

# **ANTIAGREGANTS**

# **IN ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME**

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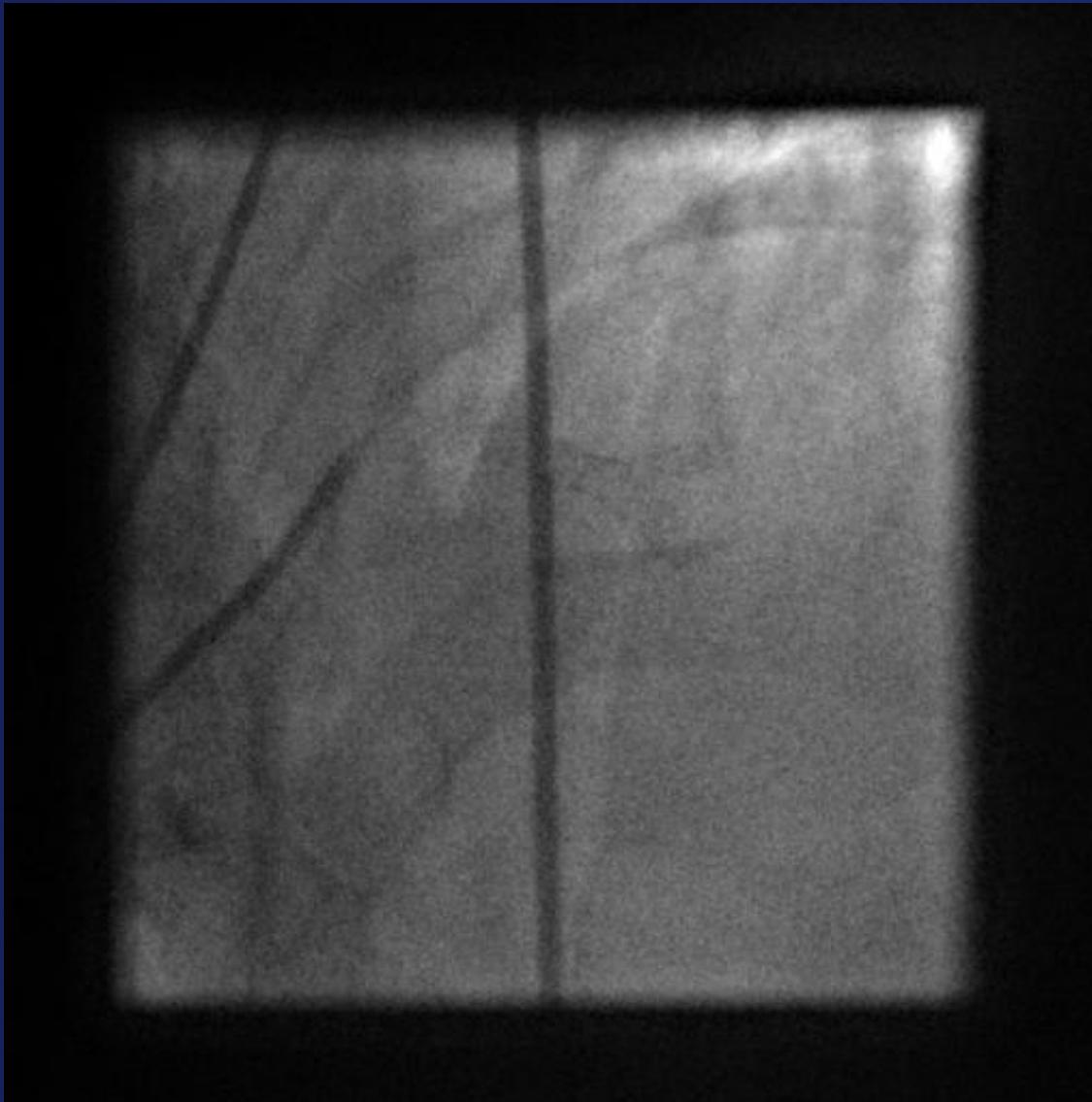
# Dual Antiplatelet Therapy

- ASA + Clopidogrel
- I Class of evidence in treatment of ACS
- Beneficial, effective and useful in acute and long term treatment of ACS
- Current standard in patients after stent implantation

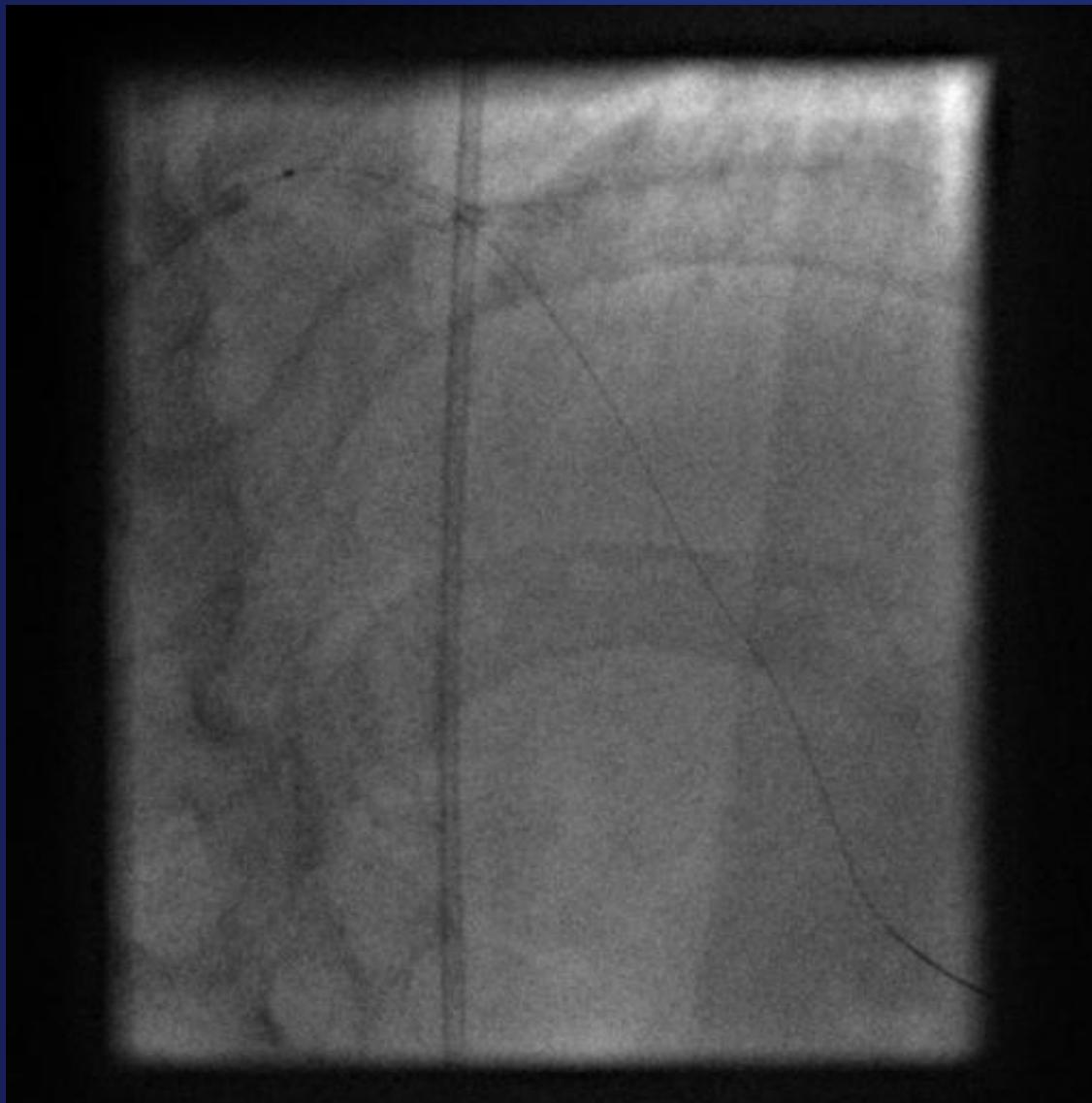
## Possible problems:

- Increased risk of bleeding
- Risk of stent thrombosis and MI in poor responders

