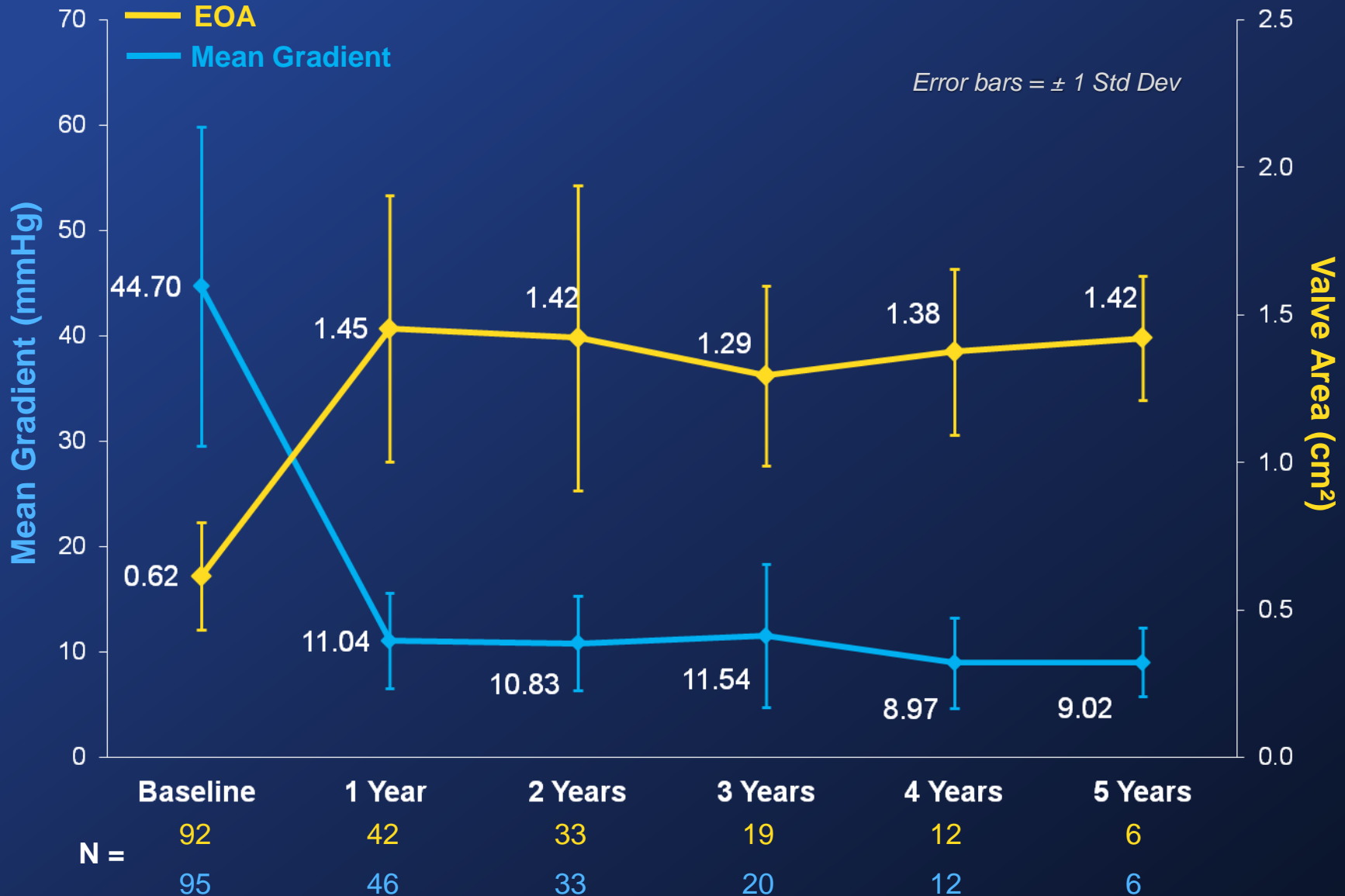


Numbers at Risk

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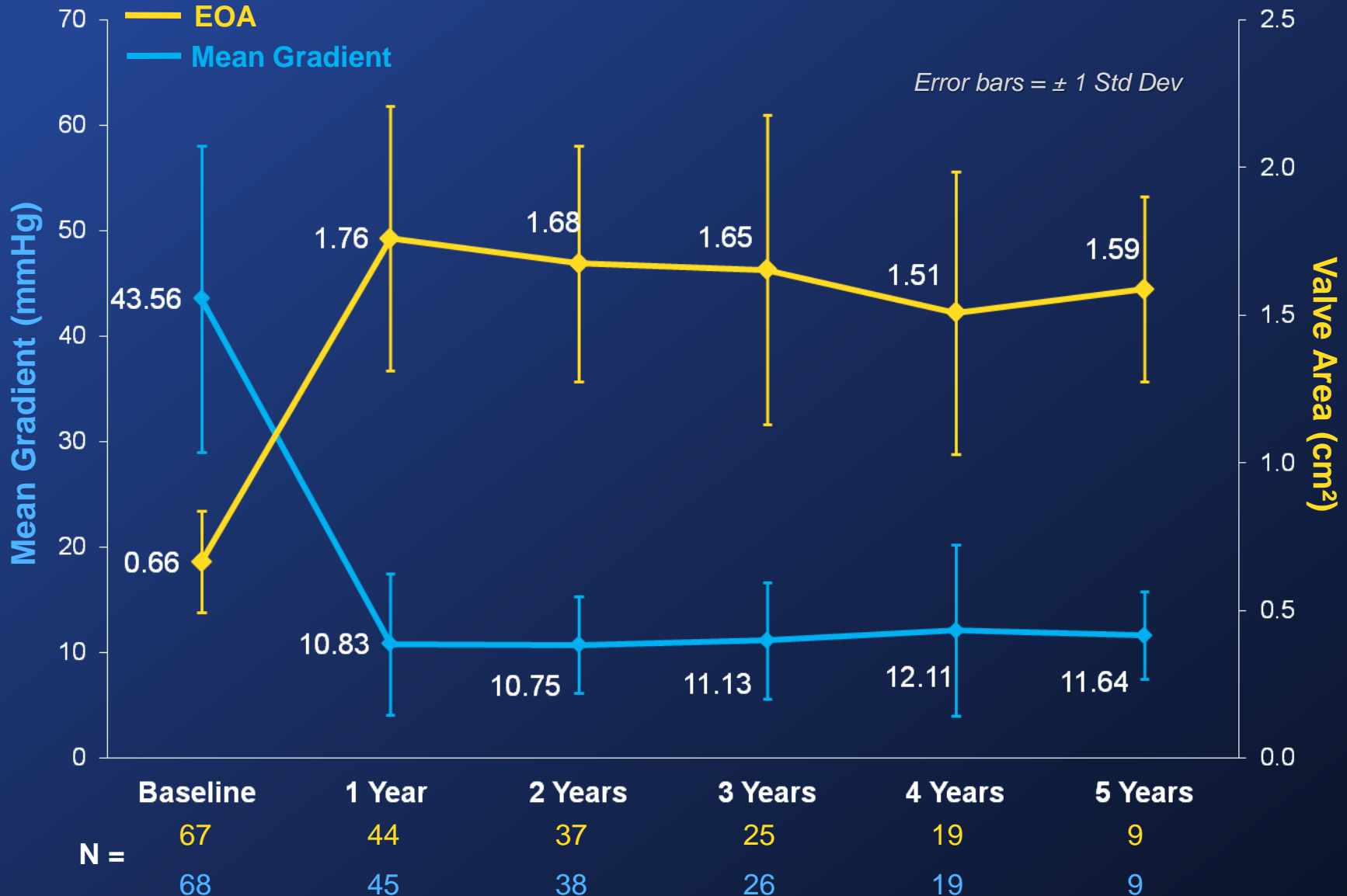
Mean Gradient & Valve Area (AT)

Valve Durability (23mm)



Mean Gradient & Valve Area (AT)

Valve Durability (26mm)



