

# Monotherapie met antiplaatjestherapie

- Wanneer verminderen?
- Stop P2Y12 of ASA?

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# ESC guidelines



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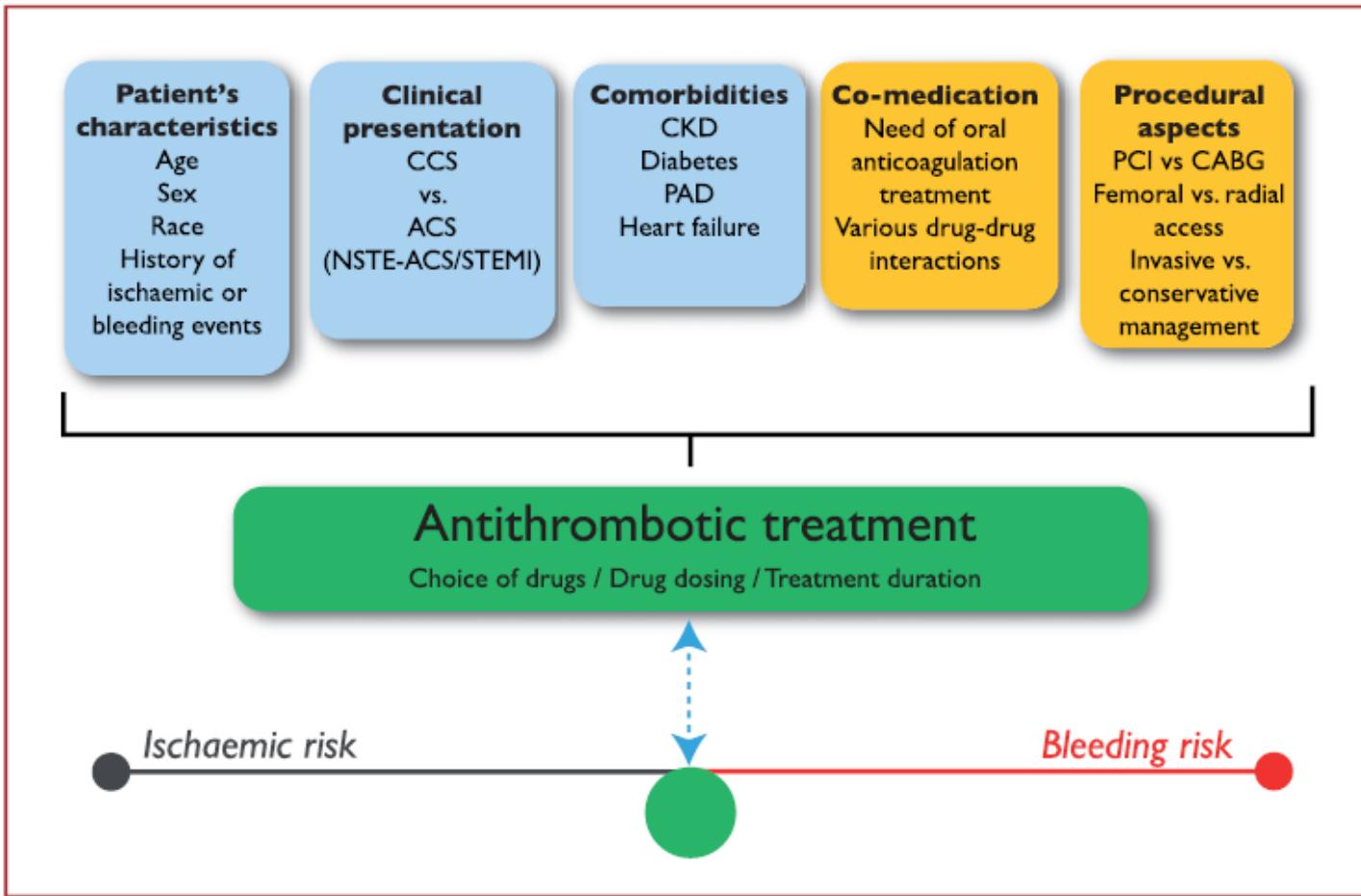
## 2020 ESC Guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation

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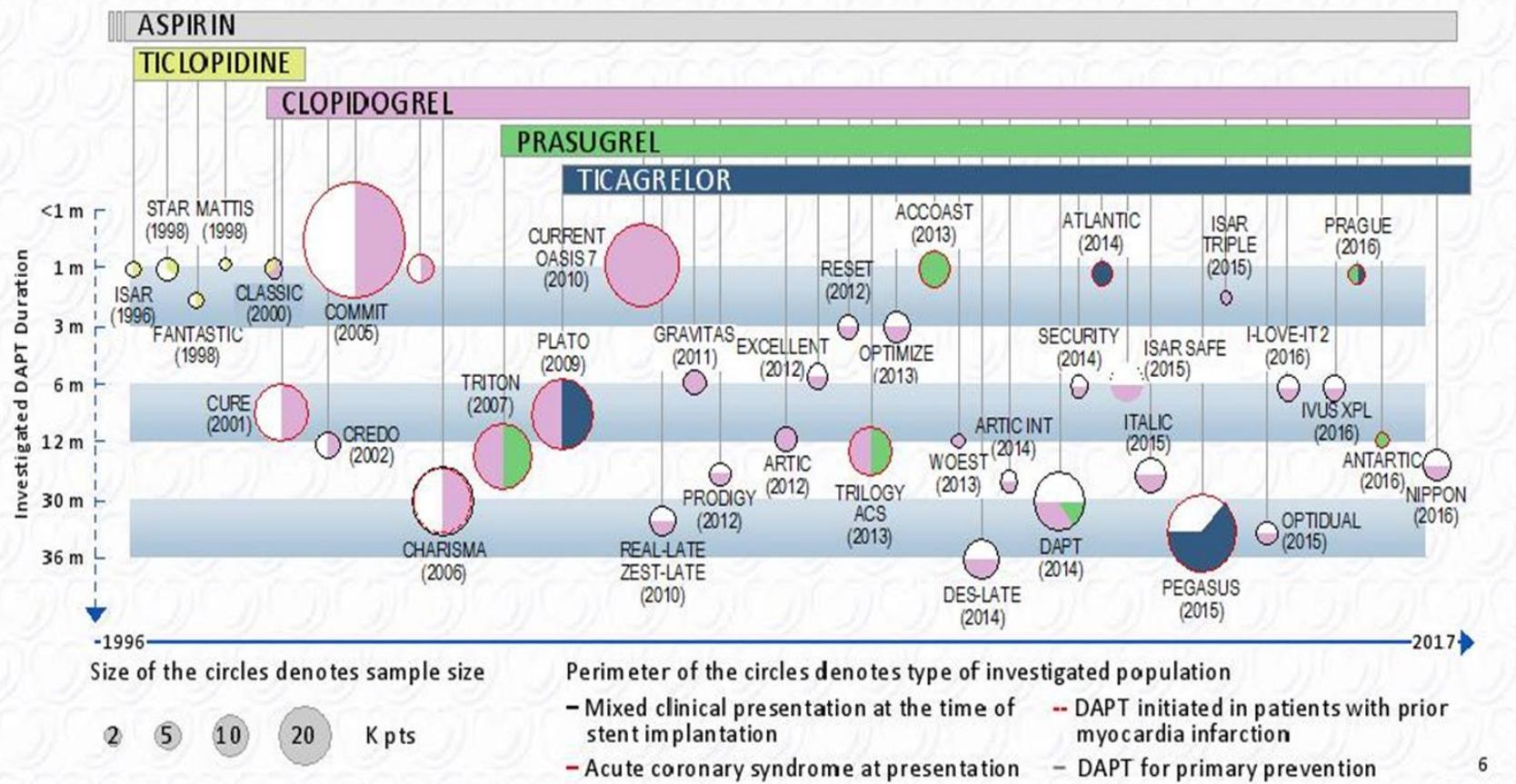
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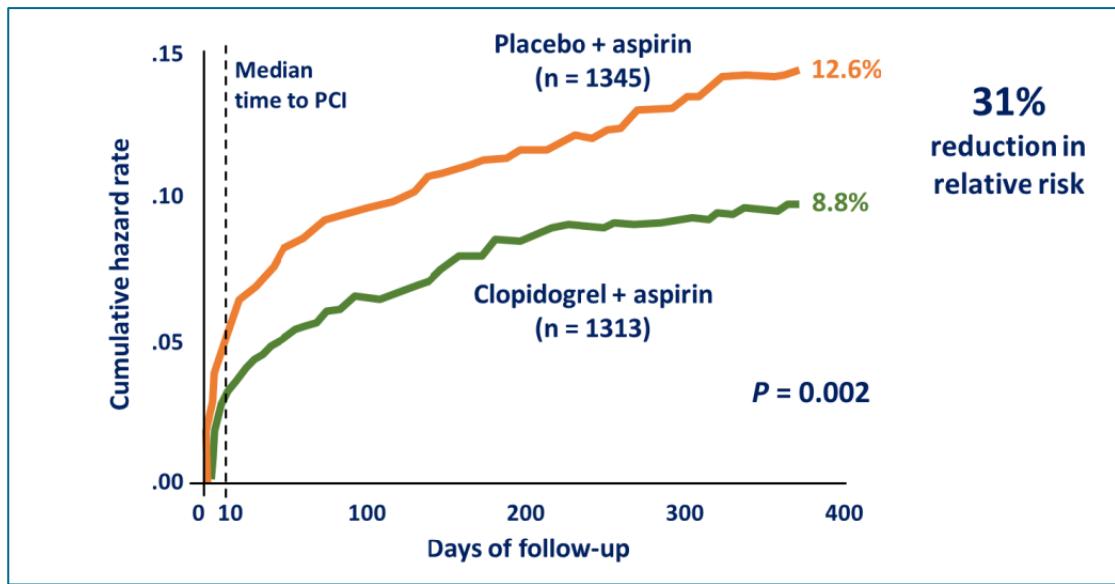
# DAPT duration



