Culprit Vessel Only versus Multivessel Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in Patients Presenting with ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction and Multivessel Disease



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Abstract

Background: The best strategy for ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) patients with multivessel disease (MVD), who underwent primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in the acute phase, is not well established.

Objectives: Our goal was to conduct a meta-analysis comparing culprit vessel only percutaneous coronary intervention (culprit PCI) with multivessel percutaneous coronary intervention (MV-PCI) for treatment of patients with STEMI and MVD.

Methods: Pubmed, Elsevier, Embase, and China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) databases were systematically searched for randomized and nonrandomized studies comparing culprit PCI and MV-PCI strategies during the index procedure. A meta-analysis was performed using Review Manager 5.1 (Cochrane Center, Denmark).

Results: Four randomized and fourteen nonrandomized studies involving 39,390 patients were included. MV-PCI strategy is associated with an increased short-term mortality (OR: 0.50, 95% CI: 0.32 to 0.77, p = 0.002), long-term mortality (OR: 0.52, 95% CI: 0.36 to 0.74, p < 0.001), and risk of renal dysfunction (OR: 0.77, 95% CI: 0.61 to 0.97, p = 0.03) compared with culprit PCI strategy, while it reduced the incidence of revascularization (OR: 2.65, 95% CI: 1.80 to 3.90, p < 0.001).

Conclusions: This meta-analysis supports current guidelines which indicate that the non-culprit vessel should not be treated during the index procedure.

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Introduction

Acute ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) is a huge public health burden that affects many people worldwide every year. Approximately 40% to 65% of the patients presenting with STEMI have multivessel disease (MVD), which is associated with worse clinical outcomes than single-vessel disease (SVD) [1]. Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is currently the favorable reperfusion treatment of choice in patients with STEMI. However, optimal strategies for STEMI patients with MVD during the index procedure, whether to treat non-culprit vessels, are still unclear.

2012 ESC guidelines [2] recommend that primary PCI should be limited to the culprit vessel with the exception of cardiogenic shock and persistent ischemia after PCI of the supposed culprit lesion while 2011 ACCF/AHA/SCAI PCI guidelines [3] suggest that PCI should not be performed in a non-culprit vessel at the time of primary PCI in patients with STEMI without hemodynamic compromise, where the classes and levels of evidence are IIaB and IIIB respectively. However, these suggestions were based on some retrospective or small observational studies which did not have high evidence level. The main factors supporting these guidelines are summarized as follows: complications related to non-culprit vessel PCI, overvalued stenosis, renal insufficiency, and low success rates. The advancements in PCI technology and adjunctive pharmacotherapy have led some interventionalists to operate outside of established guidelines.

Several researches showed inconsistent outcomes. Our goal was to compare the safety and efficacy of culprit vessel only PCI (culprit PCI) and multivessel PCI (MV-PCI) during the index procedure in patients with STEMI and MVD quantitatively. Therefore, we conducted a meta-analysis of randomized and nonrandomized studies.

Methods

Search Strategy

Pubmed, Elsevier, Embase, and China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) databases were systematically searched by two independent investigators (S.Y and W.L) for all articles

Table 1. Main Characteristics of	Included Studies.					
Primary Author	Year Published	Setting	Symptom Time, h	PCI strategies		Maximum Follow-Up
				Culprit PCI	MV-PCI	
Randomized studies						
1 Di Mario	2004	Multicenter	12	17	52	1 yr
2 Ochala	2004	Single-center	12	44	48	6 months
3 Politi	2010	Single-center	12	84	65	2.5±1.4 yrs
4 Wald	2013	Multicenter	1	231	234	23 months
Nonrandomized studies						
5 Abe	2013	Multicenter	12	220	54	1 yr
6 Bauer	2013	Multicenter	1	2118	419	In hospital
7 Carvender	2009	Multicenter	All	25802	3134	In hospital
8 Corpus	2004	Single-center	12	354	26	1 yr
9 Dziewierz	2010	Multicenter	I	707	70	1 yr
10 Hannan	2010	Multicenter	24	503	503	3.5 yrs
11 Jensen	2012	Multicenter	12	820	354	2 yrs
12 Khattab	2008	Single-center	12	45	28	1 yr
13 kornowski	2011	Multicenter	12	393	275	3 yrs
14 Mohamad	2011	Single-center	12	30	7	1 yr
15 Qarawani	2008	Single-center	12	25	95	1 yr
16 Roe	2001	Multicenter	I	61	68	6 months
17 Toma	2010	Multicenter	6	1984	217	3 months
18 Varani	2008	Single-center	24	156	147	1.7±1.0 yrs
Total				33594	5796	

