



Morning Roundtable Forum - Antithrombotic Therapy: Finding the “Sweet-Spot”

DAPT After BRS Implantation: The Longer the Better?

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DAPT Duration in Clinical Guidelines

Population	ACCF/AHA/SCAI 2016	ESC 2014
Acute Coronary Syndrome (BMS or DES)	At least 12 months (Class I-BR) Shorter (Class IIb-C-LD) or longer (Class IIb-A ^{SR}) durations may be considered	Maximum of 12 months (Class I-A) Shorter or longer durations may be considered (Class IIb-A)
Stable Ischemia and BMS	At least 1 month (Class I-A) >1 month if no HBR (Class IIb-A)	At least 1 month (Class I-A)
Stable Ischemia and DES	At least 6 months (Class I-B-NR) >6 months if no HBR (Class IIb-A) HBR: 3 months (Class IIb-C-LD)	6 months (Class I-B)
Secondary Prevention	Prior MI (1-3 yrs), no HBR: May be reasonable (Class IIb-A)	Selected patients at high ischemic risk

Amsterdam EA, et al. 2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for Management of NSTEMI-ACS. JACC 2014;64:e139-228. Montalescot G, et al. 2013 ESC Guidelines on Management of Stable CAD. EHJ 2013;34:2949-3003. Levine GN, et al. 2011 ACCF/AHA/SCAI Guidelines for PCI. JACC 2011;58:e44-122. Smith SC Jr, et al. 2011 AHA/ACCF Secondary Prevention Guidelines. JACC 2011;58:2342-46. Levine GN, et al. 2016 ACC/AHA Guidelines for DAPT. JACC AOP. Roffi M, et al. 2015 ESC Guidelines for Management of ACS. EHJ 2015 (Online Aug 29, 2015). Windecker S, et al. 2014 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on Myocardial Revascularization. EHJ 2014;35:3541-619.

Current Landscape of CE-Marked BRS

ABSORB GT1

Bioresorbable
vascular scaffold
(BVS)



PLLA, everolimus-eluting
Strut thickness 150 μm ,
coat thickness 3 $\mu\text{m}/\text{side}$

Full mass loss at
approximately 3 years

CE mark in October 2011

DESsolve

Bioresorbable
coronary scaffold
(BCS)



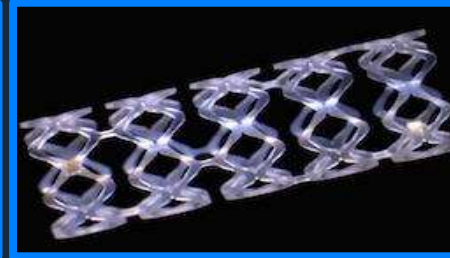
PLLA, novolimus-eluting
Strut thickness 150 μm ,
coat thickness <3 $\mu\text{m}/\text{side}$

Full mass loss at
approximately 1 year

CE mark in May 2014

ART

Pure bioresorbable
scaffold
(PBS)



PDLLA, drug-free
Strut thickness 170 μm ,
uncoated

Full mass loss at
approximately 1 year

CE mark in May 2015

Magmaris

Resorbable
magnesium scaffold
(BCS)

