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LEADERS FREE: Complex PCI for patients at high bleeding risk Two years outcome of a sub-study

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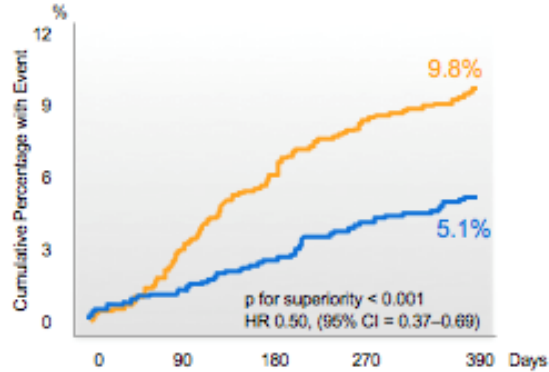
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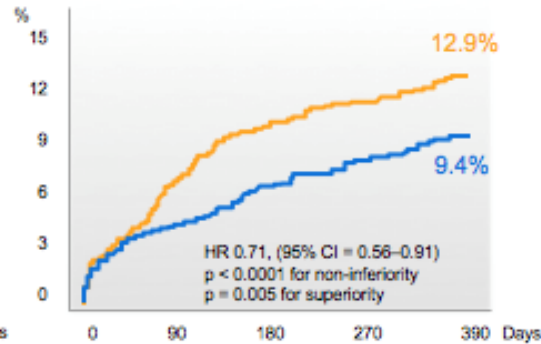
Primary Endpoints and Major Bleeding at 1 Year

DCS BMS

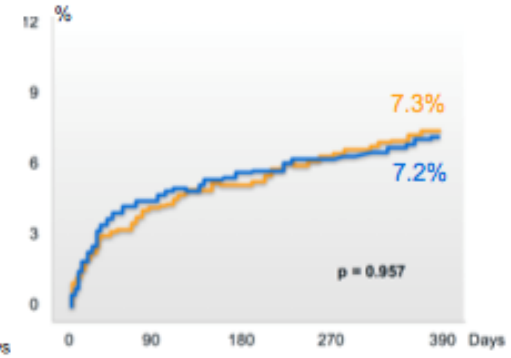
Efficacy (cd-TLR)



Safety (cardiac death, MI, ST)



Bleeding (BARC 3-5)



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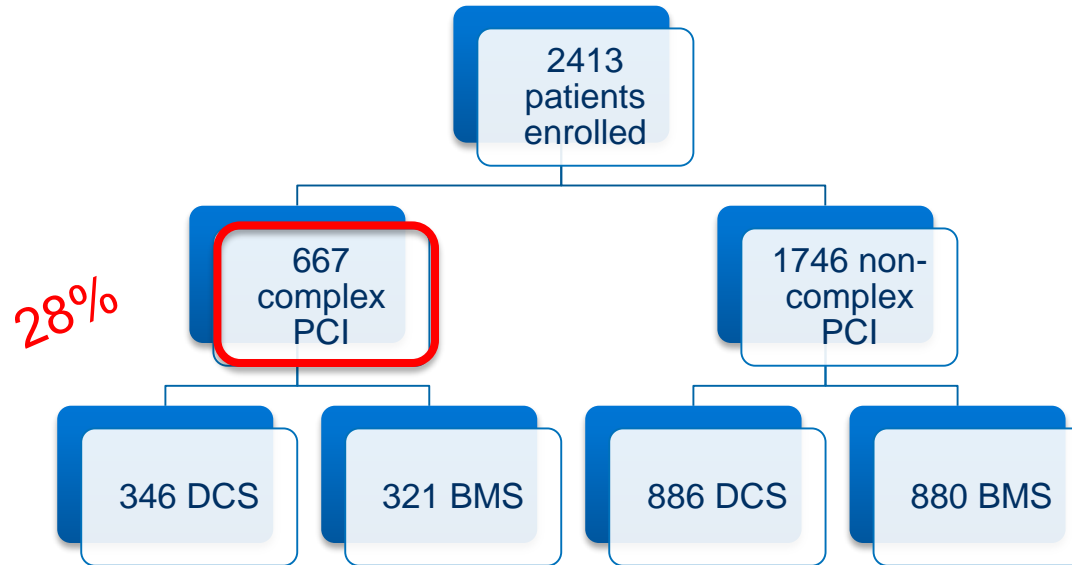
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BMS

DAPT mandated for 1 month only, followed by long-term SAPT

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What did we study?

