

# Derivation and external validation of a novel risk score for prediction of 30-day mortality after percutaneous coronary intervention



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## Abstract

**Aims:** Early mortality after percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is relatively rare. Current risk prediction models for this event are outdated. We sought to derive a 30-day mortality risk score after PCI.

**Methods and results:** The score was derived from a pooled database of 21 randomised clinical trials using a logistic regression model incorporating clinical and angiographic variables. The score was validated in a separate unrestricted study population, the Assessment of Dual AntiPlatelet Therapy With Drug Eluting Stents (ADAPT-DES) registry. Of 32,882 eligible patients, 75% had data for all 19 variables used for score derivation. The independent predictors of 30-day mortality were age, presentation with ACS, diabetes mellitus, use of first-generation drug-eluting stents, left main or left anterior descending artery lesion, prior myocardial infarction (MI), and suboptimal flow in the artery before or after PCI. The median [interquartile range] score in the derivation cohort was 5 [3, 6] and overall mortality was 0.49%, ranging from 0.08% to 1.64% with scores of 0-16. The 30-day mortality rate was approximately tenfold higher in patients with a score at or above versus below the median of 5 (0.86% versus 0.08%,  $p < 0.0001$ ). Discrimination in both cohorts was very good (C statistic=0.848 and 0.828, respectively), and calibration was satisfactory.

**Conclusions:** A novel risk score incorporating eight readily available clinical and angiographic variables had high discrimination for 30-day death after PCI across a wide range of clinical scenarios.

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## Abbreviations

<b>ACS</b>	acute coronary syndromes
<b>DES</b>	drug-eluting stents
<b>MCRS</b>	Mayo Clinic Risk Score
<b>MI</b>	myocardial infarction
<b>NCDR</b>	National Cardiovascular Data Registry
<b>PCI</b>	percutaneous coronary intervention
<b>STEMI</b>	ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction
<b>TIMI</b>	Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction

## Introduction

Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is one of the most widely utilised medical procedures in the USA. It is performed in nearly one million patients annually<sup>1</sup>. Increasingly, more of these procedures are performed in patients presenting with acute coronary syndromes (ACS) rather than stable angina pectoris. Numerous risk scores have been proposed to predict in-hospital or 30-day mortality after PCI<sup>2-4</sup>, but nearly all have been derived from cohorts treated before the year 2000; even an updated version of the Mayo Clinic Risk Score (MCRS) included patients treated between 2000 and 2005<sup>5</sup>. Improved stent technology, better adjunctive pharmacology, and more widely used intravascular imaging have improved outcomes for patients undergoing PCI in the past decade. In addition, most of the prior risk scores were derived from quality assurance registries with suboptimal data auditing. We therefore sought to derive a contemporary risk score to predict 30-day mortality after PCI in patients with and without ACS from high-quality randomised trial data.

## Methods

Individual patient-level data from 21 randomised trials examining different types of stent and anticoagulation strategies performed and reported between 1999 and 2016 were pooled in a centralised database at the Cardiovascular Research Foundation (New York, NY, USA)<sup>6</sup>. The list of trials and selected characteristics appears in **Supplementary Table 1**. Institutional review board or ethics committee approval for each study was secured by the trial investigators during their conduct. Baseline characteristics and adjudicated events from each study were tabulated. Cardiac events, such as death, spontaneous myocardial infarction (MI), target lesion revascularisation, and target vessel revascularisation were adjudicated by independent committees in each study according to protocol-specific definitions utilising original source documents. Stent thrombosis was adjudicated according to the Academic Research Consortium definite or probable definitions<sup>7</sup>. Studies performed before this definition was instituted were re-adjudicated after publication<sup>8</sup>.

The studies compared different types of stent (bare metal stents, first-generation drug-eluting stents [DES] [sirolimus-eluting and paclitaxel-eluting], and second-generation DES [biolimus-eluting, everolimus-eluting, and zotarolimus-eluting]), various antithrombotic regimens (heparin with or without glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitors or bivalirudin), and randomised patients with different

clinical presentations (stable coronary artery disease [CAD] and ACS, including ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction [STEMI], non-STEMI, and unstable angina). The endpoint of 30-day all-cause mortality was available in every study.

