

# IS THERE A PLACE FOR THE NEW OAC AFTER ACS

Bleeding risk related to triple antithrombotic therapy

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При ОКС няма лесни анти тромботични схеми. Защото няма и ясни отговори базирани на резултати от проучвания.

- Пациентите с ОКС и ПМ са обикновено по-възрастни, с по-висока честота на диабет, с по-комплексна коронарна анатомия.
- **Какво да правим с широко използваните вече празугрел или тикагрелор?**
- **Можем ли да избираме свободно VKA или NOAC?**
- **Нуждаем ли се от Аспирин винаги?**
- Как да балансираме между ползи, риск от кървене и риск от стент тромбоза?

# Cardiac conditions requiring anticoagulant therapy

- Atrial fibrillation
- Deep venous thromboembolism
- Pulmonary embolism
- Mechanical valve surgery

On the other hand

**Acute coronary syndrome or coronary stent implantation require “dual-anti-platelet therapy”**

# Plethora of Choices for Antithrombotic Therapy

Anticoagulants:

UFH      LMWH      Fonda      Bival

Antiplatelets:

ASA      Clopi      Prasu      Ticag  
(dose)      (dose)

IV antiplatelets:

None      Abcix      Ept/Tiro (timing)

Oral anticoagulant:

none      rivaroraban

**96 Different Combinations!**

Risk:

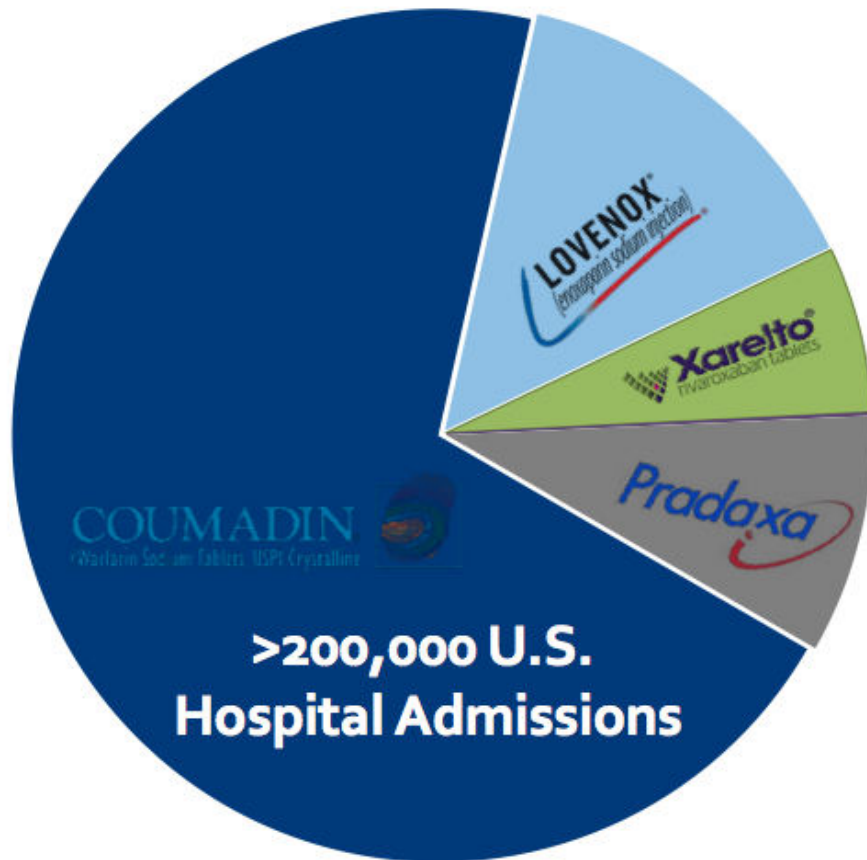
thrombosis

bleeding



# Картината на кървенето при лечение с някои антикоагуланти в САЩ /2013/

**U.S. Bleeding Patients Admitted (12 months ending June 2013)**



**U.S. Admissions for Bleeding Event**

- Lovenox 33,000
- XARELTO 14,500
- Eliquis 148
- Pradaxa 22,000
- Coumadin 150,000

**Implications of admissions**

- Morbidity (LOS = 7 days +/- 10 days)
- Mortality (15 to 20% @30 days)
- Cost (top 15% > \$100K/event)

>500,000 patients may benefit from antidote by 2020

# 2014 Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

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## Management of antithrombotic therapy in atrial fibrillation patients presenting with acute coronary syndrome and/or undergoing percutaneous

## coronary or valve interventional

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## Antithrombotic therapy: triple therapy or triple threat?

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**Table 3. Major outcomes in the RE-LY,<sup>6</sup> ROCKET AF,<sup>7</sup> and ARISTOTLE<sup>8</sup> trials**

	RE-LY (dabigatran 110 mg BID) RR (95% CI)	RE-LY (dabigatran 150 mg BID) RR (95% CI)	ROCKET-AF (rivaroxaban 20 mg QD) HR (95% CI)	ARISTOTLE (apixaban 5 mg BID) HR (95% CI)
Ischemic stroke	1.11 (0.89-1.40)	0.76 (0.60-0.98)	0.94 (0.75-1.17)	0.92 (0.74-1.13)
Hemorrhagic stroke	0.31 (0.17-0.56)	0.26 (0.14-0.49)	0.59 (0.37-0.93)	0.51 (0.35-0.75)
Mortality	0.91 (0.80-1.03)	0.88 (0.77-1.00)	0.85 (0.70-1.02)	0.89 (0.80-0.998)
Major bleeding	0.80 (0.69-0.93)	0.93 (0.81-1.07)	1.04 (0.90-1.20)	0.69 (0.60-0.80)

Comparisons are made with warfarin. ROCKET-AF efficacy presented with the on-treatment analysis.  
RR indicates relative risk.



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# Drug treatment categories in ACS

## Anti-ischaemic

- E.g. beta blockers, nitrates, calcium channel blockers

## Anticoagulant

- E.g. UFH, enoxaparin, bivalirudin, rivaroxaban

## Antiplatelet

- E.g. ASA, thienopyridines, CPTPs, glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitors

## Lipid-lowering

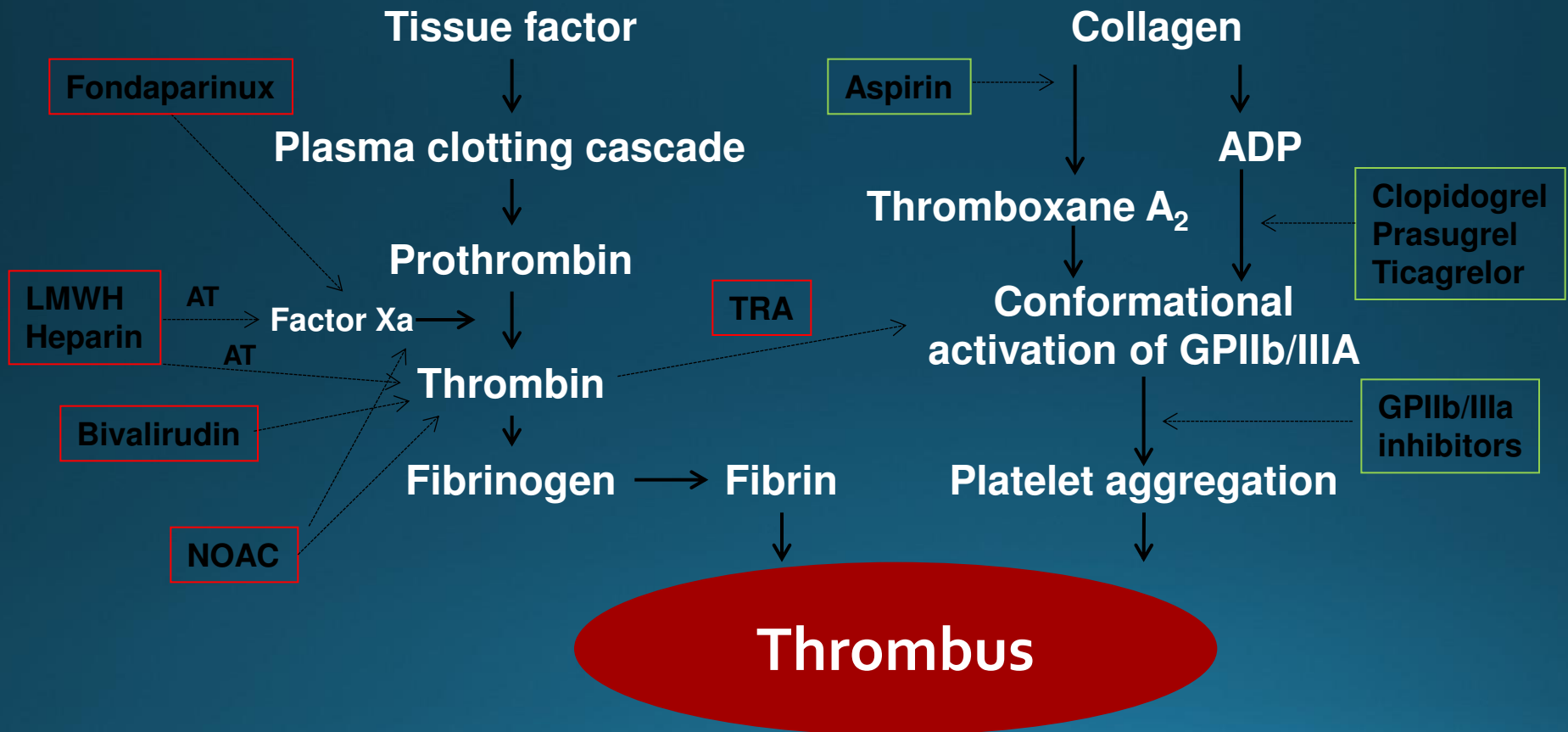
- Statins

**Four categories of drugs are used in the medical management of ACS**

# Anticoagulation and antiplatelet pathways

## Anticoagulation pathway

## Antiplatelet pathway



# Antiagregants used in triple therapy

## The place of ticagrelor and prasugrel

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
In patients with a firm indication for oral anticoagulation (e.g. atrial fibrillation with CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score $\geq 2$ , venous thromboembolism, LV thrombus, or mechanical valve prosthesis), oral anticoagulation is recommended in addition to antiplatelet therapy.	I	C	
New-generation DES are preferred over BMS among patients requiring oral anticoagulation if bleeding risk is low (HAS-BLED $\leq 2$ ).	IIa	C	
In patients with SCAD and atrial fibrillation with CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score $\geq 2$ at low bleeding risk (HAS-BLED $\leq 2$ ), initial triple therapy of (N)OAC and ASA (75–100 mg/day) and clopidogrel 75 mg/day should be considered for a duration of at least one month after BMS or new-generation DES followed by dual therapy with (N)OAC and aspirin 75–100 mg/day or clopidogrel (75 mg/day) continued up to 12 months.	IIa	C	
DAPT should be considered as alternative to initial triple therapy for patients with SCAD and atrial fibrillation with a CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score $\leq 1$ .	IIa	C	
In patients with ACS and atrial fibrillation at low bleeding risk (HAS-BLED $\leq 2$ ), initial triple therapy of (N)OAC and ASA (75–100 mg/day) and clopidogrel 75 mg/day should be considered for a duration of 6 months irrespective of stent type followed by (N)OAC and aspirin 75–100 mg/day or clopidogrel (75 mg/day) continued up to 12 months.	IIa	C	
In patients requiring oral anticoagulation at high bleeding risk (HAS BLED $\geq 3$ ), triple therapy of (N)OAC and ASA (75–100 mg/day) and clopidogrel 75 mg/day should be considered for a duration of one month followed by (N)OAC and aspirin 75–100 mg/day or clopidogrel (75 mg/day) irrespective of clinical setting (SCAD or ACS) and stent type (BMS or new-generation DES).	IIa	C	
Dual therapy of (N)OAC and clopidogrel 75 mg/day may be considered as an alternative to initial triple therapy in selected patients.	IIb	B	865,870
The use of ticagrelor and prasugrel as part of initial triple therapy is not recommended	III	C	
<b>Anticoagulation therapy after PCI in ACS patient</b>			
In selected patients who receive ASA and clopidogrel, low-dose rivaroxaban (2.5 mg twice daily) may be considered in the setting of PCI for ACS if the patient is at low bleeding risk.	IIb	B	855
<b>Anticoagulation during PCI in patients on oral anticoagulation</b>			
It is recommended to use additional parenteral anticoagulation, regardless of the timing of the last dose of (N)OAC.	I	C	
Periprocedural parenteral anticoagulants (bivalirudin, enoxaparin or UFH) should be discontinued immediately after primary PCI.	IIa	C	

