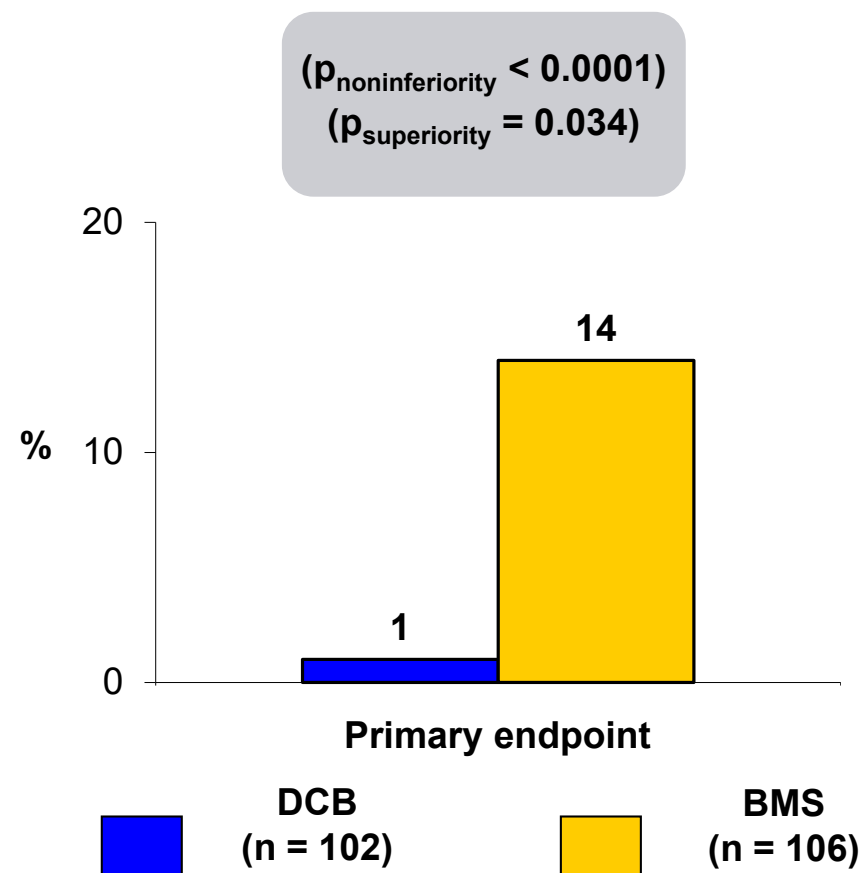


Trial Description: Patients with *de novo* lesions and high bleeding risk were randomized in a 1:1 fashion to PCI with a paclitaxel-based drug-coated balloon (DCB) or BMS after successful predilation. They were followed for 9 months.



RESULTS

- Primary endpoint, MACE (CV death, MI, TLR) at 9 months: DCB vs. BMS: 1% vs. 14% ($p_{\text{noninferiority}} < 0.0001$, $p_{\text{superiority}} = 0.00034$)
- CV death: 1% vs. 6% ($p = 0.061$); MI: 0% vs. 6% ($p = 0.015$), TLR: 0% vs. 6% ($p = 0.15$)
- Vessel closures/stent thrombosis: 0% vs. 1.9%
- MACE at 12 months: 4% vs. 14% ($p = 0.015$)

CONCLUSIONS

- Use of a paclitaxel-based coronary DCB was superior to BMS implantation among patients undergoing *de novo* PCI and high bleeding risk
- DCBs are approved for coronary PCI in Europe, but not FDA approved in the US
- Optimal control for comparison for DCBs may be DES with shorter durations or BPS-DES