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published before 6 October 2013. The following keywords were used for the search: "percutaneous coronary intervention", "STsegment elevation myocardial infarction", and "multivessel disease". Studies were excluded if they met any one of the following criteria: (1) duplicate publication, (2) ongoing or unpublished study, and (3) publication only as an abstract or as conference proceedings. References of retrieved studies were searched manually for additional potentially relevant articles. Authors of studies were contacted when results were unclear or when relevant data were not reported. Differences in investigator assessments of articles were resolved by discussing with a third investigator (D.F.Z). No language restrictions were enforced.

Study Selection

An initial screening of titles or abstracts was conducted, followed by full-text reviews. Studies' eligibility criteria included the followings: 1) a study population of STEMI patients with MVD; 2) PCI procedures included both culprit PCI and MV-PCI; 3) MV-PCI was performed during the index procedure; and 4) studies that reported quality assessment, data extraction, and endpoint data of interest. Randomized and nonrandomized studies were included. Exclusion criteria were: patient populations without concurrent STEMI and MVD, comparisons without culprit PCI or MV-PCI, and MV-PCI performed after the index procedure. Reviews, editorials, meeting abstracts, and commentaries were excluded from our analysis.

Quality Assessment

The quality of randomized studies was assessed using methods recommended by the Cochrane Collaboration based on the following six components: 1) sequence generation for allocation; 2) allocation concealment; 3) blinding of participants, personnel, and outcome assessors; 4) incomplete outcome data; 5) selective outcome reporting; and 6) other sources of bias. For nonrandomized studies, quality was assessed based on control of confounders, blinded assessment of angiography data, and preferred PCI strategy.

Data Extraction

Data were abstracted on prespecified forms by two reviewers (W.L and S.Y) that were not involved in any of the studies retrieved. Divergent assessments were resolved by discussing with a third investigator (D.F.Z). Study information was recorded as follows: study design, quality indicators, baseline clinical characteristics, and clinical outcomes.

Definition and Endpoints

The culprit PCI strategy was defined as PCI confined to culprit vessel lesions only. The MV-PCI strategy was defined as PCI in which lesions in the culprit vessel as well as ≥ 1 nonculprit vessel

lesions. All the interventions should have had taken place within the index procedure. MVD was defined as reported in each study. The primary endpoints were short-term (in hospital/30 days) and long-term mortality. Secondary endpoints included rates of renal dysfunction, reinfarction, and revascularization. Renal dysfunction as well as reinfarction and revascularization were defined as reported in each study. Mortality included both cardiac and no cardiac death.

Statistical Analysis

All statistical analysis was performed using Review Manager 5.1 (Cochrane Center, Denmark). Odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) were used as summary statistics. Heterogeneity across studies was analyzed using I^2 [$I^2 = (Q-df)/Q$; where Q is the chi-square statistic and df is the degree of freedom]. Values of $I^2 > 50\%$ were considered statistically significant. Pooled estimates were first calculated using the Mantel-Haenszel fixed-effects model, whereas the DerSimonian and Lair random-effects model was used if there was heterogeneity.

The following methods were used to explore sources of heterogeneity: (1) subgroup analysis (randomized and nonrandomized studies); and (2) sensitivity analysis performed by excluding trials which potentially biased meta-analysis results.

