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Table S1: Key study characteristics

Study	GLOBAL LEADERS		TWILIGHT		TICO	
Country, date	3 Continents (Europe, America, Asia), 2013-2015		3 Continents (Europe, America, Asia), 2015-2017		South Korea, 2015-2018	
Study design	Multicenter, randomized, open label trial		Multicenter, randomized, open label trial		Multicenter, randomized, unblended trial	
Treatment	23-month ticagrelor monotherapy after 1-month DAPT	12-month DAPT (aspirin and either ticagrelor for ACS or clopidogrel for stable CAD) followed by 12-month aspirin monotherapy	12-month ticagrelor monotherapy after 3-month DAPT	Ticagrelor-based 15-month DAPT	9-month ticagrelor monotherapy after 3-month DAPT	Ticagrelor-based 12-month DAPT
No of patients	2283	2287	1158	1184	735	738
Population	Patients undergoing PCI with uniform use of Biolimus A9-eluting stents and bivalirudin		Patients who underwent successful PCI (excluding STEMI) with at least 1 locally approved drug-eluting stent and in whom the treating clinician intended to discharge on regimen of ticagrelor plus aspirin		ACS patients treated with ultrathin bioresorbable polymer sirolimus-eluting stents	
Follow up duration, months	24		12 (i.e., 15 months after the index procedure)		12	
Primary outcome	Composite of all-cause death or new Q-wave myocardial infarction		BARC type 2, 3 or 5 bleeding		MACCE (composite of all-cause death, myocardial infarction, stent thrombosis, stroke, or target vessel revascularization)	
Complex PCI	Multivessel PCI, ≥ 3 stents implanted, ≥ 3 lesions treated, bifurcation PCI with ≥ 2 stents, total stent length > 60 mm**		3 vessels treated, ≥ 3 lesions treated, total stent length > 60 mm, bifurcation with 2 stents implanted, use of any atherectomy device, left main as target vessel, surgical bypass graft or chronic total occlusion as target lesions		Number of stents implanted ≥ 3 , total stent length > 60 mm, complex procedure defined as chronic total occlusion, left main occlusion, bifurcation PCI with 2 stents, history of diabetes or chronic kidney disease	
Definition of bleeding endpoint	BARC		BARC		TIMI	
Inclusion criteria	Age ≥ 18 years; patients with any clinical indication for PCI; presence of one or more coronary artery stenosis of 50% or more in a native coronary artery or in a saphenous venous or arterial bypass conduit suitable for coronary stent implantation in a vessel with a reference vessel diameter of at least 2.25 mm.		Adult patients ≥ 65 years of age; recent (≥ 3 days) presentation with ACS with clinical stabilization and decreasing cardiac enzymes; established vascular disease defined as previous MI, documented PAD or CAD/PAD revascularization; diabetes mellitus treated with medications (oral hypoglycemic, subcutaneous injection of insulin); CKD defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate < 60 ml/min/1.73m ² or creatinine clearance < 60 ml/min; multivessel CAD; target lesion		Age ≥ 19 years; patients who received bioresorbable polymer sirolimus-eluting stent implantation to treat ACS; provision of informed consent	

requiring total stent length >30 mm; SYNTAX score ≥ 23 ; bifurcation lesions with Medina X,X,1 classification requiring at least 2 stents; left main ($\geq 50\%$) or proximal left anterior descending artery ($\geq 70\%$) lesion; calcified target lesion requiring atherectomy.

Exclusion criteria

Known intolerance to aspirin, P2Y₁₂ receptor antagonists, bivalirudin, stainless steel or biolimus; known intake of a strong cytochrome P3A4 inhibitor (eg, ketoconazole, clarithromycin, nefazodone, ritonavir, and atazanavir), as coadministration may lead to a substantial increase in exposure to ticagrelor; use of fibrinolytic therapy within 24 hours of PCI; known severe hepatic impairment; planned CABG as a staged procedure (hybrid) within 12 months of the index procedure; planned surgery within 12 months of PCI unless DAPT is maintained throughout the peri-surgical period; need for oral anti-coagulation therapy; PCI for a priori known stent thrombosis; known overt major bleeding; known history of intracranial hemorrhage; known stroke from ischemic or unknown cause within last 30 days; known pregnancy at time of randomization; inability to provide informed consent; currently participating in another trial before reaching primary endpoint

