

# *A New Era of Anti-Platelet Therapy to Support PCI in ACS Patients*

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# Learning Objectives

- Review the new anti-platelet agents
- Focus on patient subgroups where they may be particularly advantageous
- Discuss patient characteristics that favour one agent over another
- Review the most recent guidelines for use

# Mortality rates in acute coronary syndromes

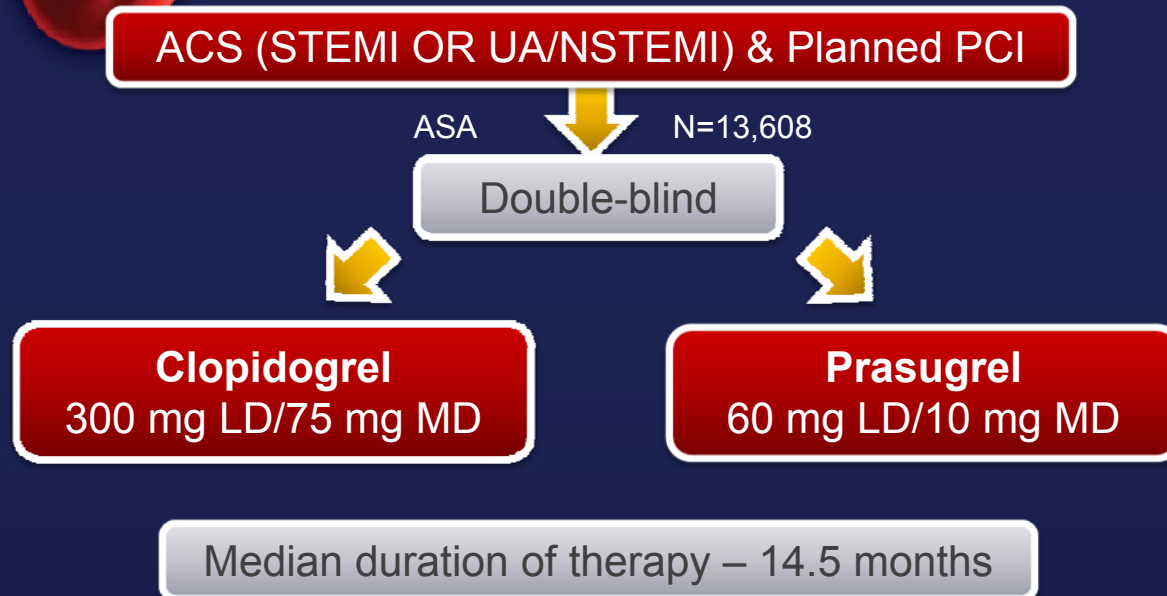
- Despite improvements in the treatment of ACS, ACS mortality and morbidity rates remain high [Fox 2007:A]
  - In UA, 30% evolve to an MI – 24% to NSTEMI and 6% to STEMI [Fox 2002:A]
  - 5 year risk of re-MI in NSTEMI is 12%-14% and 7% for CV death [Damman 2010:A]
  - In-hospital and 6-month death from STEMI rates are nearly 5% [Fox 2007:A]

# Comparison of currently approved anti-platelet agents

	<b>Clopidogrel</b>	<b>Prasugrel</b>	<b>Ticagrelor</b>
Class	Thienopyridine	Thienopyridine	Triazolopyrimidine
Reversibility	Irreversible	Irreversible	Reversible
Activation	Prodrug, limited by metabolism	Prodrug, not limited by metabolism	Active Drug
Onset of Effect*	2-4 h	30 mins	30 mins
Duration of Effect	3-10 days	5-10 days	3-4 days
Withdrawal before major Surgery	5 days	7 days	3-5 days

\* 50% inhibition of platelet aggregation

# TRITON-TIMI 38 – Trial Design



**1° Endpoint:** CV death, MI, stroke

**2° Endpoint:** All cause death, MI, stroke, CV death, rehos-rec isch., UTVR, stent thrombosis (ARC definite/prob.)

**Safety Endpoints:** TIMI major bleeds, life-threatening bleeds

**Key Substudies:** Pharmacokinetic, genomic

# PLATO – Study Design

NSTEACS (moderate-high risk), STEMI (if primary PCI),  
Clopidogrel-treated or -naive;  
randomized within 24 h of index event  
(N=18,624)



## Clopidogrel

If pre-treated, no additional LD;  
if naive, standard 300 mg LD;  
then 75 mg once daily MD;  
(additional 300 mg allowed pre-PCI)

## Ticagrelor

180 mg LD, then 90 mg twice daily MD;  
(additional 90 mg pre-PCI)

6-12 month exposure

**1° Endpoint:** CV death, MI, stroke

**1° Safety Endpoint:** Total major bleeding

# The Two Newest Agents in DAPT Factors to Consider from Pivotal Trials

- TRITON-TIMI 38 (Prasugrel) and PLATO (Ticagrelor)

Factor	TRITON-TIMI 38 <sup>1</sup>	PLATO <sup>2</sup>
<b>Patient population</b>	ACS undergoing PCI with known coronary anatomy (not required for STEMI pts undergoing 1 <sup>o</sup> PCI)	Full spectrum ACS
<b>Number of patients</b>	13,608	18,624
<b>Pretreatment with clopidogrel</b>	None (except STEMI)	Pretreatment 79.1% → ≥ 300 mg* 19.6% → ≥600 mg*
<b>Clopidogrel loading dose</b>	300 mg	300-600 mg
<b>GPIIb/IIIa use</b>	~55%	~27%
<b>Trial duration (median)</b>	14.5 months	9.1 months

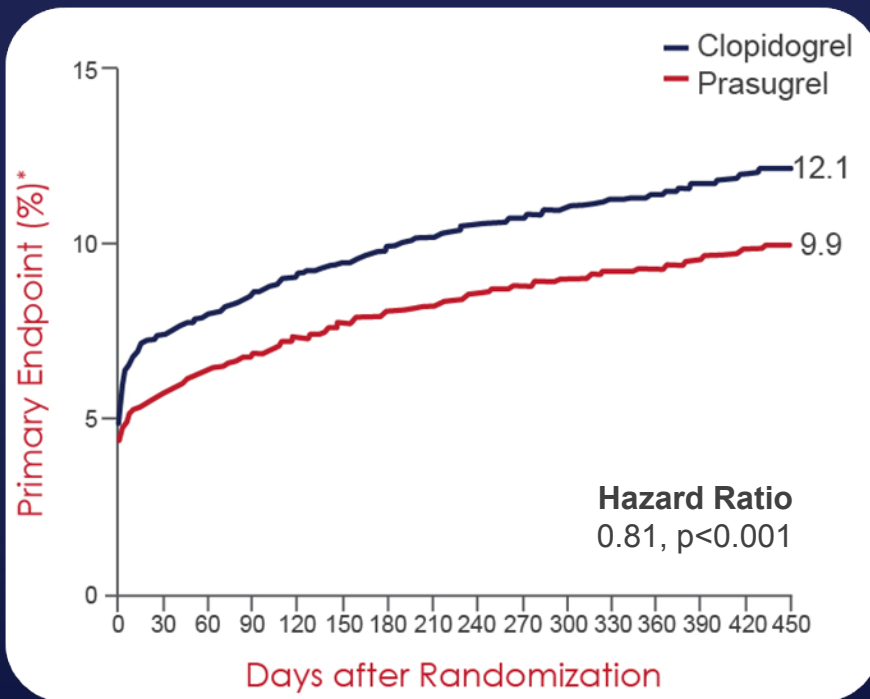
\*Clopidogrel group. GP, glycoprotein. 1. Wiviott et al. NEJM. 2007;357:2001-15; 2. Wallentin et al. NEJM. 2009;361:1045-57.



