



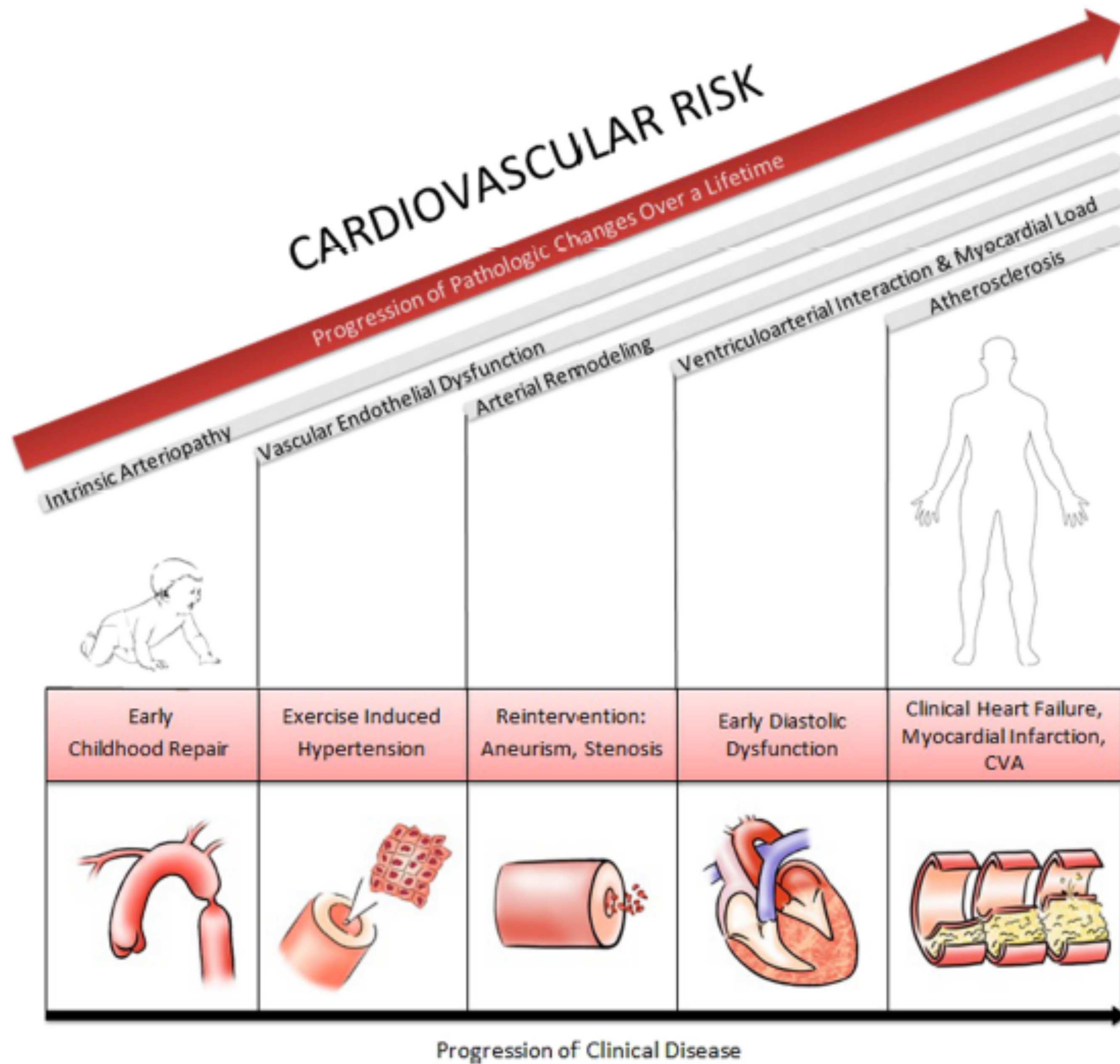
Long term outcome after coarctation repair

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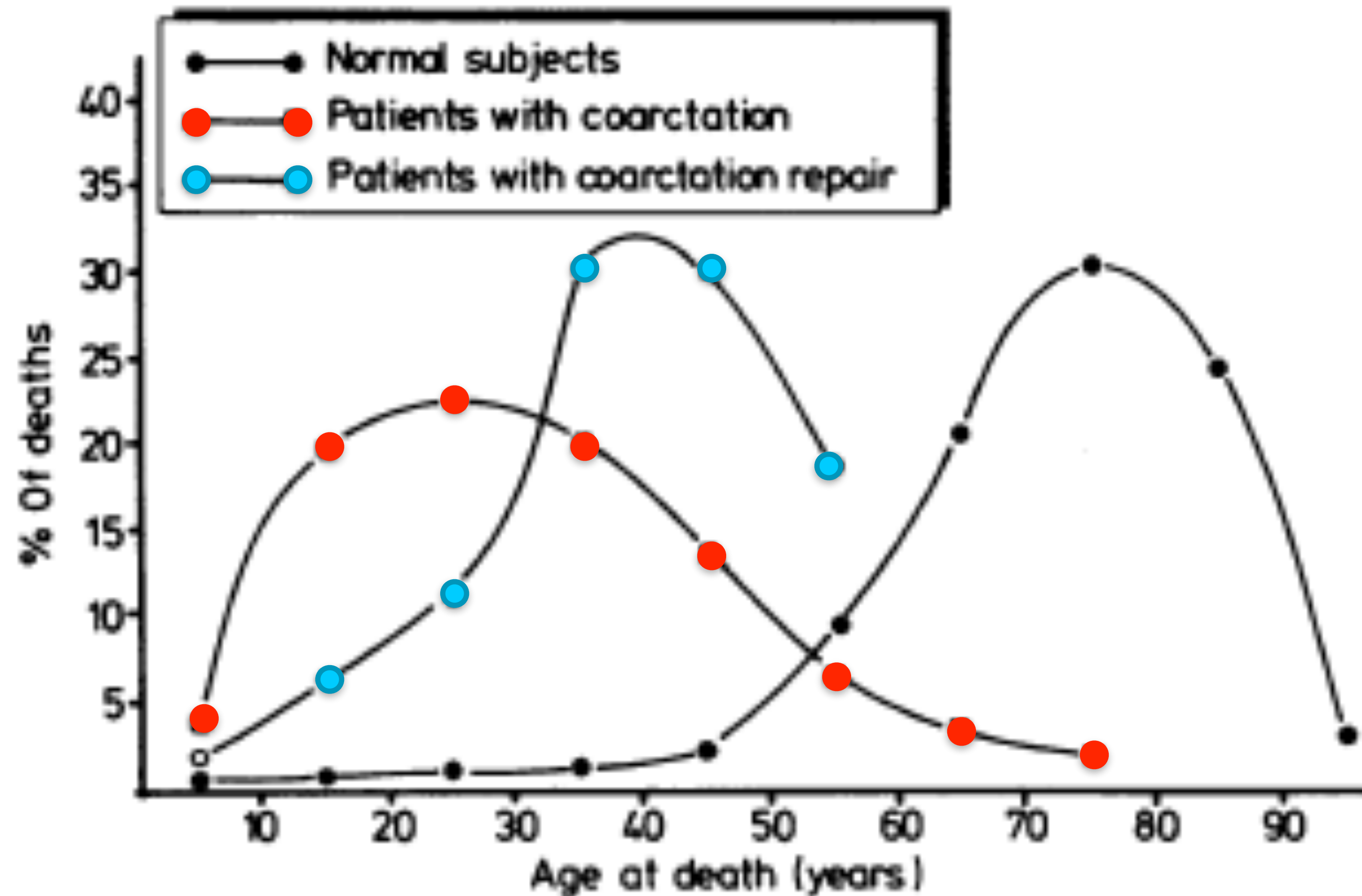
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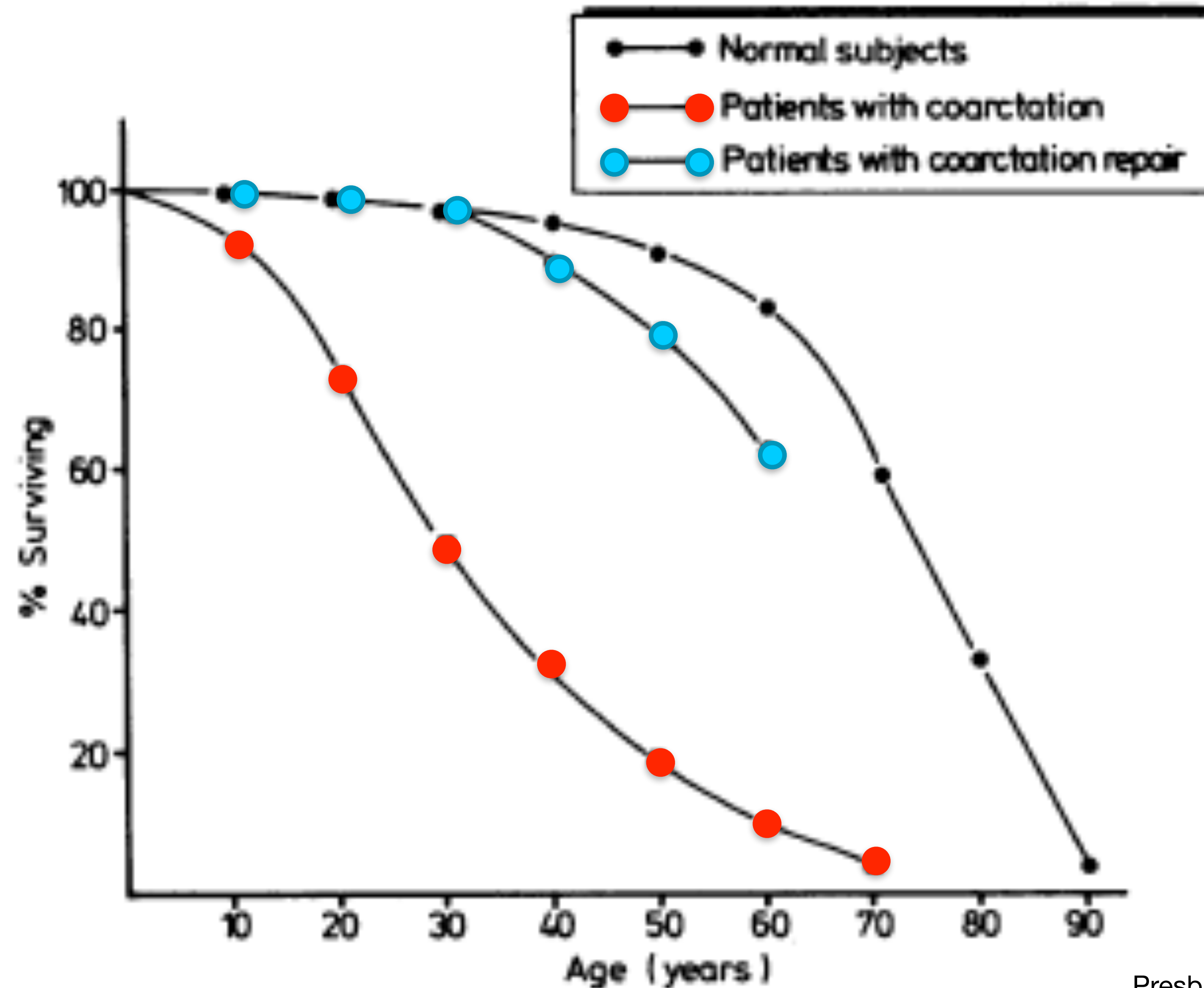


Distribution of death by age of subjects with **coarctation**, of subjects with **coarctation repair**, and of the **general population**



The curves on the left and right are taken from Campbell.
The middle curve shows the distribution of death in our patients with
coarctation repair. These curves have been adjusted for age.