# History of dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) in patients with coronary artery disease



# PCI-CURE study: CV death or MI



DAPT duration: 12 months

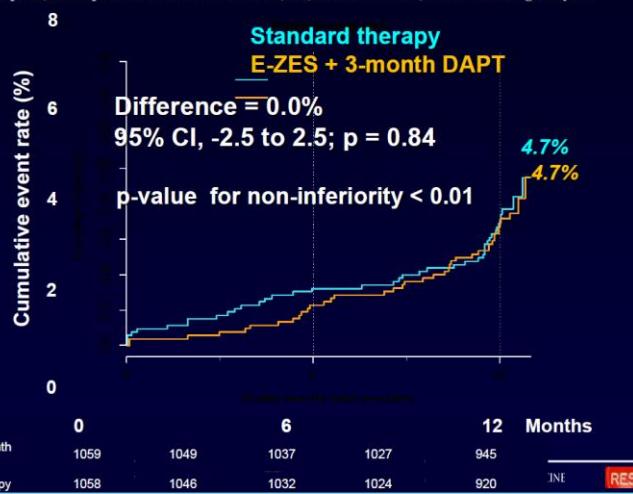
# Verkorte duur DAPT (stop P2Y12)

## A New Strategy for Discontinuation of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy: Real Safety and Efficacy of 3-Month Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Following Zotarolimus-Eluting Stent Implantation: RESET Trial

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on behalf of RESET investigators

### Primary endpoint, by Kaplan-Meier method

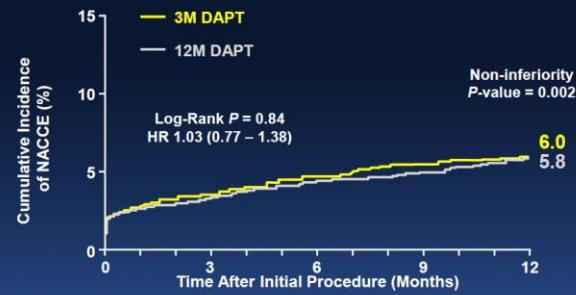
\* Primary end point; A composite of death from CV cause, MI, stent thrombosis, TVR or bleeding at 1 year



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## OPTIMIZE: A Prospective, Randomized Trial of 3 Months Versus 12 Months of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy with the Endeavor Zotarolimus-Eluting Stent

### Primary Endpoint: NACCE at 1 Year (All-Cause Death, MI, Stroke, Major Bleeding)



Month	0	1	3	6	12
No. at risk	1563	1520	1504	1468	1384
No. events	18	25	11	18	21
No. at risk	1556	1514	1497	1466	1381
No. events	16	25	11	16	22



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# Verkorte duur DAPT (P2Y12 duration)

RCT's gericht op **verkorte DAPT duur** (6 maanden of korter) na PCI (CAD/ACS):

EXCELLENT (2011): 6 versus 12 maanden

RESET (2012): 3 versus 12 maanden

OPTIMIZE (2014): 3 versus 12 maanden

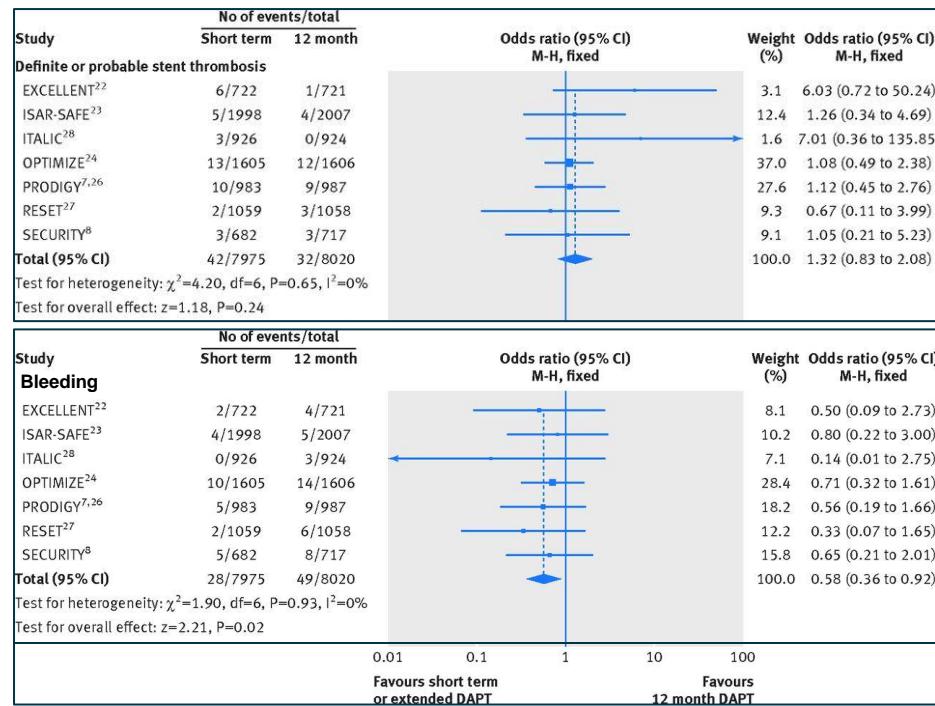
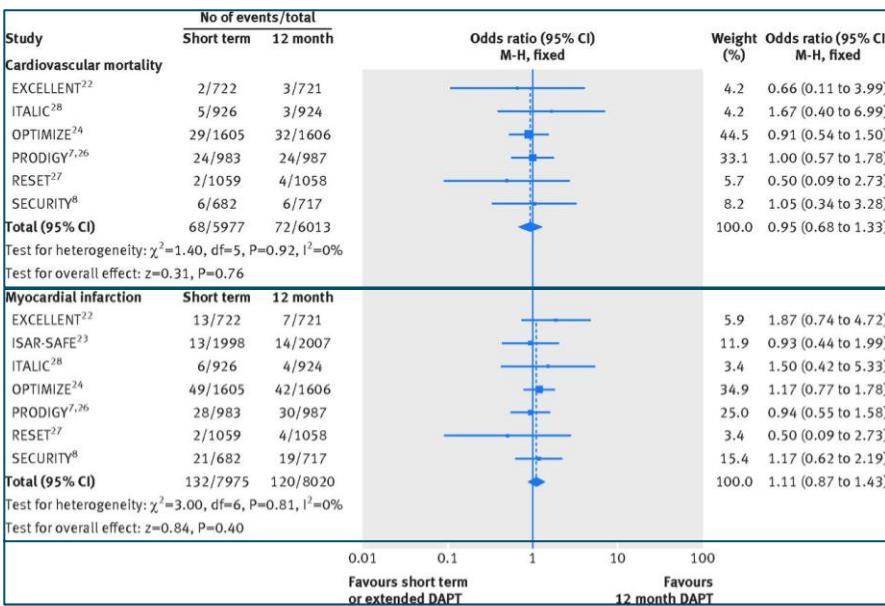
ISAR-SAFE (2014): 6 versus 12 maanden

SECURITY (2014): 6 versus 12 maanden

12 months data from:

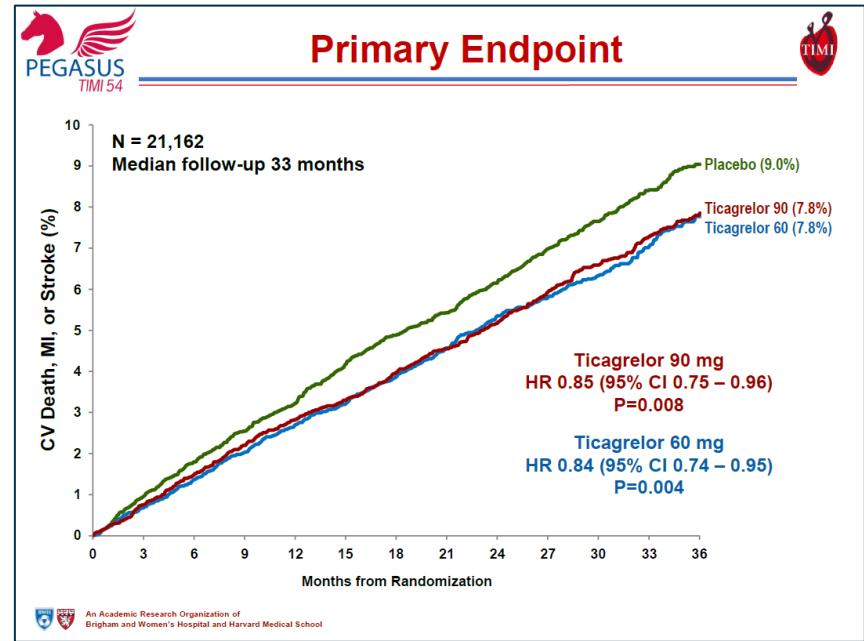
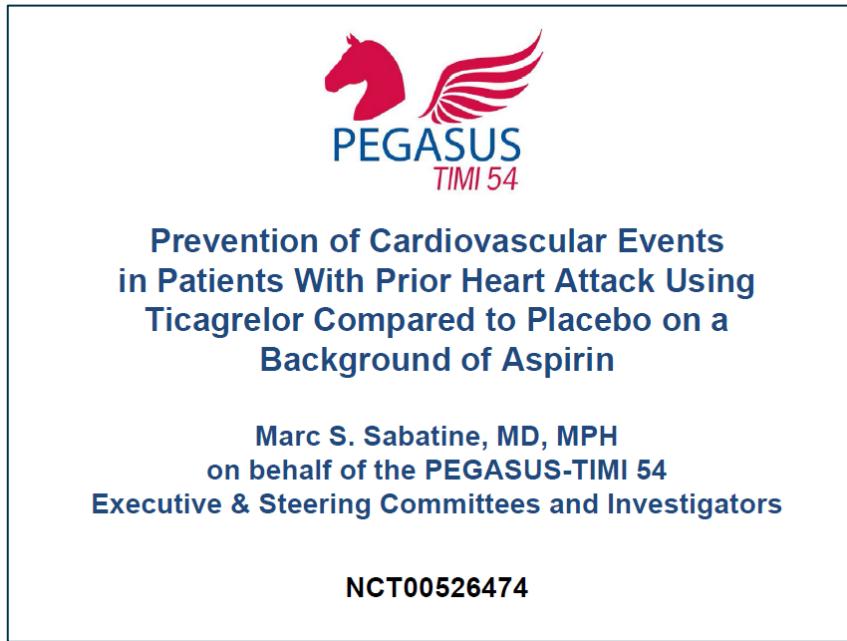
ITALIC (2014): 6 versus 24 maanden