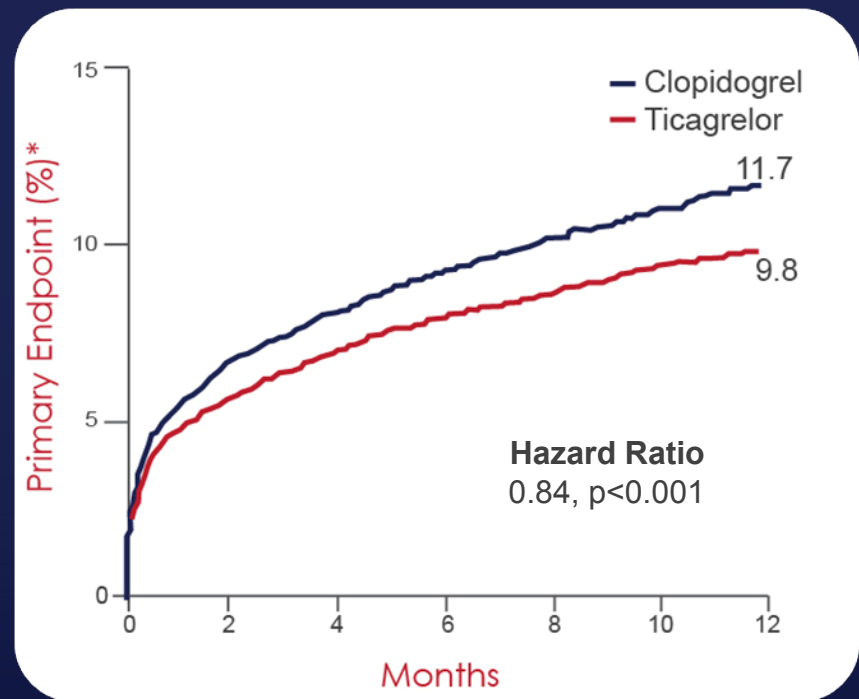
# Patients with ACS

## Efficacy of Prasugrel and Ticagrelor

### TRITON-TIMI 38<sup>1</sup>



### PLATO<sup>2</sup>



\*Composite endpoint of cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction or nonfatal stroke.  
Adapted from 1. Wiviott et al. NEJM. 2007;357:2001-15; 2. Wallentin et al. NEJM. 2009;361:1045-57.

# TRITON-TIMI 38: primary endpoint components and secondary endpoints

Endpoint <sup>a</sup>	Prasugrel (N=6813)	Clopidogrel (N=6795)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P value
	N (%)			
<b>CV death/nonfatal MI/nonfatal stroke</b>	643 (9.9)	781 (12.1)	0.81 (0.73-0.90)	<0.001
CV death	133 (2.1)	150 (2.4)	0.89 (0.70-1.12)	0.31
Nonfatal MI	475 (7.3)	620 (9.5)	0.76 (0.67-0.85)	<0.001
Nonfatal stroke	61 (1.0)	60 (1.0)	1.02 (0.71-1.45)	0.93
<b>Death from any cause</b>	188 (3.0)	197 (3.2)	0.95 (0.78-1.16)	0.64
<b>Death from any cause, NFMI, or nonfatal stroke</b>	797 (12.3)	938 (14.6)	0.84 (0.76-0.92)	<0.001
<b>Stent thrombosis</b>	68 (1.1)	142 (2.4)	0.48 (0.36-0.64)	<0.001

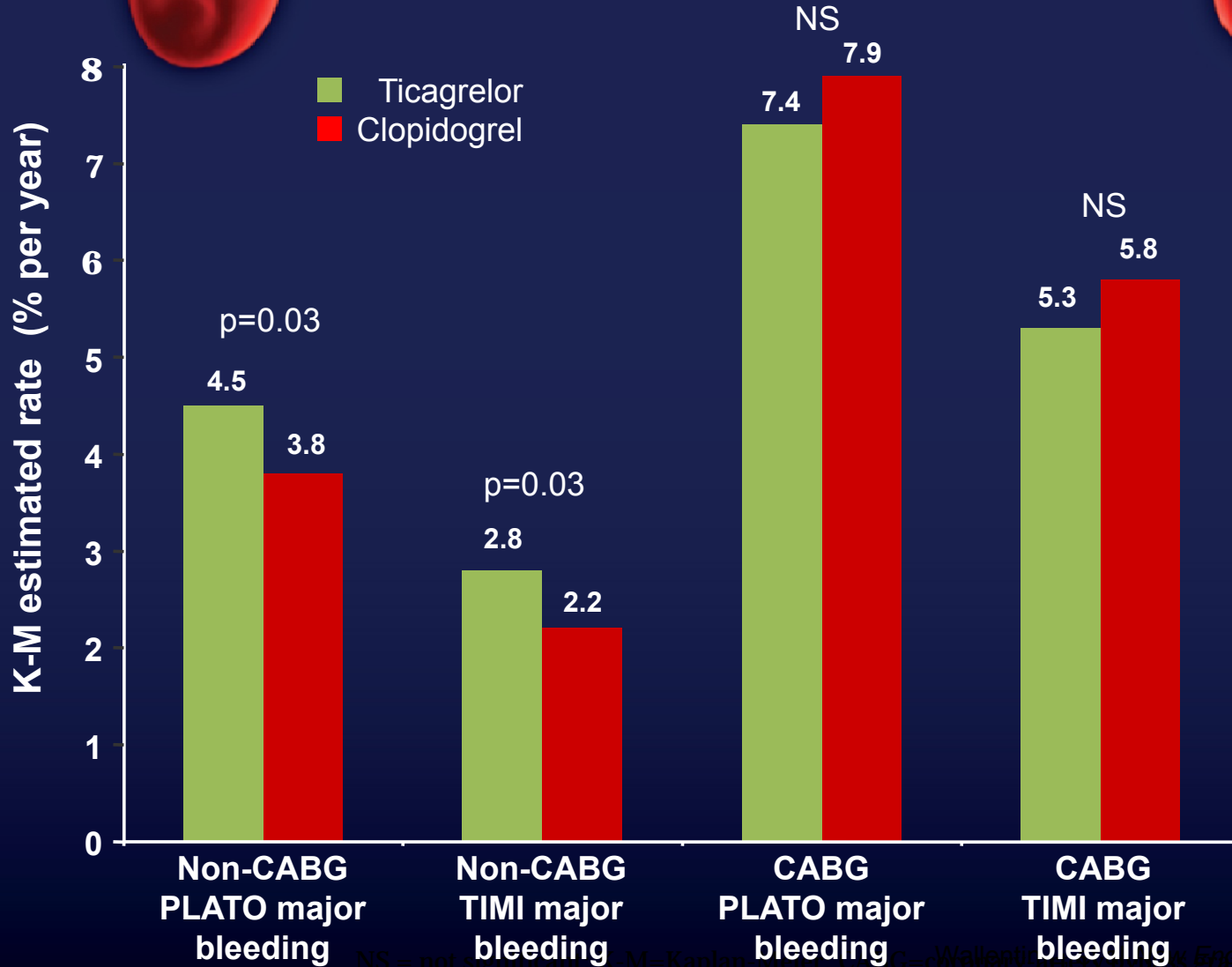
# PLATO: secondary endpoints

Endpoint	Ticagrelor (N=9333) n (%)	Clopidogrel (N=9291) n (%)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P value
Death from vascular causes, MI, or stroke in planned invasive treatment	569 (8.9)	668 (10.6)	0.84 (0.75-0.94)	0.003
Death from any cause, MI, or stroke	901 (10.2)	1065 (12.3)	0.84 (0.77-0.92)	<0.001
CV death, MI, stroke, recurrent ischemia, TIA, or arterial thrombotic events	1290 (14.6)	1456 (16.7)	0.88 (0.81-0.95)	<0.001
MI	504 (5.8)	593 (6.9)	0.84 (0.85-0.95)	0.005
Death from vascular causes	353 (4.0)	442 (5.1)	0.79 (0.69-0.91)	0.001
Stroke	125 (1.5)	106 (1.3)	1.17 (0.91-1.52)	0.22
Death from any cause <sup>a</sup>	399 (4.5)	506 (5.9)	0.78 (0.69-0.89)	<0.001

<sup>a</sup>Death from any cause was tested after stroke, which was nonsignificant, so the results should be considered nominally significant

