ESC Heart & Brain Workshop

Atherosclerosis and stroke

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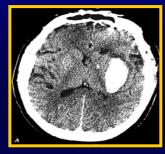
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Cerebrovascular Disease: Stroke Subtype

Hemorrhagic Stroke (15%)

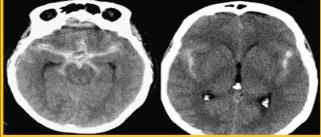


Intracerebral Hemorrhage (59%) Ischemic Stroke (85%) Atherothrombotic Cerebrovascular Disease (20%)

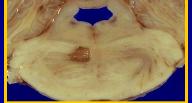


Cryptogenic (30%)

Subarachnoid Hemorrhage (41%)

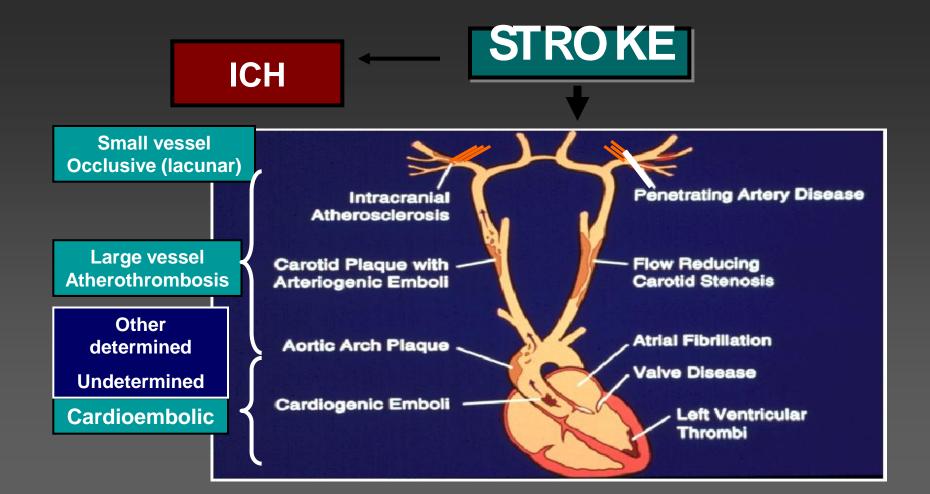


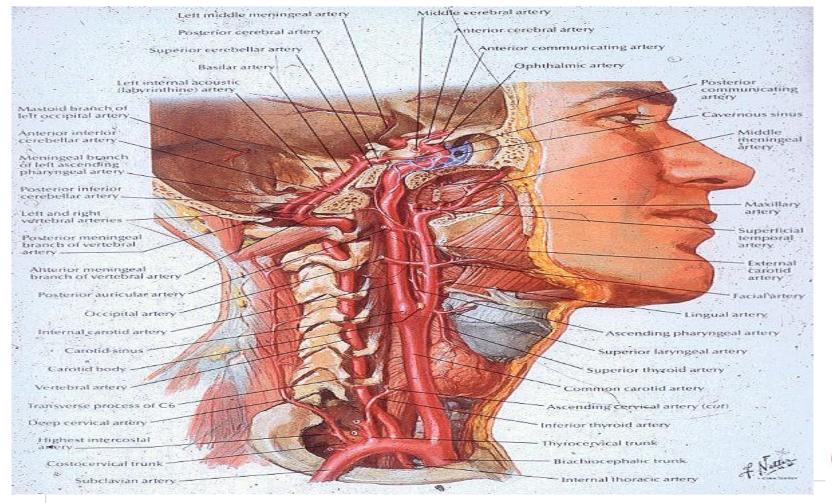
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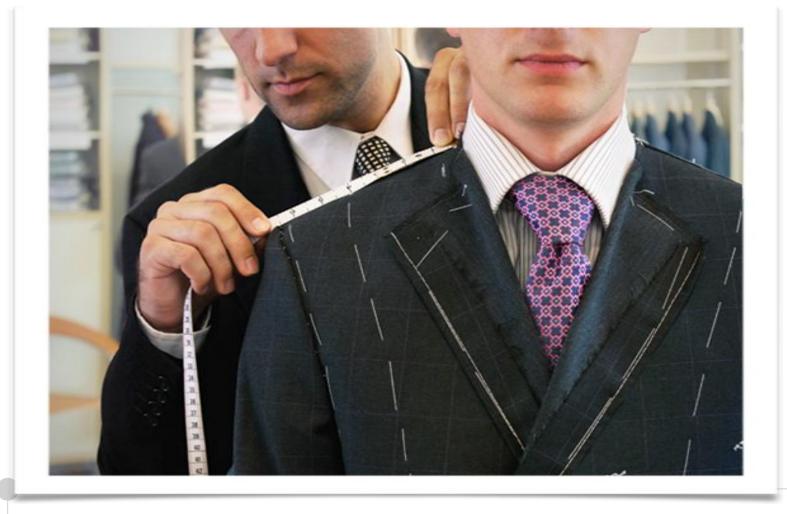
Embolism (20%)







