

# **STEMI:**

## **Eight** Areas of Unmet Needs

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# The Core of Optimal STEMI Therapy:

*“Reducing Total Ischemic Time”*

**Reperfusion Saves Myocardium in  
A Time-Dependent Fashion**

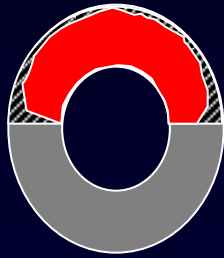
**Lives are Saved in  
A Time-Dependent Fashion**

# The "Wavefront Phenomenon" of Myocardial Ischemic Cell Death

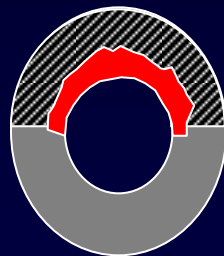
Duration of coronary occlusion

- Myocardium at risk (hatched pattern)
- Final infarct (red)

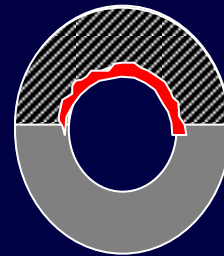
96 hours



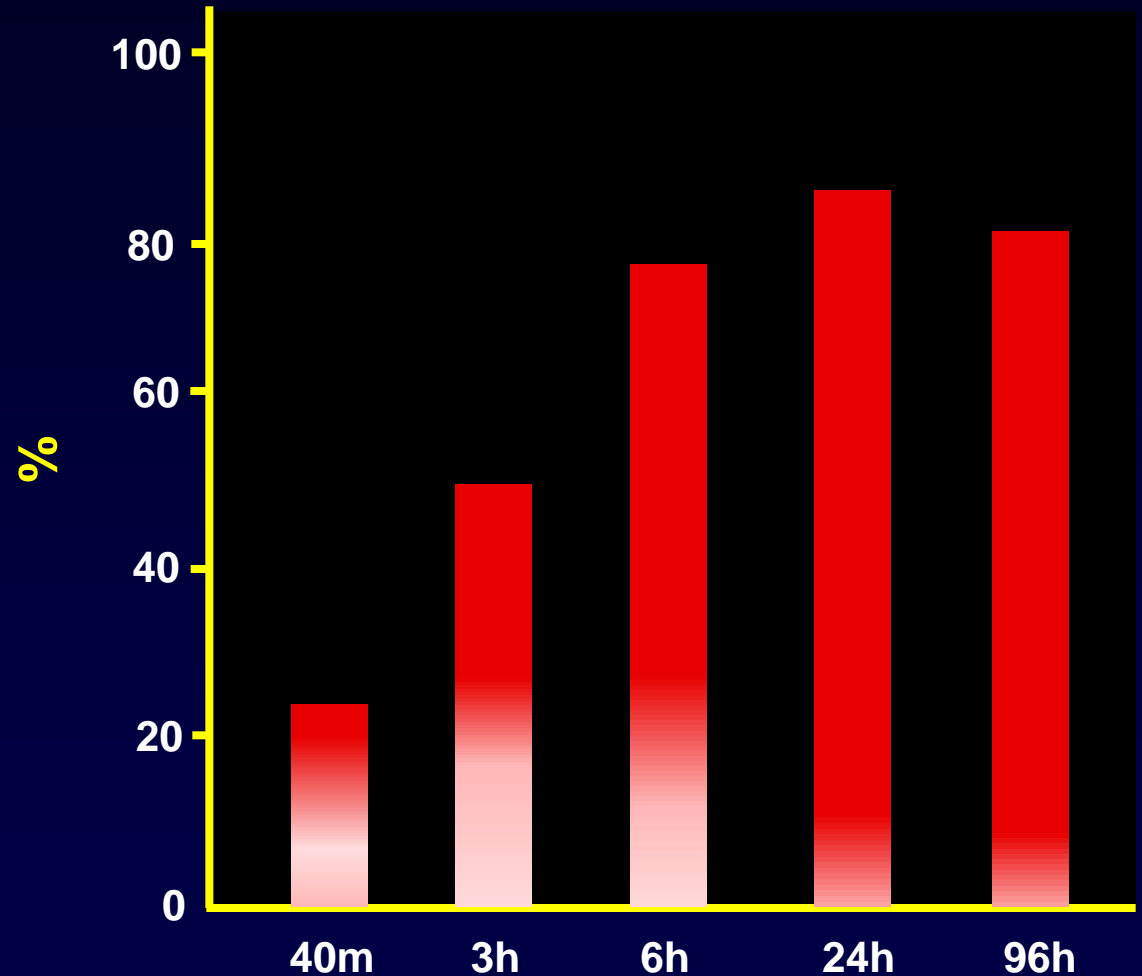
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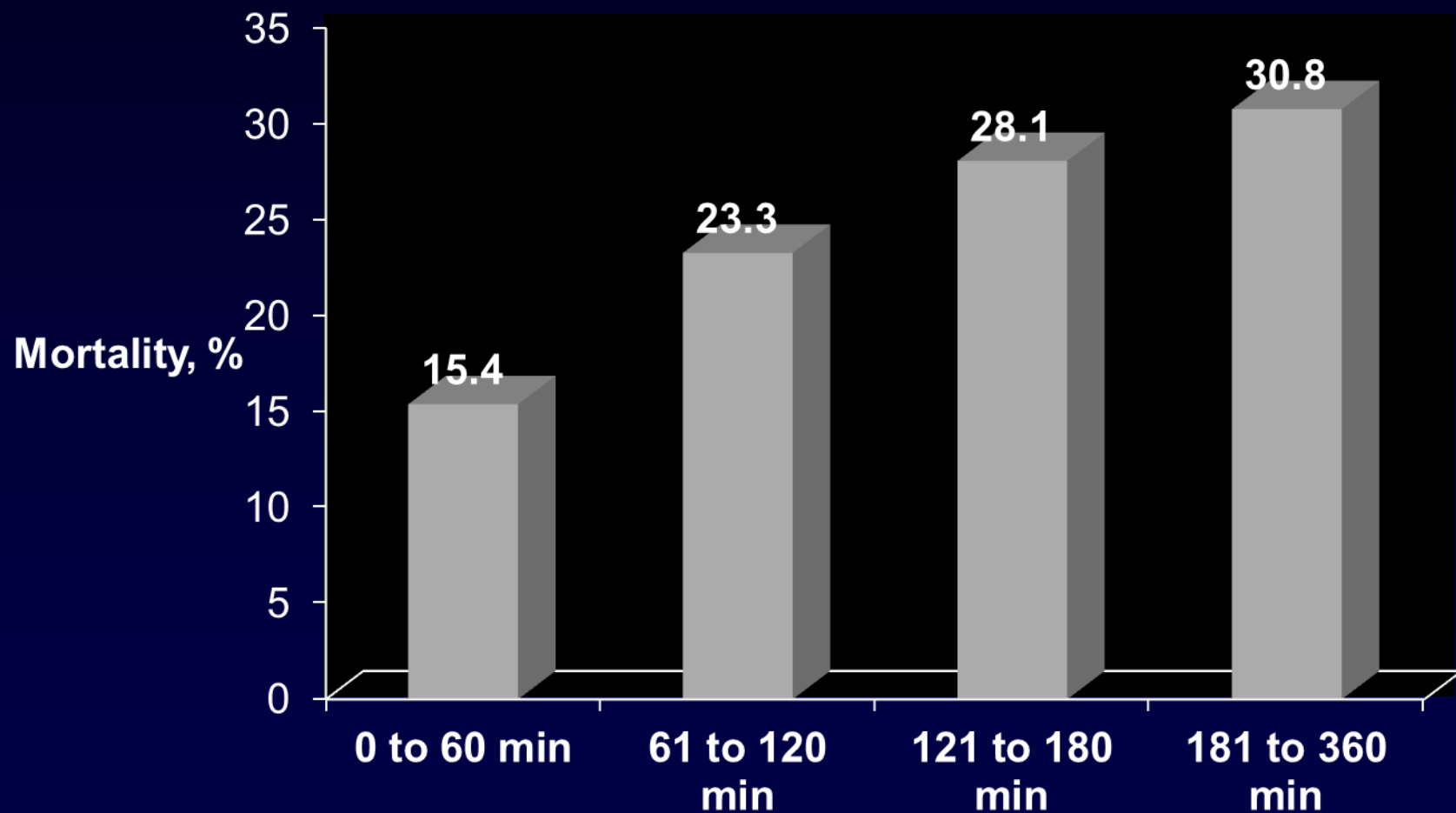
40 minutes



