

# Why all patients are not equal for antiplatelet therapy ?

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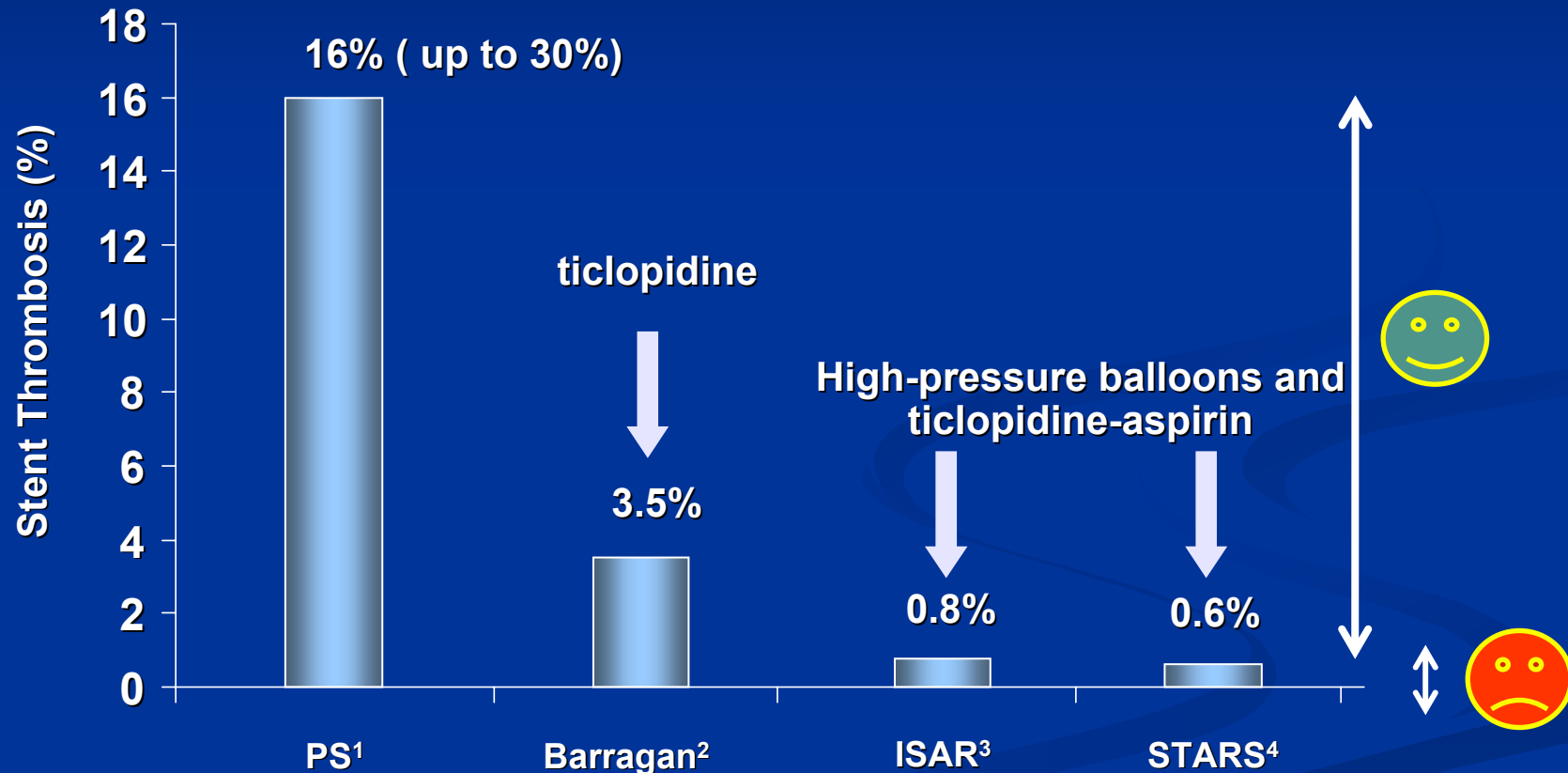
## In principle, we are equal !

- Recommendations from Societies , Group of experts , administration office and health department are:
  - Clopidogrel 75 mg whichever CV pathology (stenting, ACS, peripheral disease...) we have to treat and no matter the patient to treat (age, sex, weight, diabetes...)
  - Loading dose of Clopidogrel : 300 or 600 or 900mg ?
  - Aspirin : from 75 mg in Europe to 325 mg in USA ?
- My question is :

*do you prescribe the same dose of coumadin for each of your patients with mitral mechanical*

# Bare-Metal Stent Thrombosis

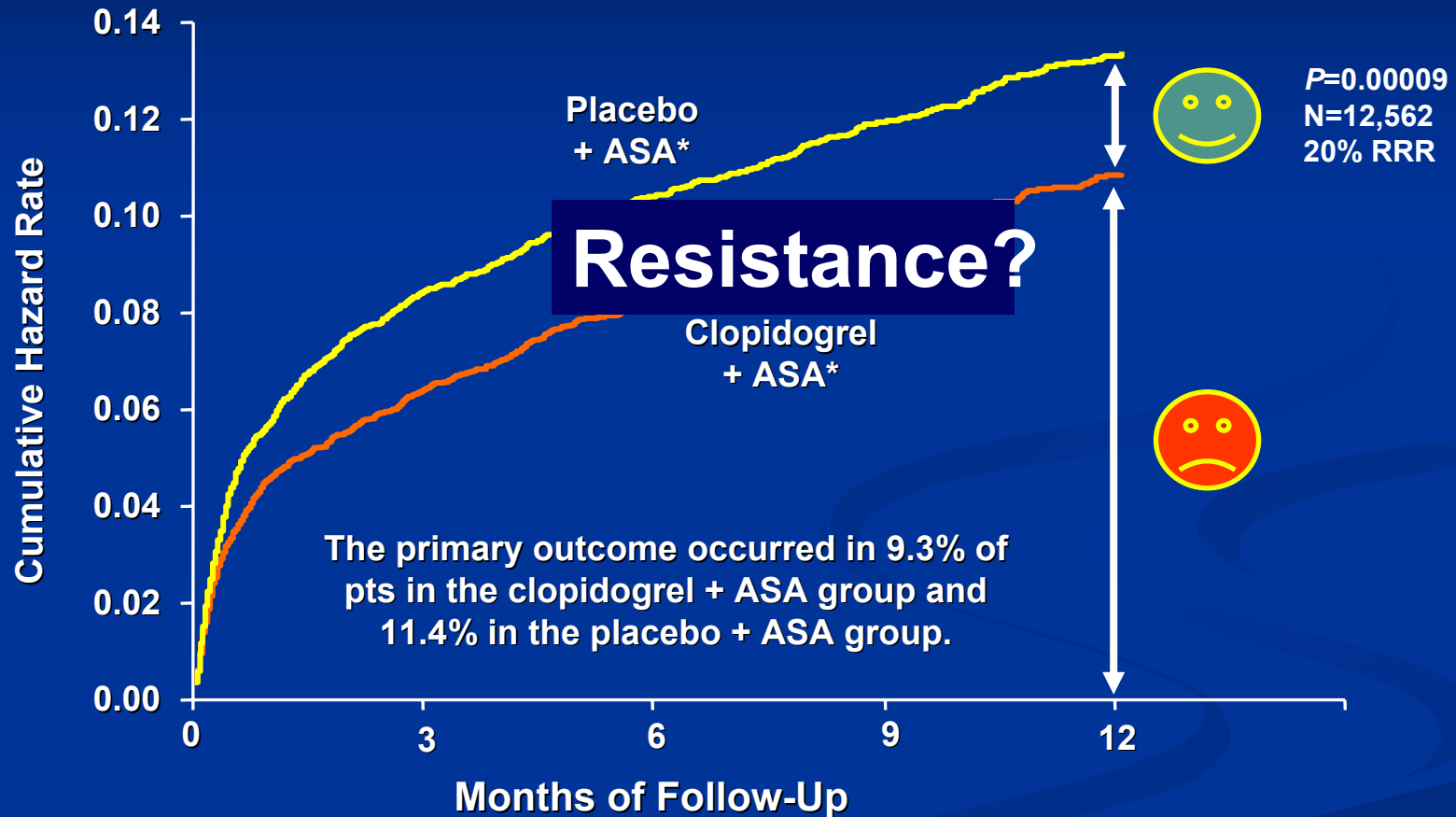
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# CURE

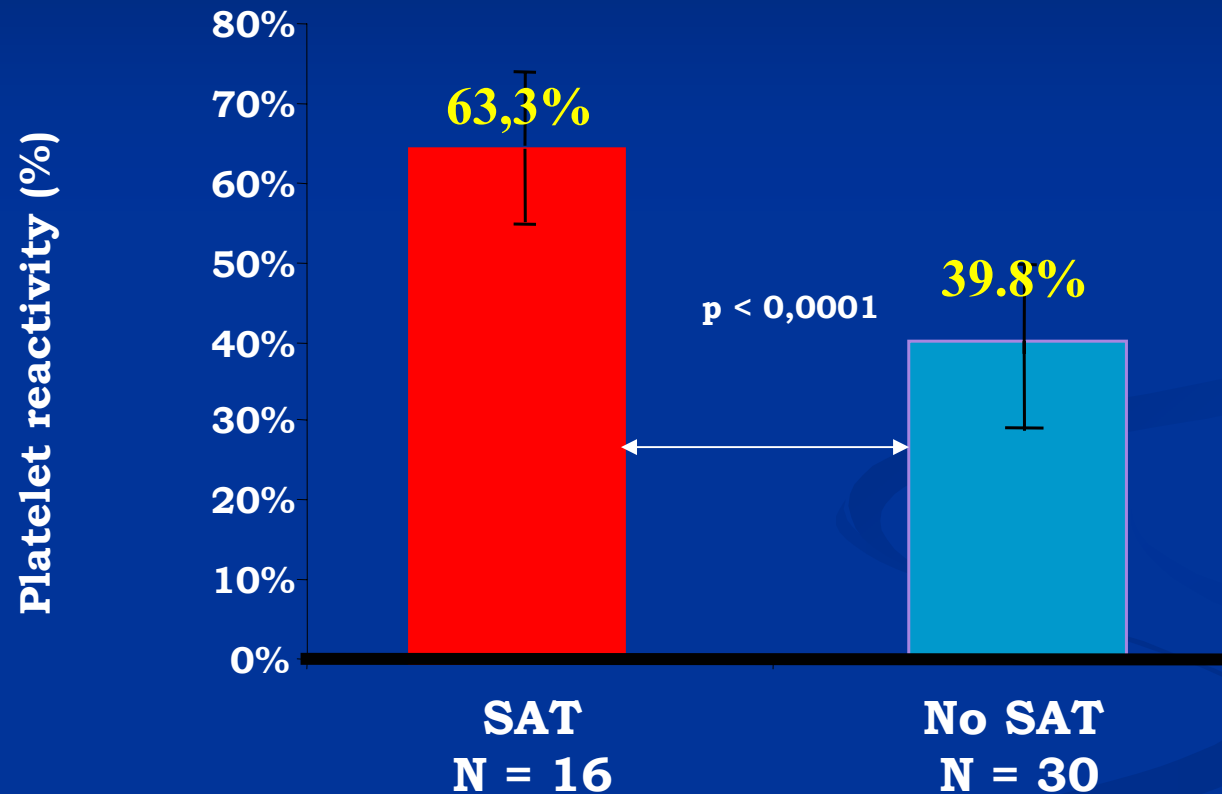
## Primary Endpoint—MI/Stroke/CV Death



\*Other standard therapies were used as appropriate.  
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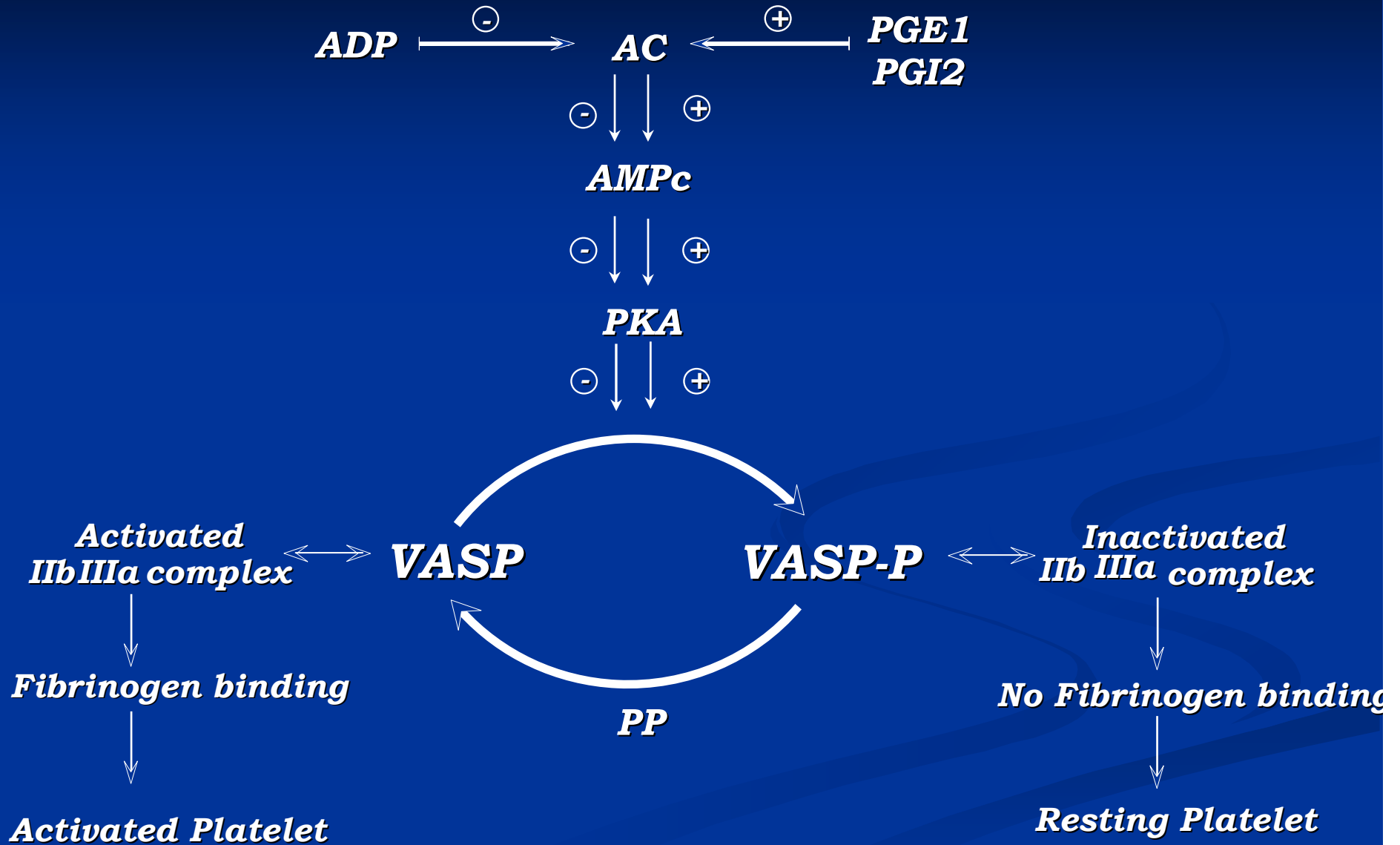
# CLOPIDOGREL « RESISTANCE »

# Sub-Acute Thrombosis is associated with high platelet reactivity



**Cut-off : 50 % of PRI**

# Regulation Cascade of VASP Phosphorylation





## **The Flow Cytometric Measurement of VASP Phosphorylation**

- ① Is capable of detecting a significant decrease of platelet reactivity in patients treated with ticlopidin or clopidogrel regimen.**
- ② Revealed an important inter-individual variability of response and a progressive platelet inhibition as a function of time.**
- ③ Allows us to find a strong correlation between a thienopyridine resistance and coronary SAT.**

# Detection of clopidogrel « resistance » Platelet assays

- **P2Y12 Signaling-Dependent**
  - VASP phosphorylation analysis
  
- **ADP as stimulus**
  - Standart aggregometry
  - VerifyNow P2Y12 test
  - Cytometry: receptors GPIIb-IIIa, P-Selectin, leucocytes-Pq aggregates
  - TEG

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# STUDY DESIGN

Non emergent PCI : ACS and Stable angina (n=406)

Loading dose (LD) ASA 250mg  
Clopidogrel 600mg

VASP ≥ 50%

Randomization  
(n=162)

CONTROL (n=84)

VASP-guided LD (n=78)

Maintenance dose ASA 160 mg  
Clopidogrel 75 mg

Up-to 3 additional LD of  
600 mg every 24 hours  
until VASP < 50% before  
PCI

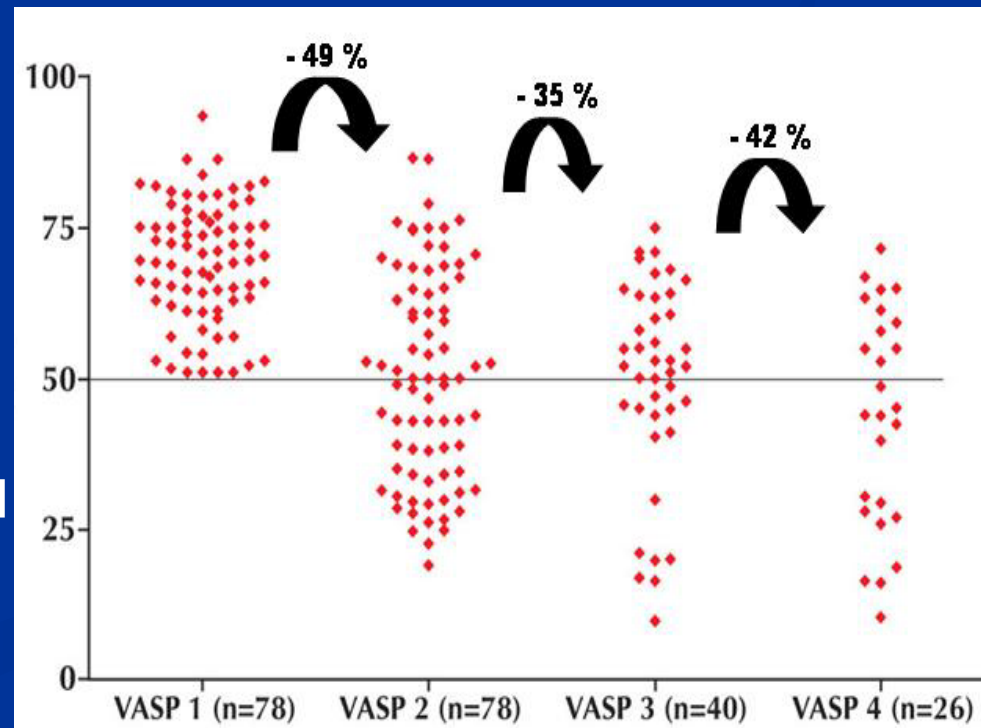
1° endpoint: MACE (CV death, MI, revascularization) at 30 days  
2° endpoints: TIMI major and minor bleeding at 30 days

# PLATELET MONITORING

Mean $\pm$ SD	Control	VASP-guided	p
Time between first LD and VASP measurement, hrs	25 $\pm$ 13	24 $\pm$ 13	0.7
VASP after first LD, %	68 $\pm$ 11	69 $\pm$ 10	0.4
VASP after adjustment, %	—	38 $\pm$ 14*	* $<$ 0.001

-Each additional bolus of 600 mg of clopidogrel decreased the number of patients with low response from 35 to 49%.

