

The Freshly Stented Patient Who Is Bleeding, Has DAPT Allergy, or Needs Non-Cardiac Surgery

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**What could possibly be
thematically common among
“Freshly Stented Patients” with:**

**Bleeding
DAPT Allergy
Needing Non-Cardiac Surgery**

**TO AVOID Thrombosis:
DON'T STOP DAPT!**



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ESC Congress News



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Do drug-eluting stents increase deaths?

TWO SEPARATE, independent meta-analyses, presented in Hot Line session I, suggest drug-eluting stents (DES) may increase death, Q-wave myocardial infarction (clinical surrogates of in-stent thrombosis) and cancer deaths, bringing the long-term safety of DES firmly into the spotlight. Discussant Salim Yusuf (McMaster University, Canada) hailed the data as one of the most important presentations to come out of this year's meeting.

"Six million people in the world have been implanted with DES, yet their long-term safety and efficacy is unknown," said Yusuf. "I've a feeling the data we're seeing today is only the tip of the iceberg. We need to encourage more public access to the data."



obtain this data from the manufacturers," said Nordmann. He speculated that the increase in cancer might be due to a rapid impairment of the immune system.

Yusuf widened the debate to include percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI). "The overuse of PCI is an insidious change in the culture of cardiology that needs to be reversed," he said. The use of PCI was established in MI, high-risk unstable angina and cardiogenic shock. However, its use in stable disease was a totally different question.

"There's no beneficial influence on mortality – PCI does nothing to prevent heart attack. All we are doing is providing short-term relief of chest pain. It's not re-vascularization that kills but the



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Thrombosis Trials

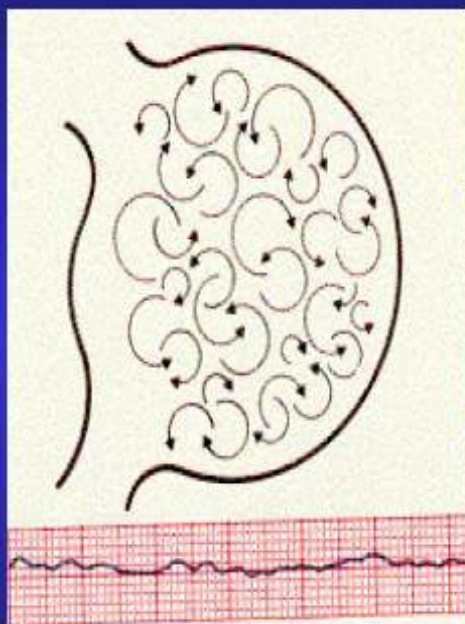
- ASA ORAL or IV
- Lytics IV
- Unfractionated Heparin IV
- Factor Xa inhibitors IV
- GP IIb / IIIa inhibitors IV
- Direct Thrombin inhibitors IV
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- ADP receptor antagonist ORAL
- ADP receptor antagonist IV
- Warfarin





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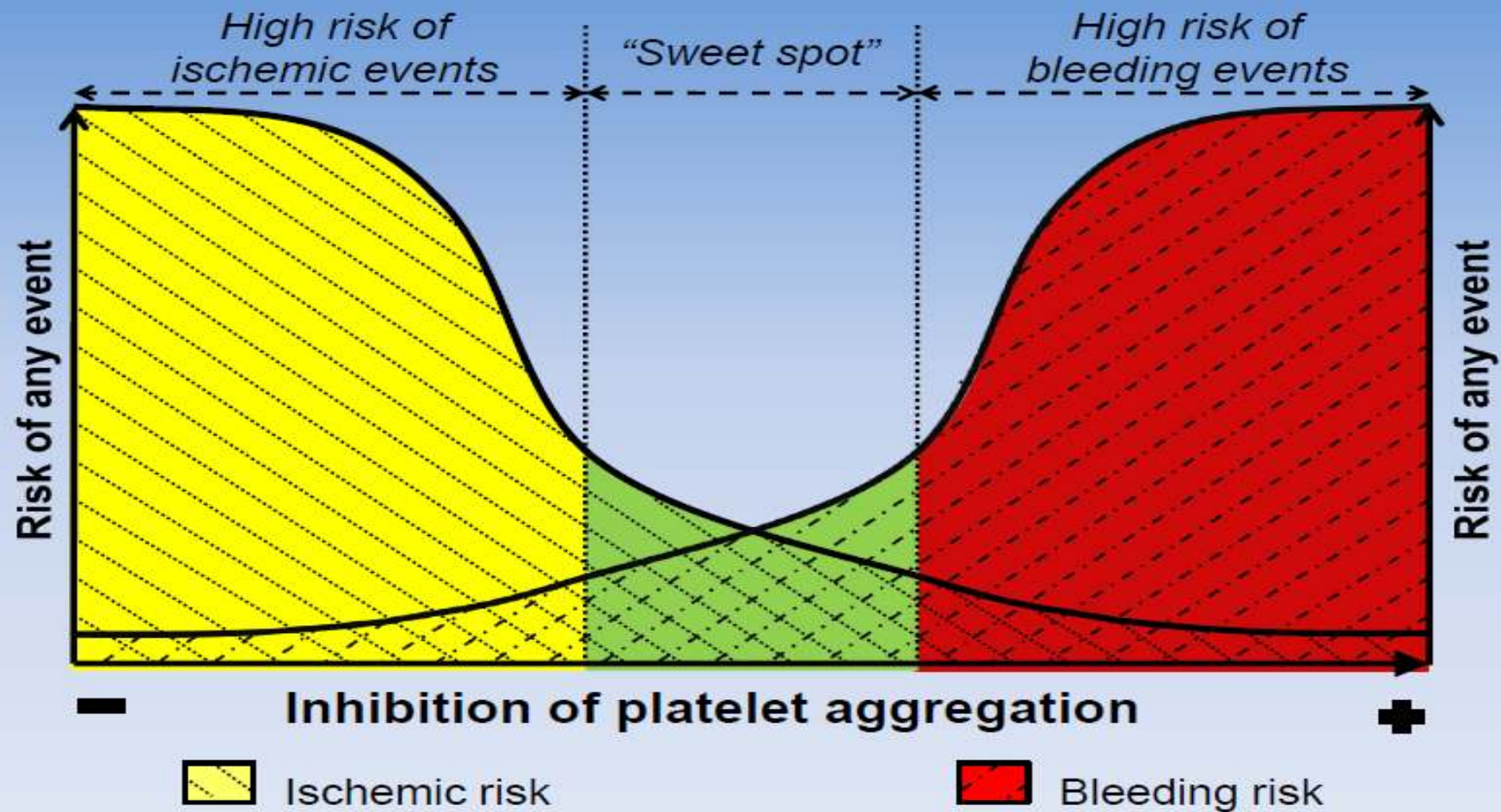
Aging population



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Balancing Safety and Efficacy



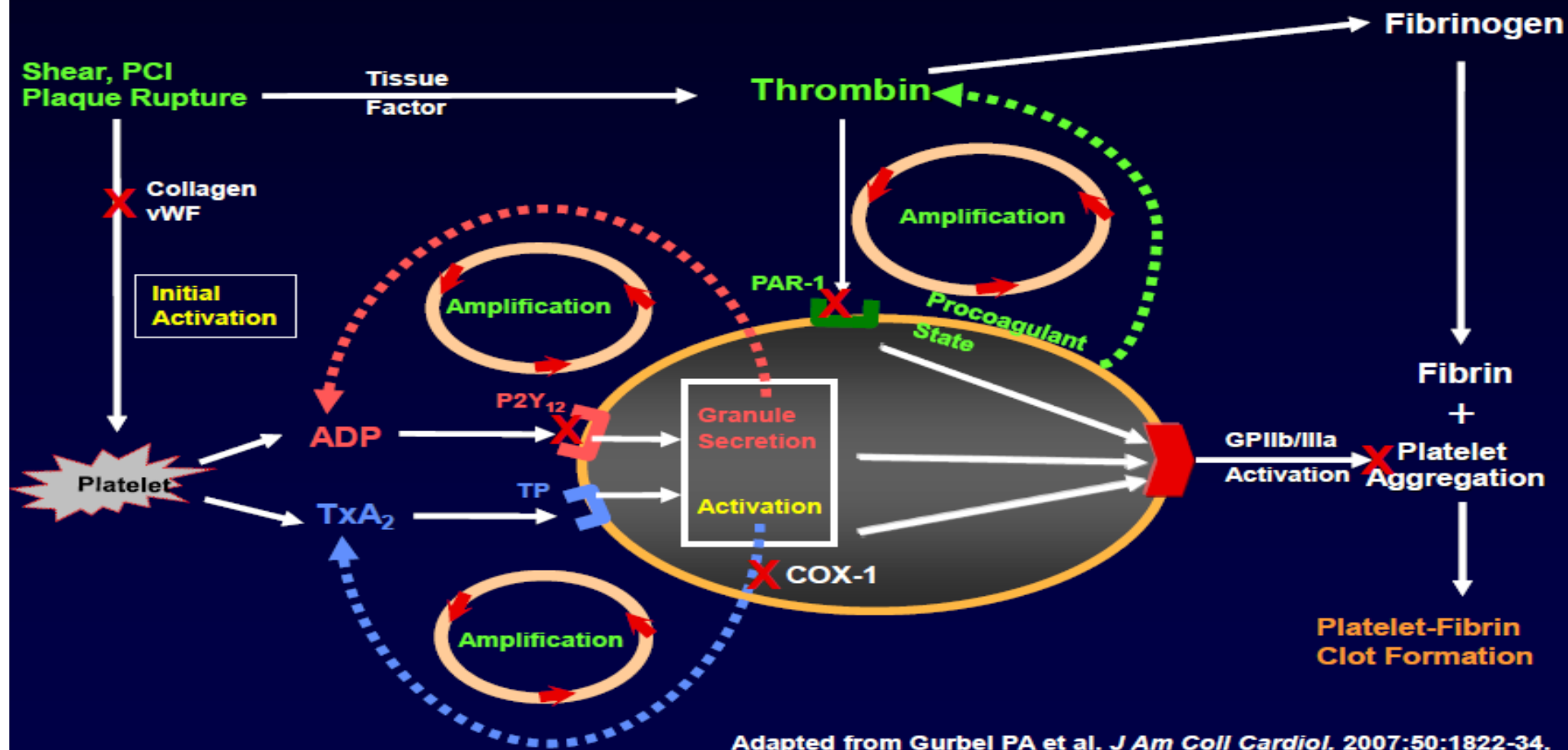
Ferreiro & Angiolillo. Thromb Haemost 2010 (in press)



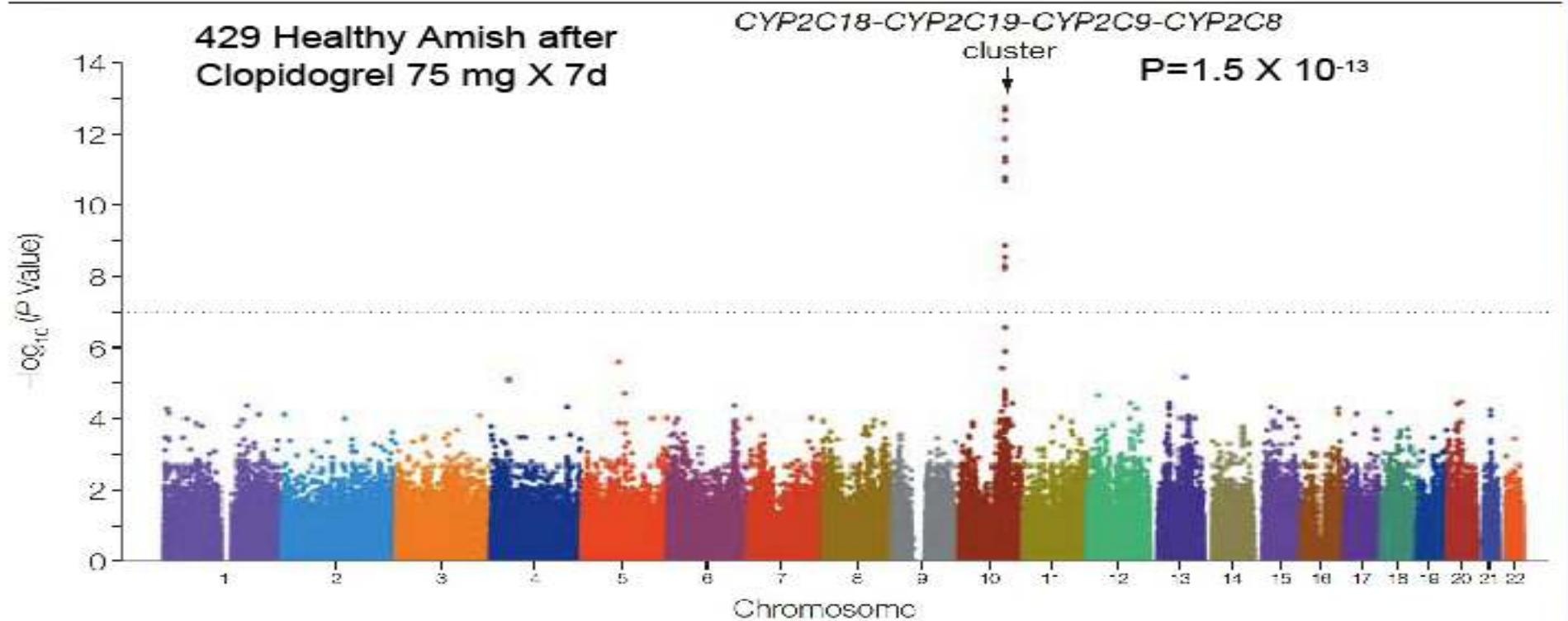
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Central Role of Platelets and Interaction with Coagulation in the Genesis of Thrombosis



Association of Cytochrome P450 2C19 Genotype With the Antiplatelet Effect and Clinical Efficacy of Clopidogrel Therapy



Shuldiner AR et al JAMA. Aug 26 2009;302(8):849-857.

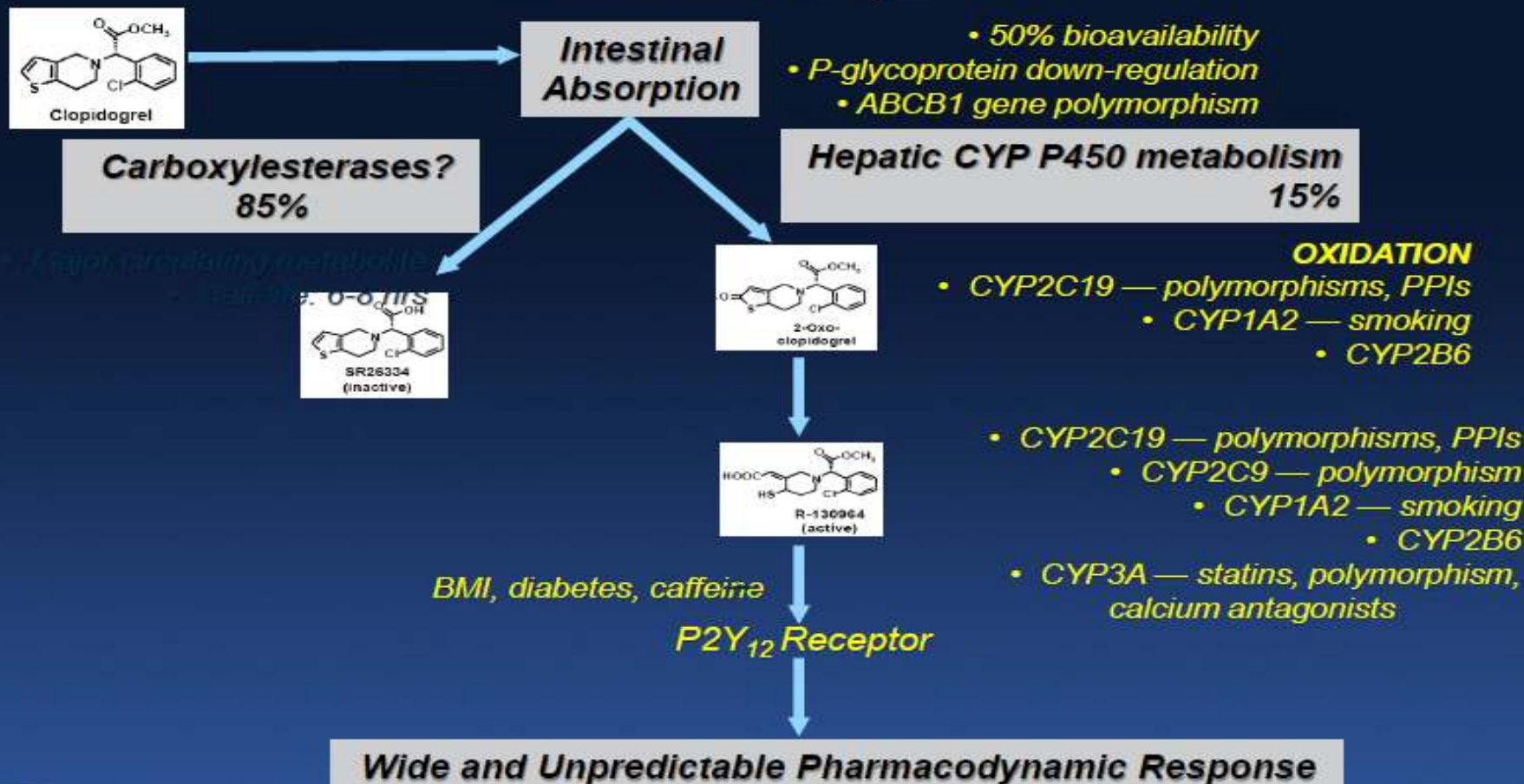
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Mechanism of Clopidogrel Response Variability



FDA Safety Warning with Clopidogrel

FDA recommends that healthcare professionals should:

- Be aware that some patients may be poor metabolizers of clopidogrel. They do not effectively convert clopidogrel to its active form because of low CYP2C19 activity. The effectiveness of clopidogrel as a preventive therapy is reduced in these patients
- Be aware that tests are available to determine a patient's CYP2C19 status
- Consider use of other antiplatelet medications or alternative dosing strategies for clopidogrel in patients who have been identified as poor metabolizers
- Be aware that although a higher-dose regimen (600 mg LD followed by 150 mg QD) in poor metabolizers increases antiplatelet response, an appropriate-dose regimen for poor metabolizers has not been established in a clinical outcome trial
- Review the newly approved clopidogrel drug label for complete information on the use of clopidogrel



FDA = United States Food and Drug Administration.



