

# Antithrombotic Alternatives for Pts With ACS and PCI

## Bivalirudin for the Best Overall Outcomes

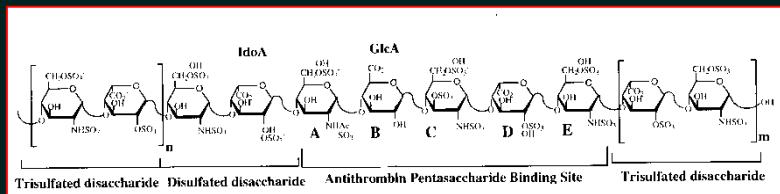
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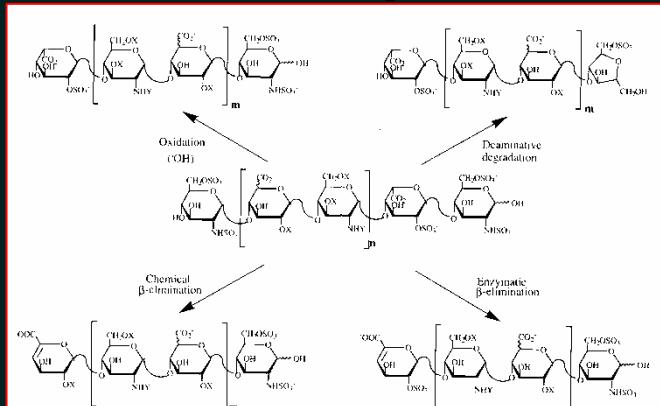
# Anti-thrombin Alternatives for Patients with ACS and Those Undergoing PCI

## Unfractionated heparin



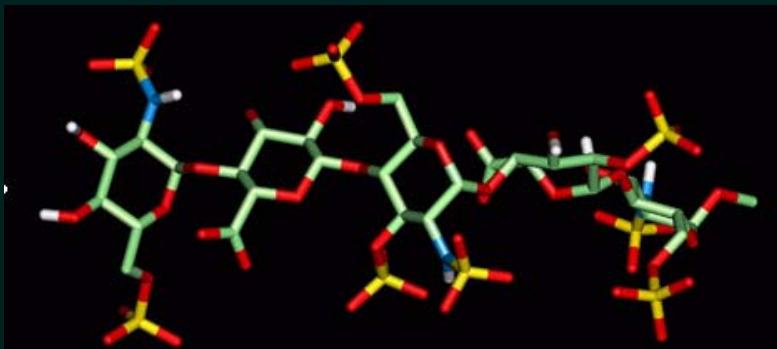
+ GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors

## LMW heparin



+ GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors

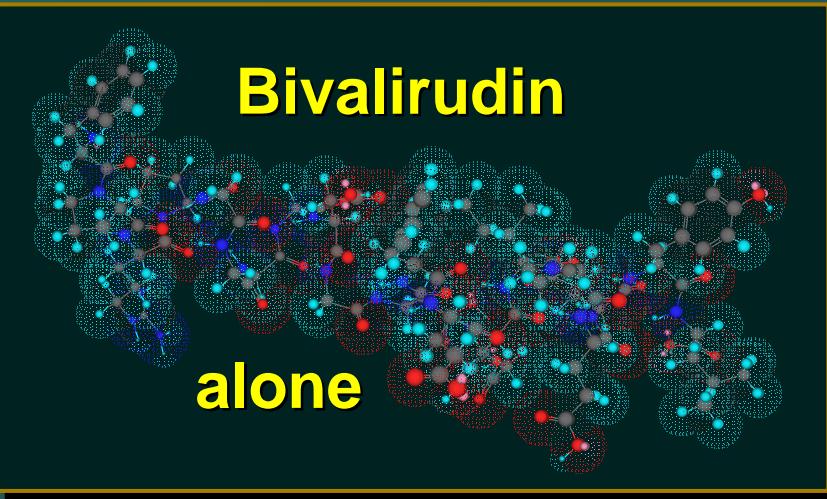
## Fondaparinux



+ GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors

## Bivalirudin

alone

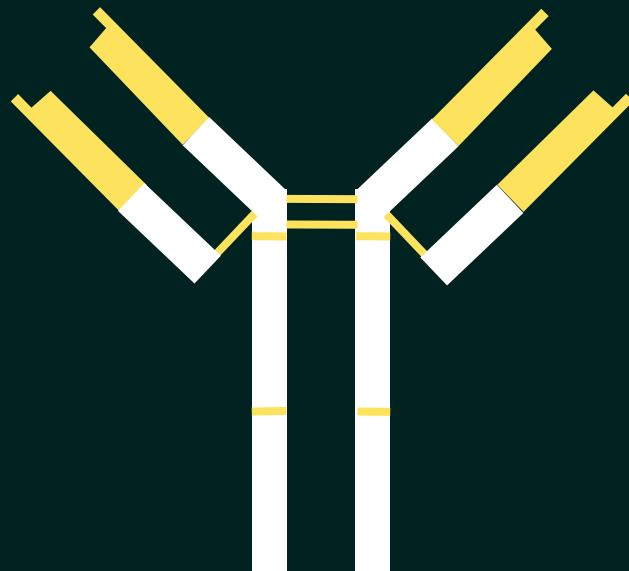


# GP IIb/IIIa Inhibitors: Chemical Structures

## Abciximab

Chimeric Monoclonal  
Antibody

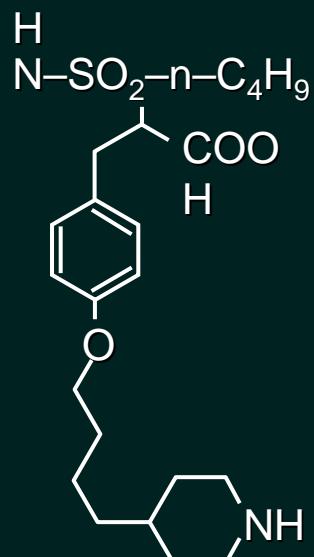
MW  $\approx$  50,000 D



## Tirofiban

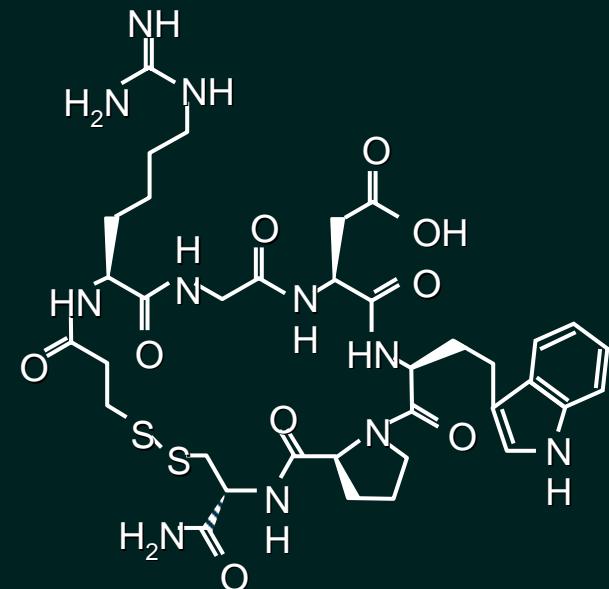
Nonpeptide Tyrosine  
Derivative

MW  $\approx$  500 D



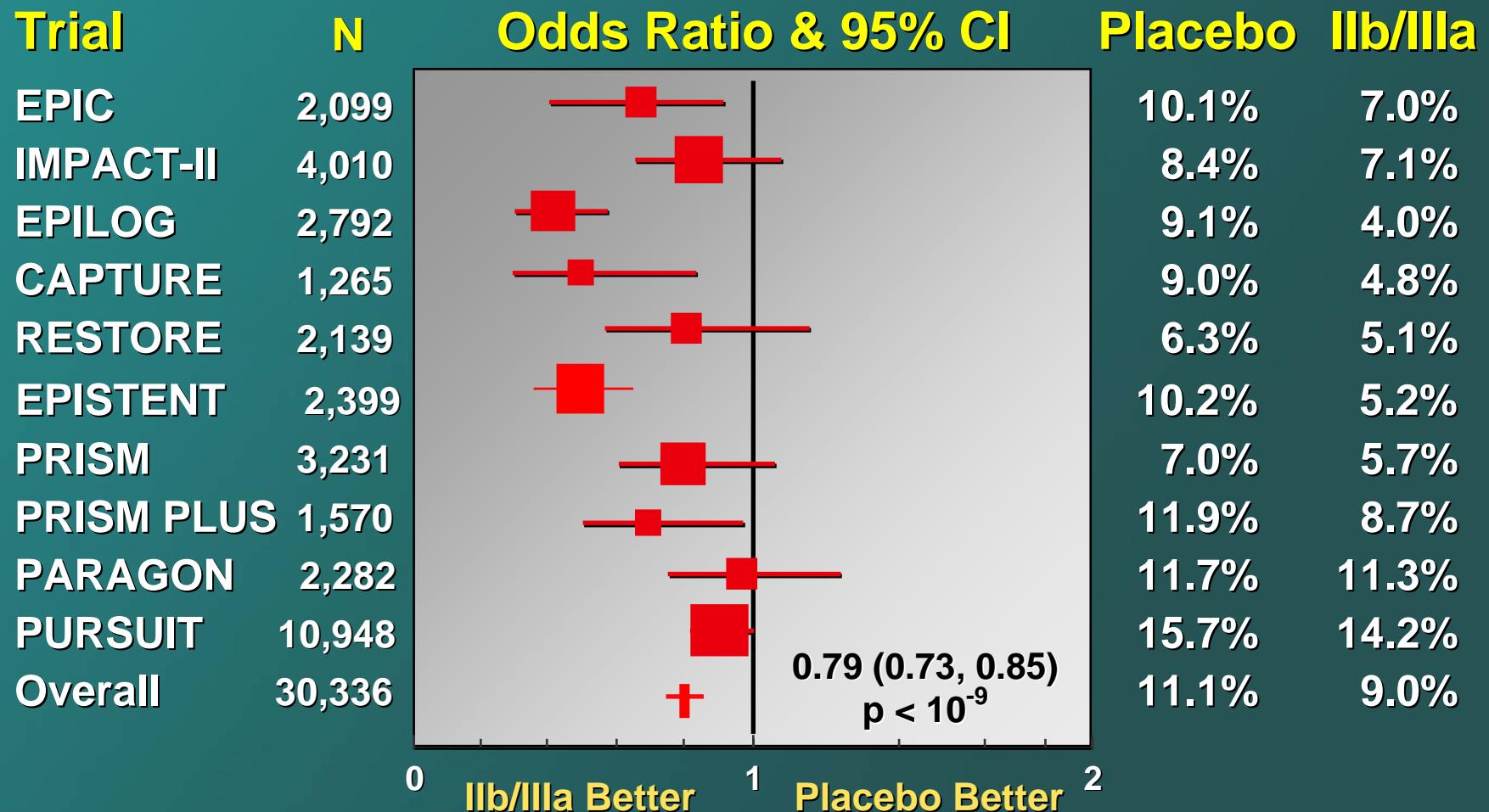
## Eptifibatide

Cyclic  
Heptapeptide  
MW  $\approx$  800 D



# IIb/IIIa Inhibitors in PCI and ACS

## Death/MI at 30 Days



# PURSUIT

## Hemorrhagic Events (non CABG)

	Eptifibatide (N=4,679)	Placebo (N=4,696)	P value
<b>TIMI minor</b>	11.1%	4.7%	<0.001
<b>TIMI major</b>	3.0%	1.3%	<0.001
<b>GUSTO mild</b>	26.0%	10.4%	<0.001
<b>GUSTO moderate</b>	4.1%	1.7%	<0.001
<b>GUSTO severe</b>	1.1%	0.3%	<0.001



# Limitations of heparins

Attribute	UFH	Enox	Impact
Active moieties in substance	30-35%	40-60%	Unpredictable
Action independent of AT	No	No	Unpredictable
Non-specific protease binding	Yes	Partial	Unpredictable
Variable PK-PD	Yes	Less	Unpredictable
Inhibits fibrin-bound thrombin	No	No	Need ↑ dose
Activates/aggregates platelets	Yes	+/-	Need IIb/IIIa
T <sub>0.5</sub> in minutes	60-90'	270'	↑ Bleeding
PF-4 complexing & risk of HIT	Yes	Reduced	Very bad



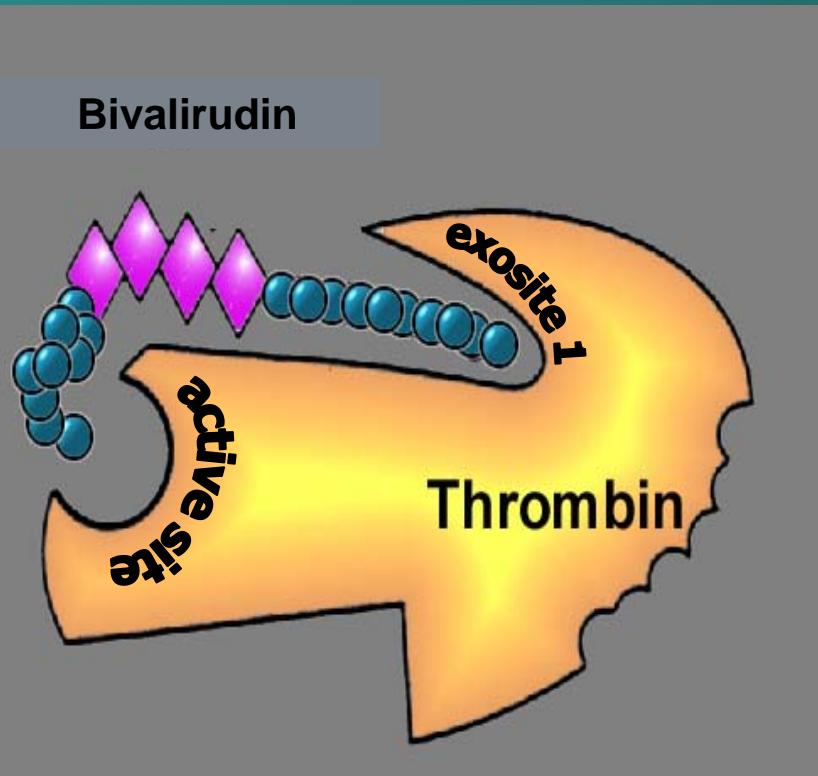
# Limitations of Fondaparinux

- Has not been studied in PCI, or in ACS patients treated with an invasive strategy
  - In OASIS-5\*, pts were maintained on study drug for mean 5.3 days, and only 63% underwent cath
- Catheter induced thrombus in ~1% of pts
  - Requires another antithrombin to prevent – not formally studied
- No readily available point of care test to monitor
- Long  $t_{1/2}$  (15-18 hours)
  - Makes sheath management difficult
- Still requires a GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor to ↓ ischemia



# Bivalirudin

**Bivalent synthetic direct thrombin inhibitor**



- Specifically inhibits
  - Fluid phase thrombin
  - Clot-bound thrombin
  - Thrombin-mediated platelet aggregation
- Reversible
- $T_{0.5}$  25 minutes

# Overcoming limitations of heparins

Attribute	UFH	Enox	Bivalirudin
Active moieties in substance	30-35%	40-60%	100%
Action independent of AT	No	No	Yes
Non-specific protease binding	Yes	Partial	No
Variable PK-PD	Yes	Less	No
Inhibits fibrin-bound thrombin	No	No	Yes
Activates/aggregates platelets	Yes	+/-	Inhibits
T <sub>0.5</sub> in minutes	60-90'	270'	25'
PF-4 complexing & risk of HIT	Yes	Reduced	No





