



Great Innovation in Cardiology

Do GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors still make sense?

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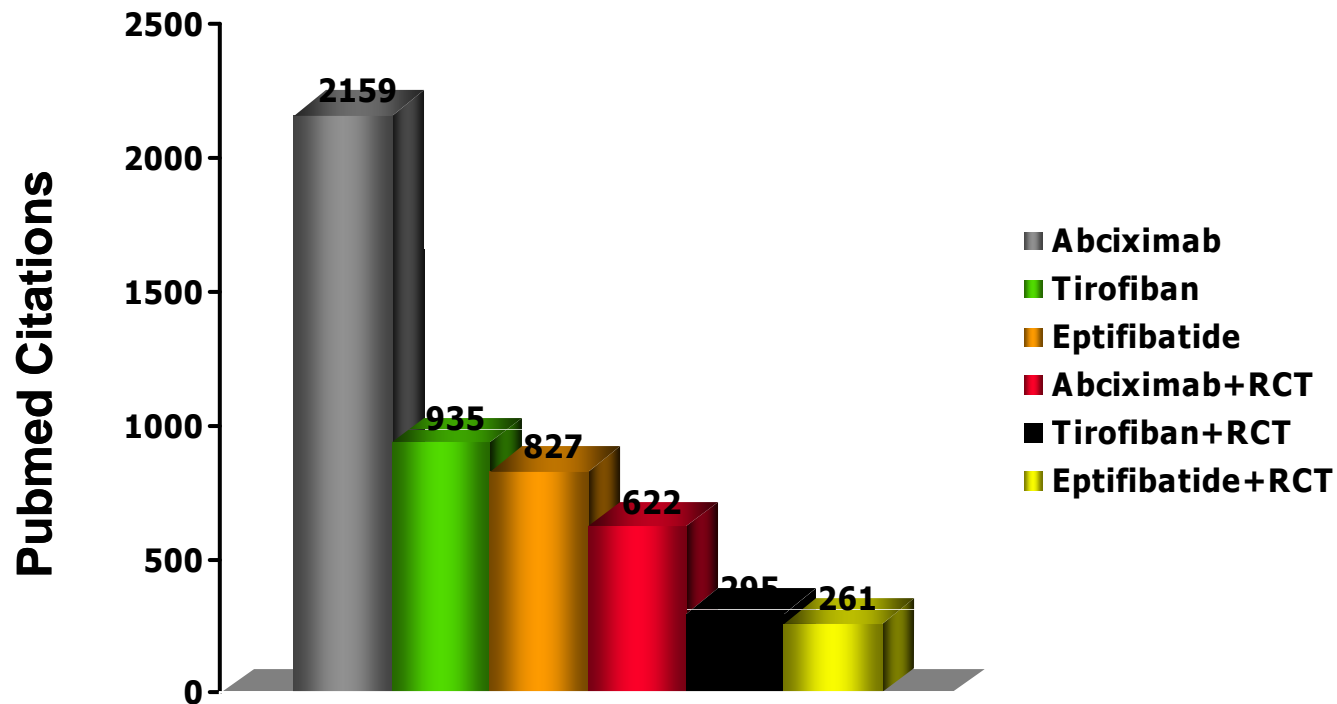
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GP IIb/IIIa Antagonists:

A “mature” class of drugs

Marketed in the mid or late 90’

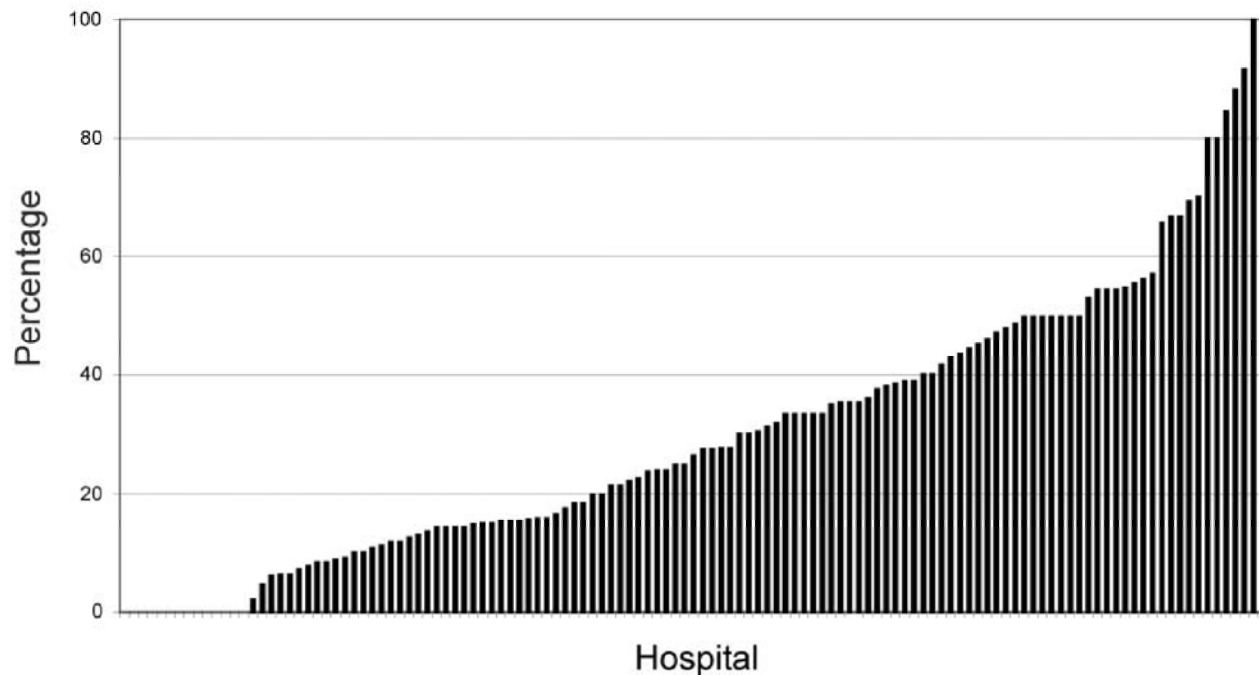




Confusion in Coronary Reperfusion

Use of Gp IIb/IIIa inhibitors in Euro Heart Survey on coronary revascularisation

GPIIb/IIIa inhibitors in PCI patients

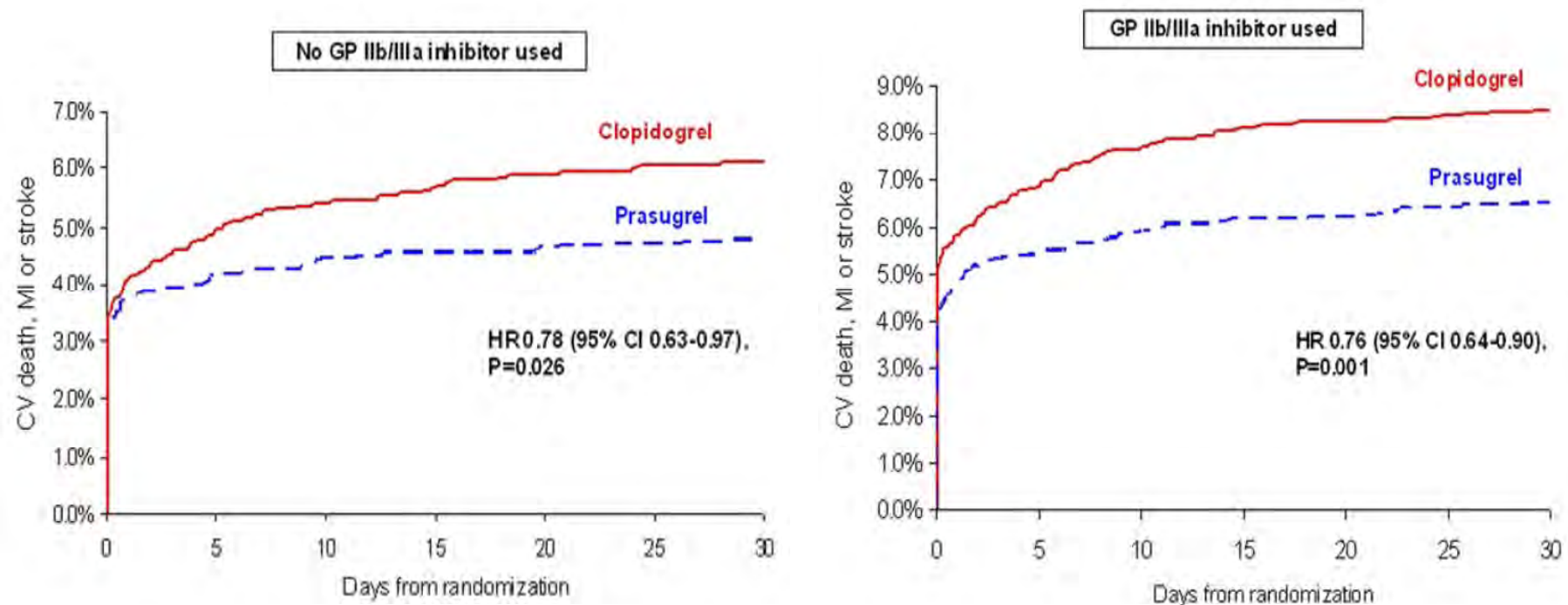


27% of all PCI
46% of PPCI
32% of PCI in NSTEMI



TRITON-TIMI 38 Trial

The Efficacy and Safety of Prasugrel With and Without a GPIs in Patients With ACS Undergoing PCI



GPI used in 55% of recruited patients



PLATO: GP IIb/IIIa

Treated with GP IIb/IIIa during index hospitalization

Outcomes	Ticagrelor	Clopidogrel	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> _{interaction}
CV death, MI, stroke (n = 5062)	10.0	11.1	0.90 (0.76-1.07)	.41
Major bleeding (n = 5028)	10.1	10.1	0.99 (0.83-1.19)	.57

GP IIb/IIIa use: 26%

Bivalirudin use: 2%



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STEMI				
Antiplatelet therapy				
	ASA	I	B	55, 94
	Clopidogrel ^f (with 600 mg loading dose as soon as possible)	I	C	—
	Prasugrel ^d	I	B	246, 252
	Ticagrelor ^d	I	B	248, 253
	+ GPIIb-IIIa antagonists (in patients with evidence of high intracoronary thrombus burden)			
	Abciximab	IIa	A	55, 94
	Eptifibatide	IIa	B	259, 260
	Tirofiban	IIb	B	55, 94
	Upstream GPIIb-IIIa antagonists	III	B	86
Anticoagulation				
	Bivalirudin (monotherapy)	I	B	255
	UFH	I	C	—
	Fondaparinux	III	B	256

Why ?