-Despite 2400 mg of clopidogrel 11 (14%) patients remained low-responders.

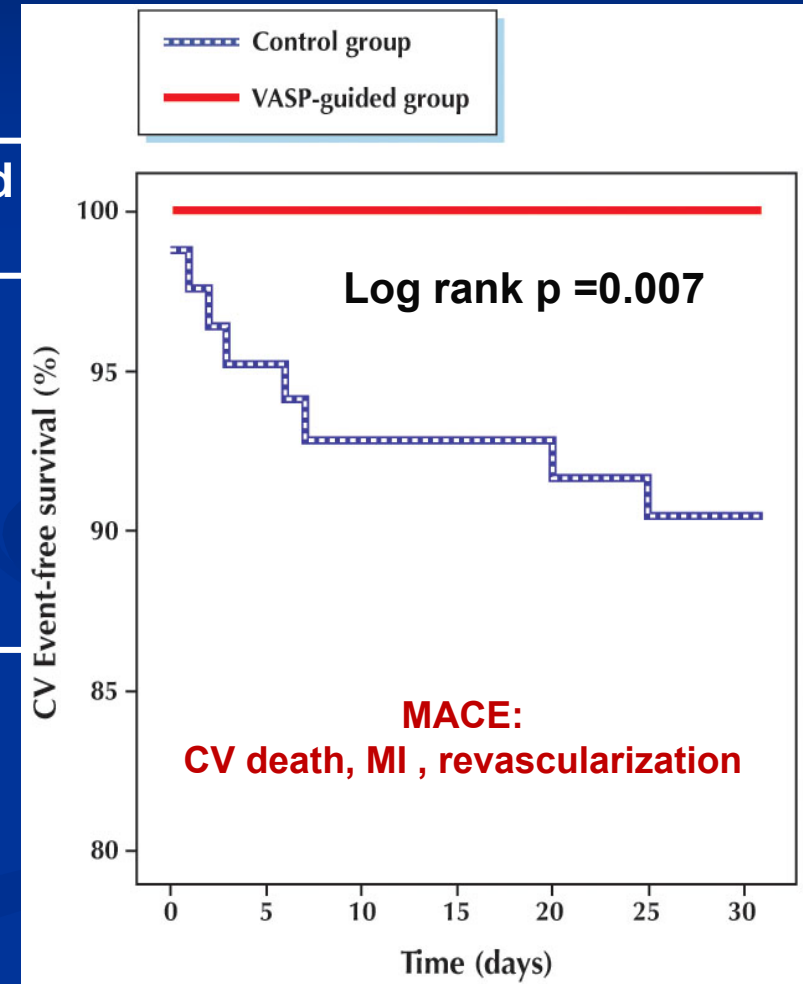


# PRIMARY-END POINT : EFFICACY

MACE; n (%)	Control (n=84)	VASP-guided (n=78)
Cardiovascular death	2 (2)	0
Acute and Sub-acute stent thrombosis	4 (5)†	0
Revascularization	2 (2)	0
Overall MACE	8 (10)*	0

† p =0.059

\* p =0.007

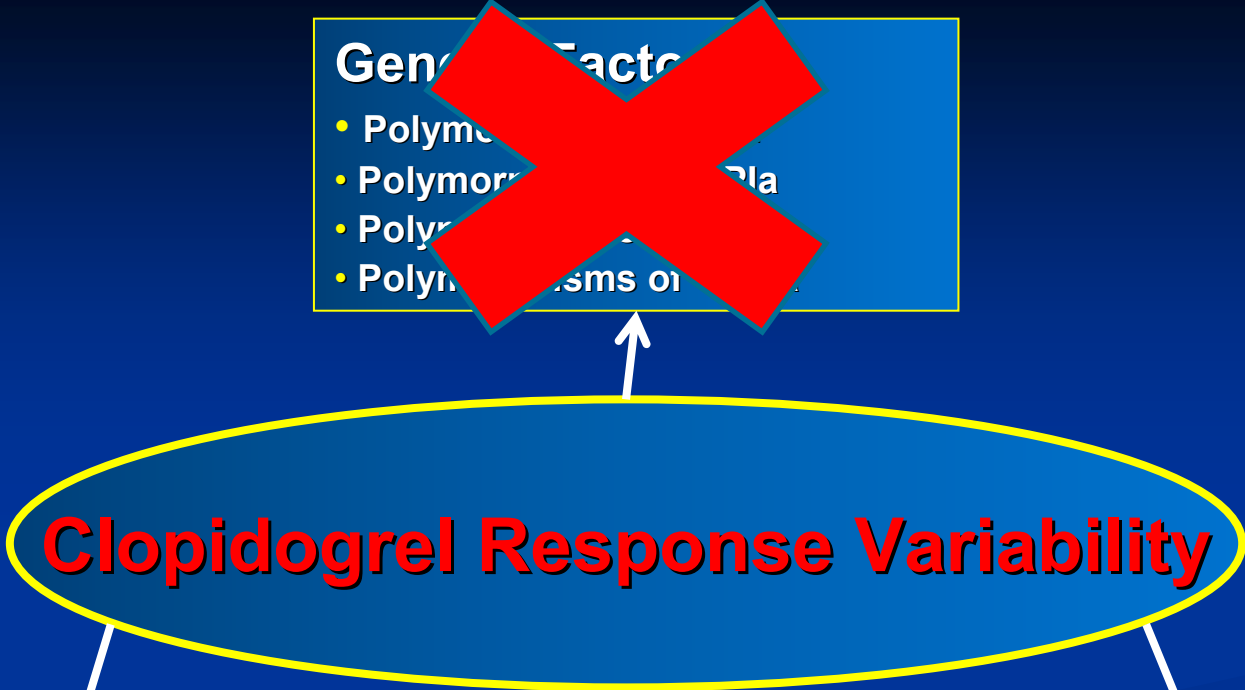


# BLEEDING

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Bleeding, n (%)	Control (n=84)	VASP-guided (n=78)
TIMI Major	1	1
TIMI Minor	3 (4)	2 (3)
All, n (%)	4 (5)	3 (4)

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- Genetic Factors**
- Polymorphisms in CYP2C19
  - Polymorphisms in P-glycoprotein
  - Polymorphisms in ADP-ribosylation
  - Polymorphisms in thromboxane synthase

- Clinical Factors**
- Failure to prescribe/poor compliance
  - Under-dosing
  - Poor absorption
  - Drug-drug interactions involving CYP3A4
  - Acute coronary syndrome
  - Diabetes mellitus/insulin resistance
  - Elevated body mass index

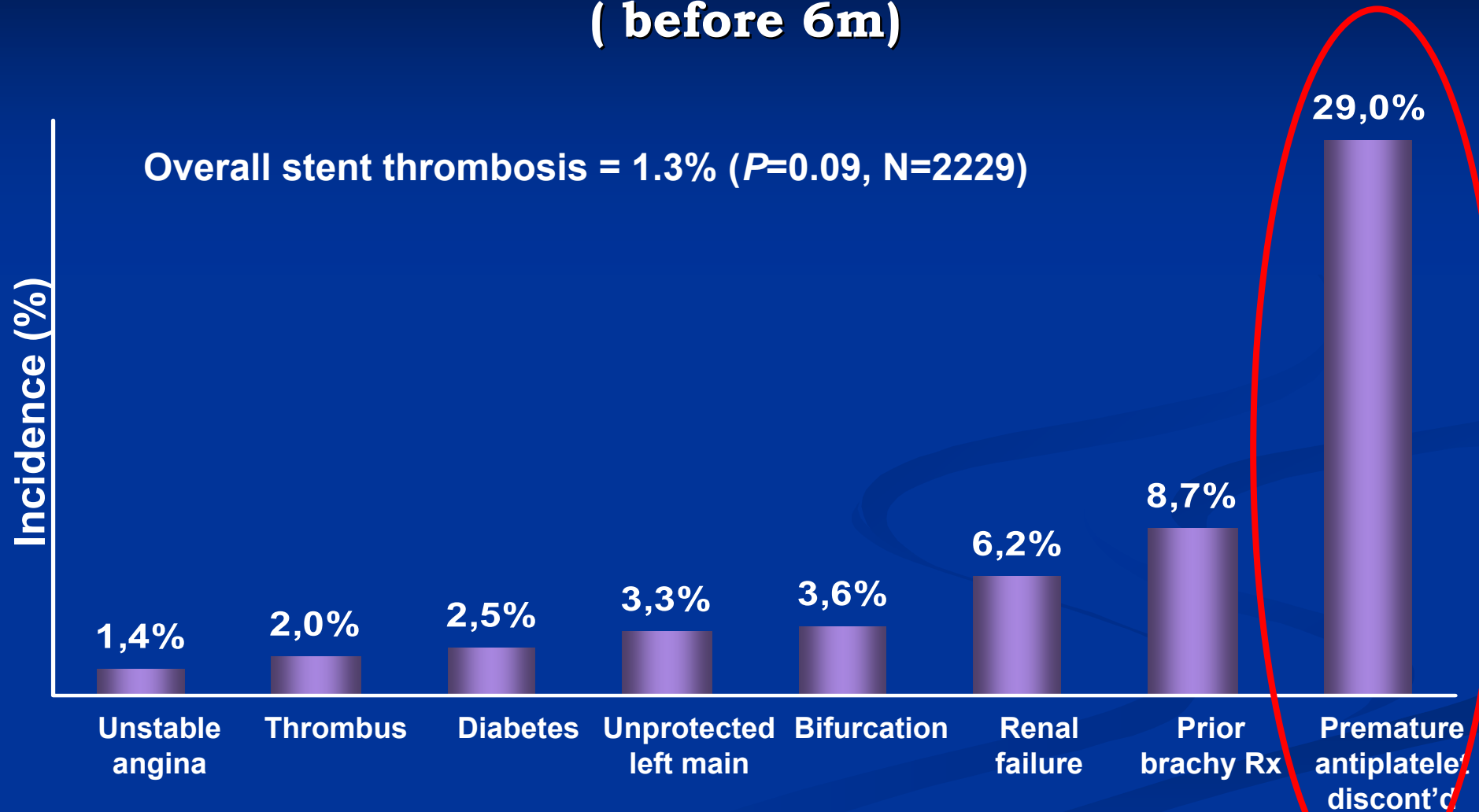
- Cellular Factors**
- Accelerated platelet turnover
  - Reduced CYP2C19 activity
  - Increased ADP-ribosylation
  - Up-regulation of P-glycoprotein
  - Up-regulation of ADP-ribosylation
  - Up-regulation of thromboxane synthase pathways (collagen, epinephrine, TXA<sub>2</sub>, thrombin)



# Stent Thrombosis

## Early Discontinuation of Anti-platelet Therapy ( before 6m)

Overall stent thrombosis = 1.3% ( $P=0.09$ ,  $N=2229$ )



## Premature Cessation of Thienopyridine Therapy (<30d)

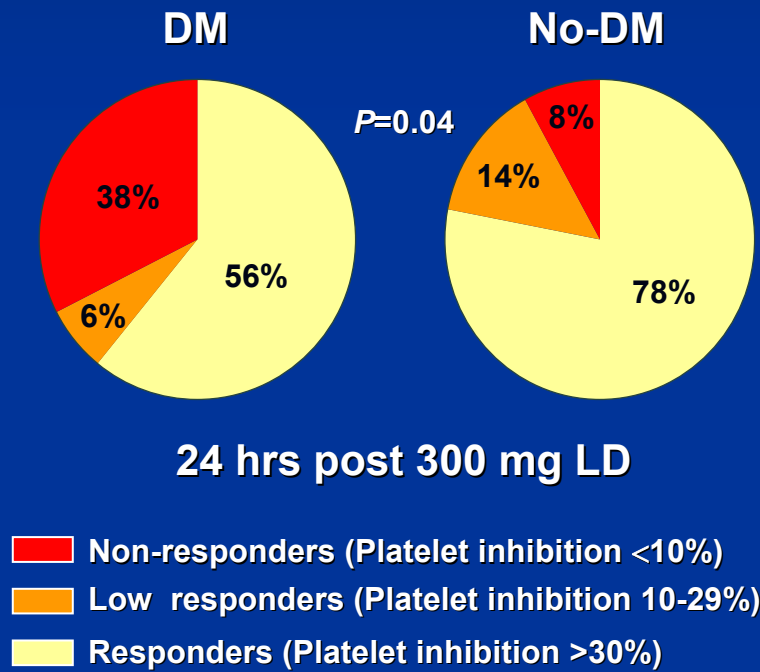
- PREMIER registry: MI and DES, 19 centers, 500 subjects
- Early discontinuation associated with mortality (7.5% vs 0.7%,  $p < 0.0001$ )

### Factors related to premature cessation:

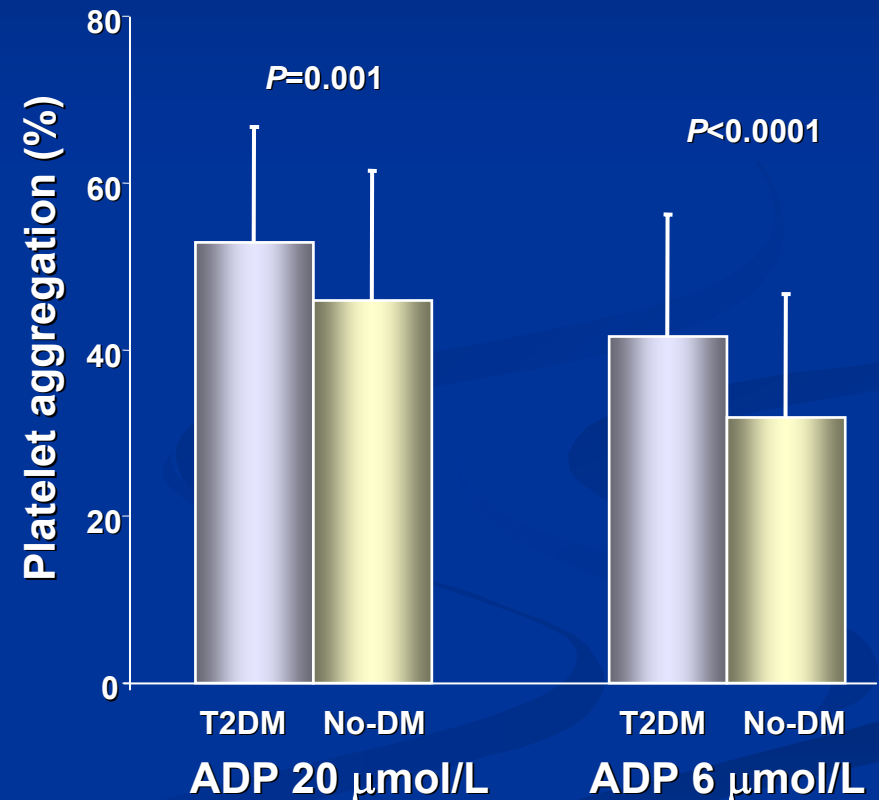
- Older age
- Not having completed high school
- Not being married
- Not receiving discharge instructions for medication use
- Not being referred for cardiac rehabilitation
- Greater likelihood of having preexistent cardiovascular disease or anemia
- Not seeking health care because of cost

