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The Pharmacogenetic Control of Antiplatelet Response: Candidate Genes and *CYP2C19*

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Abstract

Introduction—Aspirin, clopidogrel, prasugrel and ticagrelor are antiplatelet agents for the prevention of ischemic events in patients with acute coronary syndromes (ACS), percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), and other indications. Variability in response is observed to different degrees with these agents, which can translate to increased risks for adverse cardiovascular events. As such, potential pharmacogenetic determinants of antiplatelet pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and clinical outcomes have been actively studied.

Areas covered—This article provides an overview of the available antiplatelet pharmacogenetics literature. Evidence supporting the significance of candidate genes and their potential influence on antiplatelet response and clinical outcomes are summarized and evaluated. Additional focus is directed at *CYP2C19* and clopidogrel response, including the availability of clinical testing and genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy.

Expert opinion—The reported aspirin response candidate genes have not been adequately replicated and few candidate genes have thus far been implicated in prasugrel or ticagrelor response. However, abundant data supports the clinical validity of *CYP2C19* and clopidogrel response variability among ACS/PCI patients. Although limited prospective trial data are available

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to support the utility of routine *CYP2C19* testing, the increased risks for reduced clopidogrel efficacy among ACS/PCI patients that carry *CYP2C19* loss-of-function alleles should be considered when genotype results are available.

Keywords

Antiplatelet agents; aspirin; clopidogrel; prasugrel; ticagrelor; candidate genes; *CYP2C19*; pharmacogenetics; pharmacogenomics

1. INTRODUCTION

Platelets are activated in response to vascular injury and/or atherosclerotic plaque rupture through a complex network of intra- and intercellular pathways [1]. Activated platelets facilitate cell adhesion, initiate the arachidonic acid (AA) pathway to produce thromboxane A₂ (TXA₂), and excrete adenosine diphosphate (ADP), serotonin and other proteins from their granules, ultimately to form a platelet clot and eventually a thrombus. Given this fundamental role that platelets have in blood loss prevention and vasculature integrity, they are inherently implicated in cardiovascular diseases such as atherosclerosis, coronary artery disease (CAD) and myocardial infarction (MI), as well as cerebrovascular disease and stroke.

Since platelet activation is influenced, in part, by TXA₂, ADP, serotonin, thrombin, epinephrine and collagen [2], these biological pathways have been leveraged as potential targets for antiplatelet therapies. The currently approved oral antiplatelet agents include aspirin, clopidogrel, prasugrel and ticagrelor, which are prescribed for prevention of ischemic events among patients with ischemic stroke and symptomatic peripheral artery disease (PAD), and as dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) for patients with acute coronary syndromes (ACS). However, variability in patient response to these agents are observed, which can translate to increased risks for adverse cardiovascular events [3, 4]. Potential pharmacogenetic determinants of response variability have been actively studied for all the antiplatelet agents, but none more so than clopidogrel.

The identification of a biologically relevant candidate gene for clopidogrel responsiveness (i.e., cytochrome P450-2C19) and the availability of alternative antiplatelet therapies have provided the opportunity for genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy in selected patient populations. However, despite the enthusiasm for personalized antiplatelet therapy from advocates of this paradigm, the uncertain clinical utility and cost-effectiveness of this approach has made the field of antiplatelet pharmacogenetics highly studied and frequently debated. The current status of antiplatelet pharmacogenetics, with an emphasis on antiplatelet candidate genes and clinical pharmacogenetic testing implementation, is the focus of this review and is detailed below.

2. ASPIRIN PHARMACOGENETICS

2.1. ASPIRIN RESPONSE

Given its benefit in reducing arterial thrombosis and recurrent cardiovascular events, aspirin (or acetylsalicylic acid) has remained a mainstay in antiplatelet therapy with indications

including coronary, cerebral, and peripheral vascular disease. However, despite its general effectiveness in most patients, a considerable number of individuals experience sub-optimal aspirin response, assessed by either laboratory platelet reactivity testing or through its ability to prevent cardiovascular events. This interindividual variability in platelet response to aspirin has been well documented, and patients with high on-treatment platelet reactivity (HTPR) to AA have increased risk of ischemic events [5–7]. Although estimates of aspirin non-responsiveness are controversial given the lack of standardized definitions, the use of multiple platelet function tests and evaluation of different surrogate endpoints suggest that 5–60% of patients do not adequately respond to aspirin [8].

Platelet response to aspirin is influenced by several clinical variables (e.g., age, gender, smoking, and non-adherence) and coexisting comorbidities including obesity, diabetes, and hyperlipidemia [9]; however, these factors only explain ~15% of the variability in on-treatment *ex vivo* platelet aggregation [10]. Heritability estimates suggest that 14–39% of the variability in platelet responsiveness to aspirin can be attributed to genetic factors, and potentially through variants that influence both cyclooxygenase-1 (COX1)-dependent and COX1-independent platelet activation pathways [10].

Aspirin inhibits platelet aggregation primarily by the irreversible acetylation of COX1, which prevents the conversion of AA to TXA₂, a potent platelet agonist. As such, most traditional tests of aspirin response have focused on the COX1 pathway through measurement of AA-stimulated platelet aggregation or circulating thromboxane B₂ levels, the stable inactive metabolite of TXA₂. Using such assays, aspirin leads to near complete inhibition of COX1 in approximately 95% of individuals [11, 12] suggesting that a substantial proportion of the variability in response is mediated by factors outside of the COX1 pathway. While COX1 inhibition is nearly complete, the effect of aspirin on other platelet activation pathways (e.g., collagen, epinephrine, and ADP) is more heterogeneous and may explain, in part, the observed variability in response. Recent studies using collagen-stimulated platelet aggregation have identified novel circulating biomarkers and genetic risk loci associated with response variability [13–15]. Consequently, while COX1 dependent platelet function assays are the most specific test of aspirin's canonical mechanism of action, recent studies have increasingly used non-COX1-dependent assays to more comprehensively define aspirin response and to identify novel genetic determinants of on-treatment platelet aggregation and cardiovascular outcomes.

2.2. ASPIRIN CANDIDATE GENES

Most of the initial pharmacogenetic studies of aspirin response variability consisted of relatively underpowered candidate gene studies with different designs, participant selection (i.e., healthy vs. CAD/ACS patients), and primary outcome (i.e., platelet aggregation vs. cardiovascular events). Furthermore, these studies used different aspirin response phenotypes and platelet function tests [e.g., light transmission aggregometry, platelet function analyzer-100 (PFA-100), and VerifyNow[®] Aspirin], which subsequently have been shown to poorly correlate given the lack of standard definitions of aspirin responsiveness and the fact that these assays measure different platelet activation pathways (e.g., AA, epinephrine, and collagen) [16, 17]. Although variability in platelet function testing has been

previously reviewed [9, 18], it is important to consider these limitations when assessing the potential roles of the following candidate genes in aspirin response variability.

