

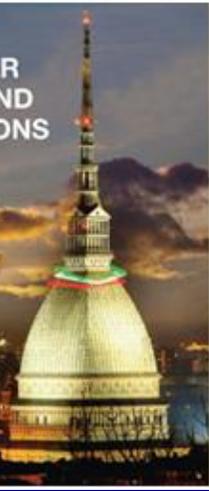
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# Advances in Cardiovascular Arrhythmias and Great Innovations in Cardiology: PCI UPDATE

## Pharmacological management of the stented patient



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# We need a safer DES!

# Life

"I gotta have  
my Plavix"



# Managing and Resolving the Dual Antiplatelet Conundrum in DES Patients

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# 2007 Update of the ACC/AHA/SCAI 2005 Guidelines Update for PCI

## Oral Antiplatelet Adjunctive Therapies

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For all post-PCI patients receiving a DES, clopidogrel 75 mg daily should be given for *at least 12 months* if patients are not at high risk of bleeding. For post-PCI patients receiving a BMS, clopidogrel should be given for a minimum of 1 month and *ideally up to 12 months* (unless the patient is at increased risk of bleeding; then it should be given for a minimum of 2 weeks).



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## Oral Antiplatelet Adjunctive Therapies



**Empiric Recommendations!**

Continuation of oral antiplatelet therapy beyond 1 year may be considered in patients undergoing DES placement



# Against Indefinite Treatment with DAT after DES implantation

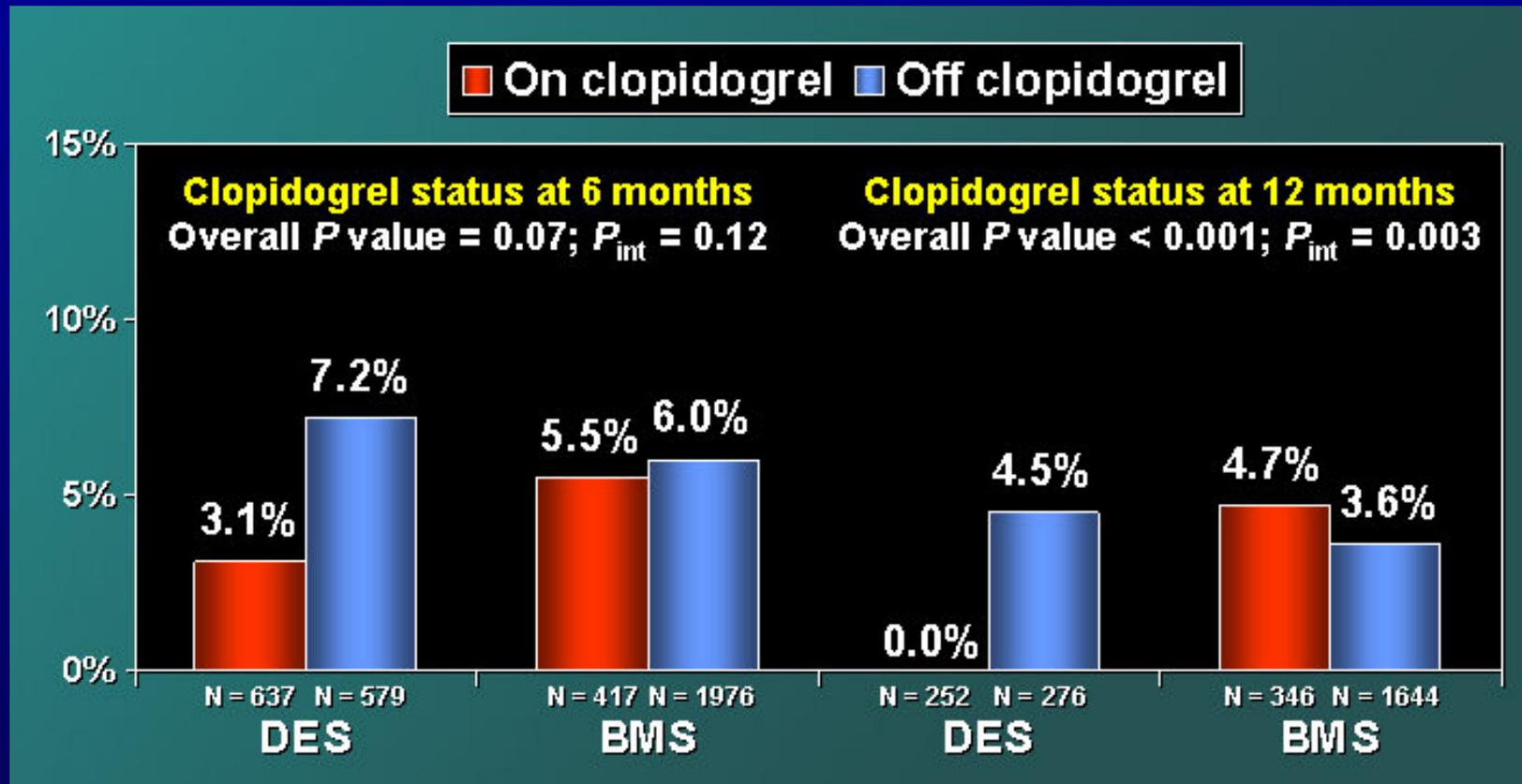
## Argument # 1

*Data supporting prolonged DAT are extrapolated from studies using DAT in different settings with undeniable methodological and selection biases*



# Quoted Registries by Guidelines for prolonged DAPT after DES

## Duke database death/MI analysis



# **Pitfalls of Duke analysis.....**

## ***as well as other observational studies***

- **the number of patients from which the conclusions are drawn is relatively small**
- **patients' self-reporting of clopidogrel usage**
- **the observation that clopidogrel did not influence the occurrence of events in patients treated with BMS may in part be explained by the paucity of prescription beyond 30 days or 6 months**
- **nonrandomized allocation of clopidogrel use**
- **events were not specifically attributable to the treated vessel**
- **the observation regarding "net clinical benefit" of extended clopidogrel use in patients with drug-eluting stents is limited by the absence of data on major bleeding**



# Current Evidence for indication to the Procedure as driver for prolonged DAPT



**Pre-treatment effect: potential for bias in both studies**



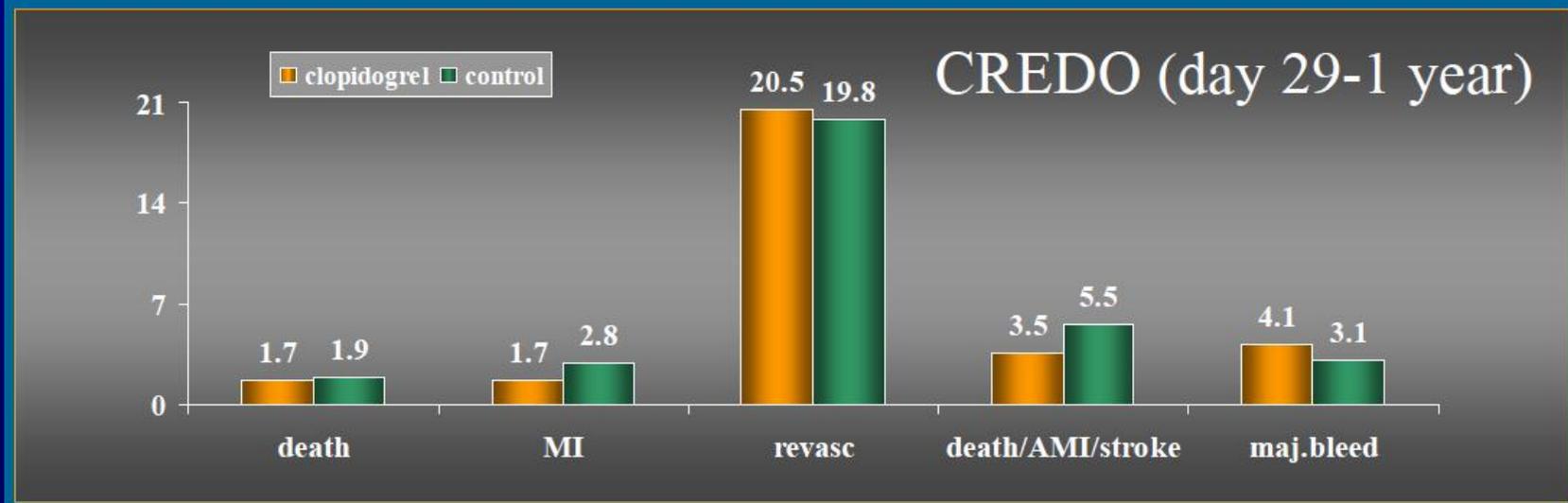
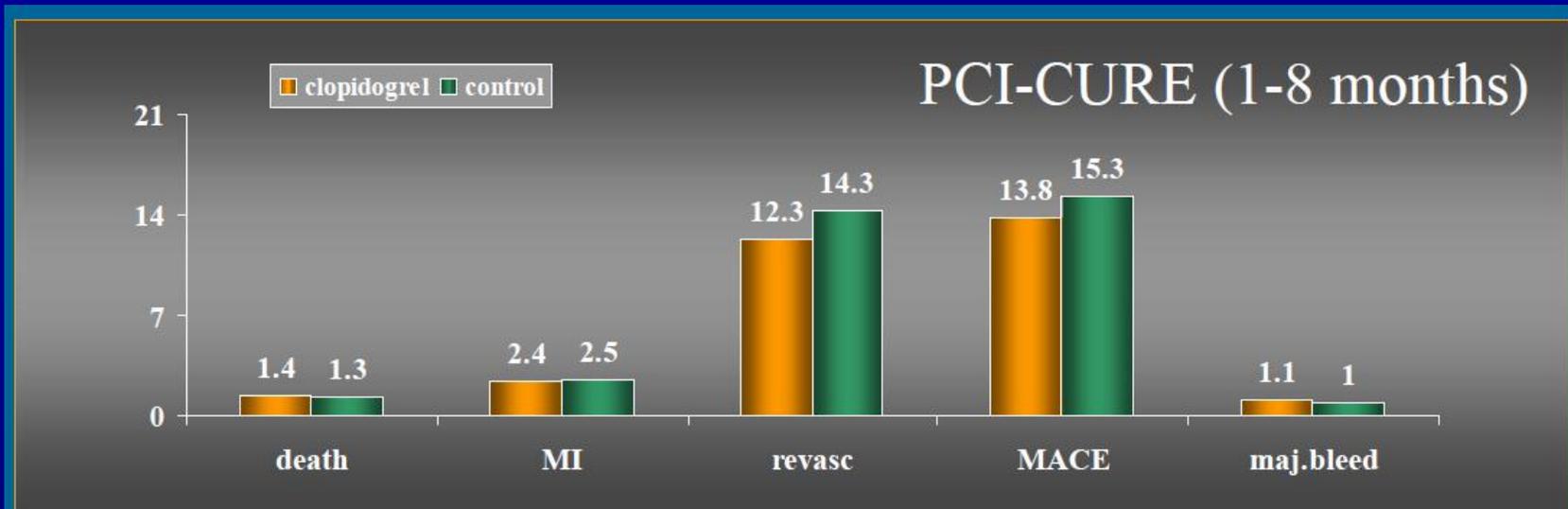
# The missing arm



**Pretreatment for all +  
short vs long-term treatment**



# Maximum conceivable effects of isolated long-term clopidogrel therapy in PCI-CURE and CREDO



Eriksson P *Eur Heart J* 2004; 25:720-2



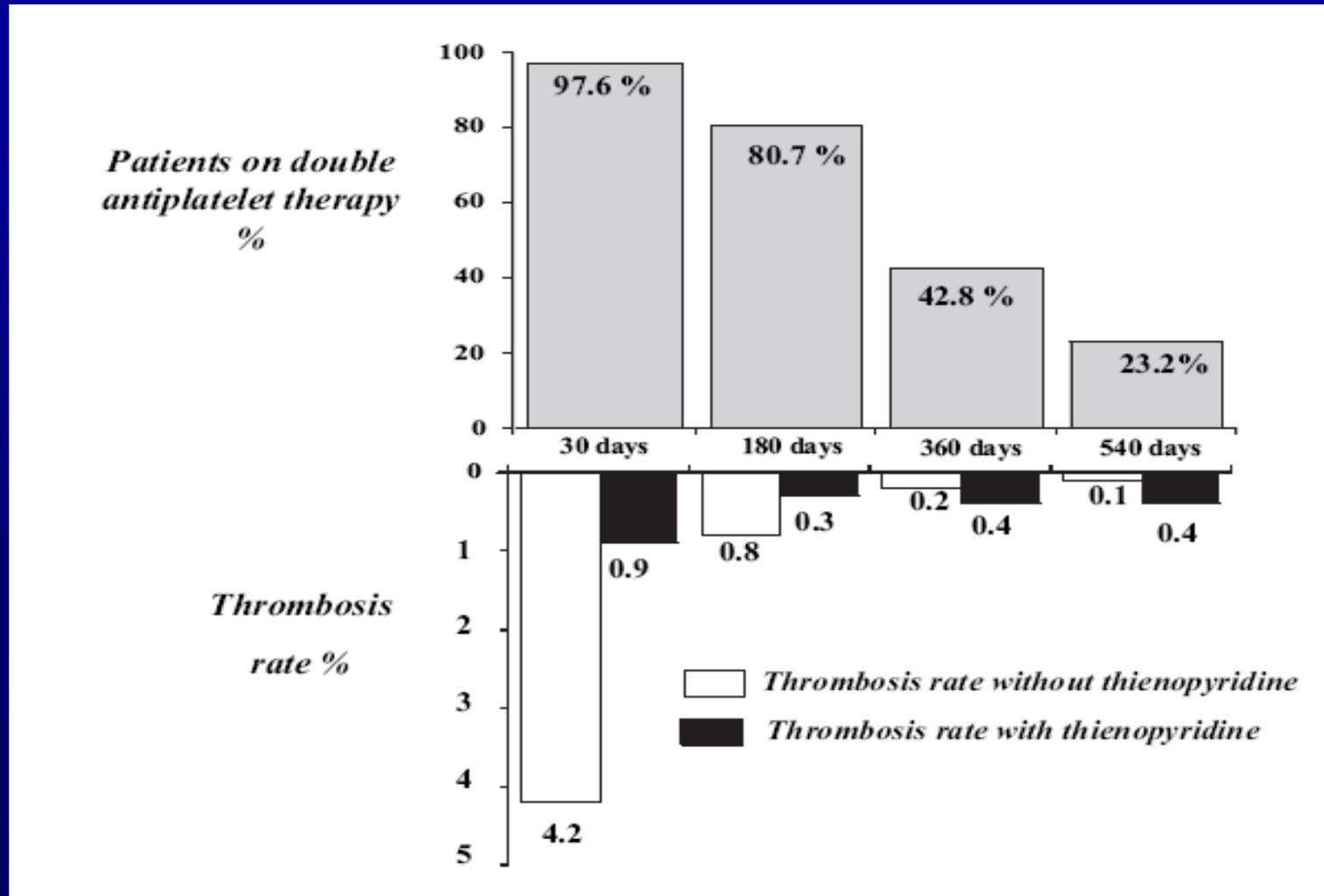
# Against Indefinite Treatment with DAT after DES implantation

