

Η εξέλιξη των ενδοστεφανιαίων προθέσεων (stents) και η επίπτωση της στην φυσική ιστορία της νόσου και της χορηγούμενης αντιαιμοπεταλιακής αγωγής

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**Σύγχρονες προκλήσεις
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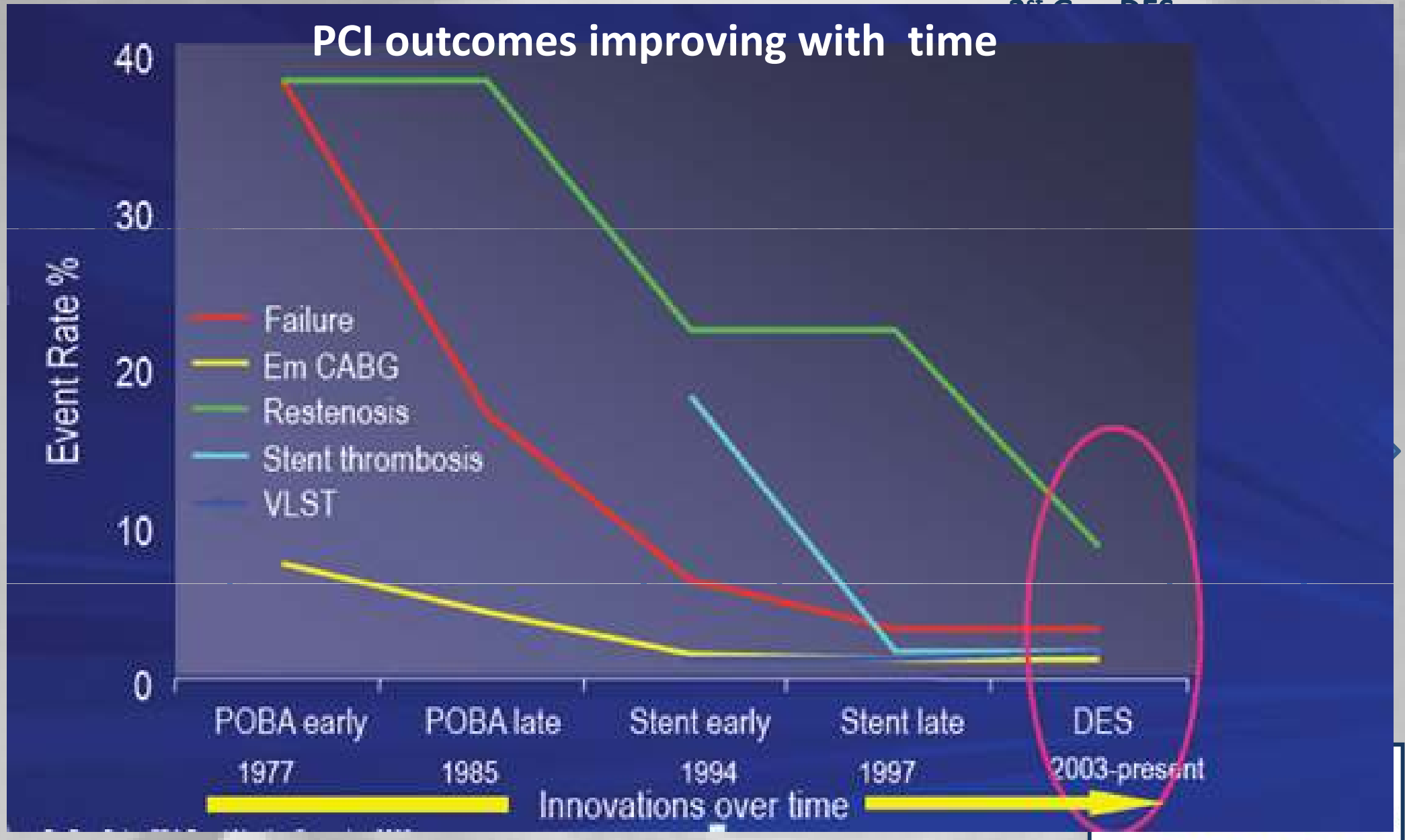


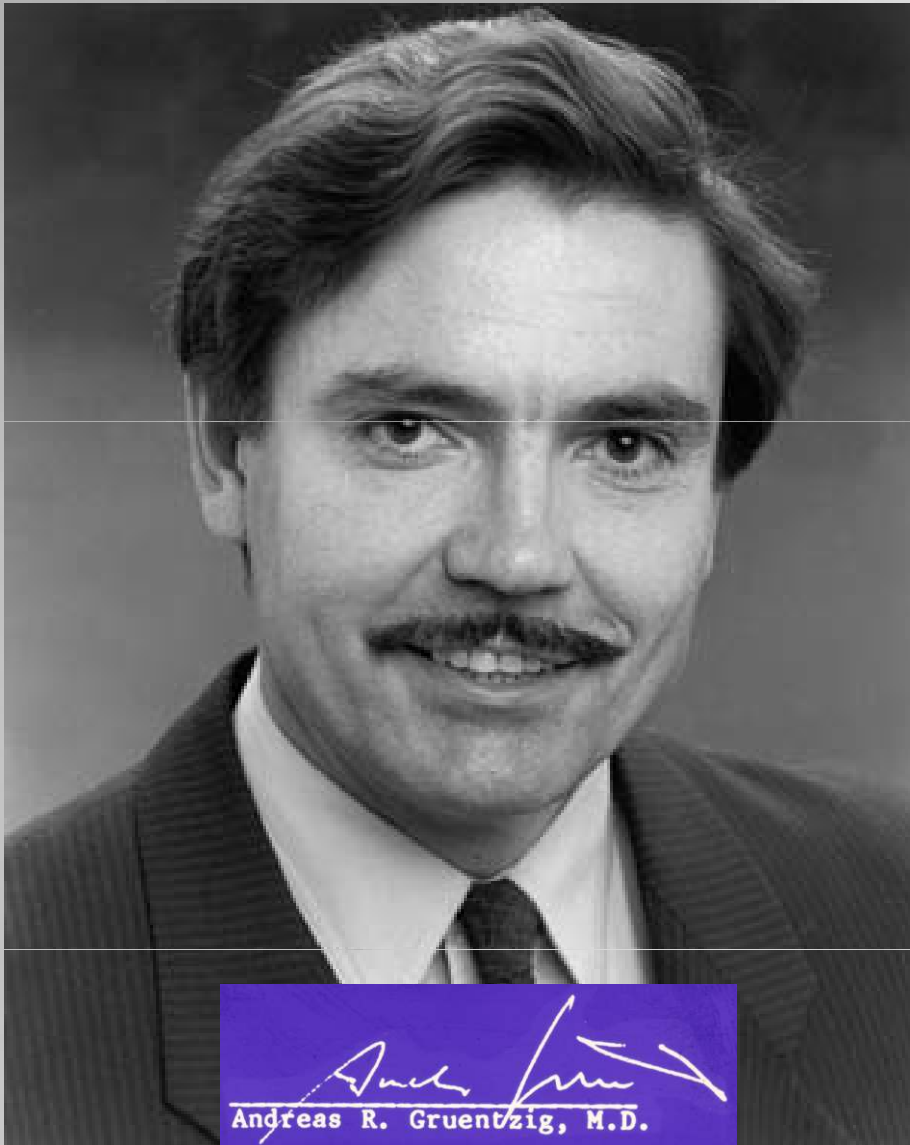
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History of PCI and Antiplatelet Therapy



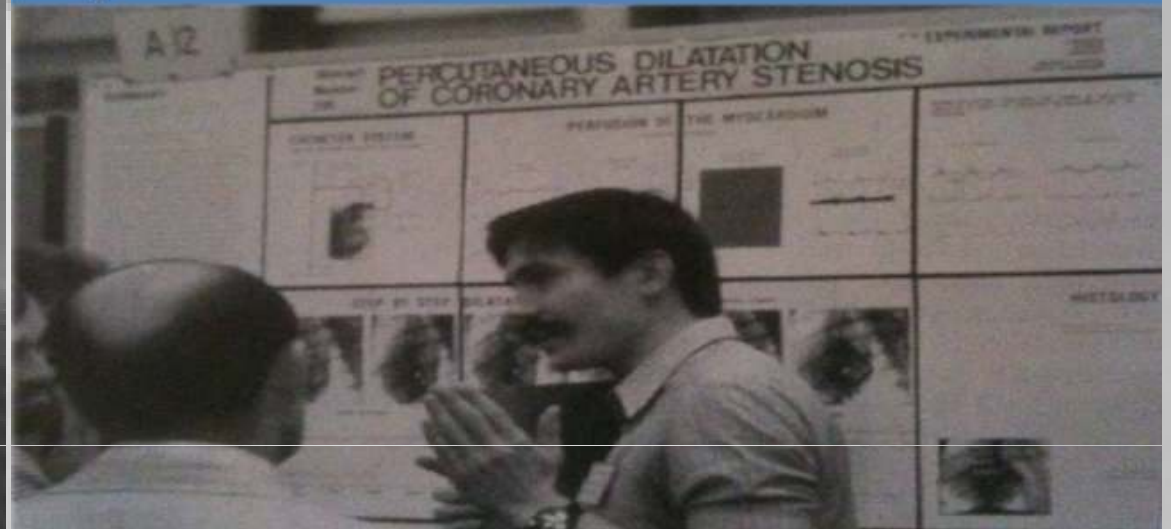


Andreas Roland Grüntzig

Zurich, 1977 September 16th

First coronary angioplasty in man

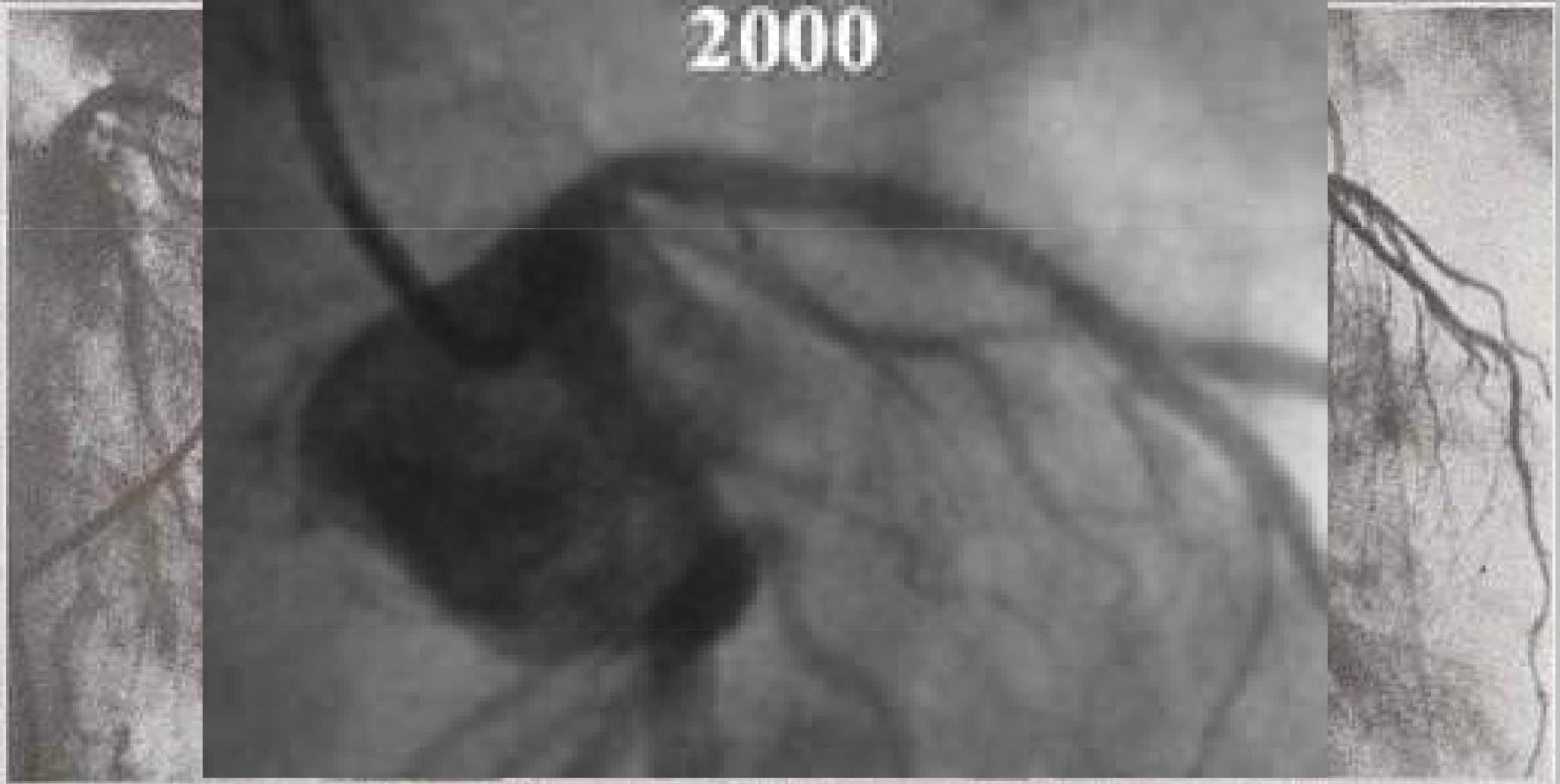
A poster that created a revolution!



Born June 25, 1939 Dresden

Died October 27, 1985 Atlanta in a plane crash

2000



(A) 9-14-77

(B) 9-16-77

(C) 10-20-77



1977



2012



PCI-Patient #1



In the first 50 patients who underwent percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA),

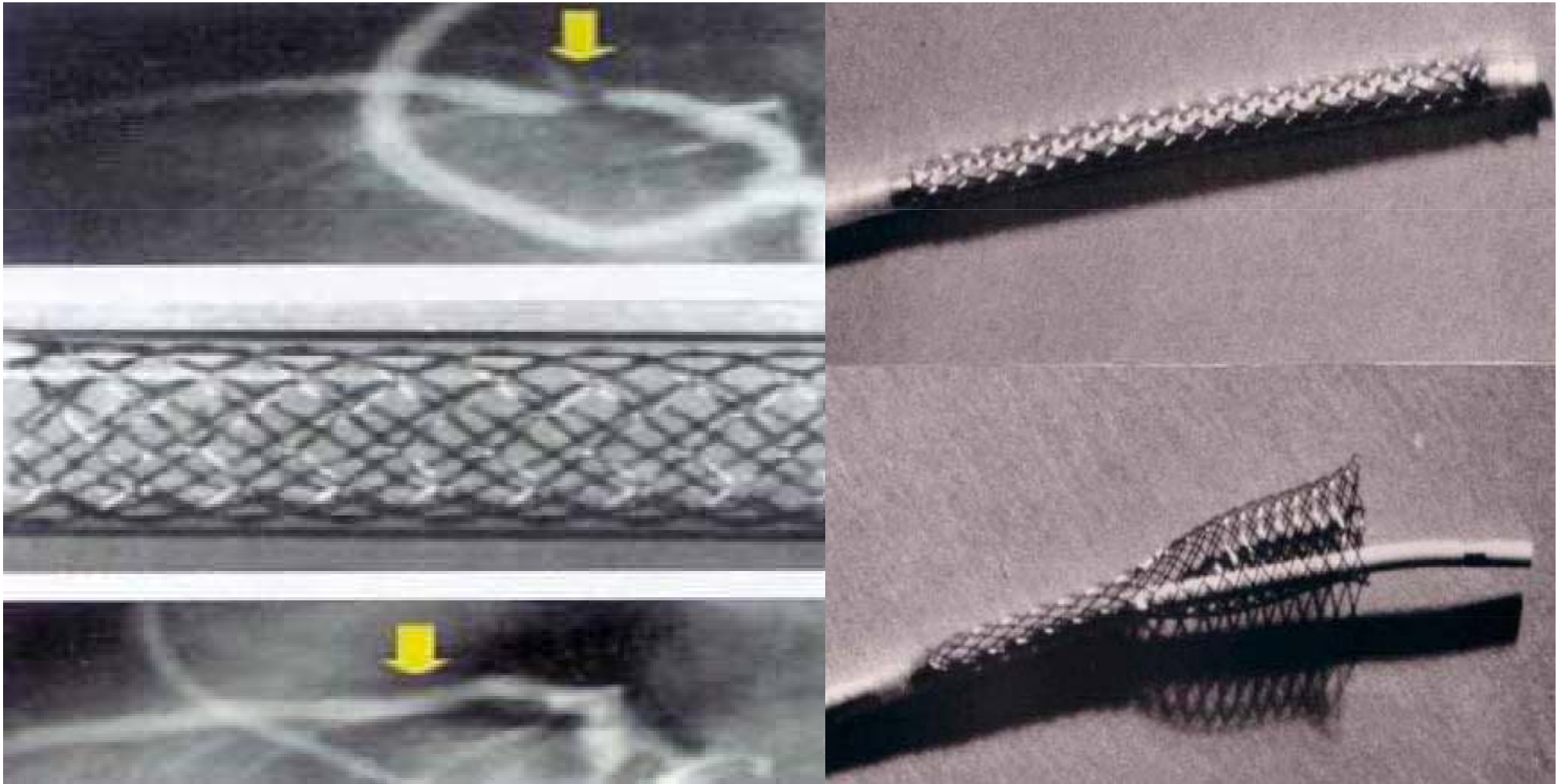
- the primary success rate was only 64% and
- emergency CABG was required in 14%, with
- a periprocedural myocardial infarction (MI) rate of 6%.

As experience with PTCA grew, its success rate increased to approximately 90%.

- abrupt closure after balloon dilation remained in the range of 4%–8%
- the overall mortality rate was 4.9%
- more than 20% of patients requiring emergency CABG
- Restenosis rate 30-50% (neointima hyperplasia)



First stent implantation in man (Puel/Sigwart, March 1986)



First Palmaz-Schatz Stent in Human

December 31st, 1987



O paciente:

Jorge Cassiano Jr.

Cardiology team:

Amanda Sousa

J. Eduardo Sousa

Fausto Feres

Julio Palmaz

Ibrahim Pinto

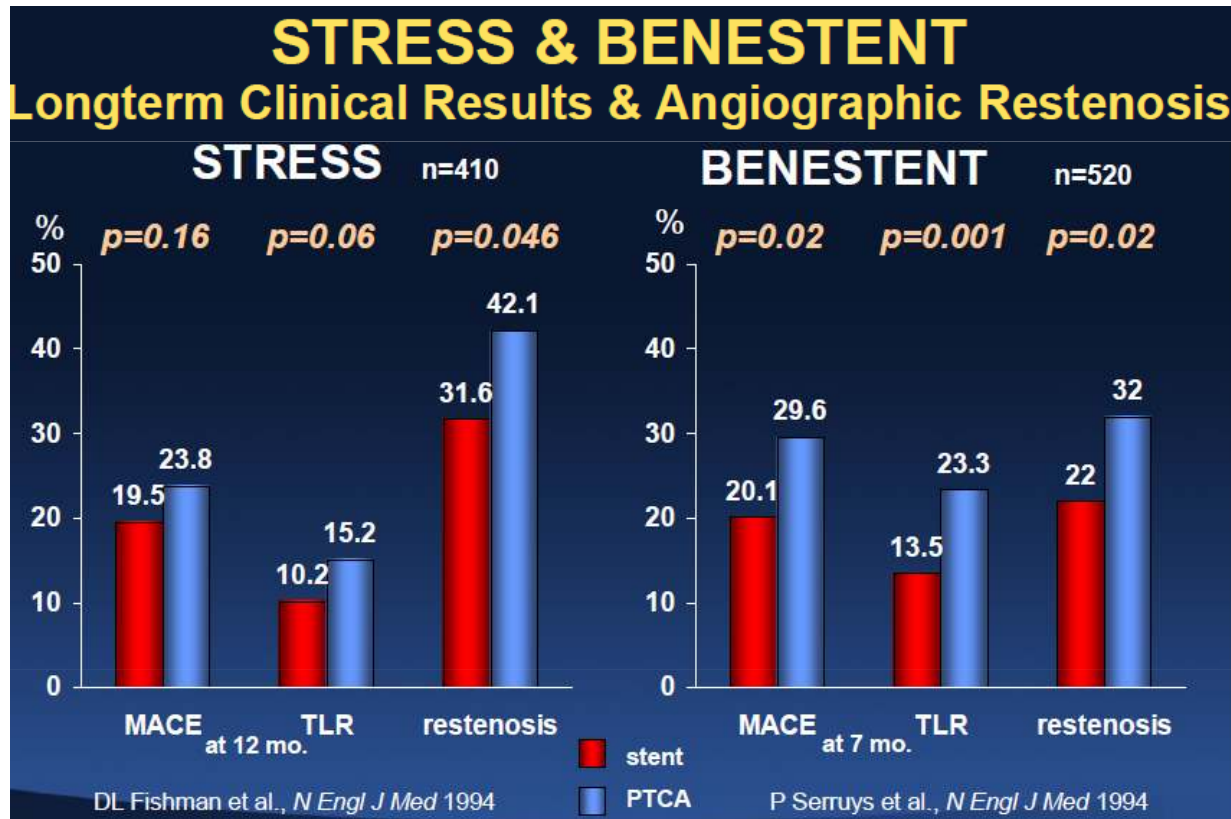
Richard Schatz

Celia Benette



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In 1993, two landmark trials, the Belgium Netherlands Stent Arterial Revascularization Therapies Study (BENESTENT) and the North American Stent Restenosis Study (STRESS) , confirmed coronary stenting significantly improved angiographic and clinical outcomes, thus establishing elective coronary stent implantation as an accepted standard of care.



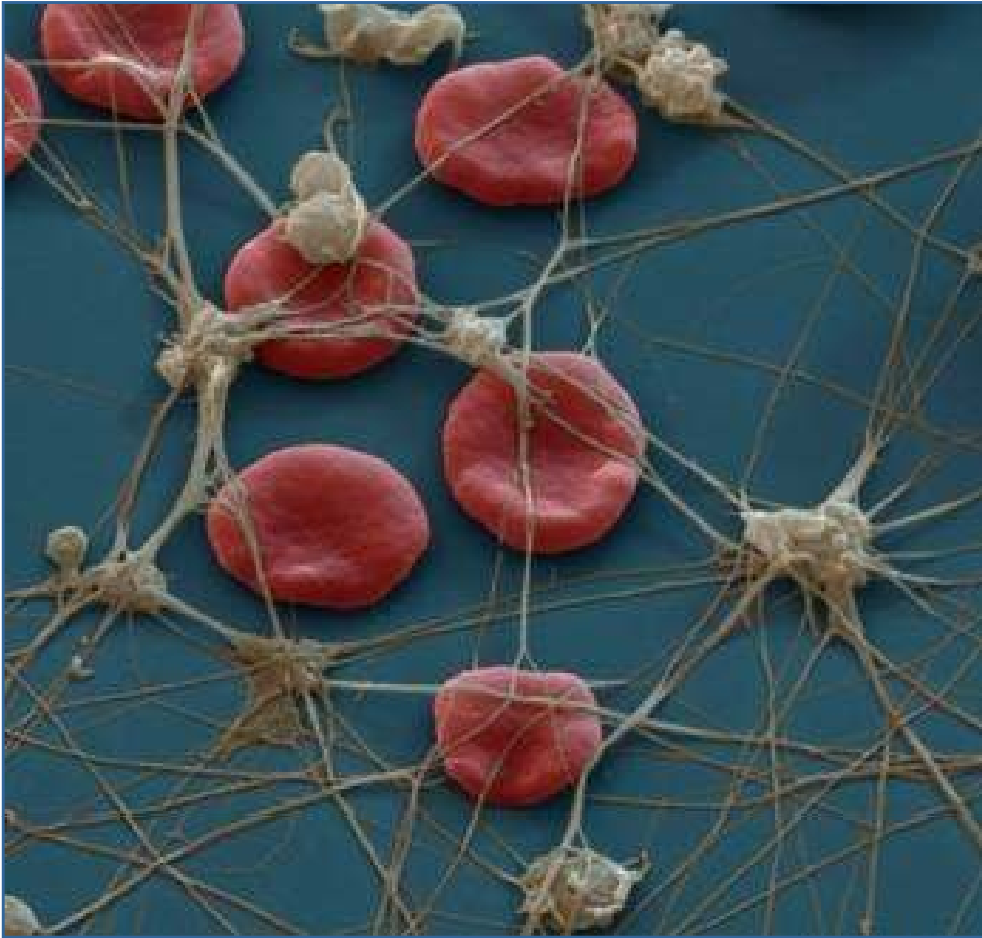
➤ Restenosis decreased from 42% to 32% ($P = 0.04$) in the STRESS trial and from 32% to 22% ($P = 0.02$) in the BENESTENT trial.

By 1999, 84.2% of all interventions involved stent insertion



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The Platelet, the enemy of the interventionist...

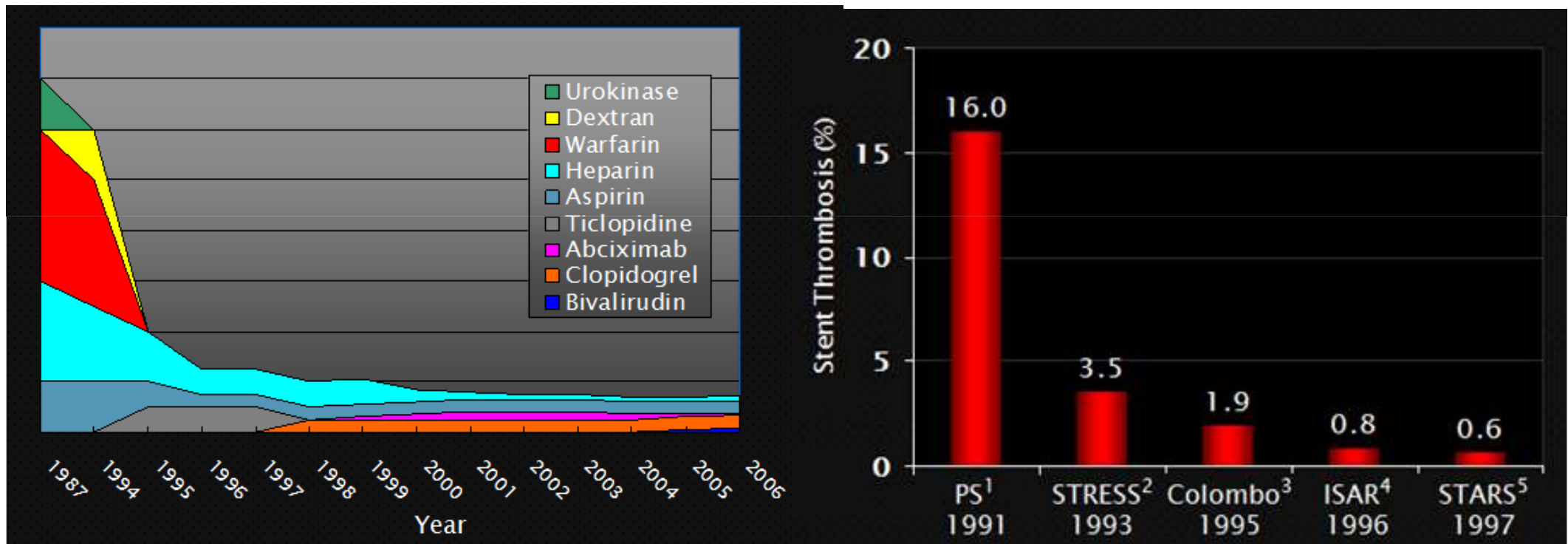


Thrombosis had long been recognized as a serious complication of stent implantation in both animal and early clinical studies.



Intra-coronary stents

Anticoagulant & Antiplatelet therapy



The BENESTENT and STRESS studies reported **subacute stent thrombosis rates of 3.5% and 3.4%**, respectively, despite the use of a complex anticoagulation regimen consisting of dextran, aspirin, dipyridamole, heparin, and warfarin.

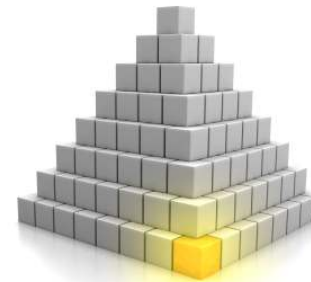
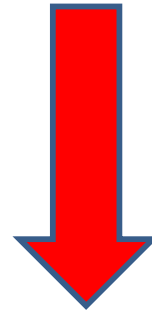


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Two practices led to a dramatic reduction in the incidence of stent thrombosis in BMS:

(1) the use of intravascular ultrasound and high balloon pressures to optimize apposition of the stent struts to the vessel wall, and

(2) the replacement of anticoagulation with dual-antiplatelet therapy



The combination of a thienopyridine with aspirin became the cornerstone of antithrombotic prophylaxis.

▪ Their combined effects resulted in superior antithrombotic activity when compared to conventional anticoagulation in initial studies.

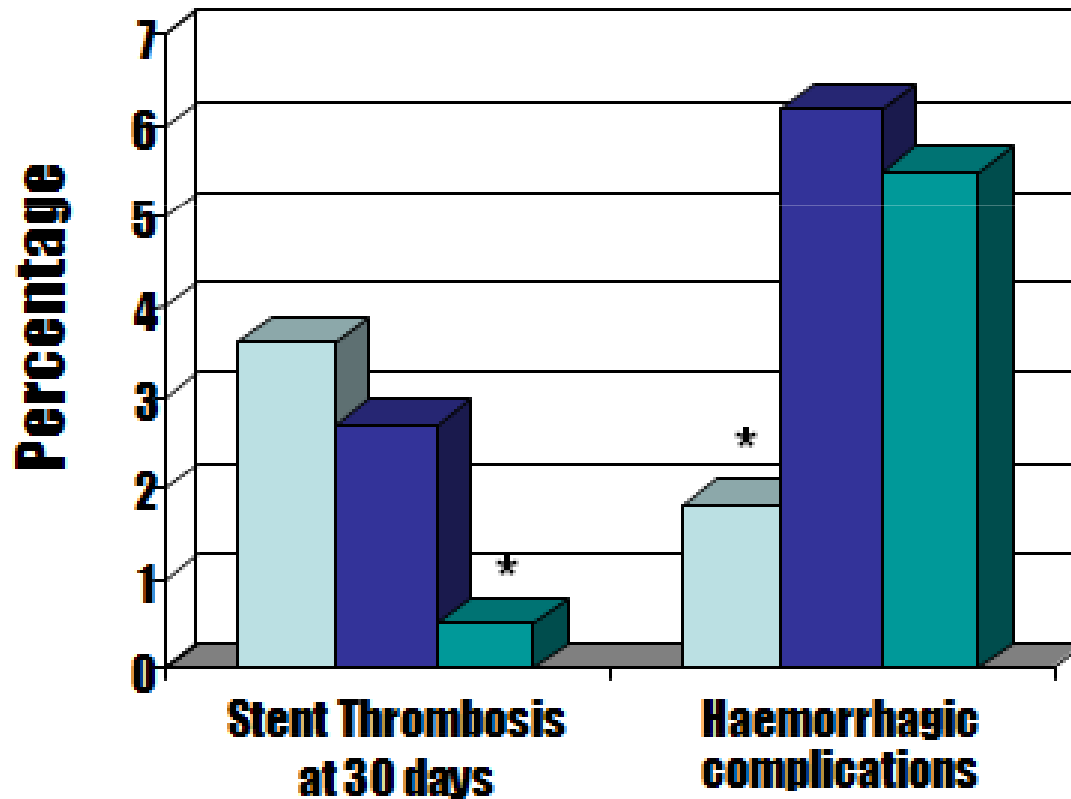


Initially, ticlopidine was prescribed with aspirin

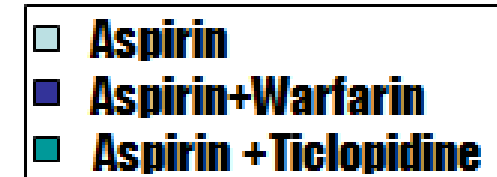
- Irreversibly inhibits platelet aggregation when bound to the P2Y₁₂ portion of ADP-receptors
- Usual dose: 250 mg po BID
- Pharmacokinetics:
 - Well absorbed, peak levels @ 2 hrs,
 - Max effect @ 8-11 days
 - Metabolized via CYP 3A4
 - No active metabolites
- Hold 10-14 days prior to surgery



The STARS Trial



1965 patients
50 centres
84% angio. success



*** p<0.001 vs. others**

Leon MB et al, NEJM 1998;339:1702-4



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Adverse effects make this agent problematic

- Agranulocytosis
- Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (TTP)
- Aplastic Anemia



Requires CBC baseline and every 2 weeks for the first 3 months of therapy



Clopidogrel later replaced ticlopidine owing to its better safety profile

Less frequent incidences of rash, neutropenia, and thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.



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Clopidogrel vs. Ticlopidine Post-PCI

- No one trial large enough to demonstrate comparability

CLASSICS Trial¹⁸ 2000	Clopidogrel 300mg load followed by 75mg daily	Ticlopidine 250 mg BID <u>OR</u> Clopidogrel 75 mg daily	- Less bleeding, thrombocytopenia, and leukopenia with clopidogrel - No difference in MACE
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- n=13,995 meta-analysis
- 1° endpoint of MACE at 30 days after stenting
- MACE_{clopidogrel} = 2.1% vs MACE_{ticlopidine} = 4.0%
- Death_{clopidogrel} = 0.48% vs death_{ticlopidine} = 1.1%

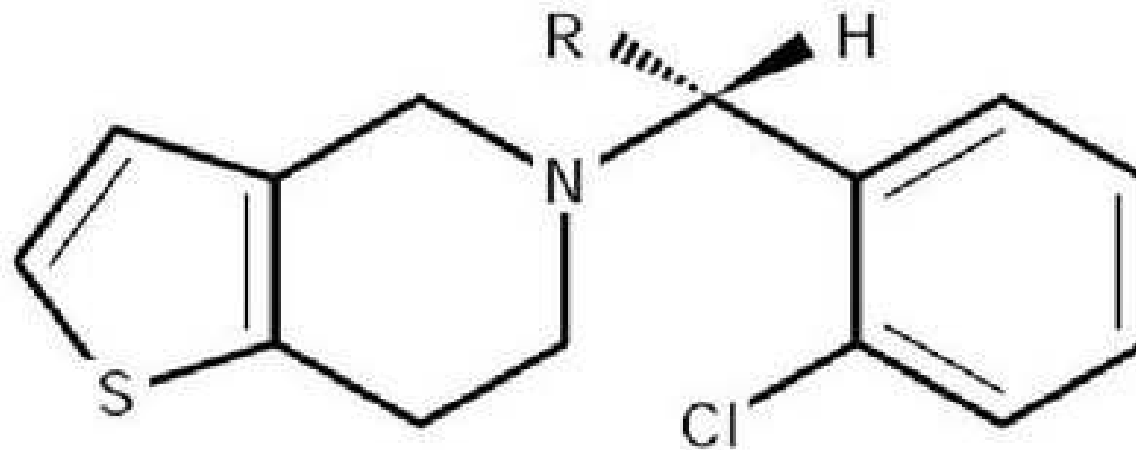
Bhatt DI et al
JACC 2002;39:9-14



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The stent survived, thanks to...



R = CO₂CH₃ Clopidogrel

rely
MS
ate



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BMS are associated with a 20%–25% restenosis rate within 6 mo of implantation.

Lesion complexities (long lesions, calcification etc), comorbidities (diabetes, renal insufficiency) increase this incidence, and restenosis rates approaching 80% have been observed in these subgroups

In-stent restenosis incidence peaks at 3 mo, reaches a plateau between 3 and 6 mo, but can persist beyond 1 yr after stent deployment



Drug eluting stents-DES



The combination of stent properties to inhibit recoil and negative remodeling with drugs that inhibit neointimal proliferation, utilizing the stent as a local delivery platform, have emerged as a highly promising alternative to reduce instent restenosis.



Drug-eluting Stents: 1st Generation

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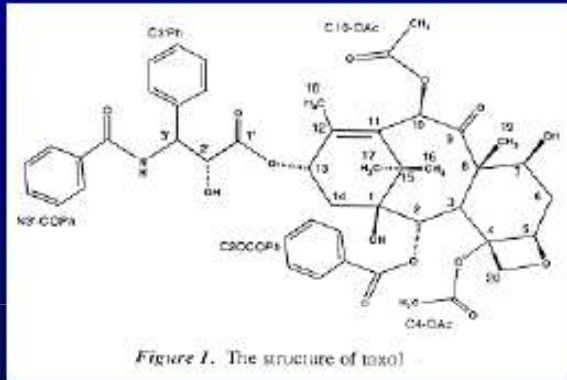
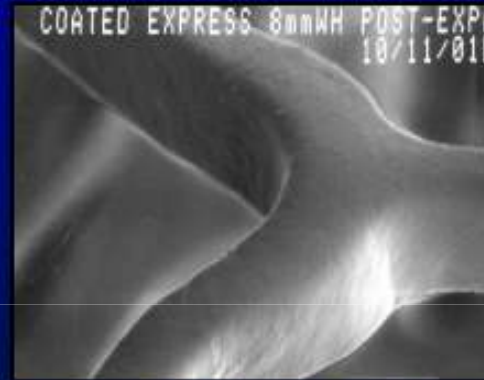


Figure 1. The structure of taxol

Paclitaxel
Drug

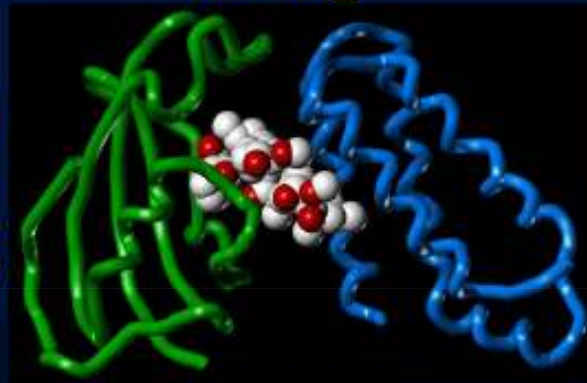


Polyolefin derivative
Polymer

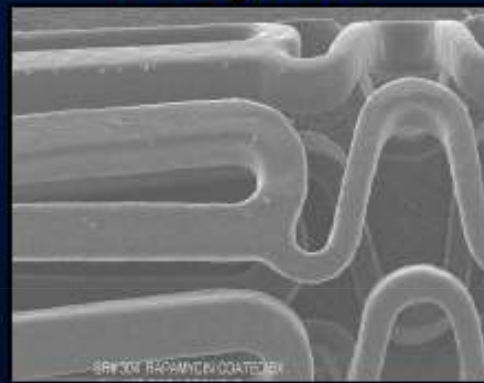


Liberté
Stent

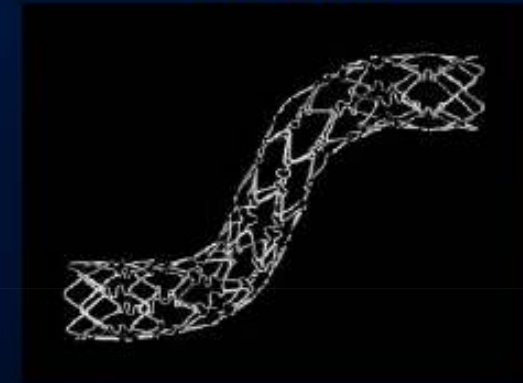
Cypher



Sirolimus



PEVA + PBMA blend



BX Velocity



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First-In-Man study with CYPHER: *Sao Paulo, FU completed*



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FIM: FIRST IN MAN

Rapamycin experience:

15 patients (Sao Paulo, E. Sousa) ; fast release

- 4 months follow-up No restenosis, no TVR

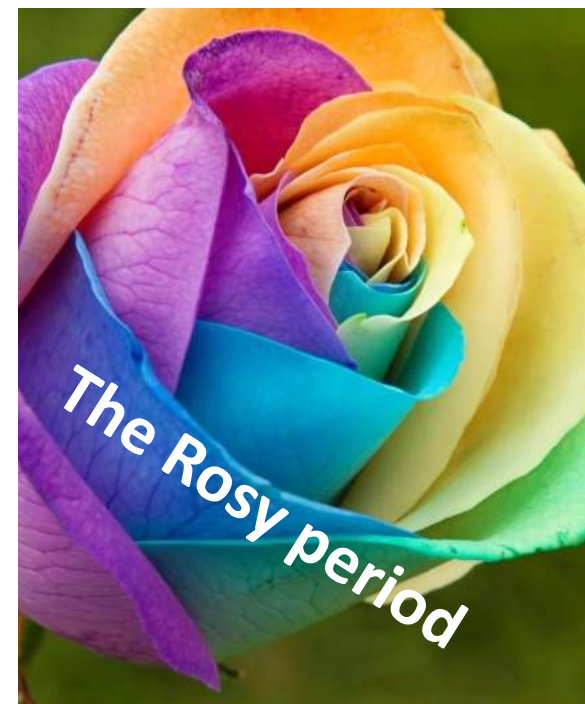
15 patients (Sao Paulo, E. Sousa) ; slow release

- 6 months follow-up No restenosis, no TVR

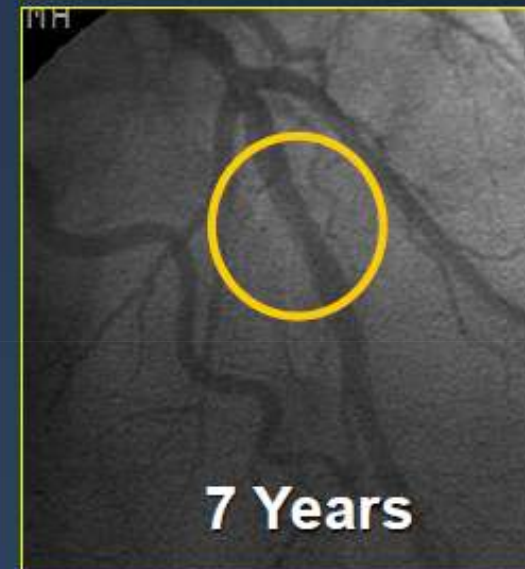
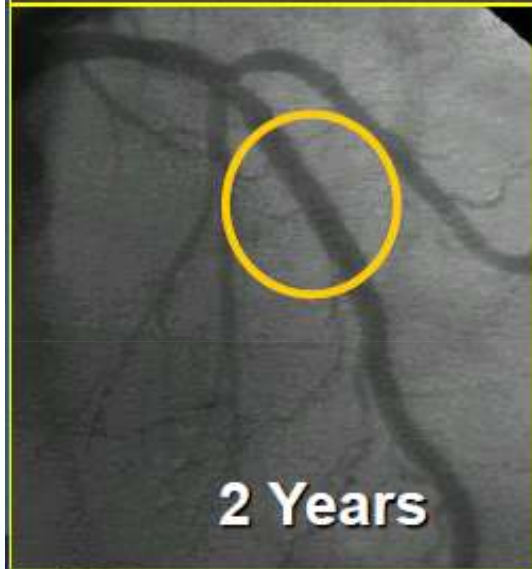
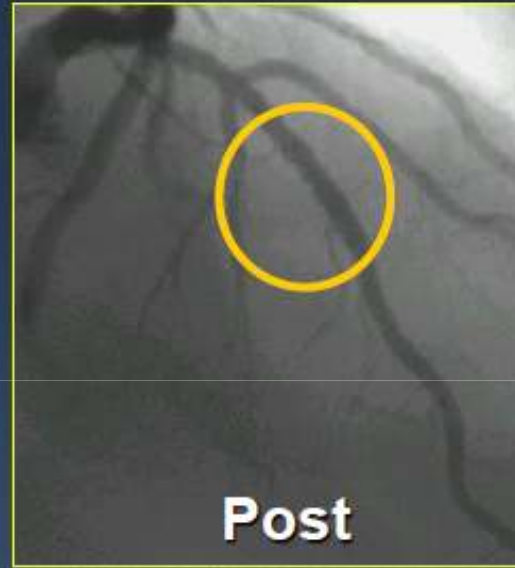
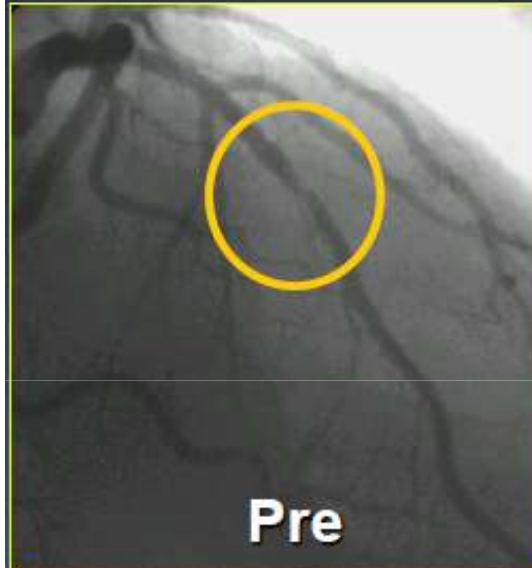
15 patients (Rotterdam, PW. Serruys); slow release

- 4 months follow-up No restenosis, no TVR

***Don't wake me up, don't pinch me,
let me keep dreaming***

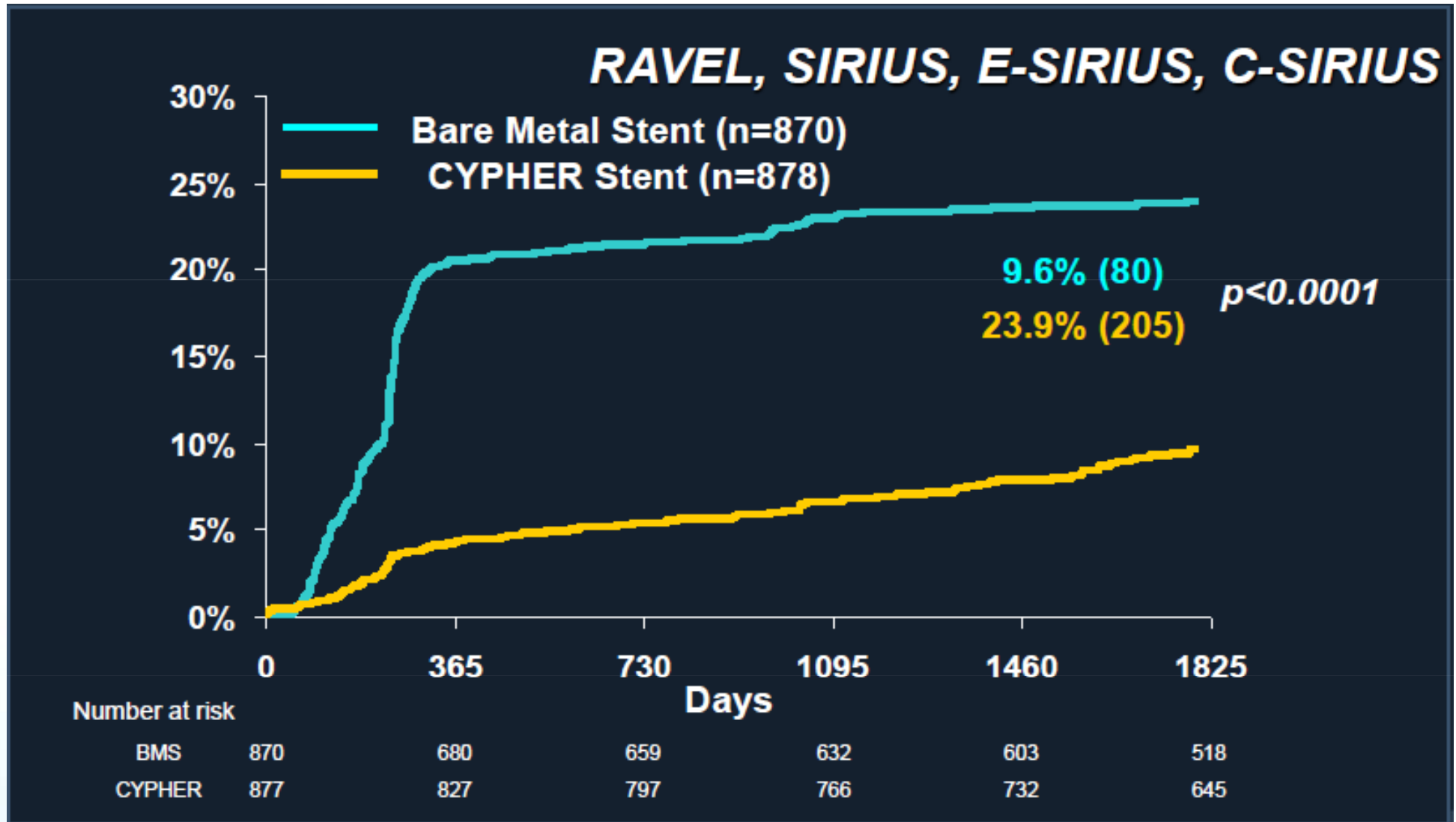


CYPHER™ São Paulo: 7 Years FU



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CYPHER vs. BMS: TLR Pooled Analyses of 4 RCTs



Kirtane A. TCT 2007. Adapted from Stone GW et al. *NEJM* 2007;356:998–1008

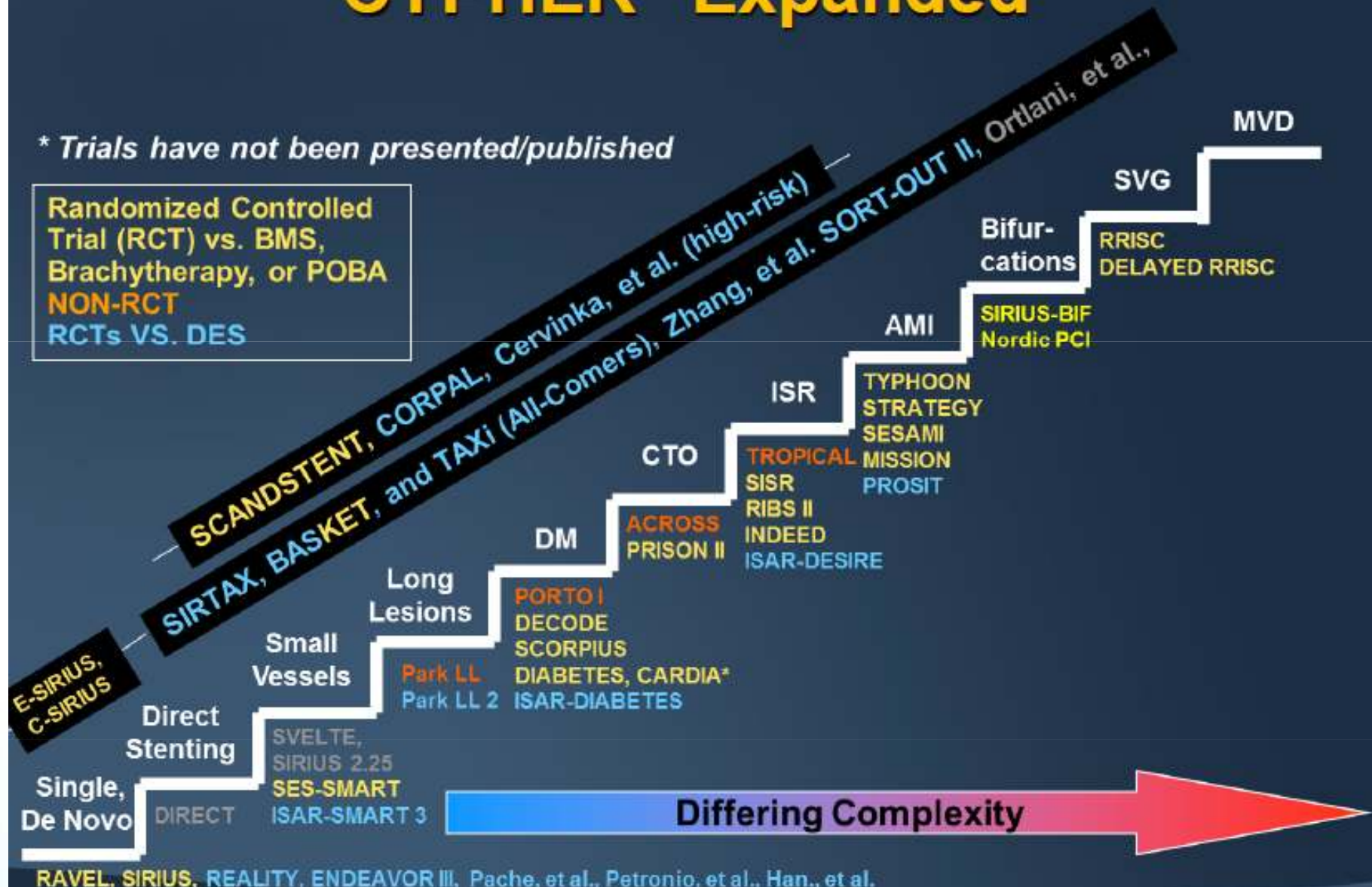
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CYPHER[®] Expanded

* Trials have not been presented/published

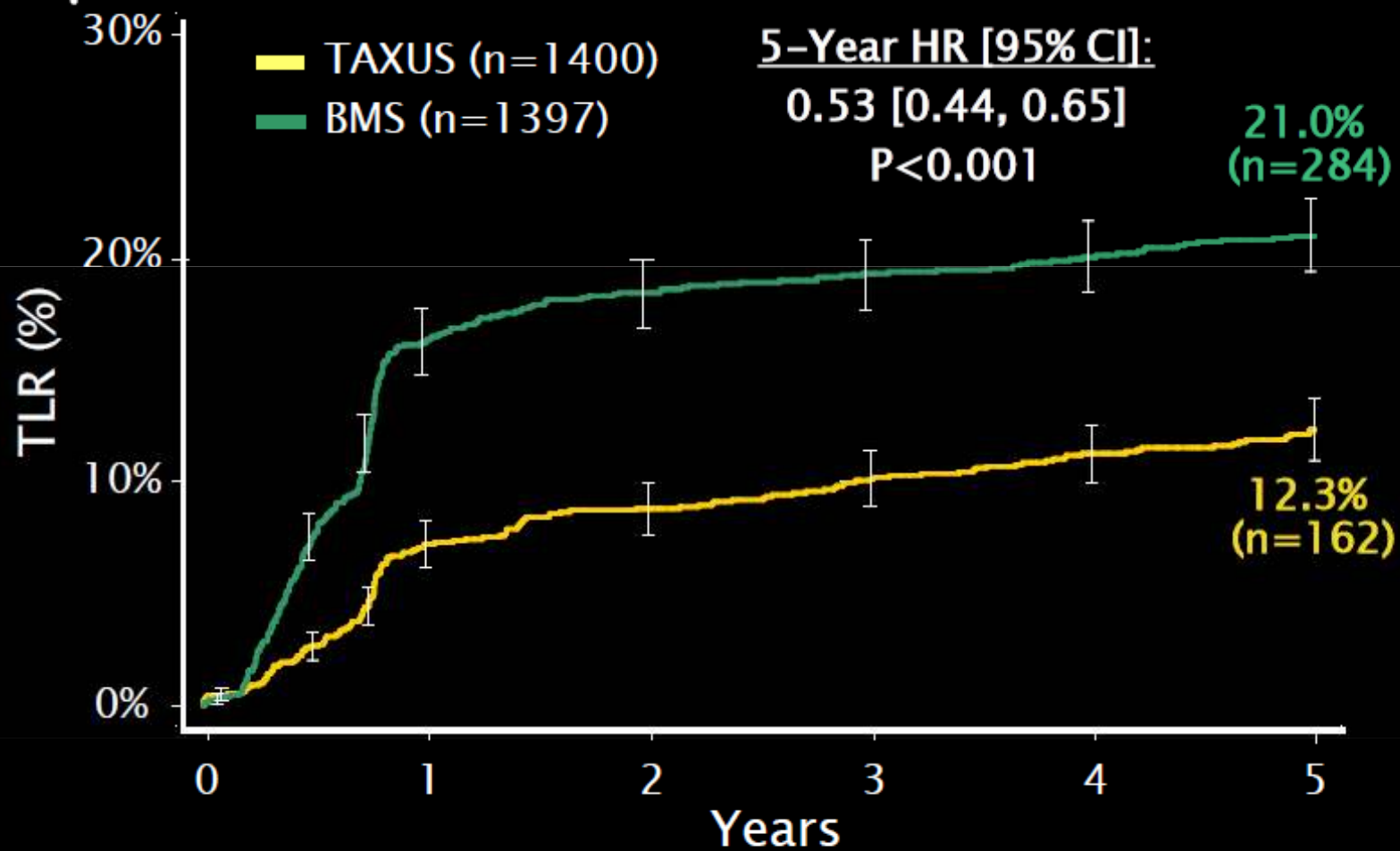
Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) vs. BMS, Brachytherapy, or POBA
NON-RCT
 RCTs VS. DES



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TAXUS

Target Lesion Revascularization at 5 Years TAXUS I, II-SR, IV & V



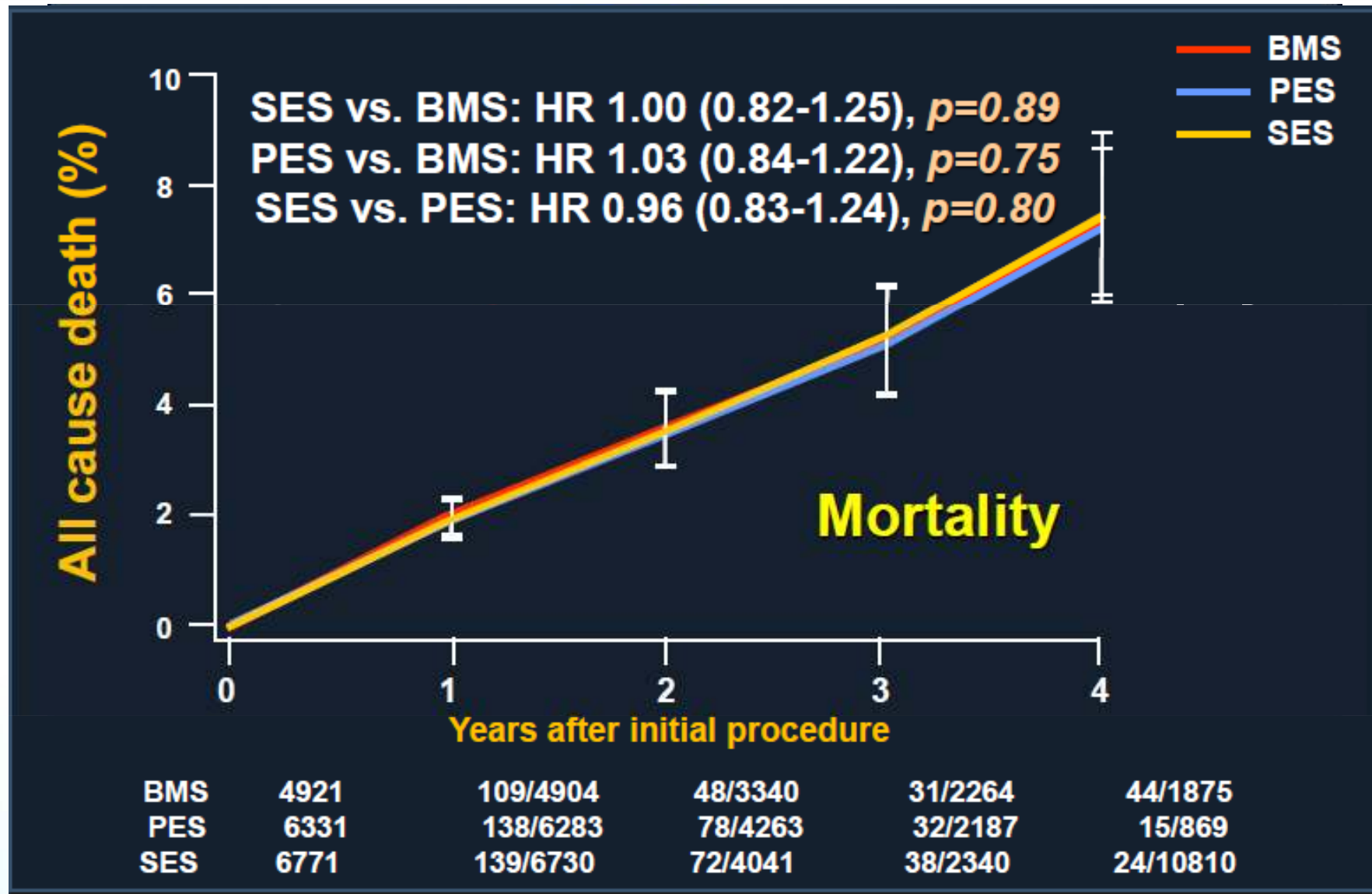
Event Rate \pm 1.5 SE

Stone GW et al. JACC CV Int 2011;4:530-42



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Network Meta-analysis: 38 trials, 18,023 pts



Stettler C et al. Lancet 2007;370:937- 48

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The DES journey from the rosy period to harsh reality

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 I, suggest drug-eluting stents (DES) may increase death, Q-wave myocardial infarction (clinical surrogates of in-stent thrombosis) and cancer deaths, bringing the long-term safety of DES firmly into the spotlight. Discussant Salim Yusuf (McMaster University, Canada) hailed 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've a feeling the data we're seeing today is only the tip of the iceberg. We need to encourage more public access to the data."



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

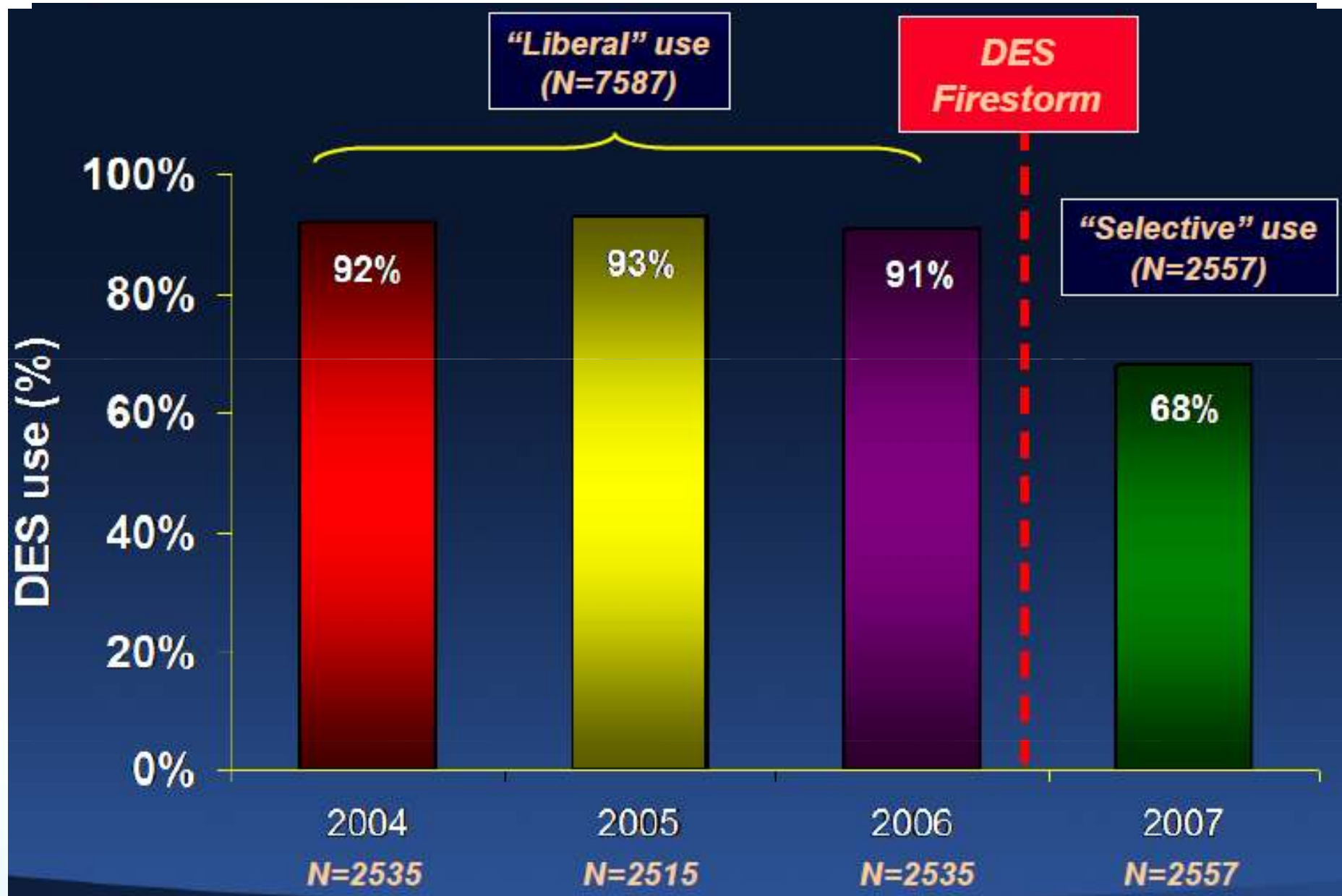
Yusuf widened the debate to include percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI). "The overuse of PCI is an insidious change in the culture of cardiology that needs to be reversed," he said. The use of PCI was established in MI, unstable angina and cardiogenic shock, however, its use in stable disease was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

There's no beneficial influence on mortality - PCI does nothing to prevent heart attack. All we are doing is providing short-term relief of chest pain. It's not re-stenosis that kills but the

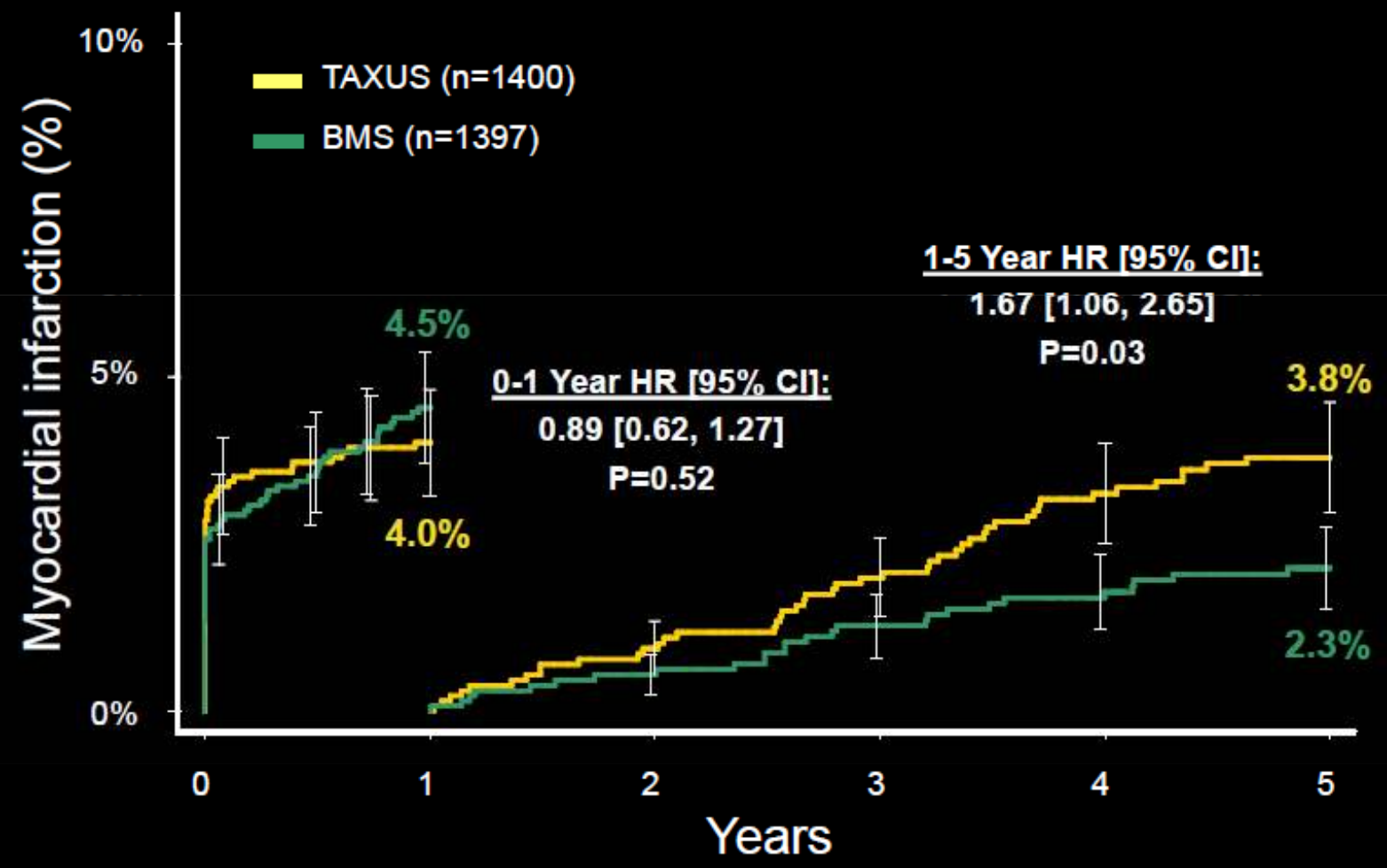
2006: The ESC "Firestorm"



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Myocardial Infarction: Landmark Analysis TAXUS I, II-SR, IV & V (n=2,797)

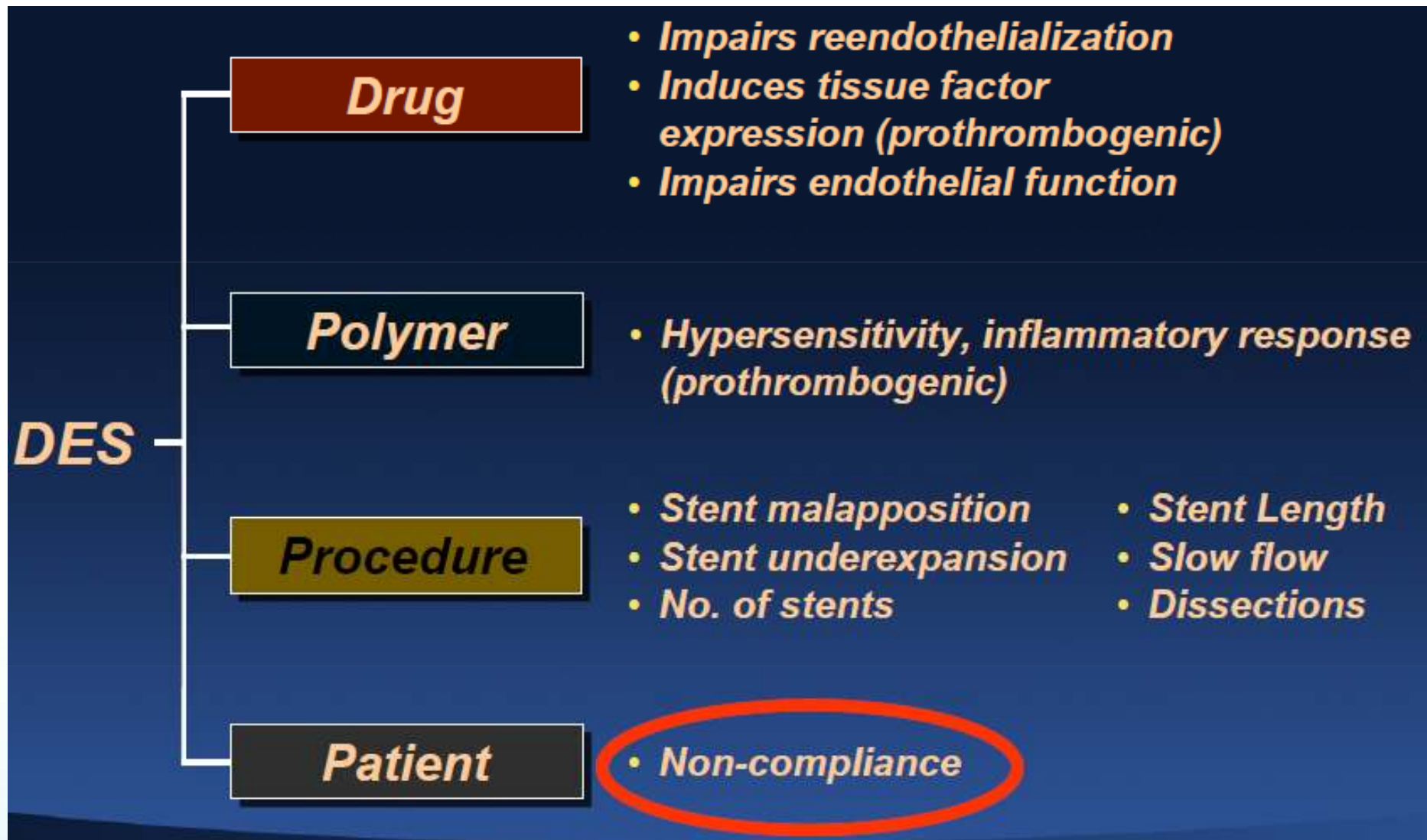


Event Rate ± 1.5 SE

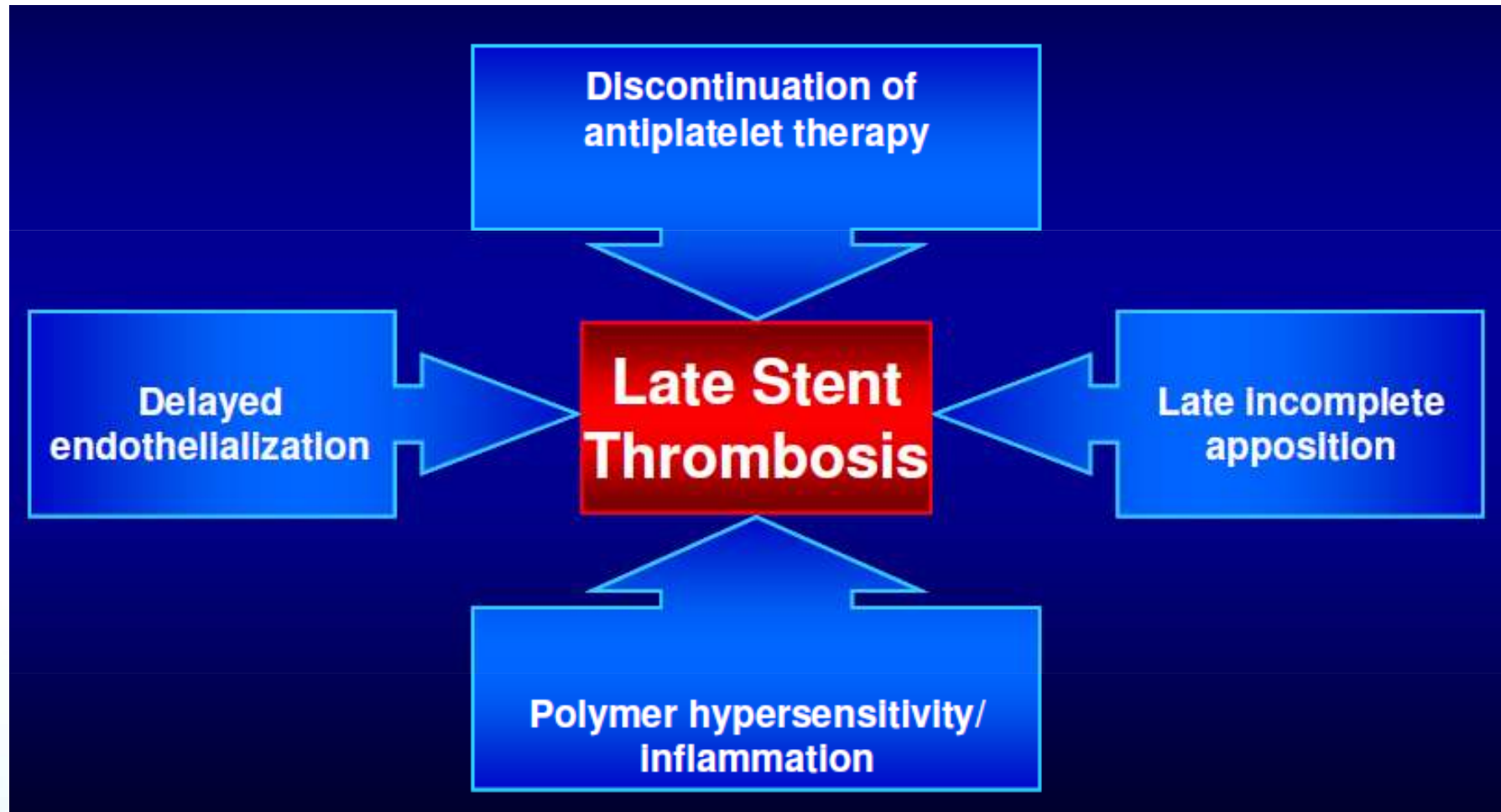
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Potential Problems with DES



DEStent Thrombosis: Late



VERY LATE (67 MONTHS) DRUG-ELUTING STENT THROMBOSIS SOON AFTER DISCONTINUATION OF ANTIPLATELET THERAPY

C. Graidis, D. Dimitriadis, A. Ntatsios, A. D. Mavrogianni, F. Economou, V. Psifos, I. Vogiatzis, G. Spiromitros, K. Voloudakis, N. Chamouratidis.

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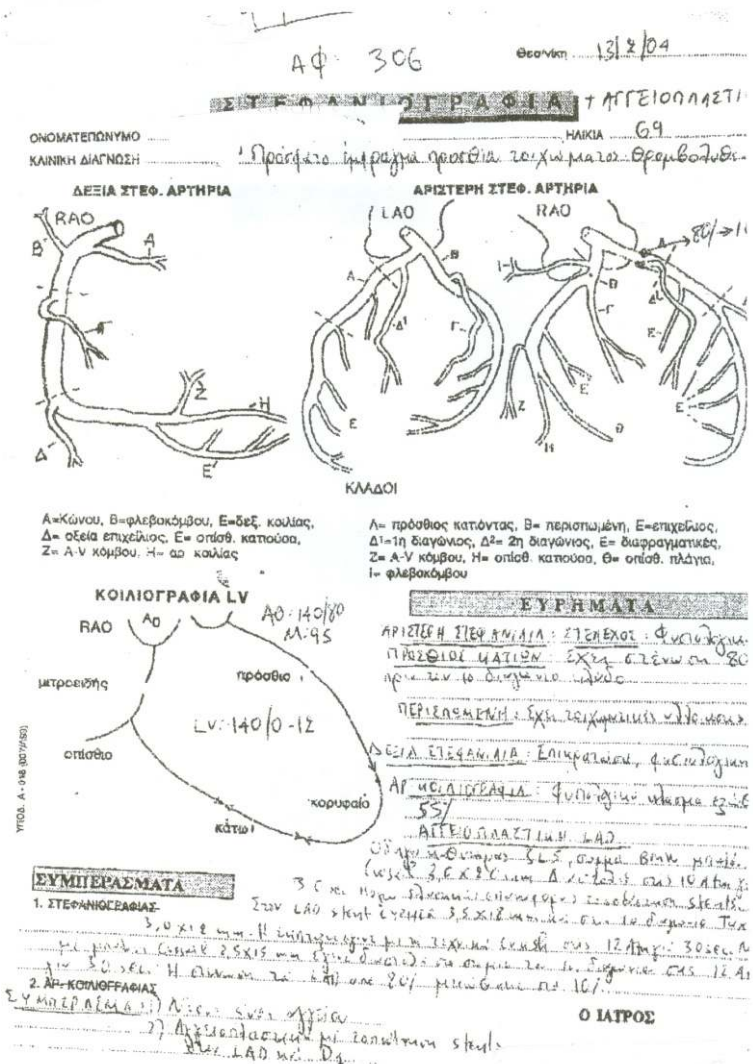


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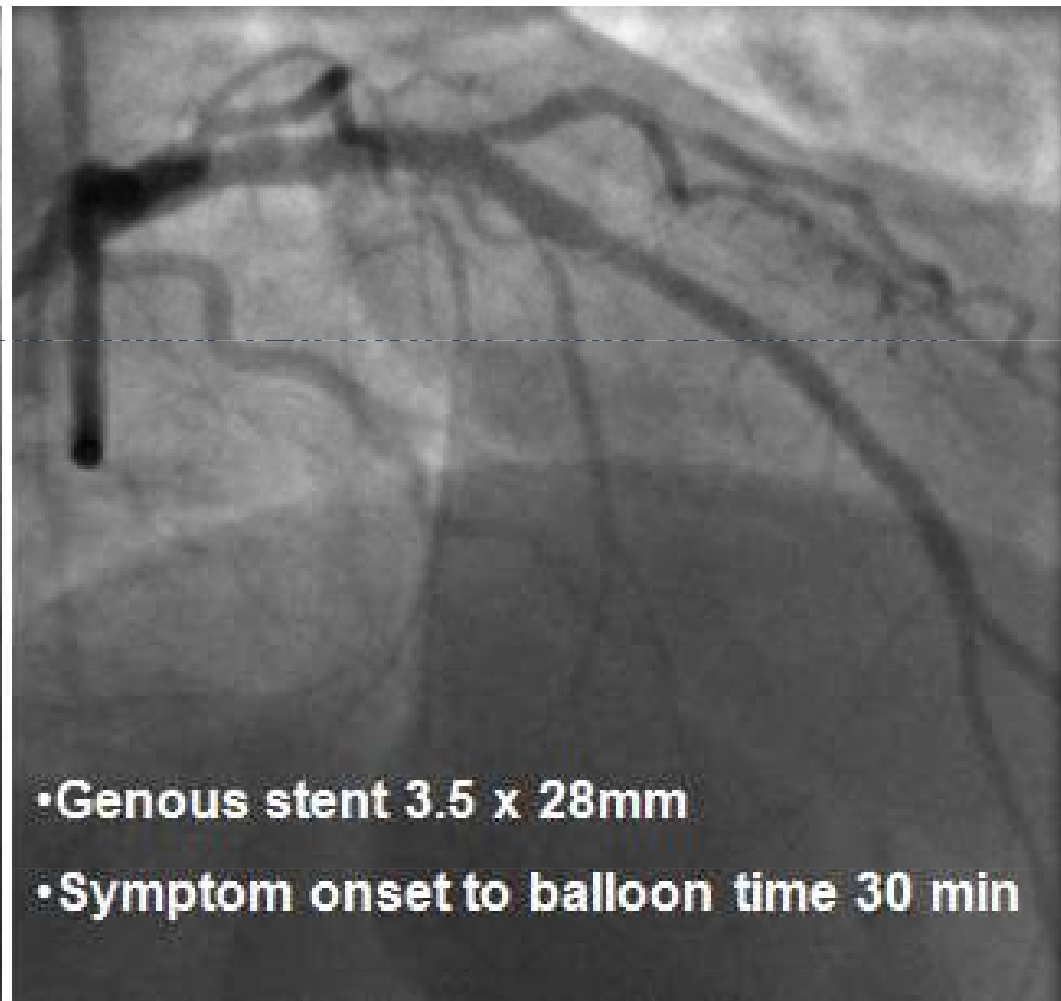
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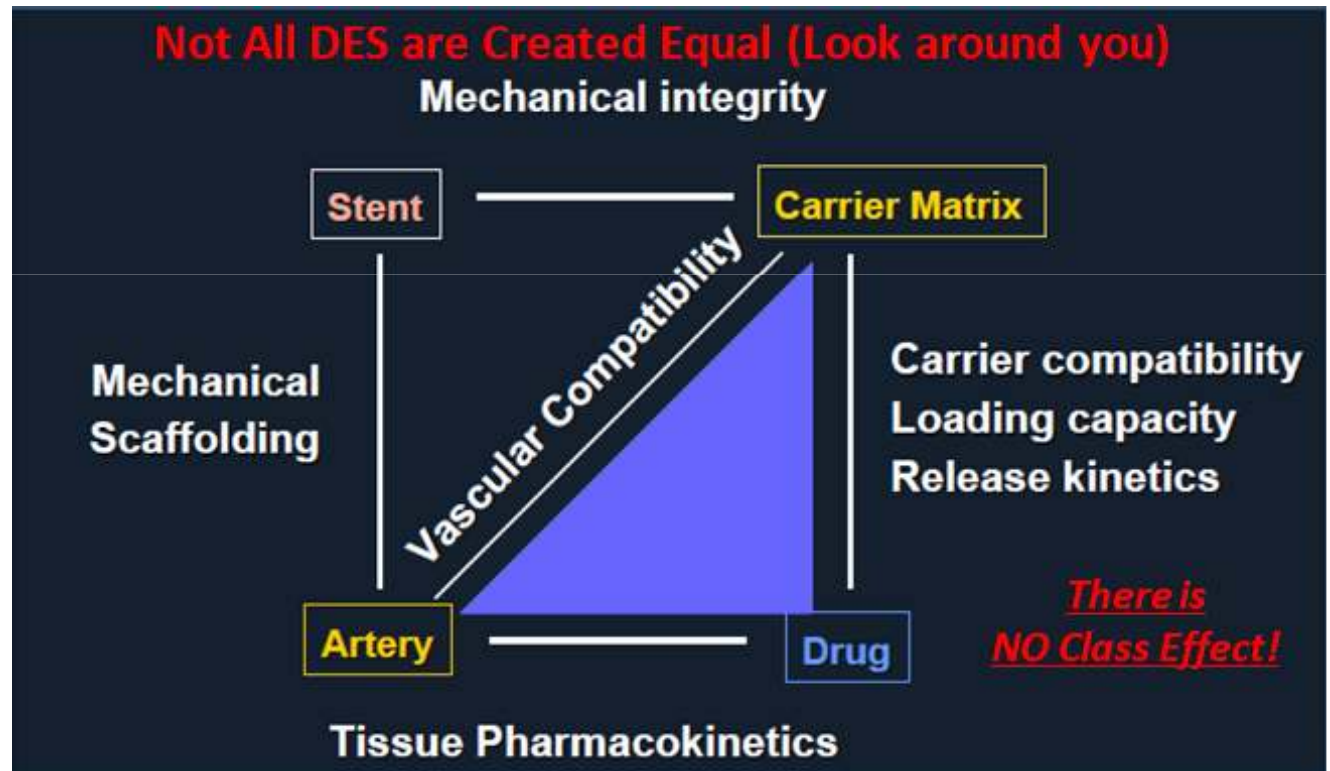
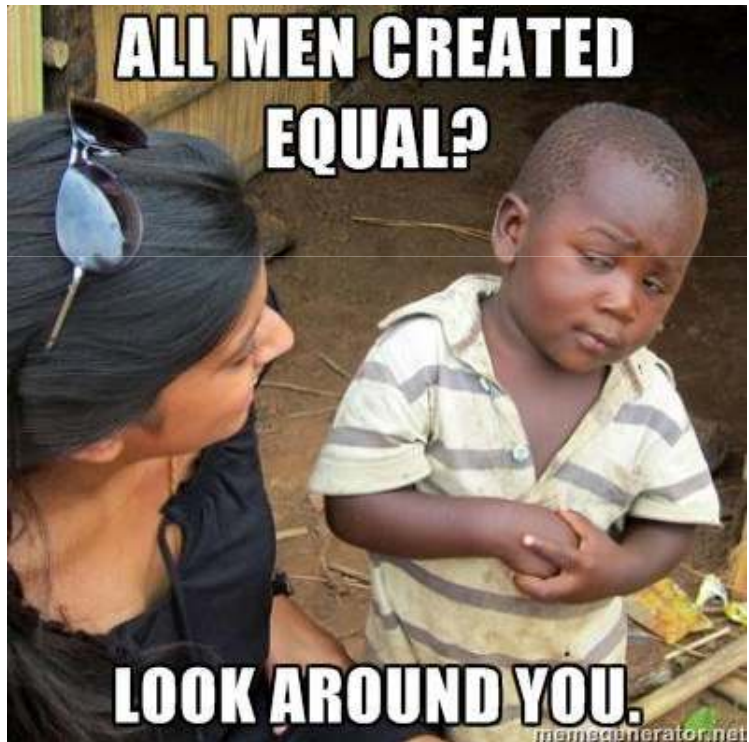
CASE REPORT



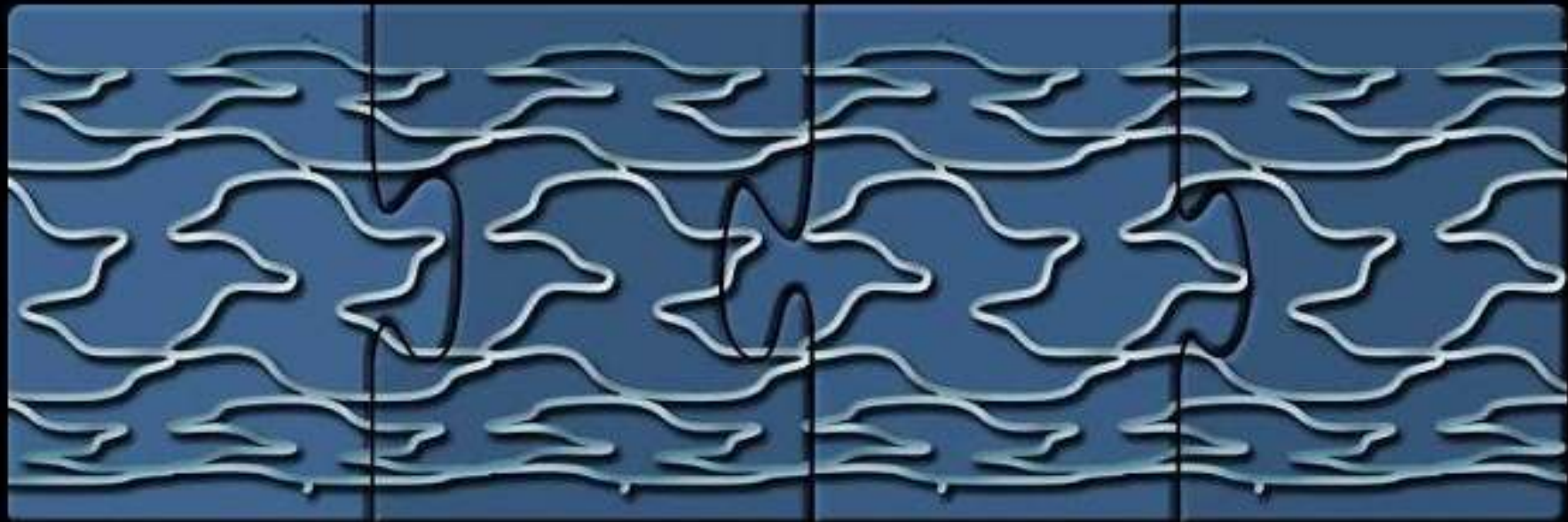
- 74 y.o. male.
- Risk factors for IHD: Hypertension, Dyslipidaemia, Ex-smoker.
- 13 Feb 2004: PCI for a bifurcation lesion LAD / D1 (Recent Anterior STEMI thrombolysed).
 - Crushing technique
 - LAD: Cypher 3.5 x 18mm
 - D1: Taxus 3 x 12mm
 - No final kissing balloon performed.

CASE REPORT





Requirements of the ideal DES



Efficacy

Safety

Deliverability

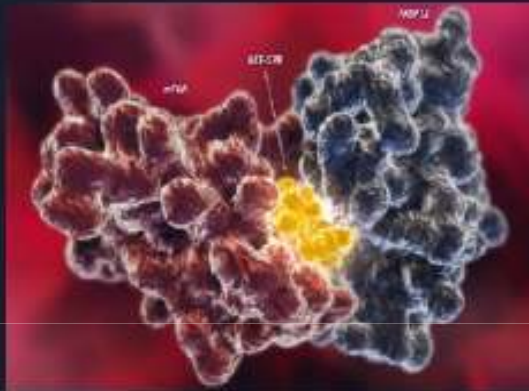
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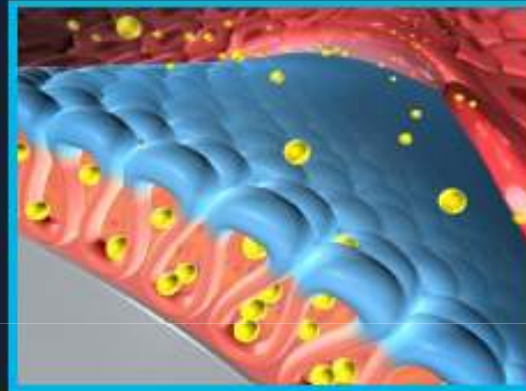
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Second Generation DES

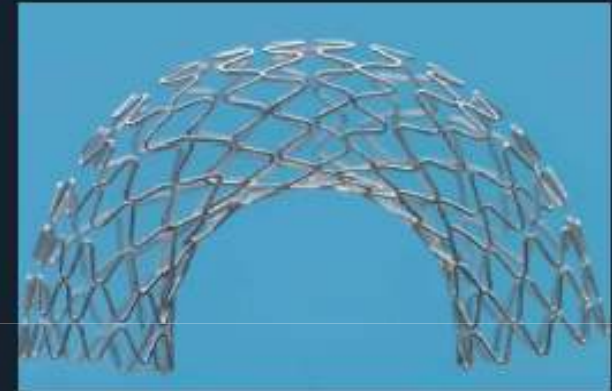
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**Zotarolimus
Drug**

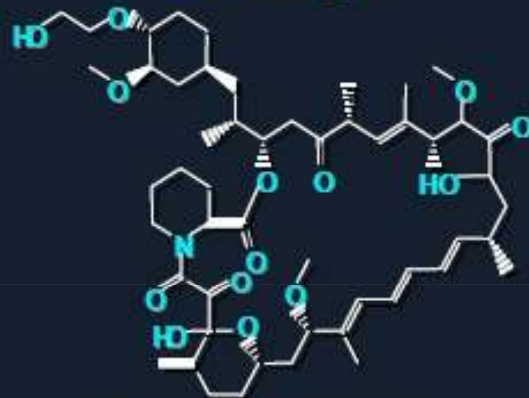


**BioLinx copolymer
Polymer**



**Driver
Stent**

Xience V*



Everolimus



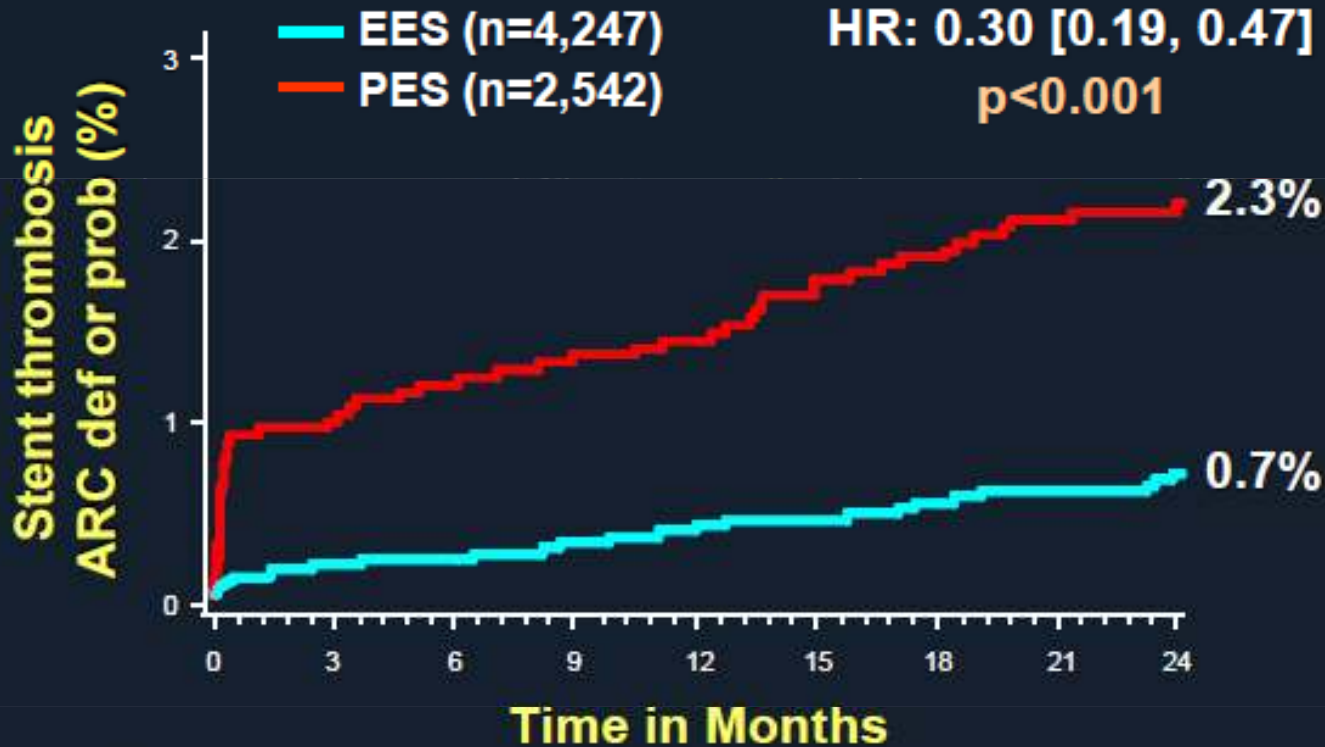
VDF + HFP copolymer



Vision



MAC Stent thrombosis (ARC definite/probable)



Number at risk					
XIENCE	4247	4177	4082	3998	3479
TAXUS	2542	2463	2408	2350	2110

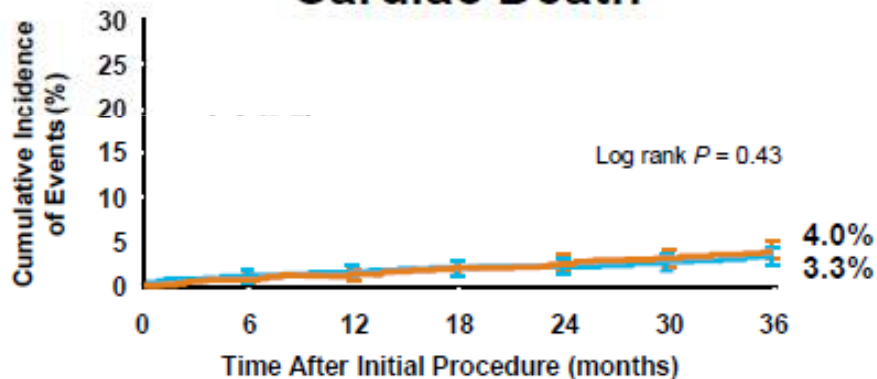


RESOLUTE All Comers

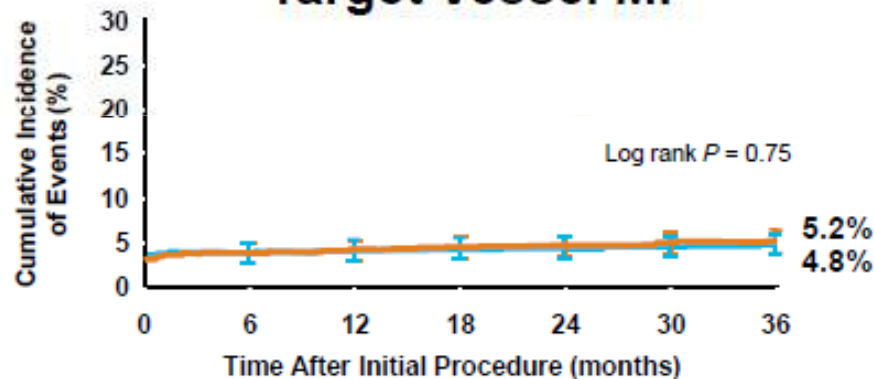
Clinical Outcomes at 3 Years

— Resolute™ ZES — Xience V™ EES

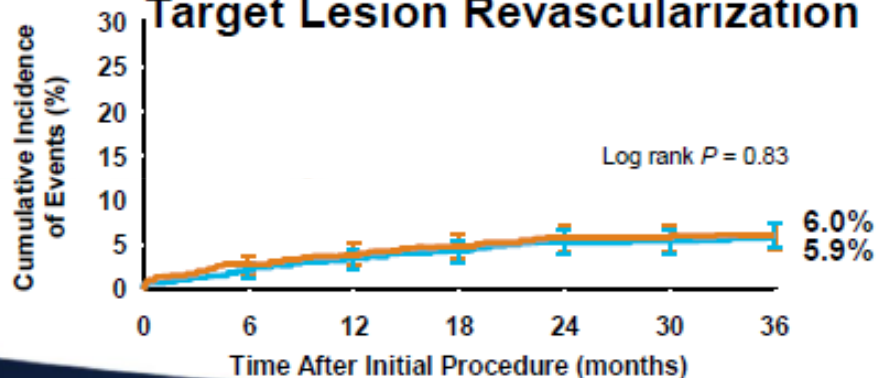
Cardiac Death



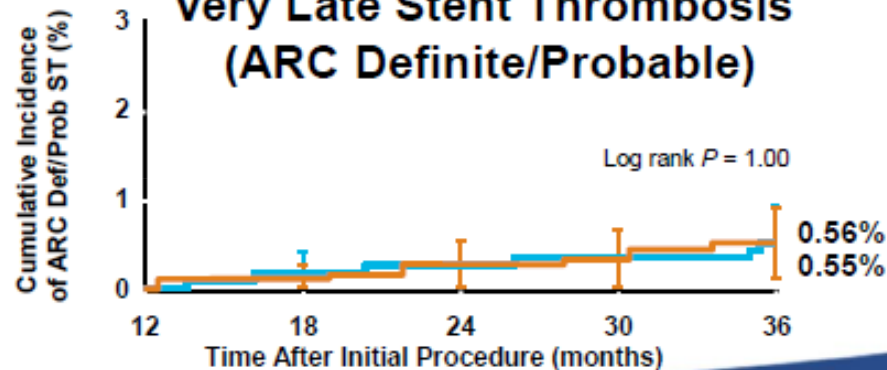
Target Vessel MI



Target Lesion Revascularization

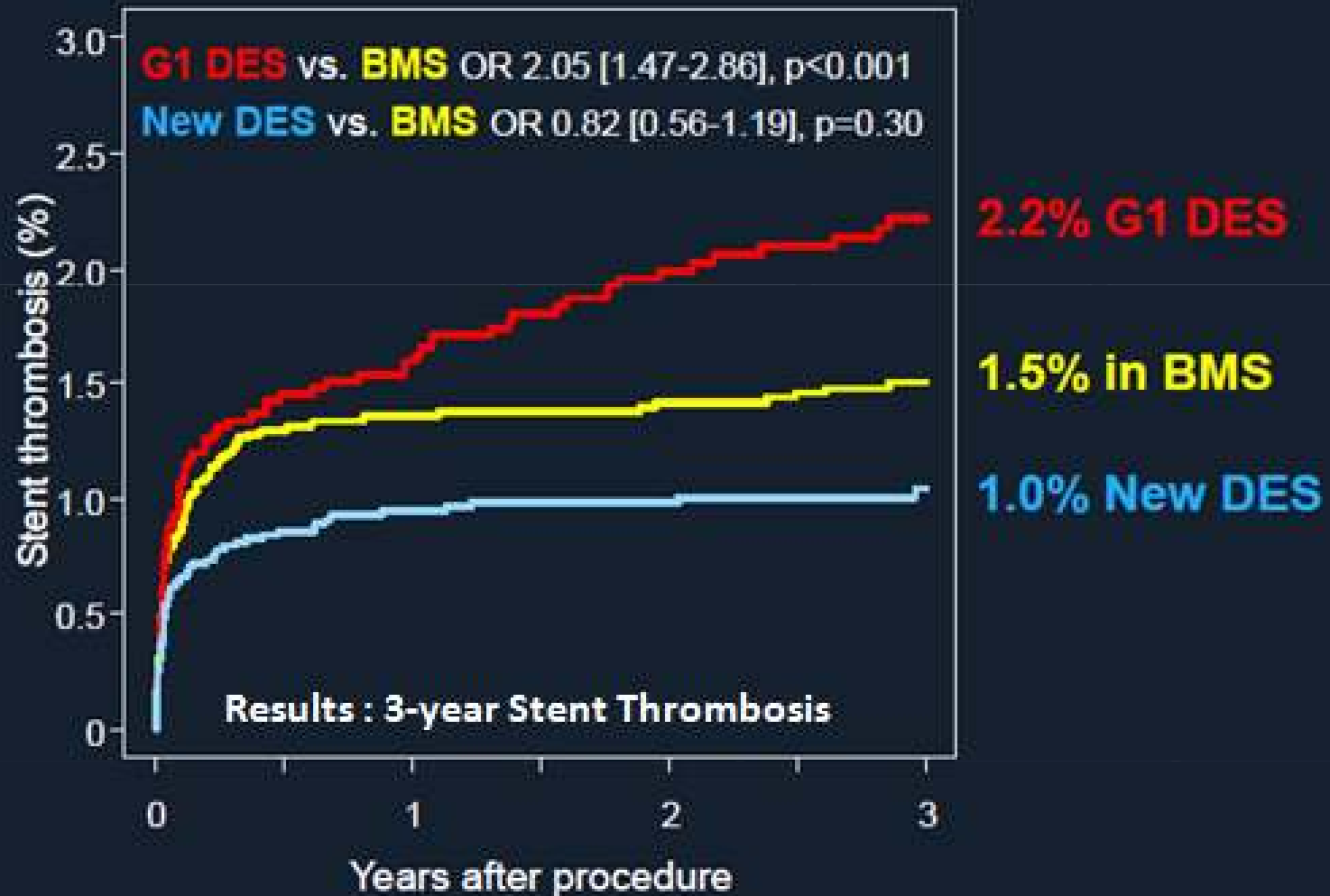


Very Late Stent Thrombosis (ARC Definite/Probable)



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DHZ Stent Thrombosis Registry



Tada et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol Interv* Dec 2013 in press

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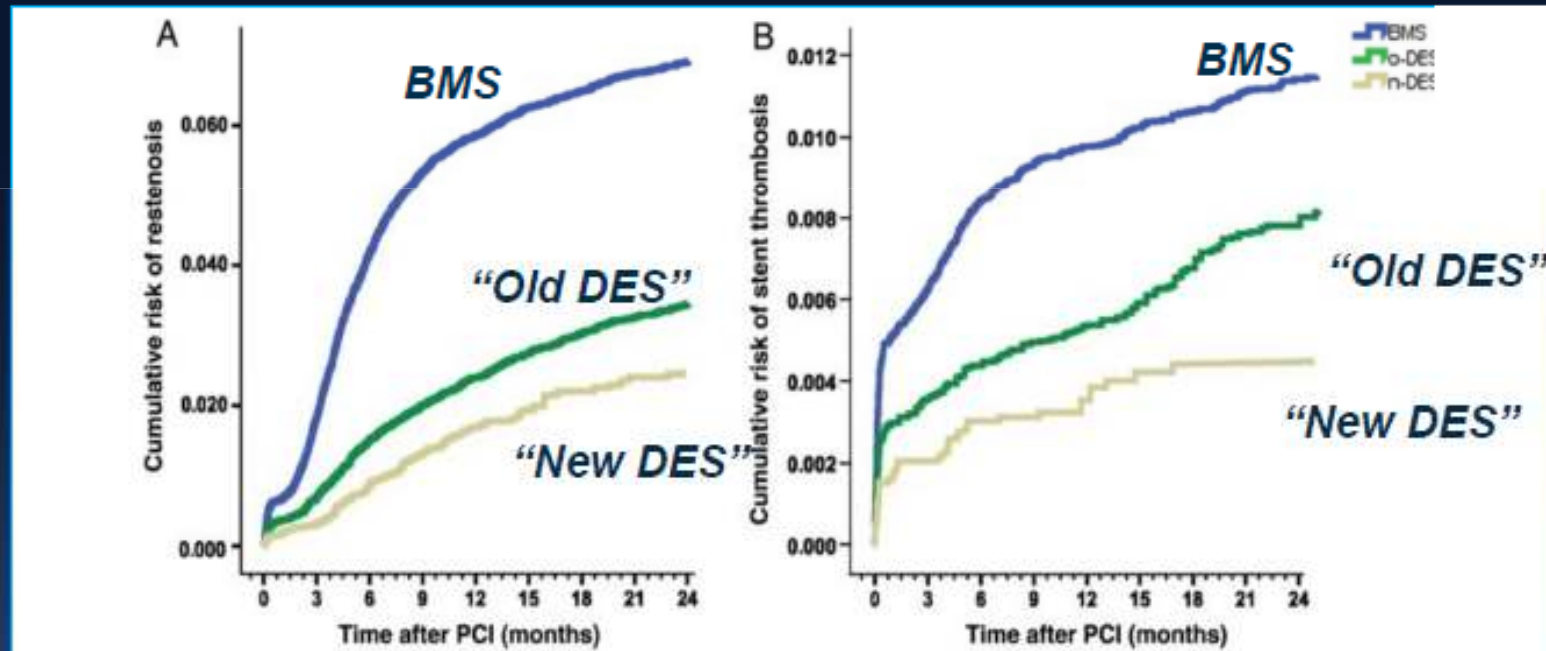


SCAAR Registry (94,384 pts)

Adjusted Risks of Adverse Events at 2 yrs

Restenosis

Definite Stent Thrombosis



n at risk	0 months	6 months	12 months	18 months	24 months
BMS	64 631	56 070	47 968	40 539	32 698
o-DES	19 202	17 862	16 014	13 517	10 533
n-DES	10 551	8 092	4 188	2 005	847

Sarno et al, Eur Heart J 2012

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N=1050	1 st Gen	2 nd Gen	P value
Death	21 (4.51%)	17(3.06%)	0.2923
Cardiac Death	4 (0.86%)	6(1.08%)	0.9708
TVR	38(8.15%)	27(4.86%)	0.0437
MACE	59(12.6%)	44(7.93%)	0.01

Conclusion

In our study, patients treated with percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) with second-generation drug-eluting stents (DES) had a lower risk of clinically driven TVR and MACE at long-term follow-up, compared with those treated with first-generation DES.



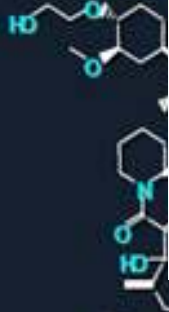
Second Generation DES

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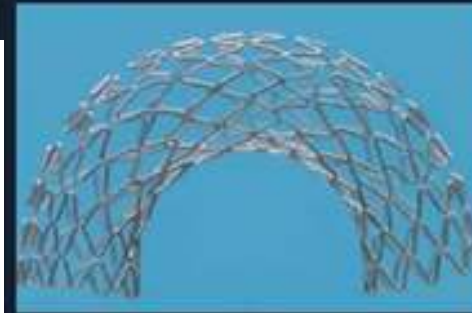
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**Driver
Stent**



Vision

Newer generation DES combine improved efficacy with improved safety profile and constitute a new standard of care in patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention



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Current Generation DES



**RESOLUTE
INTEGRITY**



**PROMUS
ELEMENT**

Polymer component	BioLinx [®] , a blend of hydrophobic C10 polymer, hydrophilic C19 polymer & poly-vinyl pyrrolidone	Fluoropolymer coating
Thickness of coating layer	5.6 μm	7 μm
Antiproliferative drug	Zotarolimus	Everolimus
Drug release period	180 days	120 days
Material of metal stent platform	Cobalt-chromium	Platinum-chromium
Strut thickness of metal stent platform	91 μm	81 μm
Stent manufacturer	Medtronic	Boston Scientific



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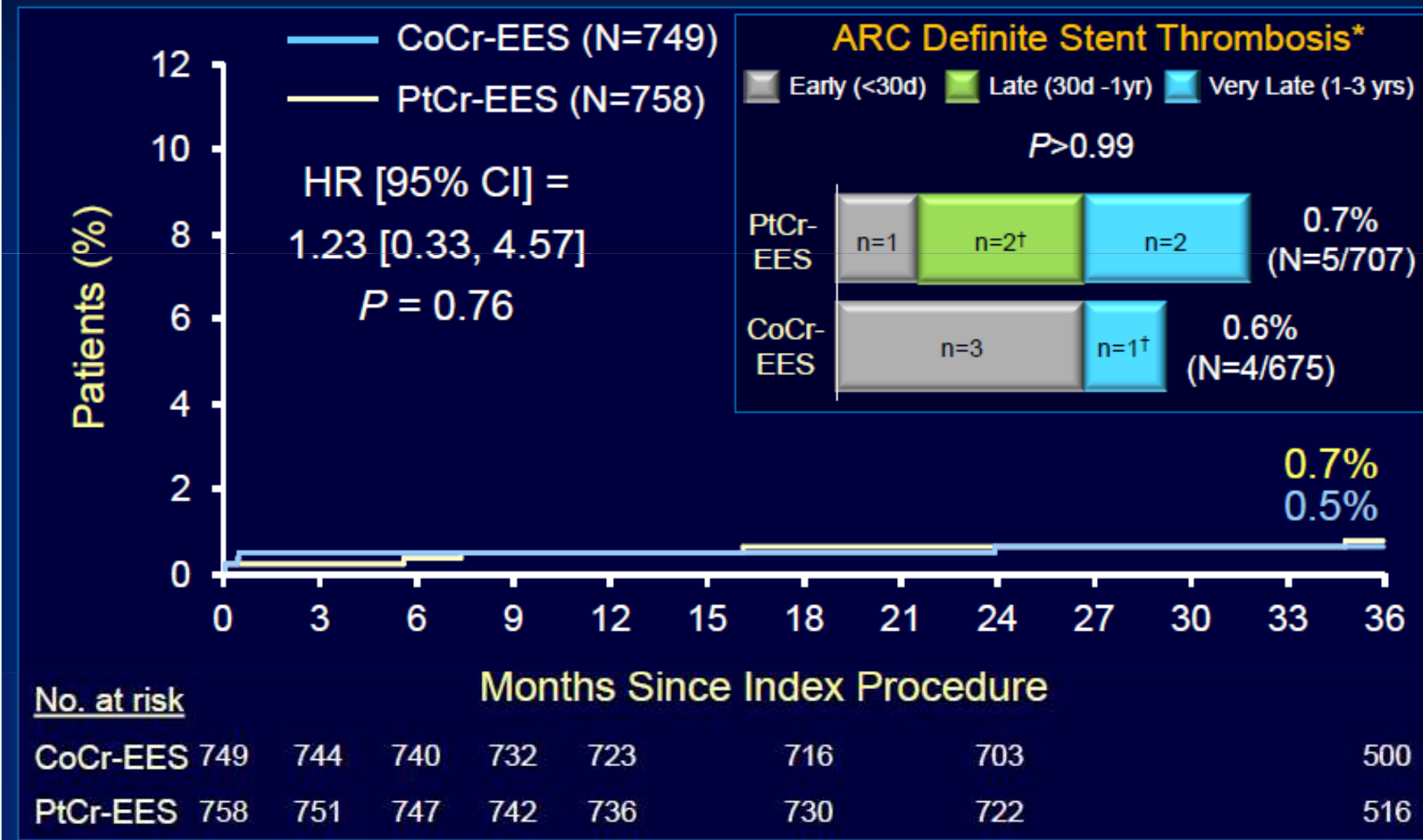
DES vs. DES Comparisons



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Stent Thrombosis - ARC Def/Prob

3-Year Follow-up



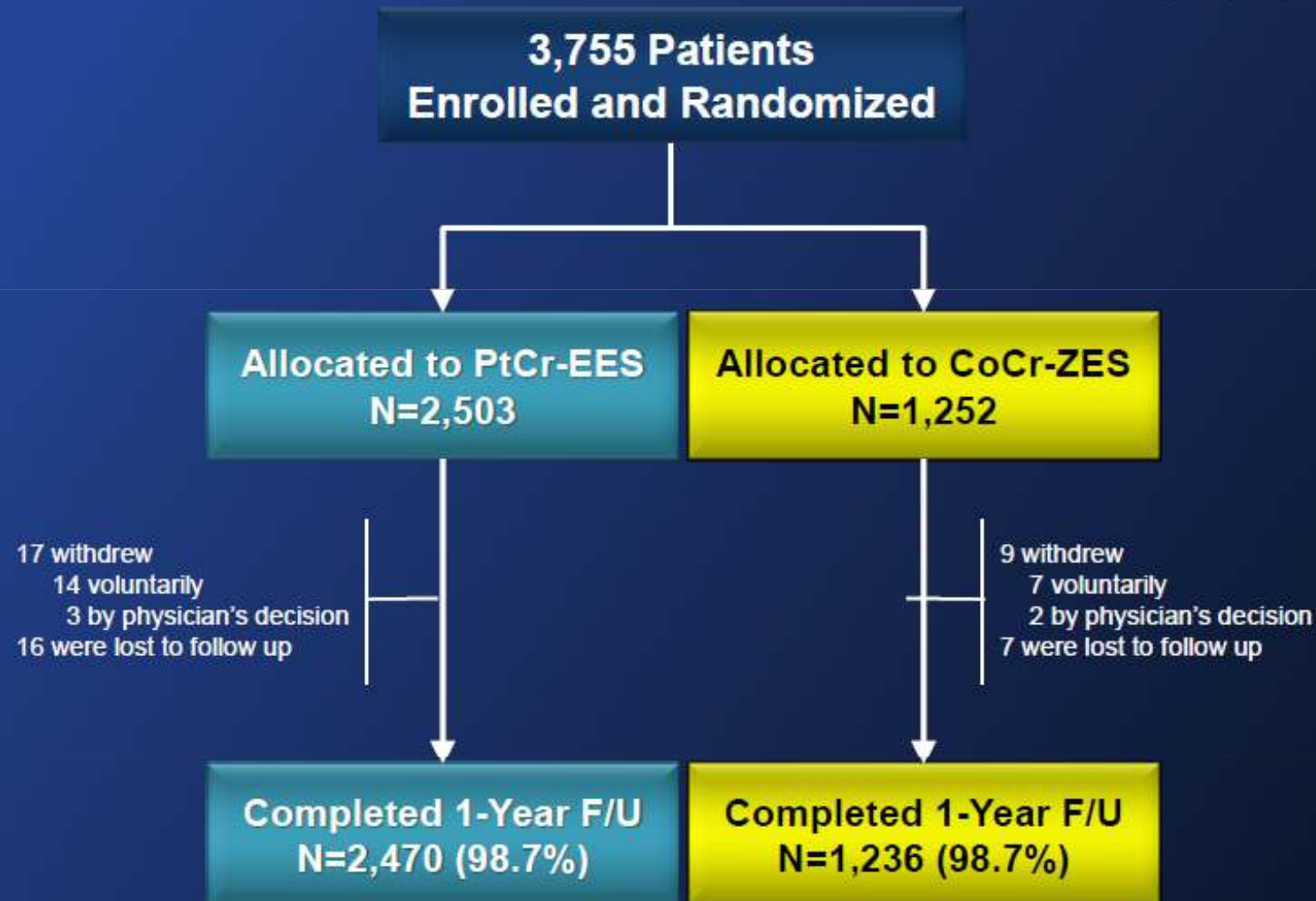
Stone GW et al. JACC 2013 (abstract)

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Trial Flow

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ASSURE



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Stent Thrombosis

HOST
ASSURE

Definite ST

p=1.000

Probable ST

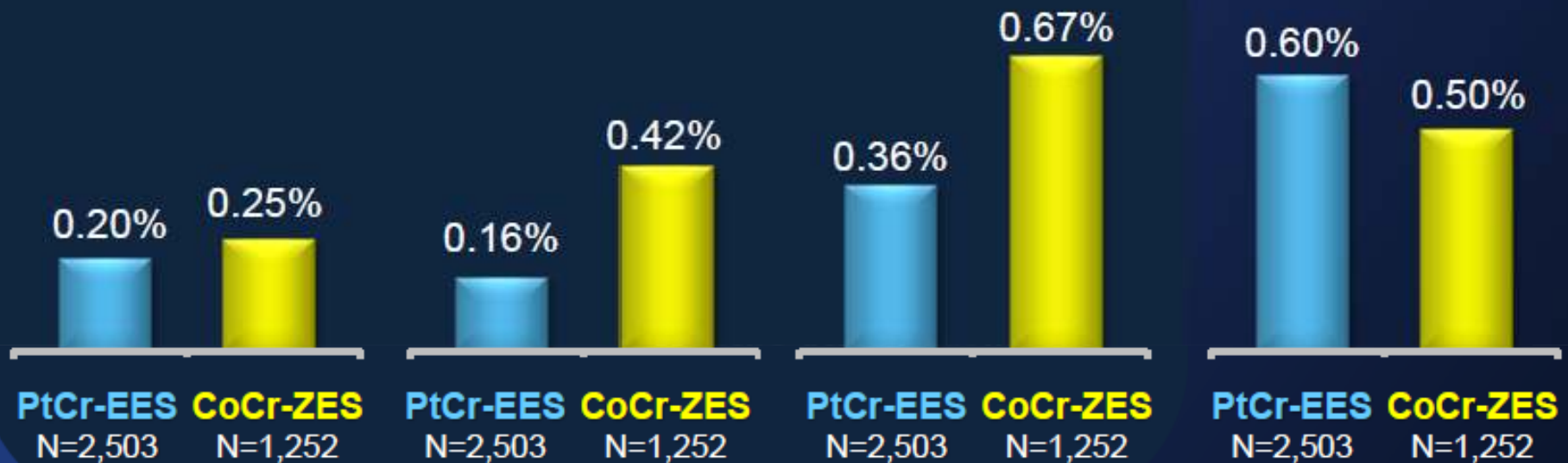
p=0.171

Definite or Probable ST

p=0.229

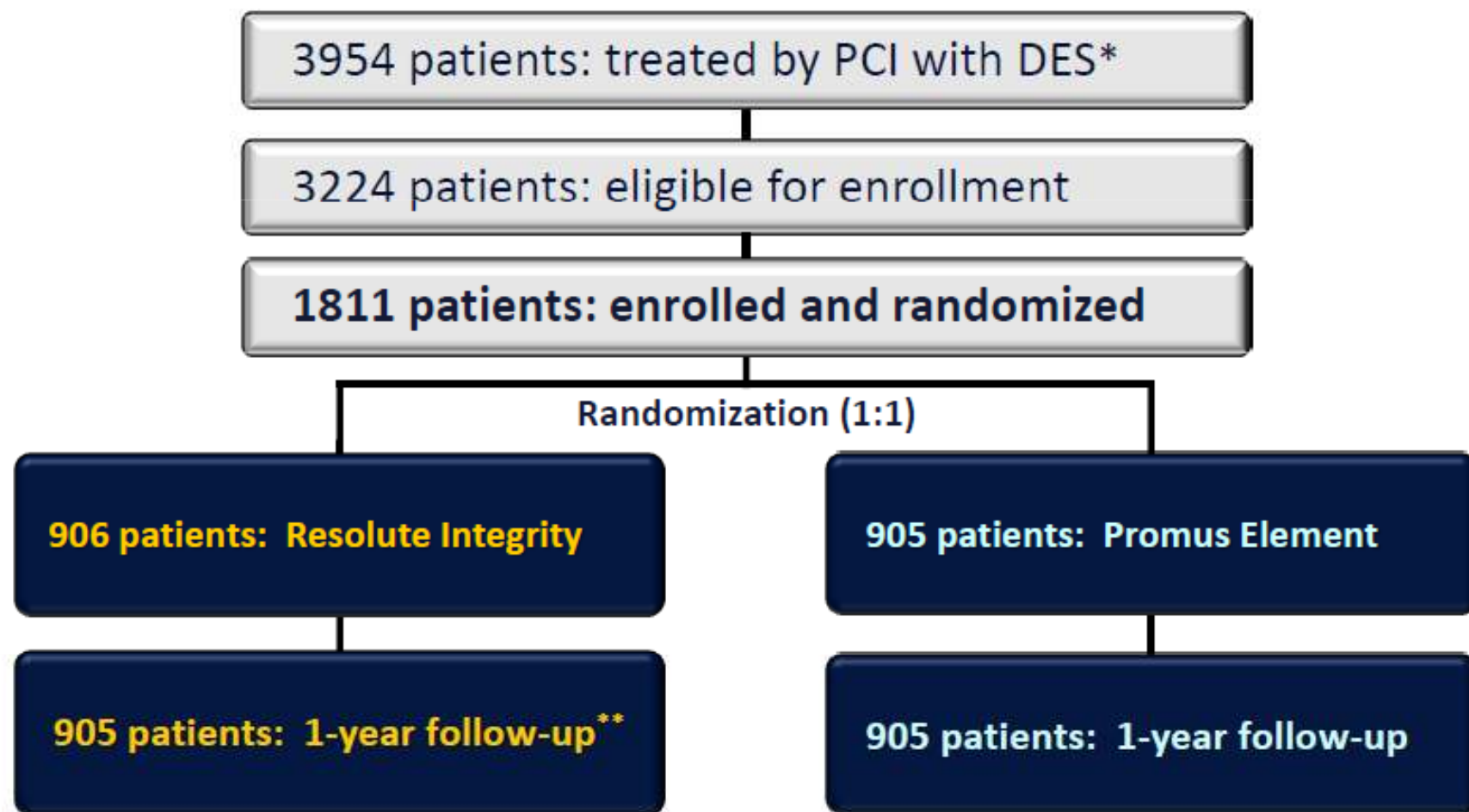
Possible ST

p=0.642



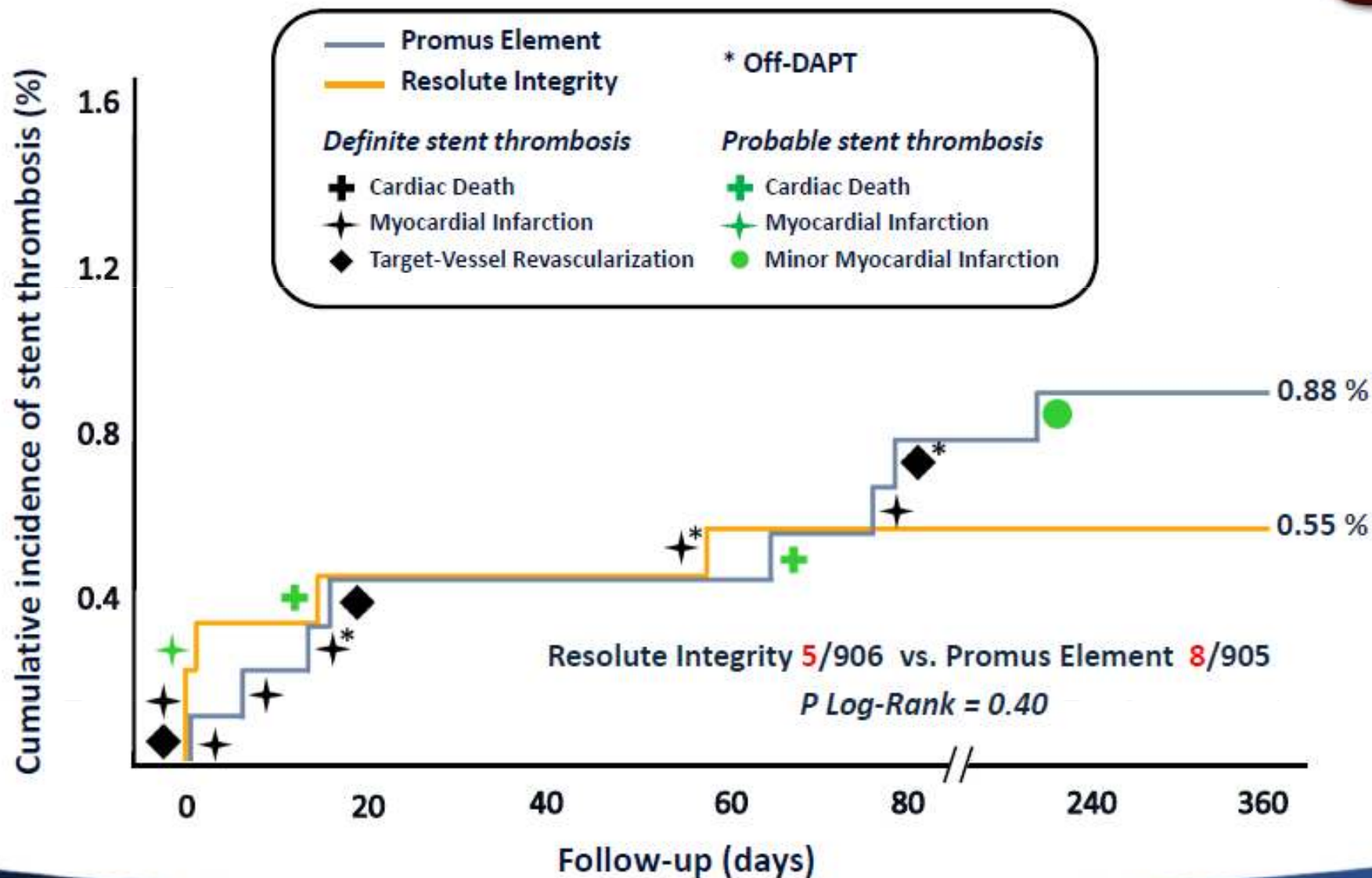
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Study Flow Diagram



- 56% of eligible patients enrolled
- Follow-up data obtained in 99.9% of patients





Clinical Outcomes At Mid Term FU (9.3 ± 3.2 months) N=234

All -cause death, MI, TVR	10 (4.3%)
<u>All -cause death</u>	7 (3%)
cardiac	4 (1.7%)
Related to the TV	3 (1.3%)
Not related to the TV	1 (0.4%)
non-cardiac	3 (1.3%)
Myocardial infarction	0 (0%)
Target vessel revascularization (TVR)	3 (1.3%)
<u>Target lesion revascularization (TLR)</u>	2 (0.9%)
TLR, PCI	1 (0.4%)
TLR, CABG	1 (0.4%)
Non-TLR TVR, overall	1 (0.4%)
Stent thrombosis (ARC def/prob)	1 (0.4%)
Target lesion failure	6 (2.6%)



Current DES generation - Are Patient Outcomes Improving ?



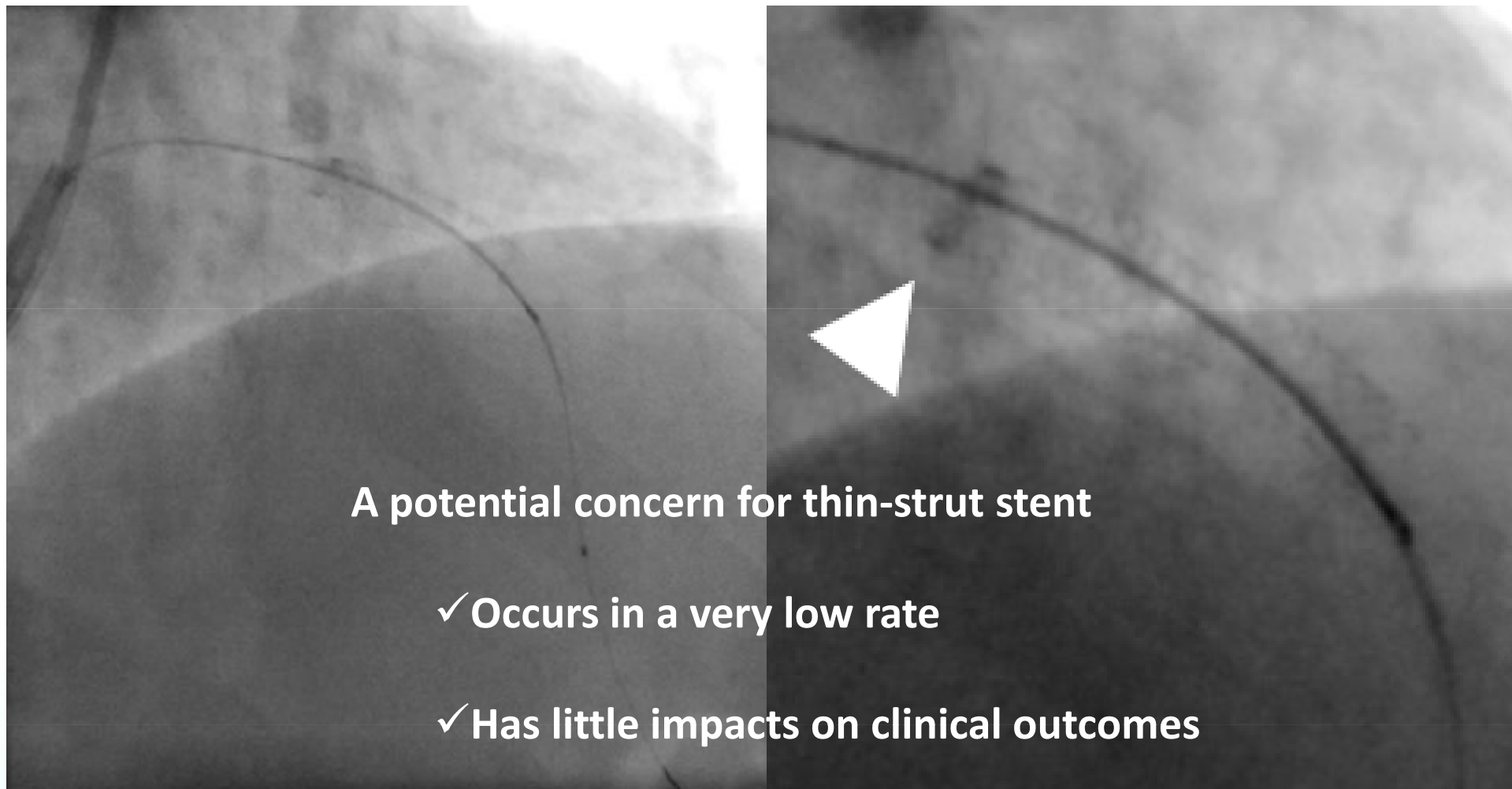
Advanced stent platforms with excellent deliverability, less arterial injury and improved biocompatibility resulted in excellent clinical outcomes

- **The risk of repeat revascularization is further reduced**
- **The risk of ST is exceedingly low**
- **Stenting of ischemic lesions improves outcomes**



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Longitudinal deformation, a trade-off of thin strut?



- Angiograms of all patients were reviewed for stent deformation (LSD).
- LSD was defined as distortion or shortening of an implanted stent in the longitudinal axis following successful initial deployment.
- LSD was noted on angiograms of 9 patients of the Promus Element group and none of the Resolute Integrity group (9/905 vs. 0/906; $p=0.002$).
- In the Promus Element group, LSD was seen in 1/100 patients treated (1%) and in 0.6/100 Promus Element stents implanted (0.6%).
- LSD often triggered postdilation and implantation of additional stents, but was not associated with any adverse events.

Case	PDSL	Stent type	Diameter	Vessel	Lesion	Characteristics	Post-dilation	Additional prox. stent	Association with clinical event
Following attempts to re-cross stent									
1	0.94	Pr. Element	3.0 mm	LAD	C	bifurcation	+	+	none
2	0.83	Pr. Element	2.5 mm	RCA	C	severe calcification	+	+	none
3	0.74	Pr. Element	3.5 mm	LAD	C	bifurcation	+	+	none
4	0.79	Pr. Element	2.25 mm	LAD	C	bifurcation	-	+	none
Following very oversized postdilatation									
5	0.94	Pr. Element	2.25 mm	LAD	C	severe calcification	+	+	none
6	0.87	Pr. Element	3.5 mm	Left main	B2	bifurcation	+	-	none
Following contact with guiding or balloon catheter									
7	0.81	Pr. Element	2.5 mm	RCA	C	bifurcation	+	+	none
8	0.91	Pr. Element	3.0 mm	LAD	C	moderate calcification	+	+	none
9	0.84	Pr. Element	3.0 mm	RCA	C	severe calcification	+	-	none



Results

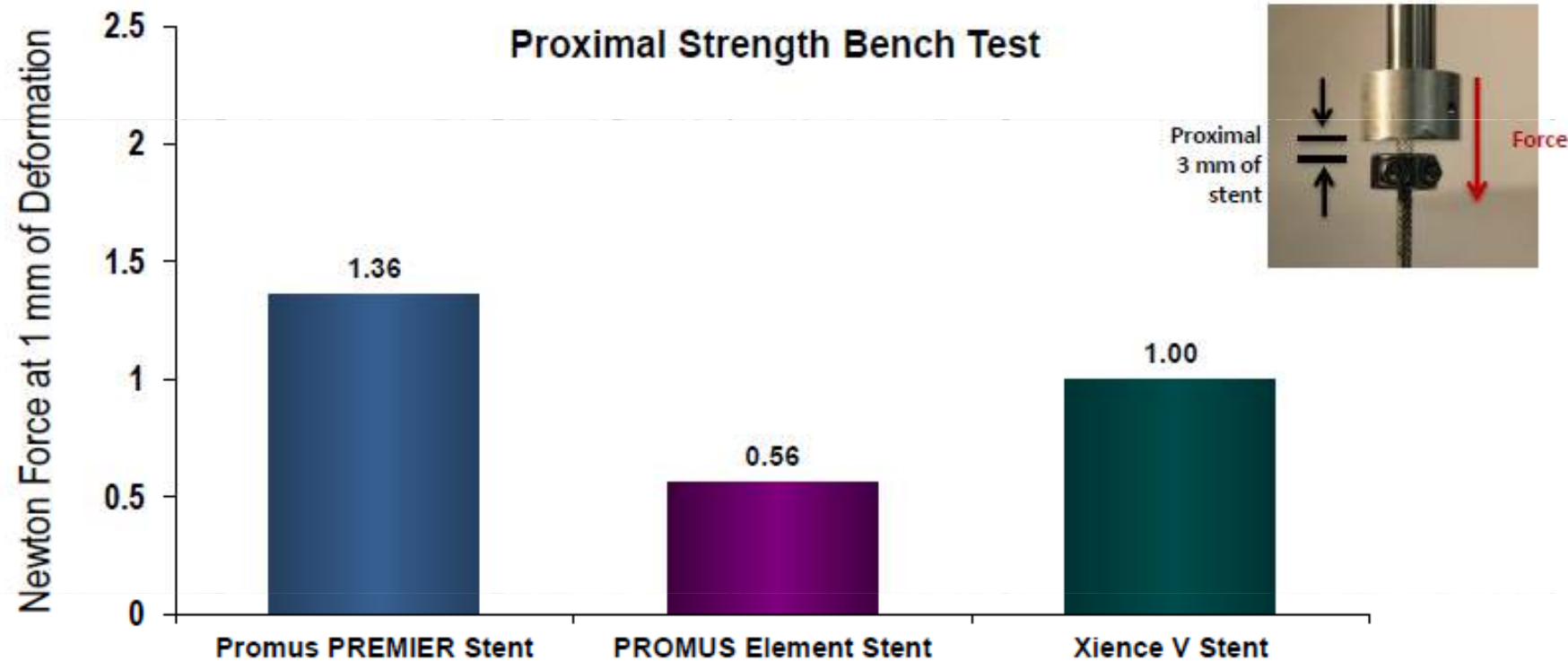
- The rate of stent deformation varied from 0% in several stent types to 0.55% in the case of the Promus Element stent.



Concentric Compression Test

Difference in Promus Premier stent

Promus PREMIER Stent is 2.4x stronger than the PROMUS Element™ Stent and 1.4x stronger than the Xience V™ Stent following deformation



Force to cause 1 mm of deformation on the proximal 3 mm of a stent

2.5±0.5mm

2.4±0.8mm

1.3±0.1mm

4.1 ± 0.1mm

2.8±0.3mm

2.2 ±0.7mm

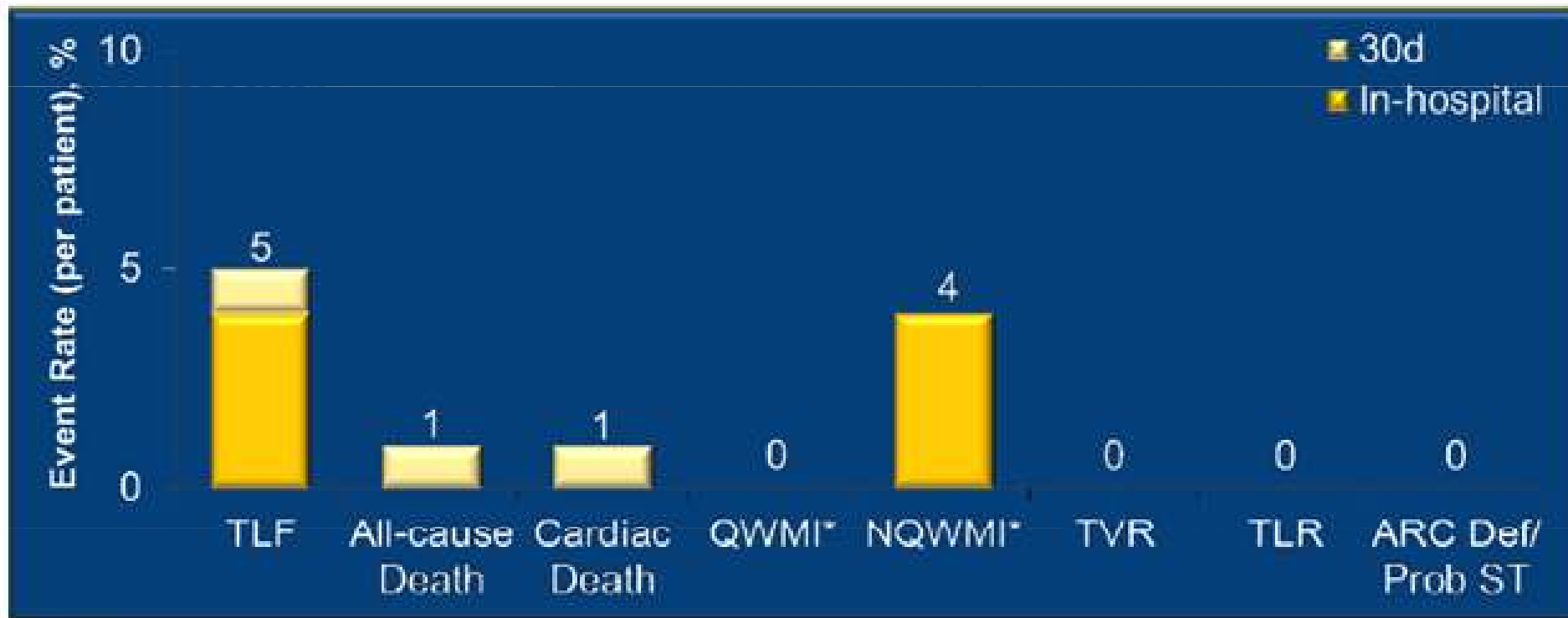


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NG PROMUS Trial

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Clinical Outcomes (30 days)



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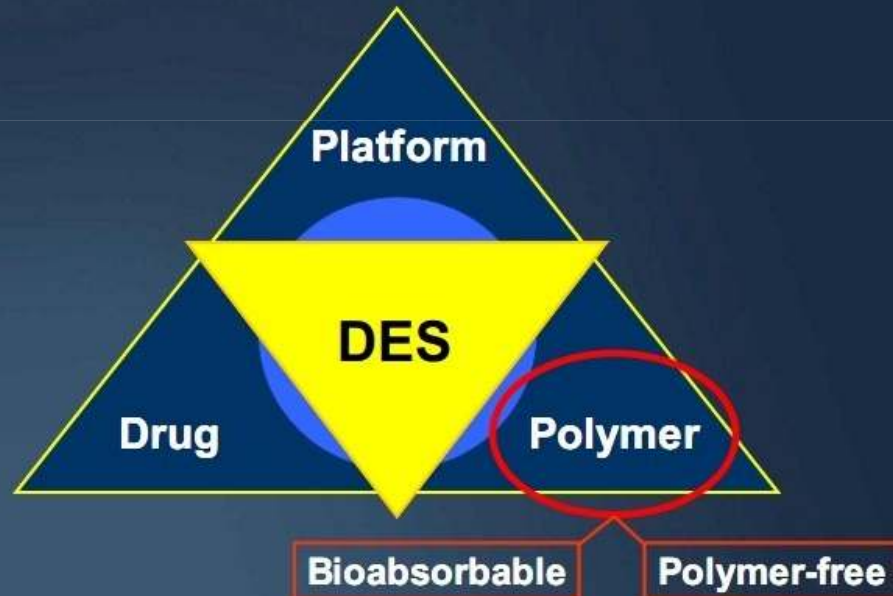


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An important factor of uncertainty about the efficacy of drug-eluting stents is the use of polymers.

Future DES



Polymer Evolution

-
- Durable Polymers
 - Bioabsorbable Polymers
 - Non-Polymeric
 - Fully Bioabsorbable stents

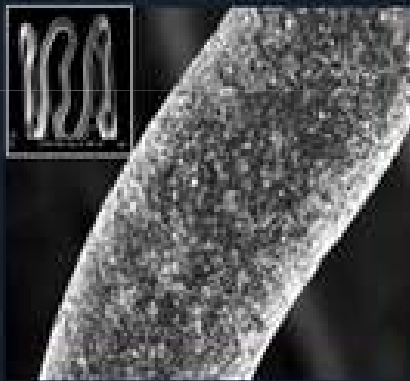


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Are biodegradable polymer DES safer and/or perform better than durable polymer DES on the short and long-term run?

Bioabsorbable Polymer DES

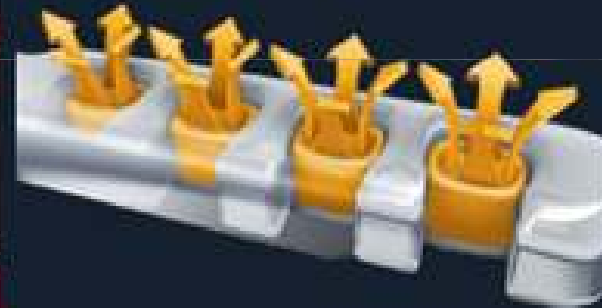
Sirolimus – ISAR TEST



**Biolimus A9 – BioMatrix
Nobori, Axxess, XTENT**



Sirolimus – NEVO



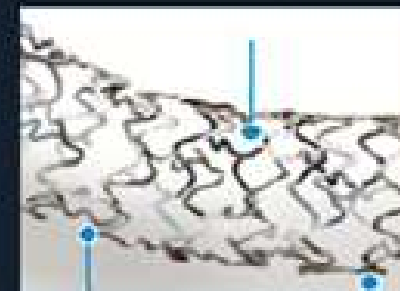
**Sirolimus – Genous
Bioengineered R Stent**



**Everolimus – BSC
(Synergy)**

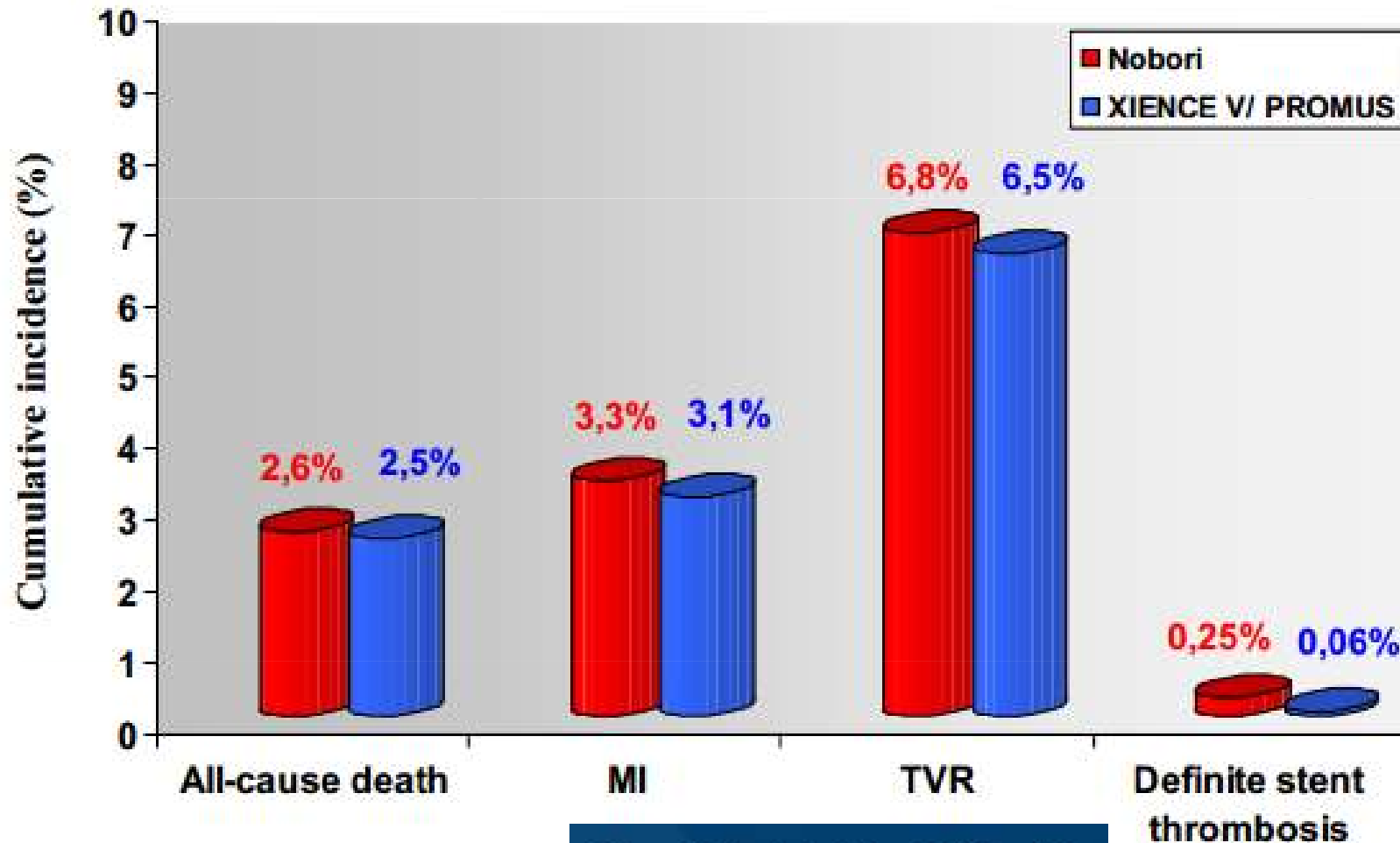


**Sirolimus – Meril
(Biomime)**



NEXT Trial

Primary Safety Endpoint: All-cause death, MI, TVR, Definite Stent Thrombosis at 1 Year

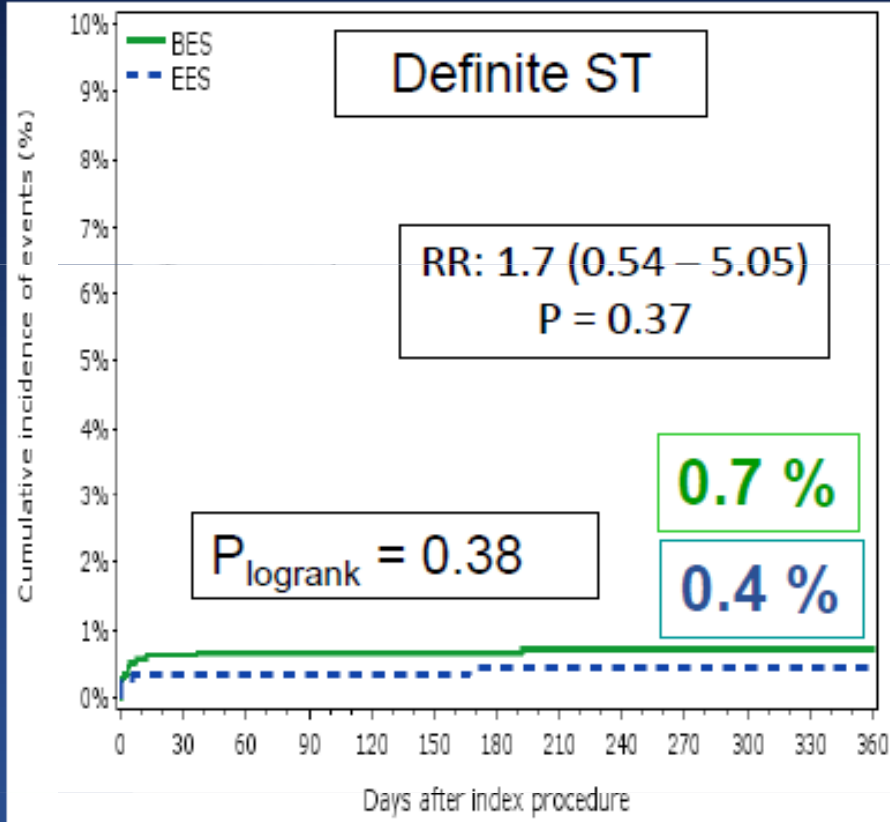


Natsuaki M, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2013;Epub ahead of print.



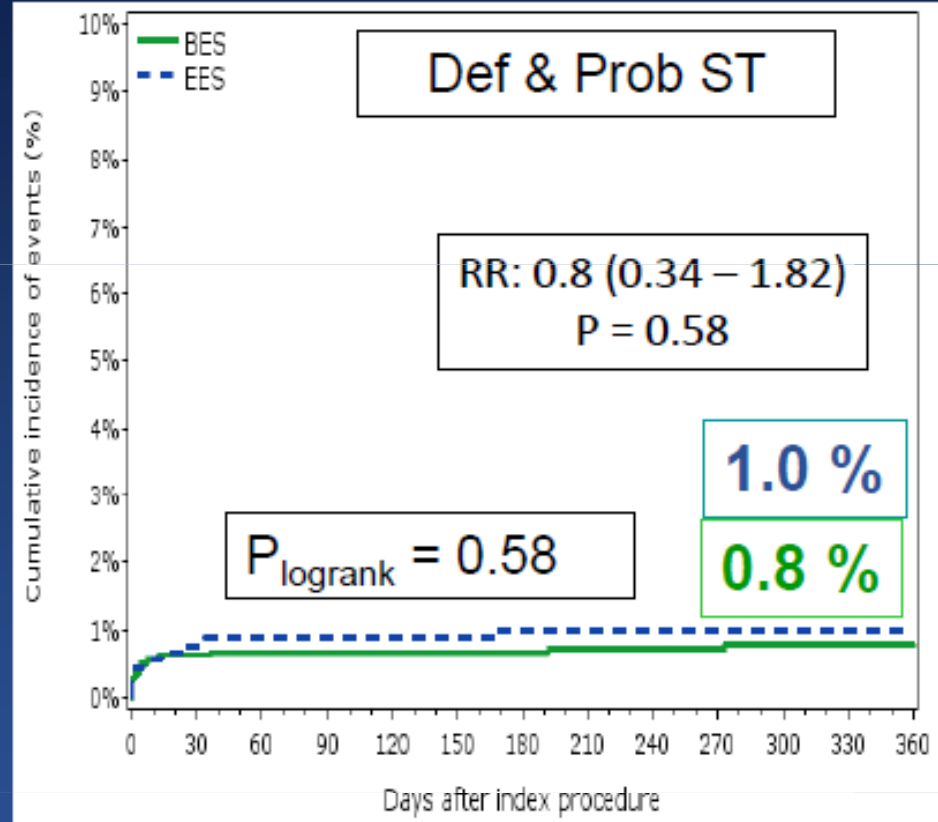
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Stent Thrombosis (ARC)



Number at Risk

BES	1795	1776	1769	1767	1767	1767	1767	1766	1766	1766	1766	1766	1766
EES	912	902	900	900	898	898	897	897	897	897	897	897	897



Number at Risk

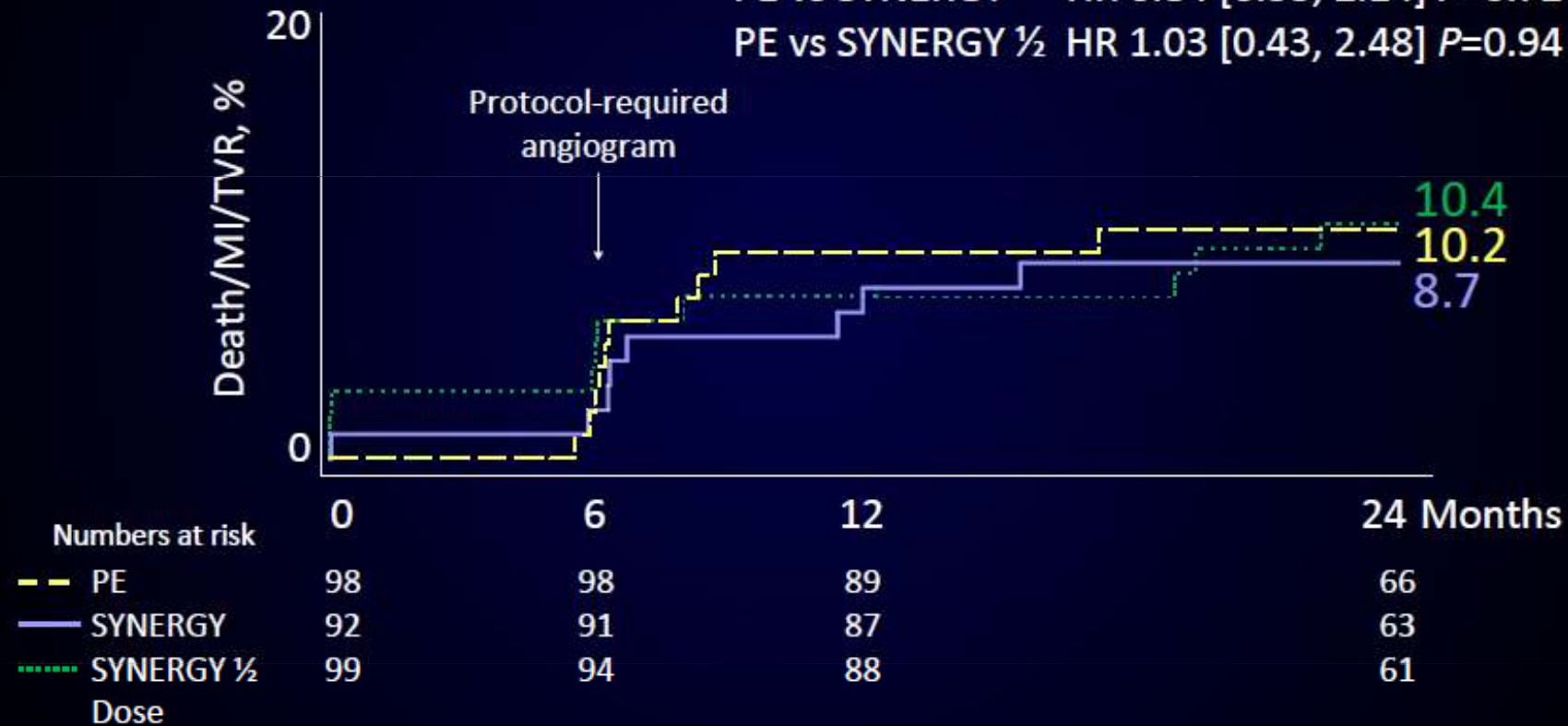
BES	1795	1776	1769	1767	1767	1767	1767	1766	1766	1766	1765	1765	1765
EES	912	898	895	895	893	893	892	892	892	892	892	892	892



Death/MI/TVR 2-year Follow-up

PE vs SYNERGY HR 0.84 [0.33, 2.14] $P=0.72$

PE vs SYNERGY ½ HR 1.03 [0.43, 2.48] $P=0.94$



Safety Population; KM Event Rate; log-rank P values



DES with biodegradable polymers have been associated as compared to 1° gen DES with durable polymer with improved efficacy and safety.



✓ Biodegradable polymer BES demonstrated a 74% relative risk reduction in very late definite stent thrombosis (VLST)



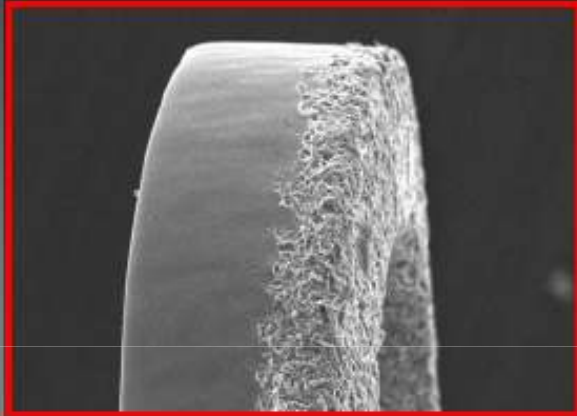
Although the concept behind biodegradable polymer DES is intuitively attractive, the hypothesized advantage of these devices remains unproven comparing to 2o Gen DES



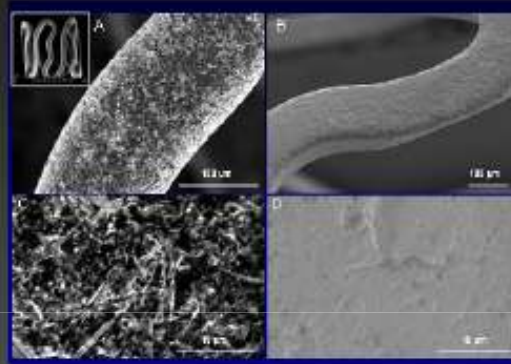
✓ Primary and secondary endpoints in this real-life population did not significantly differ when comparing both stent groups, with similarly low cardiac death and stent thrombosis rates.



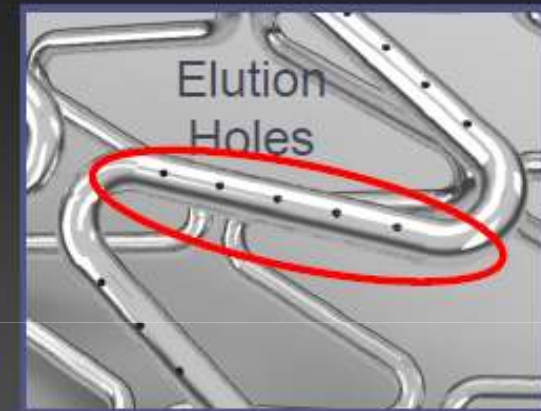
Polymer-Free Platforms



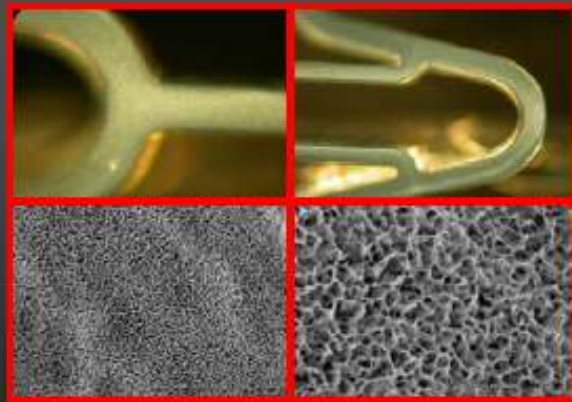
BioFreedom



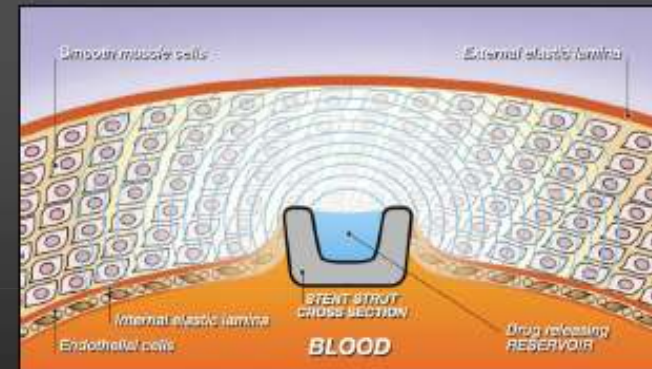
Translumina



Drug Filled Stent Concept



Hydroxyapatite coating



Reservoir technology with Carbofilm



MERIT - I

primary safety and efficacy of biomime

Merit – I is a prospective, single center primary safety and efficacy trial for BioMime™ Sirolimus Eluting Coronary Stent System.

- **Design:** Phase IV, prospective, single arm, single centre study. N = 30
- **Inclusion Criteria:** Single, Discrete, De novo lesions, Mean Vessel Lumen Diameter 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5mm. Stent lengths 19 to 24mm
- **Exclusion Criteria:** CTO's, Bifurcations, SVG's, AMI's, LM disease, LVEF <30 %
- **Late Loss (mm)**
 - **In-segment 0.18** [0.06, 0.35]
 - **In-stent 0.15** [0.09, 0.33]
- **Binary Restenosis 0%**

MERIT - II

biomime in real world scenario

Merit – II is a prospective, multi-centric, non-randomized, all-comers study to assess safety and efficacy of BioMime™ Sirolimus Eluting Coronary Stent System.

- **Design :** Prospective, Non-Randomized, Multi-Centre, **Complex, Real world** study involving 250 patients
- **Binary Restenosis**
 - **In-segment 6 / 132 (4.6%)**
 - **In-stent 1 / 132 (0.8%)**



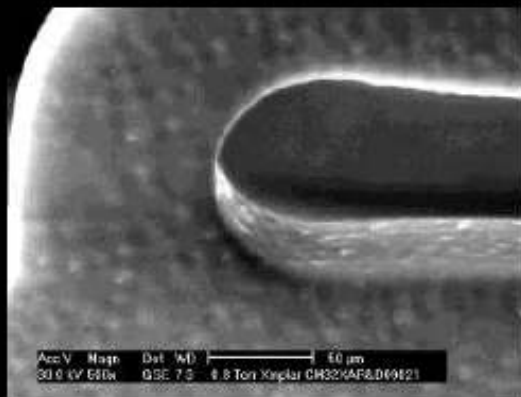
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Nanotech

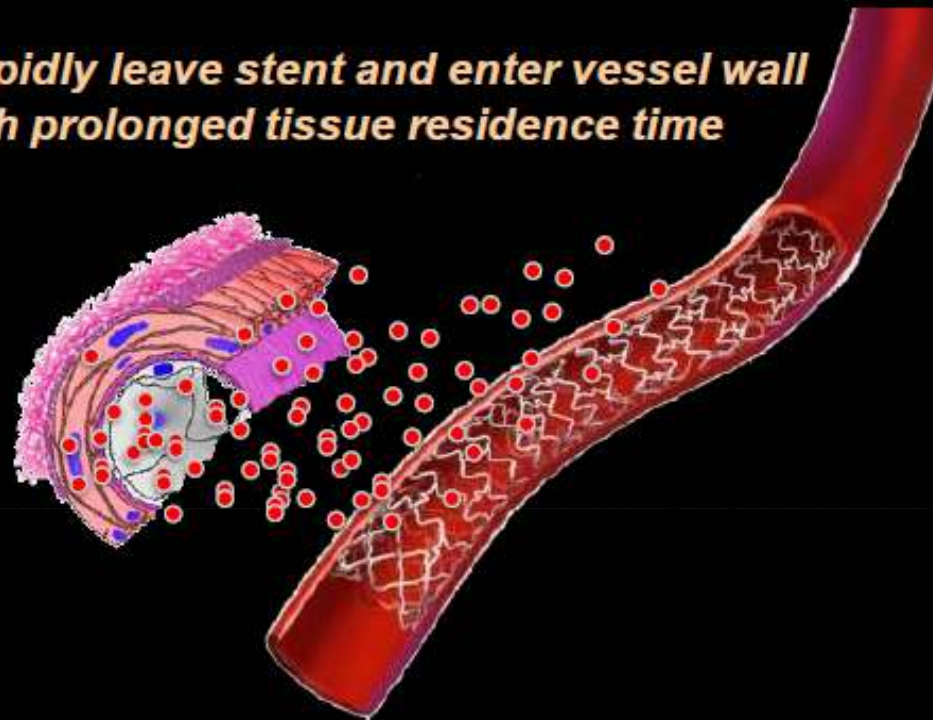
The Polymer-Free Formulation

Unique Formulation - Solid lipid nano-spheres (SLN) consisting of Merilimus + lipid (<300 nm)



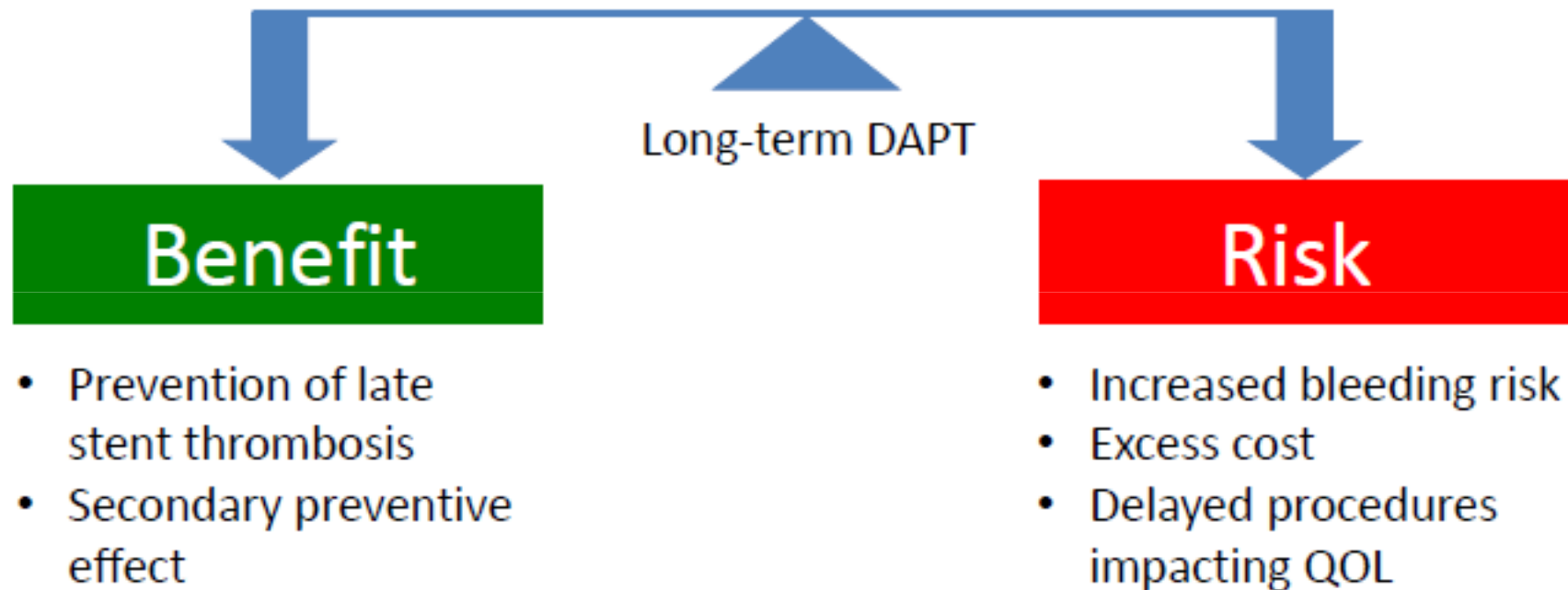
SEM picture of struts coated with nano-formulation

SLN rapidly leave stent and enter vessel wall with prolonged tissue residence time



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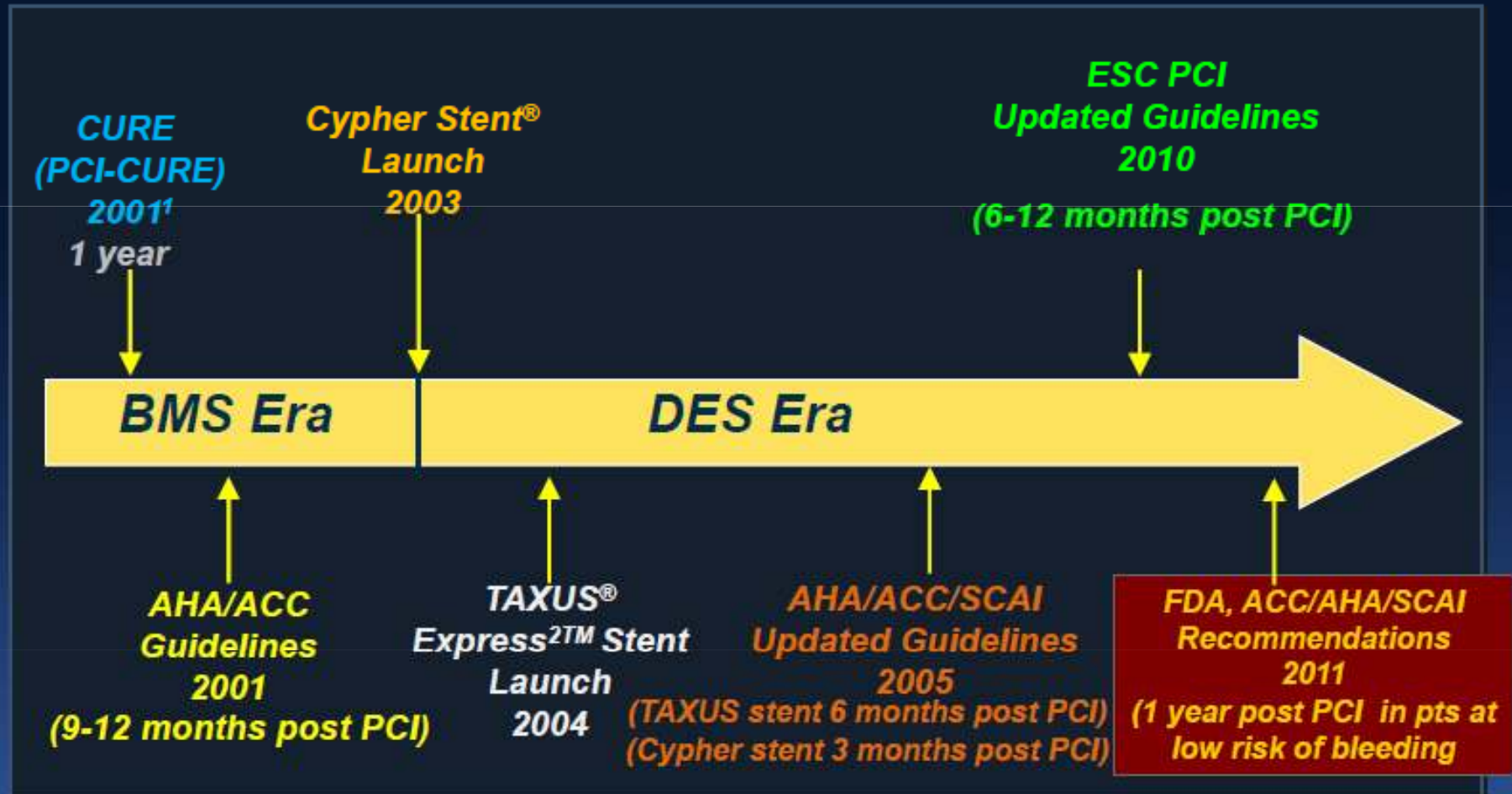
THE OPTIMAL DURATION OF DAPT



Insufficient evidence to adjudicate optimal duration of dual antiplatelet therapy



Optimal Duration of Anti-platelet Therapy Post DES Still Unclear



2010 ESC/EACTS Revascularisation Guidelines

Duration of P2Y₁₂ Inhibitor Treatment Post-PCI



European Heart Journal (2010) 31, 2501–2555
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehq277

ESC/EACTS GUIDELINES



Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

The Task Force on Myocardial Revascularization of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Post-PCI

- 1 month after BMS implantation in stable angina
- 6–12 months after DES in all patients
- 12 months in all patients after ACS, irrespective of revascularisation

Recent data suggest that DAPT for 6 months may be sufficient because late and very late stent thrombosis correlate poorly with discontinuation of DAPT

ESC, European Society of Cardiology; EACTS, European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery.
Wijns W, et al. *Eur Heart J*. 2010;31:2501–55.

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ESC/EACTS Guidelines on Myocardial Revascularisation

The optimal duration of DAPT after DES implantation is not known. Convincing data exist only for continuation up to 6 months.²³⁷ Possibly, under some circumstances or with some DES, DAPT for 3 months could be sufficient but the evidence is not robust.²¹⁹ Recent evidence shows that (very) late stent thrombosis results from delayed hypersensitivity to components of the drug–polymer–device combination that causes necrotizing vasculitis and late malapposition.²³⁸ Diabetics may require a longer duration of DAPT.

W Wijns et al. EHJ 2010; 31:2501-55, page 2536



2011 ACC/AHA/SCAI Guideline for PCI

DURATION

The duration of P2Y12 inhibitor therapy should generally be as follows:



- a. In patients receiving a stent (BMS or DES) during PCI for ACS, P2Y12 inhibitor therapy should be given for at least 12 months. Options include clopidogrel 75 mg daily, prasugrel 10 mg daily or ticagrelor 90mg twice daily



- b. In patients receiving DES for non-ACS indication, clopidogrel should be given for at least 12 months if patients are not at high risk for bleeding.



- c. In patients receiving BMS for a non-ACS indication, clopidogrel should be given for a minimum of 1 month and ideally up to 12 months (unless patient is at increased risk for bleeding; then it should be given for a minimum of 2 weeks)

Circulation 2011;124:e574-651



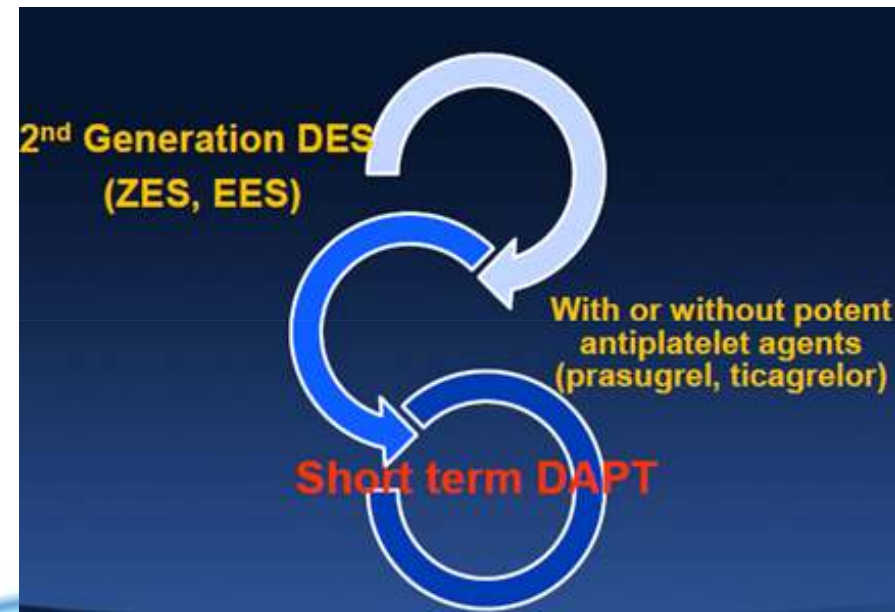
A “magic optimal duration of DAPT” after DES does *not exist* because *DES-types differ*

(“All DES not created equal”):

Stent platforms differ with respect to risk for early , late and/or very late stent thrombosis events

Pro-thrombotic risk is determined by DES-type and thus DAPT-duration has to be adapted according to both DES potency profile and DES healings characteristics

As safety improves with DES, duration of DAPT comes into question and needs further study



What are we treating?

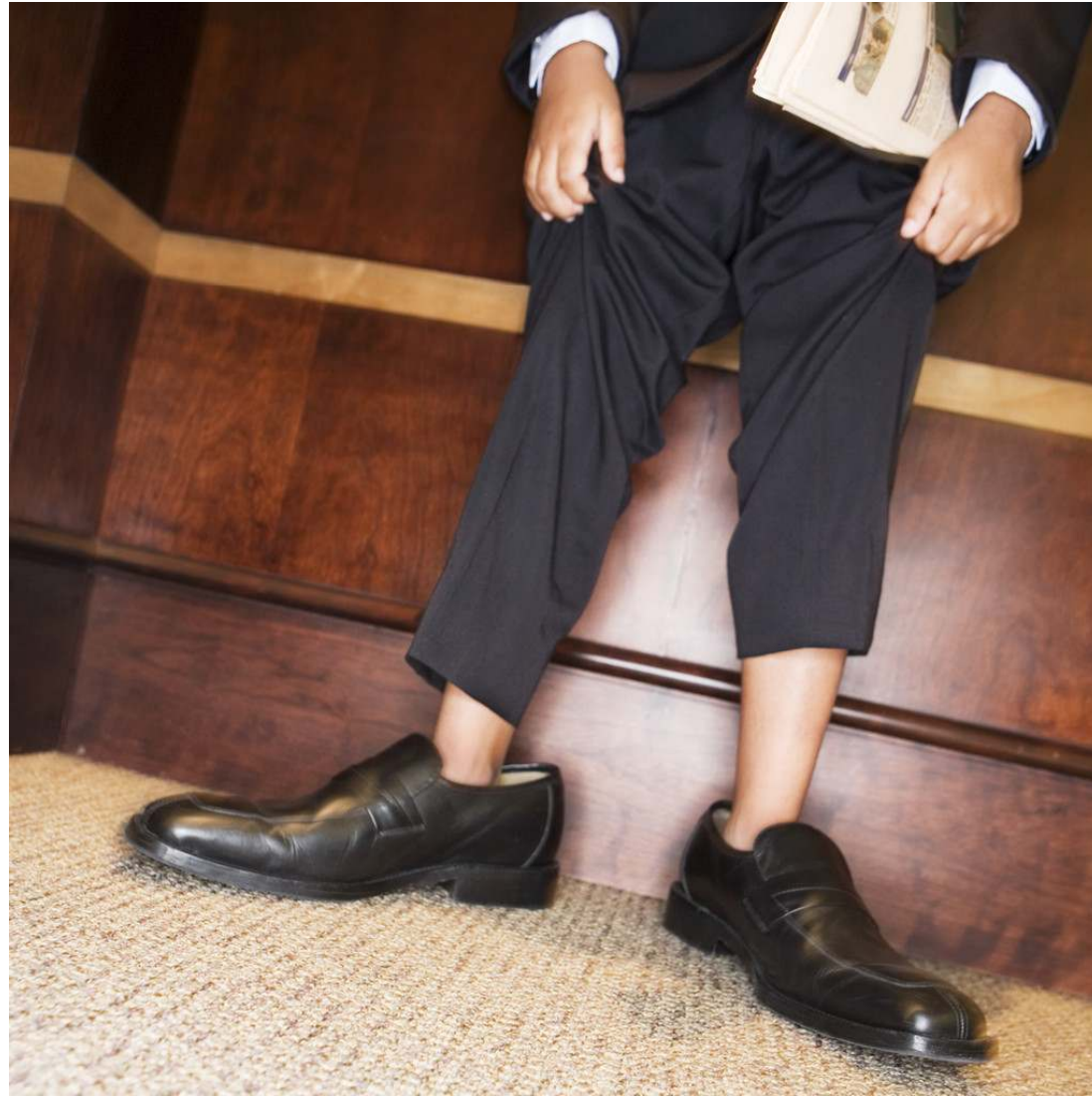
The patient?



The stent?

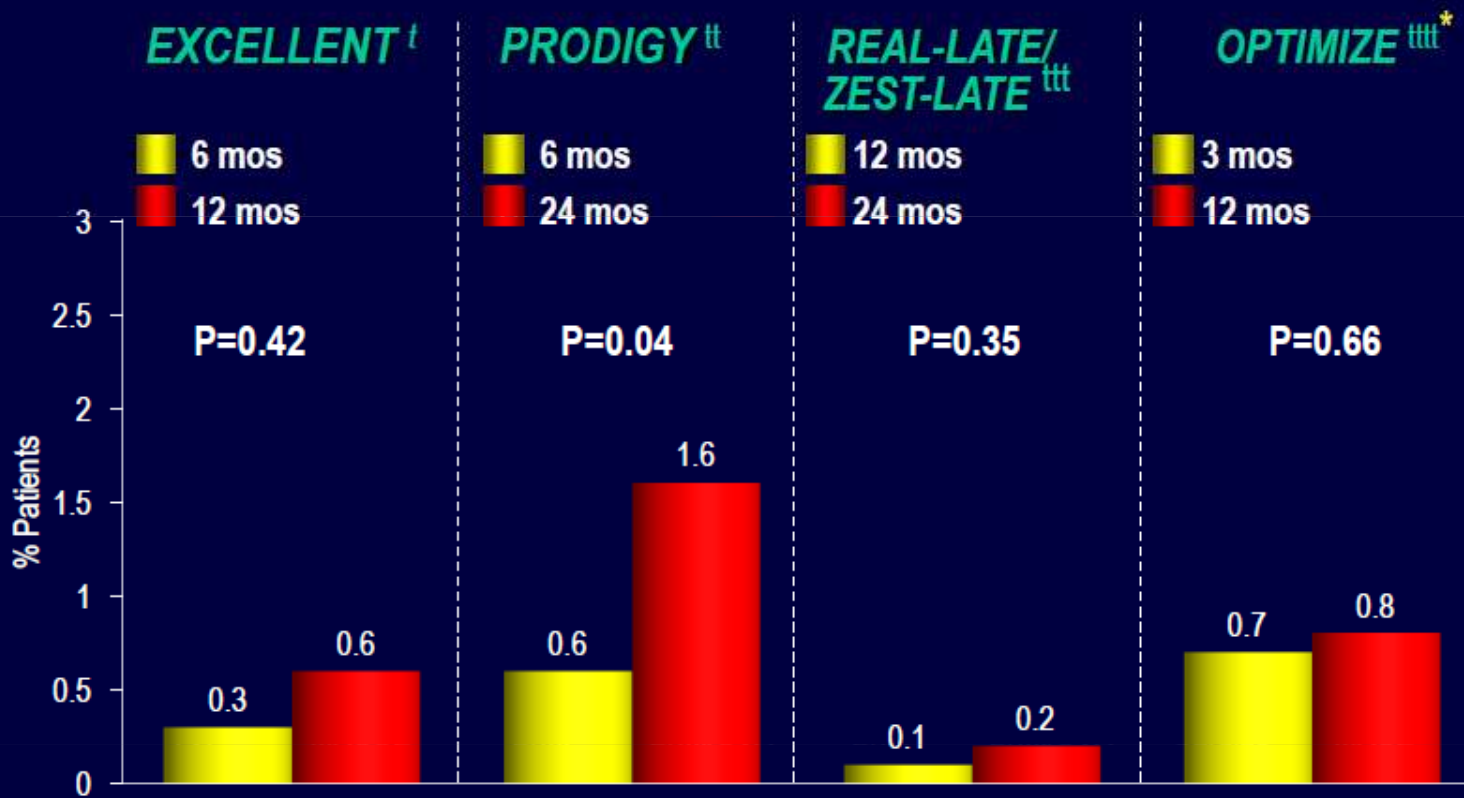


“One size shoe” approach for DAPT duration is unlikely to fit all patients



What is the current evidence for shorter DAPT?

Major Bleeding (TIMI or GUSTO/REPLACE 2*) By DAPT Duration In Randomized Trials



Adapted from
^t Gwon et al. ACC 2011
^{tt} Valgimigli et al. ESC 2011
^{ttt} Park et al. NEJM 2010;362:1374
^{tttt} Feres et al. TCT 2013 LBCT

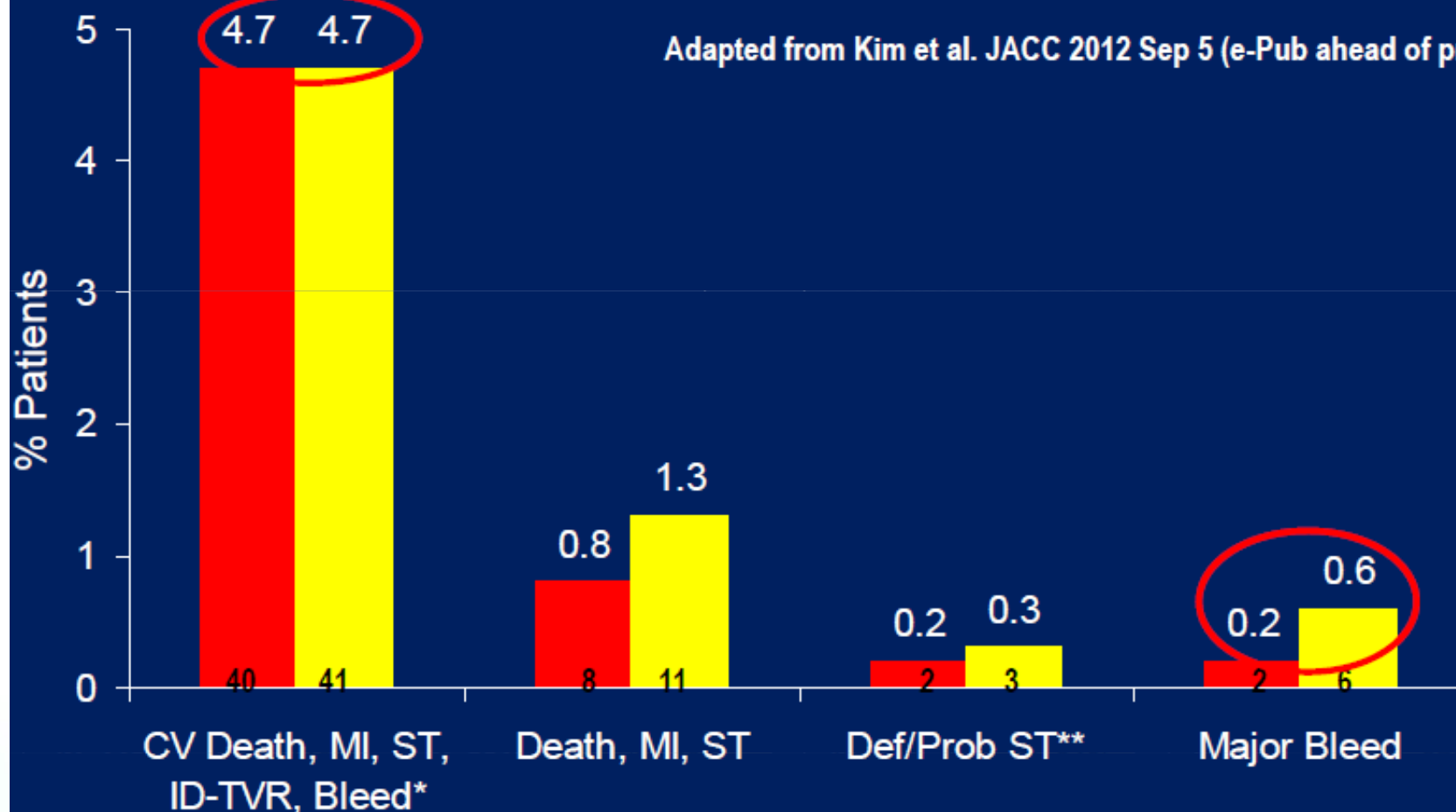


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RESET: Clinical Events Through 1 Year

■ E-ZES + 3 month DAPT (n=1,059) ■ Standard Therapy (n=1,058)

Adapted from Kim et al. JACC 2012 Sep 5 (e-Pub ahead of print)



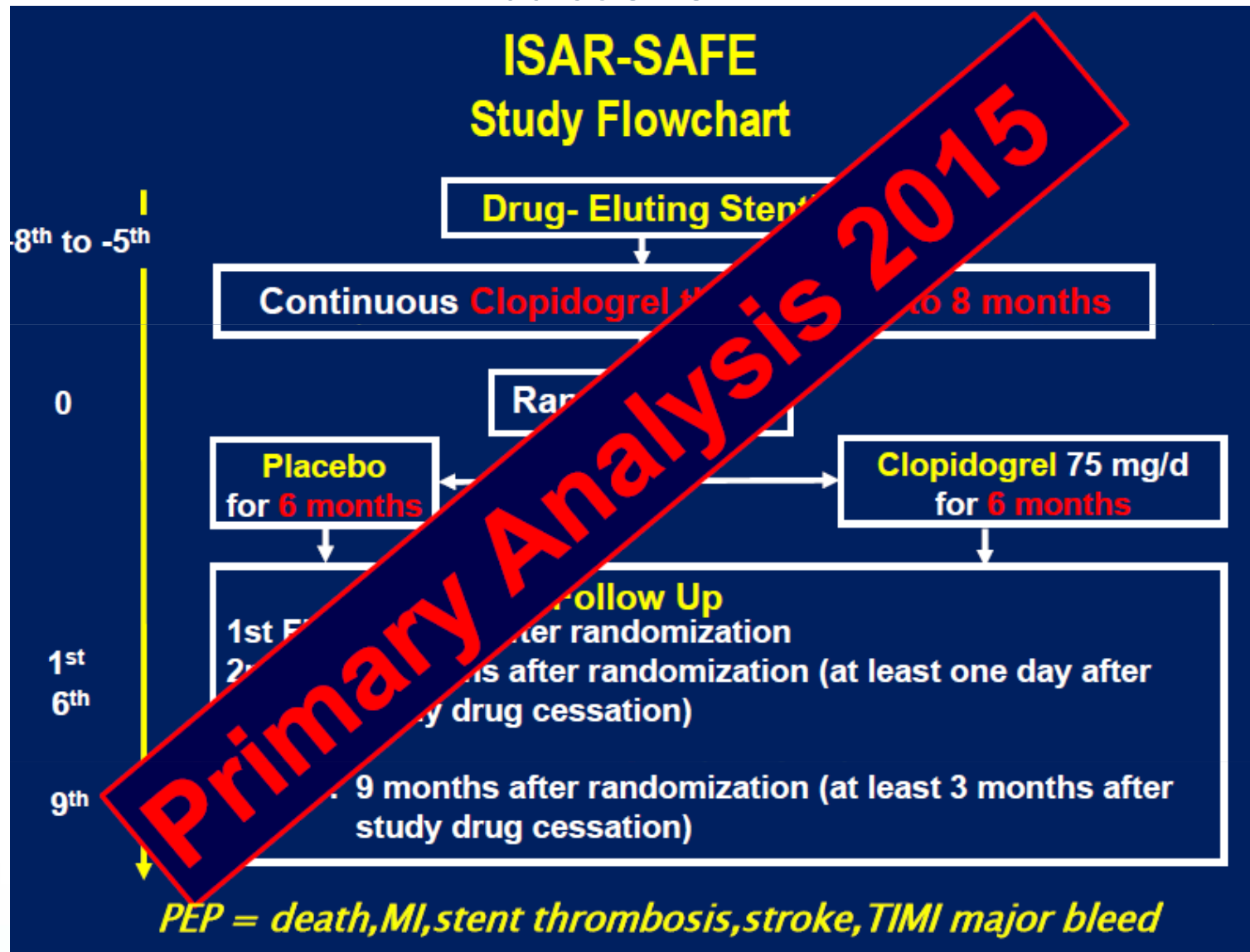
*Primary Endpoint: (Assumed 10% with N.I. margin 4% for absolute difference in risk)

**SORT OUT III / ENDEAVOR IV / PROTECT / KAMIR



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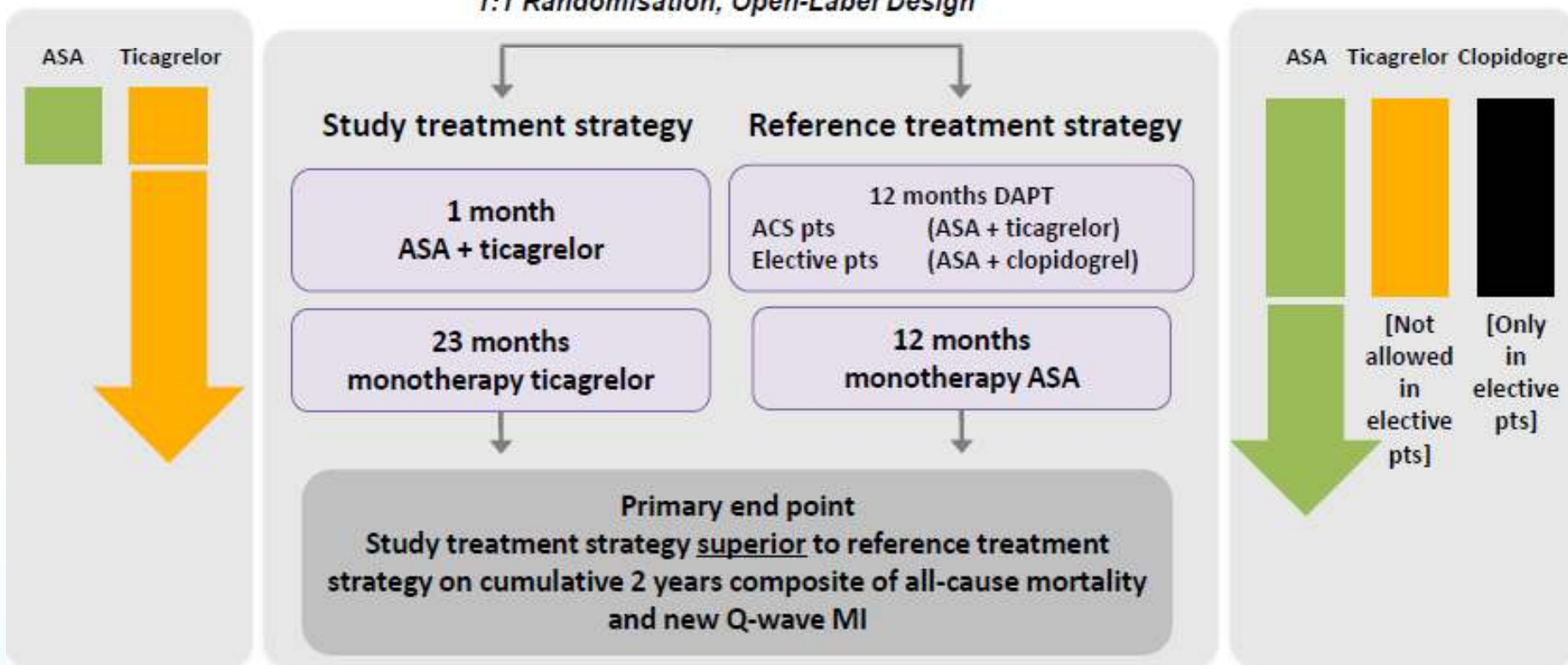
Several large ongoing studies may resolve the uncertainties regarding optimal duration of DAPT



All-comers PCI population
ACS and elective/stable patients
(n=16,000)

Biolimus-eluting stent (BES)
BioMatrix Flex™

1:1 Randomisation, Open-Label Design



✓ Until we have more evidence, it is too early to say that 6-12m of DAPT is enough for all patients post-PCI

✓ Customized approach would be ideal

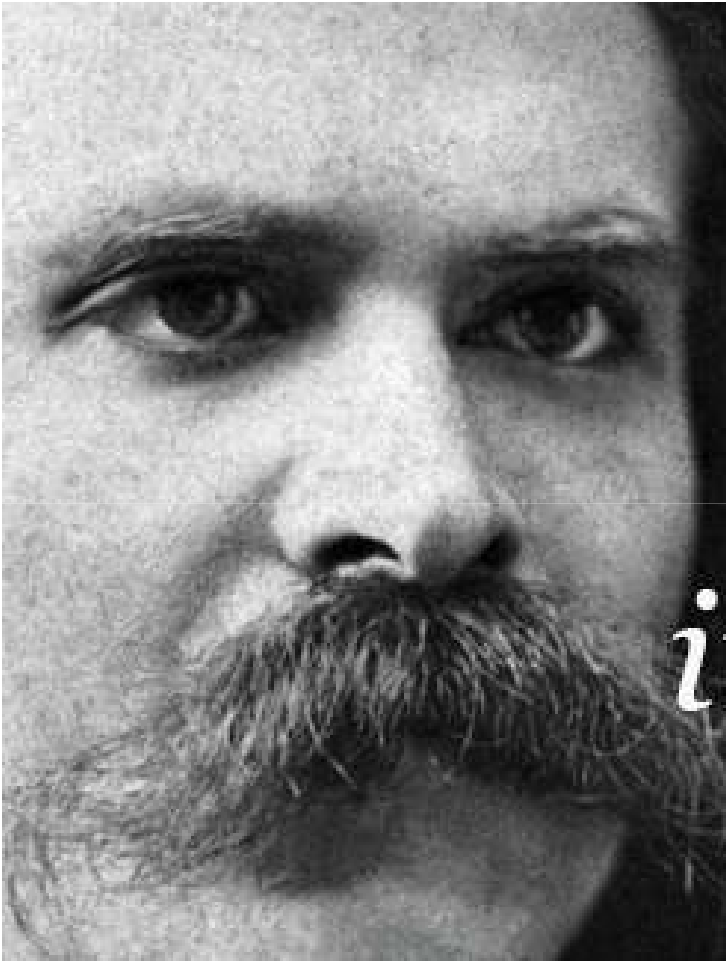
✓ Long-term might be preferable in targeting



➤ High risk patients with previous ST,MI,DM

➤ Complex intervention (LM disease, bifurcation, MVD etc.)





*There are no
facts, only
interpretations.*

**Thank you for your
attention!
Questions and comments
are welcome!**



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“Always remember that a medical device is the replacement of one disease with another...hopefully, a less severe one.”

—William C. Roberts, MD



The next step in evolution.....



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Bioabsorbable Coronary Scaffold

Potential Benefits

- **Minimize Neoatherosclerosis -> Less late stent thrombosis**
- **Restore normal vasomotor responses -> Less low shear distally -> less atherosclerosis; better peak exercise capacity**
- **Doesn't block CABG (esp LIMA to LAD)**
- **Allows better non-invasive CT evaluation**



Challenges with Bioabsorbable Stents

Time of degradation

Scaffolding and radial force

Rate of degradation

Biocompatibility

Recoil early and late

Biodegradable products

Remaining polymer

Elution of the drug from a biodegradable stents

Radioopacity of the stents

Deployments delivery system



The goal will be to prove what
logically seems correct

In Science, Logic is not always right





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