Percentage of subjects still alive at the end of each decade

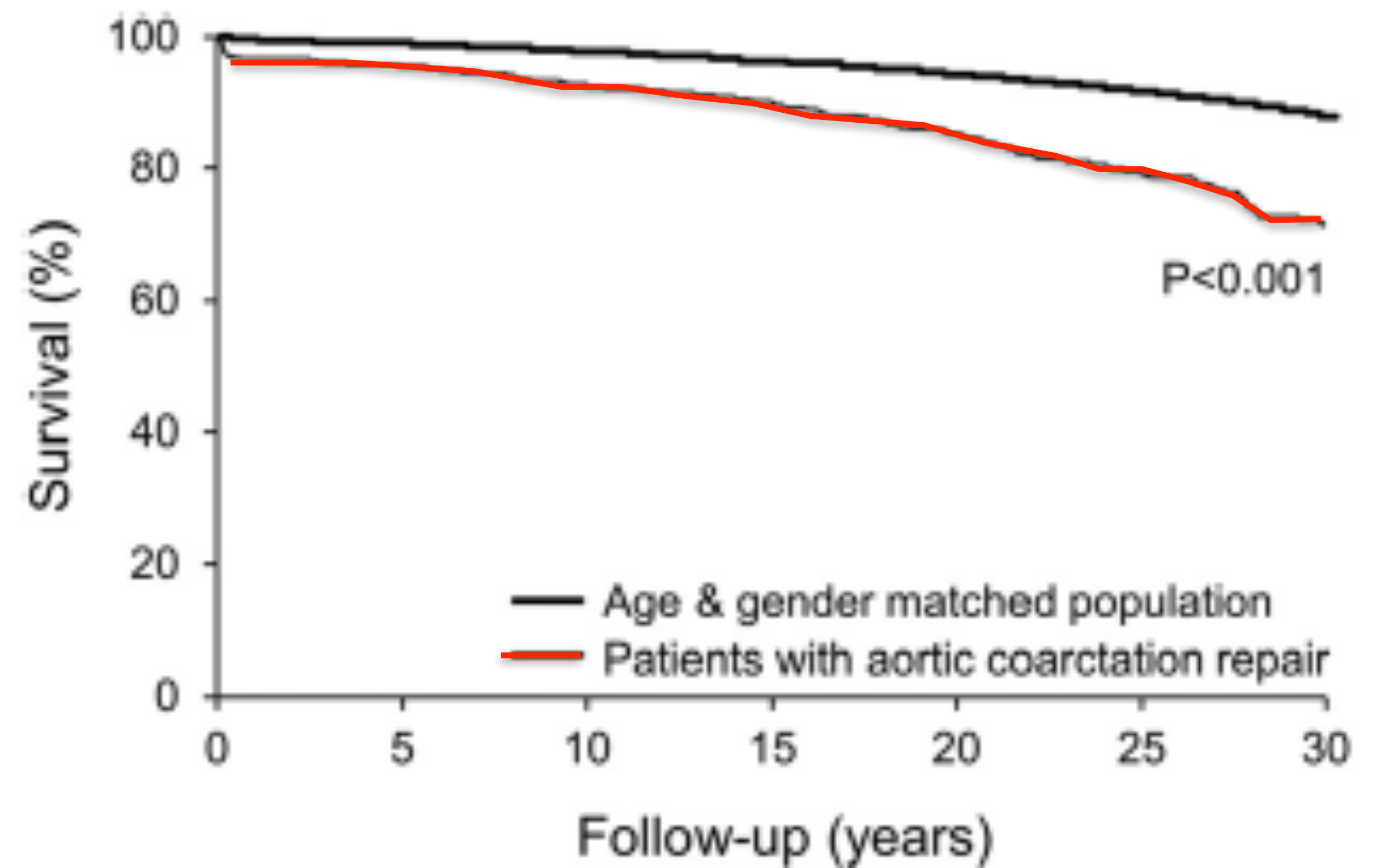


Overall survival after coarctation repair

Mean age at surgery 17.2 years

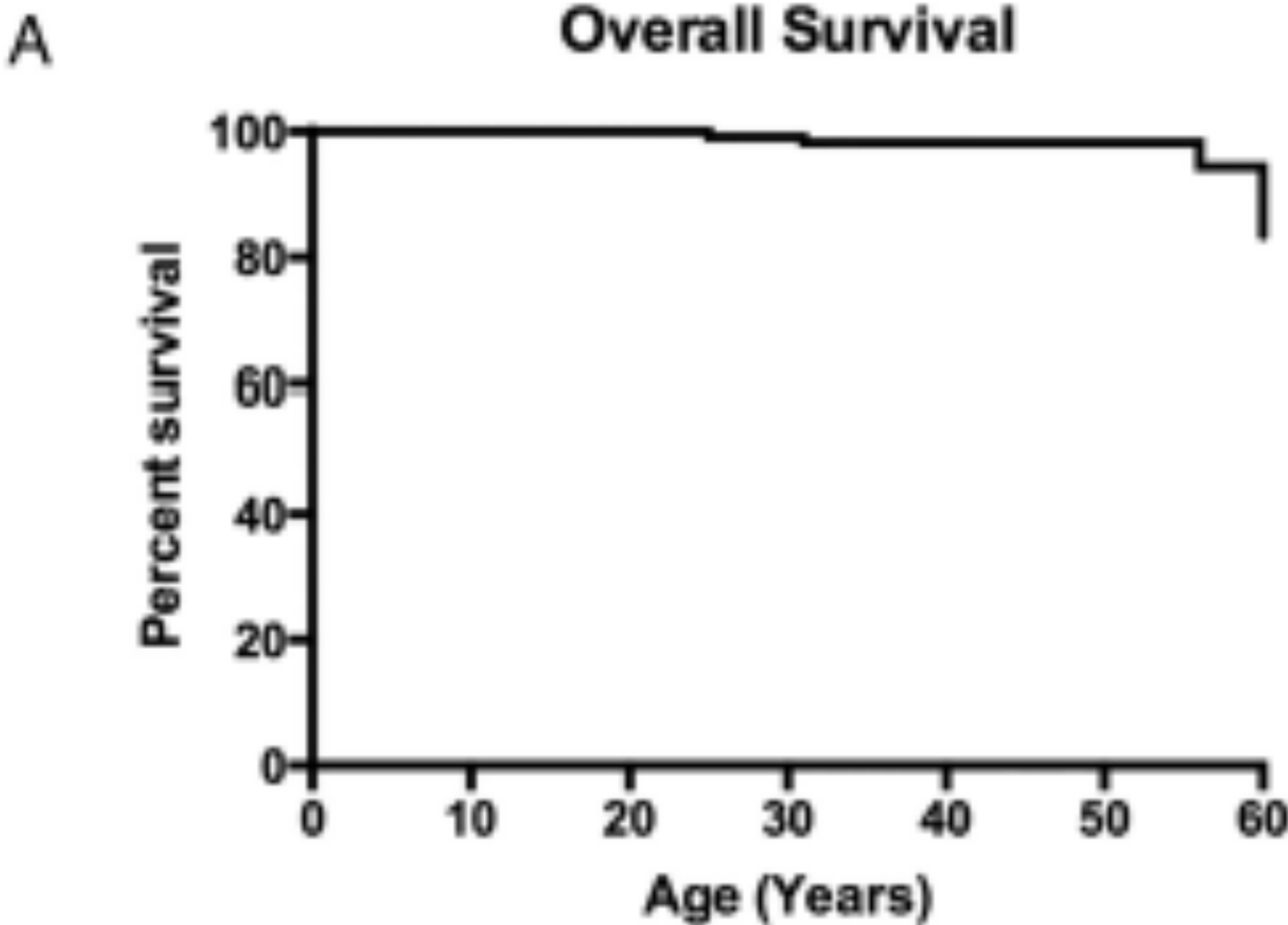
Table 1 Pre-Operative Characteristics (N = 819)

Characteristic	Value
Age at operation	
Mean \pm SD, yrs	17.2 \pm 13.6
Range	1 day to 72.2 yrs
Age group	
≤ 1 yr	116
>1– ≤ 5 yrs	76
>5– ≤ 10 yrs	123
>10– ≤ 20 yrs	235
>20 yrs	269
Female	243 (30)
Pre-operation hypertension	683 (83)
NYHA class III or IV	32 (5)

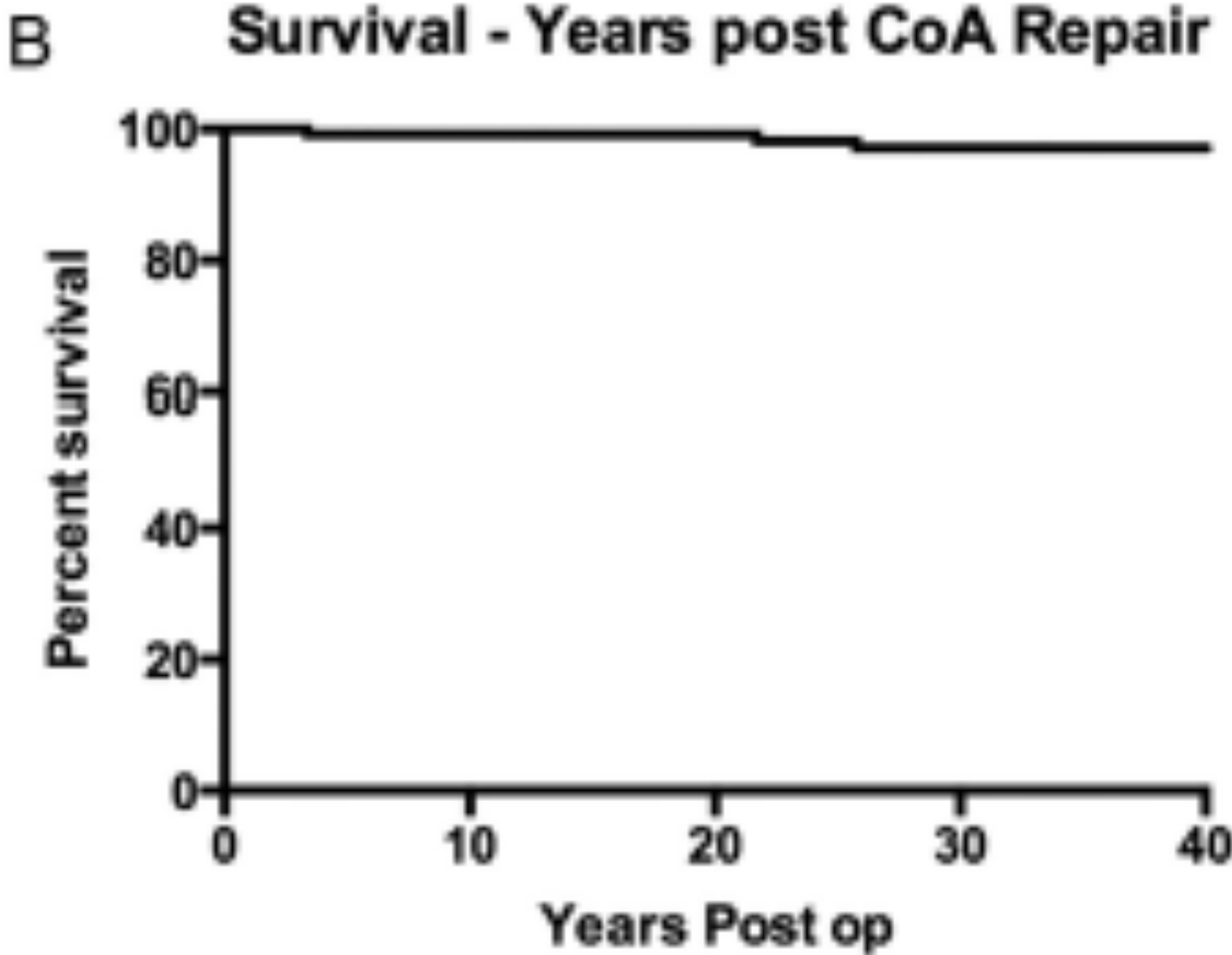


Kaplan–Meier curve showing long-term survival in patients with coarctation of the aorta (CoA) repair

Median age at surgery 60 months



Age (Years)	30	40	50	60
Patients at Risk	114	66	36	20
Cumulative Deaths	1	2	2	4



Years Post Repair	10	20	30	40
Patients at Risk	120	105	67	25
Cumulative Deaths	1	1	2	3

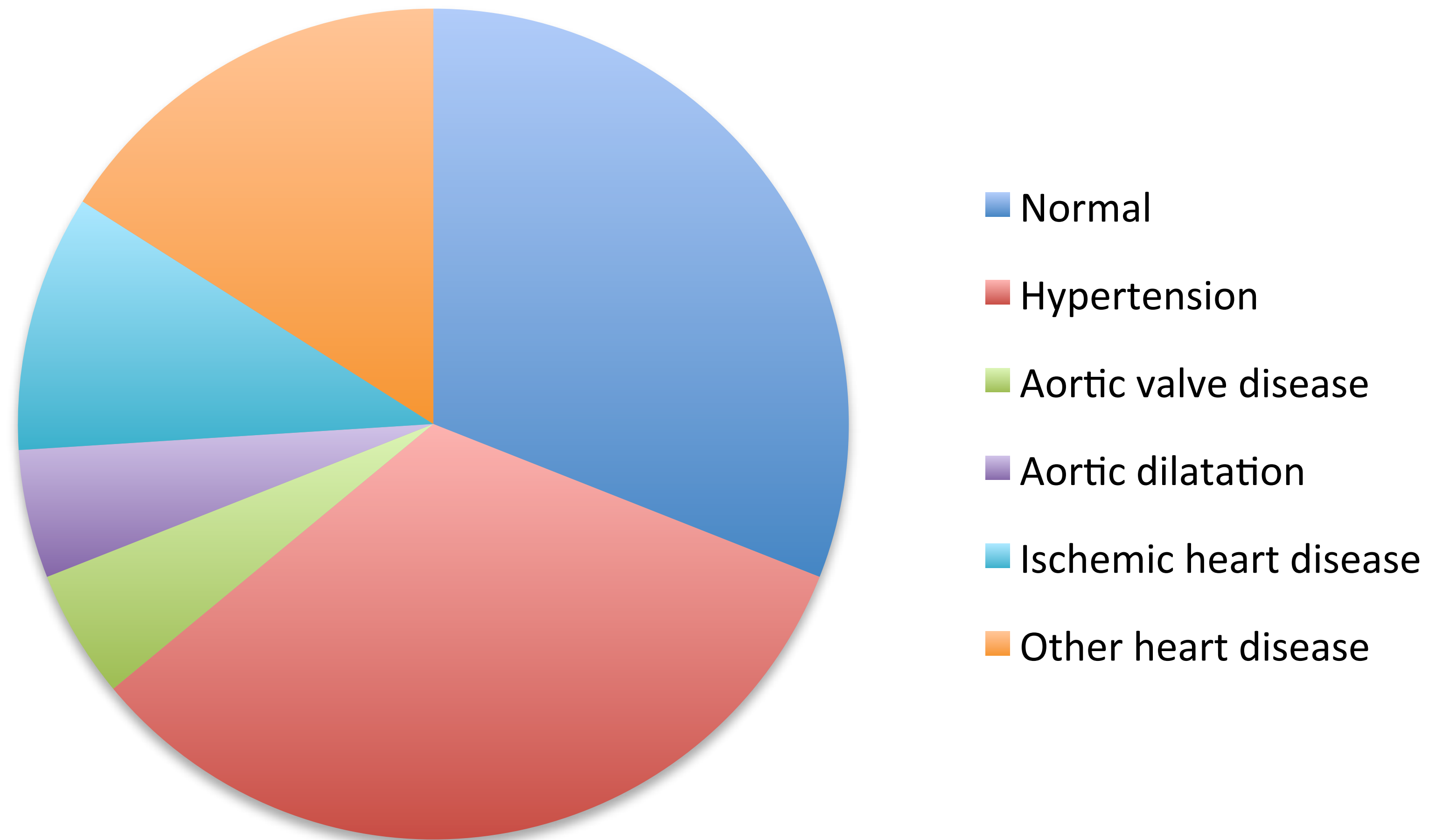
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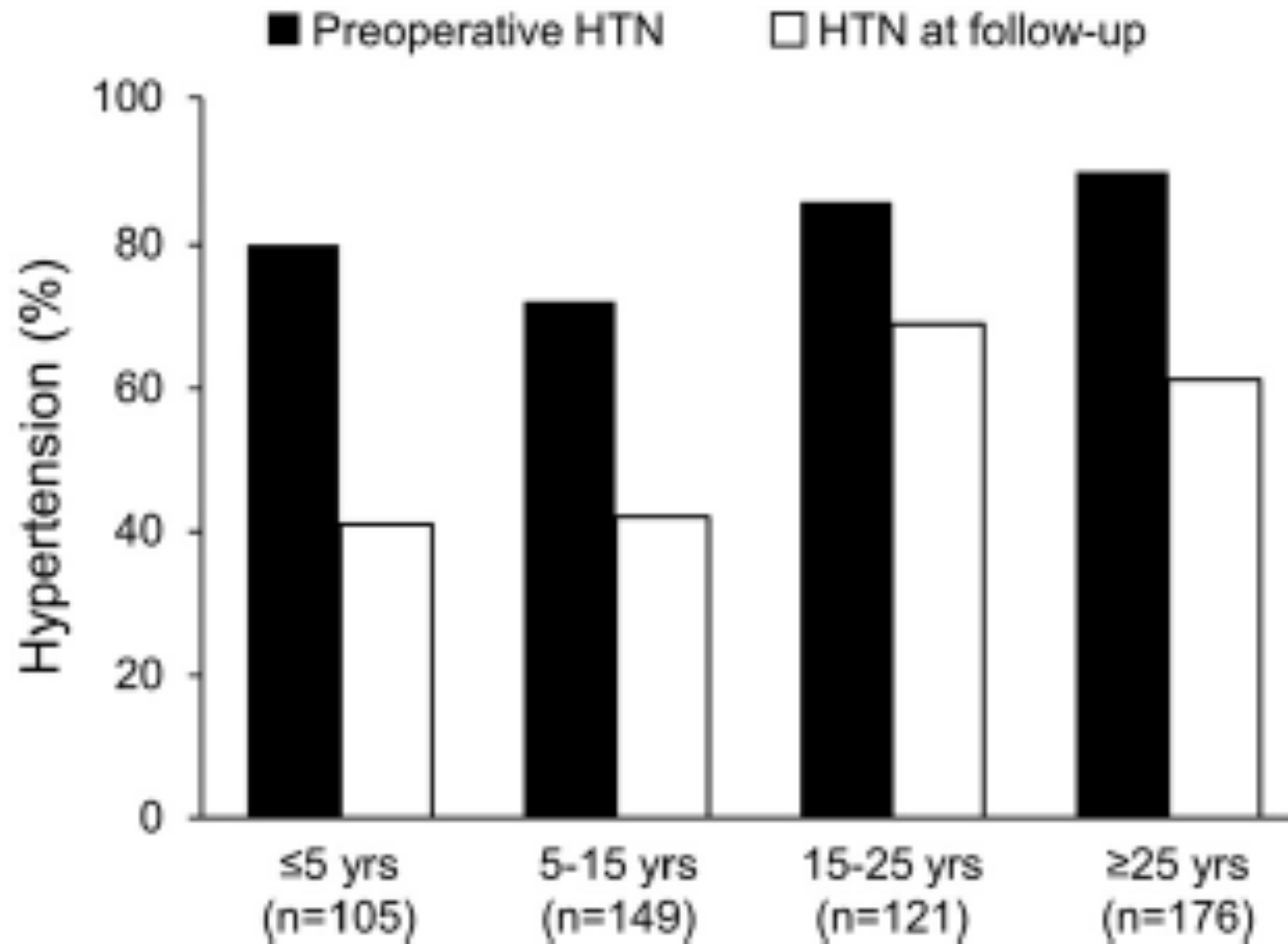
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Cardiovascular morbidity in adults after coarctation repair



