

# Intravenous Antithrombotic Agents: Before, During, Instead of the Cath Lab

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# Conflict of Interest Statement

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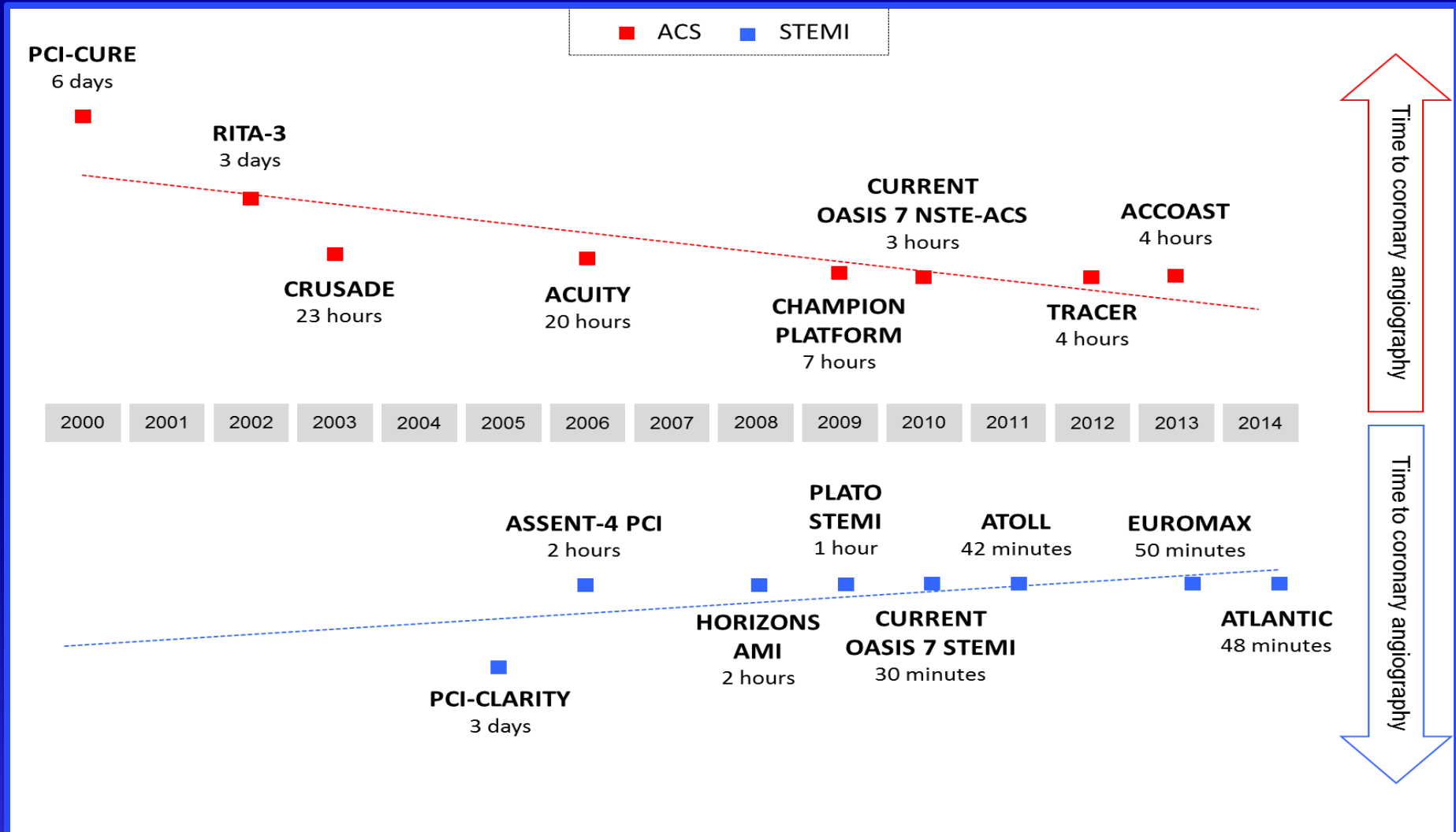
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# IV Antithrombotic Choices

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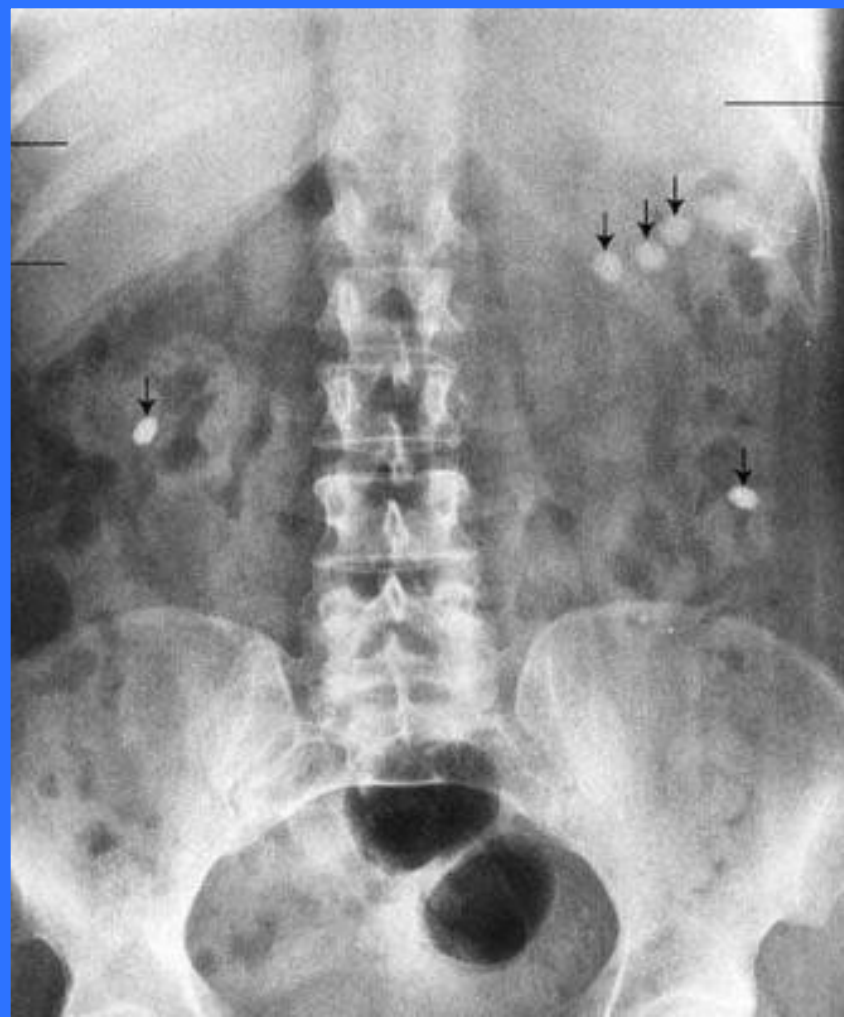
- **What are the immediate goals?**
  - **Prevent peri-procedural thrombosis**
  - **Minimize bleeding risk**
- **Are there any unique thrombotic risks?**
- **Are there unique bleeding risks?**
- **Are there drug-drug interactions?**
- **What is available and lab experience?**
- **What are the cost implications?**
- **Are there relevant future events to consider?**

# Admission to Angiography Time



# Delayed drug absorption

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# Intravenous Antithrombotics

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## Antiplatelets

- Aspirin
- Thienopyridines
  - Clopidogrel
  - Prasugrel
  - Ticagrelor
  - Cangrelor
- GP IIb/IIIa
  - Abciximab
  - Eptifibatide
  - Tirofiban

## Antithrombins

- Heparin
- LMWH
  - Dalteparin
  - Enoxaparin
  - Fondaparinux
- DTI
  - Lepirudin
  - Bivalirudin
  - Argatroban
  - Dabigatran

# Antithrombotic Options

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## Numerous Class I Permutations

- Aspirin: (3 options)
  - None; low; high first dose
- Thienopyridines: (12 options)
  - Cangrelor alone or in transition
  - Clopidogrel, Prasugrel, Ticagrelor
  - Short or long DAPT course
- Antithrombin (4 options)
  - Heparin, LMWH, Fondaparinux
  - Bivalirudin
- Oral factor IIa or Xa inhibitors (#? of options)

# 2014 ESC/EACTS Guidelines

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	774,776,794
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	337,341,825
• Prasugrel (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose) in patients in whom coronary anatomy is known and who are proceeding to PCI if no contraindication	I	B	337
• Ticagrelor (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily) for patients at moderate-to-high risk of ischaemic events, regardless of initial treatment strategy including those pre-treated with clopidogrel if no contraindication	I	B	341
• Clopidogrel (600 mg loading dose, 75 mg daily dose), only when prasugrel or ticagrelor are not available or are contraindicated	I	B	812,825
GP IIb/IIIa antagonists should be considered for bail-out situation or thrombotic complications.	IIa	C	
Pre-treatment with prasugrel in patients in whom coronary anatomy is not known, is not recommended.	III	B	826
Pre-treatment with GP IIb/IIIa antagonists in patients in whom coronary anatomy is not known, is not recommended.	III	A	357,815



