

# **Antiplatelet therapy in ACS**

# Recommendations for platelet inhibition in non-ST-elevation ACS

## 2015 ESC Guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation

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| Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Class <sup>a</sup> | Level <sup>b</sup> | Ref. <sup>c</sup> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Oral antiplatelet therapy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |                    |                   |
| Aspirin is recommended for all patients without contraindications at an initial oral loading dose <sup>d</sup> of 150–300 mg (in aspirin-naïve patients) and a maintenance dose of 75–100 mg/day long-term regardless of treatment strategy.                                                                                                                                                                                | I                  | A                  | 129–132           |
| A P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor is recommended, in addition to aspirin, for 12 months unless there are contraindications such as excessive risk of bleeds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | I                  | A                  | 137, 148, 153     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ticagrelor (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily) is recommended, in the absence of contraindications,<sup>e</sup> for all patients at moderate-to-high risk of ischaemic events (e.g. elevated cardiac troponins), regardless of initial treatment strategy and including those pretreated with clopidogrel (which should be discontinued when ticagrelor is started).</li> </ul> | I                  | B                  | 153               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prasugrel (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose) is recommended in patients who are proceeding to PCI if no contraindication.<sup>e</sup></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | I                  | B                  | 148, 164          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clopidogrel (300–600 mg loading dose, 75 mg daily dose) is recommended for patients who cannot receive ticagrelor or prasugrel or who require oral anticoagulation.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | I                  | B                  | 137               |
| P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor administration for a shorter duration of 3–6 months after DES implantation may be considered in patients deemed at high bleeding risk.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | IIb                | A                  | 187–189, 192      |

# Aspirin in the primary and secondary prevention of vascular disease: collaborative meta-analysis of individual participant data from

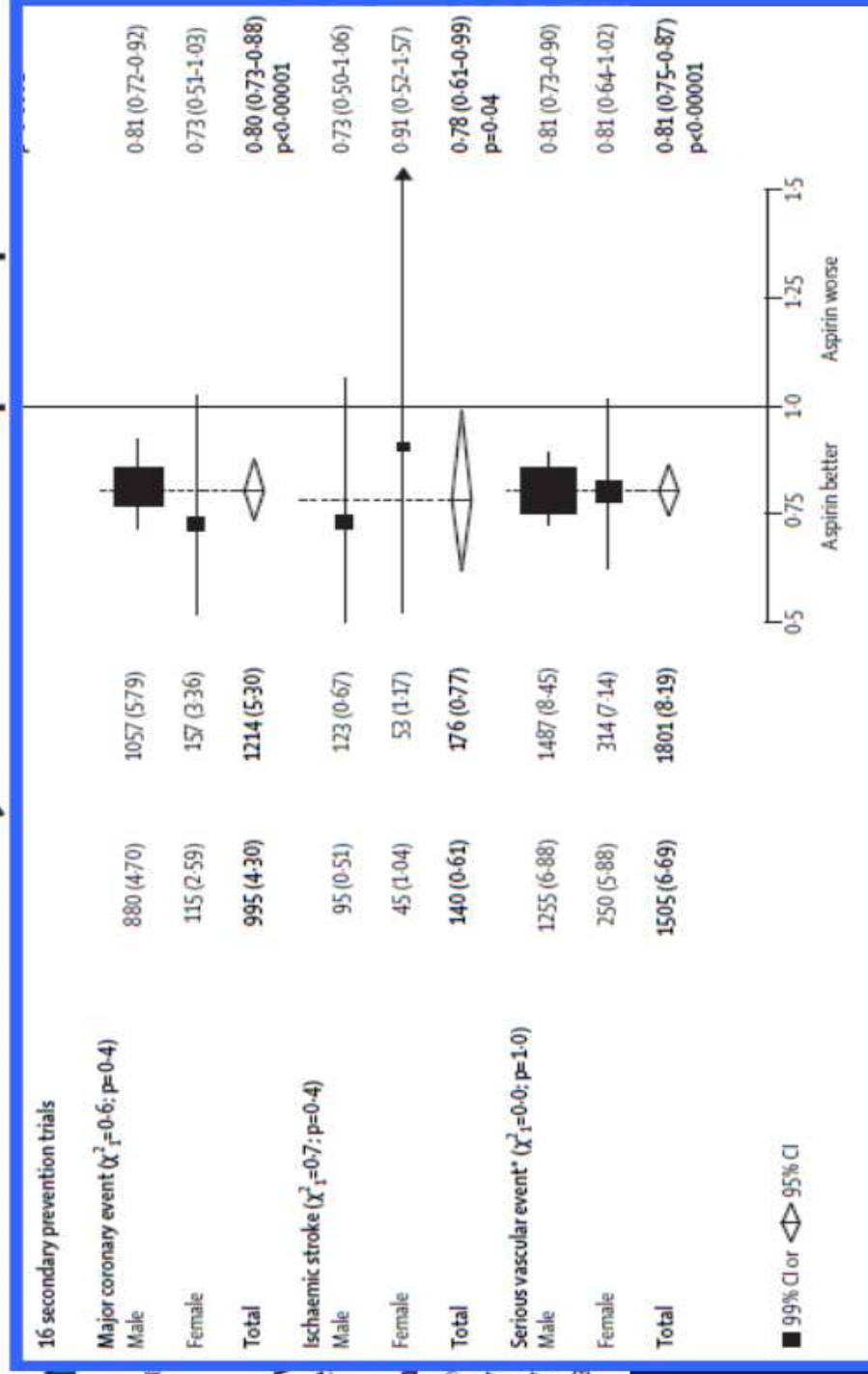
16 secondary prevention trials

**Antithrombotic Trials**

## Summary

**Background** Low risk of vascular disease

**Methods** We undertook a collaborative meta-analysis of individual participant data from 16 randomised controlled trials of aspirin in the primary and secondary prevention of vascular disease. The trials included 43 000 participants with no history of vascular disease at baseline. The primary outcome was the risk of serious vascular events (myocardial infarction, stroke, or vascular death) and the secondary outcome was the risk of major bleeding. The trials were conducted between 1958 and 1990. The meta-analysis was conducted using individual participant data. The results are presented as hazard ratios (HRs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs). The meta-analysis was conducted using individual participant data. The results are presented as hazard ratios (HRs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).



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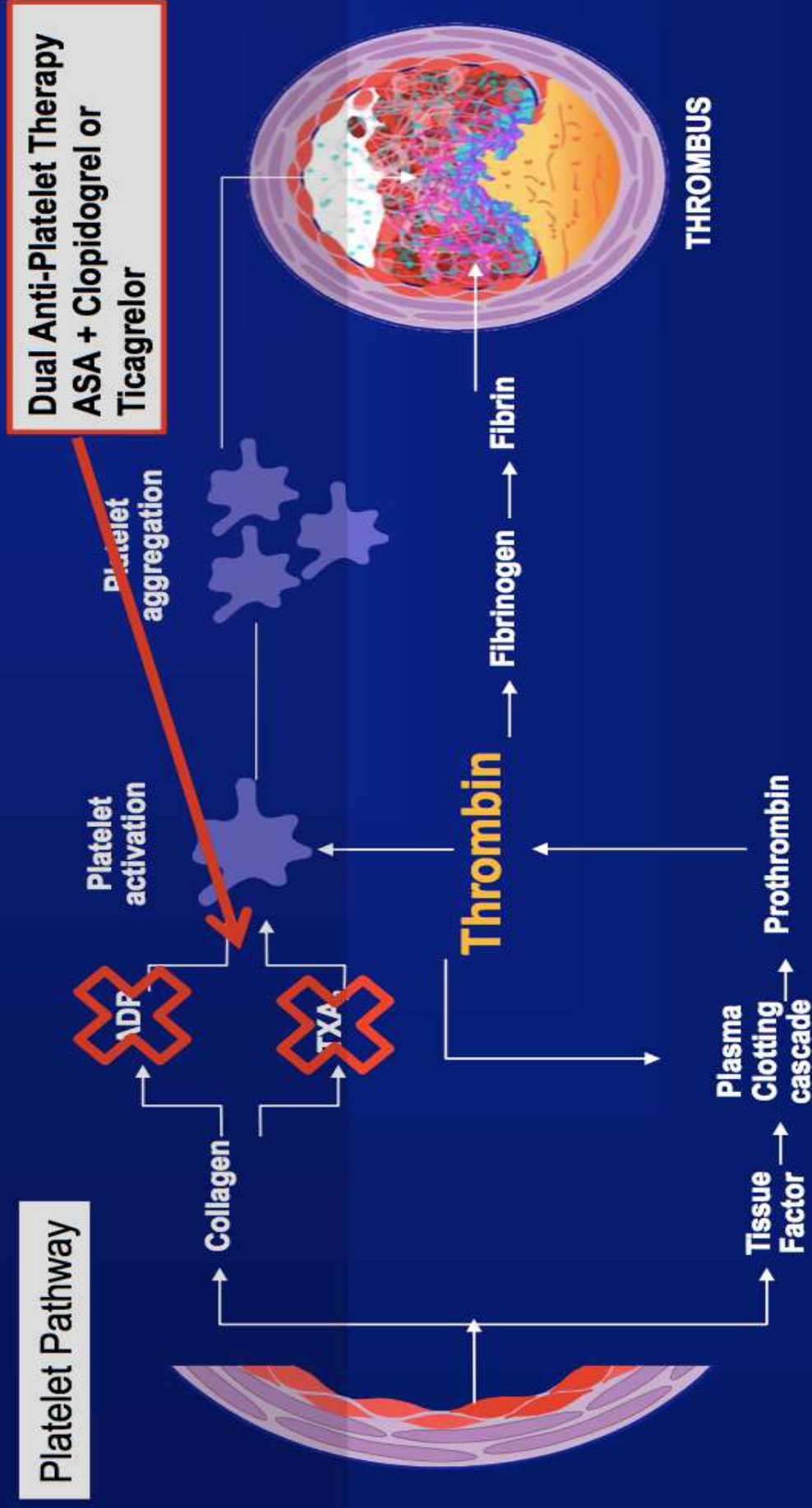
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# Pathways For Thrombus Formation