# Influence of Diabetes Mellitus on Clopidogrel-induced Antiplatelet Effects

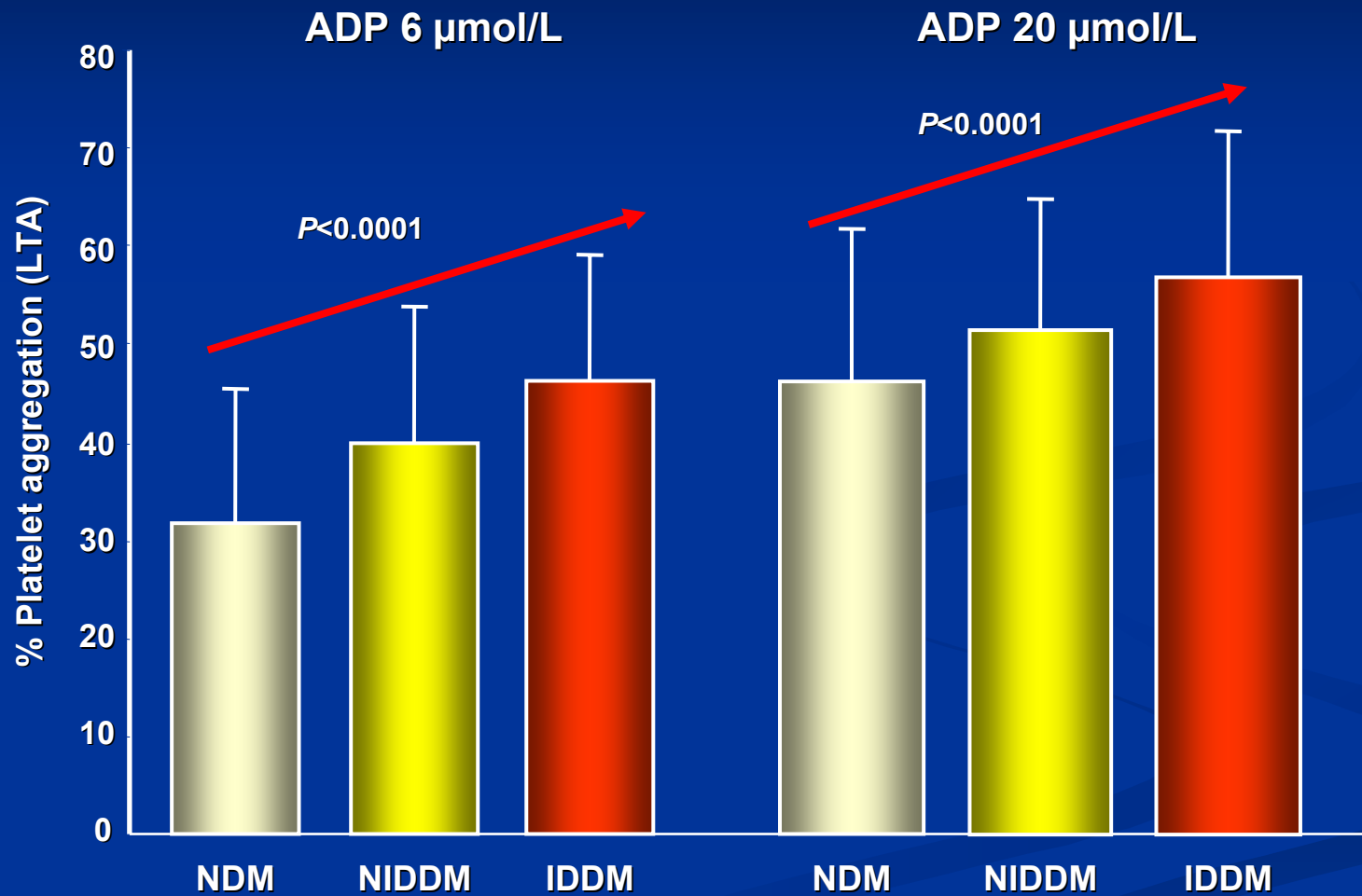
## Acute phase of treatment



## Long-term phase of treatment



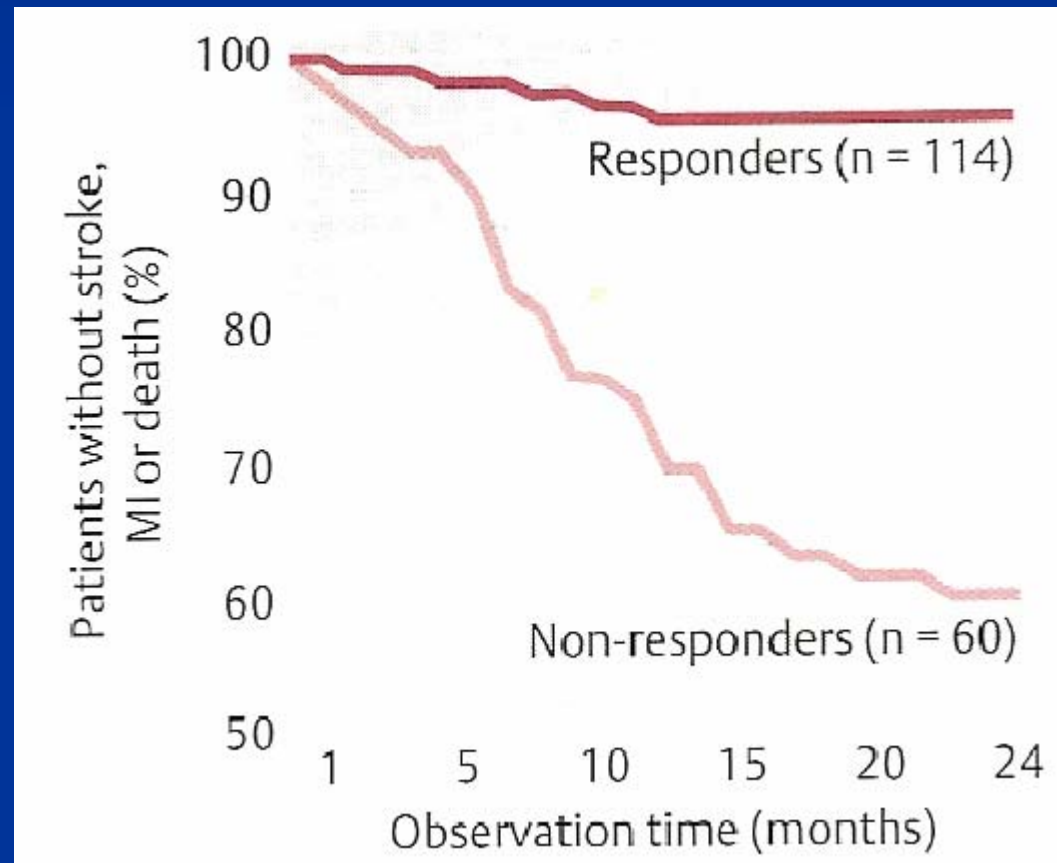
# Platelet Function According to Hypoglycemic Treatment



# ASPIRIN “RESISTANCE”

# ASPIRINE :

Pilote Study including 180 post-stroke patients



# A prospective , blinded determination of the Natural History of Aspirine Resistance among Stable Patients with Cardiovascular Disease

326 pts with 325 mg ASA alone Optical aggr.  
ADP + AA(1.6mmole/l)

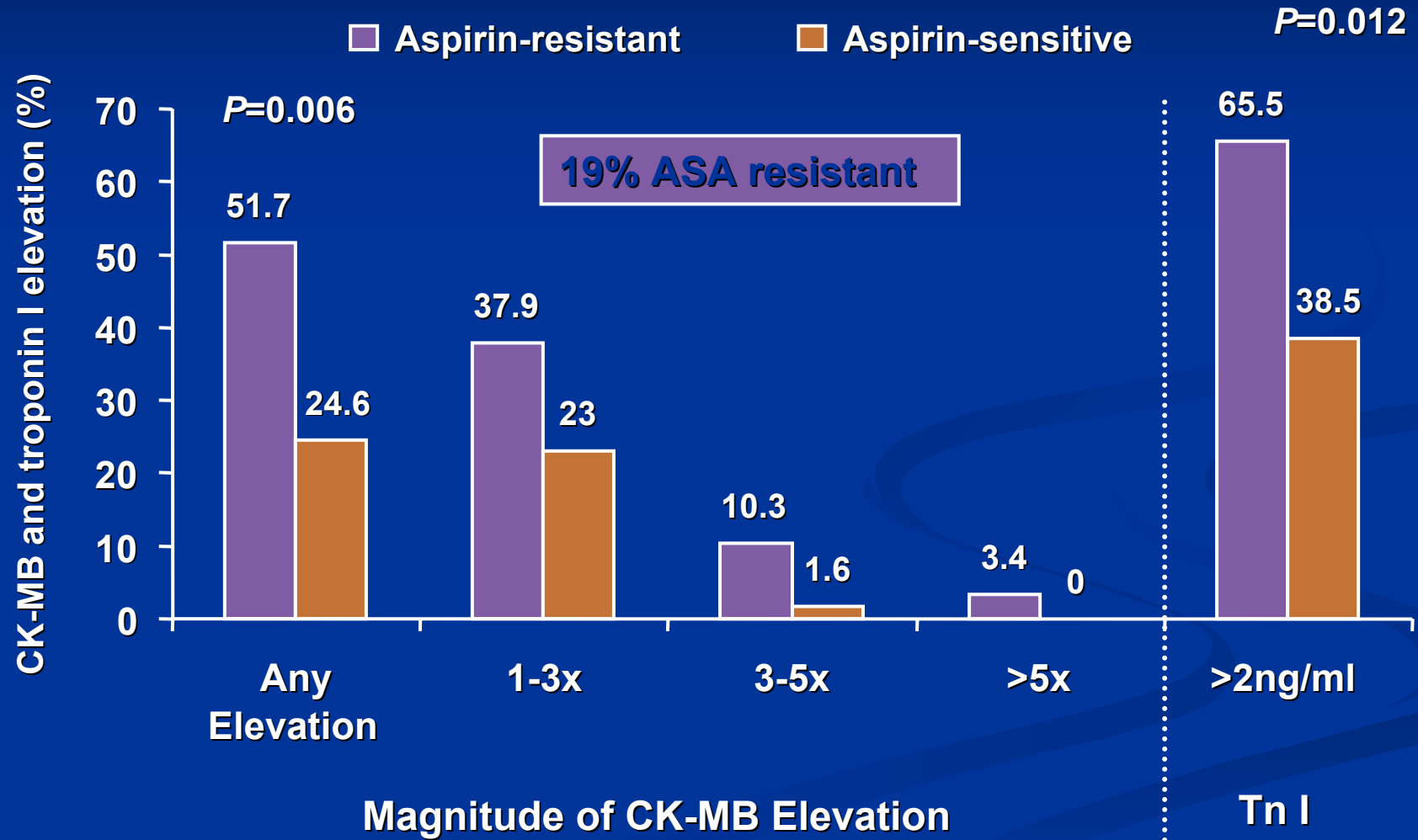
**N=17**  
**(5 %)**

**P< 0.009**

**N=309**

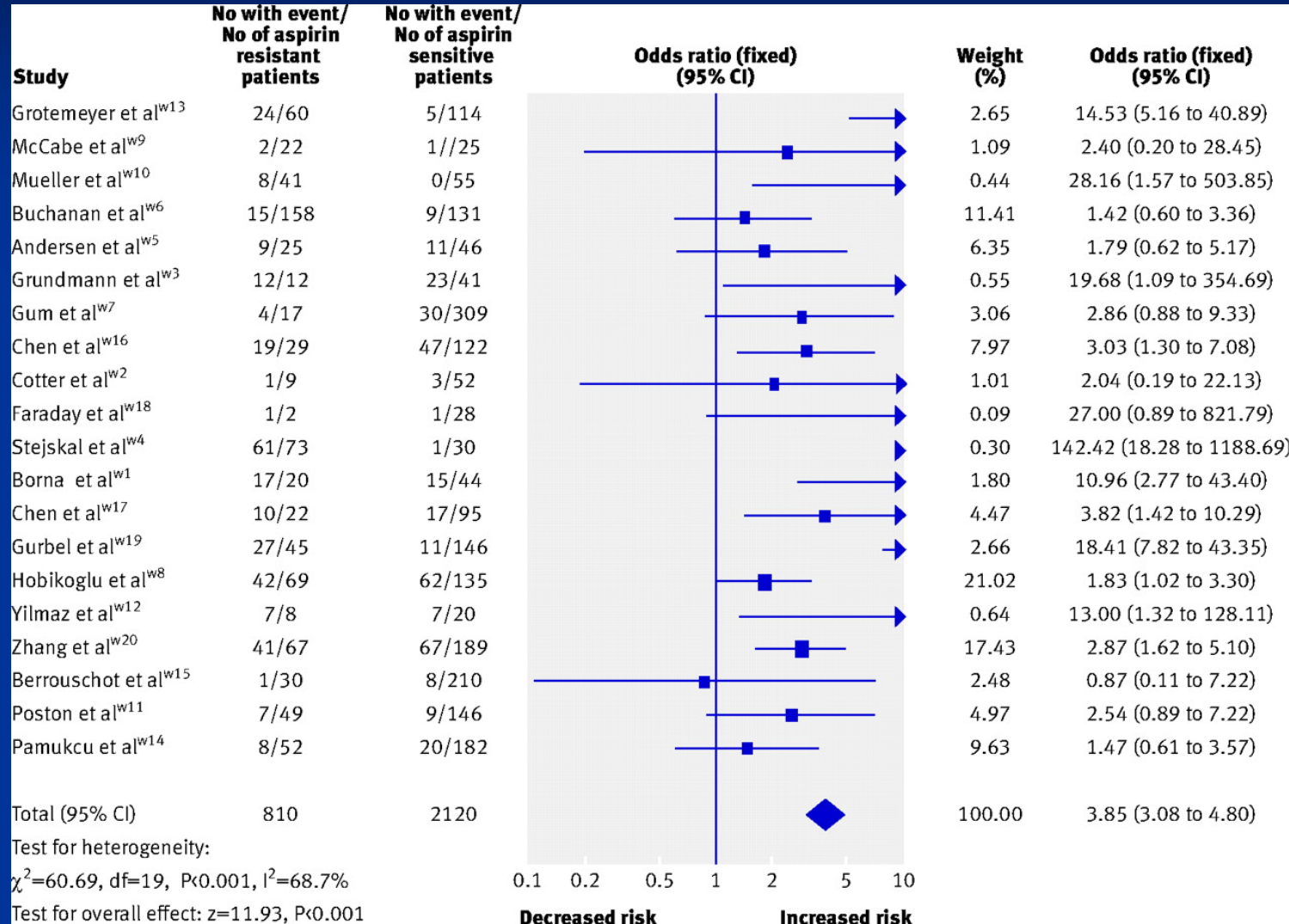
# ASA Resistance in PCI

ASA/Clopidogrel (n=151)





# Risk of any cardiovascular event in aspirin resistant patients



**Cellular factors**

- Insufficient expression of COX-1
- Overexpression of COX-2 mRNA
- Erythrocyte platelet activation
- Increased platelet aggregation
- Generation of 8-iso-PGF<sub>2</sub>

**Clinical factors**

- Failure to prescribe
- Noncompliance
- Nonabsorption
- Under-dosing
- Interaction with ibuprofen



**Genetic polymorphisms**

- COX-1
- GP IIIa
- Collagen
- vWF receptor

# Platelet function analyzer (PFA)-100<sup>®</sup>

One



Pipette 800  $\mu$ L blood

Two



Insert cassette

Three



Start the test

# VerifyNow



VerifyNow predicts clinical outcomes

- Aspirin assay: Chen *JACC* 2004;43:1122–6
- P2Y12 assay: Price *ACC* 2007
- GPIIb-IIIa assay: Steinhubl *Circ* 2001;103:2572–8