Potential publication bias was examined by visual inspection of a funnel plot. All p values were 2-tailed, with statistical significance set at p < 0.05. This study was performed according to the MOOSE (Meta-Analysis of Observational Studies in Epidemiology) [4] statement.

Results

Eighteen studies including 39,390 patients comparing culprit PCI versus MV-PCI in patients with STEMI and MVD during the index procedure were identified finally (Table 1), four randomized [5,6,7,8] and fourteen nonrandomized studies [9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22] published between 2001 and 2013. Nine of the fourteen nonrandomized studies were subanalyses of prospective registries. Details of the screening process for eligible studies are shown in Fig. 1. Quality assessment results are detailed in Table 2 and Table 3.

Study Characteristics

Culprit PCI was the more frequently performed PCI strategy (33,594 of 39,390 patients, 85.3%). Baseline characteristics of the included studies are presented in Table 4. Compared with the culprit PCI group, patients in the MV-PCI group had a lower rate of diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidemia. Six studies excluded the patients with cardiogenic shock [5,6,7,8,14,19], and three studies reported the rate of cardiogenic shock [11,16,21]. Ten studies gave information of the use of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors.

 Table 2. Quality of Randomized Studies.

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Primary author	Adequate sequence generation of allocation	Allocation concealment	Blinding of participants, personnel, and outcome assessors	Complete outcome data	Free of selective outcome reporting	Free of other sources of bias
Di Mario	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear
Ochala	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear
Politi	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear
Wald	Yes	Unclear	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear

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Primary author	Control of confounders	Blinded assessment of angiography data	Preferred PCI strategy
Abe	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	Operator decision
Bauer	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	-
Carvender	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	-
Corpus	-	-	Operator decision
Dziewierz	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	-
Hannan	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	-
Jensen	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	Operator decision
Khattab	Prospective observational	-	Operator decision
Kornowski	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	Operator decision
Mohamad	_	-	-
Qarawani	-	-	Operator decision
Roe	-	-	Operator decision
Toma	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	Operator decision
Varani	\pm (subanalysis of prospective registry)	-	Operator decision

Table 3. Quality of nonrandomized Studies.

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Main Outcomes

Short-term mortality was reported in 15 studies including 36,687 patients. In-hospital or 30-day death occurred in 1,515 of 31,349 patients (4.83%) who underwent culprit PCI versus 370 of 5,338 patients (6.93%) who received MV-PCI. Signs of heterogeneity were found across trials ($I^2 = 70\%$) and a randomized model was used. Compared with culprit PCI, MV-PCI was associated with an increased short-term mortality (OR: 0.50, 95% CI: 0.32 to 0.77, p = 0.002). Pooled short-term outcome data are detailed in Fig. 2.

Long-term mortality for both strategies was reported in 16 studies including 7,905 patients. There were 362 long-term follow up deaths among 5,670 patients (6.38%) who received culprit PCI, whereas 245 deaths occurred among 2,235 (10.96%) patients who received MV-PCI. Heterogeneity was found across trials ($I^2 = 67\%$) and a randomized model was used. MV-PCI was associated with an obviously increased long-term mortality in comparison with culprit PCI strategy (OR: 0.52, 95% CI: 0.36 to 0.74, p<0.001). Pooled long-term outcome data are illustrated in Fig. 3.

Four studies are available of the short-term renal dysfunction detail. Politi et al. [7] defined renal dysfunction as an increase in serum creatinine values of 0.5 mg/dl or greater or a 25% or greater relative increase from baseline within 72 hours following PCI. Abe et al. [9] defined renal dysfunction as an increase in serum creatinine values of 0.5 mg/dl or greater or a 25% or greater relative increase from baseline within 1 week following exposure to contrast medium. Cavender et al. [11] defined renal dysfunction as a new requirement for dialysis or an increase in creatinine to >2 mg/dl and 2 times the baseline creatinine. Qarawani et al. [19] defined it as a rise of 30% and more in creatinine within 24 hours from the baseline value. To sum up, renal dysfunction occurred in 503 of 26,131 patients (1.92%) who underwent culprit PCI versus 93 of 3,348 patients (2.78%) who received MV-PCI. No heterogeneity was found among the studies $(I^2 = 0\%)$ and a fixed effects model was used. The difference between two groups are significant (OR: 0.77, 95% CI: 0.61 to 0.97, p = 0.03), which indicates that the MV-PCI may increase the risk of renal dysfunction because of the high dose of contrast agent (Fig. 4).