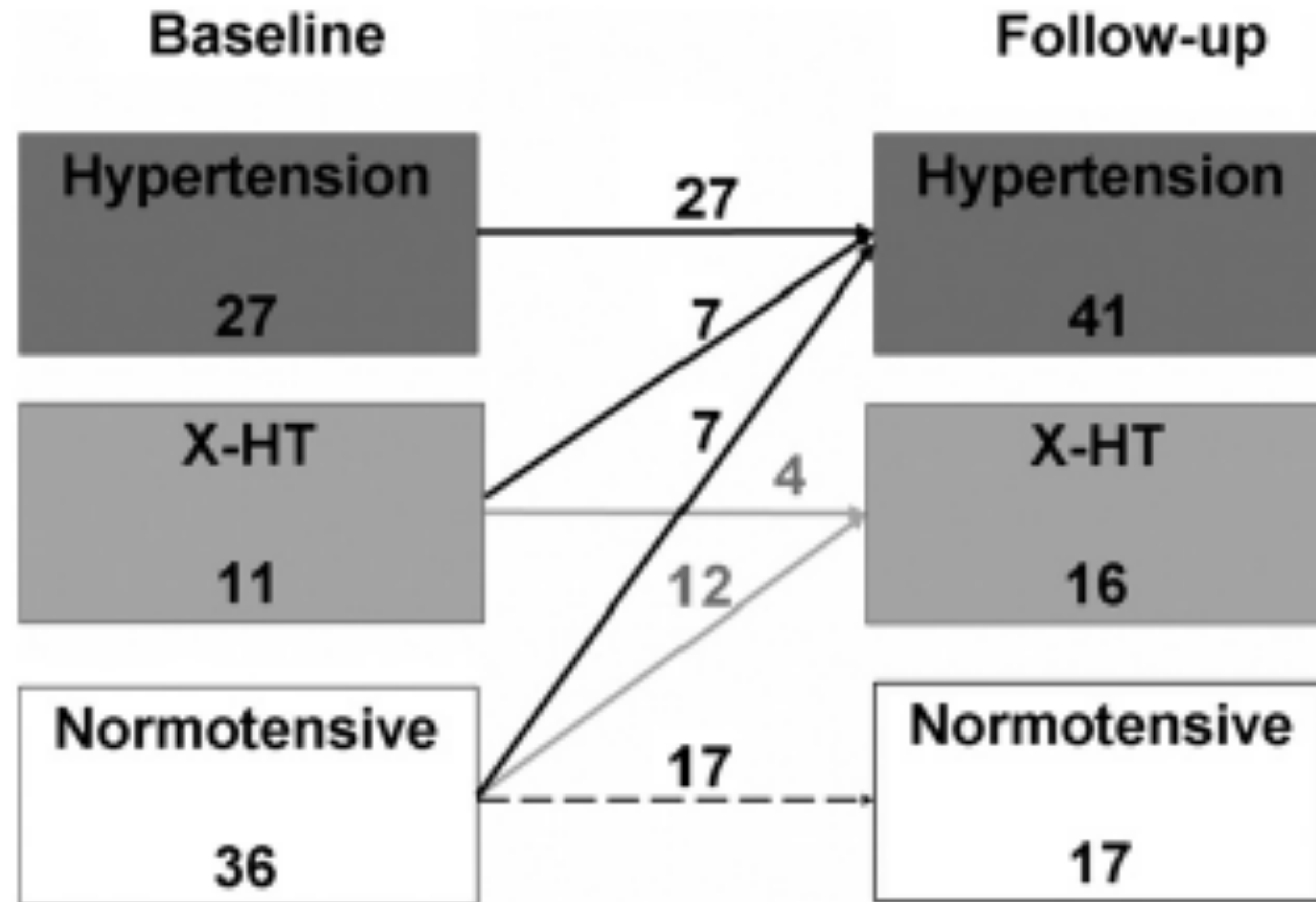
Comparison of hypertension pre- and postoperatively at various time intervals



What type of HT ?

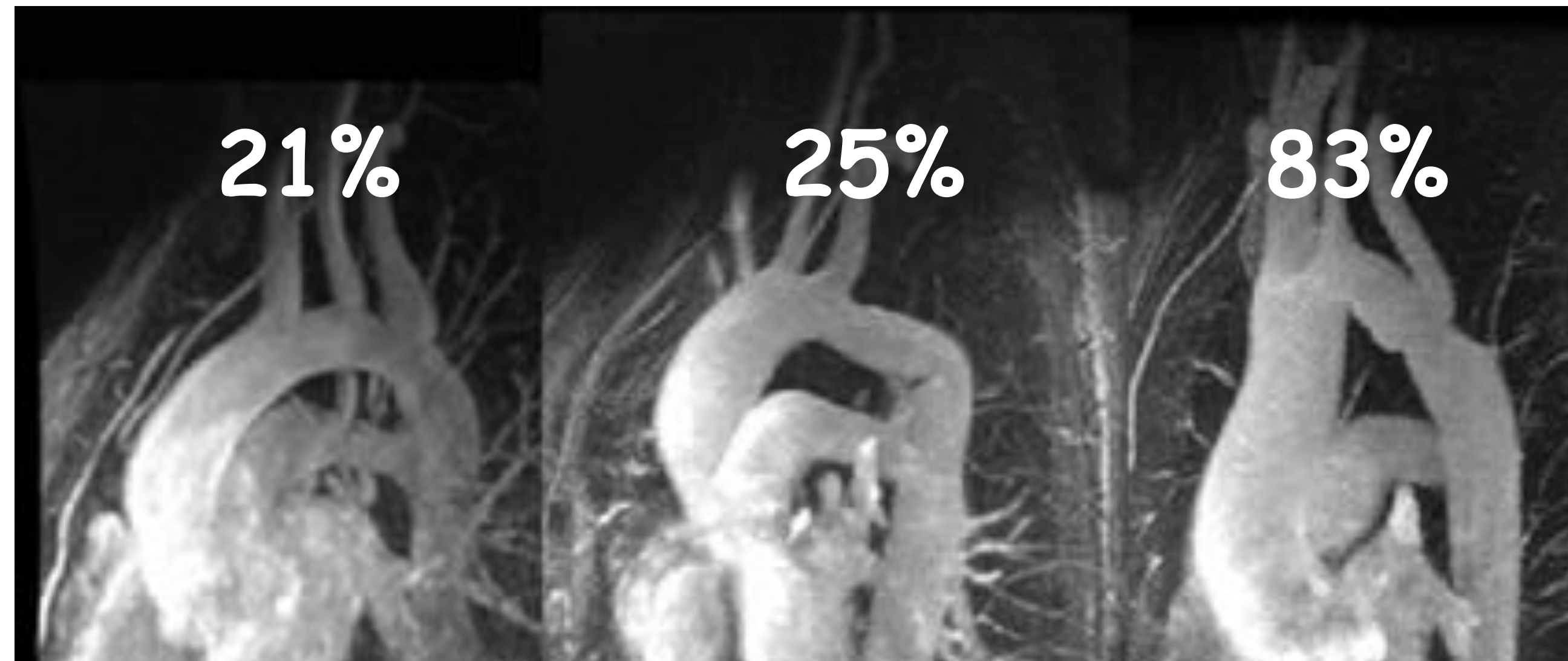
- Exercise HT
- 24h Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring
 - 60% abnormal pressure profile
 - 24% night HT in daytime normotensive patients
- Systolic HT with increased pulse pressure
- Resting HT

Exercise hypertension predicts late resting hypertension after coarctation repair

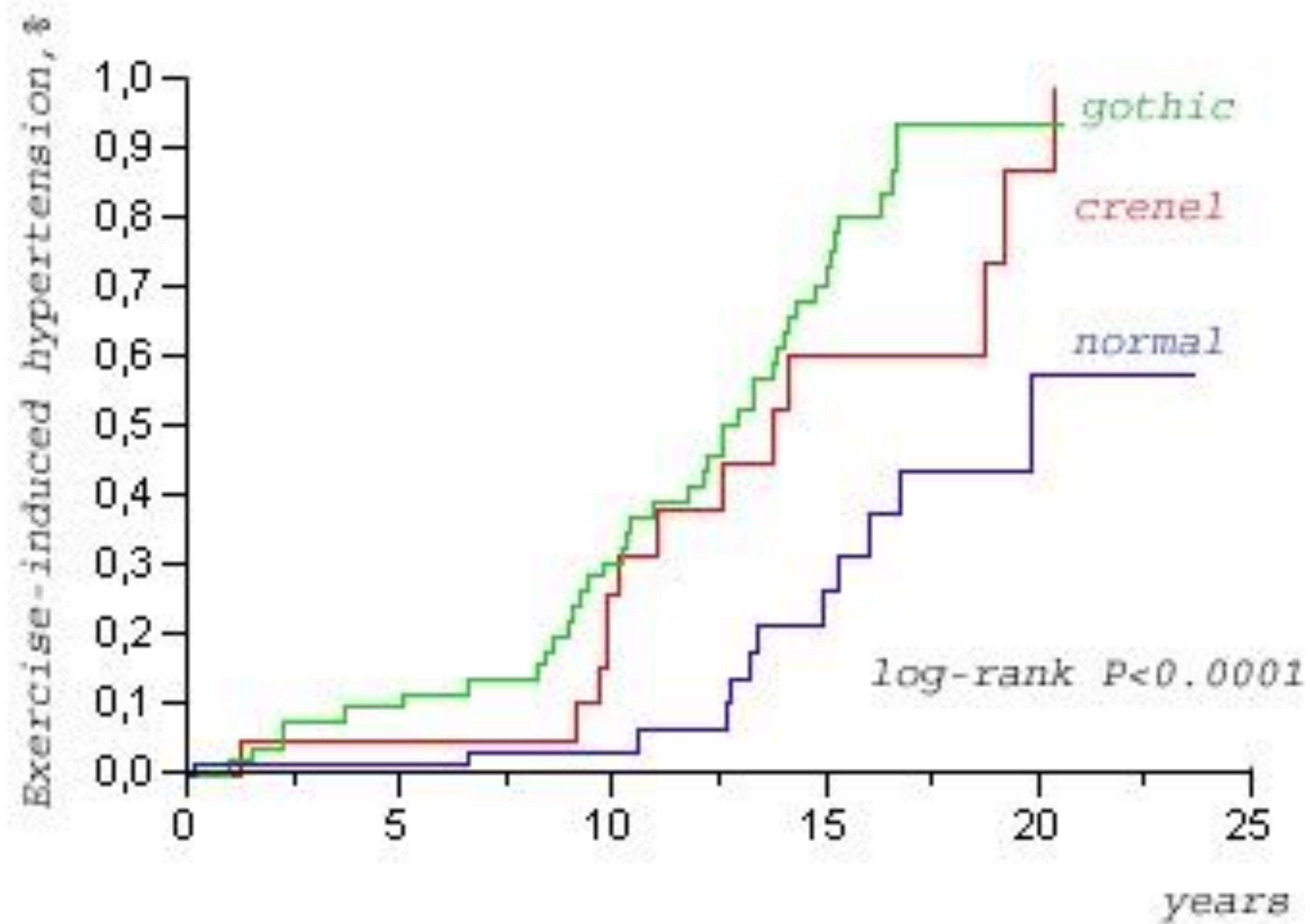


Baseline maximum exercise systolic BP was independently associated with the mean systolic BP at follow-up ($p < 0.005$)

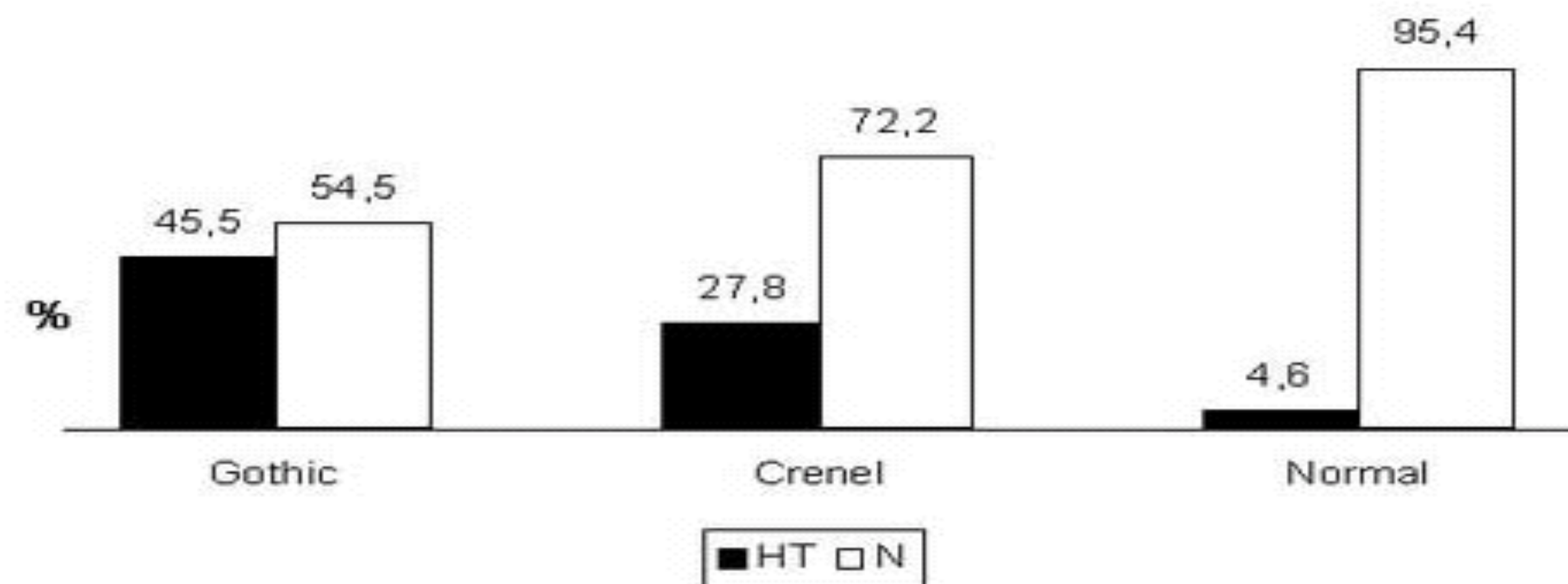
Correlation between aortic arch geometry and BP at exercise

