

# C'è qualcosa di nuovo per la dissezione aortica

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# Sindrome Aortica Acuta (SAA)

- **Dissezione aortica** 80-90%

Stanford A 60-70%

Stanford B 20-30%

- **Ematoma intramurale aortico** 5-

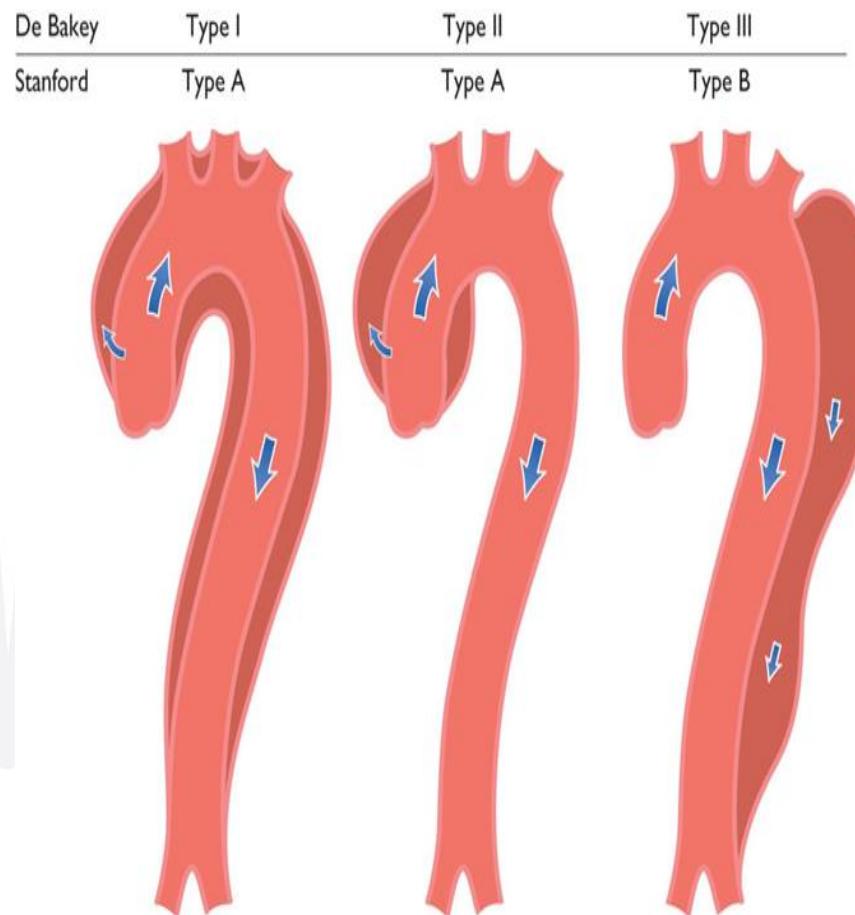
20%

Stanford A 20-30%

Stanford B 70-80%

- **Ulcera penetrante aortica** 2-7%

- **Rottura/fissurazione aortica**



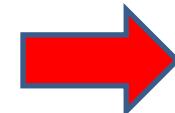
# SAA: Epidemiologia e Clinica

La mortalità aumenta del 1% per ogni ora trascorsa senza trattamento.

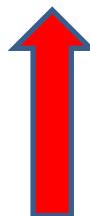
Mortalità a 1 mese 80%.

Il trattamento medico-chirurgico riduce la mortalità al 30%.

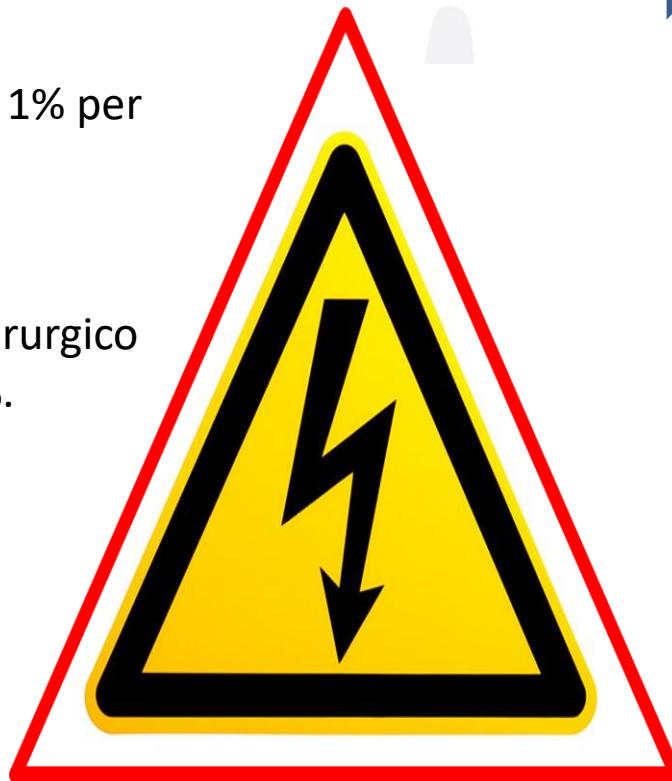
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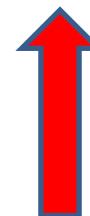
2,6-3,5 casi/100.000 persone/anno.  
0.2-2% dei dolori toracici in Dip Emergenza.



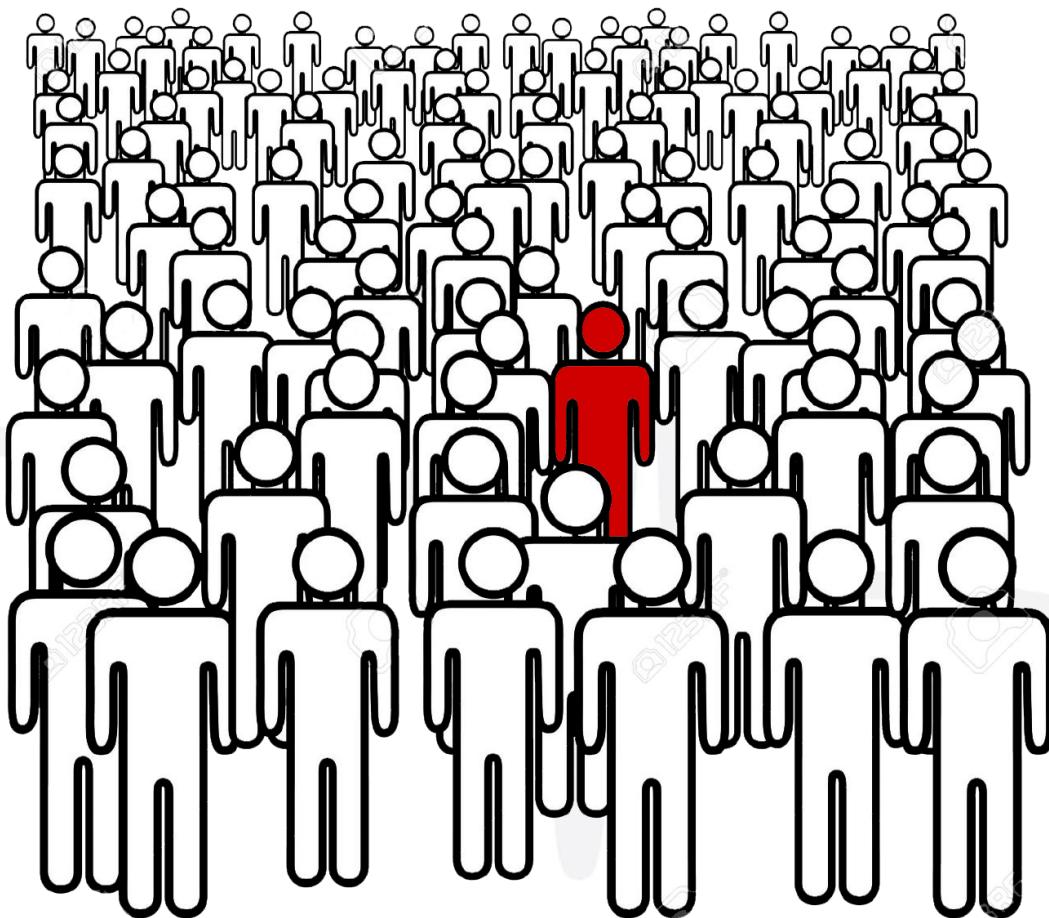
Conseguenze mortali



Numerose diagnosi differenziali.



Eterogeneità clinica



# Clinical Policy: Critical Issues in the Evaluation and Management of Adult Patients with Suspected Acute Nontraumatic Thoracic Aortic Dissection

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- 1) In adult patients with suspected acute nontraumatic thoracic aortic dissection, are there **clinical decision rules** that identify a group of patients at very low risk for the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?
- 2) Is a negative serum **dimer** sufficient to identify a group of patients at very low risk for the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?
- 3) Does a normal **chest X ray** rule out thoracic aortic dissection in patients at low risk?
- 4) Does an abnormal **bedside TTE** establish the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?

**Future Research - Large prospective studies** are needed to better assess historical information, physical examination findings, and diagnostic testing combinations for the diagnosis of acute nontraumatic aortic dissection.

Future Research - A prospective study evaluating D-dimer levels on undifferentiated ED patients who present with signs and symptoms concerning for thoracic aortic dissection is warranted. **Studies clarifying the best way to integrate D-dimer testing into clinical algorithms that include risk stratification are needed**

Future research should address the **diagnostic characteristics of CXR and of bedside TTE by emergency physicians in ED** patients with acute presentations concerning for thoracic aortic dissection.