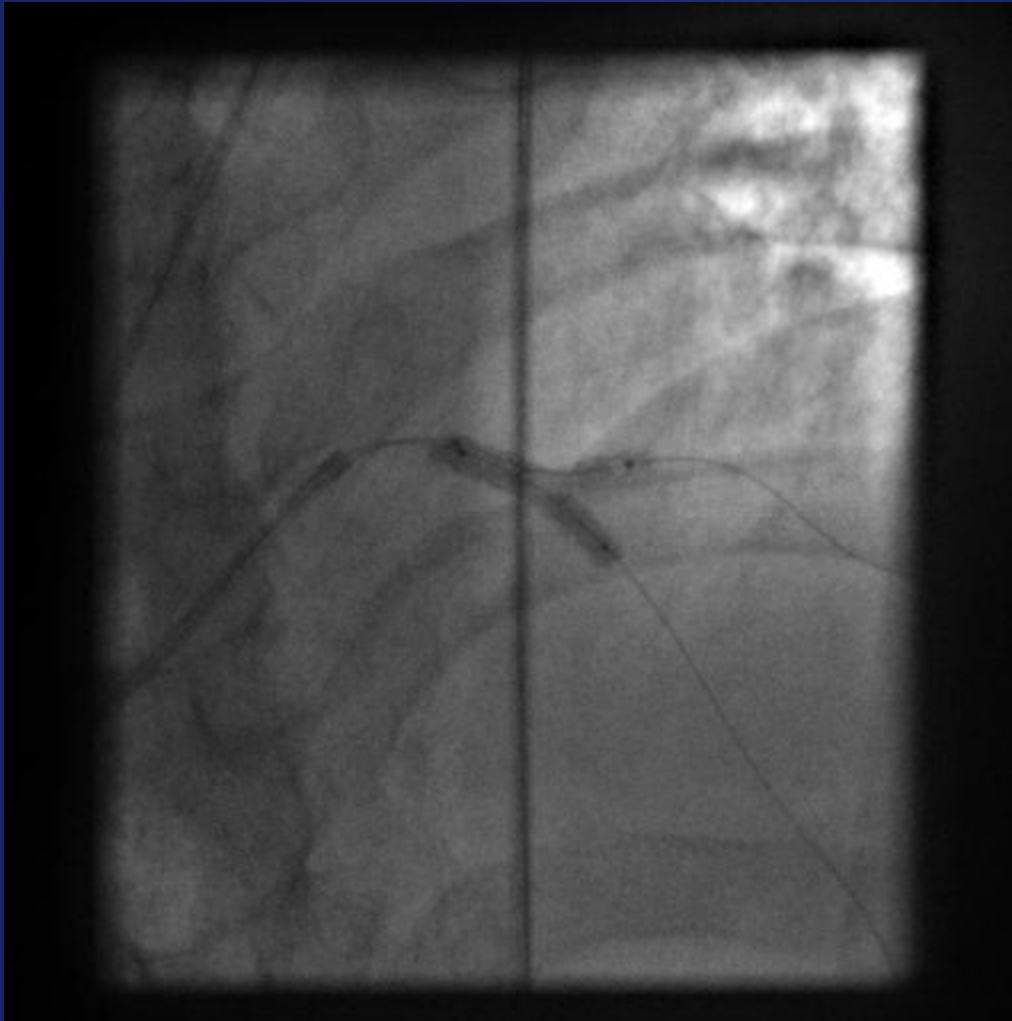
# Stent thrombosis of LAD bifurcation



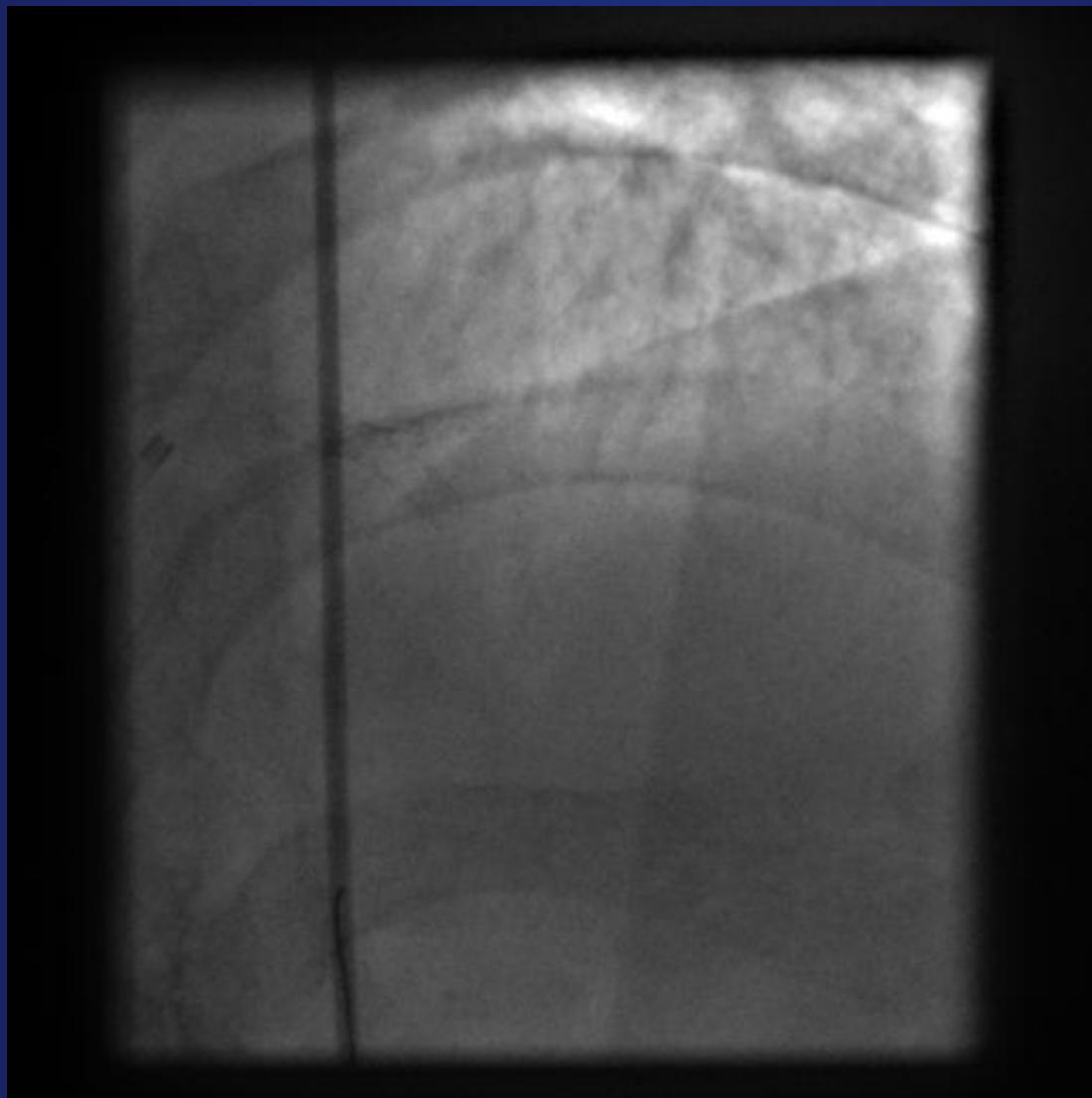
# Thrombosuction



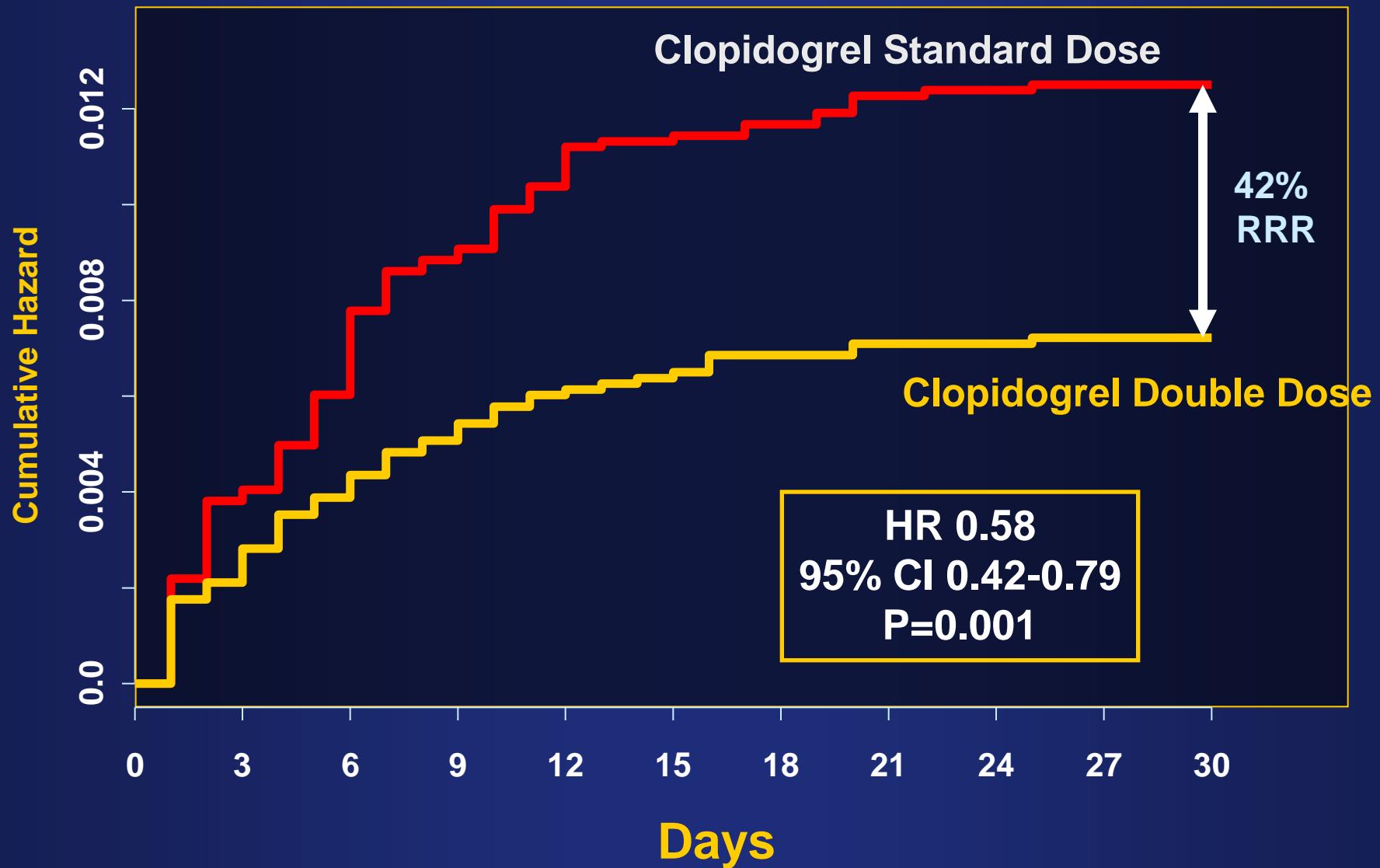
# Kissing balloon dilatation



# Final Result



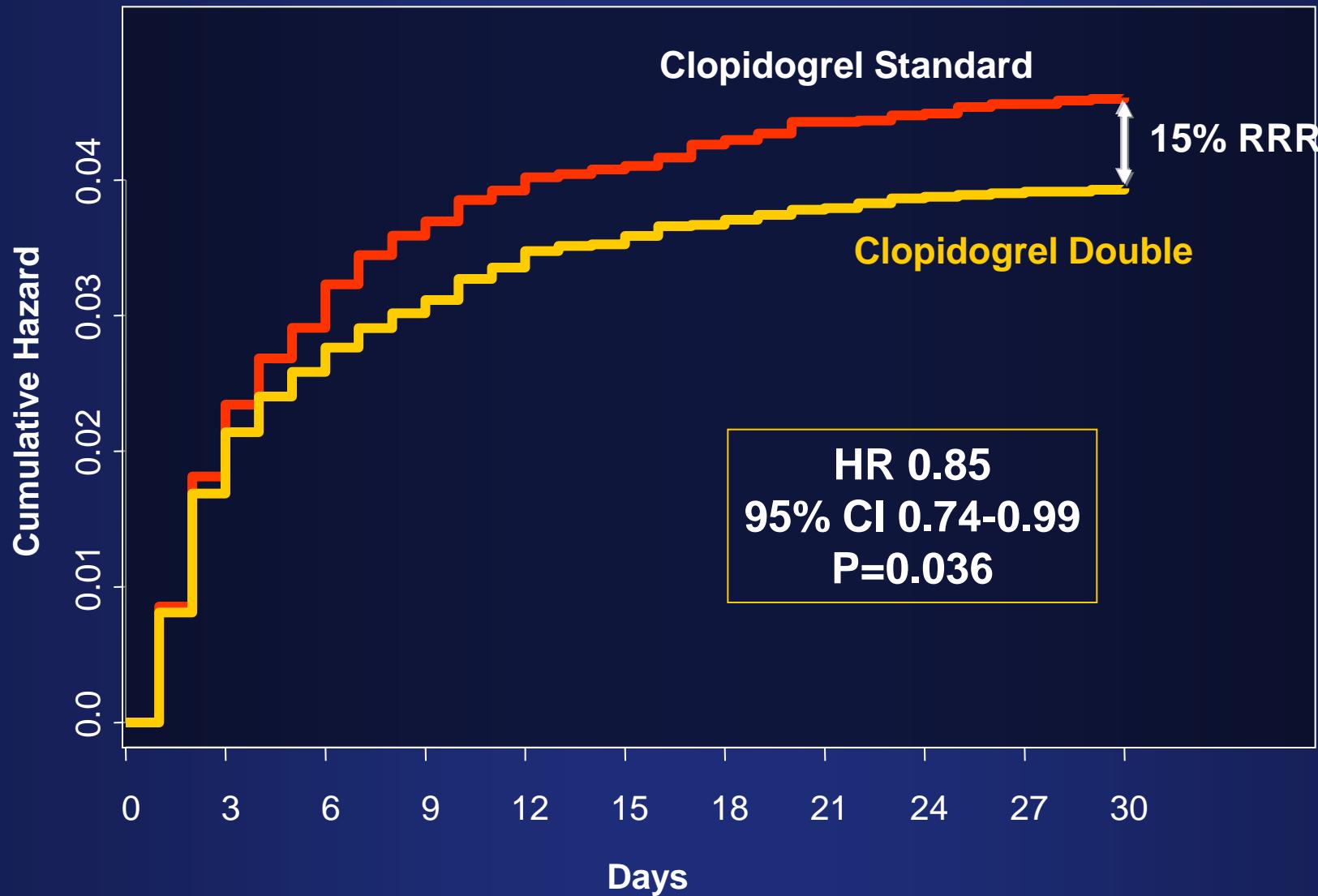
# Clopidogrel: Double (600mg and 150mg/d 1wk) vs Standard Dose (300mg) Definite Stent Thrombosis



# Clopidogrel: Double vs Standard Dose

## Primary Outcome: PCI Patients

CV Death, MI or Stroke



# Clopidogrel Double vs Standard Dose Bleeding PCI Population

	Clopidogrel		Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P
	Standard N= 8684	Double N=8548			
TIMI Major <sup>1</sup>	0.5	0.5	1.06	0.70-1.61	0.79
CURRENT Major <sup>2</sup>	1.1	1.6	1.44	1.11-1.86	0.006
CURRENT Severe <sup>3</sup>	0.8	1.1	1.39	1.02-1.90	0.034
Fatal	0.15	0.07	0.47	0.18-1.23	0.125
ICH	0.035	0.046	1.35	0.30-6.04	0.69
RBC transfusion $\geq$ 2U	0.91	1.35	1.49	1.11-1.98	0.007
CABG-related Major	0.1	0.1	1.69	0.61-4.7	0.31

<sup>1</sup>ICH, Hb drop  $\geq$  5 g/dL (each unit of RBC transfusion counts as 1 g/dL drop) or fatal

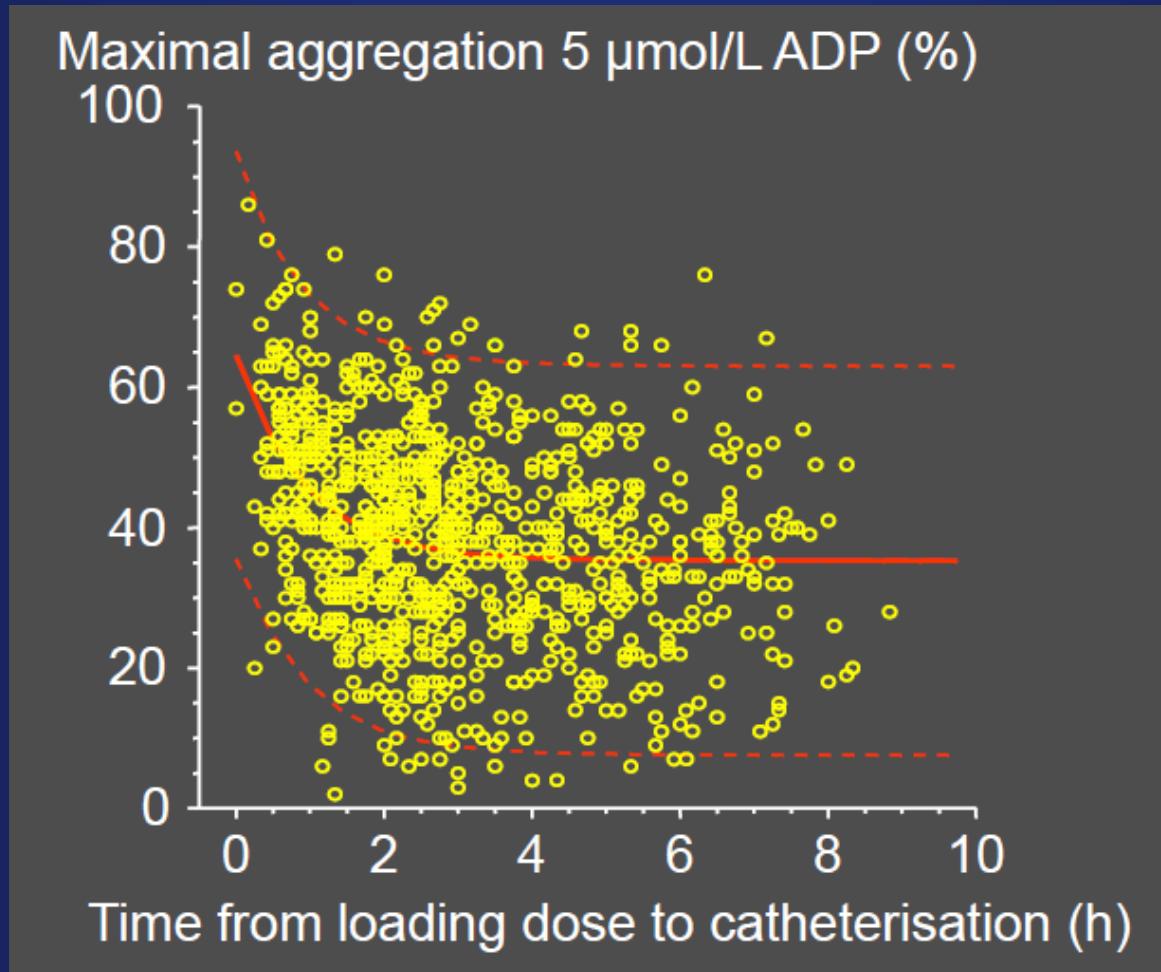
<sup>2</sup>Severe bleed + disabling or intraocular or requiring transfusion of 2-3 units