## Argument # 2

*A lot of new set of data are against a prolonged duration of dual antiplatelet therapy*



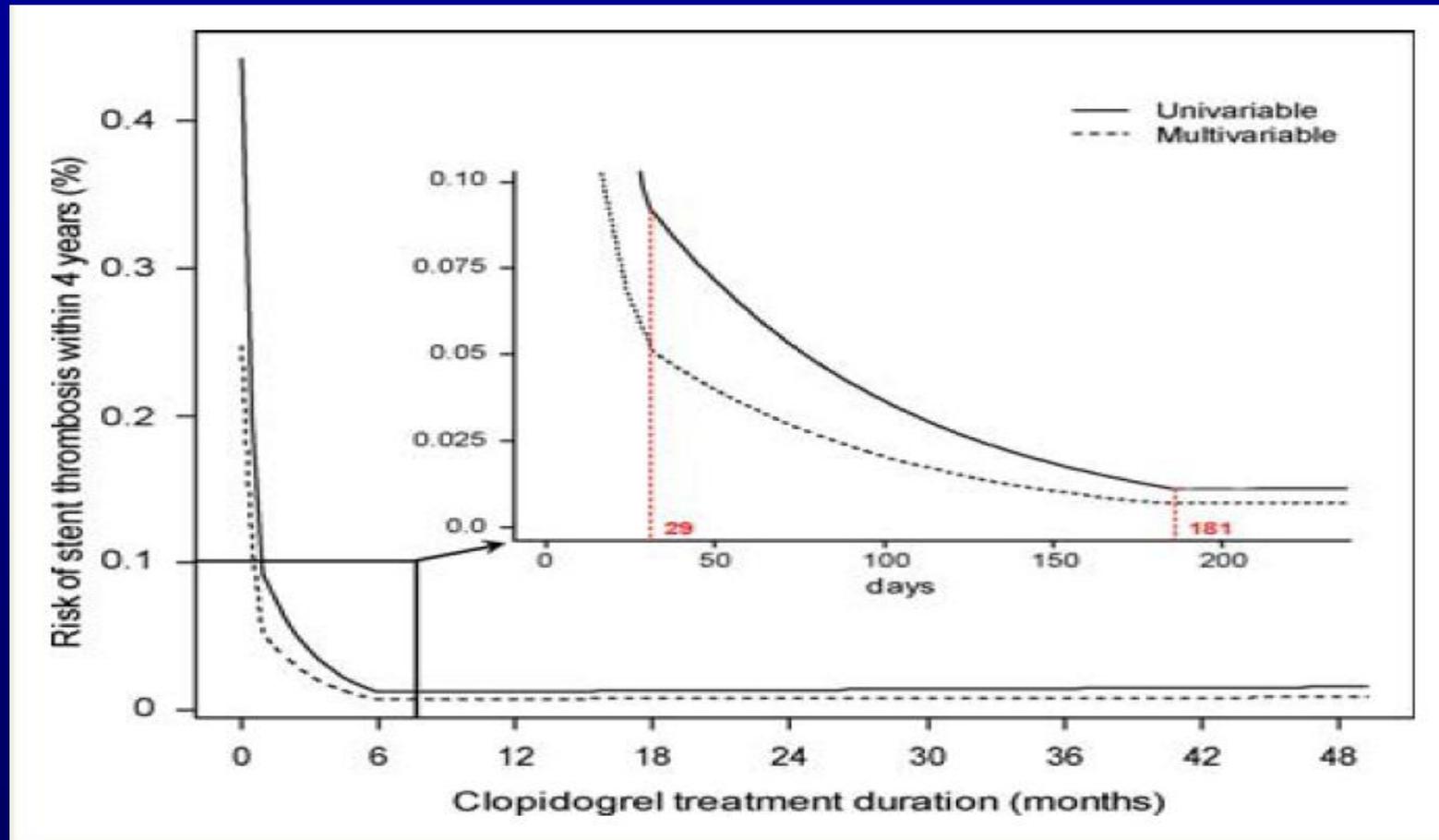
# Incidence and Predictors of DES Thrombosis During and After Discontinuation of Thienopyridine Treatment



*Airoldi F et al. Circulation 2007; 116:745*



# The dependence of ST on discontinuation of clopidogrel therapy seems to be mostly confined to the first 6 months after DES implantation

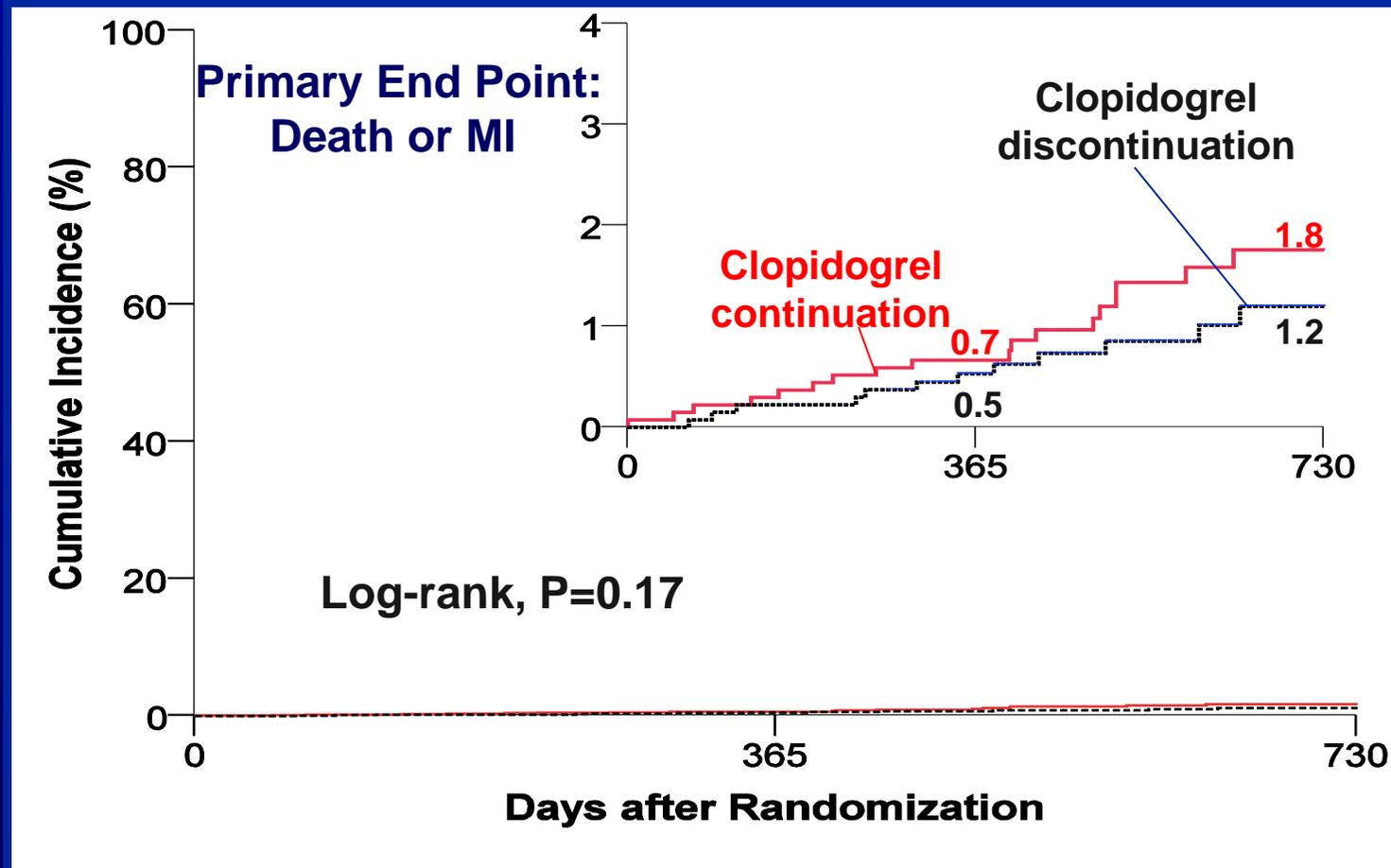


Schulz S et al. *Eur Heart J* 2009; 30: 2714–2721



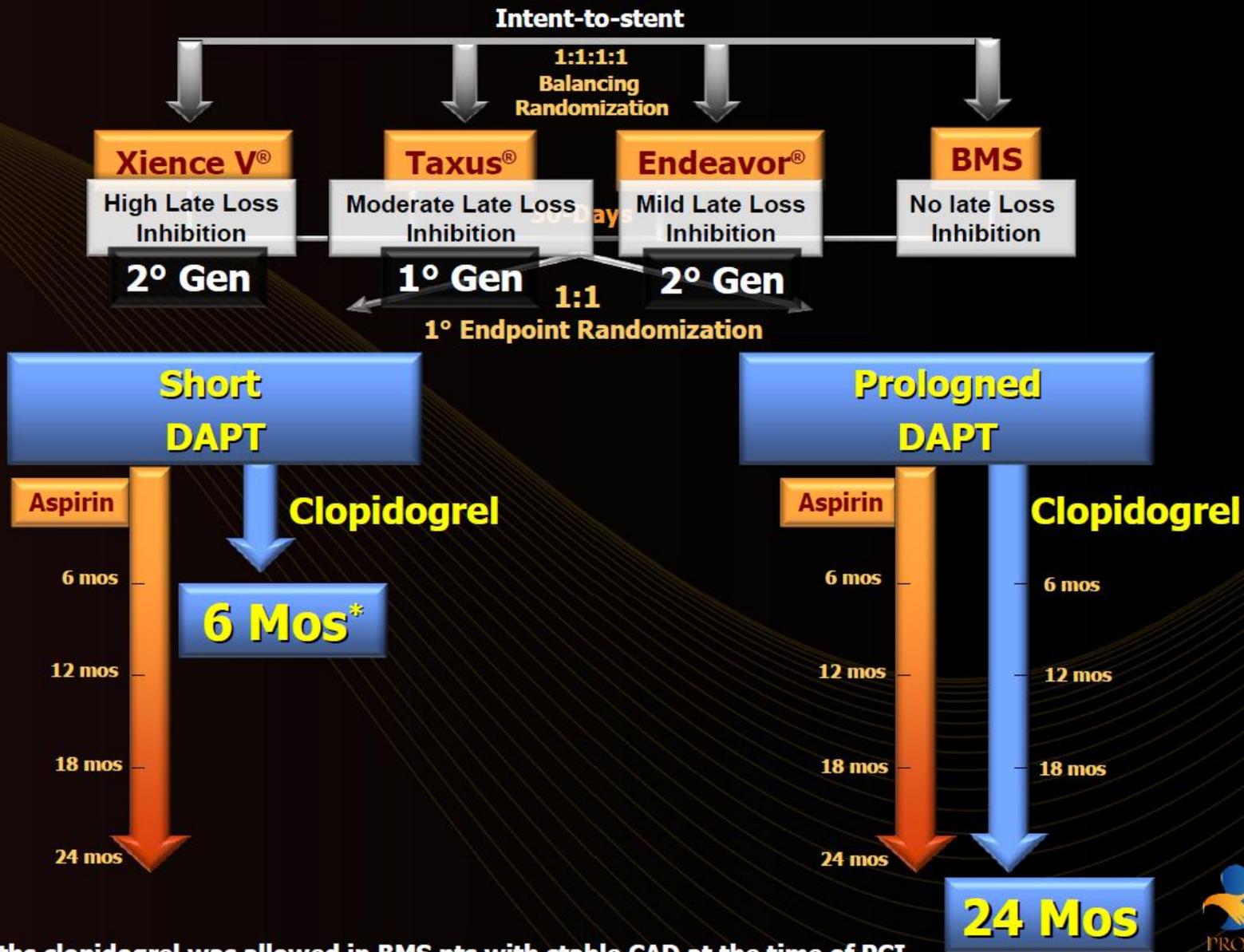
# Duration of Dual Antiplatelet Rx After DES Implantation

