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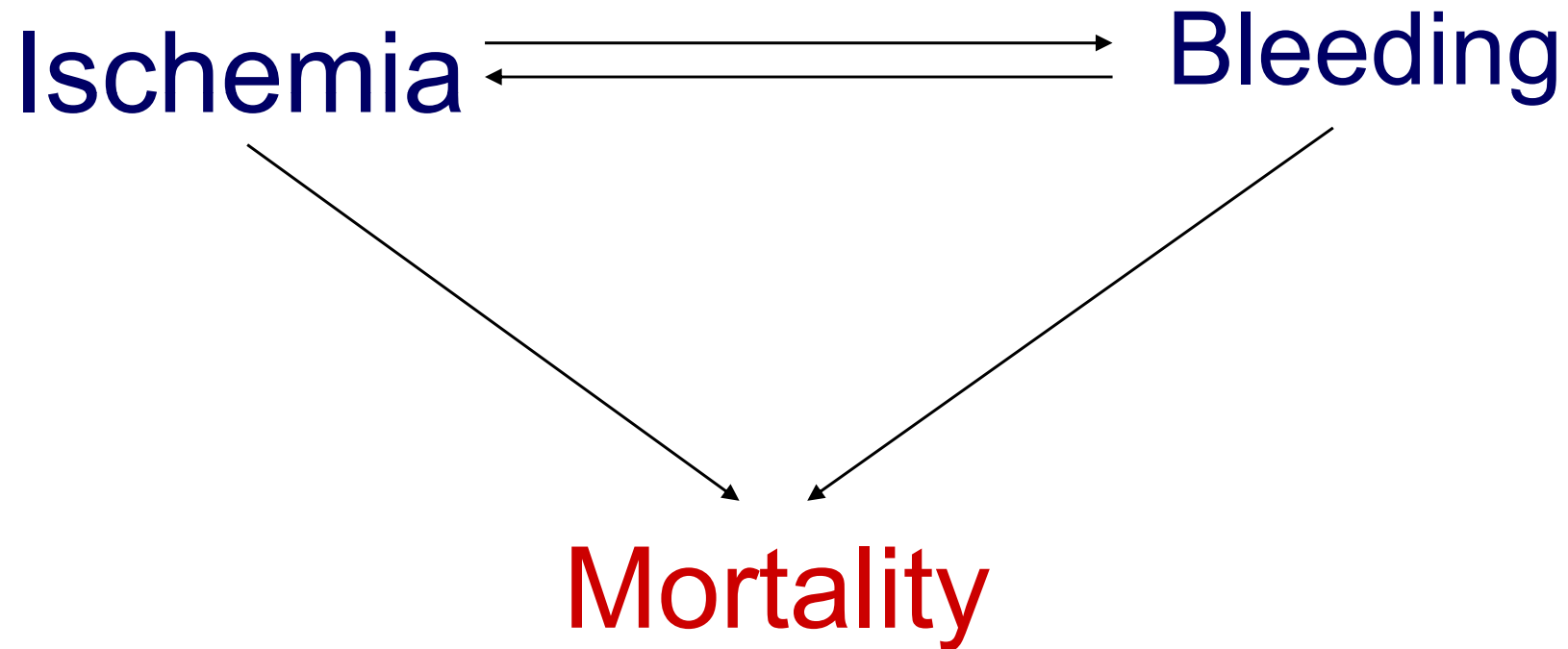
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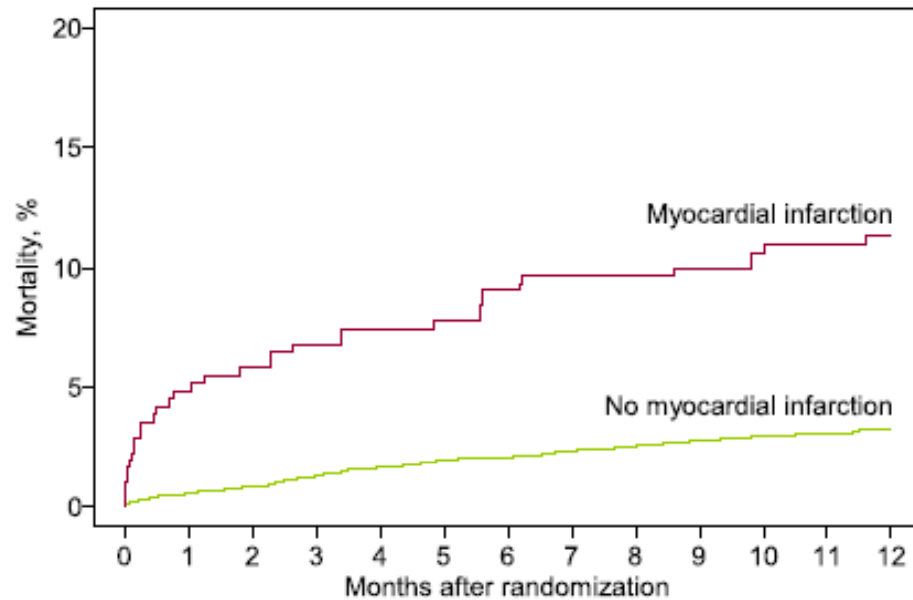


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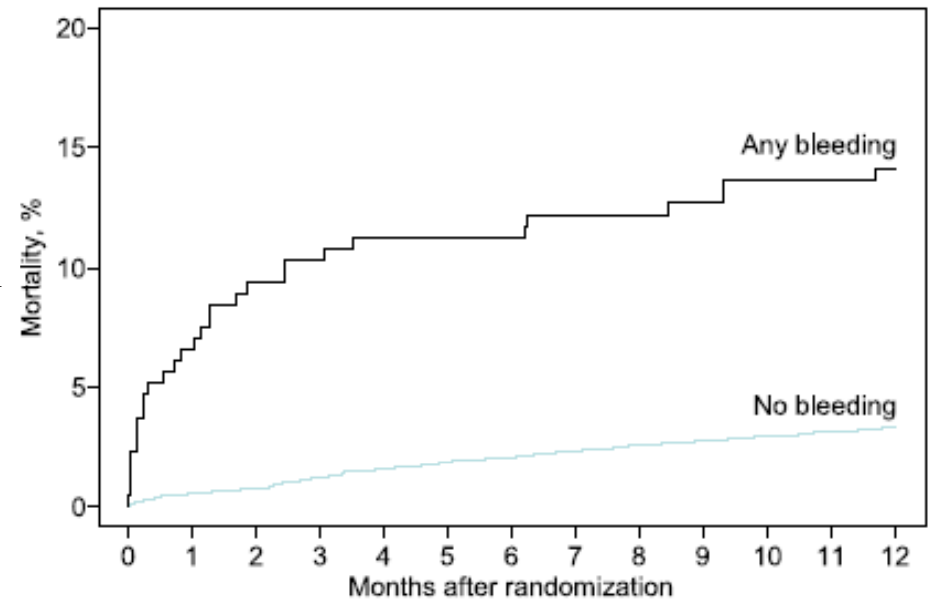
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Impact of bleeding and MI on 1 year mortality after PCI



Post-Procedural Myocardial Infarction and 1 year Mortality



Post-Procedural Bleeding and 1 year Mortality

ESC Guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation

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Antithrombotic therapy

- Antiplatelet therapy
 - Aspirin
 - ADP receptor blockers
 - GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors
- Anticoagulants
 - Heparins
 - Fondaparinux
 - Bivalirudin

