

Training course: All About Clinical Trials

**What's Next – Upcoming and
ongoing clinical trials:**

ACS / Antithrombotics

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Add-on antithrombotics, aspirin replacement and aspirin-free strategies in cardiovascular disease and cardioembolic stroke prevention

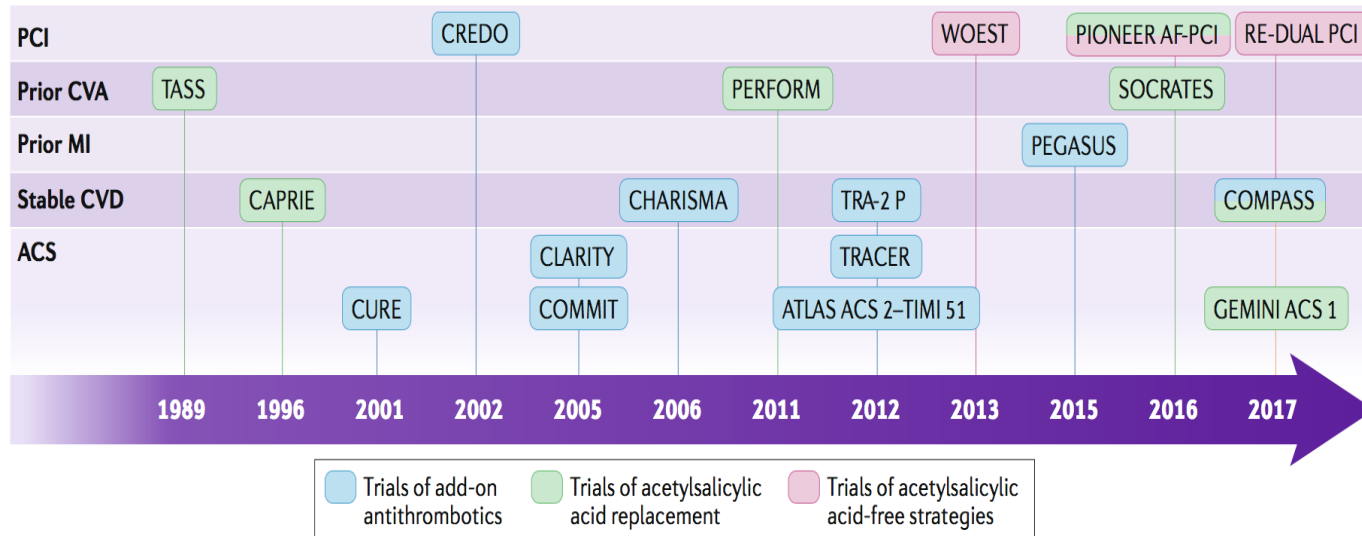
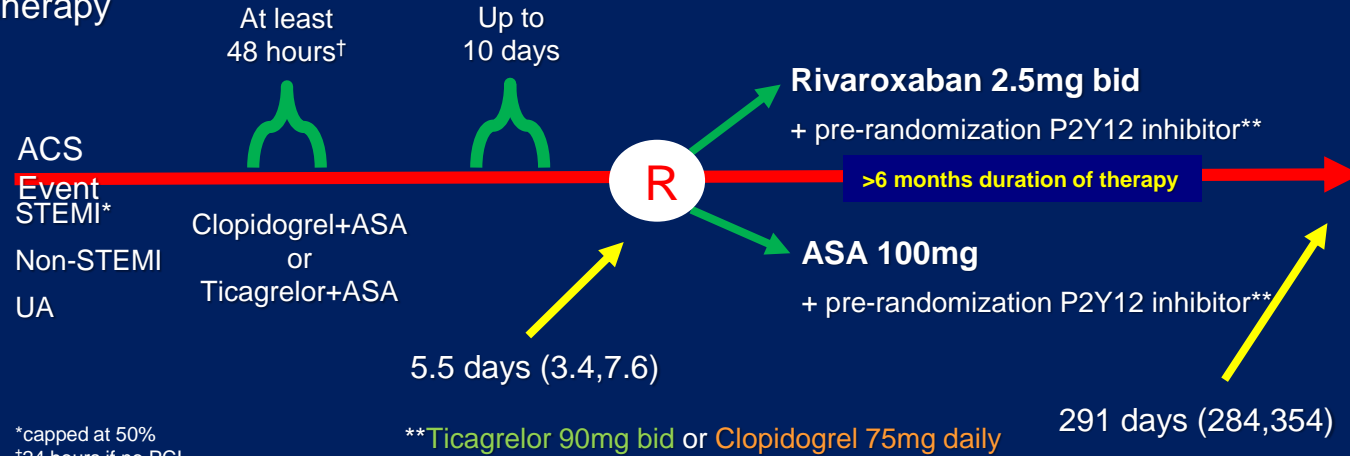


Fig. 2 | **Trials of antithrombotic approaches in cardiovascular diseases.** A timeline of studies investigating

GEMINI ACS-1: Protocol Outline

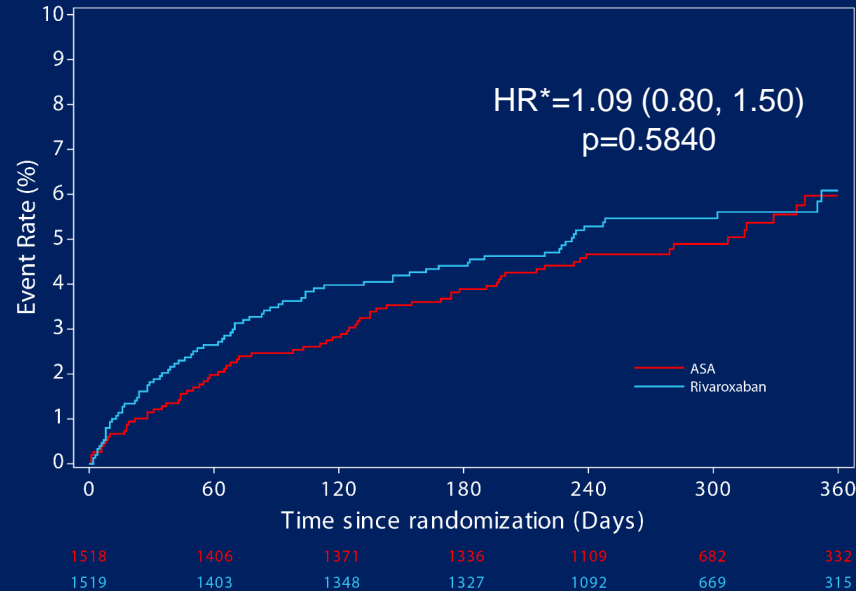
3037 patients randomized after having been started on DAPT

Adherence to P2Y12 therapy 95% during study period, 6.5% switched P2Y12 therapy



Primary Endpoint: TIMI Non-CABG Clinically Significant Bleeding

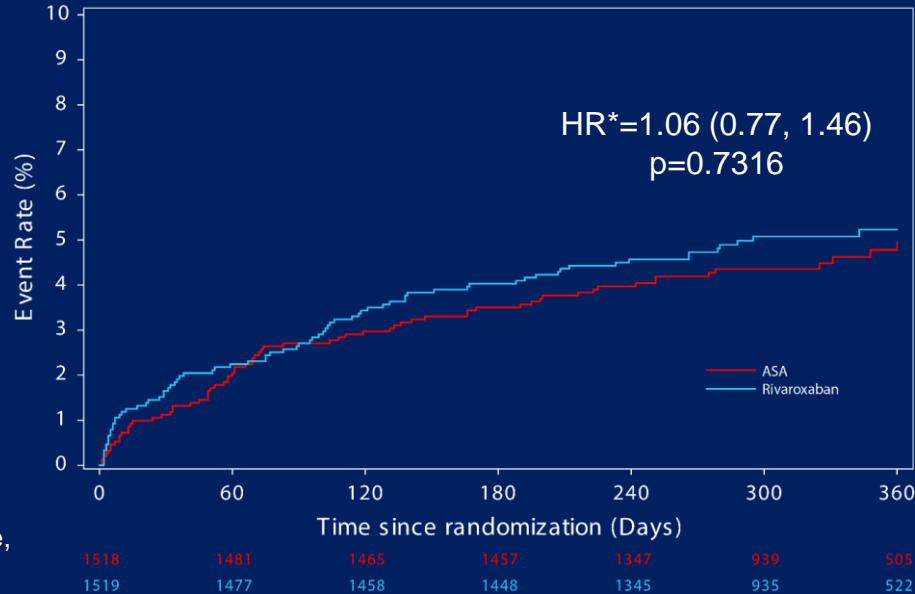
TIMI non-CABG clinically significant bleeding:
non-CABG major, minor,
or requiring medical attention



*Hazard Ratio (95%CI)

Exploratory Composite Ischemic Endpoint

Exploratory composite ischemic endpoint: cardiovascular death, MI, stroke, or definite stent thrombosis.



*Hazard Ratio (95%CI)



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A major teaching
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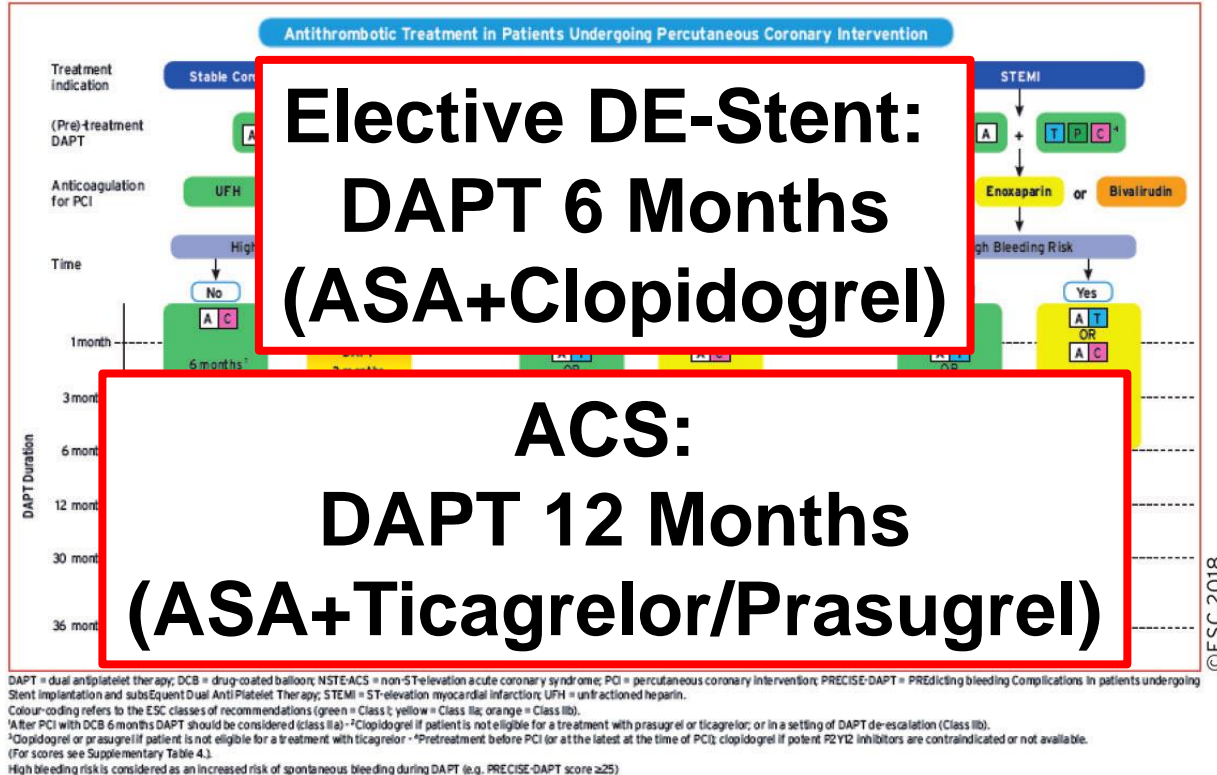
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GE **MINI** ACS 1

Do we need Aspirin during/after ACS? Is Xa better?

- **GEMINI ACS-2 will be an outcome trial – to test**
 - **Aspirin (100mg) vs Rivaroxaban (2.5mg bid) in pts with ACS**
 - **On top of a P2Y12 inhibitor**
 - **Primary triple endpoint: CV death, MI, stroke**
 - **N=22,000**

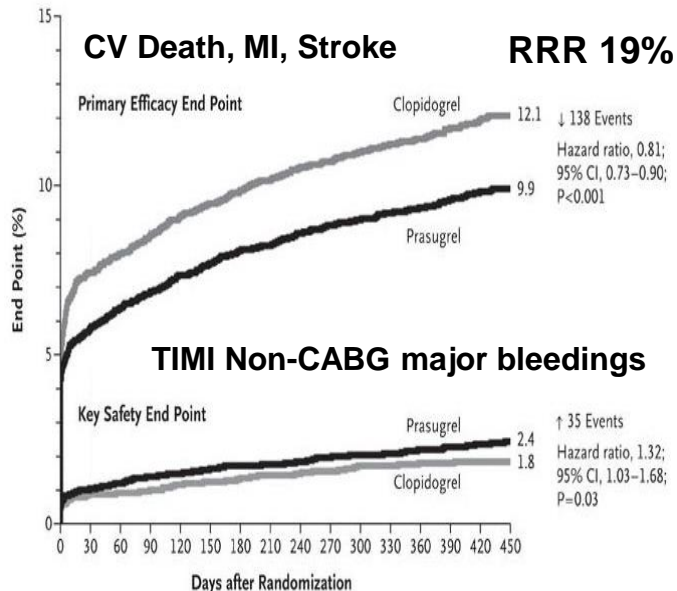
Antithrombotic Therapy after PCI: ESC/EACTS 2018 Guidelines Myocardial Revascularization



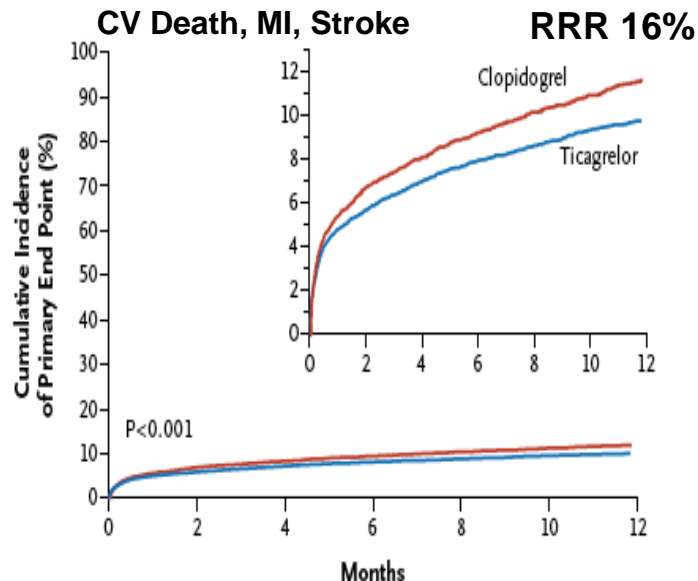
Prasugrel vs Clopidogrel in ACS: TRITON-TIMI 38

