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**BENEFICI CLINICI ED ECONOMICI DEI  
DISPOSITIVI MEDICI IMPIANTABILI:  
REVISIONI LEGISLATIVE  
UN PERCORSO POSSIBILE PER IL TRATTAMENTO DELLA  
FIBRILLAZIONE ATRIALE E DELL'ICTUS CARDIOEMBOLICO**

Giovedì, 7 novembre 2013  
ore 8.30 – 14.00

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Palazzo Marini – Sala delle Colonne

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# AF Confers a **Prothrombotic** and **Hypercoagulable** State by Fulfilling the Components of Virchow's Triad

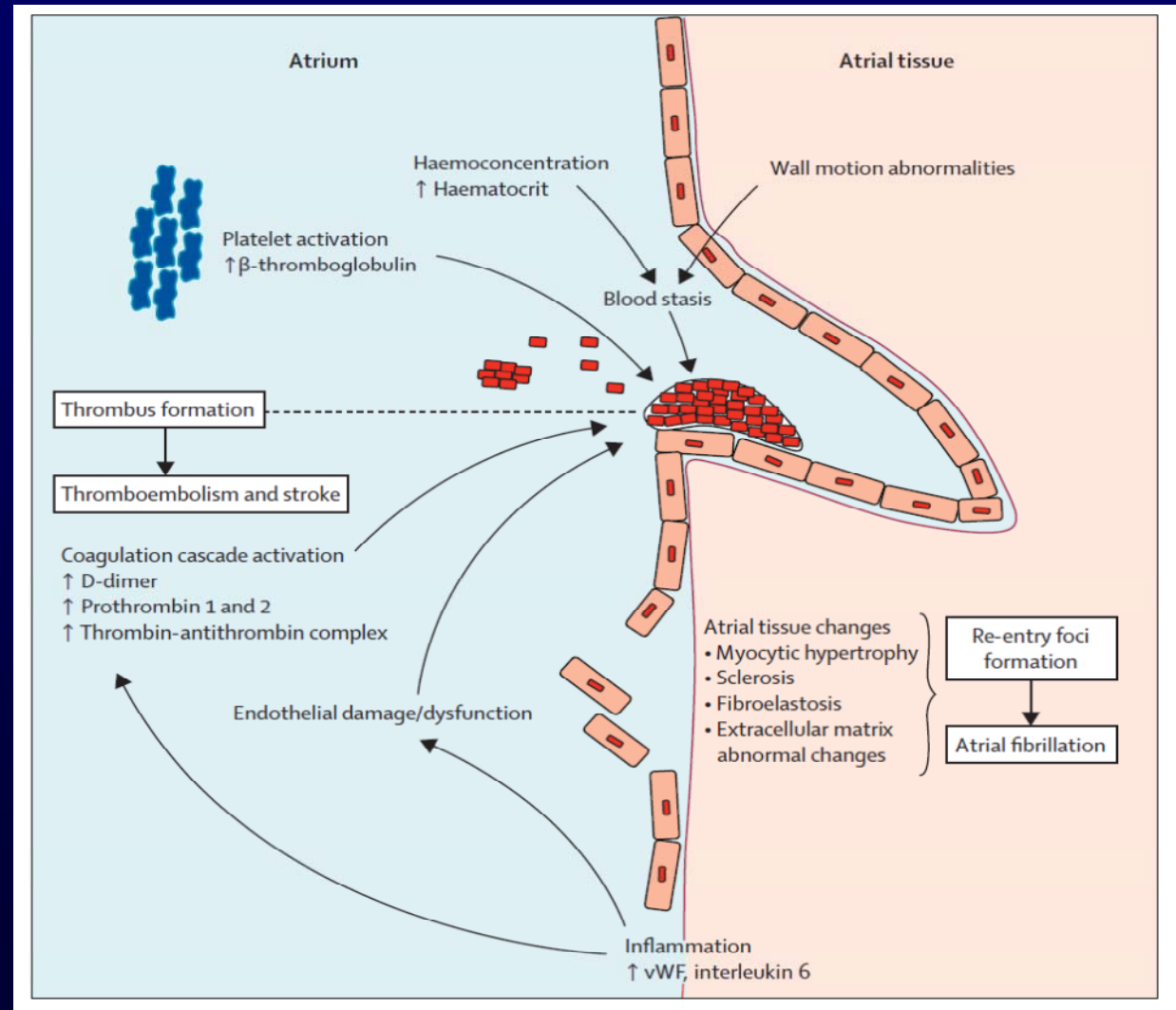
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Abnormal changes of:

- vessel wall
- blood flow
- blood constituents

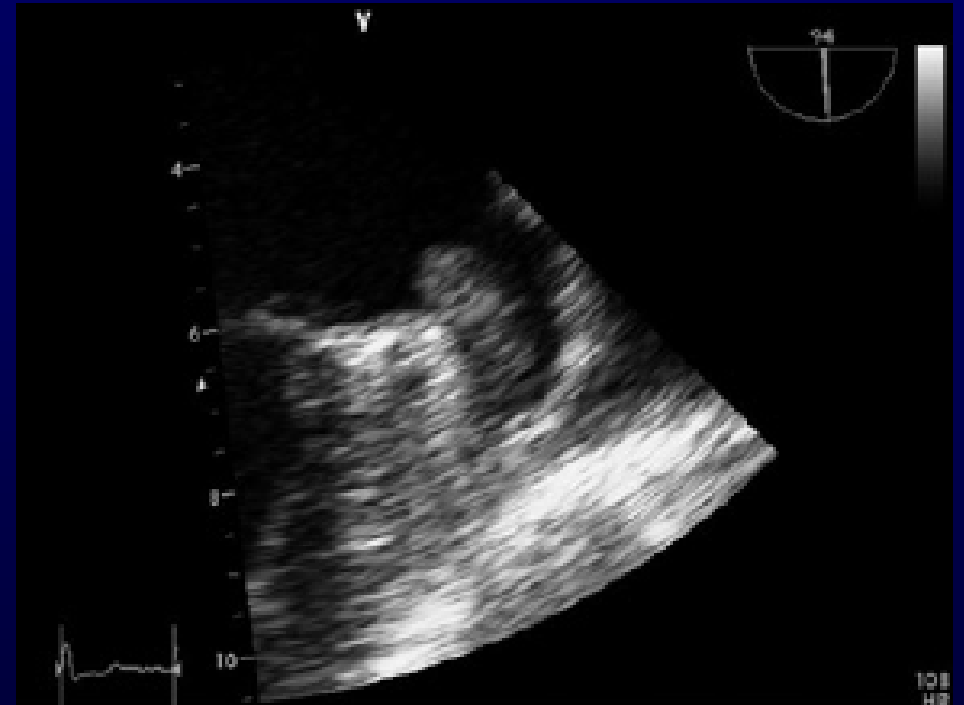
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- macro or microscopic changes in the LA wall
- abnormal stasis due to the loss of A function
- abnormal haemostasis, platelets and fibrinolysis