# Anticoagulants: Overview

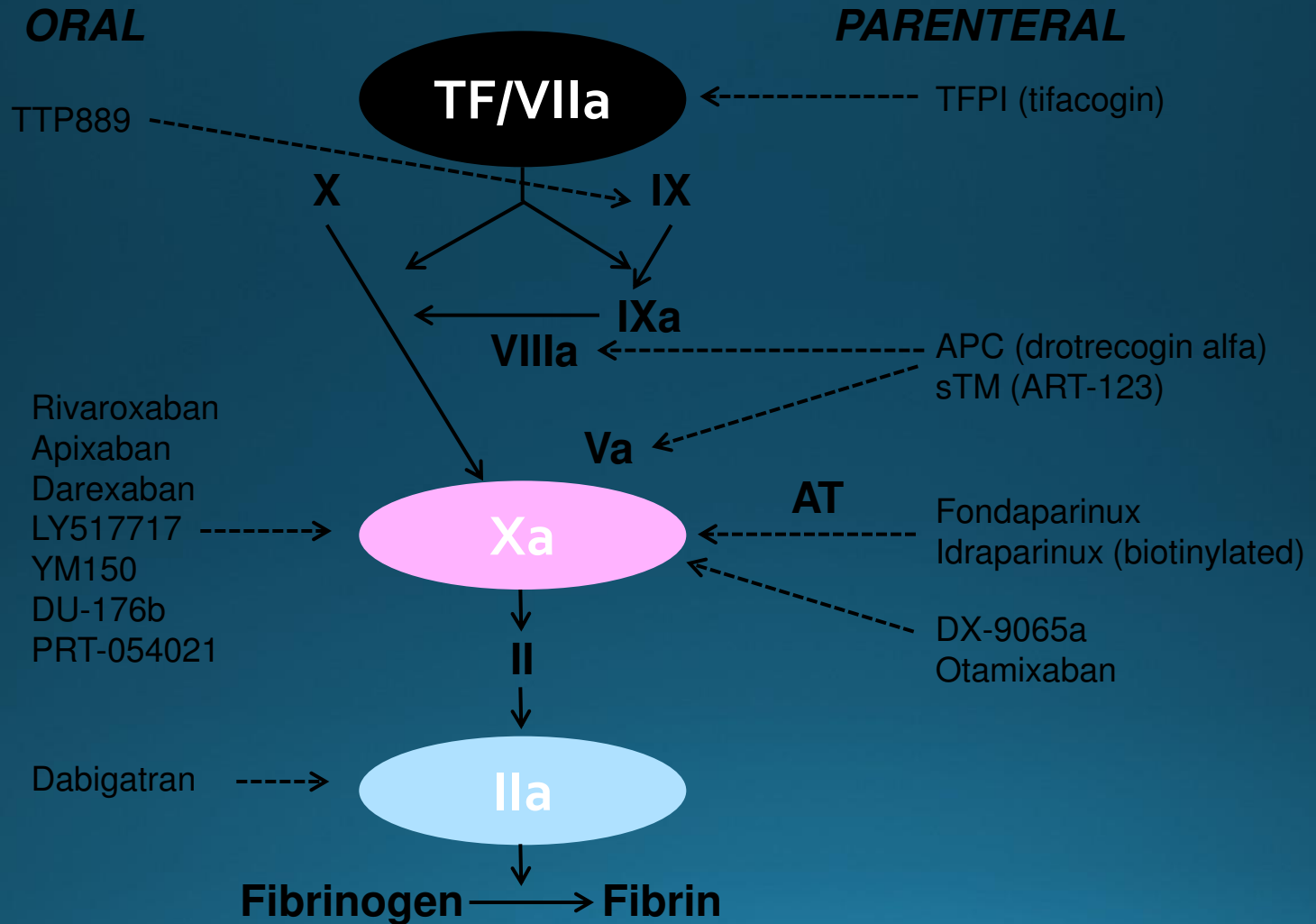
- Established anticoagulants used in patients with ACS:
  - Heparin (inhibits thrombin by accelerating activity of antithrombin III)<sup>[Hirsch 1995]</sup>
    - Low molecular weight heparins; unfractionated heparin
  - Vitamin K antagonists (reduces activity of vitamin K-dependent factors II, VII, IX and X)<sup>[Ansell 2008]</sup>
  - Fondaparinux\* (binds reversibly to antithrombin, potentiating its neutralising effect on factor Xa)<sup>[Garcia 2012]</sup>
- A number of new oral anticoagulants are in Phase II/III trials or approved for use in patients with ACS<sup>[Hamm 2011; Steg 2012]</sup>
  - Rivaroxaban (factor Xa inhibitor)<sup>†</sup>
  - Apixaban (factor Xa inhibitor)<sup>‡</sup>
  - Dabigatran (thrombin inhibitor)
  - Daxaban (factor Xa inhibitor)

\*Not approved for the treatment of ACS; †Approved in Europe for the treatment of patients with ACS; ‡Phase III study terminated due to increased risk of bleeding in the absence of counterbalancing reduction in ischaemic events.

ACS, acute coronary syndromes.

Ansell J, et al. *Chest* 2008;133:160S–198S; Garcia D, et al. *Chest* 2012;141:e24S–e43S; Hamm CW, et al. *Eur Heart J* 2011;32:2999–3054; Hirsch J, et al. *Chest* 1995;108(Suppl. 4):258S–275S; Steg G, et al. *Eur Heart J* 2012;33:2569–2619.

# New anticoagulants and targets in the coagulation pathway



TF, tissue factor.

Adapted from Weitz JI, Bates SM. *J Thromb Haemost* 2005;3:1843–1853.



# Limitations of traditional anticoagulants

- The use of traditional agents is limited by various factors:
  - Altered drug metabolism due to genetic polymorphisms<sup>[Eikelboom 2010]</sup>
  - Narrow therapeutic window<sup>[Ansell 2008]</sup>
  - Interactions with drugs and diet<sup>[Eikelboom 2010]</sup>
  - Potential for accumulation in patients with renal impairment<sup>[Eikelboom 2010]</sup>
  - Lack of standardised aPTT monitoring<sup>[Hirsh 2004]</sup>
- New oral anticoagulants possess a number of advantages over established therapies:<sup>[Eikelboom 2010]</sup>
  - Rapid onset of action
  - Predictable anticoagulant effect
  - Low potential for drug and food interactions
  - No need for dose bridging
  - No need for routine coagulation monitoring

aPTT, activated partial thromboplastin time.

Ansell J, et al. *Chest* 2008;133:160S–198S; Eikelboom J, Weitz J. *Circulation* 2010;121:1523–1532;

Hirsch J, Raschke R. *Chest* 2004;126:188S–203S.

# Recommended use of anticoagulants in ACS

## Class I, LOE A–C



- In NSTEMI patients:
  - Anticoagulation is recommended in all patients in addition to antiplatelet therapy
- In STEMI patients:
  - Must be implemented in addition to antiplatelet therapy in patients with clear indication for anticoagulation<sup>†</sup>



## Class II, LOE B

- In UA/NSTEMI patients:
  - Adjunctive warfarin may be administered in those with an indication for anticoagulation



## Class I, LOE C

- In STEMI patients:
  - UFH is recommended in those undergoing PCI



# New oral anticoagulants investigated in patients with ACS

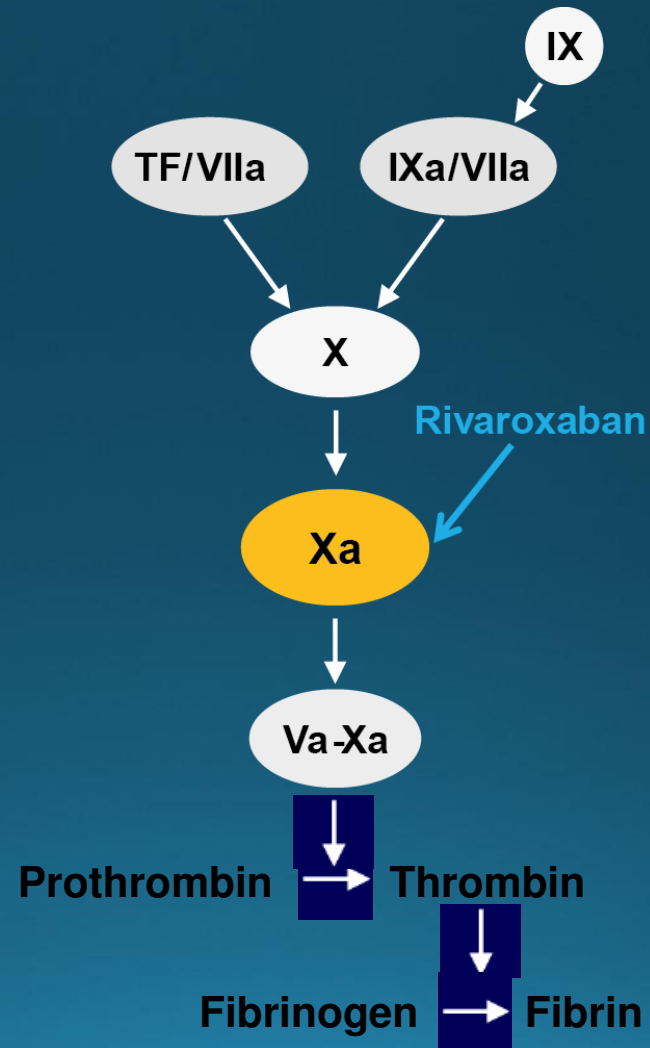
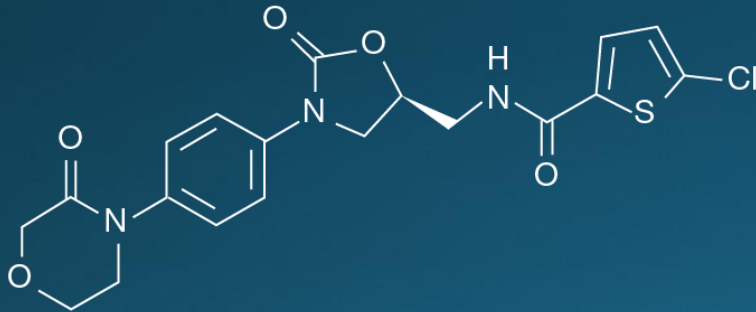
- Rivaroxaban
- Apixaban
- Dabigatran
- Darexaban

New oral anticoagulants approved  
in patients with acute coronary  
syndromes

Rivaroxaban

# Rivaroxaban: Mechanism of action

- Rivaroxaban is a highly selective, direct, factor Xa inhibitor



# ATLAS ACS 2-TIMI 51: Study design

Patients with recent ACS (STEMI, NSTEMI or UA) stabilised 1–7 days post-index event (n=15,526)\*

Exclusion criteria: Increased bleeding risk, ICH, prior stroke if taking ASA + a thienopyridine

Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg BID  
(n=5174)

Rivaroxaban 5 mg BID  
(n=5176)

Placebo  
(n=5176)

Up to 31 months of treatment  
*Mean duration 13.1 months*

Primary efficacy endpoint: Composite of CV death, MI or stroke  
Primary safety endpoint: Non-CABG-related TIMI major bleeding

\*ATLAS ACS 2 TIMI-51 was not an acute study. Mean time of 4.7 days from index event to enrolment.

ACS, acute coronary syndrome; ASA, acetylsalicylic acid; BID, twice daily; CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; CV, cardiovascular; ICH, intracranial haemorrhage; MI, myocardial infarction; NSTEMI, non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; STEMI, ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; TIMI, thrombolysis in myocardial infarction; UA, unstable angina.  
Mega J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2012;366:9–19.

# ATLAS ACS 2-TIMI 51: Inclusion/exclusion criteria

## Inclusion criteria

- $\geq 18$  years of age
- Symptoms suggestive of an ACS and in whom a STEMI, NSTEMI or UA was diagnosed
- Patients under 55 years of age had either diabetes mellitus or a previous MI in addition to the index event

## Key exclusion criteria

- Platelet count of  $< 90,000 \text{ mm}^3$  OR haemoglobin level of  $< 10 \text{ g/dL}$  OR CrCl  $< 30 \text{ mL/min}$  at screening
- Clinically significant GI bleeding within 12 months before randomisation
- Previous intracranial haemorrhage
- Previous ischaemic stroke or TIA in patients who were taking both ASA and a thienopyridine

# ATLAS ACS 2-TIMI 51: Baseline characteristics

Characteristic	Rivaroxaban		Placebo (n=5176)
	2.5 mg BID (n=5174)	5 mg BID (n=5176)	
Mean age, years (SD)	61.8 (9.2)	61.9 (9.0)	61.5 (9.4)
Male, n (%)	3875 (74.9)	3843 (74.2)	3882 (75.0)
Race, n (%)			
White	3798 (73.4)	3815 (73.7)	3796 (73.3)
Black	34 (0.7)	34 (0.7)	39 (0.8)
Asian	1099 (21.2)	1055 (20.4)	1075 (20.8)
Other	243 (4.7)	272 (5.3)	266 (5.1)
Index diagnosis, n (%)			
STEMI	2601 (50.3)	2584 (49.9)	2632 (50.9)
NSTEMI	1321 (25.5)	1335 (25.8)	1323 (25.6)
UA	1252 (24.2)	1257 (24.3)	1221 (23.6)

BID, twice daily; NSTEMI, non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; SD, standard deviation; STEMI, ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; UA, unstable angina.

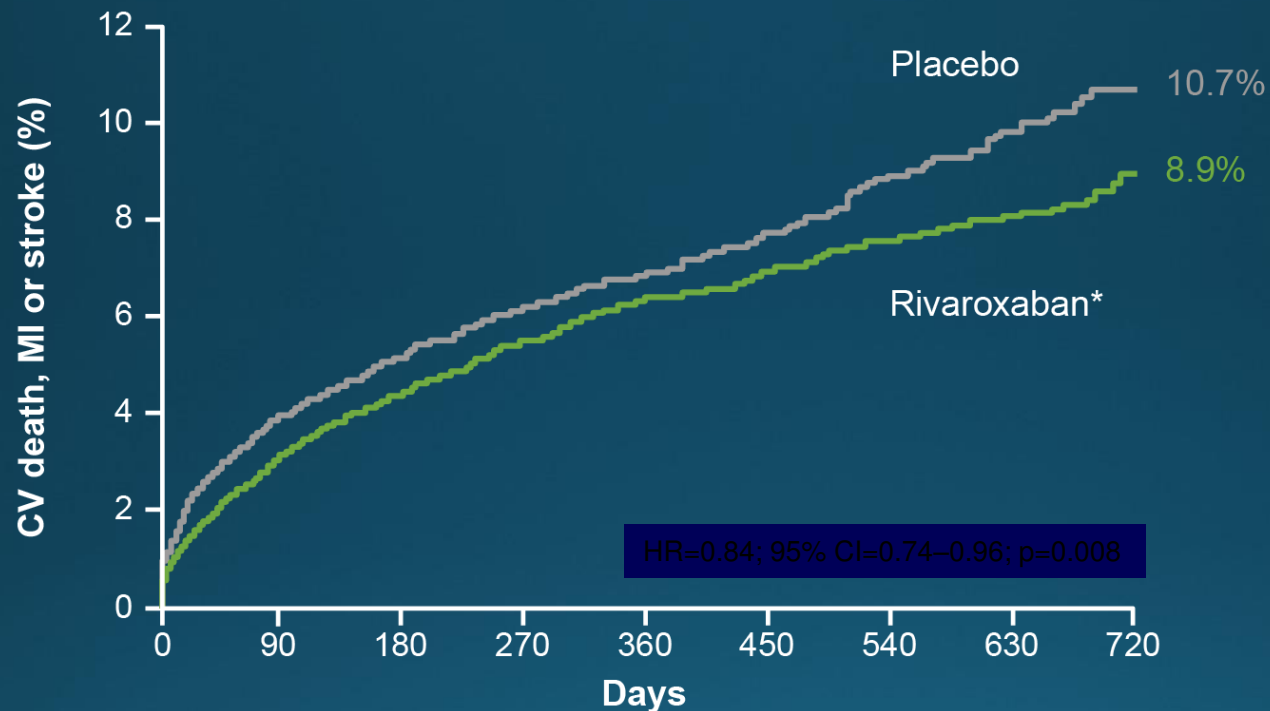
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# ATLAS ACS 2-TIMI 51: Baseline characteristics (cont'd)

Characteristic	Rivaroxaban		Placebo (n=5176)
	2.5 mg BID (n=5174)	5 mg BID (n=5176)	
Medications, n (%)			
ASA	5105 (98.7)	5099 (98.5)	5108 (98.7)
Thienopyridine	4790 (92.6)	4812 (93.0)	4811 (92.9)
Beta-blocker	3426 (66.2)	3394 (65.6)	3444 (66.5)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	2022 (39.1)	1977 (38.2)	2050 (39.6)
Statin	4304 (83.2)	4342 (83.9)	4321 (83.5)
Calcium channel blocker	820 (15.8)	742 (14.3)	764 (14.8)



# ATLAS ACS 2-TIMI 51: Primary efficacy endpoint



**Rivaroxaban\* significantly reduced the rate of CV death, MI or stroke compared with placebo (p=0.008)**

\*Combined 2.5 mg and 5 mg. Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg is indicated for the treatment of ACS in the EU.