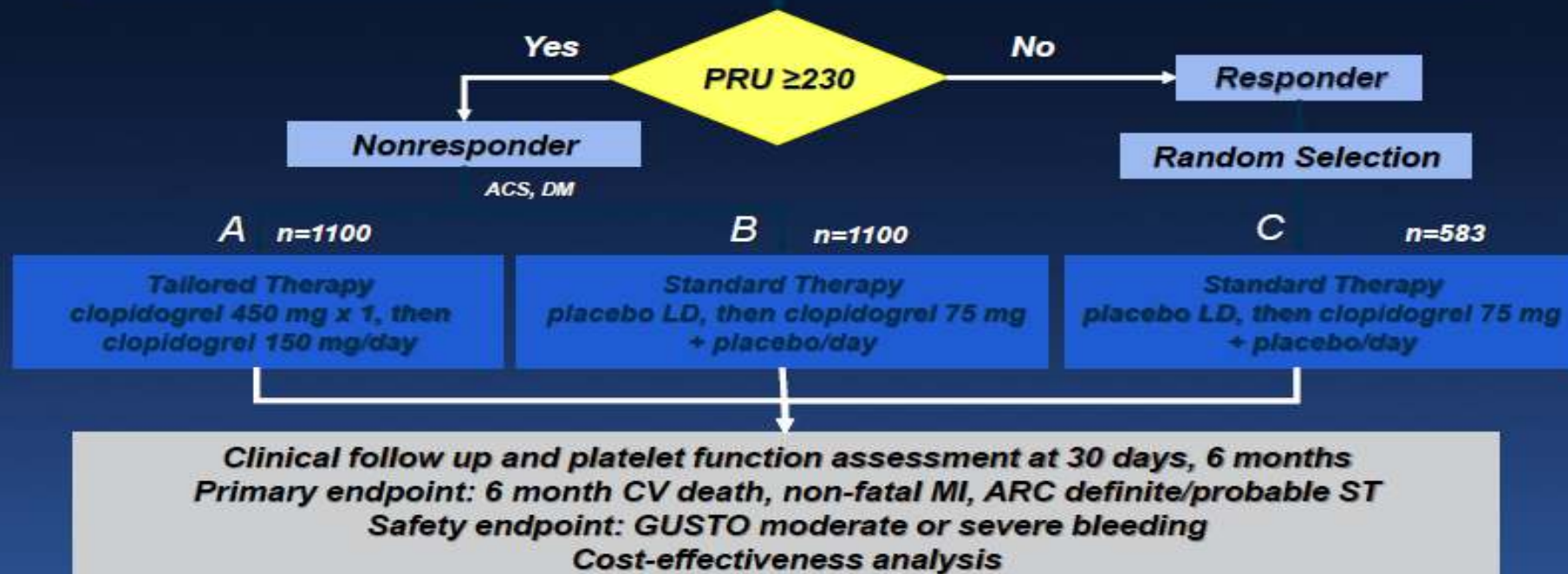
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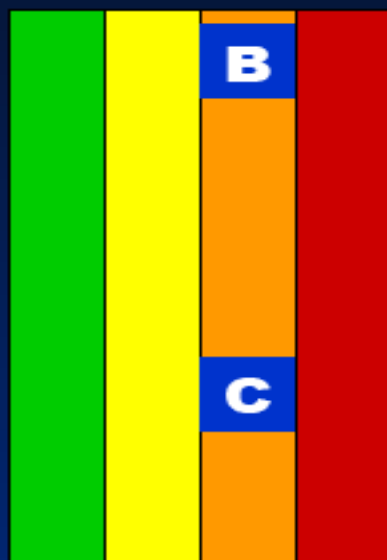
Successful PCI with DES Without GPIIb/IIIa Use

VerifyNow P2Y₁₂ Assay 12-24 Hours Post-PCI



**Recommendations for Additional Management of
Antiplatelet and Anticoagulant Therapy**
New Recommendation

I IIa IIb III



Platelet function testing to determine platelet inhibitory response in patients with UA/NSTEMI (or, after ACS and PCI) on thienopyridine therapy may be considered if results of testing may alter management

Genotyping for a CYP2C19 loss of function variant in patients with UA/NSTEMI (or, after ACS and with PCI) on clopidogrel therapy might be considered if results of testing may alter management

Class IIb: Benefit \geq Risk; **Treatment may be considered**

Additional studies w/broad objectives needed; additional registry data would be helpful.



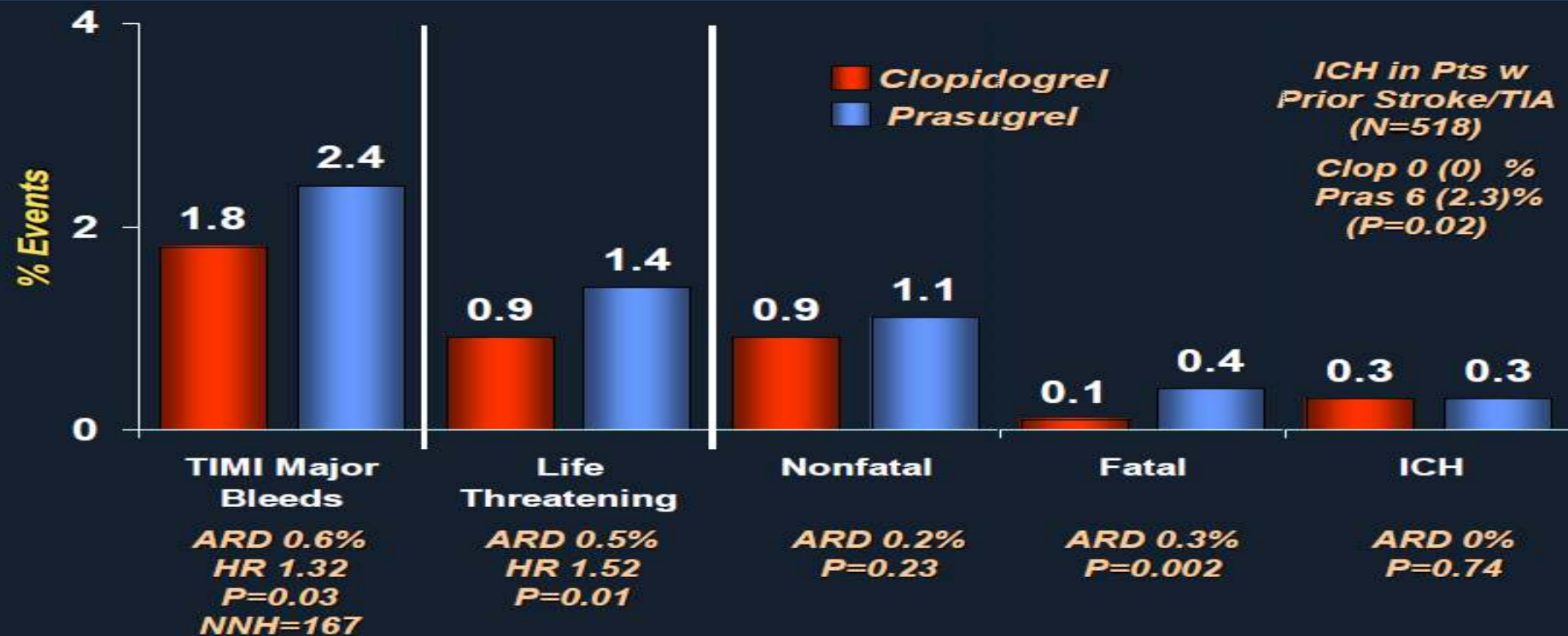
Comparison of P2Y₁₂ Receptor Antagonists: Ticagrelor vs Thienopyridines

Name	Type of Molecule	Route of Administration	Mode of Action
Ticagrelor	Cyclo-pentyl-triazolo-pyrimidine	Oral	Direct, Reversible
Clopidogrel	Thienopyridine	Oral	Prodrug, Irreversible
Prasugrel	Thienopyridine	Oral	Prodrug, Irreversible



TRITON

Bleeding Events Safety Cohort (N=13,457)



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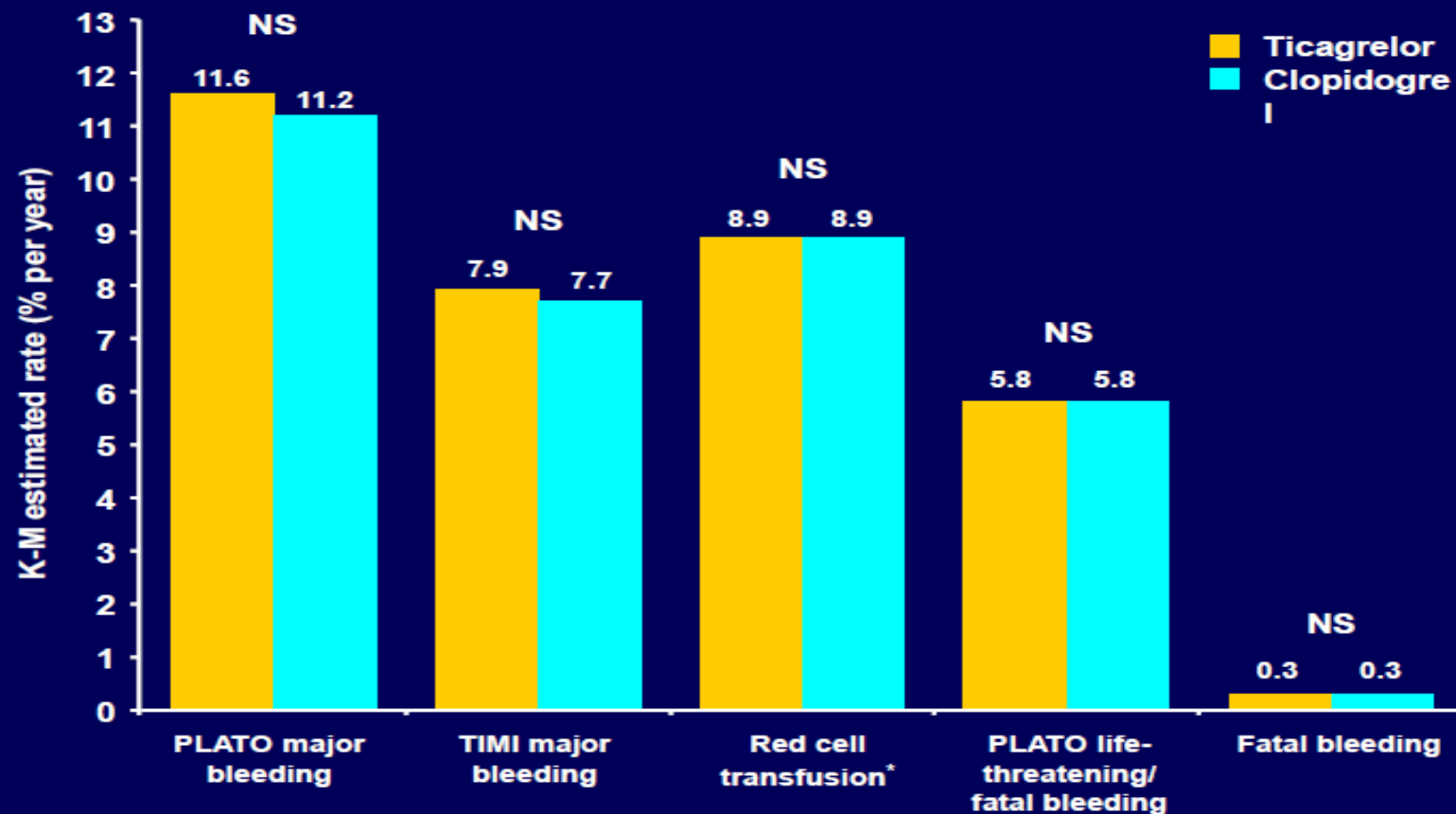
Black Box Warning with Prasugrel

1. Contraindicated in patients with pathologic bleeding (such as peptic ulcer or ICH) and in those with a history of TIA or stroke.
2. In patients age 75 and older, prasugrel is generally not recommended because of the increased risk of intracranial and fatal bleeding and uncertain benefit, except in high-risk situations (patients with diabetes or a history of prior MI). In these situations, the drug's effect appears to be greater, and its use may be considered.
3. Use cautiously in patients who weigh less than 60 kg because of the increased risk of bleeding.
4. Use cautiously in patients at risk for increased bleeding from trauma, surgery, or other pathologic conditions and in those with severe hepatic impairment.



Total major bleeding

PLATO



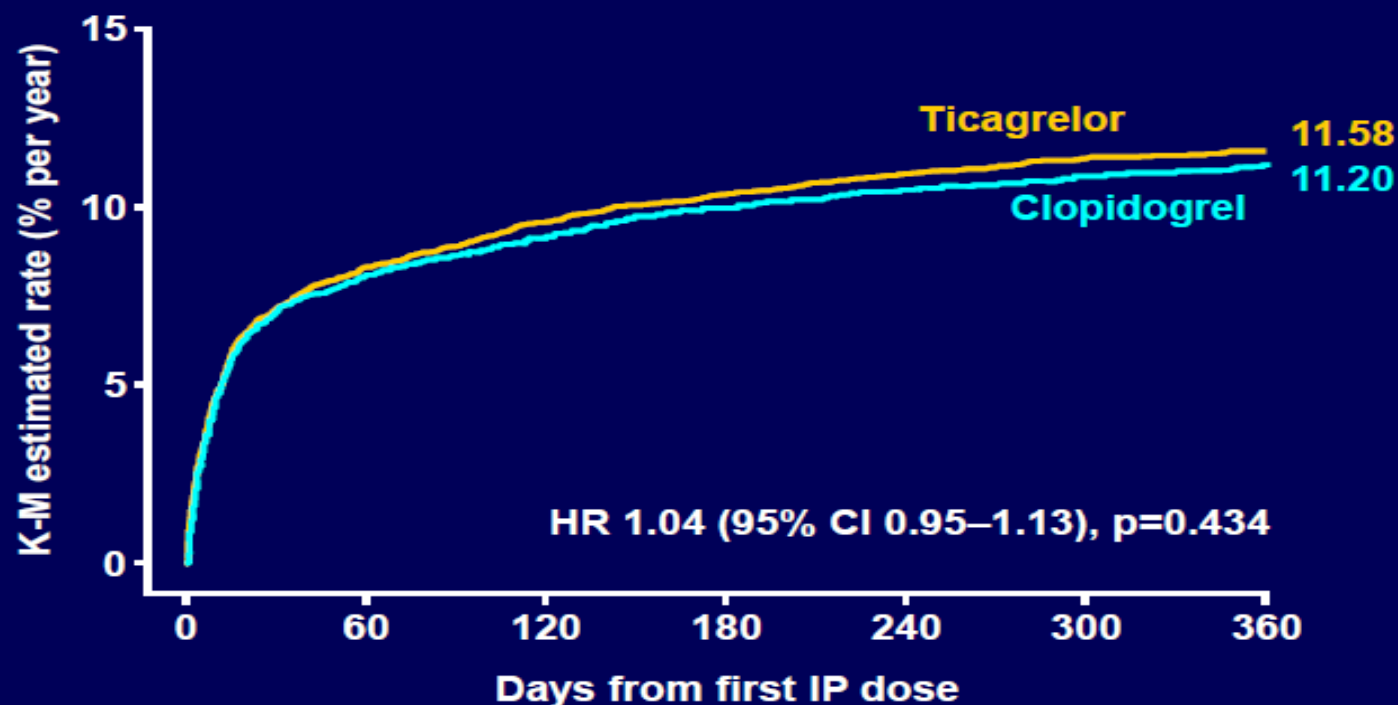
Major bleeding and major or minor bleeding according to TIMI criteria refer to non-adjudicated events analysed with the use of a statistically programmed analysis in accordance with definition described in Wiviott SD et al. NEJM 2007;357:2001-15;

*Proportion of patients (%); NS = not significant



Time to major bleeding – primary safety event

PLATO



No. at risk

Ticagrelor	9,235	7,246	6,826	6,545	5,129	3,783	3,433
Clopidogrel	9,186	7,305	6,930	6,670	5,209	3,841	3,479



The PLATO trial demonstrated that, for the first time, the oral antiplatelet drug ticagrelor reduces CV mortality on top of the standard of care

PLEOTROPIC ACTION !!!

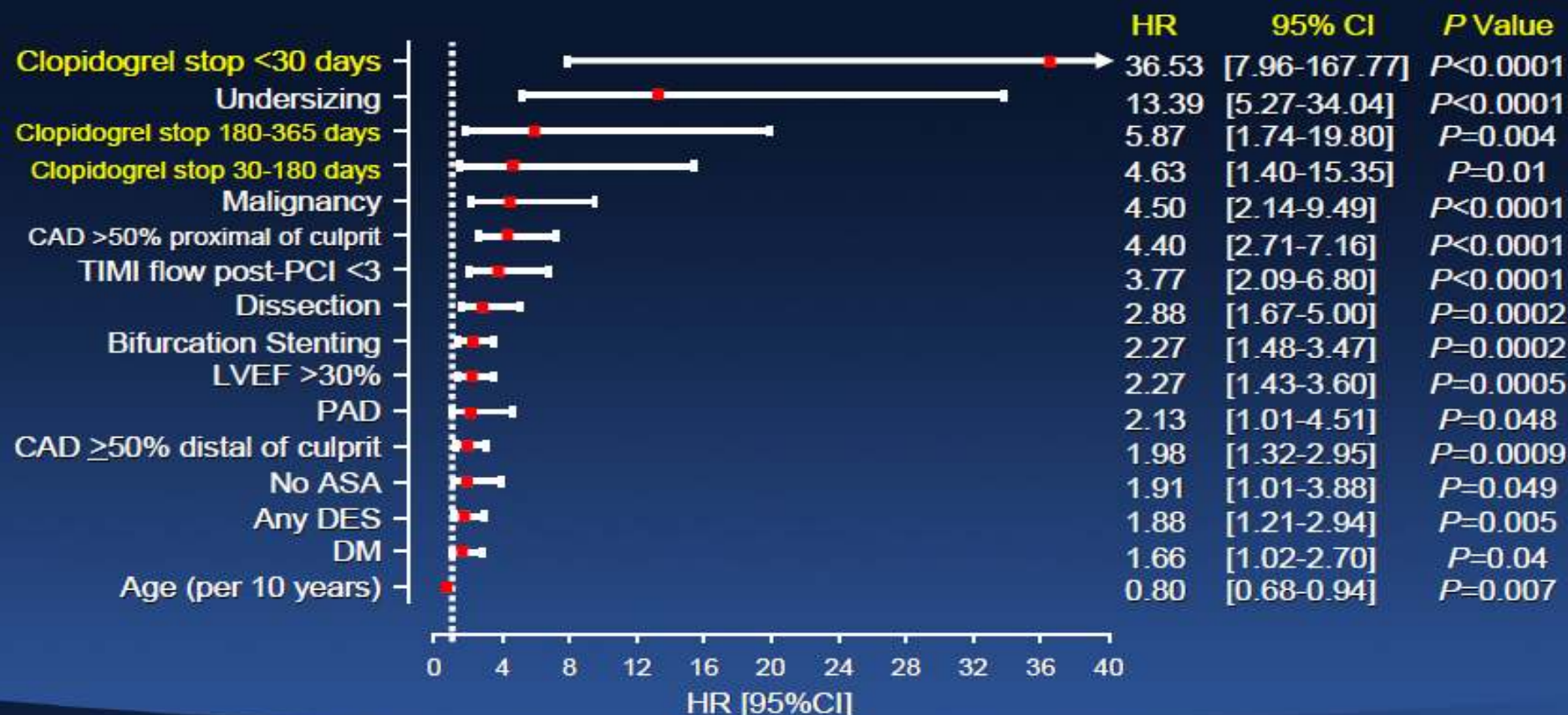


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Independent Predictors of Stent Thrombosis: Dutch Registry (n=21,009 with DES or BMS)

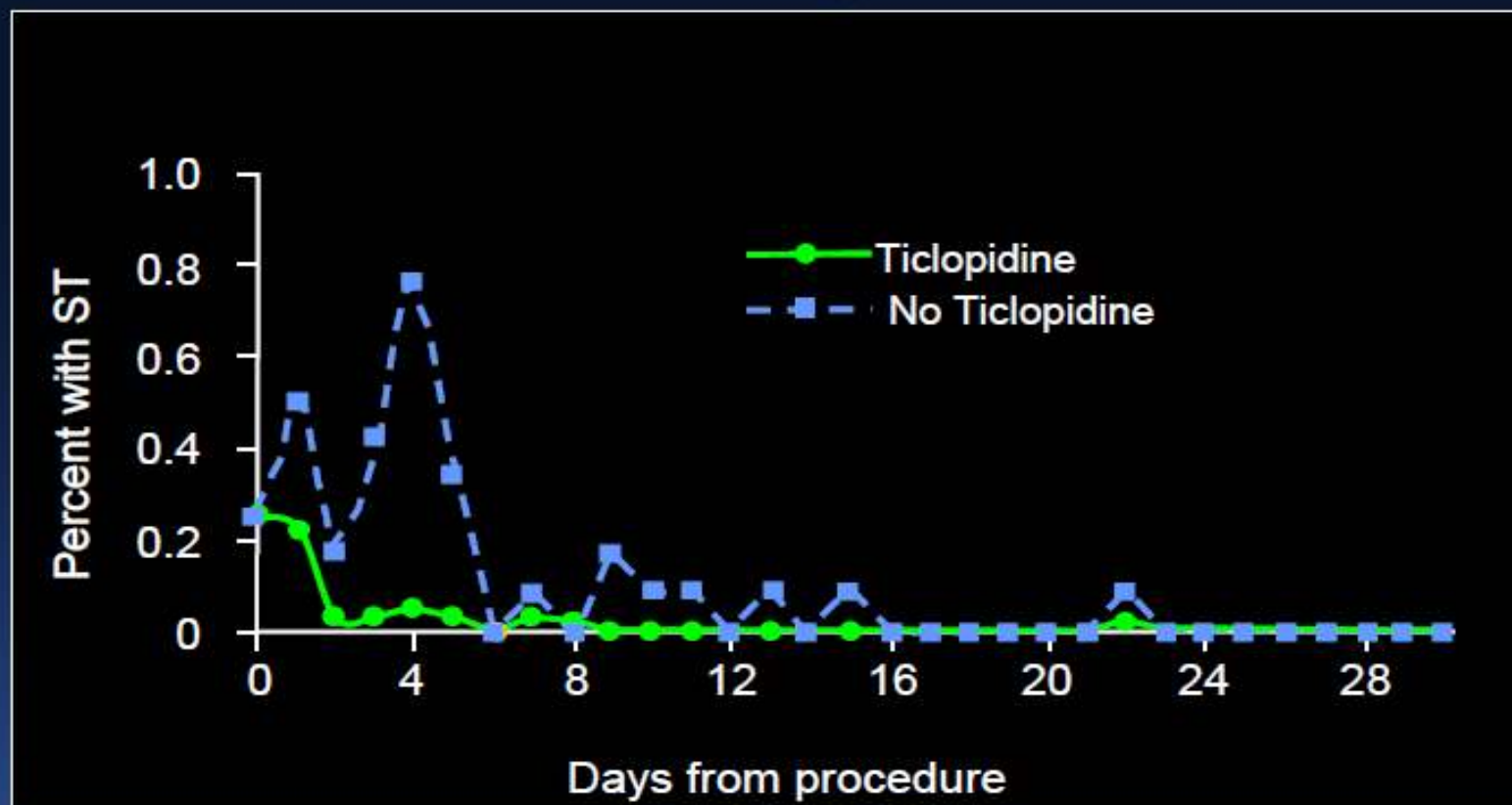
Definite stent thrombosis occurred in 437 (2.1%) pts