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# Stroke in the Territory of MCA as a First Devastating Sign of Atrial Fibrillation



AF increases of stroke risk 4-5 fold

# Acute Stroke With AFIB

## *The Copenhagen Stroke Study*

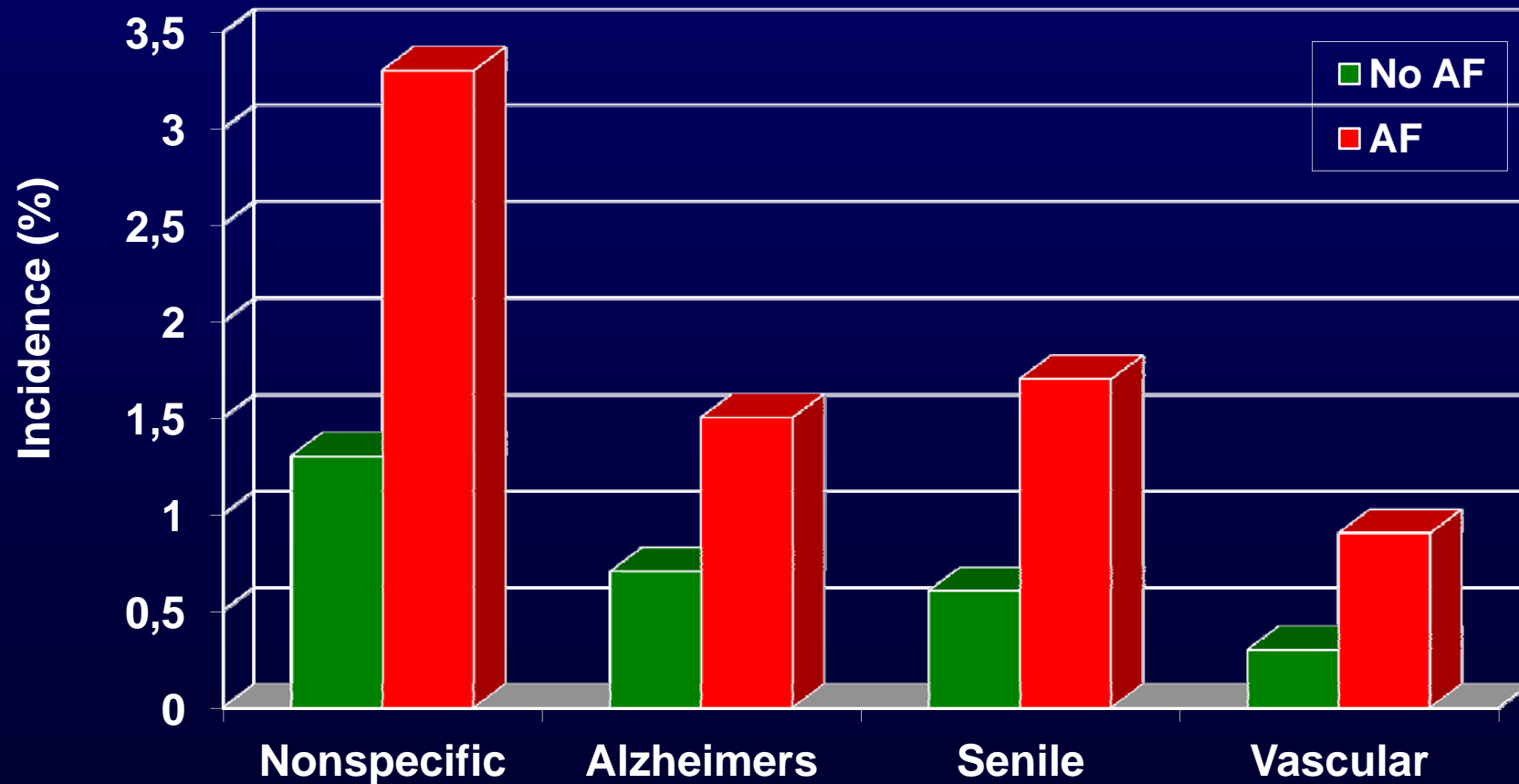
→ 15% of all strokes attributable to AFIB

### Stroke in pts with AFIB vs w/out-AFIB

- Higher mortality rate  
(OR 1.7; 95% CI 1.2-2.5)
- Longer hospital stay  
(50 vs 40 days;  $p < 0.01$ )
- Lower discharge rate  
(OR 0.60; 95% CI 0.44-0.85)
- Poorer neurologic and functional outcome

