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## **Abstract**

**Aims** —To investigate whether the bystander–patient relationship affects bystander response to out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) and patient outcomes depending on the time of day.

**Methods**—This population-based observational study in Japan involving 139,265 bystander-witnessed OHCA (90,426 family members, 10,479 friends/colleagues, and 38,360 others) without prehospital physician involvement was conducted from 2005 to 2009. Factors associated with better bystander response [early emergency call and bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation (BCPR)] and 1-month neurologically favourable survival were assessed.

**Results**— The rates of dispatcher-assisted CPR during daytime (7:00–18:59) and nighttime (19:00–6:59) were highest in family members (45.6% and 46.1%, respectively, for family members; 28.7% and 29.2%, respectively, for friends/colleagues; and 28.1% and 25.3%, respectively, for others). However, the BCPR rates were lowest in family members (35.5% and 37.8%, respectively, for family members; 43.7% and 37.8%, respectively, for friends/colleagues; and 59.3% and 50.0%, respectively, for others). Large delays ( $\geq 5$  min) in placing emergency calls and initiating BCPR were most frequent in family members. The overall survival rate was lowest (2.7%) for family members and highest (9.1%) for friends/colleagues during daytime. Logistic regression analysis revealed that the effect of bystander relationship on survival

was significant only during daytime [adjusted odds ratios (95% CI) for survival from daytime OHCA with family as reference were 1.51 (1.36–1.68) for friends/colleagues and 1.23 (1.13–1.34) for others].

**Conclusions**—Family members are least likely to perform BCPR and OHCA witnessed by family members are least likely to survive during daytime. Different strategies are required for family-witnessed OHCA.

**Keywords:** cardiopulmonary resuscitation; out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; patient survival; bystander–patient relationship; time of day

## **Introduction**

Sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) is a significant public health problem. To maximize the chance of favourable outcome, the “chain of survival” concept has emphasized that time-sensitive interventions must be administered to OHCA patients [1].

Most OHCA are witnessed or discovered by family members at home [2, 3]. Although previous questionnaire surveys showed that a bystander closely related to an OHCA patient is more willing to provide bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation (BCPR) [4, 5], at-home OHCA were reported to be associated with poorer BCPR rates and lower survival rates compared with OHCA occurring at other locations [2, 6, 7].

The survival rates of all [8] and witnessed [9] OHCA during nighttime have been reported to be low, presumably because of poor medical resources in hospitals. On the other hand, the frequency of OHCA witnessed by family members and the number of family members witnessing OHCA are expected to be low during daytime because some family members are out of the house during normal business hours; this is demographically known as the daytime vs. residential population [10]. However, the effects of the time of day on OHCA outcomes have never been investigated after adjusting for alternation of bystander–patient relationships due to the population shift during daytime in any large

population-based cohort study.

The present study tested our hypothesis that bystander–patient relationship has a significant effect on bystander responses [early activation of emergency medical services (early emergency call) and early provision of BCPR in accordance with the “chain of survival” concept [1]] and patient outcomes and that the effects of the relationship differ between daytime and nighttime.

## **Methods**

### **Data collection and study design**

We obtained the consent of the Japanese Fire and Disaster Management Agency (FDMA) to analyse the OHCA data prospectively collected between 2005 and 2009. This Utstein-style database of All-Japan registry system that includes data on patient background, arrest witnesses, aetiology, presence and type of BCPR, presence of dispatcher-assisted CPR (DA-CPR) instruction, initial cardiac rhythm, estimated time of collapse (obtained from interviews with bystanders), times of bystander and EMT CPR initiation and EMT arrival, one-month (1-M) survival, and 1-M neurologically favourable survival (cerebral performance category, 1 or 2 [11]). The study group comprising members of the Ishikawa Medical Control Council and their collaborators conducted this study, which was approved by the review board of

Ishikawa Medical Control Council.

### **Data selection**

A total of 547,218 OHCA patients were documented. Of 175,912 bystander-witnessed OHCA patients transported to hospital, any physician involvement in the prehospital setting was recorded in 30,619 and unknown in 86. We first excluded these cases because CPR quality and OHCA outcomes is reported to be affected by physician involvement [12, 13]. The bystander–patient relationship was unknown in 160, DA-CPR instruction and/or CPR type (chest compression-only or conventional) were unknown in 2,751, and other fundamental data for time factors and/or survival were unknown in 3,031. We excluded these patients from analysis and classified the remaining 139,265 into three groups according to the bystander–patient relationship: family members, including relatives (N = 90,426, 64.9%); friends and colleagues, including workplace colleagues (N = 10,479, 7.5%); and others, including passers-by, on-duty staff in public and care facilities, and off-duty nurses and healthcare providers (N = 38,360, 27.5%) (Figure 1). According to a preliminary chronological analysis, we defined daytime as 7:00 am to 6:59 pm and nighttime as 7:00 pm to 6:59 am.

The nationwide Utstein database did not include the data of arrest location or more comprehensive information on the backgrounds of bystanders. Therefore, in this study, as supplemental

data to assume the relationship between bystander type and arrest location, we analysed a more extensive Utstein-style database that was prospectively collected for 8,386 OHCA that occurred from January 2005 to December 2009 in the Ishikawa Prefecture (Supplementary Table 1). Of the 139,265 witnessed OHCA extracted from the nationwide database, 1,200 occurred in Ishikawa Prefecture. Of these, complete case matching to the nation-wide database was obtained in 1,125 patients, who were divided into three bystander groups [family members 702 (62.4%), friends and colleagues 96 (8.5%), and others 327 (29.1%)].

### **Population and setting**

Japan has a population of 128 million. In 2009, the aged population ( $\geq 65$  years) was 28.18 million, constituting 22.7% of the total population. The percentage of elderly individuals in the population is the highest in the world [10].

In 2009, Japan had 803 fire departments with approximately 4,900 ambulance teams [14].

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are not allowed to terminate resuscitation on the field unless an OHCA patient shows rigor mortis, hypostasis, and cloudiness of the cornea or other postmortem changes. Only authorized and specially trained EMTs are permitted to insert tracheal tubes and administer intravenous epinephrine.

