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Antiplatelet Therapy Duration Following Bare Metal or Drug-Eluting Coronary Stents: the Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Randomized Clinical Trial

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Abstract

Importance—Despite antirestenotic efficacy of coronary drug-eluting stents (DES) compared with bare metal stents (BMS), the relative risk of stent thrombosis and adverse cardiovascular events is unclear. Although dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) beyond one year provides ischemic event protection following DES, ischemic event risk is perceived to be less following BMS and the appropriate duration of DAPT following BMS is unknown.

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Objective—To compare: (1) rates of stent thrombosis and major adverse cardiac and cerebrovascular events (MACCE; composite of death, myocardial infarction, or stroke) after 30 vs. 12 months of thienopyridine in patients treated with BMS taking aspirin; and (2) treatment duration effect within the combined cohorts of randomized DES or BMS-treated patients as prespecified, secondary analyses of the Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Study.

Design, Setting, Participants—International, multicenter, randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled trial, comparing extended (30 months) thienopyridine versus placebo in aspirin-treated patients who completed 12 months of DAPT without bleeding or ischemic events post-stenting. Study initiation August 2009 with last follow-up visit May 2014.

Exposure/Intervention—Continued thienopyridine or placebo at months 12-30 after stenting, in 11648 randomized patients treated with aspirin, of whom 1687 received BMS and 9961 DES.

Main Outcome and Measures—Stent thrombosis, MACCE, moderate/severe bleeding.

Results—Among 1687 BMS-treated patients randomized to continued thienopyridine vs. placebo, rates of stent thrombosis were 0.5% vs. 1.11%, (N=4 vs. 9, hazard ratio 0.49, 95% CI 0.15-1.64, P=0.24), MACCE 4.04% vs. 4.69%, (N=33 vs. 38, hazard ratio 0.92, 95% CI 0.57-1.47, P=0.72) and moderate/severe bleeding 2.03% vs. 0.90% (N=16 vs. 7, P=0.07), respectively. Among all 11,648 randomized patients (both BMS- and DES-treated), stent thrombosis rates were 0.41% vs. 1.32%, (N=23 vs. 74, hazard ratio 0.31, 95% CI 0.19-0.50, P<0.001), MACCE 4.29% vs. 5.74% (N=244 vs. 323, hazard ratio 0.73, 95% CI 0.62-0.87, P<0.001), and moderate/severe bleeding 2.45% vs. 1.47% (N=135 vs. 80, P<0.001).

Conclusions and Relevance—Among patients undergoing coronary stenting with BMS and who tolerated 12 months of thienopyridine, continuing thienopyridine for an additional 18 months compared with placebo did not result in statistically significant differences in rates of stent thrombosis, MACCE, or moderate/severe bleeding. However, the BMS subset may have been underpowered to identify such differences and further trials are suggested. (DAPT ClinicalTrials.gov number NCT00977938).

Introduction

While current clinical practice guidelines recommend a minimum of only 1 month of dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) after bare metal stent (BMS) placement following elective percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI; compared with 6-12 months for drug-eluting stents [DES]),^{1,2} patients with acute coronary syndromes (ACS) benefit from 12 months of therapy whether or not PCI with stenting is performed.³ Although randomized trial results (the Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Study)⁴ showed a reduction in stent thrombosis and non-stent related myocardial infarction (MI) with thienopyridine therapy beyond 12 months following DES (among patients tolerating DAPT to 12 months), few trials have assessed optimal duration of DAPT following BMS.⁵ Because BMS remain a commonly used alternative treatment strategy to DES, particularly for patients who present with ACS or in whom DAPT has perceived increased bleeding risk,^{6,7} we aimed to compare (1) rates of stent thrombosis or major adverse cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events (MACCE) in randomized BMS-treated patients and (2) treatment duration effect among all randomized patients in the Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Study.

Methods

Study Objectives and Hypotheses

We compared the randomized treatment effect of continued thienopyridine vs. placebo beyond 12 months with regard to stent thrombosis, MACCE, and bleeding after randomization until the completion of study drug treatment at 30 months among BMS-treated patients as well as the combined BMS- and DES-treated cohort. As a *post hoc* analysis, we assessed the consistency of treatment duration effect between patients treated with BMS or DES.