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Performance of D-dimer testing for the diagnosis of aortic dissection in the Emergency Department

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Usefulness of D-dimer associated with a standardized clinical score to rule out aortic dissection

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# Diagnostic performance of the aortic dissection detection risk score in patients with suspected acute aortic dissection

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## Plasma Lactate Dehydrogenase Levels Predict Mortality in Acute Aortic Syndromes

A Diagnostic Accuracy and Observational Outcome Study

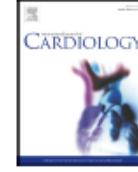
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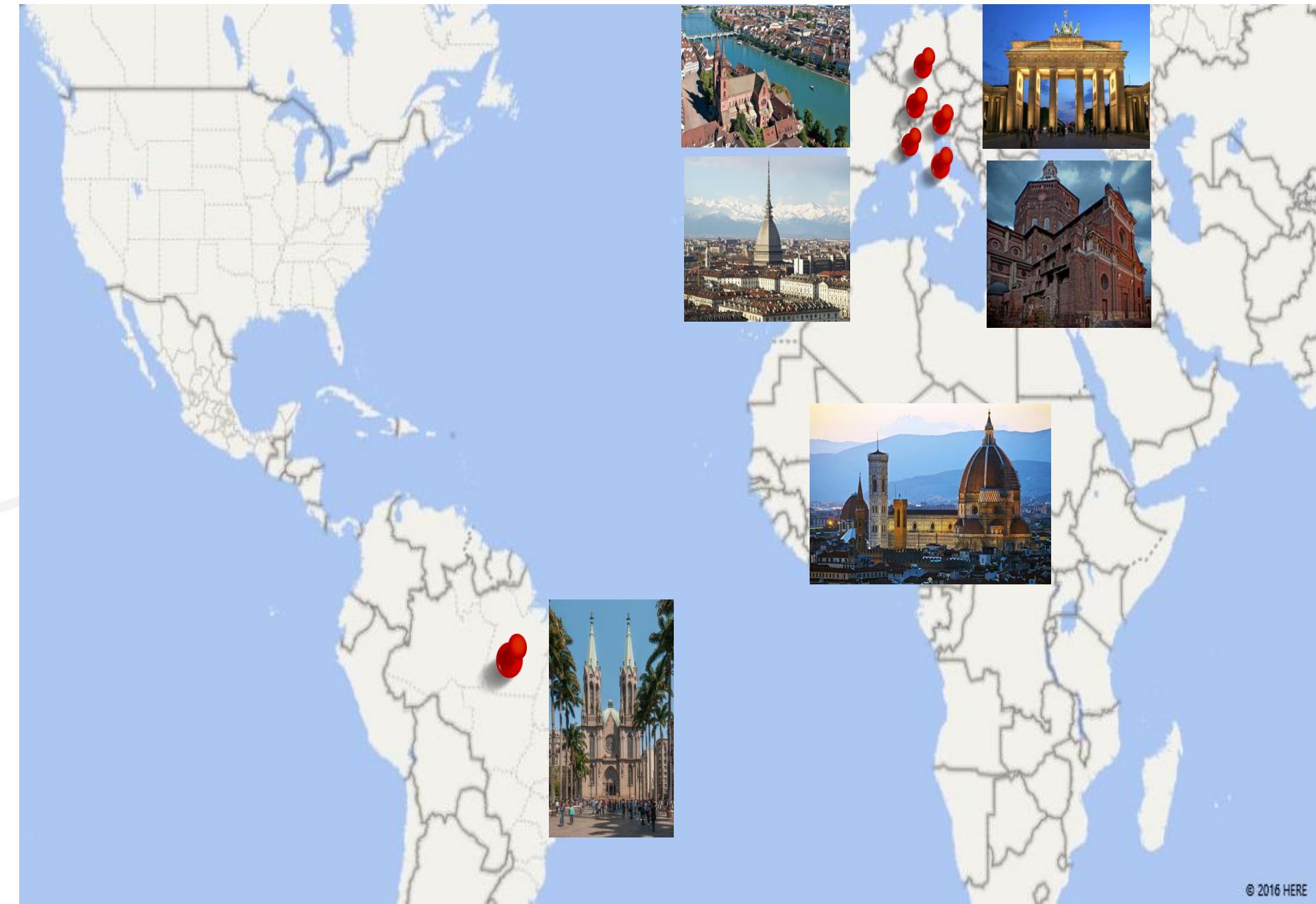
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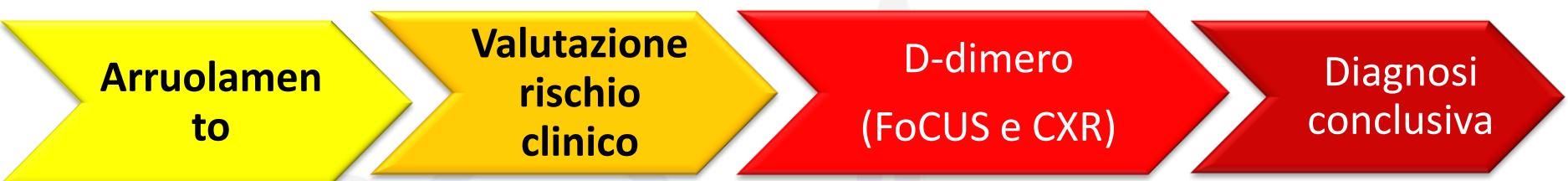
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# Studio ADvISED: Aortic Dissection ScorE plus D-dimer



# Metodi dello studio



## Criteri d'arruolamento:

1. Sospetta SAA

Valutazione clinica e calcolo ADD risk score

D-dimero  
(FoCUS e CXR)

Angio TC  
ETE  
RM  
Report operatorio  
Autopsia  
Follow up a 14 gg

## Criteri d'esclusione:

1. Pazienti con trauma primario
2. Diagnosi alternativa ovvia
3. Non consenso

24h/24 h, 7/7gg  
1/06/2014 - 31/08/2016

# Aortic Dissection Detection risk score

## Condizioni predisponenti

- s. Marfan/patologia connettivo
- familiarità per s. aortica
- nota valvulopatia aortica
- noto aneurisma aorta toracica
- recente manipolazione aortica

## Caratteristiche del dolore

- Improvviso
- Severo
- Lacerante

## Reperti obiettivi

- Deficit di polso/anisosfigmia
- Deficit neurologico
- Nuovo soffio diastolico aortico
- Shock/ipotensione

0 fatt. rischio

$\geq 1$  fatt. rischio in 1 categoria

$\geq 1$  fatt. rischio in 2-3 categorie

ADD risk score=0  
(basso rischio)

ADD risk score=1  
(rischio intermedio)

ADD risk score=2-3  
(alto rischio)