# Bivalirudin vs Heparin + GPIIb/IIIa During PCI

**6,012 patients undergoing urgent or elective PCI**  
Randomization - double blind, triple dummy

**Heparin**  
65 U/kg initial bolus

**Planned GP IIb/IIIa**  
(abciximab or eptifibatide)

**target ACT  
≥ 225 sec**

**Bivalirudin**  
0.75 mg/kg initial bolus,  
1.75 mg/kg-hr during PCI

**Provisional GP IIb/IIIa**  
(abciximab or eptifibatide)

**abciximab:** 0.25 mg/kg bolus, 0.125 µg/kg-min (max 10 µg/min) x 12 hrs

**eptifibatide:** 180 µg/kg double bolus, 2.0 µg/kg-min x 18-24 hrs

• Primary “Quadruple Endpoint” at 30 Days •



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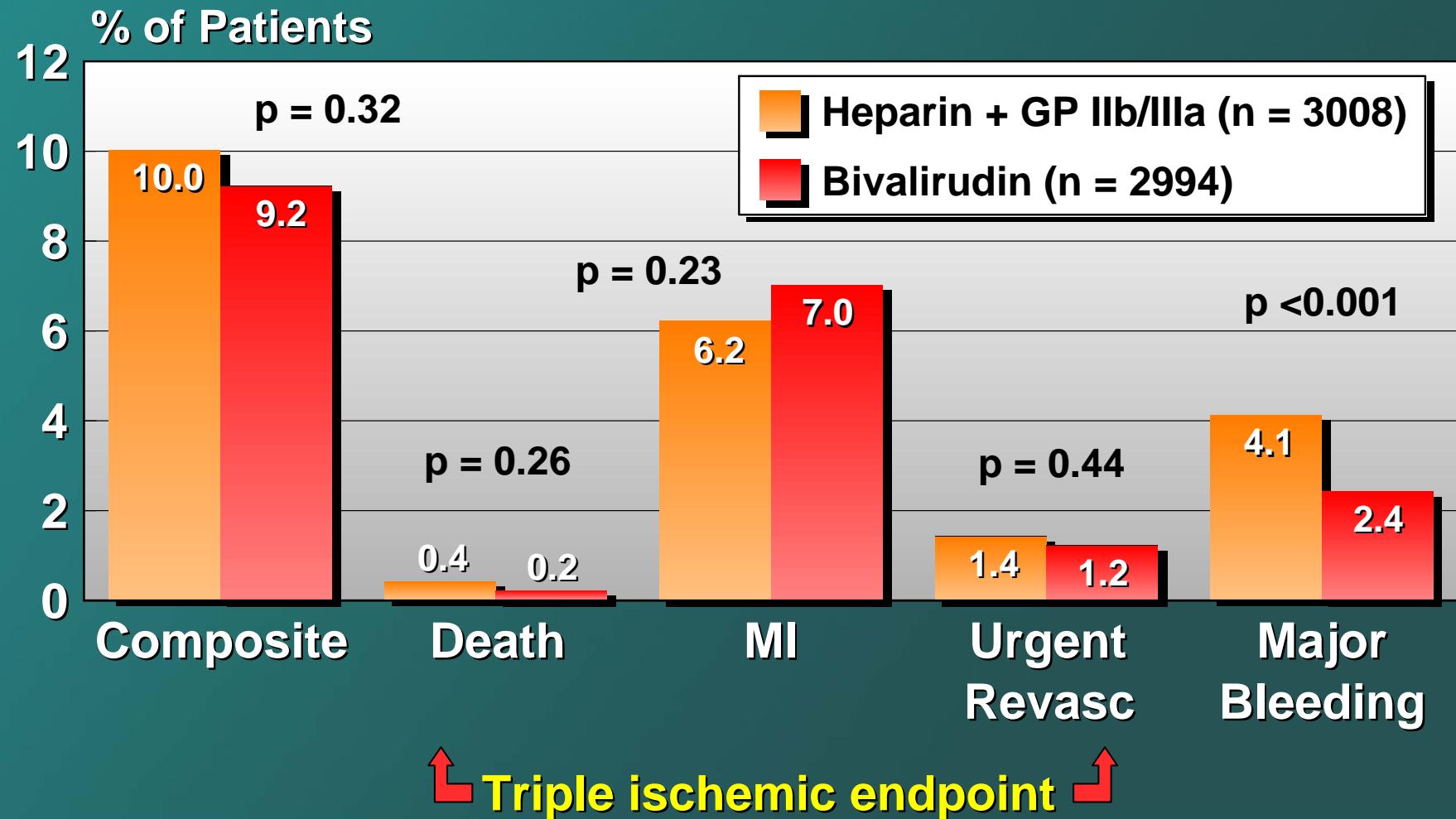
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# 30 Day Primary Endpoint

6,012 patients undergoing PCI



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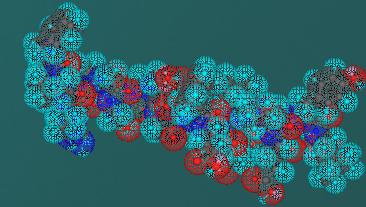
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# Bleeding Complications



	Heparin + Bivalirudin	GP IIb/IIIa	P-value
	N = 2994	N = 3008	
<b>Major bleeding</b>	2.4	4.1	< 0.001
<b>Minor bleeding</b>	13.4	25.7	<0.001
<b>Large hematoma</b>	0.8	2.5	<0.001
<b>Retroperitoneal hemorrhage</b>	0.2	0.5	0.06
<b>Major organ bleeding</b>	0.5	1.5	<0.001
<b>Intracranial hemorrhage</b>	0	0.1	1.00
<b>Thrombocytopenia (&lt;100K)</b>	0.7	1.7	<0.001
<b>Transfusion</b>	1.7	2.5	0.02



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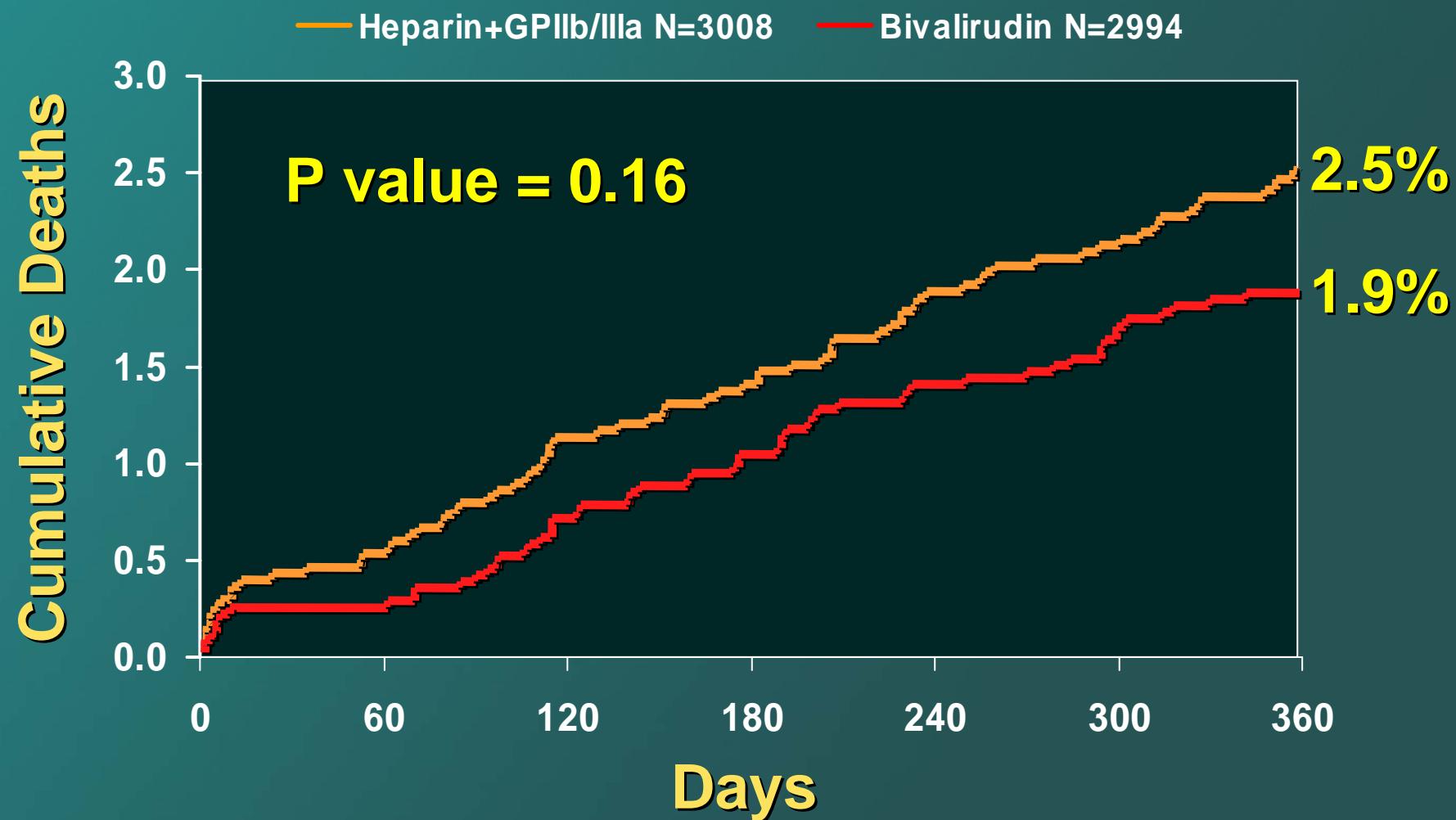
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# 1-year Mortality