ACS, acute coronary syndrome; CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction.

Mega J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2012;366:9–19.

# ATLAS ACS 2-TIMI 51: Safety endpoints

Safety event	Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg BID* (n=5114)	Placebo (n=5113)	HR (95% CI)	p value
TIMI major bleeding not associated with CABG	65 (1.8)	19 (0.6)	3.46 (2.08–5.77)	<0.001
TIMI minor bleeding	32 (0.9)	20 (0.5)	1.62 (0.92–2.82)	0.09
TIMI bleeding requiring medical attention	492 (12.9)	282 (7.5)	1.79 (1.55–2.07)	<0.001
Intracranial haemorrhage	14 (0.4)	5 (0.2)	2.83 (1.02–7.86)	0.04
Fatal bleeding	6 (0.1)	9 (0.2)	0.67 (0.24–1.89)	0.45

**Patients with ACS treated with 2.5 mg BID rivaroxaban experienced a significantly higher rate of TIMI major bleeding compared with placebo (p<0.001)**

\*Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg is indicated for the treatment of ACS in the EU.  
ACS, acute coronary syndromes; BID, twice daily; CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; TIMI, thrombolysis in myocardial infarction.  
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# Rivaroxaban: Approved indication in patients with ACS

- In the EU, rivaroxaban is indicated for the prevention of atherothrombotic events in adult patients after an ACS with elevated cardiac biomarkers, co-administered with ASA alone or with ASA plus clopidogrel or ticlopidine
- For the prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients with ACS, the recommended dose of rivaroxaban is 2.5 mg twice daily
- Rivaroxaban is NOT approved for use in the US in patients with ACS

# Rivaroxaban: Contraindications

- Use is not recommended in patients:
  - With severe renal impairment (CrCl <15 mL/min)
  - With hepatic disease associated with coagulopathy and clinically relevant bleeding risk
  - With clinically significant active bleeding
  - With a lesion or condition at significant risk of major bleeding
  - Receiving any other anticoagulant agent (except under the circumstances of switching treatment to or from rivaroxaban)
  - With a prior stroke or TIA receiving antiplatelet therapy for ACS
  - Who are pregnant or breast feeding
  - With severe hypersensitivity to rivaroxaban or any of the excipients
  - Receiving concomitant P-gp and strong CYP<sub>3</sub>A<sub>4</sub> inhibitors or inducers

# New oral anticoagulants investigated in patients with acute coronary syndromes

Apixaban, dabigatran, darexaban

# New oral anticoagulants investigated in patients with ACS: Overview

Characteristic	Apixaban <sup>[ELIQUIS 2012]</sup>	Dabigatran <sup>[PRADAXA 2013]</sup>	Darexaban <sup>[Steg 2011]</sup>
Mechanism of action	Reversible, active site, factor Xa inhibitor	Direct thrombin inhibitor	Direct factor Xa inhibitor
T <sub>1/2</sub>	~12 hours	12–17 hours	14–18 hours
Protein binding	~87%	~35%	Not available
Development phase	Phase III study terminated early <sup>[Alexander 2011]</sup>	Phase III study in patients with ACS completed <sup>[Oldgren 2011]</sup>	Phase II
ACS indication	No	No	No

ACS, acute coronary syndromes; T<sub>1/2</sub>, half life.

Alexander J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011;365:699–708; ELIQUIS® [Prescribing information] 2012;

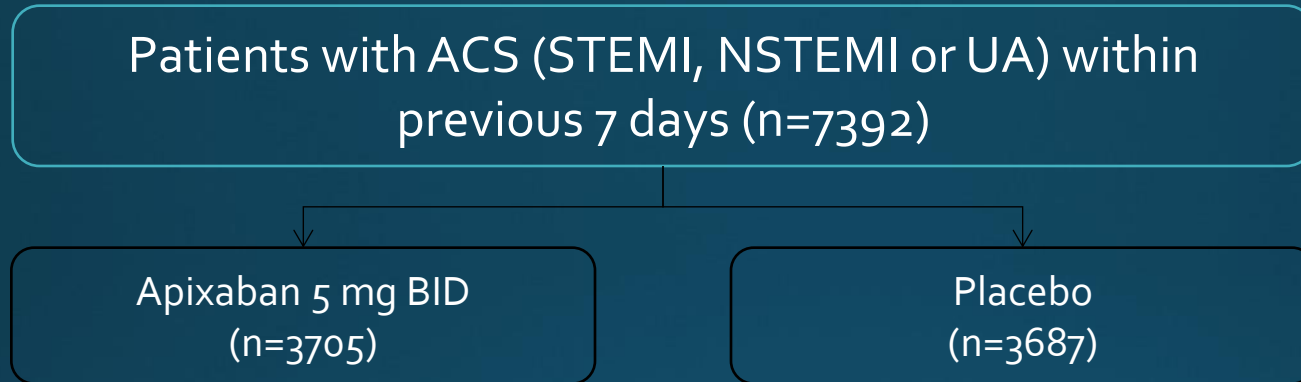
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Steg G, et al. *Eur Heart J* 2011;32:2541–2554.

Apixaban



# APPRAISE-2: Study design



*Median exposure to study drug: Apixaban, 175 days; placebo, 185 days*  
*Mean duration of follow-up: Apixaban, 240 days; placebo, 242 days*

Primary efficacy endpoint: Composite of CV death, MI or ischaemic stroke  
Primary safety endpoint: TIMI major bleeding

# APPRAISE-2: Inclusion/exclusion criteria

## Inclusion criteria

- Clinically stable patients diagnosed with ACS receiving standard of care therapy
  - Standard of care included ASA or ASA plus any P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub>-receptor antagonist
- Two or more of the following high-risk characteristics
  - Age of ≥65 years; diabetes mellitus; MI within previous 5 years; cerebrovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, clinical heart failure or a LVEF of <40% in association with the index event; impaired renal function (CrCl <60 mL/min); no revascularisation after the index event

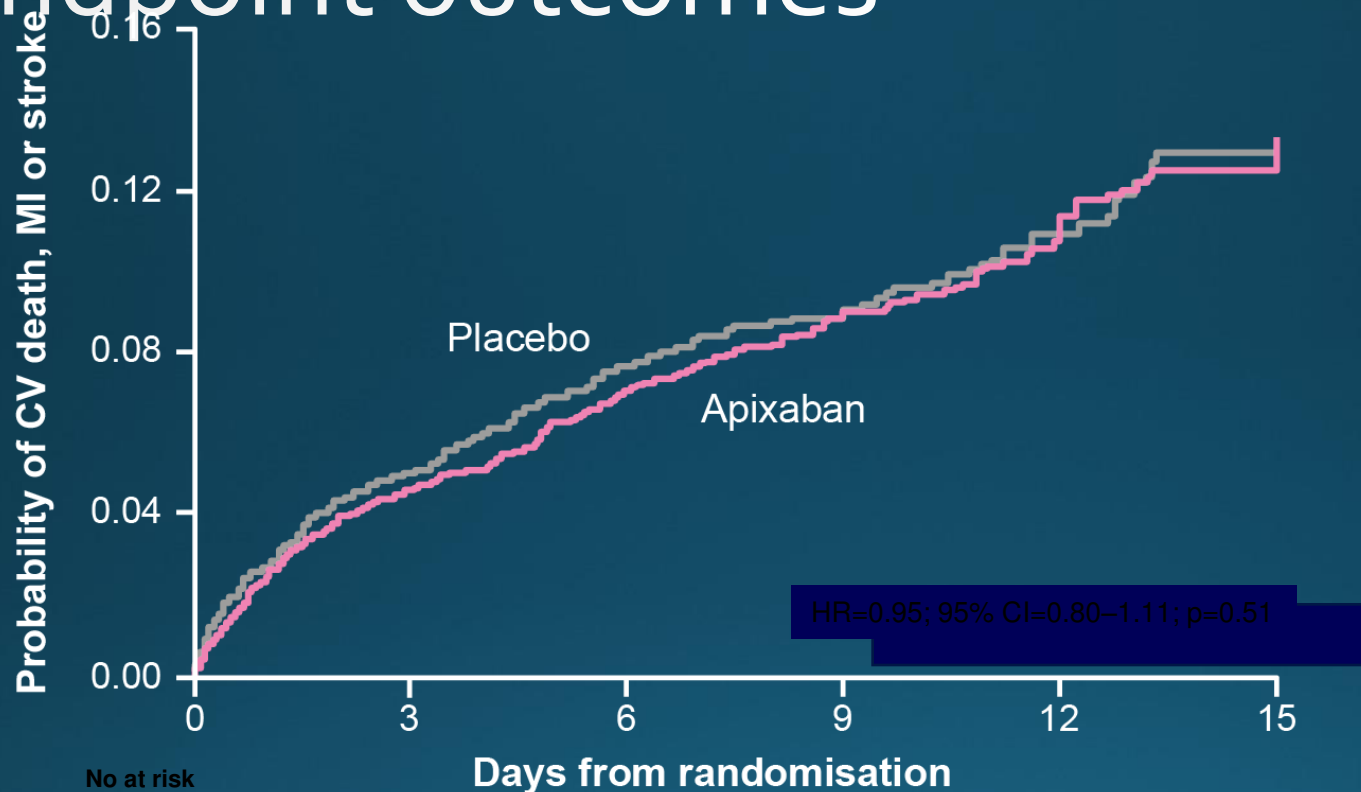
## Exclusion criteria

- Severe hypertension
- Active bleeding or high risk for major bleeding
- Haemoglobin <9 g/dL

# APPRAISE-2: Baseline characteristics

Characteristic	Apixaban (n=3705)	Placebo (n=3687)
Median age, years (range)	67 (59–73)	67 (58–74)
Female, n (%)	1209 (32.6)	1169 (31.7)
Index ACS event, n (%)		
STEMI	1474 (39.8)	1453 (39.4)
NSTEMI	1533 (41.4)	1541 (41.8)
UA	673 (18.2)	667 (18.1)
Management of index event		
Coronary angiography	1923 (51.9)	1927 (52.3)
PCI	1624 (43.8)	1631 (44.2)
CABG	22 (0.6)	23 (0.6)
Medical therapy	2061 (55.6)	2034 (55.2)

# APPRAISE-2: Primary efficacy endpoint outcomes



**In patients with recent\* ACS, there was no significant difference between rates of the primary endpoint of CV death, MI or stroke in the apixaban group compared with placebo (p=0.51)**

\*Within 7 days.

ACS, acute coronary syndromes; CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction.

Alexander J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011;365:699–708.

# APPRAISE-2: Primary safety endpoint outcomes

Safety event	Apixaban 5 mg BID (n=3705)	Placebo (n=3687)	HR (95% CI)	p value
TIMI major bleeding	46 (1.3)	18 (0.5)	2.59 (1.50–4.46)	0.001
TIMI major or minor bleeding	80 (2.2)	29 (0.8)	2.79 (1.83–4.27)	<0.001

**Apixaban was associated with a significant increase in bleeding events with no concurrent decrease in recurrent ischaemic events – consequently, the study was terminated early**

Dabigatran

# RE-DEEM: Study design

Patients with STEMI or NSTEMI within previous 14 days and receiving treatment with DAPT\* (n=2024)

Randomised (n=1878)

Dabigatran  
50 mg BID (n=372)

Dabigatran  
75 mg BID (n=371)

Dabigatran  
110 mg BID (n=411)

Dabigatran  
150 mg BID (n=351)

Placebo  
(n=373)

*Mean exposure to study drug: Dabigatran, 159–165 days; placebo, 165 days*

Primary endpoint: Composite of major or clinically relevant minor bleeding events

\*ASA plus a thienopyridine.

ASA, acetylsalicylic acid; BID, twice daily; DAPT, dual antiplatelet therapy; NSTEMI, non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; STEMI, ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction.

Oldgren J, et al. *Eur Heart J* 2011;32:2781–2789.



# RE-DEEM: Key inclusion/exclusion criteria

## Inclusion criteria

- STEMI or NSTEMI within the last 14 days, receiving DAPT of ASA plus a thienopyridine
- At least one risk factor for subsequent CV complications:
  - Age  $\geq 65$  years; diabetes mellitus on treatment; previous MI; LBBB; congestive heart failure requiring treatment or LVEF  $< 40\%$ ; PAD; moderate renal insufficiency (CrCl  $\geq 30$ – $60$  mL/min); no revascularisation for the index event

## Exclusion criteria

- Ongoing or planned treatment with vitamin K antagonists
- Severely disabling stroke within previous 6 months or any stroke within the previous 14 days
- Conditions associated with an increased risk of bleeding

