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# Предимства и ограничения при избора на нови перорални антиагреганти (Prasugrel и Ticagrelor )

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# „Идеален“ антитромбоцитен медикамент

- ✓ Предвидим фармакодинамичен профил, без необходимост от мониториране
- ✓ Бързо начало на ефекта
- ✓ Бързо инактивиране (и/или наличен антидот)
- ✓ Липса на неблагоприятни взаимодействия с други медикаменти
- ✓ Мощен антитромботичен ефект
- ✓ Нисък рисков
- ✓ Ниска цена
- ✓ Лесно приложение

# Антиромбоцитни медикаменти

## P2Y<sub>12</sub> ADP Receptor Antagonists:

cangrelor  
clopidogrel  
elinogrel  
ticlopidine

ADP  
P2Y<sub>12</sub>

## PDE<sub>3</sub> Inhibitors:

cilostazol  
dipyridamole

PGE

## Thrombin PAR-1 Antagonists:

E5555  
vorapaxar  
Thrombin

## Thromboxane Inhibitors:

aspirin  
ridogrel  
S18886

COX  
aspirin

GPIIb/IIIa activation

## Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa Inhibitors:

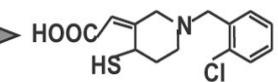
abciximab  
eptifibatide  
tirofiban

Fibrinogen

# Тиенопиридини – 1-ва и 2-ра генерация



ACTIVE METABOLITES



Ticlopidine

(1-ва генерация)



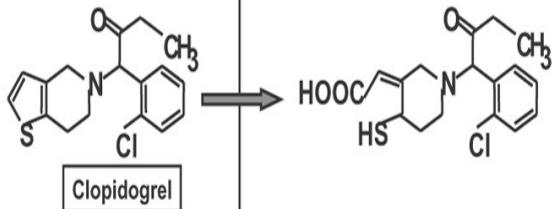
ADP рецепторен антагонист, антитромботично лечение на избор при коронарно стентиране



Страницни ефекти: неутропения, тромбоцитопения, обрив, диария и др..



Много бавно достигане на пълен антитромбоцитен ефект



По-добър профил на безопасност- малко страницни ефекти

(CLASSICS trial. Bertrand NE et al. *Circulation*. 2000;102:624-629.)



По-бързо достигане на ефект след първоначална насищаща доза

(Cadroy Y et al. *Circulation*. 2000;101:2823-2828.)



По-добри клинични резултати

(Bhatt DL et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol*. 2002;39:9-14.)

Clopidogrel

(2-ра генерация)

# Ограничения в терапията с Клопидогрел

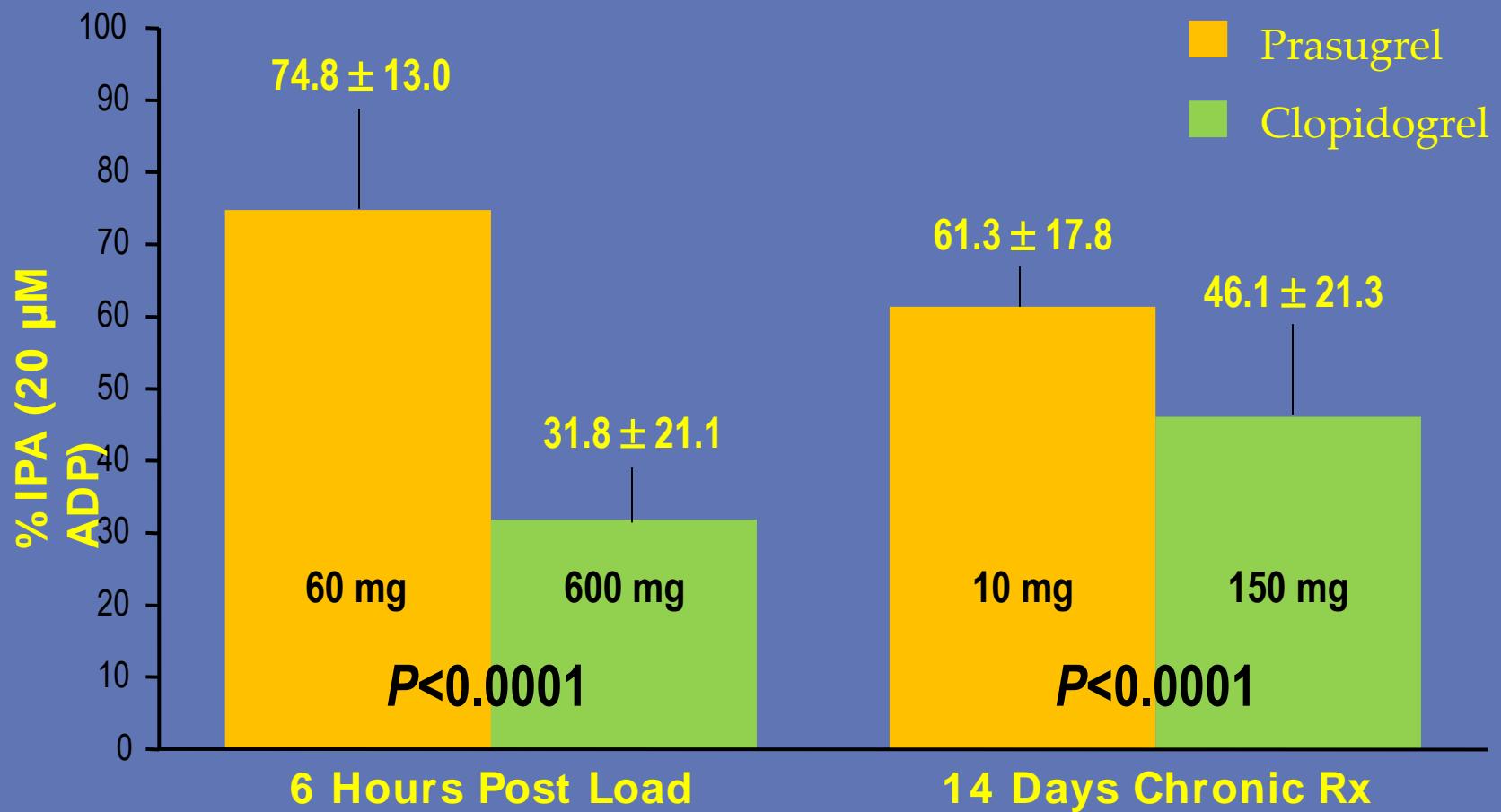
- **Неадекватно подтискане на Тр при 15% to 48% пациентите**
  - Допринася за относително висок риск от усложнения
- **Бавно настъпващ начален антитромбоцитен ефект** (макс. блокиране P2Y12 на 4-5 ден след ежедневен прием по 75мг) – преодолява се с въвеждането на насищащата доза.
  - Предлекарство, което изисква трансформиране в активен метаболит
    - Различия в метаболизма, които водят до променлива ефективност върху подтискането на Тр агрегация - **резистентост**
- **Бавно изчерпване на ефекта** - необратимо свързване с Тр P2Y12 – след спиране на медикамента, което се определя от генерирането на нови Тр.

# Еволюция на антитромбоцитната терапия

## Prasugrel

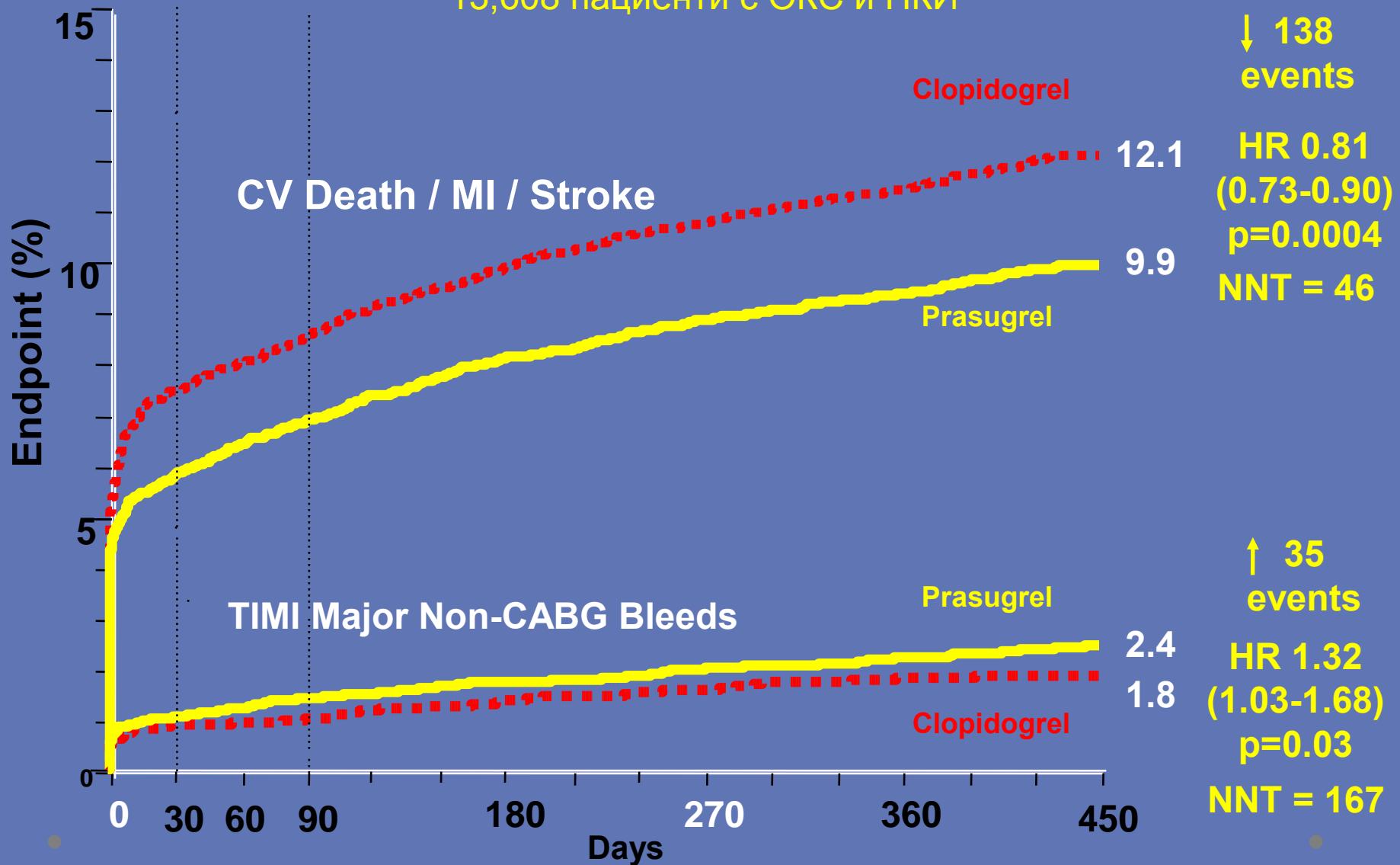
- Тиенопиридин
- Значително по-бързо начало на ефекта – различна структура, позволяваща бърза конверсия в акт.метаболит - появява се в кръвта до 15 мин и достига максимална плазмена концентрация към 30 мин.
- По-бързо и по-силно подтикане на Тр активност.
- По-малко влияние на CYP 2C19 генотипа върху фармакокинетиката и фармакодинамиката
- Високо ниво на подтикане на Тр активност при клопидогрел резистентни пациенти
- Необратимо свързване с P2Y12 рецептор

# Prasugrel vs Clopidogrel



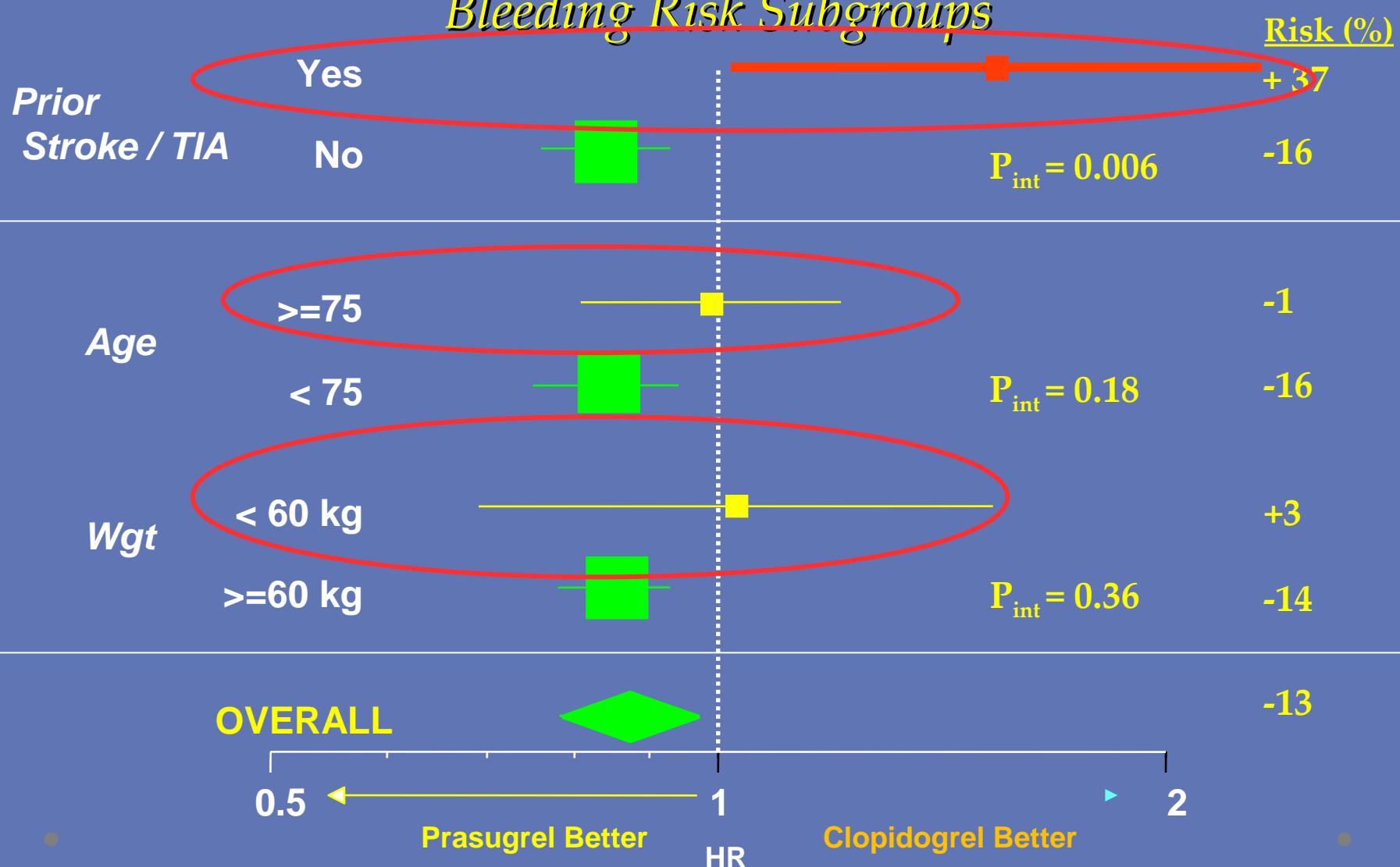
# Prasugrel vs Clopidogrel

13,608 пациенти с ОКС и ПКИ



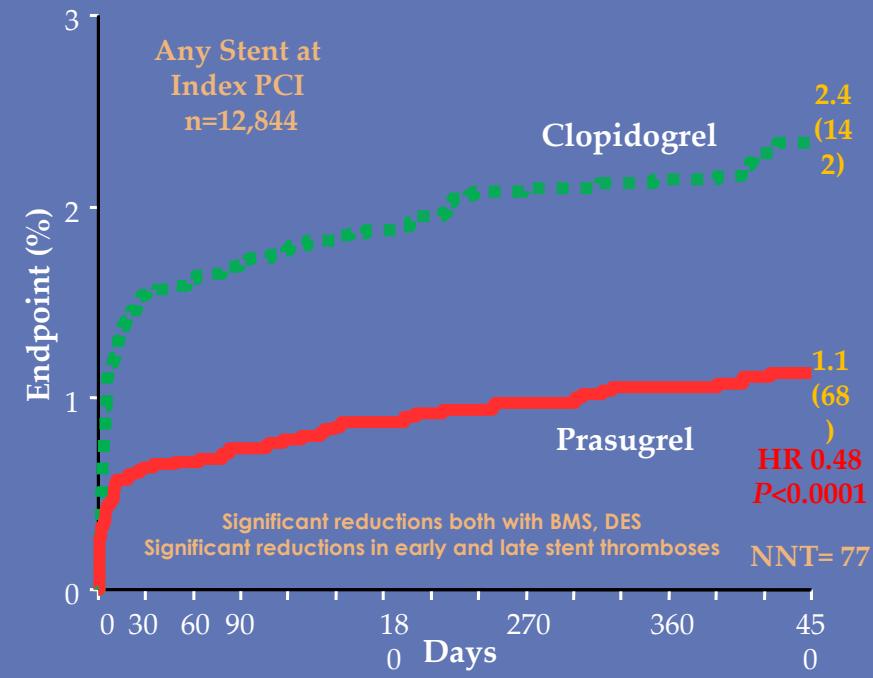
# Prasugrel vs Clopidogrel

## Bleeding Risk Subgroups

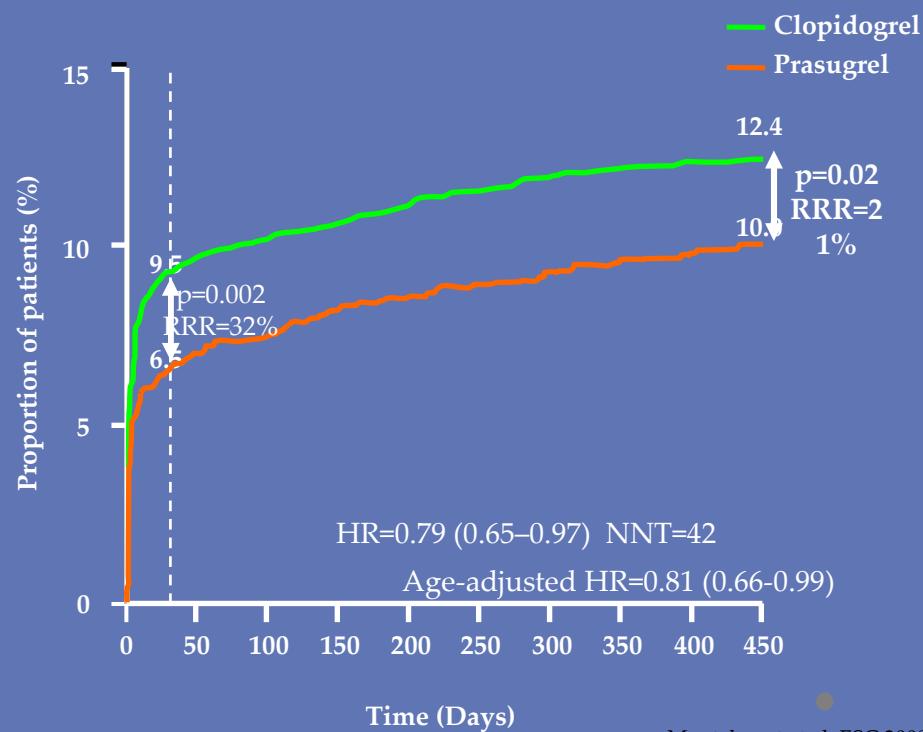


# Prasugrel vs Clopidogrel

## STENT THROMBOSIS



## STEMI Cohort



# Prasugrel vs Clopidogrel

- При пациенти с ОКС, празугрел значително намалява риска от нефатален МИ в сравнение с клопидогрел ( $p<0,001$ ), без сигнificantна разлика по отношение на честотата на ССС и МСИ
- При пациенти с ОКС и ПКИ, празугрел се свързва със значителна редукция на исхемичните инциденти, вкл. стент тромбоза, но с повишен риск от голямо кървене, вкл. фатално.
- Редукция на дозата при пациенти  $>75$  год. и  $<60$  кг.
- Общата смъртност е без сигнificantна разлика в сравнение с клопидогрел
- Голямо кървене се наблюдава по-често в сравнение с клопидогрел\*
  - по-ефективен метаболизъм на празугрел – по-ефективно блокиране на Тр активност, докато при терапия с Клопидогрел това се постига в 30-50% от пациентите, което обяснява по-голяма честота на MACCE и по-малко кървене
- Празугрел не решава проблема с бавното изчерпване на ефекта, поради необратимото свързване с P2Y12.

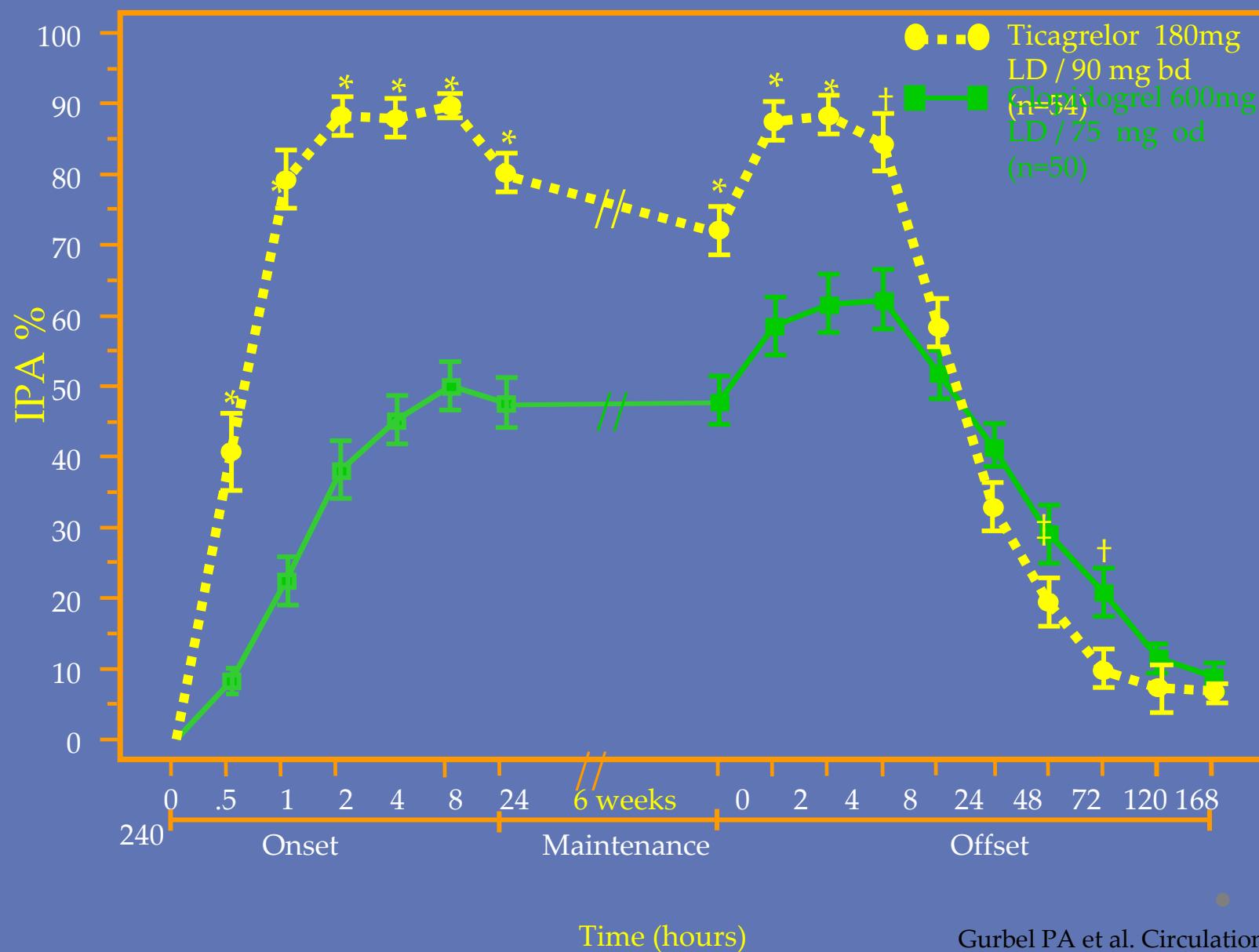
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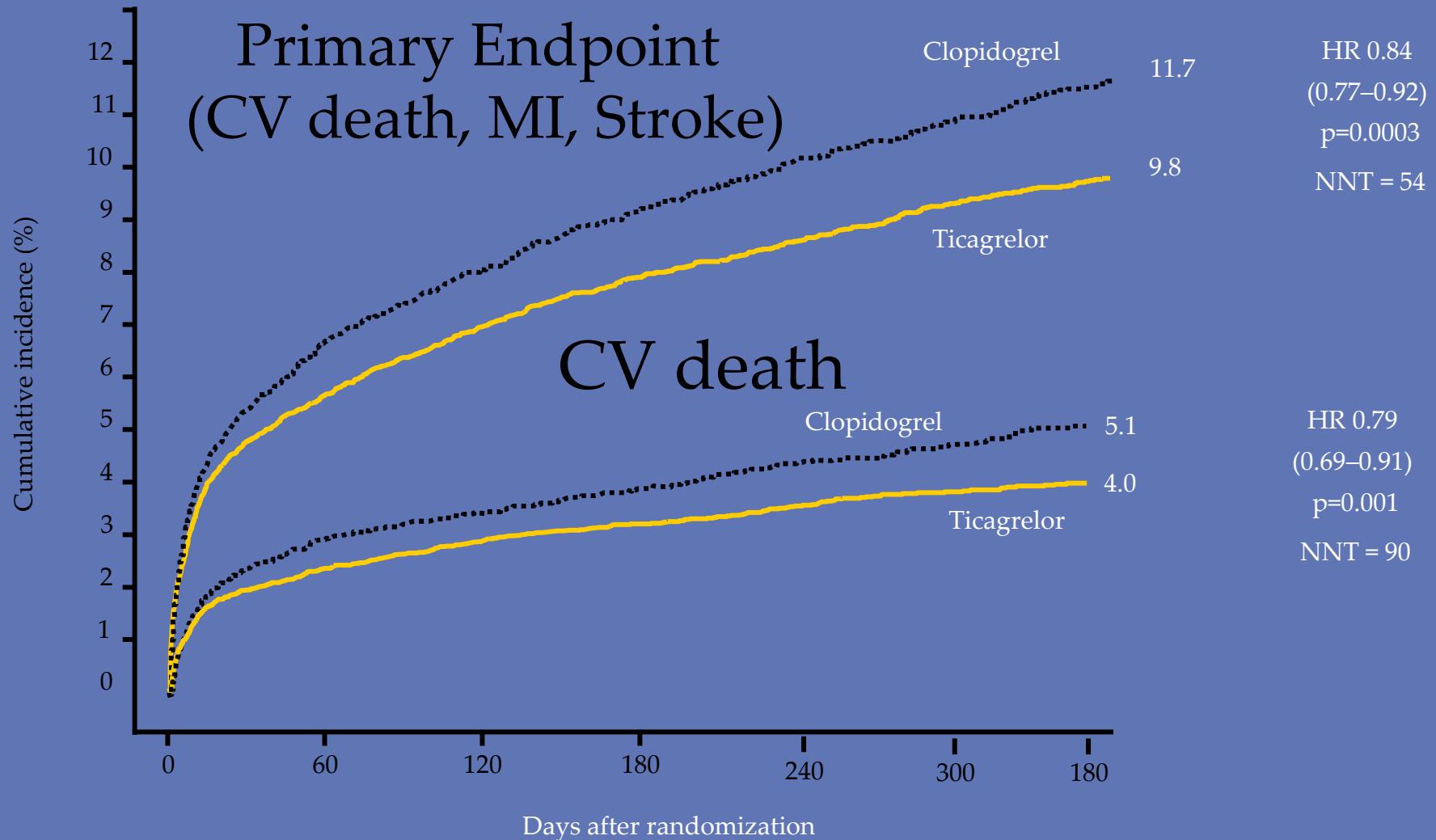
Директни P2Y12 инхибитори

## Ticagrelor

- Нов клас cyclo-pentyl-triazolo-pyrimidine (CPTP)
- Директно действие
  - не е предлекарство
  - не изисква метаболитна активация
- Значително по-бърз ефект от Клопидогрел
- Обратимо свързване с P2Y12 рецептора.

