

# Revisiting Anticoagulants: Why Dual Pathway Inhibition is Not Ready?

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# Patient with chronic atrial fibrillation who needs DAPT for DES

# Triple Therapy: The Scope of the Problem

## Clinical Scenarios for Triple Therapy

### Stent-assisted PCI +

- Atrial fibrillation with CHADS<sub>2</sub> score  $\geq 2$
- History of arterial embolism
- Mechanical valve
- VTE
- LV thrombus
- Coagulation disorders requiring OAK

## Risk Assessment

- Risk of embolism
- Risk of stent thrombosis
- Risk of bleeding

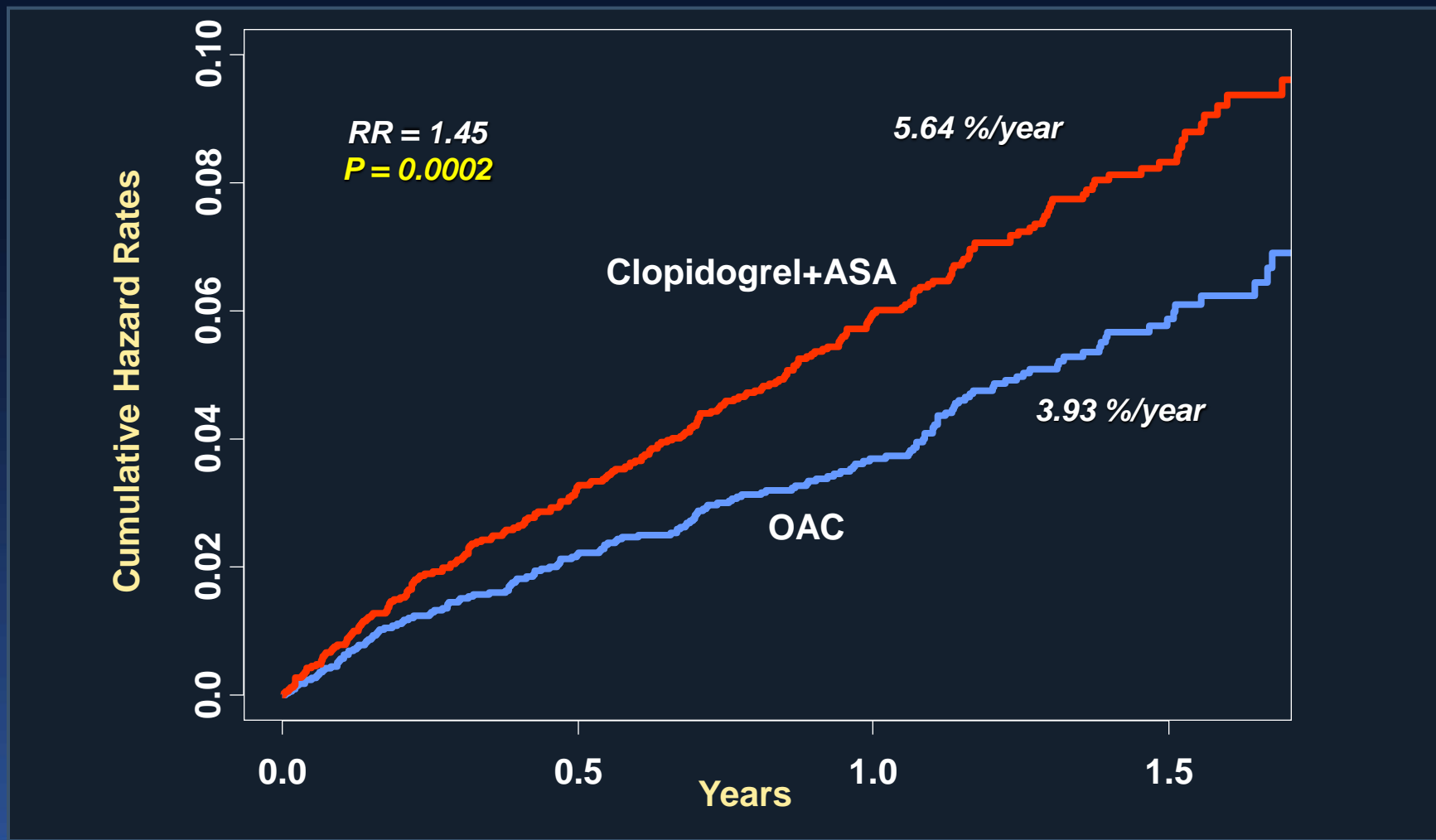
## Therapeutic dilemmas

- Type of stent (BMS vs DES)
- Duration of therapy
- INR levels (2.0-2.5)
- Home-monitoring (INR self-testing)
- ASA dosage (<100 mg)
- Compliance with therapy
- CABG?
- OAK + single antiplatelet agent (Warfarin + Clopidogrel)

# Recommendations for Patients with AF Undergoing Stenting

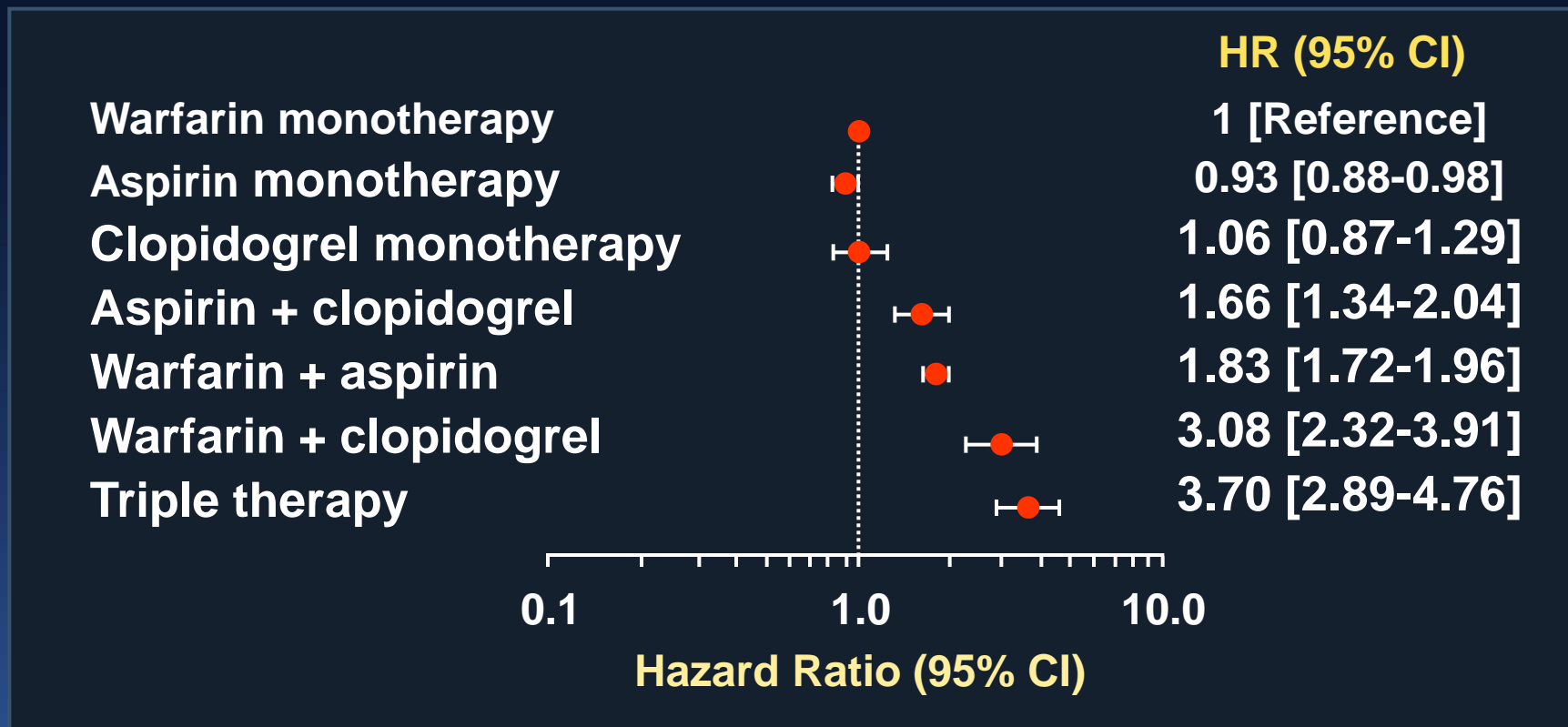
- **Assess the risk for stent thrombosis, ischemic events, and thromboembolism, and adjust the need or degree of anticoagulation to the risk**

