

Is There A Life for DES after discontinuation of Clopidogrel

**Six-month versus 24-month dual antiplatelet therapy
after implantation of drug eluting stents
in patients non-resistant to aspirin:
ITALIC, a randomized multicenter trial**

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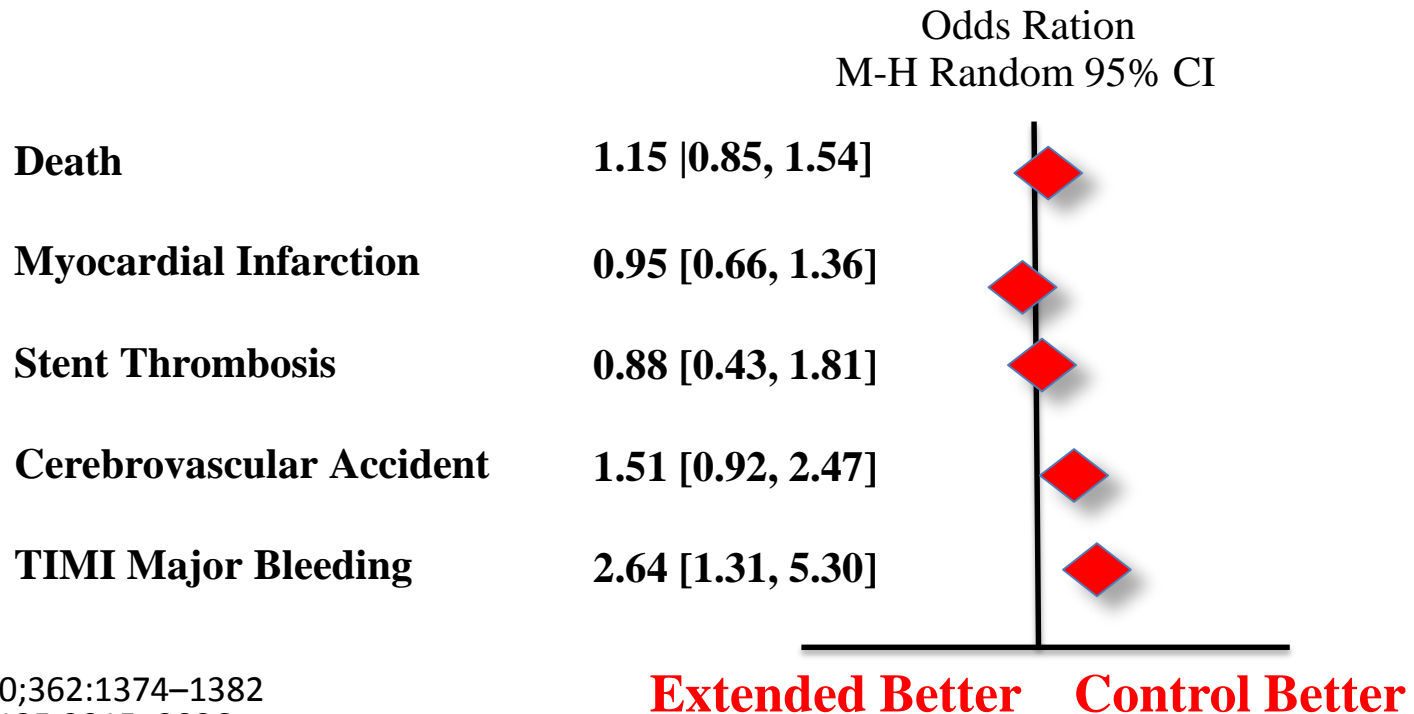
Background

The currently recommended duration of DAPT after DES implantation is 12 months, to reduce the risk of late stent thrombosis, particularly in acute coronary syndrome.

Background

Clinical Impact of Extended DAPT after PCI

A metanalysis of Randomized trials (n=8231)



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Objectives

It was hypothesized that antiplatelet treatment with DAPT for 6 versus may be **non-inferior** to DAPT for 24 months

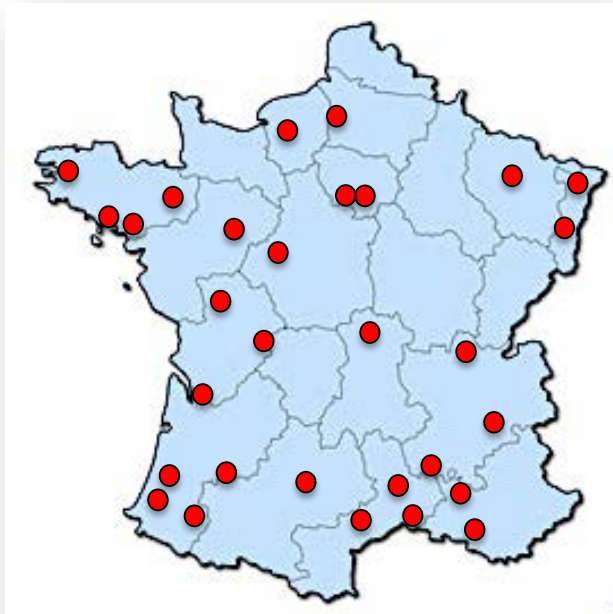
To be sure that patients would be protected by their antiplatelet therapy in either situation, **patients resistant to aspirin were excluded**

Methods

A prospective open-label randomized trial
55 sites in Europe and the Middle East.

48 French sites (ITALIC)

11- 2008 to 12-2010



7 European - Middle East sites (ITALIC +)

01- 2012 to 11-2013



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Study organisation

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Management of the trial



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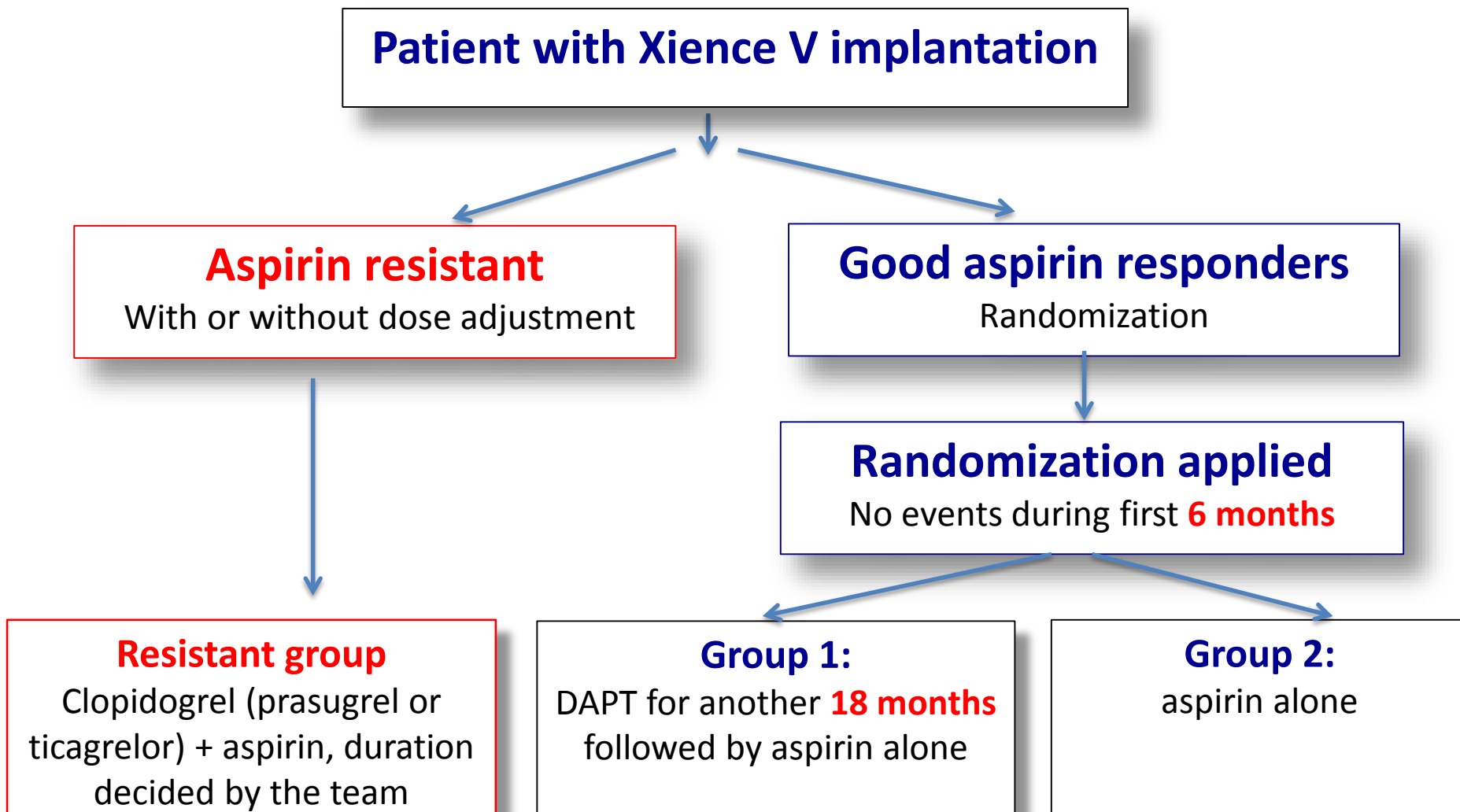
Inclusion criteria

- Patients aged 18 years or over, eligible for PCI
- At least one **Xience V DES** (Abbott Vascular Devices) implanted
- Patients were not pre-treated with abciximab during hospital stay.
- **Aspirin resistance was tested.**
- Patients were pre-treated with aspirin + clopidogrel (prasugrel or ticagrelor)

Exclusion criteria

- Known platelet level less than 100,000/ μ l or known hemorrhagic diathesis
- Oral anticoagulation therapy
- Contraindications to aspirin or clopidogrel (prasugrel or ticagrelor)
- Major surgery within the preceding 6 weeks
- Evidence of active gastrointestinal or urogenital bleeding; Severe liver failure
- Any surgery scheduled during the year after enrolment
- Severe concomitant disease with less than 2 years' life expectancy
- **Prior DES implantation within 1 year**
- **Primary PCI for acute myocardial infarction**
- **Treatment of the left main artery**

Methods



Aspirin Resistance Tests: 3

Patient aspirin responder :

PFA-100: epinephrine-collagen cartridge closure time >165 s

Multiplate electrical impedance aggregometry: $\geq 30\%$
reduction in platelet aggregation

VerifyNow Aspirin: ≥ 550 aspirin reaction units.

The type of test depends of the centre

Endpoints

Academic Research Consortium criteria

Primary endpoint : Composite of death, MI, emergency TVR, stroke or major bleeding according to the TIMI criteria within 12 months

Secondary endpoints :

Same composite endpoint at 24 and 36 months

Individual endpoints used in the composite major

Incidence of **minor** and **minimal bleeding** complications (TIMI criteria)

Statistical analysis

The expected rate of events was 3% and the non-inferiority margin was set at 2%, leading to inclusion of 900 patients per arm, for a type-I error of $\alpha=5\%$.

Sample size was calculated considering an $\alpha=5\%$ but to be compliant with the most recent guidelines the non-inferiority confidence interval has been performed finally at 97.5%

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Results

Patient with Xience V implantation
2031 pts

Aspirin resistant group
137 pts

Good aspirin responders
1894 pts

44 patients: randomization not apply

Death = 13

MI = 10

TVR = 2

Other = 19 (7 with no consent validated)



6 months

Randomization applied
1850 pts

Resistant group
FU: 131 pts at 1-Y

Group 1: 24 months
924
FU: 910 at 1-Y

Group 2: 6 months
926
FU: 912 at 1-Y

Results

Baseline Characteristics

	Resistant Group n=131	24-month DAPT n=910	6-Month DAPT n=912	P
Age, yrs	62.6 (10.8)	61.5 (11.1)	61.7 (10.9)	0.792
Male gender, n (%)	106 (80.9%)	721 (79.2%)	737 (80.8%)	0.399
Body Mass Index (kg/m ²)	27.5 (4.2)	27.1 (4.7)	27.0 (4.6)	0.549
Type-2 diabetes, n (%)	42 (32.1%)	344 (37.8%)	331 (36.3%)	0.505
Hypertension, n (%)	76 (58.0%)	589 (64.7%)	595 (65.2%)	0.817
Hyperlipidemia, n (%)	84 (64.1%)	611 (67.1%)	612 (67.1%)	0.986
Smoker, n (%)	69 (52.7%)	480 (52.7%)	464 (50.9%)	0.424
Family history, n (%)	50 (38.2%)	325 (35.7%)	322 (35.3%)	0.856
Previous MI, n (%)	36 (27.5%)	134 (14.7%)	142 (15.6%)	0.615
Previous PCI, n (%)	39 (29.8%)	205 (22.5%)	220 (24.1%)	0.421
Previous CABG, n (%)	6 (4.6%)	45 (4.9%)	61 (6.7%)	0.111
Previous stroke, n (%)	6 (4.6%)	26 (2.9%)	25 (2.7%)	0.881
Renal insufficiency	4 (3.1%)	25 (2.7%)	28 (3.1%)	0.682

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Baseline Characteristics

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Ejection fraction				0.321
< 31%	1 (0.8%)	20 (2.2%)	29 (3.2%)	
31 to 50%	21 (16.0%)	151 (16.6%)	162 (17.8%)	
> 50%	65 (49.6%)	514 (56.5%)	482 (52.9%)	
Unknown	44 (33.6%)	225 (24.7%)	239 (26.2%)	
Clinical presentation, n (%)				0.911
Stable angina	53 (40.5%)	378 (41.5%)	375 (41.1%)	
Silent ischemia	18 (13.7%)	183 (20.1%)	185 (20.3%)	
Unstable angina	23 (17.6%)	149 (16.4%)	143 (15.7%)	
NSTEMI	9 (6.9%)	65 (7.1%)	67 (7.3%)	
STEMI	0	3 (0.3%)	1 (0.1%)	
Antiplatelet therapy associated				
Clopidogrel	129 (98.5%)	895 (98.4%)	902 (98.9%)	
Prasugrel	2 (1.5%)	16 (1.8%)	15 (1.6%)	
Ticagrelor	0	0	1 (0.1%)	

Results

Procedural Characteristics

Characteristic	Resistant Group n=131	24-Month DAPT n=910	6-Month DAPT n=912	p
Procedural success, n (%)	130 (99.2%)	901 (99.0%)	895 (98.1%)	0.112
Target lesion coronary artery, n (%)				
Left main	4 (3.1%)	8 (0.9%)	14 (1.5%)	0.197
Left anterior descending	96 (73.3%)	658 (72.3%)	669 (73.4%)	0.615
Left circumflex	59 (45.0%)	436 (47.9%)	456 (50.0%)	0.373
Right coronary artery	62 (47.3%)	474 (52.1%)	489 (53.6%)	0.513
Bypass graft	5 (3.8%)	39 (4.3%)	59 (6.5%)	0.038
Total no. of lesion treated/patient, n (%)				0.239
1 lesion treated	77 (58.8%)	494 (54.3%)	459 (50.3%)	
2 lesions treated	38 (29.0%)	252 (27.7%)	275 (30.2%)	
3 of more lesions treated	16 (12.2%)	164 (18.0%)	178 (19.5%)	
Number of XienceV stent per patient, n(%)	1.6 (0.8)	1.7 (1.0)	1.7 (1.0)	0.497
Total stent length, mean ± SD	33.2 (22.7)	37.8 (26.1)	38.6 (25.6)	0.533
Stent diameter, mean ± SD	3.0 (0.2)	3.1 (0.3)	3.1 (0.3)	0.113
Rotablator, n (%)	4 (2.9%)	12 (1.3%)	15 (1.6%)	0.553
At least 1 restenotic lesion, n (%)	5 (3.8%)	51 (5.6%)	54 (5.9%)	0.772

DAPT duration

In the short-DAPT arm:

221 patients (24.2%) did not respect the 6-month TTT

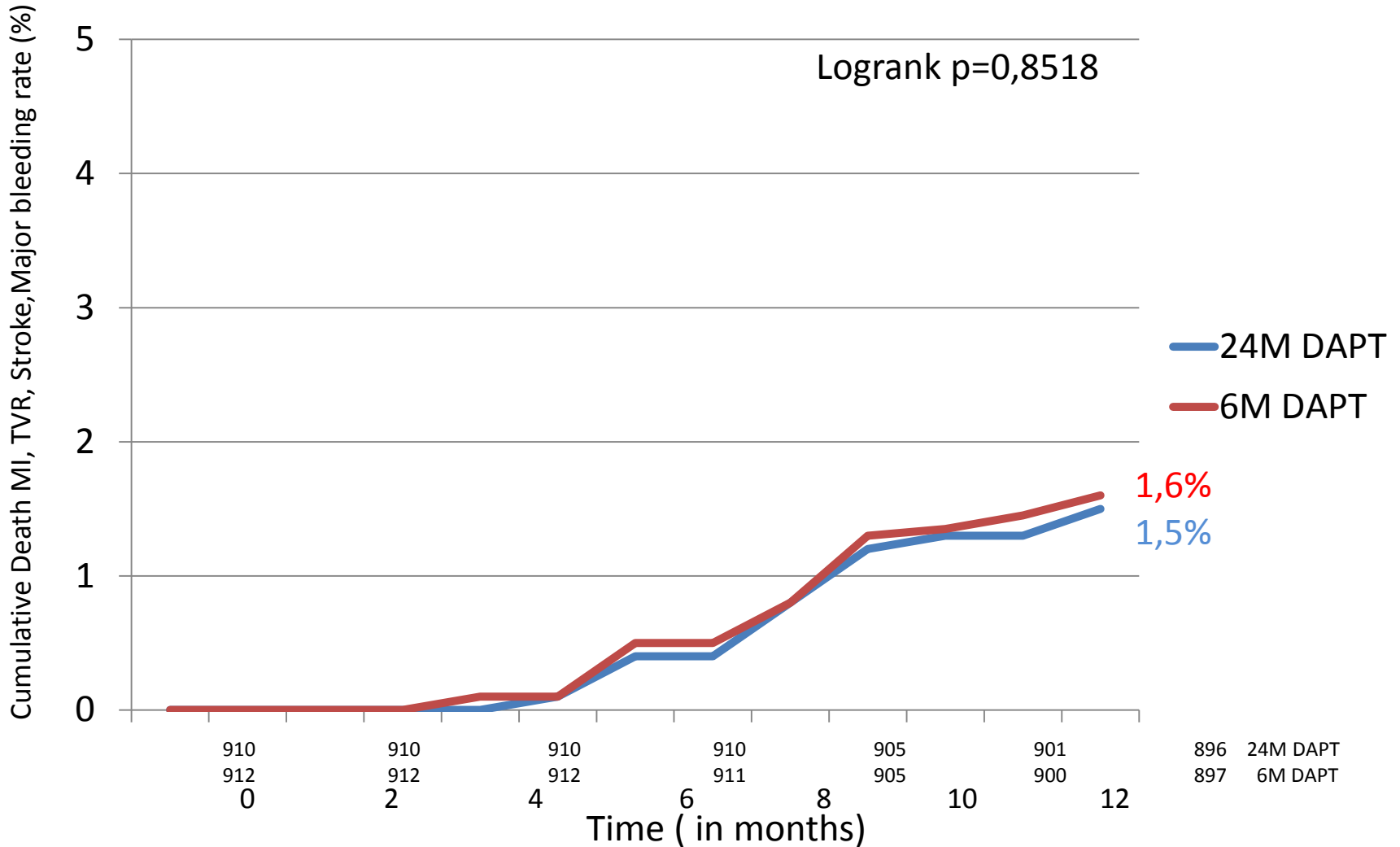
83 patients (8.9%) continuing treatment longer

In the long-DAPT arm:

49 patients (5.4%) discontinued TTT before 24 months.

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End Point @ 1 year



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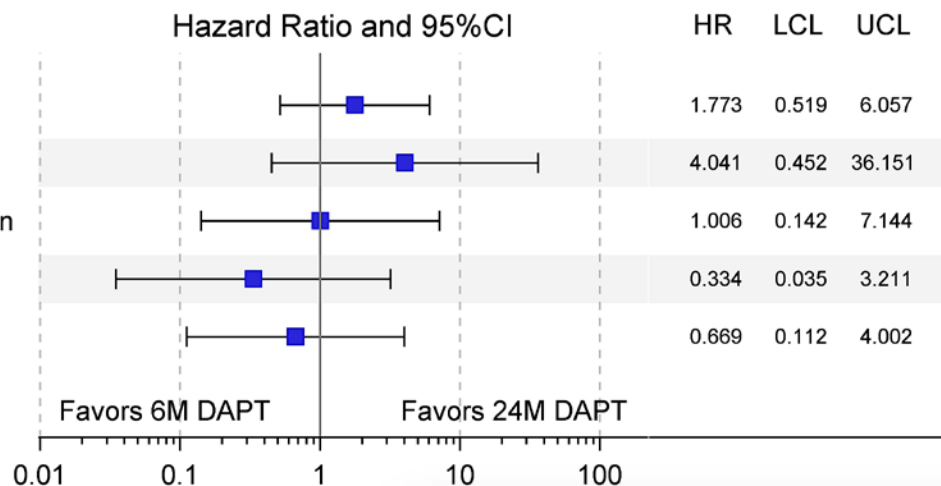
1-year clinical outcomes in the intention-to-treat study population

	Resistant Group n=131	24-month DAPT n=910	6-Month DAPT n=912	Hazard Ratio [95% CI]	p
Primary end point, n (%)					
Death from any cause, MI*, stroke, TVR†, major bleeding	2 (1.5%)	14 (1.5%)	15 (1.6%)	1.072 (0.517 - 2.221)	0.85
Secondary end point, n (%)					
Minor bleeding	0	4 (0.4%)	5 (0.5%)	1.247 (0.335 - 4.643)	0.74
Minimal bleeding	1 (0.8%)	6 (0.7%)	6 (0.7%)	0.997 (0.321 - 3.090)	0.99
Death, n (%)					
All deaths	1 (0.8%)	7 (0.8%)	8 (0.9%)	1.143 (0.414 - 3.152)	0.80
Cardiac death	0	3 (0.3%)	5 (0.5%)	1.667 (0.398 - 6.974]	0.48
Myocardial infarction, n (%)	0	4 (0.4%)	6 (0.7%)	1.500 (0.423 - 5.317)	0.53
Stroke, n (%)	0	4 (0.4%)	0	N/A	
TVR, n (%)	1 (0.8%)	2 (0.2%)	5 (0.5%)	2.499 (0.485 - 12.882]	0.27
Stent thrombosis	0	0	3 (0.3%)	N/A	
Major bleeding, n (%)	0	3 (0.3%)	0	N/A	

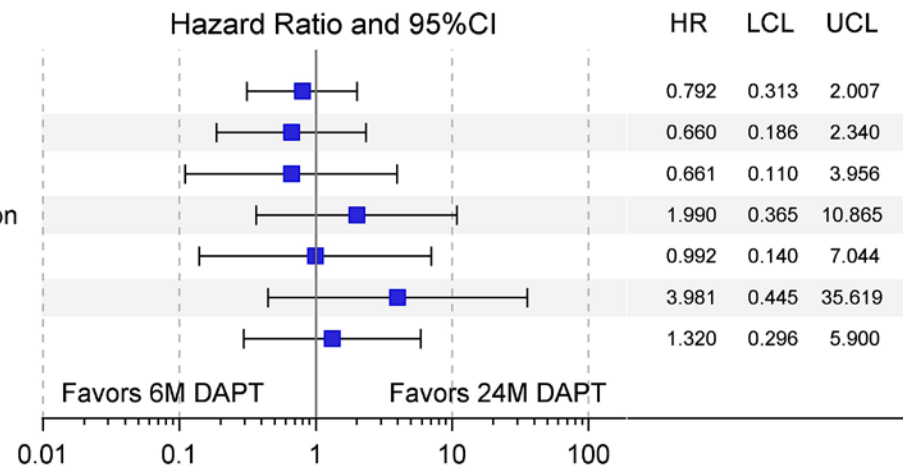
*MI: myocardial infarction; †TVR: urgent target vessel revascularization

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1-Year clinical outcomes in the ACS subgroup



1-Year clinical outcomes in the non ACS subgroup



**Non-inferiority was established
for 6-month versus 24-month DAPT**

0.11% (95% CI: -1.04 to 1.26; p for non-inferiority = 0.0002)

The trial was prematurely terminated due to problems with recruitment
However:

Rate of events of 1.5% (compared to 3% expected)
Far from the boundary

The significance of the test was confirmed by the lower limit of the 1-tailed 97.5% CI(-1.04%) being greater than the non-inferiority margin (-2%)

Relatively small sample size

However:

A single type of second-generation DES, to minimize variation in efficacy and safety

Low event rate in our study population

However:

A better outcome than BMS or first-generation DES

Conclusion

ITALIC showed that rates of bleeding and thrombotic events were not significantly different between the 6- and 24-month DAPT groups after PCI with new-generation DES

6-month DAPT was non-inferior to 24-month DAPT in good aspirin responders.

Non-inferiority seems to be observed in the subgroup of unstable patients.

Larger trials are needed to assess the effect of antiplatelet duration in ACS patients.

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