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Categorical variables were compared using the  $\chi^2$  or Fisher's exact test. Continuous variables are presented as mean $\pm$ standard deviation or median with interquartile range and were compared by analysis of variance. From the pooled randomised trial database we constructed a logistic regression model for 30-day death using the following candidate variables: age (>75 versus <55, 55-75 versus <55 years), sex, diabetes mellitus, current smoker, prior PCI, prior coronary artery bypass grafting, prior MI, clinical presentation (ACS versus no ACS), stent type (bare metal stents versus first-generation DES versus second-generation DES), pre-PCI Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction (TIMI) flow (2-3 versus 0-1), lesion location in the left main (LM) or left anterior descending (LAD) artery versus others, number of treated lesions, and post-PCI TIMI flow (3 versus 0-2). The regression coefficient estimates for each significant variable ( $p < 0.05$ ) were transformed into integers, and the overall score was calculated for each patient. The score was characterised by its discrimination or accuracy (Harrell's C statistic)<sup>9</sup> and calibration (Hosmer-Lemeshow goodness-of-fit test – for which lower  $\chi^2$  values and higher p-values signify better calibration)<sup>10</sup>. For validation, the regression model was then applied to the patients treated in the all-comers Assessment of Dual AntiPlatelet Therapy With Drug Eluting Stents (ADAPT-DES) registry<sup>11</sup>. A two-sided alpha of 0.05 was used for all statistical testing. Analyses were performed using SAS, version 9.4 (SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, NC, USA).

## Results

The 21 studies enrolled 33,370 patients, of whom 24,532 (73.5%) were suitable for this analysis and served as the derivation cohort (**Supplementary Figure 1**). The most common reason for exclusion was lack of recorded TIMI flow data in the treated arteries. The validation cohort consisted of 8,547 out of 8,582 patients (99.6%) enrolled from ADAPT-DES in whom all model variables were present. A comparison of the baseline characteristics of the patients included in the derivation and validation models is shown in **Supplementary Table 2**. The validation cohort had substantially less favourable baseline and angiographic characteristics than the derivation cohort, except for a lower incidence of ACS and smoking.

By 30 days, there were 120 deaths (0.49%) in the pooled DES cohort and 19 deaths (0.22%) in the ADAPT-DES cohort. The baseline characteristics of the derivation and validation cohorts by vital status at 30 days are shown in **Table 1** and **Table 2**. In the derivation cohort, patients who died by 30 days were older and more likely to have diabetes mellitus and a lesion in their left main or left anterior descending artery ( $p < 0.01$  for all). They were more likely to present with ACS, have more lesions treated with

**Table 1. Baseline characteristics of the derivation cohort according to 30-day mortality.**

	Death (n=120)	Alive (n=24,412)	p-value	
Age, years, median [IQR]	71.3 [64.3, 78.6]	62.5 [54.9, 71.0]	<0.0001	
Male	63.3% (76/120)	71.3% (17,405/24,412)	0.054	
Diabetes mellitus	34.2% (41/120)	24.0% (5,862/24,412)	0.009	
Insulin-treated	9.2% (11/120)	6.9% (1,691/24,412)	0.34	
Current smoker ( $\leq$ 30 days)	25.0% (30/120)	28.4% (6,937/24,412)	0.41	
Hypertension	56.7% (68/120)	64.0% (15,611/24,385)	0.09	
Hyperlipidaemia	51.3% (61/119)	63.2% (15,334/24,246)	0.007	
Prior CABG	8.3% (10/120)	8.3% (2,034/24,412)	1.00	
Prior PCI	18.3% (22/120)	22.6% (5,521/24,412)	0.26	
Prior myocardial infarction	28.3% (34/120)	23.0% (5,626/24,412)	0.17	
ACS presentation	89.2% (107/120)	58.1% (14,192/24,412)	<0.0001	
Number of treated lesions, mean (SD)	1.4 (0.7)	1.2 (0.5)	0.01	
LM or LAD treated	65.8% (79/120)	49.1% (11,976/24,412)	<0.0001	
TIMI flow 0-1 before PCI	54.2% (65/120)	16.9% (4,132/24,412)	<0.0001	
TIMI flow 3 after PCI	76.7% (92/120)	97.8% (23,867/24,412)	<0.0001	
Type of stent	Bare metal stent	12.5% (15/120)	13.2% (3,224/24,412)	0.82
	Drug-eluting stent	87.5% (105/120)	86.8% (21,188/24,412)	0.82
	First generation	61.7% (74/120)	37.3% (9,095/24,412)	<0.0001
	Second generation	25.8% (31/120)	49.5% (12,093/24,412)	<0.0001

Values are % (n/N) unless indicated. ACS: acute coronary syndrome; CABG: coronary artery bypass grafting; IQR: interquartile range; LAD: left anterior descending coronary artery; LM: left main coronary artery; MI: myocardial infarction; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; SD: standard deviation; TIMI: Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction

**Table 2. Baseline characteristics of the validation cohort according to 30-day mortality.**

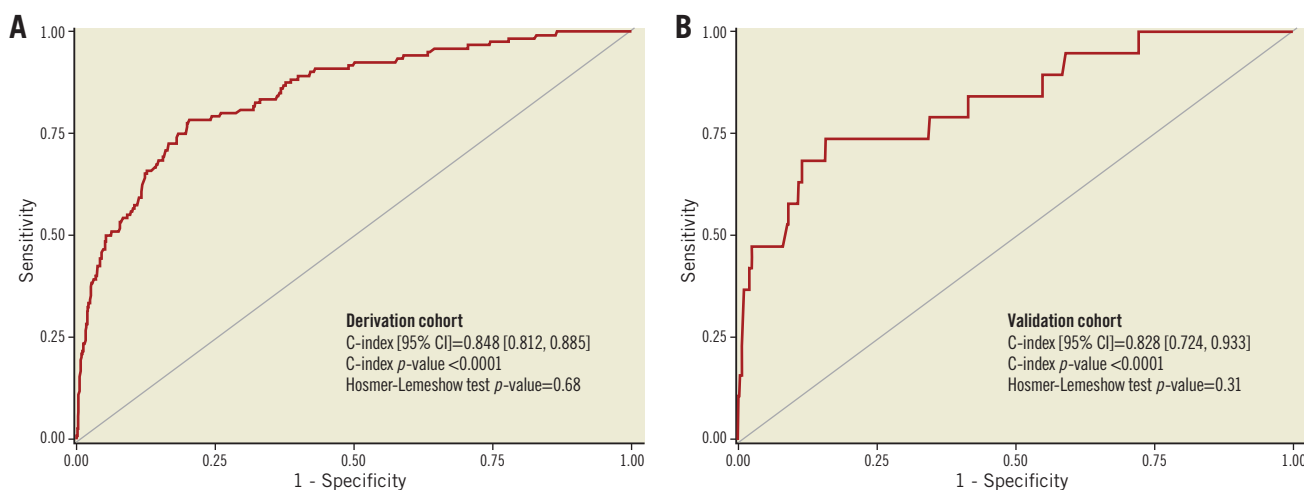
	Death (n=19)	Alive (n=8,528)	p-value	
Age, years, median [IQR]	71.0 [67.0, 81.0]	64.0 [56.0, 71.0]	0.003	
Male	57.9% (11/19)	74.1% (6,317/8,528)	0.11	
Diabetes mellitus	57.9% (11/19)	32.4% (2,763/8,528)	0.02	
Insulin-treated	21.1% (4/19)	11.6% (989/8,528)	0.20	
Current smoker ( $\leq$ 30 days)	10.5% (2/19)	22.6% (1,927/8,528)	0.21	
Hypertension	84.2% (16/19)	79.6% (6,787/8,528)	0.62	
Hyperlipidaemia	73.7% (14/19)	74.3% (6,339/8,528)	0.95	
Prior CABG	21.1% (4/19)	17.0% (1,454/8,528)	0.64	
Prior PCI	21.1% (4/19)	42.9% (3,659/8,528)	0.055	
Prior myocardial infarction	21.1% (4/19)	25.2% (2,149/8,528)	0.68	
ACS presentation	78.9% (15/19)	51.6% (4,400/8,528)	0.02	
Number of treated lesions, mean (SD)	1.2 $\pm$ 0.4	1.5 $\pm$ 0.8	0.10	
LM or LAD treated	68.4% (13/19)	49.7% (4,236/8,528)	0.10	
TIMI flow 0-1 before PCI	10.5% (2/19)	9.2% (782/8,528)	0.84	
TIMI flow 3 after PCI	100.0% (19/19)	99.7% (8,505/8,528)	0.82	
Type of stent	Bare metal stent	5.3% (1/19)	0.0% (4/8,528)	<0.0001
	Drug-eluting stent	94.7% (18/19)	98.4% (8,391/8,528)	0.21
	First generation	42.1% (8/19)	26.6% (2,272/8,528)	0.13
	Second generation	52.6% (10/19)	63.5% (5,418/8,528)	0.32