# 2014 ESC/EACTS Guidelines

<b>Anticoagulant therapy</b>			
Anticoagulation is recommended for all patients in addition to antiplatelet therapy during PCI.	<b>I</b>	<b>A</b>	180
The anticoagulation is selected according to both ischaemic and bleeding risks, and according to the efficacy–safety profile of the chosen agent.	<b>I</b>	<b>C</b>	
Bivalirudin (0.75 mg/kg bolus, followed by 1.75 mg/kg/hour for up to 4 hours after the procedure) is recommended as alternative to UFH plus GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitor during PCI.	<b>I</b>	<b>A</b>	815–817
UFH is recommended as anticoagulant for PCI if patients cannot receive bivalirudin.	<b>I</b>	<b>C</b>	
In patients on fondaparinux (2.5 mg daily s.c.), a single bolus UFH (85 IU/kg, or 60 IU/kg in the case of concomitant use of GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitors) is indicated during PCI.	<b>I</b>	<b>B</b>	827
Enoxaparin should be considered as anticoagulant for PCI in patients pre-treated with subcutaneous enoxaparin.	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>	788
Discontinuation of anticoagulation should be considered after an invasive procedure unless otherwise indicated.	<b>IIa</b>	<b>C</b>	
Crossover of UFH and LMWH is not recommended.	<b>III</b>	<b>B</b>	820

# ESC Guidelines



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ESC GUIDELINES



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

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# Anticoagulation in NSTEMI

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref. <sup>c</sup>
Parenteral anticoagulation is recommended at the time of diagnosis according to both ischaemic and bleeding risks.	I	B	227
Fondaparinux (2.5 mg s.c. daily) is recommended as having the most favourable efficacy–safety profile regardless of the management strategy.	I	B	218, 228, 229
Bivalirudin (0.75 mg/kg i.v. bolus, followed by 1.75 mg/kg/h for up to 4 h after the procedure) is recommended as an alternative to UFH plus GPIIb/IIIa inhibitors during PCI.	I	A	205, 222, 223
UFH 70–100 IU/kg i.v. (50–70 IU/kg if concomitant with GPIIb/IIIa inhibitors) is recommended in patients undergoing PCI who did not receive any anticoagulant.	I	B	219, 229
In patients on fondaparinux (2.5 mg s.c. daily) undergoing PCI, a single i.v. bolus of UFH (70–85 IU/kg, or 50–60 IU/kg in the case of concomitant use of GPIIb/IIIa inhibitors) is recommended during the procedure.	I	B	219
Enoxaparin (1 mg/kg s.c. twice daily) or UFH are recommended when fondaparinux is not available.	I	B	218, 230

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Enoxaparin should be considered as an anticoagulant for PCI in patients pretreated with s.c. enoxaparin.	IIa	B	211
Additional ACT-guided i.v. boluses of UFH during PCI may be considered following initial UFH treatment.	IIb	B	231
Discontinuation of anticoagulation should be considered after PCI, unless otherwise indicated.	IIa	C	
Crossover between UFH and LMWH is not recommended.	III	B	216

# Anticoagulation During PCI



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REVIEW

*Controversies in cardiovascular medicine*

## Anticoagulation in coronary intervention

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Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) induces thrombin generation and is associated with the risk of acute, subacute, or long-term ischaemic events. Therefore, intravenous anticoagulation is recommended to minimize thrombotic complications. The intensity and duration of anticoagulation needed are dependent on the clinical presentation (elective PCI for stable coronary artery disease, PCI for non-ST elevation acute coronary syndromes, or primary PCI for ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction) and procedural features. As both ischaemic and periprocedural bleeding complications are associated with acute and long-term mortality, the optimal level of anticoagulation and the best agents are a matter of debate. Despite a number of limitations and the lack of large randomized clinical trials, unfractionated heparin (UFH) is still been used in the majority of interventions. Intravenous enoxaparin, a low-molecular-weight heparin, leads to a more predictable level of anticoagulation and has been compared with UFH in patients with elective PCI and primary PCI with favourable results. The direct thrombin inhibitor bivalirudin has been studied in numerous trials and consistently shown to reduce bleeding complications when compared with UFH with or without glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitors. This review will summarize the current status of anticoagulation for PCI and the results of most recent trials and give recommendations for different clinical scenarios.

### Keywords

Percutaneous coronary intervention • Anticoagulation • Thrombin inhibition

# Anticoagulation During PCI

**Table 4** Recommendations for anticoagulation in different indications in the current ACC/AHA and ESC guidelines

	UFH	Enoxaparin	Fondaparinux	Bivalirudin
Stable coronary artery disease				
ESC 2014	I	IIa	Not mentioned	I (in patients with HIT) IIa (in patients with high bleeding risk)
ACC/AHA 2011	I	IIb	III	I
NSTE-ACS				
ESC 2015	I (in patients who cannot receive bivalirudin)	IIa (in patients pre-treated with enoxaparin)	I (if used additional UFH during PCI)	I
ACC/AHA 2014	I	IIb (in patients pre-treated with enoxaparin)	III as sole anticoagulant during PCI	I
STEMI				
ESC 2014	I	IIa	III	IIa
ACC/AHA 2013	I	Not mentioned	III	I

# Anticoagulation During PCI

Intravenous antiplatelet therapy			
GPIIb/IIIa inhibitors during PCI should be considered for bailout situations or thrombotic complications.	<b>IIa</b>	<b>C</b>	
Cangrelor may be considered in P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor–naïve patients undergoing PCI.	<b>IIb</b>	<b>A</b>	158–161
It is not recommended to administer GPIIb/IIIa inhibitors in patients in whom coronary anatomy is not known.	<b>III</b>	<b>A</b>	198, 199

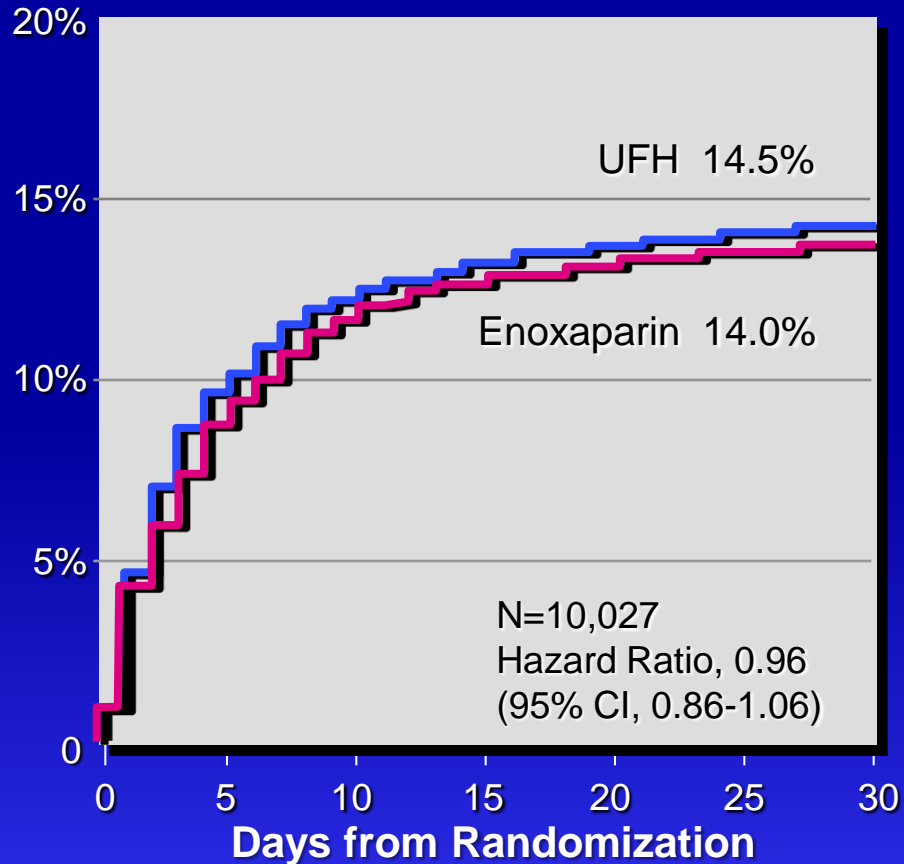
# Anticoagulation During PCI

**Recommendations for combining antiplatelet agents and anticoagulants in non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndrome patients requiring chronic oral anticoagulation**

