

# Bridging patients with Stents for Non-Cardiac Surgery

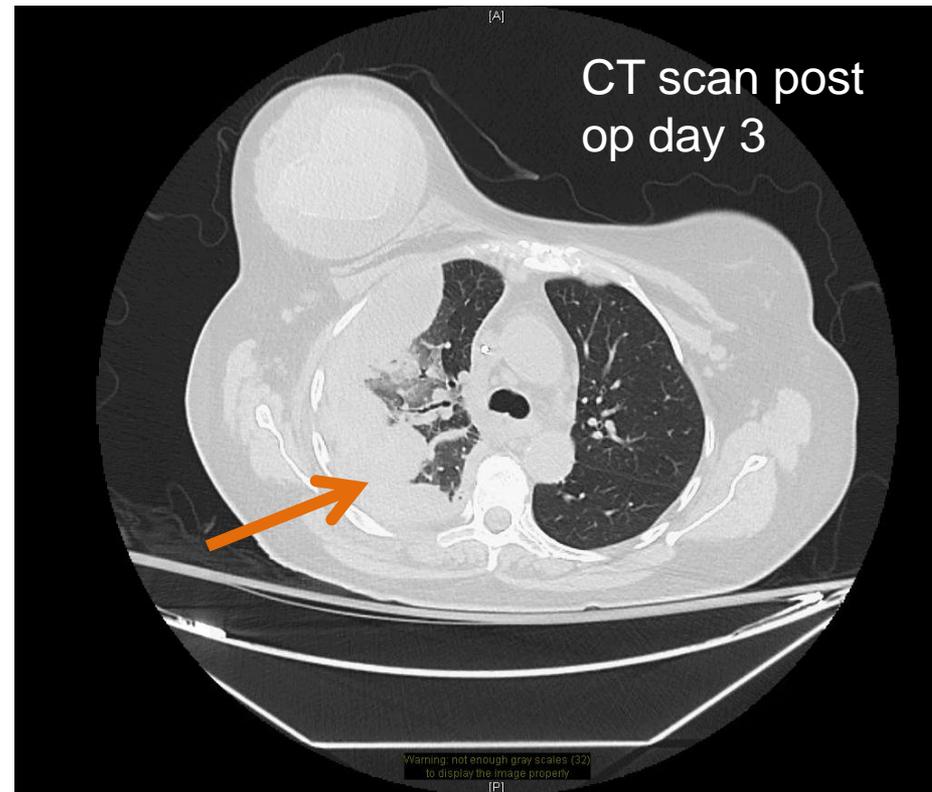
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# Clinical Case

- 59 yo woman with ischemia on treadmill June 2014 followed by 2.5 x 23 mm EES; treated with prasugrel/aspirin
- Three thorocenteces for recurrent bloody pleural effusion
- Decortication/biopsy off prasugrel
- *Persistent chest tube drainage* with hemoglobin drop to 6.5 g/dL – **off** P2Y12 antagonists



- Reexploration planned for post op day 6
- **When would you bridge and for how long?**

# A Growing Problem

- In Europe, it is estimated that the number of patients undergoing surgery will increase by 25% by 2020. Over the same time period, the elderly population will increase by 50%.
- The total number of surgical procedures may increase even faster because of the rising frequency of interventions with age.

**Noncardiac Surgery**

# Catastrophic Outcomes of Noncardiac Surgery Soon After Coronary Stenting

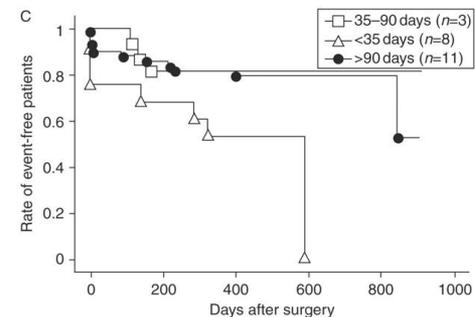
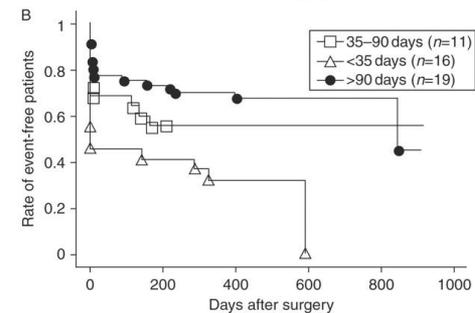
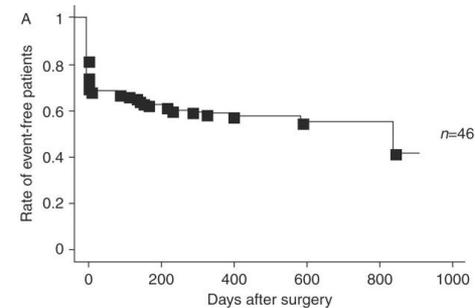
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- OBJECTIVES** To assess the clinical course of patients who have undergone coronary stent placement less than six weeks before noncardiac surgery.
- BACKGROUND** Surgical and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty revascularization performed before high-risk noncardiac surgery is expected to reduce perioperative cardiac morbidity and mortality. Perioperative and postoperative complications in patients who have undergone coronary stenting before a noncardiac surgery have not been studied.
- METHODS** Forty patients who underwent coronary stent placement less than six weeks before noncardiac surgery requiring a general anesthesia were included in the study (1–39 days, average: 13 days). The records were screened for the occurrence of adverse clinical events, including myocardial infarction, stent thrombosis, peri- and postoperative bleeding and death.
- RESULTS** In 40 consecutive patients meeting the study criteria, there were seven myocardial infarctions (MIs), 11 major bleeding episodes and eight deaths. All deaths and MIs, as well as 8/11 bleeding episodes, occurred in patients subjected to surgery fewer than 14 days from stenting. Four patients expired after undergoing surgery one day after stenting. Based on electrocardiogram, enzymatic and angiographic evidence, stent thrombosis accounted for most of the fatal events. The time between stenting and surgery appeared to be the main determinant of outcome.
- CONCLUSIONS** Postponing elective noncardiac surgery for two to four weeks after coronary stenting should permit completion of the mandatory antiplatelet regimen, thereby reducing the risk of stent thrombosis and bleeding complications. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2000;35:1288–94) © 2000 by the American College of Cardiology
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# Austrian Study of Non-Cardiac Surgery After Stenting

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# Findings From the EVENT Registry

- In the first 7 days after surgery, 4 of the 206 patients (1.9%) suffered a MACE: 1 died and 3 suffered MI.
- No patient suffered definite stent thrombosis

**Table 4. Multivariate Analysis of the Occurrence of Cardiac Death, MI, or Stent Thrombosis in the 7 Days After Surgery**

Variable	p Value	Hazard Ratio	95% CI for Hazard Ratio
Noncardiac surgery	<0.0001	27.113	9.916–74.136
Age	0.4044	0.994	0.979–1.008
Sex	0.9767	1.005	0.702–1.439
Use of at least 1 Taxus stent	0.1855	0.796	0.569–1.115
CHF	<0.0001	2.796	1.871–4.178
Creatinine >2.0 mg/dl	0.0005	2.783	1.568–4.939
LAD lesion	0.3333	0.842	0.595–1.192
Bifurcation lesion	0.6463	0.891	0.544–1.458
Total stent length	0.6770	1.002	0.992–1.012
No. of lesions	0.0843	1.312	0.964–1.784
Maximum balloon diameter	0.0675	0.744	0.541–1.022

- The performance of noncardiac surgery was associated with a 27-fold increased risk of ischemic complications during the week following surgery