# PLATO: Ticagrelor

## Non-CABG and CABG-related Major Bleeding

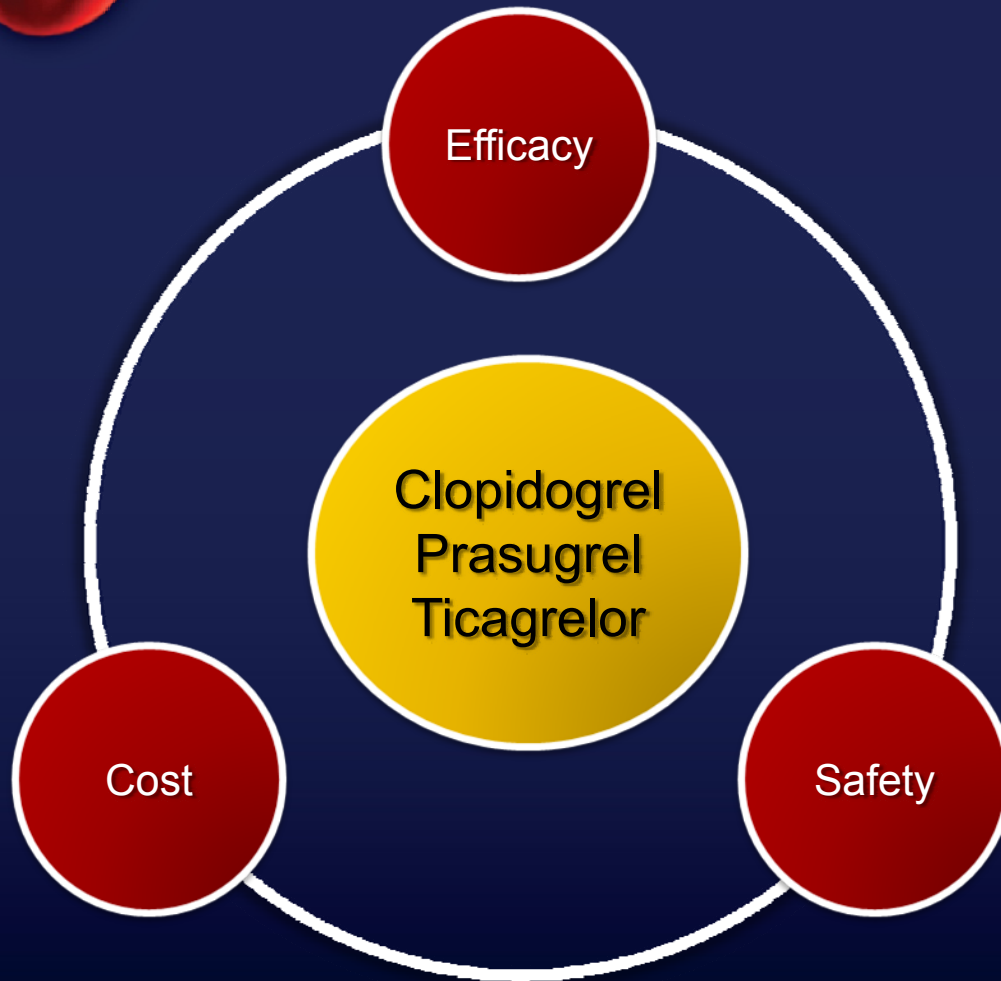


# TRITON TIMI 38: bleeding endpoints

Endpoint	Prasugrel	Clopidogrel	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P value
	N (%)			
<b><i>Non-CABG-related TIMI Major bleeding</i></b>	<b>146 (2.4)</b>	<b>111 (1.8)</b>	<b>1.32 (1.03-1.68)</b>	<b>0.03</b>
Life-threatening	85 (1.4)	56 (0.9)	1.52 (1.08-2.13)	0.01
Fatal <sup>a</sup>	21 (0.4)	5 (0.1)	4.19 (1.58-11.11)	0.002
Nonfatal	64 (1.1)	51 (0.9)	1.25 (0.87-1.81)	0.23
<b>Intracranial</b>	19 (0.3)	17 (0.3)	1.12 (0.58-2.15)	0.74
<b>Major or Minor TIMI bleeding</b>	303 (5.0)	231 (3.8)	1.31. (1.11-1.56)	0.002
<b>Bleeding requiring transfusion</b>	244 (4.0)	182 (3.0)	1.34 (1.11-1.63)	<0.001
<b><i>CABG-related TIMI Major bleeding</i></b>	<b>24 (13.4)</b>	<b>6 (3.2)</b>	<b>4.73 (1.90-11.82)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

# New Agents, New Challenges

## Special Populations



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# Special Populations

## Diabetics

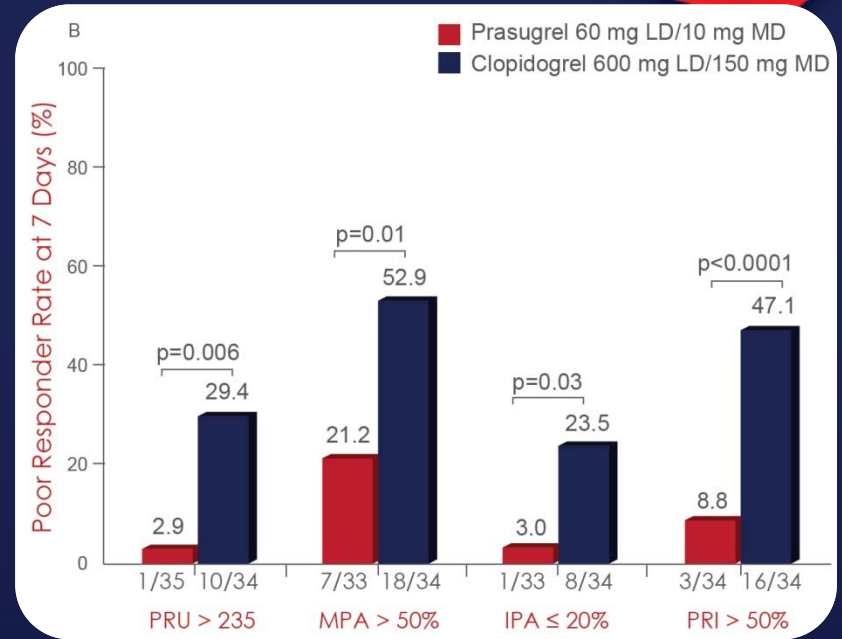
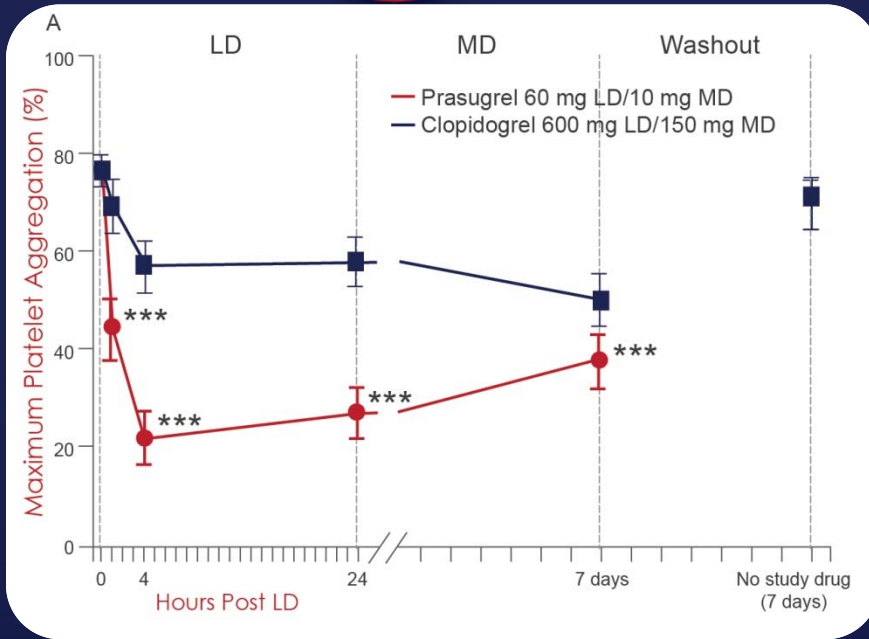
# Optimizing Antiplatelet Therapy in Diabetes

## OPTIMUS-3 – Cross-over Study

### Platelet Aggregation

N=35

### Poor Responder Rate – 7 d



Significantly greater platelet inhibition was observed with prasugrel from Hour 1 to Day 7 (p=0.0001).\* Prasugrel resulted in fewer poor responders at all time points irrespective of the definition used.

\*Similar results obtained using other platelet function measures. IPA, induced platelet aggregation; LD, loading dose; MD, maintenance dose; MPA, maximum platelet aggregation; PRI, platelet reactivity index; PRU, platelet reaction units.