## Statistical analysis

We analysed bystander responses and outcomes among the three bystander groups in daytime and nighttime OHCA subgroups. Differences across groups for nominal variables were assessed with  $\chi^2$  test with Pearson's correction and those for continuous variables with the Kruskal–Wallis test. We calculated both unadjusted and adjusted odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for significant variables. Unadjusted odds ratio was calculated with simple nominal multiple logistic regression analysis. We used multiple logistic regression analysis to examine the association between bystander–patient relationship and BCPR provision or 1-M neurologically favourable survival. When building the model for BCPR provision, we sequentially introduced groups of variables into the model, first DA-CPR and patient age that were well known to be potentially associated with the presence of BCPR [15-17] and then other factors in a stepwise manner to obtain the lowest Bayesian information criterion (BIC). When building the model for 1-M neurologically favourable survival, we sequentially added groups of variables, first aetiology of arrest, initial rhythm, and interval between call and EMT arrival at patients (response time) that were well known to be potentially associated with the survival [11, 18], and then other factors that were significant in univariable analysis to obtain the lowest BIC. Generalized  $R^2$  was computed as a measure of fit of the final regression model. We analysed all data using JMP ver. 10 (SAS Institute, Cary,

NC). For each analysis, the null hypothesis was evaluated at a 2-sided significant level of  $p < 0.05$ , with 95% CIs calculated using profile likelihood.

## **Results**

### **Differences in OHCA patient and bystander background among the three groups**

As shown in Table 1, OHCA patients witnessed by the friends/colleagues group were youngest among the three bystander groups, whereas those witnessed by the other group were most frequently female. The aetiology of cardiac arrest was most frequently presumed to be cardiac for the friends/colleagues group. Among the three groups, family members witnessed OHCAs least frequently during daytime.

Supplementary Table 1 shows that family members mostly witnessed OHCAs at home (92.3%; 648/702). The locations of 96 OHCAs witnessed by friends and colleagues included public places (42.7%; 41/96) and workplaces (36.5%; 35/96). Others mostly witnessed OHCAs at care facilities (55.0%; 180/327). The number of rescuers was most frequently one (64.2%; 433/674) and they were most frequently females (67.3%; 454/675) in the family group. Family member bystanders were most frequently aged  $\geq 65$  years (35.6%; 223/626). When analysed for OHCAs witnessed by family members at home, the majority of bystanders were wives and daughters (64.2%; 451/702), including daughters-in-law

and granddaughters.

### **Differences in bystander response among the three groups**

Although DA-CPR instruction was most frequently attempted in family-witnessed OHCAs, it most frequently resulted in failure to induce BCPR both during daytime and nighttime (Table 2). The rate of bystander noncompliance with DA-CPR (DA-CPR failure to induce BCPR) for family members moderately decreased during nighttime, while that for friends and colleagues increased. The BCPR rate was the highest for others and lowest for family members during daytime (unadjusted OR the presence of BCPR, 95% CI with family members as reference, [1.41, 1.35–1.48] vs. friends/colleagues; [2.65, 2.57–2.73] vs. others). The BCPR rate among family members slightly increased during nighttime, while those for the other two groups moderately decreased. The rate of BCPR on bystander's own initiative was extremely low and was the lowest for family members both during daytime and nighttime.

We compared the interval between witness and emergency call as an early emergency call index among bystander groups. As shown in Table 2, the median intervals appeared to be same both during daytime and nighttime. However, the proportion of prolonged delay in placing an emergency call, defined as a time interval of  $\geq 5$  min (75% value for all OHCAs), was the highest for family members and lowest for friends/colleagues both during daytime and nighttime. Next, we compared the interval between

witness and BCPR initiation as an early CPR index among groups. The interval was longest for family members and shortest for others both during daytime and nighttime. The proportion of a prolonged delay in BCPR, defined similarly to the emergency call, was the highest for family members. Overall, the effects of time of day were absent or negligible.

We used multiple logistic regressions to confirm the association between bystander–patient relationship and BCPR administration. As shown in Figure 2, with family members as the reference group (OR, 1), adjusted ORs, 95% CIs for BCPR provision during daytime were (2.45, 2.31–2.58) for friends and colleagues and (4.53, 4.38–4.70) for others, while those during nighttime were (1.66, 1.51–1.83) and (3.22, 3.06–3.39), respectively. Judging from these adjusted ORs, the effects of bystander–patient relationship on BCPR administration were prominent during daytime.

### **Association between bystander–patient relationship and 1-M neurologically favourable survival**

Figure 3 shows that 1-M neurologically favourable survival rate for daytime OHCA clearly differed among the three bystander groups; the rate during daytime was consistently the lowest for family members and highest for friends and colleagues, even when the analysis was performed for two OHCA subgroups yielding a high survival rate. The 1-M neurologically favourable survival rate for nighttime OHCA was significantly lower than that for daytime OHCA in the two bystander groups other than

family members. The rate for OHCA of presumed cardiac aetiology and having BCP and shockable initial rhythm was the lowest for family members both during daytime and nighttime.

We confirmed the association of bystander–patient relationship with 1-M neurologically favourable survival using multiple logistic regression analysis (Figure 4). During daytime, a family member bystander was significantly associated with 1-M neurologically unfavourable survival (entropy  $R^2$ , 0.234). With family members as the reference group (OR, 1), the adjusted OR, 95%CI for favourable survival was (1.51, 1.36–1.68) for friends and colleagues and (1.23, 1.13–1.34) for others. However, the analysis for nighttime OHCA disclosed that bystander–patient relationship was not significantly associated with 1-M neurologically favourable survival (entropy  $R^2$ , 0.228).

