

# APAF-CRT

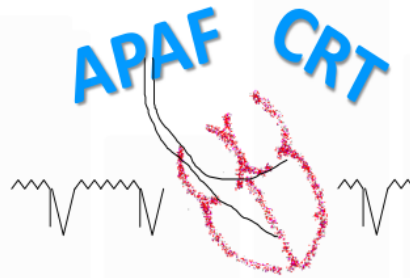
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## **A randomized controlled trial of AV junction ablation and cardiac resynchronization therapy in patients with permanent atrial fibrillation and narrow QRS (APAF - CRT)**

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# Cíle a hypotéza

- **Testována hypotéza, že ablace AV junkce se zavedením biventrikulární stimulace je superiorní oproti farmakologické kontrole komorové odpovědi v redukci srdečního selhání a hospitalizací u nemocných s permanentní fibrilací síní a úzkým QRS komplexem**



## Inclusion & exclusion criteria

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### Inclusion:

1. Severely symptomatic permanent AF (>6 months) unsuitable for AF ablation or in which AF ablation had failed;
2. Narrow QRS (i.e.,  $\leq 110$  ms); *and*,
3. At least one hospitalization for HF in the previous year

### Exclusion:

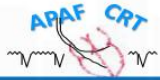
1. Hospital NYHA class IV and systolic blood pressure  $\leq 80$  mmHg
2. Severe concomitant non-cardiac disease;
3. Need for surgical intervention;
4. Myocardial infarction within the previous 3 months;
5. Previously implanted devices.

# Soubor a délka sledování

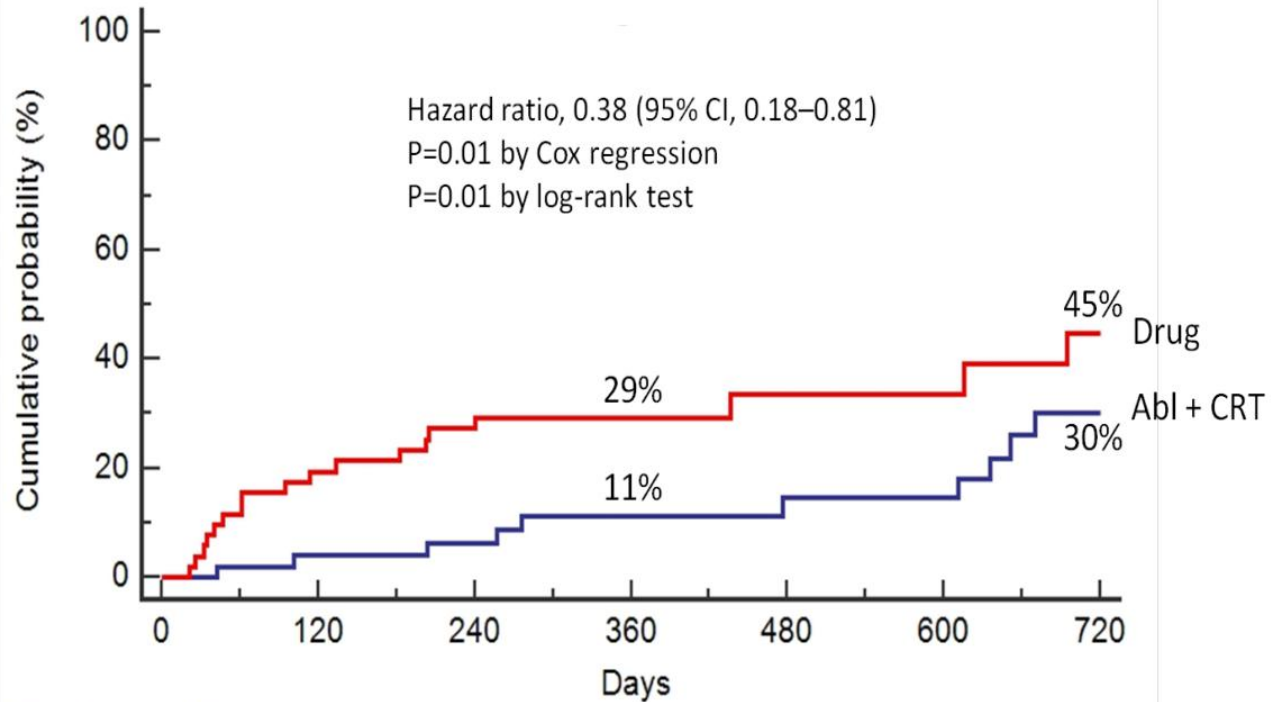
- randomizováno 102 pacientů
- průměrný věk  $72 \pm 10$  let
- F-U: medián 16 měsíců

