



# Insights from ISAR REACT5 trial



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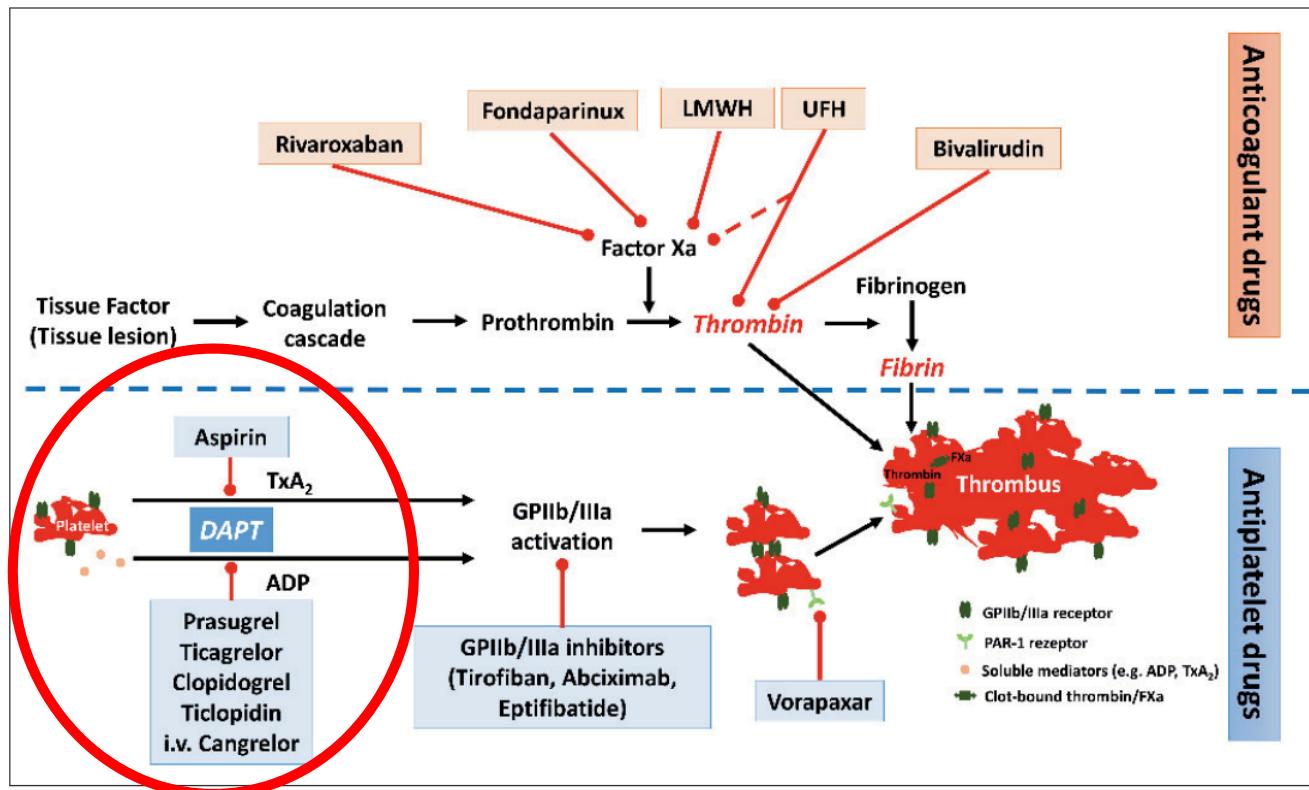


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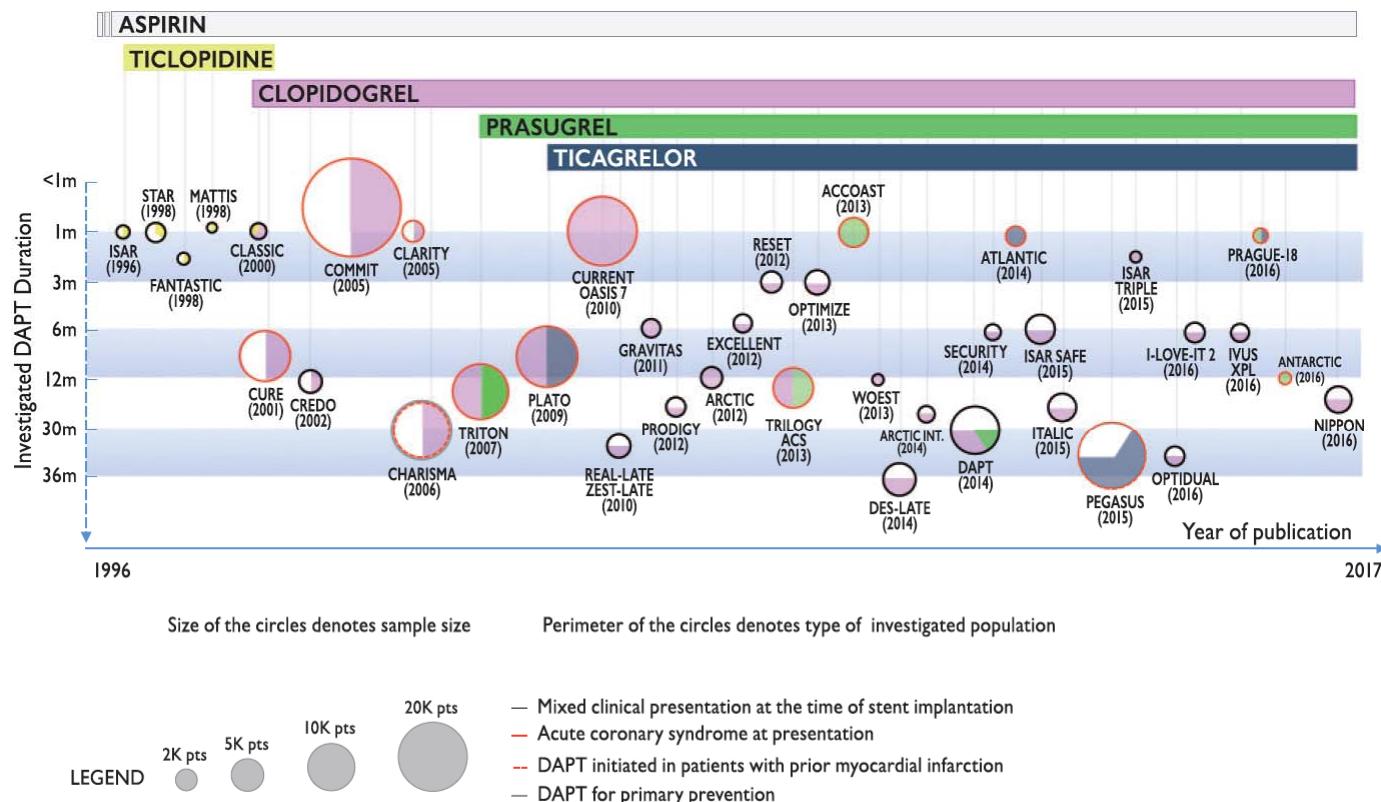
# Antithrombotic drugs in the treatment of ACS