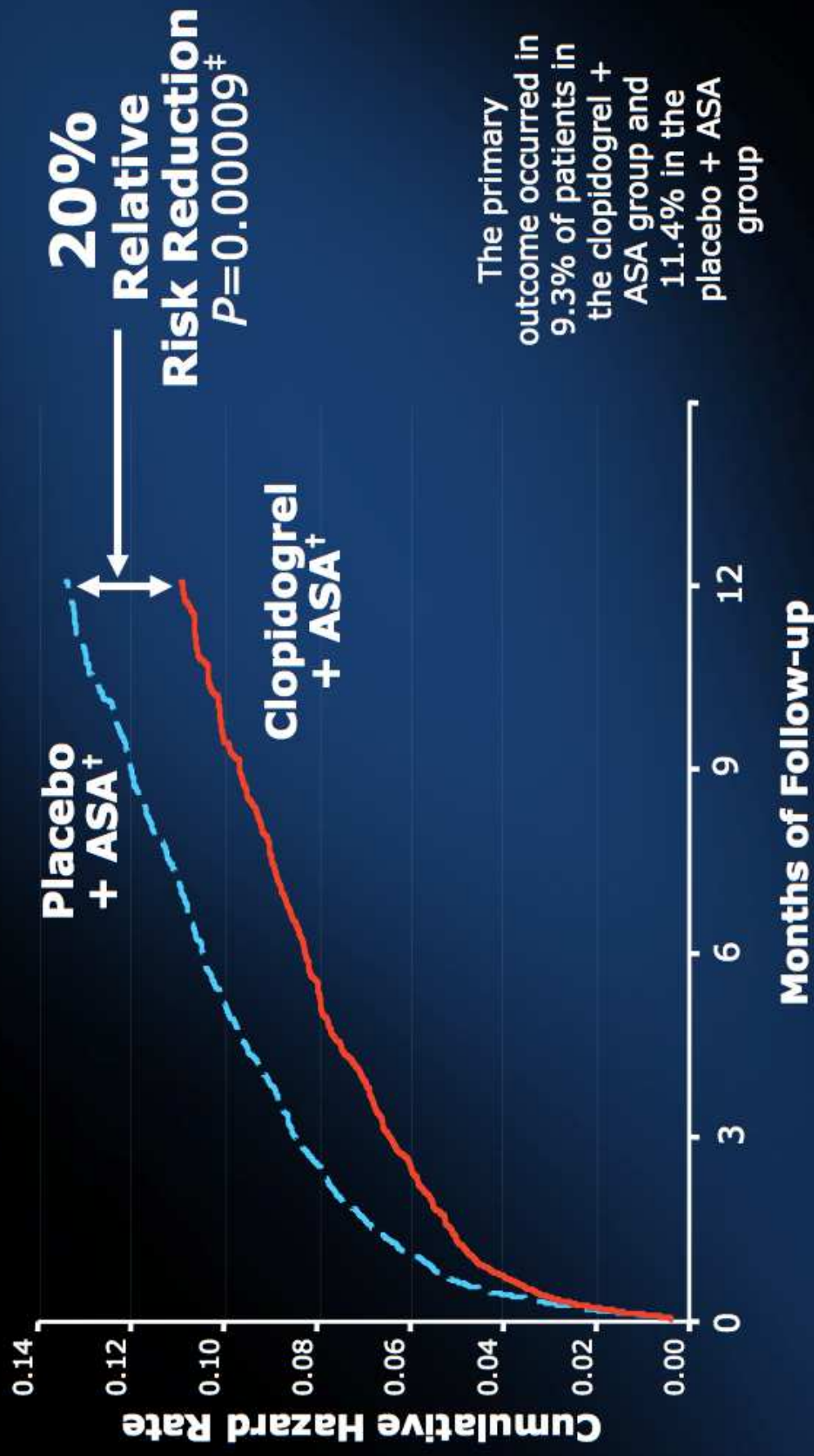
Two pathways connecting tissue injury, coagulation, and platelet response.





## CURE Results:

**Primary Endpoint: MI/Stroke/CV Death (N=12,562\*)**



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**Table 8** P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitors

|                                                                          | Clopidogrel                                                          | Prasugrel                                  | Ticagrelor                                     | Cangrelor                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Chemical class</b>                                                    | Thienopyridine                                                       | Thienopyridine                             | Cyclopentyl-triazolopyrimidine                 | Stabilized ATP analogue                 |
| <b>Administration</b>                                                    | Oral                                                                 | Oral                                       | Oral                                           | Intravenous                             |
| <b>Dose</b>                                                              | 300–600 mg orally then 75 mg a day                                   | 60 mg orally then 10 mg a day              | 180 mg orally then 90 mg twice a day           | 30 µg/kg bolus and 4 µg/kg/min infusion |
| <b>Dosing in CKD</b>                                                     |                                                                      |                                            |                                                |                                         |
| • Stage 3 (eGFR 30–59 mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )                        | No dose adjustment                                                   | No dose adjustment                         | No dose adjustment                             | No dose adjustment                      |
| • Stage 4 (eGFR 15–29 mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )                        | No dose adjustment                                                   | No dose adjustment                         | No dose adjustment                             | No dose adjustment                      |
| • Stage 5 (eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )                          | Use only for selected indications (e.g. stent thrombosis prevention) | Not recommended                            | Not recommended                                | No dose adjustment                      |
| <b>Binding reversibility</b>                                             | Irreversible                                                         | Irreversible                               | Reversible                                     | Reversible                              |
| <b>Activation</b>                                                        | Prodrug, with variable liver metabolism                              | Prodrug, with predictable liver metabolism | Active drug, with additional active metabolite | Active drug                             |
| <b>Onset of loading dose effect<sup>a</sup></b>                          | 2–6 hours <sup>b</sup>                                               | 30 min <sup>b</sup>                        | 30 min <sup>b</sup>                            | 2 min                                   |
| <b>Duration of effect</b>                                                | 3–10 days                                                            | 7–10 days                                  | 3–5 days                                       | 1–2 hours                               |
| <b>Withdrawal before surgery</b>                                         | 5 days <sup>c</sup>                                                  | 7 days <sup>c</sup>                        | 5 days <sup>c</sup>                            | 1 hour                                  |
| <b>Plasma half-life of active P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor<sup>d</sup></b> | 30–60 min                                                            | 30–60 min <sup>e</sup>                     | 6–12 hours                                     | 5–10 min                                |
| <b>Inhibition of adenosine reuptake</b>                                  | No                                                                   | No                                         | Yes                                            | Yes ('inactive' metabolite only)        |

# Major limits of clopidogrel

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## **1) Wide inter-patient variability in responsiveness**

because of genetic, clinical, environmental and cellular factors

## **2) Limited degree of platelet inhibition**

because of low bioavailability: 15%.... (85% of clopidogrel is inactivated by small-bowel esterases)

