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PLATO Ticagrelor vs. Clopidogrel in Patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes, Wallentin L, 2009. (1)	To compare ticagrelor (180 mg LD, 90 mg bid thereafter) and clopidogrel (300-600 mg LD, 75 mg daily thereafter) in the prevention of cardiovascular events among ACS pts.	18,624 patients (of whom 11,598 pts had UA/NSTE MI)	Inclusion: ACS w/out ST-segment elevation during previous 24 h and at least 2 of 3 criteria: ST-segment changes on ECG, positive biomarker, or 1of several risk factors (age ≥ 60 y, previous MI or CABG; CAD $\geq 50\%$ in at 2 v; previous ischemic stroke, TIA, carotid stenosis at least 50%, or cerebral revascularization; DM,; PAD; or chronic renal dysfunction (CrCl <60 ml per min. per 1.73 m ² of BSA). ACS with ST-segment elevation during previous 24 h, 2 criteria needed: persistent ST-segment elevation of at least 0.1 mV in at least 2 contiguous leads or a new LBBB, and, primary PCI.	Primary efficacy endpoint: 12 mo composite of death from vascular causes, MI*, or stroke. Primary safety endpoint: any major bleeding event at 12 mo†.	Primary efficacy endpoint: 9.8% ticagrelor vs. 11.7% clopidogrel Secondary endpoints: Death from any cause, MI*, or stroke=10.2% ticagrelor vs. 12.3% clopidogrel Death from vascular causes, MI, stroke, severe recurrent ischemia, recurrent ischemia, recurrent ischemia, TIA, or other arterial thrombotic event =14.6% ticagrelor vs. 16.7% clopidogrel Death from any cause (4.5% ticagrelor vs. 5.9% clopidogrel Subgroups (primary efficacy endpoint):	<0.001 (0.77 to 0.92) <0.001 (0.77 to 0.92 <0.001 (0.81 to 0.95) <0.001 (0.69 to 0.89	HR: 0.84 HR: 0.84 HR: 0.88	Ticagrelor Reduced primary and secondary endpoints in pts taking ticagrelor compared to clopidogrel. Ticagrelor was associated with an increase in the rate of non–procedure- related bleeding, but no increase in the rate of overall major bleeding compared to clopidogrel.
			<i>Exclusion:</i> Contraindication against clopidogrel use, fibrinolytic therapy w/in 24 h prior to randomization, need for oral anticoagulation Rx, increased risk of		NSTEMI: (n=7,955 pts; 11.4% ticagrelor vs. 13.9% clopidogrel UA: (n=3,112 pts; 8.6% ticagrelor vs. 9.1% clopidogrel	Not stated (0.73 to 0.94 Not stated (0.75 to	HR: 0.83 HR: 0.96	

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			bradycardia, concomitant therapy w/ strong cytochrome P-450 3A inhibitor or inducer and clinically important anaemia or thrombocytopenia, and dialysis requirement (per PLATO study paper. James S, Akerblom A, Cannon CP, et al. Am Heart J. 2009;157:599- 605.	Primary safety end point: any major bleeding event at 12 mo. Secondary safety end point	Primary safety endpoint (rates of major bleeding): 11.6% ticagrelor vs. 11.2% clopidogrel Non-CABG related major bleeding (4.5% ticagrelor vs. 3.8% clopidogrel	1.22) 0.43 (0.95 to 1.13) 0.03 (1.02 to 1.38)	HR: 1.04 HR: 1.19	
Ticagrelor Compared With Clopidogrel by Geographic Region in the Platelet Inhibition and Patient Outcomes (PLATO) Trial, Mahaffey KW, 2011. (2)	To investigate potential explanations for the observed region-by- treatment interaction in the PLATO study using Cox regression analyses.	U.S.=141 3; rest of world =17,211	Less adherence to randomized treatment drug were seen in U.S. vs. rest of world pts. More US pts were treated with high-dose ASA after day 2 vs. rest of world pts (61% vs. 4%). Comprehensive statistical analyses of treatment interactions with baseline and post-randomization factors that including Cox analysis and landmark analyses, ASA was independently identified as a potential factor in the treatment-by-region interaction observed. Despite the number of analyses supporting the potential role of ASA maintenance dose to	Prespecified variables=31; post- randomization variables=6	CV death/MI*/stroke in U.S. =11.9% ticagrelor vs. 9.5% clopidogrel CV death / MI*/stroke in rest of the world = 9% ticagrelor vs. 11% clopidogrel CV death in U.S. = 3.4% vs. 2.7% clopidogrel CV death in rest of the world = 3.8% ticagrelor vs. 4.9% clopidogrel MI (excluding silent) in U.S. = 9.1% ticagrelor vs. 6.7% clopidogrel	0.1459 (0.92 to 1.75) <0.0001 (0.74 to 0.90) 0.4468 (0.69 to 2.31 0.0005 (0.67 to 0.89) 0.0956	HR: 1.27 HR: 0.81 HR: 1.26 HR: 0.77 HR: 1.38	Using an ASA dose >100 mg is a possible explanation for the outcome differences between the U.S. and the rest of the world. Higher doses of ASA were used at landmark points. More U.S. pts were treated with a high- dose ASA after day 2 compared with the rest of the world pts (61% vs. 4%).