PRODIGY (2012): 6 versus 24 maanden



# Verlengde duur DAPT (P2Y12 duration)

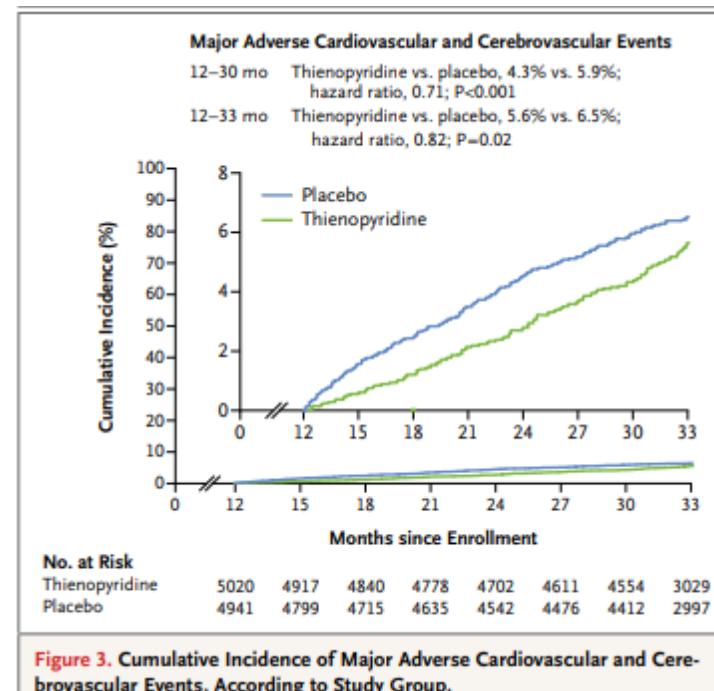
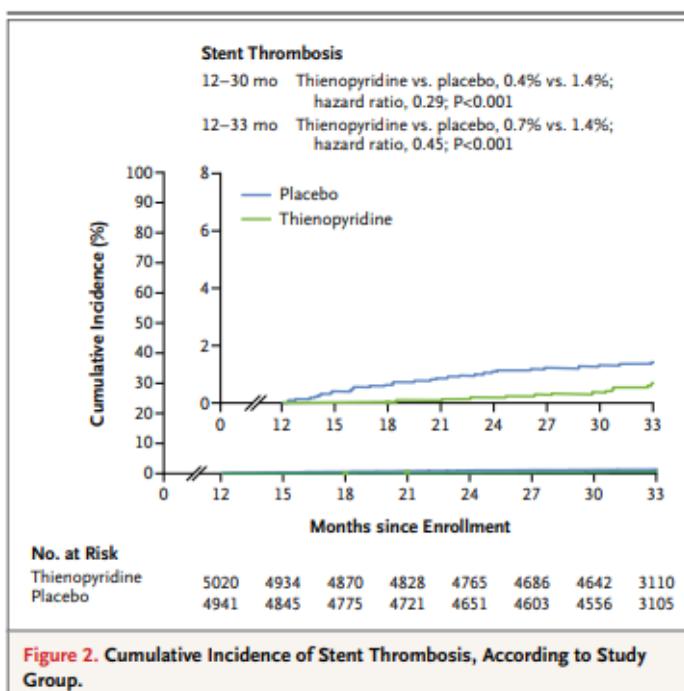
- PEGASUS-TIMI 54 trial: Ticagrelor 2dd 90mg/ Ticagrelor 60mg/ placebo (allen naast ASA) bij patiënten met **voorgeschiedenis van Myocardinfarct en ten minste 1 extra risicofactor voor ischemie**: (>65 jaar, DM, 2<sup>de</sup> MI, Multivessel, CrCl <60 mL/min)



# Verlengde duur DAPT (P2Y12 duration)

- Vergelijking reguliere- met verlengde DAPT duur na DES
- Patienten die na 12 maanden DAPT “event-free” waren werden gerandomiseerd naar 18 maanden P2Y12 remmer of placebo (naast ASA).

## DAPT studie



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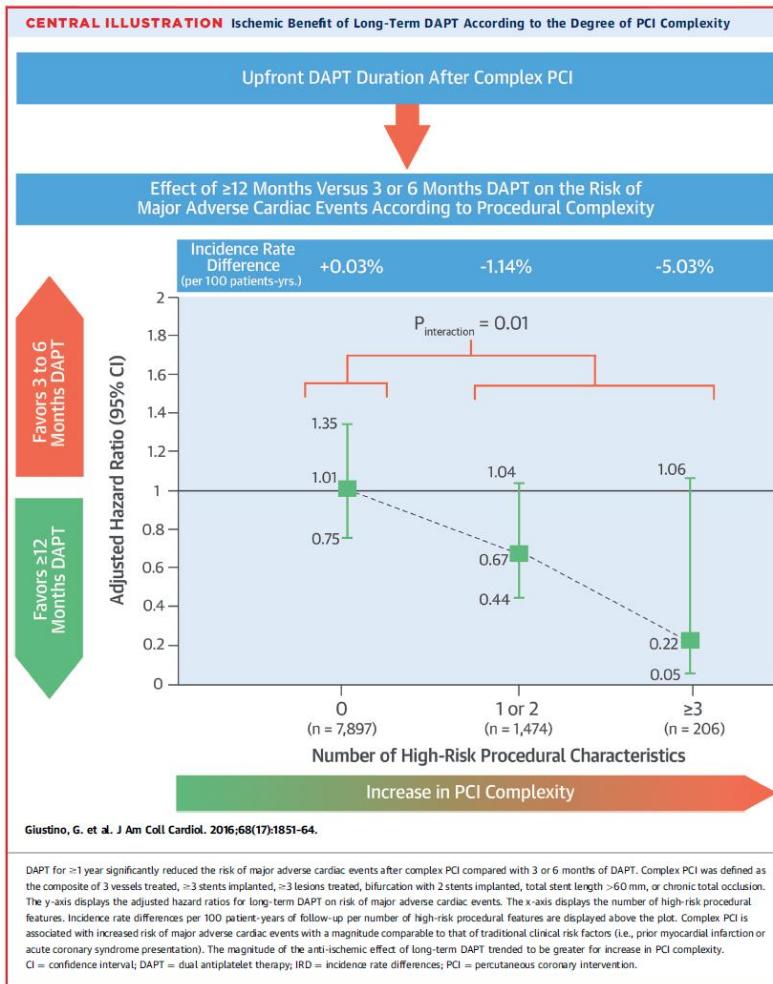
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# Personaliseren duur DAPT

- Conclusie RCT's:
  - Duur DAPT niet voor gehele PCI populatie eenduidig te maken
  - “Op maat gemaakte” DAPT duur gewenst



# Complexe PCI



**Complex PCI**  
**> 2 vessels treated**  
**Or**  
**> 2 stents implanted**  
**Or**  
**> 2 lesions treated**  
**Or**  
**Bifurcation with 2 stents**  
**Or**  
**Total stent length > 60 mm**  
**Or**  
**CTO as target lesion**

# DAPT score

Substudie: Ontwikkeling van scoremodel ten aanzien van bloedingsrisico en ischemisch risico bij verlengde DAPT tot 30 maanden (indien geen event in eerste jaar van DAPT).

Table 2. Myocardial Infarction or Stent Thrombosis Prediction Model and Moderate or Severe Bleeding Prediction Model

Predictors of Events <sup>a</sup>	Predictors of Myocardial Infarction or Stent Thrombosis <sup>b</sup>		Predictors of Moderate or Severe Bleeding <sup>c</sup>	
	HR (95% CI)	P Value	HR (95% CI)	P Value
Continued thienopyridine vs placebo	0.52 (0.42-0.65)	<.001	1.66 (1.26-2.19)	<.001
Myocardial infarction at presentation	1.65 (1.31-2.07)	<.001		
Prior PCI or prior myocardial infarction	1.79 (1.43-2.23)	<.001		
History of CHF or LVEF <30%	1.88 (1.35-2.62)	<.001		
Vein graft stent	1.75 (1.13-2.73)	.01		
Stent diameter <3 mm	1.61 (1.30-1.99)	<.001		
Paclitaxel-eluting stent	1.57 (1.26-1.97)	<.001		
Cigarette smoking	1.40 (1.11-1.76)	.01		
Diabetes mellitus	1.38 (1.10-1.72)	.01		
Age, per 10 y			1.54 (1.34-1.78)	<.001
Peripheral arterial disease	1.49 (1.05-2.13)	.03	2.16 (1.46-3.20)	<.001
Hypertension	1.37 (1.03-1.82)	.03	1.45 (1.00-2.11)	.05
Renal insufficiency/failure	1.55 (1.03-2.32)	.04	1.66 (1.04-2.66)	.03

Abbreviations: CHF, congestive heart failure; HR, hazard ratio; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention.