# ACTIVE W: Stroke, Non-CNS Systemic Embolism, MI & Vascular Death



# Bleeding Associated with Warfarin, Aspirin, Clopidogrel in Patients with AF

n=82,854

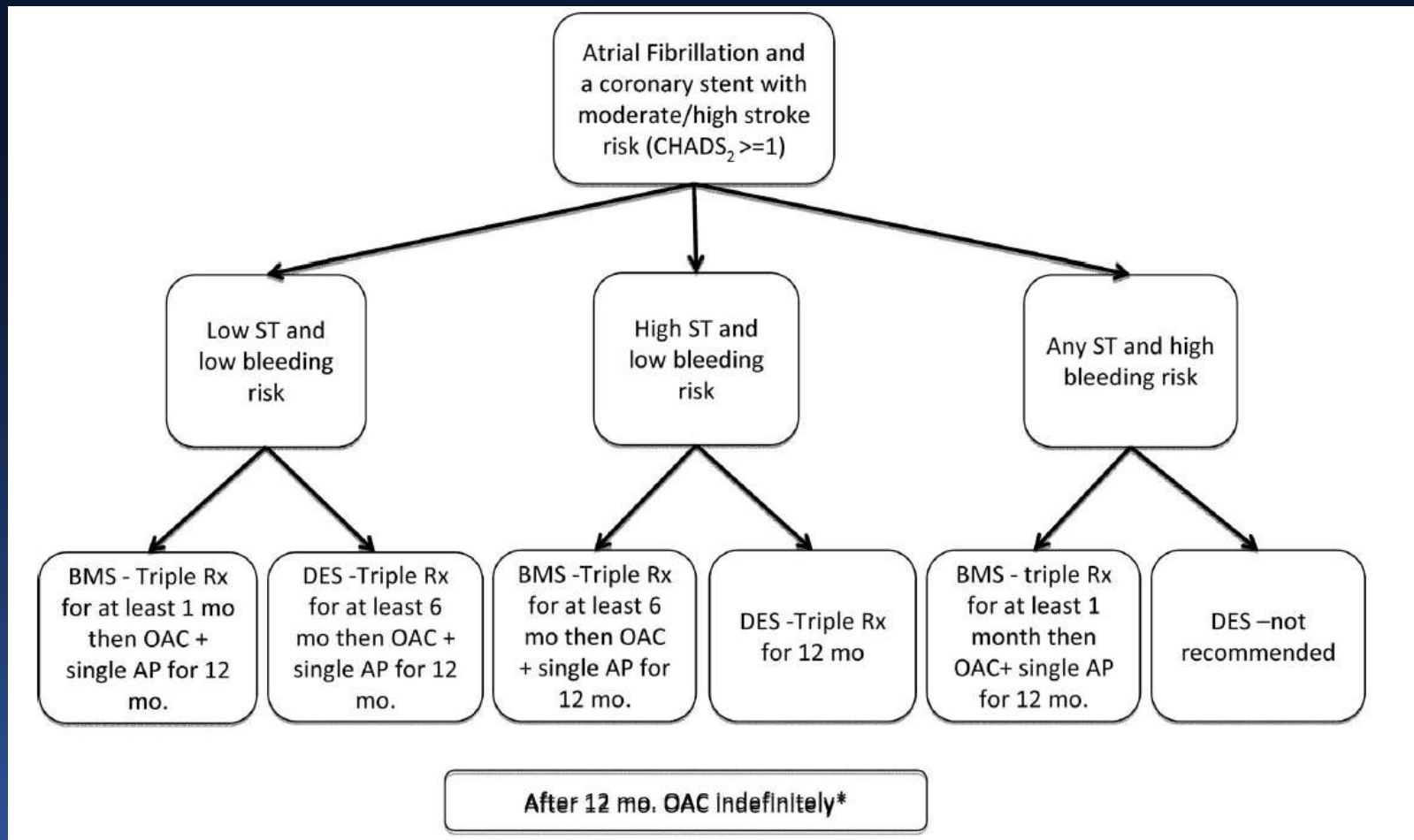


# North American Consensus Statement Regarding Antithrombotic Therapy in Atrial Fibrillation Requiring a Stent

- Low dose aspirin (<100 mg per day)
- Clopidogrel is preferred in combination with aspirin and warfarin
- **Prasugrel and ticagrelor cannot be recommended**
- Warfarin dose adjusted INR between 2 and 2.5
- Not unreasonable to use dabigatran in place of warfarin based on the PETRO trial (dabigatran 50, 150, 300 mg BID with or without aspirin vs warfarin)

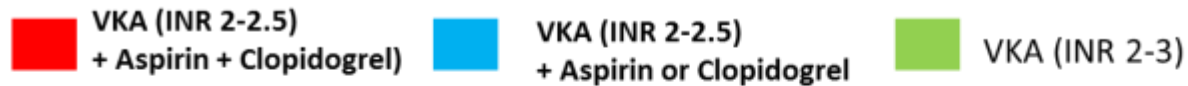


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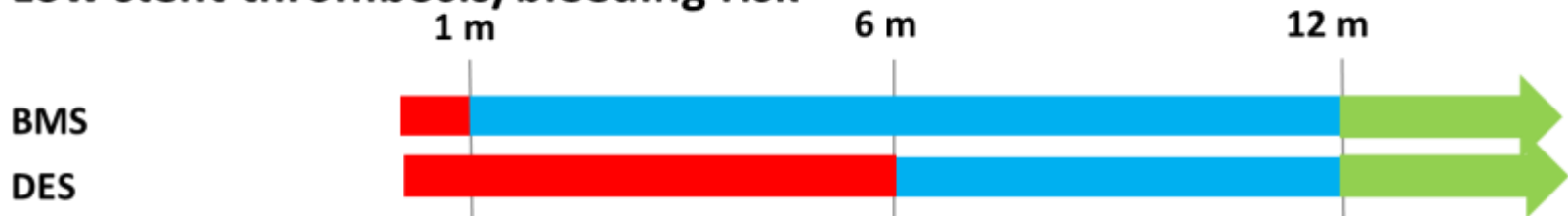


