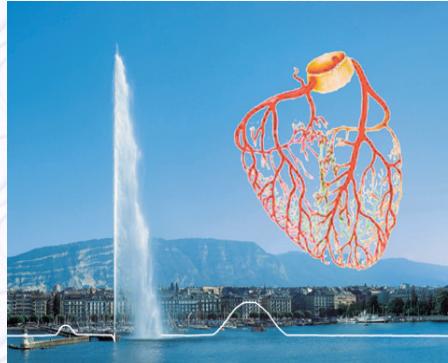




# Controversies and Therapeutic Challenges : Dual Antiplatelet Therapy in ACS



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# 2015 ESC guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation

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## Research funding

- Abbott vascular
- Biotronik
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- Medtronic
- Boston Scientific

## Speaker fees

- Astra Zeneca

## Recommendations for platelet inhibition in NSTE-ACS

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>Oral antiplatelet therapy</b>		
<b>Aspirin</b> is recommended for all patients without contra-indications at an initial oral loading dose <sup>c</sup> of 150–300 mg (in aspirin-naïve patients) and a maintenance dose of 75–100 mg daily long-term regardless of treatment strategy.	I	A
A <b>P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor</b> is recommended, in addition to aspirin, for <b>12 months</b> unless there are contraindications such as excessive risk of bleeds.	I	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ticagrelor</b> (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily) is recommended, in the absence of contraindications<sup>d</sup>, for all patients at moderate- to high-risk of ischaemic events (e.g. elevated cardiac troponins), regardless of initial treatment strategy and including those pretreated with clopidogrel (which should be discontinued when ticagrelor is started).</li> <li>• <b>Prasugrel</b> (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose) is recommended in patients who are proceeding to PCI if no contraindication.<sup>d</sup></li> <li>• <b>Clopidogrel</b> (300–600 mg loading dose, 75 mg daily dose) is recommended for patients who cannot receive ticagrelor or prasugrel or who require oral anticoagulation.</li> </ul>	I	B
P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor administration for a shorter duration of 3–6 months after DES implantation may be considered in patients deemed at high bleeding risk.	IIb	A
It is not recommended to administer prasugrel in patients in whom coronary anatomy is not known.	III	B

# DAPT Duration after PCI with DES: Meta-analysis of RCT

## CV Mortality

Cardiovascular mortality		MTHs DAPT		1 year		MTHs DAPT	
EXCELLENT <sup>22</sup>	2/722	3/721			4.2	0.66 (0.11 to 3.99)	
ITALIC <sup>28</sup>	5/926	3/924			4.2	1.67 (0.40 to 4.91)	
OPTIMIZE <sup>24</sup>	29/1605	32/1606			44.5	0.91 (0.54 to 1.39)	
PRODIGY <sup>7,26</sup>	24/983	24/987			33.1	1.00 (0.57 to 1.43)	
RESET <sup>27</sup>	2/1059	4/1058			5.7	0.50 (0.09 to 1.11)	
SECURITY <sup>8</sup>	6/682	6/717			8.2	1.05 (0.34 to 3.28)	
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>	<b>68/5977</b>	<b>72/6013</b>			<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.95 (0.68 to 1.33)</b>	

Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2=1.40$ , df=5, P=0.92,  $I^2=0\%$

Test for overall effect: z=0.31, P=0.76

Extended      12 month

DAPT <sup>10,19</sup>	50/5020	52/4941			73.4	0.95 (0.64 to 1.40)
DES LATE <sup>20,21</sup>	28/2531	19/2514			26.6	1.47 (0.82 to 2.64)
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>	<b>78/7551</b>	<b>71/7455</b>			<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.09 (0.79 to 1.50)</b>

Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2=1.50$ , df=1, P=0.22,  $I^2=34\%$

Test for overall effect: z=0.50, P=0.62

Short term      12 month

EXCELLENT <sup>22</sup>	13/722	7/721			5.9	1.87 (0.74 to 4.72)
ISAR-SAFE <sup>23</sup>	13/1998	14/2007			11.9	0.93 (0.44 to 1.99)
ITALIC <sup>28</sup>	6/926	4/924			3.4	1.50 (0.42 to 5.33)
OPTIMIZE <sup>24</sup>	49/1605	42/1606			34.9	1.17 (0.77 to 1.78)
PRODIGY <sup>7,26</sup>	28/983	30/987			25.0	0.94 (0.55 to 1.58)
RESET <sup>27</sup>	2/1059	4/1058			3.4	0.50 (0.09 to 2.73)
SECURITY <sup>8</sup>	21/682	19/717			15.4	1.17 (0.62 to 2.19)
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>	<b>132/7975</b>	<b>120/8020</b>			<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.11 (0.87 to 1.43)</b>

Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2=3.00$ , df=6, P=0.81,  $I^2=0\%$

Test for overall effect: z=0.84, P=0.40

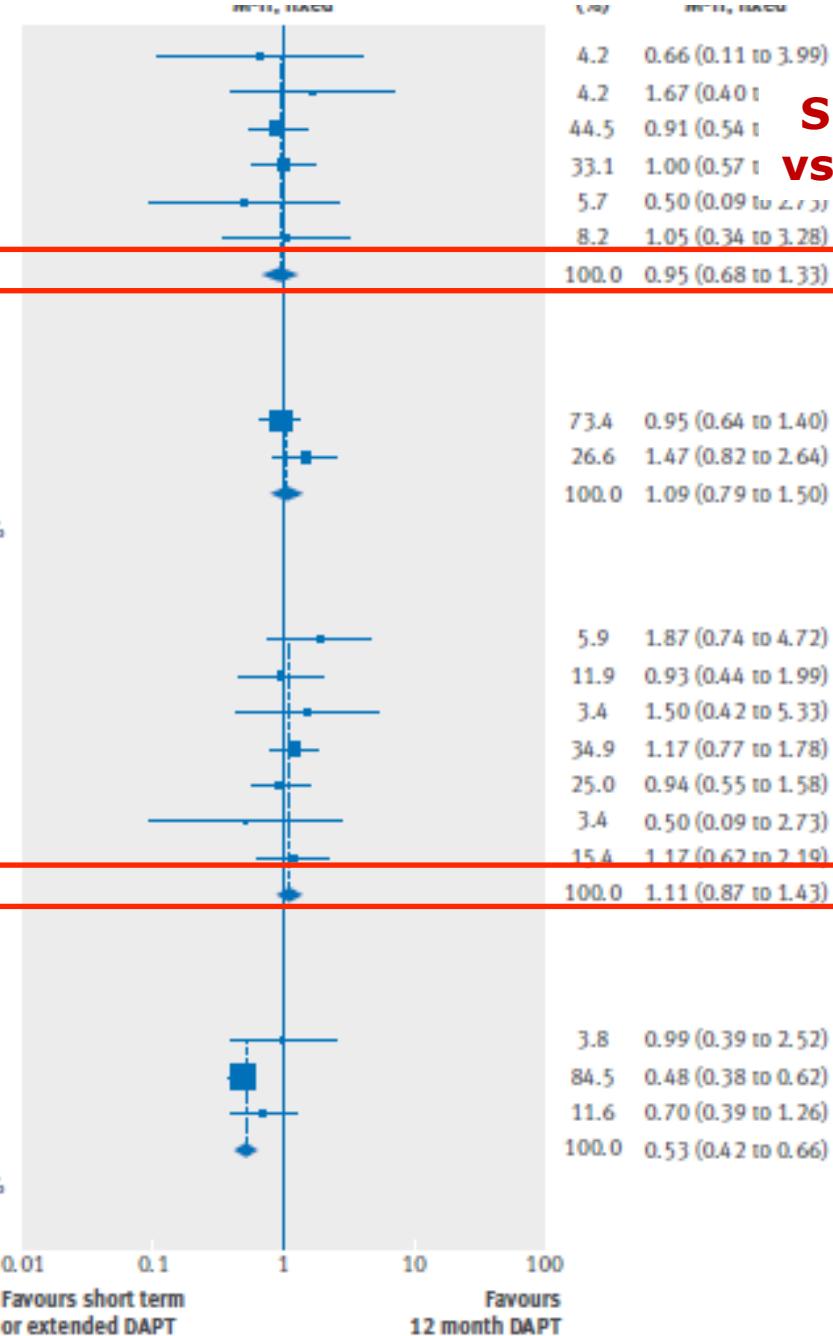
Extended      12 month

ARCTIC-Interruption <sup>17,18</sup>	9/645	9/641			3.8	0.99 (0.39 to 2.52)
DAPT <sup>10,19</sup>	99/5020	198/4941			84.5	0.48 (0.38 to 0.62)
DES LATE <sup>20,21</sup>	19/2531	27/2514			11.6	0.70 (0.39 to 1.26)
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>	<b>127/8196</b>	<b>234/8096</b>			<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.53 (0.42 to 0.66)</b>

Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2=3.16$ , df=2, P=0.21,  $I^2=37\%$

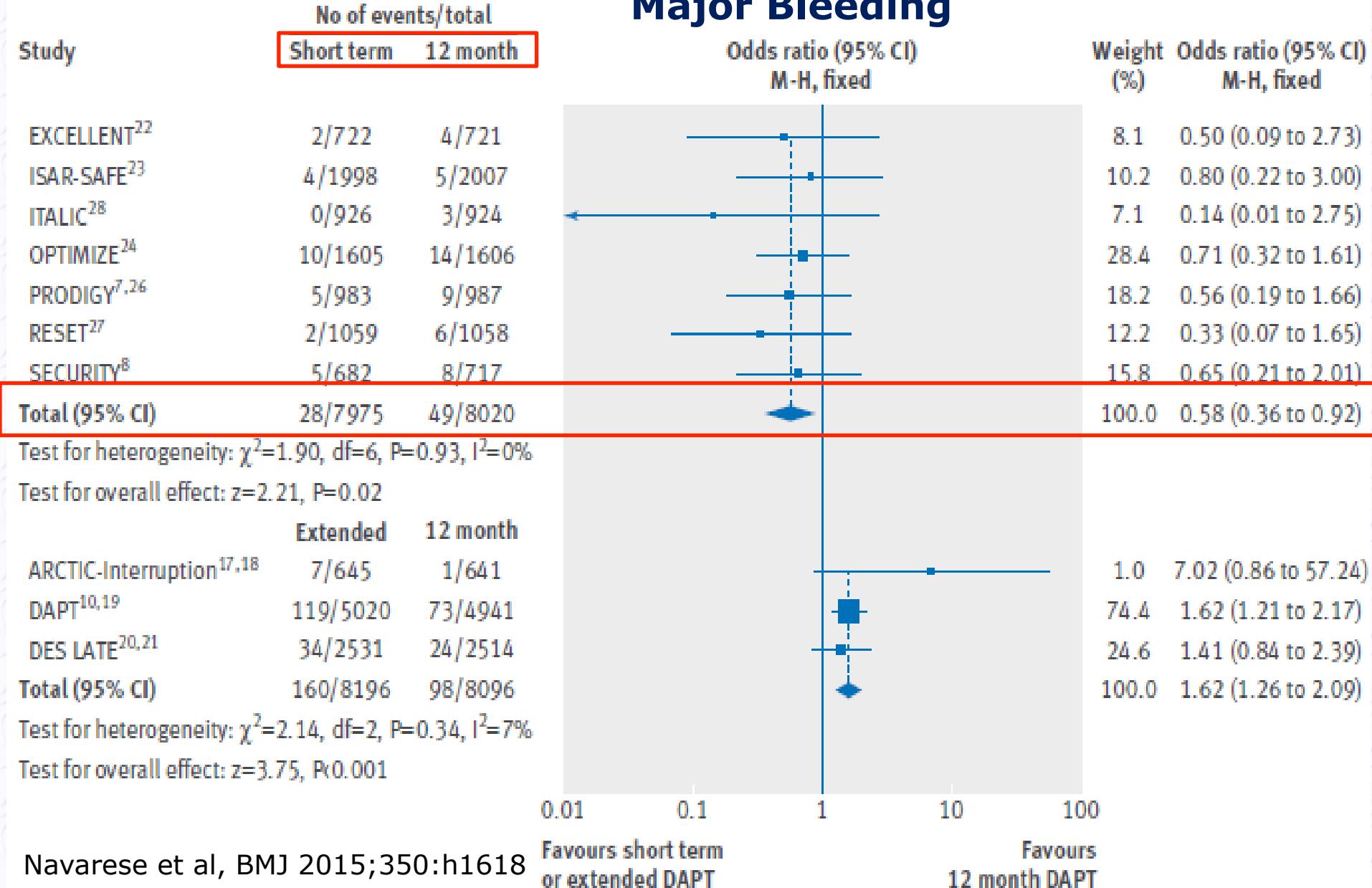
Test for overall effect: z=5.75, P<0.001

Mainly stable CAD



# DAPT Duration after PCI with DES: Meta-analysis of RCT

## Major Bleeding



# DAPT Duration and Drug-Eluting Stents

## LEADERS FREE Trial

Prospective, double-blind randomized (1:1) trial  
ACS 27%      2466 High bleeding risk (HBR) PCI patients

BioFreedom™  
DCS

VS.