P2Y₁₂ inhibitor recommendations 1

A P2Y₁₂ inhibitor should be added to aspirin as soon as possible and maintained over 12 months, unless there are contraindications such as excessive risk of bleeding

A proton pump inhibitor (preferably not omeprazole) in combination with DAPT is recommended in patients with a history of gastrointestinal haemorrhage or peptic ulcer, and appropriate for patients with multiple other risk factors (H. pylori infection, age ≥65 years, concurrent use of anticoagulants or steroids)

Class	Level
I	A

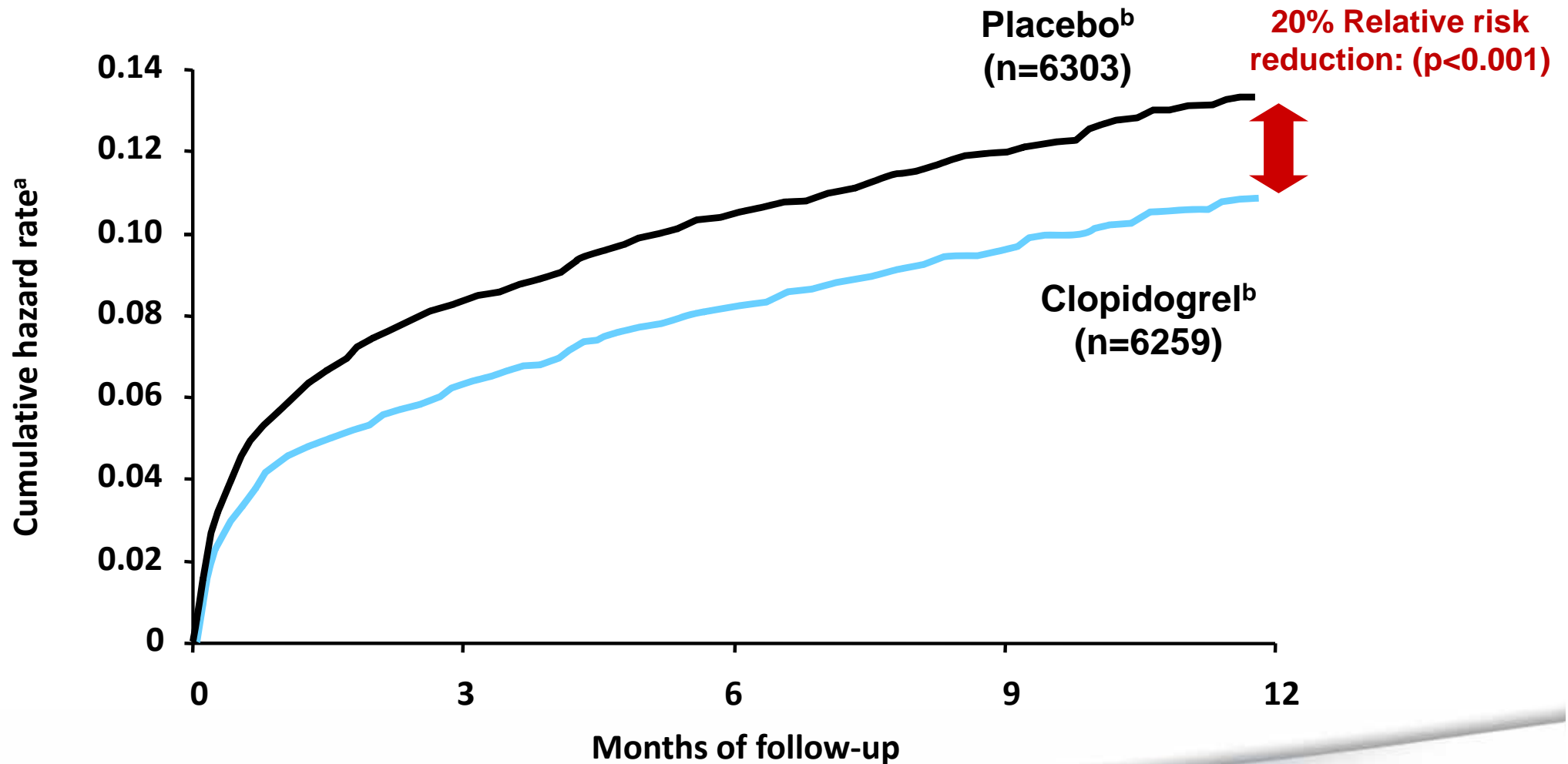
Class	Level
I	A

P2Y₁₂ inhibitor recommendations 2

Prolonged or permanent withdrawal of P2Y₁₂ inhibitors within 12 months after the index event is discouraged unless clinically indicated

Class	Level
I	C

CURE: Early and long-term benefits of clopidogrel in ACS Patients



^aMI, stroke or cardiovascular death

^bOn a background of standard therapy including aspirin)

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The CURE Investigators. *N Engl J Med* 2001;345:494–502