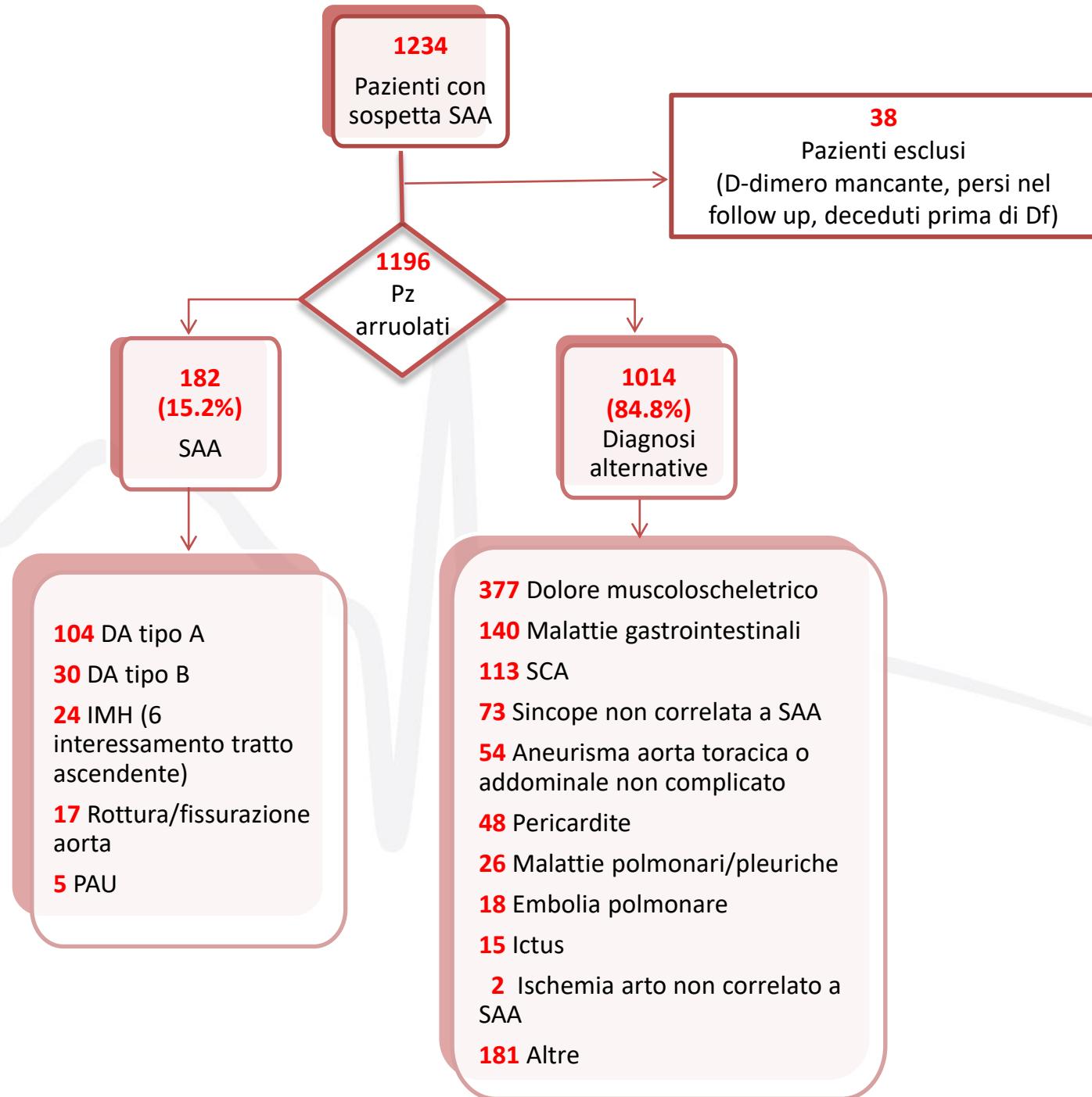
2010 AHA guidelines

ADD risk score  $\leq 1$   
Non ad alto rischio

ADD risk score  $> 1$   
Alto rischio

2014 ESC guidelines

# RISULTATI DEI CENTRI ITALIANI



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Pz con SAA  
N=182

Pz con Alt D  
N= 1014

P-value

**Sesso femminile**

51 (28%)

382 (37.7%)

**0.015**

**Età (anni)**

67.5 ±14.7

61.5 ± 16.7

0.05

## CONDIZIONI ANAMNESTICHE A RISCHIO

**Sindrome di Marfan**

1 (0.6%)

3 (0.3%)

0.479

**Storia familiare di aortopatia**

17 (9.5%)

38 (3.7%)

**0.003**

**Nota valvulopatia aortica**

14 (7.8%)

63 (6.2%)

0.41

**Recente manipolazione aortica**

3 (1.7%)

16 (1.6%)

1.000

**Noto aneurisma aorta toracica**

35 (21.8%)

95 (9.4%)

**<0.001**

## CARATTERISTICHE DEL DOLORE

**Severo (VAS ≥7)**

122 (67%)

393 (38.8%)

**<0.001**

**Improvviso**

112 (61.5%)

310 (30.6%)

**<0.001**

**Lacerante/ pugnalante**

25 (13.7%)

61 (6.0%)

**0.001**

## REPRTI OBIETTIVI

**Asimmetria di polsi/differenza pressoria >20mmHg**

34(18.7%)

52(5.1%)

**<0.001**

**Nuovo soffio da insufficienza aortica**

8 (4.4%)

11 (1.1%)

**0.004**

**Deficit neurologico focale**

21 (11.5%)

57 (5.6%)

**0.005**

**Ipotensione-shock**

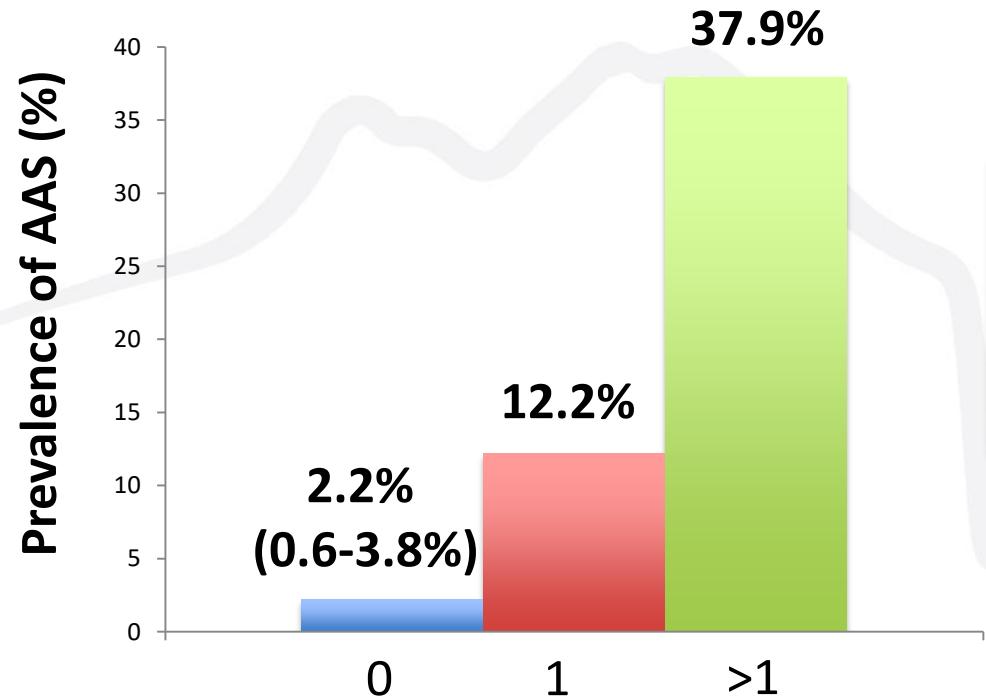
48 (26.4%)

38 (3.8%)

**<0.001**

1) Are there clinical decision rules that identify a group of patients at very low risk for the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?

## ADD risk group

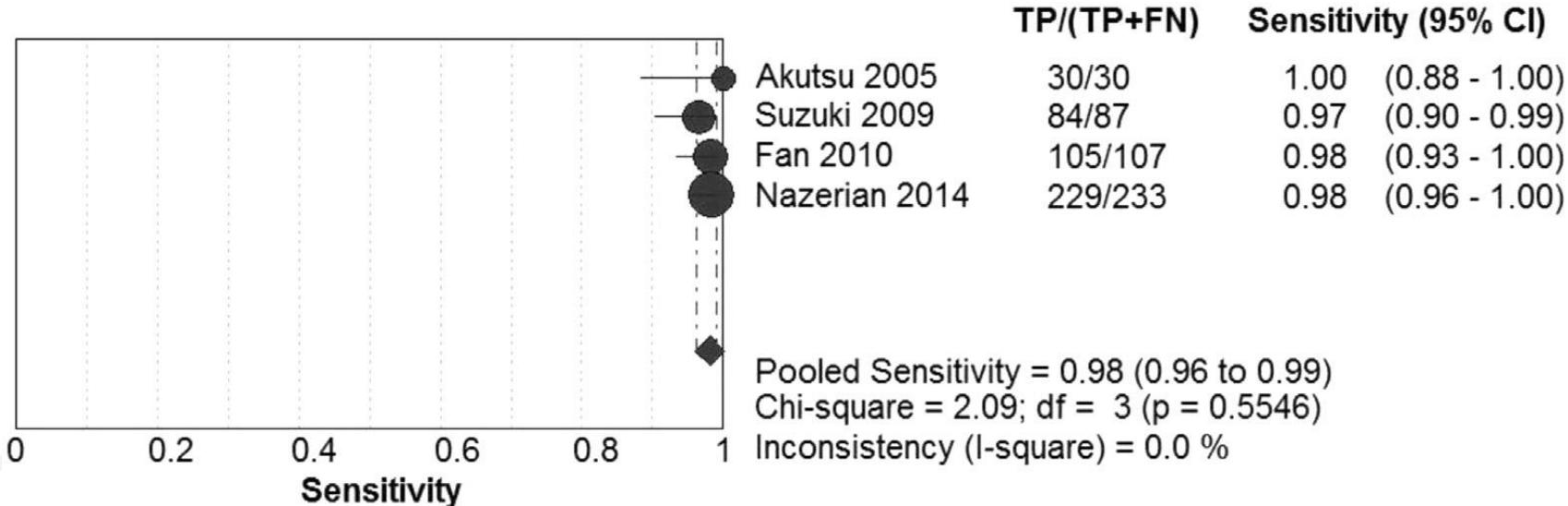


| ADD risk score > 0 |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sensibilità        | 95.1% (90.1-97.7%) |
| Specificità        | 30.5 (27.6-33.4)   |
| Neg likely ratio   | 0.16 (0.08-0.31)   |

| N   | 316 | 616 | 264 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SAA | 7   | 75  | 100 |

2) Is a negative serum dimer sufficient to identify a group of patients at very low risk for the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?

