# Clinical Relevance Of Clopidogrel-hyporesponse To Subacute Stent Thrombosis

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# Background

Reduced Clopidogrel (Clo)-Response 
Significantly worse cardiovascular outcome:

- STEMI: Matetzky et al., Circulation 2004
- Stable angina (elective PCI) and Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS):
   Geisler et al., Eur Heart J 2006
- Stable angina (elective PCI):
   Müller et al., Thromb Haemost 2003;
   Hochholzer et al., J Am Coll Cardiol 2006





# Background

- Identification of patients (pts.) with Clohyporesponse undergoing PCI
- Cutoff value of Clo-response/hyporesponse?





### Methods 1

- 34 months; 30 days follow up
- 2847 consecutive pts. (mean age 63,5 ± 10 y, 67% male, 33% female) undergoing PCI with stent placement (BMS/DES):
  - 1907 (67%) chronic stable angina
  - 940 (33%) ACS
- Analysing of platelet aggregation 6-24 hours after application of 600 mg Clopidogrel (loading dose)

#### Rationale:

Müller et al., *Heart 2001* (after 4 h) Hochholzer et al., *Circulation 2005* (after 2 h)



### Methods 2

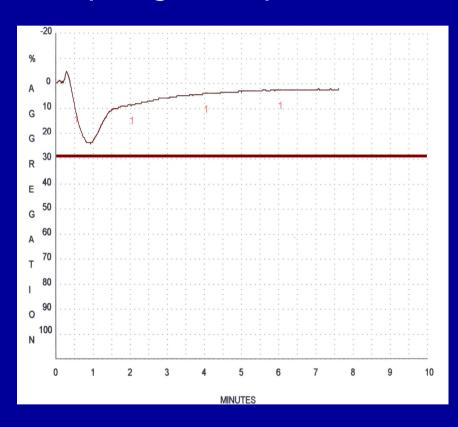
- Photometric measuring of platelet aggregation with conventional aggregometer PAP 4 by möLAB, Hilden, Germany
- platelet aggregation induced by 20 µmol/L ADP to citrate plasma



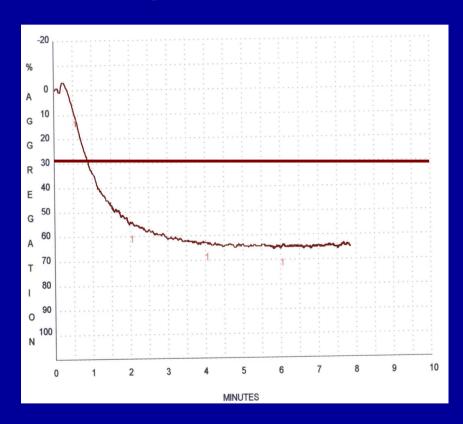


# Methods 3

#### Clopidogrel-responder



#### Clopidogrel-hyporesponder

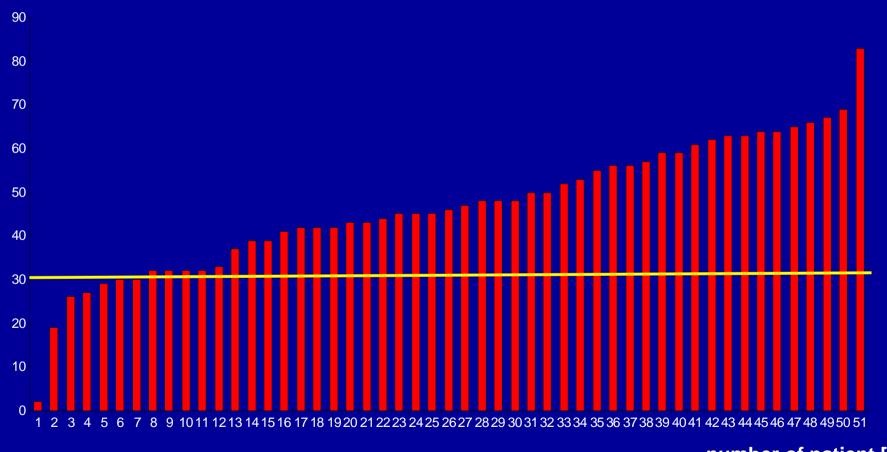






## Results 1





number of patient [n]