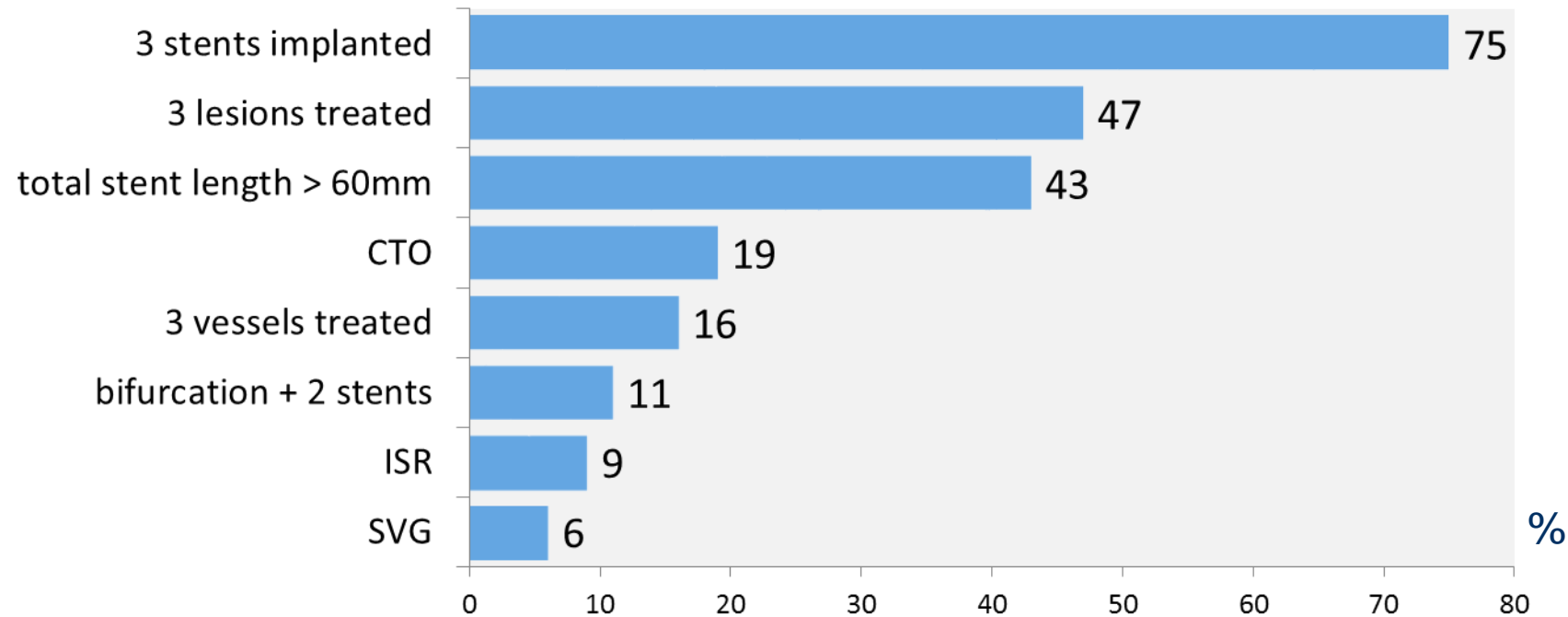
Determine the incidence and two-year outcome of complex PCI in HBR patients enrolled in the *Leaders Free* trial



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How was the study executed?

Diagnostic criteria for 667 complex PCI (one or more)



If none of the above, PCI was considered «non-complex»

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What are the essential results?

Baseline characteristics

	Complex PCI	Non-complex PCI	p value
Mean age (years)	76.5 ± 8.8	75.3 ± 9.5	0.006
Female gender	176 (26.4%)	559 (32.0%)	0.007
ACS presentation	200 (30.0%)	452 (25.9%)	0.043
Diabetes	241 (36.3%)	557 (31.9%)	0.042
Renal insufficiency	172 (25.9%)	349 (20.1%)	0.002
Prior coronary revascularisation	195 (29.5%)	417 (24.3%)	0.006
Anaemia or recent transfusion	119 (17.8%)	255 (14.6%)	0.0495
Mean number of trial inclusion criteria	1.83 ± 0.95	1.73 ± 0.86	0.03
Multivessel disease	550 (84.1%)	797 (46.1%)	<0.0001

Other major baseline characteristics were not significantly different between the 2 groups