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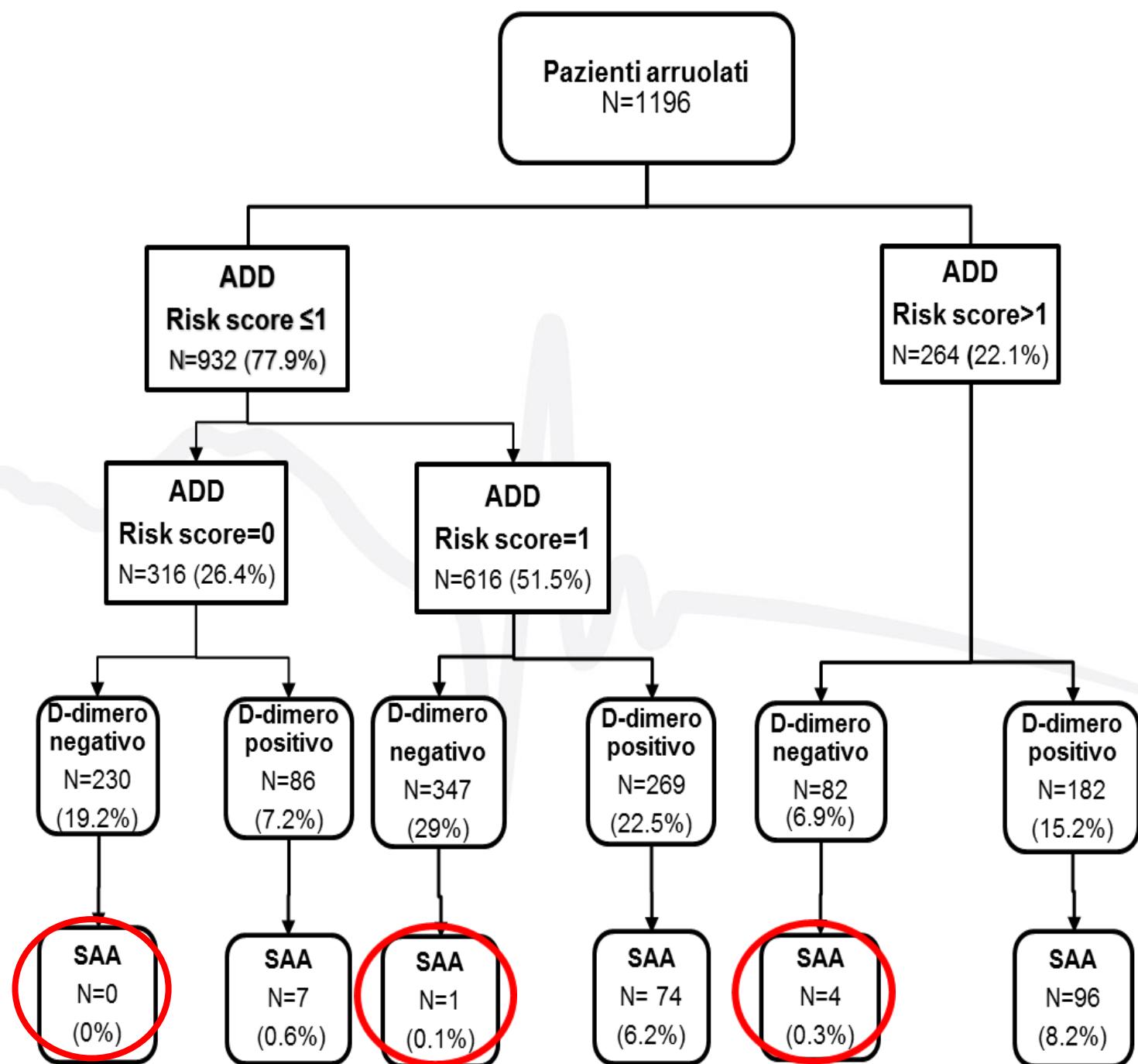
### Risultati ADvISED

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| D-dimer <500 | 659 (55.1%) |
| SAA          | 5           |

### D-dimer $\geq 500$ ng/ml

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Sensibilità      | 97.2% (93.7-99.1%) |
| Specificità      | 64.5% (61.5-67.4%) |
| Neg likely ratio | 0.04 (0.02-0.1)    |

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| D-dimero inferiore al valore minimo fissato dal laboratorio | 164 (13.7%) |
| SAA   | 0           |



# ADD score + D-dimero

| ADD<br>RISK SCORE:        | 0, basso rischio<br>(N=316) | $\leq 1$ , non ad alto rischio<br>(N=932) | >1, alto rischio<br>(N=234) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Sensibilità               | 100% (64.6-100)             | 98.8% (93.4-99.9)                         | 96% (90.1-98.9)             |
| Specificità:              | 74.4%(69.2-79.2)            | 67.8% (64.5-71)                           | 47.6%(39.7-55.5)            |
| Neg likely ratio          | 0                           | 0.02 (0-0.13)                             | 0.08 (0.03-0.22)            |
| Failure rate <sup>a</sup> | 0%                          | 0.2% (0-1)                                | 4.9% (1.9-11.9)             |
| Efficienza <sup>b</sup>   | 19.2% (17-21.4)             | 48.2% (45.4-51)                           | 6.9% (5.5-8.3)              |

<sup>a</sup> Numero dei pz con diagnosi finale di SAA e D-dimero negativo diviso tutti i pazienti con D-dimero negativo della stessa categoria di rischio.

<sup>b</sup> Numero totale dei pz con D-dimero negativo dentro una categoria di rischio diviso tutti i pazienti arruolati nello studio.

- L'associazione di ADD=0 (basso rischio) e D-dimero negativo permette di escludere la diagnosi di SAA in circa 20% del totale dei sospetti.
- L'associazione di ADD $\leq$ 1 (non alto rischio) e D-dimero negativo esclude con elevata sicurezza la diagnosi di SAA in circa il 50% del totale dei sospetti.
- I pazienti ad alto rischio clinico (ADD>1) devono essere sottoposti immediatamente ad *imaging* di secondo livello, indipendentemente dai valori del D-dimero.

# Descrizione clinica dei pazienti affetti da SAA (N=5) e D-dimero neg

| Pz | Descrizione clinica  | ADD risk | D-dimero cut-off            | Diagnosi Finale  |
|----|--|----------|-----------------------------|--|
|    |  | score    | 500ng/ml                    |  |
| 1  | Uomo di 54 aa con storia di pregressa SAA, presenta dolore toracico anteriore iniziato improvvisamente da 23h  | 3        | 290 ng/ml Hemosil D-dimerHS | Rottura dell'aorta con interessamento del tratto ascendente  |
| 2  | Uomo di 35 aa si presenta per episodio sincopale preceduto da dolore intenso e improvviso a livello del torace anteriore e posteriore da 2 h                       | 1        | 258 ng/ml Innovance D-dimer | DA Stanford di tipo A  |
| 3  | Uomo di 41 aa con storia familiare di SAA si presenta per dolore toracico anteriore improvviso iniziato da 1 h   | 2        | 270 ng/ml STA LIATEST D-DI  | DA Stanford di tipo A  |
| 4  | Uomo di 75 aa si presenta con dolore improvviso, severo e strappante a livello del torace anteriore e posteriore iniziato da 24h associato ad asimmetria dei polsi | 2        | 470 ng/ml STA LIATEST D-DI  | Ematoma intramurale con interessamento del tratto ascendente |
| 5  | Uomo 59 aa con storia di AAT si presenta per dolore severo, localizzato al torace posteriore e all'addome, iniziato improvvisamente da 2 h                         | 2        | 270 ng/ml STA LIATEST D-DI  | Ematoma intramurale con interessamento del tratto ascendente |

3) Does a normal chest X ray rule out thoracic aortic dissection in patients at low risk?

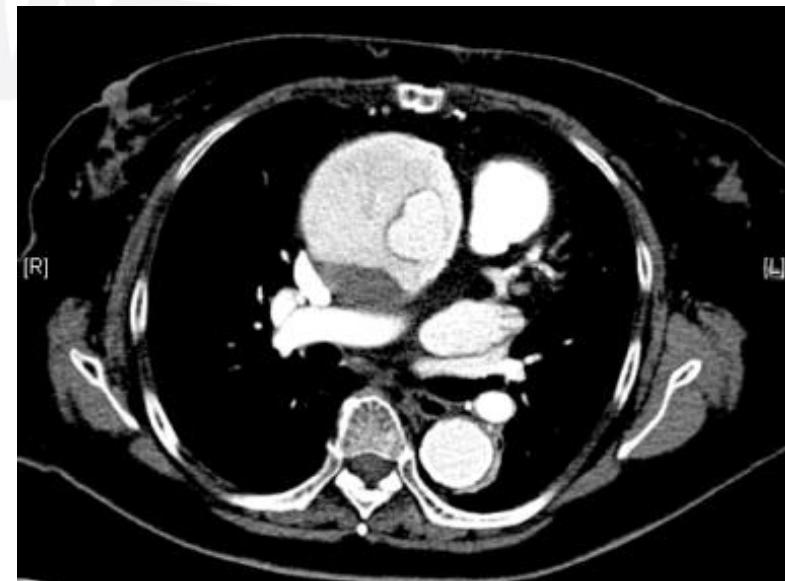
## Widened mediastinum

Maximum width >80 mm at the level of the aortic knob, a ratio of mediastinum to chest width >0.25

