

# VOYAGER-PAD Angiographic Core Lab:

## *Design and Initial Results*

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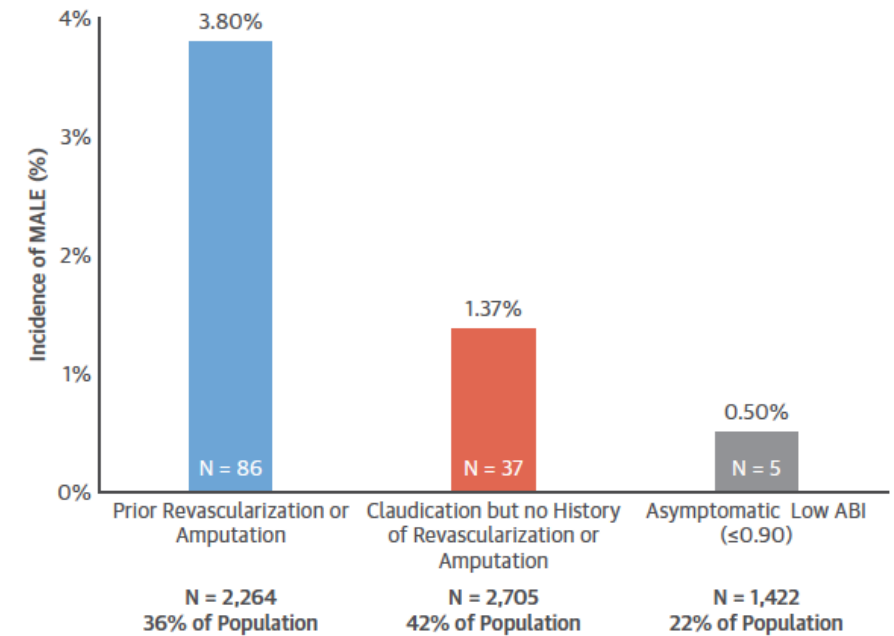


# Background

PAD affects 230 million people worldwide and 10% suffer adverse cardiovascular events

PAD patients are heterogeneous

**FIGURE 1** Rates of Major Adverse Limb Events by History of Symptoms and Revascularization



The incidence of major adverse limb events (MALE) in patients with lower extremity peripheral artery disease in the COMPASS (Rivaroxaban for the Prevention of Major Cardiovascular Events in Coronary or Peripheral Artery Disease) trial by history of prior limb procedure and presence of symptoms. Adapted with permission from Anand et al. (6). ABI = ankle-brachial index.

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Farber . . . Rosenfield, et al. NEJM Nov 2022

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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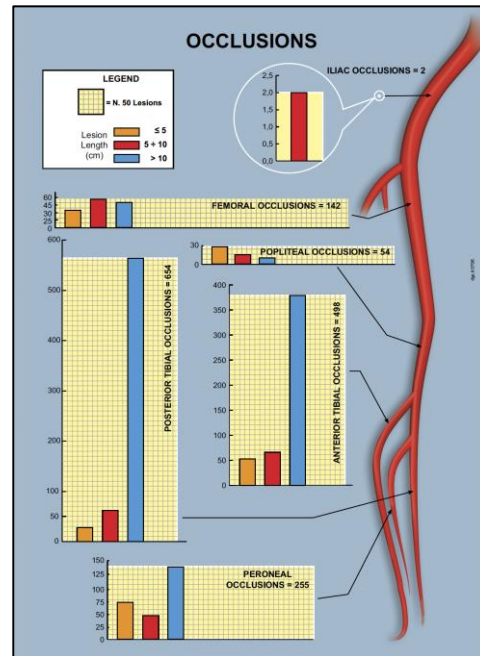
# PAD Anatomic Classification Systems

## BOLLINGER

OCCLUSIVE PATTERN		OCCLUSION			STENOSIS >50%			STENOSIS <50%			PLAQUES >25%			additive score: 3
Change of length		SINGLE			MULTIPLE<H			MULTIPLE<H			MULTIPLE>H			
12	13	4	2	1										vectorial score
14	15	5	3	2										
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Earliest, 1981  
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## GRAZIANI



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## ANATOMIC RUNOFF SCORE

### Calculation of Anatomic Runoff Score (ARS)

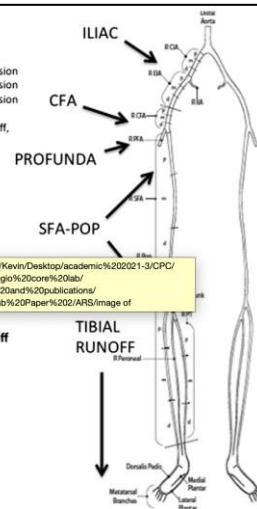
Arterial Segment Value	Interpretation and Points Assigned:
Iliac	0 = < 50% stenosis, 1 = 50-99% stenosis, 2 = 100% occlusion
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SFA-pop	0 = < 50% stenosis, 1 = 50-99% stenosis, 2 = 100% occlusion
Profunda	0 = patent, 2 = occluded
Tibial	0 = 3 vessel runoff, 1 = 2 vessel runoff, 2 = 1 vessel runoff, 3 = 0 vessel runoff

### BILATERAL RUNOFF SCORE

Right Iliac	Left Iliac	[0-2]	[0-2]
Right CFA/SFA-pop	Left CFA/SFA-pop	+ [0-2]	+ [0-2]
Right Profunda	Left Profunda	+ [0-2]	+ [0-2]
Right Tibial	Left Tibial	+ [0-3]	+ [0-3]
Right Sub-score	Left Sub-score	= [0-9]	= [0-9]

Overall Runoff Score [0-18] = Right Sub-score + Left Sub-score

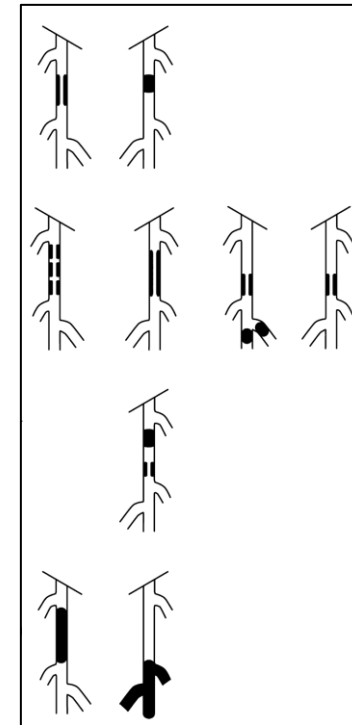
Therefore, a total score of 0 means no stenosis > 50% and 3-vessel runoff bilaterally; and a total score of 18 means bilateral occlusion of iliac segments, CFA/SFA-pop segments, profunda occlusions, and 0 vessel runoff.



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## TASC



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for all PAD

## GLASS

0	• Mild or no significant disease in the primary target artery path	
1	• Focal stenosis of tibial artery < 3cm	
2	• Stenosis involving 1/3 total vessel length • May include focal CTO (< 3 cm) • Not including TP trunk or tibial vessel origin	
3	• Disease up to 2/3 vessel length • CTO up to 1/3 length (may include tibial vessel origin but not transpositional trunk)	
4	• Diffuse stenosis > 2/3 total vessel length • CTO > 1/3 vessel length (may include vessel origin) • Any CTO or transpositional trunk if all is not the target	

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# PAD Anatomical Classification Systems

