

# CHALLENGES IN ESTABLISHING RWE FOR PRE- AND POST-MARKET CLINICAL EVALUATION

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  - Sustainability

# CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICAL DEVICES ARE IN PARTICULARLY GREAT DEMAND, AND ACTUAL INDICATIONS VARY GREATLY?

## Current status

- **The device lag issue** has been resolved.
  - The information gap between Japan and other countries regarding new devices is getting smaller.
- **Studies to obtain approval for new devices are small and limited to simple cases.**
  - Narrow indication of initial approval .
  - Practice has been controlled by guidance for appropriate use
  - Facility and operator criteria
- **Large gap** between real indication and on-level use.



RWD  
Expected  
indications

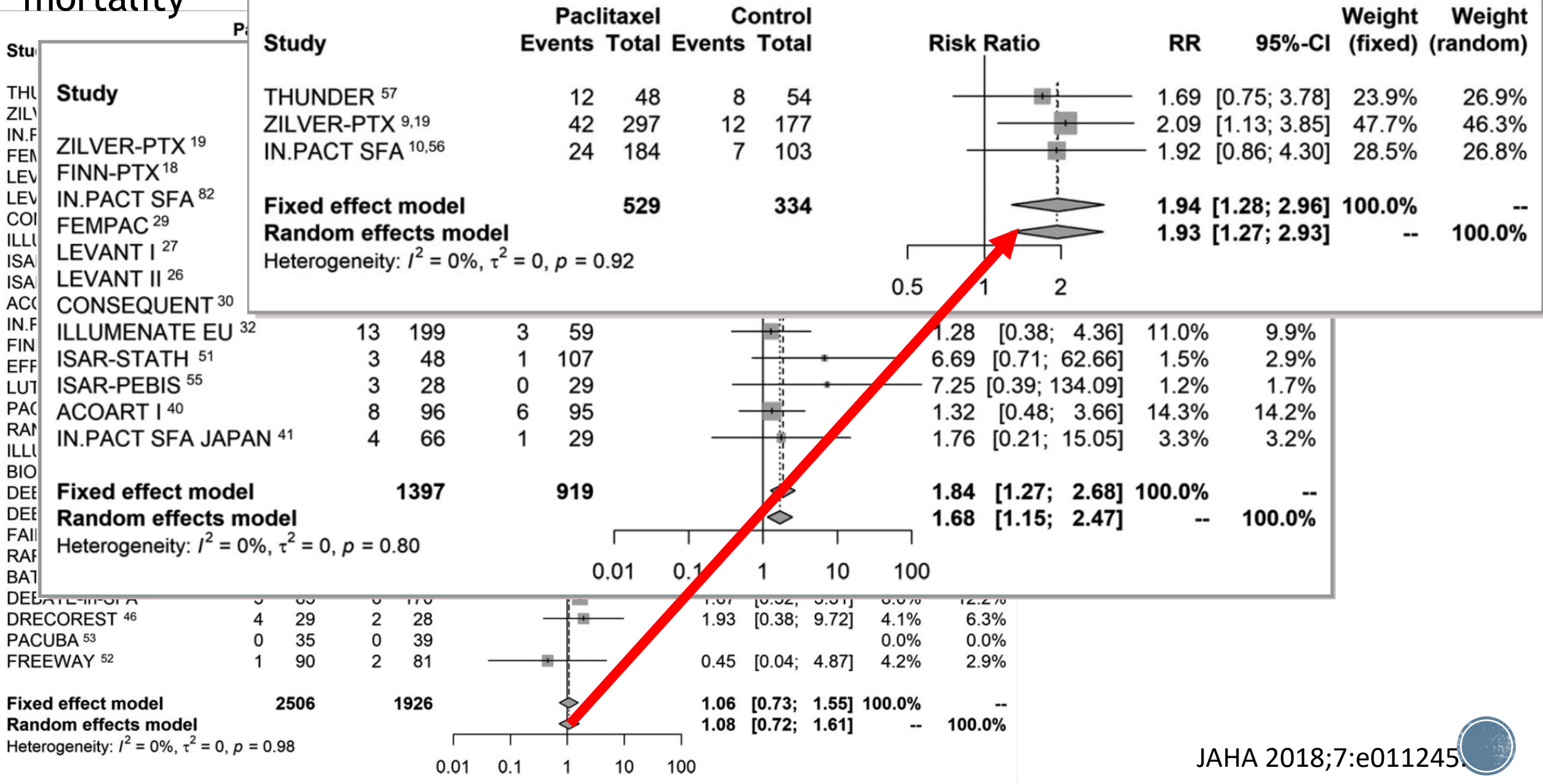
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Pivotal  
study

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# A meta-analysis of Katsanos et al suggested the harmful effect of PTXD on long-term mortality



Inclusion  
criteria

Eligible clinical trial

1. Approved device for SFA
2. Conducted for Japanese
3. Trial under GCP or GPSP
4. F/U >1year

To overcome this tough question,  
post-marketing surveillance and approval  
studies were used to perform a patient-  
level meta-analysis.

