



- A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, double-dummy trial
- 18,624 patients from 862 centers in 43 countries from Oct
 2006 to July 2008

Groups:

- Ticagrelor:
- Loading dose: 180 mg
- Maintenance dose: 90 mg twice daily
- Clopidogrel:
- Loading dose: 300 to 600 mg
- Maintenance dose: 75 mg daily

Primary efficacy endpoint:

The time to the first occurrence of composite of death from vascular causes, myocardial infarction, or stroke

Secondary efficacy endpoint:

The composite of death from any cause, from vascular causes, MI, stroke, severe recurrent cardiac ischemia and transient ischemic attack

Tertiary efficacy endpoint:

Evaluation for stent thrombosis

The same basline characteristics of the patients in two groups

| Characteristic | Ticagrelor Group | Clopidogrel Group |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Cardiovascular risk factor — no./total no. (%) | | |
| Habitual smoker | (36.0) | (35.7) |
| Hypertension | (65.8) | (65.1) |
| Dyslipidemia | (46.6) | (46.7) |
| Diabetes mellitus | (24.9) | (25.1) |
| Other medical history — no./total no. (%) | | |
| MI | (20.4) | (20.7) |
| Percutaneous coronary intervention | (13.6) | (13.1) |
| Coronary-artery bypass grafting | (5.7) | (6.2) |
| Congestive heart failure | (5.5) | (5.8) |
| Nonhemorrhagic stroke | (3.8) | (4.0) |
| Peripheral arterial disease | (6.1) | (6.2) |
| Chronic renal disease | (4.1) | (4.4) |
| History of dyspnea | (15.1) | (14.6) |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease | (5.9) | (5.7) |
| Asthma | (2.9) | (2.9) |
| Gout | (2.9) | (2.8) |
| ECG findings at study entry — no./total no. (%) | | |
| Persistent ST-segment elevation | (37.5) | (37.8) |
| ST-segment depression | (50.7) | (51.2) |
| T-wave inversion | (31.8) | (32.0) |
| Positive troponin I test at study entry — no./total no. (%) | (85.3) | (86.1) |
| Final diagnosis of ACS — no./total no. (%) | | |
| ST-elevation MI | (37.5) | (38.0) |
| Non-ST-elevation MI | (42.9) | (42.5) |
| Unstable angina | (16.6) | (16.8) |
| Other diagnosis or missing data | (3.0) | (2.7) |
| Risk factors for ST-elevation MI — no./total no. (%) | | |
| Killip class >2 | (0.7) | (1.2) |
| TIMI risk score ≥3 | (45.3) | (44.0) |
| Risk factors for non-ST-elevation MI — no./total no. (%) | | |
| Positive troponin I test | (79.5) | (80.8) |
| ST-segment depression >0.1 mV | (56.6) | (57.7) |
| TIMI risk score ≥5 | (20.0) | (21.2) |

Results

Primary efficacy outcome at 12 months

| Primary End P | oint | Ticagrelor Group | Clopidogrel Group | Hazard Ratio for Ticagrelor Group (95% CI) | P Value |
|--|--------|---------------------|----------------------|--|---------|
| Death from va causes, MI, or — no./total r | stroke | (9.8) | (11.7) | 0.84 (0.77-0.92) | < 0.001 |

- ► The primary end point occurred significantly less often in the **Ticagrelor** group than in the Clopidogrel group.
- ► The difference in treatment effect was apparent within the first 30 days of therapy and persisted throughout the study period.

