

# Anti-Thrombotic Therapy – Update 2017

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European Heart House

## SESSION 6: NOACs BEYOND ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

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16:00-17:00

### NOACs in ACS

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February 24, 2017 – 16:40-16:55 – 15 min. + 5 disc.

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# Triple therapy - one common denominator: targeting thrombin receptor or activity

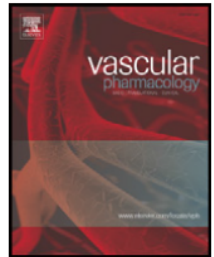
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Review

## Targeting thrombin long-term after an acute coronary syndrome: Opportunities and challenges



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# NOACs in ACS – 2 different scenarios

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1. ACS in the setting of AF
2. ACS without AF

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**Thursday 23 February – Saturday 25 February, 2017**



**SESSION 9: COEXISTING ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AND CAD – Chairs: R. De Caterina and S.D. Kristensen**

10:50-11:05 Stable coronary artery disease, elective stenting and atrial fibrillation – K. Huber

11:05-11:10 Discussion

11:10-11:25 After an ACS – R. De Caterina

11:25-11:30 Discussion

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## NOACs in ACS – 2 different scenarios

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# NOACs in ACS – 2 different scenarios

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1. ACS in the setting of AF
2. ACS without AF
  - a. The Rationale
  - b. The Implementation



## Easy take-home message:

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- ▶ Nothing really new in the past two years, but stay tuned, because things may quickly change



# NOACs in ACS without AF

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- ▶ The Rationale
  - ▶ The Implementation
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# NOACs in ACS without AF

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- ▶ The Rationale
- ▶ The Implementation

# Double Antiplatelet Therapy (ASA + CLOPIDOGREL)

- ✓ CURE
- ✓ PCI-CURE
- ✓ CREDO

- ✓ For all patients, immediate 300 mg loading dose of clopidogrel is recommended, followed by 75 mg clopidogrel daily (I-A). Clopidogrel should be maintained for 12 months unless there is an excessive risk of bleeding (I-A).

# New P2Y<sub>12</sub> ADP receptor antagonists

Drug	Type	Route	Action	Dose	MPI*	Trial
Prasugrel	Hepatic Conv	Oral	Irreversible binding	LD 60 mg - MD 10 mg	70% (<1h)	TRITON
Cangrelor	Direct Inh.	Parenteral	Competitive binding	4 mcg/kg/min	95% (<5 min)	CHAMPION
AZD-6140 Ticagrelor	Direct Inh.	Oral	Competitive binding	90 mg x 2	95% (2-4h)	PLATO

\*MPI = mean platelet inhibition

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.

- 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).
- Prasugrel (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose) is recommended in patients who are proceeding to PCI if no contraindication.<sup>e</sup>
- 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.

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

# Thus, there appear to be differences between the 2 new P2Y<sub>12</sub> oral inhibitors

## Prasugrel

- ✓ Only in patients undergoing PCI
- ✓ Only in clopidogrel-naïve patients
- ✓ Not in patients with previous stroke
- ✓ Careful in >75 yo with dose adjustment
- ✓ Not to be given with pretreatment in NSTEMI
- ✓ Irreversible inhibitor

## Ticagrelor

- ✓ Both in patients treated invasively and non-invasively
- ✓ Also in clopidogrel pretreated patients
- ✓ Not in patients with prior ICH
- ✓ No dose adjustment in the elderly >75
- ✓ Pretreatment in STEMI not greatly effective, but not harmful
- ✓ Reversible inhibitor, with faster offset of effect

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Why adding an anticoagulant  
long-term?



# Meta-analysis: ASA + warfarin reduced CV outcomes vs ASA alone

N=25,307 patients with ACS:

All studies (n=14)

Death/MI/stroke

OR (fixed)  
95% CI

0.96 (0.90–1.03)

Death/MI/stroke

0.73 (0.63–0.84)

All major bleeding events

2.32 (1.63–3.29)

Major extracranial bleeding events

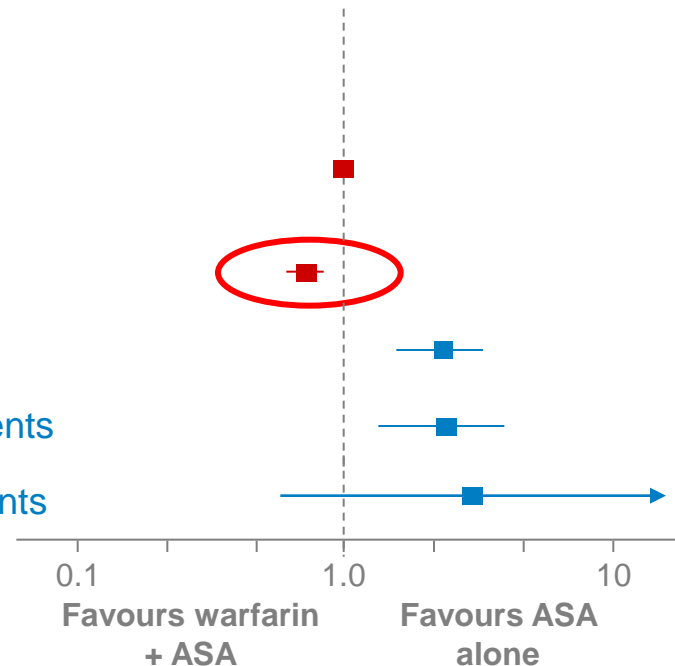
2.37 (1.37–4.10)