2.2.1. Cyclooxygenase-1 (COX1)—Given that COX1 is the molecular target of aspirin, multiple studies have evaluated the effect of genetic variants in the *COX1* gene [also known as prostaglandin synthase 1 (*PTGS-1*)] on aspirin response, most commonly involving the linked c.-842A>G (rs10306114) and c.50C>T (rs3842787) variants [19]. Although it was initially reported that healthy individuals with the minor haplotype (c.[-842G;50T]) had better on-treatment inhibition of prostaglandin H₂ and AA-induced platelet aggregation compared to those with the common haplotype (c.[-842A;50C]) [19], subsequent studies on stable CAD patients identified the c.-842G allele to actually be associated with aspirin resistance and non-responsiveness based on AA-induced platelet aggregation and serum TXB₂ levels [20]. More recent studies on the *COX1* c.-842A>G and c.50C>T variants using several different aspirin response phenotypes and platelet function tests observed no significant association between these variants and TBX₂ levels, platelet aggregation, or cardiovascular outcomes [21–28], including a recent systematic review [29]. Consequently, the available evidence does not support a clinically relevant role for *COX1* variants in aspirin response.

2.2.2. Glycoprotein IIIa (GPIIIa)—The glycoprotein IIb/IIIa complex (GPIIb/IIIa) is a critical regulator of thrombosis formation through its ability to bind fibrinogen resulting in platelet-platelet crosslinks. The PIA1/A2 (c.176T>C, p.L59P, rs5918) variant in the *ITGB3* gene that encodes the GPIIIa subunit has been extensively studied as a risk factor for cardiovascular disease and drug response to both aspirin and the GPIIb/IIIa inhibitor abciximab. A thorough review of *ITGB3* PIA1/A2, including its potential effect on aspirin response, has been previously reported [18]. Although there is evidence suggesting that the PIA2 allele contributes to MI, stent thrombosis, unstable angina and sudden cardiac death, studies measuring the effect of this variant on aspirin response have been less conclusive. Collectively, using different platelet function tests and aspirin response definitions, these studies have reported that the PIA2 allele results in increased, decreased, or no change in on-treatment platelet reactivity [9]. A recent systematic review has highlighted the inconsistency in PIA1/A2 study results, most likely due to differing platelet function tests and/or study cohorts [29]. As a result, while *ITGB3* PIA1/A2 likely influences coronary thrombosis and the occurrence of stent thrombosis under DAPT [30], its role in aspirin response variability remains undetermined.

2.2.3. Glycoproteins VI (GPVI), GPIa/IIa, and GPIba—Given that collagen stimulates platelet aggregation by binding to glycoprotein VI (GPVI) and the glycoprotein Ia/IIa (GPIa/IIa) receptor complex on the platelet surface, these genes have been considered as candidates for aspirin response variability. Pharmacogenetic studies of *GPVI* and aspirin response have led to mixed results. Specifically, the common *GPVI* c.655C>T variant (p.P219S, rs1613662) has been associated with on-treatment platelet function variability in CAD patients [20]; however, subsequent studies have not replicated this finding [24, 26]. The commonly studied c.759C>T variant of the GPIa gene (*ITGA2*, rs1126643) has been associated with increased risk of stroke, MI, and cardiovascular death [31–33]; however,

studies on platelet aggregation variability after DAPT with aspirin and clopidogrel have also been conflicting and largely not supportive of a clinically meaningful effect on drug response [34–37]. Given that most of these studies were small and generally underpowered, larger scale replication efforts will be needed to determine the precise roles of these variants on aspirin response.

The *GPIIb* c.-5T>C variant (rs2243093) of the Von Willebrand receptor has also been studied as a candidate for aspirin response variability. Initial studies suggested that this variant altered *GPIIb* mRNA translation [38] and was associated with increased platelet reactivity (as measured by reduced PFA-100 closure time) and increased risk of MI among aspirin-treated CAD patients [39, 40]. In contrast, subsequent studies reported no evidence of association between c.-5T>C and cardiovascular outcomes or aspirin response (including TXB₂ levels, collagen-stimulated platelet aggregation and PFA-100 closure time) [26, 35, 41, 42]. Taken together, the available evidence does not support a role for the *GPIIb* c.-5T>C variant in aspirin efficacy.

2.2.4. Platelet Endothelial Aggregation Receptor 1 (PEAR1)—The platelet endothelial aggregation receptor 1 (PEAR1) is a type 1 transmembrane receptor that is involved in platelet aggregation through GPIIb/IIIa [43] as well as altered megakaryopoiesis and thrombopoiesis via the PI3K/PTEN pathways [44]. Early genetic studies identified several *PEAR1* variants significantly associated with platelet aggregation in response to multiple agonists before [45, 46] and after [47–50] aspirin exposure. The most notable *PEAR1* association has been between the intronic rs12041331 variant and *ex vivo* platelet aggregation in response to several platelet agonists (ADP, collagen, epinephrine) as well as pre- and post-antiplatelet therapy treatment (i.e., aspirin and prasugrel) [46, 48–51]. Furthermore, *PEAR1* rs12041331 significantly reduced 1-year survival in aspirin-treated patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) and increased rates of MI in an independent cohort of aspirin-treated patients with stable CAD [49]. Paradoxically, the allele that was associated with improved aspirin response, as defined by *ex vivo* platelet aggregometry, was the same allele that resulted in an increased risk of experiencing a thrombotic event. In addition, a recent study did not detect any association between *PEAR1* rs12041331 and clinical outcomes in CAD patients [26], indicating that additional clinical studies on *PEAR1* and aspirin response are still warranted.

2.3. Other Aspirin Candidate Genes

Other commonly investigated aspirin response candidate genes include the TXA₂ receptor (*TBXA2R*), ADP receptors (*P2RY1* and *P2RY12*), coagulation factor XIII (*F13A1*), and UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1A6 (*UGT1A6*) [18, 52]; however, their inconsistent results make it difficult to form any firm conclusions.