1. Angiolillo et al. Eur Heart J. 2011;32:838-46.



# AntiPlatelet therapy is effective in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus

## TRITON-TIMI 38

Prasugrel vs. Clopidogrel:\* median 14.5 month follow-up

Endpoint	Cohort	Event Rate (%) Prasugrel vs. Clopidogrel	ARR (%)	RRR (%)	NNT
Primary endpoint†	Overall	9.9 vs. 12.1	2.2	18	46
	NSTEMI or UA	9.9 vs. 12.1	2.2	18	46
	Diabetes mellitus	12.2 vs. 17.0	4.8	28	21

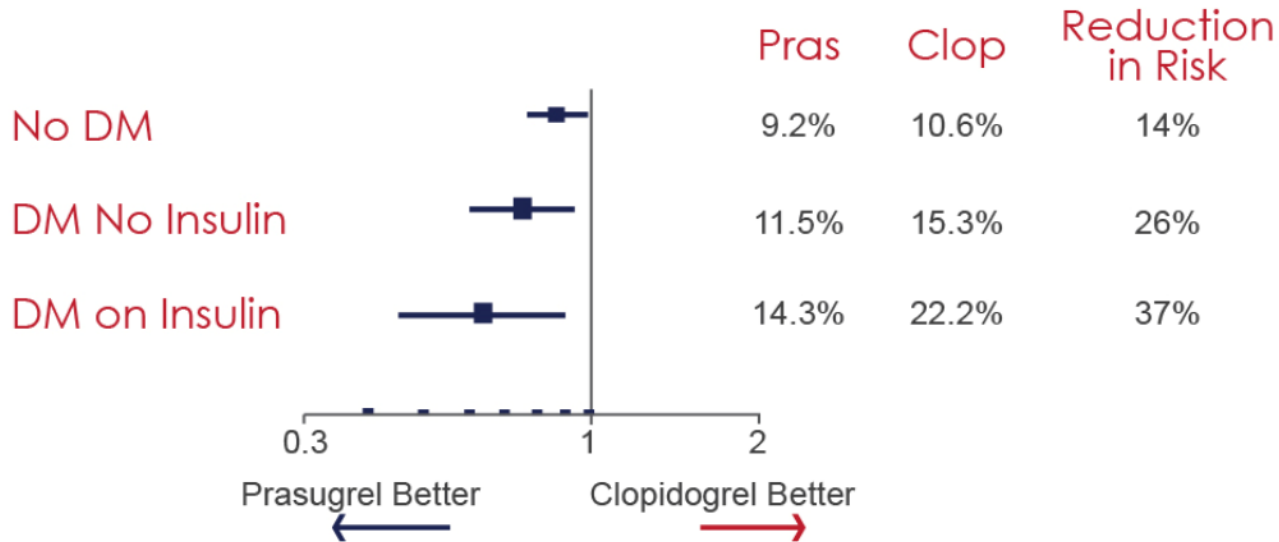
## PLATO

Ticagrelor vs. Clopidogrel:\* median 9.1 month follow-up

Endpoint	Cohort	Event Rate (%) Ticagrelor vs. Clopidogrel	ARR (%)	RRR (%)	NNT
Primary endpoint†	Overall	9.8 vs. 11.7	1.9	16	53
	NSTEMI or UA	10.1 vs. 12.3	2.2	18	46
	Diabetes mellitus	14.1 vs. 16.2	2.1	12	48

# Insulin-treated vs. Non-insulin-treated Patients with Diabetes: TRITON-TIMI 38 Subgroup

## Reduction in the Primary Endpoint\* by Diabetes Status and Treatment Group



Among insulin-treated and non-insulin-treated patients with diabetes, highly significant relative reductions in the primary endpoint\* (37% and 26%, respectively) were observed for prasugrel.

\*Cardiovascular death/nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke. DM, diabetes mellitus.

1. Wiviott et al. Circulation. 2008;118:1626-36.

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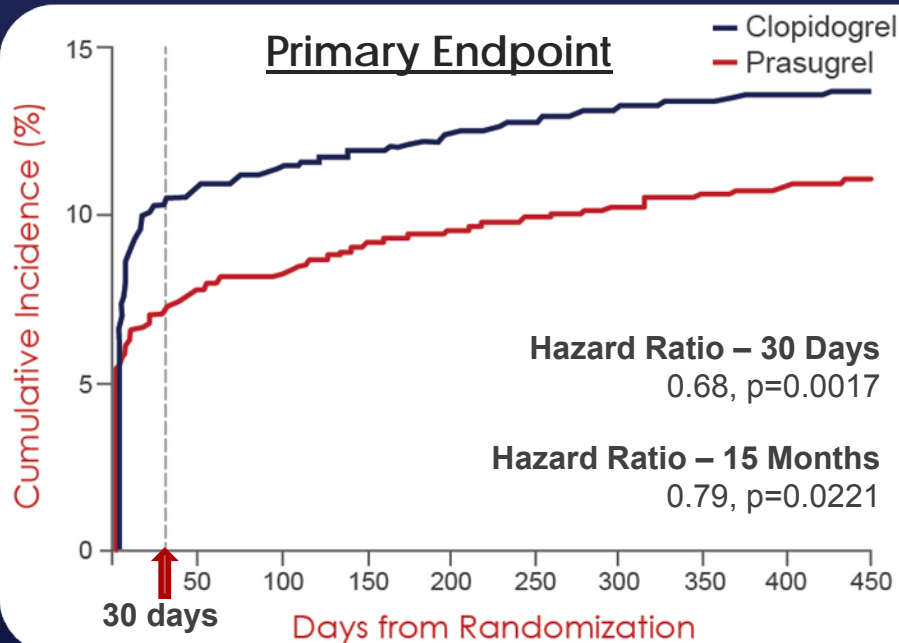
# Special Populations

# STEMI

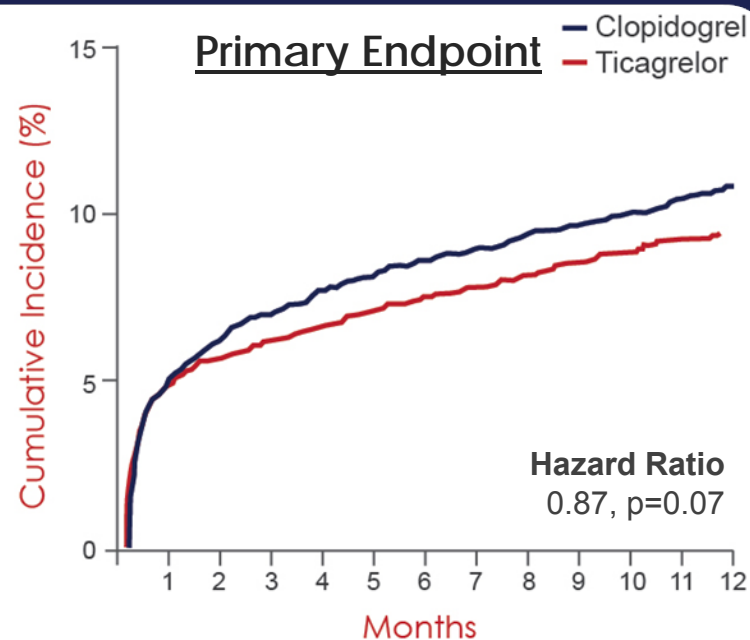
# Patients with STEMI

## Efficacy of Prasugrel and Ticagrelor

**TRITON-TIMI 38<sup>1</sup>** Prespecified analysis of STEMI patients → prasugrel vs. clopidogrel



**PLATO<sup>2</sup>** Subgroup analysis of STEMI patients → ticagrelor vs. clopidogrel



Both ticagrelor and prasugrel were superior to clopidogrel in reducing the incidence of CV death, MI or stroke in patients with STEMI. A statistically significant benefit emerged with prasugrel as early as 30 days.