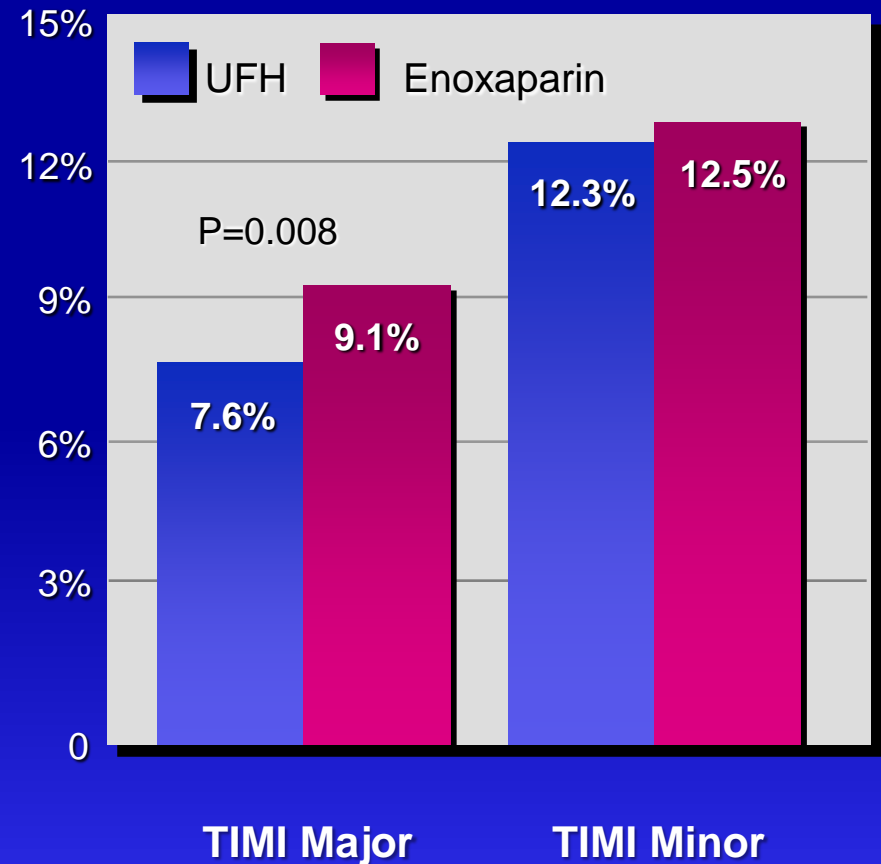
Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref. <sup>c</sup>
<b>Patients undergoing coronary stenting</b>			
<b>Anticoagulation</b>			
During PCI, additional parenteral anticoagulation is recommended, irrespective of the timing of the last dose of all NOACs and if INR is <2.5 in VKA-treated patients.	I	C	
Uninterrupted therapeutic anticoagulation with VKA or NOACs should be considered during the periprocedural phase.	IIa	C	

