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Oral Immunosuppressive Therapy to Prevent In-Stent Restenosis

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Possible role of long-term medical therapies to prevent restenosis following percutaneous coronary intervention

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SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS — Some long-term medical therapies have evidence of efficacy in reducing restenosis. However, for four possibly effective oral drugs (cilostazol , pioglitazone or rosiglitazone , and sirolimus), the reduction in late lumen loss may be significantly less than that achieved with a drug-eluting stent [66]. In light of the DECLARE-LONG II trial, other therapies such as cilostazol may add incremental benefit when co-administered following drug-eluting stent implantation. (See 'Cilostazol' above.)

In the CREST trial of cilostazol , for example, the degree of late lumen loss, although significantly less than in the placebo arm [12], was greater than that seen in trials of drug-eluting stents (0.57 mm in CREST versus 0.24 mm in SIRIUS and 0.23 mm in TAXUS IV) [14,15]. A greater degree of late lumen loss was also noted with oral sirolimus in ORAR II compared to a sirolimus-eluting stent in SIRIUS (0.66 mm versus 0.24 mm) [14,18].

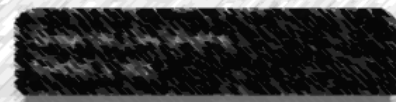
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It is possible that oral therapy in addition to a drug-eluting stent might be beneficial in high-risk lesions (eg, small vessels and long lesions). However, this hypothesis must be confirmed in randomized trials.

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SUMMARY AND KEY POINTS - Some long-term medical therapies have evidence of efficacy in reducing restenosis, however, for the overall effect on the end point of clinical improvement (reperfusion, and clinical), the evidence is less certain. The use of aspirin has been shown to be significantly associated with a long-term effect (OR 1.2) in light of the overall benefit. The use of aspirin may be associated with all-cause mortality, but the overall benefit of aspirin may vary according to the clinical scenario. (See 'Clinical scenario' below.)

In the overall trial population, the degree of late lumen loss (defined as the difference between the lumen diameter at 1 year and the lumen diameter at 6 months) was significantly greater in the aspirin group (0.27 mm) compared with the control group (0.20 mm) (OR 1.2, 95% CI 1.0 to 1.4). A greater degree of late lumen loss was associated with a higher risk of restenosis (OR 1.2, 95% CI 1.0 to 1.4) (OR 1.2, 95% CI 1.0 to 1.4).

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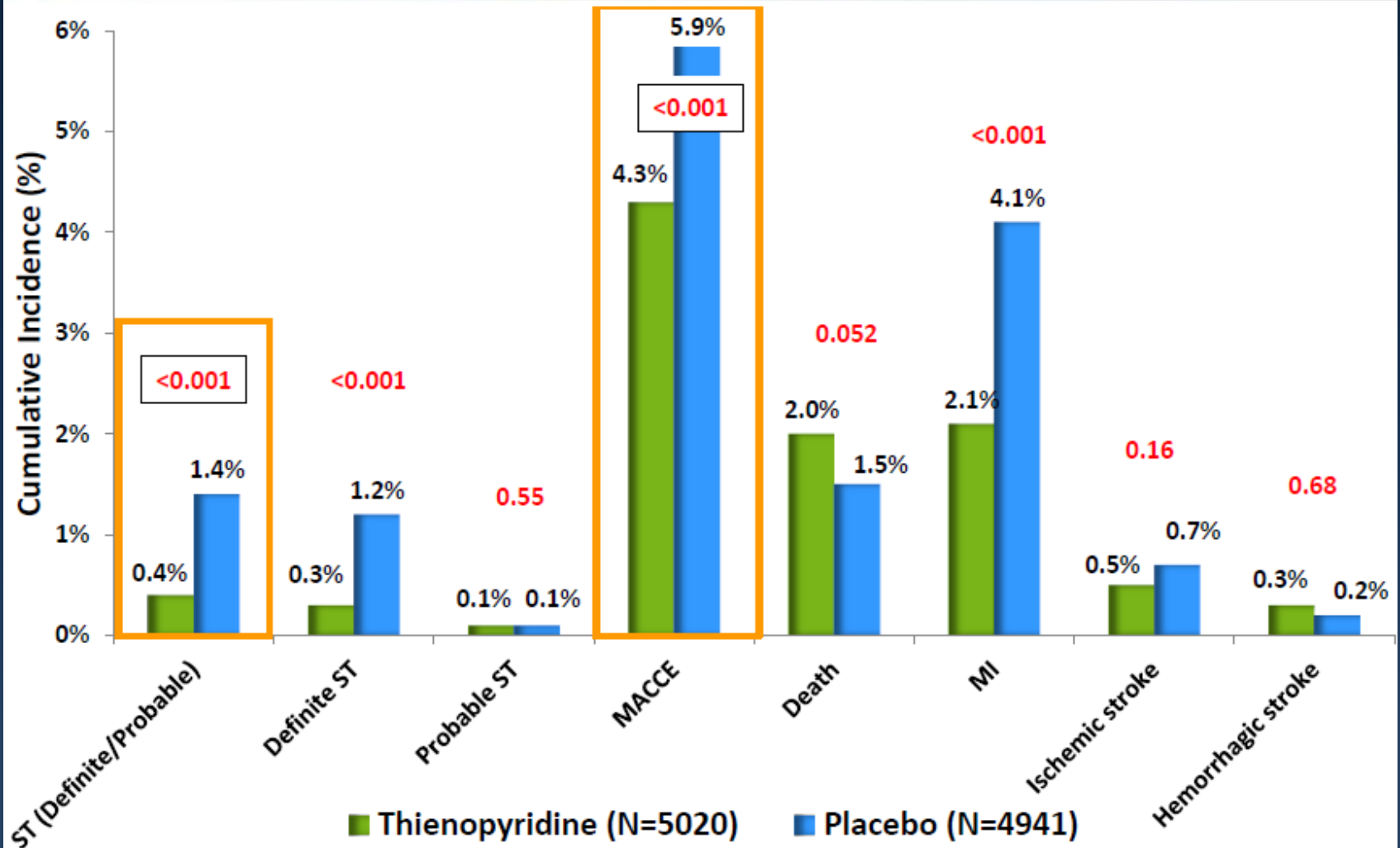
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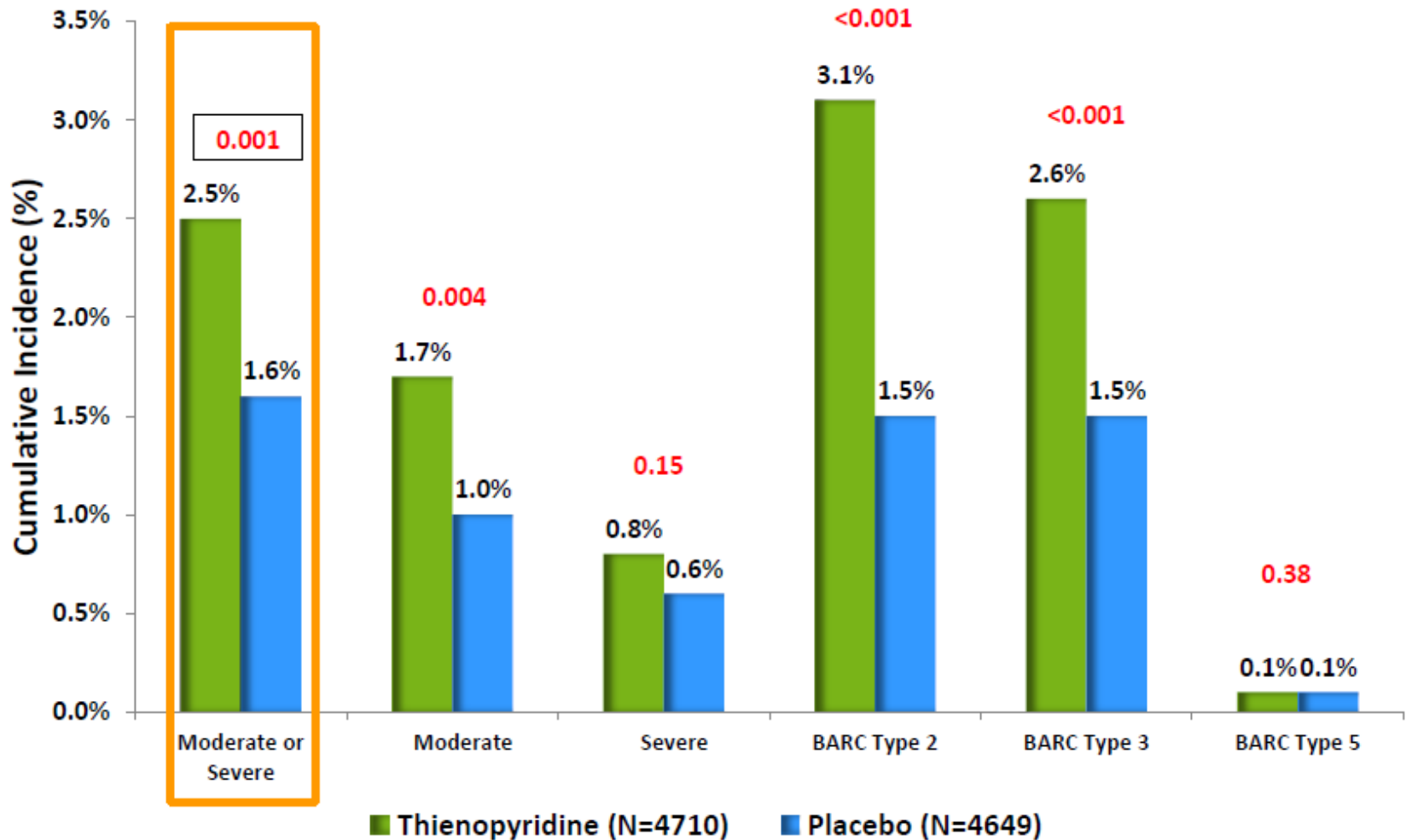
- *#Notwithstanding the undisputed merits of DES to prevent restenosis, BMS have not been abandoned.*
- *#Concerns about a higher risk of bleeding or noncompliance with the mandatory DAPT therapy suggest some relative contraindications to DES in PCI-patients with specific clinical and socioeconomic conditions.*
- *#Despite socio economic considerations are more relevant in certain geographic areas, BMS*
- *are still used in one fourth of patients receiving a PCI in the US and these patients are at high risk of restenosis.*

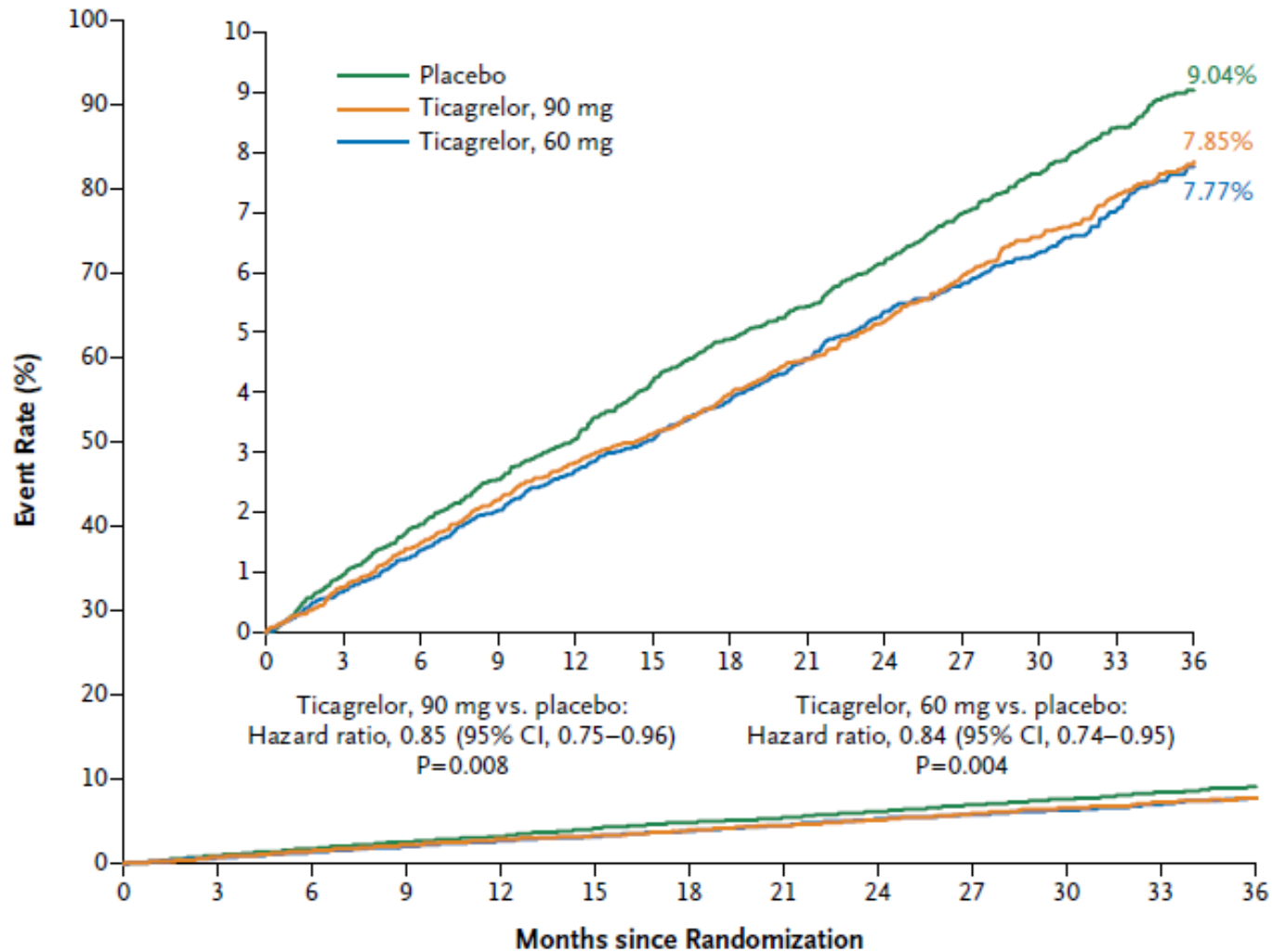
- Drug Eluting Stents and Bleeding Risk with Long Term Use of DAPT

Co-Primary Effectiveness End Points & Components: 12-30 Months



Primary Safety End Point (Moderate or Severe Bleeding): 12-30 Months





Kaplan–Meier Rates of Cardiovascular Death, Myocardial Infarction, and Stroke through 3 Years, According to Study Group.

DAPT duration – PEGASUS TIMI 54 Trial

End Point	Ticagrelor, 90 mg (N= 6988)	Ticagrelor, 60 mg (N= 6958)	Placebo (N= 6996)	Ticagrelor, 90 mg vs. Placebo		Ticagrelor, 60 mg vs. Placebo	
				Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	<i>number (percent)</i>						
Bleeding							
TIMI major bleeding	127 (2.60)	115 (2.30)	54 (1.06)	2.69 (1.96–3.70)	<0.001	2.32 (1.68–3.21)	<0.001
TIMI minor bleeding	66 (1.31)	55 (1.18)	18 (0.36)	4.15 (2.47–7.00)	<0.001	3.31 (1.94–5.63)	<0.001
Bleeding requiring transfusion	122 (2.43)	105 (2.09)	37 (0.72)	3.75 (2.59–5.42)	<0.001	3.08 (2.12–4.48)	<0.001
Bleeding leading to study-drug discontinuation	453 (7.81)	354 (6.15)	86 (1.50)	5.79 (4.60–7.29)	<0.001	4.40 (3.48–5.57)	<0.001
Fatal bleeding intracranial hemorrhage	32 (0.63)	33 (0.71)	30 (0.60)	1.22 (0.74–2.01)	0.43	1.20 (0.73–1.97)	0.47
intracranial hemorrhage	29 (0.56)	28 (0.61)	23 (0.47)	1.44 (0.83–2.49)	0.19	1.33 (0.77–2.31)	0.31
Hemorrhagic stroke	4 (0.07)	8 (0.19)	9 (0.19)	0.51 (0.16–1.64)	0.26	0.97 (0.37–2.51)	0.94
Fatal bleeding	6 (0.11)	11 (0.25)	12 (0.26)	0.58 (0.22–1.54)	0.27	1.00 (0.44–2.27)	1.00
Other adverse event							
Dyspnea	1205 (18.93)	987 (15.84)	383 (6.38)	3.55 (3.16–3.98)	<0.001	2.81 (2.50–3.17)	<0.001
Event leading to study-drug discontinuation	430 (6.50)	297 (4.55)	51 (0.79)	8.89 (6.65–11.88)	<0.001	6.06 (4.50–8.15)	<0.001
Serious adverse event	22 (0.41)	23 (0.45)	9 (0.15)	2.68 (1.24–5.83)	0.01	2.70 (1.25–5.84)	0.01
Renal event	166 (3.30)	173 (3.43)	161 (2.89)	1.17 (0.94–1.46)	0.15	1.17 (0.94–1.45)	0.15
Bradycardia	107 (2.04)	121 (2.32)	106 (1.98)	1.15 (0.88–1.50)	0.31	1.24 (0.96–1.61)	0.10
Gout	115 (2.28)	101 (1.97)	74 (1.51)	1.77 (1.32–2.37)	<0.001	1.48 (1.10–2.00)	0.01

Safety End Points as 3-Year Kaplan–Meier Estimates

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1274 patients
Screened for
inclusion in ORAR
III

485 patients met clinical exclusion
criteria:

AMI < 24 hours.
Participation in another trial.
Refuses to be included in the trial
Comorbidity

102 patients met angiographic
exclusion criteria:

Target vessel size < 2.5 mm (visual)
Chronic total occlusion
Non significant CAD
Diffuse CAD
ISR

487 patients were excluded,
unavailable for follow-up with
multiple DES

**200 patients included in
ORAR III RCT**

**OR+BMS
100 pts**

**1° Gen. DES
100 pts**

Comparison of Cost-Effectiveness of Oral Rapamycin Plus Bare-Metal Stents Versus First Generation of Drug-Eluting Stents 5 years FU from ORAR 3 RCT

BACKGROUND

Results from one (*EuroIntervention. 2009 Jun;5(2):255-6*) and three years (*Catheter Cardiovasc Interv 2012;80:385e394*) of FU were published and showed that the strategy of OR plus BMS has no significant differences in MACE or TVR in comparison with DES therapy, although costs were significantly higher with DES.