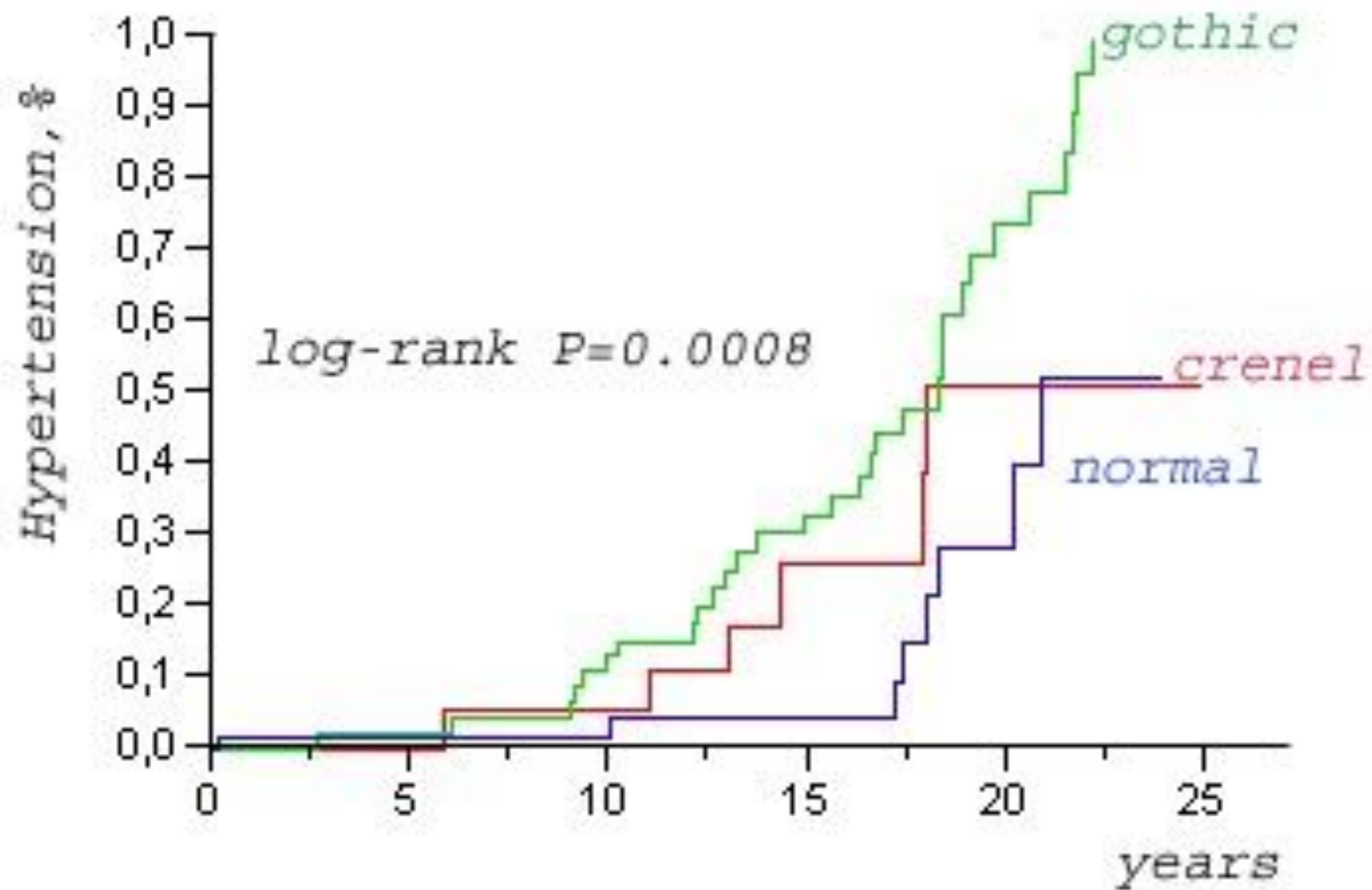


Exercise induced HT was correlated to the gothic arch form and to A/T



Aortic arch geometry and resting HT after CoA repair





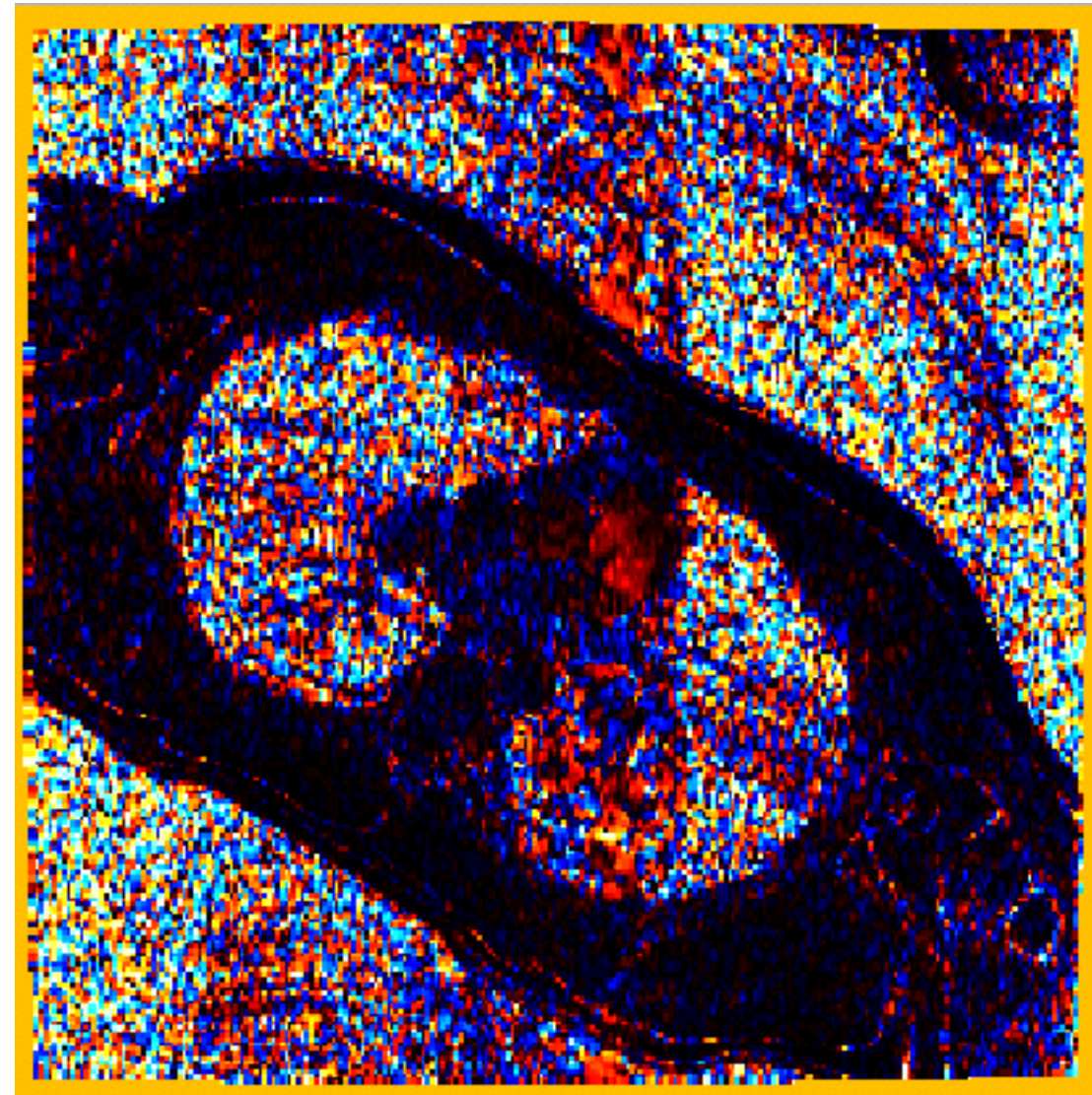
Aortic arch geometry and flow dynamics after CoA repair

	GOTHIC	CRENEL	NORMAL	<i>P value</i>
PWV, (m/sec)	8.6 ±3.4	4.5 ±1.6	3.7 ±0.5	<0.0001
Systolic regurgitation (ml/msec)	14.4 ±5.3	7.9 ±1.3	5.3 ±1.9	<0.001