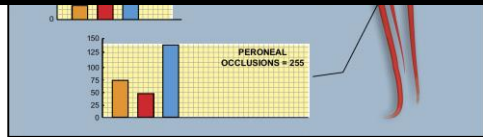
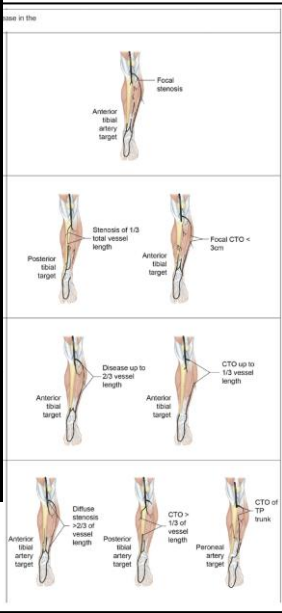
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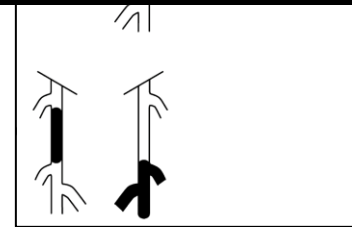
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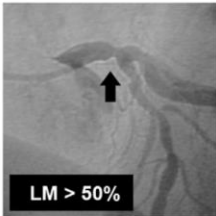
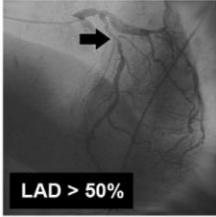
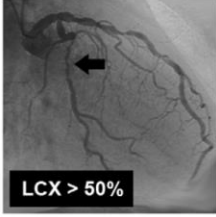
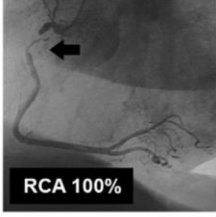


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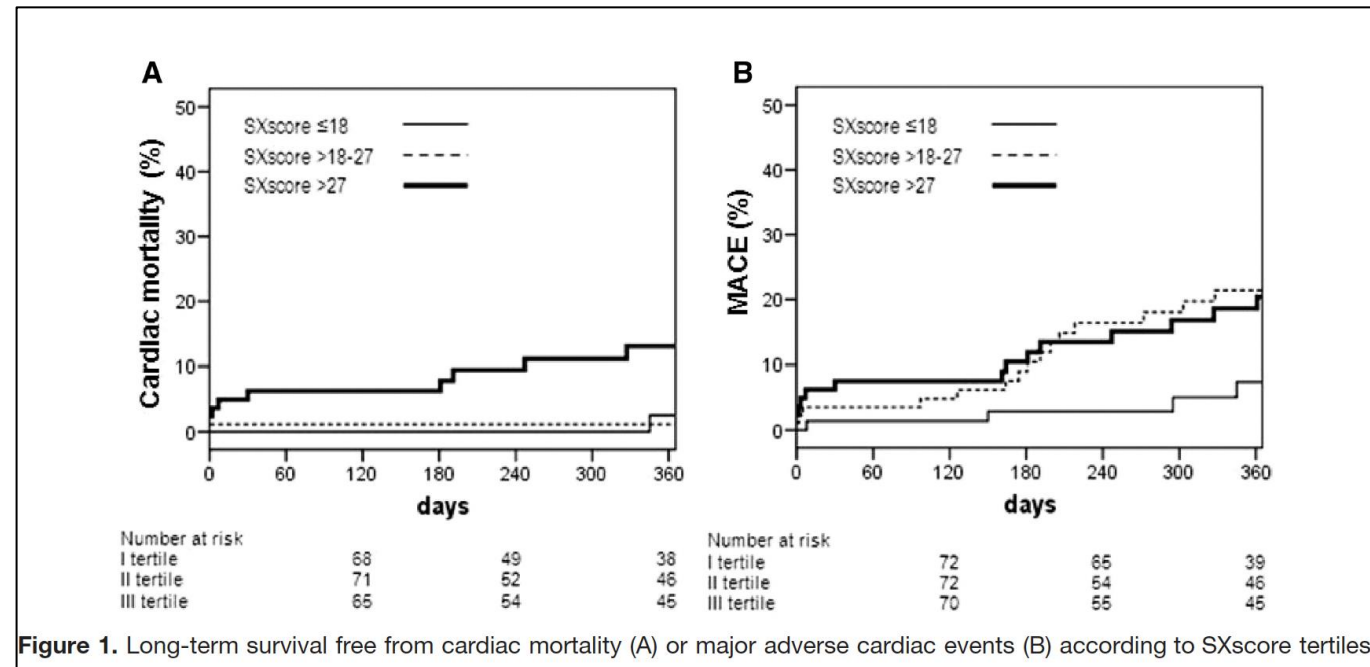
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# SYNTAX Score in CAD

	<b>Lesion 1</b> Segment 5 Bifurcation Type A	10 1
	<b>Lesion 1 score</b>	11
	<b>Lesion 2</b> Segment 6 Length >20 mm	7 1
	<b>Lesion 2 score</b>	8
	<b>Lesion 3</b> Segment 13 Length >20 mm Heavy calcification	1 1 2
	<b>Lesion 3 score</b>	4
	<b>Lesion 4</b> Segment 1 Age T.O. is yes Blunt stump Bridging First segment visualised: 2	5 1 1 1 0
	<b>Lesion 4 score</b>	8
	<b>SYNTAX SCORE</b>	31

**SYNTAX score correlates with anatomic complexity of CAD and is associated with adverse cardiovascular outcomes**



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NCT02504216

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*ASA 100 daily for all Patients  
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**Randomized 1:1 Double Blind**

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**Placebo**

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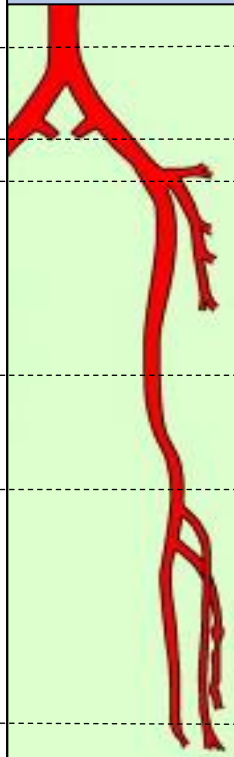
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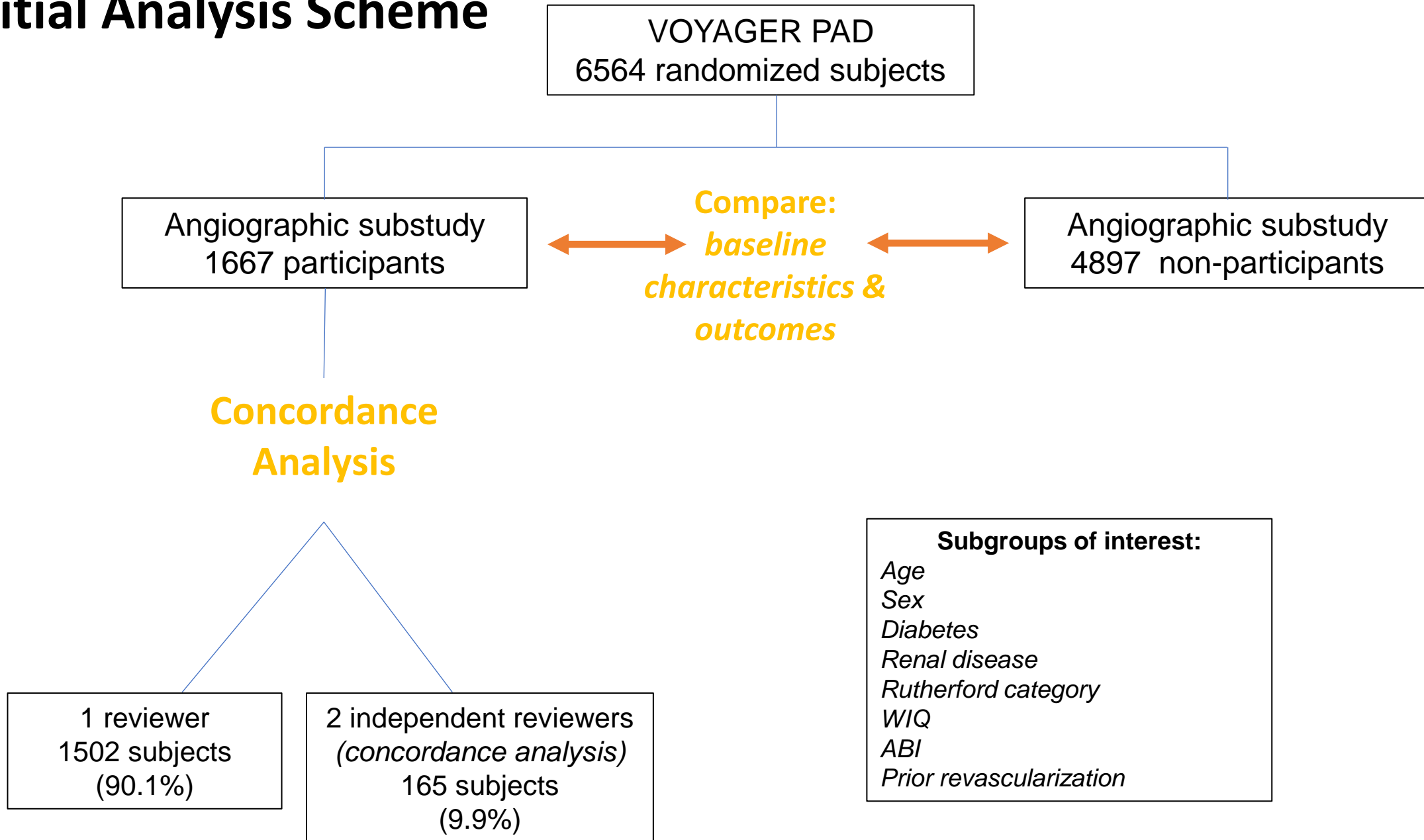
# Angiographic Reviewer Selection and Training