DAPT, dual antiplatelet therapy; LMWH, low molecular weight heparin; UFH, unfractionated heparin  
Sibbing et al. Thromb Haemost 2017;117:1240–8



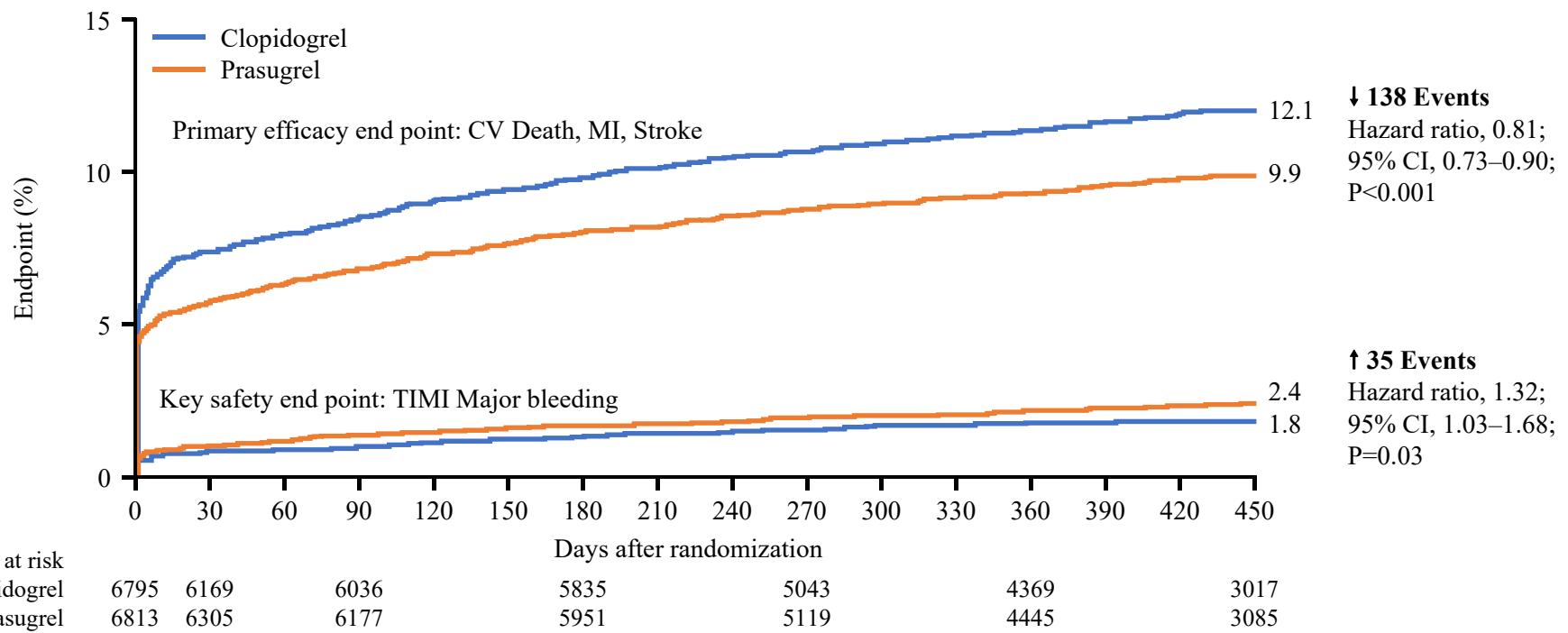
# History of DAPT therapy in patients with coronary disease, a 20 year journey





