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Fibrillazione Atriale e prevenzione delle complicanze
cardioemboliche – Novità in tema di NOACs

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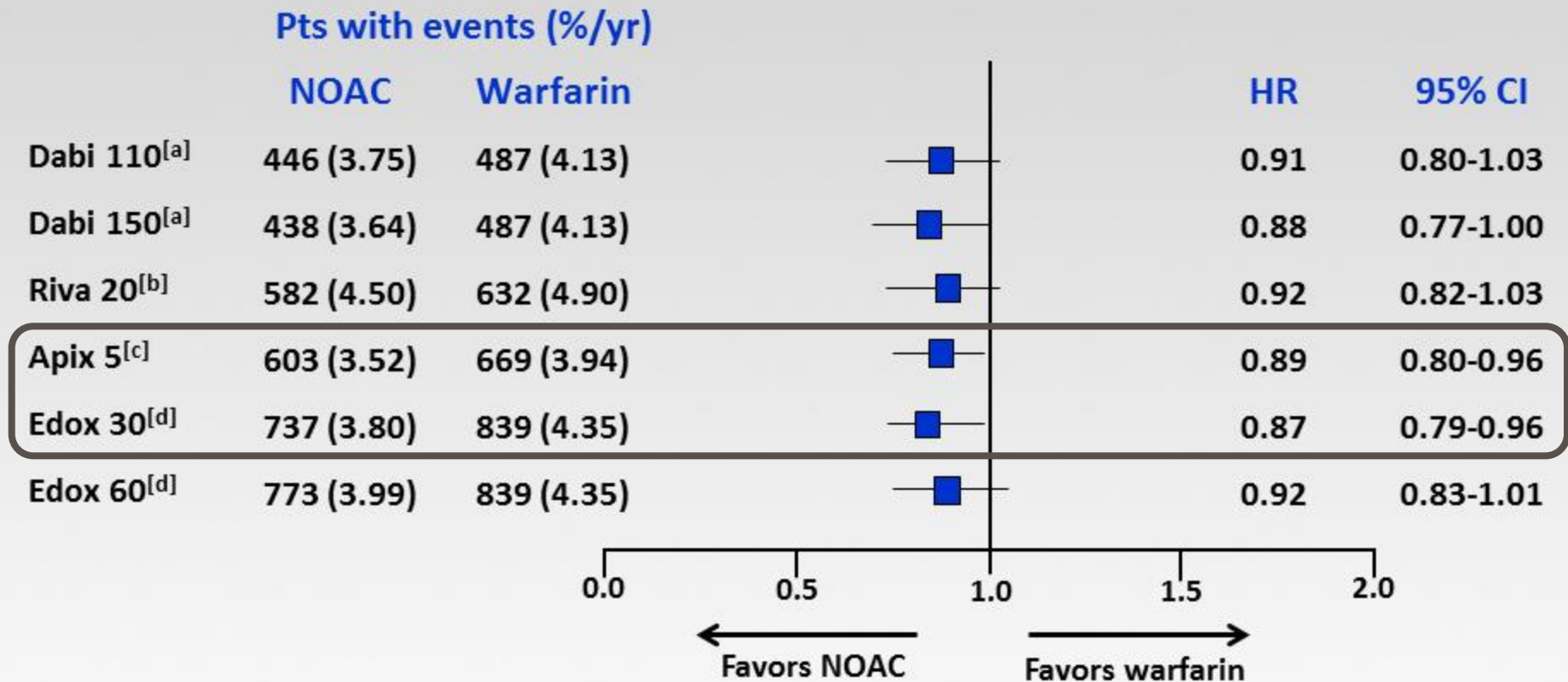
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Landmark Oral Anticoagulation Trials: Mortality

Head-to-head studies do not exist, so direct comparisons between agents may not be made



Full dose NOAC meta-analysis: **RR (95% CI) = 0.90 (0.85-0.95)** - Ruff et al. Lancet 2014

a. Connolly SJ, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2009;361(12):1139-1151.

b. Patel MR, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2011;365(10):883-891.

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What is ‘valvular’ atrial fibrillation? A reappraisal

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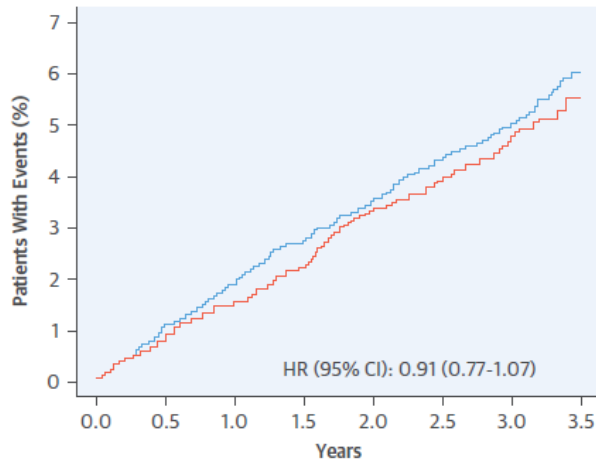
- A truly poorly defined term, often preventing the possible and correct use of NOACs
- We propose the term ‘mechanical and rheumatic mitral valvular AF’ (acronym: MARM AF) as an accurate description of conditions where NOACs should not be used

Valvular Heart Disease Patients on Edoxaban or Warfarin in the ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48 Trial