<sup>3</sup>Fatal or  $\downarrow$ Hb  $\geq$  5 g/dL, sig hypotension + inotropes/surgery, ICH or txn of  $\geq$  4 units

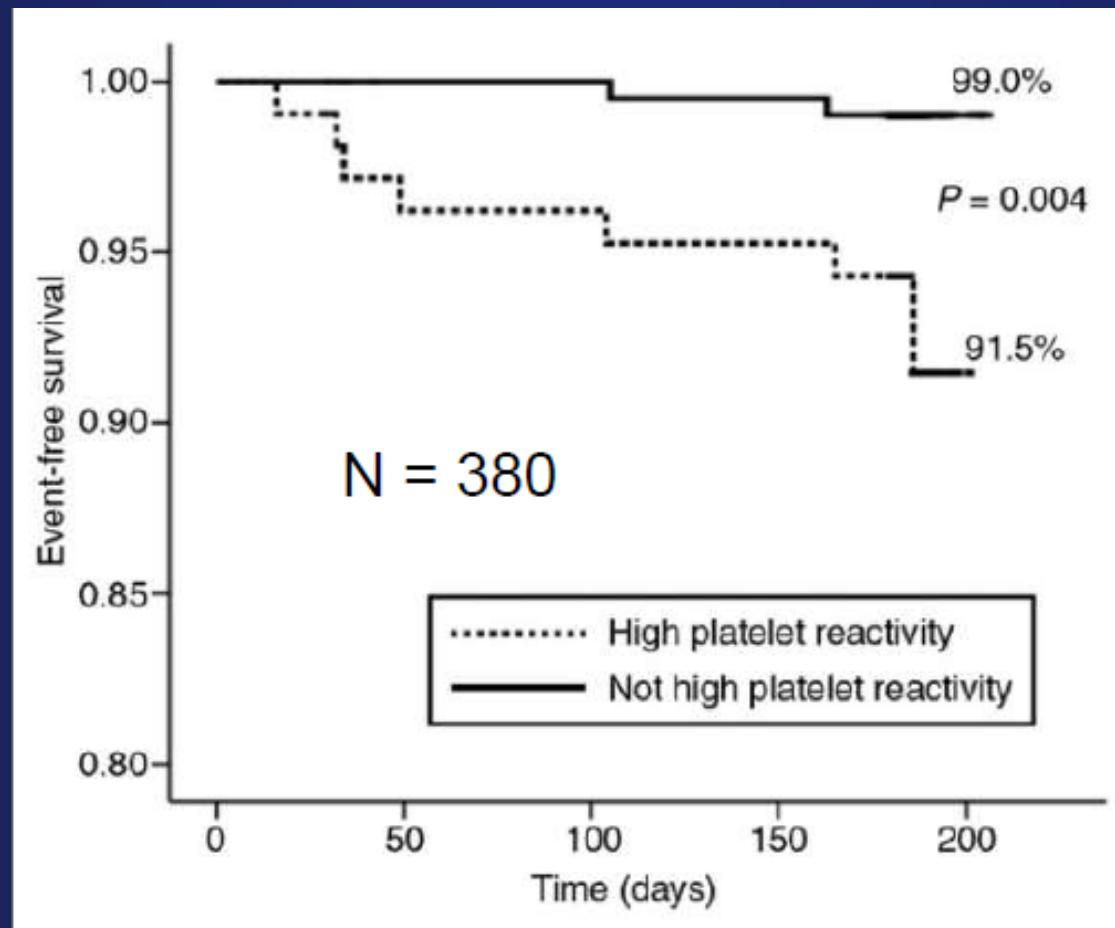
## Conclusions

1. Double-dose clopidogrel significantly reduced stent thrombosis and major CV events (CV death, MI or stroke) in PCI.
2. In patients not undergoing PCI, double dose clopidogrel was not significantly different from standard dose (70% had no significant CAD or stopped study drug early for CABG).
3. There was a modest excess in CURRENT-defined major bleeds but no difference in TIMI major bleeds, ICH, fatal bleeds or CABG-related bleeds.
4. No significant difference in efficacy or bleeding between ASA 300-325 mg and ASA 75-100 mg

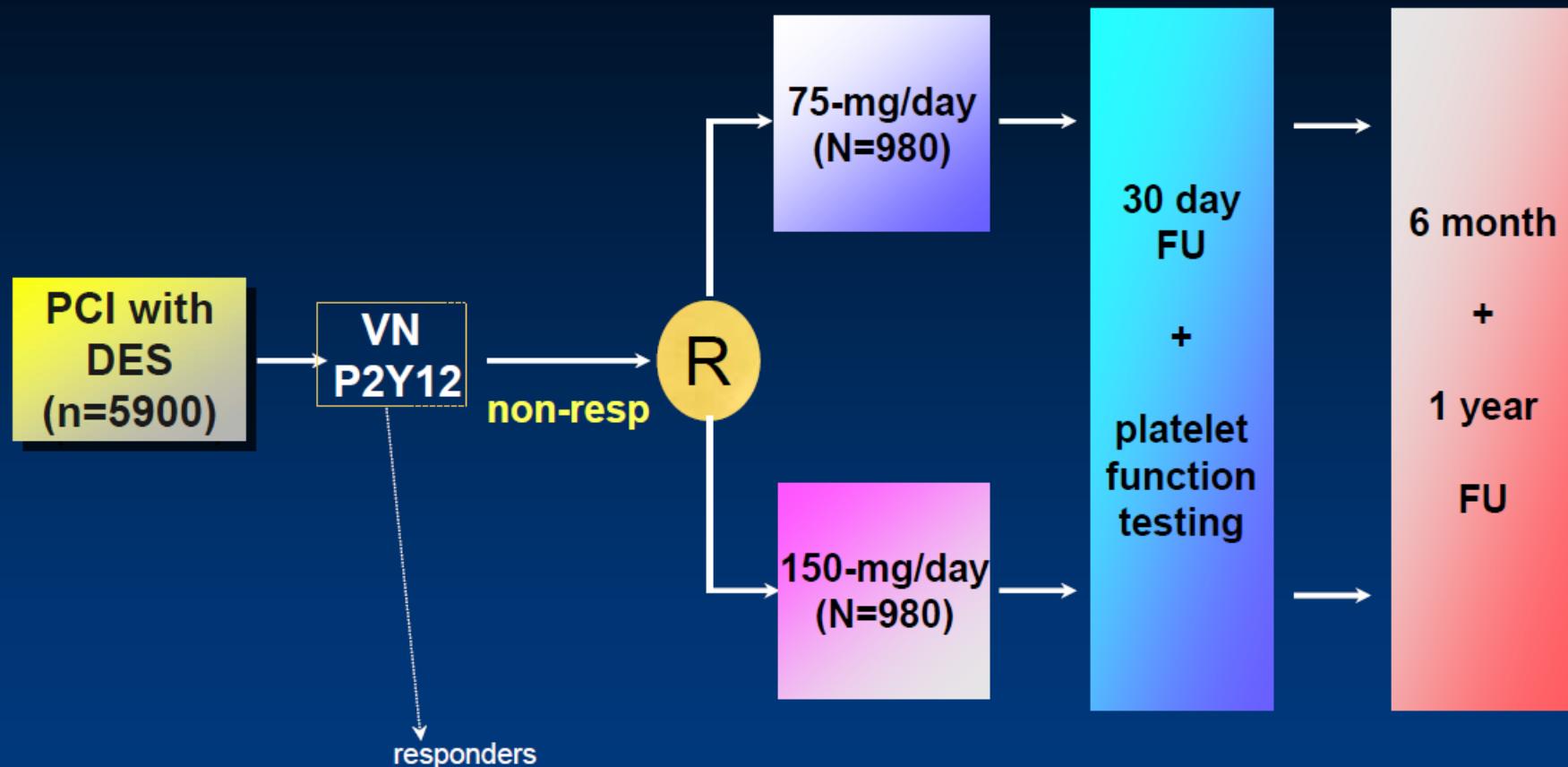
# Platelet Aggregation after Clopidogrel Loading



# Survival free of cardiovascular death, infarction and stent thrombosis depending on platelet reactivity



# **GRAVITAS: Gauging Responsiveness With A VerifyNow assay- Impact On Thrombosis And Safety**

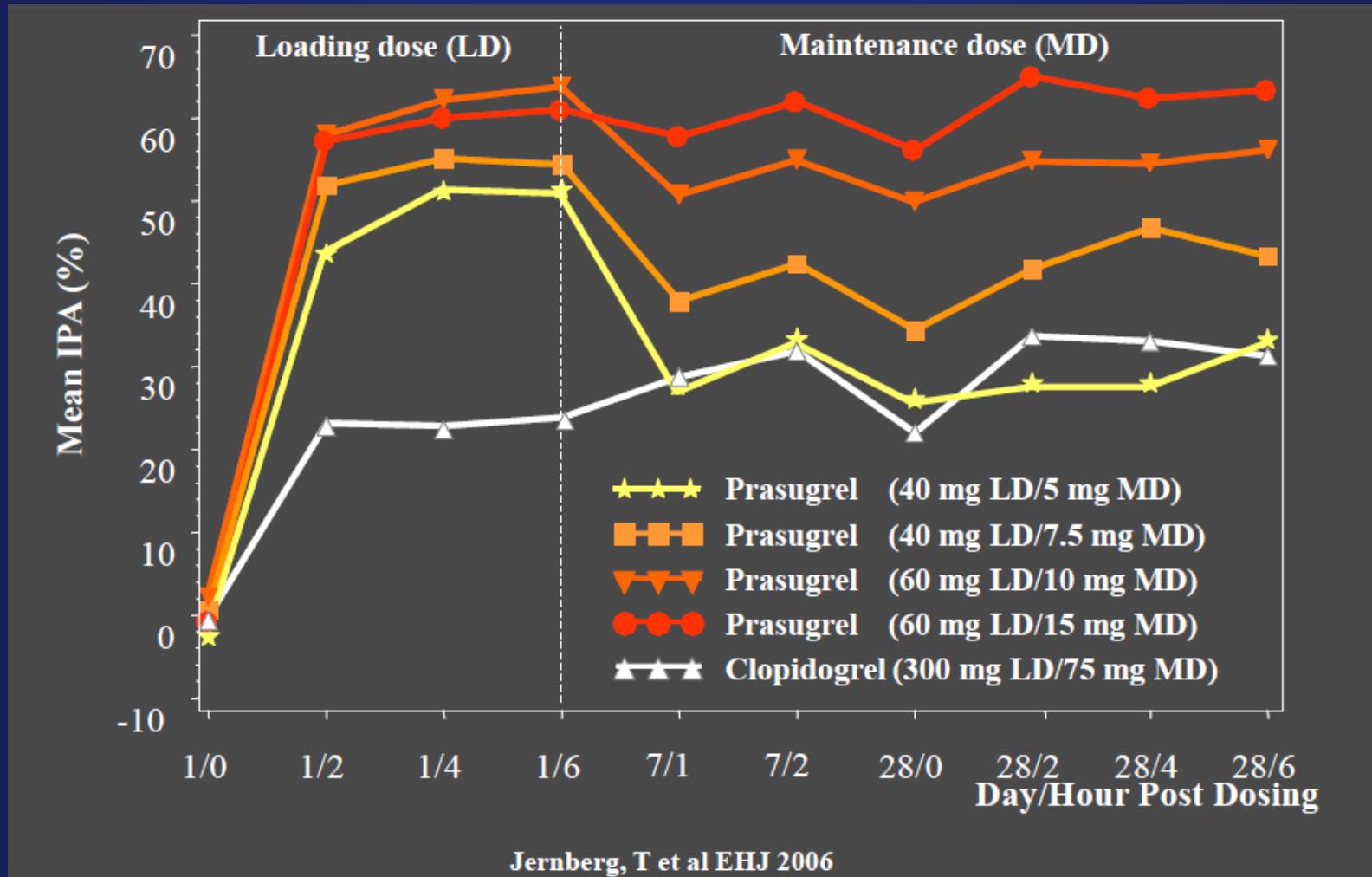


**Primary Clinical Endpoint:** 6-month cardiac death, non-fatal MI, stent thrombosis

**Secondary Endpoint:** 30-day & 1 year cardiac death, non-fatal MI, stent thrombosis

**Primary Physiologic Endpoint:** Change in PRU at 30 days

# Inhibition of Platelet Aggregation



## ACS (STEMI or UA/NSTEMI) & Planned PCI

ASA ↓ N= 13,608

Double-blind

CLOPIDOGREL  
300 mg LD/ 75 mg MD

PRASUGREL  
60 mg LD/ 10 mg MD

Duration of therapy: 6-15 months

1° endpoint:

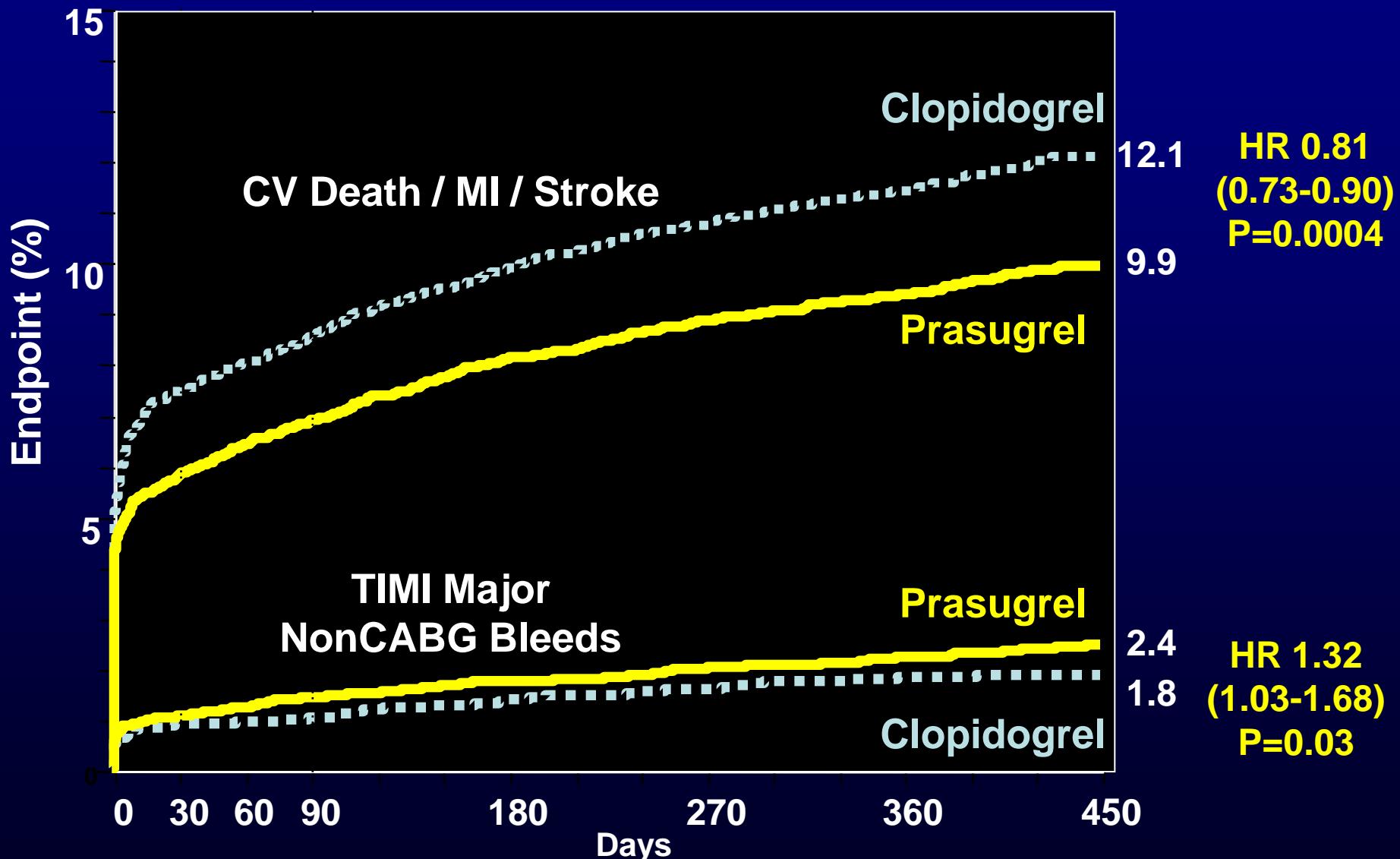
CV death, MI, Stroke

2° endpoint:

Stent Thrombosis

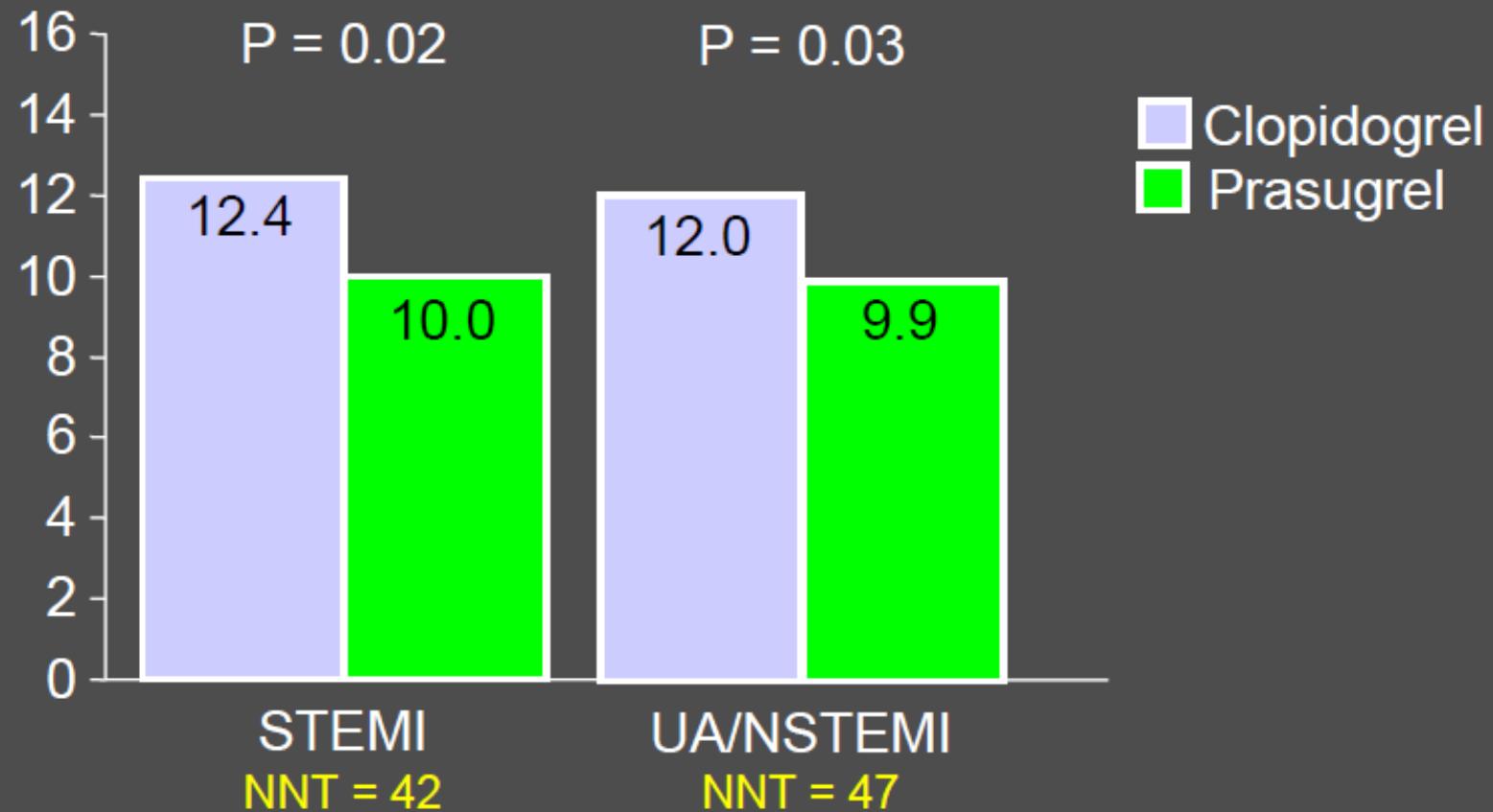
Safety endpoints: TIMI major bleeds, Life-threatening bleeds

# Main Trial: Primary Results

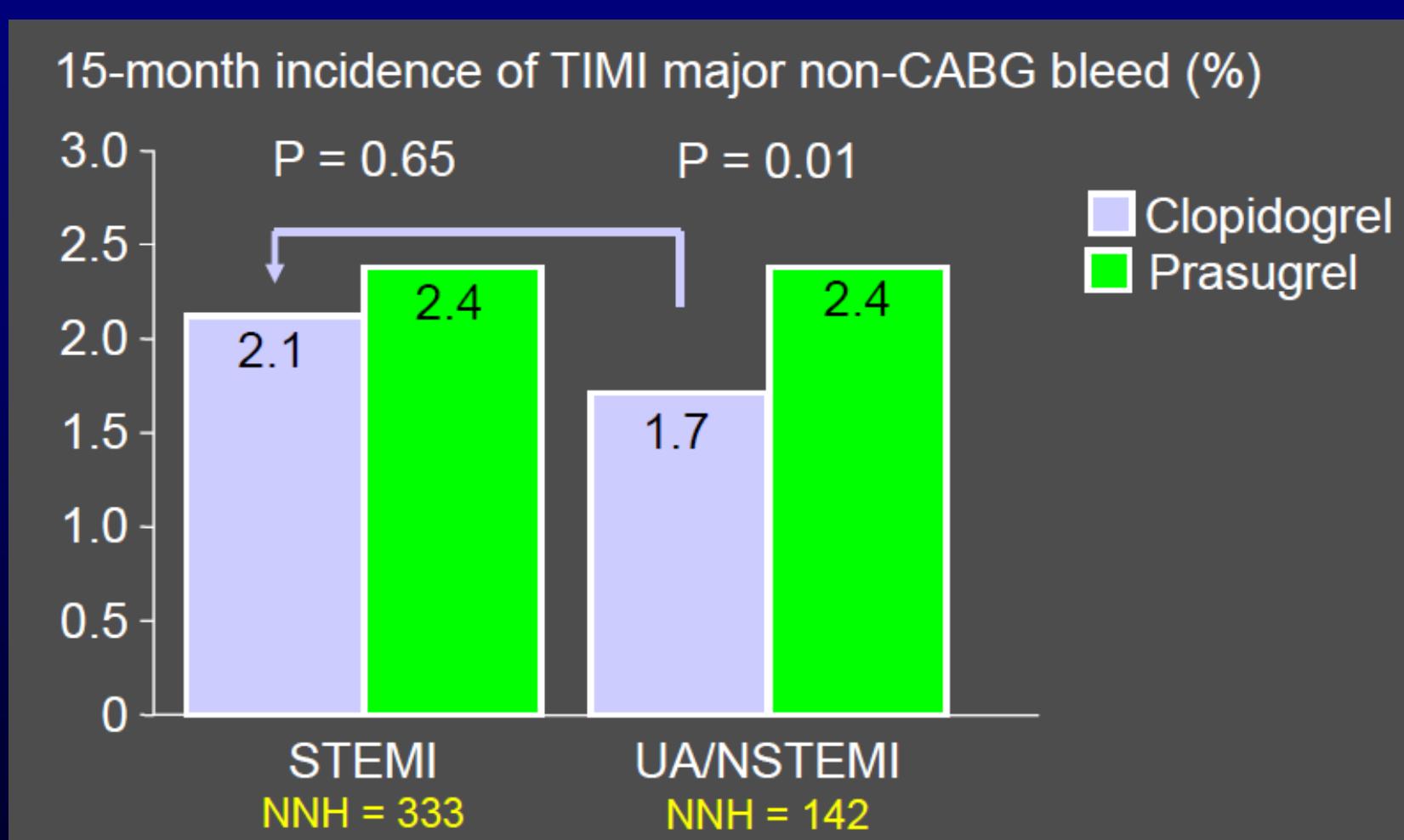


# Prasugrel in STEMI and UA/NSTEMI

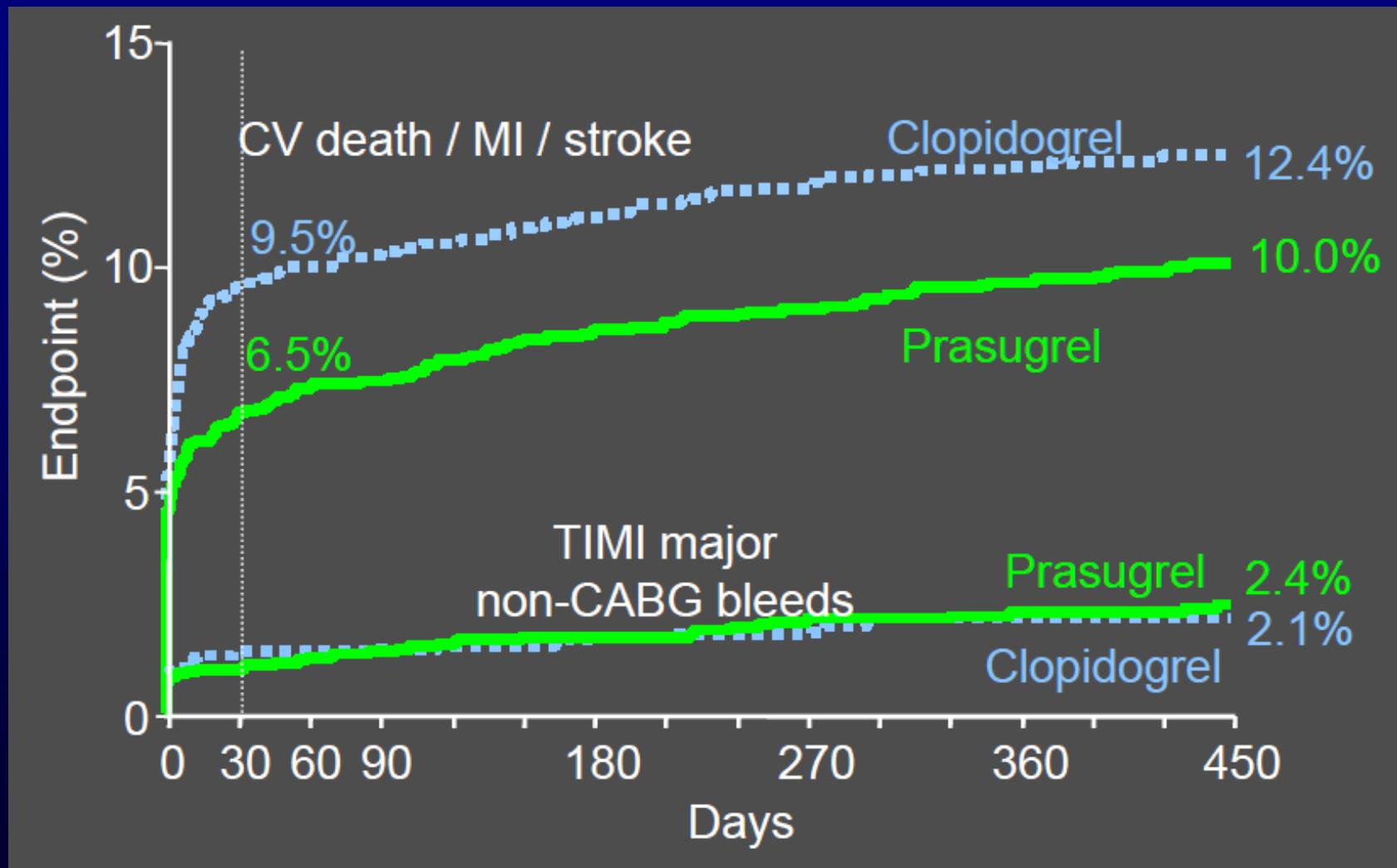
15-month incidence of death/MI/stroke (%)