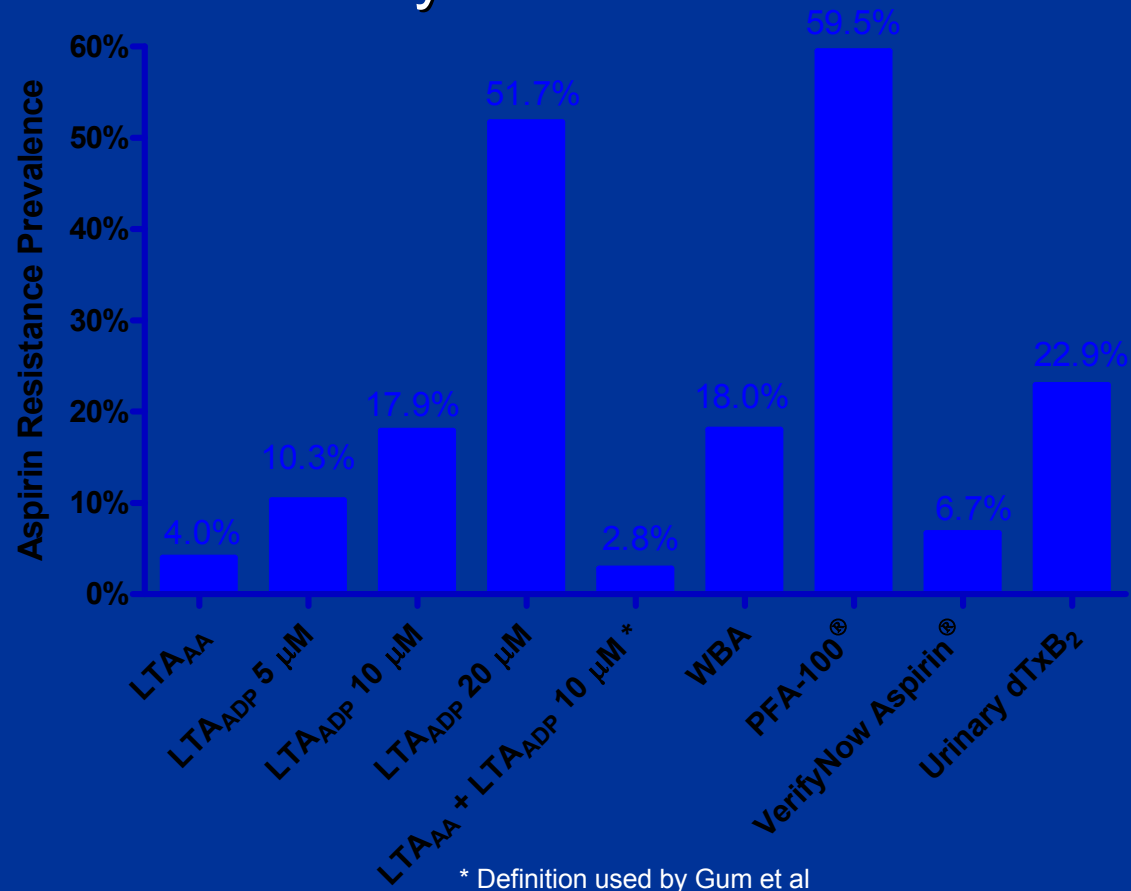
# The assessment of ASA resistance is highly assay-dependant

**N=125 stable patients**

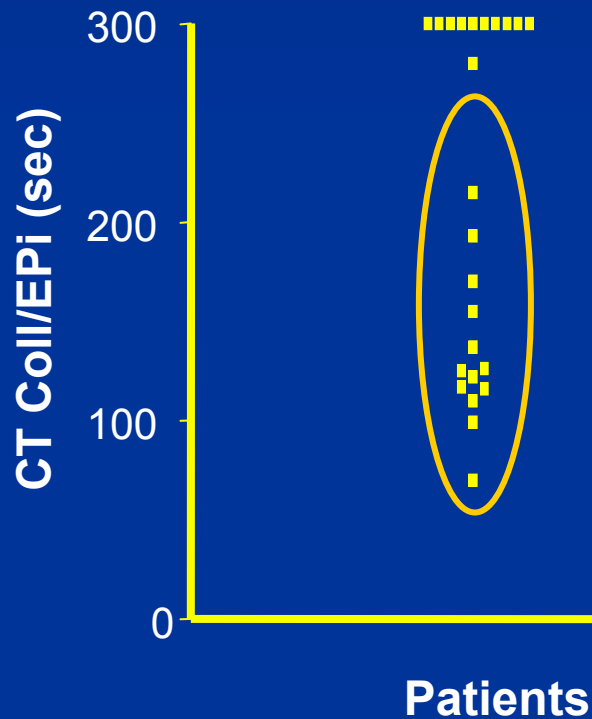


# Results

- Prevalence of resistance varied according to the platelet function assay used



# PFA-100 and ASA resistance

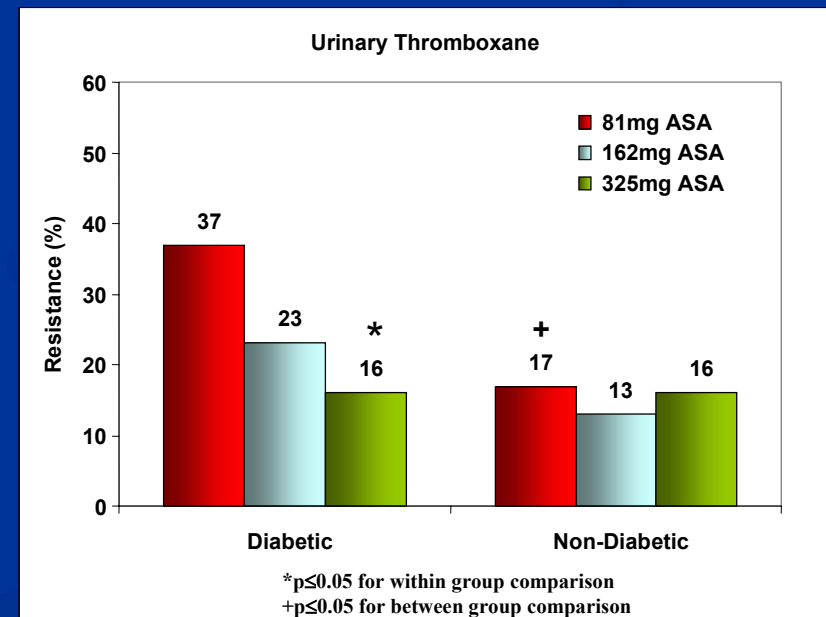
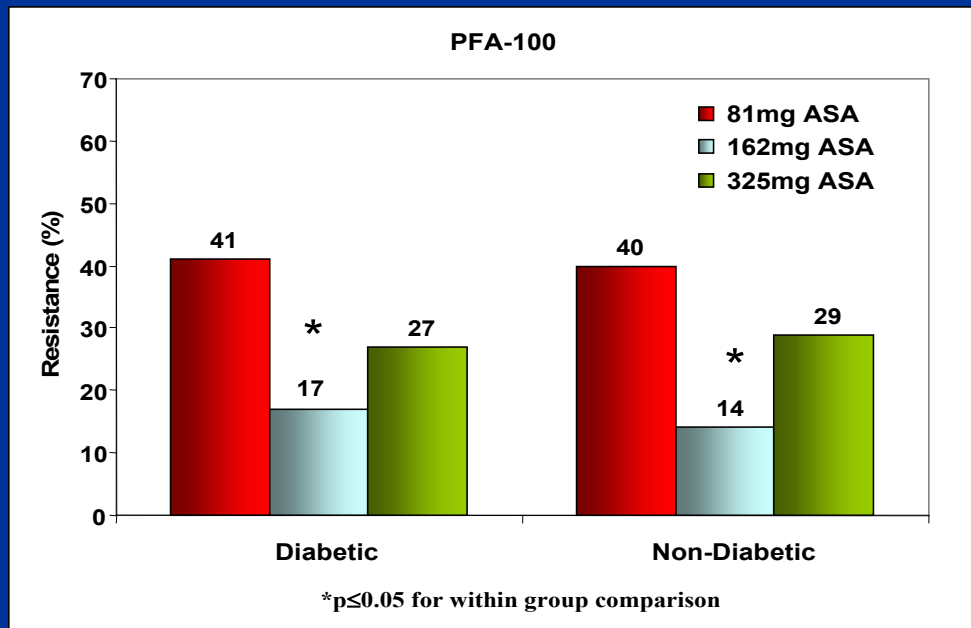


- Patients (n =100)
- Mean ASA duration > 3 months
- ASA 160 mg/day

30 % of patients had a normal Closure time=  
Resistance ASA

# ASA resistance AND diabetes

- Low dose aspirin may not provide adequate platelet inhibition in diabetic patients.
- But, there are limited data quantifying the prevalence of platelet aspirin resistance in diabetic patients.







Regular Article

## Effect of increasing doses of aspirin on platelet function as measured by PFA-100 in patients with diabetes

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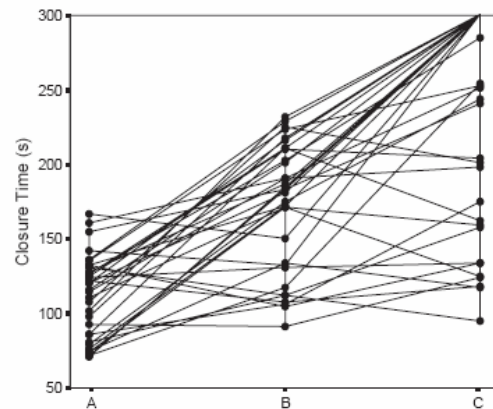


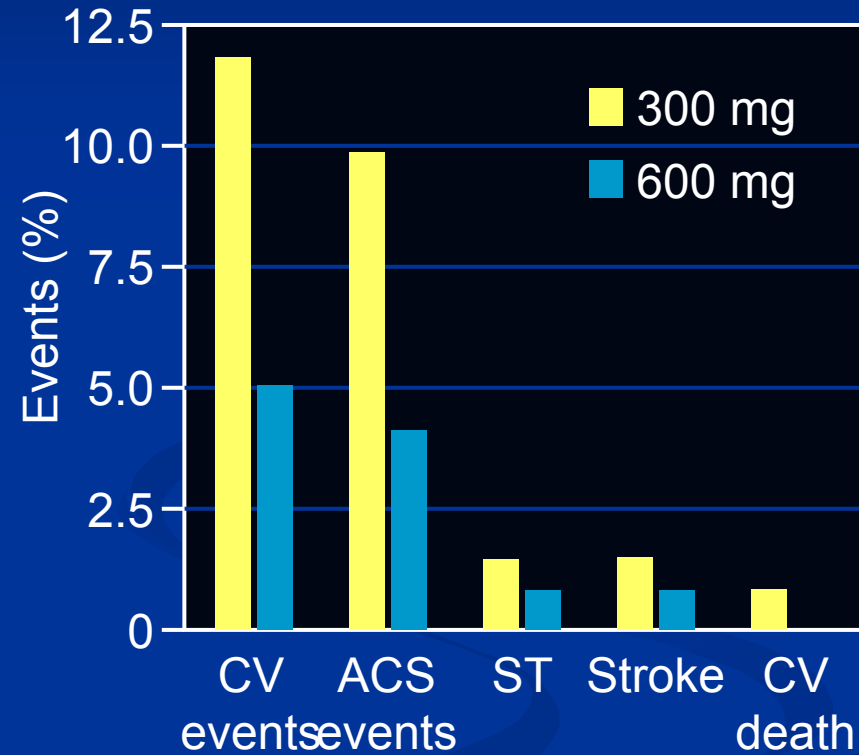
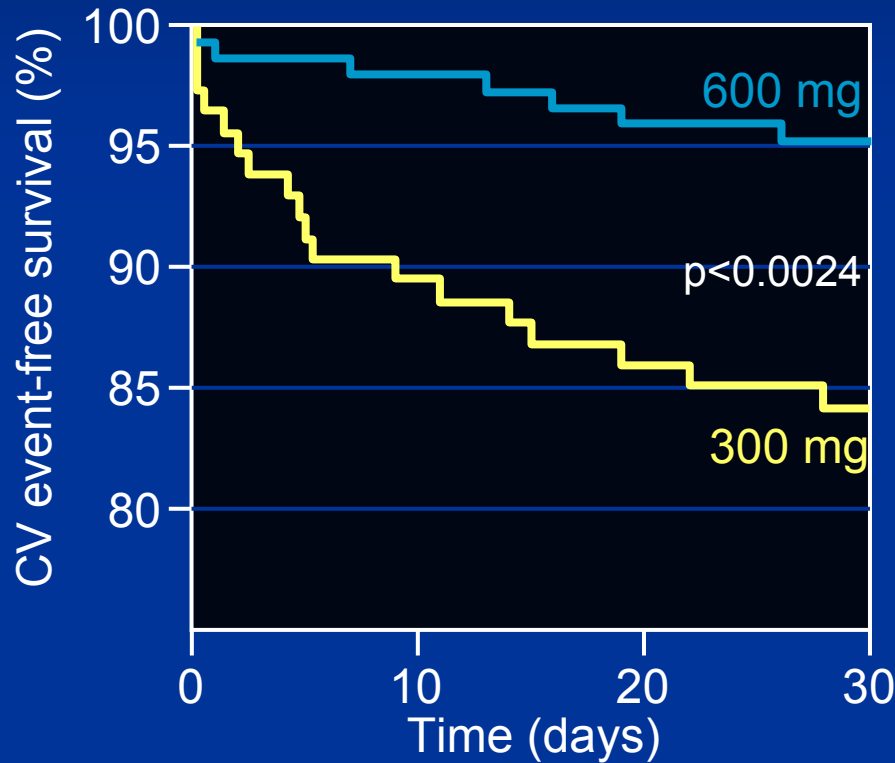
Figure 1 Closure times before (A), after 100 mg (B) and 300 mg (C) doses of aspirin in 34 patients in which the closure times did not exceeded the upper limit of 300 s. \* $p < 0.05$  (100 mg vs. before treatment and 300 mg vs. 100 mg).

**Prevalence of aspirin resistance may be related to aspirin dose and aspirin resistance can be overcome in some patients by increasing the aspirin dose**

**Are an higher dose or a new  
(more effective) drug able to  
eradicate drug resistance?**

# Clopidogrel 600 mg vs 300 mg loading dose

292 consecutive NSTEMI ACS stent patients received 300 or 600 mg loading dose of clopidogrel

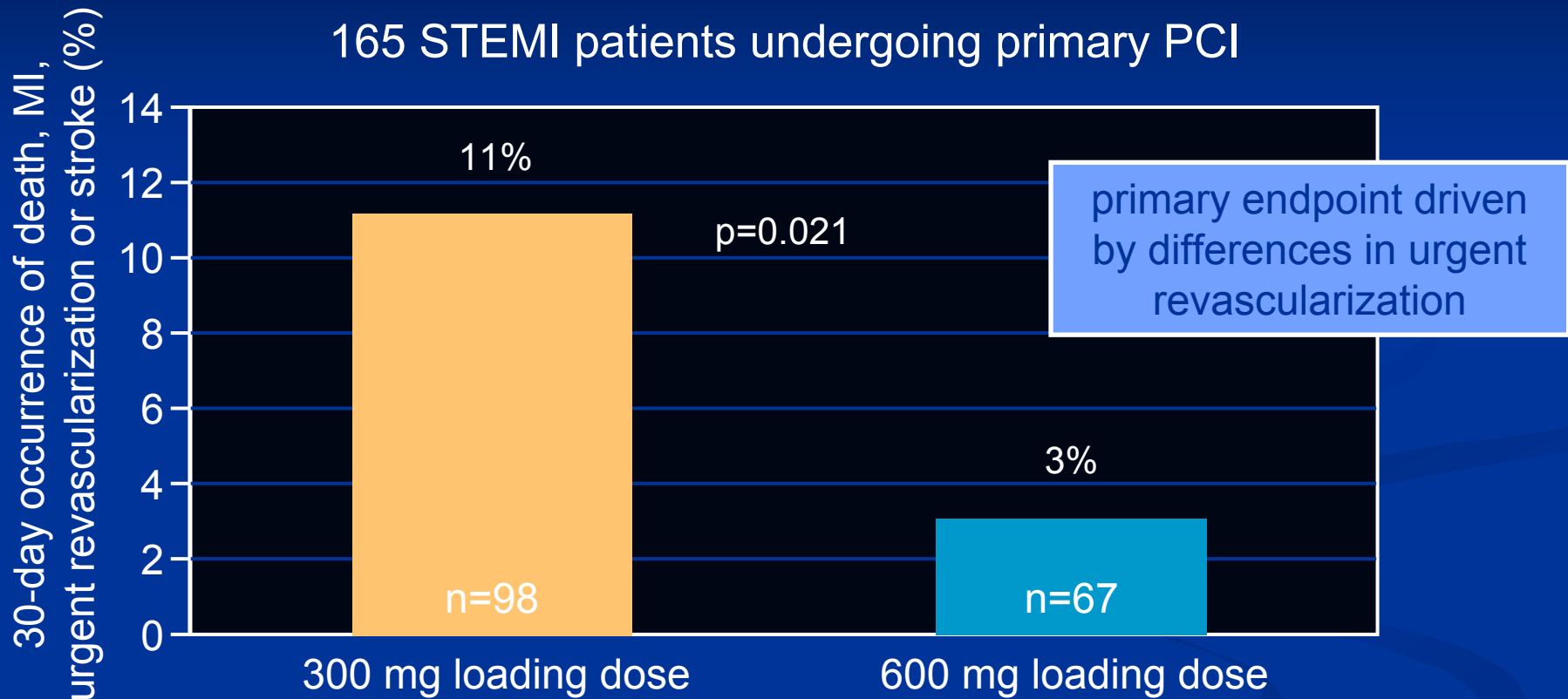


A 600mg loading dose of clopidogrel reduced the occurrence of subsequent events

ST = Stent thrombosis

Cuisset *et al.* J Am Coll Cardiol 2006; 48:1339-45

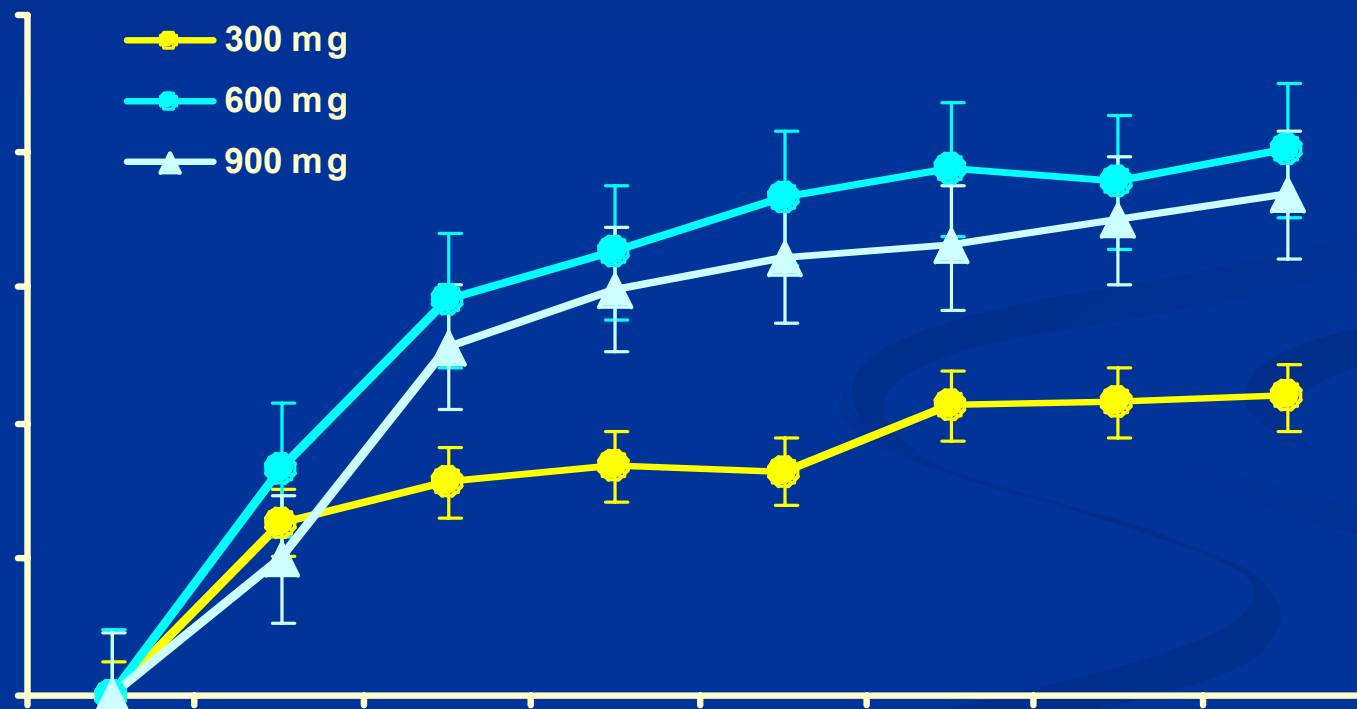
# High loading dose of clopidogrel significantly reduced urgent revasc. after primary PCI