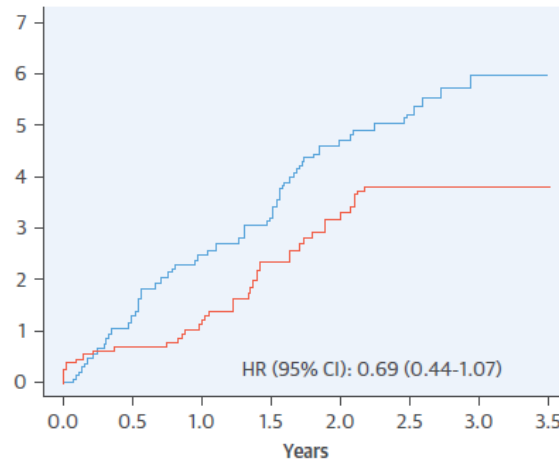
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Stroke/SEE by treatment
NO VHD (n = 18222)

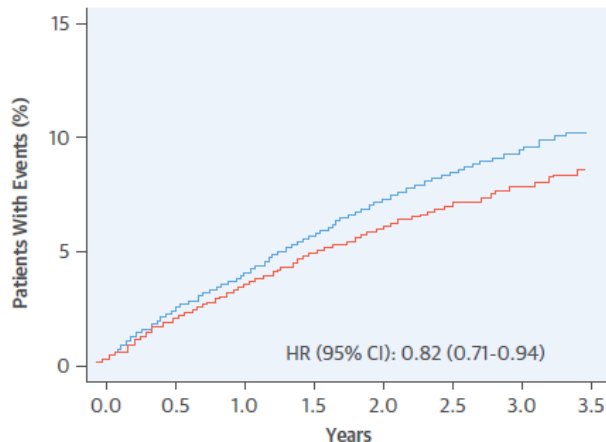


Stroke/SEE by treatment
VHD (n = 2824)

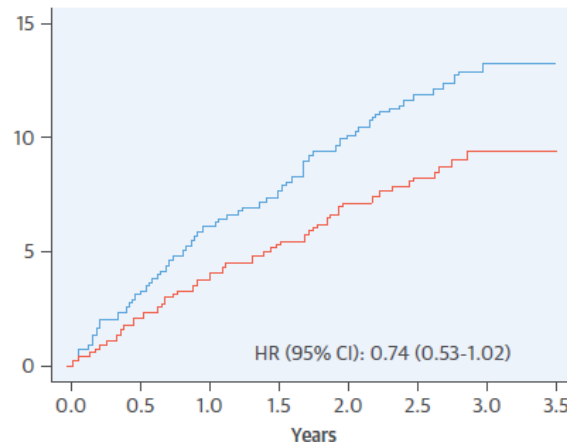


Interaction p value: 0.44

Major Bleeding by treatment
NO VHD (n = 18222)



Major Bleeding by treatment
VHD (n = 2824)

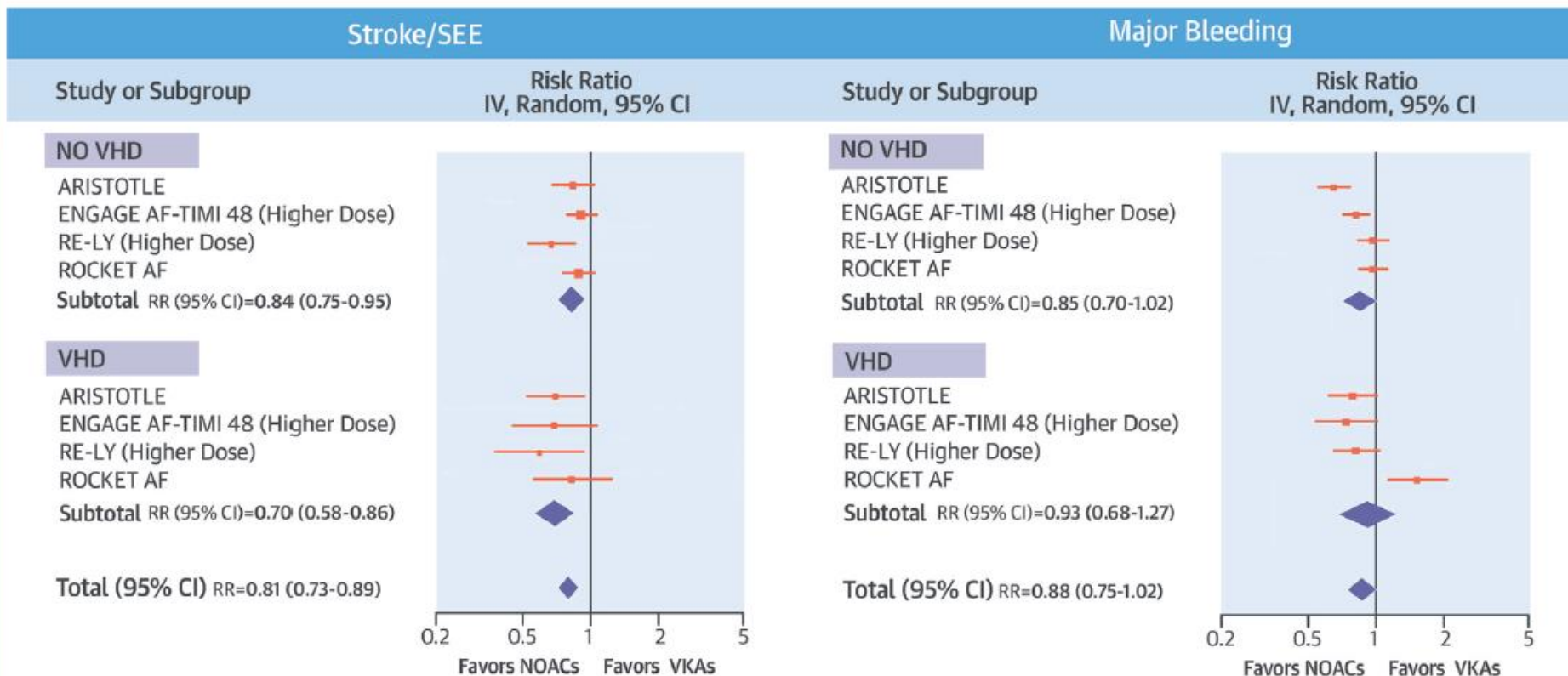


Interaction p value: 0.57

— Warfarin — Higher-Dose Edoxaban Regimen

De Caterina, R.
et al.
J Am Coll Cardiol.
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1372–82.