Eligible reviewer trained in Vascular Surgery, Interventional Radiology, or Interventional Cardiology with experience in angiographic peripheral vascular imaging

Reviewer undergoes standardization phase. >5 angiographic studies are reviewed. Results are compared among reviewers. Feedback provided to reviewers to promote inter-rater agreement.

**Formal angiographic interpretations are performed**

# Initial Analysis Scheme



# Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

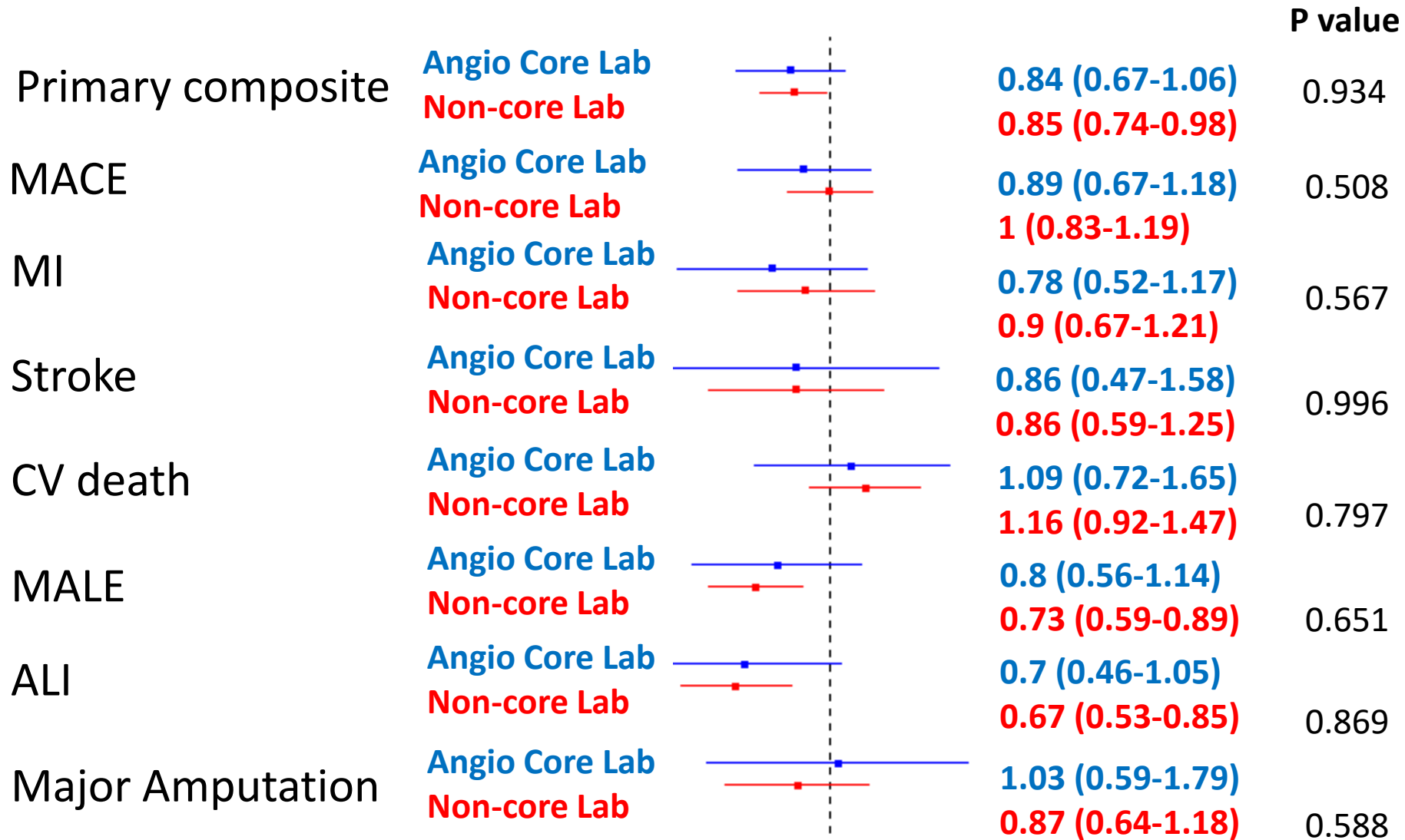
Variable	Included in Angiographic Core Lab (N=1667)	Non-Angiographic Core Lab (N=4897)	p-value
<b>Demographics and General Descriptors</b>			
Mean age (SD), years	67.2 (8.4)	67.0 (8.5)	0.4527
Female, no. (%)	463 (27.8%)	1241 (25.3%)	0.0504
<b>Race</b>			
White	1448 (86.9%)	3855 (78.7%)	<0.0001
Black or African American	66 ( 4.0%)	89 ( 1.8%)	
Asian	107 ( 6.4%)	859 (17.5%)	
American Indian Alaska Native	3 ( 0.2%)	2 ( 0.0%)	
Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.9	26.3	<0.0001
<b>Geographic region</b>			
North America	329 (19.7%)	365 ( 7.5%)	<0.0001
Western Europe	618 (37.1%)	1208 (24.7%)	
Eastern Europe	519 (31.1%)	2080 (42.5%)	
Asia Pacific	100 ( 6.0%)	861 (17.6%)	
South America	101 ( 6.1%)	383 ( 7.8%)	

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Type of qualifying revascularization procedure			
Endovascular	1273 (76.4%)	2818 (57.5%)	<0.0001
Hybrid	47 ( 2.8%)	241 ( 4.9%)	
Surgical	347 (20.8%)	1838 (37.5%)	
Risk Factors			
eGFR group 2 (ml/min/1.73m2)			<0.0001
< 30	10 ( 0.6%)	33 ( 0.7%)	
≥30 to < 60	369 (22.1%)	915 (18.7%)	
≥ 60	1183 (71.0%)	3809 (77.8%)	
Diabetes mellitus, no. (%)	697 (41.8%)	1932 (39.5%)	0.1717
Smoking status			
Never	302 (18.1%)	1049 (21.4%)	0.0152
Former	752 (45.1%)	2179 (44.5%)	
Current	613 (36.8%)	1666 (34.0%)	
Clopidogrel used at baseline, no. (%)	1150 (69.0%)	2769 (56.5%)	<0.0001