Nine articles reported on long-term reinfarction, 1,449 cases in the culprit PCI group and 847 cases in the MV-PCI group. No heterogeneity was found among the studies ($I^2 = 41\%$) and a fixed effects model was used. No significant difference was found between the two groups (OR: 1.13, 95% CI: 0.76 to 1.67, p = 0.55) (Fig. 5).

Five studies gave the information of long-term revascularization, 421 cases in the culprit PCI group and 424 cases in the MV-PCI group. Signs of heterogeneity were not found across trials ($I^2 = 46\%$) and a fixed model was used. MV-PCI was associated with an obviously decreased long-term revascularization in comparison with culprit PCI strategy (OR: 2.65, 95% CI: 1.80 to 3.90, p<0.001) (Fig. 6).

Sensitivity Analysis

We performed sensitivity analyses by repeating analyses following removal of each study, one at a time (data not shown). No single study had excessive influence on the results for primary or secondary endpoints.

The results of randomized trials only and both randomized and nonrandomized trials are different which showed in Table 5. Assessment of funnel plots suggested no publication bias.

Discussion

Our analysis suggested that MV-PCI strategy is associated with an increased short-term mortality (OR: 0.50, 95% CI: 0.32 to 0.77, p = 0.002), long-term mortality (OR: 0.52, 95% CI: 0.36 to 0.74, p<0.001), and risk of renal dysfunction (OR: 0.77, 95% CI: 0.61 to 0.97, p = 0.03) compared with culprit PCI strategy, while it reduced the incidence of revascularization (OR: 2.65, 95% CI: 1.80 to 3.90, p<0.001). No significant difference was found between the two groups in terms of the rate of reinfarction.

MVD has been proved to be associated with a poor prognosis in STEMI patients. Appropriate management of these patients has always been a topic of debate. Current guidelines recommend that in the absence of hemodynamic compromise, PCI during STEMI should only focus on the culprit lesion. Other lesions are addressed during subsequent elective revascularization. Justifications for these guidelines include [23]: 1) the acute phase of STEMI is a

Table 4. Baseline Characteristics of Included Studies.