All 6,012 patients (ITT)



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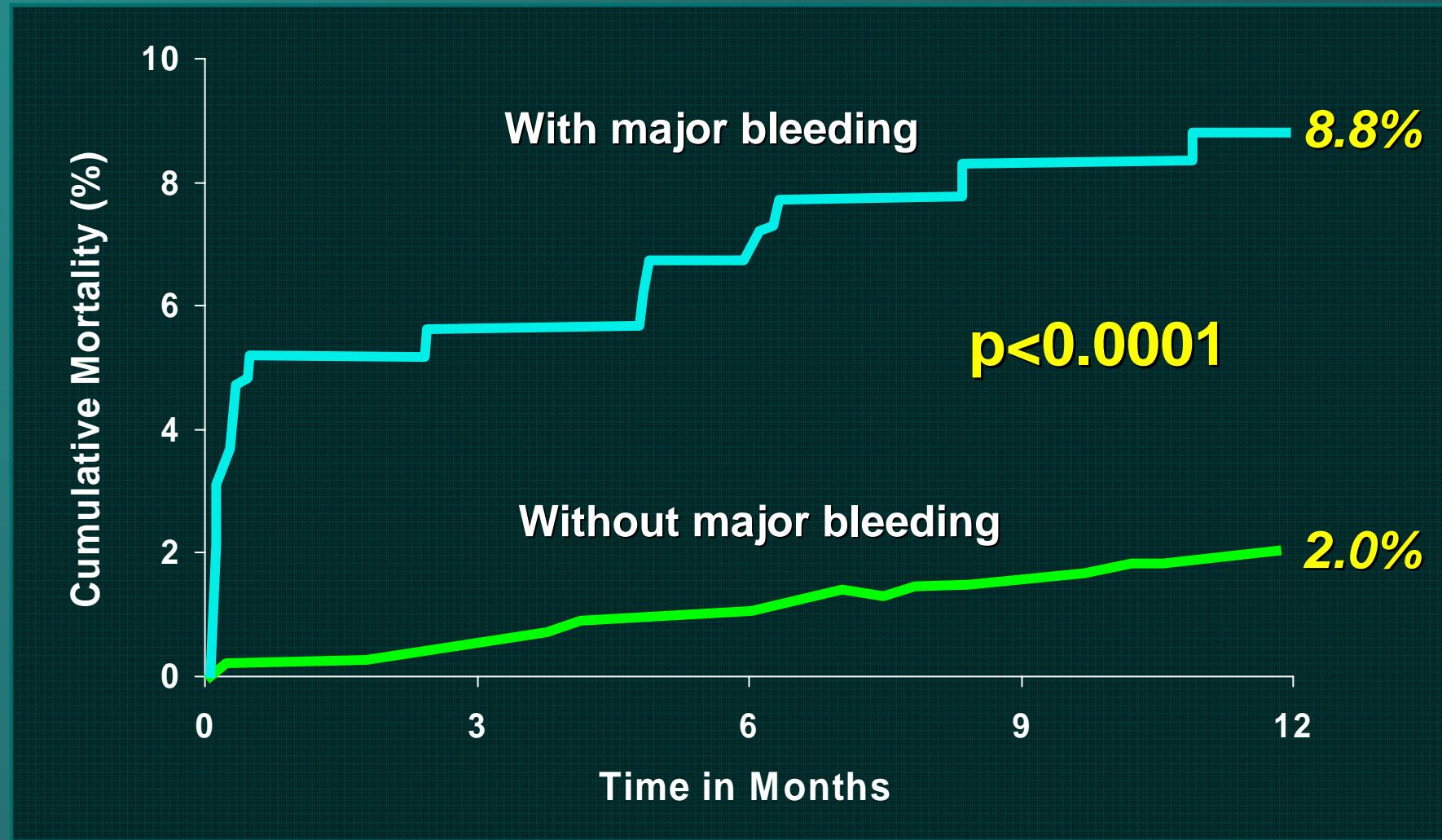
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# Impact of Major Bleed (all pts)

## 1-Year Mortality



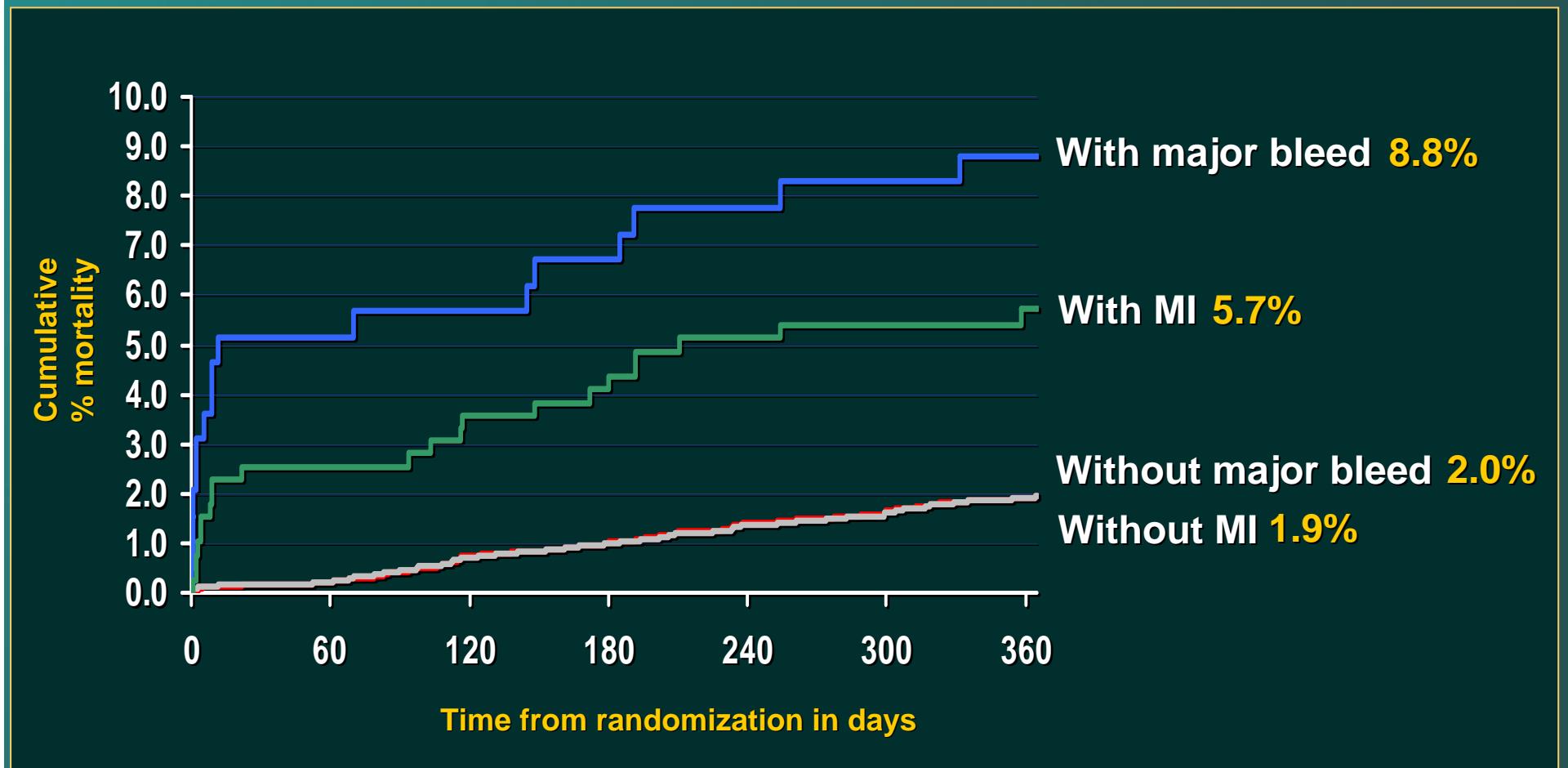
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# Impact of Major Bleed and MI 1-Year Mortality



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# Predictors of 1-year mortality

Independent Variable	Groups	O.R. (95% CI)	p-value
Creatinine clear.	<30 mL/min	7.21 (2.53-20.51)	
	30-60 mL/min	3.34 (1.92-5.78)	<0.0001
	60-90 mL/min	1.57 (0.96-2.57)	
CHF	Yes	4.38 (2.83-6.78)	<0.0001
Major Bleeding	Yes	3.26 (1.78-5.96)	0.0001
MI @30day	Yes	2.77 (1.62-4.75)	0.0002
Urg Revasc @30d	Yes	2.77 (1.15-6.71)	.024
Hx angina	Yes	2.18 (1.25-3.81)	0.006
Prior MI	Yes	1.81 (1.09-3.03)	0.023
Diabetes	Yes	1.64 (1.10-2.44)	0.015