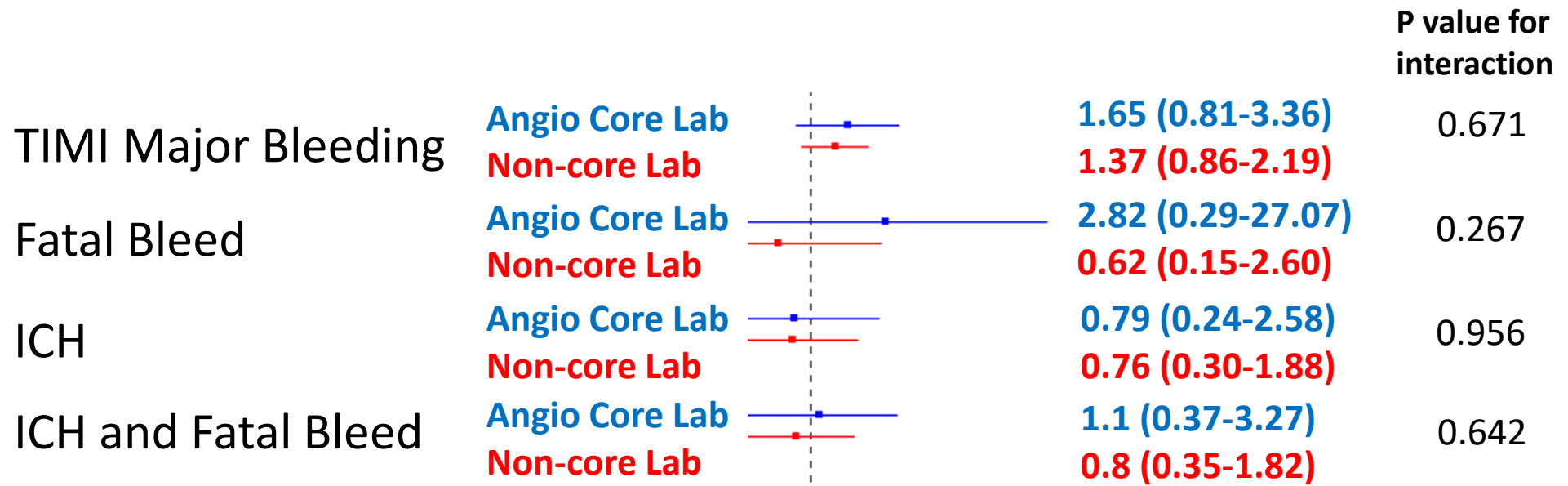
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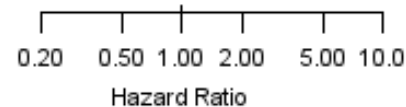
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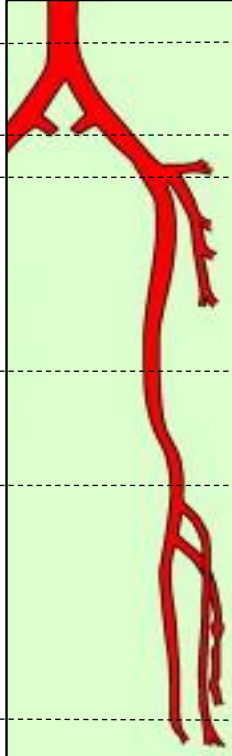


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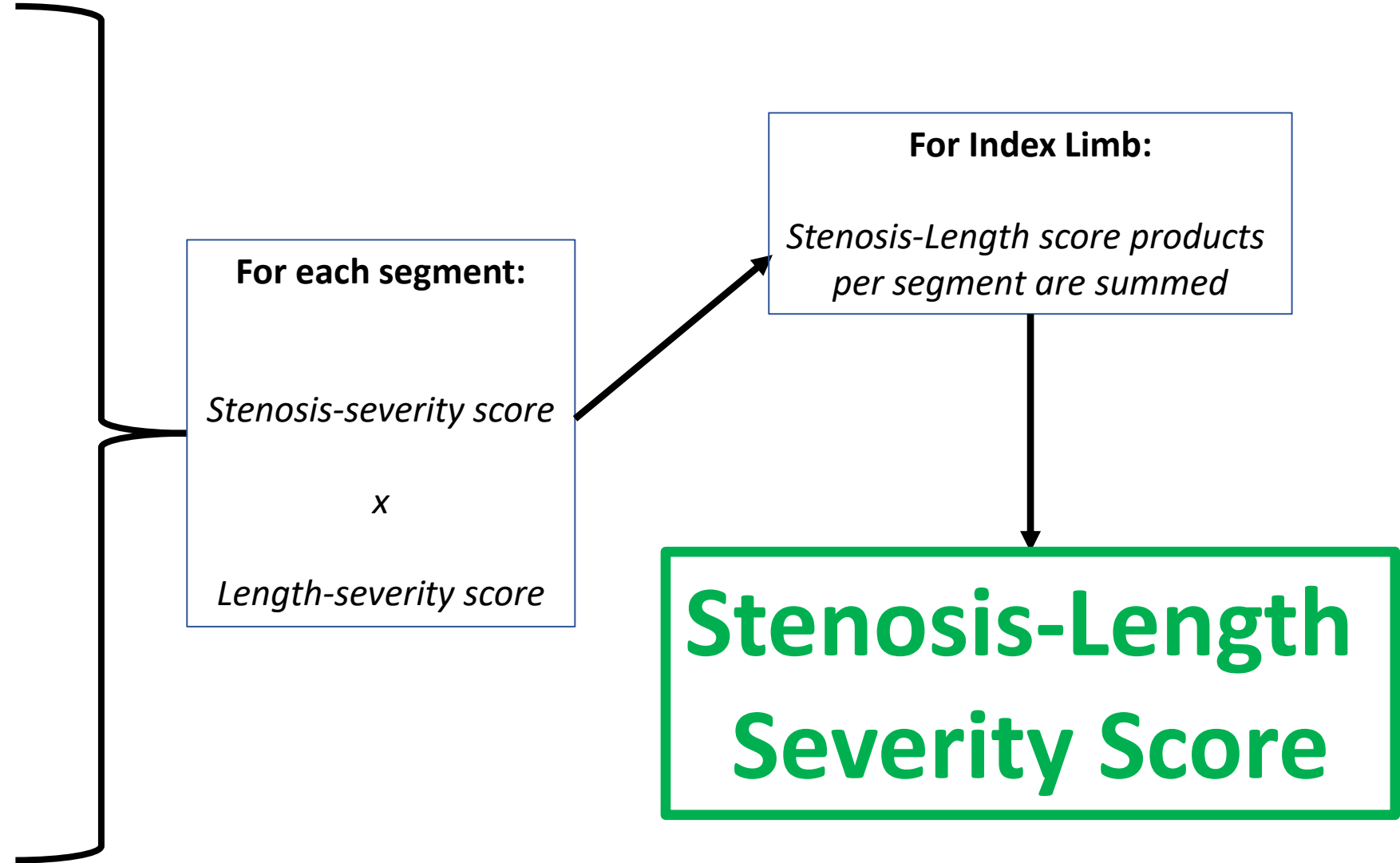
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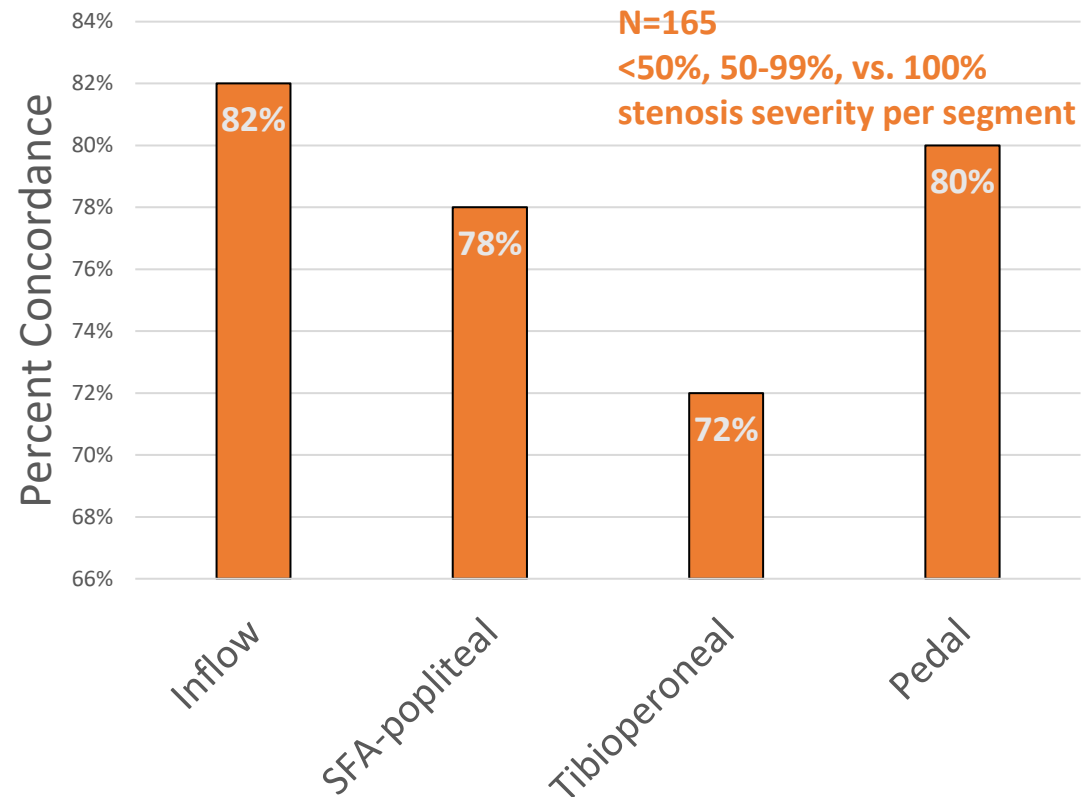
Stenosis severity of segment	Stenosis-severity Score
<50%	0
50-69%	1
70-99%	2
100%	3