## Transmural Necrosis



# System Delay and Mortality in STEMI Patients



# The Core of Optimal STEMI Therapy:

**Avoid Fibrinolytic Therapy if Possible:**

**Incomplete Restoration of Flow**

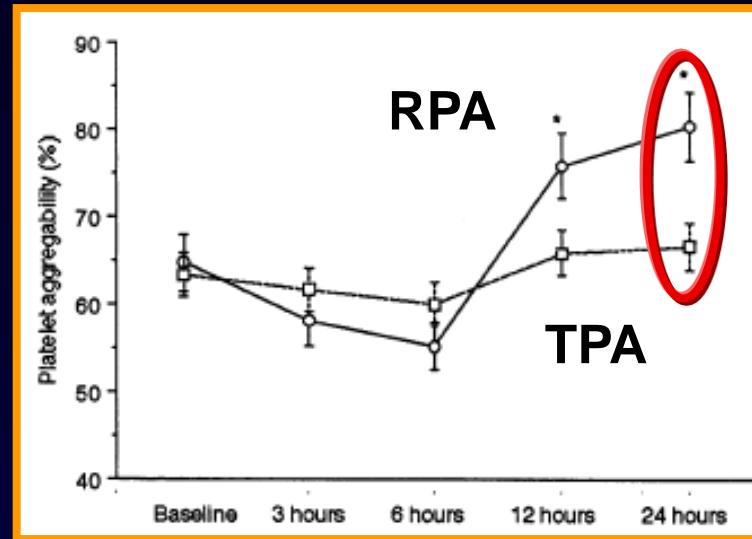
**Intracranial Hemorrhage**

**Enhancement of Platelet Reactivity**

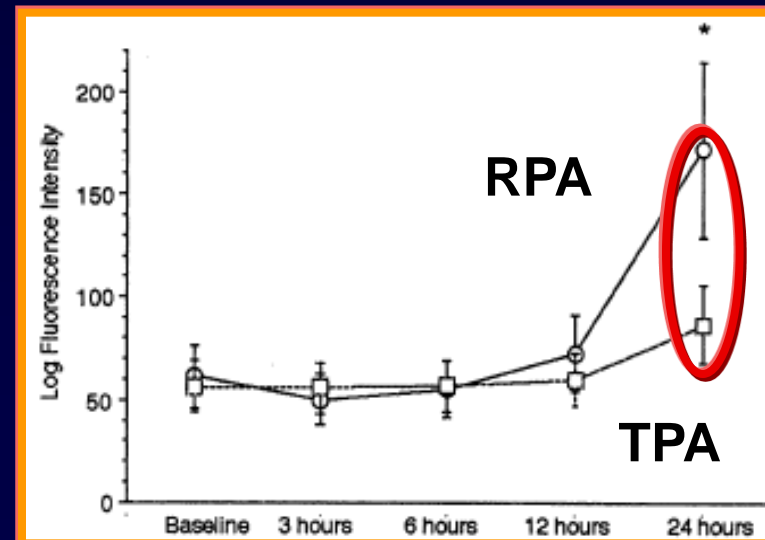
# GUSTO-III Study:

## Enhancement of Platelet Reactivity by Fibrinolytics

5uM ADP-Induced Aggregation



GPIIb/IIIa Receptor Activation



# 8 Areas of Unmet Needs/Future Research

## 1) Patient Awareness

*“Delays from symptom onset to STEMI care are unacceptably long”*

- 1.5 – 2.0 h delay (unchanged for last 10 y)
- women, black, elderly, medicaid
- EMS use 60%
  - 1/300 pts transported by private vehicle arrests en route.
  - pre-hosp ECG facilitates early reperfusion.



# ALERTS Study: AngelMed Guardian System

Designed to reduce time to treatment and heart muscle damage

## Background

- Detects progressive ST shifts and alerts patient
- Implanted like single-chamber pacemaker
- RV lead

## Objective

- Demonstrate effectiveness in detection and alerting of rapidly progressive ST shifts.

## Study Population

- High-risk ACS (e.g., unstable angina, STEMI or NSTEMI) or undergone or scheduled for CABG within 6 months of implantation
- One of the following: 1) Diabetes, 2) Compromised renal function, 3) TIMI Risk Score  $\geq 3$ .



## 2) Regional Systems of Care

- Prehospital Emergency Medical Systems' protocols
- Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest
- Triage/transfer algorithms
- Rapid expert PCI availability
- Refinement of clinical / time-related factors for earlier lytic use + transfer for PCI
- ***“Over-reliance on primary PCI”***
  - Waning familiarity with lytics
  - Only 10% of transferred pts had FMC-balloon <90 min (median 149 min)

# STREAM Trial: Study Protocol

STEMI (2 mm) < 3 h from onset symptoms, PPCI < 60 min not possible

1:1 RANDOMIZATION, OPEN LABEL

Strategy A: pharmaco-invasive

Strategy B: PPCI

Ambulance/ER

< 75y: full dose

≥ 75y: 1/2 dose TNK

no lytic

Aspirin  
Clopidogrel:  
LD 300 mg + 75 mg QD  
Enoxaparin:  
30 mg IV + 1 mg/kg SC  
Q12h

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75 mg QD  
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0.75 mg/kg SC Q12h

Antiplatelet and  
antithrombin treatment  
according to local  
standards

PCI Hospital

ECG at 90 min: ST resolution ≥ 50%

YES

NO

angio > 6 to 24 hrs  
PCI/CABG if indicated

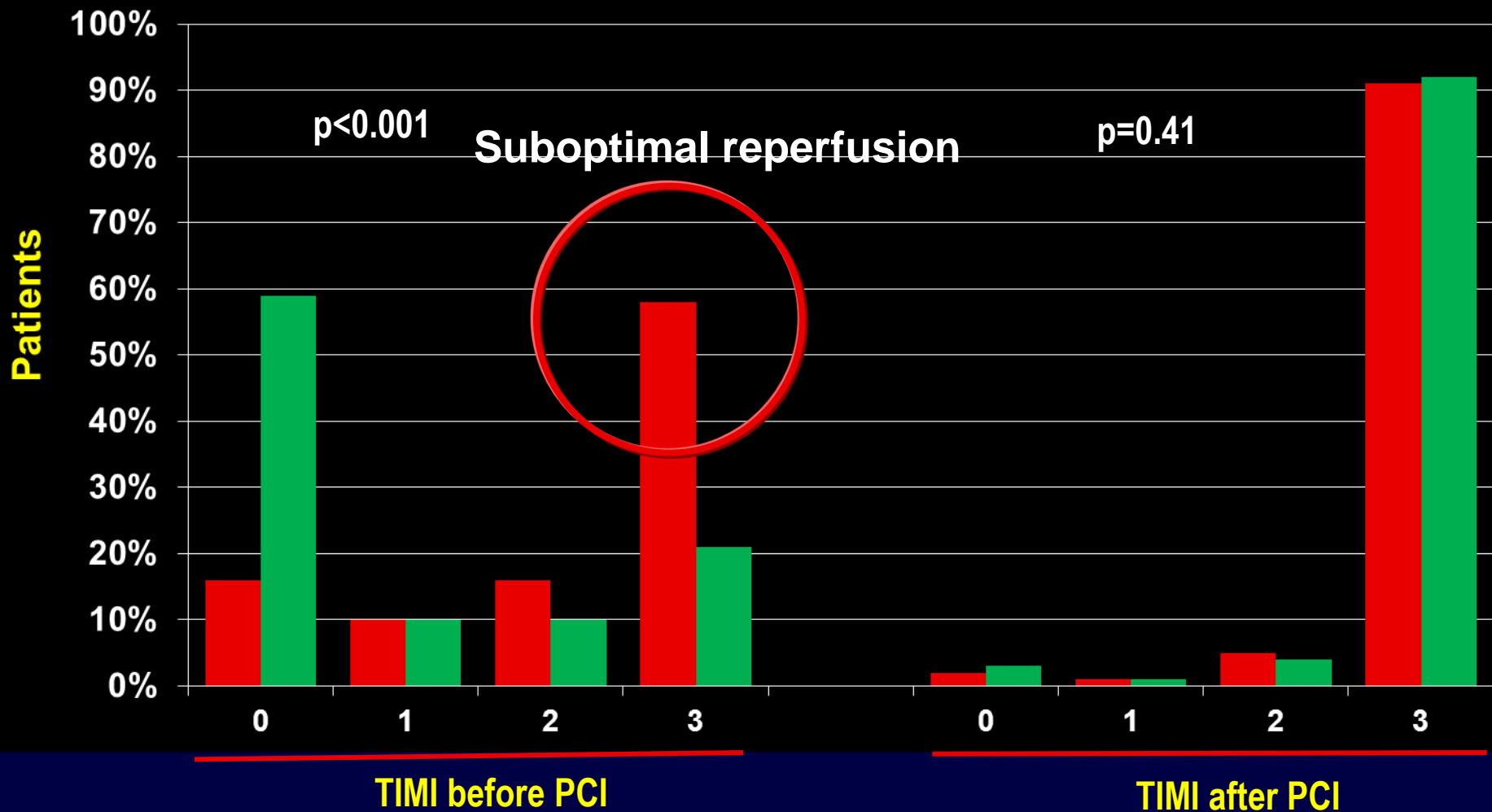
immediate angio +  
rescue PCI if  
indicated

