

# Long QT syndrome

Should we treat all  
asymptomatic patients?

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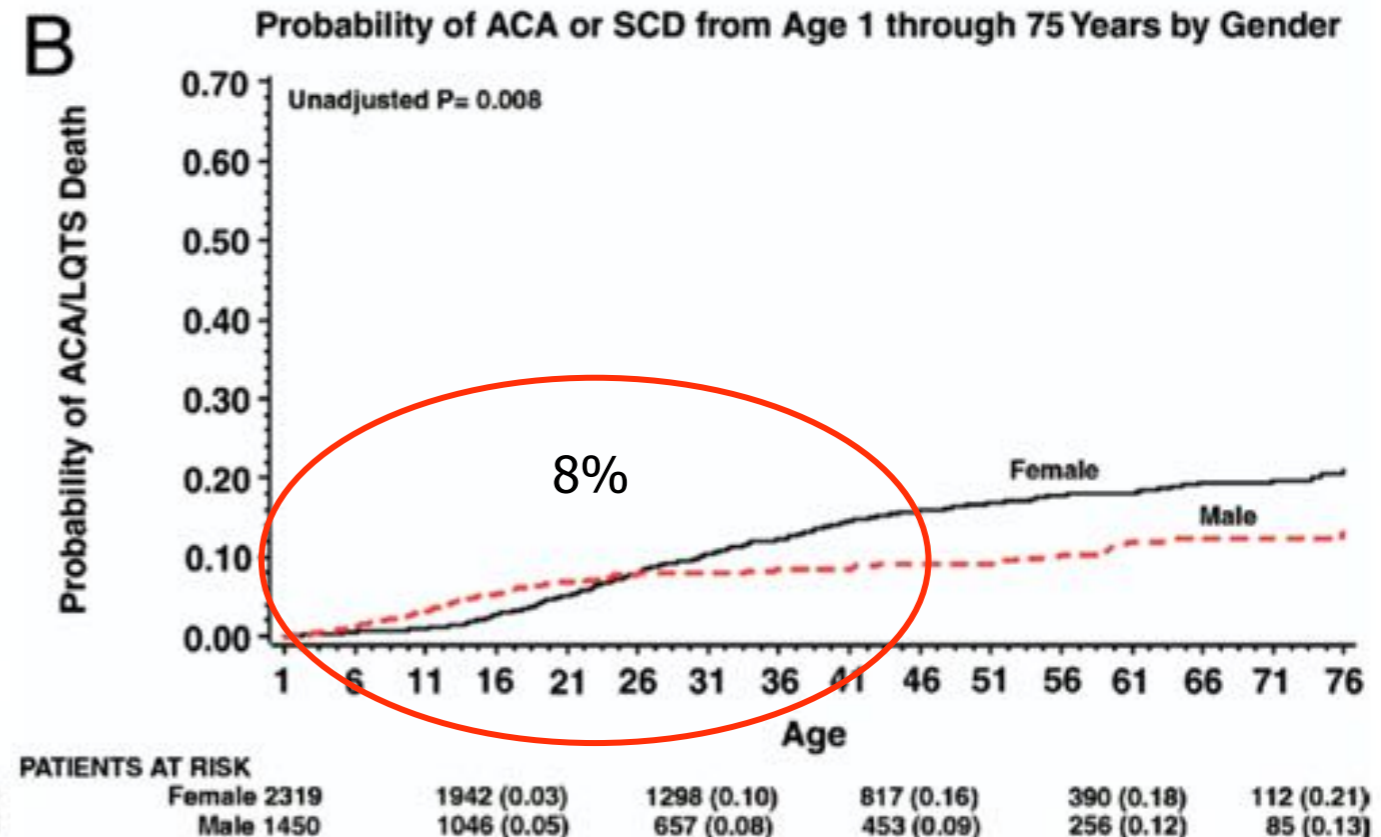
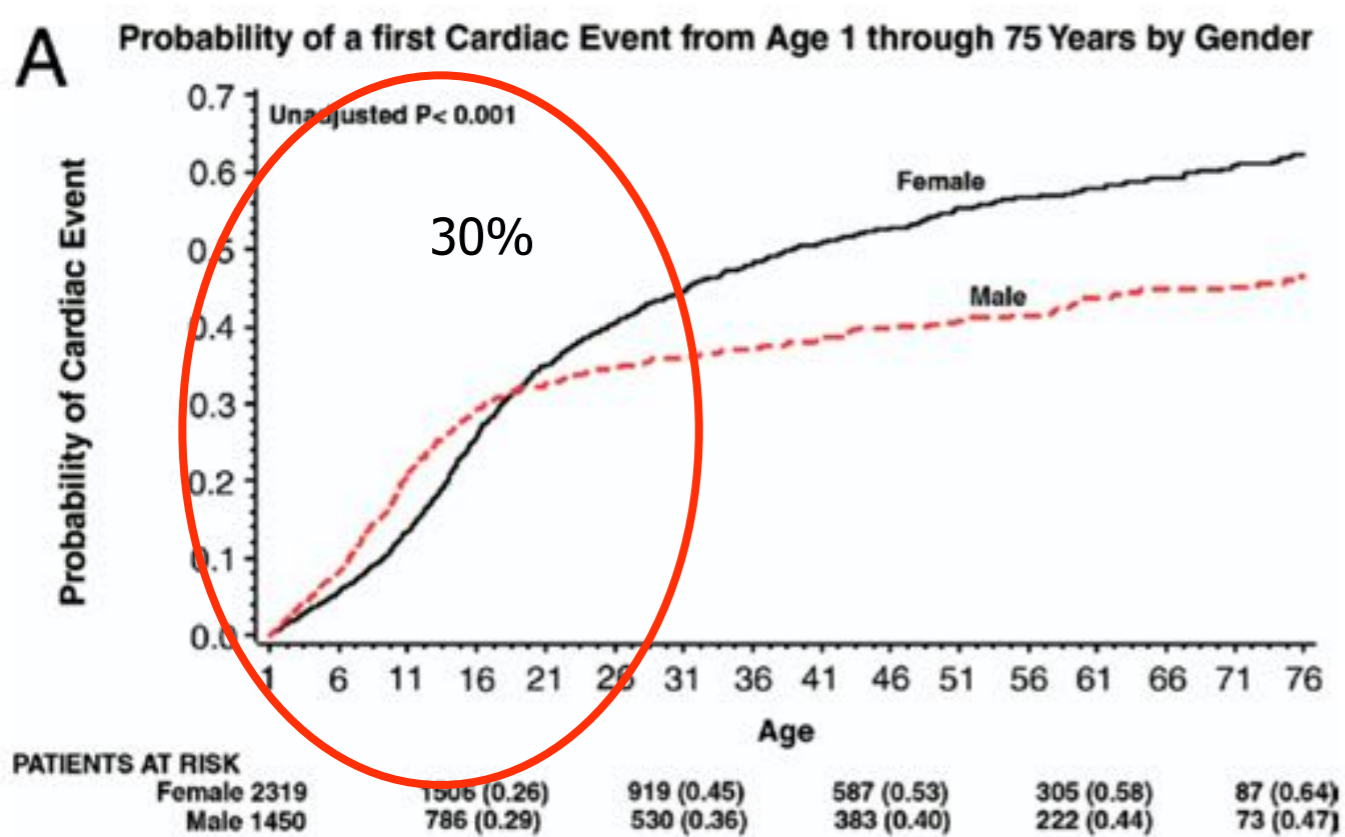


## Long QT Syndrome(s)

- ♥ Autosomal dominant/autosomal rec.
- ♥ genetically heterogeneous
- ♥ 16 genes (LQTS<sub>1-16</sub>)
- ♥  $\geq 60\%$  genotyped ( $\geq 90\%$  in families)
- ♥ gene-specific features

# Risk of syncope/ACA/SCD in LQTS population: (age 1 through 75 yrs)

Moss and Goldenberg JACC 2008



**Before puberty LQT1 (males), after puberty LQT2 (females)?**

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# Congenital LQTS

## Symptomatology



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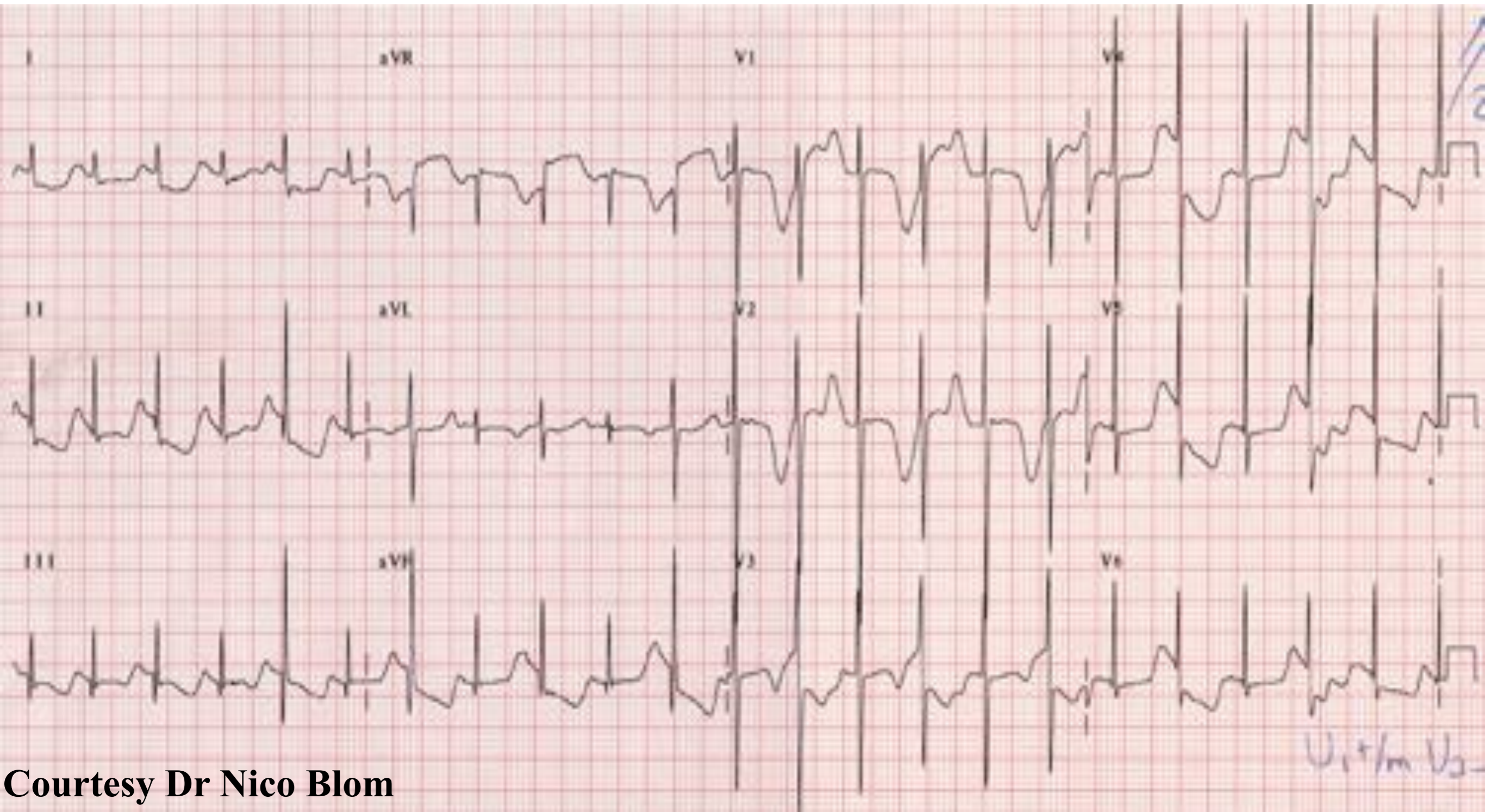
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# A patient at risk