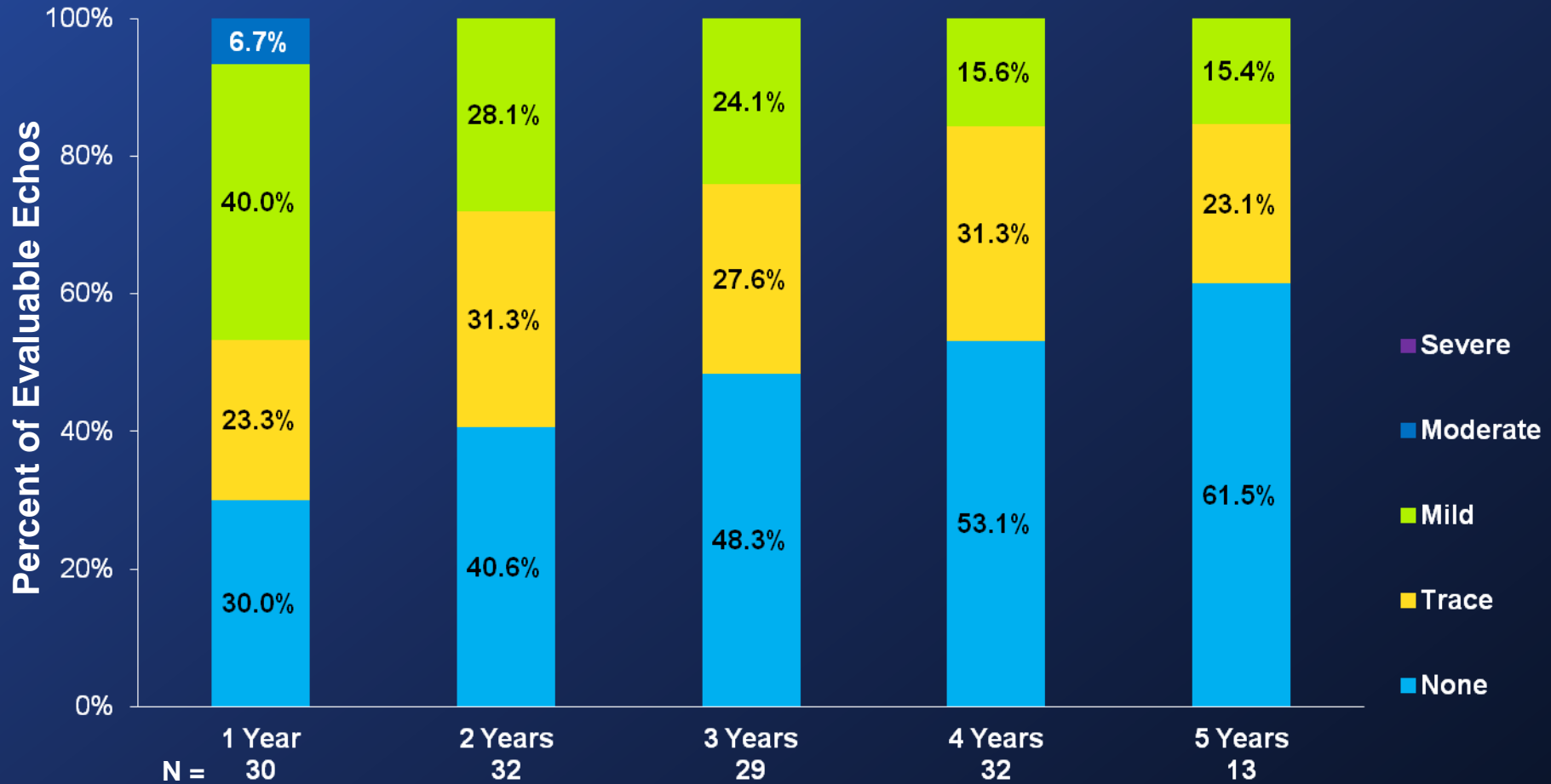
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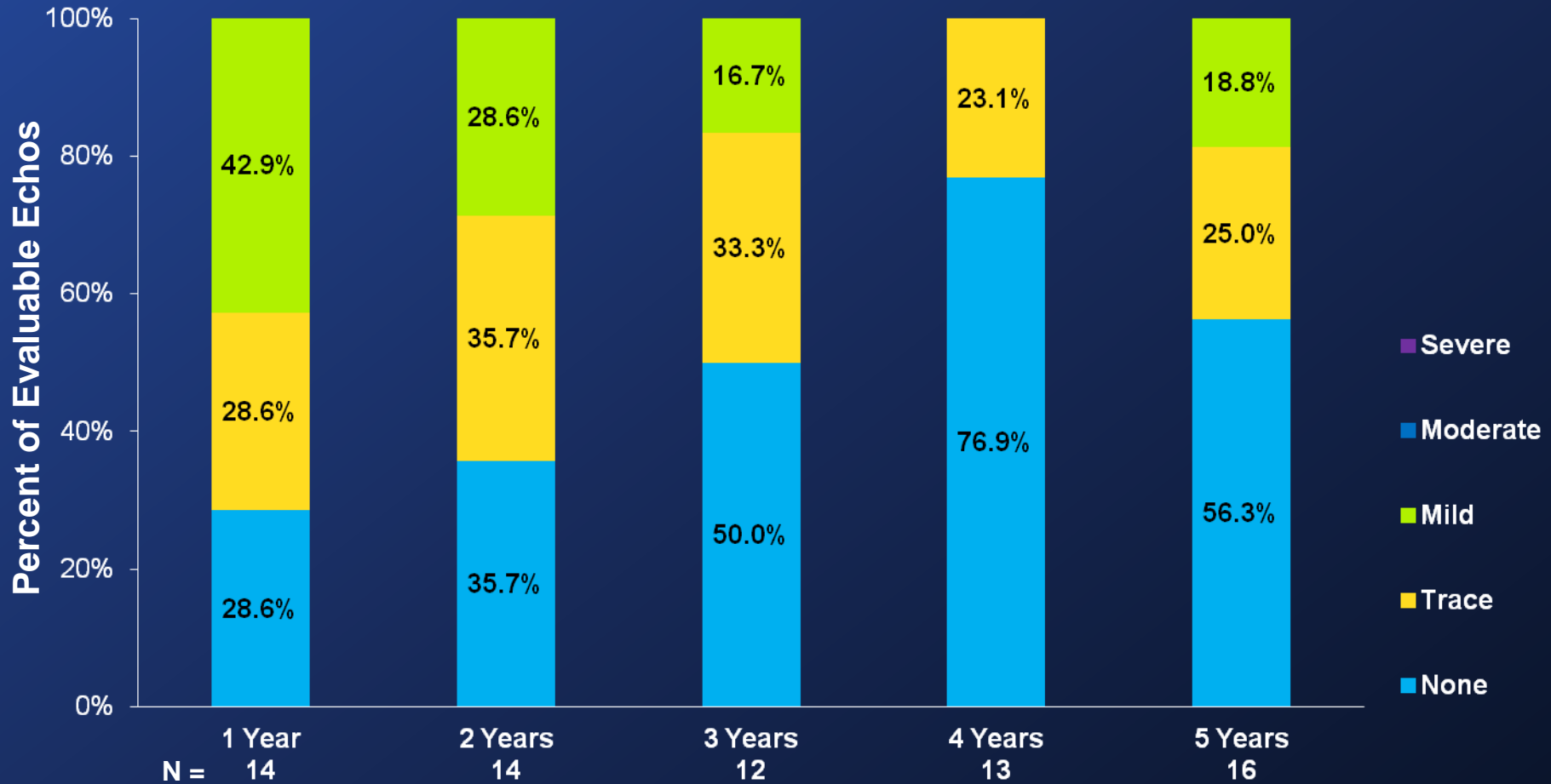
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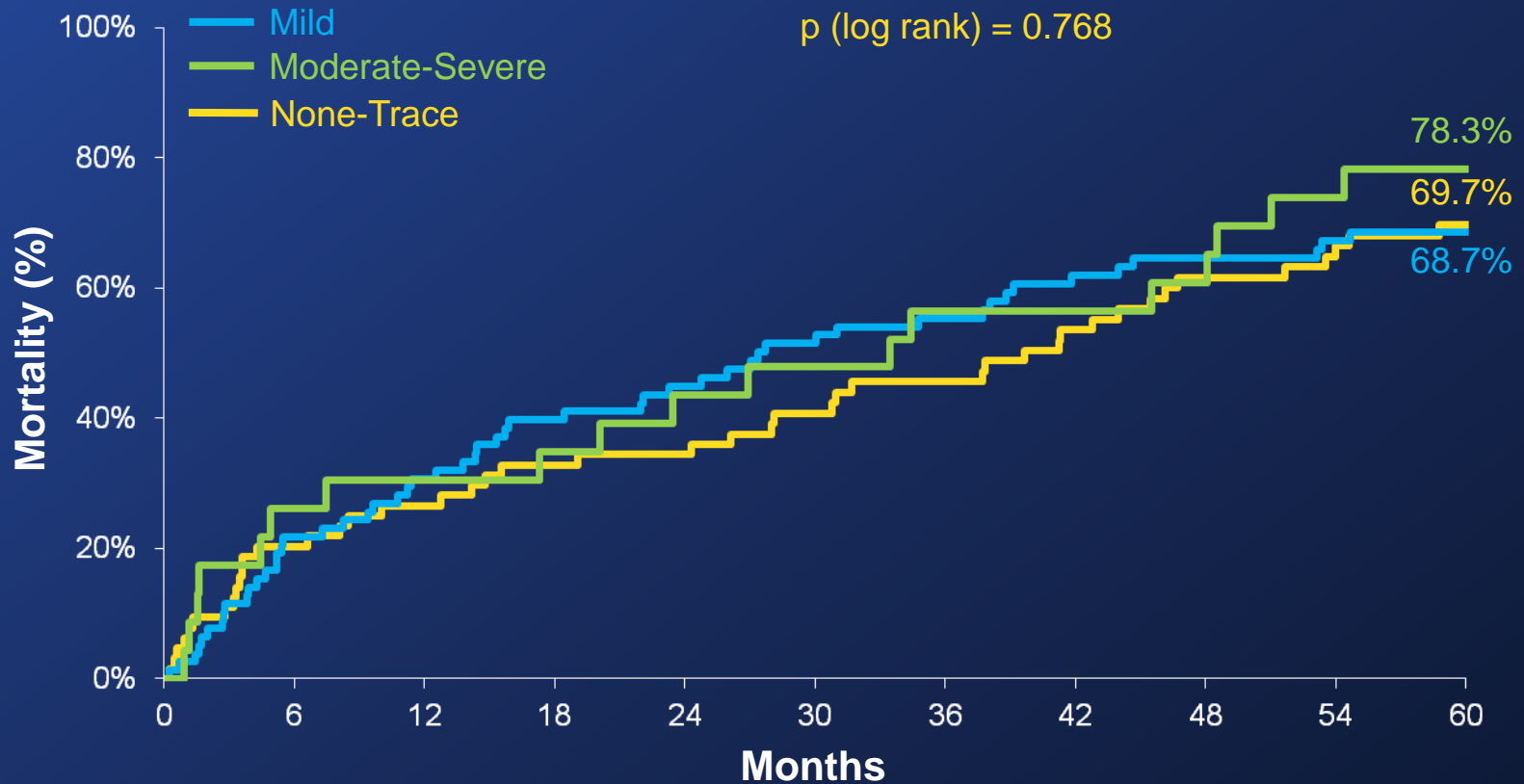