Study Design

The DAPT Study design has previously been described.⁸ This double-blind, international, randomized clinical trial compared the risks and benefits of continued thienopyridine (clopidogrel or prasugrel) versus placebo, when given in addition to aspirin for the prevention of stent thrombosis or MACCE following coronary stenting with either DES or BMS in patients who tolerated DAPT to 12 months (ClinicalTrials.gov # NCT00977938). The results comparing randomized treatments in the DES-treated cohort have been reported separately.⁴

All institutions received approval from their Institutional Review Boards and each patient provided written informed consent for study participation.

Study Population and Procedures

In brief, patients who were candidates for DAPT and who received treatment with either DES or BMS were recruited. Stent treatment was performed according to site standards of care using only Food and Drug Administration-approved DES and BMS devices. DES types included Cypher sirolimus-eluting stent (Cordis, Warren, NJ), Endeavor zotarolimus-eluting stent (Medtronic, Santa Rosa, CA), TAXUS paclitaxel-eluting stent (Boston Scientific, Marlborough, MA), and Xience/Promus everolimus-eluting stents (Abbott Vascular, Santa Clara, CA or Boston Scientific, Marlborough, MA). All patients >18 years of age who met all enrollment inclusion and none of the exclusion criteria (Appendix Table 2), and signed the consent and were enrolled into the trial within 3 days of the index procedure and all received open-label aspirin plus thienopyridine for the first 12 months. As required by regulatory authorities, race and ethnicity data were collected via patient self-report. Race categories for this study were pre-specified as America Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White and Other, specify. Ethnicity was collected as Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino. At 12 months, patients who were alive and free from MI, stroke, repeat coronary revascularization, stent thrombosis, and moderate or severe bleeding and who demonstrated compliance with thienopyridine treatment were then eligible for randomization (Figure 1) to continued thienopyridine or placebo, and all continued aspirin. A computer-generated randomization schedule stratified patients according to the type of stent they had received (drug eluting vs. bare metal), hospital site, thienopyridine type, and presence or absence of at least one prespecified clinical- or lesion-related risk factor for stent thrombosis (see Appendix Table 1).

Post-randomization study procedures and follow-up were the same for BMS- and DES-treated patients.

Study Endpoints

The co-primary effectiveness end points were cumulative incidence of definite/probable stent thrombosis according to the Academic Research Consortium classification⁹ and incidence of MACCE at 12-30 months. For randomized comparison of DAPT duration among BMS-treated patients, the primary safety endpoint was moderate or severe bleeding (Global Utilization of Streptokinase and TPA for Occluded Arteries [GUSTO] classification)¹⁰ at 12-30 months. Finally, clinically actionable non-coronary artery bypass graft related bleeding was also evaluated according to the Bleeding Academic Research Consortium definitions (BARC 2, 3 or 5 classes).¹¹ These events were adjudicated by an independent Clinical Events Committee blinded to treatment assignment and administered by HCRI. An unblinded independent central data monitoring committee oversaw the safety of all patients.

Statistical Analysis

Among patients treated with BMS and randomized to continued thienopyridine vs. placebo, the cumulative incidence of stent thrombosis and of MACCE are presented according to intention-to-treat. Treatments were compared using a log-rank test stratified by geographic region (North America, Europe, and Australia/New Zealand), thienopyridine type, and presence/absence of stent thrombosis risk factors (listed in Table 1).⁸ For each endpoint, the stratified hazard ratio (HR) and its 2-sided 95% CI comparing continued thienopyridine vs. placebo are presented. Patients not experiencing the co-primary endpoints 12-30 months post-index procedure were censored at the time of last known contact or 30 months, whichever was earlier.

The analysis of the BMS cohort comparing randomized treatment arms was a prespecified secondary analysis of the DAPT Study that was not powered to compare treatment arms within this cohort (the powered DES-treated cohort has been previously presented⁴) but was performed to assess consistency of the randomized treatment effect in BMS- vs. DES-treated patients from the Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Study. Stent-type-by-randomized treatment interaction was assessed using Cox proportional hazards regression as a *post hoc* analysis, and the stratified HR, 95% CI, and P values for interaction are presented. All other analyses presented were prespecified.

All statistical analyses were conducted at HCRI with SAS software, version 9.2. (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC). All p-values are two-sided and considered significant at the 0.05 level.

Results

Study Population

Enrollment in the Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Study was conducted between August 2009 and July 2011, with the last follow-up visit conducted in May 2014. Of 2816 enrolled

BMS-treated patients, 583 (20.7%) were not eligible for randomization after 12 months of follow-up, 546 (19.4%) were eligible but not randomized, and 1687 (59.9%) were randomized (Figure 1). Of 25682 total enrolled patients, 5844 (22.8%) were not eligible for randomization after 12 months of follow-up, 8190 (31.9%) were eligible but not randomized, and 11648 (45.4%) were randomized, with median follow up of 990 days (25% Q1: 981 days; 75% Q2: 990 days) (Appendix Figure 1). The most common reason for non-randomization was withdrawal of patient consent.