Bleeding Risk !

**Do we still need GPI once
dual Antiplatelet Tx is on board ??**





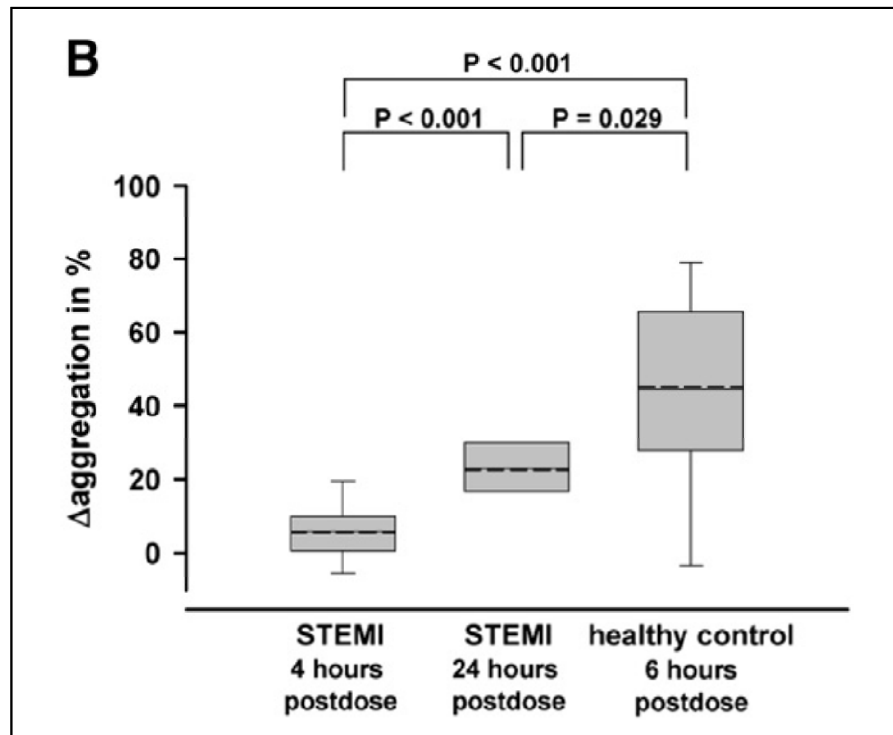
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Evidence supporting the upstream use of clopidogrel in pPCI