Length severity of segment	Length-severity Score
<1/3	1
1/3-2/3	2
>2/3	3

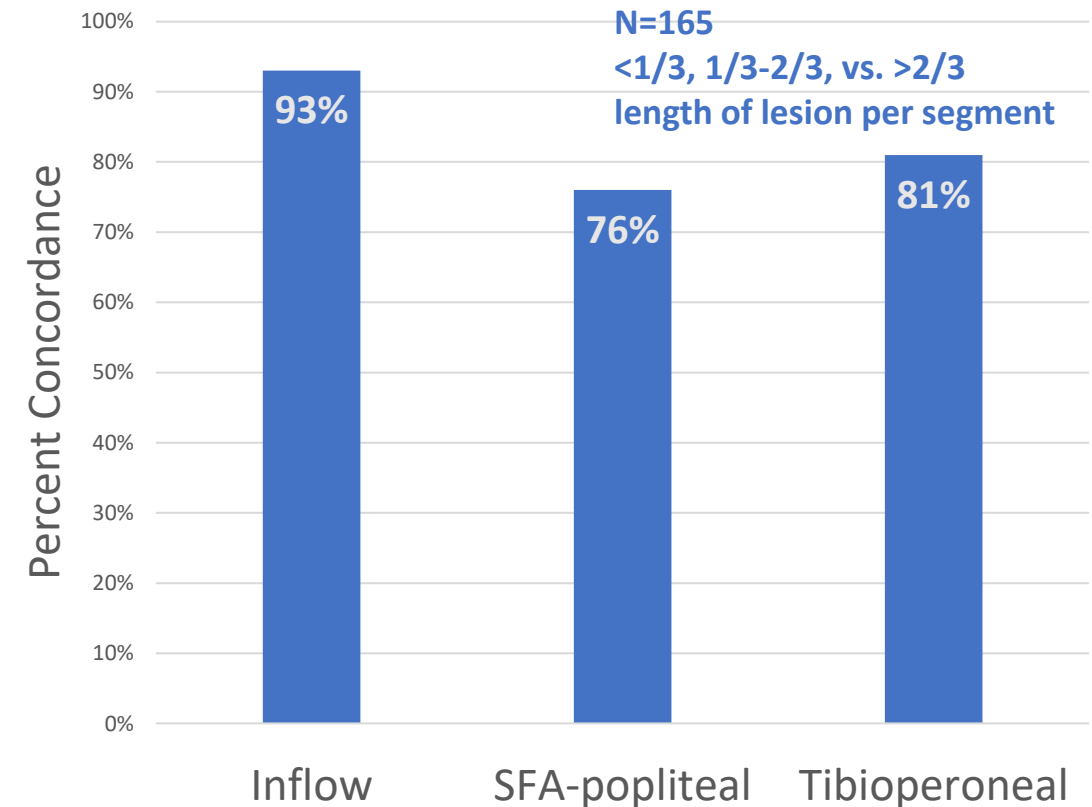


# Concordance for Components of SLS Score

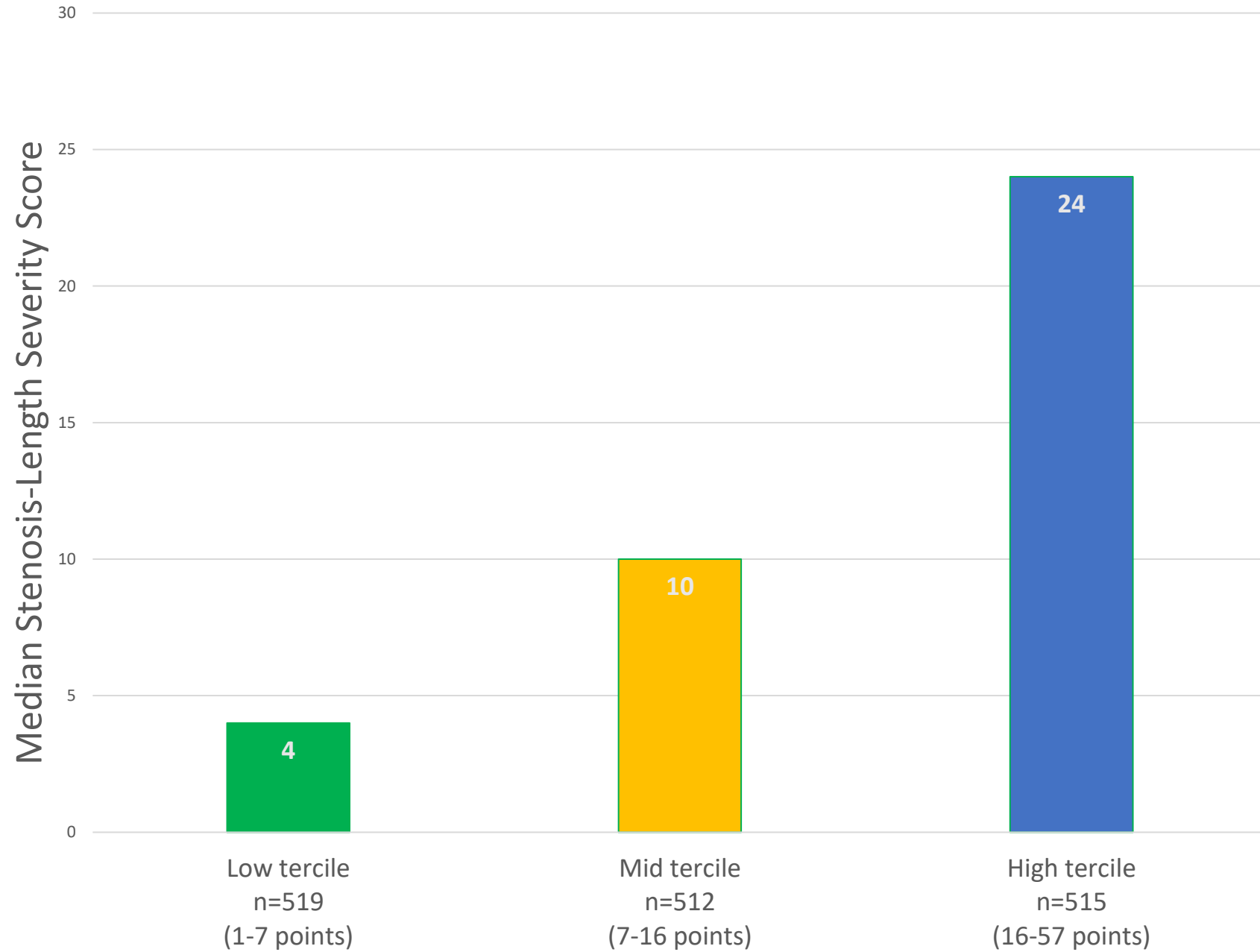
## Concordance for Stenosis Severity



## Concordance for Lesion Length



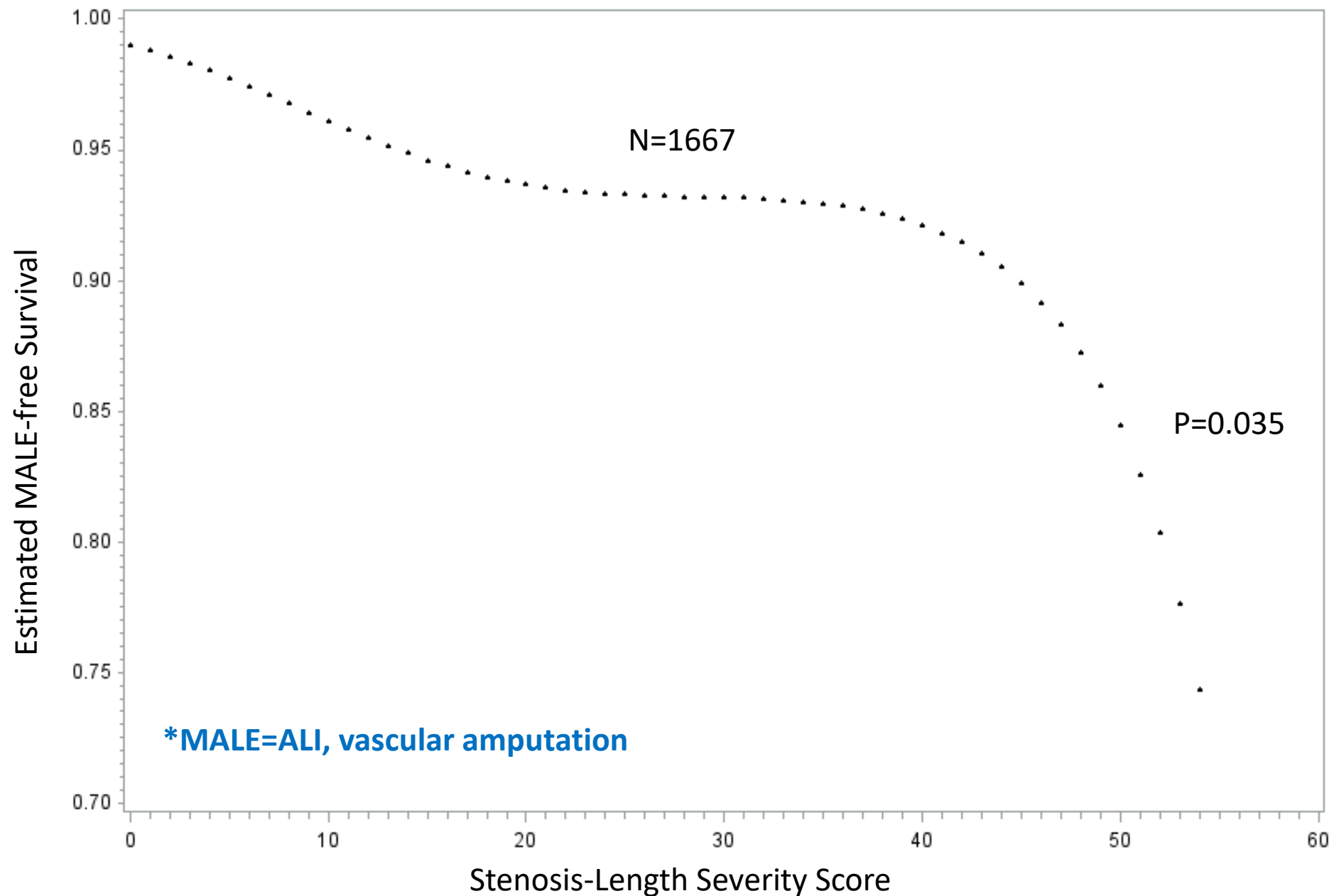
# Distribution of Stenosis-Length Severity Score Terciles



# Baseline Characteristics by Stenosis-Length Severity Score Terciles

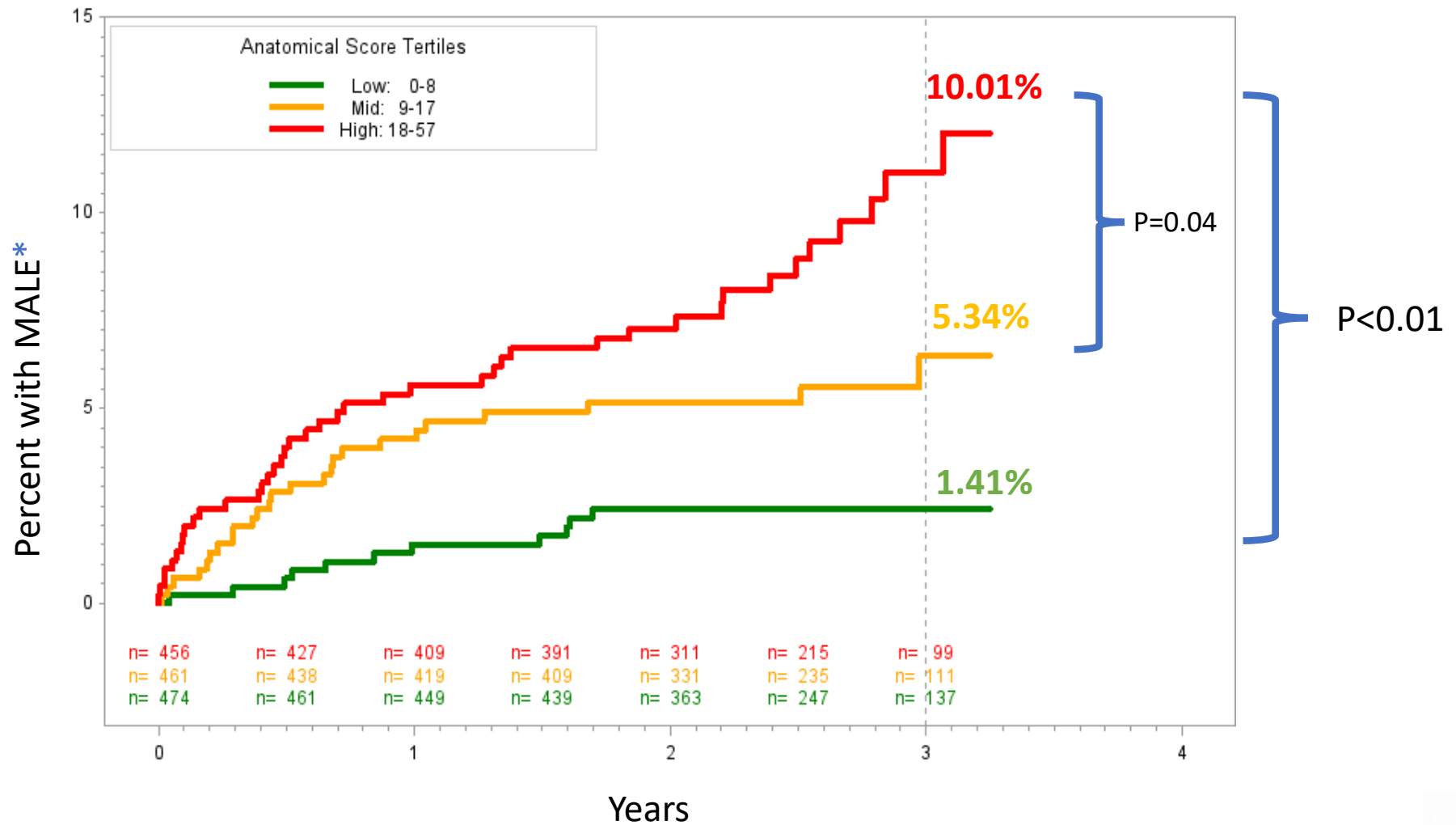
Variable	Low Tertile n=519	Mid Tertile n=496	High Tertile n=522	P value tertile 1 vs. 2	P value tertile 2 vs. 3	P value tertile 1 vs. 3
Age, years (mean, SD)	66.6 (8.3)	67 (8.3)	68 (8.5)	0.49	0.05	0.01
Sex, female (n, %)	154 (29.7%)	148 (29.8%)	129 (24.7%)	0.95	0.07	0.07
Black (n, %)	17 ( 3.3%)	21 ( 4.2%)	24 ( 4.6%)	0.28	0.07	0.02
BMI (mean, Kg/m2)	27.6	26.8	26.3	<0.01	0.07	<0.01
CKD, yes (n, %)	62 (11.9%)	56 (11.3%)	60 (11.5%)	0.74	0.92	0.82
Diabetes, yes (n, %)	208 (40.1%)	197 (39.7%)	248 (47.5%)	0.91	0.01	0.02
Smoking, never (n, %)	67 (12.9%)	83 (16.7%)	115 (22.0%)	0.14	0.09	<0.01
Index leg ABI at screen (mean, SD)	0.6 (0.16)	0.6 (0.18)	0.5 (0.20)	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