Gazelle™  
BMS

**DAPT mandated for 1 month only, followed by long-term SAPT**

- **Primary safety endpoint:**  
Composite of cardiac death, MI, definite / probable stent thrombosis at 1 year (non-inferiority then superiority)
- **Primary efficacy endpoint:**  
Clinically-driven TLR at 1 year (superiority)

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# Primary Safety Endpoint (Cardiac Death, MI, ST)



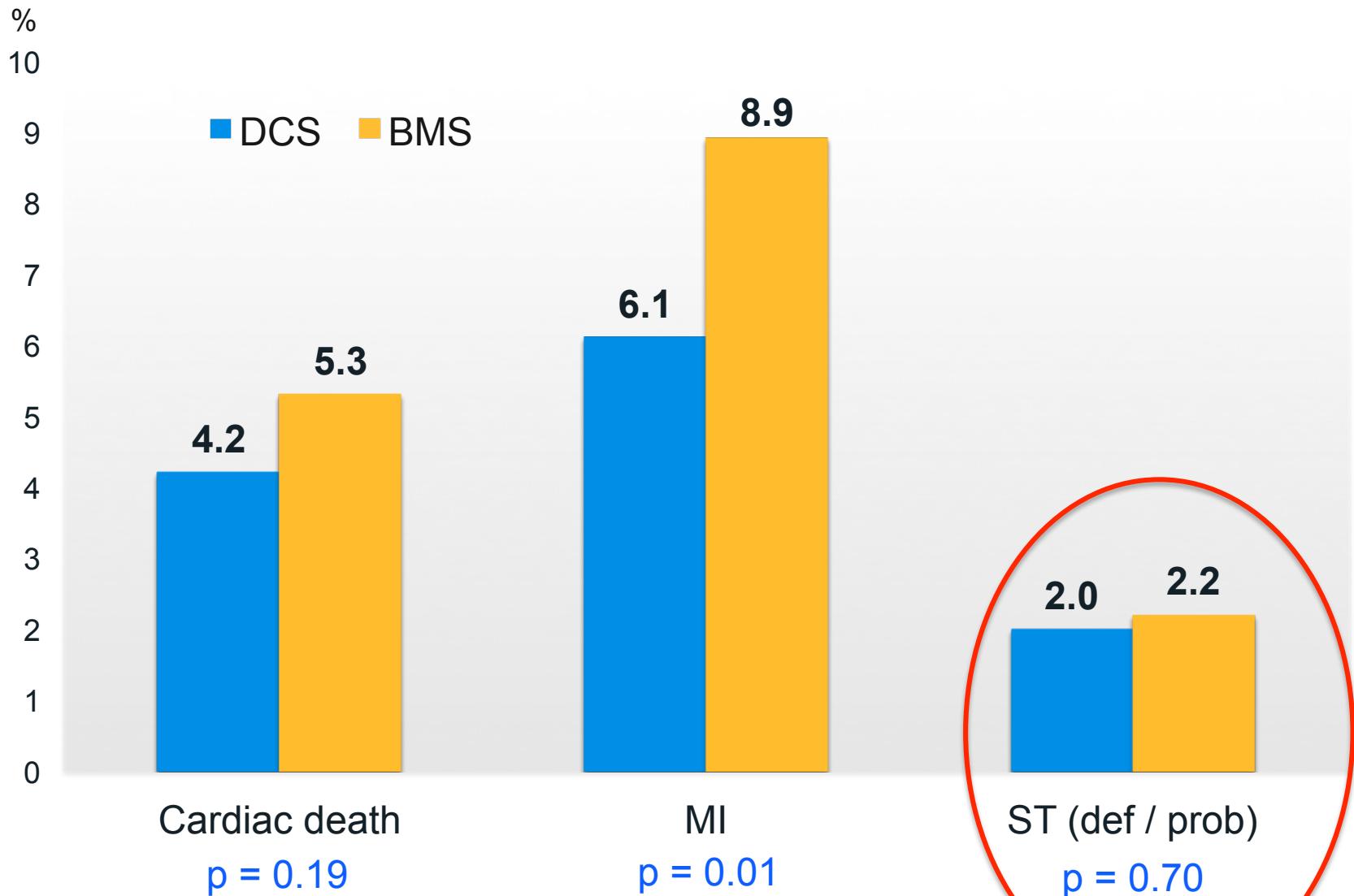
## Subgroups

Composite safety endpoint (cardiac death, MI, ST)

Category		DCS: Events (%)	BMS: Events (%)	P-value for interaction
Age >80	No	65 (8.3)	92 (11.6)	0.86
	Yes	47 (11.5)	62 (15.5)	
Male	No	34 (9.6)	53 (14.4)	0.59
	Yes	78 (9.3)	101 (12.3)	
ACS at admission	No	82 (9.4)	95 (10.9)	0.04
	yes	30 (9.3)	59 (18.5)	

Hazard Ratio (95% CI)

# Components of Safety Endpoint



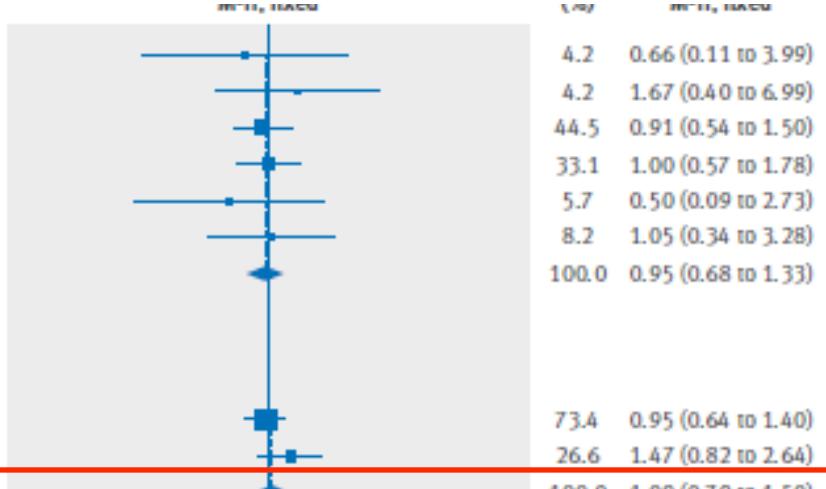
## Recommendations for platelet inhibition in NSTE-ACS (continued)

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>Long-term P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibition</b>		
P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor administration in addition to aspirin beyond 1 year may be considered after careful assessment of the ischaemic and bleeding risks of the patient.	IIb	A

# DAPT Duration after PCI with DES: Meta-analysis of RCT

**CV  
Mortality**

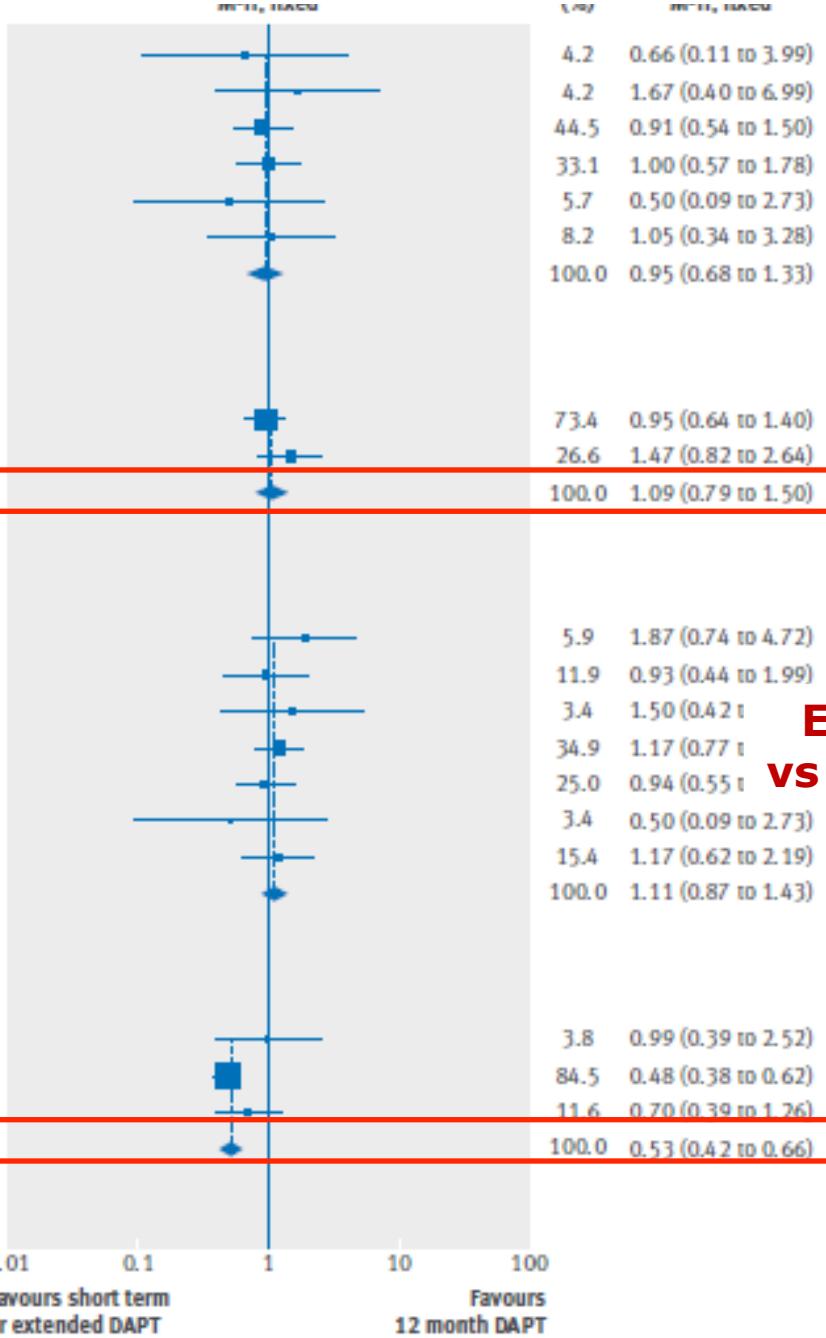
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Mainly stable CAD