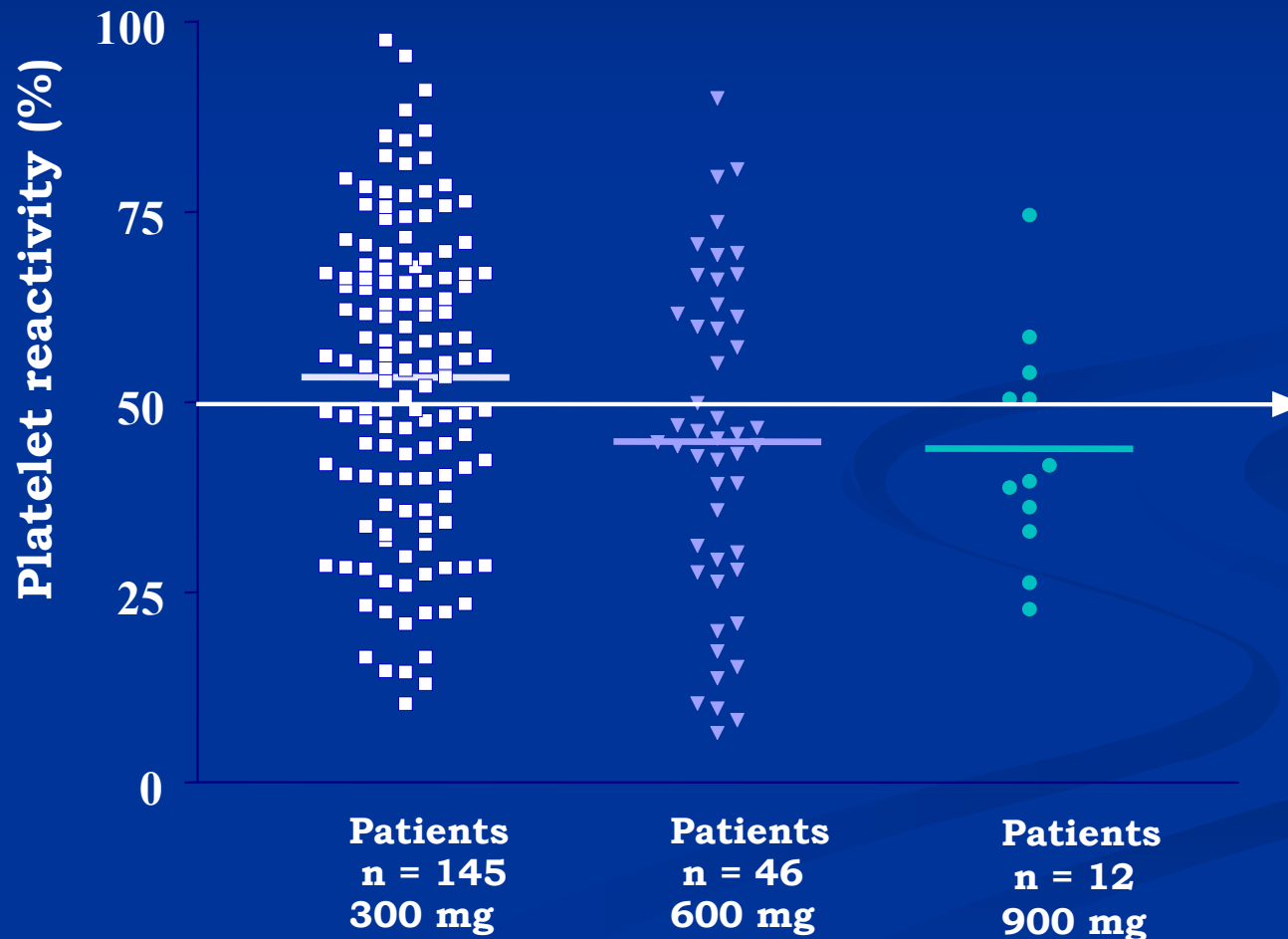
600 mg loading dose may be more effective than a 300 mg loading dose

# Measured Effect of Different Loading Doses of Clopidogrel (VerifyNow)

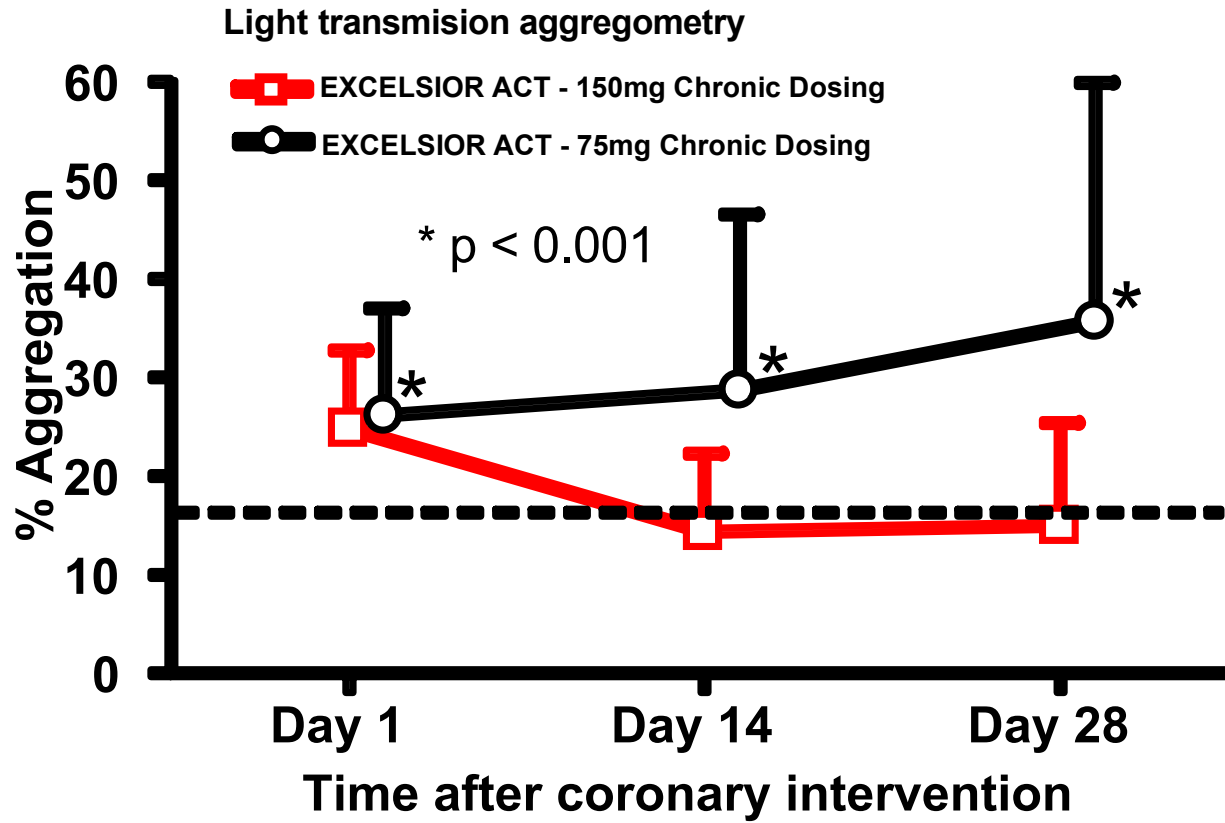
\*  $p < 0.01$  (600- or 900-mg vs. 300-mg)



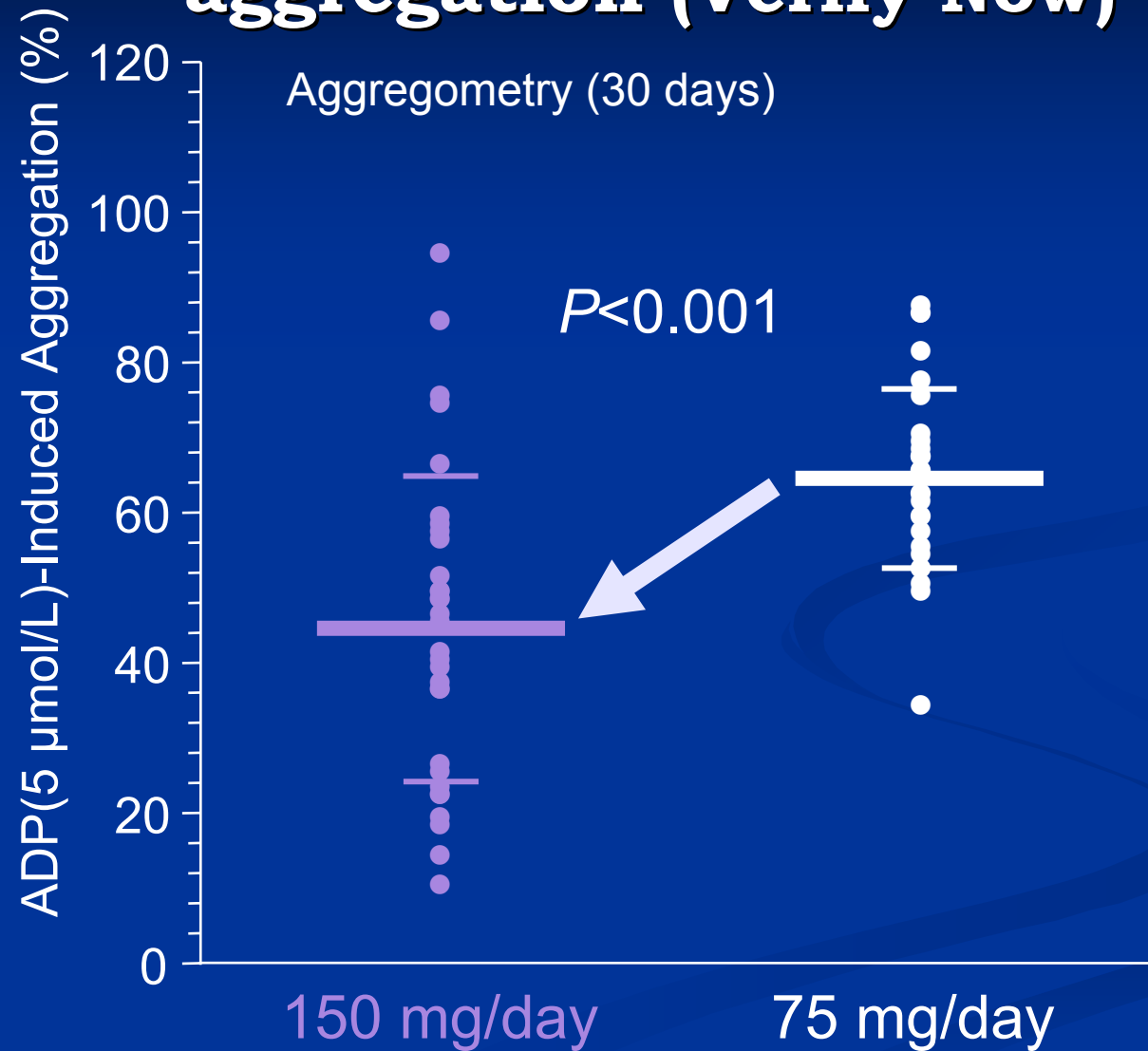
# A standart dose of clopidogrel for every patients ?



