

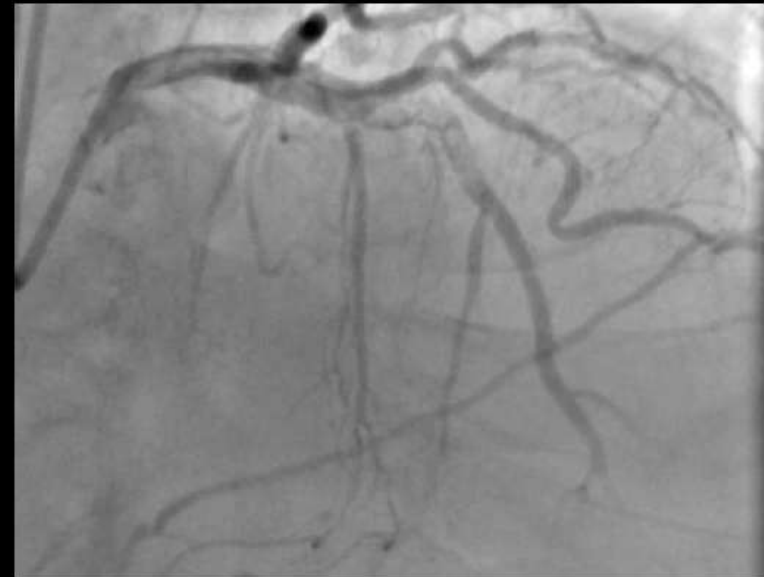
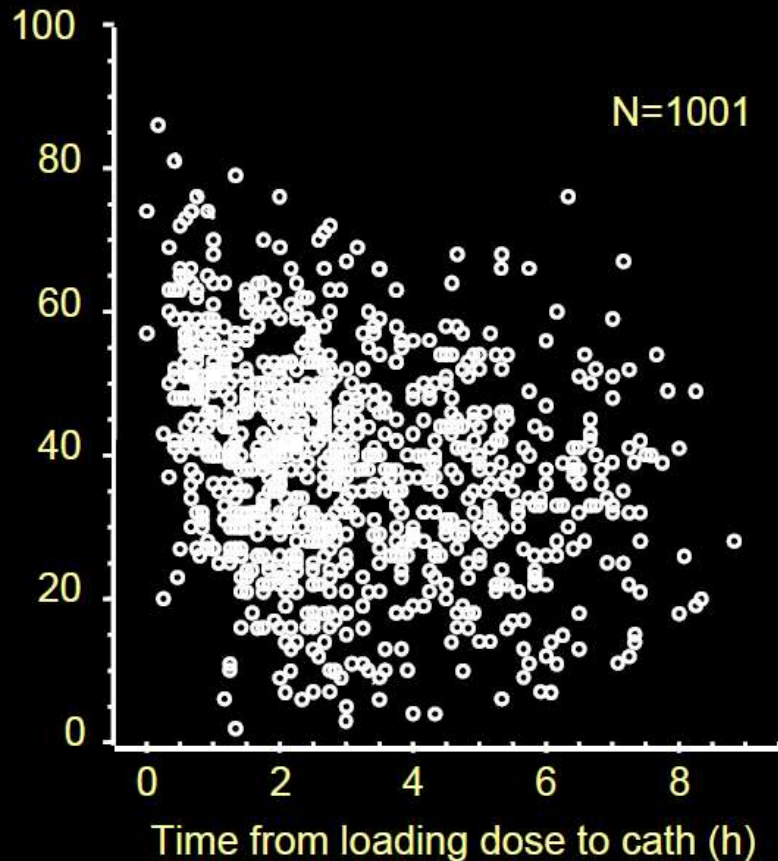
Αντίσταση στην αντιαιμοπεταλιακή θεραπεία

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The Problem: Clopidogrel Response Variability and Thrombotic Events after Stent Implantation

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

Stentthrombosis of DES in mid LAD



Different Mechanism of Late Stent Thrombosis: A Post-Mortem Study

174 autopsies with DES – 127 patients (73%) died > 30 days after PCI
 Underlying Causes of Thrombosis of DES

	SES	PES	p Value
Early thrombosis (<30 days), n	11*	13*	
AMI, penetration/prolapse of necrotic core	1	5	0.17
Bifurcation	3	2	0.63
Long/overlapping stents	1	0	0.46
Medial rupture/dissection	3	4	1.00
Malapposition	0	1	1.00
Others†	3	1	0.30
Late thrombosis (≥30 days), n	16*	25*	
AMI, penetration of necrotic core	5	5	0.47
Bifurcation	1	9	0.06‡
Long/overlapping stents	0	2	0.50
Underexpansion	1	1	1.00
Isolated uncovered struts	2	1	0.55
Localized hypersensitivity reaction	7	0	0.0005‡
Malapposition from excessive to fibrin	0	7	0.03‡