A Pooled Analysis of the REAL-LATE and the ZEST-LATE Trial



*Park SJ et al. New Engl J Med 2010 March 15*

# PRODIGY Study Flow Chart



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



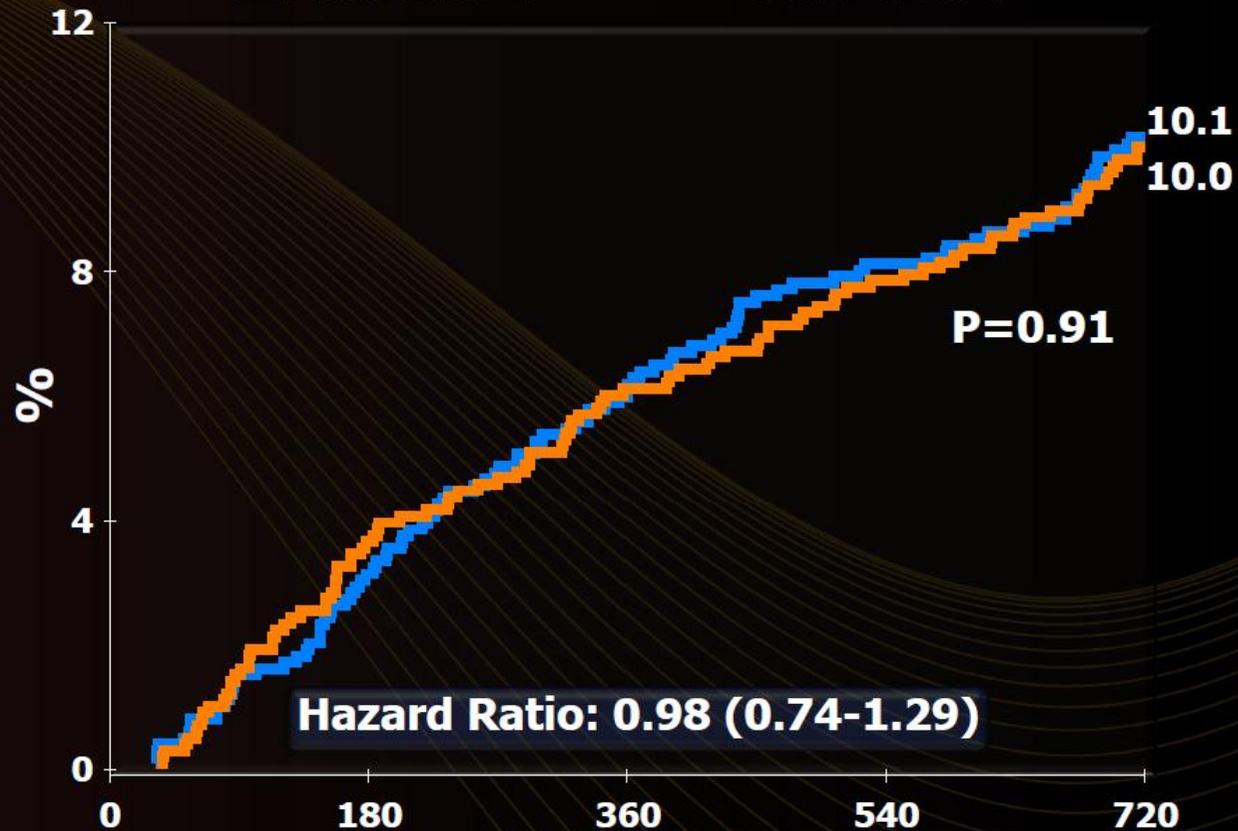
# Primary Endpoint

## Overall Death, MI or CVA

CEC adjudicated

■ 24 mo DAPT

■ 6 mo DAPT



No. at Risk

24-Month Clopidogrel 987

925

6-Month Clopidogrel 983

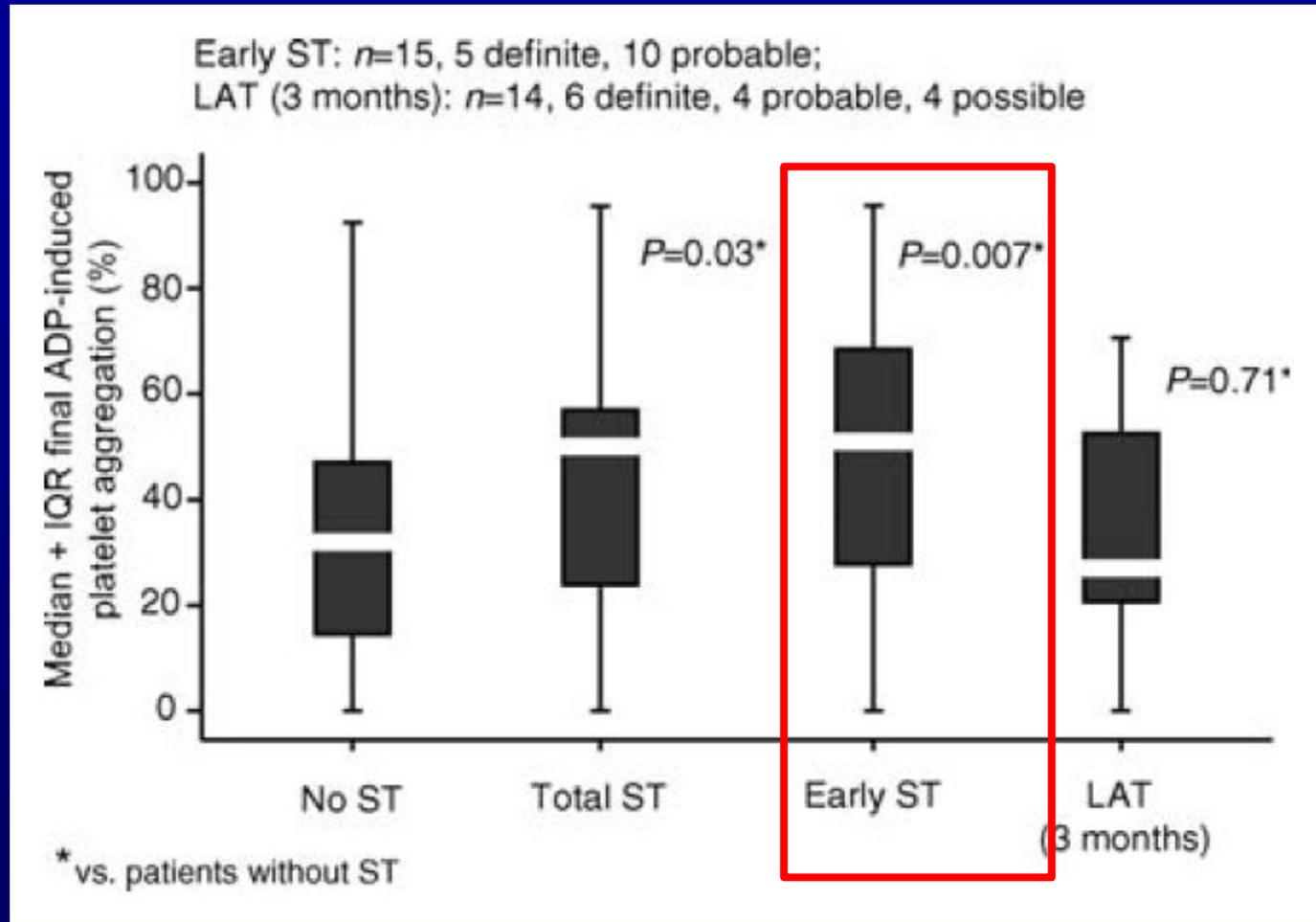
919

884

881



# Early but not late ST is influenced by residual platelet aggregation in patients undergoing coronary interventions



Geisler T et al. Eur Heart J 2010; 31: 59–66



# Pipeline: RCT on DAPT after stenting

<b>Study</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Design</b>	<b>Stent</b>	<b>Results</b>
DAPT	24,015	12 vs 30	DES/BMS	?
ISAR SAFE	6,000	6 vs 12	DES	2014
ITALIC	3,200	6 vs 12	Xience	?
PRODIGY	2,002	6 vs 24	DES/BMS	2011
OPTIDUAL	1,966	12 vs 30	DES	2013
DES LATE	5,000	12 vs 24	DES	2013
SCORE	280	12 vs 24	DES	no update
OPTIMAZE	3,120	3 vs 12	Endeavor	2012
ZEUS	1,600	1 mo allowed	Endeavor	2013
ARCTIC	2,500	12 vs. 18	DES	2012
SECURITY	4,000	6 vs 12	2 gen DES	?
EASTS	3,792	12 vs. 24*	SES	2014
ISAR-Caution	3,000	*tapering	DES	2011
FDI-DAPT-ZES 75		RUTTS <30%	Endeavor	2012

# Pipeline on DAPT studies:

- ▶ Ongoing studies have to let us know the following key points:
  - ▶ Is DAPT necessary for DES safety?
  - ▶ If so, for how long?
  - ▶ If so, is DES type specific?
  - ▶ If so, at what price in terms of side effects?

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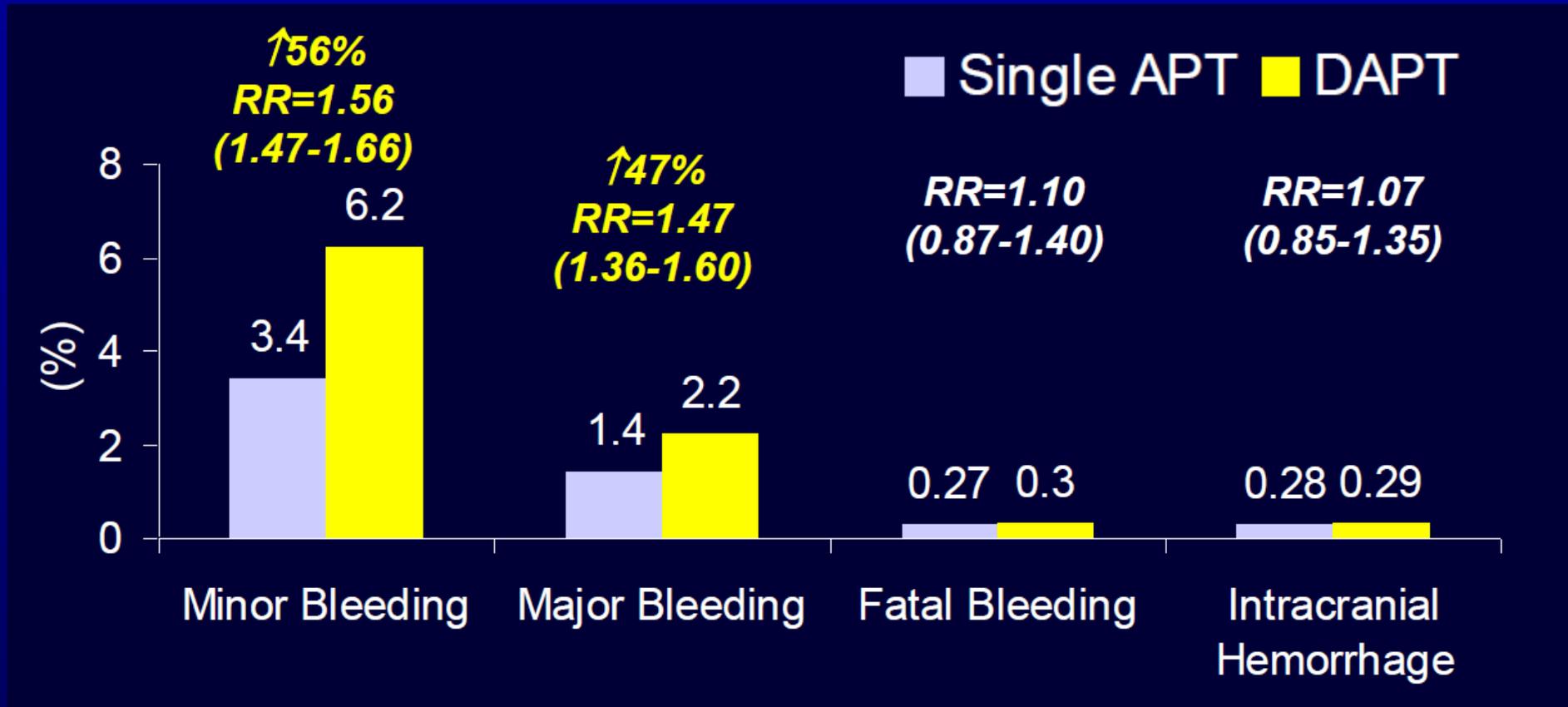
## Argument # 3

*Prolungation of DAT is associated with significant harm. Thus, the net clinical benefit, if any, is at the best marginal*