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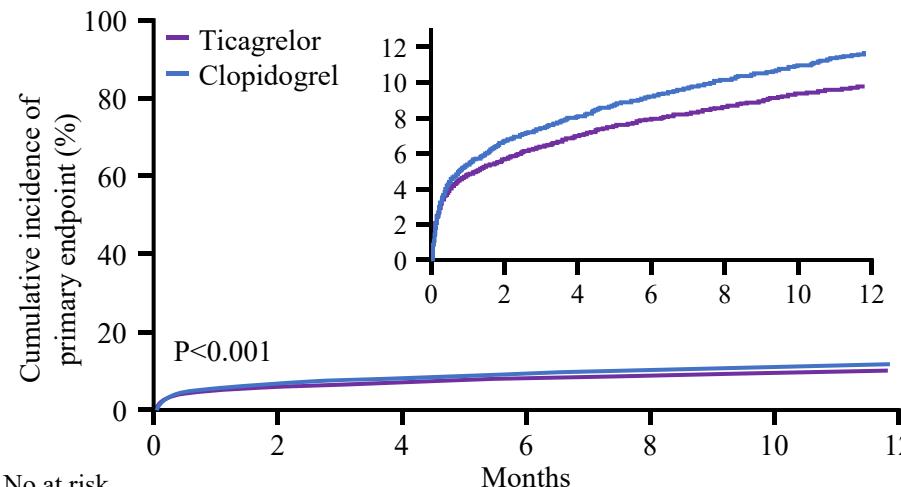
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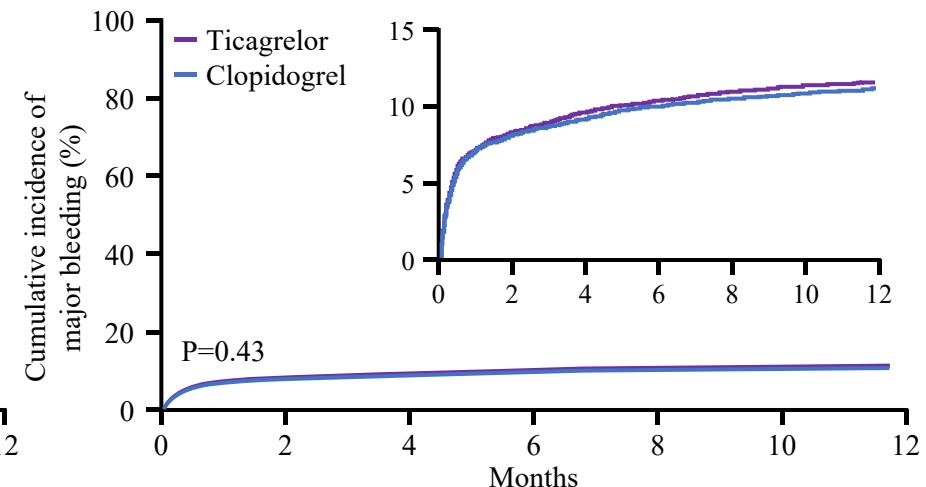
Primary Endpoint: Death from Vascular causes, MI or stroke

Ticagrelor 9.8%, Clopidogrel 11.7%

**HR 0.84 95% CI 0.77-0.92**

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; MI, myocardial infarction

Wallentin L et al. N Engl J Med. 2009;361:1045-57



Safety endpoint: Major Bleeding

**HR 1.04 95% CI 0.95-1.13**



# Both Prasugrel and Ticagrelor are superior to Clopidogrel: Which should we use?



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#### ABSTRACT

##### BACKGROUND

Dual-antiplatelet therapy with aspirin and a thienopyridine is a cornerstone of treatment to prevent thrombotic complications of acute coronary syndromes and percutaneous coronary intervention.

##### METHODS

To compare prasugrel, a new thienopyridine, with clopidogrel, we randomly assigned 13,608 patients with moderate-to-high-risk acute coronary syndromes with scheduled percutaneous coronary intervention to receive prasugrel (a 60-mg loading dose and a 10-mg daily maintenance dose) or clopidogrel (a 300-mg loading dose and a 75-mg daily maintenance dose) for 6 to 15 months. The primary efficacy end point

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##### METHODS

In this multicenter, double-blind, randomized trial, we compared ticagrelor (180-mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily thereafter) and clopidogrel (300-to-600-mg loading dose, 75 mg daily thereafter) for the prevention of cardiovascular events in 18,624 patients admitted to the hospital with an acute coronary syndrome, with or without ST-segment elevation.

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# ESC 2018 Guidelines on myocardial revascularisation



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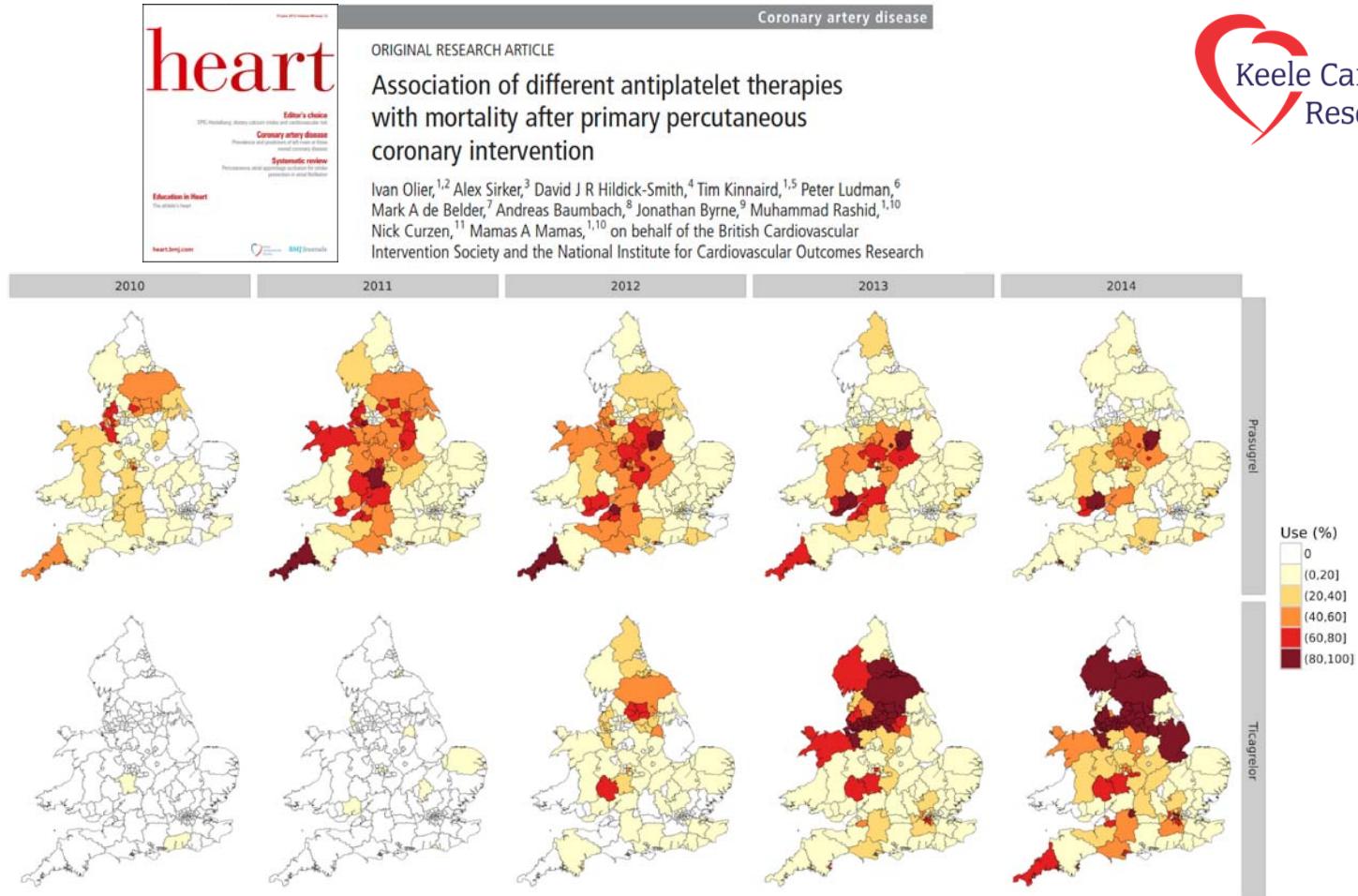
Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>Pre-treatment and antiplatelet therapy</b>		
A P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor is recommended in addition to aspirin, maintained over 12 months unless there are contraindications such as an excessive risk of bleeding. <sup>701,702,722,723</sup> Options are:	I	A
• Prasugrel in P2Y <sub>12</sub> -inhibitor naïve patients who proceed to PCI (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose). <sup>701</sup>	I	B
• Ticagrelor irrespective of the preceding P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor regimen (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg b.i.d.). <sup>702</sup>	I	B
• Clopidogrel (600 mg loading dose, 75 mg daily dose) only when prasugrel or ticagrelor are not available or are contraindicated. <sup>722–724</sup>	I	B