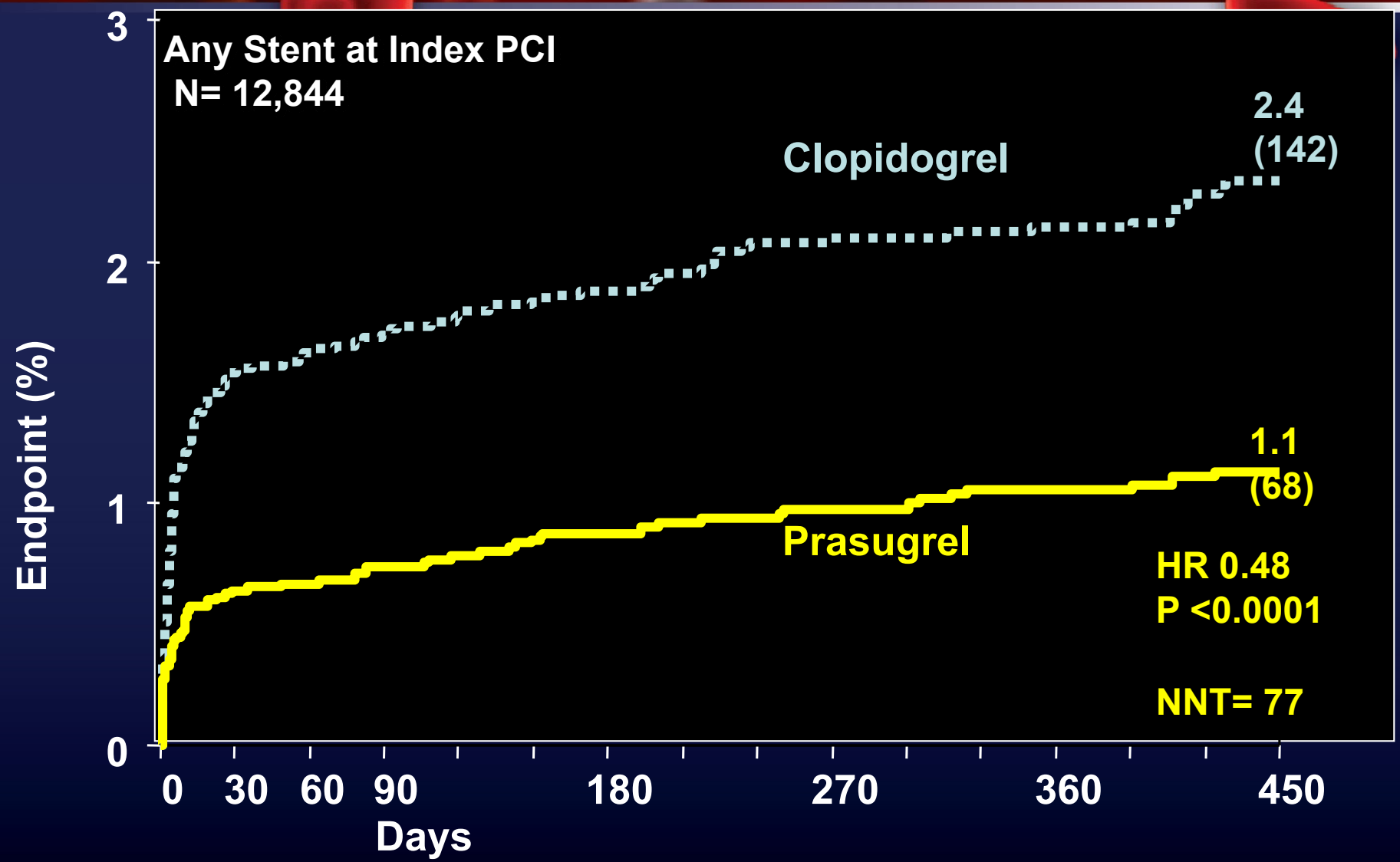
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# Special Populations

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# Stent Thrombosis

# Stent Thrombosis (ARC Definite + Probable)

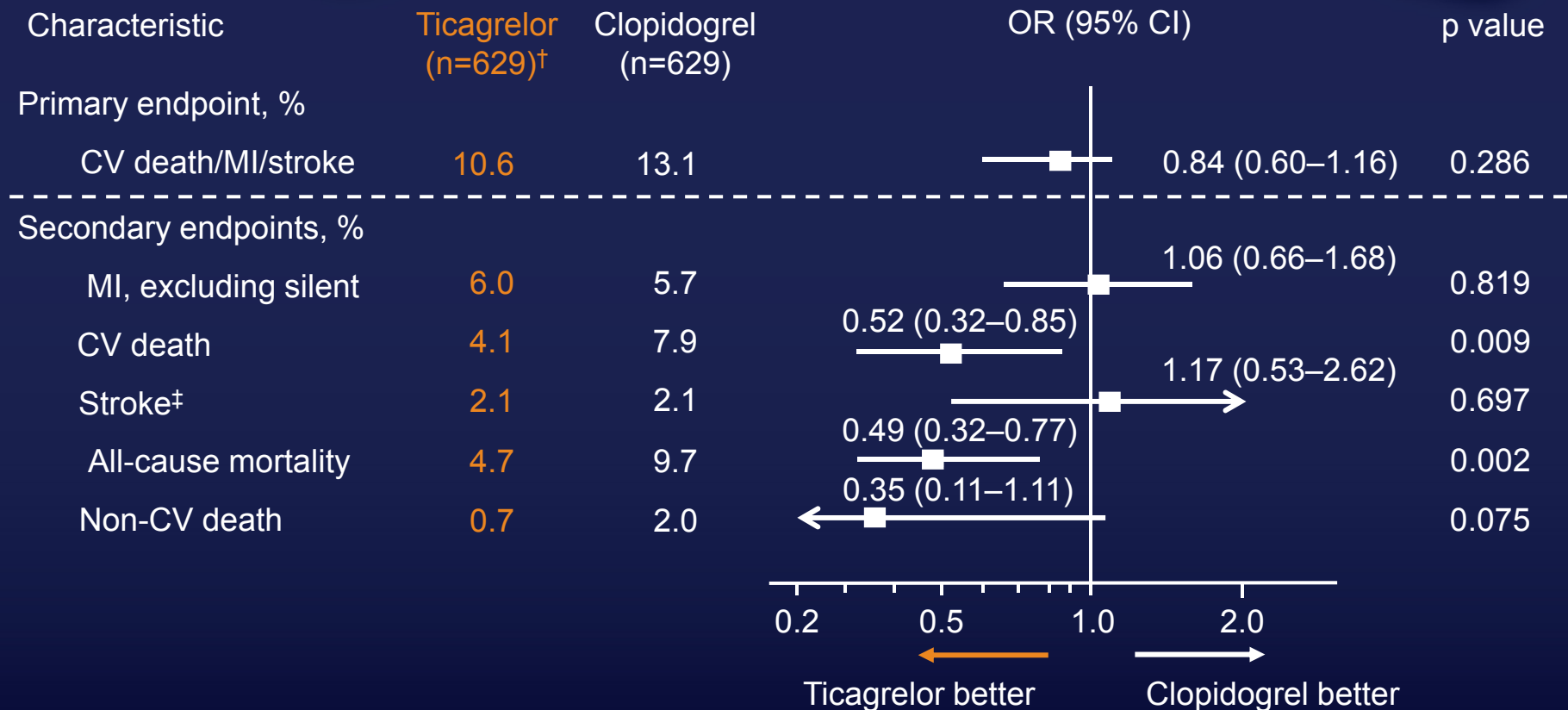


A microscopic view of red blood cells and a starfish-like organism. The background is a deep red color with various shades of red and orange. The red blood cells are prominent, showing their characteristic biconcave disc shape. A starfish-like organism is visible in the upper left corner.