# Safety Profile of Prasugrel in STEMI vs UN/NSTEMI

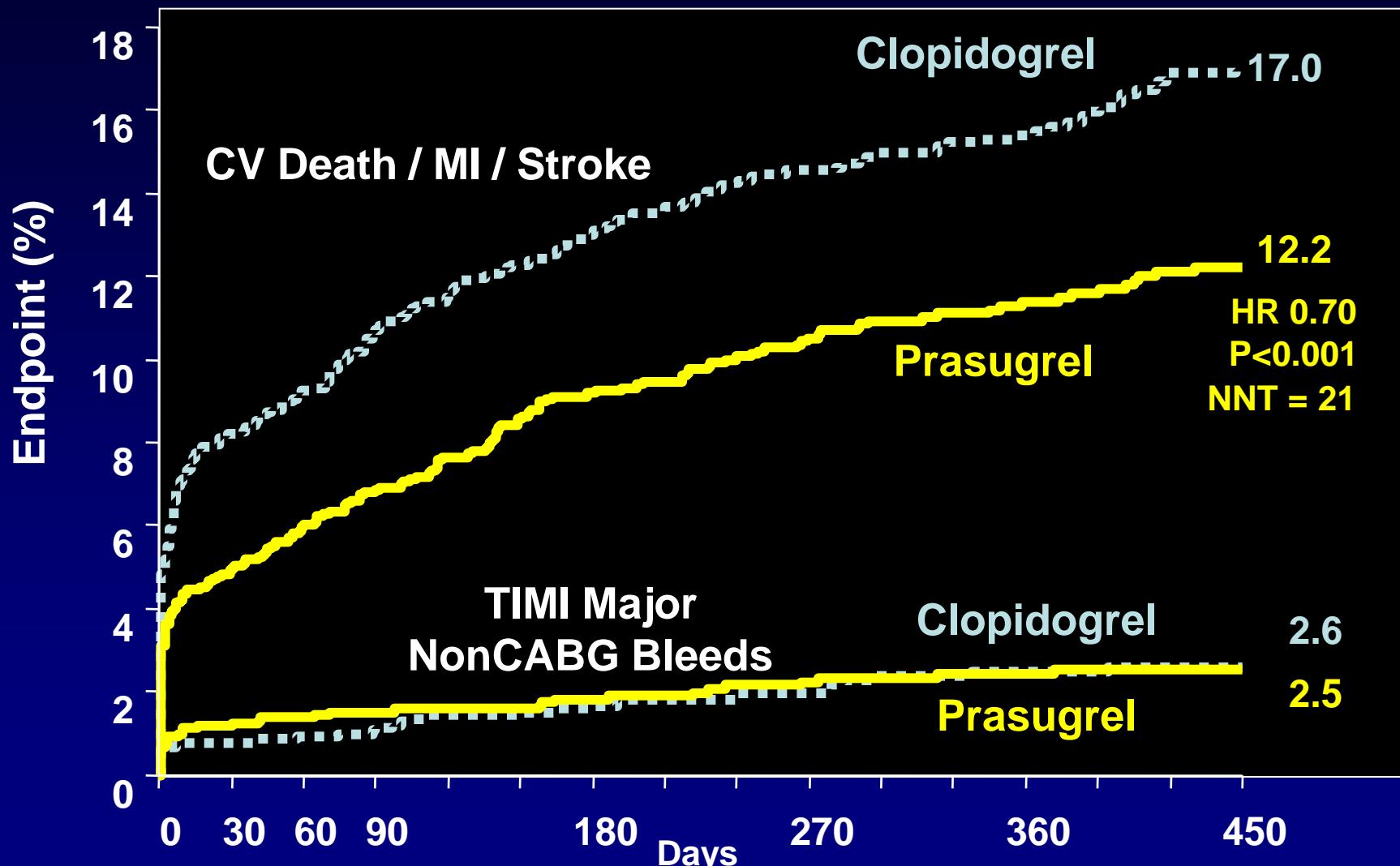


# Net Clinical Benefit in STEMI

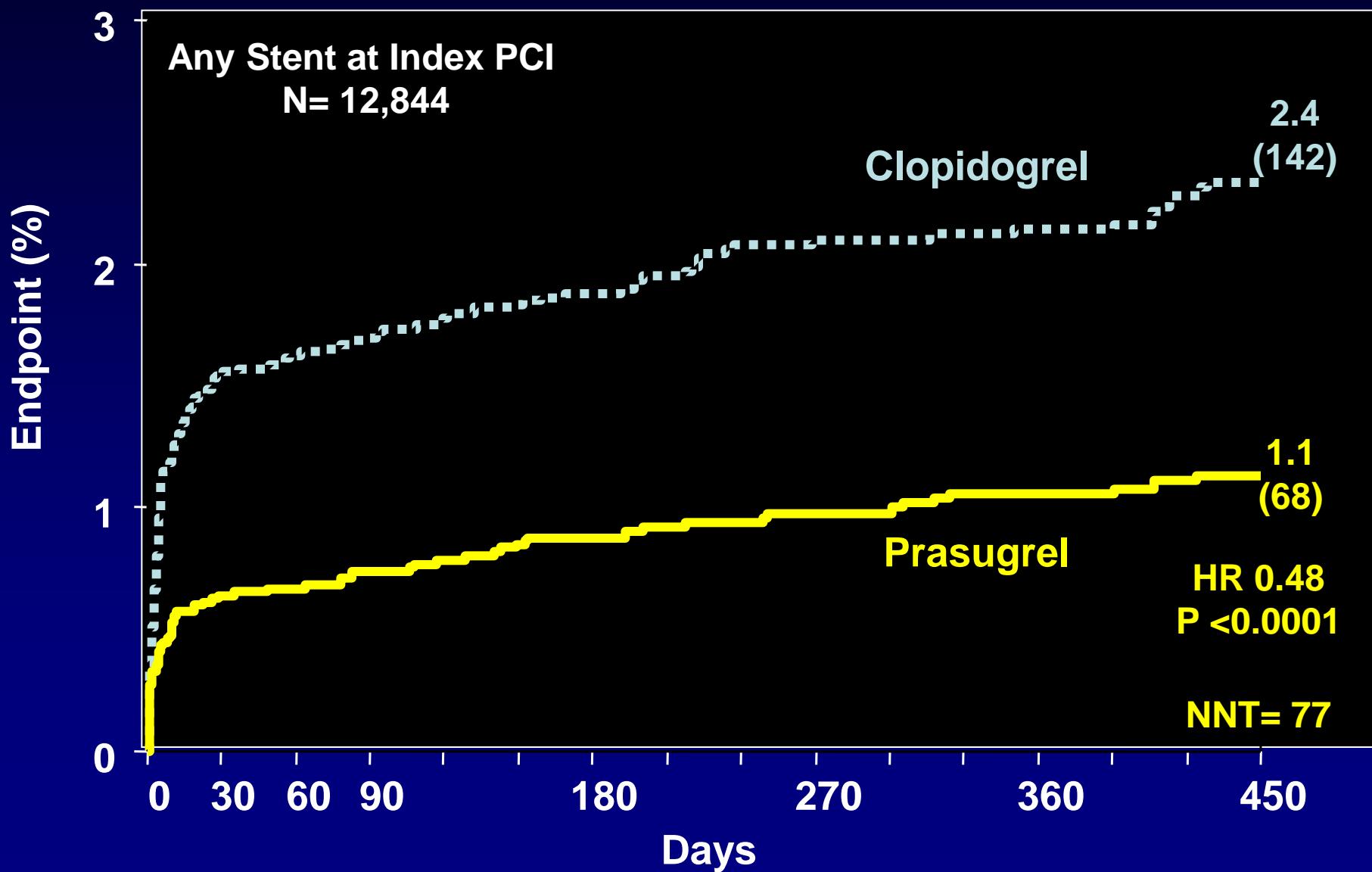


# Diabetic Subgroup

N=3146



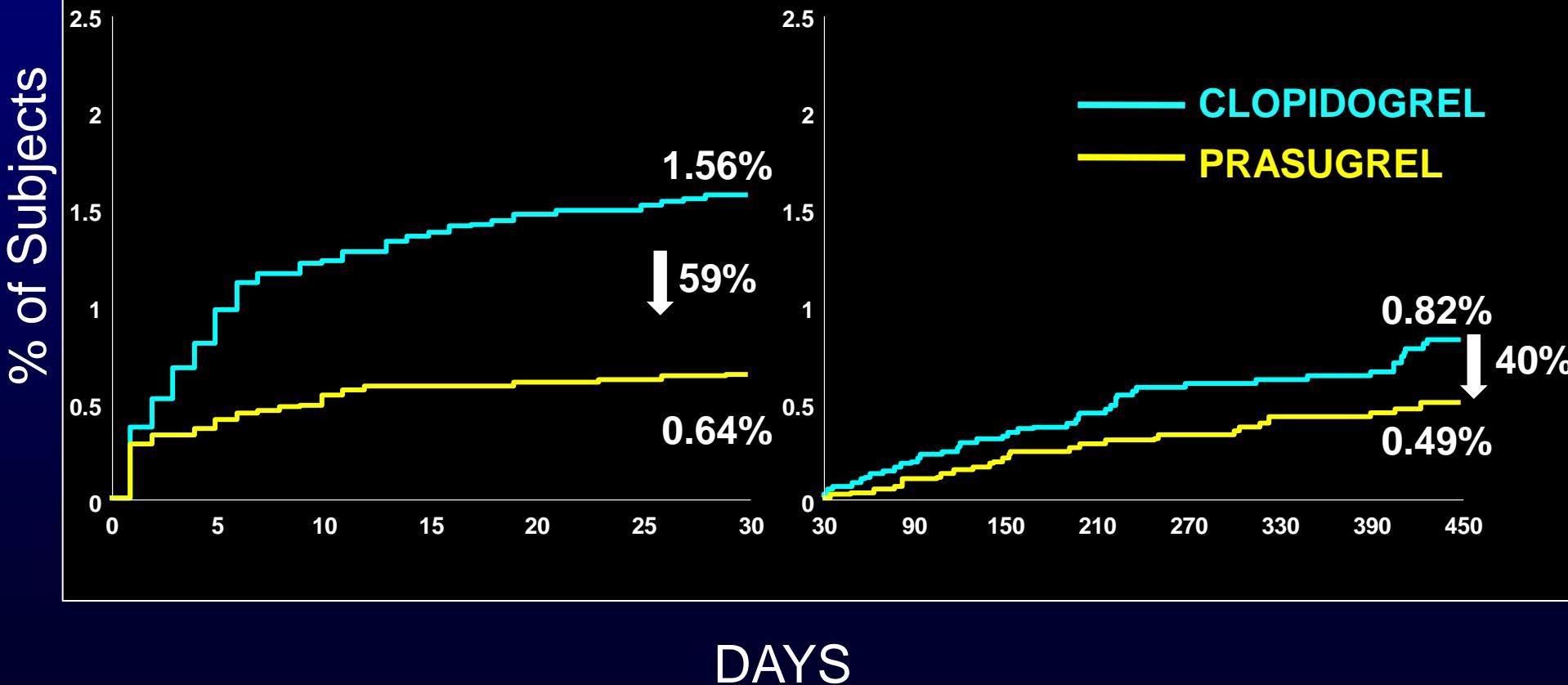
# Stent Thrombosis (Definite + Probable)