METHODS

From January 2006 to September 2007 in three hospitals in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 200 patients pts were randomized either to OR (n=100) or DES (n=100). **OR was given as a bolus of 10 mg the day before PCI followed by daily doses of 3 mg during the following 13 days.**

DES group received clopidogrel for at least one year and OR group for one month. DES used in the trial were Paclitaxel (Boston Scientific), Sirolimus (Cordis) and Zotarolimus (Medtronic) eluting stents, all commercially available in Argentina. **Follow Up angiogram was only clinically indicated.**

Costs expressed in US dollars, included procedural, hospitalization, medications at hospital, repeat revascularization procedures at follow up and professional fees.

Clinical Exclusion Criteria were AMI in the last 24 hours, in-stent restenosis, previous PCI in the last six months and short life expectancy.

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The **primary end point** was to compare overall costs (included in-hospital and follow-up) of both revascularization strategies (OR and DES) at 1, 3 and 5 years follow-up. This was selected on the hypothesis of similar efficacy for both strategies.

Secondary end points included safety end points defined by a composite of death from any cause, myocardial infarction (MI) or stroke (MACE). Target Vessel Revascularization (TVR) and Target Lesion Revascularization (TLR) were analyzed separately as efficacy end points and were not included as part of the MACE definition. Target vessel failure (TVF) was defined as cardiac death, MI and TVR.

5 years FU from ORAR 3 RCT

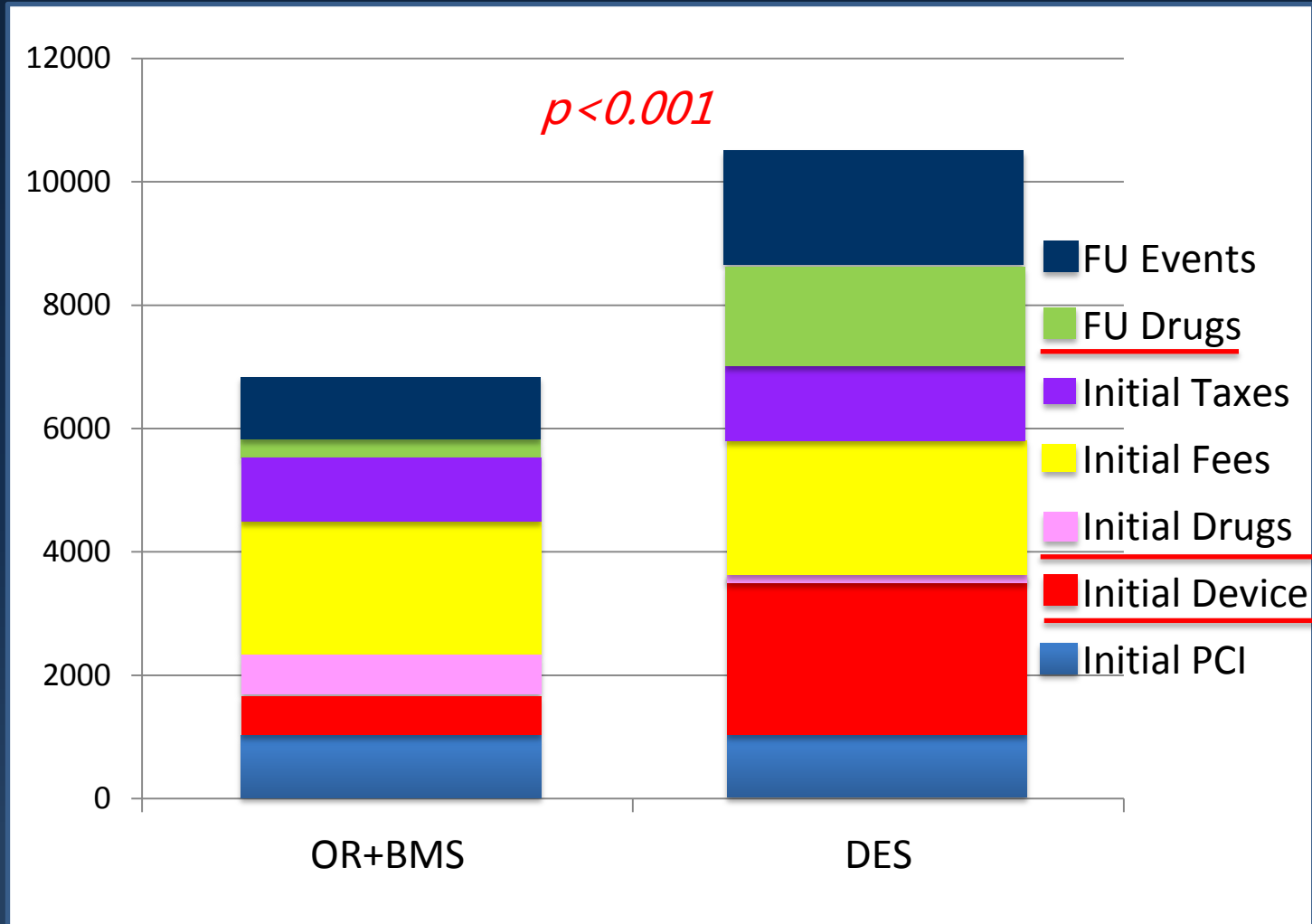
Baseline Clinical, Demographic and Angiographic Characteristics (cont)

Characteristics n (%)	OR+BMS (n=100 pts)	DES (n=100 pts)	P value
Age (years)	62.1 +/- 10.1	63.4 +/- 10.6	0.30
Age > 65 years	40%	48%	0.31
Male gender	83 (83.0%)	81 (81.0%)	1.00
Hypertension	69 (69.0%)	72 (72.0%)	0.93
Dyslipemia	71 (71.0%)	81 (81.0%)	0.61
Current smokers	21 (21.0%)	17 (17.0%)	0.67
Diabetes Mellitus	24 (24.0%)	33 (33.0%)	0.36
Previous CVA	2 (2.0%)	2 (2.0%)	1.00
Previous MI	26 (26.0%)	33 (33.0%)	0.51
Previous Coronary Revascularization	12 (12.0%)	13 (13.0%)	1.00
Unstable Angina (ACC/AHA class)	62 (62.0%)	56 (56.0%)	0.74
Stent diameter (mm)	2.78 +/- 0.4	2.76 +/- 0.4	0.66
MVD	48 (48%)	51 (51%)	0.90
EuroSCORE	3.63 +/- 2.7	3.41 +/- 2.6	0.56

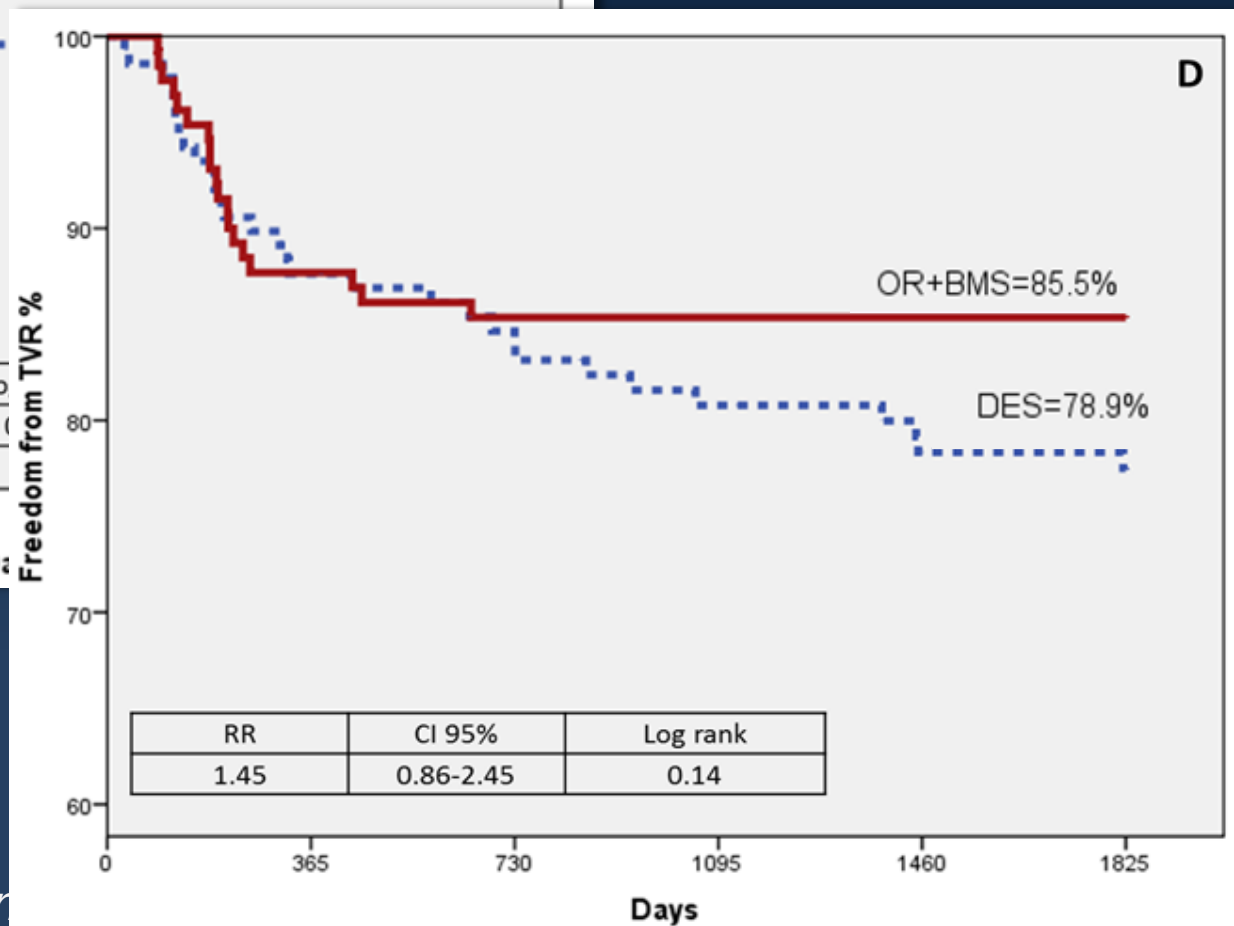
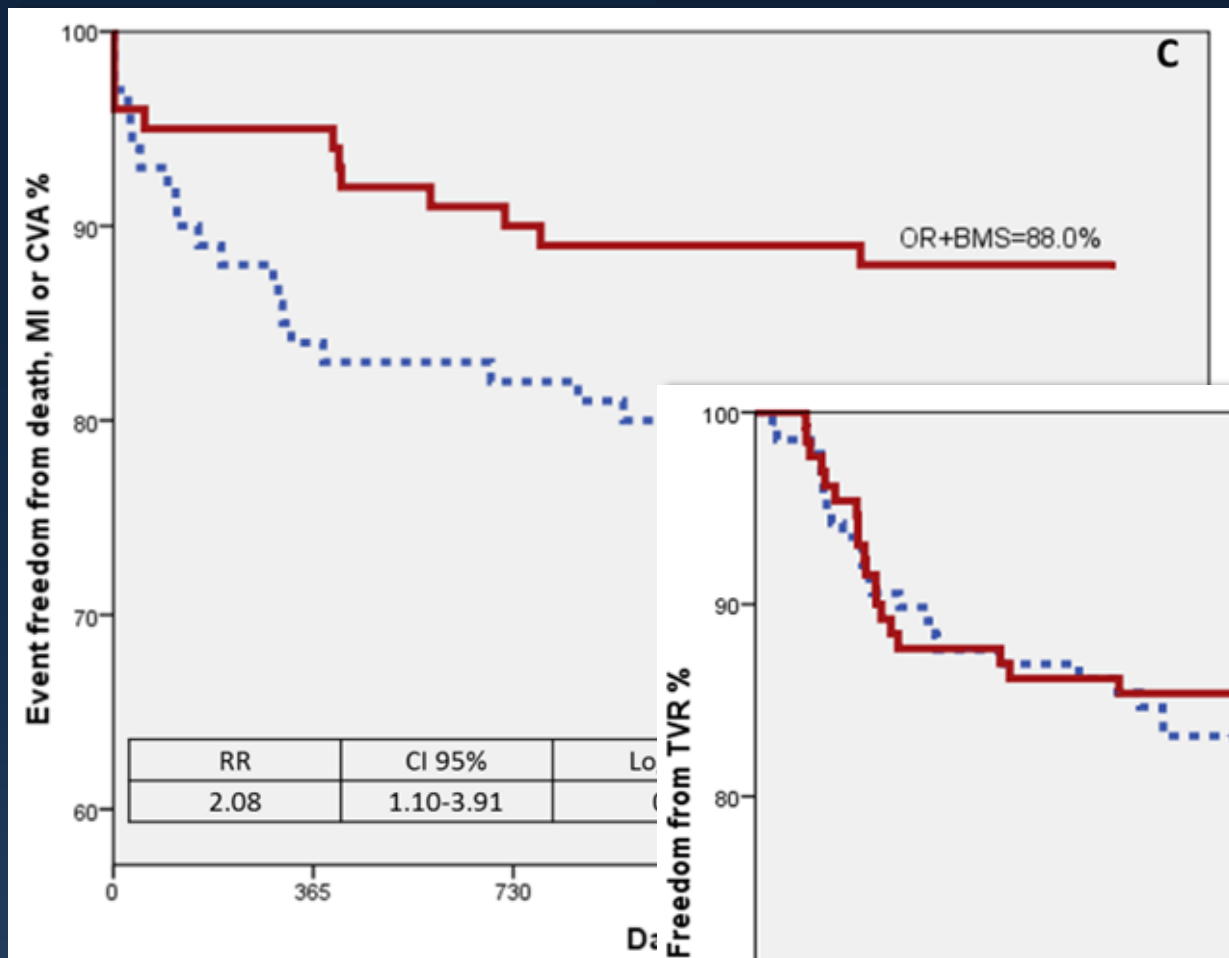
Baseline Clinical, Demographic and Angiographic Characteristics (cont)

Characteristics n (%)	OR+BMS (n=100 pts)	DES (n=100 pts)	P value
N° of treated vessels	131	142	0.70
N° of treated lesions	158	170	0.75
N° of stents per patient	1.71	1.76	0.91
Reference diameter < 2.5 mm	36.1%	28.2%	0.32
Overlapping stents per vessel	24.4% (32/131)	14.8% (21/142)	0.28
Stent length (mm)	19.1 +/- 4.3	21.4 +/- 5.2	0.001
Stent diameter (mm)	2.78 +/- 0.4	2.76 +/- 0.4	0.66

COSTS during ORAR 3 RCT.