STEMI:

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>Pre-treatment and antiplatelet therapy</b>		
A potent P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor (prasugrel or ticagrelor), or clopidogrel if these are not available or are contraindicated, is recommended before (or at latest at the time of) PCI and maintained over 12 months, unless there are contraindications such as excessive risk of bleeding. <sup>701,702,724,743</sup>	I	A



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**Figure 2** Changes in use of antiplatelet drugs in primary care trusts in England and local health boards in Wales.





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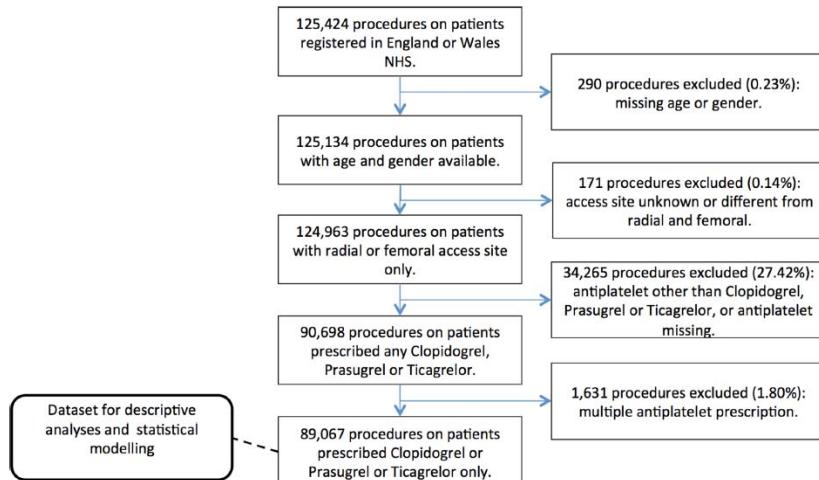
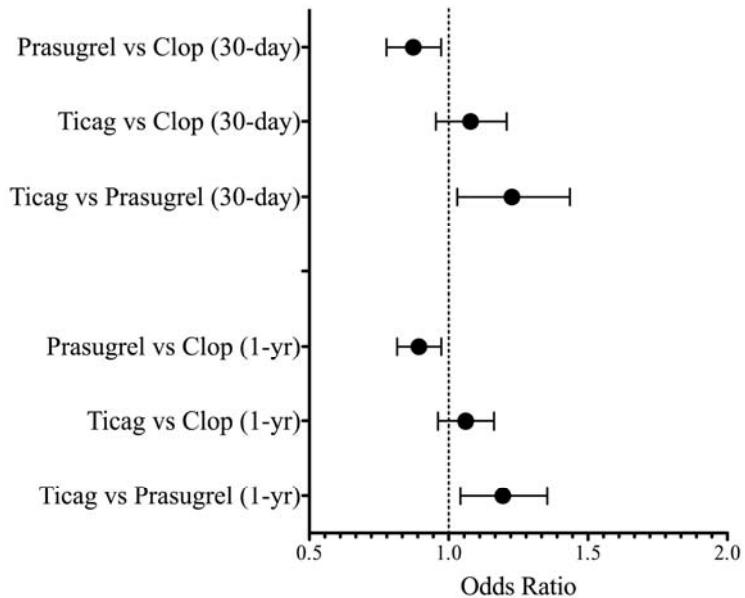


Figure 1 Flow chart for procedure inclusion/exclusion. NHS, National Health Service.





