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List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
ACS	acute coronary syndrome
ASA	acetyl salicylic acid
G-BA	Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss (Federal Joint Committee)
IQWiG	Institut für Qualität und Wirtschaftlichkeit im Gesundheitswesen (Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care)
NSTEMI	non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction
STEMI	ST-elevation myocardial infarction

1 Background

In its letter of 15.09.2011, the Federal Joint Committee (G-BA) commissioned the Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care (IQWiG) to provide further information about the Final Report A09-02 (Prasugrel for acute coronary syndrome (ACS)) [1]. Information was requested about the H7T-MC-TACM study mentioned on Page 130 of the Final Report, particularly a specific description of the study design and an answer to the question whether the H7T-MC-TACM study has effects on the assessment, already undertaken by IQWiG, of clopidogrel plus acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) in ACS (A04-01B) [2].

2 Response to the research question

IQWiG referred to the H7T-MC-TACM study in the context of preparing the report plan for Project A09-02 [3]. The study was also mentioned in the Final Report of the project. In each case, this mention was made during the evaluation of comments on the report plan and/or preliminary report. The study was not included in the benefit assessment.

The data sources available to the Institute are:

- An entry in the overviews of studies with prasugrel submitted by Lilly Deutschland GmbH as part of the work involved in Project A09-02.
- An entry in the trials registry ClinicalTrials.gov [4].

No study report is available.

The essential characteristics of the study and inclusion/exclusion criteria are shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

The H7T-MC-TACM study enrolled patients with ACS (excluding ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI)) as well as patients with stable angina pectoris. Accordingly, not all the patients who were investigated had also been included in Report A04-01B [2] (patients with non-ST elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) or unstable angina). Moreover, the three-arm study was terminated prematurely after the enrolment of only 29 patients and the observation period was only 11 days. Therefore only the data from a very few patients, observed for a very short time, are available for the assessment of clopidogrel. Furthermore, clopidogrel was administered in a non-approval-compliant dose (saturation dose). In summary, an influence of the results of the H7T-MC-TACM study on the conclusions of Final Report A04-01B [2] can therefore be excluded.

Table 1: Study characteristics

Study	Study design/ Interventions	Duration of study	Number of randomized patients (ITT population)	Location and period of study	Primary outcome measure
H7T-MC-TACM	RCT, open-label, parallel Prasugrel (60 mg SSD) + ASA ^a Prasugrel (30 mg SSD) + ASA ^a Clopidogrel (600 mg SSD) + ASA ^a	11 days (SSD on Day 0, then wash-out)	The study was discontinued after 29 patients had been enrolled. <i>Planned: 240 patients.</i>	Germany October 2009 to December 2010	Measurement of return to baseline platelet function using Accumetrics-VerifyNow™- P2Y12 reaction units and portrayal on the basis of Kaplan-Meier curves after an SSD of 30 mg or 60 mg prasugrel (Day: 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11).
Italics: information from the manufacturer. a: ASA could, where appropriate, be administered during the entire study (including wash-out). ASA: acetylsalicylic acid; RCT: randomized controlled trial; SSD: saturation single dose.					

Table 2: Relevant inclusion/exclusion criteria

Study	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
H7T-MC-TACM	Men and women; ≥ 18 to < 80 years; Symptoms of ACS, clinical symptoms of angina or a positive stress test or routine angiography post-stent placement ; co-administration of ASA and a thienopyridine (clopidogrel, ticlopidine or prasugrel) not contraindicated)	STEMI, history of refractory ventricular arrhythmias, implanted defibrillator or congestive heart failure (NYHA \geq III) within 6 months prior to screening; significant hypertension, patients with history or clinical suspicion of cerebral vascular malformations, TIA or stroke, bleeding disorders.
ACS: acute coronary syndrome; ASA: acetylsalicylic acid; NYHA: New York Heart Association; STEMI: ST-elevation infarction; TIA: transitory ischaemic attacks.		

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