Figure 1: Final aggregation of all patients with subacute stent thrombosis



### Results 2

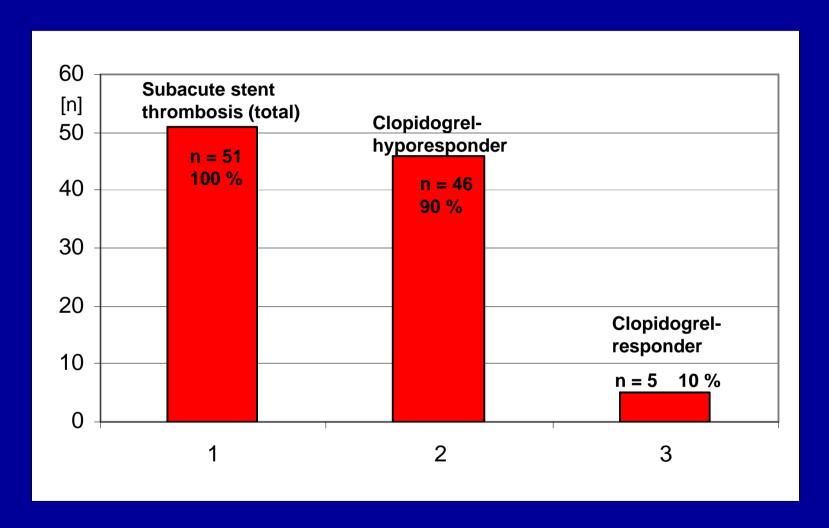
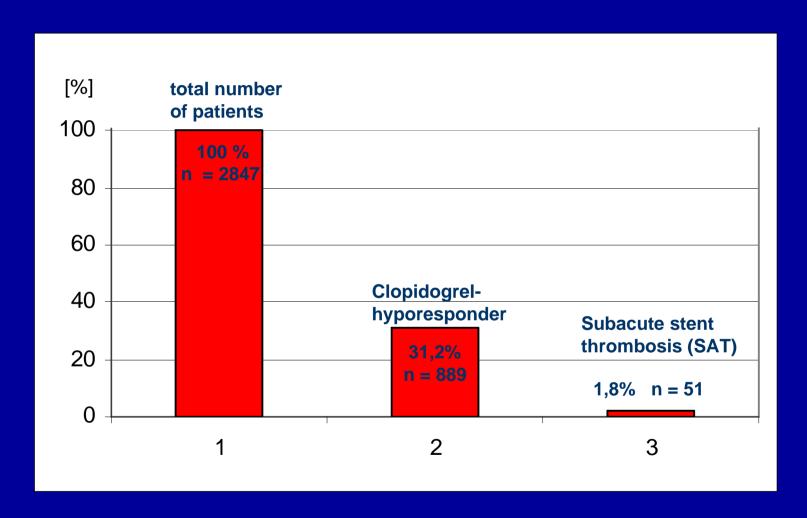






Figure 2: Distribution of Clo-hyporesponders and subacute stent thrombosis

# Results 3







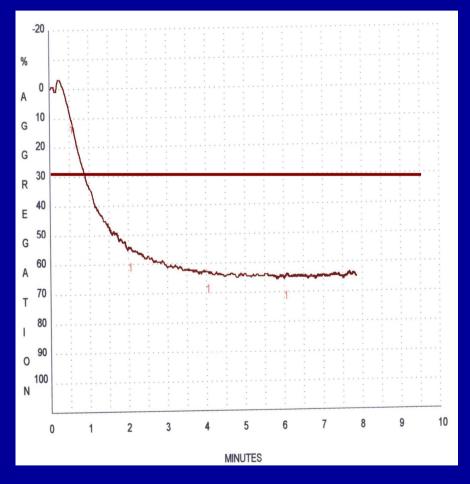
### Conclusions

- Clopidogrel-hyporesponders have a significantly increased risk of subacute stent thrombosis after PCI with stent placement
- 2. Cutoff value: 90% of these endagered patients are identified with final aggregation > 30 % resp. platelet inhibition < 70%
- 3. Prospects: Change of antiplatelet strategy, e. g.:
  - increased doses of Clopidogrel
  - new ADP-antagonists: Prasugrel





#### 75 mg Clopidogrel



#### 150 mg Clopidogrel