Primary Author	Year Published	GP IIb/IIIa, %	Age, mean	, yrs	Male, %	Diabetes, %	Нур	ertension, %	Hyperlipidemi	a, %	ihock, %	Smoker, 9	,0
		Culprit PCI MV-PCI	Culprit PCI	MV-PCI	Culprit PCI MV-P	CI Culprit PCI MV	-PCI Culp	orit PCI MV-PCI	Culprit PCI MV	V-PCI	Culprit PCI MV-PCI	Culprit PC	I MV-PCI
Randomized studi	es												
1 Di Mario	2004	82.4 75	65.3±7.4	63.5 ± 12.4	84.6 88.2	41.2 11.5	58.8	36.5	52.9 41.	2	xcl excl	81	66.6
2 Ochala	2004	50.7 51.1	67±7.9	65±8.3	75 72.9	34.1 31.2	47.7	52.1	90.9 81.	5	xcl excl	43.1	37.5
3 Politi	2010	100 100	66.5 ± 13.2	64.5 ± 11.7	76.2 76.9	23.8 13.8	59.5	49.2	N/A N//	4	xcl excl	N/A	N/A
4 Wald	2013	76 76	62(33–90)*	62(32–92)*	81 76	21 15	40	40	N/A N//	4	xcl excl	45	50
Nonrandomized s	tudies												
5 Abe	2013	N/A N/A	68.6±11.7	72.0±11.7	77.3 77.8	43.2 50	65.9	62.9	52.7 48.	-	J/A N/A	60	57.4
6 Bauer	2011	48.9 60.2	65±12.2	62.8±12	73.8 76.1	23.1 22.4	60.7	62.4	44.6 52.	5	J/A N/A	55.4	55
7 Carvende	er 2009	N/A N/A	62(53-73)*	60(52-72)*	72.1 71.5	23.4 24.7	63.2	60.4	58.6 56.	ι. ·	0.3 13.8	64.8	63.2
8 Corpus	2004	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N//	4	J/A N/A	N/A	N/A
9 Dziewier.	z 2010	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N//	4	J/A N/A	N/A	N/A
10 Hannan	2010	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	78.7 75	21.4 23.7	N/A	N/A	N/A N//	4	xcl excl	N/A	N/A
11 Jensen	2013	79 61.3	N/A	N/A	79.8 76	10.1 10.7	27.4	21.5	N/A N//	4	J/A N/A	62.4	46.9
12 Khattab	2008	44 36	65 ± 13	69±12	78 75	16 7	82	75	80 79	7	.4 3.6	40	36
13 Kornows	ki 2011	54.6 54.5	63.5	62	80.9 79.6	18.1 15.3	57.5	54.9	41.7 48	-	J/A N/A	62.8	61.3
14 Mohama	d 2011	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N//	4	1/A N/A	N/A	N/A
15 Qarawan	i 2008	96 94.7	67±3.7	66±3.2	64 65	16 12.6	40	37.8	16 13.	9	xcl excl	60	61
16 Roe	2001	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N//	4	1/A N/A	N/A	N/A
17 Toma	2010	71.9 78.8	64(55–73)*	64(53-74)*	79.4 77.4	20 11.5	55.6	47.5	N/A N//	4	.2 1.8	39.9	38.2
18 Varani	2008	N/A N/A	69.8±13	68.7±13	75 67	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N//	۲ ۲	1/A N/A	N/A	N/A
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PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram



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Figure 1. Flow diagram of study inclusion and exclusion. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0092316.g001

highly unstable condition (haemodynamic instability, heart failure, arrhythmias, resuscitation, and patient stress among others) that does not favor performance of PCI, and additional intervention is probably safer after the patient is stabilized; 2) the acute phase of STEMI is extremely prothrombotic and inflammatory which contributes to a higher risk for additional PCI; 3) diffuse coronary spasms (either due to endothelial dysfunction or due to catecholamine use) are frequently present in the acute phase of STEMI, and this may lead to overestimation of stenosis severity in nonculprit vessels; 4) decisions to perform non-culprit vessel PCI during the acute phase of STEMI are usually not supported by objective evidence for the presence of myocardial ischemia in regions supplied by these non-culprit vessels; 5) MV-PCI increases the radiation dose, contrast overload, and risk of contrast-induced nephropathy. Counter arguments include concerns that plaque instability may be present in large areas of the coronary tree rather