Standard primary PCI

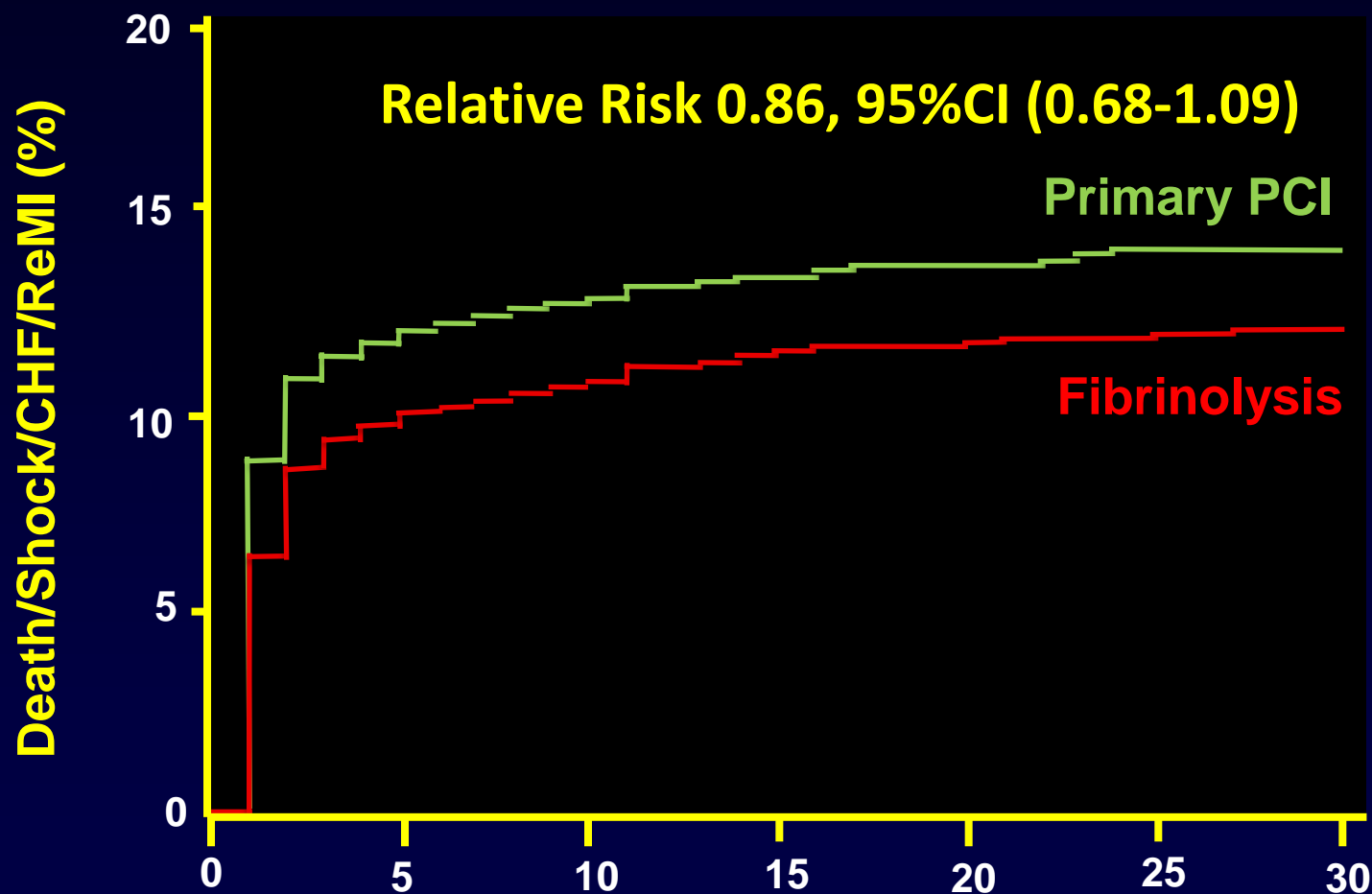
Primary endpoint: 30 d composite of all cause death, shock, CHF or reinfarction

# STREAM Trial: TIMI Flow Rates

■ Pharmacoinvasive (n=944) ■ PPCI (n=948)



# STREAM Trial: Primary Endpoint



# STREAM Trial: Stroke Rates

	Pharmaco-invasive	PPCI	P-value
<b>TOTAL POPULATION (N=1892)</b>			
<b>Total stroke</b>	15/939 (1.60%)	5/946 (0.53%)	0.03
fatal stroke	7/939 (0.75%)	4/946 (0.42%)	0.39
<b>Haemorrhagic stroke</b>	9/939 (0.96%)	2/946 (0.21%)	0.04
fatal haemorrhagic stroke	6/939 (0.64%)	2/946 (0.21%)	0.18
<b>POST AMENDMENT POPULATION (N=1503)</b>			
<b>Total stroke</b>	9/747 (1.20%)	5/756 (0.66%)	0.30
fatal stroke	3/747 (0.40%)	4/756 (0.53%)	>0.999
<b>Haemorrhagic stroke</b>	4/747 (0.54%)	2/756 (0.26%)	0.45
fatal haemorrhagic stroke	2/747 (0.27%)	2/756 (0.26%)	>0.999

### **Author's Conclusion:**

***“.. Early fibrinolysis .. coupled with timely angio resulted in effective reperfusion in pts presenting within 3h of sx onset unable to undergo PCI in 1 h”***

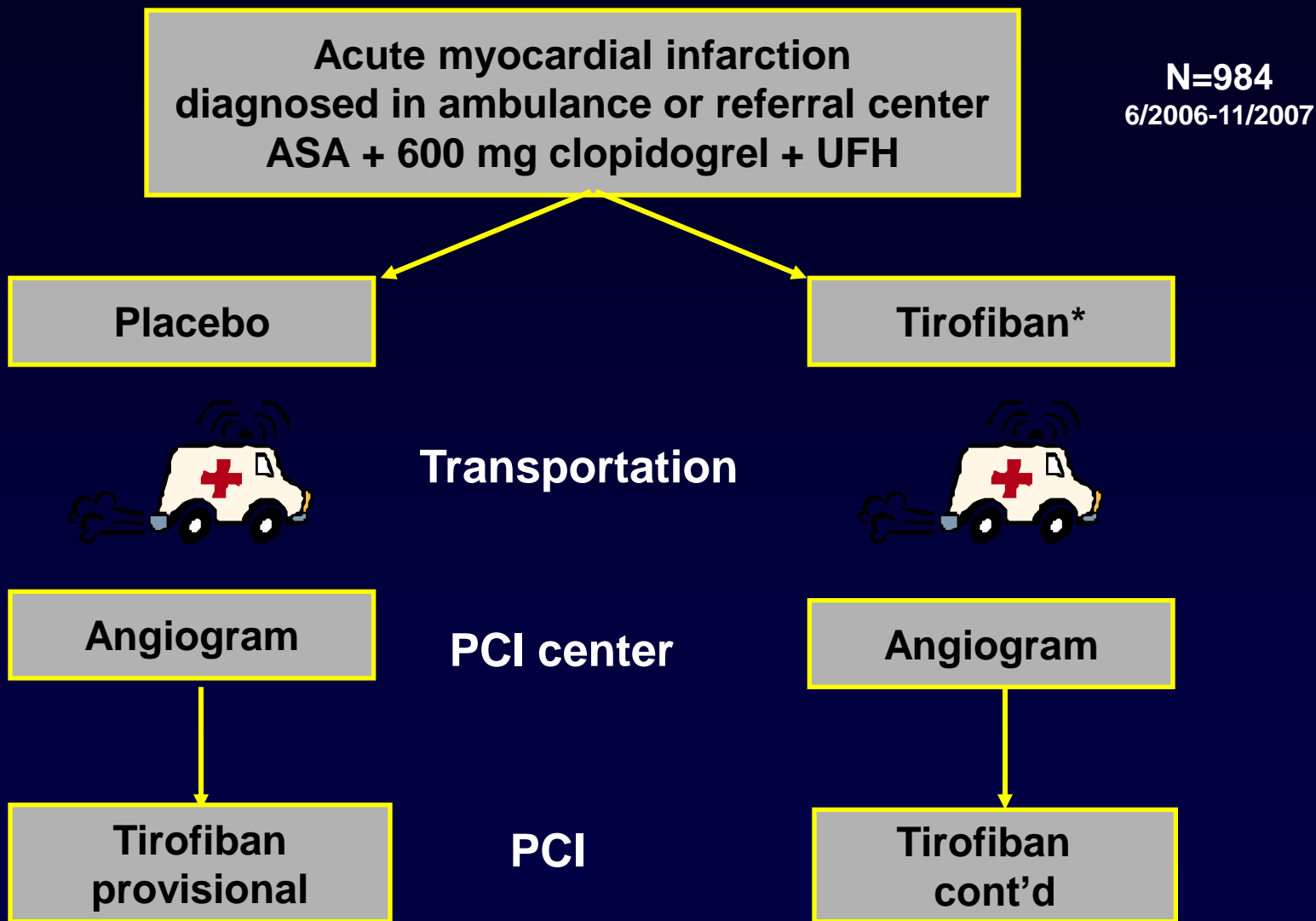
Armstrong PW et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2013 ;368:1379-87

### **Editorialist's Conclusion:**

***“..Lack of superiority of fibrinolytic therapy .. coupled with increased intracranial hemorrhage ..make this an inferior strategy.. ”***

***“STREAM trial shows us that that the best therapy for STEMI remains ..... a stent”***

# Ongoing Tirofiban In Myocardial Infarction Evaluation



*\*Bolus: 25 µg/kg and  
0.15 µg/kg/min infusion*



## Primary Endpoint

Residual ST deviation at 60 min.

	Placebo	Tirofiban	p- value
Readable ECG	94.1%	95.5%	0.358
Residual ST - deviation (mm)	4.8 $\pm$ 6.3	3.6 $\pm$ 4.6	0.003
normal ECG	29.0%	35.5%	0.013
> 3 mm ST-deviation	45.1%	38.1%	0.035

# Ongoing Tirofiban In Myocardial Infarction Evaluation

## 30d Clinical Secondary Endpoints

	Placebo n=477	Tirofiban n=473	p-value
Death/MI/uTVR or thrombotic bailout	32.9%	26%	0.020
Death	4.0%	2.3%	0.144
Recurrent MI	2.9%	2.7%	0.863
Stroke	1.5%	0.2%	0.069
Urgent TVR	4.2%	3.8%	0.761
Thromb. Bail out	28.5%	19.9%	0.002
Major bleeding	2.9%	4.0%	0.363

### 3) Transfer/Management of Non-High Risk Pts After Lytic Treatment

*“Transferring low risk patients for angiography with plan to revascularize is common  
but,  
evidence base for justification is limited”*

## 4) Antithrombotic Therapy

- Role of platelet function testing and genotyping
- Gender, race and ethnic variability in outcomes
- Role of prasugrel, ticagrelor, Xa, IIa, and PAR-1 inhibitors
- Efficacy and safety of triple antithrombotic therapy in patients requiring anticoagulation
- Relation of access site to bleeding