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## Trial

- Randomized controlled, multi-centre trial in patients in whom invasive management planned, randomized to receive Ticagrelor or Prasugrel

## Primary Endpoint

- Composite of death, myocardial infarction or stroke at 12 months

## Secondary Endpoints

- BARC 3-5 Bleeding (safety endpoint)
- Individual components of primary endpoint
- Stent thrombosis



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## Major Inclusion Criteria

- Hospitalization for an acute coronary syndrome with planned invasive strategy

## Major Exclusion Criteria

- Active bleeding
- Need for oral anticoagulation
- History of stroke or TIA
- Renal insufficiency requiring dialysis
- Moderate or severe hepatic dysfunction
- Concomitant therapy with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, strong CYP3A inducers, CYP3A substrates with narrow therapeutic indices



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## STEMI

### Randomization

**Ticagrelor**  
180 mg loading

**Prasugrel**  
60 mg loading

### Angiography + PCI

**Ticagrelor**  
90 mg 1-0-1

**Prasugrel**  
10 mg 1-0-0\*

Duration of ADP receptor therapy: 12 months

Concomitant ASA: 75-150 mg/d

# In patients with known coronary anatomy

\* Prasugrel 5 mg in patients  $\geq$  75 years of age or weight  $<$  60 kg

## Protocol

## Unstable Angina, NSTEMI

### Randomization

**Ticagrelor**  
180 mg loading

**Prasugrel<sup>#</sup>**  
60 mg loading

### Angiography

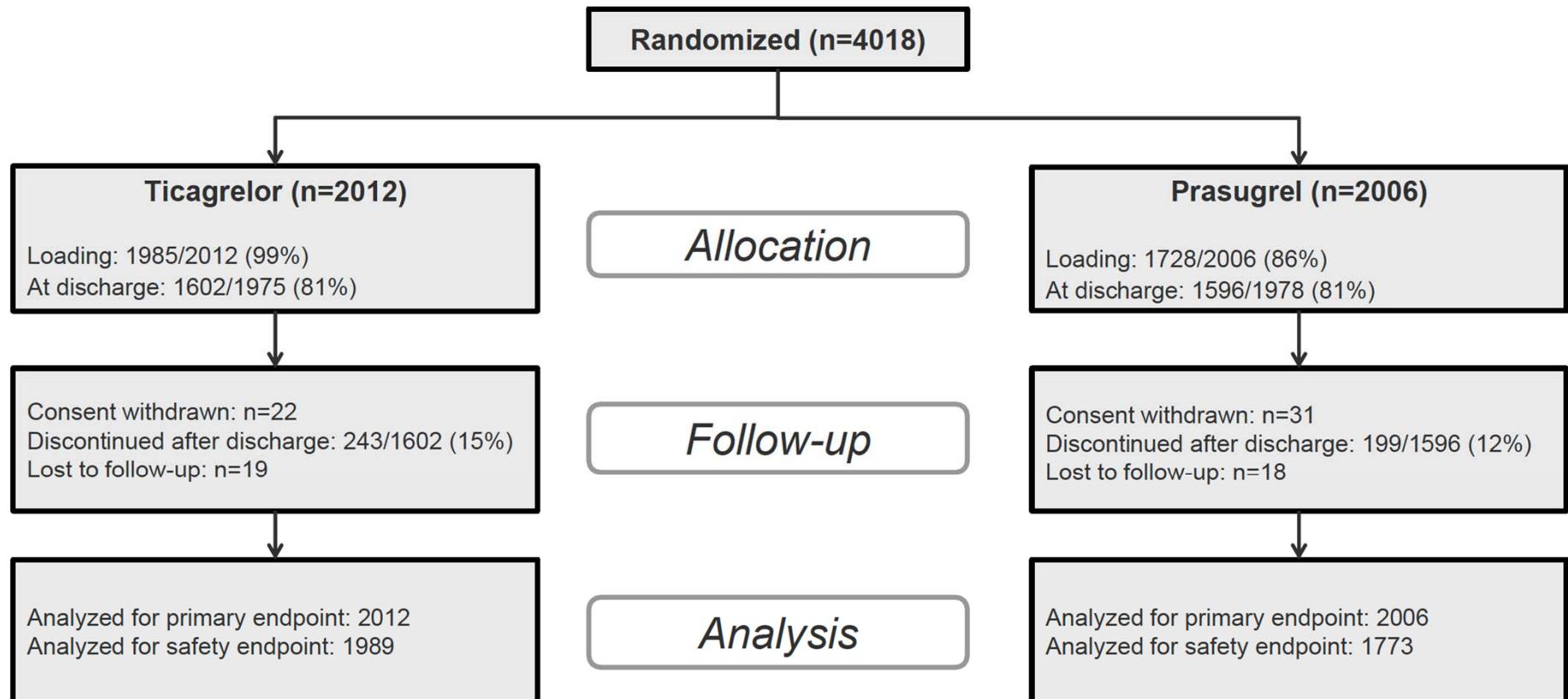
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**Table 1.** Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.<sup>a</sup>

Characteristic	Ticagrelor Group (N=2012)	Prasugrel Group (N=2006)
Age — yr	64.5±12.0	64.6±12.1
Female sex — no. (%)	478 (23.8)	478 (23.8)
Cardiovascular risk factors — no./total no. (%)		
Diabetes	463/2011 (23.0)	429/2005 (21.4)
Use of insulin for diabetes	143/2011 (7.1)	137/2005 (6.8)
Current smoker	682/2002 (34.1)	667/1999 (33.4)
Arterial hypertension	1432/2008 (71.3)	1384/2003 (69.1)
Hypercholesterolemia	1178/2007 (58.7)	1163/2003 (58.1)
Medical history — no./total no. (%)		
Myocardial infarction	311/2010 (15.5)	320/2005 (16.0)
PCI	453/2011 (22.5)	463/2004 (23.1)
Aortocoronary bypass surgery	115/2011 (5.7)	130/2005 (6.5)
Cardiogenic shock — no. (%)	31 (1.5)	34 (1.7)
Blood pressure — mm Hg		
Systolic <sup>†</sup>	144±25	143±24
Diastolic <sup>‡</sup>	82±15	82±14
Heart rate — beats/min <sup>§</sup>	77±16	76±16
BMI <sup>¶</sup>	27.8±4.6	27.8±4.4
Weight <60 kg — no./total no. (%)	108/2003 (5.4)	94/1988 (4.7)
Creatinine level — µmol/L <sup>**</sup>	88±27	88±21
Diagnosis at admission — no. (%)		
Unstable angina	249 (12.4)	261 (13.0)
NSTEMI	930 (46.2)	925 (46.1)
STEMI	833 (41.4)	820 (40.9)
Treatment strategy — no./total no. (%) <sup>**</sup>		
PCI	1676/2009 (83.4)	1701/2005 (84.8)
CABG	47/2009 (2.3)	36/2005 (1.8)
Conservative therapy	285/2009 (14.2)	268/2005 (13.4)
Other <sup>  </sup>	1/2009 (<0.1)	0