**MI**

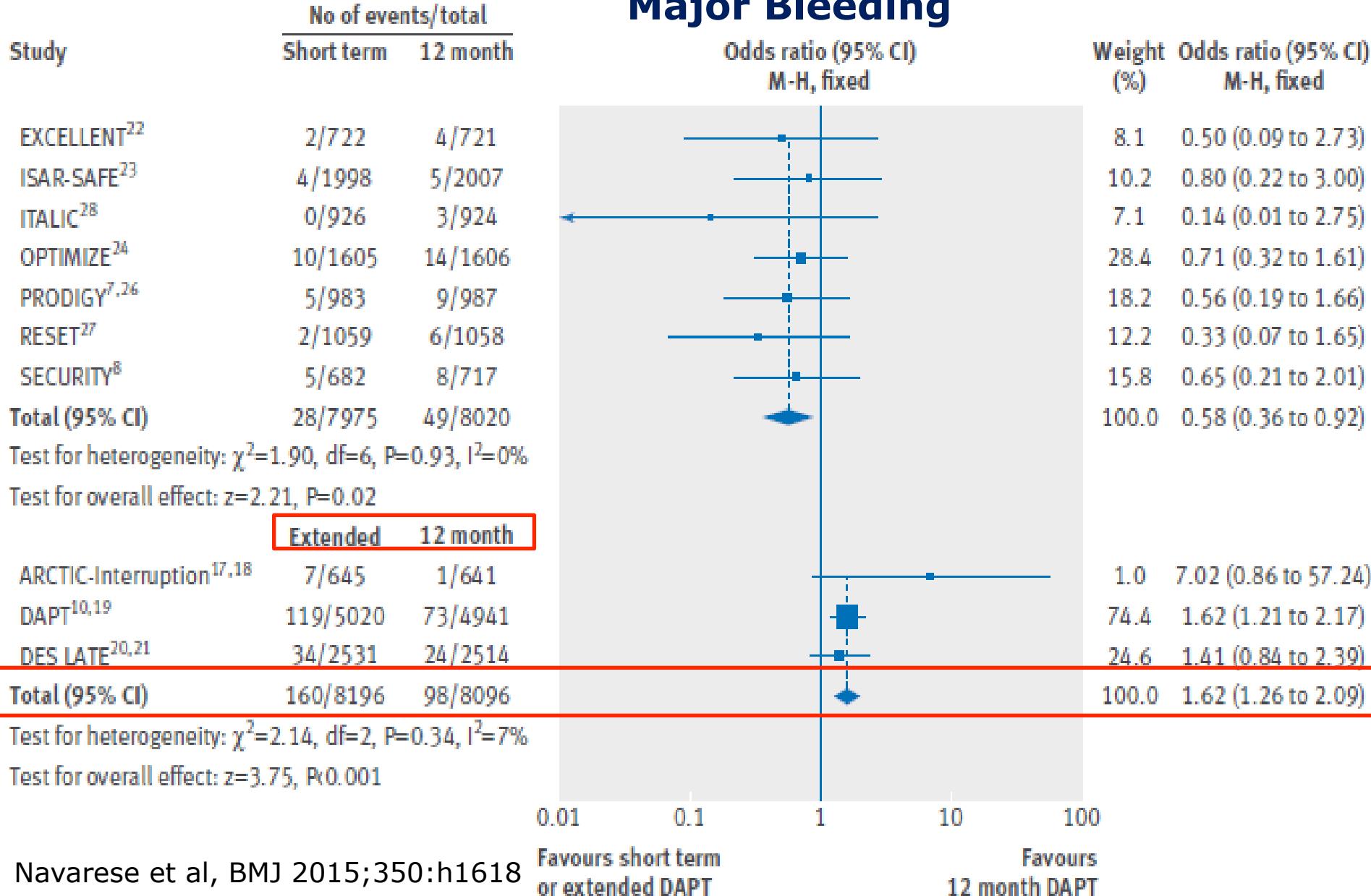
Myocardial infarction		
	Short term	12 month
EXCELLENT <sup>22</sup>	13/722	7/721
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Extended vs 12 month

# DAPT Duration after PCI with DES: Meta-analysis of RCT

## Major Bleeding



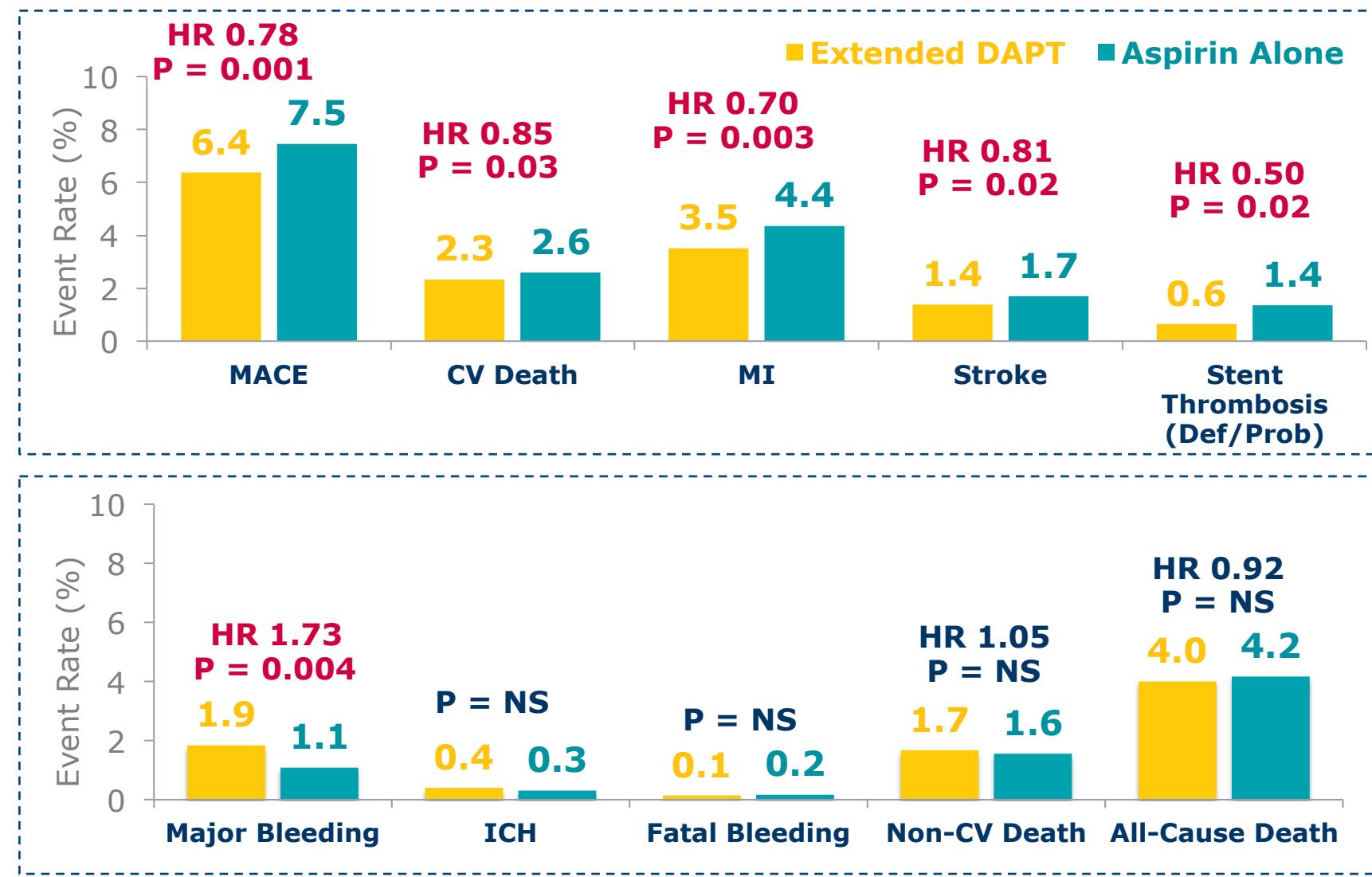
# META-ANALYSIS OF TRIALS EVALUATING PROLONGED DAPT FOLLOWING MI

Trial	Subgroup / Population	N	Drug	Duration (months)	MACE Events	Bleeding EP
CHARISMA	Stable prior MI (mean 24 mo.)	3846	Clopi	28	287	GUSTO mod/severe
PRODIGY	PCI for ACS	1465	Clopi	6 vs. 24	132	TIMI major
ARCTIC-Interruption	PCI for ACS (excluded STEMI)	323	Clopi or Pras	12 vs. 24	7	STEEPLE major
DAPT	PCI for MI	3576	Clopi or Pras	12 vs. 30	167	GUSTO mod/severe
DES-Late	PCI for ACS	3063	Clopi	12 vs. 24	122	TIMI major
PEGASUS TIMI-54	Stable prior MI (median 20 mo.)	21162	Ticag	33	1558	TIMI major
<b>Total</b>		<b>33435</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>2273</b>	

Abbreviations: Clopi: clopidogrel; Pras: prasugrel; Ticag: ticagrelor

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# META-ANALYSIS: INDIVIDUAL CV AND BLEEDING ENDPOINTS



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# Timing of P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor initiation

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As the optimal timing of ticagrelor or clopidogrel administration in NSTE-ACS patients scheduled for an invasive strategy has not been adequately investigated, no recommendation for or against pretreatment with these agents can be formulated. Based on the ACCOAST results, pretreatment with prasugrel is not recommended.

## **Purpose of P2Y12 inhibitor pre-treatment**

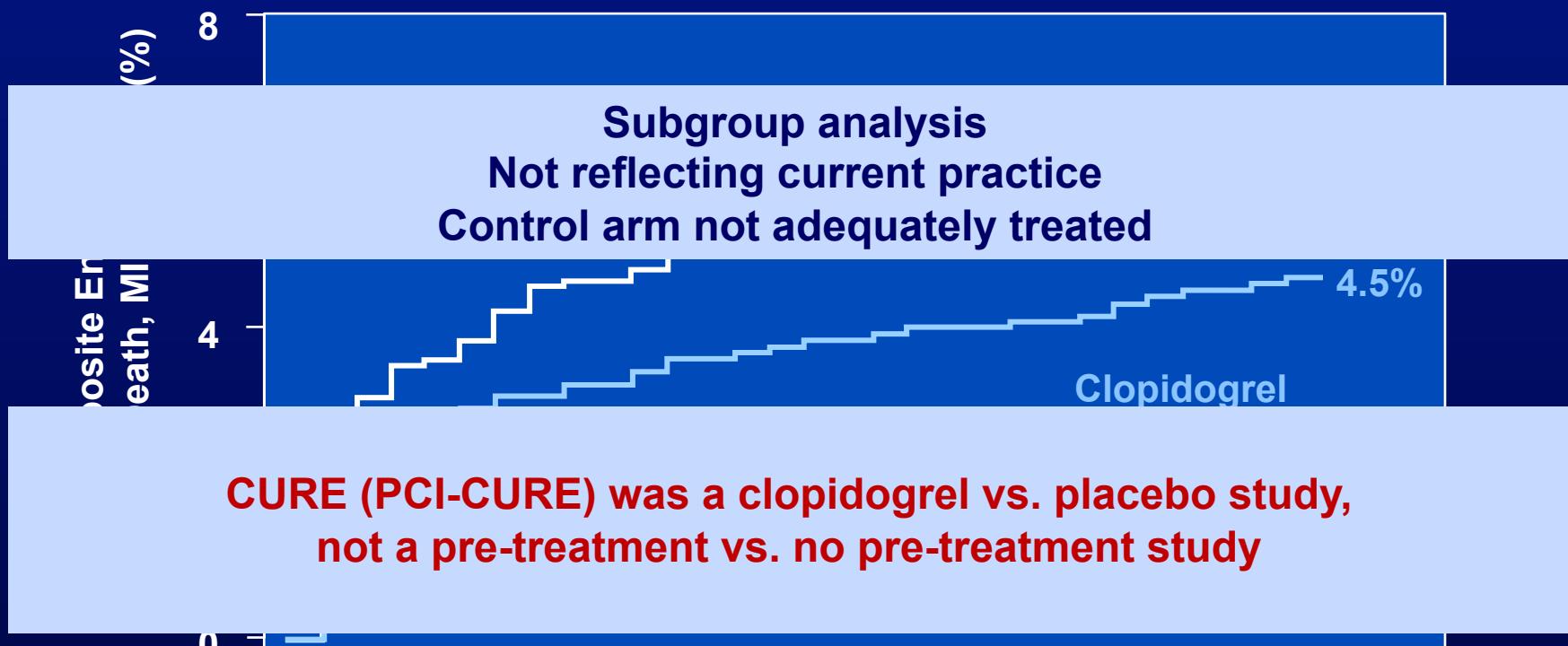
**→ to avoid events related to inadequate platelet inhibition at the time of PCI  
(periprocedural-MI)**

