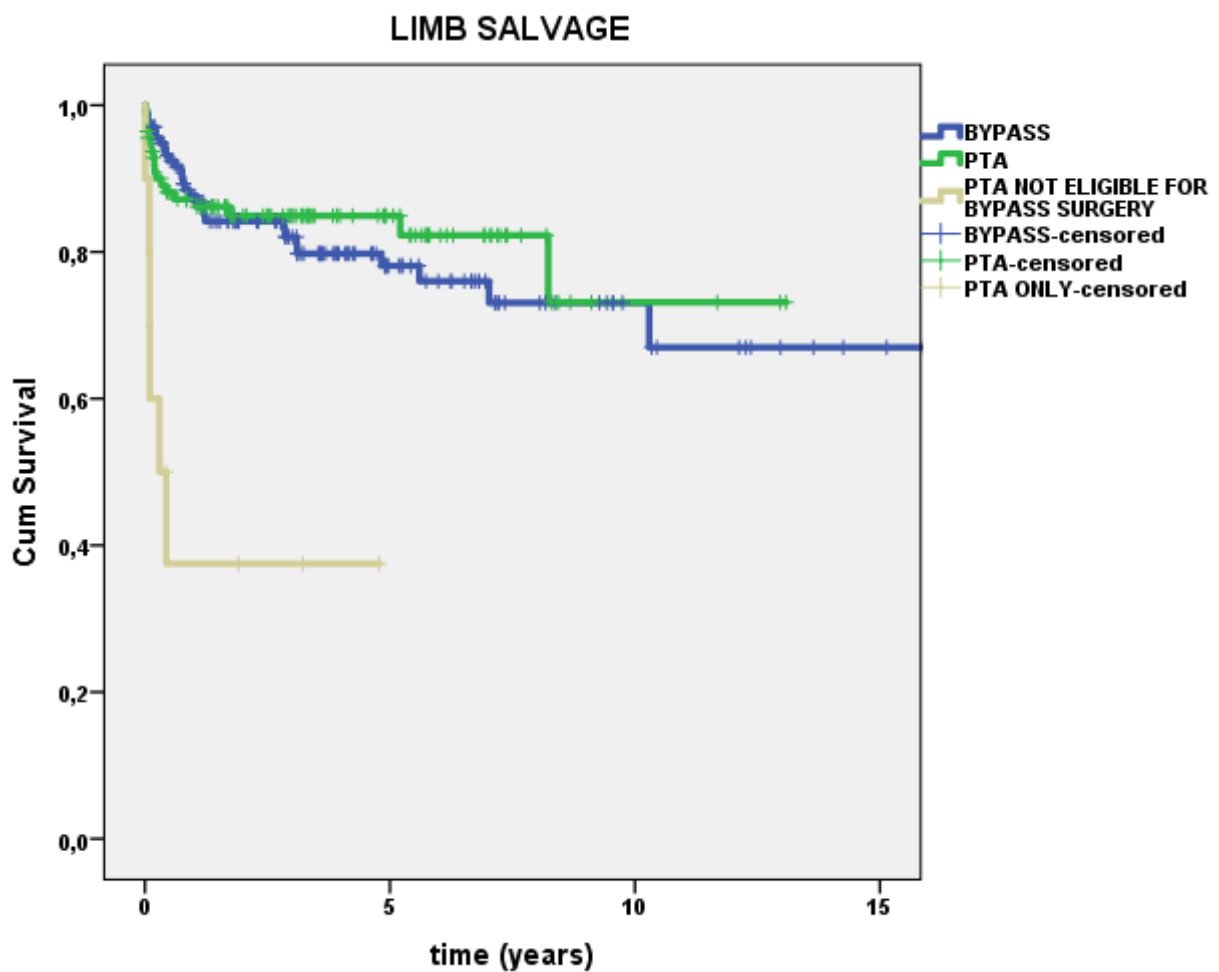


1 **Limb salvage in patients with technical success**

2 In 257 patients with primary technical success, Kaplan-Meier estimate for limb salvage after 5
3 years was 78 % (SE = .04) for bypass surgery, 85 %, (SE = .04) in PTA patients eligible for
4 both methods, and 37 %, (SE = .16) in PTA patients unsuitable for open surgery. There was
5 no significant difference in limb salvage between bypass surgery and PTA in patients eligible
6 for both methods ($p = .09$), while limb salvage was significantly lower in patients not eligible
7 for bypass surgery ($p = .00$).



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9 **Fig. 3 Limb salvage in patients with technical success**

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