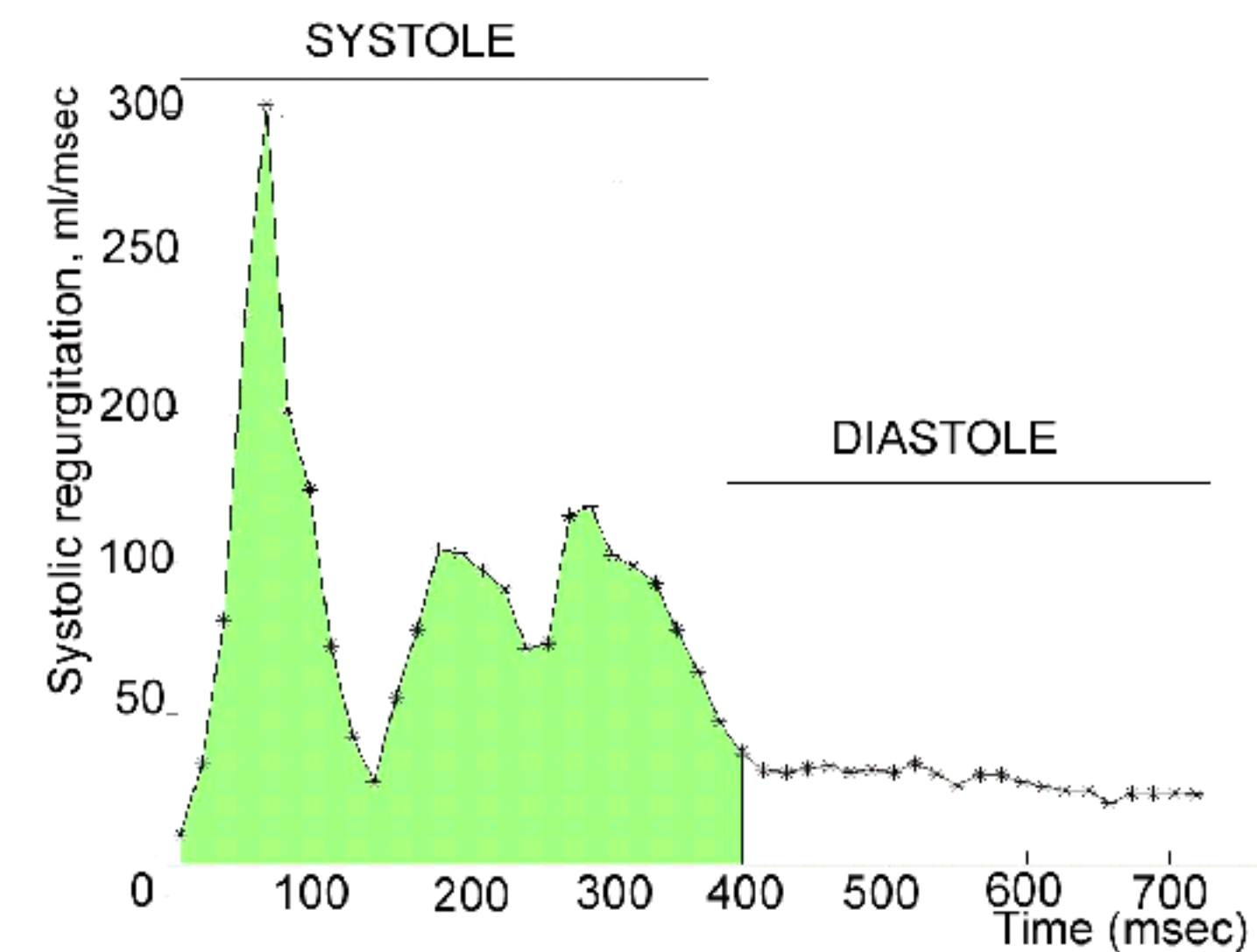
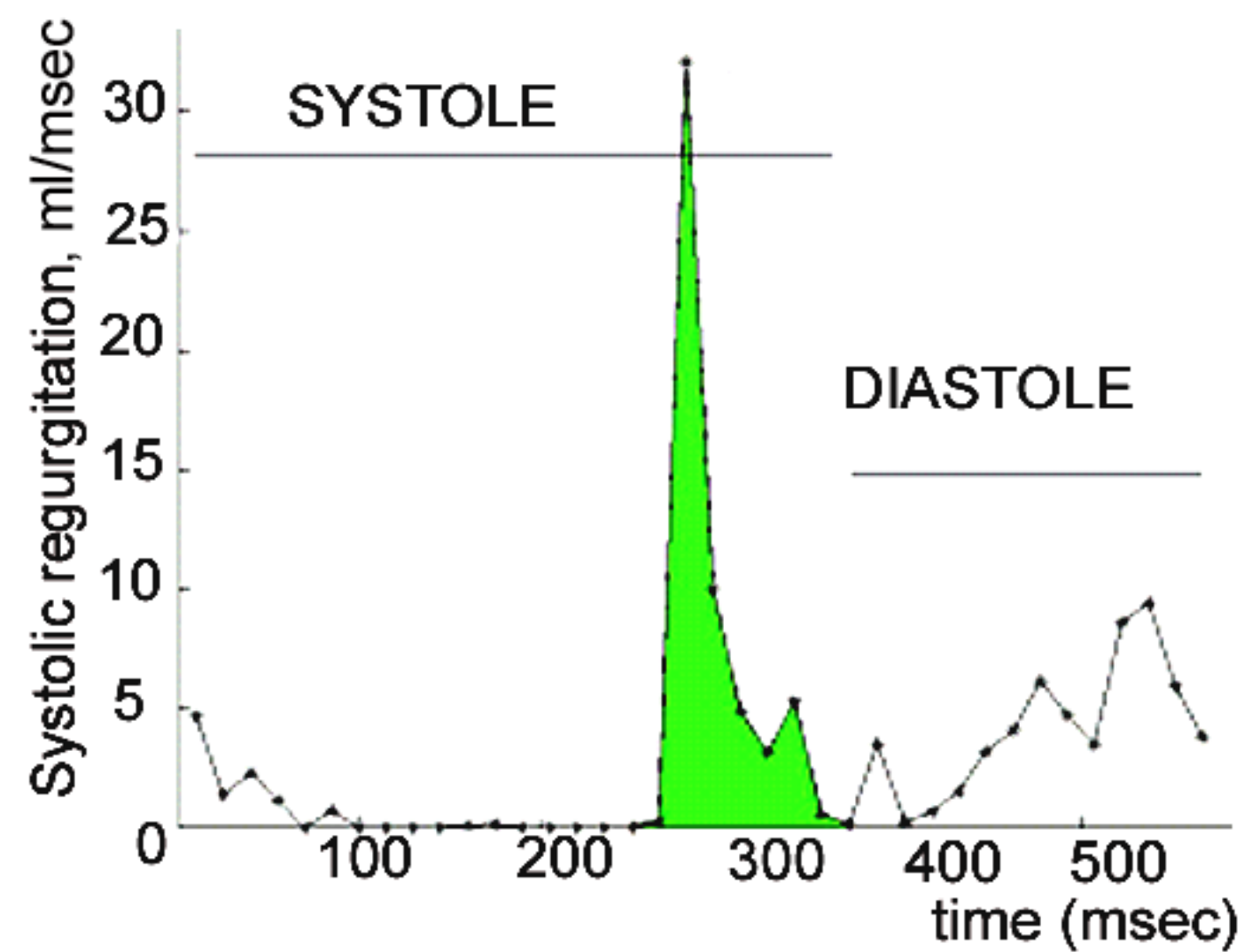
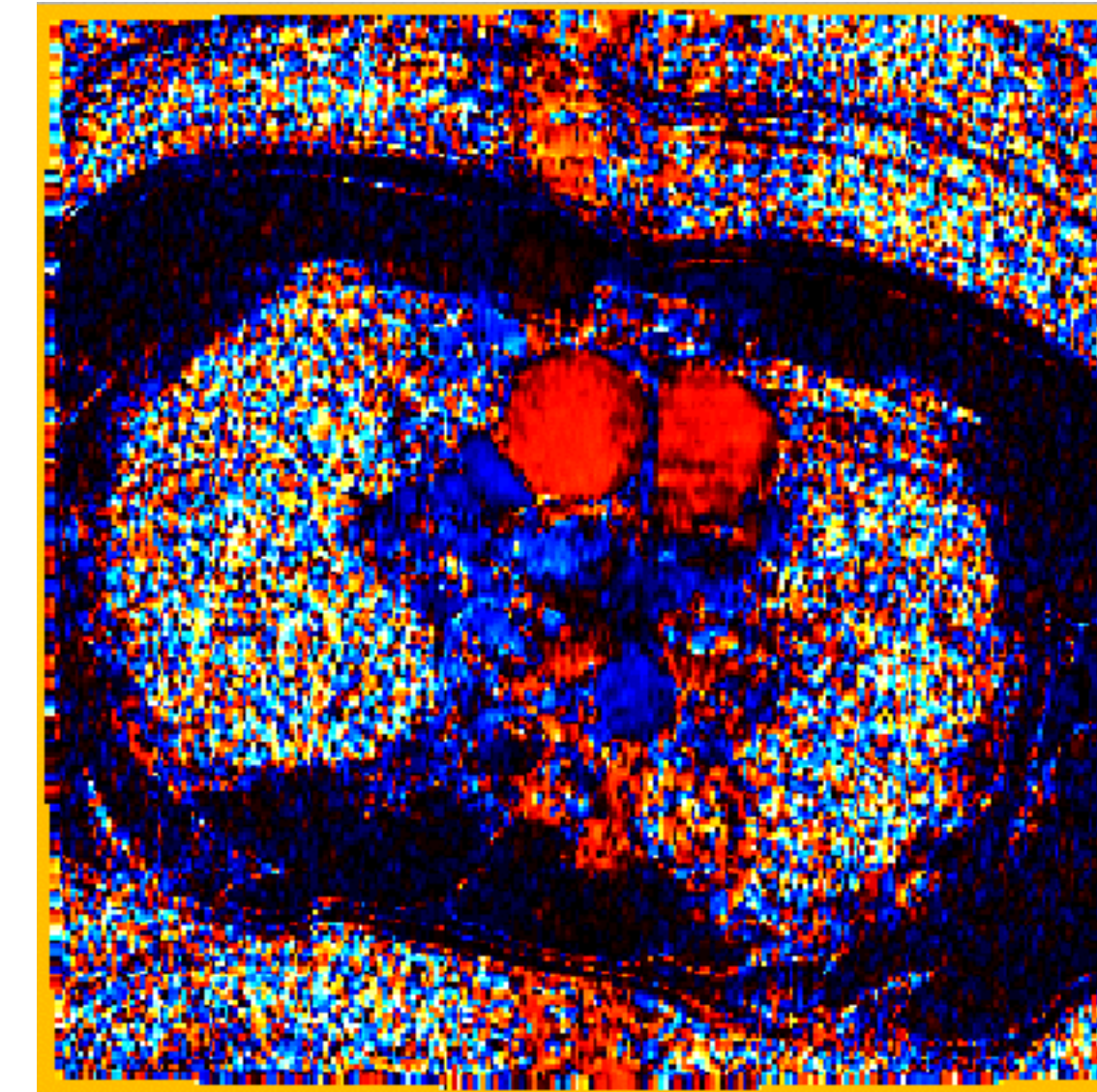
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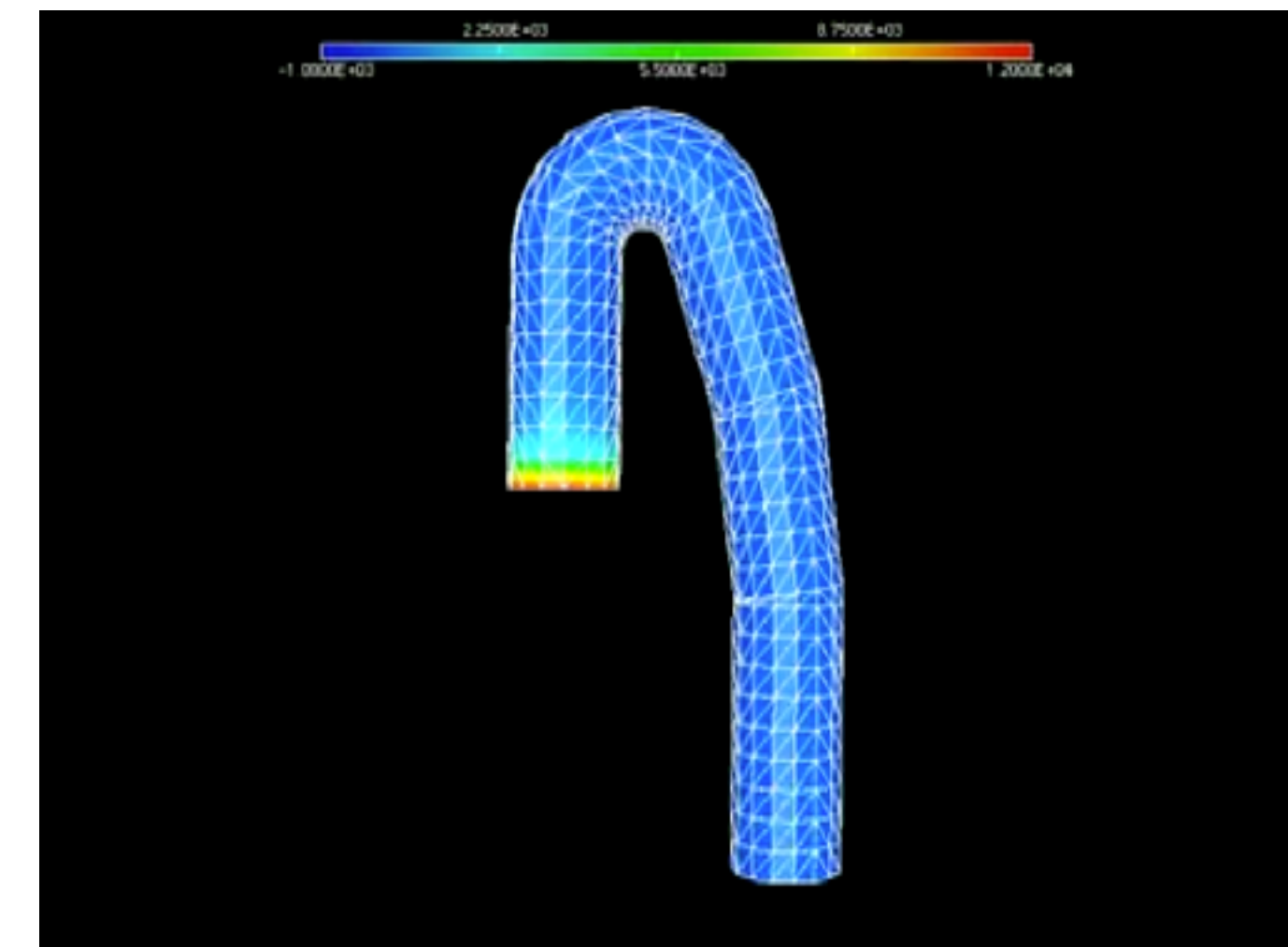
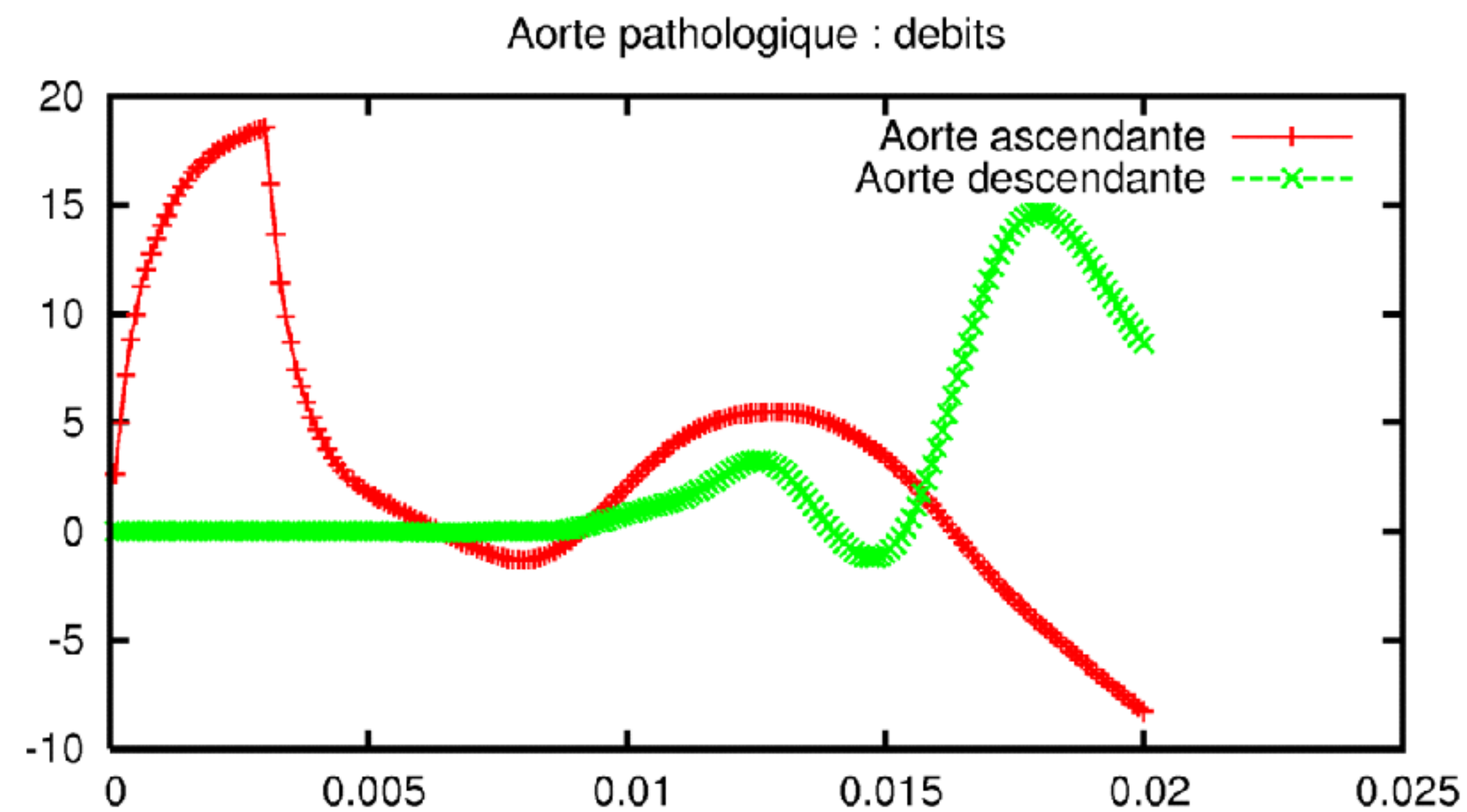
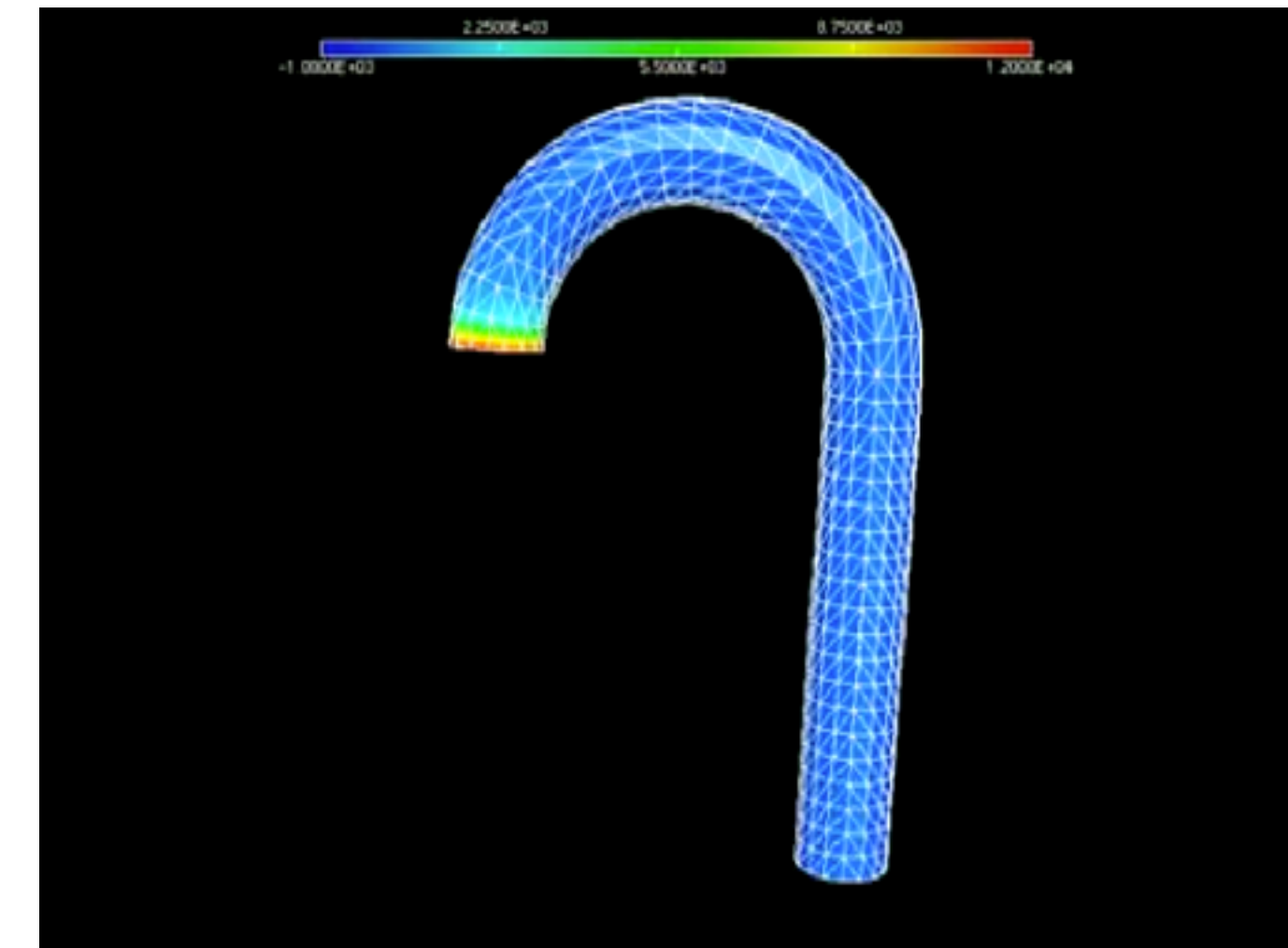
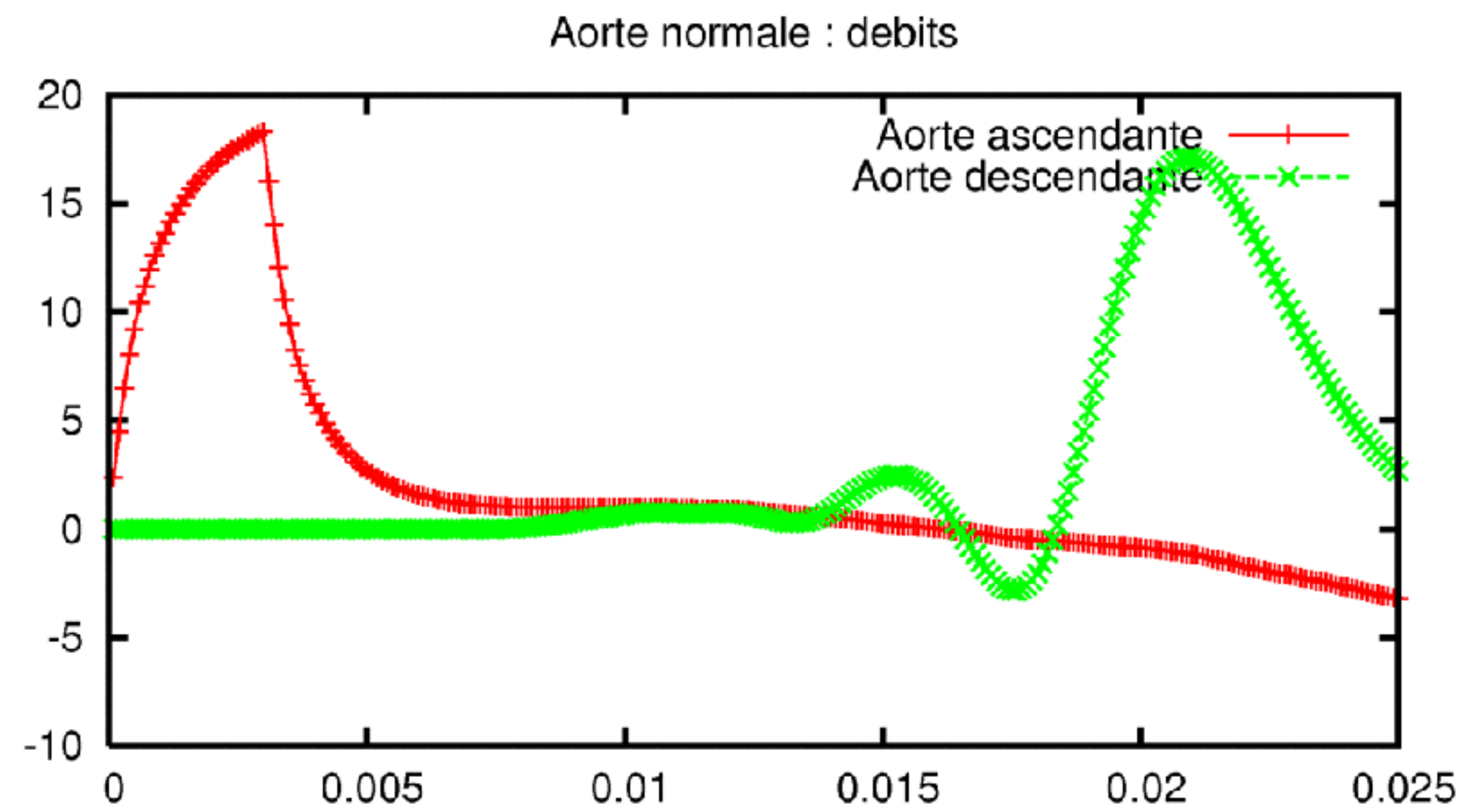
Flow dynamics in the ascending aorta