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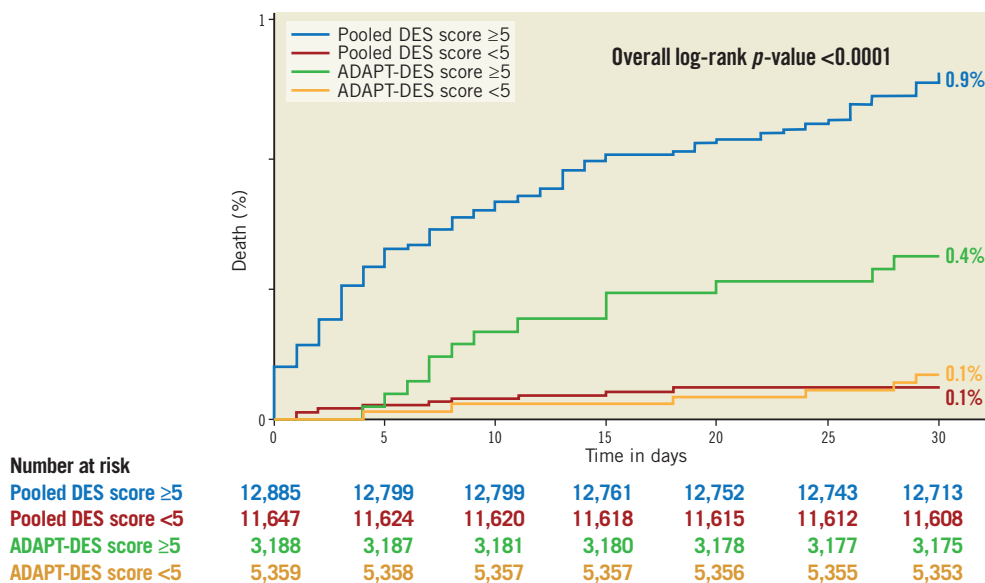
first-generation DES, and not achieve optimal angiographic results compared with survivors ( $p < 0.01$  for all). Similar findings were observed in the validation cohort.

The variables significantly associated with 30-day death and the derived score assigned to each of them are shown in **Table 3**. In the derivation cohort, the median [interquartile range] score was 5 [3, 6] and the mean  $\pm$  standard deviation score was  $4.9 \pm 2.4$ . The minimum score was 0, and the maximum was 16. Discrimination (C statistic=0.848 [0.812, 0.885],  $p < 0.0001$ ) was very good, and calibration ( $\chi^2=6.53$ ,  $p_{HL}=0.68$ ) was good (**Figure 1A**). For the median score of 5, the sensitivity was 93% and specificity was 48%. In the validation cohort, the median score was 4 [3, 6], the mean score was  $4.5 \pm 1.9$ , and the range

was 0 to 12. Discrimination (C statistic=0.828 [0.724, 0.933],  $p < 0.0001$ ) was very good, and calibration ( $\chi^2=9.73$ ,  $p_{HL}=0.31$ ) was satisfactory (**Figure 1B**). There was a graded increase in mortality in both the derivation and validation cohorts with higher scores. In the derivation data set, 30-day mortality was substantially higher in patients with a score  $\geq 5$  (the median) compared with  $< 5$  (0.86% [111 deaths in 12,895 patients] versus 0.08% [9 deaths in 11,637 patients], respectively,  $p < 0.0001$ ), representing an approximately tenfold increase. Similarly, 30-day mortality was substantially higher in the validation data set in patients with a score  $\geq 5$  compared with  $< 5$  (0.29% [15 deaths in 4,179 patients] versus 0.08% [four deaths in 4,368 patients], respectively,  $p < 0.01$ ) (**Figure 2**).



**Figure 1.** Discrimination of the 30-day mortality score. A) Derivation cohort. B) Validation cohort. CI: confidence interval



**Figure 2.** Thirty-day mortality according to median score  $< 5$  versus  $\geq 5$  in the derivation and validation cohorts. The pooled DES cohort was used for score derivation and the ADAPT-DES cohort was used for score validation. DES: drug-eluting stents

**Table 3. Derivation of the risk score for 30-day mortality after PCI.**

Parameter	Estimate	Odds ratio (95% CI)	p-value	Score
Age >75 years	2.1419	8.51 (4.30, 16.84)	<0.0001	4
TIMI flow <3 after PCI	1.5487	4.71 (2.95, 7.50)	<0.0001	3
TIMI flow 0-1 before PCI	1.3234	3.76 (2.50, 5.65)	<0.0001	3
ACS presentation	1.1009	3.01 (1.64, 5.52)	0.0004	2
Age 55-75 years	0.8812	2.41 (1.28, 4.56)	0.007	2
Prior myocardial infarction	0.6035	1.83 (1.15, 2.90)	0.01	1
First-generation DES used	0.7010	2.02 (1.29, 3.14)	0.002	1
Diabetes mellitus	0.6011	1.82 (1.23, 2.71)	0.003	1
LM or LAD lesion treated	0.4647	1.60 (1.09, 2.35)	0.02	1

ACS: acute coronary syndrome; CI: confidence interval; DES: drug-eluting stents; LAD: left anterior descending coronary artery; LM: left main coronary artery; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; TIMI: Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction

## Discussion

The present study describes a novel risk score for prediction of 30-day mortality after PCI, derived from a large cohort (~25,000 subjects) of individual patient data pooled from 21 randomised PCI trials rather than from state or institutional quality assurance registries as typically used in the past. The score, derived for 30-day rather than in-hospital mortality, incorporates eight readily available clinical and angiographic variables and, for the first time, includes post-procedural parameters. The score was then validated in a large-scale, multicentre, prospective study of PCI in an all-comers population. The main findings are: (i) clinical variables such as advanced age, diabetes mellitus, presentation with ACS, and prior MI significantly contributed to early mortality after PCI, whereas prior revascularisation did not; (ii) angiographic variables, such as lesion location and suboptimal flow after PCI, were also important predictors of early mortality; (iii) the discrimination in both the derivation and validation cohorts was very good, and calibration was satisfactory; (iv) among patients undergoing PCI with a score <5 (the median, ~47% of patients), fewer than one of 1,250 (0.08%) died within 30 days, providing a high level of prognostic reassurance, while a score  $\geq 5$  was associated with one death among every 135 patients treated, with a progressively greater risk as the score increased.

Wu et al<sup>2</sup> derived a score for prediction of risk of in-hospital death after PCI from the New York State PCI registry database. In-hospital mortality was 0.70% (321 deaths in 46,090 patients treated in 2002). Their score incorporated nine clinical variables, ranged between 0 and 40 points, and assigned the highest risk to cardiogenic shock (9 points), acute stent thrombosis causing acute MI (9 points), age >75 years (5 points), current heart failure (4 points), and end-stage renal disease (4 points). Diabetes mellitus was not an independent predictor of in-hospital mortality in their model, and post-PCI elements were not included. The discrimination of this score was similar to ours (C statistic=0.886), although the calibration was lower ( $p_{HL}=0.12$ ).

A single institution registry (MCRS) published a similar analysis in 2007<sup>5</sup>. They used seven variables for derivation of the score:

age (up to 4 points), cardiogenic shock (9 points), MI within 24 hours of PCI (4 points), systolic dysfunction (up to 3 points), renal dysfunction (up to 4 points), heart failure (2 points), and peripheral vascular disease (2 points). The maximum score was 29 points, and diabetes was not a predictor of in-hospital mortality. The C statistic was 0.89. The score was validated in a larger data set of >300,000 patients in the National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR)<sup>12</sup>. The C statistic was again 0.89, and the model was recalibrated for better precision for very low and very high scores. Singh et al<sup>13</sup> further verified the accuracy of the MCRS and New York State score for 30-day mortality in a subsequent cohort of nearly 5,000 patients treated between 2007 and 2010. The discriminatory ability of the scores was very high (0.88-0.92) and similar.

Brener et al<sup>14</sup> applied the two scores – MCRS and NYS score – in a single institution PCI cohort of 3,165 cases performed between 2005 and 2007. The C statistic values for the two scores in this cohort (mostly low-risk patients) were 0.83 and 0.82, respectively.

Recently, investigators from Sheffield, UK, derived a 5-variable (cardiogenic shock, procedural urgency, history of renal disease, diabetes mellitus, and age) risk score for 30-day mortality after PCI from a cohort of 6,522 patients treated from 2007 to 2013<sup>15</sup>. Validation was performed in a subsequent cohort internally and externally. The C statistic was 0.82, but the score utilised a complex equation for calculation rather than simple integer coefficients.

NCDR re-evaluated the in-hospital PCI mortality prediction risk score in a cohort of more than 1.2 million patients (derivation and validation) treated between 2009 and 2011 at 1,252 PCI centres<sup>16</sup>. The full model includes age, STEMI, cardiogenic shock, cardiac arrest, diabetes mellitus, peripheral arterial disease, cerebrovascular disease, body mass index, chronic kidney disease, heart failure class, ejection fraction, prior PCI, and chronic lung disease, and had a C statistic of 0.925. The simplified model included only age, STEMI, cardiogenic shock, chronic lung disease, heart failure class, chronic kidney disease, and cardiac arrest, and maintained excellent discrimination (C statistic=0.910).

In contrast to these analyses from registries without rigorous data validation and monitoring, our score was derived from a large cohort of patients randomised in clinical trials with independent event adjudication and centralised and fully verified data collection and monitoring. Unlike previous scores, the present analysis also included angiographic variables, incorporating the procedural outcome in the risk assessment for 30-day death. Of note, diabetes mellitus emerged as an independent predictor of 30-day mortality in our model (in contrast to most prior scores), consistent with our understanding of the importance of diabetes in coronary artery disease and PCI<sup>17</sup>.