# RE-DEEM: Baseline characteristics

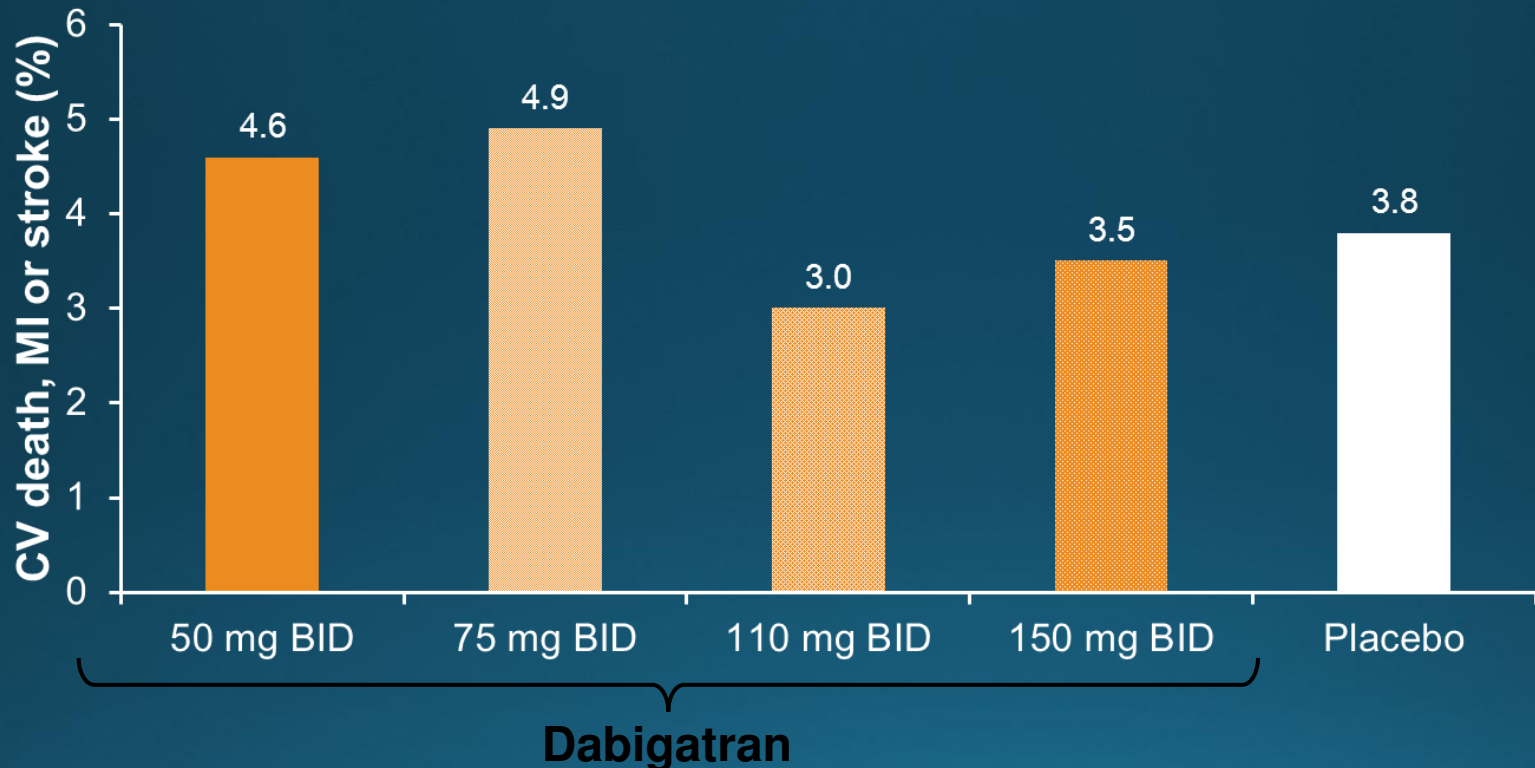
Characteristic	Dabigatran				Placebo (n=371)
	50 mg BID (n=369)	75 mg BID (n=368)	110 mg BID (n=406)	150 mg BID (n=347)	
Age, mean (SD)	61.9 (12.3)	60.9 (11.5)	62.3 (11.2)	62.3 (10.8)	61.5 (11.3)
Male, %	77.2	79.9	71.2	73.2	78.4
Index event, %					
STEMI	56.9	61.1	62.1	57.9	61.7
NSTEMI	43.1	38.9	37.9	42.1	38.3
PCI*	52.6	58.4	52.2	55.3	54.2

\*Including PCI for STEMI.

BID, twice daily; NSTEMI, non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; SD, standard deviation; STEMI, ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction.

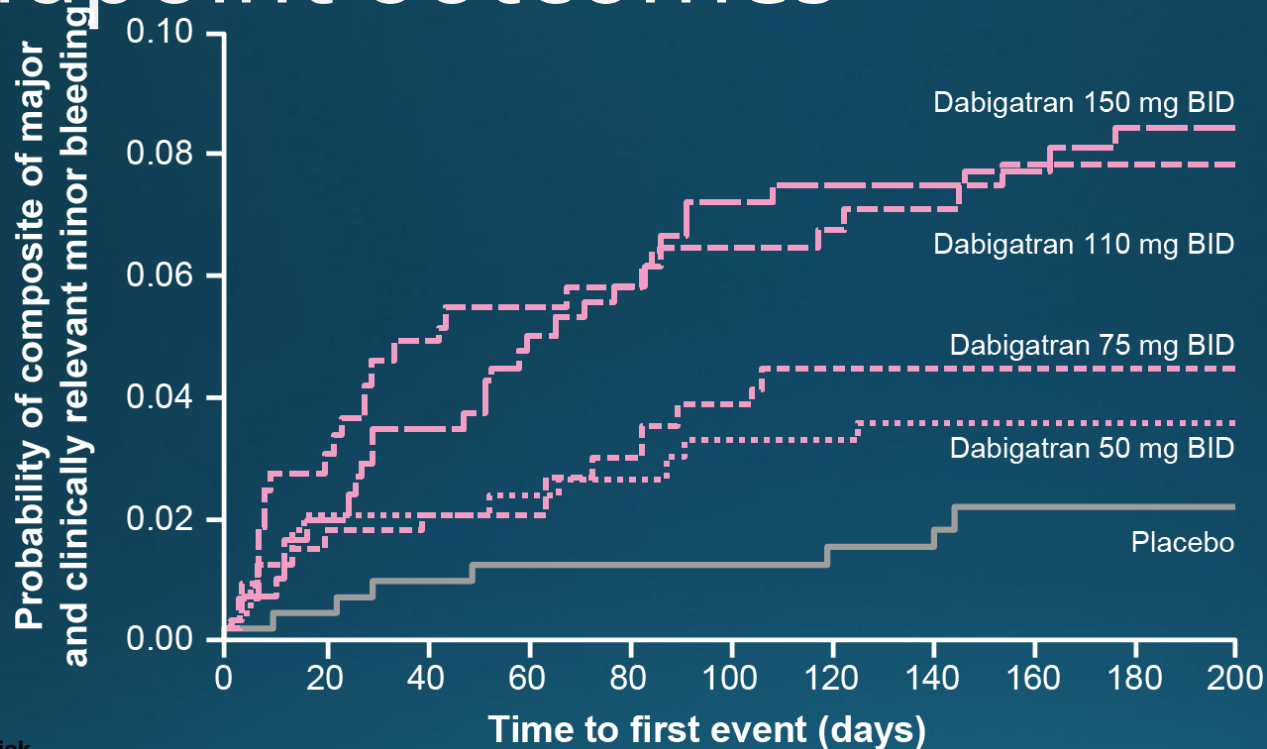
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# RE-DEEM: Efficacy endpoint outcomes



**In this dose-escalation study, dabigatran 110 mg BID and 150 mg BID were associated with numerically lower rates of CV death, MI or stroke compared with lower doses**

# RE-DEEM: Primary safety endpoint outcomes



No. at risk	0	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200
Placebo	371	351	341	338	330	326	322	319	314	246	0
Dabigatran 50 mg BID	369	339	330	322	314	305	300	296	290	239	0
Dabigatran 75 mg BID	368	348	338	334	327	320	316	313	309	251	0
Dabigatran 110 mg BID	406	380	362	352	344	336	330	324	319	261	0
Dabigatran 150 mg BID	347	318	305	301	295	287	285	282	278	200	0

**Dabigatran was associated with a dose-dependent increase in major or clinically relevant minor bleeding**

Darexaban

# RUBY-1: Study design

Patients with NSTEMI and high-risk features or STEMI within 7 days of index event (n=1370)

Randomised (n=1279)

Darexaban  
5 mg BID  
(n=160)

Darexaban  
10 mg QD  
(n=163)

Darexaban  
15 mg BID  
(n=161)

Darexaban  
30 mg QD  
(n=158)

Darexaban  
30 mg BID  
(n=158)

Darexaban  
60 mg QD  
(n=155)

Placebo  
(n=324)

*Median exposure to study drug: 26 weeks*

Primary endpoint: Major and clinically relevant non-major bleeds\*  
Secondary endpoint: TIMI major bleeding events, composite of all-cause mortality, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke and severe recurrent ischaemia

\*According to a modified version of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis definition.

BID, twice daily; MI, myocardial infarction; NSTEMI, non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; QD, once daily; STEMI, ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction.

Steg G, et al. *Eur Heart J* 2011;32:2541–2554.

# RUBY-1: Key inclusion/exclusion criteria

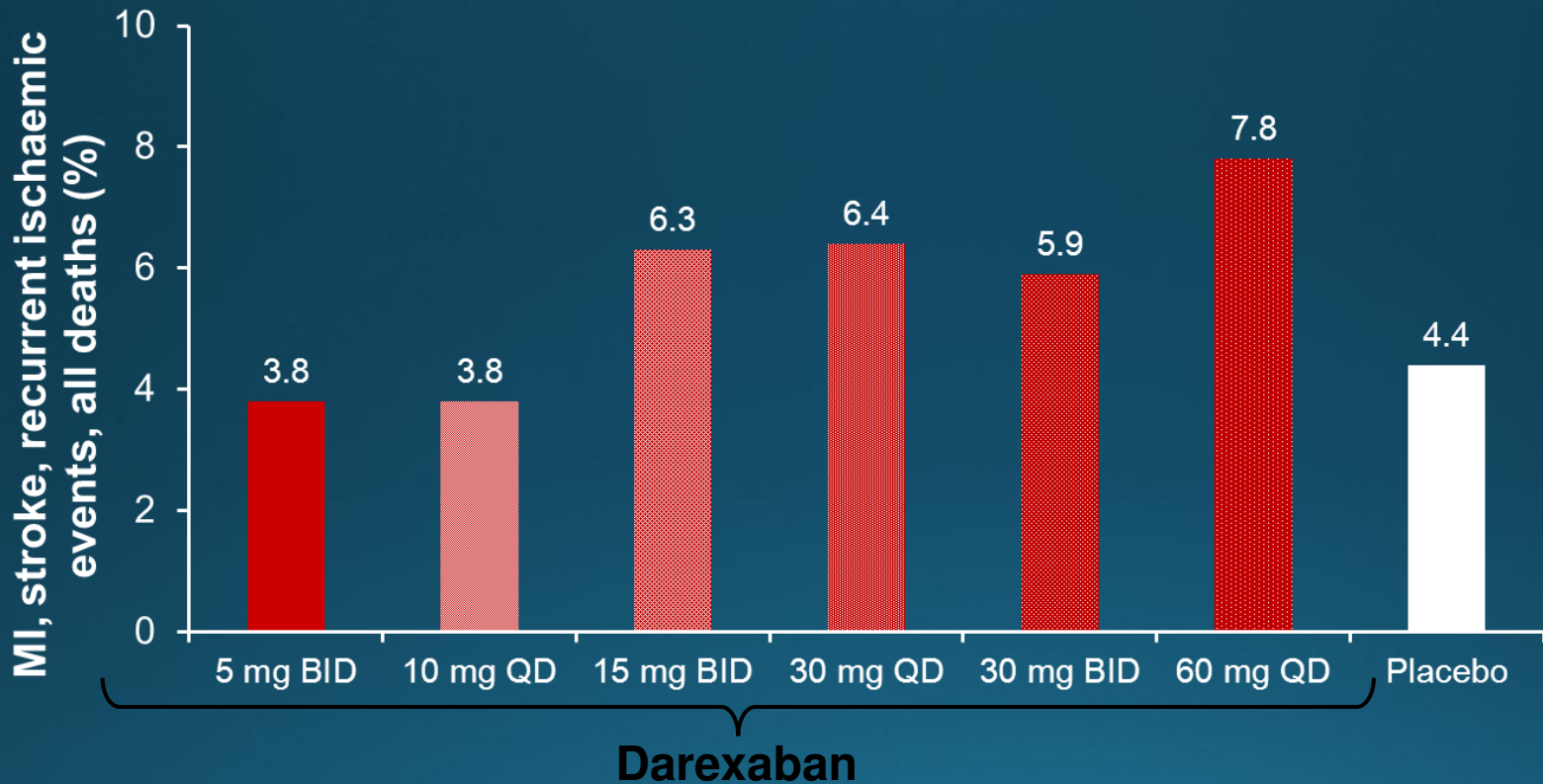
## Key inclusion criteria

- Clinically stable patients with STEMI or NSTEMI as index event
- Elevated cardiac biomarkers
- For NSTEMI patients, at least one of the following risk factors:
  - Age  $\geq 65$  years; ST deviation on ECG; previous ACS  $< 12$  months prior to randomisation; multi-vessel CAD; ischaemic stroke or TIA  $\geq 12$  months prior to randomisation; type 2 diabetes mellitus; PAD

## Key exclusion criteria

- Need for ongoing therapy with parenteral or oral anticoagulants
- Patient planned for myocardial revascularisation or other invasive procedure with increased risk for bleeding within 60 days
- Recent stroke or TIA  $< 12$  months prior to index event
- Renal CrCl of  $< 60$  mL/min

# RUBY-1 trial: Primary efficacy endpoint outcomes



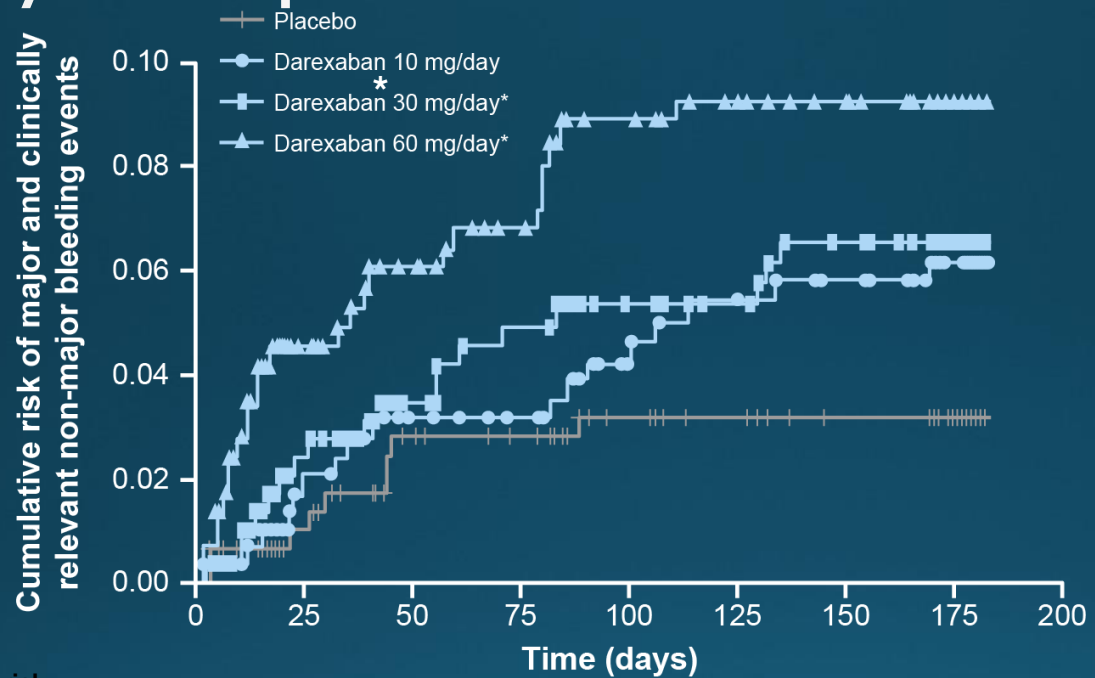
**No decrease in CV events with darexaban compared with placebo at Month 6 in patients with STEMI and NSTEMI**

BID, twice daily; CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; NSTEMI, non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; QD, once daily; STEMI, ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction.

