

# What is the Optimal Antiplatelet Therapy in High Risk Patients After DES?

**Tailoring Treatment to Risk in Antiplatelet Therapy**

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# What are the Risks in DES Pts?

## Predictors of DES Thrombosis

**Moreno, JACC 45:954, 2005**

**N=5030 (10 RCT)**

- Number of stents/patient
- Total stent length

**Kuchulakanti, Circulation 113:1108, 2006**

- Discontinuation of clopidogrel
- Renal failure
- Bifurcation lesions
- In-stent restenosis

**Iakovou and Colombo, JAMA 293:2126, 2005**

**N=2229 (3 Centers)**

- Premature antiplatelet rx d/c
- Renal failure
- Bifurcation lesion
- Diabetes
- ↓ LVEF

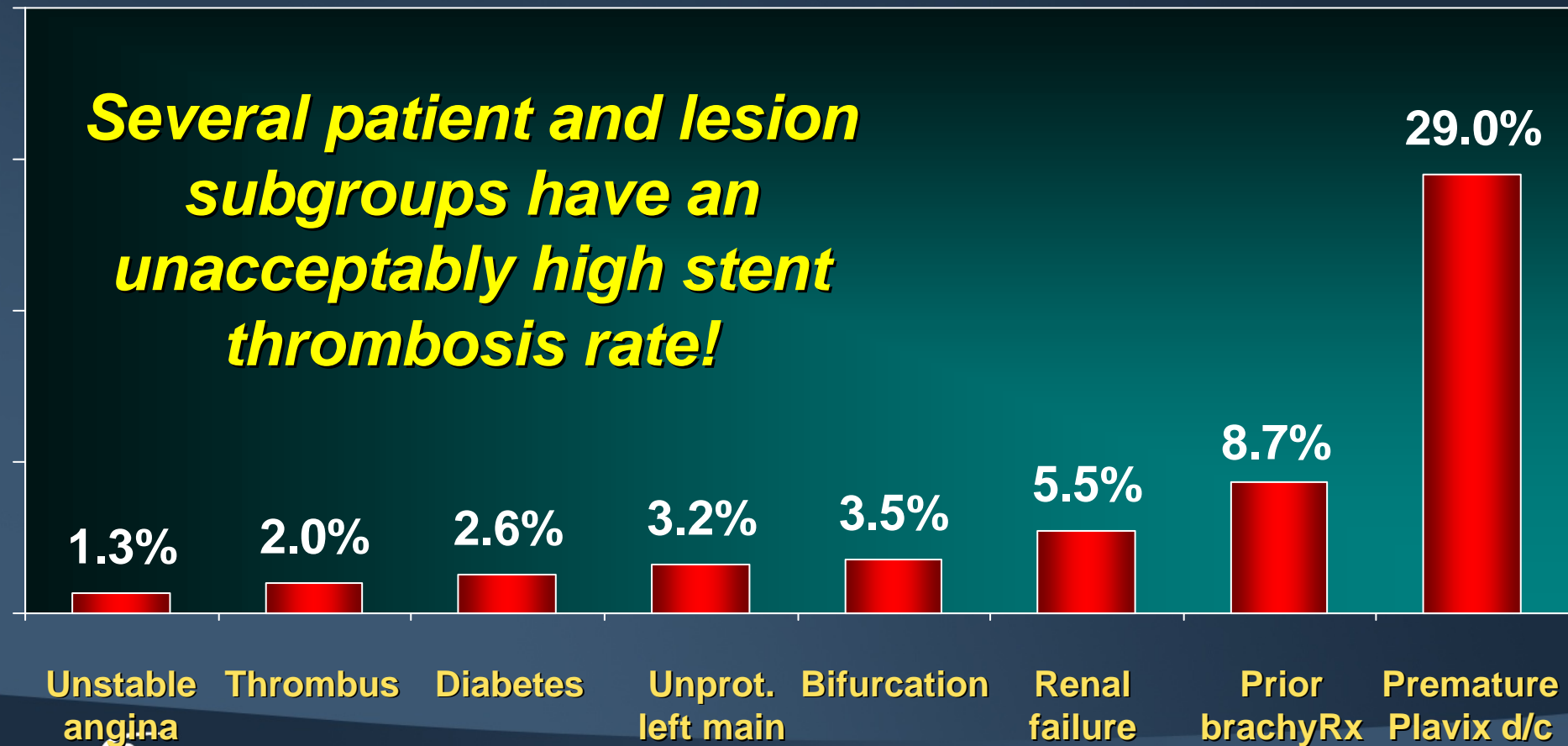


# Milan/Siegburg Experience

Stent thrombosis after DES (SES or PES) occurred in 29/2229 pts (1.3%) at  $9.3 \pm 5.6$  mos

Iakovou et al. JAMA 2005;293:2126-2130

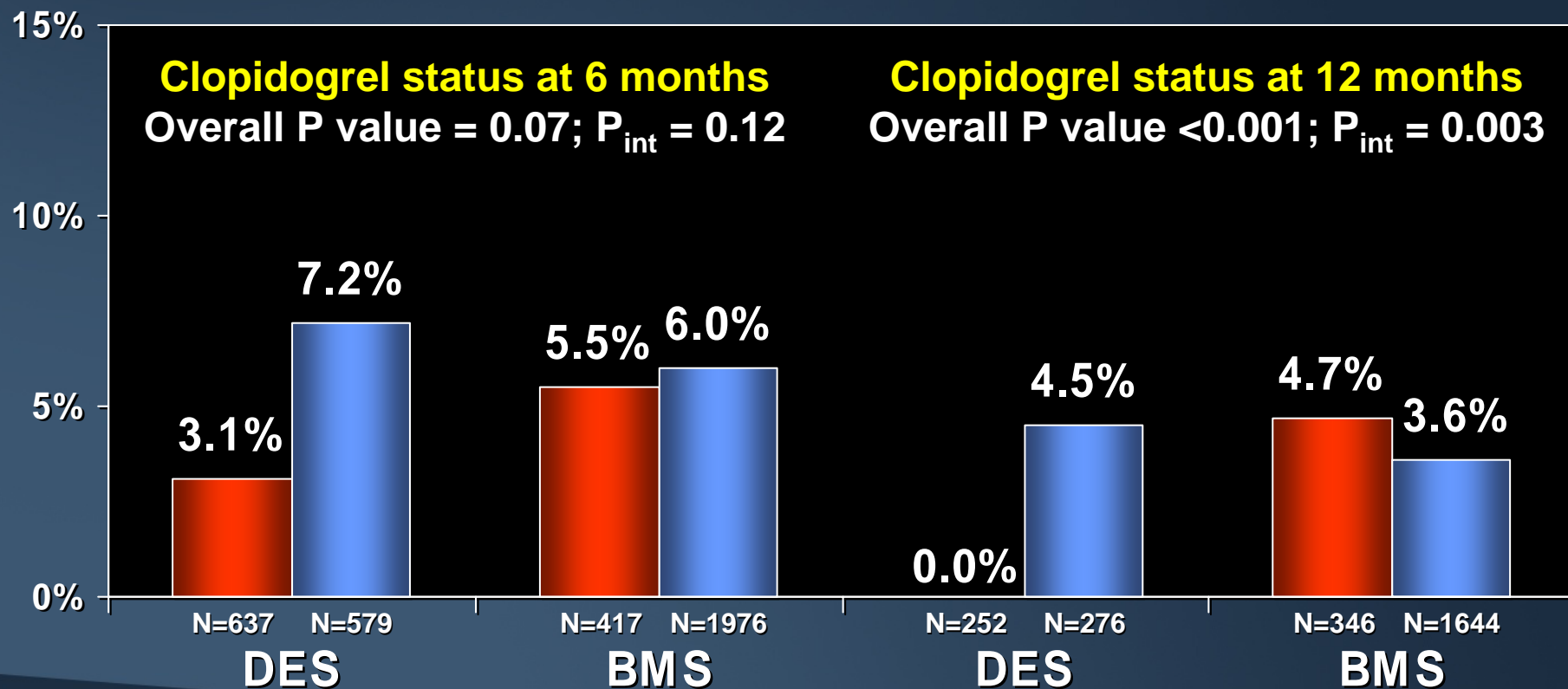
*Several patient and lesion subgroups have an unacceptably high stent thrombosis rate!*