# Definite/Probable ST: Any Stent (N=12844)

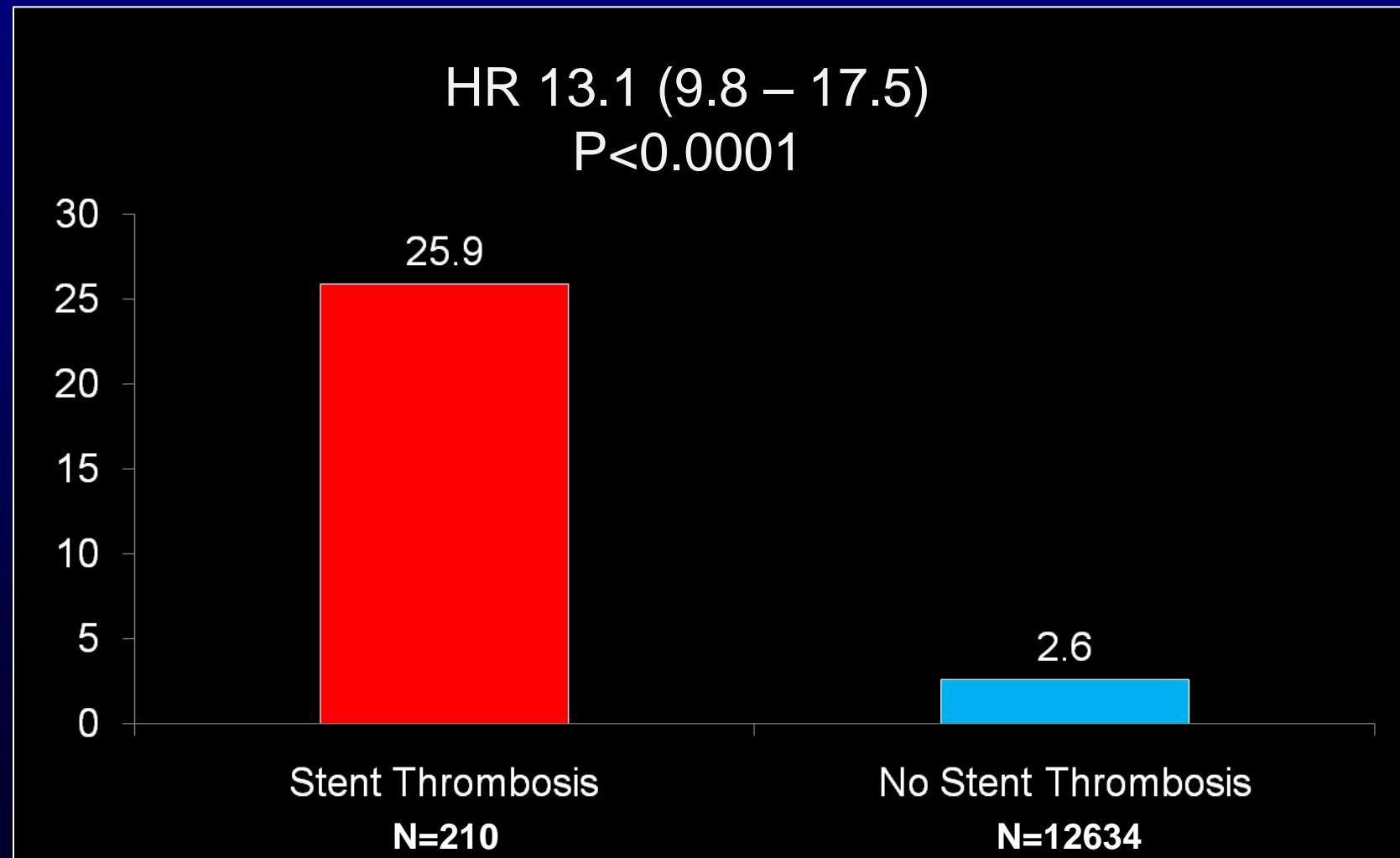
## EARLY ST

HR 0.41 [0.29-0.59]  
 $P < 0.0001$



## Death Following ST

Mortality During Follow up (%) Post-Stent Thrombosis



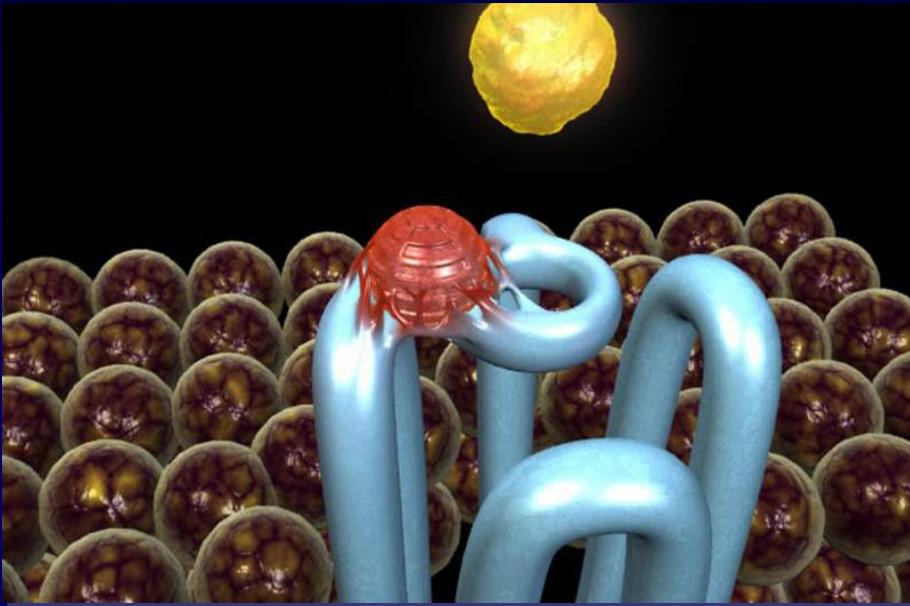
# Net Clinical Benefit

## Bleeding Risk Subgroups

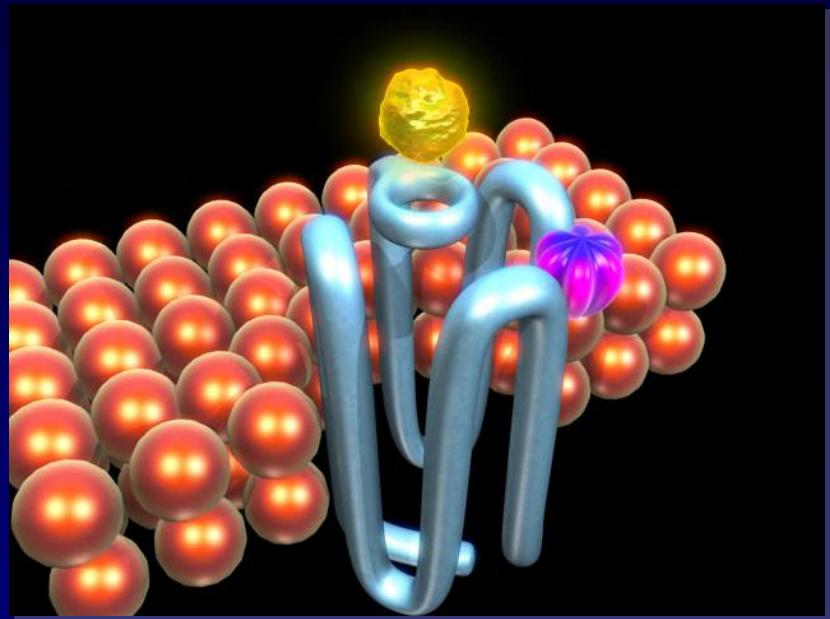
### Post-hoc analysis



## Irreversible inhibition - Thienopyridines

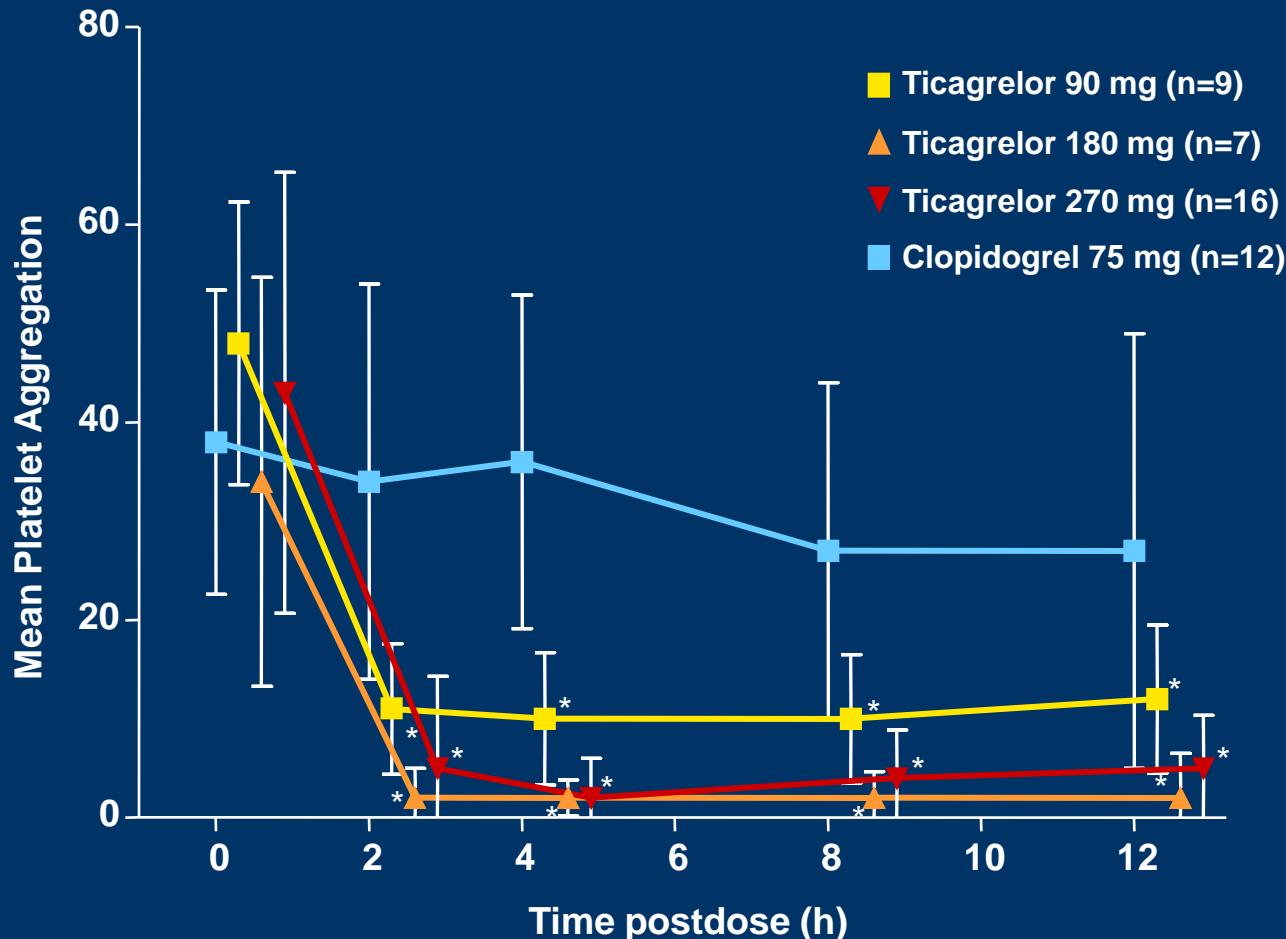


## Reversible inhibition – Ticagrelor



- **Thienopyridines act by binding covalently to the P2Y12 receptor, causing a structural change, and rendering the receptors permanently inactivated**

# DISPERSE-2 PK/PD Substudy: Suppression of Platelet Aggregation in Clopidogrel-Pretreated Patients (N=44)



\*P<0.05 for AZD6140 vs clopidogrel.

Storey RF et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2007;50:1852-1856.

# PLATO study design



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

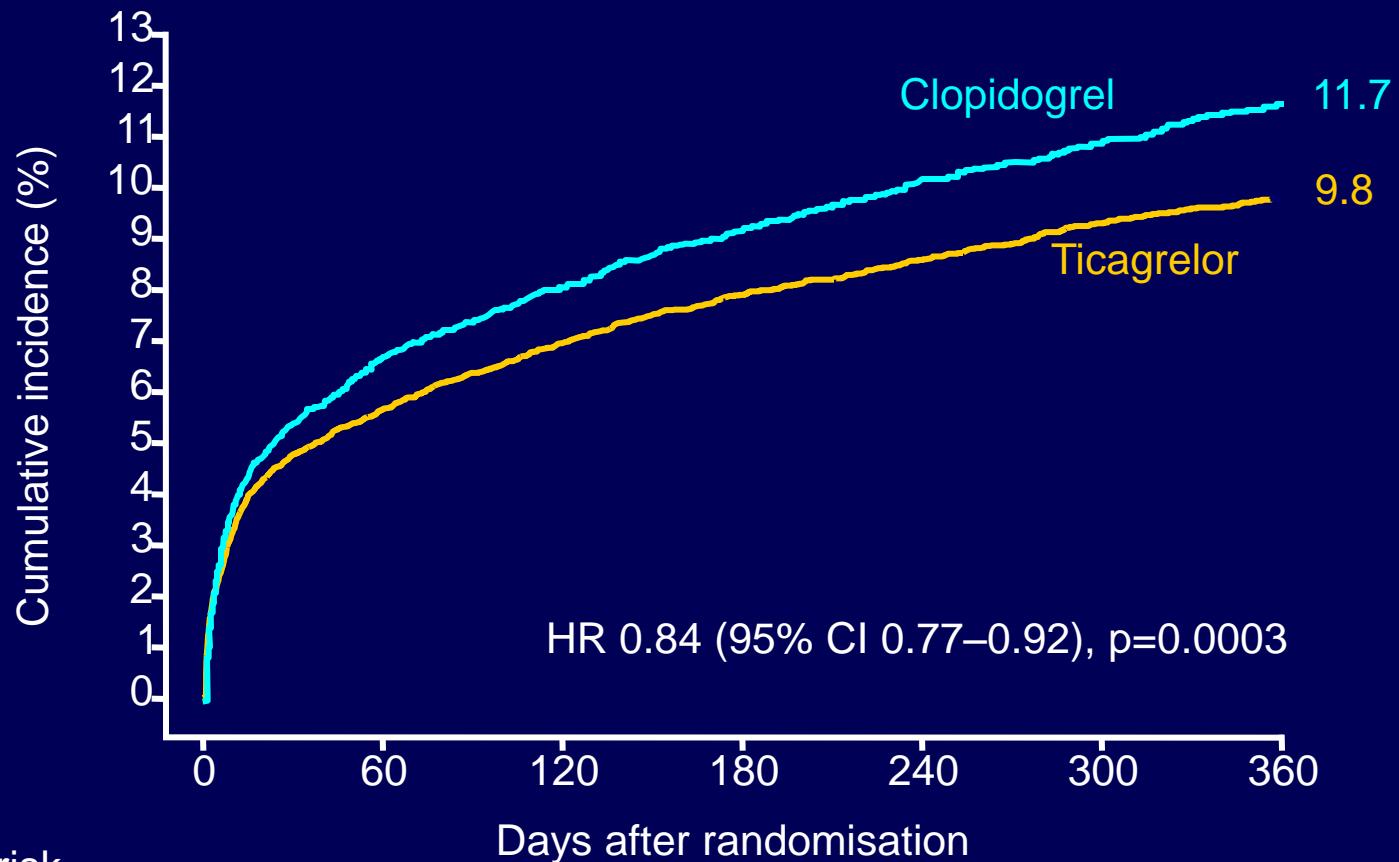
180 mg loading dose, then  
90 mg bid maintenance;  
(additional 90 mg pre-PCI)