# Risk of Bleeding with DAPT

18 RCTs with 129,314 Patients Comparing Single vs Dual Antiplatelet Rx



Serebruany VL et al. *Fund & Clin Pharmacology* 2008;22:315



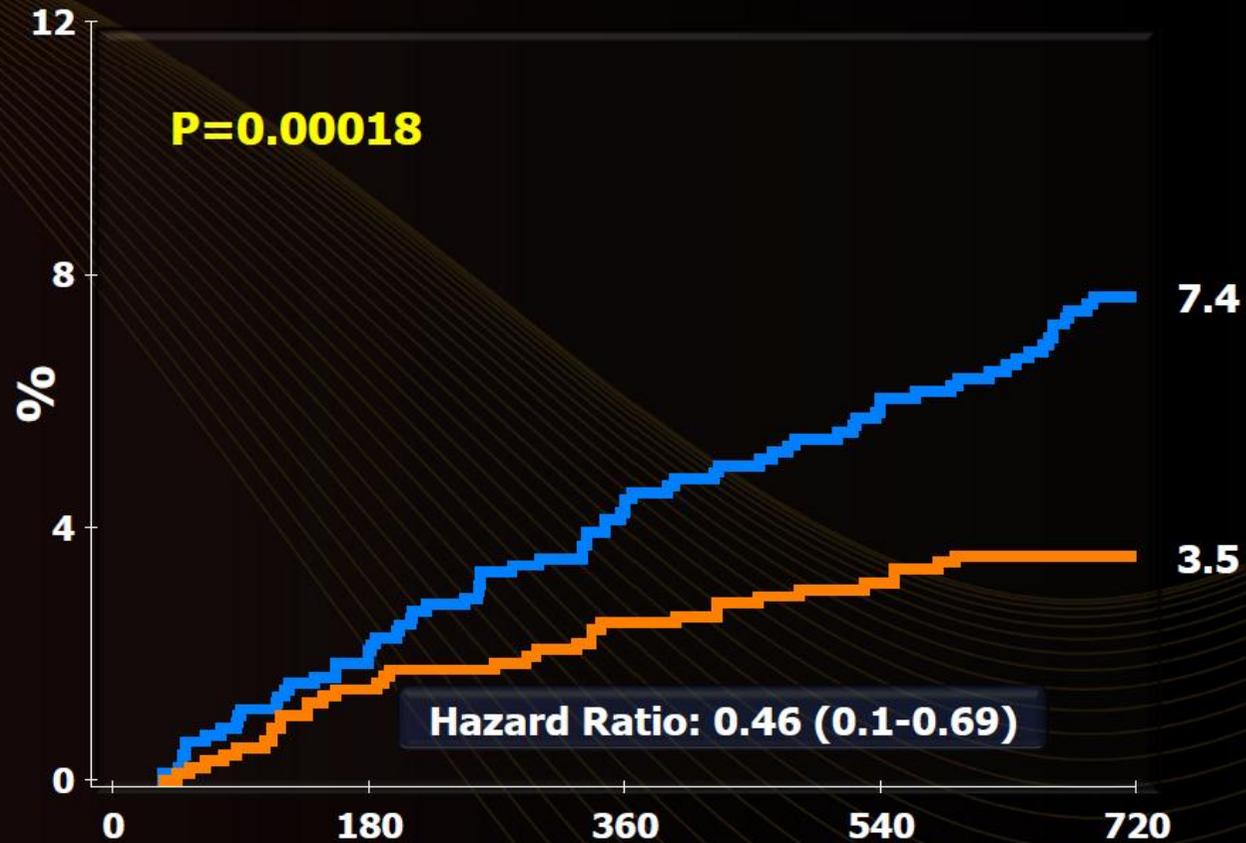
# Key Safety Endpoint

Type II, III or V BARC bleeding

CEC adjudicated

24 mo DAPT

6 mo DAPT



**No. at Risk**

Time (days)	24-Month Clopidogrel	6-Month Clopidogrel
0	987	983
180	925	
360	919	
540		884
720		881



## (b) Recommended duration of dual antiplatelet therapy

After percutaneous coronary intervention

- 1 month after BMS implantation in stable angina;<sup>55,60,94</sup>
- 6–12 months after DES implantation in all patients;<sup>60,94</sup>
- 1 year in all patients after ACS, irrespective of revascularization strategy.

Data suggest that certain patient populations (e.g. high risk for thromboembolic events, patients after SES or PES implantation), may benefit from prolonged DAPT beyond 1 year. The downside of this strategy is the increased rate of severe bleeding complications over time. Recent data suggest that DAPT for 6 months might be sufficient because late and very late stent thrombosis correlate poorly with discontinuation of DAPT.

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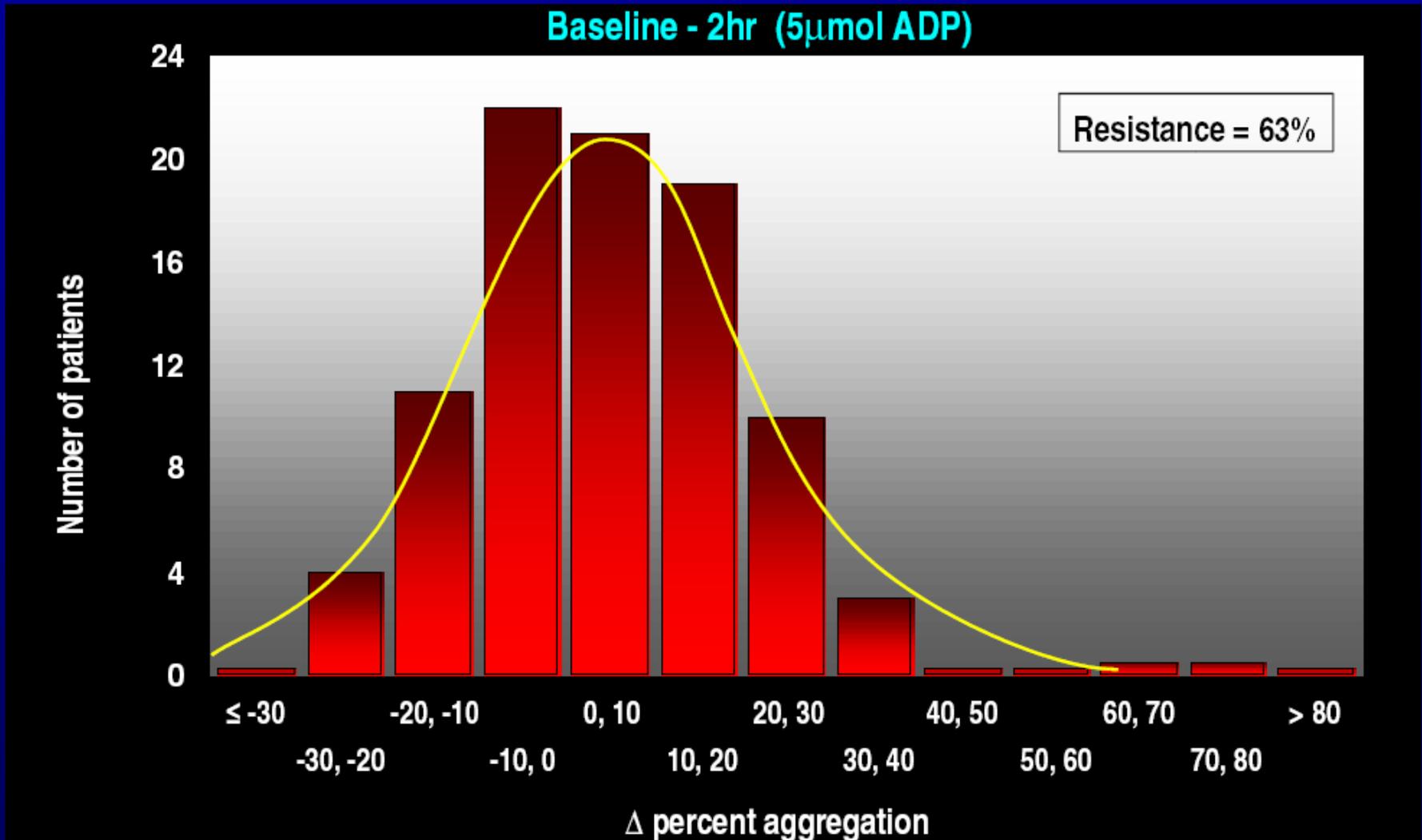
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# Clopidogrel Response Variability



Gurbel PA et al. *Circulation* 2003; 107:2908



# Tailored Antiplatelet Drug Selection to Prevent Ischemic and Thrombotic Events after PCI: Current and Future Therapeutic Alternatives

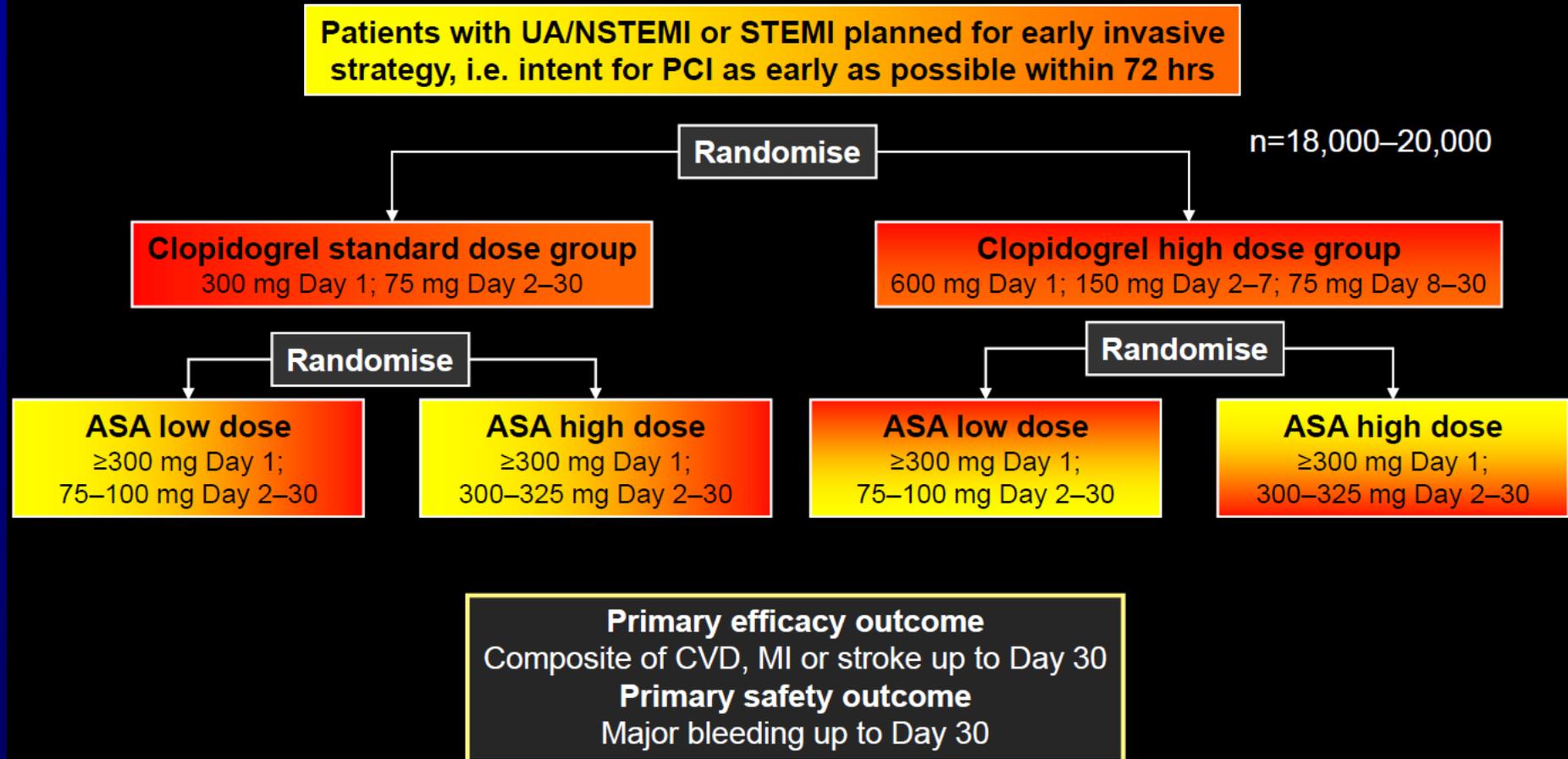
High-dose clopidogrel

Prasugrel

Ticaglegor



# CURRENT-OASIS 7 *study design*



Mehta et al. *Am Heart J* 2008;156:1080–88



# CURRENT OASIS 7 trial

## *Primary hypothesis*

In patients with ST and non-ST-segment elevation acute coronary syndromes, to determine whether a high dose regimen of clopidogrel (600 mg loading dose followed by 150 mg once daily from days 2 to 7, then 75 mg daily) is superior to a standard dose regimen of clopidogrel (300 mg loading dose followed by 75 mg once daily) in preventing the composite of cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, or stroke at 30 days.