# Cubic Spline of Stenosis-Length Severity Score and MALE\*





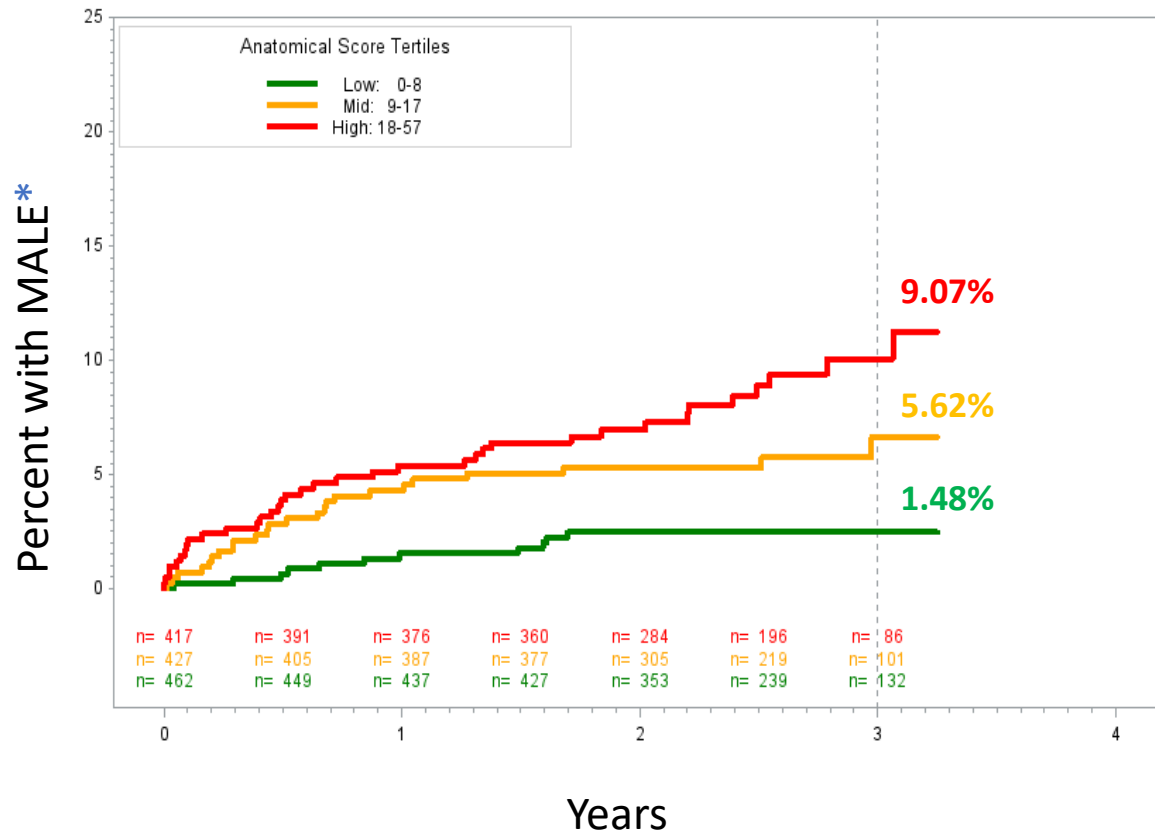
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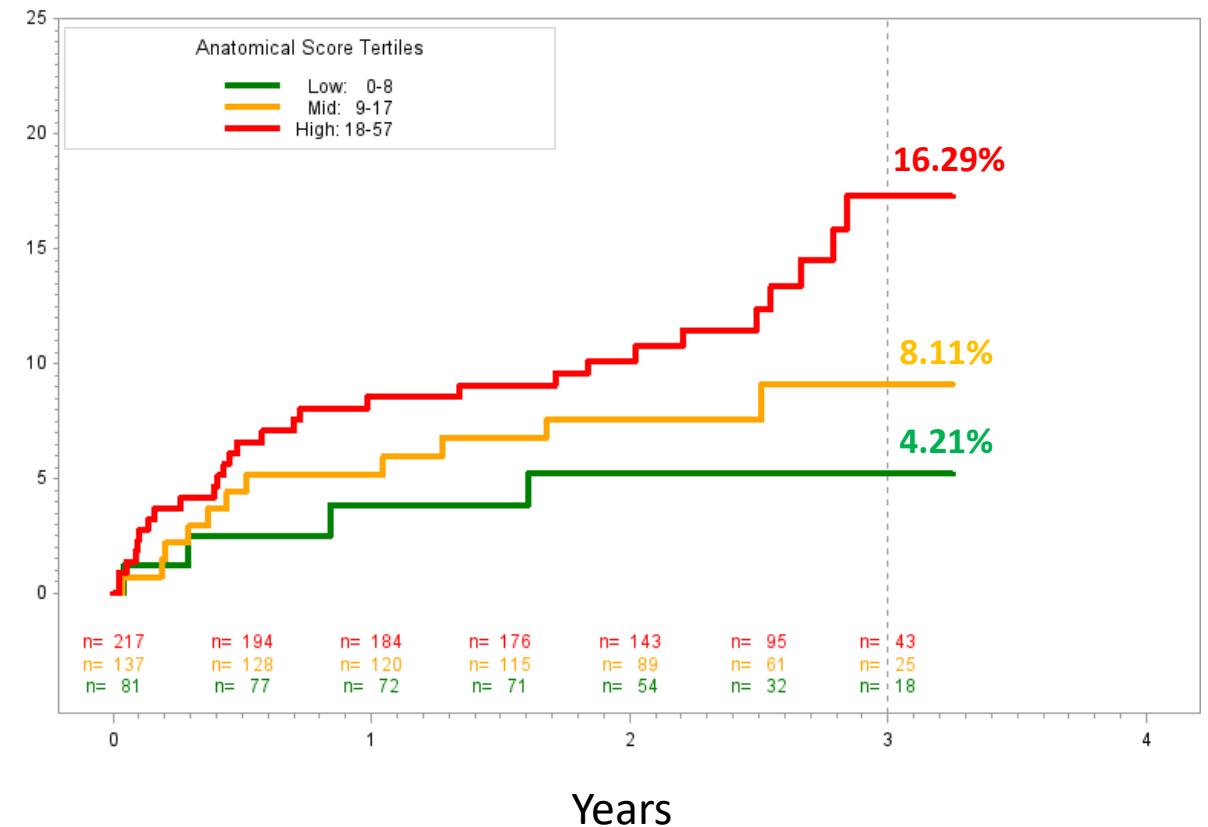
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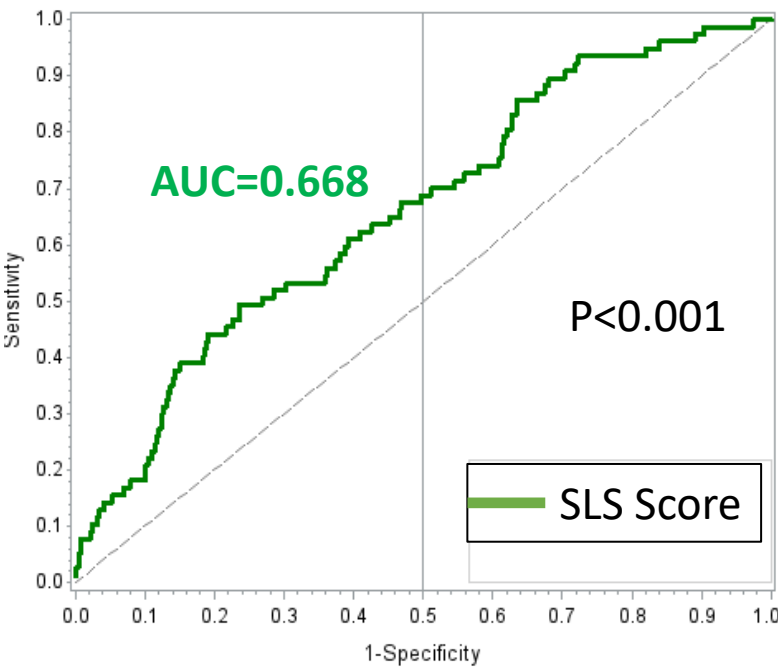
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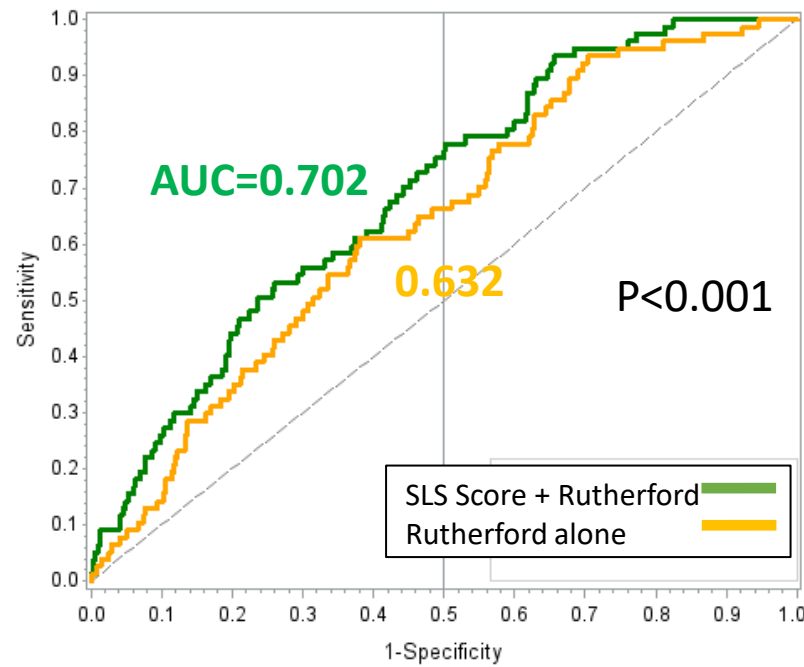
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# ROC Analysis for SLS Severity Score, ABI, and Rutherford for MALE\*