Ticagrelor vs Clopidogrel in ACS: PLATO

TRITON

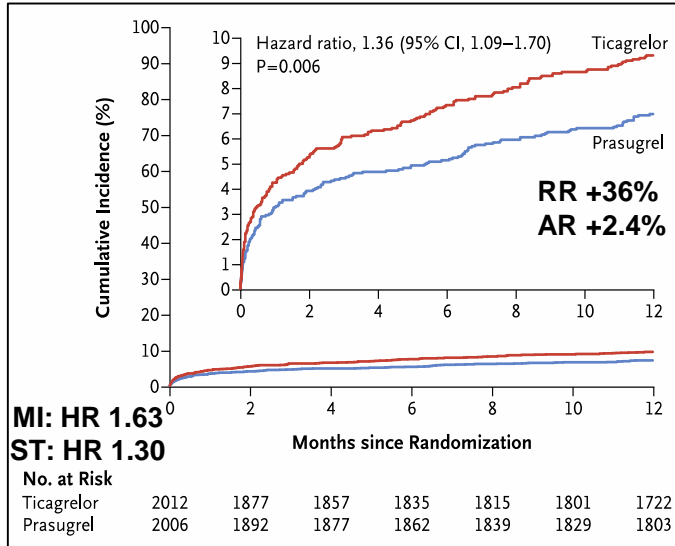


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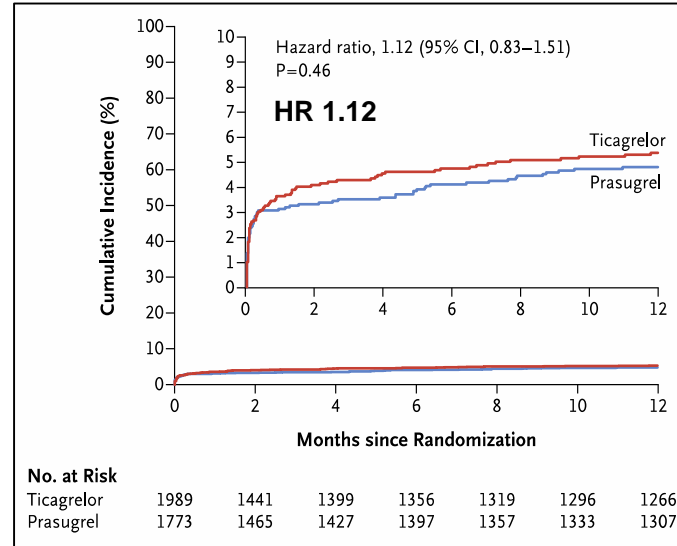


Ticagrelor or Prasugrel in ACS: ISAR-REACT-5

Death, MI, Stroke



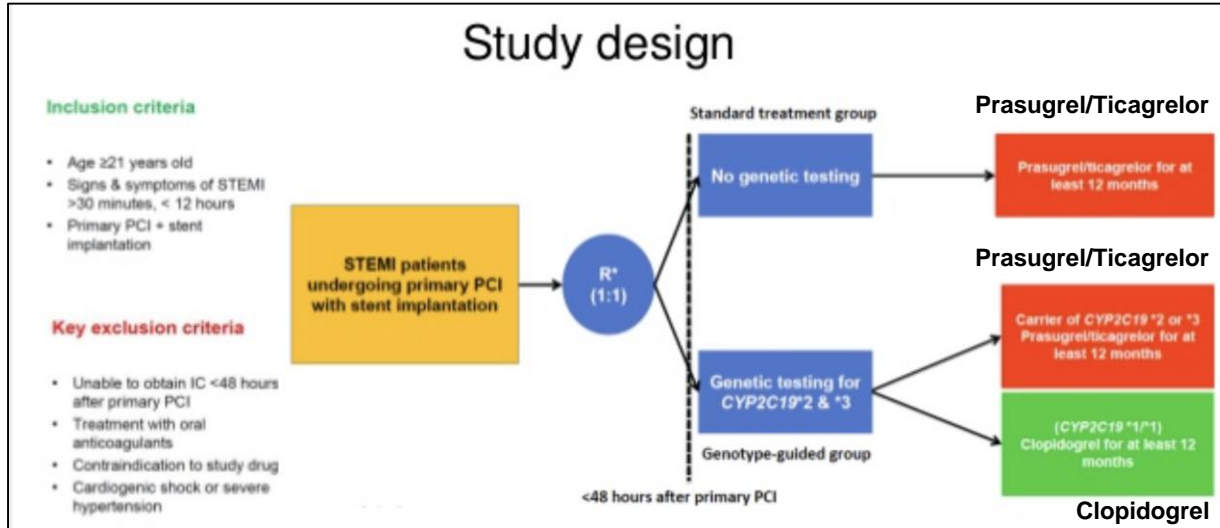
Major Bleeding



- N=4.018 with ACS (41% STEMI, 46% NSTEMI, 13% UA), 100% invasive management
- Rx Ticagrelor 90 mg BID vs. Prasugrel 10 mg BID, plus standard Tx inkl. ASA, FU 1 year

DAPT in STEMI stratified by *CYP2C19*

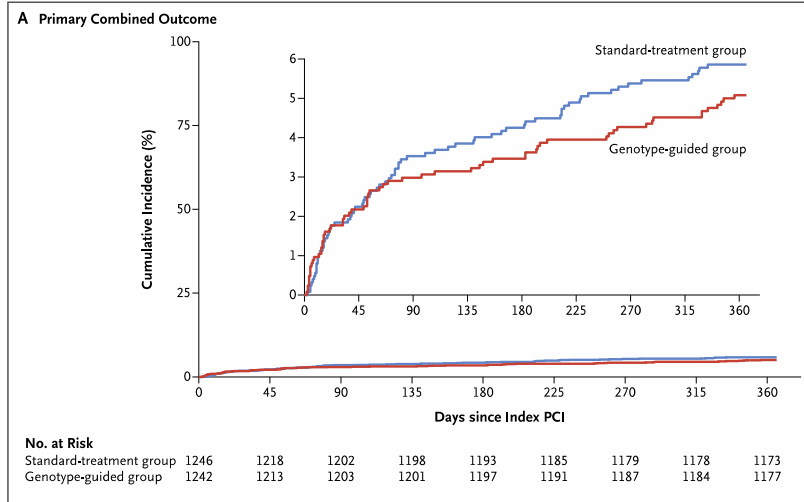
Genetic Testing: POPular Genetics



N=2.488 patients

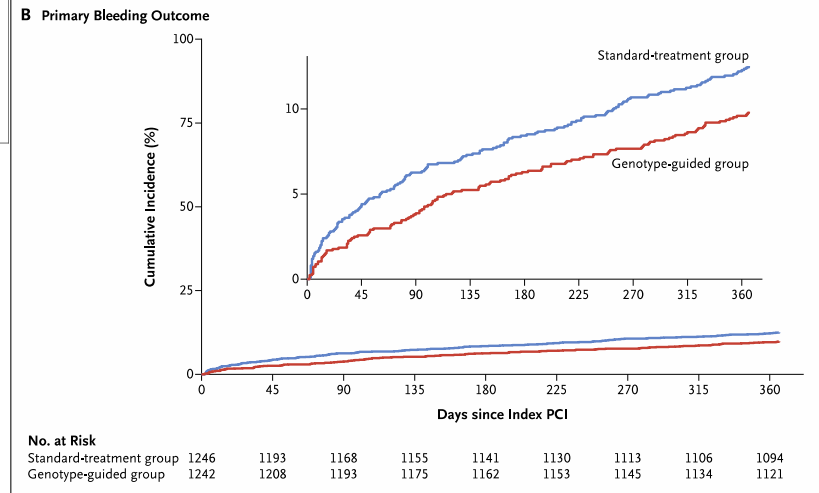
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Genetic Testing: POPular Genetics



Death from any cause, MI,
definite stent thrombosis, stroke,
or major bleeding

PLATO major or minor bleeding

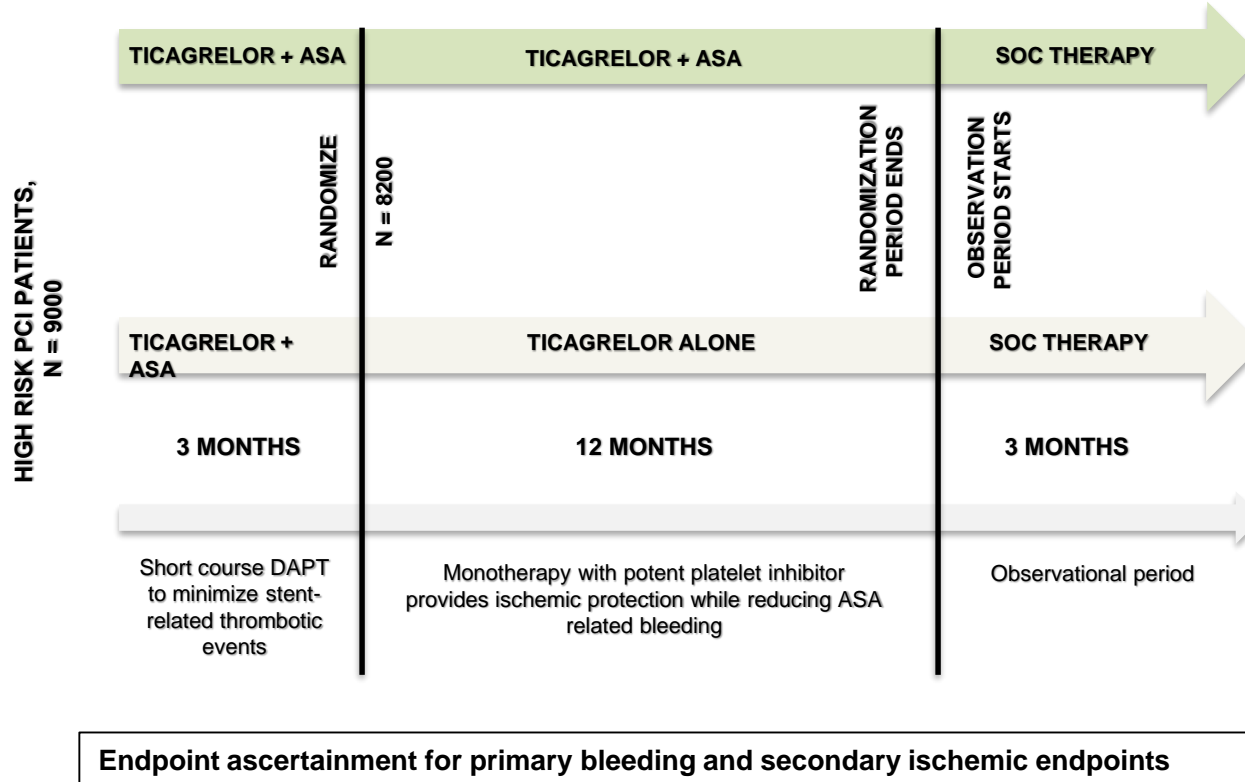


Combined ischemic outcomes: =

Major bleeding: =

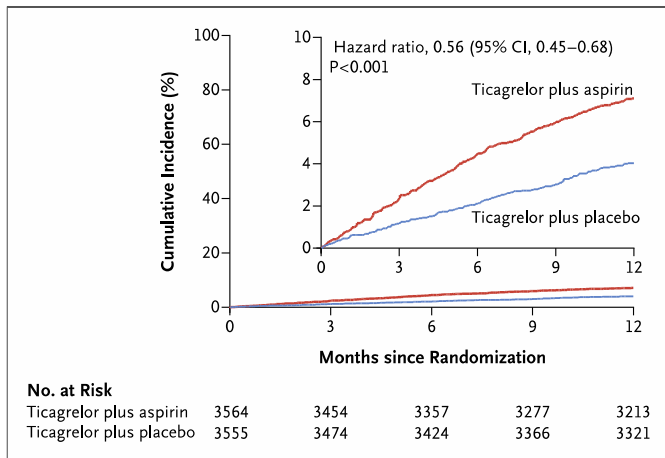
TWILIGHT (Monotherapy with Ticagrelor vs DAPT)

Study Flow

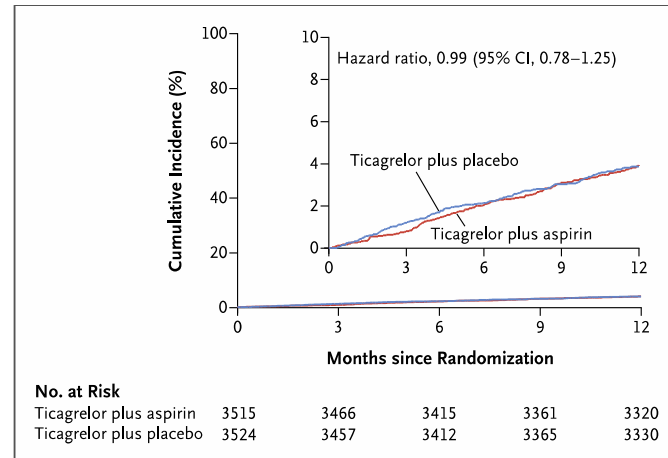


TWILIGHT (Monotherapy with Ticagrelor vs DAPT)

BARC 2,3,5 Bleeding



Death, MI, stroke



- N=9.006, 7.119 Rx after 3 months, 65% ACS (30% NSTEMI), 35% elective high-risk PCI

THEMIS: A Study Comparing Cardiovascular Effects of Ticagrelor Versus Placebo in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Stable Coronary Artery Disease

- Type 2 diabetes; men and women ≥ 50 y
- ≥ 6 months glucose-lowering drug treatment
- At high risk for CV events*
- No previous MI or stroke
- No planned use of ADP receptor antagonist or planned revascularization

Low-dose aspirin background therapy based on individual risk

Ticagrelor

Placebo

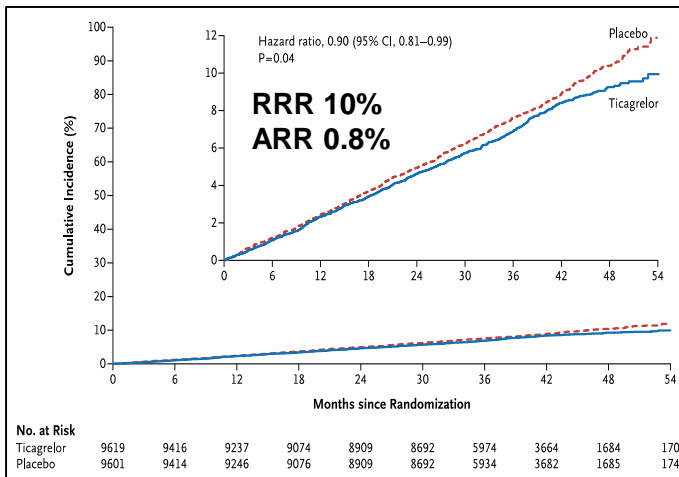
*At high risk of CV events defined as history of PCI or CABG or angiographic evidence of $\geq 50\%$ lumen stenosis of at least 1 coronary artery

**Event-driven study;
750 CV events required; 2 y mean follow-up (n = 17,000)**

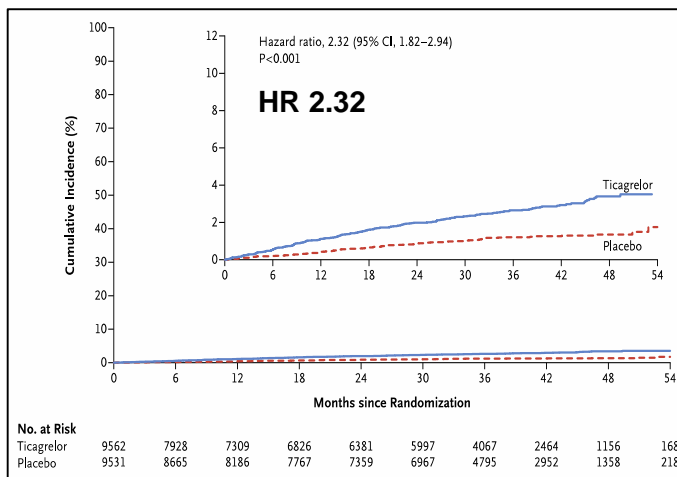
- **Primary end point:** Composite of CV death, MI, or stroke
- **Secondary end point:** Composite of all-cause death, MI, or stroke; CV death; all-cause death
- **Primary safety:** TIMI major bleeding