Kaplan Meier survival curves in ORAR 3 RCT



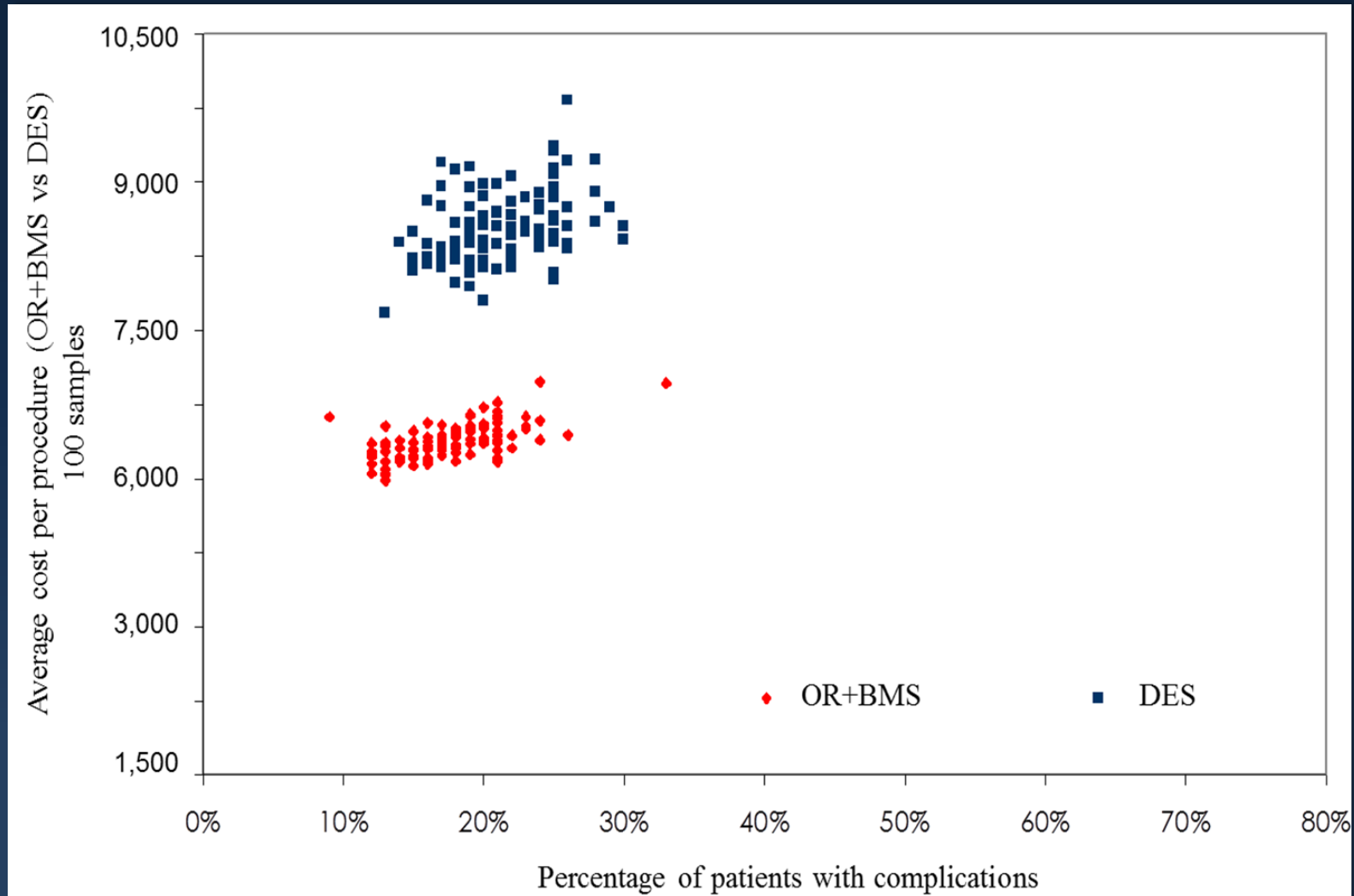
Event progression during ORAR 3 RCT

Incidence of clinical endpoints at 1 and 5 years of follow up.						
Event	OR+BMS n=100 (%)	DES n=100 (%)	RR	CI 95%		Chi ²
				Inferior	Superior	
TVF						
0-1 years	21 (21.0)	23 (23.0)	1.09	0.64	1.84	0.73
1-5 years	5 (5.0)	13 (13.0)	2.6	0.96	7.02	0.08
0-5 years	26 (26.0)	36 (32.0)	1.38	0.90	2.11	0.08
TLR						
0-1 years	11/158 (7.0)	14/170 (8.2)	1.18	0.55	2.52	0.84
1-5 years	5/158 (3.1)	16/170 (9.4)	2.95	1.10	7.87	0.03
0-5 years	16/158 (10.1)	30/170 (17.6)	1.74	0.98	3.07	0.05
TVR						
0-1 years	14/131 (10.6)	15/142 (10.5)	0.98	0.49	1.96	0.86
1-5 years	5/131 (3.8)	15/142 (10.5)	2.78	1.04	7.46	0.02
0-5 years	19/131 (14.5)	30/142 (21.1)	1.45	0.86	2.45	0.16

**LATE CATCH-UP
after 1 year...**

Bootstrap analysis in patients with cardiac adverse events in both groups

ORAR 3 RCT



Clinical Outcome according to AGE in ORAR

3 RCT

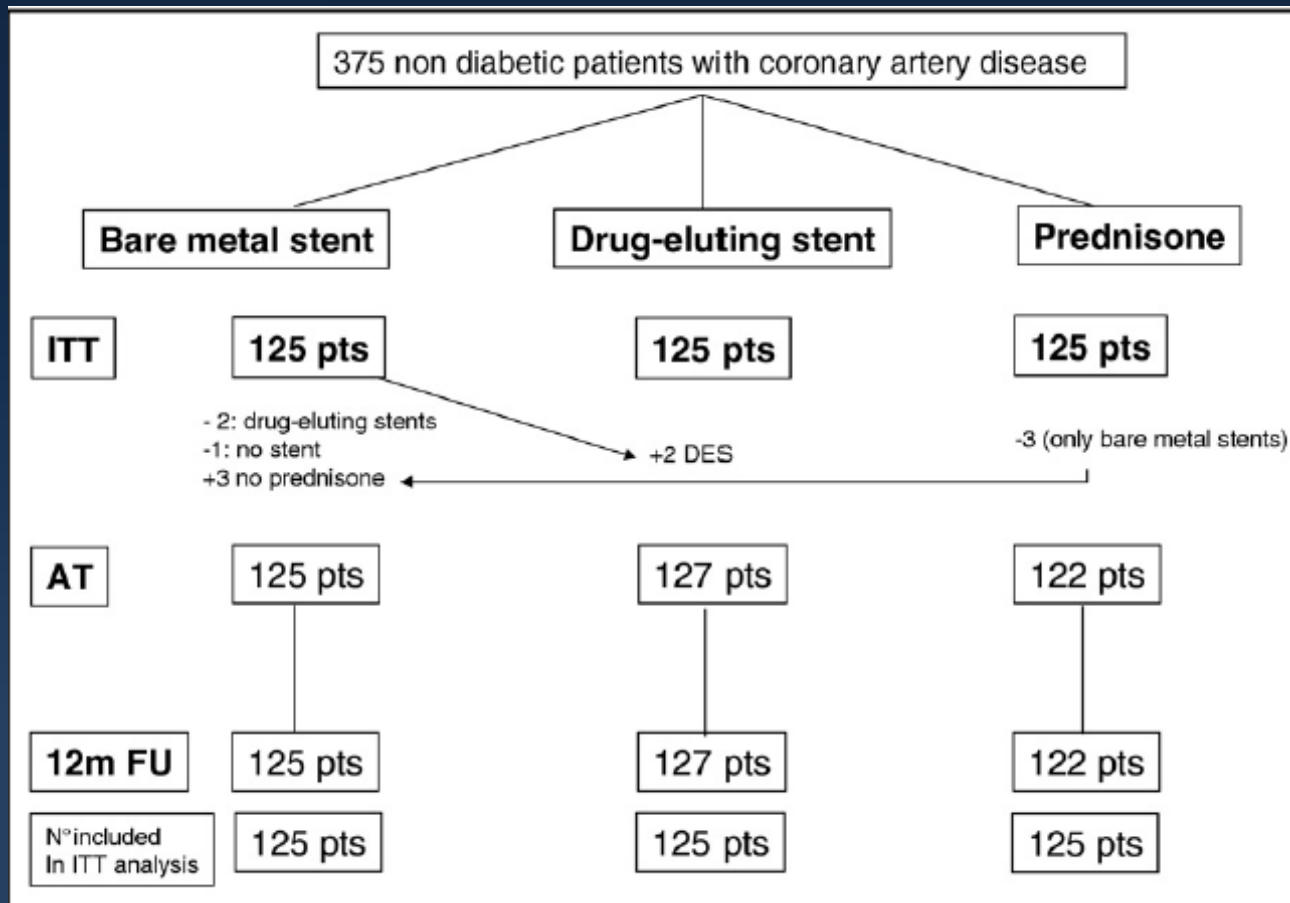
	Patients < 65 years			Patients ≥ 65 years		
	OR	DES	P	OR	DES	P
	n=60 (%)	n=52 (%)		n=40 (%)	n=48 (%)	
Death	2 (3.3)	5 (9.6)	0.32	4 (10.0)	11 (22.9)	0.10
MI	6 (10.0)	6 (11.5)	0.79	0 (0.0)	6 (12.5)	0.05
Death+MI+CVA	8(13.3)	11 (21.2)	0.27	4 (10.0)	14 (29.2)	0.026
TVF	16 (26.7)	15 (28.8)	0.79	10 (25.0)	21 (43.8)	0.06
TVR	12/81 (14.8)	12/69 (17.4)	0.66	7/50 (14.0)	18/73 (24.6)	0.17
TLR	9/97 (9.3)	12/82 (14.6)	0.26	7/61 (11.5)	18/88 (20.5)	0.14

Is here room for OIT??

PREDNISONE Randomized Clinical Trials

<i>Trial</i>	<i>Design and setting</i>	<i>Year of publication</i>	<i>Patients</i>	<i>OIT drug</i>	<i>OIT time interval</i>	<i>Stents used in the control arm</i>	<i>Primary clinical endpoints</i>	<i>Primary angiographic endpoints</i>	<i>Secondary endpoints</i>	<i>Follow-up (median, days)</i>
CEREA DES²⁵	Multicenter, three arms, BMS- and DES-controlled, de novo and ISR lesions	2011	375	Prednisone	Post-procedure out to 40 days after index PCI (decalage)	BMS or PES, SES	12-month MACE*-free survival	N/A	N/A	330
IMPRESS²⁴	Multicenter, two arms, placebo-controlled, persistent elevated CRP levels post-procedure, de novo lesions	2002	83	Prednisone	72h to 45 days after index PCI (decalage)	BMS	12-month event-free survival rate§	6-month restenosis, LLL	N/A	360

Long-term clinical follow-up of the multicenter, randomized study to test immunosuppressive therapy with oral prednisone for the prevention of restenosis after percutaneous coronary interventions: Cortisone plus BMS or DES versus BMS alone to Eliminate Restenosis (CEREA-DES)



CEREA-DES

Long-term clinical events

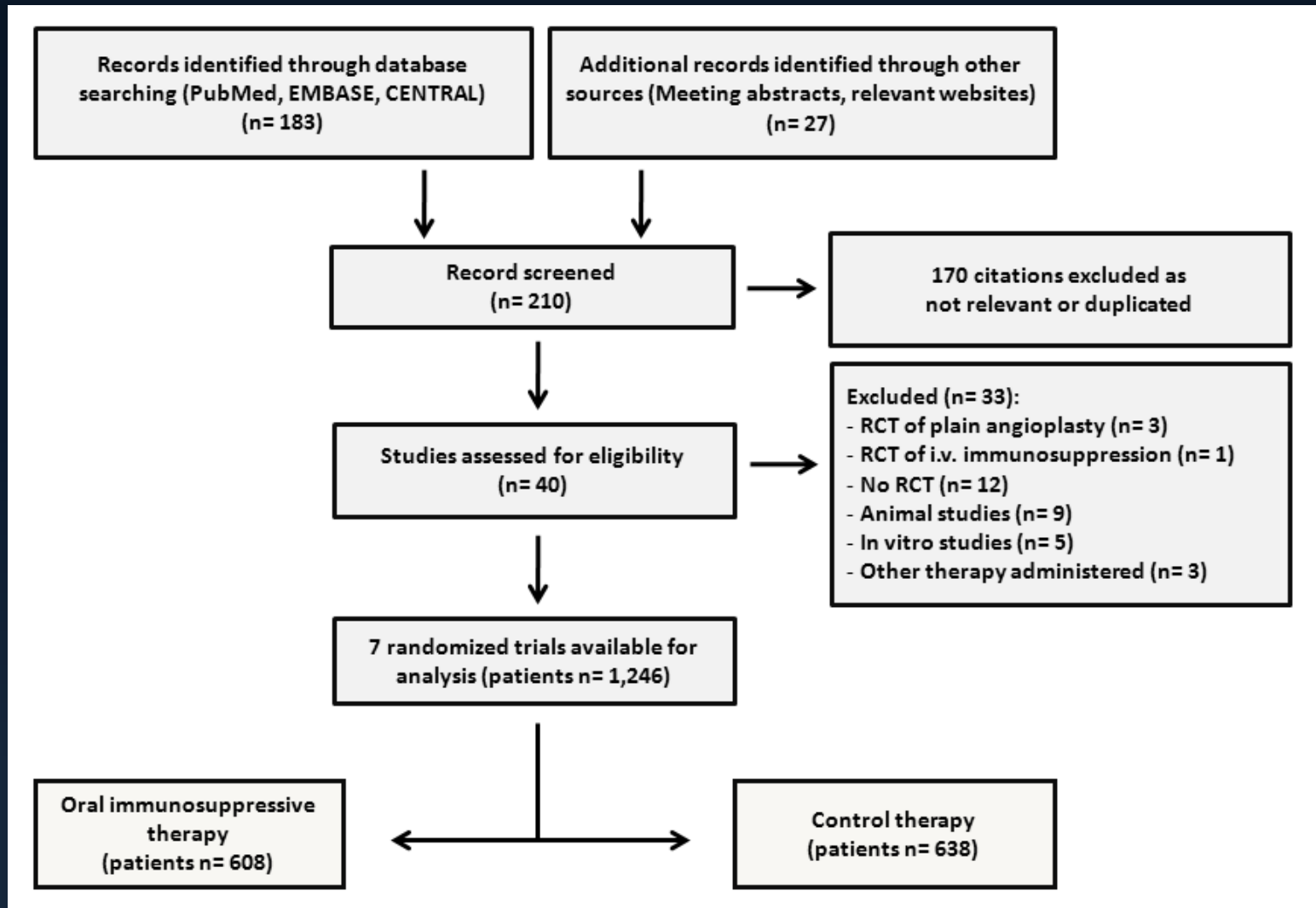
Follow-up period	BMS	Prednisone	DES	p1	p2
1–4 years (%)					
All death	1 (0.8)	2 (1.6)	3 (2.4)	1	0.62
Cardiac death	1 (0.8)	2 (1.6)	3 (2.4)	1	0.62
MI	0	0	3 (2.4)	1	0.06
TVR	7 (5.6)	2 (1.6)	5 (4)	0.20	0.90
TLR	2 (1.6)	1 (0.8)	4 (3.2)	1	0.70
Non-TVR	4 (3.2)	3 (2.4)	7 (5.6)	1	0.62
All Revascularizations	11 (8.8)	5 (4)	12 (9.6)	0.30	1
All MACEs	8 (6.4)	4 (3.2)	11 (8.8)	0.60	0.86
4 years (%)					
All death	2 (1.6)	2 (1.6)	3 (2.4)	1	1
Cardiac death	2 (1.6)	2 (1.6)	3 (2.4)	1	1
MI	4 (3.2)	1 (0.8)	4 (3.2)	0.40	1
TVR	29 (23.2)	17 (13.6)	19 (15.2)	0.08	0.20
TLR	17 (13.6)	11 (8.8)	8 (6.4)	0.40	0.10
Non-TVR	9 (7.2)	6 (4.8)	15 (12)	0.90	0.30
Very late stent thrombosis (definite)	0	0	3 (2.4)	1	0.06
Very late stent thrombosis (possible)	0	0	4 (3.2)	1	0.02
Dual antiplatelet therapy	6 (4.8)	4 (3.2)	29 (23.2)	0.68	<0.001
Non-TLR + non-TVR	21 (16.8)	12 (9.6)	26 (20.8)	0.06	0.4
All MACEs	35 (28)	20 (16)	26 (20.8)	0.04	0.38

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therapy to prevent in-Stent
rEstenosiS
(RAMSES) cooperation: a
patient-level meta-analysis of
randomized trials**

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RAMSES meta-analysis

PRISMA flow chart for the trial selection process.