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# Darexaban RUBY-1 trial: Primary safety endpoint outcomes



No. at risk	0	25	50	75	100	125	150	175
Placebo	319	283	269	264	255	251	243	238
Darexaban 10 mg	318	278	266	261	249	242	237	223
Darexaban 30 mg	315	280	260	253	240	234	224	212
Darexaban 60 mg	306	257	241	232	218	212	207	194

**Bleeding rates were numerically higher in all darexaban treatment arms compared with placebo with a dose-response relationship observed**

\*QD and BID combined.  
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# Comparison of P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitors with new oral anticoagulants

- At present there are no head-to-head trials of ticagrelor or prasugrel in combination with new oral anticoagulants in ACS patients (i.e. triple therapy)
- The PIONEER AF-PCI study is currently investigating triple therapy with rivaroxaban in patients with AF who have undergone PCI
  - Open-label, randomised, controlled study
  - Patients randomised to:
    - Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily plus ASA and a P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor\*
    - Rivaroxaban 15 mg once daily and a P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor\*
    - Vitamin K antagonist once daily plus ASA and a P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor\*
  - Primary outcome measure: Number of patients with clinically significant bleeding at Month 12
- Only a small number of patients in the PIONEER AF-PCI study will receive P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitors, therefore outcomes will provide limited information about the potential benefits of triple therapy with different P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitors

\*Clopidogrel 75 mg once daily or prasugrel 10 mg once daily or ticagrelor 90 mg twice daily.

ACS, acute coronary syndromes; AF, atrial fibrillation; ASA, acetylsalicylic acid; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention.

<http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT01830543> Accessed August 2013.

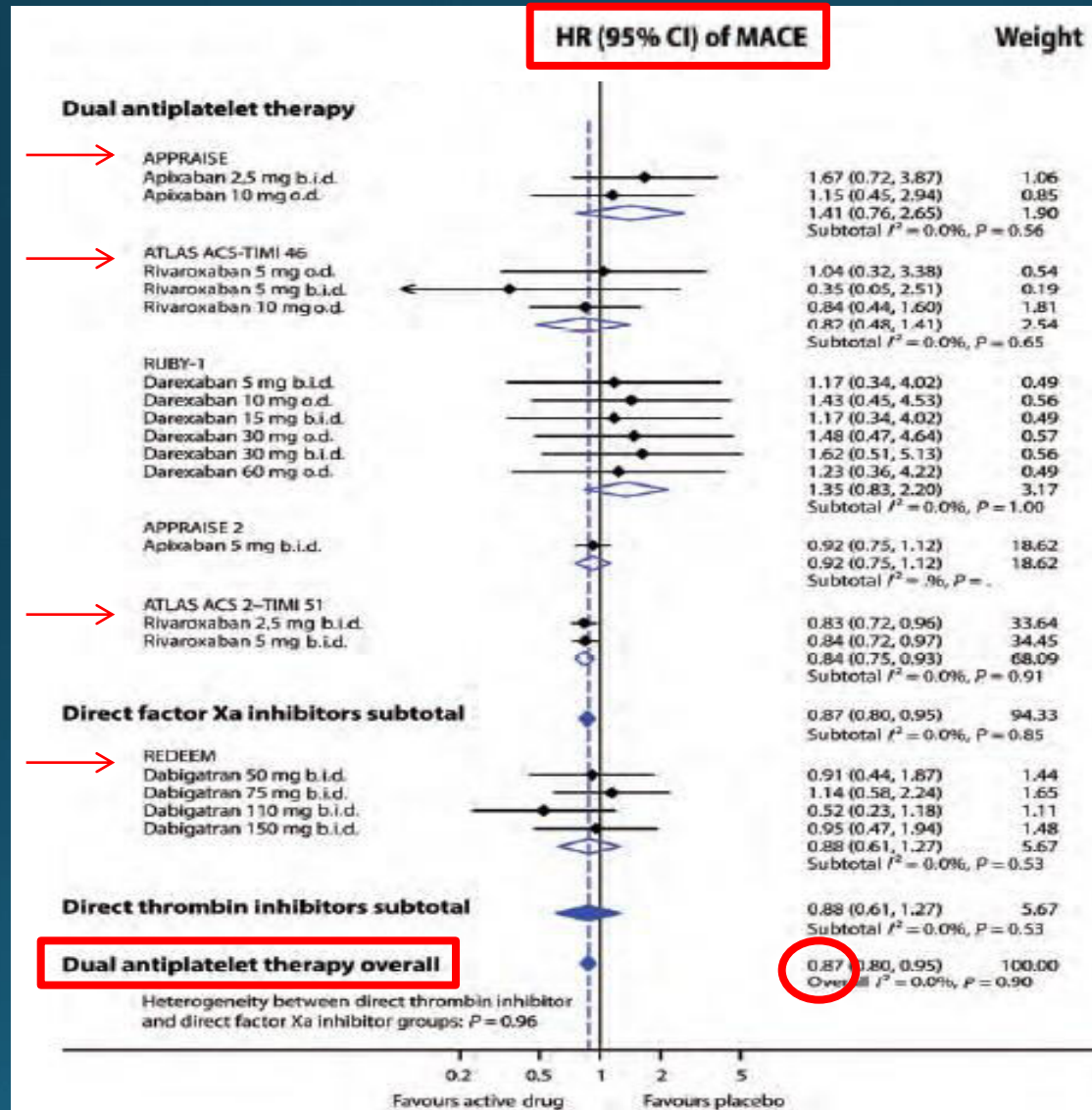
# Summary: Role of oral anticoagulants in the treatment of patients with ACS

- New oral anticoagulants were developed to improve CV clinical management limited by the disadvantages of traditional agents<sup>[Eikelboom 2010]</sup>
- Rivaroxaban, apixaban, dabigatran and darexaban target factor Xa or thrombin, key enzymes in the coagulation pathway<sup>[Eikelboom 2010; PRADAXA 2013]</sup>
- Only rivaroxaban 2.5 mg is approved for use in patients with ACS in Europe<sup>[XARELTO® 2013]</sup>
  - A Phase III study with apixaban was terminated early due to increased bleeding events with no concurrent reduction in CV events<sup>[Alexander 2011]</sup>
  - A large Phase III study of low dose darexaban is required to determine its utility in preventing CV events in patients after ACS
  - It is currently unknown whether a Phase III trial will be initiated with dabigatran
- Given the potential for a higher risk of bleeding, triple therapy with the newer P<sub>2</sub>Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitors plus a new oral anticoagulant in patients with ACS is still controversial

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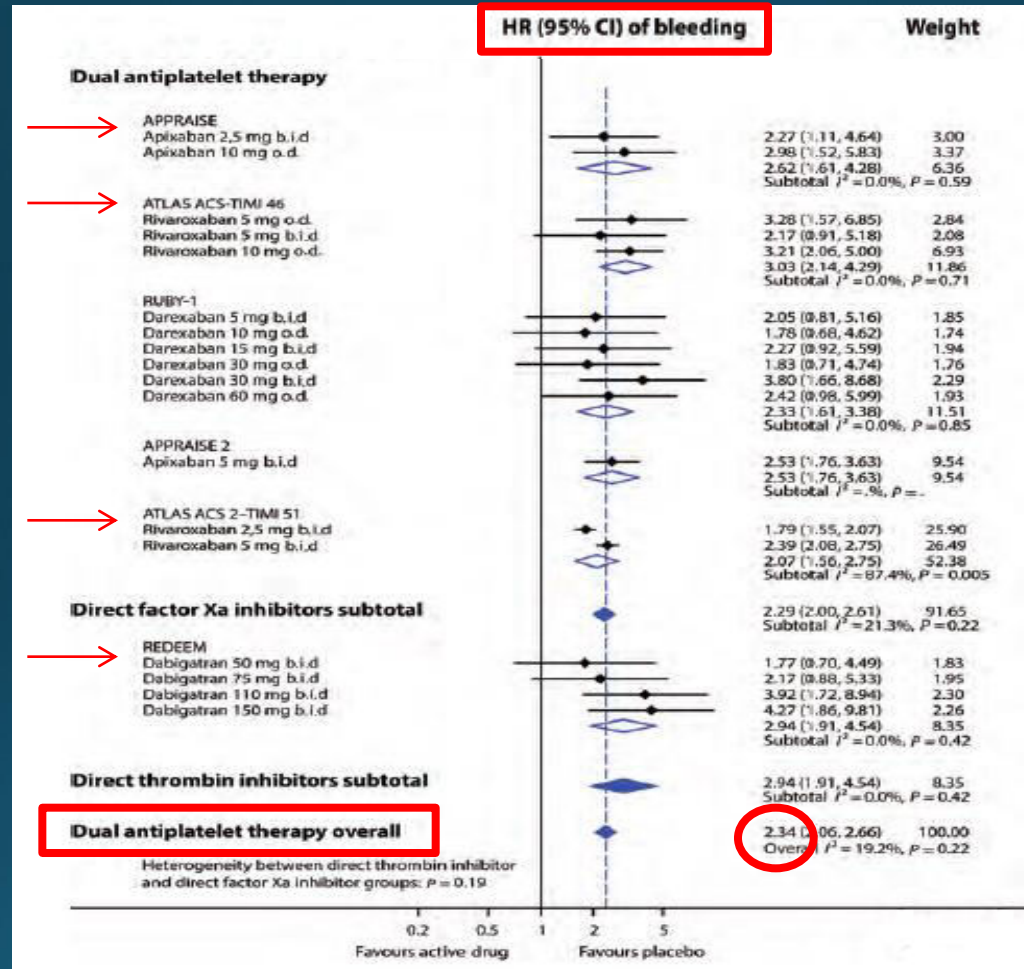
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### Conclusion

In patients with a recent acute coronary syndrome, the addition of a new oral anticoagulant to antiplatelet therapy results in a modest reduction in cardiovascular events but a substantial increase in bleeding, most pronounced when new oral anticoagulants are combined with dual antiplatelet therapy.



# Which stent in which patient regarding OAC treatment

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
In patients with a firm indication for oral anticoagulation (e.g. atrial fibrillation with CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score $\geq 2$ , venous thromboembolism, LV thrombus, or mechanical valve prosthesis), oral anticoagulation is recommended in addition to antiplatelet therapy.	I	C	
New-generation DES are preferred over BMS among patients requiring oral anticoagulation if bleeding risk is low (HAS-BLED $\leq 2$ ).	IIa	C	
In patients with SCAD and atrial fibrillation with CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score $\geq 2$ at low bleeding risk (HAS-BLED $\leq 2$ ), initial triple therapy of (N)OAC and ASA (75–100 mg/day) and clopidogrel 75 mg/day should be considered for a duration of at least one month after BMS or new-generation DES followed by dual therapy with (N)OAC and aspirin 75–100 mg/day or clopidogrel (75 mg/day) continued up to 12 months.	IIa	C	
DAPT should be considered as alternative to initial triple therapy for patients with SCAD and atrial fibrillation with a CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score $\leq 1$ .	IIa	C	
In patients with ACS and atrial fibrillation at low bleeding risk (HAS-BLED $\leq 2$ ), initial triple therapy of (N)OAC and ASA (75–100 mg/day) and clopidogrel 75 mg/day should be considered for a duration of 6 months irrespective of stent type followed by (N)OAC and aspirin 75–100 mg/day or clopidogrel (75 mg/day) continued up to 12 months.	IIa	C	
In patients requiring oral anticoagulation at high bleeding risk (HAS BLED $\geq 3$ ), triple therapy of (N)OAC and ASA (75–100 mg/day) and clopidogrel 75 mg/day should be considered for a duration of one month followed by (N)OAC and aspirin 75–100 mg/day or clopidogrel (75 mg/day) irrespective of clinical setting (SCAD or ACS) and stent type (BMS or new-generation DES).	IIa	C	
Dual therapy of (N)OAC and clopidogrel 75 mg/day may be considered as an alternative to initial triple therapy in selected patients.	IIb	B	865,870
The use of ticagrelor and prasugrel as part of initial triple therapy is not recommended	III	C	
<b>Anticoagulation therapy after PCI in ACS patient</b>			
In selected patients who receive ASA and clopidogrel, low-dose rivaroxaban (2.5 mg twice daily) may be considered in the setting of PCI for ACS if the patient is at low bleeding risk.	IIb	B	855
<b>Anticoagulation during PCI in patients on oral anticoagulation</b>			
It is recommended to use additional parenteral anticoagulation, regardless of the timing of the last dose of (N)OAC.	I	C	
Periprocedural parenteral anticoagulants (bivalirudin, enoxaparin or UFH) should be discontinued immediately after primary PCI.	IIa	C	

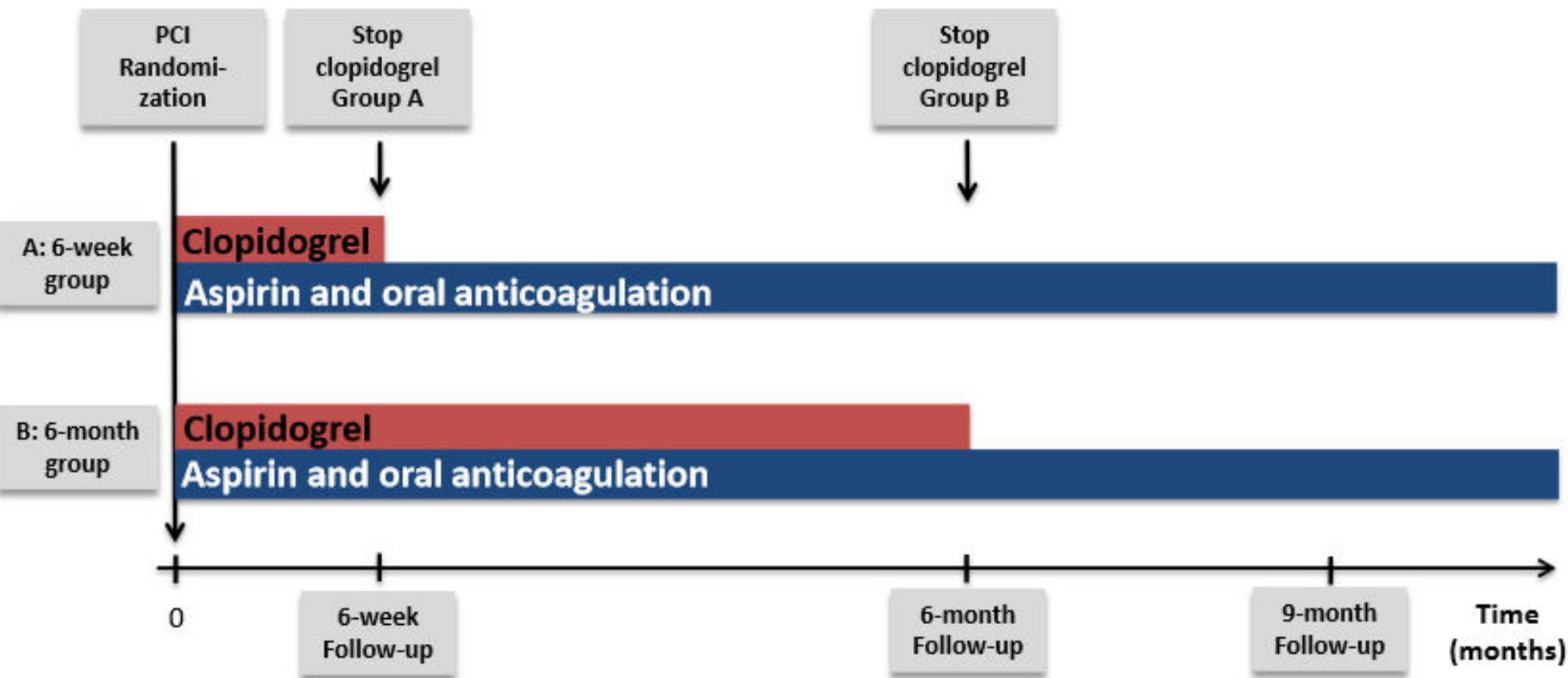
**HAS-BLED  $\leq 2$  – new generation DES,  $\geq 3$  – BMS.**

