New areas of development for the direct oral anticoagulants

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History and future of anticoagulant treatment in VTE

- Heparin and vitamin K antagonists 1938 2005
- Direct oral anticoagulants

- 2005 2020
- Intrinsic Pathway Inhibitors 2020 –



VTE treatment studies - new oral anticoagulants

	Hokusai-VTE	EINSTEIN-DVT EINSTEIN-PE	AMPLIFY	RE-COVER I RE-COVER II
Drug	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Dabigatran
Study design	Double-blind	Open-label	Double-blind	Double-blind
Heparin lead-in	At least 5 days	None	None	At least 5 days
Dose	60 mg qd 30 mg qd (CrCl, bw, P-gp)	15 mg bid x 3 wk then 20 mg qd	10 mg bid x 7 days then 5 mg bid	150 mg bid
Non-inferiority margin	1.5	2.0 1.8		2.75
Sample size	8,292	EINSTEIN-DVT 3,449 EINSTEIN-PE 4,832	5,400	RE-COVER I 2,564 RE-COVER II 2,568
Treatment duration	Flexible 3 to 12 months	Pre-specified 3, 6, or 12 months	6 months	6 months

Adapted from Raskob et al. J Thromb Haemost 2013. doi:10.1111/jth.12230

DOAC Revolution



Recurrent VTE, bleeding (MB;CRNB) and convenience

Differences and similarities

- Hokusai / Recover I/II used initial heparin
- Mostly DVT and PE combined
- Duration of treatment / follow-up variable
- Identical definition of efficacy and safety outcomes
- The same adjudication committee

Overall efficacy

	Pooled DOACs (n/N)	Pooled VKA (n/N)	Risk ratio (95% CI)	RR (95% CI)
AMPLIFY	59/2609 (2.3%)	71/2635 (2.7%)	► ■ ┼ ٩	0.84 (0.60-1.18)
EINSTEIN-DVT	36/1731 (2.1%)	51/1718 (3.0%)	F = +1	0.70 (0.46-1.07)
EINSTEIN-PE	50/2419 (2.1%)	44/2413 (1.8%)	⊢ 1	1.13 (0.76-1.69)
Hokusai-VTE	66/4118 (1.6%)	80/4122 (1.9%)	⊨_∎¦4	0.83 (0.60-1.14)
RE-COVER	30/1274 (2.4%)	27/1265 (2.1%)	⊢ (1.10 (0.66-1.84)
RE-COVER II	30/1279 (2.3%)	28/1289 (2.2%)	⊧i∎i	1.08 (0.65-1.80)
Total	271/13430 (2.0%)	301/13442 (2.2%)	⊢≡ 1	0.90 (0.77-1.06)
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			Favours DOAC Favours VKA	

Overall major bleeding



Van Es et al. Blood 2014

Bleeding components



PE / DVT



Body weight







Van Es et al. Blood 2014

Renal function



Van Es et al. Blood 2014

DOAC uncertainties

- Heparin lead in
- Cancer
- APS/HIT

Heparin / no Heparin







Van Es et al. Blood 2014

Hokusai VTE-cancer Study - Design features -

- Prospective, randomized, open label, blind evaluation study
- LMWH/Edoxaban vs LMWH (Clot)
- Primary objective: non inferiority for combined outcome of recurrent VTE and major bleeding
- Follow up: 12 months; 1000 pts
- Patients: active or within 2 years



APS

 Retrospective cohort¹; 26 pts with thrombotic APS (7 all 3 types of APLA; 12 lupus anticoagulant); 6 Riva / Dabi as firstline, others switchers

- Median follow up 1.5 year

- 1 recurrent VTE (3.8%)
- 2 bleeding (7.7%)

Noel et al. Autoimmun. Rev. 2015





Case series²; 12 pts with thrombotic APS (5 all 3 types; 3 lupus); all switchers; Riva

- Follow up 2-16 months

2 recurrent VTE

Several Case series with failures

Son et al, Thromb Res. 2015



- Rivaroxaban in Anti Phospholipid Syndrome (RAPS)
 - RCT; riva vs. VKA; ETP outcome
 - 156 pts; completed; no recurrences
- The Rivaroxaban in Thrombotic APS (TRAPS)
 - RCT, open; riva vs. VKA; combined outcome (thrombosis, major bleeding, death)
 - 4 yr fu, N=536, dec. 2018
- Rivaroxaban in APS Pilot Study
 - Cohort, 150 pts, riva 20mg/dd
 - Fu. 1 yr; venous/arterial and bleeding

HIT

- Laboratory studies
 - No cross-reaction of DOACs with HIT antibodies and no platelet activation
- Clinical data
 - 6 case reports (5 Riva; 1 Dabi)
 - no thrombotic events; full platelet recovery
 - Retrospective cohort (N=22); dabi, apix and riva
 - no thrombotic events

HIT

- Rivaroxaban for HIT Study
 - Cohort, (high/intermediate probability; 4 T's score); Riva
 - Planned N=219; vs. historical argatroban outcome thromboembolic rate

Conclusions

- DOAC's are effective, but safer, both in DVT and PE
- Also in important subgroups; elderly, clearance 30-50, and cancer
- APS and HIT promising, but wait
- Direct comparison of DOAC versus LMWH in cancer warranted
- Unresolved is whether to give initial heparin