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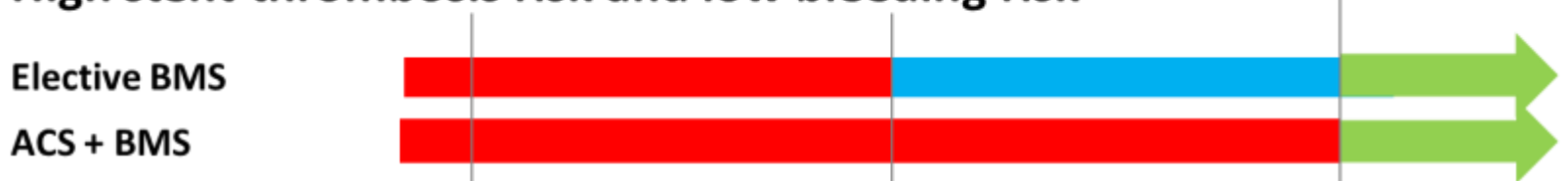
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## Low stent thrombosis/bleeding risk



## High stent thrombosis risk and low bleeding risk



## Any stent thrombosis risk and high bleeding risk



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# Dual vs. Triple Antiplatelet Therapy Prospective Studies

- **ISAR–Triple Trial: 6 months vs 6 weeks of clopidogrel after DES in patients on aspirin and warfarin**
- **WOEST (What is the Optimal antiplatelet and anticoagulant in patients with oral anticoagulants and Stenting study): warfarin + clopidogrel 75 mg/day vs warfarin + clopidogrel + aspirin (80 mg/day)**

# **The WOEST Trial: First Randomized Trial Comparing Two Regimens With and Without Aspirin in Patients on Oral Anticoagulant Therapy Undergoing Coronary Stenting**

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**The WOEST Trial= What is the Optimal antiplatelet and anticoagulant therapy in patients with oral anticoagulation and coronary Stenting  
([clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov) NCT00769938)**

# WOEST Study Design

## Inclusion criteria

- Indication for OAC for  $\geq 1$  year
- PCI of a single coronary lesion

## 1:1 Randomization:

### Double therapy group:

OAC + 75mg Clopidogrel qd

1 month minimum after BMS

1 year after DES

Follow up: 1 year

**Primary Endpoint: The occurrence of all bleeding events (TIMI criteria) (powered for a reduction from 12% to 5%)**

### Secondary Endpoints:

- Combination of stroke, death, myocardial infarction, stent thrombosis and target vessel revascularisation
- All individual components of primary and secondary endpoints

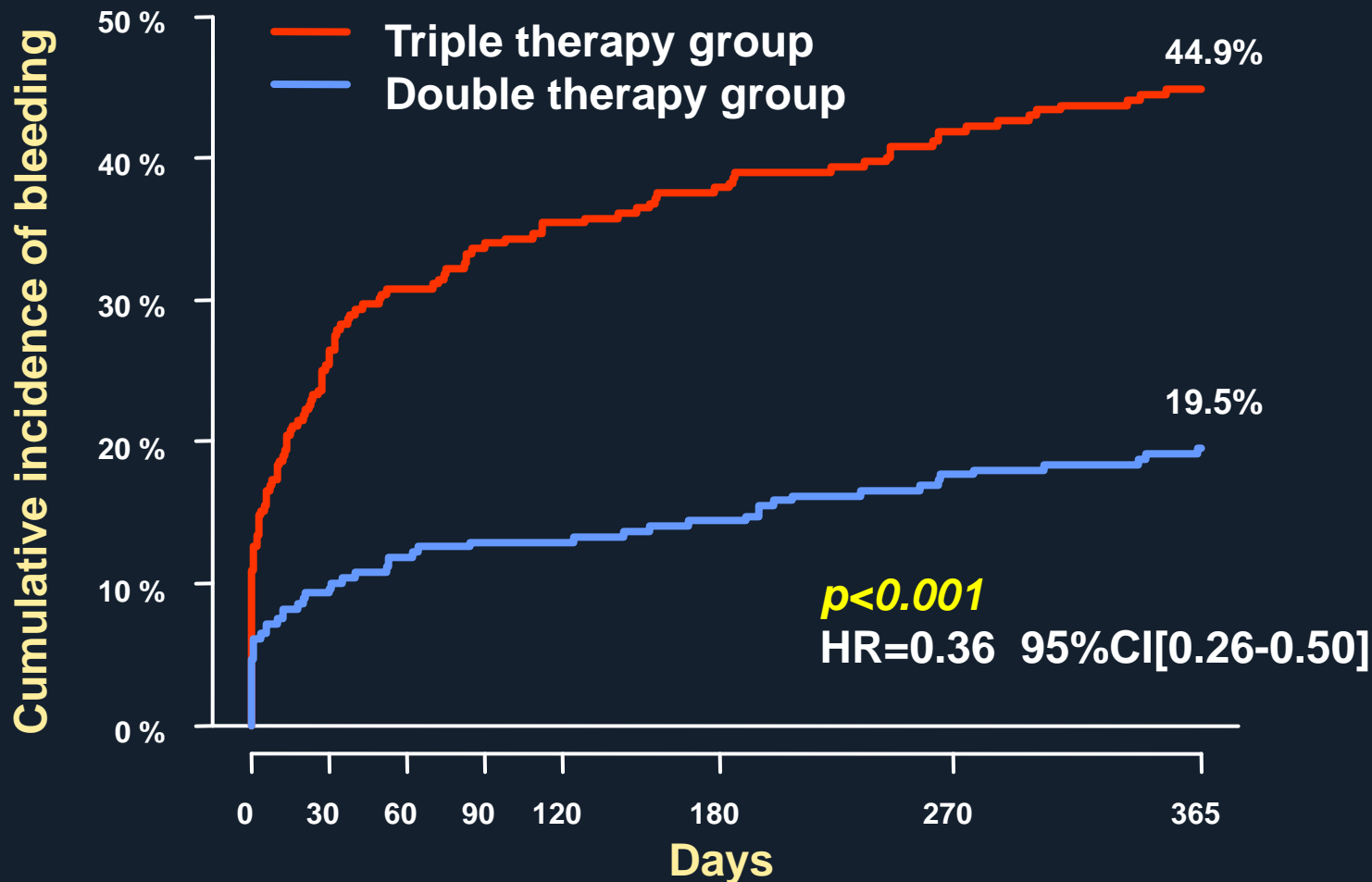
### Triple therapy group

OAC + 75mg Clopidogrel qd + 80mg Aspirin qd

1 month minimum after BMS

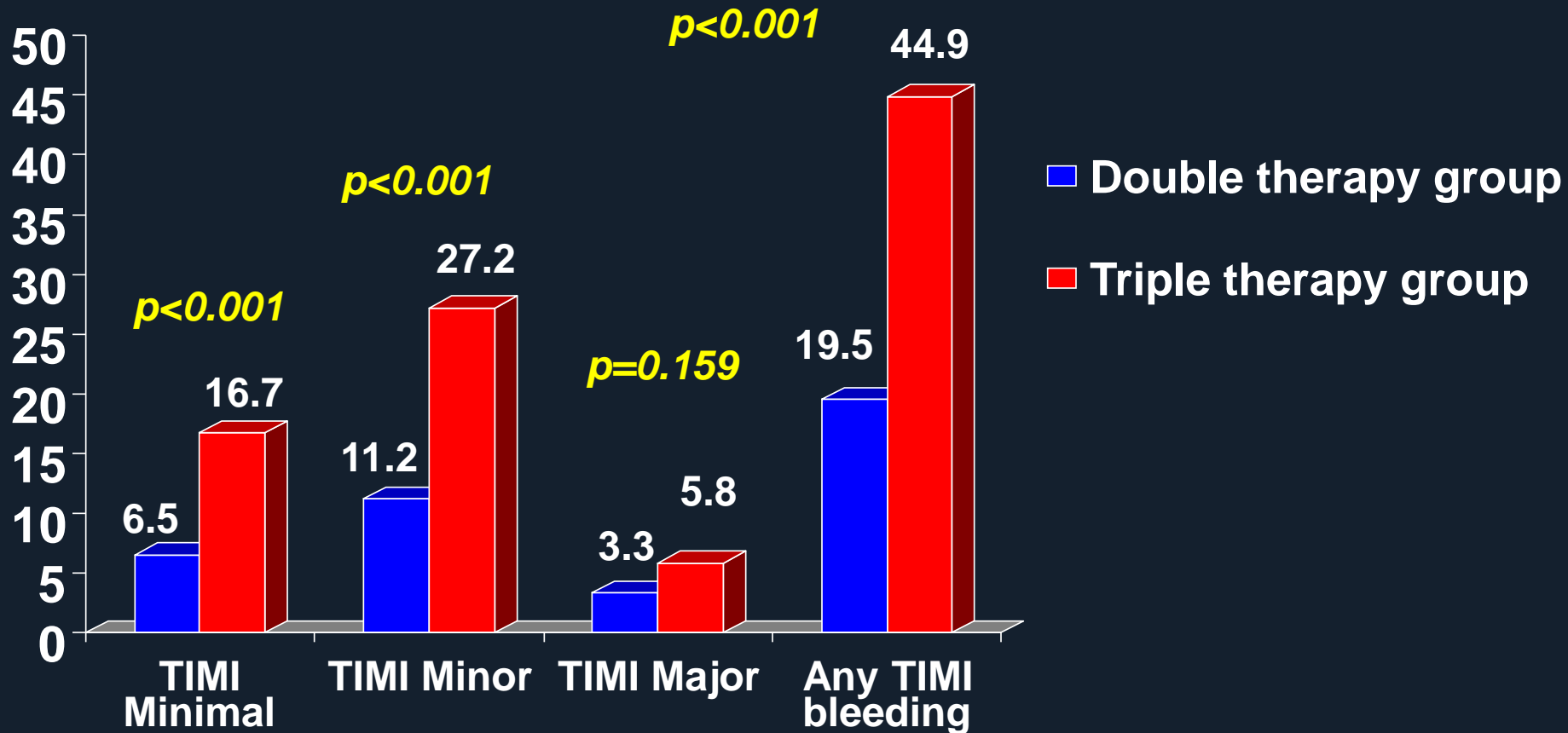
1 year after DES

# WOEST Primary Endpoint: TIMI Major or Minor or Minimal Bleeding

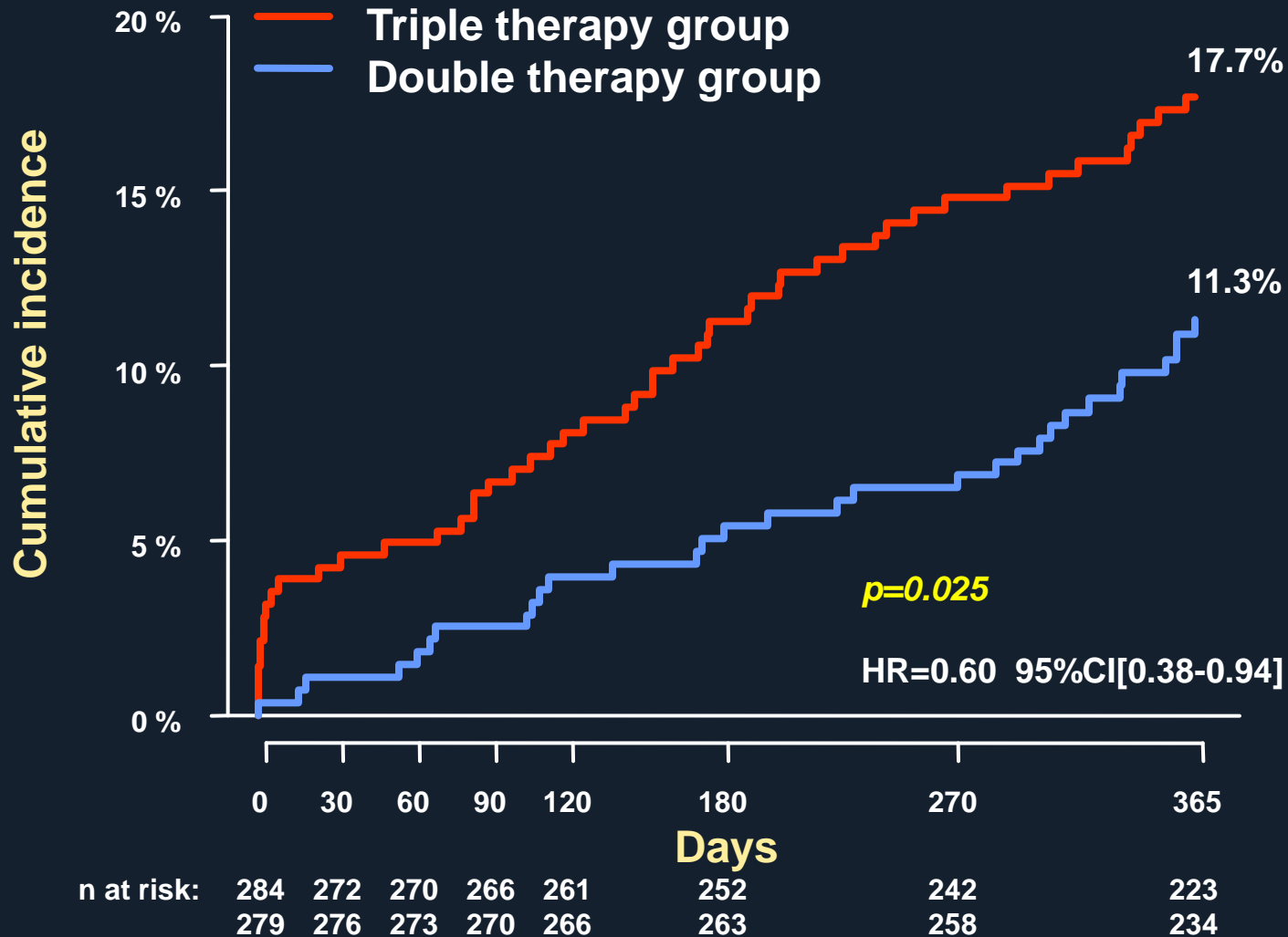


n at risk:	284	210	194	186	181	173	159	140
	279	253	244	241	241	236	226	208

# WOEST Primary Endpoint: Bleeding Events TIMI Classification

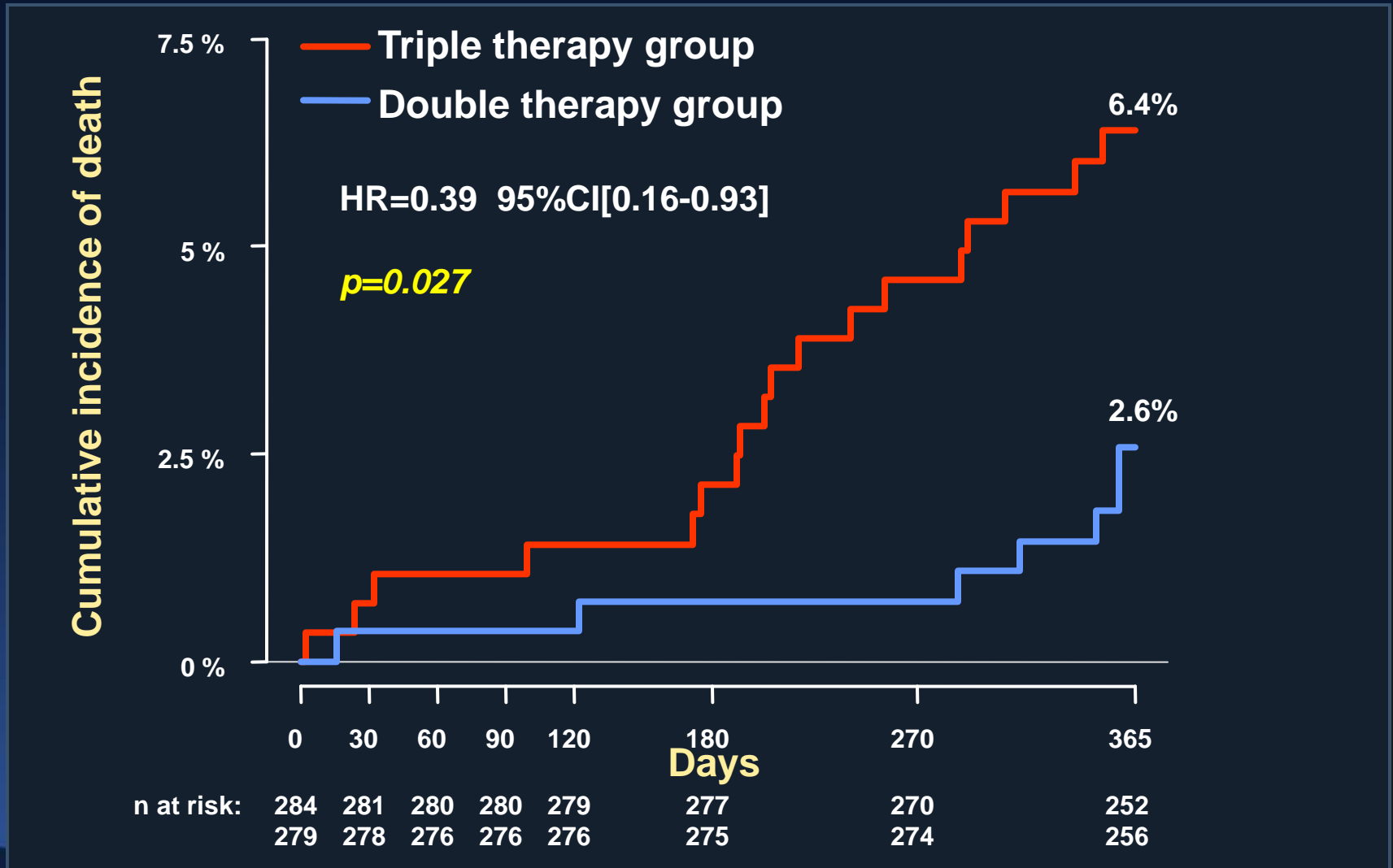