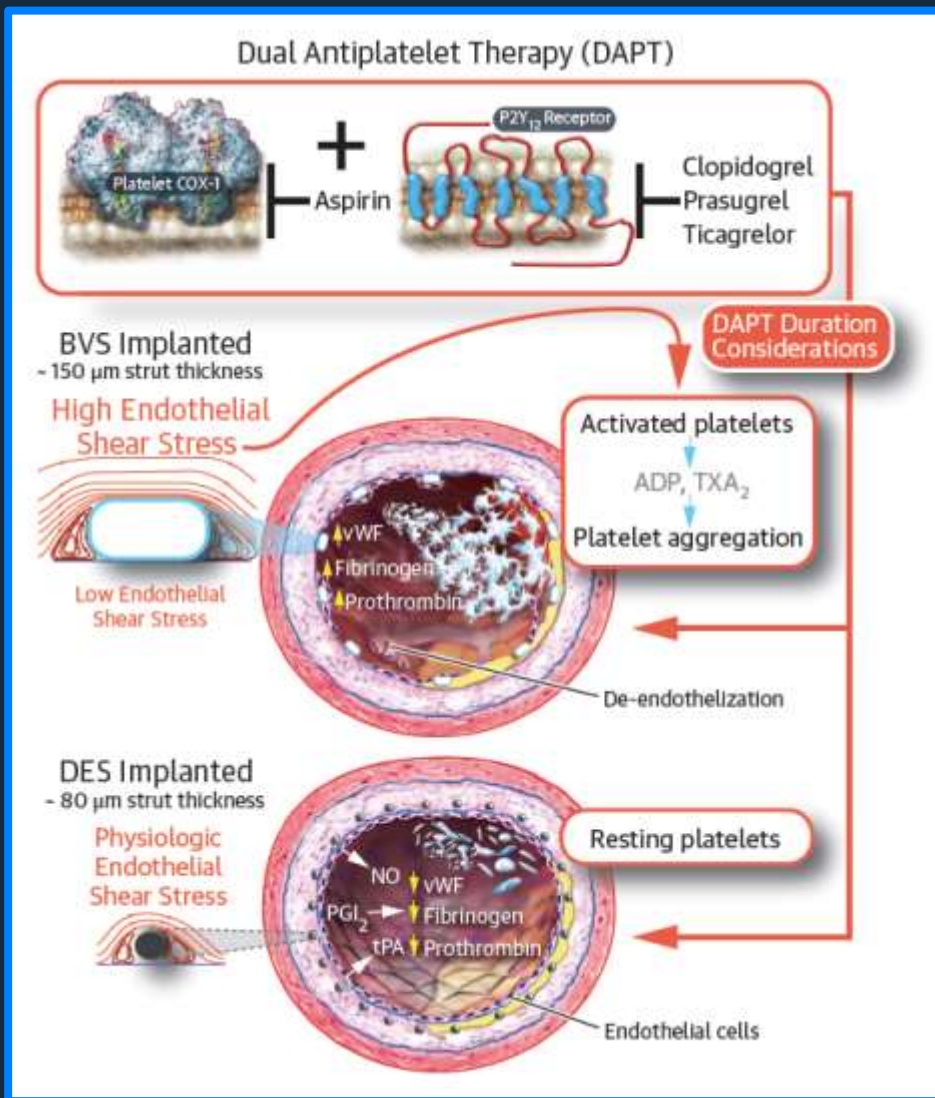


Mg, sirolimus-eluting
Strut thickness 150 μm ,
coat thickness 8 $\mu\text{m}/\text{side}$

Full mass loss at
approximately 1 year

CE mark in June 2016

Strut Thickness and Thrombogenicity



Bioresorbable scaffolds

- ① Thick, rectangular struts
- ② High endothelial shear stress (ESS) on top of struts
- ③ Recirculation zones with low ESS downstream of the strut
- ④ Platelet activation

Everolimus-eluting stents

- ① Thin, circular struts
- ② Physiologic ESS
- ③ Platelet quiescence on top of struts