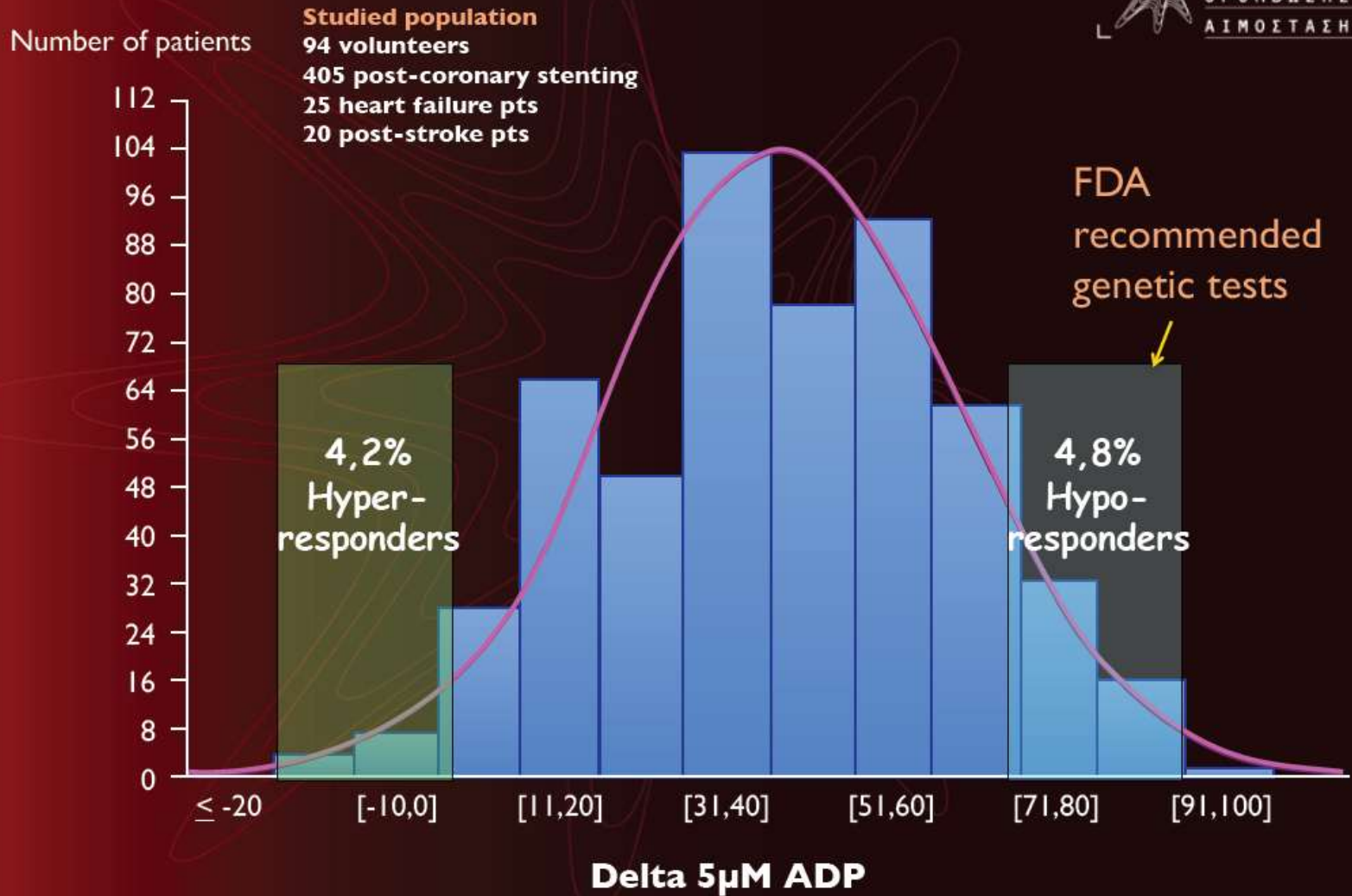
Prolapse of Necrotic Core

Mechanical

Inflammation

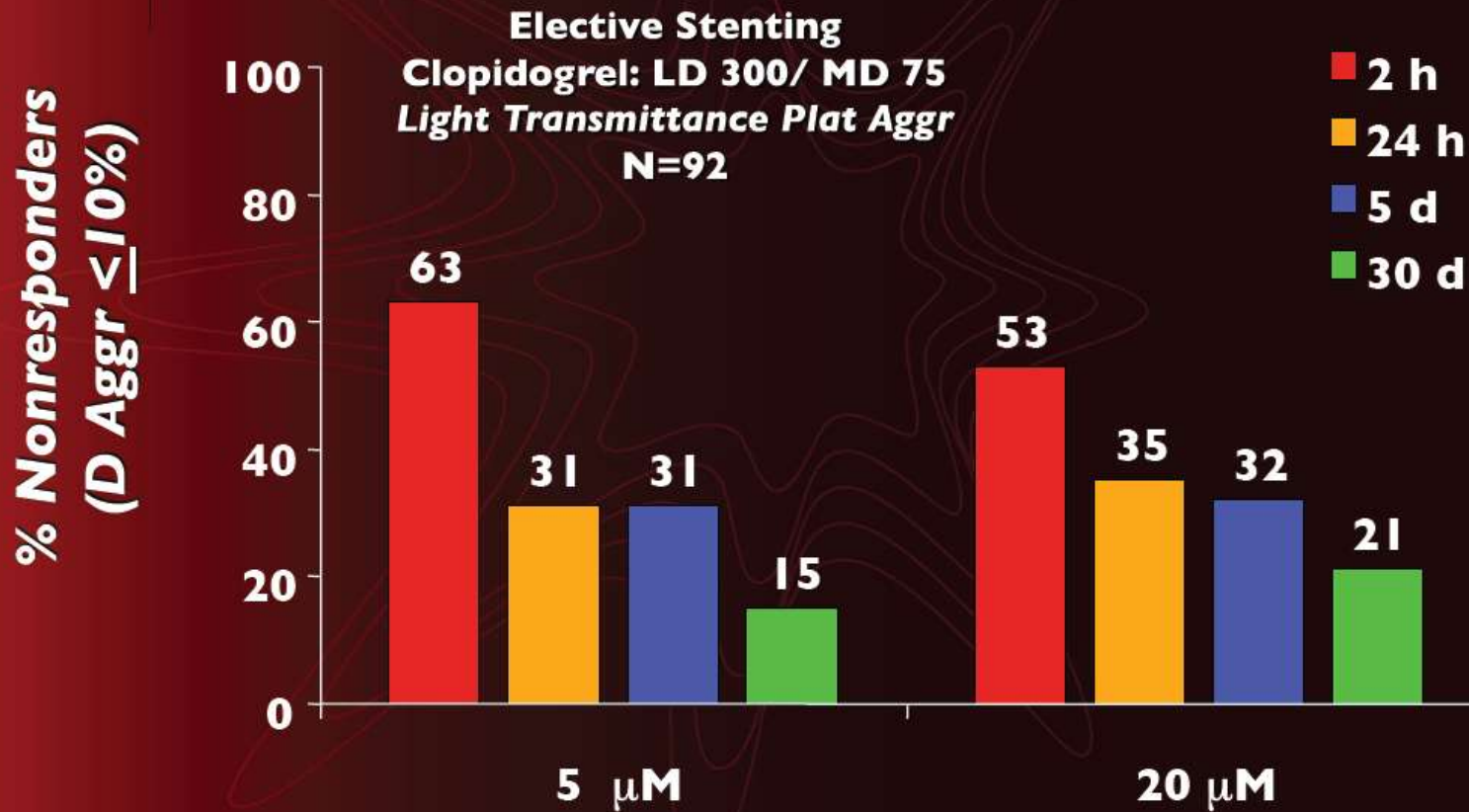


Variability in platelet response after standard dosing of clopidogrel



Variability of response to clopidogrel: a matter of time?

300mg



Resistance to the Antiplatelet Treatment



Ⓢ Biological resistance

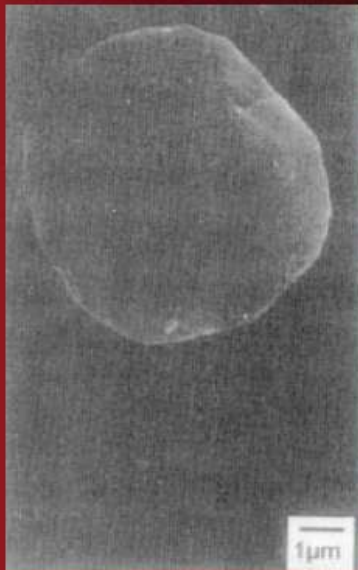
- ★ Failure to demonstrate the effect of the treatment on a specific laboratory test assessing platelet activation

Ⓢ Clinical resistance

- ★ Recurrent thrombotic episode while the patient is treated with antiplatelet agents

Formation of platelet microparticles

Resting platelet



Platelet activation



Formation of microparticles

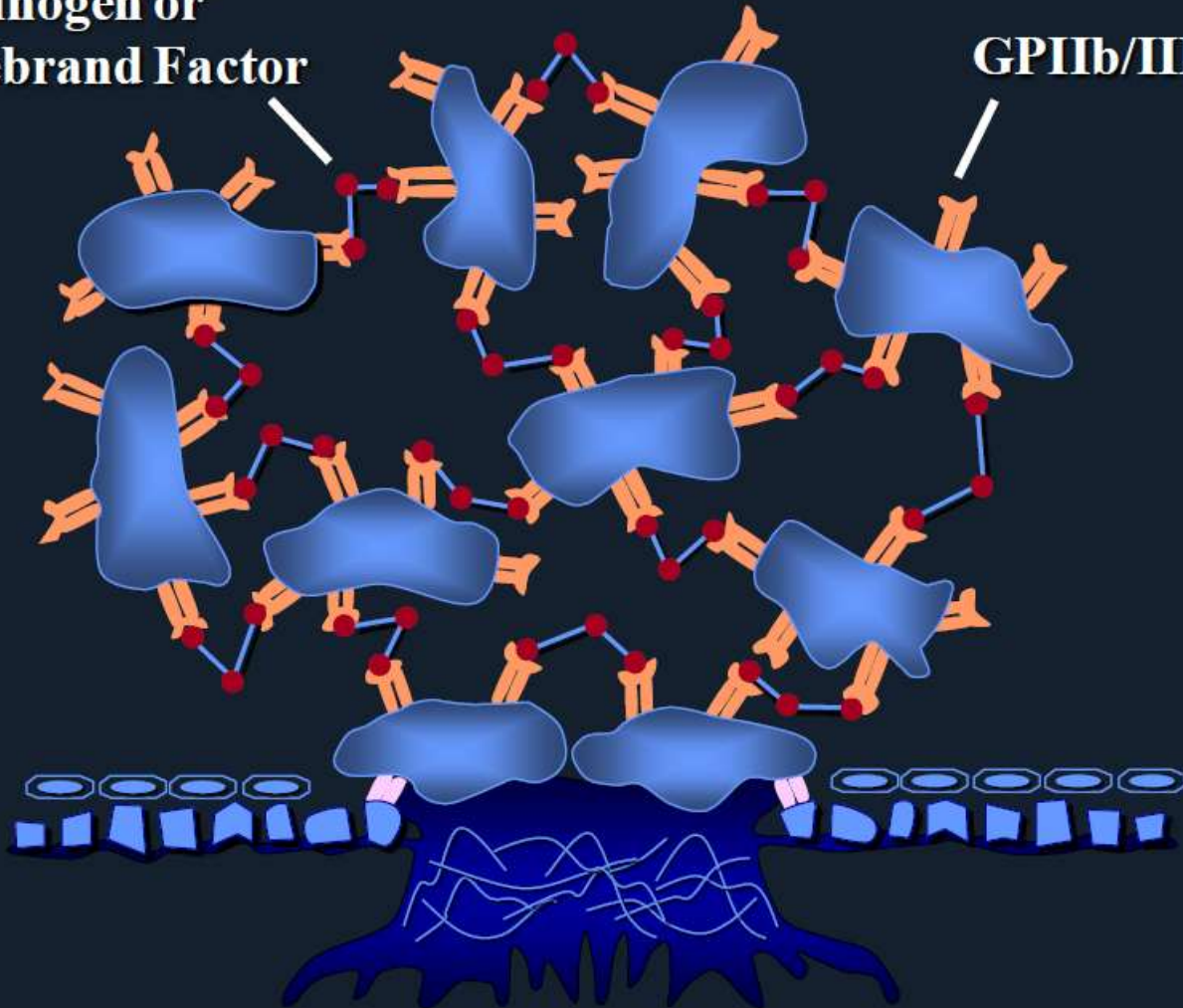


Platelet pseudopodes

Aggregation

Fibrinogen or
von Willebrand Factor

GPIIb/IIIa



Antiplatelet agents



Inhibitors of Arachidonate pathway

- Aspirin
- Indobufen
- Flurbiprofen
- Triflusal
- Ridogrel
- Picotamide
- S 18886
- Cilostazol