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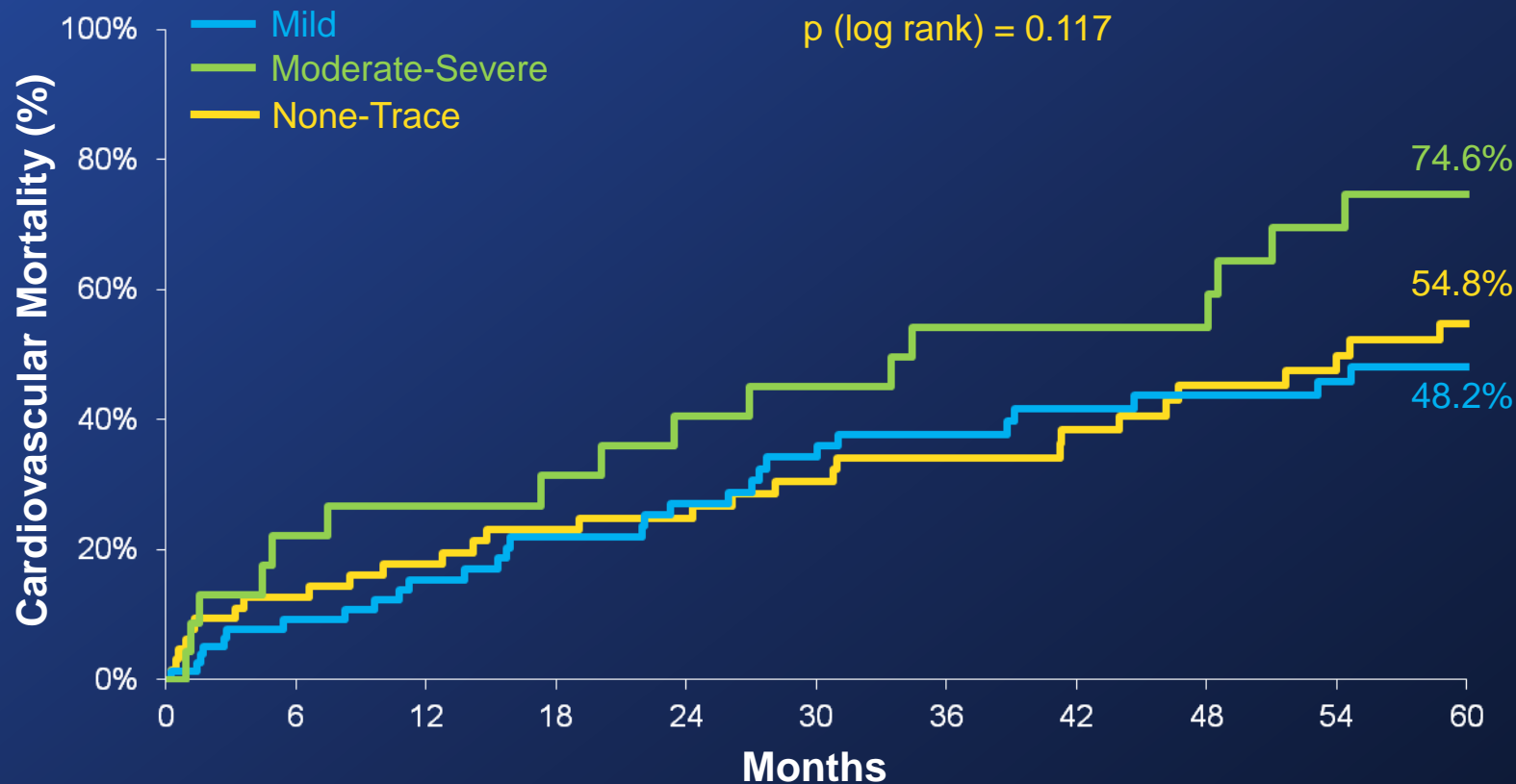
Mortality Stratified by Paravalvular Leak (AT) Valve Implant Patients



Numbers at Risk

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Mild	78	61	54	47	43	37	34	29	27	24	12
Mod.-Severe	23	17	16	15	13	12	10	10	9	6	4
None-Trace	64	51	47	43	41	37	34	29	24	21	12

Cardiovascular Mortality Stratified by Paravalvular Leak (AT) Valve Implant Patients



Numbers at Risk

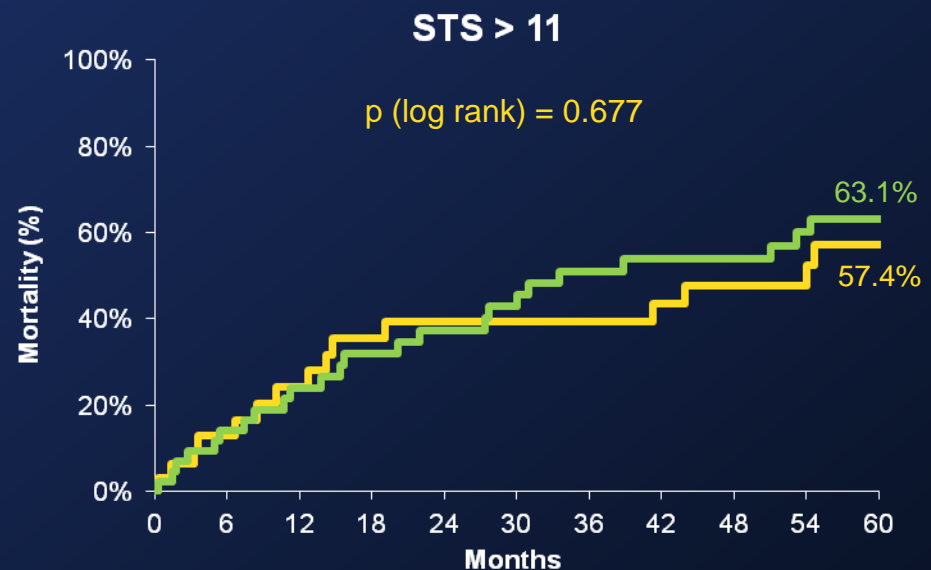
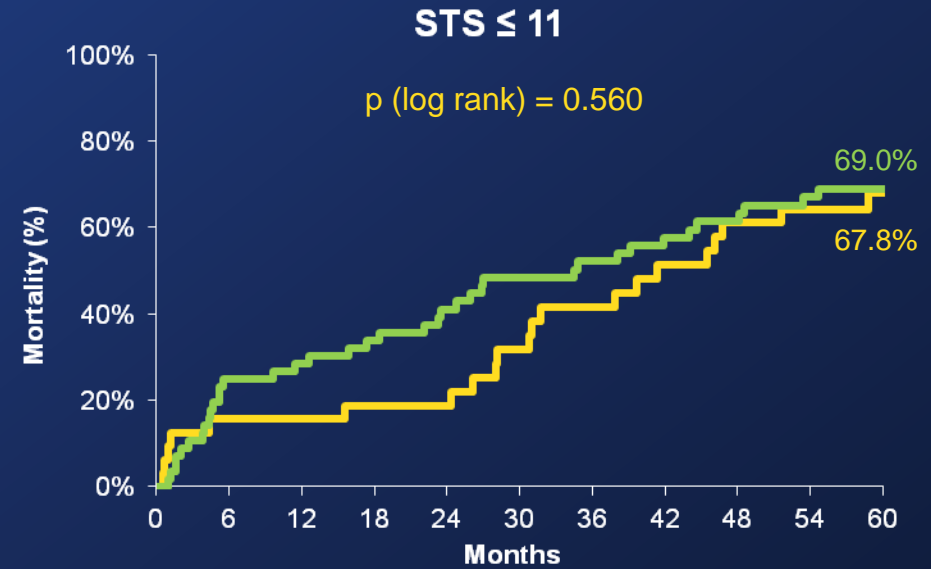
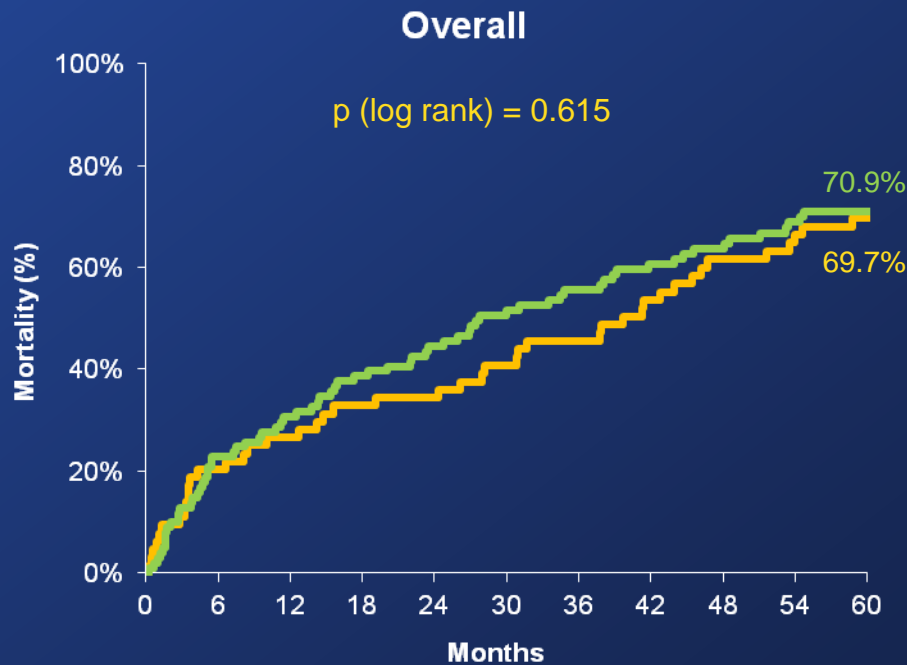
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Mortality by Paravalvular Leak Stratified by STS (AT)