## **Discussion**

This study clearly showed that family members are unlikely to perform CPR, particularly during daytime, when they witness an OHCA and that the time for making an emergency call and initiating CPR by family members is frequently delayed. Furthermore, OHCA patients witnessed by family members during daytime are 1.87 to 3.94 times less likely to survive than those witnessed by friends and colleagues and 1.38 to 1.51 times less likely to survive than those witnessed by others. The multiple logistic regression

analysis confirmed that OHCA patients witnessed by family members during daytime are most unlikely to exhibit a 1-M neurologically favourable survival. Coincident with the recent reports [8, 9], the 1-M neurologically favourable survival rates of OHCA patients witnessed by friends/colleagues and others considerably decreased during nighttime. However, in this study, neither BCPR nor survival rates of OHCA patients witnessed by family members decreased during nighttime, whereas those witnessed by the other 2 bystander groups decreased during nighttime. These results suggest that the poor outcome of OHCA patients during nighttime is attributable not only to poor medical resources in hospitals, including the reduced number and/or performance of medical staff, but also to poor bystander response to OHCA patients witnessed by non-family bystanders.

Japan has a rapidly aging population. The number of households with elderly residents is increasing (42.6% in 2010) [10]. Males have a shorter lifespan than females. Commonly, a patriarch (or husband) at retirement age is the one with the first at-home family member-witnessed OHCA, as demonstrated in this study and others [19, 20]. According to the Japanese national census [10], males are more likely to be employed or attending school than females (91.7% vs. 73.5%) in the working population (15–59 years). Furthermore, in residential areas, because approximately 60% of the population is out of the home during business and school hours, the daytime population becomes less than the

nighttime population [10]. These data and the results of analysis for supplementary data in Ishikawa Prefecture (Supplementary Table 1) indicate that older family members, mostly aged couples are left at home during daytime. Because placing an emergency call is frequently delayed [19] and multiple rescuers are rarely present [21] at home, this environment may be more isolated from the emergency medical service system during daytime. Large questionnaire surveys have shown that elderly citizens are more reluctant to attend BLS courses [22] and perform BLS [23]. Skill retention may be lower in the elderly population [24]. We previously showed that females are less willing to perform BLS, including CPR [23]. Therefore, the situation may not be ameliorated even when a daughter or granddaughter is a witness.

In addition to the above issues that may be specific to Japan and other countries that have an increasingly aging population, it is possible that preparedness for a serious medical emergency at home may be universally poor. Sudden cardiac arrest of a family member may be the last issue for family members to discuss. They may also suffer emotional stress, particularly when they witness a sudden cardiac arrest in one of their family members during daytime as the sole bystander or rescuer. The ability of family bystanders to detect collapse and assess cardiac function is also likely to be extremely low [19]. Cognitive bias may interfere with appropriate recognition of cardiac arrest. For example, family members may take longer to detect cardiac arrest in family patients, because such patients usually lie down at home

and consequently may be considered resting. This poor ability of family members to detect cardiac arrest may be an important factor affecting the low BCPR rates during daytime. Accordingly, the original protocol for DA-CPR in our community stated that a dispatcher should request a caller to call back using a mobile or wireless phone when they are not in the vicinity of an OHCA patient [16]. It has been reported that chain of survival actions including automated external defibrillator (AED) application were not initiated in all cases of witnessed cardiac arrest even when family members or relatives were trained to take appropriate action [25]. Furthermore, because some family members are aware of the patient's serious health situations and/or implicit end-of-life preferences, these family members may hesitate to perform BCPR.

Consequently, a new strategy is necessary to improve the "chain of survival" actions for family member-witnessed OHCAs during daytime. We should recognize that a near friend with less stress may be better than a near-dwelling family member. If elderly citizens more proactively participate in social events and programs during daytime, the chance of unstressed and well-trained bystanders to witness OHCAs may increase and the rate of survival from OHCAs during daytime may be further improved. The BCPR provision improves the outcome of OHCAs [26] and DA-CPR instruction increases the BCPR rate [16]. Therefore, routine proactive provision of DA-CPR instruction should be combined with a public

information campaign to facilitate an early emergency call. Previous BLS training courses designed for public situations where help from others is available need to be revised for small households. In this regard, we have requested a revision for all the fire departments in our community so that it includes realistic simulations of DA-CPR instruction in their training courses for family members who stay at home. The lowest survival rate of OHCA witnessed by family members during daytime is due, at least in part, to the absence of well-trained bystanders at the scene. Thus, implementation of a community first-responder system [27], engagement of all residents in a small community comprising elderly households in chain of survival initiatives [28], and recruitment of well-trained neighbours and healthcare providers to perform BLS on at-home OHCA patients may be necessary [29].

Our study has several limitations. The bystander classification may be inaccurate when multiple bystanders with different relationships with the patients are present. No data on BCPR quality, known to be a major factor in achieving better OHCA outcomes [30], was collected. Although EMTs were encouraged to identify the time factor by interviewing the bystander(s), the time factor calculated from the estimated time of collapse and CPR initiation may be inaccurate. The relationship between bystander type and arrest location was analysed only in the Ishikawa Prefecture. Because the sample size of the data was too small to reach a definite conclusion, further investigations using a nationwide database

will be needed to elucidate the effects of the bystander–patient relationship and locations on patient response and survival. However, this study contains a notably large prospective cohort, and the results will be useful for designing new strategies to deal with family member-witnessed OHCA.

## **Conclusions**

Despite current educational efforts, our findings suggest that it is unlikely that a family member who witnesses an OHCA in Japan will respond appropriately, particularly during daytime. Although previous questionnaire surveys indicated that family members would be the most willing to initiate BCPR and respond to DA-CPR instructions, they are actually the ones who least frequently perform desirable actions when they witness a family member suffering an OHCA. Furthermore, a family member bystander is associated with 1-M neurologically unfavourable survival in daytime OHCA patients. Therefore, different strategies should be designed to deal with family member-witnessed OHCA patients, particularly during daytime.

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None.

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## **Figure legends**

### **Figure 1. Overview of nationwide data collection and selection**

### **Figure 2. Factors associated with bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation**

DA-CPR, dispatcher-assisted cardiopulmonary resuscitation; BCPR, bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation; OR, odds ratio; 95% CI, 95% confidence interval.

Adjusted results using multiple logistic regression analysis are shown.