# Duration of triple therapy in patients requiring oral anticoagulation after drug-eluting stent implantation (ISAR-TRIPLE Trial)

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# Randomization





# Antithrombotic therapy

## ASPIRIN:

75-200 mg per day

## CLOPIDOGREL:

75 mg per day

## PHENPROCOUMON or WARFARIN:

Target INR 2.0 or 2.5 in patients with mechanical valves

Compliance	6-week FU	6-month FU	9-month FU
Aspirin*	97 %	95 %	96 %
OAC*	94 %	91 %	88 %
INR (median)*	2.2	2.3	2.3
Time in therapeutic range *	64 %	69 %	66 %
Clopidogrel 6-week group	97 %	26 %	23 %
Clopidogrel 6-month group	98 %	87 %	35 %
	P=0.56	P<0.001	P<0.001

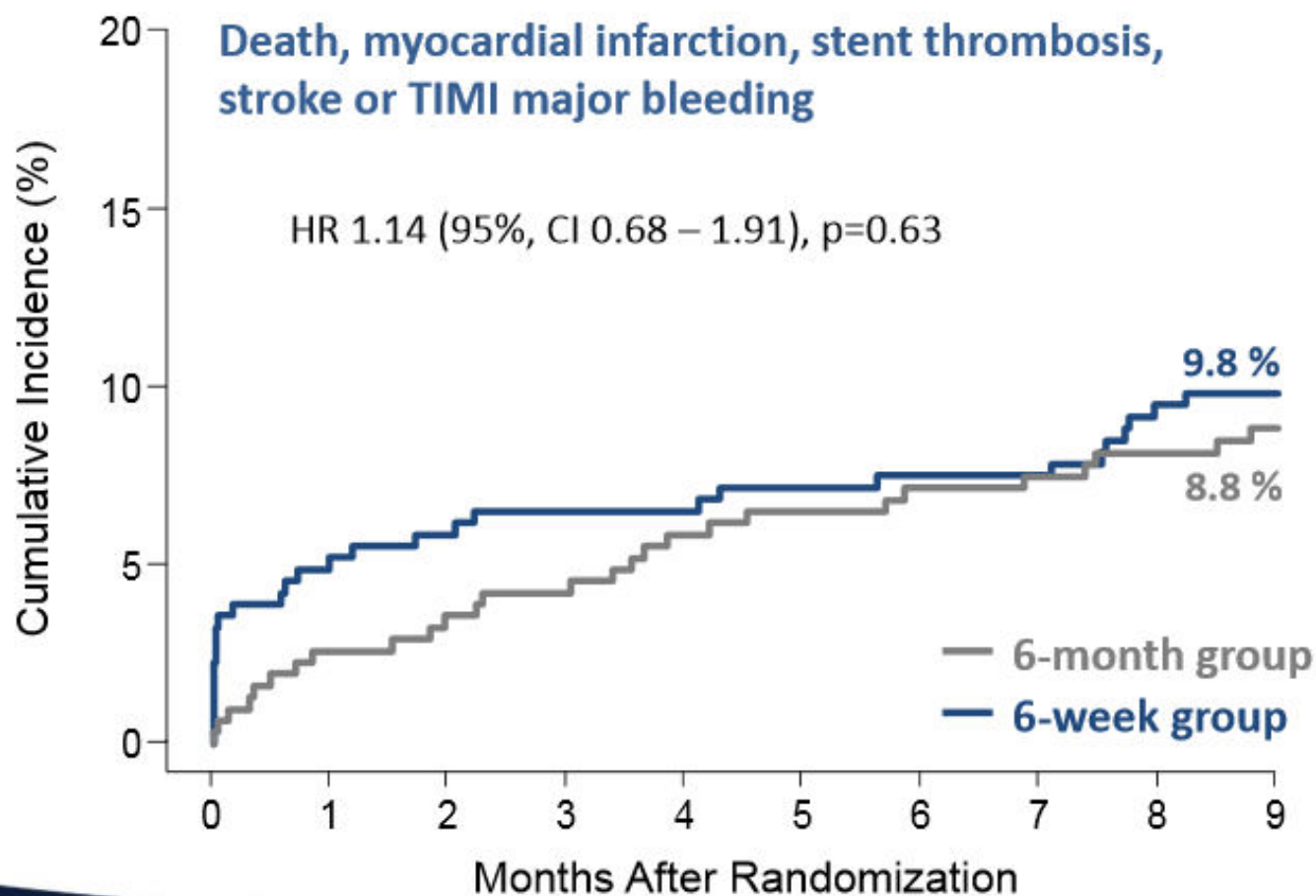
\*No significant differences between groups; FU= Follow Up time point

# Stent type

	6-week group (417 lesions)	6-month group (409 lesions)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> gen. permanent polymer DES</b>	203 (48.7)	206 (50.4)
<b>Biodegradable polymer DES</b>	131 (31.4)	134 (32.8)
<b>Polymer free DES</b>	45 (10.8)	46 (11.2)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> gen. permanent polymer DES</b>	29 (6.9)	16 (3.9)
<b>BVS</b>	4 (1.0)	3 (0.7)
<b>BMS*</b>	2 (0.5)	0
<b>DEB/PTCA**</b>	3 (0.7)	4 (1.0)

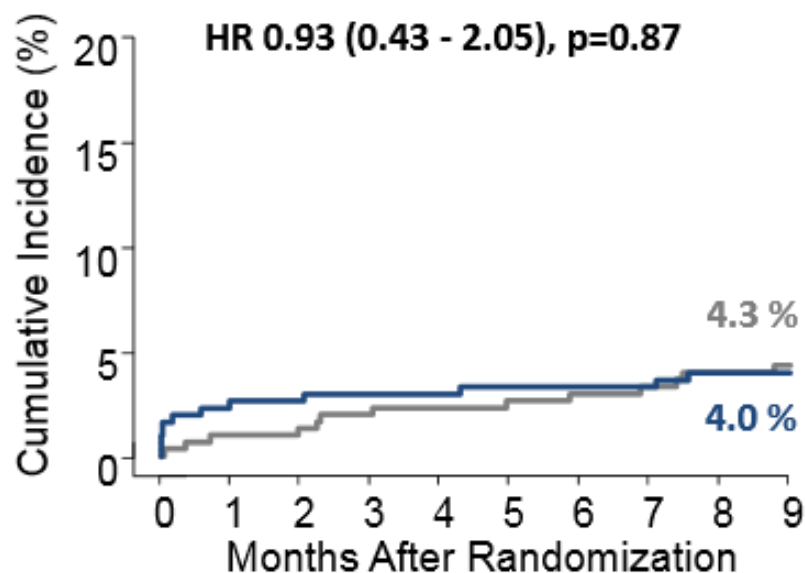
DES = Drug-eluting stent; BMS = Bare-metal stent; BVS = Bioresorbable vascular scaffold; DEB = Drug-eluting balloon; \*One patient had 1 DES and 1 BMS and 1 patient had 1 BMS only. \*\* These patients were treated with drug eluting balloons (DEB) except for 1 patient in the 6-week group and 1 patient in the 6-month group.

# Primary Endpoint

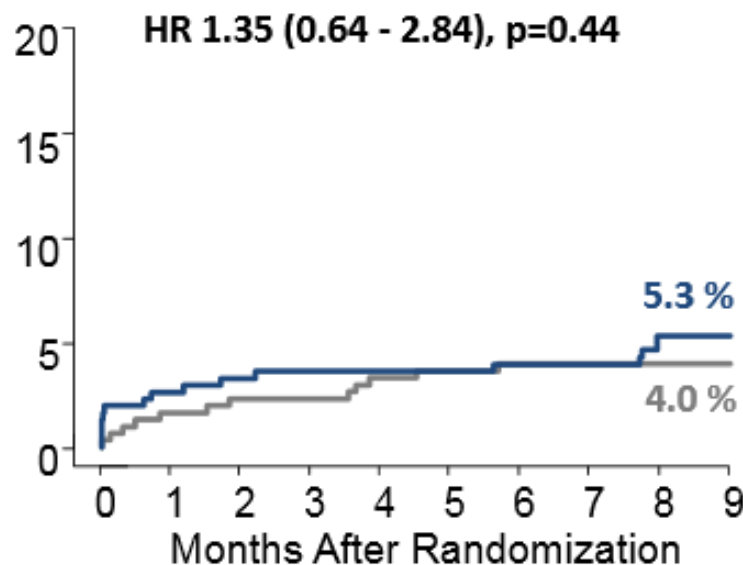


# Secondary Endpoints

Cardiac death, myocardial infarction, stent thrombosis or ischemic stroke



TIMI major bleeding



— 6-month group  
— 6-week group

# Results

	6-week group (n=307)	6-month group (n=307)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p value
Death	12 (4.0)	16 (5.2)	0.75 (0.35 - 1.59)	0.45
Cardiac death	5 (1.7)	9 (3.0)	0.56 (0.19 - 1.66)	0.29
Myocardial infarction	6 (2.0)	0	-	0.03
Definite stent thrombosis	2 (0.7)	0	-	0.50
Stroke	4 (1.3)	6 (2.0)	0.67 (0.14 - 2.78)	0.75
Ischemic stroke	3 (1.0)	4 (1.3)	0.75 (0.11 - 4.40)	0.99

**Temporal distribution of MIs in 6-week group:**

4 within 24h of PCI

1 at 2.5 weeks

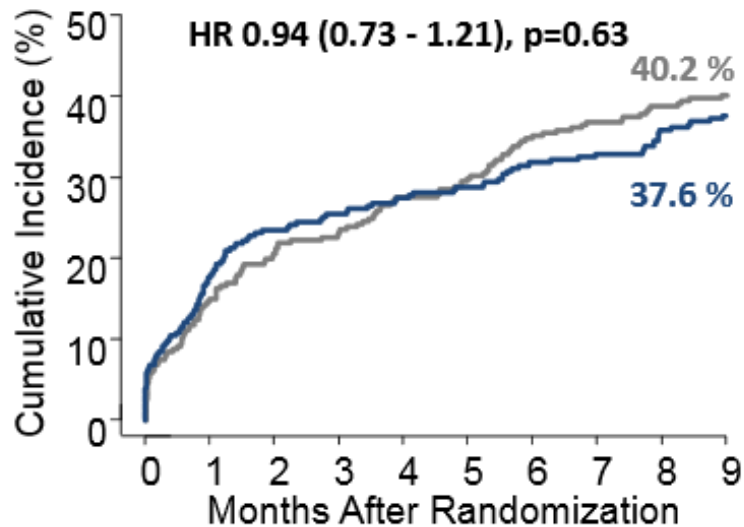
1 at 7 months

} Both groups on triple therapy

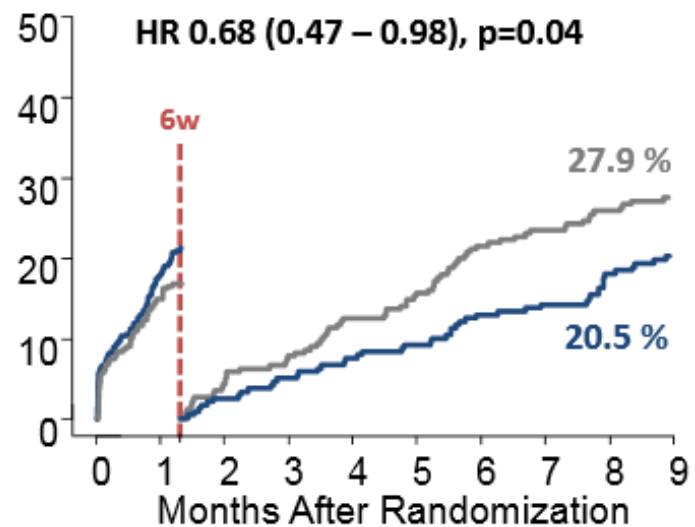
} Both groups on aspirin and OAC

# Any BARC Bleeding (type 1-5)

Any BARC Bleeding



Post-hoc landmark analysis of any BARC Bleeding before and after 6 weeks (6w)



— 6-month group  
— 6-week group

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

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



## 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)



# Study Design-1

## Inclusion criteria:

- 1/ Indication for OAC for at least 1 year
- 2/ One coronary lesion eligible for PCI
- 3/ Age over 18

## Exclusion criteria:

- 1/ History of intracranial bleeding
- 2/ Cardiogenic shock during hospitalisation
- 3/ Peptic ulcer in the previous 6 months
- 4/ TIMI major bleeding in the previous year
- 5/ Contra-indication for aspirin or clopidogrel
- 6/ Thrombocytopenia (platelet count less than 50,000 per ml)
- 7/ Pregnancy
- 8/ Age >80