# SYNERGY

## 30-Day Death or MI



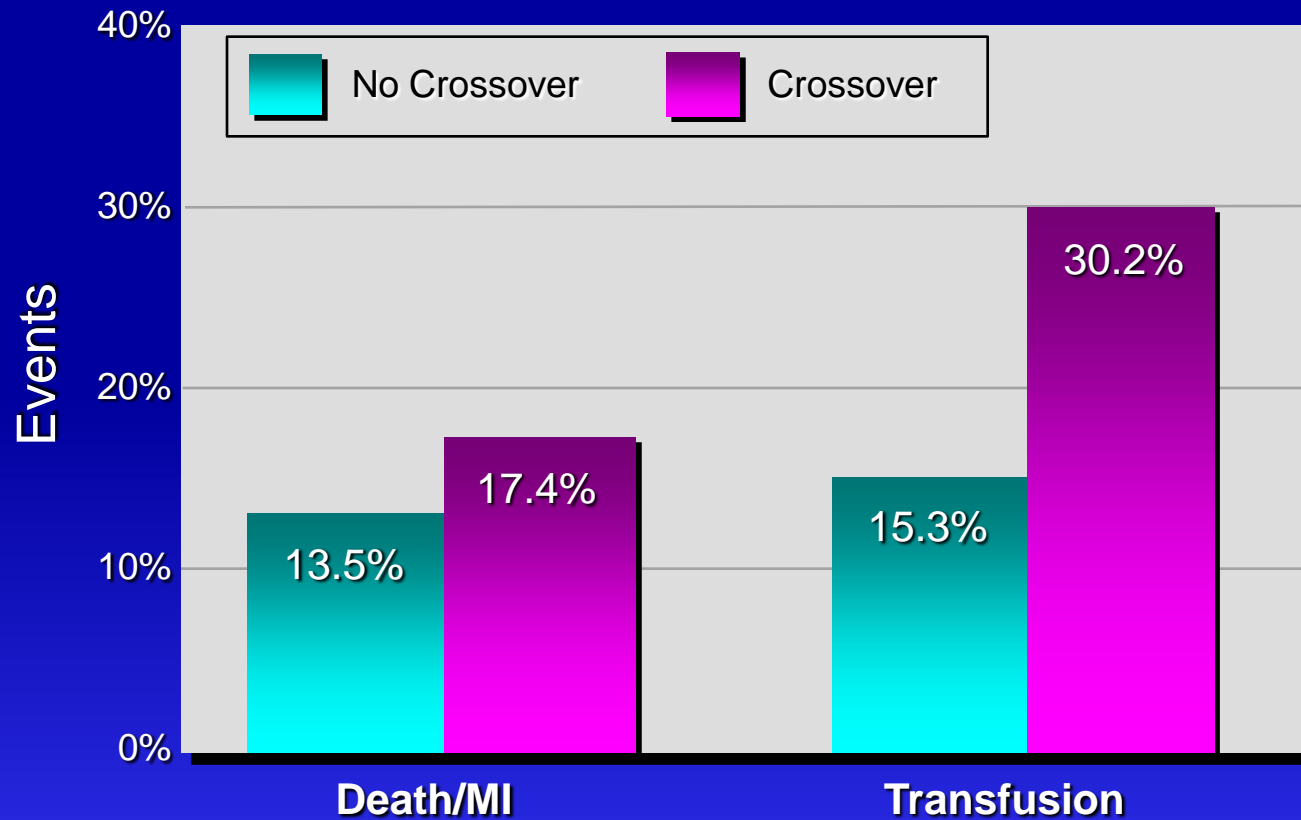
## Bleeding





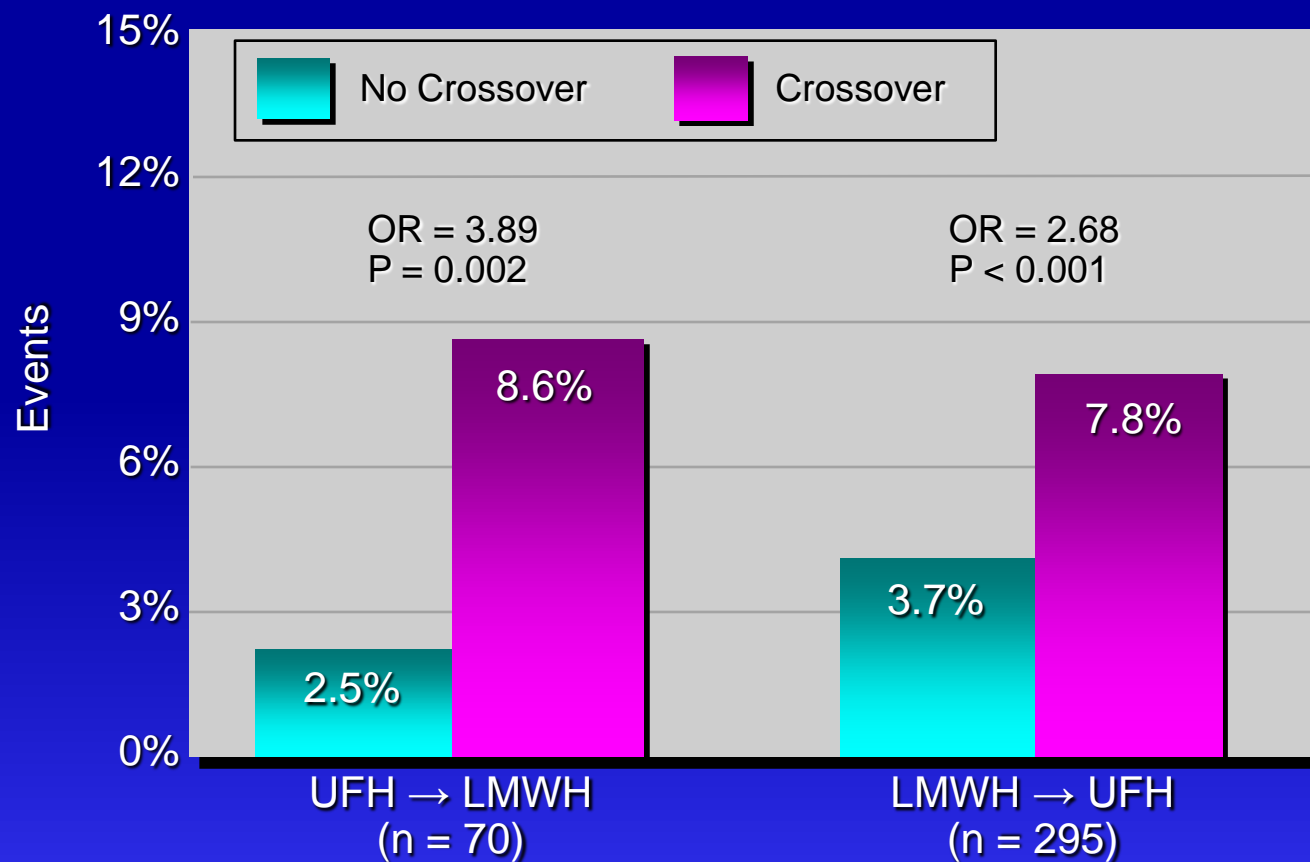
# SYNERGY

## Crossovers from LMWH to UFH



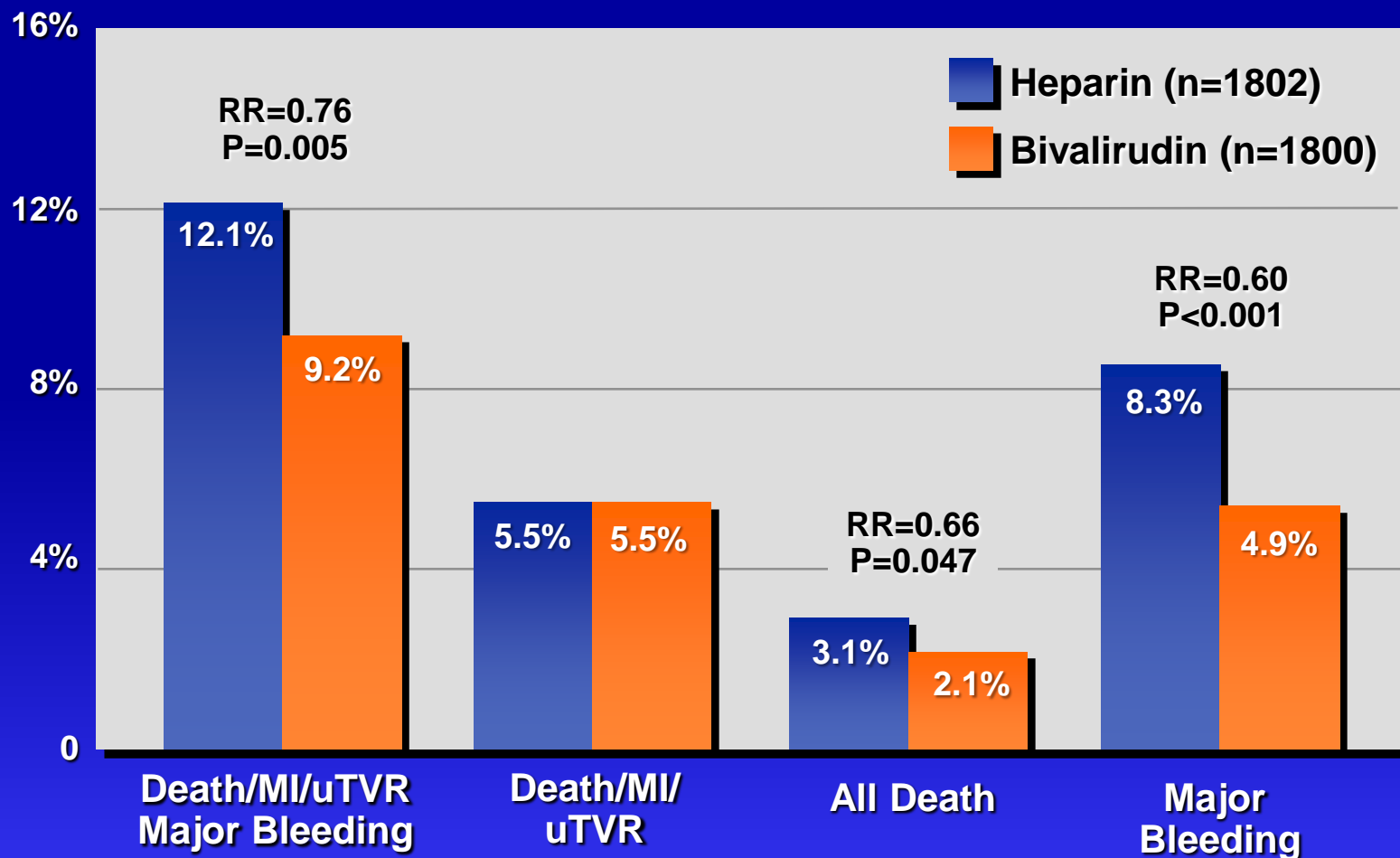
# SYNERGY: PCI Cohort

## TIMI Major Bleeding Among Crossovers



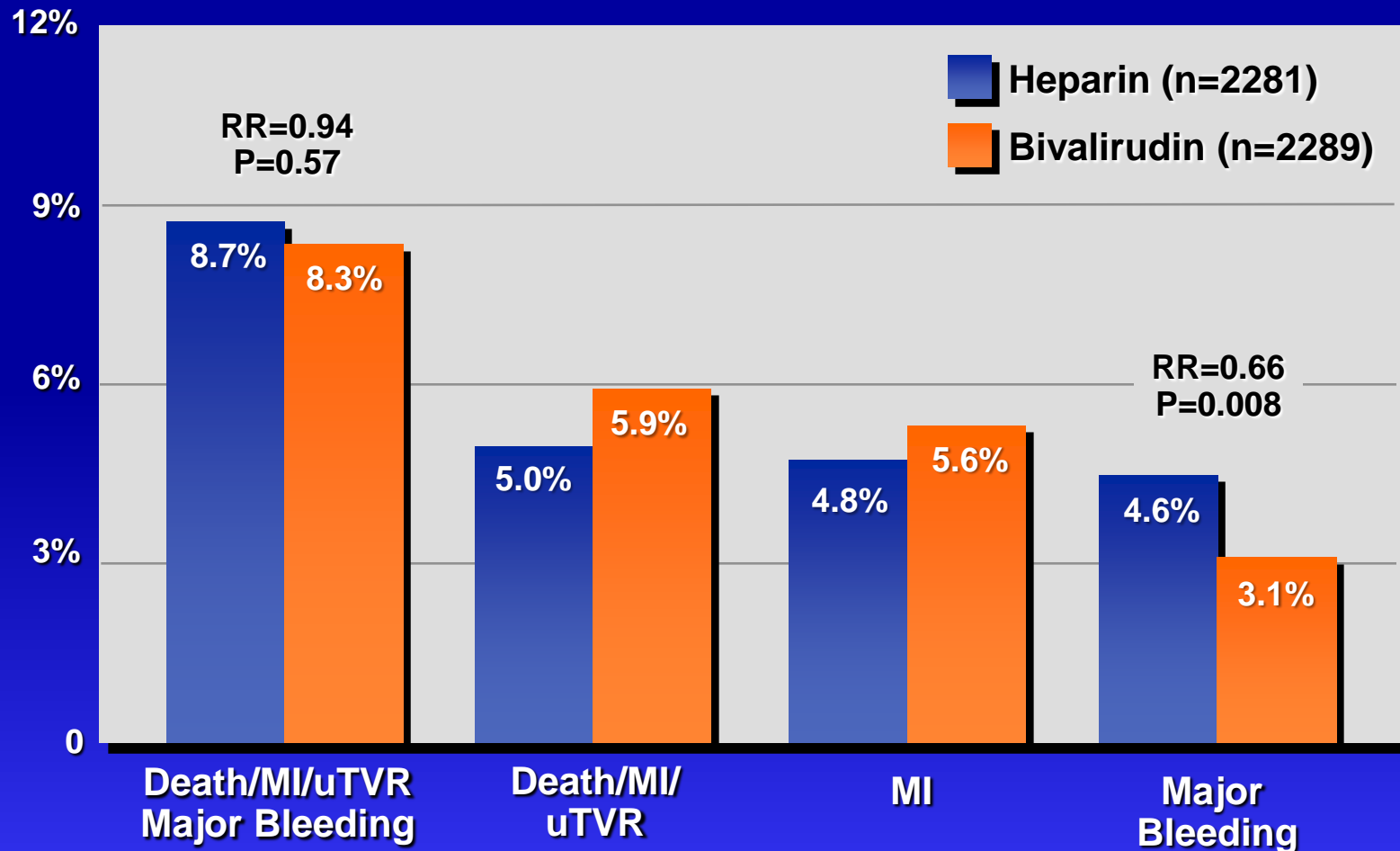
# HORIZONS-AMI

## 30-Day Endpoints



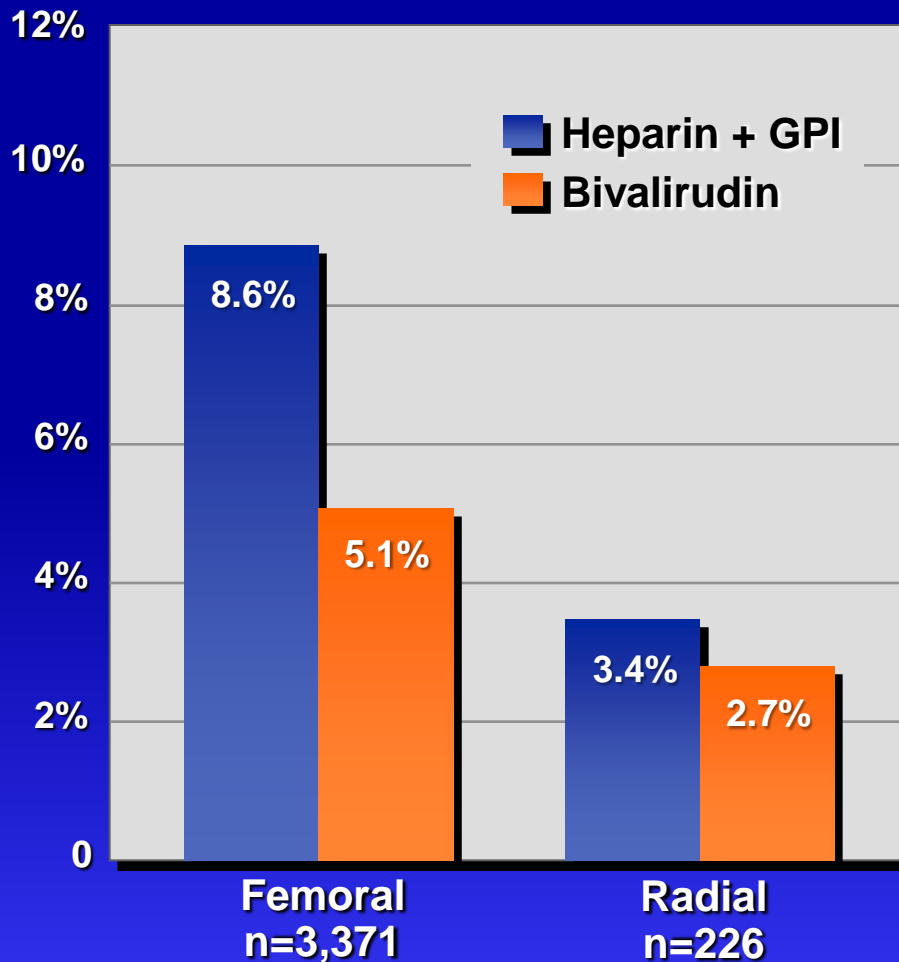
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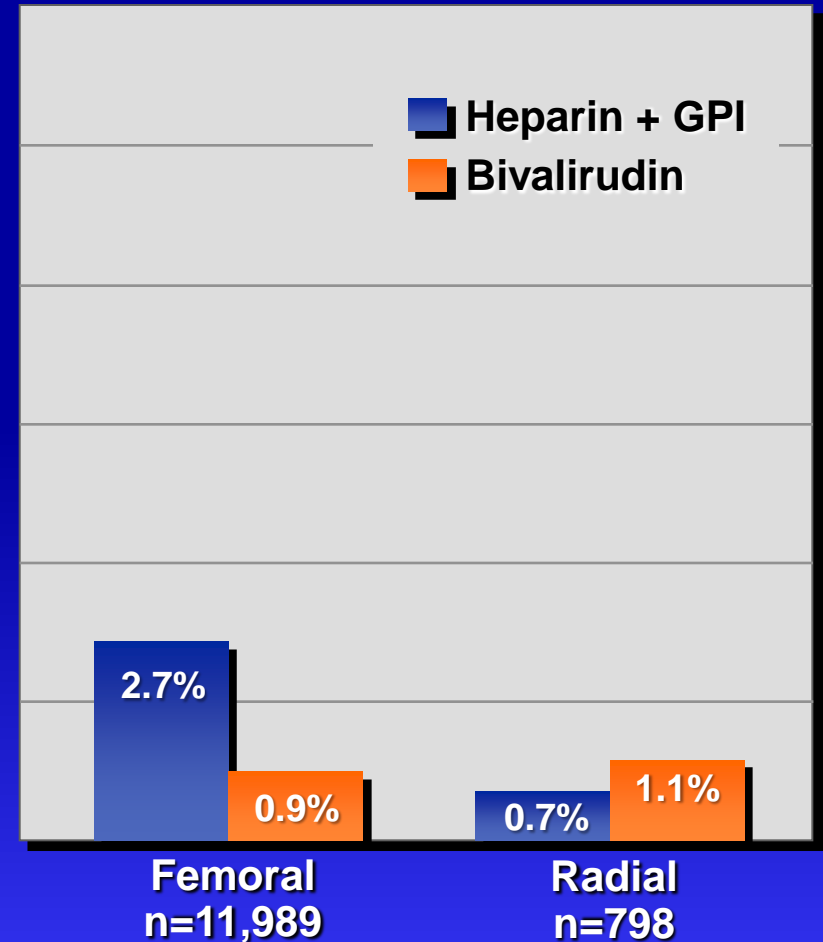