# WOEST Secondary Endpoint (Death, MI, TVR, Stroke, ST)





# WOEST All-Cause Mortality



# Duration of triple therapy in patients requiring oral anticoagulation after drug-eluting stent implantation (ISAR-TRIIPLE Trial)

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# ISAR-TRIPLE: Study Organization

## TEST HYPOTHESES:

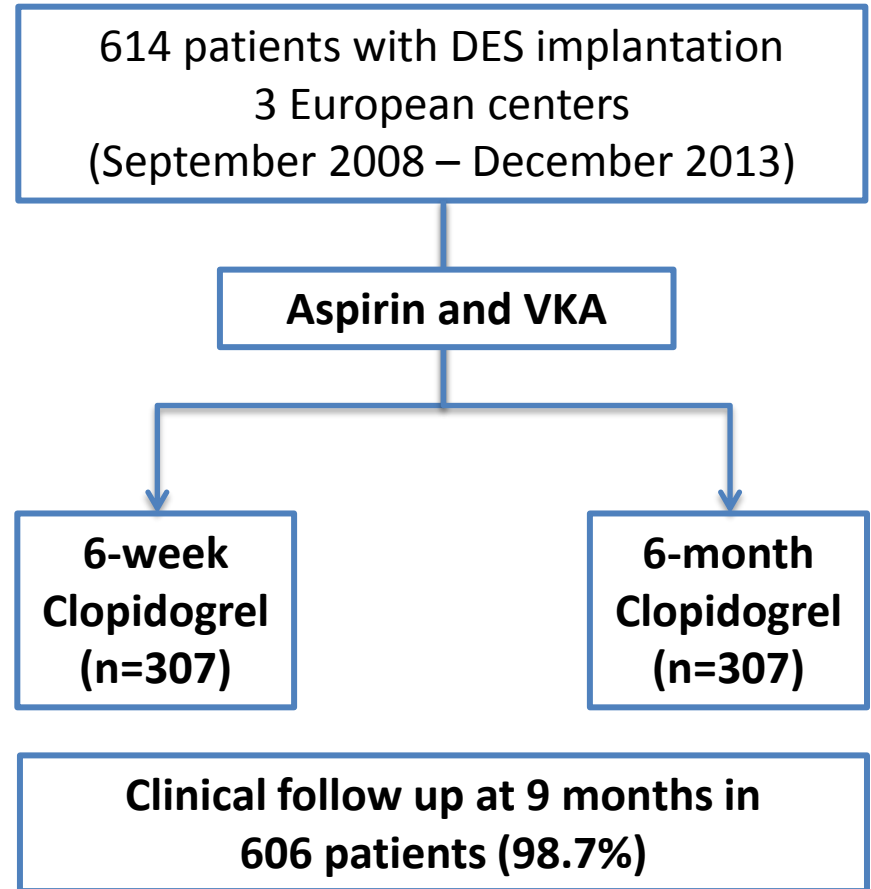
6-week superior to 6-month therapy;  
Primary Endpoint 10%, Risk reduction  
60% with 6-week therapy; Power = 80%,  
alpha = 0.05; 283 patients per group