## *Results*

CV Death/MI/Stroke	Standard	Double	HR	95% CI	P
Overall (2N=25,087)	4.4	4.2	0.95	0.84-1.07	0.370

**Error  $\alpha > 5\%$**

**Clopidogrel 300 mg +75 mg = Clopidogrel 600 mg +75 mg**

**Null hypothesis can not be rejected**



# GRAVITAS Study Design

Elective or Urgent PCI with DES\*

VerifyNow P2Y12 Test 12-24 hours post-PCI

PRU  $\geq$  230

R

**High-Dose Clopidogrel**<sup>†</sup>

clopidogrel 600-mg, then  
clopidogrel 150-mg daily X 6 months

**Standard-Dose Clopidogrel**<sup>†</sup>

clopidogrel 75-mg daily X 6 months

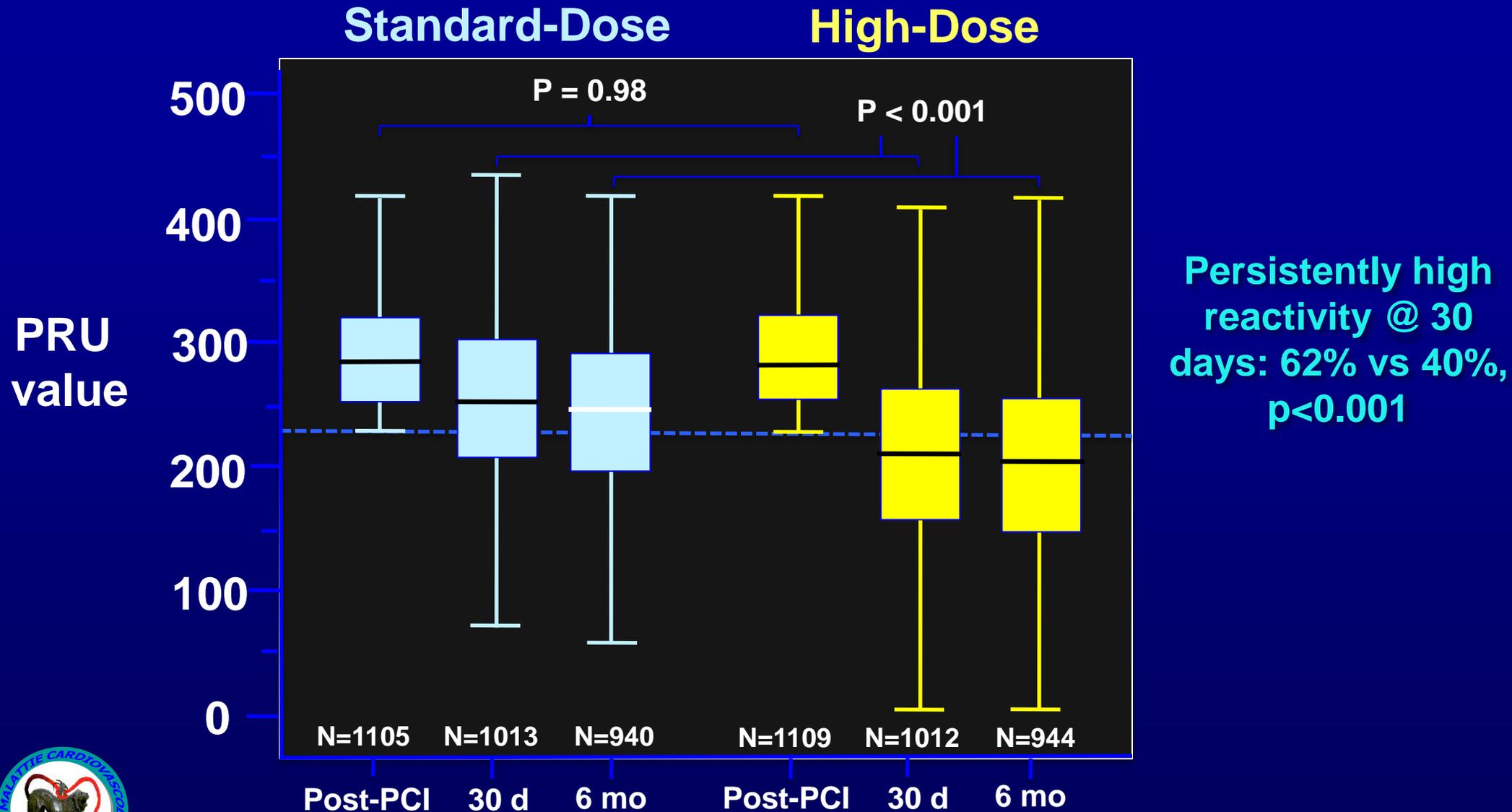
**Primary Efficacy Endpoint:** CV Death, Non-Fatal MI, Stent Thrombosis at 6 mo

**Key Safety Endpoint:** GUSTO Moderate or Severe Bleeding at 6 mo

**Pharmacodynamics:** Repeat VerifyNow P2Y12 at 1 and 6 months



# Pharmacodynamics: Effect of SD vs HD Clopidogrel

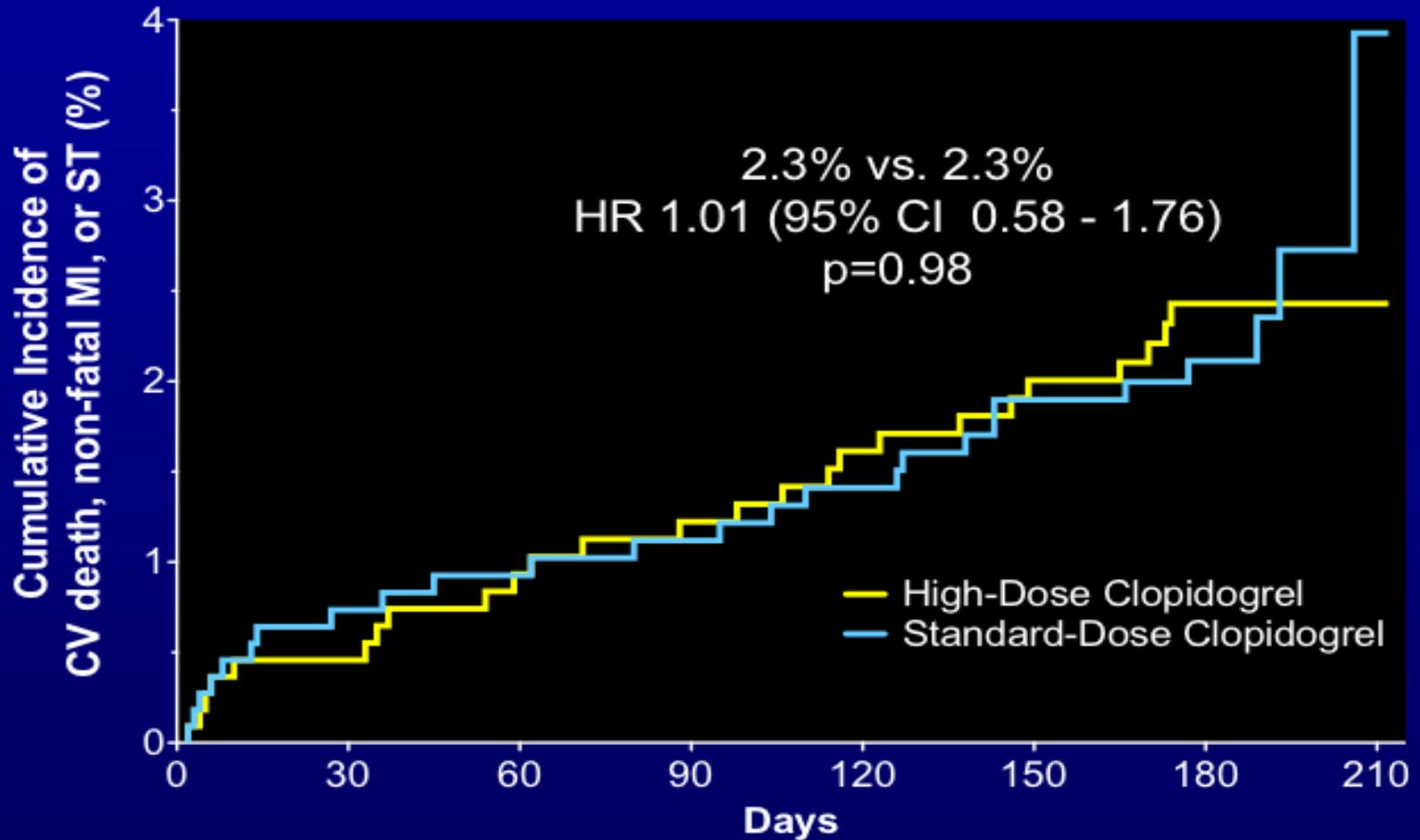


Persistently high reactivity @ 30 days: 62% vs 40%, p<0.001

Price MJ et al. Circulation 2011; 124:1132-7



# Primary Endpoint: CV Death, MI, Stent Thrombosis



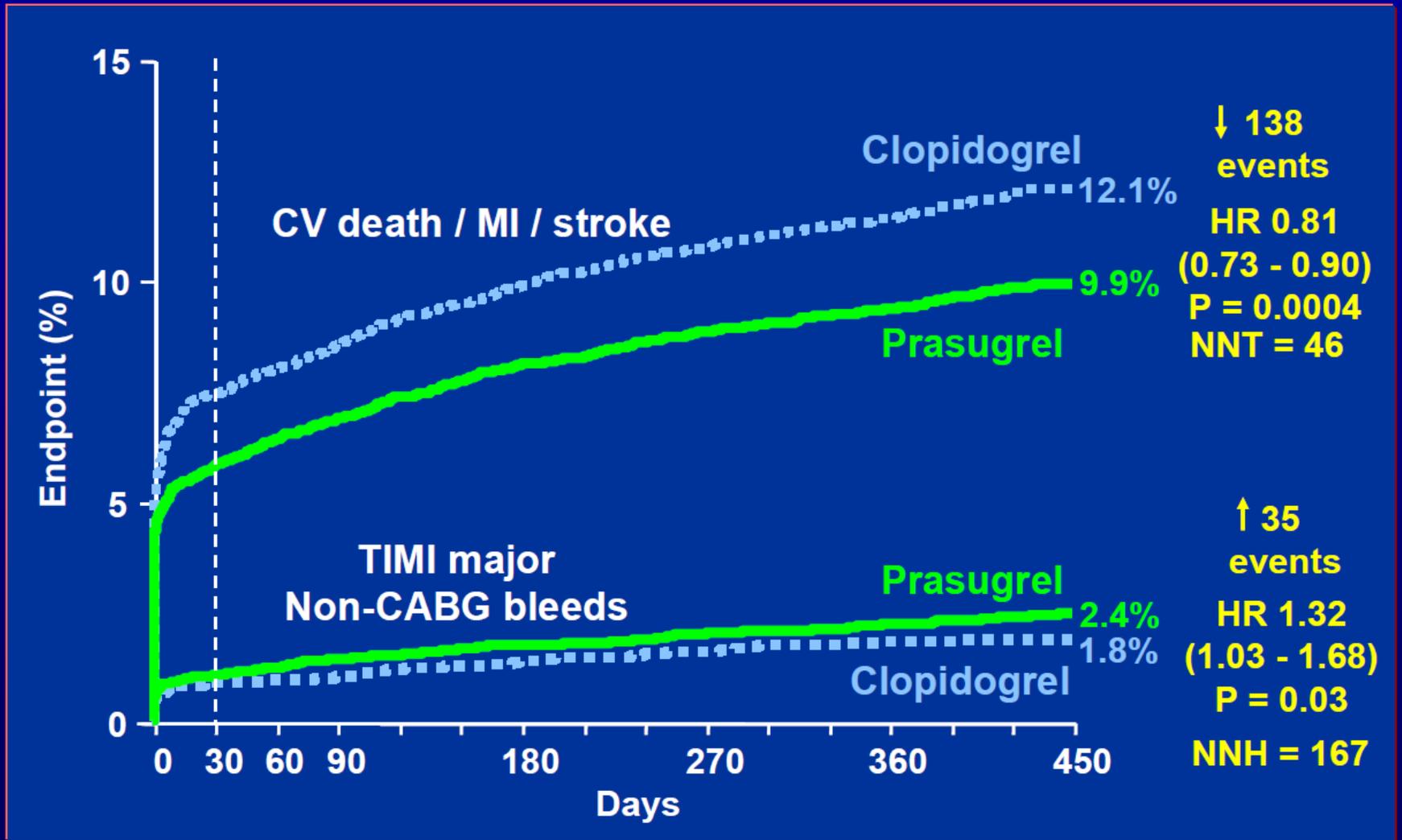
**No. at Risk**

High Dose Clopidogrel	1109	1056	1029	1017	1007	998	747	54
Standard Dose Clopidogrel	1105	1057	1028	1020	1015	1005	773	53