## **3) Slow onset and offset of action**

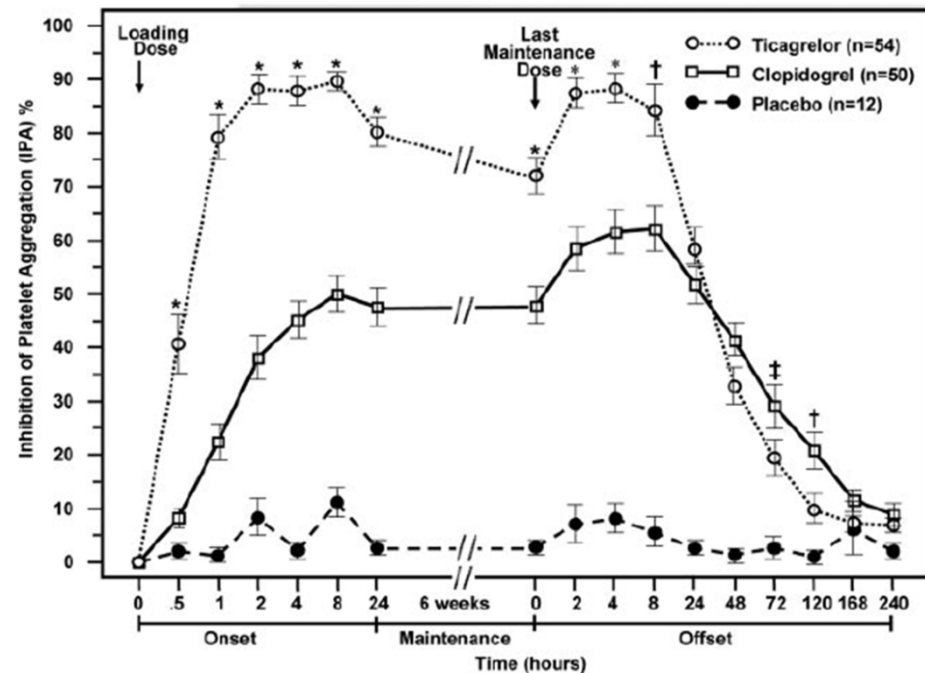
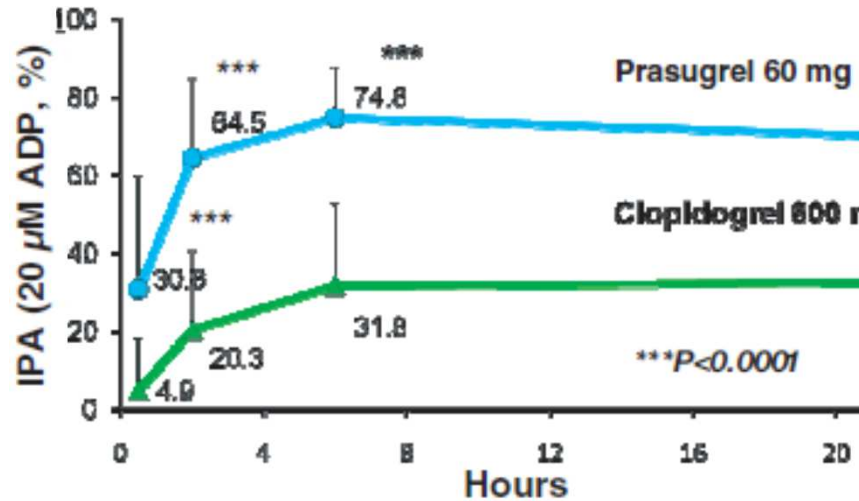
because of pre-hepatic and hepatic metabolism (pro-drug) and irreversible binding to the ADP receptor

## **4) Reduced response in STEMI patients undergoing pPCI**

because of impaired bioavailability

# Prasugrel and Ticagrelor

## *Faster and more potent than clopidogrel*



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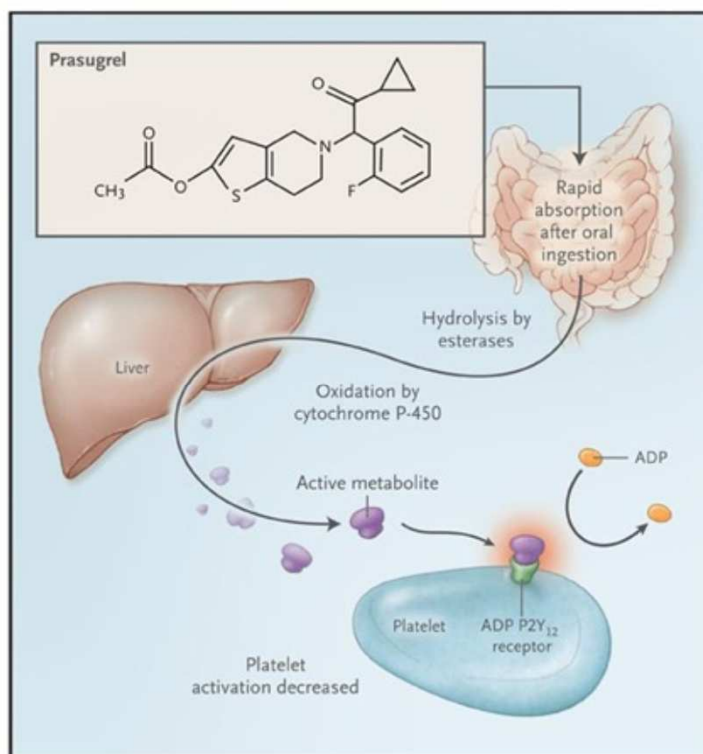
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# Prasugrel

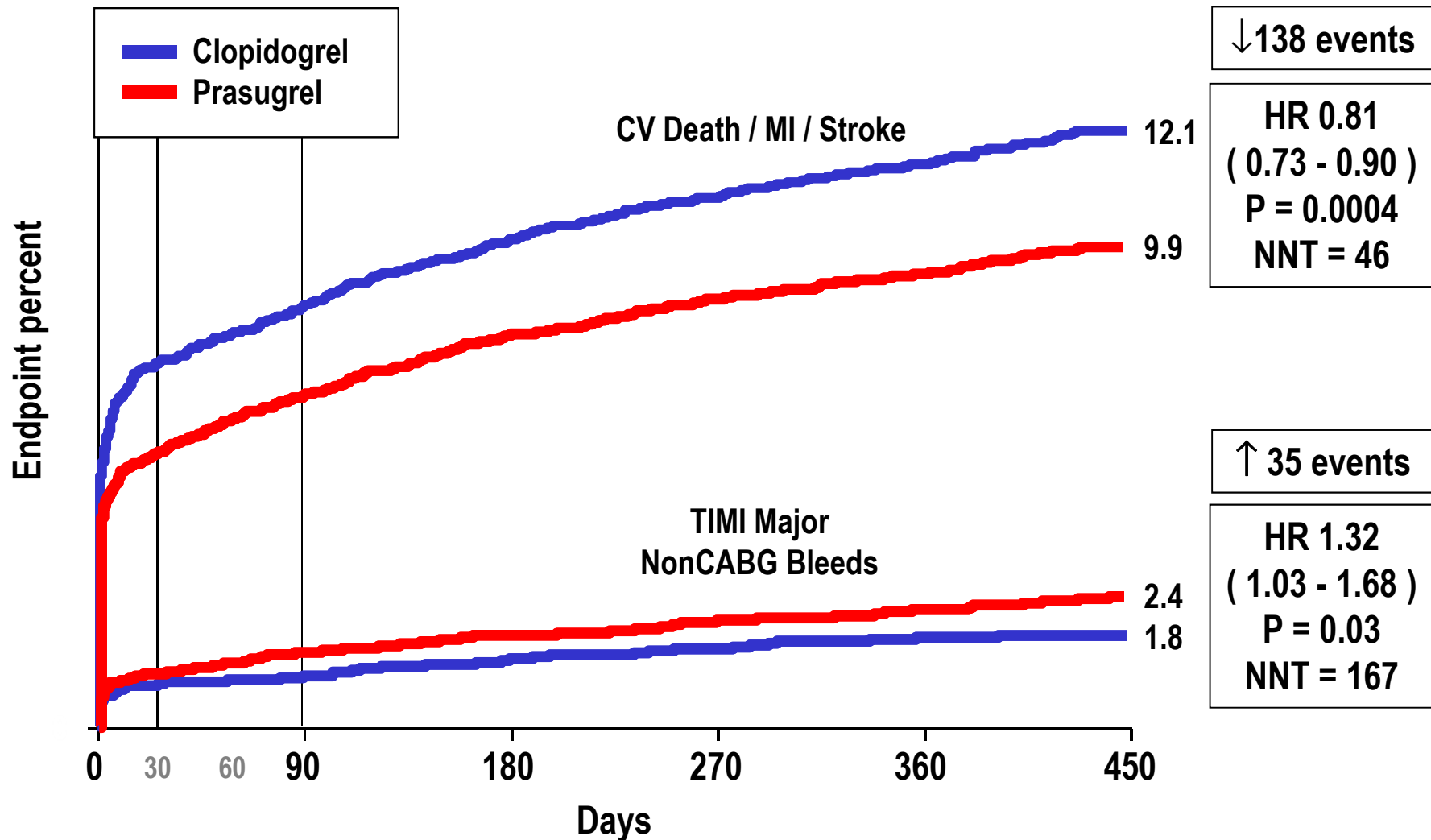
## *Metabolism and mechanism of action*

- ✓ Pro-drug, no resistance or variability in response
- ✓ Rapid onset of antiplatelet effect
- ✓ Irreversible effect with slow offset of antiplatelet effect
- ✓ Efficacy endpoint (more potent than clopidogrel)
- ✓ Safety endpoint