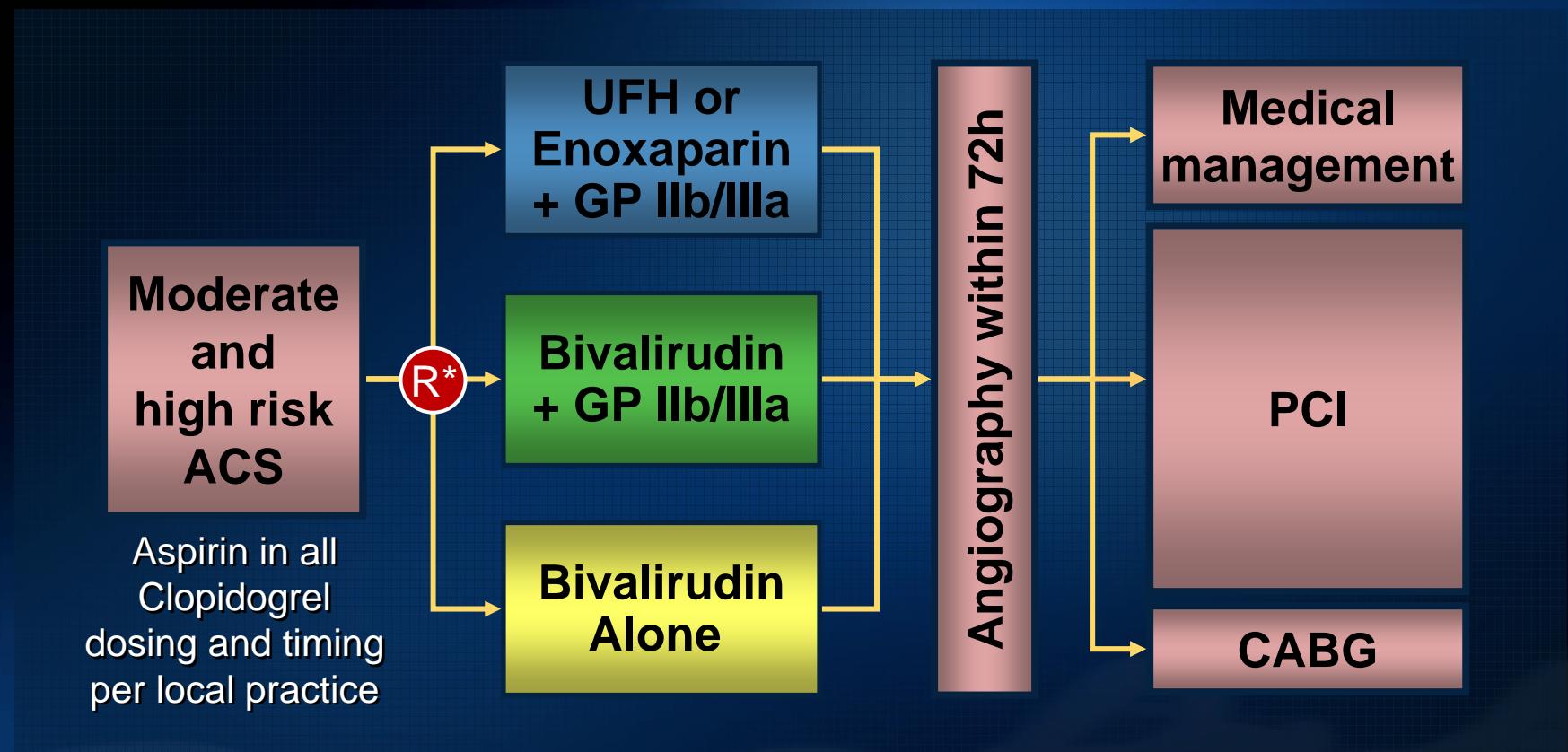
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# Bivalirudin in ACS: ACUITY

Moderate and high risk unstable angina or NSTEMI undergoing an invasive strategy (N = 13,819)