# Independent preoperative risk factors for cardiovascular and haemorrhagic complications (RECO Study)

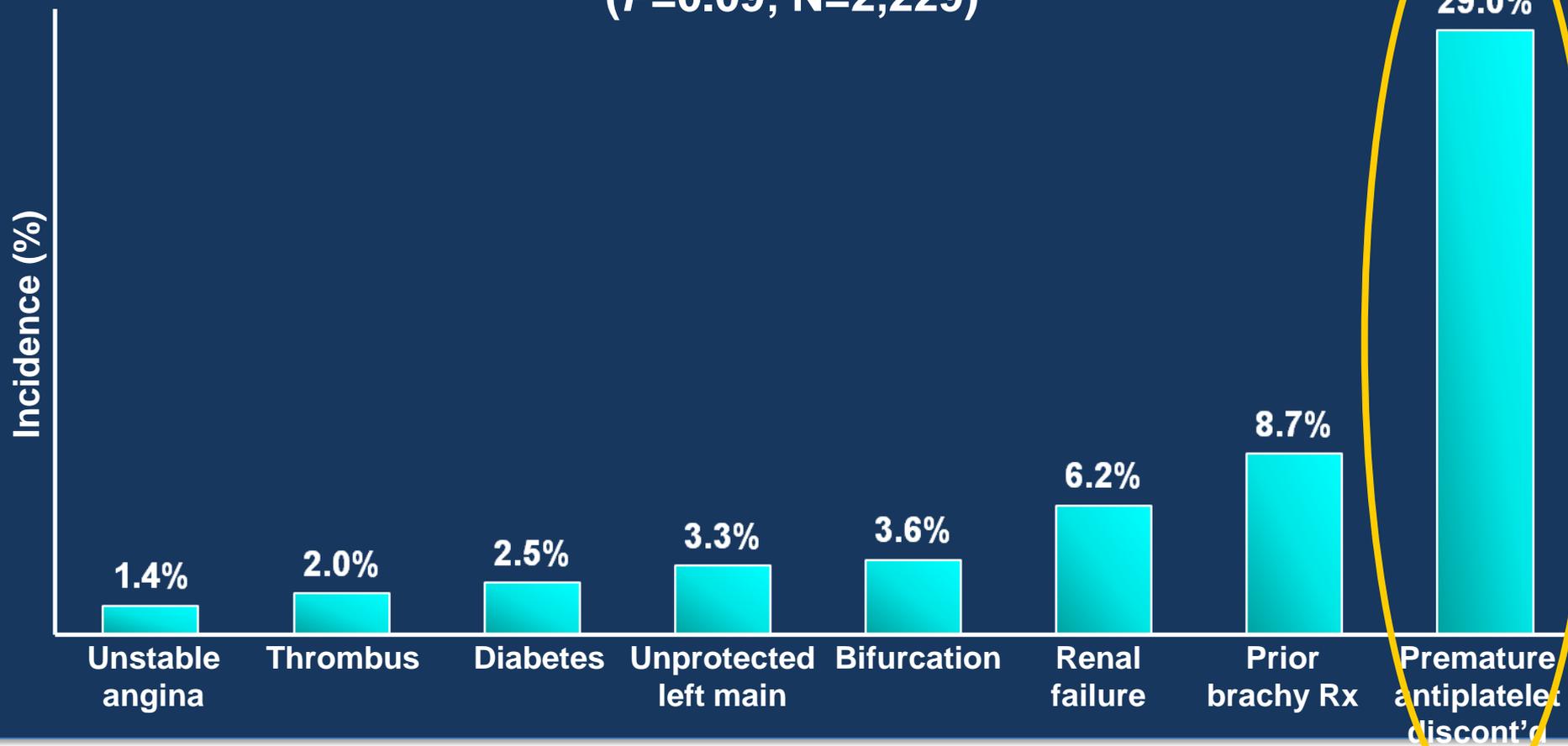
	MACCE		Bleeding complications	
	OR (95% CI)	p	OR (95% CI)	p
Complete OAT interruption				
No interruption	Reference		Reference	
≤5 days	0.67 (0.32 to 1.37)	0.272	0.72 (0.35 to 1.47)	0.366
>5 days	2.11 (1.23 to 3.63)	0.007	0.93 (0.48 to 1.79)	0.826
Preoperative haemoglobin				
>12 g/dl (or missing)	Reference		Reference	
10–12 g/dl	1.13 (0.62 to 2.08)	0.691	1.37 (0.75 to 2.48)	0.308
<10 g/dl	3.00 (1.23 to 7.29)	0.016	2.61 (1.04 to 6.55)	0.041
Creatinine clearance				
>60 ml/min (or missing)	Reference		Reference	
30–60 ml/min	1.32 (0.79 to 2.21)	0.287	1.96 (1.19 to 3.24)	0.008
<30 ml/min	3.51 (1.54 to 8.04)	0.003	1.96 (0.76 to 5.03)	0.162
Time between PCI and surgery				
0–3 months	0.97 (0.45 to 2.07)	0.938	2.91 (1.53 to 5.52)	0.001
4–6 months	1.11 (0.48 to 2.58)	0.803	0.96 (0.38 to 2.44)	0.928
7–12 months	0.70 (0.28 to 1.73)	0.437	1.07 (0.46 to 2.52)	0.874
More than 12 months	Reference		Reference	
Urgent surgery	3.08 (1.74 to 5.47)	<0.001	1.77 (0.94 to 3.31)	0.075
High-risk surgery	3.59 (2.34 to 5.51)	<0.001	3.31 (2.11 to 5.18)	<0.001

- Observational cohort study of 1134 consecutive patients with coronary stents.
- Independent preoperative correlates for MACCE were **complete OAT interruption for >5 days prior to surgery**, preoperative haemoglobin <10 g/dl, creatinine clearance of <30 ml/min and emergency or high-risk surgery.

*Courtesy of Dr Darek Dudek*

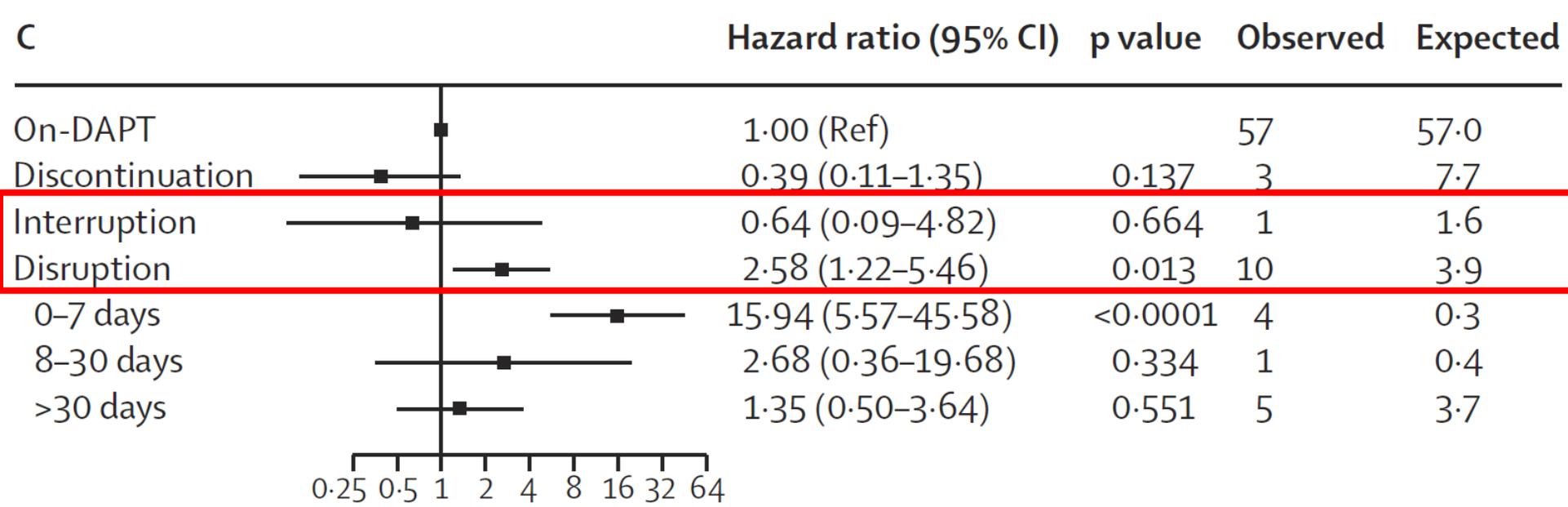
# Premature Discontinuation of Antiplatelet Therapy is the Most Powerful Risk Factor for Stent Thrombosis

Overall Stent Thrombosis = 1.3%  
( $P=0.09$ ;  $N=2,229$ )