# Подтискане на тромбоцитната активност



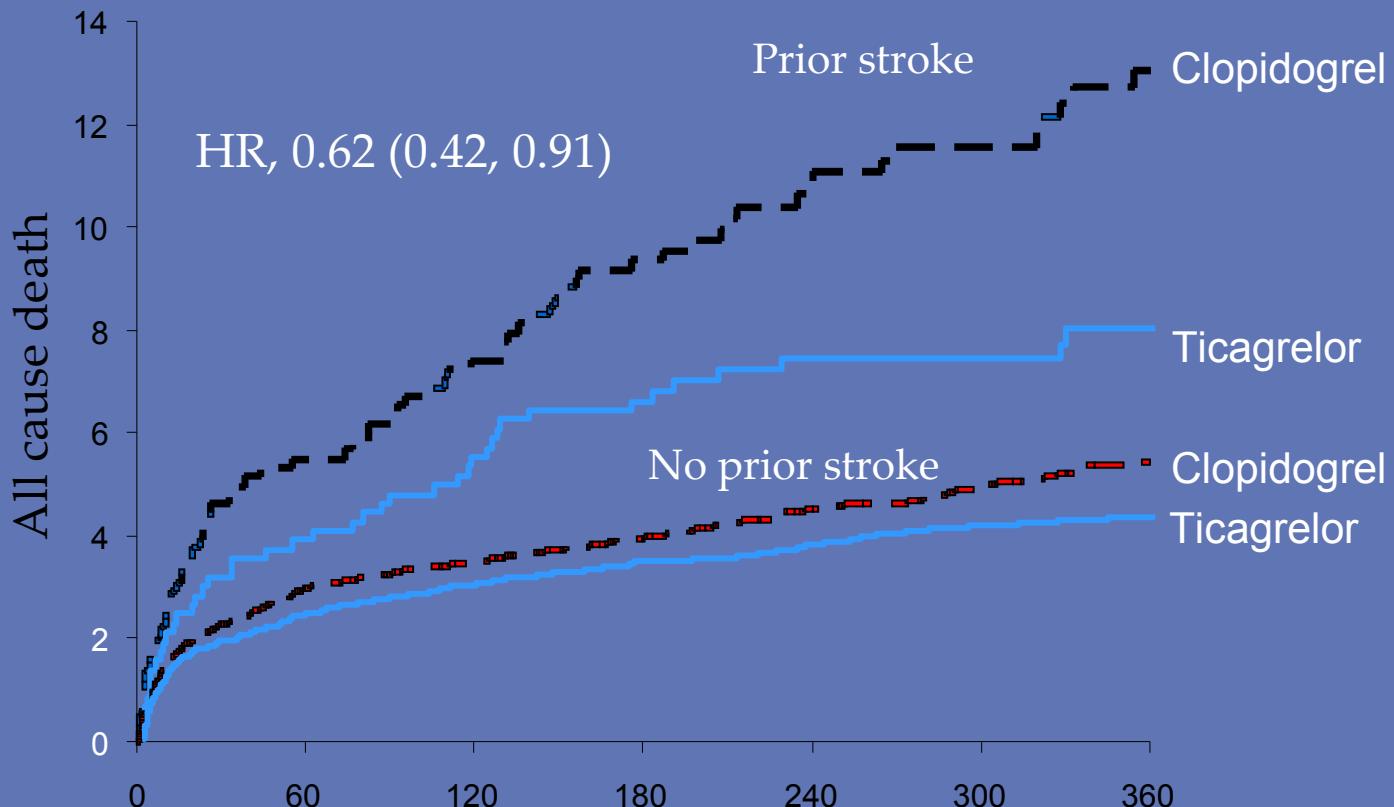


## Предшестващ ИМИ/ ТИА

Stroke

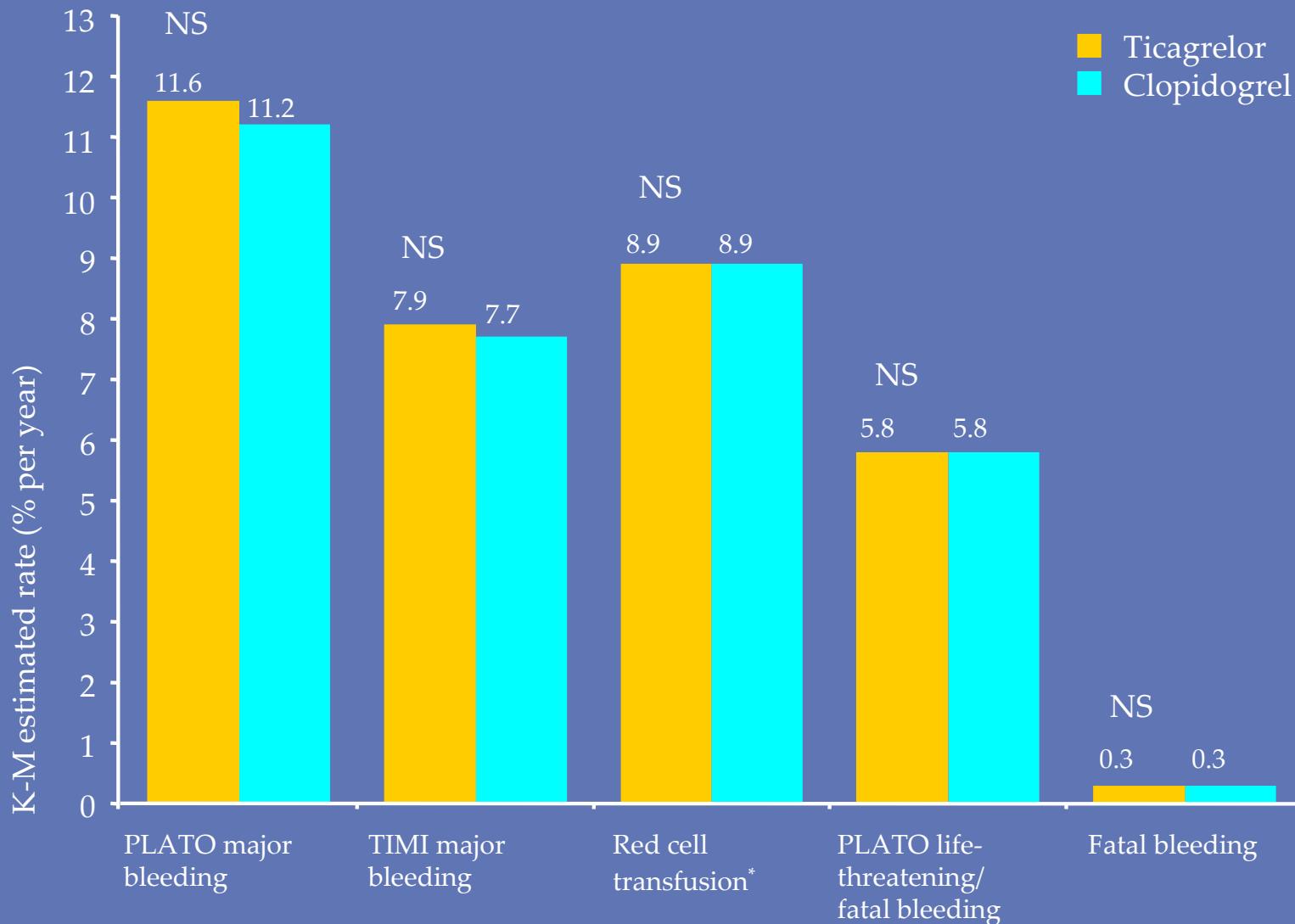
N=1052

Patient at risk



|                 |             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Prior stroke    | Clopidogrel | 588  | 542  | 530  | 507  | 397  | 314  | 246  |
|                 | Ticagrelor  | 564  | 534  | 525  | 511  | 411  | 332  | 254  |
| No prior stroke | Clopidogrel | 8699 | 8318 | 8245 | 8078 | 6679 | 5124 | 4115 |
|                 | Ticagrelor  | 8761 | 8382 | 8289 | 8107 | 6701 | 5143 | 4162 |

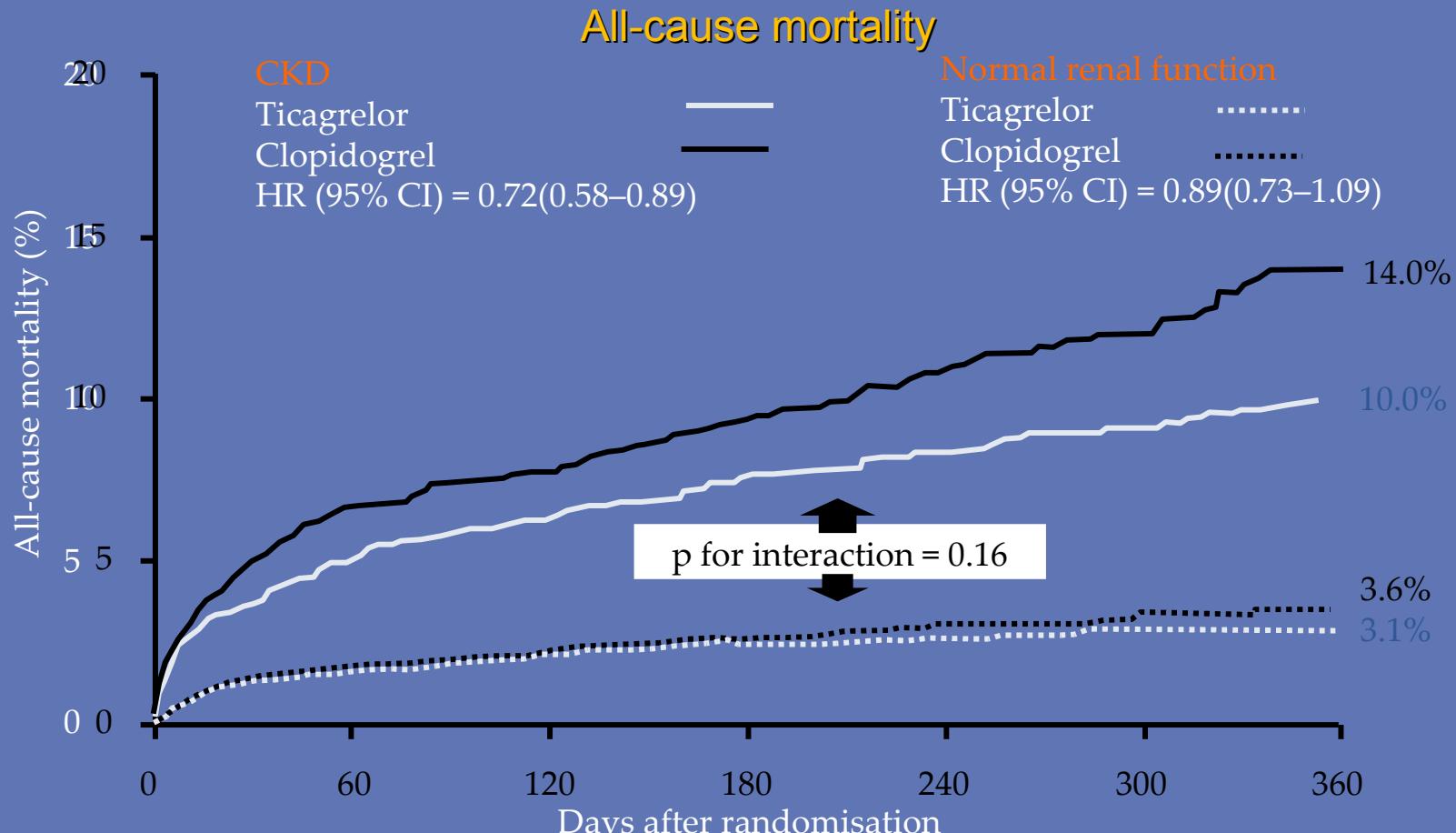
## Кървене



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

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

## Бъречна функция



All-cause mortality benefit with ticagrelor was consistent with the overall PLATO trial results  
No interaction between treatment and renal function ( $p=0.16$ )

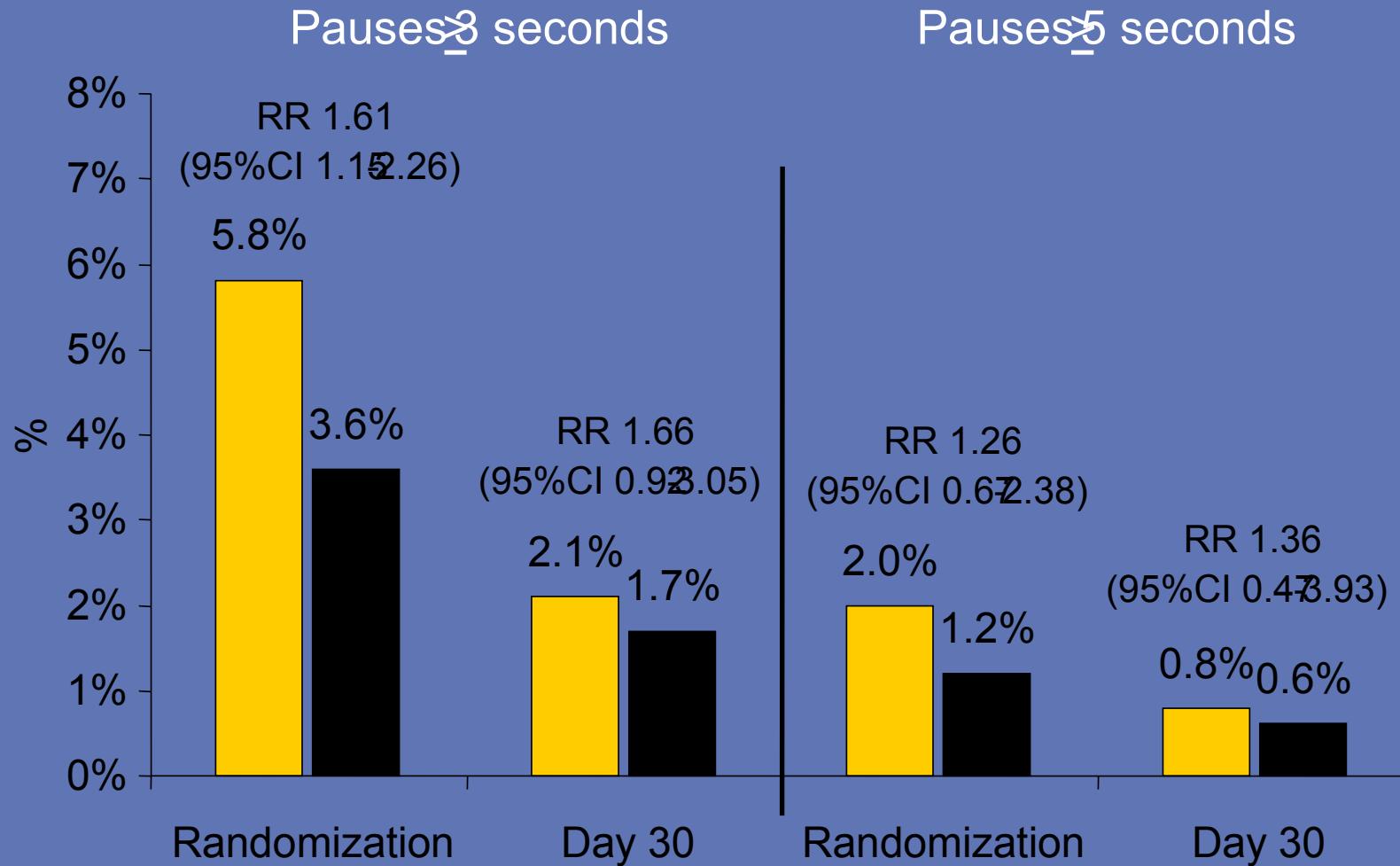
CI, confidence interval; CKD, chronic kidney disease; HR, hazard ratio.

James S, et al. Circulation 2010;122:1056–1067;

Wallentin L, et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:1045–1057.

# Нарушене на сърдечния ритъм

■ Ticagrelor ■ Clopidogrel



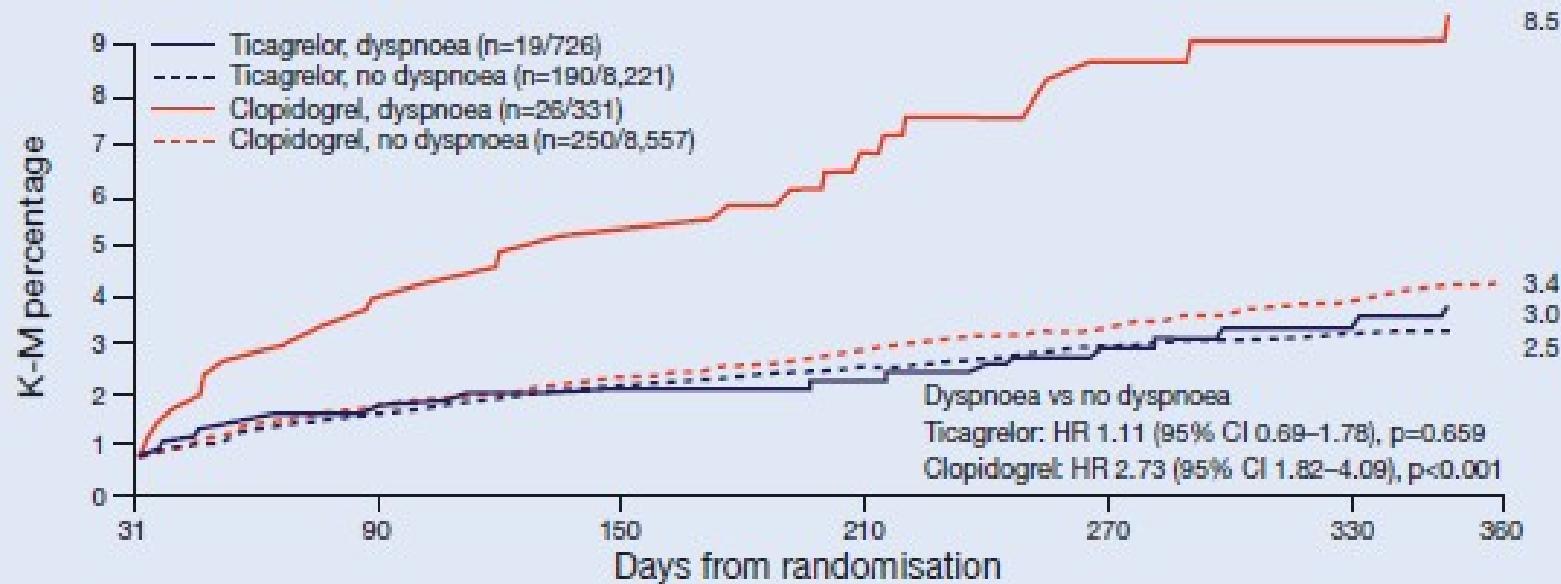
## Диспнея

- 13.8% от пациентите, приемащи ticagrelor и 7.8% от тези на clopidogrel са съобщили за диспнея
- Не е наблюдаван неблагоприятен нежелан ефект върху функцията на белите дробове при пациентите с диспнея
- Ticagrelor-свързаната диспнея не повлиява ефективността

|   | Ticagrelor<br>(n=9,235) | Clopidogrel<br>(n=9,186) | p value* |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| All patients                            |                         |                          |          |
| Dyspnoea, %                             |                         |                          |          |
| Any                                     | 13.8                    | 7.8                      | <0.001   |
| With discontinuation of study treatment | 0.9                     | 0.1                      | <0.001   |

# Смъртност при пациентите със диспнея през първите 30 дни

d)



# Ticagrelor vs Clopidogrel

- Тикагрелор сравнен с клопидогрел намалява исхемичните инциденти и смъртността във всички подгрупил
- Общийят показател за кървене не се повишава, но несвързаното с АКБ кървене е повищено.
- Добра поносимост от пациентите с бъбречна недостатъчност
- Тикагрелор може да предизвика диспнея , която често се задържа и дори се усилва
- Тикагрелор може да предизвиква паузи, но без клинични последствия

| Indication                    | Clopidogrel | Clopidogrel | Prasugrel       | Ticagrelor |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
|                               | Low dose    | High dose   |                 |            |
| Elective PCI                  | ++          |             |                 |            |
| ACS conservative strategy     | +           |             |                 | ++         |
| ACS PCI planned               |             | +           | + (After angio) | ++         |
| ACS hs-troponin negative      | ++          |             |                 |            |
| Non STE ACS                   |             |             | + (After angio) | ++         |
| STEMI, primary PCI            |             | +           | ++              | ++         |
| STEMI, fibrinolysis           | ++          |             |                 |            |
| ACS diabetes                  |             |             | ++              | ++         |
| ACS renal failure             |             |             | +               | ++         |
| ACS CABG likely               |             |             |                 | ++         |
| ACS prior stroke              | +           |             |                 | ++         |
| ACS prior intracerebral bleed | (+)         |             |                 |            |
| ACS frail patients            | +           |             |                 |            |

# Заключение

- Празугрел редуцира значително исхемичните СС инциденти в сравнение с клопидогрел, като в най-голяма степен това се определя от намаляване честотата на нефаталните МИ.
- Тикагрелор редуцира исхемичните инциденти като намалява СС смърт, както и МИ.
- Рискът от голямо кървене е по висок при пациентите на празугрел в сравнение с клопидогрел.
- Тикагрелор и празугрел не се различават по показателя за общо кървене.
- И двата медикамента имат сходна ефективност и безопасност при пациенти с ОКС и е предпочитана пред клопидогрел

# STEMI

| Recommendations   | Class <sup>a</sup> | Level <sup>b</sup> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Antiplatelet therapy</b>   |                    |                    |
| Aspirin oral or i.v. (if unable to swallow) is recommended  | I                  | B                  |
| An ADP-receptor blocker is recommended in addition to aspirin.<br>Options are:  | I                  | A                  |
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# NSTEMI

| Recommendations   | Class | Level |
|---|-------|-------|
| Aspirin should be given to all patients without contraindications at an initial loading dose of 150-300 mg, and at a maintenance dose of 75-100 mg daily long-term regardless of treatment strategy.  | I     | A     |
| A P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor should be added to aspirin as soon as possible and maintained over 12 months, unless there are contraindications such as excessive risk of bleeding.  | I     | A     |
| 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     |
| Prolonged or permanent withdrawal of P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitors within 12 months after the index event is discouraged unless clinically indicated.  | I     | C     |
| Ticagrelor (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily) is recommended for all patients at moderate-to-high risk of ischaemic events (e.g. elevated troponins), regardless of initial treatment strategy and including those pre-treated with clopidogrel (which should be discontinued when ticagrelor is commenced).                                  | I     | B     |
| Prasugrel (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose) is recommended for P2Y <sub>12</sub> -inhibitor-naïve patients (especially diabetics) in whom coronary anatomy is known and who are proceeding to PCI unless there is a high risk of life-threatening bleeding or other contraindications.   | I     | B     |

# 2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of ST-

## Elevation Myocardial Infarction

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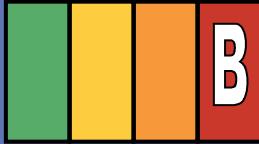


P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor therapy should be given for 1 year to patients with STEMI who receive a stent (BMS or DES) during primary PCI using the following maintenance doses:

- Clopidogrel 75 mg daily; or
- Prasugrel 10 mg daily; or
- Ticagrelor 90 mg twice a day\*

\*The recommended maintenance dose of aspirin to be used with ticagrelor is 81 mg daily.

I IIa IIb III



Harm

Prasugrel **should not be administered** to patients with a history of prior stroke or transient ischemic attack.

Благодаря за вниманието





# Periprocedural anti thrombotic medication in primary PCI

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ADP = adenosine diphosphate

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# PLATO: conclusions

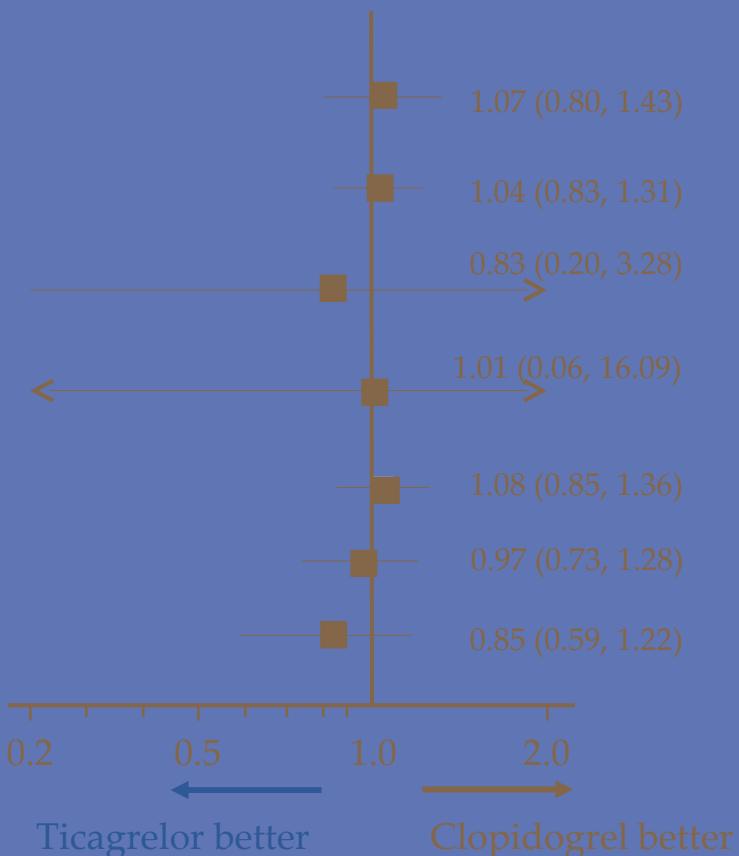
- In a broad population of ACS patients, including patients planned for invasive management, as well as patients intended to be medically managed, treatment with ticagrelor significantly reduced the composite endpoint of CV death, MI, or stroke compared with clopidogrel
  - This result is largely related to a significant reduction in CV death ( $P<0.001$ ) and in MI ( $P<0.001$ ) compared to clopidogrel, with no significant difference between treatments in the rate of stroke
- Total major bleeding events, including fatal bleeding, were not significantly different between ticagrelor and clopidogrel

# PLATO: обобщение

- В PLATO е включен пълният спектър от ОКС-пациенти (UA, NSTEMI or STEMI), както на консервативна, така и на инвазивна терапия.
- Ticagrelor постига по-висока ефикасност спрямо клопидогрел без увеличение на честотата на общото кървене.
- Резултатите в PLATO сочат, че терапията на 1000 пациенти за 12 месеца с ticagrelor вместо с clopidogrel, води до 14 смъртни случая по-малко, 11 инфаркта по-малко, 6 стент тромбози по-малко.
- При пациентите, които са имали вентрикуларни паузи и диспнея, крайните резултати са в съответствие с резултатите, наблюдавани при останалите пациенти в проучването.

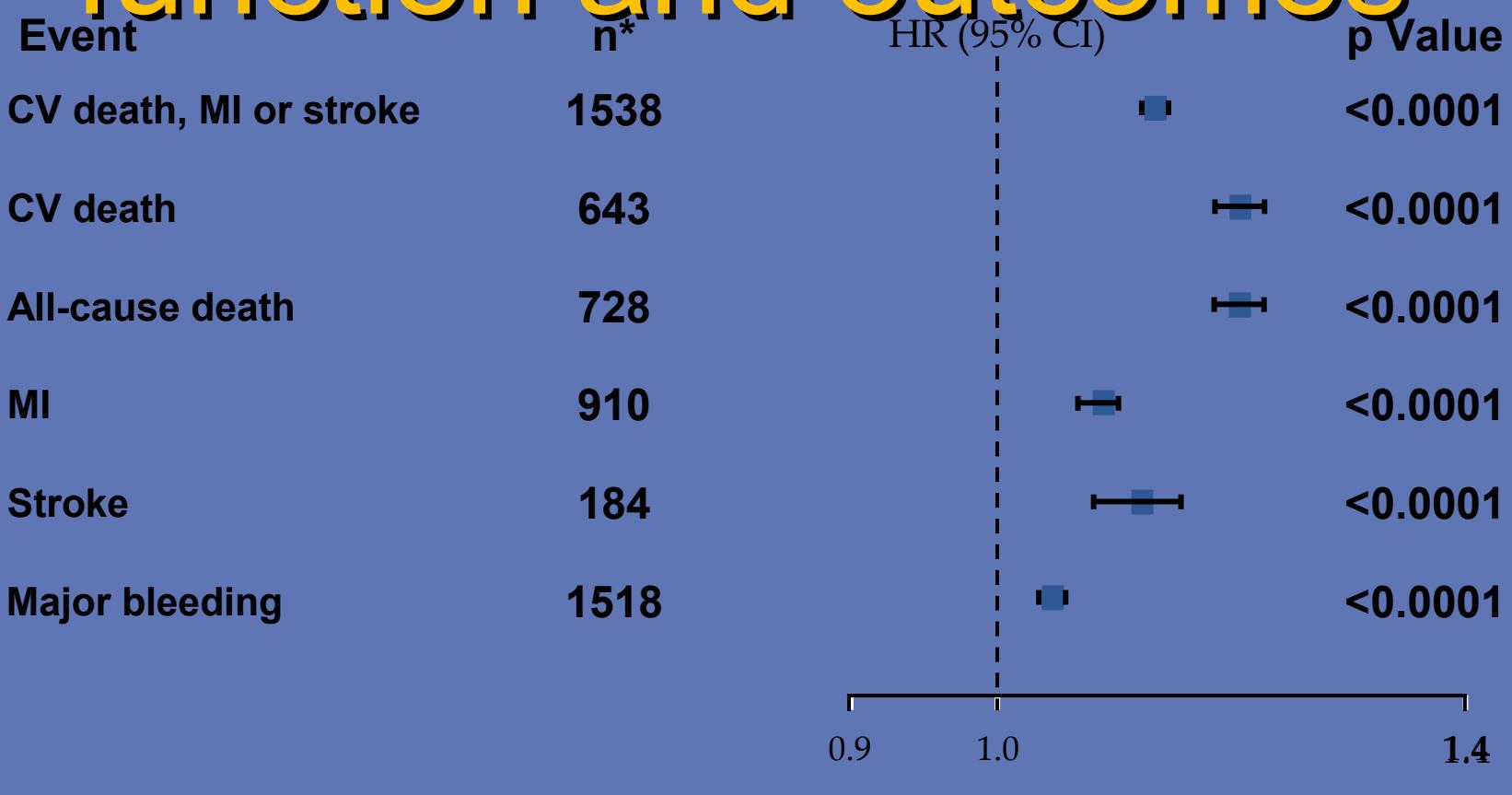
# Bleeding from time of CABG

| Characteristic                       | Ticagrelor<br>(n=632) | Clopidogrel<br>(n=629) | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | p-value |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| CABG-related bleeding                |                       |                        |                     |         |
| Major bleeding                       | 81.2                  | 80.1                   | 1.07 (0.80, 1.43)   | 0.67    |
| Life-threatening/fatal bleeding      | 43.7                  | 42.6                   | 1.04 (0.83, 1.31)   | 0.73    |
| Fatal bleeding                       | 0.8                   | 1.0                    | 0.83 (0.20, 3.28)   | 0.77    |
| All intracranial bleeding post-CABG* | 0.2                   | 0.2                    | 1.01 (0.06, 16.09)  | 1.00    |
| TIMI major bleeding                  | 59.3                  | 57.6                   | 1.08 (0.85, 1.36)   | 0.53    |
| TIMI minor bleeding                  | 21.0                  | 21.6                   | 0.97 (0.73, 1.28)   | 0.84    |
| GUSTO severe bleeding                | 10.6                  | 12.2                   | 0.85 (0.59, 1.22)   | 0.38    |



\*Values are incidences = number of events divided by n, not rates.  
†hazard ratio. Both CABG-related and non-related

# PLATO: Baseline renal function and outcomes



Decreased risk  
with impaired  
renal function

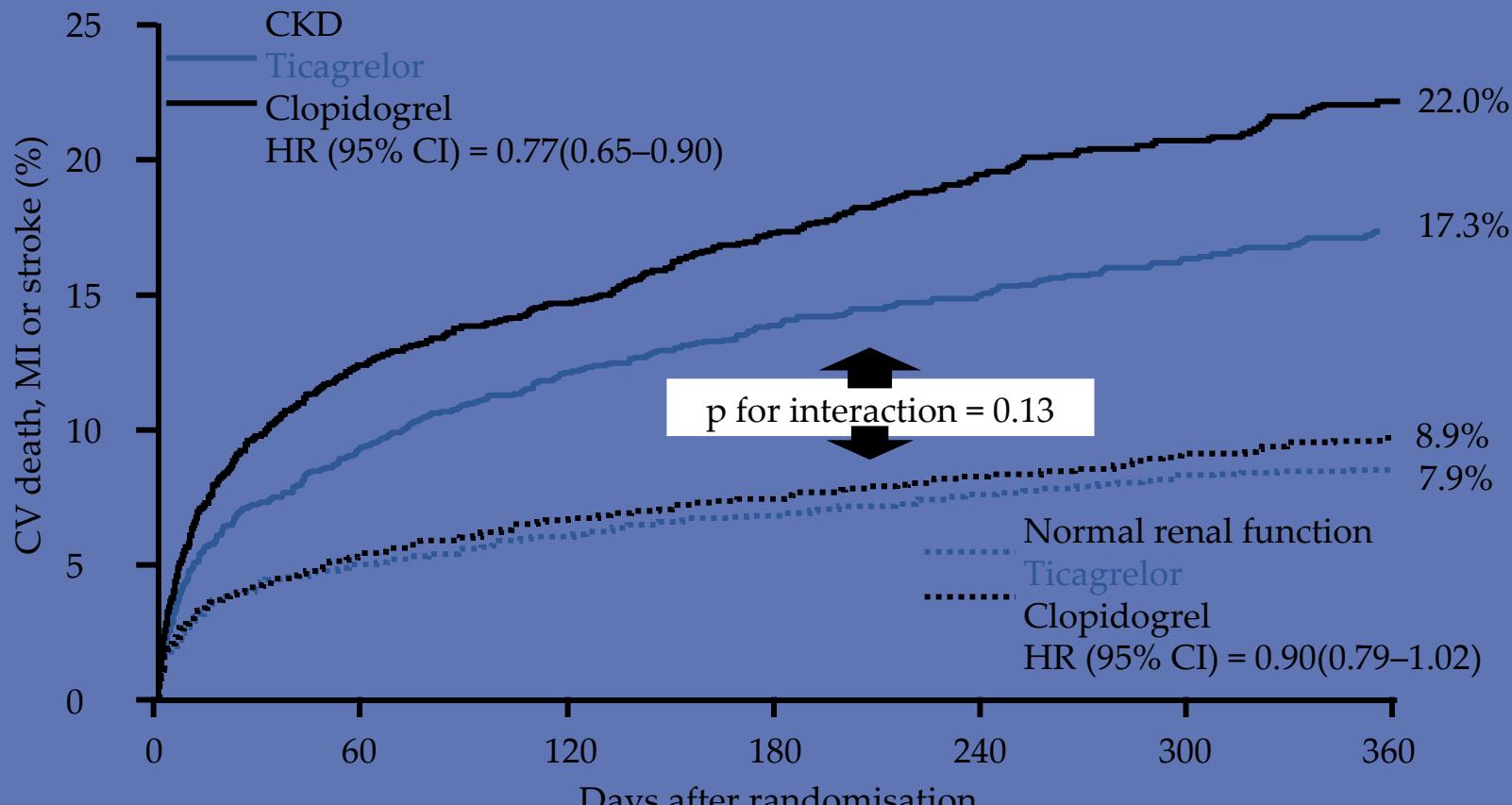
Increased risk  
with impaired  
renal function

\*n=number of patients in both treatment arms combined with 1 or more event.

CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction.

# Renal function and outcomes in PLATO:

## Primary composite endpoint



Primary endpoint benefit with ticagrelor was consistent with the overall PLATO trial results

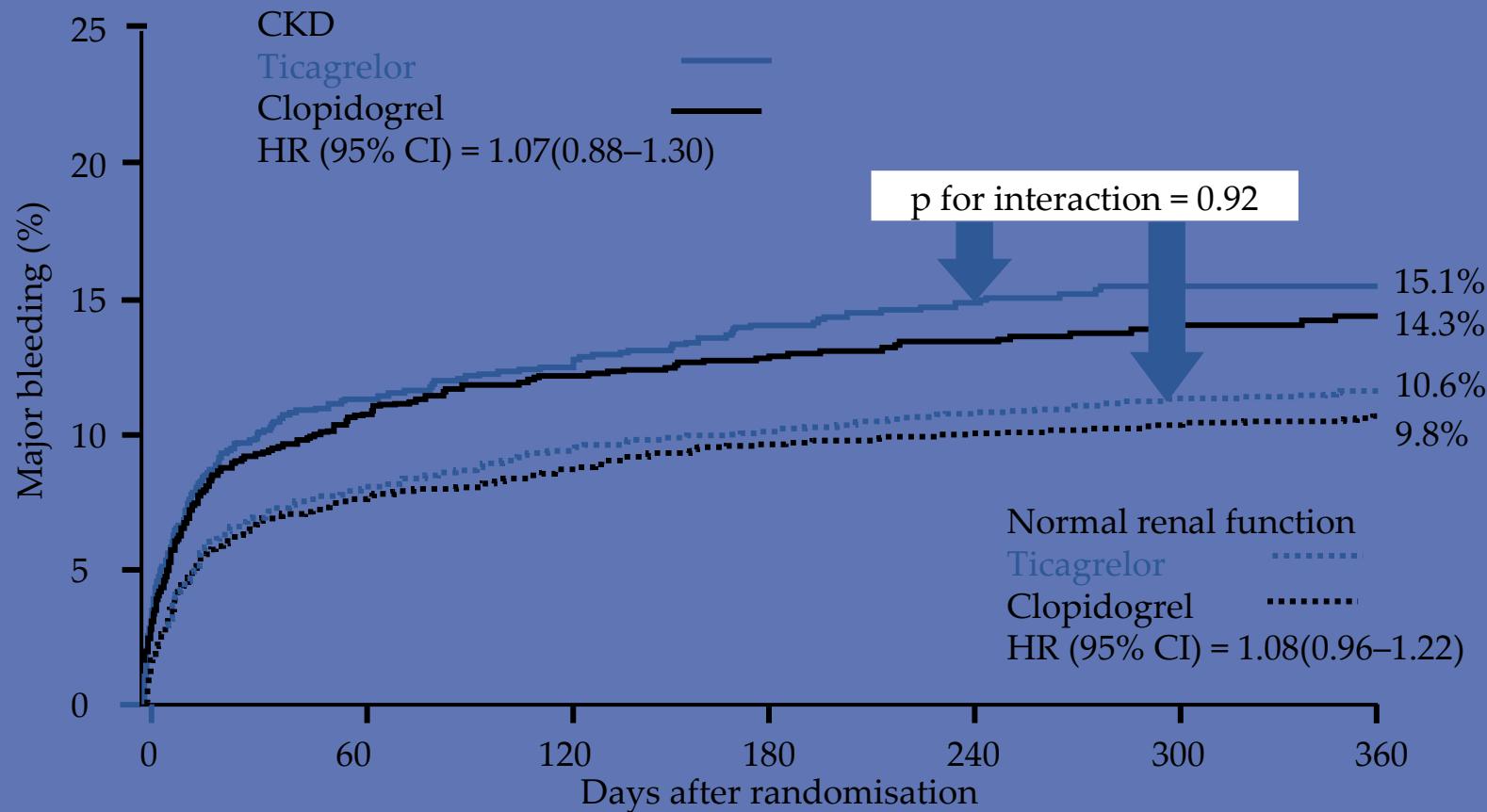
No interaction between treatment and renal function ( $p=0.13$ )

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# Renal function and outcomes in PLATO: Major bleeding

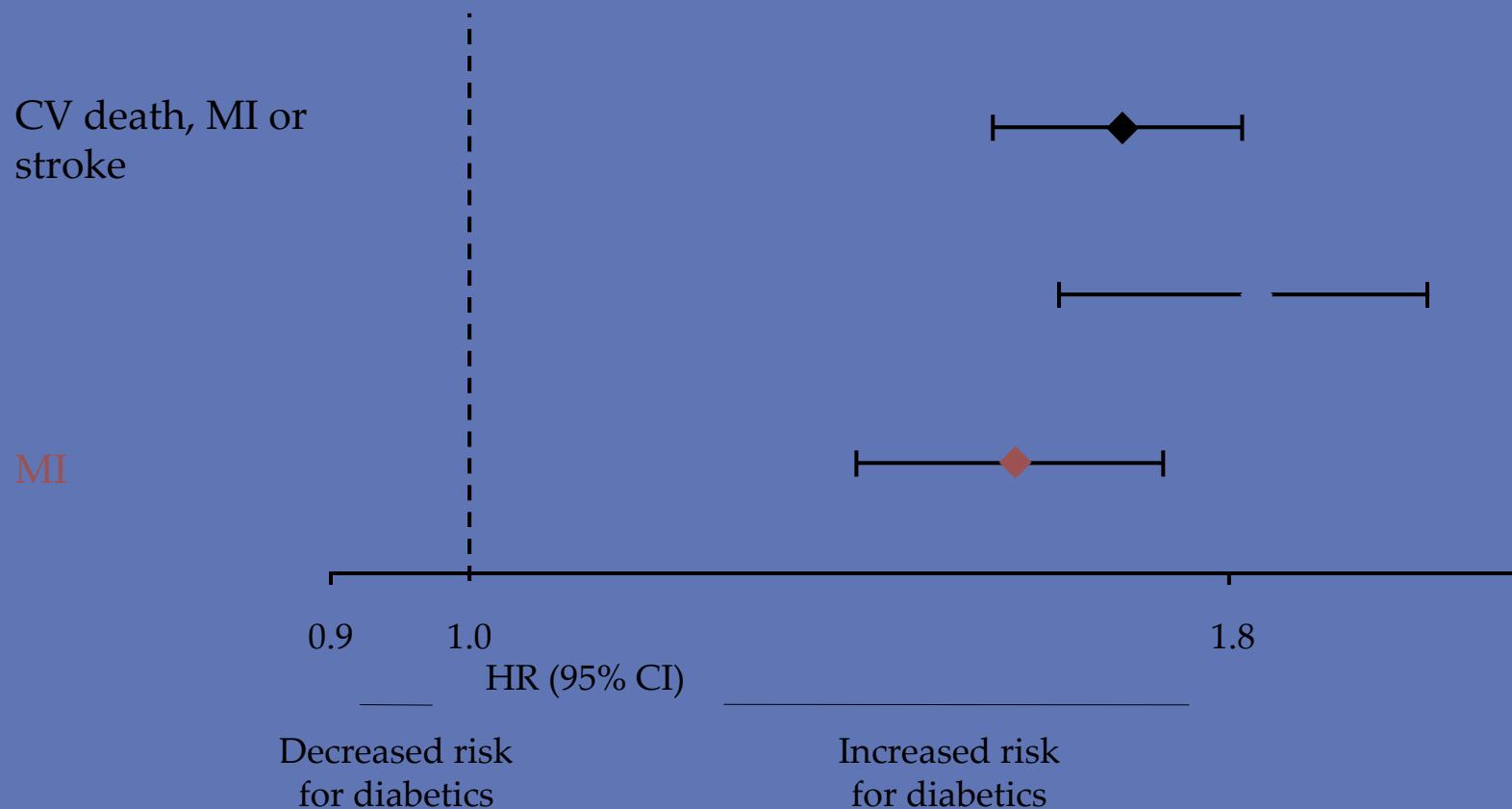


Bleeding occurred with similar frequency  
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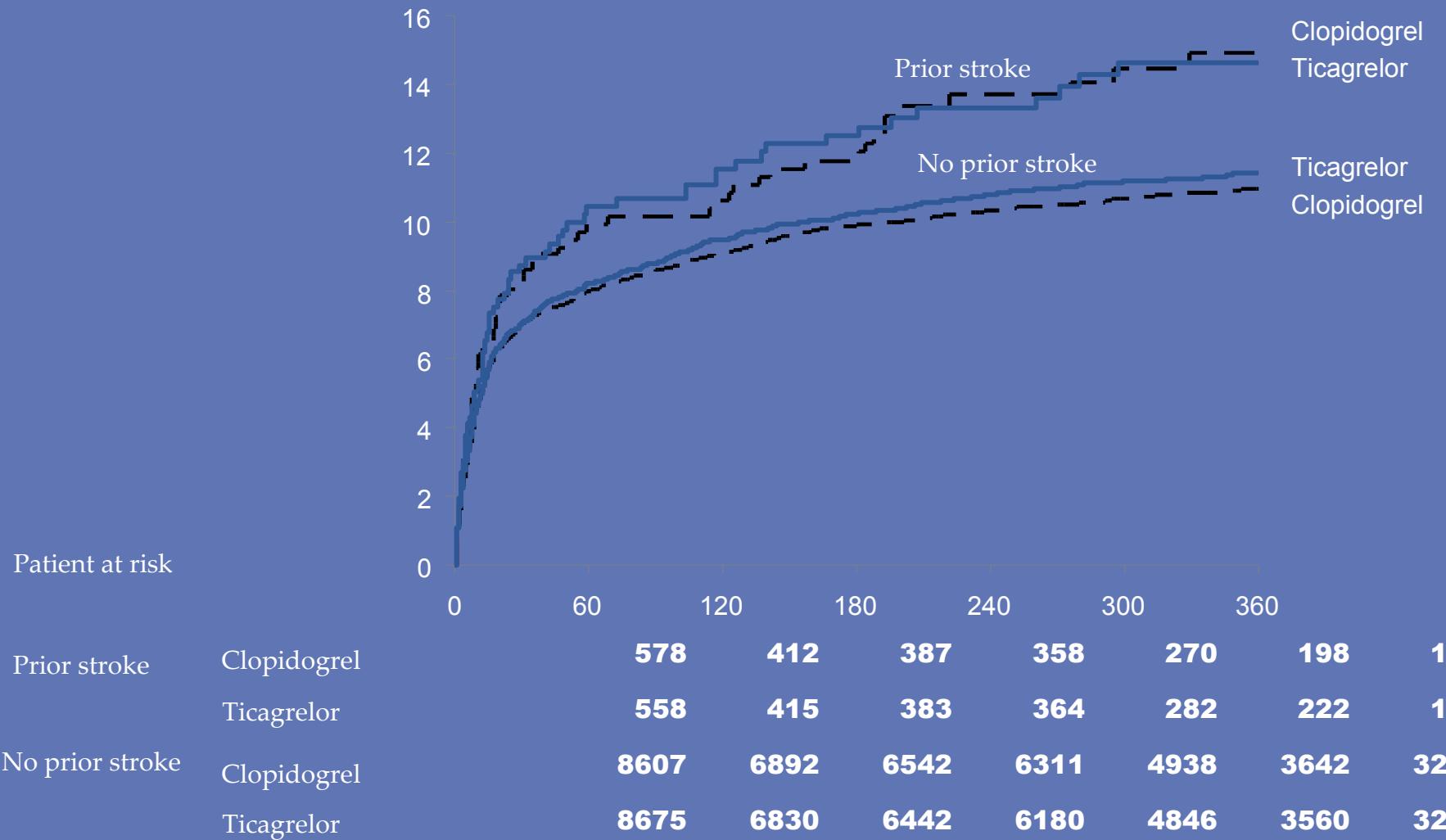
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CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; CI, confidence interval; CKD, chronic kidney disease HR, hazard ratio; TIMI, Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction.  
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# Increased risk of ischaemic events in diabetic patients

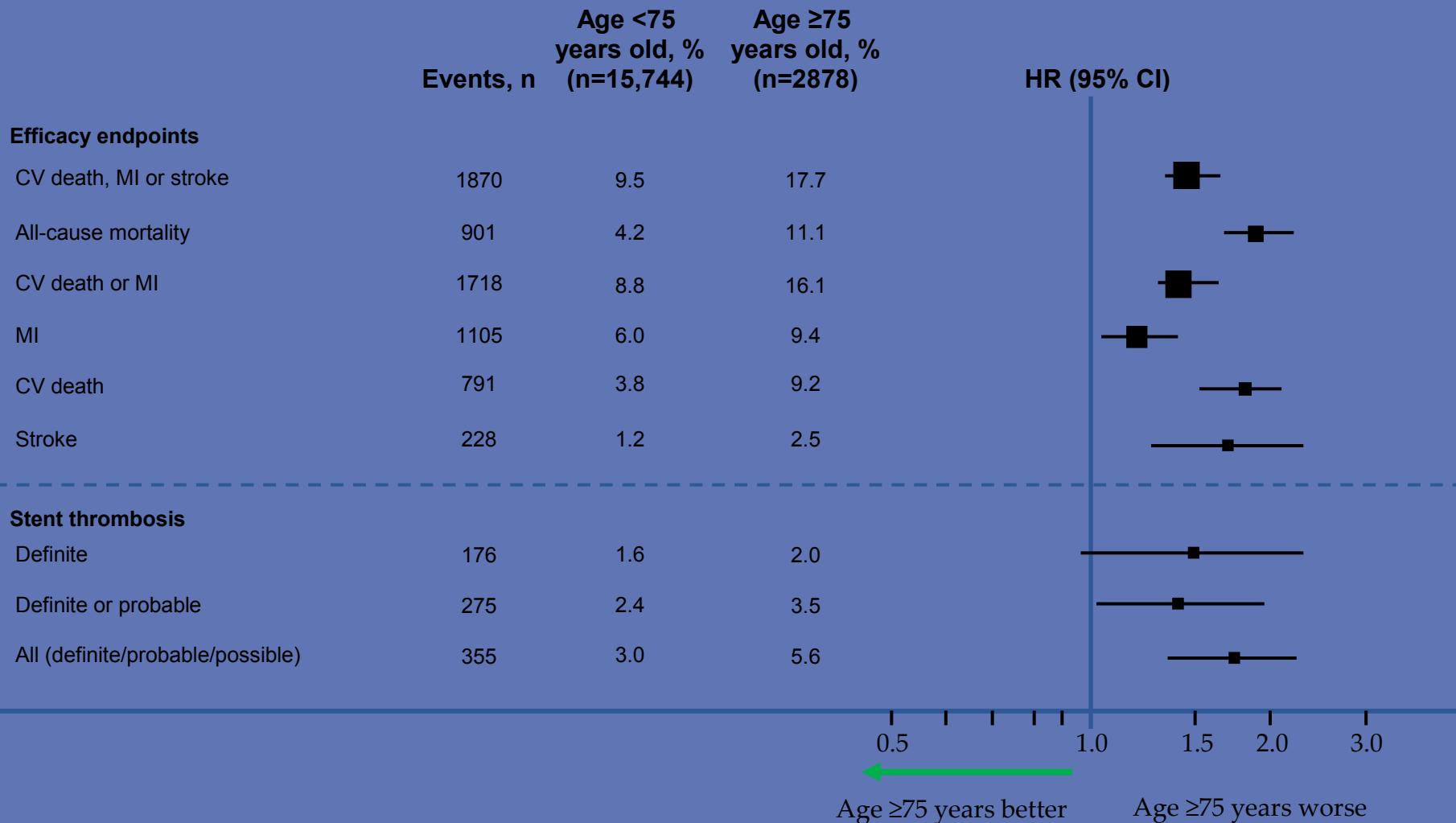


# Major bleeding

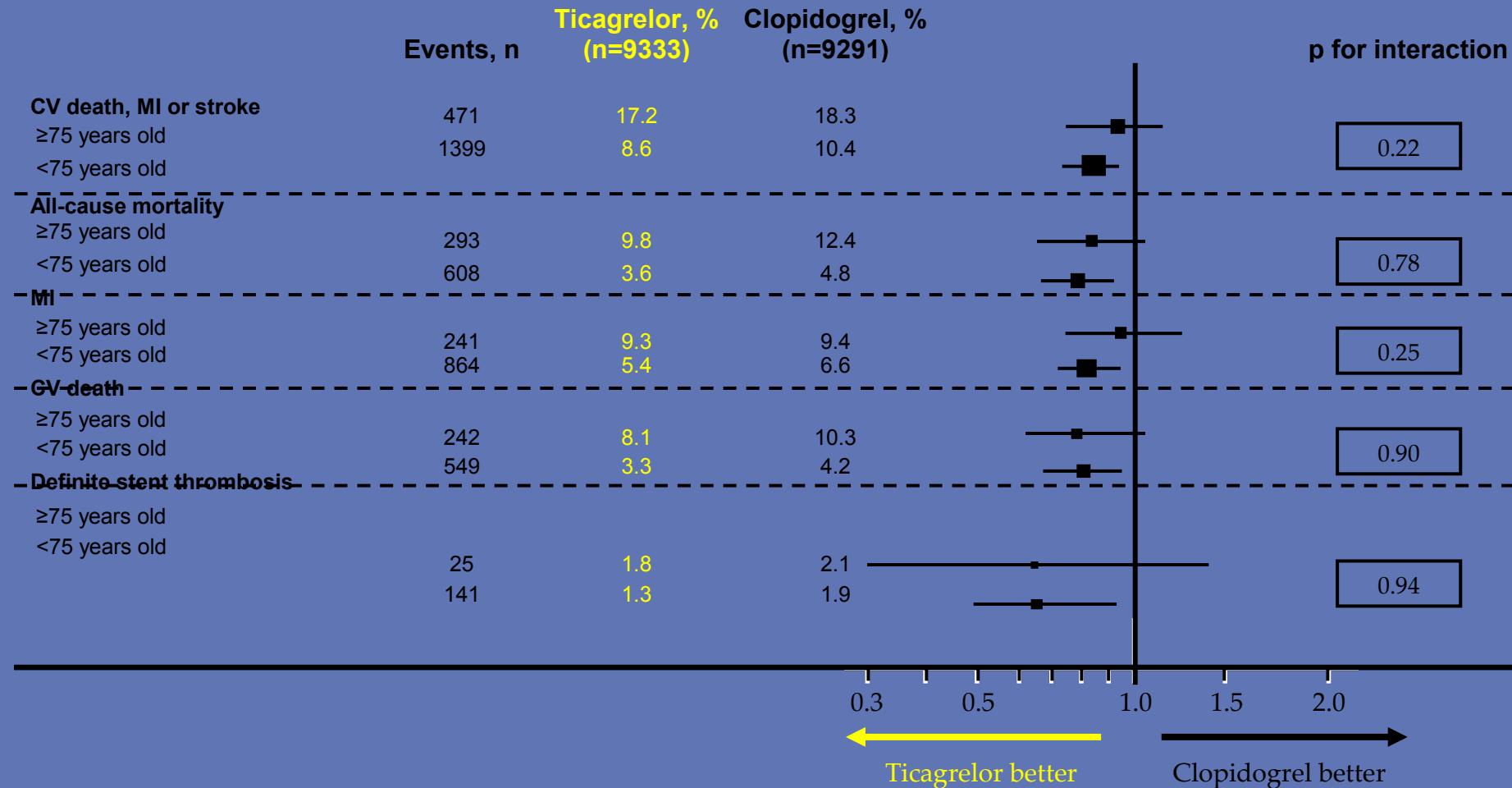


# PLATO elderly patient subgroup analysis:

## Age and CV thrombotic outcomes



# PLATO elderly patient subgroup analysis: Age, treatment and CV thrombotic outcomes

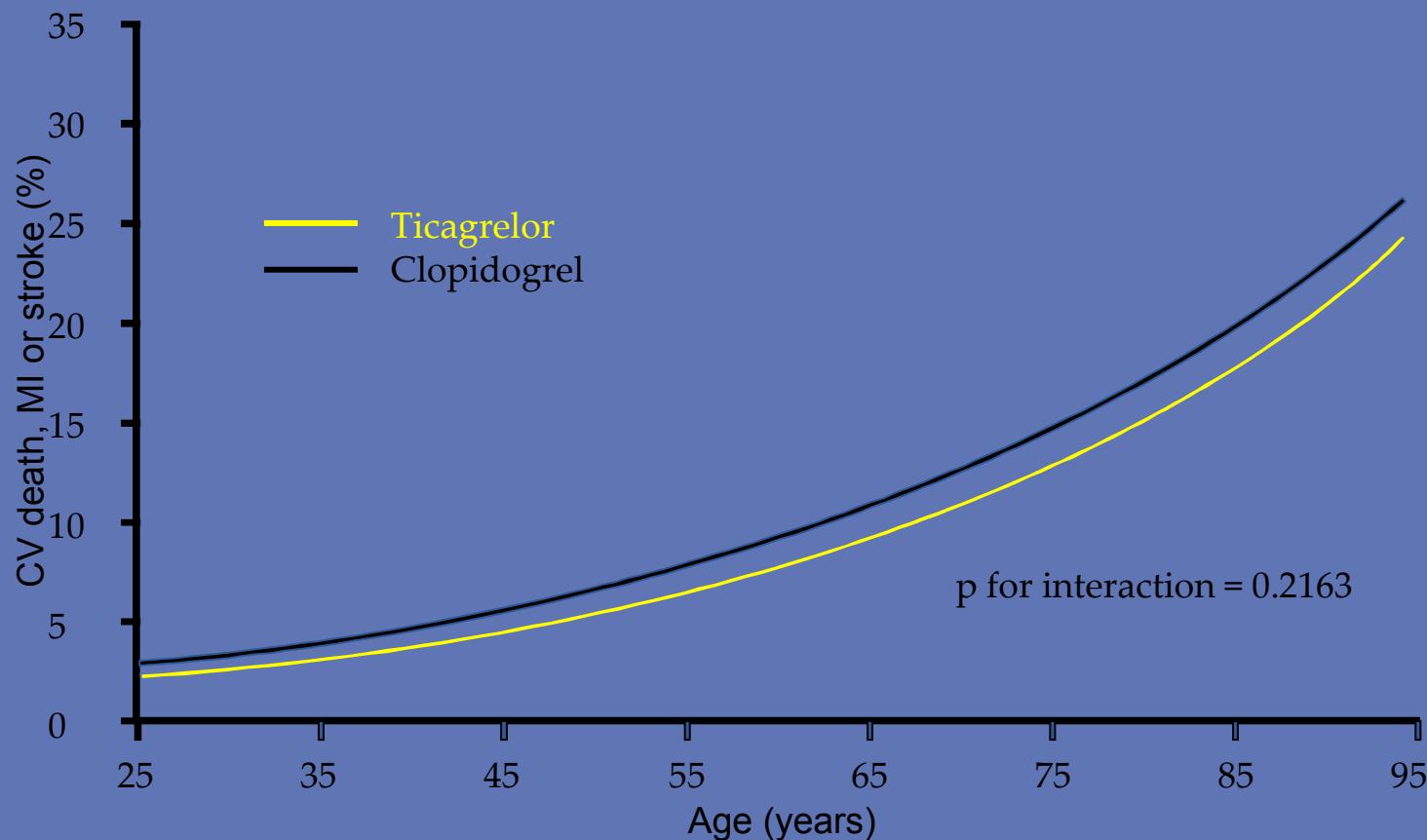


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# PLATO elderly patient subgroup analysis:

## Primary composite endpoint according to age



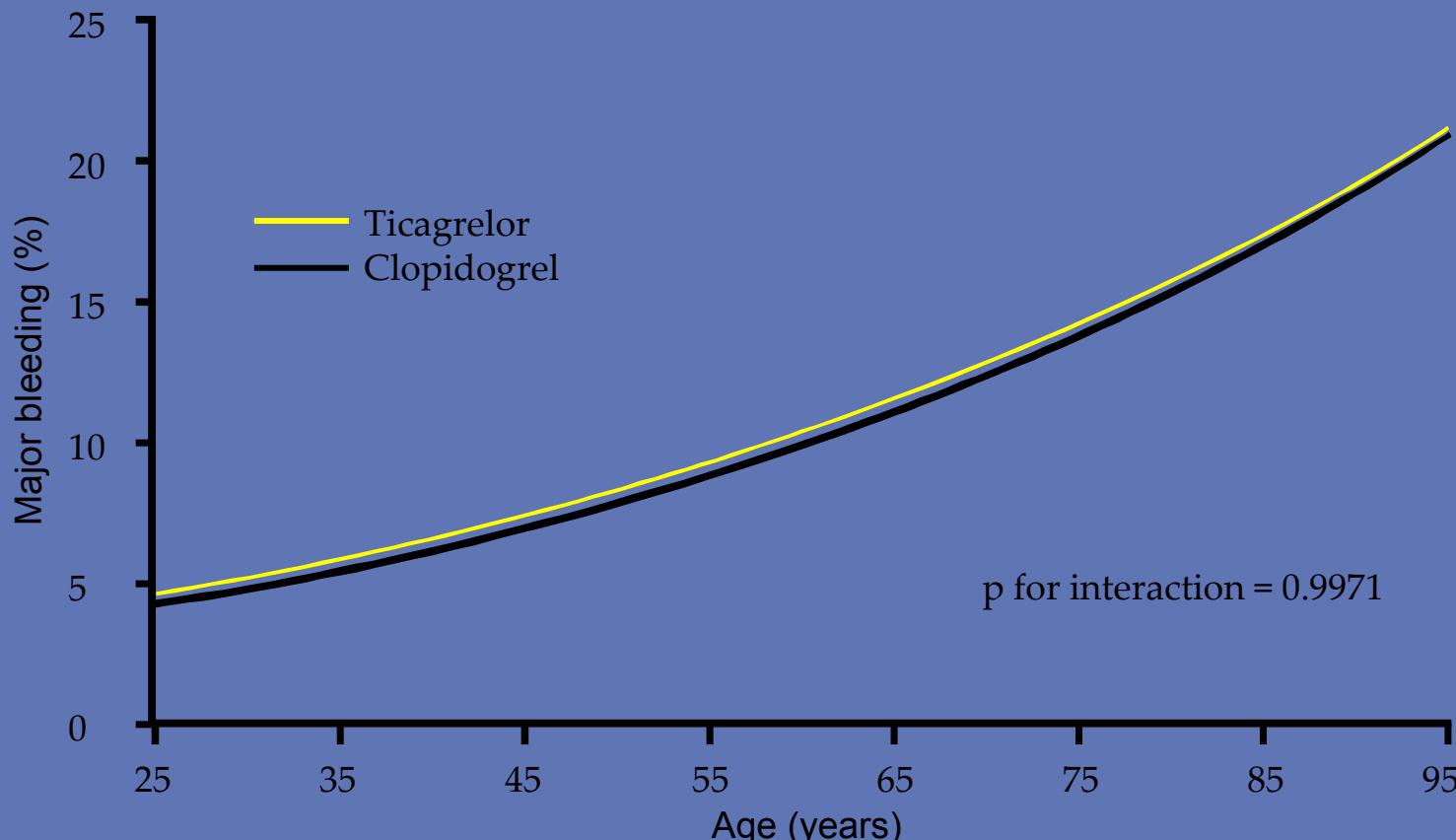
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# PLATO elderly patient subgroup analysis:

## Major bleeding according to age



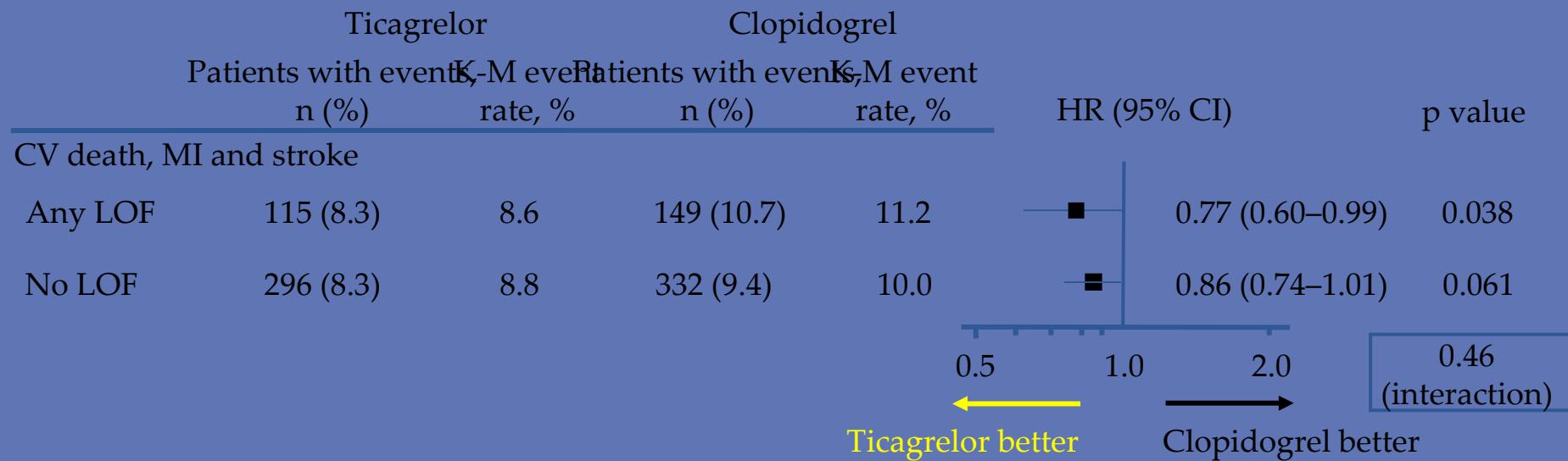
Major bleeding occurred with similar frequency in the ticagrelor and clopidogrel groups as observed in the overall PLATO population

No interaction between age and treatment was observed

# PLATO genetic substudy:

## Primary efficacy endpoint – CYP2C19

- The primary composite outcome of CV death, MI or stroke up to 12 months was consistently reduced with ticagrelor versus clopidogrel in patients in each genotype group ( $p$  for interaction=0.46)
  - This difference was driven by consistent reductions in CV death and MI



CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; LOF, loss-of-function;

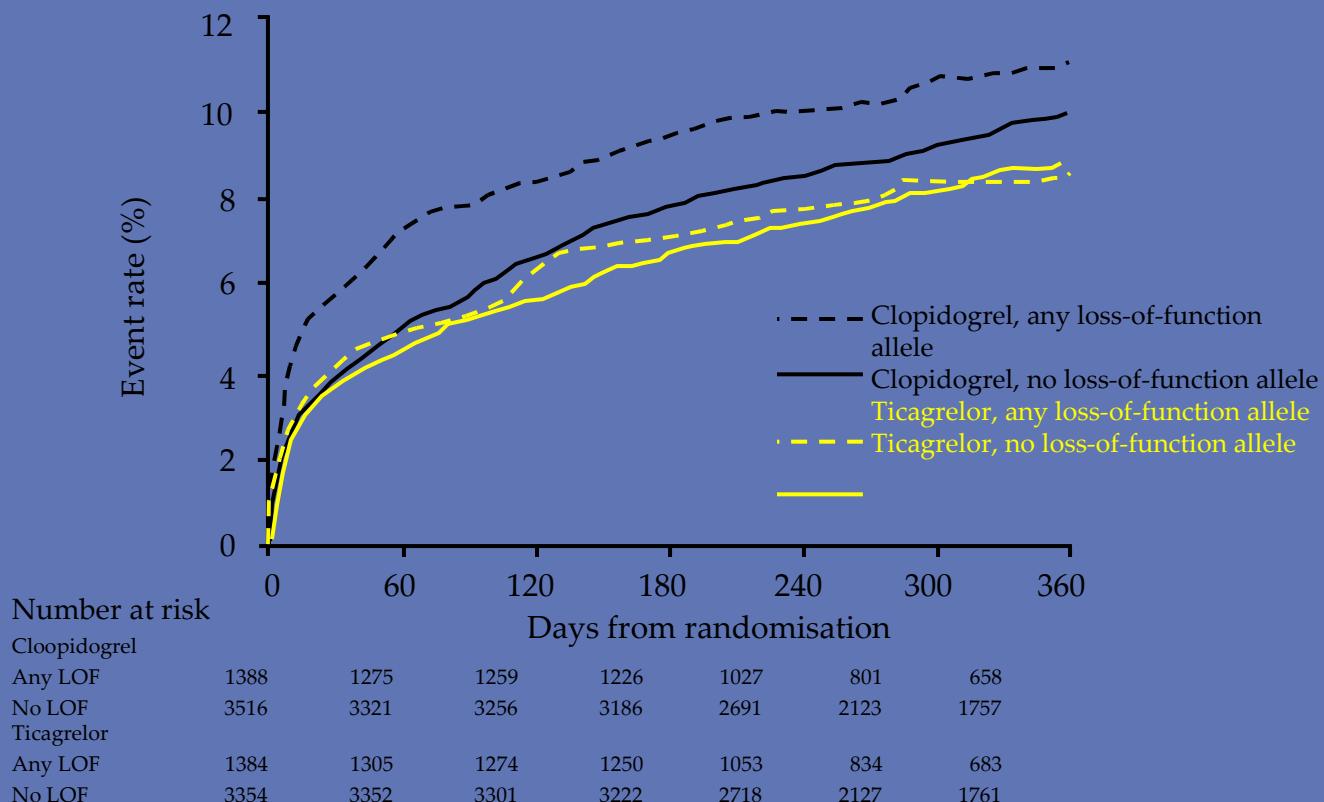
K-M, Kaplan–Meier; MI, myocardial infarction.

Wallentin L, et al. Lancet 2010;376:1320–1328.

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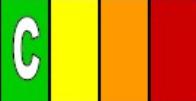
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*MODIFIED*  
Recommendation

A loading dose of thienopyridine is recommended for STEMI patients for whom PCI is planned. Regimens should be one of the following:

I IIa IIb III



**Clopidogrel at least 300 mg to 600mg† should be given as early as possible before or at the time of primary or non-primary PCI.**

## Recommendations for the use of Thienopyridines

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Recommendation

I IIa IIb III



**Prasugrel 60 mg should be given as soon as possible for primary PCI.**

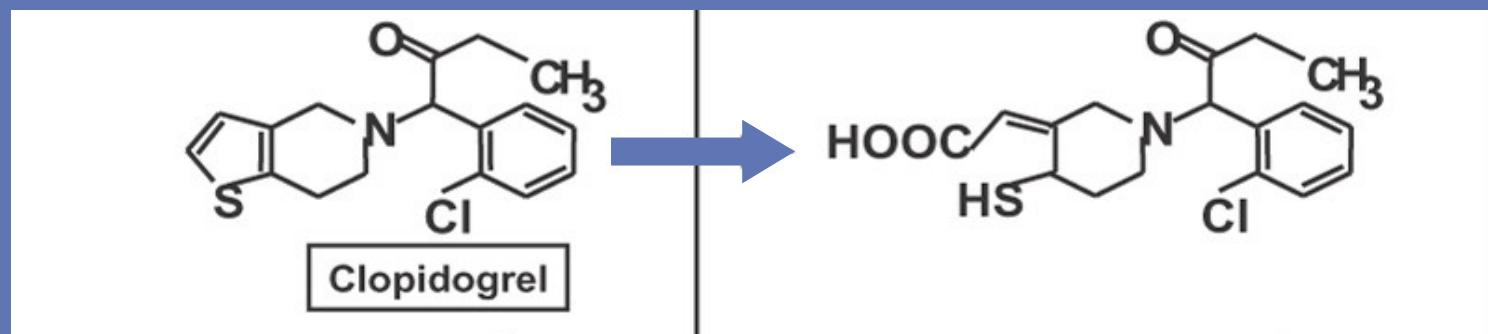


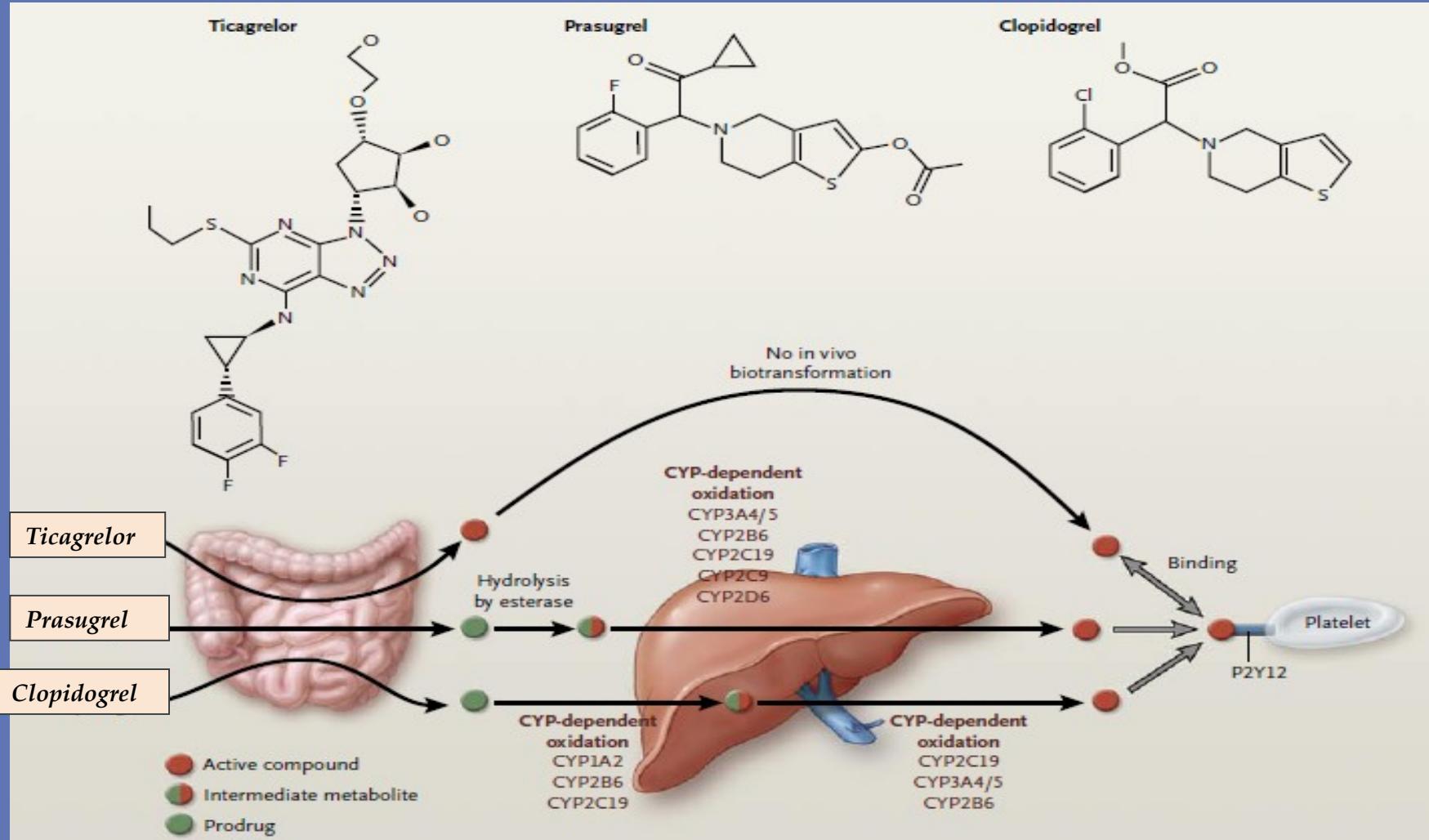
# Налични антитромбоцитни медикаменти

| DRUG         | DRUG CLASS                                  | CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS  |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|
| Aspirin      | COX-1 inhibitor                             | PO, Irreversible binding  |
| Ticlopidine  | P2Y <sub>12</sub> (ADP) receptor antagonist | PO, Irreversible binding  |
| Clopidogrel  | P2Y <sub>12</sub> (ADP) receptor antagonist | PO, Irreversible binding  |
| Prasugrel    | P2Y <sub>12</sub> (ADP) receptor antagonist | PO, Irreversible binding  |
| Ticagrelor   | P2Y <sub>12</sub> (ADP) receptor antagonist | PO, Reversible binding    |
| Cilostazol   | PDE inhibitor; Increase cAMP                | PO, Reversible inhibition |
| Dipyridamole | PDE inhibitor; Increase cAMP                | PO, Reversible inhibition |

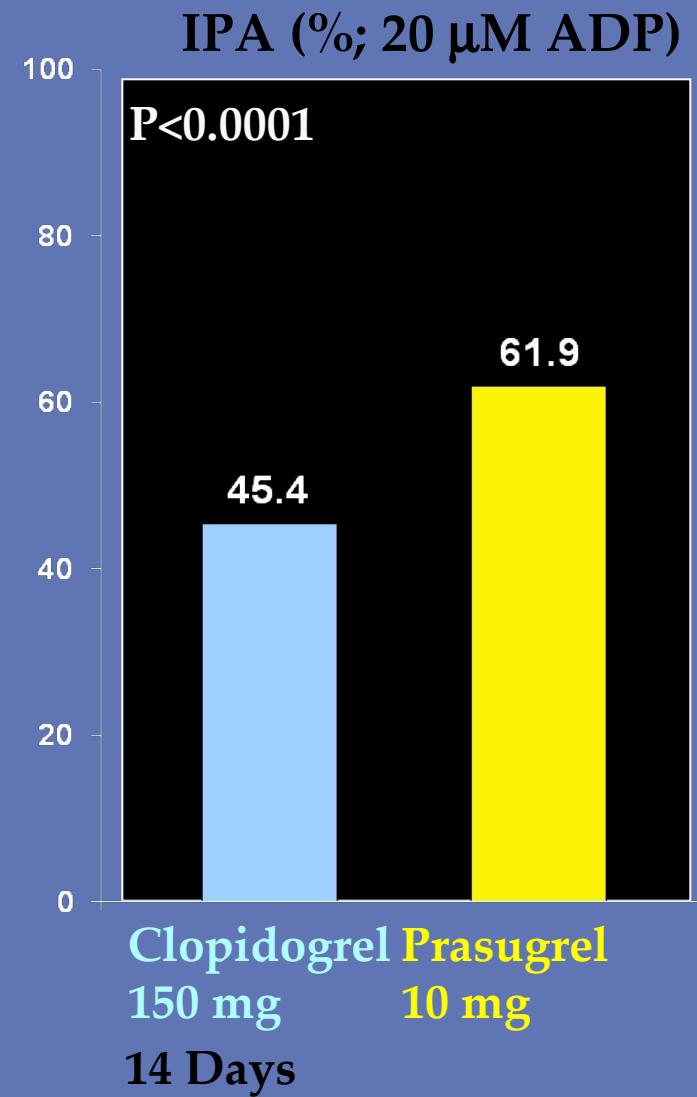
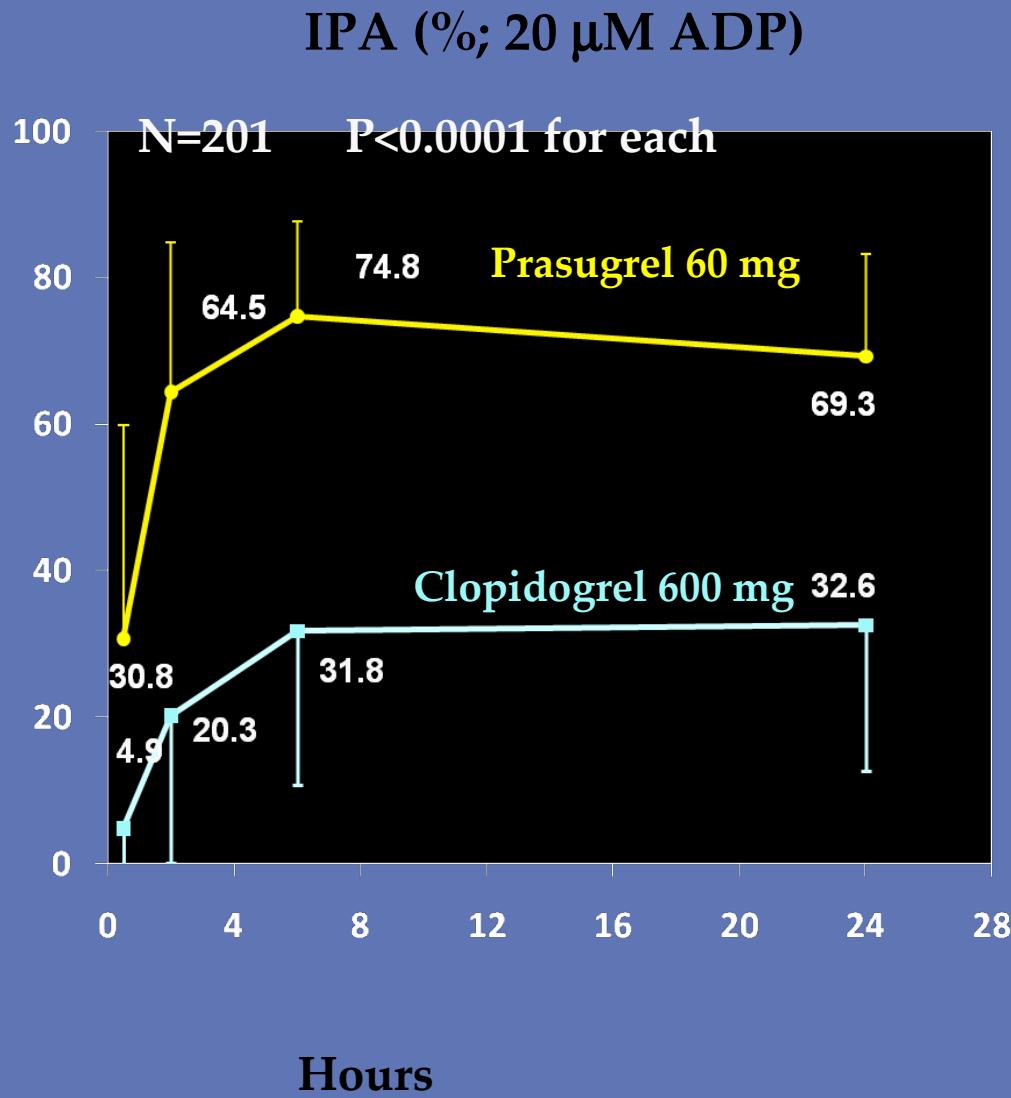
COX = cyclooxygenase; ADP = adenosine diphosphate; PDE = phosphodiesterase

# Тиенопиридините са prodrugs

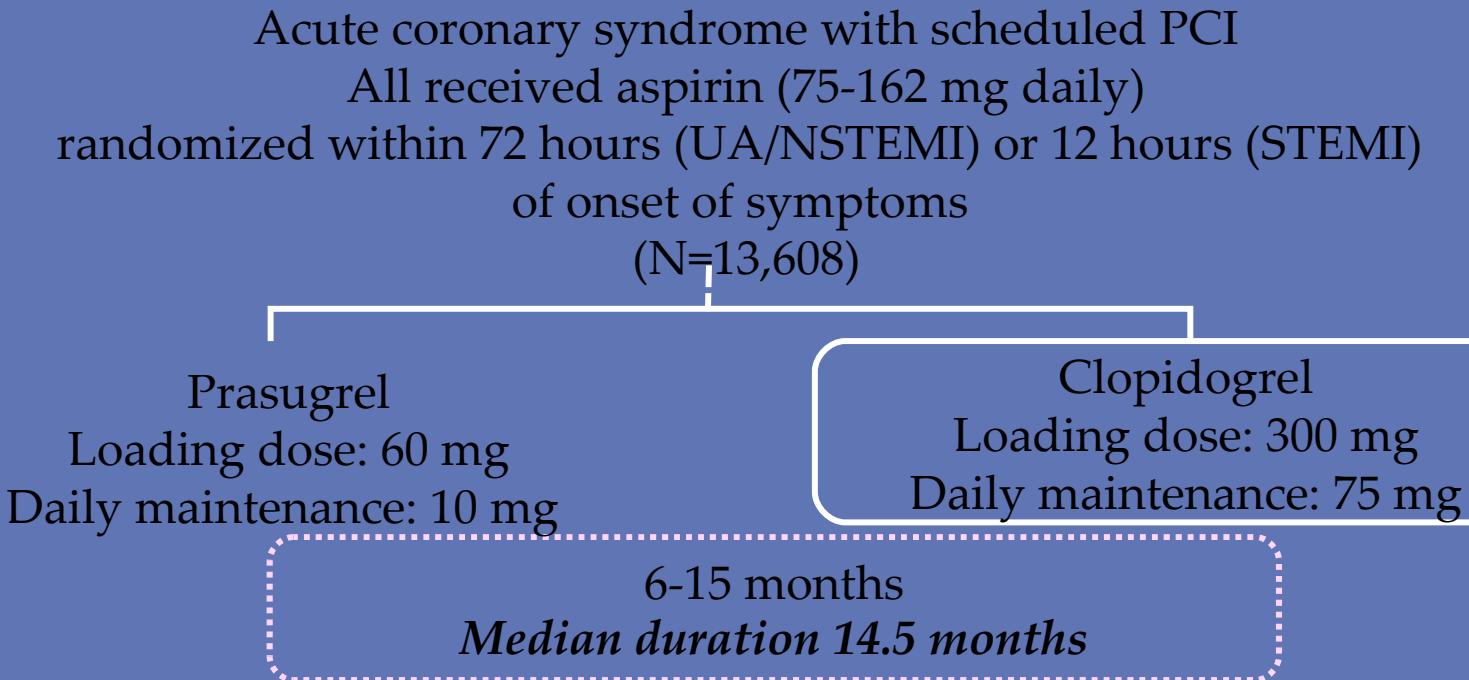




# Comparison of prasugrel with higher dose clopidogrel



# TRial to Assess Improvement in Therapeutic Outcomes by Optimizing Platelet Inhibition with Prasugrel-thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction (TRITON TIMI-38): study design



Primary endpoint:

- Composite of death from CV causes, nonfatal MI or nonfatal stroke

Key secondary endpoints:

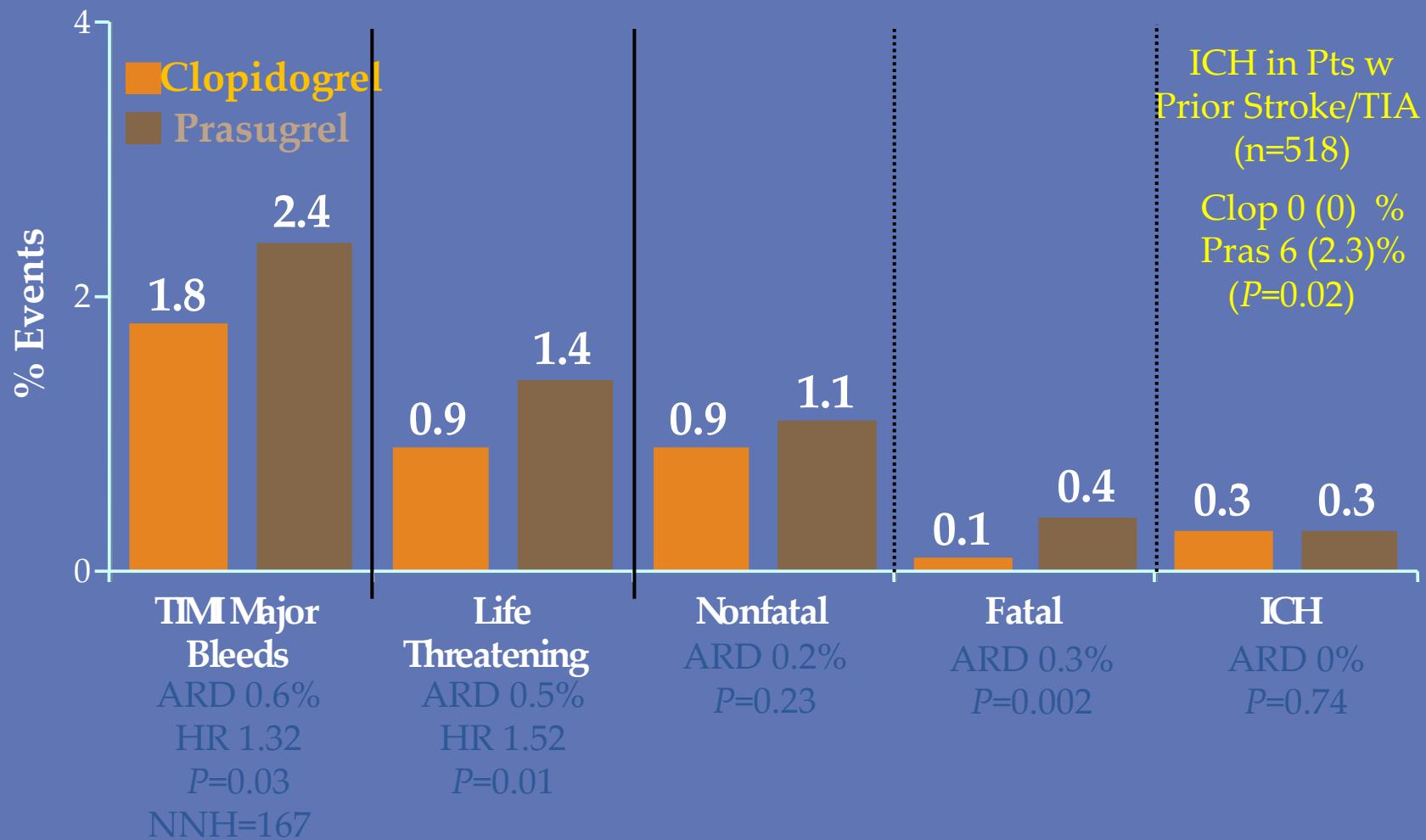
- Stent thrombosis
- Composite of death from CV causes, nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, or rehospitalization due to a cardiac ischemic event

Key safety endpoints:

- TIMI major bleeding not related to CABG
- NonCABG-related TIMI life-threatening bleeding
- TIMI Major or Minor bleeding

# TRITON TIM-38

Bleeding Events Safety Cohort ( $n=13,457$ )



# Study Goals

1. To test the hypothesis that higher and less variable IPA prevents clinical ischemic events.
  2. To evaluate the safety of a regimen that produces higher IPA.
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These goals were achieved by evaluating the efficacy and safety of **prasugrel** compared to **clopidogrel** in mod/high risk patients with ACS undergoing PCI on a background of ASA.