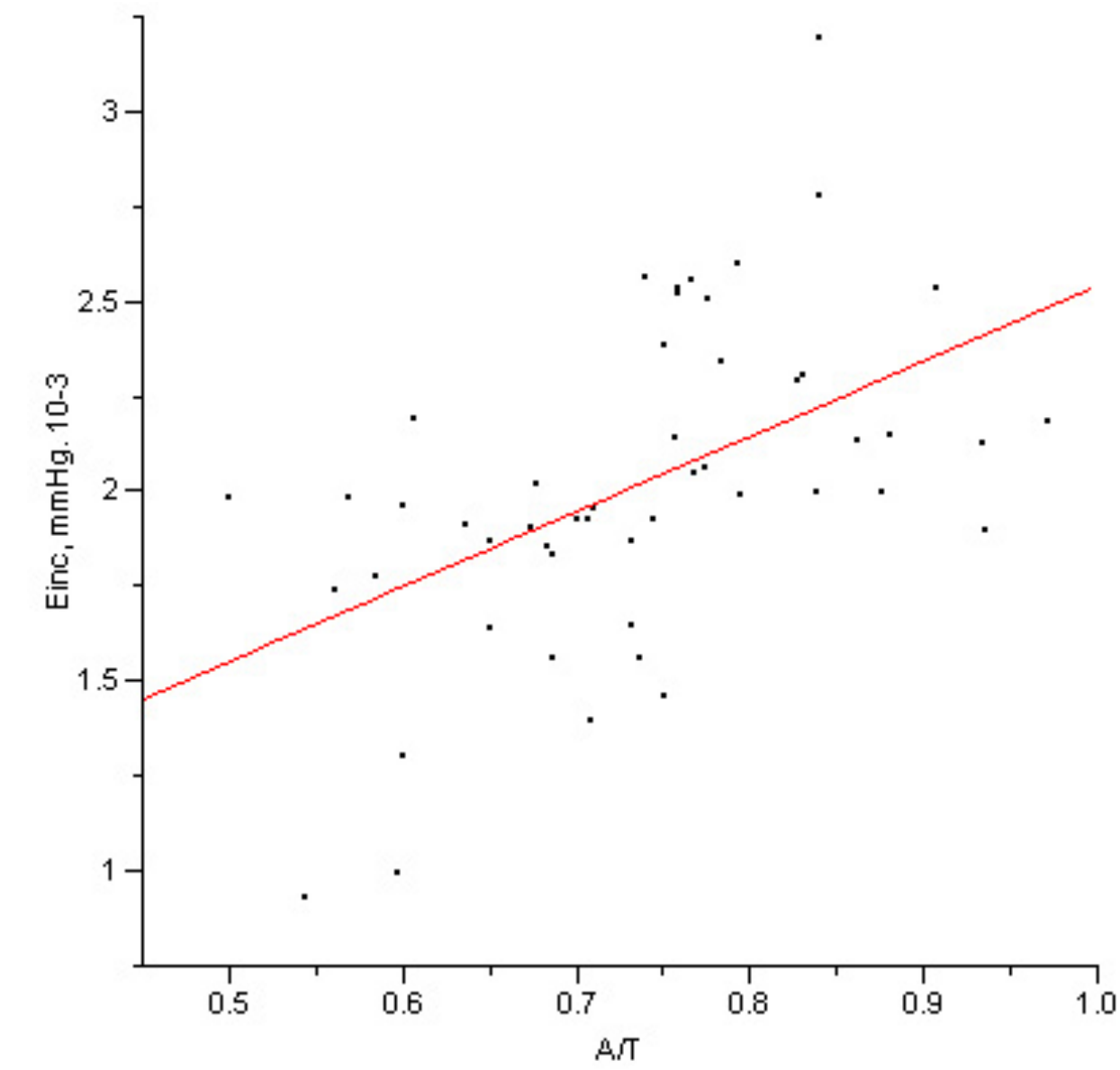
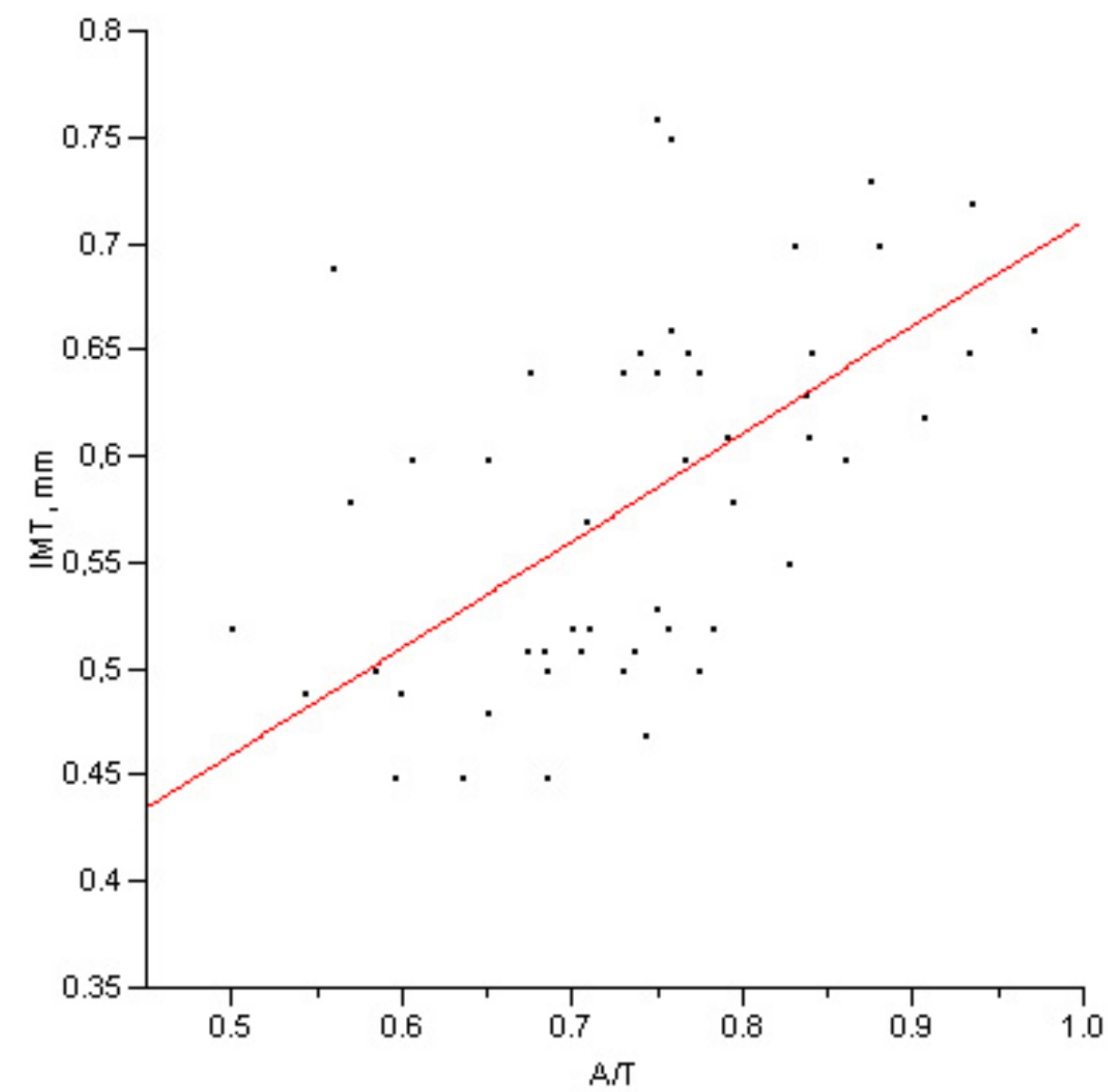
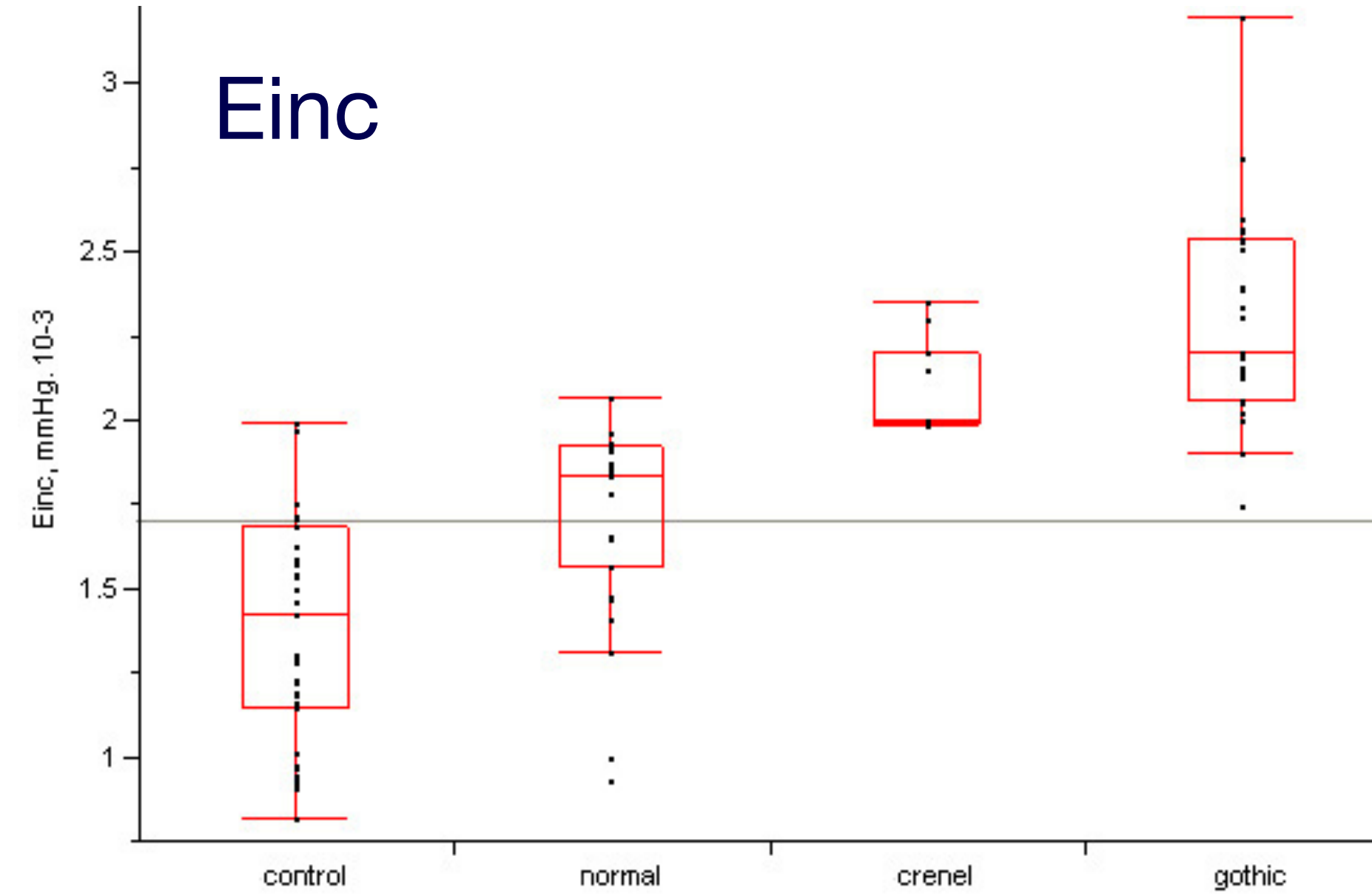
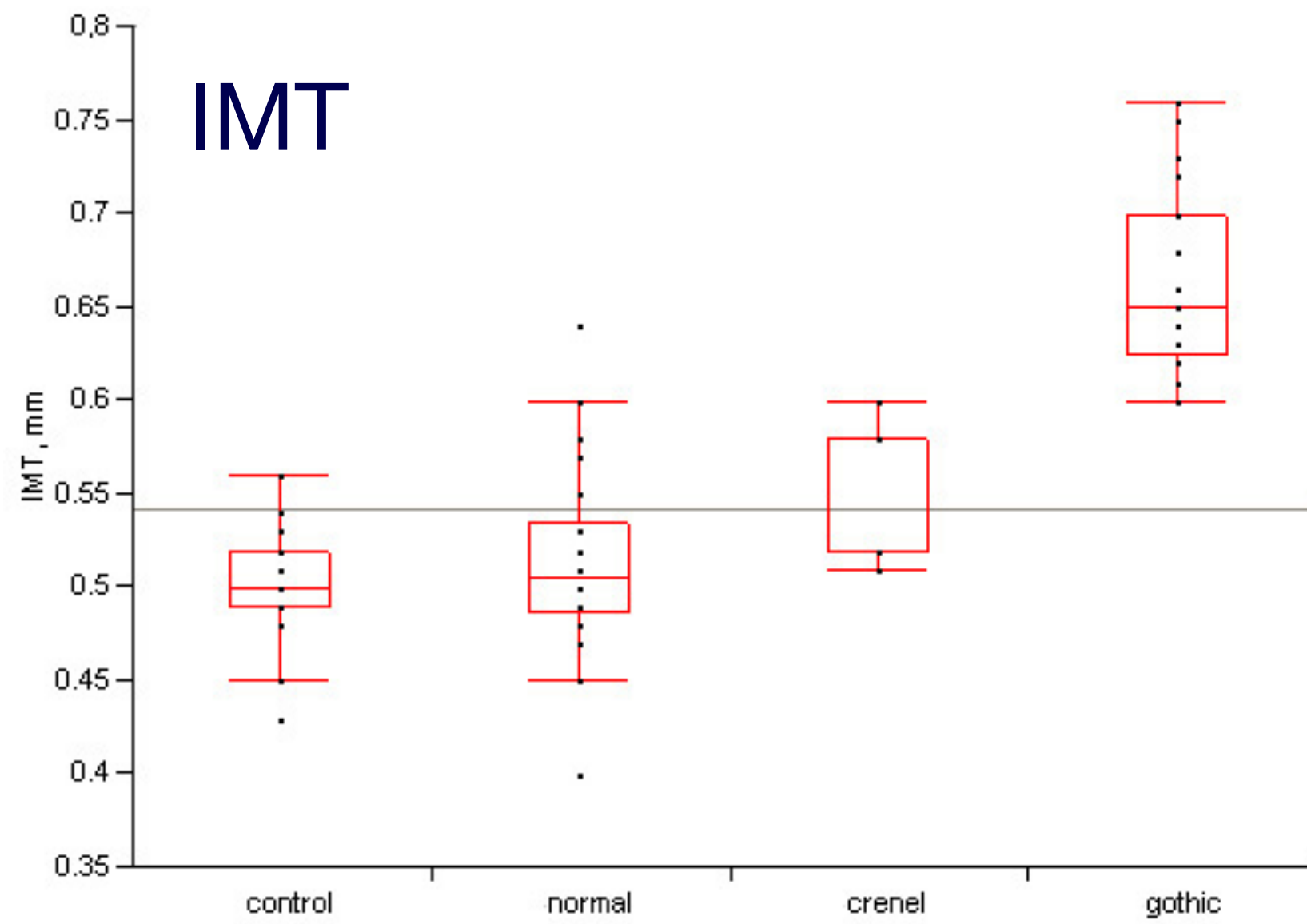
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The significance of isolated, exercise-induced hypertension is a matter of debate.

- Exercise HT does not help to detect recoarctation.
- Exercise HT predicts resting HT.
- Exercise HT is associated with vascular remodeling and increased LV mass.
- Should exercise HT lead to early antihypertensive treatment ?

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When to treat ?

How to treat residual or re-coarctation ?



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Table 11 Indications for intervention in coarctation of the aorta

Indications	Class ^a	Level ^b
All patients with a non-invasive pressure difference >20 mmHg between upper and lower limbs, regardless of symptoms but with upper limb hypertension (>140/90 mmHg in adults), pathological blood pressure response during exercise, or significant LVH should have intervention	I	C
Independent of the pressure gradient, hypertensive patients with ≥50% aortic narrowing relative to the aortic diameter at the diaphragm level (on CMR, CT, or invasive angiography) should be considered for intervention	IIa	C
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^aClass of recommendation.