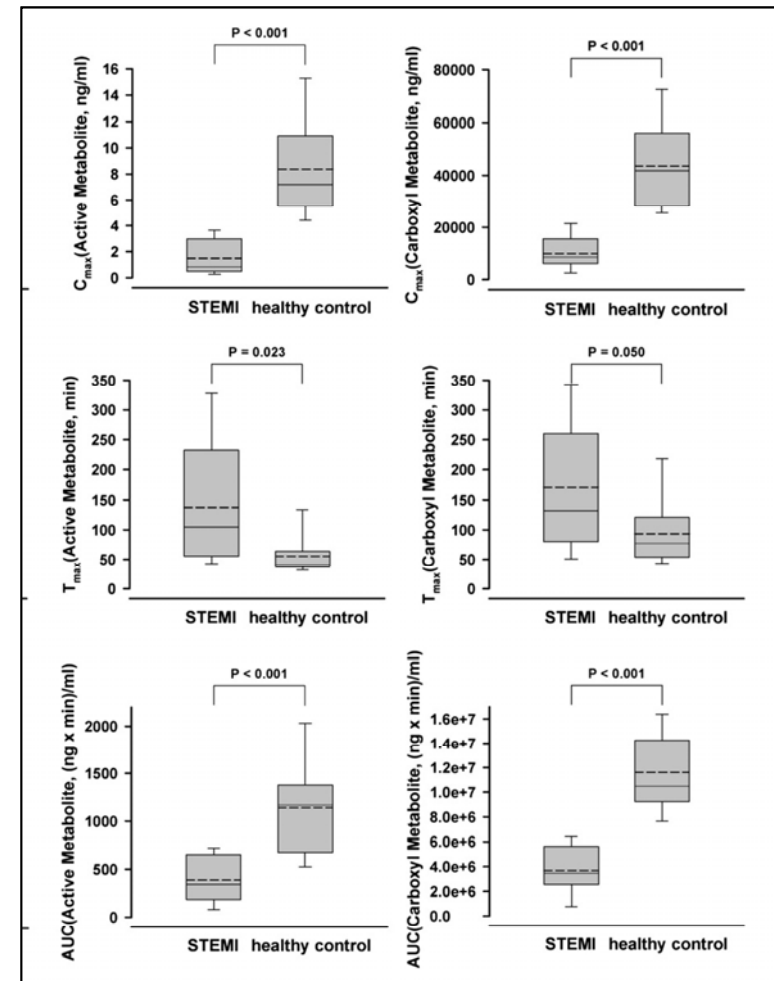


Impaired bioavailability of clopidogrel in STEMI



Active Metabolite

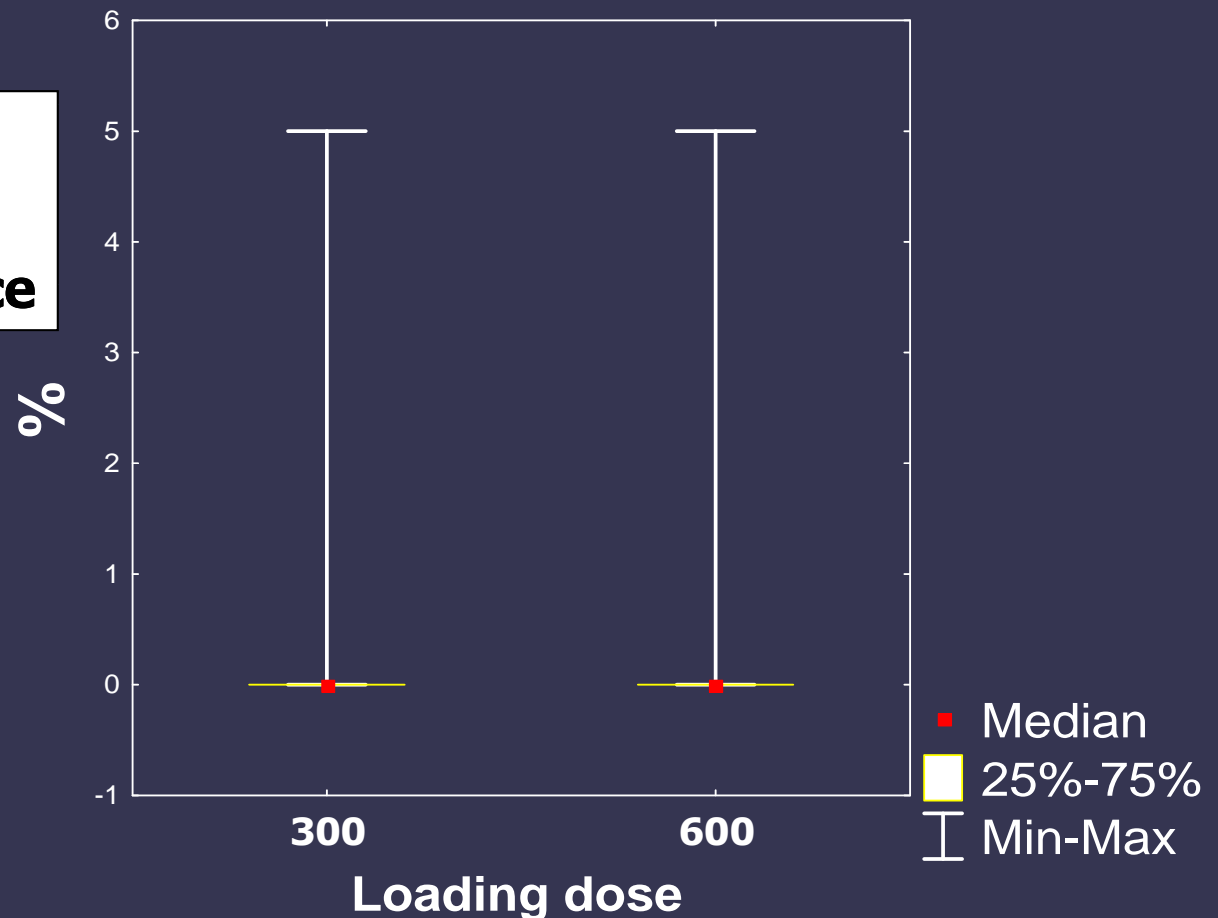
Inactive Metabolite



Surrogate evidence linking upstream clopidogrel to potential improved outcome

145 pts with STEMI
Loaded with mainly
600 mg in the ambulance

- **55 minutes**
- **IQR: 30-80'**
- **Range: 22-212'**



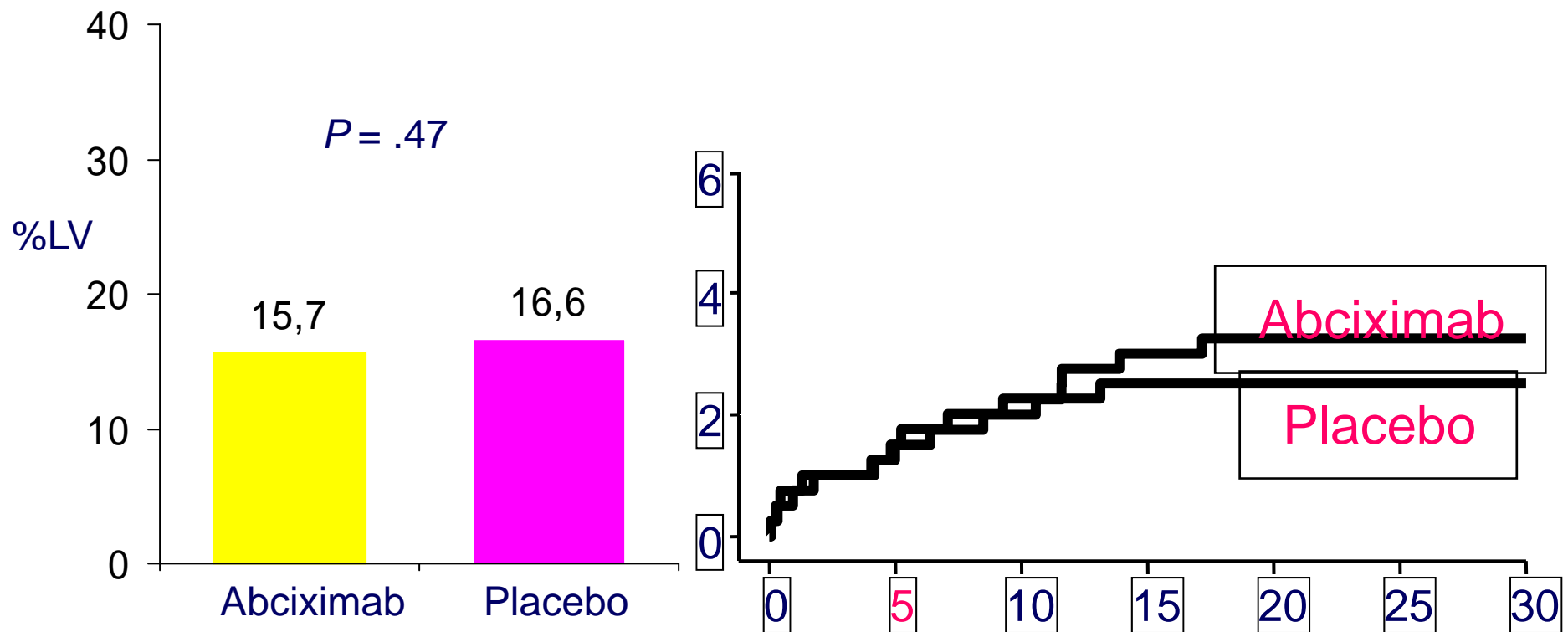


BRAVE-3: Abciximab+600 mg Clopidogrel

800 pts recruited within 24 hours from symptoms onset

Primary Endpoint
Final infarct size
Mean

Secondary Endpoint
Death at 30 days





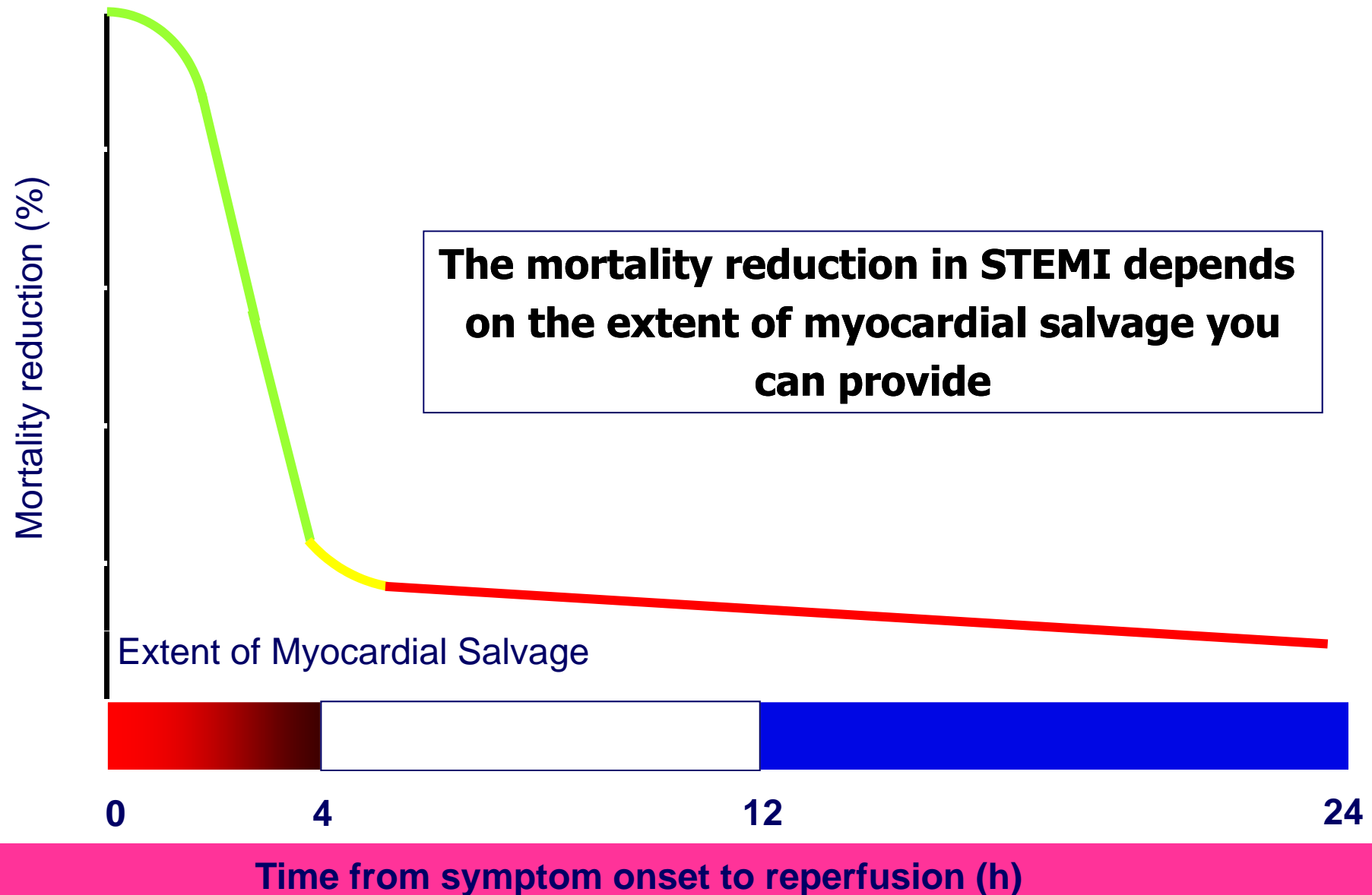
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Time Intervals*	Median (Interquartile Range), min	
	Abciximab (n=401)	Placebo (n=399)
Symptom onset to hospital admission	210 (110–420)	216 (110–468)
Symptom onset to study drug	255 (140–465)	260 (135–515)
>50% pts received drug >4 hour delay		
Symptom onset to PPCI	302 (190–540)	315 (189–585)
>50% pts received PPCI >5 hour delay		
Hospital admission to PPCI	78 (59–110)	80 (58–110)
Clopidogrel loading to PPCI	73 (54–104)	75 (53–105)
Clopidogrel loading to study drug	23 (13–41)	21 (12–38)



Time-to-Tx and myocardial salvage

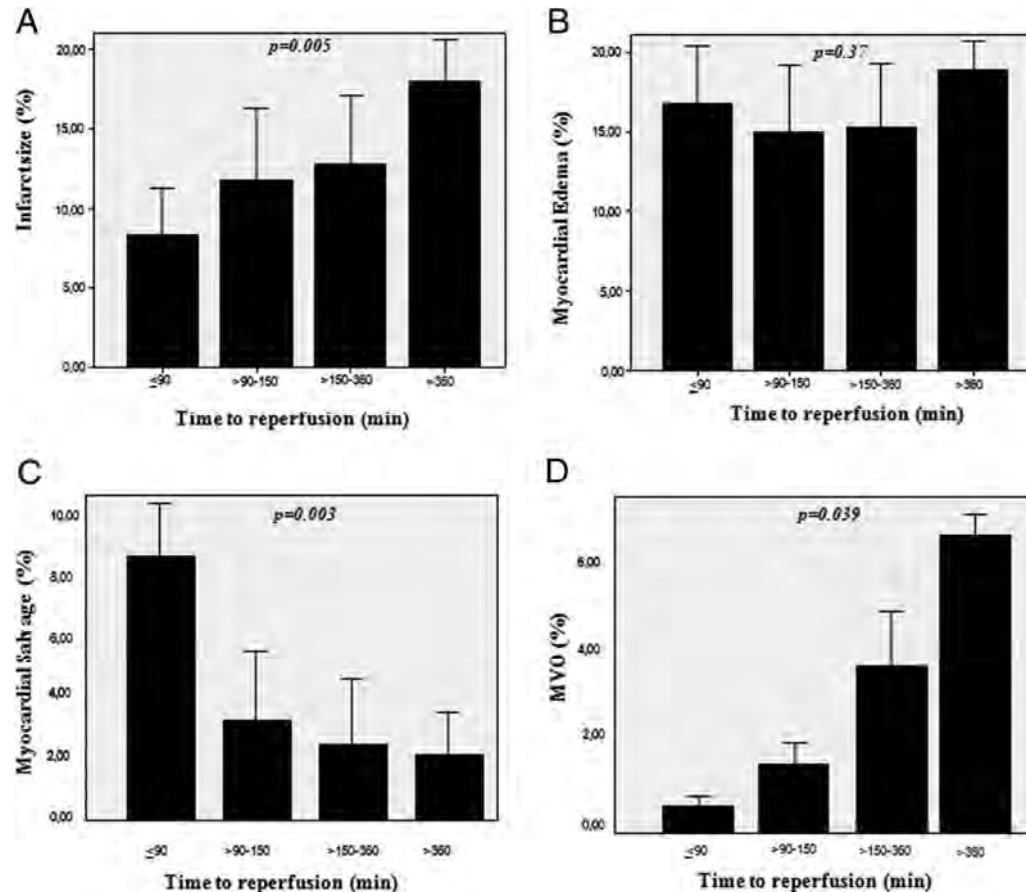
Gersh B *JAMA* 2005; 293: 979





Myocardium at Risk – Infarct size

STEMI patients stratified by delay of treatment



1. Pts reperfused early (<90 min) have smaller IS and microvascular damage, and larger *salvaged myocardium*
2. Pts presented later (>360 min) have larger IS and MVO and very limited, if any, *salvaged myocardium*
3. The presence and extent of salvaged myocardium decreased when reperfusion occurred > 90 min