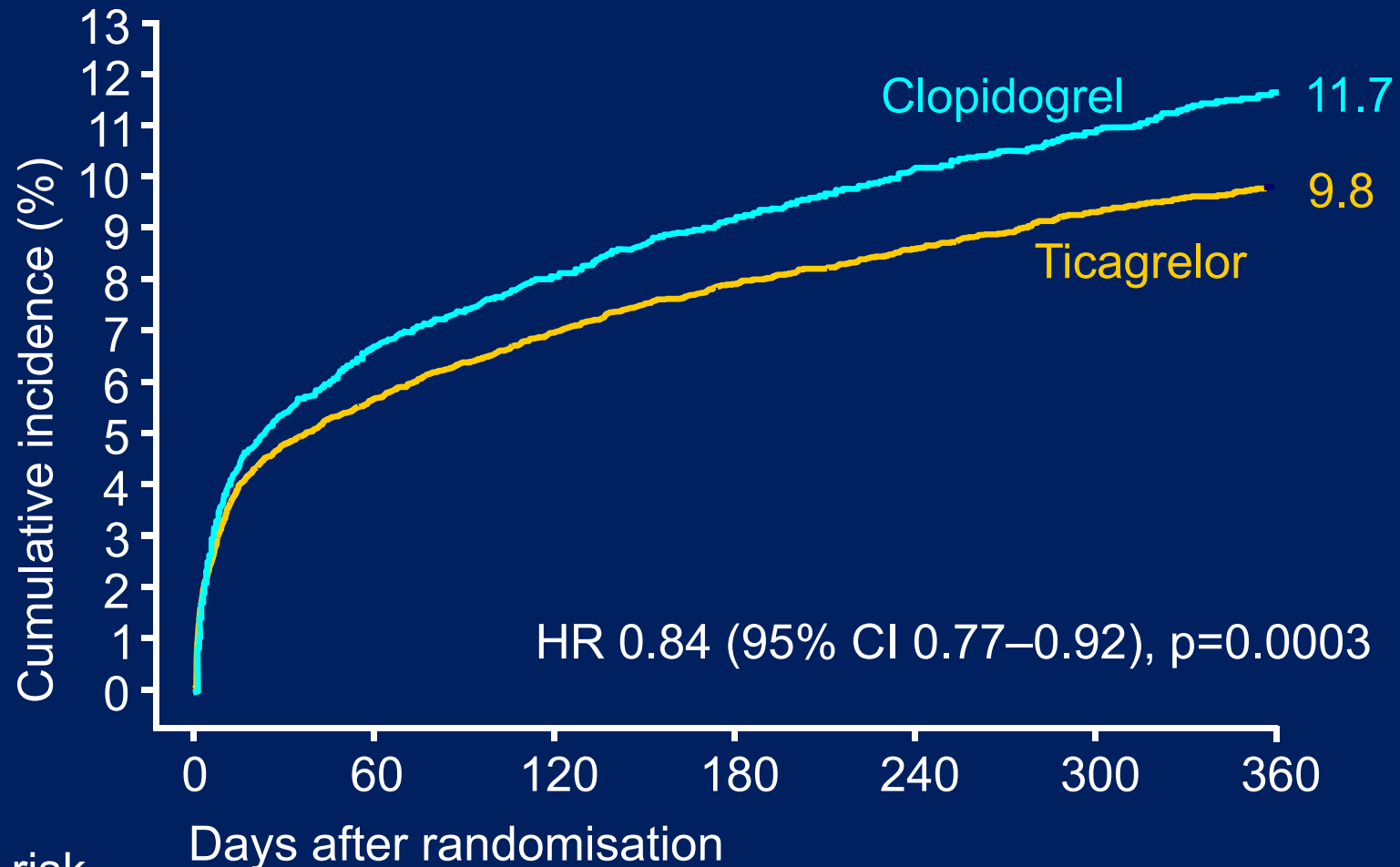
Limitations of Clopidogrel

- Delayed onset of action
- Limited platelet inhibition
- Non-Responders (Non-Metabolisers)
- Drug-interactions (PPI, CCB)

P2Y₁₂ Inhibitors

	Clopidogrel	Prasugrel	Ticagrelor
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 min	30 min
Duration of effect	3-10 days	5-10 days	3-4 days
Withdrawal before major surgery	5 days	7 days	5 days

PLATO: time to first primary efficacy event (composite of CV death, MI or stroke)



No. at risk

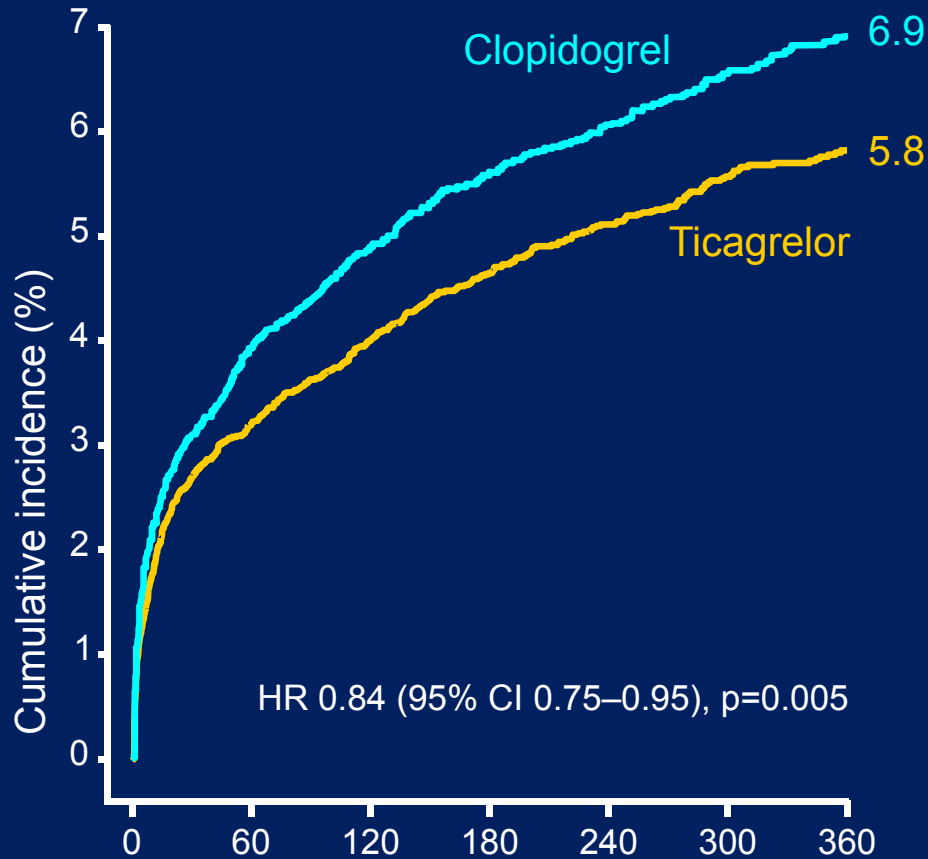
Ticagrelor	9,333	8,628	8,460	8,219	6,743	5,161	4,147
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Clopidogrel	9,291	8,521	8,362	8,124	6,743	5,096	4,047
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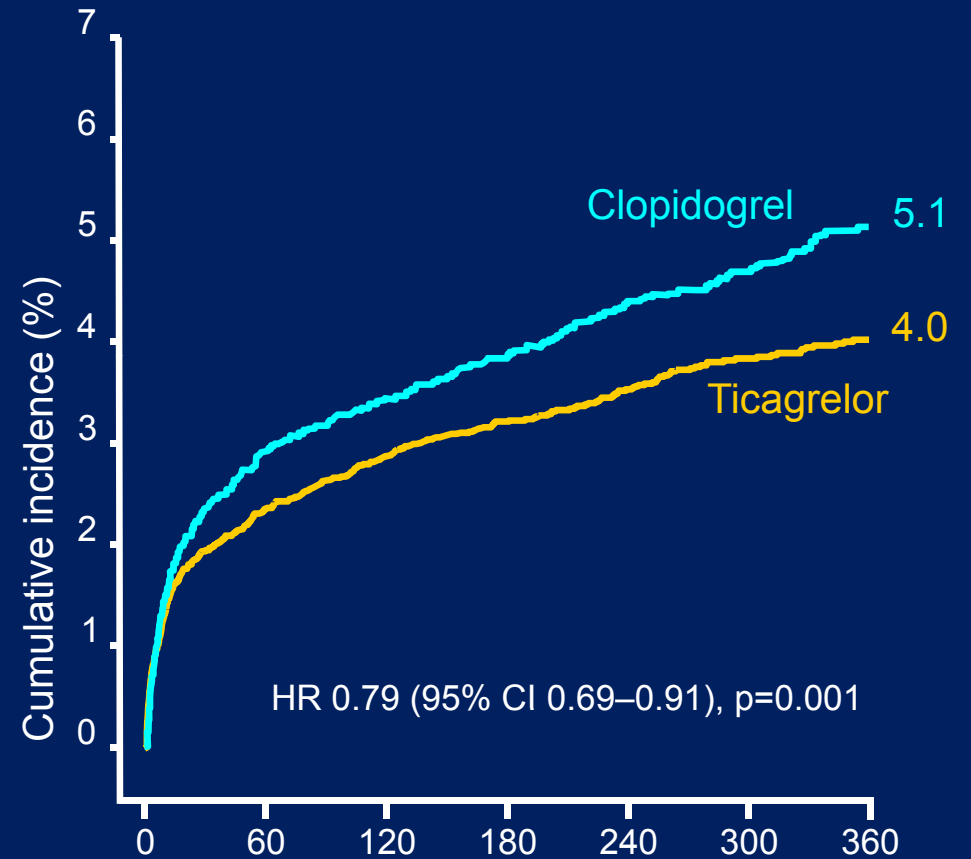
Curves are Kaplan-Meier rates, HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval

Secondary efficacy endpoints over time

Myocardial infarction



Cardiovascular death



No. at risk	Days after randomisation						
	0	60	120	180	240	300	360
Ticagrelor	9,333	8,678	8,520	8,279	6,796	5,210	4,191
Clopidogrel	9,291	8,560	8,405	8,177	6,703	5,136	4,109