Valve Implant Patients



- None-Trace
- Mild-Severe



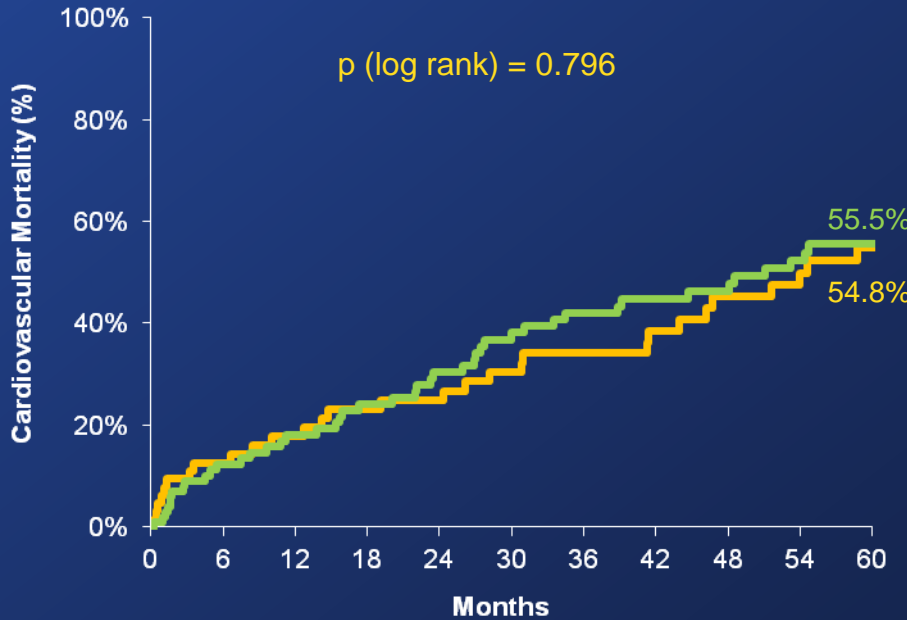
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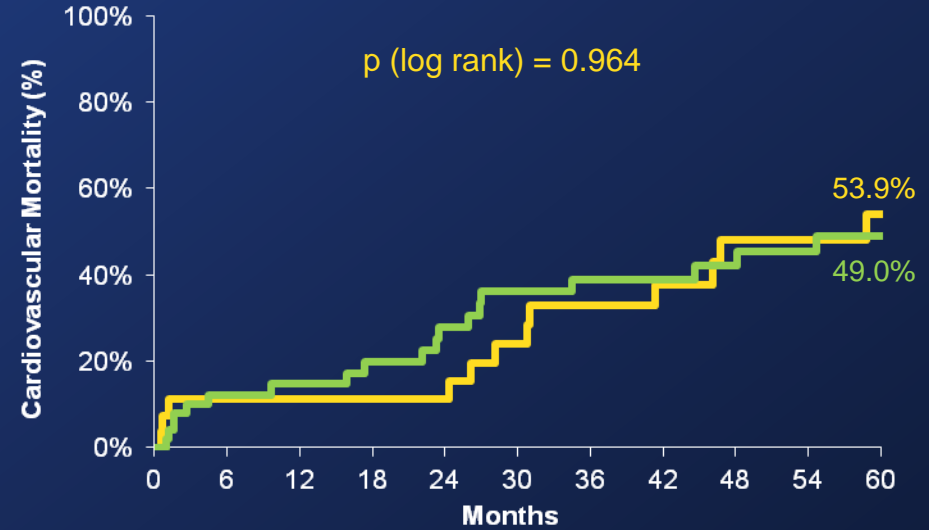
Overall

p (log rank) = 0.796



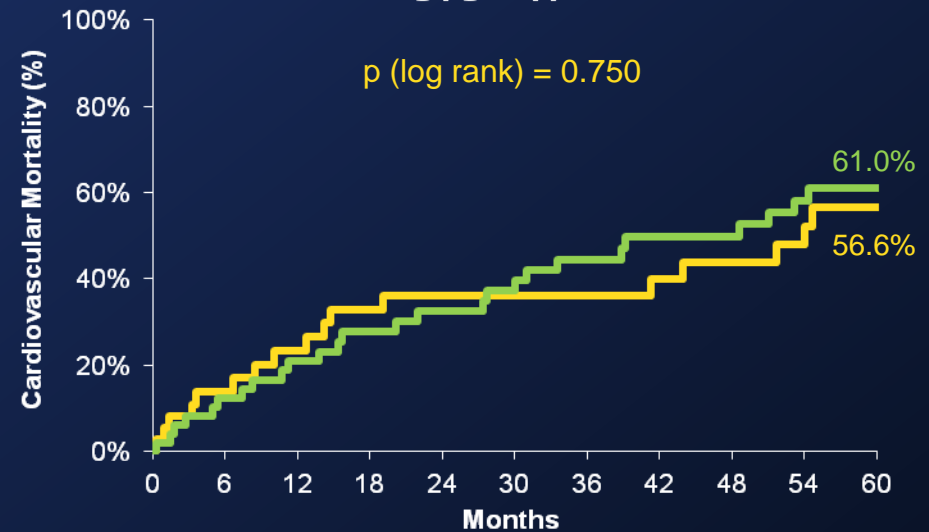
STS \leq 11

p (log rank) = 0.964



STS > 11

p (log rank) = 0.750



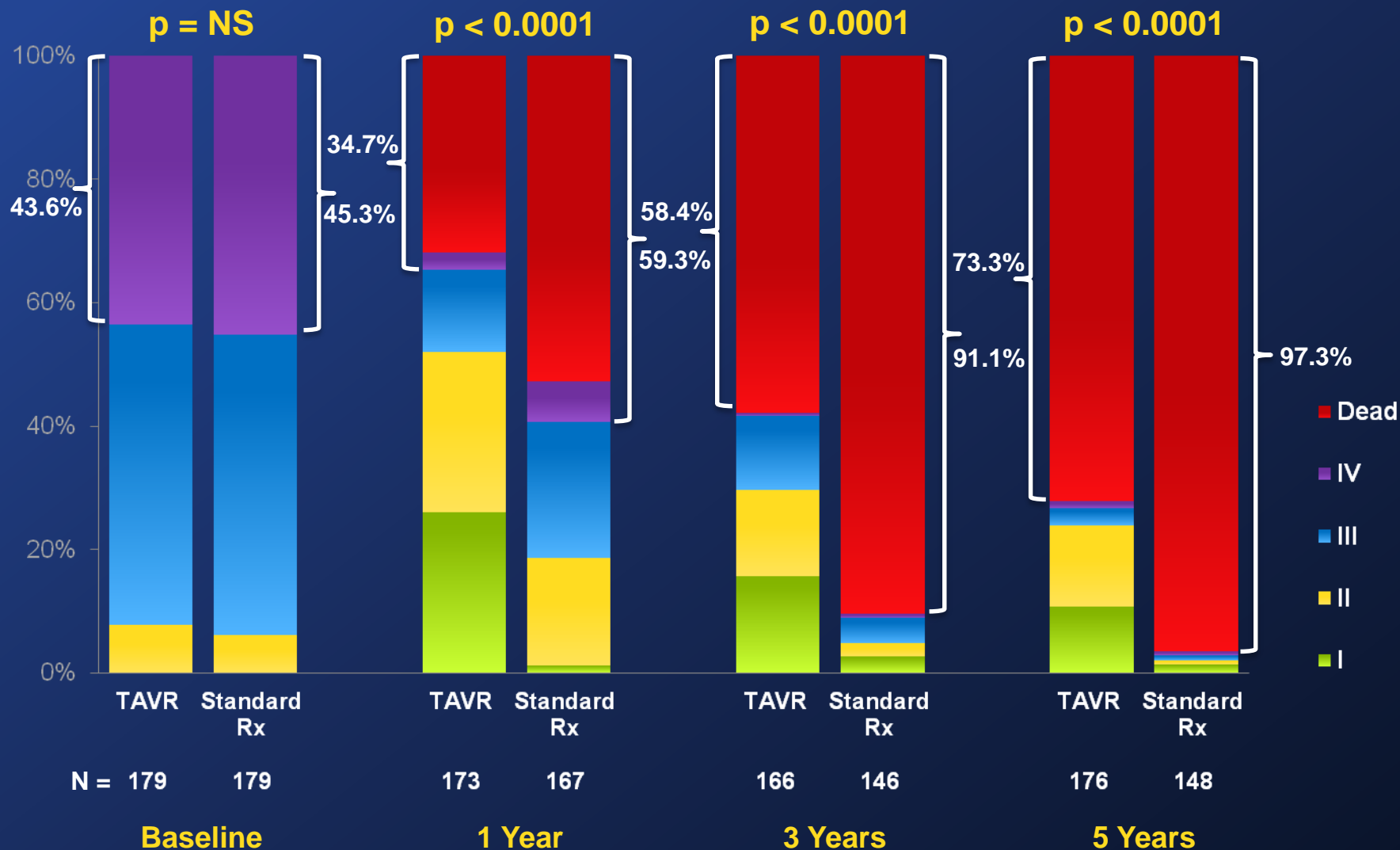
Mean Survival and Months Alive and Out of Hospital



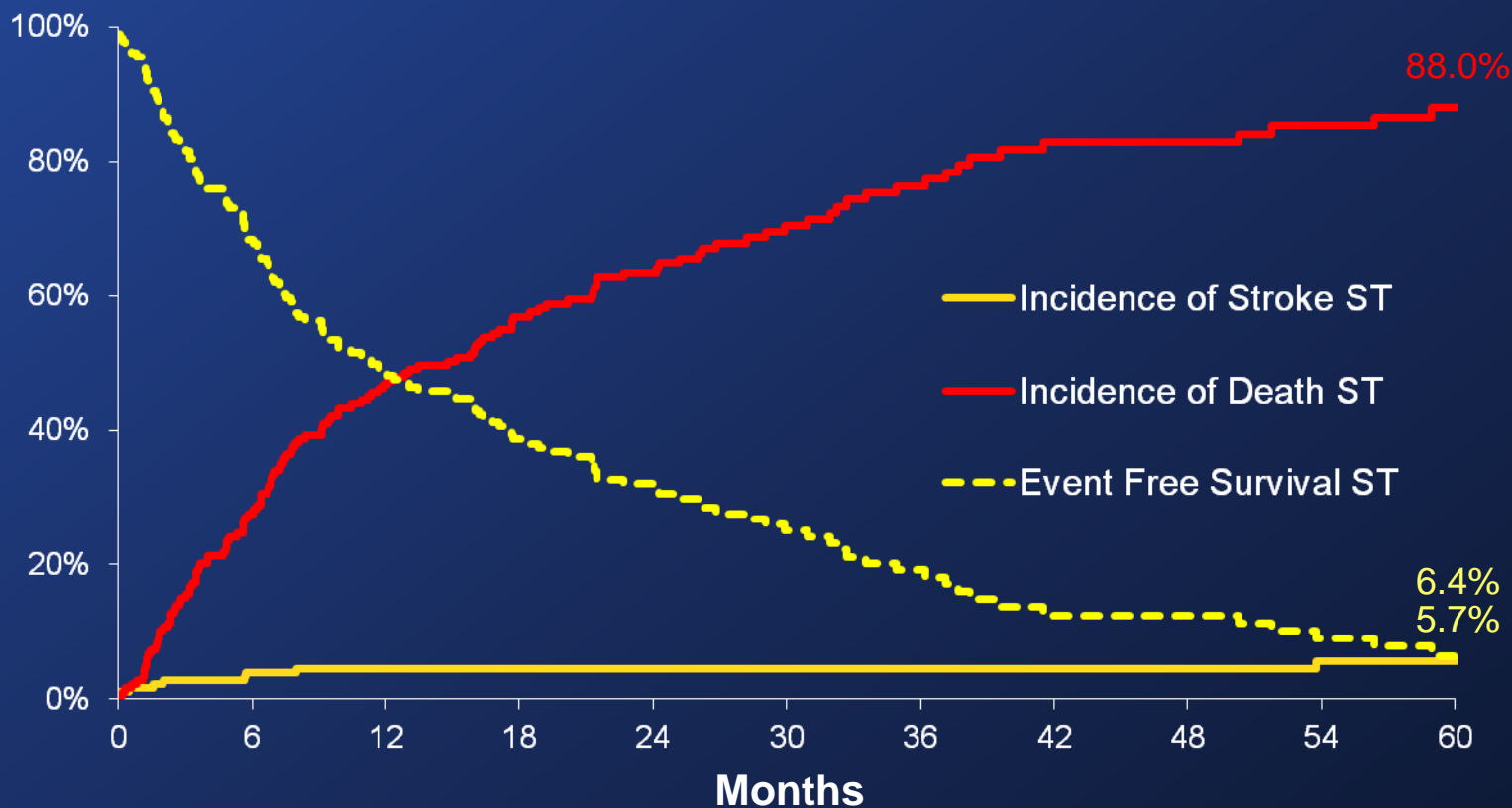
		Survival	Out of Hospital
Standard Therapy	Mean†	19.1	18.5
	Q1	4.8	4.5
	Median	11.7	11.1
	Q3	30.9	29.9
TAVR	Mean†	31.7	30.6
	Q1	7.7	6.6
	Median	31.0	29.7
	Q3	NA	NA