**Table 1** Patient characteristics on enrolment

	Abl + CRT (n = 50)	Drug (n = 52)
Age (years)	71 ± 12	72 ± 9
Male sex	28 (56)	28 (54)
Body mass index	27.5 ± 4.2	29.7 ± 7.7
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	124 ± 17	120 ± 14
History of AF		
Duration of permanent AF (months)	13 (8–36)	18 (8–43)
Previous intermittent AF	23 (46)	23 (44)
Duration of intermittent AF (months)	24 (9–53)	18 (12–48)
Previous electrical cardioversion/s	18 (36)	21 (40)
Previous attempt/s at catheter ablation of AF	5 (10)	5 (10)
Number of hospitalizations for HF in the previous year	1.5 ± 0.7	1.7 ± 1.2
Symptoms and physical capacity		
New York Heart Association class ≥III	32 (64)	34 (65)
European Heart Rhythm Association class ≥III	38 (76)	31 (60)
Echocardiogram		
Left ventricular end-diastolic diameter (mm)	59 ± 12	56 ± 9
Left ventricular end-systolic diameter (mm)	44 ± 10	43 ± 11
Ejection fraction	41 ± 12	40 ± 12
Eiection fraction <35%	20 (40)	23 (44)



# Primary Outcome: Death for HF, or Hospitalization for HF, or Worsening HF



Number at risk

Group: Abl + CRT

50      46      39      31      25      24      14

Group: Drug

52      41      34      28      15      13      7

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# Symptoms & Physical Limitation at 1-year visit

## EHRA score

≥1 class decrease

p=0.001

76%

43%

## SSS questionnaire

p=0.001

16.3

10.5

p=0.006

3.3

1.0

p=0.03

4.3

3.2

p=0.07

1.9

1.2

p=0.04

4.3

3.2

NS

1.5

1.2

NS

1.1

0.8

Total SSS

Palp

Eff. dysp.

Rest dysp.

Eff. Int.

Fatigue

Chest dis.

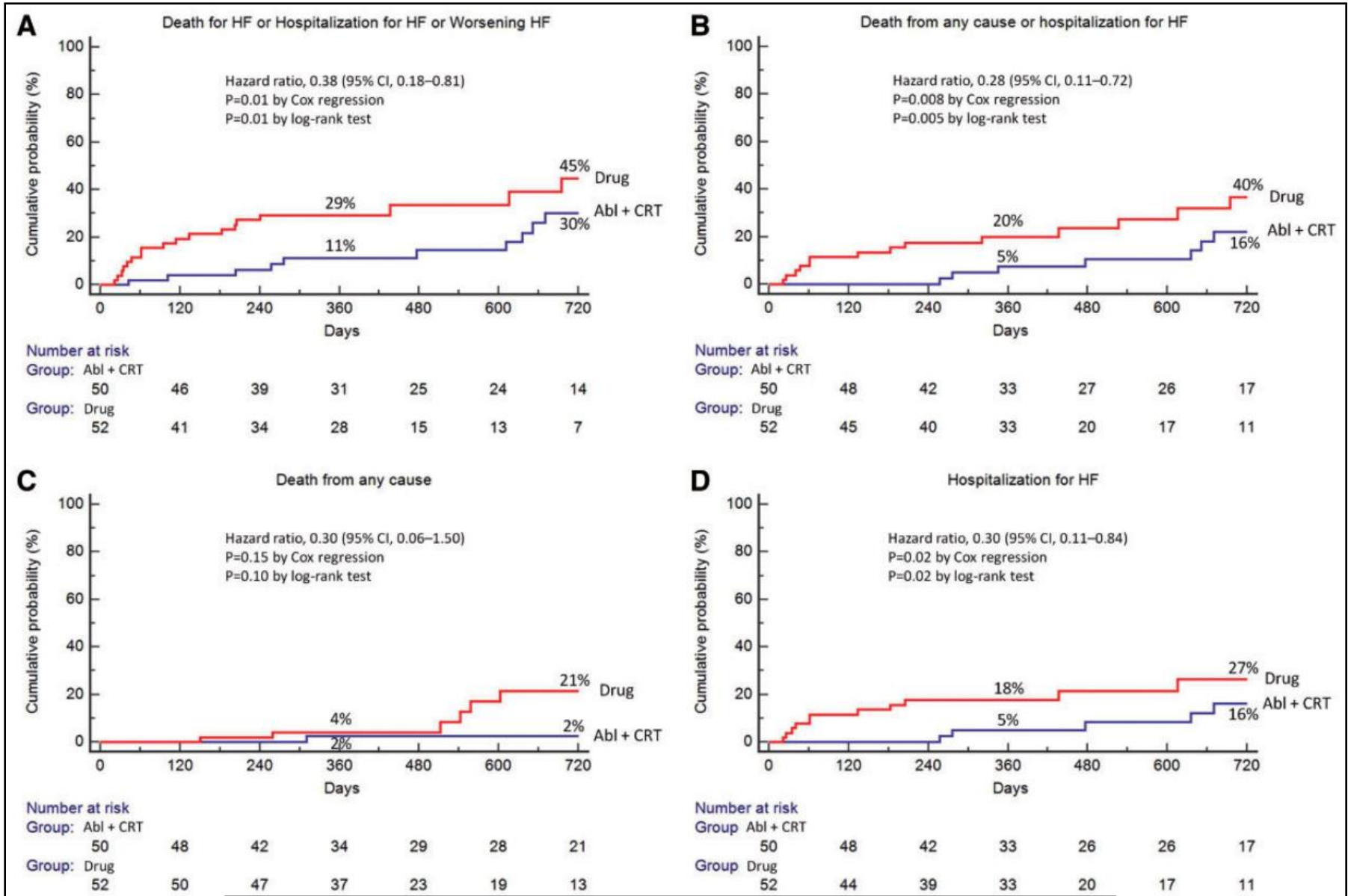
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Abl+CRT