## Response to Chronic Dosing with 75 vs 150 mg

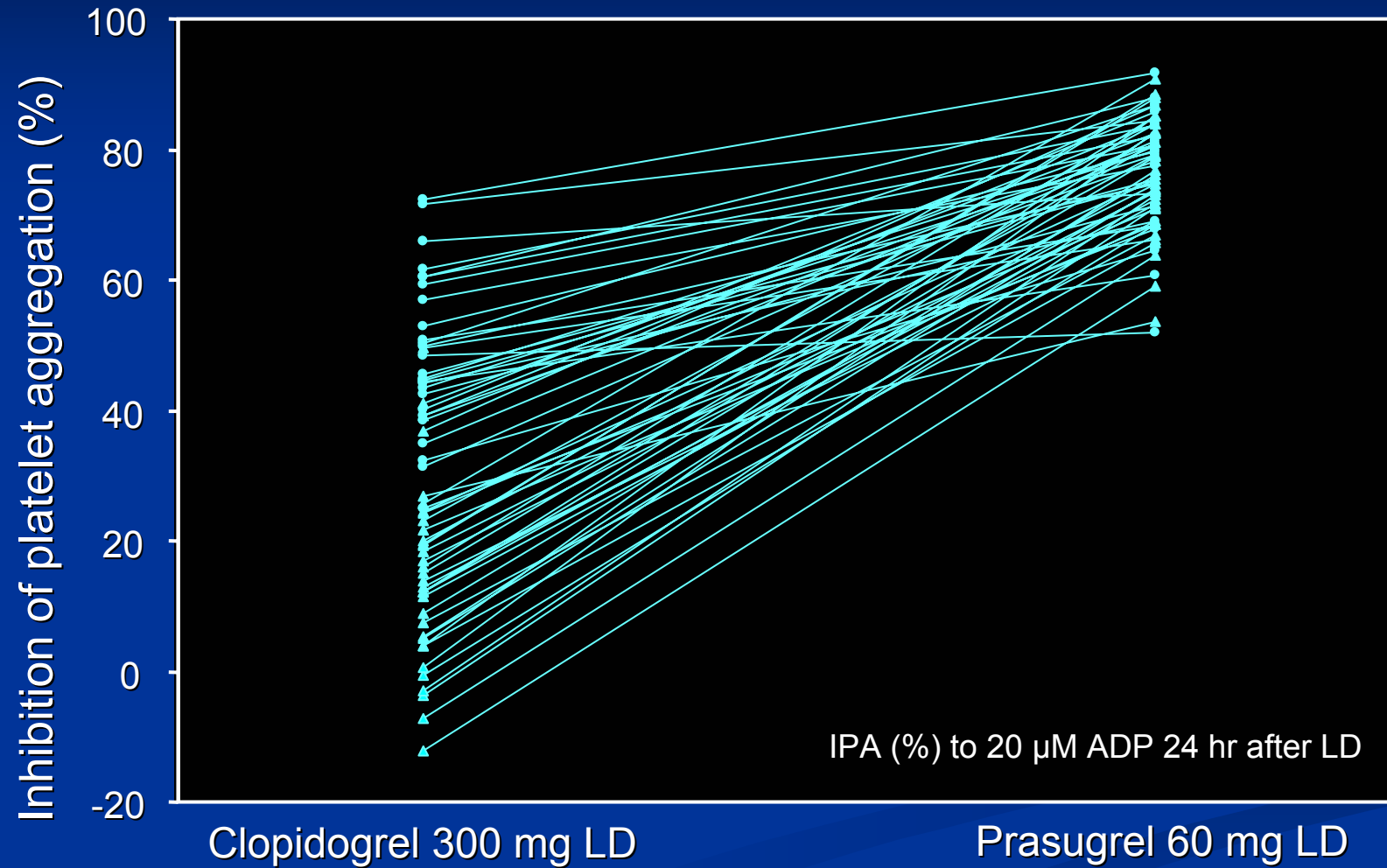


# Increasing Chronic Dose decreases platelet aggregation (Verify Now)

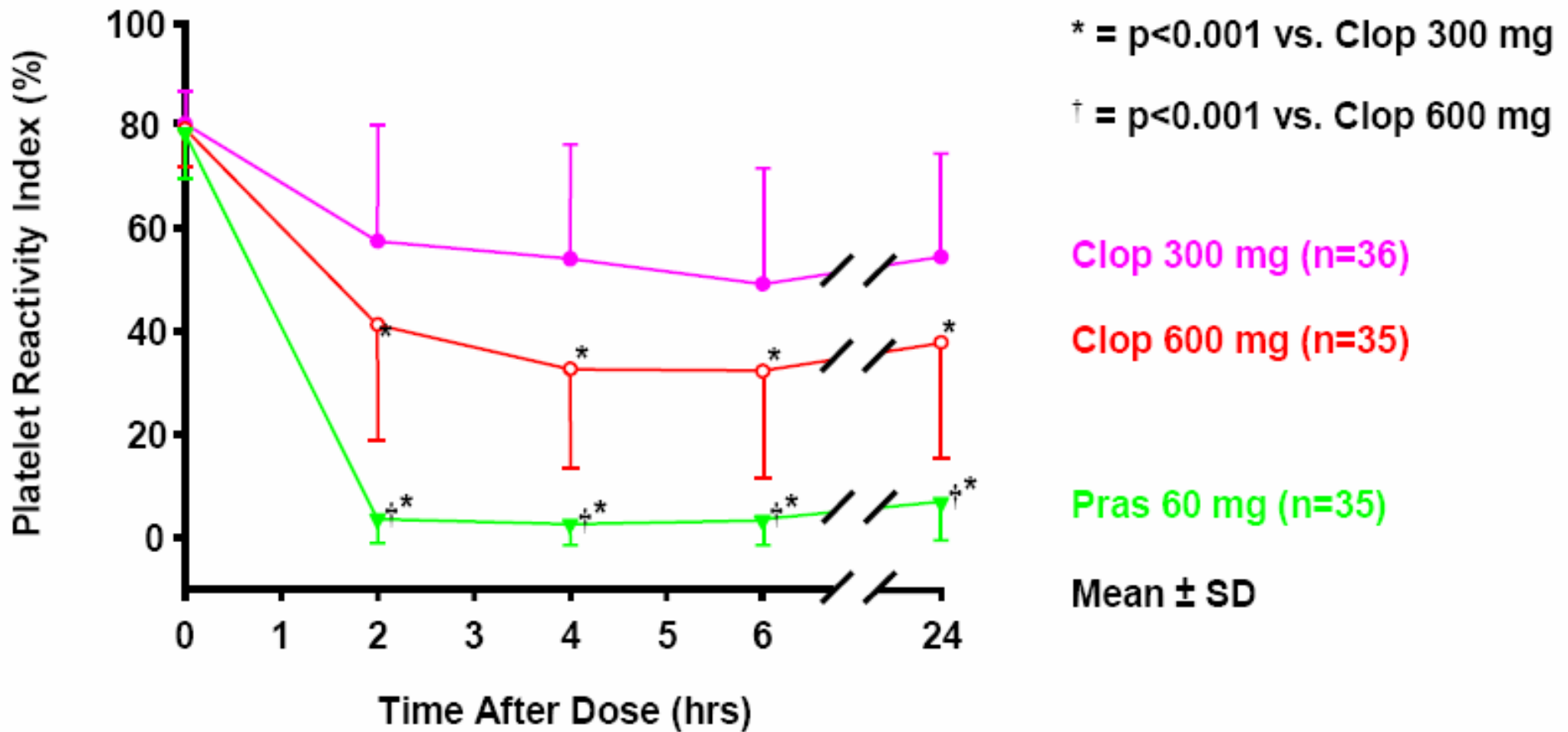




# Clopidogrel/prasugrel crossover study

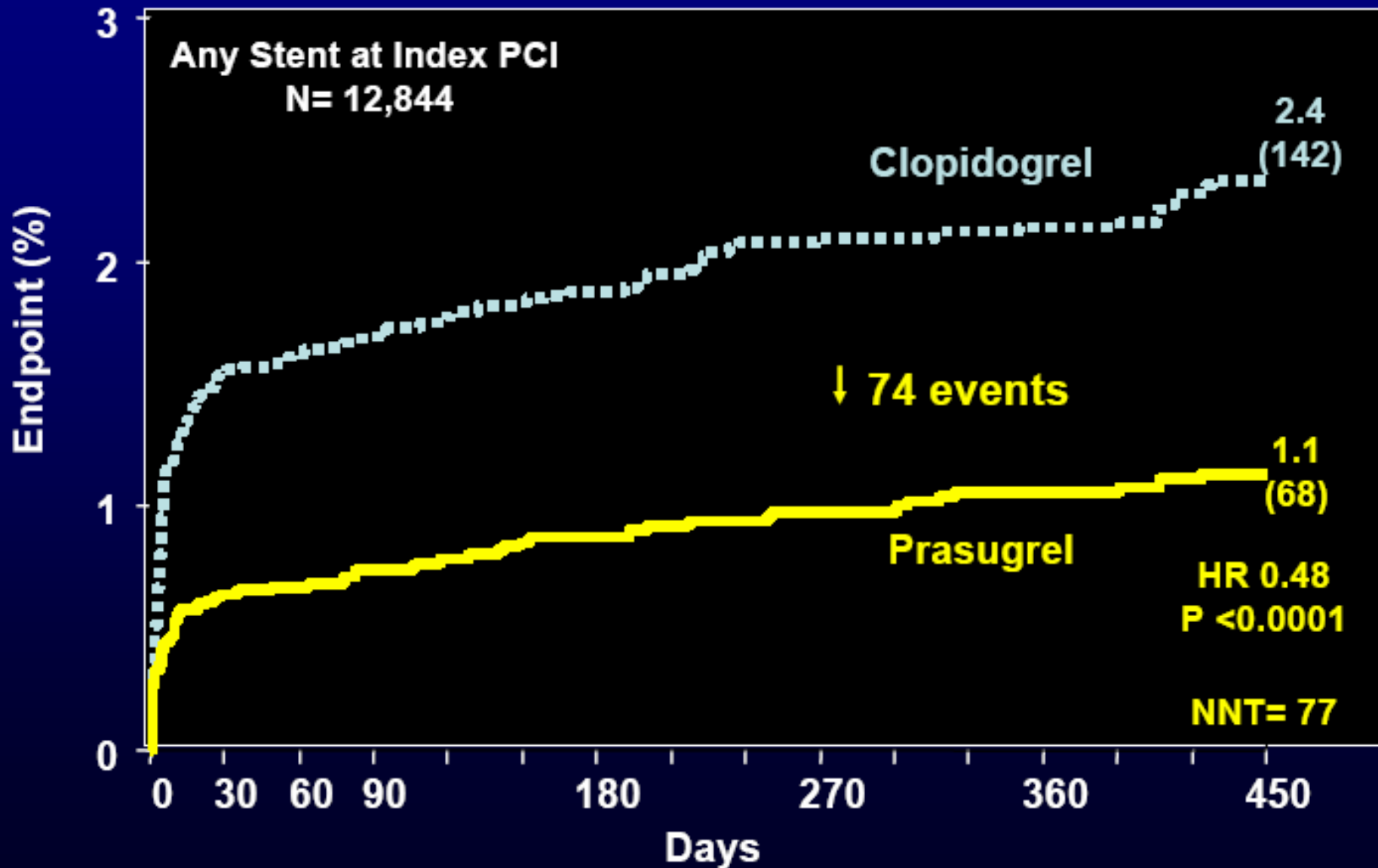


# VASP : Clopidogrel vs Prasugrel



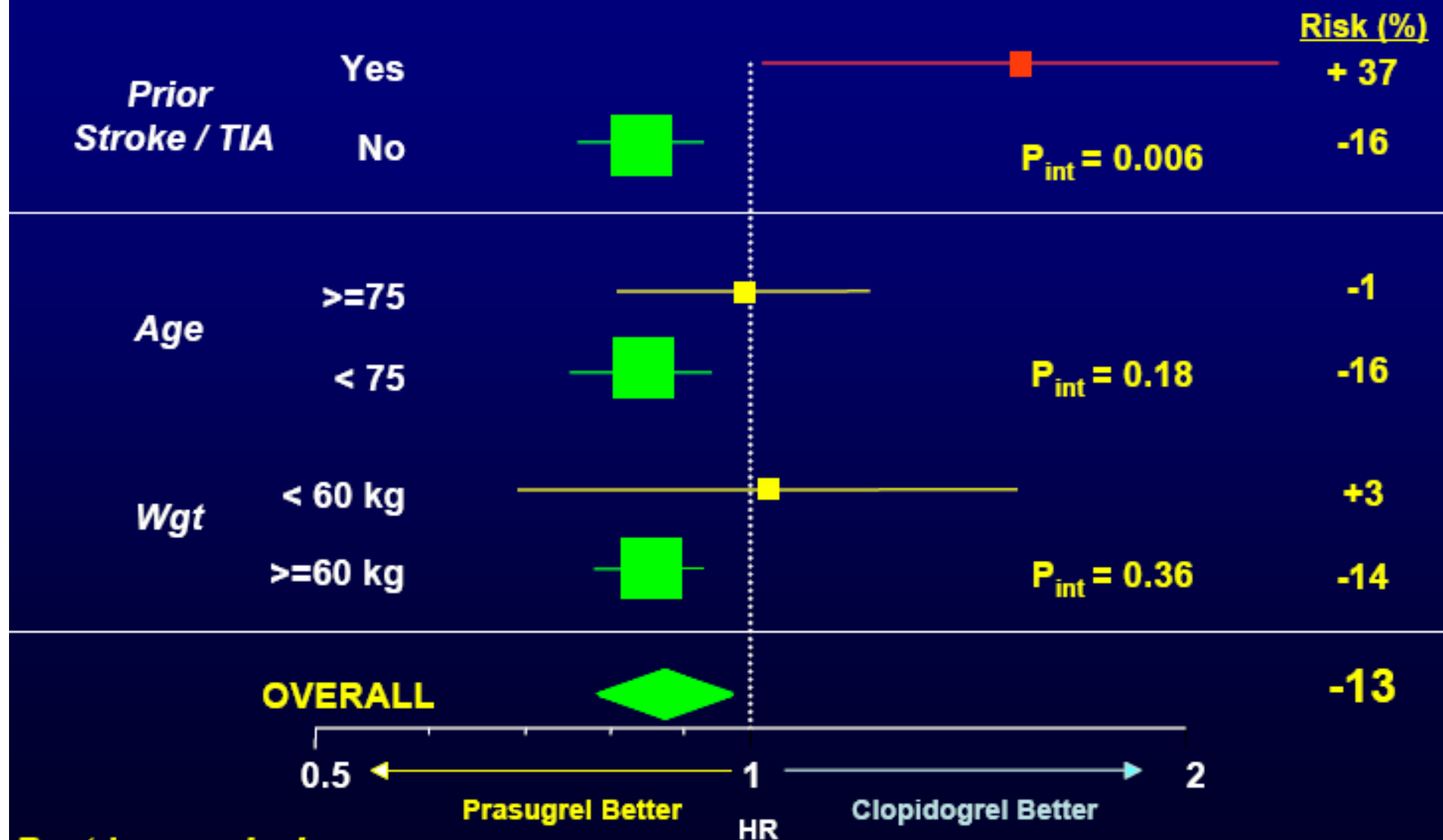


# Stent Thrombosis (ARC Definite + Probable)



# Net Clinical Benefit

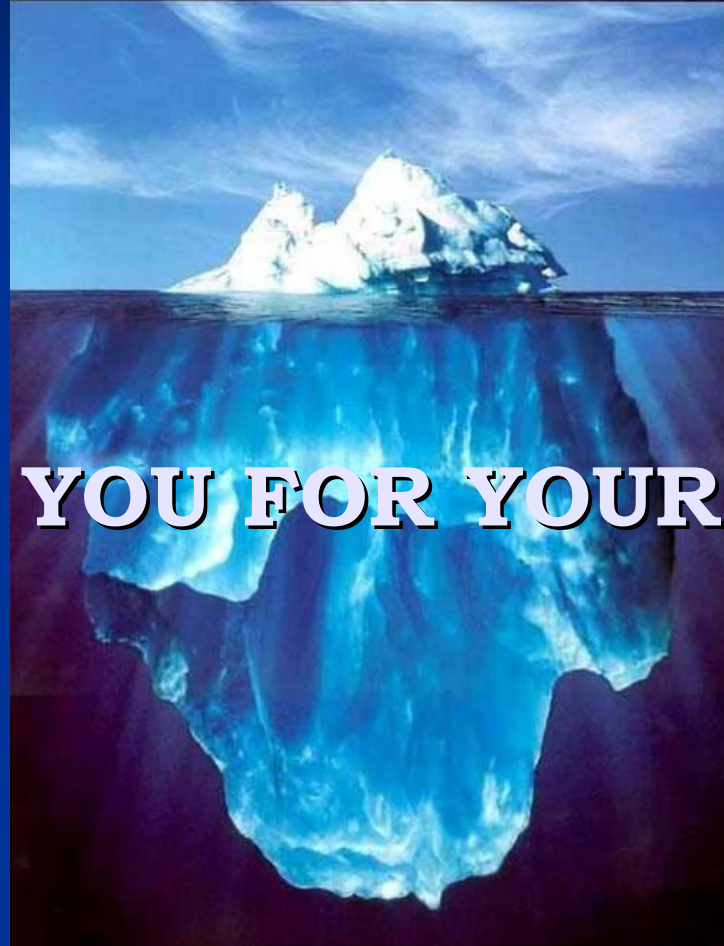
## Bleeding Risk Subgroups



**Post-hoc analysis**

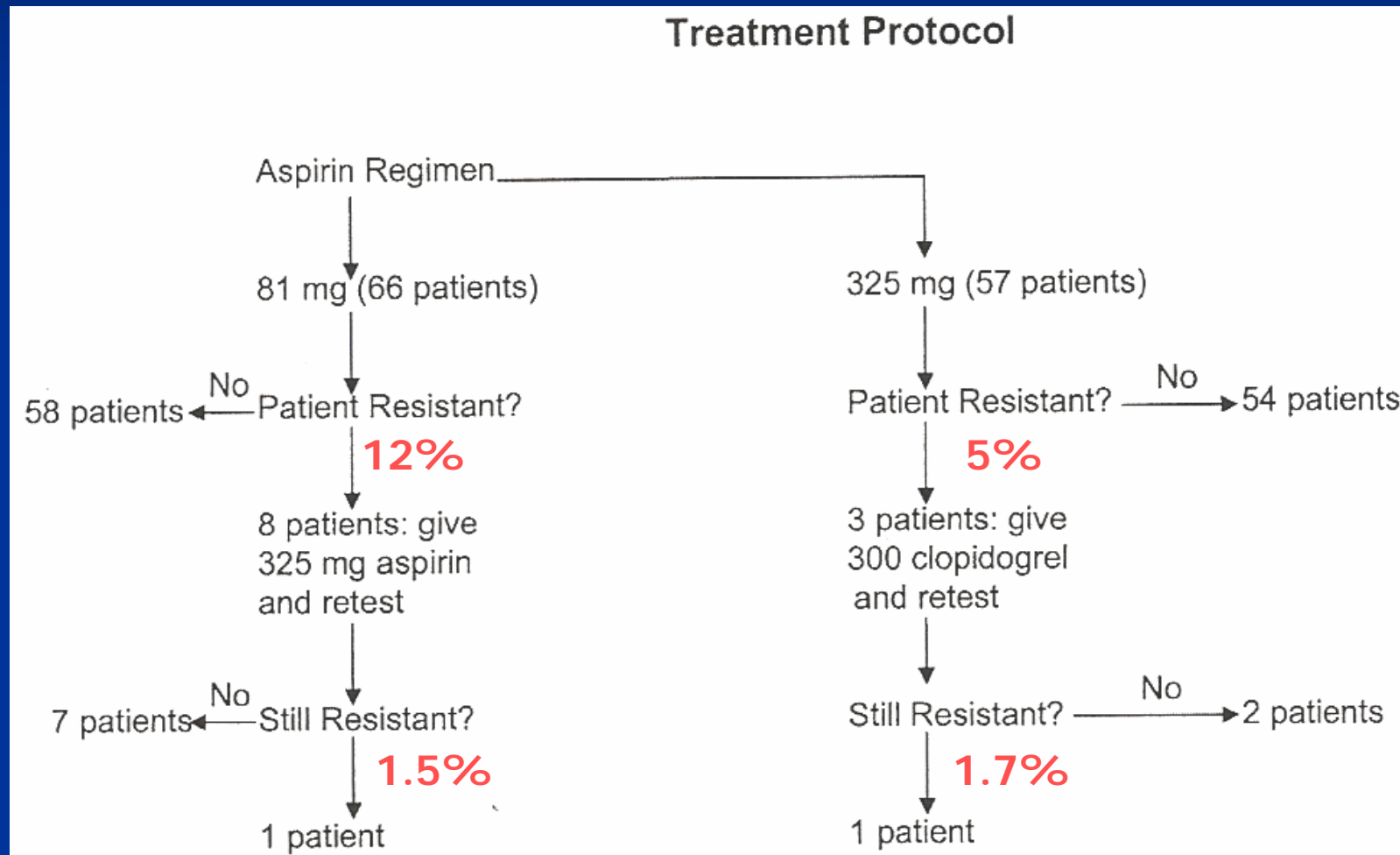
# Conclusions

- **Platelet function tests have demonstrated interpatient response variability (also referred to as ‘resistance’) to aspirin and clopidogrel**
- **A number of small but strong clinical studies suggest that a patient’s response variability to aspirin and/or clopidogrel can predict clinical outcome**
- **Monitoring antiplatelet therapy by point-of-care methods (ie, use at or near the bedside, easy to use without special skills, no sample processing, no pipetting, rapid readout) would be clinically advantageous**
- **To solve this patient variability , 2 solutions:**
  - **To adjust the dose by testing the Clopidogrel and Aspirin activity**
  - **To use Prasugrel except for the patients with history of stroke or TIA**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