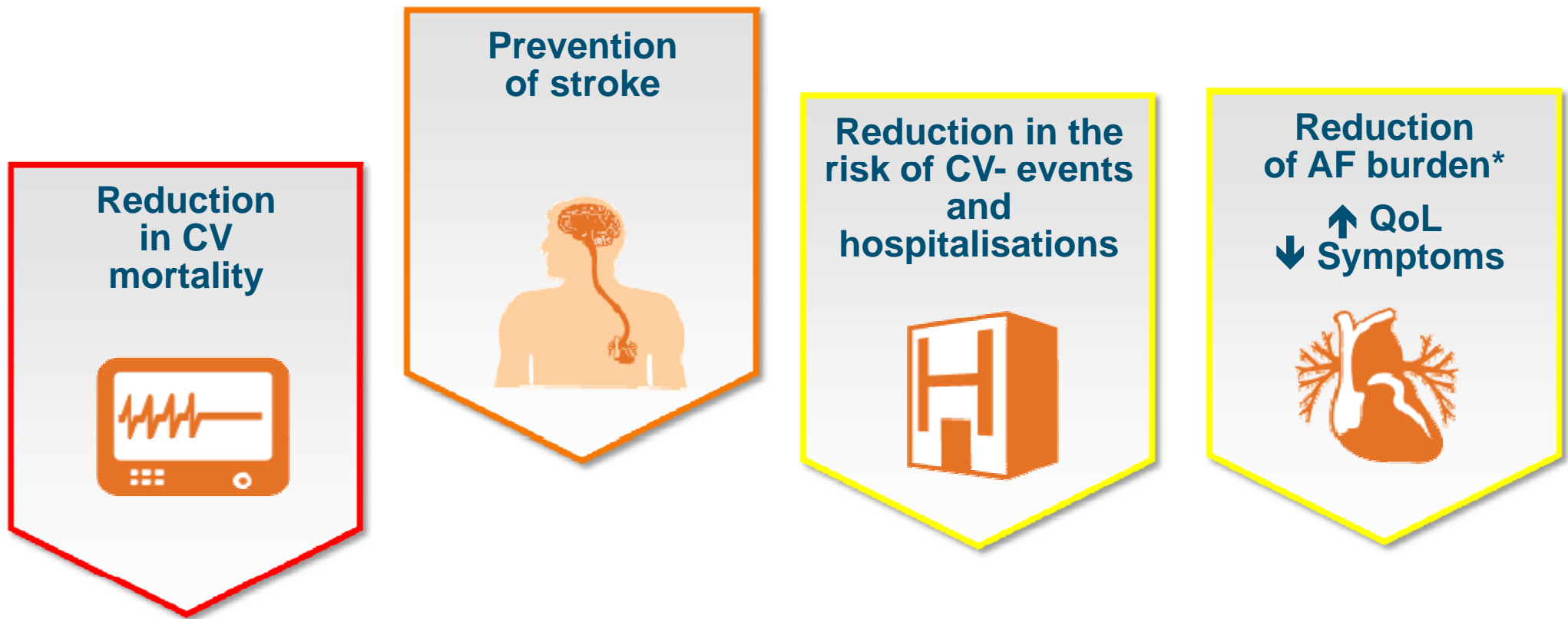
→ Explained by initially more severe strokes

# Higher Incidence of Various Type of Dementia in AF Patients



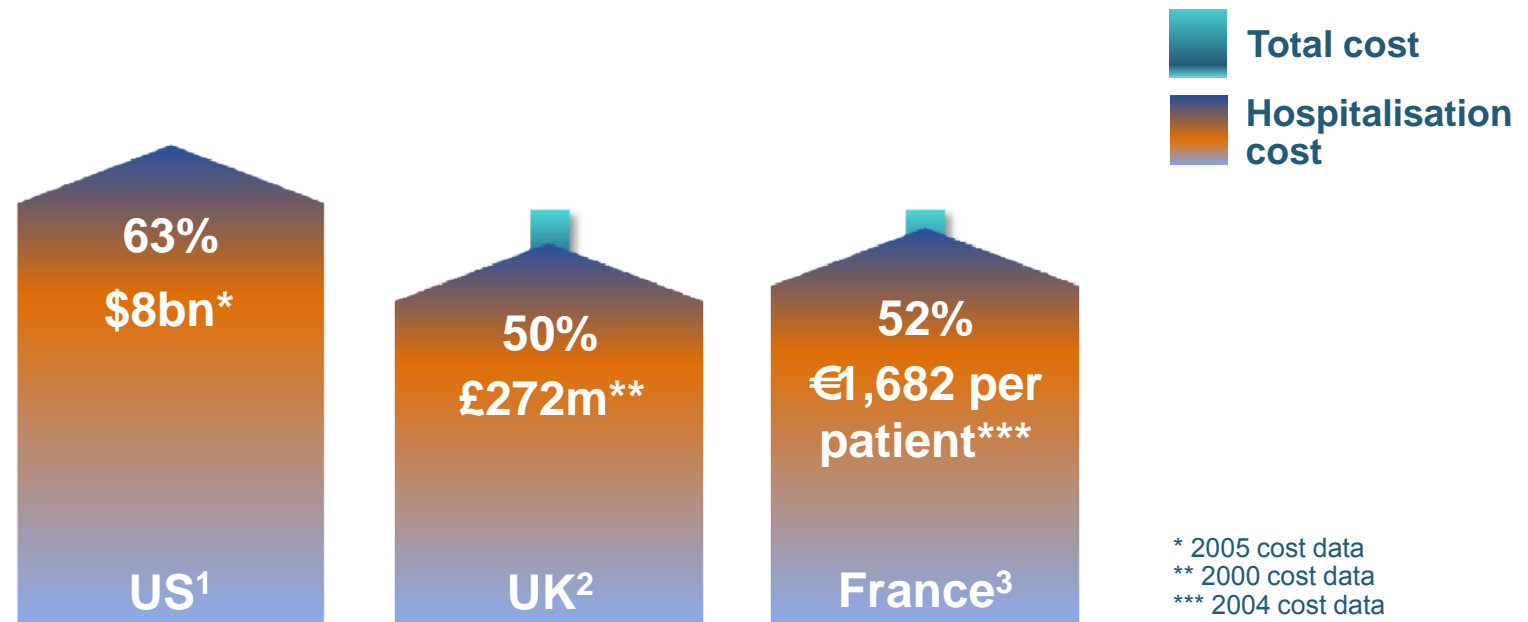
# Comprehensive Management Of AF Should Address The Multiple Impacts Of The Condition

- ▶ In addition to stroke prevention and reduction of AF burden, successful management of AF should aim to reduce hospitalisations and CV morbidity and mortality