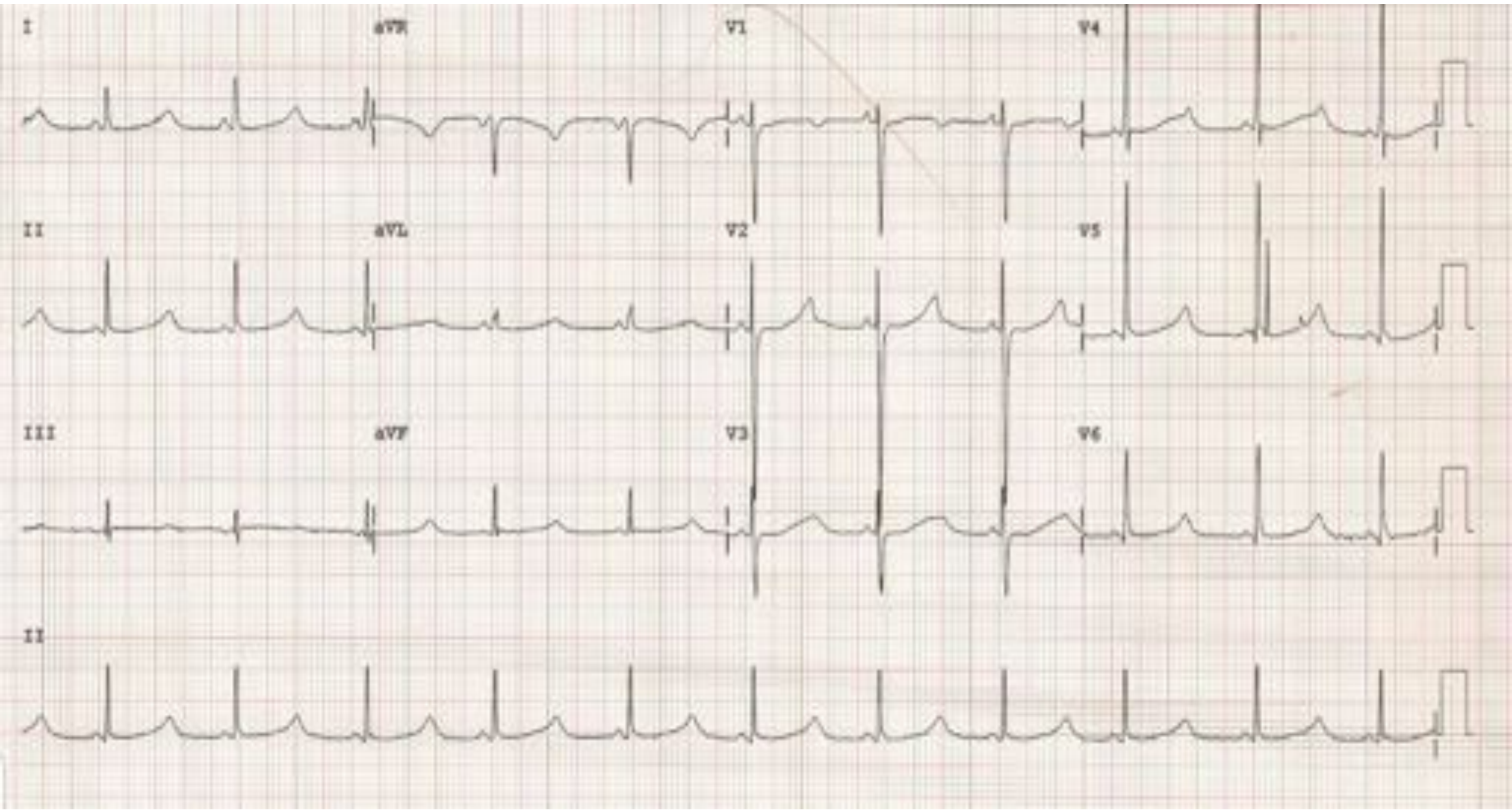
Neonate, prenatal bradycardia, hydrops, syndactyly.



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# Jervell Lange-Nielsen Syndrome

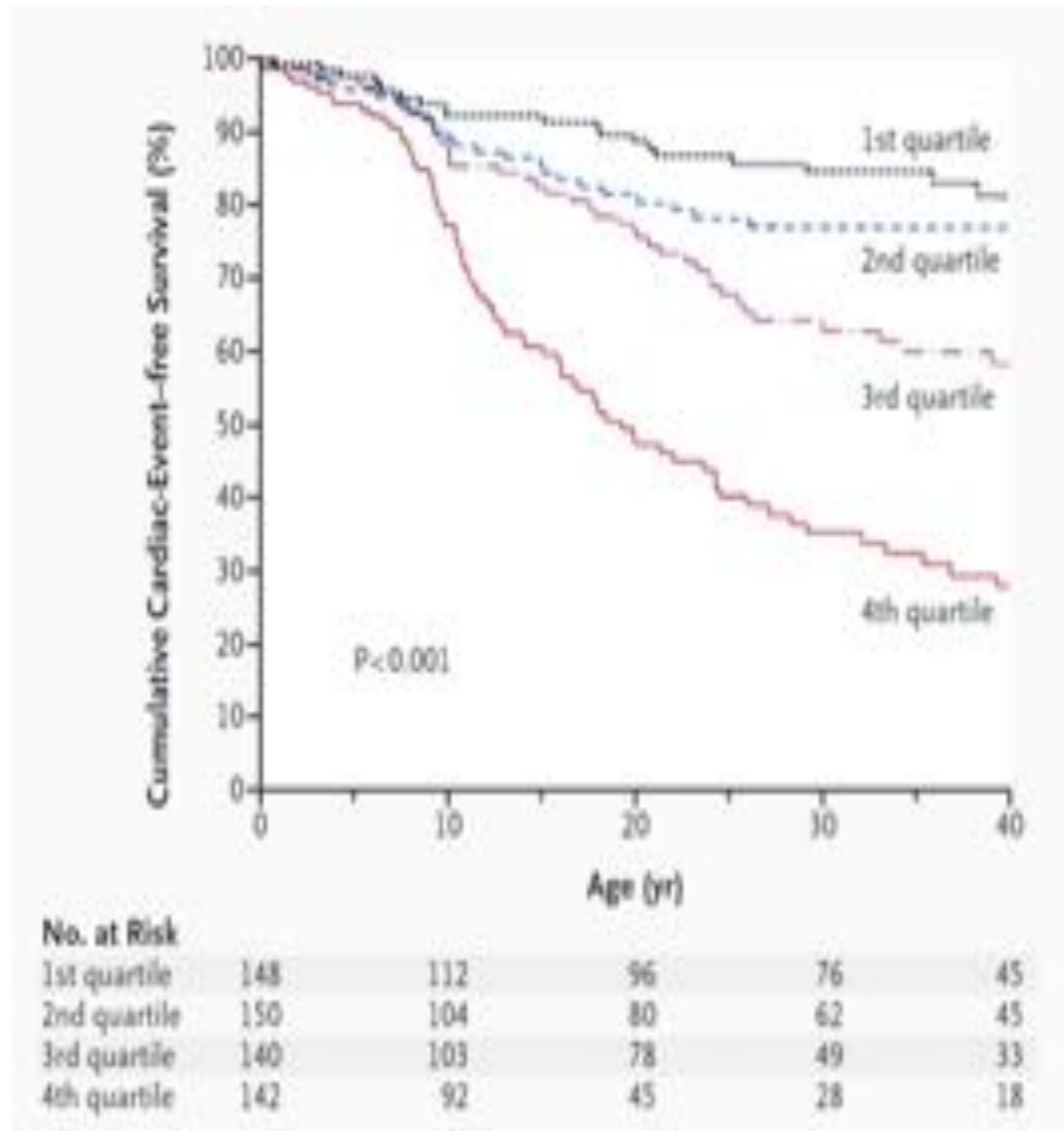
Female 6y old, syncopal attacks, sensorinal bilateral deafness



# Long QT syndrome, risk stratification

## QT<sub>c</sub> Quartiles:

- 1:  $\leq 446$  ms
- 2: 447 - 468 ms
- 3: 469 - 498 ms
- 4:  $\geq 499$  ms



# Long QT syndrome, role of genetics

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## Genetic 'real estate':

- ♥ Transmembrane LQTS2 mutations
- ♥ Missense LQTS1 mutations
- ♥ Specific LQTS1 mutations (e.g. A341V)
- ♥ Large variation in LQT3

## Risk for Life-Threatening Cardiac Events in Patients With Genotype-Confirmed Long-QT Syndrome and Normal-Range Corrected QT Intervals