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION SSEE and Major Bleeding in Patients Without and With VHD, Treated With Higher-Dose NOACs or Warfarin

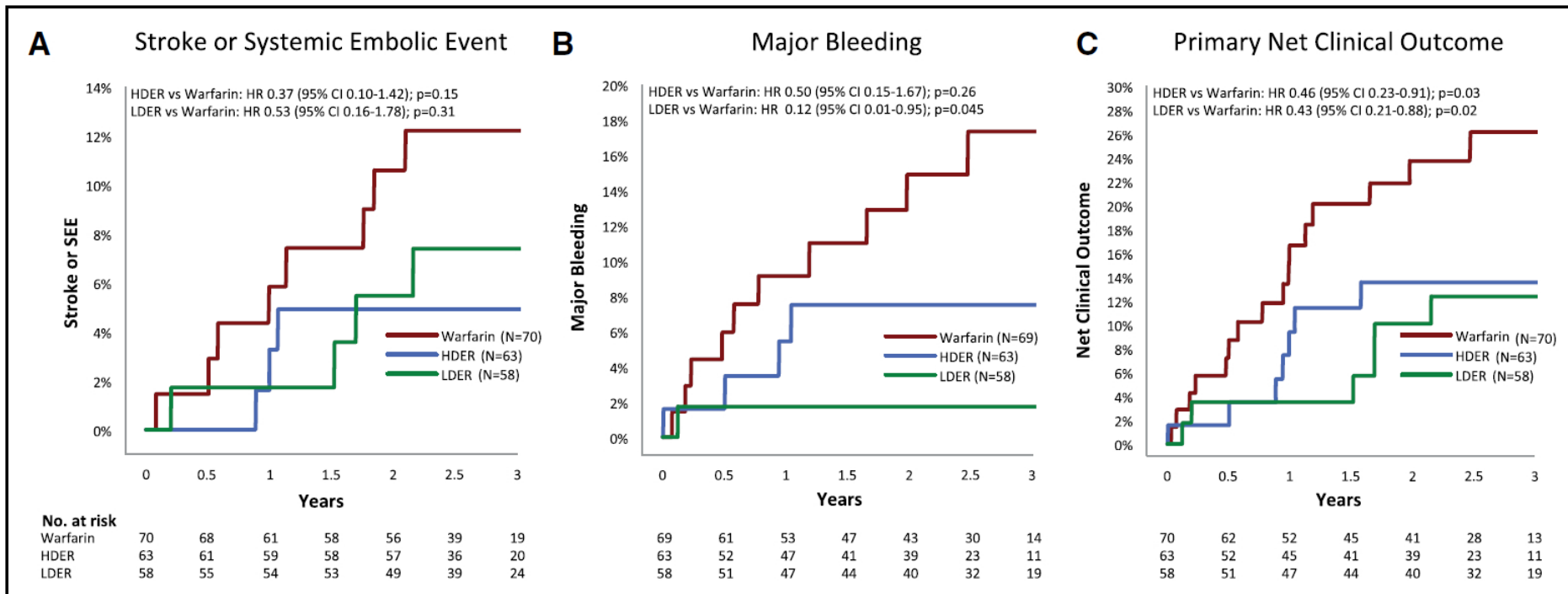


Renda, G. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2017;69(11):1363-71.

Forest plot with individual and summary estimates of the relative risk (RR) and 95% confidence interval (CI) of stroke/SEE and major bleeding for higher-dose NOACs versus warfarin among patients without and with VHD, separately and overall. A random-effect model was applied to estimate RR and 95% CI. Squares and diamond sizes are proportional to study weight. Inter-study heterogeneity, separately reported for no-VHD and VHD groups, and for the overall population, was tested using Cochran's Q test (see text for details). The figure shows that the relative efficacy and safety of NOACs versus warfarin as to the main efficacy (stroke/SEE) and safety (major bleeding) endpoints are similar in no-VHD and VHD patients. CI = confidence interval; IV = inverse variance; NOAC = non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant; RR = relative risk; SEE = systemic embolic events; VHD = valvular heart disease.

Edoxaban for the Prevention of Thromboembolism in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation and Bioprosthetic Valves