We used multiple logistic regression modeling to examine the association between BCPR administration and bystander–patient relationship. When building the model for the presence of BCPR, we sequentially introduced groups of variables into the model, first DA-CPR and patient age that were expected to be associated with the presence of BCPR [15-17] and then other basic factors in a stepwise manner to obtain

the lowest Bayesian information criterion. All factors were included in the final model. Generalized R-square of the final model was 0.250 and 0.272 for daytime and nighttime OHCA, respectively.

**Figure 3. Comparison of 1-M neurologically favourable survival among the three bystander groups for daytime and nighttime OHCA patients**

OR (95% CI) was determined by simple logistic regression analysis.

\* Significantly different from the corresponding value of daytime OHCA. P-values are from  $2 \times 2$

Fisher's exact probability test or  $\chi^2$  test with the Pearson's correction as appropriate.

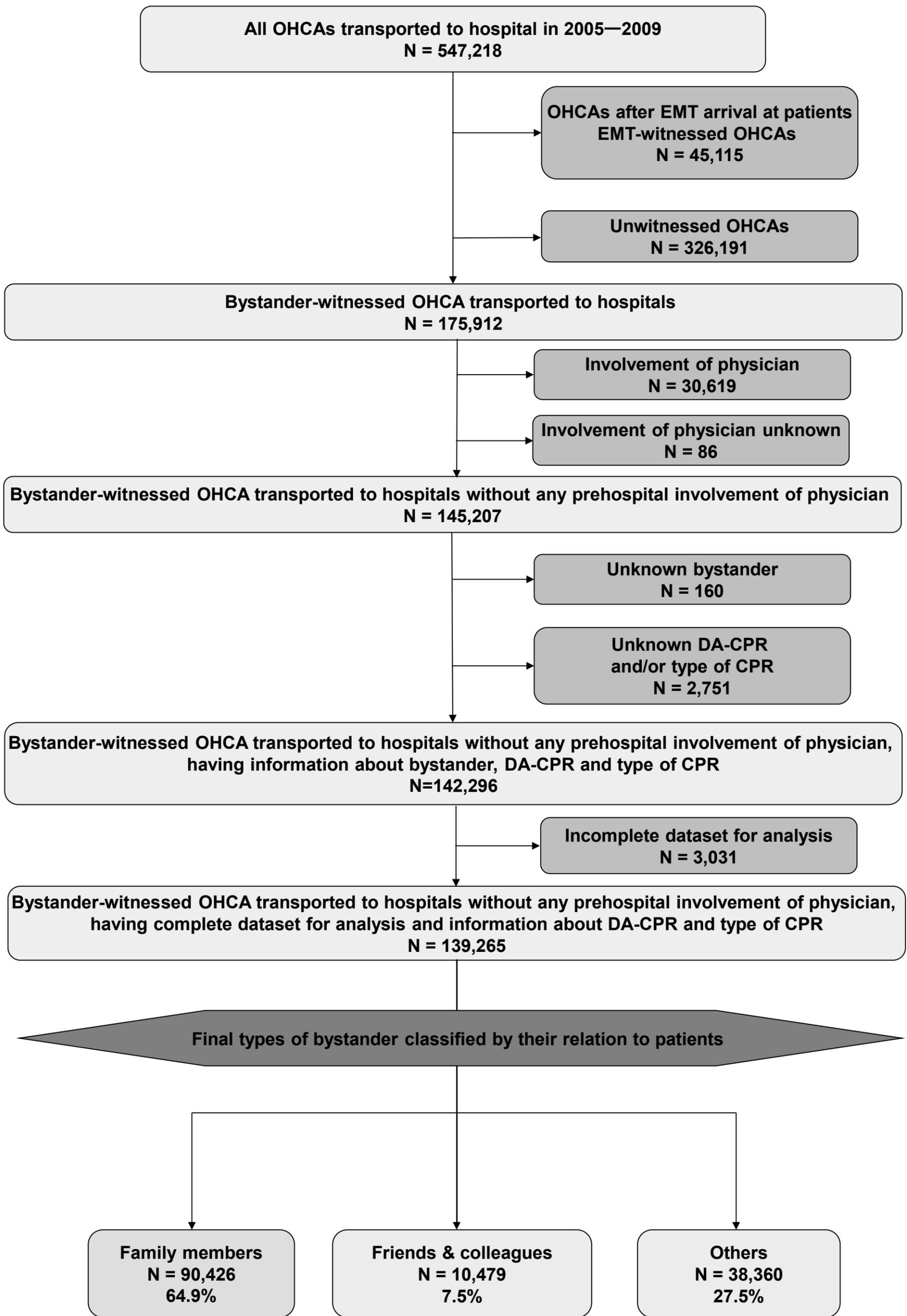
**Figure 4. Factors associated with one-month neurologically favourable survival**