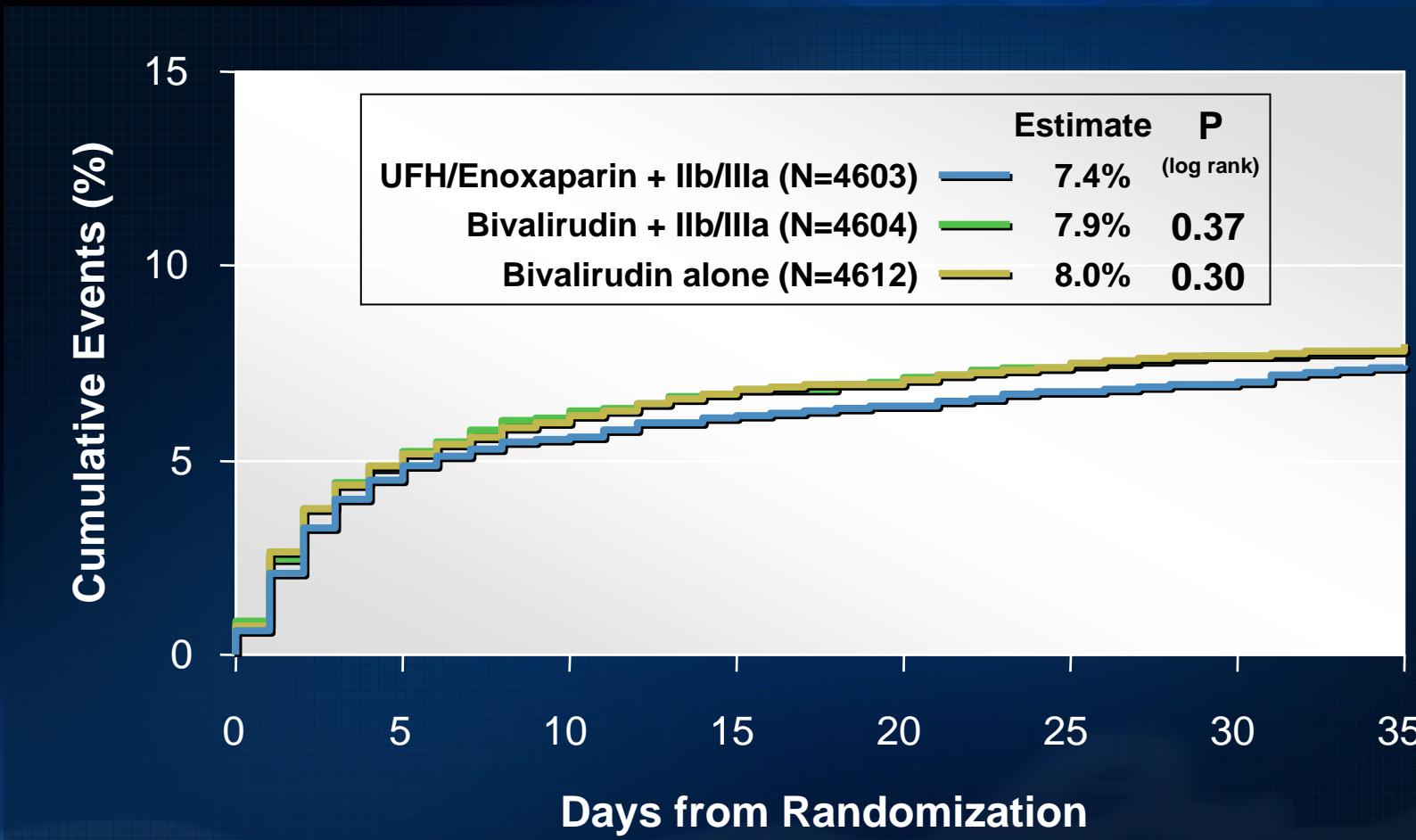


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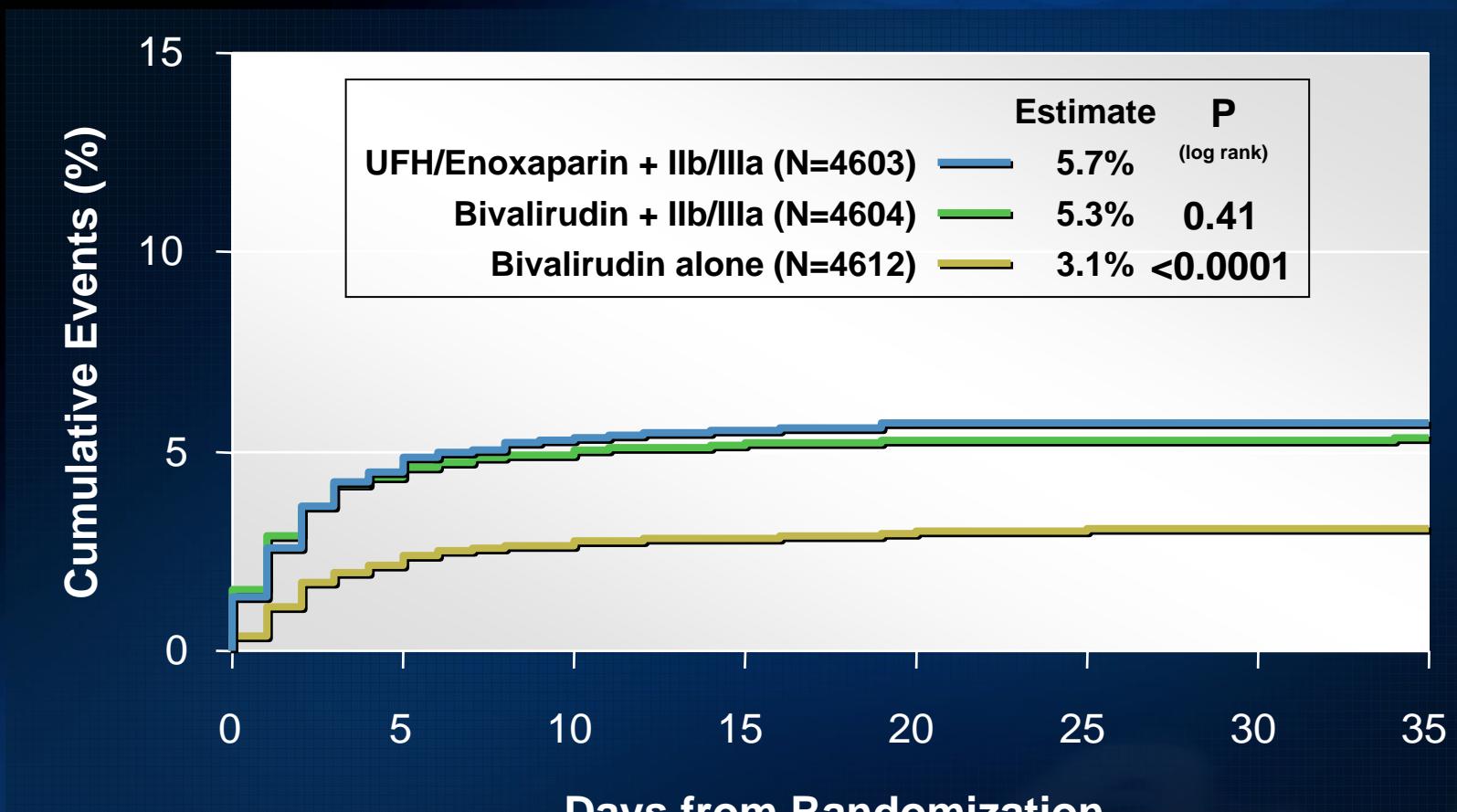
# Ischemic Composite Endpoint

UFH/Enoxaparin + GPI vs. Bivalirudin + GPI vs. Bivalirudin Alone



# Major Bleeding Endpoint

UFH/Enoxaparin + GPI vs. Bivalirudin + GPI vs. Bivalirudin Alone



# Major Bleeding (Primary Endpoint)

	UFH/Enoxaparin + GP IIb/IIIa (N=4,603)	Bivalirudin + GP IIb/IIIa (N=4,604)	Bivalirudin alone (N=4,612)	P value*
<b>Any major bleeding</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
• Intracranial	0.07%	0.04%	0.07%	1.00
• Retroperitoneal	0.5%	0.6%	0.2%	0.002
• Access site	2.6%	2.6%	0.8%	<0.001
- req interv/surgery	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.10
- hematoma $\geq 5$ cm	2.2%	2.2%	0.7%	<0.001
• Hgb $\downarrow \geq 3$ g/dL with overt source	2.2%	1.8%	1.0%	<0.001
• Hgb $\downarrow \geq 4$ g/dL with no overt source	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.47
• Blood transfusion	2.7%	2.6%	1.6%	<0.001
• Reoperation for bleed	0.04%	0.1%	0.1%	0.69

\*P value for Bivalirudin alone vs. UFH/Enox + GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor

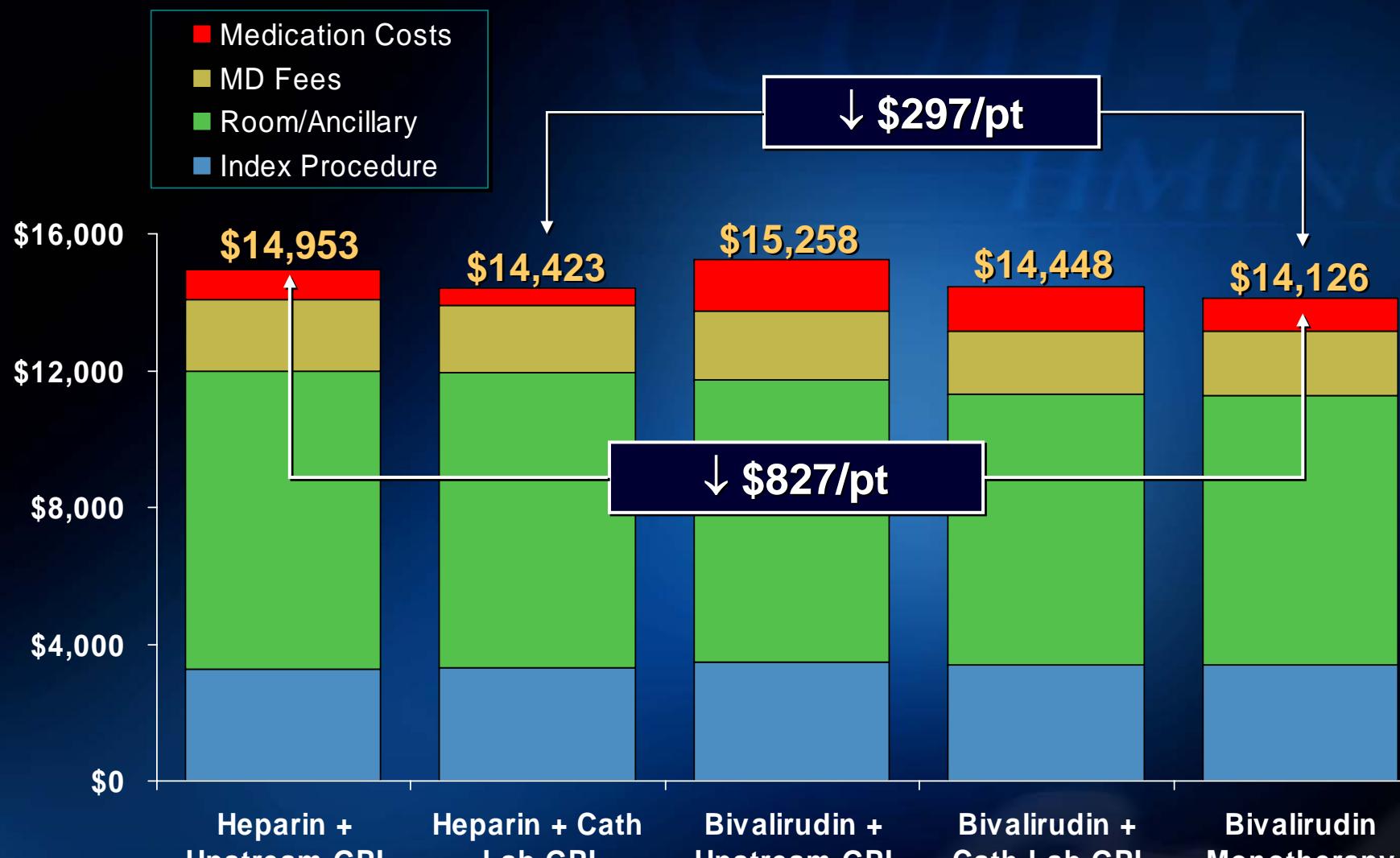
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# Bleeding Endpoints