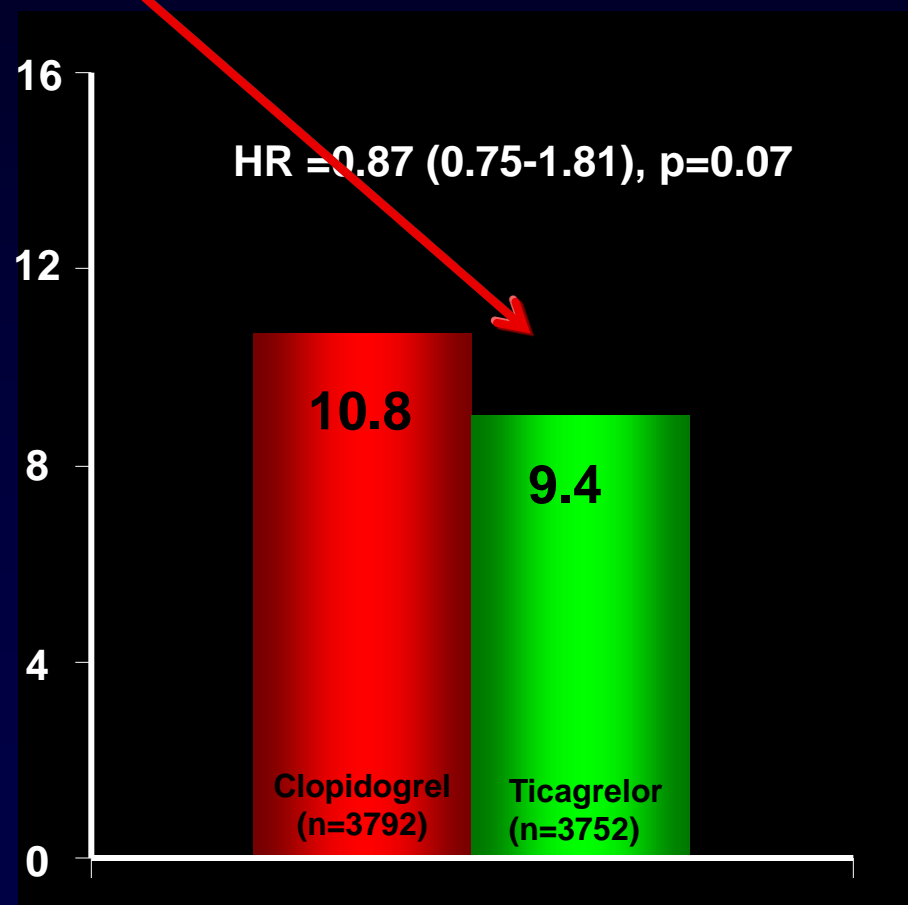
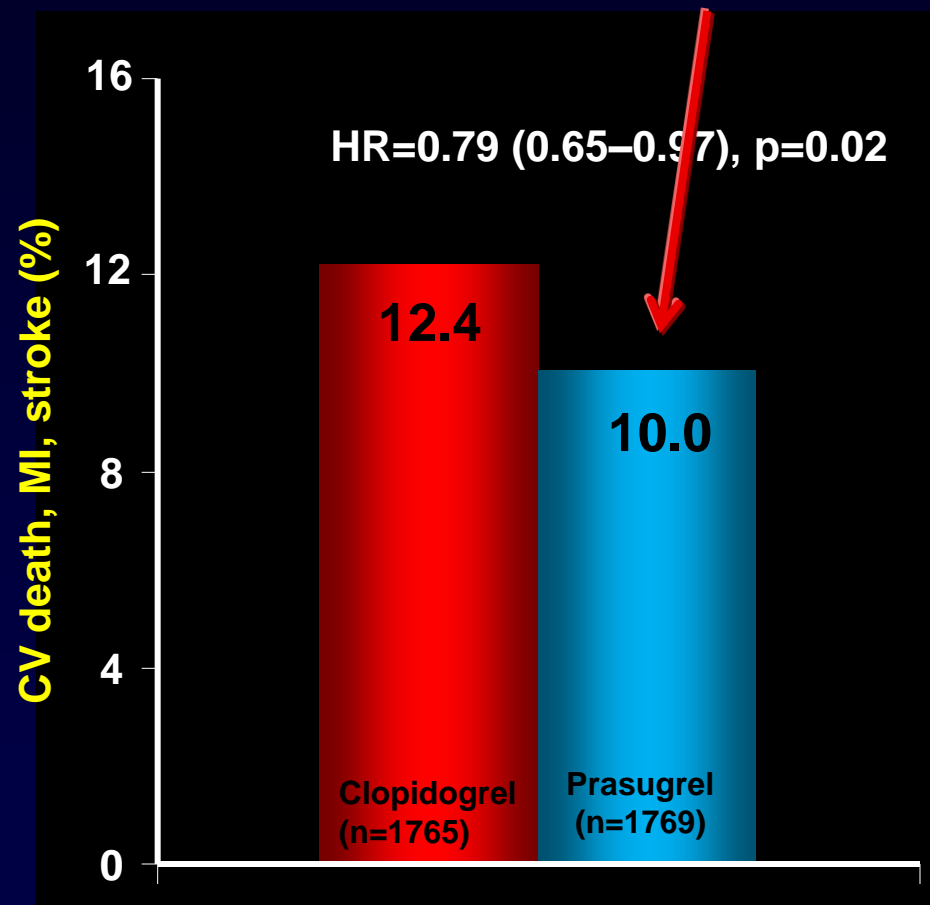
# Prasugrel and Ticagrelor in STEMI

## Primary Outcome

**TRITON-TIMI-38** 15 months

**PLATO** 12 months

### TREATMENT FAILURE



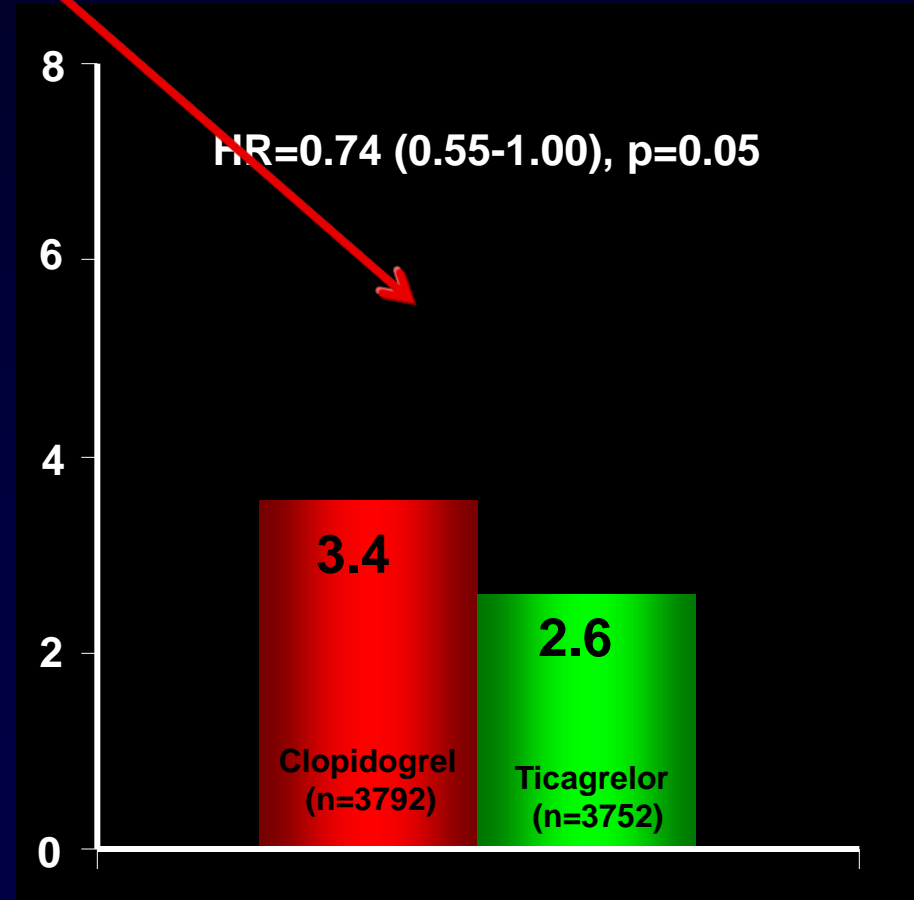
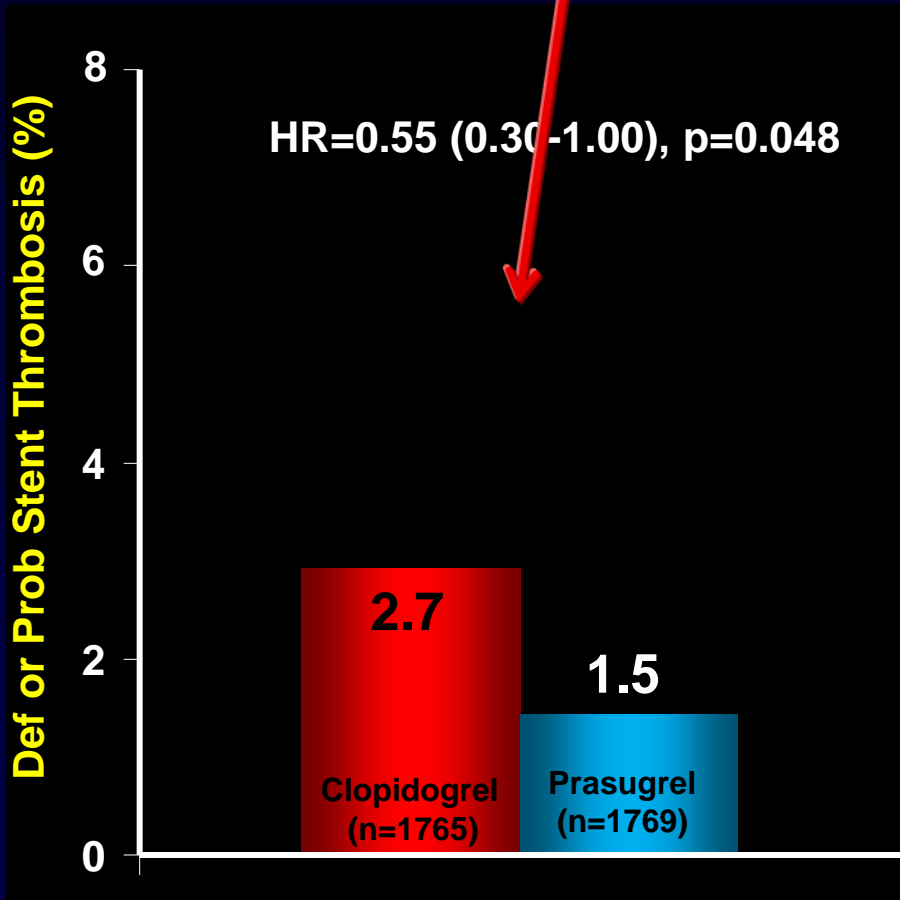
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## Stent Thrombosis (Def. or Prob.)