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Atherothrombosis

Atherosclerosis

Normal Accumulation Inflammation artery of lipids

Smooth muscle cell proliferation, plaque progression

Thrombus Formation

Rupture of Fibrous Cap

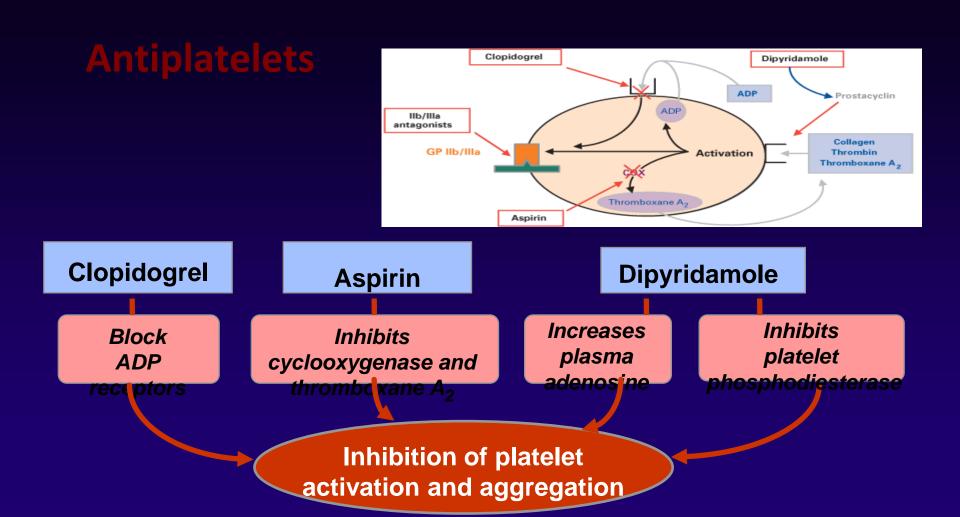
Erosion of Endothelium

Erosion of Calcium Nodule

Intraplaque Hemorrhage

Atherosclerosis leads to any number of four possible types of thrombus

- 1. Mungerovination Am Pharm Assoc. 2004;44(suppl 1):S5-S13.
- 2. Libby P et al. *Circulation*. 2005;111:3481-3488



ESO recomendation - 2008

- Patients are recommended to take antithrombotic therapy (Class I, Level A).
- Those not requiring anticoagulation are recommended to take antiplatelet therapy (Class I, Level A). Where possible, combined aspirin and dipyridamole, or clopidogrel alone, should be taken. Alternatively, aspirin alone, or triflusal alone, may be used (Class I, Level A)
- The combination of aspirin and clopidogrel is not recommended in patients with recent ischemic stroke except in patients with specific indications, e.g. unstable angina or non-Q-wave MI during the last 12

AHA/ASA Guideline

Guidelines for the Prevention of Stroke in Patients With Stroke and Transient Ischemic Attack A Guideline for Healthcare Professionals From the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

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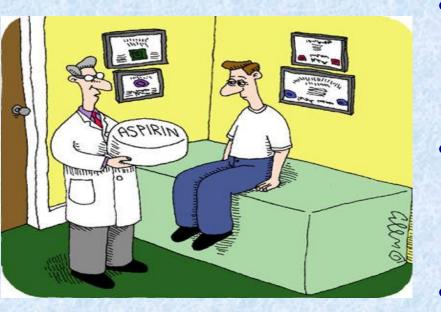
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Key Words: AHA Scientific Statements
atrial fibrillation
carotid stenosis
hypertension
ischemia
ischemia
prevention
stroke



Antiplatelets



- Aspirin offers 15% relative risk reduction for stroke after TIA or stroke
- Most widely studied dosages of aspirin are 50-150mg
- Aspirin, ASA+Dipyridamole, Clopidogrel are all acceptable initial therapy.

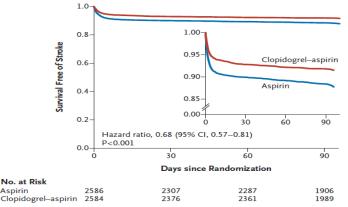
Long term Clopidogrel + Aspirin



Short-term DAPT after high-risk TIA/minor stroke?

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

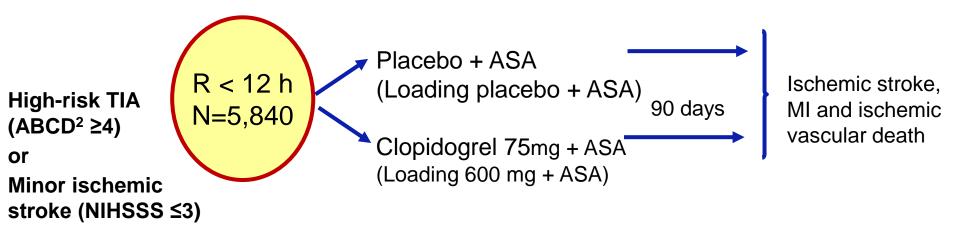
Clopidogrel with Aspirin in Acute Minor Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attacl CHAN



Hazard ratio, 0.68 (95% CI, 0.57–0.81) P<0.001

Clopidogrel 300 mg loading followed by 75 mg daily for 90 days + aspirin at a dose of 75 mg daily for the first 21 days VS. aspirin only in a Chinese population N Engl | Med 2013;369:11-19.