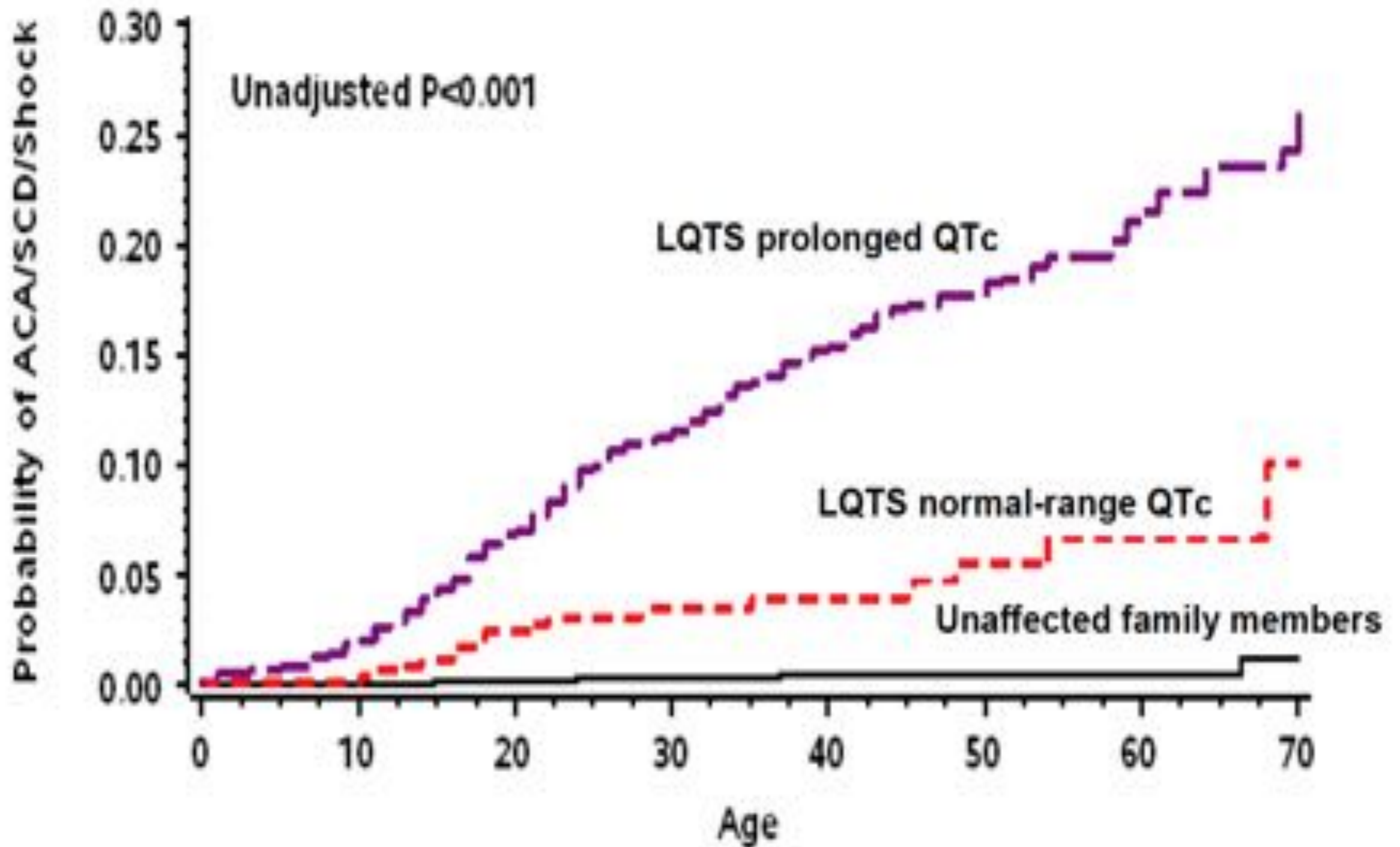
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**Table 1.** Baseline and follow-up characteristics of the study population by genotype-phenotype

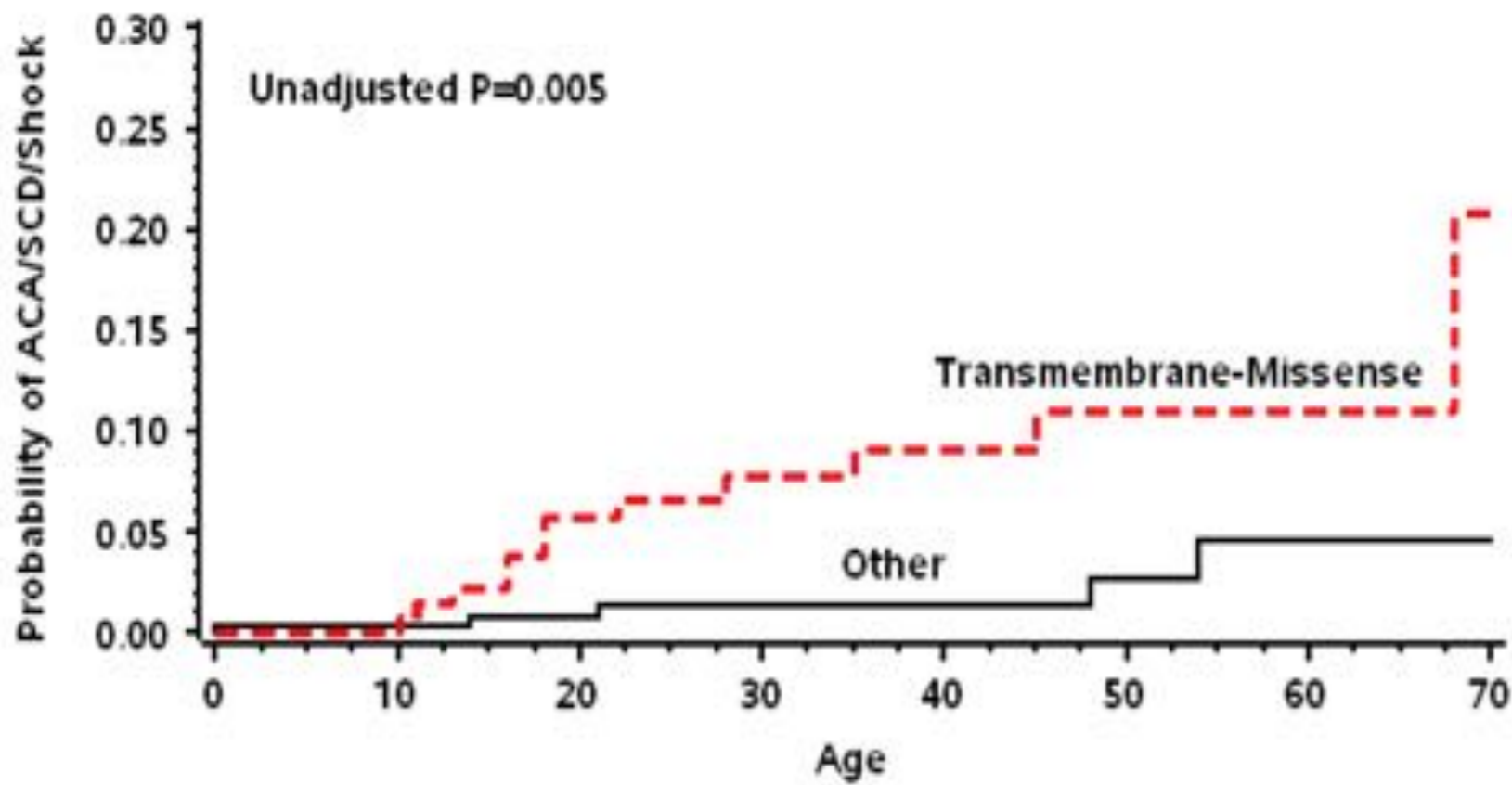
**LQTS1&2**

Characteristics	Unaffected Family Members (n=1525)	LQTS with Normal-Range QTc (n=469)	LQTS with Prolonged QTc (n=1392)
<b>Female</b>	52%	48%	61%*†
<b>Family history of SCD</b>	8%	12%	19%*†
<b>QTc (msec)</b>			
Mean ± SD	412 ± 22	419 ±20	501 ± 48
Median (IQ range)	420 (400-430)	420 (410-440)	490 (470-520)
<b>Proband</b>	8%	8%	29%*†
<b>RR (msec)</b>			
Mean ±SD	793 ±221	888 ±236	848 ±214 *†
Median (IQ range)	800 (640-930)	900 (740-1040)	840 (700-1000) *†
<b>Genotype</b>			
LQT1	NA	40%	39%
LQT2	NA	45%	47%
LQT3	NA	16%	14%
<b>Mutation: TM-MS</b>			
Overall	NA	35%	43%
LQT1	NA	45%	61%
LQT2	NA	16%	29%†
LQT3	NA	64%	31%†
<b>Therapies</b>			
beta-blockers	6.2%	38%	54%*†
Pacemaker	0.3%	0.6%	5%*†
LCSD	0.1%	0.2%	1.4%*†
ICD	0.6%	6%	14 %*†

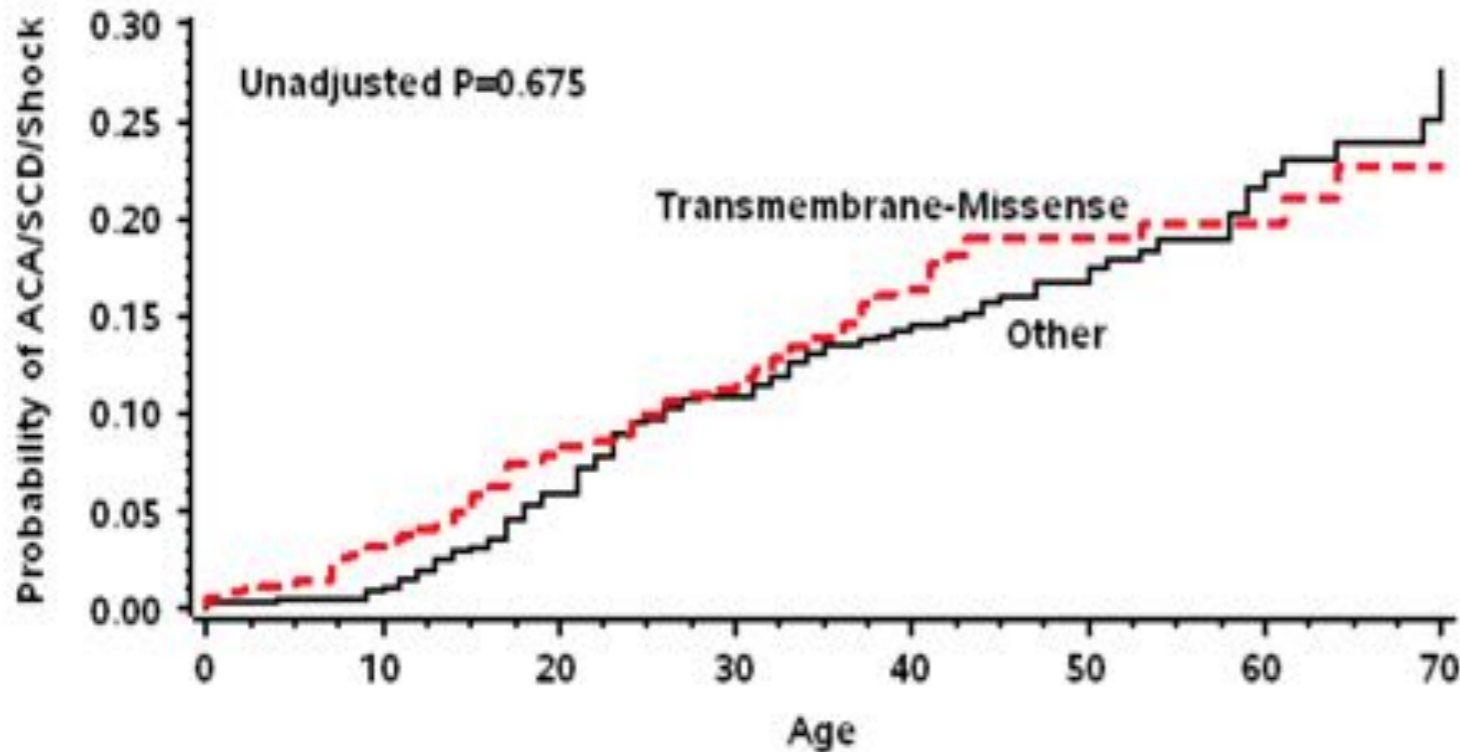


Patients at Risk					
Gen-/Phen-	1525	1377 (0)	728 (0)	348 (0)	92 (0.01)
Gen+/Phen-	469	406 (0)	236 (0.04)	97 (0.06)	20 (0.10)
Gen+/Phen+	1392	1235 (0.02)	729 (0.11)	334 (0.18)	94 (0.24)