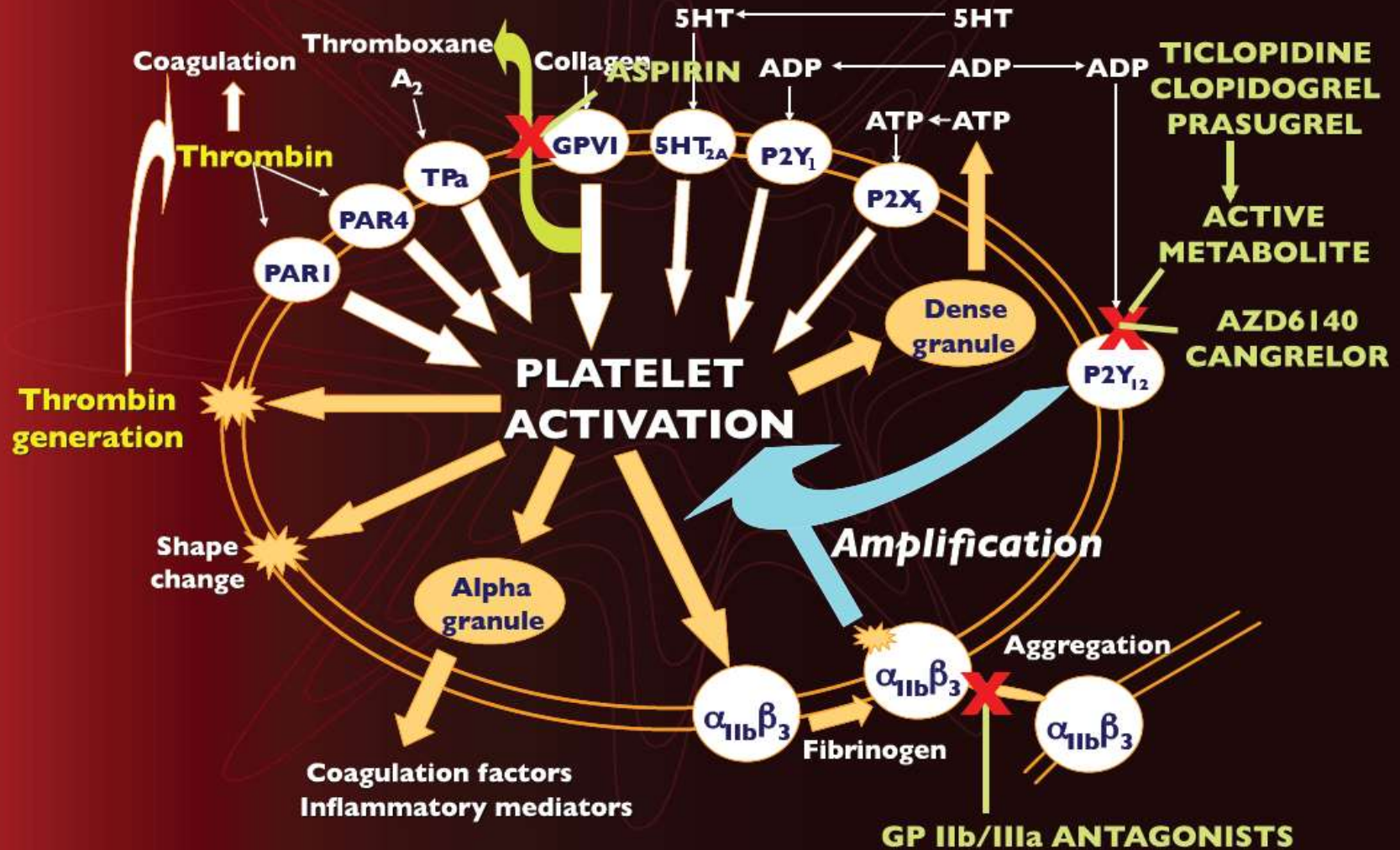
Antagonists of ADP receptor

- Ticlopidin
- Clopidogrel
- Prasugrel
- ticagrelor
- Cangrelor

Antagonists of GP I | b/IIIa

- Abciximab
- Tirofiban
- Eptifibatide

Platelet Activation Mechanisms

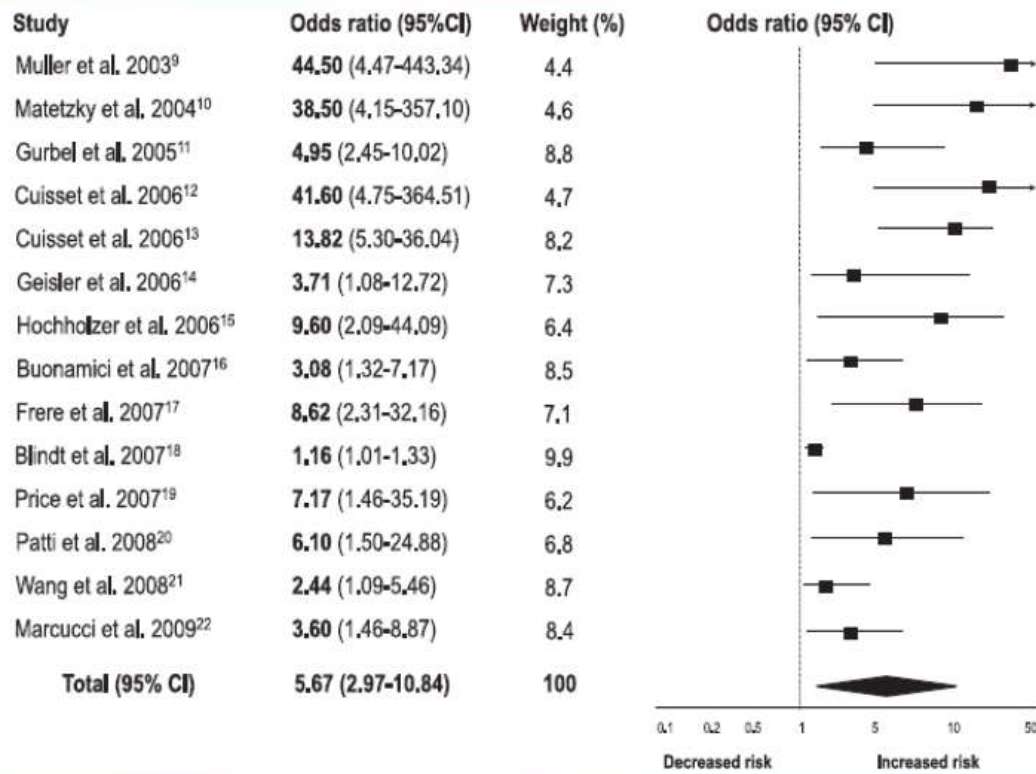


Clopidogrel Landmark Trials



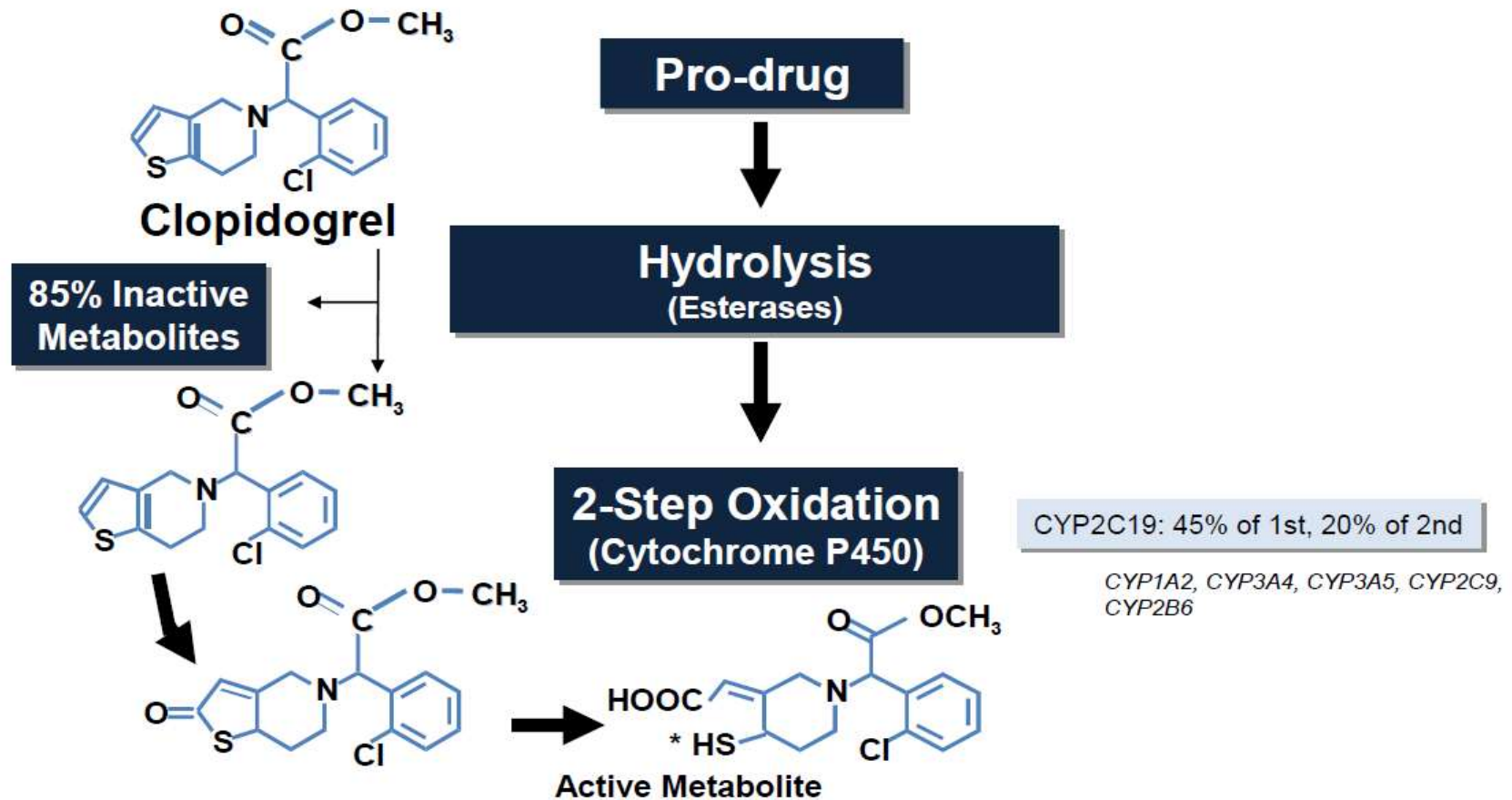
Trial	Patients	Regiment	Composite end-point (AMI, Stroke, CV death)
CAPRIE 1996 Clopidogrel vs Aspirin in pts at risk of Ischemic Events	19185 pts with recent AMI, stroke, PAD	Clopidogrel 75 mg/d vs ASA 325 mg/d	8,7% RRR after 1,9 ys follow up
CURE 2001 Clopidogrel in Unstable angina to prevent recurrent events	12562 pts	ASA 325 mg +clopidogrel 75 mg vs ASA 325 mg+placebo	20% reduction after 9 mo follow up
CREDO 2002 Clopidogrel for the reduction of events during observation	2116 pts with elective PCI	ASA 325 mg +clopidogrel 75 mg vs ASA 325 mg+placebo	27% reduction after 1 y follow up

Clopidogrel non-responsiveness and risk of cardiovascular morbidity



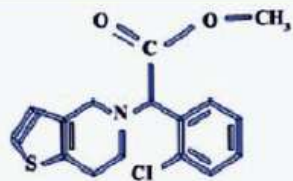
Non responders : 1205 out of 4564
(26%)
higher risk of death and/or
ischaemic recurrences
(OR 5.67, 95% CI 2.97 to 10.84;
 $p < 0.00001$).