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					$\frac{1}{10000000000000000000000000000000000$	Not stated (0.40 to 1.33)	HR: 0.73	
					events vs. clopidogrel 23 events Non-U.S. ASA dose	Not stated (0.71 to 2.14)	HR: 1.23	

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					>100 to <300 mg: ticagrelor 62 events vs. clopidogrel 63 events	Not stated (0.71 to 1.42)	HR: 1.00	
					Non-U.S. ASA dose ≤100 mg: ticagrelor 546 events vs. clopidogrel 699 events	Not stated (0.69 to 0.87)	HR: 0.78	
Ticagrelor vs. clopidogrel in patients with acute coronary syndromes intended for	To evaluate efficacy and safety outcomes in pts in PLATO (treating physician	5216 pts specified for planned non- invasive	See main PLATO study (1)	Primary composite end point of cardiovascular death, MI, and stroke; their individual components; PLATO	Primary endpoint of CV death, MI*, stroke: 12% ticagrelor vs. 14.3% clopidogrel	0.04 (0.73 to 1.00)	HR: 0.85	PLATO pts with ACS managed w/ planned noninvasive strategy treated with ticagrelor
noninvasive management: substudy from prospective randomized	designated pts as planned for initial invasive management or initial	managem ent (n=2601 ticagrelor; n=2615		defined major bleeding at 1 yr.	Secondary endpoints: MI*: 7.2% ticagrelor vs. 7.8% clopidogrel CV death: 5.5%	0.555 (0.77 to 1.15)	HR: 0.94	compared to clopidogrel had a reduction in ischaemic events and mortality,
PLATelet inhibition and patient Outcomes	conservatory management).	clopidogr el) (28% of			ticagrelor vs. 7.2% clopidogrel	0.019 (0.61 to 0.96)	HR: 0.76	without increasing major bleeding.
(PLATO) trial, James SK, 2011.		18,624 PLATO participan ts)			All cause death: 6.1% ticagrelor vs. 8.2% clopidogrel	0.010 (0.61 to 0.93)	HR: 0.75	
					CV death, MI, stroke, composite ischaemic events, other arterial thrombotic events: 18.6% ticagrelor vs. 20.3% clopidogrel	0.309 (0.82 to 1.06)	HR: 0.94	
					Primary safety objective: total major bleeding:	0.08 (0.98 to 1.39)	HR: 1.17	

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					11.9% ticagrelor vs. 10.3% clopidogrel			
CURRENT- OASIS 7 Dose comparisons of clopidogrel and aspirin in acute coronary syndromes, Mehta SR, 2010. (4)	To evaluate whether doubling the dose of loading and initial maintenance doses of clopidogrel is superior to the standard-dose clopidogrel regimen and to investigate if higher-dose	25,086	Inclusion criteria: Age ≥18 y with non–ST- segment ACS or STEMI. Requirements included ECG changes compatible with ischemia or elevated cardiac biomarkers and coronary angiographic assessment, with plan to perform PCI as early as possible, but no later than 72 h after randomization. Exclusion criteria: Increased risk of or	Primary outcome was CV death, MI, or stroke, whichever occurred first, at 30 d. Prespecified secondary endpoint was definite or probable stent thrombosis (by ARC definition) in pts who underwent PCI. Main safety outcome	Primary outcome for clopidogrel dose comparison: 4.2% in double-dose clopidogrel group vs. 4.4% in standard-dose clopidogrel group. Major bleeding for clopidogrel dose comparison: 2.5% in double-dose clopidogrel group vs. 2.0% in standard-dose clopidogrel group.	0.30 (0.83 to 1.06) 0.01 (1.05 to 1.46)	HR: 0.94 HR: 1.24	This analysis of the overall trial in 25,086 pts failed to demonstrate a significant difference in the primary endpoint of CV death, MI, or stroke at 30 d between the double-dose clopidogrel for 7 d vs. standard-dose clopidogrel and
	ASA is superior to lower-dose ASA. Pts were assigned in a 2 × 2 factorial design to 600 mg clopidogrel		known bleeding and allergy to clopidogrel or ASA.	was major bleeding according to trial criteria [‡] .	Primary outcome for ASA dose comparison: 4.2% in higher-dose ASA group vs. 4.4% in lower-dose ASA group.	0.47 (0.86 to 1.09)	HR: 0.97	between the higher-dose vs. lower-dose aspirin subgroups. The secondary endpoint of definite stent thrombosis in those undergoing PCI
	loading on Day 1, followed by 150 mg/d for 6 d, then 75 mg thereafter vs. 300 mg clopidogrel				Major bleeding for ASA comparison: 2.3% in higher-dose ASA group vs. 2.3% in lower-dose ASA group.	0.90 (0.84 to 1.17)	HR: 0.99	was reduced in the clopidogrel higher- dose group for both DES vs. non- DES subtypes, but this benefit was offset by increased
	loading on Day 1, followed by 75 mg/d thereafter and either ASA 300- 325 mg/d vs. lower-dose ASA				Clopidogrel and ASA dose interaction— primary outcome for pts on higher-dose ASA: 3.8% in double-dose clopidogrel vs.	0.03 (0.69 to 0.98)	HR: 0.82	major bleeding in the higher-dose clopidogrel group.