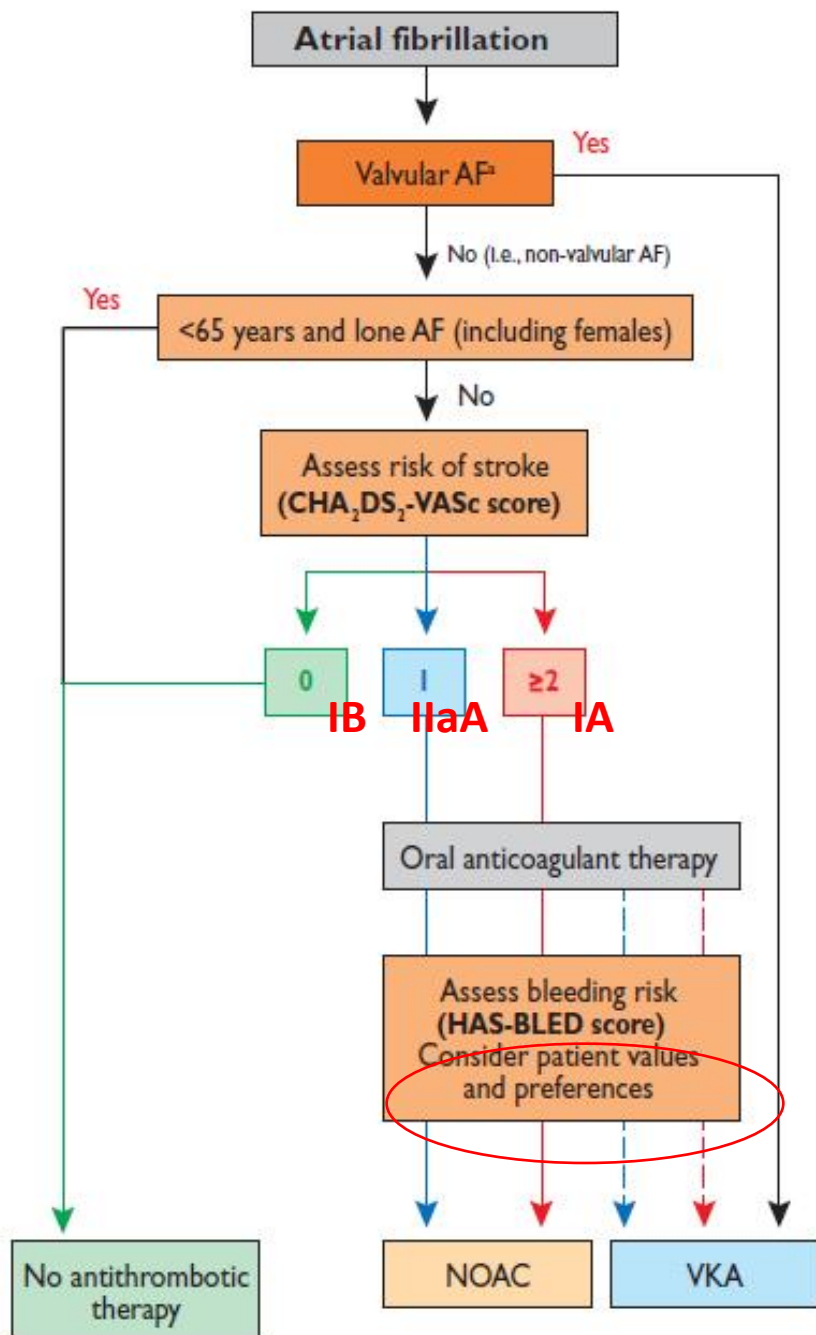
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Antiplatelet therapy with aspirin plus clopidogrel, or—less effectively—aspirin only, should be considered in patients who refuse any OAC, or cannot tolerate anticoagulants for reasons unrelated to bleeding. If there are contraindications to OAC or antiplatelet therapy, left atrial appendage occlusion, closure or excision may be considered.

Colour: CHA₂DS₂-VASc; green = 0, blue = 1, red ≥2.

Line: solid = best option; dashed = alternative option.



AF = atrial fibrillation; CHA₂DS₂-VASc = see text; HAS-BLED = see text; NOAC = novel oral anticoagulant; OAC = oral anticoagulant; VKA = vitamin K antagonist.

^aIncludes rheumatic valvular disease and prosthetic valves.

CHADS-VASc	ESC 2012	AHA 2014
0	none	none IaB
1	anticoagulation	anticoagulation or aspirin or none IbC
≥2	anticoagulation	Anticoagulation

Camm AJ et al. Eur Heart J 2012;33:2719-47
January et al. Circulation 2014;130:e199-e267



CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score	Patients (n = 73538)	Stroke and thromboembolism event rate at 1 year follow-up (%)
0	6369 	0.78
1	8203 	2.01
2	12771	3.71
3	17371	5.92
4	13887	9.27
5	8942	15.26
6	4244	19.74
7	1420	21.50
8	285	22.38
9	46	23.64