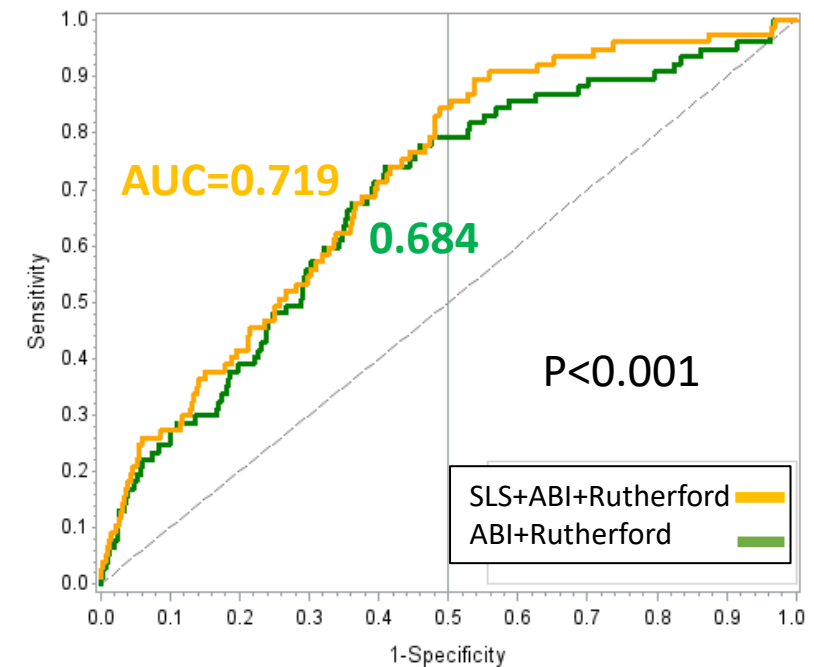
ROC Curve for SLS Score alone



ROC for SLS Score+Rutherford & Rutherford Alone



ROC for SLS+ABI+Rutherford & ABI+Rutherford



# Conclusions

PAD is prevalent and confers increased risk of limb events

Understanding how PAD anatomy contributes to risk may improve outcomes (as in CAD)

VOYAGER-PAD Angiographic Core lab offers an opportunity to better understand the relationships with anatomy, outcomes, and PAD subgroups

The stenosis-length severity score seems to add incremental predictive value for major adverse limb events to ABI and Rutherford category



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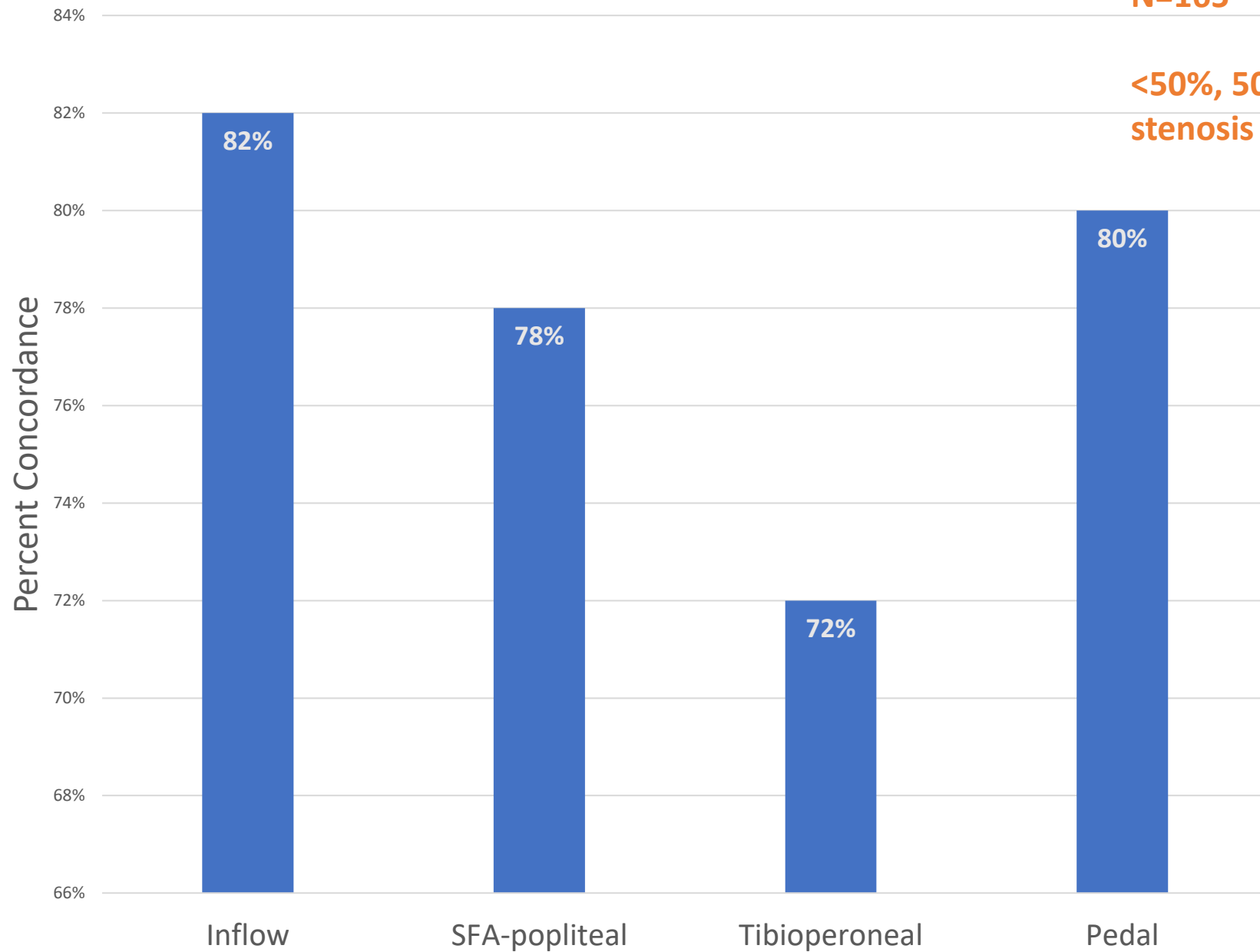
# Thank you!

## Questions?

# Concordance for Stenosis Severity

N=165

<50%, 50-99%, vs. 100%  
stenosis severity per segment



# Concordance for Lesion Length

