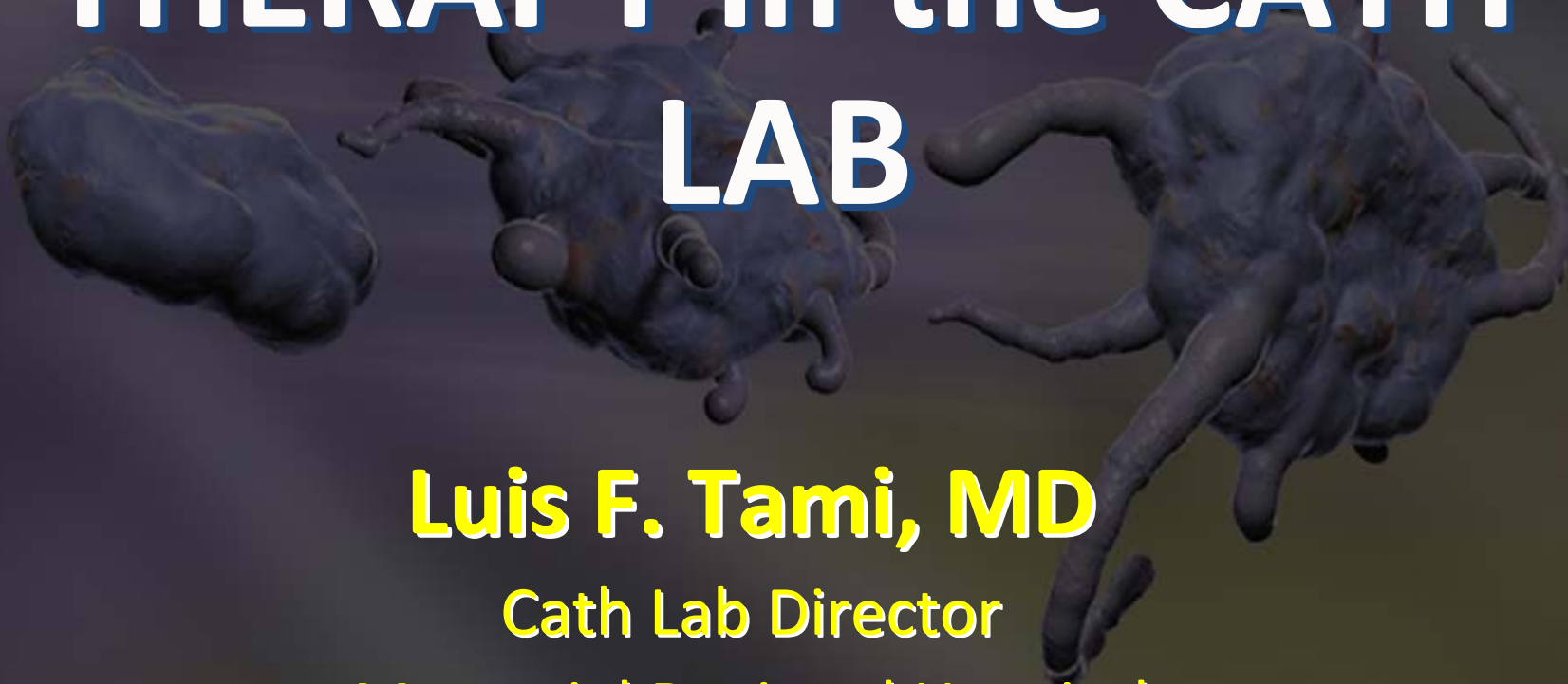


# ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPY in the CATH LAB



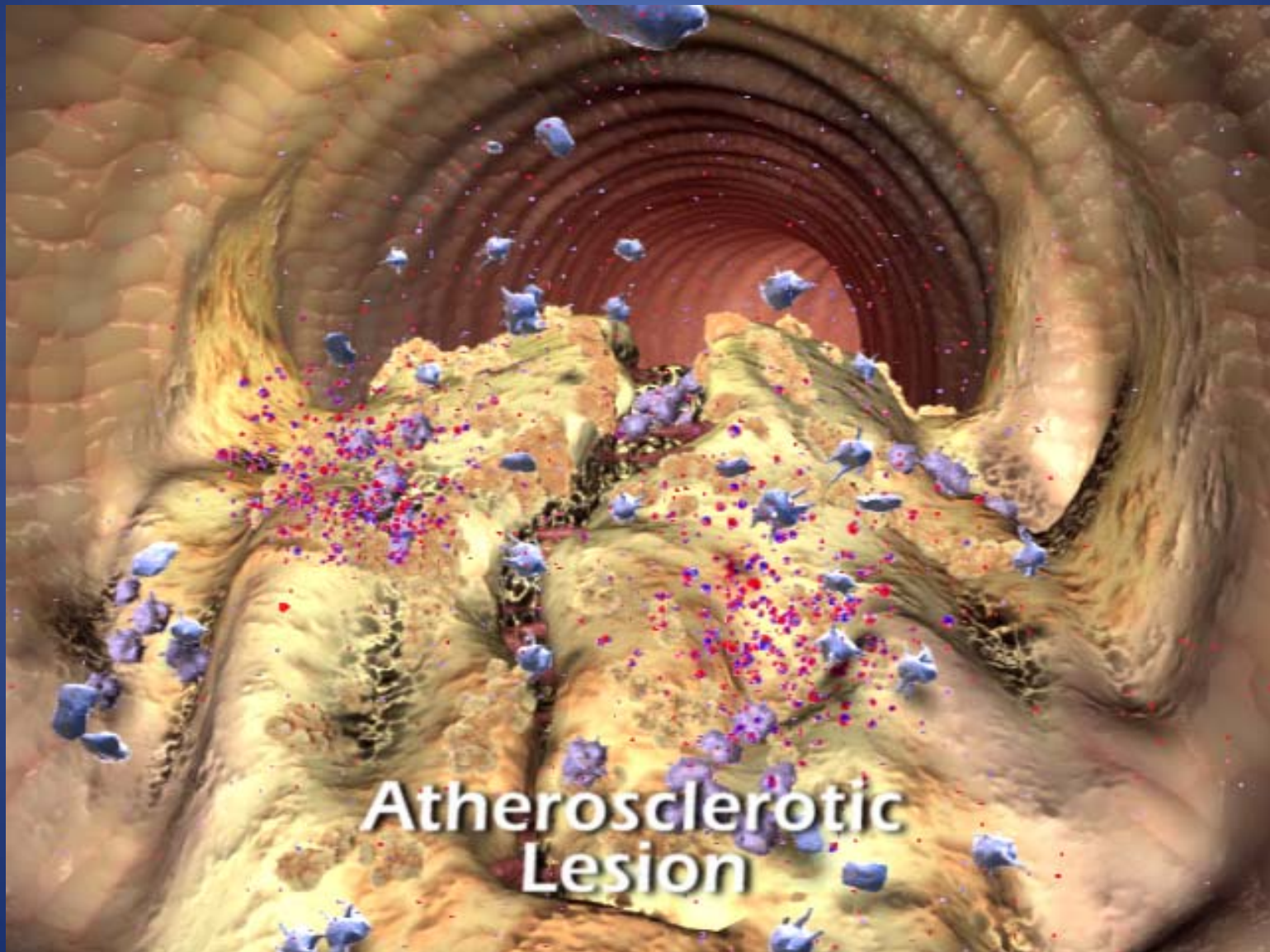
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**Cath Lab Director**

**Memorial Regional Hospital**

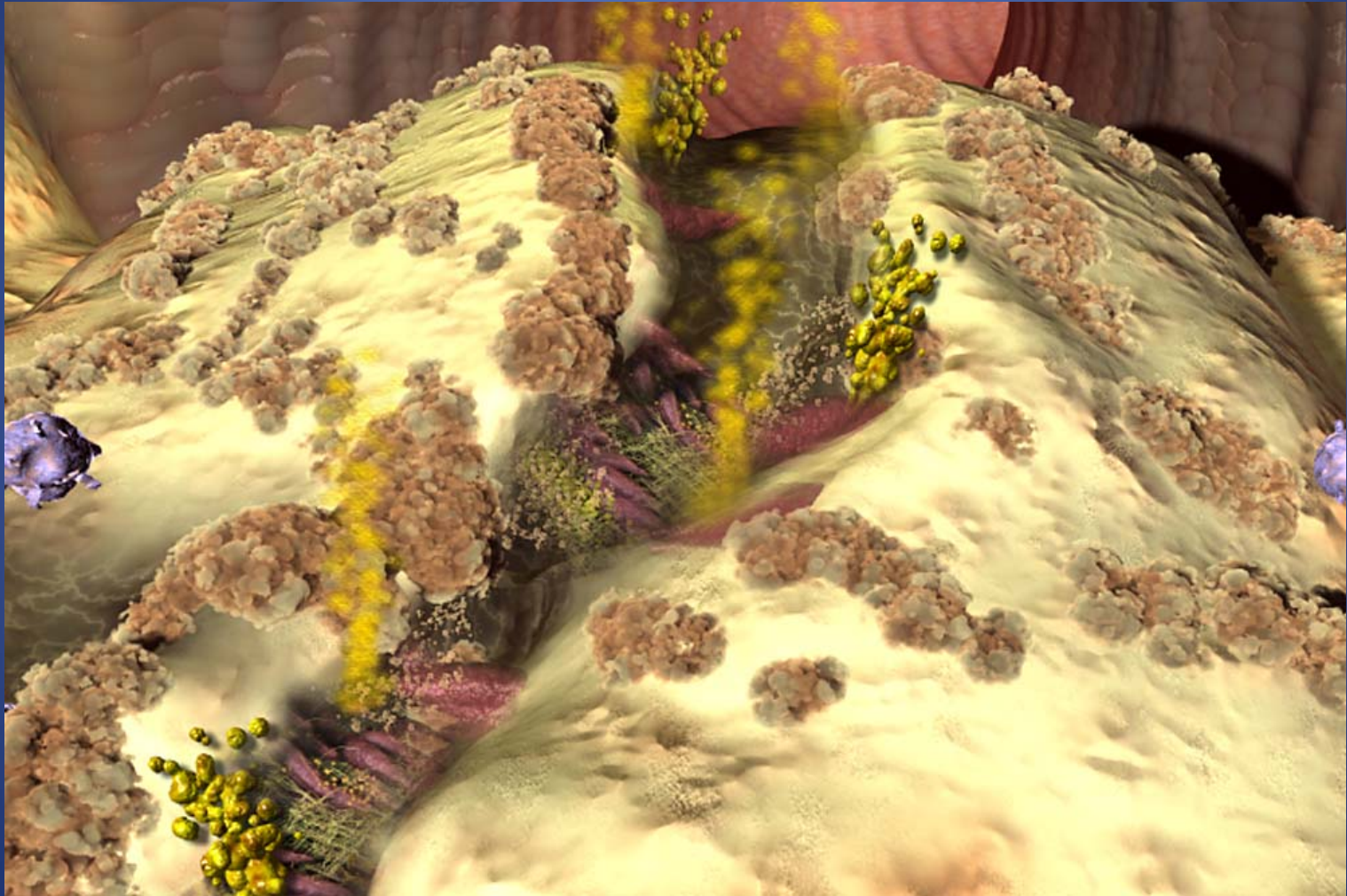
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# Unstable Plaque: Basis of ACS



# Platelet Cascade: Initiation

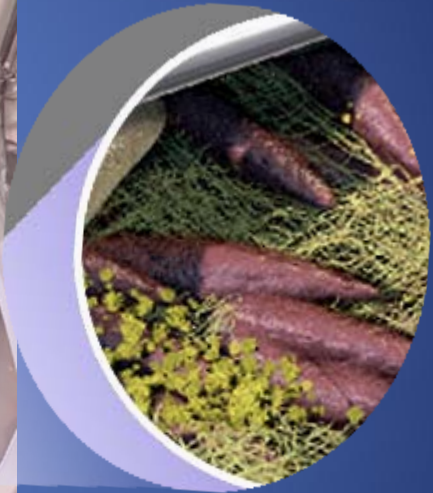
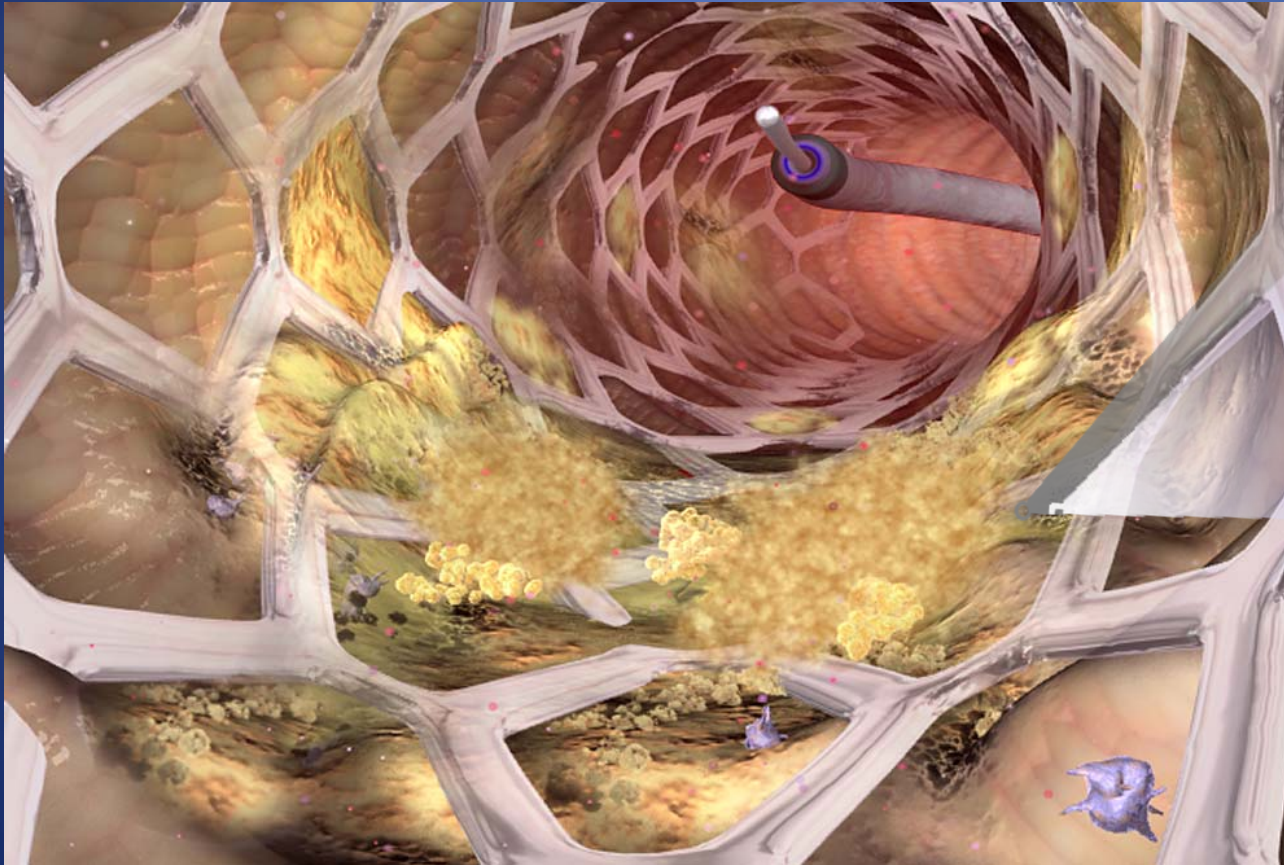
Vascular Damage: Plaque rupture, erosion or calcium nodules



Spontaneous plaque rupture

# Platelet Cascade: Initiation

Vascular Damage: Percutaneous coronary interventions

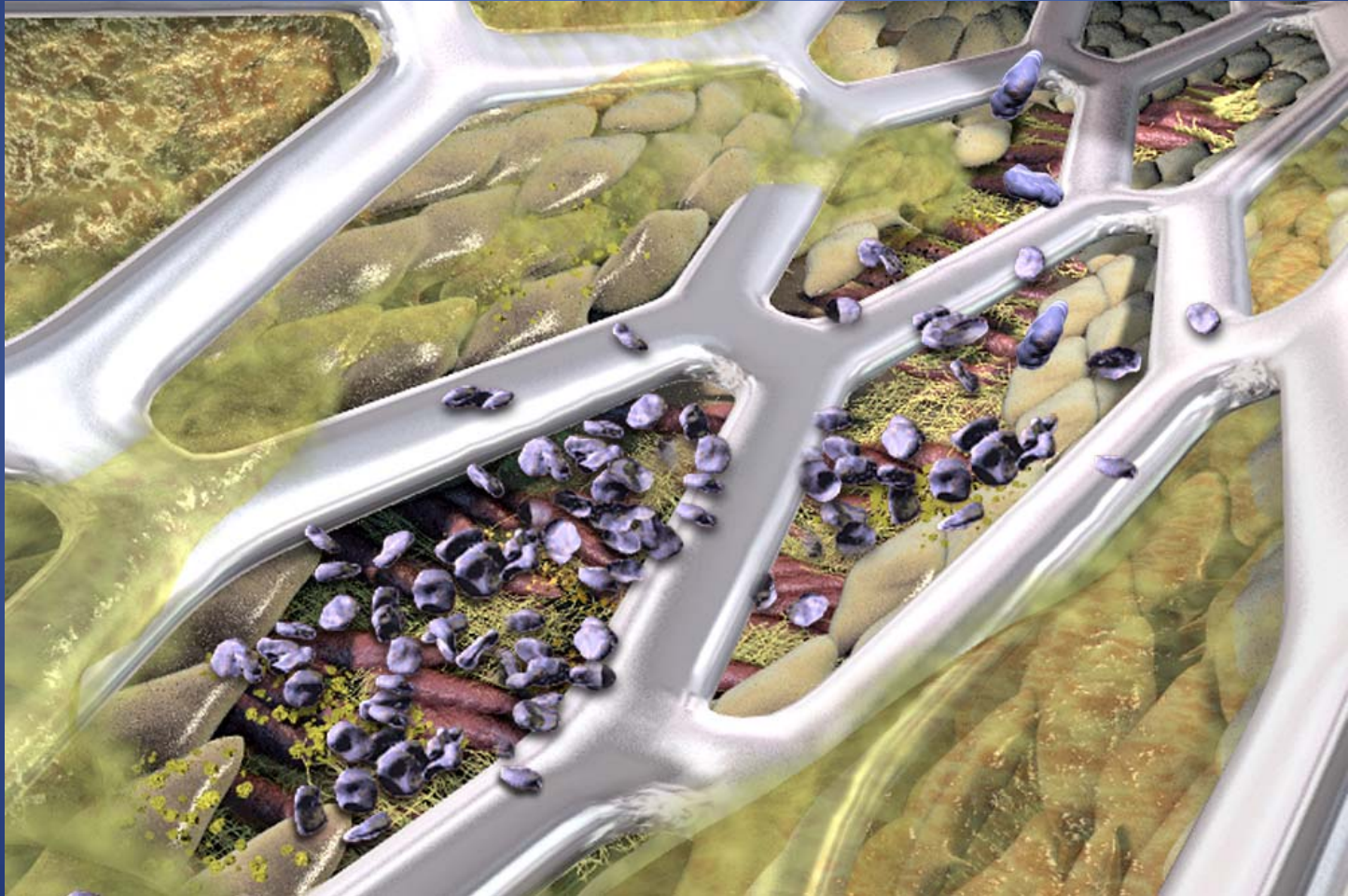


- Exposed Tissue Elements
- Subendothelial Collagen
  - von Willebrand factor



# Platelet Cascade: Adhesion

Immediate Platelet recruitment and adhesion at the site of injury...



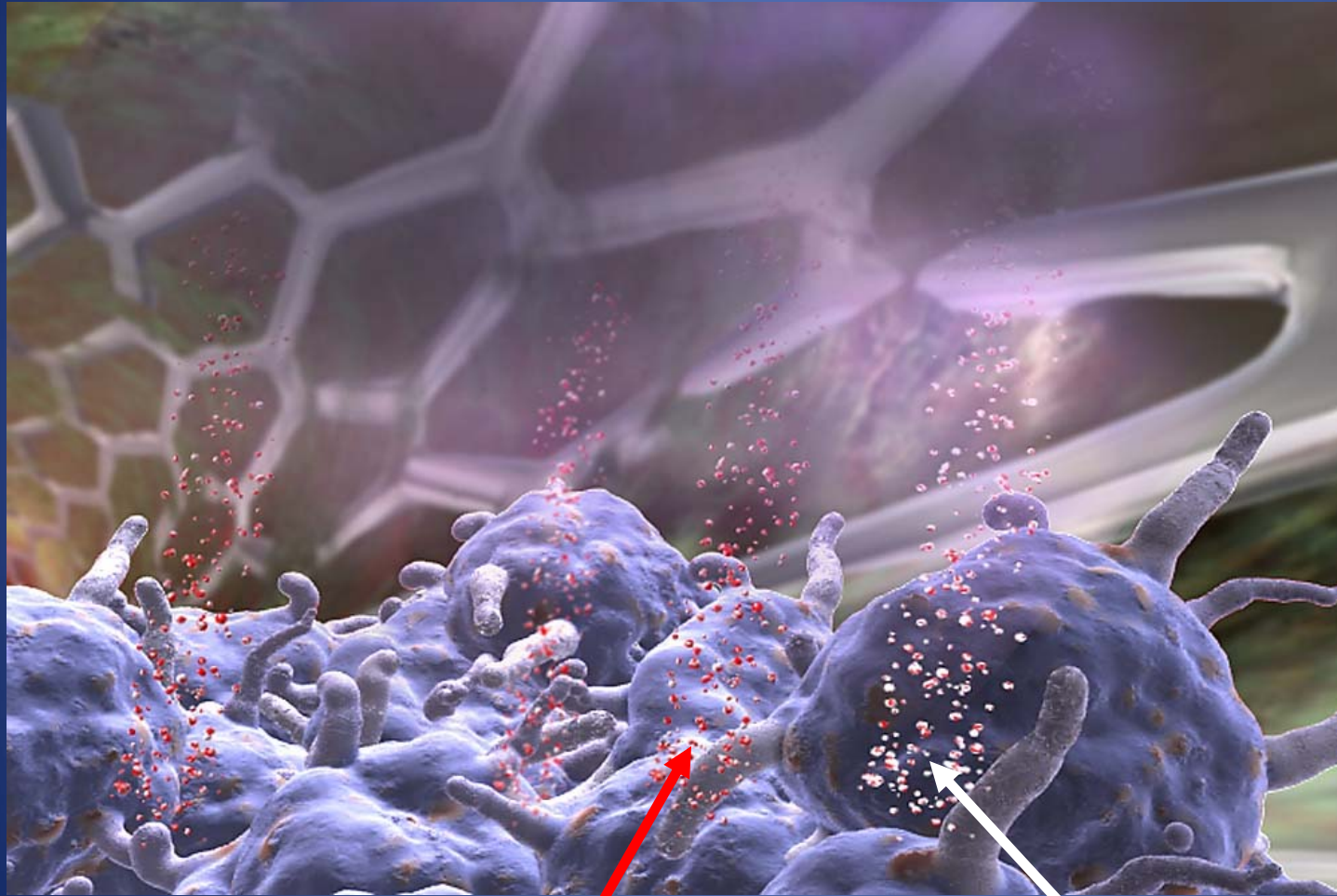
...forming a monolayer.