# Study Design

**ACS (STEMI or UA/NSTEMI) & Planned PCI**

ASA      ↓      N= 13,600

Double-blind

**CLOPIDOGREL  
300 mg LD/ 75 mg MD**

**PRASUGREL  
60 mg LD/ 10 mg MD**

**Median duration of therapy - 12 months**

1° endpoint: CV death, MI, Stroke

2° endpoints: CV death, MI, Stroke, Rehosp-Rec Isch  
death, MI, UTVR

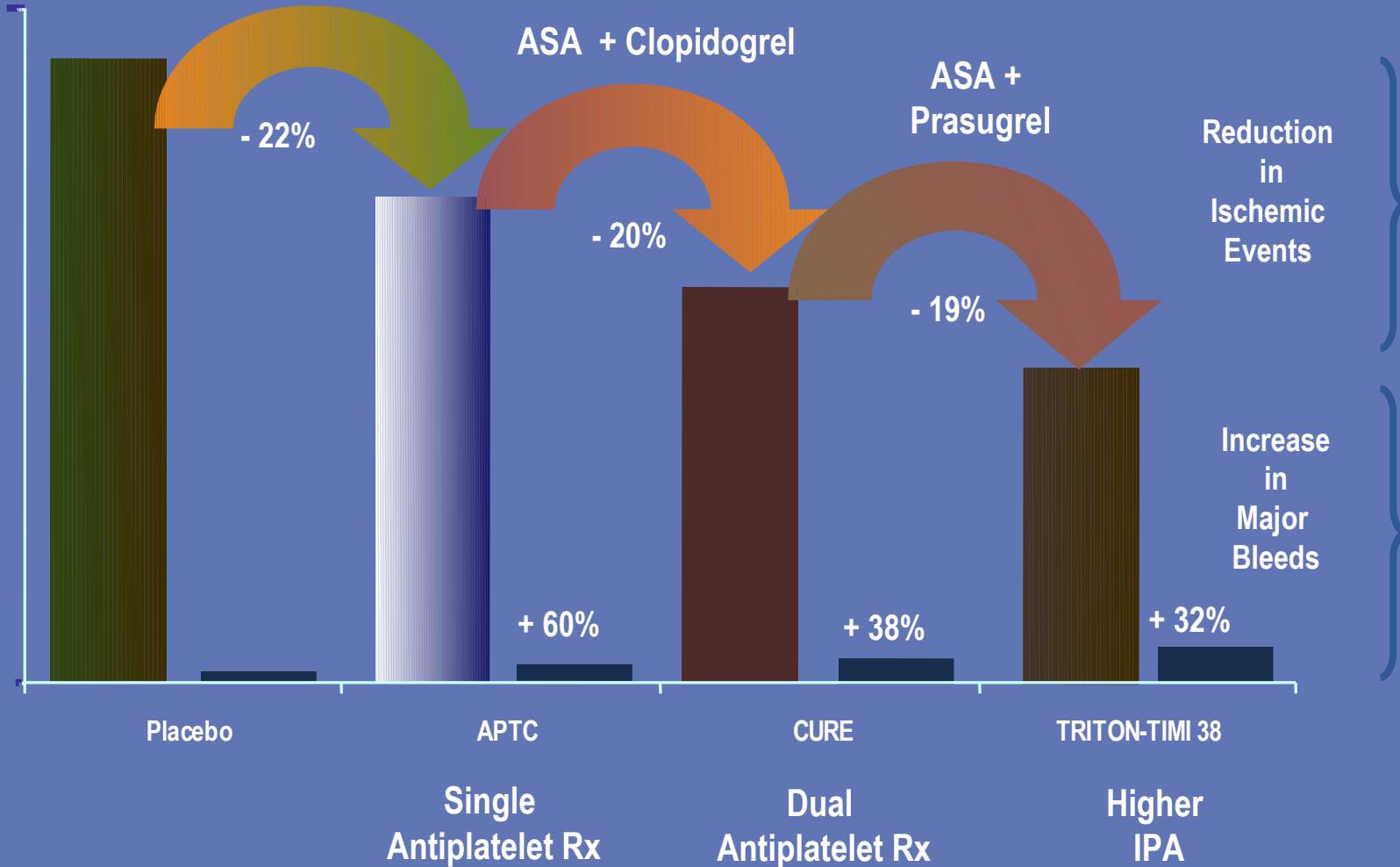
CV

Stent Thrombosis (ARC definite/prob.)

Safety endpoints: TIMI major bleeds, Life-threatening bleeds

Key Substudies: Pharmacokinetic, Genomic

# Evolution of Antiplatelet Therapy in ACS



APTC. BMJ. 1994;308:81-106.

Mehta SR et al. Lancet. 2001;358:527-533.

# Bleeding is a Major Issue of Concern

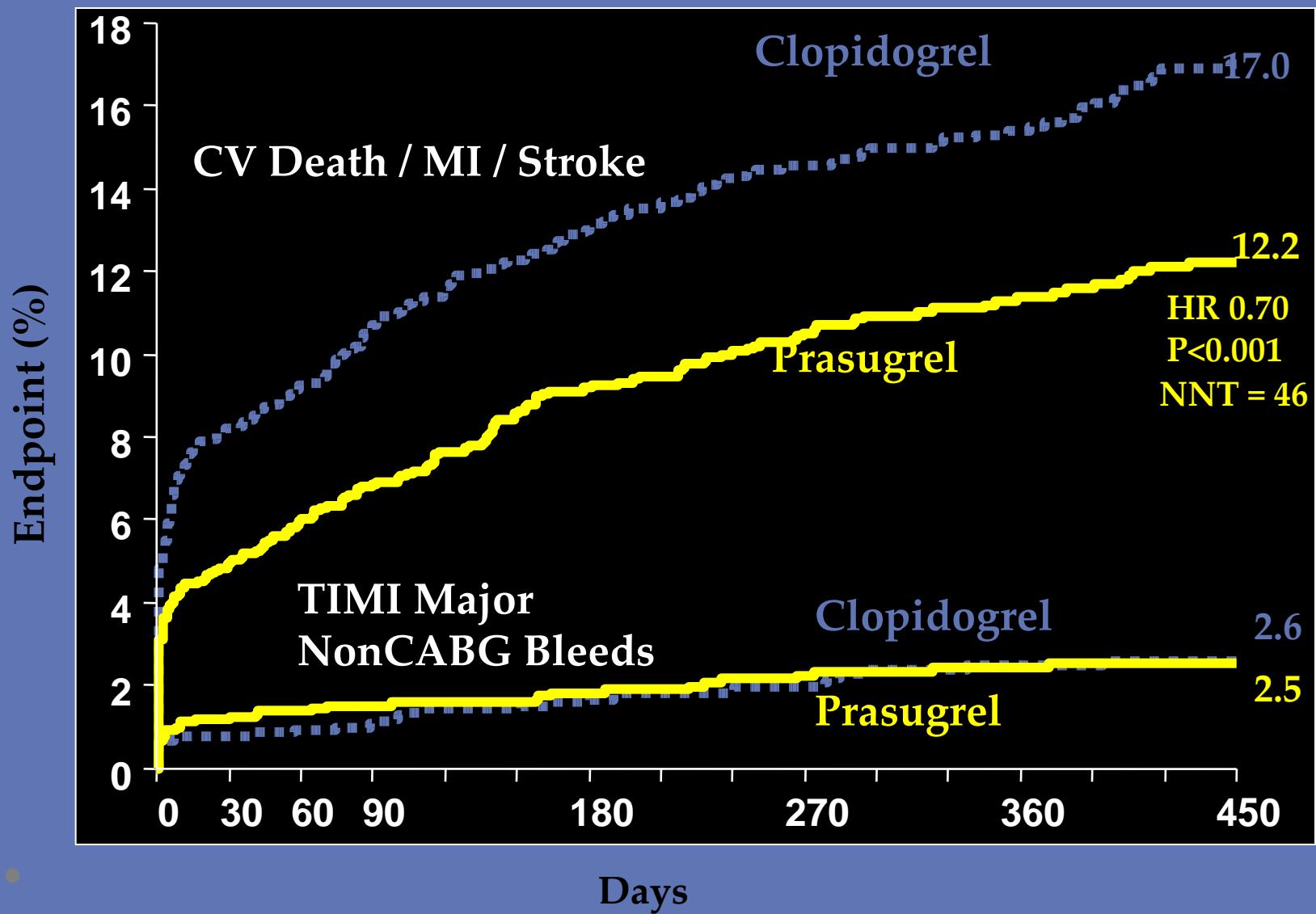
- Bleeding carries a high risk of death, MI, and stroke
- Rate of major bleeding is as high as the rate of death at the acute phase of NSTE-ACS
- Prevention of bleeding is equally as important as prevention of ischemic events and results in a significant risk reduction for death, MI, and stroke
- Risk stratification for bleeding should be part of the decision-making process

# Risks for Ischemic and Bleeding Events

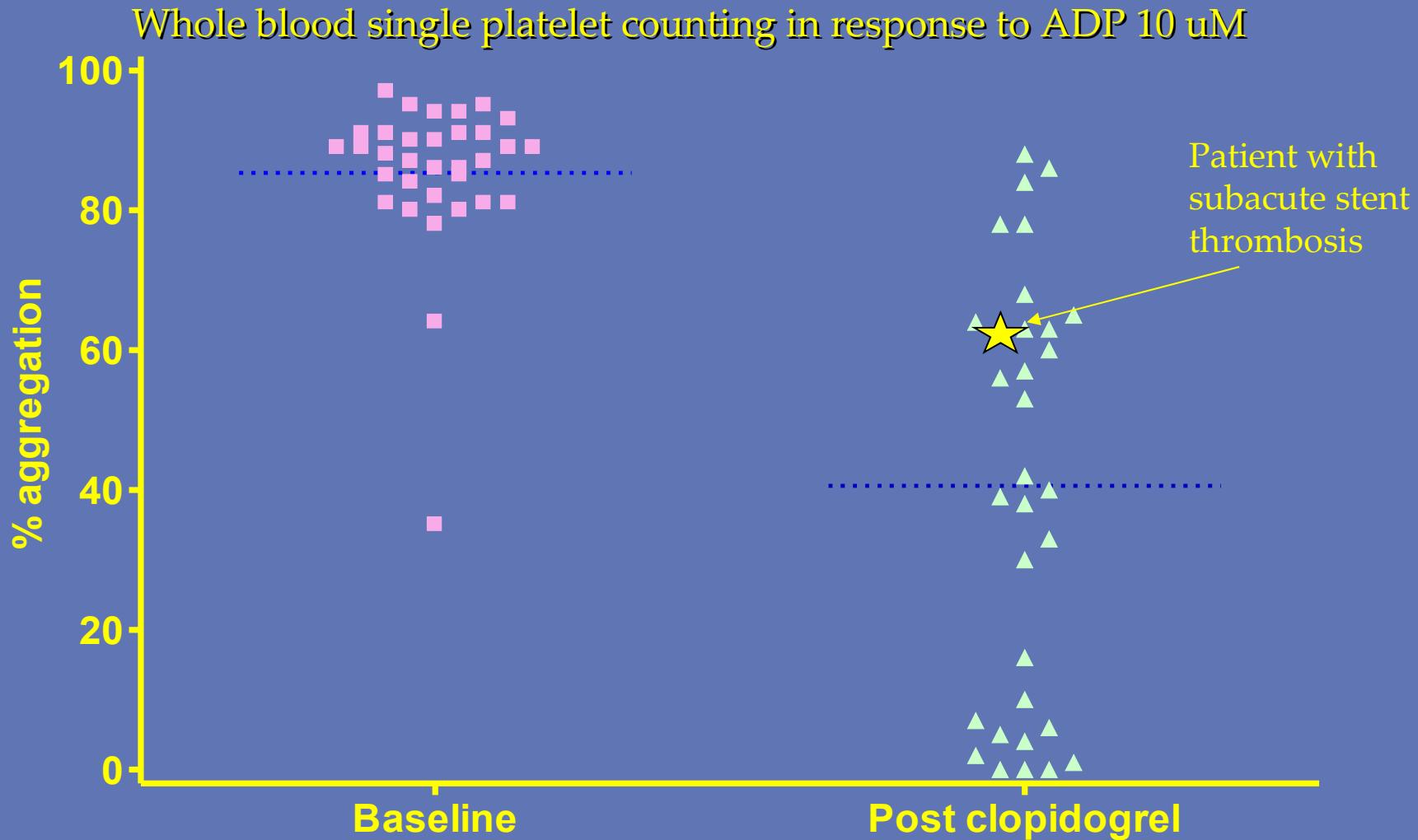
- High risk for ischemic events
  - age
  - diabetes
  - ST segment depression in anterior leads
  - elevated troponin
- High risk for bleeding complications
  - age
  - past history of hemorrhagic stroke
  - BMI:  $19.2\text{kg/m}^2$

# TRITON Diabetic Subgroup

N=3146



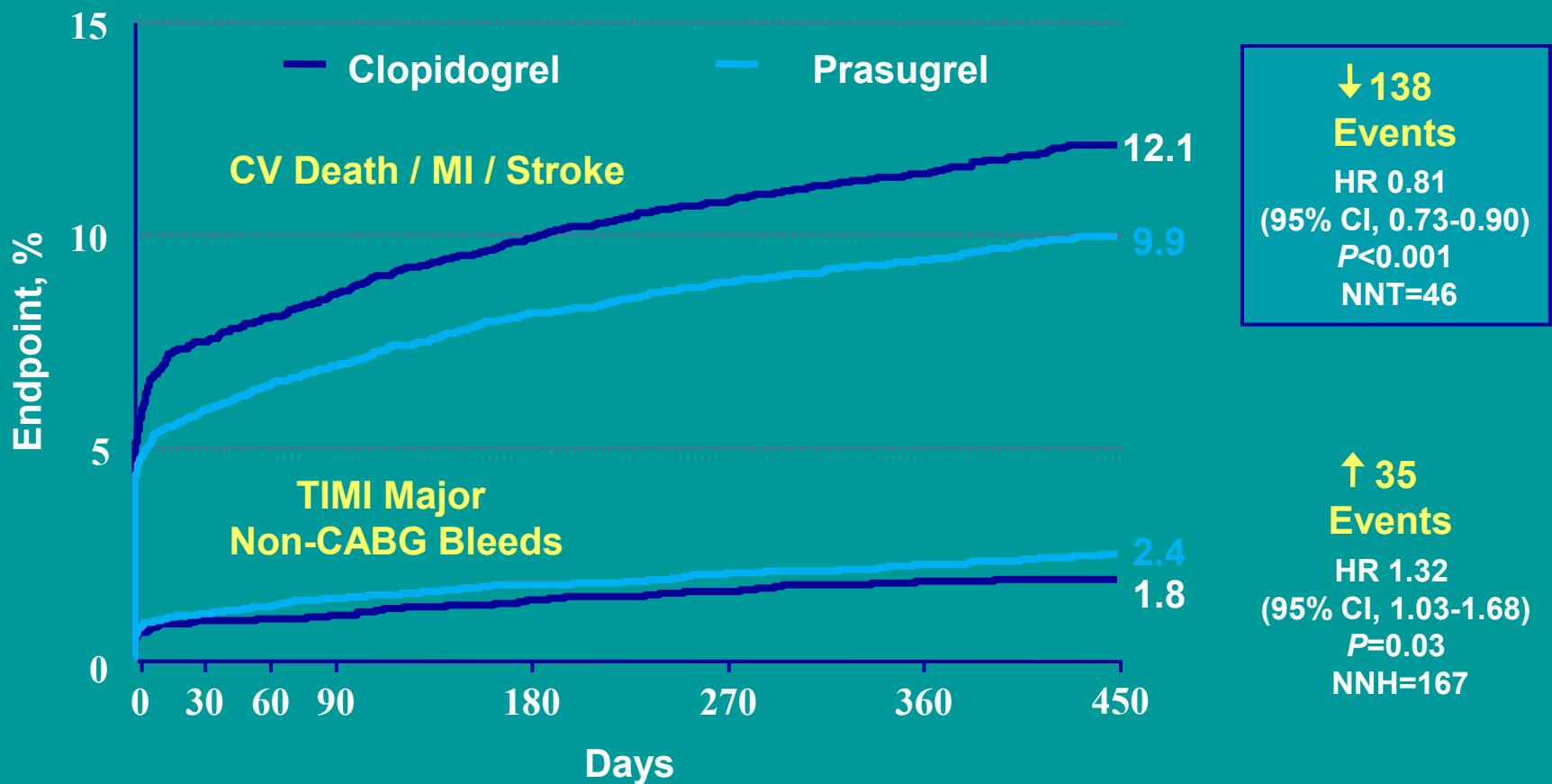
# Platelet aggregation before and 4 hours after clopidogrel 600 mg in patients undergoing PCI



# Prasugrel vs Clopidogrel

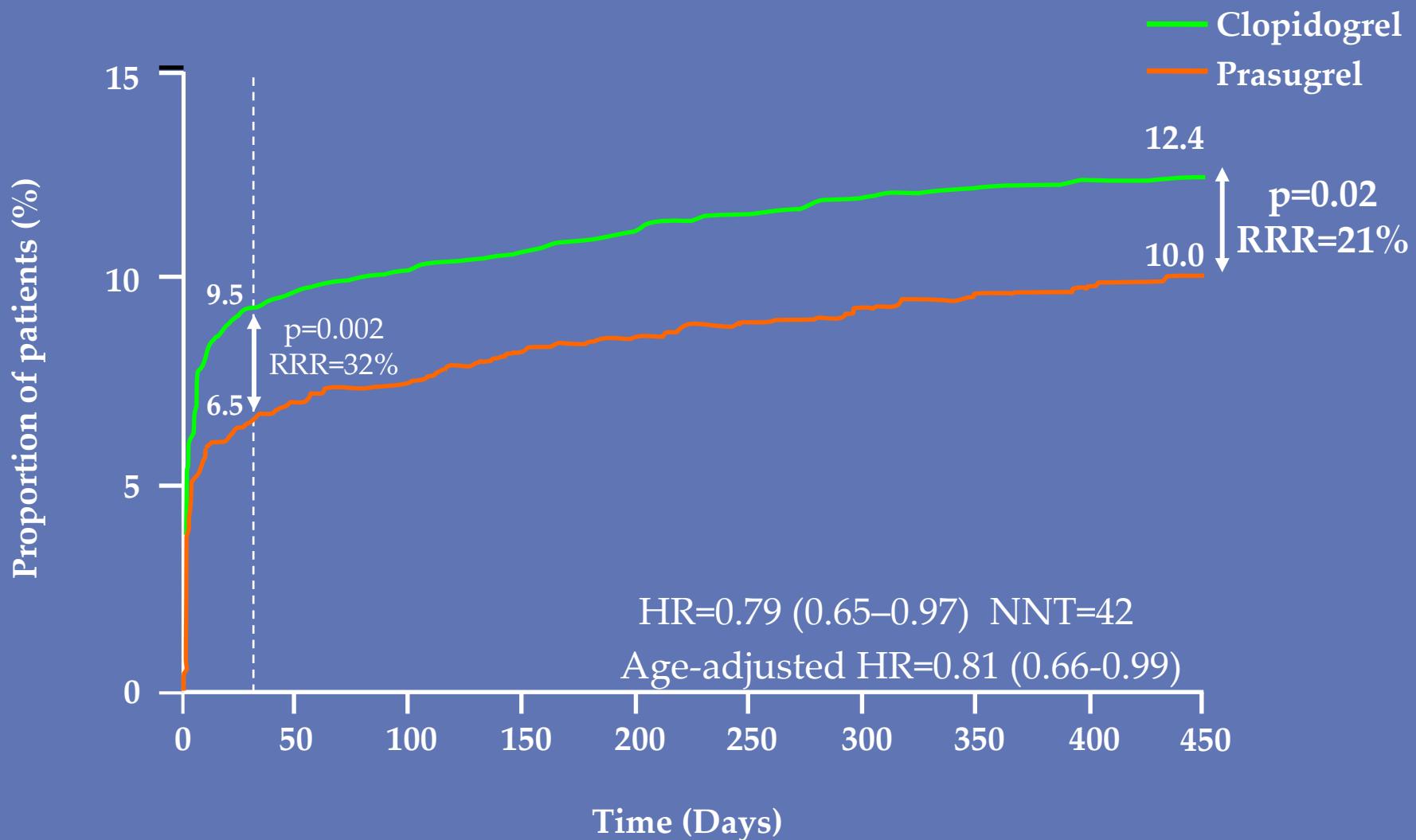
TRITON-TIMI 38:

**Primary Endpoint: CV Death / MI / Stroke; TIMI Non-CABG Bleeding**



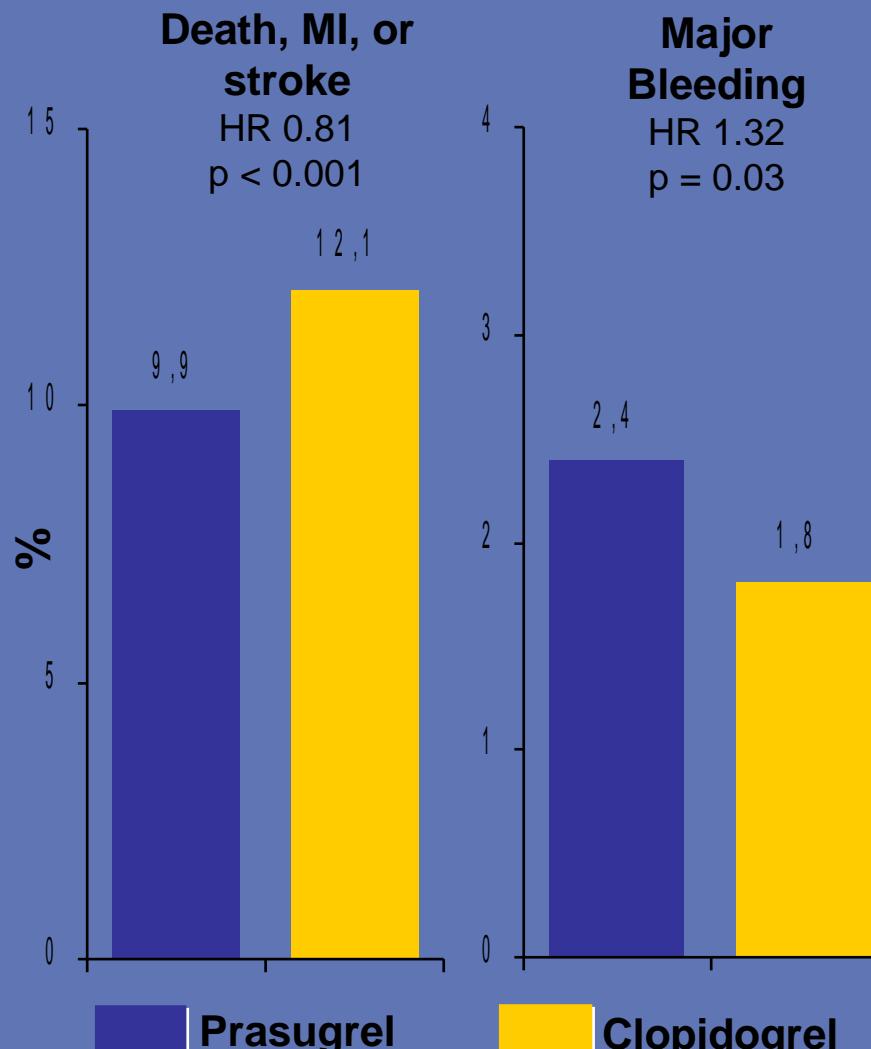
CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; NNH, number needed to harm; NNT, number needed to treat;  
 TRITON-TIMI 38, Trial to Assess Improvement in Therapeutic Outcomes by Optimising Platelet Inhibition  
 with Prasugrel—Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction 38.  
 Wiviott SD, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2007;357:2001-15.

## Primary EP (CV death, MI and stroke at 15 months)



# TRITON-TIMI 38

Trial Design: TRITON-TIMI 38 was a randomized, double-blind trial of prasugrel ( $n = 6,813$ ) compared to clopidogrel ( $n = 6,795$ ) in patients undergoing planned PCI for an acute coronary syndrome (ACS). Primary endpoint was CV death, MI or stroke with a median follow-up of 14.5 months.



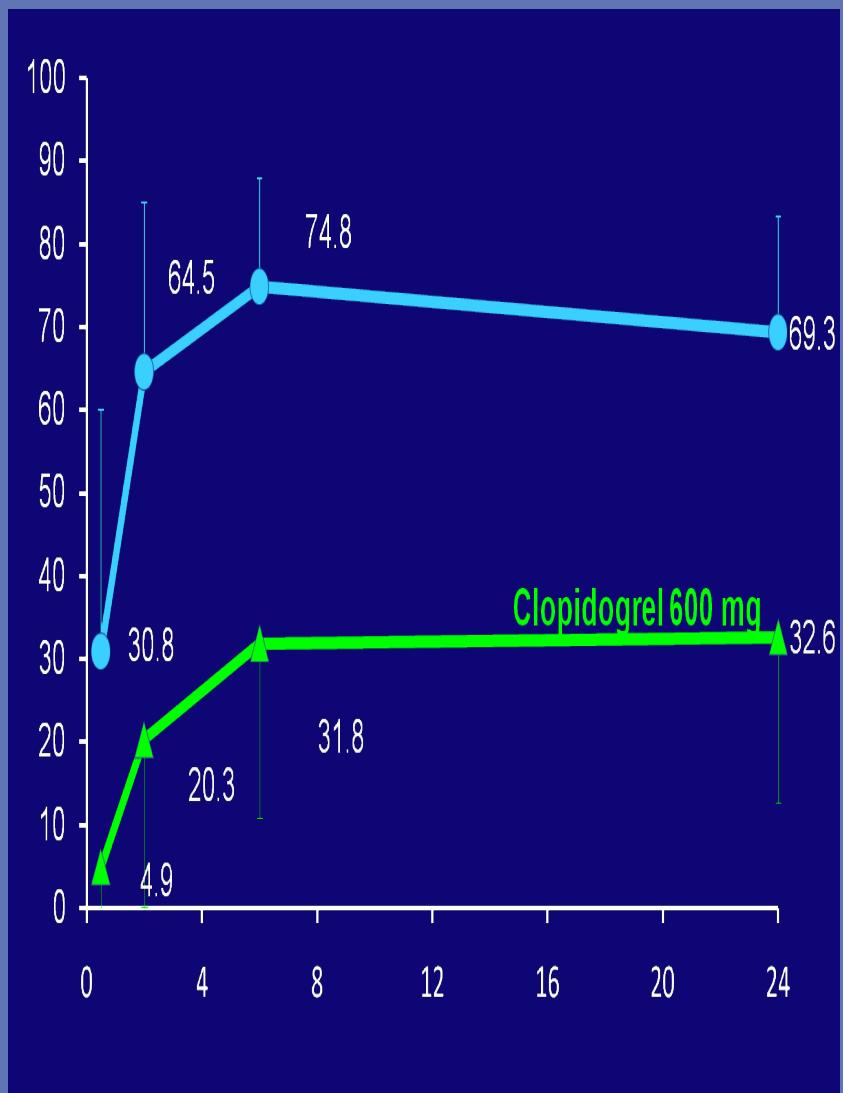
## Results

- CV death, MI or stroke ↓ with prasugrel vs clopidogrel (Figure)
- Stent thrombosis also ↓ with prasugrel (1.1% vs. 2.4%, HR 0.48,  $p < 0.001$ )
- TIMI major non-CABG bleeding ↑ with prasugrel than clopidogrel (Figure),
- Net clinical benefit endpoint (primary+bleeding) favored prasugrel (12.2% vs. 13.9%, HR 0.87,  $p = 0.004$ )

## Conclusions

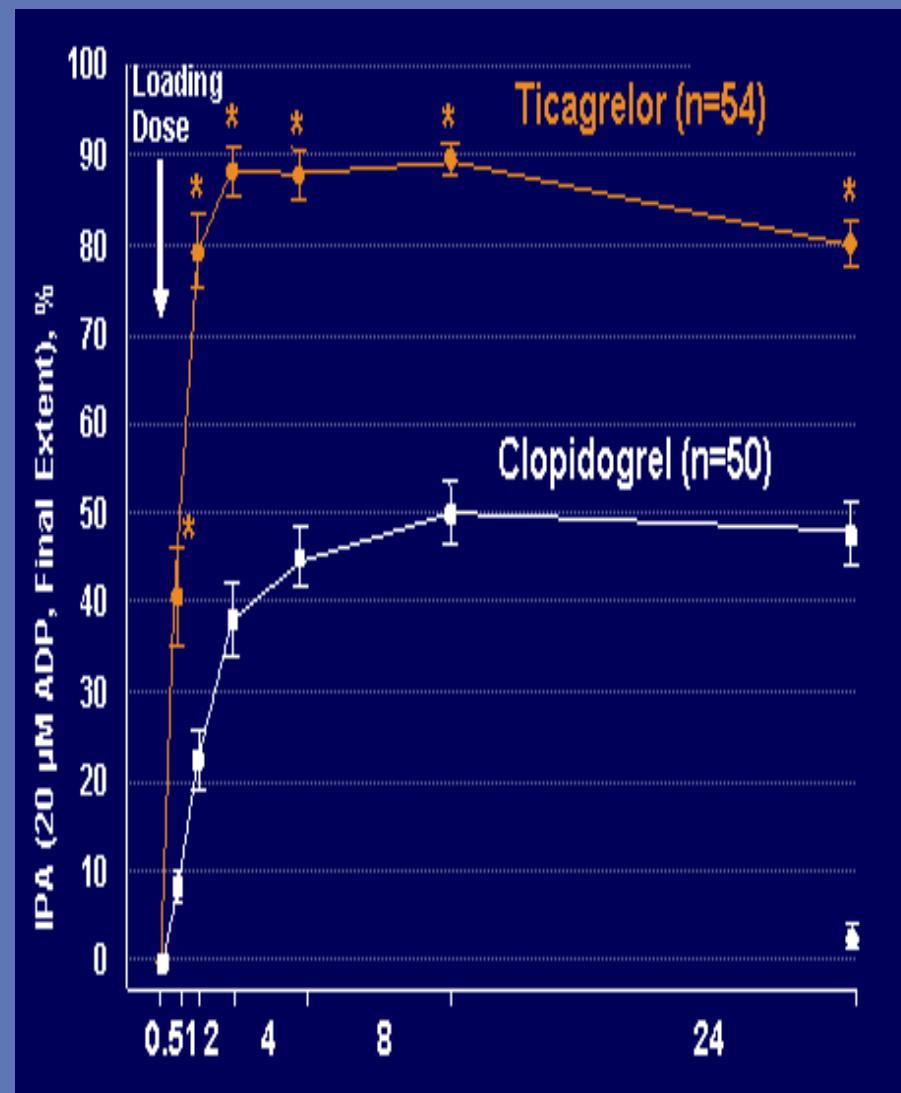
- Among patients undergoing planned PCI for ACS, treatment with novel thienopyridine, prasugrel, was associated with reduction in composite of CV death, MI or stroke compared with clopidogrel
- As would be expected with greater platelet inhibition, bleeding events were significantly higher in prasugrel group, including life-threatening and fatal bleeding
- Despite this increase, net clinical benefit endpoint incorporating mortality, ischemic events, and major bleeding events, favored prasugrel