Identification

15 studies of 8 companies were identified by  
study principle investigators

Excluded

- 1 study due to not available in market
- 2 studies: cooperation was not available

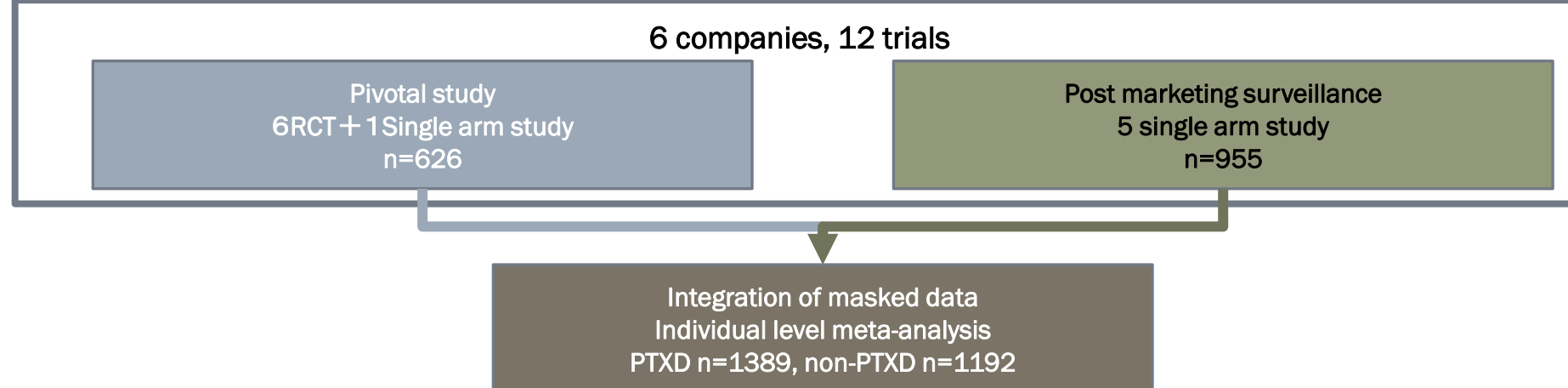
Available data

6 companies contracted  