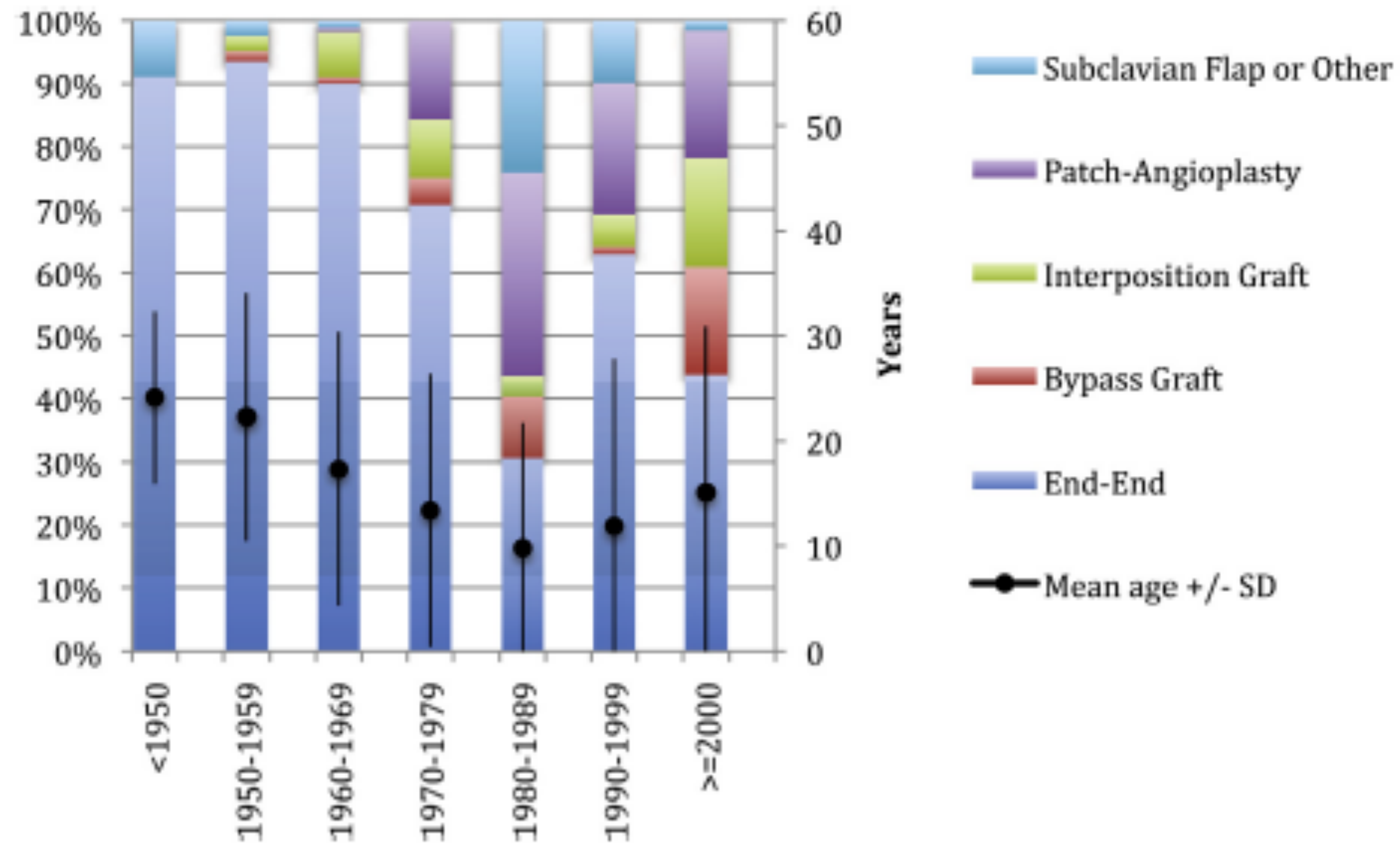
^bLevel of evidence.

CMR = cardiac magnetic resonance; CoA = coarctation of the aorta; CT = computed tomography; LVH = left ventricular hypertrophy.

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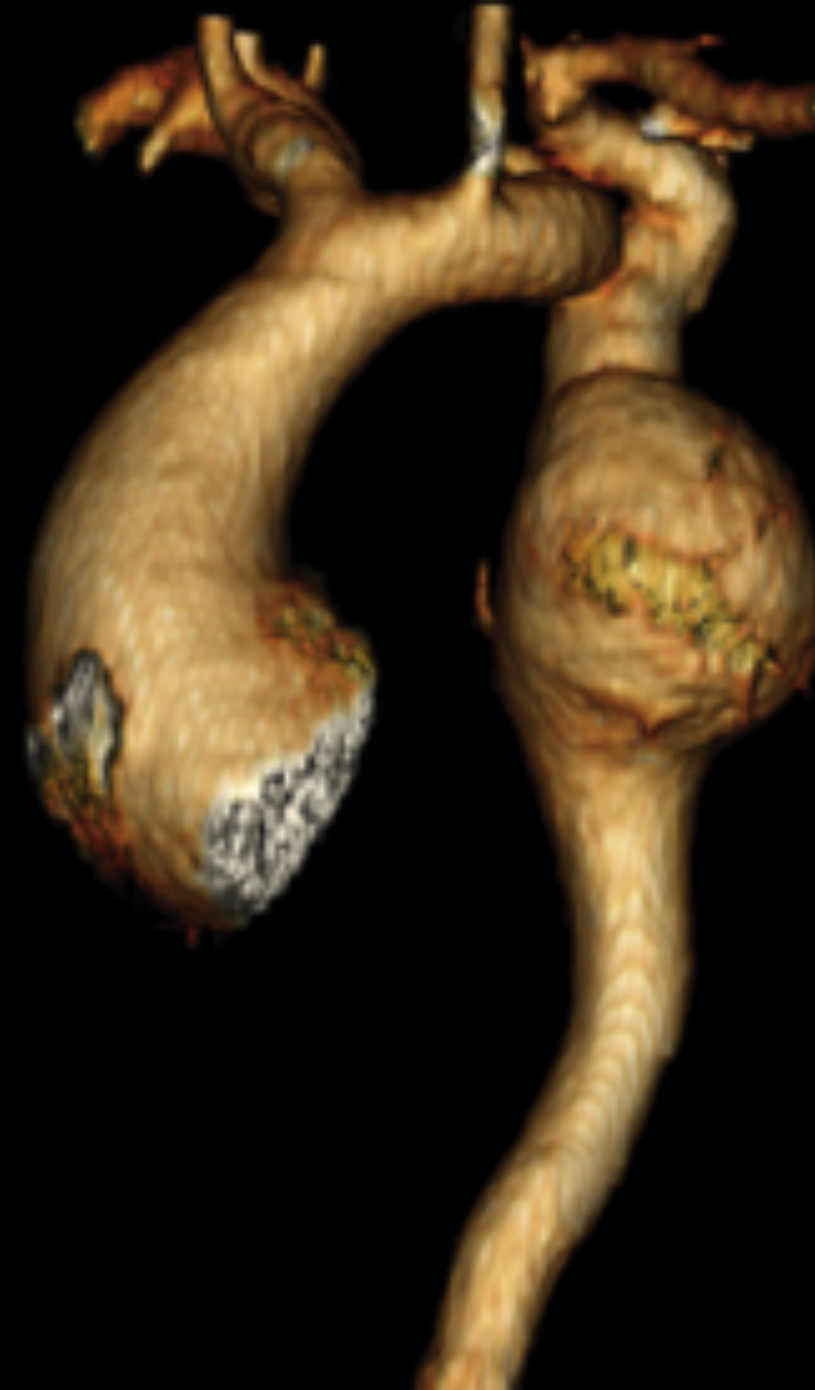
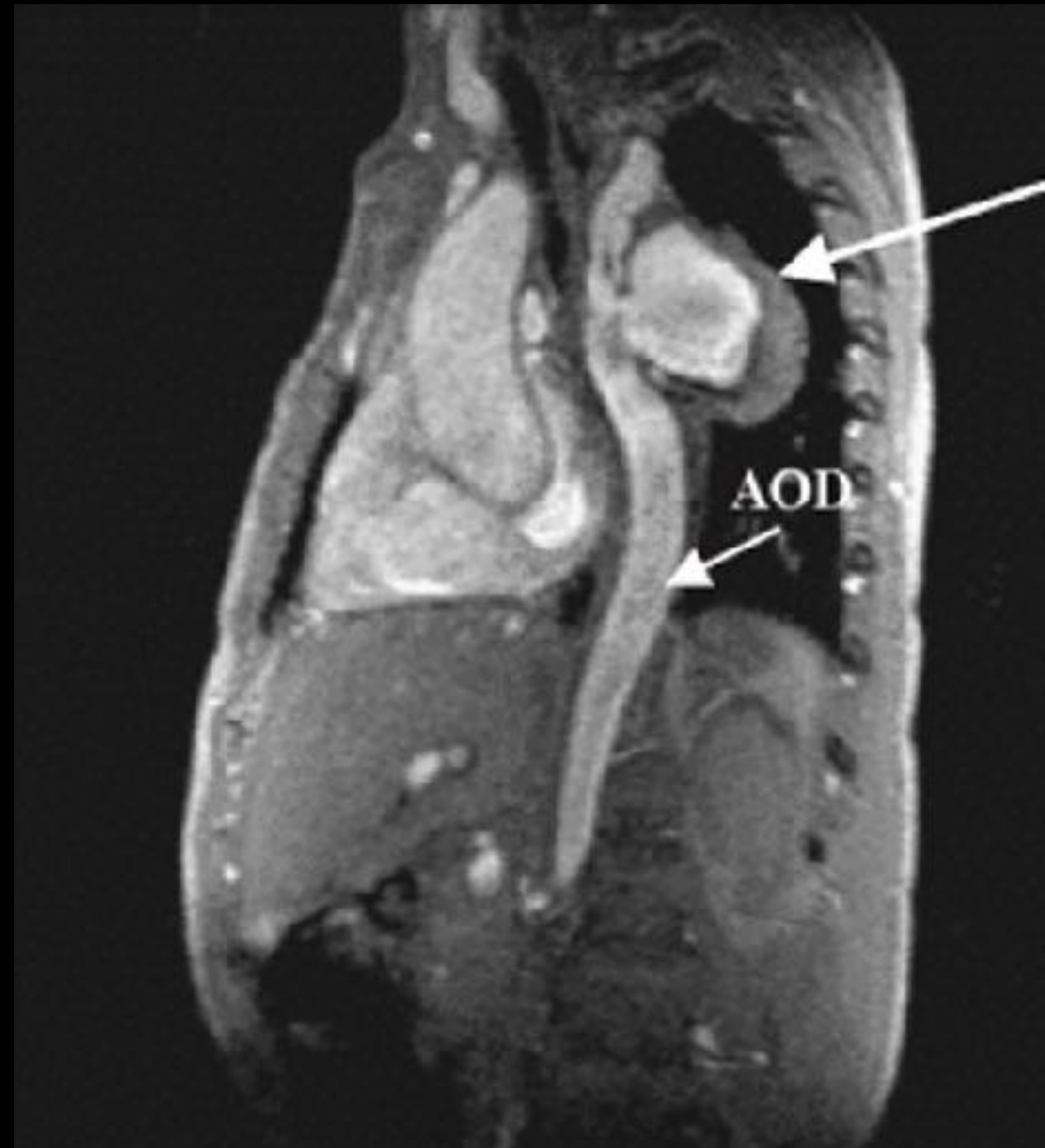
Type of repair by decade



Aortic coarctation endocarditis



Aneurysm at the repair site

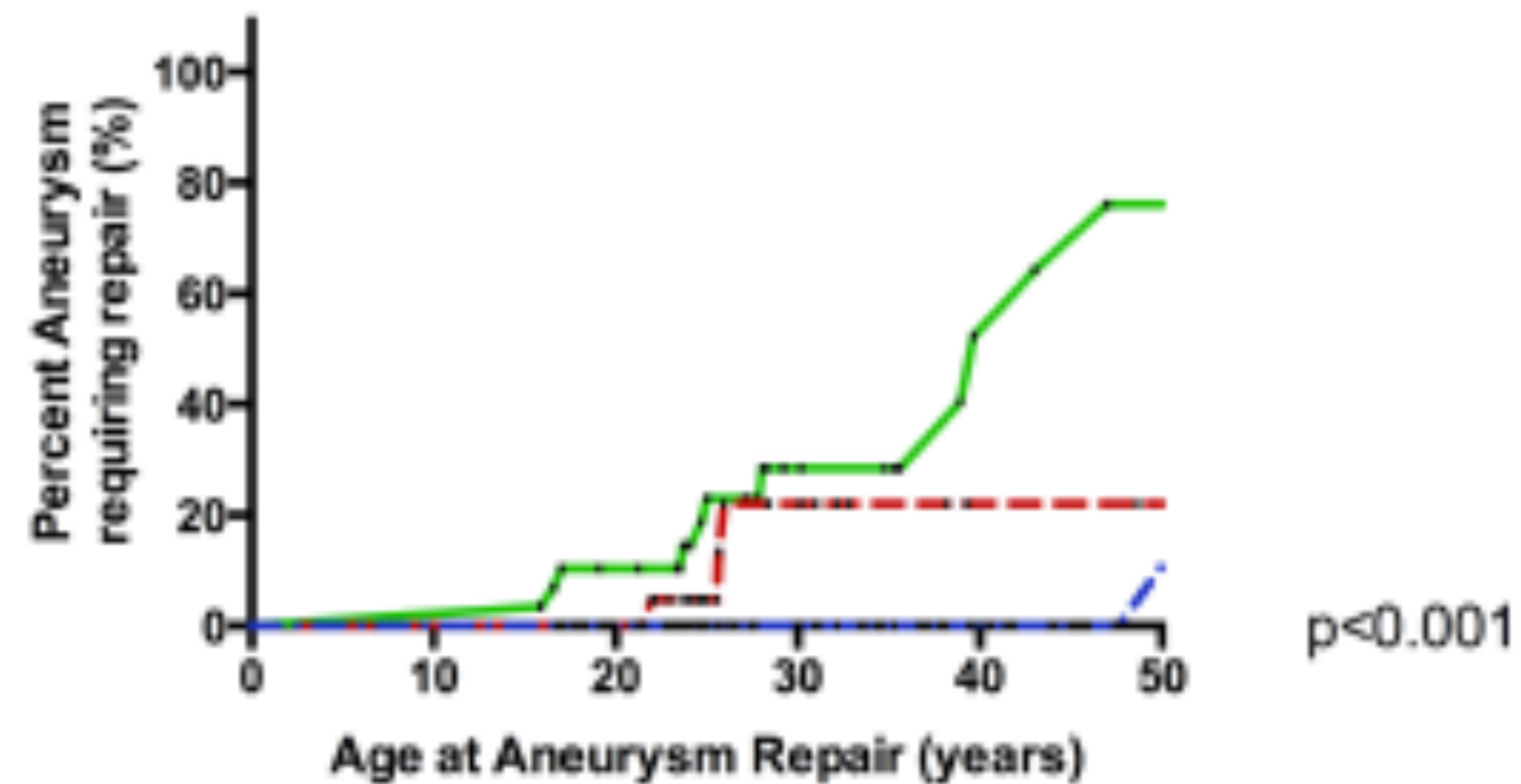


Location	Number (%)
Site of prior repair or DTA	42 (76.4%)
Ascending aorta	18 (32.7%)
Left subclavian artery	8 (14.5%)
Distal aortic arch	8 (14.5%)
Aortic root	6 (10.9%)
Abdominal aorta	1 (1.8%)
Iliac artery	1 (1.8%)
Innominate artery	1 (1.8%)

DTA = descending thoracic aorta.



Incidence of descending aortic aneurysms requiring repair



Patients at risk	Total	Legend	20 years	30 years	40 years	50 years
End-to-end repair	43	---	36	21	13	7
Subclavian flap aortoplasty	28	---	25	7	3	2
Patch Aortoplasty	31	---	25	9	5	3

Aneurysm of the ascending aorta



32% of patients with aortic root dilatation
21% with aneurysm of ascending aorta
74% had Bicuspid aortic valve

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Common cardiovascular anomalies associated with coarctation

Anomaly	No. of patients	% (<i>n</i> = 500 unless otherwise specified)
Bicuspid aortic valve (including functional bicuspid valve)	268	59.6 (<i>n</i> = 449)
Arch hypoplasia	71	14.2
Ventricular septal defect	64	12.8
Mitral valve abnormalities	41	8.2
Mitral regurgitation	20	
Mitral valve prolapsed	6	
Mitral stenosis	4	
Double-orifice mitral valve	3	
Parachute mitral valve	2	
Imperforate mitral valve (associated with Shone complex)	2	
Patent ductus arteriosus	36	7.2
Subaortic stenosis	28	5.6
Other arch anomalies	21	4.2
Aberrant right subclavian artery	8	
Aberrant left subclavian artery	1	
Bovine pattern	7	
Other arch anomalies	5	
Left superior vena cava	21	4.2
Atrial septal defect	10	2

High proportion of Sievers type 0 BAV

Risk of premature CAD after coarctation repair

CoA did not independently predict for the development of CAD (OR, 1.04; 95% CI, 0.68 –1.57) or premature CAD (OR for CoA versus ventricular septal defect, 1.44; 95% CI, 0.79 –2.64) after adjustment for other cardiovascular risk factors.

