

Leçons pratiques apprises des registres AVC

# Thrombolysis, Thrombectomy



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# ASTRAL

The Acute STroke Registry and Analysis of Lausanne (ASTRAL): Design and Baseline Analysis of an Ischemic Stroke Registry Including Acute Multimodal Imaging

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Stroke 2010;41:2491-2498; originally published online Oct 7, 2010;

**Day of birth:** 2002 “A moment of joy, of thankfulness to patients/their next-of-kin/physicians/nurses/scientists/students and scientist for their tireless support, and of hope to continue to improve patient care and outcomes”

**Full Name:** The **A**cute **S**Troke **R**egistry and **A**nalysis of **L**ausanne

## Parents:

**Papa** (idea, promotor): Patrik Michel

**Moral, data and scientific support :** George Ntaios, Céline Odier, Matthieu Rutgers, Marc Reichhart

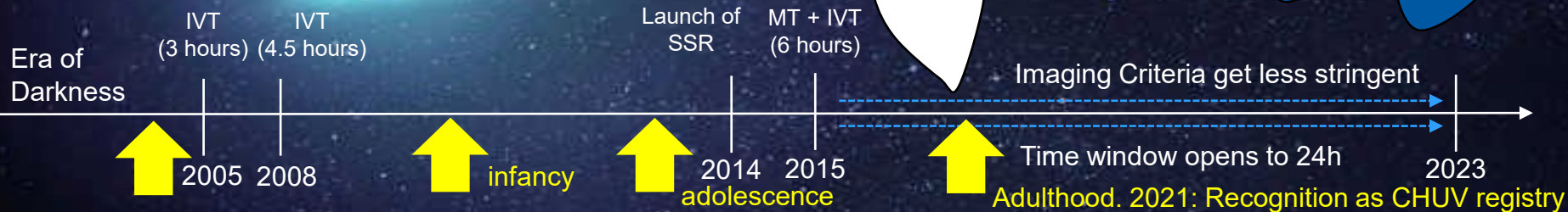
Radiologists : Philippe Maeder, Reto Meuli, Max Wintermark

Technical support: Ali Maghraoui, Alexandre Croquelois

**Statistics:** Mohamed Faouzi

Acronym «ASTRAL» invented by Matthieu Rutgers  
(Belgian fellow, later president of Belgian Stroke Council)

Ready to  
Treat  
All ?



# Current Recommendations of IVT/ MT in Stroke

## Thrombolysis (IVT)



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- Symptom onset < 4.5h: IVT
- Symptom onset 4.5 – 9h:
  - Core/ Perf. mismatch imaging
  - with target mismatch\*: IVT
- Wake-up Stroke (> 4.5h):
  - DWI/FLAIR mismatch: IVT
  - Core/Perf. mismatch: IVT

## Thrombectomy (MT)



Infarct core\*\* < 70ml  
Mismatch Volume\*\*\* > 10ml  
Mismatch Ratio\*: > 1.2  
\*\* ADC < 620um<sup>2</sup>/s or rCBF < 30%  
\*\*\* Tmax > 6s

- Symptom onset < 8h: MT
- Symptom onset < 24h
  - Core/ Perf. mismatch imaging
  - DAWN-based selection (clinical/radiological)

Turc et al., ESO/ ESMINT Guidelines MT (ESO 2019)

Berge et al., ESO Guidelines IVT (ESO 2021)

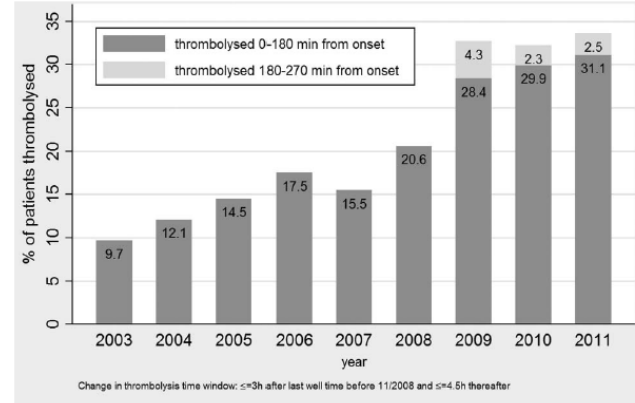
Clinical Translational Neurosciences (CTN) June 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1177/2514183X21999228>