<sup>a</sup> Predictors of events from 12 through 30 months after coronary stenting.

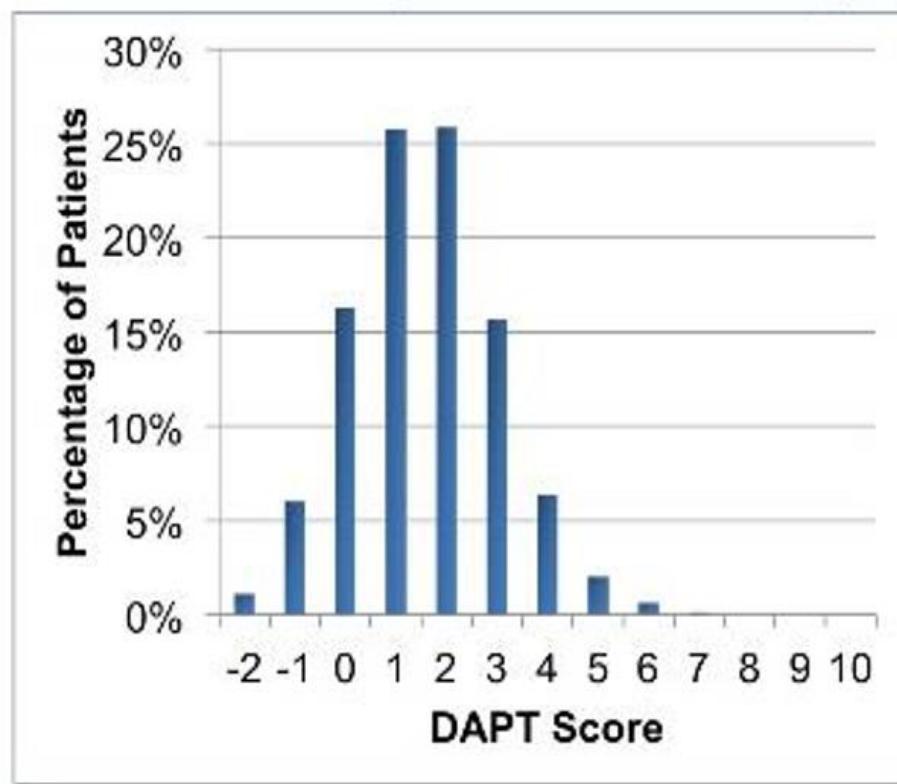
<sup>b</sup> The ischemia model had a c -statistic of 0.70 within the DAPT Study randomized population, and goodness-of-fit  $P = .81$ .

<sup>c</sup> The bleeding model had a c statistic of 0.68 within the DAPT Study randomized population, and a goodness-of-fit  $P = .34$ . Moderate or severe bleeding was defined by Global Utilization of Streptokinase and Tissue Plasminogen Activator for Occluded Arteries criteria. Blank table cells indicate no significant association.

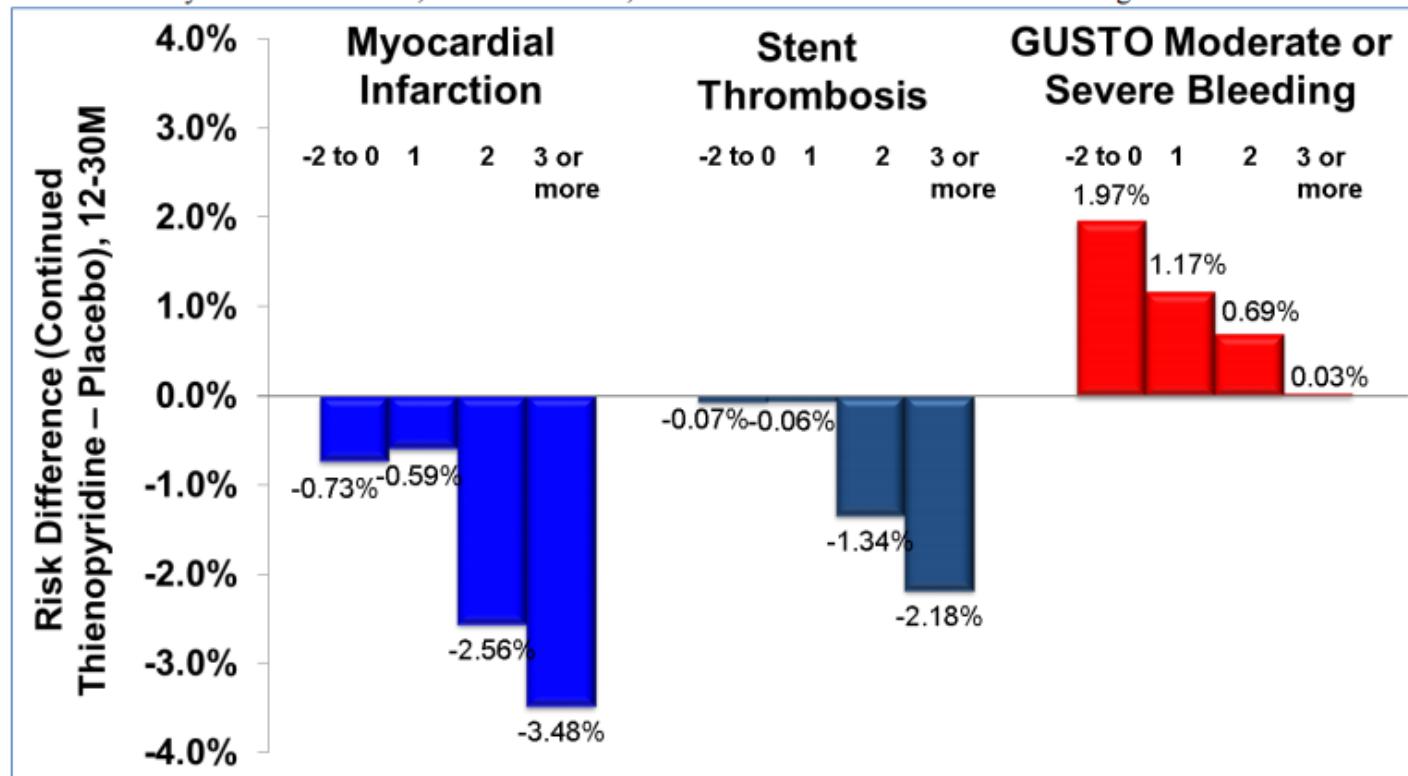
# Punten DAPT studie

Variable	Points
<b>Patient Characteristic</b>	
Age	
≥ 75	-2
65 - <75	-1
< 65	0
Diabetes Mellitus	1
Current Cigarette Smoker	1
Prior PCI or Prior MI	1
CHF or LVEF < 30%	2
<b>Index Procedure Characteristic</b>	
MI at Presentation	1
Vein Graft PCI	2
Stent Diameter < 3mm	1

Distribution of DAPT Scores among all randomized subjects in the DAPT Study



**eFigure 7. Continued Thienopyridine vs. Placebo Treatment Effect by Prediction Score Group.** Risk difference of continued thienopyridine minus placebo at 12-30 months in all randomized patients (N=11,648), stratified by prediction score quartile, for the outcomes of myocardial infarction, stent thrombosis, and GUSTO moderate or severe bleeding.



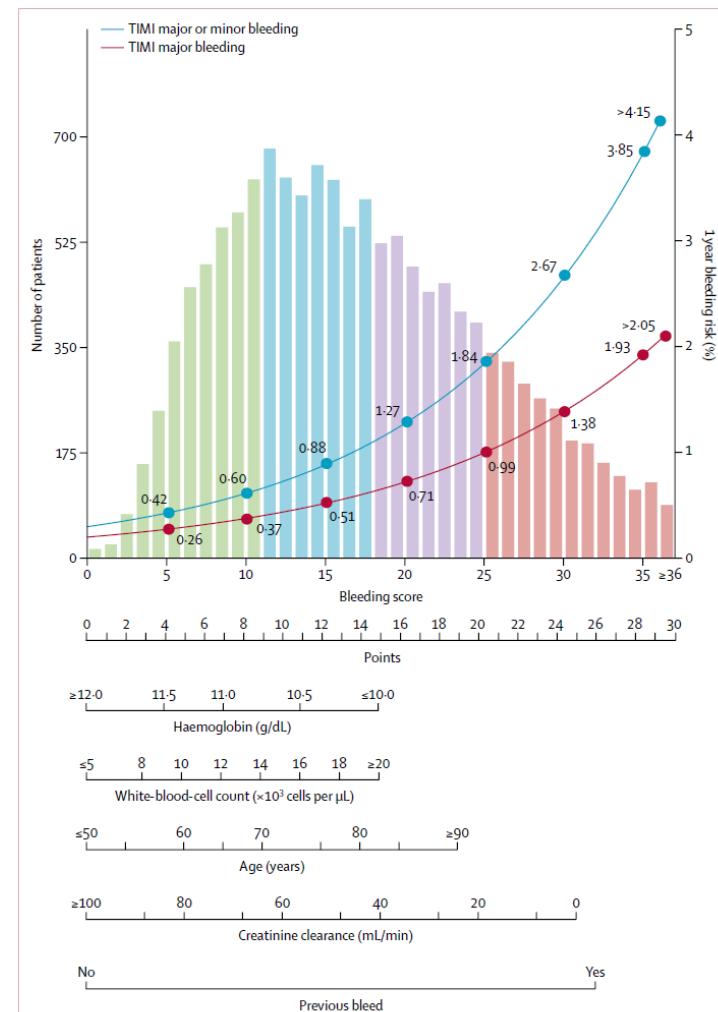
# PRECISE DAPT

## Risicofactoren

	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p value
Age (for each increase of 10 years)	1.34 (1.11-1.48)	0.005
Previous bleeding	4.14 (1.22-14.02)	0.023
White-blood-cell count (for each increase of $10^3$ cells per $\mu\text{L}$ )	1.06 (0.99-1.13)	0.078
Haemoglobin at baseline (for each increase of 1 g/dL)	0.67 (0.53-0.84)	0.001
Creatinine clearance (for each increase of 10 mL/min)	0.90 (0.82-0.99)	0.004

Age was truncated above 90 years and below 50 years. Haemoglobin at baseline was truncated above 12 g/dL and below 10 g/dL. Creatinine clearance was truncated above 100 mL/min. White-blood-cell count was truncated above  $20 \times 10^3$  cells per  $\mu\text{L}$  and below  $5 \times 10^3$  cells per  $\mu\text{L}$ .