(and do not forget that the overall results of GP IIIb/IIIa inhibitors upstream in the P2Y12 inhibitor era were disappointing)

# PCI-CURE: 30-Day CV Death, MI or UTVR

CURE performed 17 years ago, in an era of medical management of NST-ACS

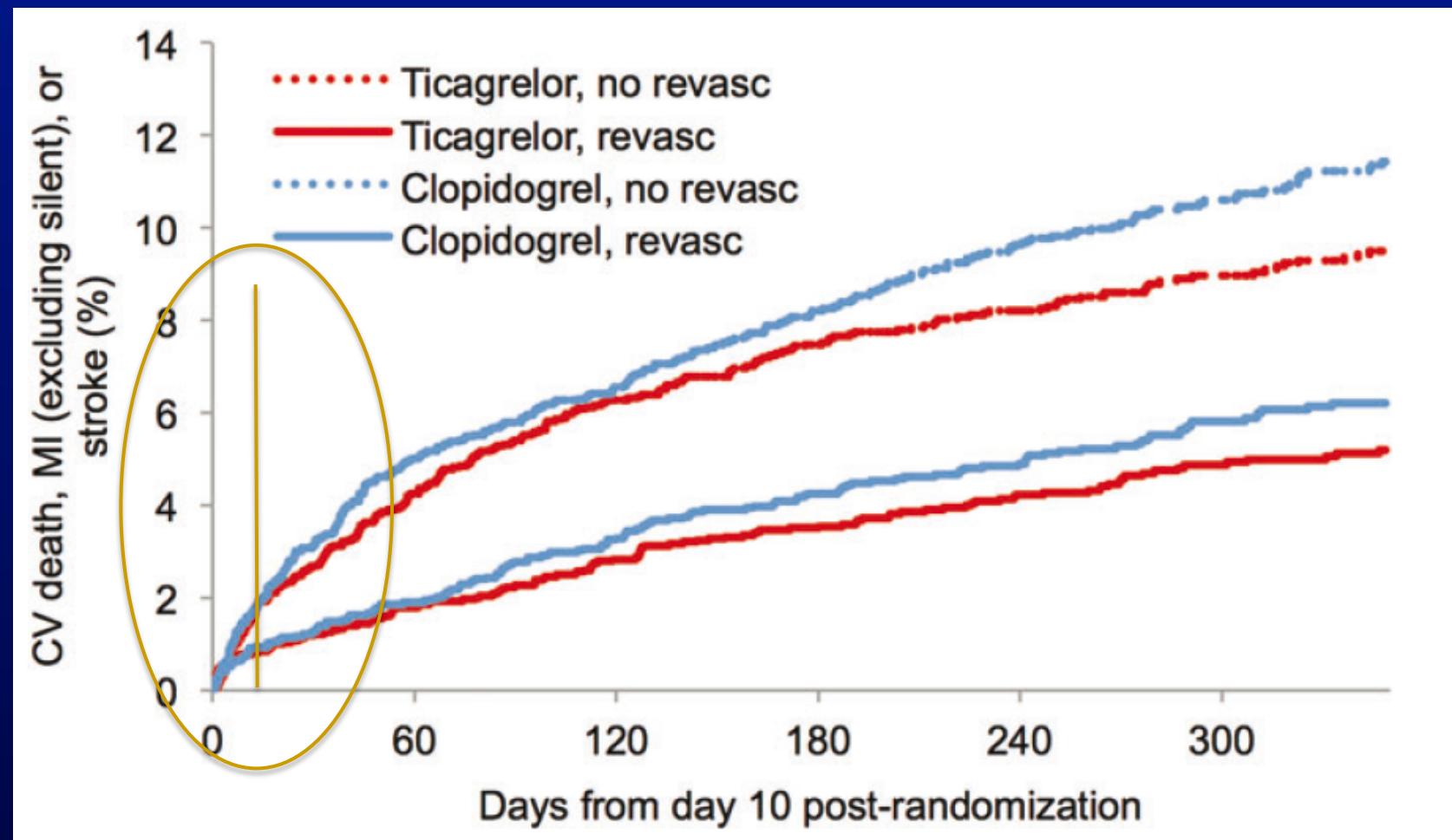
2658 out of 12562 (21%) patients underwent PCI (PCI-CURE)



CURE (PCI-CURE) was a clopidogrel vs. placebo study,  
not a pre-treatment vs. no pre-treatment study

- Patients on clopidogrel or placebo for a median of 10 days before PCI
- Treatment not randomized in the PCI population
- Control arm: no clopidogrel loading and 2-4 week treatment

# PLATO – NSTEMI: CV Death, MI, or Stroke



# ACCOAST-Trial



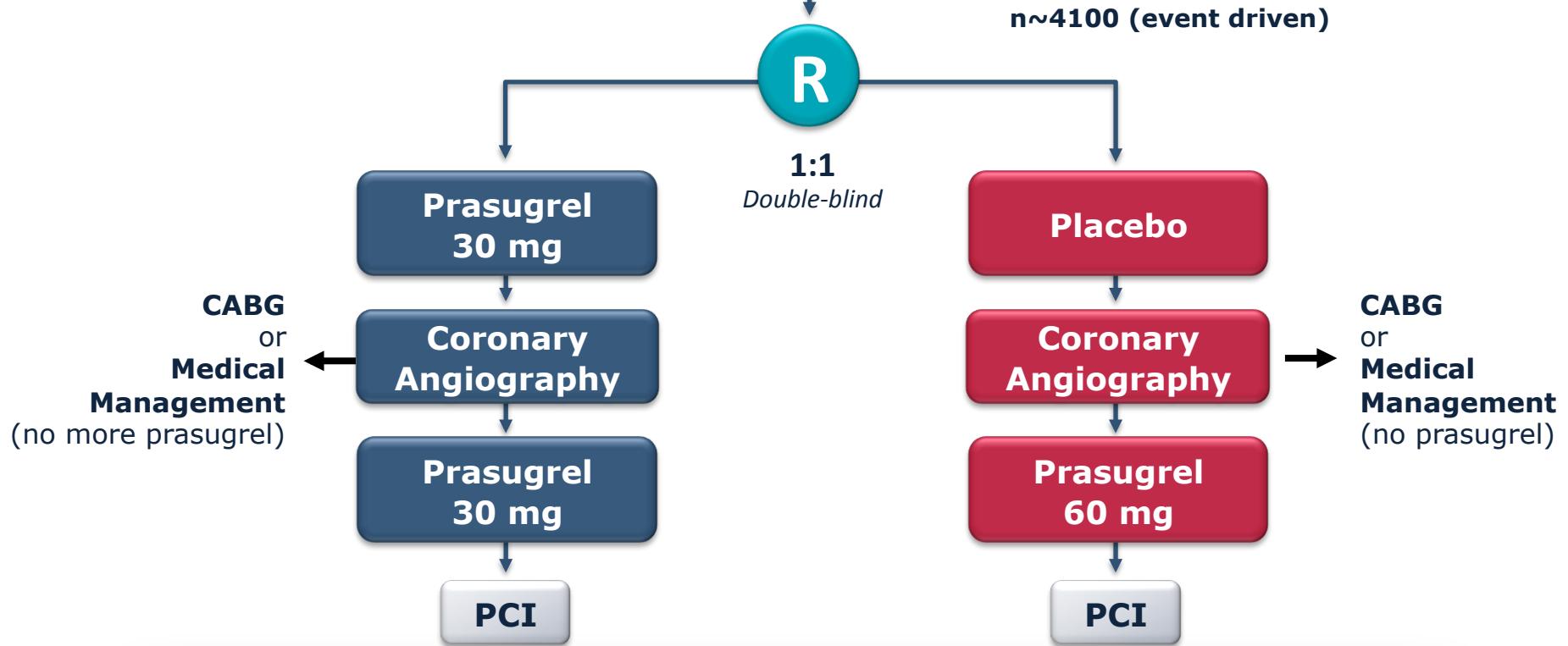
**NSTEMI + Troponin  $\geq$  1.5 times ULN local lab value**

*Clopidogrel naive or on long term clopidogrel 75 mg*

n~4100 (event driven)

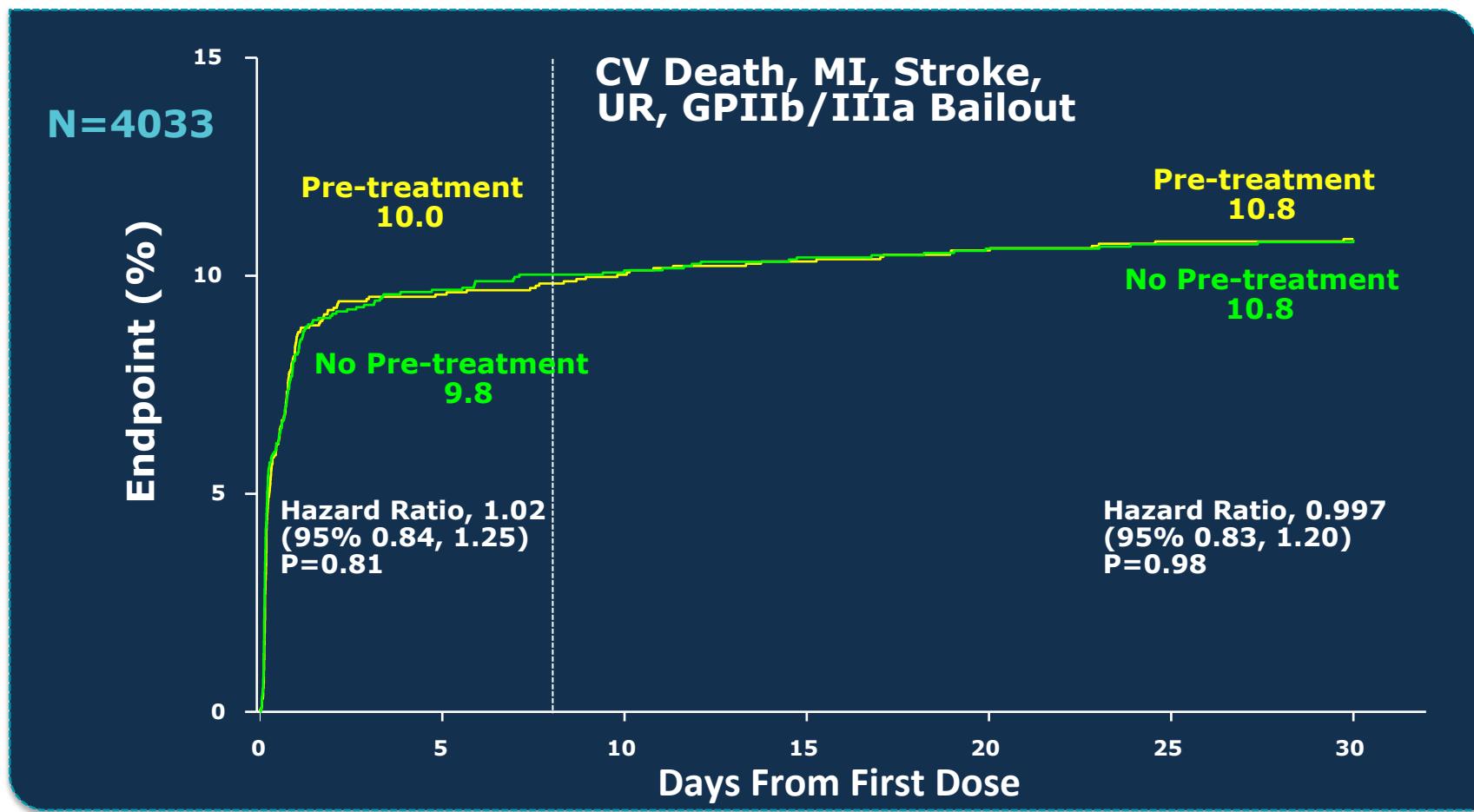
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1:1  
*Double-blind*