DAPT with Ticagrelor in Stable CAD and Diabetes: THEMIS

CV Death, MI, stroke



Major Bleeding



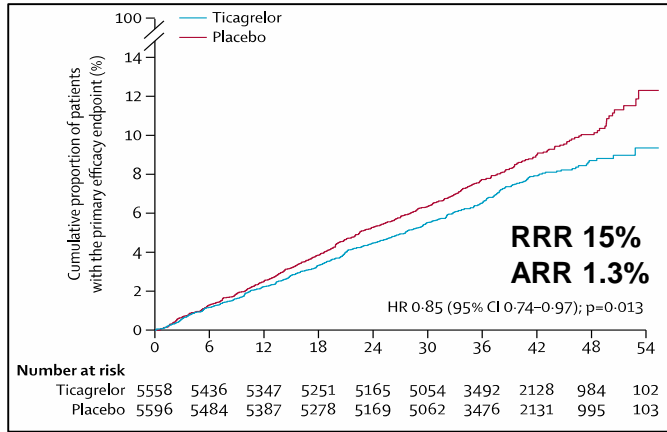
MI ↓, stroke ↓, CV death =, revasc. =, MALE ↓

ICB ↑, fatal bleeding =

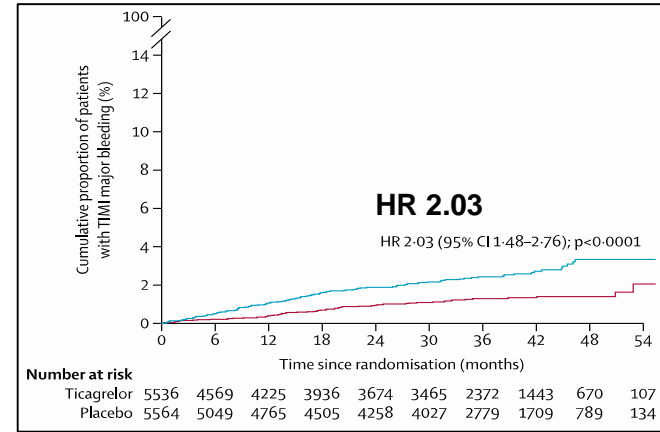
- N=19.220, stable CAD and type-2 diabetes, > 50 y, no MI/stroke, mean age 66 y, 80% revascularization
- Rx Ticagrelor (90 mg BID → 60 mg BID plus ASA or Placebo plus ASA, 3.3 y follow-up

DAPT with Ticagrelor in Stable CAD and Diabetes: THEMIS-PCI

CV Death, MI, stroke



Major Bleeding



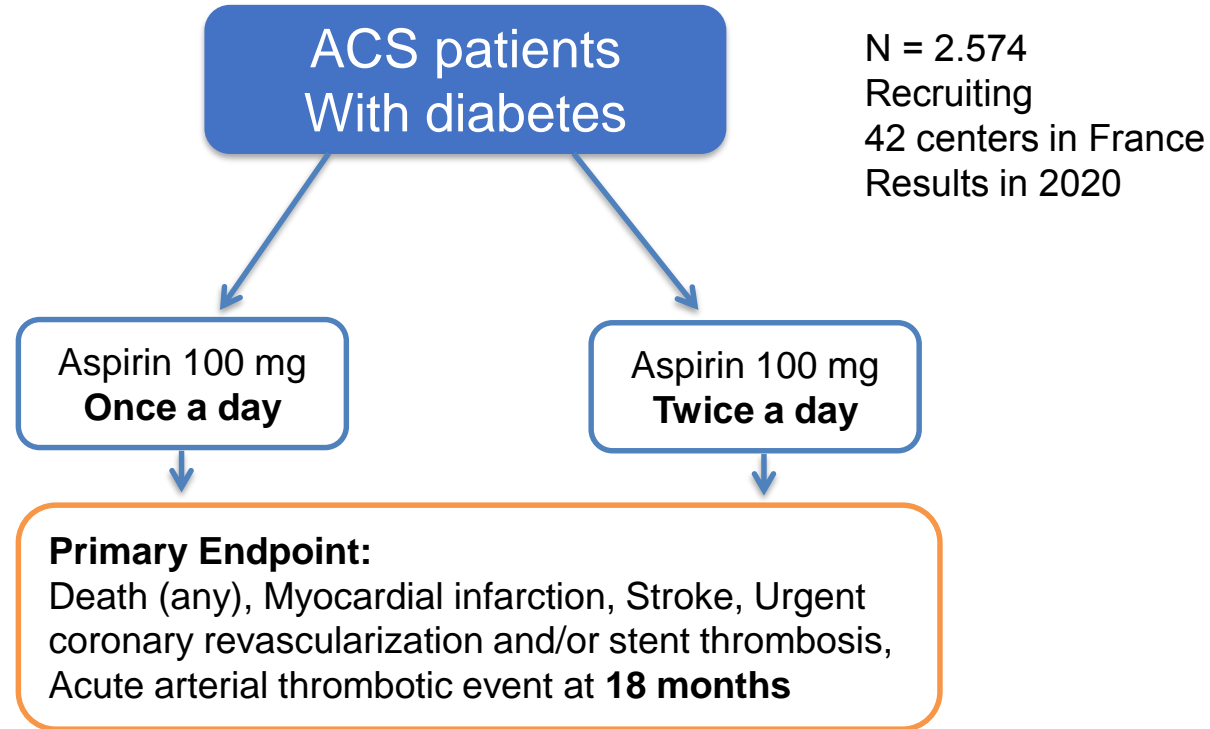
CV mortality =

ICB =, fatal bleeding =

Net benefit ↑: irreversible events 9.3% vs. 11.0%, RRR 15%, ARR 1.7%

- N=11,154, subgroup with previous PCI, stable CAD, type-2 diabetes, 58% of study population
- Rx Ticagrelor (90 mg BID → 60 mg BID plus ASA or Placebo plus ASA, 3.3 y follow-up)

Aspirin Twice a Day in Patients With Diabetes and Acute Coronary Syndrome: ANDAMAN



Management of high bleeding risk patients post bioresorbable polymer coated STent implantation with an abbreviated versus prolonged DAPT regimen – MASTER DAPT



MASTER-DAPT is an investigator-initiated, multi-center, randomized clinical trial in **high bleeding risk (HBR) patients after PCI** (with a bioresorbable polymer coated sirolimus-eluting stent) comparing short vs longer DAPT.

3 Primary endpoints:

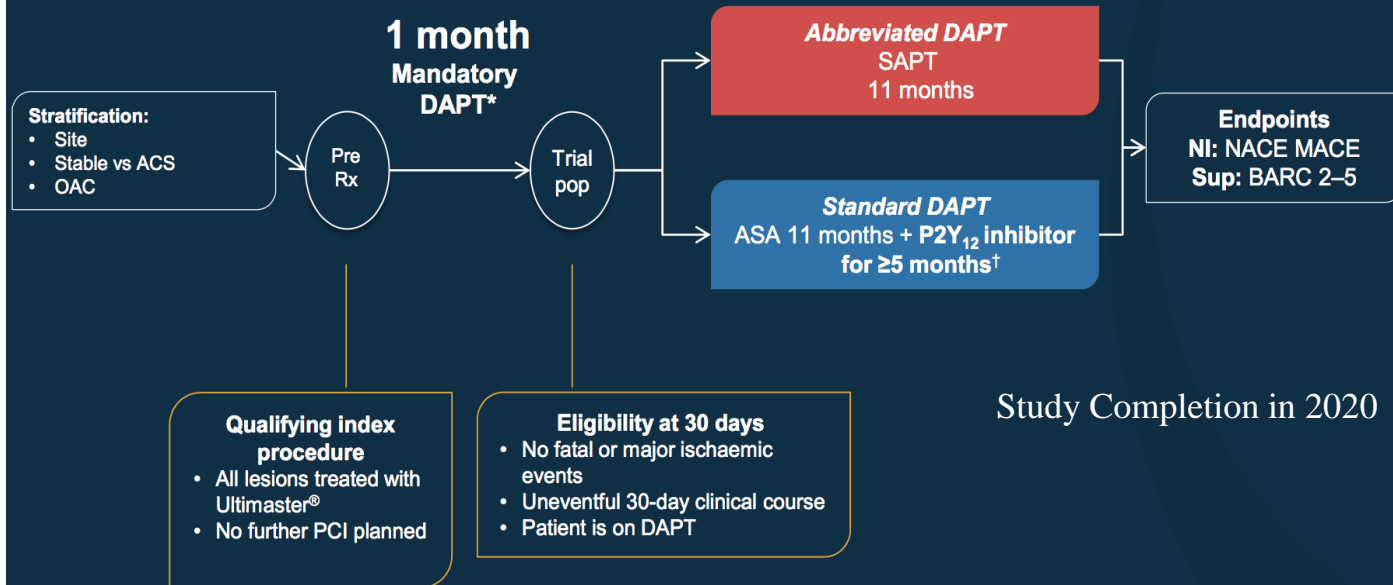
- 1) **Net adverse clinical endpoints (NACE)** defined as a composite of all-cause death, myocardial infarction, stroke and bleeding events defined as BARC 3 or 5
- 2) **Major adverse cardiac and cerebral events (MACCE)** defined as a composite of all-cause death, myocardial infarction and stroke
- 3) **Major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding (MCB)** defined as a composite of type 2, 3 and 5 BARC bleeding events

MASTER DAPT

Study design and key features



4300 HBR patients, 130 international sites



Study Completion in 2020

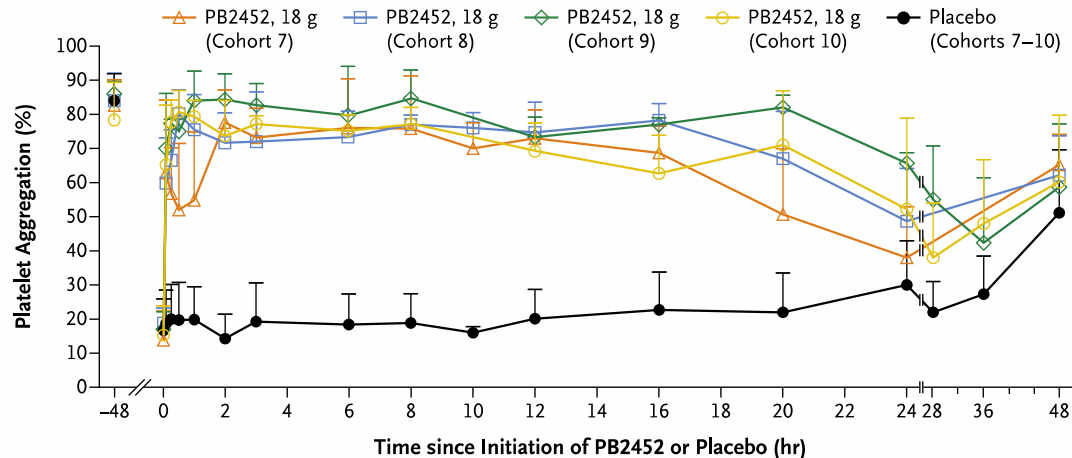
*DAPT duration is counted from the day of last implanted stent; staging has to be pre-specified at the time of screening and cannot be planned later than 2 months after index PCI;

[†]OAC pts can stop **DAPT 2 months** after confirmed randomization.

BARC, Bleeding Academic Research Consortium.

Antibody-Based Ticagrelor Reversal Agent

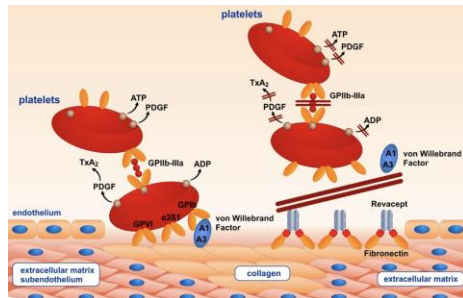
B Cohorts 7 through 10



P Values at Time Point:	5 Min	0.25 Hr	0.5 Hr	1 Hr	2 Hr	3 Hr	6 Hr	8 Hr	10 Hr	12 Hr	16 Hr	20 Hr
Cohort 7	0.04	0.04	0.13	0.04	0.40	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.15	0.02	0.02	0.22
Cohort 8	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.15	0.02	0.02	0.02
Cohort 10	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	NA	0.02	0.02	0.02

64 healthy volunteers

Antithrombotic targets that may preserve hemostasis in cardiovascular disease prevention



Target: Glycoprotein VI (GPVI) is a key platelet receptor which mediates plaque-induced platelet activation.

GPVI	Revacept	Dimeric GPVI-Fc that blocks vascular collagen at sites of plaque or vascular erosion and collagen-induced platelet activation	Inhibits platelet thrombus formation at sites of vascular injury in preclinical models; no effect on bleeding time	II	NCT01645306 (REF. 113)
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Agent:

- **Revacept (IV)** binds to its ligand (collagen) on atherosclerotic plaques **preventing circulating platelets from binding to collagen exposed by the injured plaque**. All this is achieved without affecting systemic hemostasis.
- **Ongoing phase II trials** in patients with **stable coronary artery disease undergoing PCI** and in patients with **symptomatic carotid stenosis**.

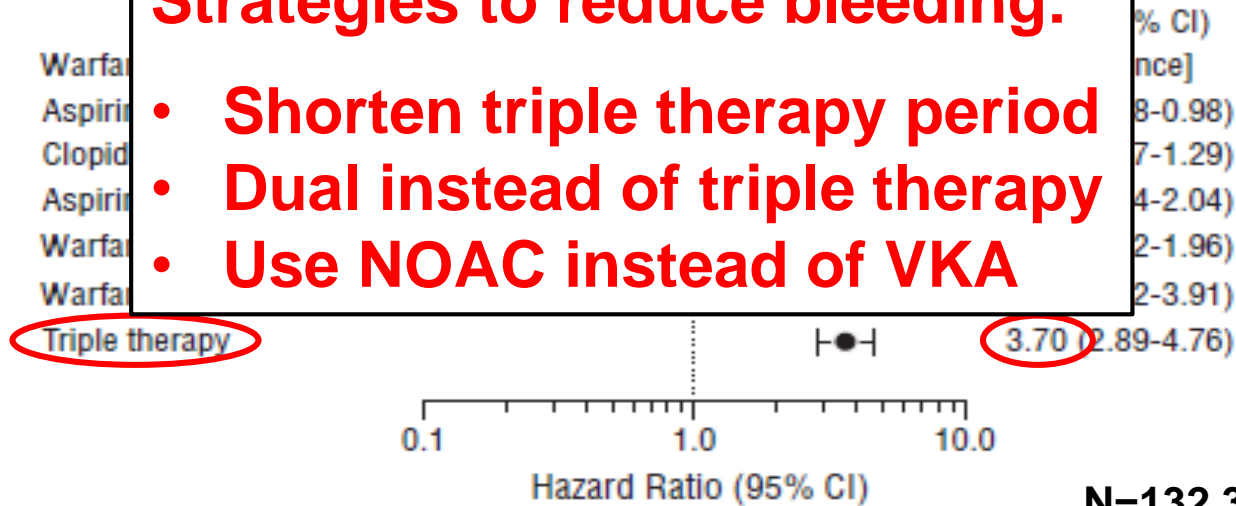
Anticoagulation and Platelet Inhibition in Patients with AF and PCI: Bleeding Risk

Stent + AF = Triple Therapy ?