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)



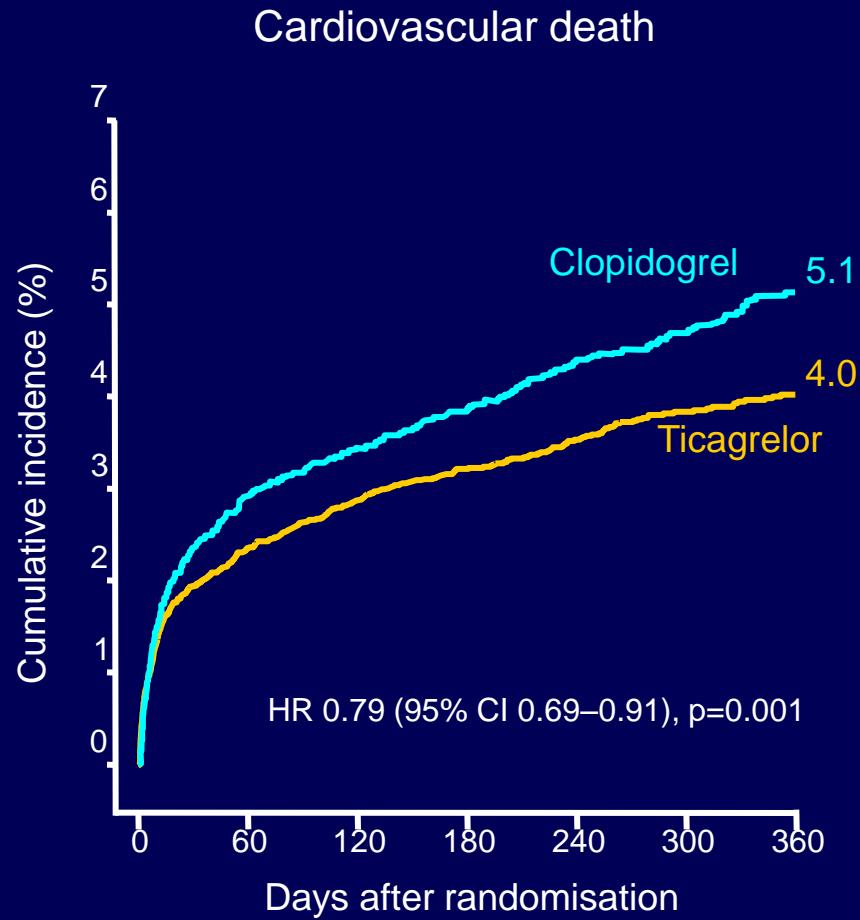
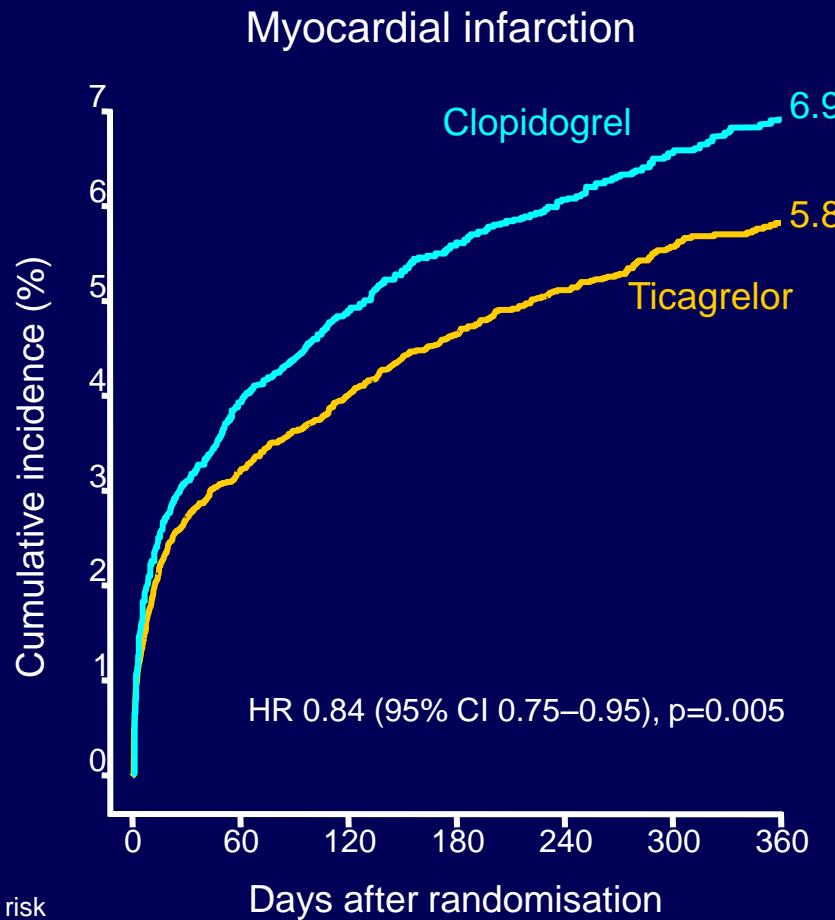
No. at risk

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

# Secondary efficacy endpoints over time

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# Stent thrombosis

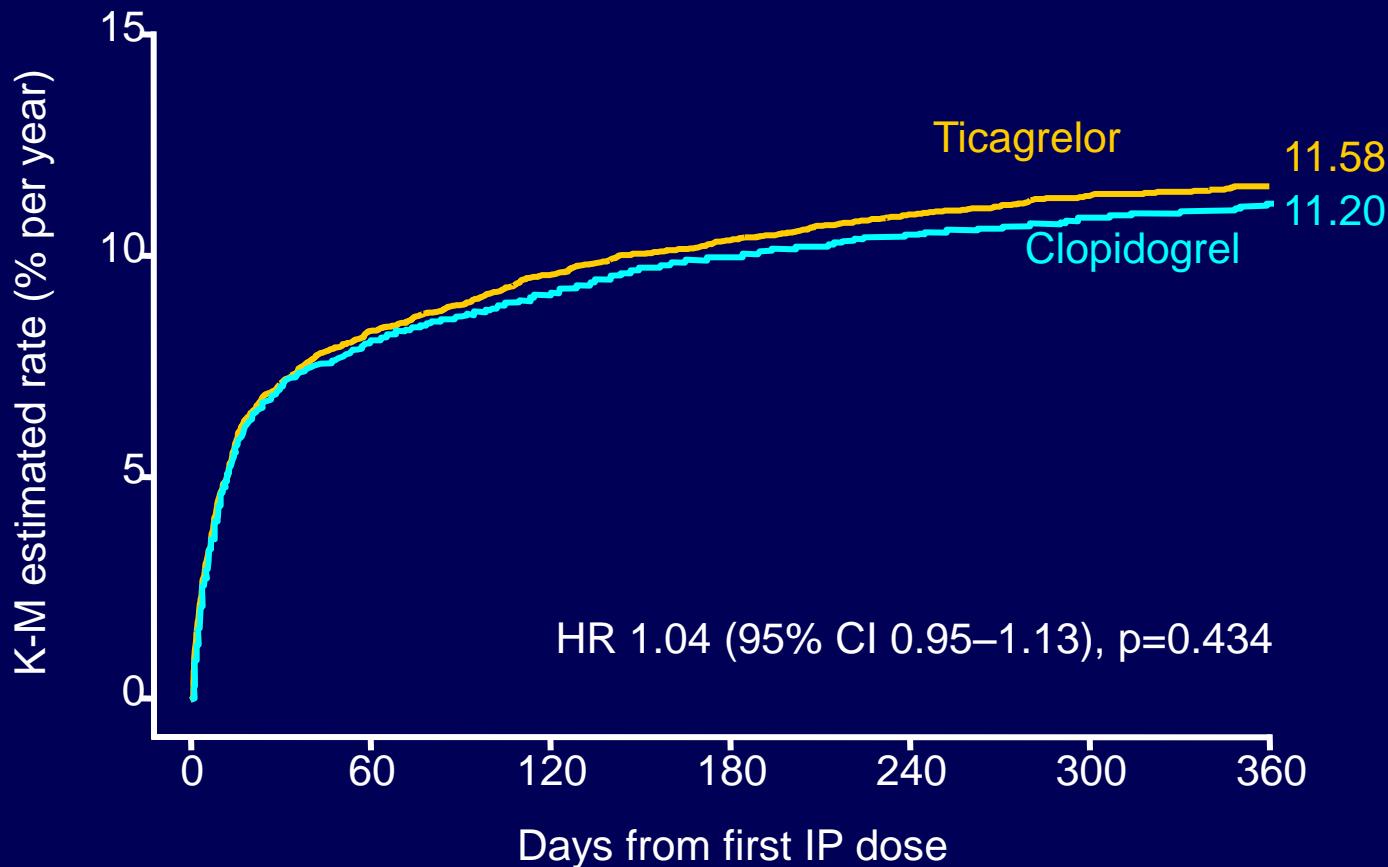
(evaluated in patients with any stent during the study)

	Ticagrelor (n=5,640)	Clopidogrel (n=5,649)	HR (95% CI)	p value
Stent thrombosis, n (%)				
Definite	71 (1.3)	106 (1.9)	0.67 (0.50–0.91)	0.009
Probable or definite	118 (2.1)	158 (2.8)	0.75 (0.59–0.95)	0.02
Possible, probable, definite	155 (2.8)	202 (3.6)	0.77 (0.62–0.95)	0.01

\*Time-at-risk is calculated from first stent insertion in the study or date of randomisation

# Time to major bleeding – primary safety event

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## No. at risk

Ticagrelor	9,235	7,246	6,826	6,545	5,129	3,783	3,433
Clopidogrel	9,186	7,305	6,930	6,670	5,209	3,841	3,479

# Holter monitoring & Bradycardia related events



	Ticagrelor (n=1,451)	Clopidogrel (n=1,415)	p value
Holter monitoring at first week			
Ventricular pauses ≥3 seconds, %	5.8	3.6	0.01
Ventricular pauses ≥5 seconds, %	2.0	1.2	0.10
Holter monitoring at 30 days	Ticagrelor (n= 985)	Clopidogrel (n=1,006)	p value
Ventricular pauses ≥3 seconds, %	2.1	1.7	0.52
Ventricular pauses ≥5 seconds, %	0.8	0.6	0.60
Bradycardia-related event, %	Ticagrelor (n=9,235)	Clopidogrel (n=9,186)	p value
Pacemaker Insertion	0.9	0.9	0.87
Syncope	1.1	0.8	0.08
Bradycardia	4.4	4.0	0.21
Heart block	0.7	0.7	1.00

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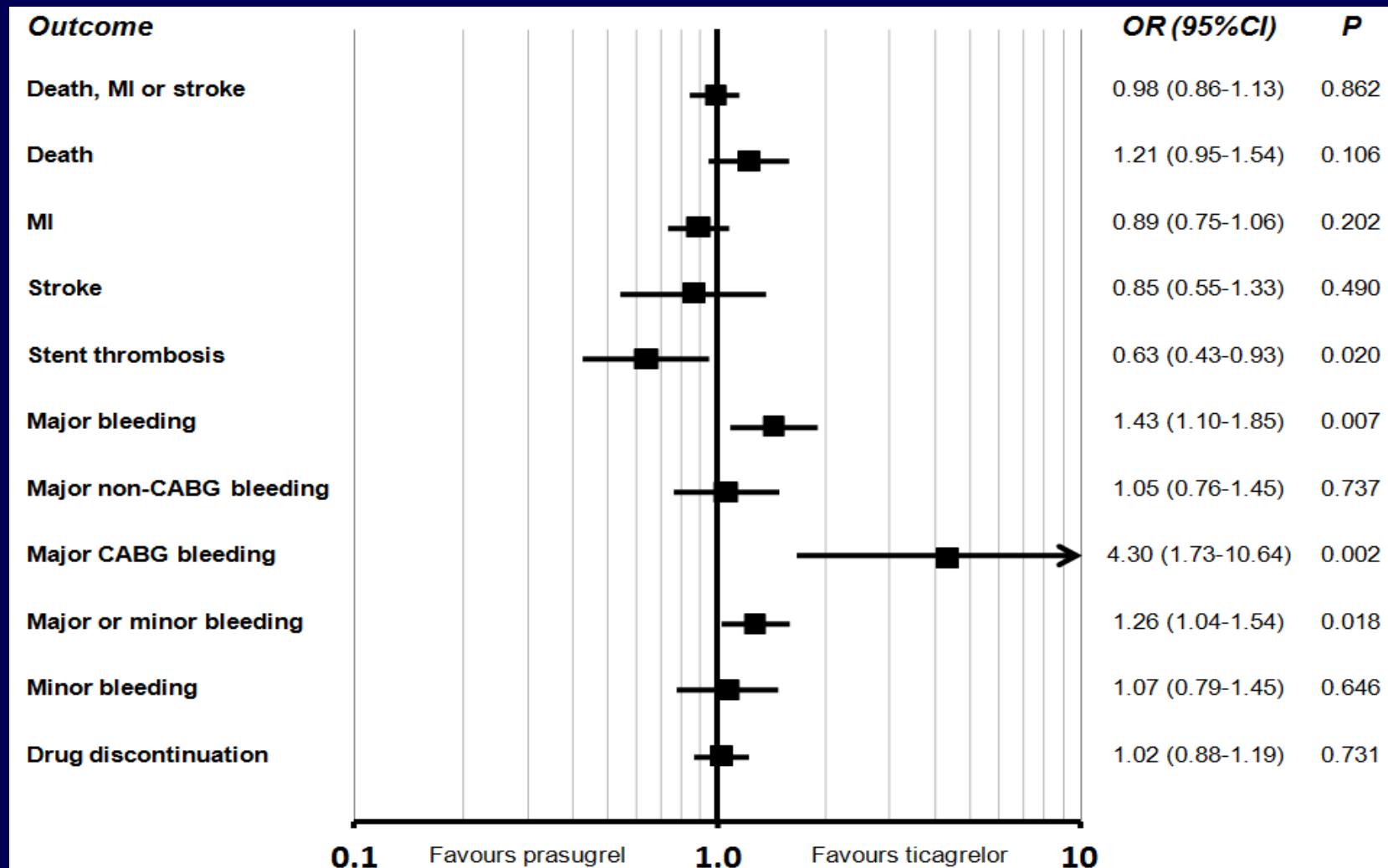
	Ticagrelor (n=9,235)	Clopidogrel (n=9,186)	p value*
<u>All patients</u>			
Dyspnoea, %			
Any	13.8	7.8	<0.001
With discontinuation of study treatment	0.9	0.1	<0.001
Neoplasms arising during treatment, %			
Any	1.4	1.7	0.17
Malignant	1.2	1.3	0.69
Benign	0.2	0.4	0.02