# Special Populations

Those requiring CABG

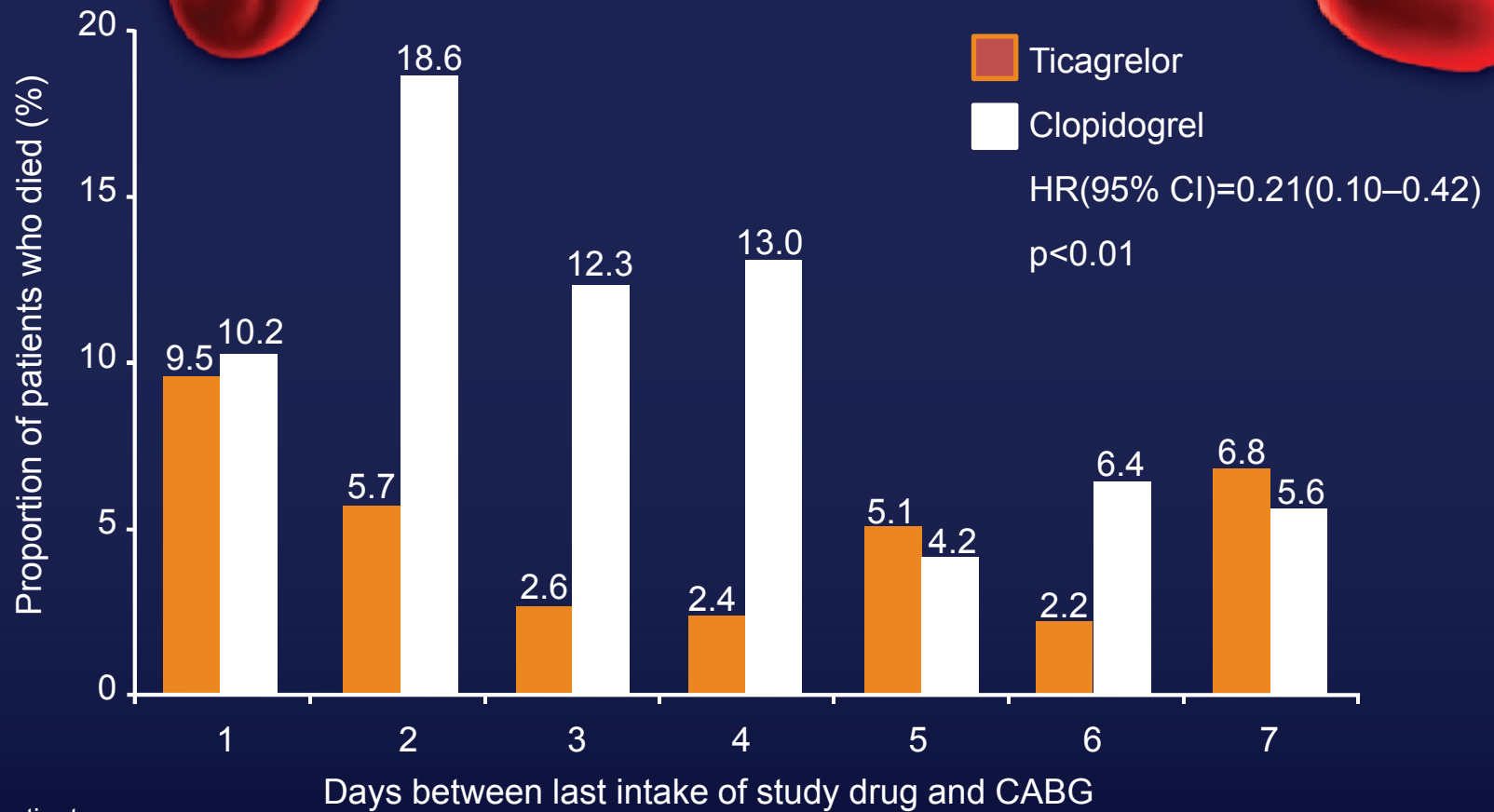
# PLATO CABG: Primary and secondary outcomes\*



\*Over the duration of the study; <sup>†</sup>Three patients had missing values for the efficacy endpoints due to CABG after the censoring date at 12 months; <sup>‡</sup>Results for haemorrhagic stroke: 0.0% (ticagrelor) and 0.2% (clopidogrel); non-haemorrhagic/unknown stroke: 2.1% and 1.9%, respectively (p=0.54). CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; OR, odds ratio.  
 Held C, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2011;57:672–684;  
 Wallentin L, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2009;361:1045–1057.



# PLATO CABG: Mortality and time between last intake of study drug and CABG



Number of patients

CABG

Ticagrelor

Clopidogrel

84

88

106

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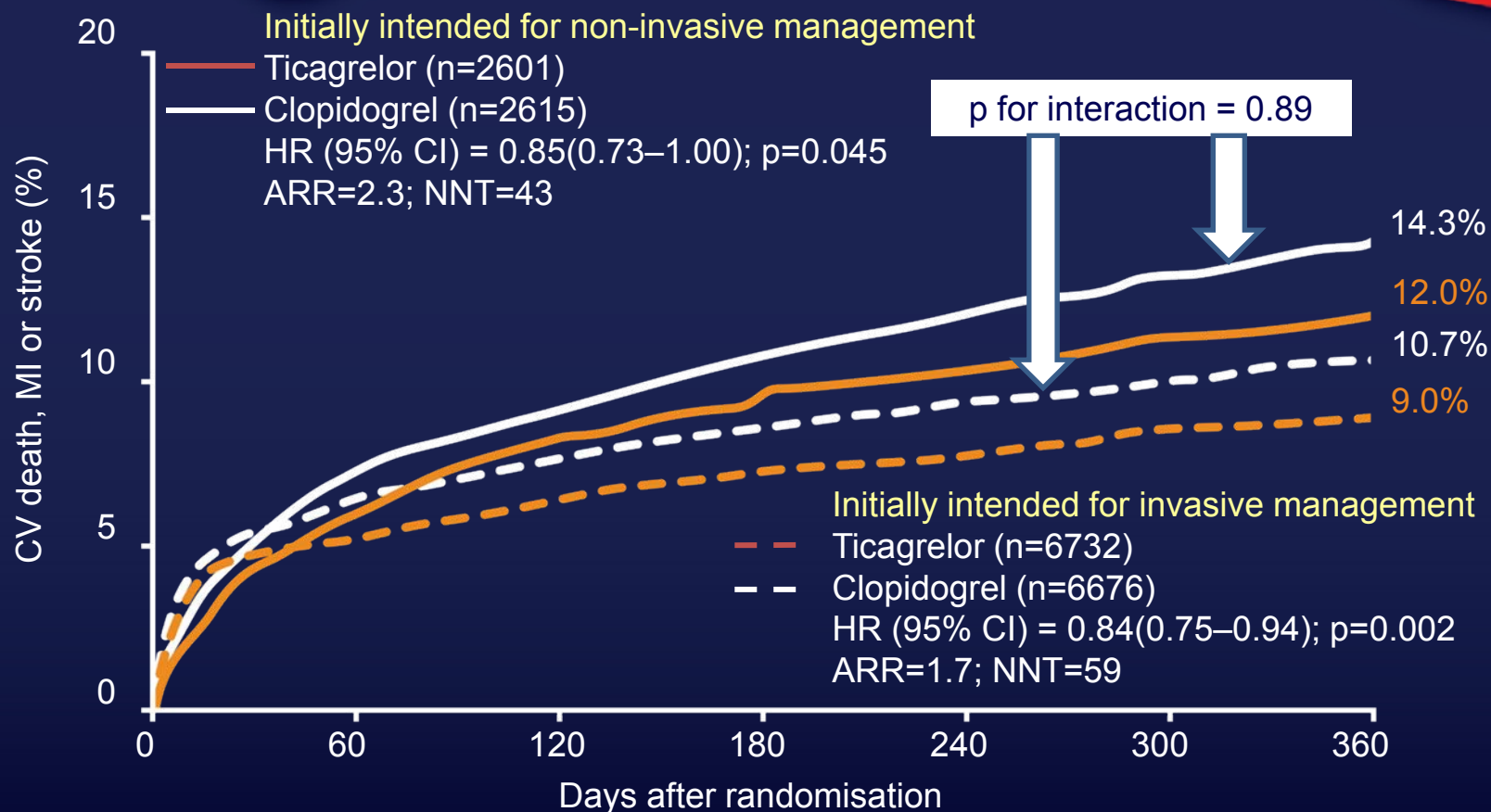
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# Special Populations