† Means are biased downwards because of censoring

NYHA Class Over Time (ITT)



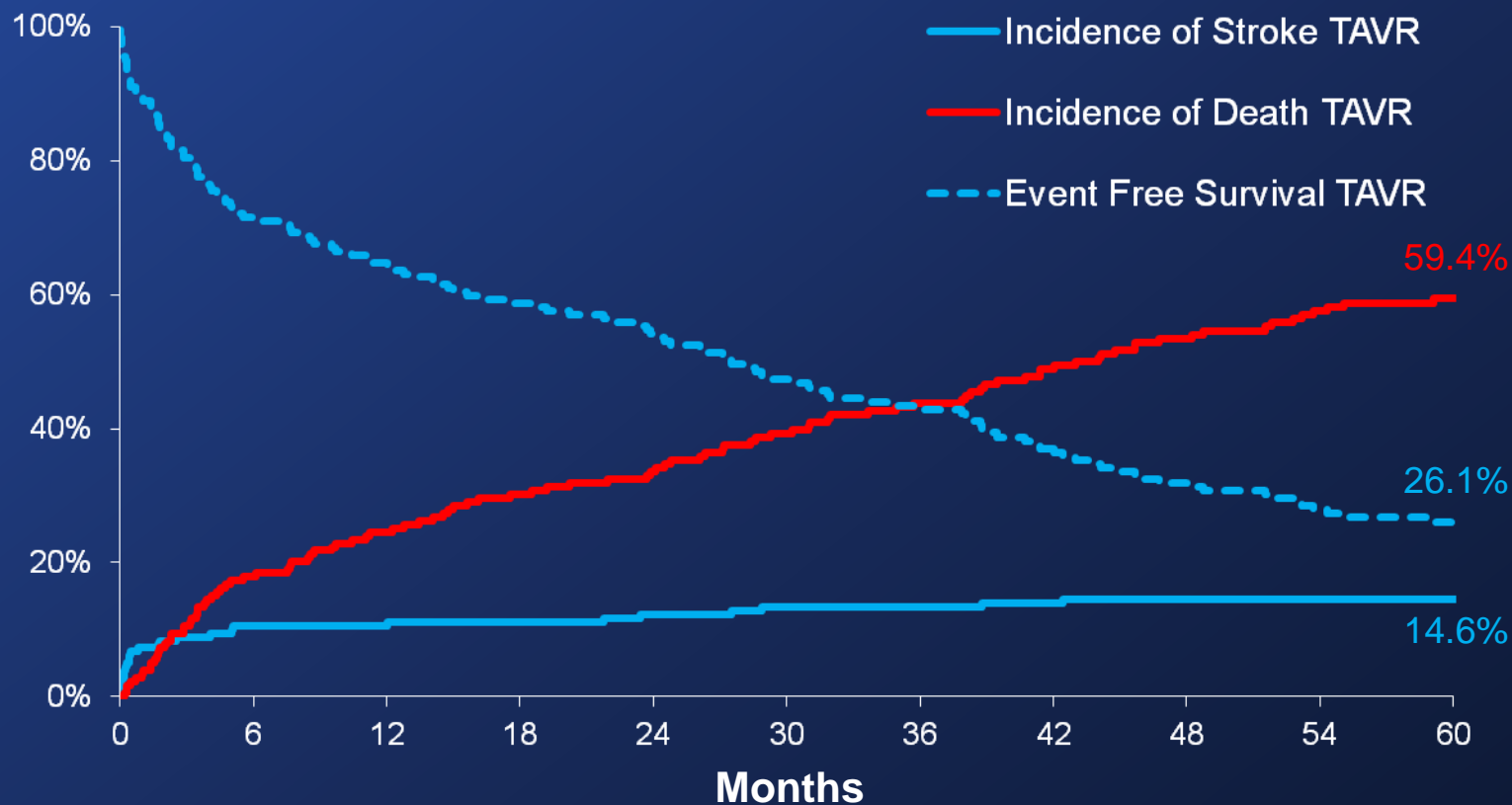
Death and Stroke Competing Risks (ITT) Standard Therapy



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Death and Stroke Competing Risks (ITT) TAVR



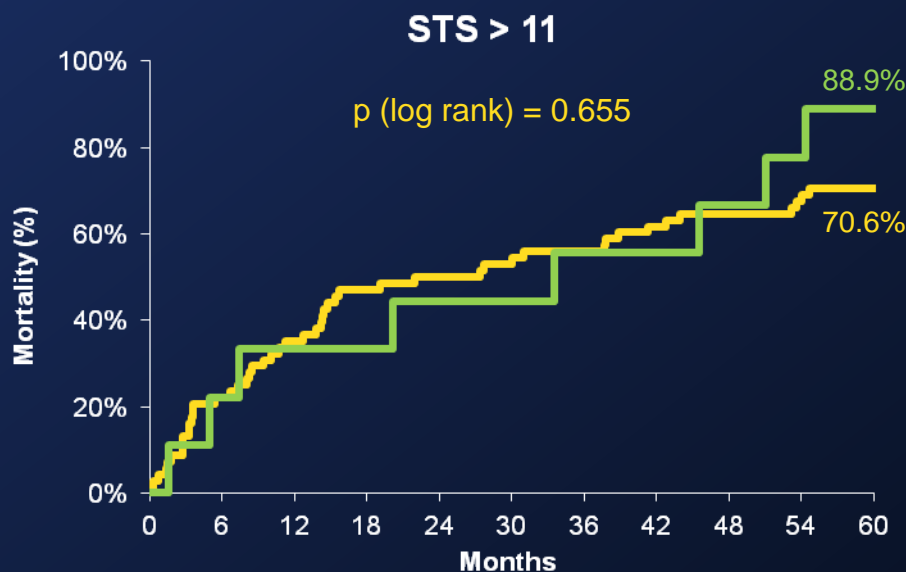
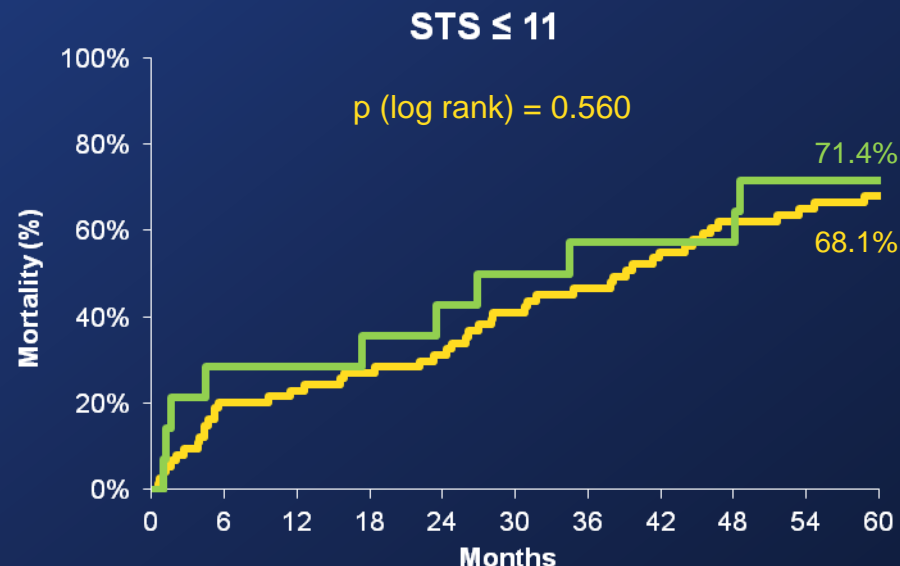
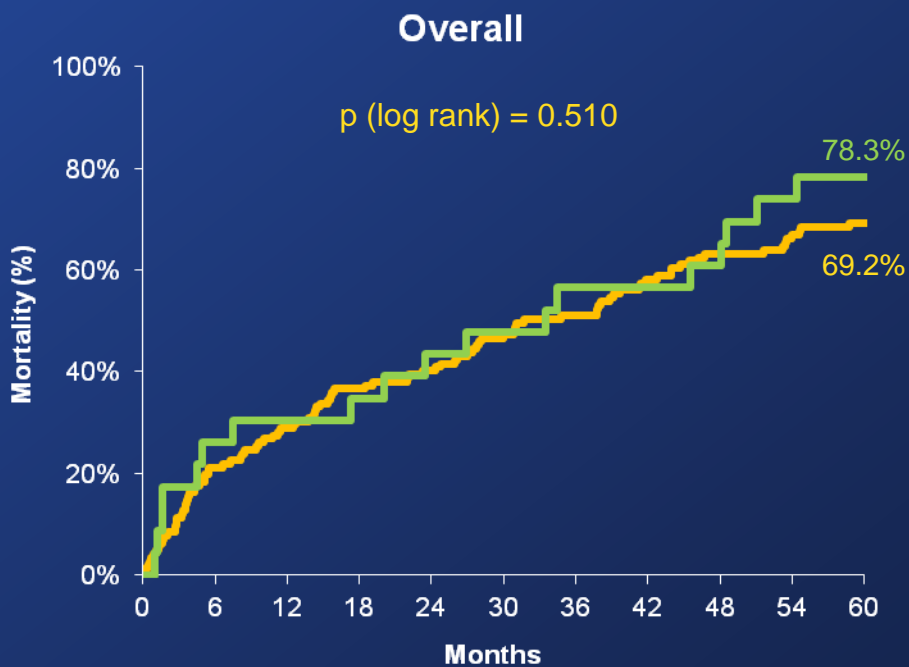
Numbers at Risk