Baseline characteristics of BMS-treated randomized patients were similar between the groups (Table 1). While the same inclusion and exclusion criteria were applied to all enrolled patients, DES- and BMS-treated patients differed according to clinical and procedural characteristics (Appendix Table 1). DES-treated patients were more likely to have a history of diabetes mellitus (30.6% vs. 21.2%, $P<0.001$), hypertension, previous PCI, and to have longer lesions, with smaller reference vessel diameter, while BMS-treated patients were more likely to present with ST-elevation MI (STEMI, 37.6% vs. 10.5%, $P<0.001$), or non-STEMI (20.9% vs. 15.5%, $P<0.001$), and were more likely to have thrombus noted in the treated lesion. The baseline characteristics of the randomized, DES-treated patients have been previously published.⁴ Baseline characteristics of all randomized patients were similar between the randomly assigned treatment groups (Appendix Table 1). Predefined risk factors for stent thrombosis were present in 54% of patients in each randomly assigned treatment group.

Effect of Continued Thienopyridine Therapy Among BMS-Treated Patients

Within randomized BMS-treated patients, the cumulative incidence of stent thrombosis and MACCE were 0.5% vs. 1.1% (HR 0.49, 95% CI 0.15-1.64, log-rank $P=0.24$) and 4.0% vs. 4.7% (HR 0.92, 95% CI 0.57-1.47, log-rank $P=0.72$), respectively, for continued thienopyridine vs. placebo at 12-30 months after the index procedure (Table 2). GUSTO severe/moderate bleeding events occurred in 2.03% vs. 0.90% among BMS-treated patients randomized to continued thienopyridine vs. placebo ($P=0.07$); and BARC 2, 3, or 5 bleeding events occurred in 4.56% vs. 1.80% respectively ($P=0.002$). Severe bleeding was uncommon and fatal bleeding events (BARC 5) were rare and not different between treatment groups (Table 2).

The results comparing continued thienopyridine vs. placebo in the DES-treated cohort have been reported previously and demonstrated significant reductions in study co-primary endpoints of stent thrombosis (0.4% vs. 1.4%, respectively, HR 0.29, 95% CI 0.17-0.48) and MACCE (2.0% vs. 1.5%, respectively, HR 0.71, 95% CI 0.59-0.85) (driven by a reduction in both stent and non-stent related MI, Table 3). An increase in moderate/severe bleeding events was observed (2.5% vs. 1.6%, respectively, $P=0.001$), and a difference in all-cause mortality rate that was not statistically significant was seen 2.0% vs. 1.5% ($p=0.052$), yet mortality was infrequently related to bleeding (0.1% vs. 0.1% fatal bleeding, $P=0.38$, and 0.22% vs. 0.06% bleeding-related mortality, $p=0.57$).¹

Consistency of Effects of Continued Thienopyridine Across BMS- and DES-Treated Patients

The *post hoc* analysis of the effect of continued thienopyridine found non-significant interactions between randomized BMS- and DES-treated patients for both stent thrombosis (interaction $P=0.42$) and MACCE (interaction $P=0.32$, Table 3).

Among all randomized patients, the co-primary effectiveness endpoints of stent thrombosis (0.41% vs. 1.32%; HR 0.31, 95% CI 0.19-0.50; $P<0.001$) and MACCE (4.29% vs. 5.74%; HR 0.73, 95% CI 0.62-0.87; $P<0.001$) were reduced by continued thienopyridine versus placebo, respectively (Table 4). The reduction in stent thrombosis was largely explained by a reduction in definite stent thrombosis and the reduction in MACCE was largely explained by a 48% relative reduction (1.83% absolute) in MI. Significant reductions in MI related to stent thrombosis (0.38% vs. 1.28%, HR 0.29, 95% CI 0.18-0.48; $P<0.001$) as well as MI not related to stent thrombosis (1.84% vs. 2.75%, HR 0.65, 95% CI 0.50-0.84; $P<0.001$) were observed. In contrast, there is an increased incidence of severe/moderate bleeding events (2.45% vs. 1.47%, risk difference 0.98, 95% CI 0.46-1.50; $P<0.001$) largely explained by the relative increase in moderate bleeding (1.65% vs. 0.96%, risk difference 0.70, 95% CI 0.27-1.12; $P=0.001$). Similarly, although BARC Types 2, 3, or 5 bleeding events were significantly increased in the continued thienopyridine treatment group (5.44% vs. 2.78%, HR 2.65, 95% CI 1.91-3.40; $P<0.001$), fatal (Type 5) BARC bleeding events were rare and not different between groups (0.13% vs. 0.09%, HR 0.04, 95% CI -0.09 to 0.16; $p=0.58$; Table 4).