# Whom do we NOT thrombolyse/ thrombectomize and WHY ?

## ASTRAL 2003 – 2011 (IVT):

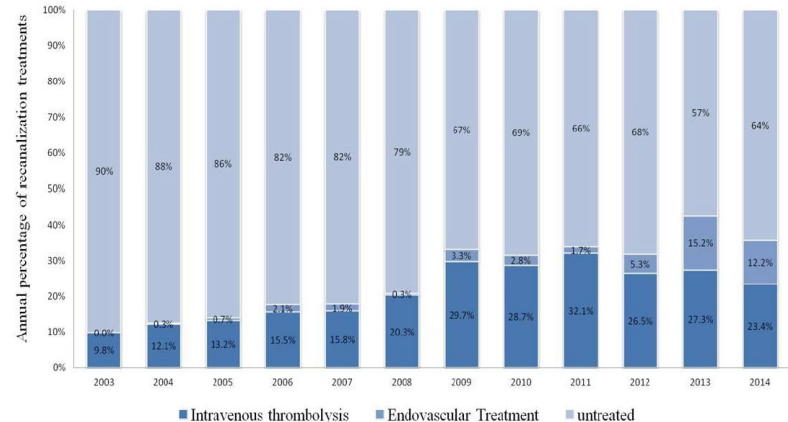
2019 non-thrombolysed patients

- Admission delays
- **Stroke severity (mostly mild)**
- **Advanced Age**

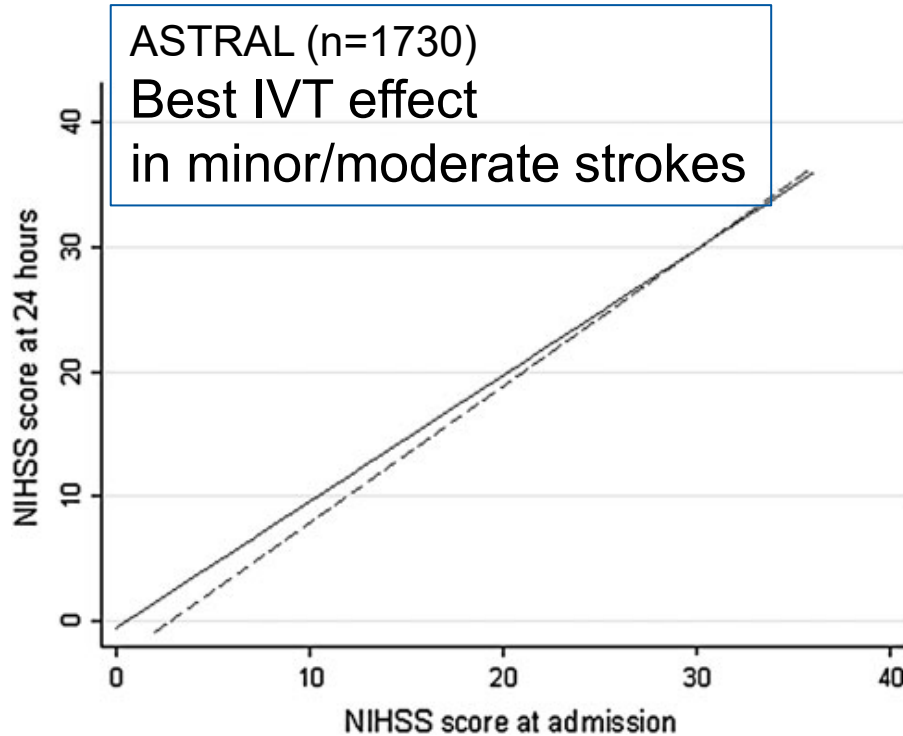


## ASTRAL 2003 – 2014 (MT):

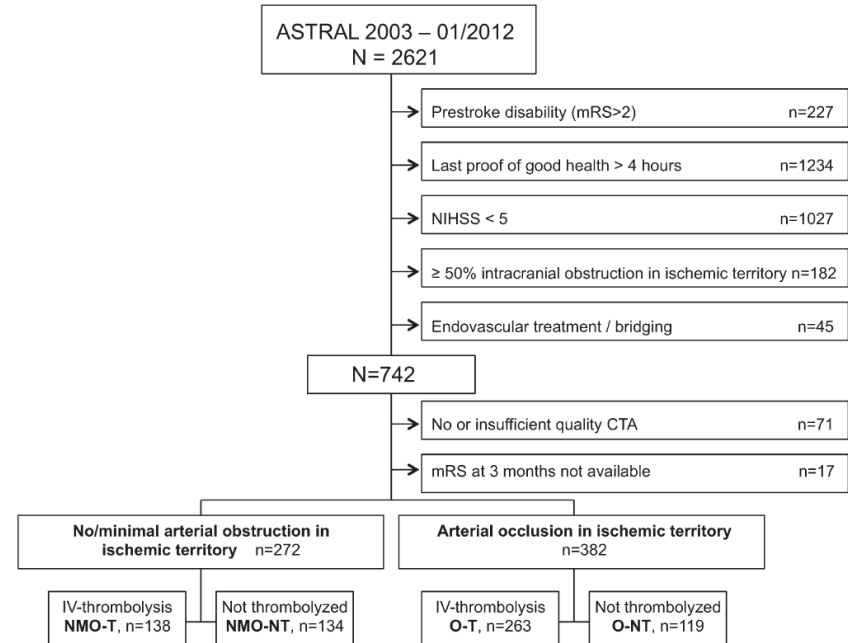
- 17.7% eligible within 6 hours
- **Younger age, shorter delays, higher stroke severity** were associated with EVT eligibility



# When is the effect of IVT best ?

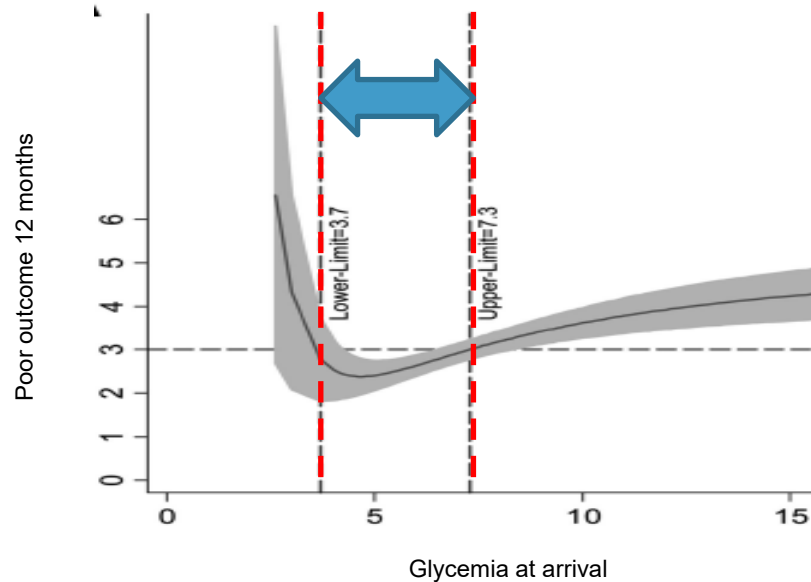


## Best IVT effect in patients with arterial occlusions (CTA)



# Acute stroke and admission glucose

Clinical outcome at 3 months (n = 1446 )