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	75-100 mg/d.				4.6% in standard-dose clopidogrel.			
					Clopidogrel and ASA dose interaction— primary outcome for pts on lower-dose ASA: 4.5% in double-dose clopidogrel vs. 4.2% in standard-dose clopidogrel	0.46 (0.90 to 1.26)	HR: 1.07	
					Stent thrombosis in pts who underwent PCI: 1.6% with double- dose clopidogrel vs. 2.3% with standard- dose clopidogrel.	0.001 (0.55 to 0.85)	HR: 0.68	
CURRENT- OASIS 7 Double-dose vs. standard-dose clopidogrel and high-dose vs. low-dose aspirin in individuals	The goal of this prespecified subgroup analysis of CURRENT- OASIS 7(4) was to examine efficacy and safety outcomes	17,263	Inclusion criteria: Pts with ACS (with or without ST-segment elevation) and either ECG evidence of ischemia or elevated biomarkers. Pts were required to have coronary angioplasty with intent to undergo PCI as	Primary outcome was composite of CV death, MI, or stroke from randomization to Day 30. Secondary outcomes included primary outcome plus recurrent ischemia, individual components	Primary outcome in clopidogrel dose comparison reduced with double-dose clopidogrel: 3.9% in double-dose clopidogrel group vs. 4.5% in standard-dose clopidogrel group.	0.039 (0.74 to 0.99)	Adjusted HR: 0.86	This sub-study of CURRENT- OASIS-7 analyzed the 69% of pts (n=17,263) who underwent PCI, a prespecified analysis in a postrandomization

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undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention for acute coronary syndromes (CURRENT- OASIS 7): a randomised factorial trial, Mehta SR, 2010. (5)	in pts who underwent PCI.		early as possible, but not later than 72 h after randomization. Exclusion criteria: Increased risk of bleeding or active bleeding. Additional information on study eligibility criteria in study Web appendix.	of composite outcomes, and stent thrombosis per ARC criteria.	Secondary outcome (CV death, MI, stroke, or recurrent ischemia) in clopidogrel dose comparison was reduced with double- dose clopidogrel: 4.2% in double-dose clopidogrel vs. 5.0% in standard-dose clopidogrel. Rates of definite stent thrombosis were lower with double-dose clopidogrel (0.7%) vs. standard-dose clopidogrel (1.3%). CURRENT-defined major bleed was more common with double- dose (0.1%) than standard-dose clopidogrel (0.04%); however, no difference in TIMI- defined severe or major bleeding.	0.025 (0.74 to 0.98) 0.0001 (0.39 to 0.74) 0.16 (0.71 to 7.49)	HR: 0.85 HR: 0.54 HR: 2.31	subset. In this PCI subgroup, the primary outcome of CV death, MI, or stroke at 30 d was reduced in those randomized to higher dose clopidogrel, and this was largely driven by a reduction in myocardial (re)infarction. Definite stent thrombosis also was reduced in the higher clopidogrel dose group with consistent results across DES vs. non-DES subtypes. Outcomes were not significantly different by ASA dose. Major bleeding was more common with higher-dose clopidogrel but not with higher-dose ASA.
TIMACS Early vs. delayed invasive intervention in acute coronary syndromes, Mehta	To study efficacy of an early invasive strategy (within 24 h of presentation) compared with	3031	Inclusion criteria: Presentation to a hospital with UA or MI without ST-segment elevation within 24 h after onset of symptoms and if 2 of the following 3 criteria for	Composite of death, MI, or stroke at 6 mo.	At 6 mo the primary outcome occurred in 9.6% of pts in early- intervention group vs. 11.3% of delayed- intervention group.	0.15 (0.68 to 1.06)	HR: 0.85	TIMACS initially targeted enrollment of 4000 pts but terminated enrollment at 3,031 pts due to recruitment

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SR, 2009. <u>(6)</u>	delayed invasive strategy (any time >36 h after presentation).		increased risk are present: age ≥ 60 y, cardiac biomarkers above ULN, or results on ECG compatible with ischemia (i.e., ST-segment depression ≥ 1 mm or transient ST-segment elevation or T-wave		28% risk reduction in secondary outcome of death, MI, or refractory ischemia in early-intervention group (9.5%) vs. delayed-intervention group (12.9%).	0.003 (0.58 to 0.89)	HR: 0.72	challenges, limiting its power. For the overall trial population, there was only a non- significant trend to a reduction in the primary ischemic endpoint in the
			inversion >3 mm). Exclusion criteria: Patient who is not a suitable candidate for revascularization.		Prespecified analyses indicated early intervention improved the primary outcome in the third of pts at highest risk. Prespecified analyses	0.006 (0.48 to 0.89) 0.48 (0.81	HR: 0.65 HR: 1.12	early compared to delayed intervention groups. The prospectively- defined secondary endpoint of death,
					did not show that early intervention improved primary outcome in the two thirds at low to intermediate risk.	to 1.56)		MI, or refractory ischemia was reduced by early intervention, mainly because of a reduction in refractory ischemia. Heterogeneity was
								observed in the primary ischemic endpoint by a pre- specified estimate of baseline risk according to the GRACE score, with pts in the
								highest tertile experiencing a sizeable risk reduction and suggesting a potential advantage

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CADE	T	492				0.20		of early revascularization in this high risk subgroup.
CARE Cardiac Angiography in Renally Impaired Patients (CARE) study: a randomized double-blind trial of contrast- induced nephropathy in patients with chronic kidney	To compare iopamidol and iodixanol in pts with CKD (eGFR 20-59 mL/min) who underwent cardiac angiography or PCI.	482	Inclusion criteria: Men and women (\geq 18 y) with moderate to severe CKD scheduled for diagnostic cardiac angiography or PCI. Exclusion criteria: Pregnancy, lactation, administration of any investigational drug within the previous 30 d, intra-arterial or IV administration of iodinated CM from 7 d	Primary endpoint was postdose SCr increase of 0.5 mg/dL (44.2 mol/L) over baseline. Secondary outcome was postdose SCr increase $\geq 25\%$, a postdose estimated GFR decrease $\geq 25\%$, and mean peak change in SCr.	In 414 pts, contrast volume, presence of DM, use of N- acetylcysteine, mean baseline SCr, and eGFR were comparable in the 2 groups. SCr increases of ≥ 0.5 mg/dL occurred in 4.4% (9 of 204 pts) after use of iopamidol and 6.7% (14 of 210 pts) after iodixanol.	0.39 (-6.7 to 2.1)	Not stated	In this randomized trial of moderate size, the rate of CIN in higher-risk pts with moderate CKD was not significantly different between the low-osmolar contrast medium iopamidol and the iso-osmolar contrast medium iodixanol.
disease, Solomon RJ, 2007. <u>(7)</u>			before to 72 h after administration of the study agents, medical conditions or circumstances that would have substantially decreased chance to obtain reliable data		Rates of SCr increases $\geq 25\%$ were 9.8% with iopamidol and 12.4% with iodixanol. In pts with DM, SCr increases to ≥ 0.5 mg/dL were 5.1% (4 of 78 pts) with	0.44 (-8.6 to 3.5) 0.11	Not stated Not stated	-
			(NYHA class IV CHF, hypersensitivity to iodine- containing compounds, hyperthyroidism or thyroid malignancies, uncontrolled DM, unstable renal drug dependence, psychiatric		iopamidol and 13% (12 of 92 pts) with iodixanol. In pts with DM, SCr increases \geq 25% were 10.3% with iopamidol and 15.2% with iodixanol.	0.37	Not stated	

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			disorders, dementia), administration of any medication to prevent CIN other than N- acetylcysteine, or intake of nephrotoxic medications from 24 h before to 24 h after administration of the study agent.		Mean post-SCr increases were significantly less with iopamidol (all pts: 0.07 mg/dL with iopamidol vs. 0.12 mg/dL with iodixanol). In pts with DM, SCr change from baseline	0.03	Not stated	
					was 0.07 mg/dL with iopamidol vs. 0.16 mg/dL with iodixanol. Decreases in eGFR ≥25% were recorded in 5.9% (12 pts) with iopamidol and 10%	0.15 (-9.3 to 1.1)	Not stated	
The relative renal safety of	Meta-analysis to compare	16 trials (2,763	Pts enrolled in RCTs that compared incidence of	Primary endpoint was incidence of CI-AKI.	(21 pts) with iodixanol. No significant difference in incidence	0.19 (0.56 to 1.12)	Summary RR 0.79	In this updated meta-analysis of 16
iodixanol compared with low-osmolar contrast media: a	nephrotoxicity of the iso-osmolar contrast medium iodixanol with	subjects)	CI-AKI with either iodixanol or LOCM.	Secondary endpoints were need for renal replacement therapy and mortality.	of CI-AKI in iodixanol group than in LOCM group (overall summary).			CIN trials, data supporting a reduction in CIN favoring the iso-
meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials, Reed M, 2009. (8)	LOCM.			y-	CI-AKI was reduced when iodixanol was compared with ioxaglate	0.022 (0.37 to 0.92)	RR 0.58	osmolar medium iodixanol compared to LOCM were no longer significant.
					and when iodixanol was compared with iohexol,	(0.07 to 0.56)	RR 0.19	Sub-analyses suggested potential variations in relative renal
					but no difference was noted when iodixanol was compared with iopamidol,	0.55 (0.66 to 2.18)	RR 1.20	safety by specific LOCM with reductions in CIN for iodixanol

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					iodixanol was compared with iopromide,	0.84 (0.47 to 1.85)	RR 0.93	compared with the ionic LOCM ioxaglate and with iohexol, a nonionic
					or iodixanol compared with ioversol.	0.68 (0.60 to 1.39)	RR 0.92	LOCM, but not with 4 other LOCM.
					No significant difference between iodixanol and LOCM noted in rates of postprocedure hemodialysis.	0.20 (0.08 to 1.68)	RR 0.37	
					No significant difference between iodixanol and LOCM in rates of death.	0.663 (0.33 to 5.79)	RR 1.38	
Nephrotoxicity of iso-osmolar iodixanol compared with nonionic low- osmolar contrast media: meta- analysis of randomized	Meta-analysis of RCTs to compare nephrotoxicity of iso-osmolar iodixanol with nonionic LOCM.	25 trials (3270 subjects)	Inclusion criteria: RCTs analyzing SCr levels before and after intravascular application of iodixanol or LOCM.	Incidence of CIN and change in SCr levels.	Iodixanol did not significantly reduce risk of CIN (or risk of SCr increase) compared with LOCM overall. However, risk of intra-arterial iohexol was greater than that of iodixanol.	0.10 (0.61 to 1.04)	RR 0.80	In this contemporary meta-analysis of 25 trials, the incidence of CIN was similar for a pooled comparison of all nonionic LOCM other than iohexol
controlled trials, Heinrich MC, 2009. <u>(9)</u>					No significant risk reduction after IV administration of CM.	0.79 (0.62 to 1.89)	RR 1.08	and for the iso- osmolar medium iodixanol, indicating
					In pts with intra- arterial administration and renal insufficiency, risk of CIN was greater for iohexol than for iodixanol.	<0.01 (0.21 to 0.68)	RR 0.38	equivalent safety for these 2 classes of CM.

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					No difference between iodixanol and the other (noniohexol) LOCM.	0.86 (0.50 to 1.78)	RR 0.95	
EARLY-ACS Early vs. delayed, provisional eptifibatide in acute coronary syndromes,	To evaluate upstream use of GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor eptifibatide vs. provisional eptifibatide	9492	Inclusion criteria: Pts at least 18 y of age were randomized within 8-12 h after presentation and assigned to an invasive treatment strategy no sooner than the next	The primary efficacy composite endpoint was death from any cause, MI, recurrent ischemia requiring urgent revascularization, or	The primary endpoint was less in the early- eptifibatide group (9.3%) vs. the delayed-eptifibatide group (10%), but not significant.	0.23 (0.80 to 1.06)	OR 0.92	In the setting of frequent early (precatheterization) use of clopidogrel, the administration of early, routine eptifibatide
Giugliano RP, 2009. <u>(10)</u>	administration in the catheterization lab in high-risk pts with NSTE ACS.		calendar day. To qualify as having a high-risk UA/NSTEMI, pts were required to have at least 2 of the following: ST- segment depression or	thrombotic bailout at 96 h. The secondary efficacy endpoint was composite of death from any cause or MI within the first 30 d.	At 30 d the rate of death or MI was 11.2% in the early- eptifibatide group vs. 12.3% in the delayed- eptifibatide group.	0.08 (0.79 to 1.01)	OR 0.89	(double-bolus and infusion) did not achieve statistically significant reductions in
			transient ST elevation, elevated biomarker levels (CK-MB or troponin), and age ≥ 60 y. The study protocol was later amended to permit enrollment of pts age 50- 59 y with elevated cardiac biomarker levels and	Safety endpoints included rates of hemorrhage, transfusion, surgical reexploration, stroke, thrombocytopenia, and serious adverse events at 120 h after randomization.	Pts in the early- eptifibatide group experienced higher TIMI major hemorrhage compared with the delayed- eptifibatide group (2.6% vs. 1.8%, respectively) higher	0.02 (1.07 to 1.89)	OR 1.42	ischemic events at 96 h (i.e., 8%, primary endpoint) and 30 d (i.e., 11%, secondary endpoint) compared to provisional administration of
			documented vascular disease and clarified the timing of angiography as ≥12 h after randomization. Exclusion criteria: Increased risk of	Tandomization.	respectively), higher rates of moderate GUSTO bleeding (6.8% in the early- eptifibatide group vs. 4.3% in the delayed- eptifibatide group; p<0.001), similar			eptifibatide, given after angiography but before PCI. Early, routine eptifibatide was associated with a greater risk of
			bleeding, allergy to heparin or eptifibatide, pregnancy, renal dialysis within previous 30 d, intention of investigator		severe GUSTO bleeding (0.8% early- eptifibatide group vs. 0.9% in delayed- eptifibatide group;			bleeding. No significant interactions were noted between efficacy endpoints

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			to use a nonheparin anticoagulant, recent use of a GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor, and any other condition that posed increased risk.		p=0.97), and need for red-cell transfusion was increased in the early-eptifibatide group compared with the delayed- eptifibatide group (8.6% vs. 6.7%, respectively; p=0.001).			and prespecified baseline characteristics.
ABOARD Immediate vs delayed intervention for acute coronary syndromes: a randomized clinical trial, Montalescot G, 2009. (11)	To determine if immediate intervention on admission can result in reduction of MI vs. delayed intervention.	252	Inclusion criteria: Presence of at least 2 of the following: ischemic symptoms, ECG abnormalities in at least 2 contiguous leads, or positive troponin, TIMI risk score ≥3. Exclusion criteria: Hemodynamic or arrhythmic instability requiring urgent catheterization, chronic oral anticoagulation, or thrombolytic therapy in the preceding 24 h.	Primary endpoint was peak troponin value during hospitalization. Secondary endpoints were composite of death, MI, or urgent revascularization at 1- mo follow-up.	No difference was found in peak troponin-I between groups (median 2.1 ng/dL [0.3 to 7.1 ng/mL] vs. 1.7 mg/mL [0.3 to 7.2 ng/mL] in immediate- and delayed-intervention groups, respectively). Secondary endpoint was seen in 13.7% (95% CI: 8.6% to 18.8%) of immediate- intervention group vs. 10.2% (95% CI: 5.7% to 14.6%) of delayed- intervention group. The other endpoints did not differ between the 2 strategies.	0.70 (Not stated) 0.31	Not stated	Immediate (at a median of 70 min) vs. delayed (at a median of 21 h) angiography and revascularization in UA/NSTEMI pts conferred no advantage with regard to the primary endpoint (myocardial necrosis by TnI), nor did it result in even a trend toward improved outcome in the clinical secondary endpoint of death, MI, or urgent revascularization by 1 month.
TRITON-TIMI 38 Prasugrel vs. clopidogrel in patients with acute coronary	To evaluate treatment with prasugrel compared with clopidogrel among pts undergoing	13,608	Inclusion criteria: Scheduled PCI for ACS. For UA/NSTEMI pts, ischemic symptoms ≥ 10 min within 72 h of randomization, TIMI risk score ≥ 3 , and either ST-	Primary endpoints were death from CV causes, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke. Key safety endpoint was major bleeding§.	Primary endpoint was significantly lower in prasugrel group compared with clopidogrel group (9.9% vs. 12.1%, respectively).	<0.001 (0.73 to 0.90)	HR: 0.81	TRITON-TIMI-38 compared the new thienopyridine prasugrel to clopidogrel in 13,608 moderate- to-high risk

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syndromes, Wiviott SD, 2007. (12)	planned PCI for ACS.		segment deviation ≥1 mm or elevated cardiac biomarker of necrosis. For STEMI pts, symptom onset within 12 h of randomization if primary PCI was scheduled or		Primary endpoint was consistent in UA/NSTEMI cohort (9.9% with prasugrel vs. 12.1% with clopidogrel; 18% RR). Primary endpoint in	0.002 (0.73 to 0.93)	HR: 0.82 HR: 0.79	STEMI and NSTEMI pts scheduled to undergo PCI. Prasugrel was associated with a reduction in the
			within 14 d if medically treated for STEMI. Exclusion criteria: Included increased bleeding risk, anemia,		STEMI cohort (10% in prasugrel vs. 12.4% in clopidogrel; 21% RR).	to 0.97)		composite ischemic event rate over 15 mo of follow-up, including stent
			thrombocytopenia, intracranial pathology, or use of any thienopyridine within 5 d.		Efficacy benefit evident by 3 d (4.7% in prasugrel group vs. 5.6% in clopidogrel group).	0.01 (0.71 to 0.96)	HR: 0.82	thrombosis, but it was associated with a significantly increased rate of
					Efficacy benefit evident from Day 3 to end of follow-up (5.6% in pts receiving prasugrel vs. 6.9% of pts receiving	0.003 (0.70 to 0.93)	HR: 0.80	bleeding. In subgroup analyses, those with prior stroke/TIA fared worse on prasugrel, and no
					clopidogrel). Definite or probable stent thrombosis occurred less frequently in prasugrel group than in clopidogrel group (1.1% vs. 2.4%, respectively).	<0.001 (0.36 to 0.64)	HR: 0.48	advantage was seen in those age ≥75 y or <60 kg in weight.
					Safety endpoint of TIMI major non- CABG bleeding was higher with prasugrel compared with clopidogrel (2.4% vs. 1.8%, respectively).	0.03 (1.03 to 1.68)	HR: 1.32	

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					Increase in bleeding consistent for different	0.01 (1.08 to 2.13)	HR: 1.52	
					categories of TIMI major bleeding,			
					including life-			
					threatening bleeding			
					(1.4% in prasugrel vs.			
					0.9% in clopidogrel.			
					Fatal bleeding (0.4%			
					in prasugrel vs. 0.1%	0.002 (1.58	HR: 4.19	
					in clopidogrel.	to 11.11)		
					And nonfatal bleeding	0.00 (0.07	110 1.02	
					(1.1% in prasugrel vs. 0.9% in clopidogrel.	0.23 (0.87 to 1.81)	HR: 1.25	
					CABG-related TIMI	<0.001	HR: 4.73	
					major bleeding	(1.90 to	III. 1.75	
					increased with	11.82)		
					prasugrel compared			
					with clopidogrel			
					(13.4% vs. 3.2%, respectively).			
					No difference in	0.64 (0.78	HR: 0.95	
					mortality (death from	to 1.16)	III. 0.95	
					any cause) between			
					groups (3.0% in			
					prasugrel group vs.			
					3.2% in clopidogrel			
					group). Net clinical benefit	0.004 (0.79	HR: 0.87	
					endpoint (composite	to 0.95)	1111. 0.07	
					of death, MI, stroke or	,		
					TIMI major bleeding)			
					favored prasugrel over			
					clopidogrel (12.2% vs.			
					13.9%, respectively).			

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SWEDEHEART Influence of renal function on the effects of early revascularization	To describe distribution of CKD and use of early revascularization , as well as to	23, 262	Inclusion criteria: NSTEMI pts ≤80 y of age from nationwide CCU register (2003 and 2006).	Description of 1-y survival according to renal function stage.	Pts treated with early revascularization had overall improved survival rate at 1 y.	<0.001 (0.56 to 0.73)	HR: 0.64	A contemporary nationwide Swedish registry, evaluated the use of early revascularization
in non-ST- elevation myocardial infarction: data from the Swedish Web-System for Enhancement and	determine if an invasive approach is associated with lower mortality at every level of renal function.				1-y mortality for pts with eGFR ≥90: 1.9% for invasive treatment vs. 10% for medical treatment	0.001 (0.42 to 0.80)	HR: 0.58	after NSTEMI across all stages of CKD, and stratified outcomes by stage of CKD. Early revascularization
Development of Evidence-Based Care in Heart Disease Evaluated According to Recommended	Tenar function.				1-y mortality for pts with eGFR 60 to 89: 2.4% for invasive treatment vs. 10% for medical treatment.	<0.001 (0.52 to 0.80)	HR: 0.64	was associated with improved adjusted 1-y survival in UA/NSTEMI pts with mild-to-
Therapies (SWEDEHEART), Szummer K, 2009. (13)					 1-y mortality for pts with eGFR 30 to 59: 7% for invasive treatment vs. 22% for medical treatment. 	0.001 (0.54 to 0.81)	HR: 0.68	moderate CKD, but no association was observed in those with severe and end-stage disease.
					1-y mortality for pts with eGFR 15 to 29: 22% for invasive treatment vs. 41% for medical treatment.	0.740 (0.51 to 1.61)	HR: 0.91	SWEDEHEART is limited by its observational nature, but by capturing unselected pts, it
					1-y mortality for pts with eGFR <15/dialysis: 44% for invasive treatment vs. 53% for medical treatment.	0.150 (0.84 to 3.09)	HR: 1.61	may be quite reflective of real- world experience.