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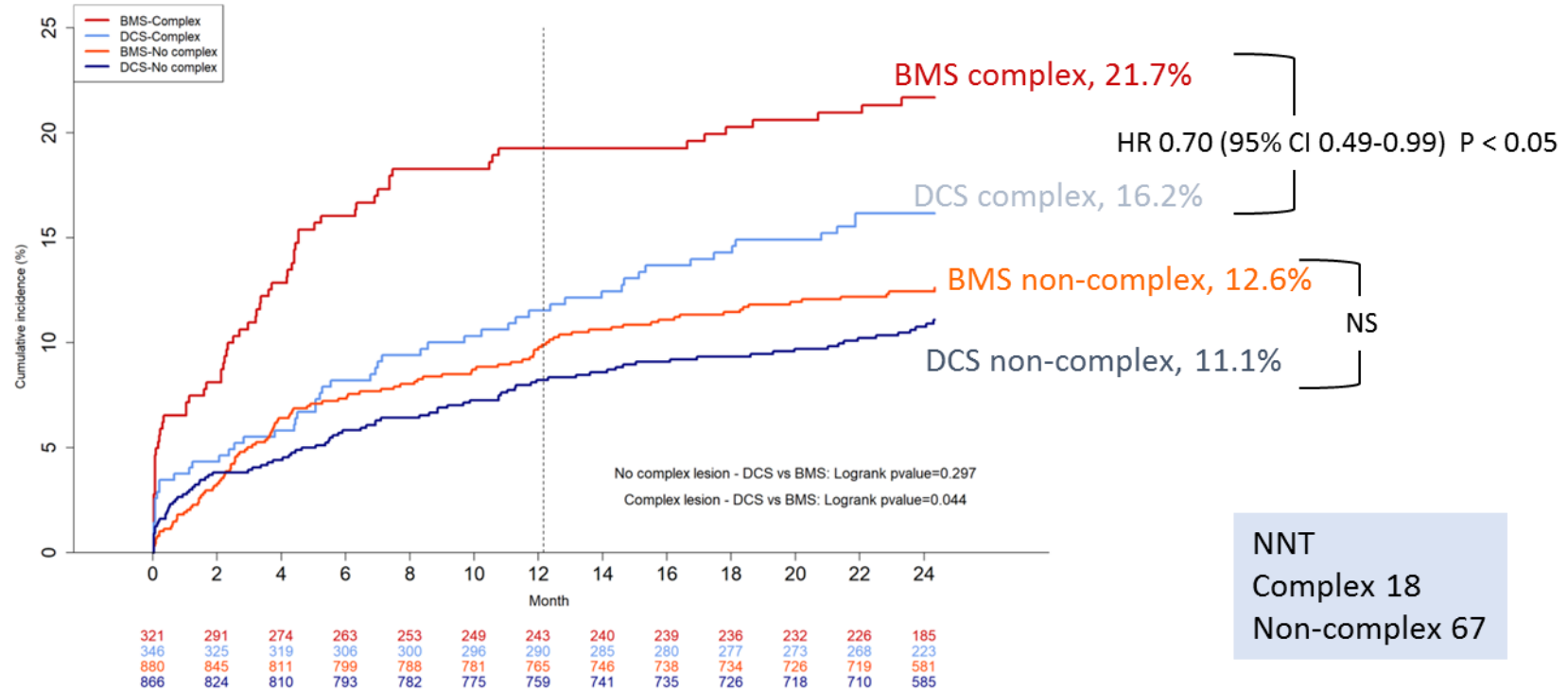
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Procedure characteristics

	Complex PCI	Non-complex PCI	p value
Radial access	412 (53.2%)	1110 (62.7%)	<0.0001
Staged procedure	108 (13.9%)	25 (1.4%)	<0.0001
Multi-lesion procedure	500 (64.5%)	432 (24.4%)	<0.0001
Multi-vessel procedure	335 (43.2%)	218 (12.3%)	<0.0001
Mean number of implanted stents / patient	2.7 \pm 1.3	1.3 \pm 0.5	<0.0001
Total length of implanted stents / patient	51.0 \pm 26.6	24.2 \pm 11.0	<0.0001
Mean minimal nominal stent diameter	2.7 \pm 0.4	3.0 \pm 0.5	<0.0001

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Primary safety endpoint (cardiac death/MI/ST)