No. at risk	Days after randomisation						
	0	60	120	180	240	300	360
Clopidogrel	9,333	8,294	8,822	8,626	7,119	5,482	4,419
Ticagrelor	9,291	8,865	8,780	8,589	7,079	5,441	4,364

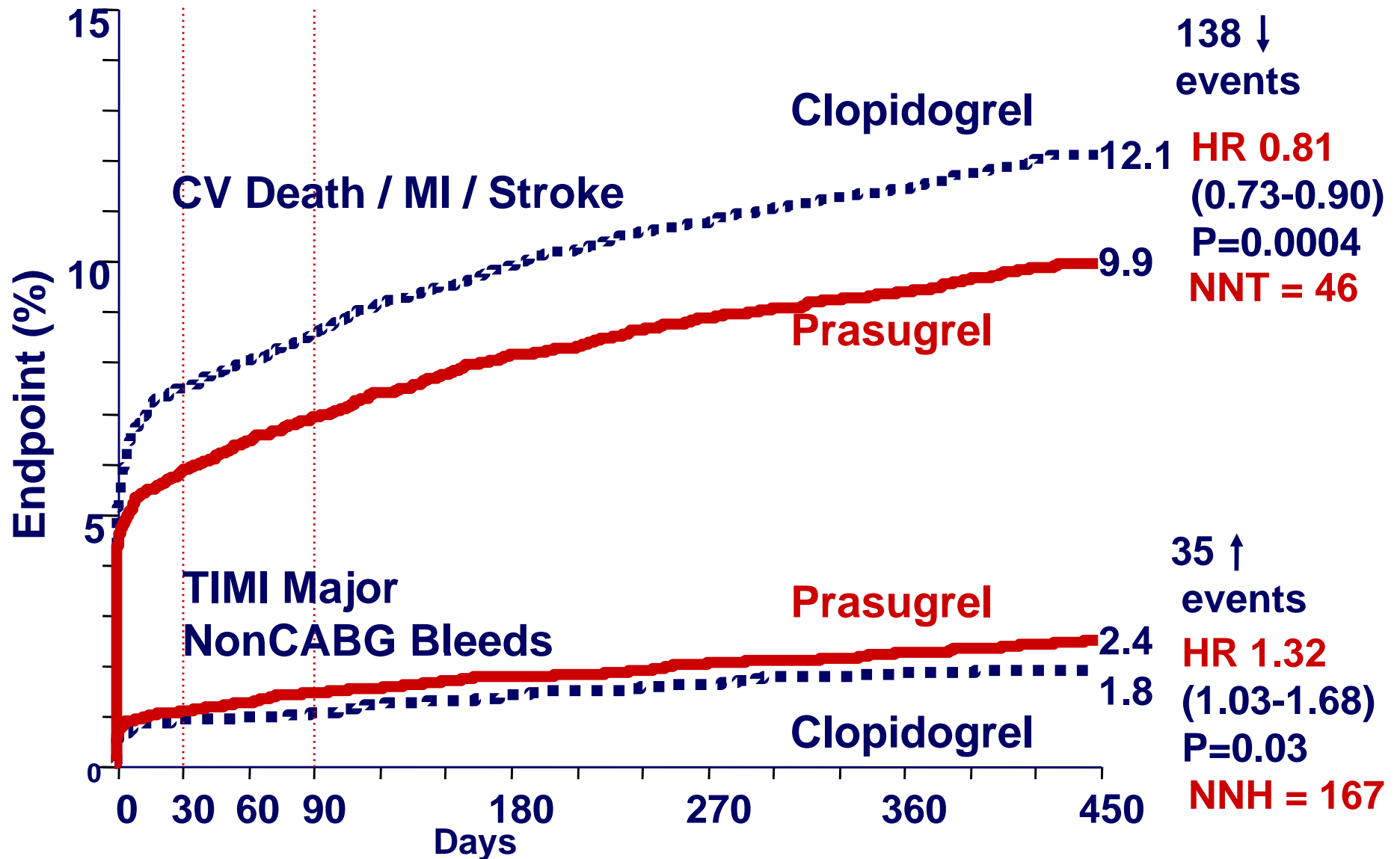
Ticagrelor

Ticagrelor (180-mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily) is recommended for all patients at moderate-to-high risk of ischaemic events (e.g. elevated troponins), regardless of initial treatment strategy and including those pre-treated with clopidogrel (which should be discontinued when ticagrelor is commenced)

Class	Level
I	B

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- Efficacy and Safety of Prasugrel -