RAMSES meta-analysis

5 RCT
OIT+BMS
Vs.
BMS

Prednisone



IMPRESS
(41 vs 43)

Cernigliaro et al
(54 vs 54)

ORAR II
(50 vs 50)

Rapamycin



Stojkovic et al
(35 vs 37)

OSIRIS
(203 vs 102)

1 RCT
OIT+BMS
Vs.
DES

Rapamycin



ORAR III
(100 vs 100)

1 RCT
OIT+BMS
Vs.
DES
Vs.
BMS

Prednisone



CEREA-DES
(125 vs 125 vs
125)

**RAMSES
population**

RAMSES meta-analysis

Trial	Random sequence generation	Blinding of participants	Blinding of outcome assessment*	Description of incomplete outcome data	Sample size calculation	Trial funding
CEREA DES	Yes (computer-generated)	No	Yes (Independent CEC)	Yes (flow diagram)	Yes (superiority design)	Yes (Public health research grant)
Cernigliaro et al.	Yes (computer-generated)	Yes	Yes (Independent CEC)	Yes (flow diagram)	Yes (superiority design)	No (Investigator driven)
IMPRESS	Yes (computer-generated)	Yes	Yes (Independent CEC)	Yes	Yes (superiority design)	No (Investigator driven)
ORAR II	Yes (central random list)	No	Yes (Independent CEC)	Yes	Yes (superiority design)	No (Investigator driven)
ORAR III	Yes (central random list)	Yes	Yes (Independent CEC)	Yes (flow diagram)	Yes (non-inferiority design)	No (Investigator driven)
OSIRIS	Yes (central random list)	Yes	Yes (Independent CEC)	Yes	Yes (superiority design)	No (Investigator driven)
Stojkovic et al.	Yes	No	Yes (Independent CEC)	Yes	Yes (superiority design)	No (Investigator driven)

Assessment of risk of bias

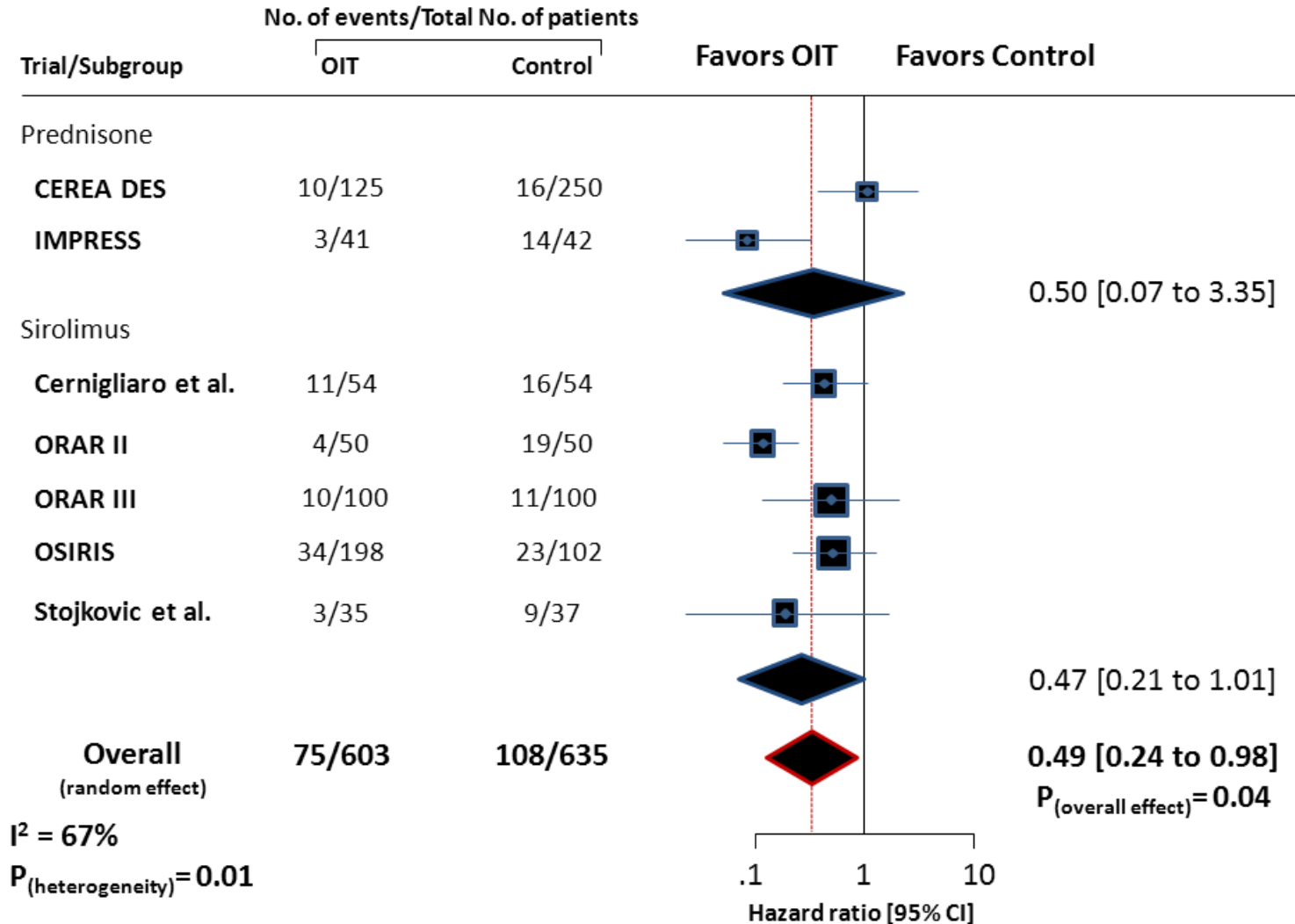
Cassese, Kastrati, Rodriguez et al. Atherosclerosis. 2014 Dec;237(2):410-7

End Points

- **#Primary endpoints** were target lesion revascularization (TLR) and the composite of death/myocardial infarction (MI).
- **# Secondary endpoints** were death, MI, stent thrombosis (ST) and in-stent late lumen loss at angiographic surveillance.
- **#All endpoints** were evaluated according to per protocol definitions and events count was hierarchical, considering always the most severe event when more than one occurred.

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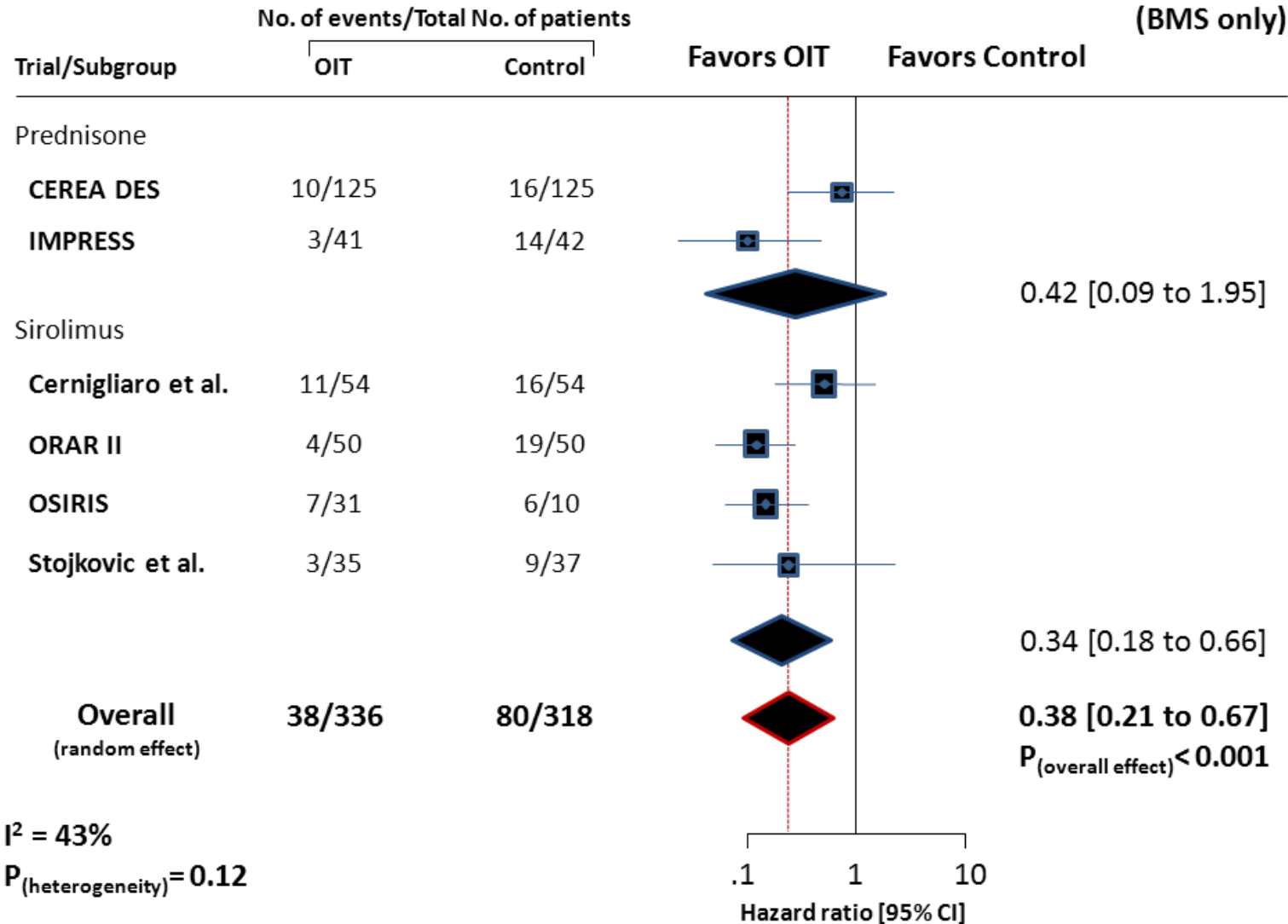
Figure 1 A. Target lesion revascularization



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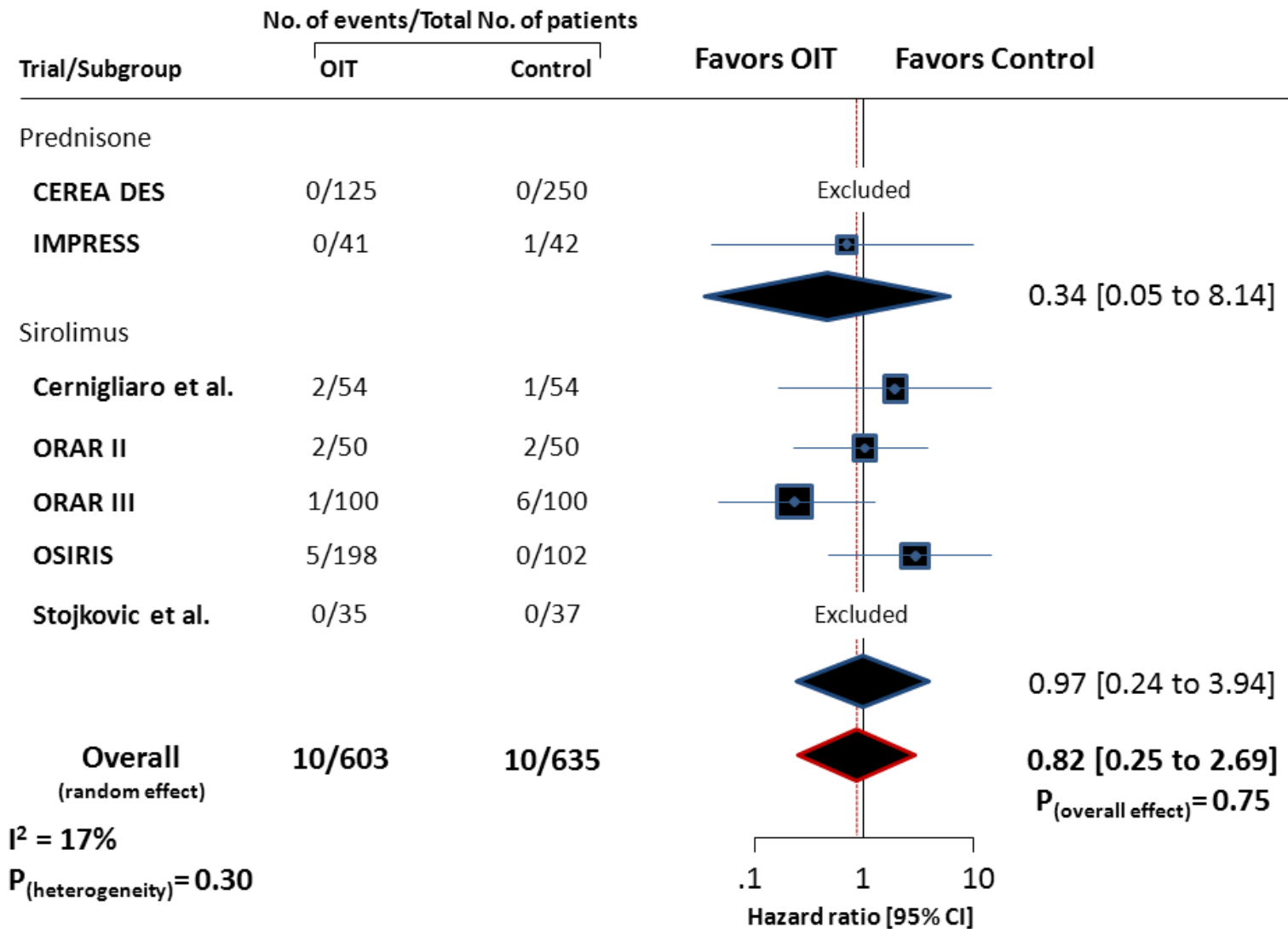
Analysis of TLR for BMS+OIT versus BMS

S-Figure 2. Target lesion revascularization (BMS only)



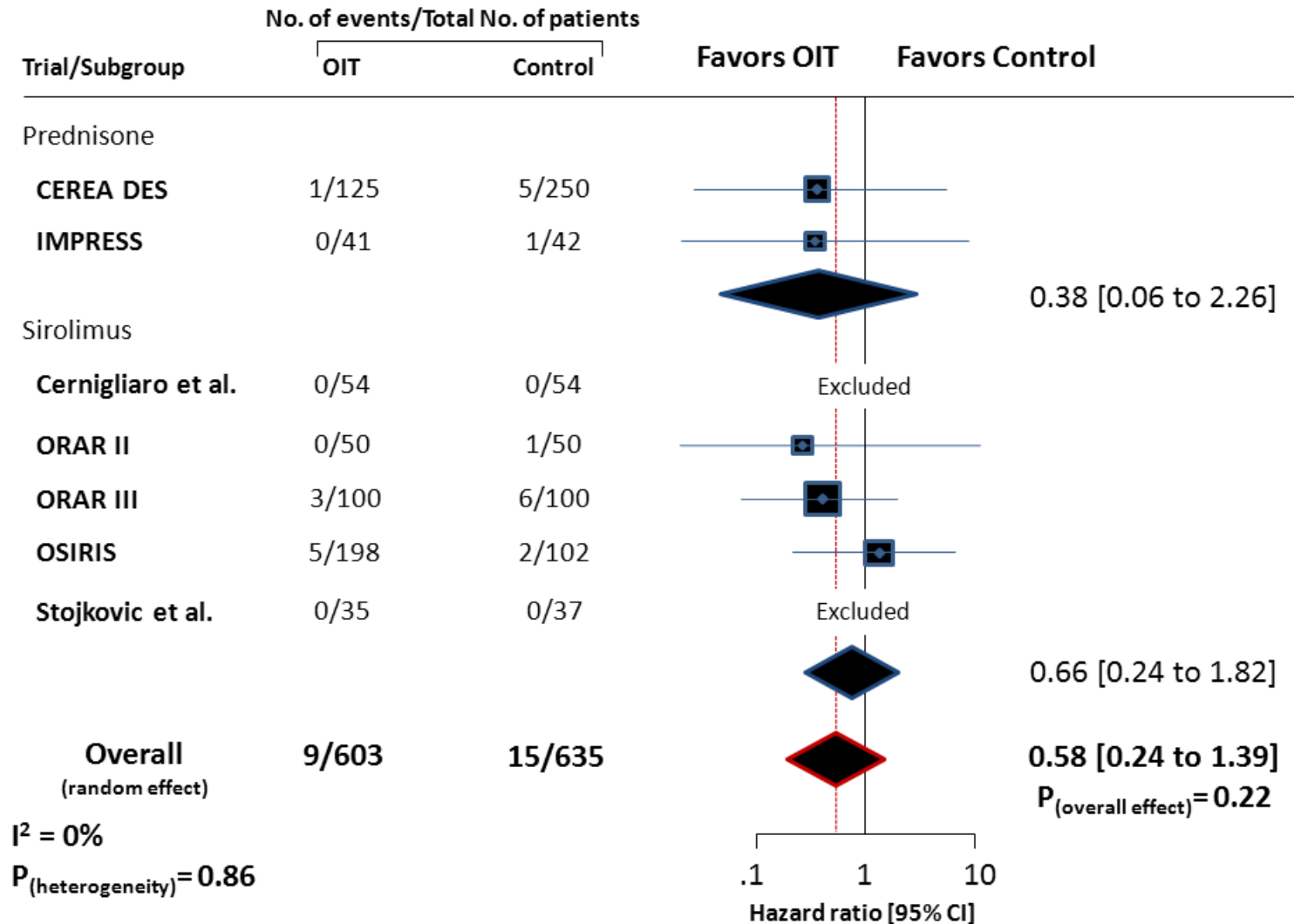
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Figure 3 A. Death