**QTc ≤ 440ms**



Patients at Risk					
Other	297	258 (0)	153 (0.01)	60 (0.03)	15 (0.05)
TMM	163	141 (0)	78 (0.08)	35 (0.11)	5 (0.21)



Patients at Risk					
Other	794	713 (0.01)	430 (0.11)	208 (0.17)	60 (0.25)
TMM	586	511 (0.03)	294 (0.11)	123 (0.19)	34 (0.23)

**QTc > 441ms**



Class	ICD Recommendations
Class I	ICD implantation <b>is recommended</b> for patients with a diagnosis of LQTS who are survivors of a cardiac arrest
Class IIa	IICD implantation <b>can be useful</b> in patients with a diagnosis of LQTS who experience recurrent syncopal events while on beta-blocker therapy.
Class III	Except under special circumstances, ICD implantation is <b><u>not</u> indicated</b> in asymptomatic LQTS patients who have not been tried on beta-blocker therapy

Family history is **NOT** a risk factor

# Long QT syndrome, asymptomatic pt

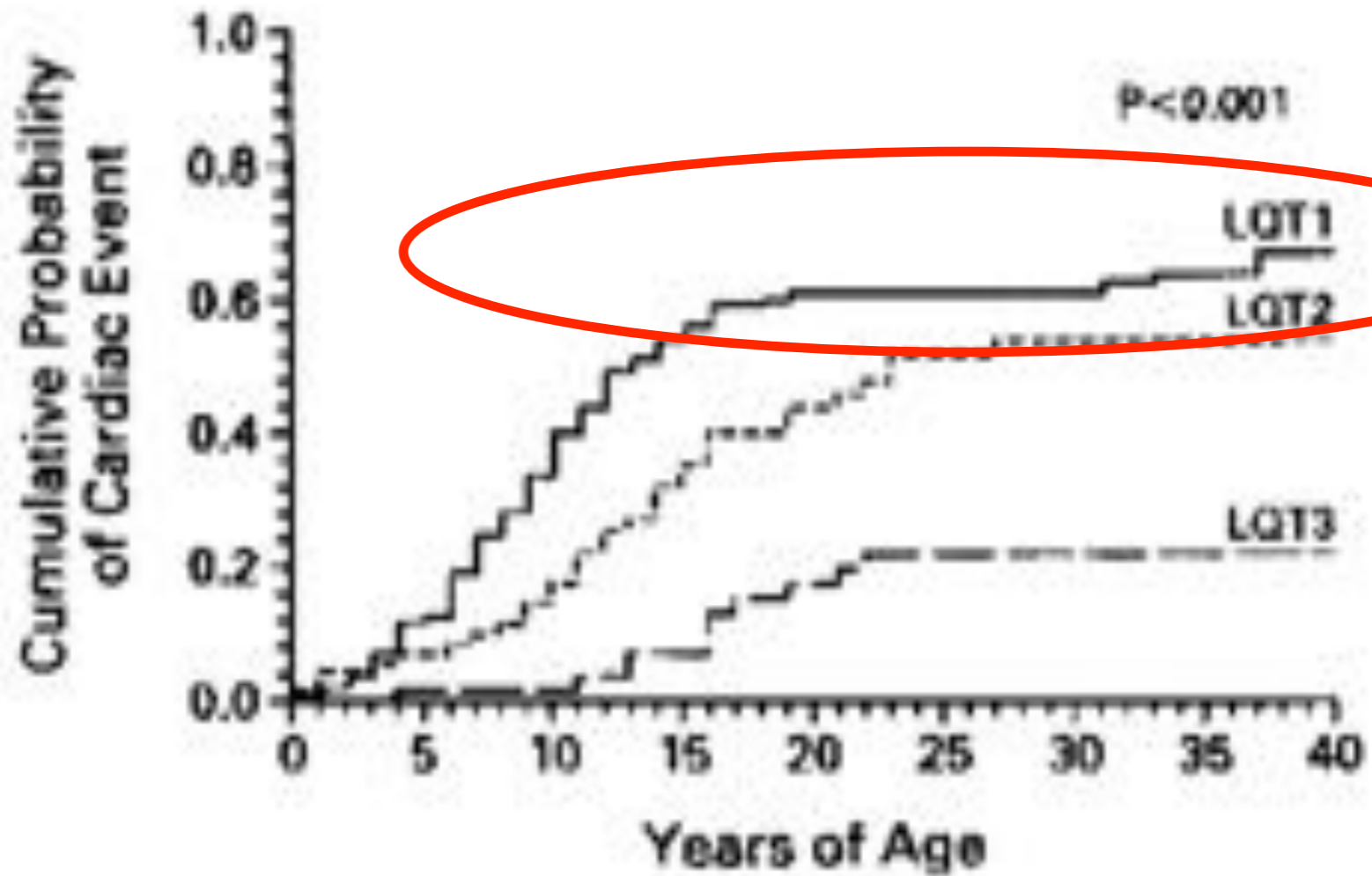
## When should an ICD be considered?

- ♥ JLNS patient with a long QTc ( $>500\text{msec}$ )
- ♥ LQT2 pt with QTc  $> 550$
- ♥ LQT3 pt with QTc  $> 500$
- ♥ Torsades de Pointes, T-wave alternans
- ♥ rarely LQT1!
- ♥ Family history of (a)SCD is not a riskfactor

Class	Beta-blocker Recommendations
Class I	Beta-blockers <b>are recommended</b> for patients with a diagnosis of LQTS who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asymptomatic with <math>QTc \geq 470</math> ms, <i>and/or</i></li><li>• Symptomatic for syncope or documented VT/VF .</li></ul>
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**But in who treatment is not needed?**

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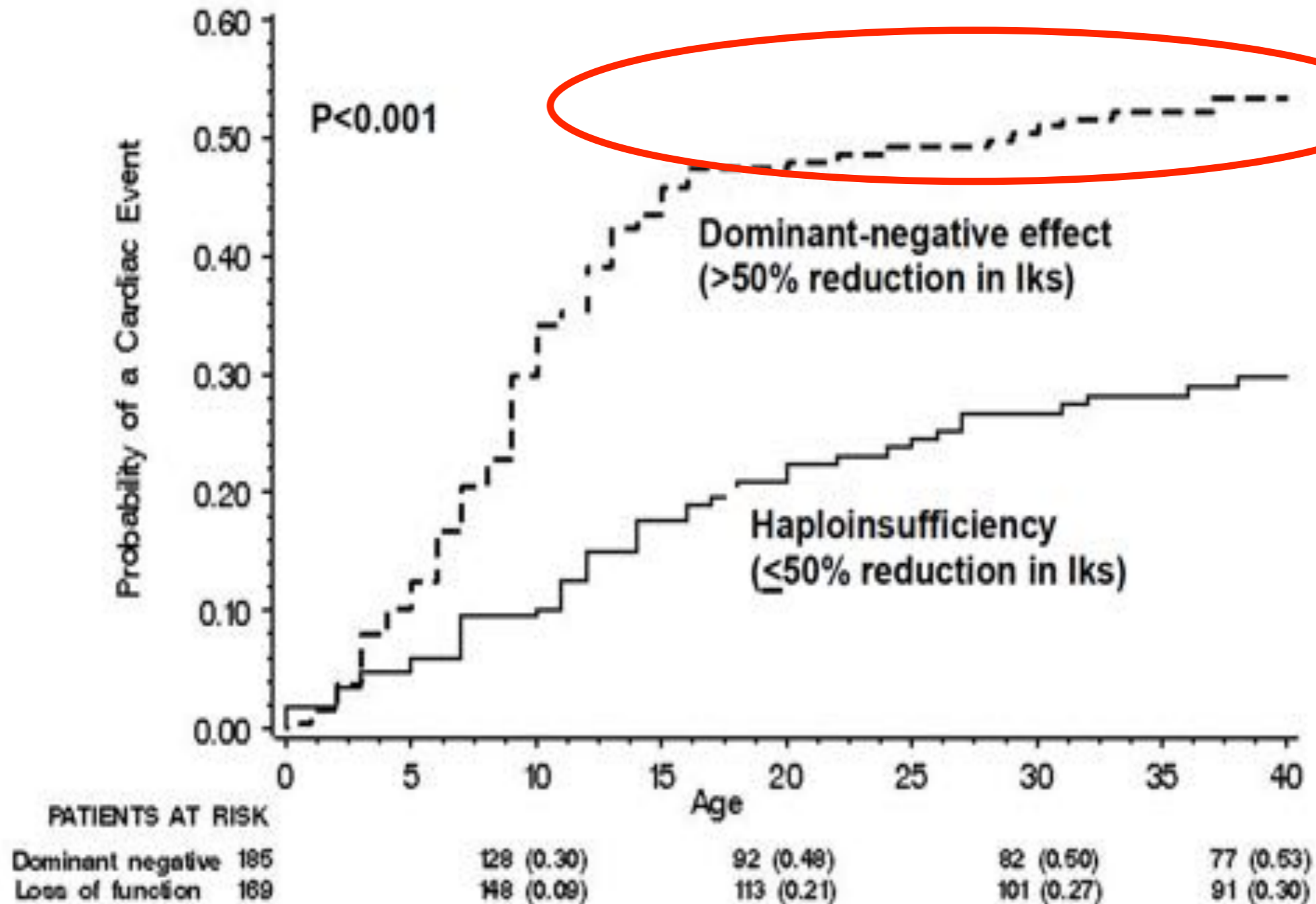