Discussion

Among patients undergoing coronary stenting with BMS and who tolerated 12 months of thienopyridine, continuing thienopyridine for an additional 18 months compared to placebo did not result in statistically significant differences in rates of stent thrombosis, MACCE, or moderate/severe bleeding. However, limitations in sample size and power make definitive conclusions regarding DAPT treatment duration effects difficult. While fewer BMS-treated patients were enrolled and randomized because of the prevailing use of DES in clinical practice, among patients eligible for continued DAPT, in a *post hoc* analysis we found non-significant interactions for the effect of continued thienopyridine therapy on stent thrombosis among BMS- and DES-treated patients who were randomized in the Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Study.⁴ However, as this comparison of treatment interaction was not adequately powered for definitive interpretations, true differences in treatment effect size may not have been detected and the observation that continued thienopyridine therapy beyond one year (in patients who tolerated DAPT for one year without major bleeding) may prevent ischemic events independent of stent type (DES or BMS) should be considered hypothesis-generating.

Indeed, BMS-treated patients accrue target lesion (stent) related events in 2% per year¹² and non-target lesion/vessel events in 5% per year following stent deployment.^{13,14} Late atherothrombotic events following BMS may be due to lack of healing/uncovered stent struts, neoatherosclerosis,¹⁵ restenosis,¹⁶ or disease progression outside the stent, in other regions or vessels. The largest portion of MI prevented by extended duration thienopyridine

therapy in this study did not involve the stented coronary segments for either DES or BMS. While bleeding events were similarly increased with continued thienopyridine therapy beyond one year in both BMS and DES treated patients, these events were infrequently severe and rarely fatal (BARC 5 classification).¹¹ The numeric increase in mortality associated with continued thienopyridine therapy (2.0 vs. 1.5%, $p=0.052$) that was observed in the DES-treated cohort, was not evident among BMS-treated randomized patients (1.0% vs. 1.2%, $P=0.83$).

The lack of apparent treatment interaction between DES and BMS supports the combined analysis of treatment effects of continued duration of therapy independent of stent type. Among the combined BMS and DES cohort, the reductions in stent thrombosis and MACCE were 69% and 27%, respectively in patients continuing thienopyridine therapy together with aspirin. 50% of the MIs prevented by continued DAPT were not stent thrombosis related. These ischemic event benefits were balanced by a 67% relative increase in moderate bleeding

Limitations

The major limitation of the BMS randomized comparison of DAPT duration is sample size and lack of power which limits the interpretability of the findings. However, an adequately powered randomized BMS cohort would require approximately 8,000 additional patients, which was practically not feasible under financial and logistic constraints of the study. An adequate number of BMS-treated patients were enrolled to allow a powered comparison of stent thrombosis and MACCE rates with patients treated with DES,¹⁷ the results of which have been presented separately.¹⁸ In this context, the design of the BMS randomized comparison was to evaluate for consistency or heterogeneity compared with the DES treatment effect in an exploratory fashion, rather than to be powered for a separate, independent analysis. Nonetheless, the BMS cohort sample size exceeds that of prior randomized BMS cohorts evaluating duration of antiplatelet therapy⁵ and is similar in size to many prior randomized trials of DAPT duration in DES.^{5,19-22} While similar inclusion criteria were required of BMS- and DES-treated patients, there were systematic differences between BMS- and DES-treated patients with a higher frequency of MI presentation prior to the index PCI procedure for BMS and a higher prevalence of restenosis risk factors for DES-treated patients. Nevertheless, each cohort was balanced across randomized treatment arms as expected according to the stratified randomization.

Conclusions

Among patients undergoing coronary stenting with BMS and who tolerate 12 months of thienopyridine and aspirin therapy without major bleeding, continuing thienopyridine therapy in addition to aspirin beyond 12 months, did not result in statistically significant differences in rates of stent thrombosis, MACCE or moderate/severe bleeding. However, the BMS subset may have been underpowered to determine such differences.

Supplementary Material

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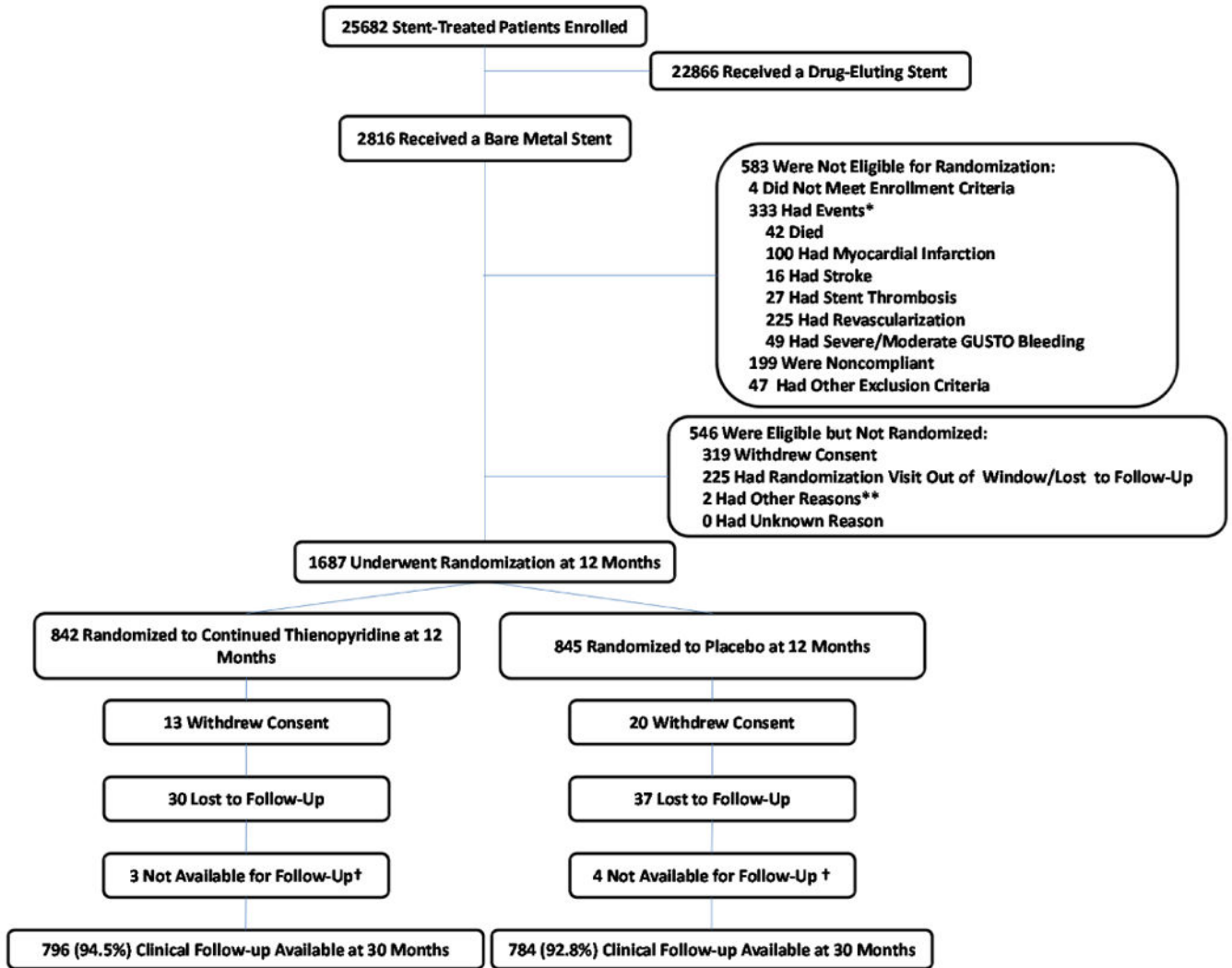


Figure 1. Enrollment, Randomization, and Follow-up Among Randomized Bare Metal Stent-Treated Patients.