# Medical Therapy

# Ticagrelor maintains superiority when medical management preferred option



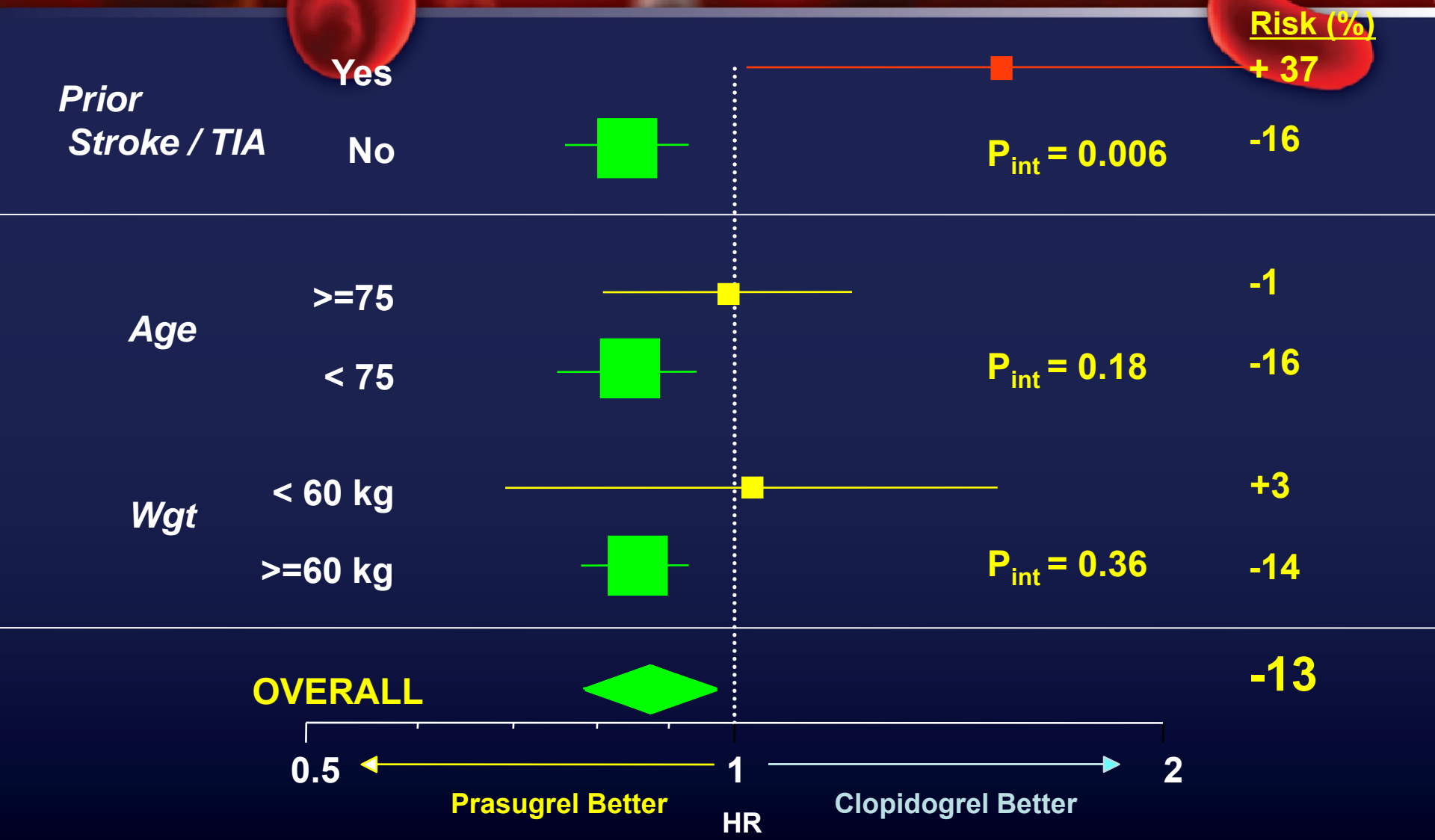
A microscopic view of red blood cells, showing several biconcave discs in various stages of focus and depth against a dark red background. The cells are scattered across the top half of the frame, with some appearing sharp and others blurred.

# Other Special Populations

Elderly, Stroke/TIA, CKD

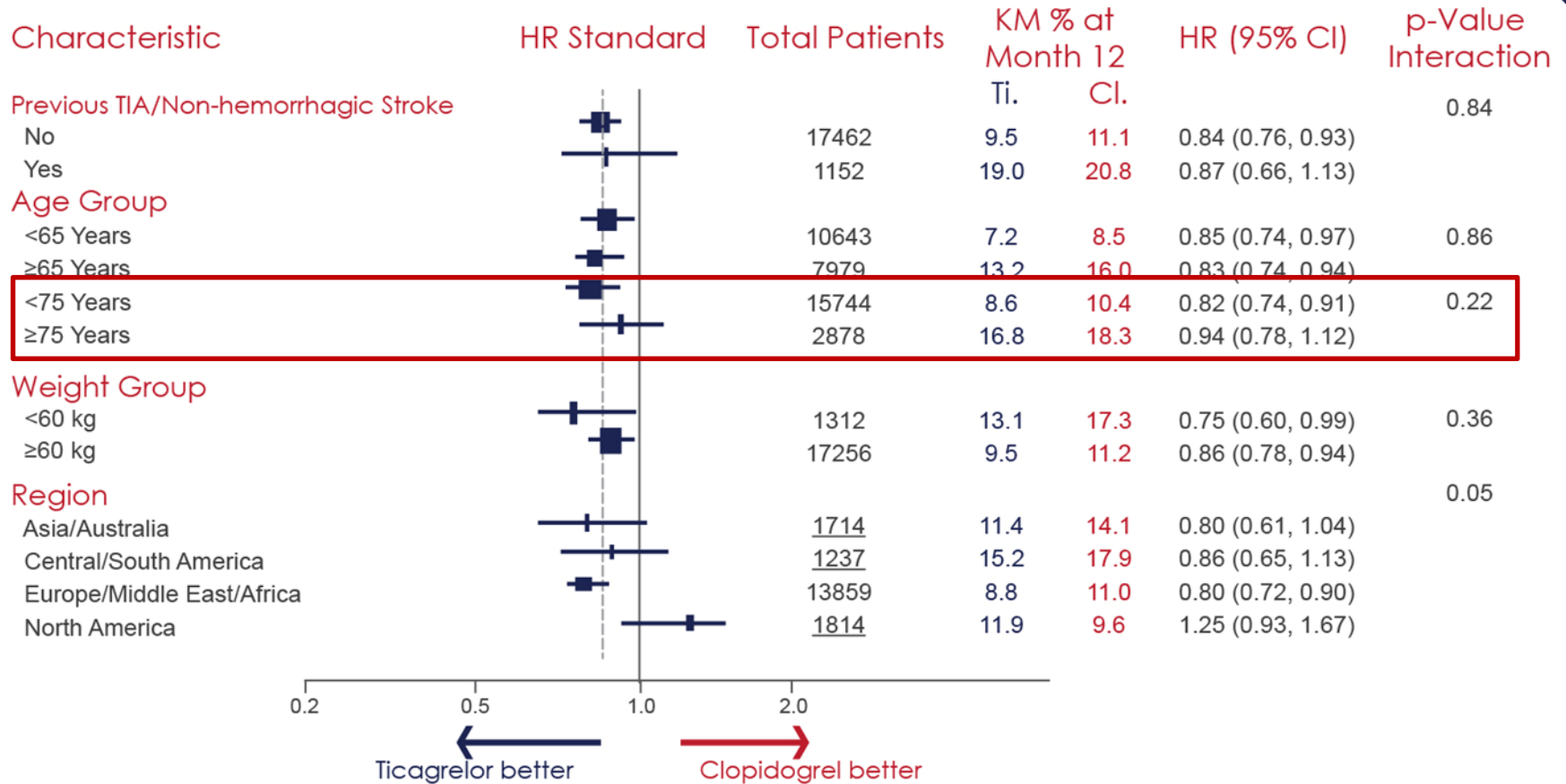
# What if Scenarios... Prior Stroke Balance of Efficacy and Safety