von Kodolitsch Y, et al. *Am J Med* 2004

Pooled data from 10 studies: Sens of a widened mediastinum 64%

Klompas M. *JAMA* 2002

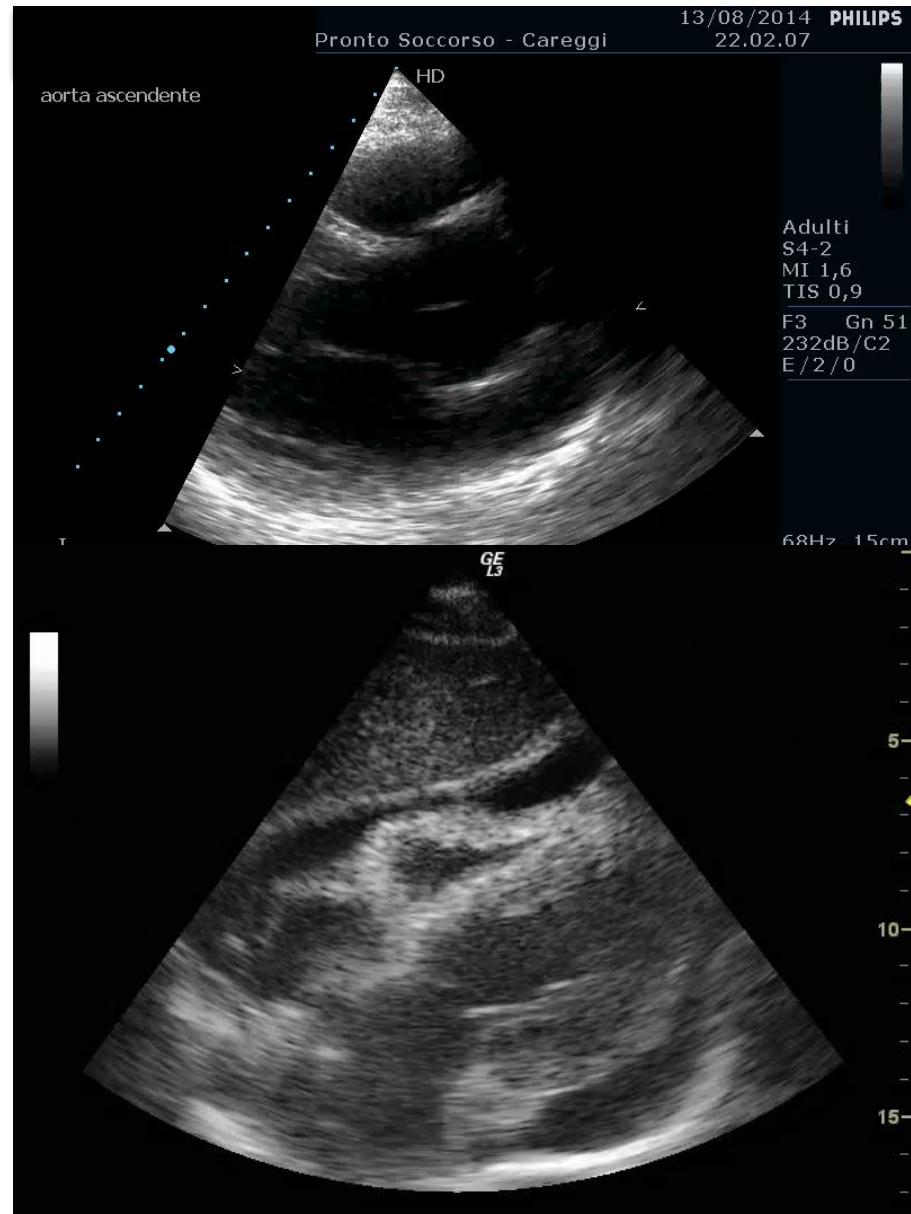
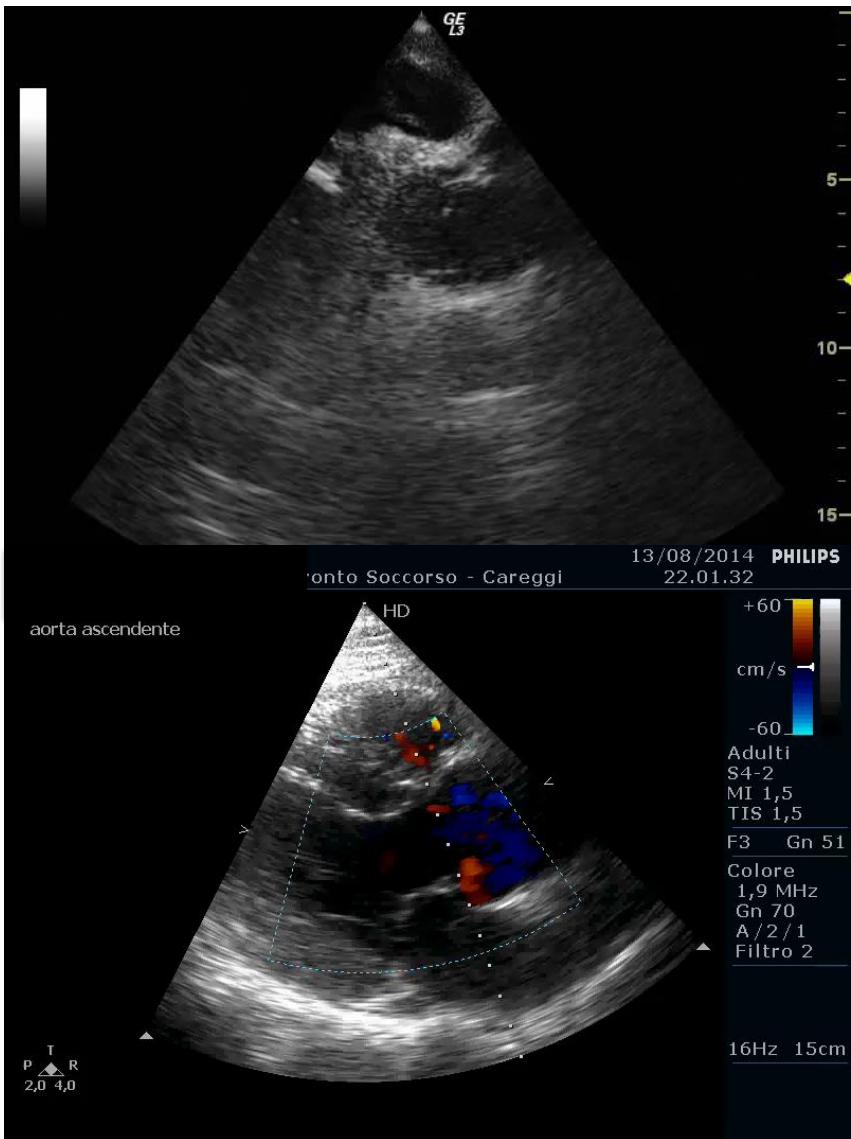


# ADD score + Rx torace (slargamento del mediastino)

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| CXR normale nel gruppo ADD≤1 | 575 |
| SAA                          | 19  |

| ADD RISK SCORE   | ≤1, non ad alto rischio<br>(N=633 con cxr) |
|------------------|--|
| Sensibilità      | 32.1 % (15.9-52.3)                         |
| Specificità      | 91.9 % (89.4-93.9)                         |
| Neg likely ratio | 0.74 (0.57-0.95)                           |
| Failure rate     | 3.4 % (2-5)                                |

#### 4) Does an abnormal bedside TTE establish the diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection?



# ADD score + FoCUS (any sonographic sign)

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| FoCUS normale nel gruppo ADD≤1 | 357 |
| SAA                            | 9   |

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>ADD RISK SCORE:</b>  | <b>≤1, non ad alto rischio<br/>(N=452 con FoCUS)</b> |
| <b>Sensibilità</b>      | 60.9 % (38.5-80.3)                                   |
| <b>Specificità</b>      | 81.1 % (77.1-84.7)                                   |
| <b>Neg likely ratio</b> | 0.48 (0.29-0.8)                                      |
| <b>Failure rate</b>     | 2.5 % (0.8-4.1)                                      |

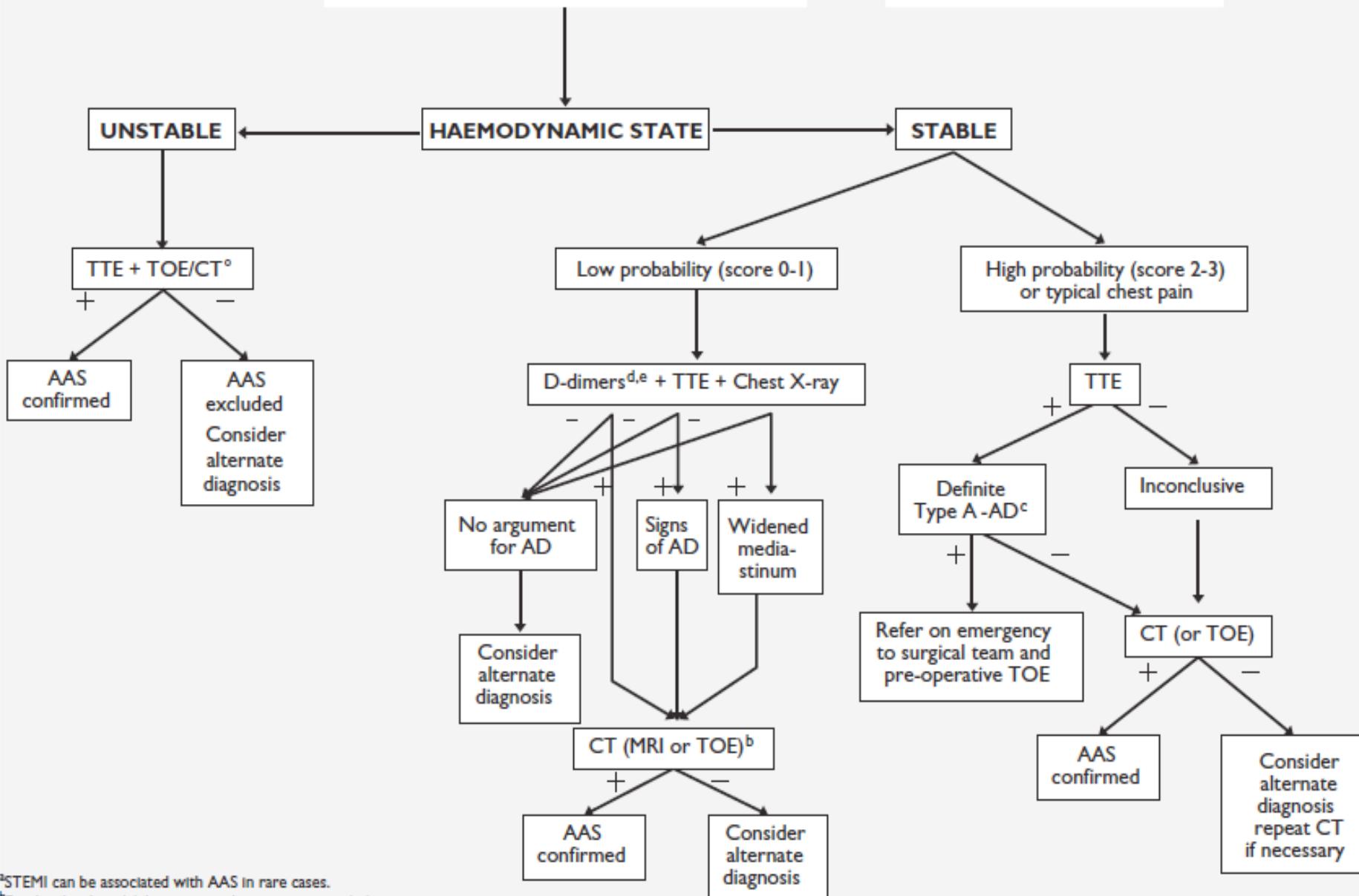
# FoCUS nei pazienti in shock o arresto cardiaco sospetti di SAA (N=54)