The present score may provide clinical utility in routine practice. The discriminatory ability of a score represents its capacity to distinguish between patients at low versus high risk for an adverse event. The median score value of 5 separated patients into categories of risk nearly tenfold different. In contrast, the precision



of the score measures its ability to predict the rate of events in a certain population. This ability is modulated by the population in which the score is tested, by the prevalence of patients with extreme scores and by advances in care between the derivation and validation cohorts. As such, some of the scores discussed in this paper had to be calibrated for a lower rate of observed events.

## Limitations

Despite these strengths, we recognise the limitations inherent in the present study. Patients enrolled in RCTs rarely exhibit high-risk characteristics which may affect early mortality after PCI. The comparison of these patients with those enrolled in the all-comers ADAPT-DES registry highlights this fact (**Supplementary Table 2**).

We did not have data on left ventricular systolic function in nearly half of the patients and chose not to include it to maintain a derivation cohort as large as possible. Data on renal dysfunction – an important contributor to death in patients with coronary artery disease – were also not available. We note that the calibration of the score for the very high scores is suboptimal, but this is probably due to the low number of patients with such high scores. Equally important, there were no patients with cardiogenic shock enrolled in these trials for obvious reasons, eliminating our ability to analyse this important parameter (prominently featured in other scores) in our data set.

We believe our data and new score complement the existing literature and add simplicity to a complex field. The score does not guide physicians on whether PCI should be performed, but rather, by using parameters from the procedure itself, predicts which patients are at heightened risk and need further optimisation of medical care, closer follow-up or change of strategy with respect to repeat revascularisation.

## Conclusions

A clinical score based on eight readily available clinical and angiographic preprocedural and post-procedural variables has been developed and validated and had excellent discrimination for 30-day mortality after PCI across a wide range of clinical syndrome acuity and coronary artery severity. Use of this relatively simple score may be of prognostic utility in patients undergoing PCI, providing reassurance for low-risk patients and identifying those at high risk in whom close monitoring and other interventions may be warranted.

### Impact on daily practice

A score composed of eight readily available parameters had very good discrimination and calibration for 30-day mortality and identified patients (score  $\geq 5$ ) with a tenfold higher risk of death than those with scores  $< 5$ . Use of this relatively simple score may be of prognostic utility in patients undergoing PCI, providing reassurance for low-risk patients and identifying those at high risk in whom close monitoring and other interventions may be warranted.

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## Supplementary data

**Supplementary Figure 1.** Patient distribution in the pooled DES study.

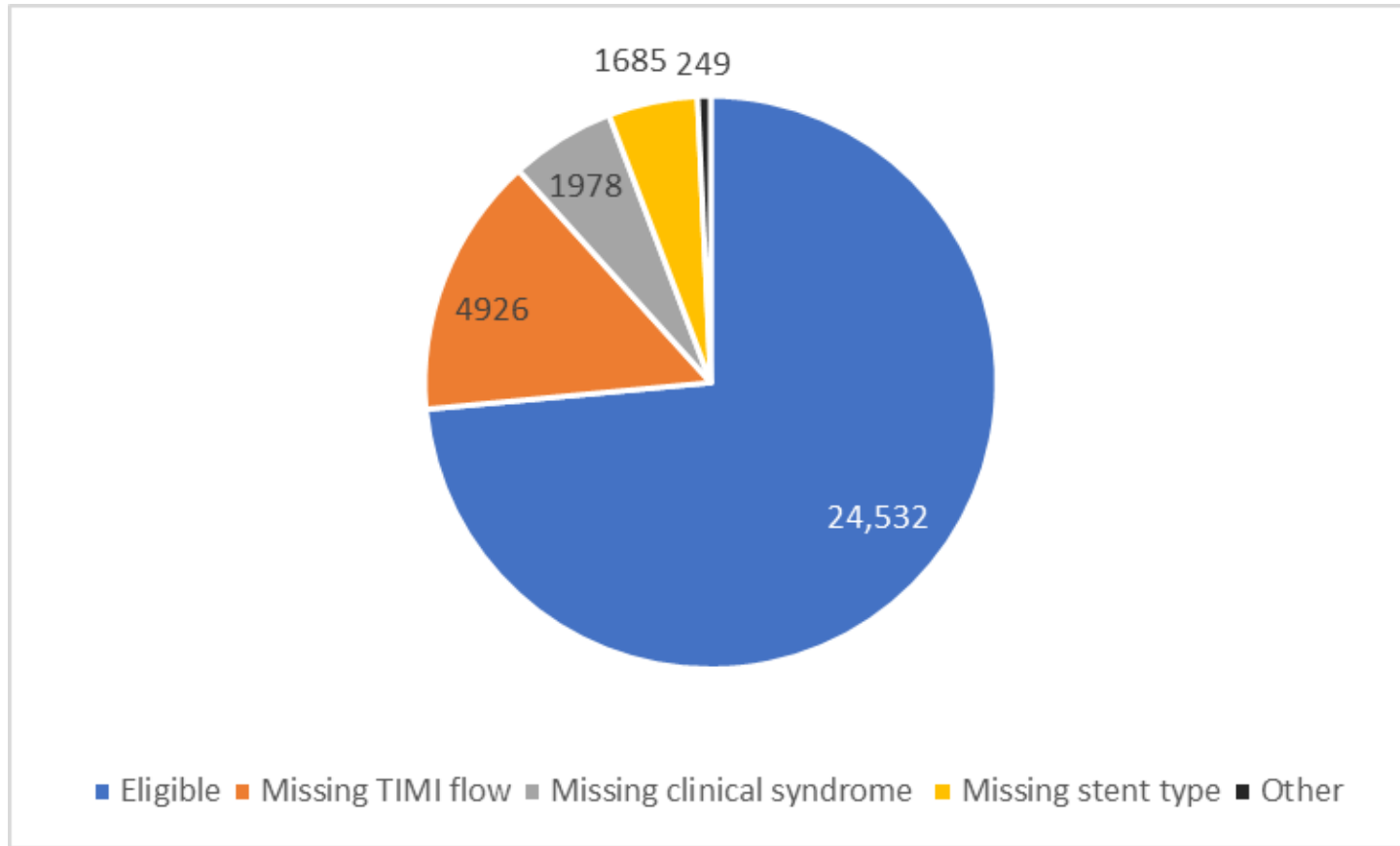
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Supplementary Figure 1. Patient distribution in the pooled DES study.