## PRIMARY ENDPOINT:

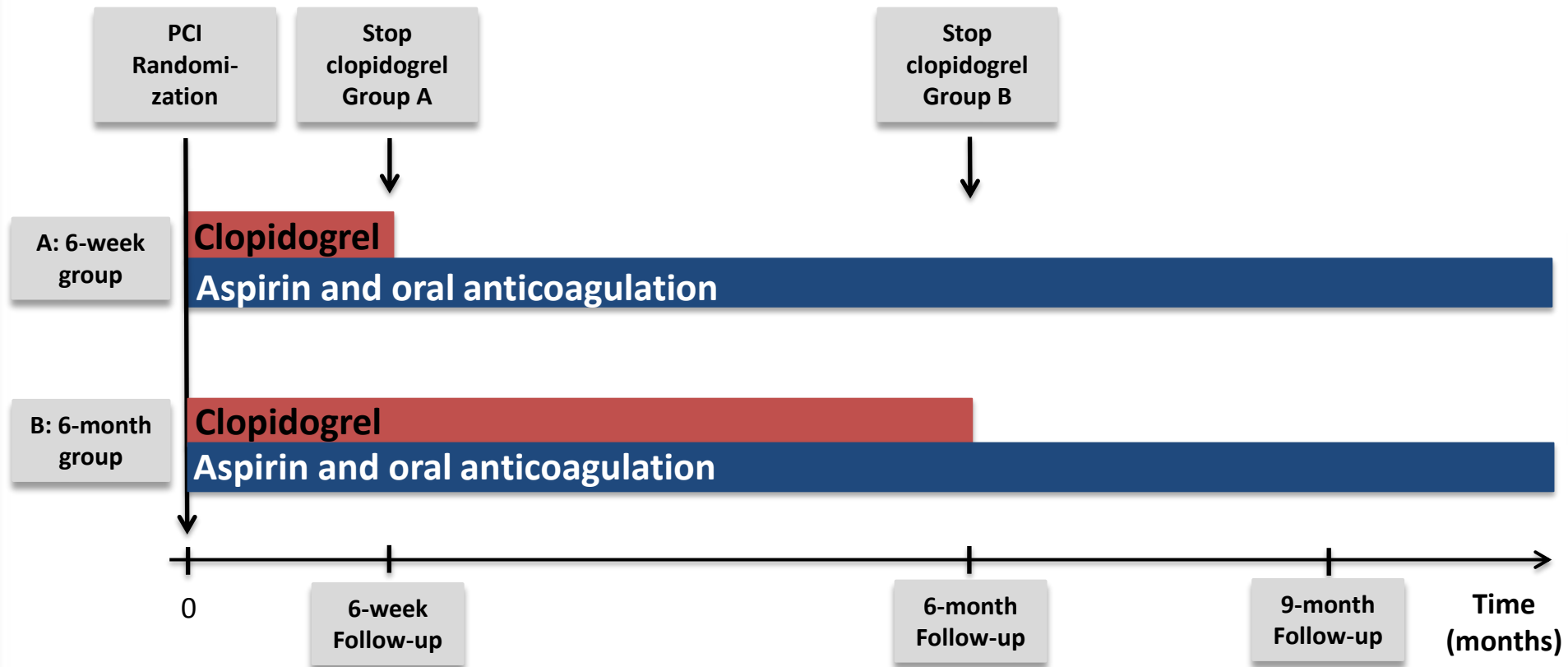
- Death, myocardial infarction, definite stent thrombosis, stroke or TIMI major bleeding at 9 months

## SECONDARY ENDPOINTS:

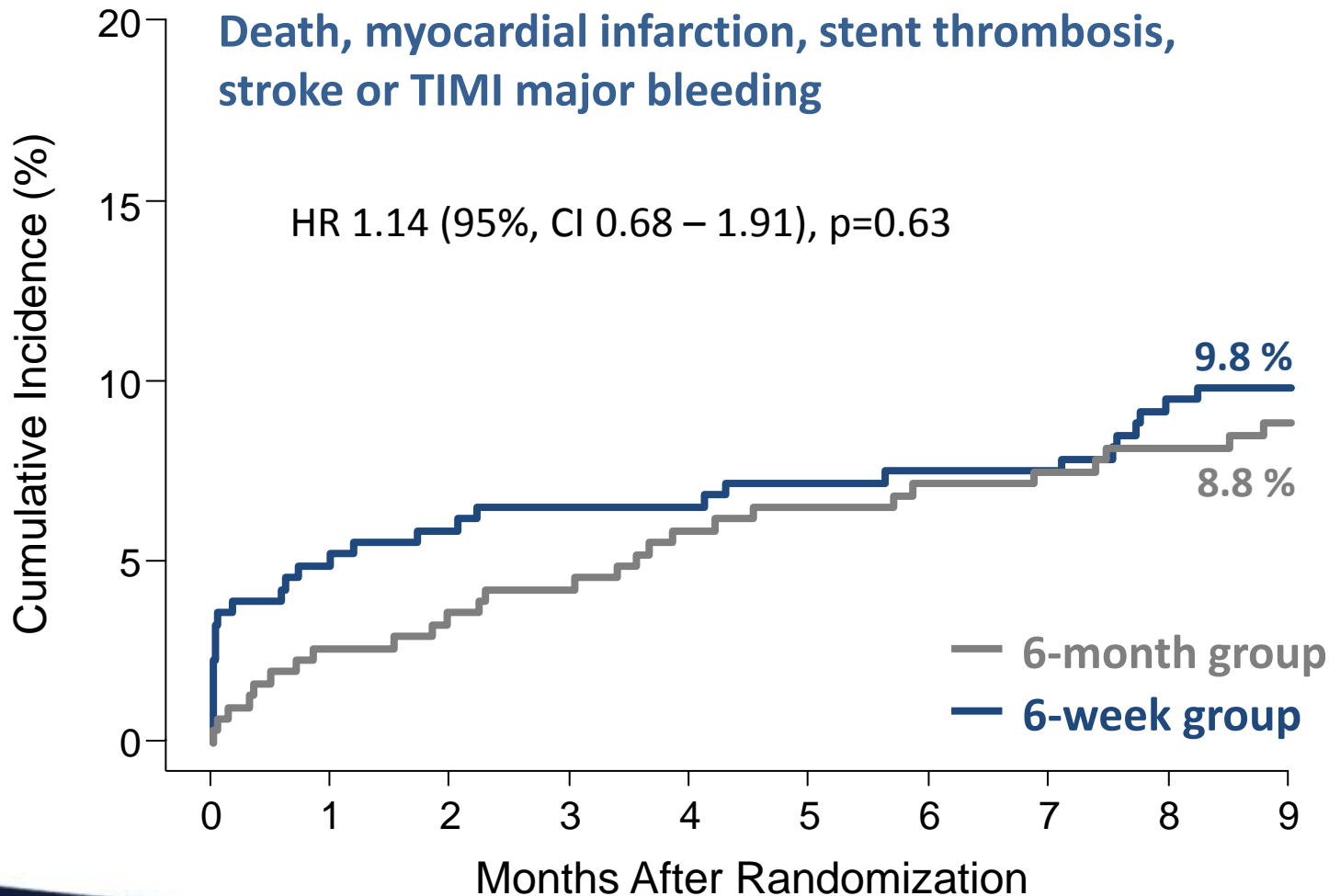
- Ischemic complications: Cardiac death, myocardial infarction, definite stent thrombosis or ischemic stroke
- Bleeding complications (TIMI major)