# Duke Database Death/MI Analysis

Adjusted death/MI rates at 24 months  
in patients without events at 6 months

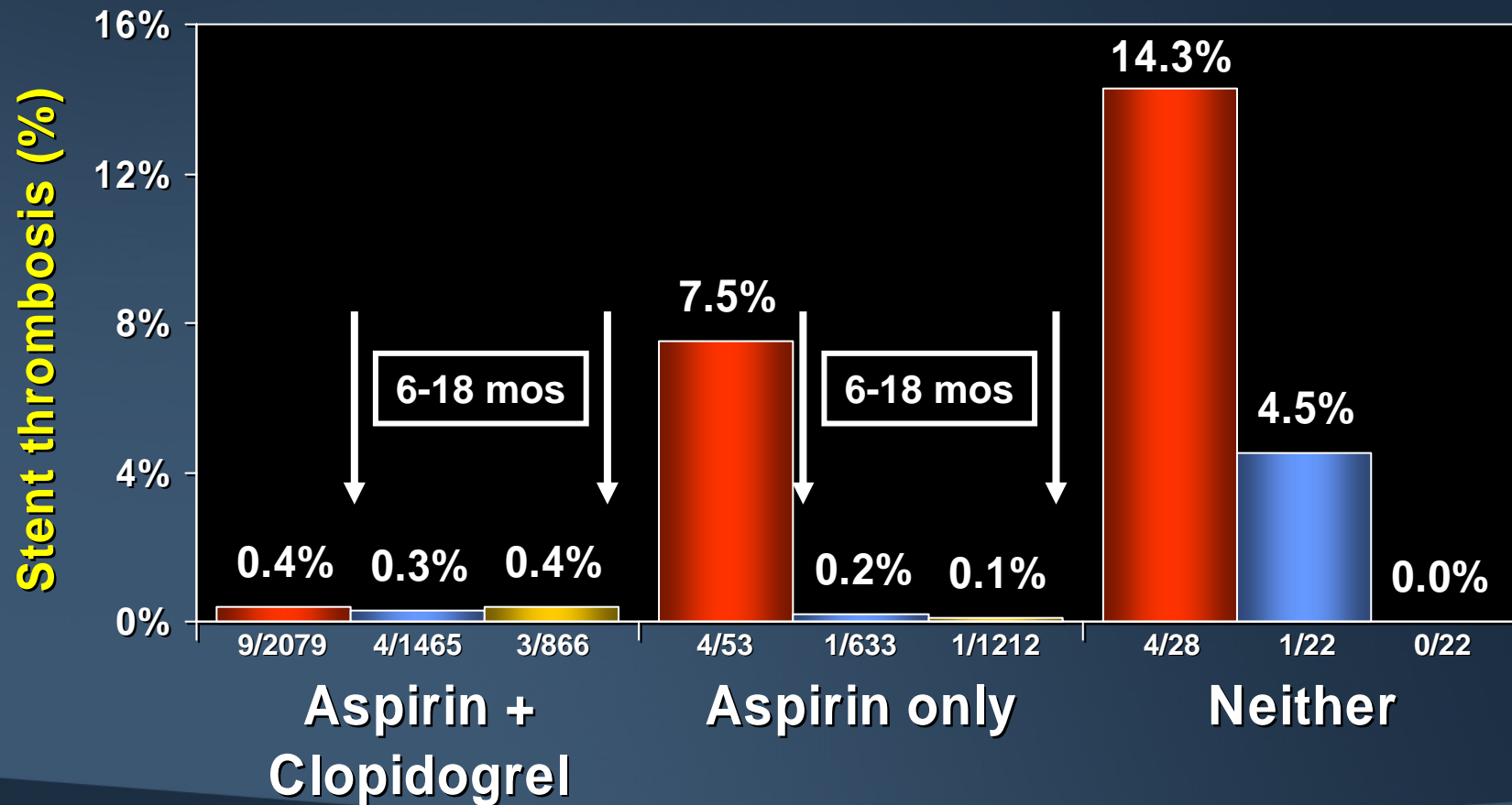
■ On clopidogrel ■ Off clopidogrel



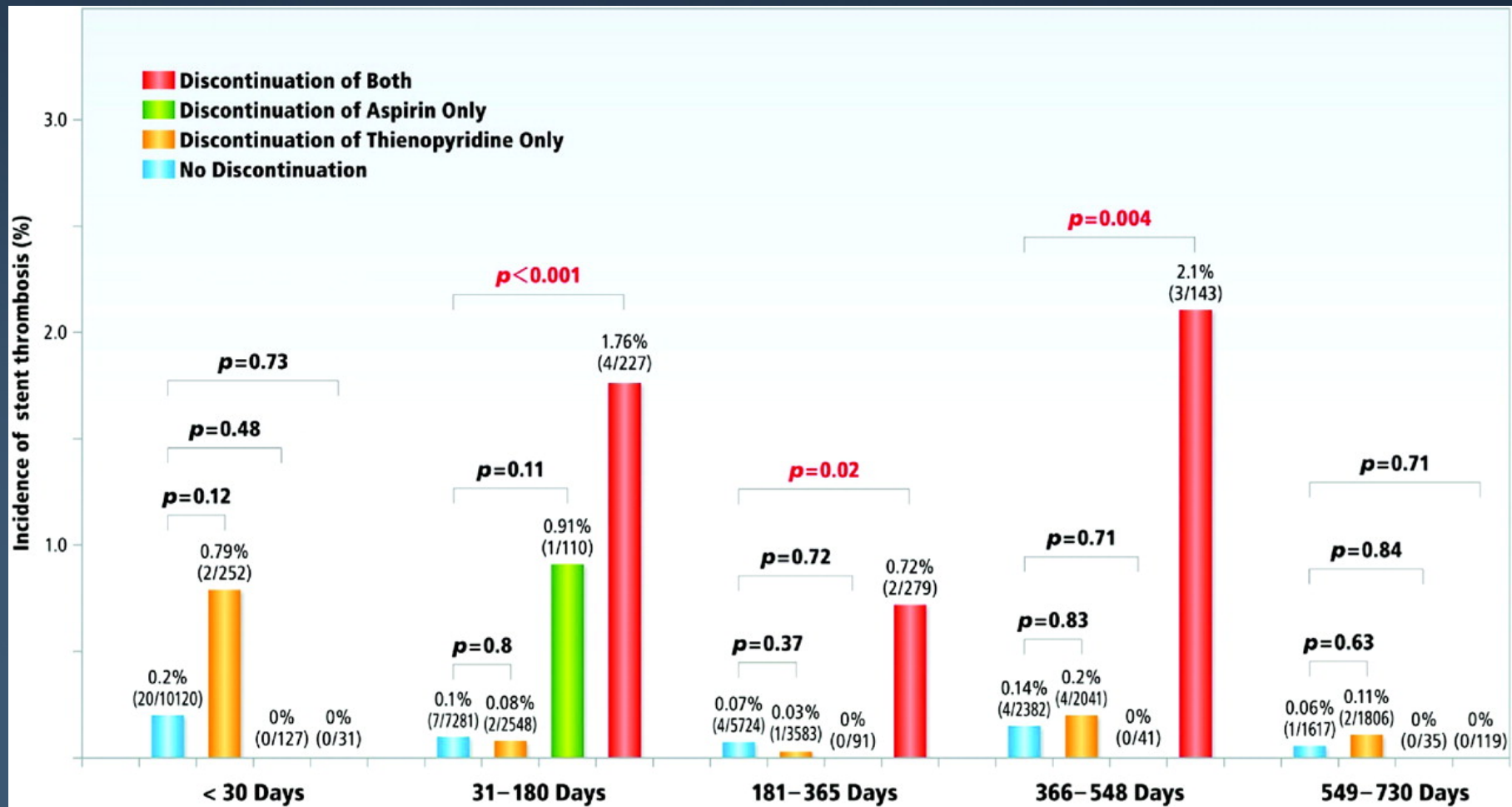
# Milan Stent Thrombosis Experience

## 2,160 consecutive pts with DES implanted

■ 0-6 months 
 ■ 6-12 months 
 ■ 12-18 months

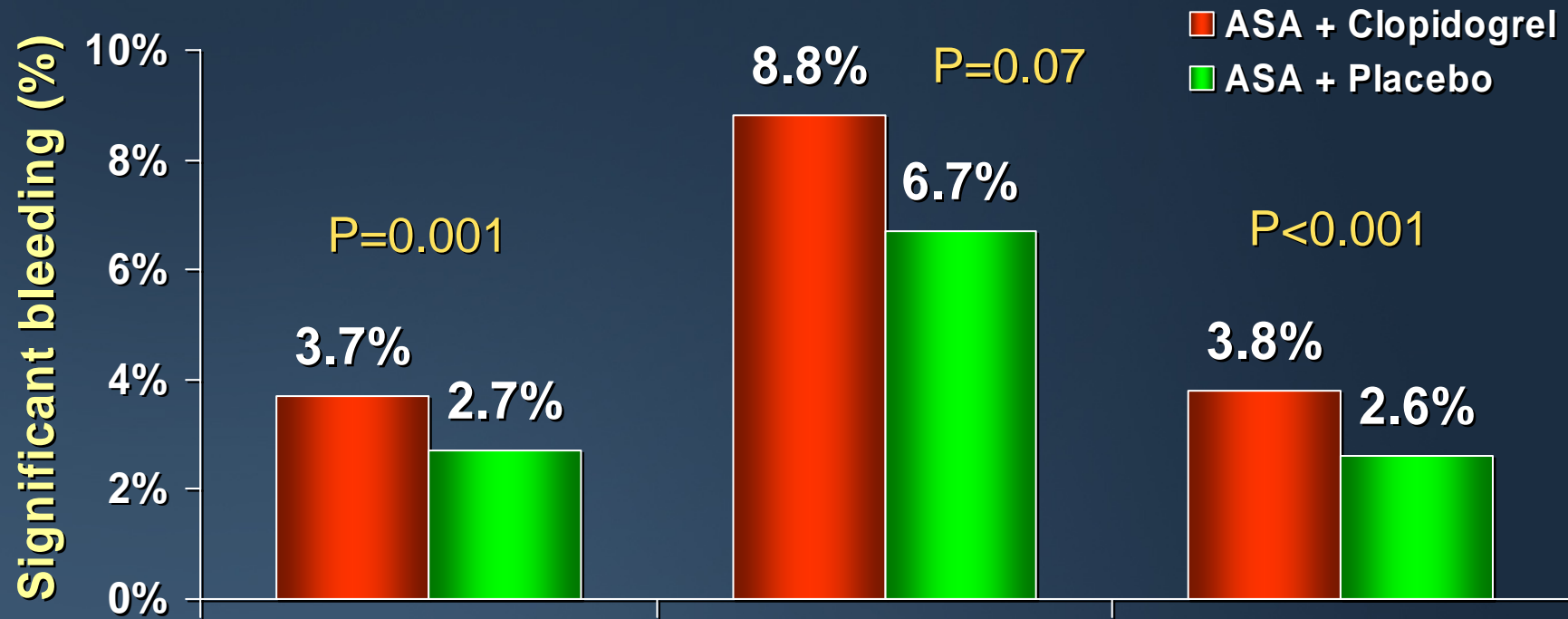


# Relationship between thienopyridine and/or aspirin discontinuation and Stent Thrombosis by time interval after stent implantation



# Bleeding with Long-Term Clopidogrel

## 3 Placebo Controlled Trials



**CURE**  
N=12,563  
1 year FU  
CURE major bleed  
NEJM 2001;345:494-502

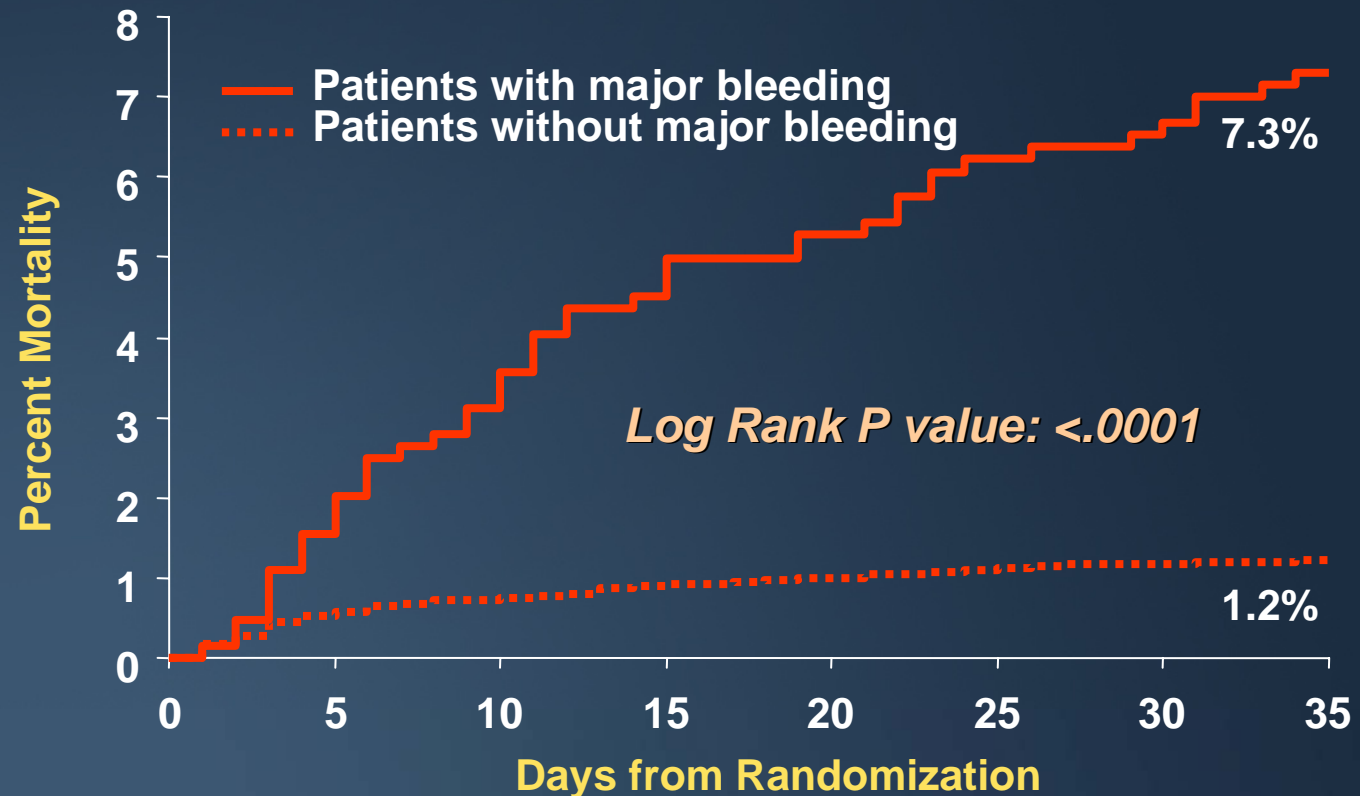
**CREDO**  
N=2,116  
1 year FU  
TIMI major bleed  
JAMA 2002;288:2411-20

**CHARISMA**  
N=15,603  
2.5 year FU  
GUSTO major  
+ moderate bleed  
NEJM 2006;354:1706-17



# Implications of Major Bleeding: ACUITY: 30-day Mortality

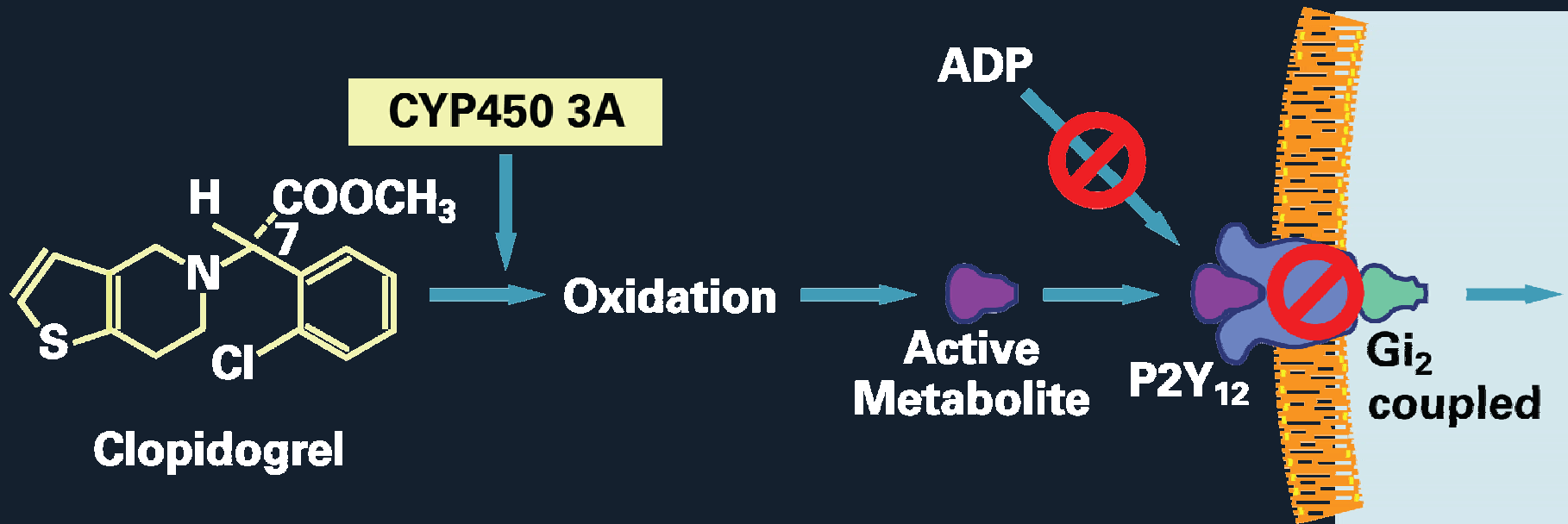
- 30-day mortality by patients with or without major bleeding