BVS Thrombosis at Landmark Time Points

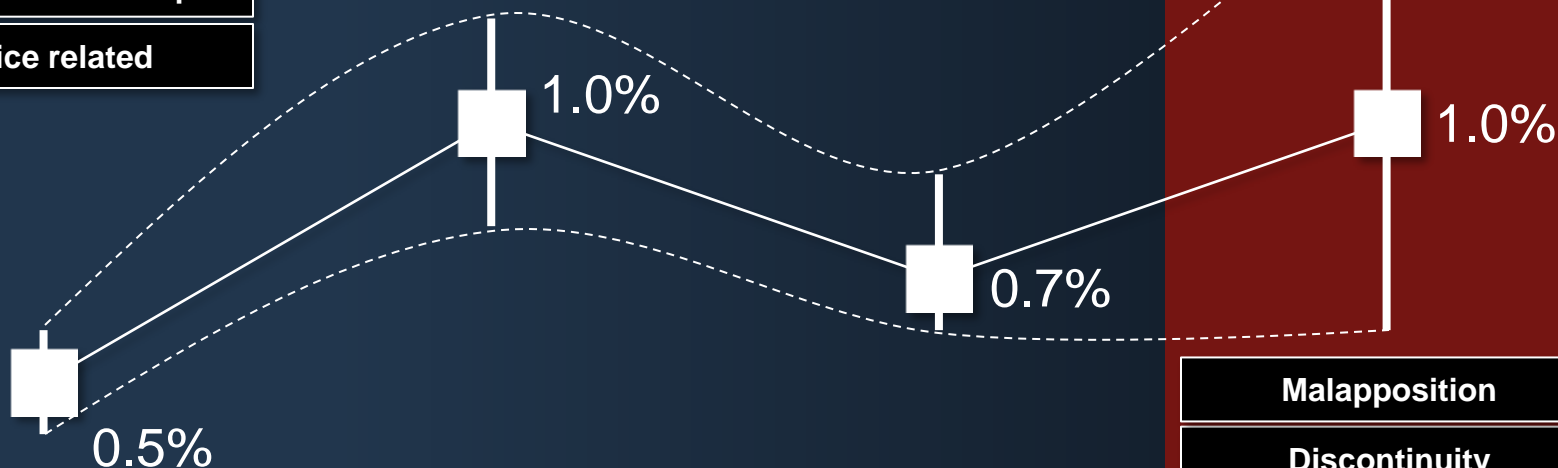
Potential factors contributing to scaffold thrombosis

Patient characteristics

Lesion characteristics

Implantation technique

Device related



Malapposition

Discontinuity

Strut uncoverage

DAPT discontinuation

ST rats at landmark time points are from Collet C, et al. Minerva Cardioangiol. 2017;65:32-51
Meta-analysis of 16,830 patients treated with ABSORB BVS in 59 studies