**Supplementary Table 1. Main characteristics of the randomised trials included in the pooled analysis.**

<b>Study</b>	<b>Patients in each treatment arm</b>	<b>Design and time point of the primary endpoint</b>	<b>Primary endpoint</b>	<b>Follow-up duration</b>	<b>Results of the primary endpoint</b>
ACUITY (PCI arm)	BMS (n=2,869) DES (n=4,633)	Multicentre, non-inferiority at 30 days	Death/MI/TVR/major bleeding	1 year	Bivalirudin non-inferior to heparin
COMPARE	CoCr-EES (n=897) PES (n=903)	Single centre, superiority at 1 year	Death, MI, TVR	5 years	CoCr-EES superior to PES
COMPARE II	BES (n=1,795) CoCr-EES (n=912)	Multicentre, non-inferiority at 1 year	Cardiac death, non-fatal MI, clinically driven TVR	5 years	BES non-inferior to CoCr-EES
C-SIRIUS	SES (n=50) BMS (n=50)	Multicentre, superiority at 8 months	In-stent minimum lumen diameter	9 months	SES superior to BMS
ENDEAVOR II	PC-ZES (n=598) BMS (n=599)	Multicentre, non-inferiority at 9 months	TVF	5 years	PC-ZES superior to BMS
ENDEAVOR III	SES (n=113) PC-ZES (n=323)	Multicentre, non-inferiority at 8 months	Late lumen loss	9 months	PC-ZES inferior to SES
ENDEAVOR IV	PES (n=775) PC-ZES (n=773)	Multicentre, non-inferiority at 9 months	TVF	5 years	PES non-inferior to PC-ZES
E-SIRIUS	SES (n=175) BMS (n=177)	Multicentre, superiority at 8 months	In-stent minimum lumen diameter		SES superior to BMS

HORIZONS-AMI	PES (n=2,257) BMS (n=749)	Multicentre, superiority for TLR and non-inferiority for clinical safety endpoint at 1 year	(1) Ischaemia-driven TLR (2) Death, MI, stroke, ST	5 years	PES superior for TLR and non-inferior for clinical endpoints compared to BMS
PLATINUM	CoCr-EES (n=762) PtCr-EES (n=768)	Multicentre, non-inferiority at 1 year	TLF	5 years	PtCr-EES non-inferior to CoCr-EES
RAVEL	SES (n=120) BMS (n=118)	Multicentre, superiority at 6 months	In-stent late lumen loss	1 year	SES superior to BMS
SIRIUS	SES (n=533) BMS (n=525)	Multicentre, superiority at 9 months	TVF	9 months	SES superior to BMS
SPIRIT II	CoCr-EES (n=223) PES (n=77)	Multicentre, non-inferiority at 6 months	In-stent late loss	5 years	CoCr-EES superior to PES
SPIRIT III	CoCr-EES (n=669) PES (n=333)	Multicentre, non-inferiority or superiority at 9 months	In-segment late loss	5 years	CoCr-EES superior to PES
SPIRIT IV	CoCr-EES (2,458) PES (n=1,229)	Multicentre, non-inferiority or superiority at 1 year	TLF	5 years	CoCr-EES superior to PES
TAXUS I	PES (n=31) BMS (n=30)	Multicentre, safety study at 1 year	Death, MI, TVR, ST	1 year	PES as safe as BMS
TAXUS II	PES (n=266) BMS (n=270)	Multicentre, superiority at 6 months	Neointimal proliferation by IVUS	5 years	PES superior to BMS