## Patients at Risk

Patients with major bleeding:	644	633	623	614	609	602	599	589
Patients without major bleeding:	13169	13009	12975	12951	12933	12911	12864	12761

# The Target for Clopidogrel is the Platelet P2Y<sub>12</sub> Receptor

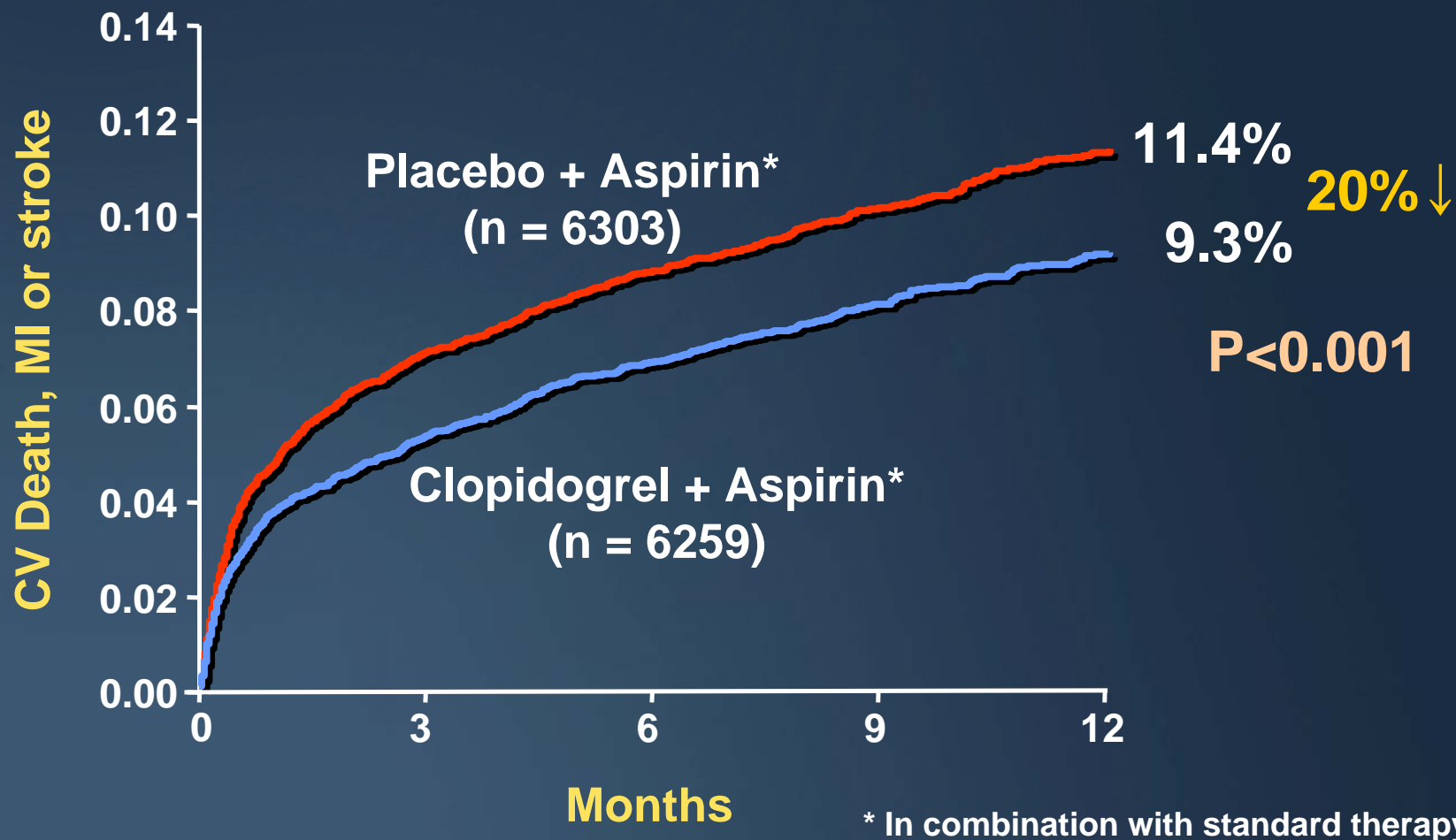


Clopidogrel is a prodrug, 85% hydrolysed to inactive metabolite  
Variable intestinal absorption and hepatic P450 activity



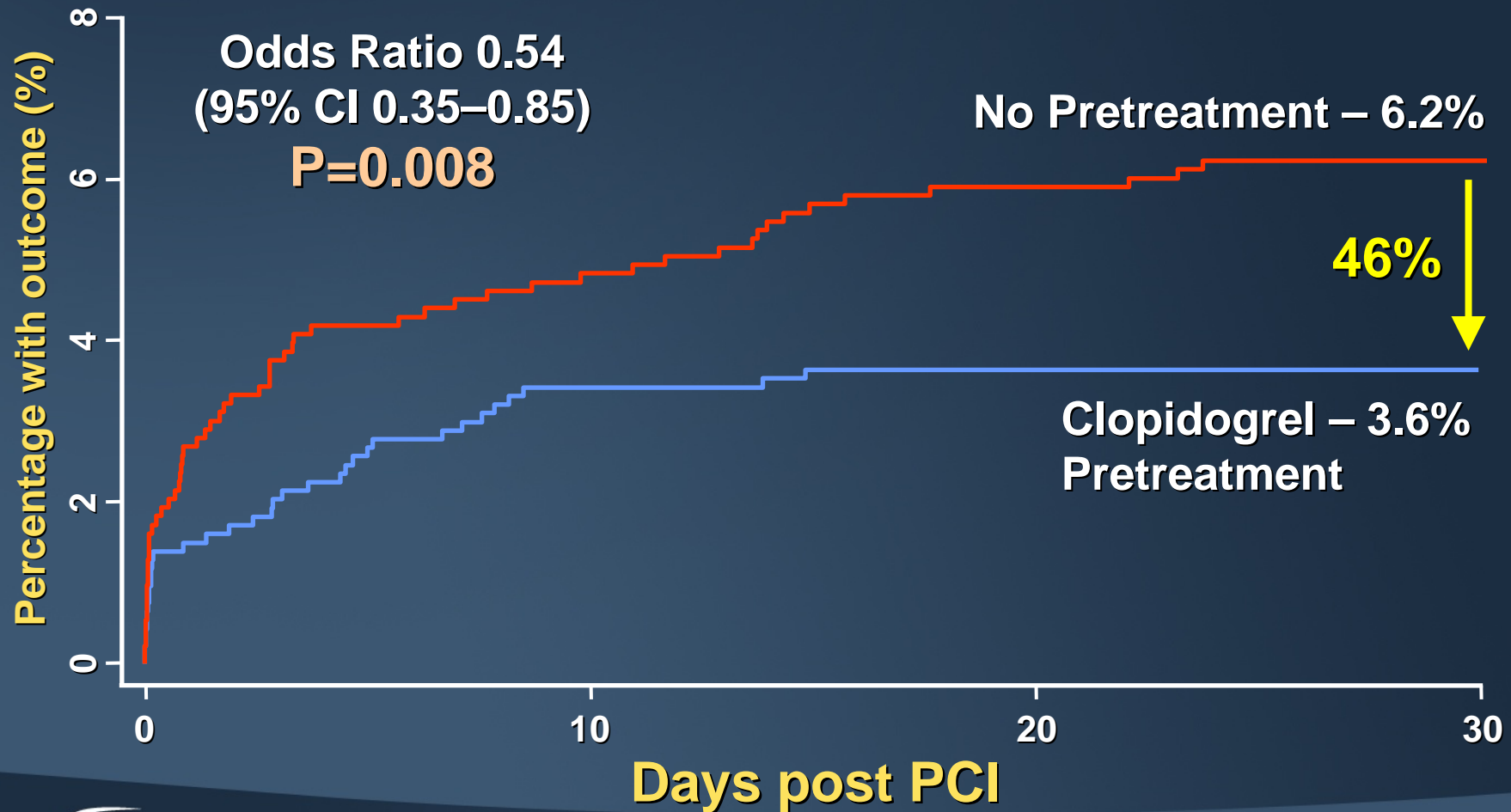
# CURE

12,562 pts with ACS were treated with aspirin and randomized to clopidogrel vs. placebo and followed for up to 12 months  
Primary endpoint = CV Death, MI, or Stroke



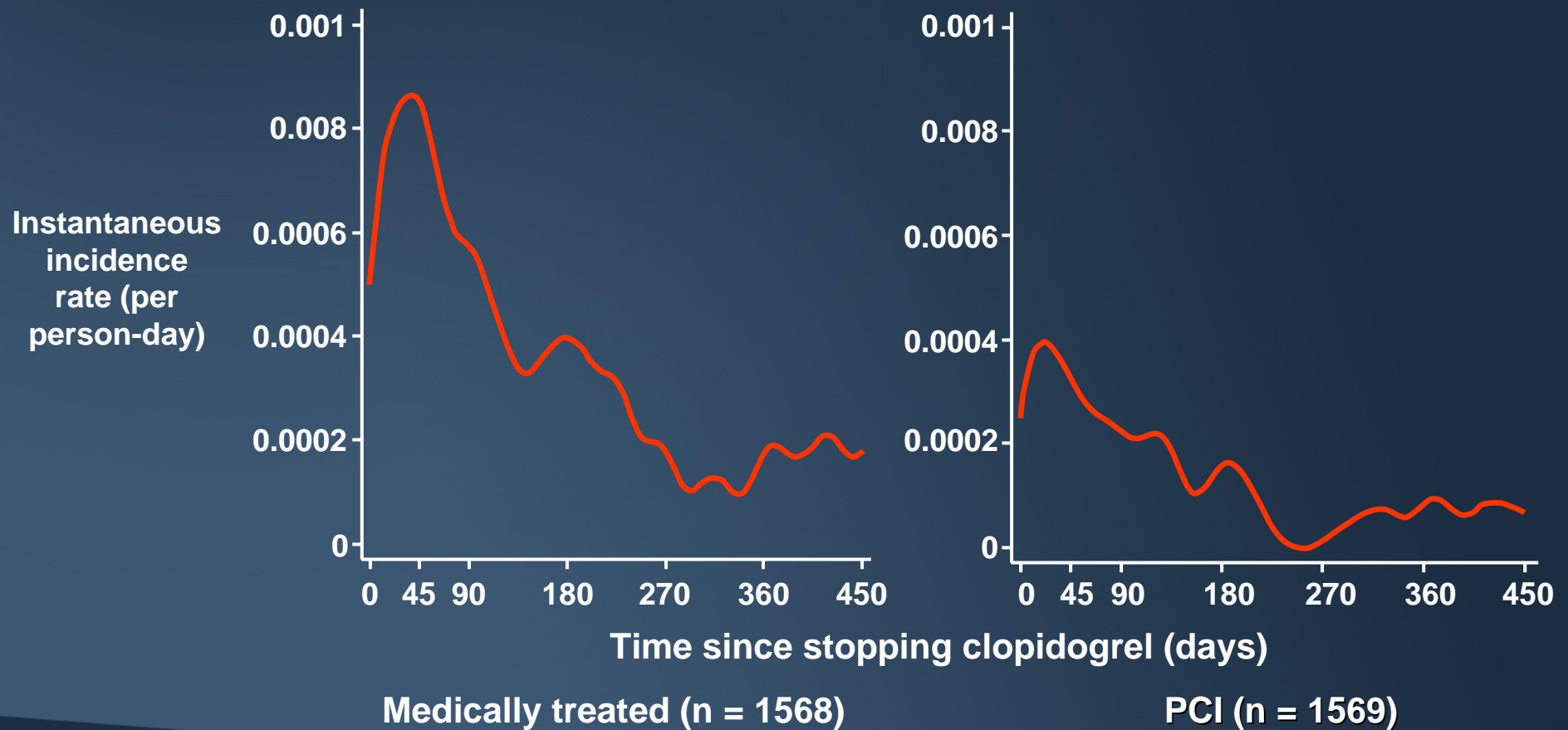
1863 of 3491 pts treated with fibrinolytic and aspirin, randomized to clopidogrel 300/75mg vs. placebo and followed for 30 days