Acute

0-24 hours

Subacute

24 hours-30 days

Late

30 days-1 year

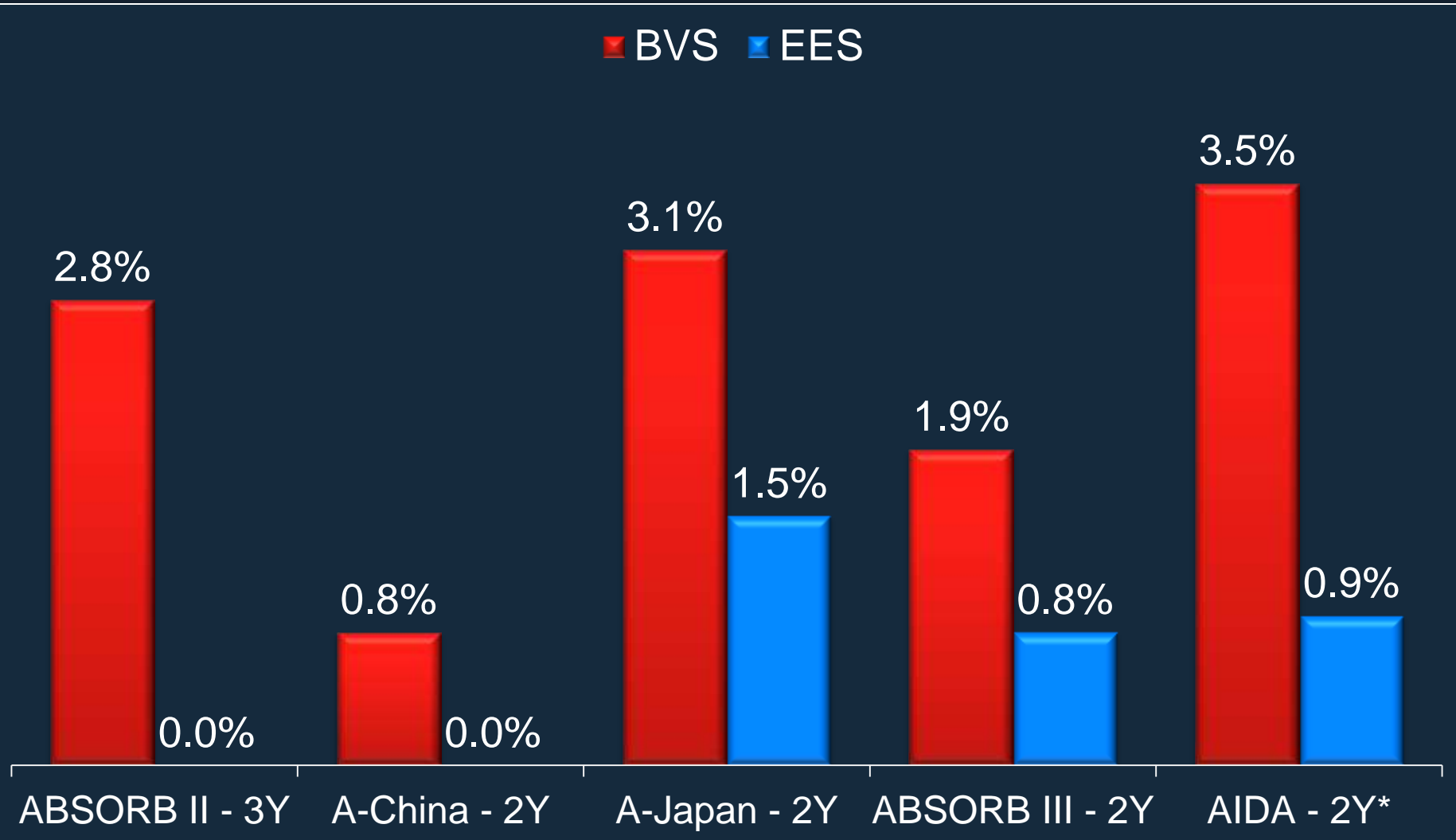
Very Late

1-2 year



BVS vs. EES Thrombosis (Absolute Risks)