# Frequency of Aspirin Resistance in a Community Hospital



# Platelet function tests for measuring response to aspirin

## Thromboxane as the end point

- Serum thromboxane B<sub>2</sub>
- Urinary 11-dehydro thromboxane B<sub>2</sub>

## Arachidonic acid as the stimulus

- Platelet aggregometry (turbidimetric)
- Platelet aggregometry (impedance)
- VerifyNow Aspirin assay
- Plateletworks
- Platelet surface activated GP IIb/IIIa, platelet surface P-selectin, leucocyte–platelet aggregates (flow cytometry)
- TEG PlateletMapping System
- Impact cone and plate(let) analyser
- ThromboVision T-Guide

## Other

- PFA-100
- PlaCor PRT



# Platelet function tests for measuring response to clopidogrel

## P2Y<sub>12</sub>-specific

- VASP phosphorylation (flow cytometry)

## ADP-stimulated

- Platelet aggregometry (turbidimetric)
- Platelet aggregometry (impedance)
- VerifyNow P2Y12 assay
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## Other

- ?PFA-100
- ?PlaCor PRT

# SSC/ISTH Working Party on Aspirin Resistance

1. A clinically meaningful definition of aspirin resistance needs to be developed, based on data linking aspirin-dependent laboratory tests to clinical outcomes in patients
2. The correct treatment, if any, of aspirin resistance is unknown, because no published studies address the clinical effectiveness of altering therapy based on a laboratory finding of aspirin resistance
3. Therefore, other than in research trials, it is not currently appropriate to test for aspirin resistance in patients or to change therapy based on such tests

*Michelson et al. J Thromb Haemost 2005;3:1309–11.*

- Same conclusions for clopidogrel
- Similar conclusions reached by ACCP (*Patrono C et al. Chest 2004;126:234S–264S*)
- Similar conclusions reached by ESC (*Patrono C et al. Eur Heart J 2004;25:166–81*)

## 2006 ACC/AHA PCI guidelines

### Class IIb recommendation (based on Level C evidence):

In patients in whom subacute stent thrombosis may be catastrophic or lethal, platelet aggregation studies may be considered and the maintenance dose of clopidogrel increased from 75 mg to 150 mg/day if <50% inhibition of platelet aggregation is demonstrated

## Conclusions II

Although the correct treatment of aspirin or clopidogrel 'resistance' is not definitively known (because no published studies address the clinical effectiveness of altering therapy based on a laboratory finding of 'resistance'), the following are treatment options:

- No change in treatment (to avoid potential bleeding without known additional antithrombotic benefit)
- Consider non-compliance
- Consider interference by other drugs (NSAIDs for aspirin, statins for clopidogrel)
- Increase the doses of aspirin and/or clopidogrel?
- Add a GP IIb/IIIa antagonist?

## Conclusions III

- The novel P2Y<sub>12</sub> antagonists prasugrel, AZD6140 and/or cangrelor may address the problem of platelet response variability or 'resistance' because, compared with clopidogrel, they have:
  - A more rapid onset of action
  - Greater platelet inhibitory effects
  - Less platelet response variability
- Phase III trials of these drugs are currently in progress

## Concept of aspirin resistance

- Aspirin may not benefit all patients equally
- No consensual definition of aspirin resistance exists
- It is generally accepted that:

**incomplete suppression of platelet aggregation as assessed by platelet function assays constitutes biochemical unresponsiveness of platelets to the inhibitory action of aspirin**

## Platelet function testing The Gold Standard

- Many tests are available to assess inhibition of platelet function induced by aspirin
  
- Light transmission aggregometry (LTA)
  - Current gold standard
  - Evaluates luminosity as aggregation occurs in platelet-rich plasma (PRP) in response to AA
  - Use limited to specialized laboratories because:
    - poorly standardized
    - requires manipulation by a skilled technician

# Other platelet function assays available

## Laboratory testing

- Whole blood aggregometry (WBA)
  - Preferred agonist: AA
- Serum measurement of TxB<sub>2</sub>
- Urinary measurement of dTxB<sub>2</sub>
- Flow cytometry
- Platelet count drop (PCD)

## Point-of-care assays

- PFA-100<sup>®</sup>
  - Using the COLL-EPI cartridge
- VerifyNow Aspirin<sup>®</sup>
  - Using AA cartridge
- Thromboelastograph (TEG<sup>®</sup>)
- Cone and Plate(let) Analyzer
- AspirinWorks<sup>®</sup>
  - Standardized urinary dTxB<sub>2</sub>
- PlateletWorks<sup>®</sup>
  - Standardized PCD



# Definitions of aspirin resistance

- AA-induced LTA ( $LTA_{AA}$ )
  - Platelet aggregation  $\geq 20\%$
- ADP-induced LTA ( $LTA_{ADP}$ )
  - Platelet aggregation  $\geq 70\%$
- AA-induced WBA
  - Impedance  $\geq 3 \Omega$
- PFA-100<sup>®</sup>
  - closure time  $\leq 193$  sec
- VerifyNow Aspirin<sup>®</sup>
  - Platelet aggregation  $\geq 550$  Aspirin Response Units
- Urinary levels of dTxB<sub>2</sub>
  - $\geq 67.9$  ng/mmol of creatinine

# Aspirin Resistance

Understanding the Problem: Possible Mechanisms

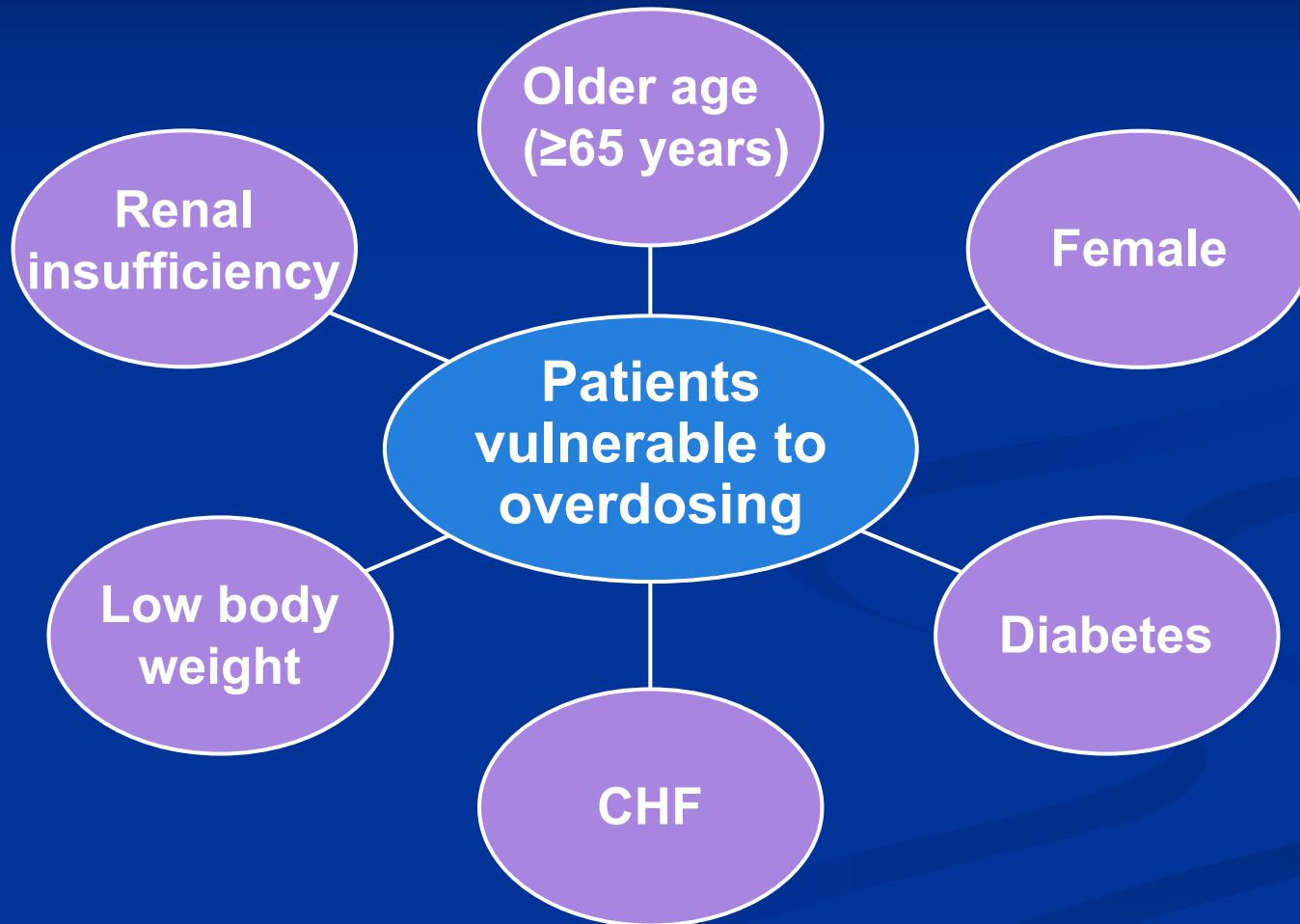
- Extrinsic Mechanisms
  - Accentuation of platelet function by exogenous substances (cigarette smoke)
  - Other drugs blocking aspirin's acetylation of COX-1 (NSAIDs)
  - Increased platelet turnover
  - Inadequate aspirin dosing

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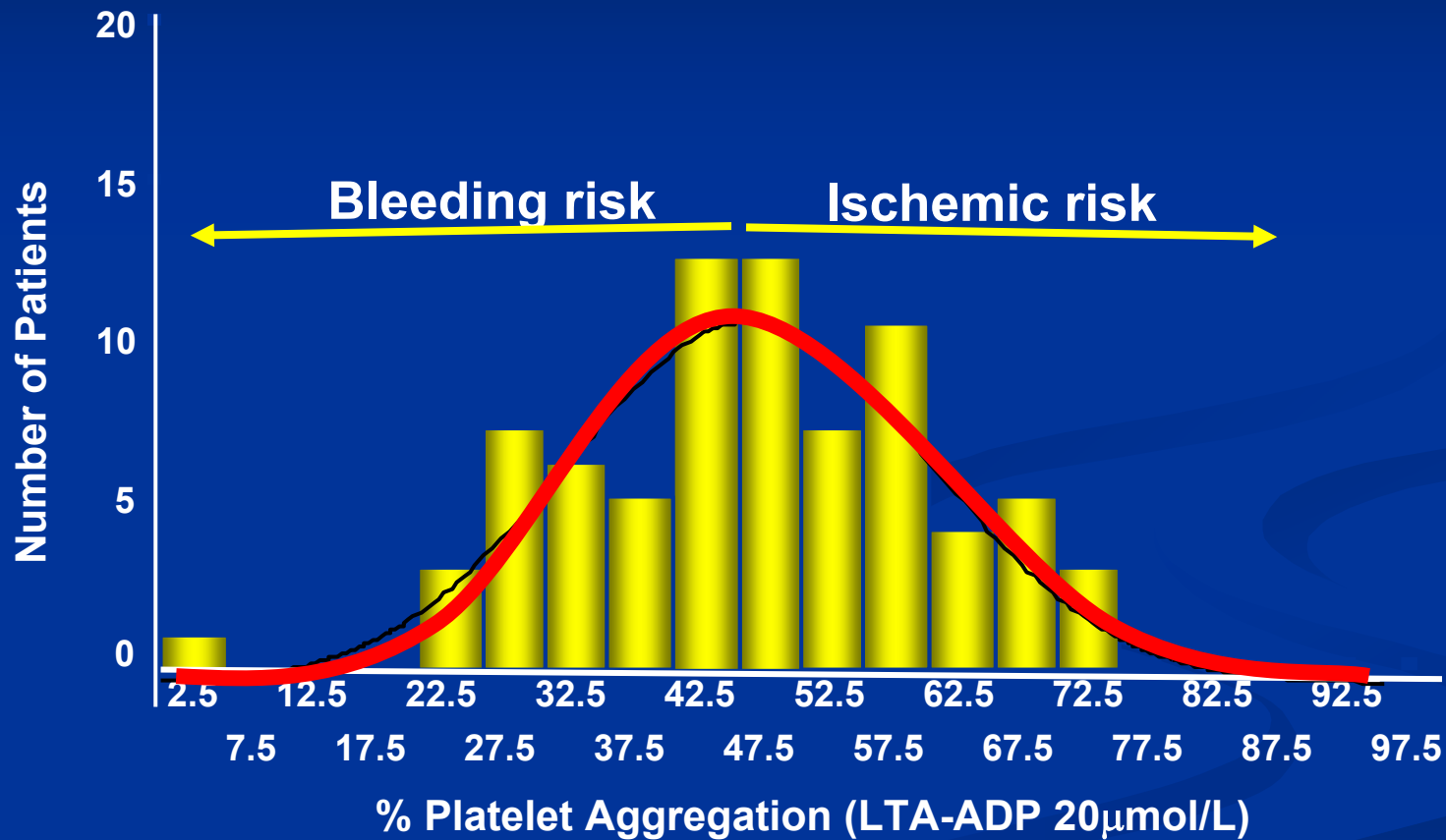
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- Intrinsic Mechanisms
  - Inducible COX-2 in platelets that is not inhibited by low-dose aspirin
  - Polymorphisms of COX-1 that alter the structure of the active site and prevent acetylation
  - Production of TXA precursors by other nucleated cells and transfer of these to platelets
  - Polymorphisms of IIb/IIIa receptor that make platelets less dependant on TXA for activation

# Major predictors of overdosing



# Individual Response Variability to Dual Antiplatelet Therapy in the Steady State Phase of Treatment



# Novel P2Y<sub>12</sub> ADP Receptor Antagonist

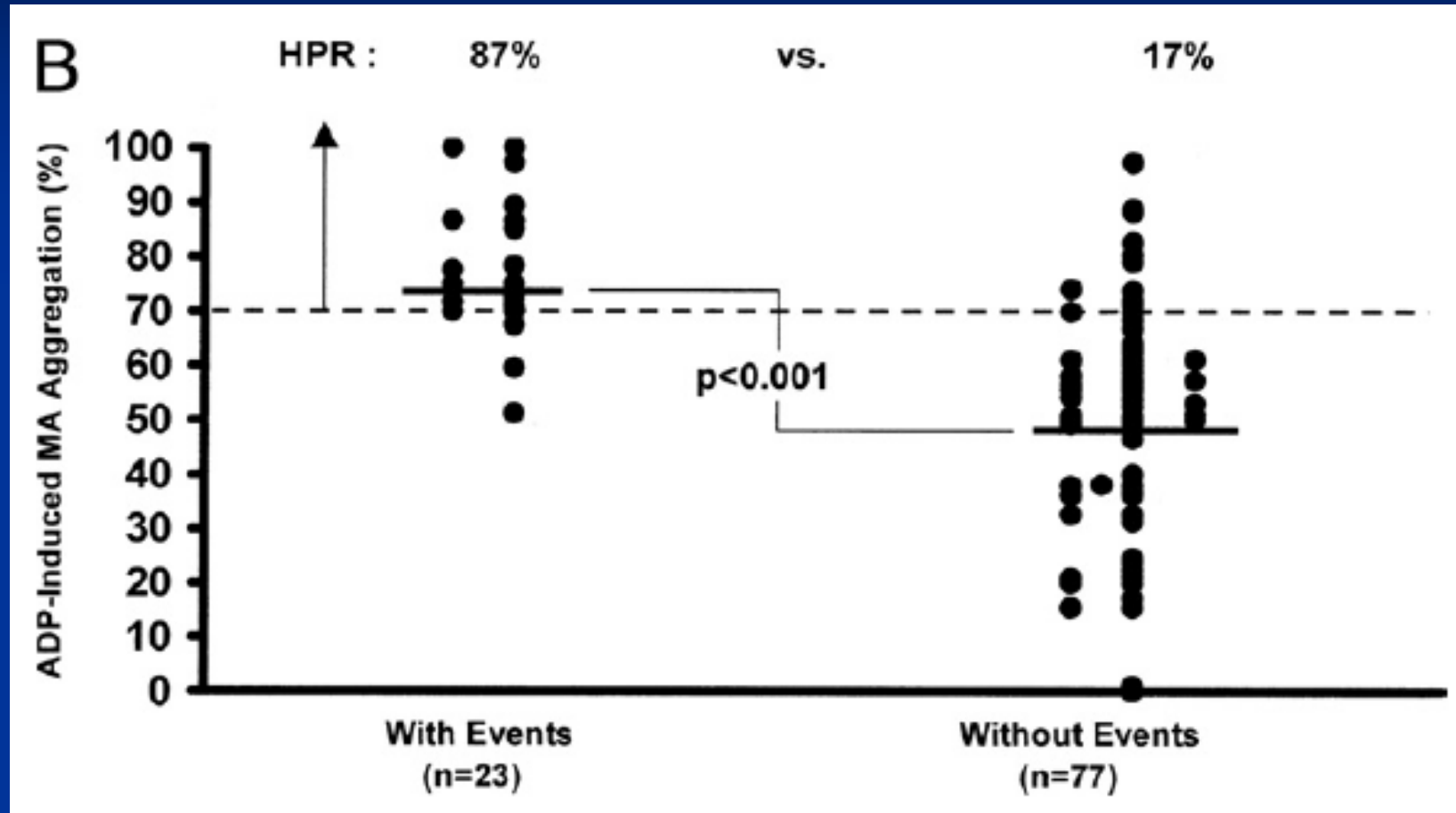
Drug	Type	Route	Action	Dose	Mean Platelet Inhibition (Time Required)	Trials (Phase III)
<b>Prasugrel (CS-747)</b>	Thienopyridine (3 <sup>rd</sup> gen) – requires hepatic conversion to active metabolite	Oral	Irreversible binding	60 mg loading dose, 10 mg maintenance dose	≈ 70% (<1 hour)	TRITON
<b>AZD6140</b>	Cyclopetyl-triazolopyrimidine – Direct inhibition	Oral	Competitive binding	90 mg bid	≈ 95% (2-4 hours)	PLATO
<b>Cangrelor (ARC-669931MX)</b>	ATP analogue – Direct inhibition	Parenteral	Competitive binding	4 μg/kg/min	≈ 95% (few minutes)	CHAMPION

***More potent and less variability!!***

# **MECHANISMS OF CLOPIDOGREL RESISTANCE**

- **Drug interactions with Cyt P450**
- **ADP P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor polymorphisms**
- **P1<sup>A2</sup> polymorphisms**
- **Defects in signaling downstream from P2Y<sub>12</sub>**

# Clopidogrel 'resistance' by TEG PlateletMapping System vs. clinical outcomes



CAD patients (n = 100) undergoing PCI on chronic ASA 75 mg qd, clopidogrel 75 mg qd. Events = MACE over 1 year. HPR, high platelet reactivity; MA, clot strength.