TAXUS IV	PES (n=662) BMS (n=652)	Multicentre, superiority at 9 months	Ischaemia-driven TVR	5 years	PES superior to BMS
TAXUS V	PES (n=577) BMS (n=579)	Multicentre, superiority at 9 months	Ischaemia-driven TVR	5 years	PES superior to BMS
TWENTE	CoCr-EES (n=694) Re-ZES (n=697)	Single centre, non- inferiority at 1 year	TVF (cardiac death, MI, clinically indicated TVR)	5 years	Re-ZES non-inferior to CoCr-EES
TWENTE I	PtCr-EES (n=905) Re-ZES (n=906)	Multicentre, non- inferiority at 1 year	TLF (cardiac death, TV-related MI, TLR)	5 years	Re-ZES non-inferior to PtCr-EES

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BES: biolimus-eluting stent; BMS: bare metal stent; CoCr-EES: cobalt-chromium everolimus-eluting stent; DES: drug-eluting stent; IVUS: intravascular ultrasound; MI: myocardial infarction; PC-ZES: polymer-coated zotarolimus-eluting stent; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; PES: paclitaxel-eluting stent; PtCr-EES: platinum-chromium everolimus-eluting stent; Re-ZES: Resolute zotarolimus-eluting stent; SES: sirolimus-eluting stent (all CYPHER stent); ST: stent thrombosis; TLF: target lesion failure; TLR: target lesion revascularisation; TVF: target vessel failure; TVR: target vessel revascularisation

**Supplementary Table 2. Comparison of baseline characteristics between the derivation and validation cohorts.**

	<b>Pooled DES (derivation) N=24,532</b>	<b>ADAPT-DES (validation) N=8,547</b>	<b>p-value</b>
Age, yrs, median [IQR]	62.7 [55.0, 71.0]	64.0 [56.0, 71.0]	<0.0001
Male	71.3% (17,481/24,532)	74.0% (6,328/8,547)	<0.0001
Diabetes mellitus	24.1% (5,903/24,532)	32.5% (2,774/8,547)	<0.0001
Insulin-treated	6.9% (1,702/24,532)	11.6% (993/8,547)	<0.0001
Current smoker (≤30 days)	28.4% (6,967/24,532)	22.6% (1,929/8,547)	<0.0001
Hypertension	64.0% (15,679/24,505)	79.6% (6,803/8,547)	<0.0001
Hyperlipidaemia	63.2% (15,395/24,365)	74.3% (6,353/8,547)	<0.0001
Prior CABG	8.3% (2,044/24,532)	17.1% (1,458/8,547)	<0.0001
Prior PCI	22.6% (5,543/24,532)	42.9% (3,663/8,547)	<0.0001
Prior myocardial infarction	23.1% (5,660/24,532)	25.2% (2,153/8,547)	<0.0001
ACS presentation	58.3% (14,299/24,532)	51.7% (4,415/8,547)	<0.0001
Number of treated lesions, mean (SD)	1.2 (0.6)	1.5 (0.8)	<0.0001
LM or LAD treated	48.6% (11,922/24,532)	48.4% (4,136/8,547)	0.74
TIMI flow 0-1 before PCI	17.1% (4,197/24,532)	9.2% (784/8,547)	<0.0001
TIMI flow 3 after PCI	97.7% (23,959/24,532)	99.7% (8,524/8,547)	<0.0001
Type of stent			
Bare metal stent	13.2% (3,239/24,532)	0.1% (5/8,547)	<0.0001
Drug-eluting stent	86.8% (21,293/24,532)	99.9% (8,542/8,547)	<0.0001
First generation	37.4% (9,169/24,532)	29.6% (2,526/8,547)	<0.0001
Second generation	49.4% (12,124/24,532)	72.8% (6,226/8,547)	<0.0001

Values are % (n/N) unless indicated. ACS: acute coronary syndrome; CABG: coronary artery bypass grafting; IQR: interquartile range; LAD: left anterior descending coronary artery; LM: left main coronary artery; MI: myocardial infarction; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; SD: standard deviation; TIMI: Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction