

**2009 Great Innovations in Cardiology**

**JMMC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting with Mayo Clinic**

**October 2009**

**What happened to the clotting  
problem of DES?**

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**Mayo Clinic**

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# DISCLOSURE

## Relevant Financial Relationship(s)

None

## Off Label Usage

Clopidogrel for use with stents

DES in AMI

# ESC 2006

TUESDAY

## ESC Congress News



 **WORLD HEART FEDERATION**

**World Congress of Cardiology 2006**  
The unique meeting of the European Society of Cardiology Congress 2006 and the World Heart Federation's XVth World Congress of Cardiology

### Do drug-eluting stents increase deaths?

TWO SEPARATE, independent meta-analyses, presented in Hot Line session 1, suggest drug-eluting stents (DES) may increase death, Q-wave myocardial infarction (QMI), surrogate of in-stent thrombosis and cancer deaths, bringing the long-term safety of DES firmly into the spotlight. Discussion Salim Yusuf (McMaster University, Canada) held the data as one of the most important presentations to come out of this year's meeting.

"Six million people in the world have been implanted with DES, yet their long-term safety and efficacy is unknown," said Yusuf. "I'm a fan of the data we're seeing today is only the tip of the iceberg. We need to encourage more public access to the data."

Professor, Geneva Cancer Research (Geneva, Switzerland), said recent case reports had flagged up the problem of in-stent thrombosis resulting from DES. The BASKET-LATE data



shows the data from the manufacturer," said Nordmann. He speculated that the increase in cancer might be due to a rapid impairment of the immune system.

Yusuf widened the debate to include percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI). "The success of PCI is an invidious change in the culture of cardiology that needs to be reversed," he said. The use of PCI was established in MI, high-risk, unstable angina and cardiogenic shock. However, its use in stable disease was a totally different question.

"There's no beneficial influence on mortality - PCI does nothing to prevent heart attack. All we are doing is preventing short-term relief of chest pain. It's not re-creating the risks but the thousands of lives you don't see. Stable angina can be controlled with full medical management," Yusuf said versus intravenous intrated pharmaceutical companies, who have

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# 2007-08 Analyses of DES vs. BMS

- Significantly less repeat revascularization
    - About 60% reduction in high risk patients
      - Diabetes, small vessels, long lesions
  - No difference in either mortality or MI
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- Bern Meta-analysis: Stettler C, Lancet 2007
- Ontario Stent Study: Tu JV, NEJM 2007
- SCAAR: TCT 2007
- NHLBI: Marroquin OC, NEJM 2008

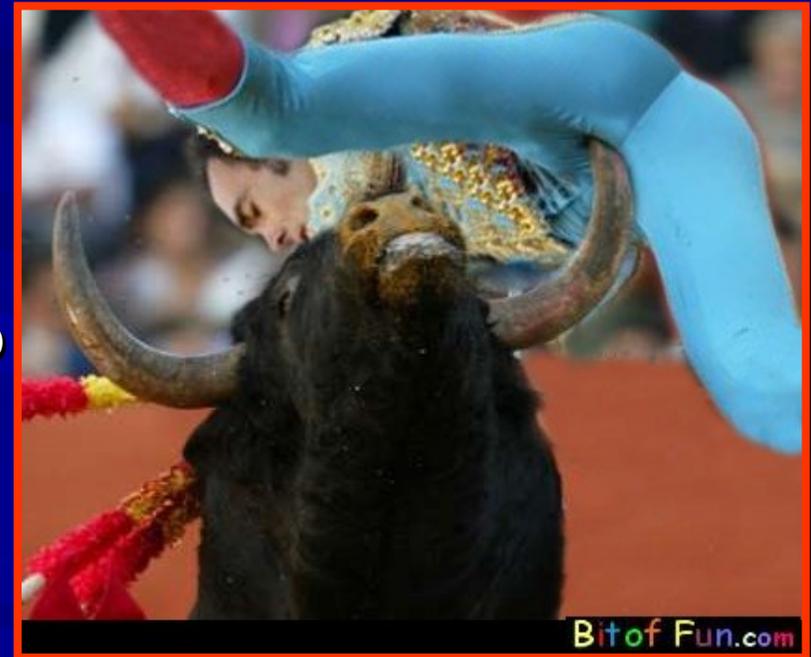
# Stent Thrombosis

- NOT a new phenomenon
  - Seen with BMS before arrival of DES
- Frequency about 0.5 - 2%
- Classification based on timing:

– Acute	<24 hours	<i>BMS = DES</i>
– Subacute	1-30 days	<i>BMS = DES</i>
– Late	30-365 days	<i>BMS &gt; DES</i>
– Very late	>365 days	<i>DES &gt; BMS</i>

# Clinical Presentation and Outcomes

- Acute MI, sudden death, silent
- Clinical practice: ST is not subtle event
  - Usually a STEMI
  - Clear MI 60-80%
- 30-d mortality is 20-50%
- Treatment is PCI
  - With Gp IIb/IIIa inhibitor



# Contributing Factors

- Diabetes mellitus
- Renal insufficiency
- Stent placed for AMI
  - particularly <12 months
- Long stents
- Bifurcation lesions
- Premature cessation of antiplatelet Rx
- Malignancy

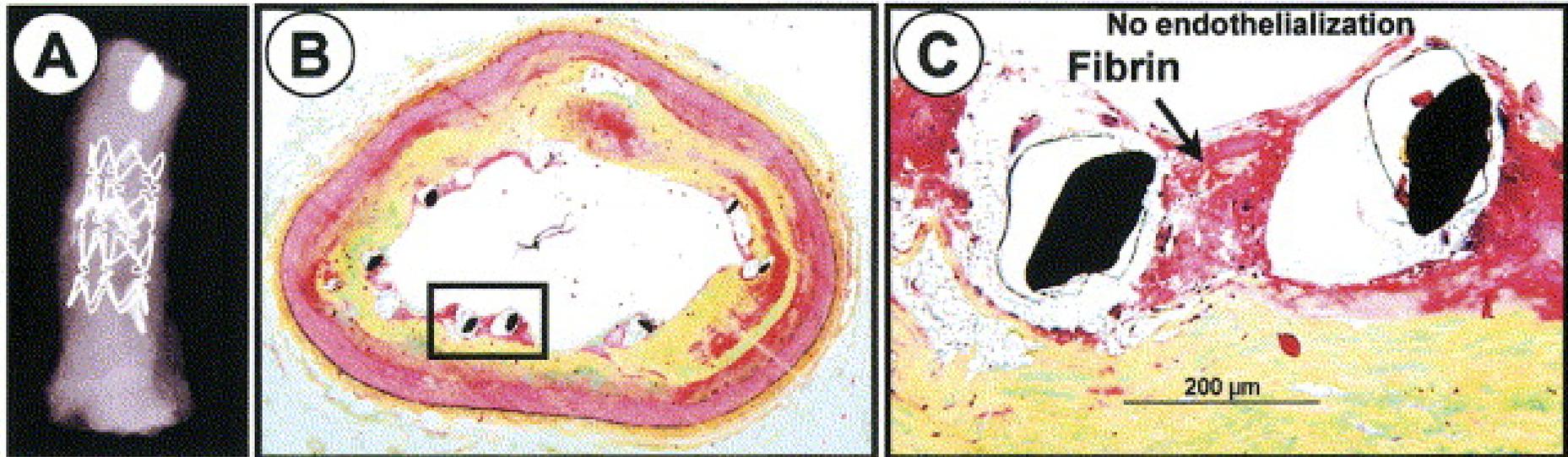
**High risk**

# Late and Very Late Stent Thrombosis after DES

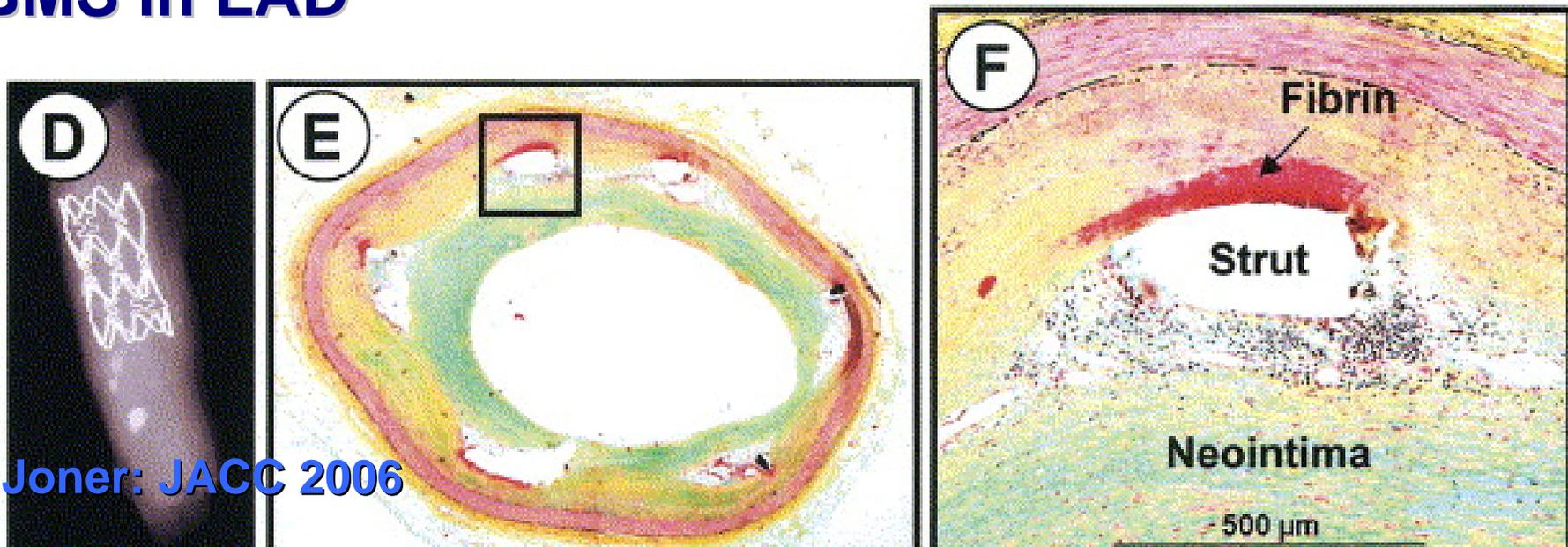
Possible stent factors:

- Late incomplete stent apposition
  - 10-20% of all DES
- Delayed or absence of healing
- Hypersensitivity and inflammation
- Restenosis

## DES in LAD



## BMS in LAD

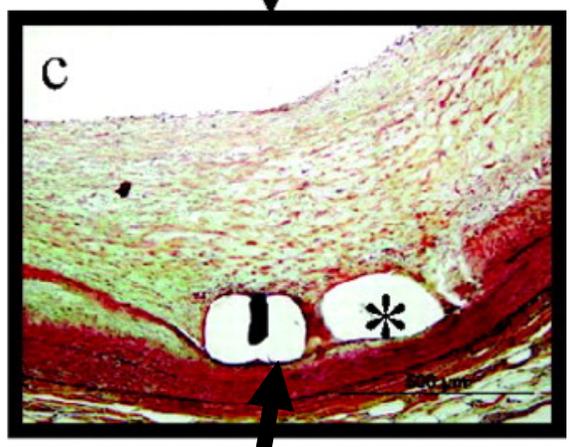
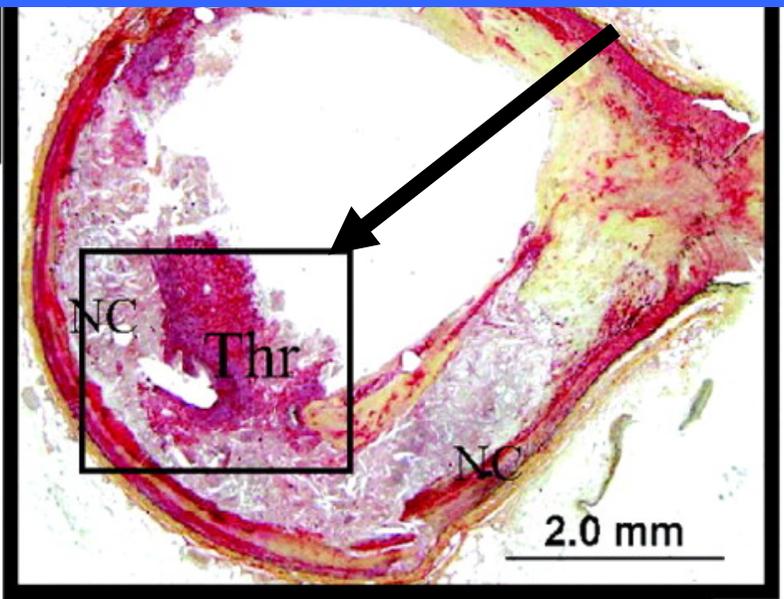
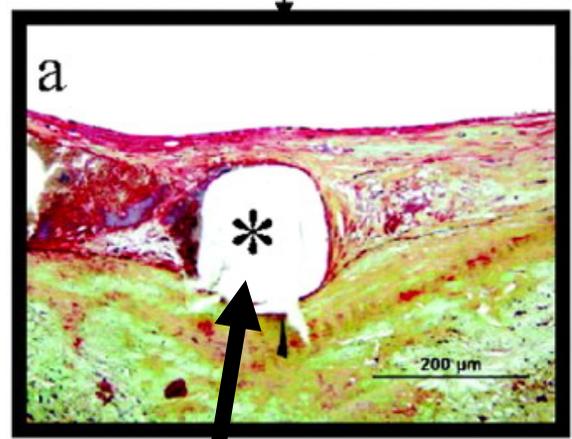
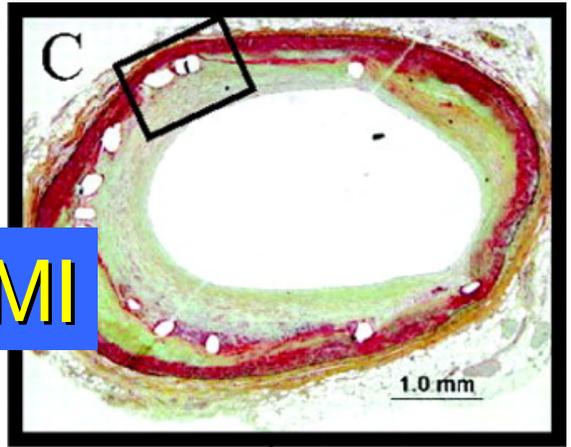
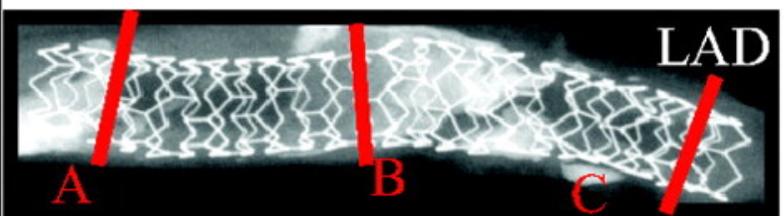
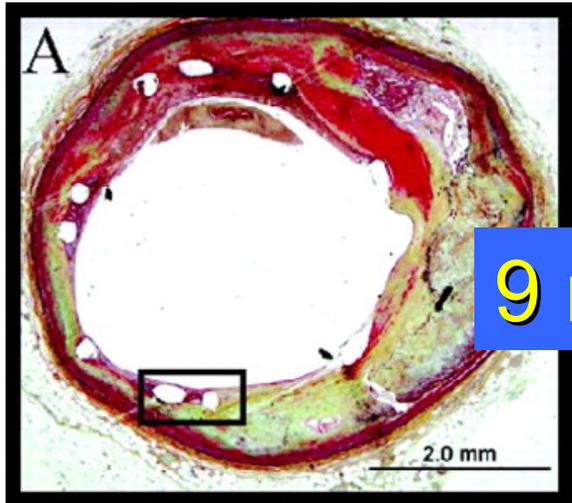


Joner: JACC 2006

# Acute MI

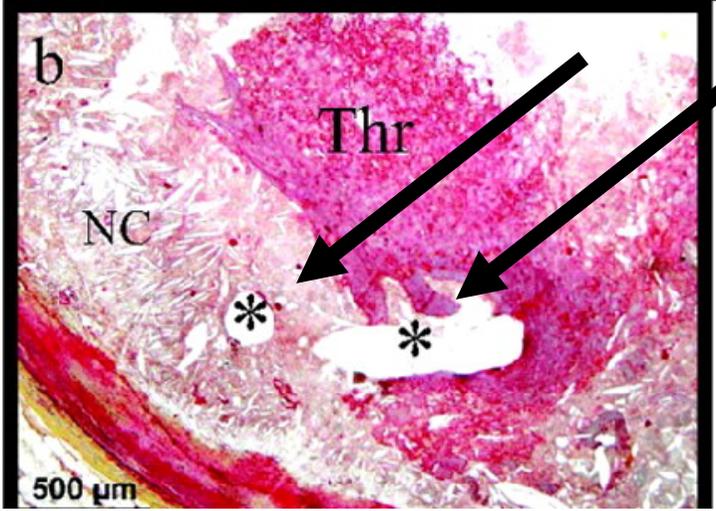
- Strong predictor of stent thrombosis
- “Middle of the night” challenge
  - Selecting DES or BMS
  - rapidly assess future compliance with long-term dual antiplatelet therapy

9 m after TAXUS for AMI



Proximal

Distal



# DES vs BMS in STEMI

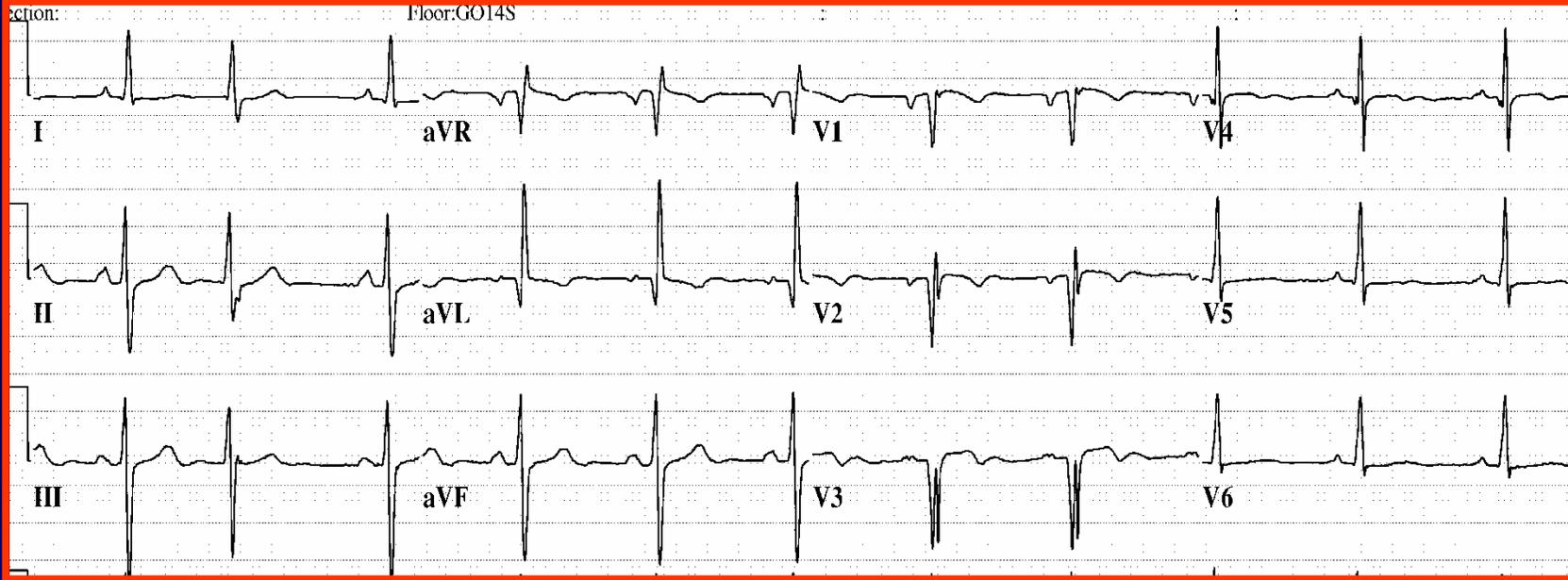
## 2008 Meta-analysis

	DES vs BMS	
	Hazard ratio	<i>P</i> value
Reintervention (TLR)	0.36 (0.28-0.47)	<0.0001
Stent thrombosis	0.76 (0.47-1.23)	NS
Death	0.91 (0.66-1.08)	NS
Recurrent MI	0.85 (0.58-1.23)	NS

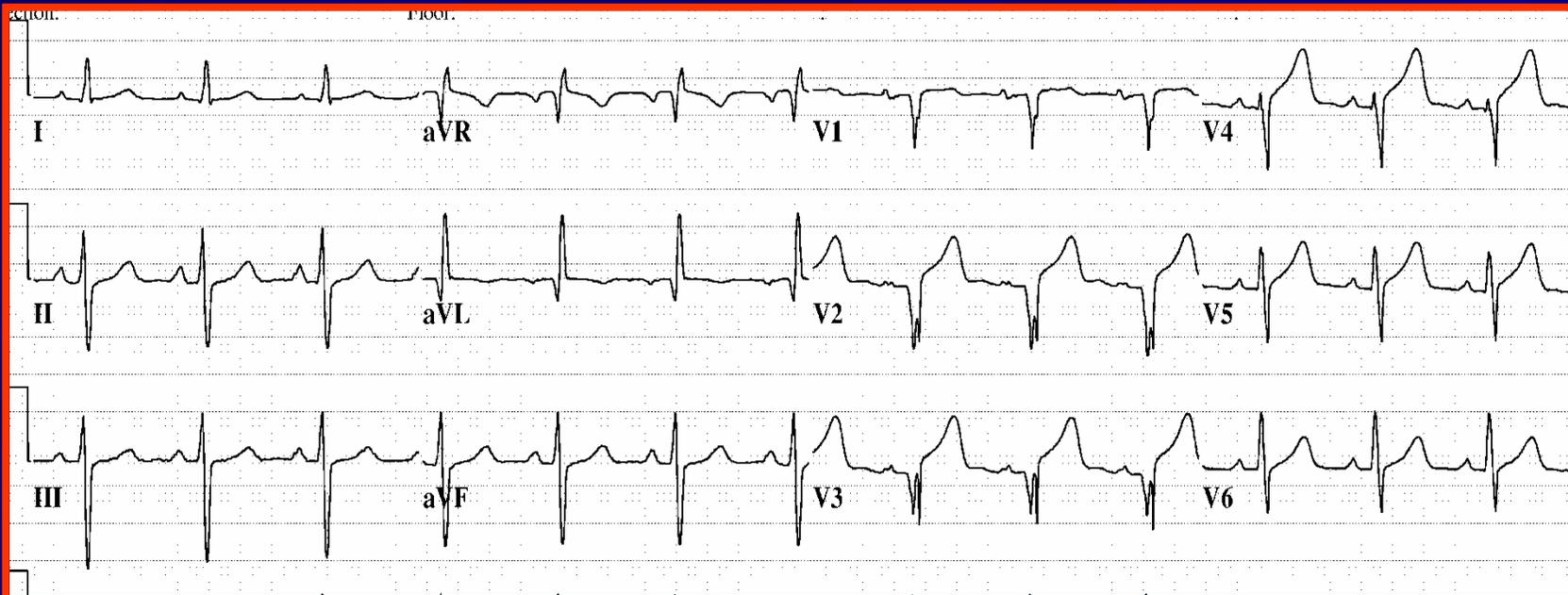
**Favors DES (NNT = 13)**

# Clinical case – Sept 2008

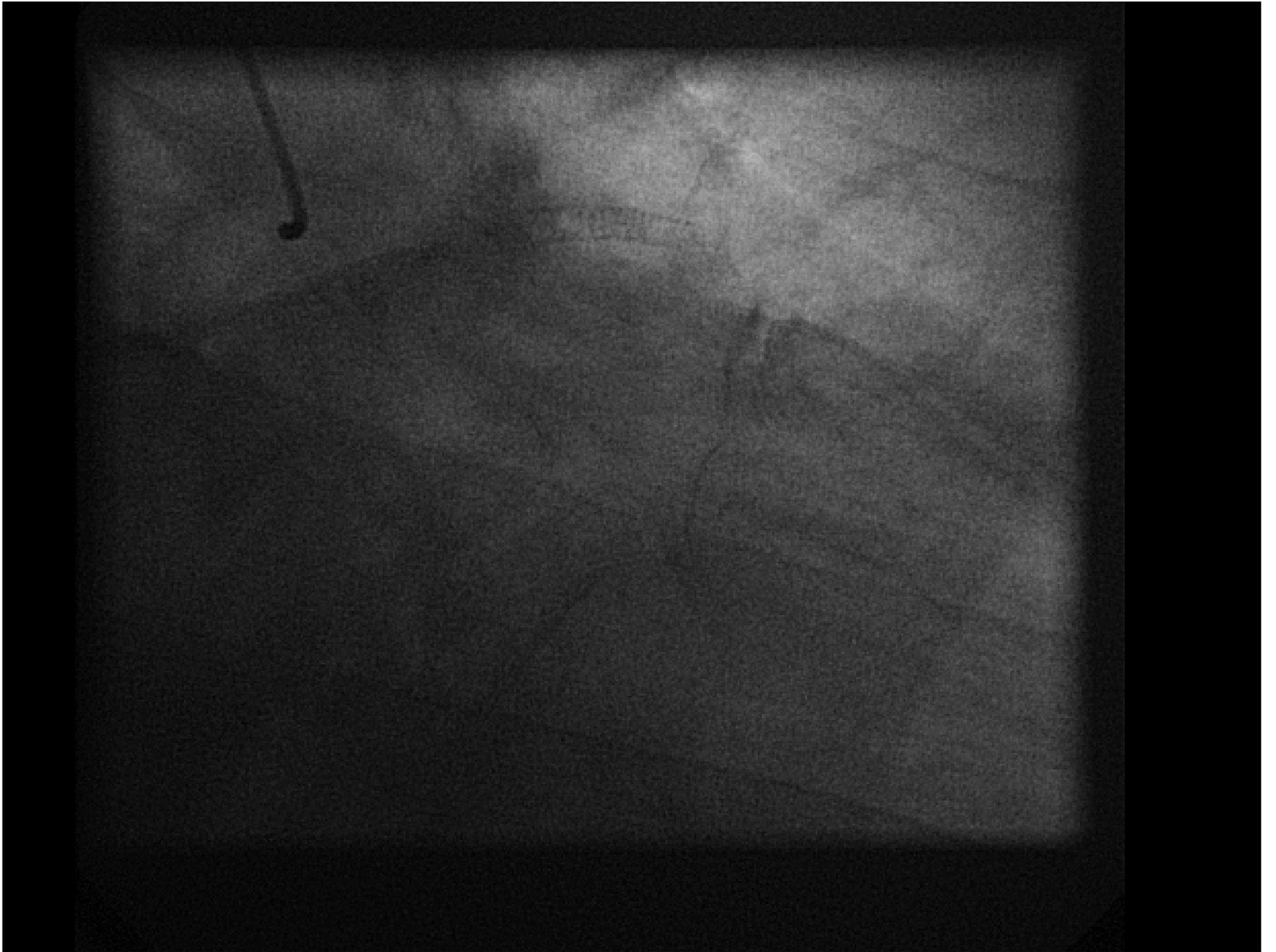
- 74 yr - man needed revision of R total hip
- CAD history:
  - DES to LAD 2005
  - AMI secondary to stent thrombosis Jan 2008
  - Repeat stenting
- Plavix stopped for surgery
- Chest pain in recovery room immediately post-op



**Baseline**



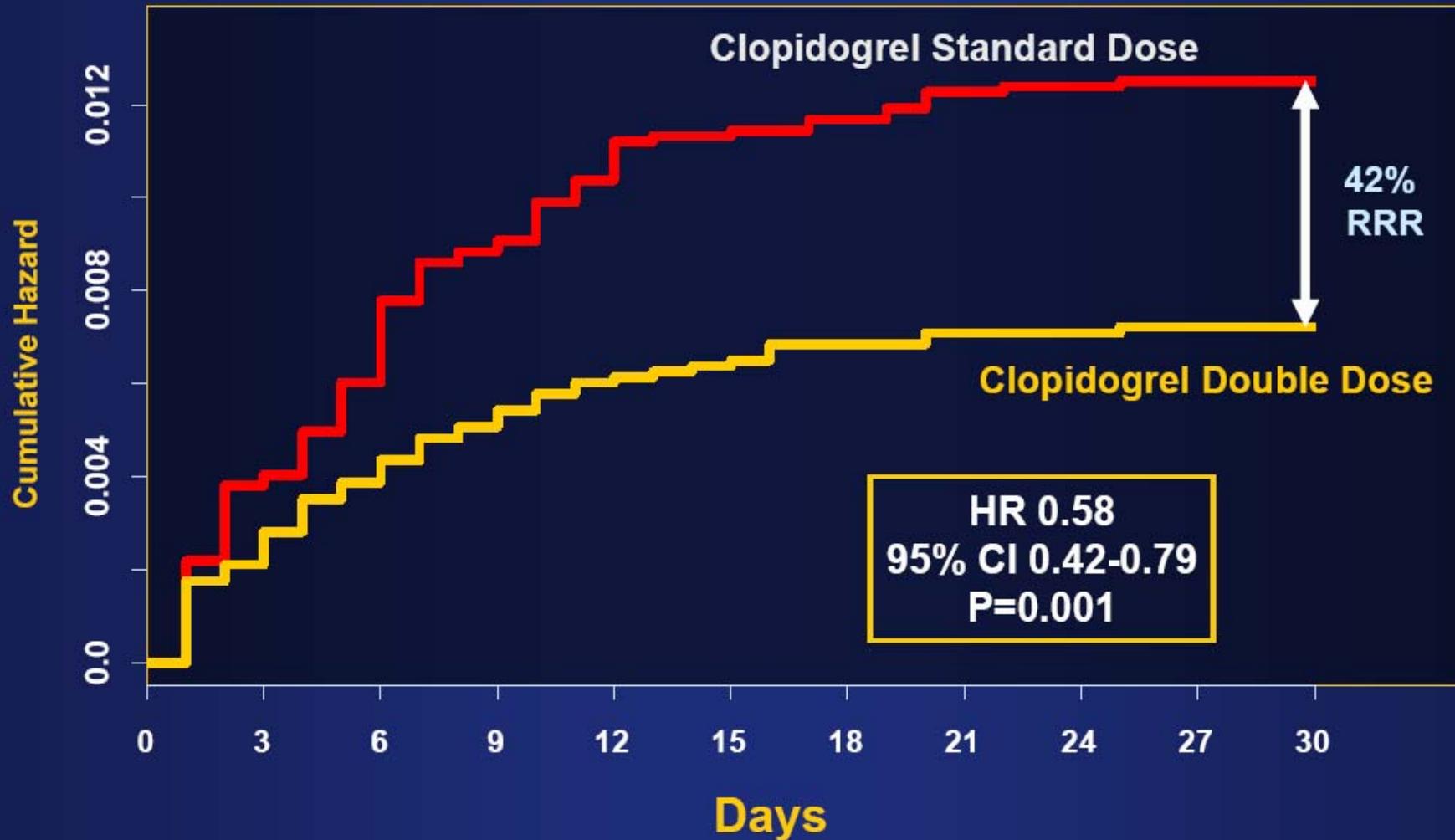
**Post-op**



# Clopidogrel Resistance or “hypo responders”

- Prevalence 5-40% - definitions vary
- Many factors, including clinical features
  - e.g. increased platelet reactivity in diabetes not suppressed by usual doses of clopidogrel
- Probably clinically relevant
- Often coexists with ASA resistance
- No consensus on testing

# Clopidogrel: Double vs Standard Dose Definite Stent Thrombosis (Angio confirmed)





## Clopidogrel Double vs Standard Dose Bleeding PCI Population

	Clopidogrel		Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P
	Standard N= 8684	Double N=8548			
TIMI Major <sup>1</sup>	0.5	0.5	1.06	0.70-1.61	0.79
CURRENT Major <sup>2</sup>	1.1	1.6	1.44	1.11-1.86	0.006
CURRENT Severe <sup>3</sup>	0.8	1.1	1.39	1.02-1.90	0.034
Fatal	0.15	0.07	0.47	0.18-1.23	0.125
ICH	0.035	0.046	1.35	0.30-6.04	0.69
RBC transfusion $\geq$ 2U	0.91	1.35	1.49	1.11-1.98	0.007
CABG-related Major	0.1	0.1	1.69	0.61-4.7	0.31

<sup>1</sup>ICH, Hb drop  $\geq$  5 g/dL (each unit of RBC transfusion counts as 1 g/dL drop) or fatal

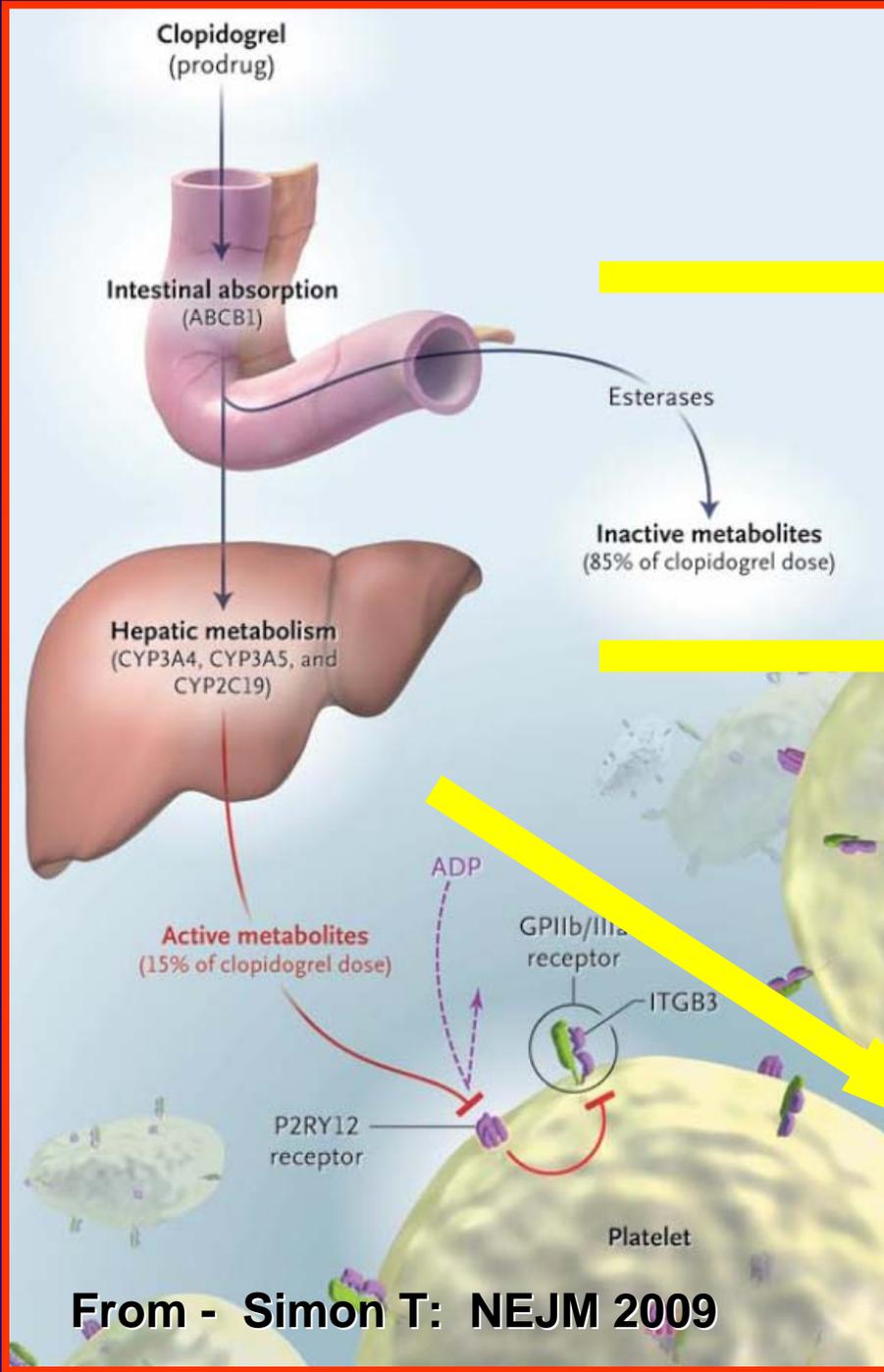
<sup>2</sup>Severe bleed + disabling or intraocular or requiring transfusion of 2-3 units

<sup>3</sup>Fatal or  $\downarrow$ Hb  $\geq$  5 g/dL, sig hypotension + inotropes/surgery, ICH or txn of  $\geq$  4 units

# Clopidogrel and Proton Pump Inhibitors

- Confusing!! – lack randomized controlled trial
- 45% of patients on PPI in PLATO\*
- Risk of GI event high in patients on NSAIDs\*\*
  - 2-5% per year
  - 1 in 7 of elderly patients
- No clinical effect in analysis of PRINCIPLE and TRITON trials\*\*\*
- Reassess need for PPI but caution with stopping!

\*Wallentin L: NEJM 2009; \*\*Bhatt D: JACC 2009; \*\*\*O'Donoghue ML: Lancet 2009



From - Simon T: NEJM 2009

## ABCB1 gene

2 variable alleles:

↓ absorption

↑ CV event rates

## CYP2C19 gene

Many variable alleles:

↓ biotransformation to active metabolite

Drug inhibition

e.g. omeprazole

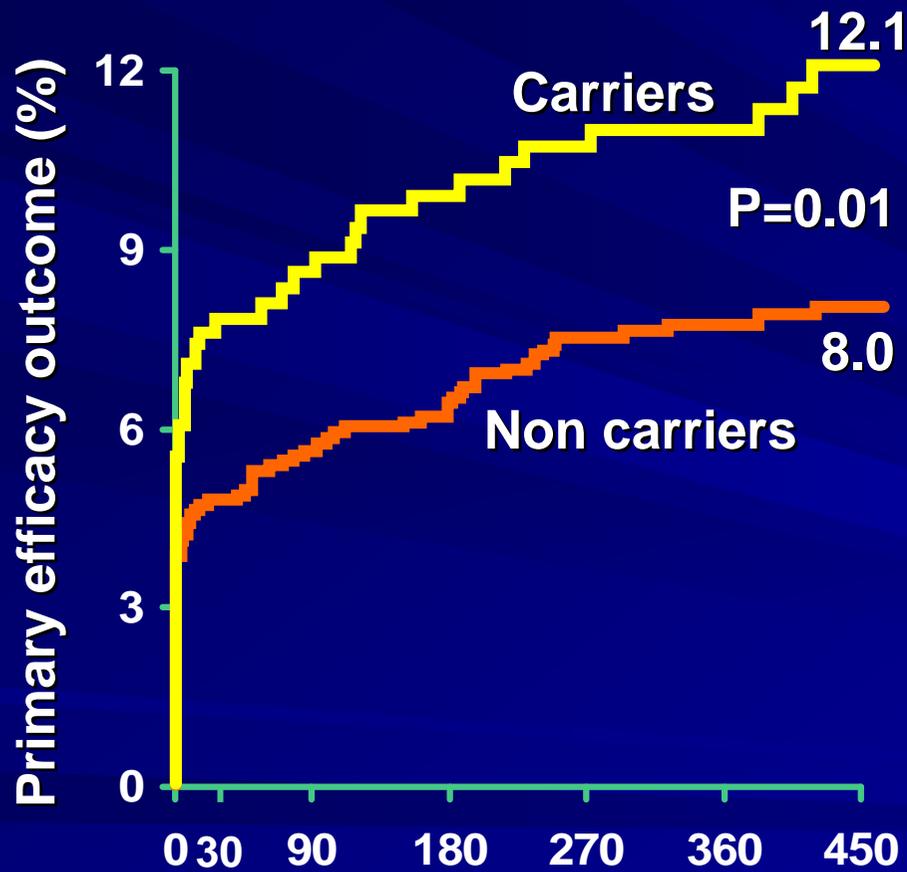
## CYP3A gene

Blocked by CCBs

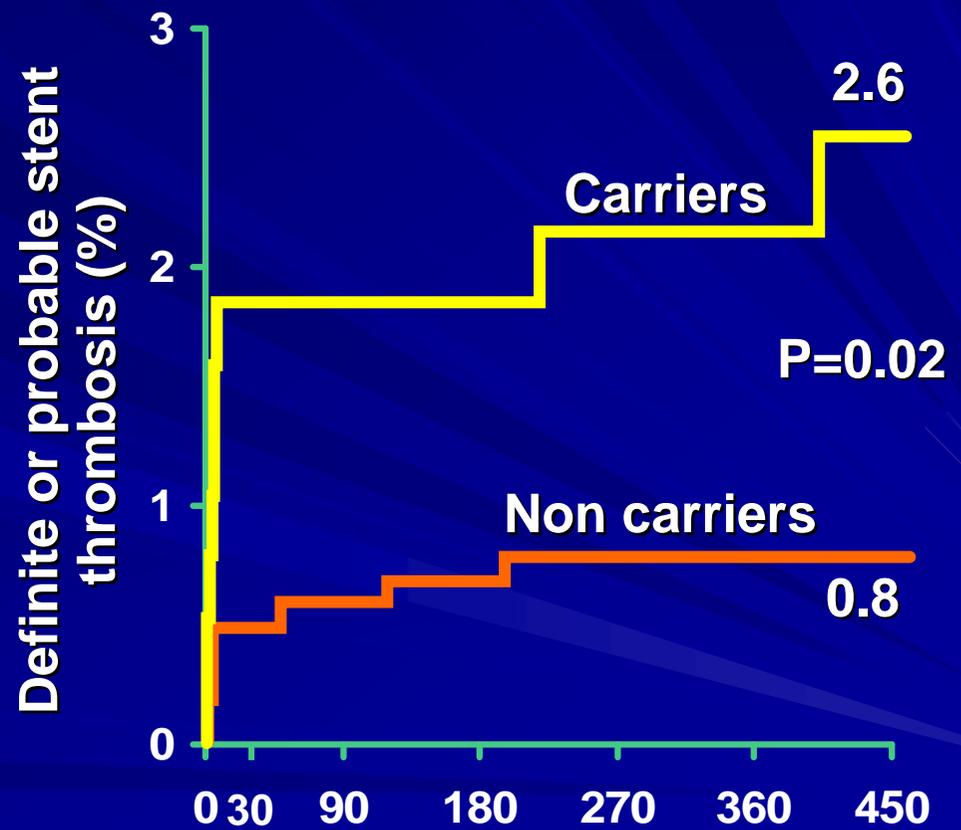
# Genetic Polymorphisms and Clopidogrel (Observations from TRITON)

CYP2C19 reduced-function allele

## Primary Efficacy Outcome



## Stent Thrombosis

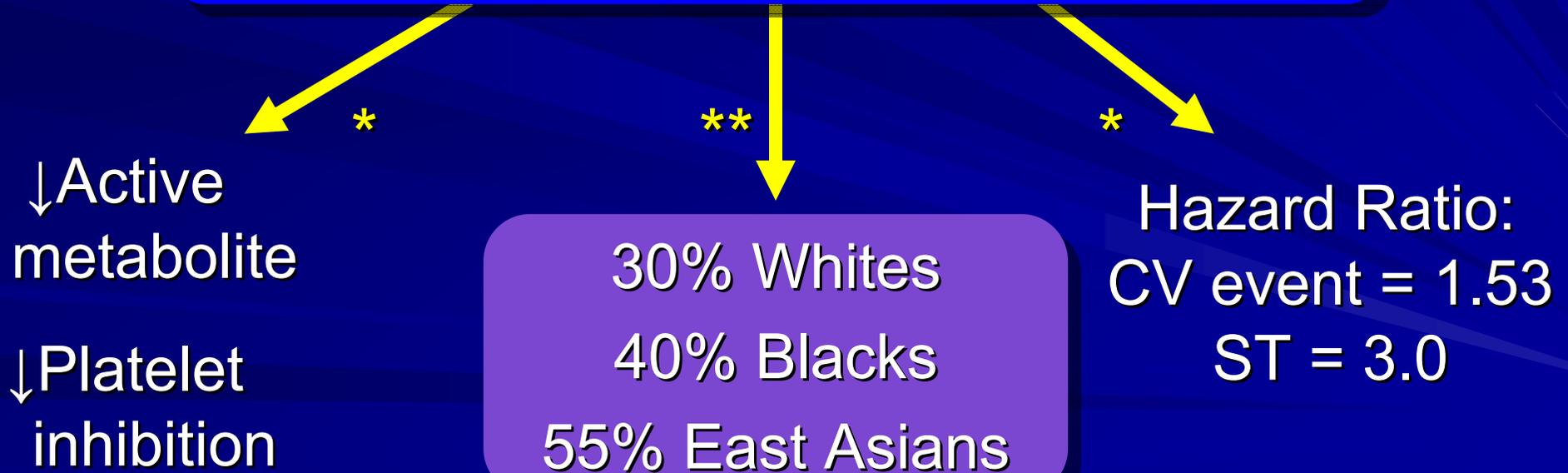


Days after randomization

# Genetic Polymorphisms CYP2C19\*1

Cytochrome P-450 encoded by polymorphic genes

“Loss of function” variant alleles  
CYP2C19\*2 (or \*3, \*4, \*5, \*17)



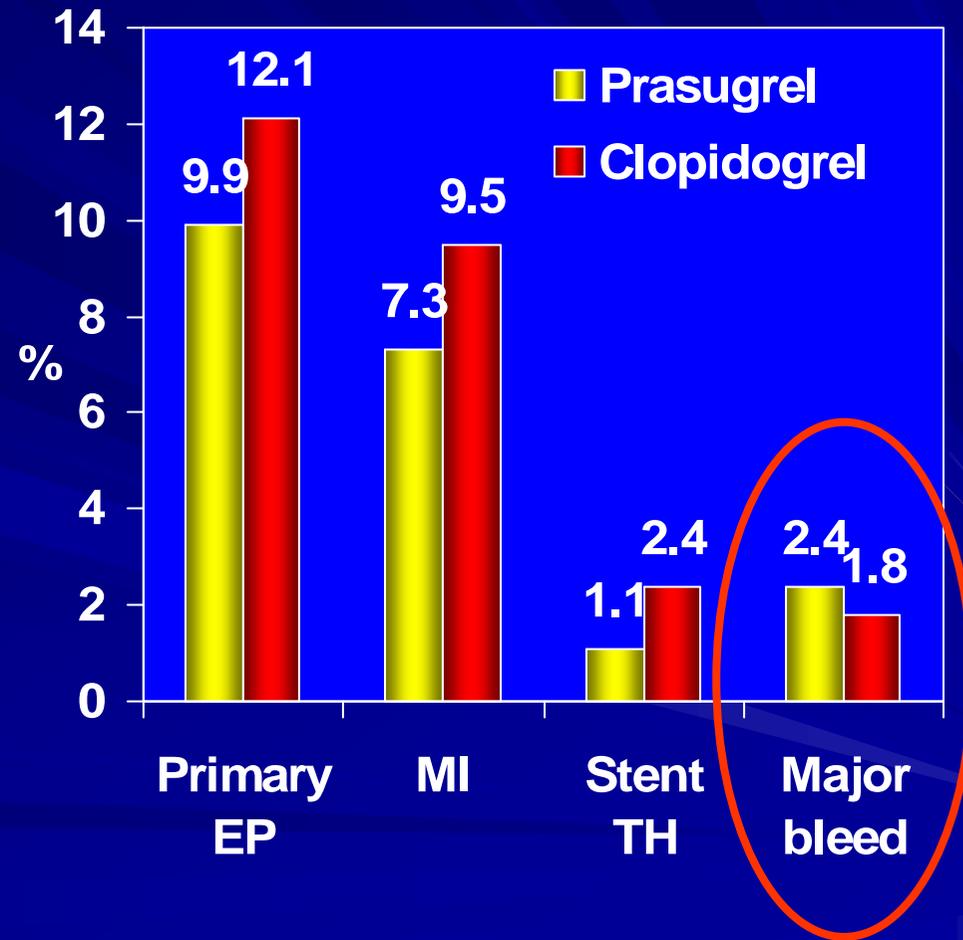
\*Mega JL: NEJM 2009; \*\*Desta Z: Clin Pharmacokinet 2002

# TRITON - TIMI 38

## Prasugrel vs Clopidogrel in High-risk ACS

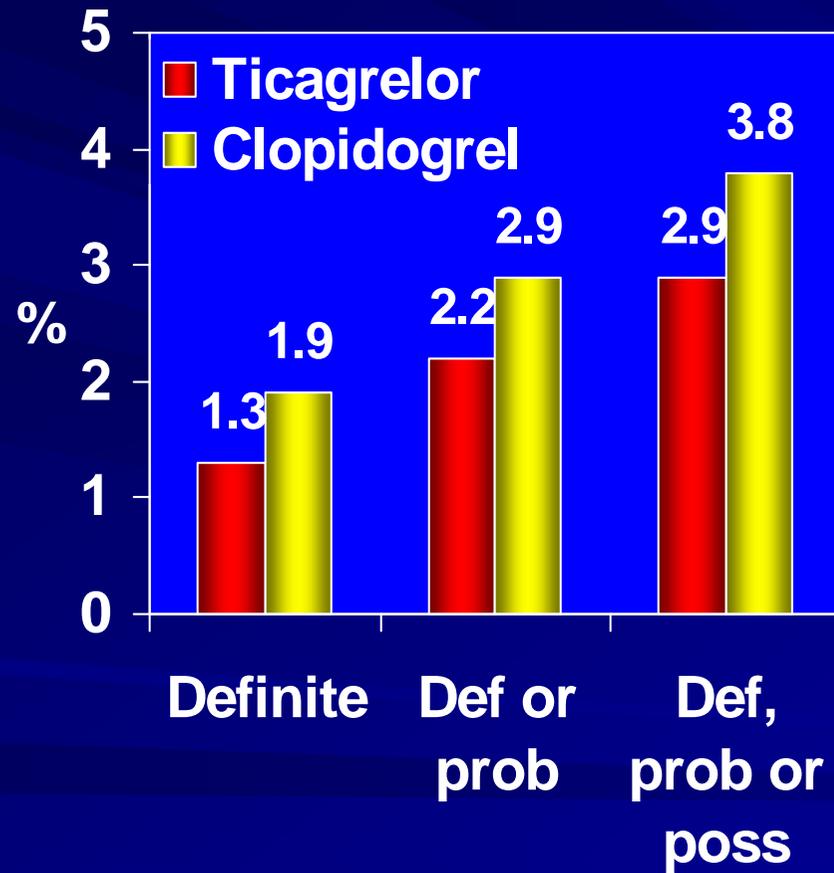
- Prasugrel
  - Thienopyridine (pro-drug)
  - Faster onset
  - More consistent and potent
- ACS Trial - planned PCI

- Concern over life-threatening bleeds
  - Elderly
  - Low BMI
  - Prior TIA/CVA

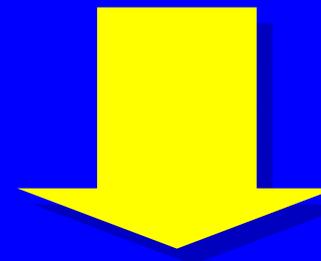


# Is Ticagrelor the Answer?

## Stent thrombosis in PLATO



But...



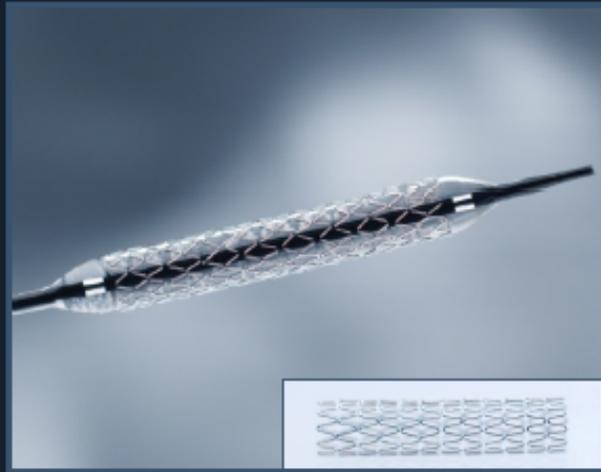
More major bleeding:

- Non-CABG related
- Intracranial bleeds



# Resolute DES System

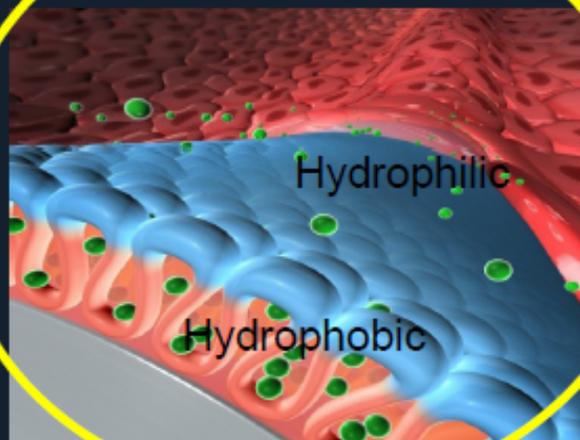
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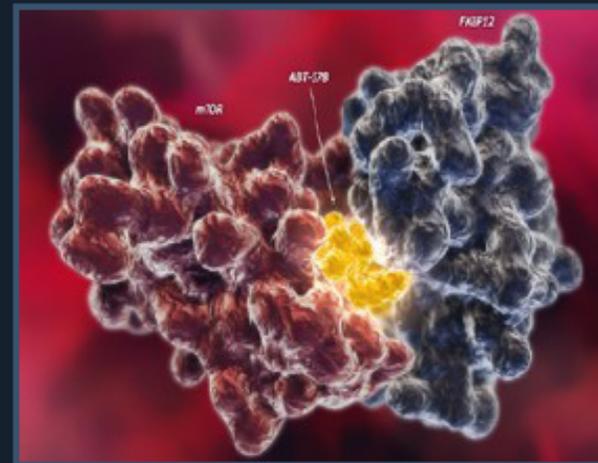
Stent Delivery System



BioLinx Polymer



Drug: Zotarolimus



# 14 Day Endothelialization: Rabbit Iliac Model

XIENCE™ V

Everolimus



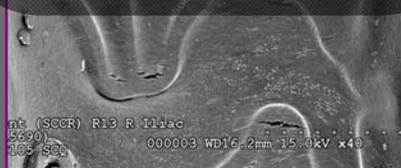
Stent thrombosis

**Zero at 5-yrs**

*SPIRIT I*

**0.3% 1 thru 3-yrs**

*SPIRIT III*



CYPHER®

Sirolimus

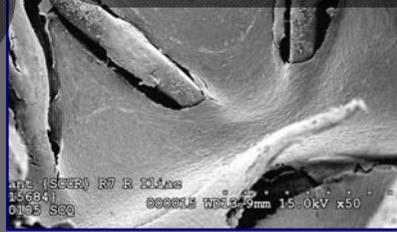


Stent thrombosis

**Zero at 3-yrs**

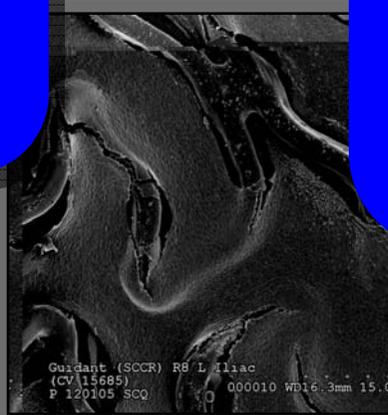
*ENDEAVOR*

*I, II, III*



TAXUS®

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Zotarolimus



Stent thrombosis

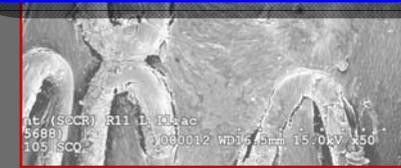
*ENDEAVOR pooled*

**0.8% at 5-yrs**

**0.2% >1-yr**

*ENDEAVOR IV*

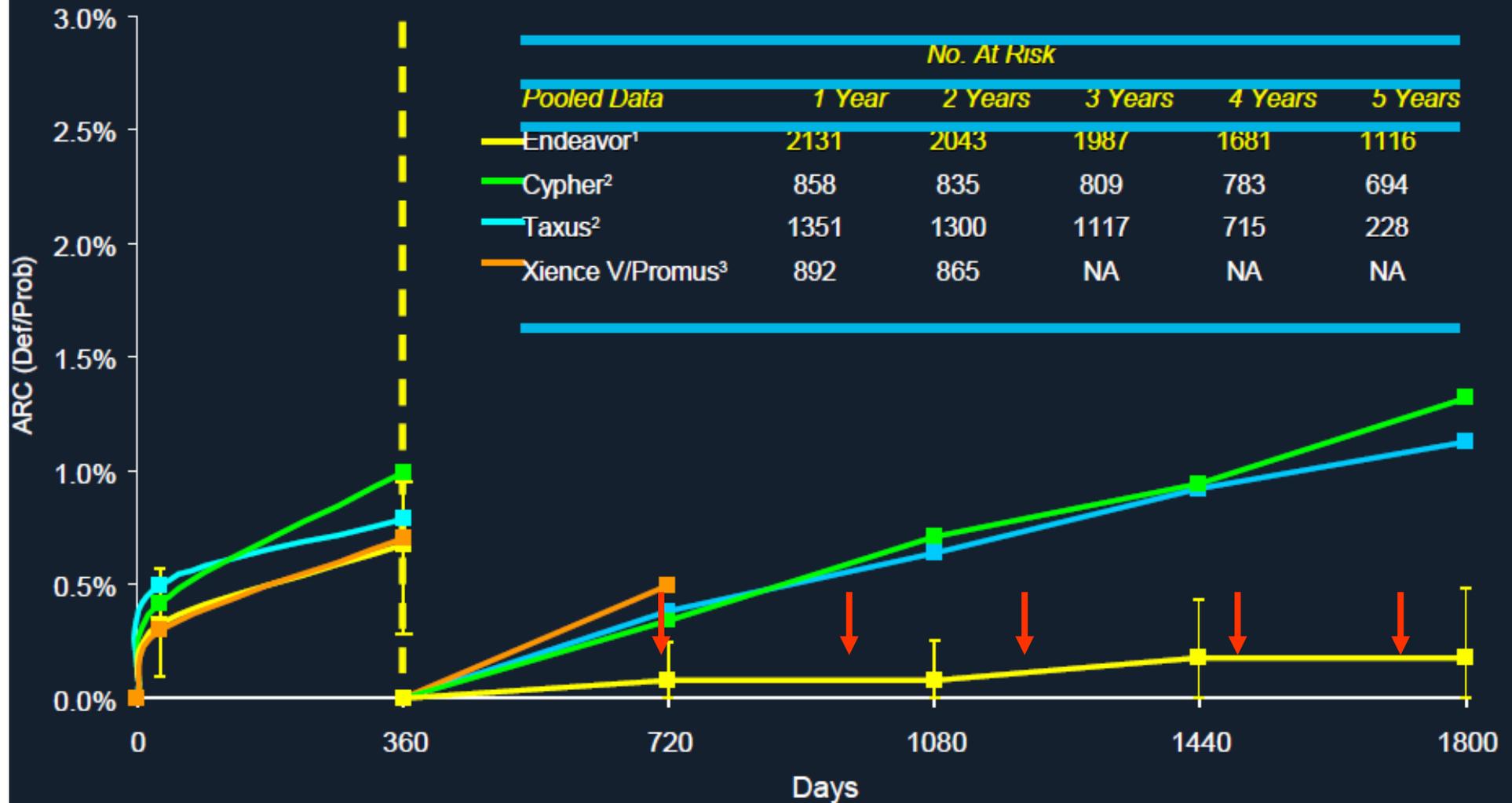
**0.1% >1-yr**



courtesy R. Virmani; TCT2009 (SPIRIT - Stone G; ENDEAVOR - Leon MB)