**TRITON-TIMI-38 15 months**

**PLATO 12 months**

### TREATMENT FAILURE



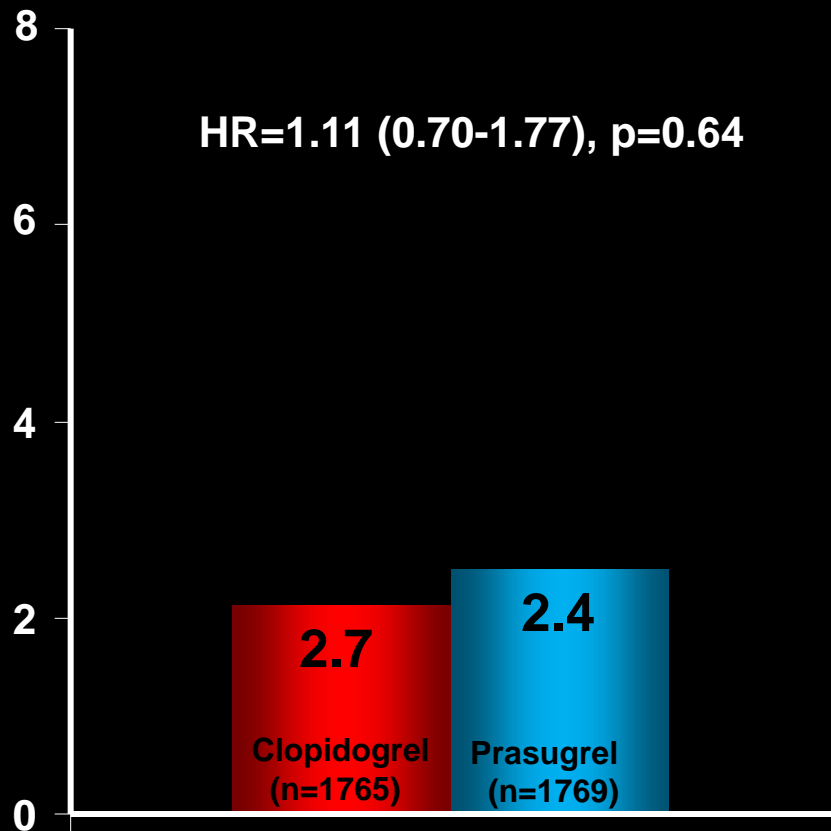
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## TIMI Major Bleeding

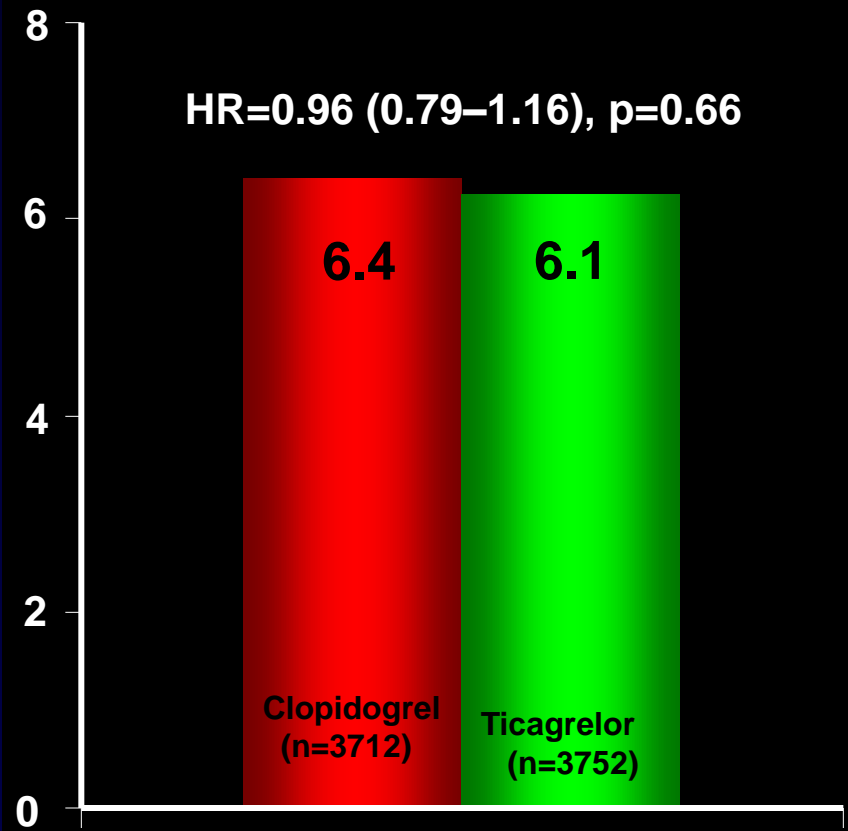
**TRITON-TIMI-38 15 months**

**PLATO 12 months**

HR=1.11 (0.70-1.77), p=0.64



HR=0.96 (0.79-1.16), p=0.66



# EXAMINATION Trial- Stent Thrombosis in New Era

Patients suffering from an AMI, presenting within 48 hours after Onset of Symptoms Requiring Emergent PCI of a Native Coronary Artery

Randomization 1:1 (n=1504)