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Timing of Stent Thrombosis after BMS Implantation

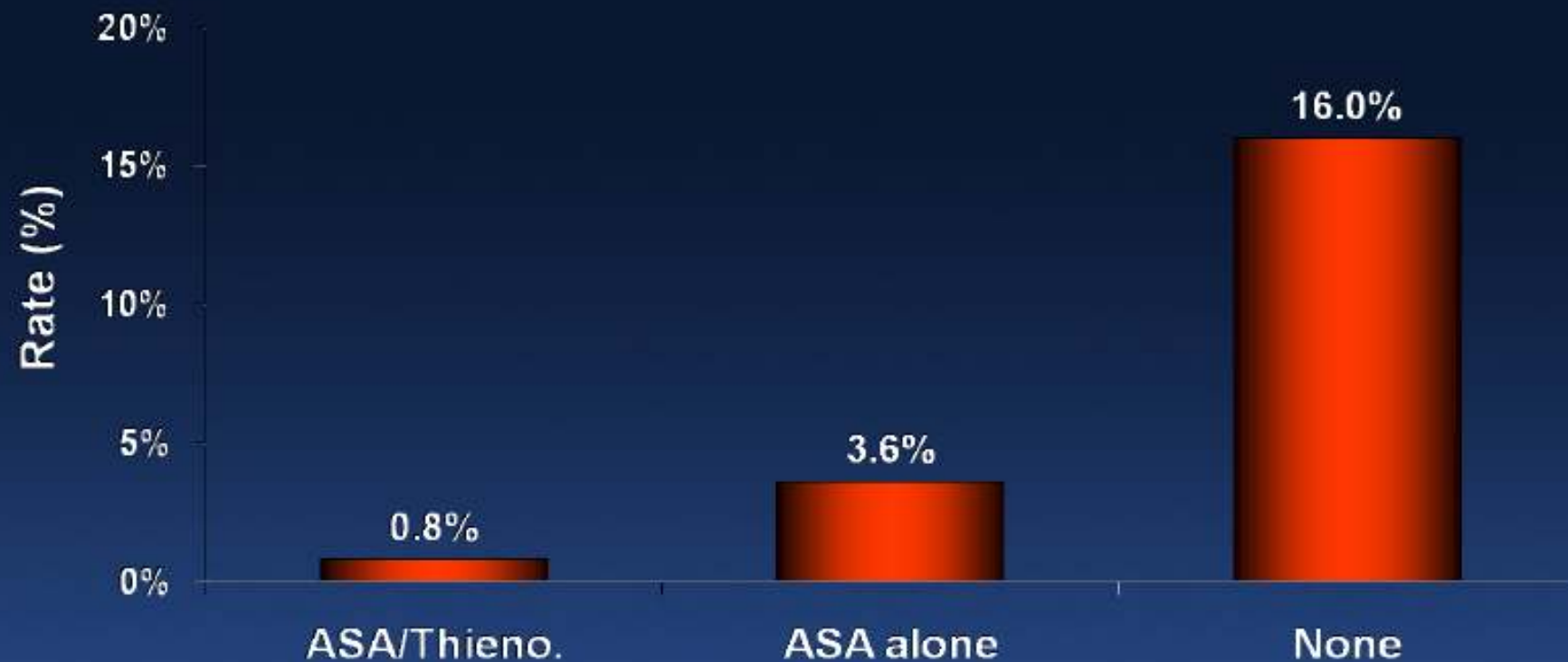


Major benefit of ticlopidine with BMS was prevention of SAT in first 2 weeks after stenting

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Estimated Risks of Subacute ST

Based upon historical data with BMS



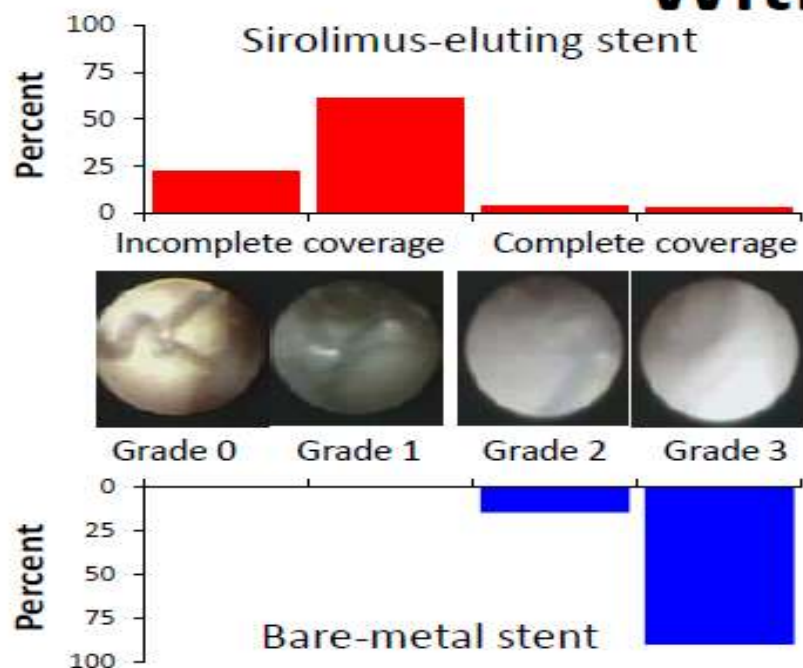
Lack of DAPT can be catastrophic!



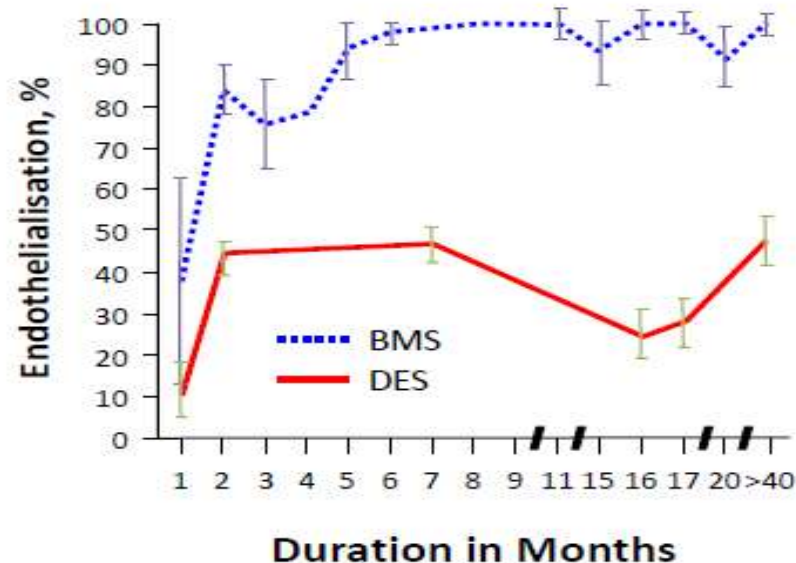
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Incomplete Strut Endothelialisation With DES?



Angioscopy at 8 months post SES implantation¹



Virmani autopsy data²

Longer period of antiplatelet therapy is needed after DES

SES, sirolimus-eluting stent.

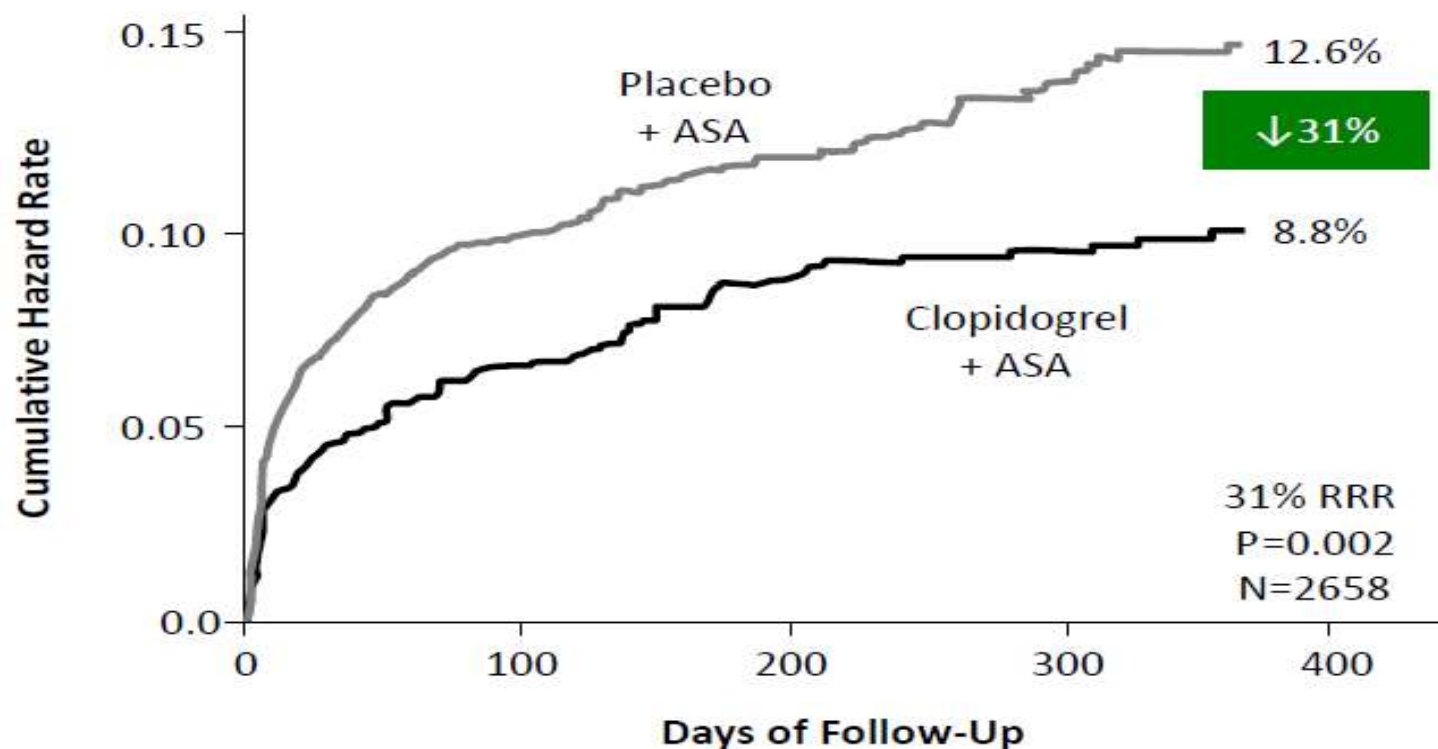
1. Kotani J, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol*. 2006;47:2108–11. 2. Joner M, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol*. 2006;48:193–202.



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PCI-CURE: Widening Benefit Over Time?



ASA, aspirin; PCI-CURE, Study of PCI patients in the Clopidogrel in Unstable Angina to Prevent Recurrent Event trial.
Mehta SR, et al. *Lancet*. 2001;385:527-33.

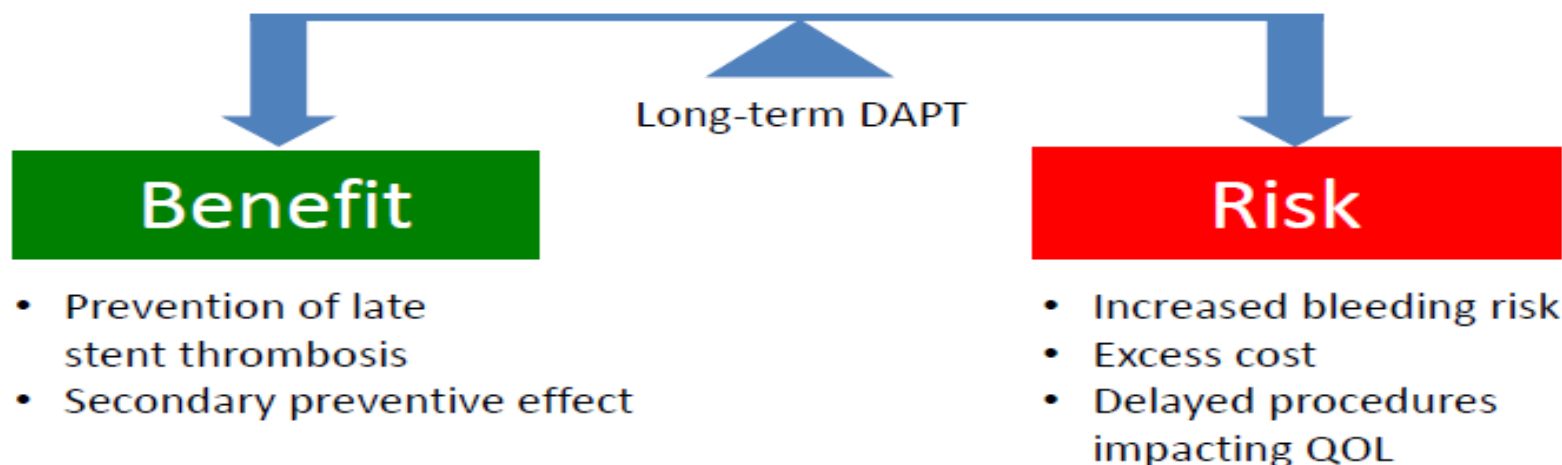
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Benefit-Risk Balance of Long-Term vs. Short-Term DAPT Post-PCI



Does the benefit-risk-cost tradeoff justify long-term over short-term DAPT, especially given the improved risk profile of newer generation stents?

DAPT, dual antiplatelet therapy; QOL, quality of life.



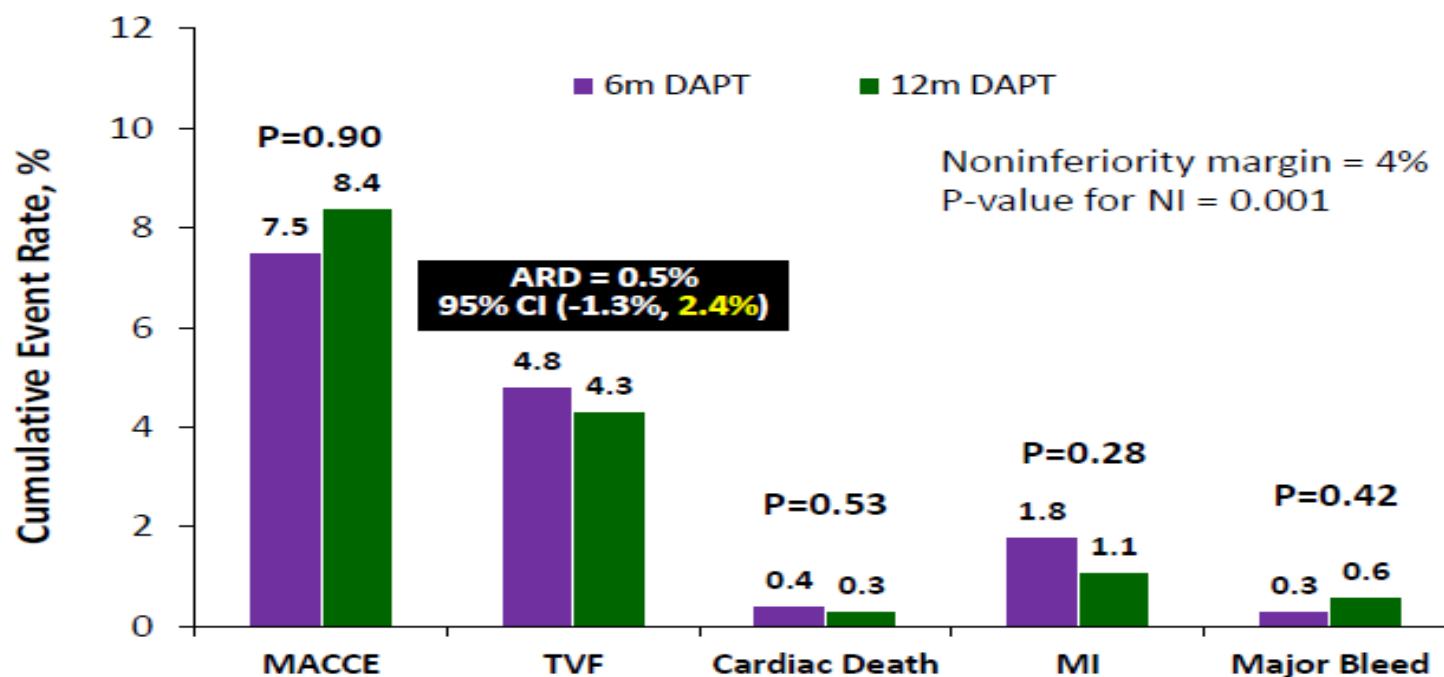
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The EXCELLENT Trial

PEP = TVF (Cardiac Death, MI, TVR)

- N=1443 randomised at the time of PCI to 6- vs. 12-month DAPT after EES or SES
- 60–68% of patients adhered to study treatment

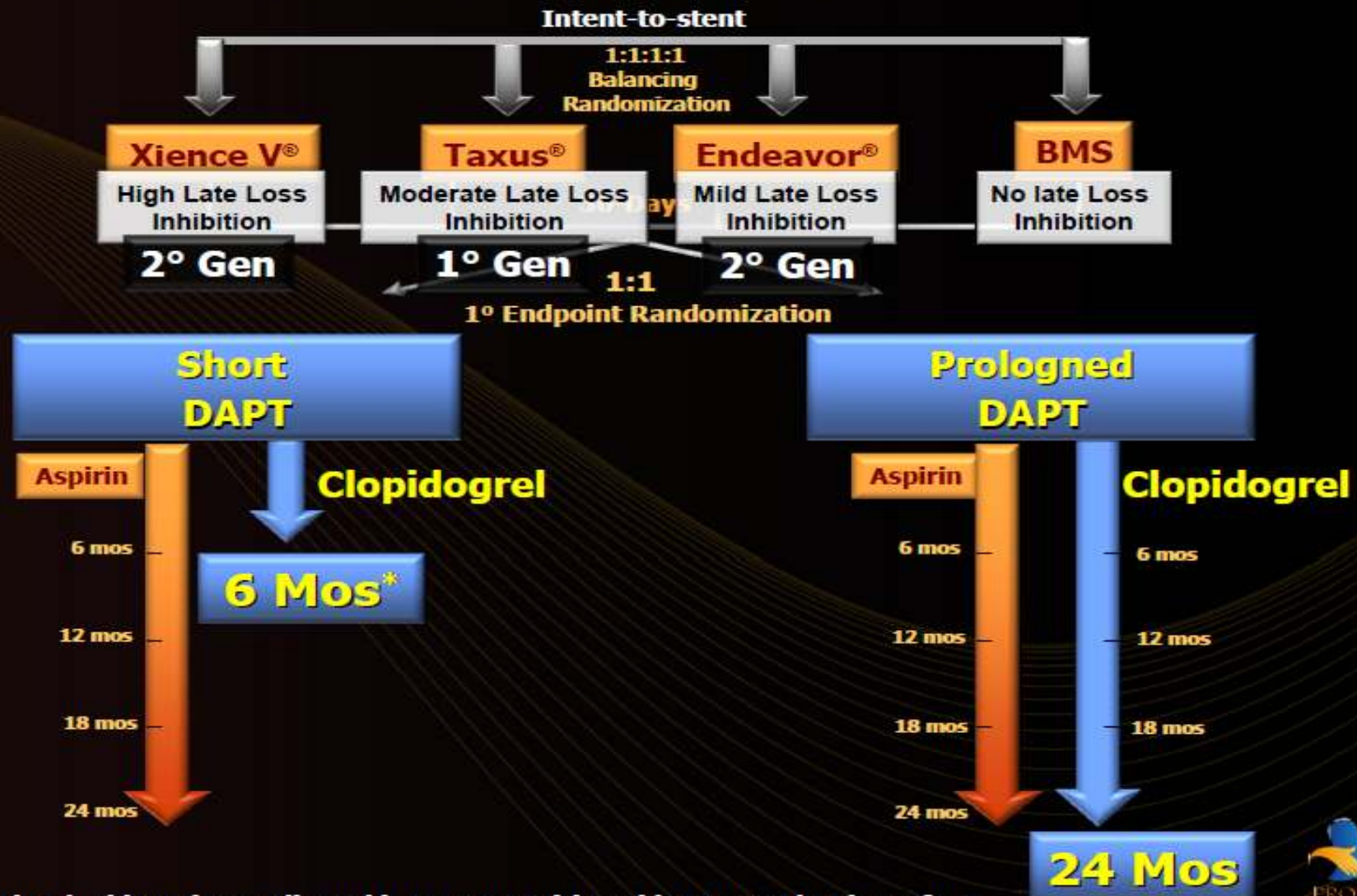


EES, everolimus-eluting stent; EXCELLENT, Efficacy of Xience/Promus Cypher to Reduce Late Loss After Stenting; NI, noninferiority;
TVF, target vessel failure.
Gwon HC, et al. *Circulation*. 2010;125:505–13.