# Major Bleeding by Access Site

## HORIZONS



## ACUITY



# Bivalirudin Meta-analysis



## RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Critical Appraisal of Bivalirudin versus Heparin for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Trials

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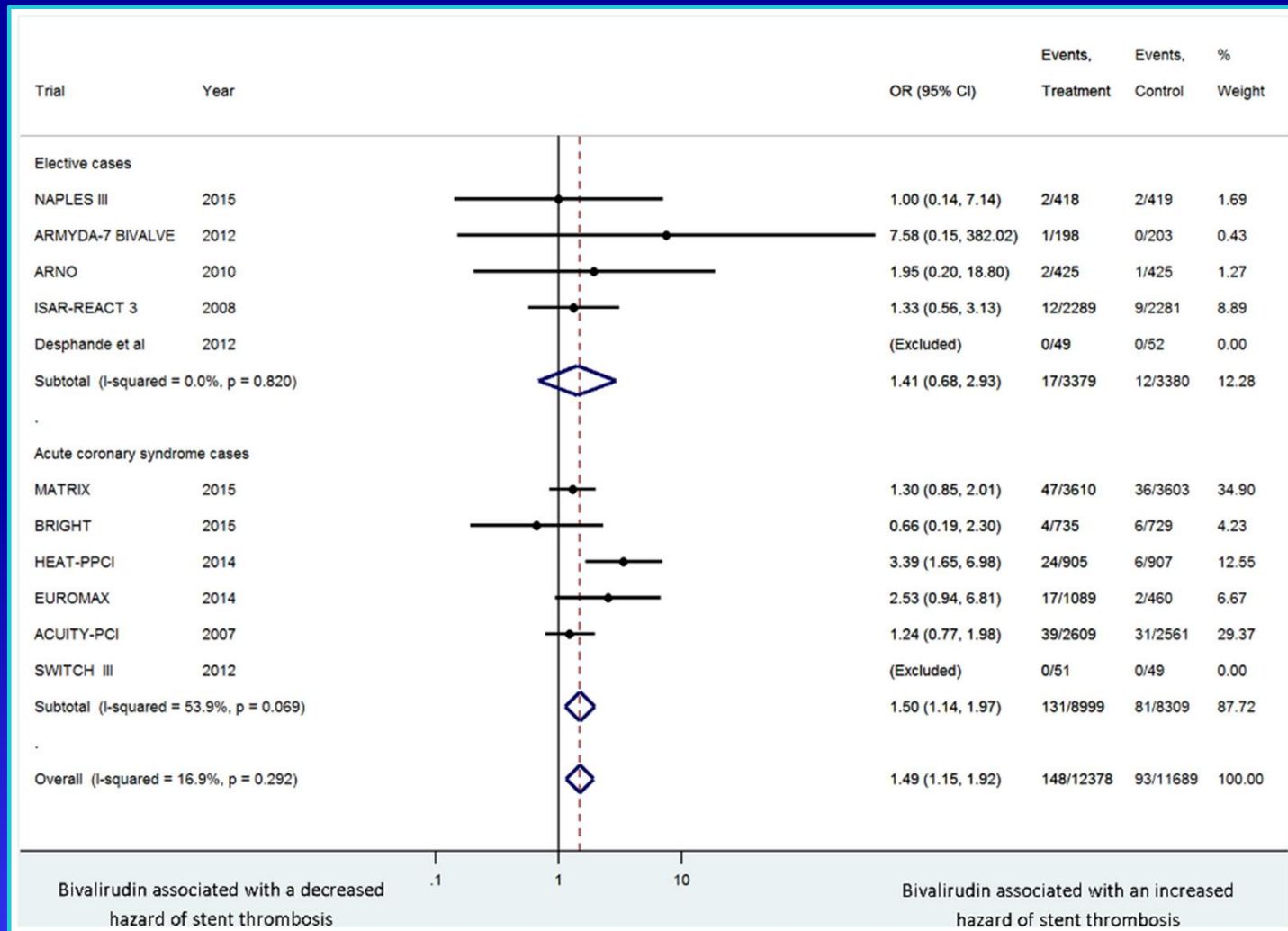
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- 15 PCI RCTs of bivalirudin versus heparin with 30-day outcome
- N = 25,824 (STEMI, NSTEMI, and elective cases)
- Similar intended use of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors between groups