6 pts withdrew consent

**Everolimus-eluting Stent**  
(751 patients)

**Cobalt-chromium stent**  
(747 patients)

**Everolimus-eluting Stent**  
(735 patients-98%)

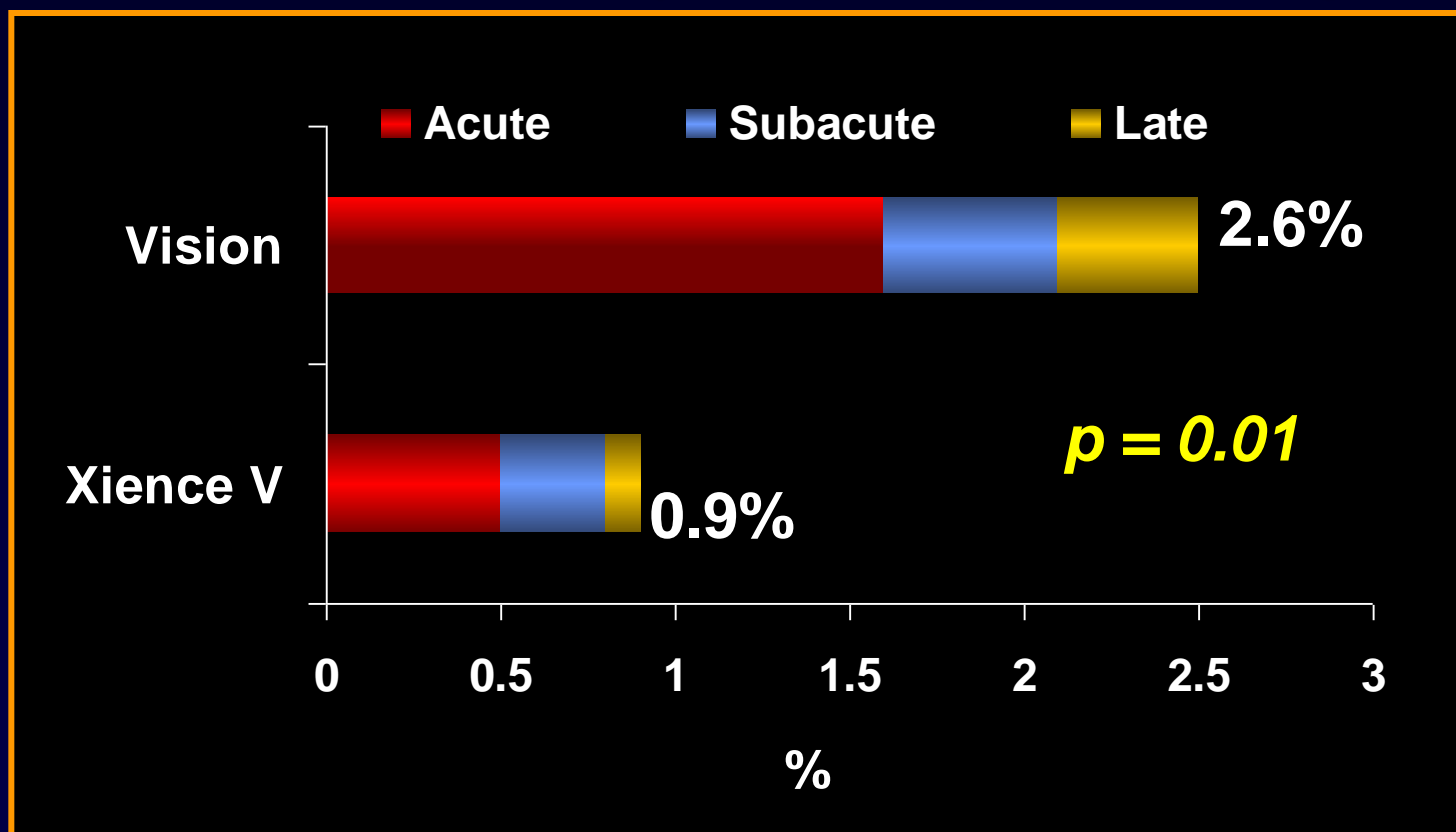
**1-YEAR  
FOLLOW-UP**

**Cobalt-chromium stent**  
(731 patients-98%)



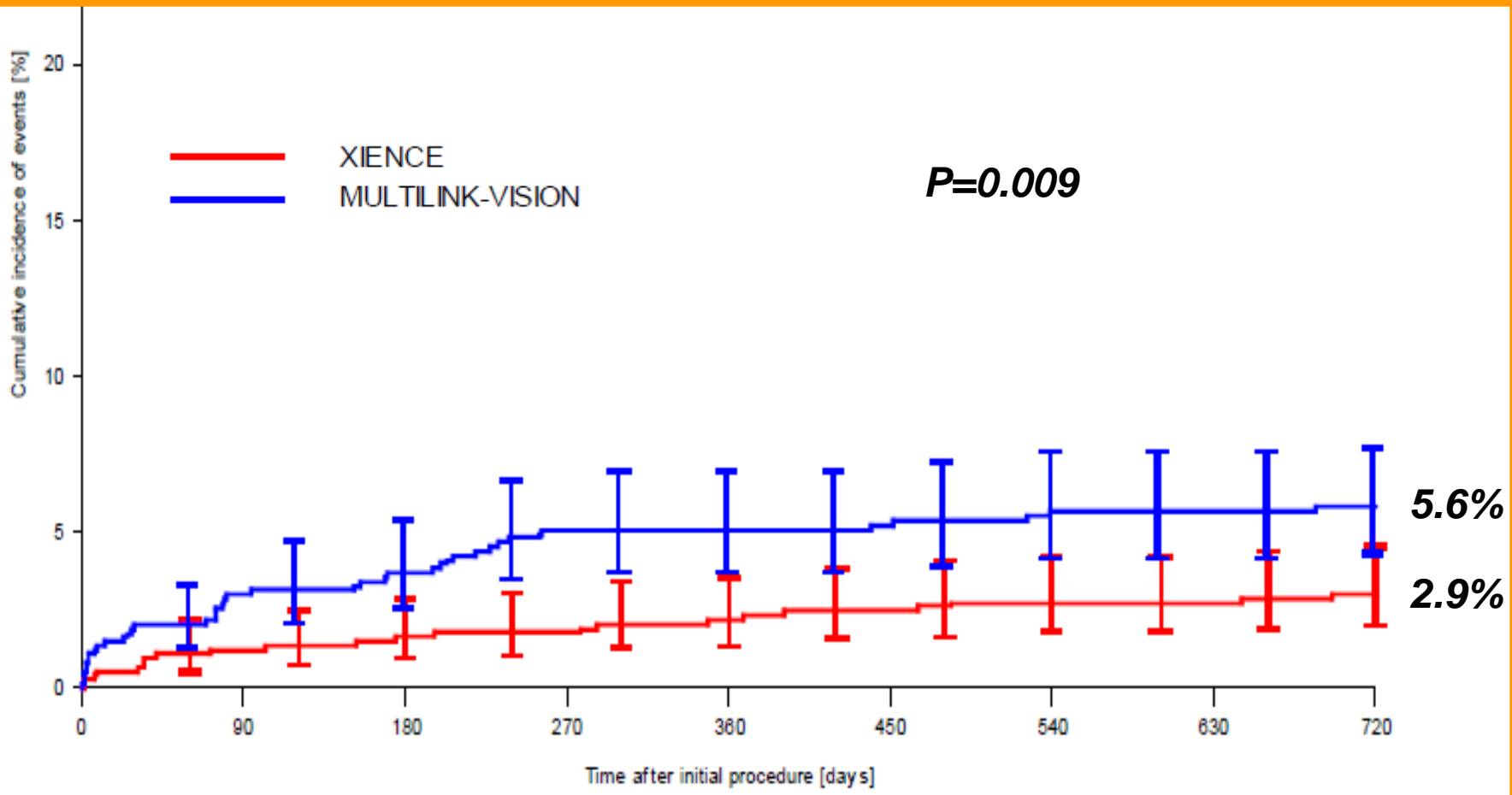
# EXAMINATION Trial: Stent thrombosis still occurs with new generation DES

1504 pts with STEMI undergoing PCI within 48° (85% primary PCI within 12°) randomized to Xience V EES vs. Vision BMS  
Stent thrombosis (Def/prob) within 1 year



# EXAMINATION Trial: TLR still occurs with new generation DES

## Target Lesion Revascularization



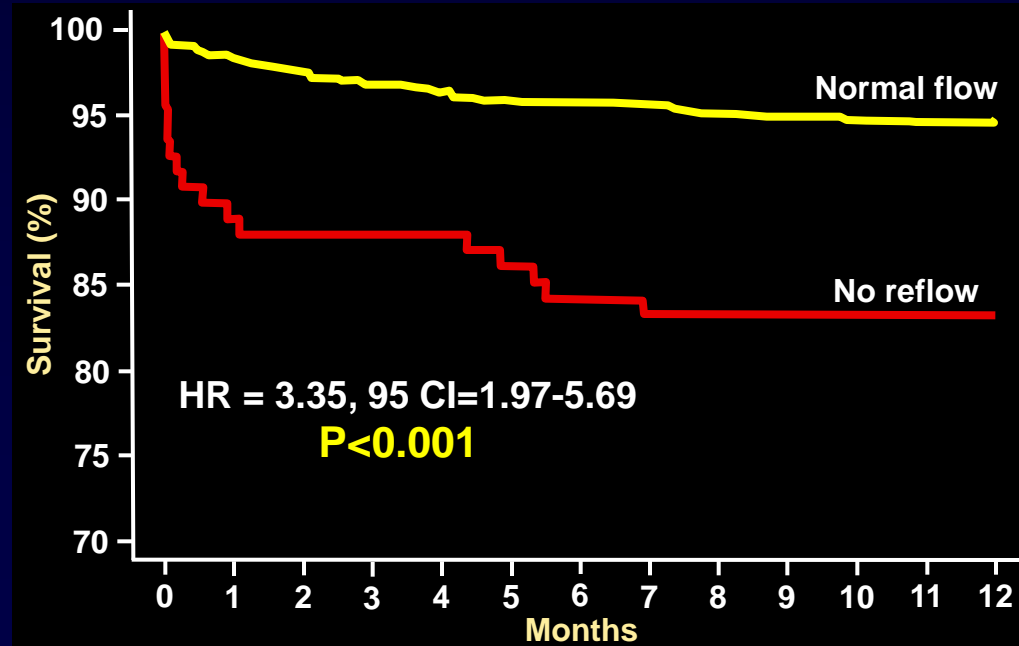
# 5) No-reflow/Ischemia Reperfusion Injury

No-reflow developed in 108/1140 pts (9.5%)

\* From pre-PCI and 7-14 day <sup>99m</sup>Tc-sestamibi imaging

	No reflow (n=108)	Normal flow (n=1032)	P value
Salvage index (median, [IQR])*	0.34 [0.15, 0.49]	0.55 [0.29, 0.81]	<0.001
Infarct size, 7-14d (median, [IQR])*	19% [10%, 34%]	9% [3%, 21%]	<0.001
LVEF, 6 months	48% ± 13%	54% ± 14%	<0.001

By multivariable analysis, no reflow was an independent predictor of 1-year mortality:  
**HR [95%CI] = 1.91 [1.11 to 3.30]**



# Poor Reperfusion: Lack of ST-Segment Resolution as a Predictor of Death and MACE after Primary PCI in STEMI

## The HORIZONS-AMI Trial

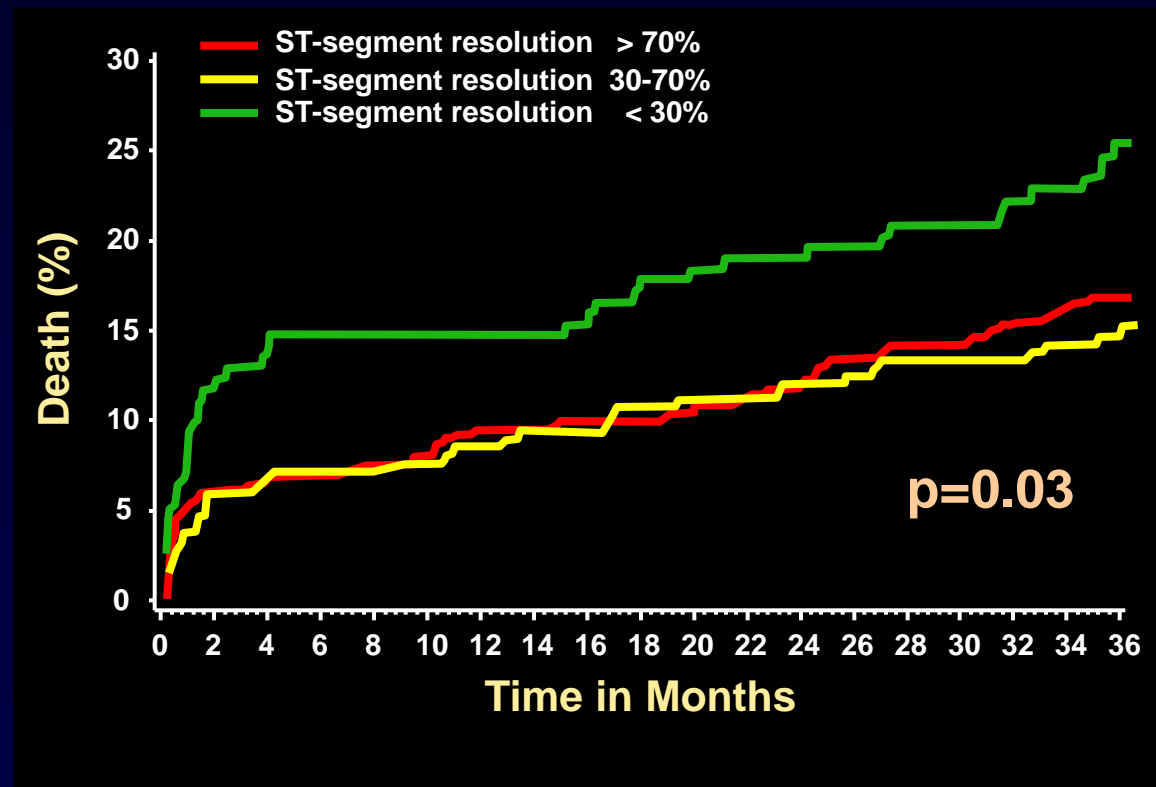
2,484 pts with interpretable baseline and 60-minute post-PCI ECGs