**Table 1:** Multivariable analysis for out-of-hospital Thrombosis in Myocardial Infarction major or minor bleeding, study stratified with backward selection at an  $\alpha$  level of 0.1



**Figure 1:** The PRECISE-DAPT score nomogram for bedside application  
Risk curves refer to out-of-hospital Thrombosis in Myocardial Infarction (TIMI) major or minor bleeding and TIMI major bleeding at 12 months while on-treatment with dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT). Histogram refers to the PRECISE-DAPT score distribution in the derivation cohort: green bars, the first score quartile (very low risk); blue bars, the second score quartile (low risk); purple bars, the third score quartile (moderate risk); and red bars, the fourth score quartile (high risk).

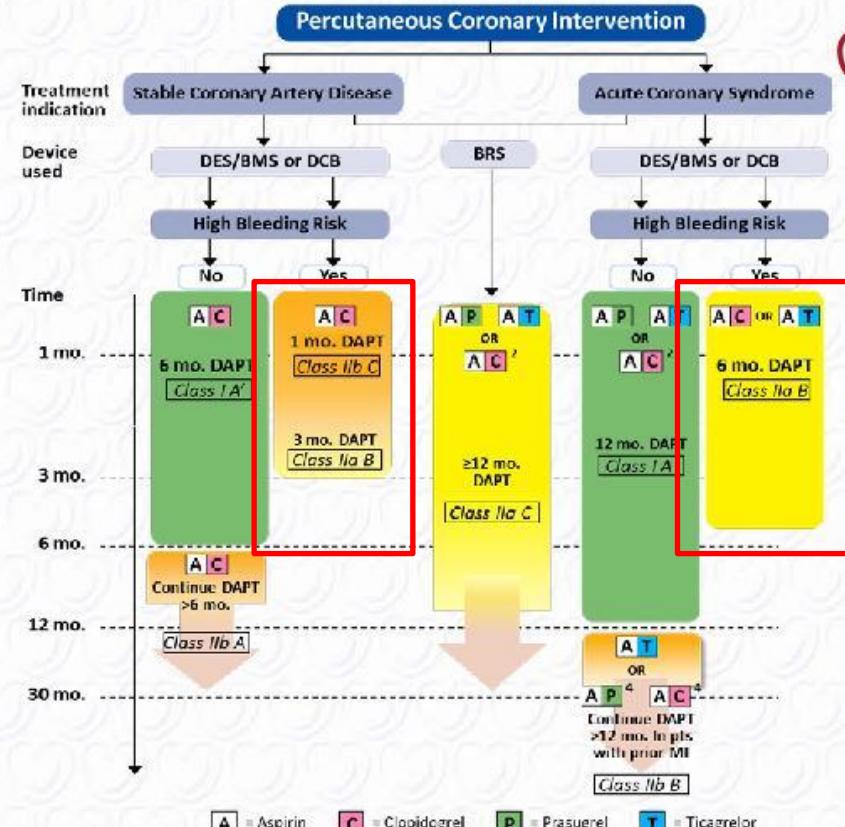
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## Hoog bloedingsrisico: 1 major of 2 minor criteria

Major	Minor
Anticipated use of long-term oral anticoagulation*	Age $\geq 75$ y
Severe or end-stage CKD (eGFR $<30$ mL/min)	Moderate CKD (eGFR 30–59 mL/min)
Hemoglobin $<11$ g/dL	Hemoglobin 11–12.9 g/dL for men and 11–11.9 g/dL for women
Spontaneous bleeding requiring hospitalization or transfusion in the past 6 mo or at any time, if recurrent	Spontaneous bleeding requiring hospitalization or transfusion within the past 12 mo not meeting the major criterion
Moderate or severe baseline thrombocytopenia† (platelet count $<100 \times 10^9/L$ )	
Chronic bleeding diathesis	
Liver cirrhosis with portal hypertension	
Active malignancy‡ (excluding nonmelanoma skin cancer) within the past 12 mo	Long-term use of oral NSAIDs or steroids
Previous spontaneous ICH (at any time)	Any ischemic stroke at any time not meeting the major criterion
Previous traumatic ICH within the past 12 mo	
Presence of a bAVM	
Moderate or severe ischemic stroke§ within the past 6 mo	
Nondeferrable major surgery on DAPT	
Recent major surgery or major trauma within 30 d before PCI	

# Reduced platelet inhibition?

**Algorithm for dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) in patients treated with percutaneous coronary intervention**



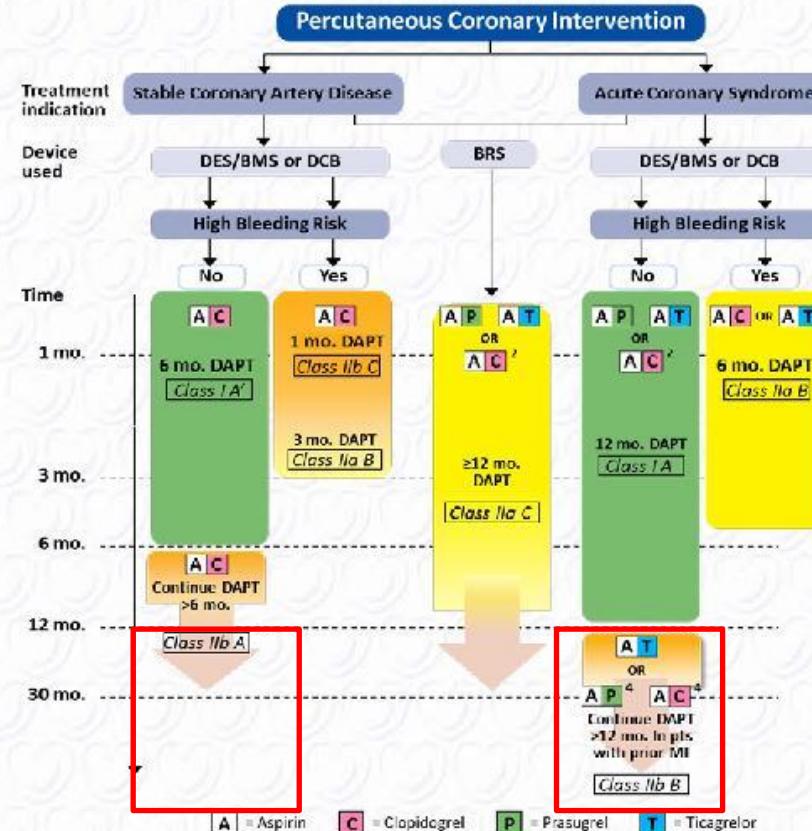
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# Prolonged platelet inhibition?

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# Verkorte duur DAPT (Stop Aspirin, Tica mono)

## GLOBAL LEADERS

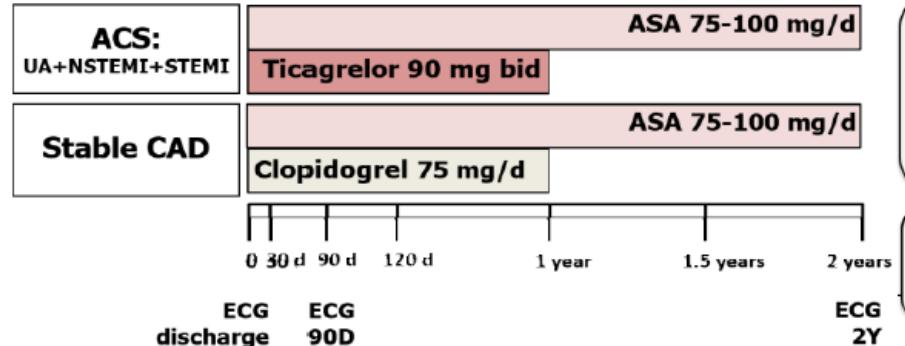
Ticagrelor plus aspirin for 1 month, followed by ticagrelor monotherapy for 23 months vs aspirin plus clopidogrel or ticagrelor for 12 months, followed by aspirin monotherapy for 12 months after implantation of a drug-eluting stent: a multicentre, open-label, randomised superiority trial

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### Experimental strategy



### Reference strategy



"All-comers"  
PCI population  
N = 15,991  
1:1 Randomisation,  
open-label design,  
130 centers  
worldwide

- Any type of lesions: Left main, SVG, CTO bifurcation, ISR, etc.
- Unrestricted use of DES (number, length)