**30 day Endpoint: CV Death, MI, or Stroke post PCI**



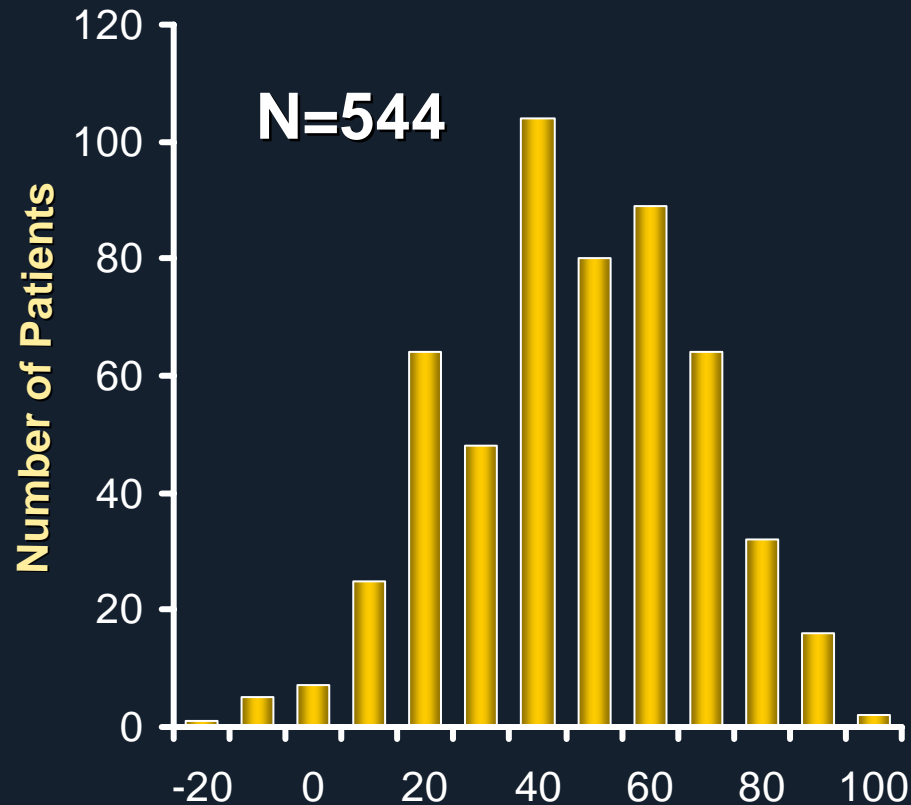
# Hazard of death or MI after clopidogrel discontinuation post-ACS

N = 3137 US Veterans Administration patients

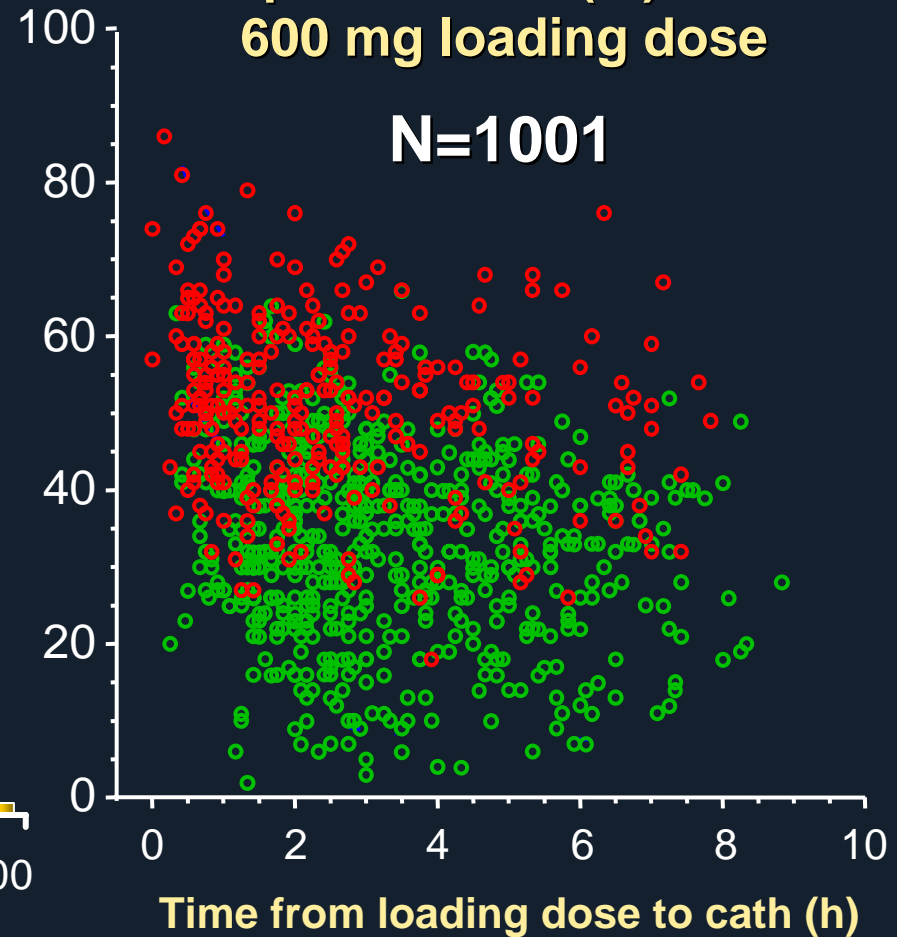


# Variability in Clopidogrel Response

Change in 5  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  ADP-induced platelet aggregation with 75 mg chronic dosing



Maximal aggregation to 5  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  ADP (%) after 600 mg loading dose



# Mechanisms of Clopidogrel Response Variability

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	Functional Parameter
Platelet Function	Accelerated platelet turn over Increased sensitivity to ADP and collagen
Bioavailability	Non compliance Poor absorption Drug-drug interaction (Statins, ompeprazole) Under dosing
Genetic Polymorphism	Cytochrome P450 (CYP2C19) P2Y <sub>12</sub> P2Y <sub>1</sub>
Other Factors	Diabetes Hypercholesterolemia, smoking, BMI

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# Clopidogrel Non-responsiveness Implications on Stent Thrombosis

	N	Functional Parameter	Clinical Relevance
Mueller et al. Thromb Haemost 2003	105	↓ inhibition of platelet aggregation	Stent thrombosis
Barragan et al. CCI 2003	36	↑ P2Y <sub>12</sub> reactivity ratio (VASP-levels)	Stent thrombosis
Gurbel et al. JACC 2005	120	↑ P2Y <sub>12</sub> reactivity ratio; ↑ platelet aggregation; ↑ stimulated GPIIb/IIIa expression	Stent thrombosis
Ajzenberg et al. JACC 2005	49	↑ shear-induced platelet aggregation	Stent thrombosis
Buonamici et al JACC 2007	804	↑ platelet aggregation	Stent thrombosis



# Overcoming Suboptimal Antiplatelet Drug Response

- ✓ **Modifying dosage of currently approved drugs**  
(e.g. higher dose)
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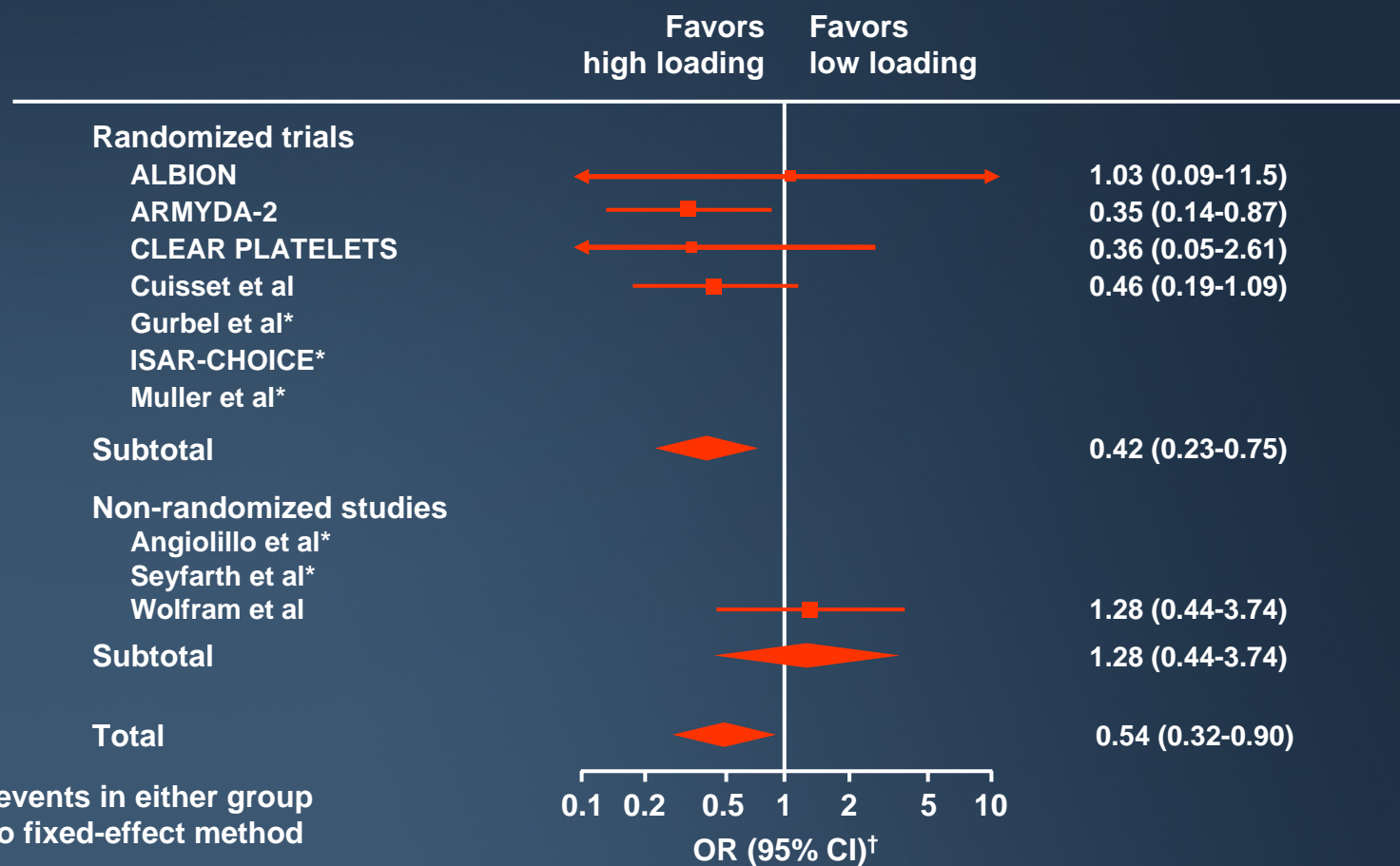
# Clopidogrel 600 mg: Inhibition of platelet function at various time points

Assay	Time (hours)				
	<1 (n = 98)	1 to <2 (n = 185)	2 to <4 (n = 341)	4 to <6 (n = 173)	≥6 (n = 204)
<b>5 μmol/L ADP</b>					
% aggregation	51	41	37*	36*	35*
% inhibition	5	25	32*	35*	37*
<b>20 μmol/L ADP</b>					
% aggregation	67	58	52*	50*	50*
% inhibition	8	20	30*	32*	32*
P-selectin, % inhibition	26	56	62*	66*	65*
Activated GP IIb/IIIa, % inhibition	2	20	28*	33*	31*