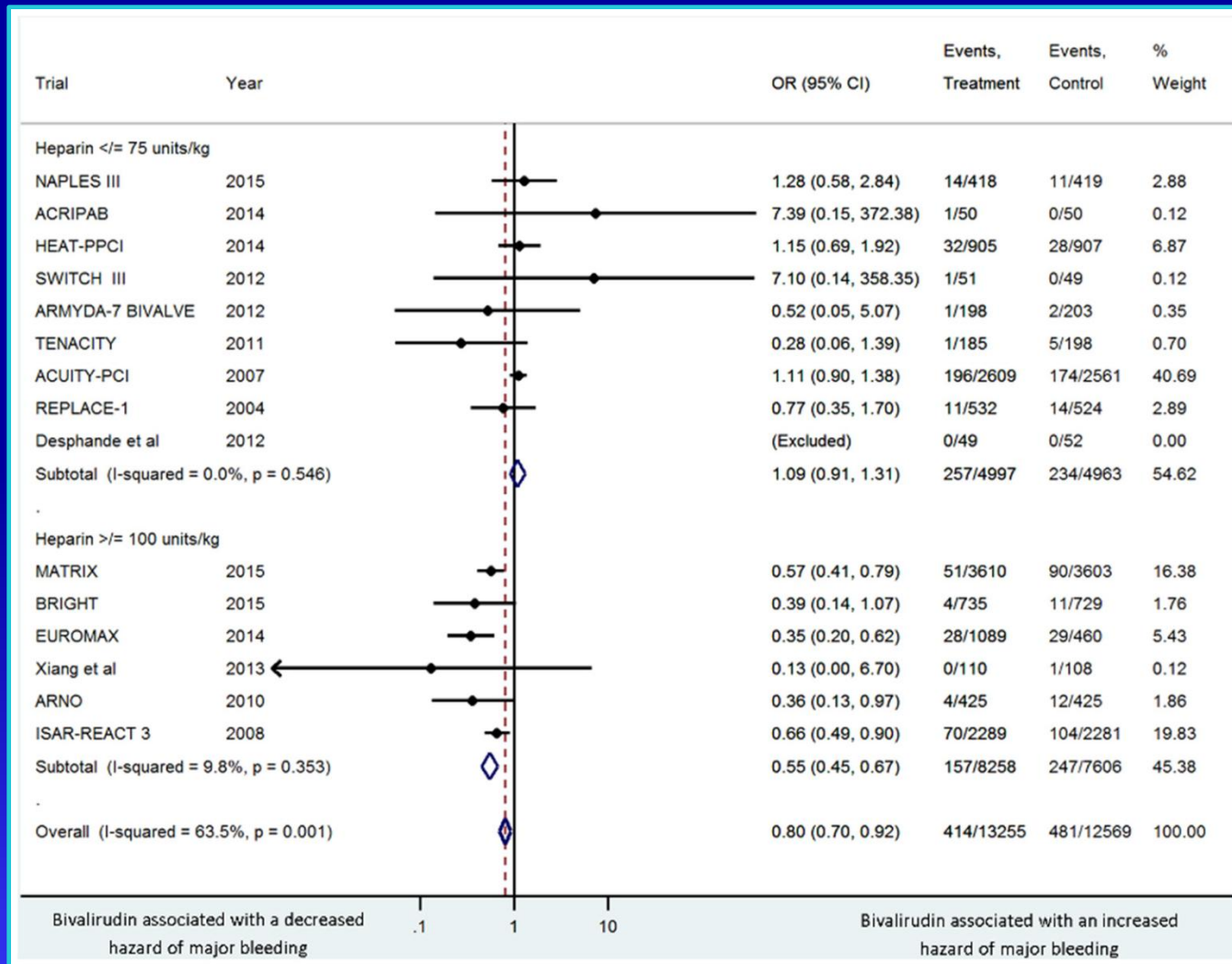
# Bivalirudin Meta-analysis

## Stent Thrombosis



# Bivalirudin Meta-analysis

## Major Bleeding





# Bivalirudin Meta-analysis

## 30-Day Events

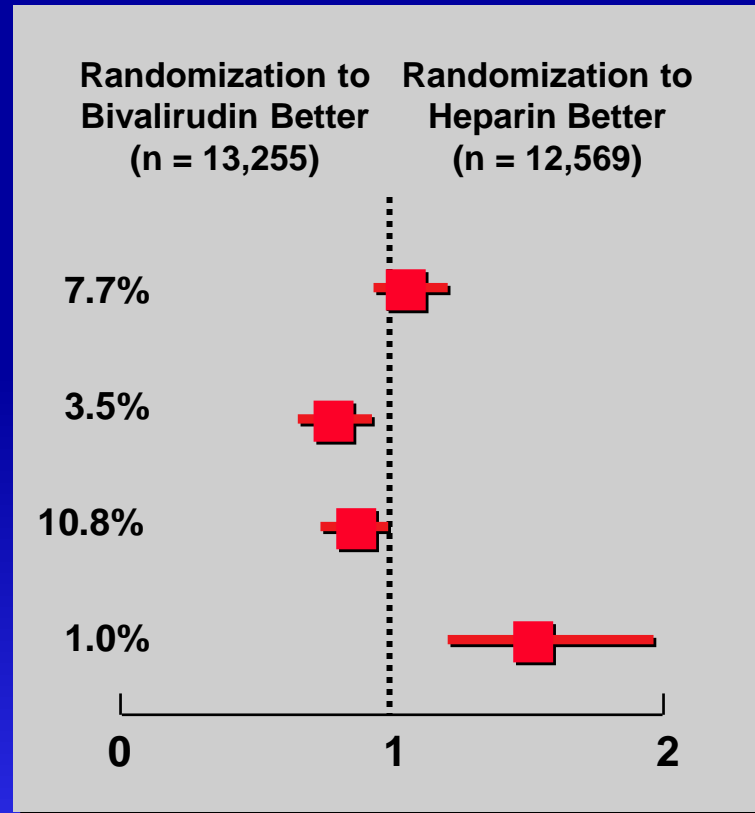
### Outcome

MACE

Major Bleeding

NACE

Stent Thrombosis



OR (95% CI)

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1.04 (0.94 – 1.14) 0.46

0.80 (0.70 – 0.92) 0.001

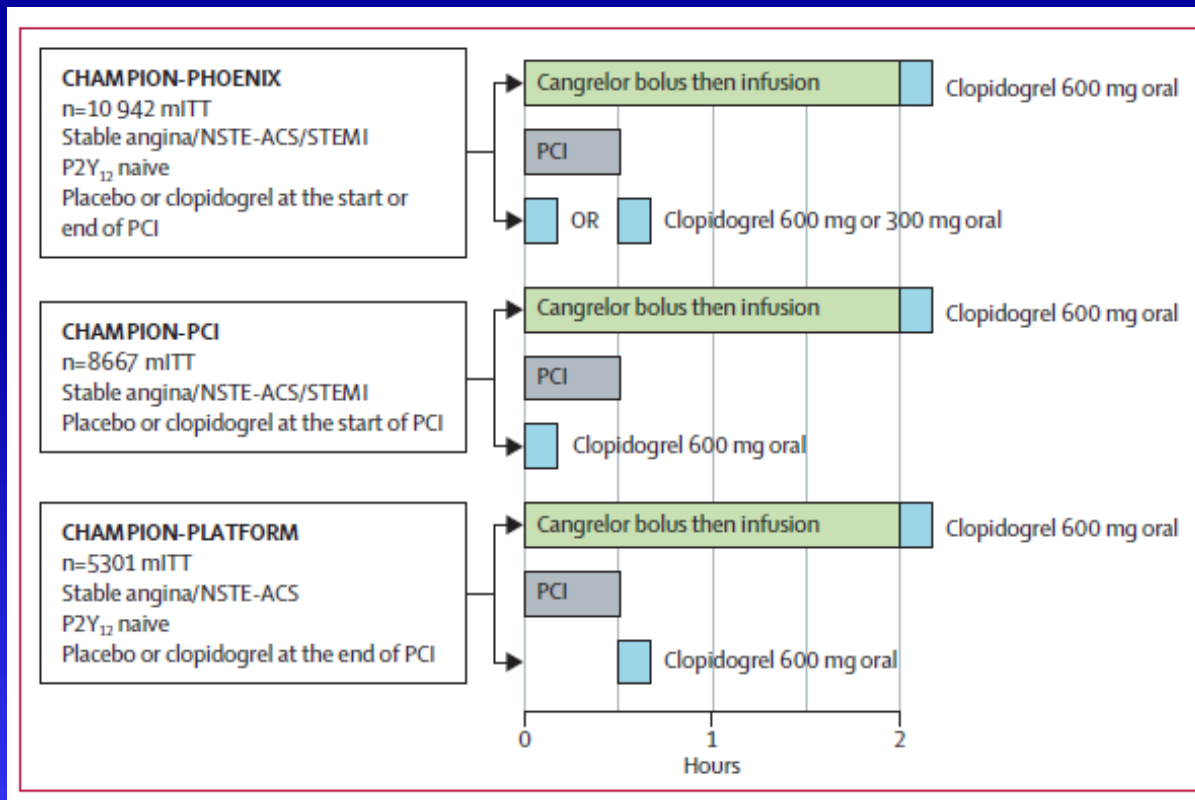
0.91 (0.84 – 0.99) 0.028

1.49 (1.15 – 1.92) 0.002

# CHAMPION Trials

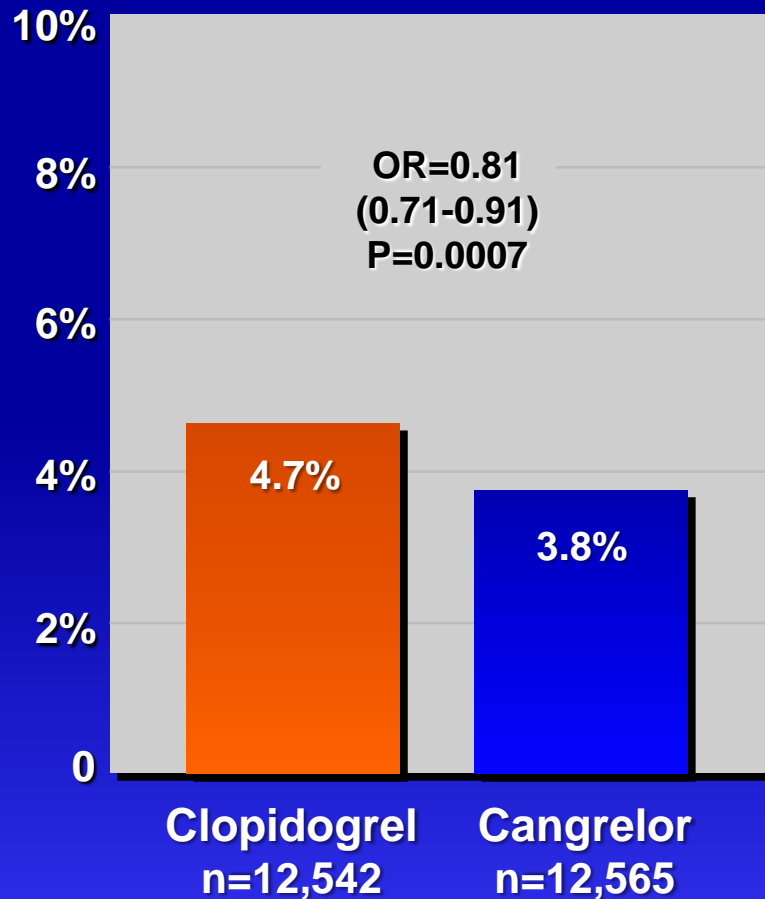
## Effect of cangrelor on periprocedural outcomes in percutaneous coronary interventions: a pooled analysis of patient-level data