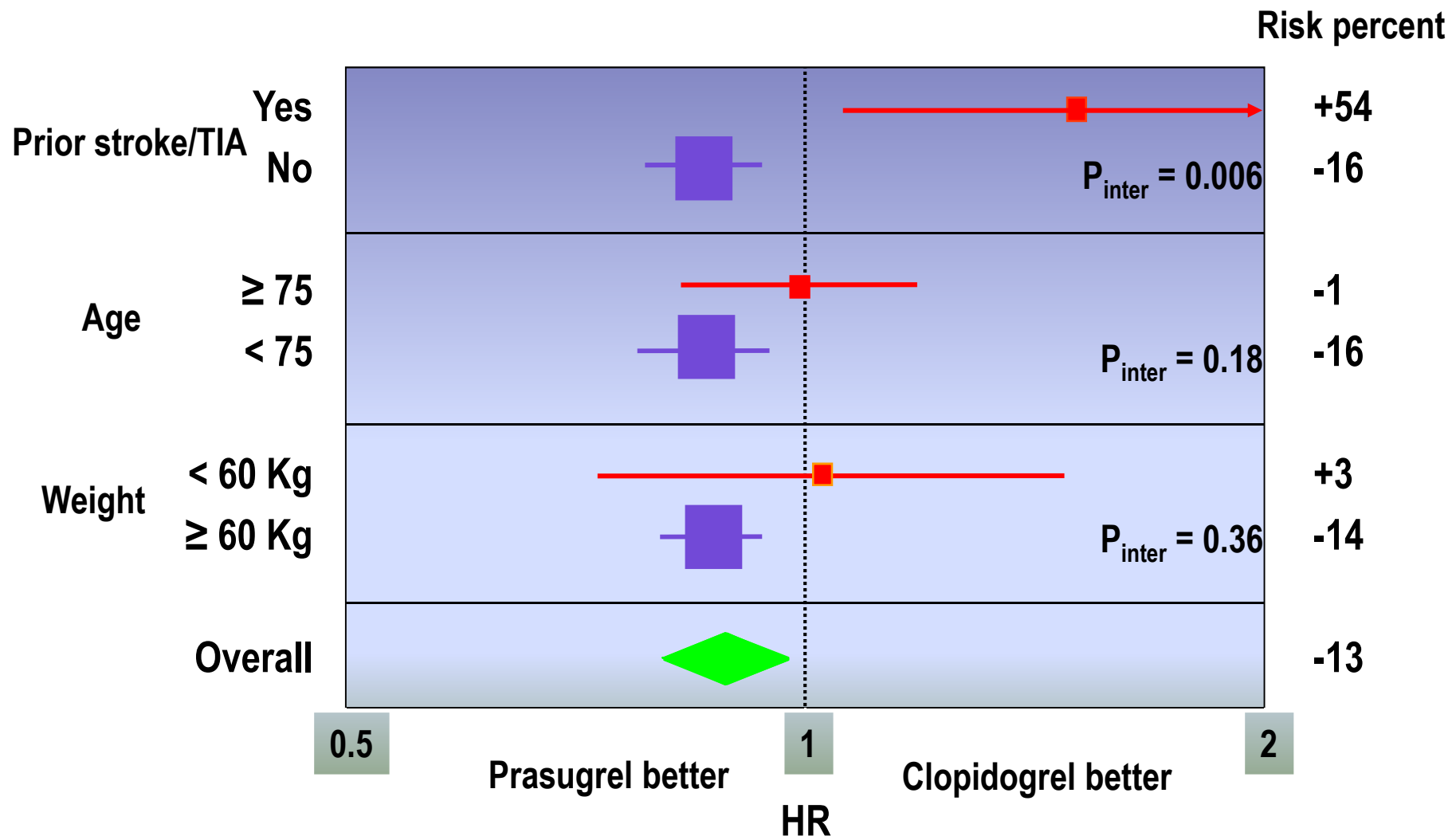
# The TRITON-TIMI 38 trial

## Prasugrel vs clopidogrel in ACS undergoing PCI



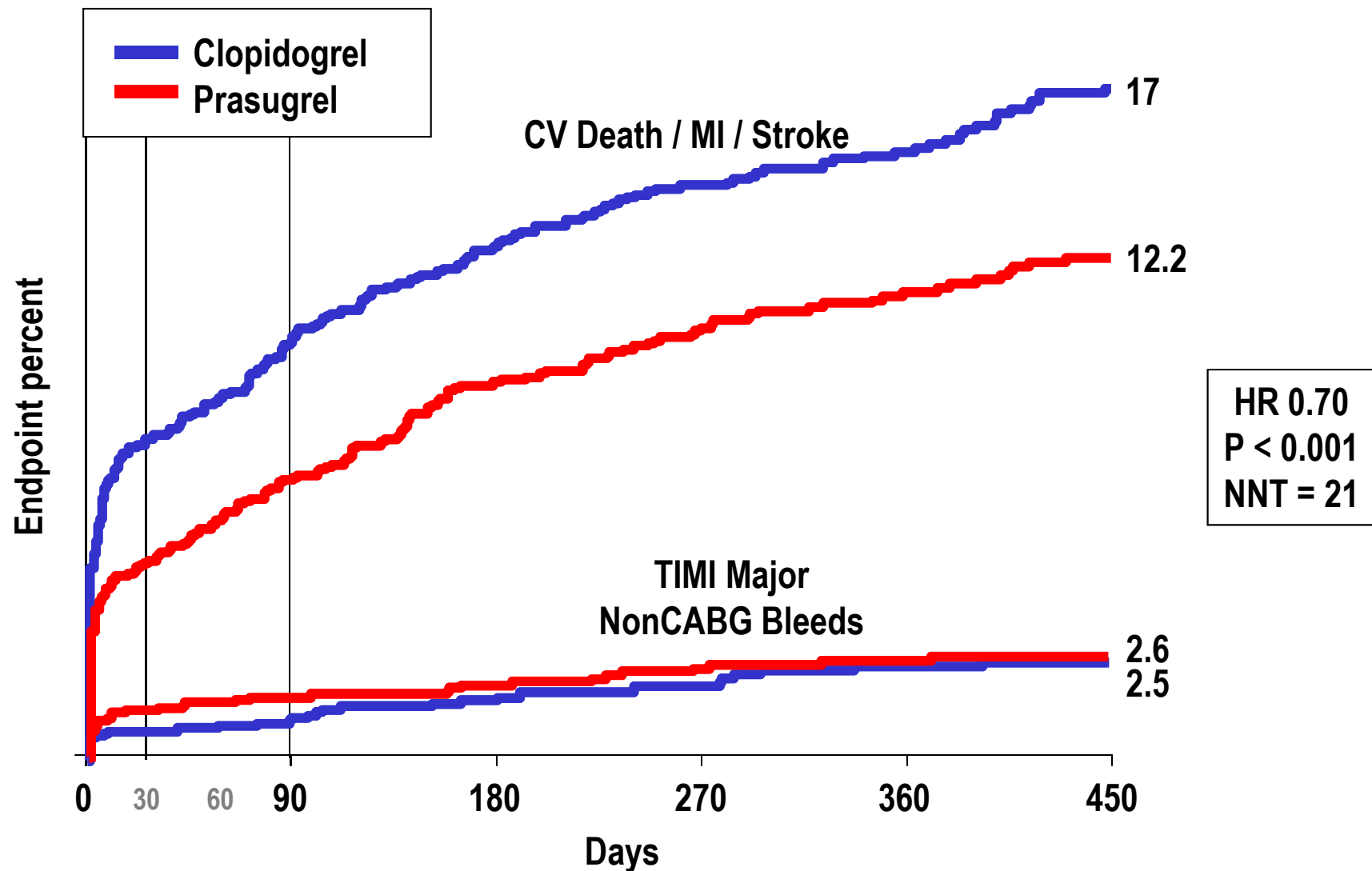
# TRITON-TIMI 38 posthoc analysis

## Net clinical benefit: subgroups at increased bleeding risk



# TRITON – TIMI 38

*Prasugrel vs clopidogrel in diabetic patients (N = 3,146)*



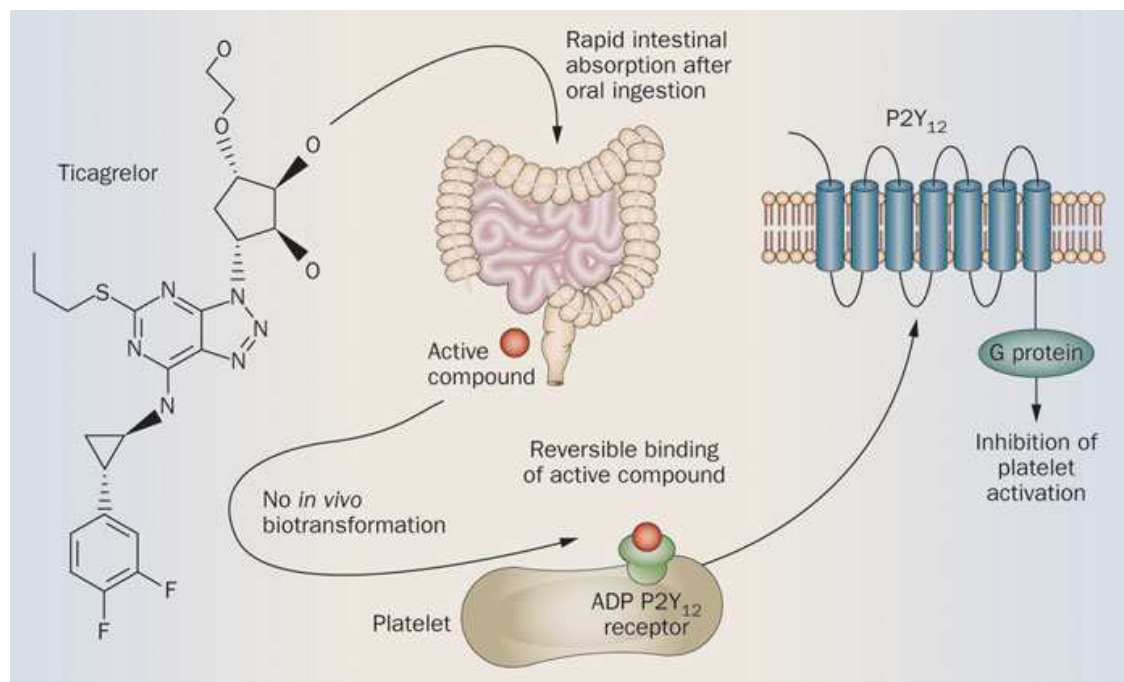


# Ticagrelor

## *Metabolism and mechanism of action*

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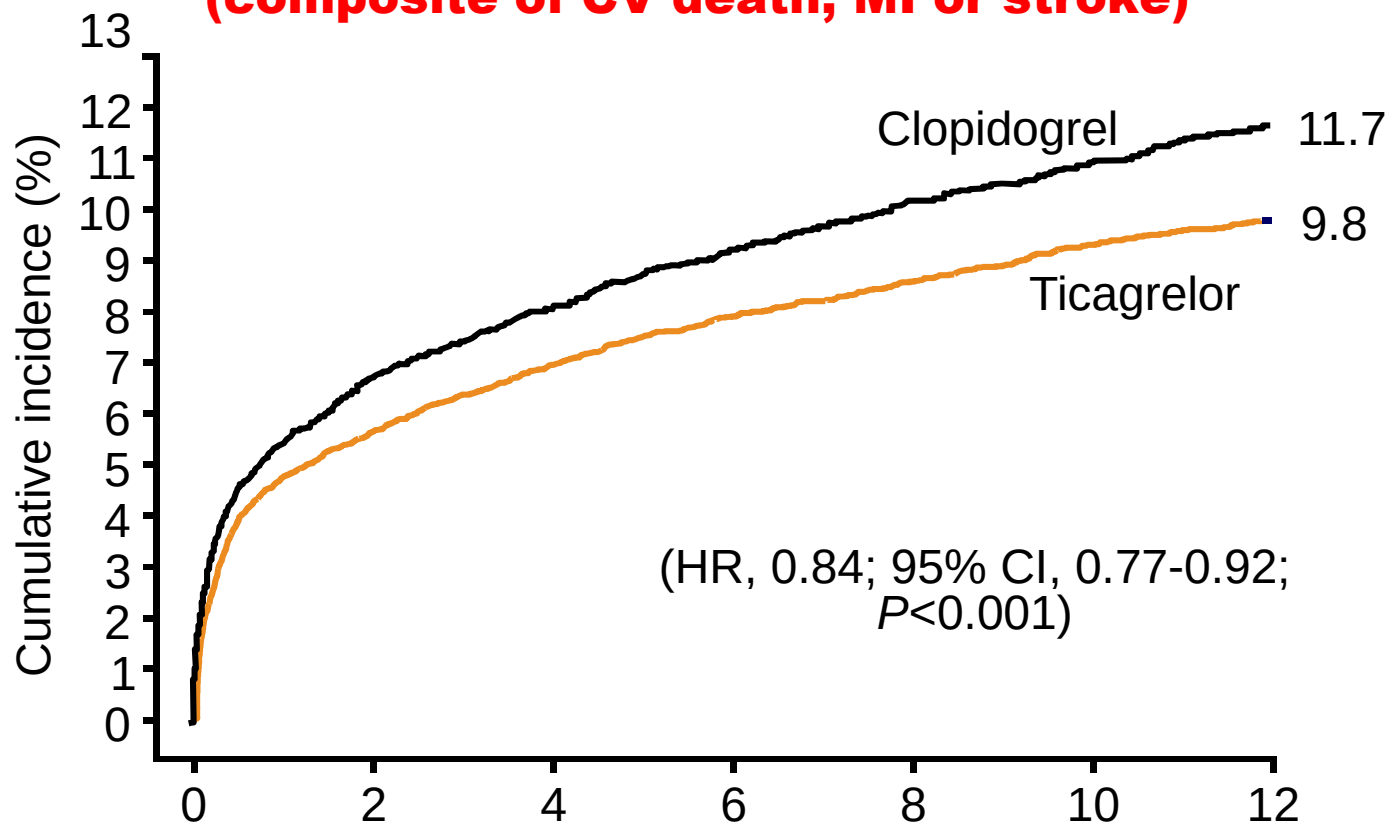
- ✓ Active drug, no resistance or variability in response
- ✓ Reversible effect with rapid onset and offset of antiplatelet effect