Major intracranial bleeding events

3.02 (0.61–15.02)

■ Efficacy outcome

■ Safety outcome



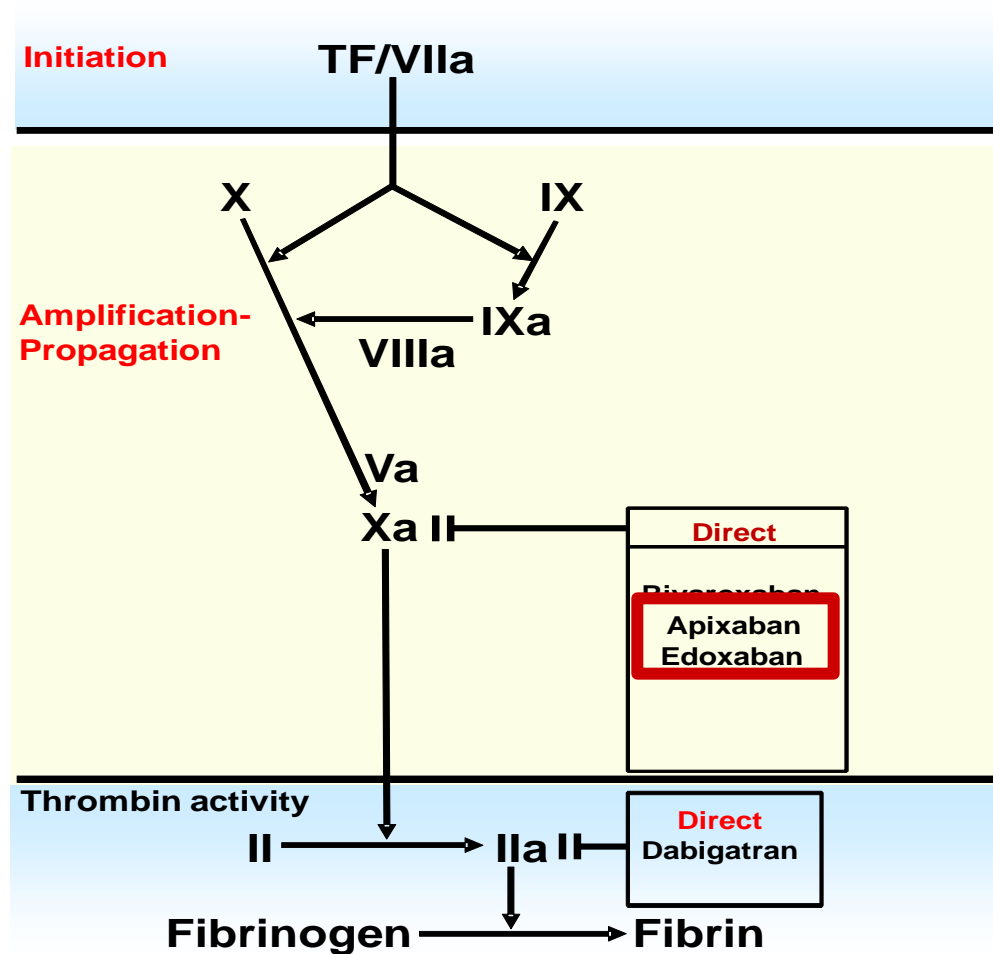
## ▶ Warfarin + ASA versus ASA alone:

- ▶ Reduces death/MI/stroke only when the correct therapeutic dose is applied (INR 2.0–3.0)
- ▶ Increases the risk of major bleeding events

ACS, acute coronary syndrome; ASA, acetylsalicylic acid; CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; INR, international normalized ratio; MI, myocardial infarction; OR, odds ratio.

Andreotti *et al. Eur Heart J* 2006;27:519–26.

# A new era in anticoagulation



De Caterina *et al. Thromb Haemost* 2013;109:569–79.