Adapted from Olesen JB, et al., *Br Med J* 2011;**342**:doi: 10.1136/bmj.d124

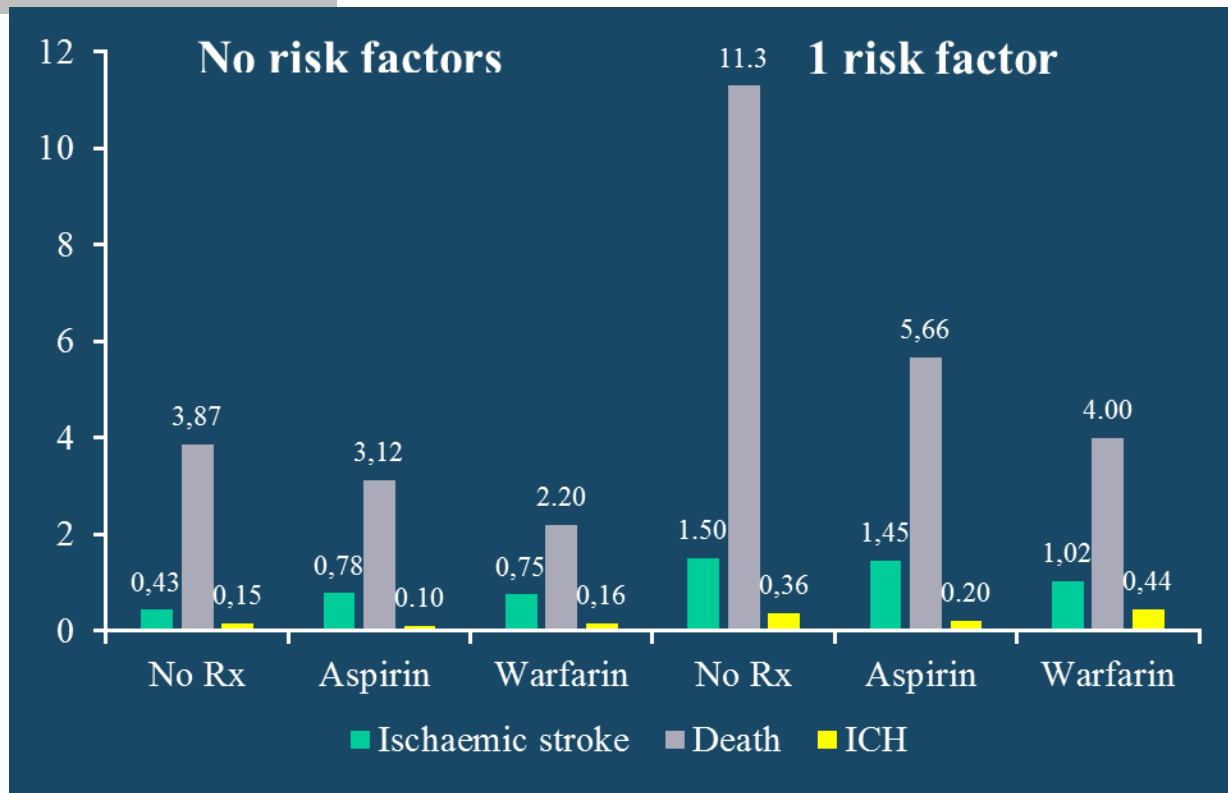
OAC, Aspirin, or No Therapy in Patients With Nonvalvular AF With 0 or 1 Stroke Risk Factor Based on CHA₂DS₂-VASc score

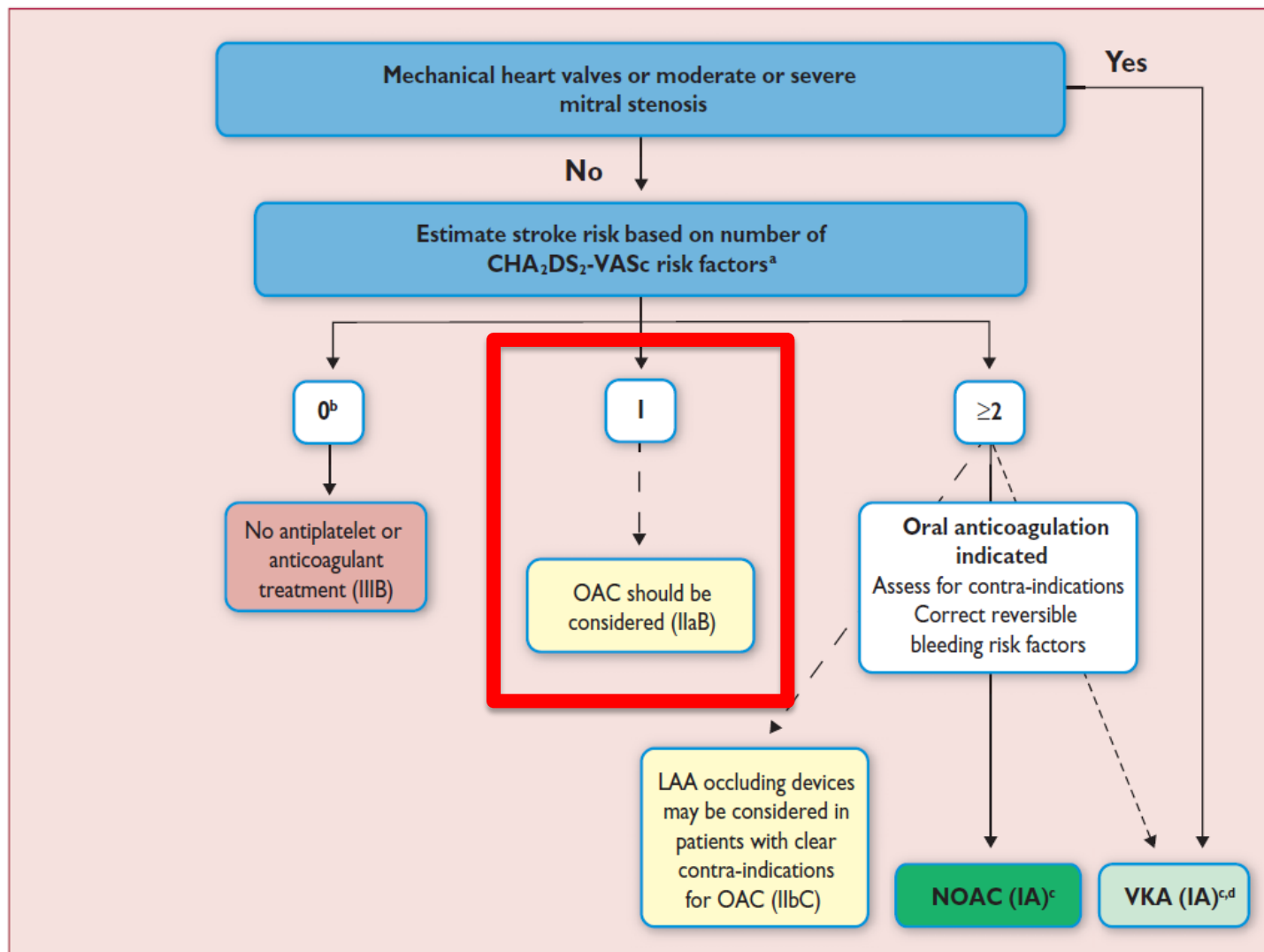
Lip et al J Am Coll Cardiol 2015;65(14):1385-94

Event Rates Per 100 PYs at 1 Year FU
According to Treatment Strategy Initiated at
Day 14 After Discharge With Incident AF

Low-risk patients have a truly low risk for stroke and bleeding.

With 1 additional stroke risk factor, there was a significant increase in event rates (particularly mortality) if non-anticoagulated.





AF = atrial fibrillation; LAA = left atrial appendage; NOAC = non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant; OAC = oral anticoagulation; VKA = vitamin K antagonist.

^aCongestive heart failure, Hypertension, Age ≥ 75 years (2 points), Diabetes, prior Sstroke/TIA/embolus (2 points), Vascular disease, age 65–74 years, female Sex.

^bIncludes women without other stroke risk factors.

^cIIaB for women with only one additional stroke risk factor.

^dIB for patients with mechanical heart valves or mitral stenosis.

ESC 2016
Guidelines for AF

- ...but I advise for NOACs because of their proven equal safety, but better efficacy, compared with aspirin
- and because of their better safety compared with VKAs

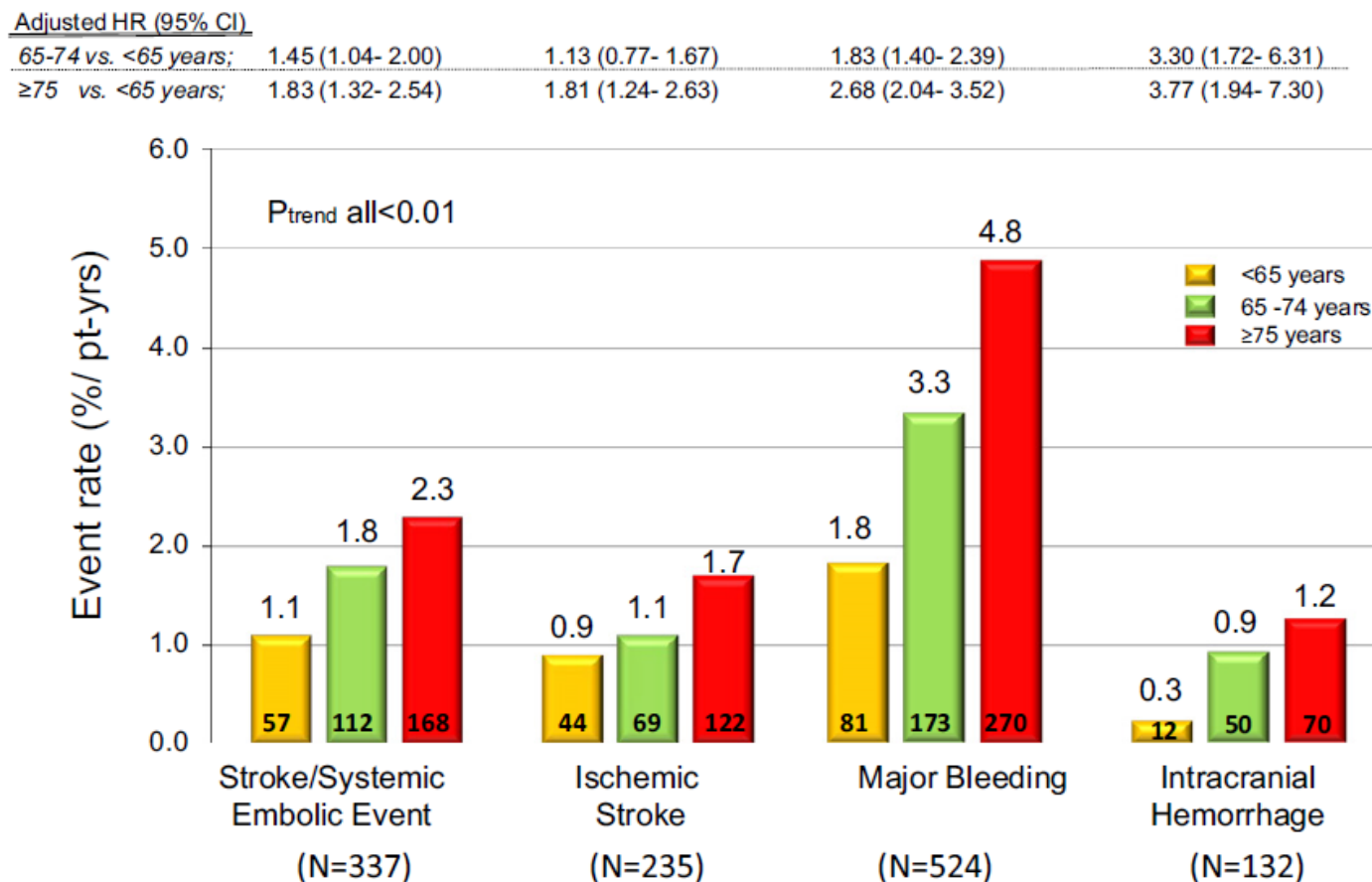
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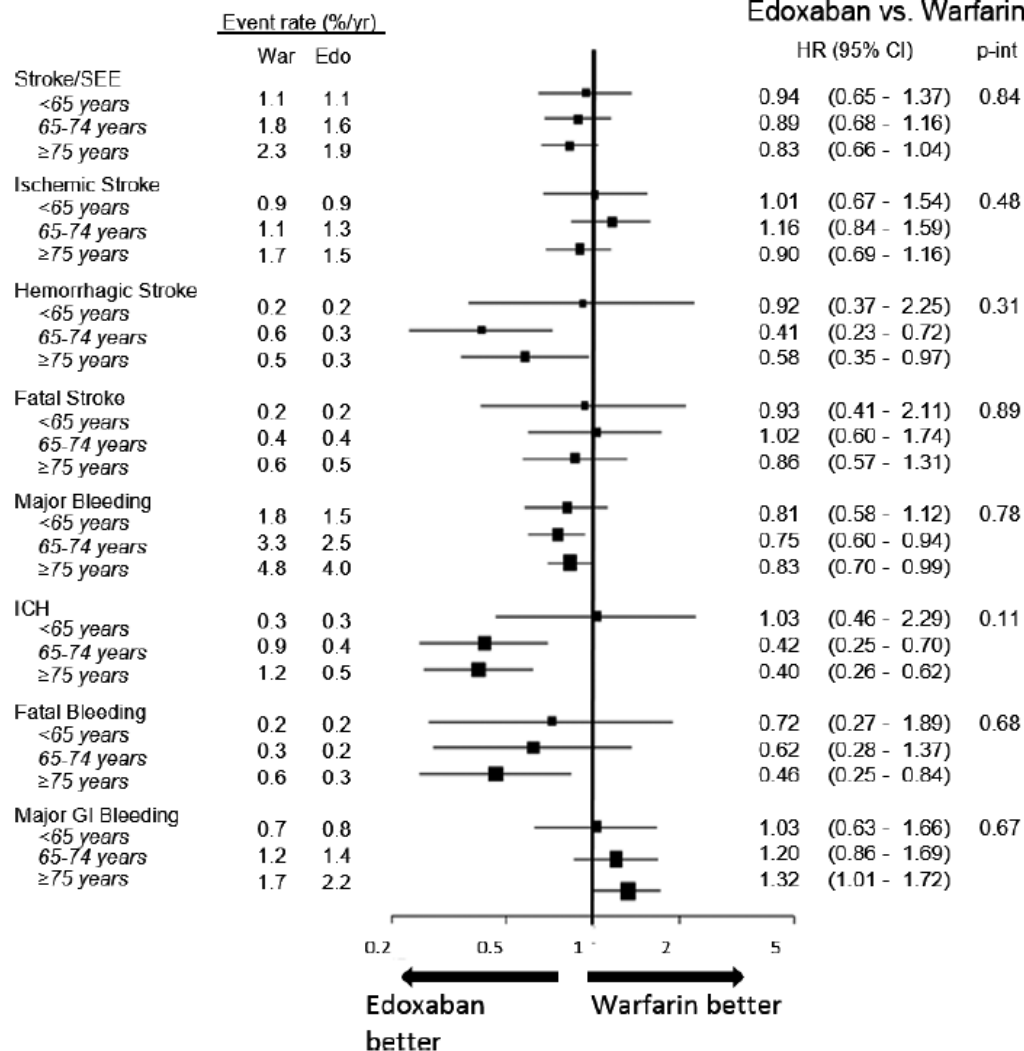
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Edoxaban vs. Warfarin