## Study Design-2

### 1:1 Randomisation:

#### Double therapy group:

OAC + 75mg Clopidogrel qd

#### Triple therapy group

OAC + 75mg Clopidogrel qd + 80mg Aspirin qd

1 month minimum after BMS

1 year after DES

1 month minimum after BMS

1 year after DES

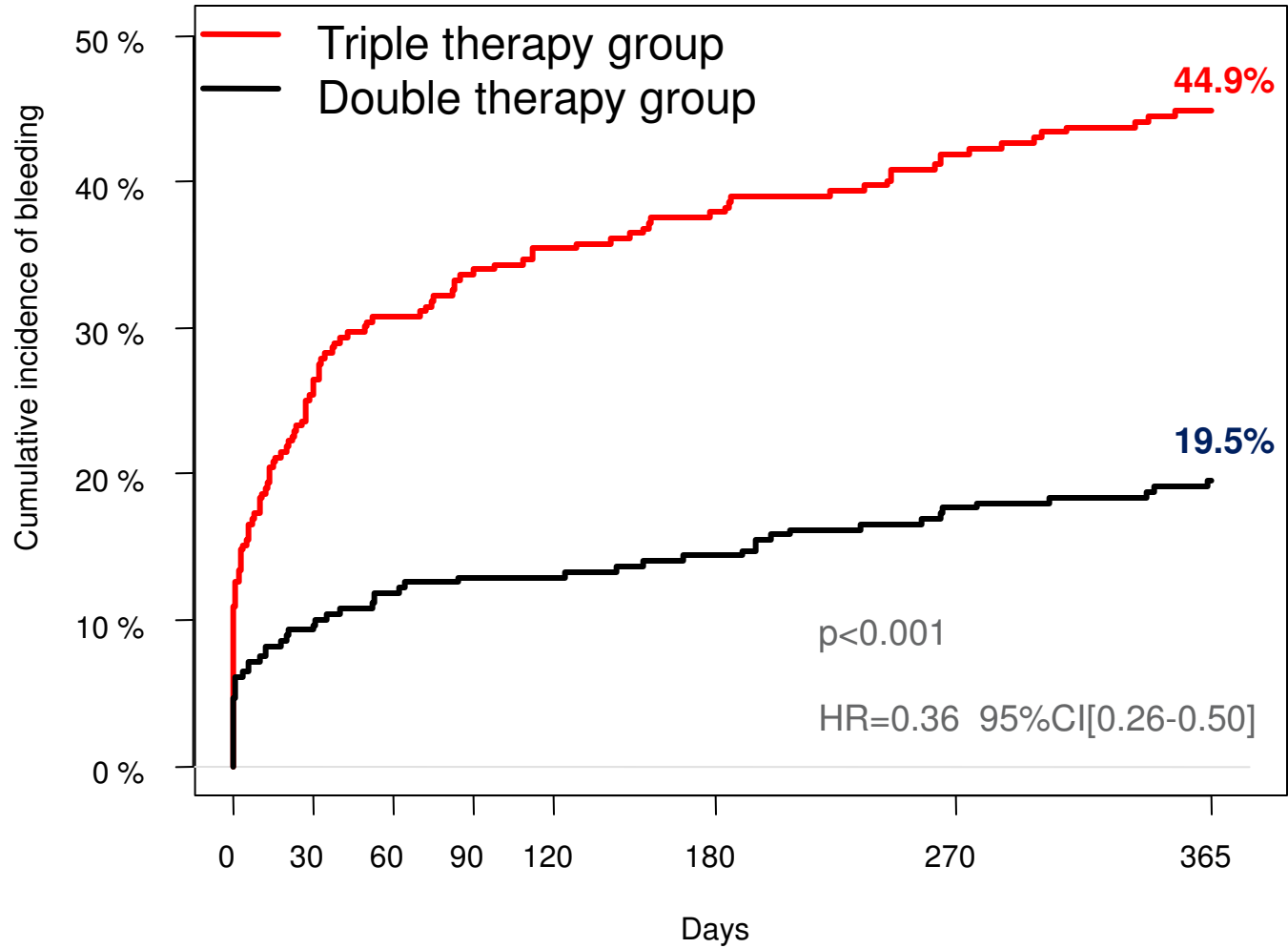
### Follow up: 1 year

Primary Endpoint: The occurrence of all bleeding events (TIMI criteria)

### Secondary Endpoints:

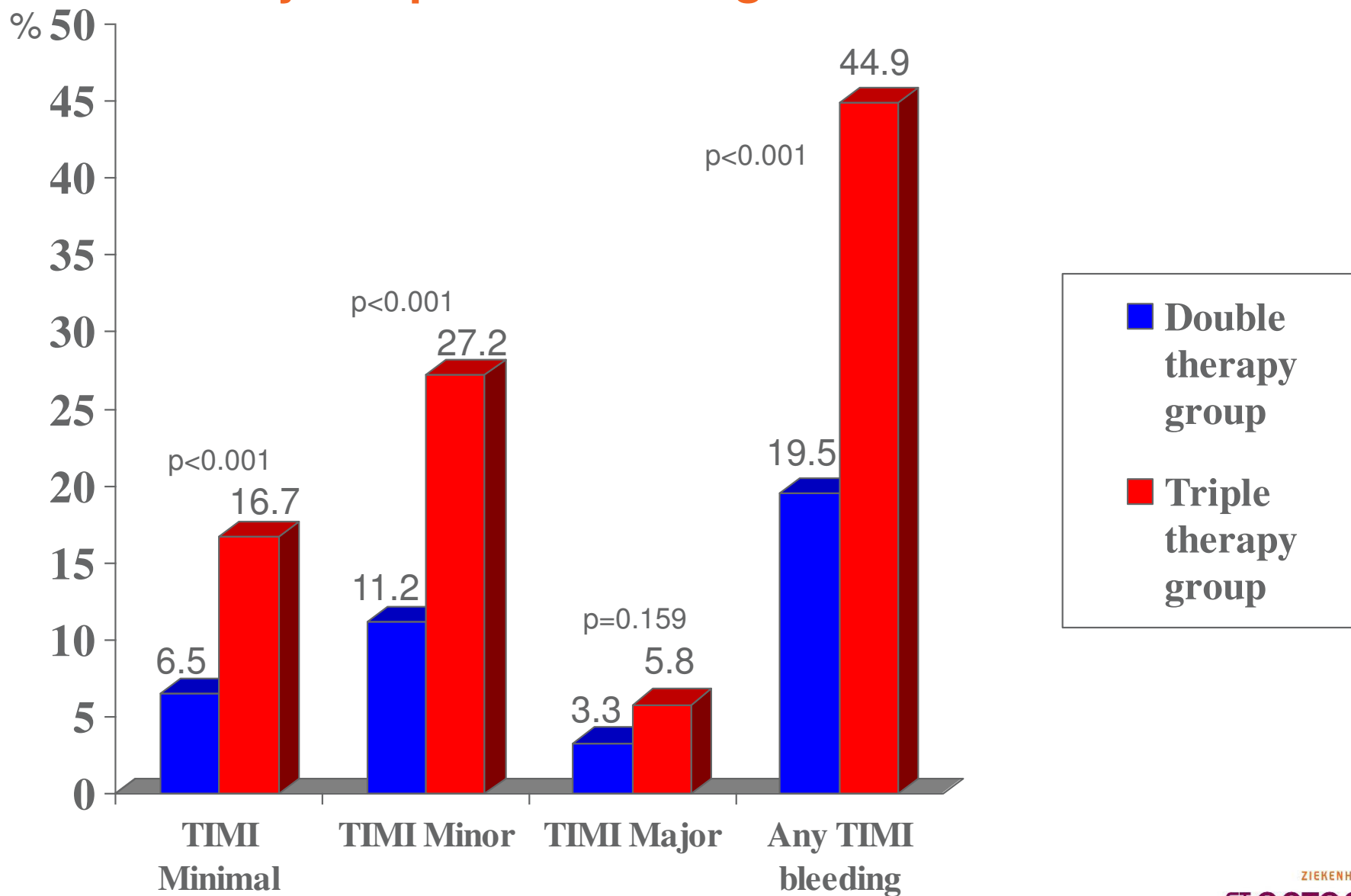
- Combination of stroke, death, myocardial infarction, stent thrombosis and target vessel revascularisation
- All individual components of primary and secondary endpoints

# Primary Endpoint: Total number of TIMI bleeding events



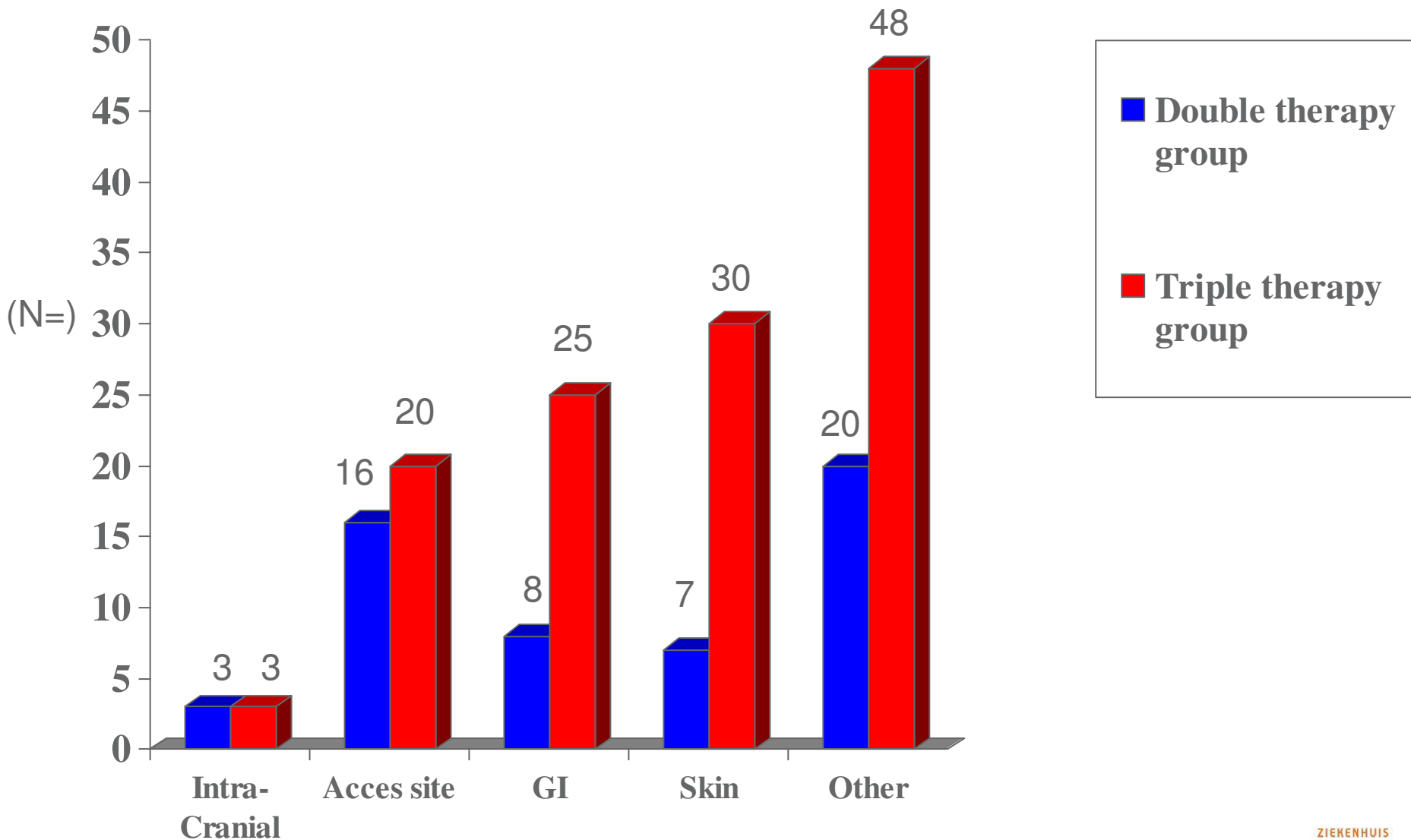
n at risk:	284	210	194	186	181	173	159	140
	279	253	244	241	241	236	226	208