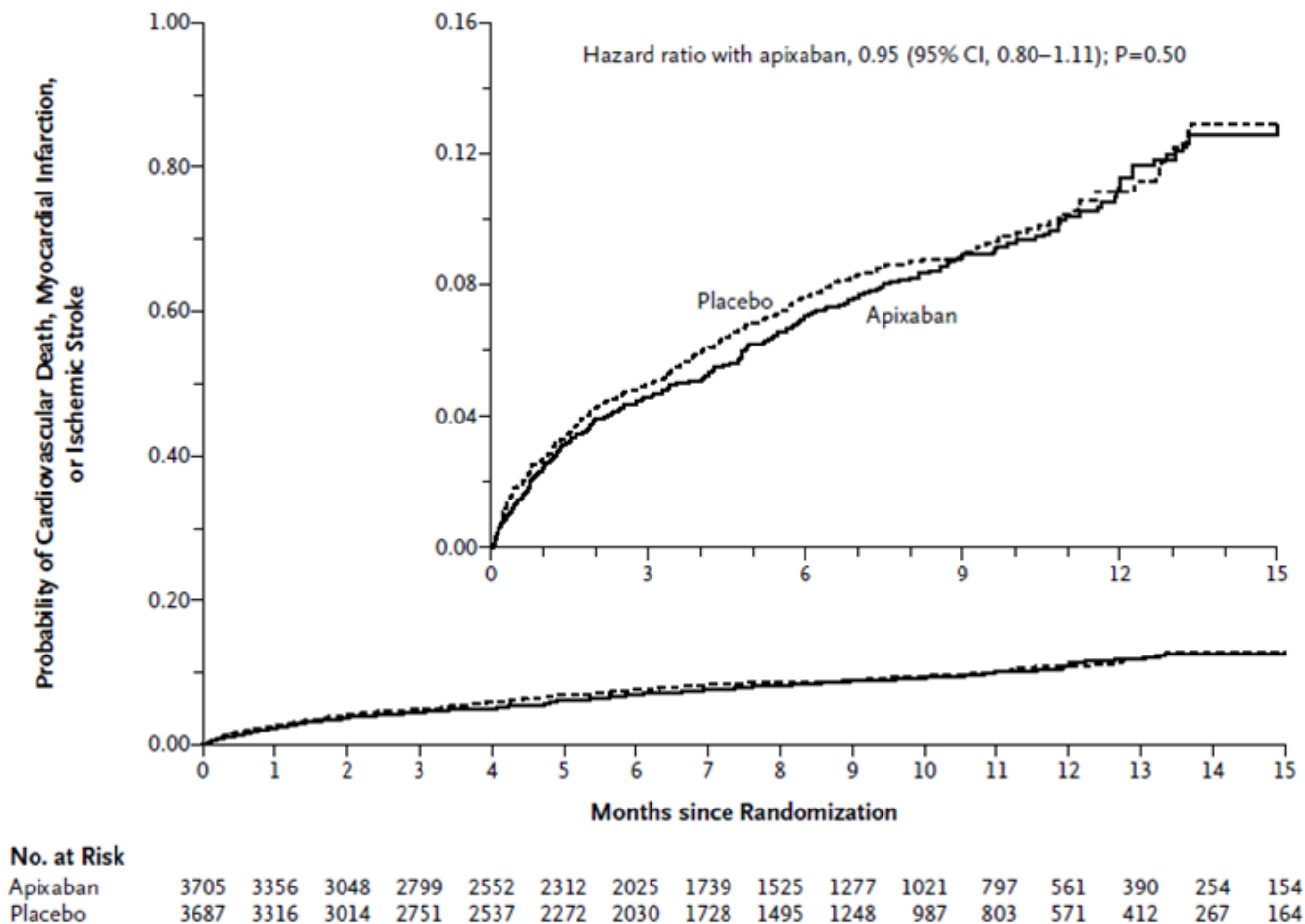


# NOACs in ACS without AF

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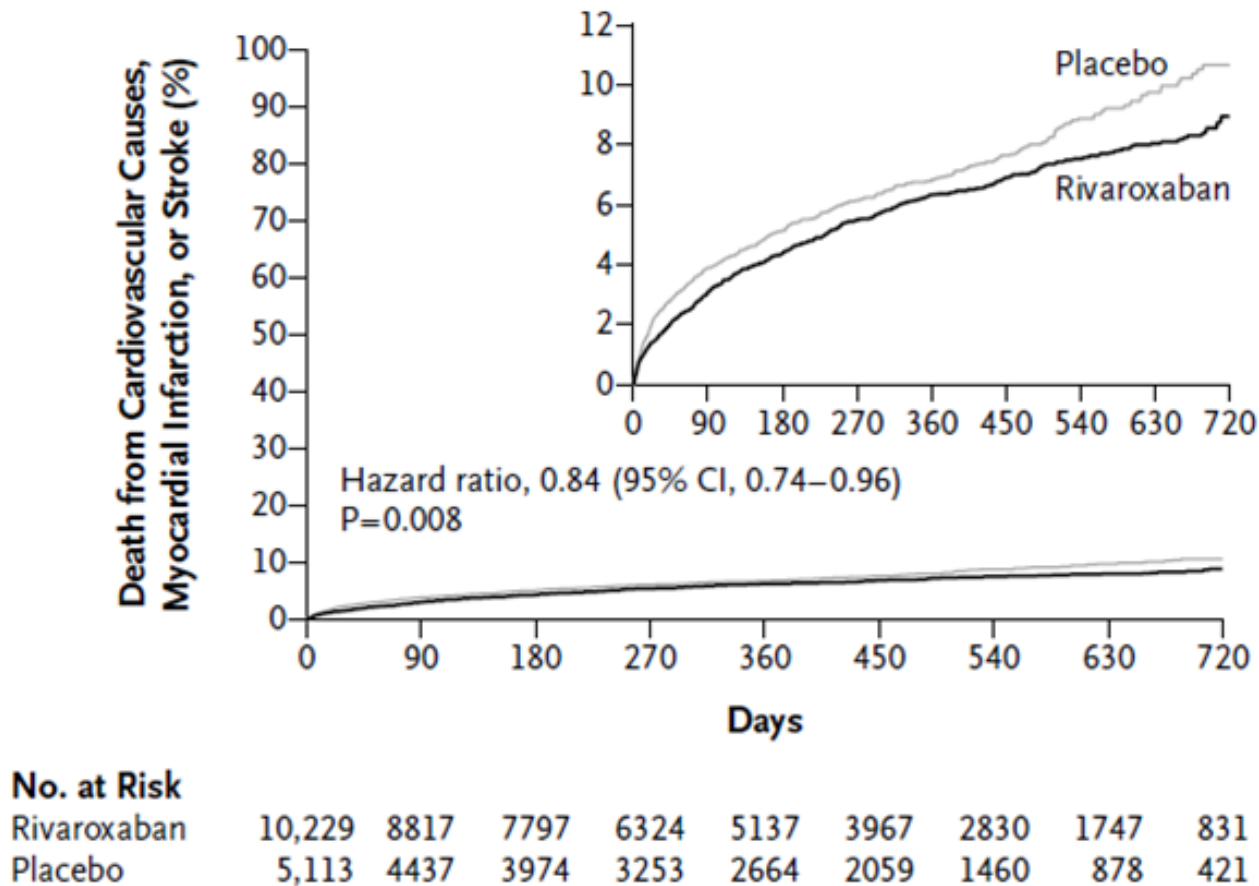
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# APPRAISE-2: Primary efficacy outcome (CV death, MI, stroke)