## PRINCIPLE-TIMI44



(Wiviott SD et al. *Circulation* 2007)

## ONSET-OFFSET

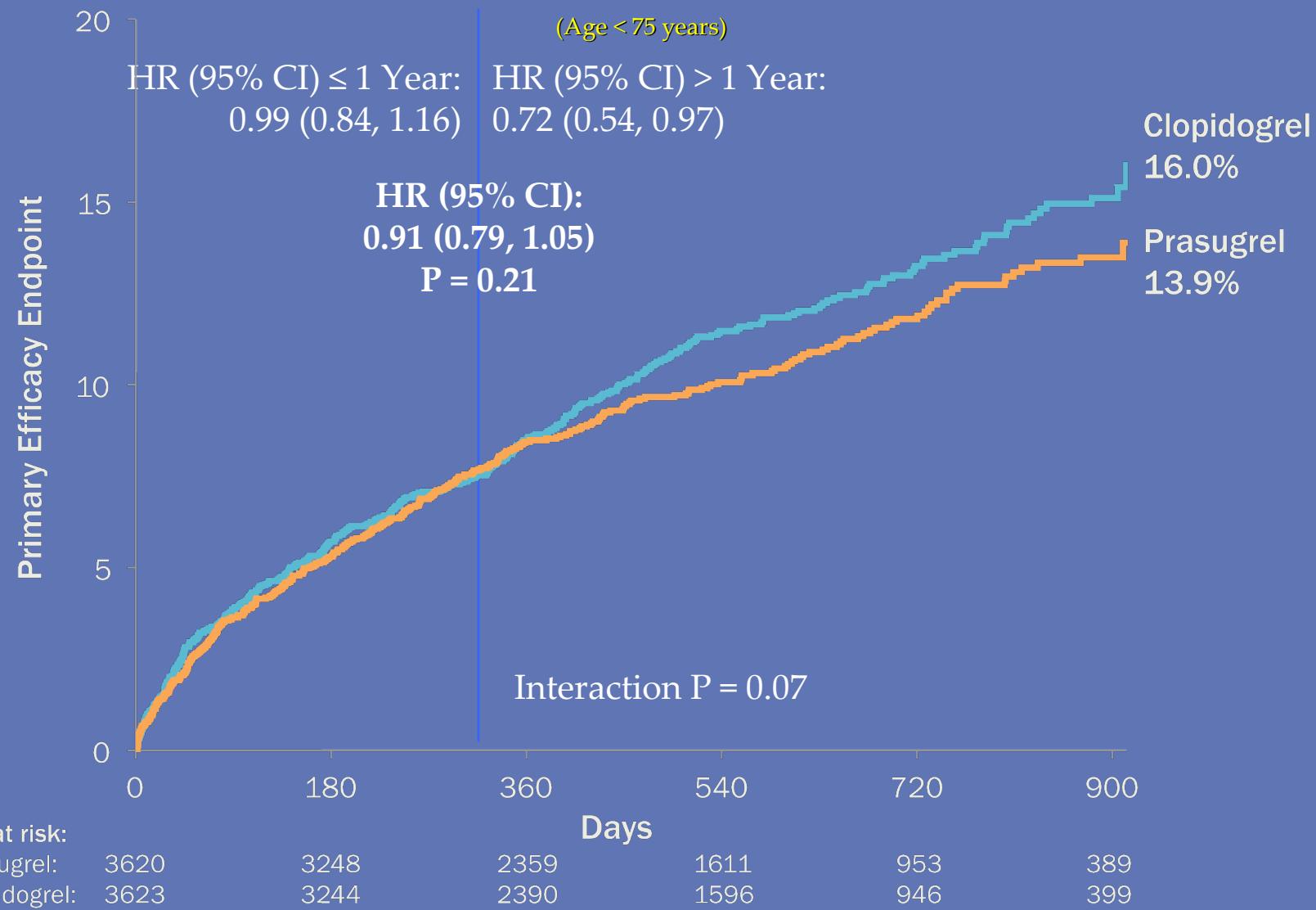


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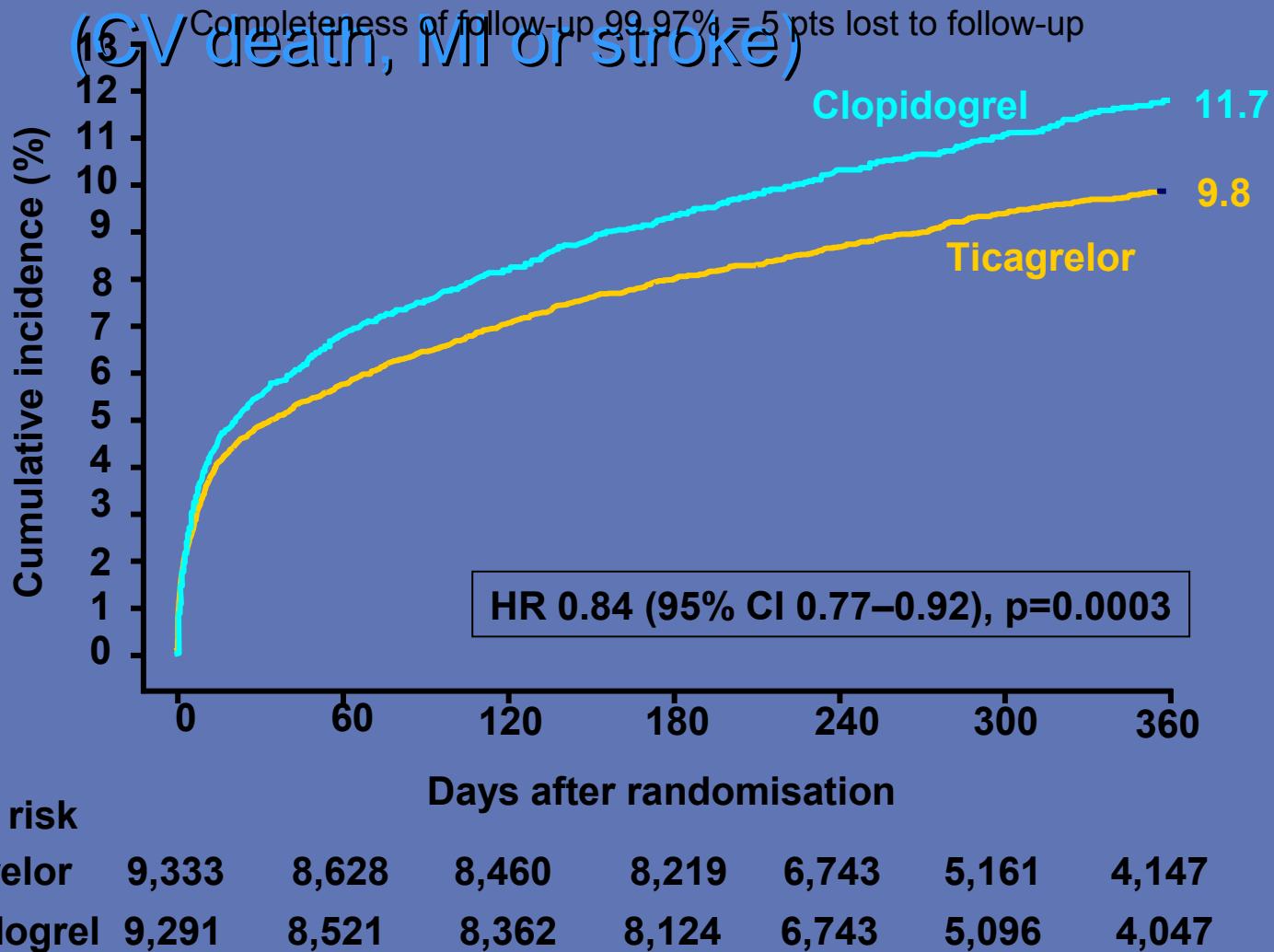
# Ticagrelor mechanism of action

- Ticagrelor is a cyclo-pentyl-triazolo-pyrimidine (CPTP) [Husted 2006:A]
- Ticagrelor is direct acting [Husted 2006:A]
  - Not a prodrug
  - Does not require metabolic activation
- Ticagrelor is the first reversibly binding, oral ADP receptor antagonist [Husted 2006:A]
- Rapid onset of inhibitory effect on the P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor [Husted 2006:B]
- Consistent inhibition of platelet aggregation [Gurbel 2009-1:A]

# Primary Efficacy Endpoint to 30 Months



# PLATO: Time to first primary efficacy event

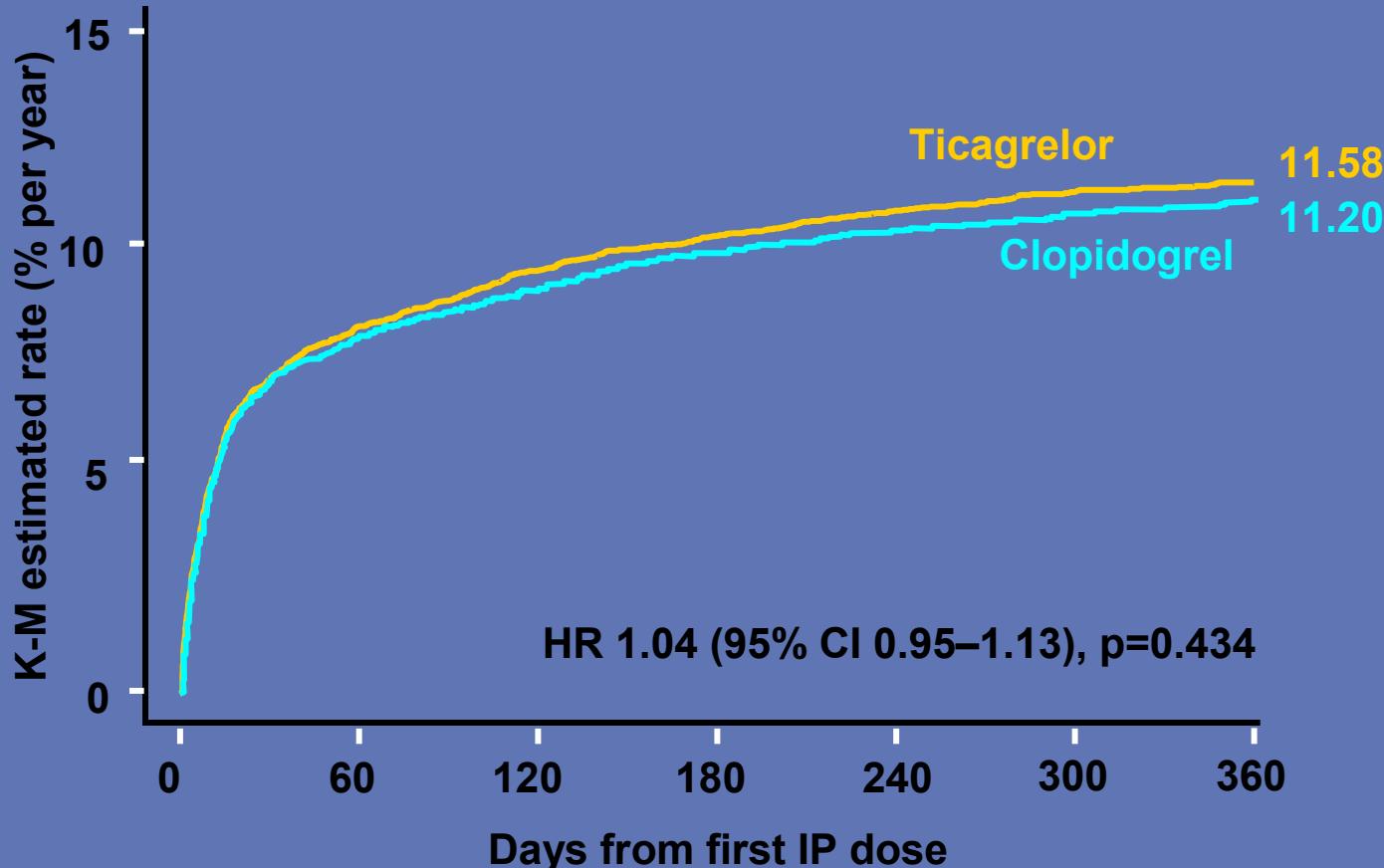


Wallentin, L Presented at ESC Congress 2009 Barcelona Spain

# PLATO Time to Major Bleeding - Primary Safety

Event

Completeness of follow-up 99.97% = 5 pts lost to follow-up



| No. at risk |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ticagrelor  | 9,235 | 7,246 | 6,826 | 6,545 | 5,129 | 3,783 | 3,433 |
| Clopidogrel | 9,186 | 7,305 | 6,930 | 6,670 | 5,209 | 3,841 | 3,479 |

# PLATO – дизайн на проучването

НА/ИМ без ST-E (умерен към висок риск) ИМ със ST-E (при първична ПКИ)  
Всички на ASA; лекувани с клопидогрел или не;  
Рандомизирани до 24 часа от включващия инцидент  
(N=18,624)

## Клопидогрел

Без натоварваща доза при предшестващо лечение;  
Нелекувани – стандартна натоварваща доза 300 mg,  
след това поддържаща доза 75 mg веднъж дневно;  
(преди ПКИ се допускаха допълнително 300 mg)

## Тикагрелор

Натоварваща доза 180 mg, след това  
поддържаща доза 90 mg два пъти дневно;  
(допълнително 90 mg преди ПКИ)

6–12 месеца прием

### Първичен проследяван показател:

- СС смърт + ИМ + инсулт

### Ключови вторични показатели:

- CV смърт + ИМ + инсулт при планирани за инвазивно лечение пациенти
- Обща смъртност + ИМ + инсулт
- СС смърт + ИМ + инсулт + рециклираща исхемия + ПИК + артериална тромбоза
- само ИМ / Само СС смърт / Само инсулт / Обща смъртност

### Първичен показател

### на безопасността:

- Общо значими кръвоизливи

СС = сърдечно-съдов; НА = нестабилна ангина; ПКИ = перкутанна коронарна интервенция;

ПИК = преходна исхемична криза; ASA = ацетилсалицилова киселина;

## P2Y21 in ACS: Conclusions

- Thrombosis key mechanism in large variety of cardiovascular diseases
- Multiple choices now available for antithrombotics in management of CAD
- Potent P2Y12 receptor inhibition is a central part of ACS treatment
- Challenges with increasing patient complexity along with understanding nuances of various combinations and interface with care strategies
- Evidence based therapy improves outcomes

## Five key features of optimal platelet inhibition

- Short delay to reperfusion in STE- and NSTE-ACS
- Anti-thrombotic agents with fast and predictable action
- Favourable balance between efficacy and bleeding risk
- Positive net clinical benefit across subgroups
- Reliable early benefit that is sustained during long-term treatment

# Trial Schema

N ~ 21,000

Stable pts with history of MI 1-3 yrs prior  
+ ≥1 additional atherothrombosis risk factor\*

RANDOMIZE  
DOUBLE BLIND

\* Age ≥65 yrs, diabetes, 2<sup>nd</sup> prior MI, multivessel CAD,  
or chronic non-end stage renal dysfunction

Planned treatment with ASA 75 – 150 mg &  
Standard background care

Ticagrelor  
90 mg bid

Ticagrelor  
60 mg bid

Placebo

Follow-up Visits  
Q4 mos for 1<sup>st</sup> yr, then Q6 mos

Min 12 mos and median 26 mos follow-up  
Event-driven trial

Primary Efficacy Endpoint: CV Death, MI, or Stroke  
Primary Safety Endpoint: TIMI Major Bleeding

# All-Comers PCI Population ACS and Elective/Stable patients (n=16,000)

**Biolimus-eluting stent (BES)  
BioMatrix Flex™**

*1:1 Randomization, Open-Label Design*

ASA Ticagrelor

ASA Ticagrelor Clopidogrel

**Study Treatment  
Strategy**

1-month  
ASA + Ticagrelor

23-months  
monotherapy  
Ticagrelor

**Reference Treatment  
Strategy**

12-months DAPT  
ACS pts (ASA +  
Ticagrelor)  
Elective pts (ASA +  
Clopidogrel)

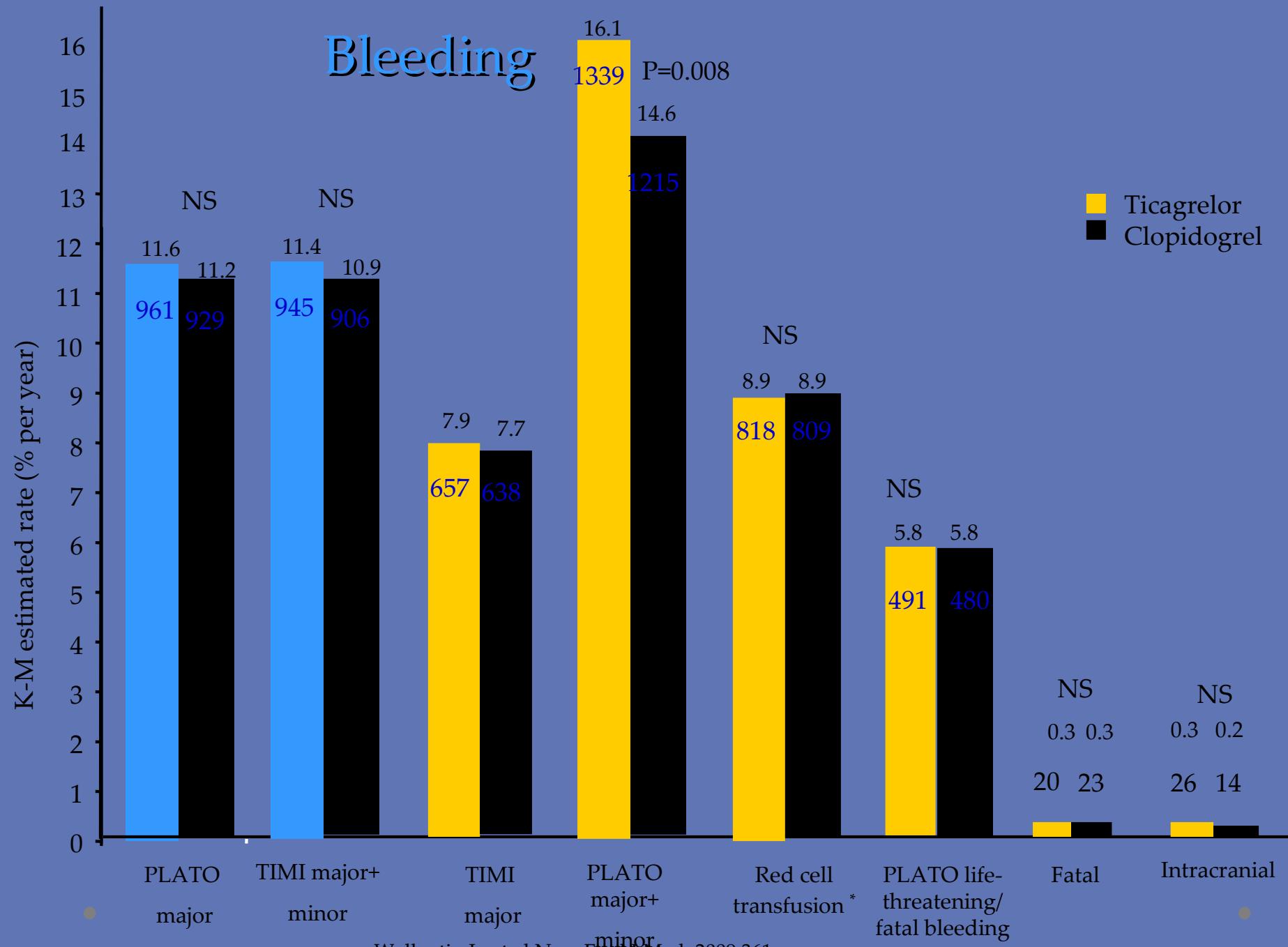
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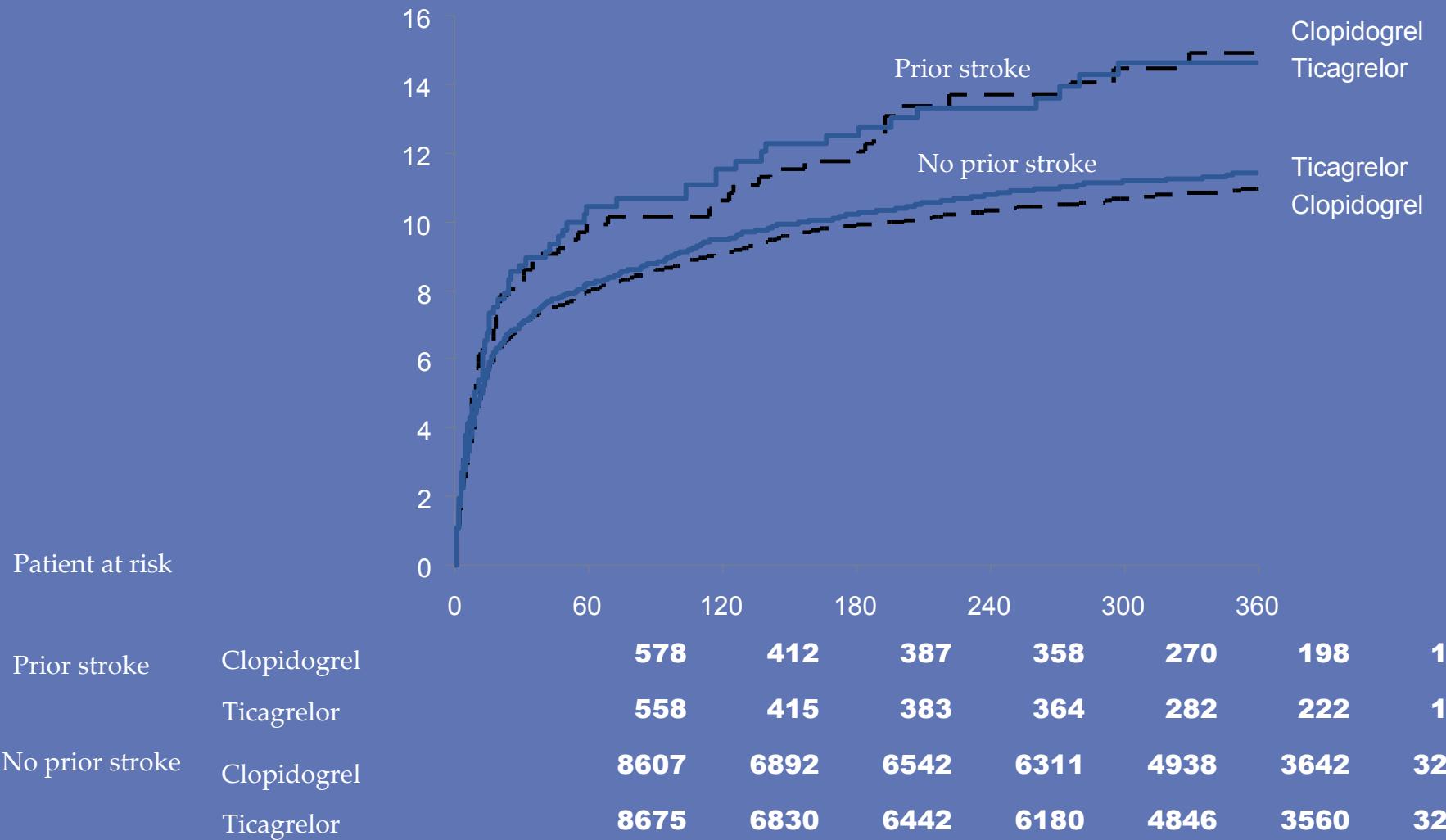
## Primary Endpoint

**Study treatment strategy superior to  
reference treatment strategy on  
cumulative 2 year composite of all cause  
mortality and new Q-wave MI**

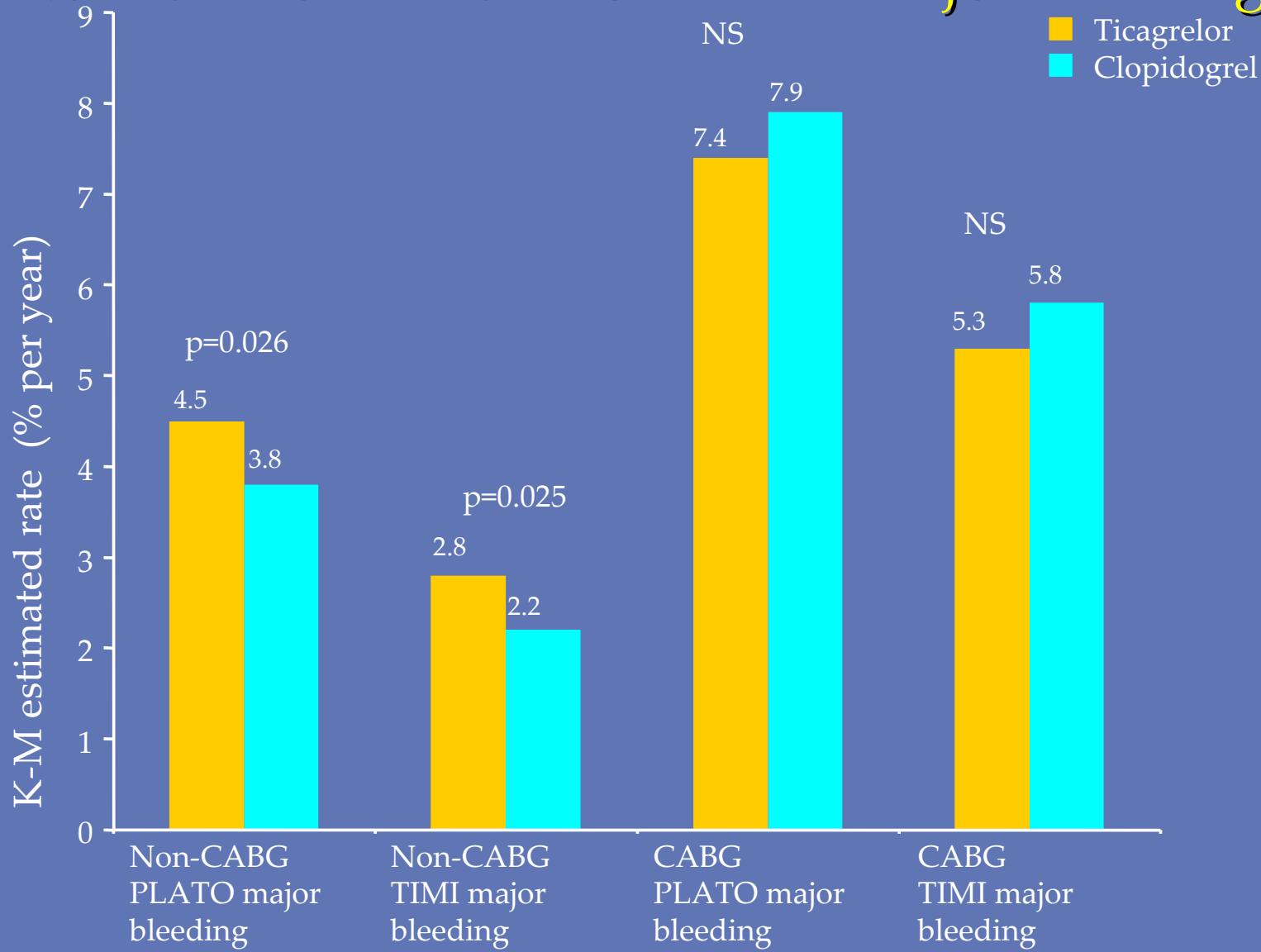
# Bleeding



# Major bleeding

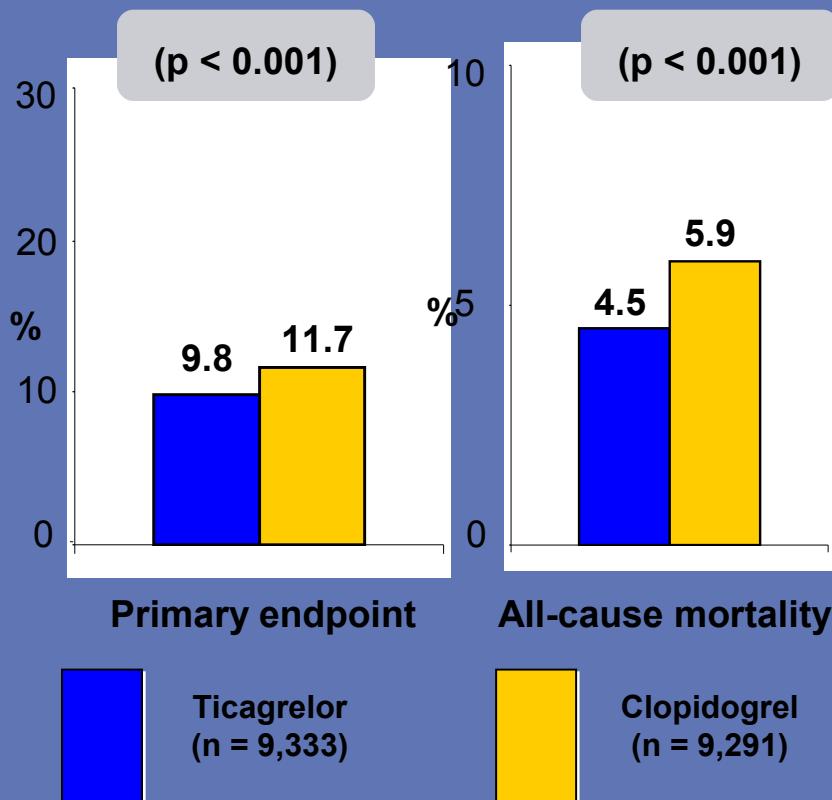


# Non-CABG and CABG-related major bleeding



# PLATO

**Trial design:** Patients with ACS were randomized to ticagrelor (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg bid thereafter) or clopidogrel (300 mg loading dose, 75 mg daily thereafter). Patients were followed for 12 months.