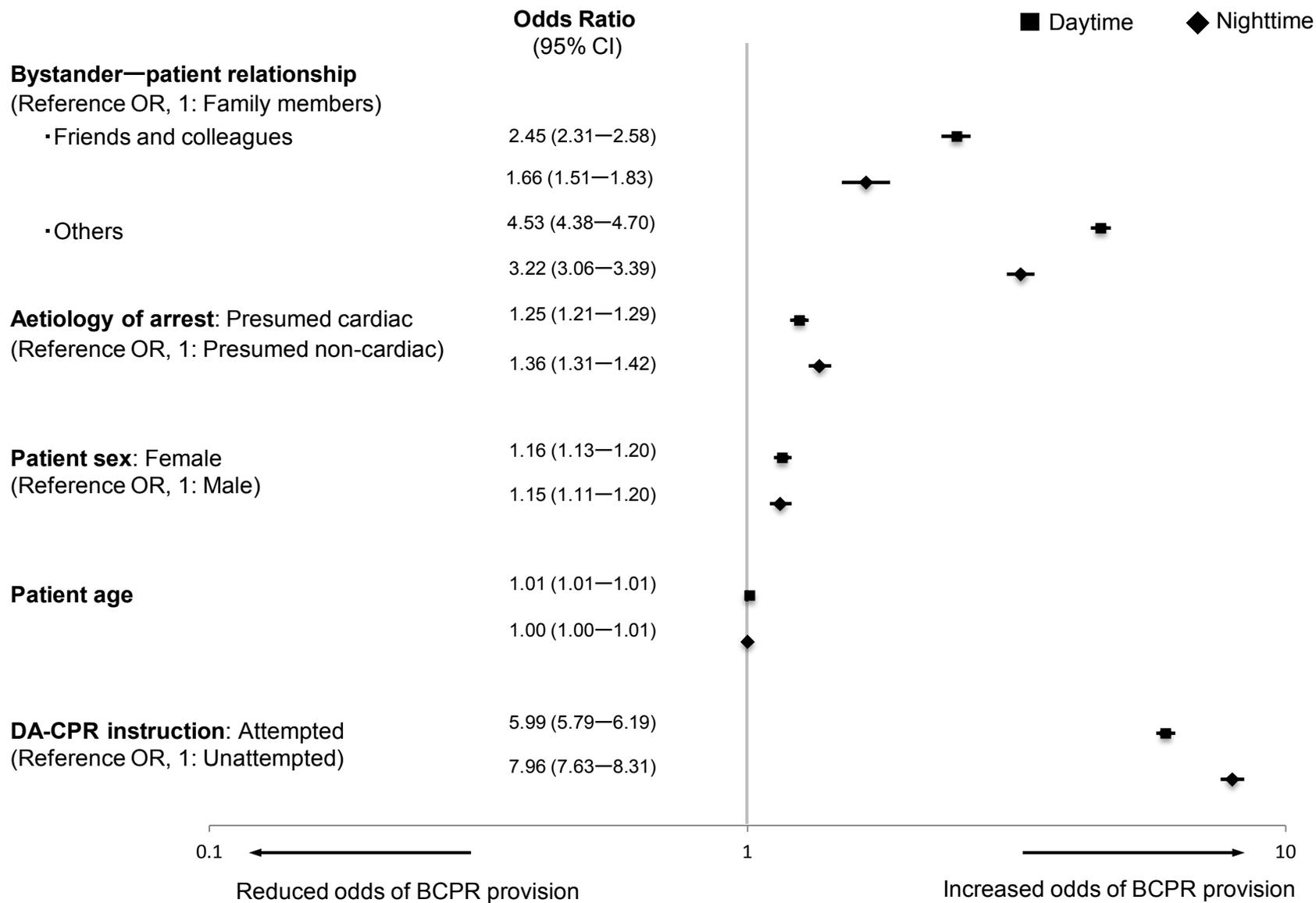
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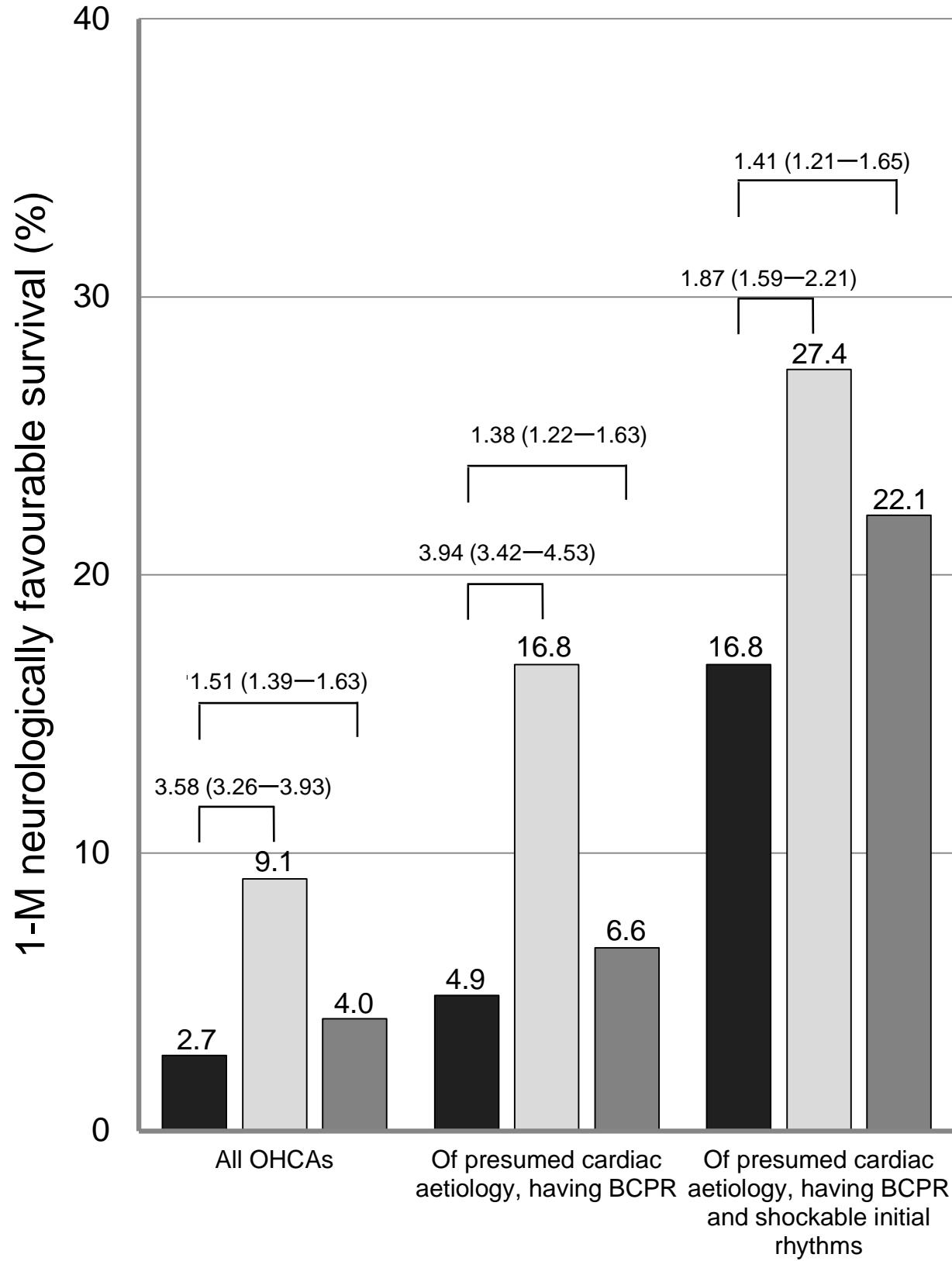
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reported to be potentially associated with the survival [11, 18], and then other factors that were significant in univariable analysis to obtain the lowest Bayesian information criterion (BIC). Patient sex and time interval of arrival at patient – arrival at hospital were excluded from the final model because these two factors produced no further improvement of BIC. Generalized R-square of the final model was 0.234 and 0.228 for daytime and nighttime OHCA, respectively.