Table 1

Baseline Characteristics of Randomized Bare Metal Stent-Treated Patients.*

Characteristics	Continued Thienopyridine N=842	Placebo N=845
<i>% (N) reported for non-continuous variable</i>		
Patients		
Age (years), mean \pm SD	58.9 \pm 10.5	59.2 \pm 11.1
Female	25.5% (215)	21.8% (184)
Race- non-White **	7.5% (62)	7.3% (61)
Weight (kg), mean \pm SD	88.0 \pm 18.4	88.5 \pm 18.8
BMI(Kg/m ²), mean \pm SD	29.5 \pm 5.2	29.6 \pm 5.6
Diabetes mellitus	21.7% (181)	20.7% (173)
Hypertension	64.0% (534)	64.6% (543)
Cigarette smoker	43.3% (360)	43.3% (350)
Stroke/TIA	5.1% (43)	4.0% (34)
Congestive heart failure	4.2% (35)	3.3% (28)
Peripheral arterial disease	4.2% (35)	5.5% (46)
Prior PCI	17.9% (150)	20.3% (171)
Prior CABG	6.0% (50)	5.9% (50)
Prior MI	19.4% (160)	21.5% (178)
Indication for PCI	58.8%	58.3%
ACS	58.8% (495)	58.3% (493)
STEMI	36.9% (311)	38.3% (324)
NSTEMI	21.9% (184)	20.0% (169)
Unstable Angina ***	9.1% (77)	9.6% (81)
Stable Angina	23.6% (199)	23.4% (198)
Other	8.4% (71)	8.6% (73)
Any risk factor for stent thrombosis	69.2% (568)	69.0% (569)
Any Clinical	64.0% (525)	63.2% (521)
Enzyme positive ACS (STEMI or NSTEMI)	58.8% (495)	58.3% (493)
Renal insufficiency/failure	3.4% (28)	2.4% (20)
LVEF < 30%	4.0% (32)	3.6% (29)
Any Lesion-Related	38.7% (325)	37.5% (316)
> 2 vessels stented	0.0% (0)	0.1% (1)
> 2 lesions per vessel	1.1% (9)	1.0% (8)
Lesion length \leq 30 mm	6.5% (55)	6.6% (56)
Bifurcation lesion sidebranch \leq 2.5 mm	4.5% (38)	4.0% (34)
In-stent restenosis of a DES	0.4% (3)	0.7% (6)
Vein bypass graft stented	2.6% (22)	2.4% (20)
Unprotected left main stented	0.0% (0)	0.1% (1)
Thrombus-containing lesion	28.9% (243)	25.9% (219)
Prior Brachytherapy	0.1% (1)	0.1% (1)

Characteristics	Continued Thienopyridine N=842	Placebo N=845
<i>% (N) reported for non-continuous variable</i>		
Region		
North America	60.5% (509)	61.4% (519)
Europe	36.1% (304)	35.5% (300)
Australia or New Zealand	3.4% (29)	3.1% (26)
Thienopyridine drug at randomization		
Clopidogrel	86.7% (730)	86.6% (732)
Prasugrel	13.3% (112)	13.4% (113)
Number of treated lesions, mean \pm SD	1.2 \pm 0.4	1.12 \pm 0.4
Number of treated vessels, mean \pm SD	1.0 \pm 0.2	1.1 \pm 0.2
Number of stents, mean \pm SD	1.3 \pm 0.6	1.3 \pm 0.6
Minimum stent diameter (per subject)		
<3	23.9% (201)	24.4% (206)
3	76.1% (641)	75.6% (639)
Total stent length (mm), mean \pm SD	24.0 \pm 13.0	23.9 \pm 13.1
Lesions[†]		
Treated Vessel		
Left main	0.0% (0)	0.1% (1)
LAD	31.6% (308)	30.9% (306)
Right	44.8% (437)	45.6% (452)
Circumflex	21.1% (206)	20.9% (207)
Venous graft	2.5% (24)	2.5% (25)
Arterial graft	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Modified ACC/AHA lesion class B2 or C	47.6% (440)	47.8% (450)

Abbreviations: ACC, American College of Cardiology; ACS, acute coronary syndrome; AHA, American Heart Association; BMI, body mass index; CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; DES, drug-eluting stent; LAD, left anterior descending; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; MI, myocardial infarction; NSTEMI, non-ST elevation MI; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; STEMI, ST-elevation MI; TIA, transient ischemic attack.

* For all variables, 0-4% of subjects had missing values.

** Race was self-reported.

*** This category included unstable angina without reported elevation of cardiac enzymes.

[†] A total of 975 lesions were treated in the continued thienopyridine group and 991 in the placebo group.