Ntaios et al., Stroke 2010

# Early vs. late EVT: more or less dangerous ?

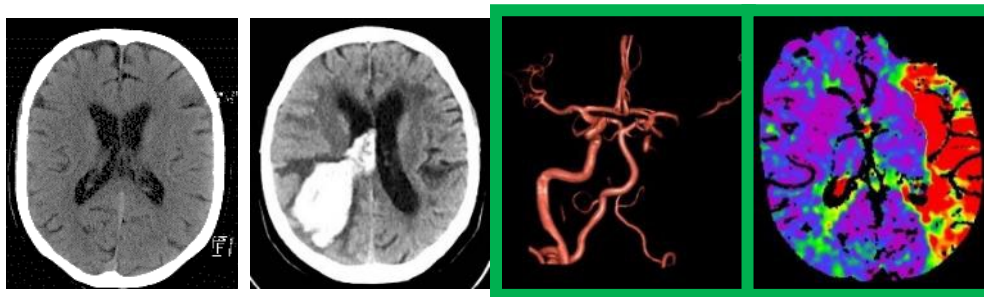
## ASTRAL retrospective analysis of complications

Type of complication	Early EVT	Late EVT	P (adjusted)
Procedural complications (Inguinal access, embolization in non-ischemic territory, dissection, arterial perforation/SAH)	16%	16%	0.90
Cerebrovascular complications (Parenchymal hemorrhage, ischemic mass effect, 24h reocclusion)	17%	20%	0.66
Incomplete recanalisation (TICI <2b)	8%	9%	0.36

→ Similar risks in early and late thrombectomy

# Does Imaging selection help IVT/ MT decisions ?

Added value of CT-Perfusion (n = 1994)