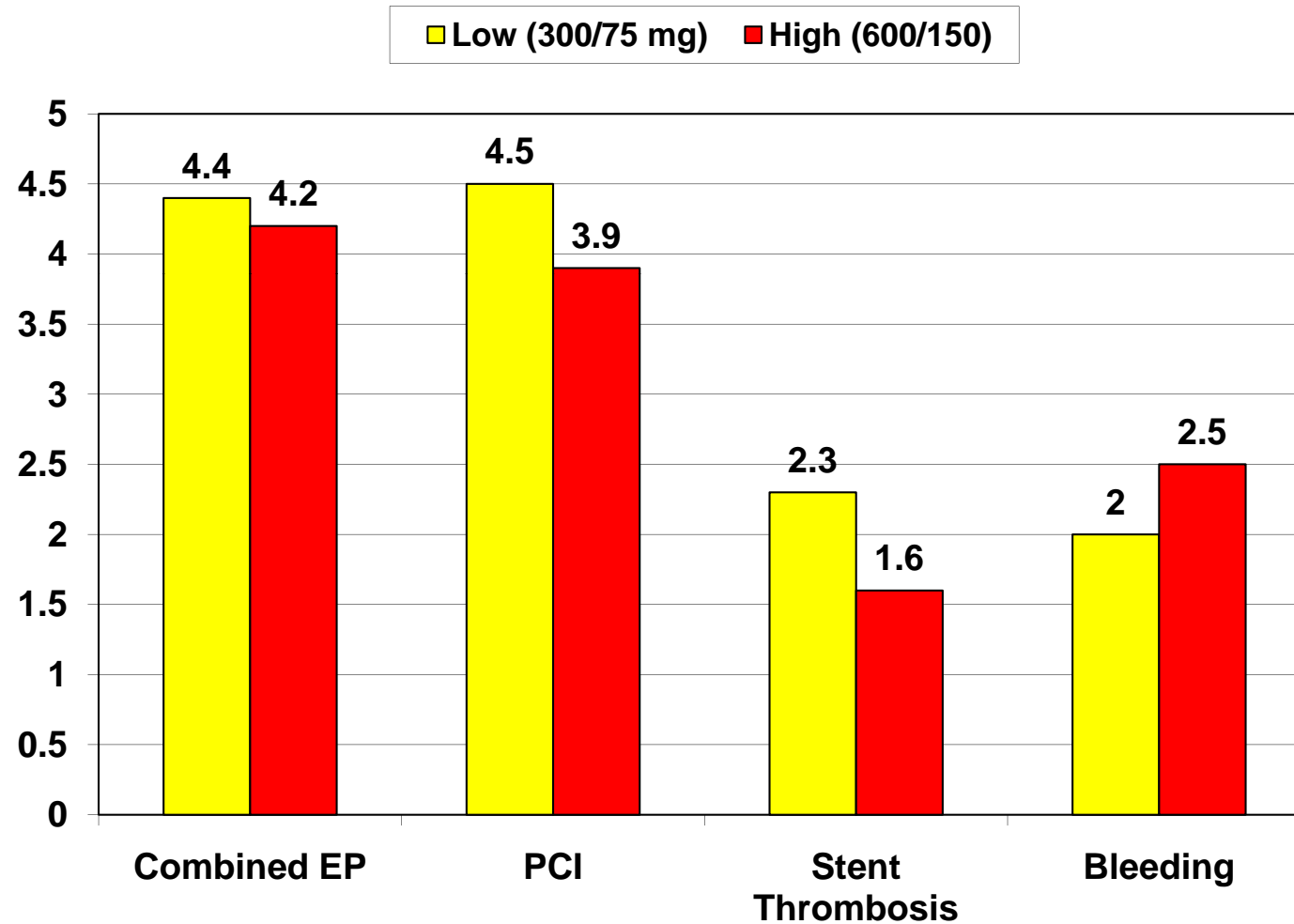
Prasugrel

Prasugrel (60-mg loading dose, 10-mg daily dose) is recommended for P2Y₁₂-inhibitor-naïve patients (especially diabetics) in whom coronary anatomy is known and who are proceeding to PCI unless there is a high risk of lifethreatening bleeding or other contraindications

Class	Level
I	B

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High dose versus low dose Clopidogrel
Results after 30 days



Clopidogrel dosing

Clopidogrel (300-mg loading dose, 75-mg daily dose) is recommended for patients who cannot receive ticagrelor or prasugrel

A 600-mg loading dose of clopidogrel (or a supplementary 300-mg dose at PCI following an initial 300-mg loading dose) is recommended for patients scheduled for an invasive strategy when ticagrelor or prasugrel is not an option

A higher maintenance dose of clopidogrel 150 mg daily should be considered for the first 7 days in patients managed with PCI and without increased risk of bleeding

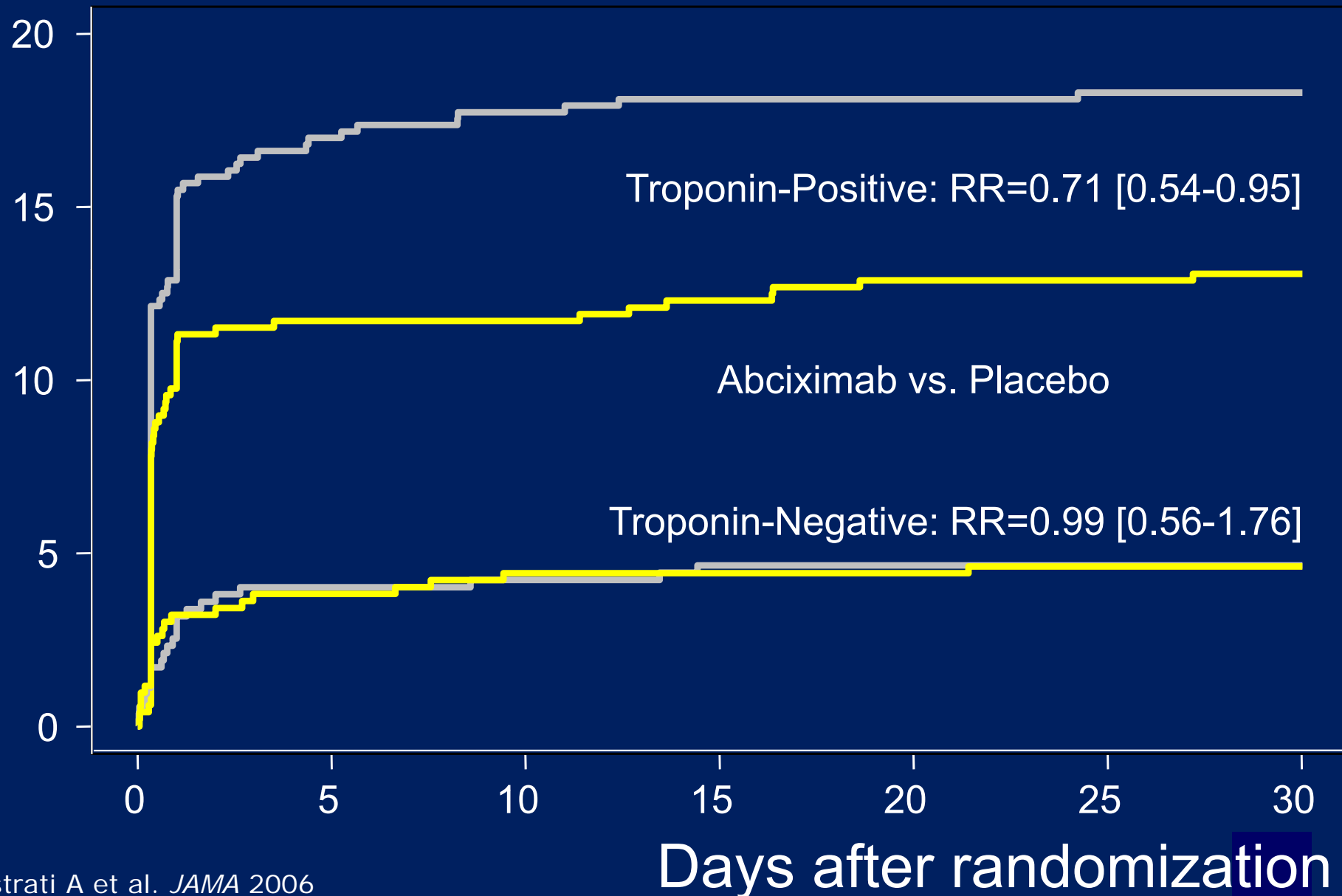
Class	Level
I	A

Class	Level
I	B

Class	Level
IIa	B

ISAR-REACT 2: Outcomes according to Tn level

Death/MI/UTVR, %



GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitor

The choice of combination of oral antiplatelet agents, a GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitor, and anticoagulants should be made in relation to the risk of ischaemic and bleeding events