3. CLOPIDOGREL PHARMACOGENETICS

Clopidogrel is a second generation thienopyridine that undergoes hepatic biotransformation to an active metabolite, which binds irreversibly to the P2Y₁₂ receptor and inhibits ADP-mediated platelet activation and aggregation (Figure 1). The majority of clopidogrel (~85%) is hydrolyzed to inactive metabolites by esterases, including carboxylesterase 1 (CES1),

leaving only ~15% available for transformation to the active metabolite [53]. Two sequential oxidative reactions by the cytochrome P450 (CYP450) system form the active metabolite: the first involving CYP1A2, CYP2B6 and CYP2C19, and the second involving CYP2B6, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP3A4 and CYP3A5 [53, 54]. Clopidogrel and aspirin administered as DAPT reduces cardiovascular death and ischemic events in ACS patients and those undergoing PCI [55–57]. However, wide interindividual variability in *ex vivo* platelet aggregation is common among DAPT-treated patients, and some still experience thrombotic events [58–60]. Importantly, patients with persistent HTPR to ADP are at increased risk for adverse cardiovascular events [3]. Other clinical factors implicated in clopidogrel response variability include age, co-medications, diabetes, disease activity, renal failure, and cardiac failure.

In order to identify variants that influence clopidogrel response variability, a number of candidate genes in the clopidogrel pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic pathways have been studied. Among them, the most robust association has been with the common *CYP2C19**2 loss-of-function allele (c.681G>A; rs4244285), which was initially reported in 2006 to be significantly associated with HTPR in healthy subjects [61]. As detailed below, since this initial observation, numerous studies have confirmed *CYP2C19* as the major genetic determinant of clopidogrel metabolite levels, on-treatment platelet reactivity, and adverse cardiovascular event risks.

A single genome-wide association study (GWAS) on clopidogrel response has been reported, which identified variants in the *CYP2C18-CYP2C19-CYP2C9-CYP2C8* gene cluster on chromosome 10q24 to be significantly associated with ADP-induced platelet aggregation in a healthy Amish cohort [62]. The most significant variant (rs12777823) was in strong linkage disequilibrium with *CYP2C19**2, accounting for ~12% of the variation in ADP-induced platelet aggregation [62]. Although no other variants reached genome-wide significance, this agnostic GWAS validated previous *CYP2C19* candidate gene studies and confirmed its role as the major genetic determinant of interindividual clopidogrel response variability. This important study also determined that on-treatment platelet response is a highly heritable trait ($h^2=0.73$) [62].

3.1. CYTOCHROME P450-2C19 (CYP2C19)

The CYP2C19 enzyme metabolizes a large number of clinically relevant drugs (e.g., antidepressants, proton pump inhibitors) and has over 30 reported variant star (*) alleles, many of which encode reduced or complete loss-of-function enzyme variants [63–65]. Like many other *CYP450* genes, *CYP2C19**1 is considered the wild-type allele encoding normal enzyme activity. The *CYP2C19**2 variant allele frequencies are ~15% in Caucasians and Africans, and 29–35% in Asians while the *3 loss-of-function allele (c.636G>A; rs4986893) is typically only found in Asians (2–9%) [66, 67]. The *4–*8 alleles are rare in the general population (<1%) but have extensive *in vitro* evidence for loss-of-function [63]. In contrast, the *CYP2C19**17 allele (c.-806C>T; rs12248560) results in enhanced transcription and increased activity, and has multi-ethnic allele frequencies ranging from ~3–21% [66]. Based on *CYP2C19* genotype, individuals can be categorized as ultrarapid (*1/*17, *17/*17),

extensive (**1/*1*), intermediate (e.g., **1/*2*, **1/*3*, **2/*17*), or poor (e.g., **2/*2*, **2/*3*) metabolizers [63].

3.2. CYP2C19 CLINICAL VALIDITY

3.2.1. Clopidogrel Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics—Given that CYP2C19 is directly involved in both steps of clopidogrel bioactivation, impaired CYP2C19 activity due to germline loss-of-function alleles results in reduced formation of the active metabolite in healthy subjects [68–74] and cardiac patients [75, 76]. Consistent with the association between *CYP2C19* and clopidogrel pharmacokinetics, numerous studies have confirmed the important role of *CYP2C19* loss-of-function alleles in HTPR, typically measured by *ex vivo* ADP-induced platelet aggregometry, in both healthy subjects [61, 62, 68, 71, 72, 77] and CAD patients [62, 71, 76, 78–84]. Although the **2*–**8* alleles are all loss-of-function variants, the **3* allele has been reported to have a greater effect on on-treatment platelet reactivity among East Asian PCI patients [85]; however, other studies have not detected any difference in effect between the *CYP2C19* loss-of-function alleles on clopidogrel response [86–88]. In addition, some studies have also found that the *CYP2C19*17* increased activity allele results in enhanced platelet inhibition and possibly an increased bleeding risk [71, 89–91]; however, this potential effect has not been replicated in all studies [62, 92–95].

3.2.2. Clinical Outcomes and Indication—In addition to the association between *CYP2C19* loss-of-function alleles and reduced active clopidogrel metabolites and HTPR, evidence exists linking *CYP2C19* genotype with clinical outcomes among clopidogrel-treated ACS patients, particularly those undergoing PCI. Since the initial 2008 report suggesting a relationship between *CYP2C19*2*, HTPR, and 1-year incidence of death and MI among clopidogrel-treated ACS/PCI patients [96], many clinical studies have detected a significant association between *CYP2C19* loss-of-function alleles and adverse cardiovascular events (e.g., cardiovascular death, MI, stroke) including an increased risk for stent thrombosis [30, 62, 71, 78, 93, 97–99]. However, a significant effect of *CYP2C19* on clinical outcomes has not been detected among lower risk CAD patient cohorts [e.g., those with low frequencies (<20%) of PCI] or patients with other indications (e.g., atrial fibrillation) [100–102], underscoring the importance of indication when considering *CYP2C19* genetic testing for antiplatelet management [103]. This is supported by data from several studies that found the effect of *CYP2C19* on clinical outcomes among patients treated with clopidogrel to be dependent on the indication for antiplatelet therapy [30, 62, 71, 78, 93, 97, 99, 100, 104, 105]. Lower risk indications, such as medical management of ACS and PAD, derive a lesser overall benefit from clopidogrel therapy compared to higher risk indications such as PCI [100, 102, 104]. Consequently, the influence of *CYP2C19* on clinical outcomes has been most evident among PCI patient cohorts.

Reported meta-analyses suggest that clopidogrel-treated ACS/PCI patients who are *CYP2C19*2* carriers have an increased risk compared to wild-type patients for both major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE) [hazard ratio (HR) 1.55, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.11–2.17 for heterozygotes; HR 1.76, 95% CI 1.24–2.50 for homozygotes] and stent thrombosis (HR 2.67, 95% CI 1.69–4.22 for heterozygotes; HR 3.97, 95% CI 1.75–9.02 for

homozygotes) [105]. The significance of *CYP2C19*2* in stent thrombosis risk among ACS/PCI patients has been the most notable, with reported odds ratios for *CYP2C19*2* carriers ranging from 1.75 to 4.68 [106–113]. Given the relationship between *CYP2C19* and clopidogrel indication detailed above, meta-analyses that include studies with low frequencies of PCI or patients without coronary disease have not supported a major role for *CYP2C19* in clopidogrel response variability in these specific patient populations [104].