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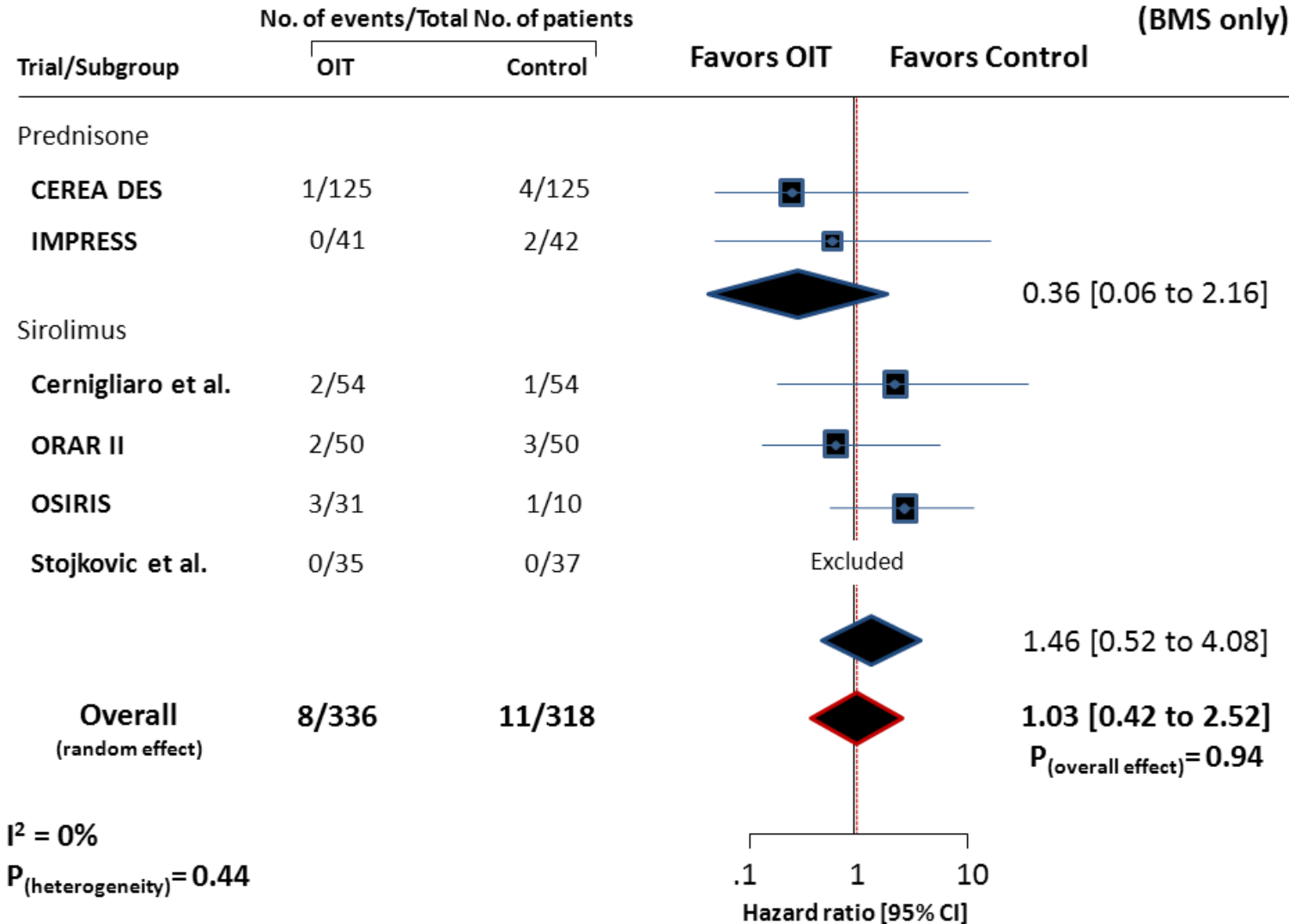
Figure 4 A. Myocardial infarction



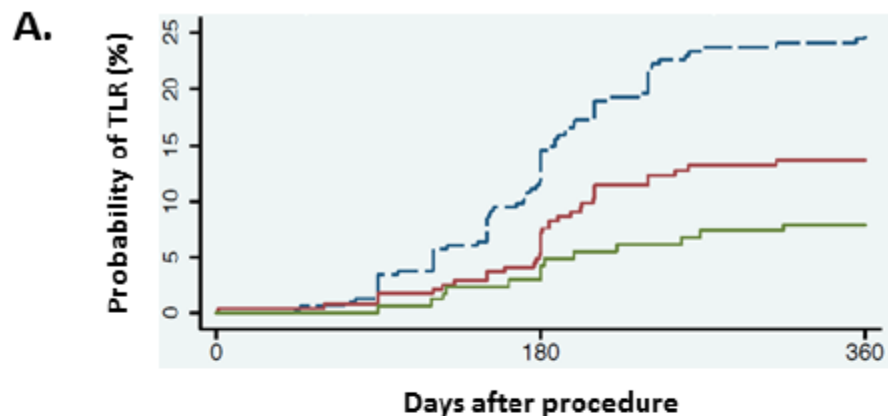
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Analysis of death/MI for BMS+OIT versus BMS.

S-Figure 3. Death/MI (BMS only)

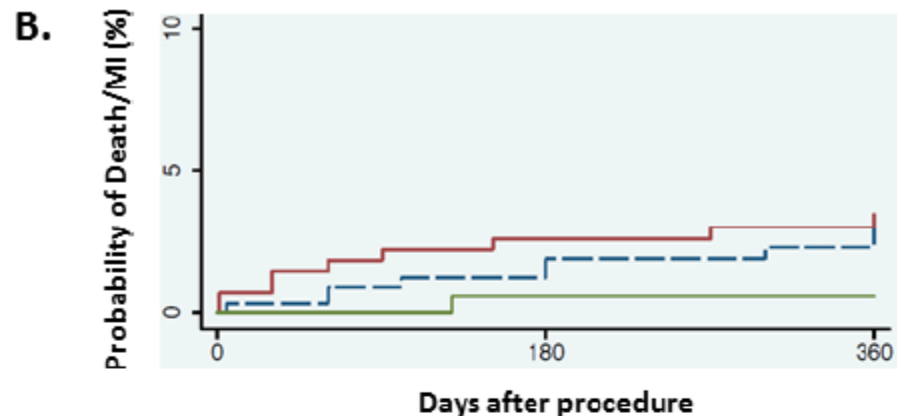


Survival curves for primary and secondary endpoints according to the treatment received (BMS+OIT [prednisone or sirolimus] or BMS).



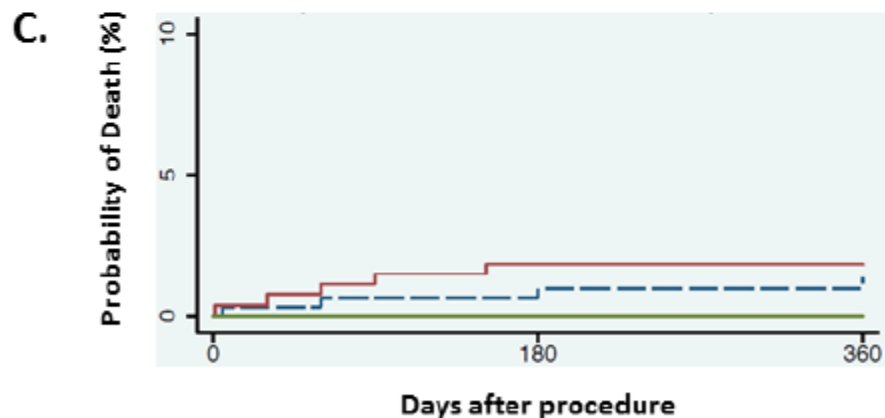
Patients at risk

Prednisone	166	161	153
Sirolimus	437	403	310
BMS	318	277	197



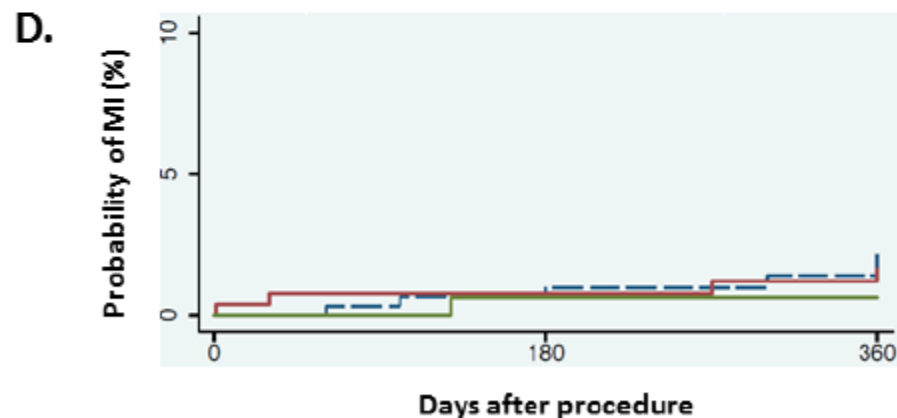
Patients at risk

Prednisone	166	163	162
Sirolimus	437	419	363
BMS	318	303	242



Patients at risk

Prednisone	166	166	165
Sirolimus	437	425	369
BMS	318	305	245



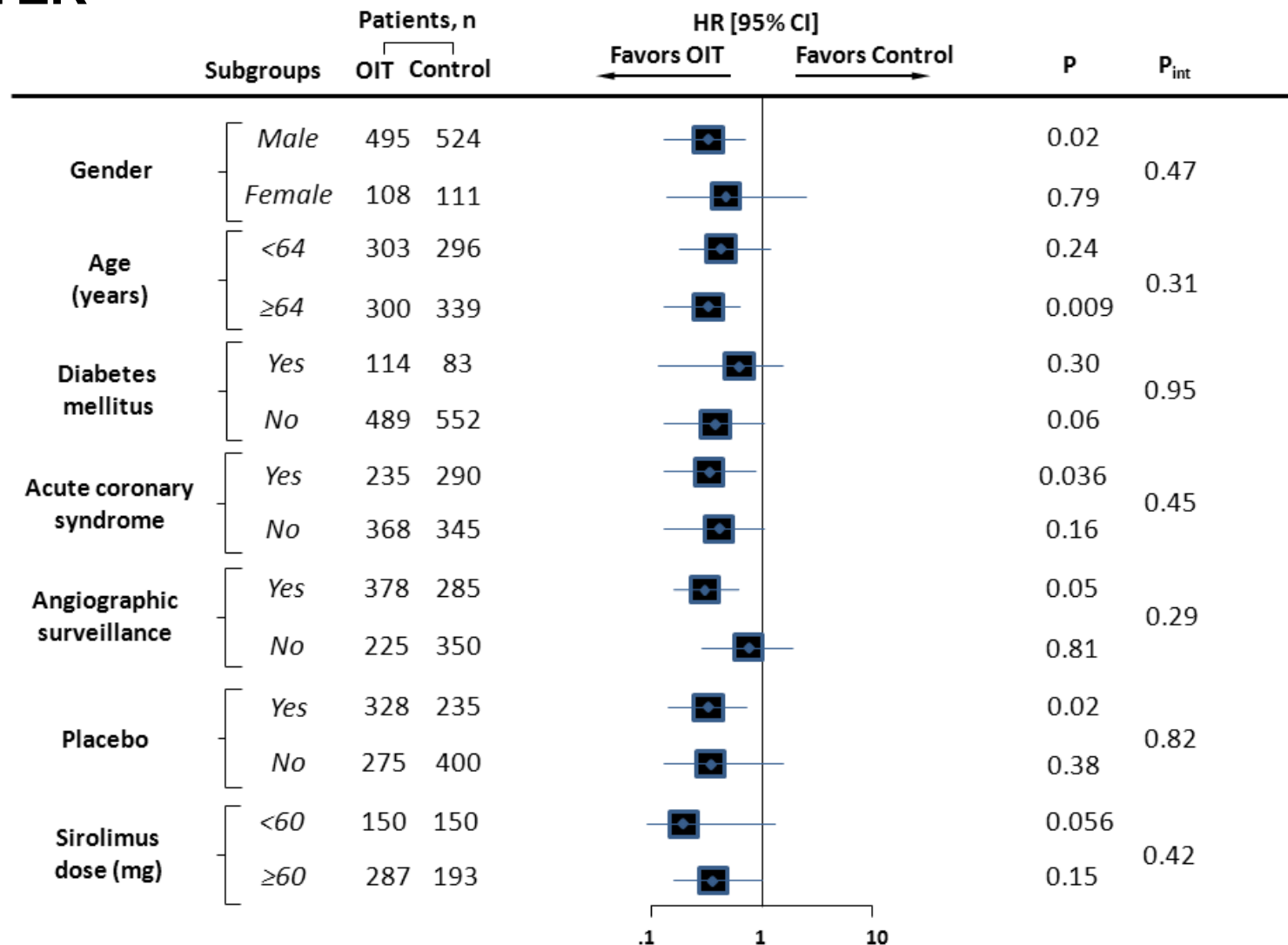
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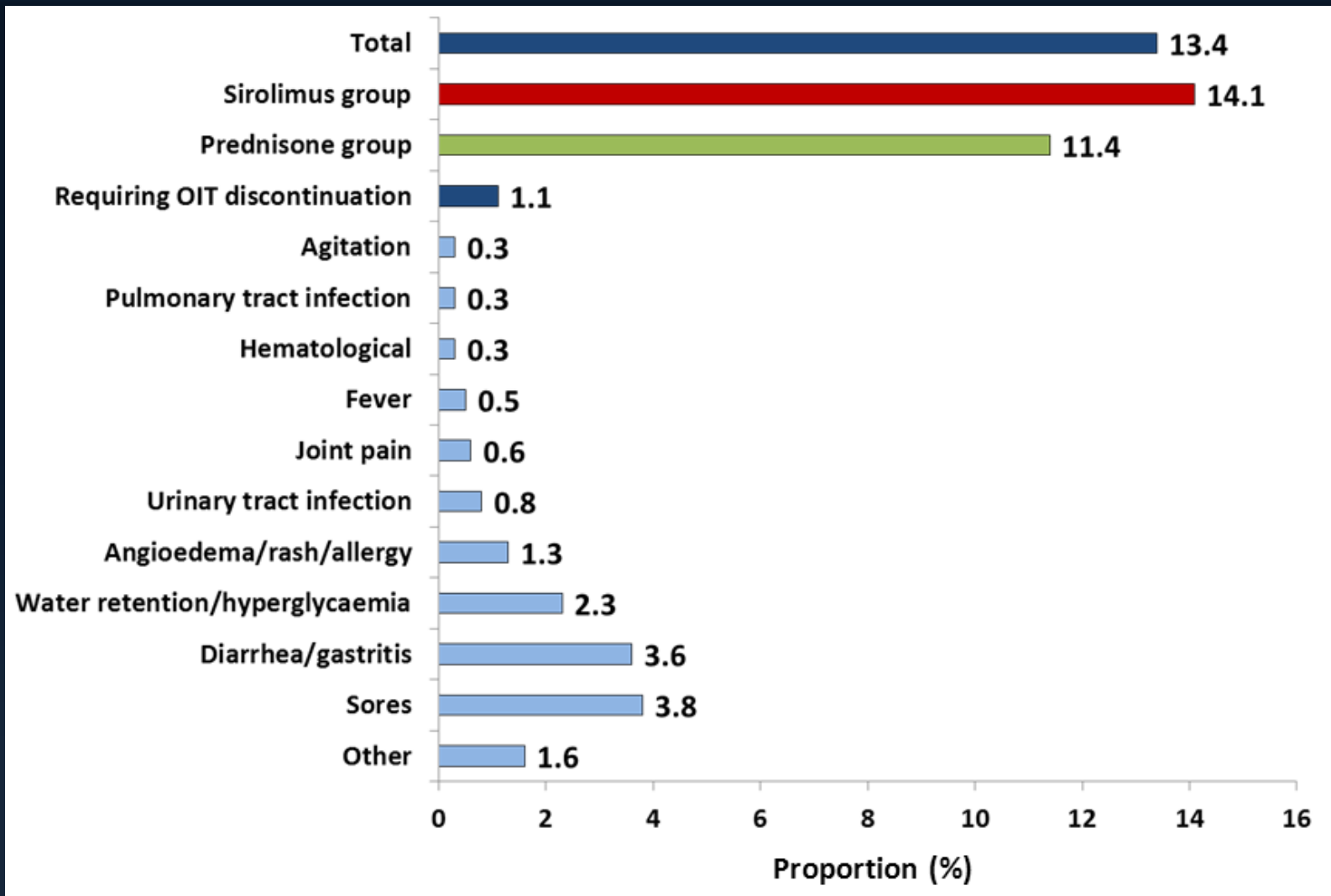
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TLR

Figure 6. Sensitivity analysis for TLR



Side effects associated with OIT



Colchicine Treatment for the Prevention of Bare-Metal Stent Restenosis in Diabetic Patients

- Double blind, prospective, placebo controlled study included 196 diabetic pt treated with BMS randomly assigned to colchicine 0.5 mg (n=100) or placebo (n=96) twice daily for 6 months.
- Angiography and IVUS to monitor restenosis 6 months after initial procedure.
- Well balanced demographic and angiographic baseline characteristics.
- 16% of adverse events in colchicine group (diarrhea or nausea) vs 7% in placebo.