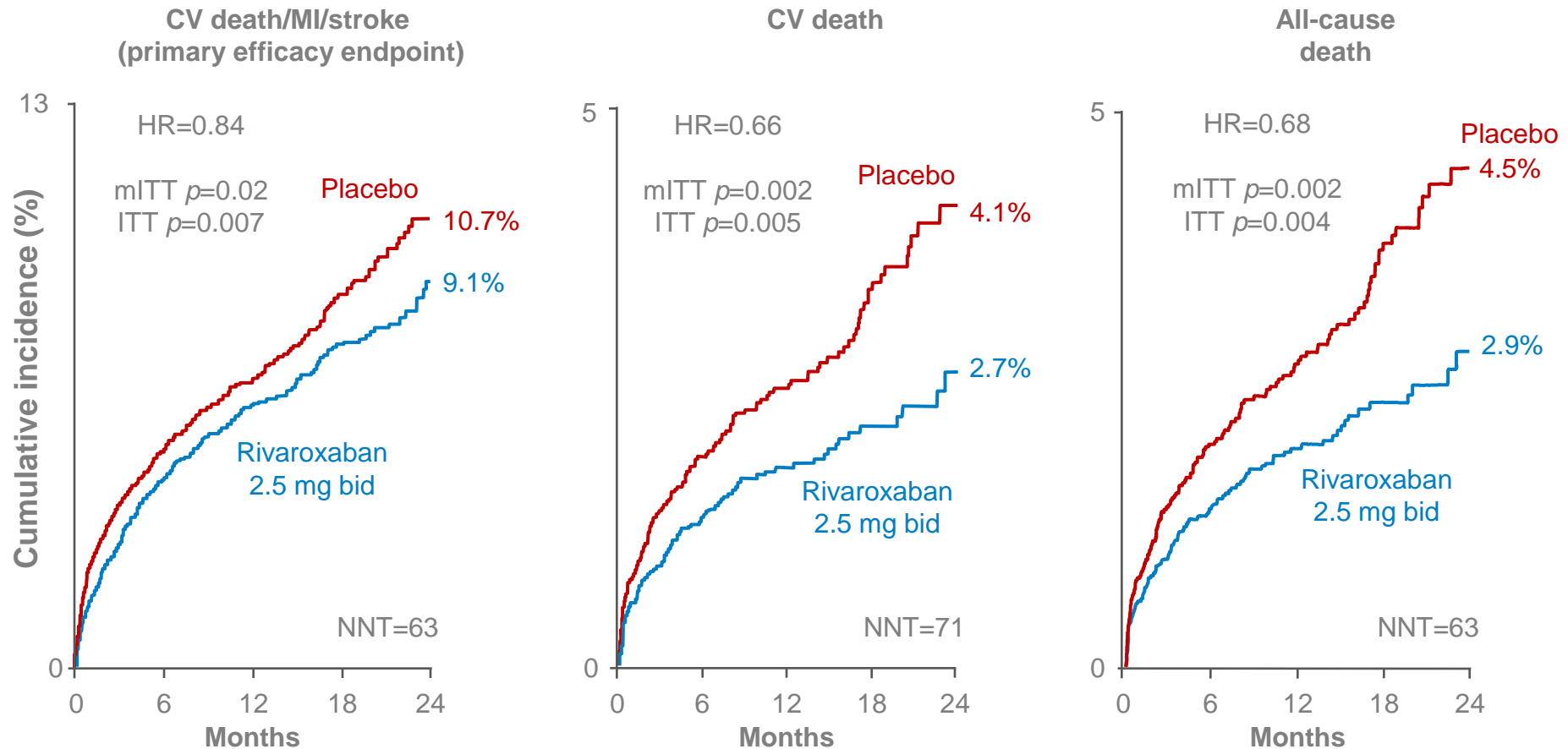
Alexander *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2011;365:699–708.