# Randomization



# Primary Endpoint



# Ischemic Outcomes

	6-week group (n=307)	6-month group (n=307)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p value
Death	12 (4.0)	16 (5.2)	0.75 (0.35 - 1.59)	0.45
Cardiac death	5 (1.7)	9 (3.0)	0.56 (0.19 - 1.66)	0.29
Myocardial infarction	6 (2.0)	0	-	0.03
Definite stent thrombosis	2 (0.7)	0	-	0.50
Stroke	4 (1.3)	6 (2.0)	0.67 (0.14 - 2.78)	0.75
Ischemic stroke	3 (1.0)	4 (1.3)	0.75 (0.11 - 4.40)	0.99

## Temporal distribution of MIs in 6-week group:

4 within 24h of PCI

1 at 2.5 weeks

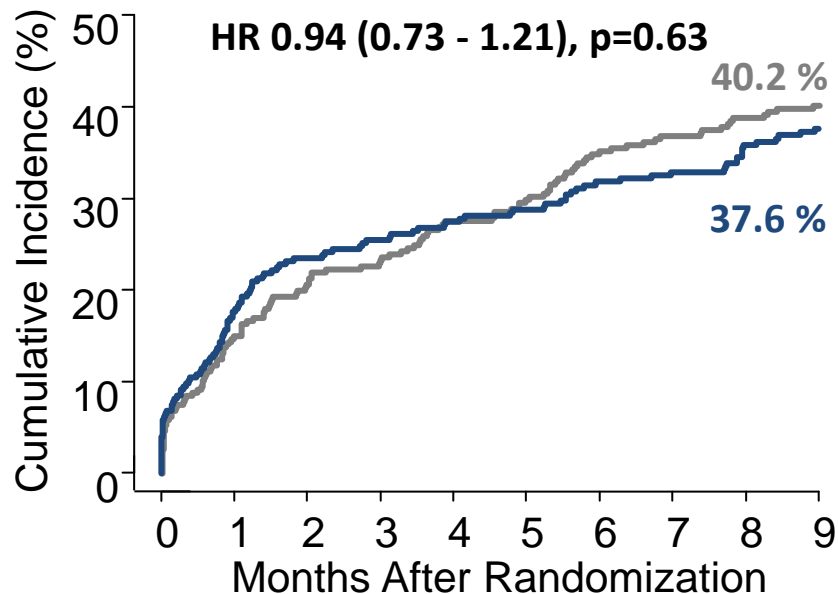
1 at 7 months

} Both groups on triple therapy

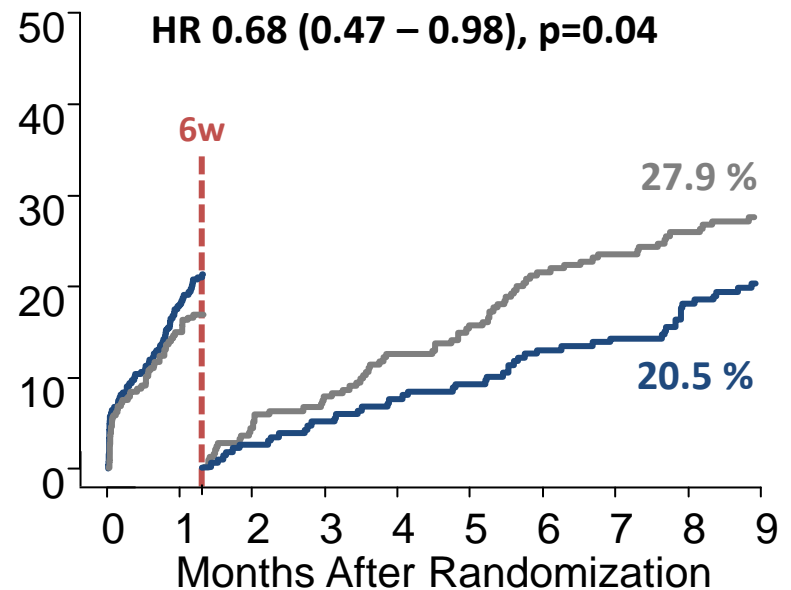
} Both groups on aspirin and OAC

# Any BARC Bleeding (type 1-5)

## Any BARC Bleeding



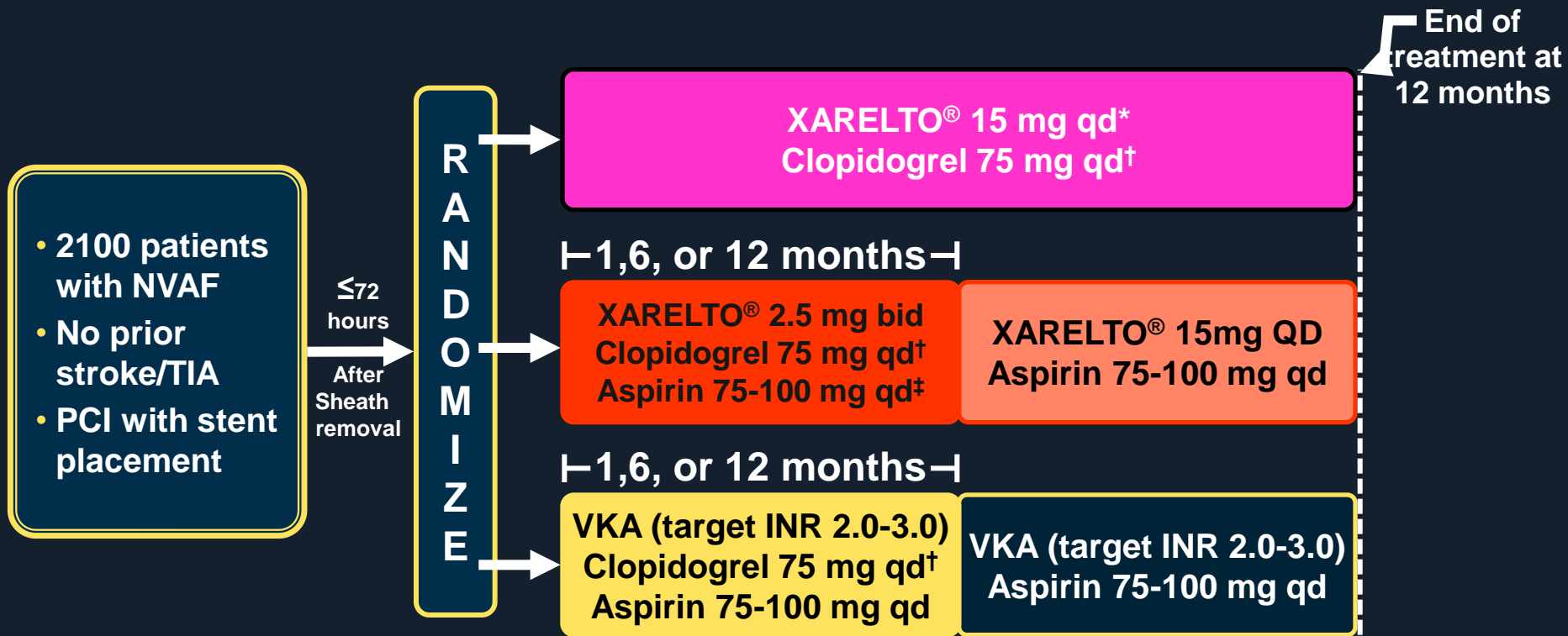
## Post-hoc landmark analysis of any BARC Bleeding before and after 6 weeks (6w)