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PRODIGY Study Flow Chart



*: <6 months clopidogrel was allowed in BMS pts with stable CAD at the time of PCI



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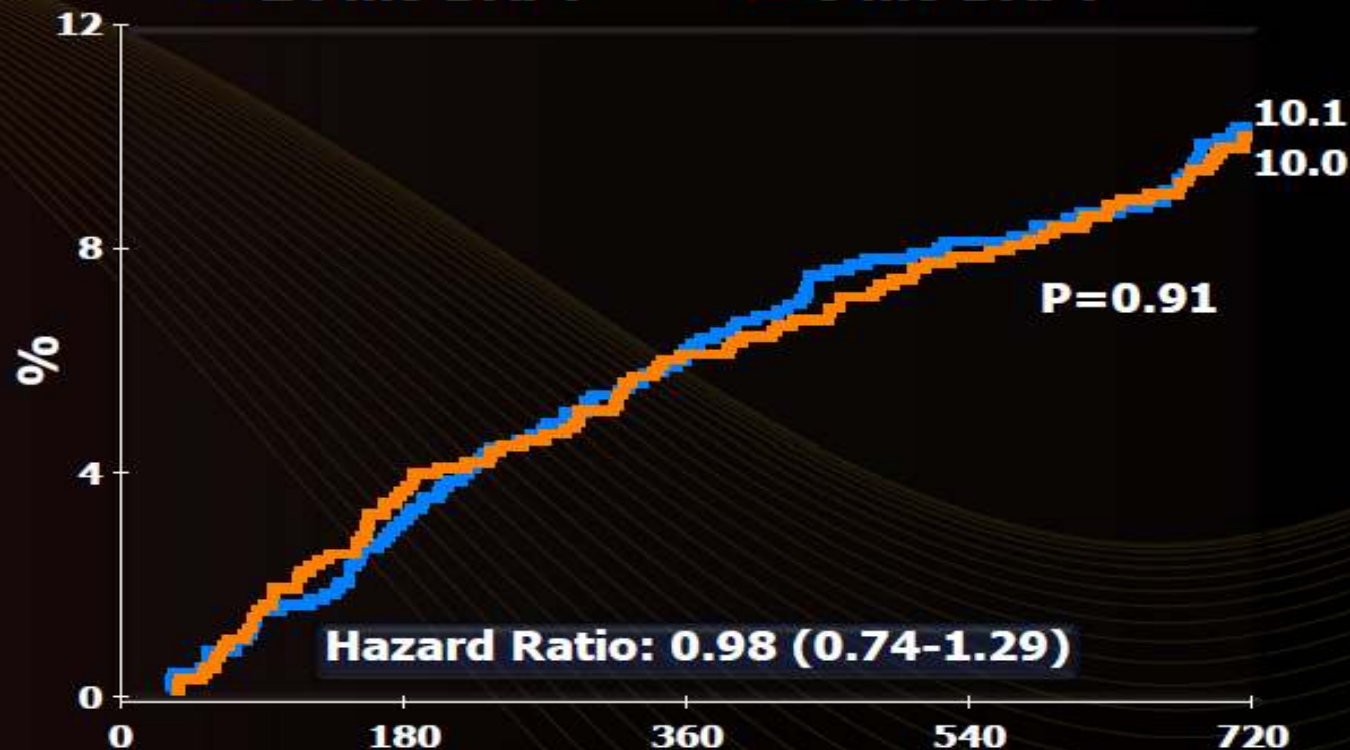
Primary Endpoint

Overall Death, MI or CVA

CEC adjudicated

24 mo DAPT

6 mo DAPT



No. at Risk

24-Month Clopidogrel 987

6-Month Clopidogrel 983

925

919

884

881

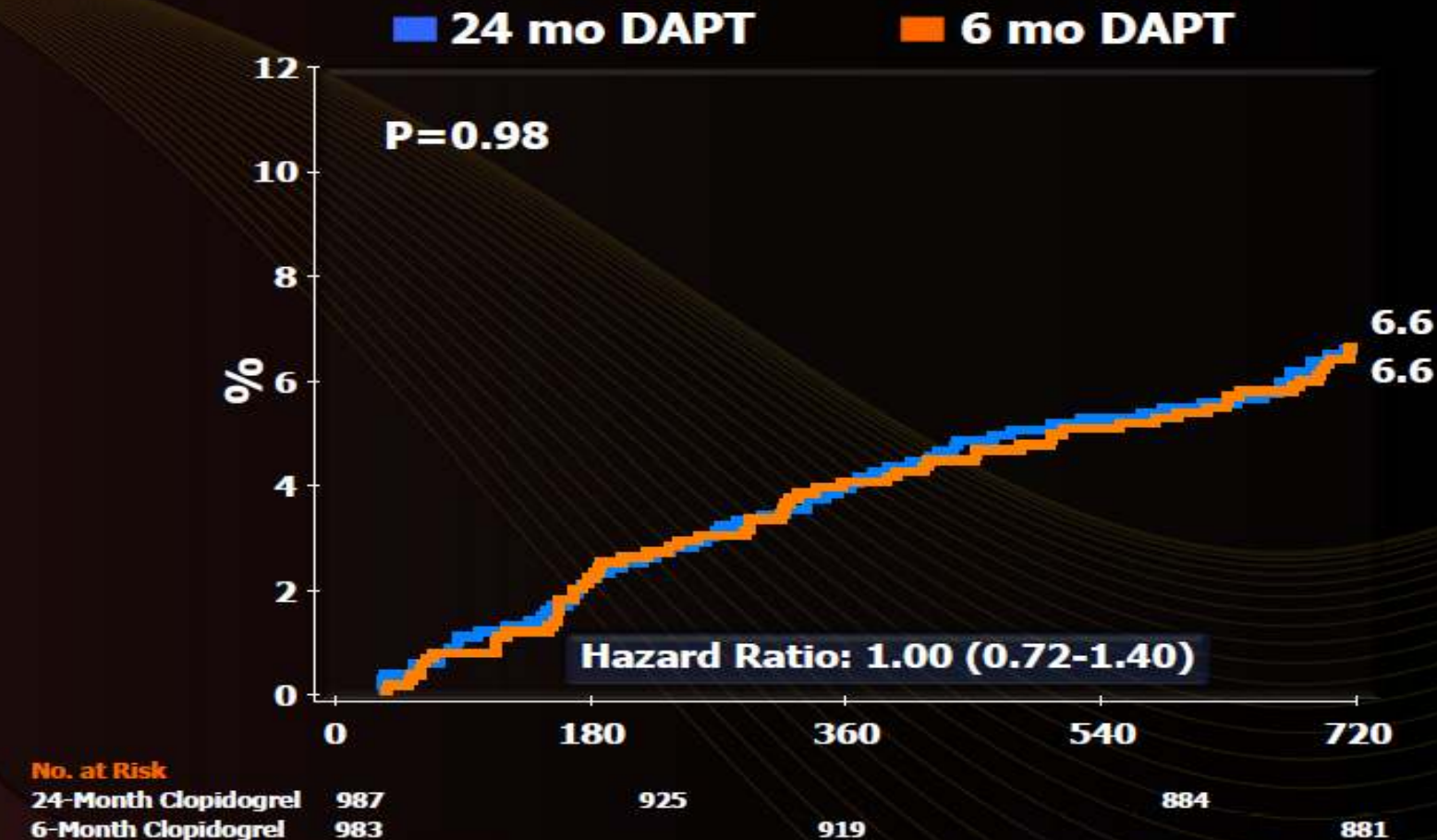


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Secondary Endpoint

Death from any cause



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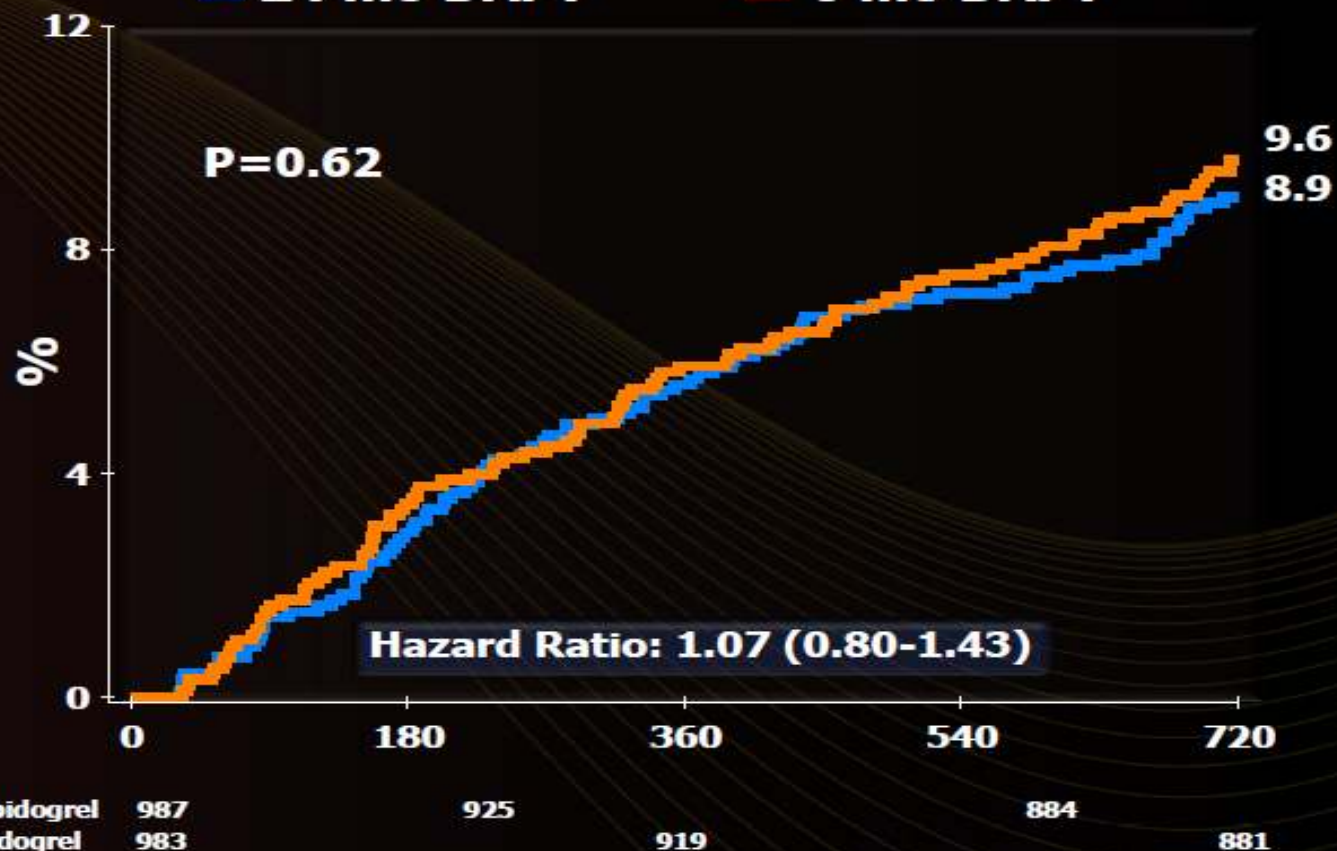
Secondary Endpoint

Death from any cause or MI

CEC adjudicated

■ 24 mo DAPT

■ 6 mo DAPT



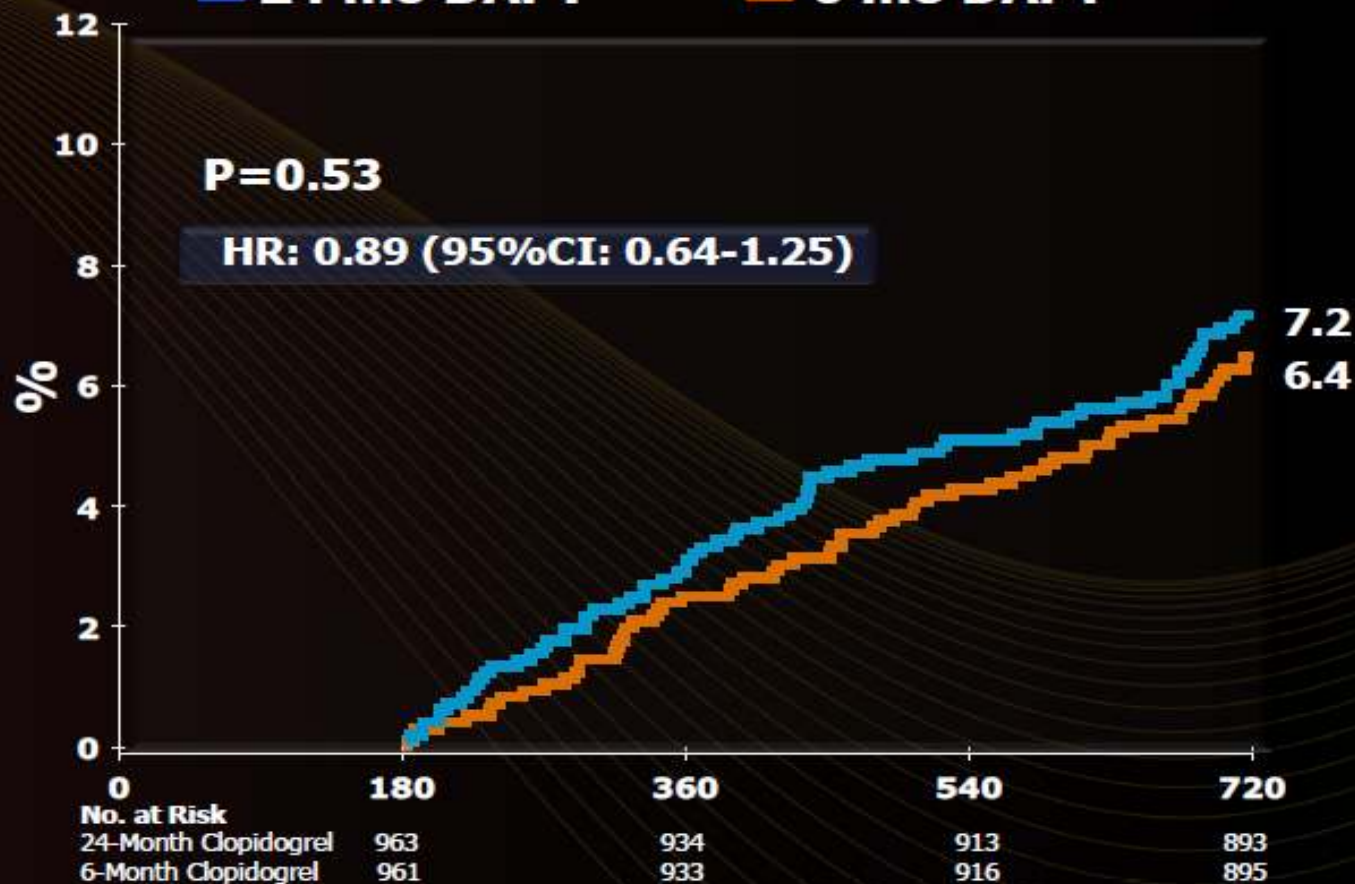
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Death from any cause, MI or CVA from 6 months onwards

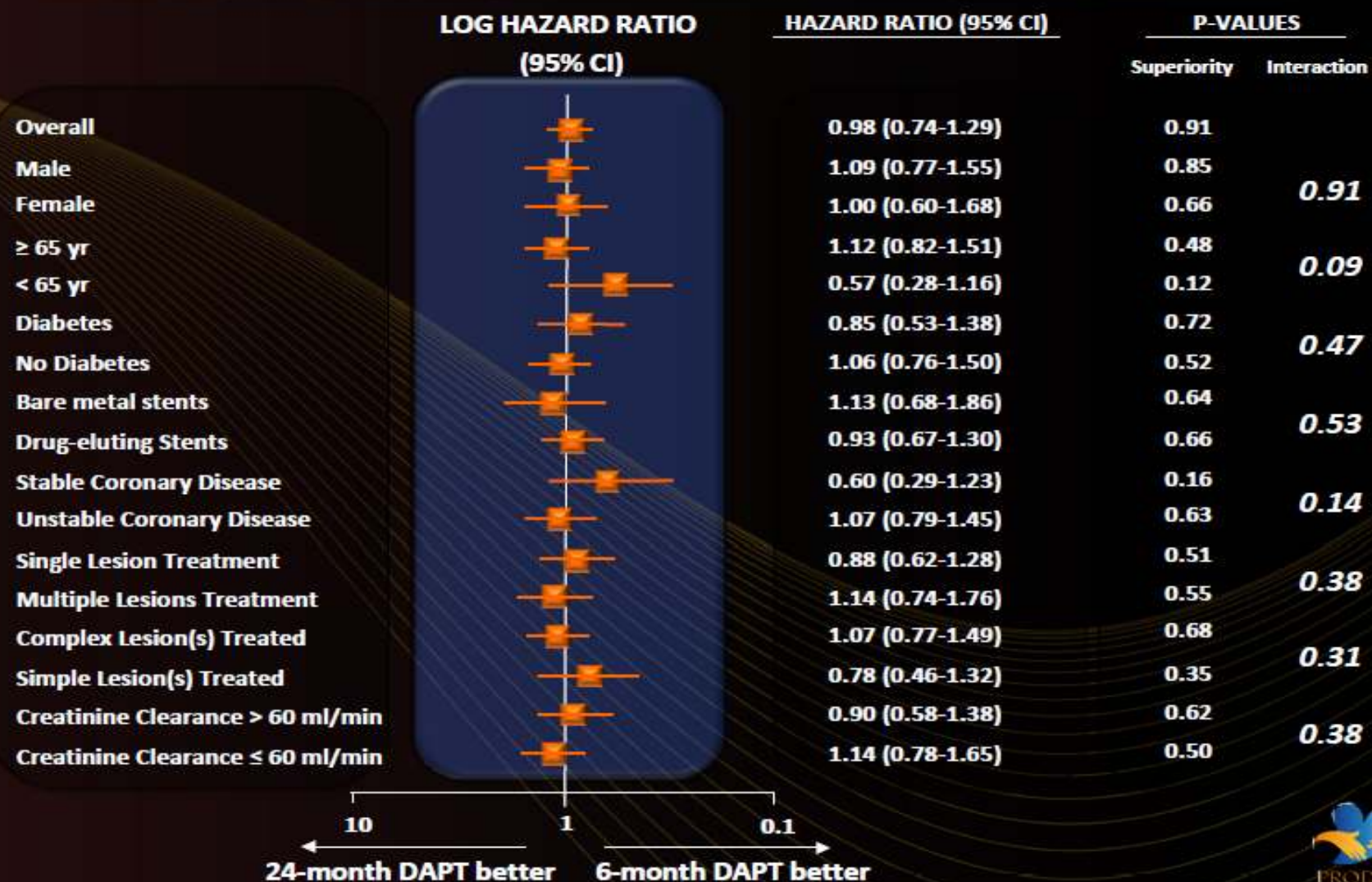
■ 24 mo DAPT

■ 6 mo DAPT



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Subgroup analysis of the Primary Endpoint