Price MJ et al. *Circulation* 2011; 124:1132-7

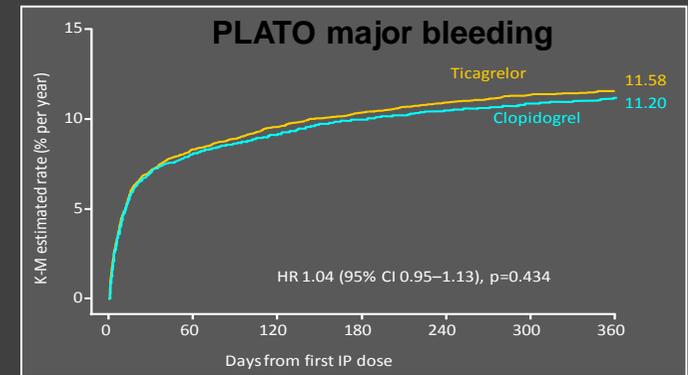
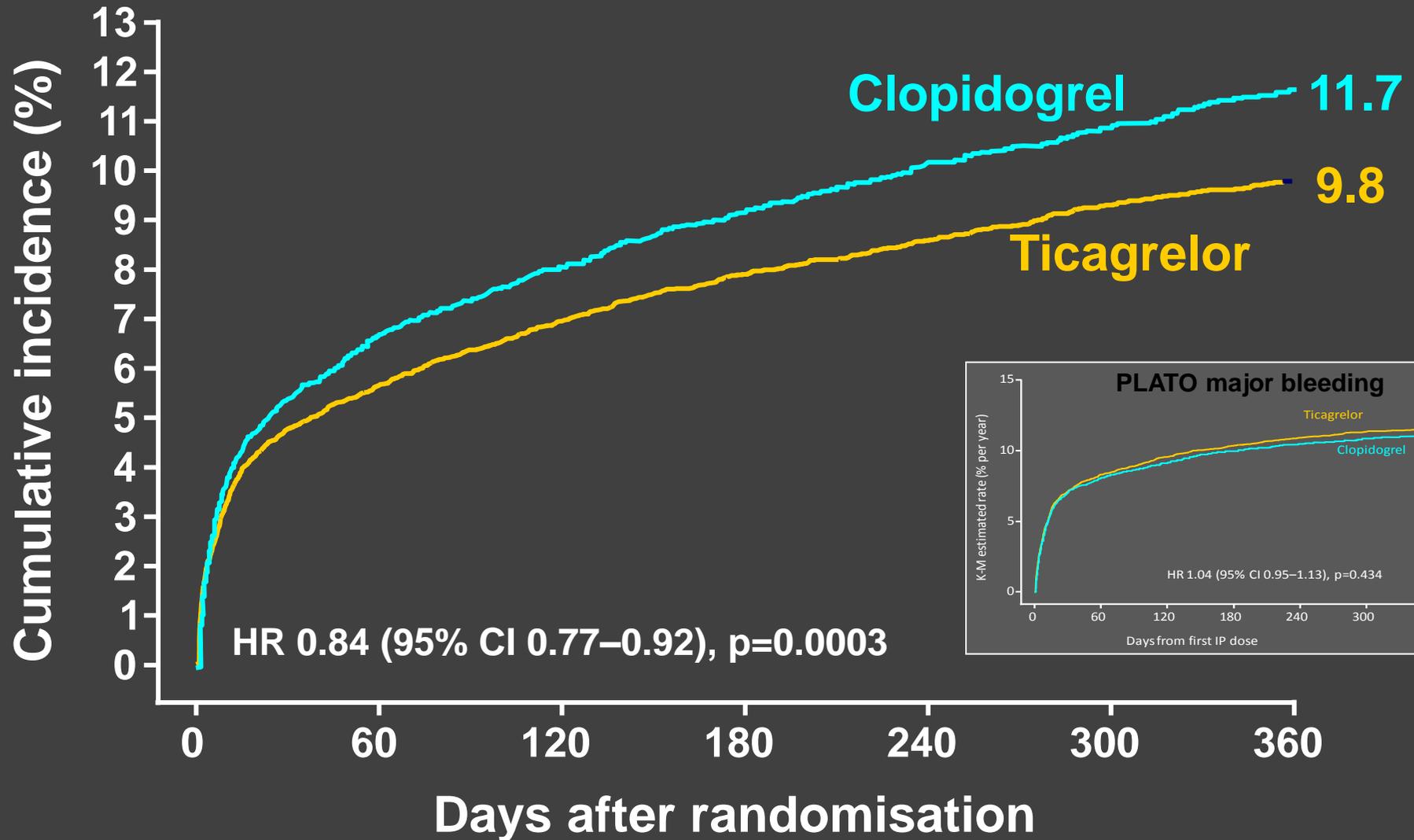
# Balance of Efficacy and Safety



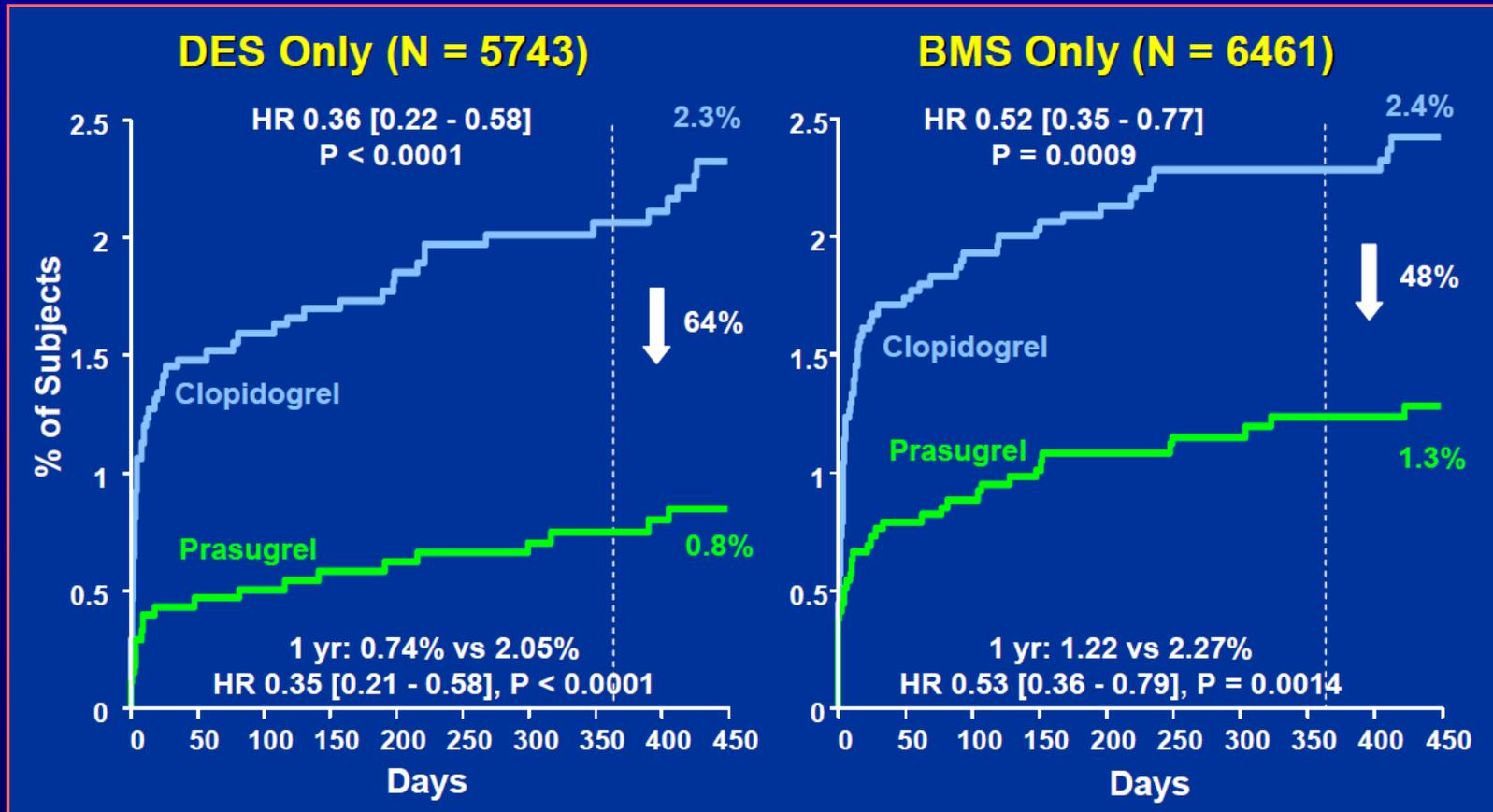
Wiviott SD et al. N Engl J Med 2007; 2001



# PLATO, primary efficacy endpoint composite of CV death, MI or stroke



# CEC Adjudicated Stent Thrombosis Definite/Probable



*Wiviott SD et al. Lancet 2008;371:1*

# Stent thrombosis

	<b>Ticagrelor (n=6,732)</b>	<b>Clopidogrel (n=6,676)</b>	<b>HR for ticagrelor (95% CI)</b>	<b>p value*</b>
<b>Stent thrombosis, %</b>				
<b>Definite</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.62 (0.45–0.85)</b>	<b>0.003</b>
<b>Probable or definite</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.72 (0.56–0.93)</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Possible, probable, or definite</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.72 (0.58–0.90)</b>	<b>0.003</b>

† Evaluated in patients with any stent during the study

Time-at-risk is calculated from the date of first stent insertion in the study or date of randomization

\* By univariate Cox model

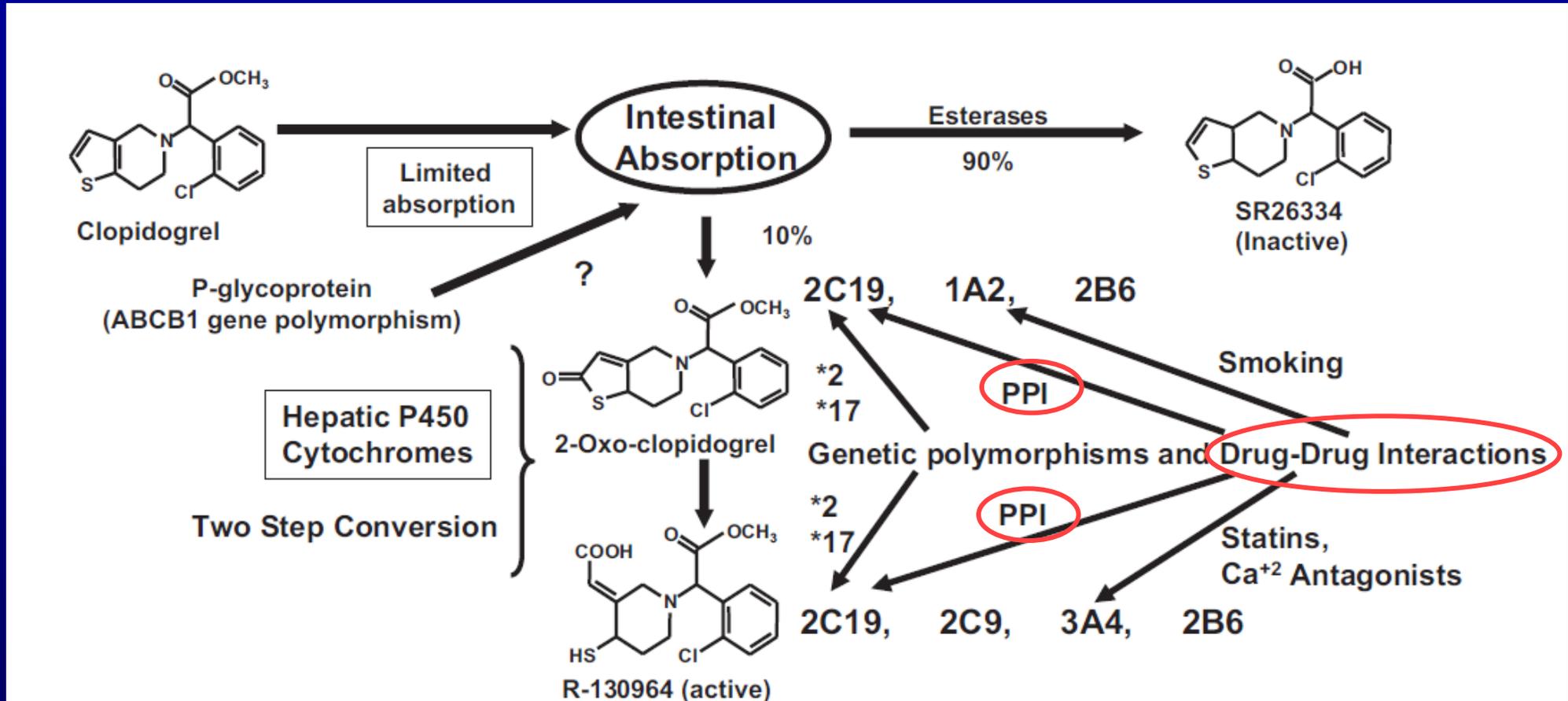


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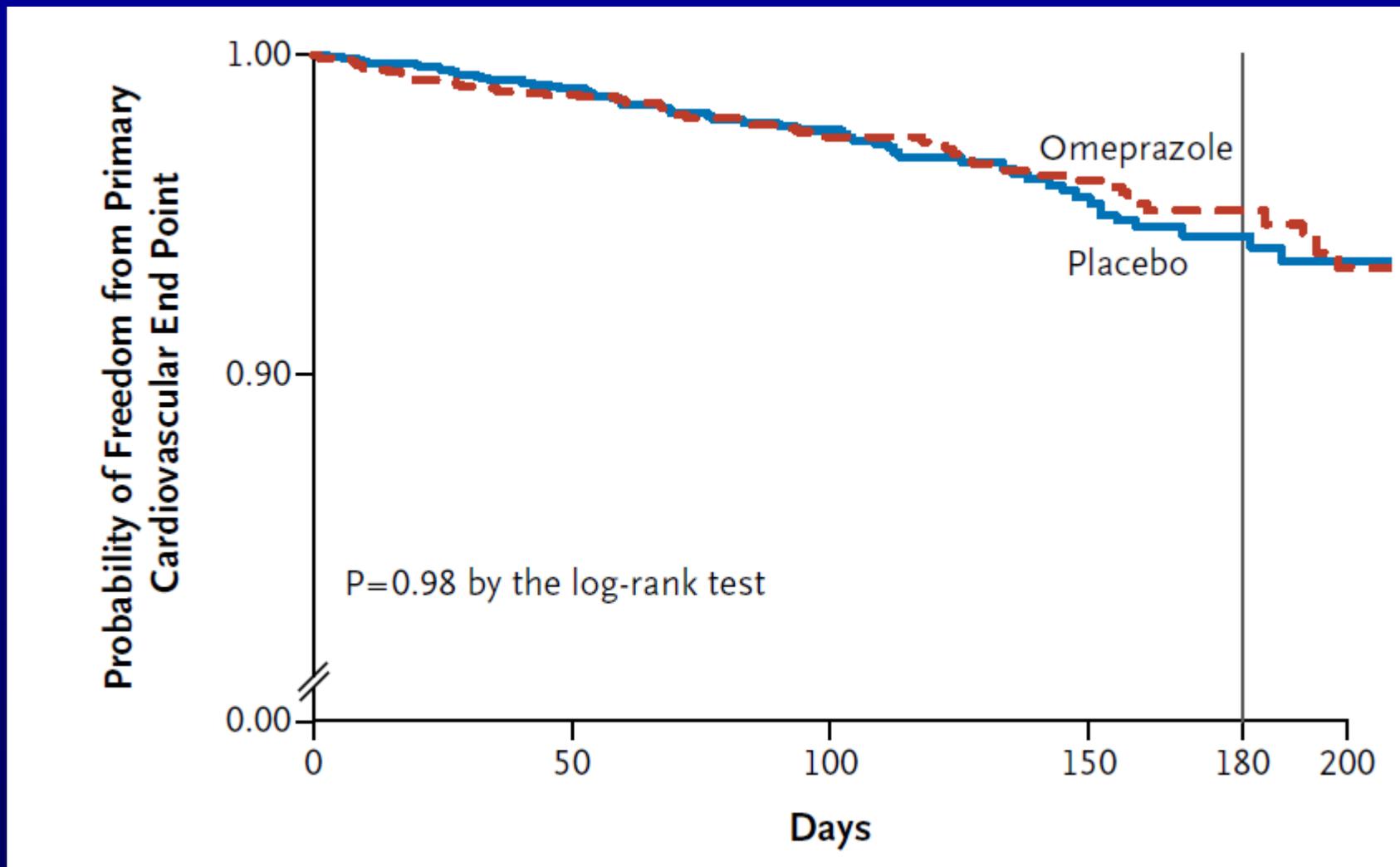