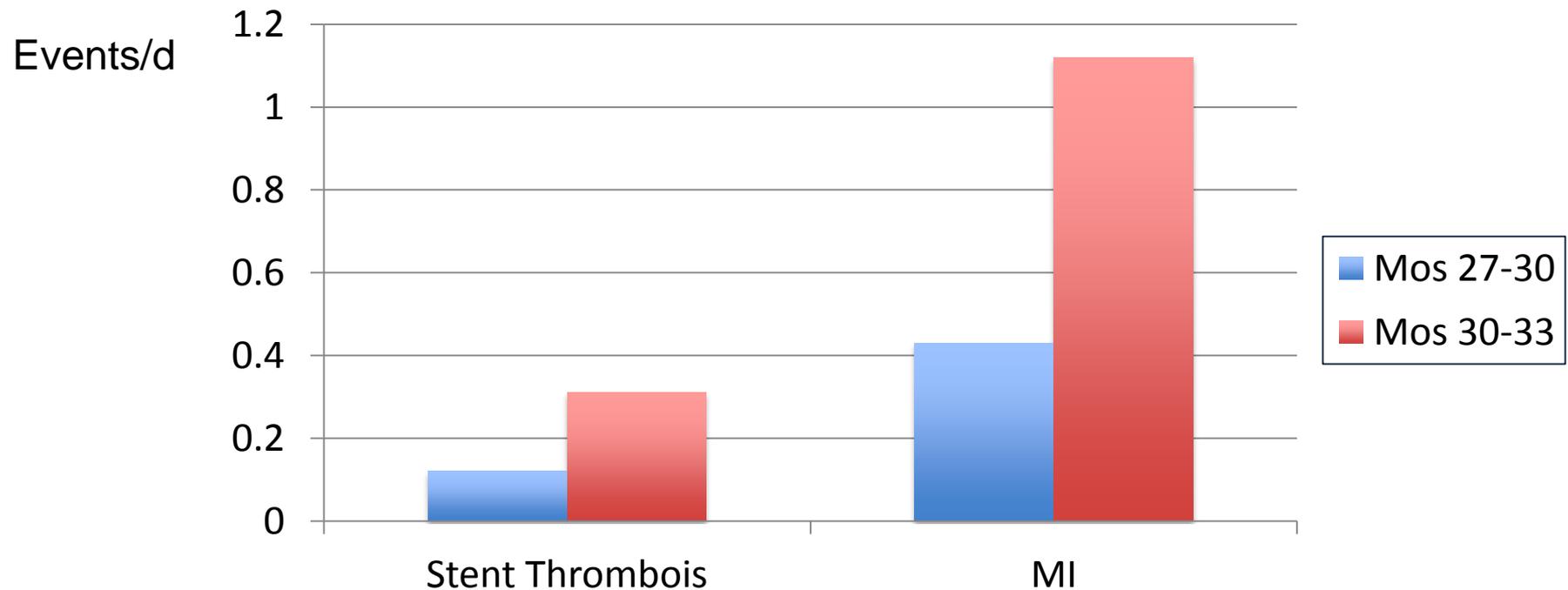
# Cessation of dual antiplatelet treatment and cardiac events after percutaneous coronary intervention (PARIS)

Risk of definite or probable stent thrombosis

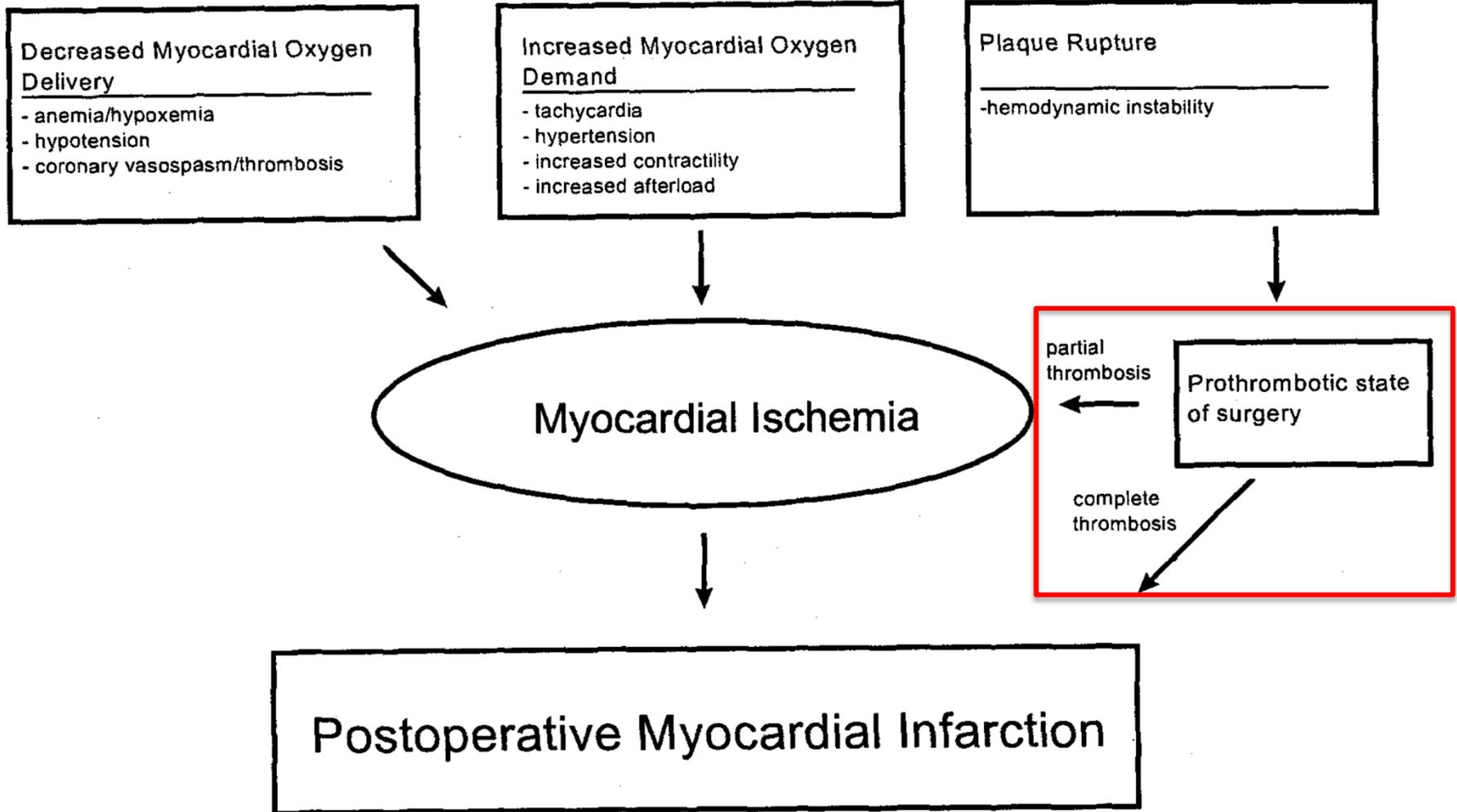


For patients undergoing PCI and discharged on DAPT, cardiac events after DAPT cessation depend on the clinical circumstance and reason for cessation and attenuates over time.