# Hospitalisation Is The Biggest Contributor To The Cost Of Managing AF

## AF management costs

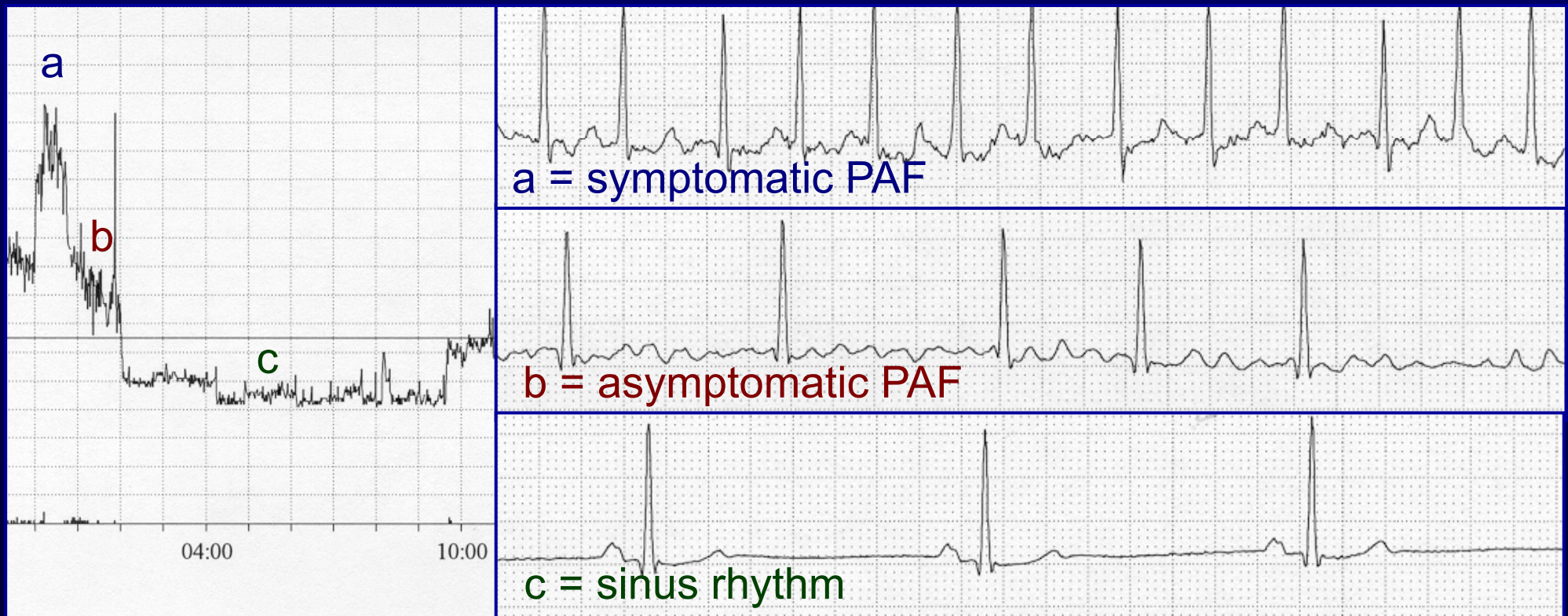


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# Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation

## *Symptomatic vs Asymptomatic*

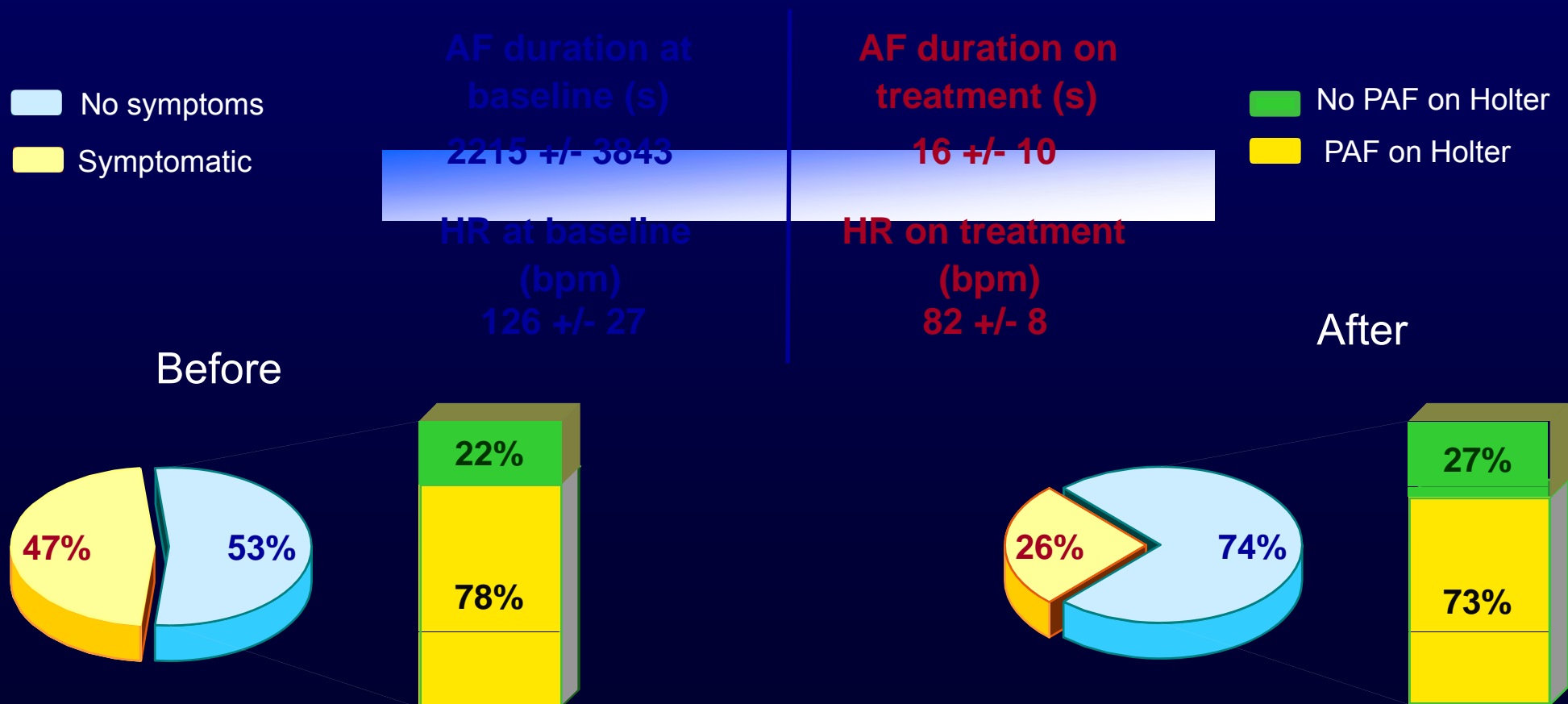


**AF can be silent**



# Conversion From Symptomatic to Silent AF During AAD Rx

52 patients with PAF with 24 hour Holter



# The Clinical Relevance of Silent AF

## *Substudy of The AFFIRM Trial*

- Ambulatory ECG & Questionnaire on Cardiac Symptoms
- N° 481 asymptomatic pts
- Pts with asymptomatic AF have less serious heart disease but **more cerebrovascular disease**.
- Asymptomatic pts receive **different therapies** than symptomatic patients
- Absence of symptoms and the differences in treatment **does not confer a more favorable prognosis** when differences in baseline clinical parameters are considered.