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NOAC Prescription Data – The problem of the underdosing

An unexpectedly high proportion of prescriptions for apixaban are for 2.5 mg. Similar patterns are seen with rivaroxaban and dabigatran

Country	Apixaban		Rivaroxaban			Dabigatran		
	Q4 2014		Q4 2014			Q4 2014		
	2.5mg	5mg	10mg	15mg	20mg	75mg	110mg	150mg
UNITED STATES	24%	76%	6%	21%	73%	16%	0%	84%
JAPAN	58%	42%	55%	45%	0%	40%	60%	0%
GERMANY	41%	59%	4%	34%	61%	2%	61%	37%
CANADA	38%	62%	6%	26%	68%	1%	52%	47%
AUSTRALIA	39%	61%	2%	30%	68%	0%	63%	37%
UNITED KINGDOM	42%	58%	6%	22%	71%	3%	51%	46%
SPAIN	37%	63%	5%	33%	63%	3%	60%	38%
FRANCE	46%	54%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
BELGIUM	30%	70%	2%	42%	56%	0%	60%	40%
ITALY	35%	65%	2%	37%	61%	0%	63%	36%

Alexander et al. Poster presentation at ESC Aug/Sept 2015;
London, UK Poster/oral poster no.2032

- Likely, apixaban 2.5 mg twice daily is being “over-prescribed” in patients with either one or no dose-reduction criteria because of concerns about safety.



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Approved NOAC dose in renal insufficiency

Dabigatran

When CrCl 30–49 mL/min, 150 mg BID is possible (SmPC) but 110 mg BID should be considered (as per ESC guidelines)⁵
 Note: 75 mg BID approved in US only⁶:
 if CrCl 15–30 mL/min
 if CrCl 30–49 mL/min and other orange factor Table 6 (e.g. verapamil)

CrCl < 30 mL/min

Apixaban

CrCl 15–29 mL/min: 2.5 mg BID
 If two-out-of-three: serum creatinine ≥ 1.5 mg/dL, age ≥ 80 years, weight ≤ 60 kg: 2.5 mg BID