Philippe Gabriel Steg, Deepak L Bhatt, Christian W Hamm, Gregg W Stone, C Michael Gibson, Kenneth W Mahaffey, Sergio Leonardi, Tiepu Liu, Simona Skerjanec, Jonathan R Day, Robert S Iwaoka, Thomas D Stuckey, Harinder S Gogia, Luis Gruberg, William J French, Harvey D White, Robert A Harrington, for the CHAMPION Investigators

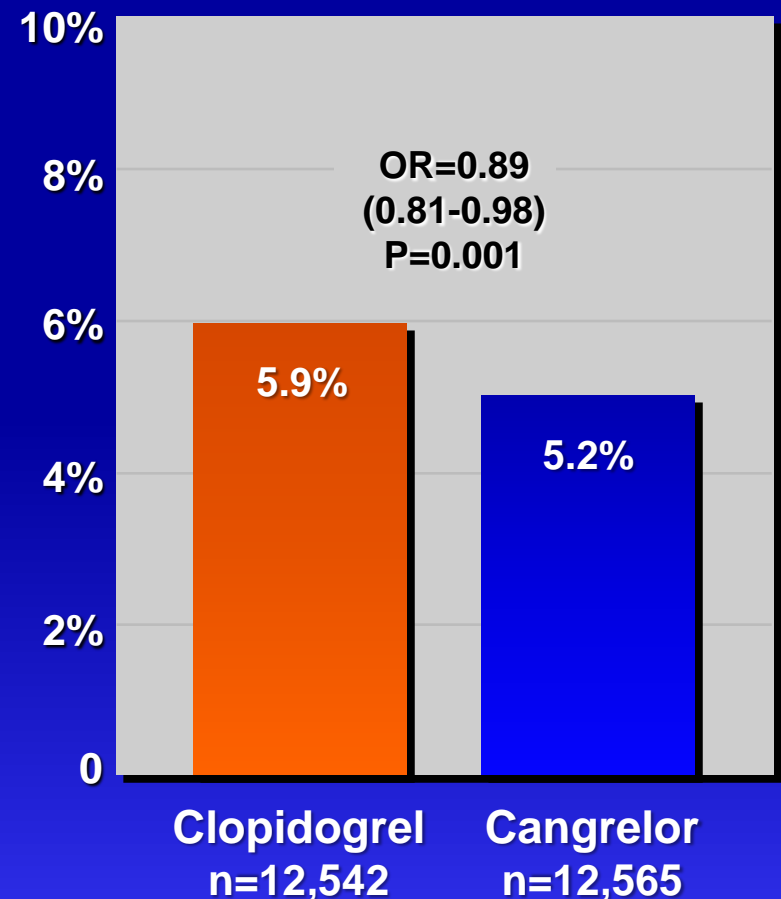


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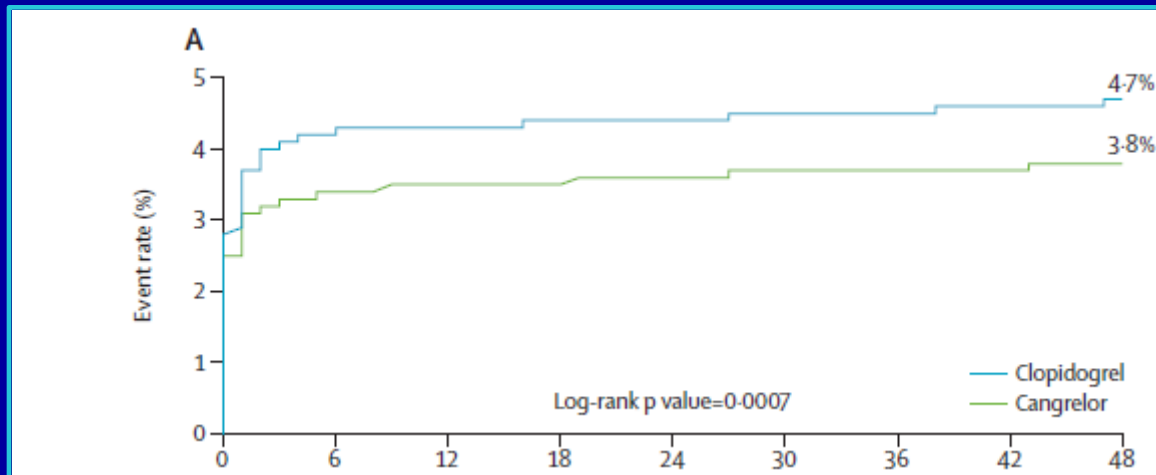
## 48-Hour Death, MI, IDR, ST



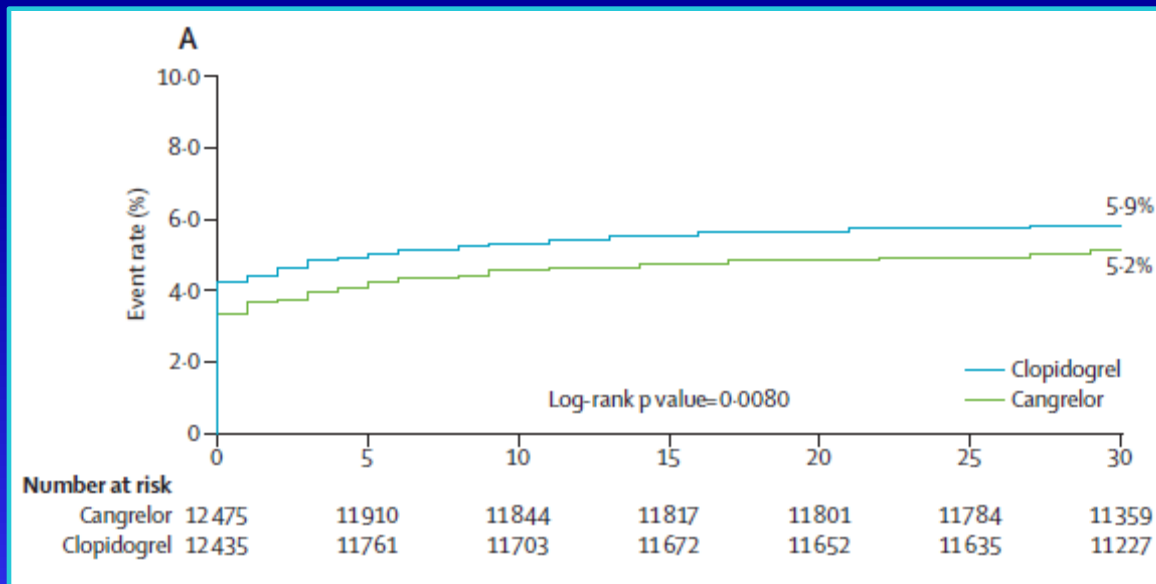
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# CHAMPION Trials