	culprit	-PCI	MV-P	СІ		Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% C	M-H, Random, 95% Cl
1.1.1 prospective							
Di Mario 2004	0	17	1	52	1.6%	0.98 [0.04, 25.20]	
Ochala 2004	0	44	0	48		Not estimable	
Politi 2010	7	84	2	65	4.7%	2.86 [0.57, 14.27]	+
Subtotal (95% CI)		145		165	6.3%	2.32 [0.55, 9.79]	
Total events	7		3				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0	0.00; Chi ²	= 0.34,	df = 1 (P	= 0.56)	; l² = 0%		
Test for overall effect: 2	<u>z</u> = 1.15 (P = 0.25)				
1.1.2 retrospective							
Abe 2013	12	220	11	54	8.6%	0.23 [0.09, 0.54]	
Bauer 2011	72	2118	6	419	8.9%	2.42 [1.05, 5.61]	
Cavender 2009	1321	25802	246	3134	13.1%	0.63 [0.55, 0.73]	•
Corpus 2004	23	354	5	26	7.4%	0.29 [0.10, 0.84]	
Dziewierz 2010	42	707	9	70	9.4%	0.43 [0.20, 0.92]	
Hannan 2010	10	503	17	503	9.2%	0.58 [0.26, 1.28]	
Jensen 2013	4	820	25	354	7.4%	0.06 [0.02, 0.19]	
Khattab 2008	2	45	1	28	2.5%	1.26 [0.11, 14.53]	
Kornowski 2011	6	393	16	275	8.1%	0.25 [0.10, 0.65]	
Qarawani 2008	1	25	4	95	2.9%	0.95 [0.10, 8.88]	
Roe 2001	7	61	15	68	8.0%	0.46 [0.17, 1.21]	
Varani 2008	8	156	12	147	8.3%	0.61 [0.24, 1.53]	
Subtotal (95% CI)		31204		5173	93.7%	0.45 [0.29, 0.71]	◆
Total events	1508		367				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0).36; Chi²	= 39.33	, df = 11	(P < 0.0	0001); l² =	72%	
Test for overall effect: 2	2 = 3.50 (P = 0.00	05)				
Total (95% CI)		31349		5338	100.0%	0.50 [0.32, 0.77]	▼
Total events	1515		370				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0	0.37; Chi²	= 43.09	, df = 13	(P < 0.0	0001); I² =	70%	+ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$
Test for overall effect: 2	2 = 3.14 (P = 0.00	2)			F	avours experimental Favours control
Test for subaroup differ	ences: C	hi² = 4.5	2. df = 1	(P = 0.0))3), ² = 77	7.9%	

Figure 2. Culprit PCI Versus MV-PCI Short-Term Mortality. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0092316.g002

than limited to the culprit lesion. Consequently, MV-PCI might achieve complete revascularization by treating secondary unstable lesions and thereby shorten cumulative hospital stays and costs. Patients may also be more comfortable following treatment of all lesions during index hospitalization.

The report was written in accordance to the PRISMAstatement (Checklist S1). Our findings support the current guidelines which indicate that the non-culprit vessel should not be treated during the index procedure. Although analysis of only the four small scaled randomized trials has different even opposite results. It is notable that the largest single-blind, randomized study, called the Preventive Angioplasty in Acute Myocardial Infarction (PRAMI) trail [8], enrolled 465 patients at five centers in the United Kingdom, with 231 assigned to the culprit PCI group and 234 to the MV-PCI group. The recruitment was stopped early after a recommendation from the data and safety monitoring committee that was based on a highly significant difference between groups (p < 0.001) in the incidence of the primary outcome favoring MV-PCI. The combined rate of cardiac death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or refractory angina was reduced by 65%, and absolute risk reduction of 14 percentage points over 23 months. The findings also suggest that MV-PCI may lead to less ischemia testing after the index procedure. Another randomized trial enrolled only 214 patients, with 84 patients in the culprit PCI group, 65 in the MV-PCI group, and 65 in the staged PCI group [7]. This study showed a significant benefit for MV-PCI, compared to culprit PCI, for long-term major adverse cardiac events (MACE) after a mean follow-up of 2.5 years. The

HEpacoat for cuLPrit or multivessel stenting for Acute Myocardial Infarction (HELP AMI) study [5] enrolled only 69 patients, with 17 patients in the culprit PCI group and 52 in the MV-PCI group. In this study, MV-PCI did not significantly increase in-hospital MACE (0 and 3.8% in culprit and MV-PCI groups, respectively, p = 0.164). Revascularization in the culprit PCI group at the 12 month follow-up was not statistically significant (35 vs 17%, p = 0.247). The trial's limitations included unequal randomization and use of heparin-coated stents which may be subject to bias.

A meta-analysis comparing culprit PCI, MV-PCI and staged PCI strategies found that MV-PCI was associated with highest mortality rates at both short- and long-term follow up, in which staged PCI strategy was defined as PCI confined to culprit vessel only, after which lesions in non-culprit vessel were treated during planned secondary procedures [24]. A proper analysis on the secondary endpoints was not possible because data were only available for a minority of the included studies. This meta-analysis included some patients with non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI), and thus their included studies were different from ours. In addition, patients with STEMI or NSTEMI have different treating strategies.