The Generation of Clopidogrel's Active Metabolite is Inefficient and CYP450-dependent



Genes regulating the effect of thienopyridines (clopidogrel and prasugrel)

Clopidogrel : Prodrogue



P-gp

Gastro-intestinal absorption



CYP3A4
CYP3A5
CYP2C19

Hepatic CYP Biotransformation

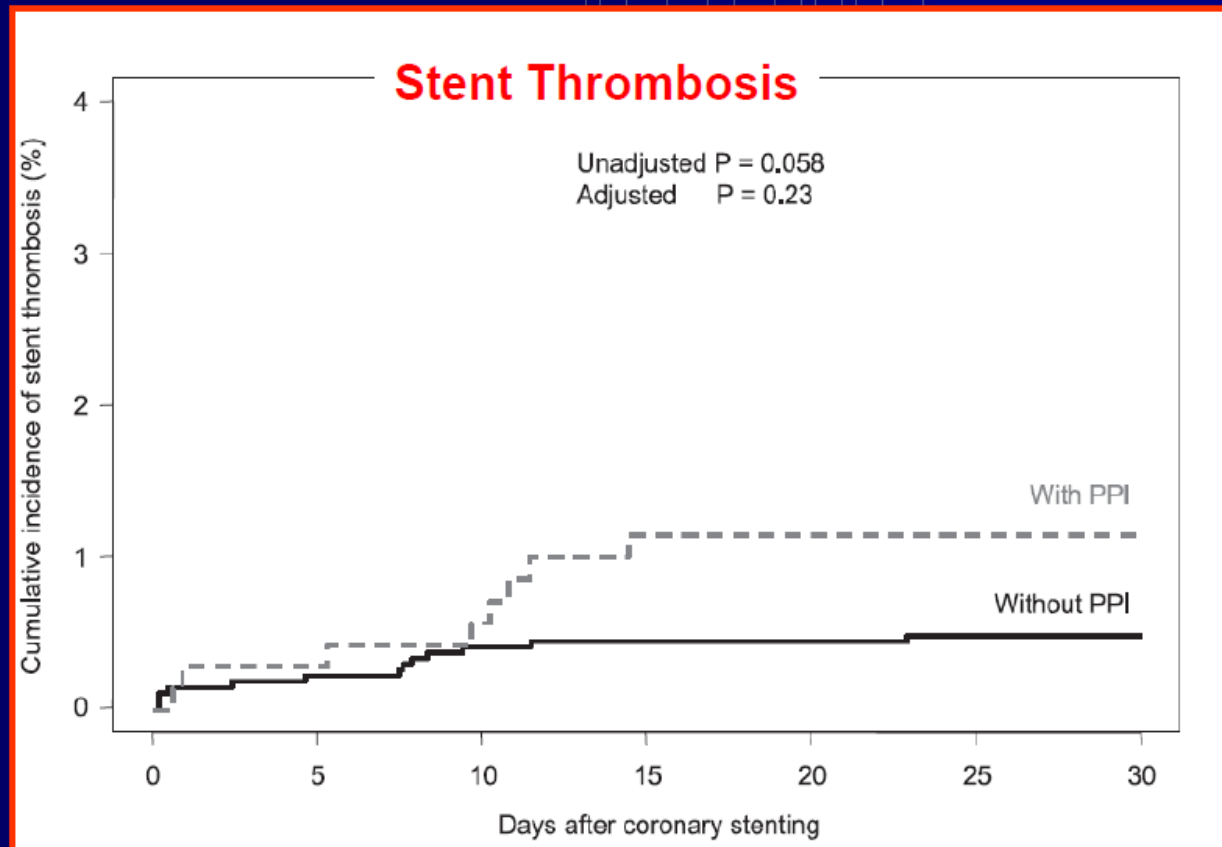
85% inactive metabolites
(Esterases in blood)

- @ Intestinal pump
- @ Physiologic intestinal barrier against the absorption of clopidogrel
- @ **Encoded by the ABCB1 gene**
- @ Relation with GP expression and activity?

- @ CYP3A4, CYP3A5
- @ CYP2C19
- @ *2, *3, *4, *5 : decreased function
- @ *17 : increased metabolism

Stent Thrombosis (within 30 days) and PPI Use

3,338 patients with DES – 698 (21%) treated with PPI
All treated with clopidogrel



30-day mortality w PPI 2.6% vs w/o 0.9%; adjusted p=0.02

Reduced-Function *CYP2C19* Genotype and Risk of Stent Thrombosis with Clopidogrel: A Meta-Analysis

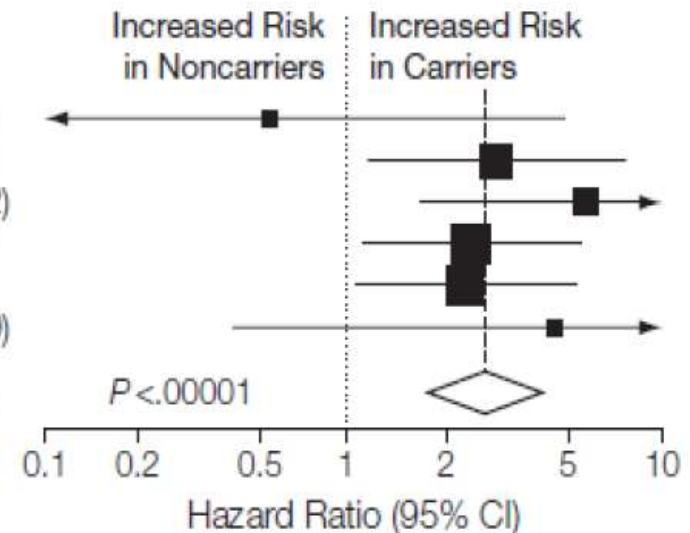
9,685 patients with PCI – 84 pts with stent thrombosis
 72% non-carriers, 26% 1 reduced function allele,
 2% 2 reduced function allele

A Carriers of 1 or 2 *CYP2C19* Reduced-Function Alleles vs Noncarriers

CYP2C19 Reduced-Function Alleles,
 No. of Events/
 No. of Individuals at Risk

	No. of Individuals at Risk		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
	1 or 2	None	
EXCELSIOR	1/243	4/554	0.57 (0.06-5.09)
TRITON-TIMI 38	9/375	8/1014	3.09 (1.19-8.00)
AFIJI	8/61	4/162	6.04 (1.75-20.82)
RECLOSE	13/247	11/525	2.55 (1.14-5.70)
ISAR	11/680	12/1805	2.45 (1.08-5.55)
CLEAR-PLATELETS	2/68	1/160	4.78 (0.43-52.69)
Overall	44/1674	40/4420	2.81 (1.81-4.37)

Stent Thrombosis



Identifying The Patient At High Risk for Clopidogrel Non-responsiveness: *The Majority of Clopidogrel-response Variability Remains Unexplained by CYP2C19 and Clinical Factors*

N=760, elective PCI after 600-mg clopidogrel

Table 2 Multivariable Linear Regression Model for RPA After Stimulation With 5 $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ADP

	Partial η^2	p Value
CYP2C19* polymorphism	0.052	<0.001
Age (yrs)	0.010	0.006
Arterial hypertension	0.001	0.386
Diabetes mellitus	0.012	0.003
Body mass index (kg/m^2)	0.010	0.008
Platelets ($\times 10^9/\text{l}$)	0.010	0.006
ACE inhibitors	0.001	0.403
Nitrates	<0.001	0.890
Verapamil/diltiazem	0.010	0.006
Previous balloon angioplasty	0.007	0.026
Previous CABG	0.001	0.435
Impaired LV function†	<0.001	0.945
CCS angina class III or IV	0.004	0.081

Full regression model could only explain 11.5% of the antiplatelet response

*Cytochrome P450 2C19 681G>A; †impaired LV function (ejection fraction <55%).

ADP = adenosine diphosphate; RPA = residual platelet aggregation; other abbreviations as in Table 1.

Measuring Platelet Reactivity In Patients Receiving P2Y₁₂ Receptor Antagonists

Table 1. Methods to Measure the Effect of Clopidogrel on Platelet Function

Assay	Methodology	Strengths	Weaknesses
LTA	Transmission of light through platelet-rich sample compared with platelet poor sample after exposure to ADP	Historical reference method	Lack of uniformity in agonist (ADP) concentration; difficult to integrate into clinical practice due to technical complexity
VASP	Phosphorylation status of VASP measured by flow cytometry after incubation with ADP and/or PGE ₁	May most accurately reflect P2Y ₁₂ receptor inhibition	Difficult to integrate into clinical practice due to technical complexity; number of patients with clinical outcome data relatively small
VN P2Y12	Agglutination of fibrinogen-coated beads by platelets in the presence of ADP (20 μmol) and PGE ₁	True POC assay; largest number of patients studied with clinical outcomes	Association with clinical outcomes not well studied for surrogate measurement of percent inhibition provided by device without baseline preclopidogrel sample
Multiplate analyzer (MEA)	Change in electrical conductance between a pair of electrodes as platelets adhere after exposure to ADP	Whole-blood assay	Association with clinical outcomes shown only in large single-center study; not currently available in the United States
PlateletWorks	Difference in single-platelet counts by cell counter after stimulation with ADP vs baseline	Whole-blood assay	Association with clinical outcomes from single-center study; results highly depend on time between-sample collection and testing

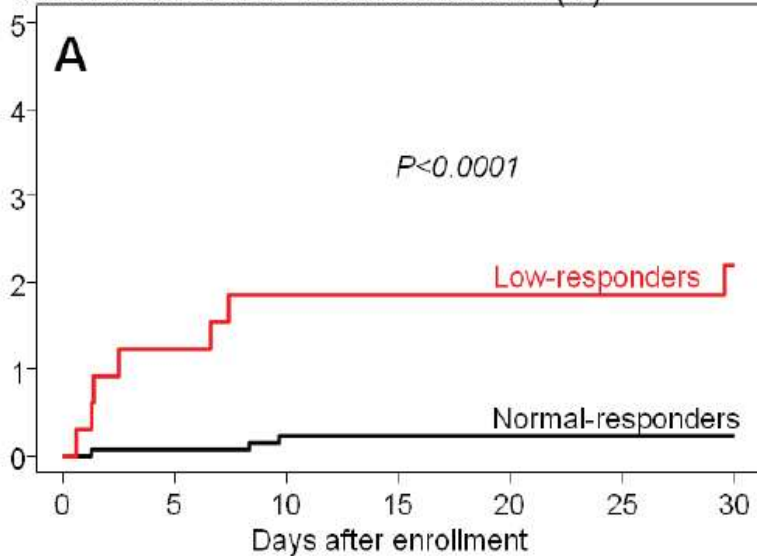
Platelet Reactivity Following Clopidogrel Treatment Assessed With Point-of-Care Multiplate Analysis And Early Drug-Eluting Stent Thrombosis