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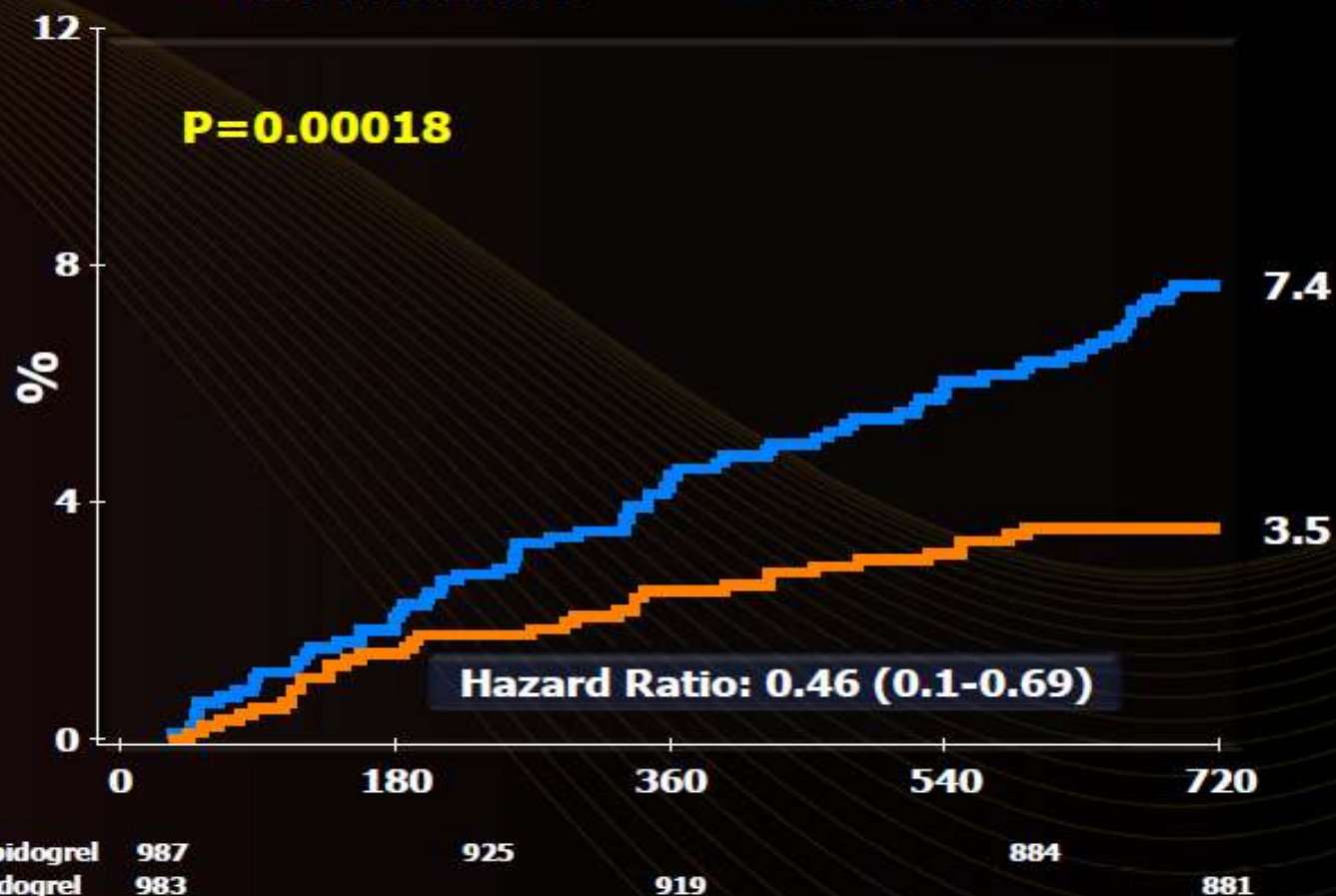
Key Safety Endpoint

Type II, III or V BARC bleeding

CEC adjudicated

■ 24 mo DAPT

■ 6 mo DAPT



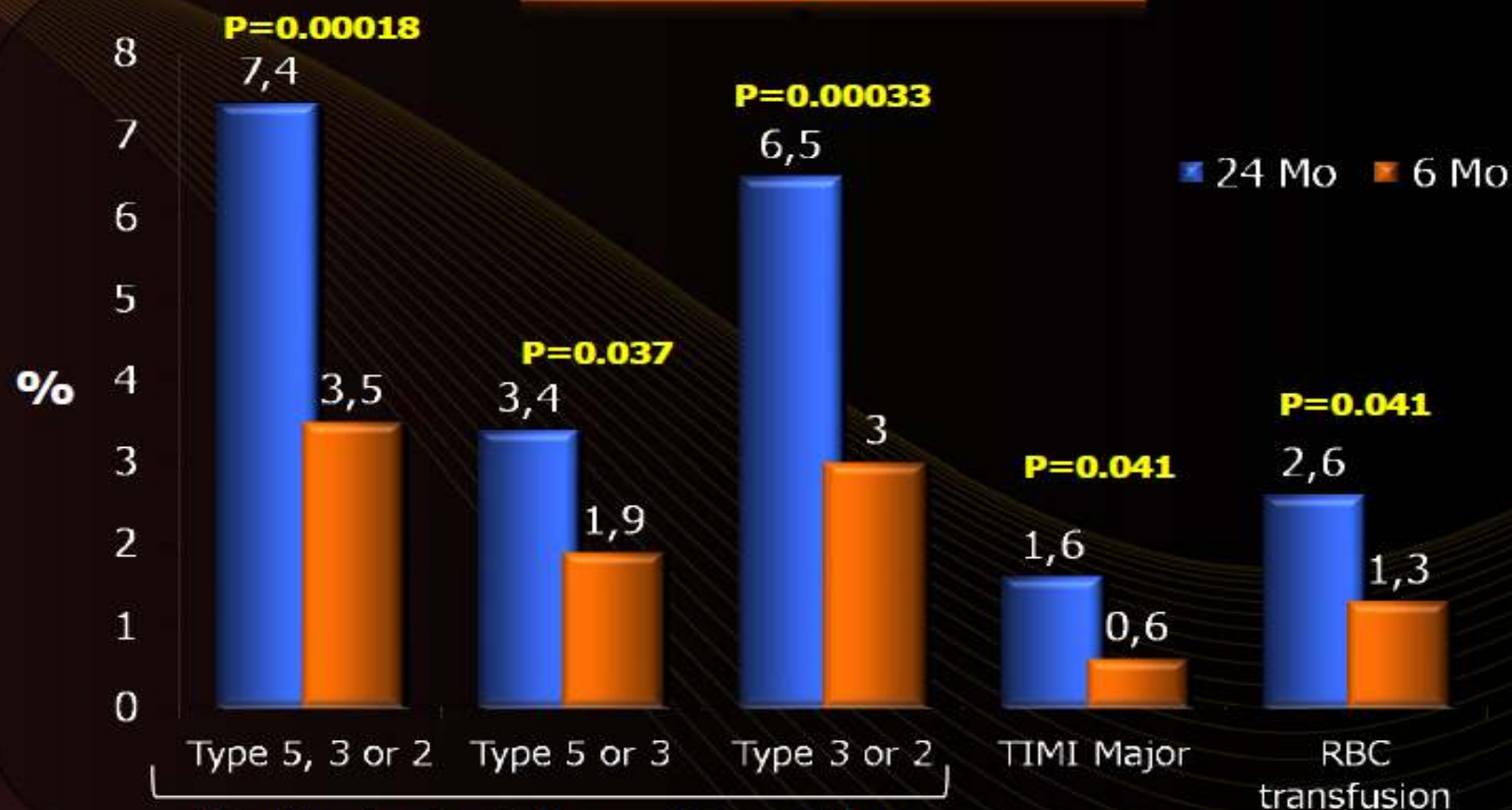
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Bleeding Events and RBC Transfusion

CEC adjudicated



Bleeding Academic Research Consortium

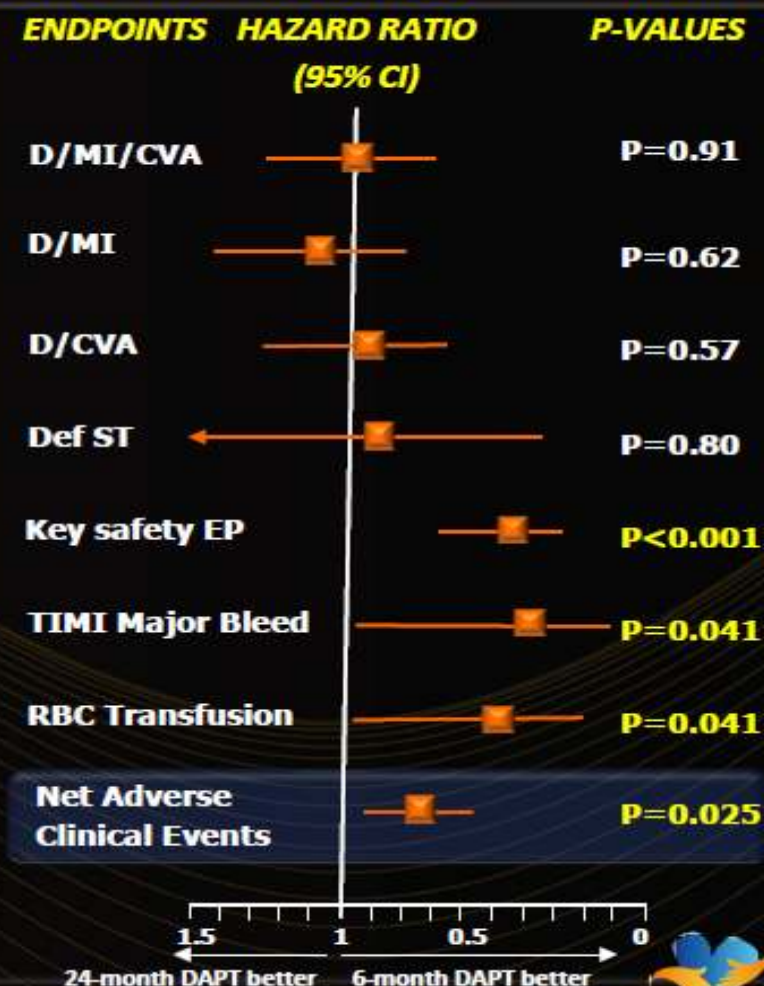


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Summary

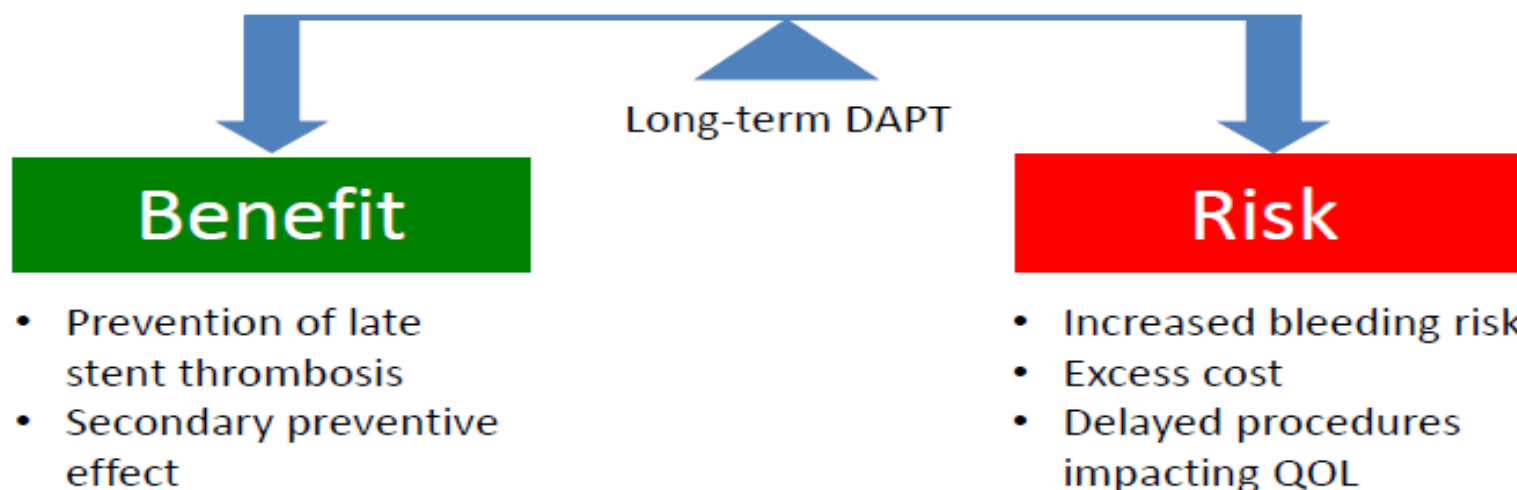
Our study failed to show that prolonging DAPT for 24 months is superior to 6 month duration of Tx in pts receiving 1 or 2 gen DES or at least 1 month after BMS

While we cannot rule out the possibility that a smaller than previously anticipated benefit may exist, the clear increase in bleeding, transfusion and net adverse clinical events, suggests that current recommendations may have overemphasized the benefit over the risk of combined long-term aspirin and clopidogrel



Optimal Duration of DAPT

The Science of Medicine

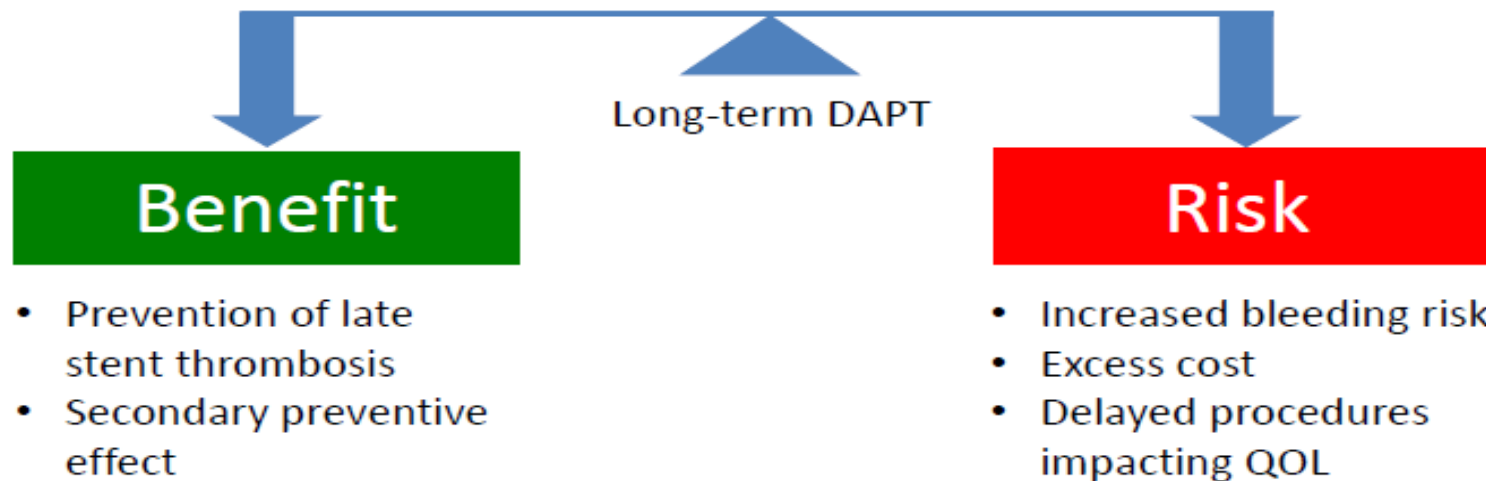


Insufficient evidence to adjudicate optimal duration of dual antiplatelet therapy



Optimal Duration of DAPT

The Art of Medicine



- **May consider in high-risk patients with previous stent thrombosis and ACS who are compliant and at low risk for bleeding**
- **May consider in high-risk intervention (complex lesion, diabetics, etc.)**



...Guidelines



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2010 ESC/EACTS Revascularisation Guidelines

Duration of P2Y₁₂ Inhibitor Treatment Post-PCI



European Heart Journal (2010) 31, 2501–2555
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehq277

ESC/EACTS GUIDELINES



Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

The Task Force on Myocardial Revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Post-PCI

- 1 month after BMS implantation in stable angina
- 6–12 months after DES in all patients
- 12 months in all patients after ACS, irrespective of revascularisation

Recent data suggest that DAPT for 6 months may be sufficient because late and very late stent thrombosis correlate poorly with discontinuation of DAPT

ESC, European Society of Cardiology; EACTS, European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery.
Wijns W, et al. *Eur Heart J*. 2010;31:2501–55.

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2011 ACC/AHA/SCAI PCI Recommendations

Duration of P2Y₁₂ Inhibitor Treatment Post-PCI

	Class I (Benefit >>> risk) <i>(Highly recommended)</i>	Class II		Class III (Risk ? Benefit) <i>(Not recommended)</i>
		IIa (Benefit >> risk) <i>(Reasonably recommended)</i>	IIb (Benefit ? risk) <i>(May be considered)</i>	
Level B (Single randomised trial or nonrandomised studies)	DES (ACS or non-ACS) BMS (ACS) - Clopidogrel: 75 mg x12m - Prasugrel: 10 mg x12m - Ticagrelor: 90 mg x12m BMS (non-ACS) Ideally x 1m, and up to 12m if bleeding risk not high (x2 wks)			Prasugrel in pts with h/o TIA or stroke
Level C (Consensus opinion, case studies, or standard of care)		Bleeding risk > benefit DAPT: <12m	DES (ACS or non-ACS) DAPT x >12m	

Paucity of high-quality (LOE A) evidence!

ACC, American College of Cardiology; ACS, acute coronary syndromes; AHA, American Heart Association; h/o, history of LOE, level of evidence; SCAI, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions; TIA, transient ischaemic attack.
 Levine GN, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol*. 2011;58:e44-122. Levine GN, et al. *Circulation*. 2011;124:e574-651.

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Ongoing Trials on DAPT Post-PCI

Trial name	Subjects	DES type	DAPT duration	Primary end point
DAPT*	20,645 12-m event free	All DES and BMS	12m vs. 30m	D/MI/CVA at 33m
ISAR-SAFE*	6000 6-m event free	All DES	6m vs. 12m	D/MI/CVA/ST/Bleed at 15m
OPTIMIZE	3120 Non-STEMI	ZES	3m vs. 12m	D/MI/CVA/Bleed at 12m
SECURITY	4000 Non-ACS CAD	EES, PES, ZES, BMS	6m vs. 12m	Definite/probable ST at 24m
ITALIC	3200 Non-ACS CAD	Xience DES	6m vs. >6m in ASA responders	D/MI/uTVR/CVA/Bleed at 12m
ARCTIC	2500 All comers	All DES	12m vs. 18-30m	D/MI/uTVR/ST at 18-30m
OPTIDUAL	1966 All comers	All DES	12m vs. 36m	D/MI/CVA/Bleed at 36m
SCORE	280 MI	All DES	12m vs. 24m	D/MI at 24m
Global LEADERS	16,000 All comers PCI	All DES	1m vs. 12m**	Death/Q-wave MI at 24m

*Double-blind.