Point Platelet-Oriented Inhibition in New TIA and minor ischemic stroke



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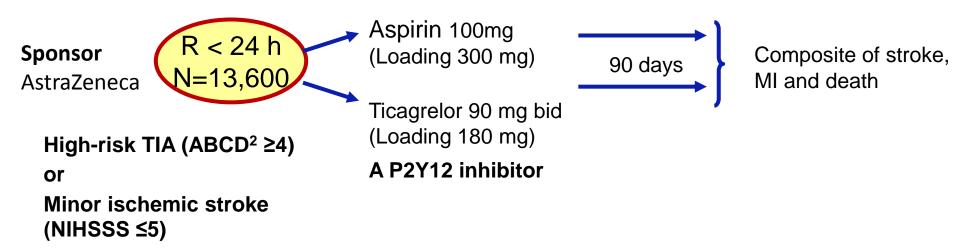
Albert Schömig, M.D.



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SOCRATES

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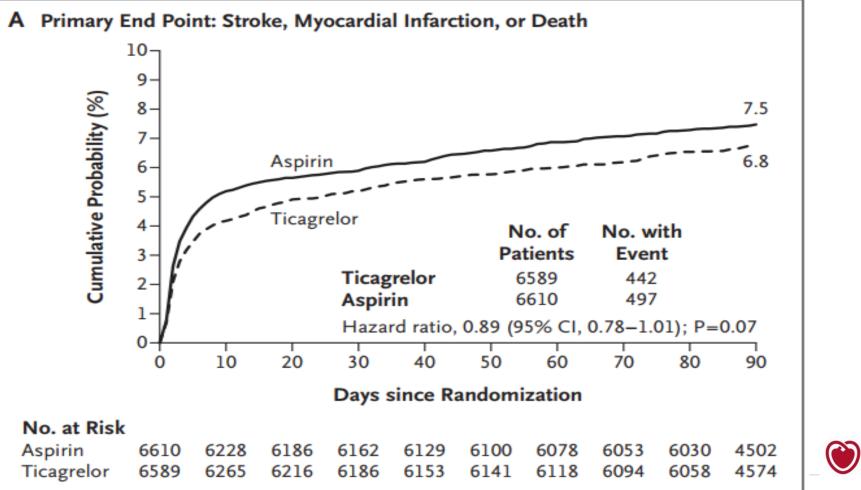
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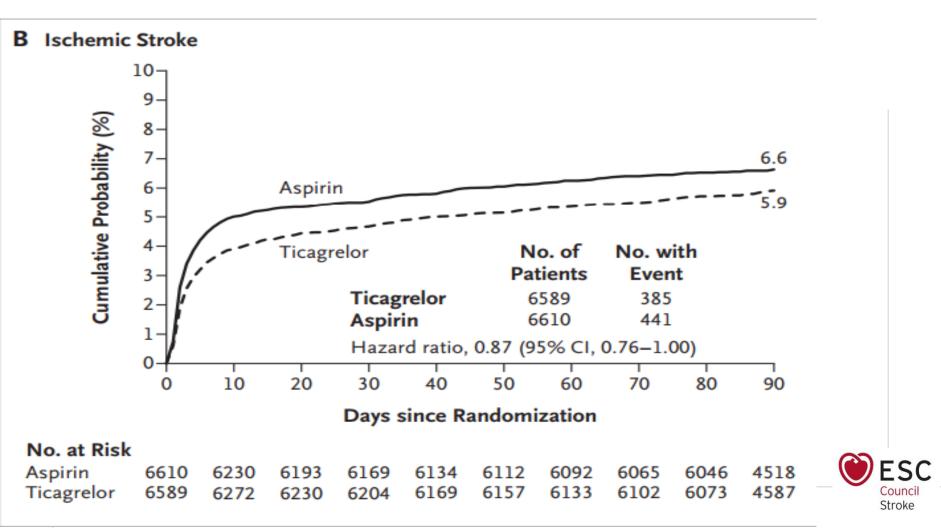
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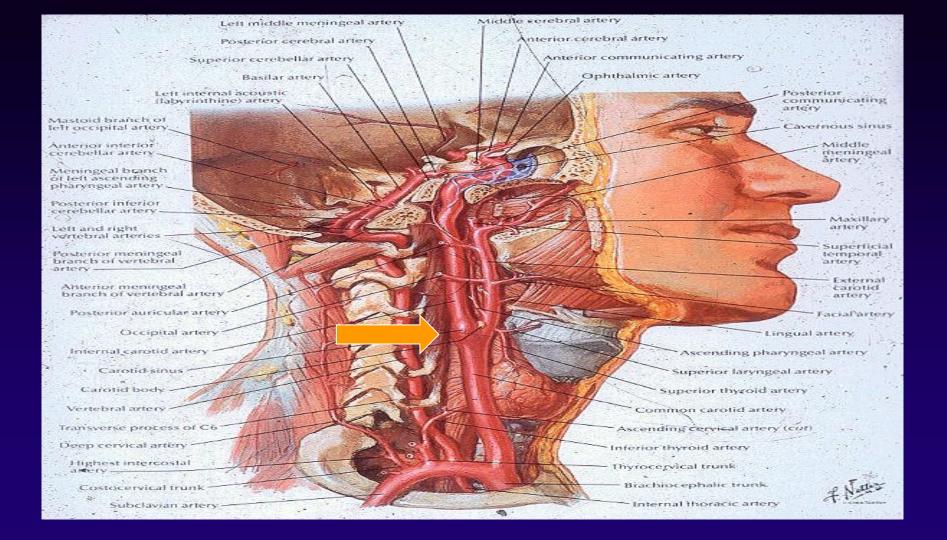
N Engl J Med 2016;375:35-43.