No. of Subjects					
LQT1 group	112	72	36	27	19
LQT2 group	72	56	29	16	11
LQT3 group	62	56	36	24	16

The LQT registry

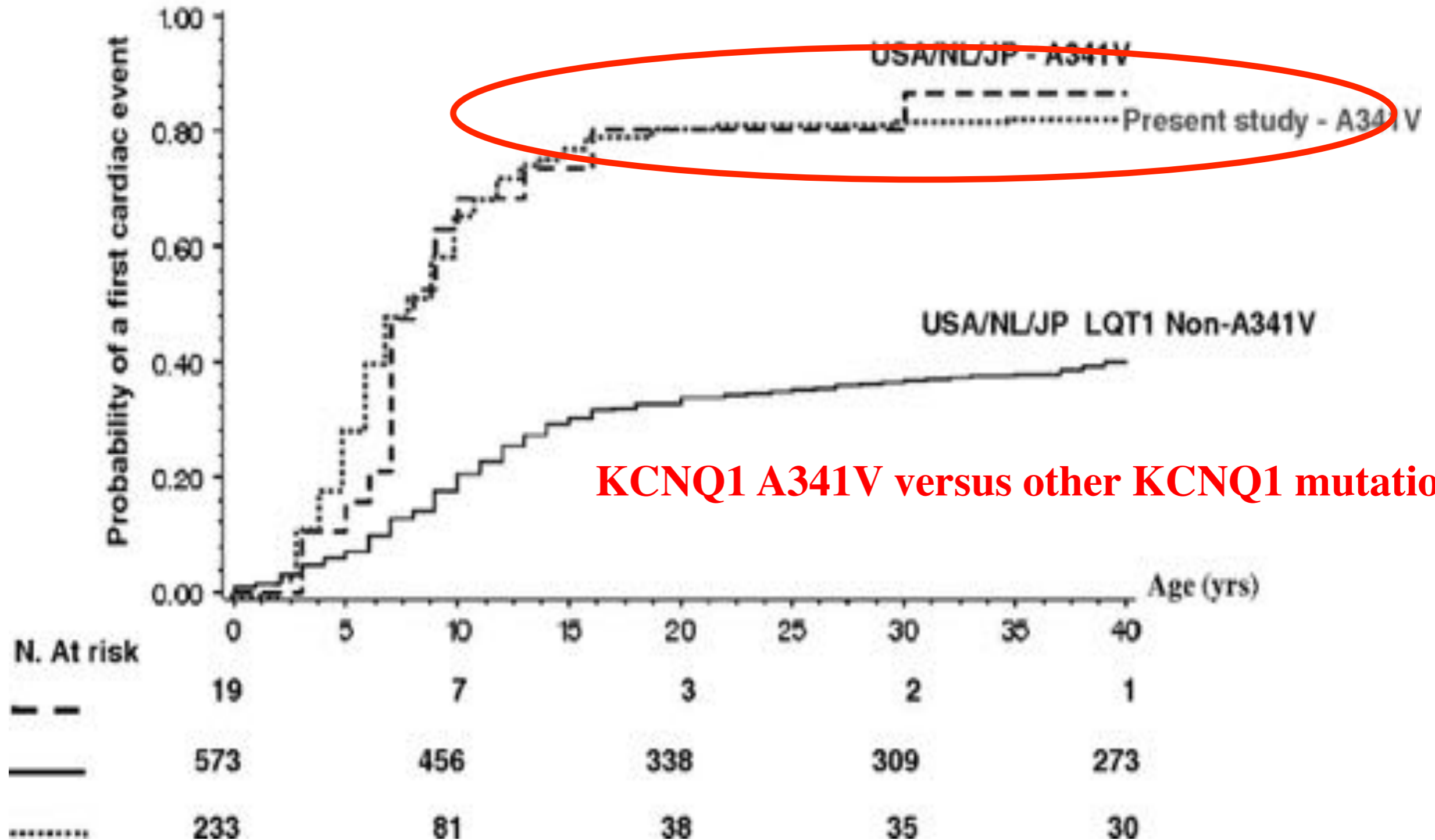
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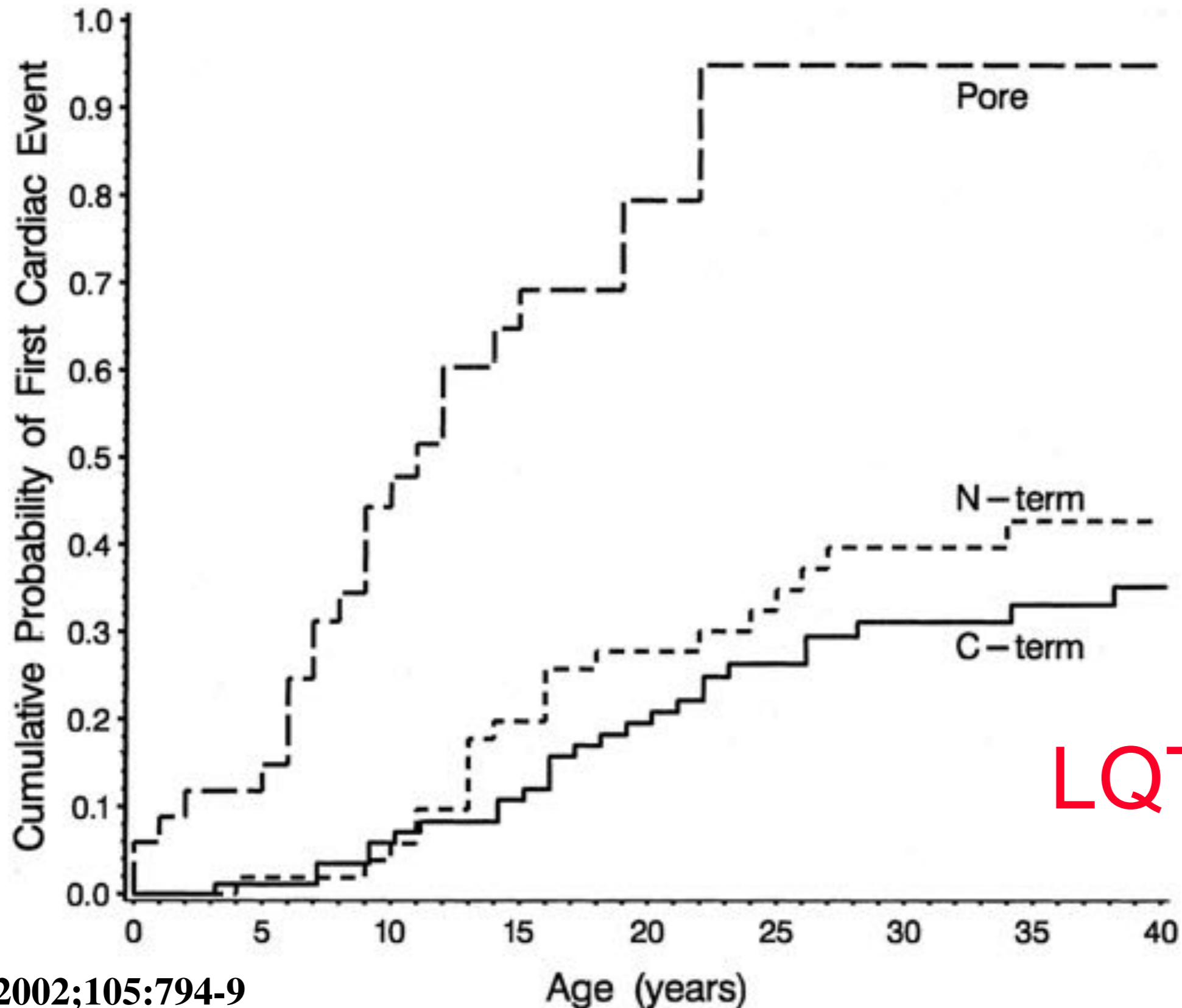


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Unadjusted p <0.001



# Mutation dependent prognosis (LQTS2)



LQTS2

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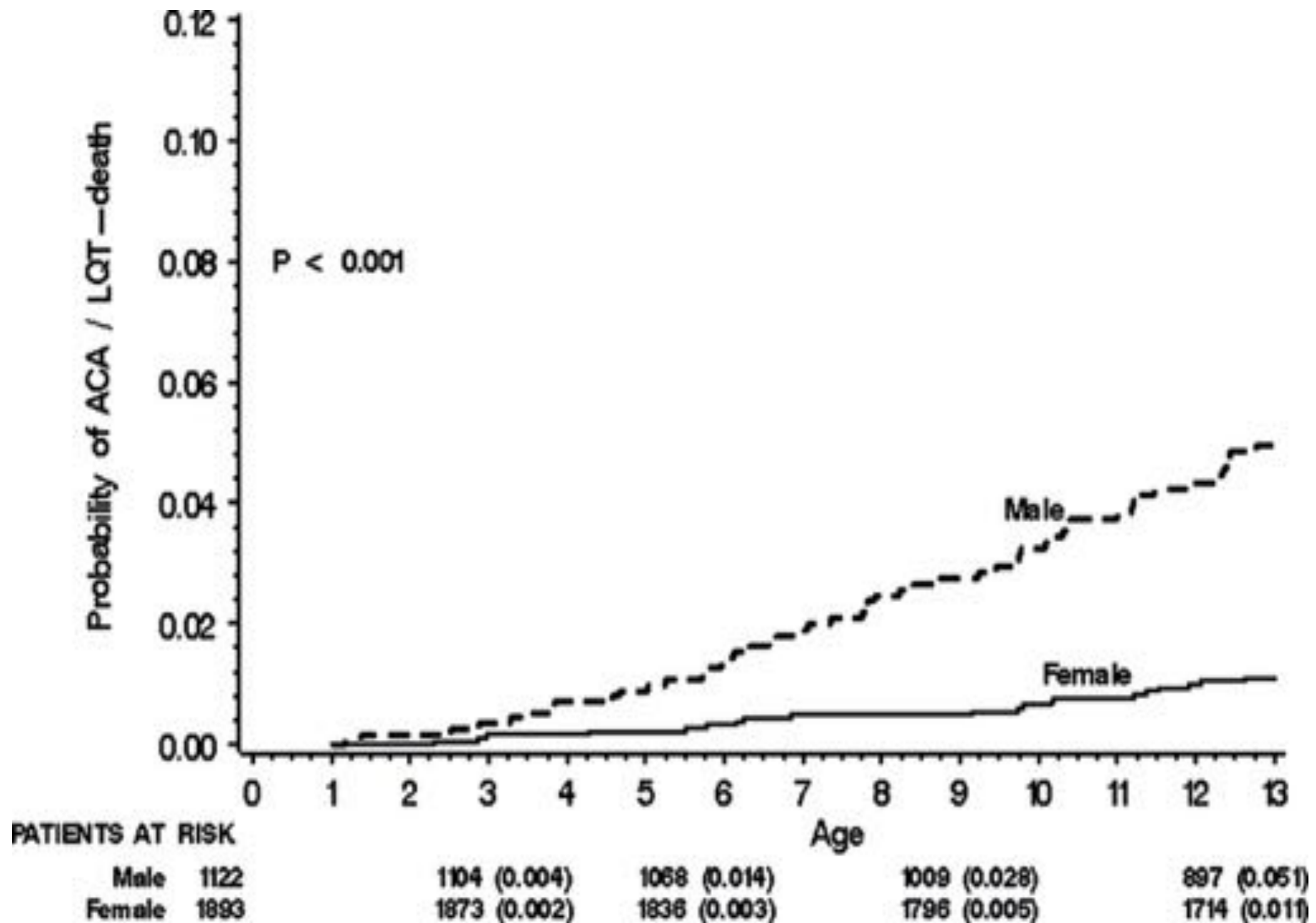
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## **Risk Factors for Aborted Cardiac Arrest and Sudden Cardiac Death in Children With the Congenital Long-QT Syndrome**