Time (Months)	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
TAVR	179	128	116	105	96	83	75	65	56	48	34

Mortality by Paravalvular Leak Stratified by STS (AT)



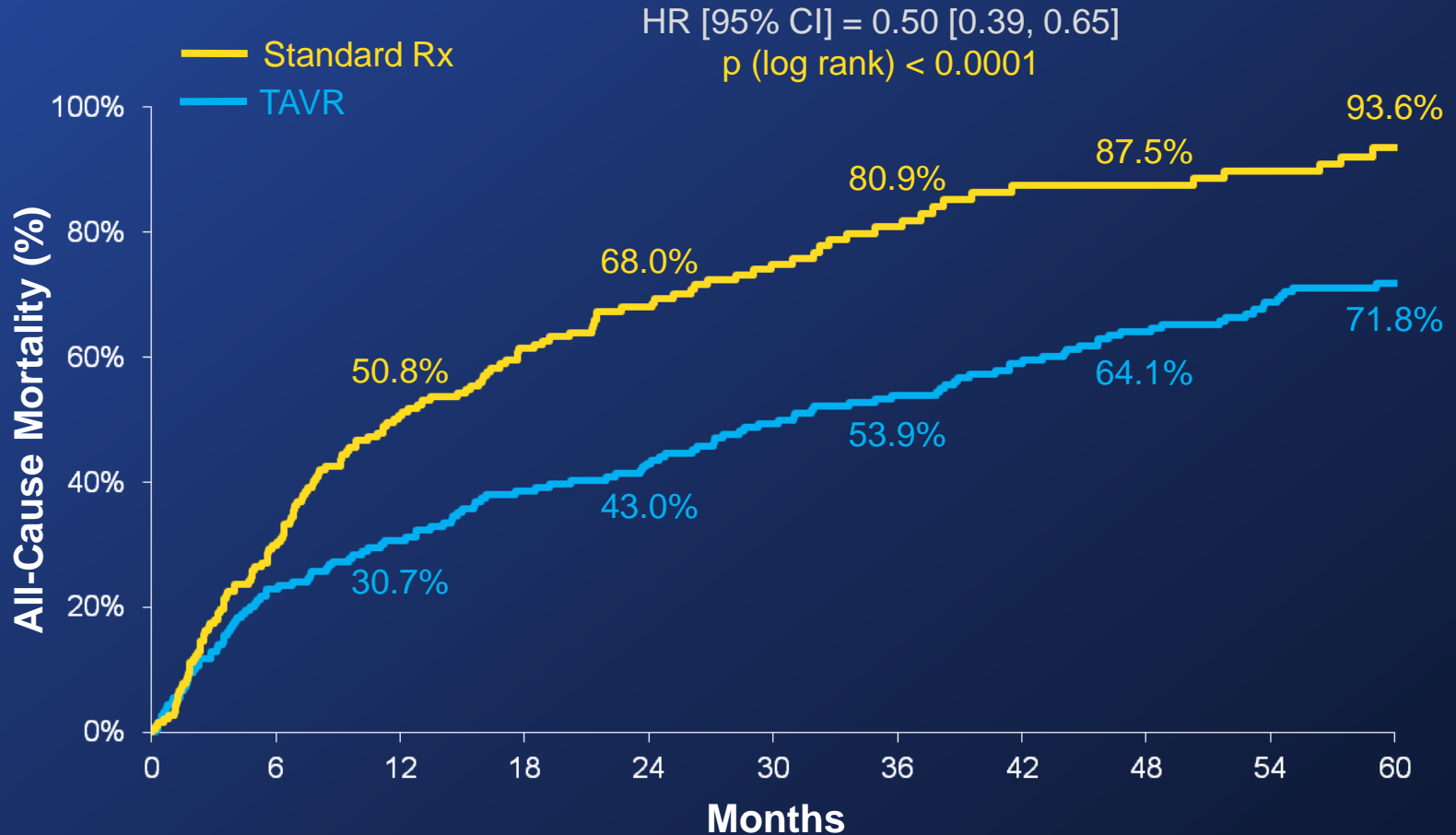
- None-Mild
- Moderate-Severe



Presented Slides That Include Number of Patients at Risk

All-Cause Mortality (ITT)

Crossover Patients Censored at Crossover

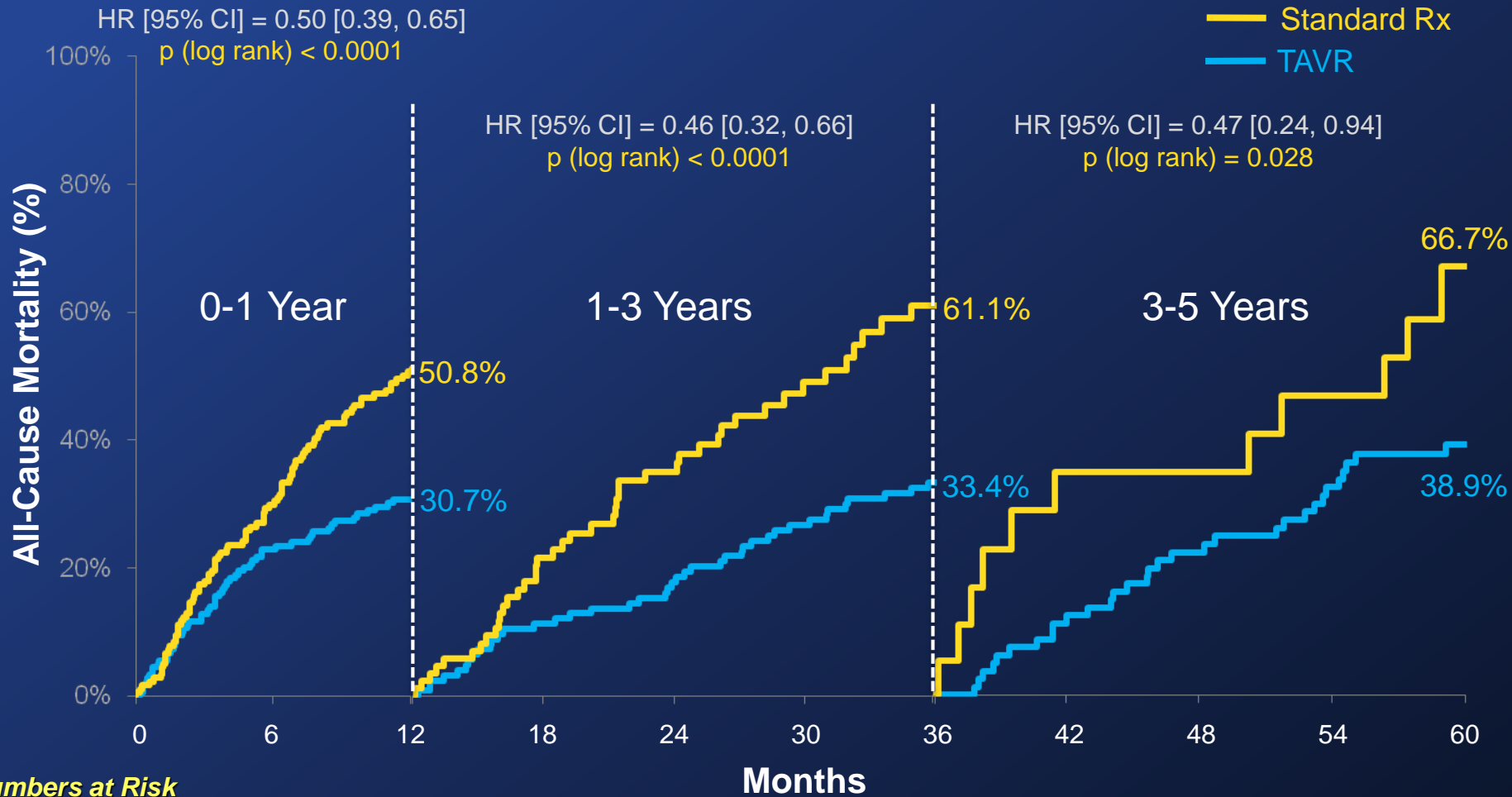


Numbers at Risk

Standard Rx	179	121	85	62	46	27	19	11	11	9	3
TAVR	179	138	124	110	101	89	81	72	63	53	35

All-Cause Mortality (ITT)