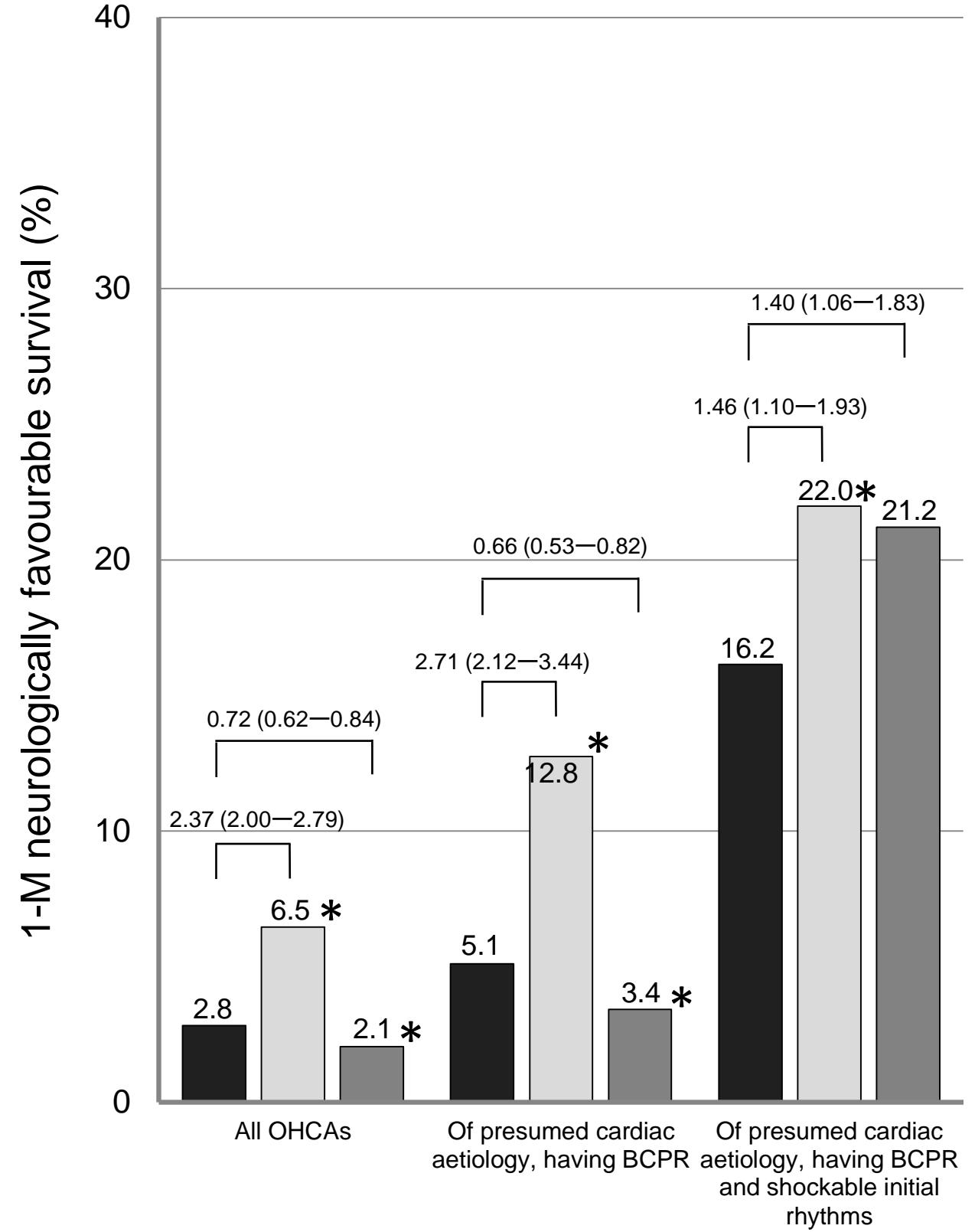


### Daytime



■ Family members    □ Friends and colleagues    ■ Others

### Nighttime



■ Family members    □ Friends and colleagues    ■ Others

**Odds Ratio**  
(95% CI)

■ Daytime    ◆ Nighttime

**Bystander—patient relationship**  
(Reference OR, 1: Family members)

· Friends and colleagues	1.51 (1.36—1.68)
	1.05 (0.88—1.26)
· Others	1.23 (1.13—1.34)
	0.88 (0.75—1.03)

**Aetiology of arrest: Presumed cardiac**  
(Reference OR, 1: Presumed non-cardiac)

	1.49 (1.36—1.65)
	1.45 (1.26—1.68)

**Initial rhythm: Shockable**  
(Reference OR, 1: Non-shockable)

	6.75 (6.20—7.35)
	7.90 (6.99—8.95)

**BCPR: Provision**  
(Reference OR, 1: Absent)

	1.75 (1.62—1.89)
	1.62 (1.45—1.81)

**Patient age**

	0.98 (0.98—0.98)
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**Time factors**

· Witness—call	0.98 (0.97—0.98)
	0.95 (0.95—0.96)
· Call—arrival at patient	0.93 (0.92—0.94)
	0.84 (0.83—0.85)
	0.87 (0.85—0.89)