**Subsequent monotherapy.



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Optimal Duration of DAPT

Conclusions

- No large methodologically rigorous study has assessed prospectively whether long-term DAPT would be clinically better than short-term DAPT
- Several large ongoing studies may resolve the uncertainties regarding optimal duration of DAPT
- Until we have more evidence, it is too early to say that 6–12m of DAPT is enough for all patients post-PCI
- Customised approach would be ideal
- Long-term DAPT might be preferable in targeting
 - High-risk patient with previous ST, MI, DM
 - Complex intervention (LM disease, bifurcation, MVD, etc.)

DM, diabetes mellitus; LM, left main; MVD, multivessel disease.





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The Bleeding Patient

- **Most bleeding can be managed while on dual-antiplatelet therapy**
 - All bleeding eventually stops!
- **If cessation is required, the risk of subacute ST depends upon:**
 - Time since PCI / Duration of cessation
 - Risk of initial PCI (ACS vs. non-ACS, etc)
 - NOT on BMS vs. DES in the first 2 wks



Replace 2 - blødnings definition

TIMI major

Intrakraniel blødning

Blødning med ≥ 50 g/l reduktion af Hgb

Blodtransfusion ≥ 2 poser

TIMI minor

Blødning ≥ 30 g/l reduktion af Hgb

≥ 40 g/l Hgb reduktion uden lokaliseret blødning

Retroperitoneal blødning

Hæmaturi eller hæmatemese

REPLACE-2
Alvorlig blødning

Lincoff AM et al. JAMA 2003; 289: 853-863.



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PCI-related bleeding is associated with increased rate of clinical events

<i>Bleeding Complication</i>	Major (n=588)	Minor (n=1,394)	None (n=8,992)
Death	7.5%* †	1.8%*	0.6%
Q-Wave myocardial infarction	1.2%*	0.7% ‡	0.2%
Non-Q-Wave myocardial infarction	30.7%* †	16.8%*	11.8%
Repeat lesion angioplasty	1.9%* §	0.8% ‡	0.3%
Major adverse cardiac event	6.6%*†	2.2%*	0.6%

*p <0.001 vs none; †p<0.001 vs minor; ‡p<0.01 vs none; §p <0.05 vs minor

Kinnaird et al Am J Cardio 2003



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The WOEST Trial: First randomised trial comparing two regimens with and without aspirin in patients on oral anticoagulant therapy undergoing coronary stenting

Willem Dewilde, Tom Oirbans, Freek Verheugt, Johannes Kelder, Bart De Smet, Jean-Paul Herrman, Tom Adriaenssens, Mathias Vrolix, Antonius Heestermans, Marije Vis, Saman Rasoul, Kaïoum Sheikjoesoef, Tom Vandendriessche, Kristoff Cornelis, Jeroen Vos, Guus Brueren, Nicolien Breet, Jurriën ten Berg

The WOEST Trial= **W**hat is the **O**ptimal antiplatelet and anticoagulant therapy in patients with oral anticoagulation and coronary **StenT**ing (clinicaltrials.gov NCT00769938)



Background

1/ Long term oral anticoagulant therapy (OAC) is obligatory (class I) in:

- most patients with atrial fibrillation
- patients with mechanical heart valves

2/ Over 30% of these patients have concomitant ischemic heart disease

When these patients need to undergo percutaneous coronary stenting, there is also an indication for aspirin and clopidogrel

3/ Triple therapy (OAC, aspirin and clopidogrel) is recommended according to the guidelines but is also known to increase the risk of major bleeding
Major bleeding increases mortality

4/ No prospective randomized data available

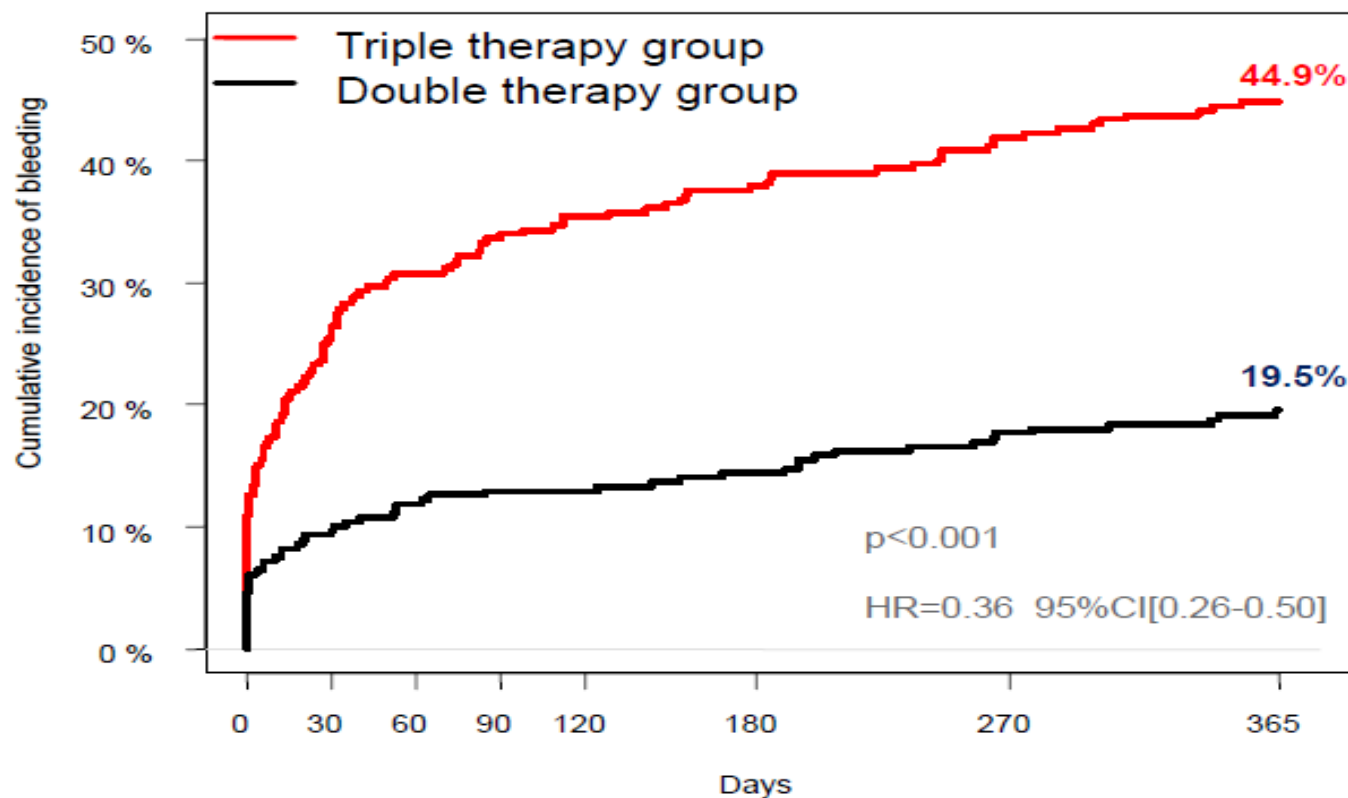


Aim of the study

To test the hypothesis that in patients on OAC undergoing PCI, clopidogrel alone is superior to the combination aspirin and clopidogrel with respect to bleeding but is not increasing thrombotic risk in a multicentre two-country study (The Netherlands and Belgium)



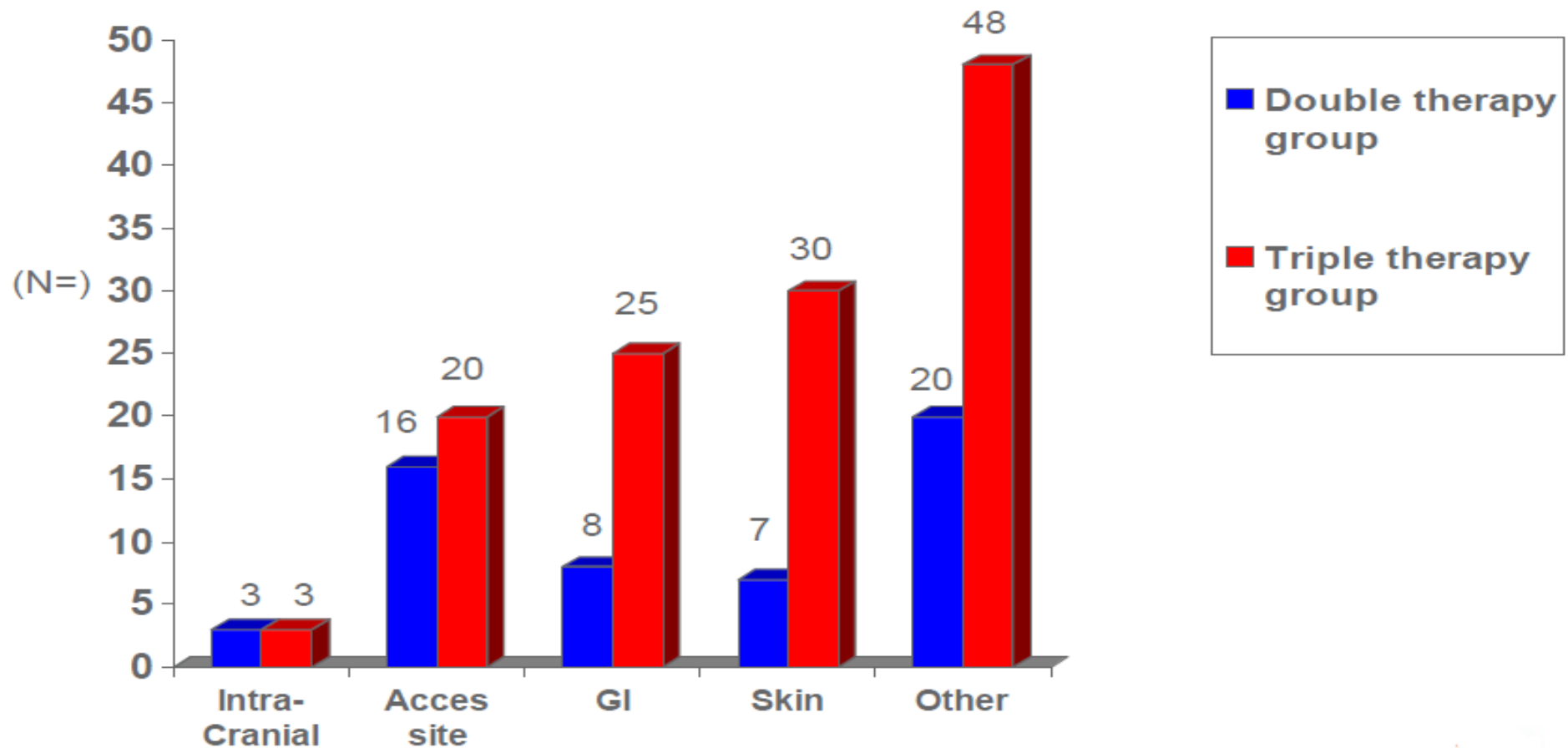
Primary Endpoint: Total number of bleeding events



n at risk: 284 210 194 186 181 173 159 140
279 253 244 241 241 236 226 208



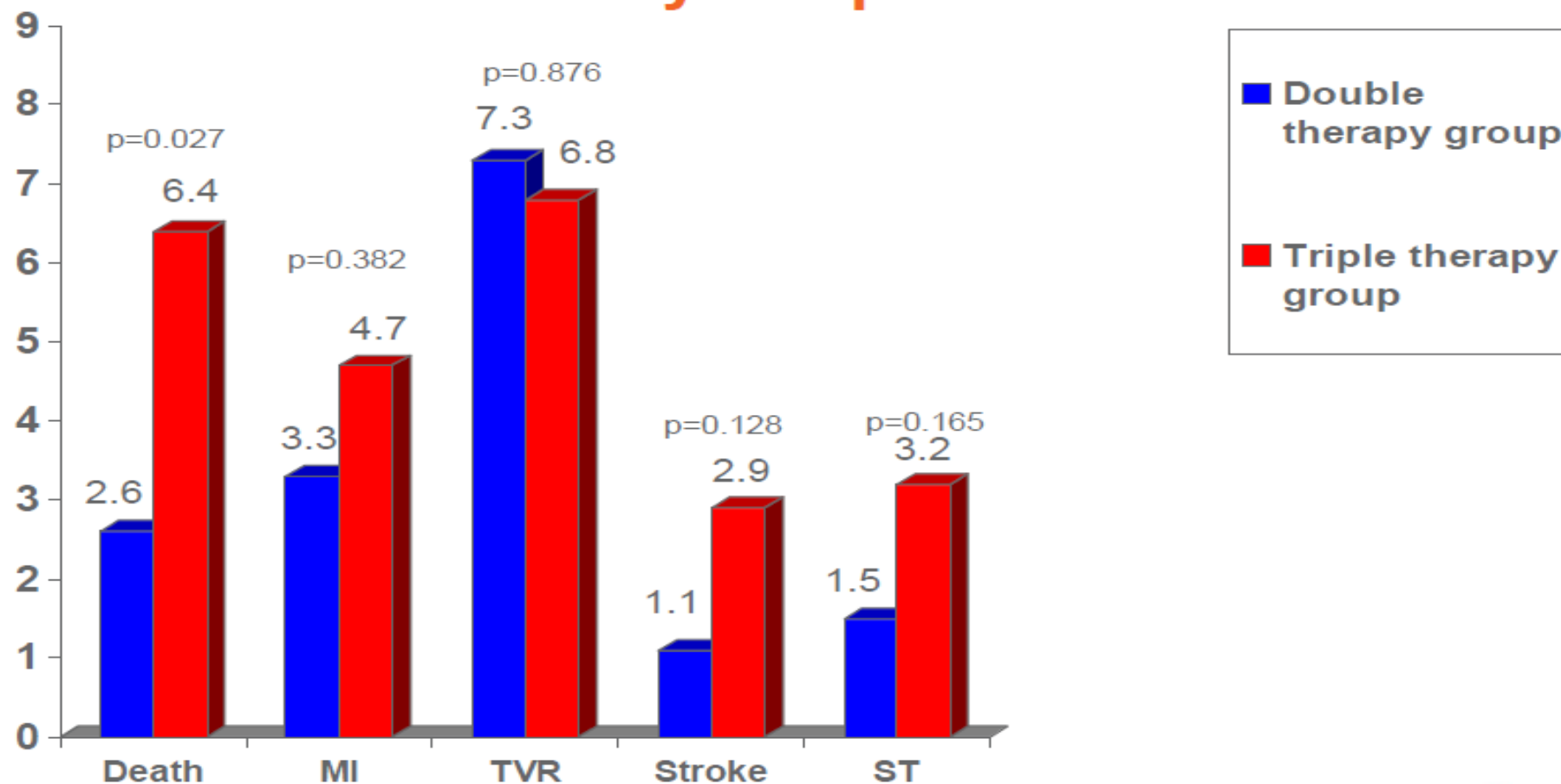
Locations of TIMI bleeding: Worst bleeding per patient



GI=gastro intestinal; Other bleeding consists of eye, urogenital, respiratory tract, retroperitoneal, mouth, PMpocket bleeding



Secondary Endpoint



MI=any myocardial infarction; TVR= target vessel revascularisation (PCI + CABG); ST= stent thrombosis



Conclusions

1. First randomized trial to address the optimal antiplatelet therapy in patients on OAC undergoing coronary stenting
2. Primary endpoint was met: as expected, OAC plus clopidogrel causes less bleeding than triple antithrombotic therapy, but now shown in a randomized way
3. Secondary endpoint was met: with dual therapy there is no excess of thrombotic/thromboembolic events: stroke, stent thrombosis, target vessel revascularisation, myocardial infarction or death
4. Less all-cause mortality with dual therapy

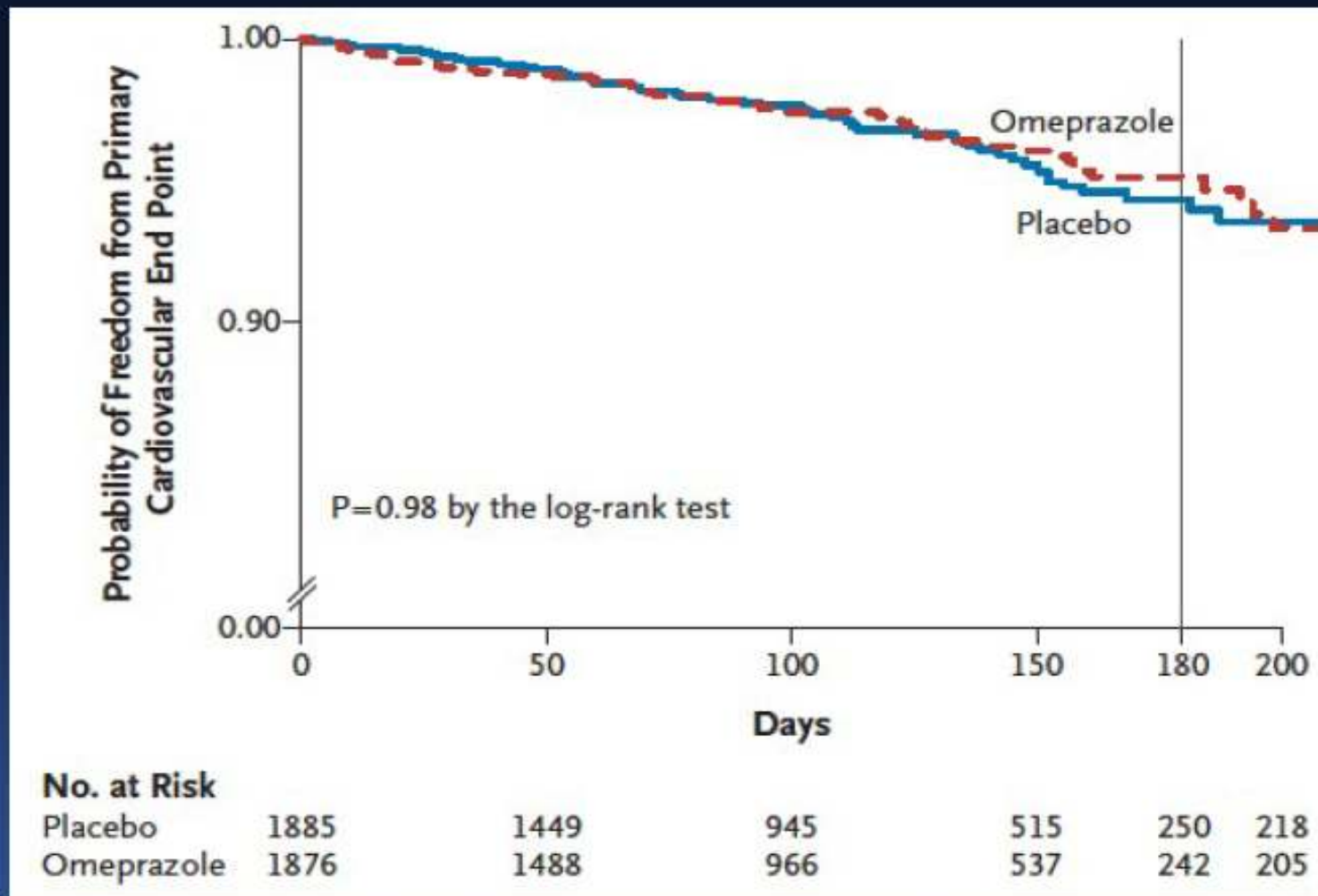


Implications

We propose that a strategy of oral anticoagulants plus clopidogrel, but without aspirin could be applied in this group of high-risk patients on OAC when undergoing PCI



COGENT: CV Events



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COGENT: Major results

Outcome	Omeprazole (%)	Placebo (%)	HR (95% CI)	p
Composite of GI events*	1.1	3.4	0.34 (0.18-0.63)	<0.001
Overt GI bleeding	0.2	1.2	0.13 (0.03-0.56)	0.001
Composite of cardiac events	4.9	5.7	0.99 (0.68-1.44)	0.96
MI	1.2	1.5	0.92 (0.44-1.90)	0.81
Revascularization	4.0	4.6	0.91(0.59-1.38)	0.64

*Primary end point: GI bleeding, symptomatic GI ulcer, gastric pain with ≥ 5 gastroduodenal erosions, obstruction, or perforation



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Multivariate Model for Major Bleeding in Patients with NSTEMI