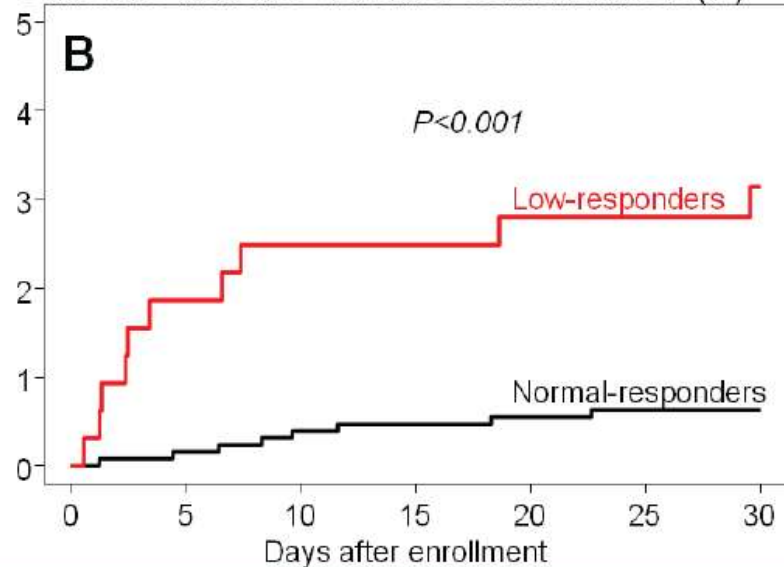
- 1608 consecutive patients with CAD and planned drug-eluting stent implantation
- Before PCI all patients received 600 mg clopidogrel
- The primary endpoint was definite ST at 30 days



Cumulative incidence of stent thrombosis (%)



Cumulative incidence of death or stent thrombosis (%)



“Bedside” Platelet Function Testing Can Identify Patients At-Risk For Ischemic Events after PCI



Clinically-Derived Cut-Offs from Prospective Studies:

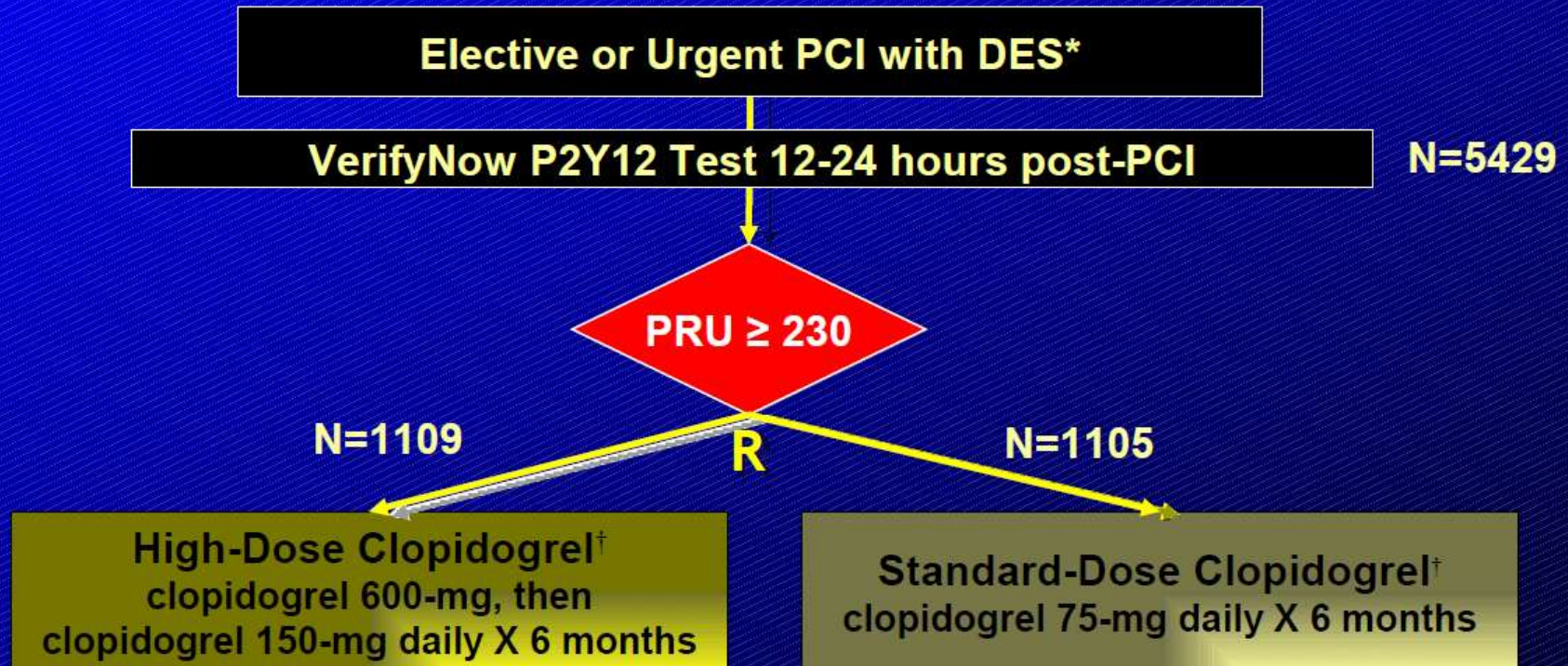
Study	N	Device	Primary Endpoint	Cutoff	Method	Sens	Spec	NPV
Price et al	380	VN P2Y12	6M CV death, MI, ST	PRU \geq 235	ROC curve	78%	70%	99%
Patti et al	160	VN P2Y12	30-day CV death, MI, TVR	PRU \geq 240	ROC curve	81%	53%	nr
Marcucci et al	683	VN P2Y12	1 yr CV death, MI	PRU \geq 240	ROC curve	61%	70%	96%
Sibbing et al	1608	Multiplate Analyzer	30-day Stent thrombosis	468 AU·min	ROC curve	70%	84%	nr
Breet et al	1052	VN P2Y12	1 yr death, MI, ST, CVA	PRU \geq 236	ROC curve	nr	nr	nr
Campo et al	826	VN P2Y12	1 yr death, MI, CVA	PRU \geq 208	ROC curve	69%	76%	nr

Sibbing et al, J Am Coll Cardiol 2009;53:849-856
 Marcucci et al, Circulation 2009; 20;119(2):237-42
 Patti, G. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2008;52:1128-1133
 Price MJ et al. Eur Heart J 2008; 29(8):992-1000
 Campo G et al., J Am Coll Cardiol, 2010. 56(18): 1447-55

nr = not reported

Adapted from Price MJ, Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2010 Jun 1;3(3):277-83

GRAVITAS Study Design



Primary Efficacy Endpoint: CV Death, Non-Fatal MI, Stent Thrombosis at 6 mo

Key Safety Endpoint: GUSTO Moderate or Severe Bleeding at 6 mo

Pharmacodynamics: Repeat VerifyNow P2Y12 at 1 and 6 months

*Peri-PCI clopidogrel per protocol-mandated criteria to ensure steady-state at 12-24 hrs

[†]placebo-controlled All patients received aspirin (81-162mg daily)

GRAVITAS

GRAVITAS Patient Flow

5429 patients screened with VerifyNow P2Y12
12-24 hours post-PCI

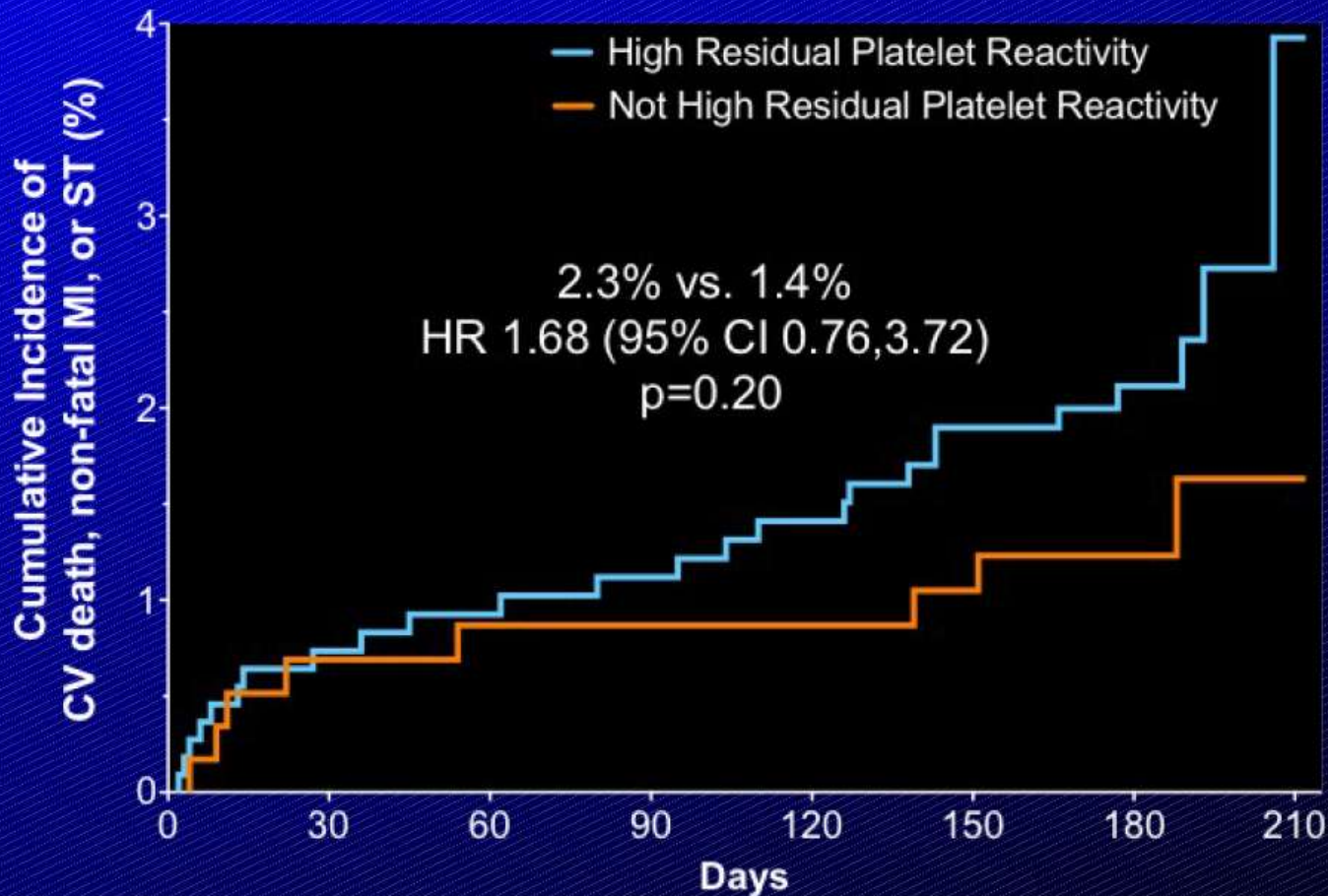
2214 (41%) with high residual
platelet reactivity
(PRU \geq 230)