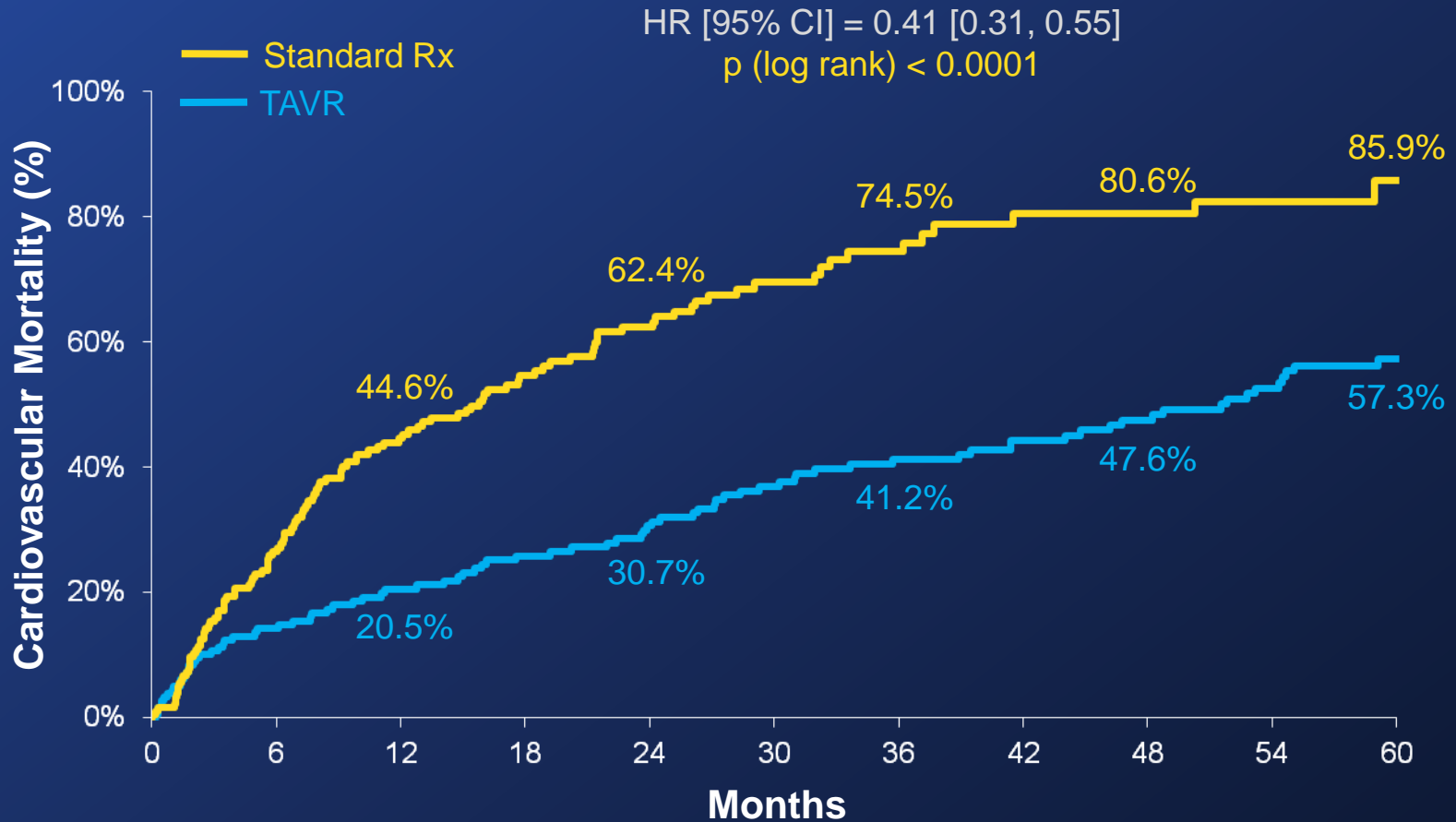
Landmark Analysis



	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
Std. Rx	179	121	85	62	46	27	19	11	11	9	3
TAVR	179	138	124	110	101	89	81	72	63	53	35

Cardiovascular Mortality (ITT)

Crossover Patients Censored at Crossover



Numbers at Risk

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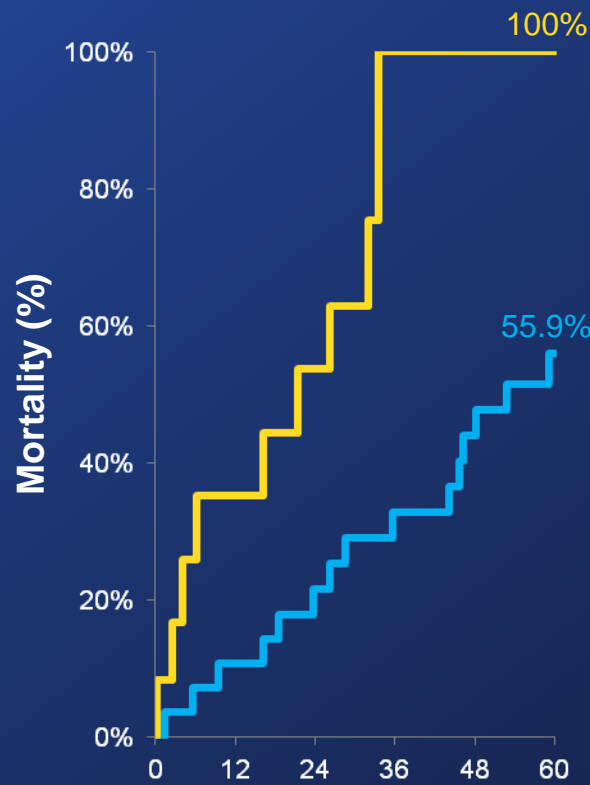
All-Cause Mortality Stratified by STS Score (ITT)



Standard Rx
TAVR

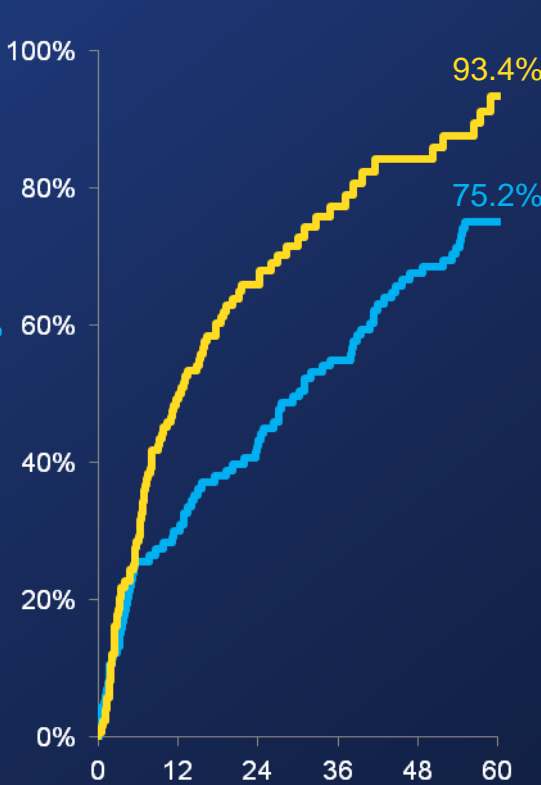
STS < 5

p (log rank) = 0.0012



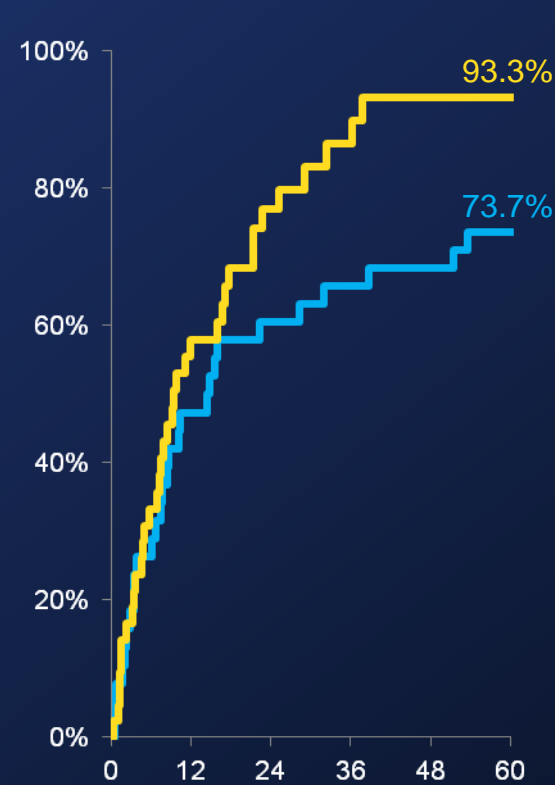
STS 5-15

p (log rank) = 0.0002



STS > 15

p (log rank) = 0.0749



Numbers at Risk

	0	12	24	36	48	60	0	12	24	36	48	60	0	12	24	36	48	60
Standard Rx	12	7	5	0	0	0	123	61	33	15	9	2	43	17	8	4	2	1
TAVR	28	25	21	18	15	10	113	79	65	50	36	19	38	20	15	16	12	6

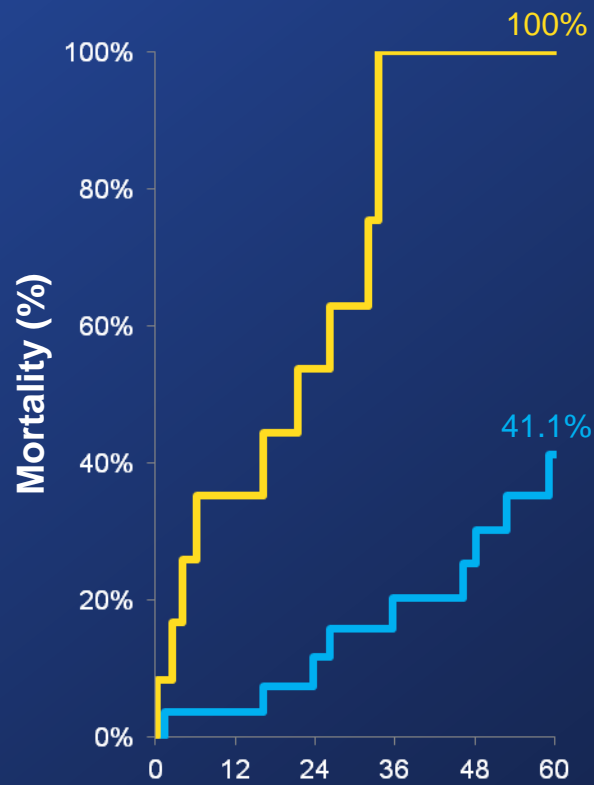
Cardiovascular Mortality Stratified by STS Score (ITT)