- ✓ Efficacy endpoint more potent than clopidogrel
- ✓ Safety endpoint



# PLATO study

## Ticagrelor vs clopidogrel in ACS

**Primary efficacy endpoint  
(composite of CV death, MI or stroke)**



No. at risk

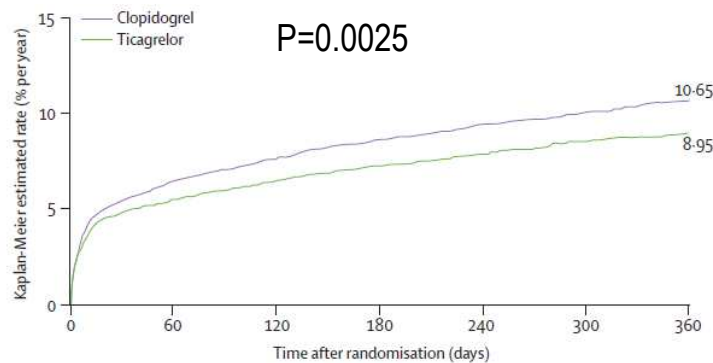
|             | 0    | 2    | 4    | 6    | 8    | 10   | 12   |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Ticagrelor  | 9333 | 8628 | 8460 | 8219 | 6743 | 5161 | 4147 |
| Clopidogrel | 9291 | 8521 | 8362 | 8124 | 6650 | 5096 | 4047 |

# The PLATO trial

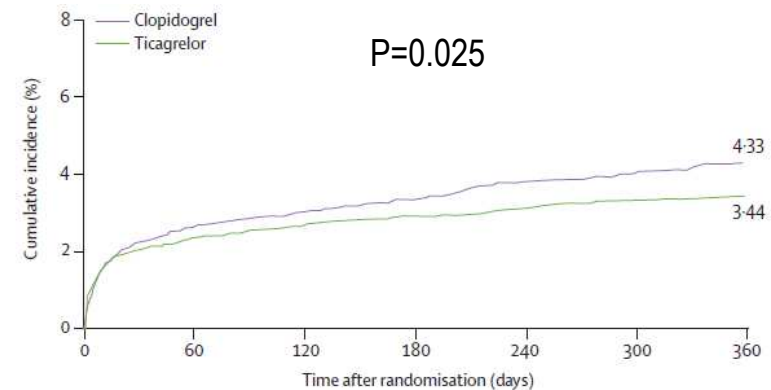
## Ticagrelor vs clopidogrel

### in ACS with a planned invasive strategy

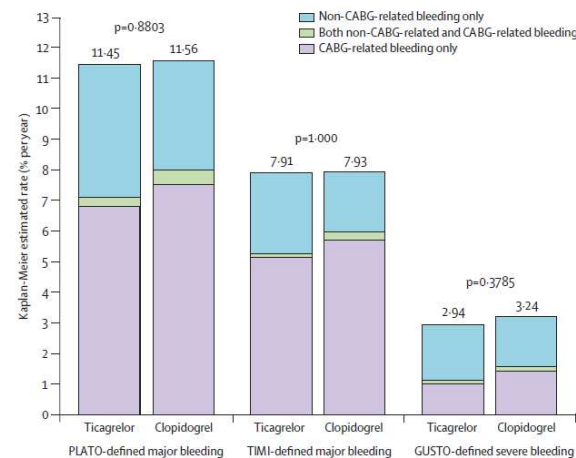
Primary endpoint: CV death, MI or stroke