|                  | Rilievo di flap intimale<br>to rule in AAS |
|------------------|--|
| Sensibilità      | 27.8% (9.7-53.5)                           |
| Specificità      | 100 % (90.3-100)                           |
| Pos likely ratio | Inf.                                       |

# La FoCUS

- da sola e in associazione con l'ADD score non può essere usata per il rule in e out della dissezione aortica
- può però dare informazioni rapide e cruciali nei pz sospetta dissezione aortica in shock/ipotensione o arresto cardiaco
- può essere utilizzata come strumento rapido bedside nei pz con sospetta dissezione aortica per procedere rapidamente a test di imaging di secondo livello o al trasferimento del paziente verso centri hub

Medical history + clinical examination + ECG → STEMI<sup>a</sup> : see ESC guidelines<sup>i,j,9</sup>



<sup>a</sup>STEMI can be associated with AAS in rare cases.

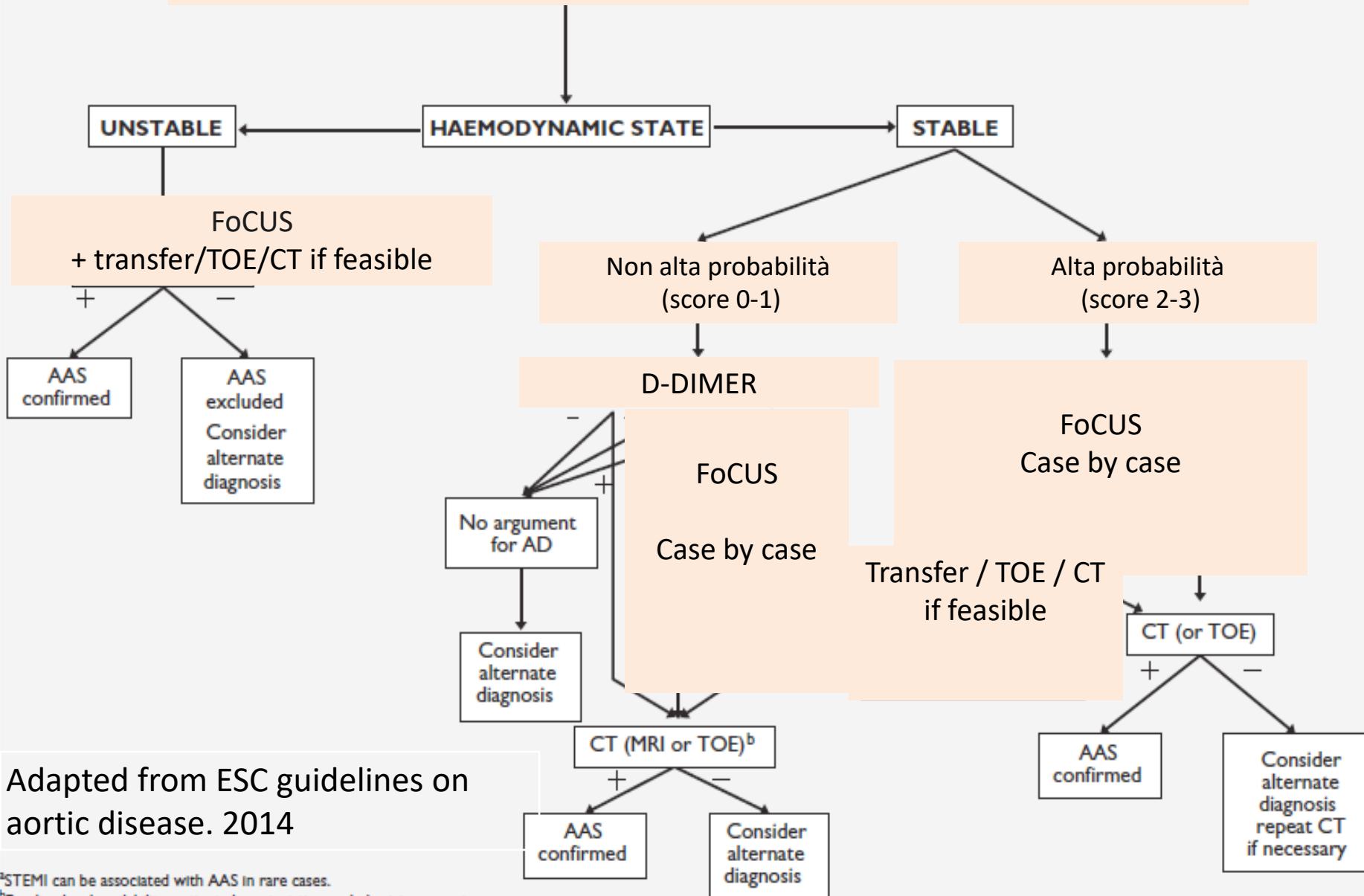
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<sup>d</sup>Preferably point-of-care, otherwise classical.

<sup>e</sup>Also troponin to detect non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction.

## Suspected acute aortic syndrome



Adapted from ESC guidelines on aortic disease. 2014

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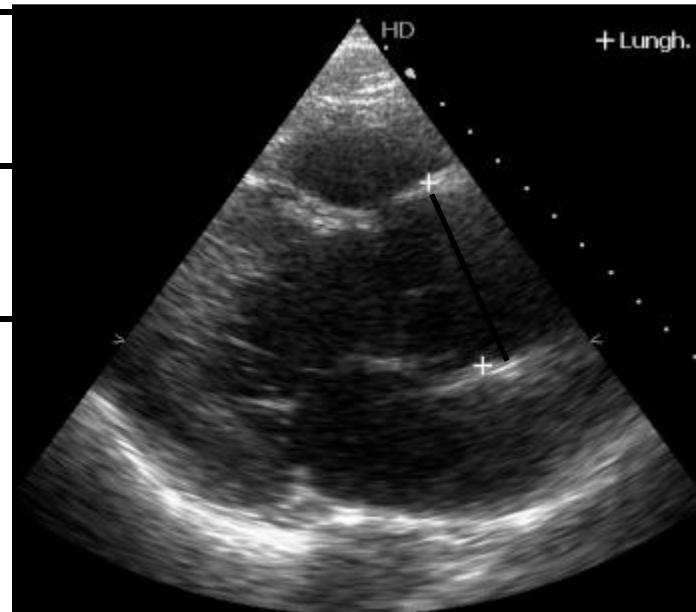
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# Does an abnormal TTE establish the diagnosis of aortic dissection?

Diagnostic Performance of Focused Cardiac Ultrasound performed by Emergency Physicians for the Assessment of Ascending Aorta Dilation and Aneurysm (140 pts)

| Aortic dilation at FoCUS (diameter $\geq 4$ cm) |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Sens, % (95% CI)                                | 78.6 (65.6-88.4) |
| Spec, % (95% CI)                                | 93.9 (85.1-97.3) |
| PPV, % (95% CI)                                 | 88 (75.7-95.4)   |
| NPV, % (95% CI)                                 | 86.7 (77.9-92.9) |