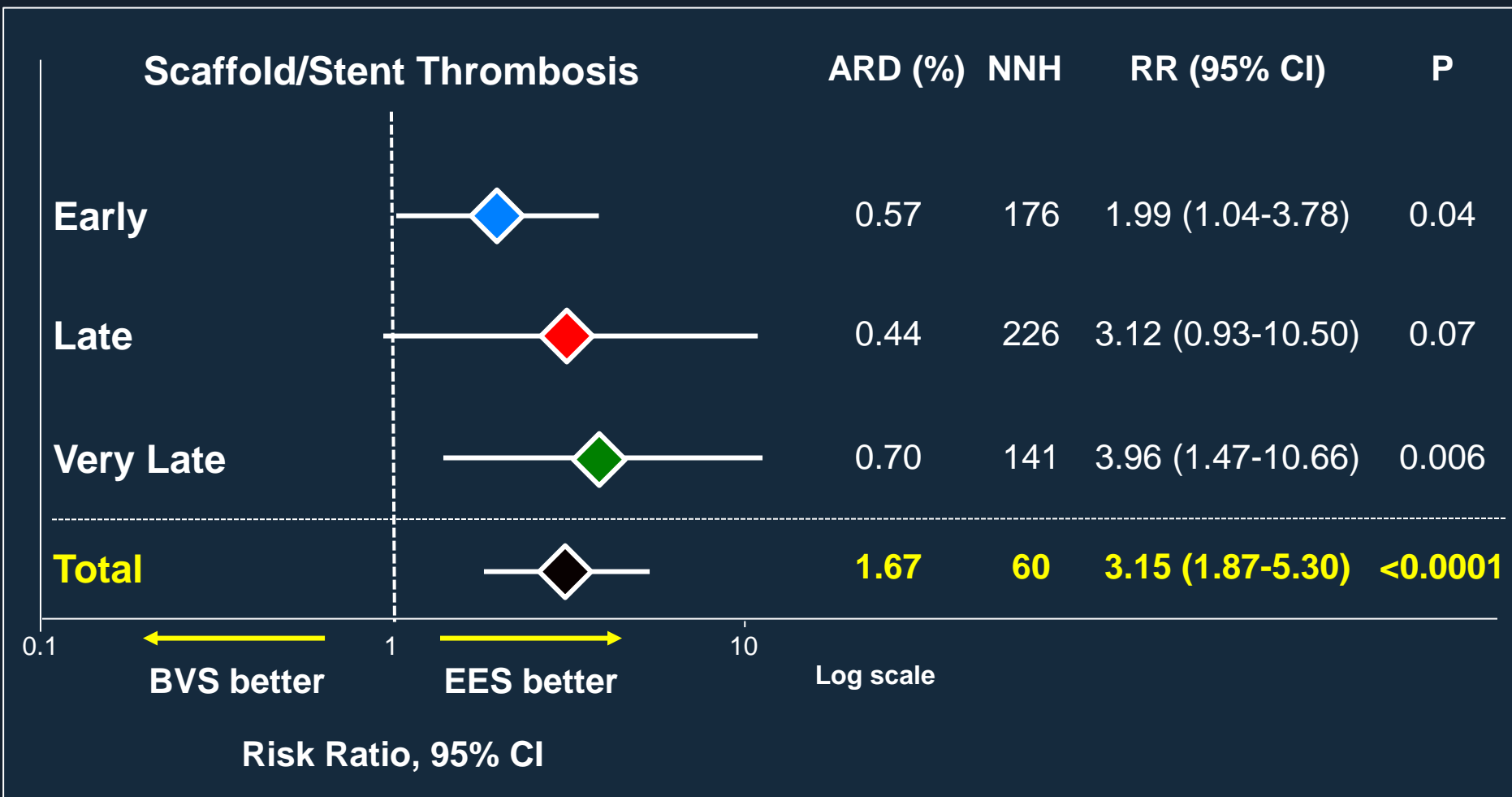
Definite or probable thrombosis from 0 to 2-3 yrs in ABSORB RCTs



*Follow up of AIDA is incomplete (median 707 days)

BVS vs. EES Thrombosis (Relative Risk)

Meta-analysis of 5,584 patients from 7 RCTs (ABSORB II, ABSORB China, ABSORB Japan, ABSORB III, EVERBIO II, TROFI II, AIDA)



Putative Causes of Scaffold Thrombosis

Patient-related factors



Smoking
Diabetes mellitus
Renal failure
Poor ventricular function
Acute coronary syndrome

DAPT discontinuation
Resistance to antiplatelets
Thrombocytosis
Malignancy
Surgical procedures

Lesion-related factors



Diffuse disease
Small vessel disease
Bifurcation lesion
Chronic total occlusion

Saphenous vein graft
Thrombus containing lesion
Inflow or outflow tandem lesions
Ostial lesions

Operator-related factors



Inadequate expansion or sizing
Incomplete apposition

Deployment in necrotic core
Residual edge dissection

Device-related factors



Hypersensitivity or inflammation
Delayed or incomplete healing
Thick-strut design

Late-acquired malapposition
Intraluminal dismantling
Neoatherosclerosis

Causes of Very Late Scaffold Thrombosis



Mechanisms Associated with LST and VLST and their Relation to Implantation Technique