# Possible Clopidogrel Rebound Effect (DAPT Trial)

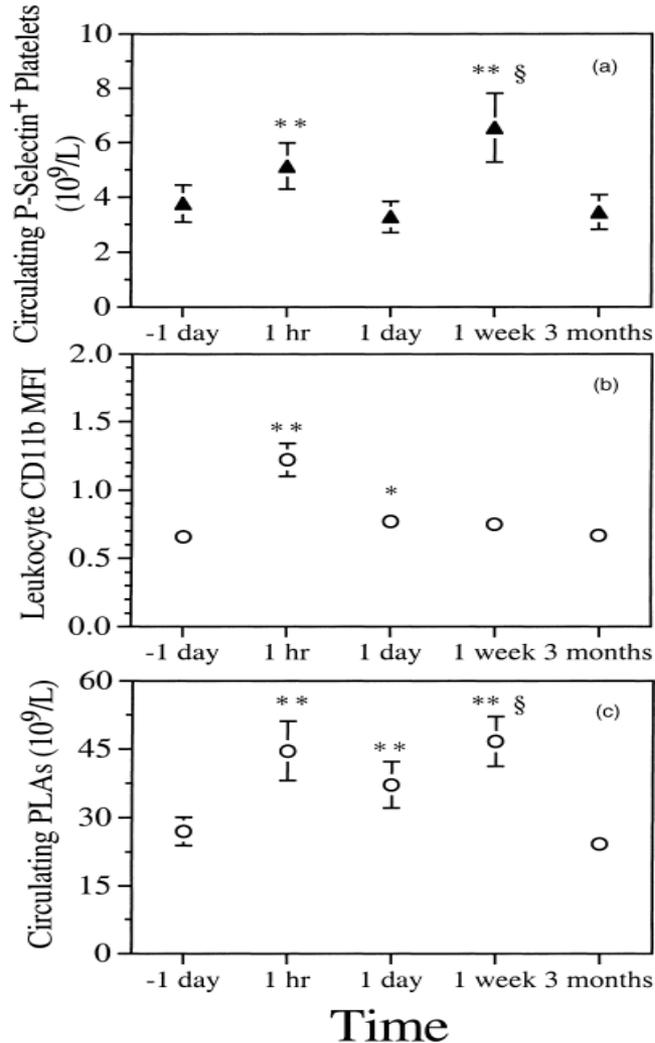


# Physiological alterations related to surgery which may contribute to the pathophysiology of perioperative MI



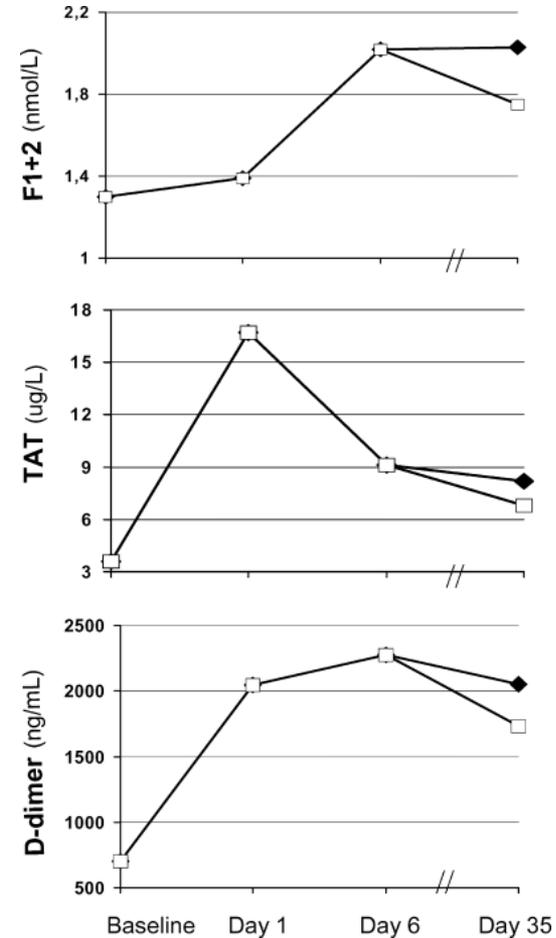
# Prothrombotic State After Cardiac and Non Cardiac Surgery

## Cardiac Surgery



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## Hip Surgery



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# The Paradigm

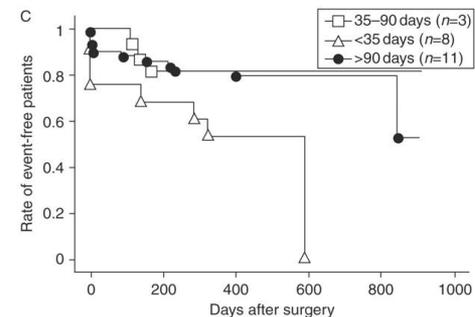
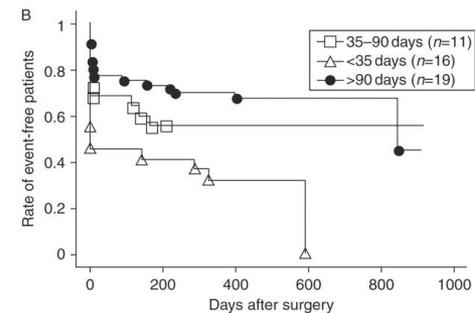
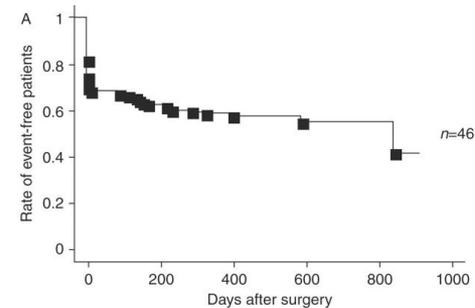
- Surgery in patients with recent stent placement is characterized by a high risk of stent thrombosis and myocardial infarction.
- Surgeons dislike P2Y12 antagonists intensely because of bleeding risk.
- Short acting antithrombotic drugs modulate the risk of stent thrombosis, and should be used preoperatively.

## Bleeding complications in patients with coronary stents during non-cardiac surgery (RECO study)

- Observational cohort study of 1134 consecutive patients with coronary stents.
- 108 (9.5%) experienced a postoperative hemorrhagic complication (with a median time to occurrence of 5.3 days).
- In 20 (18.5%) of patients reoperation was required.
- Mortality in patients with a hemorrhagic complication was 12% (n=13).

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# The Problems

1. Most myocardial infarctions occur after surgery (as far as we know) while bridging is done before surgery
2. There is no effective replacement for aspirin/P2Y12 antagonists during surgery and during the period of post-op oozing.
3. The risk may be lessened with modern stents and stenting techniques.

# Antiplatelet Therapy at the Time of Late Stent Thrombosis (LST)

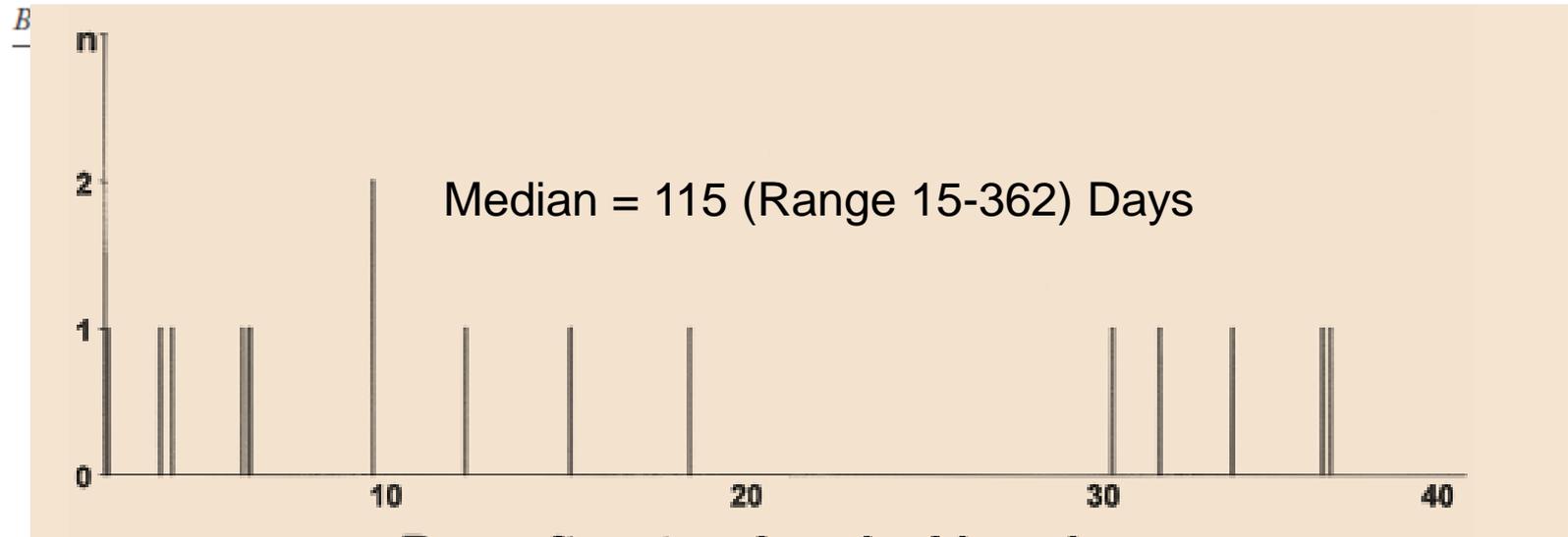
	<b>Time from Stent to LST (mos)</b>	<b>AP Therapy at LST</b>	<b>Time from DC of Clopidogrel</b>
1	2	--	5 d
2	7	ASA	28 d
3	6	ASA	21 d
3b	11	--	5 d
4	14.5	--	5 d
5	8	ASA	60 d
6	25	ASA	19 mo
7	26	ASA	19 mo