3.3. *CYP2C19* CLINICAL UTILITY AND PRACTICE GUIDELINES

3.3.1. Randomized Controlled Trials—Clinical utility is commonly established by prospective randomized controlled trials (RCTs); however, they can be challenging to implement for pharmacogenetic interventions for a number of reasons (e.g., ethical considerations, rapid turnaround time genotyping, adequate power). Despite the difficulties with pharmacogenetic RCTs, *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy trials have been reported (Table 1). For example, RAPID GENE concluded that point-of-care genetic testing after PCI can be done effectively at the bedside and that treatment of *CYP2C19*2* carriers with prasugrel can reduce HTPR [114], which subsequently was expanded (with similar conclusions) to an ST-elevation MI patient cohort in the RAPID STEMI trial [115]. Notably, RAPID STEMI also showed no differences in risk for HTPR between prasugrel-treated *CYP2C19*2* carriers and clopidogrel-treated non-carriers, suggesting that this strategy may have clinical utility. These pharmacodynamic end-point trials are further supported by a Korean RCT, which also concluded that genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy can reduce HTPR among ACS patients [116].

Although the reported pharmacodynamic RCTs support *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy, RCTs powered for actual clinical outcomes are ultimately more likely to definitively establish or refute the clinical utility of *CYP2C19* genotyping. Notably, a prospective RCT with a Chinese PCI patient cohort recently reported that *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy significantly decreased the incidence of MACE and the risk of 180-day stent thrombosis [117]. In addition to this encouraging RCT, preliminary results from the Genotyping Infarct Patients to Adjust and Normalize Thienopyridine Treatment (GIANT) trial, presented at the 2013 Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT) annual meeting, suggest that *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy post-PCI may reduce ischemic events at one year [118]. The influence of *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy on clinical outcomes will also be evaluated by the much larger and ongoing Tailored Antiplatelet Therapy Following PCI (TAILOR-PCI) trial.

3.3.2. Professional Practice Guidelines—The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) added a boxed warning to the clopidogrel label in 2010 highlighting the role of *CYP2C19* in clopidogrel response. The American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) and the American Heart Association (AHA) with endorsement from the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, subsequently issued a ‘clinical alert’ in response to the boxed warning [119]. This expert committee urged clinicians to be aware of *CYP2C19*, impaired clopidogrel metabolism and reduced platelet inhibition, but did not recommend routine genetic testing prior to clopidogrel initiation, citing a lack of sufficient evidence. However, they did suggest

consideration of genetic testing for patients at moderate to high risk for poor outcomes (e.g., those undergoing elective high-risk PCI procedures), and that *CYP2C19* poor metabolizers should be prescribed an alternative antiplatelet regimen [119]. Similarly, the 2012 ACCF/AHA ‘Focused Update’ guideline for management of unstable angina/non-ST-elevation MI did not recommend routine *CYP2C19* genetic testing, but stated that it ‘might be considered if results of testing may alter management’ [120].

Additional practice guidelines are available for clinicians when the patient genotype is already known from previous and/or unrelated testing. These include the Royal Dutch Association for the Advancement of Pharmacy Pharmacogenetics Working Group (KNMP-PWG) [121], and the Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) [66], which have recommended consideration of an alternative antiplatelet agent (i.e., prasugrel or ticagrelor) for CAD patients who are either *CYP2C19* intermediate (e.g., **1/*2*) or poor metabolizers (e.g., **2/*2*) (Figure 2). The CPIC recommendation is restricted to PCI patients as current evidence does not support *CYP2C19* genotype-directed prescribing for patients with lower risk for adverse cardiovascular events (e.g., stroke, PAD; Figure 2) [103]. However, *CYP2C19* genotype has recently been shown to influence clopidogrel efficacy and prognosis in ischemic stroke [122, 123] and subcortical stroke [124] patients, suggesting that *CYP2C19* genotype-directed therapy for stroke patients might potentially be considered in the future.

3.4. OTHER CLOPIDOGREL CANDIDATE GENES

3.4.1. ATP-Binding Cassette, Sub-family B (MDR/TAP), Member 1 (ABCB1)—

Multidrug resistance protein 1 (MDR1), also known as P-glycoprotein 1 (P-gp), is an ATP-binding cassette (ABC) efflux transporter encoded by *ABCB1* that is involved in the intestinal absorption of clopidogrel. The most commonly studied *ABCB1* variant is the synonymous c.3435C>T (p.Ile1145=, rs1045642), which has been associated with HTPR [125] and an increased risk of cardiovascular events [30, 93, 126–128]; however, other studies have not detected any effect [72, 82, 129] or found an opposite effect [101], and meta-analyses of *ABCB1* c.3435C>T among CAD patients concluded that there was no significant association between c.3435C>T and HTPR or adverse cardiovascular events [130]. Given the conflicting results surrounding *ABCB1* c.3435C>T, further studies are warranted to better understand the relationship between *ABCB1* and clinical outcomes during clopidogrel treatment.

3.4.2. Carboxylesterase 1 (CES1)—

As noted above, 85% of clopidogrel is metabolized into inactive carboxylic acid derivatives by hepatic carboxylesterases, primarily CES1. As such, genetic variability in *CES1* has considerable potential to significantly influence active metabolite formation, on-treatment platelet reactivity, and possibly cardiovascular event risk. A recent healthy Amish study showed that carriers of the *CES1* p.G143E loss-of-function variant (c.428G>A, rs71647871) had ~1.6-fold higher circulating active metabolite levels compared to c.428G/G homozygotes (30.3 vs. 19.0 ng/ml, p=0.001) [131]. This translated to variant allele carriers having greater inhibition of on-treatment *ex vivo* ADP-stimulated platelet aggregation in both healthy subjects (43 vs. 29% of baseline, p=0.003) and CAD patients undergoing PCI (45 and 25%, p=0.03) compared to wild-type homozygotes.

Although the CAD patient cohort was underpowered to test for cardiovascular events, consistent with the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic data, no patients who were homozygous for the variant allele experienced a cardiovascular event after one year compared to 13.7% of wild-type homozygotes ($p=0.44$) [131]. Consistent with these data, a recent study in human liver s9 fractions revealed that the *CES1* p.G143E variant completely inhibited the hydrolysis of both clopidogrel and 2-oxo-clopidogrel [132]. Despite the clinical validity of *CES1* p.G143E for clopidogrel pharmacokinetics and response variability, additional studies that comprehensively interrogate the *CES1* gene and that are powered for clinical outcomes are still warranted.