**Table 1.** Demographics and patient history prior to randomization

	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic	P value
N	481	3576	
Age (mean $\pm$ SD)	70.0 $\pm$ 8.3	69.7 $\pm$ 9.0	.502
Gender, men	370 (77)	2095 (59)	<.0001
Coronary artery disease	137 (28)	1413 (40)	<.0001
Congestive heart failure	64 (13)	873 (24)	<.0001
Hypertension	327 (68)	2547 (71)	.14
Cardiomyopathy	30 (6)	310 (9)	.07
Valvular heart disease	56 (12)	446 (12)	.6
Stroke or transient ischemic attack	84 (17)	457 (13)	.005

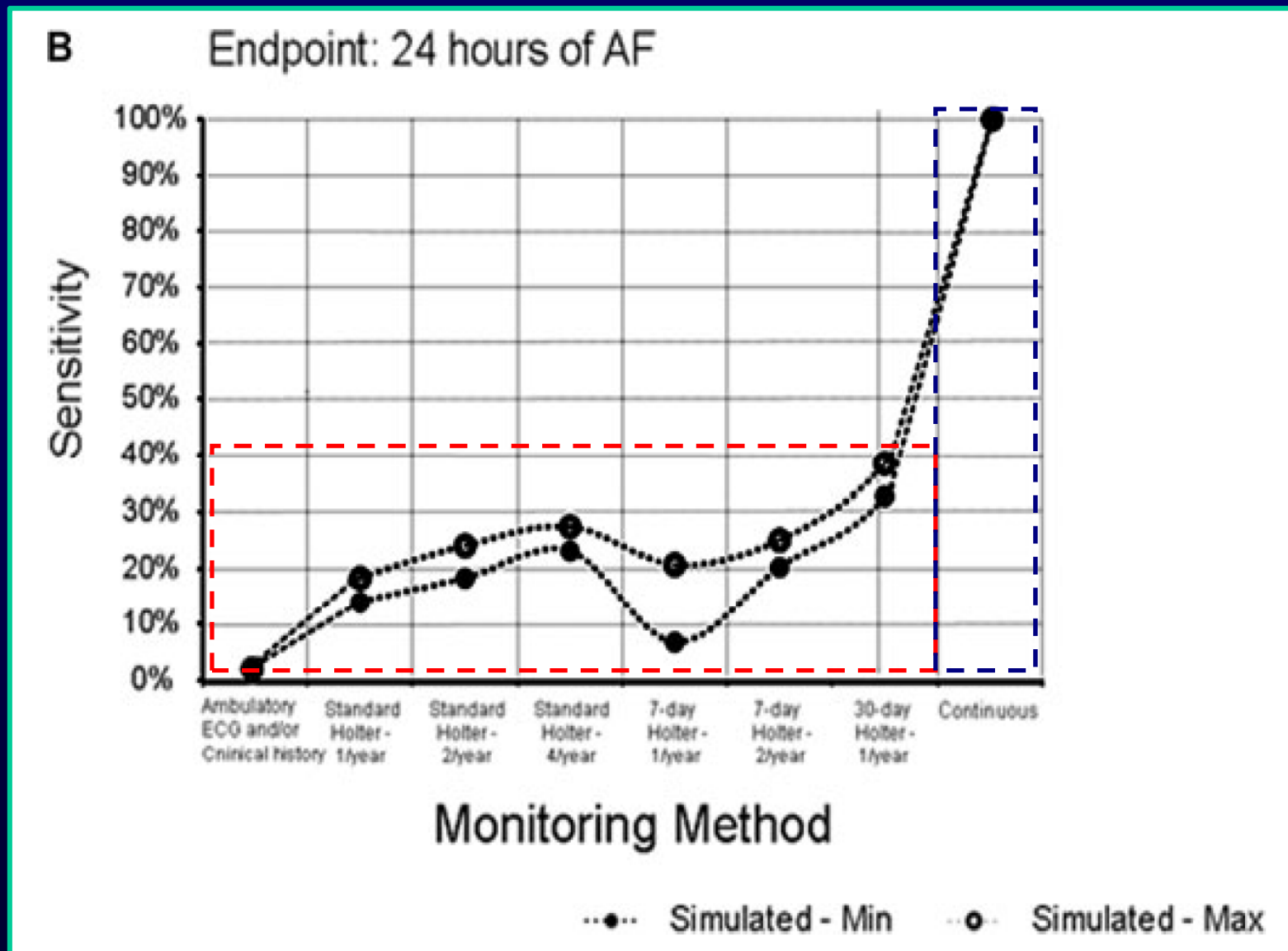
# Relation B/w Symptoms and ECG Transmission in AF

**TABLE 1**

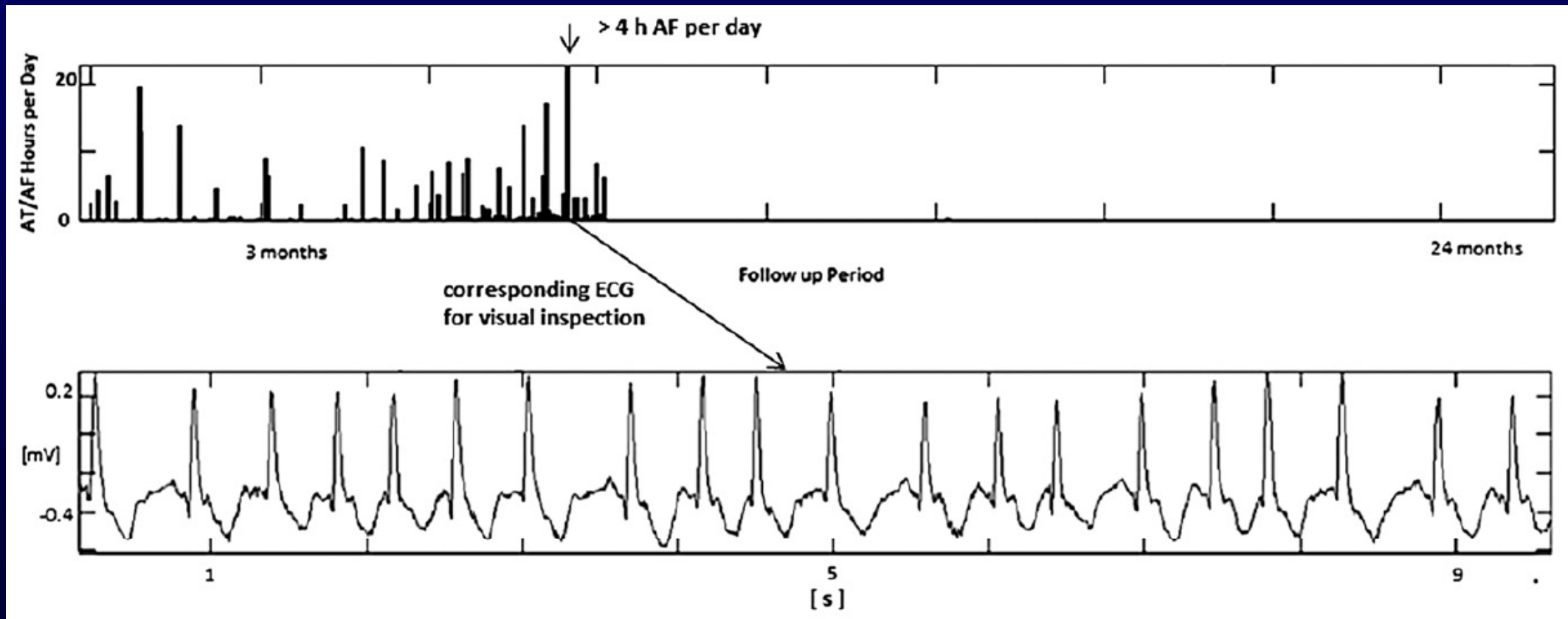
Relation Between Individual Symptoms and AF Among All Symptomatic Transmissions (Total 390 Events)