	<b>UFH/Enoxaparin + GP IIb/IIIa (N=4,603)</b>	<b>Bivalirudin + GP IIb/IIIa (N=4,604)</b>	<b>Bivalirudin alone (N=4,612)</b>	<b>P Value</b>
<b>ACUITY Scale</b>				
- Major Bleed, all	11.8%	11.1%	9.1%	<0.001
- Major, non-CABG	5.7%	5.3%	3.0%	<0.001
- Minor, non-CABG	21.6%	21.7%	12.8%	<0.001
<b>TIMI Scale</b>				
- Any	6.6%	6.5%	4.0%	<0.001
- Major	1.9%	1.7%	0.9%	<0.001
- Minor	6.4%	6.1%	3.7%	<0.001
<b>Blood transfusion</b>	2.7%	2.6%	1.6%	<0.001
<b>Thrombocytopenia</b>	11.1%	10.8%	9.9%	0.06

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# Mean Initial Hospitalization Costs

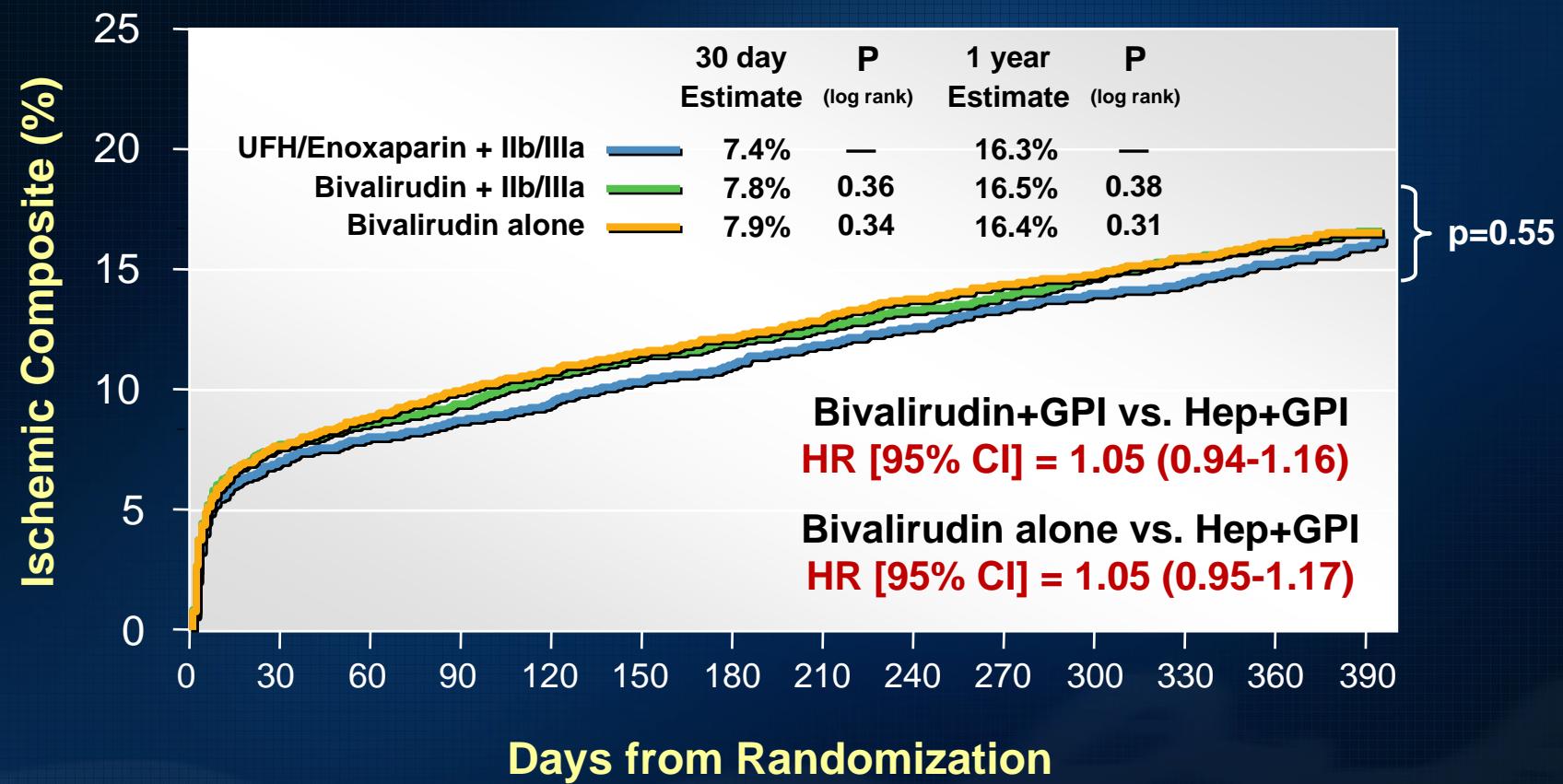


*p<0.001 for overall comparison*

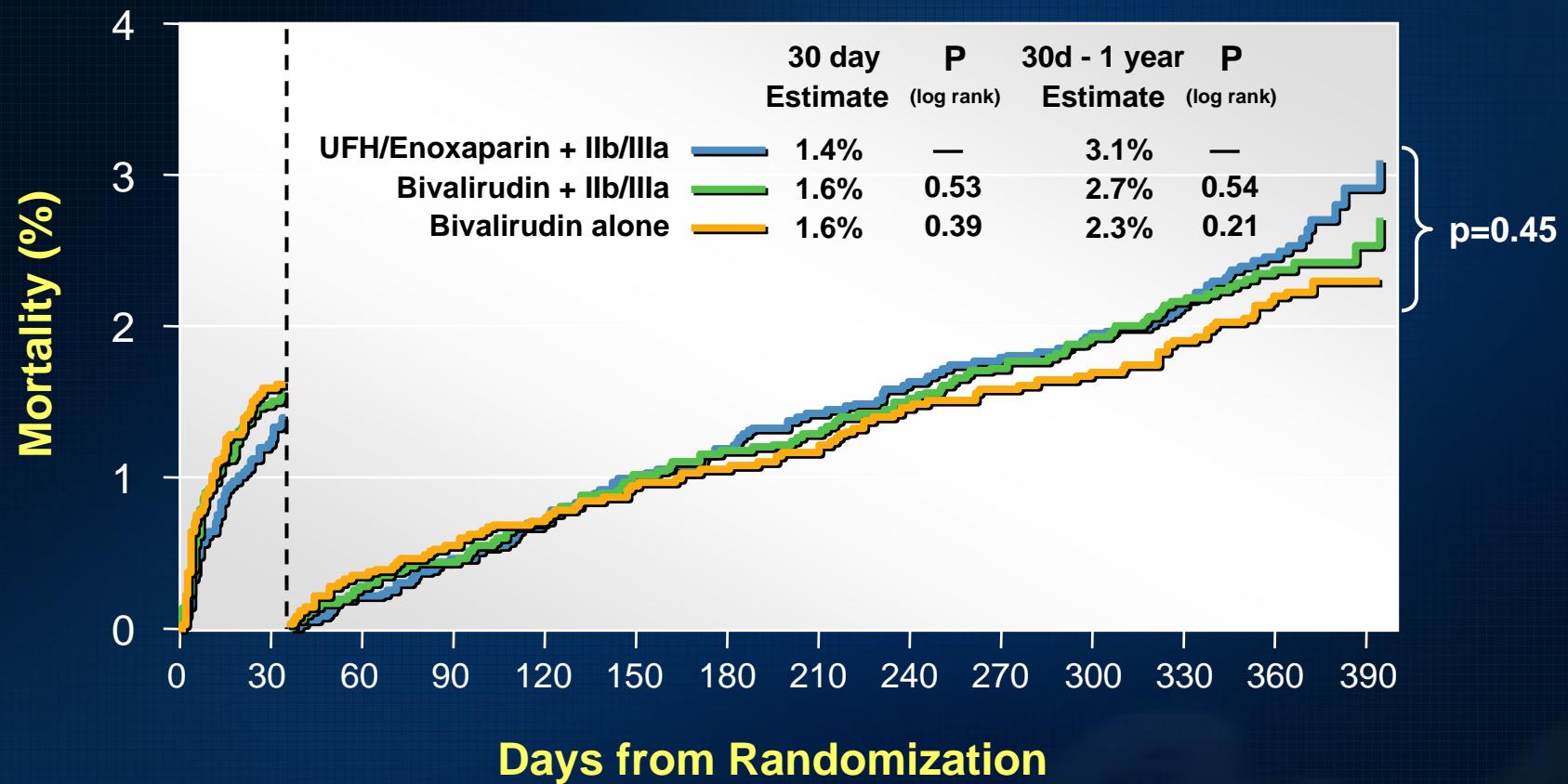
# Ischemic Composite Endpoint

(Death, MI, unplanned revascularization for ischemia)