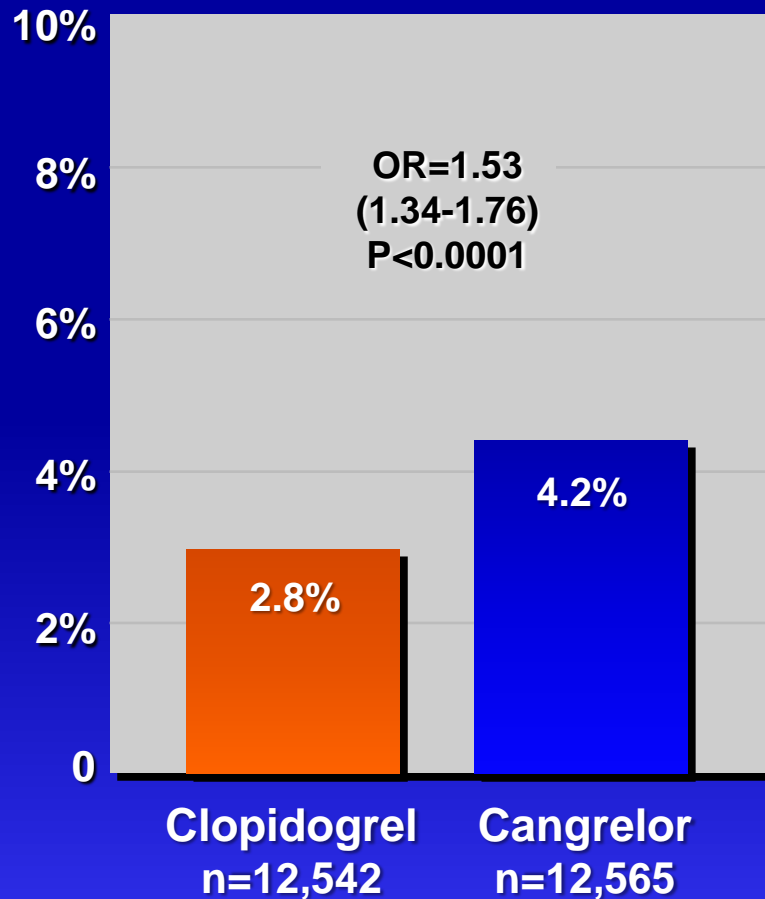
**At 48 Hours**  
**0.9% ARR**  
**19% RRR**  
**OR 0.81 (0.71-0.91)**  
**P=0.007**



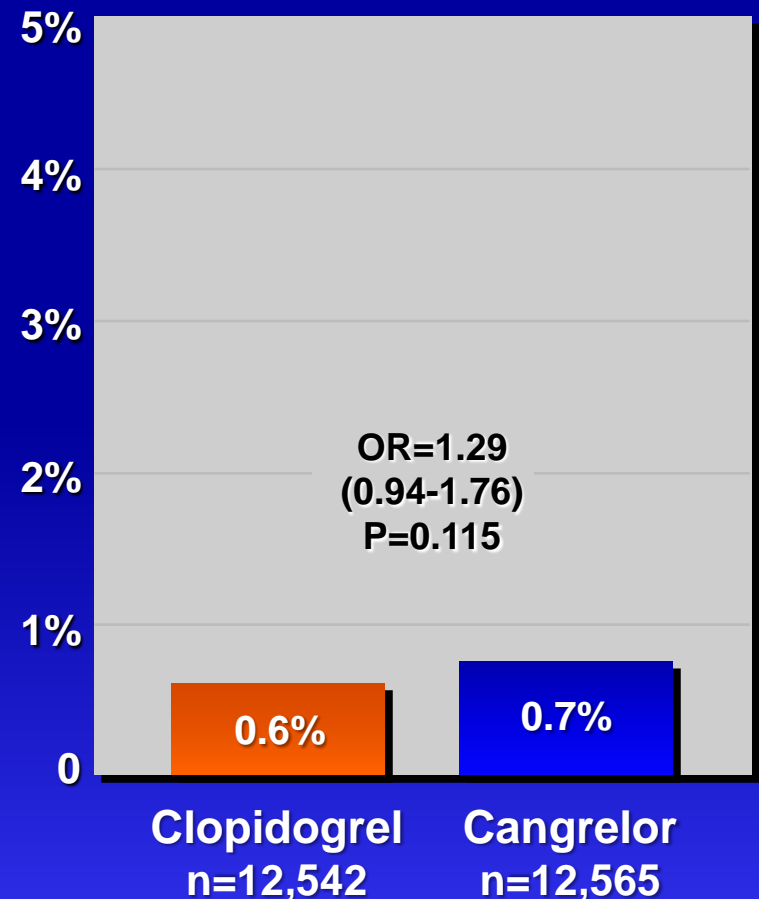
**At 30 Days**  
**0.7% ARR**  
**13% RRR**  
**OR 0.87 (0.78-0.97)**  
**P=0.001**

# CHAMPION Trials

## ACUITY Major Bleeding



## Blood Transfusions



# CHAMPION Trials

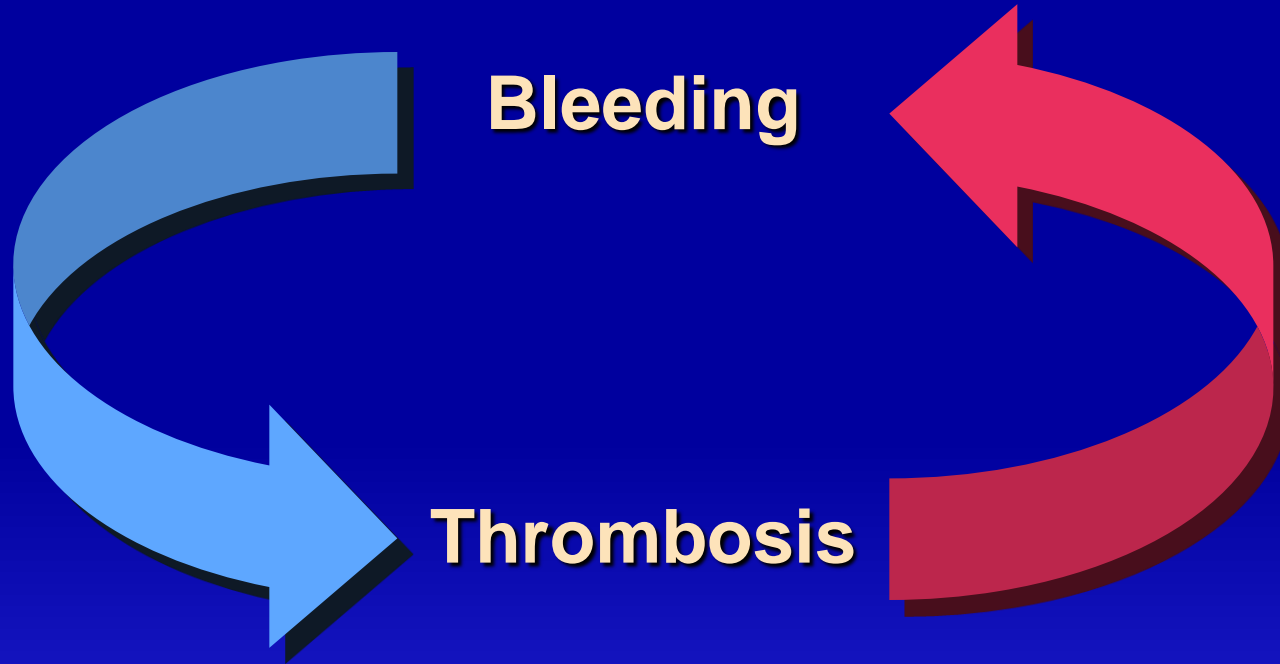
	Cangrelor (n=12 565)	Clopidogrel (n=12 542)	OR (95% CI)	p*
GUSTO bleeding				
Severe/life threatening	28 (0.2%)	23 (0.2%)	1.22 (0.70–2.11)	0.4875
Moderate	76 (0.6%)	56 (0.4%)	1.36 (0.96–1.92)	0.0828
Severe/moderate	103 (0.8%)	79 (0.6%)	1.30 (0.97–1.75)	0.0762
Mild	2109 (16.8%)	1627 (13.0%)	1.35 (1.26–1.45)	<0.0001
Mild, excluding ecchymosis, oozing, and <5 cm haematoma	707 (5.6%)	515 (4.1%)	1.39 (1.24–1.56)	<0.0001
Any GUSTO bleed	2196 (17.5%)	1696 (13.5%)	1.35 (1.26–1.45)	<0.0001
TIMI bleeding				
Major	32 (0.3%)	28 (0.2%)	1.14 (0.69–1.90)	0.6101
Minor	77 (0.6%)	51 (0.4%)	1.51 (1.06–2.15)	0.0218
TIMI major/minor	109 (0.9%)	79 (0.6%)	1.38 (1.03–1.85)	0.0290
ACUITY bleeding				
Major	534 (4.2%)	353 (2.8%)	1.53 (1.34–1.76)	<0.0001
Major excluding haematoma ≥5 cm	169 (1.3%)	123 (1.0%)	1.38 (1.09–1.74)	0.0071
Minor	1738 (13.8%)	1381 (11.0%)	1.30 (1.20–1.40)	<0.0001
Minor excluding ecchymosis, oozing, and <5 cm haematoma	293 (2.3%)	255 (2.0%)	1.15 (0.97–1.36)	0.1053
ACUITY major/minor	2196 (17.5%)	1696 (13.5%)	1.35 (1.26–1.45)	<0.0001
Any blood transfusion	90 (0.7%)	70 (0.6%)	1.29 (0.94–1.76)	0.1154

ACUITY=Acute Catheterization and Urgent Intervention Triage Strategy. CABG=coronary artery bypass graft.  
 GUSTO=Global Utilization of Streptokinase and Tissue Plasminogen Activator for Occluded Coronary Arteries.  
 TIMI=Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction. \*p value for OR based on the  $\chi^2$  test.

**Table 5: Non-CABG-related bleeding events at 48 h**

# Optimal Anticoagulation—does it exist?

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intensity x duration

# Summary

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- Summary—for ACS/PCI there are between 30 and 1200 different combinations of options for the anticoagulation strategy
- Ischemic events are lowered by 1-1.5% and bleeding events are increased by 1-1.5%
- Advice—become very knowledgeable and comfortable with one drug at a time and then with one combination of anticoagulants, before exploring the next