\*P = NS: 2 to <4 vs 4 to <6 vs ≥6 hours by 1-way ANOVA

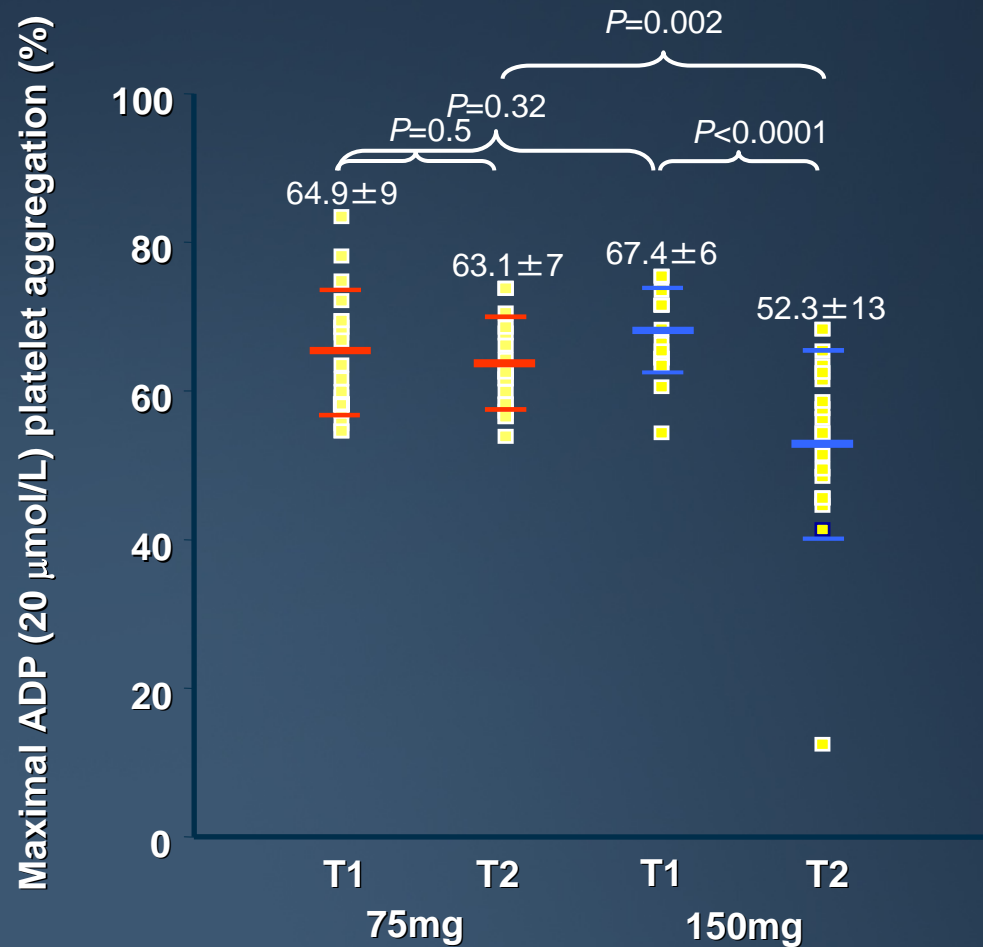
# Clopidogrel 600 mg vs 300 mg loading dose

Meta-analysis; N = 1567; Primary endpoint: Cardiac death or MI at 1 month



# OPTIMUS Study: (Optimizing anti-Platelet Therapy In diabetes MellitUS)

Primary Endpoint: Maximal ADP (20  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ) Platelet Aggregation



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# Clinical Evidence for Triple Therapy: Cilostazol

	N	Study and Population	Result Summary
<b>OPTIMUS II</b> Angiolillo DJ et al. <i>Eur Heart Journal</i> 2008; 29:2202-11		Cilostazol vs Placebo on background of ASA and Clopidogrel in DM pts	Reduction in P2Y <sub>12</sub> reactivity Index (PRI) (p<0.001)
<b>ACCEL RESISTANCE</b> Jeong, Y.-H. et al. <i>J Am Coll Cardiol</i> 2009;53:1101-1109	60	Cilostazol (100mgx2) vs High Maintenance Dose Clopidogrel (150mg) in AMI pts With Clopidogrel Resistance	Reduction in ADP platelet aggregation with Cilostazol (p<0.001, 20 μmol/L; p=0.012, 5 μmol/L)
<b>KAMIR trial</b> Kang-Yin Chen TCT 2008	4910	Adjusted clinical outcomes at 8 months for Triple vs Dual antiplatelet therapy in AMI	Reduced MACE OR 0.79[0.63-0.98]
<b>DECREASE</b> SJ Park TCT 2008	965	Twelve-month propensity matched risk of events after DES of Triple versus Dual antiplatelet therapy	Reduced Stent thrombosis HR 0.124 [0.016-0.996]
Yalin Han <i>Am Heart J</i> 2009	1212	Prospective randomized study of Cilostazol vs placebo on background of ASA and Clopidogrel after PCI. Endpoint 1 yr MACCE	Reduction in 1yr MACCE 10.3% vs 15.1%;p=0.01)
<b>DECLARE DM</b> Seung-Whan Lee	400	Randomized study of triple vs dual antiplatelet Rx in PCI DM pts. 9 month events. Primary endpoint: TLR	Reduced TLR (p=0.034); MACE (p=0.066); cilostazol predicts lower TLR, RS, MACE

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# Novel P2Y<sub>12</sub> ADP receptor antagonist

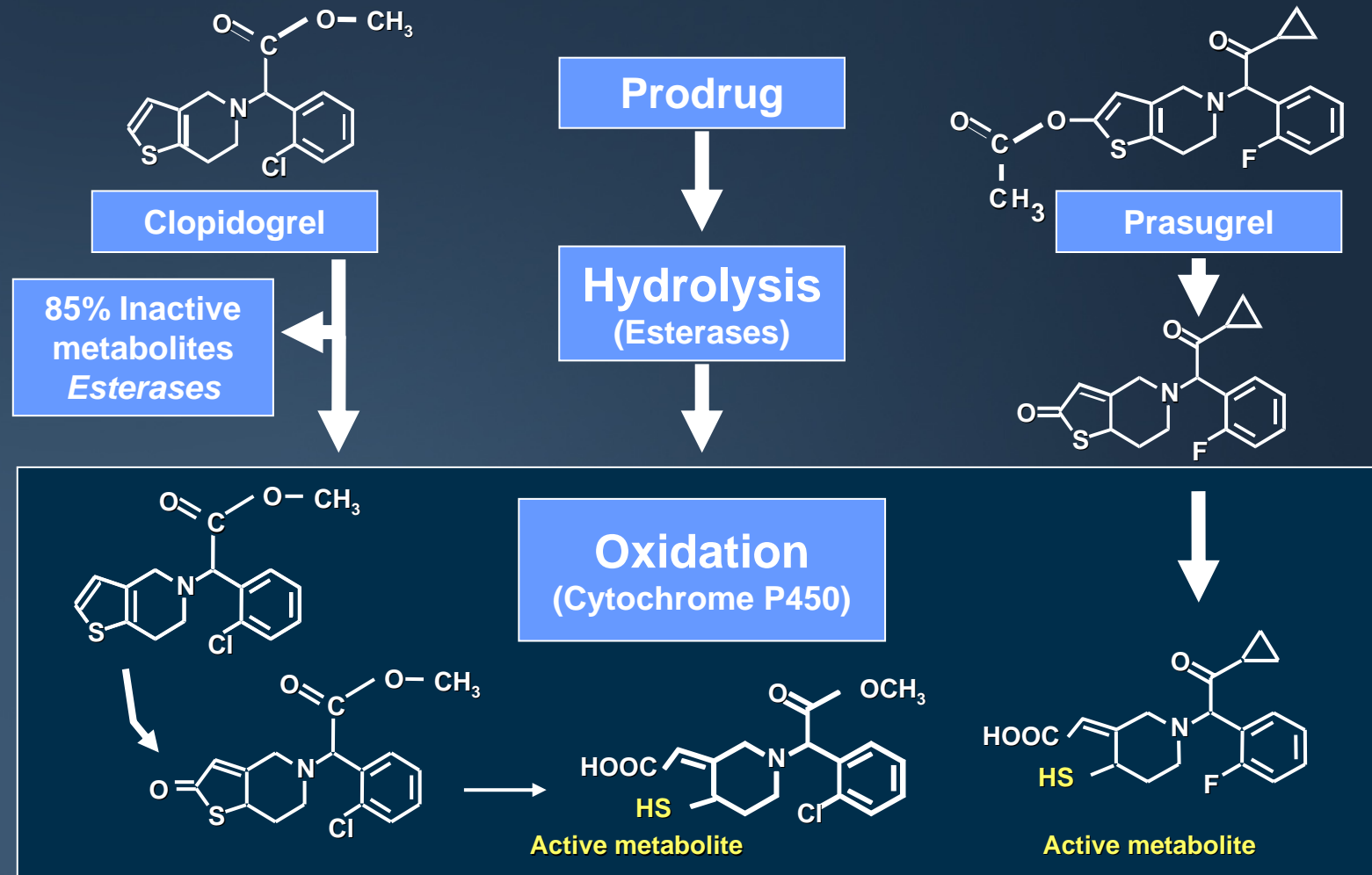
*More potent and less variability!!*

Drug	Type	Route	Action	Dose	Mean platelet inhibition (time required)	Trials (phase III)
<b>Prasugrel (CS-747)</b>	Thienopyridine (3 <sup>rd</sup> generation) - requires hepatic conversion to active metabolite	Oral	Irreversible binding	60 mg loading dose, 10 mg maintenance dose	≈ 70% (< 1 hour)	TRITON
<b>Cangrelor (ARC-669931MX)</b>	ATP analogue-Direct inhibition	Parenteral	Competitive binding	4 μg/kg/min	≈ 95% (few minutes)	CHAMPION
<b>Ticagrelor (AZD-6140)</b>	Cyclopentyl-triazolopyrimidine-Direct inhibition	Oral	Competitive binding	90 mg/twice daily	≈ 95% (2-4 hours)	PLATO

**Elinogrel (PRT060128):** reversible; IV & oral; effects within seconds; Phase II (INNOVATE-PCI)

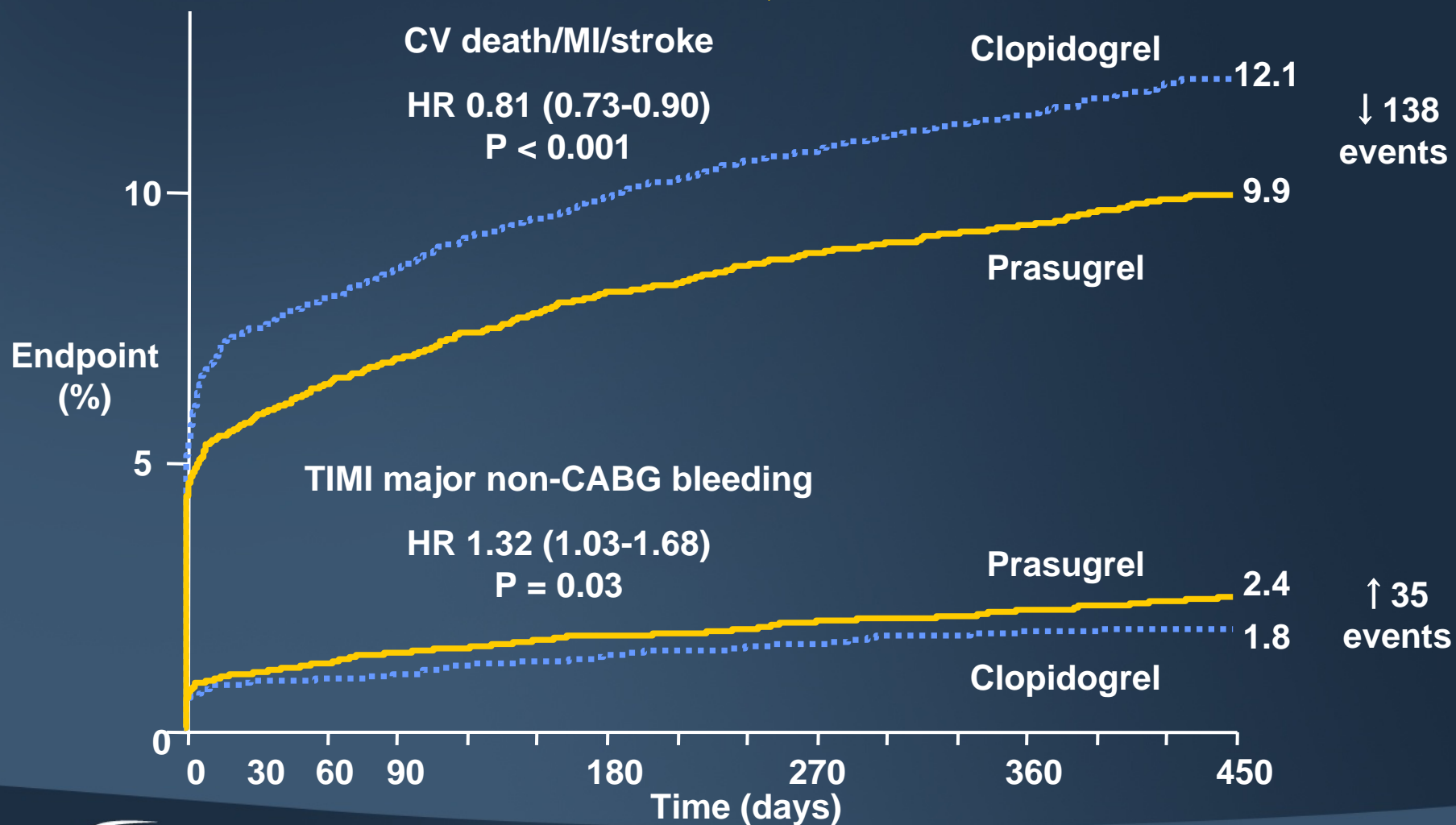


**Prasugrel:** Thienopyridine, orally administered as prodrug (more efficiently metabolized vs clopidogrel), irreversible inhibition of P2Y12 receptor, >70% platelet inhibition in <1 hour