— 6-month group  
— 6-week group



# XARELTO® (rivaroxaban) Use in Patients With AF Undergoing PCI: PIONEER AF-PCI



- Primary endpoint: TIMI major, minor, and bleeding requiring medical attention
- Secondary endpoint: CV death, MI, stroke, and stent thrombosis

\*XARELTO® dosed at 10 mg once daily in patients with CrCl of 30 to <50 mL/min.

†Alternative P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitors: 10 mg once-daily prasugrel or 90 mg twice-daily ticagrelor.

‡Low-dose aspirin (75-100 mg/d).

Data on File. Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.





# RE-DUAL PCI™

Study in NVAF patients undergoing PCI

## STUDY TITLE

A prospective Randomised, open label, blinded endpoint (PROBE) study to Evaluate **DUAL** antithrombotic therapy with dabigatran etexilate (110mg b.i.d. and 150mg b.i.d.) plus clopidogrel or ticagrelor vs. triple therapy strategy with warfarin (INR 2.0 – 3.0) plus clopidogrel or ticagrelor with aspirin in patients with non valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAF) that have undergone a percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) with stenting. (RE-DUAL PCI)

## D110 plus a P2Y12 inhibitor is:

Non-inferior with respect to the combined thrombotic event rate (TE: death + MI + stroke/SE)

AND

Non-inferior\* with respect to clinically relevant bleeding relative to a triple combination of warfarin plus a P2Y12 inhibitor (clopidogrel or ticagrelor) plus ASA

## STUDY HYPOTHESES

## D150 plus a P2Y12 inhibitor is:

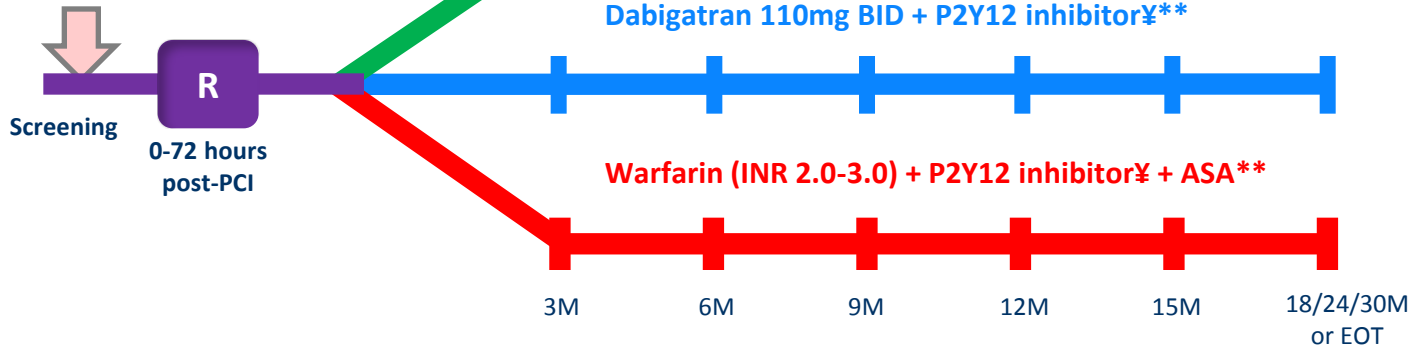
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## Worldwide Event Driven Trial

Paroxysmal, persistent or permanent AF  
(PCI with stenting [BMS or DES] elective or ACS)



n = 2500

## 1° End Point

Time to first clinically relevant bleeding rate (ISTH Major)

\* After establishing non-inferiority of the D110 and D150 DAT regimens, testing for superiority will be conducted

\* ASA is discontinued immediately after a successful procedure in patients randomized to receive dabigatran

\* ASA will be discontinued in the warfarin arm. BMS: Discontinuation of ASA at month 1 ; DES: discontinuation of ASA at month 3

$\text{¥}$  P2Y12 inhibitor (either Clopidogrel or Ticagrelor). The P2Y12 inhibitor can be discontinued after month 12 of follow up at the discretion of the physician

# Apixaban Versus Warfarin in Patients with AF and ACS or PCI: The AUGUSTUS Trial

## Inclusion

- AF (prior, persistent, or >6 hrs duration)
- Physician decision that oral anticoag is indicated
- ACS or PCI with planned P2Y12 inhibitor for 6 months

*Randomize*  
*n = 4,600*  
*Patients*

## Exclusion

- Contraindication to DAPT
- Other reason for warfarin (prosthetic valve, mod/sev MS)

**Apixaban**

**Warfarin**

*P2Y12 inhibitor for all patients x 6 months*  
*Aspirin for all on the day of ACS or PCI*  
*Aspirin versus placebo after randomization*

**ASA**

**placebo**

**ASA**

**placebo**

**Primary outcome: major/clinically relevant bleeding (through 6 months)**

**Secondary objective: Death, MI, stroke, stent thrombosis**

# Triple Therapy

## Summary and Synthesis of Guideline, Expert Consensus Documents, and Comprehensive Review Article Recommendations on the Management of Patients Treated With Triple Therapy

- Assess ischemic and bleeding risks using validated risk predictors (e.g., CHA2DS2-VASc, HAS-BLED)
- Keep triple therapy duration as short as possible; dual therapy only (oral anticoagulant and clopidogrel) may be considered in select patients
- Consider target INR 2.0–2.5 when warfarin is used
- Clopidogrel is the P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor of choice
- Use low dose ( $\leq 100$  mg daily) aspirin
- PPI Rx should be used in patients with a history of GI bleeding and are reasonable to use in patients with increased risk of GI bleeding

Levine GN, et al. 2016 ACC/AHA Guideline Focused Update on Duration of DAPT in Patients with CAD. JACC 2016 & Circulation 2016