Results at 6 months of FU

	Colchicine (n = 100)	Controls (n = 96)	P Value
In-Stent Restenosis	16%	33%	0.007
Late Lumen Loss, mm	0.4	0.9	< 0.01
MLD, mm	2.8	2.3	< 0.01

ORAL TREATMENT TO PREVENT RESTENOSIS

Pooled data from ORAR 3 (5 yrs FU) and CEREAS-DES (4 yrs FU)
Rapamycin/Prednisone+BMS vs Cypher, Taxus & Endeavor

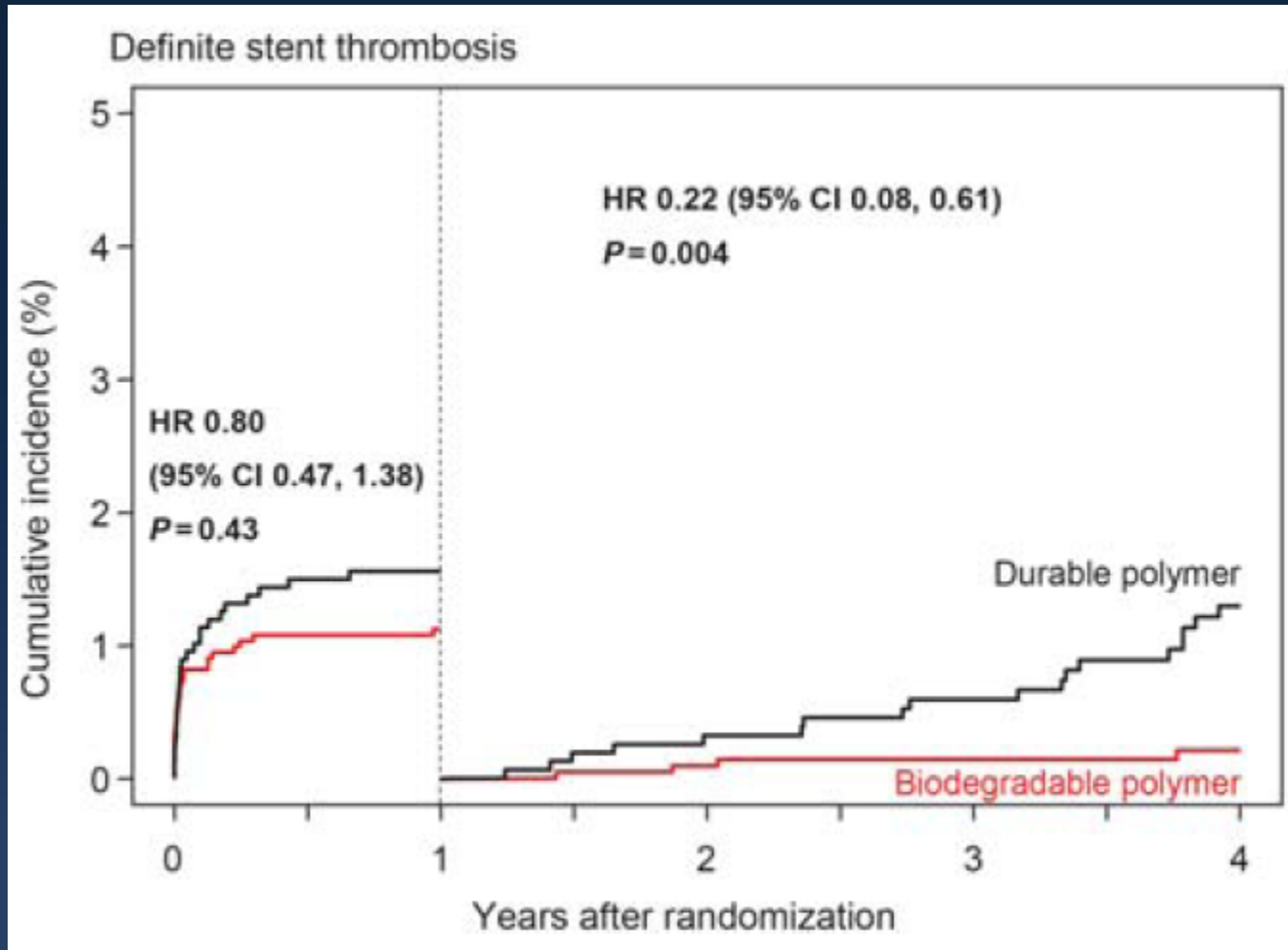
	OIT (225 p)	DES (225 p)	P value
Death	8/225	19/225	0.02
MI	7/225	16/225	0.04
TLR	27/350	38/360	0.2
SET	2/225	16/225	<0.001
Very Late SET	1/225	11/225	0.002

Rodriguez AE et al. Am J Cardiol. 2014 Mar 1;113(5):815-21

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Stent thrombosis and new DES generations

Biodegradable polymers



	SES (n=73 Lesions)	PES (n=85 Lesions)	CoCr-EES (n=46 Lesions)	<i>P</i> Value CoCr-EES vs SES	<i>P</i> Value CoCr-EES vs PES
No. of histological sections evaluated	479	578	300		
No. of stent struts evaluated	4546	6037	3873		
External elastic lamina area, mm ²	14.2±5.1	14.1±5.6	12.5±5.0	0.010	0.089
Stent area, mm ²	6.7±2.2	7.2±3.2	6.2±2.4	0.15	0.034
Underlying plaque area, mm ²	7.5±3.9	6.9±3.3	6.3±3.1	0.16	0.34
Mean neointimal thickness, mm	0.09 (0.04–0.18)	0.11 (0.06–0.19)	0.09 (0.03–0.18)	0.89	0.32
Maximum neointimal thickness, mm	0.19 (0.08–0.32)	0.26 (0.17–0.35)	0.20 (0.10–0.39)	0.93	0.13
Uncovered struts, %	18.0 (0–51.4)	18.7 (7.1–44.4)	2.6 (0–7.1)	<0.0005	<0.0005
Prevalence of >30% uncovered struts*	44 (60)	57 (67)	9 (20)	<0.0005	<0.0005
Struts with fibrin, %	29.9 (12.1–59.9)	51.1 (36.9–72.9)	8.5 (0–28.2)	0.001	<0.0005
Inflammation score†	1.00 (0.33–2.00)	1.00 (0.13–1.44)	0.26 (0–0.60)	<0.0005	0.006
Maximum number of eosinophils per strut‡	0 (0–9.5)	0 (0–2.0)	0 (0–1.3)	0.009	0.59
Struts with giant cells, %	16.7 (9.5–41.4)	3.0 (0–9.0)	7.5 (3.3–18.2)	0.002	0.001
Prevalence of malapposition	12 (16)	15 (18)	2 (4)	0.065	0.043
Prevalence of hypersensitivity reaction§	6 (8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.081	...
Prevalence of neoatherosclerosis	25/72 (35)	15/78 (19)	12/41 (29)	0.91	0.19
Foamy macrophage clusters	8/72 (11)	13/78 (17)	8/41 (20)	0.15	0.69
Fibroatheroma	15/72 (21)	2/78 (3)	4/41 (10)	0.32	0.13
TCFA/in-stent plaque rupture§	2/72 (2)	0/78 (0)	0/41 (0)	0.52	...
Distribution of neoatherosclerosis ¶					
None/focal/diffuse	47/10/15	63/11/4	29/7/5	Ref/0.62/0.48	Ref/0.47/0.13
Prevalence of calcification within the neointima	14/72 (19)	4/78 (5)	3/41 (7)	0.048	0.88

Prevalence of Neoatherosclerosis

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Conclusions

- *1#. Notwithstanding that latest DES designs are significantly more safer than previous ones, BMS implantation during PCI have not been abandoned and are expected to grow in the next 5 years.*
- *2#. Oral Immunosuppressive therapy (OI) after BMS implantation significantly reduced restenosis rates compared to BMS alone. The reduction was driven by less late lumen loss with OI.*
- *3#. Taking into consideration the randomized data, rapamycin and prednisone appear to be the most promising in this setting. However, prednisone cannot be used in diabetics which limits its use.*
- *4#. The use of oral agents to reduce restenosis should be considered in all patients with relative contraindications for DES implantation.*
- *5#. We believe that the guidelines should be amended to include these agents in certain specific situations*

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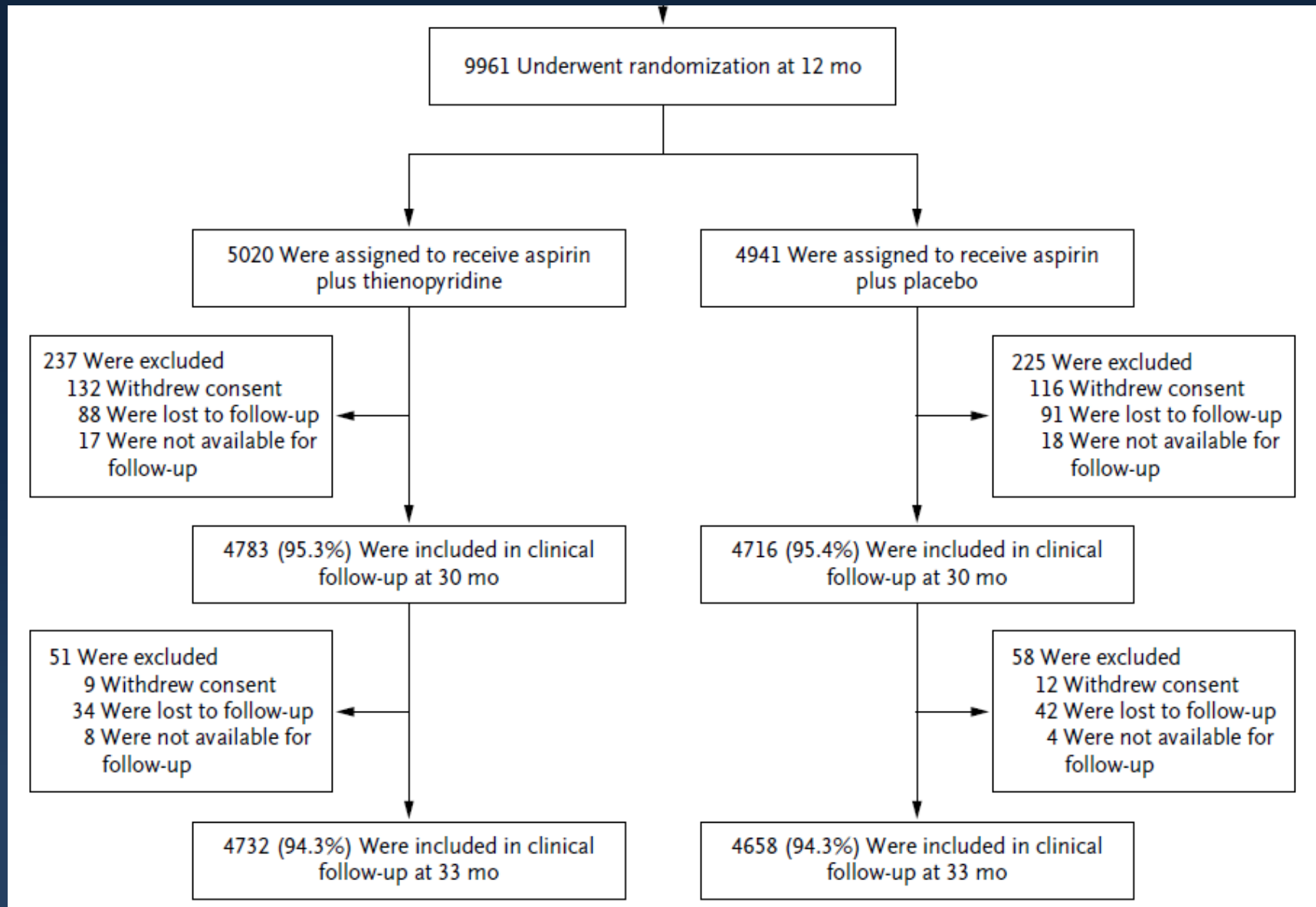
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Twelve or 30 Months of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy after Drug-Eluting Stents

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DAPT duration – DAPT Trial



Objectives



- To determine whether dual antiplatelet therapy beyond 12 months is associated with reduction in **stent thrombosis** and/or **major adverse cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events**
- To determine the impact of dual antiplatelet therapy beyond 12 months on **moderate or severe bleeding**

In a broadly inclusive population treated with coronary stents

Primary End Points



Two powered co-primary effectiveness end points

- **Definite or probable stent thrombosis**
(Academic Research Consortium definition)
- **Major adverse cardiovascular or cerebrovascular events**
(MACCE, death, MI or stroke)

Powered primary safety end point

- **Moderate or severe bleeding**
(Global Utilization of Streptokinase and TPA for Occluded Arteries classification [GUSTO])

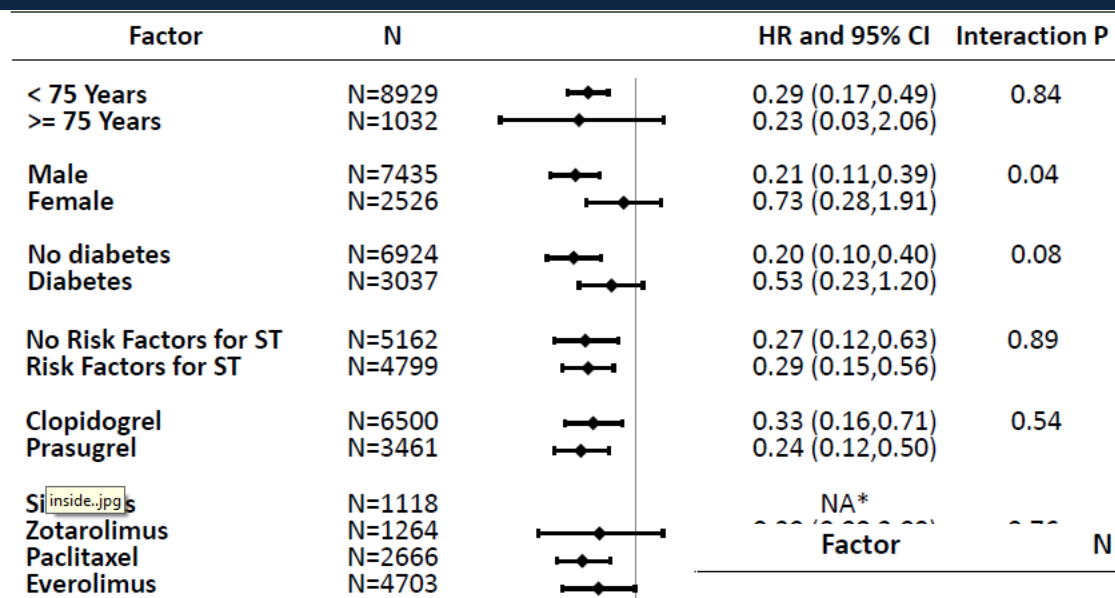
Primary analysis period = drug treatment period of 12-30 m

Primary analysis cohort: randomized DES-treated subjects

Baseline Characteristics**DAPT duration – DAPT Trial**

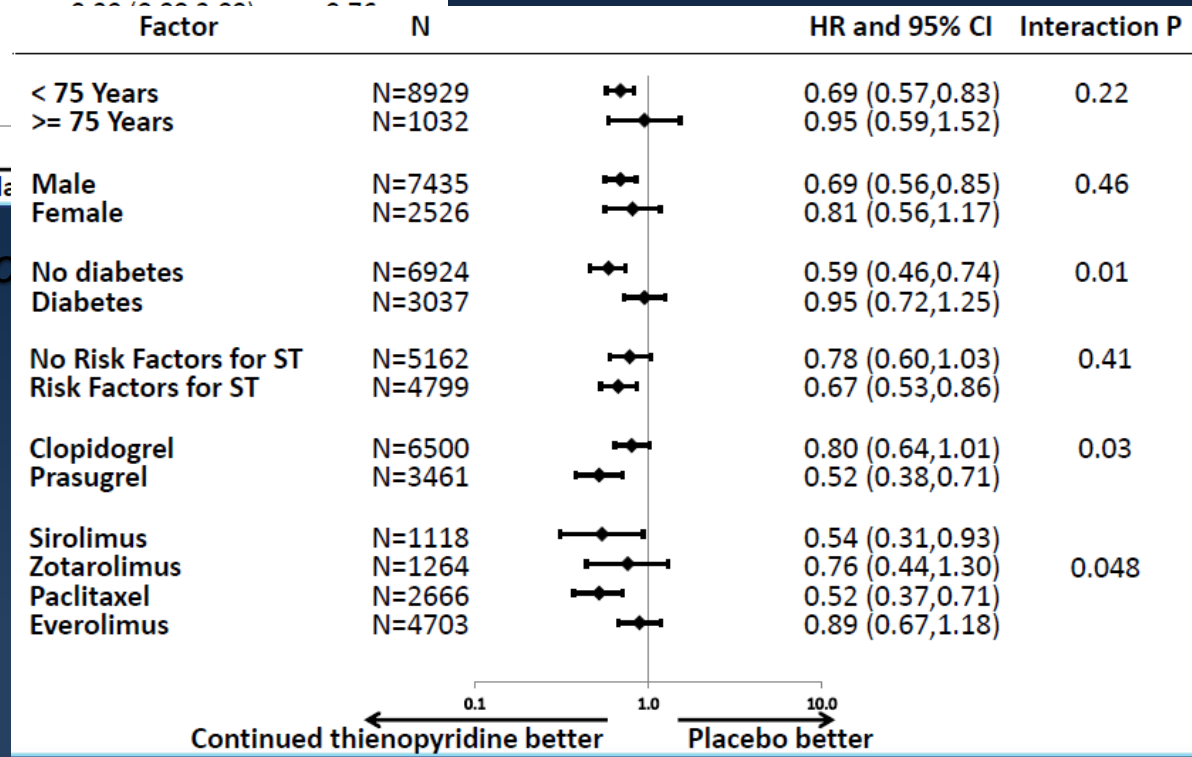
	Thienopyridine N=5020	Placebo N=4941	P-value
Age (years)	61.8	61.6	0.24
Female	24.7%	26.0%	0.15
Race – Non White	8.9%	8.6%	0.67
Ethnicity-Hispanic or Latino	3.2%	3.3%	0.91
Weight – kg	91.5	91.5	0.93
BMI	30.5	30.6	0.92
Diabetes Mellitus	31.1%	30.1%	0.28
Hypertension	75.8%	74.0%	0.03
Cigarette Smoker	24.6%	24.7%	0.91
Prior PCI	30.4%	31.0%	0.50
Prior CABG	11.3%	11.8%	0.49
NSTEMI	15.5%	15.5%	0.93
STEMI	10.6%	10.3%	0.65
Number of Treated Vessels	1.11	1.12	0.60
Number of Stents	1.47	1.45	0.23
Total Stent Length (mm)	27.7	27.4	0.43
Stent Diameter <3mm (min per subject)	46.6%	46.4%	0.99