# TRITON-TIMI 38: Treatment effects on primary efficacy and key safety endpoints

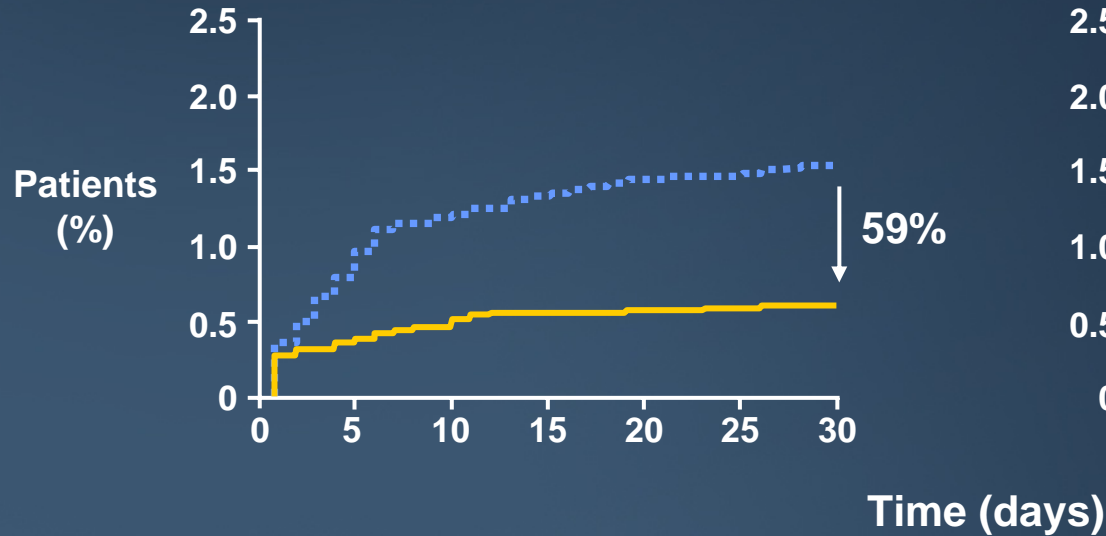
## N=13,608



# TRITON-TIMI 38: Stent thrombosis for all patients receiving at least one intracoronary stent

## Early stent thrombosis\*

HR 0.41 (0.29-0.59)  
P < 0.0001

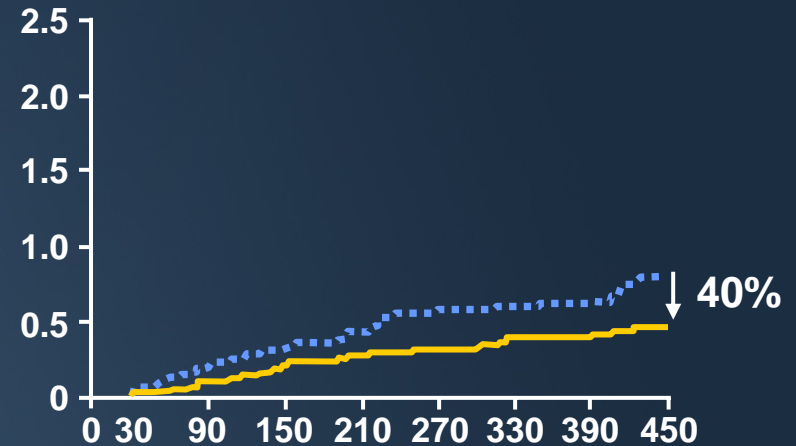


— Prasugrel

..... Clopidogrel

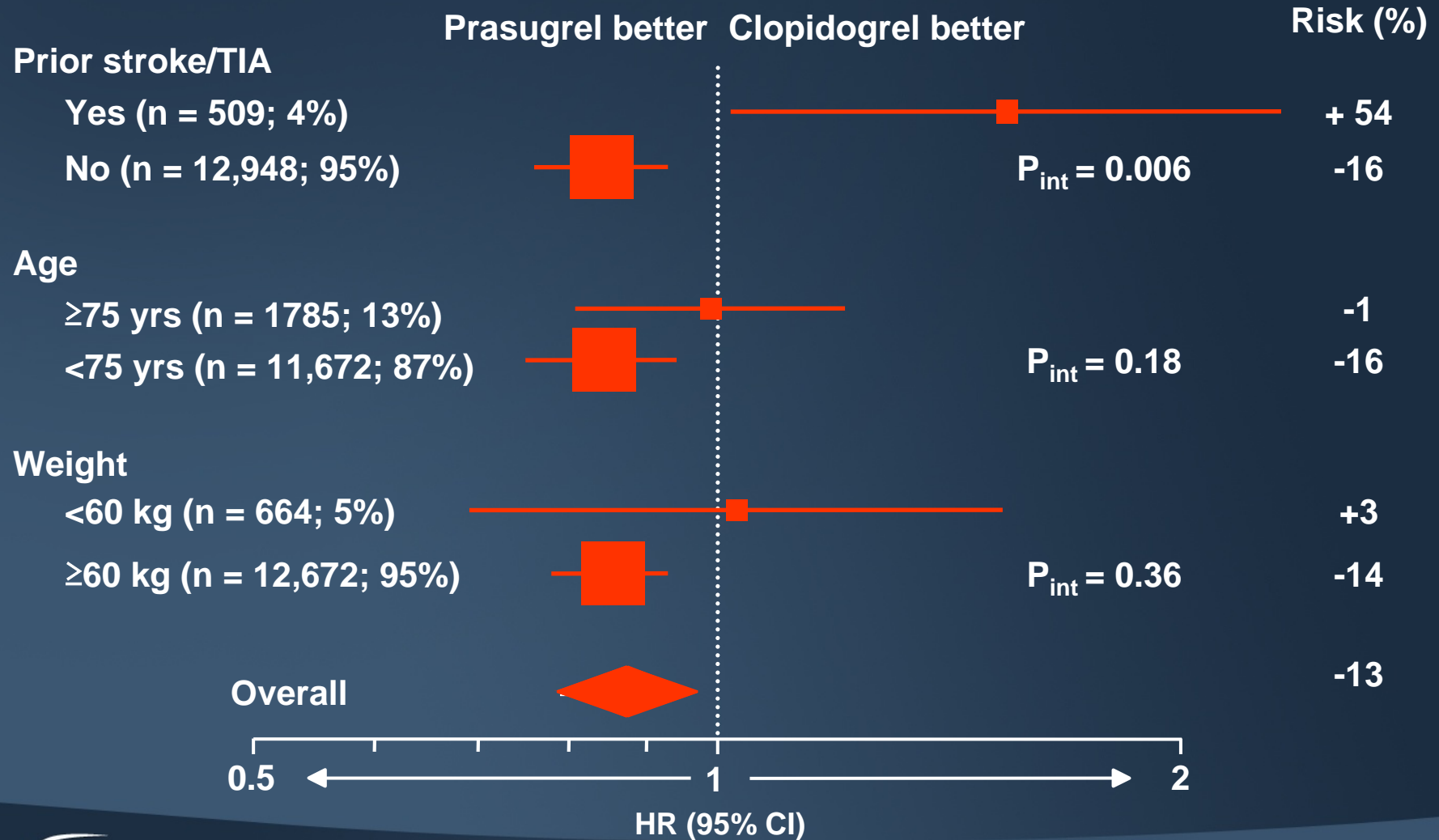
## Late stent thrombosis\*

HR 0.60 (0.37-0.97)  
P = 0.03



\*Definite or probable using Academic Research Consortium designation

# TRITON-TIMI 38 post hoc analysis: Net clinical benefit in subgroups at increased bleeding risk

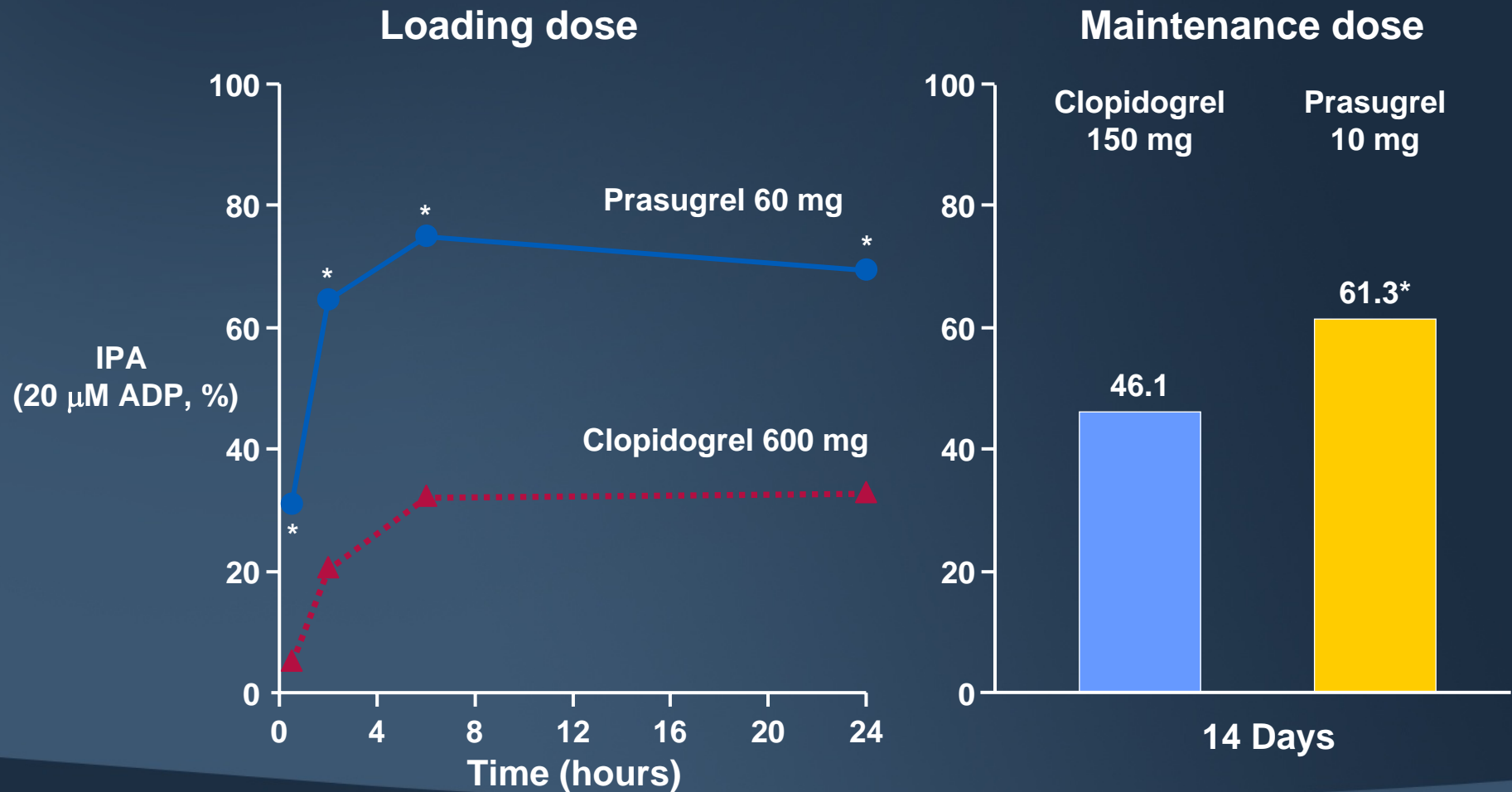


# TRITON-TIMI-38

	Prasugrel (n=6813)	Clopidogrel (n=6795)	HR [95%CI]	P
<b>CV death, MI, stroke</b>	9.9%	12.1%	0.81 [0.73, 0.90]	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
- CV death	2.1%	2.4%	0.89 [0.70, 1.12]	0.31
- Nonfatal MI	7.3%	9.5%	0.76 [0.67, 0.85]	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
- Non fatal stroke	1.0%	1.0%	1.02 [0.71, 1.45]	0.93
<b>Urgent TVR</b>	2.5%	3.7%	0.66 [0.54, 0.81]	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Death, all-cause</b>	3.0%	3.2%	0.95 [0.78, 1.16]	0.64
<b>TIMI bleed, major or minor</b>	5.0%	3.8%	1.31 [1.11, 1.56]	<b>0.002</b>