# ATLAS ACS 2–TIMI 51: Primary efficacy outcome (CV death, MI, stroke)



# ATLAS ACS 2–TIMI 51: rivaroxaban 2.5 mg bid significantly reduced CV events and death

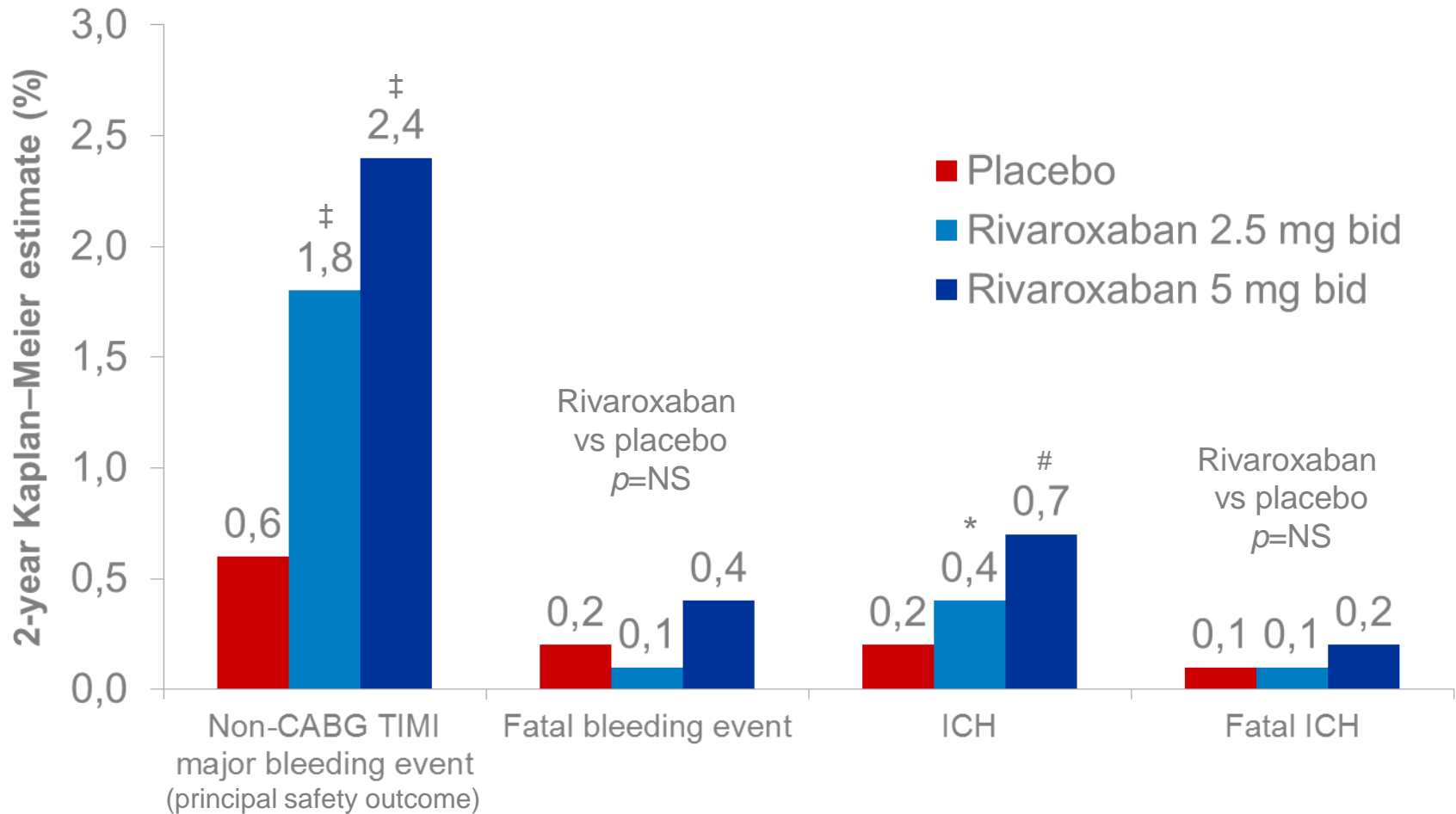
The primary efficacy endpoint reduction was driven by reduced mortality



Both strata. bid, twice daily; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intention to treat; MI, myocardial infarction; mITT, modified intention to treat; NNT, number needed to treat.

1. Mega *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2012;366:9–19; 2. Gibson *et al.* *AHA* 2011 ([www.clinicaltrialresults.org](http://www.clinicaltrialresults.org)).

# ATLAS ACS 2–TIMI 51: rivaroxaban 2.5 mg bid did not increase fatal bleeding or fatal ICH vs placebo



\* $p=0.04$  vs placebo; # $p=0.005$  vs placebo;  $^{\ddagger}p<0.001$  vs placebo. bid, twice daily; CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; ICH, intracranial haemorrhage; NS, not significant; TIMI, Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction.

1. Mega *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2012;366:9–19; 2. Gibson *et al.* *AHA* 2011 ([www.clinicaltrialresults.org](http://www.clinicaltrialresults.org)).

# Subgroup analyses for primary efficacy endpoint (mITT/all strata/combined doses)

## Overall

Age [yrs] (<55, ≥55, <65, ≥65, <75, ≥75)

## Sex (male, female)

Race (white, black, Asian, other)

Weight [kg] (<60, ≥60–<90, ≥90)

Body mass index [kg/m<sup>2</sup>] (<25, ≥25–<30, ≥30)

CrCl [ml/min] (<30, ≥30–<50, ≥50–≤80, >80)

Index event (STEMI, NSTEMI, UA, NSTEMI + UA)

Prior myocardial infarction (yes, no)

PCI for index event (yes, no)

**Elevated cardiac biomarker (yes, no)**

Congestive heart failure (yes, no)