Secondary endpoint: CV death

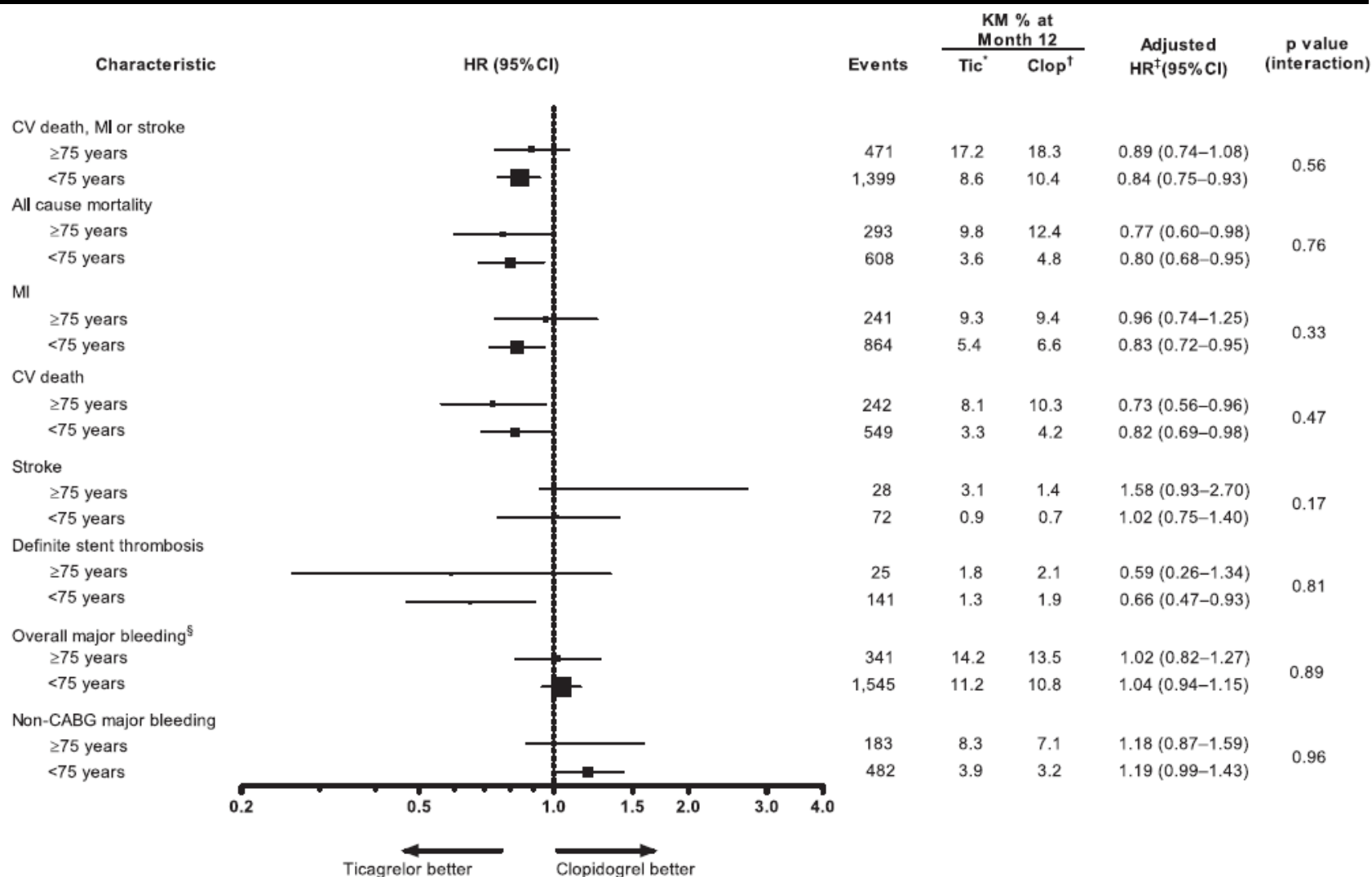


### Rates of major bleeding



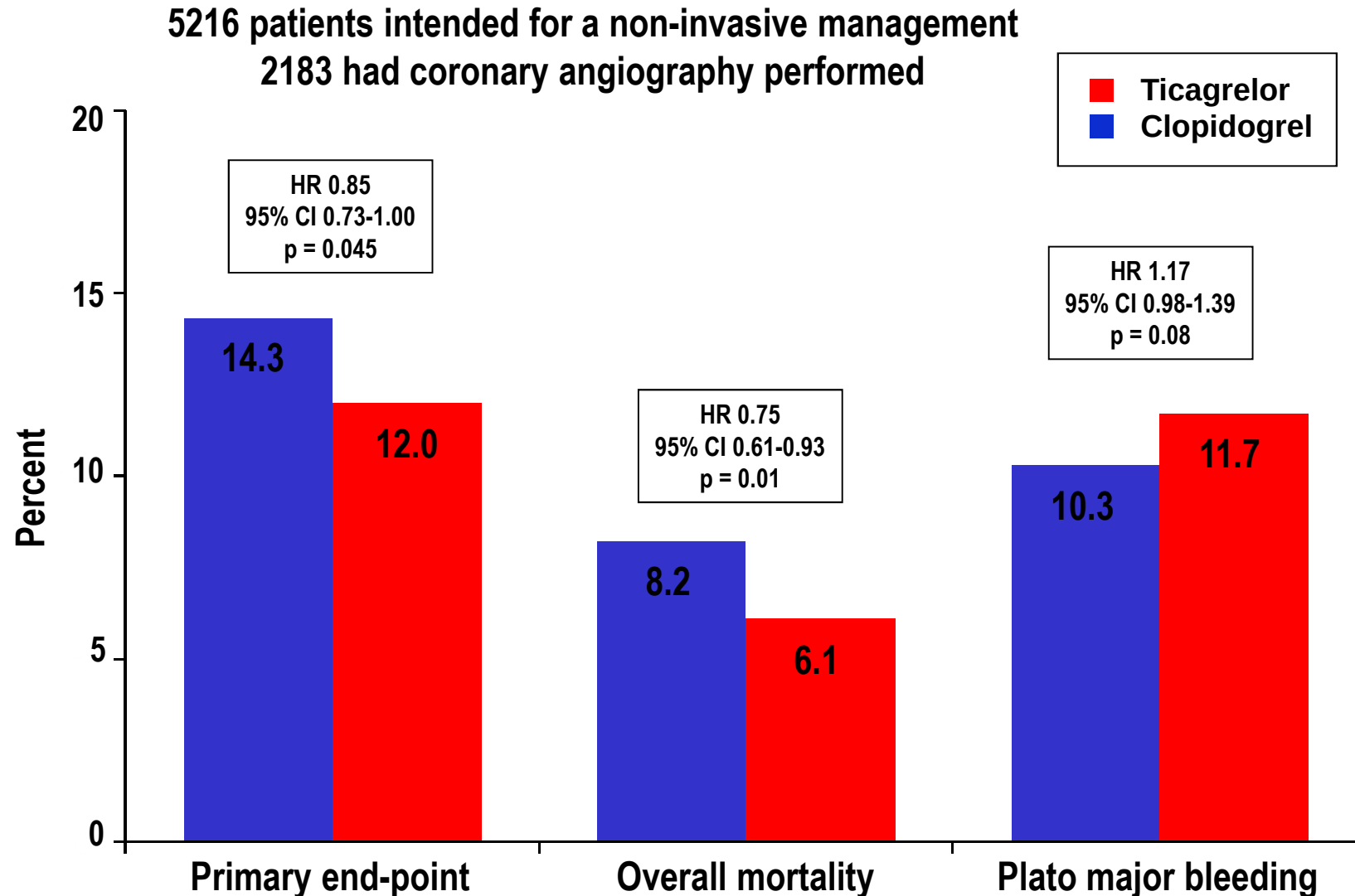
## The PLATO trial

# Ticagrelor vs clopidogrel in elderly patients with ACS

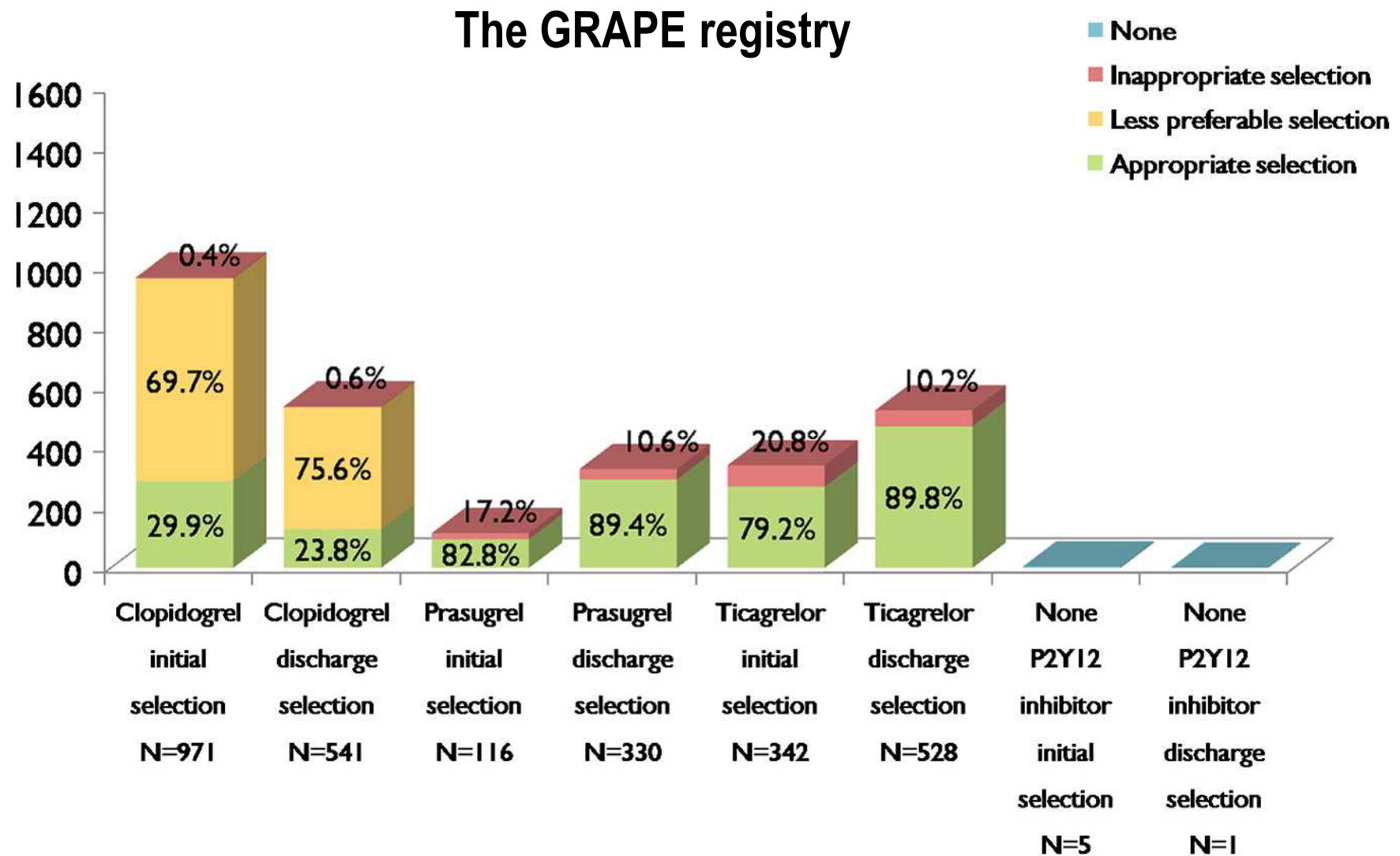


# The Plato Trial

*Ticagrelor vs Clopidogrel in ACS intended for a non-invasive management*



# Contemporary use of oral antiplatelet agents





# **Antiplatelet therapy in ACS**

## ***STEMI***

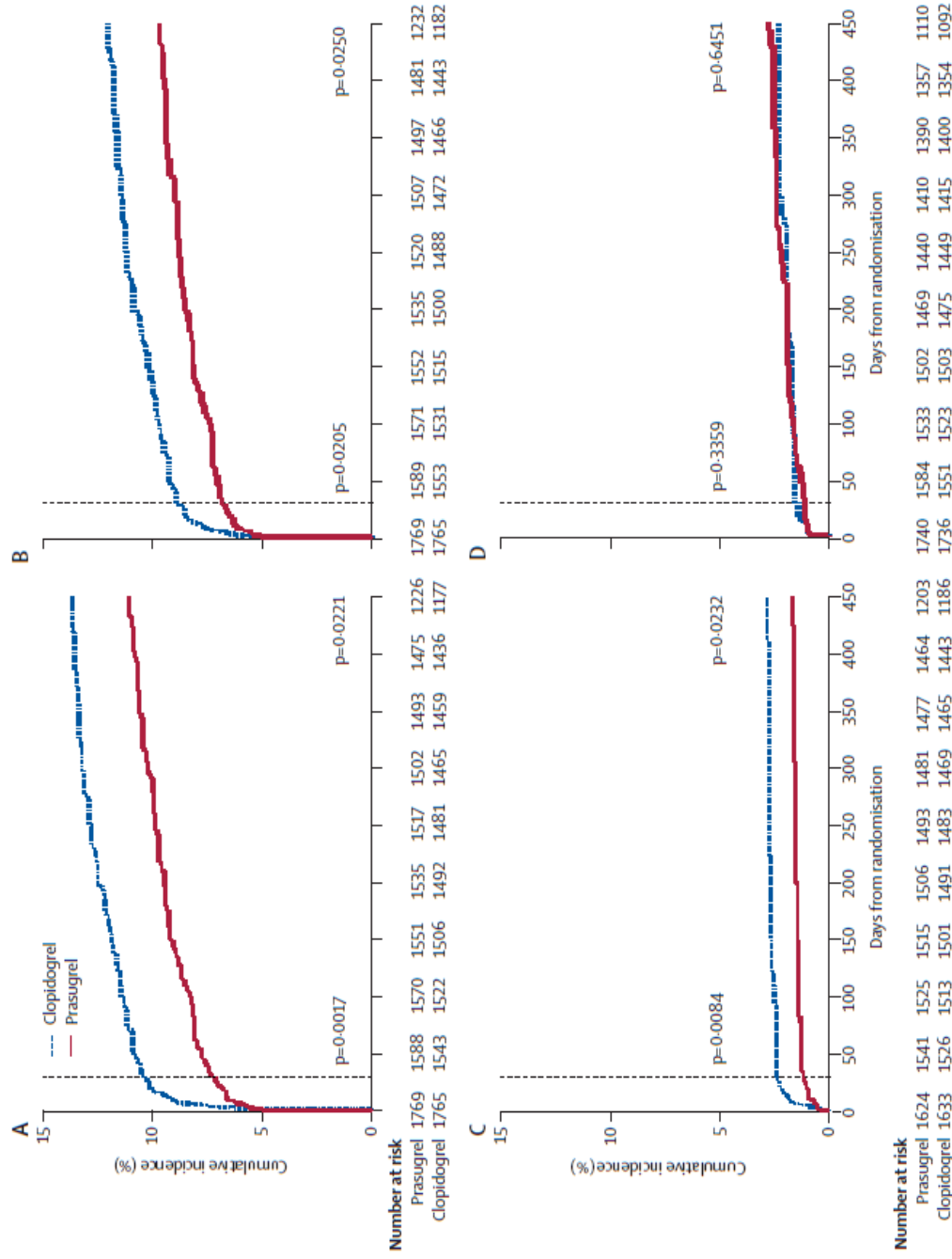
## Recommendations for antithrombotic treatment in patients with STEMI undergoing primary PCI

| Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Class <sup>a</sup> | Level <sup>b</sup> | Ref <sup>c</sup> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Antiplatelet therapy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    |                    |                  |
| ASA is recommended for all patients without contraindications at an initial oral loading dose of 150–300 mg (or 80–150 mg i.v.) and at a maintenance dose of 75–100 mg daily long-term regardless of treatment strategy. | I                  | A                  | 776,794          |
| A P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor is recommended in addition to ASA and maintained over 12 months unless there are contraindications such as excessive risk of bleeding. Options are:                                        | I                  | A                  | –                |
| • Prasugrel (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose) if no contraindication                                                                                                                                                | I                  | B                  | 828              |
| • Ticagrelor (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily) if no contraindication                                                                                                                                             | I                  | B                  | 823              |
| • Clopidogrel (600 mg loading dose, 75 mg daily dose), only when prasugrel or ticagrelor are not available or are contraindicated.                                                                                       | I                  | B                  | 812              |