Correctable	Uncertain	Not correctable
<p>Malapposition</p> <p>Incomplete lesion coverage</p> <p>Underexpansion</p> <p>Acute disruption</p> <p>Overlap</p> <p>Acute recoil</p> <p>Uncovered struts</p> <p>Bifurcation</p>	<p>Late discontinuity</p> <p>Late recoil</p> <p>Restenosis</p>	<p>Peri-strut low intensity area</p> <p>Neoatherosclerosis</p>

DAPT Status in Landmark BVS Trials

ABSORB 2

ABSORB Japan

ABSORB 3



Serruys PW, et al. *Lancet*. 2016;388:2479-2491

Onuma Y, et al. *EuroIntervention*. 2016;12:1090-1101

Ellis SG, et al. ACC 2017. Washington DC

Independent Correlates of 0-12 Month Scaffold Thrombosis

105 ST cases matched with 210 controls from 14 high-quality RCTs or registries

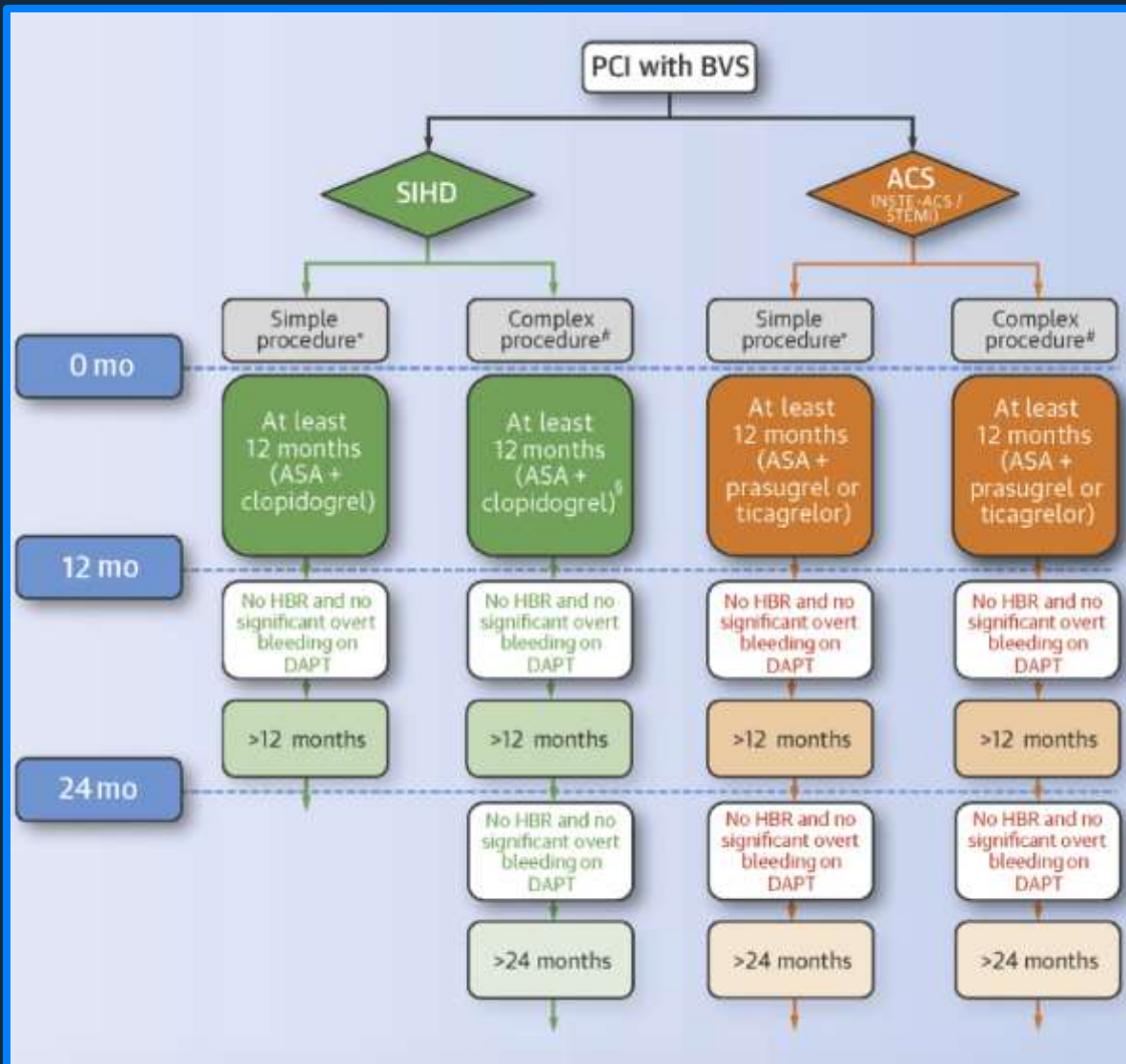
	Odds ratio	P value
Model 1		
Off DAPT	3.47	0.006
No Post Dilatation ≥ 1.1	2.29	0.022
RVD < 2.40	2.12	0.036
Model 2		
MLD < 1.85 mm	3.07	0.004
Off DAPT	2.49	0.053