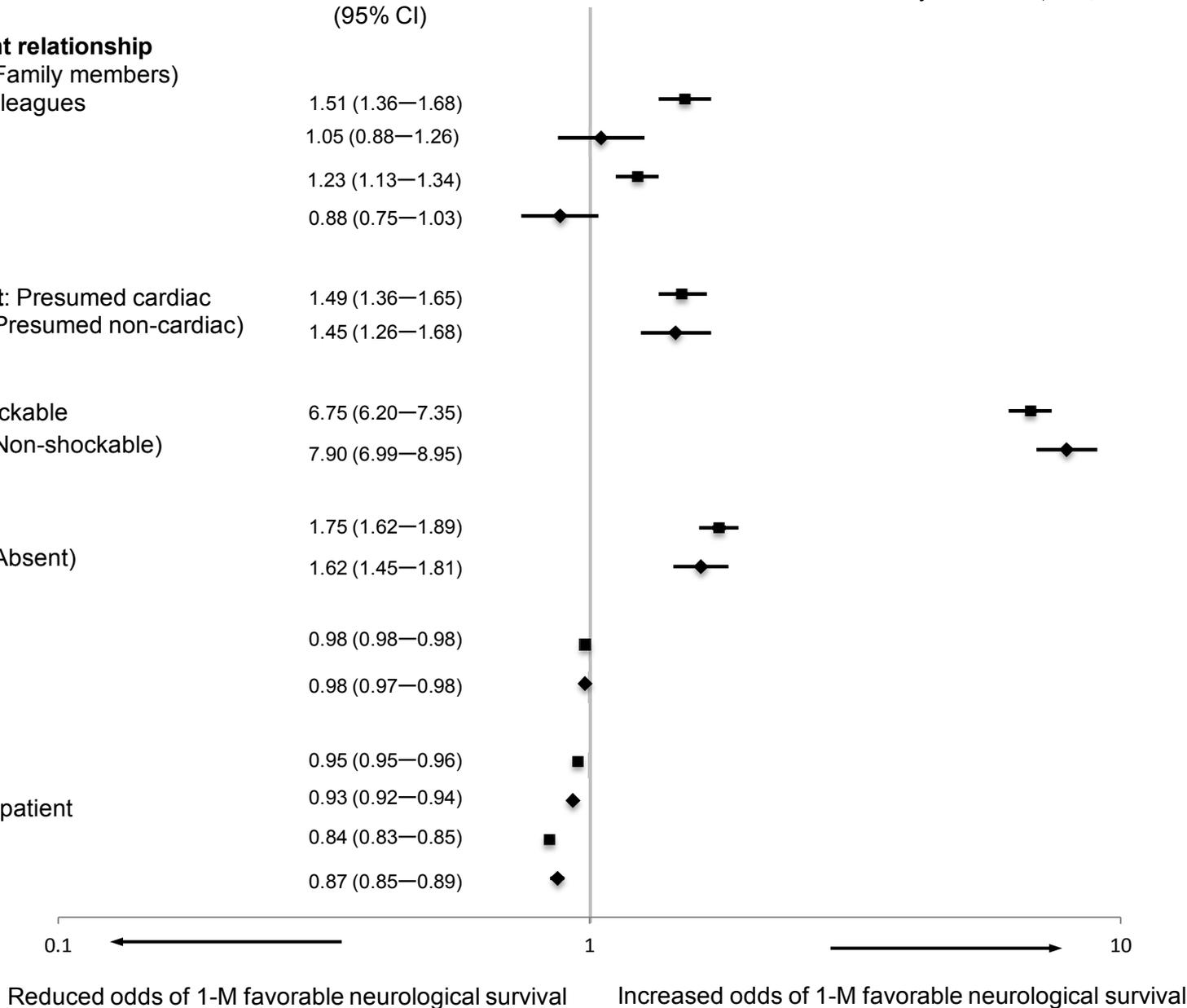


Table 1. Differences in background among the bystander groups classified by the bystander–patient relationship in bystander-witnessed OHCA patients

Background and characteristics	Bystander–patient relationship			<i>p</i> value <sup>†</sup>
	Family members (N = 90,426)	Friends and colleagues (N = 10,479)	Others (N = 38,360)	
Patient age, median (25–75%)	77 (67–84)	60 (49–71)	79 (64–87)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Female patient, % (N) [OR, 95% CI] <sup>*</sup>	37.7% (34,151) [Reference]	21.2% (2,217) [0.44, 0.42–0.46]	46.9% (17,996) [1.46, 1.42–1.49]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Presumed cardiac aetiology, % (N) [OR, 95% CI] <sup>*</sup>	58.2% (52,632) [Reference]	63.2% (6,622) [1.23, 1.18–1.29]	48.1% (38,360) [0.67, 0.65–0.68]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Shockable initial rhythm, % (N) [OR, 95% CI] <sup>*</sup>	13.1% (11,842) [Reference]	31.4% (3,288) [3.03, 2.90–3.18]	11.8% (4,513) [0.89, 0.85–0.92]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Public access defibrillation, % (N) [OR, 95% CI] <sup>*</sup>	0.1% (126) [Reference]	2.6% (276) [19.4, 15.73–24.04]	1.7% (654) [12.47, 10.34–15.16]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Hour of OHCA witness, daytime (7:00 am–6:59 pm), % (N) [OR, 95% CI] <sup>*</sup>	56.9% (51,446) [Reference]	74.7% (7,830) [2.24, 2.14–2.35]	73.0% (28,013) [2.05, 2.00–2.11]	<i>p</i> < 0.01

OHCA, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

\* Odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence interval (CI) were determined by simple logistic regression analysis (family member as reference).

†  $3 \times 2 \chi^2$  test with the Pearson's correction or the Kruskal–Wallis test as appropriate.