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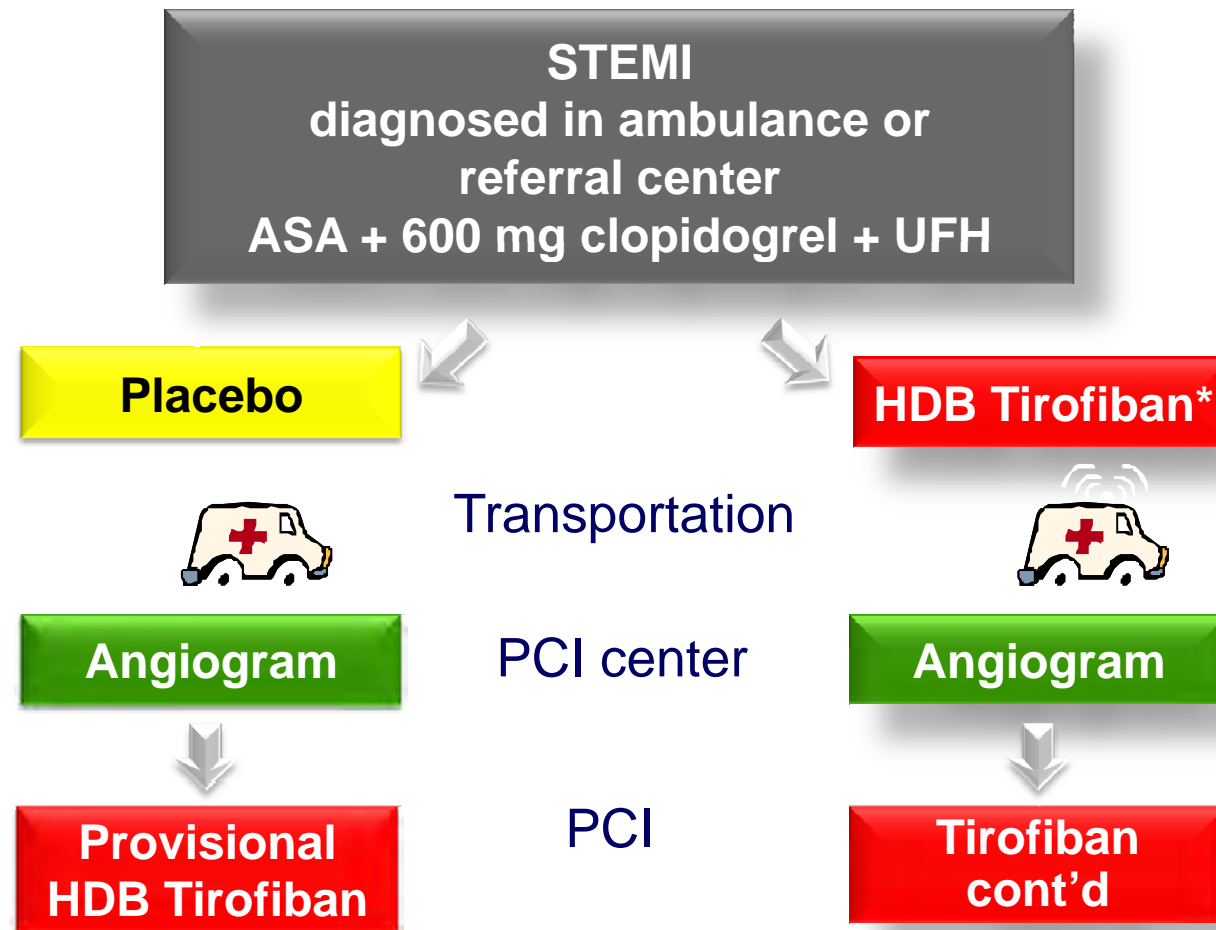
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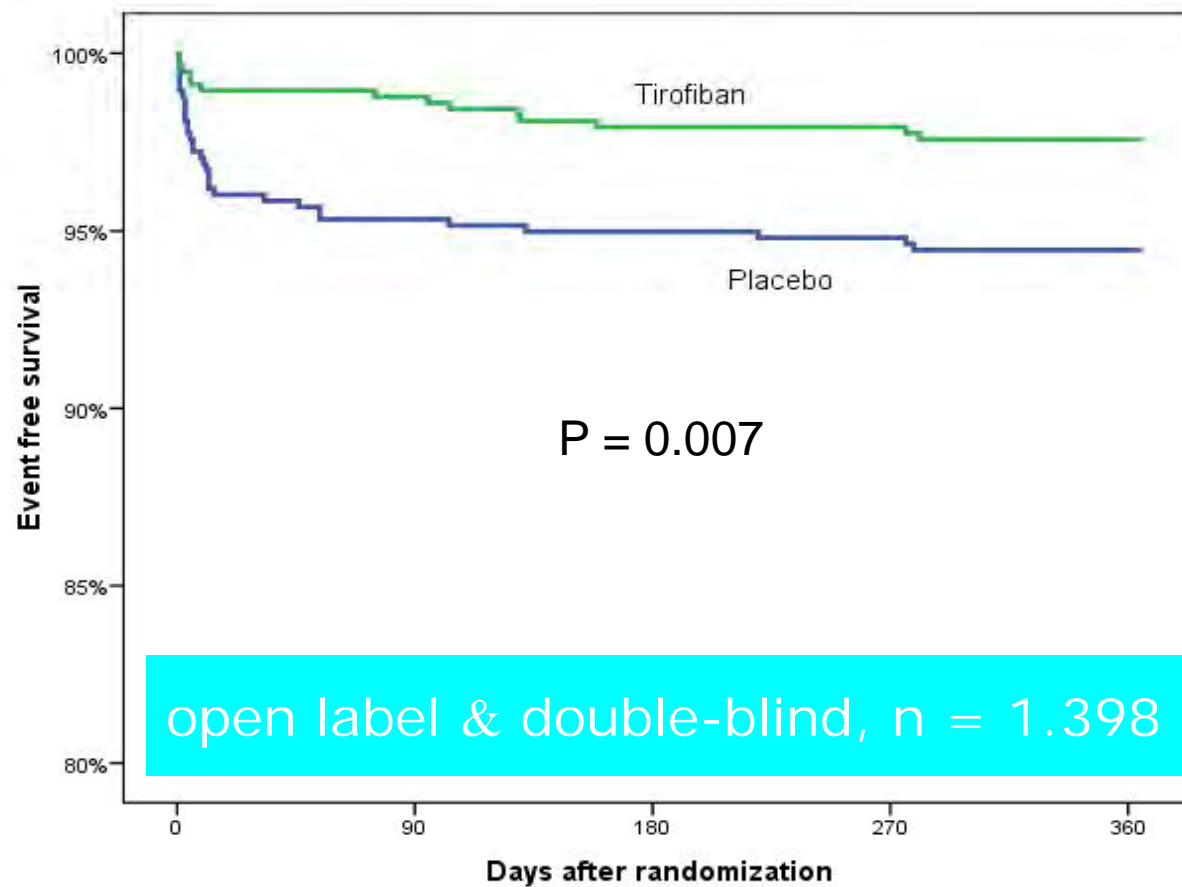
On-TIME 2: Study Design





ON-TIME 2 Trial

1 Year Survival: Patients with Primary PCI





ON-TIME 2 Trial: Subgroup analysis

	Tirofiban no. / total no.	Placebo / No Tirofiban no. / total no.	Primary endpoint (Death/reinfarct/urgent TVR) Odds ratio, 95% confidence interval
All patients (n=1339)	39/677	57/662	0.65 (0.43 - 0.99)
Gender (n=1339)			

**Does time matter only for GPI?
What about other anti-platelet
agents??**

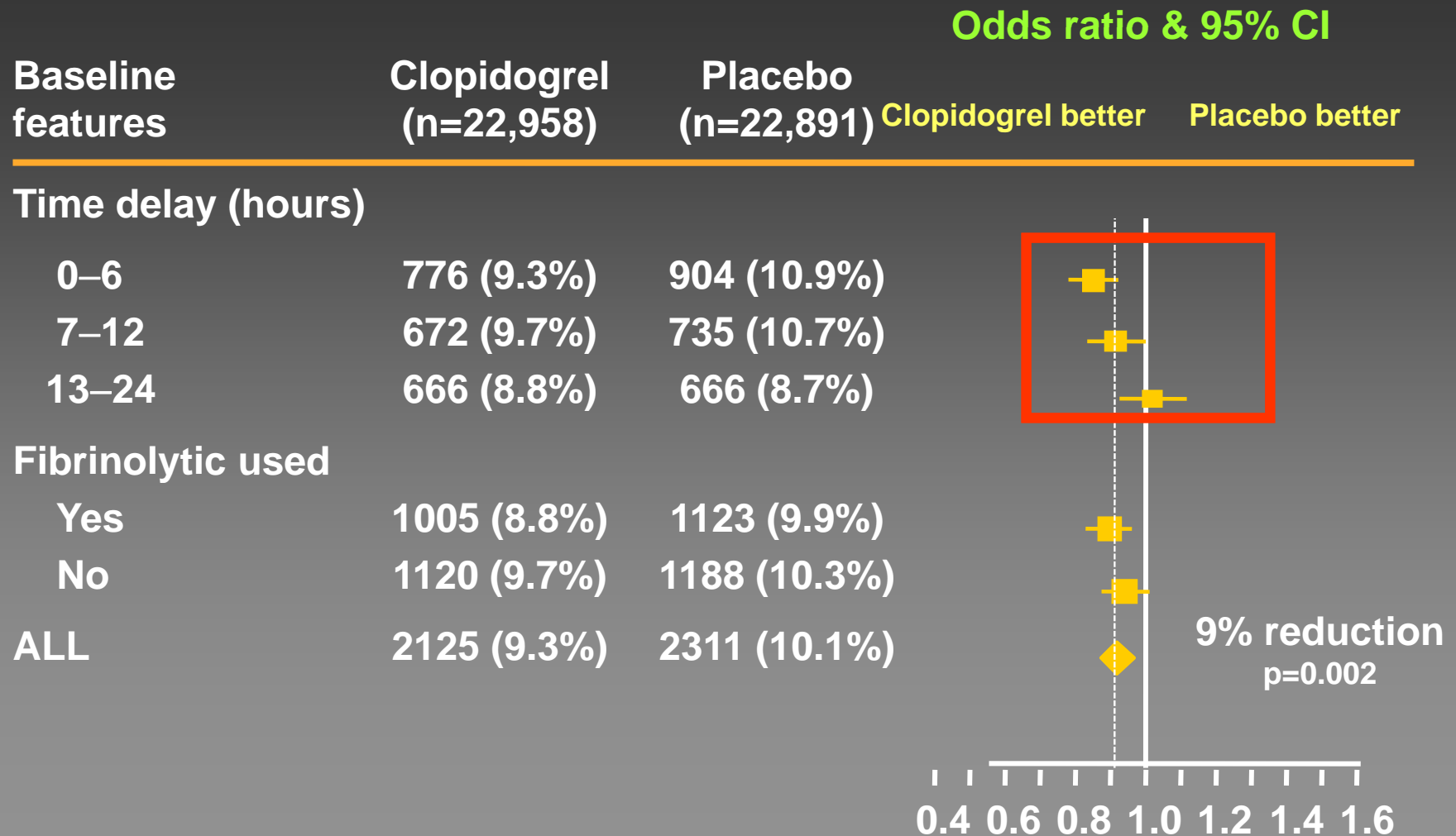
Time symptom onset to diagnosis (n=1311)			
<= 75 min	15/347	25/307	0.51 (0.26 - 0.99)
> 75 min	23/315	28/342	0.88 (0.50 - 1.57)
Primary PCI (n=1339)			
No	13/94	7/76	1.58 (0.60 - 4.19)
Yes	26/583	50/586	0.50 (0.31 - 0.82)