**EXPEDITED REVIEWS**

# Late Clinical Events After Clopidogrel Discontinuation May Limit the Benefit of Drug-Eluting Stents

## An Observational Study of Drug-Eluting Versus Bare-Metal Stents

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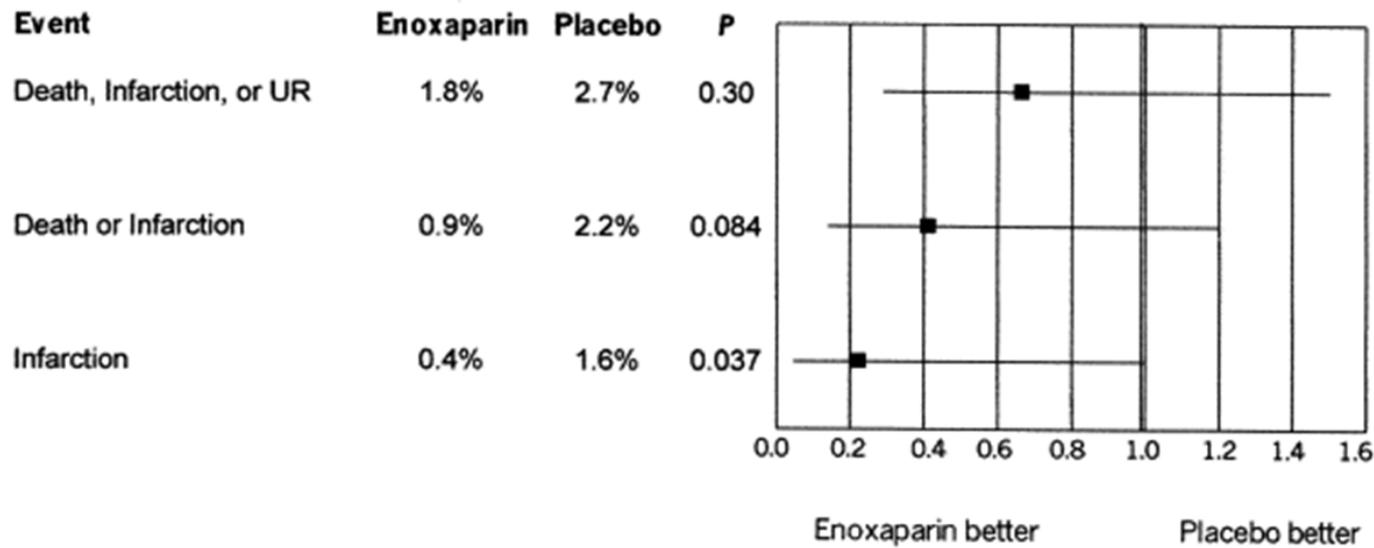


**CONCLUSIONS** After the discontinuation of clopidogrel, the benefit of DES in reducing target vessel revascularization is maintained but has to be balanced against an increase in late cardiac death or nonfatal MI, possibly related to late stent thrombosis. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2006;48: 2584-91) © 2006 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation

Bridging is most likely to be performed during a period when nothing is likely to happen anyway.

# ATLAST Trial of Enoxaparin After Stenting

- 1,102 of planned 2,000 patients with high risk features post stenting randomized to placebo or enoxaparin SQ BID
- 14 Day follow-up
- Terminated for low event rate



# Bridging Antiplatelet Therapy With Cangrelor in Patients Undergoing Cardiac Surgery

## A Randomized Controlled Trial

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**D**UAL ANTIPLATELET THERAPY with aspirin and an oral P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor inhibitor is the standard of care to prevent the short- and long-term risk of recurrent atherothrombotic events in high-risk settings, such as patients with an acute coronary syndrome (ACS) and those undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).<sup>1-4</sup> However, the ischemic benefit associated with more

**Context** Thienopyridines are among the most widely prescribed medications, but their use can be complicated by the unanticipated need for surgery. Despite increased risk of thrombosis, guidelines recommend discontinuing thienopyridines 5 to 7 days prior to surgery to minimize bleeding.

**Objective** To evaluate the use of cangrelor, an intravenous, reversible P2Y<sub>12</sub> platelet inhibitor for bridging thienopyridine-treated patients to coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) surgery.

**Design, Setting, and Patients** Prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trial, involving 210 patients with an acute coronary syndrome (ACS) or treated with a coronary stent and receiving a thienopyridine awaiting CABG surgery to receive either cangrelor or placebo after an initial open-label, dose-finding phase (n=11) conducted between January 2009 and April 2011.

**Interventions** Thienopyridines were stopped and patients were administered cangrelor or placebo for at least 48 hours, which was discontinued 1 to 6 hours before CABG surgery.

**Main Outcome Measures** The primary efficacy end point was platelet reactivity (measured in P2Y<sub>12</sub> reaction units [PRUs]), assessed daily. The main safety end point was excessive CABG surgery-related bleeding.

**Results** The dose of cangrelor determined in 10 patients in the open-label stage was 0.75 µg/kg per minute. In the randomized phase, a greater proportion of patients treated with cangrelor had low levels of platelet reactivity throughout the entire treatment period compared with placebo (primary end point, PRU <240; 98.8% (83 of 84) vs 19.0% (16 of 84); relative risk [RR], 5.2 [95% CI, 3.3-8.1] P<.001). Excessive CABG surgery-related bleeding occurred in 11.8% (12 of 102) vs 10.4% (10 of 96) in the cangrelor and placebo groups, respectively (RR, 1.1 [95% CI, 0.5-2.5] P=.763). There were no significant differences in major bleeding prior to CABG surgery, although minor bleeding episodes were numerically higher with cangrelor.

**Conclusions** Among patients who discontinue thienopyridine therapy prior to cardiac surgery, the use of cangrelor compared with placebo resulted in a higher rate of maintenance of platelet inhibition.

**Trial Registration** clinicaltrials.gov Identifier: NCT00767507

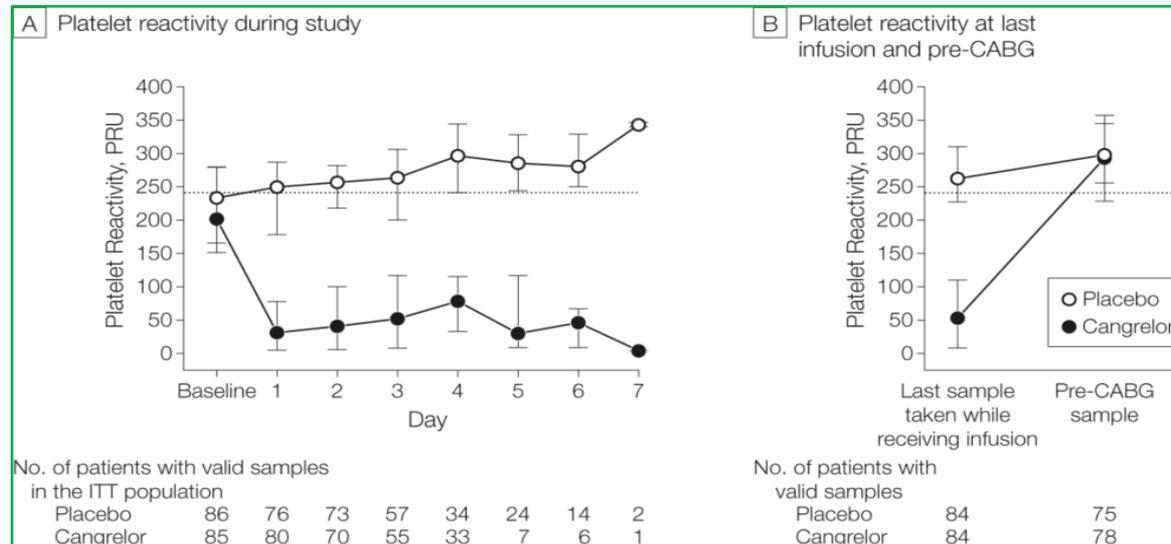
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# BRIDGE Study