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Clopidogrel with or without Omeprazole in	To investigate efficacy and safety of concomitant clopidogrel and	3761	Inclusion criteria: Age ≥ 21 y, clopidogrel therapy with concomitant ASA anticipated for at least next 12 mo,	Primary GI safety endpoint: composite of GI overt or occult bleeding, symptomatic gastroduodenal ulcers	Total GI event rate: 1.1% with omeprazole vs. 2.9% with placebo	<0.001 (0.18 to 0.63)	HR: 0.34	In this randomized, placebo controlled comparison in 3,873 pts with an indication for dual-
Disease, Bhatt DL, 2010. (14)	PPI administration in pts with CAD receiving clopidogrel and		including pts with ACS or coronary stent placement. Exclusion criteria: Hospitalized pts for whom discharge not	or erosions, obstructions, or perforation. Primary CV safety endpoint: composite	Overt upper GI bleeding rate: 0.1% with omeprazole vs. 0.6% with placebo	0.001 (0.03 to 0.56)	HR: 0.13	antiplatelet therapy, no difference was found in the primary composite
	ASA.		anticipated within 48 h of randomization; need for current/long-term use of PPI, H2-receptor antagonist, sucralfate, or misoprostol; erosive esophagitis or esophageal or gastric variceal disease or previous nonendoscopic gastric surgery; clopidogrel or other thienopyridine >21 d before randomization; receipt of oral anticoagulant unable to be discontinued safely; recent fibrinolytic therapy.	of death from CV causes, nonfatal MI, coronary revascularization, or ischemic stroke.	Total CV event rate: 4.9% with omeprazole vs. 5.7% with placebo	0.96 (0.68 to 1.44)	HR: 0.99	CV endpoint between clopidogrel plus omeprazole and clopidogrel plus placebo at 180 d. The rate of GI bleeding and associated complications were reduced with omeprazole. Study limitations include premature termination of planned enrollment, limited follow-up and power to discern small to moderate differences between therapies, inadequate ascertainment of all end points, and the use of a single- pill formulation, which might differ in release kinetics

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								for its two components.

*These events excluded silent MI (which accounted for 0.1% in each treatment group in PLATO).

PLATO major bleeding was defined as major life-threatening bleeding (fatal bleeding, intracranial bleeding, intrapericardial bleeding with cardiac tamponade, hypovolemic shock or severe hypotension due to bleeding and requiring pressors or surgery, a decline in the hemoglobin level of ≥ 5 g/dL, or the need for transfusion of ≥ 4 units of red cells) or other major bleeding (e.g., bleeding that led to clinically-significant disability (e.g., intraocular bleeding with permanent vision loss) or bleeding either associated with a drop in the hemoglobin level of ≥ 3 g/dL but <5/dL or requiring transfusion of 2-3 units of red cells.

 \ddagger The primary safety outcome is major bleeding (i.e., severe bleeding plus other major bleeding). Severe bleeding was defined as: Fatal or leading to a drop in hemoglobin of \ge 5 g/dL, or significant hypotension with the need for inotropes, or requiring surgery (other than vascular site repair), or symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage, or requiring transfusion of \ge 4 units of red blood cells or equivalent whole blood. Other major bleeding was defined as: significantly disabling, intraocular bleeding leading to significant loss of vision or bleeding requiring transfusion of 2 or 3 units of red blood cells or equivalent whole blood.

sKey safety endpoint was non-CABG-related TIMI major bleeding (Intracranial hemorrhage ≥ 5 g/dL decrease in the hemoglobin concentration, $\geq 15\%$ absolute decrease in hematocrit.

ACS indicates acute coronary syndrome; ARC, academic research consortium; ASA, aspirin; CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; CAD, coronary artery disease; CCU, coronary care unit; CHF, congestive heart failure; CI-AKI, contrast-induced acute kidney injury; CI, confidence interval; CIN, contrast-induced nephropathy; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CK-MB, creatine kinase-MB; CM, contrast media; CURRENT, Clopidogrel optimal loading dose Usage to Reduce Recurrent EveNTs; CV, cardiovascular; DES, drug-eluting stent; DM, diabetes mellitus; ECG, electrocardiograph; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GI, gastrointestinal; GP, glycoprotein; GRACE, Global Registry of Acute Coronary Events; GUSTO, Global Utilization of Streptokinase and Tissue Plasminogen Activator for Occluded Coronary Arteries trial; HR, hazard ratio; IV, intravenous; LD, loading dose; LOCM, low-osmolar contrast media; MACCE, major adverse cardiac and cerebrovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction; NSTE, non-ST-elevation; NSTEMI, non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction; NYHA, New York Heart Association; OR, odds ratio; patients, pts; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; RCT, randomized controlled trial; RR, relative risk; SCr, serum creatinine; STEMI, ST-elevation myocardial infarction; TIA, transient ischemic attack; TIMI, Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction; TnI, troponin I; UA, unstable angina; and ULN, upper limit of normal

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