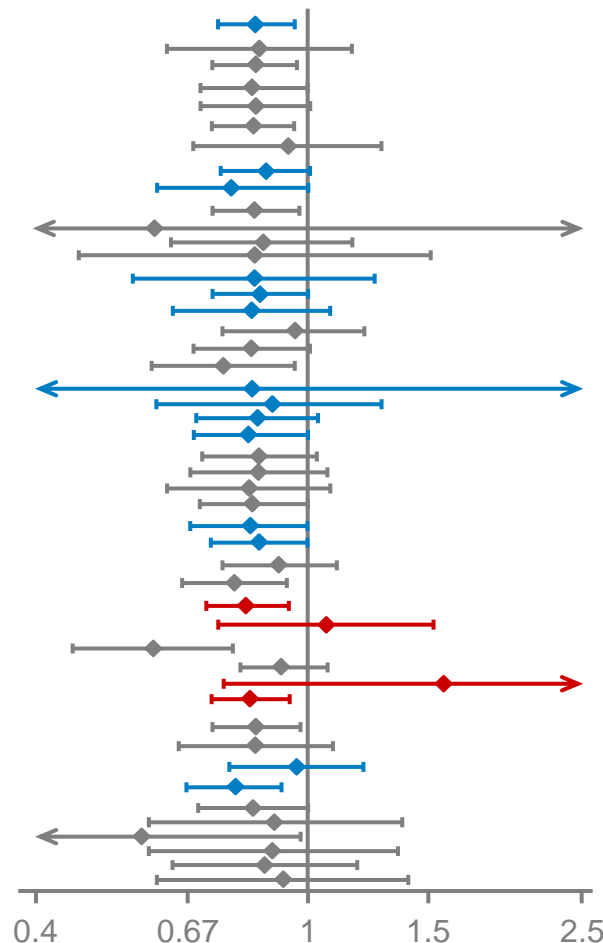
**Prior ischaemic stroke/TIA (yes, no)**

Hypertension (yes, no)

Diabetes (yes, no)

Region (East Europe, Western Europe, North America, South America, Asia, other)

Hazard ratio and 95% confidence interval  
Rivaroxaban ← Favours → Placebo



CrCl, creatinine clearance; mITT, modified intention to treat; NSTEMI, non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; STEMI, ST-elevation myocardial infarction; TIA, transient ischaemic attack; UA, unstable angina.

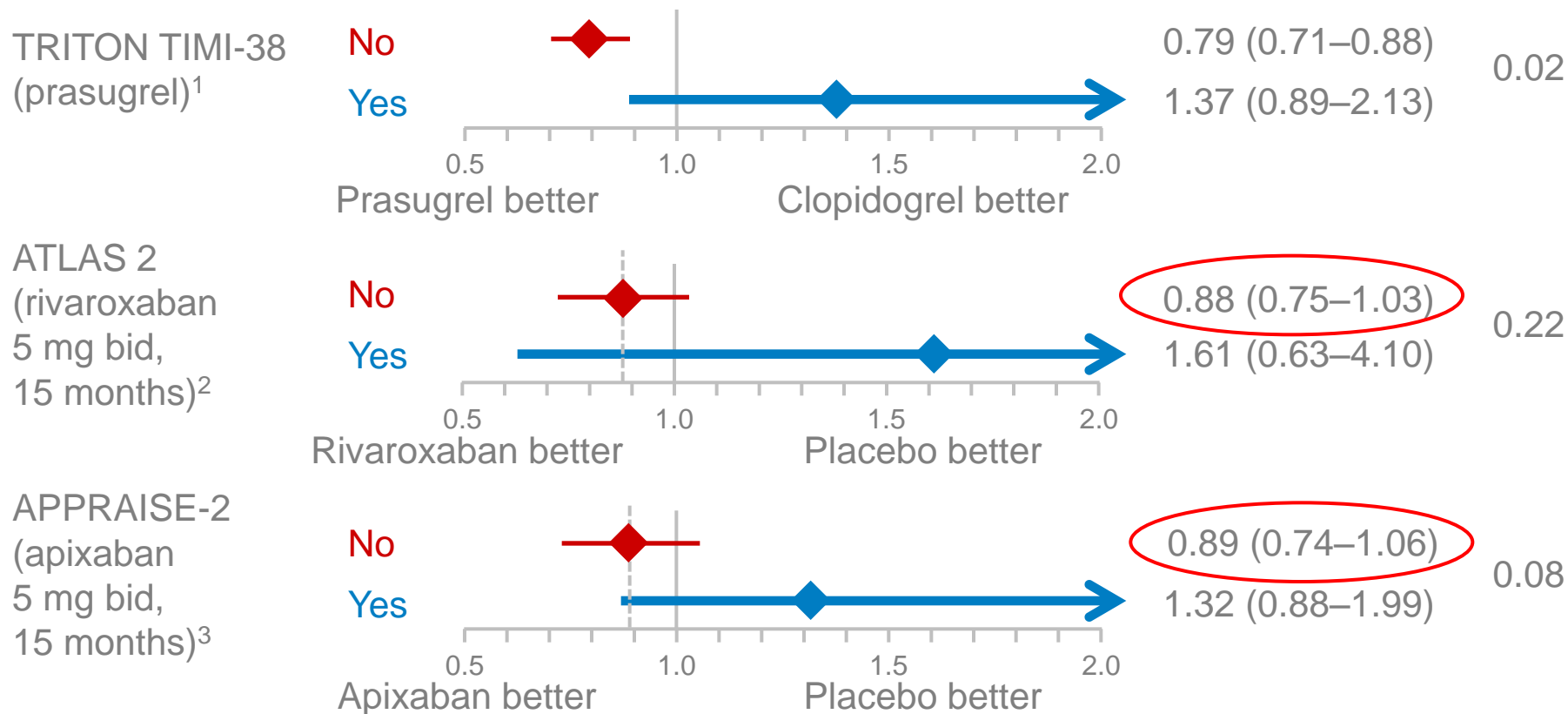
FDA briefing information, 23 May 2012.