| It is recommended to give P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitors at the time of first medical contact.                                                                                                                             | I                  | B                  | 777,846–848      |
| GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors should be considered for bail-out or evidence of no-reflow or a thrombotic complication.                                                                                                          | IIa                | C                  | –                |
| Upstream use of a GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor (vs. in-lab use) may be considered in high-risk patients undergoing transfer for primary PCI.                                                                                    | IIb                | B                  | 271,834, 835,849 |
| <b>Anticoagulants</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                    |                    |                  |
| Anticoagulation is recommended for all patients in addition to antiplatelet therapy during PCI.                                                                                                                          | I                  | A                  | –                |
| The anticoagulation is selected according to both ischaemic and bleeding risks, and according to the efficacy–safety profile of the chosen agent.                                                                        | I                  | C                  |                  |
| Unfractionated heparin: 70–100 U/kg i.v. bolus when no GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor is planned; 50–70 U/kg i.v. bolus with GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor.                                                                               | I                  | C                  |                  |
| Bivalirudin 0.75 mg/kg i.v. bolus followed by i.v. infusion of 1.75 mg/kg/h for up to 4 hours after the procedure.                                                                                                       | IIa                | A                  | 243,840,841      |
| Enoxaparin i.v. 0.5 mg/kg with or without GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor.                                                                                                                                                         | IIa                | B                  | 788, 842–844,850 |