DAPT duration – DAPT Trial



Continued thienopyridine better

Stent thrombosis



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Bleeding End Point during Month 12 to Month 30

Bleeding Complications	Continued Thienopyridine (N = 4710)	Placebo (N = 4649)	Difference	Two-Sided P Value for Difference
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>		<i>percentage points (95% CI)</i>	
GUSTO severe or moderate†	119 (2.5)	73 (1.6)	1.0 (0.4 to 1.5)	0.001
Severe	38 (0.8)	26 (0.6)	0.2 (-0.1 to 0.6)	0.15
Moderate	81 (1.7)	48 (1.0)	0.7 (0.2 to 1.2)	0.004
BARC type 2, 3, or 5	263 (5.6)	137 (2.9)	2.6 (1.8 to 3.5)	<0.001
Type 2	145 (3.1)	72 (1.5)	1.5 (0.9 to 2.1)	<0.001
Type 3	122 (2.6)	68 (1.5)	1.1 (0.6 to 1.7)	<0.001
Type 5	7 (0.1)	4 (0.1)	0.1 (-0.1 to 0.2)	0.38

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Long-Term Use of Ticagrelor in Patients with Prior Myocardial Infarction

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DAPT duration – PEGASUS TIMI 54 Trial

Characteristic	Ticagrelor, 90 mg (N = 7050)	Ticagrelor, 60 mg (N = 7045)	Placebo (N = 7067)
Age — yr	65.4±8.4	65.2±8.4	65.4±8.3
Female sex — no. (%)	1682 (23.9)	1661 (23.6)	1717 (24.3)
White race — no. (%)†	6126 (86.9)	6077 (86.3)	6124 (86.7)
Weight — kg	82.0±16.7	82.0±17.0	81.8±16.6
Hypertension — no. (%)	5462 (77.5)	5461 (77.5)	5484 (77.6)
Hypercholesterolemia — no. (%)	5410 (76.7)	5380 (76.4)	5451 (77.1)
Current smoker — no. (%)	1187 (16.8)	1206 (17.1)	1143 (16.2)
Diabetes mellitus — no. (%)	2241 (31.8)	2308 (32.8)	2257 (31.9)
Multivessel coronary artery disease — no./total no. (%)	4155/7049 (58.9)	4190/7042 (59.5)	4213/7067 (59.6)
History of PCI — no./total no. (%)‡	5852/7049 (83.0)	5879/7044 (83.5)	5837/7066 (82.6)
>1 Prior myocardial infarction — no. (%)	1143 (16.2)	1168 (16.6)	1188 (16.8)
Peripheral-artery disease — no. (%)	371 (5.3)	368 (5.2)	404 (5.7)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate <60 ml/min/ 1.73 m ² — no./total no. (%)§	1653/6958 (23.8)	1547/6955 (22.2)	1649/6985 (23.6)
Qualifying event¶			
Years since myocardial infarction			
Median	1.7	1.7	1.7
Interquartile range	1.2–2.3	1.2–2.3	1.2–2.3
Type of myocardial infarction — no. (%)			
STEMI	3763/7043 (53.4)	3757/7035 (53.4)	3809/7057 (54.0)
NSTEMI	2898/7043 (41.1)	2842/7035 (40.4)	2843/7057 (40.3)
Unknown type	382/7043 (5.4)	436/7035 (6.2)	405/7057 (5.7)

DAPT duration – PEGASUS TIMI 54 Trial

End Point	Ticagrelor, 90 mg (N=7050)	Ticagrelor, 60 mg (N=7045)	Placebo (N=7067)	Ticagrelor, 90 mg vs. Placebo		Ticagrelor, 60 mg vs. Placebo	
				Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	<i>number (percent)</i>						
Cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, or stroke	493 (7.85)	487 (7.77)	578 (9.04)	0.85 (0.75–0.96)	0.008	0.84 (0.74–0.95)	0.004
Death from coronary heart disease, myocardial infarction, or stroke	438 (6.99)	445 (7.09)	535 (8.33)	0.82 (0.72–0.93)	0.002	0.83 (0.73–0.94)	0.003
Cardiovascular death or myocardial infarction	424 (6.79)	422 (6.77)	497 (7.81)	0.85 (0.75–0.97)	0.01	0.85 (0.74–0.96)	0.01
Death from coronary heart disease or myocardial infarction	350 (5.59)	360 (5.75)	429 (6.68)	0.81 (0.71–0.94)	0.004	0.84 (0.73–0.96)	0.01
Cardiovascular death	182 (2.94)	174 (2.86)	210 (3.39)	0.87 (0.71–1.06)	0.15	0.83 (0.68–1.01)	0.07
Death from coronary heart disease	97 (1.53)	106 (1.72)	132 (2.08)	0.73 (0.56–0.95)	0.02	0.80 (0.62–1.04)	0.09
Myocardial infarction	275 (4.40)	285 (4.53)	338 (5.25)	0.81 (0.69–0.95)	0.01	0.84 (0.72–0.98)	0.03
Stroke							
Any	100 (1.61)	91 (1.47)	122 (1.94)	0.82 (0.63–1.07)	0.14	0.75 (0.57–0.98)	0.03
Ischemic	88 (1.41)	78 (1.28)	103 (1.65)	0.85 (0.64–1.14)	0.28	0.76 (0.56–1.02)	0.06
Death from any cause	326 (5.15)	289 (4.69)	326 (5.16)	1.00 (0.86–1.16)	0.99	0.89 (0.76–1.04)	0.14

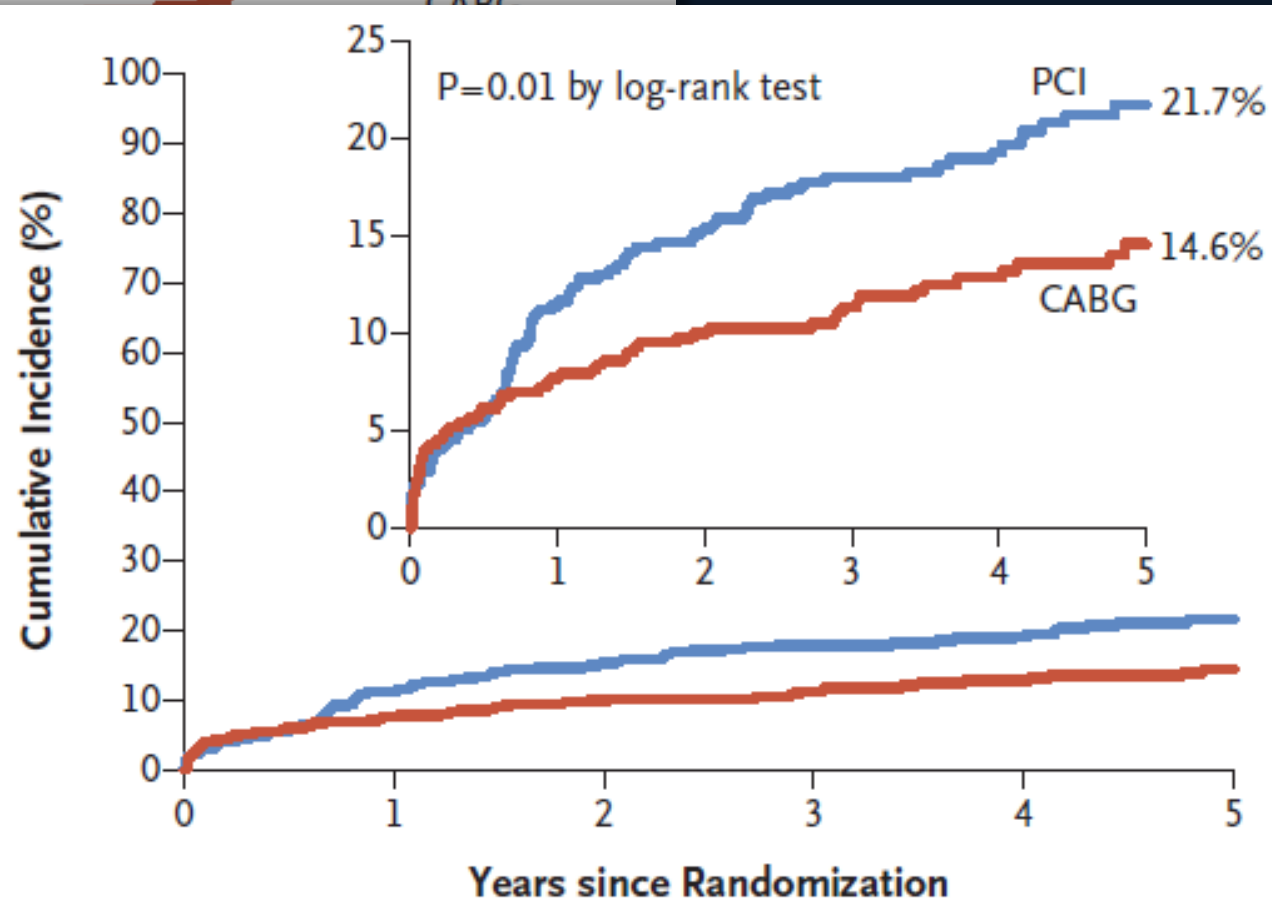
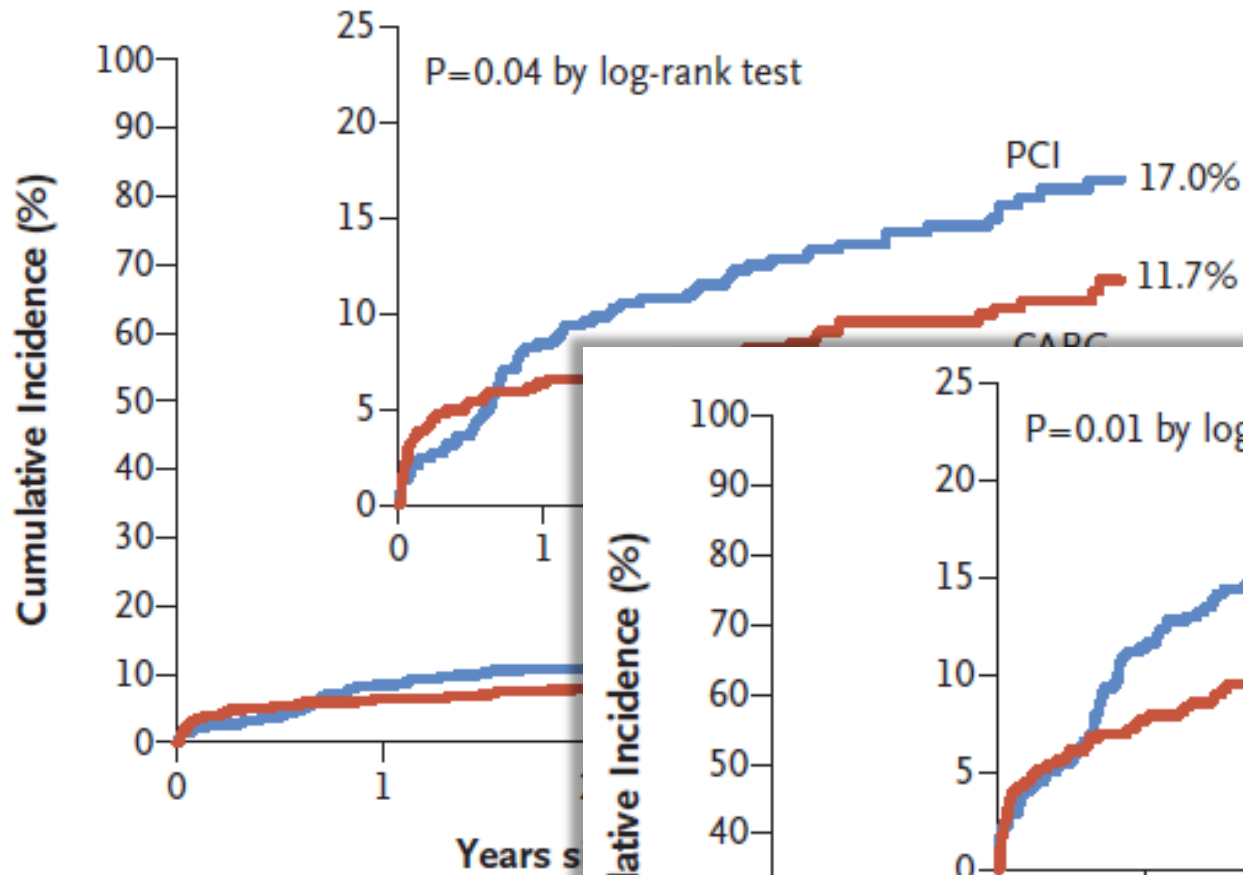
Efficacy End Points as 3-Year Kaplan–Meier Estimates

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Death, MI or TVR



Death, MI, CVA or TVR

Long-Term Clinical End Points after Randomization, According to Study Group

End Point	PCI (N=438) <i>number (percent)</i>	CABG (N=442) <i>number (percent)</i>	Hazard Ratio (95% CI) [†]	P Value [‡]
Death				
Any cause	29 (6.6)	22 (5.0)	1.34 (0.77–2.34)	0.30
Cardiac cause	18 (4.1)	16 (3.6)	1.15 (0.58–2.25)	0.69
Noncardiac cause	11 (2.5)	6 (1.4)	1.87 (0.69–5.05)	0.21
Myocardial infarction				
Any	21 (4.8)	12 (2.7)	1.76 (0.87–3.58)	0.11
Stroke				
Any	11 (2.5)	13 (2.9)	0.86 (0.39–1.93)	0.72
Death, myocardial infarction, or stroke	52 (11.9)	42 (9.5)	1.26 (0.84–1.89)	0.26
Repeat revascularization				
Any	48 (11.0)	24 (5.4)	2.09 (1.28–3.41)	0.003
Target vessel	31 (7.1)	17 (3.8)	1.88 (1.04–3.40)	0.03
Target lesion	25 (5.7)	17 (3.8)	1.51 (0.82–2.80)	0.19
New lesion	24 (5.5)	10 (2.3)	2.47 (1.18–5.17)	0.01
Bleeding				
TIMI major bleeding [§]	30 (6.8)	132 (29.9)	0.20 (0.14–0.30)	<0.001

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TIMI Bleeding End Points in the Overall Cohort at 15 Months TRITON TIMI 38 Trial

End Point	Prasugrel (N = 6741)	Clopidogrel (N = 6716)	Hazard Ratio for Prasugrel (95% CI)	P Value
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>			
Non-CABG-related TIMI major bleeding (key safety end point)	146 (2.4)	111 (1.8)	1.32 (1.03–1.68)	0.03
Related to instrumentation	45 (0.7)	38 (0.6)	1.18 (0.77–1.82)	0.45
Spontaneous	92 (1.6)	61 (1.1)	1.51 (1.09–2.08)	0.01

CONCLUSIONS

In patients with acute coronary syndromes with scheduled percutaneous coronary intervention, prasugrel therapy was associated with significantly reduced rates of ischemic events, including stent thrombosis, but with an increased risk of major bleeding, including fatal bleeding. Overall mortality did not differ significantly between treatment groups. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00097591.)