Table 2. Differences in bystander response incidence among the three bystander groups

	Daytime				Nighttime			
	Bystander–patient relationship			<i>P</i> value <sup>†</sup>	Bystander–patient relationship			<i>P</i> value <sup>†</sup>
	Family members (N = 51,446)	Friends and colleagues (N = 7,830)	Others (N = 28,013)		Family members (N = 38,980)	Friends and colleagues (N = 2,649)	Others (N = 10,347)	
<b>DA-CPR instruction attempted, % (N) [OR, 95% CI]*</b>	45.6% (23,458) [Reference]	28.7% (2,246) [0.48, 0.46–0.51]	28.1% (7,868) [0.47, 0.45–0.48]	<i>p</i> < 0.01	46.1% (17,984) [Reference]	29.2% (774) [0.48, 0.44–0.53]	25.3% <sup>‡</sup> (2,616) [0.40, 0.38–0.42]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Failure to induce BCPR/attempted cases, % (N) [OR, 95% CI]*	41.4% (9,701) [Reference]	27.3% (614) [0.53, 0.48–0.59]	20.6% (1,624) [0.37, 0.35–0.39]	<i>p</i> < 0.01	36.7% <sup>‡</sup> (6,614) [Reference]	34.1% <sup>‡</sup> (264) [0.89, 0.76–1.04]	22.9% (600) [0.51, 0.46–0.56]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
<b>BCPR–present, % (N) [OR, 95% CI]*</b>	35.5% (18,256) [Reference]	43.7% (3,424) [1.41, 1.35–1.48]	59.3% (16,613) [2.65, 2.57–2.73]	<i>p</i> < 0.01	37.8% <sup>‡</sup> (14,752) [Reference]	37.8% <sup>‡</sup> (1,000) [0.99, 0.92–1.08]	50.0% <sup>‡</sup> (5,173) [1.64, 1.57–1.72]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
BCPR on own initiative, % (N) [OR, 95% CI]*	24.6% (4,499) [Reference]	52.3% (1,792) [3.36, 3.12–3.62]	62.4% (10,369) [5.08, 4.85–5.32]	<i>p</i> < 0.01	22.9% <sup>‡</sup> (3,382) [Reference]	49.0% (490) [3.23, 2.84–3.68]	61.0% (3,157) [5.27, 4.92–5.64]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
<b>Largely delayed emergency call</b>								
Witness–call interval, median (10–25–75–90%)	2 (–3–0–5–11)	2 (–3–0–4–9)	2 (–4–0–4–9)	<i>p</i> < 0.01	2 (–4–0–5–12)	2 (–3–0–2–10)	2 <sup>‡</sup> (–4–0–5–11)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Witness–call ≥ 5 min, % (N) [OR, 95% CI]*	22.7% (11,691) [Reference]	18.5% (1,447) [0.77, 0.73–0.82]	18.7% (5,230) [0.78, 0.75–0.81]	<i>p</i> < 0.01	24.2% <sup>‡</sup> (9,412) [Reference]	20.1% (532) [0.79, 0.72–0.87]	22.9% <sup>‡</sup> (2,365) [0.93, 0.88–0.98]	<i>p</i> < 0.01
<b>Largely delayed BCPR<sup>§</sup></b>								

Witness-BCPR interval, median (10-25-75-90%)	3 (0-1-6-11)	2 (0-0-5-9)	1 (0-0-2-5)	$p < 0.01$	3 (0-1-6-12)	1 (0-0-5-9)	0 (0-0-2-6)	$p < 0.01$
Witness-BCPR $\geq 5$ min, %(N) [OR, 95% CI]*	26.0% (4,592) [Reference]	17.8% (587) [0.62, 0.57-0.69]	9.3% (1,514) [0.29, 0.28-0.31]	$p < 0.01$	26.8% (3,845) [Reference]	18.2% (176) [0.62, 0.53-0.73]	11.1% (557) <sup>‡</sup> [0.35, 0.31-0.38]	$p < 0.01$

DA-CPR, dispatcher-assisted cardiopulmonary resuscitation; BCPR, bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation; emergency call, emergency response number call

\* Odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence interval (CI) were determined by simple logistic regression analysis (family member as reference).

†  $3 \times 2 \chi^2$  test with the Pearson's correction or the Kruskal-Wallis test as appropriate.

‡ Significantly different from the corresponding daytime value.

§ Determined only in cases that received BCPR.

Supplementary Table 1. Relationship between bystander group and arrest location or bystander background in Ishikawa Prefecture

Background and characteristics	Bystander–patient relationship			<i>p</i> value <sup>†</sup>
	Family members (N = 702)	Friends and colleagues (N = 96)	Others (N = 327)	
Patient age, median (25–75%)	77 (66–84)	59 (51–66)	82 (71–89)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Female patient, % (N)	31.1% (218)	14.6% (14)	51.4% (168)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Presumed cardiac aetiology, % (N)	51.1% (359)	56.3% (54)	57.8% (189)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Public access defibrillation, % (N)	0% (0)	1.0% (1)	2.4% (8)	undefined
Shockable initial rhythm, % (N)	17.2% (121)	37.5% (36)	8.6% (28)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Daytime (7:00 am–6:59 pm) OHCA, % (N)	56.4% (396)	69.8% (67)	74.0% (242)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
DA-CPR provision, % (N)	59.1% (415)	46.9% (45)	36.1% (118)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
BCPR provision, % (N)	45.2% (317)	49.0% (47)	68.2% (223)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Location, % (N)				undefined
Home	92.3% (648)	9.4% (9)	11.9% (39)	
Care facilities	0.6% (4)	2.1% (2)	55.0% (180)	
Public places	3.4% (27)	42.7% (41)	16.5% (54)	
Streets	2.0% (14)	4.2% (4)	13.1% (43)	
Workplaces	0.7% (5)	36.5% (35)	0.3% (1)	
Other locations	0.6% (4)	5.2% (5)	3.1% (10)	
Single rescuer*, % (N)	64.2% (433/674)	28.0% (26/93)	38.3% (119/311)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Female bystander*, % (N)	67.3% (454/675)	18.8% (18/96)	66.7% (214/321)	<i>p</i> < 0.01
Elderly (≥ 65 years) bystander*, % (N)	35.6% (223/626)	16.0% (15/94)	3.2% (10/315)	<i>p</i> < 0.01

OHCA, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; DA-CPR, dispatcher-assisted cardiopulmonary resuscitation; BCPR, bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation

\* Undefined in some cases.

†  $3 \times 2 \chi^2$  test with the Pearson's correction or the Kruskal–Wallis test as appropriate.