ASTRAL:

N = 273 NCCT

N = 411 NCCT  
+ CTA

N = 1310 NCCT  
+ CTA + CTP

More likely to receive MCTI if:  
younger, lower baseline NIHSS, less risk factors, lower creatinine

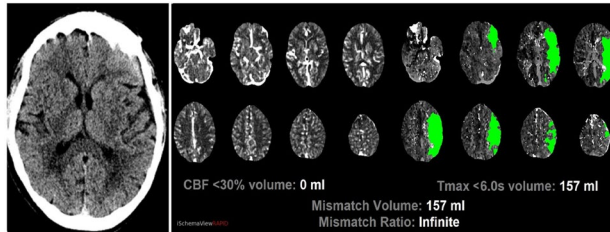
+ adjustment

Outcome with MCT:

Lower 12-month mortality, fewer unknown stroke mechanisms, no added renal risk.

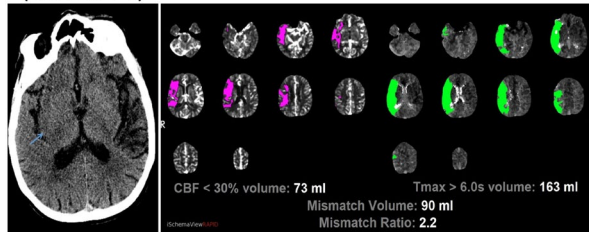
# What else can we learn from acute stroke CT imaging ?

Correlation ASPECTS and CTP core (n= 1046) ?



Favorable CT  
(ASPECTS=9)

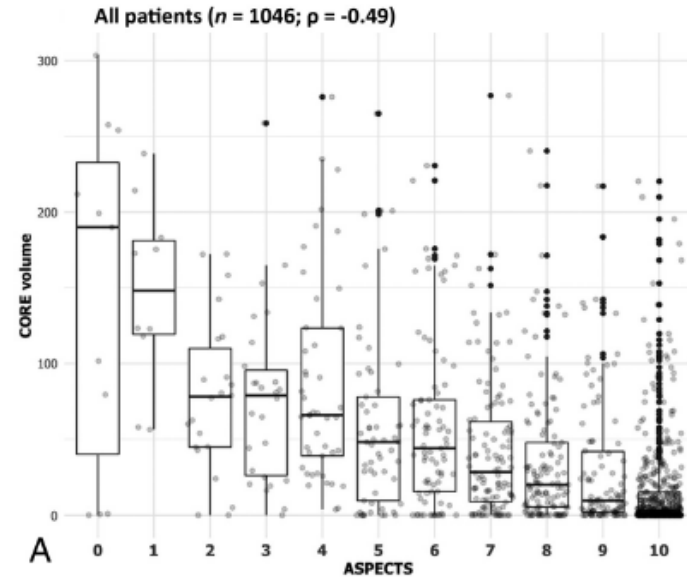
Sarraj et al. 2020 SELECT trial



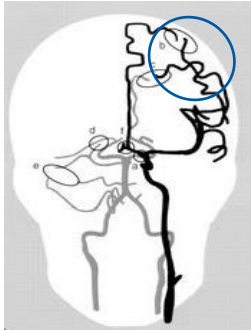
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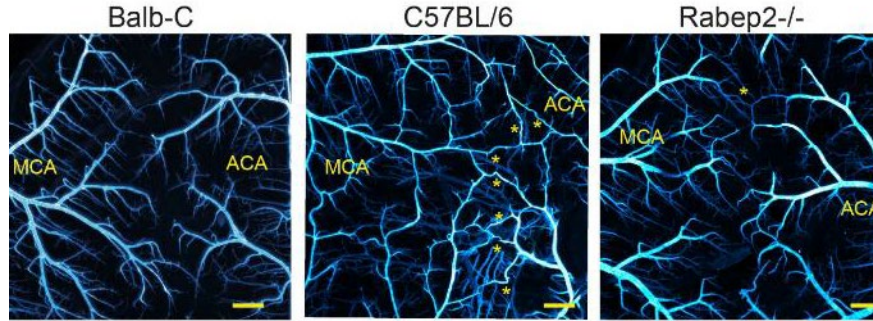
Only moderate correlation.  
better in late-arriving patients (6-24h)  
and with LVO