# Platelet Cascade: Activation

Adhesion leads to activation



# Platelet Cascade: Release of Activators



- ADP and other activators are released through degranulation

- Thromboxane A<sub>2</sub> is generated via cyclooxygenase

ADP

Thromboxane A<sub>2</sub>

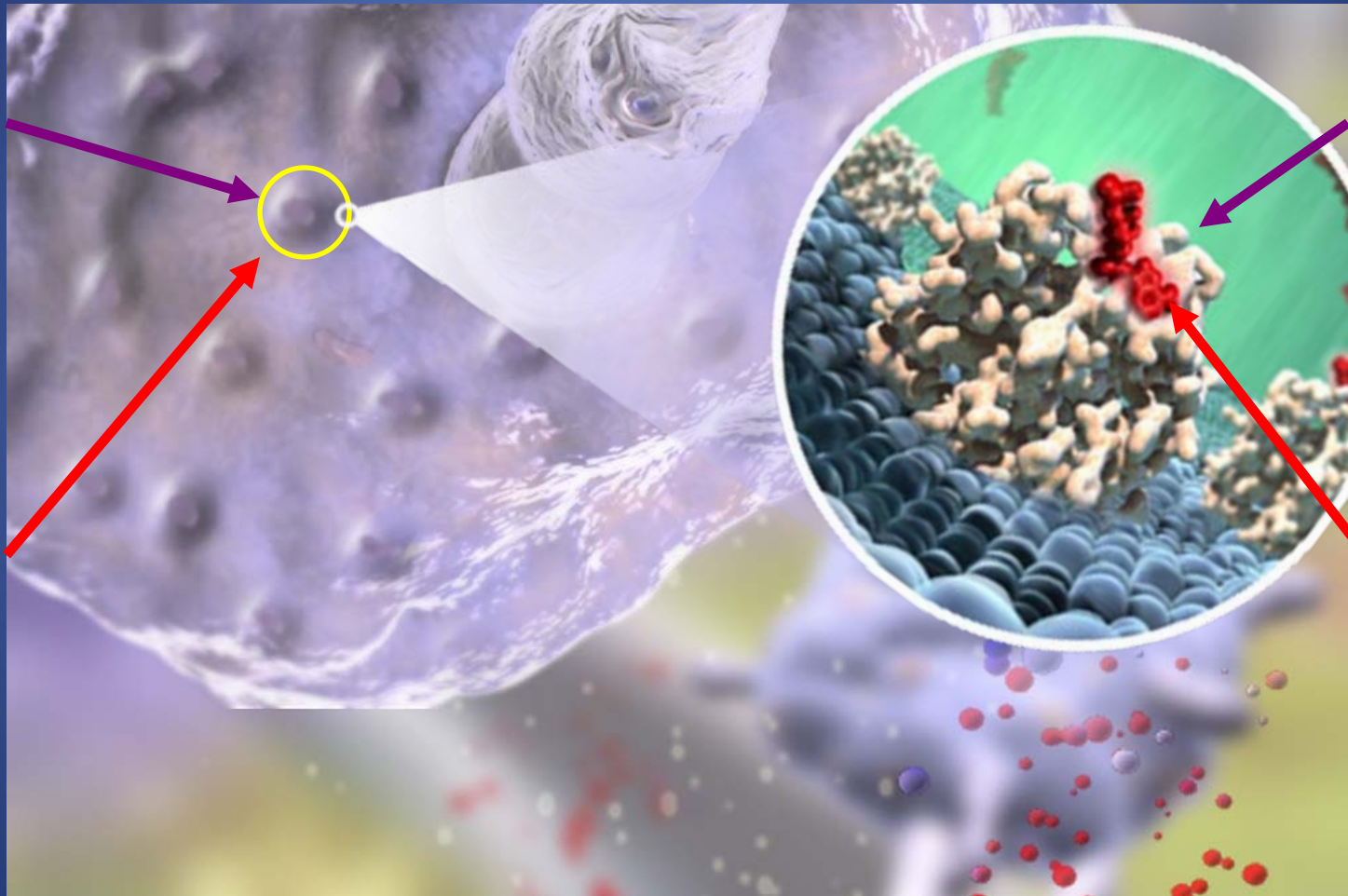
# Platelet Cascade: Surface Receptors

ADP  
Receptor

ADP  
Receptor

ADP  
binds to  
receptor

ADP



Circulating Platelets

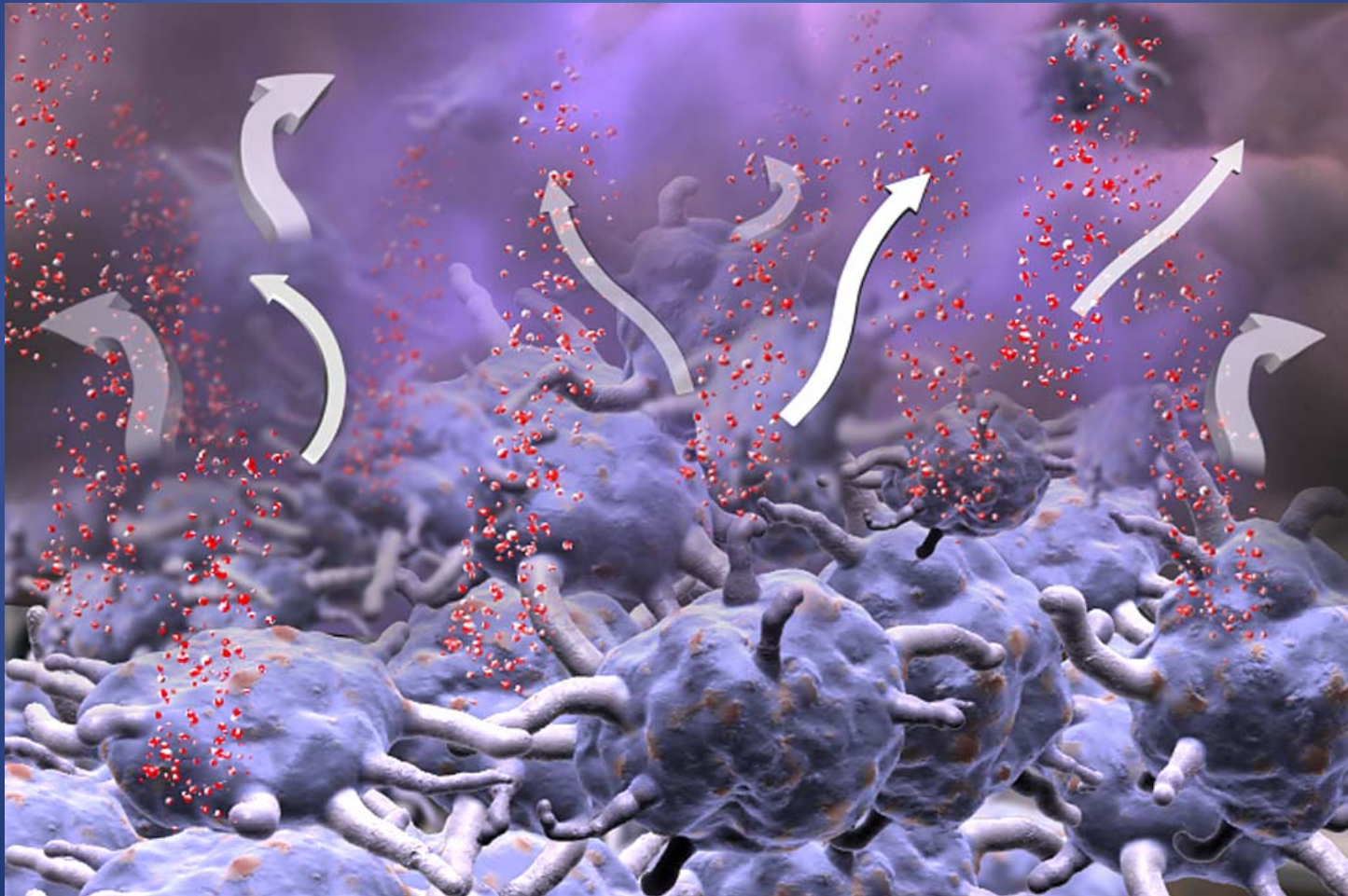




# Platelet Cascade: Amplification of Platelet Activation

Platelet activation accelerates...

...resulting in platelet aggregation.

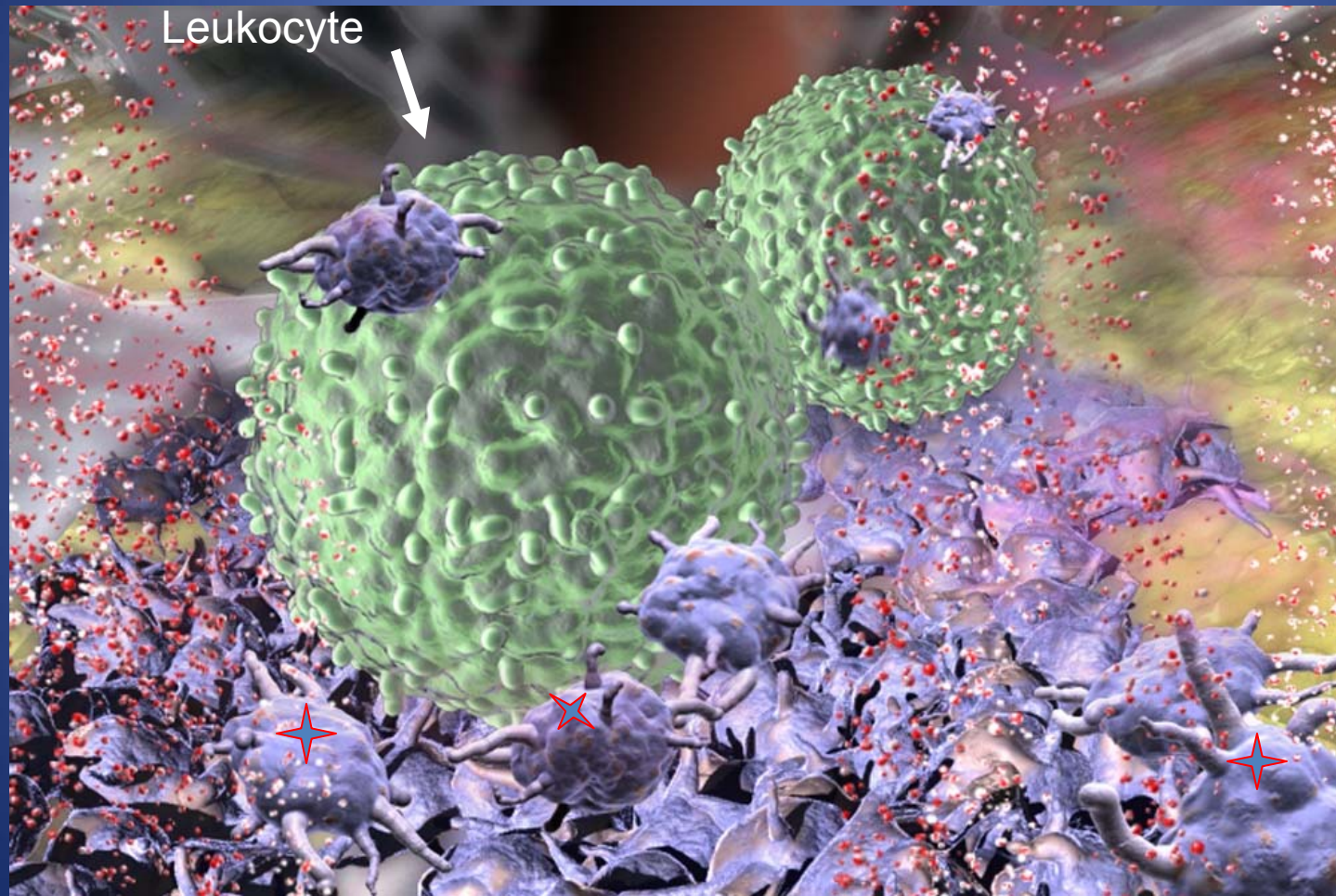


*A process that must be managed.*

# Platelet Cascade: Activation

## Triggers Inflammatory Cascade

Activated platelets express adhesion receptors for leukocytes

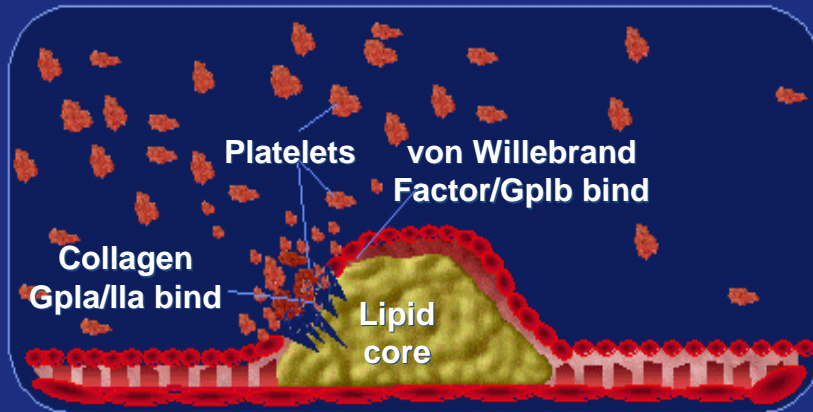


- P-selectin
- CD40 Ligand

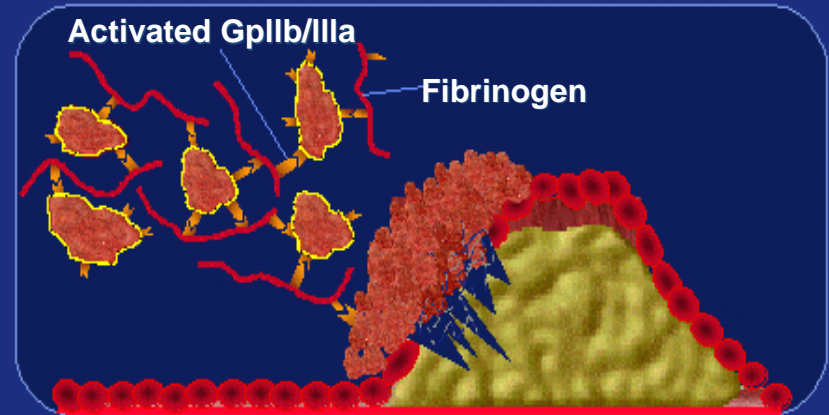
Platelet-Leukocyte Conjugates

# Role of Platelets

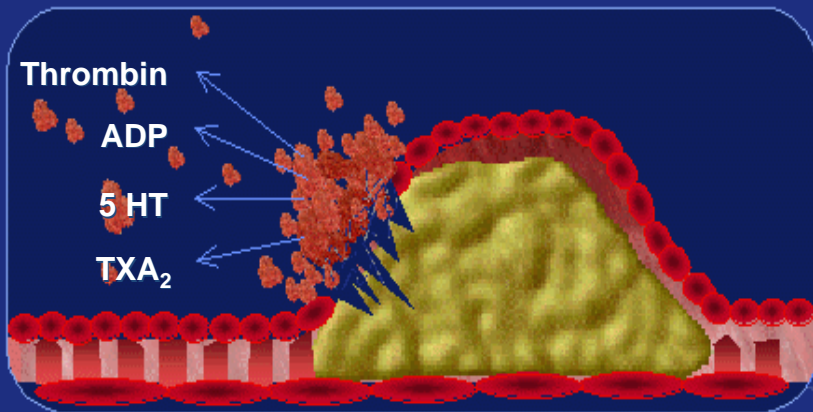
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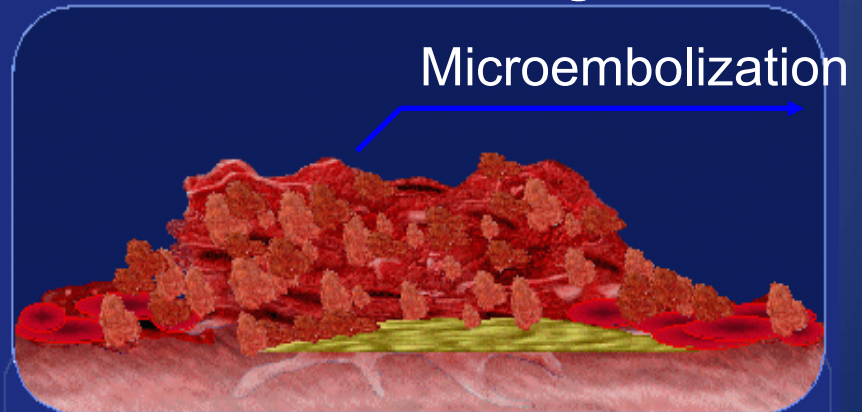
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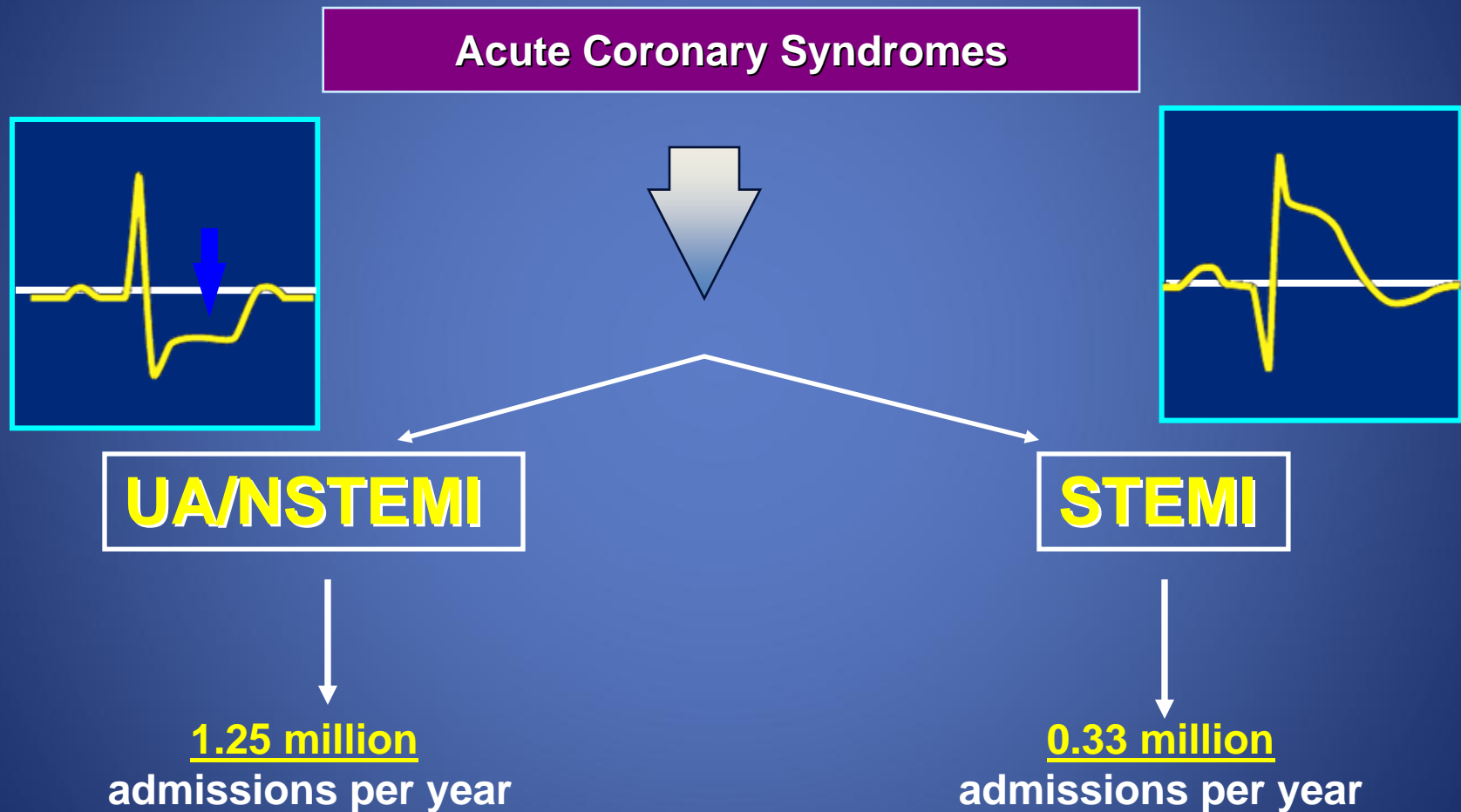
## ② Activation



## ④ Platelet Plug



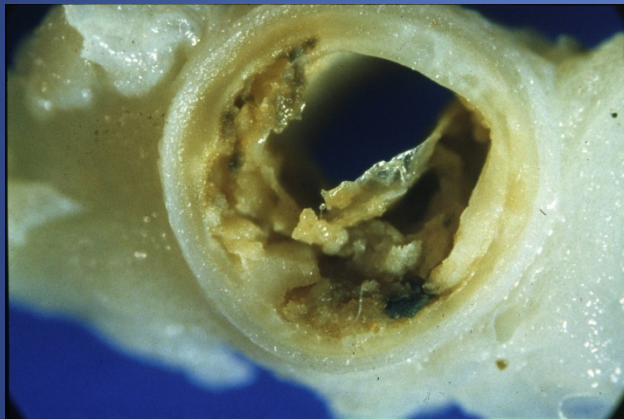
# Acute Coronary Syndromes (ACS)



# ACS: Pathology

## UA/NSTEMI

Partially-occlusive thrombus  
(primarily platelets)



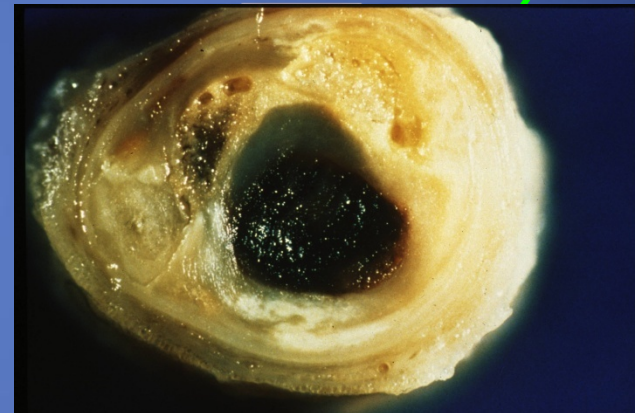
Intra-plaque  
thrombus (platelet  
dominated)

Plaque core

## Vulnerable Plaque

## STEMI

occlusive thrombus (platelets,  
red blood cells, and fibrin)



Intra-plaque  
thrombus (platelet  
dominated)

Plaque core



**SUDDEN  
DEATH**

Adapted from Davies MJ.  
*Circulation*. 1990; 82 (supl II): 30-46.

# ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPY

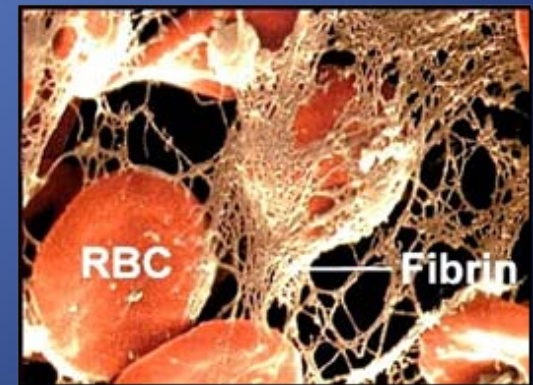
## • ANTIPLATELET THERAPY

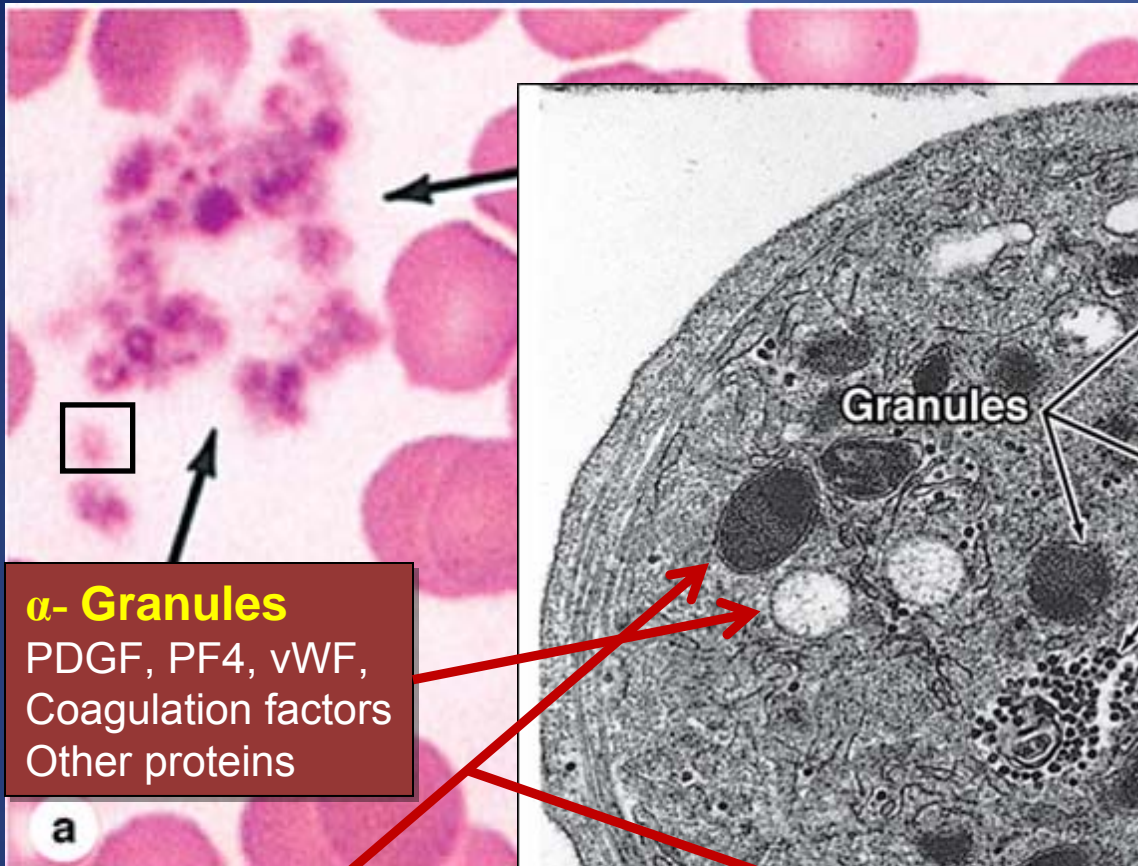
- ORAL : ASA, Plavix, Effient
- IV : Reopro, Integrelin, Aggar



## • ANTITHROMBIN THERAPY

- HEPARINS: UFH, LMHW
- ANGIOMAX



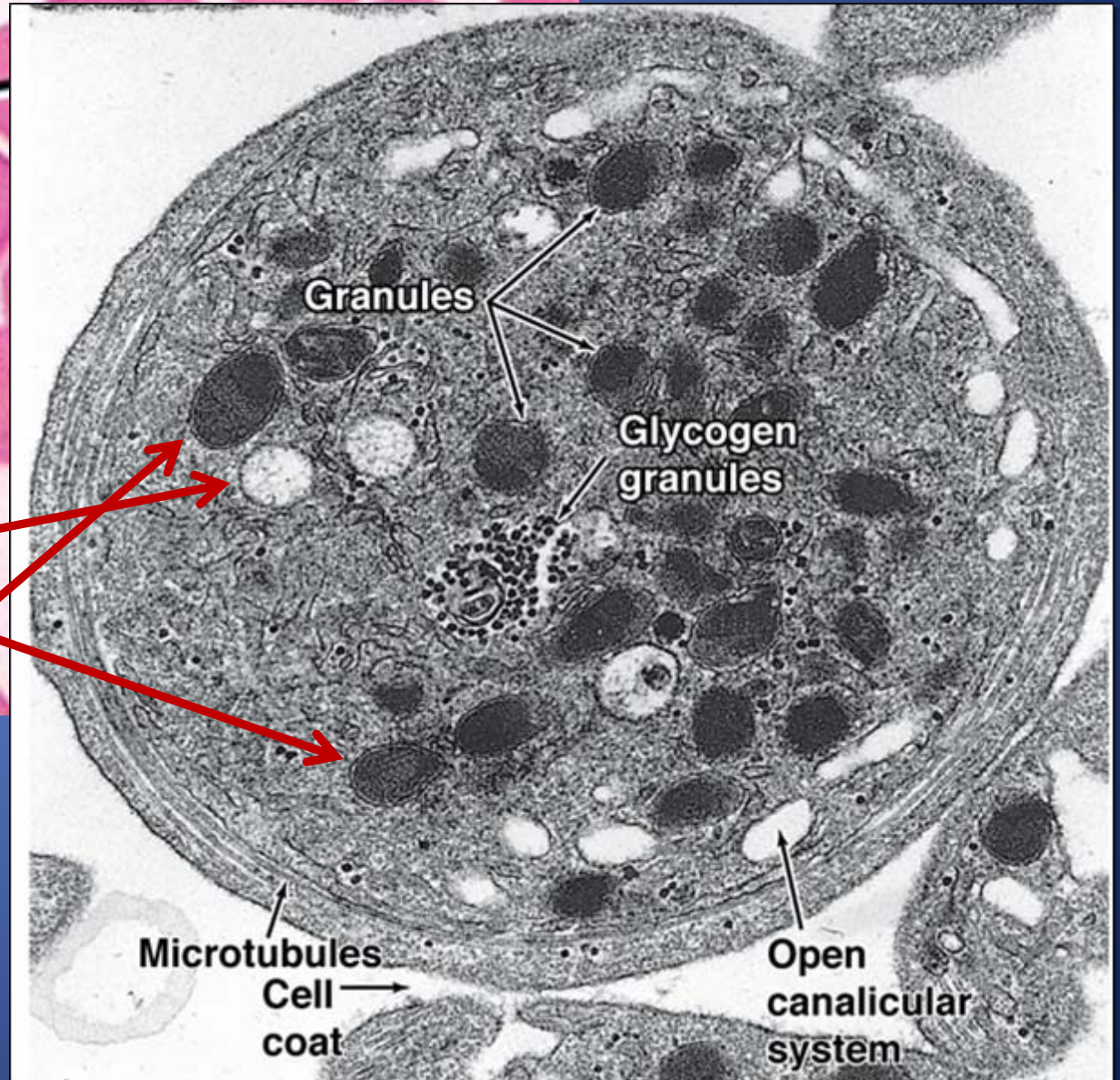


**$\alpha$ - Granules**

PDGF, PF4, vWF,  
Coagulation factors  
Other proteins

**Dense Bodies**

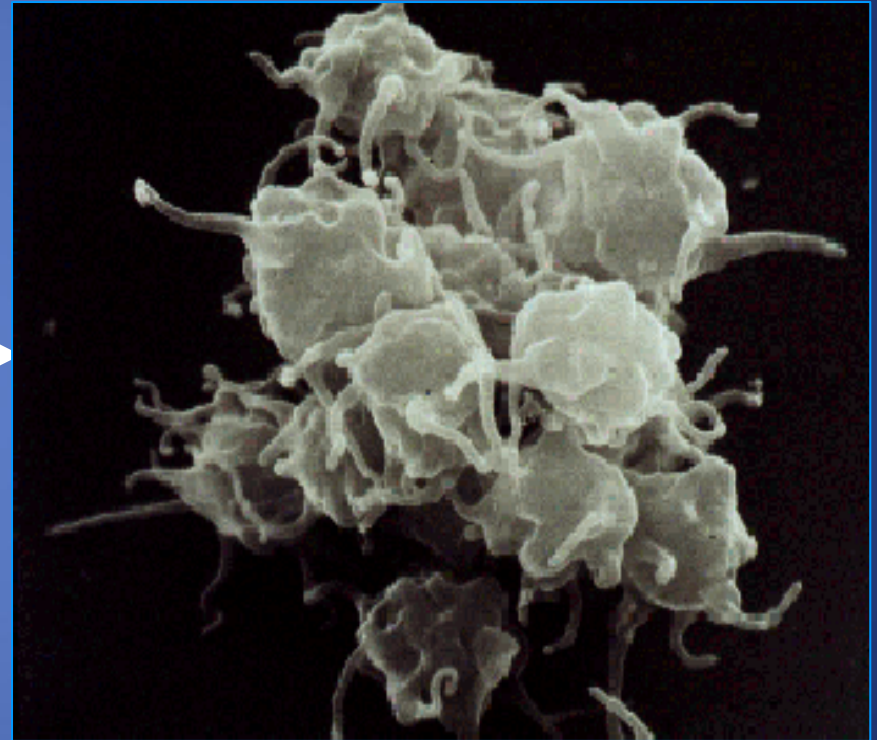
ADP  
Serotonin  
Calcium



# Platelets



Smooth discoid shape  
of resting platelets



Spiny spheric shape  
of activated platelets

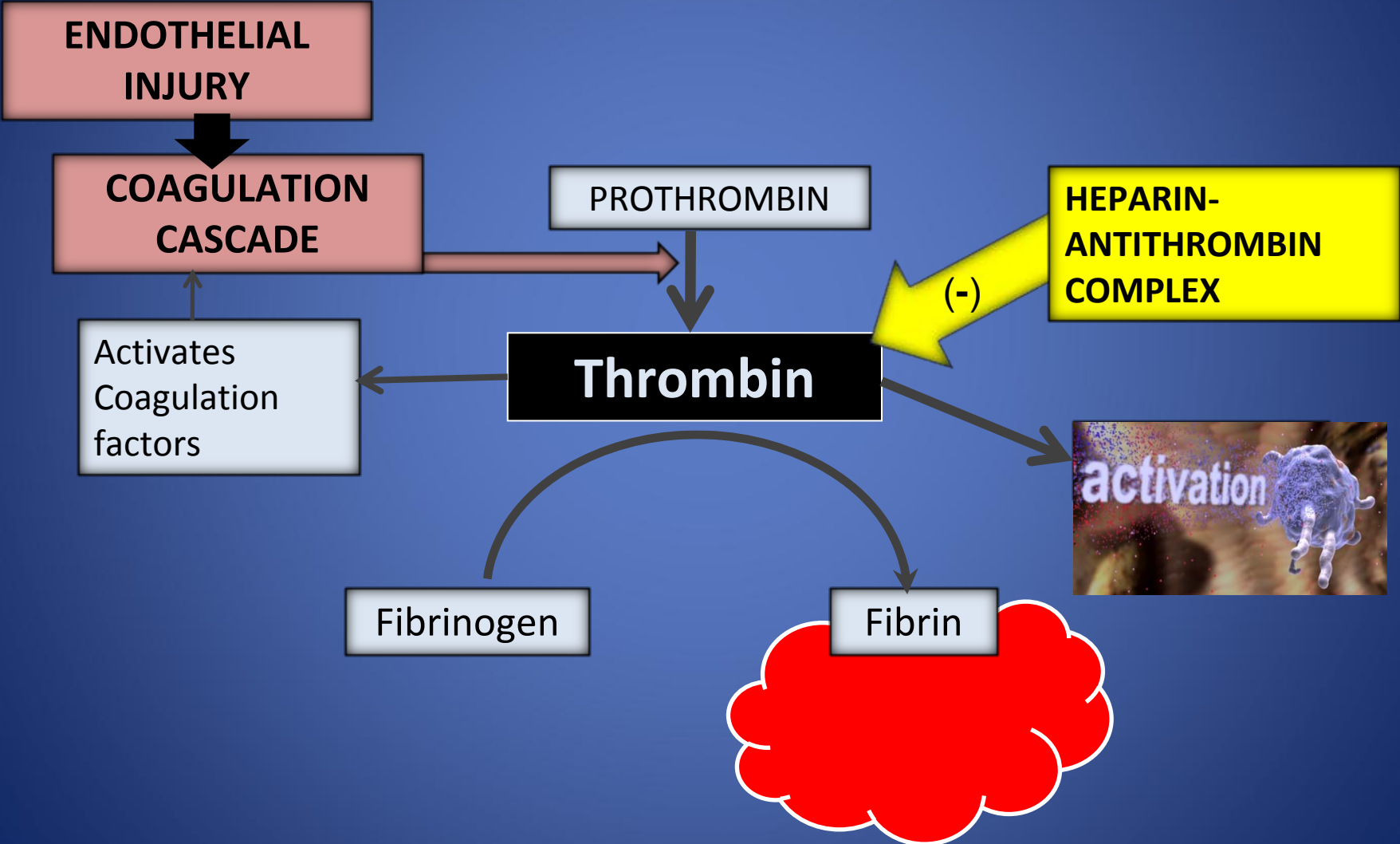


# High Platelet Reactivity State



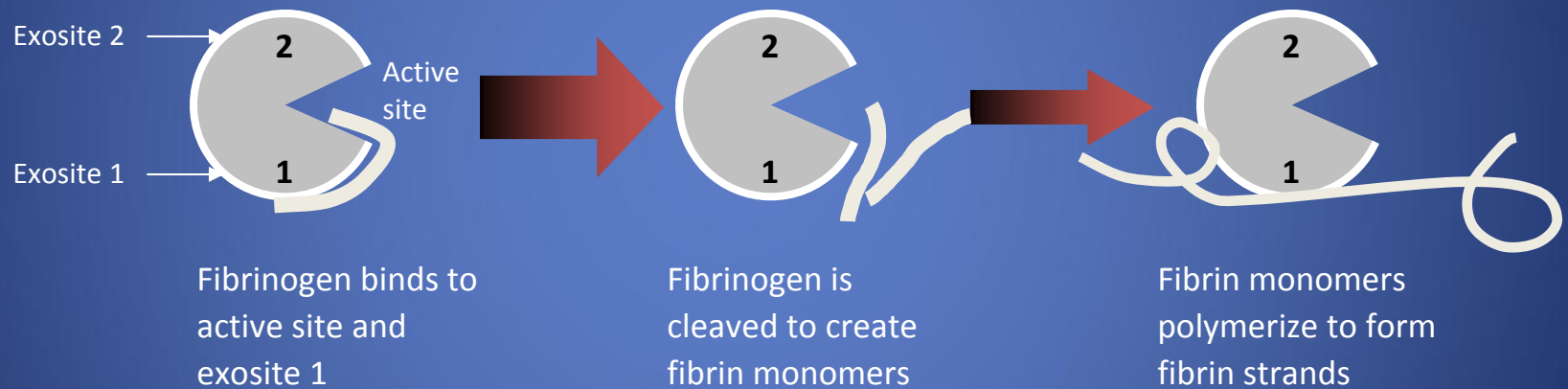
# Thrombin :

Plays Central Role in Atherothrombosis



# Thrombus formation

## Thrombin's receptors and function

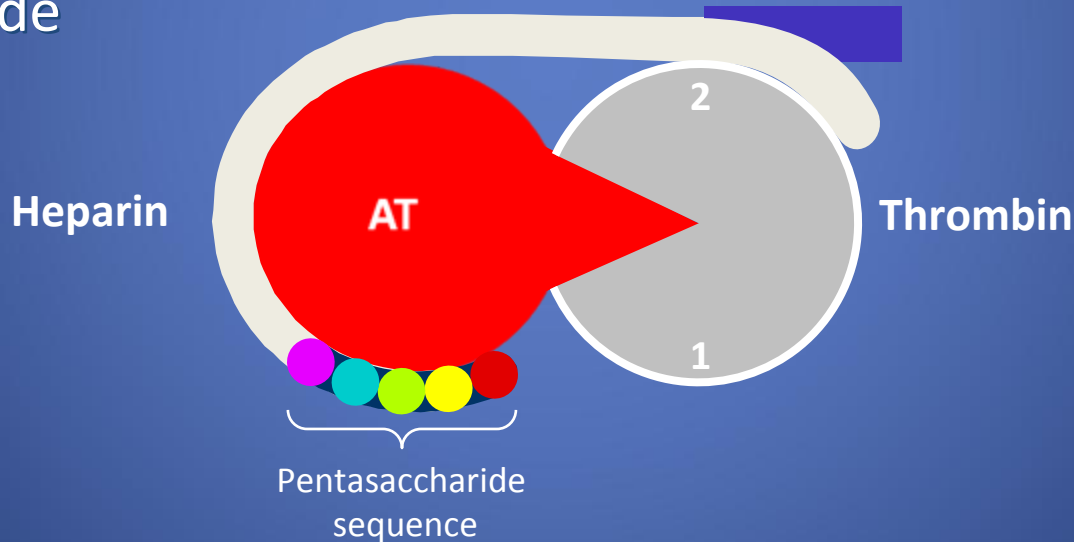


- Proteolytic cleavage of fibrinogen to form fibrin
- Upregulation of coagulation
- Clot stability
- Platelet activation

# Heparin mode of action

“Indirect effect”, requires Antithrombin

Heparin is long chain of polysaccharide

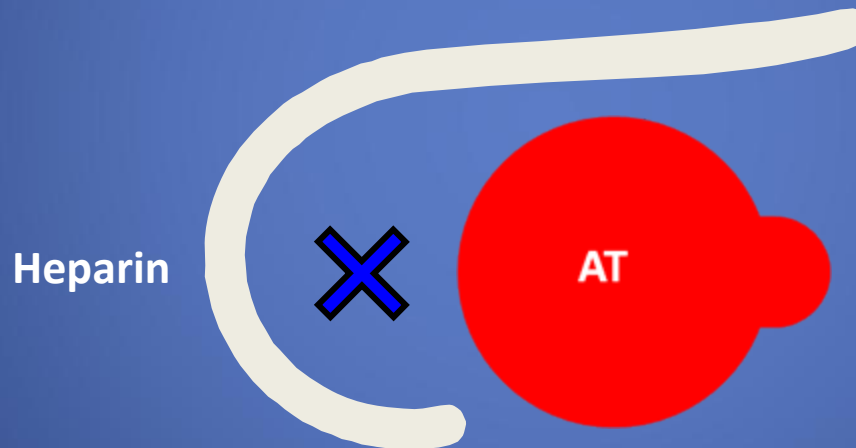


LMWH: Small fragments of heparin

Pentasaccharide is Arixtra

# Heparin's limitations

Heparin is heterogeneous and only one-third of heparin chains can combine with AT for thrombin inhibition.

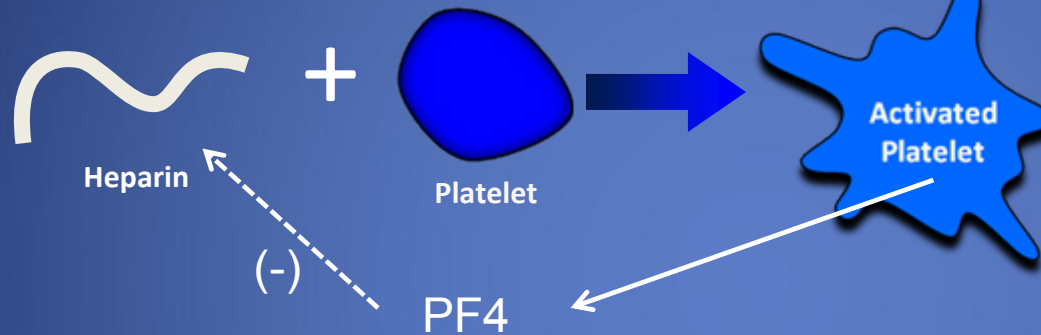


BECAUSE ABOUT 70% of heparin chains lack the correct pentasaccharide sequence needed to interact with AT

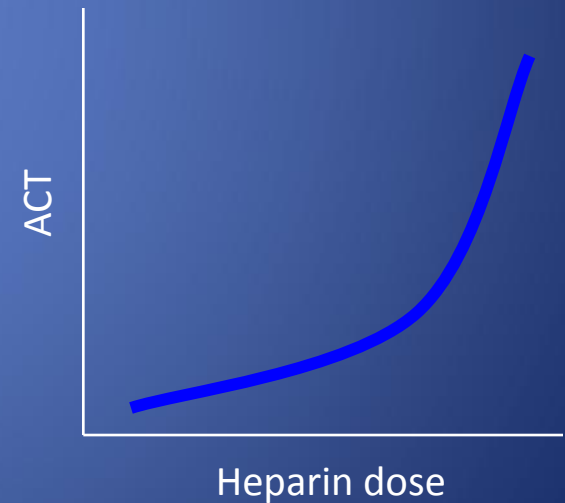
# Heparin's limitations

## Heparin binds to plasma proteins and cells

1. Heparin activates platelets directly.



3. Heparin exhibits a nonlinear dose-response.



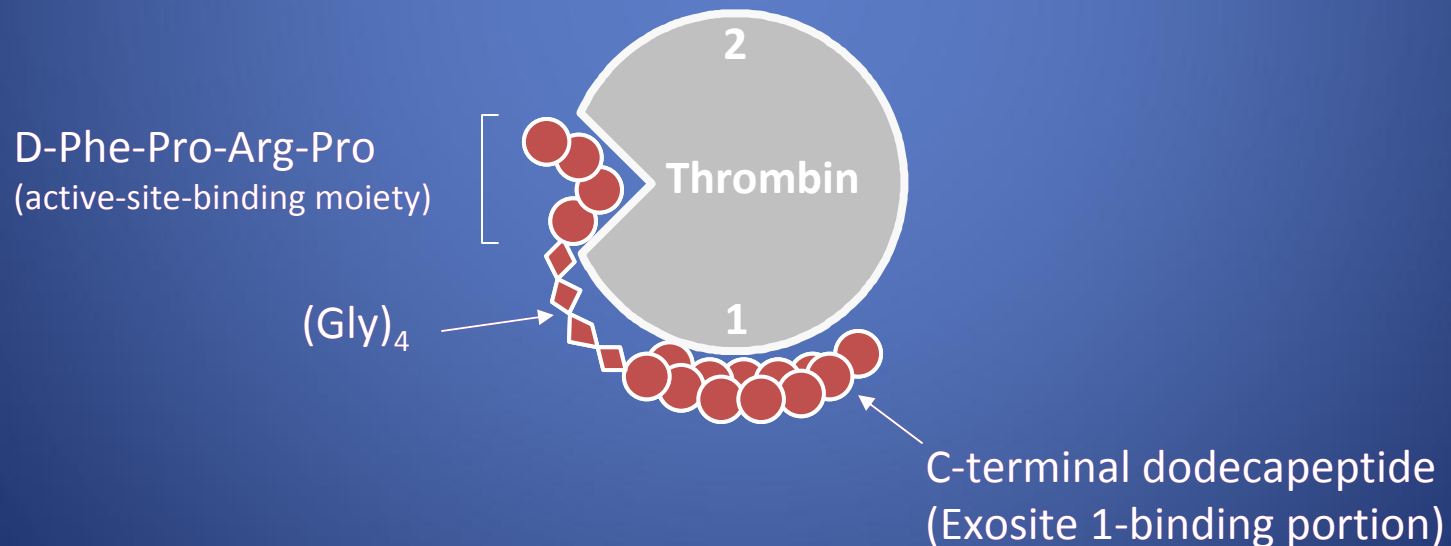
2. Heparin can induce an immune response in the form of HIT/HITTS.