3215 (59%) without high
residual platelet reactivity
(PRU < 230)

Clopidogrel
High Dose
N=1109

Clopidogrel
Standard Dose
N=1105

Secondary Comparison: High vs. Not High Reactivity Treated with Clopidogrel 75-mg daily

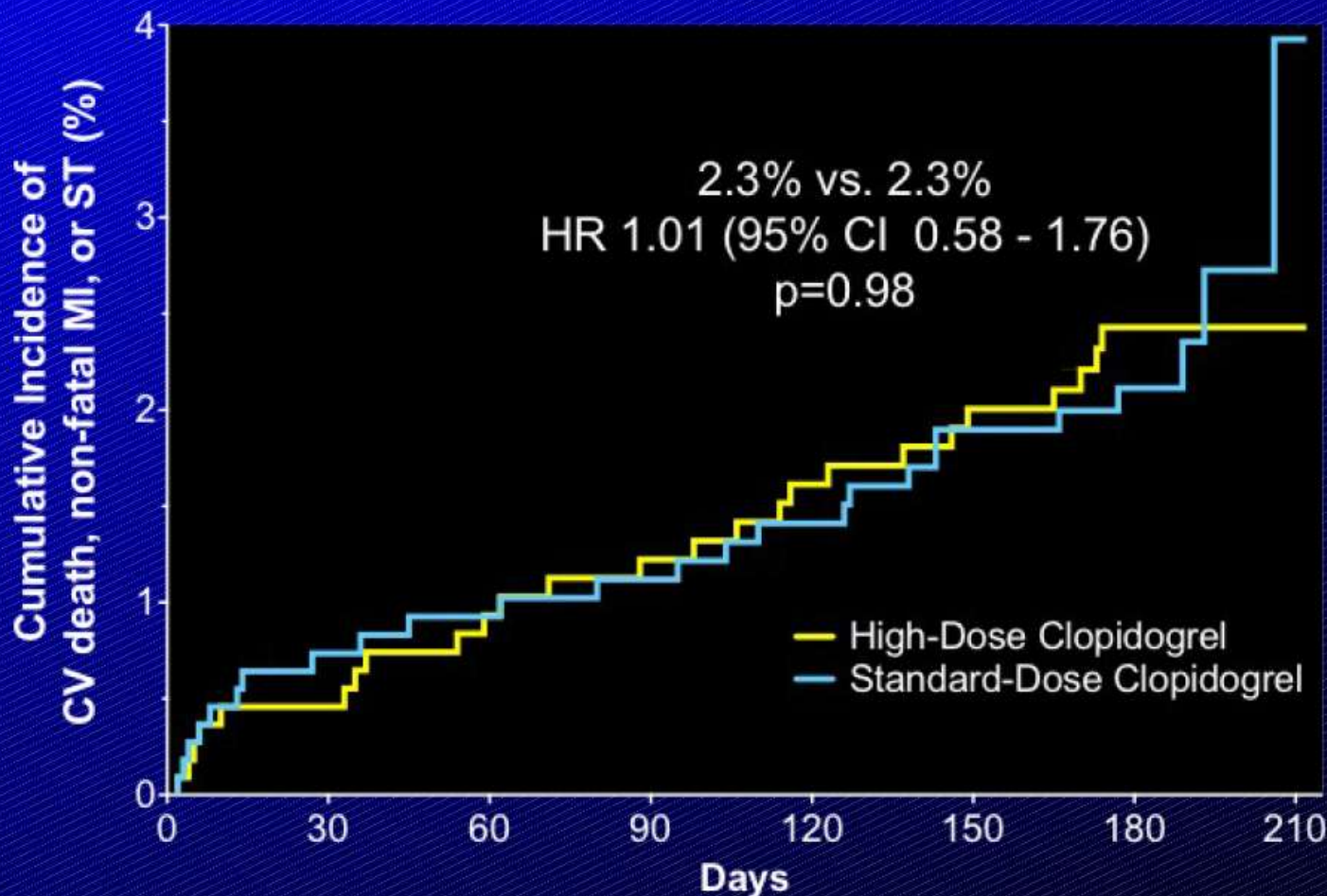


No. at Risk

	0	30	60	90	120	150	180	210
High Residual Reactivity	1105	1057	1028	1020	1015	1005	773	53
Not High Residual Reactivity	586	565	552	551	549	546	415	19

Observed event rates are listed. P value by log-rank test.

GRAVITAS: Standard- vs High-Dose Clopidogrel in Patients with On-Treatment Reactivity ≥ 230 PRU Post-PCI



No. at Risk

High Dose Clopidogrel	1109	1056	1029	1017	1007	998	747	54
Standard Dose Clopidogrel	1105	1057	1028	1020	1015	1005	773	53

Observed event rates are listed; P value by log rank test.

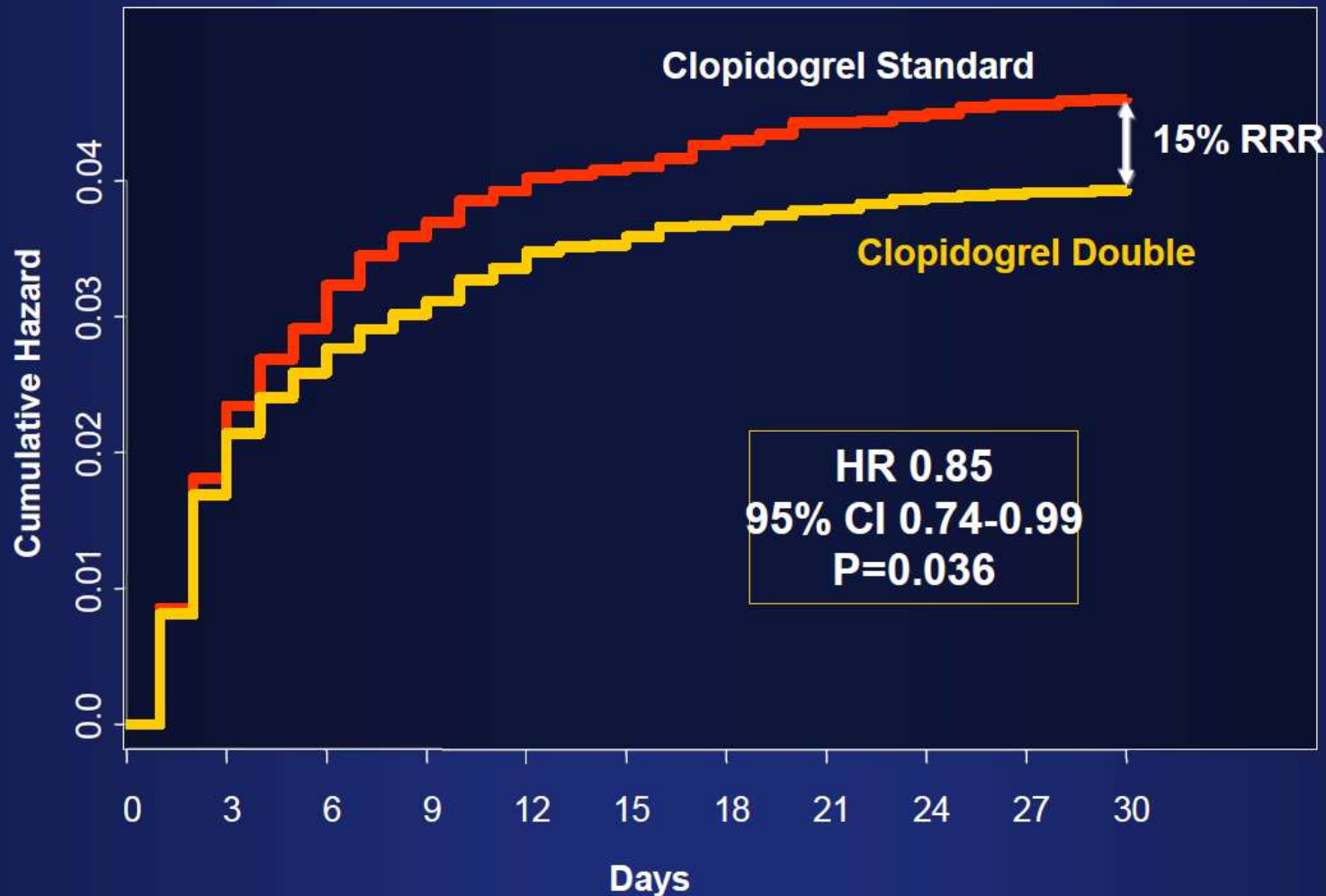
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Clopidogrel: Double vs Standard Dose