- 41% patients STEMI, 46% NSTEMI
- > 99.5% of patients received coronary angiography
- 84% of patients underwent PCI, 2% CABG and 14% medically managed



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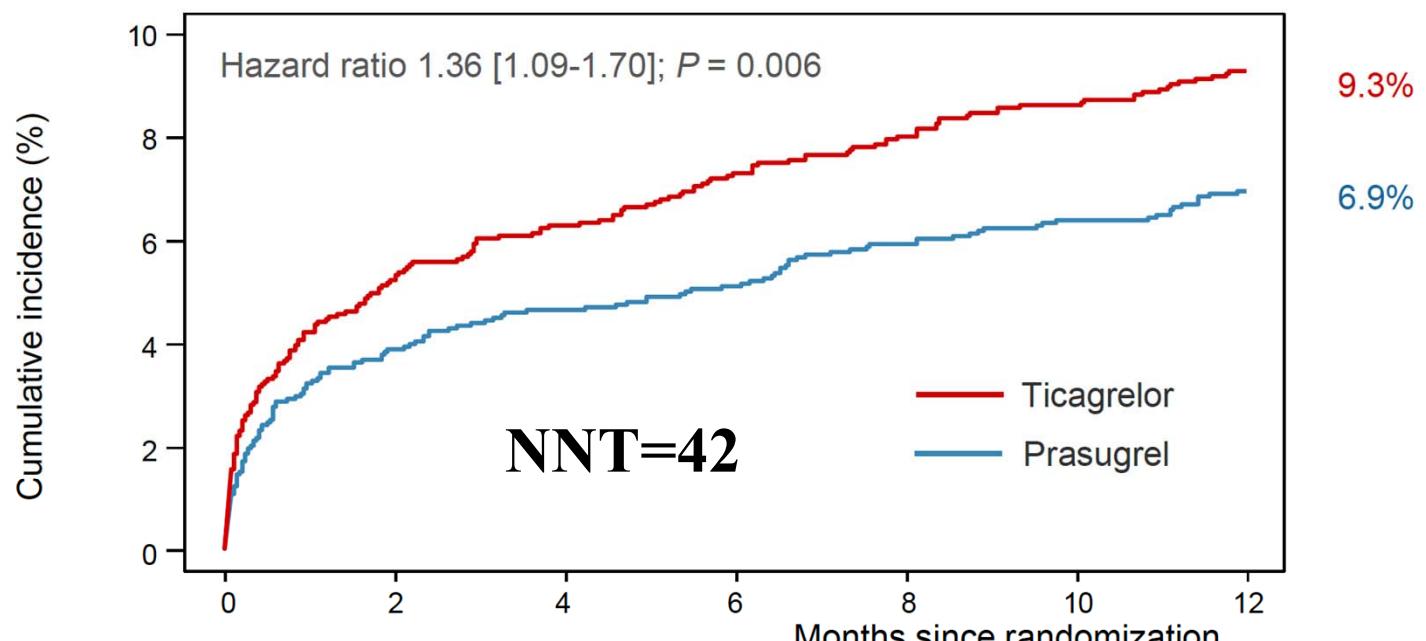
**Table S3.** Diagnosis and Drug Therapy at Discharge

Characteristics	Ticagrelor (N = 2012)	Prasugrel (N = 2006)
Final diagnosis of acute coronary syndrome		
– no. (%)*	1830/2006 (91.2)	1813/2004 (90.5)
– unstable angina	189/1830 (10.3)	173/1813 (9.5)
– Non-ST-segment elevation MI	834/1830 (45.6)	827/1813 (45.6)
– ST-segment elevation MI	807/1830 (44.1)	813/1813 (44.8)
Therapy at discharge – no. (%)†		
– Aspirin	1866/1975 (94.5)	1878/1978 (94.9)
– Ticagrelor	1602/1975 (81.1)	14/1978 (0.7)
– Prasugrel	21/1975 (1.1)	1596/1978 (80.7)
– Clopidogrel	90/1975 (4.6)	117/1978 (5.9)
– Oral anticoagulant drugs	82/1975 (4.2)	100/1978 (5.1)



## Primary End point

(Composite of Death, MI, or Stroke)