DSMB recommended early termination of enrollment

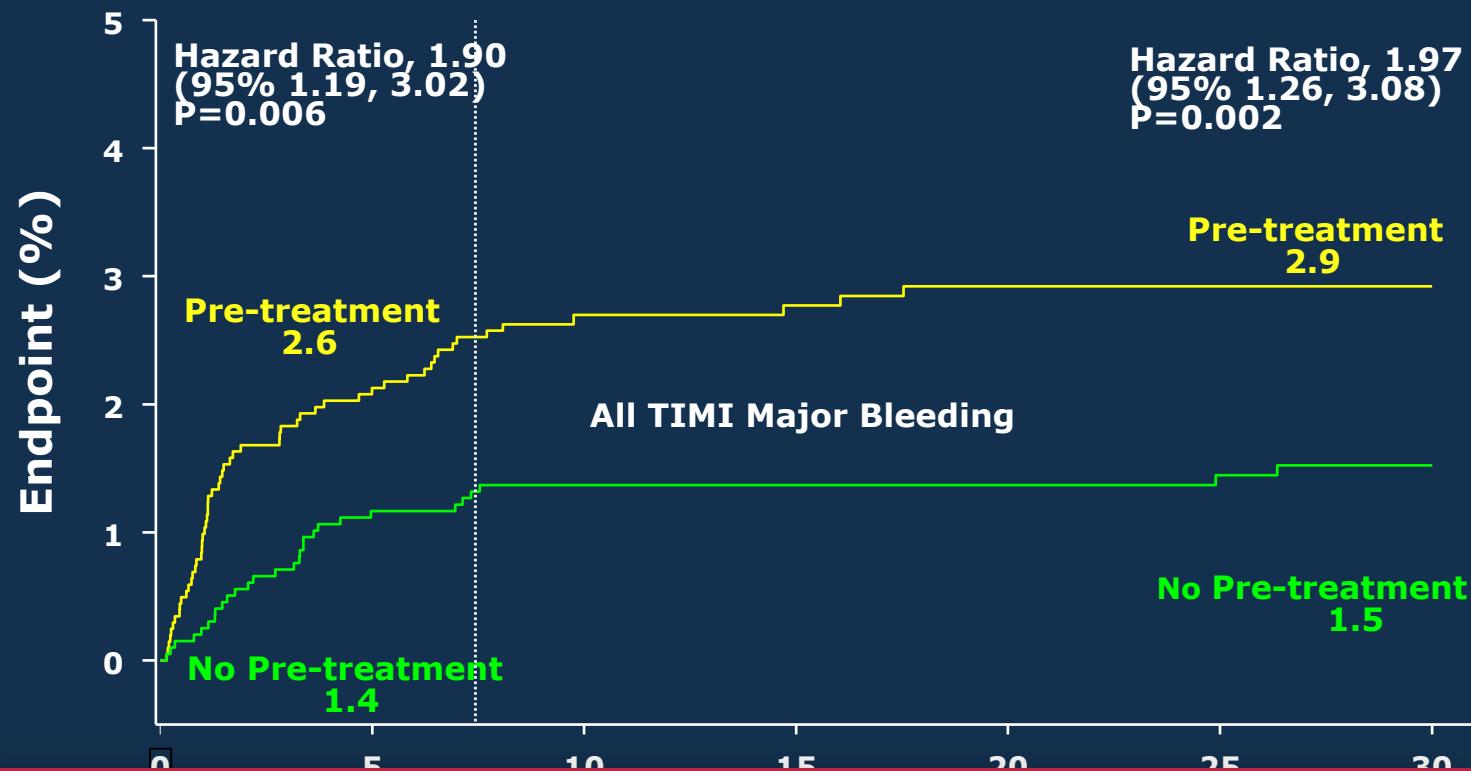
# 1° Efficacy End Point @ 7+30 days



- Intermediate risk population
- Median loading dose to angio <4 ½ hours
- PCI group (68% of total): curves superimposed

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# All TIMI Major Bleeding

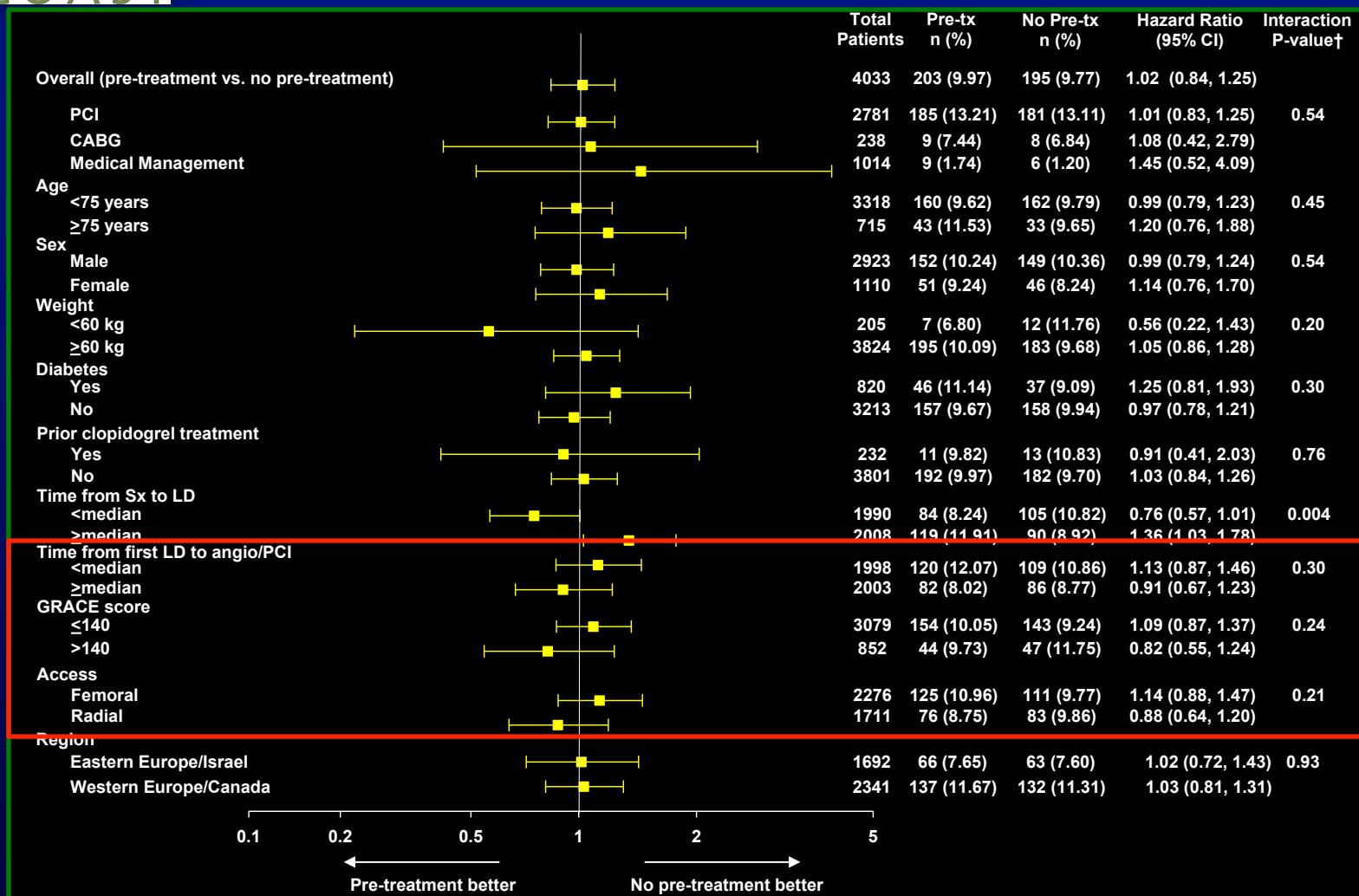


In NSTEMI patients undergoing very early invasive strategy, pre-treatment with prasugrel compared with prasugrel at the time of PCI does not reduce major ischemic events and increases major bleeding complications

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# 1° Efficacy Endpoint Through 7 Days

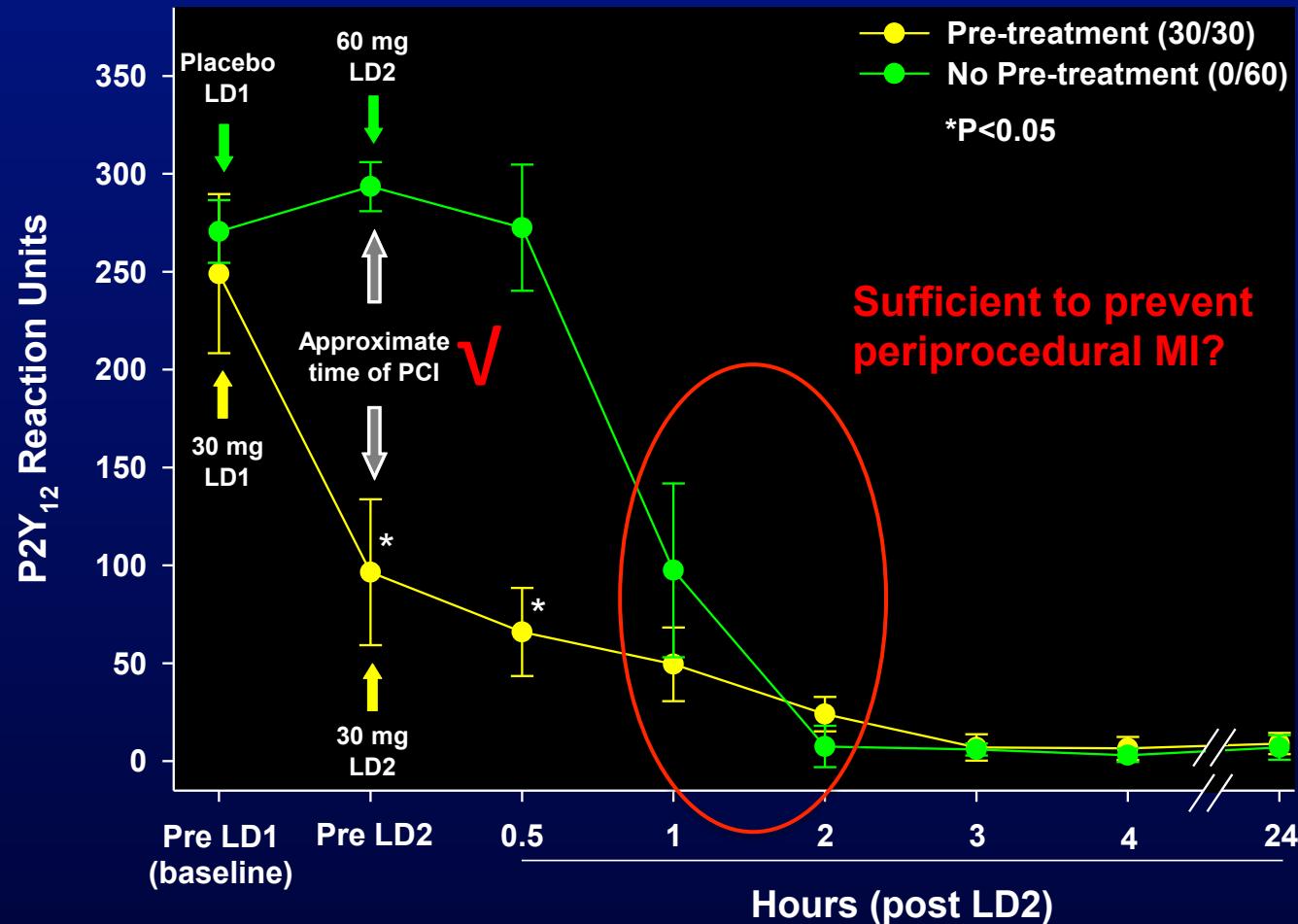


\*Hazard ratio not evaluated for <10 events.