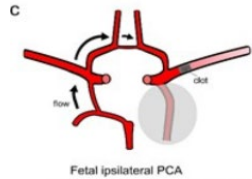
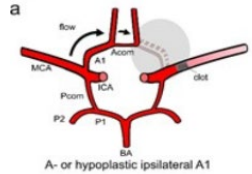
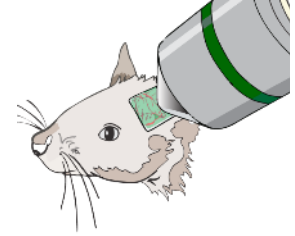
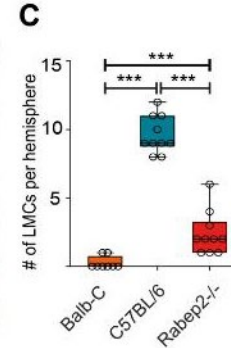
# Leptomeningeal Collaterals and Outcome



Liebeskind et al., 2013



Binder et al. in revision 2023



Westphal et al. 2021

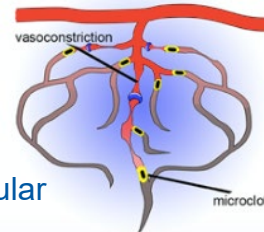
ASTRAL (n=857): what factors determine better collaterals (LMCs)?

- Younger age, dyslipidemia, lower creatinine
- Shorter delay from symptom onset to imaging

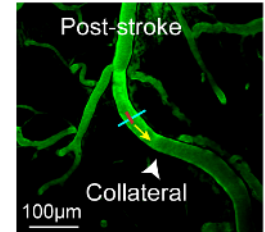
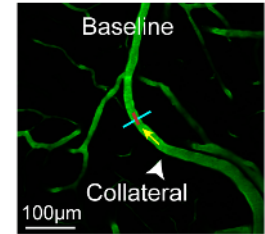
Nannoni et al., J Neurol 2019



Collateral and/ or Microvascular Failure ?



El Amki and Wegener 2017



# Predicting outcome: The ASTRAL Score

- ASTRAL, DRAGON, SEDAN outperformed physicians
- competition of 244 stroke experts against ASTRAL Score) to predict mRS > 2 at 3 months
- Experts were accurate in 56.8% while ASTRAL was in 86.5%)

Our stroke outcome predictions are often wrong !

**Table 2** Integer-based prognostic ASTRAL score for the calculation of probability of unfavorable outcome in patients with acute ischemic stroke

Covariates	Score points
Age: for every 5 y <sup>a</sup>	1
Severity: for every NIHSS point <sup>a</sup>	1
Time delay from onset to admission >3 h <sup>b</sup>	2
Range of visual field defect <sup>c</sup>	2
Acute glucose >7.3 or <3.7 mmol/L <sup>d</sup>	1
Level of consciousness decreased <sup>e</sup>	3

Do we get better when including imaging ?

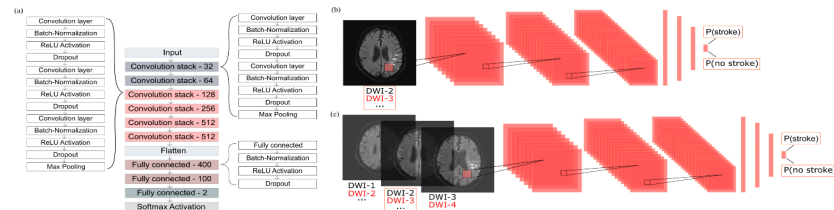
## We need to show that AI can reach good prediction performance



- 5 Stroke experts (4 Swiss, 1 non-Swiss, 2 different Stroke Centers)
  - 60% female
- 45 years of experience with acute stroke patient treatment