Bivalirudin-supported  
BioMatrix DES by default

### Primary endpoint:

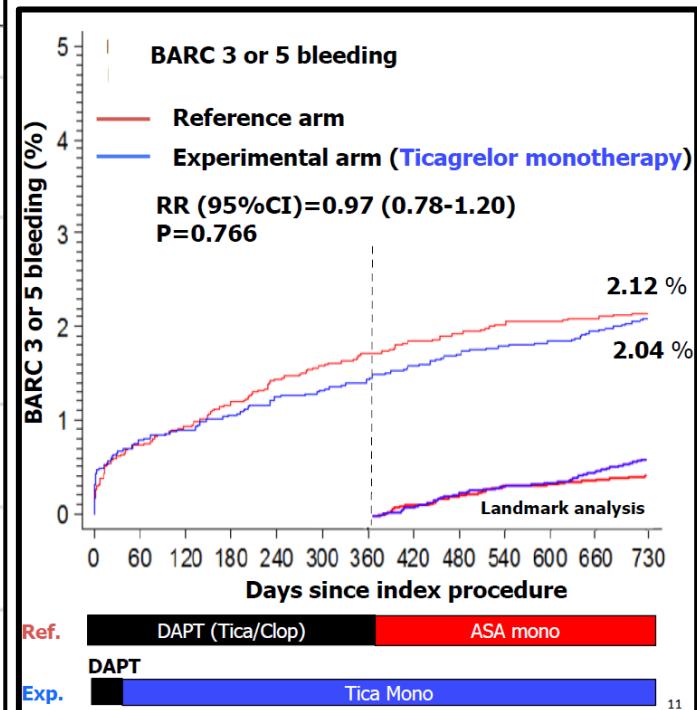
Composite of all-cause mortality or non-fatal new Q-wave MI up to 2 years post randomization

### Safety endpoint:

Investigator-reported BARC 3 or 5 bleeding up to 2 years

# Verkorte duur DAPT (Stop Aspirin, Tica mono)

	Experimental group	Reference group	Risk Ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Number of pts.	N=7980	N=7988		
All-cause mortality or new Q-wave MI	<b>3.81 %</b> , (304)	<b>4.37 %</b> , (349)	<b>0.87</b> (0.75-1.01)	<b>0.073</b>
All-cause mortality	<b>2.81 %</b> (224)	<b>3.17 %</b> (253)	<b>0.88</b> (0.74-1.06)	0.18
New Q-wave MI	<b>1.04 %</b> (83)	<b>1.29 %</b> (103)	<b>0.80</b> (0.60-1.07)	0.14
BARC 3 or 5 Bleeding	<b>2.04 %</b>	<b>2.12 %</b>	<b>0.97</b> (0.78-1.20)	0.77
BARC 5 Bleeding	<b>0.28 %</b>	<b>0.30 %</b>	<b>0.92</b> (0.52-1.64)	0.78
BARC 3 Bleeding	<b>1.88 %</b>	<b>1.99 %</b>	<b>0.95</b> (0.76-1.18)	0.63



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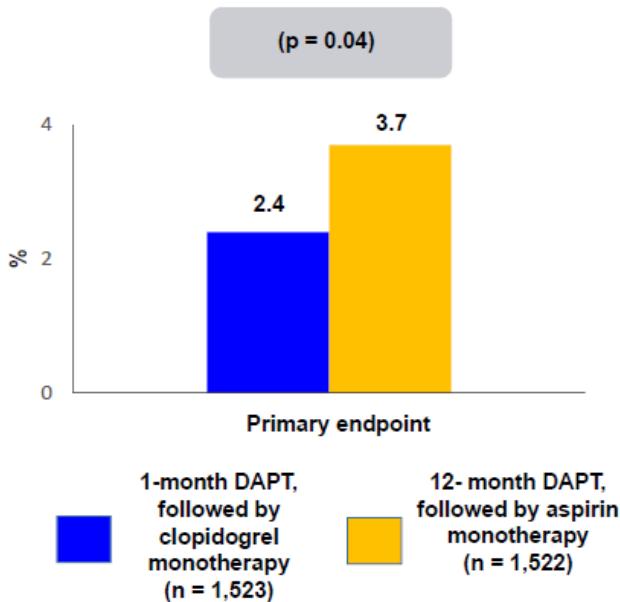
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ASA 1 months



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Trial Description: Patients undergoing PCI were randomized to 1 month of DAPT followed by clopidogrel monotherapy for 5 years versus 12 months of DAPT followed by aspirin monotherapy for 5 years.



## RESULTS

- Primary outcome, death, MI, stent thrombosis, stroke, TIMI major/minor bleeding at 1 year: 2.4% of 1-month DAPT group compared with 3.7% of 12-month DAPT group ( $p$  for superiority = 0.04)
- Death, MI, stent thrombosis, or stroke at 1 year: 2.0% of 1-month DAPT group compared with 2.5% of 12-month DAPT group ( $p$  for noninferiority = 0.005)

## CONCLUSIONS

- Among patients undergoing PCI for stable and unstable cardiovascular disease, 1-month DAPT followed by clopidogrel monotherapy was superior to 12-month DAPT followed by aspirin monotherapy at preventing net adverse clinical events
- 1-month DAPT was noninferior to 12-month DAPT at preventing major adverse ischemic events

Presented by Dr. Hirotoshi Watanabe at ACC 2019

# Verkorte duur DAPT (Stop Aspirin, Clopi mono)

## SMART-CHOICE

ASA 3 months

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**Trial Description:** Patients undergoing DES-PCI were randomized in a 1:1 fashion to either dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) for 3 months followed by P2Y12 inhibitor monotherapy for 9 months, or DAPT for 12 months. They were followed for 1 year.

### RESULTS

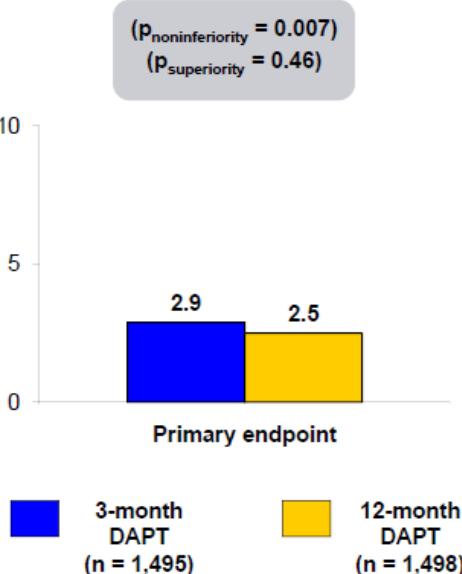
( $p_{\text{noninferiority}} = 0.007$ )  
( $p_{\text{superiority}} = 0.46$ )

- Primary endpoint: MACCE (death, MI, stroke) at 12 months, for 3- vs. 12-month DAPT: 2.9% vs. 2.5%, p for noninferiority = 0.007; p for superiority = 0.46
- Death: 1.4% vs. 1.2%, p = 0.61; MI: 0.8% vs. 1.2%, p = 0.28; stent thrombosis: 0.2% vs. 0.1%, p = 0.65
- Bleeding BARC 2-5: 2.0% vs. 3.4%, p = 0.02

### CONCLUSIONS

- 3 months of DAPT followed by P2Y12 inhibitor use as monotherapy for 9 months is noninferior to 12 months of DAPT among unselected patients undergoing PCI with a DES; bleeding was lower with this strategy
- Interesting findings, adds to other trials seeking to drop aspirin rather than the P2Y12 inhibitor as antiplatelet agent long-term; outcomes may be different among patients with ACS vs. stable ischemic heart disease

Presented by Dr. Joo-Yong Hahn at ACC 2019



# Verkorte duur DAPT (Stop Aspirin, Tica mono)

## ***TWILIGHT - Trial Objectives***

### **Primary Objective:**

To determine the impact of SAPT (ticagrelor monotherapy) versus DAPT (ticagrelor plus aspirin) for 12 months in reducing **clinically relevant bleeding** (BARC 2, 3 or 5) among high-risk patients who have undergone successful PCI.

### **Secondary Objective:**

To determine the impact of SAPT (ticagrelor monotherapy) versus DAPT (ticagrelor plus aspirin) for 12 months on **major ischemic adverse events** (all-cause death, non-fatal MI or stroke) among high-risk patients who have undergone successful PCI.

# Verkorte duur DAPT (Aspirin)

## *TWILIGHT Inclusion Criteria*

### Clinical criteria

Age  $\geq$ 65 years

Female gender

Troponin positive ACS

Established vascular disease (previous MI,  
documented PAD or CAD/PAD revasc)

DM treated with medications or insulin

CKD (eGFR  $<60\text{ml/min}/1.73\text{m}^2$  or CrCl  $<60\text{ml/min}$ )