Risk for Major Bleeding

Strategies to reduce bleeding:

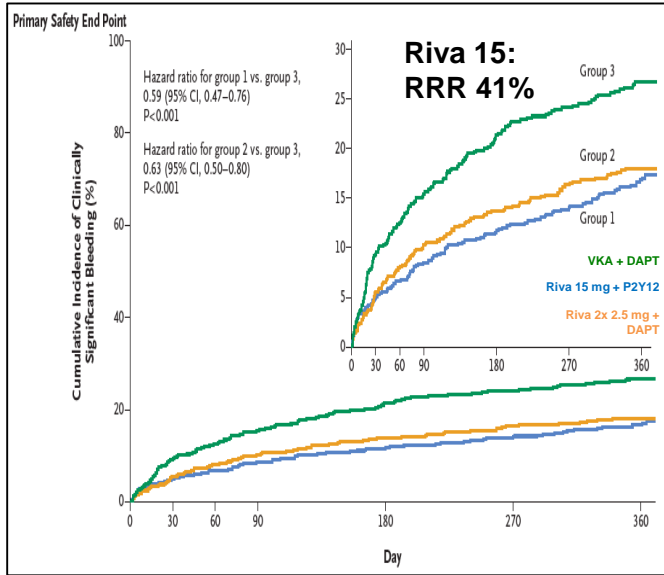
- Shorten triple therapy period
- Dual instead of triple therapy
- Use NOAC instead of VKA



Anticoagulation and Platelet Inhibition in Patients with AF and PCI: PIONEER AF-PCI and RE-DUAL PCI

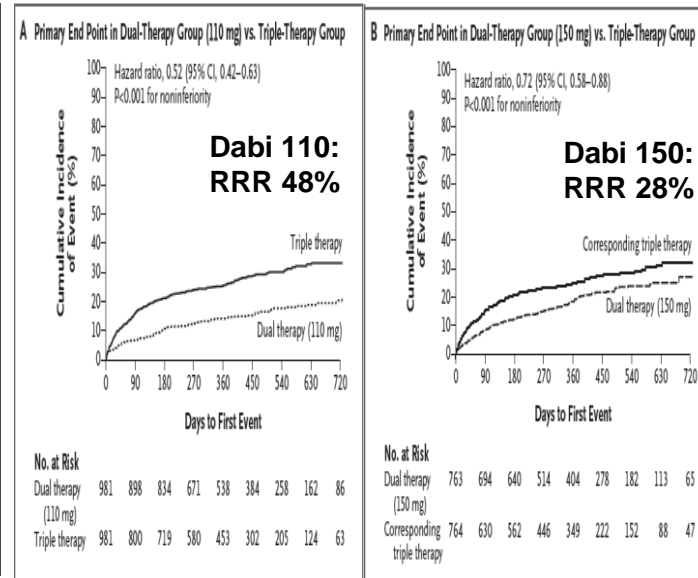
PIONEER AF-PCI, N=2.124

(Dual with Riva 15 OD vs.
Triple with Riva 2.5 BID vs. Triple with VKA)



RE-DUAL PCI, N=2.725

(Dual with Dabi 150 BID vs. Dual with Dabi 110 BID
vs. Triple with VKA)



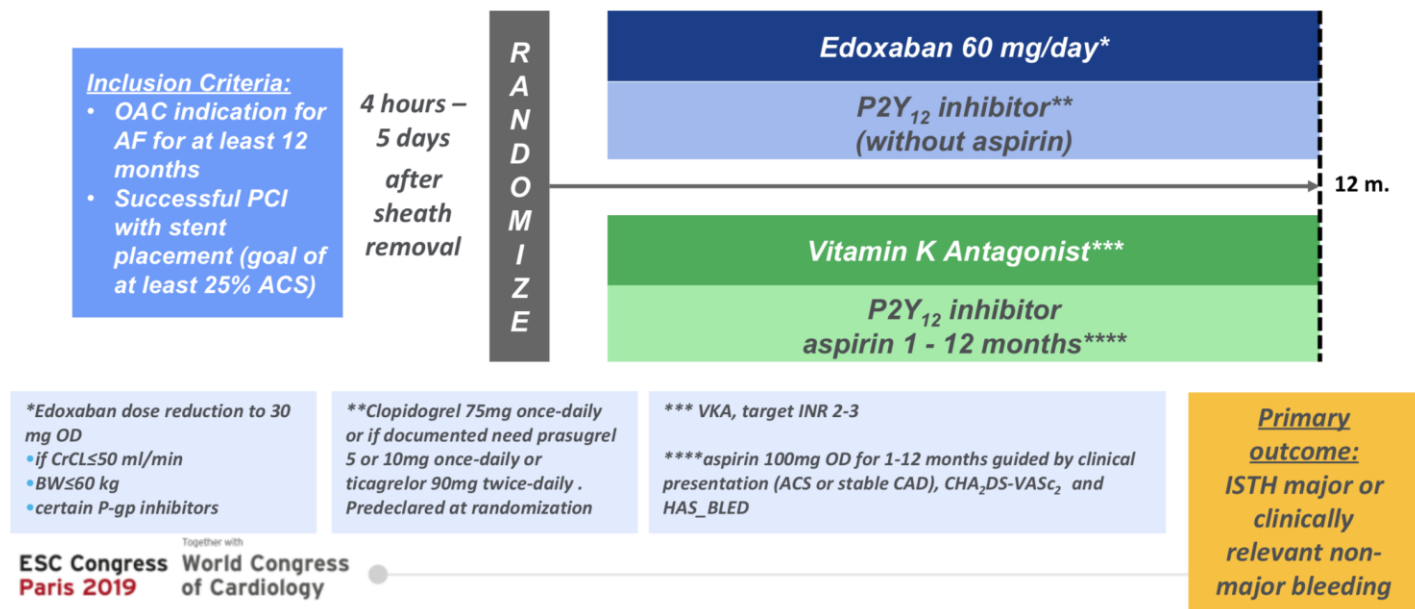
Bleeding ↓↓; Ischemic events = (But: low statistical power)

Anticoagulation and Platelet Inhibition in Patients with AF and PCI: ENTRUST-AF PCI



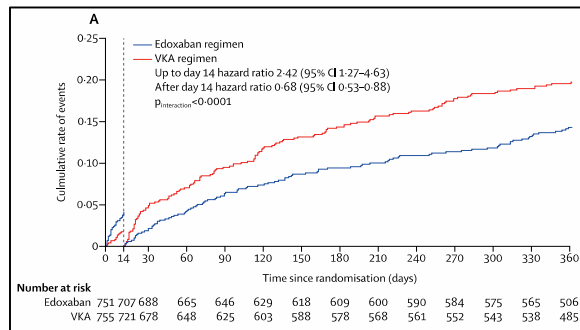
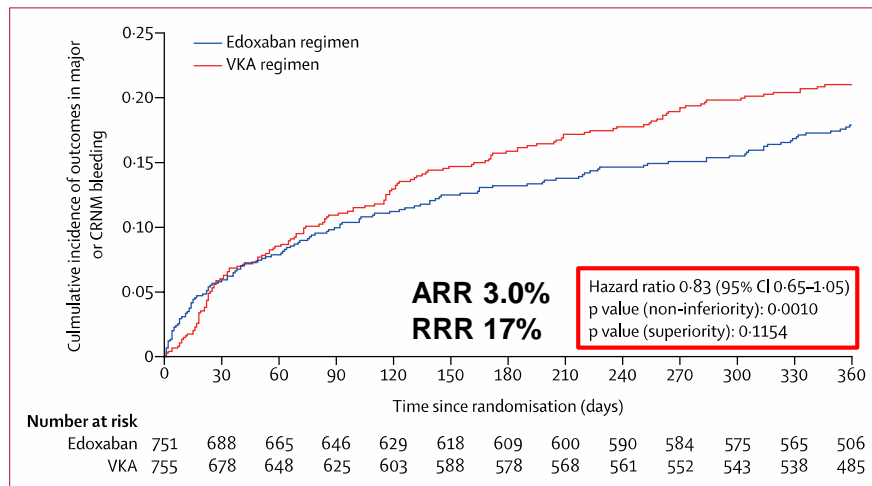
Study Design

PROBE design: Prospective, Randomized, Open label, Blinded endpoint Evaluation in 1500 AF patients with ACS or stable CAD



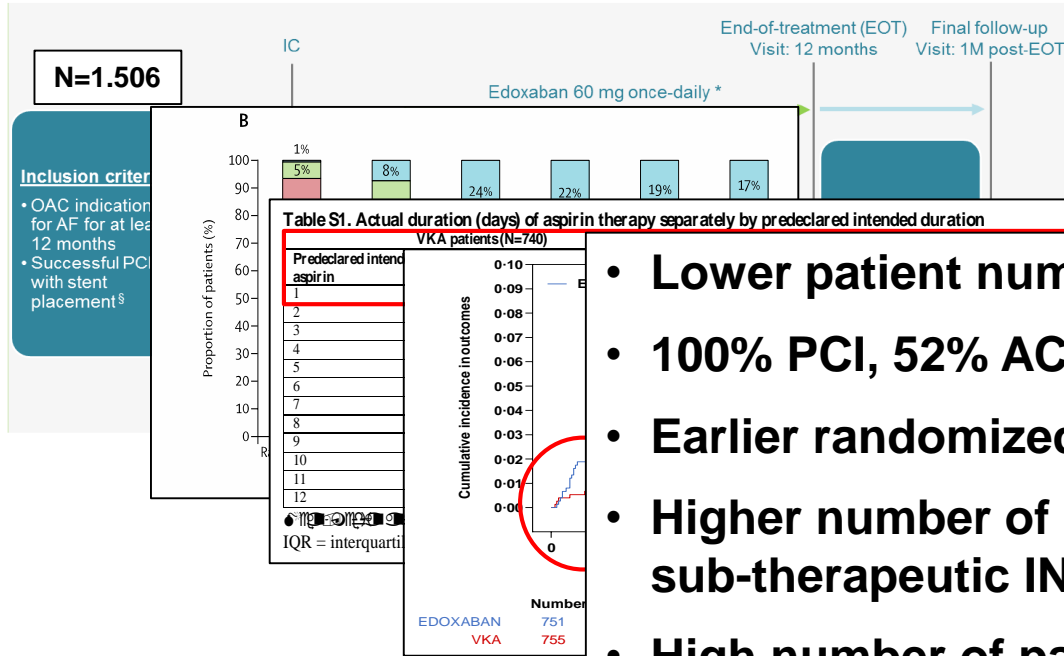
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Major or CRNM bleeding



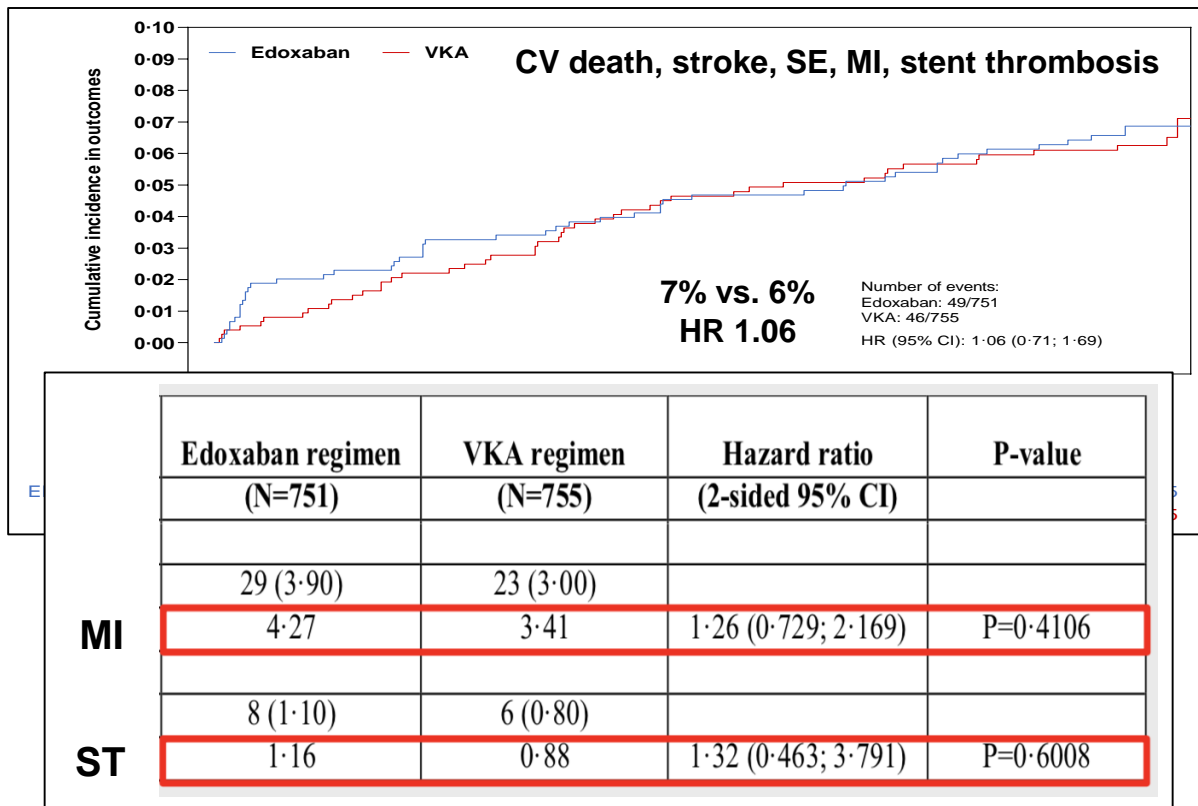
- N=1,506, AF and PCI with stent
- Rx median 45h post PCI
- 52% ACS, 93% Clopidogrel, 7% Ticagrelor
- 50% ASA 1 month

ENTRUST-AF PCI: Why “only” Non-Inferiority and not Superiority?



- Lower patient number in the trial (statist. power)
- 100% PCI, 52% ACS, no conservative therapy
- Earlier randomized treatment after PCI
- Higher number of patients in the triple group with sub-therapeutic INR at the beginning of the trial
- High number of patients in the triple group with cessation of ASA treatment early after 1 month
- Early increase of ischemic events with likely additional anti-thrombotic treatment

Anticoagulation and Platelet Inhibition in Patients with AF and PCI: ENTRUST-AF PCI



Atrial Fibrillation and PCI – Dual vs Triple Therapy

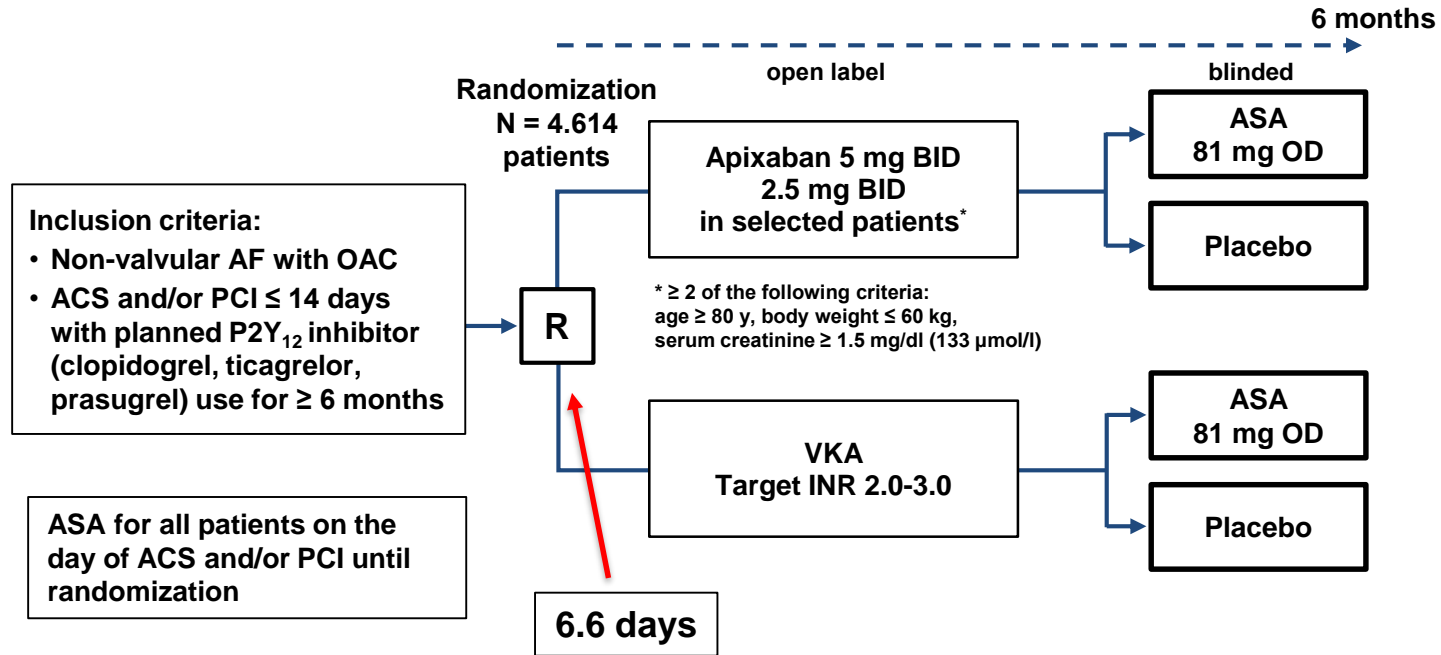
PIONEER AF-PCI, RE-DUAL PCI, ENTRUST AF-PCI tested:

**Dual Therapy with NOAC + SAPT
vs
Triple Therapy with VKA + DAPT**



**Effects mediated by NOAC instead of VKA
or
mediated by stopping ASA?**

Apixaban versus VKA in Patients with AF and ACS and/or PCI: AUGUSTUS

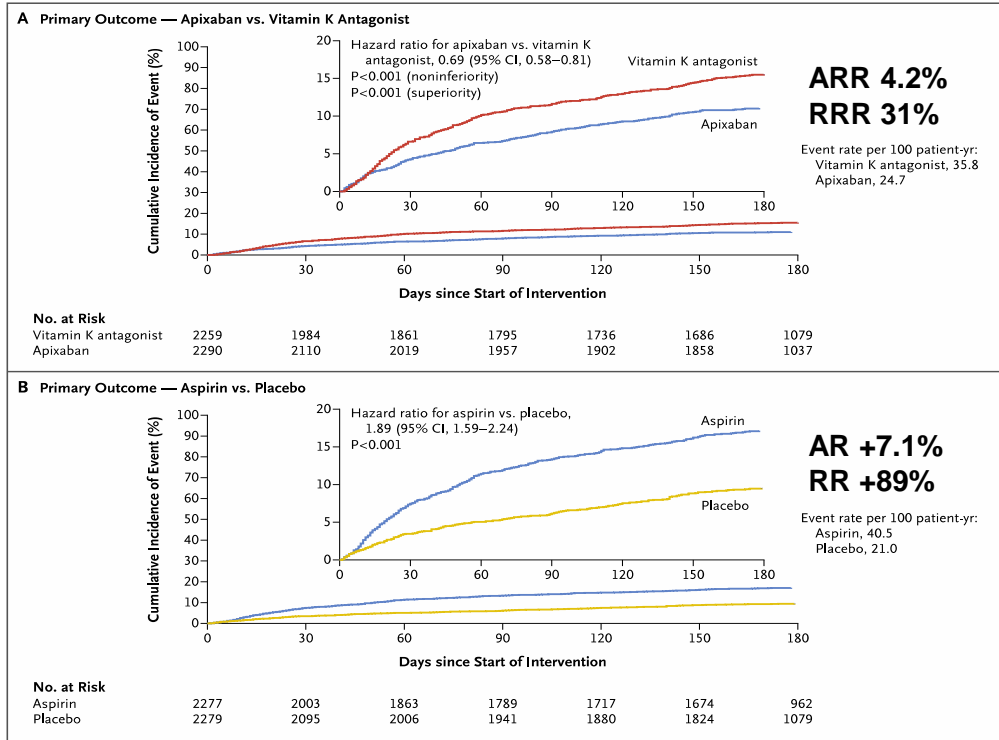


- Primary endpoint: Major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding (within 6 months)
- Secondary endpoint: Death, MI, stroke, stent thrombosis, urgent revascularization, re-hospitalization

Apixaban versus VKA in Patients with AF and ACS and/or PCI: AUGUSTUS

Major or CRNM bleeding

N=4.614
100% AF
61% ACS
93% Clopidogrel
6% Ticagrelor
1% Prasugrel



Major bleedings: Apixaban/VKA: ARR 1.6%, RRR 36%; ASA/Placebo: AR +1.8%, RR +70%

Apixaban versus VKA in Patients with AF and ACS and/or PCI: AUGUSTUS

Secondary Ischemic Endpoint

Outcome	Apixaban	VKA	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value for Superiority
Anticoagulation-regimen comparison				
Death or ischemic event†				
No. of patients with event/total no. (%)	154/2306 (6.7)	163/2308 (7.1)	—	—
Event rate per 100 patient-yr	14.3	15.3	0.93 (0.75–1.16)	NS

Stroke

MI

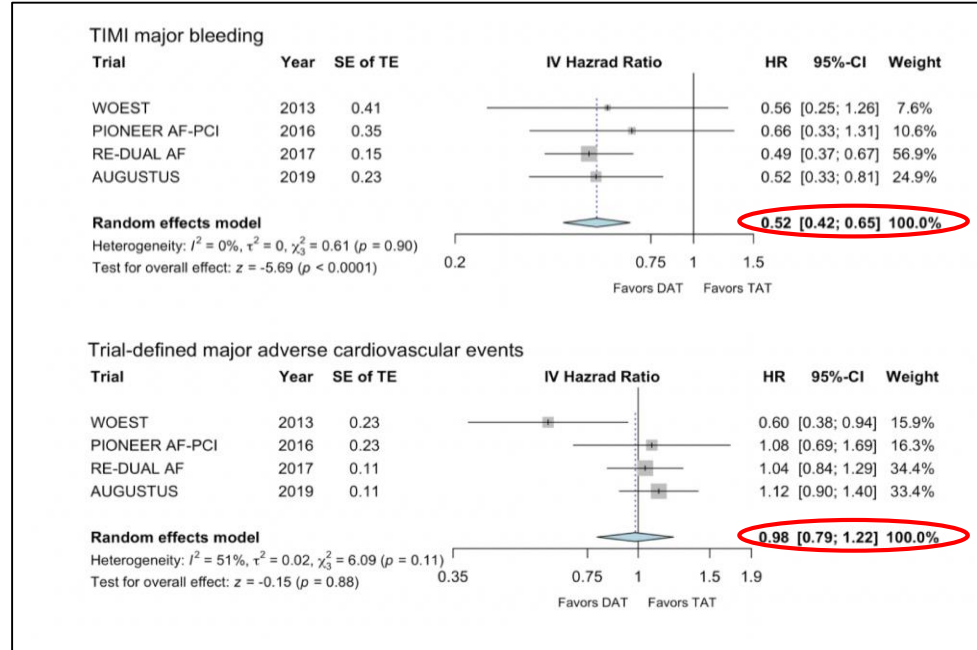
Stent thromb.

Revasc.

Efficacy outcomes	Apixaban	VKA	ASA	Placebo	I Ratio (95% CI)
No. of patients in analysis	2306	2308	2307	2307	
Stroke					
No. of patients with event (%)	13 (0.6)	26 (1.1)	20 (0.9)	19 (0.8)	—
Event rate per 100 patient-yr	1.2	2.4	1.8	1.7	1.06 (0.56–1.98)
Myocardial infarction					
No. of patients with event (%)	72 (3.1)	80 (3.5)	68 (2.9)	84 (3.6)	—
Event rate per 100 patient-yr	6.6	7.4	6.3	7.8	0.81 (0.59–1.12)
ARC definite or probable stent thrombosis					
No. of patients with event (%)	14 (0.6)	18 (0.8)	11 (0.5)	21 (0.9)	—
Event rate per 100 patient-yr	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.9	0.52 (0.25–1.08)
Urgent revascularization					
No. of patients with event (%)	40 (1.7)	44 (1.9)	37 (1.6)	47 (2.0)	—
Event rate per 100 patient-yr	3.7	4.1	3.4	4.3	0.79 (0.51–1.21)

Atrial Fibrillation and PCI – Dual vs Triple Therapy: Meta-Analysis

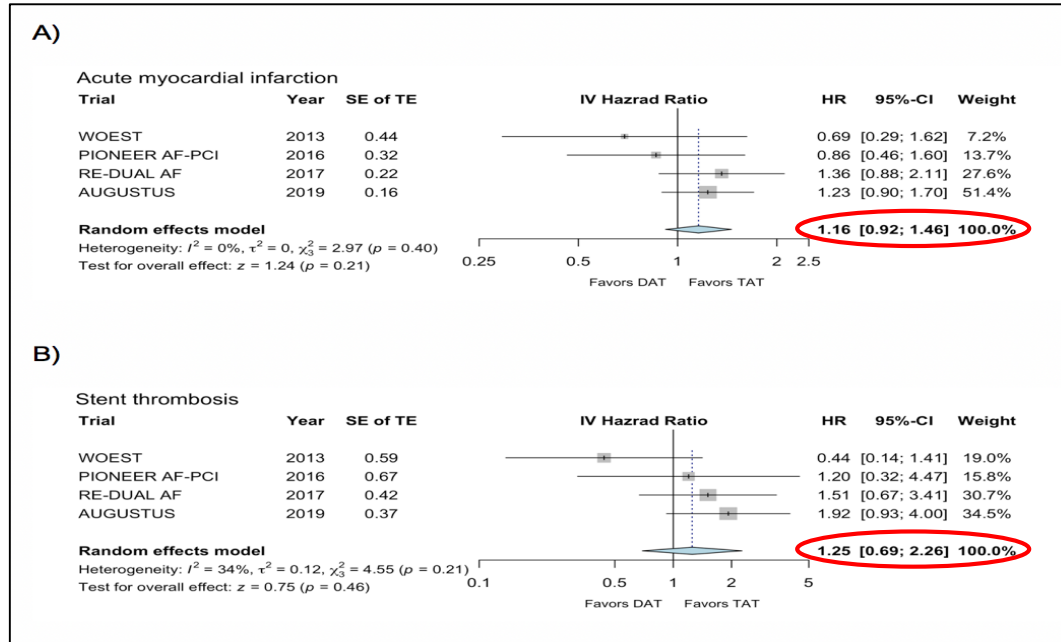
Major Bleeding



Meta-Analysis: WOEST, PIONEER AF-PCI, RE-DUAL PCI, AUGUSTUS; N=9.317

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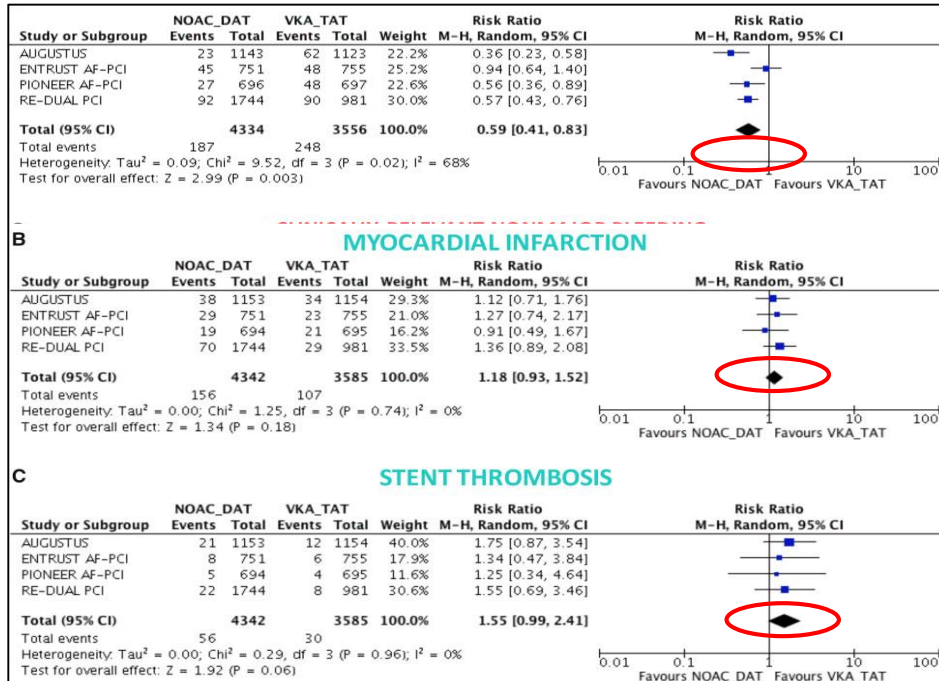
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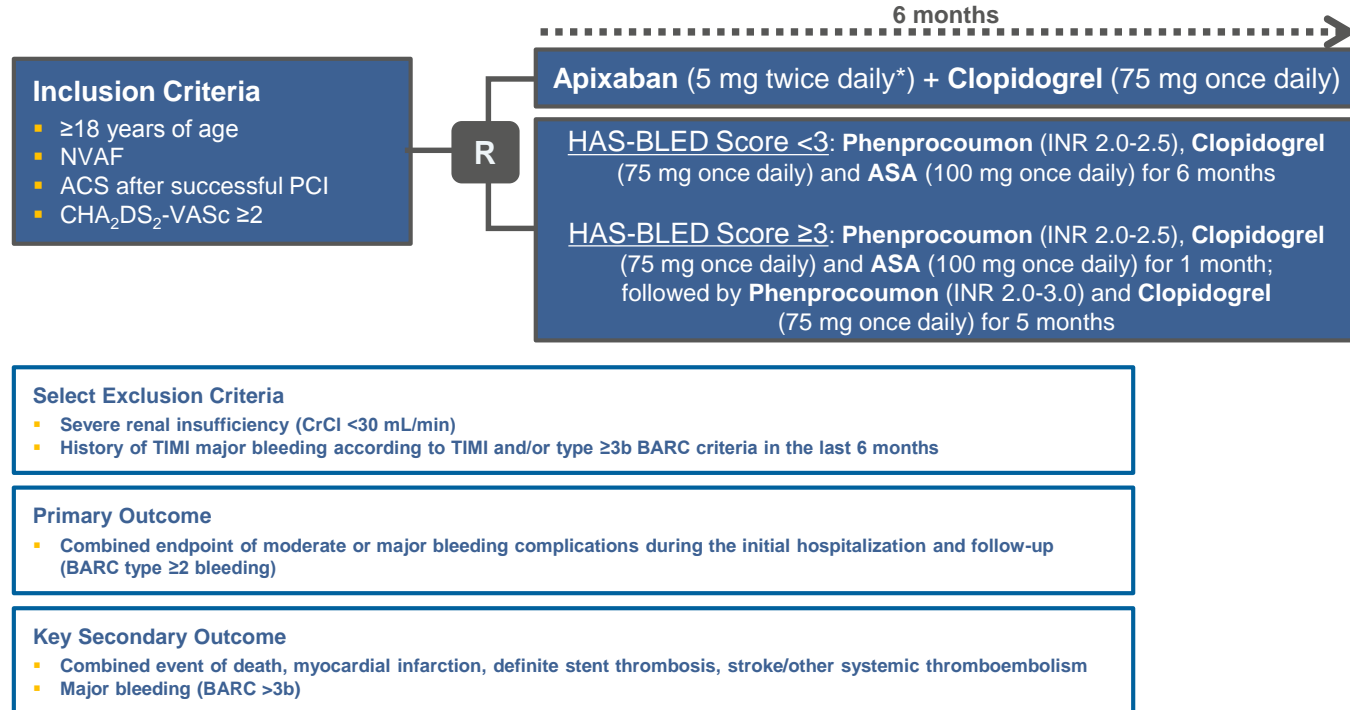
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NOAK DAT vs. VKA TAT



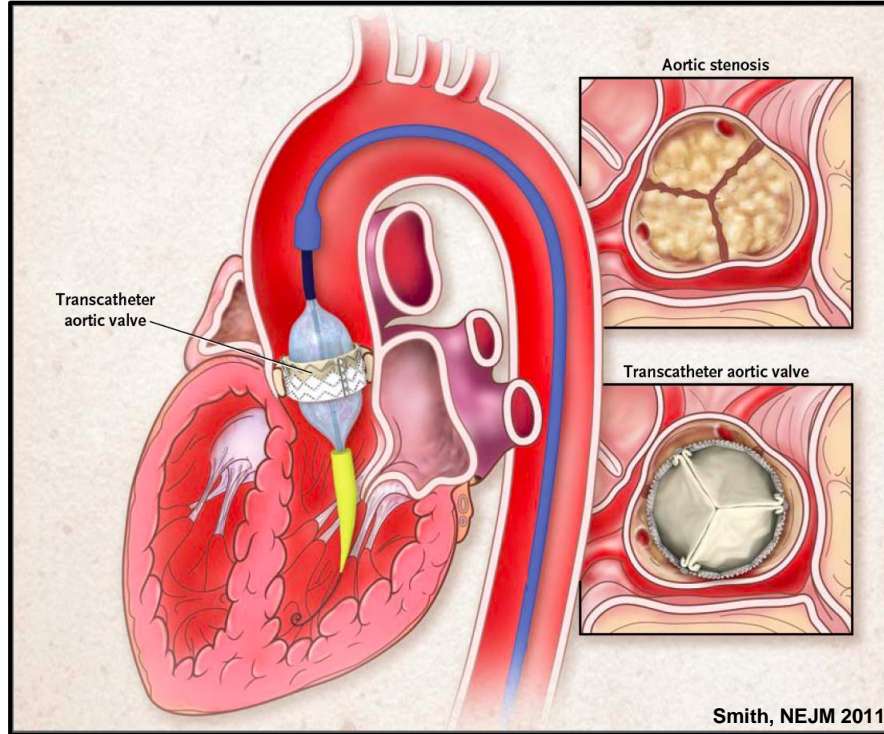
Meta-Analysis: PIONEER AF-PCI, RE-DUAL PCI, AUGUSTUS, ENTRUST-AF PCI; N=10.234

Apixaban versus VKA in NVAf Patients with ACS After PCI: APPROACH-ACS

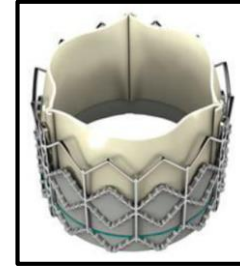


*Reduced dosing of 2.5 mg twice daily depending on age, renal function and body weight.