Convolutional  
Neural  
Network



- 1 CNN model
- 3 years of experience with stroke data

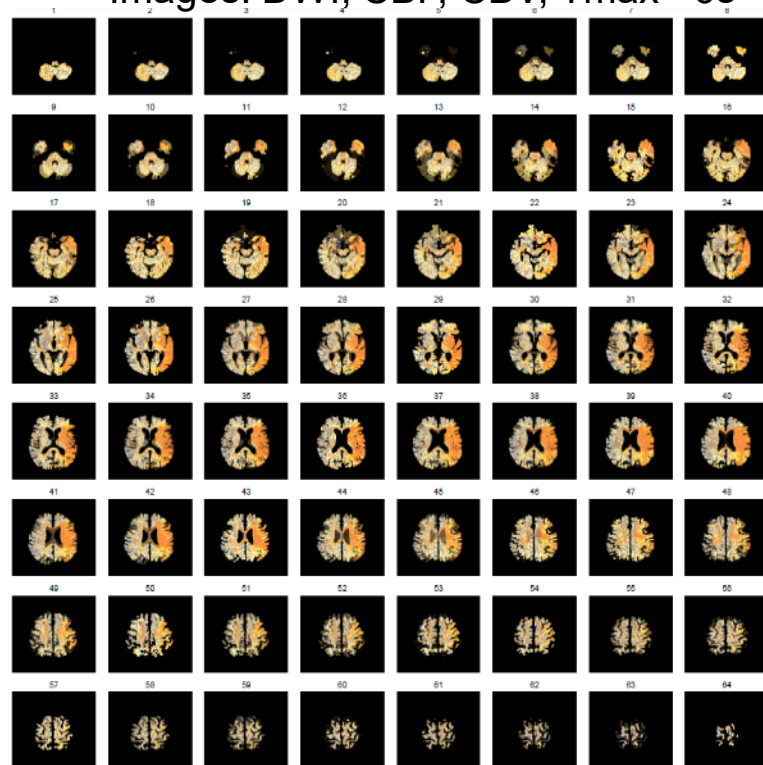
# Outcome-Prediction Competition: the Task

- 50 Patients with MCA-M1 occlusion und MT
- Prediction: 3 months outcome (mRS)
- Data either: 1) clinical, 2) imaging or 3) combination of both

222 patients with M1-occlusion: 50% mRS  $\geq$  3

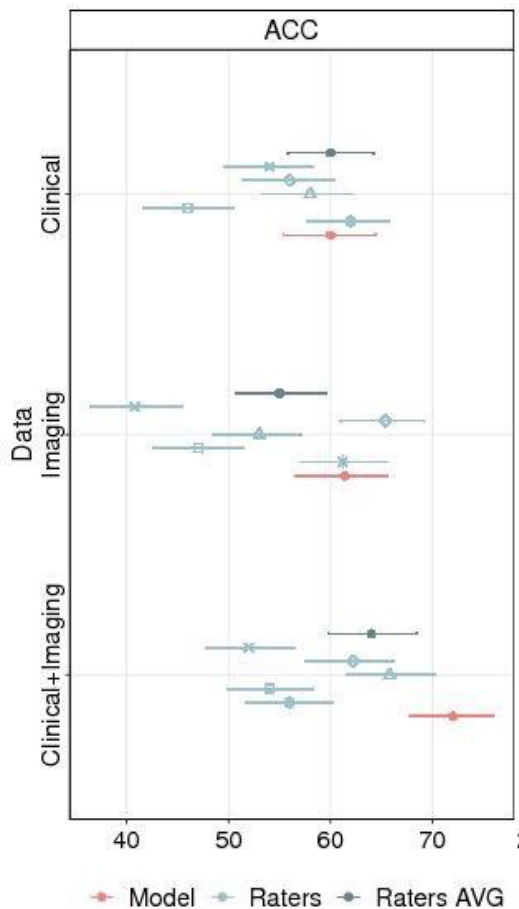
	2
ID	516341.00
Age (y)	54.00
Sex (1: female)	0.00
Independent before stroke (1: yes)	1.00
NIHSS on admission	15.00
Oral anticoagulation (1: yes)	0.00
Statin therapy (1: yes)	0.00
Antihypertensive therapy (1: yes)	1.00
SBP (mmHg)	158.00
DBP (mmHg)	91.00
Glucose (mmol/L)	7.10
HbA1C (%)	6.10
LDL (mmol/L)	1.15
HDL (mmol/L)	1.68
TG (mmol/L)	0.89
CRP (mg/L)	3.00
INR	1.00
Atrial fibrillation (1: yes)	0.00
Diabetes (1: yes)	1.00
Hypertension (1: yes)	1.00
Hypercholesterolemia (1: yes)	1.00
Smoker (1: yes)	1.00
CHD (1: yes)	1.00
pAVK (1: yes)	0.00
Previous stroke or tia (yes)	1.00
Infarct side (1: left, 2: right)	2.00
Additional occlusions (yes)	0.00
Collateralization (0: good, 1: moderate, 2: poor)	1.00
Time onset to imaging (min)	171.00

Images: DWI, CBF, CBV, Tmax > 6s



- Predict BINARY outcome (mRS good = 0-2 or bad 3-6)