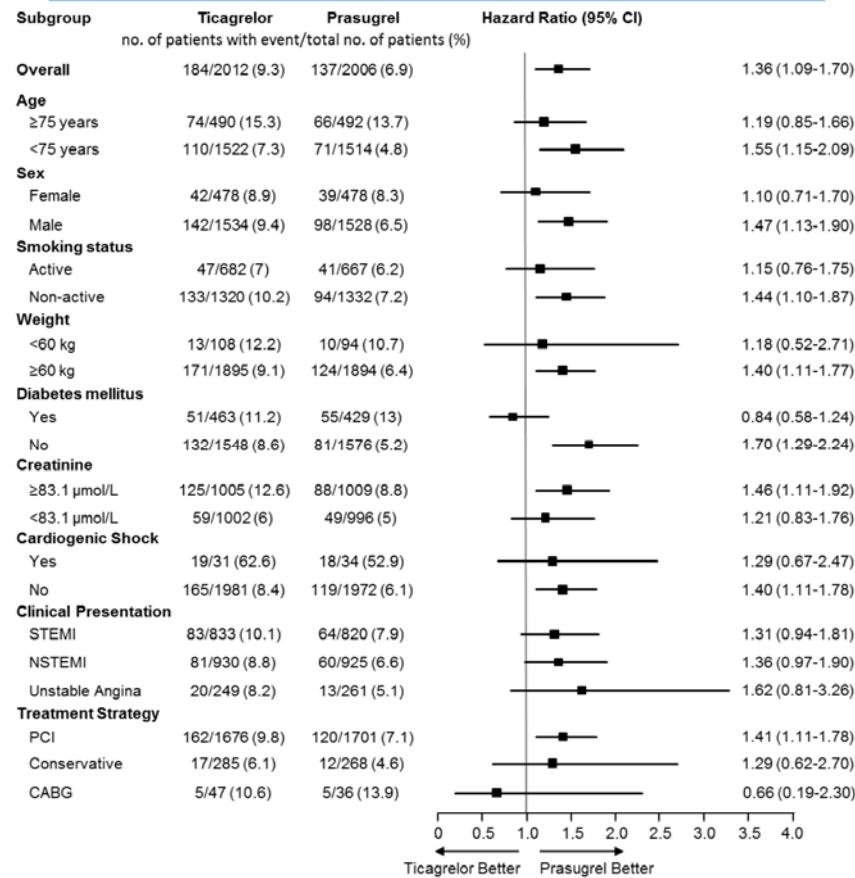
### No. at Risk

Ticagrelor	2012	1877	1857	1835	1815	1801	1772
Prasugrel	2006	1892	1877	1862	1839	1829	1803



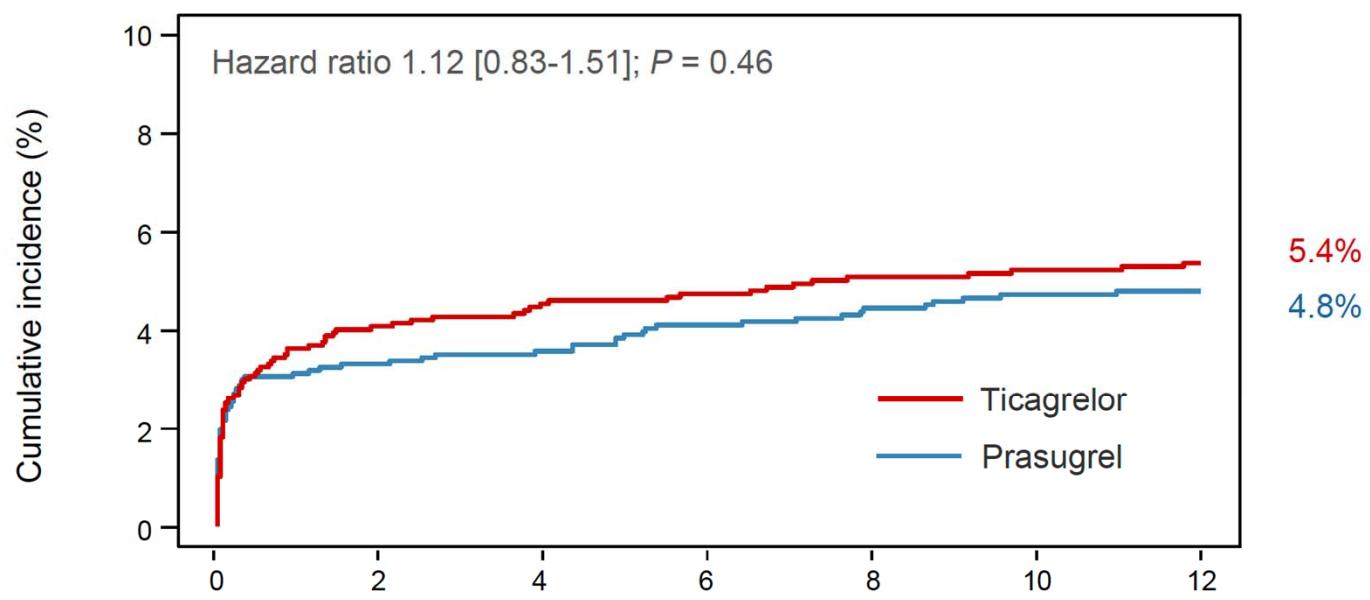
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# BARC Type 3-5 Bleeding (Safety End point)



## No. at Risk

Ticagrelor	1989	1441	1399	1356	1319	1296	1266
Prasugrel	1773	1465	1427	1397	1357	1333	1307



**Table 2. Clinical End Points.\***

End Point	Ticagrelor Group (N=2012)	Prasugrel Group (N=2006)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Primary end point: death, myocardial infarction, or stroke — no. (%)	184 (9.3)	137 (6.9)	1.36 (1.09–1.70)	0.006
Death — no. (%)				
From any cause	90 (4.5)	73 (3.7)	1.23 (0.91–1.68)	
From cardiovascular cause	63 (3.2)	59 (3.0)		
From noncardiovascular cause	27 (1.4)	14 (0.7)		
Myocardial infarction — no. (%)†	96 (4.8)	60 (3.0)	1.63 (1.18–2.25)	
Type 1 — no.	52	35		
Type 2 — no.	4	3		
Type 4a — no.	19	11		
Type 4b — no.	20	11		
Type 5 — no.	1	0		
STEMI — no.	31	14		
Stroke				
Any — no. (%)	22 (1.1)	19 (1.0)	1.17 (0.63–2.15)	
Ischemic — no.	16	17		
Hemorrhagic — no.	6	2		
Definite or probable stent thrombosis — no. (%)	26 (1.3)	20 (1.0)	1.30 (0.72–2.33)	
Definite stent thrombosis — no. (%)	22 (1.1)	12 (0.6)		
Secondary safety end point: BARC type 3, 4, or 5 bleeding — no./total no. (%)‡	95/1989 (5.4)	80/1773 (4.8)	1.12 (0.83–1.51)	0.46
BARC 3a	47	41		
BARC 3b	32	31		
BARC 3c	4	2		
BARC 4	8	2		
BARC 5a	1	0		
BARC 5b	3	4		