TAVI Procedure for Aortic Stenosis

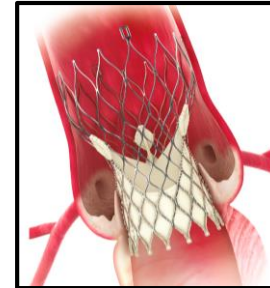


Balloon-expandable



Leon, NEJM 2010

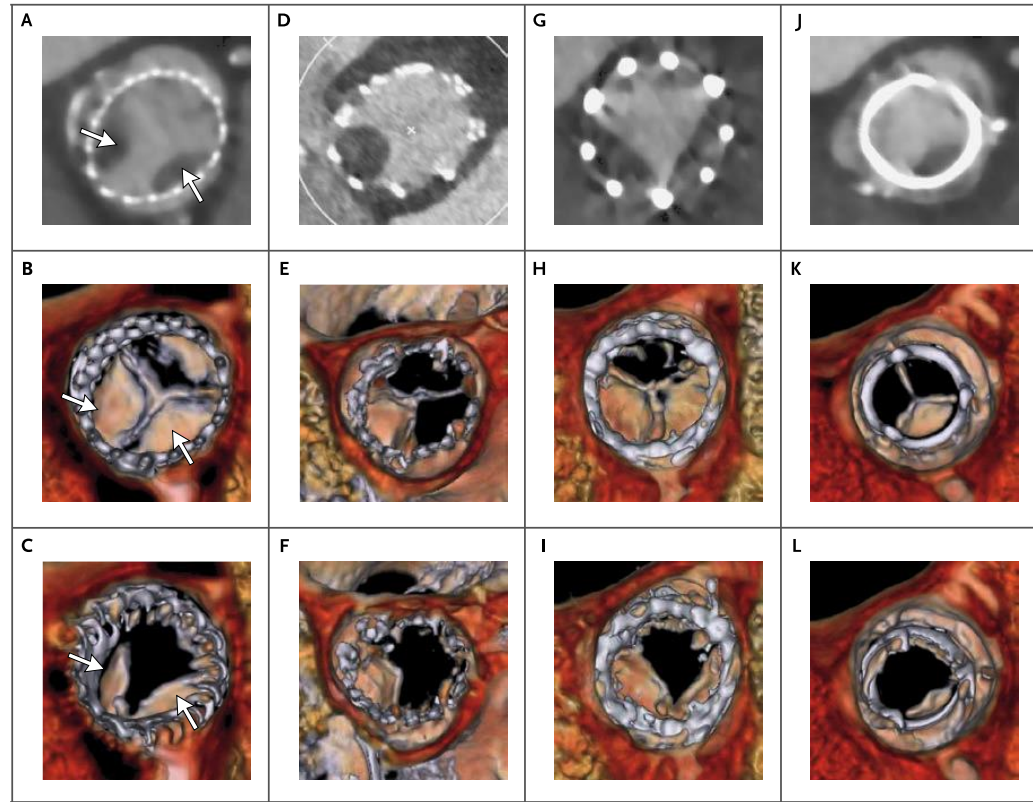
Self-expanding



Adams, NEJM 2014

Smith et al., N Engl J Med. 2011;364:2187-2198; Leon et al., N Engl J Med. 2010;363:1597-1607 (Suppl);
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Subclinical Leaflet Thrombosis in Bio-AVR



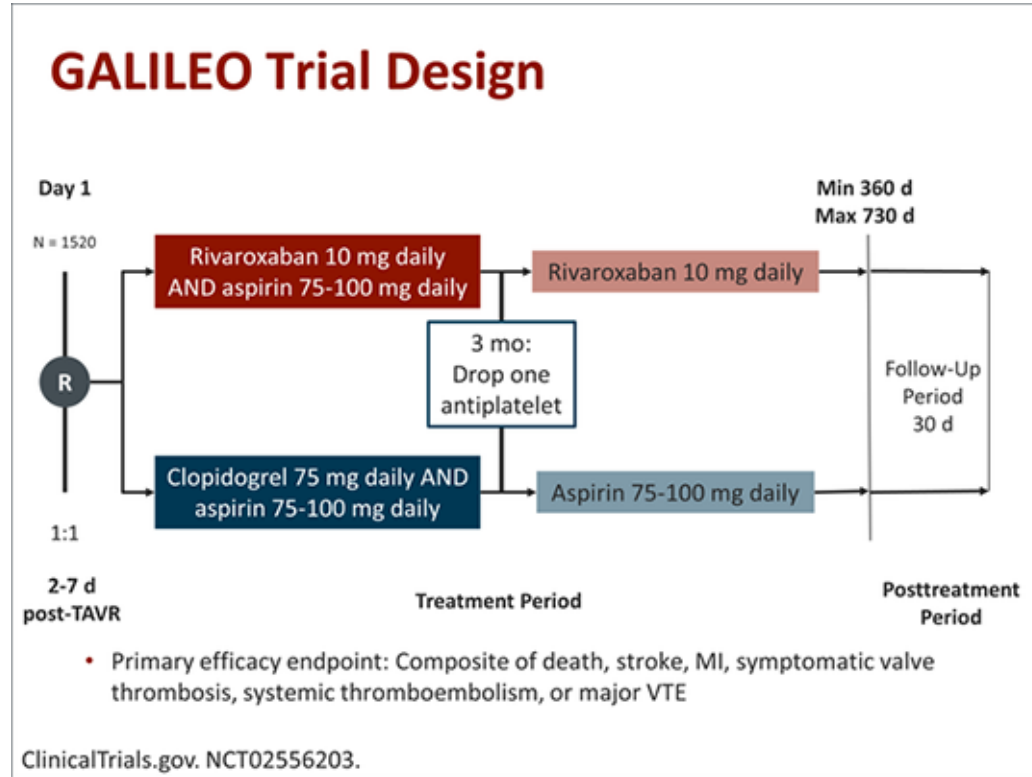
Subclinical Leaflet Thrombosis in Bio-AVR

Antithrombotic Strategies in TAVI

- Problem: subclinical leaflet thrombosis post AVR
- OAC with VKA recommended for 3 months post Bio-AVR
- Stroke and bleeding risk high within first 30 days post TAVI
- Standard treatment DAPT 3-6 months

Do we need more intensive OAC with less bleeding?

NOAC plus ASA vs DAPT post TAVI: GALILEO

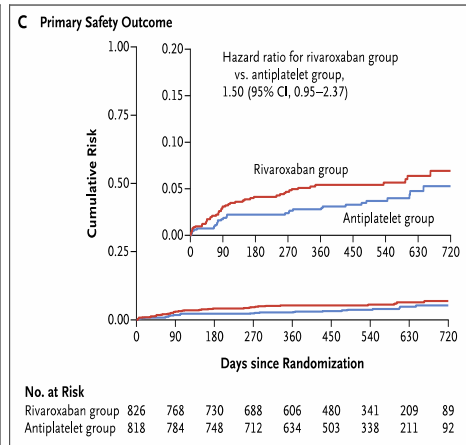
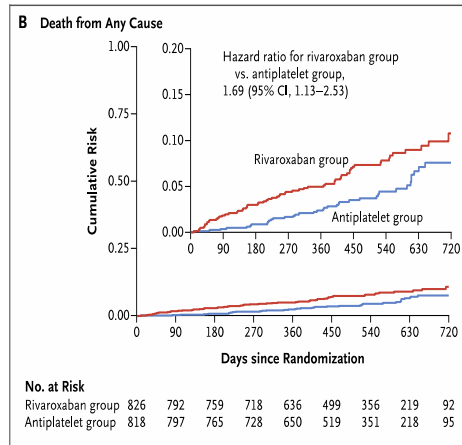
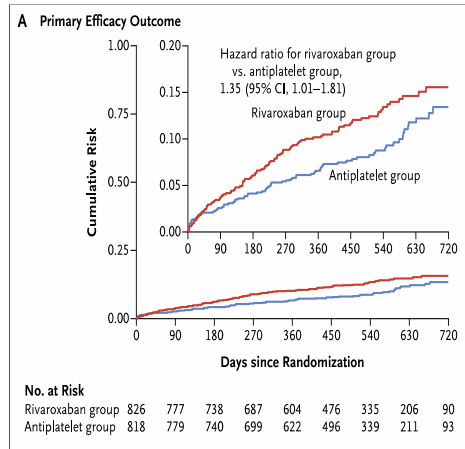


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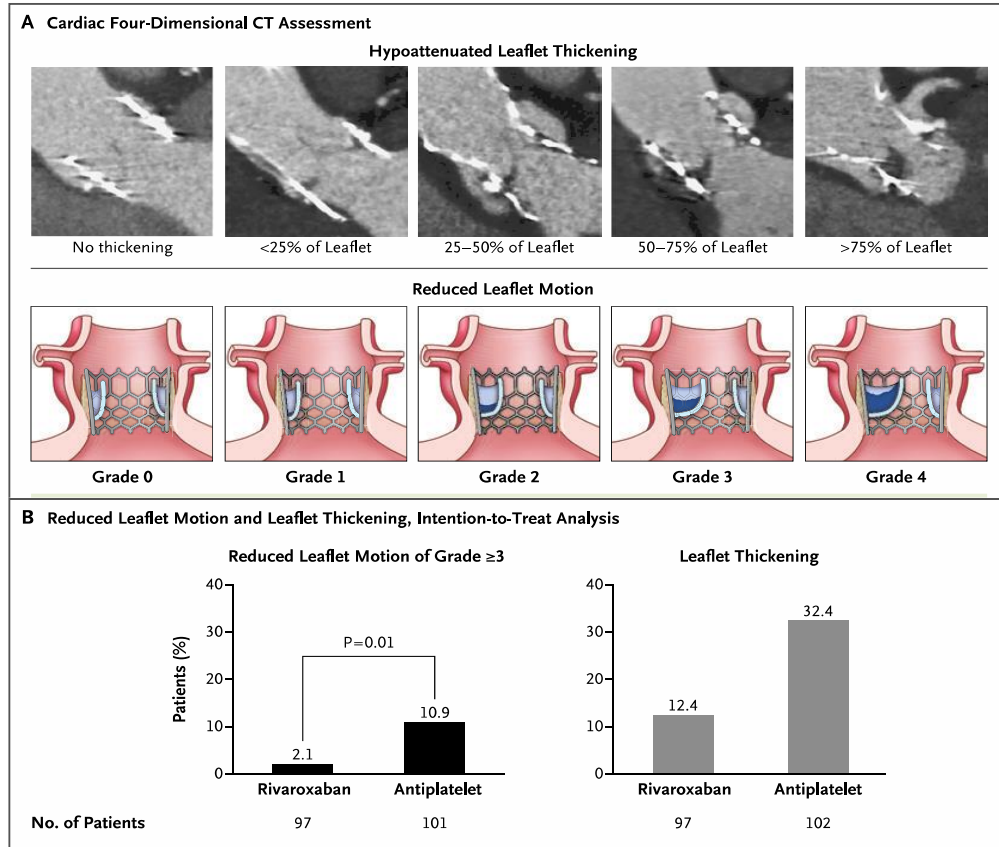
Death, stroke, MI,
sympt. valve thrombosis,
PE, DVT, SE

All-cause death

VARC life-threatening,
disabling, or
major bleeding



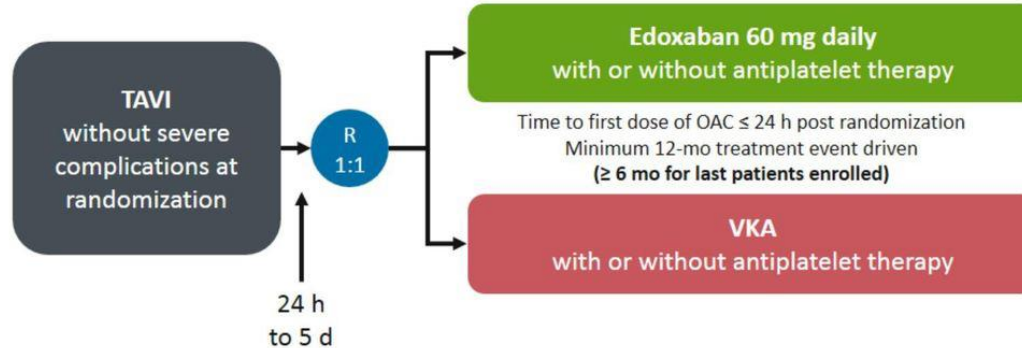
NOAC plus ASA vs DAPT post TAVI: GALILEO-4D



ENVISAGE TAVI AF

ENVISAGE TAVI AF -- Study Design

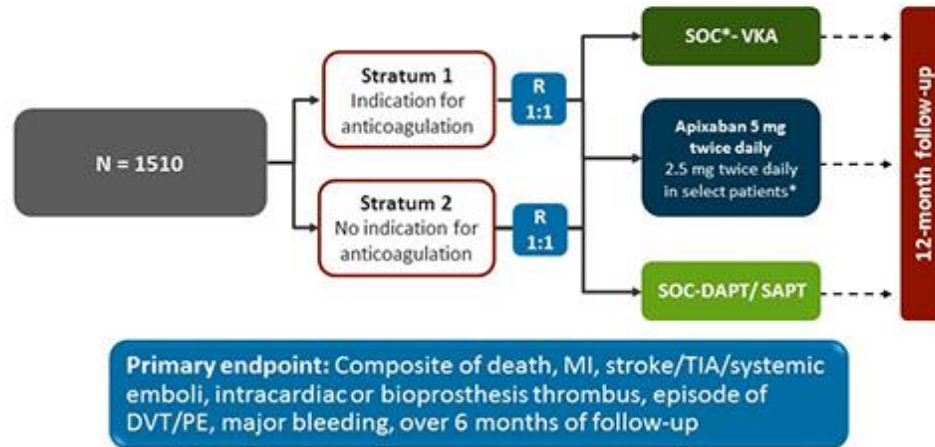
Prospective, randomized, open-label, blinded evaluation of edoxaban vs VKA in approximately 1400 patients with AF indicated for chronic OAC after successful TAVI (~2500 patient-y)



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ATLANTIS Trial: Apixaban vs Standard of Care

Apixaban in Patients Who Underwent a Clinically Successful TAVI Procedure

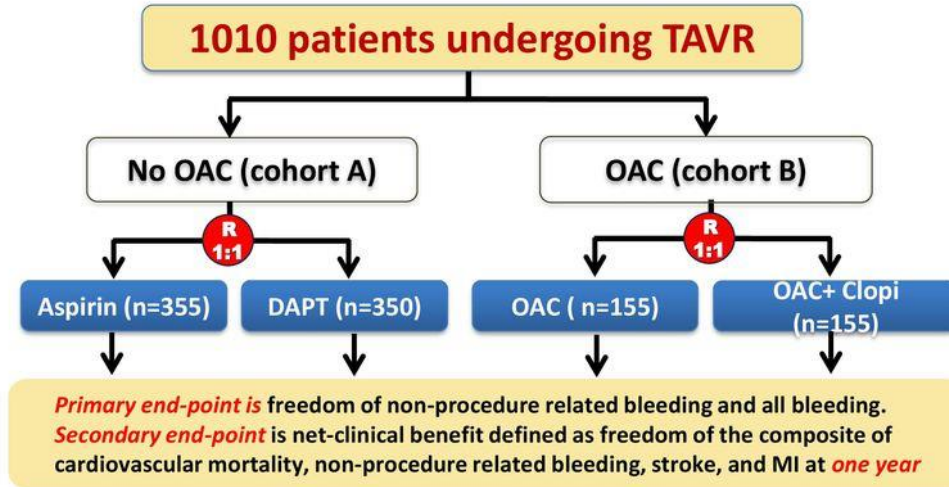


*2.5 mg twice daily if CrCl 15 to 29mL/min or if 2 of the following criteria: age ≥ 80 , weight ≤ 60 kg, or Cr ≥ 1.5 mg/dL (133 μ mol).