Drug

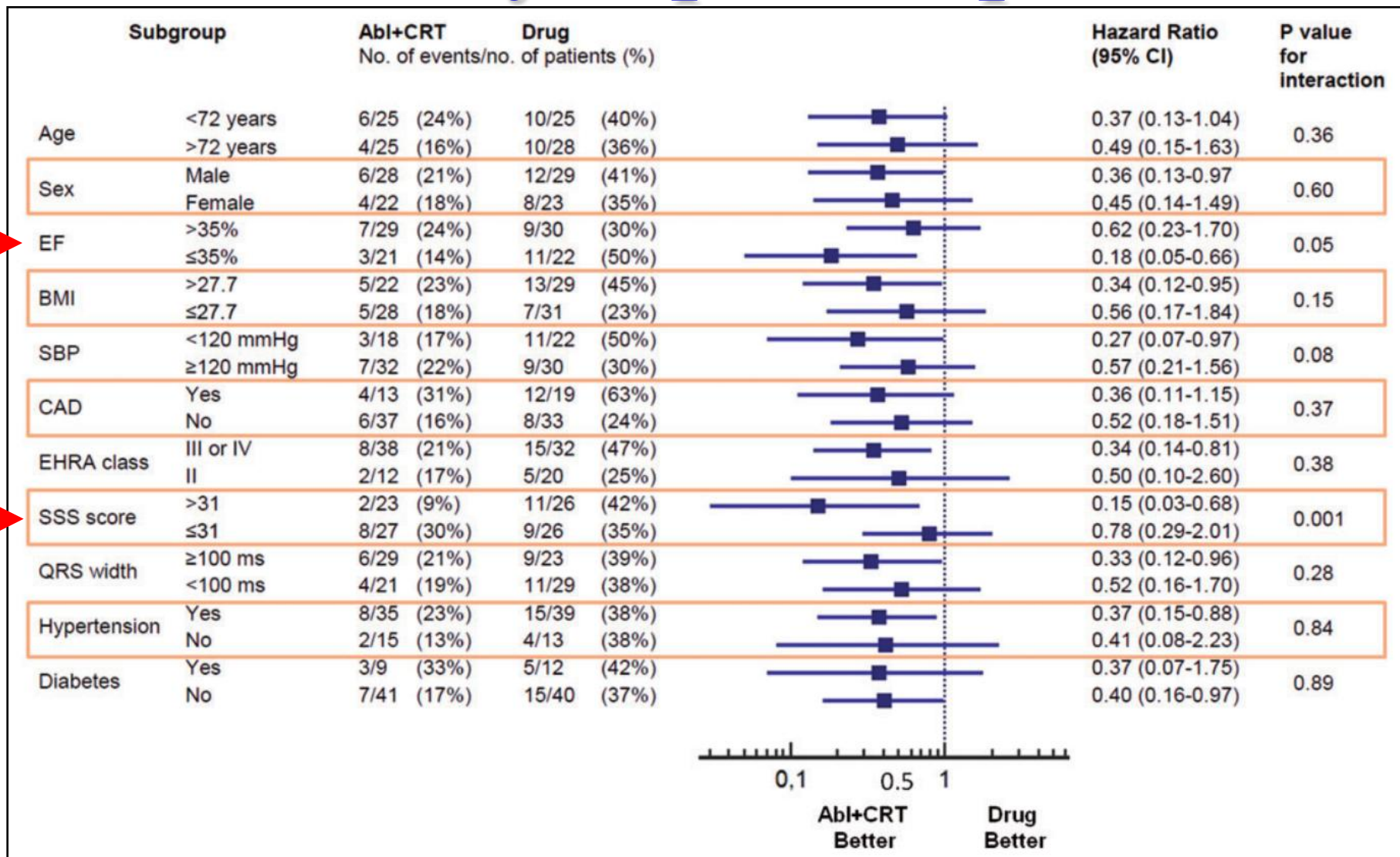
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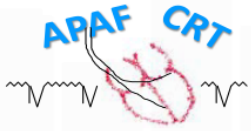
# Primární a sekundární cíle





# Analýza podskupin





## Conclusions

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**In elderly patients with permanent AF and narrow QRS, AV junction ablation and CRT:**

- **reduced the risks of death due to HF, or hospitalization due to HF, or worsening HF by 62%, *and***
- **improved specific symptoms of AF by 36%**

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