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Efficacy and safety of ticagrelor versus aspirin in acute stroke 🔐 🦒 🔳 or transient ischaemic attack of atherosclerotic origin: a subgroup analysis of SOCRATES, a randomised, double-blind, controlled trial



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Summary

Background Ticagrelor is an effective antiplatelet therapy for patients with coronary atherosclerotic disease and might be more effective than aspirin in preventing recurrent stroke and cardiovascular events in patients with acute cerebral ischaemia of atherosclerotic origin. Our aim was to test for a treatment-by-ipsilateral atherosclerotic stenosis interaction in a subgroup analysis of patients in the Acute Stroke or Transient Ischaemic Attack Treated with Aspirin or Ticagrelor and Patient Outcomes (SOCRATES) trial.

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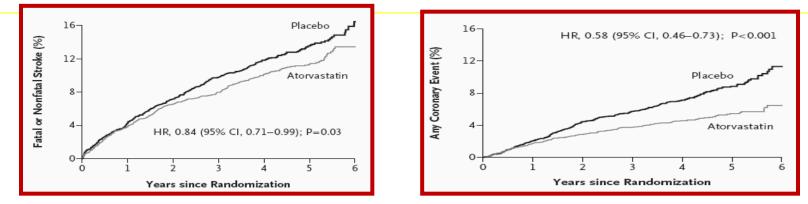
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Methods SOCRATES was a randomised, double-blind, controlled trial of ticagrelor versus aspirin in patients aged 40 years or older with a non-cardioembolic, non-severe acute ischaemic stroke, or high-risk transient ischaemic attack from 674 hospitals in 33 countries. We randomly allocated patients (1:1) to ticagrelor (180 mg loading dose on day 1 followed by 90 mg twice daily for days 2-90, given orally) or aspirin (300 mg on day 1 followed by 100 mg daily for days 2-90, given orally) within 24 h of symptom onset. Investigators classified all patients into atherosclerotic and non-atherosclerotic groups for the prespecified, exploratory analysis reported in this study. The primary endpoint was the time to occurrence of stroke, myocardial infarction, or death within 90 days. Efficacy analysis was by intention to treat. The SOCRATES trial is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, number NCT01994720.

Findings Between Jan 7, 2014, and Oct 29, 2015, we randomly allocated 13 199 patients (6589 [50%] to ticagrelor and 6610 [50%] to aspirin). Potentially symptomatic ipsilateral atherosclerotic stenosis was reported in 3081 (23%) of 13199 patients. We found a treatment-by-atherosclerotic stenosis interaction (p=0.017). 103 (6.7%) of 1542 patients with ipsilateral stenosis in the ticagrelor group and 147 (9.6%) of 1539 patients with ipsilateral stenosis in the aspirin group had an occurrence of stroke, myocardial infarction, or death within 90 days (hazard ratio 0.68) 95% CI 0.53-0.88]: p=0.003). In 10118 patients with no ipsilateral stenosis, 339 (6.7%) of 5047 patients in me ticagrelor group had an occurrence of stroke, myocardial infarction, or death within 90 days compared with 350 (6.9%) of 5071 in the aspirin group (0.97 [0.84-1.13]; p=0.72). There were no significant differences in the proportion of lifethreatening bleeding or major or minor bleeding events in patients with ipsilateral stenosis in the ticagrelor group compared with the aspirin group.

Interpretation In this prespecified exploratory analysis, ticagrelor was superior to aspirin at preventing stroke, myocardial infarction, or death at 90 days in patients with acute ischaemic stroke or transient ischaemic attack when associated with ipsilateral atherosclerotic stenosis. An understanding of stroke mechanisms and causes is important to deliver safe and efficacious treatments for early stroke prevention.

Statins After Stroke



Fatal or nonfatal stroke Any coronary event Atrovastatin 80mg vs. placebo after stroke/TIA, LDL-C 100-190mg/dL and no known CHD