# Clopidogrel response variability; the role of drug-drug interactions



# The COGENT Trail: Survival Curves for PPI Treated vs Placebo

## Primary Cardiovascular Events

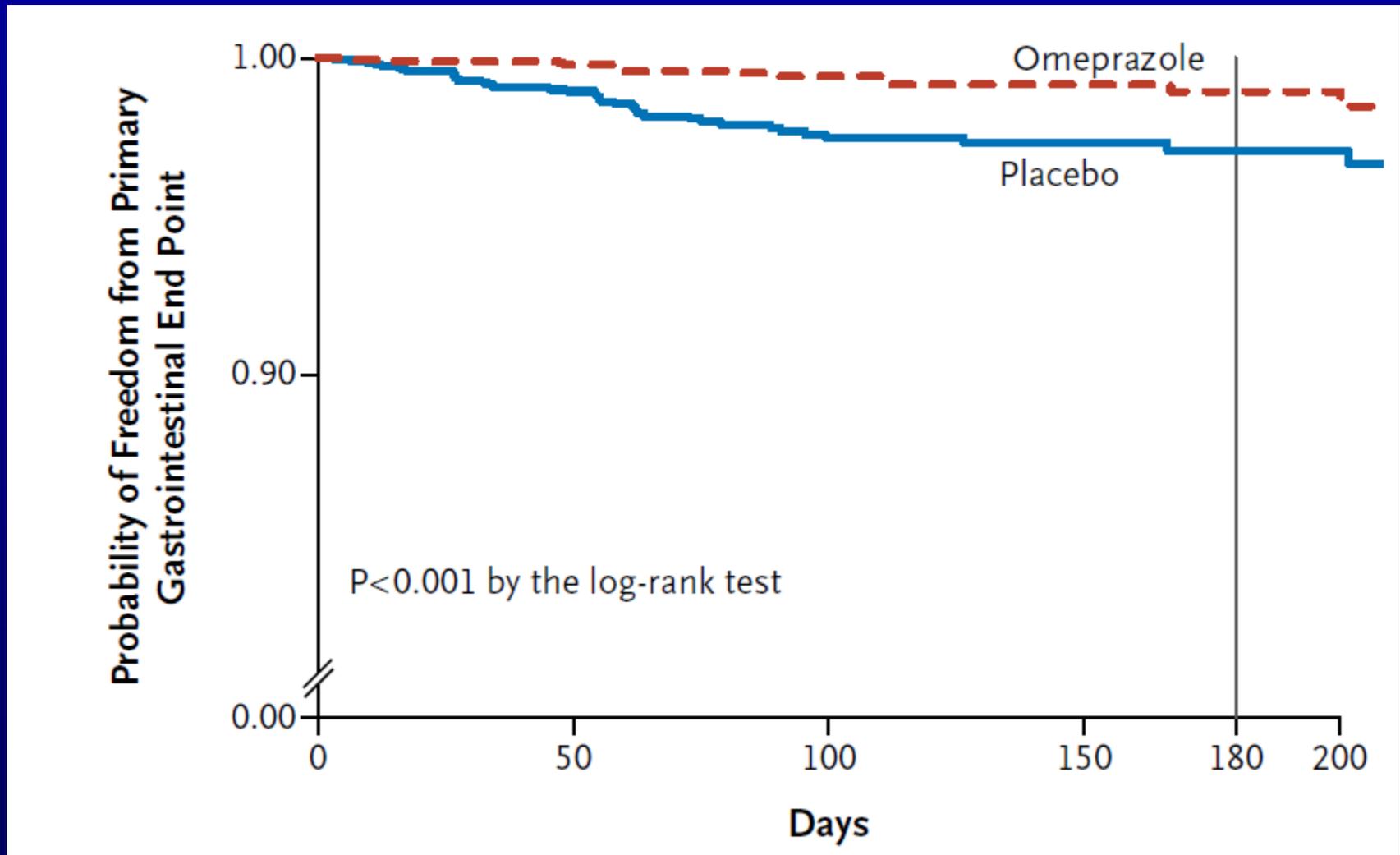


*Bhatt DL et al. N Engl J Med 2011; 364:681 - 683*



# The COGENT Trial: Survival Curves for PPI Treated vs Placebo

## Primary Gastrointestinal Events



*Bhatt DL et al. New Engl J Med Online October 6 2010*



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

## Recommendations for oral antiplatelet agents

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
A proton pump inhibitor (preferably not omeprazole) in combination with DAPT is recommended in patients with a history of gastrointestinal haemorrhage or peptic ulcer, and appropriate for patients with multiple other risk factors ( <i>H. elicobacter pylori</i> infection, age $\geq 65$ years, concurrent use of anticoagulants or steroids).	I	A	125–127



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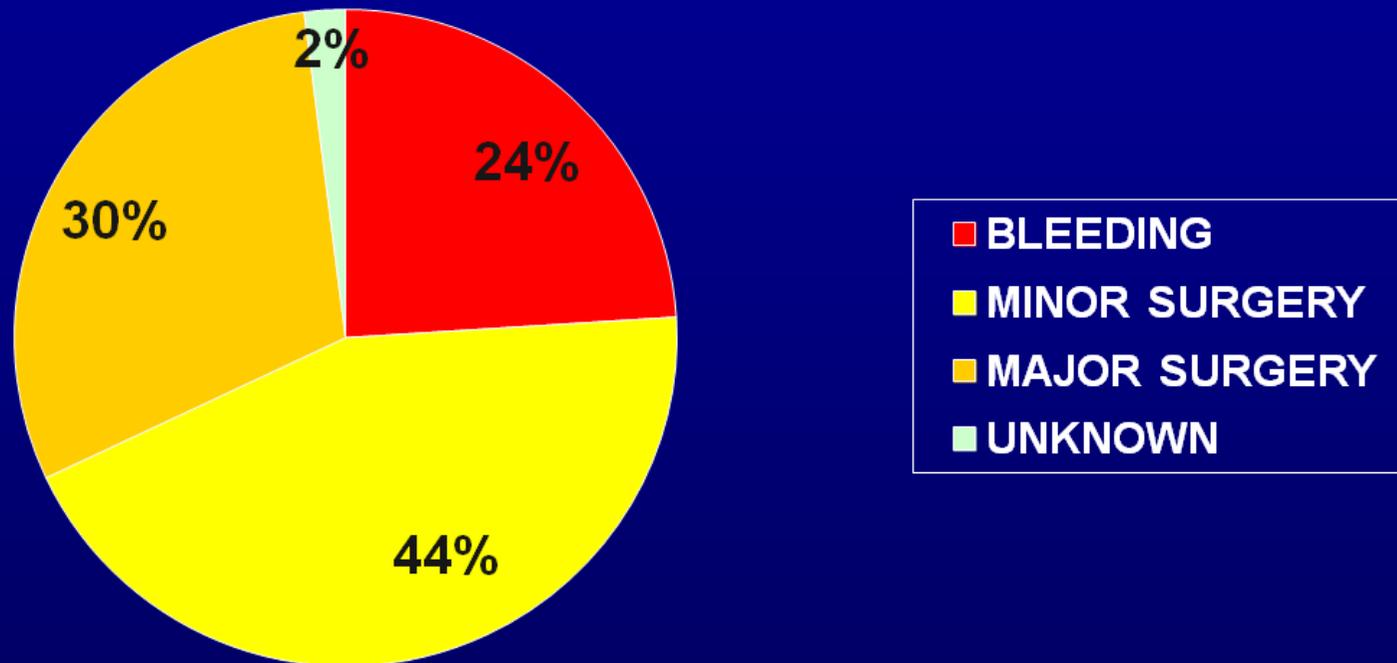
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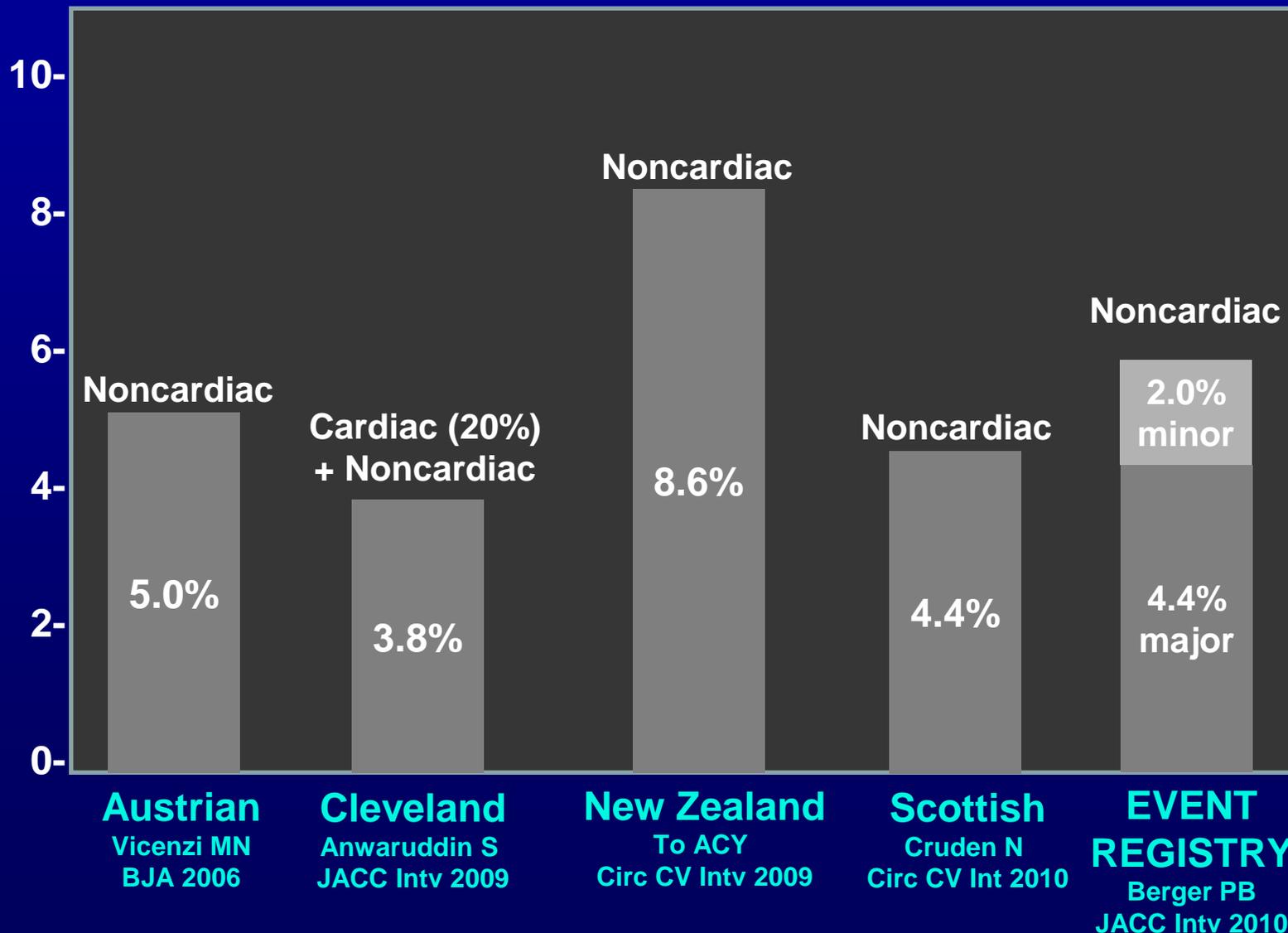
## Background, Incidence, and Predictors of Antiplatelet Therapy Discontinuation During the First Year After Drug-Eluting Stent Implantation