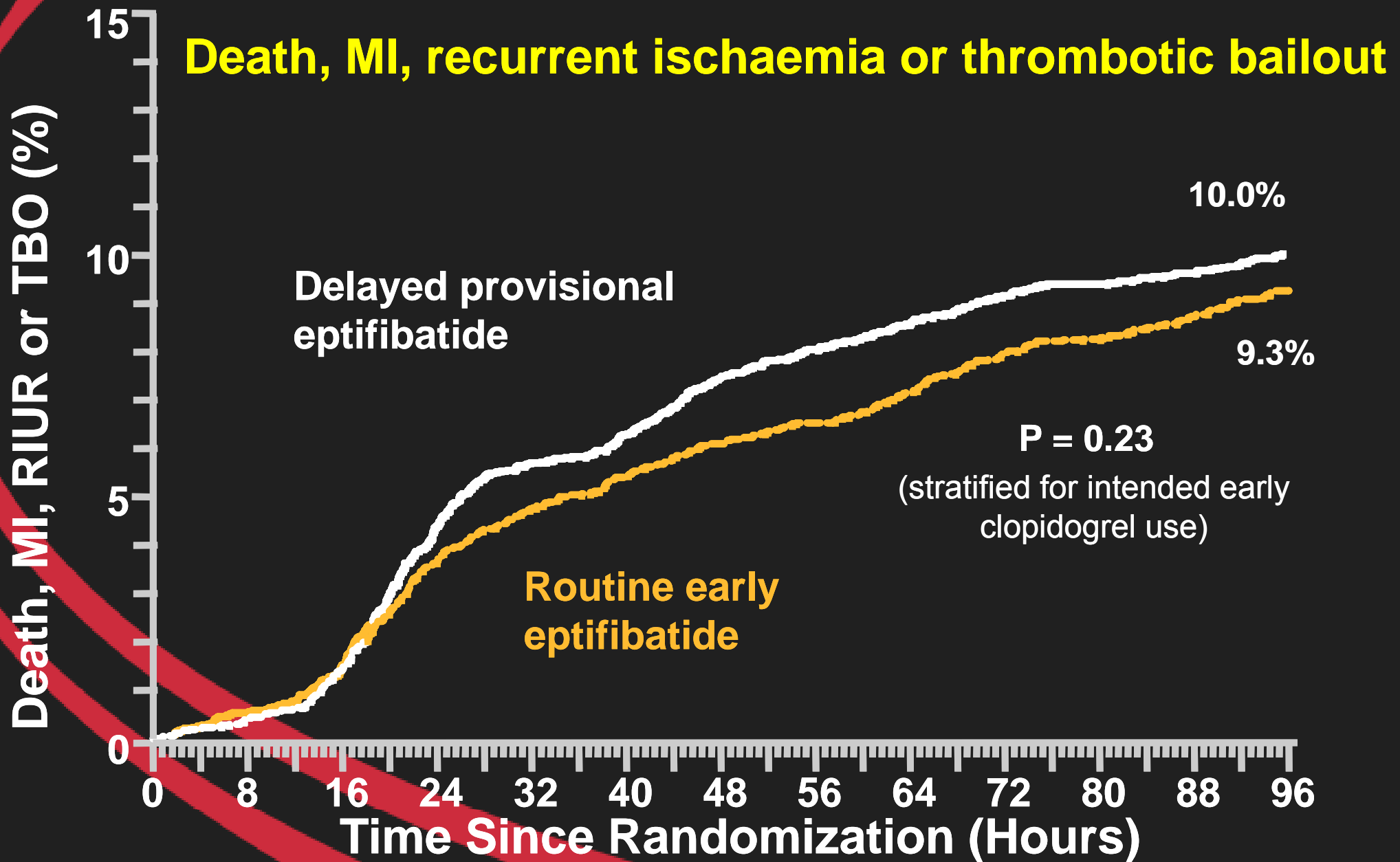
Class	Level
I	C

Among patients who are already treated with DAPT, the addition of a GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitor for high-risk PCI (elevated troponin, visible thrombus) is recommended if the risk of bleeding is low

Class	Level
I	B

Routine upstream GP IIb/IIIa in NSTE-ACS

Kaplan-Meier Curves for Primary Endpoint



Safety Results (through 120 hours)

	Routine Eptifibatide (n=4686)	Early Delayed Provisional Eptifibatide (n=4643)	OR (95% CI)	P
Bleeding (all patients, %)				
TIMI major	2.6	1.8	1.42 (1.07-1.89)	0.015
TIMI major or minor	5.8	3.4	1.75 (1.43-2.14)	<0.001
GUSTO severe	0.8	0.9	0.99 (0.64-1.55)	0.97
GUSTO moderate or severe	7.6	5.1	1.52 (1.28-1.80)	<0.001
PRBC transfusion	8.6	6.7	1.31 (1.12-1.53)	0.001

Upstream GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitor

In high-risk patients eptifibatide or tirofiban may be considered prior to early angiography in addition to DAPT, if there is ongoing ischaemia and the risk of bleeding is low

GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitors are not recommended routinely before angiography in an invasive treatment strategy

GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitors are not recommended for patients on DAPT who are treated conservatively

Class	Level
IIb	C

Class	Level
III	A

Class	Level
III	A

Bivalirudin vs GPIIb/IIIa antagonists

Bivalirudin plus provisional GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitors are recommended as an alternative to UFH plus GPIIb/IIIa receptor inhibitors in patients with an intended urgent or early invasive strategy, particularly in patients with a high risk of bleeding

Class	Level
I	B

Anticoagulants

Anticoagulation is recommended for all patients in addition to antiplatelet therapy

Class	Level
I	A

The anticoagulation should be selected according to both ischaemic and bleeding risks, and according to the efficacy–safety profile of the chosen agent

Class	Level
I	C



Study Design: Randomized, Double Blind

Patients with NSTEMI ACS, Chest discomfort < 24 hours
2 of 3: Age>60, ST Segment Δ, ↑ cardiac markers

Exclude

Age < 21
Any contra-ind to Enox
Hem stroke < 12 mo.
Creat > 3 mg/dL/265 umol/L

ASA, Clop, GP IIb/IIIa,
planned Cath/PCI as per
local practice

Randomize

N=20,078

Fondaparinux
2.5 mg sc once daily

PCI < 6 h: IV Fonda 2.5 mg
without IIb/IIIa, 0 with IIb/IIIa
PCI > 6 h: IV Fonda 2.5 mg with
and 5.0 mg without IIb/IIIa

Enoxaparin
1 mg/kg sc twice daily

PCI < 6 h, No additional UFH
PCI > 6 h, IV UFH
With IIb/IIIa 65 U/kg
Without IIb/IIIa 100 U/kg

Outcomes

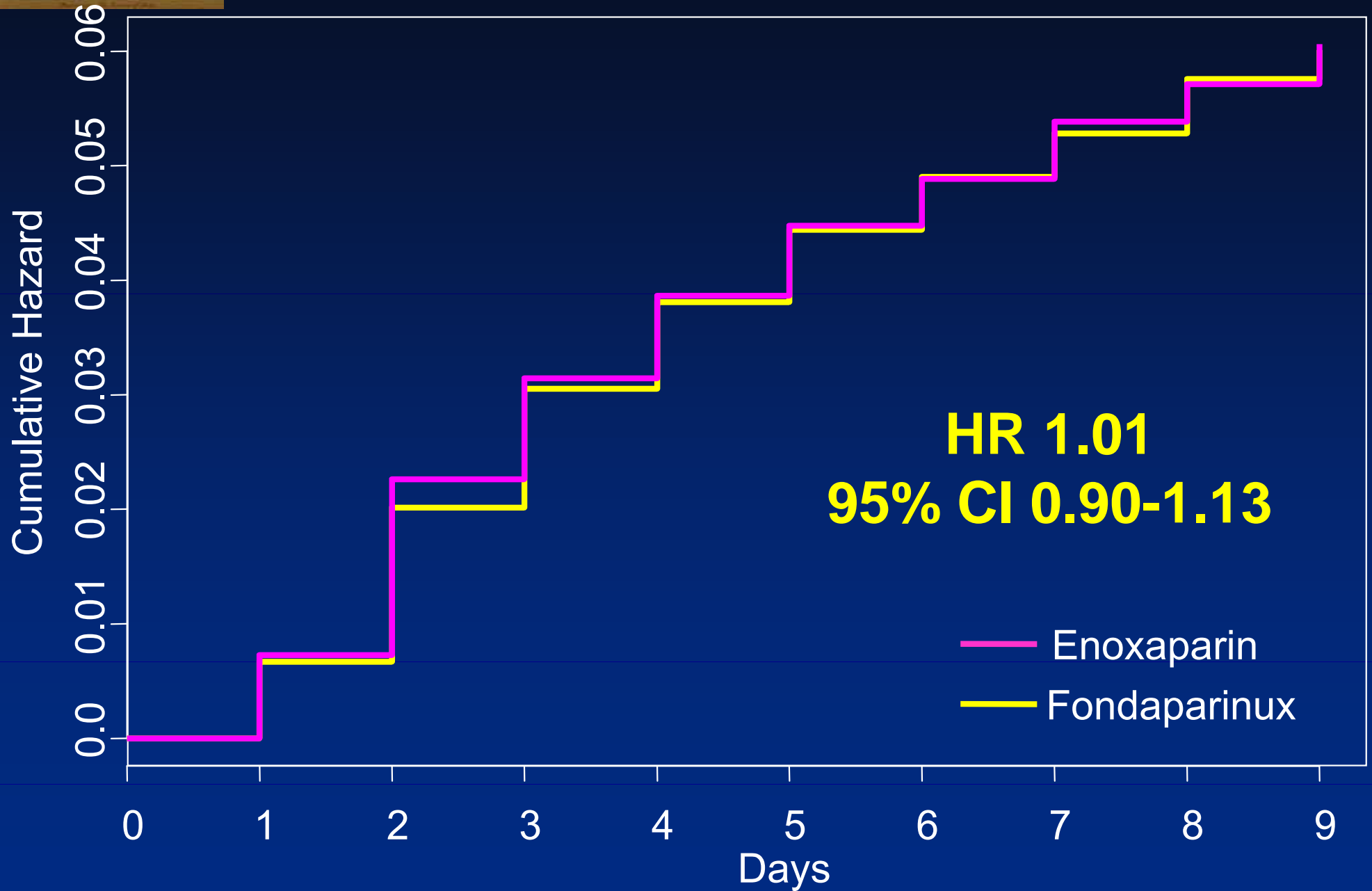
Primary: **Efficacy:** Death, MI, refractory ischemia at 9 days
 Safety: Major bleeding at 9 days
 Risk benefit: Death, MI, refractory ischemia, major bleeds 9 days