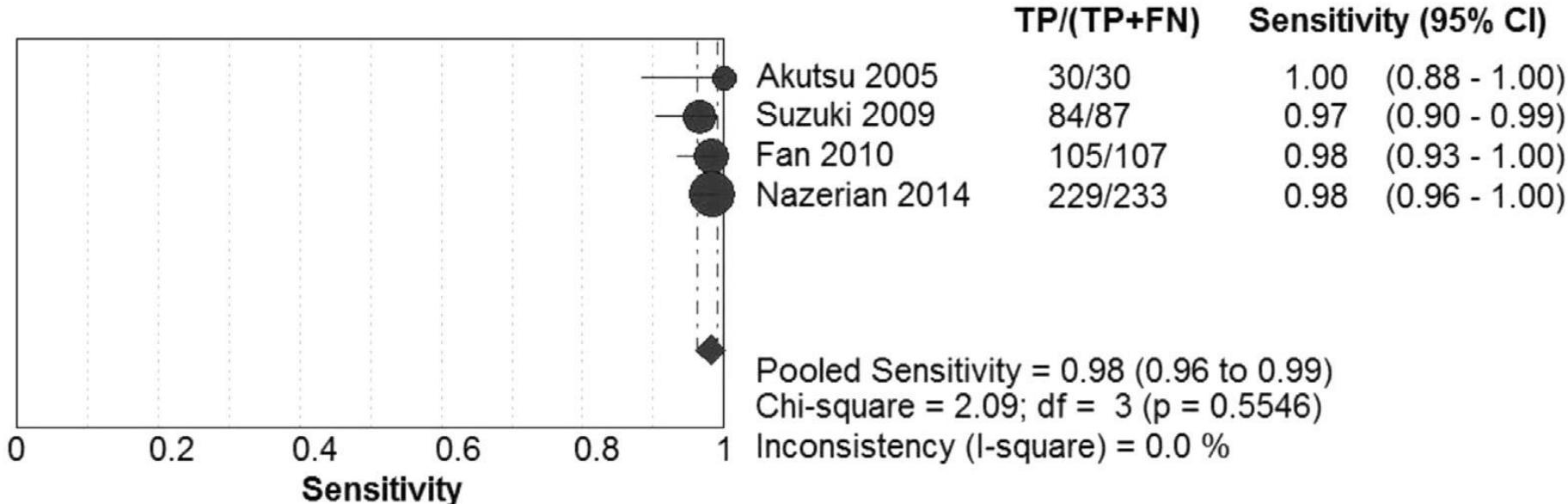
# BACKGROUND - D-DIMER

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# **STUDY AIMS**

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## **PRIMARY AIMS**

- ✓ To prospectively evaluate the diagnostic accuracy of the ADD risk score
- ✓ To prospectively evaluate the sensitivity and negative predictive value of a diagnostic strategy combining ADD risk score stratification plus D-dimer for AAS rule-out.

## **SECONDARY AIMS**

- ✓ To develop a simplified tool for patient risk stratification
- ✓ To prospectively evaluate US assessment
- ✓ To prospectively evaluate alternative biomarkers in addition to D-dimer

# **METHODS - STUDY SETTING AND DESIGN**

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**Study type:** observational diagnostic accuracy study

**Design:** prospective

**Centers:** international multicenter

**Setting:** Emergency Department of tertiary hospital

**Period:** recruitment started in Jun 2014

**Population:** consecutive outpatients

# METHODS - ENROLMENT CRITERIA

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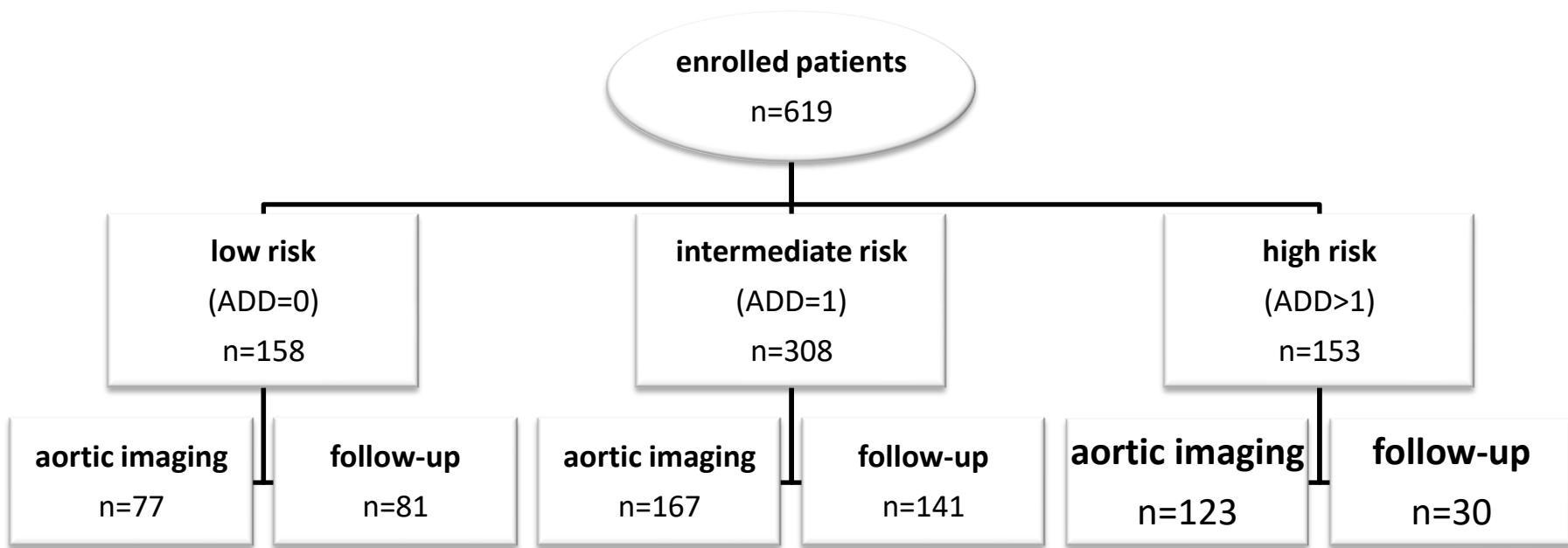
## **Inclusion criteria:**

- acute onset (<14 days) of ≥1 signs/symptoms:
  - chest pain
  - back pain
  - abdominal pain
  - syncope
  - malperfusion signs/symptoms (limb, CNS etc.)
- acute aortic syndrome considered as a differential diagnosis

## **Exclusion criteria:**

- trauma
- obvious alternative diagnoses to AAS
- patient's denial to participate

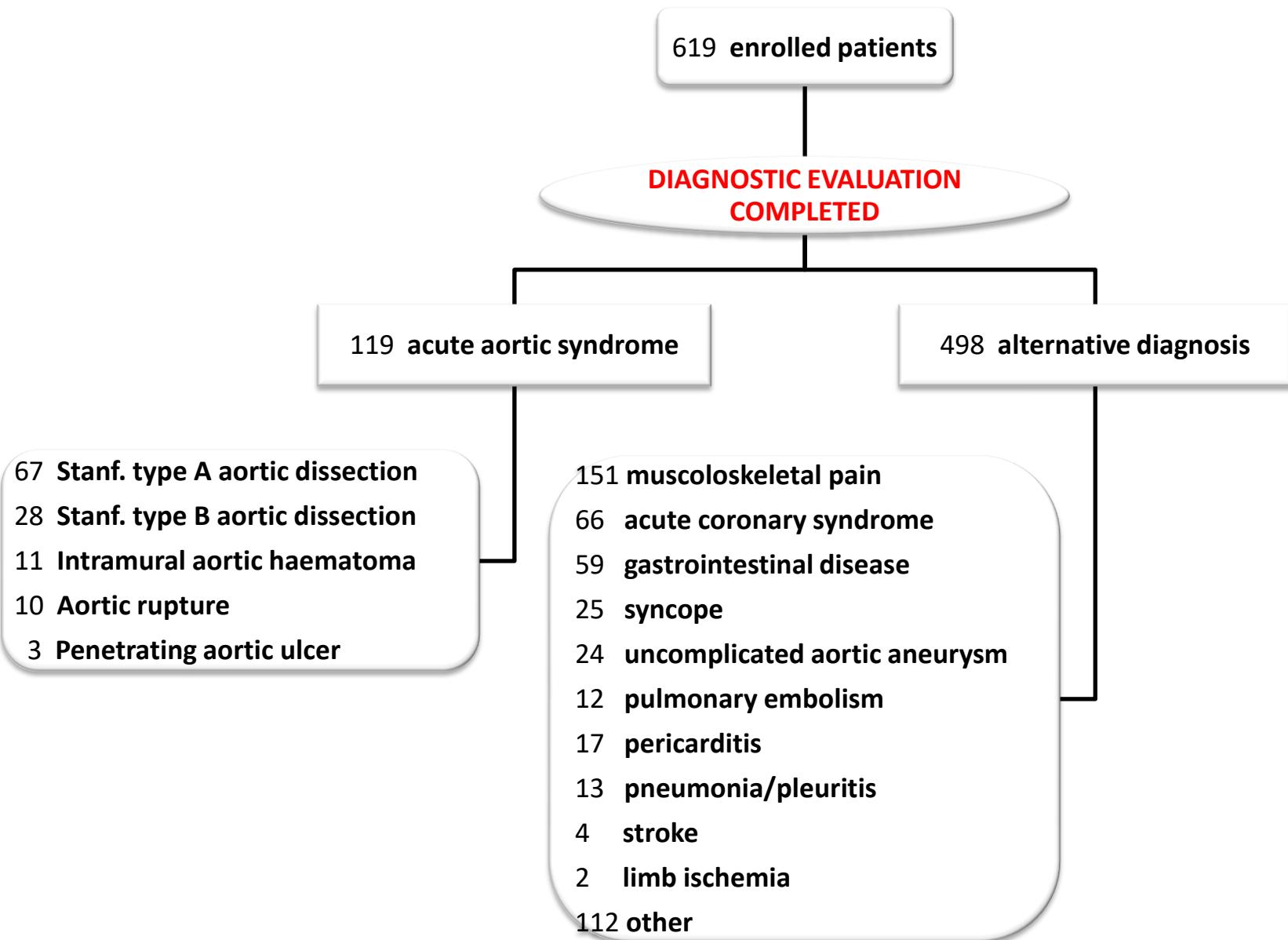
# PRELIMINARY DATA – PATIENT CLASSIFICATION