Symptom	Total (%)	AF	No AF	Odds (P Value) Ratio
Skipped beats	202 (52)	64	138	0.6 (ns)
Heart racing	132 (33)	68	64	2.4 (ns)
Fatigue	65 (17)	33	32	1.9 (ns)
Shortness of breath	51 (13)	36	15	5 (0.008)
Chest discomfort	42 (11)	30	12	5 (0.01)
Lightheadedness	39 (10)	11	28	0.6 (ns)
Fainting	0 (0)			

# Different Monitoring Methods to Detect AF



# Example of Cardiac Compass (Medtronic Inc. ®)



Courtesy of John Camm



Dispositivo: **Advisa DR MRI A3DR01**  
Num. di serie: **PZK604569S**

Data della visita: **26-Lug-2011 18:41:39**

9987 Version software 7.2  
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## Rapporto del Cardiac Compass

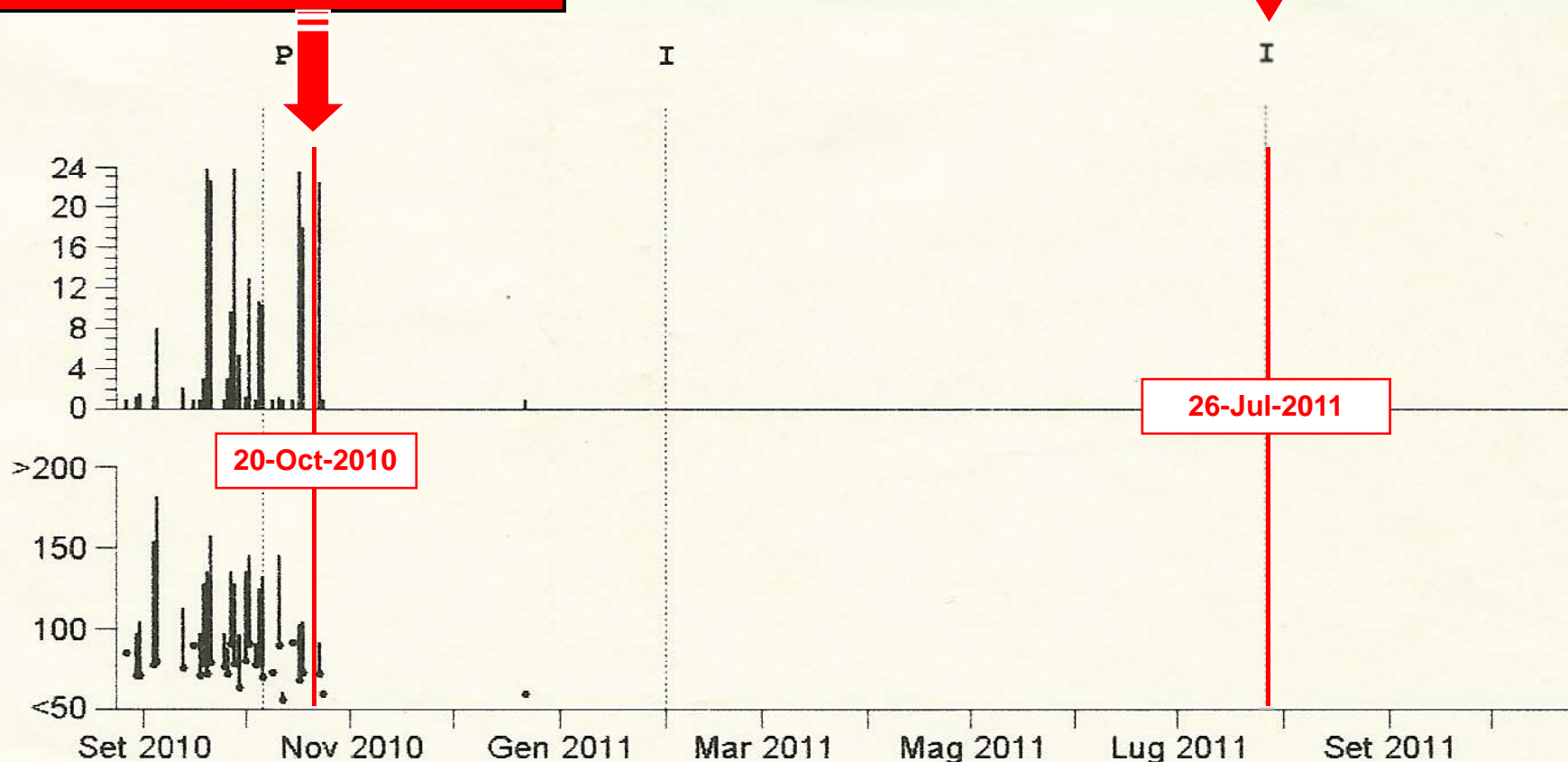
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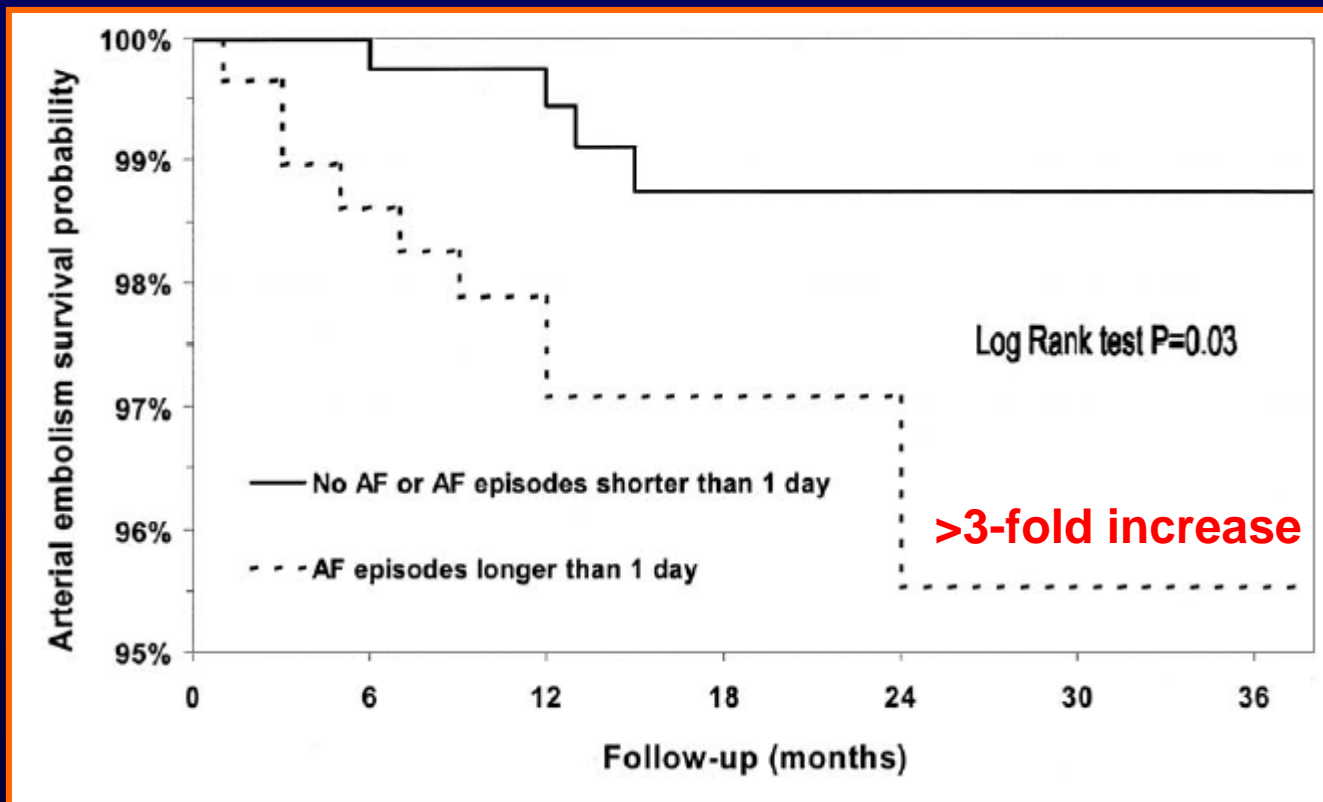
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# AF Monitoring by Pacemaker