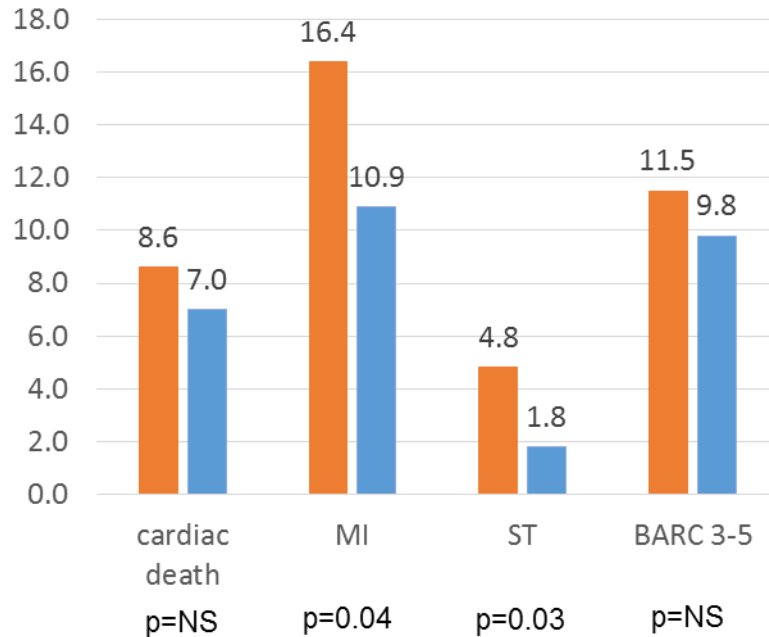


P for interaction = NS

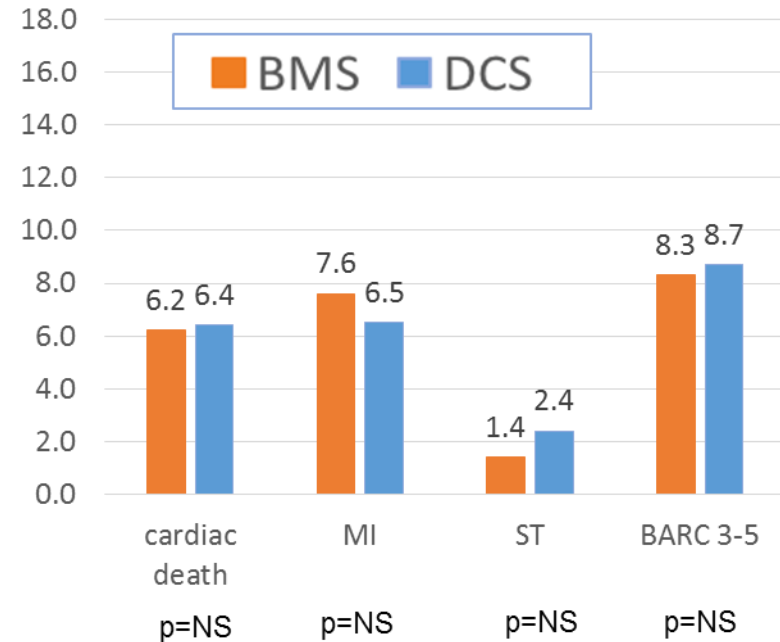
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What are the essential results?