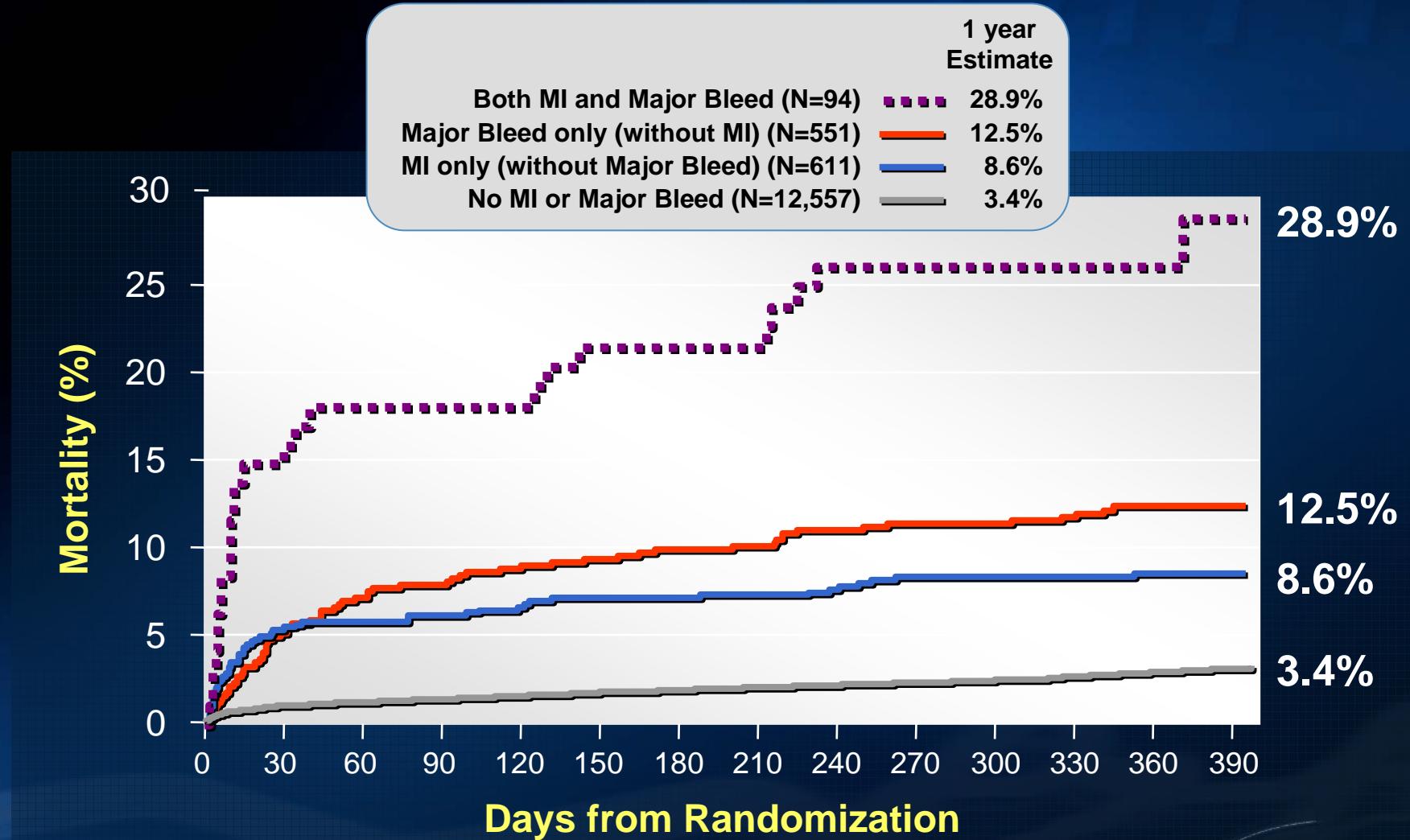
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# Early and Late Mortality Landmark analysis

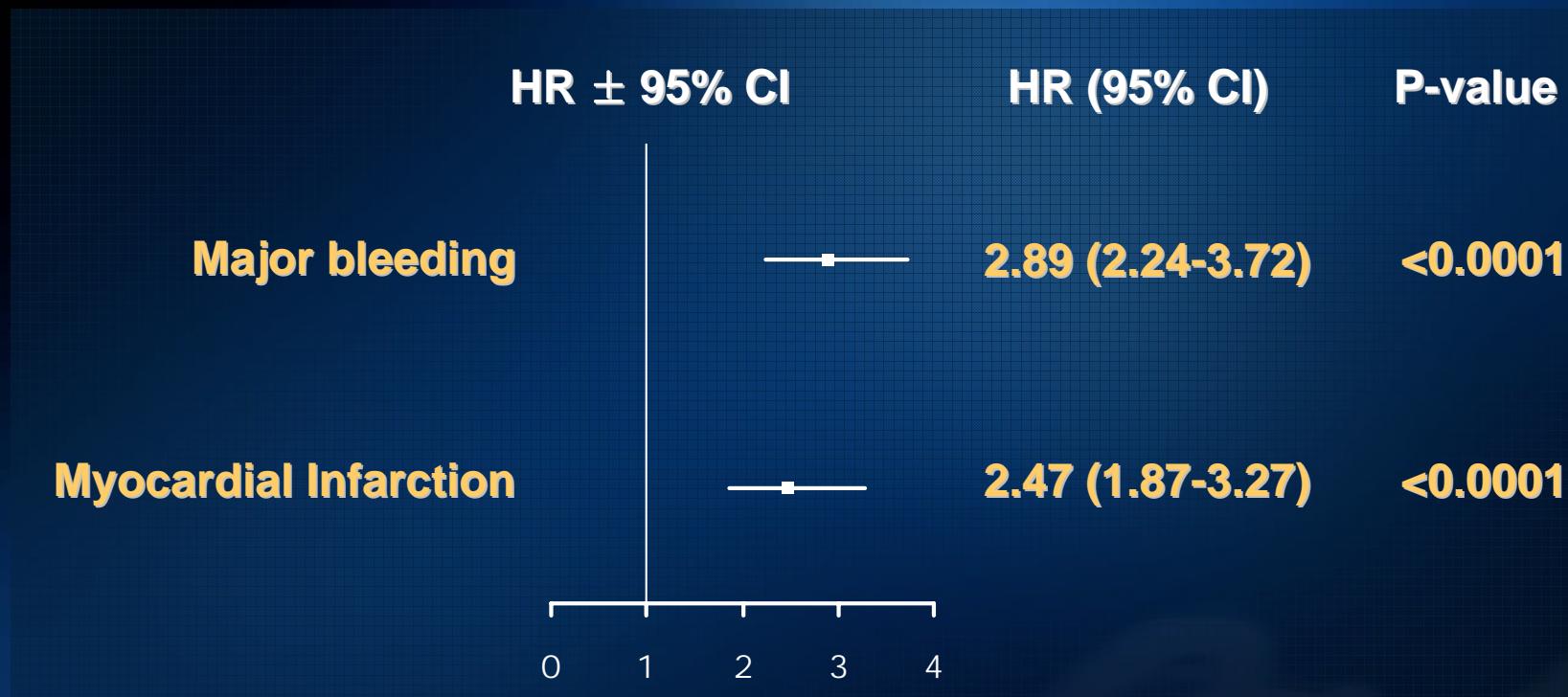


# Impact of MI and Major Bleeding (non-CABG) in the First 30 Days on Risk of Death Over 1 Year



# Influence of Major Bleeding and MI in the First 30 Days on Risk of Death Over 1 Year

Cox model adjusted for baseline predictors, with non-CABG major bleeding and MI as time-updated covariates



# The Case for Bivalirudin Alone in ACS and PCI

- The simplest regimen by far
  - No GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors (except provisional use)
  - IV infusion discontinued after cath (ACS and PCI)
  - Monitoring of aPTT and ACT possible but not necessary
- Provides similar protection from ischemic complications as heparin (UFH or enoxaparin)  
+ GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors with markedly less bleeding, and is cost-effective