# There is good clinical rationale to exclude patients with prior stroke/TIA

- ▶ Patients with prior stroke/TIA do not appear to benefit, consistent results seen with other compounds in this sub-population

History of stroke

HR (95% CI) (interaction) *p*



bid, twice daily; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; TIA, transient ischaemic attack.

1. Wiviott *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2007;357:2001–15; 2. FDA briefing information, 16 January 2014; 3. Alexander *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2011;365:699–708.

## Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg bid in ATLAS ACS 2–TIMI 51 vs standard antiplatelet therapy showed...

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- ▶ Greater efficacy, including fewer deaths and reduction in stent thrombosis (not shown)
- ▶ An important increase in bleeding, including intracranial haemorrhage (ICH), but without any increase in fatal bleeding or fatal ICH
- ▶ Even greater benefits in patients with elevated cardiac biomarkers and without previous stroke/TIA



# Overview on rivaroxaban 2.5 mg bid subgroups compared with overall study population

	Subgroup	Primary composite endpoint (CV death/MI/stroke)	CV death	NCB* Efficacy: non-bleed CV death, MI, ischaemic stroke events prevented Safety: fatal bleeding, symptomatic ICH
1	Overall study population	HR 0.84 CI: 0.72–0.97 (ARR: 1.6%) NNT: 63	HR 0.66 CI: 0.51–0.86 (ARR: 1.4%) NNT: 71	Efficacy: –125 Safety: +10
2	Exclude prior stroke/TIA	HR 0.81, CI: 0.69–0.94 (ARR: 1.8%) NNT: 56	HR 0.63, CI: 0.48–0.82 (ARR: 1.5%) NNT: 67	Efficacy: –143 Safety: +8
3	Restrict to elevated biomarkers Exclude prior stroke/TIA	<b>HR 0.80</b> CI: 0.68–0.94 (ARR: 2.1%) NNT: 48	<b>HR 0.55</b> CI: 0.41–0.74 (ARR: 2.0 %) NNT: 50	<b>Efficacy: –159</b> <b>Safety: +3</b>

\*Excess number of events in 10,000 patient-years. ARR: absolute risk reduction based on 2-year K–M estimates; bid, twice daily; CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; ICH, intracranial haemorrhage; MI, myocardial infarction; NCB, net clinical benefit; NNT: number needed to treat; TIA, transient ischaemic attack.

1. EMA Assessment Report, 21 March 2013; 2. FDA briefing information, 16 January 2014.

## Difficulties in buying this concept

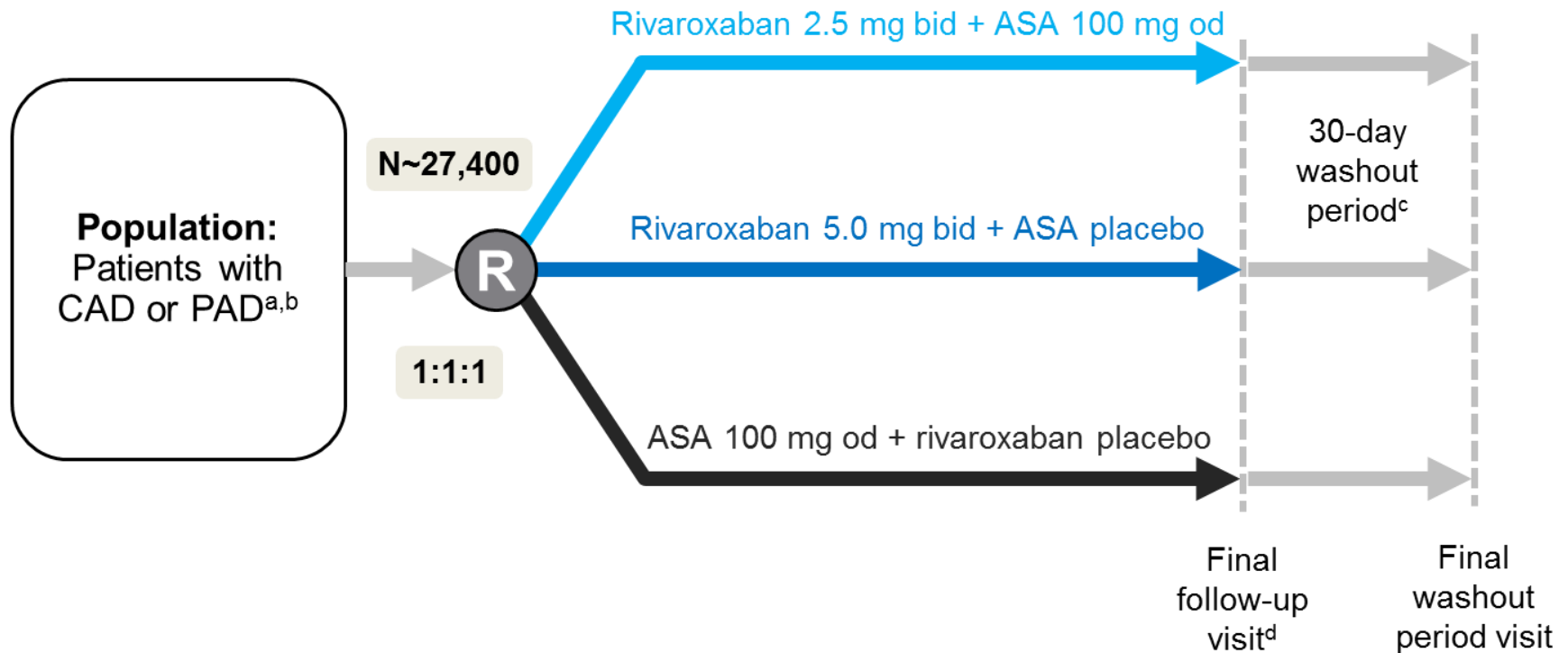
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- ▶ Triple therapy in ACS is more complicated than DAPT using ticagrelor (or prasugrel)
- ▶ Identifying candidate patients is somewhat complicated
- ▶ Clopidogrel perceived as «an old drug»
- ▶ Is the lower mortality with rivaroxaban real? «*One swallow does not make spring*»
- ▶ Difficulties in accepting the much higher rates of bleeding