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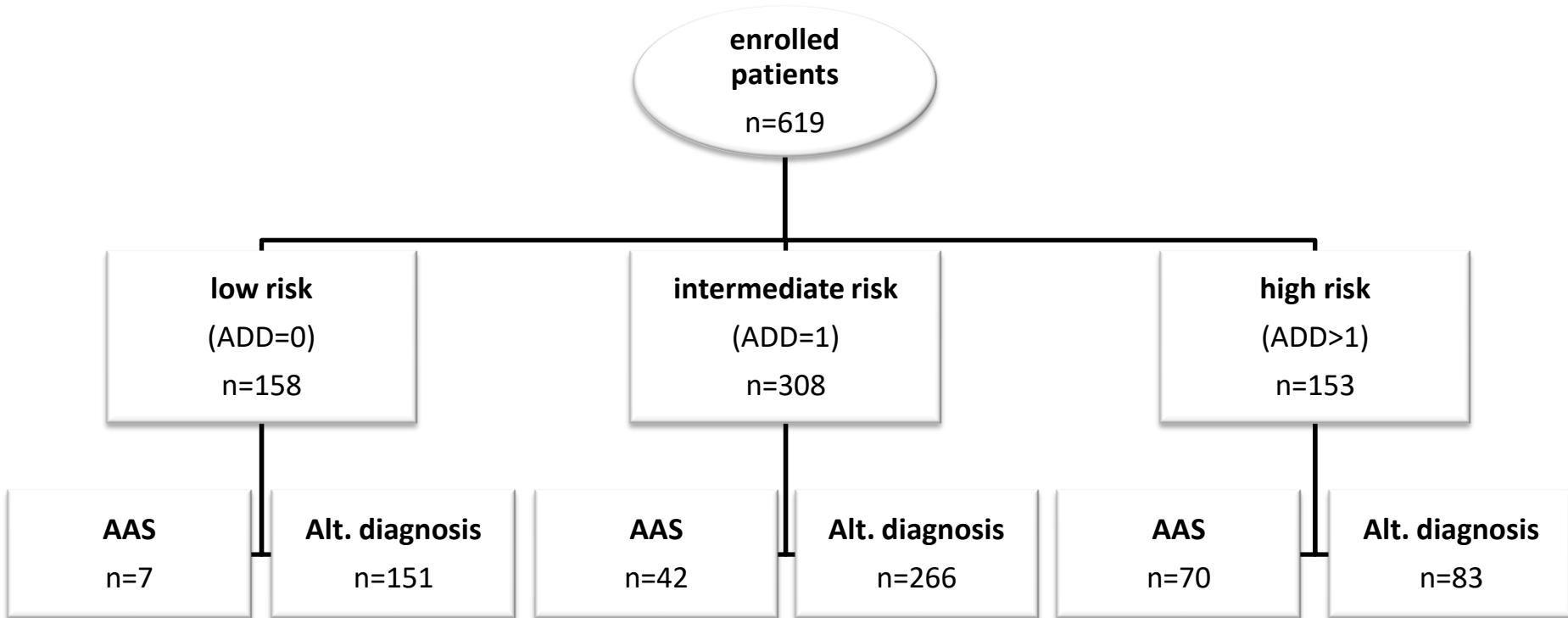
# PRELIMINARY DATA – FINAL DIAGNOSIS



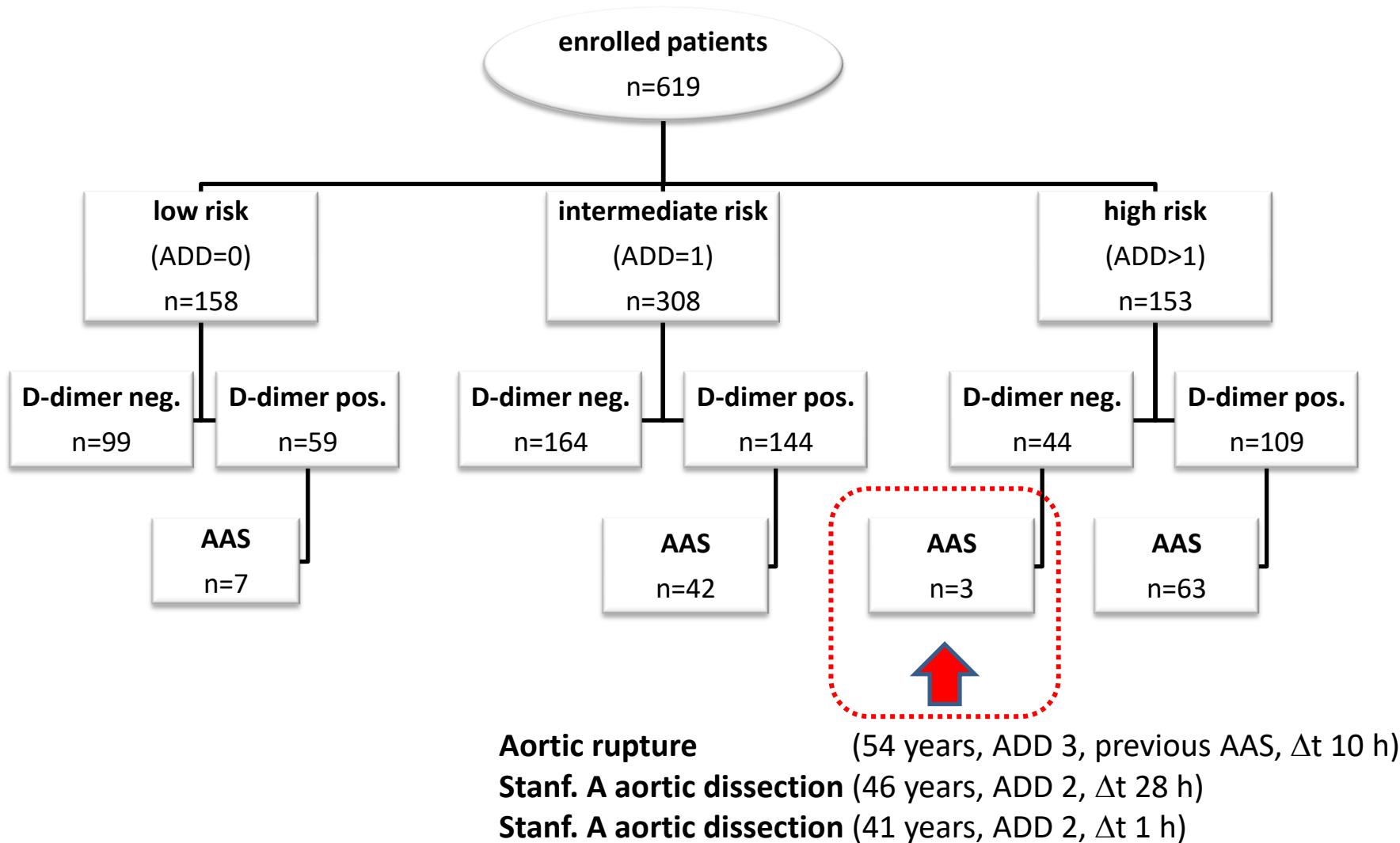
# PRELIMINARY DATA – STUDY POPULATION

|                                       | AAS (119)          | AltD (498)         | P-value          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Female gender                         | 27.7%              | 38.2%              | 0.03             |
| <b>Age (years)</b>                    | <b>65.5 ± 15.8</b> | <b>61.3 ± 16.3</b> | <b>0.013</b>     |
| Hypertension                          | 64.6%              | 56.7%              | 0.126            |
| Smoke                                 | 27.4%              | 29.6%              | 0.642            |
| Diabetes                              | 8.0%               | 14.3%              | 0.072            |
| <b>CLINICAL PRESENTATION</b>          |                    |                    |                  |
| Ant. chest pain                       | 68.3%              | 67.2%              | 0.826            |
| Post. chest pain                      | 34.5%              | 30.5%              | 0.406            |
| Back pain                             | 13.4%              | 10.4%              | 0.347            |
| <b>Abdominal pain</b>                 | <b>22.7%</b>       | <b>15.1%</b>       | <b>0.044</b>     |
| <b>Syncope</b>                        | <b>19.3%</b>       | <b>11.0%</b>       | <b>0.015</b>     |
| <b>Perfusion deficit</b>              | <b>21.8%</b>       | <b>9.4%</b>        | <b>&lt;0.001</b> |
| <b>Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)</b> | <b>130 ± 40</b>    | <b>142 ± 27</b>    | <b>&lt;0.001</b> |

# PRELIMINARY DATA – AORTIC IMAGING



# PRELIMINARY DATA – ADD risk score + D-dimer



# ADD risk score + D-dimer

| D-dimer<br>(cutoff 500 ng/ml) | low prob.<br>(n=466) | high prob.<br>(n=153) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Sensitivity % (95% CI)        | 100% (90.9-100%)     | 95.7% (87.9-99.1%)    |
| Specificity % (95% CI)        | 63.1% (58.2-67.7%)   | 45.6% (35.1-56.4%)    |
| Failure rate % (95% CI)       | 0% (0-1.8%)          | 6.8% (1.8-19.7%)      |
| Rule-out rate % (95% CI)      | 42.5% (38.6-46.5%)   | 7.1% (5.3-9.5%)       |

# conclusions

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## Preliminary multicenter prospective data indicate that:

- ✓ D-dimer is highly sensitive for the diagnosis of acute aortic syndrome in patients at low probability
- ✓ Combination of low probability + D-dimer <500 ng/ml is associated with very high negative predictive value
- ✓ Combination of low probability + D-dimer <500 ng/ml is highly efficient for the rule-out of acute aortic syndromes, with potentially a major impact on the number of requested aortic imaging exams

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