## *The Issue of Anticoagulant Rx*

725 pts with brady-tachy syndrome, implanted with a MDT AT-500 ® followed for 2-ys

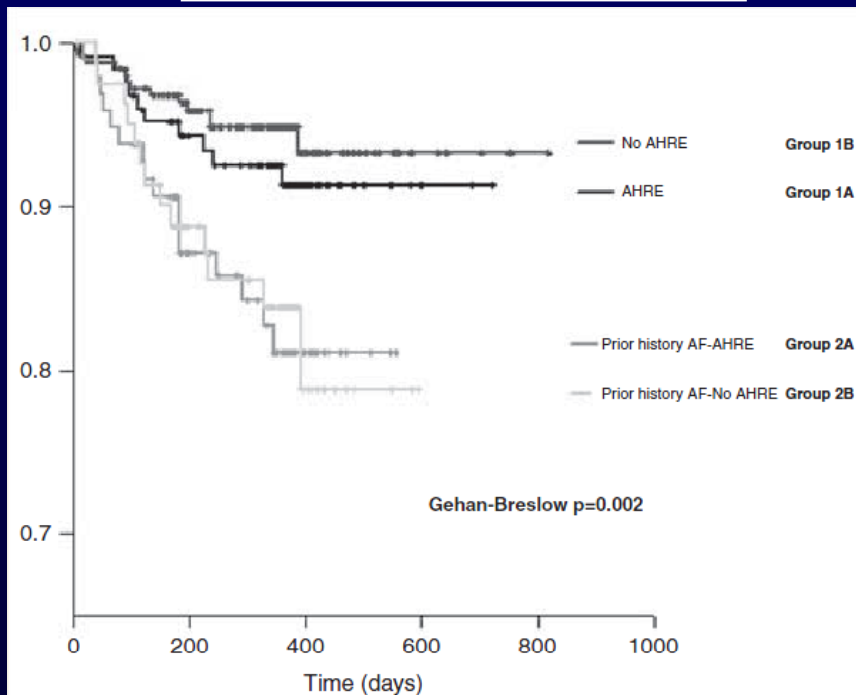


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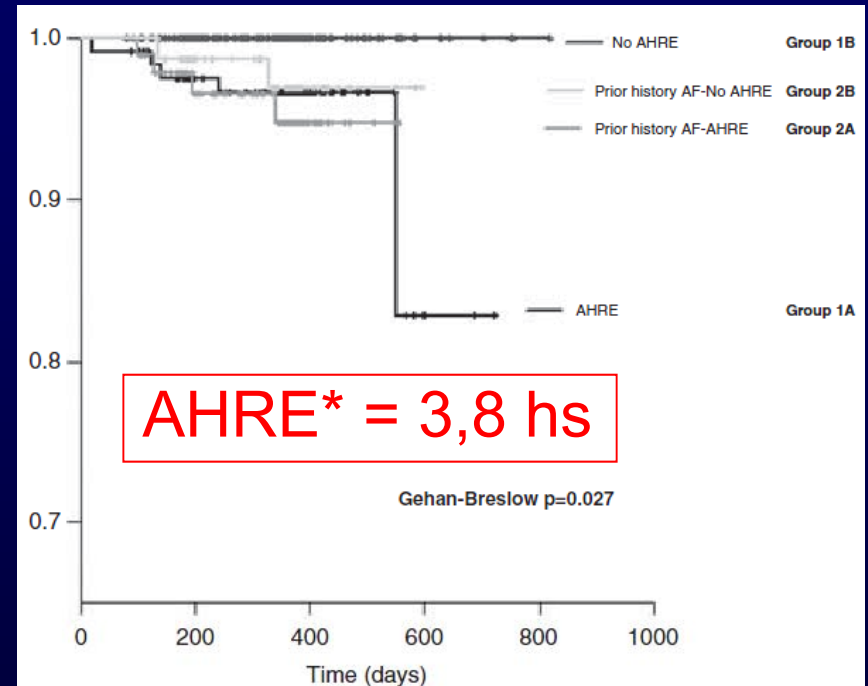
# Detection Of AHRE (>180 bpm) By Continuous Home Monitoring Clinical Significance In The CRT Population