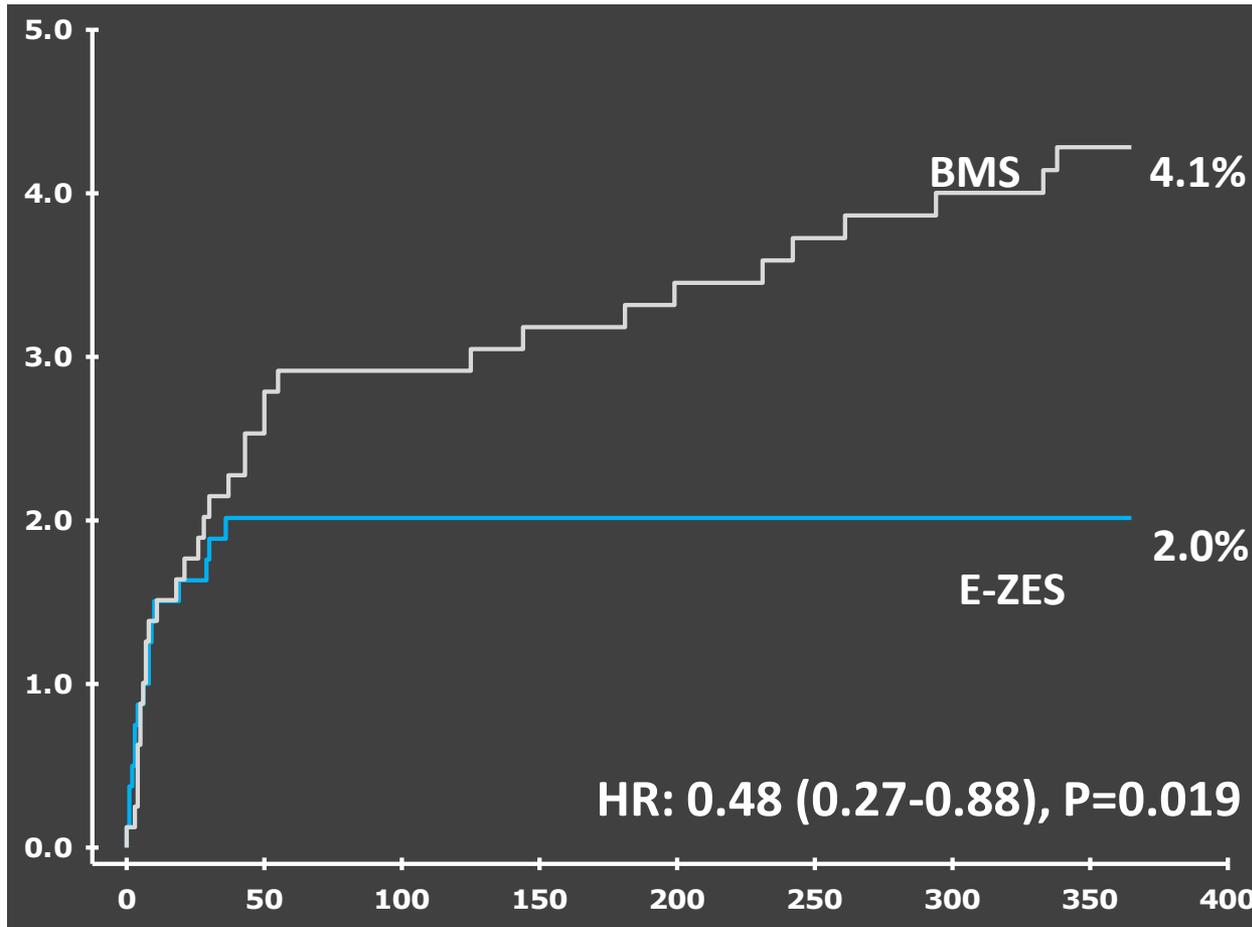
- 210 Patients on thienopyridine prior to planned cardiac surgery
- 5-7 days off thienopyridine but on cangrelor until 1-6 hours before surgery.
- Platelet reactivity was measured using VerifyNow.
- Primary EPs:
  - % of patients with Verify now > 240 PRU
  - % of patients with excessive perioperative bleeding

# Cangrelor Bridging



- 98.8% of patients treated with cangrelor had <240 PRU
- No differences were observed in perioperative bleeding.

# Definite or Probable Stent Thrombosis



**No. at Risk**

<b>BMS</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>685</b>
<b>E-ZES</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>708</b>

# Modifying effect of dual antiplatelet therapy on incidence of stent thrombosis according to implanted drug-eluting stent type

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## Aim

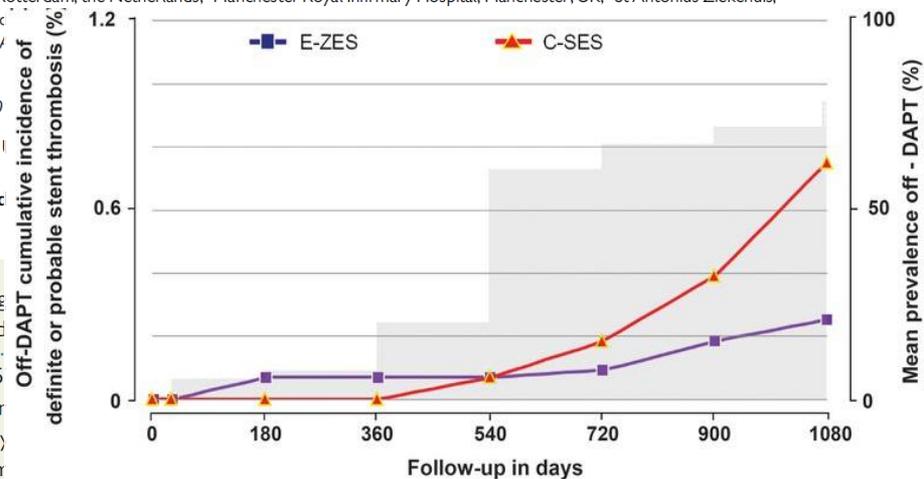
To investigate the putative modifying effect of dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) on the incidence of definite or probable stent thrombosis (ST) in patients randomized to Endovascular Treatment (E-ZES) or Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (C-SES) groups (79.6% at 1 year) (P = 0.0052) heterogeneity in treatment response was lower with E-ZES vs. C-SES in the presence of DAPT, no difference was observed in the absence of DAPT.

## Methods and results

Of 8709 patients in PROTECT, 435 patients were randomized to E-ZES or C-SES groups (79.6% at 1 year) (P = 0.0052) heterogeneity in treatment response was lower with E-ZES vs. C-SES in the presence of DAPT, no difference was observed in the absence of DAPT.

## Conclusion

A strong interaction was observed between DAPT use and the effect of stent type on the incidence of ST. The results of DES trials should not be evaluated independently of DAPT use, and the optimal duration of DAPT will likely depend upon stent type (Clinicaltrials.gov number NCT00476957).