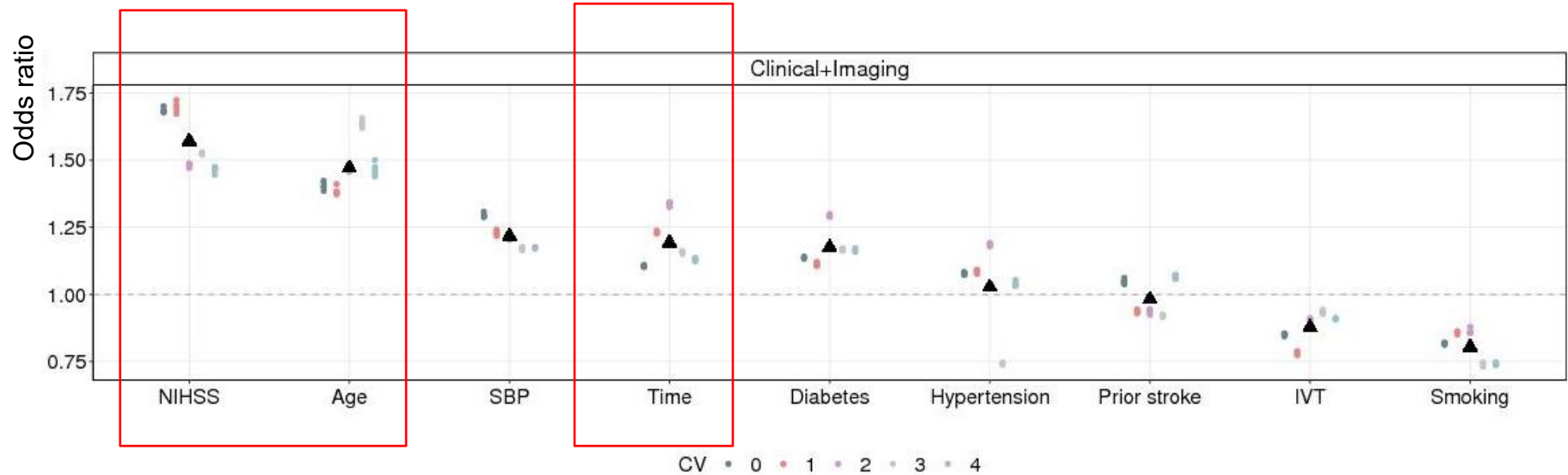
## Who performed better?



- Large variability in the prediction of experts
  - ACC around 0.6 for experts with clinical data
  - ACC around 0.5 for experts with imaging data
  - ACC around 0.65 for experts using both data types
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- Model outperforms experts when imaging is available

There are more important features in the images.  
*Deep Learning may help to find them.*

## Which variables were important for model and clinicians ?



ASTRAL: such different stroke outcomes:  
Is there inequality in treatments ?

# Inequalities in Thrombolysis and Thrombectomy

## Stroke Severity and Outcome: Socioeconomic factors

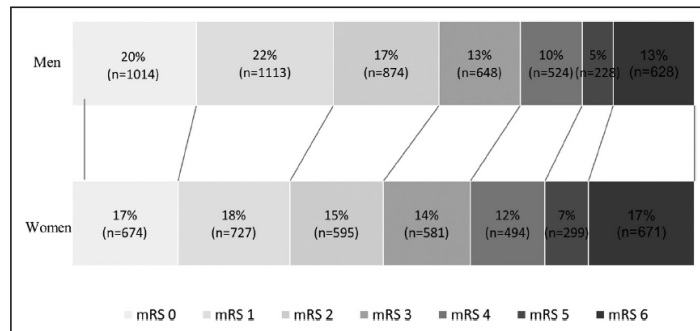
- Of 1062 patients: 203 private (PI) and 850 basic insurance (BI)
- Mean NIHSS admission was higher for BI and outcome worse

### Future Perspectives:

- Why do Swiss Stroke Centers treat 45% women vs. 55% men ?
- Sex-dependent socioeconomic factors

## Stroke Severity and Outcome: Sex differences

- Women tend to have worse outcomes in stroke despite good IVT effect
- N = 3993 (ASTRAL) N = 9495 (TRISP)
- Women are older at the time of stroke
- After adjusting for age:  
women have higher risk of 3m disability



# What about Chameleons and Mimics ?



## Stroke-Chameleons:

*Strokes that go un-noticed*

- Do not receive appropriate treatment  
«undertreated»

**ASTRAL:** 47 out of 2200 AIS (2.1%)

- Younger age
- Less typical risk factor profile
- More cerebellar stroke

## Stroke-Mimics

*Non-Strokes that are falsely treated as stroke*

- Do not receive appropriate treatment  
«overtreated»

**TRISP:** 100 out of 5581 AIS w. IVT (1.8%)

- Younger age, more females
- Less typical risk factor profile
- Low complication rate of IVT

Suspect a stroke, even if age and lack of risk factors dont let you think of it.  
If you treat them unnecessarily: the risk of harm is very low.