marker width indicates number of events

Tirofiban better Placebo better



Effects of Clopidogrel on Death, Re-MI or Stroke by Time Delay and Fibrinolytic Use





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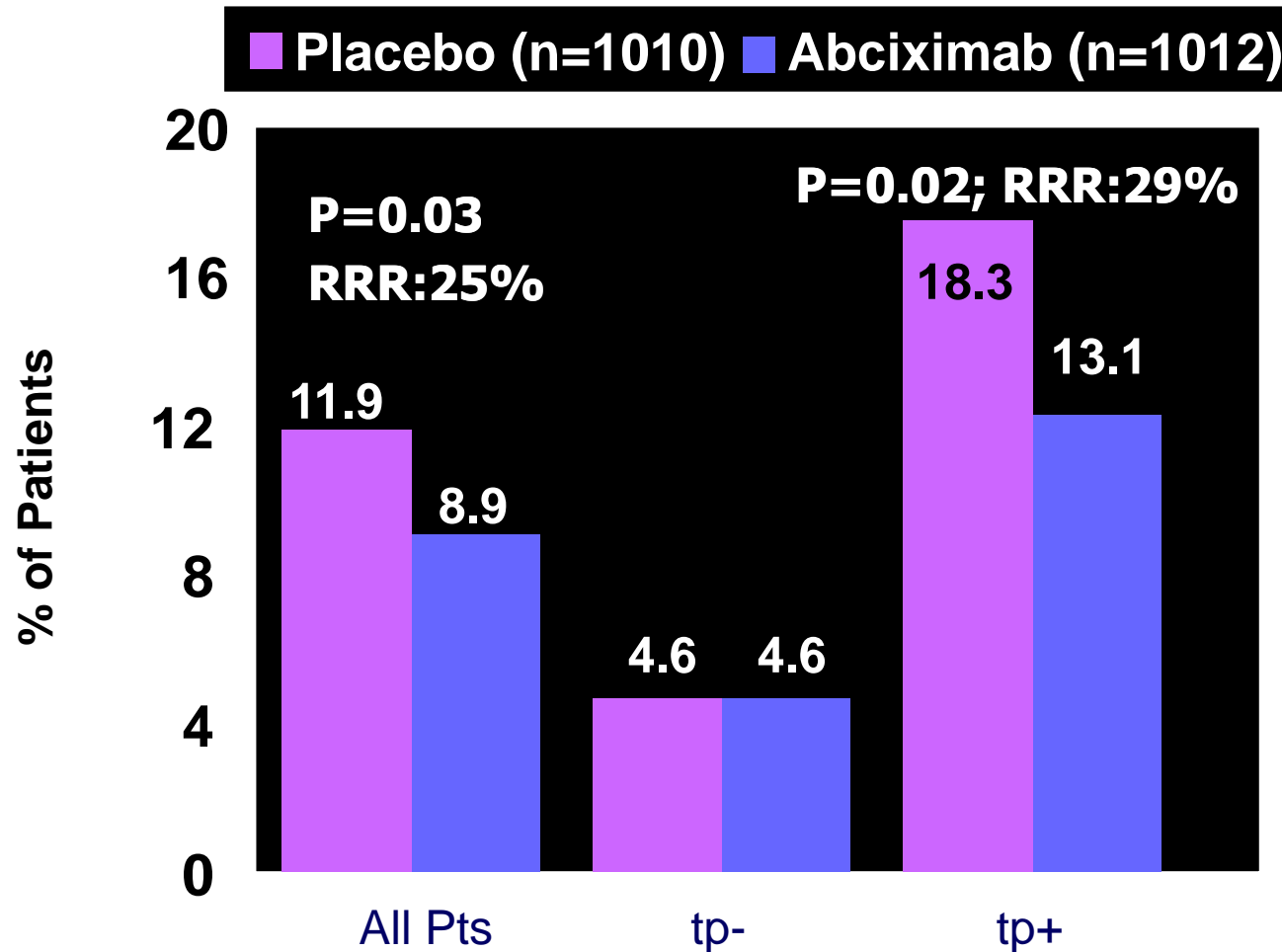
Elective PCI				
Antiplatelet therapy		Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref. ^c
	ASA	I	B	55
	Clopidogrel	I	A	55
	Clopidogrel - pretreatment with 300 mg loading dose >6 h before PCI (or 600 mg >7 h before)	I	C	—
NSTEMI-ACS				
Antiplatelet therapy				
	ASA	I	C	—
	Clopidogrel (with 600 mg loading dose as soon as possible)	I	C	—
	Clopidogrel (for 9–12 months after PCI)	I	B	55
	Prasugrel ^d	IIa	B	246,247
	Ticagrelor ^d	I	B	248
	+ GPIIb-IIIa antagonists (in patients with evidence of high intracoronary thrombus burden)			
	Abciximab (with DAPT)	I	B	249
	Tirofiban, Eptifibatide	IIa	B	55
	Upstream GPIIb-IIIa antagonists	III	B	65
Anticoagulation				
Very high-risk of ischaemia ^e	UFH (+GPIIb-IIIa antagonists) or	I	C	—
	Bivalirudin (monotherapy)	I	B	251



ISAR-REACT-2

Primary Endpoint at 30 Days

Composite of Death, MI or Urgent TVR



Kastrati A, *JAMA* 2006;350:232-238.



12.2 Non-ST-segment elevation acute coronary syndrome

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(a) Antiplatelet Therapy

GP1Ib–IIIa inhibitors should be used in patients with high ischaemic risk undergoing PCI. The greatest benefit of GP1Ib–IIIa inhibitors vs. placebo was demonstrated in earlier RCTs when ADP receptor blockers were not routinely used.⁶⁰ The usefulness of upstream eptifibatide, with or without clopidogrel on board, was not confirmed in EARLY-ACS. The lack of benefit was associated with a higher bleeding risk.⁶⁵ The selective ‘downstream administration’ of abciximab in the catheterization laboratory, in combination with a 600 mg clopidogrel loading dose, has been shown to be effective in troponin-positive NSTEMI-ACS patients²⁴⁹ and might therefore be preferred over upstream use.



Characteristics of patients with NSTEMI-ACS at high ischemic risk

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- (1) recurrent resting pain
- (2) dynamic ST-segment changes: *ST-depression 0.1 mV or transient (<30 min) ST-elevation 0.1 mV*
- (3) elevated Troponin-I, Troponin-T, or CK-MB levels
- (4) haemodynamic instability within the observation period
- (5) major arrhythmias (VT, VF)
- (6) early post-infarction unstable angina
- (7) diabetes mellitus



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9. Special conditions

9.1 Diabetes

9.1.5 Antithrombotic pharmacotherapy

There is no indication that antithrombotic pharmacotherapy should differ between diabetic vs. non-diabetic patients undergoing elective revascularization. In ACS trials, there is no indication that the antithrombotic regimen should differ between diabetic and non-diabetic patients.^{65,85,86} Although an interaction between diabetic status and efficacy of GPIIb–IIIa inhibitors was noted in earlier trials without concomitant use of thienopyridines, this was not confirmed in the more recent Early-ACS trial.⁶⁵ In the current context of the use of high-dose oral antiplatelet agents, diabetic patients do not benefit from the routine addition of GPIIb–IIIa inhibitors.