### ST resolution at 60'

Complete (>70%)  
1,258 (50.5%)

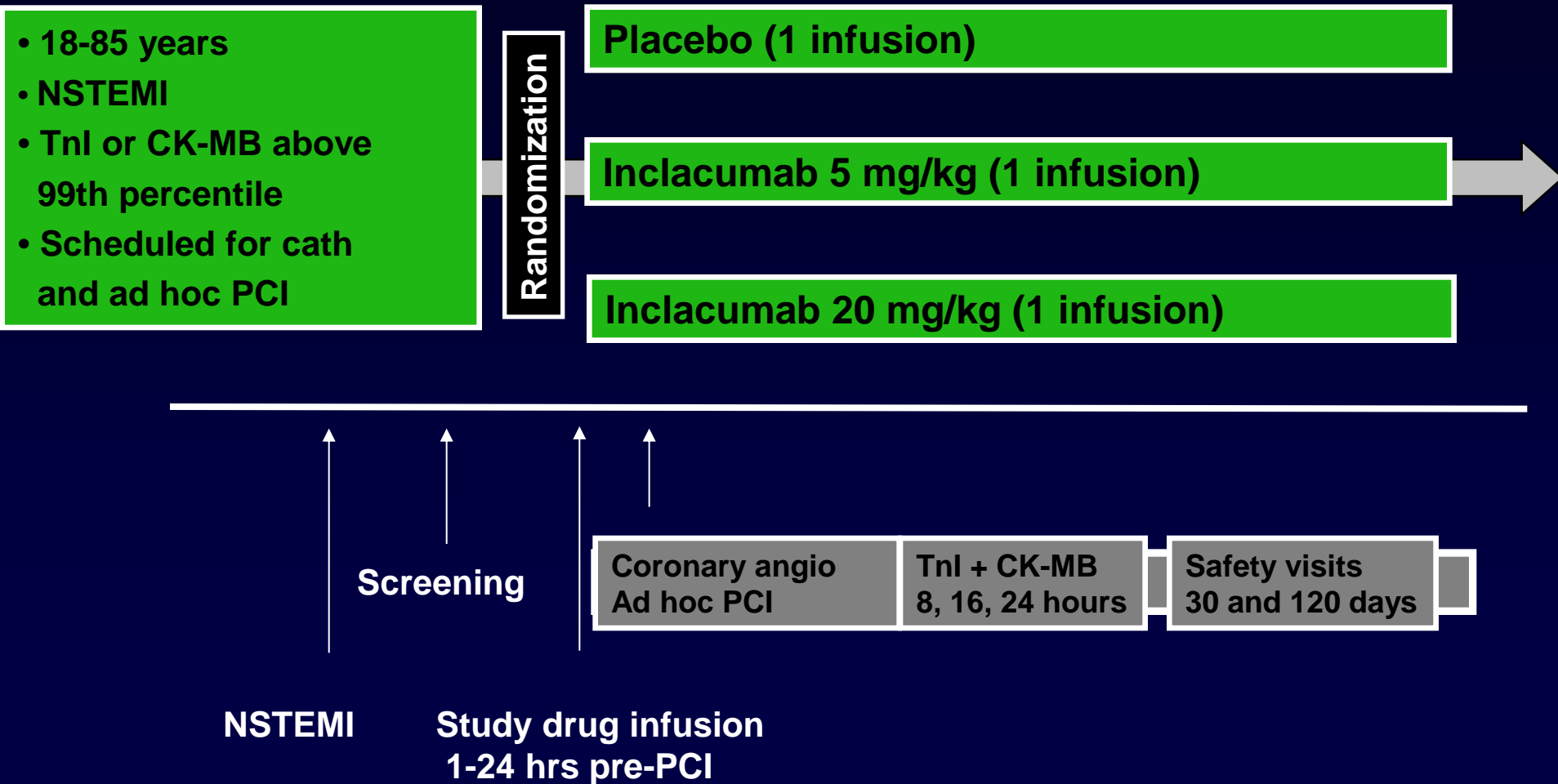
Partial (30%-70%)  
712 (28.7%)

Absent (<30%)  
514 (20.7%)



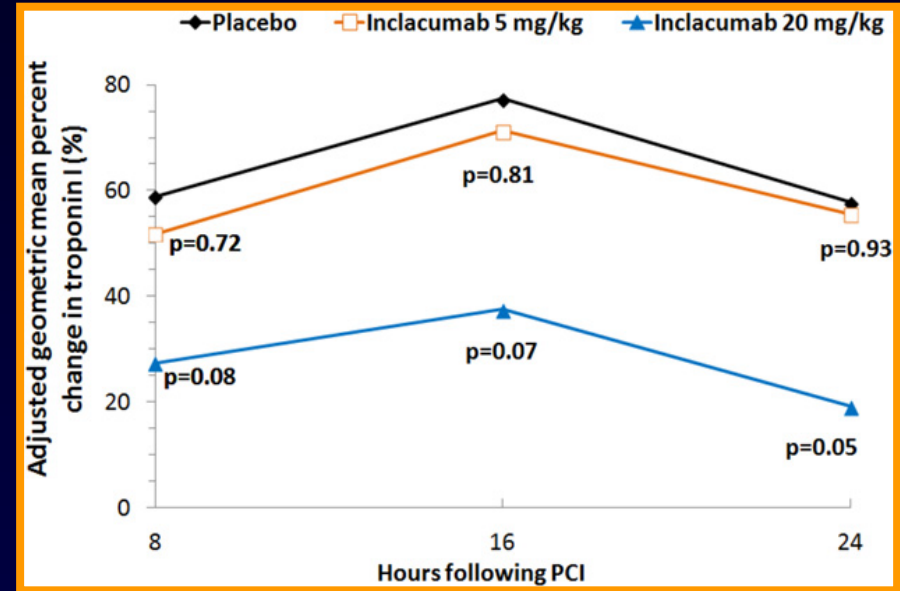
# The SELECT-ACS Trial

## Effects of the P-selectin antagonist inclacumab on myocardial damage after PCI for NSTEMI



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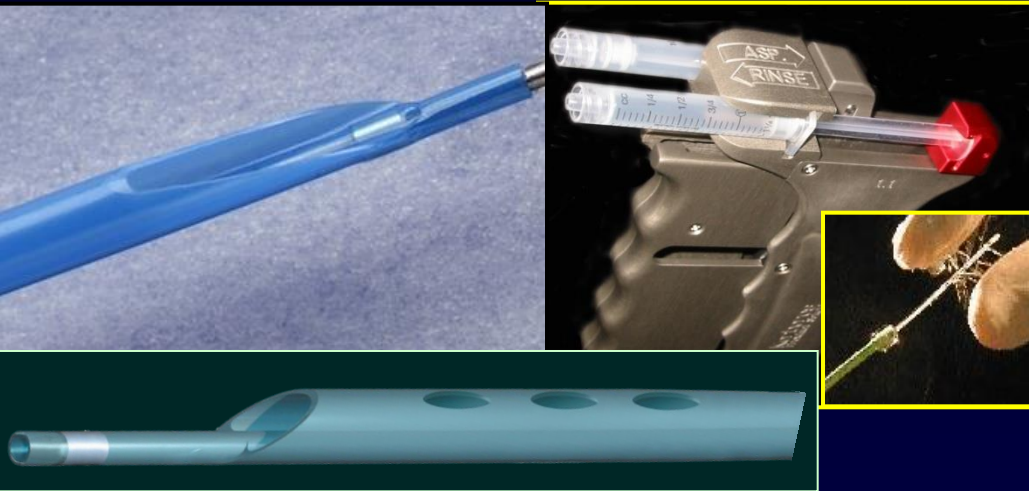
## Percent Change in Troponin I Over Time



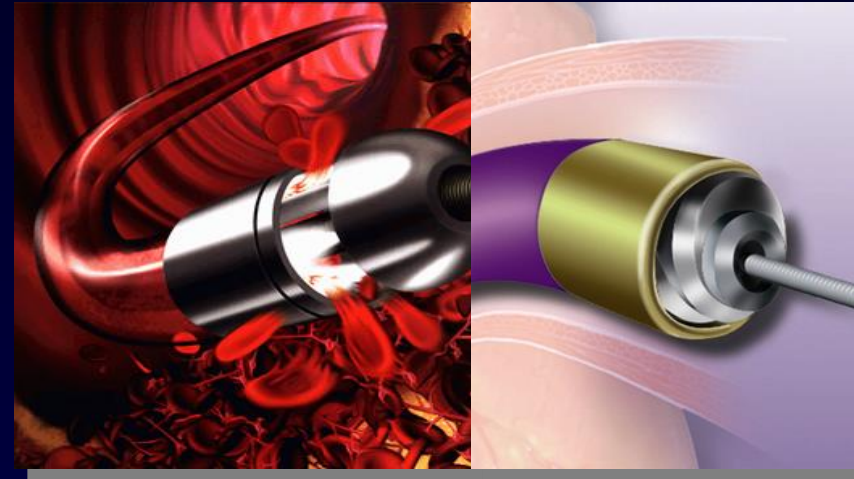
# Mechanical Approaches to Thrombus

## Thrombus aspiration

(Rinspirator, Pronto, Export, Rescue, Diver CE, etc.)