Limitations

Only four studies were randomized. Consequently, the inclusion of nonrandomized studies introduces a potential selection bias, which means the benefit of culprit PCI shown in Table 5 may simply derive from selection bias towards patients with less severe

	culprit	PCI	MV-P	CI		Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% C	M-H, Random, 95% Cl
2.1.1 prospective							
Di Mario 2004	0	17	0	52		Not estimable	
Ochala 2004	0	44	0	48		Not estimable	
Politi 2010	13	84	6	65	6.2%	1.80 [0.64, 5.03]	
Wald 2013	16	231	12	234	7.9%	1.38 [0.64, 2.98]	+
Subtotal (95% CI)		376		399	14.1%	1.52 [0.82, 2.81]	◆
Total events	29		18				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =	0.00; Chi ²	= 0.17,	df = 1 (P	= 0.68); l² = 0%		
Test for overall effect:	Z = 1.32 (I	P = 0.19	9)				
2 1 2 retrospective							
Abo 2013	24	220	17	54	8 3%	0 27 [0 13 0 54]	
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lensen 2013	20	820	52	354	10.0%	0.70 [0.40, 1.27]	
Khattah 2008	20	45	2	25	2 0%		
Kornowski 2011	0 0	203	25	275	7.8%		
Mohamad 2011	3	30	20	275	2.6%	0.23 [0.11, 0.31]	
Morialiau 2011 Oprowoni 2008	2	25	2	95	2.0%	0.20 [0.04, 2.11]	
Roe 2001	10	61	17	68	7.2%	0.59 [0.17, 4.11]	—
Toma 2010	111	1984	27	217	10.3%	0.42 [0.27, 0.65]	
Varani 2008	18	152	24	142	8.7%	0.66 [0.34, 1.28]	
Subtotal (95% CI)	10	5294	27	1836	85.9%	0.42 [0.31, 0.59]	•
Total events	333		227		001070		
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =	0 15 [.] Chi ²	= 23.23	2 df = 11	(P = 0)	$(02) \cdot ^2 = 5$	3%	
Test for overall effect	Z = 5.17 (P < 0.00	2, 21 11	. U.	5_),1 = 0	C / C	
	(0.00					
Total (95% CI)		5670		2235	100.0%	0.52 [0.36, 0.74]	◆
Total events	362		245				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =	0.28; Chi ²	= 38.97	7, df = 13	(P = 0.	0002); l ² =	= 67%	
Test for overall effect:	Z = 3.56 (I	P = 0.00	004)			Er	Vours experimental Eavours control
Test for subgroup diffe	erences: C	hi² = 12	.81, df =	1 (P = 0	0.0003), I ²	= 92.2%	ivours experimental Favours control

Figure 3. Culprit PCI Versus MV-PCI Long-Term Mortality. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0092316.g003

	culprit	PCI	MV-P	CI		Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Fixed, 95% C	M-H, Fixed, 95% Cl
1.3.1 prospective							
Politi 2010	3	84	1	65	0.7%	2.37 [0.24, 23.33]	
Subtotal (95% CI)		84		65	0.7%	2.37 [0.24, 23.33]	
Total events	3		1				
Heterogeneity: Not app	olicable						
Test for overall effect:	Z = 0.74 (I	P = 0.46)				
1.3.2 retrospective							
Abe 2013	32	220	12	54	11.2%	0.60 [0.28, 1.25]	_ <u>_</u> _
Cavender 2009	467	25802	72	3134	85.9%	0.78 [0.61, 1.01]	
Qarawani 2008	1	25	8	95	2.2%	0.45 [0.05, 3.80]	
Subtotal (95% CI)		26047		3283	99.3%	0.76 [0.60, 0.96]	◆
Total events	500		92				
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = (0.70, df = 2	2 (P = 0	71); l² = (0%			
Test for overall effect:	Z = 2.34 (I	P = 0.02)				
Total (95% CI)		26131		3348	100.0%	0.77 [0.61, 0.97]	•
Total events	503		93				
Heterogeneity: Chi ² =	1.64, df =	3 (P = 0	65); l ² = (0%			
Test for overall effect:	Z = 2.22 (I	P = 0.03)			-	0.01 0.1 1 10 100
Test for subgroup diffe	rences: C	hi² = 0.9	5, df = 1	(P = 0.3	33), I² = 09	%	avours experimental Favours control

Figure 4. Culprit PCI Versus MV-PCI Renal Dysfunction.