## Primary Endpoint: Bleeding events TIMI classification



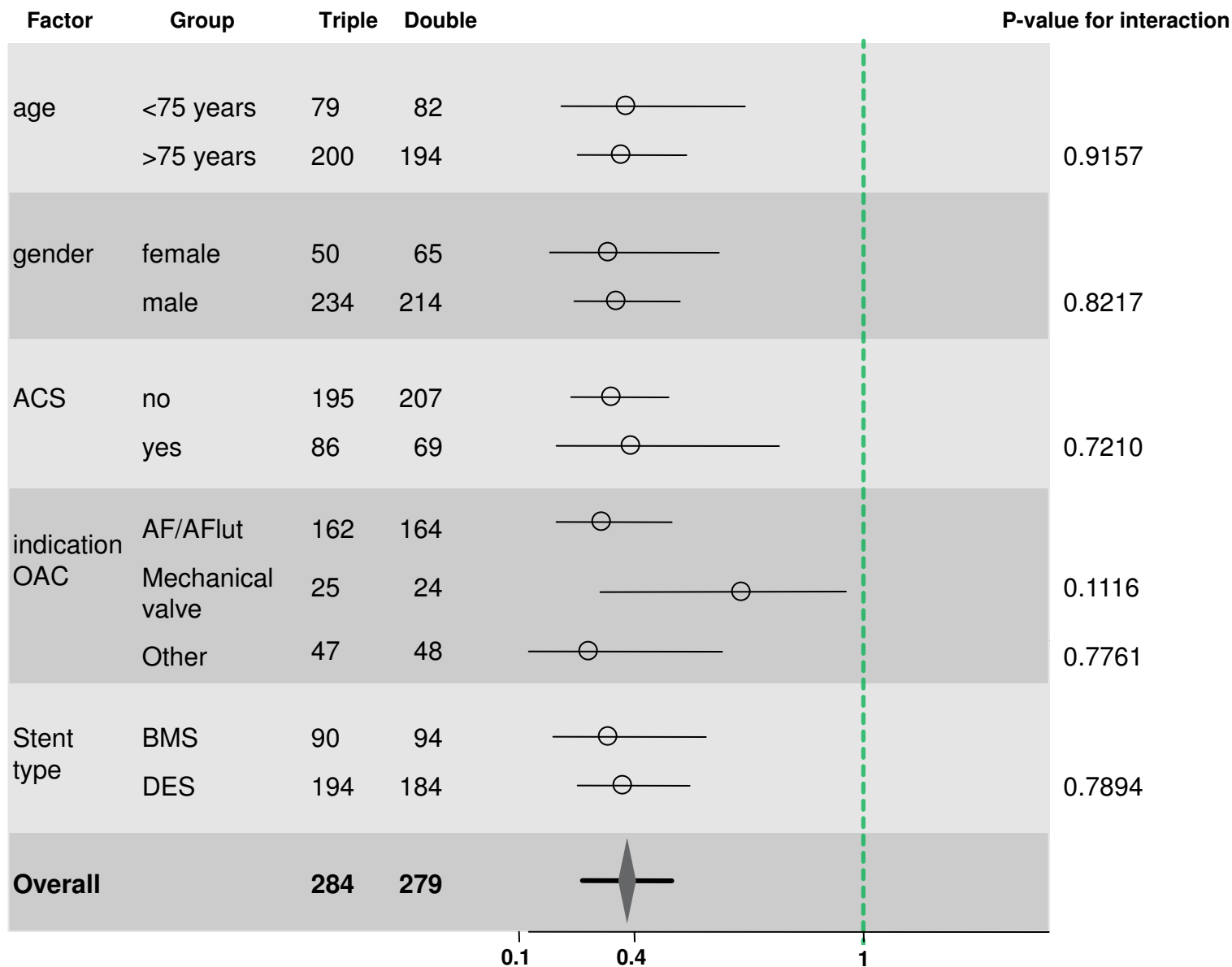


## Locations of TIMI bleeding: Worst bleeding per patient



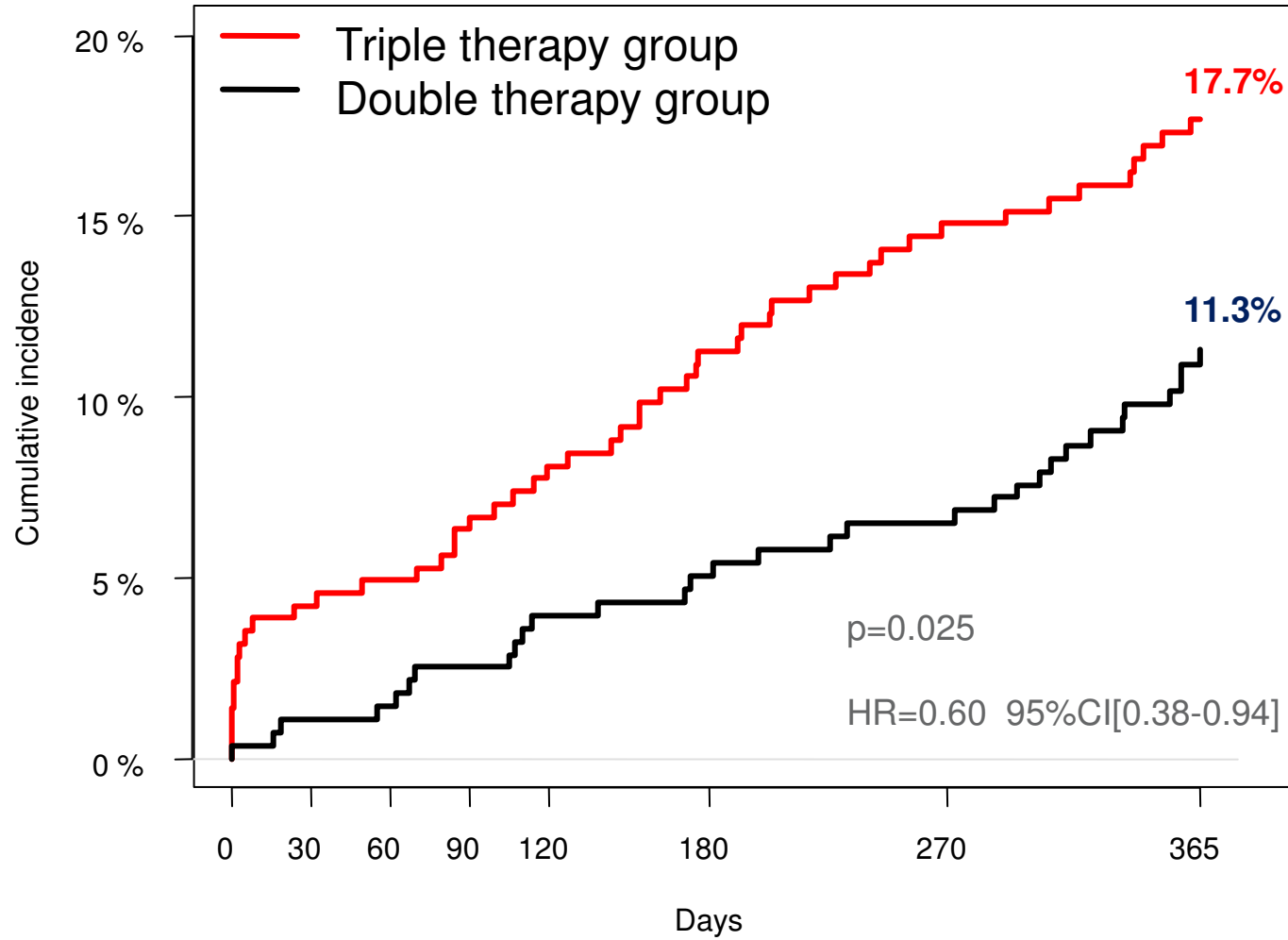
GI=gastro intestinal; Other bleeding consists of eye, urogenital, respiratory tract, retroperitoneal, mouth, PMpocket bleeding

# Forest plot of primary endpoint Hazard Ratios



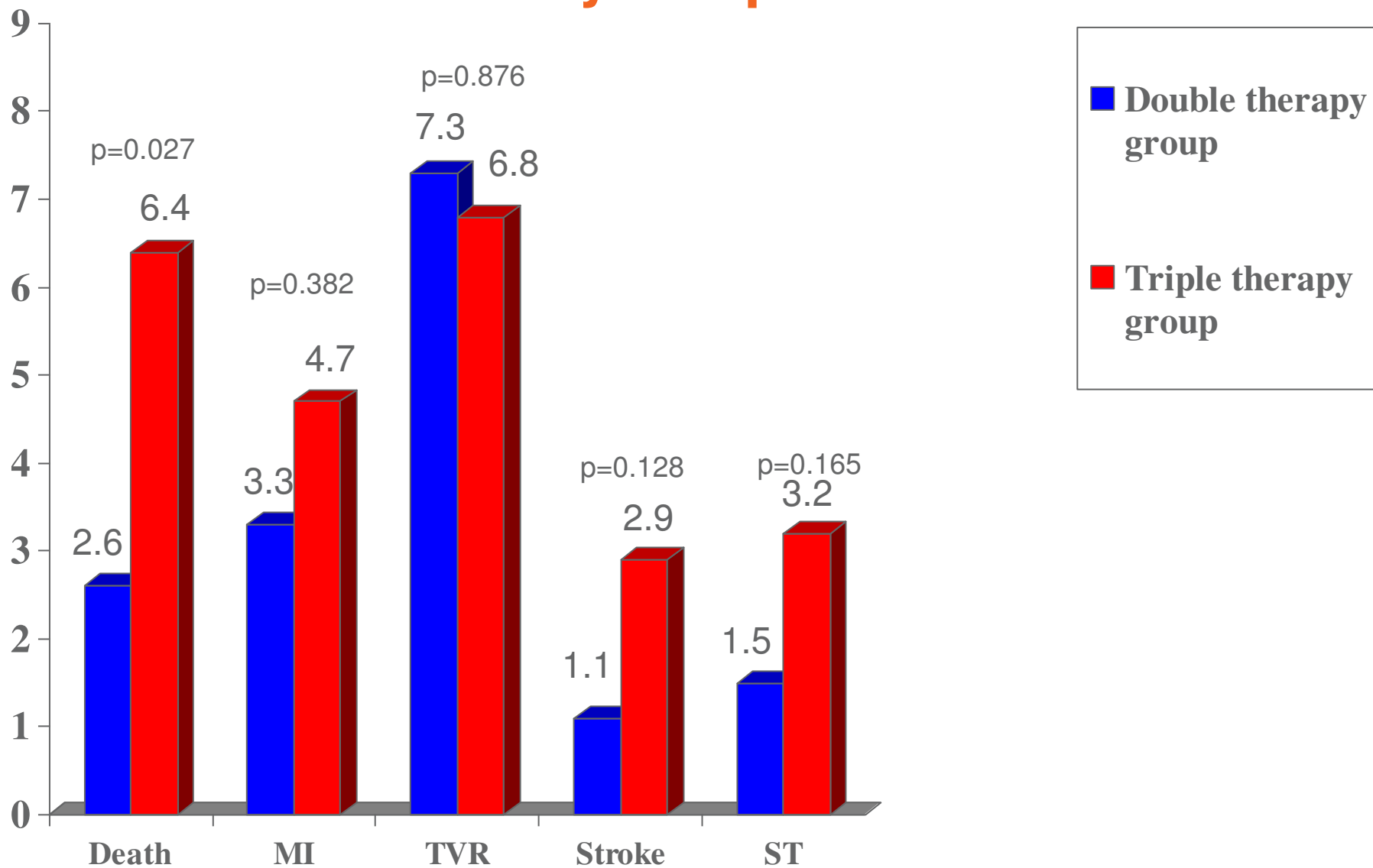
0.1 0.4 1  
 double therapy better <=> triple therapy better

## Secondary Endpoint (Death, MI, TVR, Stroke, ST)



n at risk:	284	272	270	266	261	252	242	223
	279	276	273	270	266	263	258	234

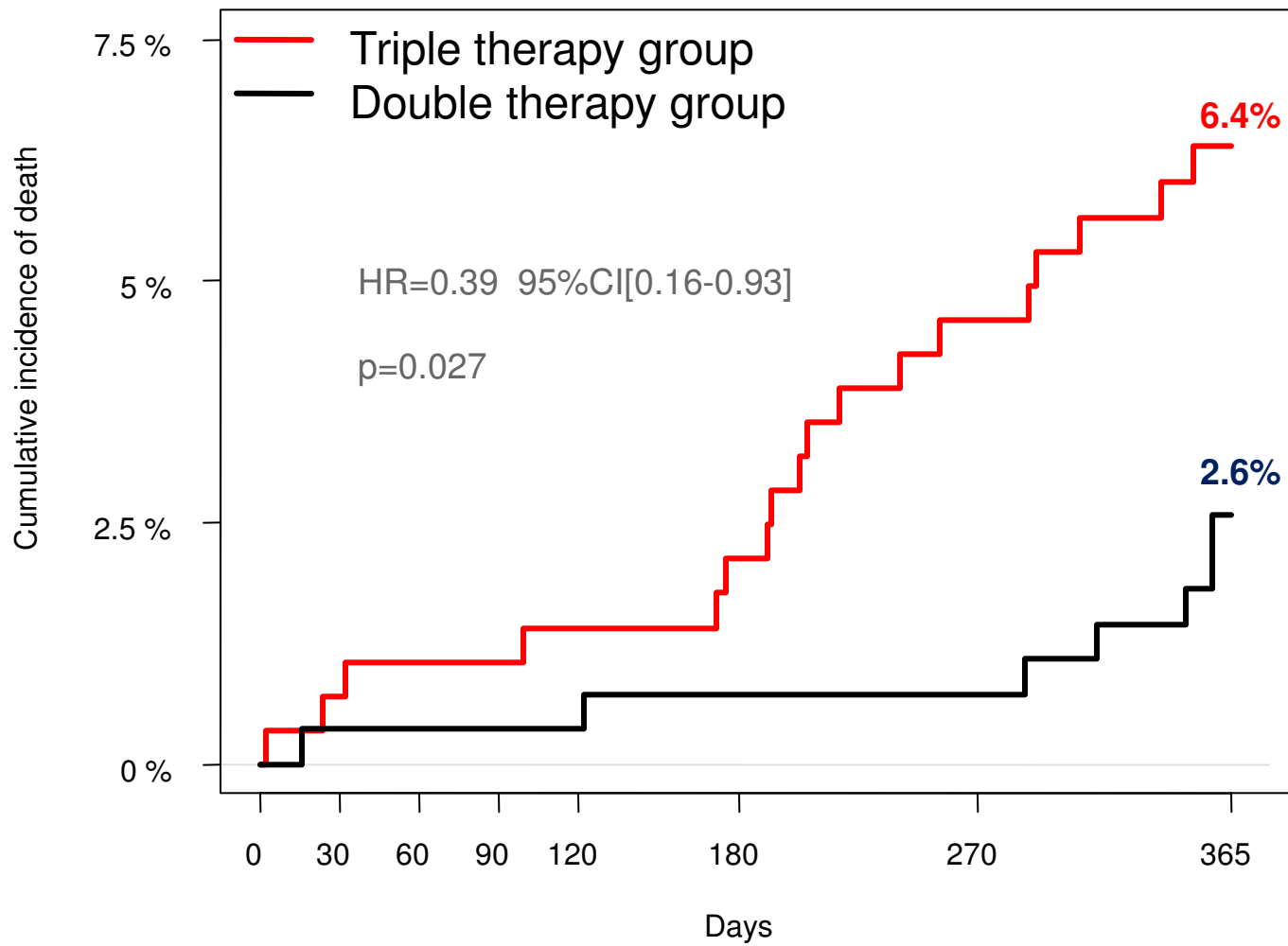
# Secondary Endpoint



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



# All-Cause Mortality



n at risk:	284	281	280	280	279	277	270	252
	279	278	276	276	276	275	274	256

# Conclusions

1. In this study which was specifically designed to detect bleeding events, the bleeding rate was higher than expected
2. Primary endpoint was met: OAC plus clopidogrel causes less bleeding than triple antithrombotic therapy, but now shown in a randomized way
3. Secondary endpoint was met: with double 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 double therapy

# Консенсус на EHRA/EAPCI

Haemorrhagic risk	Stroke risk	Clinical setting	Recommendations
Low or moderate (HAS-BLED 0–2)	Moderate (CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASC = 1 in males)	Stable CAD	At least 4 weeks (no longer than 6 months): triple therapy of OAC + aspirin 75–100 mg/day + clopidogrel 75 mg/day <sup>a</sup> Up to 12th month: OAC and clopidogrel 75 mg/day (or alternatively, aspirin 75–100 mg/day) <sup>b</sup> Lifelong: OAC <sup>c</sup>
	High (CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASC ≥ 2)	Stable CAD	At least 4 weeks (no longer than 6 months): triple therapy of OAC + aspirin 75–100 mg/day + clopidogrel 75 mg/day <sup>d</sup> Up to 12th month: OAC and clopidogrel 75 mg/day (or alternatively, aspirin 75–100 mg/day) Lifelong: OAC <sup>c</sup>
	Moderate (CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASC = 1 in males)	ACS	6 months: triple therapy of OAC + aspirin 75–100 mg/day + clopidogrel 75 mg/day Up to 12th month: OAC and clopidogrel 75 mg/day (or alternatively, aspirin 75–100 mg/day) Lifelong: OAC <sup>c</sup>
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High (HAS-BLED ≥ 3)	Moderate (CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASC = 1 in males)	Stable CAD	12 months: OAC and clopidogrel 75 mg/day <sup>b</sup> Lifelong: OAC <sup>c</sup>
	High (CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASC ≥ 2)	Stable CAD	4 weeks: triple therapy of OAC + aspirin 75–100 mg/day + clopidogrel 75 mg/day <sup>a</sup> Up to 12th month: OAC and clopidogrel 75 mg/day (or alternatively, aspirin 75–100 mg/day) Lifelong: OAC <sup>c</sup>
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- Първо изчисли скоровете!!! (HAS-BLED, CHADS-VASC)
- ASA е задължителен компонент на тройната анти тромбозна терапия – Неотменна при реваскуларизация за ОКС.
- Само при нискорисковите/стабилни болни можем да си позволим да не даваме ASA
- Посланието е: Тройна анти тромбозна терапия за колкото се може по-кратко! Т.е при необходимост от стент- за предпочитане са 3-та генерация DES (бърза ендотелизация)
- И по изключение, при висок HASBLED (над 3)- BMS
- NOAC не са утвърдени в рутинната практика като част от комбинираната терапия след ОКС или тройна анти тромбозна терапия поради ексцесивен риск от кървене
- Очакваме резултатите от проучвания с нови дозови режими и медикаментозни комбинации



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Thank you very much for your attention!