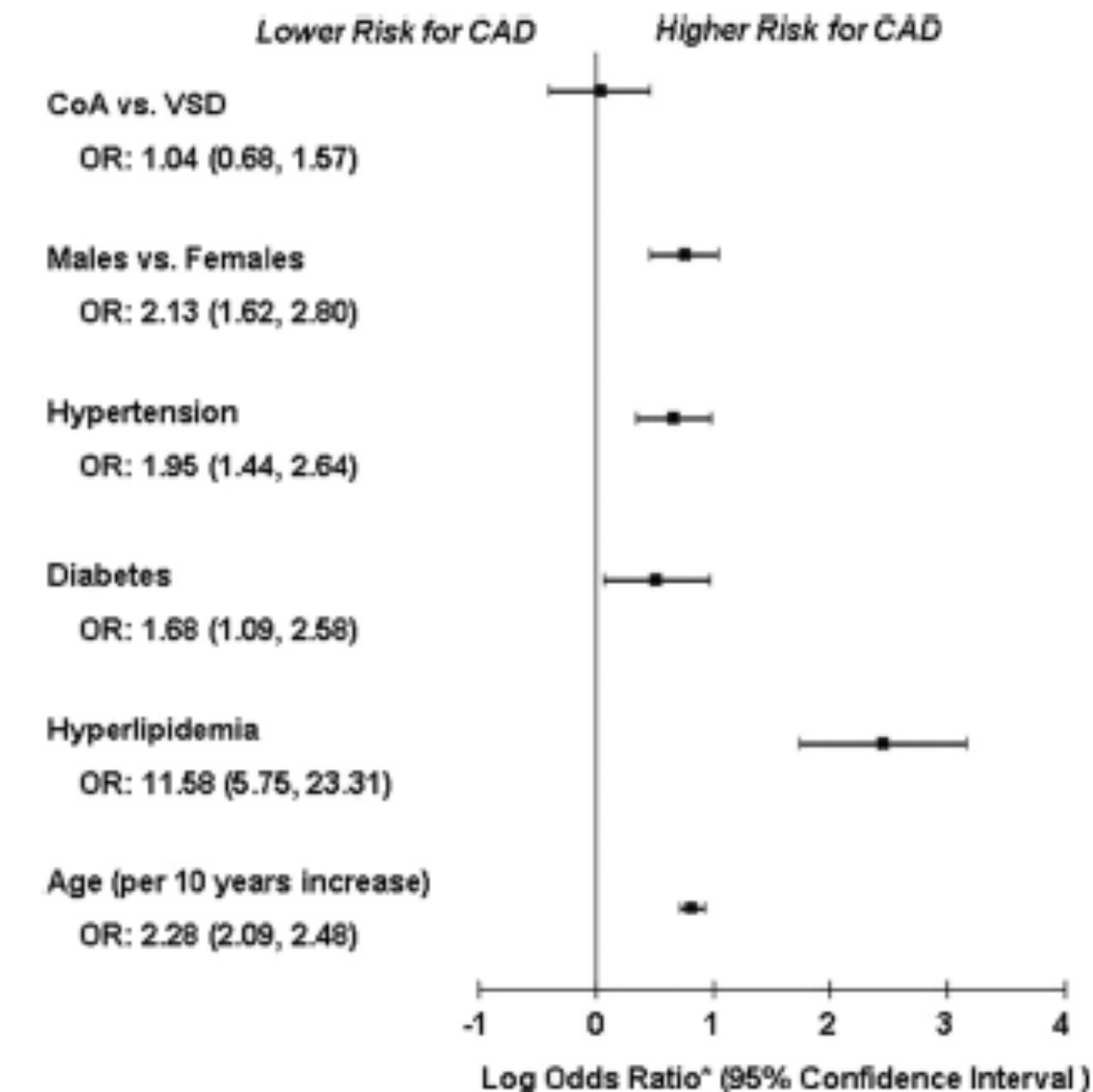
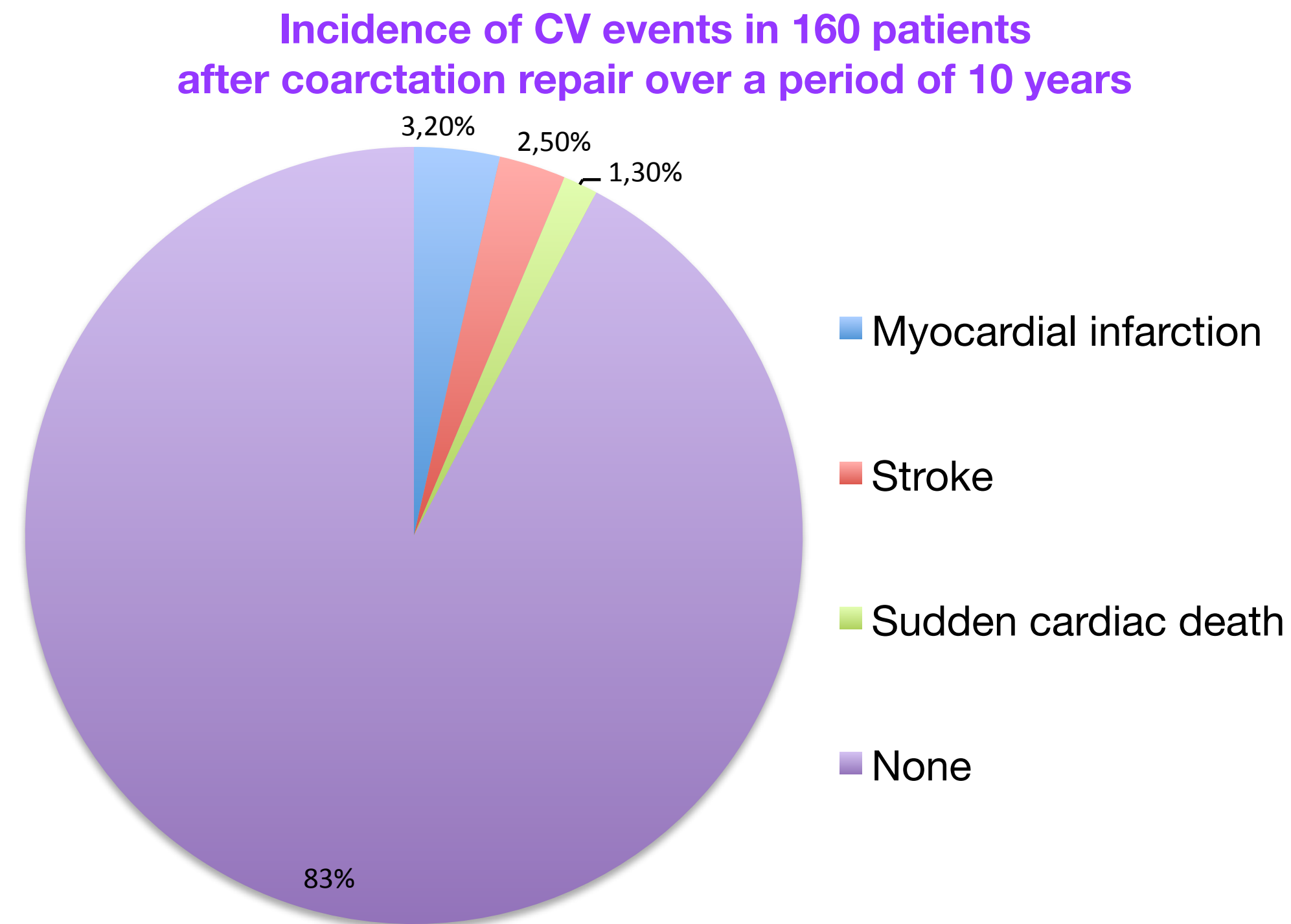


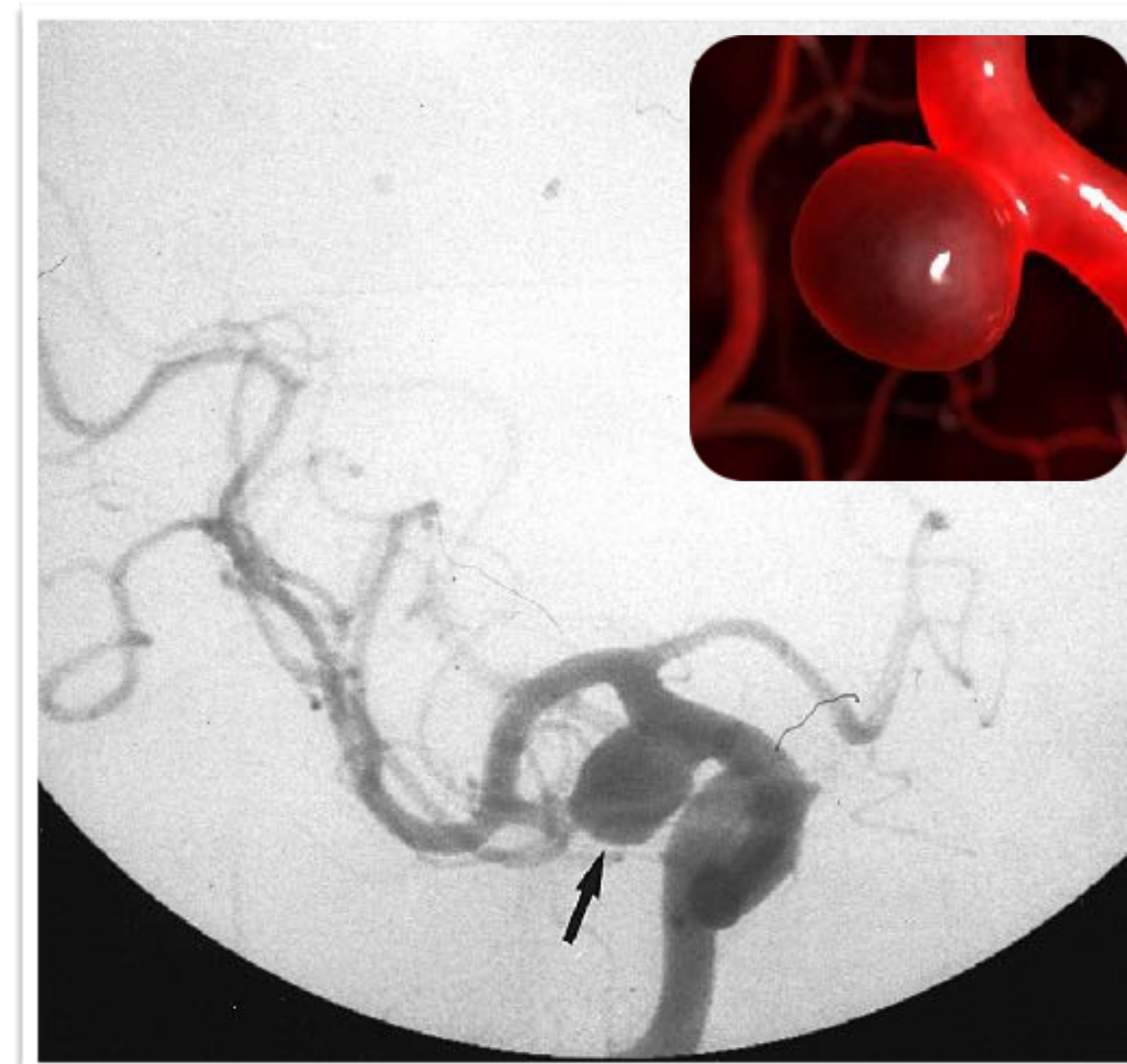
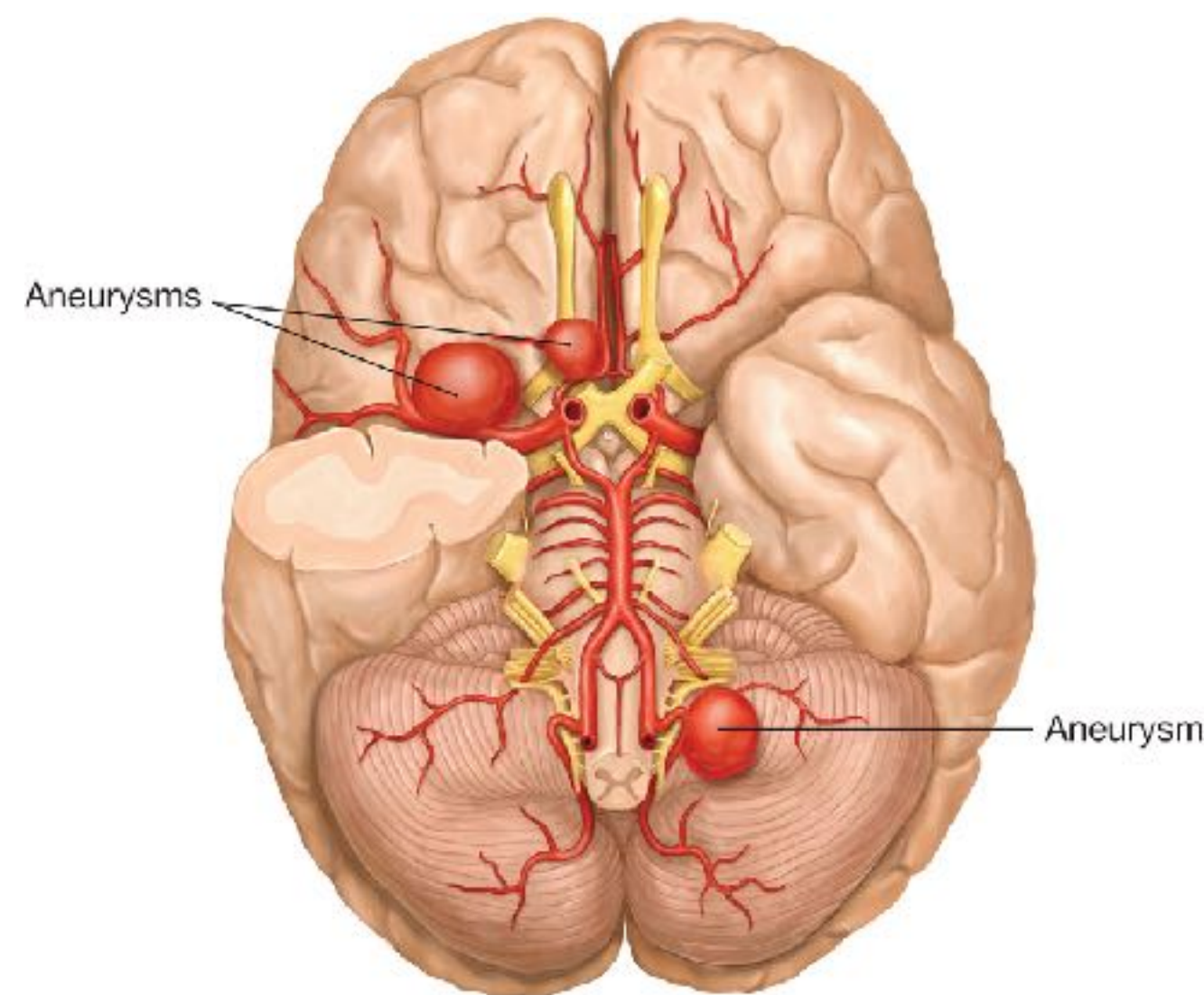
Figure 2. Multivariable analysis of the effect of aortic coarctation (CoA) vs ventricular septal defect (VSD) on coronary artery disease (CAD; nested case-control sample). OR indicates odds ratio.

Berry aneurysms of the circle of Willis and coarctation

Controversial prevalence in patients with Coarctation

5-18% in a MRI study in adults (mean age 42 years)¹

0% in a MRI study in adolescents (mean age 16 years) ²



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Tailored treatment and follow-up

- Optimize aortic geometry during repair
 - to prevent/delay systemic HT
- Detect systemic hypertension
- MRI best available tool for aortic anatomy-geometry, aortic function, LV mass and function
- Intra-cardiac surveillance : echocardiography
- Prevent CV events by minimizing usual CV risk factors
- Pending questions:
 - Reinforce monitoring of patients with exercise HT ?
 - Reinforce follow-up in patients with gothic geometry, vascular dysfunction, associated BAV...
 - Screening for aortic aneurysms in patients with patch aortoplasty
 - Screening for berry aneurysms in patients operated at an older age and in hypertensive patients



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