[‡] The definitions of class B2 and class C lesions according to the modified American College of Cardiology (ACC)–American Heart Association (AHA) criteria.²³

Table 2
Ischemic and Bleeding Outcomes In Randomized Bare Metal Stent-Treated Patients

Patients were randomized to continued thienopyridine or placebo plus aspirin 12 months after receiving a bare metal stent. The effectiveness endpoints, stent thrombosis and MACCE, are shown over the primary analysis period, e.g. 12-30 months after enrollment. For the safety endpoint of GUSTO severe or moderate bleeding, patients whose last contact date was \leq 510 days post randomization or who experienced any adjudicated bleeding outcome at or before 540 days were included.

	Continued Thienopyridine N=842 ^I	Placebo N=845 ^I	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	Log-rank P-Value
Ischemic Outcomes				
	<i>No. of patients (%)</i>			
Stent thrombosis *	4 (0.50)	9 (1.11)	0.49 (0.15, 1.64)	0.24
Definite	4 (0.50)	9 (1.11)	0.49 (0.15, 1.64)	0.24
Probable	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	N/A	.
MACCE (death, MI, stroke)	33 (4.04)	38 (4.69)	0.92 (0.57, 1.47)	0.72
Death, all cause	8 (0.99)	10 (1.24)	0.90 (0.35, 2.33)	0.83
MI	22 (2.70)	25 (3.10)	0.91 (0.51, 1.62)	0.74
Stent thrombosis-related	4 (0.50)	9 (1.11)	0.49 (0.15, 1.64)	0.24
Non stent thrombosis-related	18 (2.21)	16 (1.99)	1.12 (0.57, 2.20)	0.74
Stroke (total)	6 (0.73)	5 (0.62)	1.22 (0.37, 4.01)	0.74
Ischemic	4 (0.49)	5 (0.62)	0.82 (0.22, 3.05)	0.77
Hemorrhagic	1 (0.12)	0 (0.00)	N/A	0.32
Type Uncertain	1 (0.12)	0 (0.00)	N/A	0.32
Bleeding Complications **				
	Continued Thienopyridine N=790	Placebo N=776	Risk Difference	2-Sided P Value for Difference
	<i>No. of patients (%)</i>		<i>Percentage points (95% CI)</i>	
GUSTO Severe/Moderate	16 (2.03)	7 (0.90)	1.12% (-0.06%, 2.31%)	0.07
GUSTO Severe	6 (0.76)	3 (0.39)	0.37% (-0.37%, 1.12%)	0.33
GUSTO Moderate	10 (1.27)	4 (0.52)	0.75% (-0.18%, 1.68%)	0.12
BARC Types 2, 3, or 5	36 (4.56)	14 (1.80)	2.75% (1.02%, 4.48%)	0.002
BARC Type 2	22 (2.78)	7 (0.90)	1.88% (0.56%, 3.21%)	0.01
BARC Type 3	16 (2.03)	6 (0.77)	1.25% (0.09%, 2.41%)	0.04
BARC Type 5	0 (0.00)	1 (0.13)	-0.13% (-0.38%, 0.12%)	0.31

Abbreviations: ARC, Academic Research Consortium; BARC, Bleeding Academic Research Consortium; GUSTO, Global Utilization of Streptokinase and TPA for Occluded Arteries; MACCE, major adverse cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction.

Please see Supplementary Appendix: Table 3 for GUSTO and BARC definitions.

* Definite and probable stent thrombosis were determined according to the criteria of the Academic Research Consortium.

** The primary safety end point was moderate or severe bleeding as assessed according to GUSTO criteria. Only patients who could be evaluated were included in this analysis (i.e., patients whose last contact date was \leq 510 days after randomization or who had any adjudicated bleeding event at or before 540 days). Patients could have had more than one bleeding episode. The secondary analysis of bleeding is assessed according to the criteria of the BARC criteria.

^I Percentages are Kaplan-Meier estimates.

Table 3
Treatment Interaction by Stent Type on Outcomes

Analyses of treatment interaction by stent type, shown with Kaplan-Meier event rates, hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals (CI) for efficacy and safety outcomes at 12-30 months among all randomized patients (9961 drug-eluting stent-treated and 1687 bare metal stent-treated).