# DES Pooled Programs

## ARC Def/Prob ST Landmark to 5 Years



1. Mauri et al. PCR 2009.

2. 5 year Outcomes in the Sirius Trial, Weisz et al. JACC Vol. 53, No. 17, 2009

3. Mauri L et al. N Engl J Med. 2007;356:1020-1029.

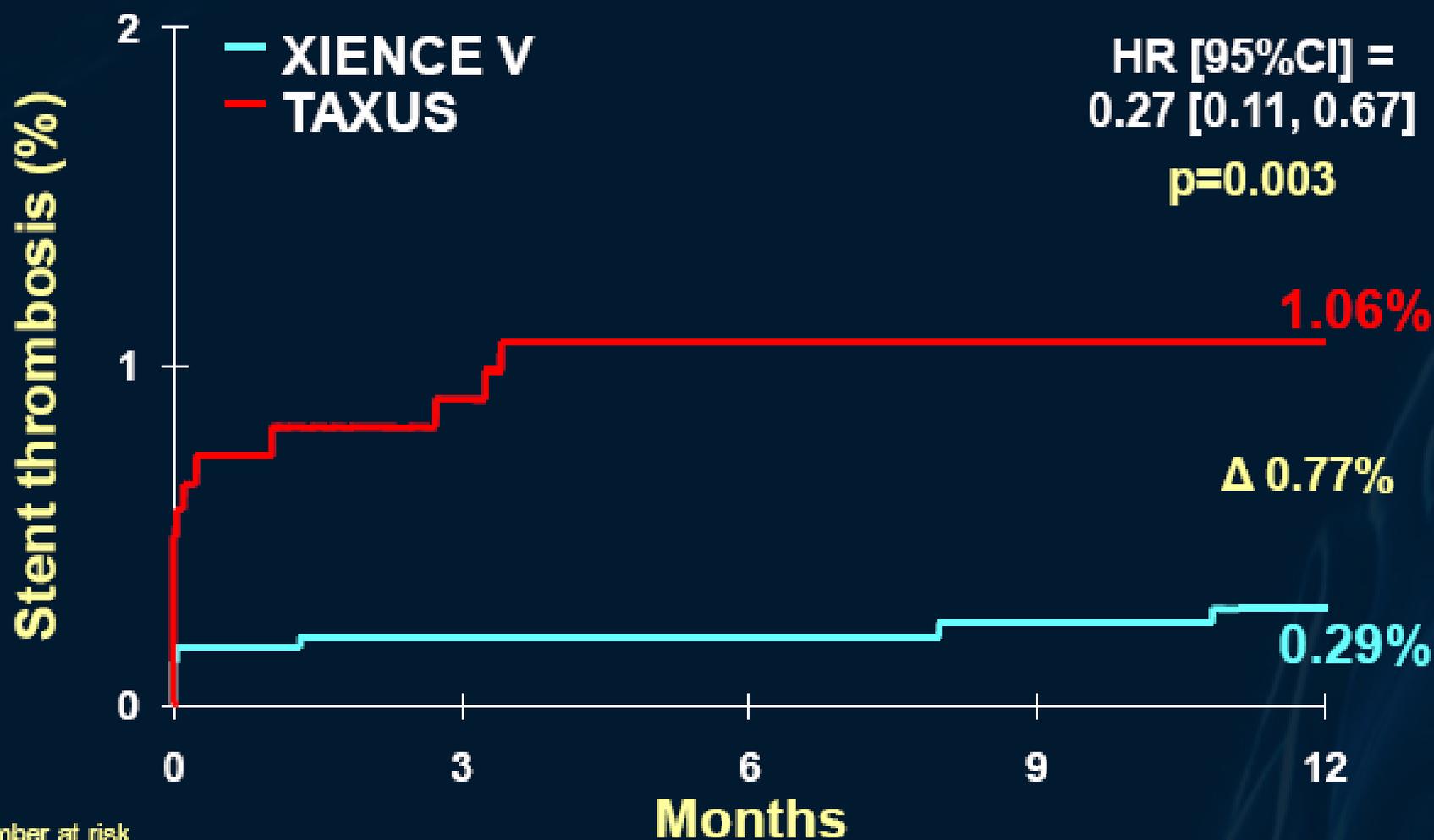
4. Stone, G et al., New SPIRIT Clinical Data, ACC. 09.

# The Future: New Stents and Drugs, New Paradigms

- New drug targets – not cytotoxic
- Promote proper healing
  - EPCs to promote endothelial cell deposition
  - Need “normal” endothelium
- Biodegradable stents
- Customize stents
  - e.g. abciximab-coated stent for AMI\*

\*Kim W: JACC 2006 (Chonnam National University)

# Stent Thrombosis (ARC Def or Prob)

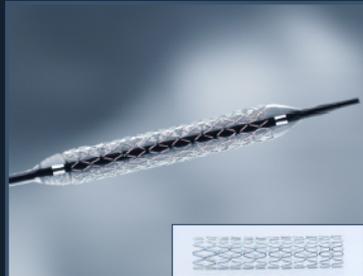


Number at risk

XIENCE V	2458	2426	2412	2388	2376
TAXUS	1229	1195	1184	1174	1166

# Endeavor DES System

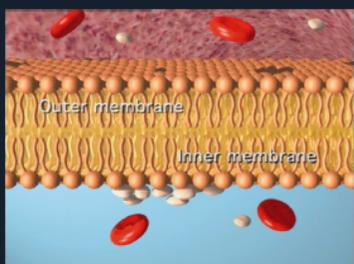
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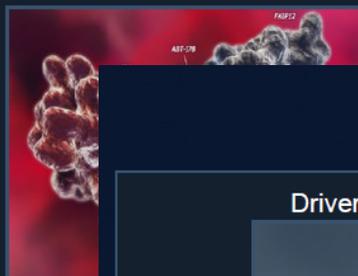
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PC Technology



Drug: Zotarolimus



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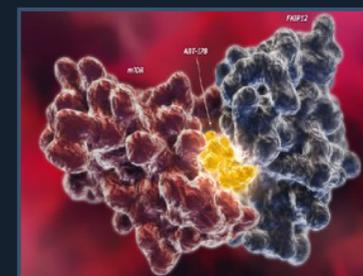
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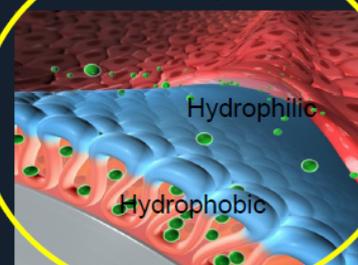
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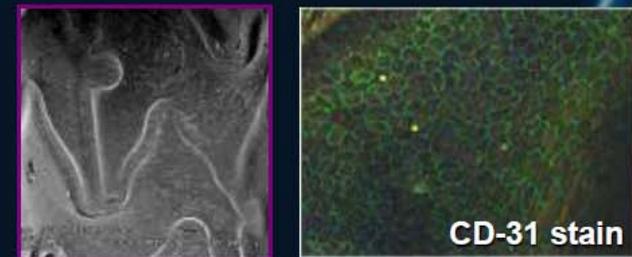


# XIENCE V Design Parameters and Pre-clinical Results

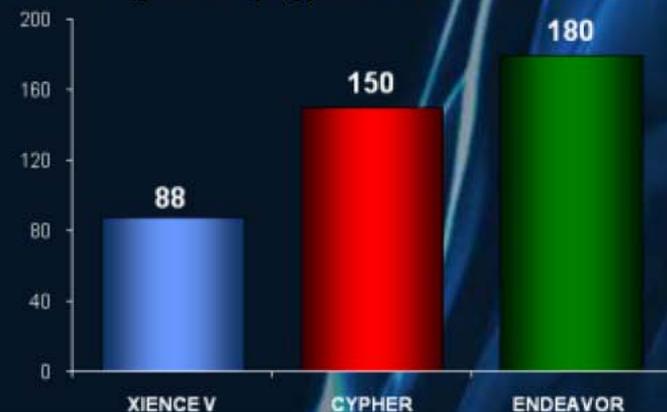
- **Low profile, flexible, deliverable stent**
  - 0.0032" cobalt chromium
- **Highly resistant to strut fracture**
- **Thin, adhesive, inert durable polymer**
  - promotes endothelialization
  - minimal bonding and webbing
  - minimal inflammation, without hypersensitivity reactions
- **Lowest dose of a “limus” on any DES**



14 day endothelialization: Rabbit Iliac



Drug Load (mg) - 3.0 x 18 mm stents



# Good News with New Stents?

## Stent thrombosis (ARC definition):

Zotarolimus-eluting stent (Endeavour)

- ENDEAVOUR III – Zero at 9 m\*
- ENDEAVOR IV (Leonn MB DES SUMMIT 2009)
  - 0.9 E v 0.1 T <360, 0.1 1.5 >360
- ENDEAVOUR I, II and III trials\*\*
  - 0.5% after 3 years
  - Zero in Cypher comparison arm

Everolimus-eluting stent (Xience V)\*\*

- Zero in SPIRIT I after two years
- Zero in SPIRIT III after one year
- SPIRIT IV 3 yr Stone GW TCT 2009 – ARC 0.3%  
Xience, 1.0% TAXUS

\*Kandzari DE: JACC 2006; \*\*Zeiber A: Euro PCR 2007; \*\*ACC 2007

# The **New** Drugs

## ■ Prasugrel

- Irreversible inhibitor of ADP P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor
- Maximal concentration by median of 30 min
  - Rapid absorption and metabolism
- Greater platelet inhibition vs. clopidogrel up to 28 days

## ■ Ticagrelor (tested in PLATO trial)

- Reversible oral P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor inhibitor
- Peak plasma level 2 hours