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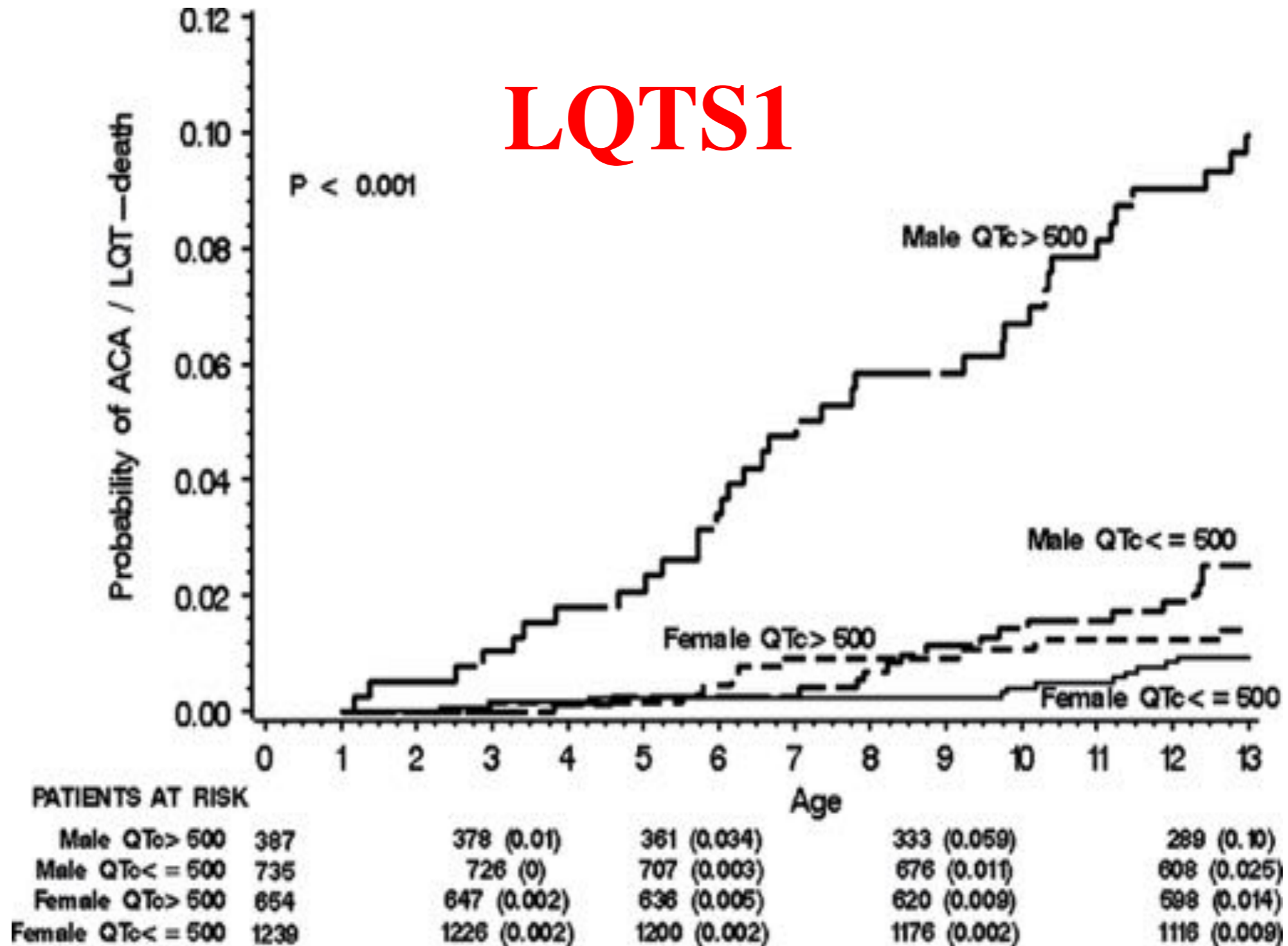
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Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier estimates of the probability of ACA or SCD by gender (values in parentheses are event rates).



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Figure 2. Kaplan–Meier estimates of the probability of ACA or SCD by gender and QTc subgroups (values in parentheses are event rates).



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# Beta-Blocker Efficacy in High-Risk Patients With the Congenital Long-QT Syndrome Types 1 and 2: Implications for Patient Management

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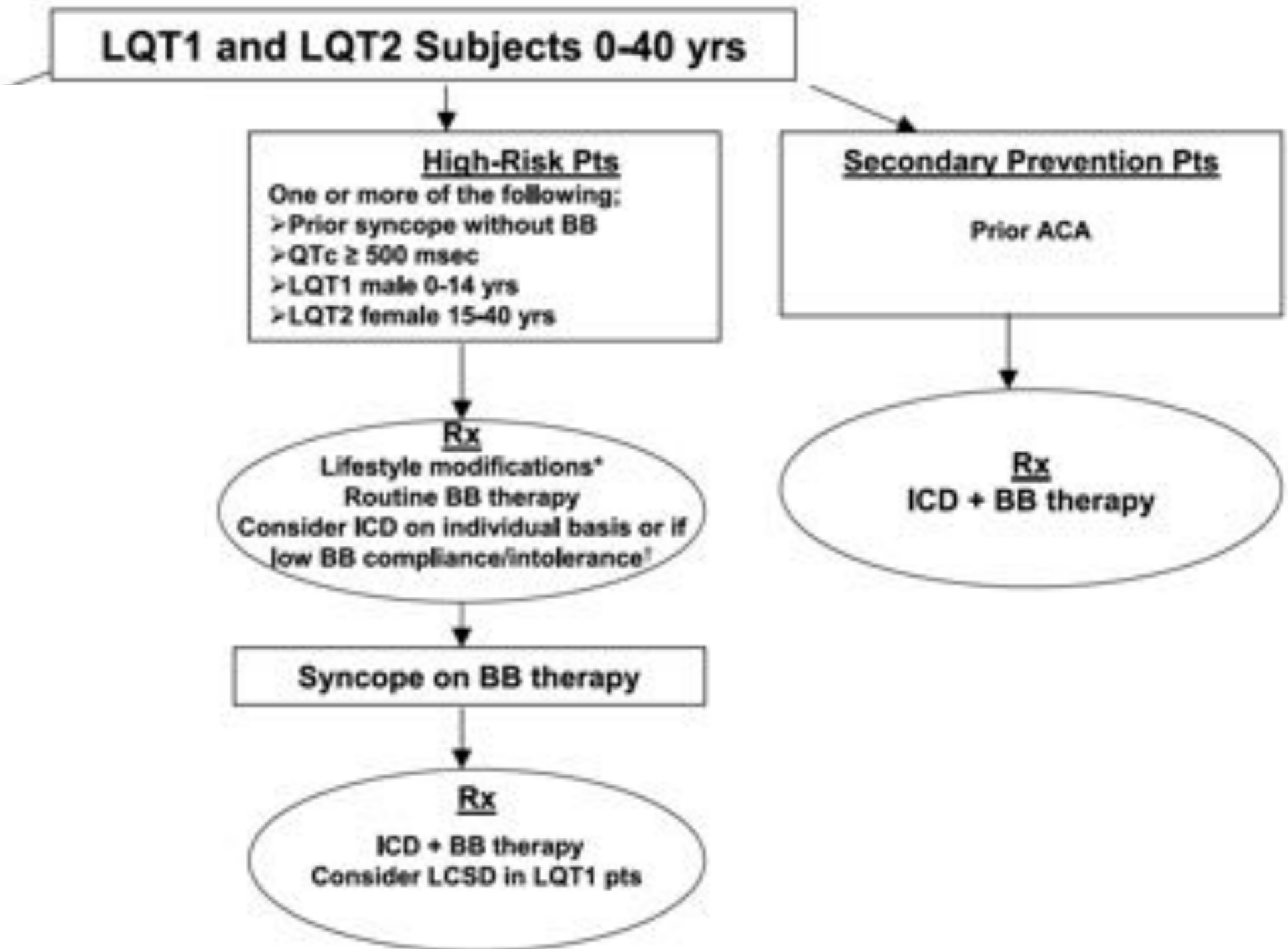
**$\beta$ -Blockers for LQTS Types 1 and 2.** *Background:* Beta-blockers are the mainstay therapy in patients with the congenital long-QT syndrome (LQTS) types 1 and 2. However, limited data exist regarding the efficacy and limitations of this form of medical management within high-risk subsets of these populations.