Complex PCI



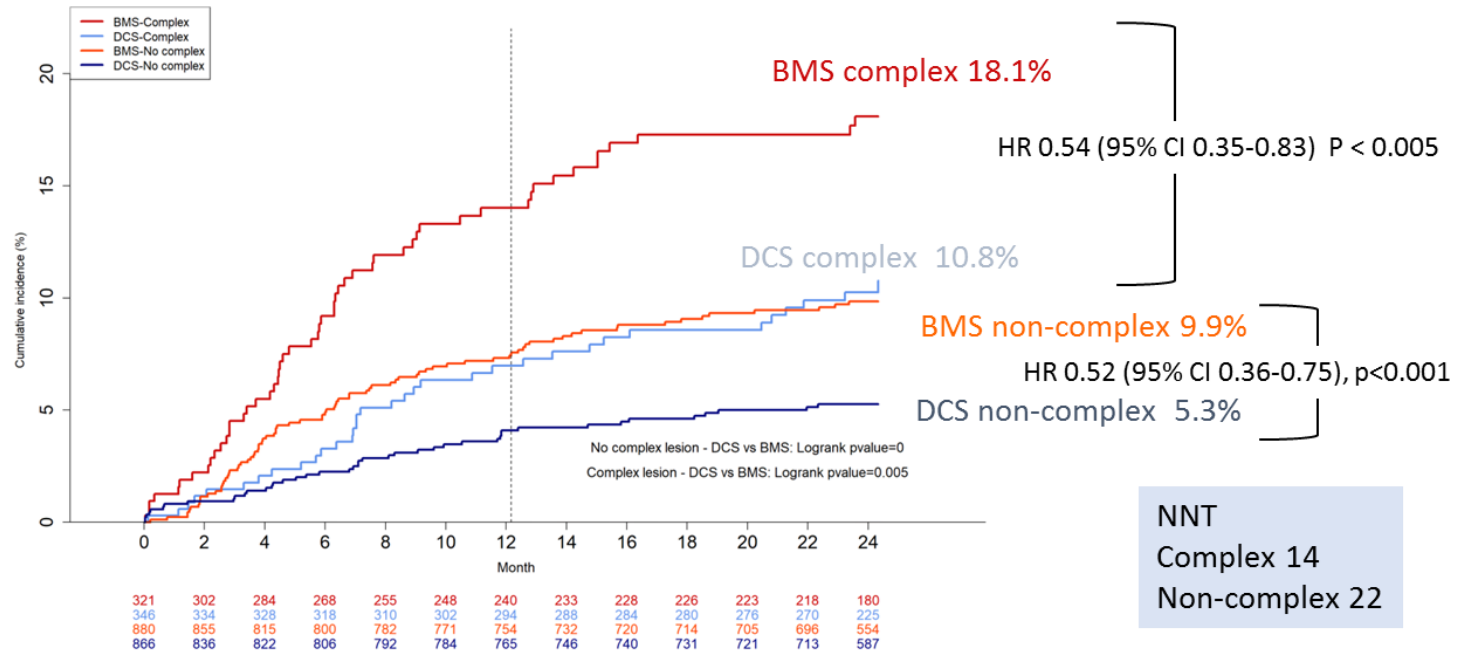
Non-complex PCI



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What are the essential results?

Primary efficacy endpoint (clinically indicated TLR)



P for interaction = NS

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The essentials to remember

- **Why:** DCS have never been specifically tested for complex PCI
- **Who:** 667 HBR patients with complex PCI enrolled in *Leaders Free* (28%)
- **How:** One month DAPT for all after randomisation to DCS or BMS and 2 years follow-up
- **Results:** The safety and efficacy benefits of a BA9-DCS over a BMS were maintained independently of PCI complexity
- **Why is this important:**
 - The absolute benefits of BA-9 DCS over BMS were greater for patients undergoing complex PCI
 - There is no subset of patients for whom BMS is a better option than DCS

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Biolimus A9 polymer-free coated stents in high bleeding risk patients undergoing complex PCI: evidence from the LEADERS FREE randomised clinical trial



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- chronic coronary total occlusion
- in-stent restenosis
- saphenous vein graft

Abstract

Aims: The LEADERS FREE trial has demonstrated that a polymer-free Biolimus A9-coated stent (BA9-DCS) is superior to a bare metal stent (BMS) for high bleeding risk (HBR) patients when treated with one month of dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT). This analysis aimed to determine the impact of PCI procedure complexity on the two-year results.

Methods and results: Six hundred and sixty-seven (667) patients enrolled in the LEADERS FREE (BA9-DCS 346, BMS 321) underwent a complex PCI, defined by one or more of eight characteristics: total stent length ≥ 60 mm, ≥ 3 vessels or lesions treated, ≥ 3 stents implanted, bifurcation lesion treated with ≥ 2 stents, chronically occluded, restenotic or saphenous vein graft lesion. Patients undergoing complex PCI were older, more often male, and presented with more ACS, diabetes, renal insufficiency, anaemia and multivessel disease. They derived major benefit from DCS over BMS for safety (16.2% vs. 21.7%, HR 0.70 [0.49-0.99], $p < 0.05$) and for efficacy (10.8% vs. 18.1%, HR 0.54 [0.35-0.83], $p < 0.005$). For the 1,746 patients with non-complex PCI, DCS demonstrated superior efficacy (5.3% vs. 9.9%, HR 0.52 [0.36-0.75], $p < 0.001$, p for interaction NS) and similar safety to BMS (11.1% vs. 12.6%, NS, p for interaction NS).

Conclusions: Compared to BMS, the BA9-DCS maintained both efficacy and safety benefits when used in complex PCI procedures.

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