### Angiographic criteria

Multivessel CAD

Target lesion requiring total stent length  $>30\text{mm}$

Thrombotic target lesion

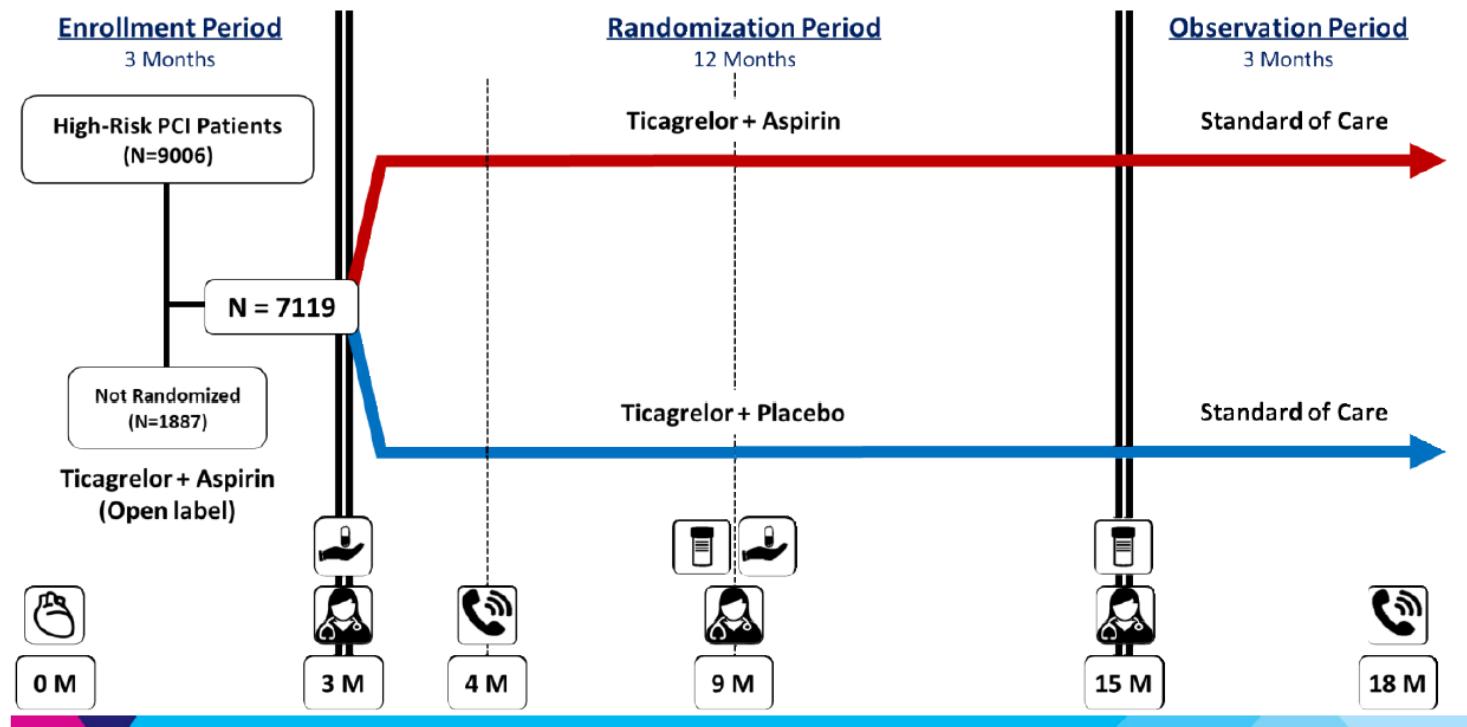
Bifurcation lesion (s) with Medina X,1,1  
classification requiring  $\geq 2$  stents

Left main ( $\geq 50\%$ ) or proximal LAD ( $\geq 70\%$ ) lesions

Calcified target lesion(s) requiring atherectomy

# Verkorte duur DAPT (Stop Aspirin, Tica mono)

## TWILIGHT - Study Design



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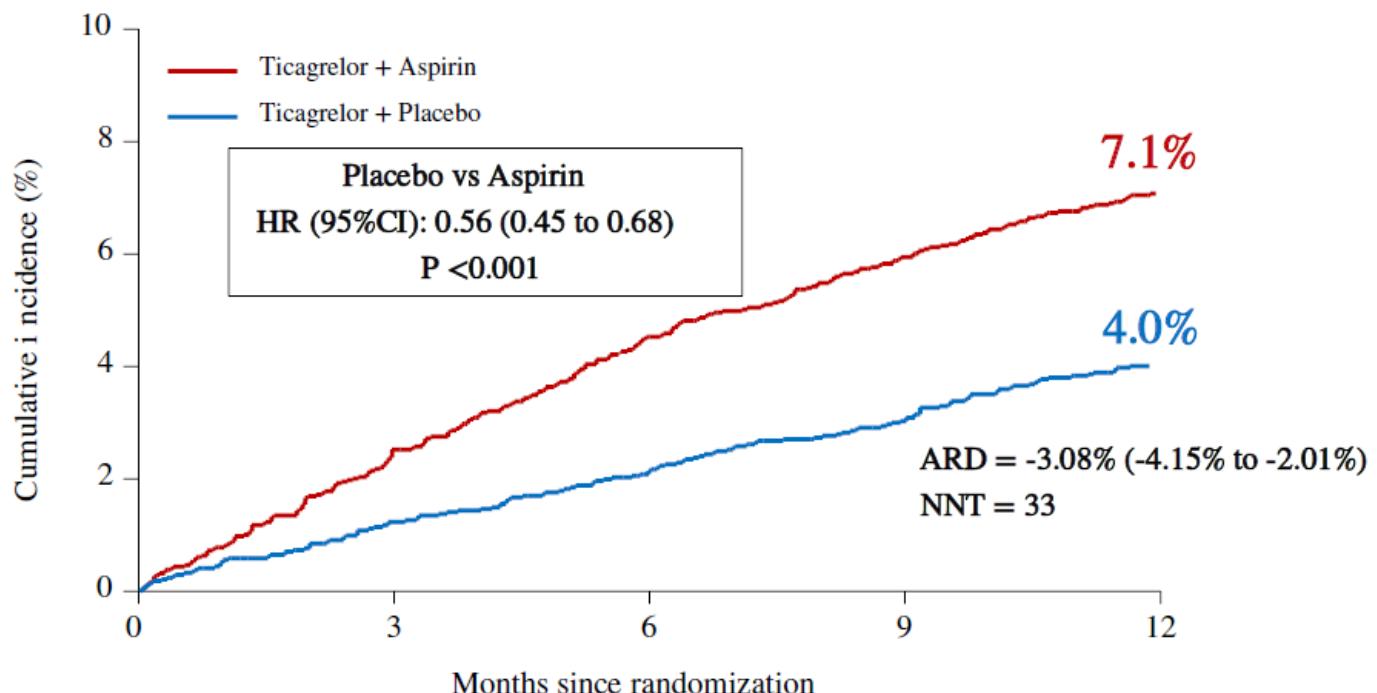
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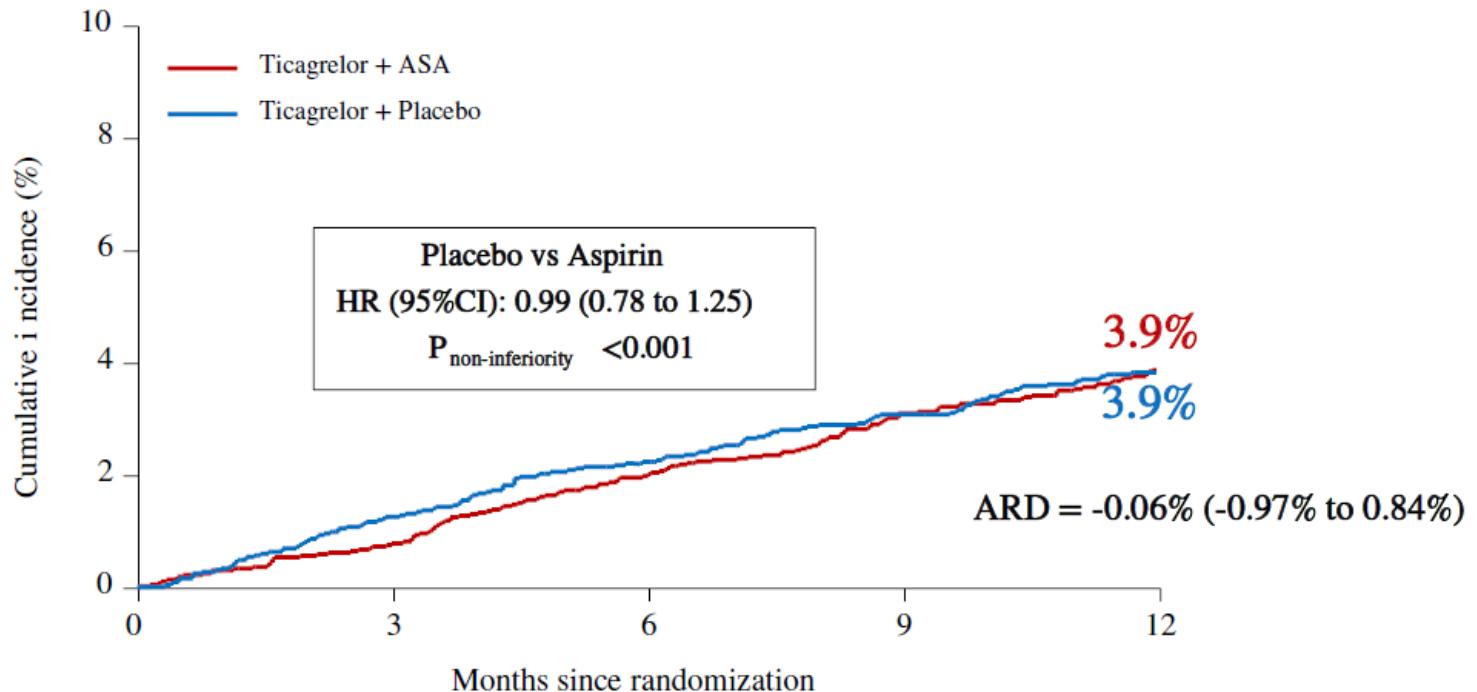
## *Primary Endpoint: BARC 2, 3 or 5 Bleeding ITT Cohort*



No. at risk					
Ticagrelor + Aspirin	3564	3454	3357	3277	3213
Ticagrelor + Placebo	3555	3474	3424	3366	3321