3.4.3. Other CYP450 Genes—Other CYP450 enzymes are directly involved in the hepatic bioactivation of clopidogrel [53], which prompted their interrogation as candidate genes for clopidogrel response. In addition to CYP2C19, several other CYP450 enzymes (i.e. CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C9, CYP3A4 and CYP3A5) are also necessary for active clopidogrel metabolite formation, and all of these genes have known variant alleles. Some candidate gene studies identified significant effects on clopidogrel response (pharmacodynamic or clinical outcomes) with germline variants in *CYP1A2* (with possible smoking interaction) [133, 134], *CYP2C9* [68, 98, 135–137], *CYP3A4* [138, 139], and *CYP3A5* [140, 141]; however, the majority of clinical clopidogrel pharmacogenetic studies have not confirmed a significant independent role for these other *CYP450* genes [61, 71, 72, 77, 80, 93, 142–145].

3.4.4. Purinergic Receptor P2Y, G-protein Coupled, 12 (P2RY12)—The platelet P2Y₁₂ purinergic receptor is encoded by *P2RY12* and two functional haplotypes (H1 and H2) have been identified [146]. The minor H2 haplotype has been associated with increased ADP-induced platelet aggregation in healthy subjects [146]; however, recent studies of these alleles have concluded that the H2 haplotype has no influence on platelet function among clopidogrel-treated patients undergoing PCI [147–149] [150]. Based on these and other conflicting reports [72, 80, 93, 151], a clinically relevant effect of common *P2RY12* variants on clopidogrel efficacy is unlikely.

3.4.5. Paraoxonase 1 (PON1)—Paraoxonase 1 (PON1) is an aromatic esterase responsible for hydrolyzing endogenous and xenobiotic compounds in the liver, and in 2011, the *PON1* p.Q192R variant (c.575A>G, rs662) was reported to significantly impact clopidogrel pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and the occurrence of both MACE (OR=3.9, 95% CI 2.1–7.2, $p<0.001$) and stent thrombosis (HR=10.2, 95% CI 4.3–71.4, $p<0.001$) [152]. These dramatic data suggested that *PON1* p.Q192R had a greater effect on clopidogrel efficacy than the well-described *CYP2C19**2 allele. The *PON1* association was identified using *in vitro* metabolomic profiling of HEK293 cell microsomal preparations, which suggested that PON1 hydrolyzed the γ -thiobutyrolactone ring of 2-oxo-clopidogrel into the active H4 thiol metabolite. However, subsequent clopidogrel kinetic studies concluded that PON1 cannot generate H4 in cell-based systems, but mediates the formation of another thiol metabolite (Endo), which does not correlate with antiplatelet response [73]. In addition, the reported association between *PON1* p.Q192R and clopidogrel pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and clinical outcomes has been refuted by multiple

pharmacogenetic studies [127, 153–158], including a systematic meta-analysis [159]. As such, the current body of evidence does not support a role for *PON1* in clopidogrel pharmacogenetics.

4. PRASUGREL PHARMACOGENETICS

Prasugrel is a third generation thienopyridine administered with aspirin as DAPT for the management of ACS patients undergoing PCI. Prasugrel is hydrolyzed by carboxylesterases to yield thiolactone (R-95913), which undergoes hepatic bioactivation by CYP3A4, CYP2B6, CYP2C9, CYP2C19 and CYP2D6, to generate its active metabolite (R-138727) (Figure 1). Like clopidogrel, the prasugrel active metabolite antagonizes the P2Y₁₂ receptor and impairs ADP-mediated activation [160]. Prasugrel is rapid-acting and generates a higher level of active metabolite compared to clopidogrel, resulting in a more potent and effective platelet inhibition [161–164]; however, the increased efficacy is counterbalanced by an increased risk for major bleeding [165]. Despite the advantages of prasugrel over clopidogrel, HTPR has also been reported among prasugrel-treated PCI patients, which was associated with higher rates of thrombotic events [166].

Given that prasugrel undergoes CYP450-mediated hepatic bioactivation, initial pharmacogenetic studies on prasugrel response focused on *CYP450* variant alleles [68, 74, 75, 164]. Prasugrel pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics were initially tested for association with *CYP450* variants among healthy subjects; however, no significant relationship was detected for either active metabolite exposure or pharmacodynamic response [68]. A small study of CAD patients also failed to detect a significant difference in prasugrel active metabolite exposure or pharmacodynamic responses based on *CYP2C19* genotype status [75]. Notably, the large TRITON-TIMI 38 trial included a pharmacogenetic substudy of prasugrel-treated ACS patients with planned PCI and genotyped 54 alleles in six *CYP450* genes. No significant effects on prasugrel pharmacokinetics or pharmacodynamics were identified, nor were any *CYP450* variants associated with clinical outcomes [164]. Considering most studies use ADP-induced platelet aggregation as a measure of platelet function, a subsequent clinical study was performed to assess the influence of *CYP2C19* alleles on prasugrel response as determined by platelet reactivity index (PRI) from vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein (VASP) analysis. Interestingly, similar to clopidogrel, *CYP2C19**2 carriers had a significantly higher PRI and risk of HTPR than noncarriers [167], which remained consistent with a subsequent study on prasugrel maintenance therapy response by PRI VASP [168]. Although not conclusive as these results have yet to be replicated by an independent research group, these data do underscore the lack of concordance between different platelet function tests and the challenges with interpreting data across studies that measure antiplatelet therapy response by light transmission aggregometry, VASP and/or the VerifyNow[®] platelet function assay.

In addition to the *CYP450* genes, a few other candidate genes have been interrogated for association with prasugrel response. For example, the *ABCB1* gene was also genotyped in the TRITON-TIMI 38 pharmacogenetic substudy; however, it was not significantly associated with any outcomes in prasugrel-treated ACS/PCI patients [126]. Interestingly, the *PEAR1* gene was genotyped in a small study of healthy Han Chinese subjects, which

reported a significant association between selected *PEAR1* variants and ADP-induced platelet aggregation; however, the extremely small sample size of the study (n=36) indicates that these findings are preliminary.