- Major, non CABG related	2.4%	1.8%	1.32 [1.03, 1.68]	<b>0.03</b>
- Life-threatening	1.4%	0.9%	1.52 [1.08, 2.13]	<b>0.01</b>
- Fatal	0.4%	0.1%	4.19 [1.58, 11.11]	<b>0.002</b>
- Major, CABG related	13.4%	3.2%	4.73 [1.90, 11.82]	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
- Requiring transfusion	4.0%	3.0%	1.34 [1.11, 1.63]	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

# PRINCIPLE-TIMI 44: Inhibition of platelet aggregation with loading and maintenance doses

201 pts undergoing elective PCI randomized to a loading dose of 600 mg clopidogrel vs. 60 mg prasugrel



\*P < 0.0001 vs clopidogrel

IPA = inhibition of platelet aggregation

Wiviott SD et al. *Circulation*. 2007;116:2923-32.



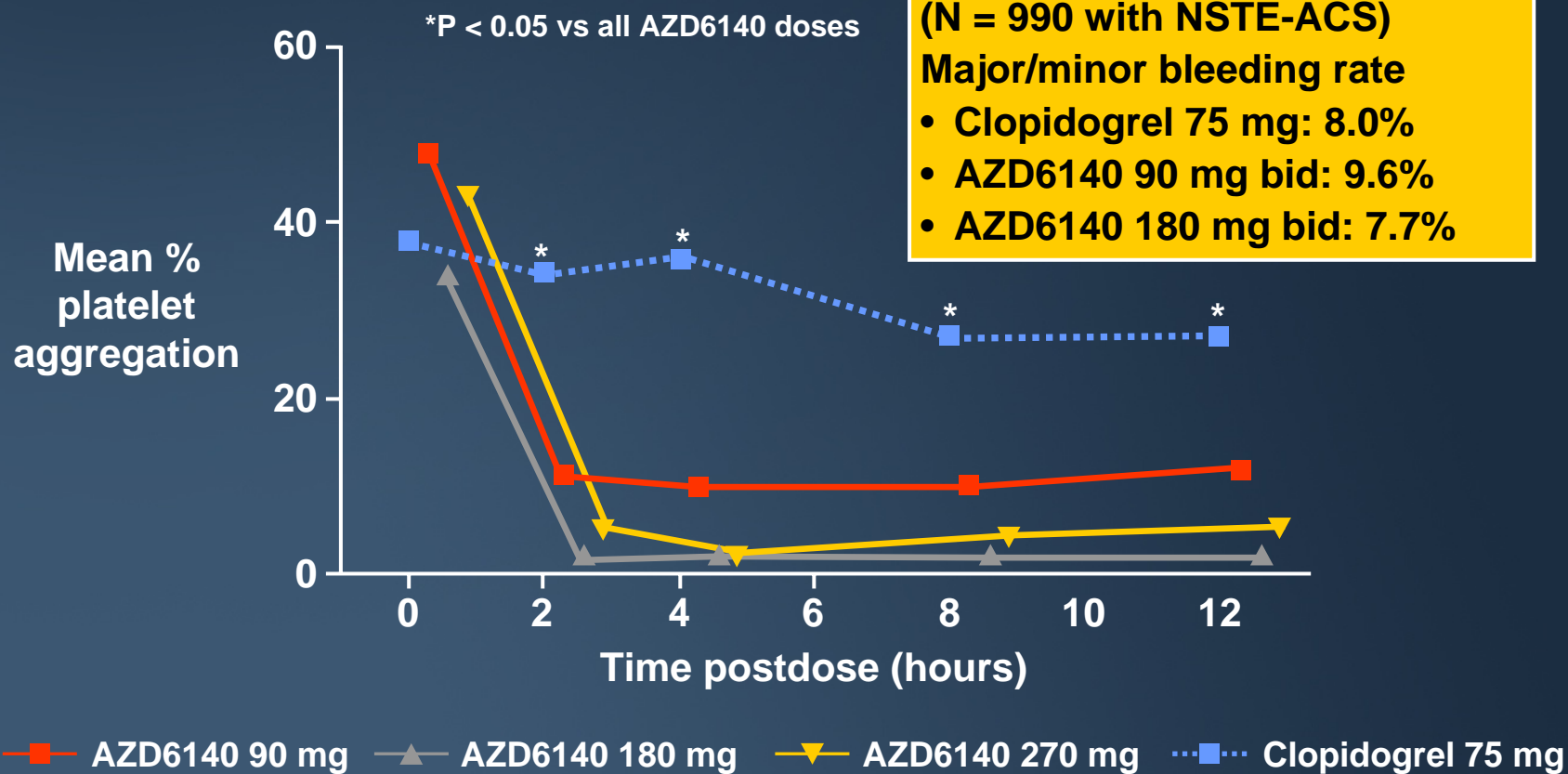
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# Ticagrelor/AZD6140

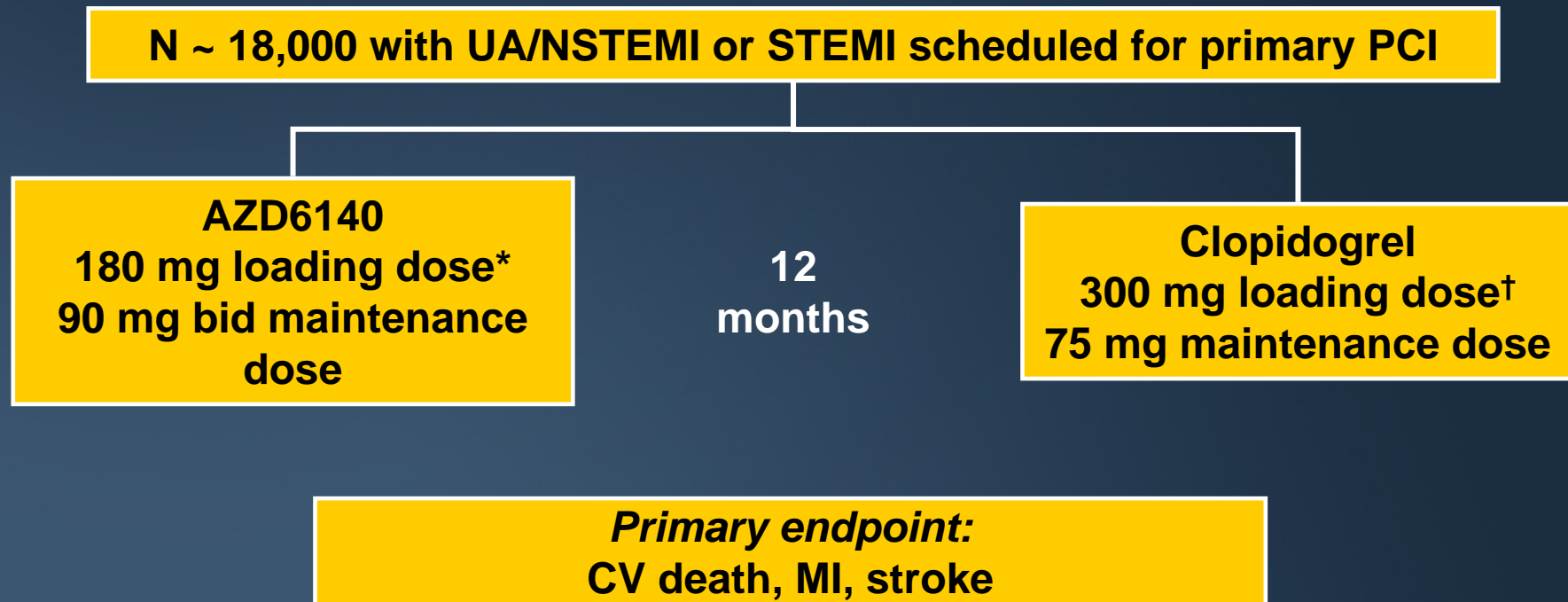
## DISPERSE-2: Dose Optimization Study

Oral, direct-acting cyclopentyltriazolopyrimidine  
reversible inhibition of P2Y12 receptor

Clopidogrel-pretreated cohort (n = 44)



# PLATO: Study design



\*Additional 90 mg allowed pre-PCI

†In clopidogrel-naïve patients (no loading dose if pretreated);

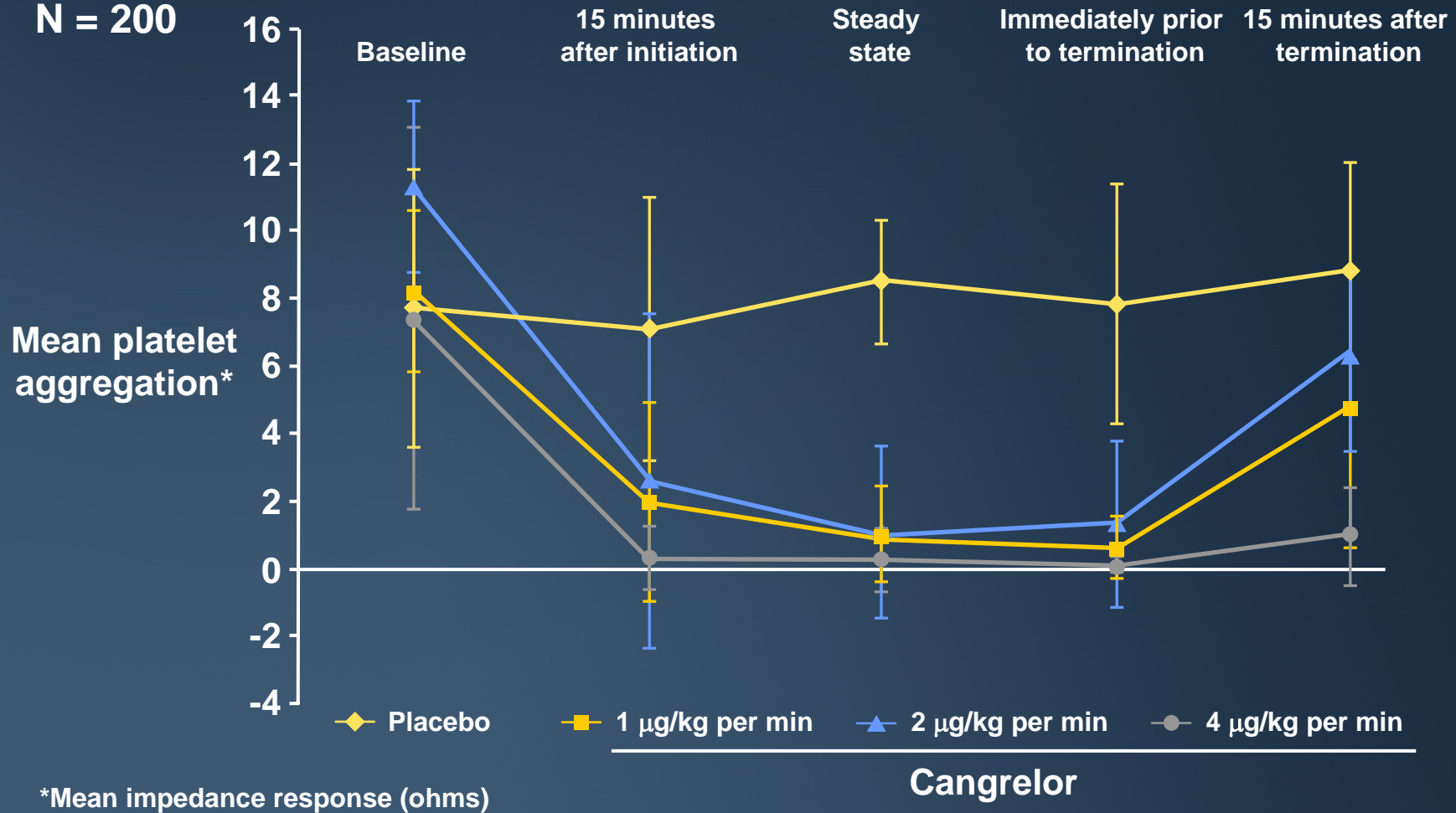
Additional 300 mg allowed in either clopidogrel group pre-PCI