# *Key Secondary Endpoint: Death, MI or Stroke*

## PP Cohort

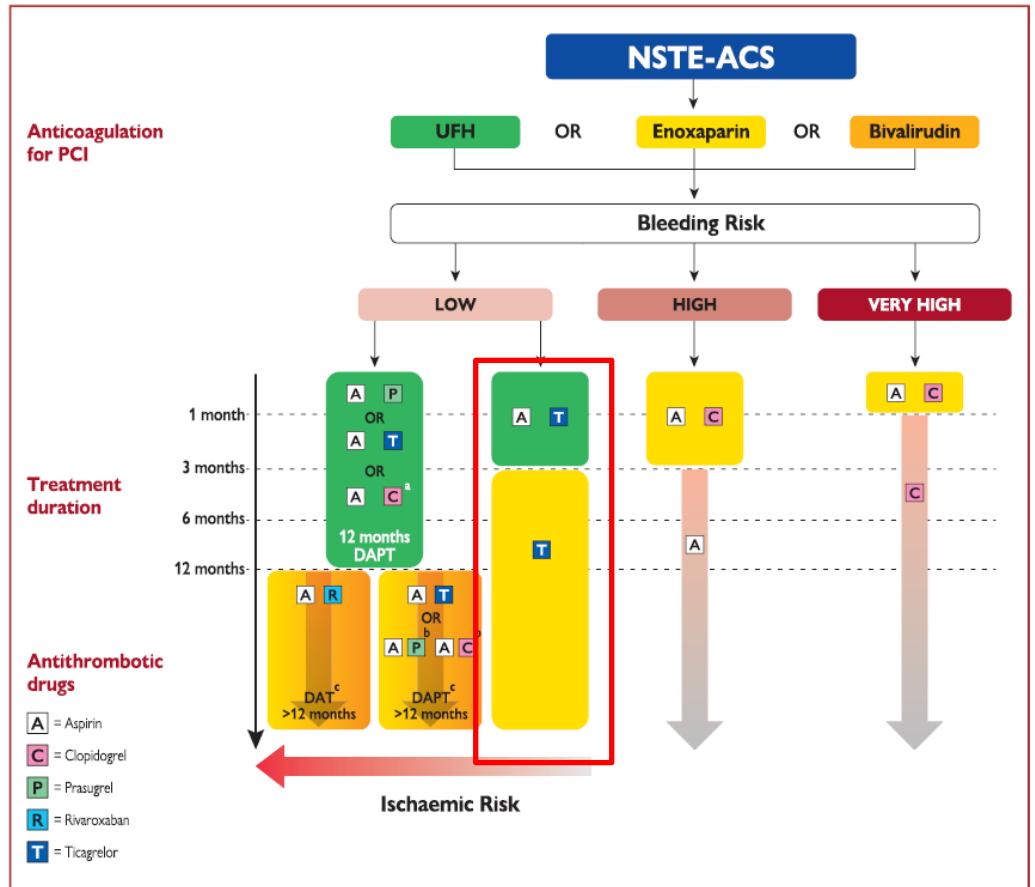


No. at risk					
Ticagrelor + Aspirin	3515	3466	3415	3361	3320
Ticagrelor + Placebo	3524	3457	3412	3365	3330

# Limitations DAPT vs SAPT studies

- Combined endpoints: MACE vs NACE
- Mixed durations
- Mixed P2Y12 inhibitors.
- Frequently selected patients.
  - Low risk patients
  - High Bleeding risk patients.

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**Figure 7** Algorithm for antithrombotic therapy in non-ST-segment elevation acute coronary syndrome patients without atrial fibrillation undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention. HBR is considered as an increased risk of spontaneous bleeding during DAPT (e.g. PRECISE-DAPT score  $\geq 25$  or ARC-HBR<sup>158</sup>). Colour-coding refers to the ESC classes of recommendations (green = class I; yellow = IIa; orange = Class IIb). Very HBR is defined as recent bleeding in the past month and/or not deferrable planned surgery. A = aspirin; ARC-HBR = Academic Research Consortium – High Bleeding Risk;

# Risicofactoren

- Verhoogd bloedingsrisico:
  - Indicatie voor OAC
  - Intracraniële bloeding in voorgeschiedenis; Spontane bloeding in de laatste 12 maanden.
  - CKD (eGFR <30)
  - Bekende anaemie ( $Hb < 7 \text{ mmol/l}$ )
- Verhoogd Ischemisch risico:
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Tweede ACS
  - Meervatslijden
  - CKD (eGFR <60)
  - Perifeer arterieel vaatlijden

No indication for OAC/NOAC

Elective PCI stable angina

PCI in ACS

High bleeding risk

STANDARD



**Complex PCI**

- CTO
- 2-stent bifurcation
- Stent venagraft
- >60 mm stent



High bleeding risk

STANDARD



**High ischemic risk  
and Age <75:**

- One of:
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ACS
  - DM
  - PAD
  - CKD (eGFR <60)
  - Multivessel CAD



ASA  
+ 3 months  
Clopidogrel

ASA  
+ 6 months  
Clopidogrel

ASA  
+ 12 months  
Clopidogrel

ASA  
+ 6 months  
Ticagrelor

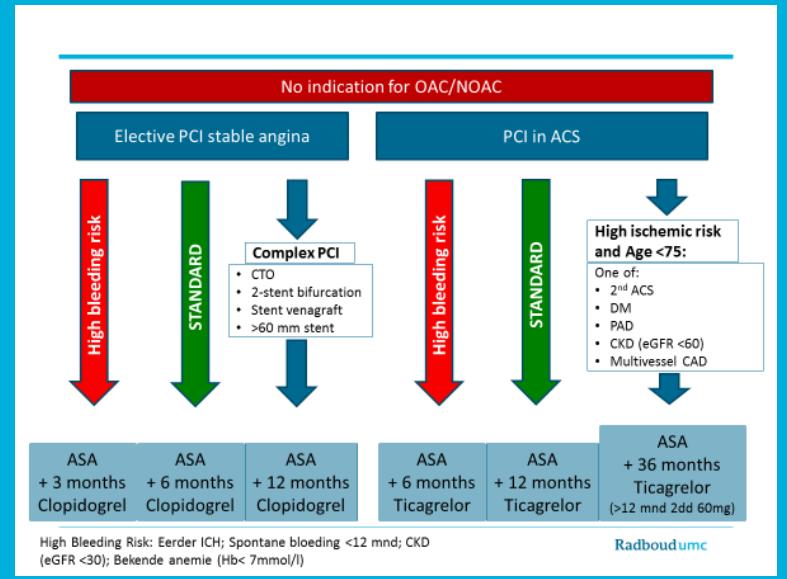
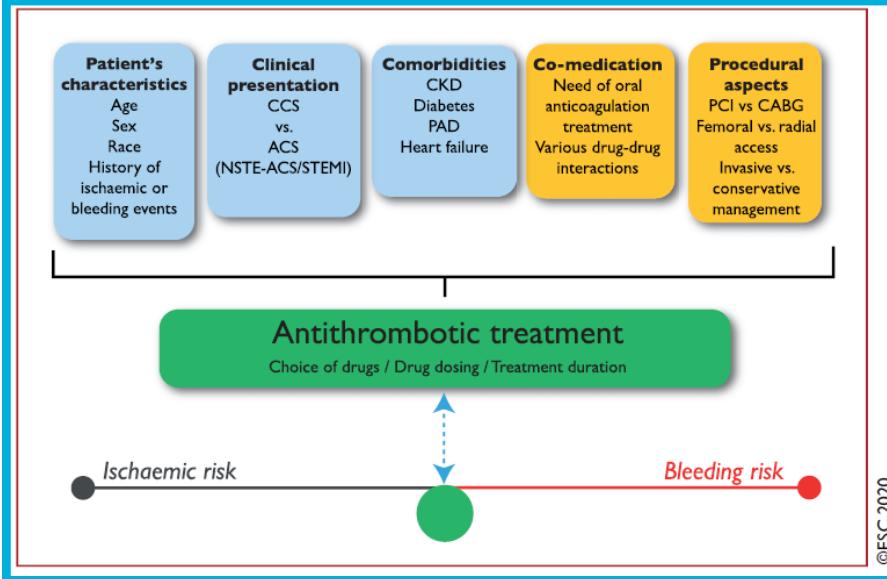
ASA  
+ 12 months  
Ticagrelor

ASA  
+ 36 months  
Ticagrelor  
(>12 mnd 2dd 60mg)

High Bleeding Risk: Eerder ICH; Spontane bloeding <12 mnd; CKD (eGFR <30); Bekende anemie (Hb< 7mmol/l)

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# DAPT post ACS/PCI: Some shorter, some longer



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## Antithrombotic therapy post-PCI in patients with CCS and in sinus rhythm

Aspirin 75–100 mg daily is recommended following stenting.<sup>284</sup>

I	A
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Clopidogrel 75 mg daily following appropriate loading (e.g. 600 mg or >5 days of maintenance therapy) is recommended, in addition to aspirin, for 6 months following coronary stenting, irrespective of stent type, unless a shorter duration (1–3 months) is indicated due to risk or the occurrence of life-threatening bleeding.<sup>284</sup>

I	A
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Clopidogrel 75 mg daily following appropriate loading (e.g. 600 mg or >5 days of maintenance therapy) should be considered for 3 months in patients with a higher risk of life-threatening bleeding.<sup>284</sup>

IIa	A
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Clopidogrel 75 mg daily following appropriate loading (e.g. 600 mg or >5 days of maintenance therapy) may be considered for 1 month in patients with very high risk of life-threatening bleeding.<sup>284</sup>

IIb	C
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Prasugrel or ticagrelor may be considered, at least as initial therapy, in specific high-risk situations of elective stenting (e.g. suboptimal stent deployment or other procedural characteristics associated with high risk of stent thrombosis, complex left main stem, or multivessel stenting) or if DAPT cannot be used because of aspirin intolerance.

IIb	C
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