Variable	Adjusted OR	P-value
Age (per 10y increase)	1.22	0.0002
Female sex	1.36	0.0116
History of renal insufficiency	1.53	0.0062
History of bleeding	2.18	0.014
GPIIb/IIIa blockers	1.86	<0.001
Percutaneous interventions	2.24	<0.0001

Moscucci. Eur Heart J 2003;24:1815



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Strategies to Deal With Bleeding

- **Hemodynamic resuscitation is critical**
- **Continue DAPT if at all possible**
- **Continue ASA alone while P2Y12 inhibitor is off**
 - **Minimize time off P2Y12 inhibitor**
 - **Most IV bridging strategies are not applicable here**

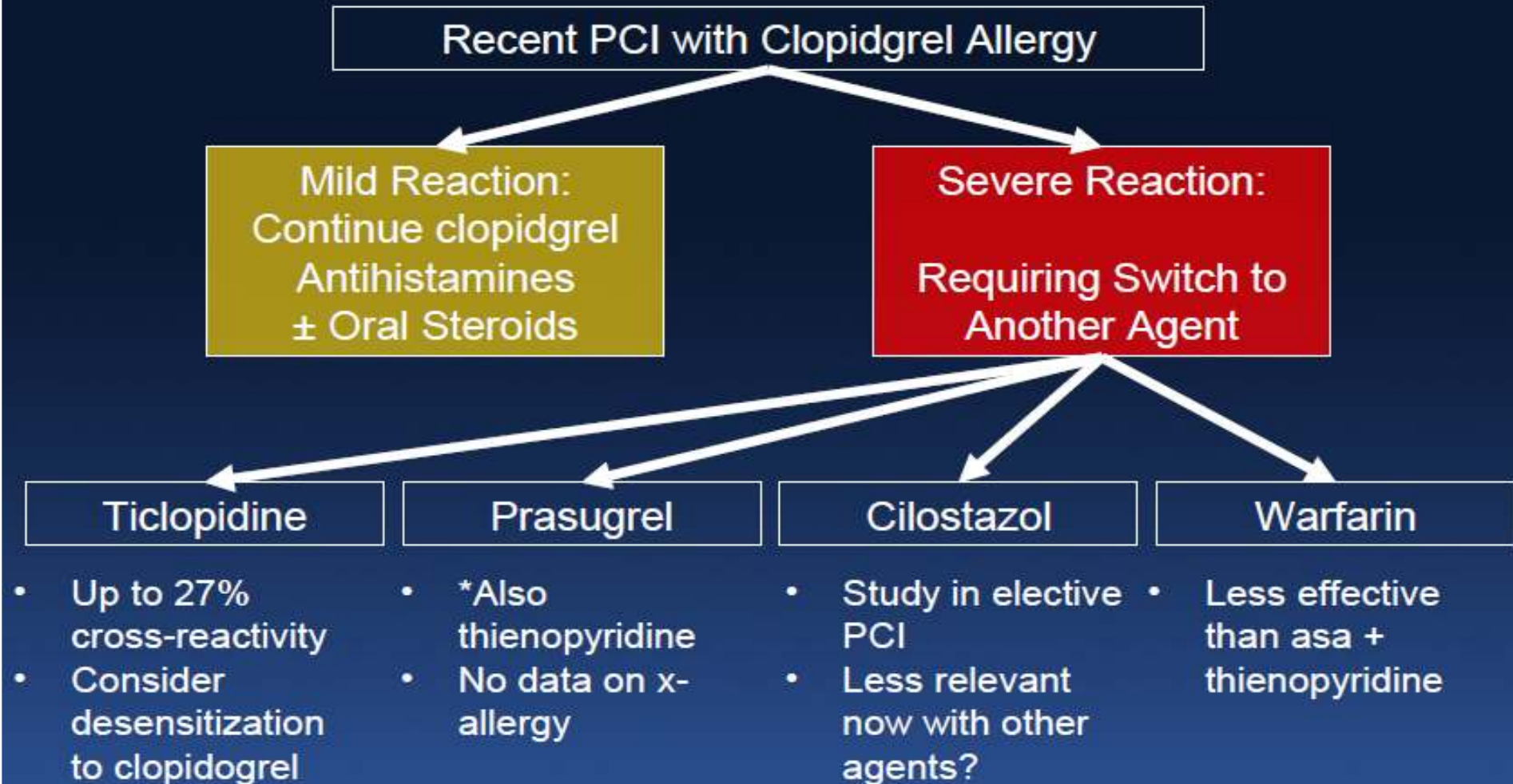


Clopidogrel Allergy

- **Majority of cases occur <2 wks**
- **Incidence ranges from 1-6%**
- **Most frequent reaction is cutaneous, maculopapular rash**
 - **Reaction may/may not be due to clopidogrel**
 - **Antihistamines and/or short course of steroids can be effective in >85% of patients**



Algorithm for Clopidogrel Allergy



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(Recent) Stents and Surgery: Not a good Combination!!!

- **Perioperative thrombotic risk increases**
 - **↑platelet aggregation, ↓fibrinolysis**
 - **Catecholamine release**
 - **Hypotension**
- **Cessation of antiplatelet Rx often occurs**
 - **Surgeons are just used to it!**



Outcomes According to Time Delay Between Stent Implantation and Non-Cardiac Surgery

	<42 Days	42 Days to 1 Year	>1 Year	P
BMS	n=40	n=477	n=866	
Death/any IHD event	18 (45)	65 (13.6)	101 (11.7)	<0.001
Death	2 (5)	5 (1)	1 (0.1)	<0.0001
MI	3 (7.5)	3 (0.6)	4 (0.5)	<0.0001
DES	n=19	n=255	n=282	
Death/any IHD event	7 (36.8)	41 (16.1)	35 (12.4)	0.017
Death	1 (5.3)	2 (0.8)	1 (0.4)	0.049
MI	2 (10.5)	2 (0.8)	3 (1.1)	0.001



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Strategies for Upcoming Surgery

- ***If at all possible, delay surgery!***
 - Ideally 6 weeks for BMS*
 - Ideally 6+ months for DES*
- If surgery is needed and bleeding risk acceptable, continue DAPT
 - But timing issues are less certain
- If bleeding risk is high, continue ASA and restart P2Y12 inhibitor ASAP
 - Could consider IIbIIIa bridging
- If no AP therapy, consider IIbIIIa bridge

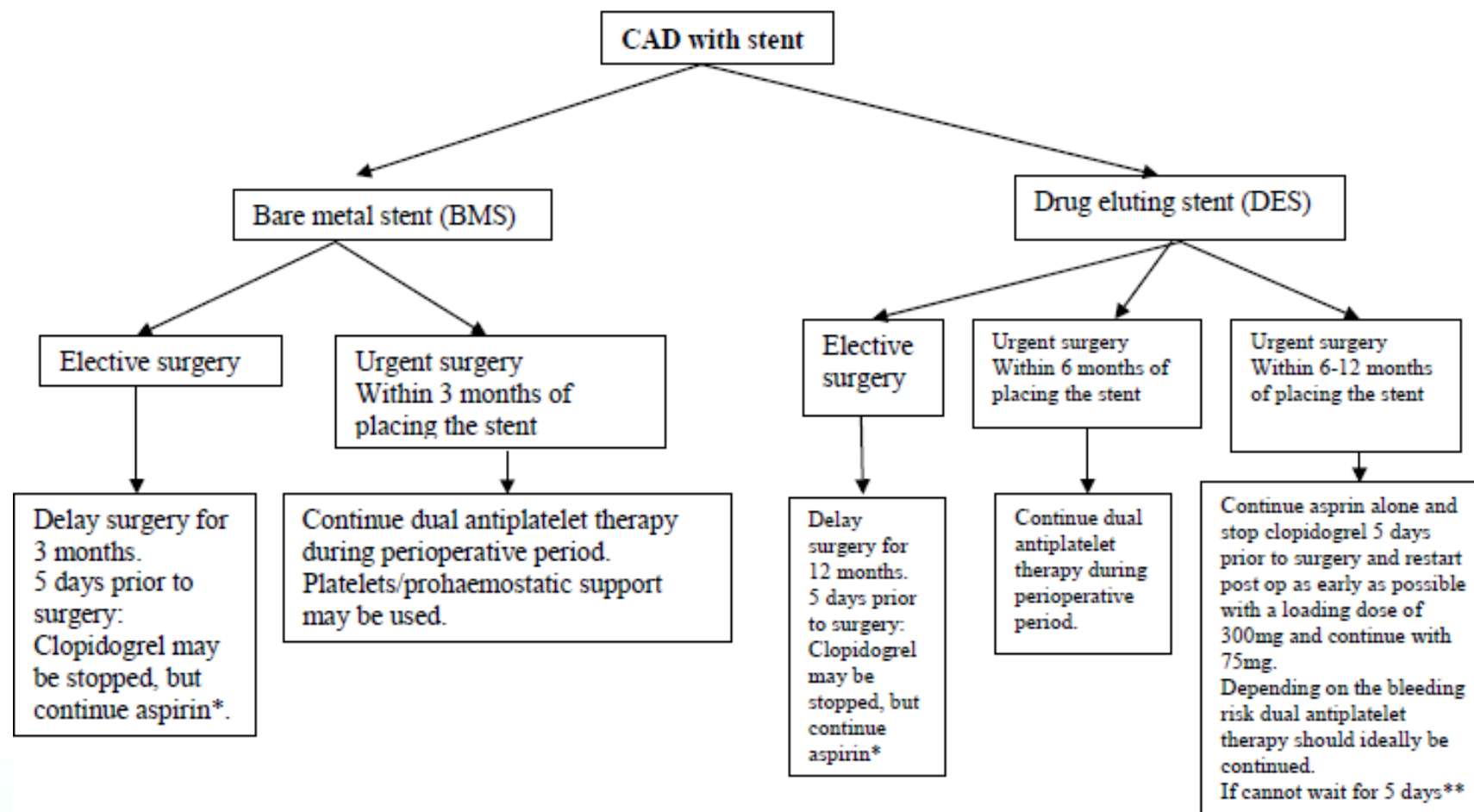


Decision making algorithm in patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery

Initial check list

- a) Reason for antiplatelet therapy (CVA/CAD/others)
- b) Type of antiplatelet therapy used
- c) Time of the event
- d) If CAD – Stent/CABG and time of the same
- e) If stent- Bare metal Vs Drug eluting stent
- f) History of prior stent thrombosis
- g) Type of surgery- Risk of bleeding/thrombosis
- h) Elective/urgent surgery
- i) Co-morbidities in the patient (DM/Renal failure/EF)





*Discontinuation of aspirin should be considered in those in whom hemostasis is difficult to control during the operative procedure (for e.g. Neurosurgery/posterior chamber of eye surgery/TURP).

** Continue the procedure with platelet support.



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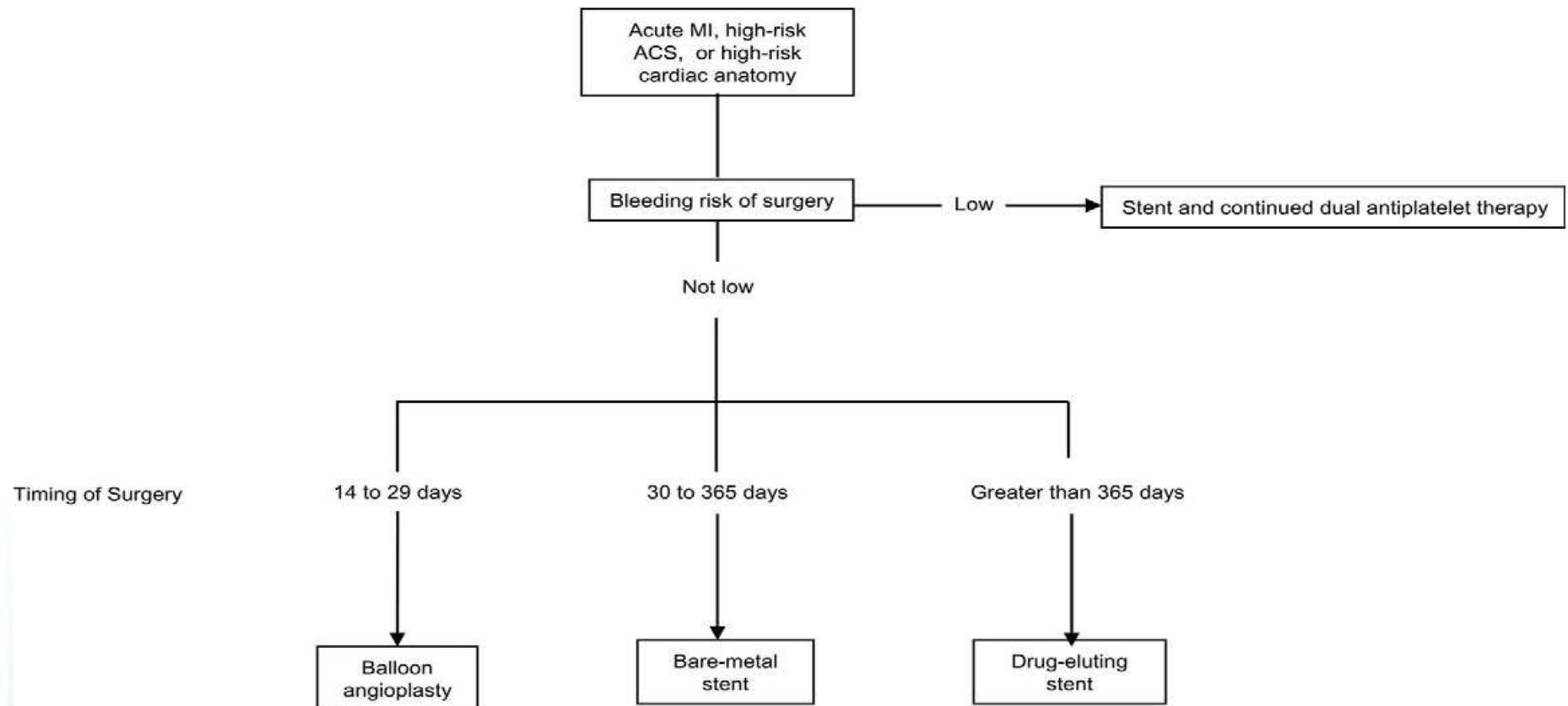
Bleeding Risk in Various Surgeries

Bleeding Risk	Clinical Severity	Type of Surgery
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfusions rare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peripheral: plastic/general, biopsies • Minor orthopedic, ENT general • Endoscopy • Eye: anterior chamber • Dental
Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfusions may be frequent • More re-op, LOS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visceral • Cardiovascular surgery • Major orthopedic, ENT • Urologic reconstructive
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bleeding into a closed space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intracranial • Spinal • Eye: posterior chamber

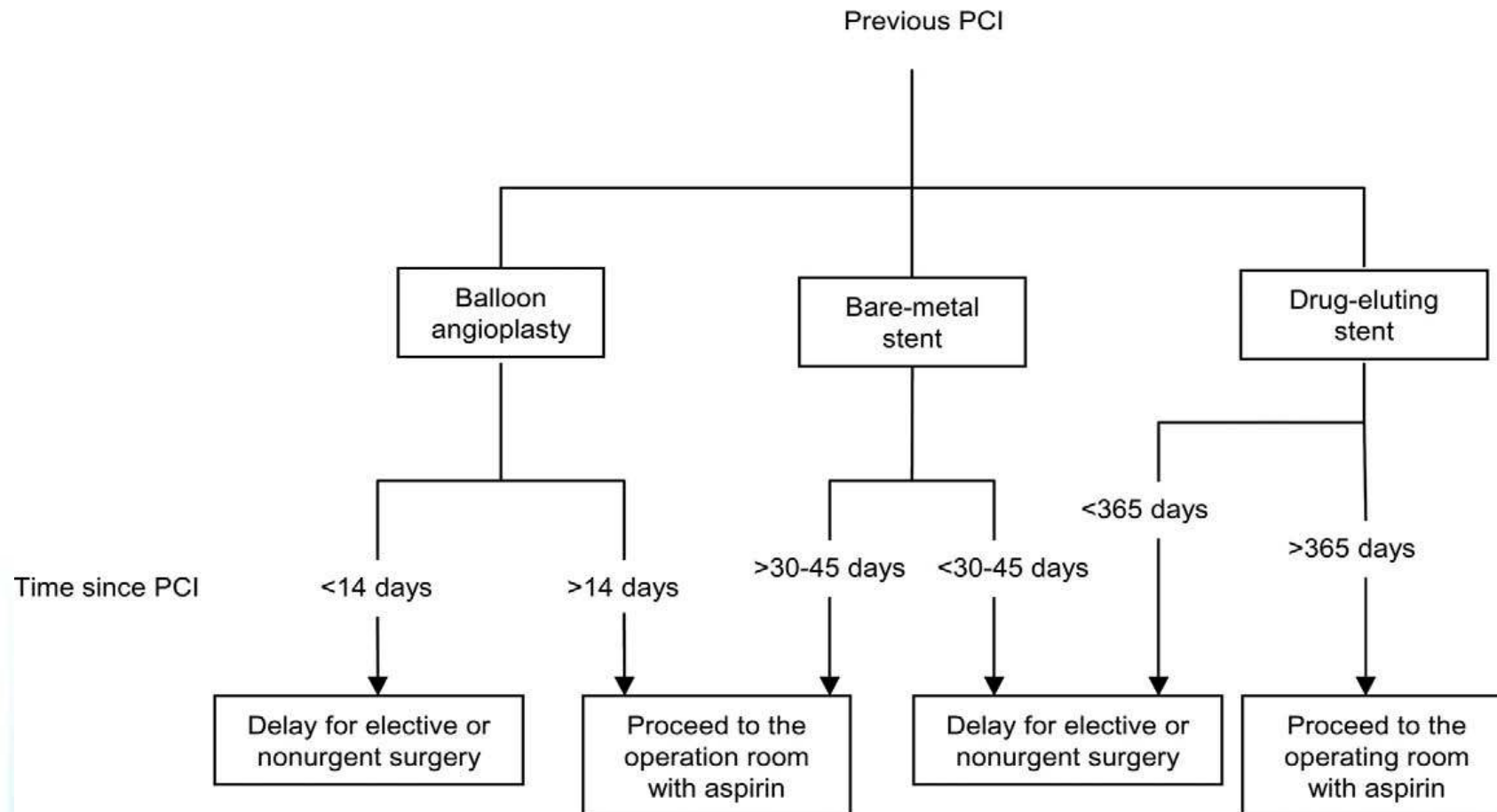


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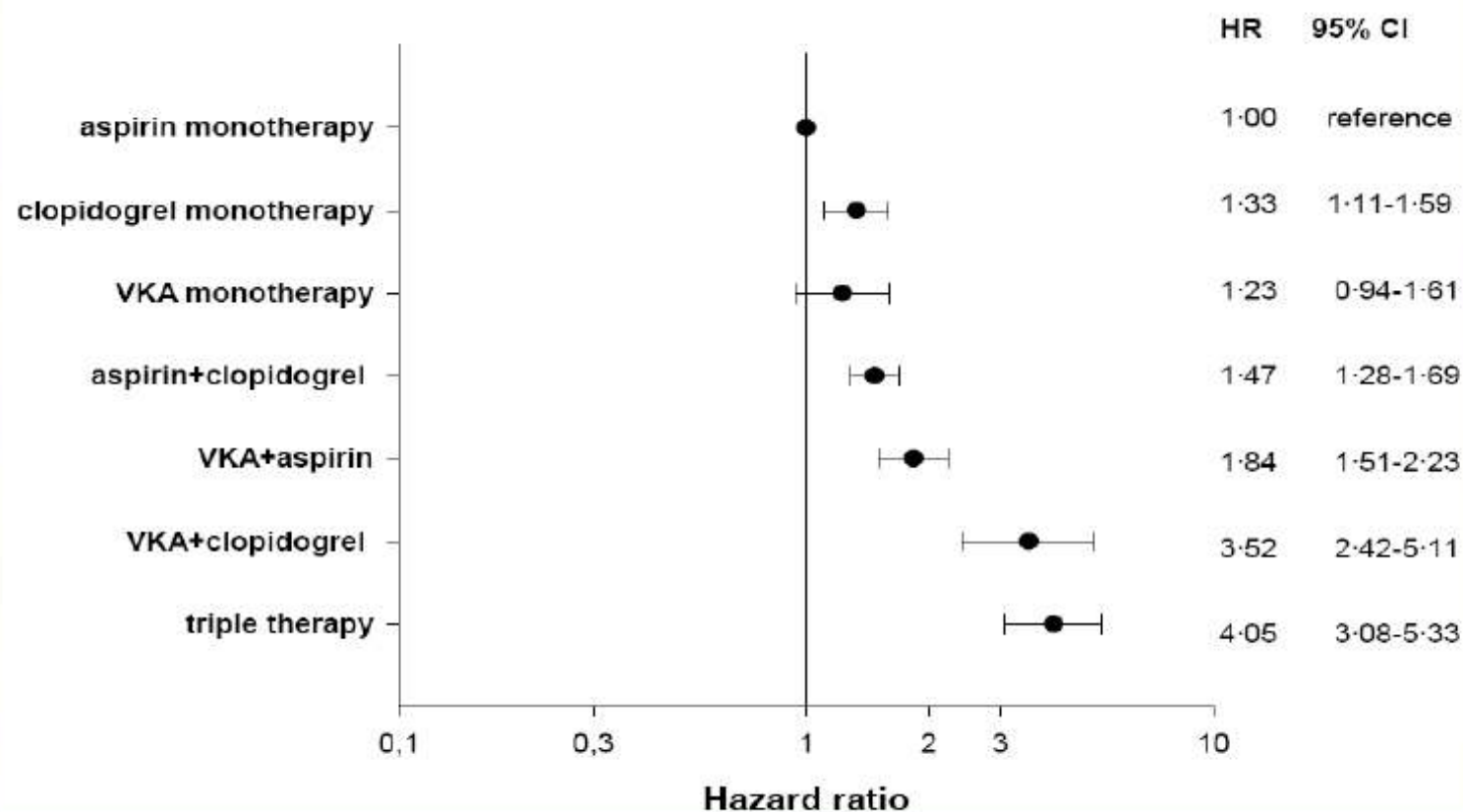