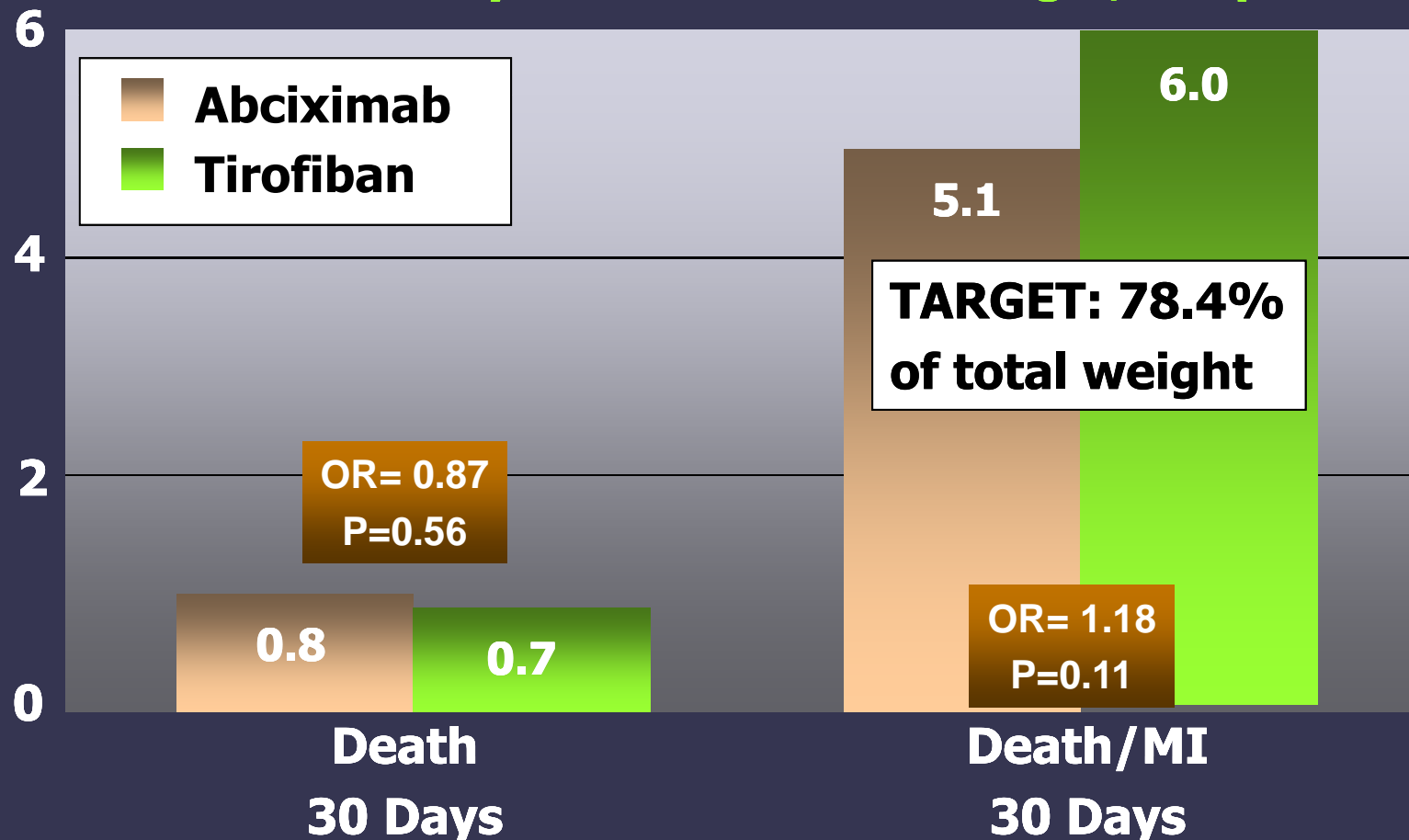
Patient population

**31 studies involving
20,006 patients
(12,874 comparing tirofiban
versus heparin plus placebo or bivalirudin
and 7,132 versus abciximab)**

Tirofiban vs Abciximab

Tirofiban bolus given @ 10 μ or 25 μ

Meta-analysis of 8 RCTs including 7,132 pts

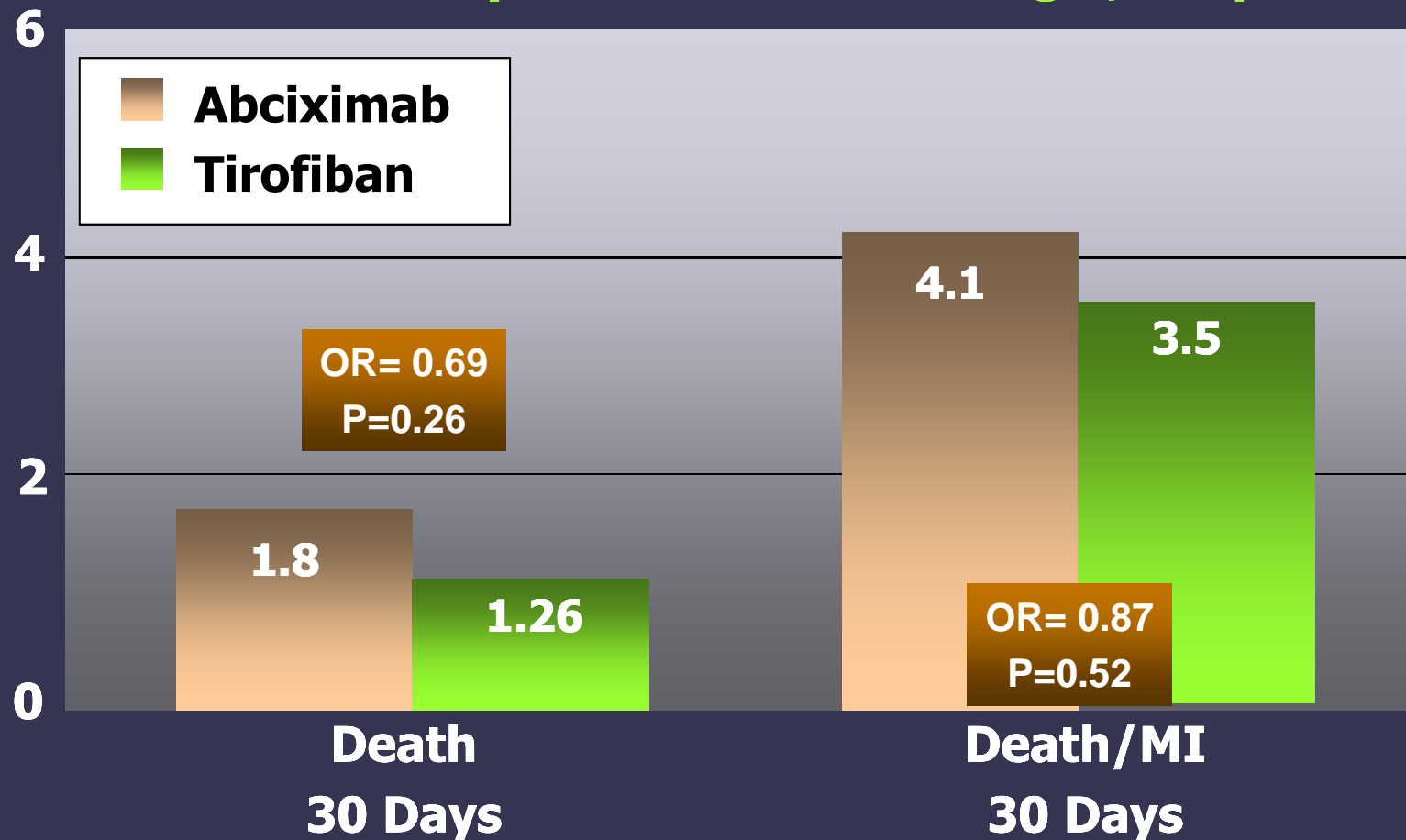


Test for heterogeneity p=0.11

Tirofiban vs Abciximab

Tirofiban bolus given only @ 25 μ

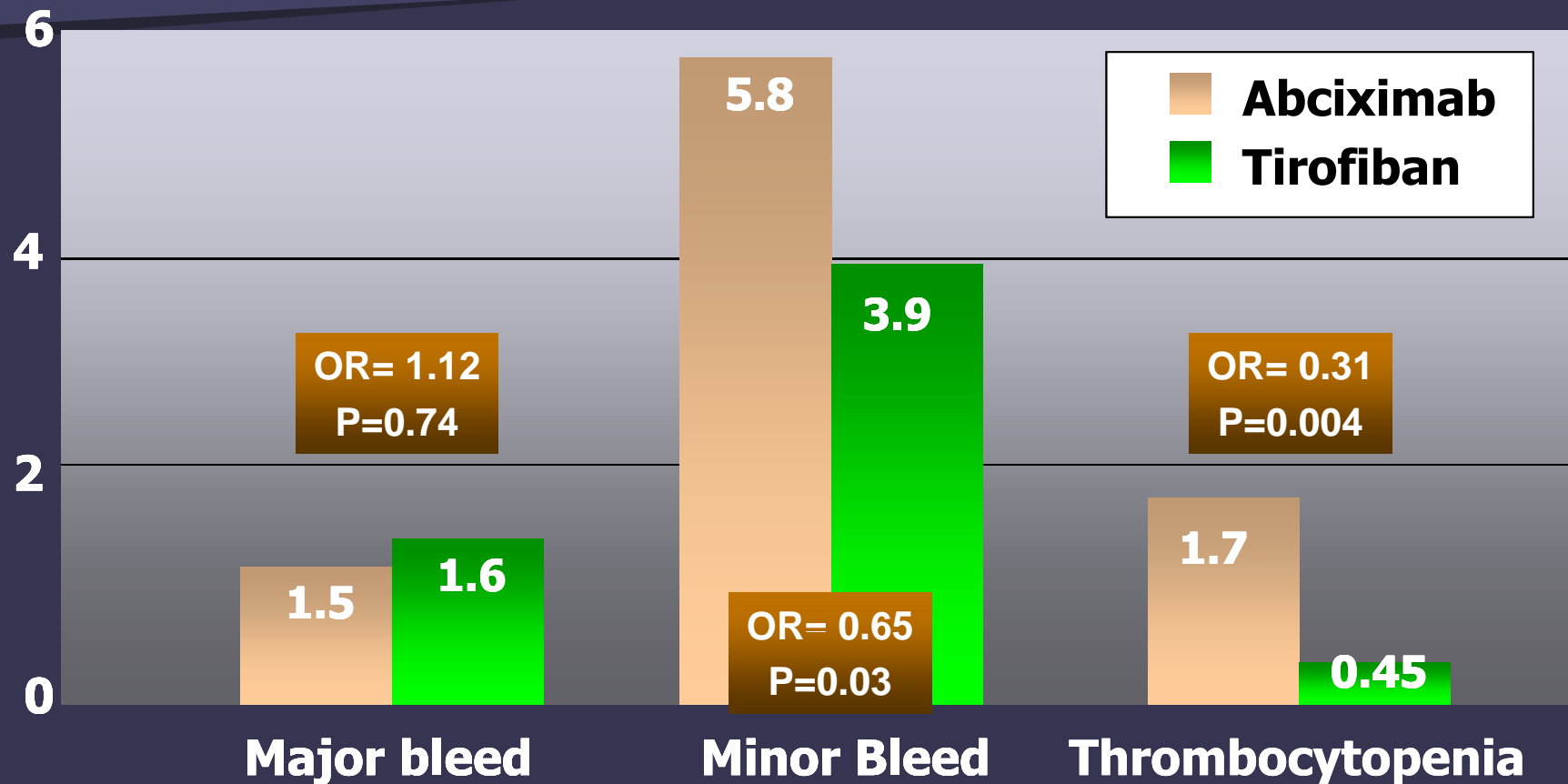
Meta-analysis of 7 RCTs including 2,213 pts