# ASTRAL teaches us about other special situations...



Chelsea Beck, The Atlantic March 9 2017

Correia et al., Int J Stroke 2016

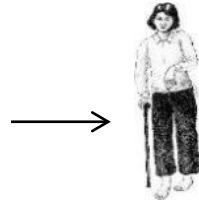
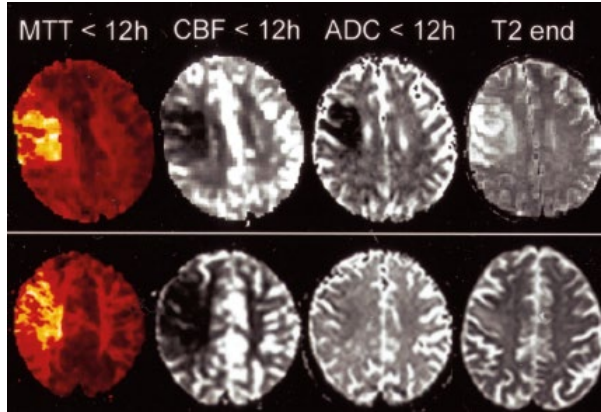
- N = 10, 60% female HICE (Hairdresser-related cerebrov. events)
- No predilection for posterior circulation
- Only 2 dissections (ICA)
- Hypotension during hot air drying ?



Strambo et al., J Stroke and Cerebrovasc Dis 2019

- N = 17 SASs (51 controls)
- Median age 51 years
- 65% dissection (3 with minor falls while skiing)

# Preconditioning by Preceding Ischemic Events (PIE) ?



Could preceding TIA or minor stroke be like  
«preconditioning»  
What doesn't kill you makes you stronger ?



Wegener et al., *Stroke* 2004 (n=65)

ASTRAL: n= 3530; 1001 (28%)  $\geq 1$  preceding cerebral ischemic event

PIE independently associated with reduced severity of stroke;  
but not with better long-term outcome.

## Lessons Learned: We need more data from registries like ASTRAL to:

- Generate hypotheses and derive exploratory knowledge about stroke
- Be more representative (less inequalities)
- Collect Big data (Current Pooling Planned)
- Foster collaborations and joint projects
- Plan prospective clinical trials

**ASTRAL**

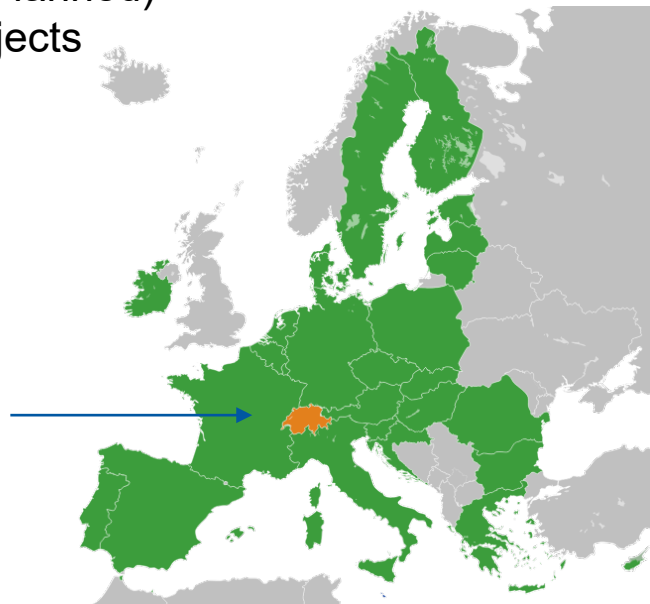
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Registry*

**SSR**

*Swiss  
Registry*

**TRISP**

*European  
Registries*



# ASTRAL- Family

## The Future is bright!

Intelligent study design, knowledge of whats important, **creativity** „out-of-the-box“ projects, big power due to large patient numbers, excellent analysis methods, critical and smart interpretation of results, inclusive, collaborative work....

# Thank you !

### Many things not mentioned:

- Stroke in the posterior territory
- Intracranial dissections
- Many more imaging studies
- ....