## Post-hoc analysis

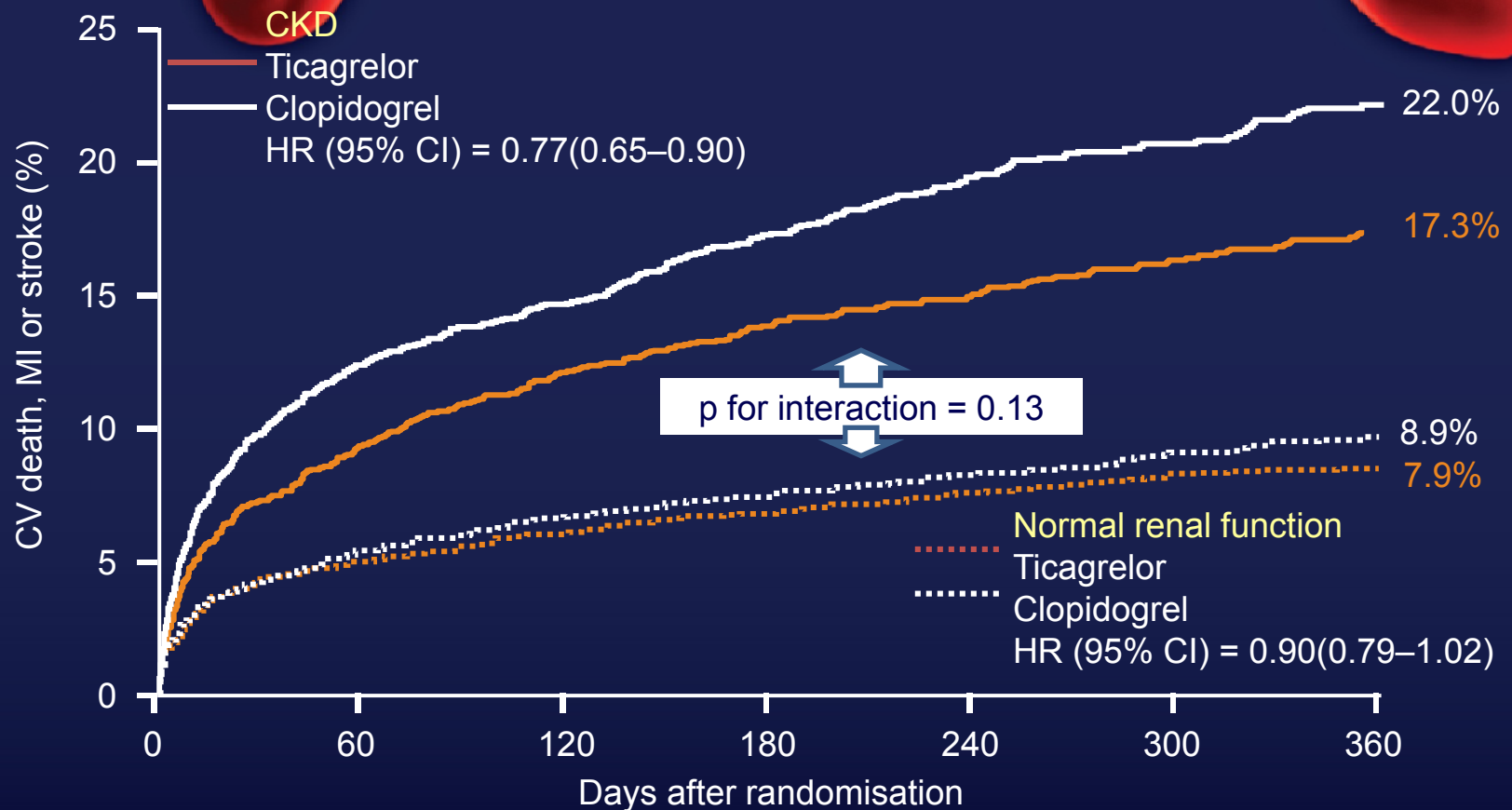


# PLATO

## Primary Endpoint In Pre-defined Subgroups

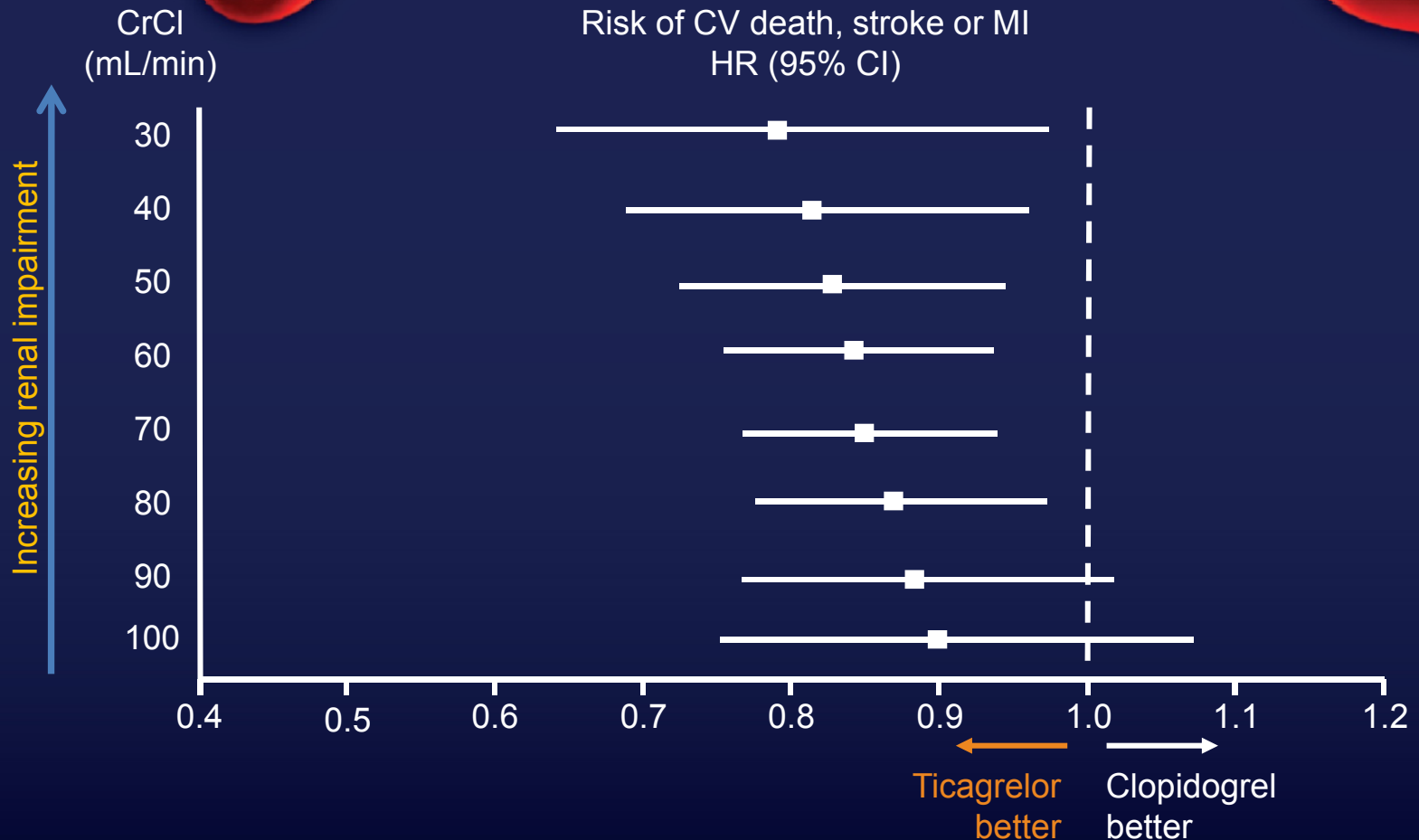


# Renal function and outcomes in PLATO: Primary composite endpoint



No interaction between treatment and renal function ( $p=0.13$ )<sup>[James 2010:J,K]</sup>

# Renal function and outcomes in PLATO: Primary composite endpoint by CrCl



CI, confidence interval; CrCl, creatinine clearance; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction.  
James S, et al. *Circulation* 2010;122:1056–1067.



# Approach to Treatment: Considering Patient Factors

Patients with:	Treatment you may wish to consider...		
	Clopidogrel	Prasugrel	Ticagrelor
High bleeding risk (i.e. prior bleed/stroke, ≥75 years of age, severe renal failure, prior ICH*) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	++	-	+
Thrombosis on clopidogrel <sup>1,4</sup>	-	++	+
Risk for bradycardic events <sup>†2</sup>	+	+	-
Dyspnea/COPD <sup>2</sup>	+	+	-
STEMI <sup>1,4</sup>	-	+	+
UA/NSTEMI <sup>1,5,6</sup>	+	+	++
Diabetes mellitus <sup>4</sup>	-	++	+
Body weight <60 kg <sup>3</sup>	+	-	+
Uncertain compliance <sup>1</sup>	+	+	-

\*Ticagrelor is contraindicated in patients with a history of ICH; †For example, patients with sick sinus syndrome, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree AV block or bradycardic-related syncope not protected with a pacemaker. COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder; ICH, intracranial hemorrhage.

1. Biondi-Zoccai et al. Int J Cardiol. 2011;150:325-31;

4. Alber et al. Wien Klin Wochenschr. 2011 Aug 3. [Epub ahead of print]; 5. CURE Trial Investigators. NEJM. 2001;345:494-502;

6. Mehta et al. Lancet. 2001;358:527-33.

# 2011 ESC Guidelines for the Management of ACS in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation

**Recommendations**

**Class Level**

# DAPT in 2013

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