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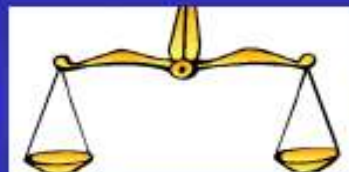
Figure 2A: Adjusted risk of non-fatal and fatal bleedings



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Conclusions

- Increased number of antithrombotics = increased bleeding
- At admittance



→ Stent-type

- High risk combinations should be limited to the shortest possible duration



Conclusions

- **Much of clinical decision-making in this area can be empiric, with limited prospective data**
- **To avoid thrombosis, don't stop DAPT**
- **Communication between patients and (several) providers is critical!**



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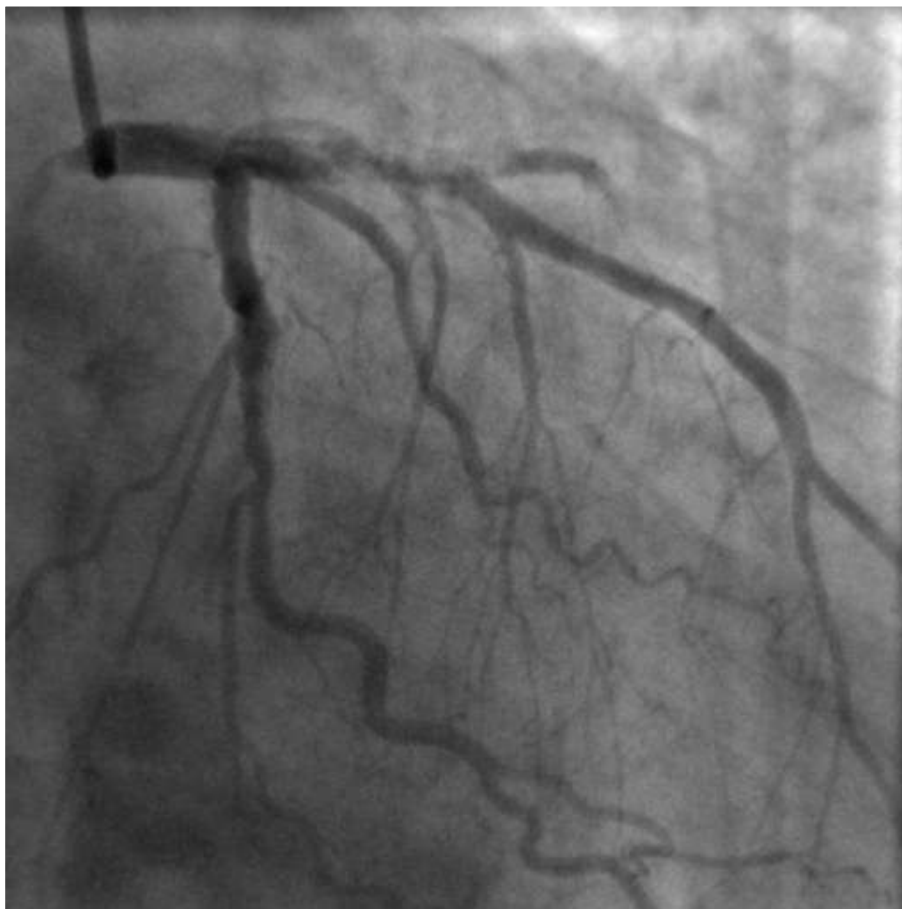
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CASE 1

- 74 y.o. male.
- Risk factors for IHD: Hypertension, Dyslipidaemia, Ex-smoker.
- 13 Feb 2004: PCI for a bifurcation lesion LAD / D1 (Recent Anterior STEMI thrombolysed).
 - Crushing technique LAD: Cypher 3.5 x 18mm D1: Cypher 3 x 13mm
- No final kissing balloon performed. 67 months later (10 Sep 2009) and whilst being asymptomatic from the cardiac point of view, he was scheduled for endoscopic resection of colon polyps (History of lower GI bleeding).
- Advised to discontinue the thienopyridine monotherapy 7 days before the procedure and start LMWH.
- 3 hours after the endoscopic procedure he developed retrosternal chest pain, ECG showed ST elevation in the anterior leads and was transferred immediately to our cath lab.





Pre-PCI



Post-PCI



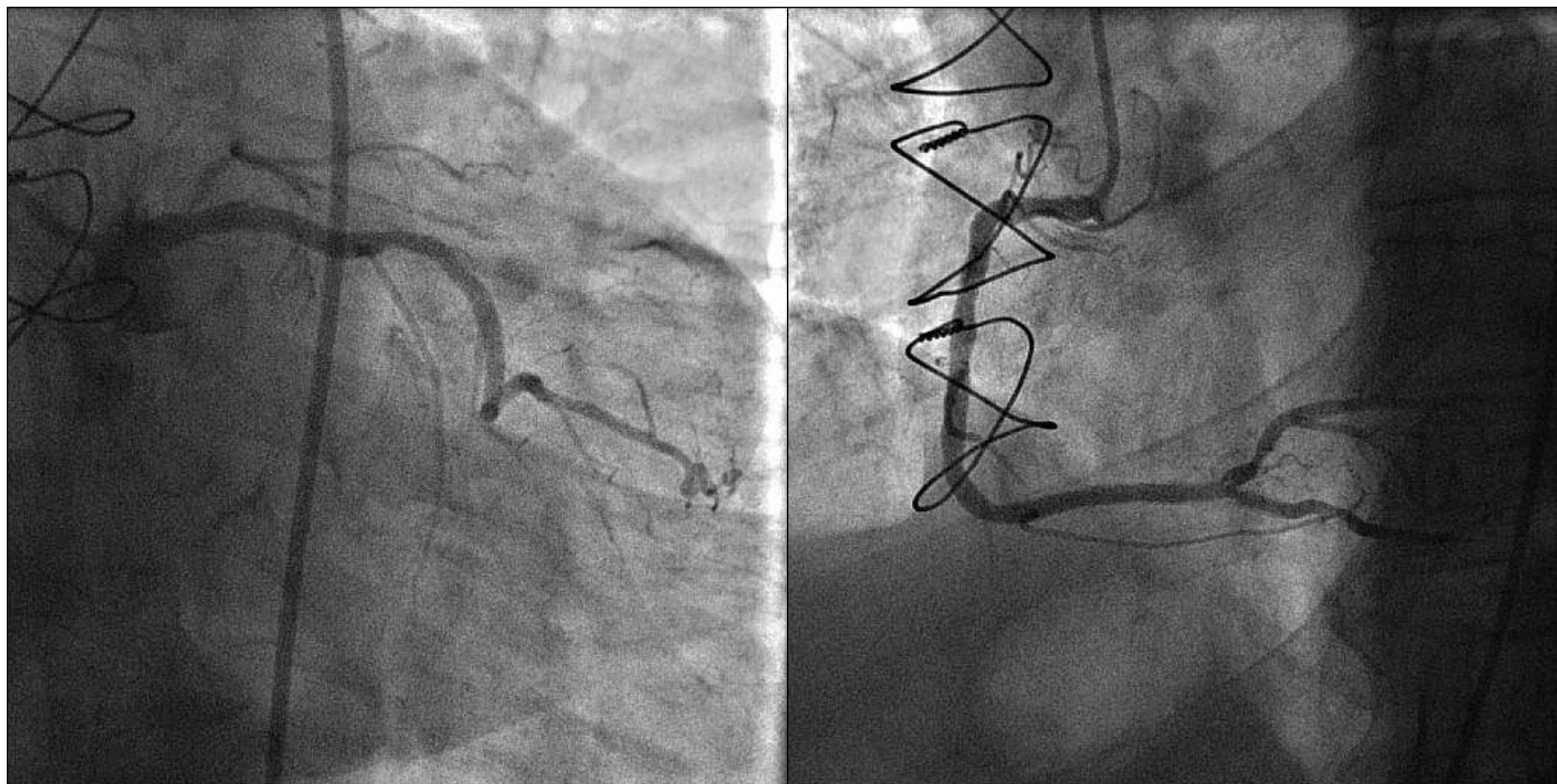
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CASE 2

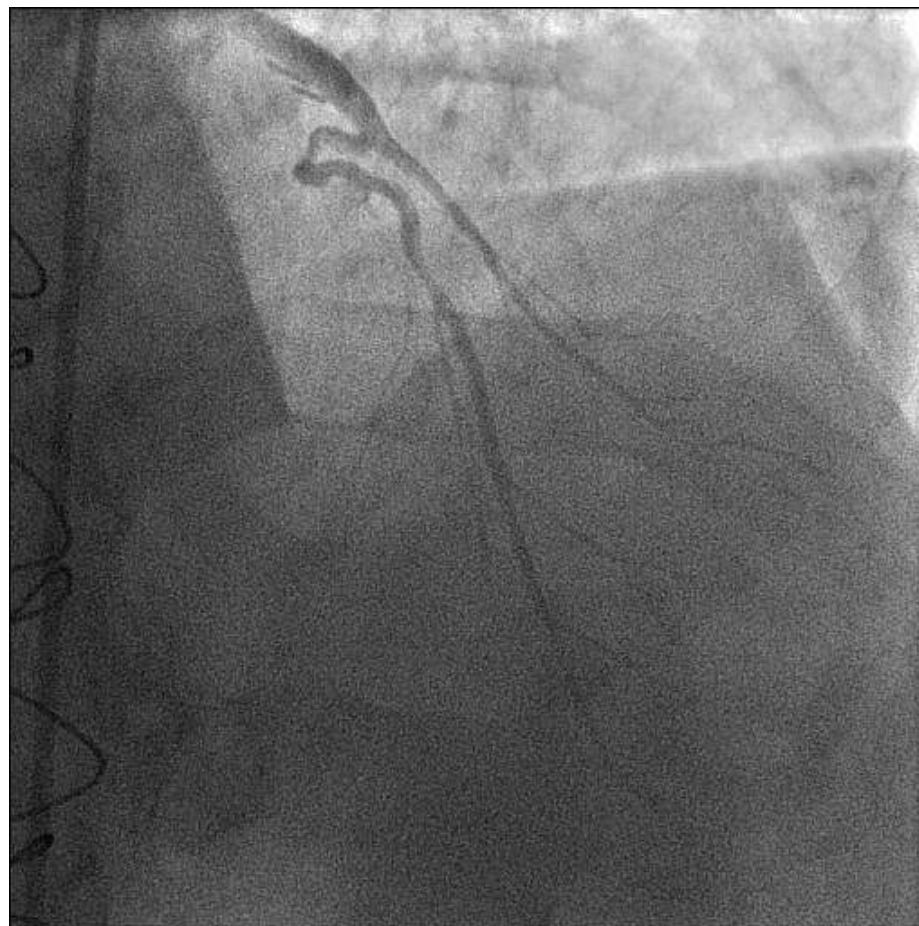
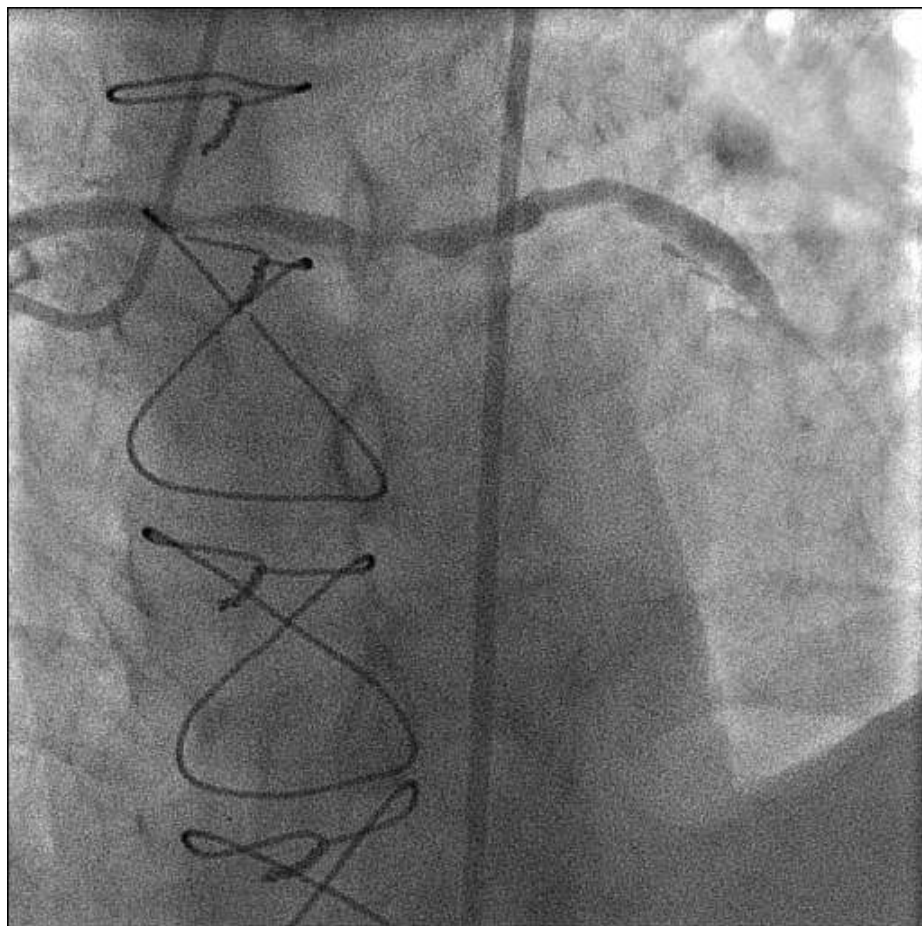
- **72 y.o. male.**
- **Risk factors for IHD: Hypertension, Dyslipidaemia, Ex-smoker.**
- **2005: LIMA-LAD and SVG-D1**
- **2012: Unstable angina**





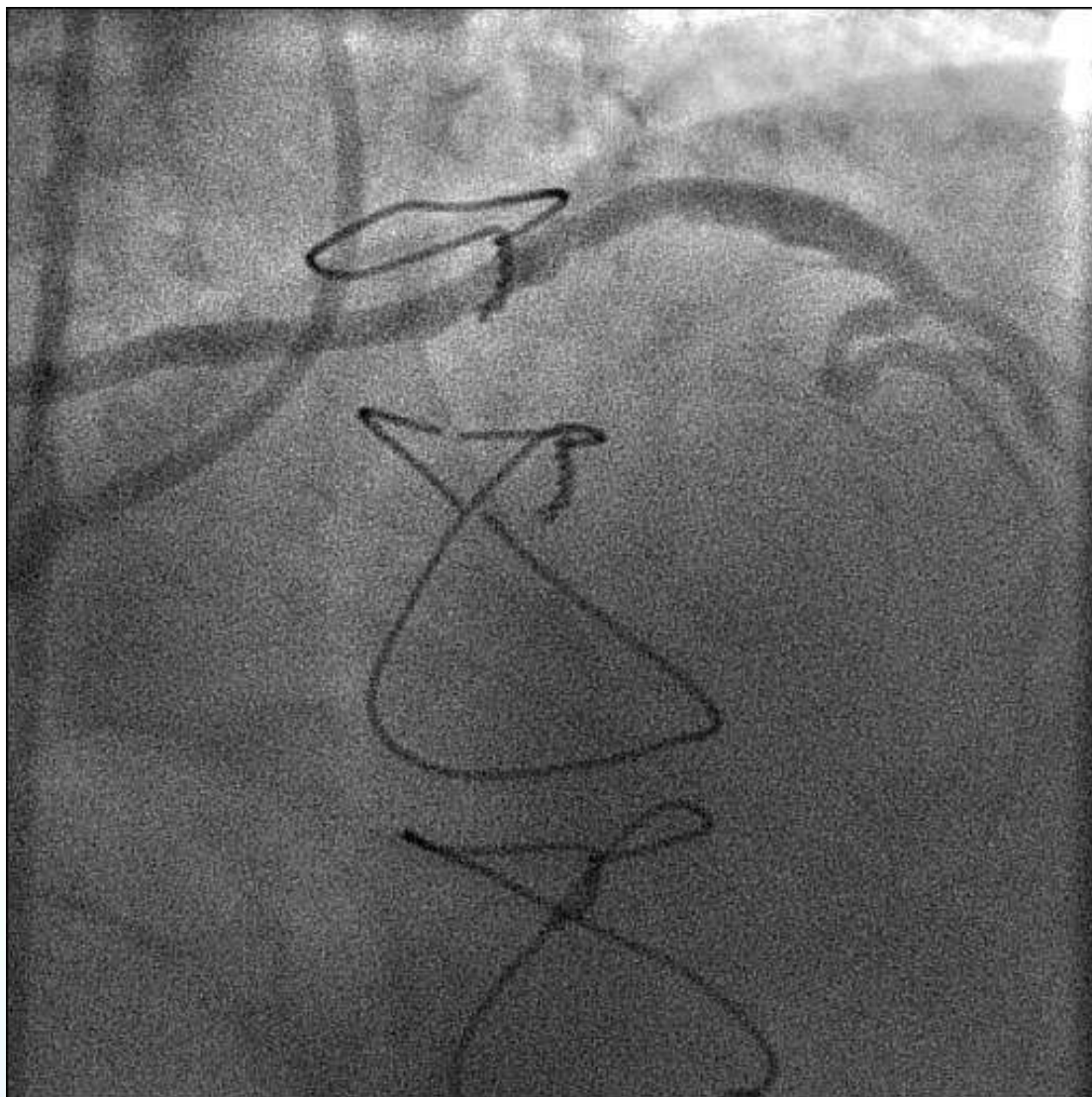
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Post-PCI

**i.v IIb/IIIa
(no reflow)**



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2 hours after the procedure the patient developed hypovolemic shock due to retroperitoneal hematoma which was treated conservatively.

After 6 hours the patient was hemodynamically unstable with new drop of Ht/Hb due hematemesis. Gastroscopy performed and A.V.L the culprit vessel. Dual antiplatelet therapy was stopped.

2 days later, patient developed a new gastrointestinal bleeding. Colonoscopy had no specific findings.



WHAT WOULD YOU DO NEXT?

1. Stop antiplatelet therapy indefinitely?
2. aspirin or clopidogrel only?
3. DAPT?

4. when?



On day sixth, patient was discharged under clopidogrel only and advised to start dual antiplatelet therapy 30 days later.

12 months later patient was asymptomatic and

Nothing else happened!!!!

The Interventionalists lived happily ever after!!!



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