Secondary efficacy outcome at 12 months

► The secondary end points showed significant reductions in **Ticagrelor** vs Clopidogrel, with respect to the rates of the composite end point of death from any cause, myocardial infarction, or stroke, the composite end point of death from vascular causes, myocardial infarction, stroke, severe recurrent ischemia, recurrent ischemia, transient ischemic attack, or other arterial thrombotic events alone.

| Secondary End Point | Ticagrelor Group | Clopidogrel Group | Hazard Ratio for Ticagrelor Group (95% CI) | P Value |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|--|---------|
| Secondary end points — no./total no. (%) | | | | |
| Death from any cause, MI, or stroke | (10.2) | (12.3) | 0.84 (0.77-0.92) | <0.001 |
| Death from vascular causes, MI, stroke, severe recurrent ischemia, recurrent ischemia, TIA, or other arterial thrombotic event | (14.6) | (16.7) | 0.88 (0.81–0.95) | <0.001 |
| MI | (5.8) | (6.9) | 0.84 (0.75-0.95) | 0.005 |
| Death from vascular causes | (4.0) | (5.1) | 0.79(0.69-0.91) | 0.001 |
| Stroke | (1.5) | (1.3) | 1.17 (0.91–1.52) | 0.22 |
| Ischemic | (1.1) | (1.1) | | 0.74 |
| Hemorrhagic | (0.2) | (0.1) | | 0.10 |
| Unknown | (0.1) | (0.02) | | 0.04 |
| Other events — no./total no. (%) | | | | |
| Death from any cause | (4.5) | (5.9) | 0.78 (0.69–0.89) | <0.001 |
| Death from causes other than vascular causes | (0.5) | (0.8) | 0.71 (0.49–1.04) | 0.08 |
| Severe recurrent ischemia | (3.5) | (4.0) | 0.87 (0.74–1.01) | 0.08 |
| Recurrent ischemia | (5.8) | (6.2) | 0.93 (0.82-1.05) | 0.22 |
| TIA | (0.2) | (0.3) | 0.78 (0.42–1.44) | 0.42 |
| Other arterial thrombotic event | (0.2) | (0.4) | 0.61 (0.34–1.08) | 0.09 |
| Death from vascular causes, MI, stroke — no./total no. (%) | | | | |
| Invasive treatment planned | (8.9) | (10.6) | 0.84 (0.75-0.94) | 0.003 |
| Event rate, days 1–30 | (4.8) | (5.4) | 0.88 (0.77–1.00) | 0.045 |
| Event rate, days 31-360 | (5.3) | (6.6) | 0.80 (0.70-0.91) | < 0.001 |

Tertiary efficacy outcome at 12 months

| Tertiary End Point | Ticagrelor Group | Clopidogrel Group | Hazard Ratio for Ticagrelor Group (95% CI) | P Value |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|--|---------|
| Stent thrombosis — no. of patients who received a stent/total no. (%) | | | | |
| Definite | (1.3) | (1.9) | 0.67 (0.50-0.91) | 0.009 |
| Probable or definite | (2.2) | (2.9) | 0.75 (0.59-0.95) | 0.02 |
| Possible, probable, or definite | (2.9) | (3.8) | 0.77 (0.62–0.95) | 0.01 |

Among patients who received a stent during the study, the rate of definite stent thrombosis was lower in **Ticagrelor** vs Clopidogrel.



Conclusion

- 1. Treatment with **Ticagrelor** as compared with clopidogrel in patients with acute coronary syndromes with or without ST-segment elevation significantly reduced the rate of death from vascular causes, myocardial infarction, or stroke and death from any other cause, resulting in an overall reduction of 22% in the mortality rate with **Ticagrelor** from any cause at 1 year.
- 2. The incremental reduction in the risk of coronary thrombotic events (i.e., myocardial infarction and stent thrombosis) and survival benefit through more-intense P2Y12 inhibition with **Ticagrelor**, regardless of whether invasive or noninvasive management was planned, is consistent; this issue has not been investigated with other P2Y12 inhibitors.
- 3. Since P2Y12 inhibition with **Ticagrelor** is reversible, the antiplatelet effect dissipates more rapidly than with the thienopyridines, which are irreversible P2Y12 inhibitors, therefore, less procedure related bleeding might be expected.
- 4. There was no increased risk of CABG-related bleeding with Ticagrelor.
- 5. The beneficial effects of **Ticagrelor** were achieved without a significant increase in the rate of major bleeding, as seen with other antithrombotic treatments in patients with an acute coronary syndrome.





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