Intracranial	19 (0.3)	17 (0.3)	1.12 (0.58–2.15)	0.74
Major or minor TIMI bleeding	303 (5.0)	231 (3.8)	1.31 (1.11–1.56)	0.002
Bleeding requiring transfusion¶	244 (4.0)	182 (3.0)	1.34 (1.11–1.63)	<0.001
CABG-related TIMI major bleeding¶	24 (13.4)	6 (3.2)	4.73 (1.90–11.82)	<0.001

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Ticagrelor versus Clopidogrel in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes

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Safety of the Study Drugs

PLATO TRIAL

End Point	Ticagrelor Group	Clopidogrel Group	Hazard or Odds Ratio for Ticagrelor Group (95% CI) [†]	P Value
Primary safety end points — no./total no. (%)				
CONCLUSIONS				
In patients who have an acute coronary syndrome with or without ST-segment elevation, treatment with ticagrelor as compared with clopidogrel significantly reduced the rate of death from vascular causes, myocardial infarction, or stroke without an increase in the rate of overall major bleeding but with an increase in the rate of non-procedure-related bleeding. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00391872.)				
Fatal	11/9235 (0.1)	1/9186 (0.01)		0.02
Nonfatal	15/9235 (0.2)	13/9186 (0.2)		0.69
Secondary safety end points — no./total no. (%)				
Non-CABG-related major bleeding, study criteria	362/9235 (4.5)	306/9186 (3.8)	1.19 (1.02–1.38)	0.03
Non-CABG-related major bleeding, TIMI criteria	221/9235 (2.8)	177/9186 (2.2)	1.25 (1.03, 1.53)	0.03
CABG-related major bleeding, study criteria	619/9235 (7.4)	654/9186 (7.9)	0.95 (0.85–1.06)	0.32
CABG-related major bleeding, TIMI criteria	446/9235 (5.3)	476/9186 (5.8)	0.94 (0.82–1.07)	0.32
Major or minor bleeding, study criteria	1339/9235 (16.1)	1215/9186 (14.6)	1.11 (1.03–1.20)	0.008
Major or minor bleeding, TIMI criteria [‡]	946/9235 (11.4)	906/9186 (10.9)	1.05 (0.96–1.15)	0.33
Dyspnea — no./total no. (%)				
Any	1270/9235 (13.8)	721/9186 (7.8)	1.84 (1.68–2.02)	<0.001
Requiring discontinuation of study treatment	79/9235 (0.9)	13/9186 (0.1)	6.12 (3.41–11.01)	<0.001

Comparison of the incidence of dyspnea in patients treated with reversible P2Y₁₂ inhibitors and patients treated with clopidogrel

Study drug (reversible P2Y ₁₂ inhibitor)	Patients (total n)	Dose	Duration of treatment	<u>A</u> Percent of dyspnea in study drug group	<u>B</u> Percent of dyspnea in clopidogrel group	<u>A/B</u>	Study (reference)
Ticagrelor*	Patients with atherosclerosis (200)	50 mg b.i.d.	28 d	10	0	∞	DISPERSE (4)
		100 mg b.i.d.	28 d	10	0	∞	
		200 mg b.i.d.	28 d	16	0	∞	
		400 mg q.d.	28 d	20	0	∞	
Ticagrelor	NSTE-ACS (990)	90 mg b.i.d.	12 wk	10.5	6.4	1.64	DISPERSE-2 (5)
		180 mg b.i.d.	12 wk	15.8	6.4	2.47	
Ticagrelor#	Stable CAD (123)	90 mg b.i.d.	6 wk	38.6	9.3	4.15	ONSET/OFFSET (6,7)
Ticagrelor	Stable CAD (98)	90 mg b.i.d.	14 d	13	4	3.25	RESPOND (8)
Ticagrelor	ACS (18,624)	90 mg b.i.d.	12 mo	13.8	7.8	1.77	PLATO (3)
Cangrelor§	ACS (8,877)	4 µg/Kg/min IV	2–4 h	1	0.4	2.5	CHAMPION-PCI (10)
Elinogrel	Nonurgent PCI (626)	100 mg b.i.d.	120 d	12.4	3.8	3.26	INNOVATE-PCI (11)
		150 mg b.i.d.	120 d	12.1	3.8	3.18	

First, some decisions to make...

Clinical setting

STEMI

Non STEMI ACS

Elective PCI

PCI complexity

Small vessels

bifurcations

Long lesions

Lack of intravascular ultrasound

Patients characteristics

Diabetics

Elderly

Renal failure

Comorbidity

DES choice

SES

EES

ZES

DES generation (s) and etc

Costs

Healthcare System

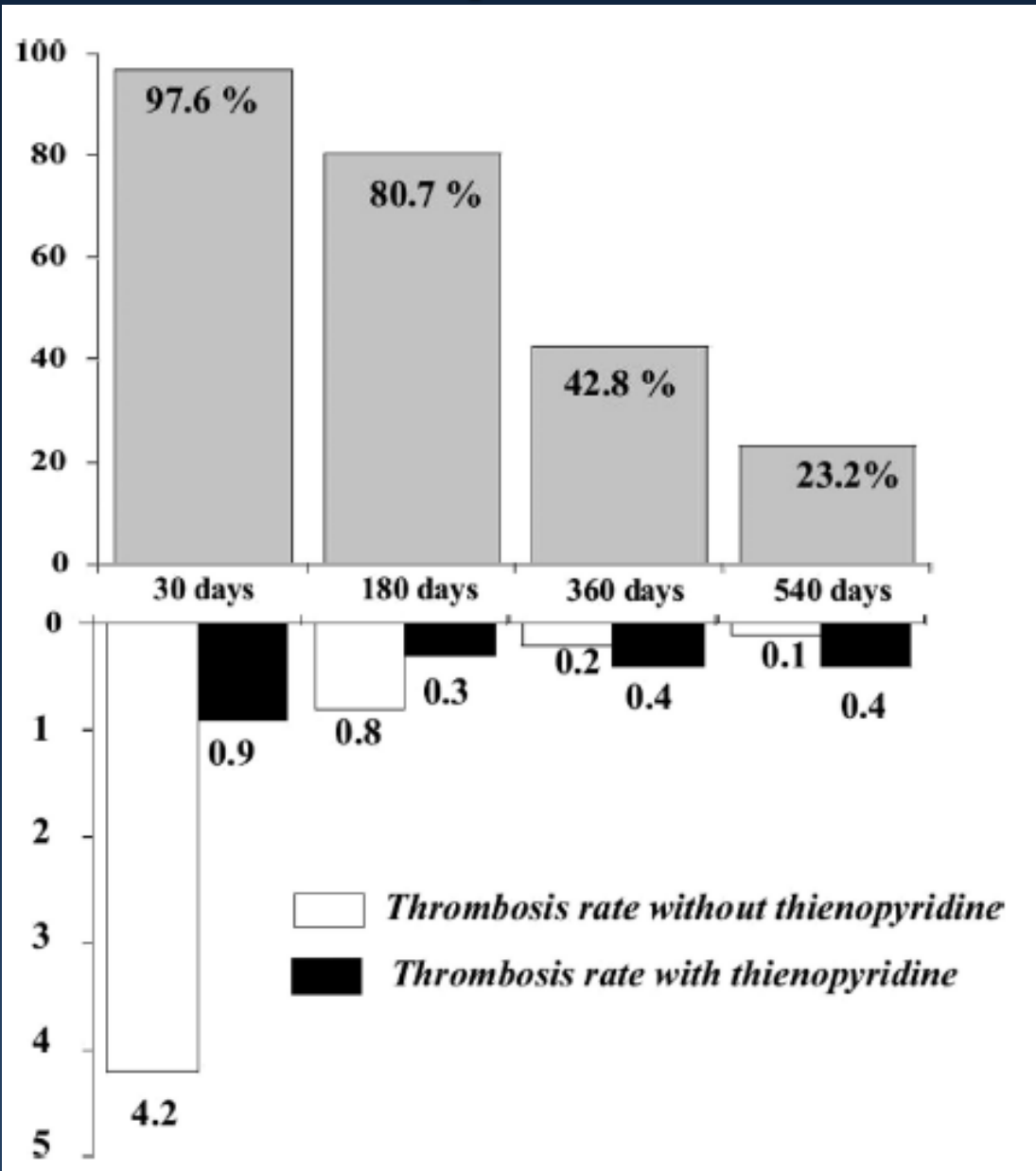
**This will influence in
dual antiplatelet
therapy election and
duration**

Potential predisposing factors for stent thrombosis

- Plaque rupture of adjacent lesion
- Incomplete endothelialization
- Noncompliance with DAPT
- Clopidogrel nonresponsiveness
- Small vessels
- Long lesions
- Bifurcations
- Lack of intravascular ultrasound guidance
- Hypersensitivity to drug or polymer
- Diabetes
- Renal failure
- Low ejection fraction
- Prior brachytherapy
- Incomplete stent apposition

When using DES + long DAPT we must take in account some variables...

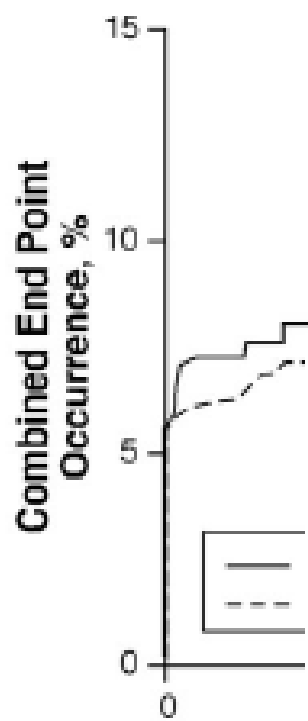
Relationship between DAPT and thrombosis



Patients on DAPT

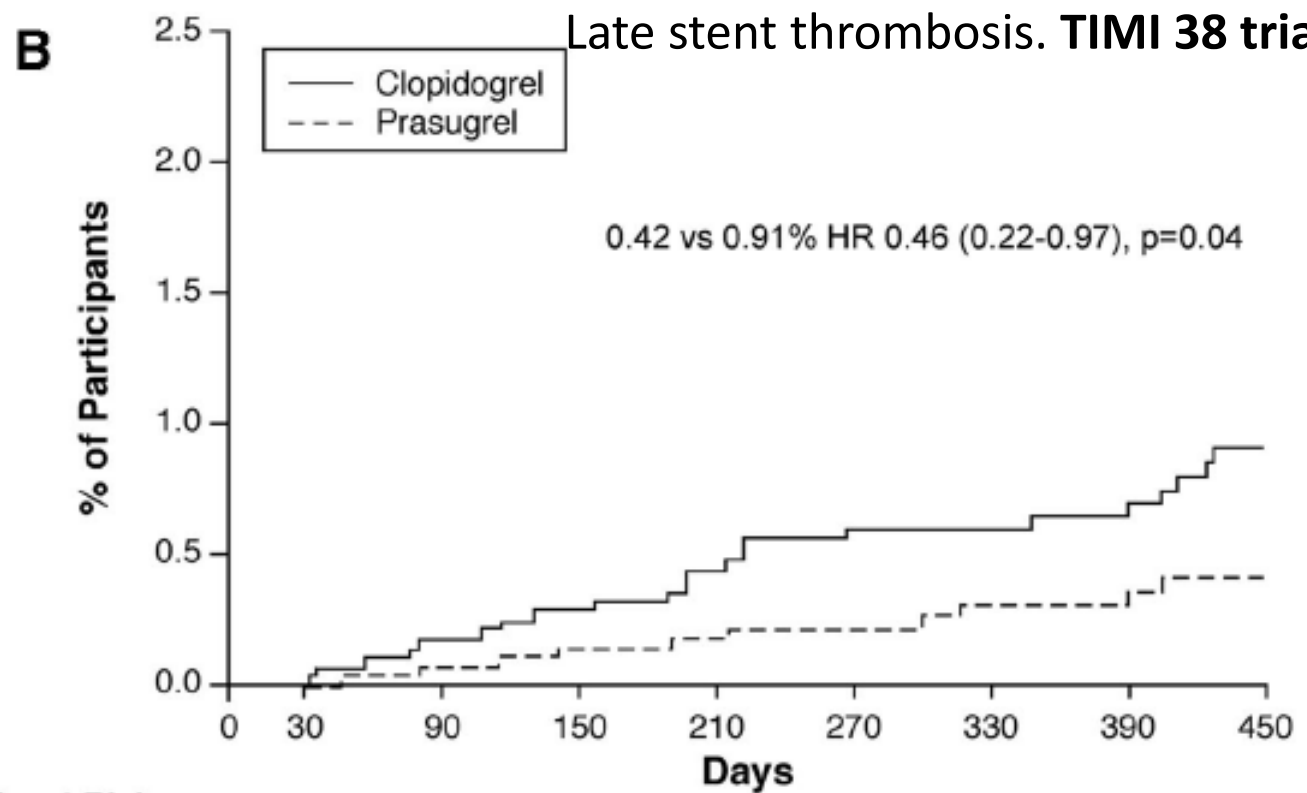
Thrombosis rate
% with and
without DAPT

Death/MI or CVA Relative risk reduction for clopidogrel compared with placebo 26.9% (95% CI, 3.9% to 44.4%, p=0.02) (**CREDO TRIAL**)



No. at Risk

Placebo	1063
Clopidogrel	1053

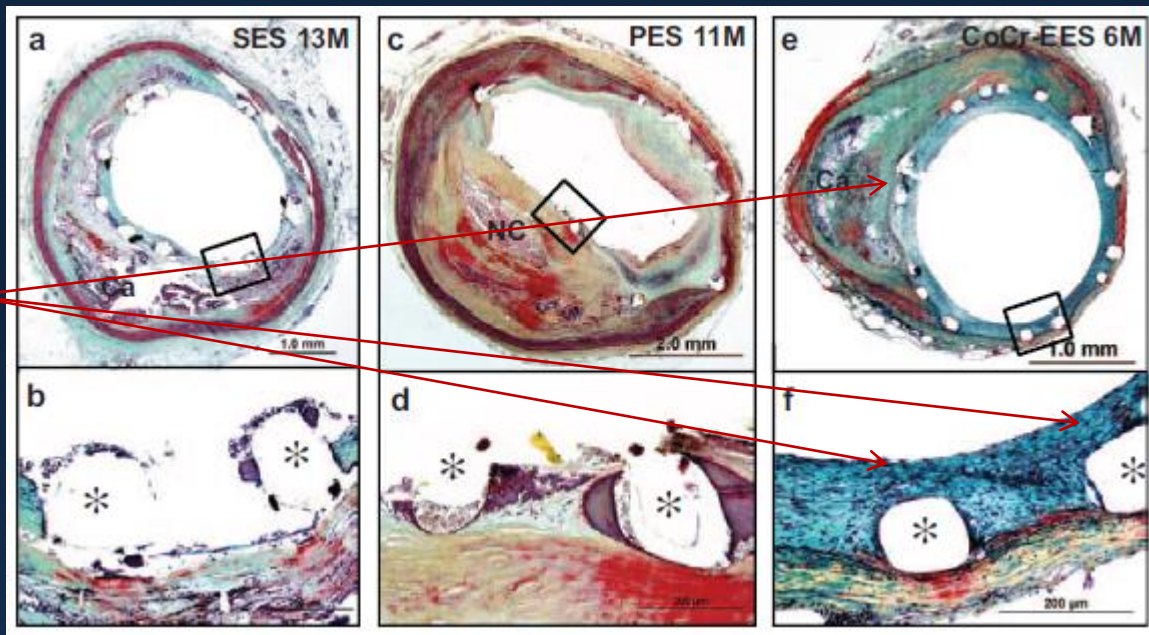


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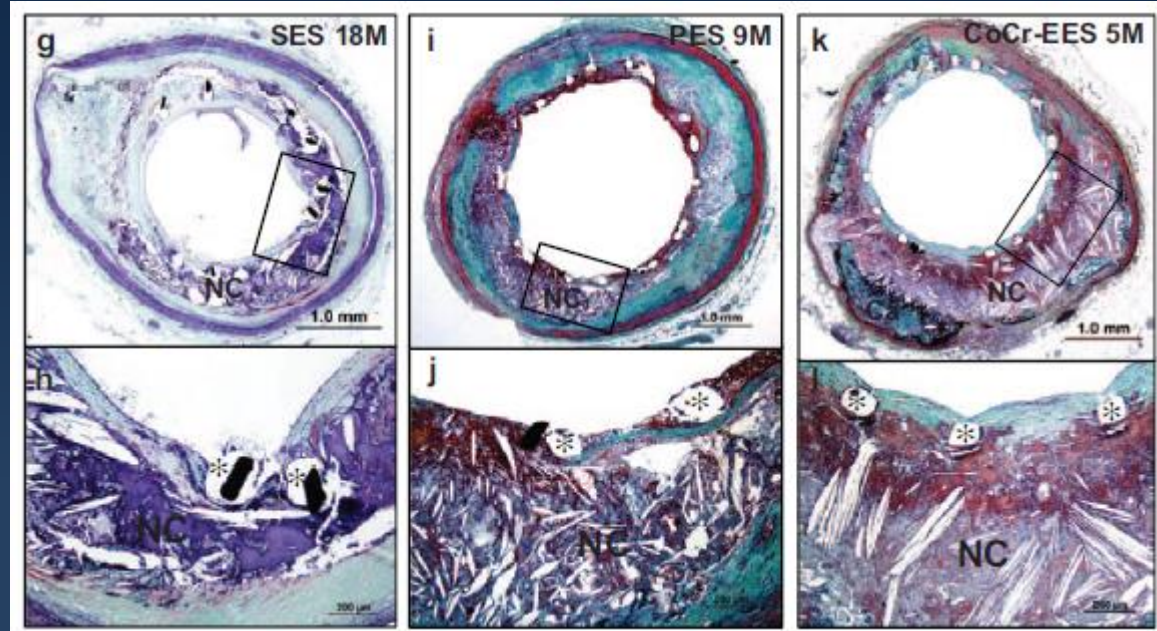
		2802	2774	2753	2512	2360	2186	1859	1336
Prasugrel									
Clopidogrel		2806	2772	2751	2520	2400	2225	1922	1379

DES for Stable CAD

Neointimal growth, underlying fibroatheroma and All struts are covered with proteoglycan-rich neointima with absence of fibrin.



DES for ACS



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