and provided individual patient data of 12 studies

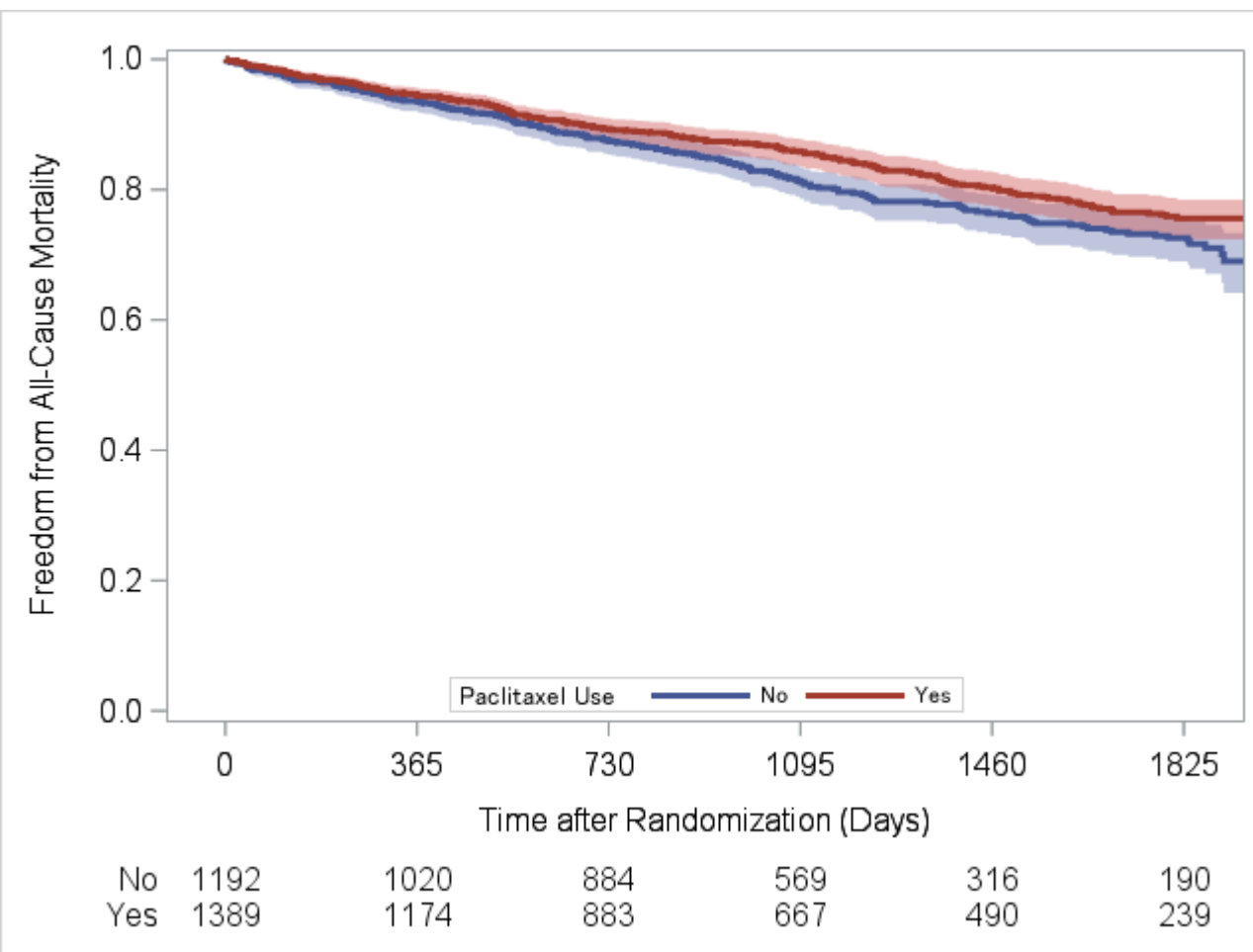
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Medtronic, Cardinal health

Analyzed  
data

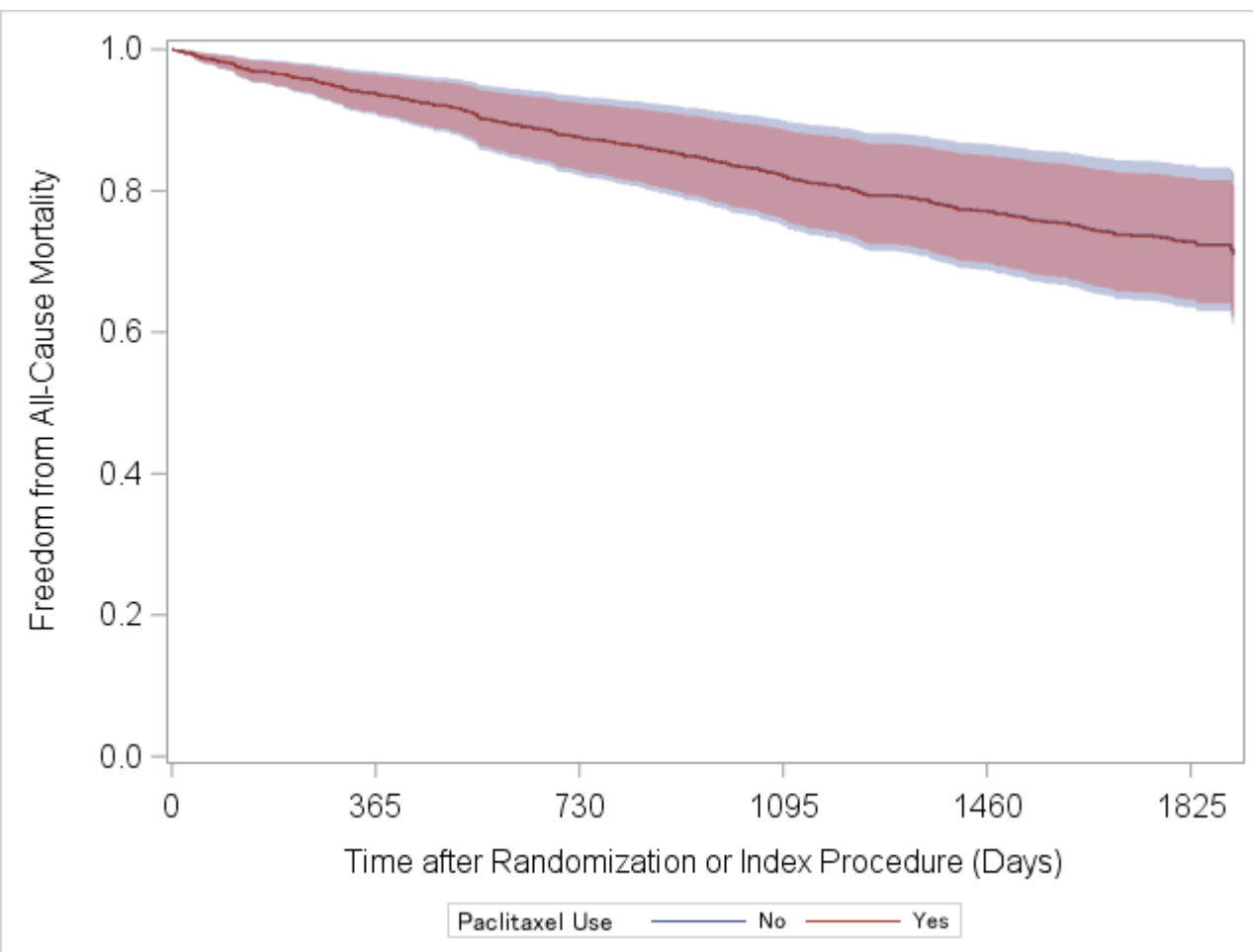
A total of 2581 patients was analyzed  
independently