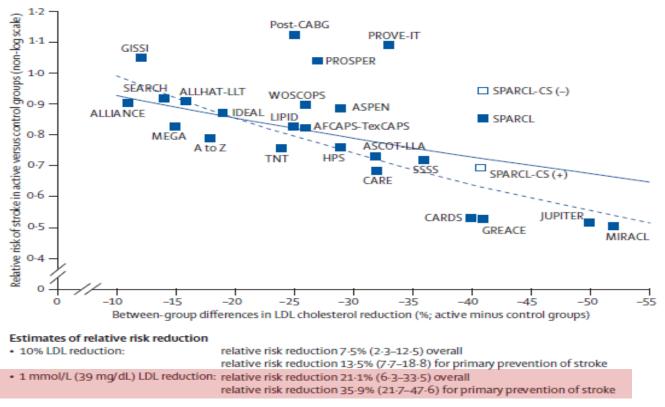
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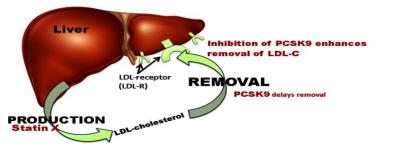
Statin therapy with intensive lipid-lowering effects is recommended to reduce risk of stroke and CV events among patients with ischemic stroke or TIA presumed to be of atherosclerotic origin and an LDL-C level ≥100 mg/dL (*Class I; Level of Evidence B*)

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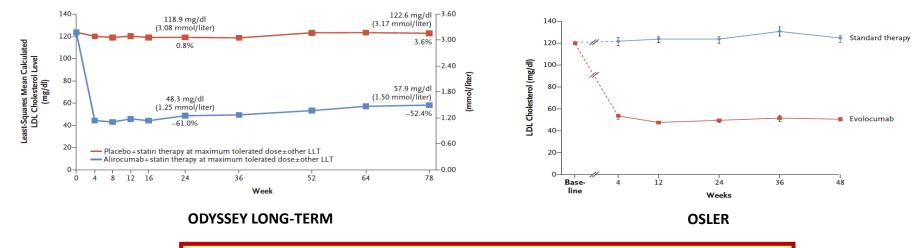
Reduction of LDL cholesterol and stroke incidence



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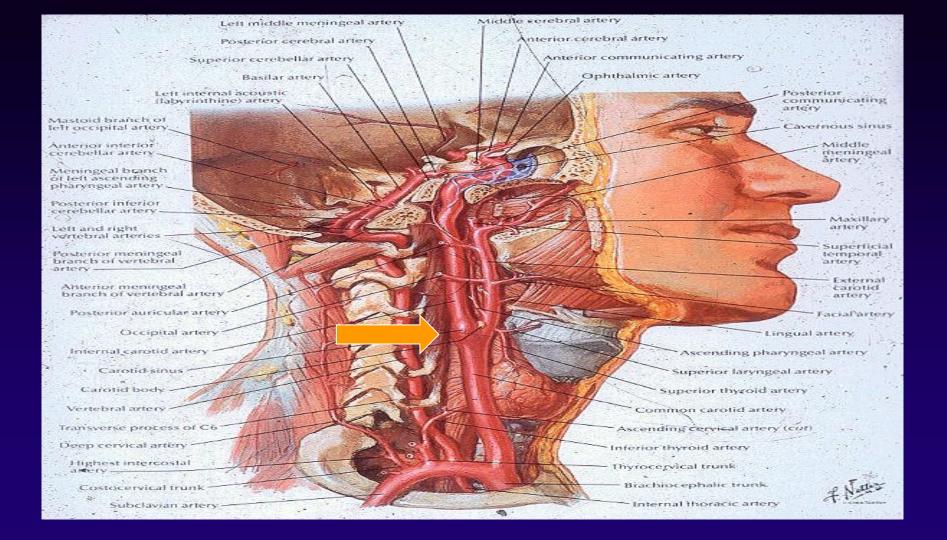


PCSK-9 Inhibitors



Monoclonal antibodies targeting PCSK9 result in large reductions in plasma LDL cholesterol

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Surgery vs Stenting for Symptomatic Carotid Stenosis

Treatment optionsfor <u>symptomatic</u> carotid <u>stenosis:</u>





revascularization







Medical treatment

Risk factor management



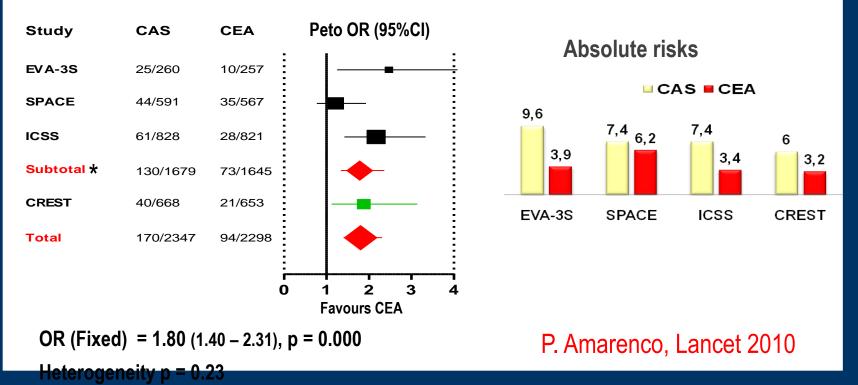
ECST, NASCET & VA studies combined and reanalysed after standardisation to NASCET angiographic measurement method (n>6000)

any stroke at o years including operative risk

stenosis		CEA	BMT	AR	NNT	strokes prev /1000 CEAs	
<30%	n=1746	18.36%	15.71%	-2.6			
30-49%	n=1054	22.80%	25.50%	2.6%	38	26	
50-69%	n=2312	20.00%	27.70%	7.8%	13	78	
70-99%	n=1344	17.13%	32.70%	15.6%	6	156	
nr occln	n= 262	16.82%	15.15%	-1.7%	_ Lancet 2	∽ <i>⊪</i> 004;363:915-924	
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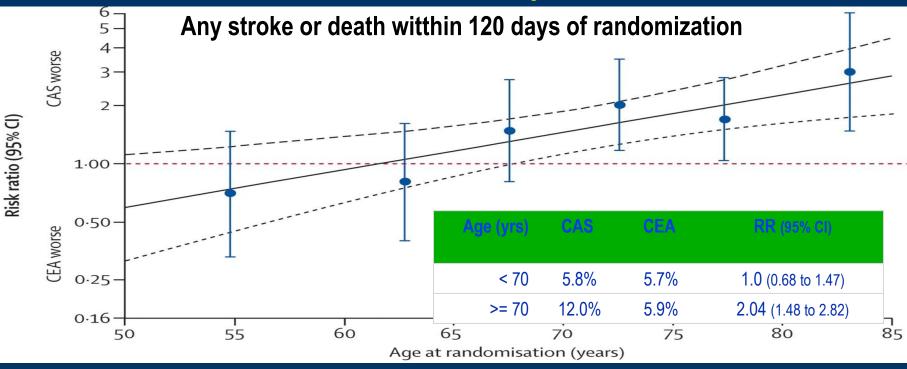
Symptomatic carotid stenosis Is CAS as safe as CEA?

Stroke or death within 30 days of treatment (per protocol analysis)



Symptomatic carotid stenosis CAS vs. CEA : effect of age

Carotid Stenting Trialists' Collaboration, Lancet 2010



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Key Words: AHA Scientific Statements = atrial fibrillation = carotid stenosis = hypertension = ischemia = ischemic attack, transient = prevention = stroke



Extracranial Carotid Disease Recommendations

For patients with a TIA or ischemic stroke within the past 6 months and ipsilateral severe (70%–99%) carotid artery stenosis as documented by noninvasive imaging, CEA is recommended if the perioperative morbidity and mortality risk is estimated to be <6% (Class I; Level of Evidence A). For patients with recent TIA or ischemic stroke and ipsilateral moderate (50%–69%) carotid stenosis as documented by catheter-based imaging or noninvasive imaging with corroboration (eg, magnetic resonance angiogram or computed tomography angiogram), CEA is recommended depending on patient-specific factors, such as age, sex, and comorbidities, if the perioperative morbidity and mortality risk is estimated to be <6% (Class I;

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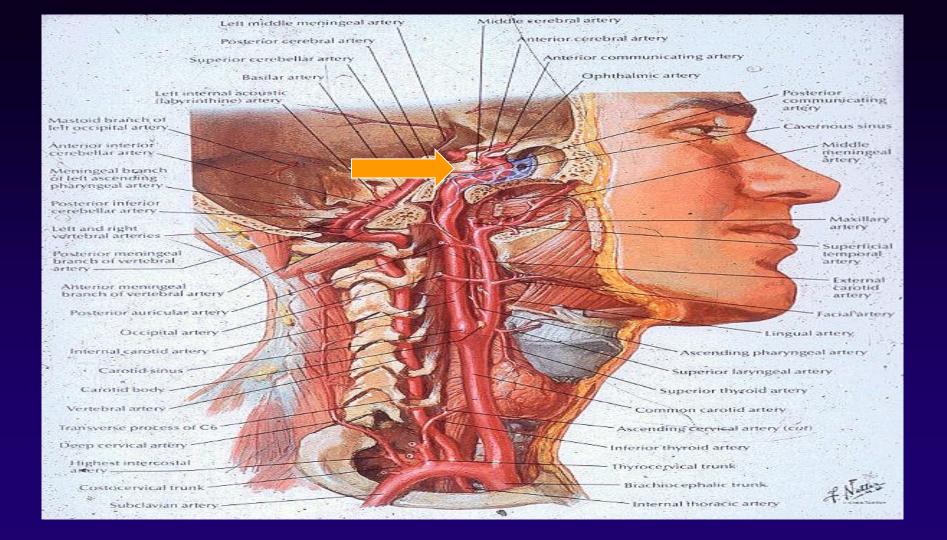
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- When the degree of stenosis is <50%, CEA and CAS are not recommended (*Class III; Level of Evidence A*).
- When revascularization is indicated for patients with TIA or minor, nondisabling stroke, it is reasonable to perform the procedure within 2 weeks of the index event rather than delay surgery if there are no contraindications to early revascularization (*Class IIa*; *Level of Evidence B*).
- CAS is indicated as an alternative to CEA for symptomatic patients at average or low risk of complications associated with endovascular intervention when the diameter of the lumen of the ICA is reduced by >70% by noninvasive imaging or >50% by catheter-based imaging or noninvasive imaging with corroboration and the anticipated rate of periprocedural stroke or death is <6% (Class IIa; Level of Evidence B). (Revised recommendation)



It is reasonable to consider patient age in choosing between CAS and CEA. For older patients (i.e. older than \approx 70 years). CEA may be associated with



Intracranial Atherosclerosis

CAMADDIC Trial

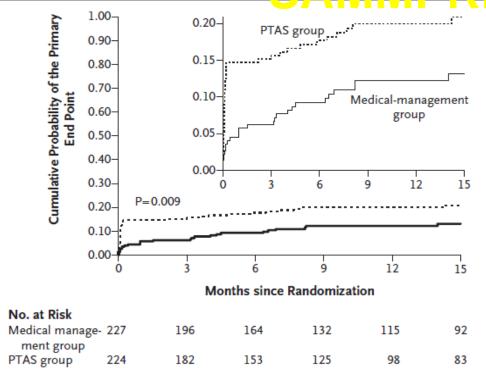


Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier Curves for the Cumulative Probability of the Primary End Point, According to Treatment Assignment.

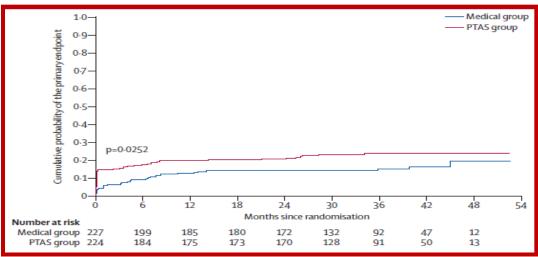
Medical Management: Aspirin 325mg per day + Clopidogrel 75mg per day for 90 days

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Symptomatic intracranial artery stenosis: *Aggressive medical treatment* ± *stenting*

SAMMPRIS Trial



AHA/ASA secondary prevention guidelines 2014

For patients with recent stroke or TIA (within 30 days) attributable to severe stenosis (70%–99%) of a major intracranial artery, the addition of clopidogrel 75 mg/d to aspirin for 90 days might be reasonable (*Class Ilb; Level of Evidence B*).

Lancet 2014;383:333-41

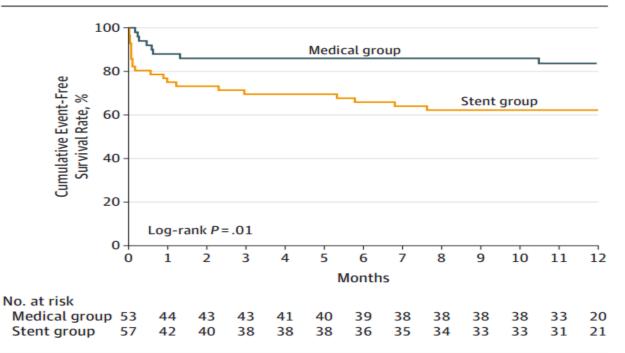
Original Investigation

Effect of a Balloon-Expandable Intracranial Stent vs Medical Therapy on Risk of Stroke in Patients With Symptomatic Intracranial Stenosis The VISSIT Randomized Clinical Trial

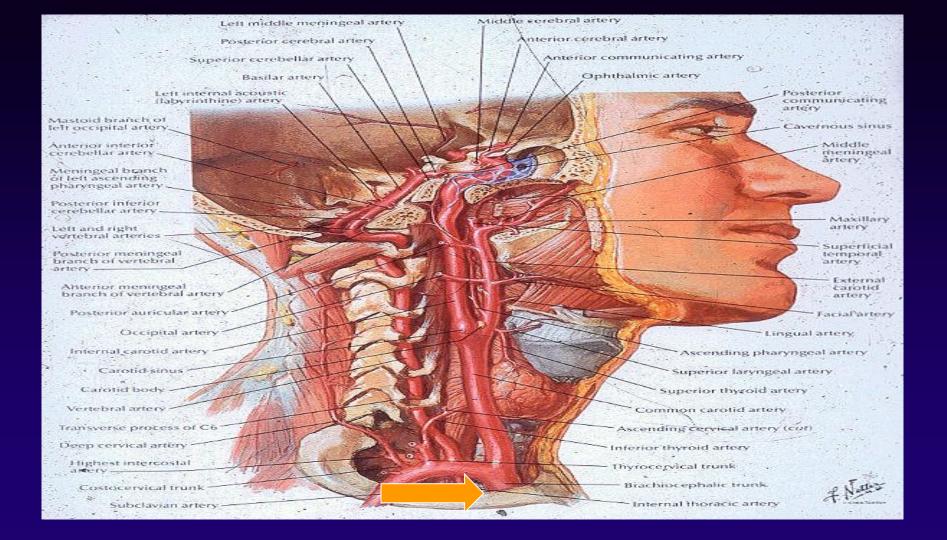
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Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Estimate of Event-Free Survival Rates in Treatment Groups Intent-to-Treat Population



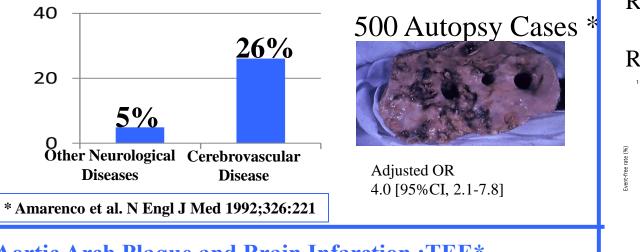
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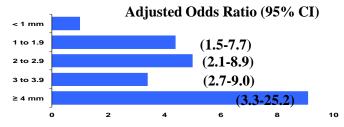