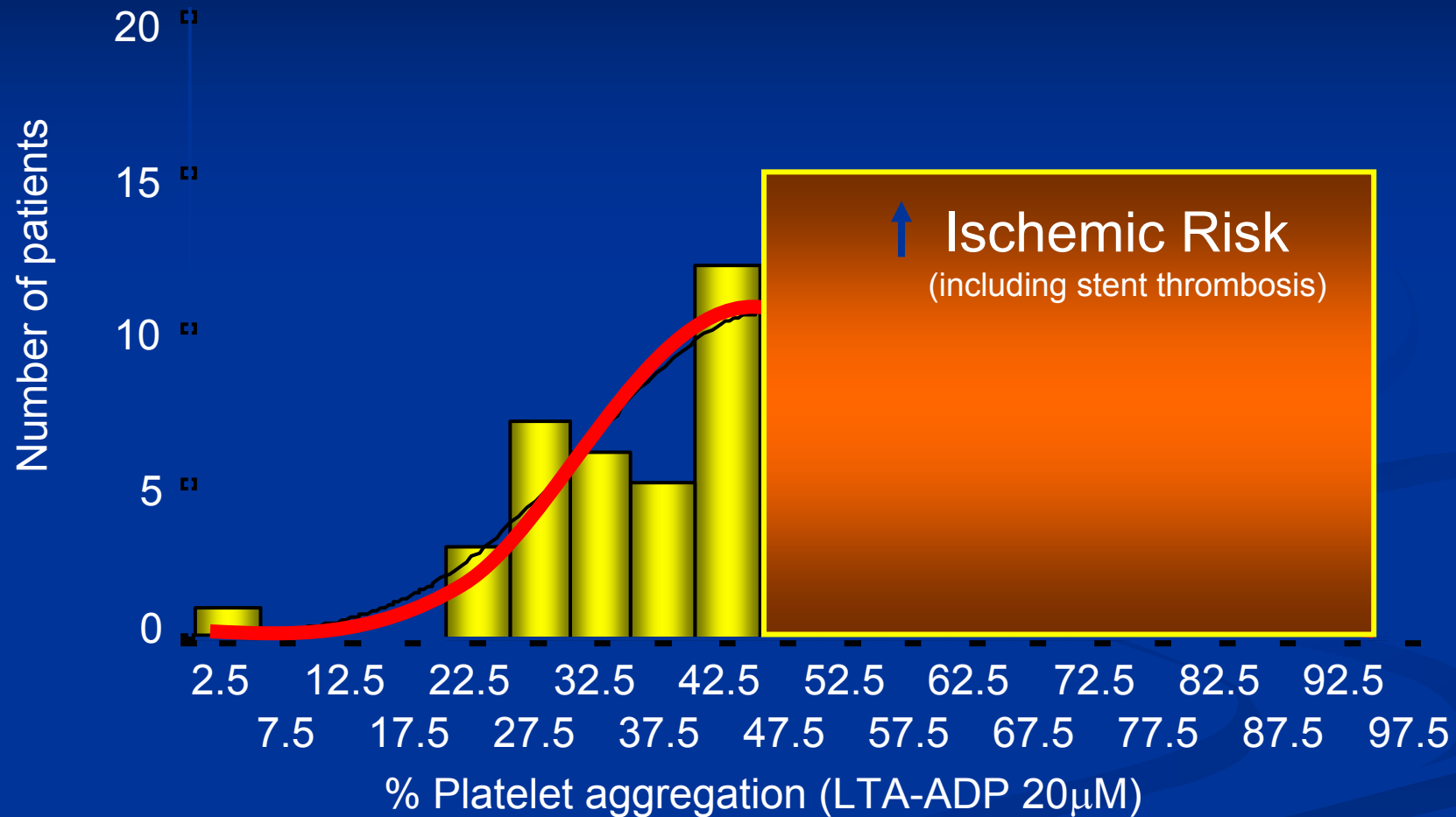


## Incidence of death/MI at various time periods after stopping clopidogrel

Patients	Mean duration of clopidogrel treatment (d)	Death/MI after stopping treatment (d)		
		0–90	91–180	181–270
Medically treated (n=1568)	302	163	57	26
PCI treated (n=1569)	278	73	29	8

Ho PM et al. *JAMA* 2008; 299:532-539.

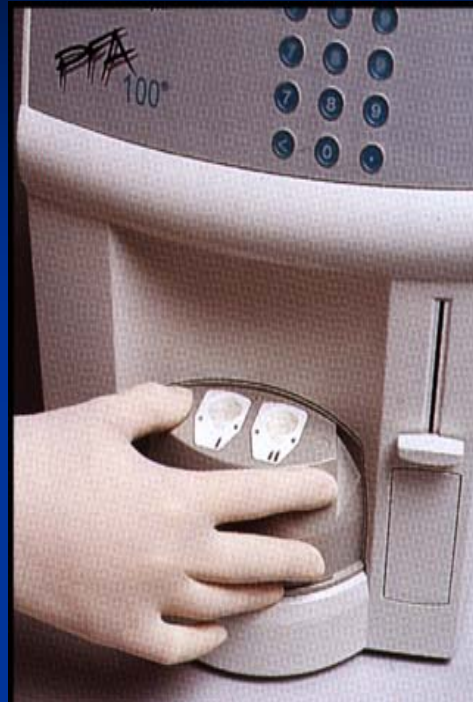
# Individual response variability to dual antiplatelet therapy



# Resistant Platelets: What Can Be Done?

- **Uniformity of definition**
- **Improvement of laboratory assays (POC)**
- **Correlation of laboratory assays with clinical events**
- **Evaluation of new therapeutic strategies**
- **In the future...customized patient Rx (pharmacogenomics)**

# PFA-100



**Excellente technique, reproductible, rapide**  
**Excellente corrélation avec l'agrégométrie standard**

- \* Gum et al . Am J Cardial 2001;88:230-5
- \* Homoncik et al . Thromb Haemost 2000;83:316-21

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## **1) The Biochemical Level**

- **Clopidogrel is a prodrug and must be metabolized by isoenzymes of cytochrome P 450 for which there are some functional polymorphisms.**
- **Some patients might not produce enough active metabolites.**

# **Resistance to Thienopyridines: \***

## **3 investigational levels**

### **2)The Genetic Level**

- **The Clopidogrel target, the ADP receptor, P2Y12 is also Polymorphic.**
- **So the platelets might be more or less sensible to ADP, and consequently to its inhibitor (Clopidogrel)**

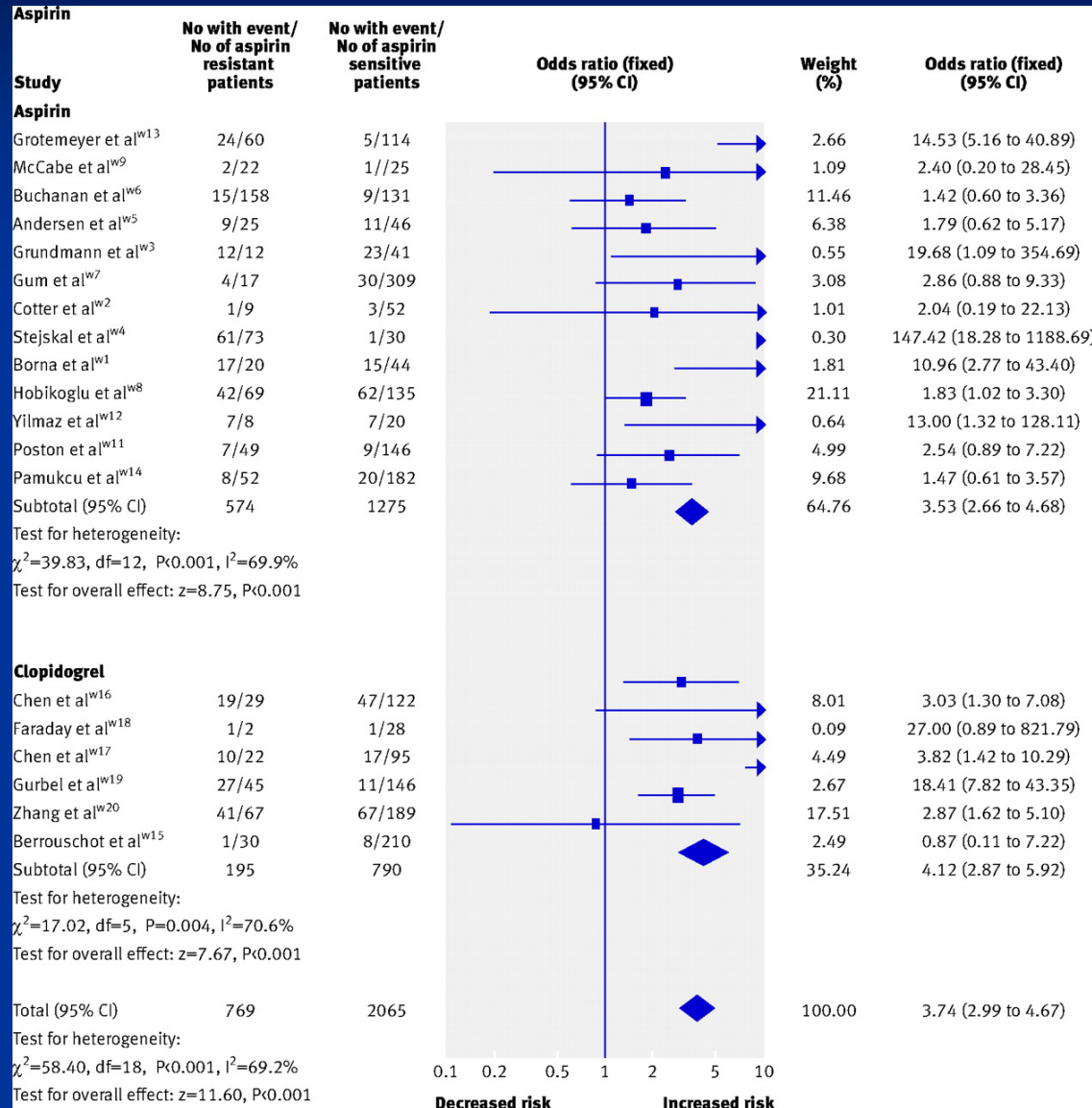
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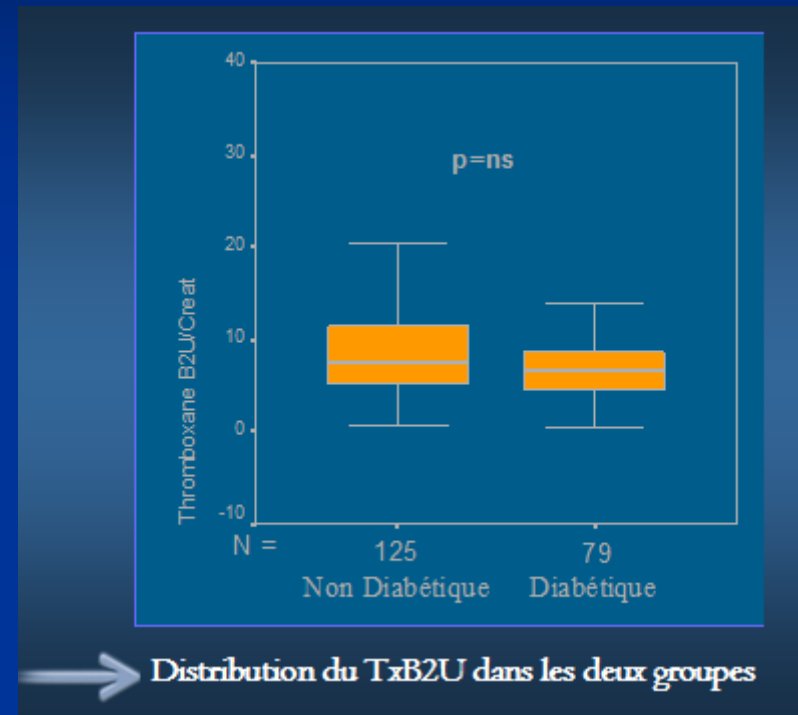
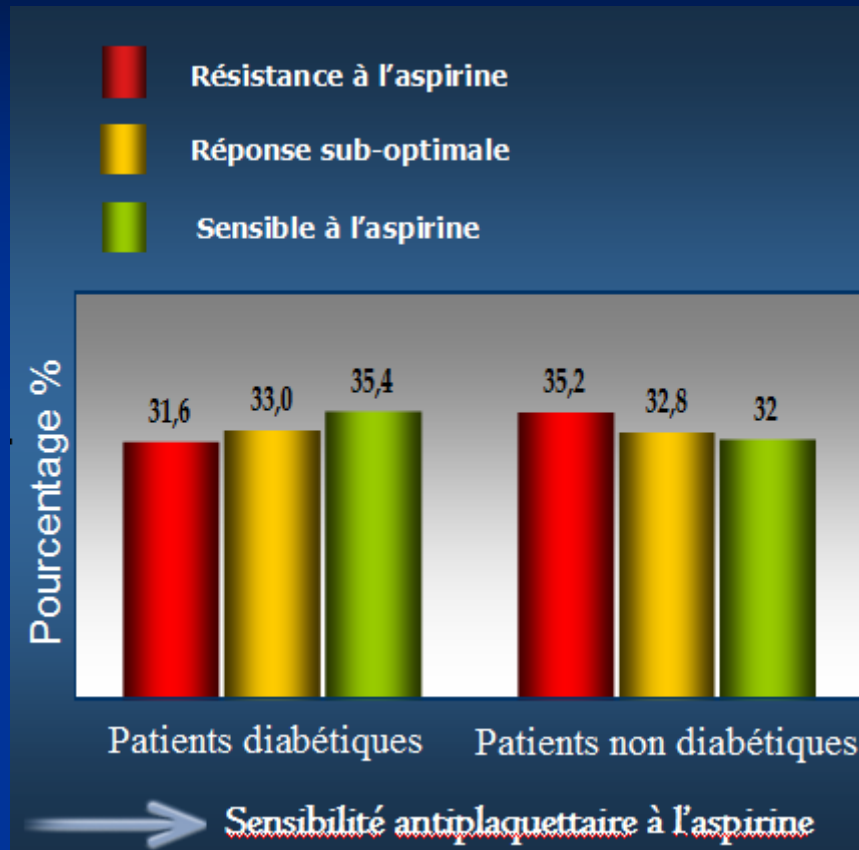
- The signal transduction requires several enzymatic reactions inducing the transconformation of the fibrinogen receptor (GP 2b-3a).
- Among these reactions, the **phosphorylation of VASP** is an interesting factor because at the end of the enzymatic cascade.



# Risks of any cardiovascular event in aspirin resistant and aspirin sensitive patients treated with aspirin alone, and aspirin and clopidogrel (with or without an inhibitor of platelet glycoprotein IIb/IIIa)



## Variable platelet response to aspirin in coronary artery patients with type 2 diabetes: is it a real problem?



this study did not show a higher proportion of aspirin nonresponsiveness in diabetic patients. This discrepancy with the almost literature was probably explained by the higher dosage of aspirin in our population (250 mg/day).