Unadjusted



Adjusted





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# **An Individual-Level Meta-Analysis Using Real-World and Pivotal Studies on Mortality From the Use of Paclitaxel-Containing Devices in Japanese Femoropopliteal Disease Patients**

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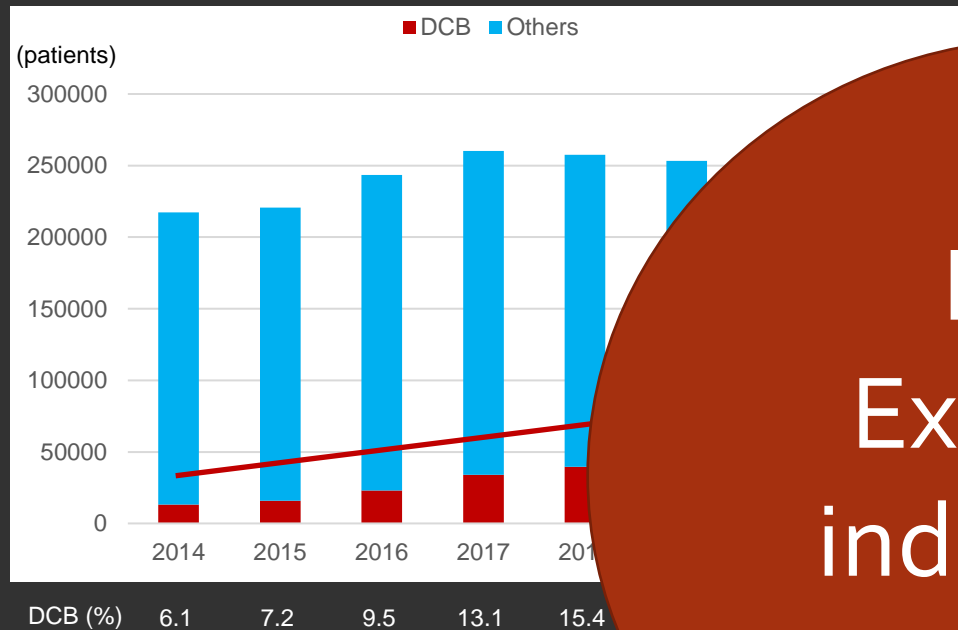
Therefore, there were no specific restrictions from the administration on the use of PTX devices.