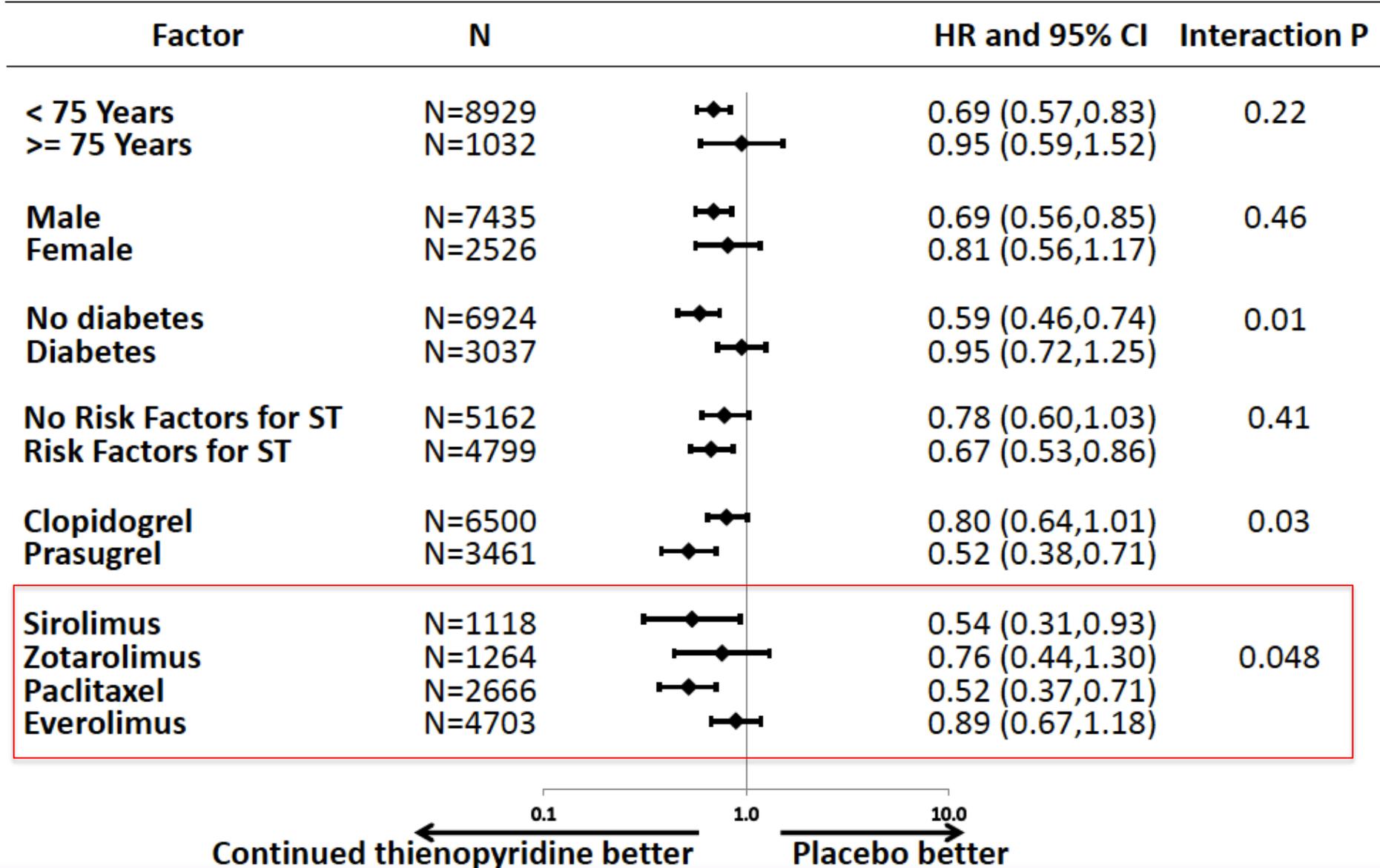


Off-DAPT	cumulative incidence of definite or probable ST (n)						
0	0	3	3	3	4	8	11
1	0	0	0	3	8	17	31

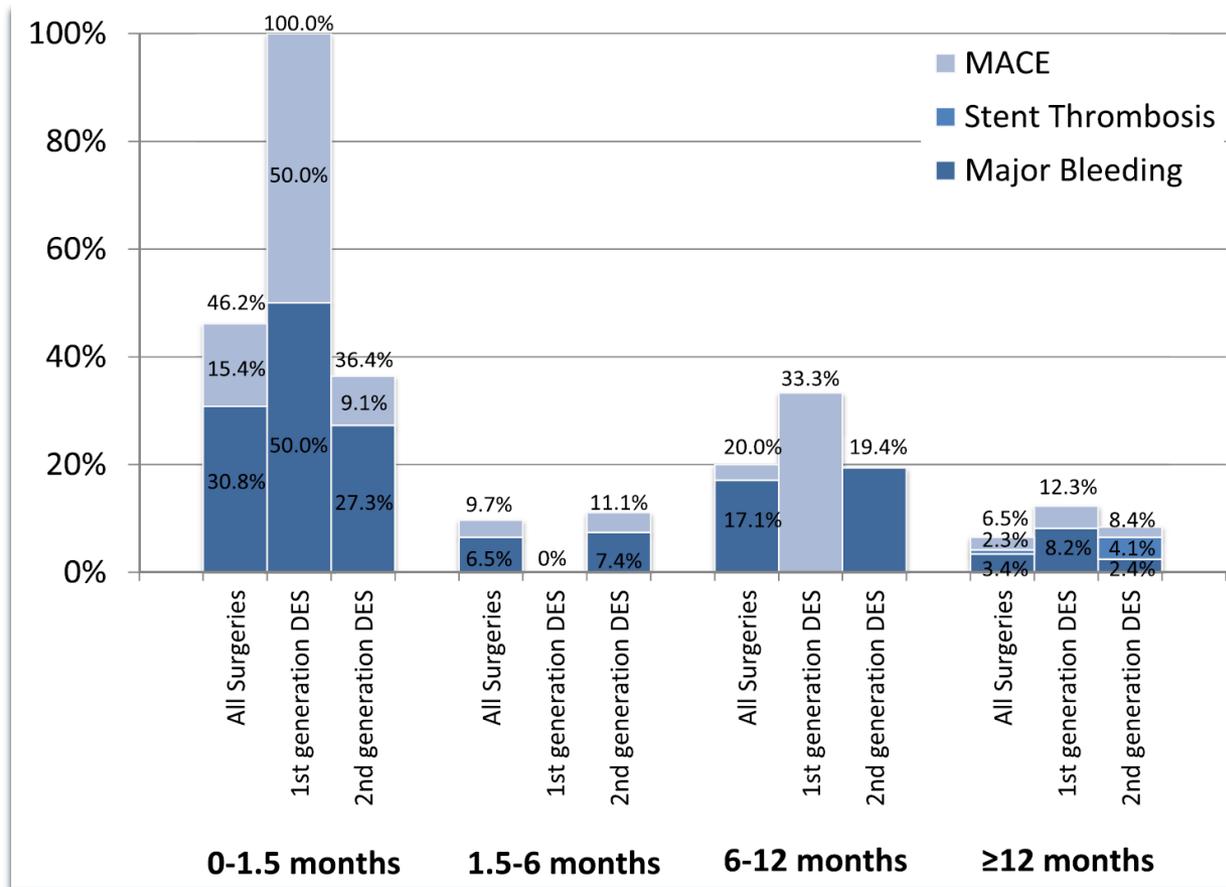
  

Off-DAPT	cumulative follow-up patient-years per DES type (n)					
0	86	211	600	1832	3182	4573
1	83	215	596	1833	3177	4553

# Consistency of Treatment Effect MACCE (12-30 Months)



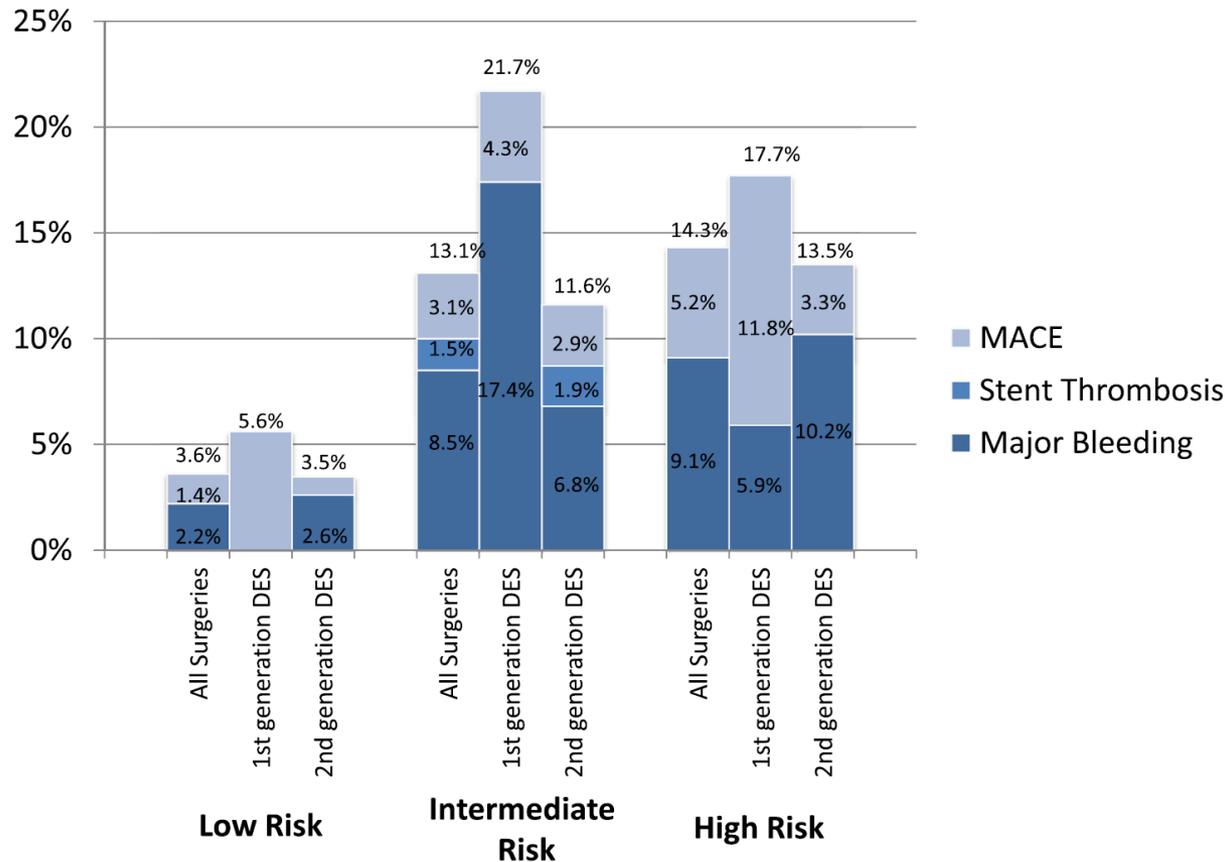
# Perioperative complications after noncardiac surgery in patients with insertion of second-generation DES



Rates of perioperative MACE, stent thrombosis, and major bleeding classified according to time from DES implantation to noncardiac surgery.