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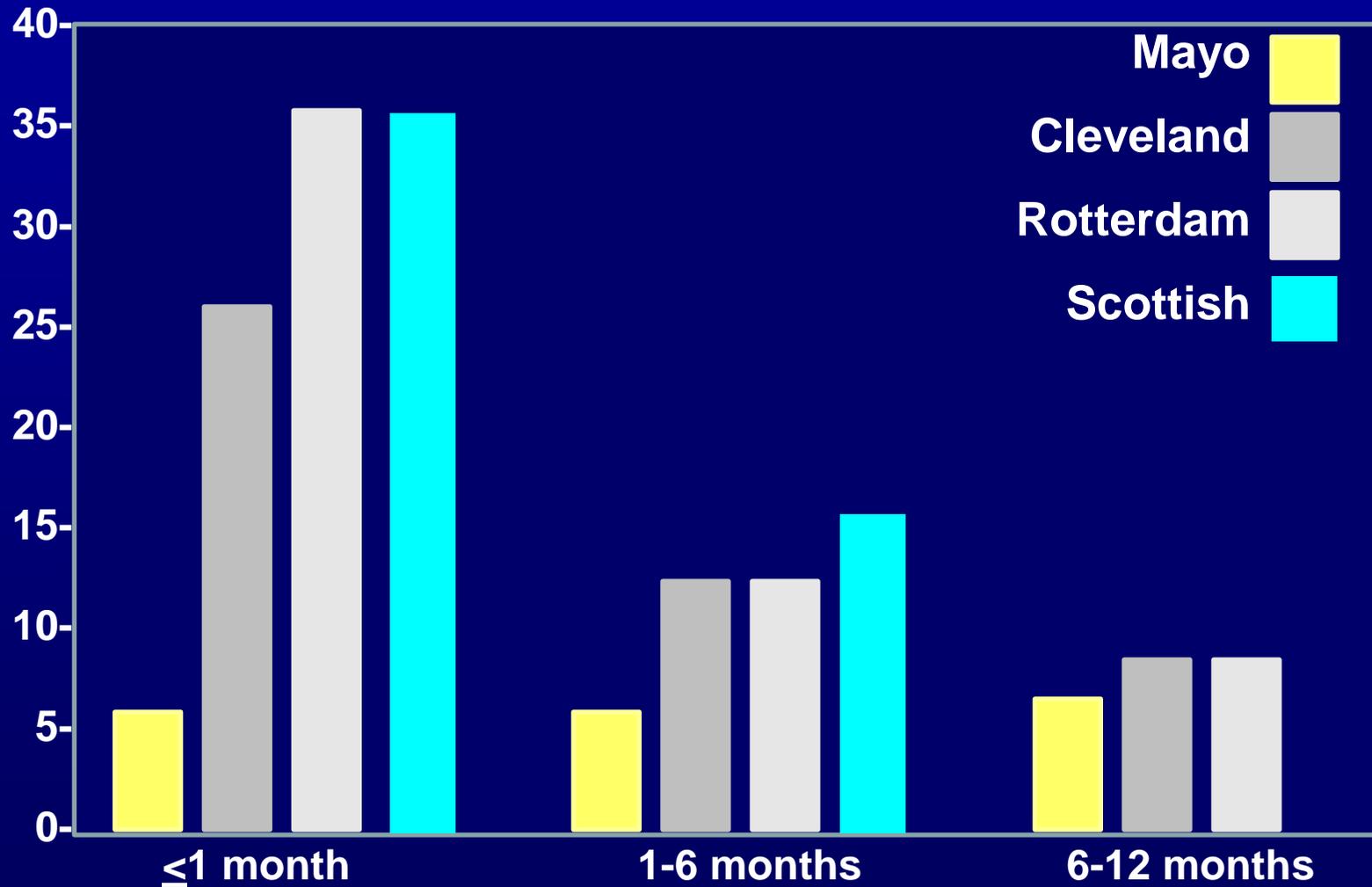
**N=1622 Patients on dual antiplatelet therapy**



# Incidence of surgery within 1 year after coronary stenting



# Rates of MACE (Death+MI+Stent Thrombosis) In relation to time interval between DES and surgery



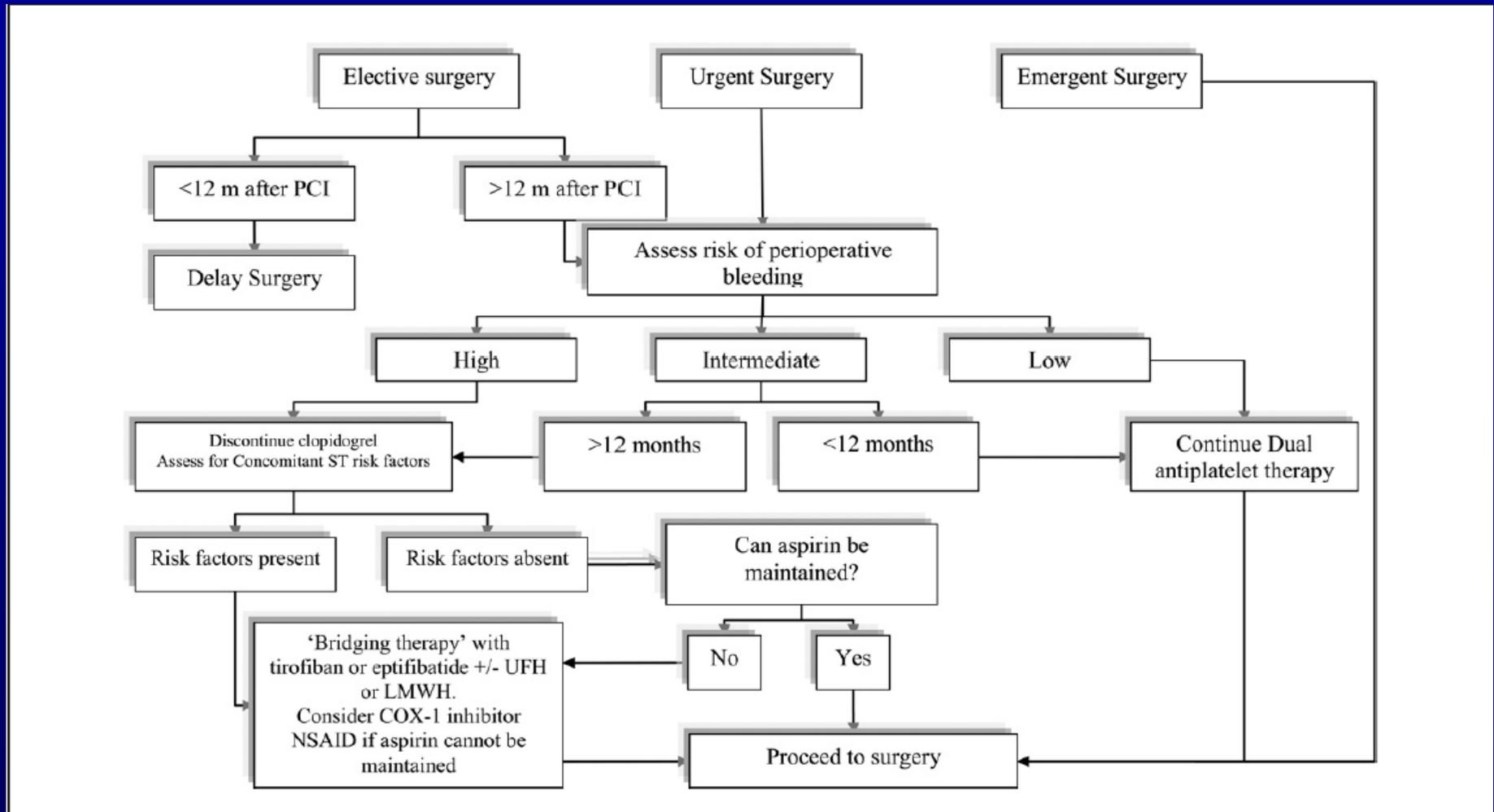
# Hemorrhagic Risk in Noncardiac Surgery

Surgical Hemorrhagic Risk	Blood Transfusion Requirement	Type of Surgery
Low	Usually not required	Peripheral, plastic, and general surgery, biopsies; minor orthopedic, otolaryngology, and general surgery; endoscopy; eye anterior chamber; dental extraction and surgery
Intermediate	Frequently required	Visceral surgery; cardiovascular surgery; major orthopedic, otolaryngology, urologic reconstructive surgery
High	Possible bleeding in a closed space	Intracranial neurosurgery; spinal canal surgery; eye posterior chamber surgery

*Abuhsaud AO, Eisenberg MJ, J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2010;3:131*



# Algorithm of Perioperative Management of Pts With DES



Abualsaud AO, Eisenberg MJ, J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2010;3:131



# Guidelines



The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand

## Guidelines for the Management of Antiplatelet Therapy in Patients With Coronary Stents Undergoing Non-Cardiac Surgery

Table 3. Perioperative Antiplatelet Therapy Tailored to Risk.

	ST risk high	ST risk lower
Bleeding complication risk high: •Intracranial •Spinal •Extraocular •TURP	Stop antiplatelet therapy* and if on DAP, consider bridging therapy	Stop antiplatelet therapy*
Bleeding complication risk not high	Continue antiplatelet therapy	Continue antiplatelet therapy

\* Stopping DAP five days before surgery is adequate to prevent bleeding complications [43]. Antiplatelet therapy should be recommenced as soon as possible after the procedure.





# Phase 2 bridge study for urgent surgery early after DES

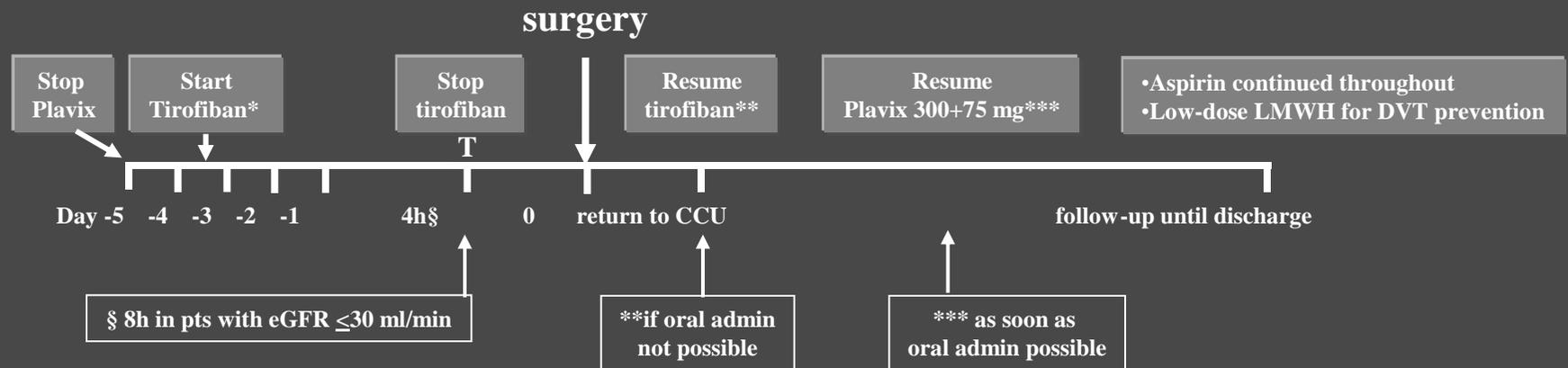
## Inclusion criteria

Patients **within 6-12 months of DES implantation**  
+  
high-risk for surgical bleeding,  
“so that the surgeon  
would not operate on clopidogrel”

**12 months** in the case of high-risk of ST:  
•stent implantation due to an ACS  
•diabetes  
•renal insufficiency  
•severe LV dysfunction  
•DES in LMCA, proximal LAD, bifurcation

## Exclusion criteria

- Allergy to tirofiban – eptifibatide
- Thrombocytopenia <100.000
- Stroke < 30 days or prior ICH
- Intracranial disease
- Uncontrolled hypertension
- Unable to sign consent form



**Primary EP:** the composite of  
Death, MI, stent thrombosis, haemostatic reoperation

\*Tirofiban: 0.4 mg/kg/min over 30',  
followed by 0.1 mg/kg/min  
Or 0.05 mg/kg/min if eGFR <30  
ml/min



## Phase 2 bridge study For urgent surgery early after DES: current status

<b>PATIENTS ENROLLED</b>	<b><u>58</u></b>
cardiac	20
urinary tract	7
gastrointestinal	19
mixed surgery	12
<b>PRIMARY ENDPOINT*</b>	<b>0 (97.5% C.I. 6.1%)</b>
<b>BLEEDING** EVENTS</b>	
major	2
minor	3
transf.	13
<b>SEVERE§ THROMBOCITOPENIA</b>	<b>1</b>

\* The composite of death+MI+stent thrombosis+haemostatic reoperation  
\*\*Bleeding according to TIMI criteria: major means Hb decrease  $>5$  g/dL,  
minor means Hb decrease  $\geq 3$  but  $<5$  g/dL, after correction for transfusion  
(1 g of Hb for each U transfused); § platelet count  $<20,000$ .

# Managing and Resolving the Dual Antiplatelet Conundrum in DES Patients

- **Optimal duration of DAPT** *1 year reasonable; even less in low-risk pts*
- **Individual response variability** *new antiplatelet agents might be the answer*
- **Potential drug-interactions** *?no enough evidence?*
- **Managing DAPT in pts undergoing surgical procedures** *individual basis; multidisciplinary approach*