*Methods and Results:* Multivariate analysis was carried out to identify age-related gender- and genotype-specific risk factors for cardiac events (comprising syncope, aborted cardiac arrest [ACA] or sudden cardiac death [SCD]) from birth through age 40 years among 971 LQT1 (n = 549) and LQT2 (n = 422) patients from the International LQTS Registry. Risk factors for cardiac events included the LQT1 genotype (HR = 1.49, P = 0.003) and male gender (HR = 1.31, P = 0.04) in the 0–14 years age group; and the LQT2 genotype (HR = 1.67, P < 0.001) and female gender (HR = 2.58, P < 0.001) in the 15–40 years age group. Gender-genotype subset analysis showed enhanced risk among LQT1 males (HR = 1.93, P < 0.001) and LQT2 females (HR = 3.28, P < 0.001) in the 2 respective age groups. Beta-blocker therapy was associated with a significant risk-reduction in high-risk patients, including a 67% reduction (P = 0.02) in LQT1 males and a 71% reduction (P < 0.001) in LQT2 females. Life-threatening events (ACA/SCD) rarely occurred as a presenting symptom among beta-blocker-treated patients. However, high-risk patients who experienced syncope during beta-blocker therapy had a relatively high rate of subsequent ACA/SCD (>1 event per 100 patient-years).

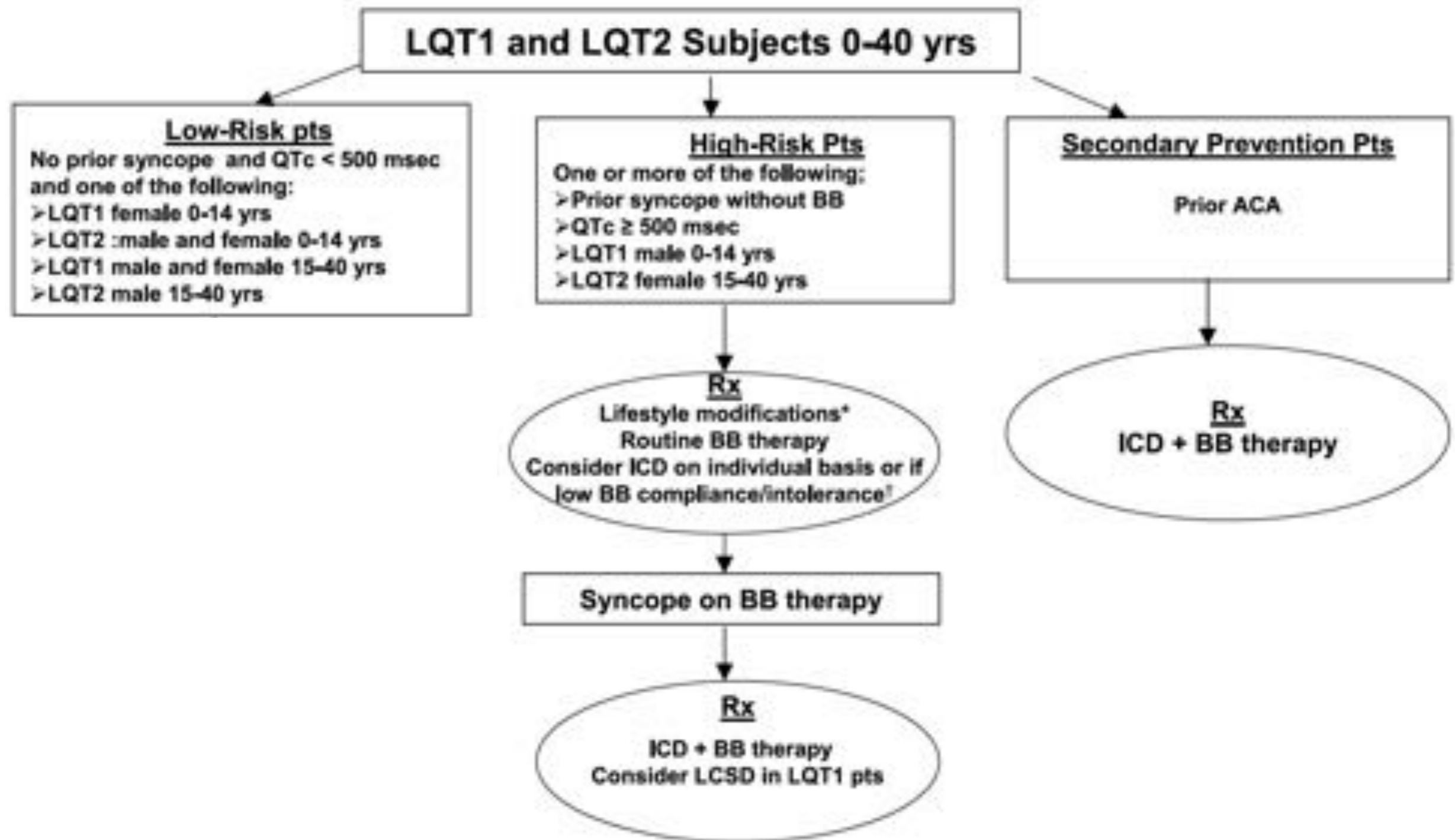
*Conclusions:* The present findings suggest that beta-blocker therapy should be routinely administered to all high-risk LQT1 and LQT2 patients without contraindications as a first line measure, whereas primary defibrillator therapy should be recommended for those who experience syncope during medical therapy.

(*J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol*, Vol. 21, pp. 893-901, August 2010)

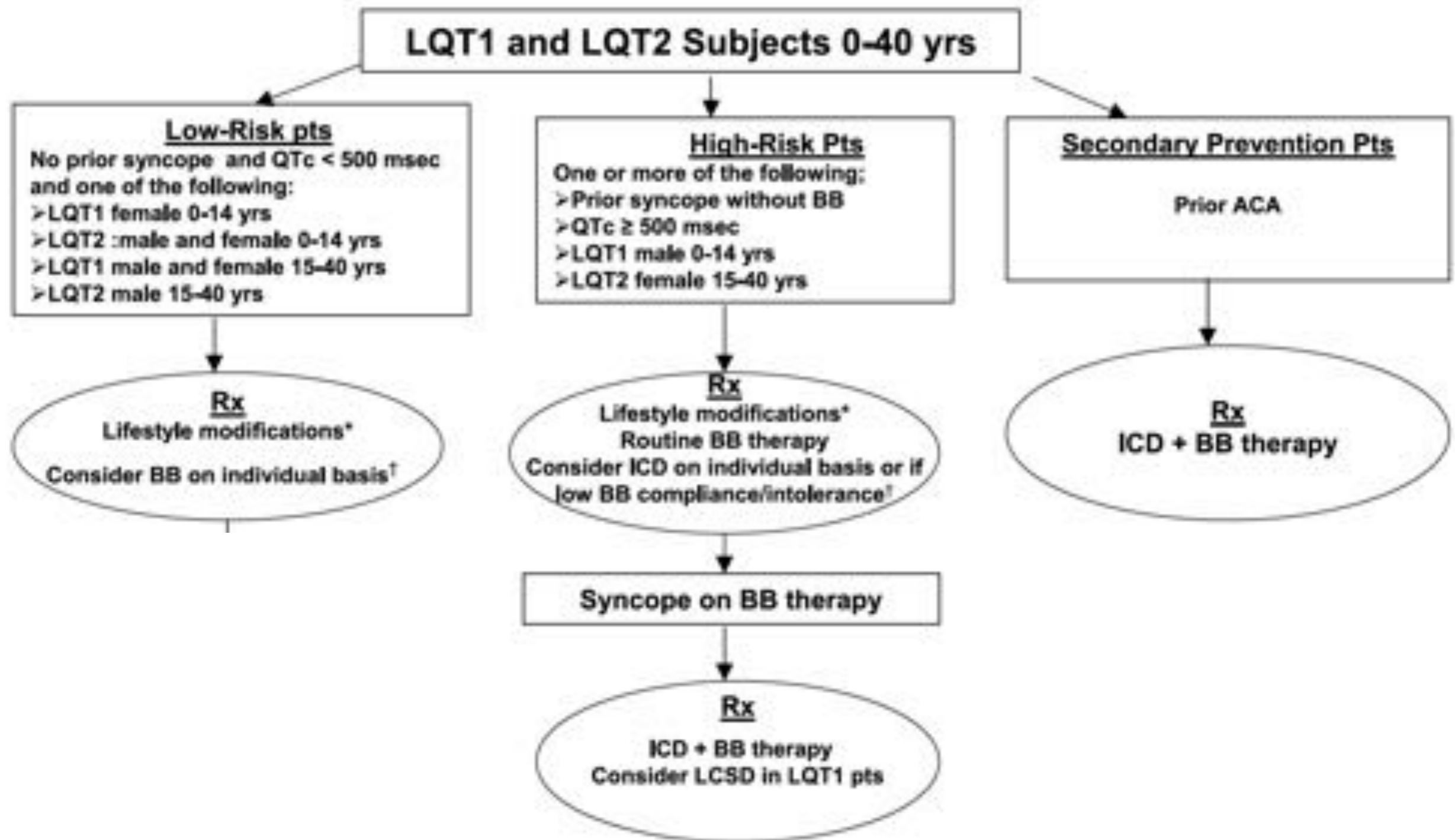
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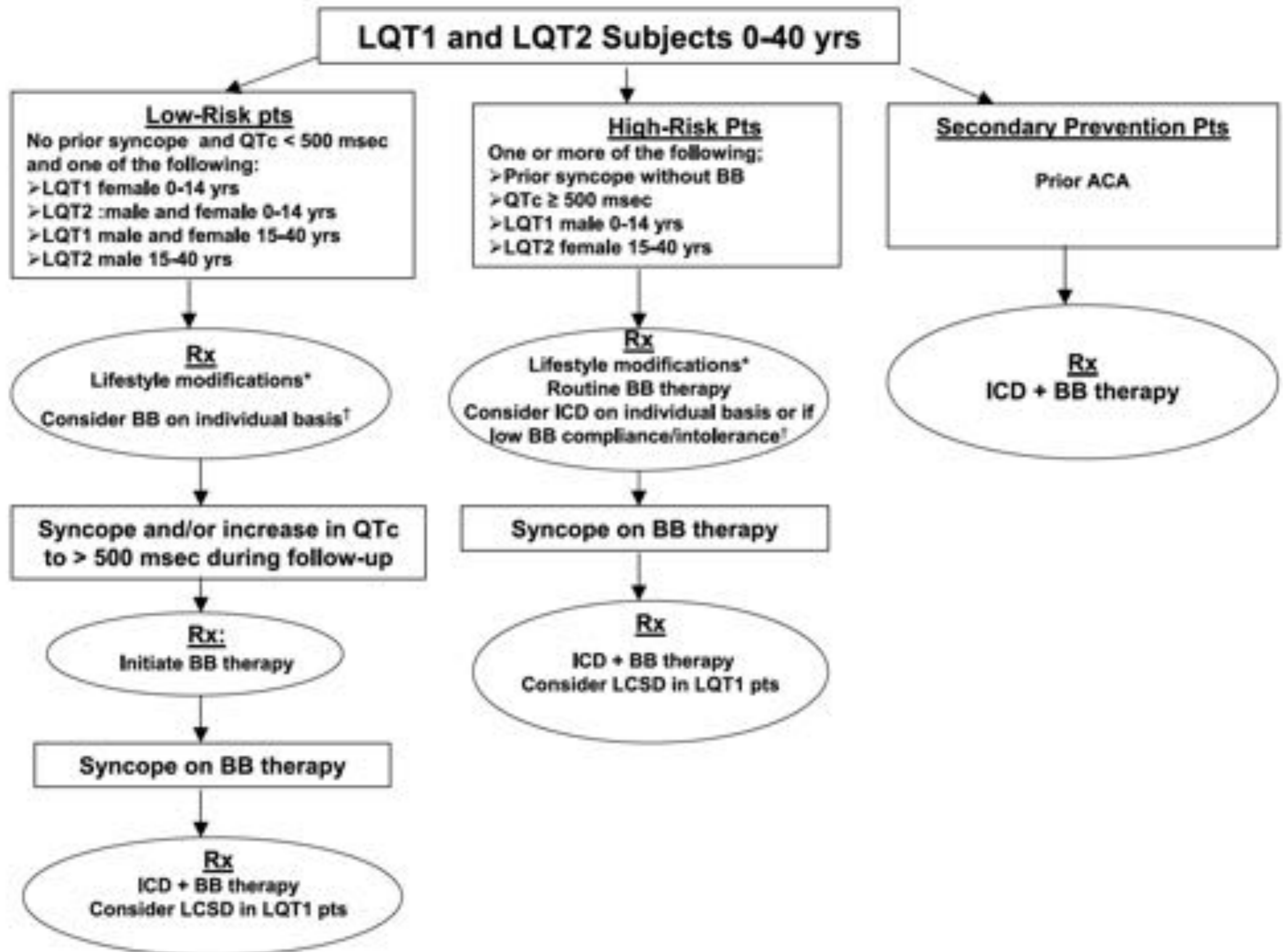