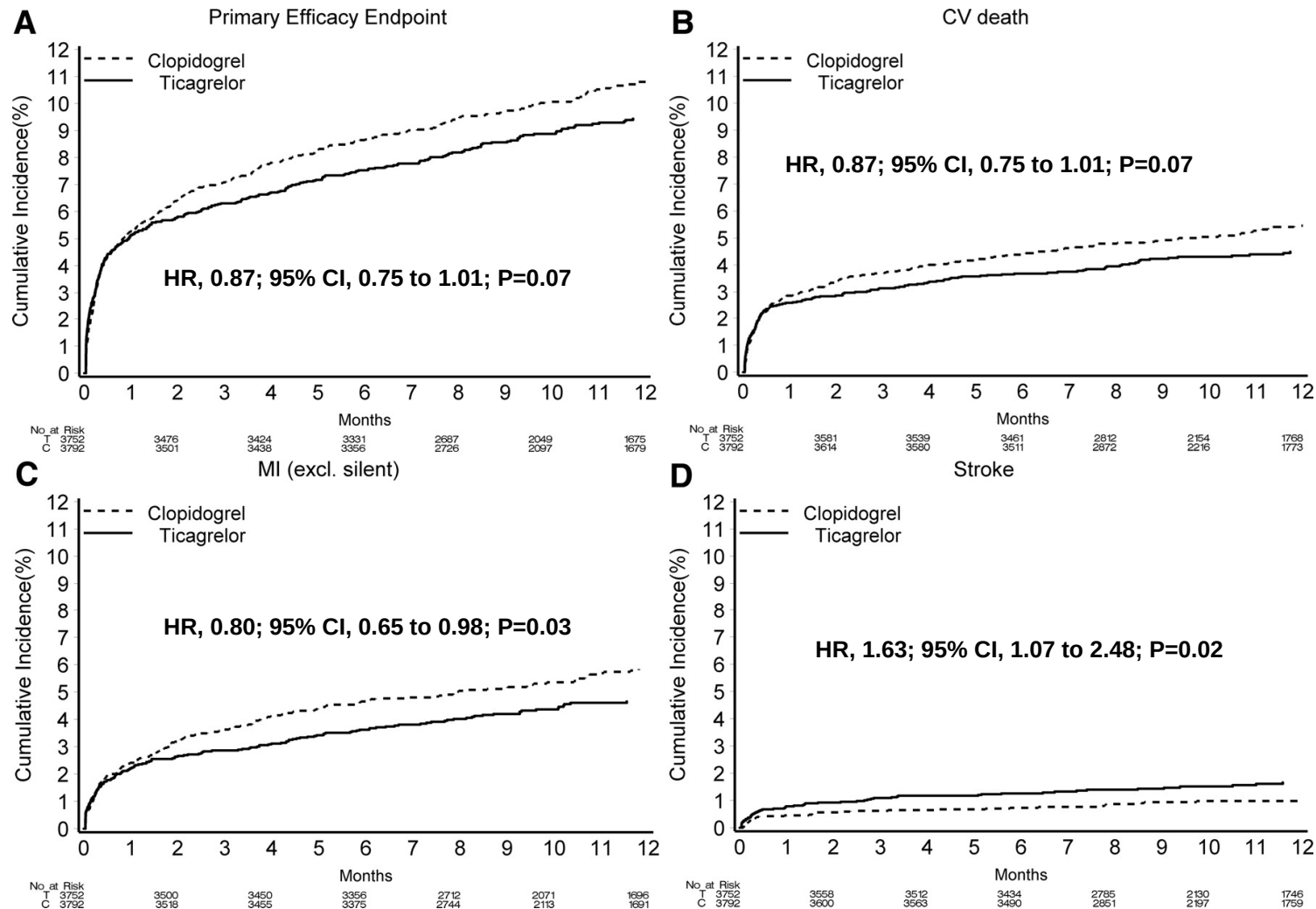
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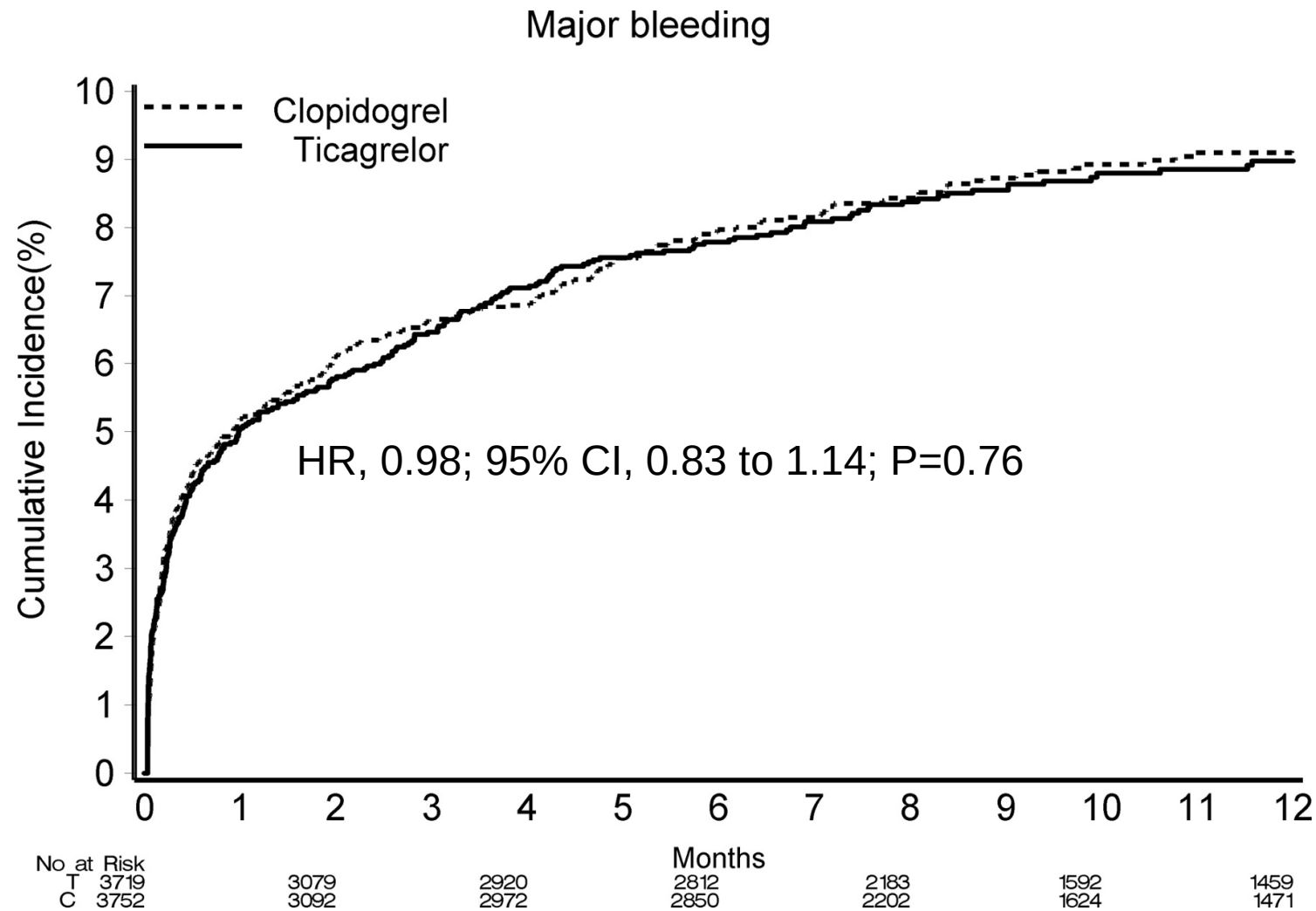
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