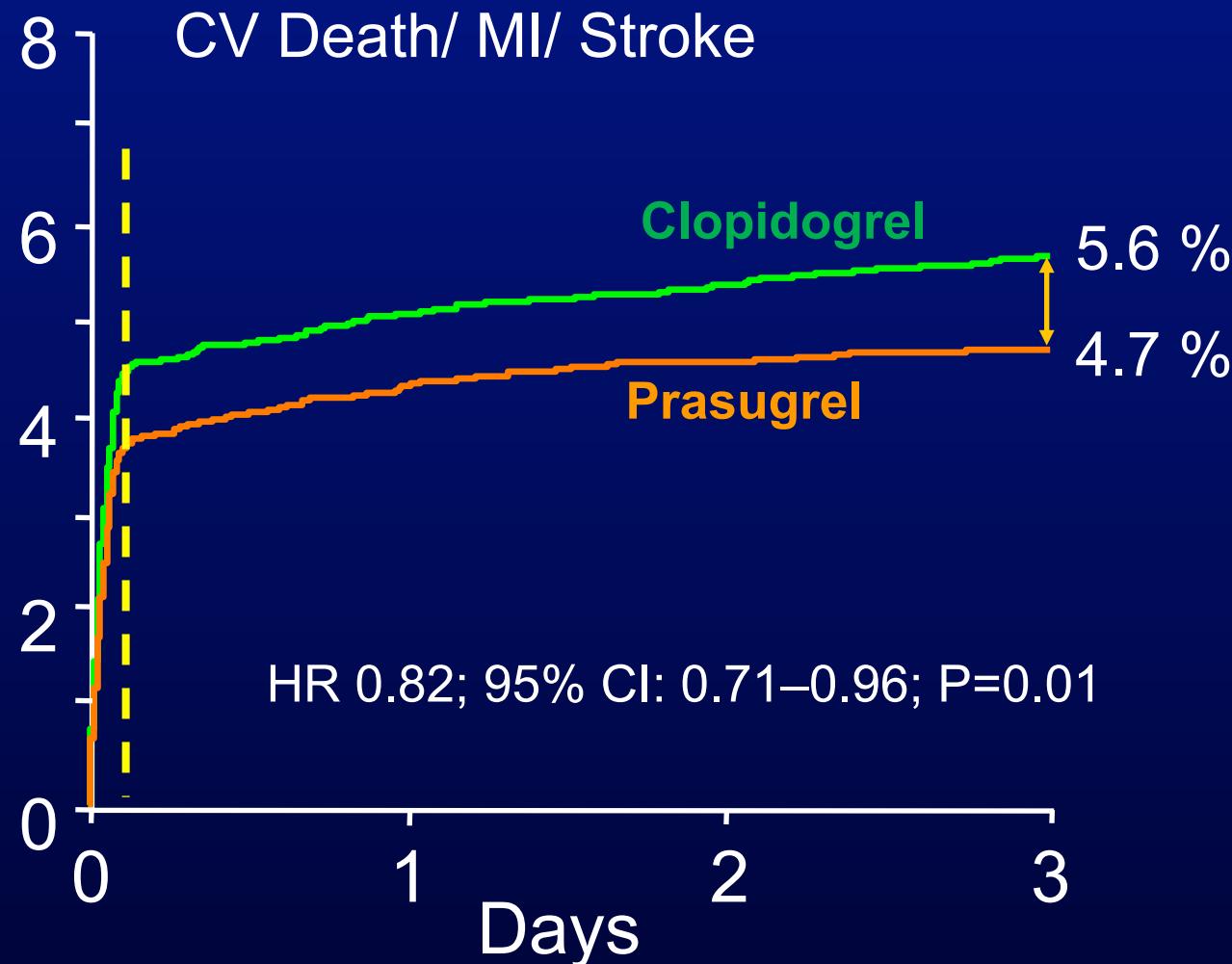
†Interaction p-value is from a Cox proportional hazards model with treatment, subgroup, and the treatment-by-subgroup interaction as fixed effects; PCI includes 11 patients with PCI + CABG.