	Continued Thienopyridine N (%)	Placebo N (%)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value for Interaction
<i>No. of patients (%)</i>				
Definite or Probable Stent Thrombosis *				0.42
DES	19 (0.4)	65 (1.4)	0.29 (0.17,0.48)	
BMS	4 (0.5)	9 (1.1)	0.49 (0.15,1.64)	
MACCE				0.32
DES	211 (4.3)	285 (5.9)	0.71 (0.59,0.85)	
BMS	33 (4.0)	38 (4.7)	0.92 (0.57,1.47)	
Death				0.41
DES	98 (2.0)	74 (1.5)	1.36 (1.00,1.85)	
BMS	8 (1.0)	10 (1.2)	0.90 (0.35,2.33)	
GUSTO Severe/Moderate Bleeding				0.30
DES	119 (2.5)	73 (1.5)	1.60 (1.19,2.17)	
BMS	16 (1.9)	7 (0.9)	2.74 (1.05,7.00)	
Myocardial Infarction				0.04
DES	99 (2.1)	198 (4.1)	0.47 (0.37,0.61)	
BMS	22 (2.7)	25 (3.1)	0.91 (0.51,1.62)	

Abbreviations: BMS, bare metal stents; DES, drug-eluting stents; GUSTO, Global Utilization of Streptokinase and TPA for Occluded Arteries; MACCE, major adverse cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events.

* Definite and probable stent thrombosis were determined according to the criteria of the Academic Research Consortium.

Table 4

Ischemic and Bleeding Outcomes in All (Bare Metal and Drug-eluting Stent-Treated) Randomized Patients Comparing Continued Thienopyridine vs Placebo.

Outcome	Continued Thienopyridine N=5862^I	Placebo N=5786^I	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	Log-rank P-Value
<i>No. of patients (%)</i>				
Stent thrombosis*	23 (0.41)	74 (1.32)	0.31 (0.19, 0.50)	<.001
Definite	19 (0.34)	67 (1.20)	0.28 (0.17, 0.47)	<.001
Probable	5 (0.09)	7 (0.12)	0.71 (0.23, 2.24)	0.56
MACCE (Death, MI, Stroke)	244 (4.29)	323 (5.74)	0.73 (0.62, 0.87)	<.001
Death, all cause	106 (1.87)	84 (1.50)	1.31 (0.97, 1.75)	0.07
MI	121 (2.15)	223 (3.98)	0.52 (0.42, 0.65)	<.001
Stent thrombosis-related	21 (0.38)	72 (1.28)	0.29 (0.18, 0.48)	<.001
Non stent thrombosis-related	104 (1.84)	154 (2.75)	0.65 (0.50, 0.84)	<.001
Stroke (total)	43 (0.76)	48 (0.86)	0.84 (0.55, 1.28)	0.42
Ischemic	28 (0.50)	39 (0.70)	0.70 (0.43, 1.15)	0.16
Hemorrhagic	14 (0.25)	9 (0.16)	1.31 (0.55, 3.12)	0.53
Type uncertain	1 (0.02)	1 (0.02)	1.01 (0.06, 16.09)	1.00

Bleeding Complications**	Continued Thienopyridine N=5500	Placebo N=5425	Difference	Two-sided P Value for Difference
<i>No. of patients (%)</i>				
<i>Percentage points (95% CI)</i>				
GUSTO Severe/Moderate	135 (2.45)	80 (1.47)	0.98 (0.46, 1.50)	<.001
GUSTO Severe	44 (0.80)	29 (0.53)	0.27 (-0.04, 0.57)	0.09
GUSTO Moderate	91 (1.65)	52 (0.96)	0.70 (0.27, 1.12)	0.001
BARC Types 2, 3, or 5	299 (5.44)	151 (2.78)	2.65 (1.91, 3.40)	<.001
BARC Type 2	167 (3.04)	79 (1.46)	1.58 (1.03, 2.13)	<.001
BARC Type 3	138 (2.51)	74 (1.36)	1.15 (0.63, 1.66)	<.001
BARC Type 5	7 (0.13)	5 (0.09)	0.04 (-0.09, 0.16)	0.58

Abbreviations: BARC, Bleeding Academic Research Consortium; GUSTO, Global Utilization of Streptokinase and TPA for Occluded Arteries, MACCE, major adverse cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction.

* Definite and probable stent thrombosis were determined according to the criteria of the Academic Research Consortium.

^I Percentages are Kaplan-Meier estimates.

Results for MACCE and stent thrombosis are for all randomized patients; patients not experiencing the endpoint are censored at 30 months or at last known follow-up, whichever is earlier.

** Only patients who could be evaluated were included in this analysis (i.e., patients whose last contact date was \geq 510 days after randomization or who had any adjudicated bleeding event at or before 540 days). Patients could have had more than one bleeding episode.