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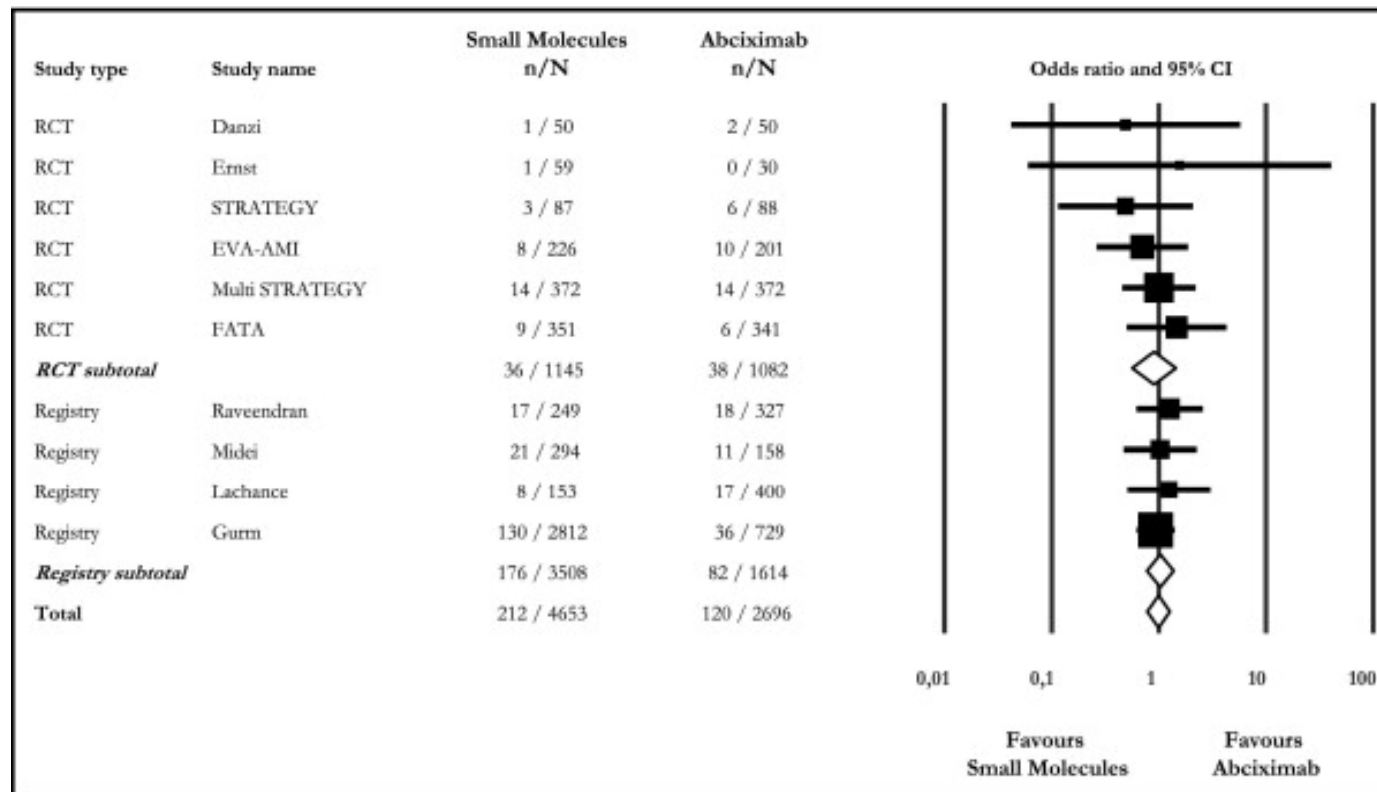
Tirofiban bolus given only @ 25 μ





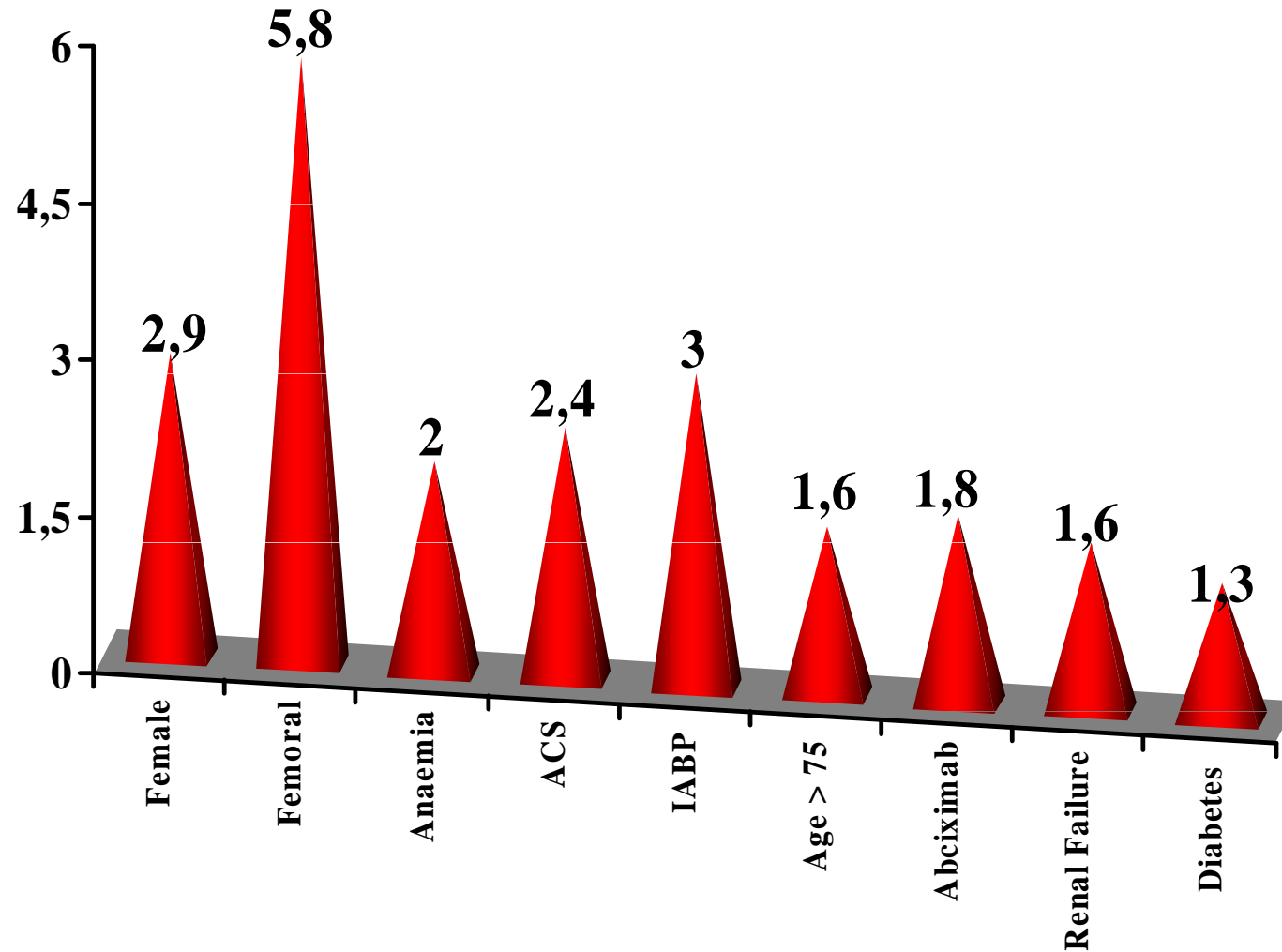
Small molecules Vs Abciximab during PPCI

Death and MI at 30-day





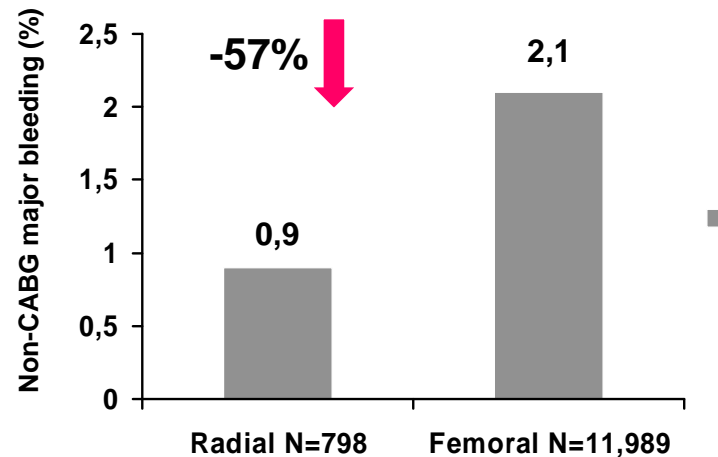
Factors associated to higher incidence of major bleeding





Strategies for reducing access site bleeding in ACS

Radial approach



Thirty-day major ASB

Vascular Closure Devices

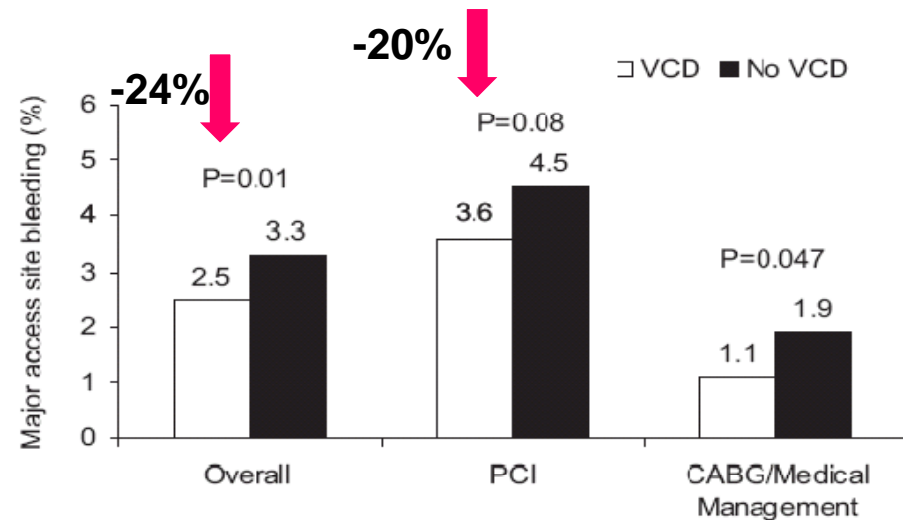


Figure 2. Thirty-day major ASB stratified by VCD use in the overall, PCI, and combined CABG and medical management cohorts.