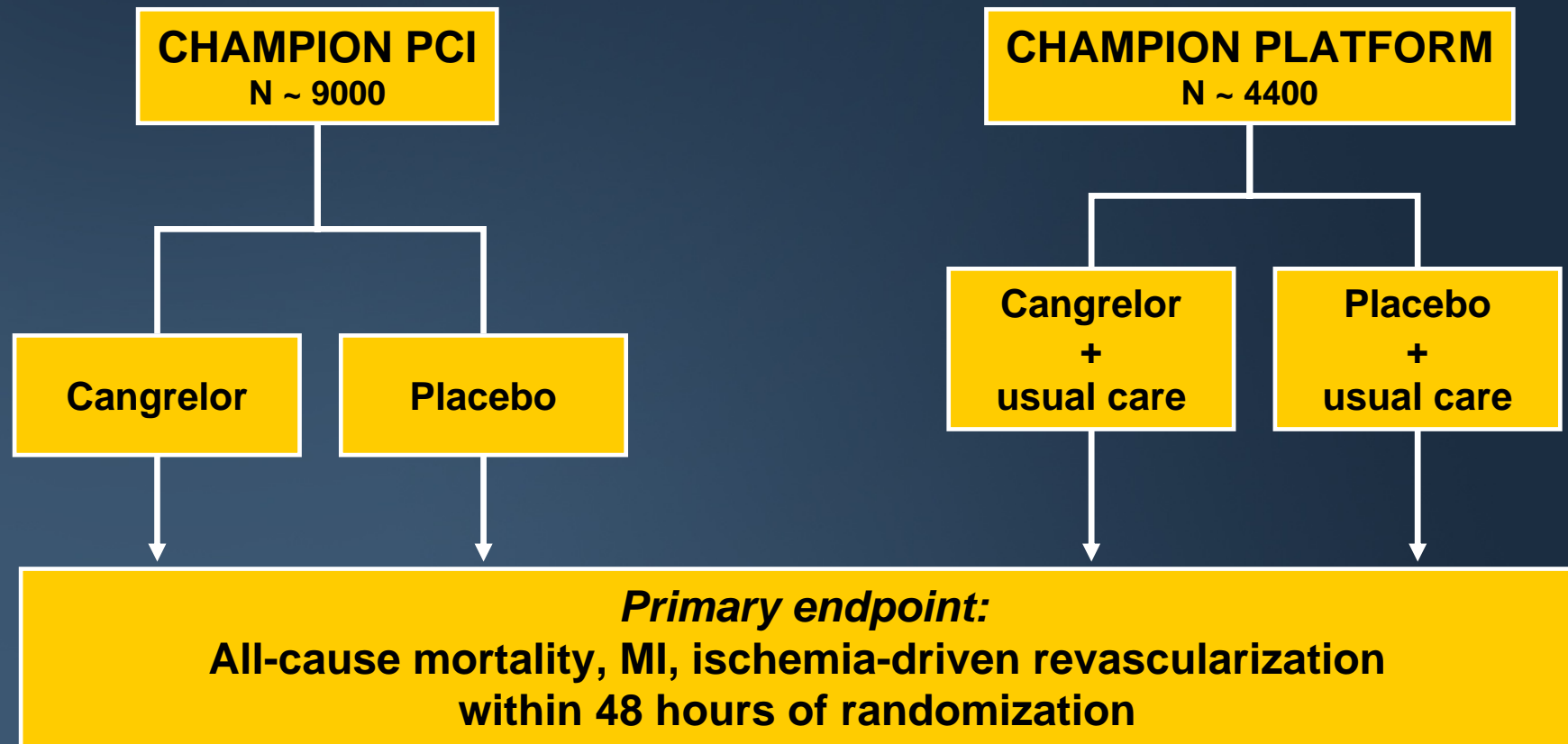
# Cangrelor: Dose finding study

Intravenous, direct-acting ATP analog, reversible inhibitor of P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor, plasma half-life 2.6-3.3 minutes

N = 200



# Cangrelor: Ongoing clinical trials



# Antiplatelet Therapy in ACS/STEMI/PCI

- Patients should be adequately pre-loaded with clopidogrel prior to angiography and PCI
  - 600 mg given  $\geq$ 2-6 hours pre cath (or in ER ASAP for STEMI)
- Continue clopidogrel 75 mg per day
  - 1 year (minimum) in pts with ACS/STEMI
  - Higher dose considered in high risk patients
- Triple Therapy
  - High risk patients including restenosis risk
- Prasugrel is more potent and rapid acting than clopidogrel and has greater anti-ischemic efficacy but more bleeding
  - Should be the preferred agent in pts at low risk for bleeding

# Tailored antiplatelet therapy to Patient risk

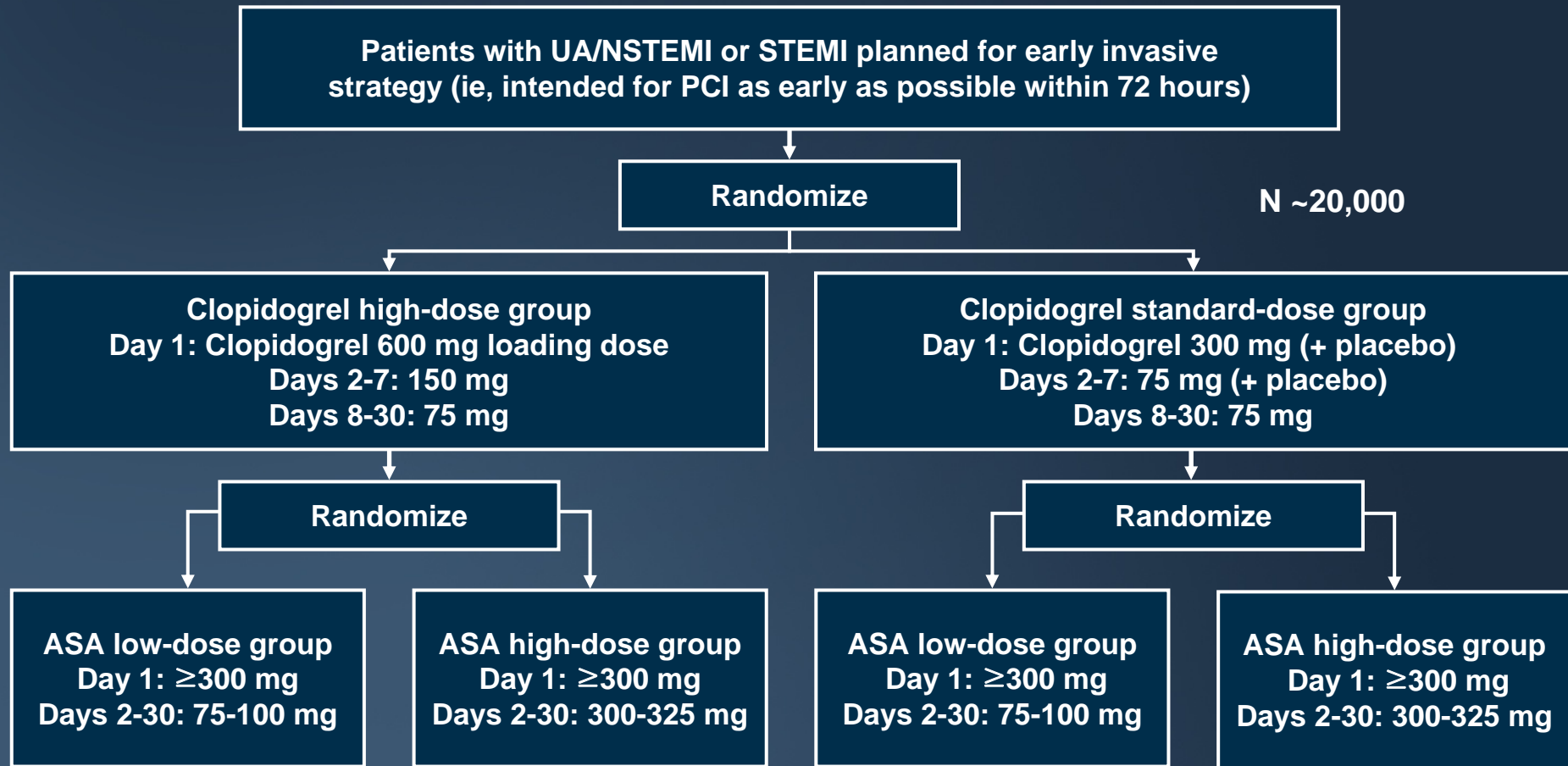
## Prolonged DAPT > 1 year:

- 1) Multiple hospitalizations for ACS?
- 2) Broad atherosclerotic burden, including PAD?
- 3) Prior MI?
- 4) VBT, complex lesion, multiple stents

## DAPT for no more than 1 year :

- 1) Prior bleeding?
- 2) Prior stroke?
- 3) Economic restraints?

# CURRENT-OASIS 7: Study design



Clopidogrel Optimal Loading Dose Usage to Reduce Recurrent Events-  
Organization to Assess Strategies in Ischemic Syndromes  
Primary outcome: CV death, MI, stroke at 30 days

# GRAVITAS

Successful PCI with DES without major complication or GPIIb/IIIa use

N ~ 6600

Post-PCI VerifyNow P2Y12 Assay (PRU) 12-24 hours post-PCI

Yes

PRU  $\geq$  230?

No

Responder

Non-Responder

Random Selection

A

N = 1100

B

N = 1100

C

N = 583

**“Tailored Therapy”**  
clopidogrel 150-mg/day

**“Standard Therapy”**  
clopidogrel 75mg +placebo/day

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clopidogrel 75mg +placebo/day

Clinical Follow-up And VerifyNow Assessment at 30 days, 6 months

Primary Endpt: 6 month CV Death, Non-Fatal MI, ARC Def/Prob Stent Thrombosis

# TRIGGER-PCI

Courtesy of F.J. Neumann

Successful PCI with DES without major complication and NO GPIIb/IIIa use

N ~ 8800

Post-PCI VerifyNow P2Y12 Assay (PRU) 2 - 4 hours after 1<sup>st</sup> MD of clopidogrel 75 mg at day 1 post-PCI

Non-Responder

Yes

PRU  $\geq$  208?

No

Responder

PRU  $\geq$  140?

Random Selection

A N = 1075

B N = 1075

C N = 550

D N = 550

E

**“Prasugrel arm”**  
Prasugrel 60 mg LD  
Prasugrel 10 mg MD  
+ Clopidogrel placebo

**“Clopidogrel arm”**  
Placebo LD  
Clopidogrel 75 mg MD  
+ Prasugrel placebo

**“Prasugrel arm”**  
Prasugrel 60 mg LD  
Prasugrel 10 mg MD  
+ Clopidogrel placebo

**“Clopidogrel arm”**  
Placebo LD  
Clopidogrel 75 mg MD  
+ Prasugrel placebo

**“Standard Therapy”**  
Clopidogrel 75 mg

Platelet function substudy:  
VerifyNow Assessment at day 2 (2 - 4 h after 1<sup>st</sup> MD of study drug)

Clinical Follow-up and VerifyNow Assessment at 90 days, 180 days

Primary Endpoint: 6 month CV Death and MI