5. TICAGRELOR PHARMACOGENETICS

Ticagrelor is a cyclopentyl-triazolo-pyrimidine agent that is an allosteric ADP antagonist that does not require hepatic bioactivation to generate an active metabolite; however, after oral administration and absorption, it is degraded to its primary active (ARC124910XX) and inactive (AR-C133913XX) metabolites through CYP3A4/5-mediated metabolism (Figure 1) [169, 170]. Consequently, the ticagrelor label recommends avoiding coadministration with strong CYP3A inhibitors and inducers among patients with ACS. Although this also suggests that *CYP3A4* and/or *CYP3A5* variant alleles may potentially influence ticagrelor efficacy, pharmacogenetic studies have yet to prove this hypothesis. Additionally, the role of CYP3A4 in generating the active ticagrelor metabolite may also be responsible for the reported drug interaction between ticagrelor and statins. Since ticagrelor is both a CYP3A4 substrate and inhibitor, its use results in higher serum concentrations of simvastatin and lovastatin when coadministered, as these drugs are also metabolized by CYP3A4. This interaction may be responsible, in part, for the mortality benefit observed with ticagrelor compared to clopidogrel in the PLATO trial, as ticagrelor significantly increases the potency of CYP3A4-metabolized statins, which in turn may increase the vascular benefit derived from the statin [171].

Ticagrelor has a faster onset and offset of action and achieves a more pronounced and consistent antiplatelet response than clopidogrel [172], which has translated to superior efficacy among ACS patients, including reductions in stent thrombosis and all-cause mortality [173]. A subset of patients in the PLATO trial were genotyped for *CYP2C19* loss-of-function and increased-function alleles and the common *ABCB1* c.3435C>T variant; however, unlike clopidogrel, no significant association was observed between either gene and the primary composite outcome of cardiovascular death, MI, or stroke at 12 months [101]. In addition, a GWAS was also performed with this cohort in an effort to identify variants associated with ticagrelor plasma and major metabolite (AR-C124910XX) levels [174]. Although only reported to date in abstract form, one variant in *SLCO1B1* (rs113681054) and two independent variants (rs62471956, and rs56324128) were significantly associated with ticagrelor plasma levels. The *SLCO1B1* rs113681054 variant and an additional variant in *UGT2B7* (rs61361928) were also significantly associated with metabolite levels; however, both of these pharmacogenetic effects were limited to ticagrelor pharmacokinetics, as the variants did not associate with efficacy or safety of ticagrelor treatment [174].

6. ANTIPLATELET PHARMACOGENETIC TESTING AND CLINICAL IMPLEMENTATION

6.1. *CYP2C19* GENETIC TESTING

Although the landscape of U.S. FDA regulatory oversight over clinical genetic testing is potentially about to undergo a major restructuring [175, 176], clinical laboratories currently

can offer genetic tests that are either approved for *in vitro* diagnostic testing by the U.S. FDA or as in-house validated laboratory-developed tests. Most U.S. FDA-approved *CYP2C19* tests interrogate *2, *3 and *17, but do not include the low frequency *4–*8 alleles despite their established loss-of-function (Table 2). In contrast, these alleles are frequently included in most *CYP2C19* laboratory-developed tests. Clinical laboratories that interrogate *CYP2C19* by Sanger or next-generation sequencing would identify these rare alleles as well as other novel coding variants of uncertain clinical significance. In addition to surveying the testing menus of local CLIA-certified laboratories for *CYP2C19* genetic testing availability, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Genetic Testing Registry (GTR) is a central location for voluntary submission of genetic test information by laboratory providers [177].

6.2. BARRIERS TO *CYP2C19* IMPLEMENTATION

The ongoing publication of genome-directed practice guidelines and the availability of high-throughput multiplexed genotyping and next-generation sequencing technologies are increasing the accessibility of clinical pharmacogenetic testing, both theoretically and practically. However, physician adoption of clinical *CYP2C19* testing has not been widespread, which is likely due to a number of barriers [178, 179], including testing logistics, clinician education and acceptance, pharmacogenetic testing reimbursement, and uncertain cost-effectiveness.

6.2.1. *CYP2C19* Testing Logistics—One of the frequently cited barriers to implementing *CYP2C19* genetic testing for antiplatelet therapy is the need for a rapid turnaround time of results to the patient’s medical record to enable drug selection by clinicians prior to patient discharge. Although genotyping platforms have been developed that can be completed within a few hours from receipt of a specimen, clinical genetic testing laboratories also need to have dedicated sample accessioning, technologist and director effort, and electronic report returning capabilities to efficiently execute same-day testing. Additionally, cardiac catheterization laboratories also need dedicated effort to consent their patients for genetic testing, which would likely translate to unpredictable daily specimen volumes being sent to the genetic testing laboratory. The need for rapid results combined with this irregular receipt of specimens together contribute to significant challenges when implementing real-world *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy. Despite these difficult testing logistics, prospective clinical *CYP2C19* genetic testing has been successfully accomplished at selected medical centers [180, 181].

Another testing strategy that can circumvent the issue of rapid turnaround time genotyping is pre-emptive pharmacogenetic testing [182]. This approach deposits *CYP2C19* genotype data into patient electronic medical records through prospective or biobank patient recruitment and CLIA-certified genetic testing, and alerts prescribers through clinical decision support at the point-of-care if and when clopidogrel is ordered and the patient carries an at-risk *CYP2C19* genotype. Although this model has inherent challenges and significant costs for effective clinical implementation, pre-emptive *CYP2C19* genetic testing has recently been deployed at several academic medical centers [183–185].

6.2.2. CYP2C19 and HTPR Association—An important barrier to clinical implementation of *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy is the association between *CYP2C19* and HTPR. *CYP2C19* genetic testing has a relatively low estimated positive predictive value for HTPR (~20%) [186], which has driven the ongoing search for additional germline variants implicated in clopidogrel response variability. Similarly, the summarized sensitivity and specificity of *CYP2C19**2 for predicting HTPR has been reported to be 38% and 80%, respectively [187], indicating that a significant number of patients who are not *2 carriers will still have HTPR and potentially be overlooked following a negative genotype result. As such, these data suggest that in addition to *CYP2C19* genotype, the available phenotype and clinical data should also be incorporated to guide antiplatelet therapy.

6.2.3. Clinician Awareness, Education and Acceptance—An ongoing effort towards the application of clinical pharmacogenetics is increasing clinician education and acceptance. Continuing education efforts in genomics for practicing physicians are becoming more available given that most survey studies have consistently concluded that the physician workforce is unprepared for any large-scale application of genomic medicine [188, 189]. Education in pharmacogenetics is inherently a part of those efforts, and enhancing the professional curricula for all relevant healthcare professionals (e.g., physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, nurses and genetic counselors) is going to be necessary for proper implementation of genotype-guided pharmacotherapy [190]. Clinician acceptance of clinical pharmacogenetics currently varies widely, and is undoubtedly tied to their general understanding and perception of the field. Ongoing professional education in pharmacogenetics will hopefully facilitate not only a greater acceptance and understanding of the field, but a more informed and rational implementation of clinical pharmacogenetic testing, including genotype-guided antiplatelet therapy.