## Results

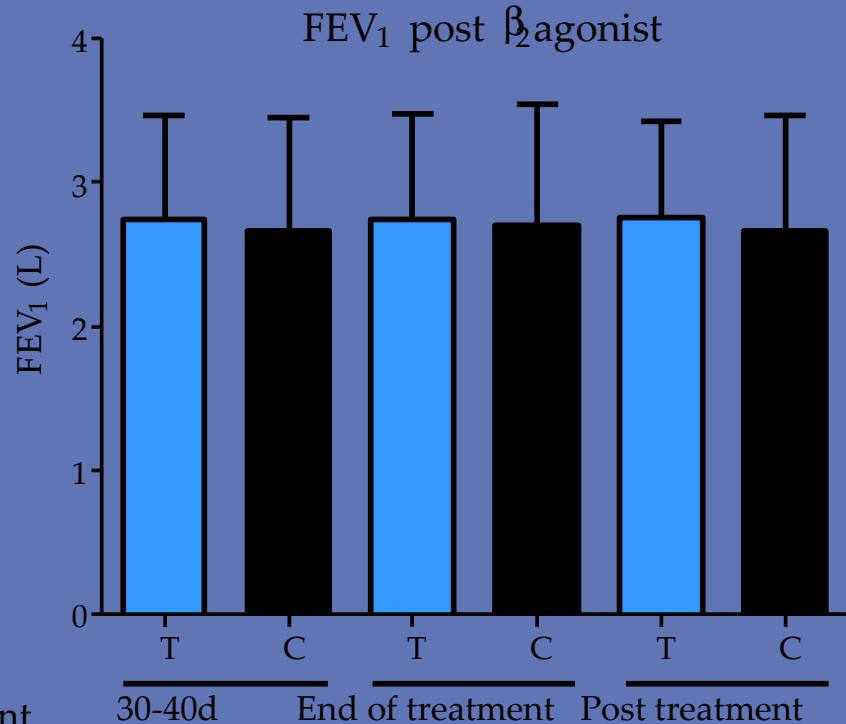
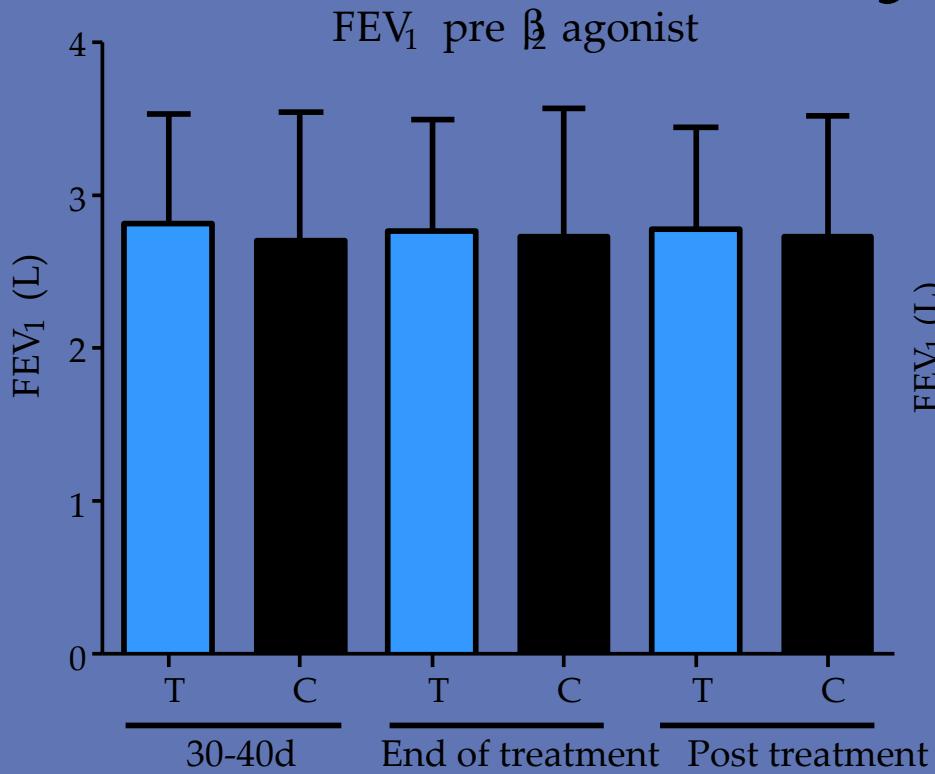
- Death from vascular cause, MI, stroke lower in ticagrelor arm, including in patients undergoing PCI
- Mortality, stent thrombosis ( $p = 0.02$ ) ↓ with ticagrelor; stroke rate similar ( $p = 0.22$ )
- No increase in fatal bleeding or overall major bleeding, but higher rate of non-CABG major bleeding ( $p = 0.03$ )

## Conclusions

- Ticagrelor superior to clopidogrel for several outcomes including death, MI, and stent thrombosis in patients presenting with ACS
- Very promising results; reduction in CV mortality notable in the modern era of ACS

Cannon CP, et al. Lancet 2010;375:283-93

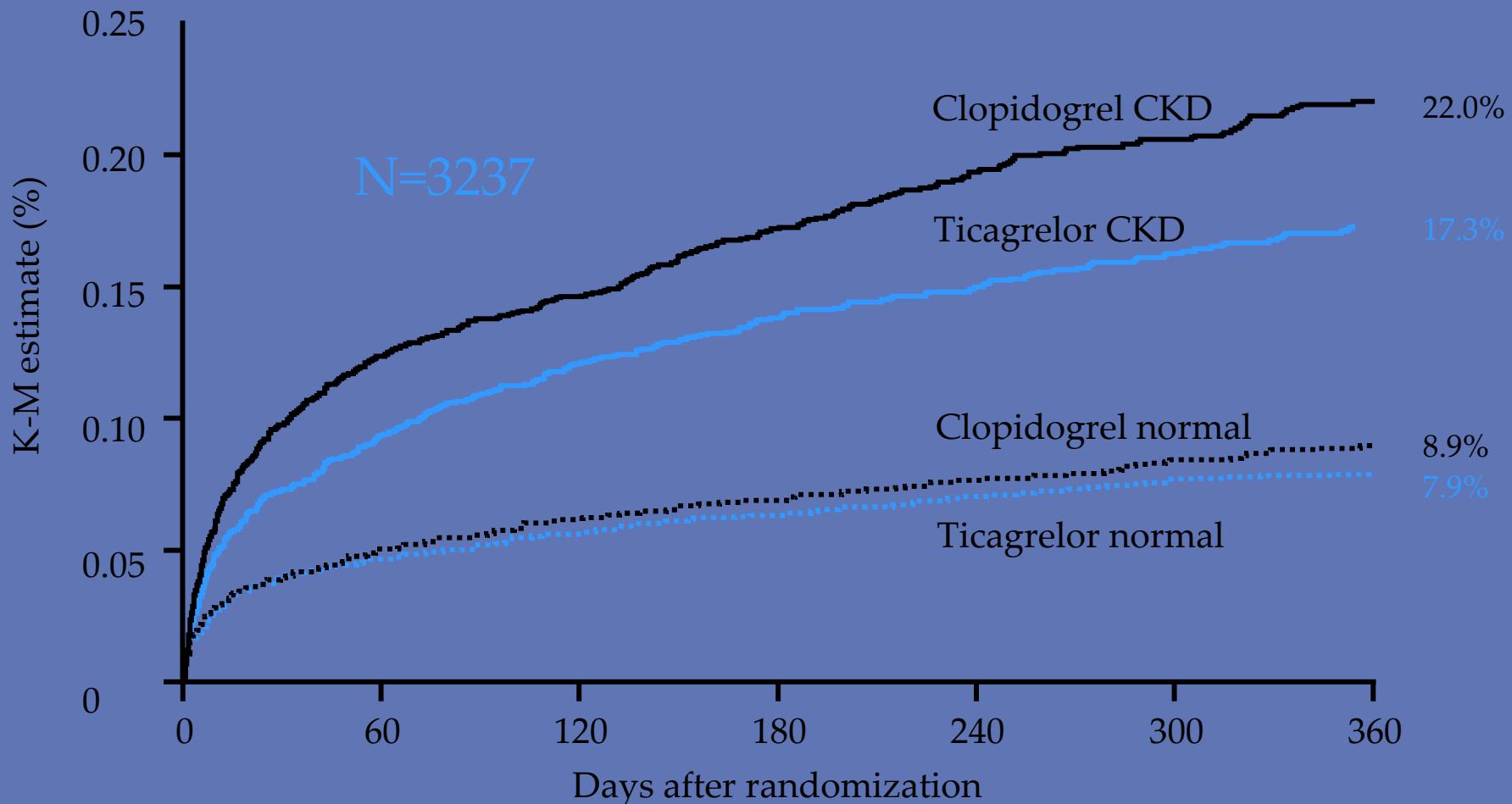
# Pulmonary function



## Renal dysfunction

Renal

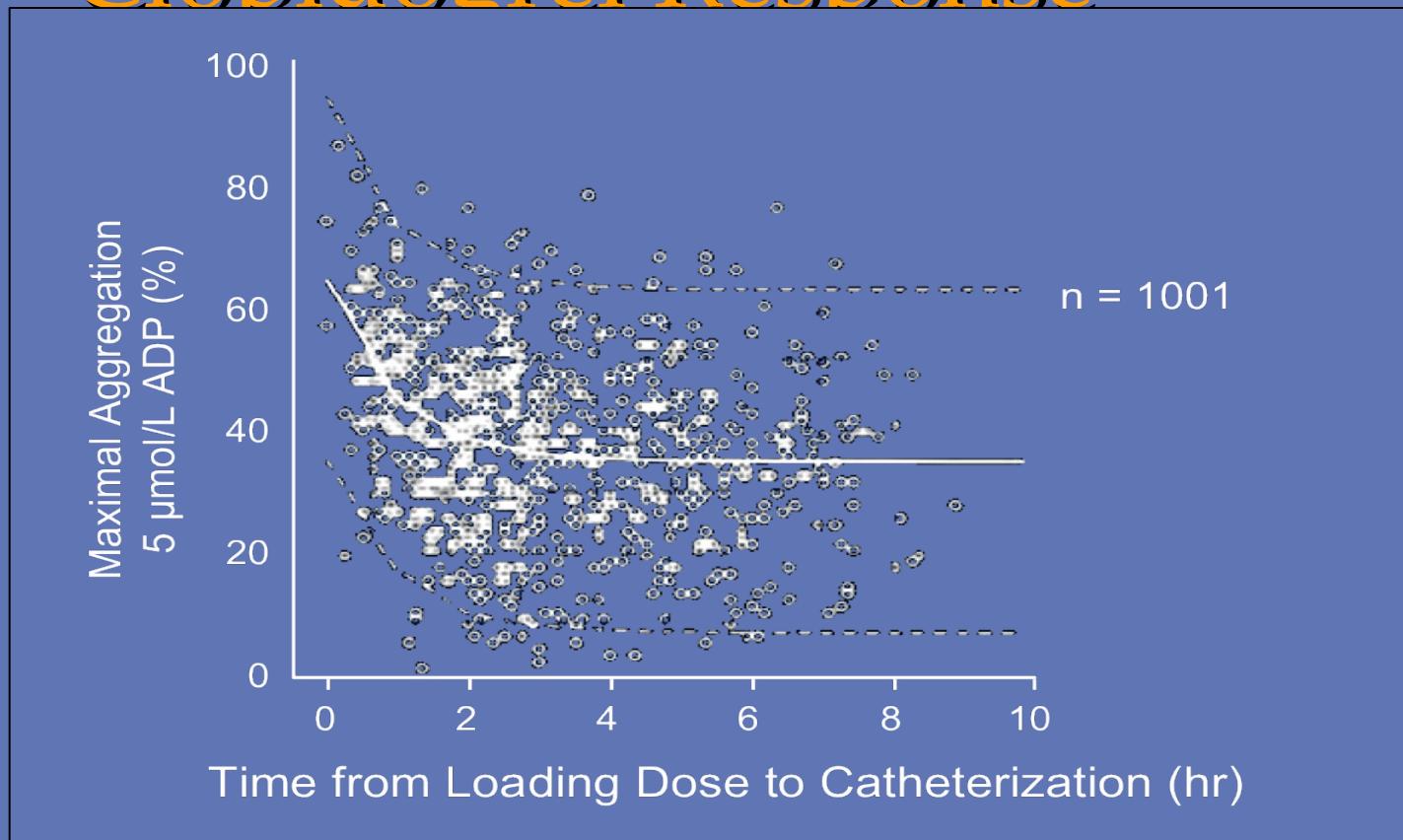
(creatinine clearance &lt;60 mL/min),



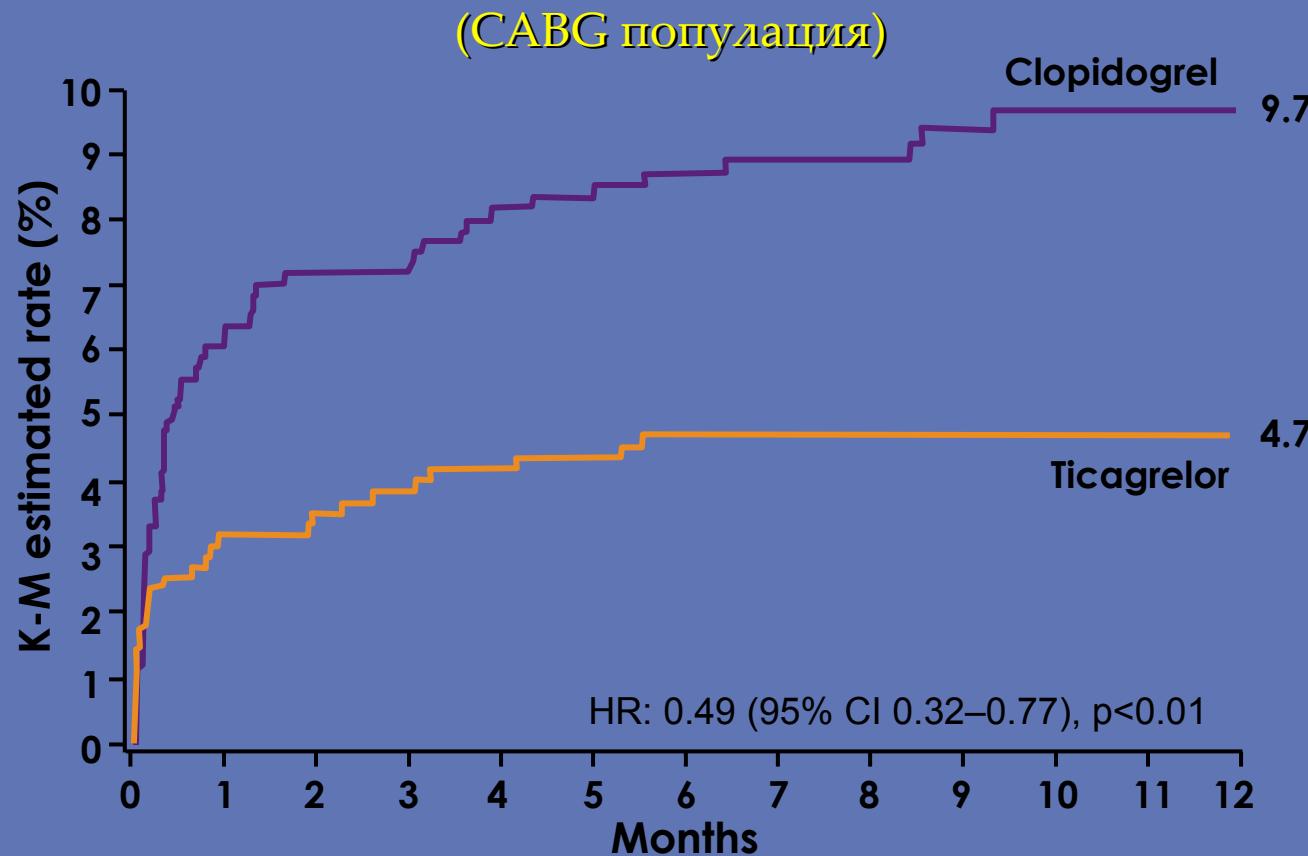
# PLATO: goals of the trial design

- Designed to closely mimic current clinical practice
  - Randomized a broad spectrum of ACS patients based on initial presentation and electrocardiogram (ECG) within 24 hours<sup>[James 2009:A,B]</sup>
    - UA
    - NSTEMI
    - STEMI
  - Randomized patients for whom both invasive and medical management was planned prior to actual treatment<sup>a[James 2009:C]</sup>
  - Permitted inclusion of patients previously treated with clopidogrel and allowed clopidogrel loading doses greater than 300 mg<sup>[James 2009:A; Serebruany 2010:A]</sup>
- PLATO bleeding categories were designed to be inclusive and clinically relevant measures for assessing bleeding events, whether or not they were associated with surgery or other medical procedures<sup>[James 2009:D]</sup>

# Variability in Inter-Individual Clopidogrel Response

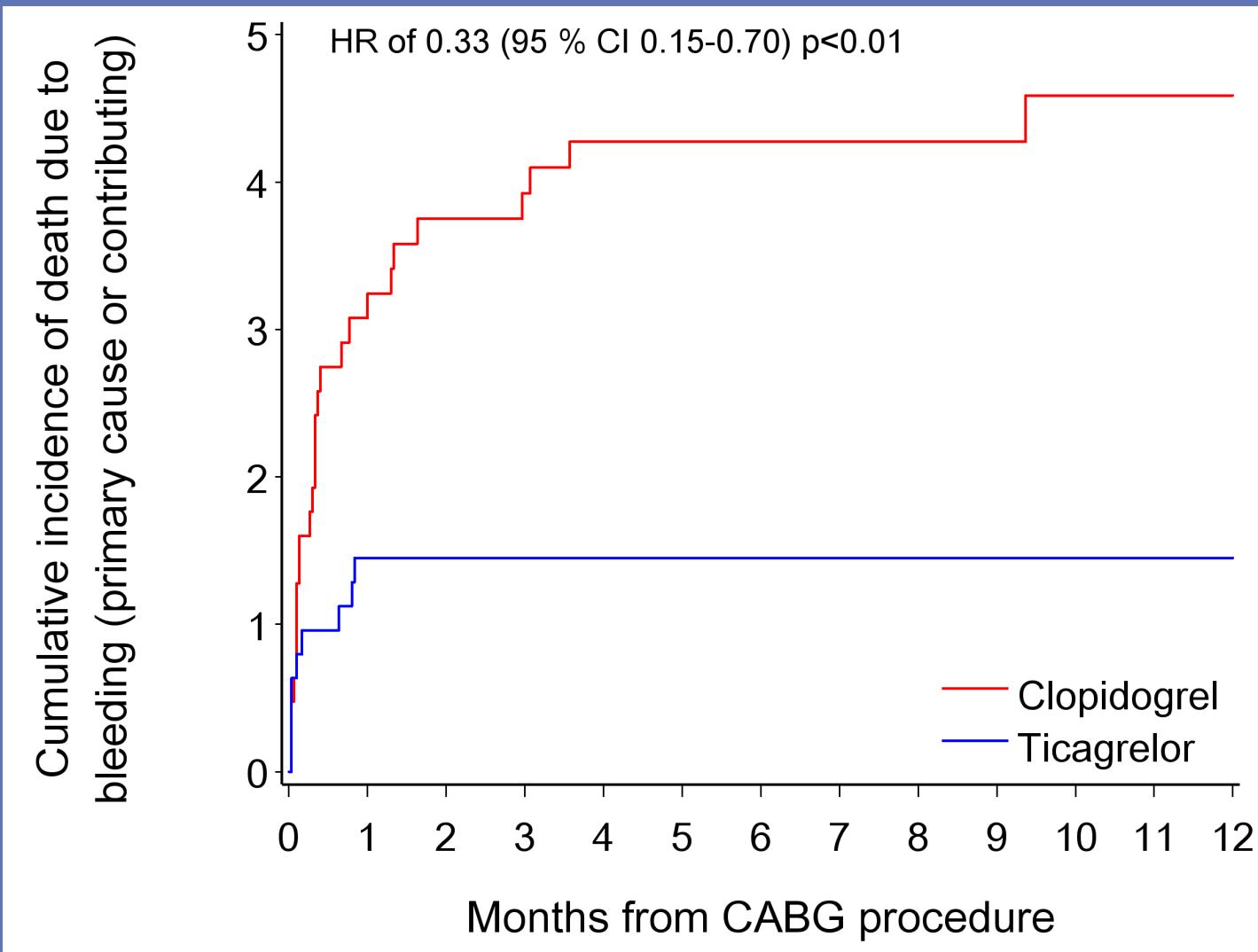


# Намаляване на смъртността след CABG с 51 %

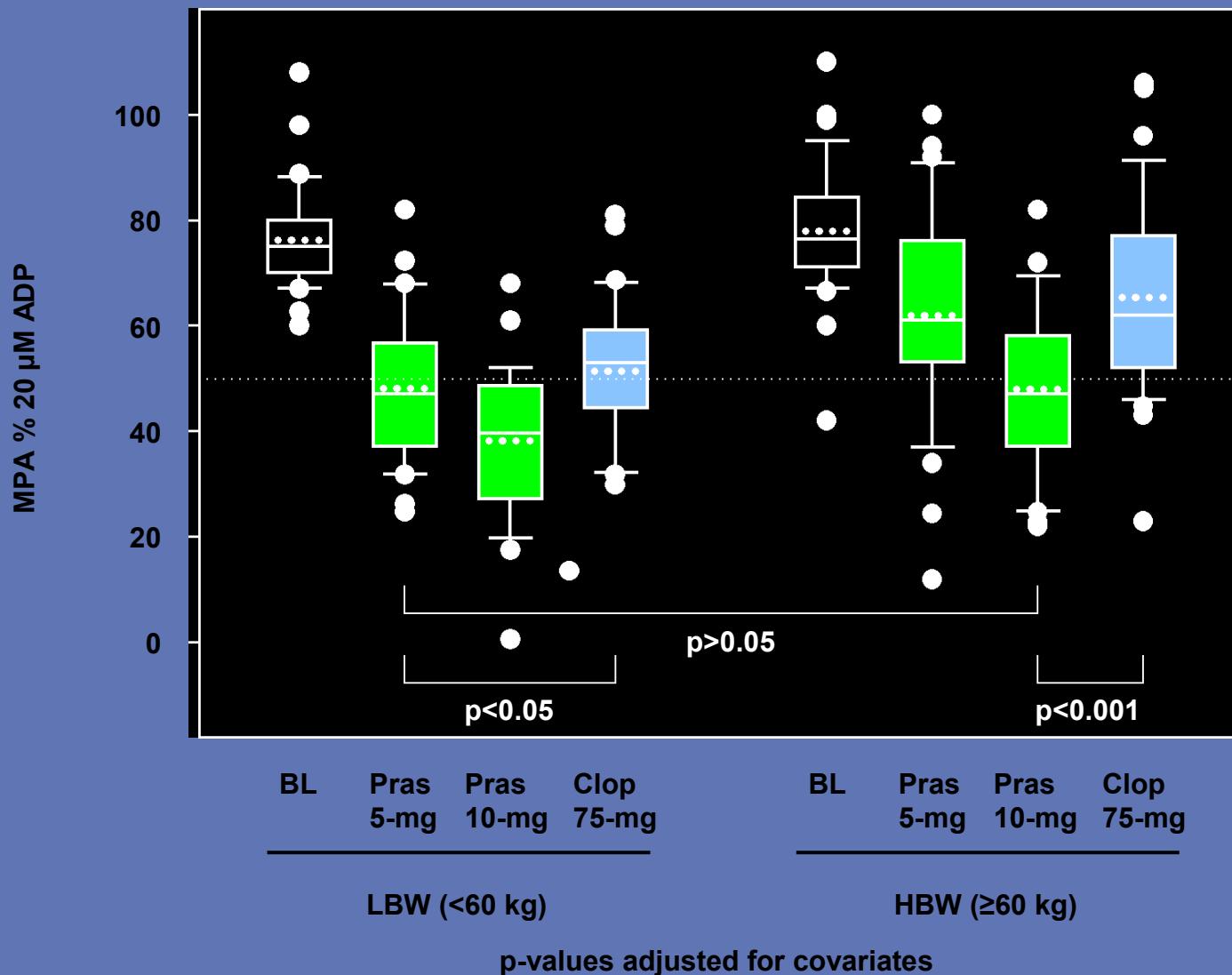


## Number at risk

|             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ticagrelor  | 629 | 583 | 557 | 491 | 415 | 291 | 119 |
| Clopidogrel | 629 | 565 | 539 | 472 | 404 | 269 | 130 |



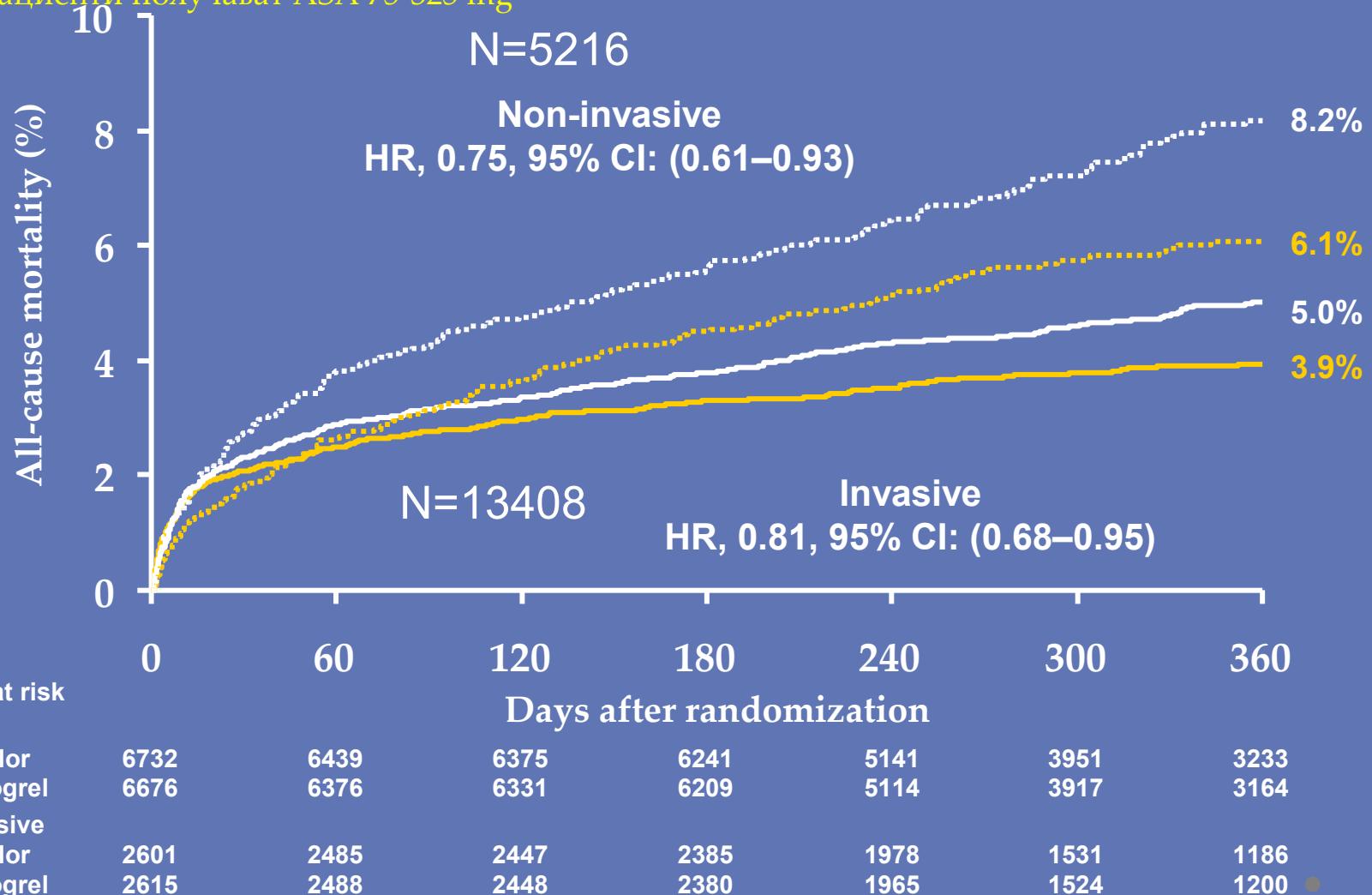
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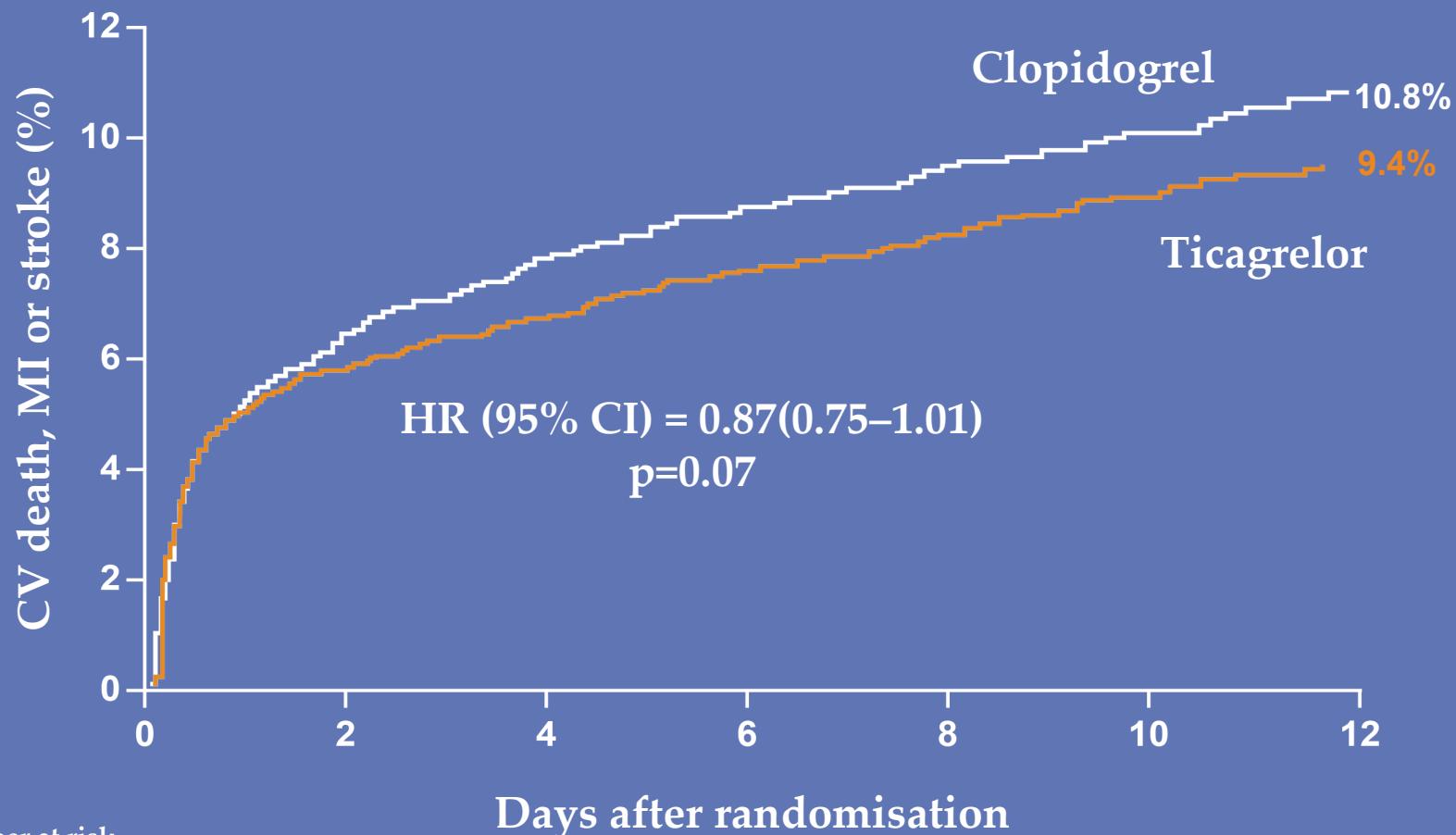
# Редукция на смъртността