# COMPASS Study Design

**Objective:** Efficacy and safety of rivaroxaban, low-dose rivaroxaban plus ASA or ASA alone for reducing risk of MI, stroke or CV death in patients with CAD or PAD





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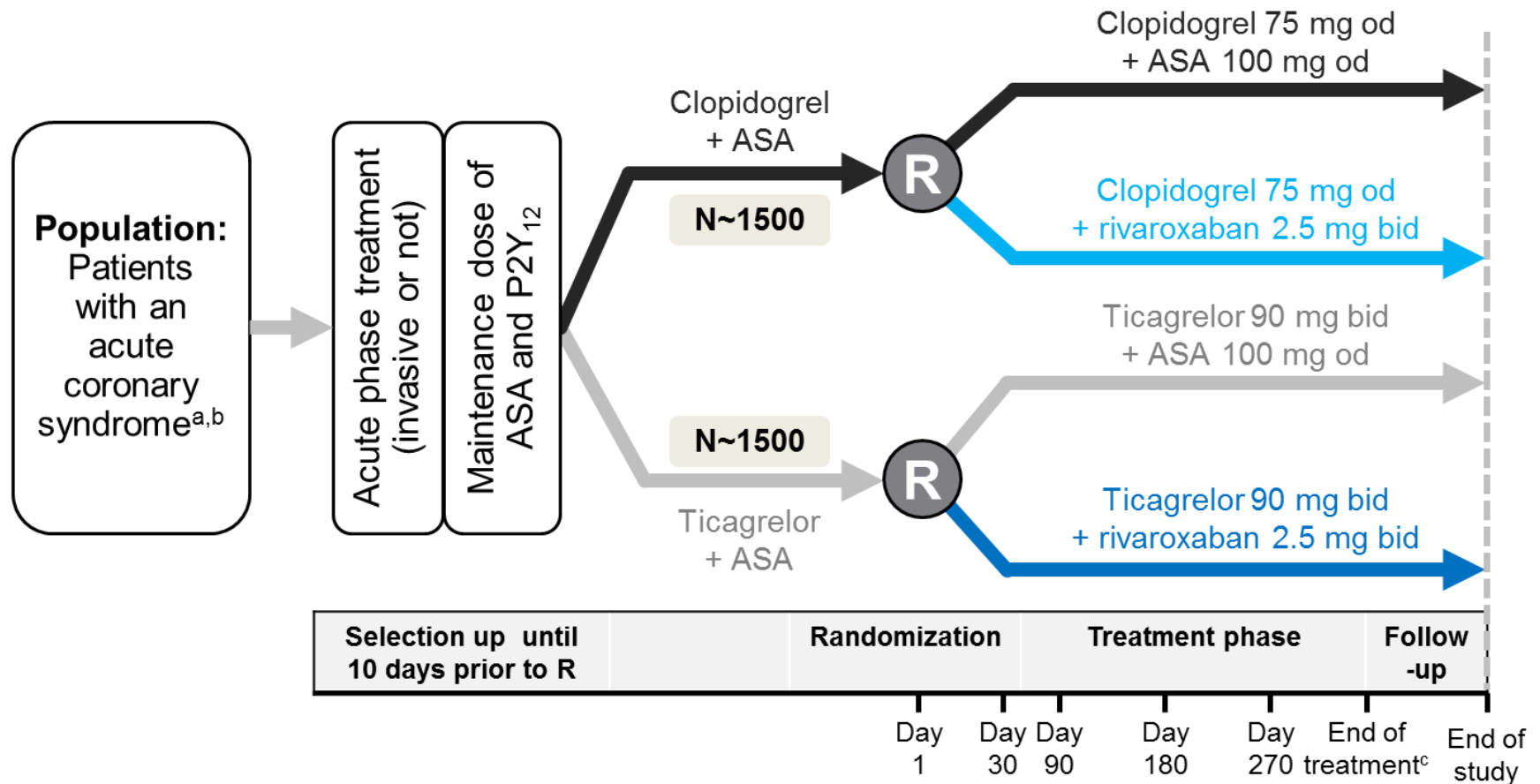
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# GEMINI-ACS-1 Study Design

**Objective:** Safety of rivaroxaban versus ASA in addition to either clopidogrel or ticagrelor therapy in patients with a recent ACS



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Stay tuned!



Thank you!