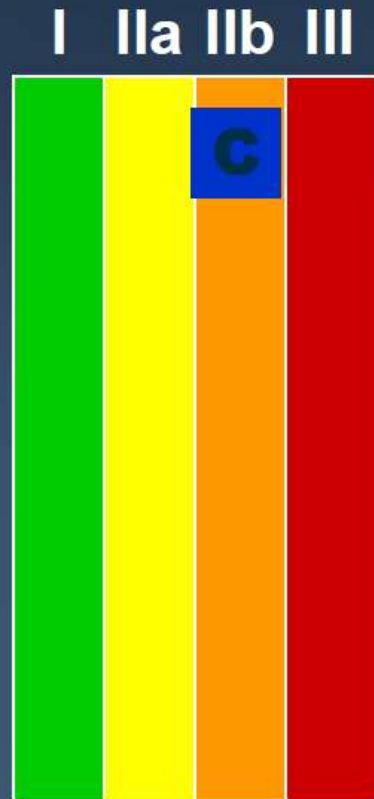
Primary Outcome: PCI Patients

CV Death, MI or Stroke



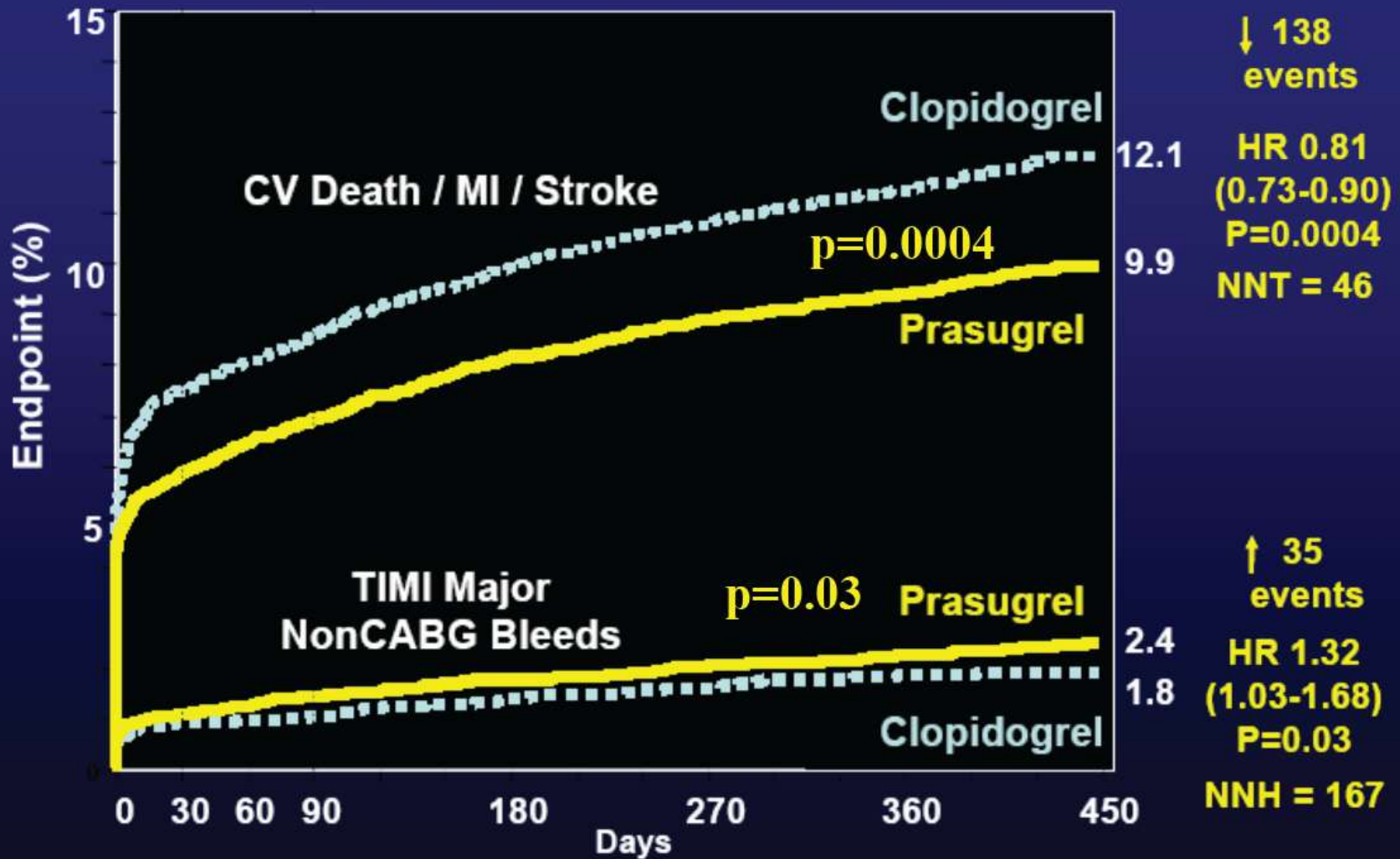
ACC/AHA/SCAI Guideline Update for PCI

Oral Antiplatelet Adjunctive Therapies

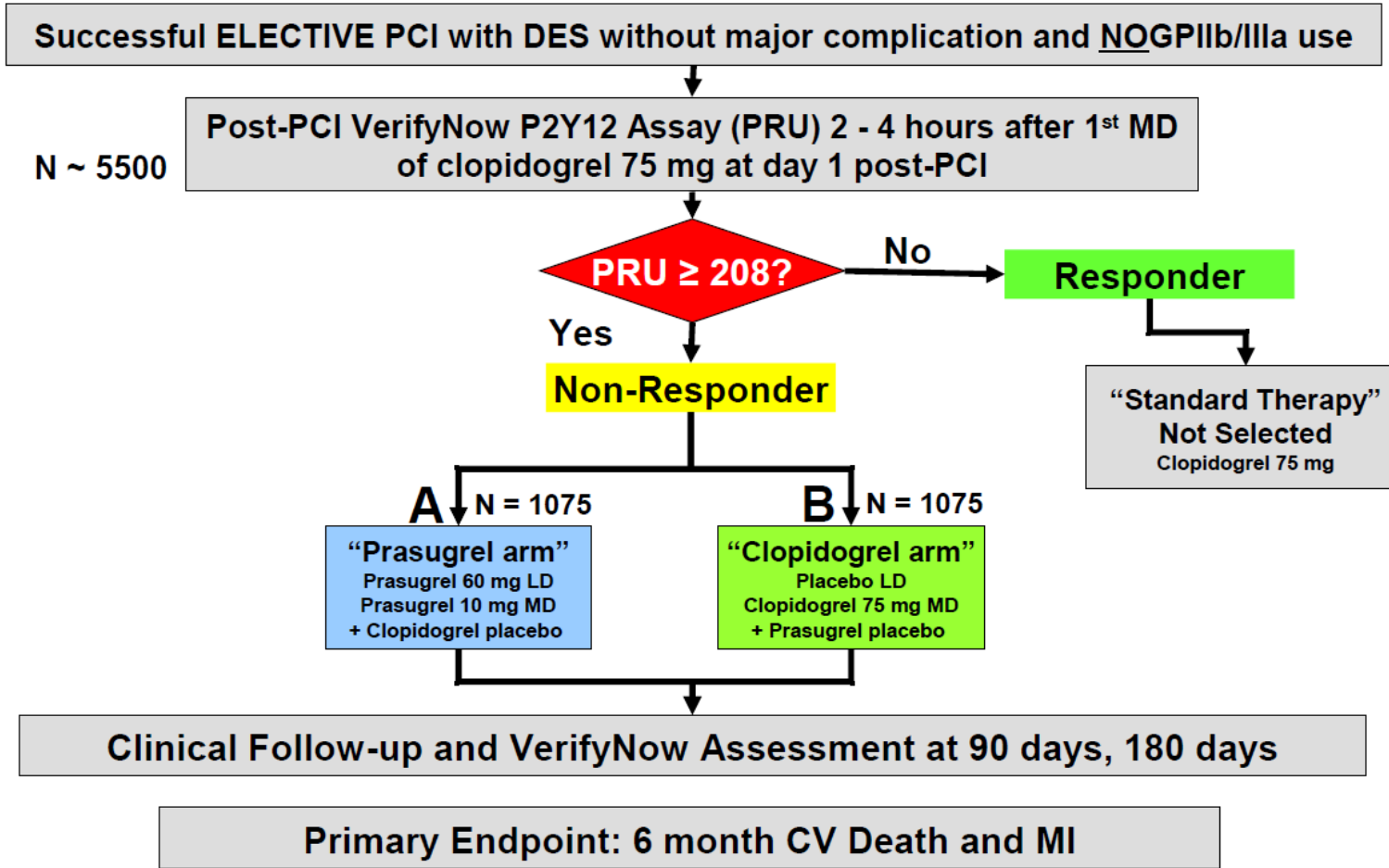


In patients in whom subacute thrombosis may be catastrophic or lethal (unprotected left main, bifurcating left main, or last patent coronary vessel), platelet aggregation studies may be considered and the dose of clopidogrel increased to 150 mg per day if less than 50% inhibition of platelet aggregation is demonstrated.