Patient with ACS undergoing invasive management

Our past



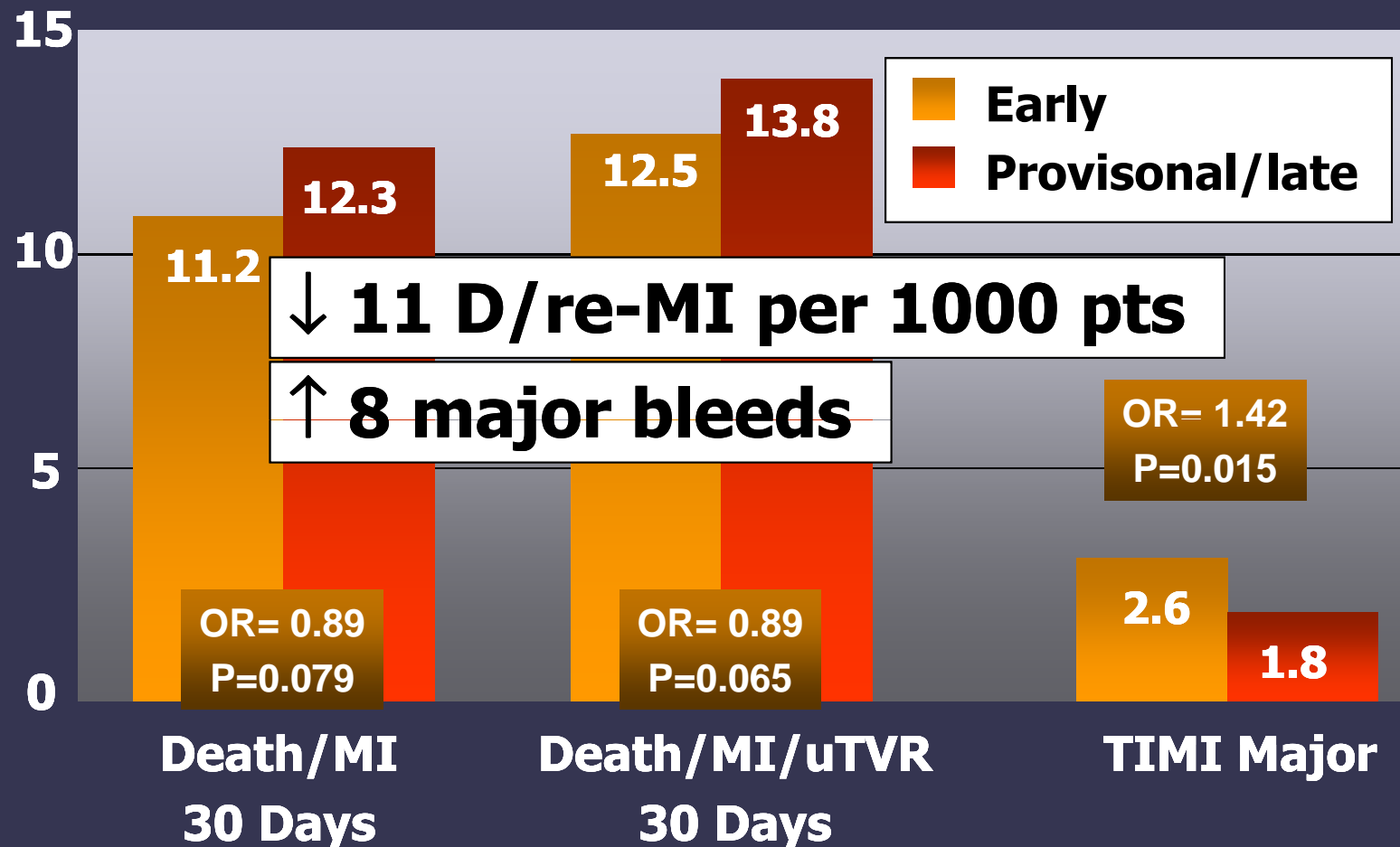
Patient with ACS undergoing invasive management

Our risky present



EARLY ACS

9,406 NSTEMI pts to early eptifibatide vs. provisional late eptifibatide

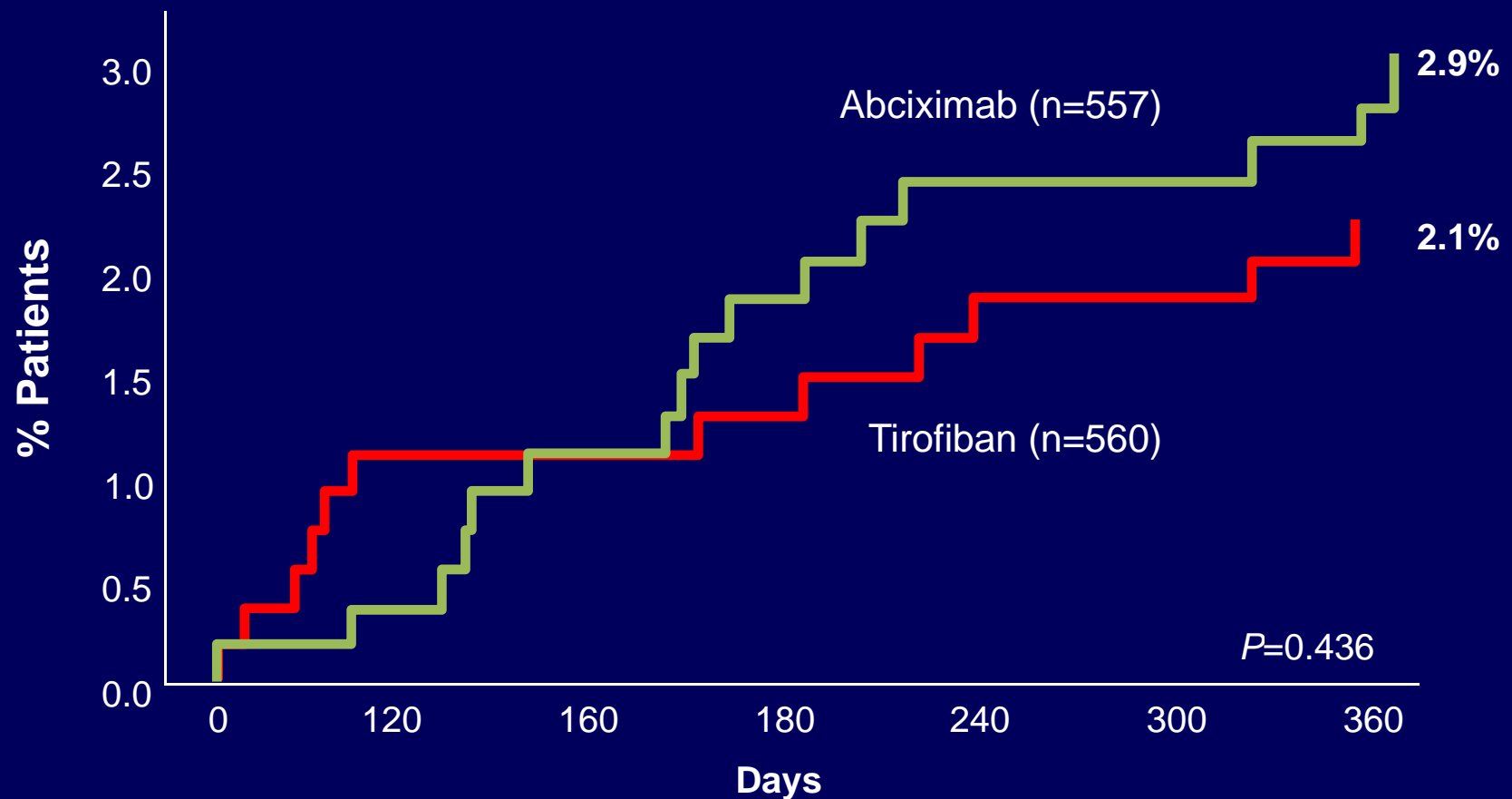


**Incidence of the primary end-point and TIMI-major bleeding events
in patients who received ticagrelor vs patients
who received clopidogrel in the PLATO trial.**

Events	Ticagrelor no/total (%)	Clopidogrel no/total (%)	Hazard Ratio (95% C.I.)	p
Primary end point (composite of vascular death, myocardial infarction or stroke)	864/9333 (9.8)	1014/9291 (11.7)	0.84 (0.77- 0.92)	<0.001
Major bleedings, TIMI criteria	657/9235 (7.9)	638/9186 (7.7)	1.03 (0.93- 1.15)	0.57
Non-CABG-related major bleedings, TIMI criteria	221/9235 (2.8)	177/9186 (2.2)	1.25 (1.03- 1.53)	0.03

Wallentin and PLATO Investigators, NEJM 2009

TARGET: 1-Year Mortality in Diabetic Patients



Roffi M, et al. *Circulation*. 2002;105(23):2730-2736.

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Binocular Vision...





Characteristics of patients with very high ischemic risk

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(1) Refractory angina with associated:

- heart failure
- arrhythmias
- hemodynamic instability

UHF (+ GP IIb/IIIa receptor blocker) IC



Myocardium at Risk – Infarct size

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