Secondary: Above & each component separately at day 30 & 6 months

Hypothesis: First test non-inferiority, then test superiority

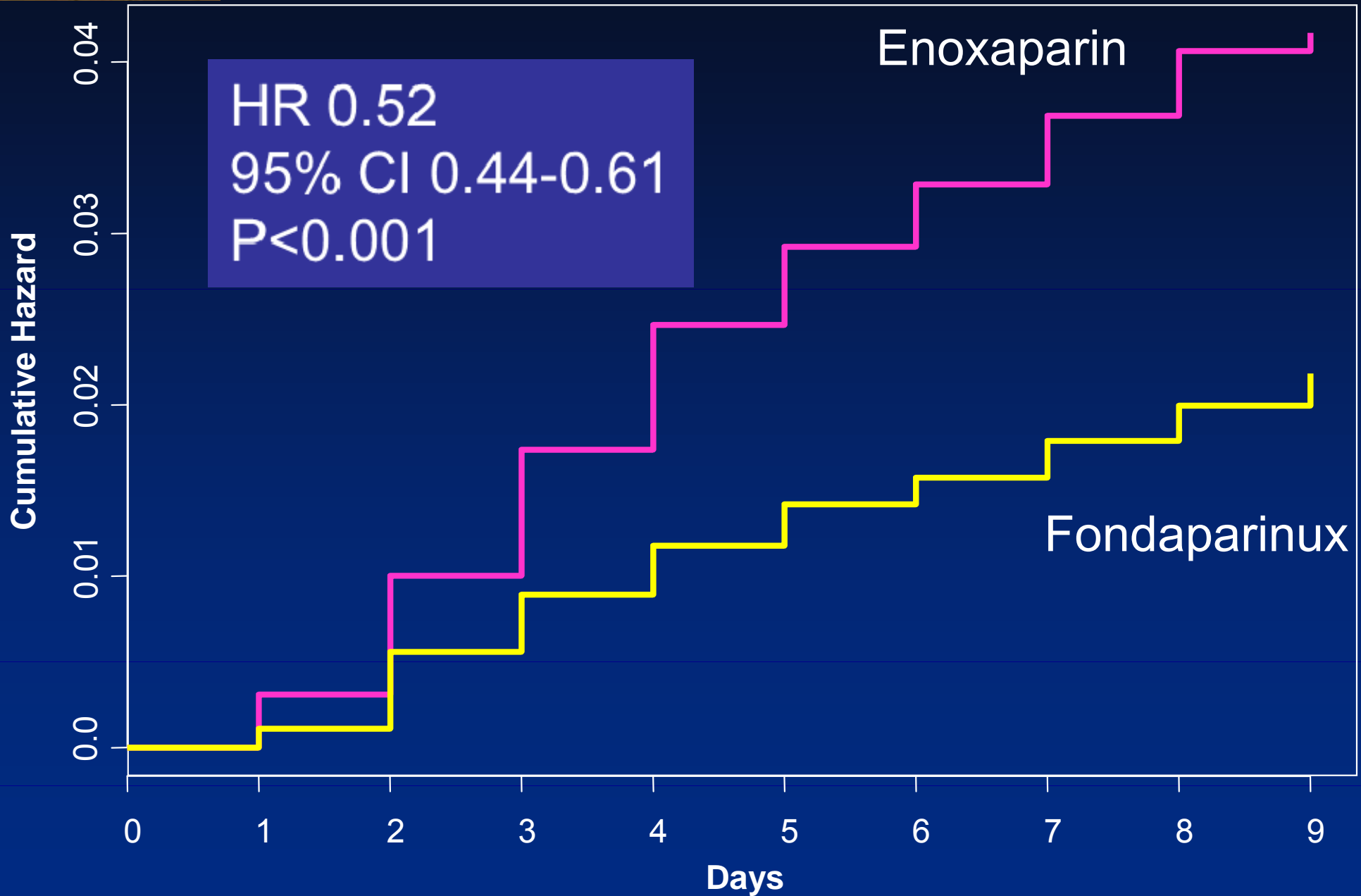


Death/MI/RI: Day 9



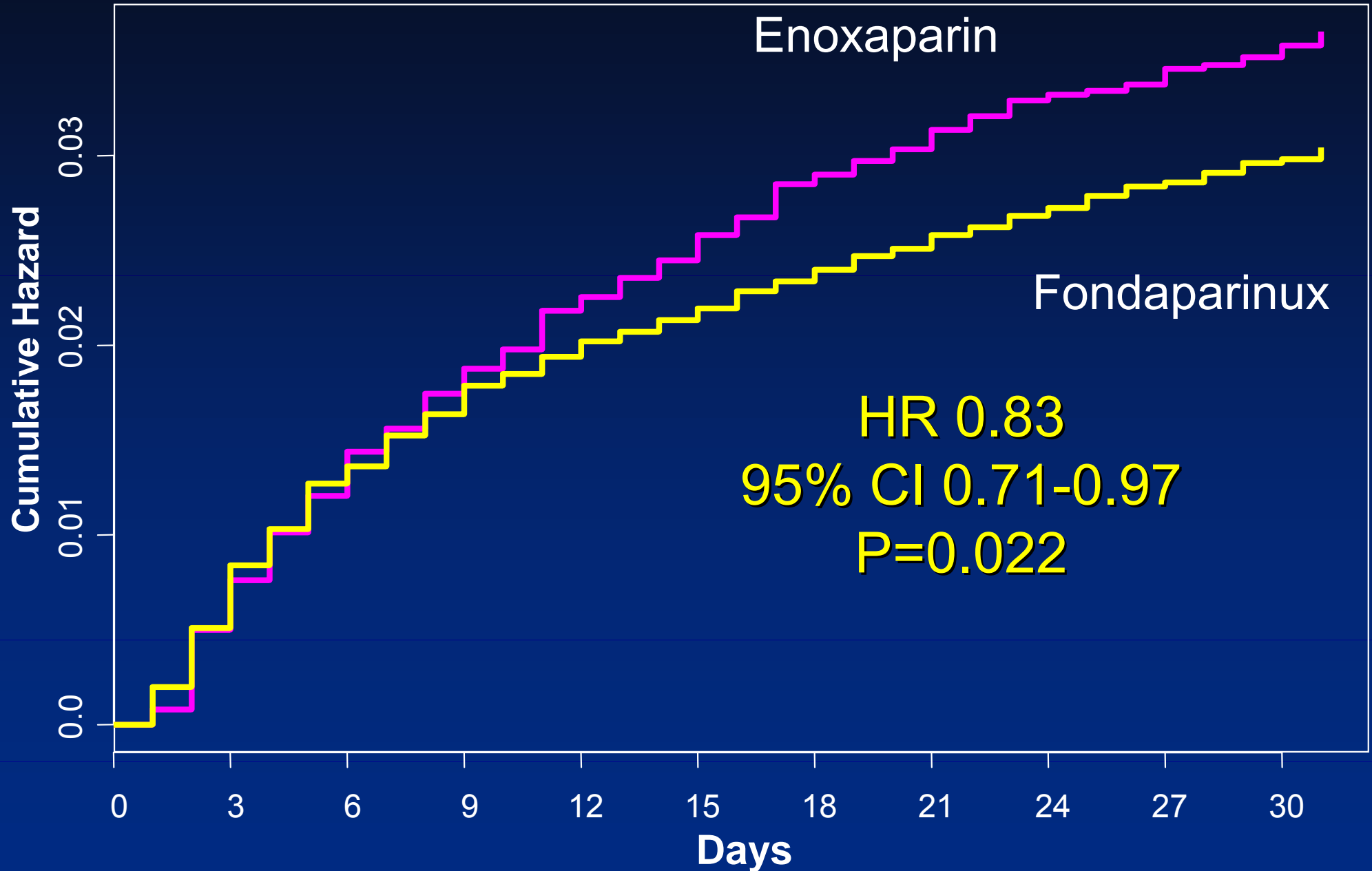


Major Bleeding: 9 Days



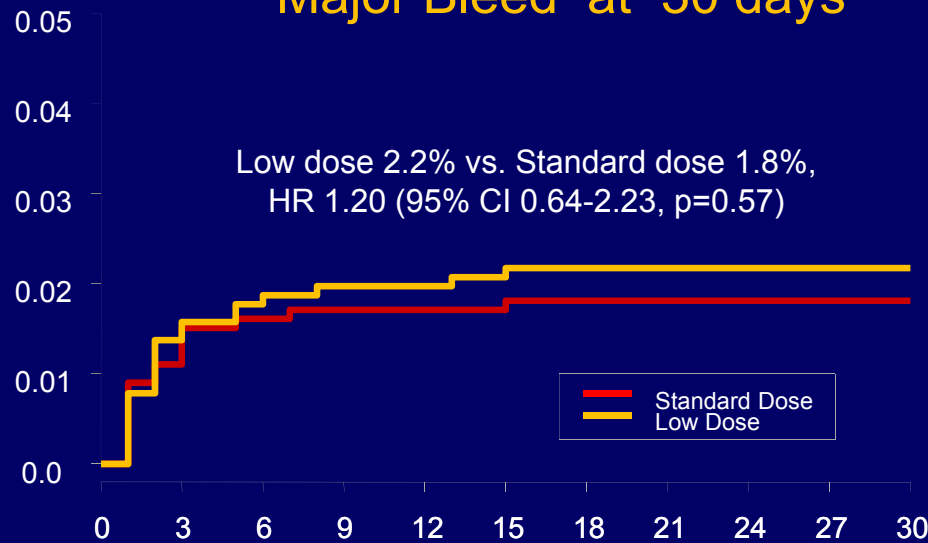


Mortality: Day 30



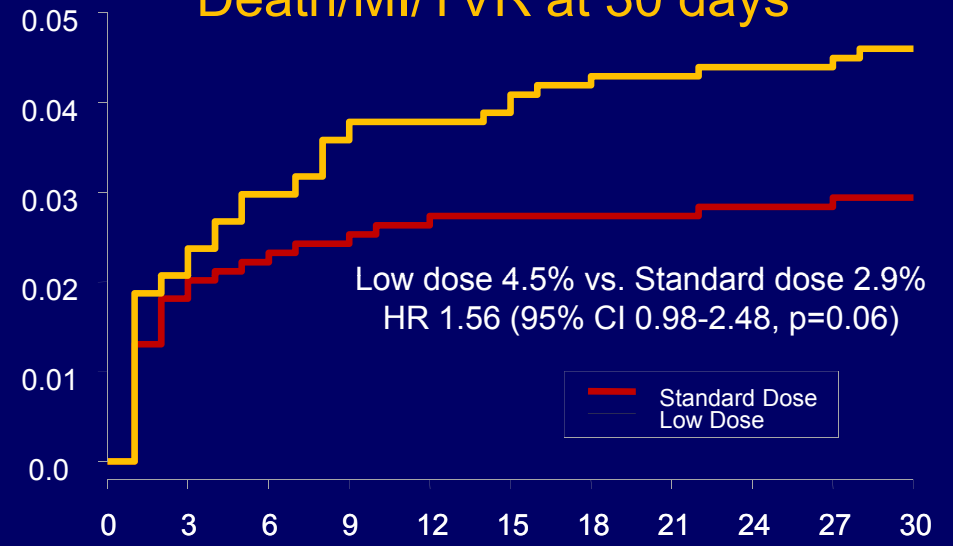
Outcomes to 30 days

Major Bleed at 30 days



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Standard Dose	1002	986	981	980	980	978					
Low Dose	1024	1002	1001	998	997	994					

Death/MI/TVR at 30 days



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Standard Dose	1002	980	975	975	974	971					
Low Dose	1024	997	988	982	981	978					

Subgroup analysis showed consistent results for primary outcome and for death/MI/TVR for pre-specified subgroups of: Age, Sex, GP IIb/IIIa, BMI, CrCl, Arterial access site

Fondaparinux

Fondaparinux (2.5 mg subcutaneously daily) is recommended as having the most favourable efficacy–safety profile with respect to anticoagulation

Class	Level
I	A

If the initial anticoagulant is fondaparinux, a single bolus of UFH (85 IU/kg adapted to ACT, or 60 IU in the case of concomitant use of GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitors) should be added at the time of PCI

Class	Level
I	B

Heparins

Enoxaparin (1 mg/kg twice daily) is recommended when fondaparinux is not available

Class	Level
I	B

If fondaparinux or enoxaparin are not available, UFH with a target aPTT of 50–70 s or other LMWHs at the specific recommended doses are Indicated

Class	Level
I	C

Ten Take home messages

6 - Antiplatelet treatment

- Aspirin lifelong for all, plus
- Ticagrelor (12 months) or
- Prasugrel (only with PCI)
- Clopidogrel , if ticagrelor and prasugrel not available
- Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa in high risk patients, but not routinely upstream

7 - Anticoagulation

- Fondaparinux best benefit/ risk profile (add UFH if PCI)
- Enoxaparin, other low molecular weight heparins or unfractionated heparin are less recommended options
- Bivalirudin in high risk bleeding as alternative to GP IIb/IIIa + UFH in patients undergoing PCI