Standard Rx
TAVR

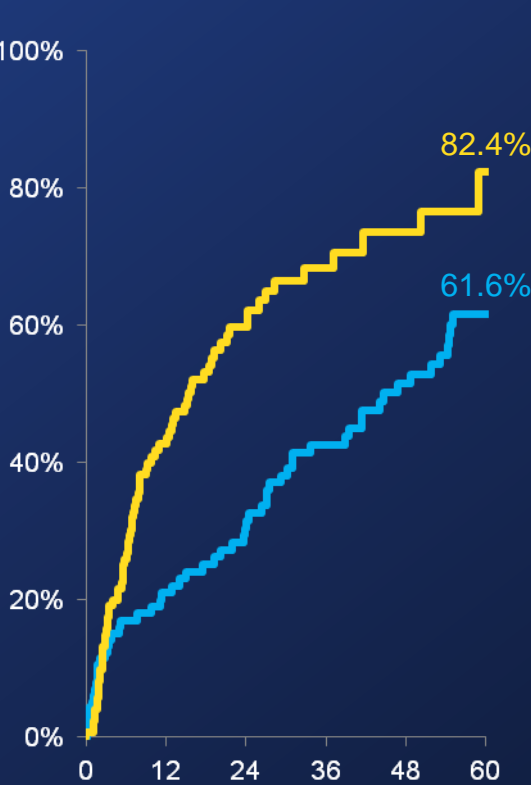
STS < 5

p (log rank) < 0.0001



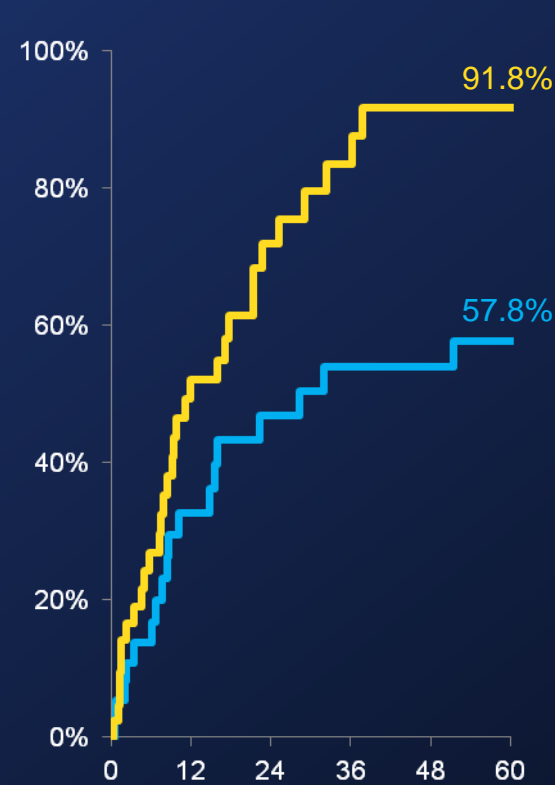
STS 5-15

p (log rank) < 0.0001



STS > 15

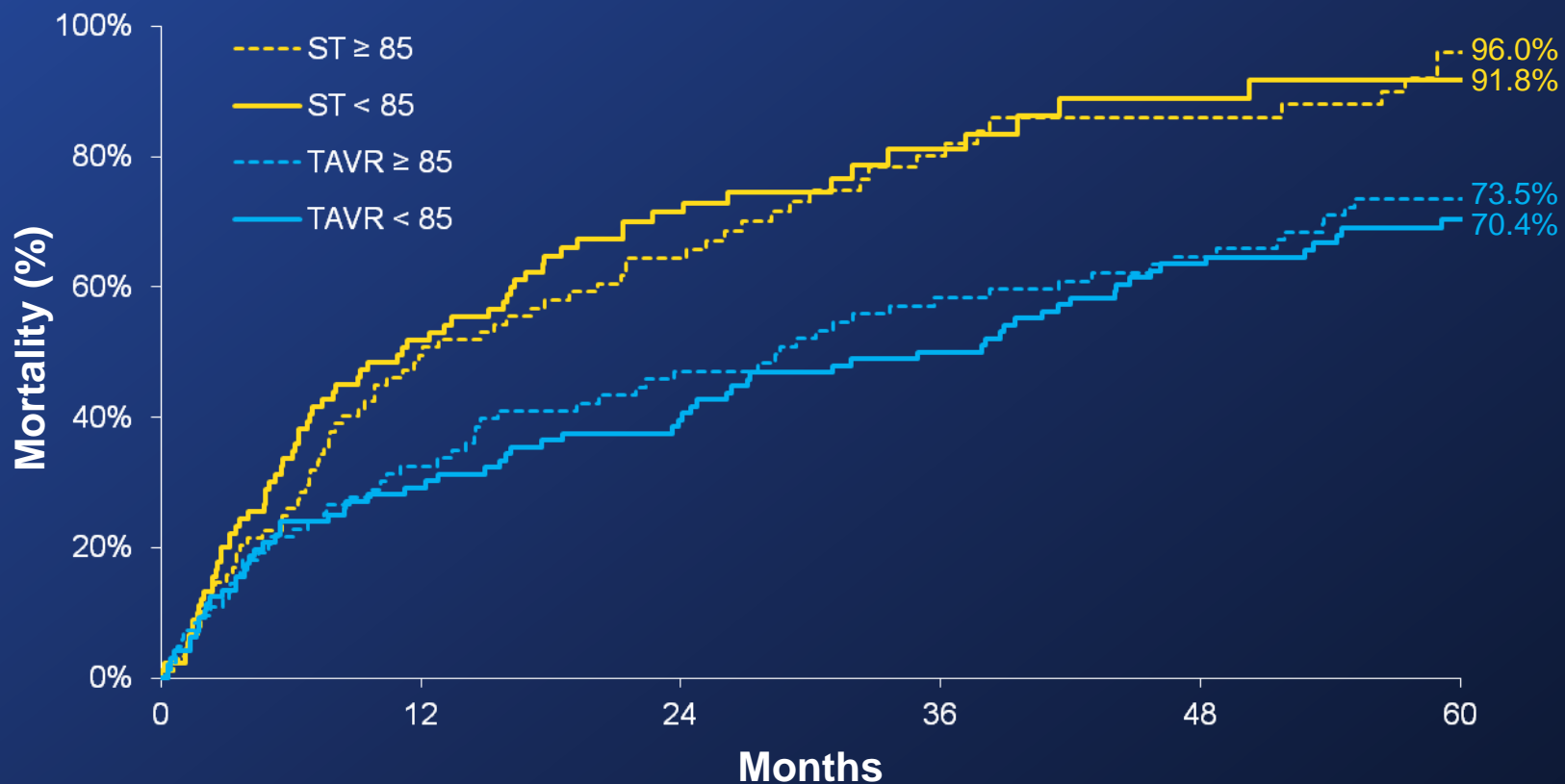
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Numbers at Risk

Standard Rx	12	7	5	0	0	0	123	61	33	15	9	2	43	17	8	4	2	1
TAVR	28	25	21	18	15	10	113	79	65	50	36	19	38	20	15	16	12	6

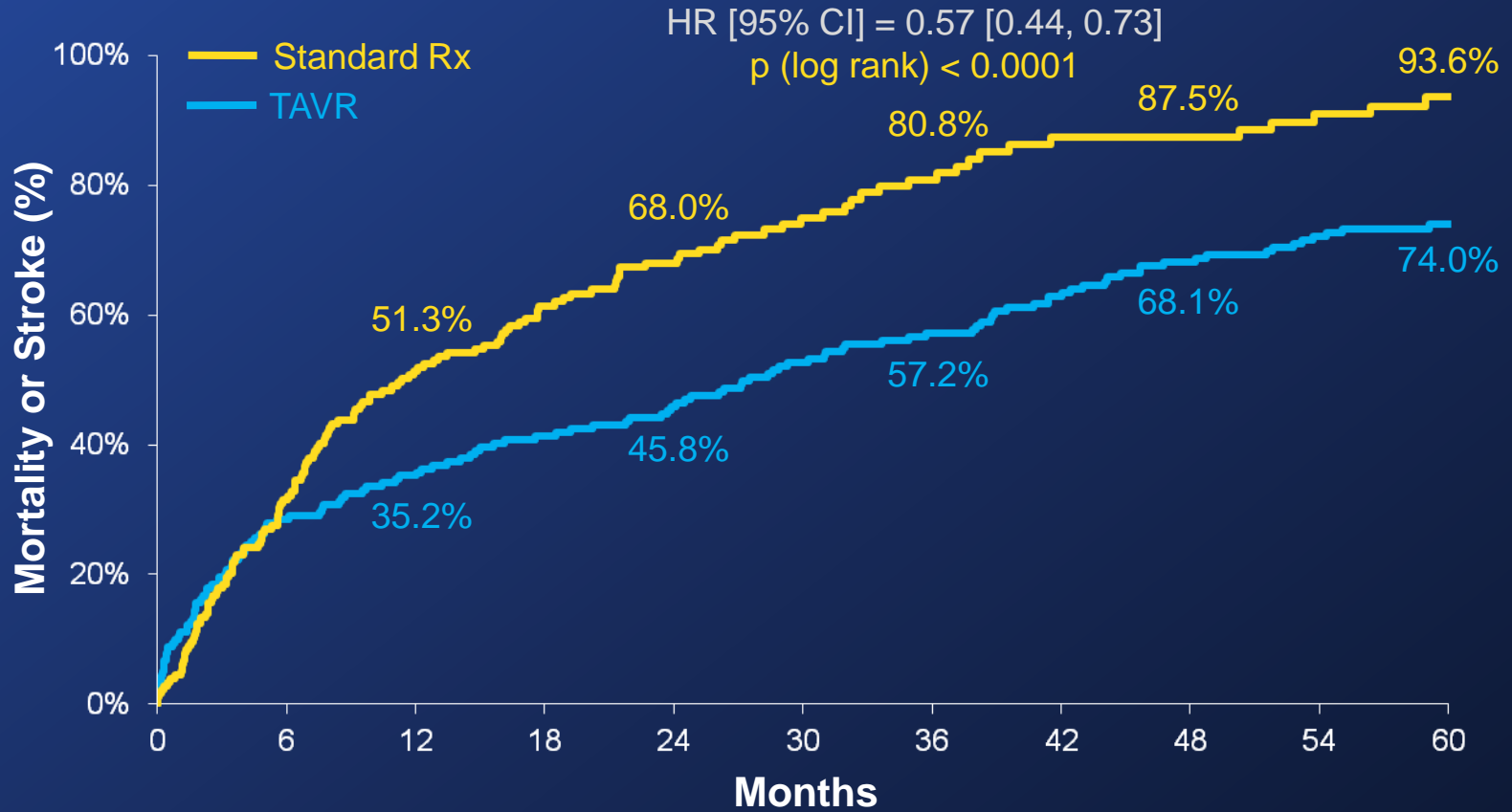
TAVR Mortality Stratified by Age (ITT)



Numbers at Risk

ST ≥ 85	89	43	27	11	7	1
ST < 85	90	42	19	8	4	2
TAVR ≥ 85	83	56	43	33	28	16
TAVR < 85	96	68	58	48	35	19

Mortality or Stroke (ITT)



Numbers at Risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
Standard Rx	179	118	84	62	46	27	19	11	11	8	3
TAVR	179	128	116	105	96	83	75	65	56	48	34