6.2.4. CYP2C19 Testing Reimbursement and Cost-effectiveness—Insurance coverage for *CYP2C19* genetic testing is available from selected providers; however, this issue is continually evolving. A recent proposed draft for local coverage determination by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS; Palmetto GBA, Virginia) determined that *CYP2C19* genetic testing (CPT 81225) is medically necessary for patients with ACS undergoing PCI initiating or reinitiating clopidogrel therapy, but not for medical management of ACS without PCI, stroke, or PAD. How, or if, CMS will be implementing this draft more broadly is not yet determined. Notably, the University of Florida Health Personalized Medicine Program recently reported that ~85% of third-party payers (including Medicare) reimbursed *CYP2C19* genotyping for PCI patients [191].

Cost-effectiveness studies on *CYP2C19*-guided antiplatelet therapy have been inconclusive, but have suggested that this strategy may be a more cost-effective approach [192–194]. However, some studies also support widespread use of ticagrelor regardless of *CYP2C19* status [192, 195]. Real-world application of these approaches will undoubtedly be influenced by factors that are difficult to model, including clinician preference, treatment indication and contraindications, and personal insurance coverage and policy.

7. EXPERT OPINION

Interpatient variability in pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and/or clinical outcomes when treated with antiplatelet agents has prompted extensive studies on potential pharmacogenetic determinants of antiplatelet response. This has been further driven, in part, by the fact that CAD patients with HTPR have increased risks for ischemic events. However, discordant results across aspirin pharmacogenetic studies have hampered the ability to identify true aspirin response genes and variants, likely due to differences in study designs, response definitions, and assays used to measure platelet function. As such, the available data do not support any implementation of clinical genetic testing for aspirin response at this time. Similarly, although there is limited data available, no candidate genes have been reported for prasugrel and ticagrelor that have been adequately replicated with pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic response measurements, nor have any genes been convincingly associated with any clinical outcomes using these potent antiplatelet agents.

The major genetic determinant of clopidogrel metabolite levels, on-treatment platelet reactivity, and adverse cardiovascular event risks among ACS/PCI patients are *CYP2C19* loss-of-function alleles. In contrast, the clinical validity of other candidate clopidogrel response genes (*ABCB1*, *CES1*, other *CYP450* genes, and *P2RY12*) is uncertain due to the absence of adequate replication at this time. The effect of reduced *CYP2C19* activity on clopidogrel response has prompted the availability of clinical *CYP2C19* genotyping and the implementation of genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy at some institutions. However, given that the only reported prospective trials testing *CYP2C19* genotype-guided antiplatelet therapy had pharmacodynamic primary endpoints (i.e., platelet reactivity) and not clinical outcomes, the utility of this approach is frequently debated. Cost-effectiveness studies have also been inconclusive with respect to pharmacogenetic guided antiplatelet therapy and cardiology society guidelines do not currently recommended routine *CYP2C19* genotyping, together ultimately leaving the decision to test ACS/PCI patients up to the individual clinician when clopidogrel is being considered.

Consistent with the ACCF/AHA guideline statements, *CYP2C19* genotyping should be considered when treating patients at moderate to high risk for poor outcomes (including those undergoing PCI) with clopidogrel. In addition, *CYP2C19* poor metabolizers should be prescribed an alternative antiplatelet regimen [119] following physician consideration of all available clinical information. The debate regarding whether or when to perform *CYP2C19* genetic testing is complicated and ongoing, and will hopefully be better informed by the ongoing prospective trials evaluating *CYP2C19*-directed antiplatelet therapy, clarity regarding third-party payer policies, and more convincing cost-effectiveness data. However, the increasing availability of direct-to-consumer genetic testing, other sequencing programs and general public awareness/interest in genomics is resulting in patients already having personal genetic data available, which will likely only increase in the near and ongoing future. In this context, *CYP2C19* genotype data, and potentially other future candidate gene variants, can be used to inform antiplatelet therapy, and recommendations on how to incorporate these pharmacogenetic variables can be found by CPIC [66] and other professional guidelines. A personalized strategy for ACS/PCI patients has the potential to target the more potent antiplatelet agents to at-risk patients (i.e., *CYP2C19* loss-of-function

allele carriers), while sparing the remaining patients from the increased expense of non-generic medication and associated increased risks for bleeding.

With respect to the ongoing discovery efforts in antiplatelet pharmacogenetics, it is becoming increasingly appreciated that research studies need to utilize more multidisciplinary and integrative systems biology designs to more comprehensively evaluate the effect of antiplatelet agents on platelet reactivity and cardiovascular events. For example, recent studies have successfully used a composite aspirin platelet function score that included both non-COX1-dependent platelet reactivity in response to multiple agonists (ADP, collagen, and epinephrine) and canonical measures of aspirin response (AA-stimulated platelet aggregation) to identify novel determinants of aspirin responsiveness [196, 197]. Moreover, the Pharmacogenomics Research Network (PGRN) and Pharmacometabolomics Research Network (PMRN) have shown that integration of pharmacogenomics data with high-resolution metabolomic profiling can increase our understanding of the effects of aspirin on metabolism, identify novel metabolites, signaling pathways, and gene variants that influence response to therapy [13–15]. In addition to highlighting their utility for the antiplatelet pharmacogenomics field, the success of these study design approaches also suggest that they should be considered for other drug response discovery research.

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- Oral antiplatelet agents are indicated for prevention of ischemic events resulting from acute coronary syndromes, ischemic stroke, and symptomatic peripheral artery disease; however, variability in patient response has been observed, which can translate to increased risks for adverse cardiovascular events.
- Aspirin pharmacogenetic studies have identified a number of candidate aspirin response genes and variants; however, heterogeneity in study design, aspirin response definition, and platelet function assays have contributed to limited replication between studies.
- The major genetic determinant of clopidogrel metabolite levels, on-treatment platelet reactivity, and adverse cardiovascular event risks are *CYP2C19* loss-of-function alleles, which has prompted the recent implementation of clinical *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy at selected institutions.
- Prasugrel and ticagrelor result in a more potent and effective platelet inhibition than clopidogrel and the limited pharmacogenetic data available have not identified any genetic variants with strong effects implicated in response variability for these agents.
- Pharmacogenomics discovery research needs to embrace multidisciplinary and integrative systems biology study designs to more comprehensively evaluate interindividual variability in drug response and to facilitate the identification of more robust candidate genes and variants.