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Figure 5. Culprit PCI Versus MV-PCI Long-Term Reinfarction.

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	culprit	PCI	MV-P	CI		Odds Ratio		Odds Ratio	
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Fixed, 95% C	:	M-H, Fixẹd, 95% Cl	
2.3.1 prospective									
Di Mario 2004	6	17	8	52	7.7%	3.00 [0.86, 10.45]			
Ochala 2004	11	44	11	48	23.7%	1.12 [0.43, 2.92]			
Politi 2010	28	84	6	65	13.5%	4.92 [1.89, 12.77]			
Wald 2013	46	231	16	234	38.2%	3.39 [1.86, 6.18]			
Subtotal (95% CI)		376		399	83.0%	2.96 [1.95, 4.47]		•	
Total events	91		41						
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = {	5.22, df = 3	3 (P = 0	.16); l² =	43%					
Test for overall effect:	Z = 5.13 (I	P < 0.00	0001)						
2.3.2 retrospective									
Khattab 2008	12	45	6	25	17.0%	1.15 [0.37, 3.57]			
Subtotal (95% CI)		45		25	17.0%	1.15 [0.37, 3.57]			
Total events	12		6						
Heterogeneity: Not app	olicable								
Test for overall effect:	Z = 0.24 (I	P = 0.8	1)						
Total (95% CI)		421		424	100.0%	2.65 [1.80, 3.90]		•	
Total events	103		47						
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = 3	7.47, df = 4	4 (P = 0	.11); l ² =	46%					
Test for overall effect:	Z = 4.93 (I	P < 0.00	0001)			-	0.01 (J.1 1 10 1	00
Test for subgroup diffe	rences: C	hi² = 2.3	35, df = 1	(P = 0.	13), l² = 5	7.5%	avours exp	enmental ravours control	

Figure 6. Culprit PCI Versus MV-PCI Long-Term Revascularization.

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Table 5. Subgroup Analysis of Randomized Trails Compared with Overall Analysis.

Endpoints	Preferred strategy	
	Randomized and nonrandomized trails	Randomized trails
Short-term mortality	Culprit PCI	Equal
Long-term mortality	Culprit PCI	Equal
Renal dysfunction	Culprit PCI	Equal
Reinfarction	Equal	MV-PCI
Revascularization	MV-PCI	MV-PCI

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or more stable coronary artery disease. There is the potential for ascertainment bias due to unequal follow-up.

Multiple combinations of angiographic and clinical findings, number of diseased vessels, location and type of occlusions, total chronic occlusions, Killip class, renal function, and other factors vary by individual. This introduces a level of complexity that is best addressed by individualized clinical decision-making.

Further, the operator's intent to perform culprit PCI or MV-PCI was not prospectively registered in a majority of the studies and may be influenced by important patient characteristics that we were unable to account for. Staged PCI was allowed for patients in culprit PCI group in some trials which may exaggerate the benefits of culprit PCI. As with many meta-analyses, we did not adjust our analyses for baseline confounders or unmeasured confounders, due to the lack of data in each trial.

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Conclusions

This meta-analysis was based primarily on data derived from nonrandomized studies. It is suggested that culprit PCI is better than MV-PCI procedure in patients with STEMI and MVD. Large-scale randomized trials are urgently needed to further evaluate different revascularization procedures for patients with STEMI and MVD.

Supporting Information

Checklist S1 PRISMA Checklist of items to include when reporting a systematic review or meta-analysis. (DOC)

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