# Pharmacodynamic Sub-Study

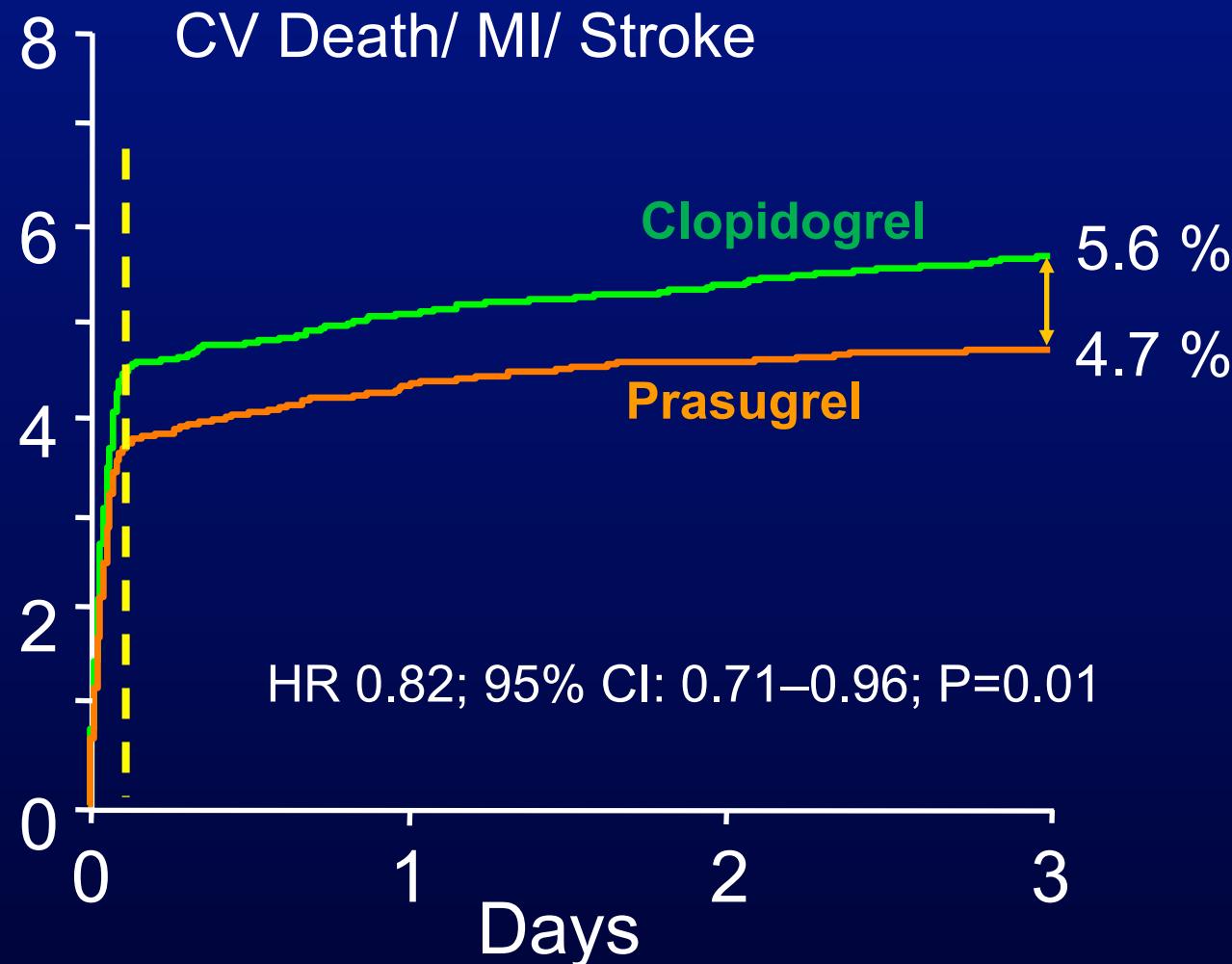


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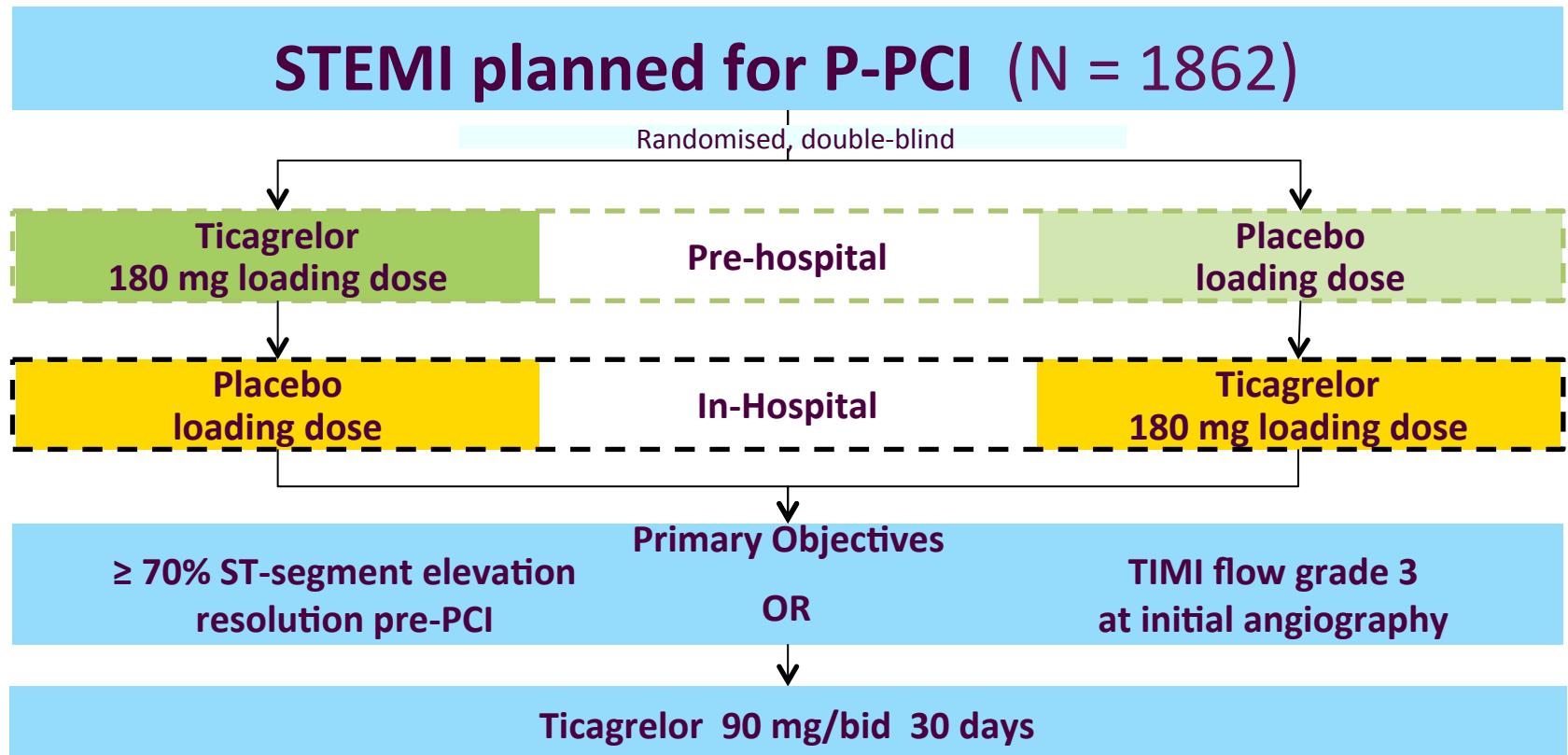
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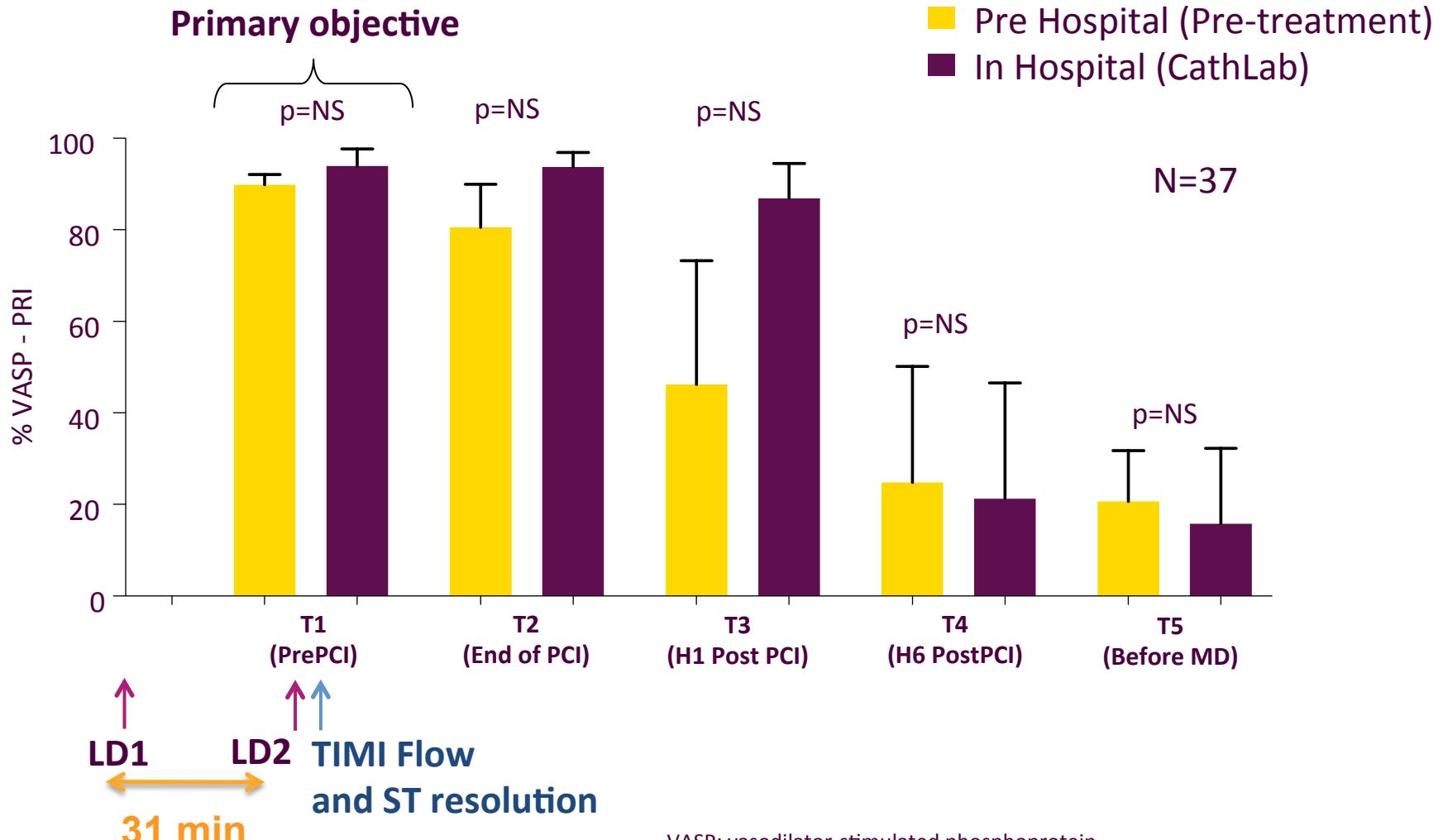
# ATLANTIC: Ticagrelor in the Catheterisation Laboratory or in the Pre-Hospital Setting



Montalescot G et al. Am Heart J. 2013;165:515–522.

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# ATLANTIC: Pharmacodynamic Substudy

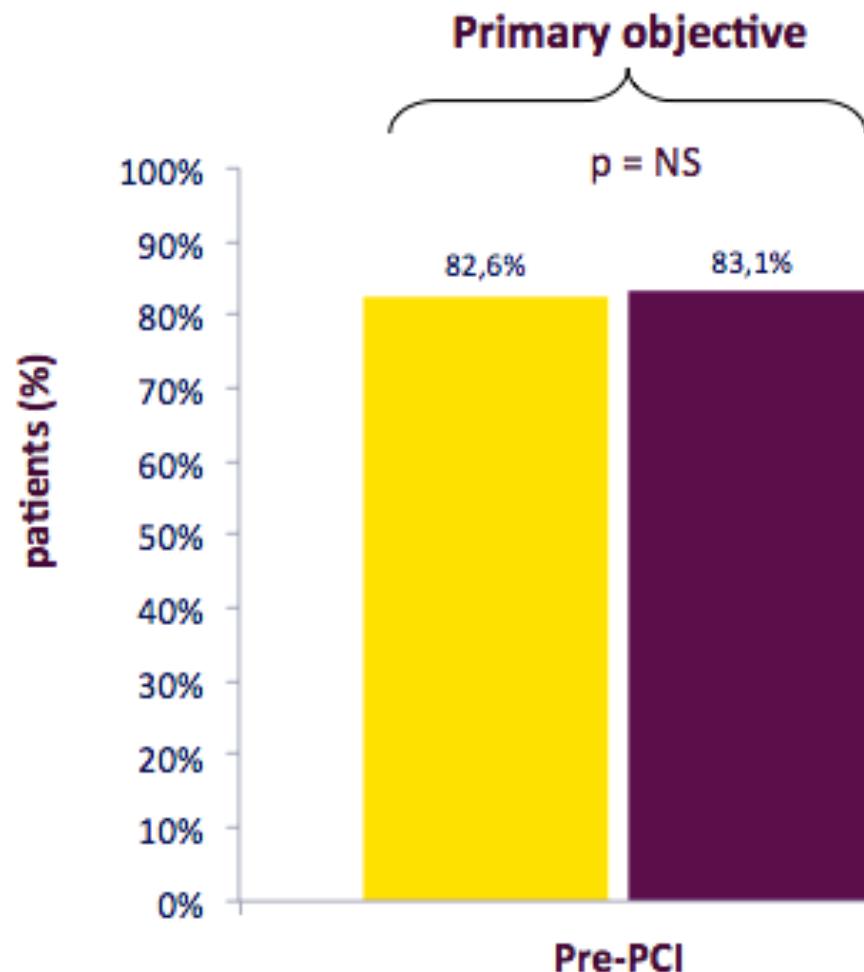
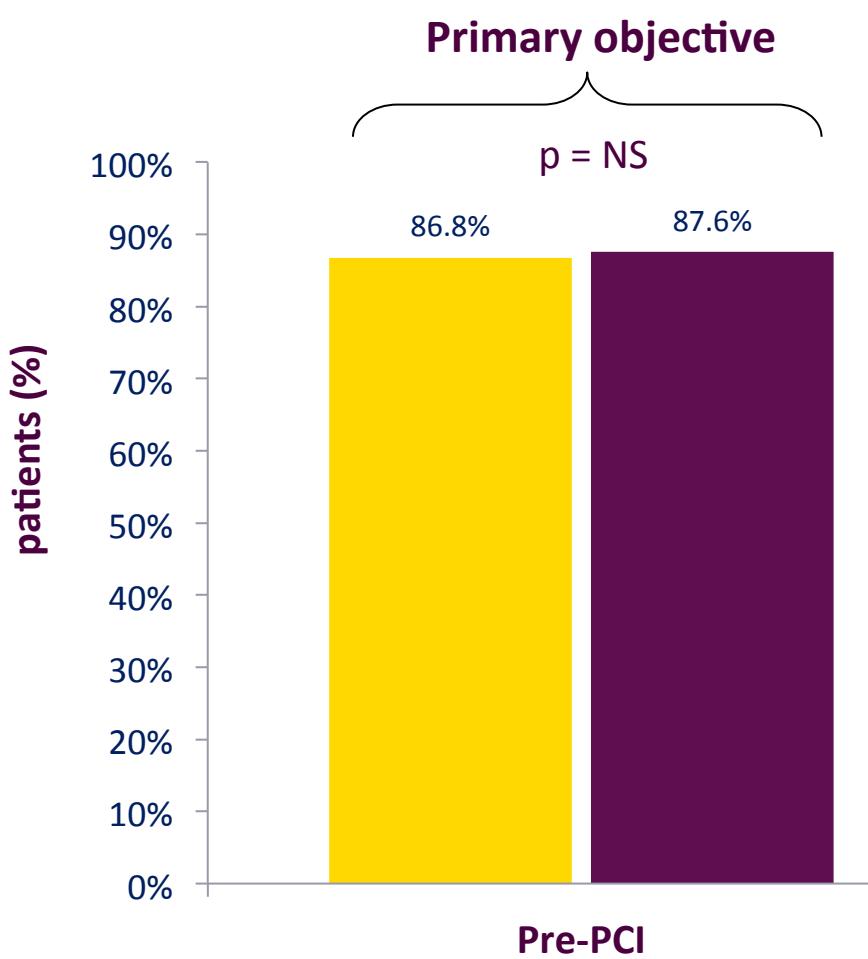