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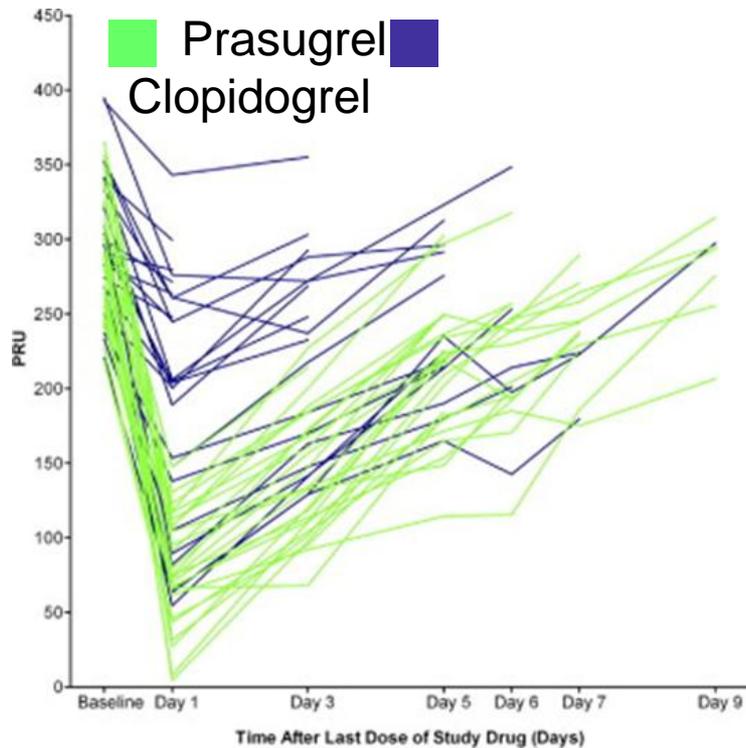
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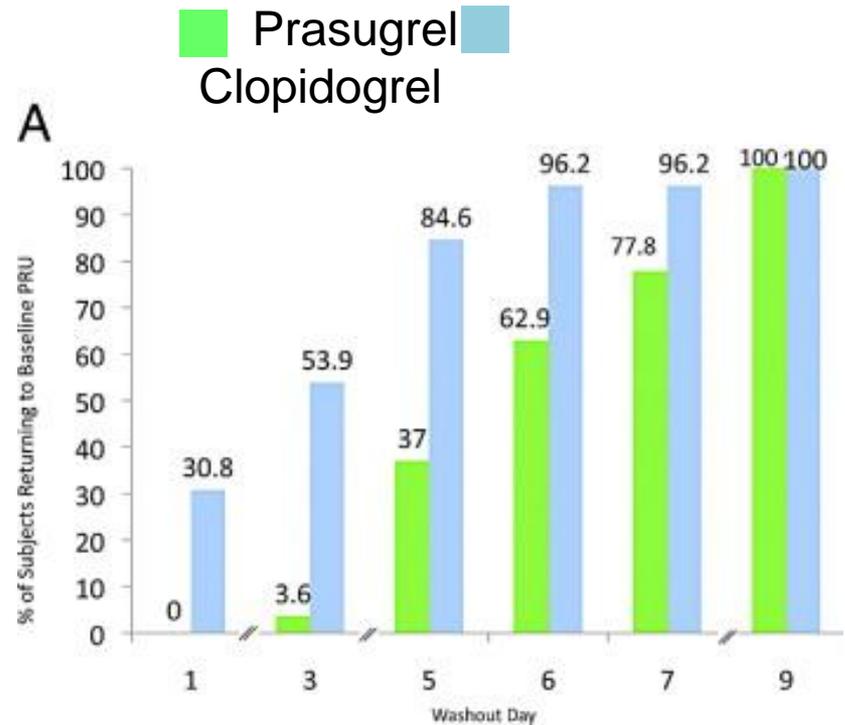
Rates of perioperative MACE, stent thrombosis, and major bleeding classified according to surgical risk.

# Clopidogrel/Prasugrel Washout After Drug Cessation

## Individual Reactivity (VerifyNow)

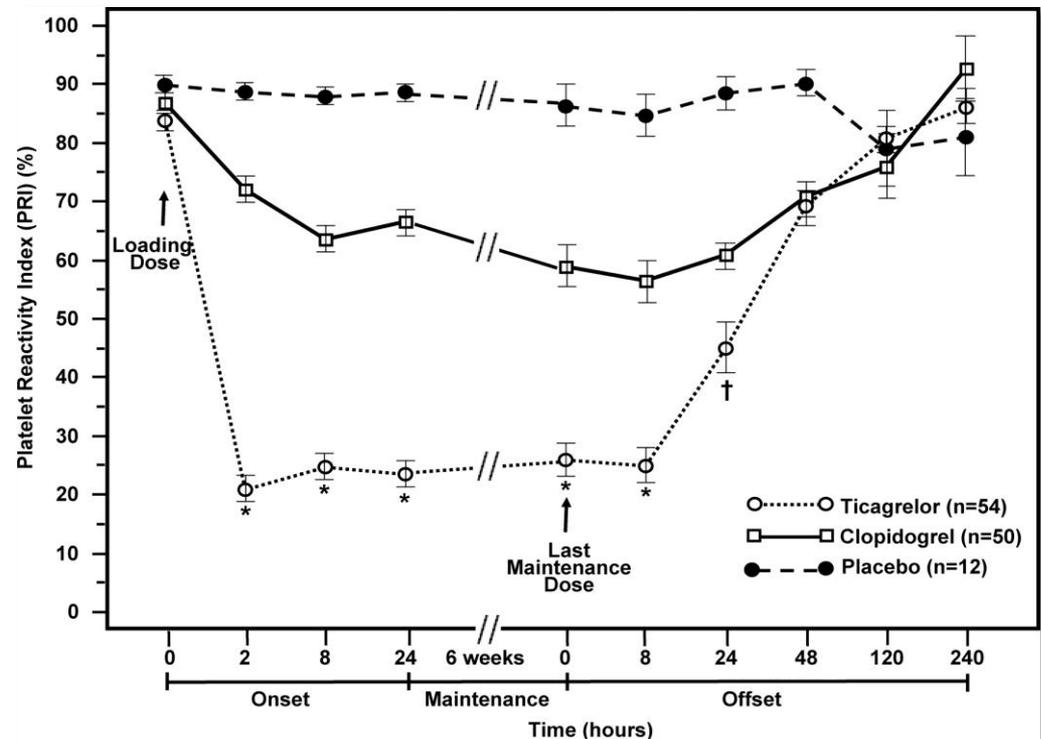


## Return to Baseline Value



# Ticagrelor

- Adenosine agonist (cyclopentyl-triazolo-pyrimidine)
- Direct P2Y12 antagonist, unlike the thienopyridines
- Relatively rapid on/off
- Requires BID dosing
- PLATO: High risk ACS and STEMI





Low-risk: < 1%	Intermediate-risk: 1-5%	High-risk: > 5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Superficial surgery</li><li>• Breast</li><li>• Dental</li><li>• Endocrine: thyroid</li><li>• Eye</li><li>• Reconstructive</li><li>• Carotid asymptomatic (CEA or CAS)</li><li>• Gynaecology: minor</li><li>• Orthopaedic: minor (meniscectomy)</li><li>• Urological: minor (transurethral resection of the prostate)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intraperitoneal: splenectomy, hiatal hernia repair, cholecystectomy</li><li>• Carotid symptomatic (CEA or CAS)</li><li>• Peripheral arterial angioplasty</li><li>• Endovascular aneurysm repair</li><li>• Head and neck surgery</li><li>• Neurological or orthopaedic: major (hip and spine surgery)</li><li>• Urological or gynaecological: major</li><li>• Renal transplant</li><li>• Intra-thoracic: non-major</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aortic and major vascular surgery</li><li>• Open lower limb revascularization or amputation or thromboembolectomy</li><li>• Duodeno-pancreatic surgery</li><li>• Liver resection, bile duct surgery</li><li>• Oesophagectomy</li><li>• Repair of perforated bowel</li><li>• Adrenal resection</li><li>• Total cystectomy</li><li>• Pneumonectomy</li><li>• Pulmonary or liver transplant</li></ul>