## HF Hospitalization



Comparisons of Groups	Statistic	P Value	Critical Level
1B vs. 2A	11.6	0.00065	0.0085
1B vs. 2B	9.10	0.0026	0.0102
1A vs. 2A	4.23	0.040	0.013
1A vs. 2B	3.11	0.078	0.017
1A vs. 1B	0.956	0.33	0.025
2A vs. 2B	0.0465	0.83	0.05

## Thromboembolic Events



AHRE\* = 3,8 hs

Comparisons of Groups	Statistic	P Value	Critical Level
1B vs. 2A	10.6	0.0011	0.0085
1A vs. 1B	8.11	0.0044	0.0102
1B vs. 2B	5.83	0.016	0.013
2A vs. 2B	0.54	0.46	0.017
1A vs. 2B	0.153	0.70	0.025
1A vs. 2A	0.125	0.73	0.05

# Atrial Fibrillation

## *CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>VASc Score And Stroke Rate*

Risk factor-based approach expressed as a point based scoring system, with the acronym **CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc**  
(Note: maximum score is 9 since age may contribute 0, 1, or 2 points)

Risk factor	Score
Congestive heart failure/LV dysfunction	1
Hypertension	1
Age $\geq 75$	2
Diabetes mellitus	1
Stroke/TIA/thrombo-embolism	2
Vascular disease <sup>a</sup>	1
Age 65–74	1
Sex category (i.e. female sex)	1
<b>Maximum score</b>	<b>9</b>

Adjusted stroke rate according to CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score		
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score	Patients (n=7329)	Adjusted stroke rate (%/year) <sup>b</sup>
0	1	0%
1	422	1.3%
2	1230	2.2%
3	1730	3.2%
4	1718	4.0%
5	1159	6.7%
6	679	9.8%
7	294	9.6%
8	82	6.7%
9	14	15.2%

# CHADS<sub>2</sub> Score, AF Duration and Stroke Risk

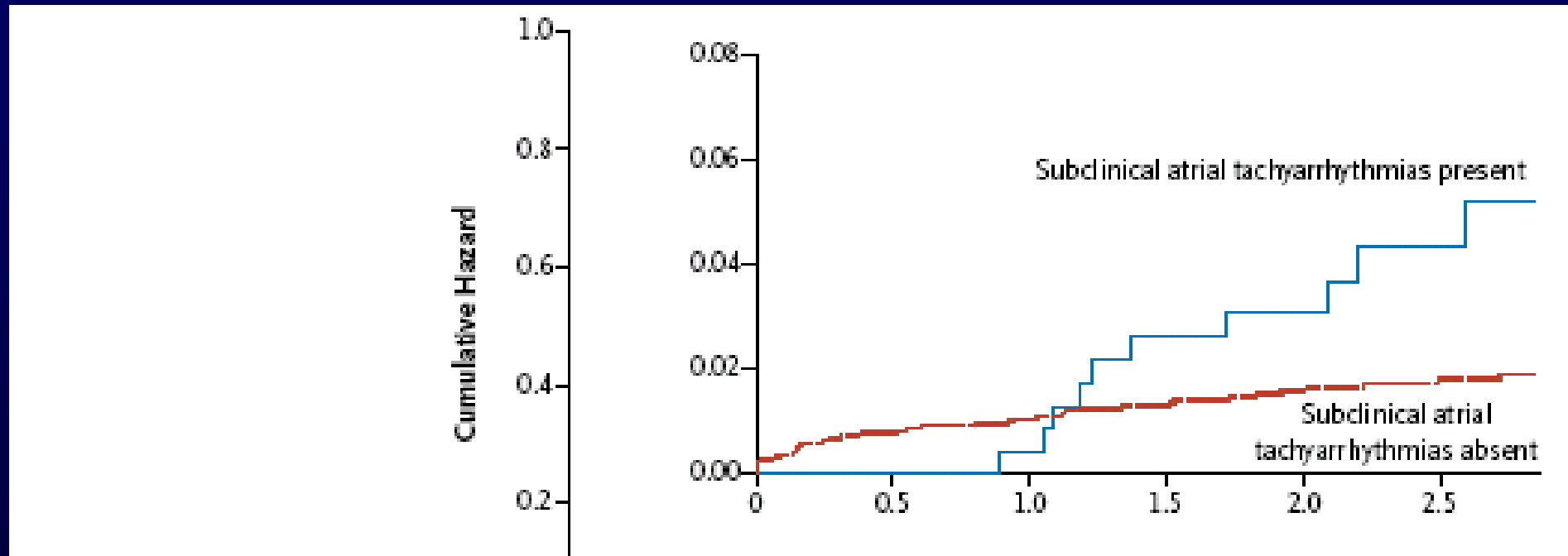
*568 Pts with MDT AT500 IPG Continuously Monitored for 1 Year*

	CHADS <sub>2</sub> score			
	0	1	2	≥3
No AF at FU (AT/AF < 5 min in 1 day)	1.7%	0%	0%	25%
5 min < AT/AF Episodes < 24 h	1.8%	1.3%	2.4%	0%
AT/AF Episodes > 24 h	0%	4.4%	4.4%	33%

(3 out of 351 Pts) 0.8 % vs 5 % (11 out of 217 Pts) **P = 0.035**

# ASSERT Trial

## *Risk of Ischemic Stroke or Systemic Embolism*



This risk correlated strongly with baseline stroke risk factors and

- was 2.14% per year in patients with a CHADS<sub>2</sub> score  $\geq 2$ , AT/AF+
- only 0.19% per year for those with a CHADS<sub>2</sub> score=1 AT/AF-

# AF Discovery

## *Opportunity of Monitoring*

- AF increases stroke risk 4-5 fold
- Stroke is **more severe** in pts with AF vs w/out-AF
- **Hospitalisation** is the biggest contributor to the cost of managing AF
- Symptoms are **not a reliable indicator** of AF
- **Implantable systems** (ILRs, IPGs, ICDs) have high sensitivity for detection of AF
- New techs an **investment** more than a cost