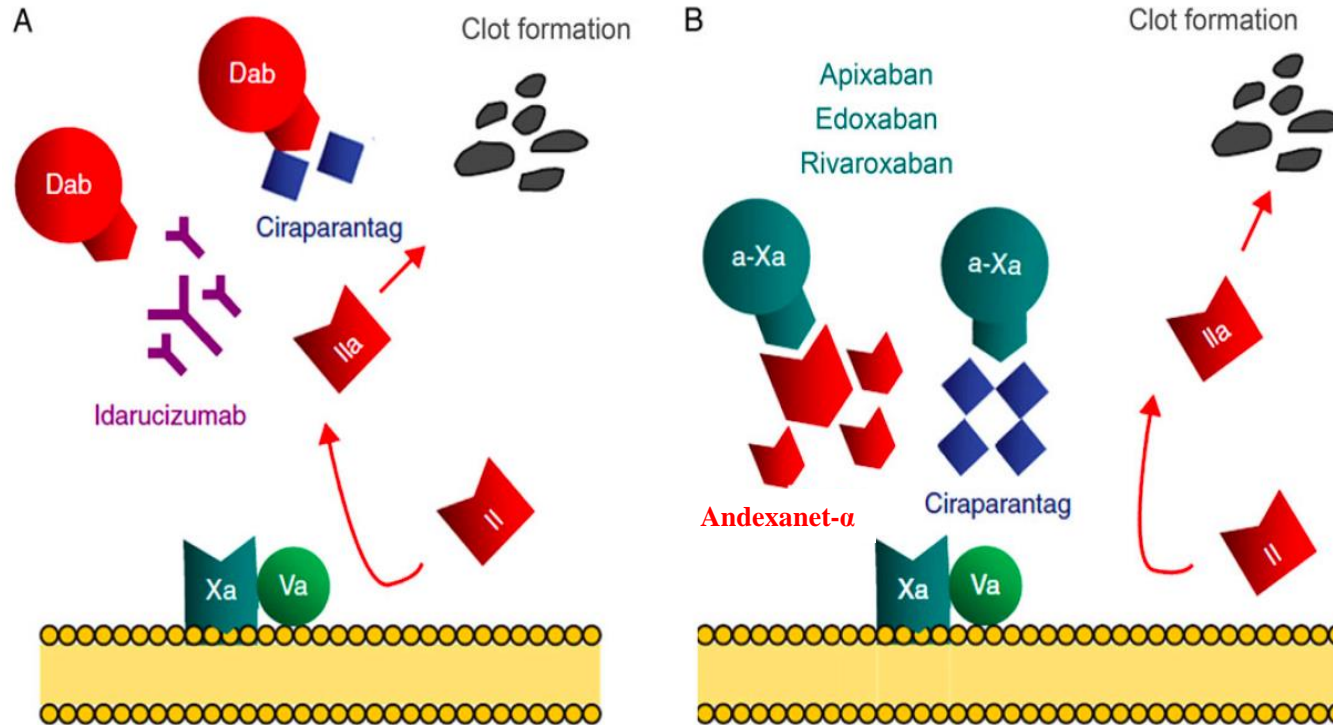
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NOAC Antidotes and Reversal Agents – Mechanisms

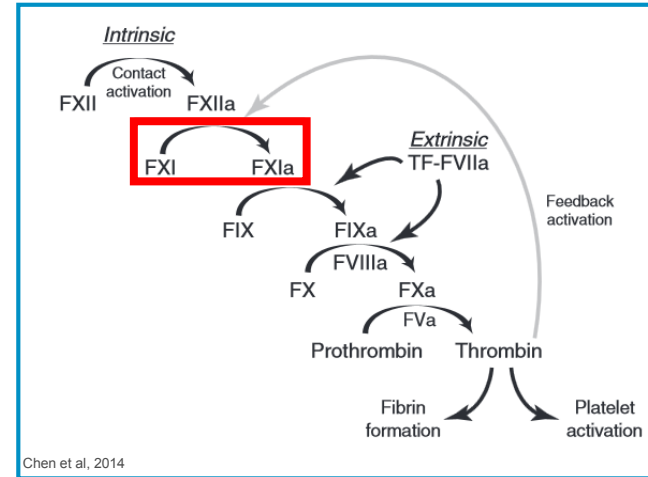


NOAC Antidotes and Reversal Agents – Studies

	Idarucizumab	Andexanet	Ciraparantag (PER977)
Target	Dabigatran	Oral direct factor Xa-inhibitors, low-molecular-weight heparins and fondaparinux	Oral direct factor Xa and IIa inhibitors, low-molecular-weight heparins, un-fractionated heparin and fondaparinux
Structure	Humanized Fab fragment	Human rFXa variant	Synthetic small molecule
Immediate onset of reversal (<10 min)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Duration of effect	(12 to) 24 h	2 h	24 h
Re-administration possible	Yes, after 24 h	Unknown	Currently tested (NCT02207257)
Tested in healthy volunteers	Yes (NCT020287809)	Yes	Yes (NCT01826266, NCT02207257)
Elderly	Yes	Yes (NCT022207725)	No
Renally impaired	Yes	No	No
RE-VERSE AD Full study cohort published Idarucizumab approved (EMA & FDA)		ANNEXA-4 Full study cohort published Andexanet approved by FDA and EMA (conditional marketing authorization)	
		Phase 2 Study enrolling	

Rationale for FXI(a) as innovative drug target

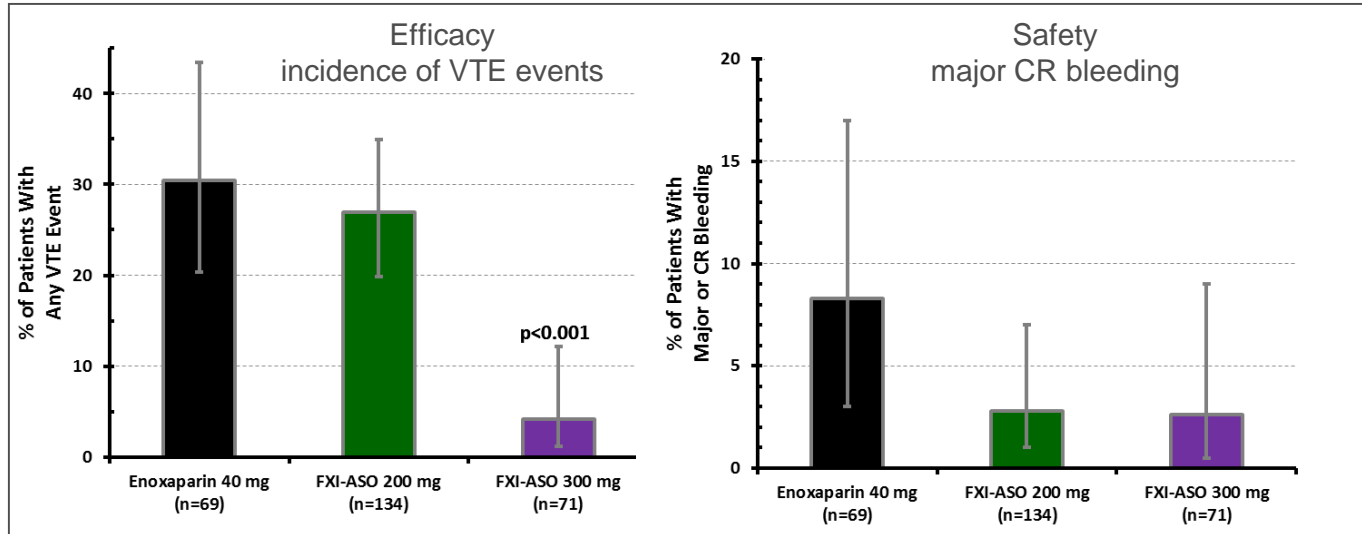
- FXI activation occurs by contact activation and during the amplification phase after formation of small amounts of thrombin
- FXIa contributes to clot formation, clot stabilisation and amplification of clot growth
- FXIa triggers thrombosis, but has a minor role for hemostasis



Hypothesis: inhibition of FXI(a) has the potential for anti-thrombotic effect without increased bleeding

Phase 2a data using FXI-ASO (antisense oligonucleotide)

Open-label, randomized, study comparing 200 or 300 mg FXI-ASO vs LMWH in ~300 knee replacement surgery patients

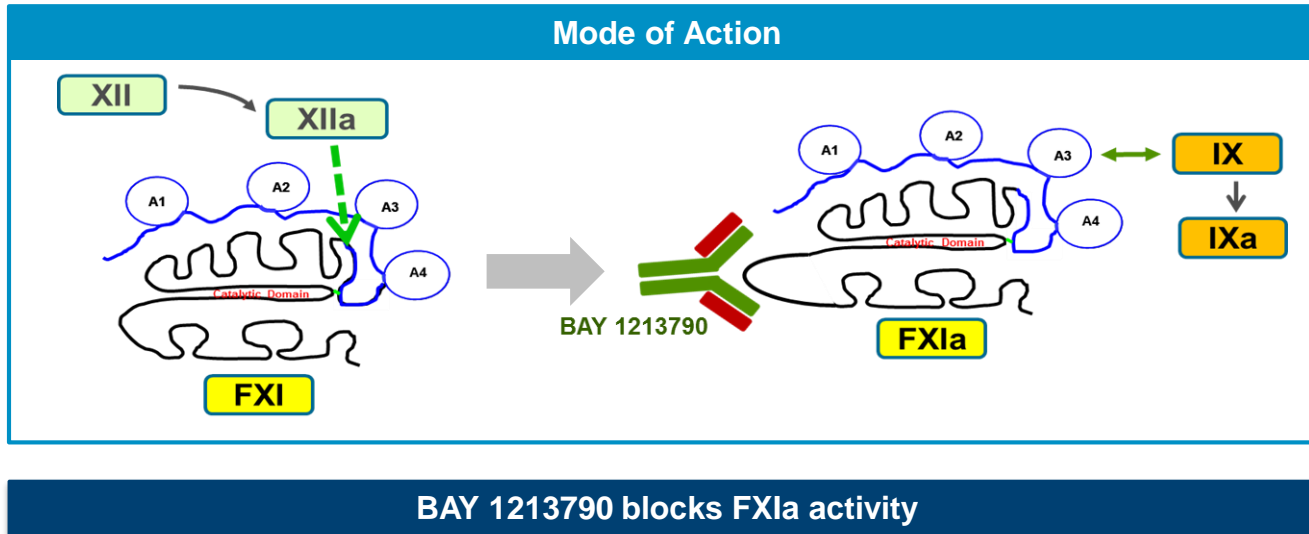


Proof of concept for the inhibition of factor XI in humans available

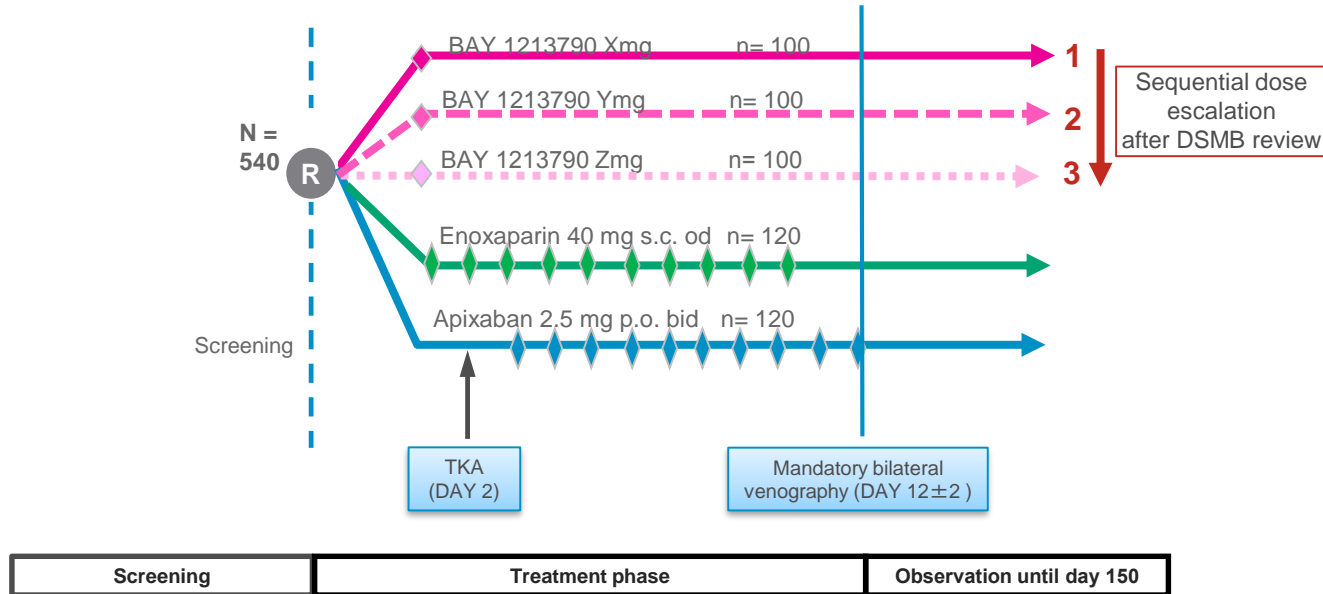
Mode of Action of the FXIa antibody

FXIa antibody BAY 1213790

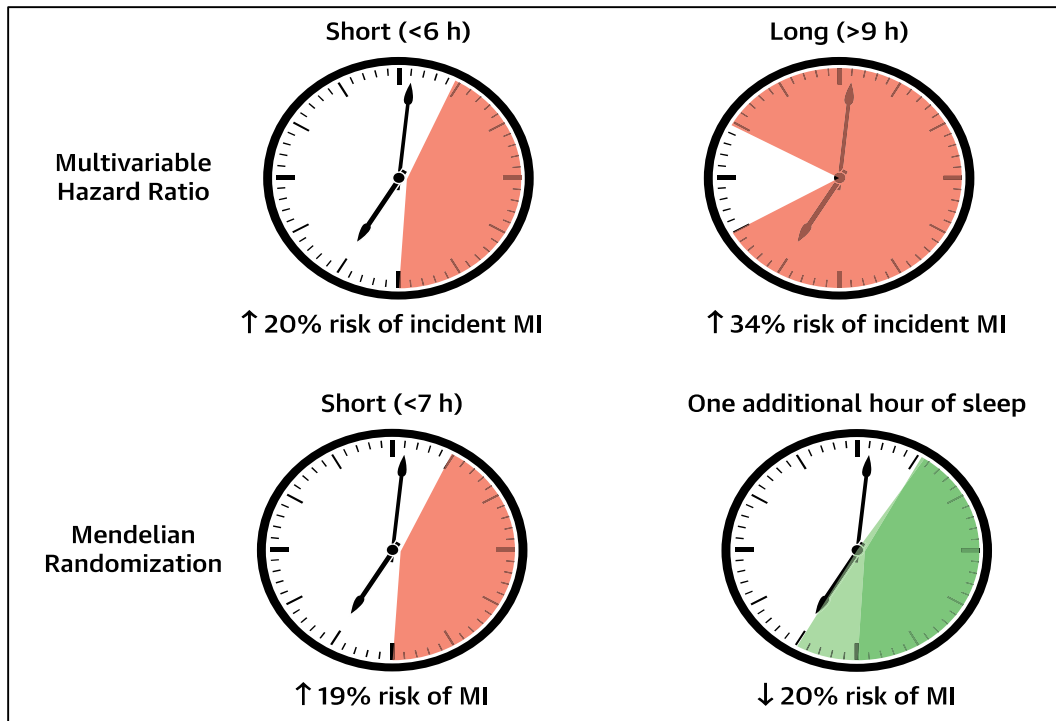
- Fully human IgG1 antibody
- Binds to activated FXI and blocks FXIa activity by addressing the catalytic domain