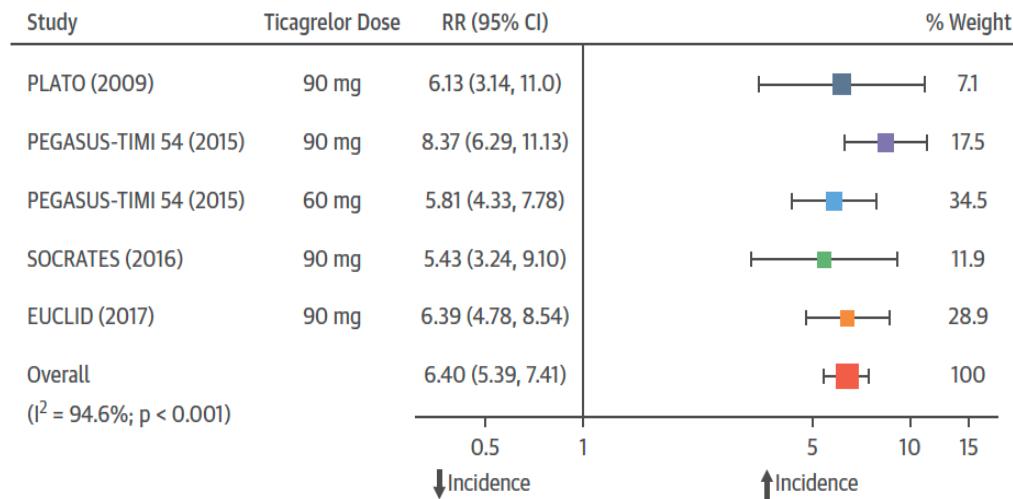
## Premature Ticagrelor Discontinuation in Secondary Prevention of Atherosclerotic CVD

JACC Review Topic of the Week

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**FIGURE 2** Dyspnea-Related Discontinuation Risk for Ticagrelor Versus Comparator



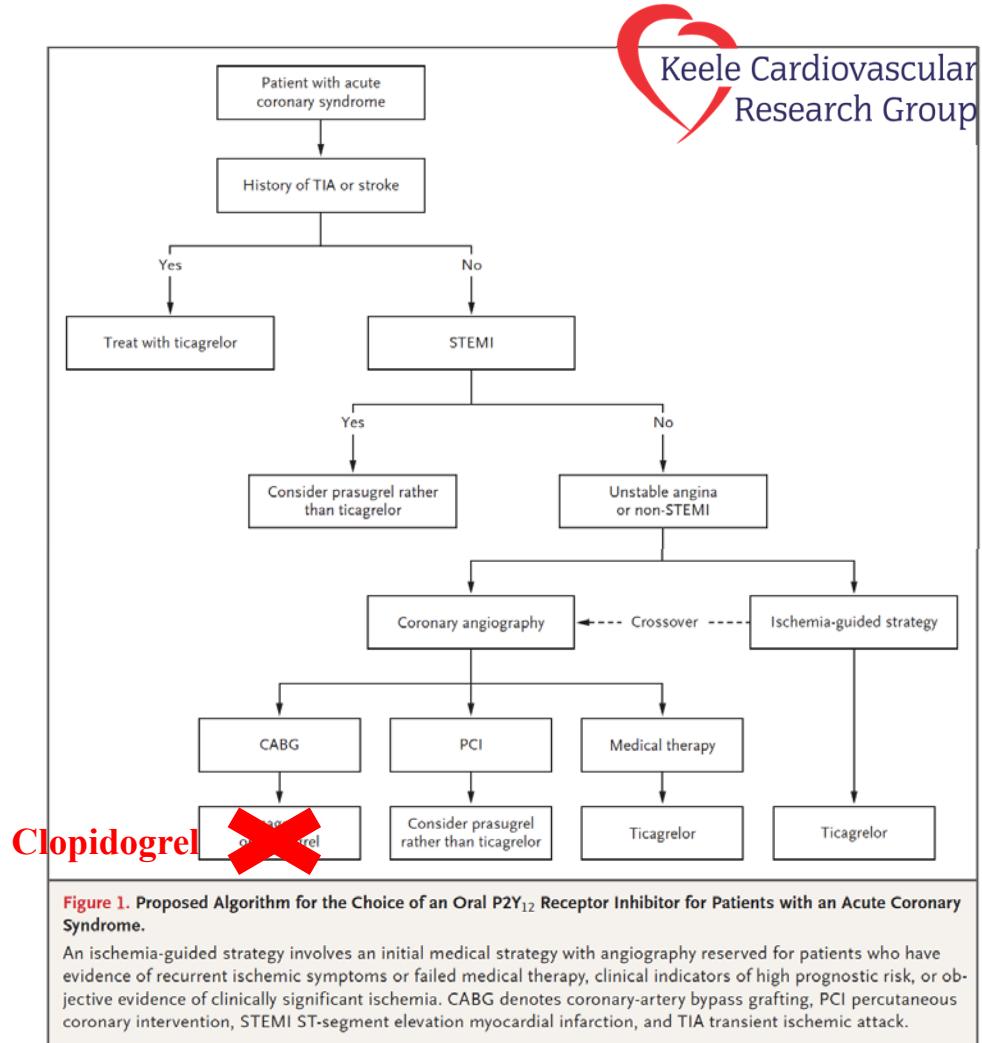
**ISAR REACT 5:** Greater discontinuation of Ticagrelor (15%) vs Prasugrel (12%)  
 $P < 0.05$ , median time to discontinuation 84 days (Ticagralor vs 102 days (Prasugrel))



## Ticagrelor or Prasugrel in Acute Coronary Syndromes — The Winner Takes It All?

Hani Jneid, M.D.

Suggested algorithm from NEJM editorial





# Summary

- RCTs show superiority of Prasugrel and Ticagrelor to Clopidogrel
- ISAR-REACT 5 RCT in ACS demonstrates superior outcomes of Prasugrel in ACS patients with a planned invasive management
- Superiority mainly driven by decreased risk of type 1 AMI and stent thrombosis
- Landmark trial providing insight into optimal anti-platelet therapy in patients treated with planned invasive strategy
- Advances personalization of antiplatelet therapy in ACS