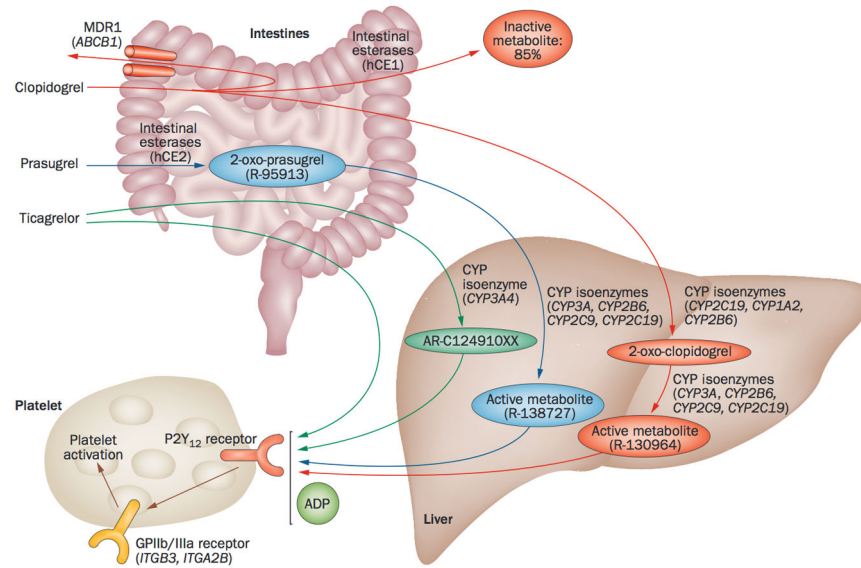


Figure 1. Metabolic pathway of P2Y₁₂-receptor inhibitors. CYP: cytochrome P450; GP: glycoprotein; hCE: human carboxylesterase; MDR1: multidrug resistance protein 1. Reprinted by permission from Macmillan Publishers Ltd: [199] © 2014.

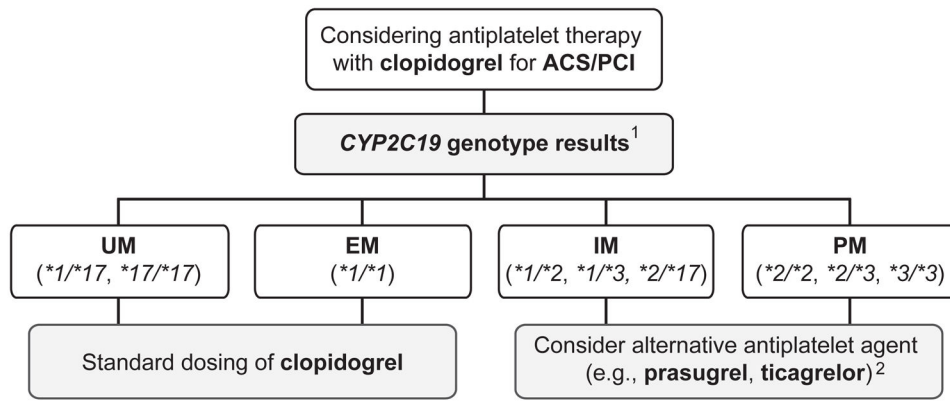


Figure 2. Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) algorithm for suggested clinical actions based on *CYP2C19* genotype when considering clopidogrel treatment for ACS/PCI patients. ACS: acute coronary syndromes; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; UM: ultrarapid metabolizer; EM: extensive metabolizer; IM: intermediate metabolizer; PM: poor metabolizer. ¹ Other possible *CYP2C19* genotypes with rare loss-of-function alleles exist beyond those illustrated (see [66]). ² Note that prasugrel and ticagrelor are only recommended when not contraindicated clinically. Reprinted from [66] by permission of John Wiley and Sons © 2013 American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

TABLE 1
Reported randomized controlled trials testing *CYP2C19* genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy

Trial	Primary Endpoint	Sample Size	Clinicaltrials.gov Identifier	Major Finding	Reference
RAPID GENE	The proportion of <i>CYP2C19</i> *2 carriers with HTPR after 1 week of treatment	187	NCT01184300	No <i>CYP2C19</i> *2 carriers treated with 10 mg prasugrel daily in the rapid genotyping group had HTPR at day 7, compared to 30% given standard treatment (75 mg clopidogrel daily) (p=0.0092).	[114]
RAPID STEMI	The proportion of <i>CYP2C19</i> *2 or <i>ABCB1</i> TT carriers with HTPR after 1 month of treatment	102	NCT01452139	Among carriers of at-risk genotypes, treatment with prasugrel was superior to an augmented dosing strategy of clopidogrel in reducing HTPR.	[115]
Ahn SG, et al.	The proportion of patients with HTPR after 30 days of treatment	65	NA	Tailored antiplatelet therapy according to point-of-care genetic and phenotypic testing reduced HTPR after 30 days.	[116]
Xie X, et al.	Composite of major adverse cardiac or cerebrovascular events, including death from any cause, MI, stroke and ischemia-driven target-vessel revascularization, for the 180-day period after randomization	600	ChiCTR-TRC-11001807 ^a	Personalized antiplatelet therapy according to <i>CYP2C19</i> genotype after PCI can significantly decrease the incidence of MACE and the risk of 180-day ST in Chinese population.	[117]
GIANT	Death, MI and ST between genetically resistant patients (*2 genotype) with adapted treatment versus non-resistant patients (*1 genotype)	1445	NCT01134380	<i>CYP2C19</i> genotype-directed antiplatelet therapy post-PCI may reduce ischemic events at one year.	[118]
TAILOR-PCI	Occurrence of MACE one year after PCI	5945	NCT01742117	Estimated primary completion: June 2016	NA

HTPR: high on-treatment platelet reactivity; MACE: major adverse cardiovascular events; MI: myocardial infarction; NA: not available; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; ST: stent thrombosis.

^aChinese Clinical Trial Registry.

TABLE 2

CYP2C19 genotyping tests approved by the U.S. FDA for *in vitro* diagnostic (IVD) use^a

Assay	Alleles Interrogated	Company
INFINITI® CYP2C19 Assay	*2, *3, *17	Autogenomics, Inc.
Verigene® <i>CYP2C19</i> Test	*2, *3, *17	Nanosphere, Inc.
Spartan RX CYP2C19 Assay	*2, *3, *17	Spartan Bioscience, Inc.
xTAG® CYP2C19 Kit v3	*2, *3, *17	Luminex Molecular Diagnostics, Inc.

^aAs listed on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration *in vitro* Diagnostic Product Database [198].

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