## Ticagrelor vs Clopidogrel

- 18,624 пациенти
- Рандомизация:
  - Ticagrelor 180 mg loading dose, 90mg BID
  - Clopidogrel 300-600 mg loading dose, 75 mg QD
- Всички пациенти получават ASA 75-325 mg



# STE-ACS scheduled for primary PCI



## Number at risk

### STE-ACS

Ticagrelor

Clopidogrel

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3476

3424

3331

2687

2049

1675

3792

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3356

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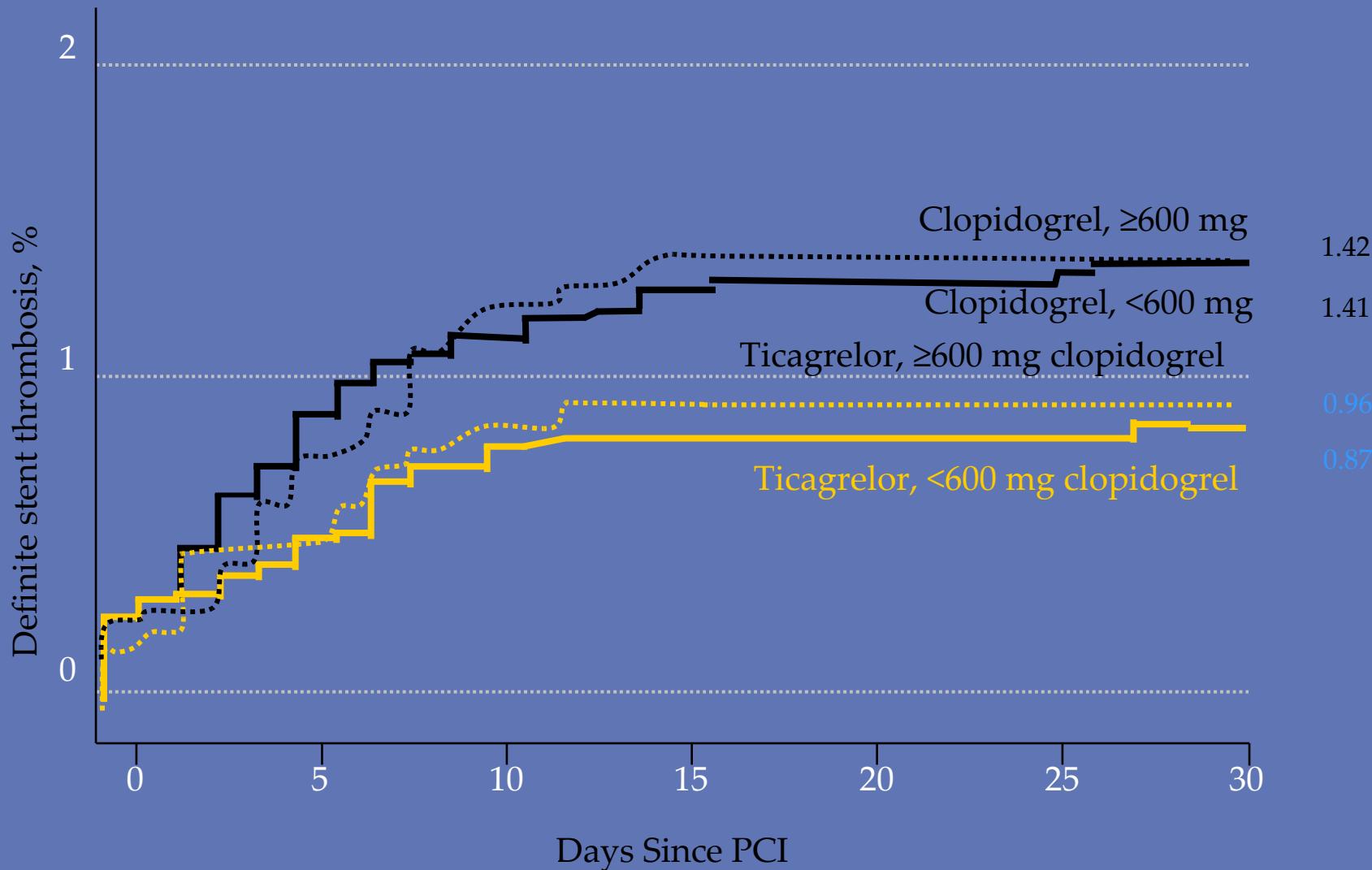
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ACS, acute coronary syndromes; CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; STE, ST-segment elevated.  
Steg PG, et al. *Circulation* 2010;122:2131–2141.

# Definite Stent Thrombosis





## Ticagrelor — Is There Need for a New Player in the Antiplatelet-Therapy Field?

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gery. Avoidance of the use of prasugrel in patients with a history of stroke or transient ischemic attacks has been advised.<sup>10</sup> It seems prudent to apply the same advice to ticagrelor. The use of prasugrel has been discouraged in patients with an excessively high risk of bleeding.<sup>10</sup> It might also be prudent to avoid the use of ticagrelor in patients with a high bleeding risk (presumably those with multiple risk factors). Ticagrelor therapy should be discouraged in patients who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hyperuricemia, moderate or severe renal failure, bradycardias unprotected by pacemakers, a history of syncope, or a need for treatment with an ADP-receptor antagonist for more than 1 year. We should further recognize that the rapidly reversible effect of ticagrelor makes careful sur-

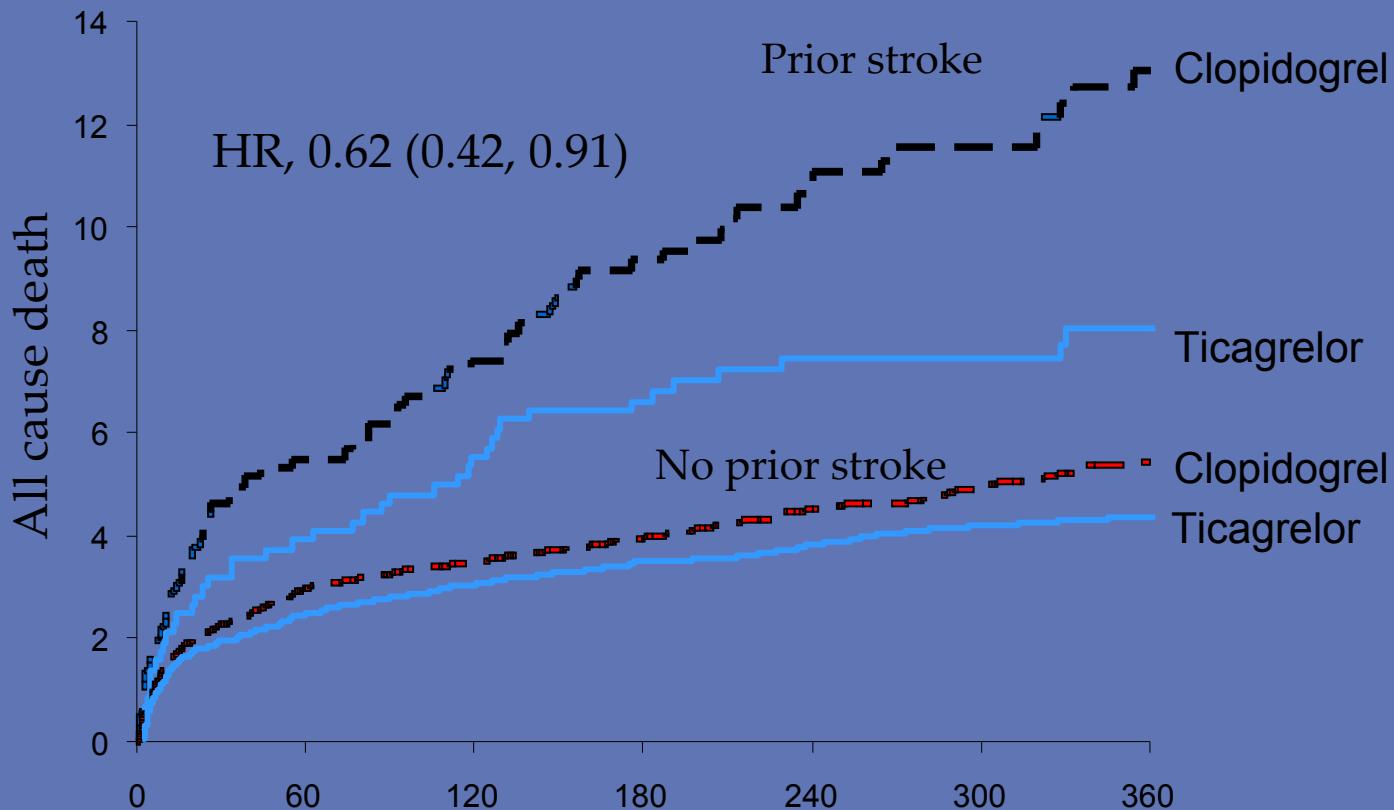
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## Prior stroke or TIA

Stroke

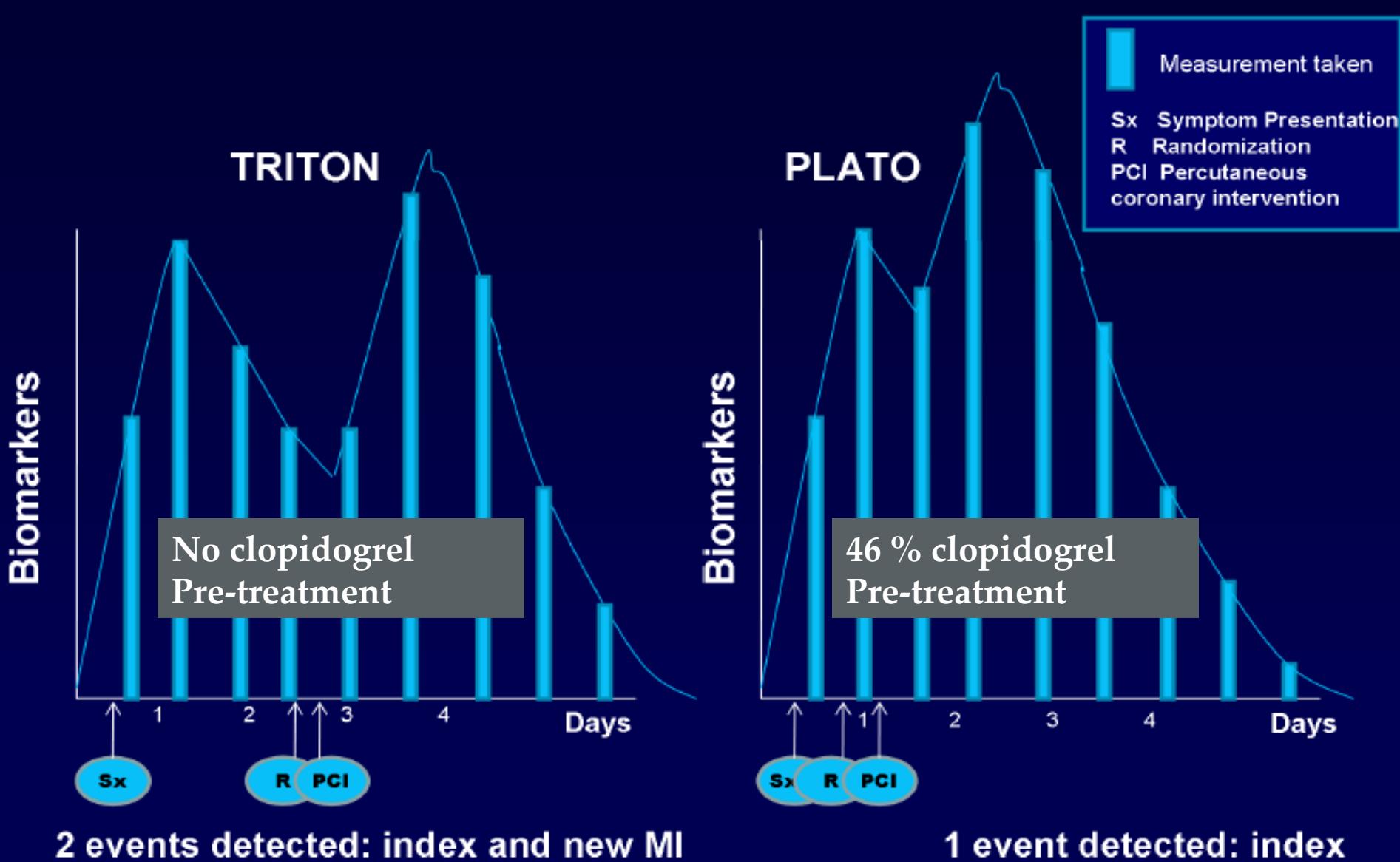
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Patient at risk

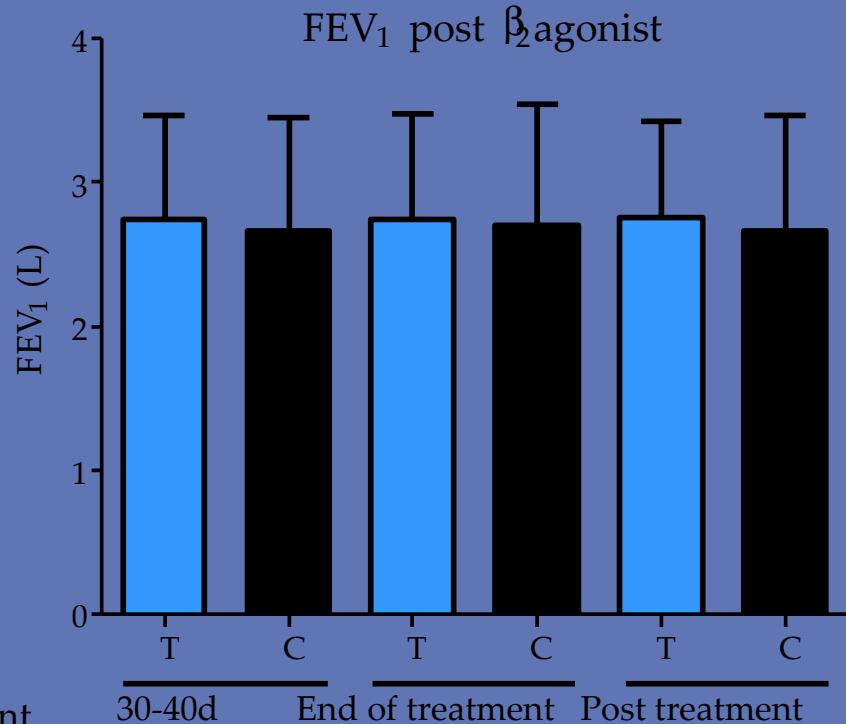
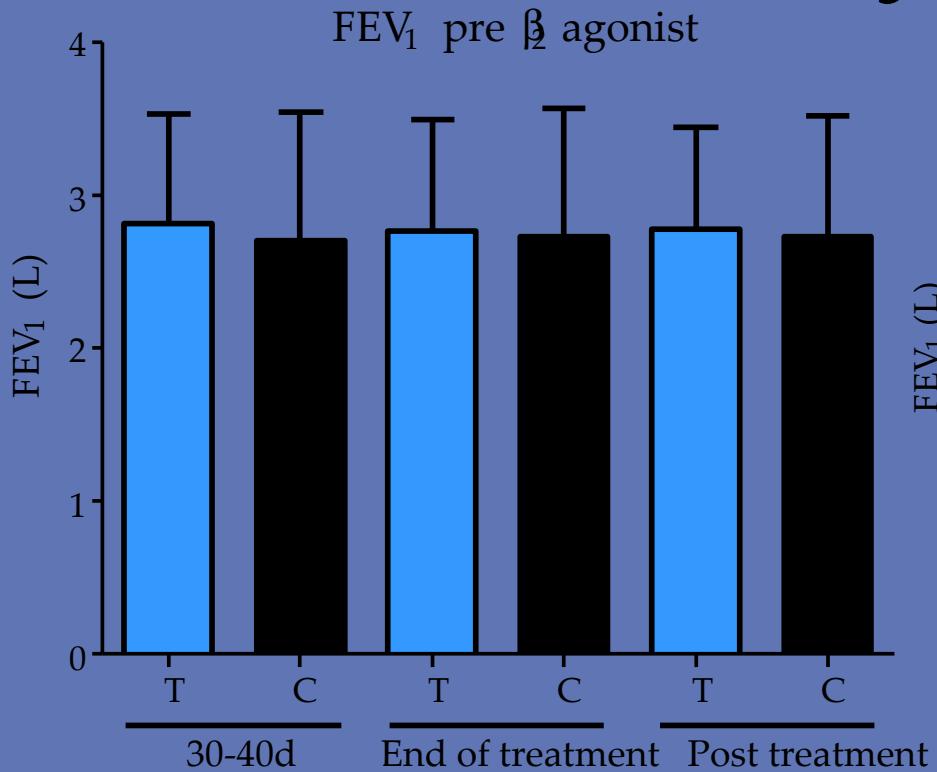


| Prior stroke    | Clopidogrel | 588  | 542  | 530  | 507  | 397  | 314  | 246  |
|-----------------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No prior stroke | Clopidogrel | 8699 | 8318 | 8245 | 8078 | 6679 | 5124 | 4115 |
|                 | Ticagrelor  | 564  | 534  | 525  | 511  | 411  | 332  | 254  |
|                 | Ticagrelor  | 8761 | 8382 | 8289 | 8107 | 6701 | 5143 | 4162 |

# TRITON vs PLATO: Biomarkers and Index Events



# Pulmonary function



# PLATO: Holter Мониторираща програма

| All Patients                  | Ticagrelor<br>(n=9235) | Clopidogrel<br>(n=9186) | P value |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Holter monitor first week     | Ticagrelor<br>(n=1451) | Clopidogrel<br>(n=1415) | P value |
| Ventricular pauses ≥3 seconds | 5.8%                   | 3.6%                    | 0.01    |
| Ventricular pauses ≥5 seconds | 2.0%                   | 1.2%                    | 0.10    |
| Holter monitor at 30 days     | Ticagrelor<br>(n=985)  | Clopidogrel<br>(n=1006) | P value |
| Ventricular pauses ≥3 seconds | 2.1%                   | 1.7%                    | 0.52    |
| Ventricular pauses ≥5 seconds | 0.8%                   | 0.6%                    | 0.60    |

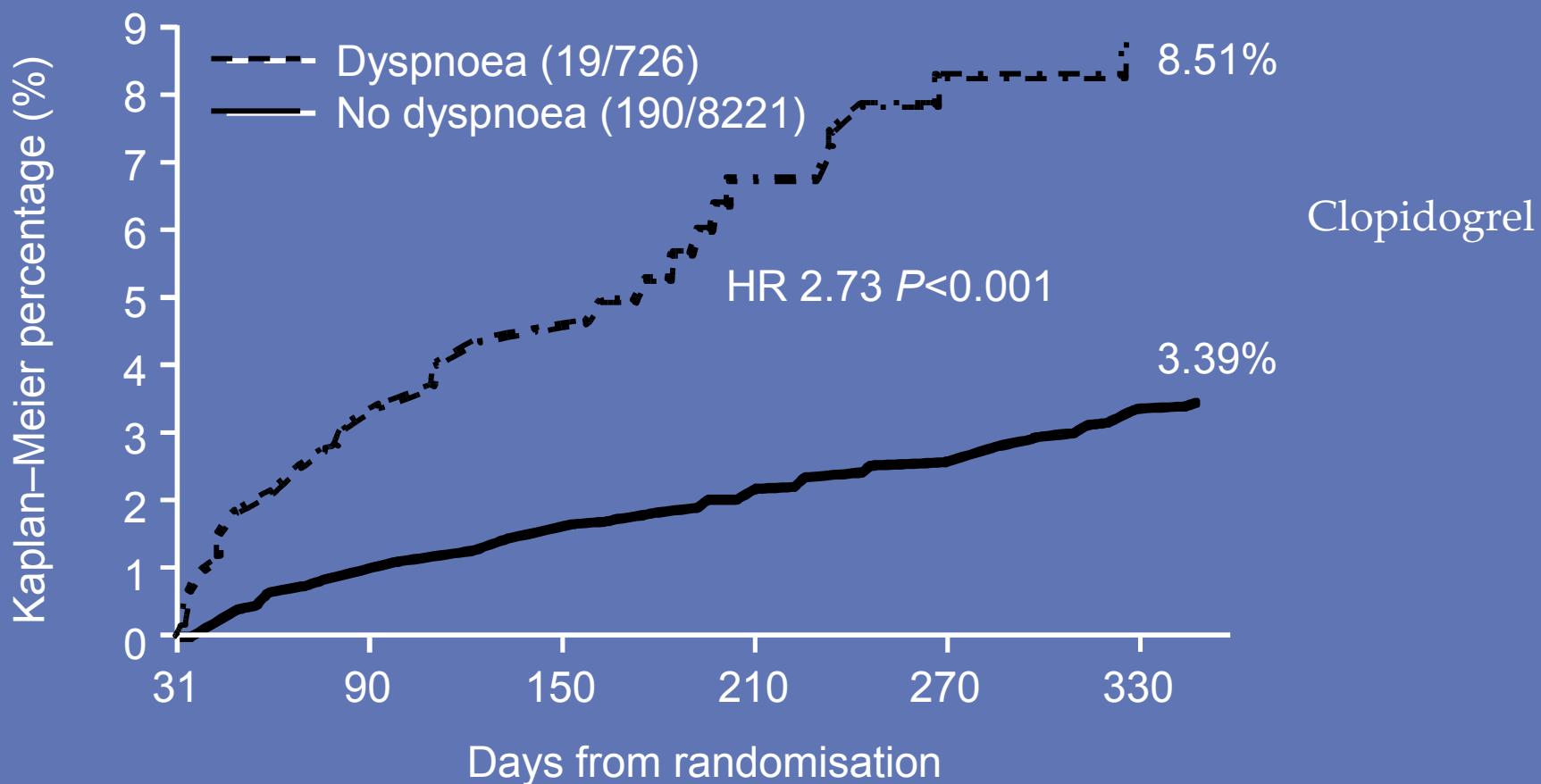


# Dyspnea in PLATO

- Dyspnea was reported more frequently by patients on ticagrelor than clopidogrel (13.8% vs 7.8%;  $P<0.001$ )<sup>[Wallentin 2009:L,N]</sup>
  - Most episodes lasted less than a week
  - Ticagrelor-associated dyspnea was mostly mild to moderate and did not affect efficacy
- 1 in 9 patients discontinued study drug because of dyspnea (0.9% vs 0.1%,  $P<0.001$ )<sup>[Wallentin 2009:L,N]</sup>
- The higher frequency of dyspnea with ticagrelor was not associated with any detectable detrimental effect on pulmonary function compared with clopidogrel<sup>[Storey 2010:A]</sup>

# Total death

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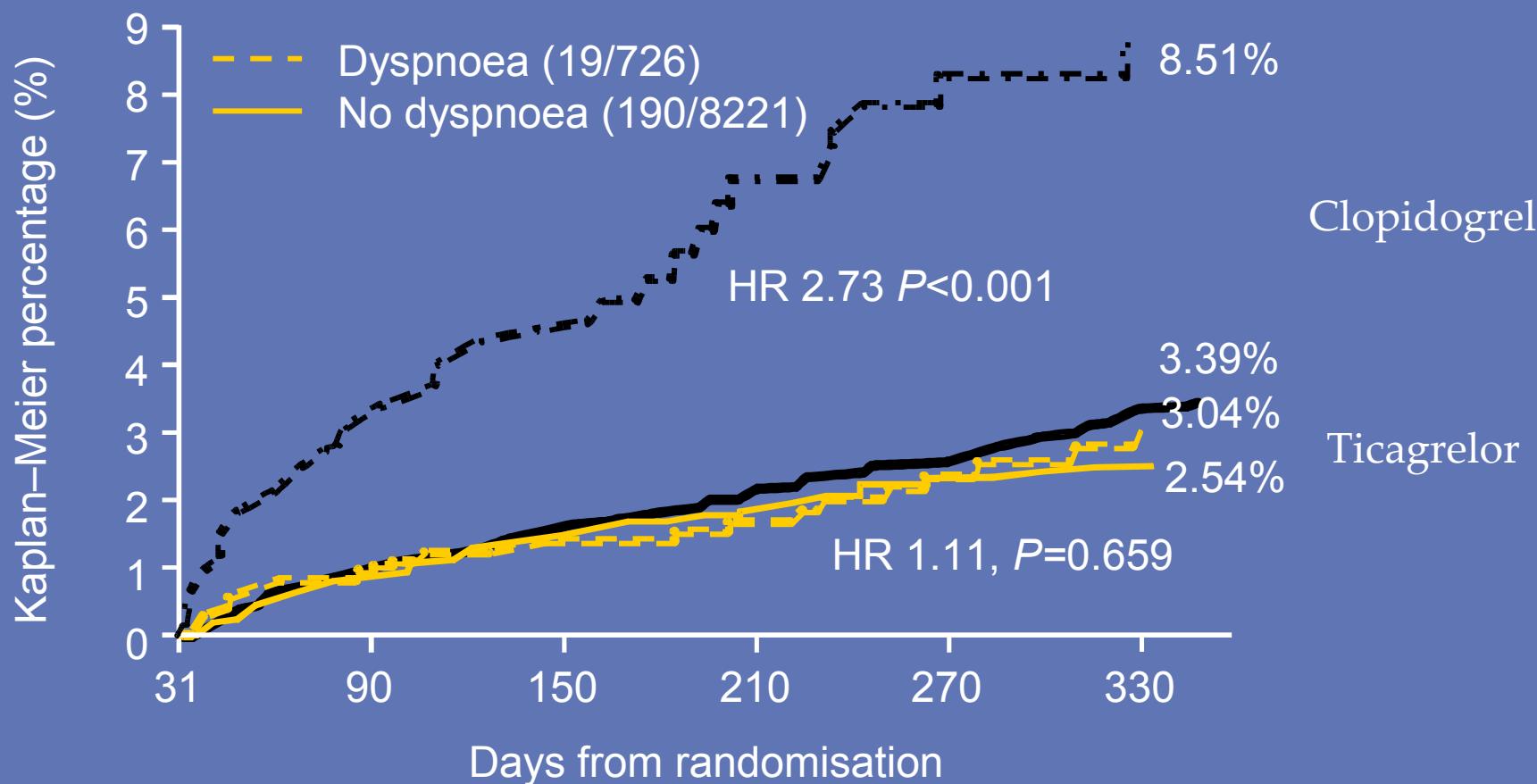


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|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| DE  | 726  | 717  | 713  | 628  | 582  | 431  |
| NDE | 8221 | 8089 | 8004 | 6711 | 6220 | 4666 |

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