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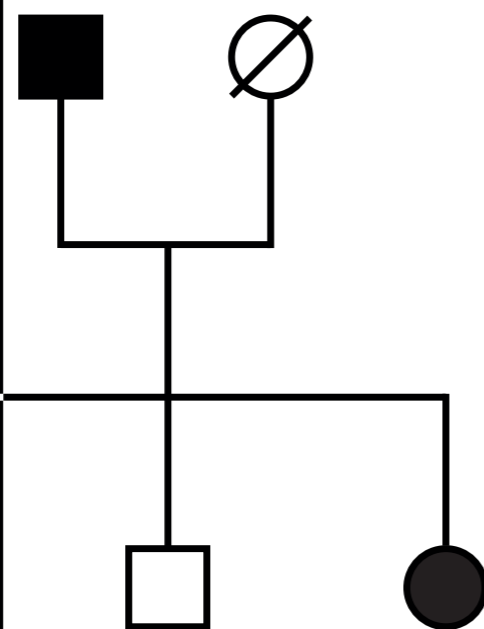
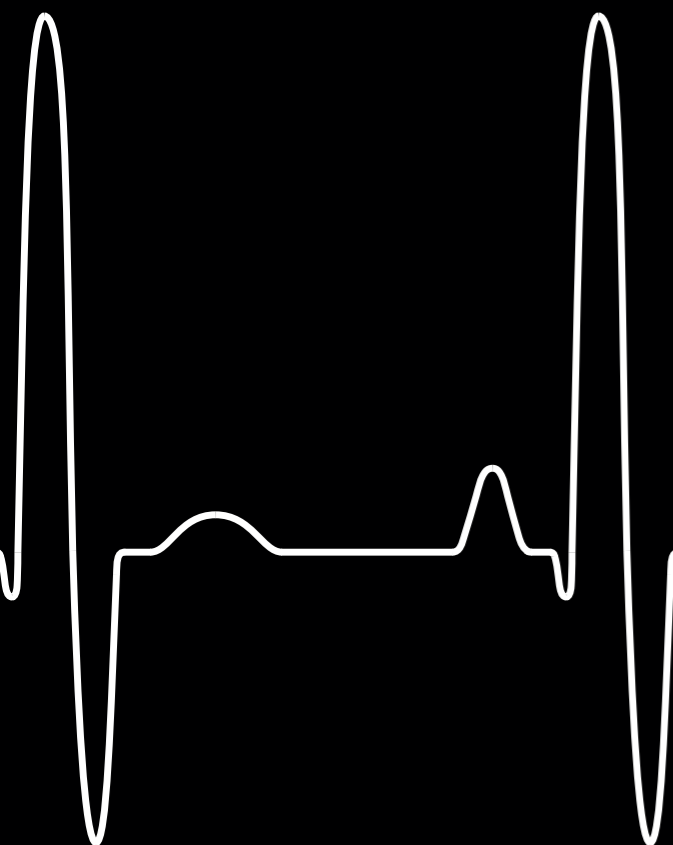
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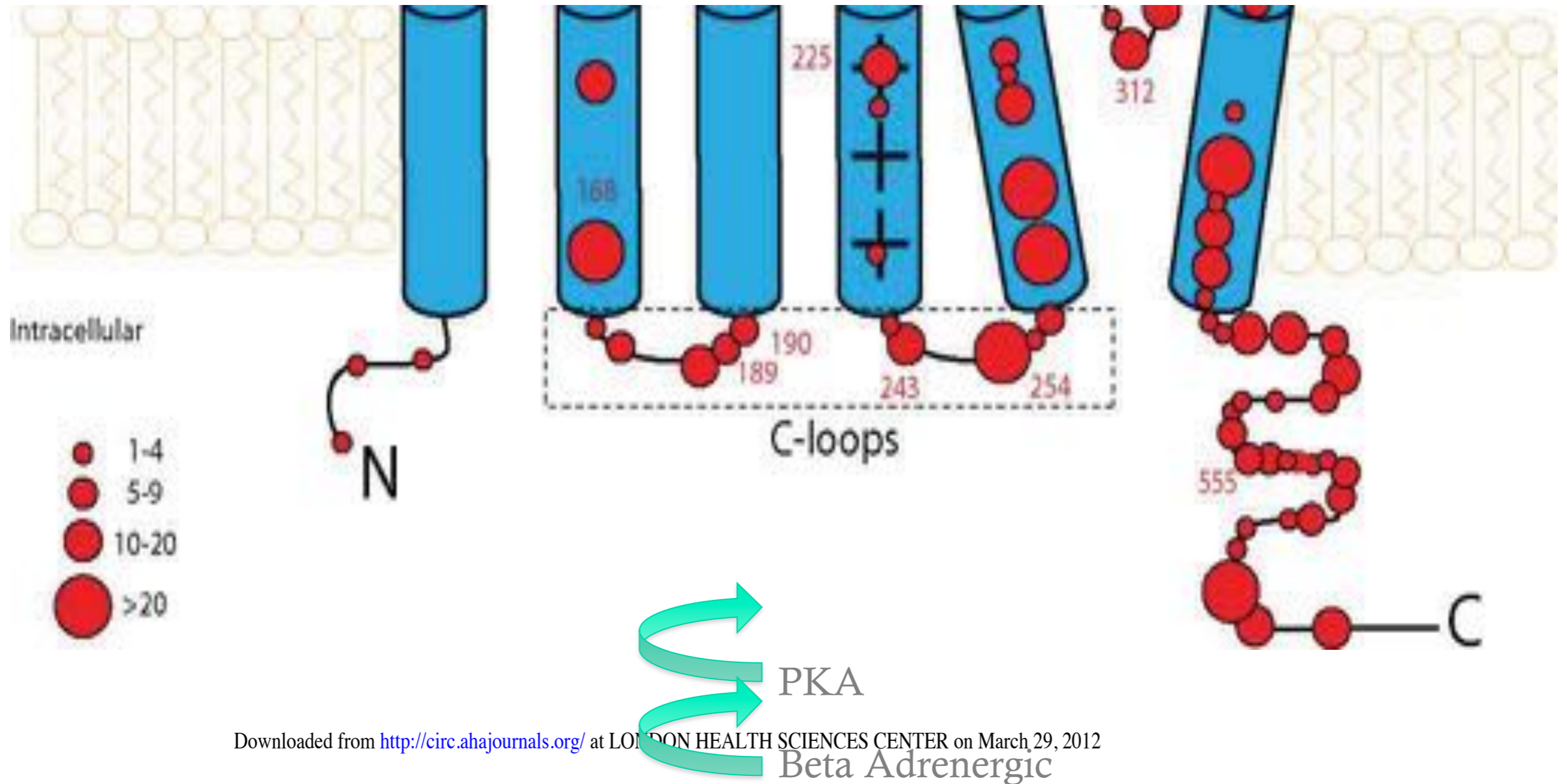
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# Mutations sites in the KCNQ1 gene



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# Risk of Aborted Cardiac Arrest or Sudden Cardiac Death During Adolescence in the Long-QT Syndrome

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**Context** Analysis of predictors of cardiac events in hereditary long-QT syndrome (LQTS) has primarily considered syncope as the predominant end point. Risk factors specific for aborted cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac death have not been investigated.

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# Risk during adolescence (10-20y)

- ♥ 2772 children followed between 10 and 20y
- ♥ 81 ACA and 45 SCD (4,5%)
- ♥ risk factors: syncope, QTc and gender (10-12)

**Table 2.** Time-Dependent Multivariable Cox Model: Risk of Aborted Cardiac Arrest or Sudden Cardiac Death (Ages 10-20 Years)

Factor	No. of Events	Hazard Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	P Value
Recent syncope vs no syncope in past 10 y			
1 Syncopal event in past 2-10 y and no events within 2 y	9	2.7 (1.3-5.7)	<.01
≥2 Syncopal events in past 2-10 y and no events within 2 y	29	5.8 (3.6-9.4)	<.001
1 Syncopal event in past 2 y	26	11.7 (7.0-19.5)	<.001
≥2 Syncopal events in past 2 y	20	18.1 (10.4-31.2)	<.001
QTc ≥530 ms	51	2.3 (1.6-3.3)	<.001
Males aged 10-12 y vs age-matched females*	19	4.0 (1.8-9.2)	<.01
Time-dependent β-blocker therapy for those with recent syncope†	10	0.36 (0.2-0.7)	<.01

\*Between the ages of 13 and 20 years, there was no significant difference in risk between the sexes.

†β-Blocker therapy was significant only among those who had experienced syncope in the past 2 years.

# Does the genotype matter?