- Antithrombotic therapy II:  
Bivalirudin (Angiomax)

# Bivalirudin: Mechanism of Action

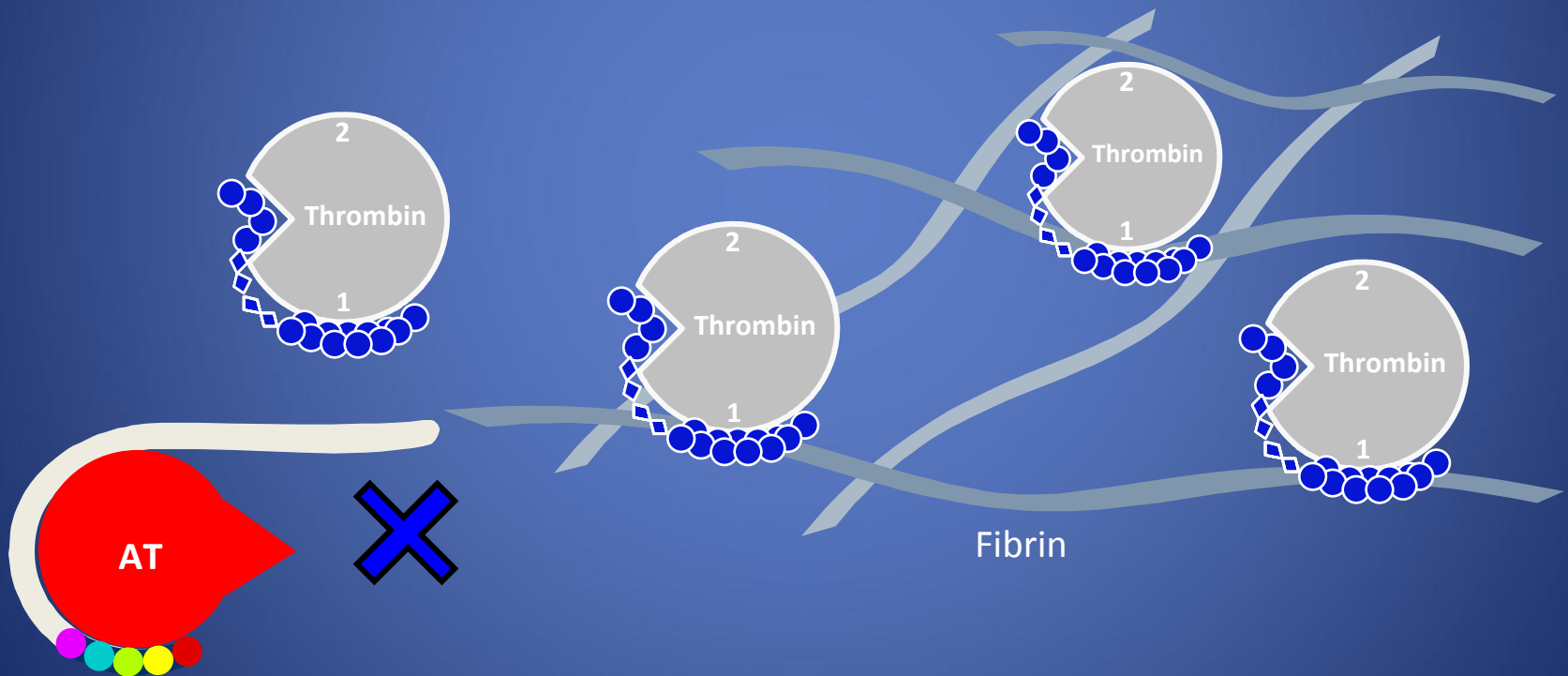
Bivalirudin binds bivalently to thrombin's active site and exosite 1 (fibrinogen binding site).





# Bivalirudin: Mechanism of Action

Bivalirudin inhibits both fibrin-bound and circulating thrombin.

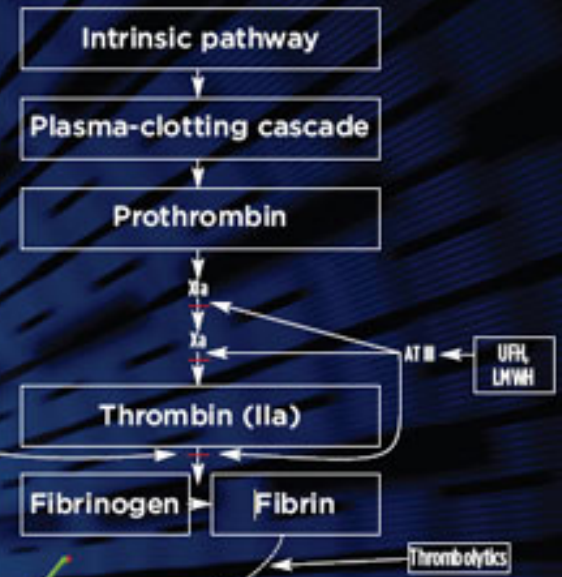


- Antithrombotic therapy III:  
IIb/IIIa Receptor Blockers

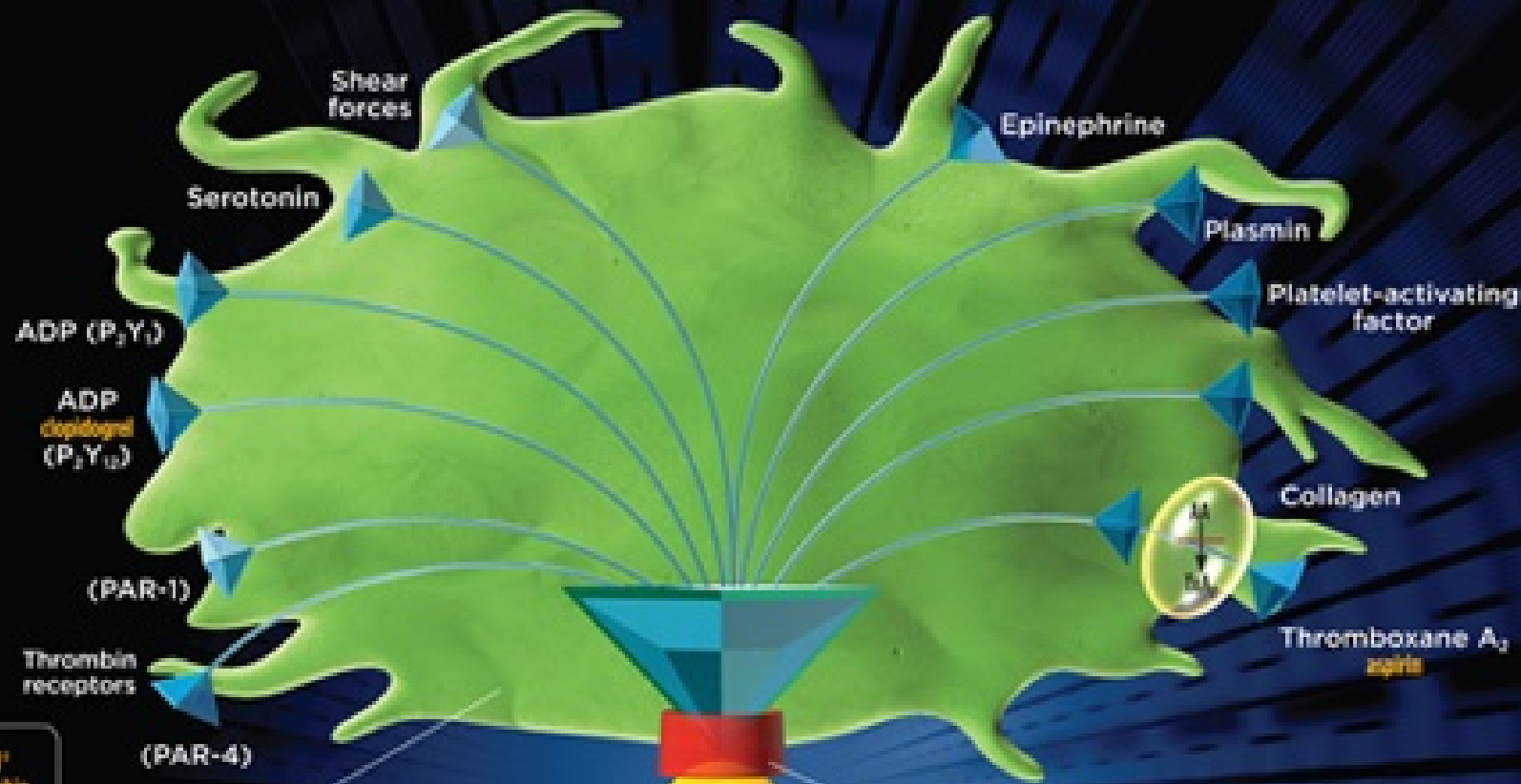
## Platelet Cascade<sup>124</sup>



## Coagulation Cascade<sup>145</sup>



AT III=anti thrombin III.  
 Xa=factor Xa.  
 XIa=factor XIa.  
 IIa=factor IIa.  
 PAF=platelet-activating factor.  
 TxA<sub>2</sub>=thromboxane A<sub>2</sub>.  
 ADP=adenosine diphosphate.  
 LMWH=low-molecular-weight heparin.



UFH, LMWH\*  
 (reduce thrombin generation)  
 Bivalirudin\*  
 (inactivates thrombin)

**Activated platelets**

Fibrinogen

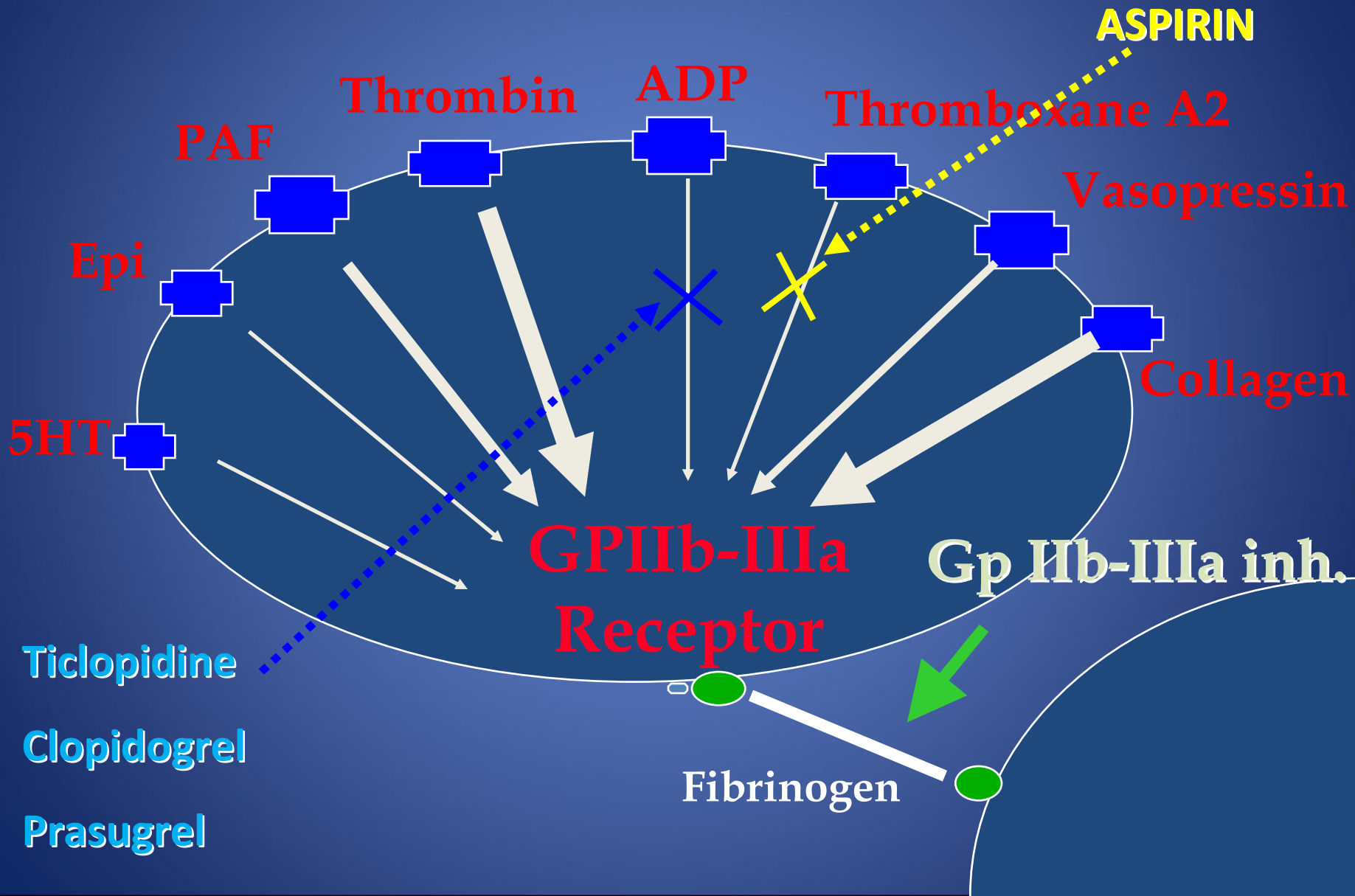
GP IIb-IIIa receptor

**GP IIb-IIIa inhibitor**

GP IIb-IIIa receptor

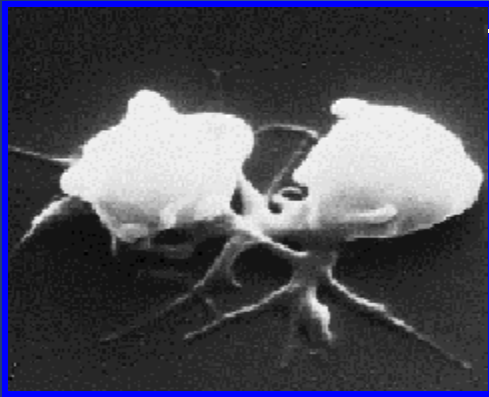
**Reopro**  
**Integrelin**  
**Aggarstat**

# Multiple Pathways of Platelet Activation



# Platelets: An Hemostatic and Inflammatory Cell

## Inflammatory Modulators Produced by Activated Platelets



Platelet-derived growth factor

Platelet factor 4

CD 154 (CD40L)

RANTES\*

Thrombospondin

Transforming growth factor- $\beta$

Nitric oxide



\*Regulated on activation, normal T-cell-expressed and -secreted.

Libby P et al. *Circulation*. 2001;103:1718-1720.

# Thrombocytopenia due to Gp IIb/IIIa Receptor Antagonists

- Thrombocytopenia is a class effect. Trend to be more common with abciximab (Reopro).
- Severe thrombocytopenia (< 50K):
  - Tirofiban / Eptifibatide: 0.2-1.2%
  - Abciximab: 1%. Re-exposure up to 4%
- Types:
  - **Pseudo-thrombocytopenia** (in vitro platelet clumping). Occurred in 2.1% of abciximab treated patients. Explain 1/3 of cases of low platelet counts.
  - **Immune-mediated reaction.**

# Pseudo-thrombocytopenia

Lavander: EDTA

Green: Heparin

Blue: Citrate





# Antithrombotic therapy III:

**Aspirin**  
**Thienopyridines**

# Control of Platelet Aggregation

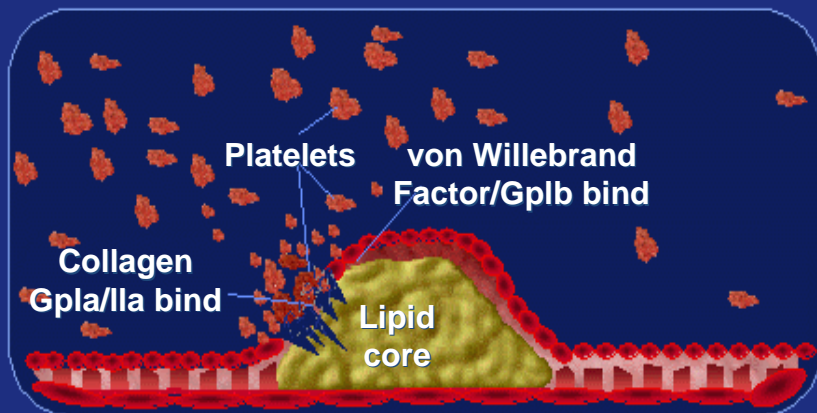
The key to control platelet aggregation is...



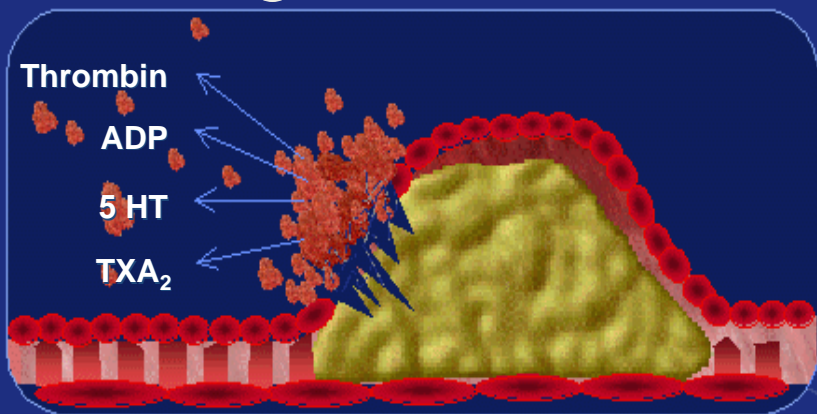
...to manage platelet ACTIVATION over time.

# Role of Platelets

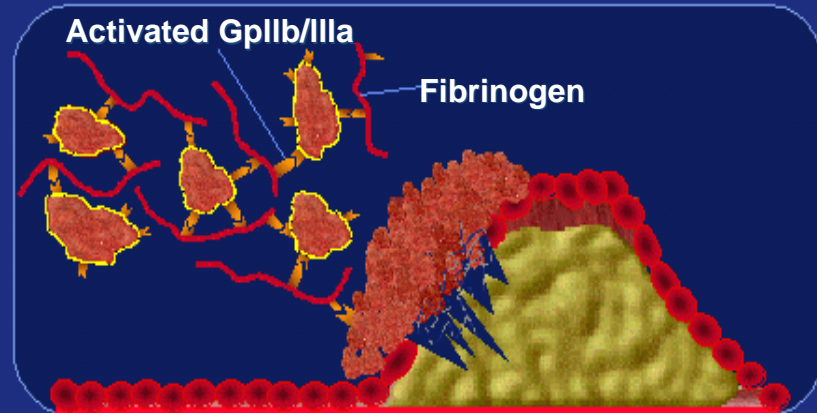
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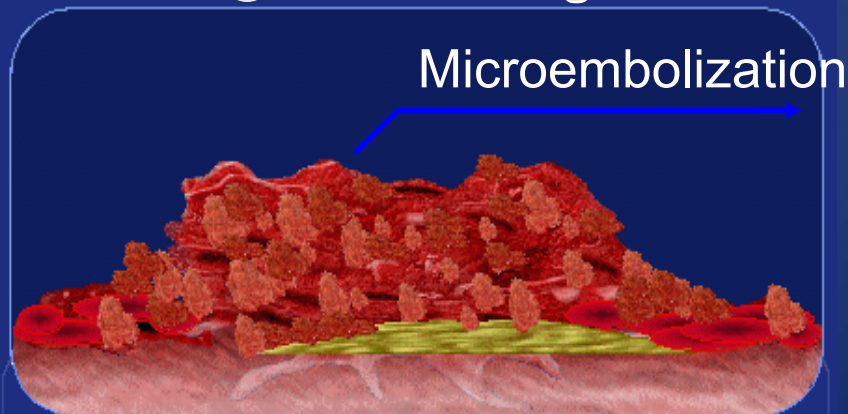
## ② Activation



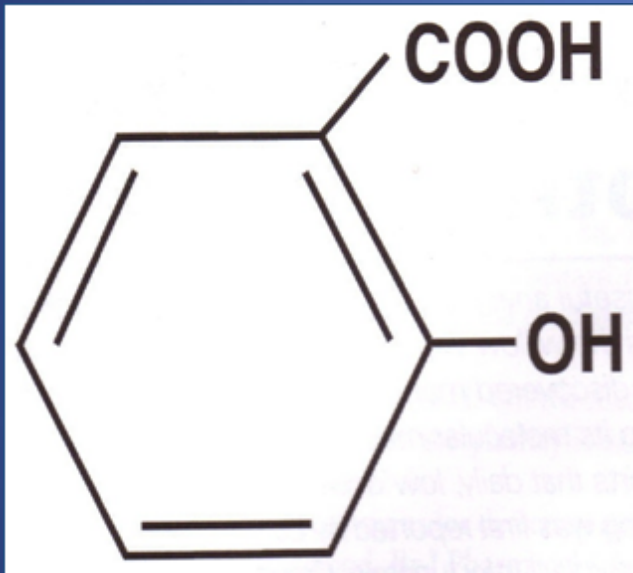
## ③ Aggregation



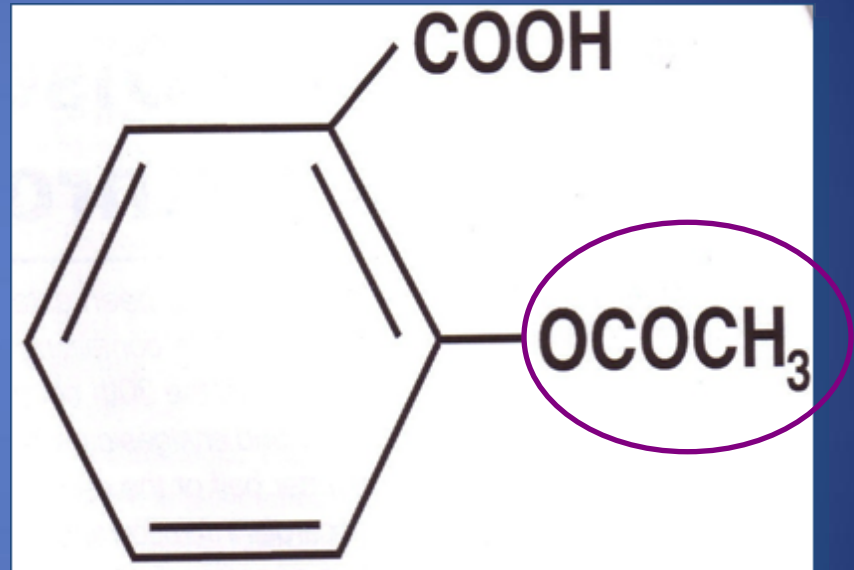
## ④ Platelet Plug



# From Willow bark and other plants



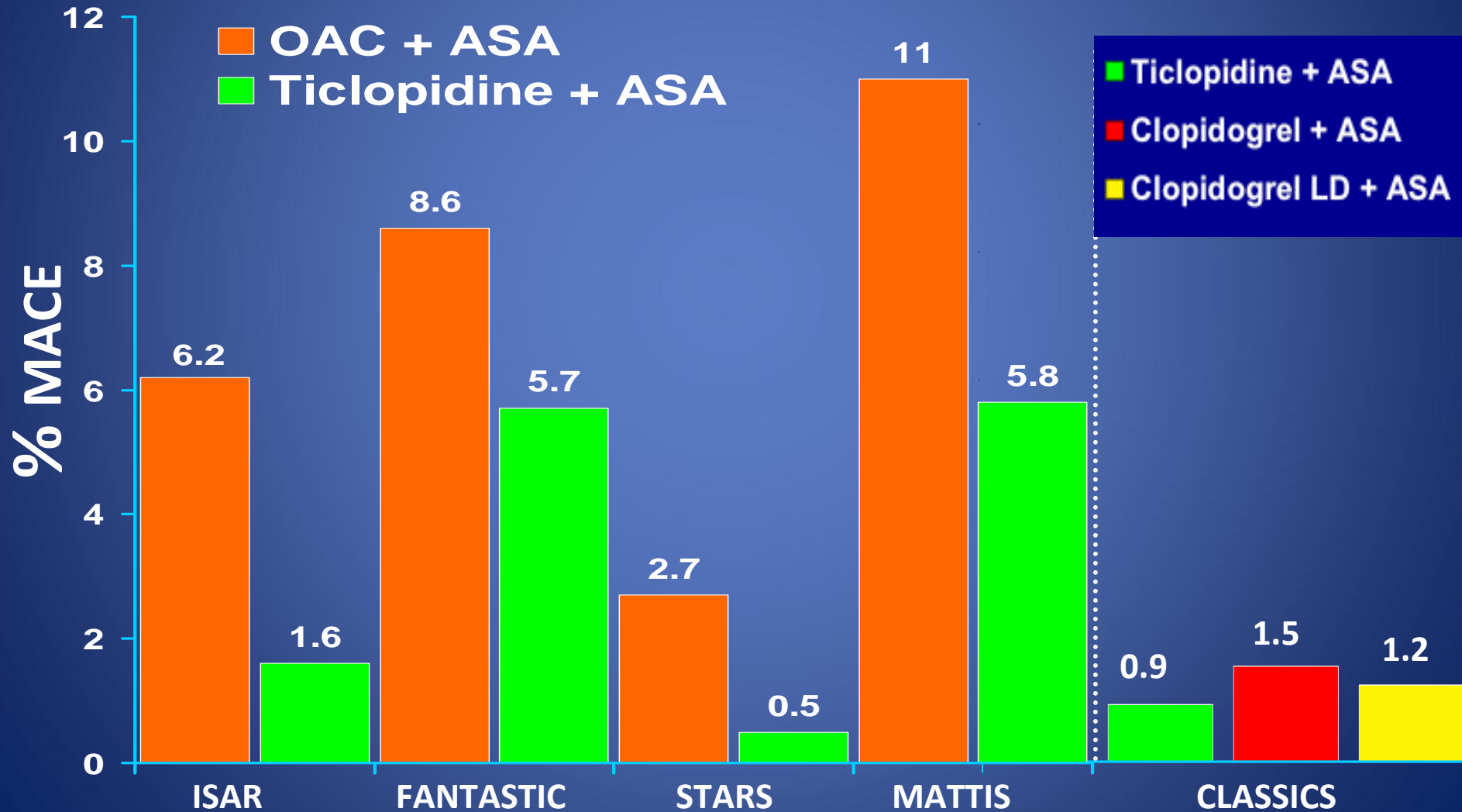
SALICYLIC ACID



ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID (ASPIRIN)

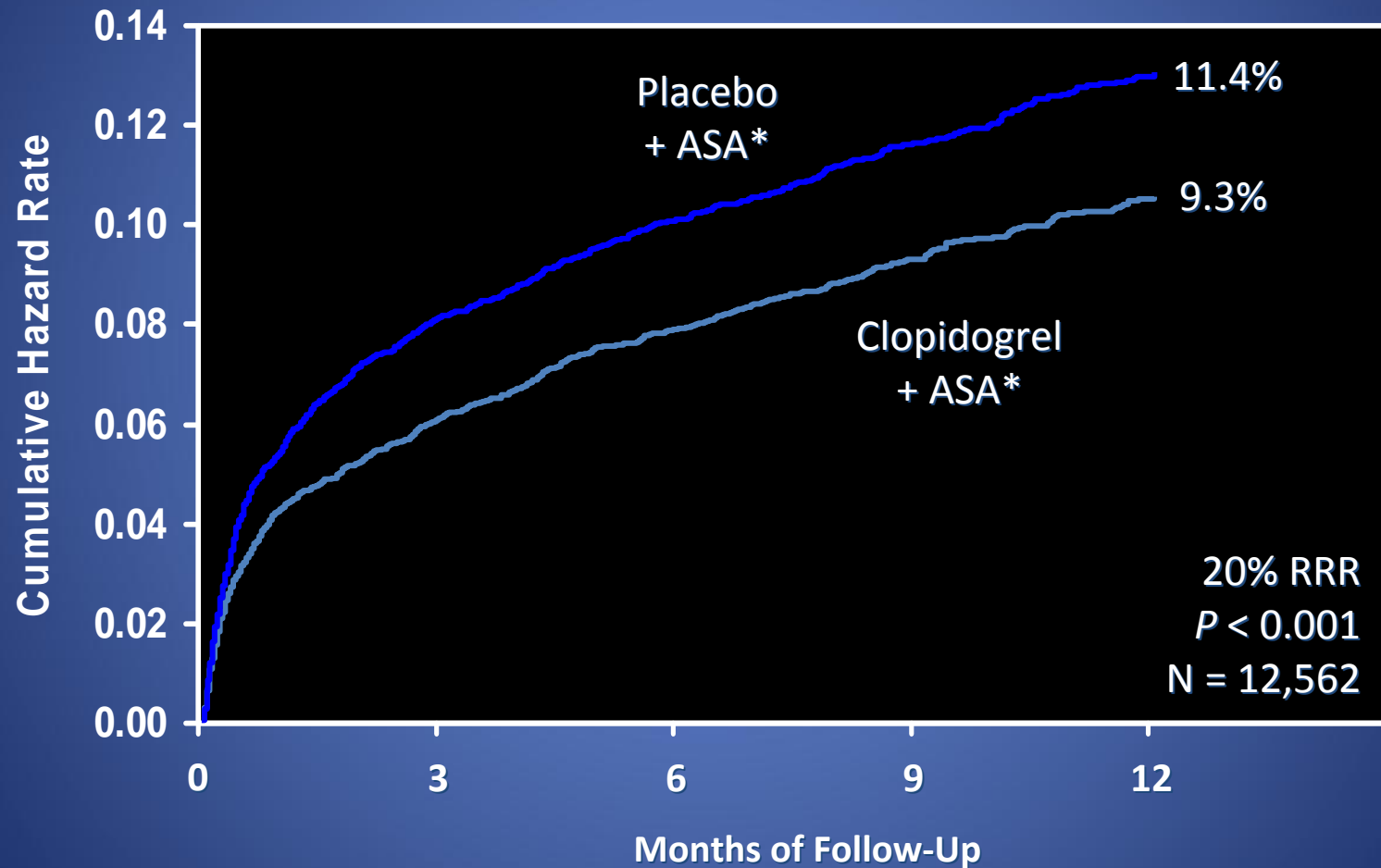
Bayer Lab in 1897

# Dual Antiplatelet Rx for PCI



# Acute Coronary Syndromes

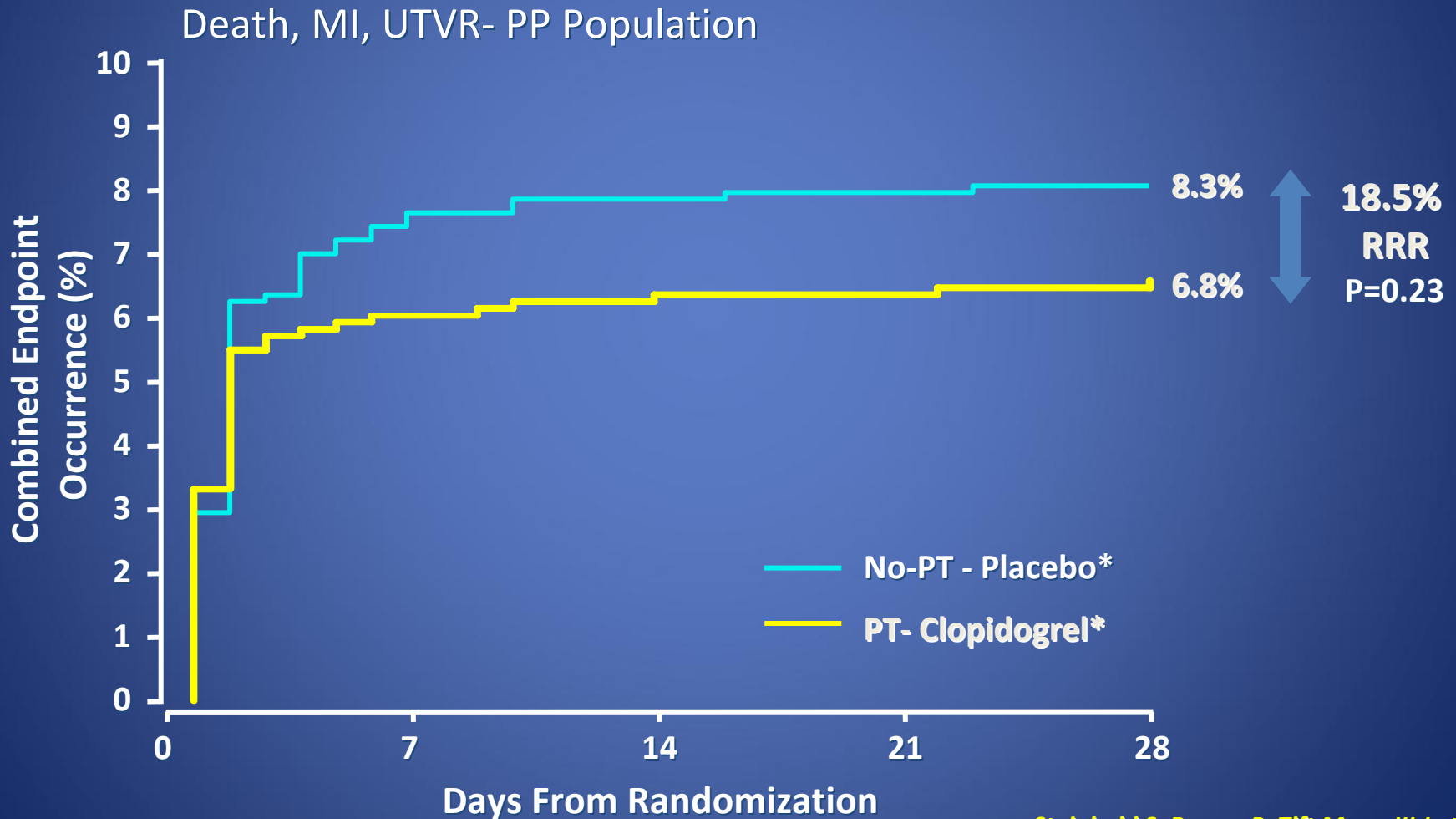
Primary End Point - MI/Stroke/CV Death



\* In combination with standard therapy

The CURE Trial Investigators. *N Engl J Med.* 2001;345:494-502.

# Early Effects of Pre-treatment with Clopidogrel – 28 Day Results



PT = Pre-treatment

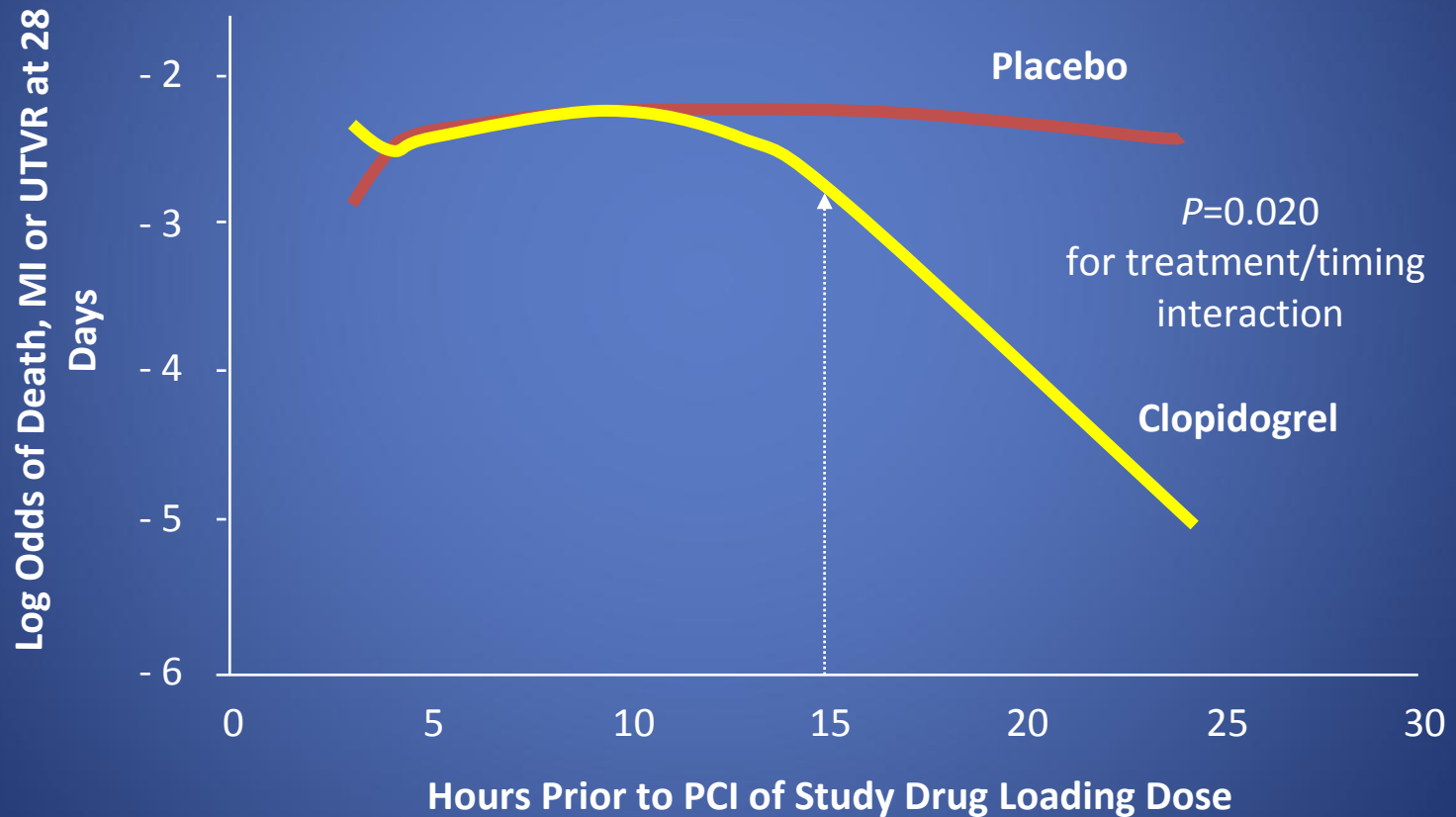
\*Plus ASA and other standard therapies

Steinhubl S, Berger P, Tift Mann III J et al.

JAMA. 2002;Vol 288, No 19:2411-2420.

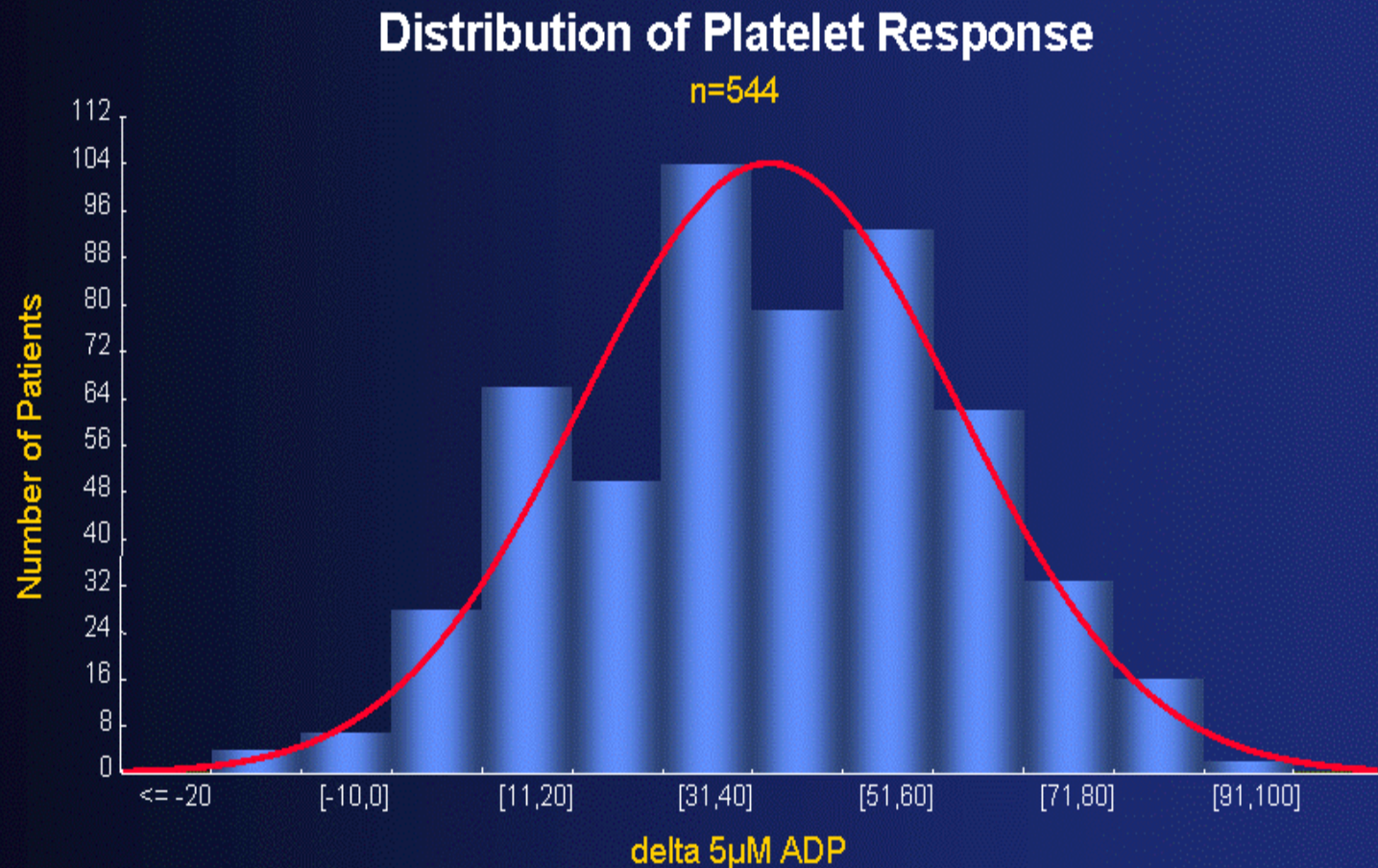
# CREDO: Clopidogrel Loading

## Dose Timing and Risk of MACE



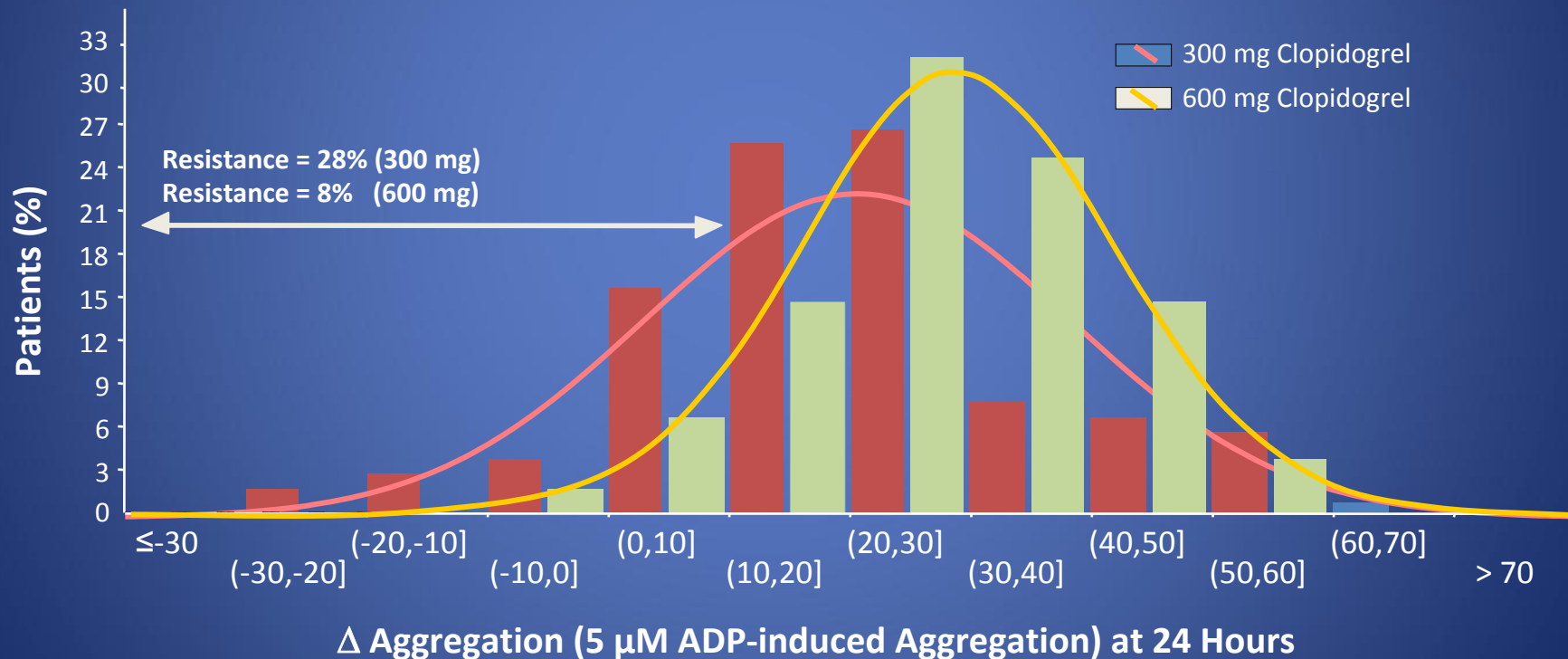


# Platelet Reactivity to Clopidogrel Follows a Normal, Bell-Shaped Distribution\*



\* Response of 544 individuals follows a normal bell-shaped distribution. Only 4.2% of patients are two standard deviations below the mean and might be considered hypo-responders.  
Serebruany VL, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol*. 2005;45:246-251.

# Increase the Dose of Clopidogrel: (300 mg vs 600 mg)



# CURRENT

## OASIS-7

**25,087 ACS Patients (UA/NSTEMI 70.8%,  
STEMI 29.2%)**

- ✓ Planned Early (<24 h) Invasive Management with intended PCI
- ✓ Ischemic ECG  $\Delta$  (80.8%) or  $\uparrow$  cardiac biomarker (42%)

Double-dose

**CLOPIDOGREL**

600 mg loading

150 mg/d x 7d then 75 mg/d

Vs

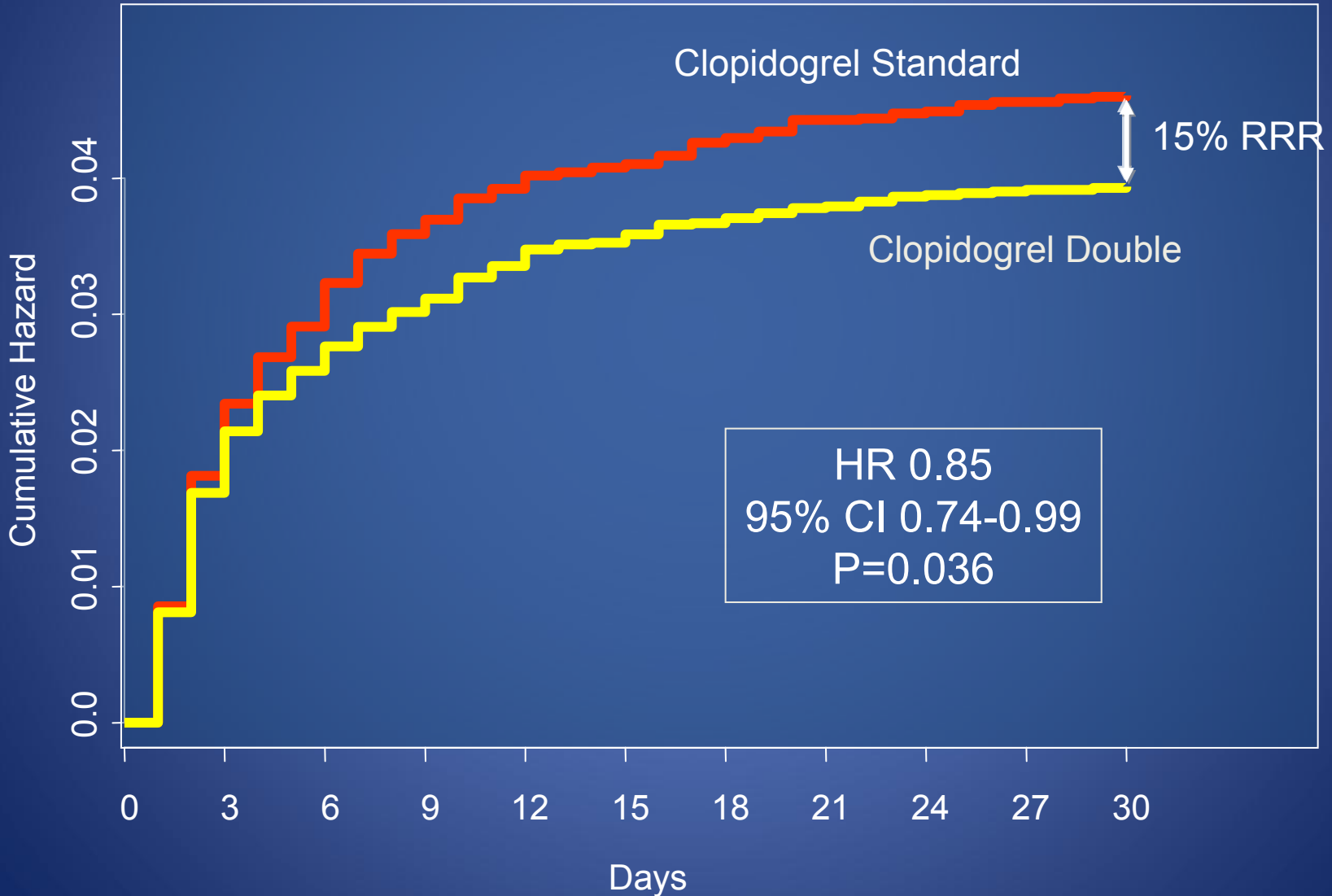
Standard dose

**CLOPIDOGREL**

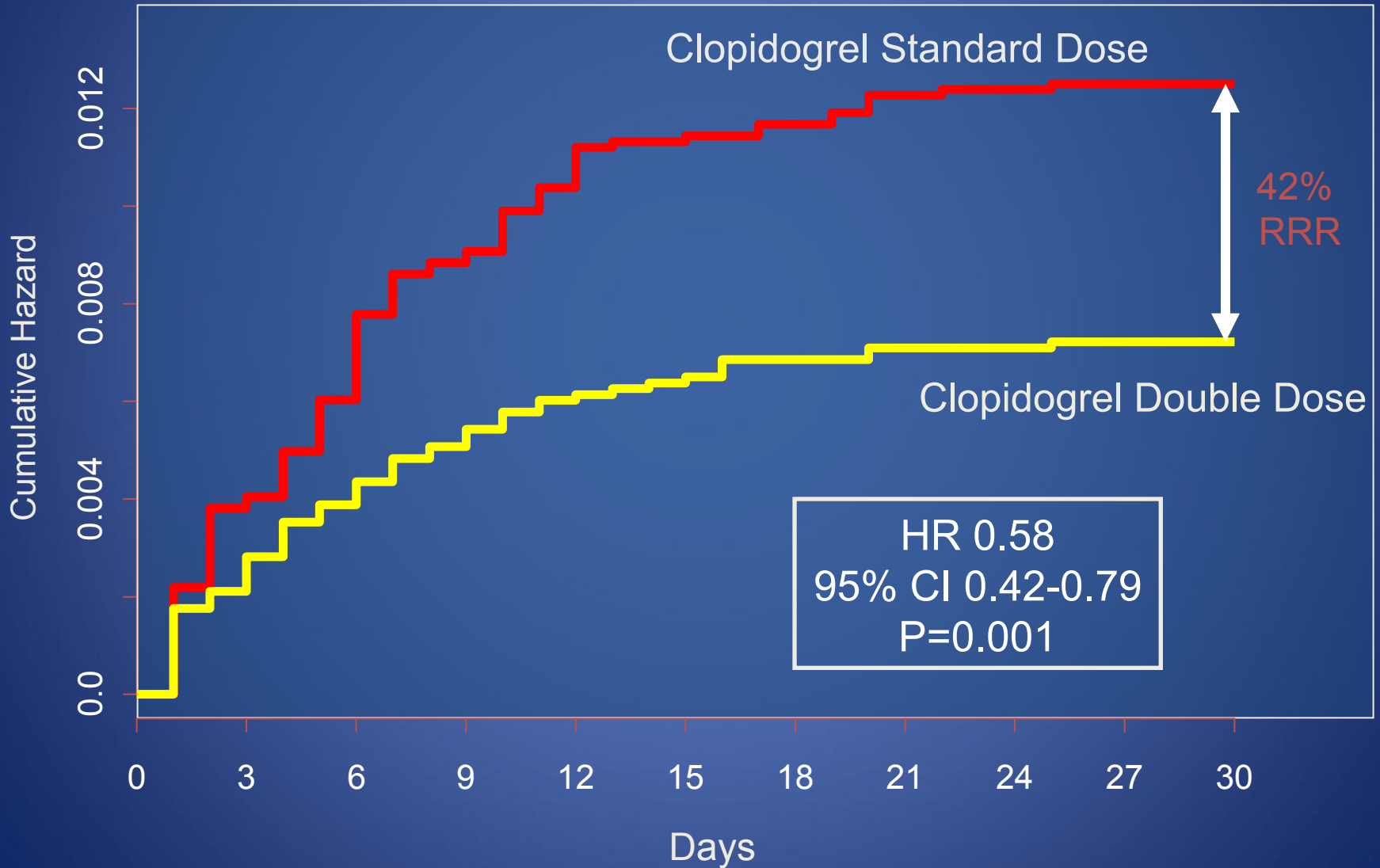
(300 mg then 75 mg/d)

# Clopidogrel: Double vs Standard Dose Primary Outcome: PCI Patients

CV Death, MI or Stroke



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



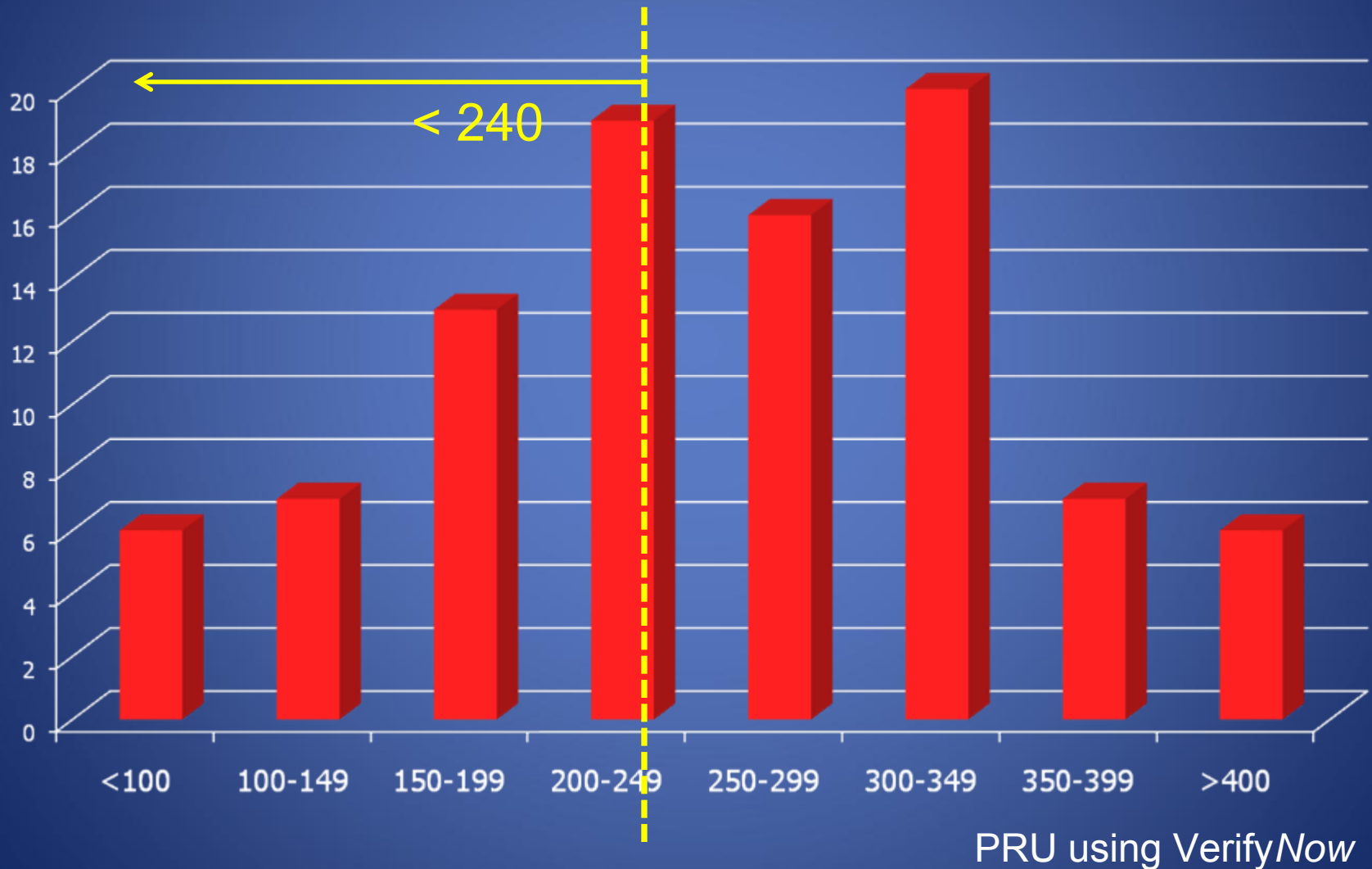
# Study population: CCL MRH

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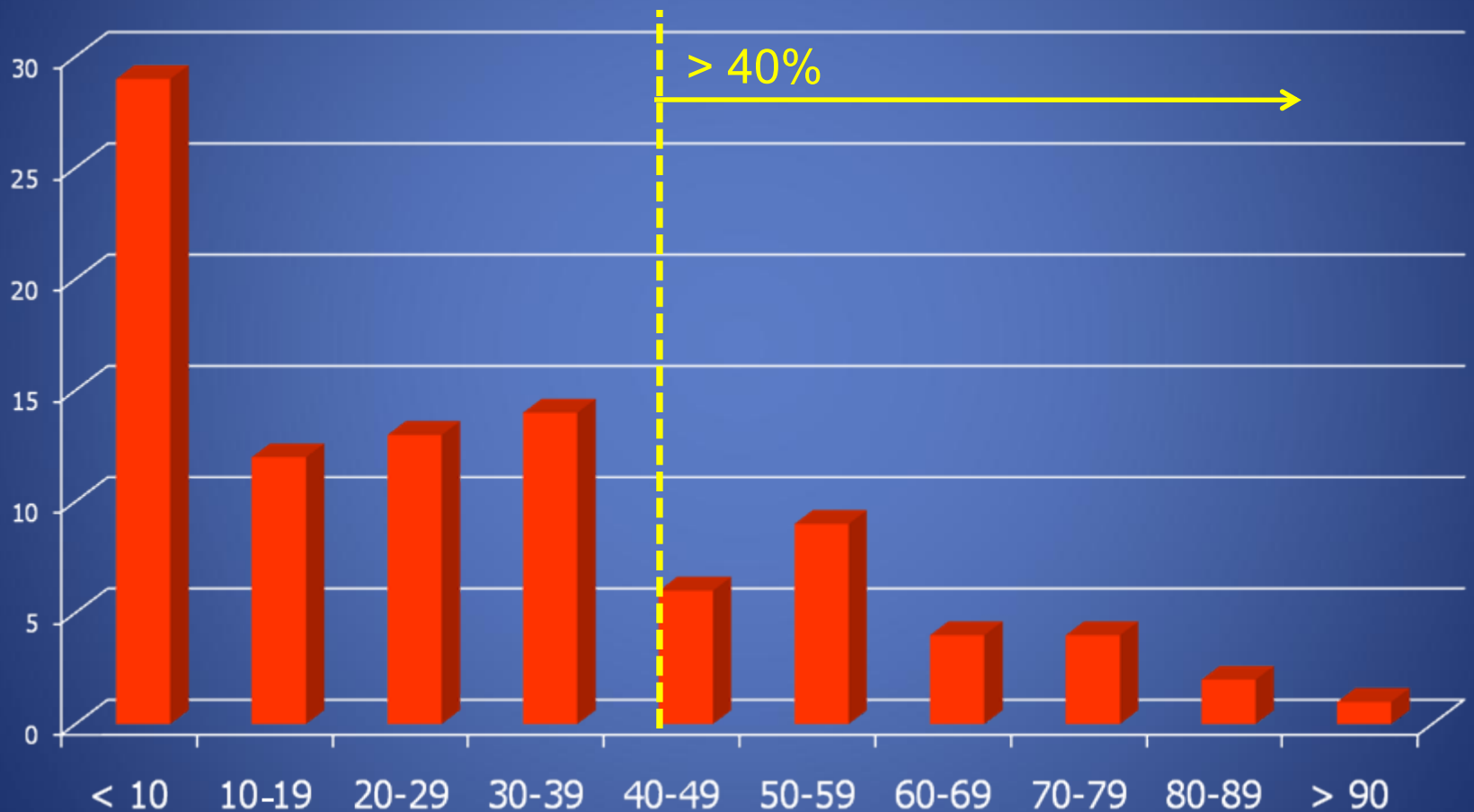
- All Patients taking Plavix on a chronic basis or patients who were loaded the day before with 300 or 600
- March /April 2000
- N= 94

# P2Y12 Reactivity on Clopidogrel:

PRU (n=94)



# P2Y12 Reactivity on Clopidogrel % Inhibition (n=94)



% Inhibition by VerifyNow



# VerifyNow P2Y12 Inhibition: MRH

PRU GOAL < 240



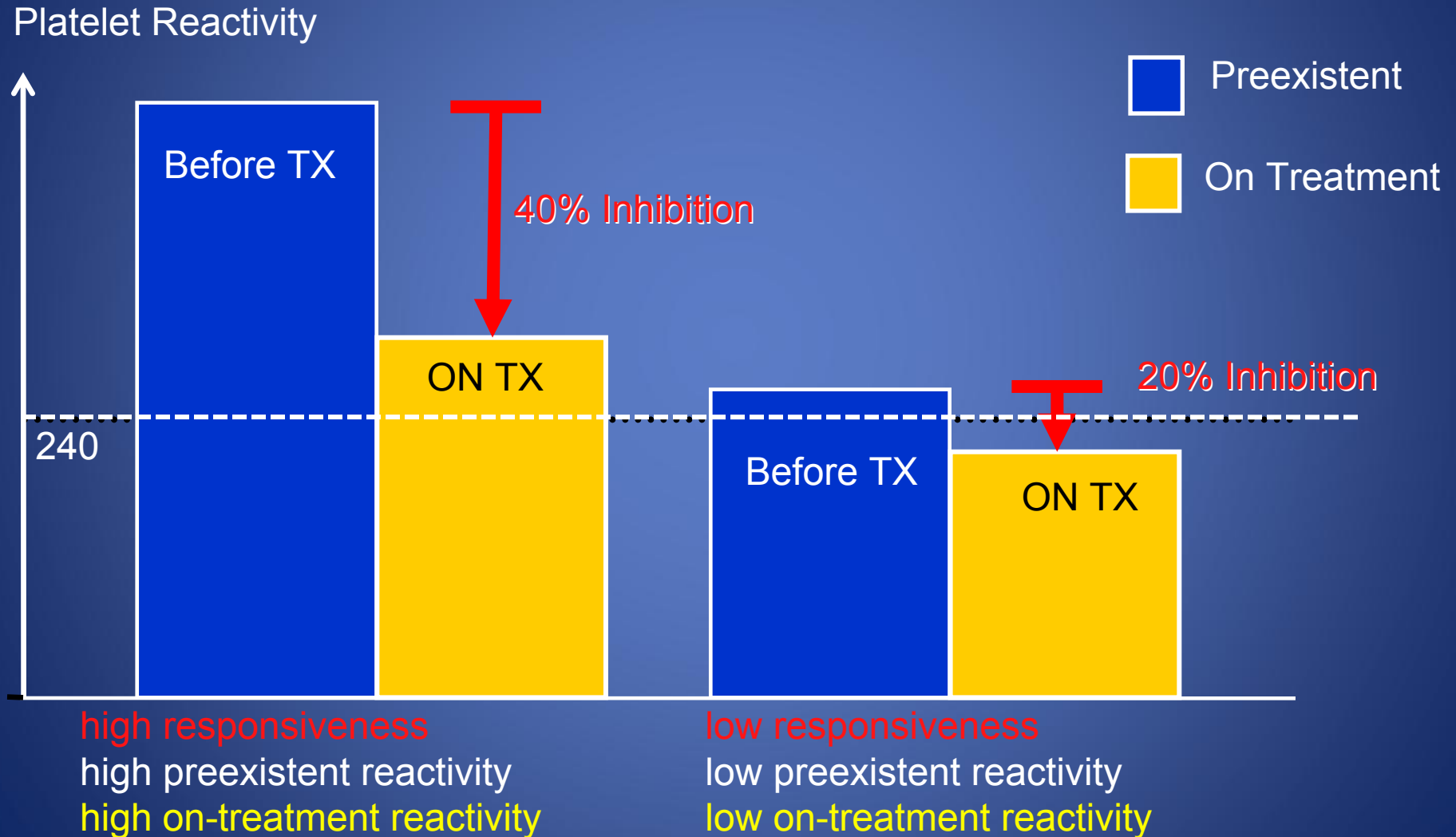
# % Inhibition or absolute platelet reactivity?



Although probably BOTH are important, the absolute residual platelet reactivity has been associated with outcomes.

# Role of Preexistent Platelet Aggregation

## - Responsiveness vs. On-Treatment Reactivity -



# Platelet testing

## Background

- “One size fits all”: WRONG CONCEPT
- Variable baseline platelet reactivity
- Response to antiplatelet therapy is variable
- Residual platelet reactivity is related to thrombotic complications in PCI risk and risk of bleeding from CABG

# Platelet Aggregation: VerifyNow™



# Easy to Use

- Whole blood, small sample volume.
- No sample preparation
- Results in 2-5 minutes
- Point of care device: MRH CATH LAB AND CENTRAL LAB



1 Open the cover



2 When prompted, insert the assay device until it clicks.



3 When prompted, insert the tube onto the assay device needle.



4 After inserting the tube, close the cover and read results within 2 to 5 minutes.

# ASSAYS

VerifyNow P2Y12



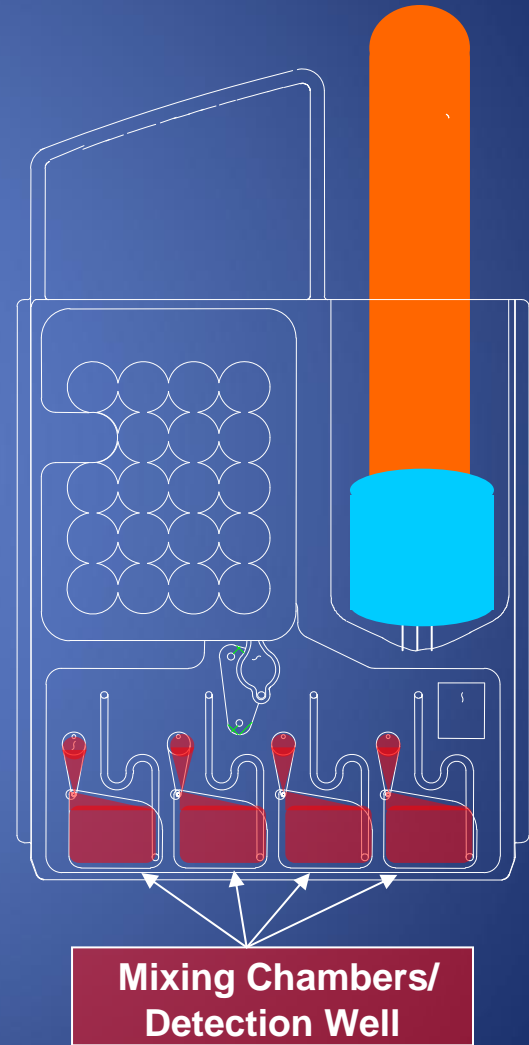
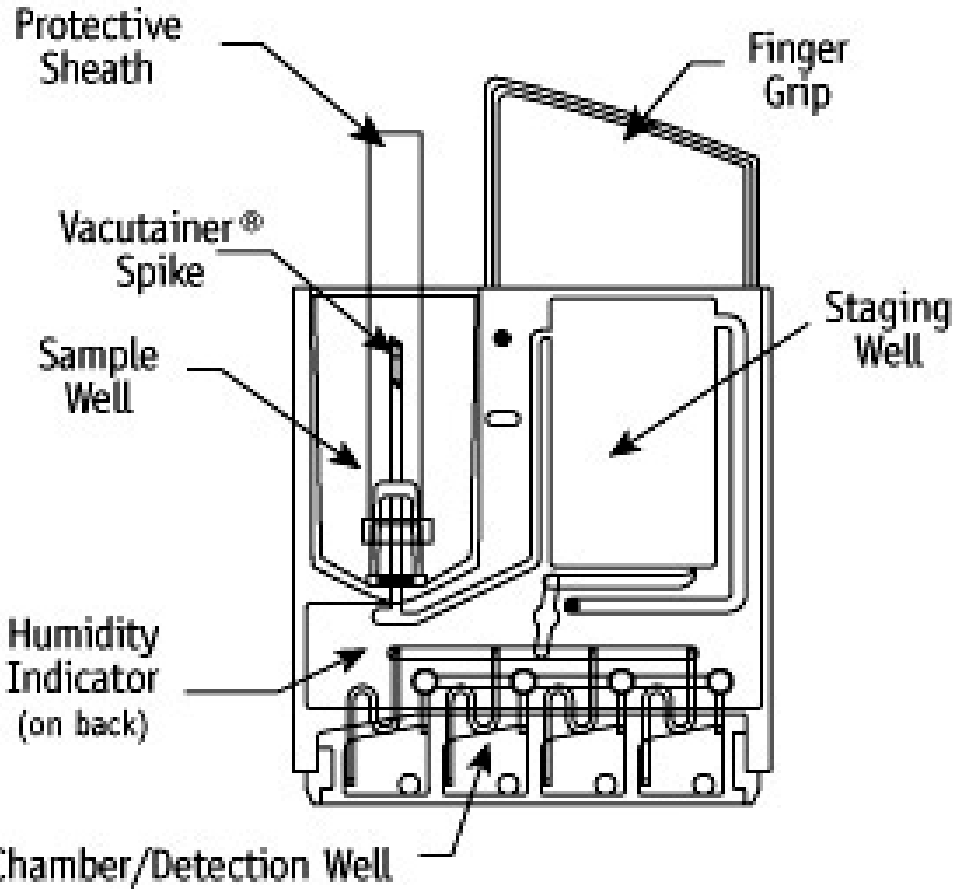
VerifyNow Aspirin



VerifyNow IIb/IIIa



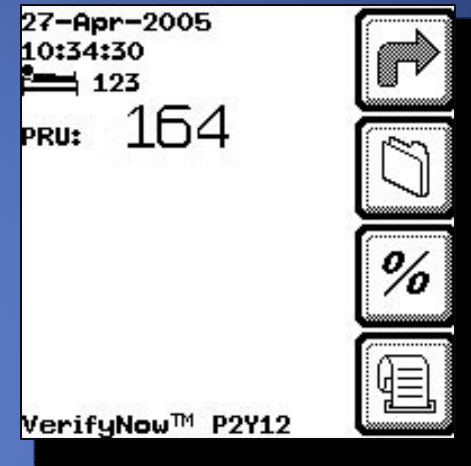
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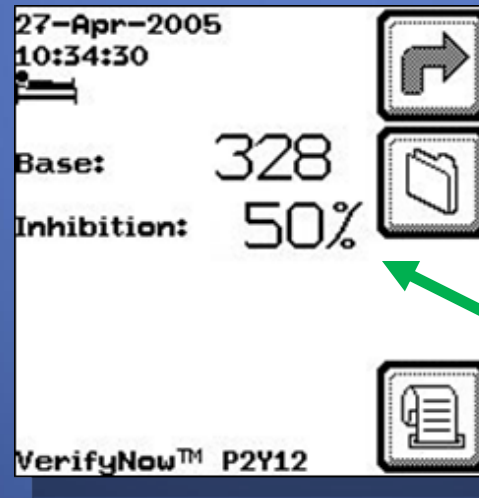


# VerifyNow<sup>®</sup> P2Y12 Result Calculations

ADP-mediated platelet activation determines the PRU value



TRAP-mediated platelet activation approximates Baseline PRU



$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Clopidogrel-induced} \\ &\text{\% platelet inhibition} \\ &= \\ &\frac{\text{Baseline PRU} - \text{Post-PRU}}{\text{Baseline PRU}} \times 100 \end{aligned}$$

# Results are based on the extent of platelet aggregation measured and are reported in Aspirin Reaction Units (ARU)



If result is **<550** ARU, then platelet dysfunction has been detected, indicating that **Aspirin IS working**.



If result is **≥550** ARU indicating that the anti-platelet effect has not have been achieved or **Aspirin IS NOT working**



# Publication of TIMI 38

*NEJM, Nov 15, 2007*

The **NEW ENGLAND**  
**JOURNAL** of **MEDICINE**

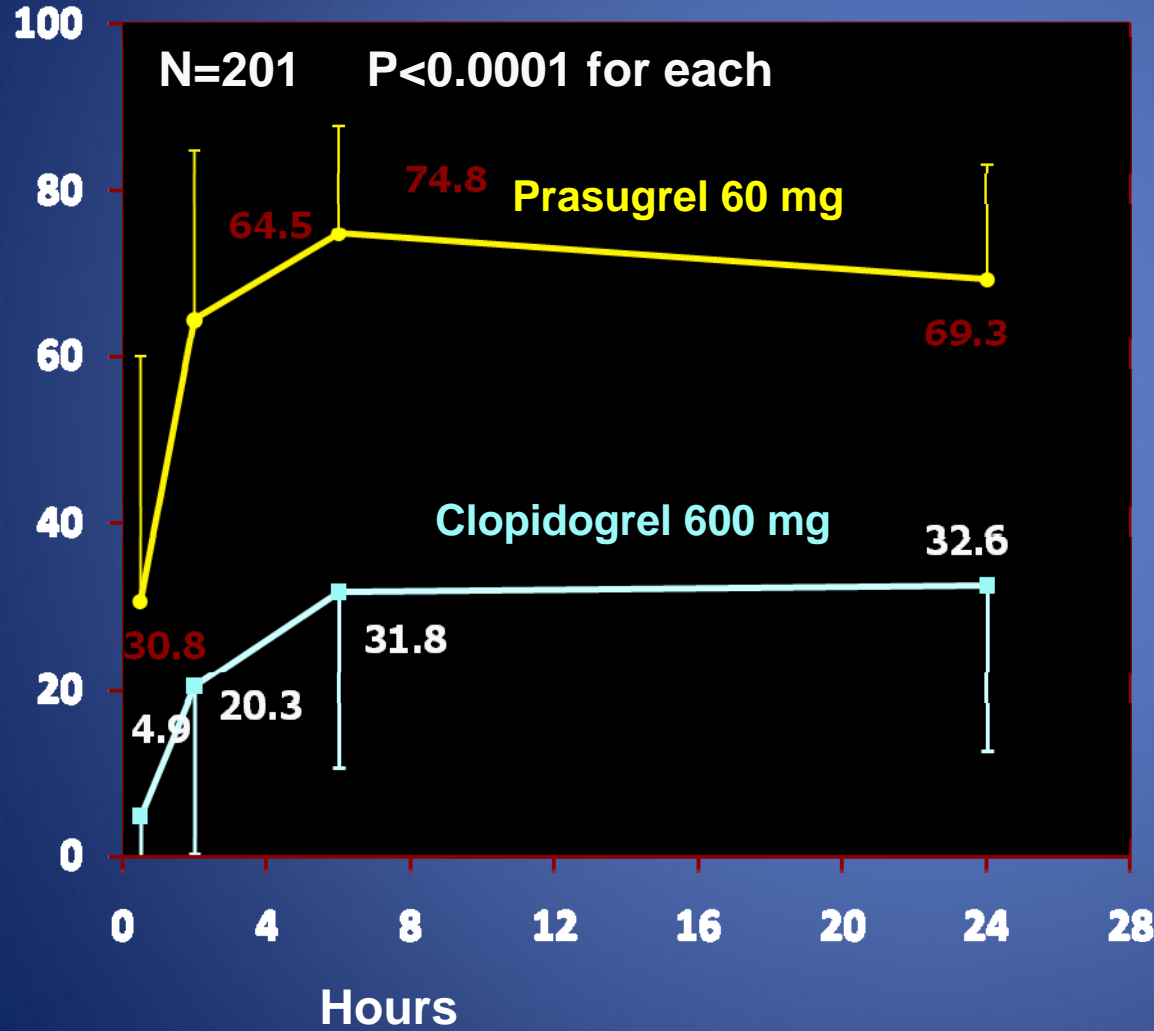
## Prasugrel versus Clopidogrel in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes

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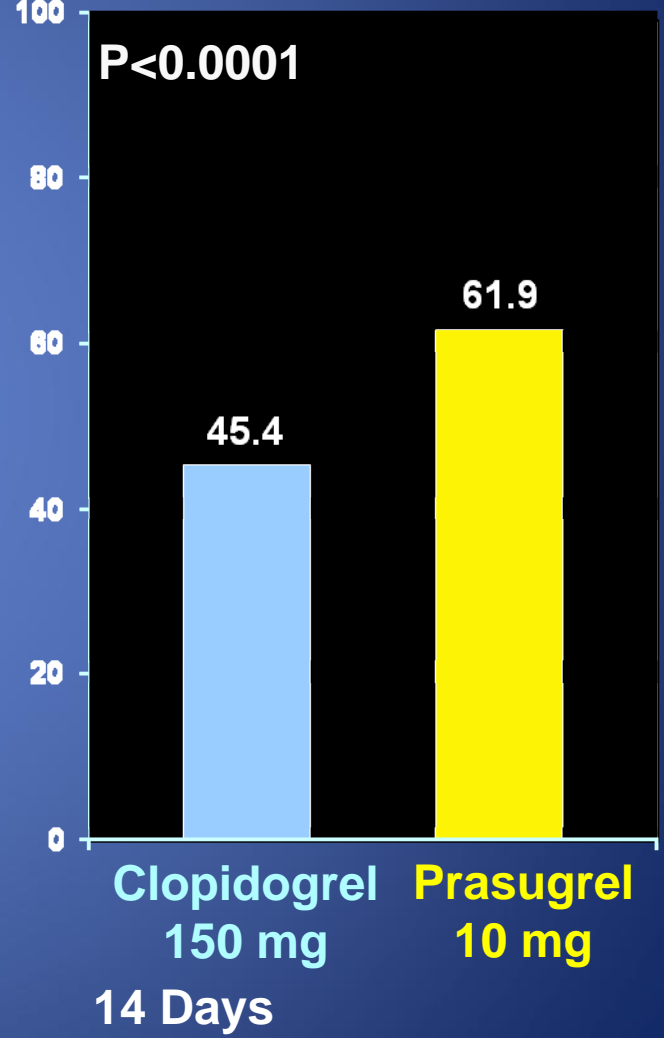
Effient (Prasugrel) approved by FDA July 10, 2009

# Prasugrel: Comparison with High Dose Clopidogrel

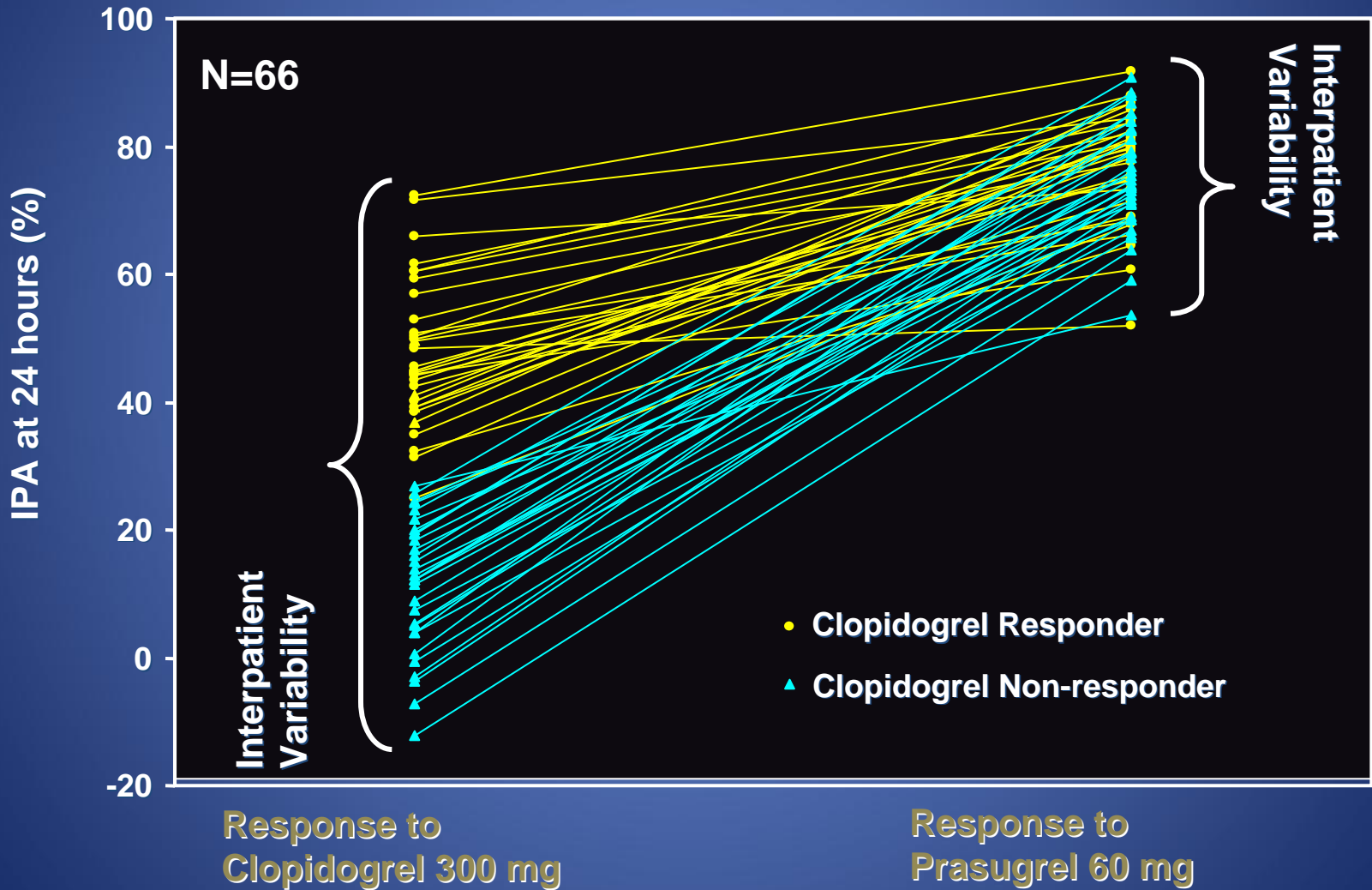
IPA (%; 20 μM ADP)



IPA (%; 20 μM ADP)



# Healthy Volunteer Crossover Study





# TRITON-TIMI 38

## Study Design

ACS (STEMI or UA/NSTEMI) & Planned PCI

ASA

N= 13,600

↓  
Double-blind

CLOPIDOGREL  
300 mg LD/ 75 mg MD

PRASUGREL  
60 mg LD/ 10 mg MD

Median duration of therapy - 12 months

1° endpoint: CV death, MI, Stroke

2° endpoints: CV death, MI, Stroke, Rehosp-Rec Isch  
CV death, MI, UTVR

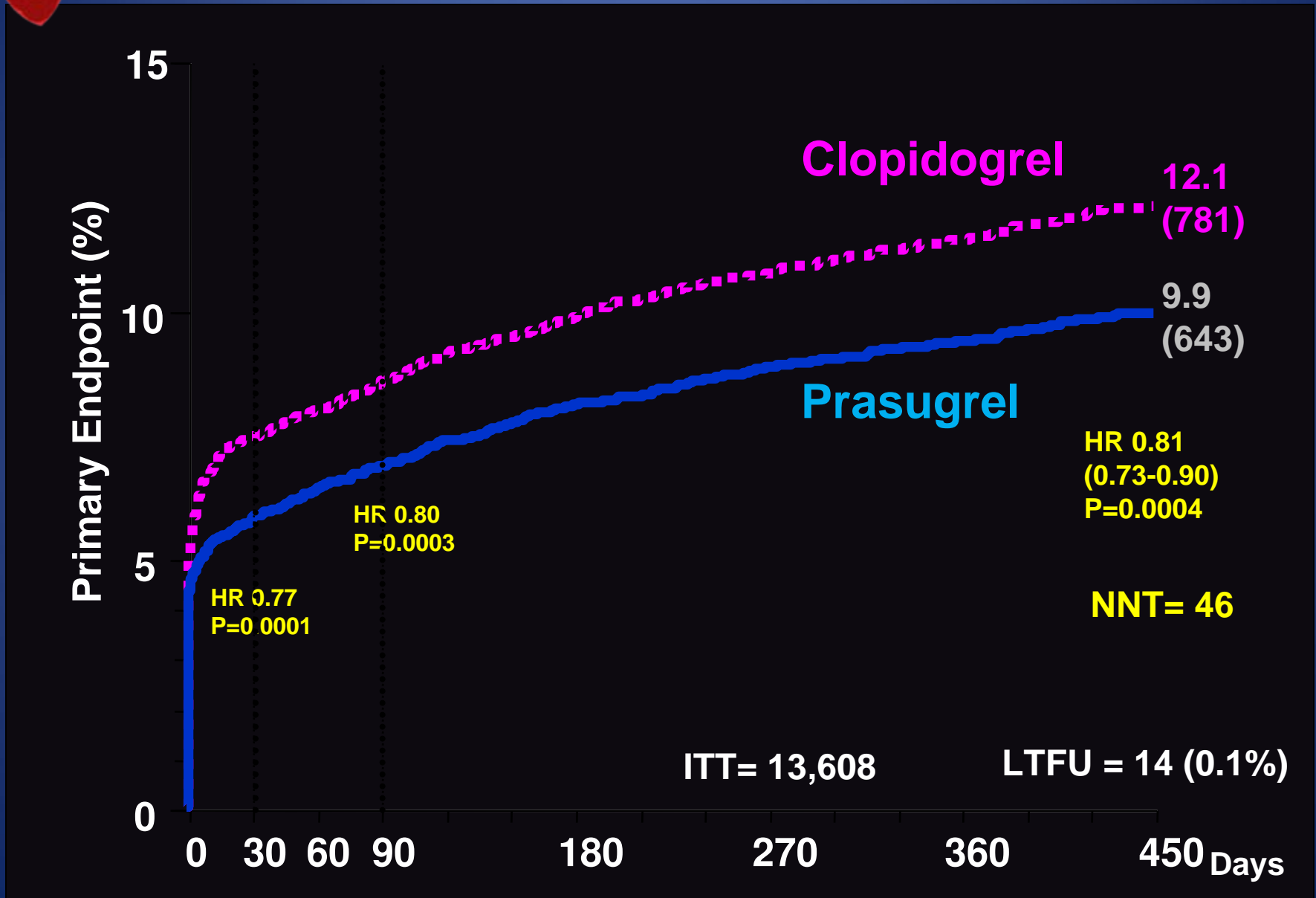
Stent Thrombosis (ARC definite/prob.)

Safety endpoints: TIMI major bleeds, Life-threatening bleeds

Key Substudies: Pharmacokinetic, Genomic



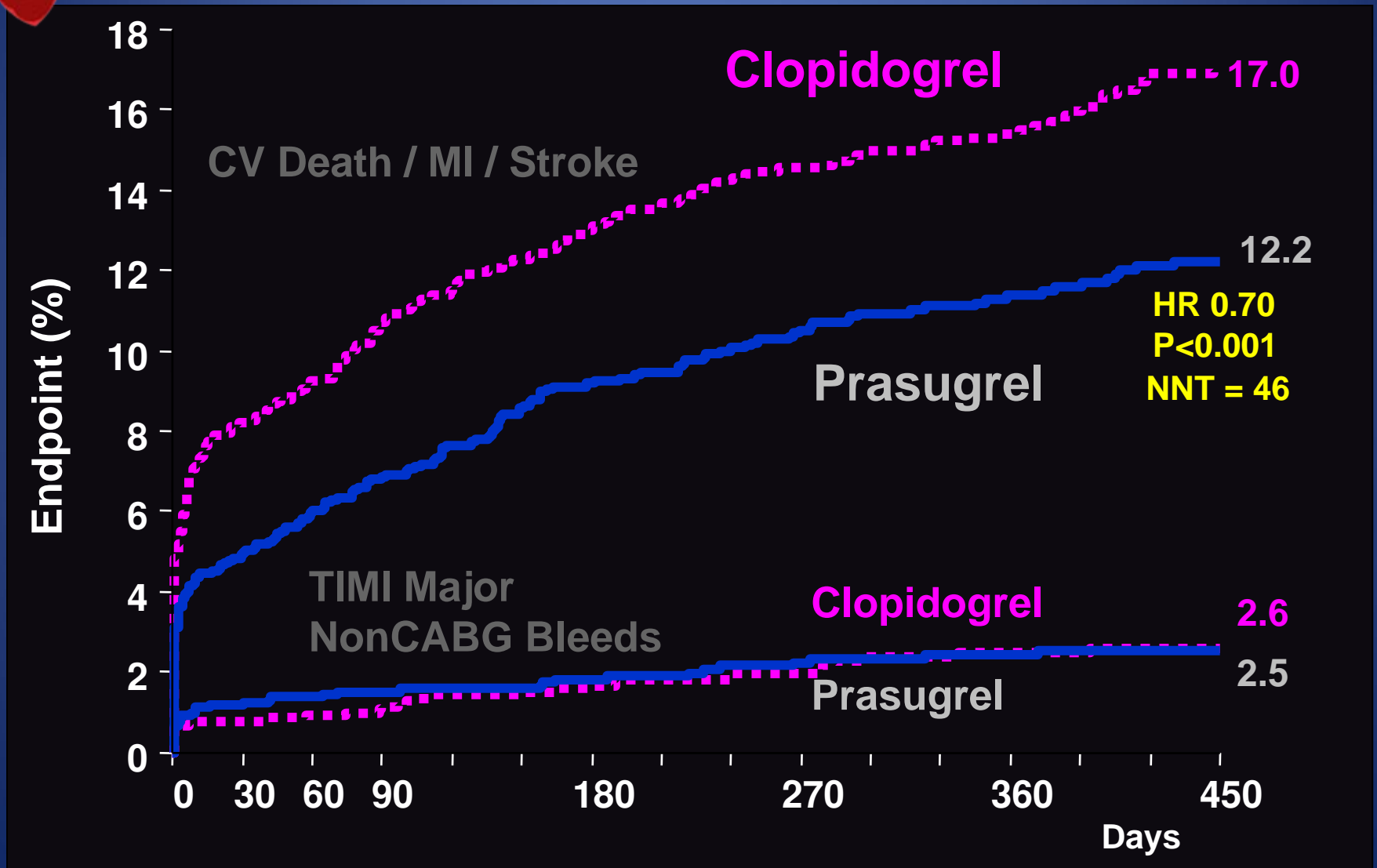
# TIMI 38: Primary Endpoint: CV Death, MI, Stroke





# Diabetic Subgroup

**N=3146**



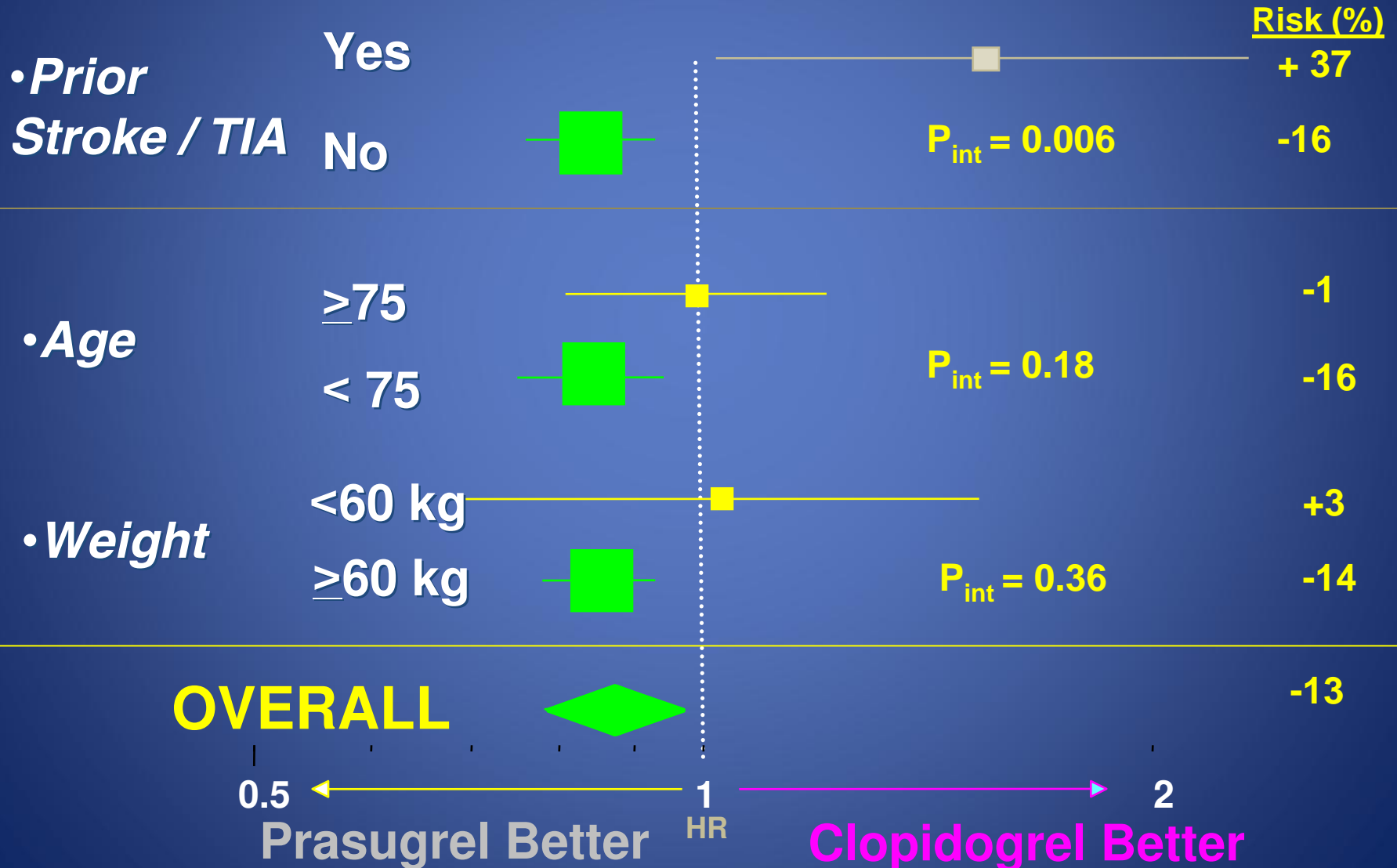




# Post-hoc analysis TRITON 38

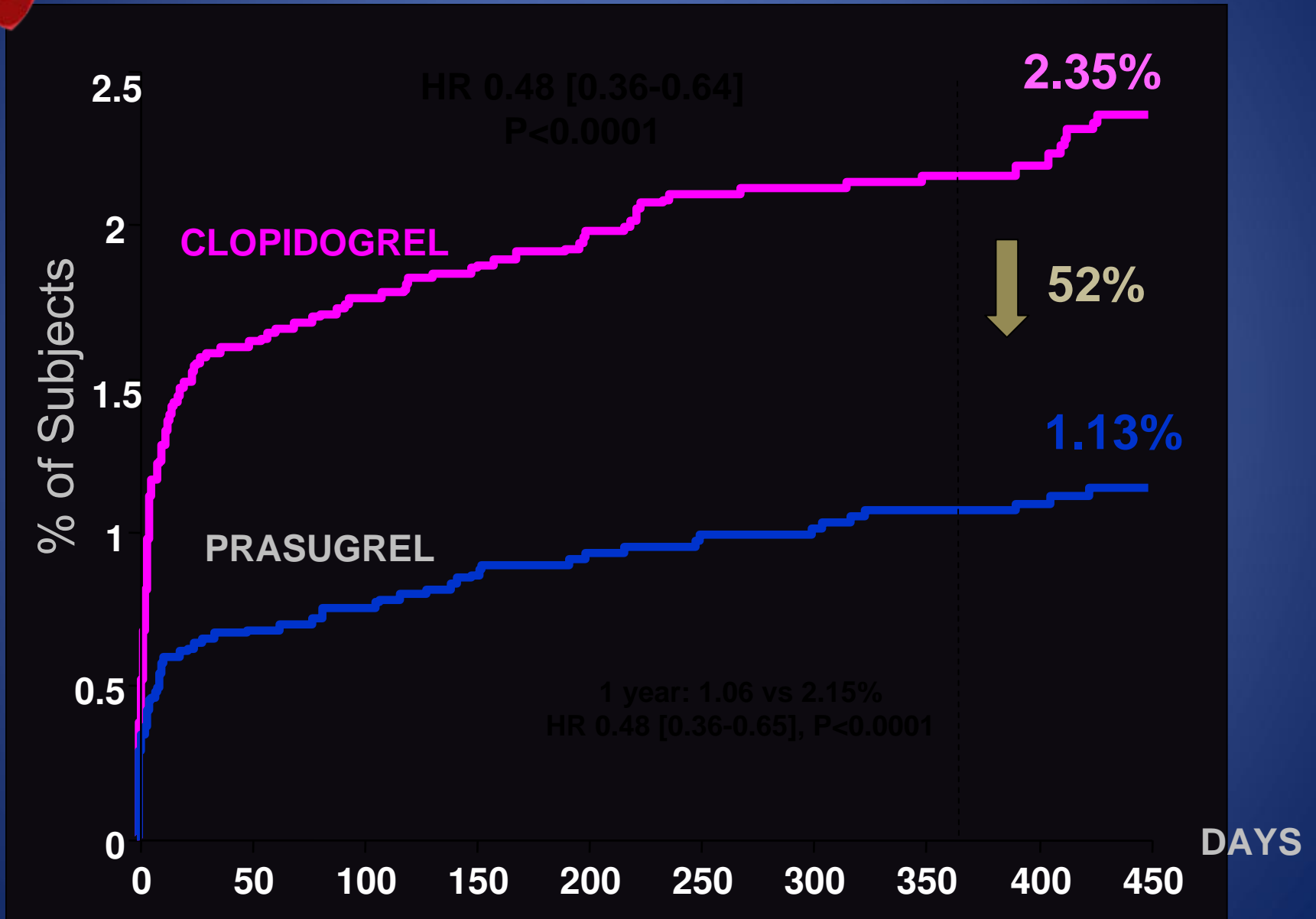
Net Clinical Benefit

Bleeding Risk Subgroups





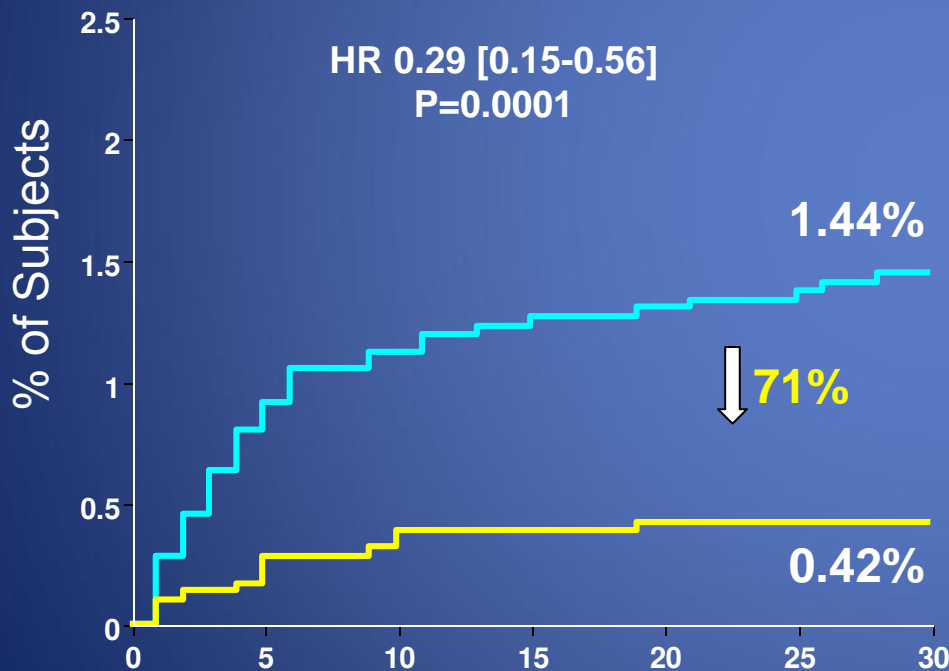
# Definite/Probable ST: Any Stent (N=12,844)



# Definite/Probable Stent Thrombosis: DES Only (N=5743)

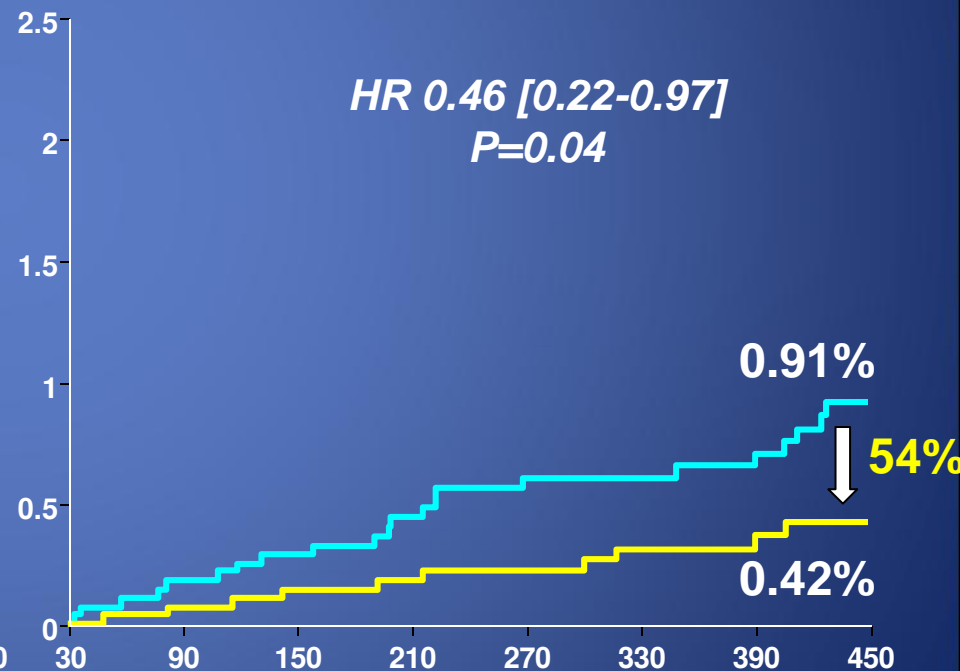
## EARLY Stent Thrombosis

HR 0.29 [0.15-0.56]  
P=0.0001



## LATE Stent Thrombosis

HR 0.46 [0.22-0.97]  
P=0.04

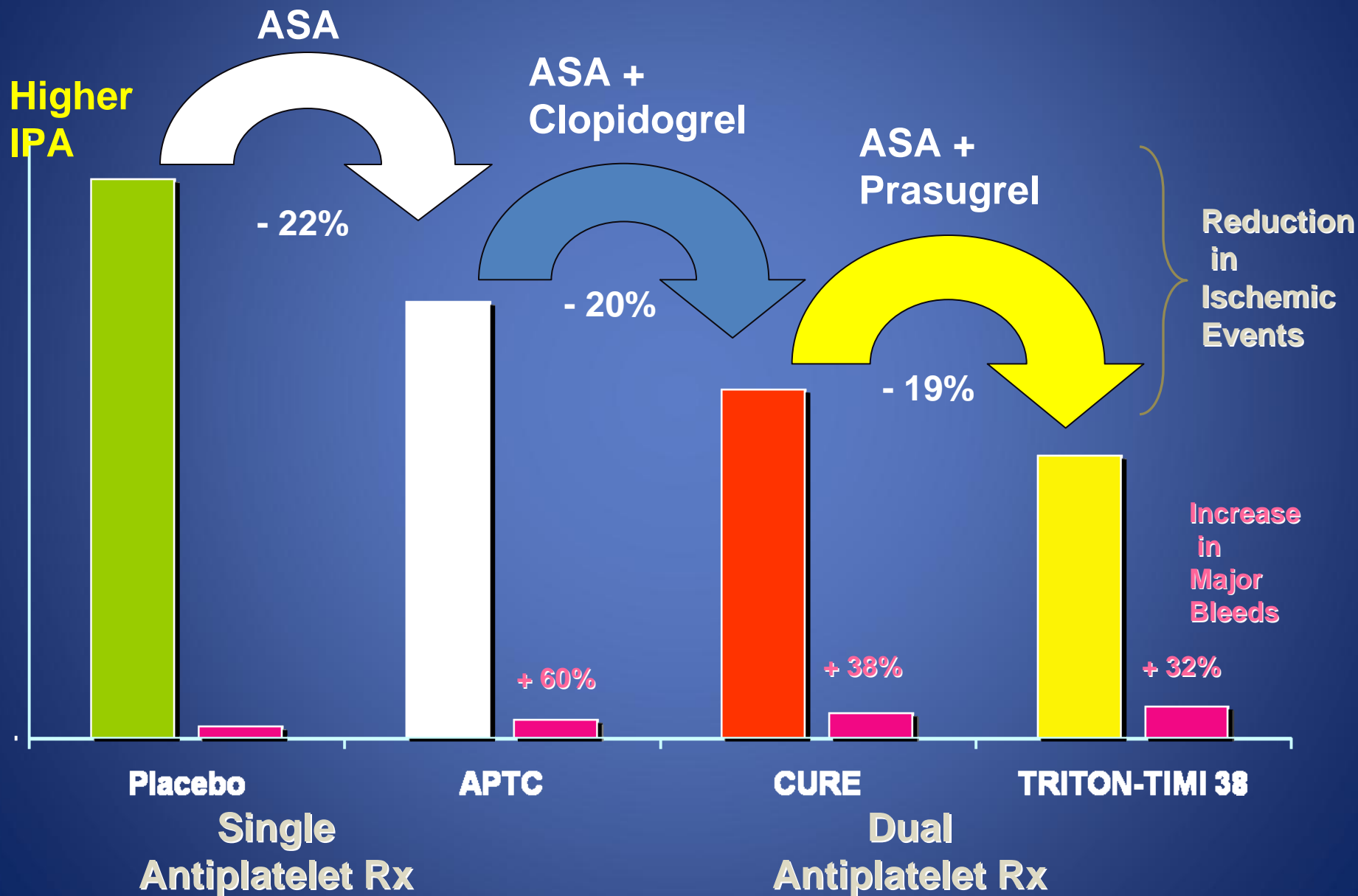


— CLOPIDOGREL  
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# Antiplatelet Therapy in ACS





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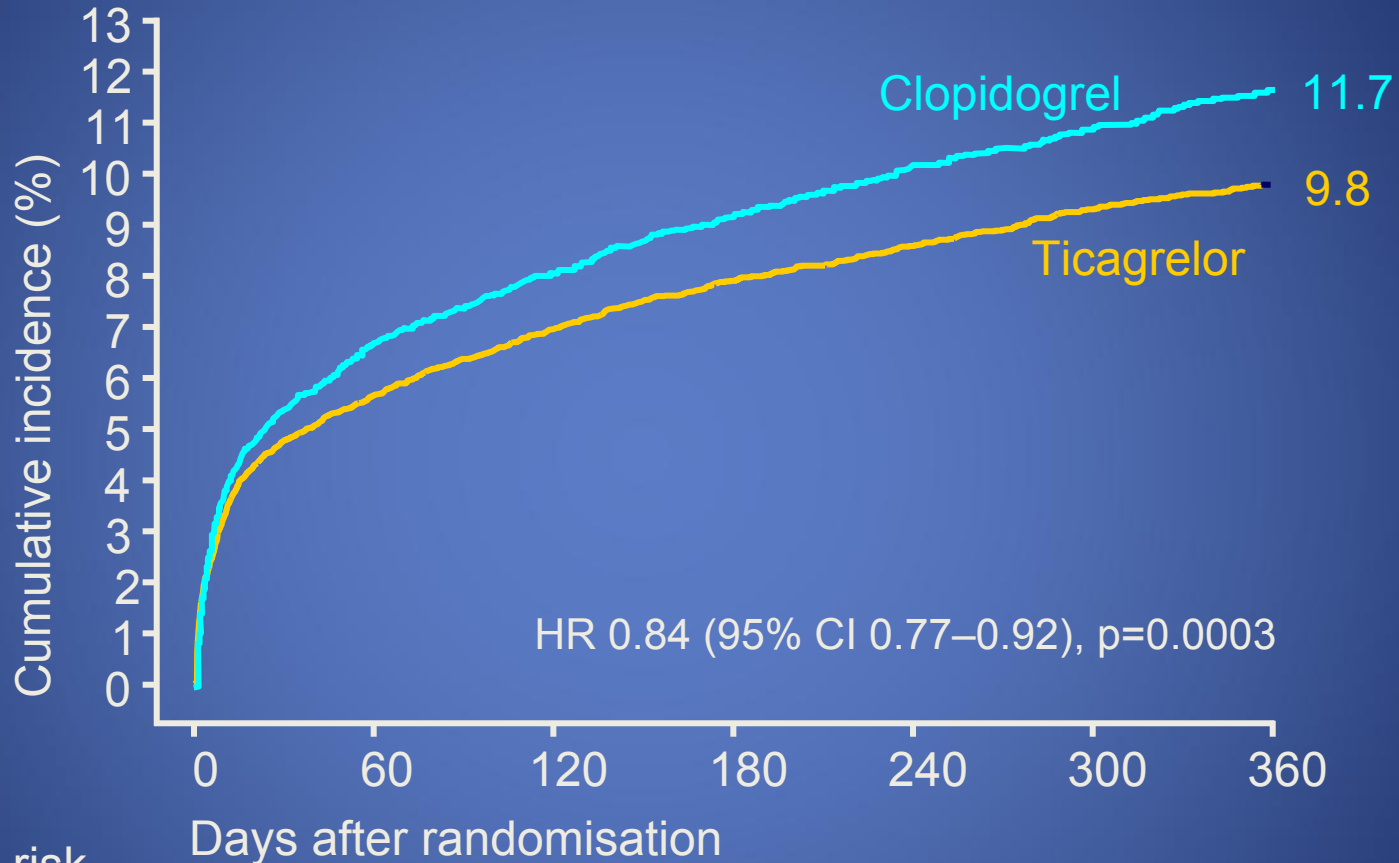
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# Composite of CV death, MI or stroke

Primary efficacy endpoint

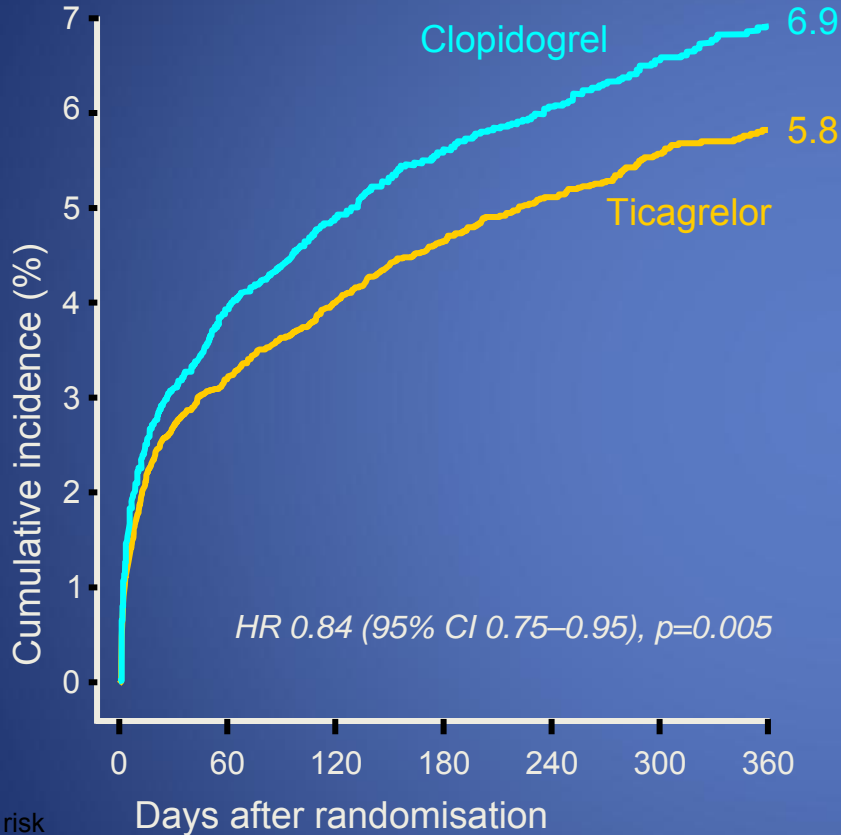


No. at risk	0	60	120	180	240	300	360
Ticagrelor	9,333	8,628	8,460	8,219	6,743	5,161	4,147
Clopidogrel	9,291	8,521	8,362	8,124	6,743	5,096	4,047

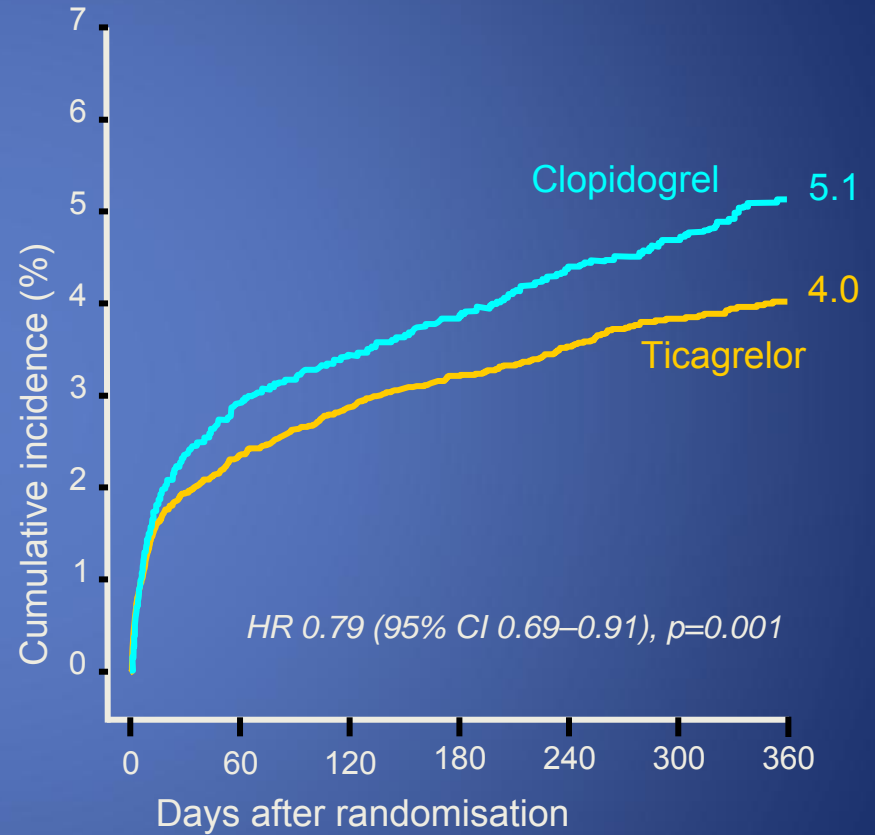
*K-M = Kaplan-Meier; HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval*

# Myocardial Infarction and CV death

## Myocardial infarction



## Cardiovascular death



No. at risk

Days after randomisation

Ticagrelor	9,333	8,678	8,520	8,279	6,796	5,210	4,191
Clopidogrel	9,291	8,560	8,405	8,177	6,703	5,136	4,109

	9,333	8,294	8,822	8,626	7,119	5,482	4,419
	9,291	8,865	8,780	8,589	7,079	5,441	4,364



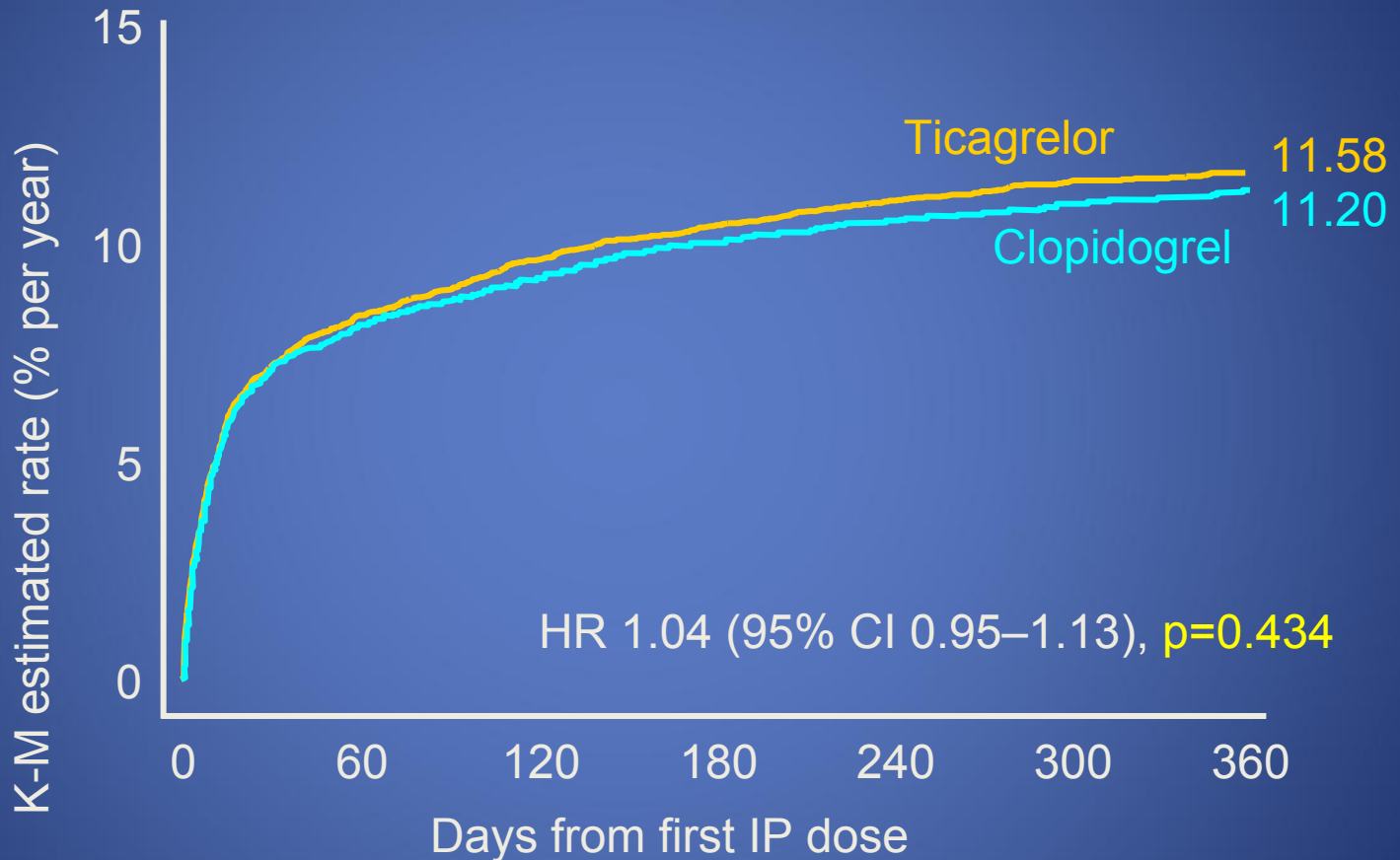
# Stent thrombosis

	Ticagrelor (n=5,640)	Clopidogrel (n=5,649)	HR (95% CI)	p value
<b>Stent thrombosis, n (%)</b>				
Definite	71 (1.3)	106 (1.9)	0.67 (0.50–0.91)	0.009
Probable or definite	118 (2.1)	158 (2.8)	0.75 (0.59–0.95)	0.02
Possible, probable, definite	155 (2.8)	202 (3.6)	0.77 (0.62–0.95)	0.01

\*Time-at-risk is calculated from first stent insertion in the study or date of randomisation

# Major bleeding

Primary safety event



No. at risk

Ticagrelor	9,235	7,246	6,826	6,545	5,129	3,783	3,433
Clopidogrel	9,186	7,305	6,930	6,670	5,209	3,841	3,479