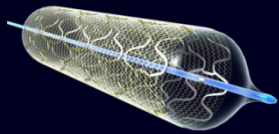
## Thrombectomy (AngioJet, X-Sizer)



## Emboic protection (GuardWire, FilterWire, Proxis, etc.)

GuardWire,





# MGUARD for Acute ST Elevation Reperfusion The MASTER Trial

STEMI with symptom onset within 12 hours at  
432 pts at 50 sites in EU, Israel, Mexico and SA

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PCI with BMS or DES

PCI with MGuard

**Follow-up:** 30 days, 6 months, 1 year

**Primary endpoint:** ST resolution at 60-90 minutes

**Substudies:**

**MRI:** 60 pts (30 in each arm) at 3-5 days

**Angio FU:** 60 pts in MGuard arm at 13 months



# MASTER trial: Angiographic Measures Post-PCI

	MGuard Stent (n = 217)	Control Stent (n = 216)	p Value
Device success*	208 (95.9)	214 (99.1)	0.03
Lesion success†	217 (100.0)	215 (99.5)	0.50
Angiographic success‡	199 (91.7)	178 (82.4)	0.004
Reference vessel diameter, mm§	3.20 (2.90–3.46)	3.16 (2.91–3.46)	0.99
Minimal luminal diameter, mm§			
In-stent	2.99 (2.73–3.25)	2.99 (2.69–3.31)	0.91
In-lesion	2.64 (2.40–2.96)	2.64 (2.36–2.95)	0.82
Diameter stenosis, %§			
In-stent	6.9 (4.2–10.5)	6.4 (3.9–10.3)	0.56
In-lesion	15.3 (9.6–21.2)	15.4 (10.8–21.2)	0.66
TIMI flow grade§			
0/1	4 (1.8)	12 (5.6)	0.01
2	14 (6.5)	25 (11.6)	0.06
3	199 (91.7)	179 (82.9)	0.006
Corrected TIMI frame count§	17.0 (12.0–23.0)	18.0 (13.0–22.0)	0.23
Myocardial blush grade§			
0/1	35 (16.1)	32 (14.8)	0.71
2	21 (9.7)	28/215 (13.0)	0.27
3	161 (74.2)	155/215 (72.1)	0.62
2/3	182 (83.9)	183 (84.7)	0.81
IPTE§	47 (21.7)	48/215 (22.3)	0.87

## 6) Non-Infarct Artery Disease

***“Need to clarify indications for and timing of non-infarct artery revascularization.”***

**Class III harm-**

***“do not do non-infarct vessel PCI in a stable pt at time of primary PCI”***

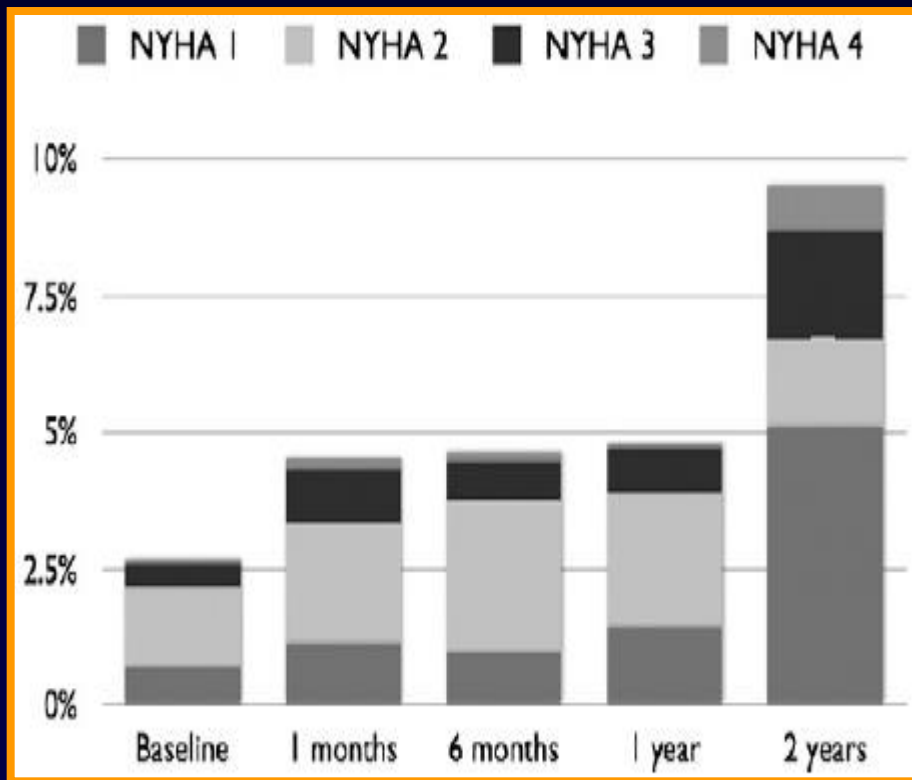
## 7) Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death

- Prediction is imprecise
- Treatment decisions made on EF only
- Optimal therapy in the window after discharge not established

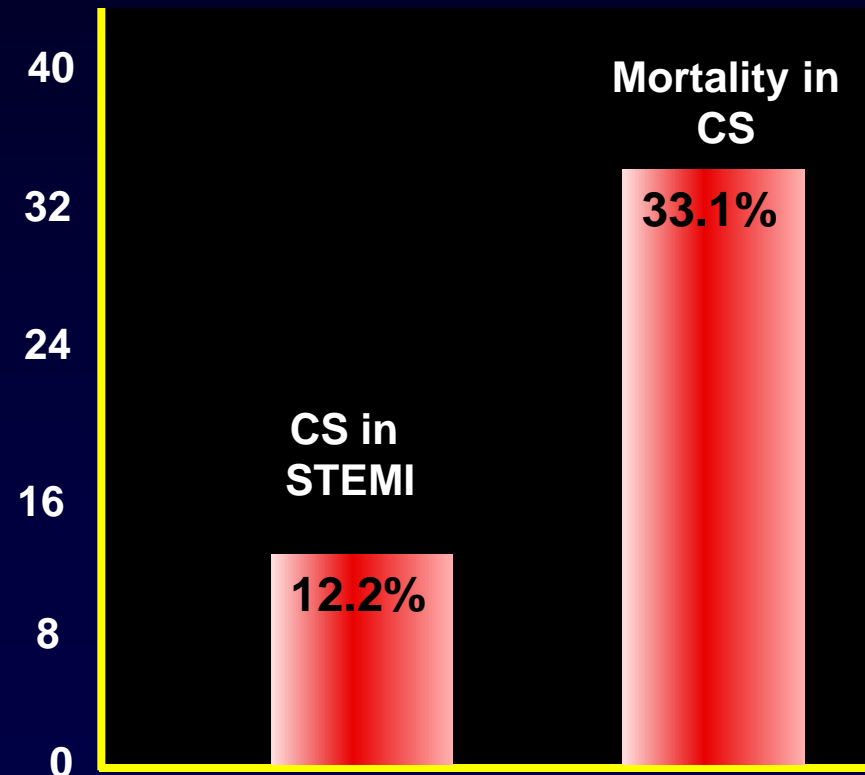
# 8) Prevention of Heart Failure/Cardiogenic Shock

## Frequency of CHF in STEMI

### HORIZON-AMI Trial



## Cardiogenic shock



Anderson MI et al. AHA Scientific Sessions 2011

# 8) Prevention of Heart Failure/Cardiogenic Shock

## Intraaortic Balloon Pump in Cardiogenic (IABP)- SHOCK II Trial

Outcome	IABP	Control	P Value	Relative Risk with IABP (95% CI)
	(N=300)	(N=298)		
	<i>number (percent)</i>			
Primary end point: all-cause mortality at 30 days	119 (39.7)	123 (41.3)	0.69	0.96 (0.79–1.17)
Reinfarction in hospital	9 (3.0)	4 (1.3)	0.16	2.24 (0.70–7.18)
Stent thrombosis in hospital	4 (1.3)	3 (1.0)	0.71	1.32 (0.30–5.87)
Stroke in hospital	2 (0.7)	5 (1.7)	0.28	0.40 (0.08–2.03)
Ischemic	2 (0.7)	4 (1.3)	0.45	0.49 (0.09–2.71)
Hemorrhagic	0	1 (0.3)	0.50	—
Peripheral ischemic complications requiring intervention in hospital	13 (4.3)	10 (3.4)	0.53	1.29 (0.58–2.90)
Bleeding in hospital*				
Life-threatening or severe	10 (3.3)	13 (4.4)	0.51	0.76 (0.34–1.72)
Moderate	52 (17.3)	49 (16.4)	0.77	1.05 (0.74–1.50)
Sepsis in hospital	47 (15.7)	61 (20.5)	0.15	0.77 (0.54–1.08)

# 8) Prevention of Heart Failure/Cardiogenic Shock

## Intraaortic Balloon Pump in Cardiogenic (IABP)- SHOCK II Trial

### Authors' Conclusion:

*“The use of intraaortic balloon counterpulsation did not significantly reduce 30-day mortality in patients with cardiogenic shock complicating acute myocardial infarction for whom an early revascularization strategy was planned.”*

Thiele H et al. *N Engl J Med* 2012;367:1287-96.

### Editorialists' Conclusion:

*“Given the concordance of data from the meta-analyses and the current trial, the data do not support the routine use of IABP in patients with acute myocardial infarction complicated by cardiogenic shock, and the level I guideline recommendation is now strongly challenged.*

*Members of guideline committees and clinicians should take note of another example of a recommendation that is based on insufficient data.”*

O'Connor CM, Rogers JG. *N Engl J Med*. 2012;367:1349-50.

# Conclusions

**We have a long way to go to optimize reperfusion in STEMI:**

## **Major Limitations:**

- Patient Education
- Transfer to dedicated PCI sites
- Antithrombotic therapy
- Catheter and fibrinolysis-induced reperfusion  
(no-reflow and ischemia-reperfusion injury)
- Treatment of shock

**What we can do immediately to optimize reperfusion:**

**Practice Guideline Based Medicine!**