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\*p values were calculated using Fischer's exact test

- Reversible, more intense P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor inhibition for one year with ticagrelor in comparison with clopidogrel in a broad population with ST- and non-ST-elevation ACS provides
  - Reduction in myocardial infarction and stent thrombosis
  - Reduction in cardiovascular and total mortality
  - No change in the overall risk of major bleeding

# Indirect comparison Prasugrel vs. Ticagrelor



Funnel plots comparing prasugrel vs. ticagrelor for the risk of key clinical events. Odds ratios (OR) <1.0 favor prasugrel, whereas odds ratios>1.0 favor ticagrelor.

# Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

**The Task Force on Myocardial Revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)**

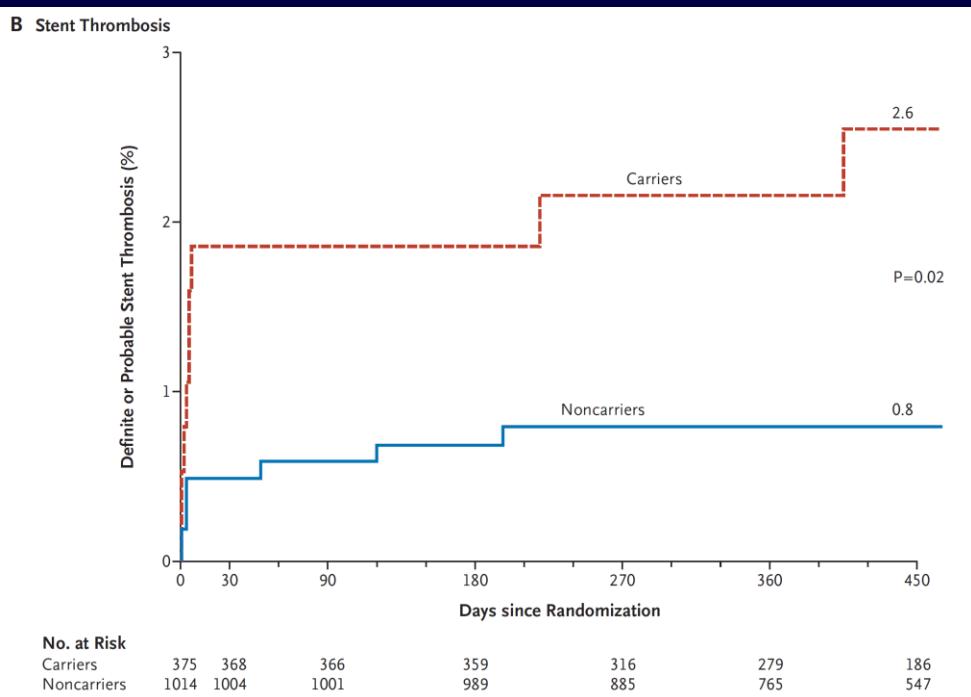
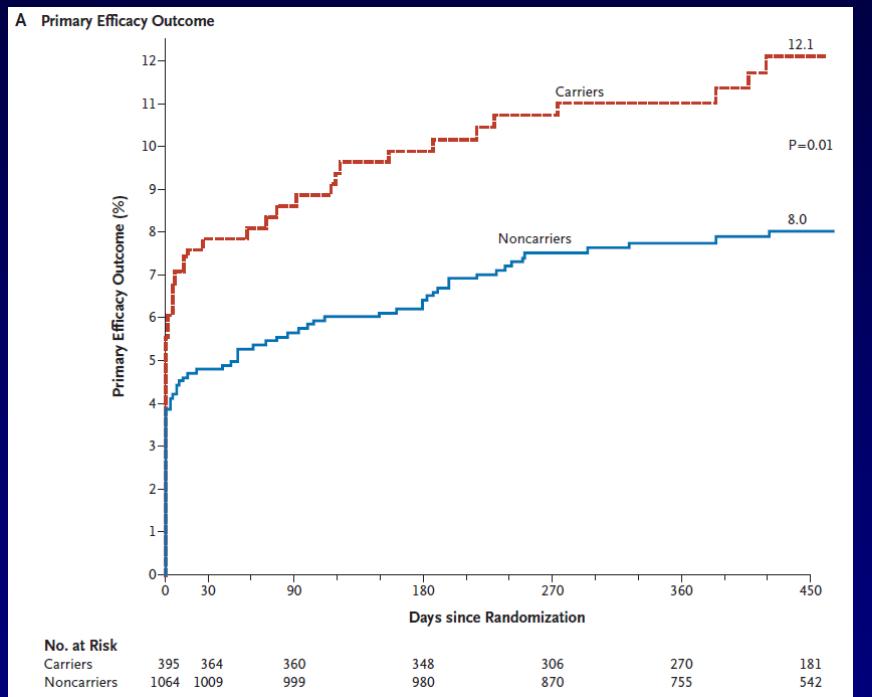
## NSTE-ACS

Antiplatelet therapy			
	ASA	I	C
	Clopidogrel (with 600 mg loading dose as soon as possible)	I	C
	Clopidogrel (for 9–12 months after PCI)	I	B
	Prasugrel <sup>d</sup>	IIa	B
	Ticagrelor <sup>d</sup>	I	B

## STEMI

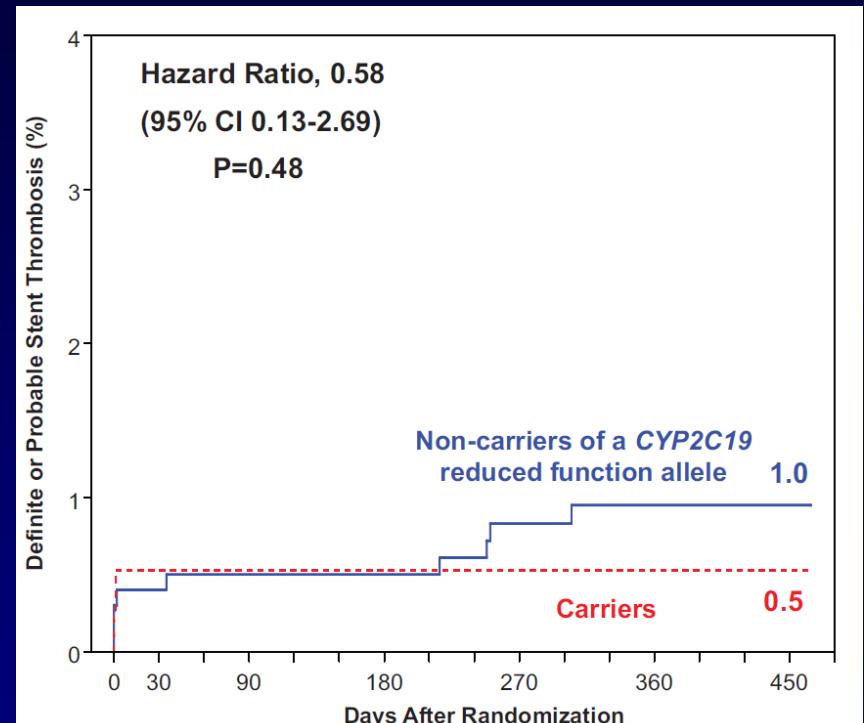
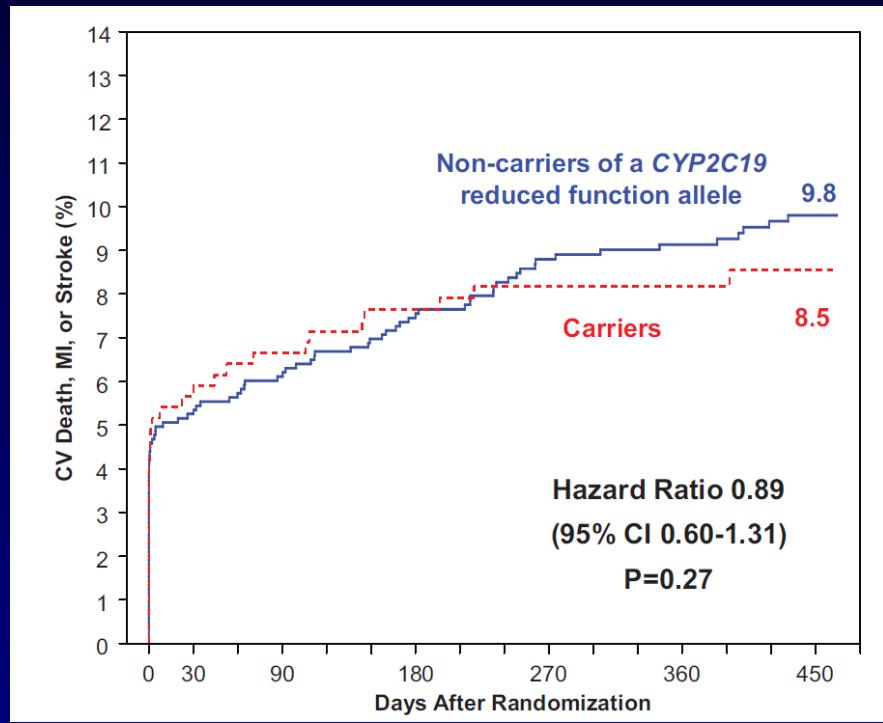
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# CYP2C19 Polymorphism and Response to Clopidogrel



Mega et al. *N Engl J Med* 2009;360:354-62.

# CYP2C19 Polymorphism and Response to Prasugrel



## Cangrelor (AR-C69931MX)

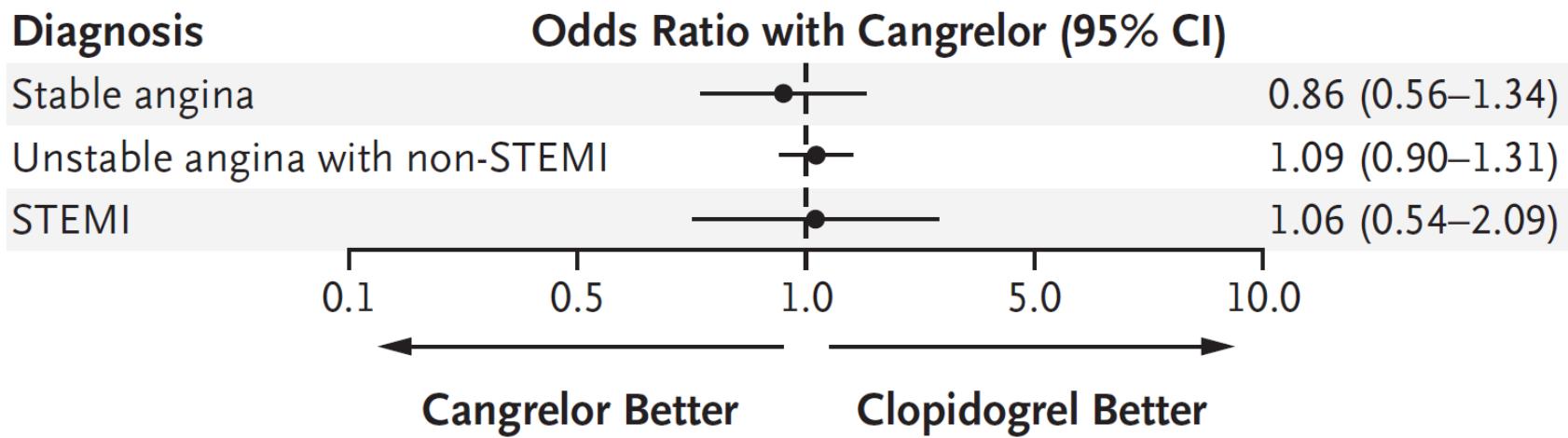
➤ Parenteral ADP-P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor antagonist

➤ ATP analogue



- Direct and Reversible P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor
- More potent than clopidogrel ~90% inhibition of platelet aggregation at 1 - 4 mcg/kg/min iv
- Plasma half-life of 5-9 min.; 20 min. for return to normal platelet function

# CHAMPION Trial: Cangrelor versus Standard Therapy to Achieve Optimal Management of Platelet Inhibition PCI



# **INNOVATE PCI: treatment with oral and intravenous *Elinogrel* in setting of non-urgent PCI**

- Second phase trial
- Evaluation of clinical effectiveness, safety and tolerability

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