DAPT Status in VLST And No VLST Cases from ABSORB II

	No VLST	VLST
DAPT at 3 years without discontinuation	63	0
DAPT at 3 years with discontinuation	266	6

p = 0.599

DAPT duration After BVS Implantation



* Simple procedures include 1 BVS implanted in ACC/AHA A/B₁ lesions.

Complex procedures include 1 BVS implanted in ACC/AHA B₂/C lesions, >1 BVS implanted on lesions of any ACC/AHA type, or any other unfavorable clinical, angiographic and procedural characteristics.

§ Considerations on the use of aspirin in combination with prasugrel or ticagrelor for the initial 30 days, followed by switch to aspirin and clopidogrel, may prevail based on the individual risks of ischemia and bleeding.

Risk Scores for DAPT Duration

Score	Number of variables	Development cohort (patients, design)	Setting	Predicted outcome(s)	Validation cohort(s) (patients, c-statistic)
DAPT	5 clinical, 3 procedural	N=11,648, multicentre randomized clinical trial	PCI patients on DAPT who were event-free for 12 months	Ischemia and bleeding between 12 and 30 months after PCI	N=8,136, 0.64 for both ischemia and bleeding
PARIS	Coronary thrombosis risk score: 6 clinical Major bleeding risk score: 6 clinical	N=4,190 patients, multicentre registry	PCI patients on DAPT	Ischemia and bleeding at 24 months after PCI	N=8,665, 0.65 for ischemia and 0.64 for bleeding
PRECISE-DAPT	5 clinical	N=14,963, pooled analysis of randomized clinical trials	PCI patients on DAPT	Bleeding at 12 months after PCI	N=8,595, 0.70 N=6,172, 0.66

BVS LATE - Study design

2,000 pts at 12-18 months from BVS implantation

No history of death, serious MI, stroke, repeat revascularization, or major bleeding

Randomize 1:1

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(Expected Q1 2020)];
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**ASA and Clopidogrel
(N=1,000)**

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Primary endpoint: Death, MI, or stroke

Secondary endpoints: Death, MI, Stroke, TVR, TLR, ST, Bleeding

Closing Remarks

- ① Strut thickness and thrombosis of current-generation BRS approximate those of first-generation DES. Therefore, the guideline recommended approach to 6-mo DAPT after second-generation DES does not apply to BRS.
- ② BVS promise to cancel long-term device thrombosis but the rate of this complication is still ~1% between 1 and 2 years and 4-fold increased compared with EES, generally as a consequence of regional suboptimal flow conditions and delayed healing in some patients.
- ③ As such, DAPT should be empirically maintained long-term after implantation of first-generation BVS, with an option to prolong up to 24 months and beyond in selected patients and lesions if no bleeding issues arise in the meanwhile.