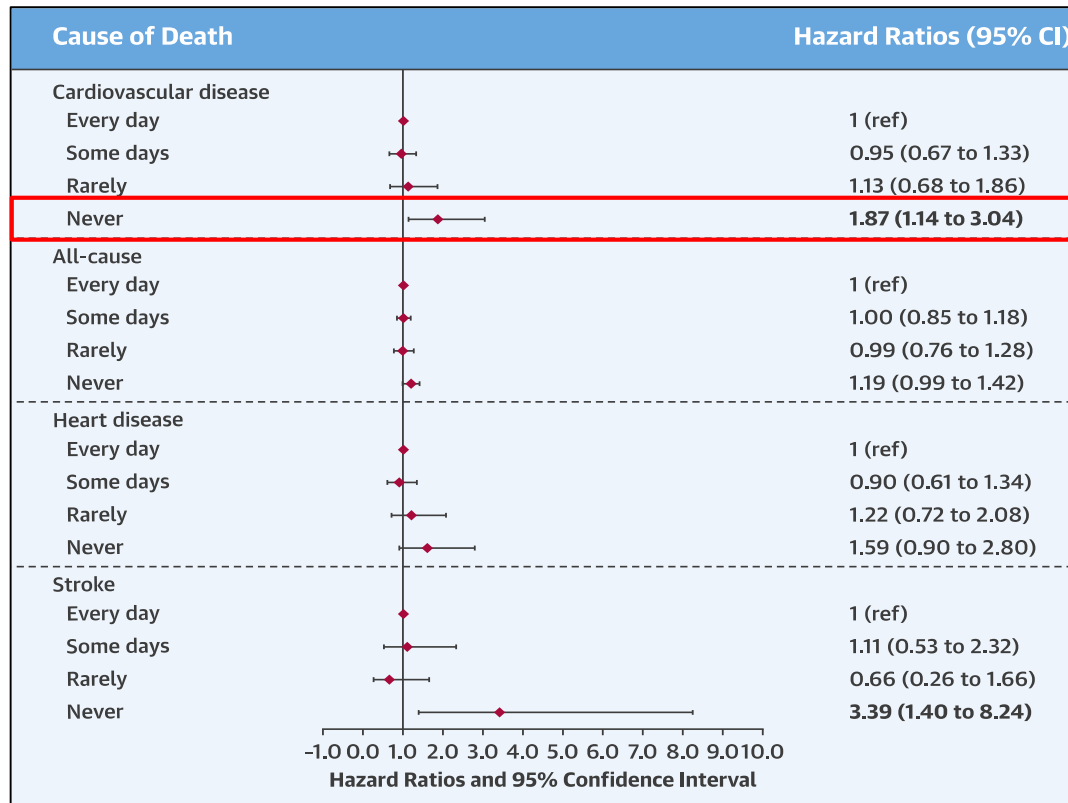
Study 17664 Design – FOXTROT Study



Sleep Duration and Risk of Myocardial Infarction: UK Biobank Analysis

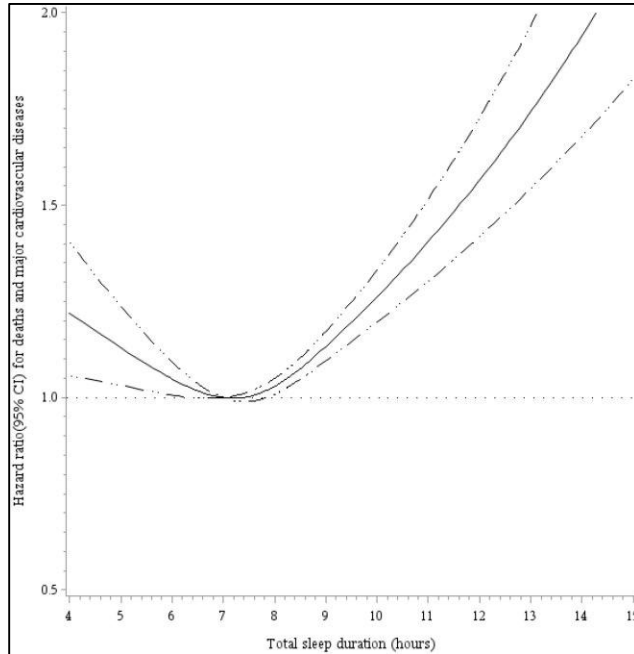


Skipping Breakfast and Cardiovascular Mortality: NHANES III

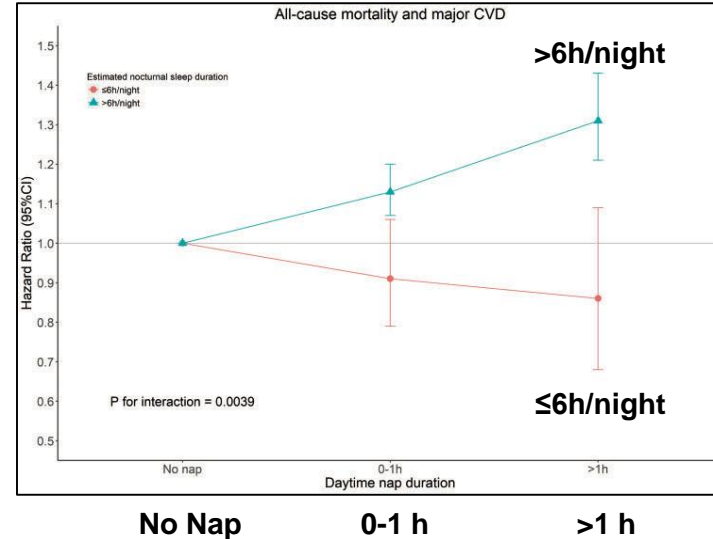


Sleep Duration, Napping and Risk of Death and Cardiovascular Diseases: PURE

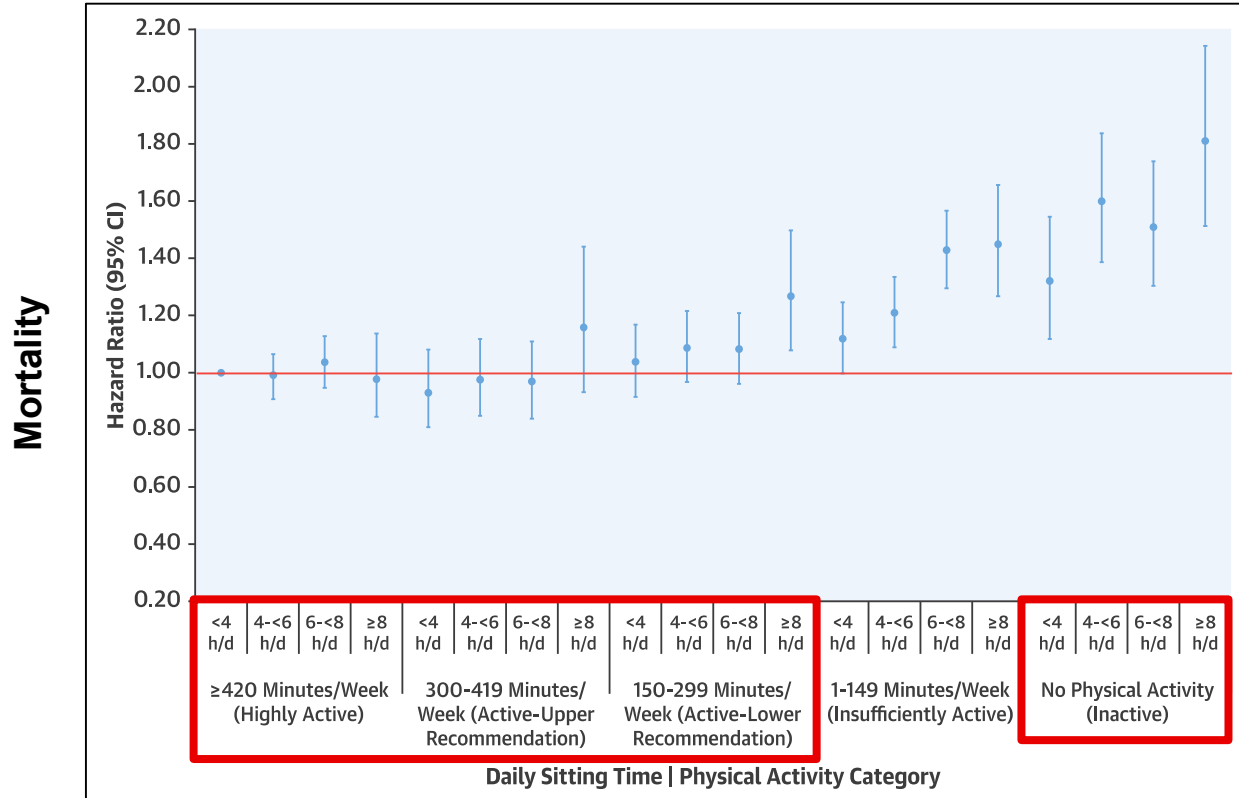
Total Sleep Duration



Daytime Nap Duration

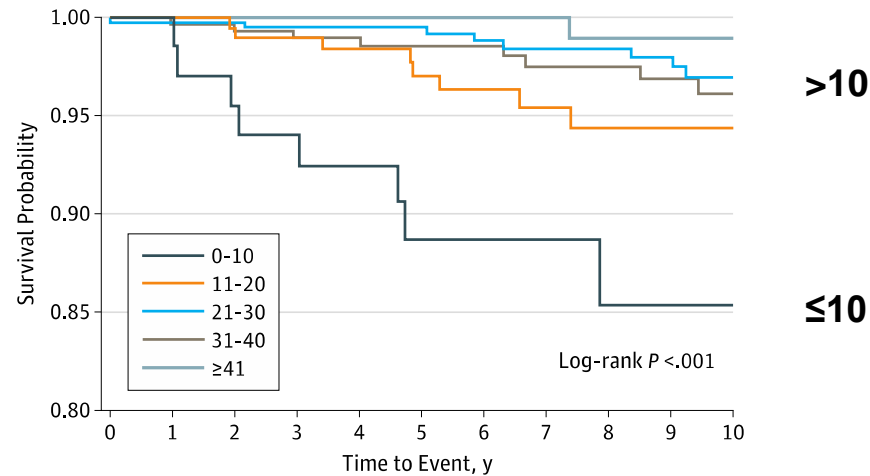


Daily Sitting Time and Mortality: 45 and Up Study



Push-ups and Cardiovascular Events: Indiana Firefighters

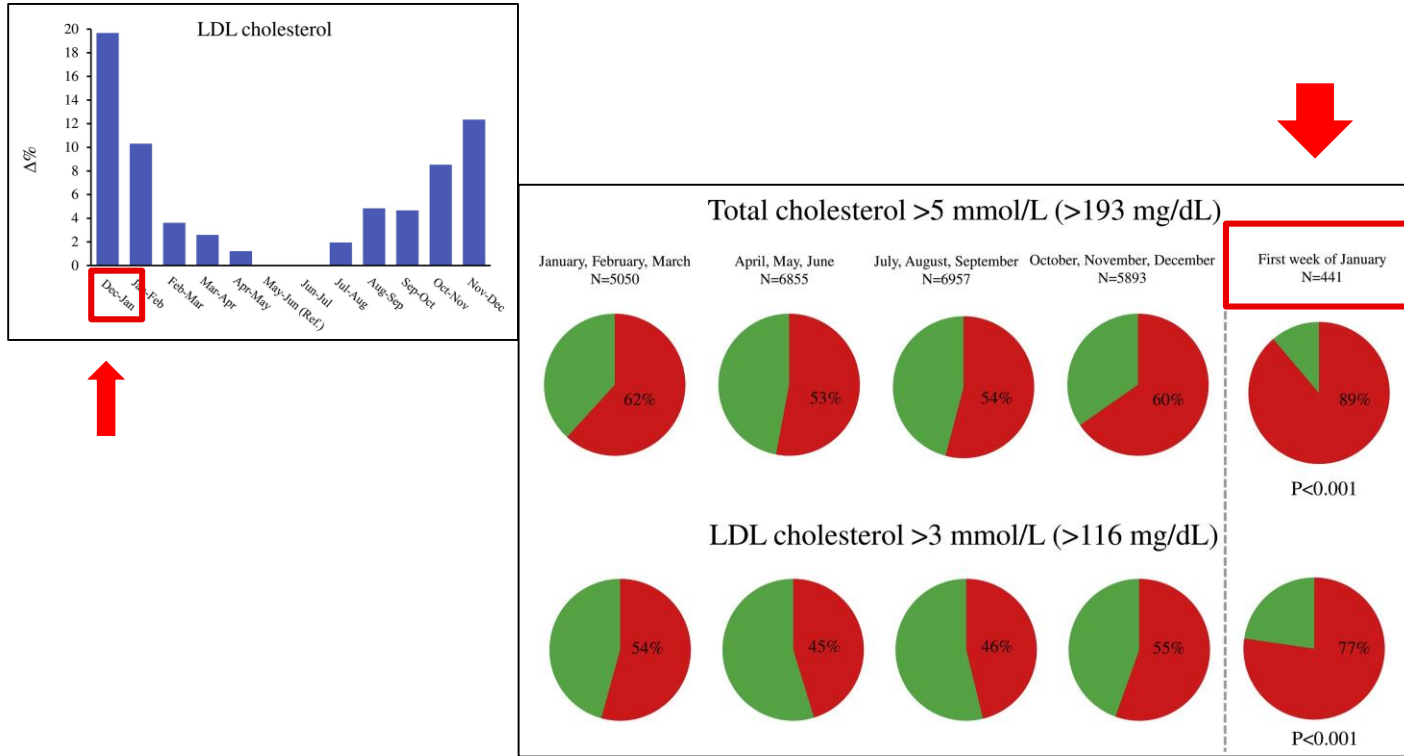
Figure. Kaplan-Meier Curves for the Cumulative Risk of Cardiovascular Disease Outcome in 5 Push-up Categories



No. at risk

0-10	75	68	63	60	53	39	32	28	26	23	17
11-20	200	200	186	184	172	139	118	96	89	78	63
21-30	389	386	382	375	368	310	275	238	227	202	155
31-40	285	283	276	271	267	232	208	179	169	148	120
≥41	155	153	151	149	147	129	112	99	92	86	63

Hypercholesterolemia after Christmas



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