Balance of Efficacy and Safety

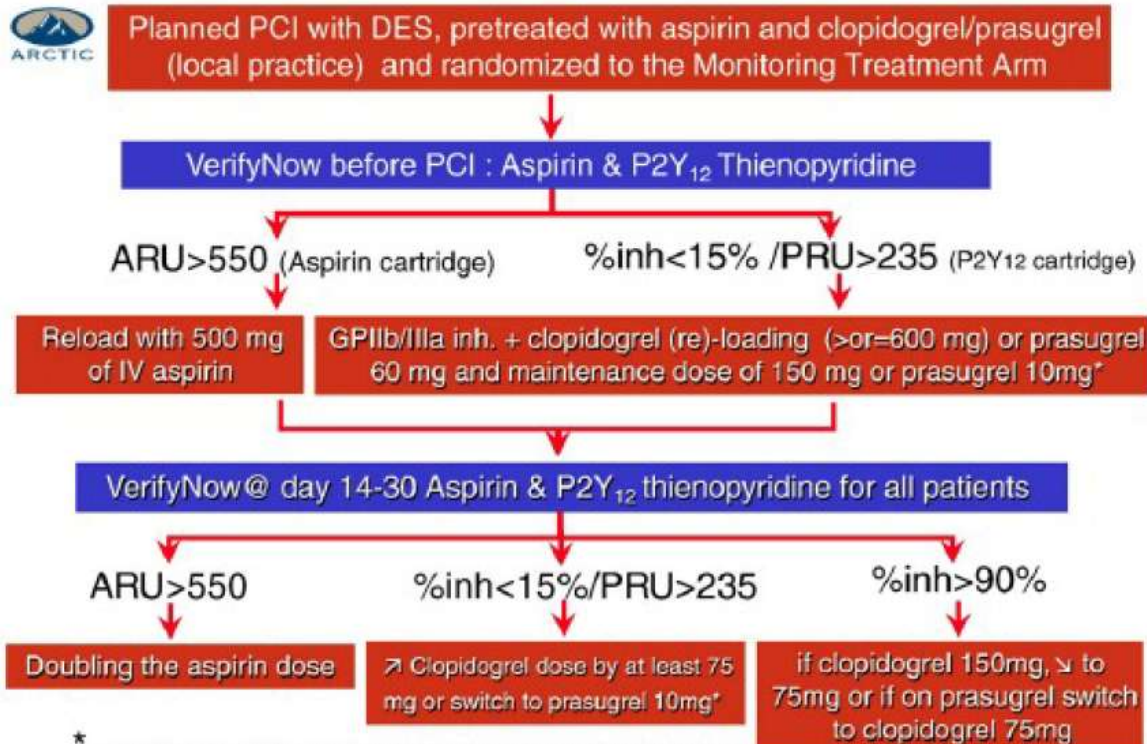


TRIGGER-PCI



ARCTIC Trial

N=2500: PFT vs no PFT



* — Not indicated if previous stroke. Caution in patients >75 yo or <60kg.
 — Indicated if Acute stent thrombosis or at least 2 of the following risk factors:
 (i) diabetes or overweight (BMI>30); (ii) High on-treatment platelet reactivity; (iii) carriage of the 2C19*2 variant

Algorithm for dose adjustment strategy in the monitoring arm treatment of the ARCTIC study.

PLATO study design

PLATO

NSTE-ACS (moderate-to-high risk) STEMI (if primary PCI)
Clopidogrel-treated or -naive;
randomised within 24 hours of index event
(N=18,624)

Clopidogrel
If pre-treated, no additional loading dose;
if naive, standard 300 mg loading dose,
then 75 mg qd maintenance;
(additional 300 mg allowed pre PCI)

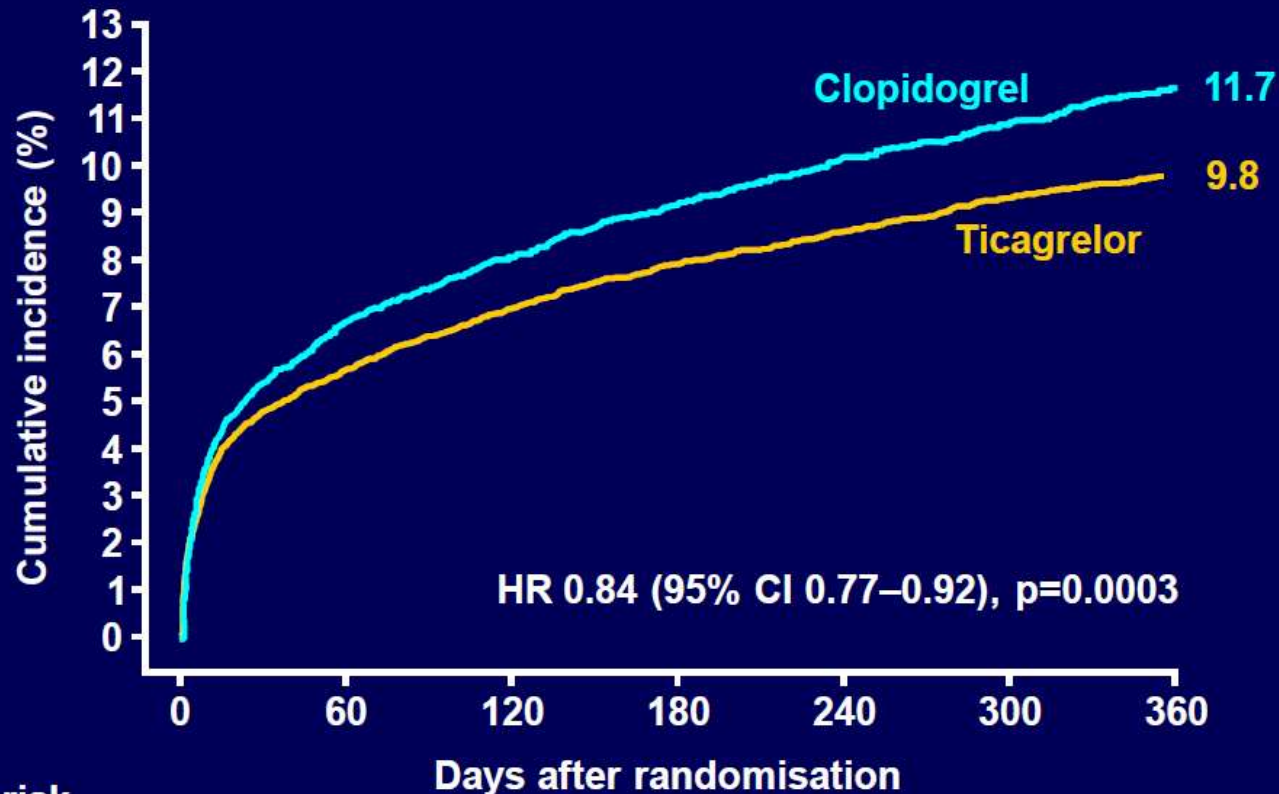
Ticagrelor
180 mg loading dose, then
90 mg bid maintenance;
(additional 90 mg pre-PCI)

6–12-month exposure

Primary endpoint: CV death + MI + Stroke
Primary safety endpoint: Total major bleeding

PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention; ASA = acetylsalicylic acid;
CV = cardiovascular; TIA = transient ischaemic attack

K-M estimate of time to first primary efficacy event (composite of CV death, MI or stroke)



No. at risk

	0	60	120	180	240	300	360
Ticagrelor	9,333	8,628	8,460	8,219	6,743	5,161	4,147
Clopidogrel	9,291	8,521	8,362	8,124	6,743	5,096	4,047

K-M = Kaplan-Meier; HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval

“Expert Consensus Opinion”

CLINICAL ALERT

ACCF/AHA Clopidogrel Clinical Alert: Approaches to the FDA “Boxed Warning”

A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation Task Force on
Clinical Expert Consensus Documents and the American Heart Association

Endorsed by the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons

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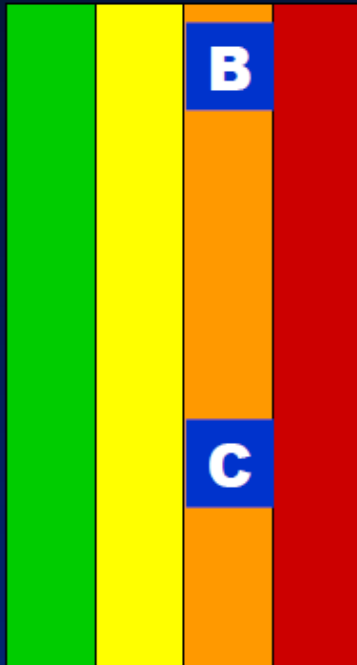
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Genetic Testing

Genetic testing to determine if a patient is predisposed to poor clopidogrel metabolism (“poor metabolizers”) **may be considered before starting clopidogrel therapy in patients believed to be at moderate or high risk for poor outcomes.** This might include, among others, patients undergoing **elective high-risk PCI procedures** (e.g. treatment of extensive and/or very complex disease). If such testing identifies a potential poor metabolizer, other therapies, particularly prasugrel for coronary patients, should be considered.

**Recommendations for Additional Management of
Antiplatelet and Anticoagulant Therapy**
New Recommendation

I IIa IIb III



Platelet function testing to determine platelet inhibitory response in patients with UA/NSTEMI (or, after ACS and PCI) on thienopyridine therapy may be considered if results of testing may alter management

Genotyping for a CYP2C19 loss of function variant in patients with UA/NSTEMI (or, after ACS and with PCI) on clopidogrel therapy might be considered if results of testing may alter management

Class IIb: Benefit \geq Risk; Treatment may be considered

Additional studies w/broad objectives needed; additional registry data would be helpful.

Take home messages



- Clinical, genetic and pharmacokinetic factors contribute to the wide variability in response to antiplatelet treatment
- The absolute magnitude of ADP-induced platelet reactivity at the time of PCI is associated with an increased risk of atherothrombotic events or bleeding
- The phenotype of resistance to antiplatelet treatment is a dynamic phenomenon
- There is a need to further define a therapeutic window for oral antiplatelet treatment with clopidogrel or newer agents such as prasugrel.
- For the individual patient undergoing coronary stent placement, the information provided by genetic and platelet function testing may be complementary in improving patients' outcomes
- Optimisation of antiplatelet treatment requires multidisciplinary diagnostic and therapeutic approach