# 1st Co-primary endpoint

## No ST-segment resolution ( $\geq 70\%$ )

# 2nd Co-primary endpoint

## No TIMI 3 flow in infarct-related artery

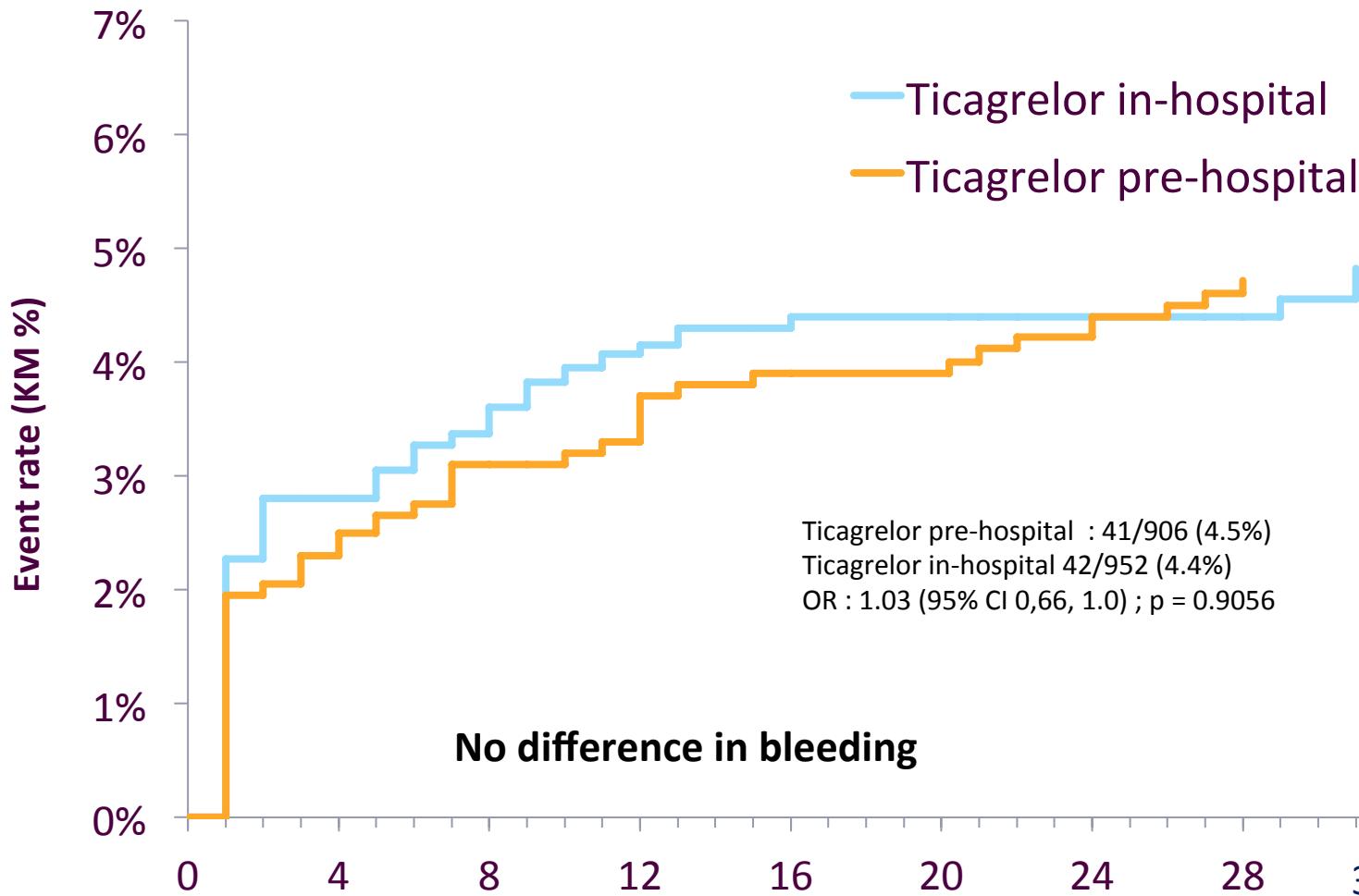


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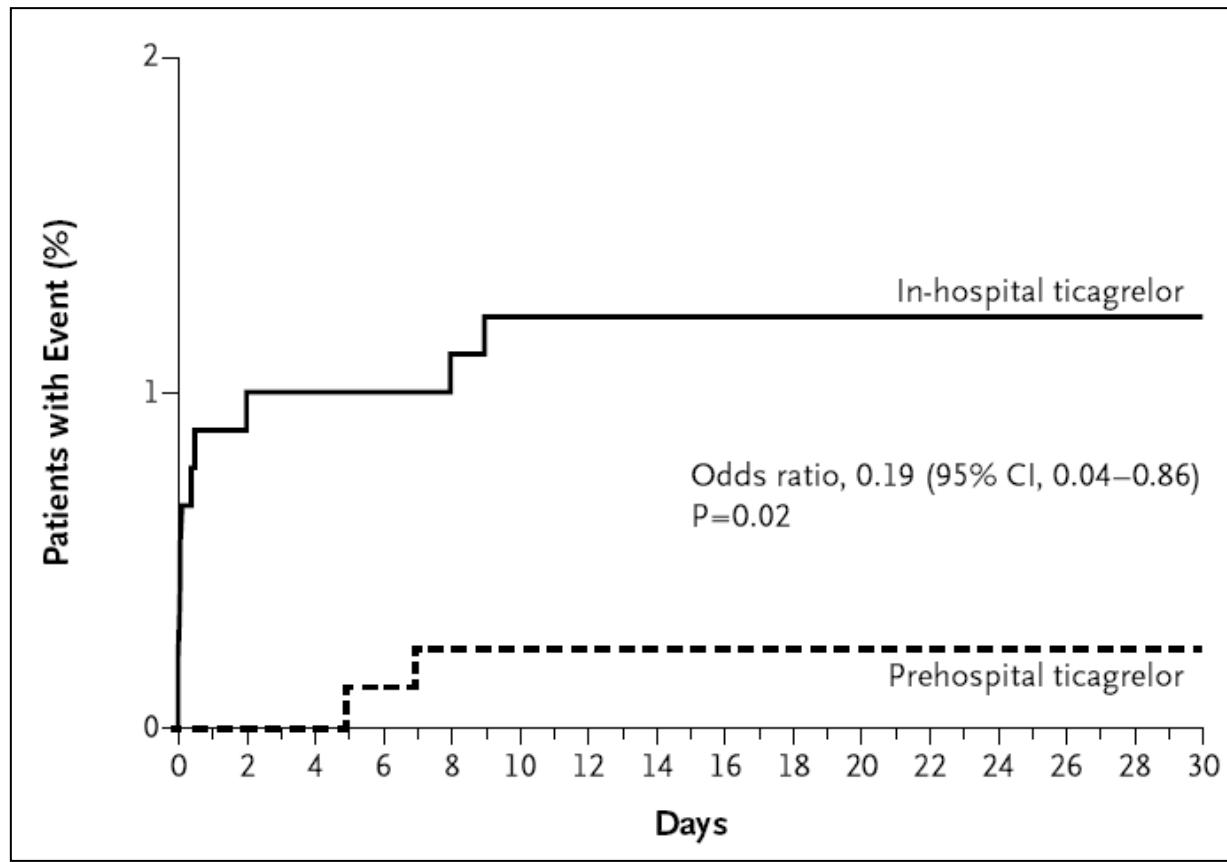
# Secondary Endpoint: 30-Day MACE

MACE: death, MI, stent thrombosis, stroke or urgent revascularization



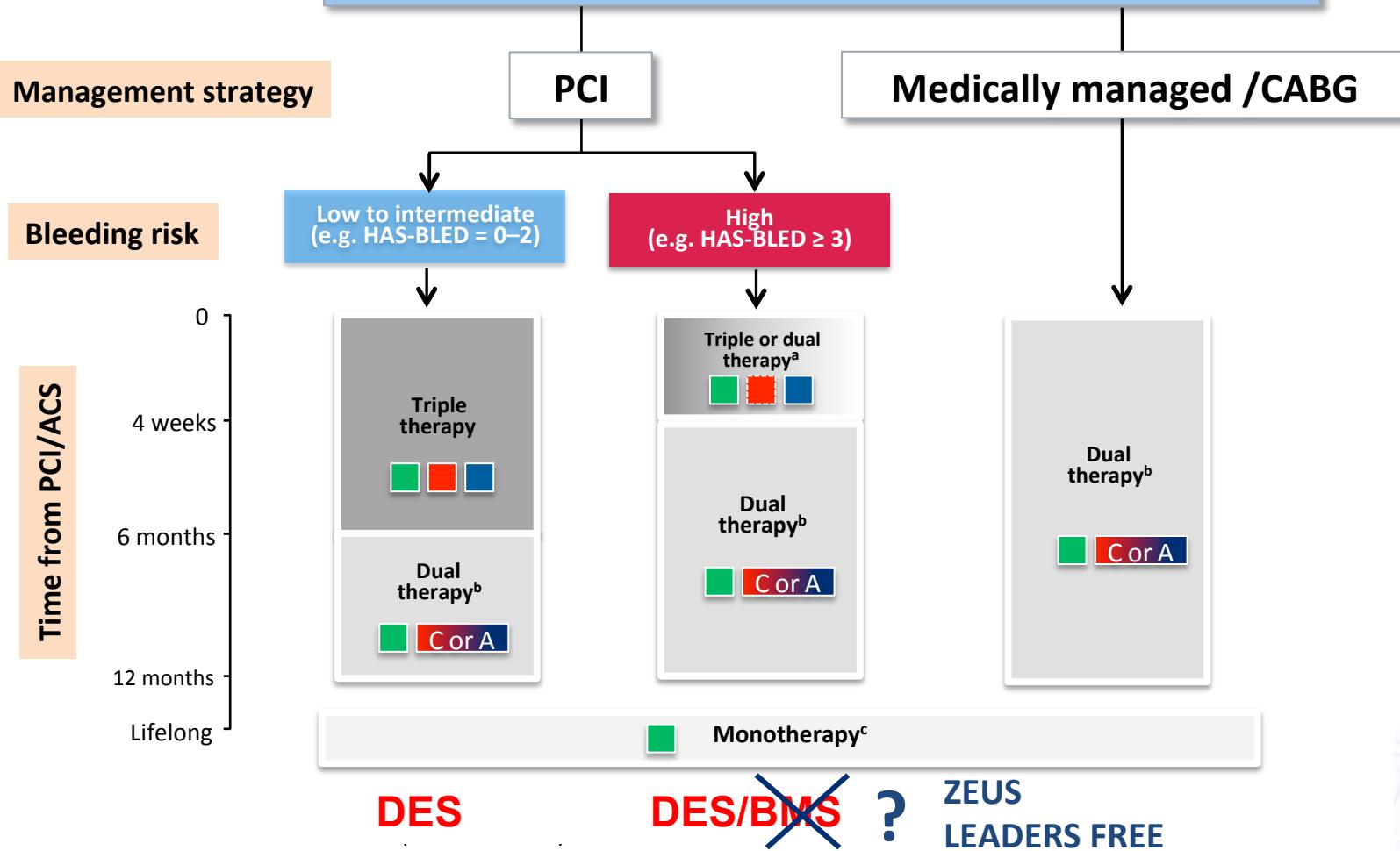
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# Secondary Endpoint: 30-Day Stent Thrombosis



Pre-hospital ticagrelor administration prior to P-PCI  
in STEMI is safe but does not improve coronary reperfusion

## NSTE-ACS patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation



<sup>a</sup>Dual therapy with OAC and and clopidogrel may be considered in selected patients (low ischaemic risk).

<sup>b</sup>aspirin as an alternative to clopidogrel may be considered in patients on dual therapy (i.e., oral anticoagulation plus single antiplatelet) Triple therapy may be considered up to 12 months in patients at very high risk for ischaemic events.

<sup>c</sup>Dual therapy with oral anticoagulation and an antiplatelet agent (aspirin or clopidogrel) beyond one year may be considered in patients at very high risk of coronary events. In patients undergoing coronary stenting, dual antiplatelet therapy may be an alternative to triple or dual therapy if the CHA2DS2-VASc score is 1 (males) or 2 (females).

- 40 cases each
- No reference
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