Under 18 years of age; contraindication to aspirin; contraindication to ticagrelor; planned surgery within 90 days; planned coronary revascularization (surgical or percutaneous) within 90 days; need for chronic oral anticoagulation; prior stroke; dialysis-dependent renal failure; active bleeding or extreme-risk for major bleeding (e.g. active peptic ulcer disease, gastrointestinal pathology with a raised risk for bleeding, malignancies with a raised risk for bleeding); emergent or salvage PCI or STEMI presentation; liver cirrhosis; life expectancy < 1 year; unable or unwilling to provide informed consent; women of child bearing potential (as determined by hospital standard of care); fibrinolytic therapy within 24 hours of index PCI; concomitant therapy with a strong cytochrome P-450 3A inhibitor or inducer; platelet count < 100,000 mm³; requiring ongoing treatment with aspirin > 325 mg daily

Age >80 years; increased risk of bleeding (any prior event of hemorrhagic stroke; ischemic stroke, dementia, or impairment of central nervous system within a year; traumatic brain injury or brain surgery within the past 6 months; known intracranial tumor; documented or suspected aortic dissection; internal bleeding within the past 6 weeks; active bleeding or bleeding diathesis; anemia (hemoglobin ≤ 8 g/dL) or thrombocytopenia (platelet count < 100,000/ μ L); major surgery or traumatic injury resulting in any impairment of physical activity within the past 3 weeks); need for oral anticoagulation therapy; current or potential pregnancy; life expectancy <1 year; currently treated with strong cytochrome P4503A4 inhibitors; moderate to severe hepatic dysfunction (Child-Pugh class B or C); increased risk of bradycardia-related symptoms

MI	Third Universal Definition		Third Universal Definition		Third Universal Definition after discharge	
Stable CAD, n(%)	1174 (51.4)	1175 (51.4)	NA	NA	0 (0)	0 (0)
ACS, n (%)	1109 (48.6)	1112 (48.6)	NA	NA	735 (100)	738 (100)
Age, years, mean (SD)	65.3 (10.3)	65.2 (10.1)	66.0 (10.4)		62.9 (10.3)	63.0 (10.6)
Men, n (%)	1786 (78.2)	1809 (2287)	1844 (78.7)		560 (76.2)	572 (77.5)
Hypertension, n (%)	1698 (74.4)	1664 (72.8)	1667 (71.2)		441 (60.0)	449 (60.8)
Dyslipidemia, n (%)	1545 (67.7)	1583 (69.2)	1362 (58.2)		468 (63.7)	458 (62.1)
CKD, n (%)	322 (14.1)	319 (13.9)	405 (18.1)		292 (39.7)	328 (44.4)
Diabetes mellitus, n (%)	627 (27.5)	573 (25.1)	866 (37)		418 (56.9)	417 (56.5)

ACS: acute coronary syndrome; BARC: bleeding academic research consortium; CABG: coronary artery bypass grafting; CAD: coronary artery disease; CKD: chronic kidney disease; DAPT: dual antiplatelet therapy; MACCE: major adverse cardiac and cerebrovascular events; NA: not available; PAD: peripheral artery disease; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; STEMI: ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; TIMI: Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction

**Multivessel PCI was defined as PCI performed to treat two or three separate major coronary territories. An isolated left main lesion was classified as two-vessel disease in the presence of right dominance and three vessel disease in the presence of left dominance.

Table S2: Results of Egger test

Endpoint	P value
Myocardial Infarction	0.41
Ischemic stroke	NA
Stent thrombosis	NA
Cardiovascular death	NA
All-cause death	0.51
Major bleeding	0.0005
All bleeding	NA



















NA: not available

Table S3: Sensitivity analysis excluding the TICO trial

Endpoint	IRR (95% CI)	P value
Myocardial Infarction	0.83 (0.54-1.27)	0.3890
Ischemic stroke	NA	NA
Stent thrombosis	NA	NA
Cardiovascular death	NA	NA
All-cause death	0.59 (0.35-1.01)	0.0535
Major bleeding	0.56 (0.36-0.87)	0.0090
All bleeding	NA	NA

CI: confidence interval; IRR: incidence rate ratio

Figure S1: Risk of bias assessment by Rob2 tool for randomized controlled trials

		Risk of bias domains					
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	Overall
Study	GLOBAL LEADERS						
	TWILIGHT						
	TICO						

Domains:

D1: Bias arising from the randomization process.


D2: Bias due to deviations from intended intervention.

D3: Bias due to missing outcome data.

D4: Bias in measurement of the outcome.

D5: Bias in selection of the reported result.

Judgement

 Some concerns


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