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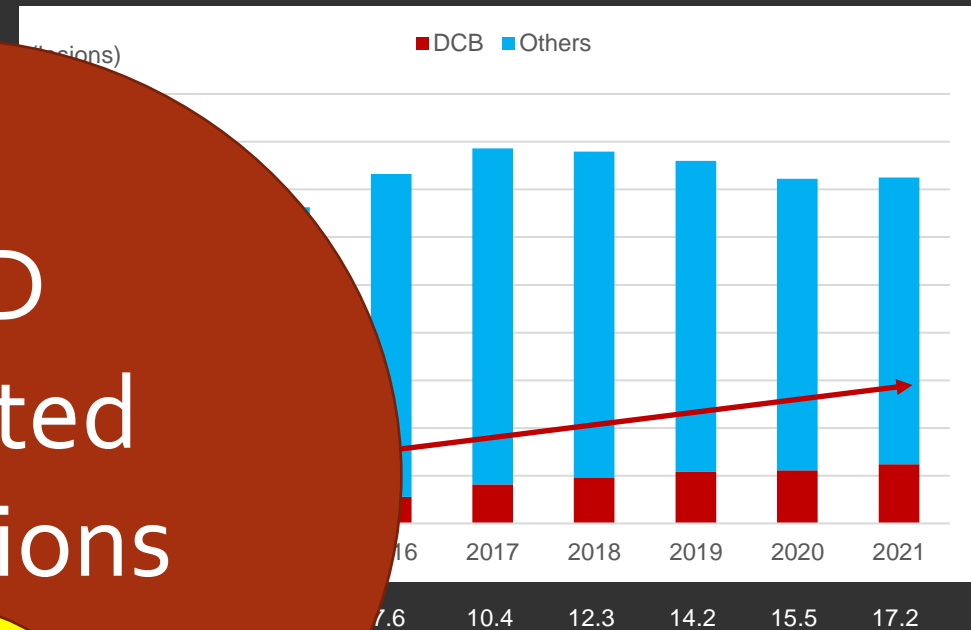
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# CHANGES OF THE DCB USAGE IN THE J-PCI REGISTRY (2014-2021) ON LEVEL USE IS ISR AND SMALL VESSEL DISEASE

## Per patient analysis



## Per lesion analysis



RWD  
Expected  
indications

Current  
indication

Number and the proportion of DCB usage in the J-PCI Registry. This suggests

an increasing trend in Japan. and off-level.

# Japanese current situation 2

- In Japan, reimbursement is based on approved indication.
- Off level use is basically not recommended and reimbursement is not sure.
- Therefore, package insert is crucial.

# WHEN CONSIDERING THE EXPANSION OF ADAPTATION USING RWD

## Challenges

1. Need to revise the attached text.
2. Need to submit plans in advance and address concerns such as selection bias, misclassification, and confounding factors
3. Reliability and validity must be assured for the use of RWDs

# CHALLENGE : ESTABLISHMENT OF RWD

- Meaningful Real world data
  - Available for assessment

- Protocol
  - How large is the registry
    - To approve the hypothesis
  - Avoidance of selection bias
  - Assurance of reliability



- All comer
  - All cases to the extent deemed appropriate
    - ⇒ Collaboration with CVIT
  - How to evaluate being an all-comer
    - ⇒ Check it in the log
- Assurance of reliability (EDC is the principle)
  - Select the facilities with extensive experience in clinical trials
  - Monitoring and Auditing (How rigorous)
  - Managed by many procedure manuals



- DCB all comer trial planned
- Consultation with PMDA completed
- Trial started in August at 60 sites with a target enrollment of (1,500, up to 2,000) patients.
- More than half of the patients have already been enrolled

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# EXPECTED EFFECTS ON PRACTICE

- This trial will open up new avenues and promote the rebalancing of new medical devices before and after approval.
- It will be possible to review and revise the guidelines for appropriate use criteria, which will promote proper use in actual clinical practice.
- The established EDC can continue to be used for similar devices.
- Know how of highly reliable RWD accumulation will be accumulated, and various procedure manuals will serve as milestones for future registries.
- If an optimal performance goal (OPG) can be established based on the accumulated data, it will be possible to conduct an approval trial using a short-group study.

# FINAL CHALLENGE

- The Spirit of HBD
- Success story is mandatory



# SUMMARY

- Due to changes in the historical background, the indications for new medical devices are subject to many restrictions.
- Retrospective Use of RWD Shows Paclitaxel related devices does not raise life-effect concerns in Japan.
- A new attempt to utilize RWD in a prospective manner has been initiated.
- Reliability and means to avoid bias are needed.
- Challenging, but we believe that a new world will unfold.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION



# NEXT WAVE OF DEVICE LAG RESOLVED

## LIMITATIONS ON GROWTH OF SOCIAL HEALTH CARE SPENDING

- What are the indications for new therapeutic devices (after elimination of device lag)?
  - Limited indications based on pivotal trial.
  - Often not enough experience in daily practice
- Limited use
  - Clinical use is restricted by Good Clinical Practice Standards
  - Use is permitted only in limited facilities.
  - These are disadvantages of elimination of device lag exposed.