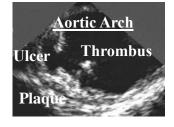
Management of patients with Aortic arch atheroma

Ulcerated Plaques in the Aortic Arch and Brain Infarction : Autopsy



Aortic Arch Plaque and Brain Infarction :TEE*



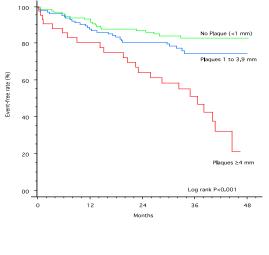


* Amarenco P et al. N Engl J Med 1994;331:1474

Event Rates

Risk of Recurrent BI 12%/yr *

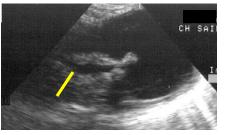
Risk of Vasc Event 26%/yr *



* Amarenco et al. FAPS Study N Engl J Med 1996;334:1216

Transesophageal echocardiography « Complex plaques »

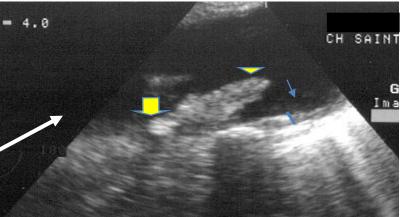












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THE A.R.C.H. TRIAL

Aortic arch Related Cerebral Hazard An academic driven trial

Non disabling Brain Infarct, TIA or Peripheral Embolism & Aortic Arch Plaque ≥4 mm

Warfarin INR 2 to 3

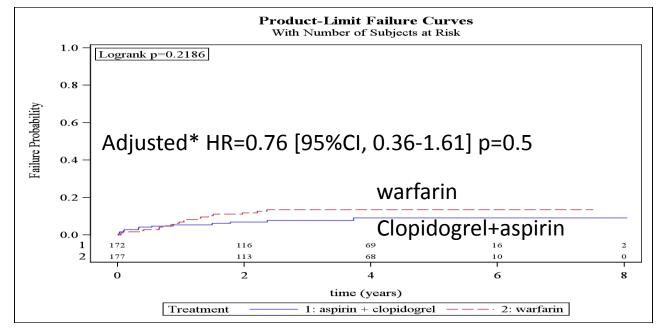
Aspirin 75 mg/d + Clopidogrel 75 mg/d

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Time to Primary End-point



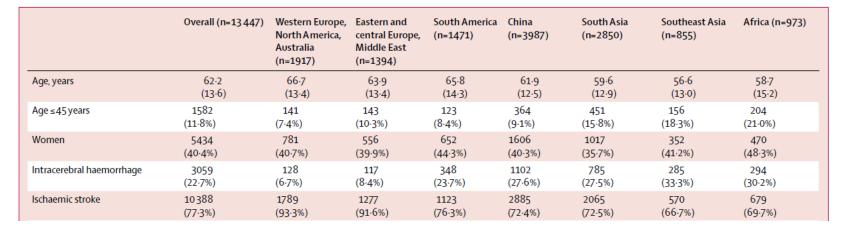
*Age, sex, country, history of MI, on-treatment BP (time-dependent covariate)



Conclusions

- We found no significant difference on the incidence of stroke, MI, or vascular death in patients treated with C+A compared to those treated with warfarin
- No significant difference in major and in intracranial hemorrhages, although we found 2 ICH in C+A vs 1 in W
- TTR analysis suggests that « super » INR group trended to do better than C+A strategy, which opens the door for testing new drugs with much stable full anticoagulation (e.g., NOACs) over C+A or C

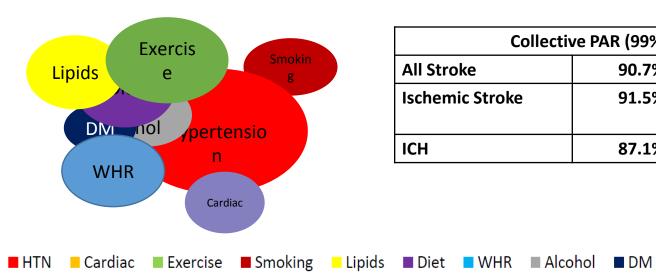
Global and regional effects of potentially modifiable risk factors associated with acute stroke in 32 countries (INTERSTROKE): a case-control study



Case-Control Study: 13.477 cases

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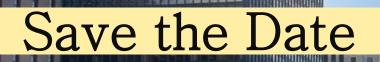
INTERSTROKE: POPULATION ATTRIBUTABLE RISK



Collective PAR (99%CI)	
All Stroke	90.7% (88.7-92.4)
Ischemic Stroke	91.5% (89.4-93.2)
ІСН	87.1% (82.2-90.8)

Summary

- Stroke is largely a preventable disease.
- Aggressive risk factor management is important.
- All antiplatelets have almost similar efficacy with marginal benefit of clopidogrel or ASA+DP over aspirin
- Warfarin is indicated for cardioembolic strokes. Newer OAC agents are also effective without any major benefit over warfarin.
- CEA/CAS is beneficial in >50% symptomatic stenosis.
 CAS is more appropriate in e selected cases.



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