2 of A, B, C

CrCl < 15 mL/min

Edoxaban

30 mg OD
 when CrCl 15–49 mL/min

CrCl < 15 mL/min

Rivaroxaban

15 mg OD
 when CrCl 15–49 mL/min

CrCl < 15 mL/min

consider dose reduction

reduce dose

not recommended

Cr Cl / 10 = interval in months to recheck renal function



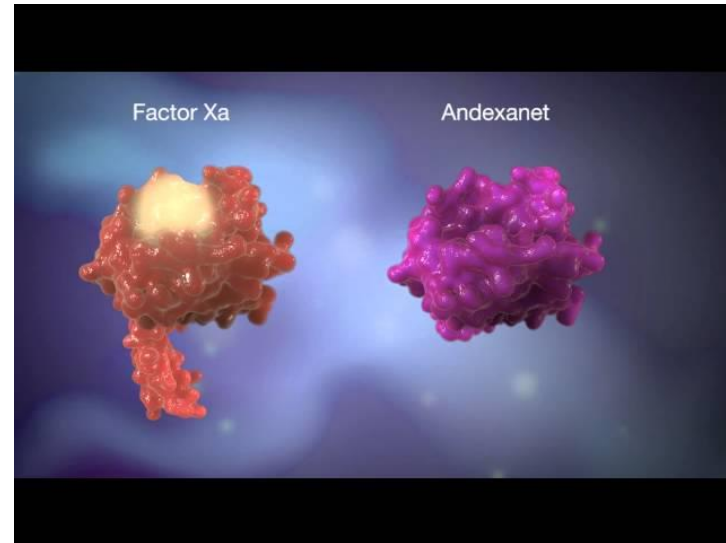
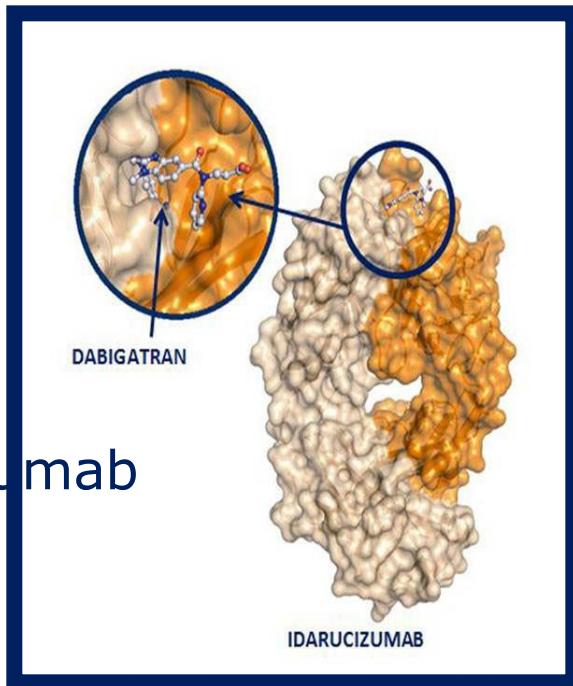
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Antidotes

Idarucizumab



Andexanet

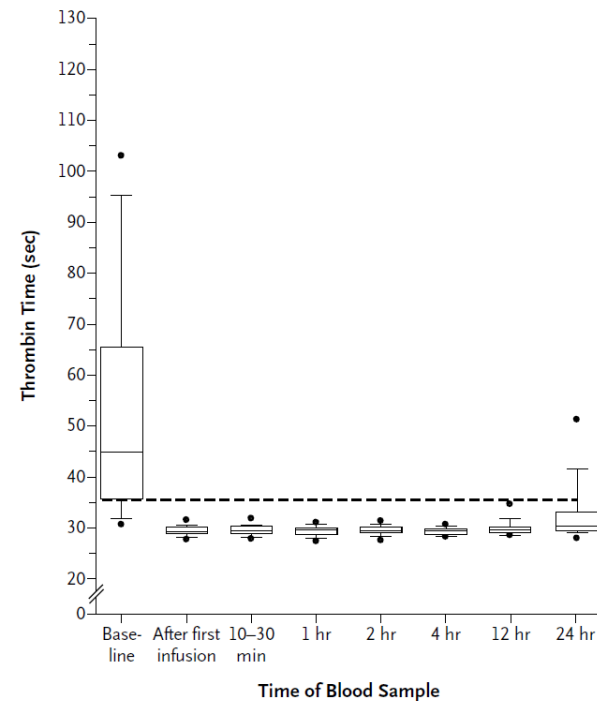
Situations where anticoagulant reversal agents are needed

- in life-threatening or uncontrolled bleeding
- for emergency surgery/urgent procedures

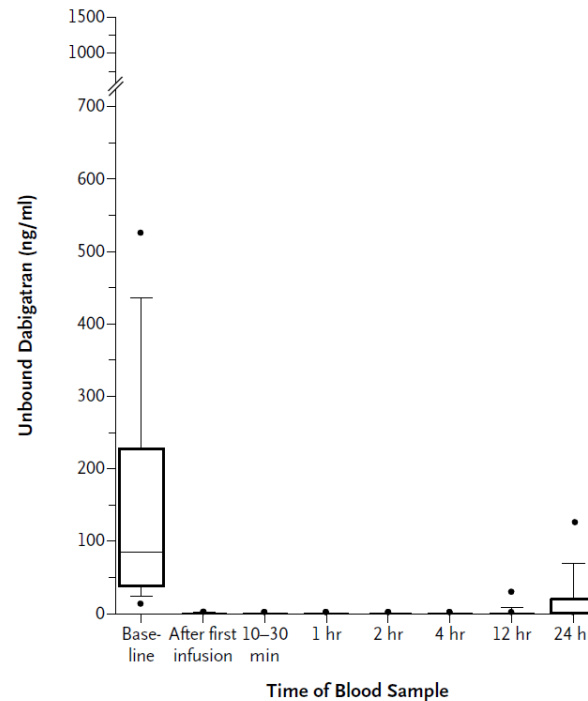


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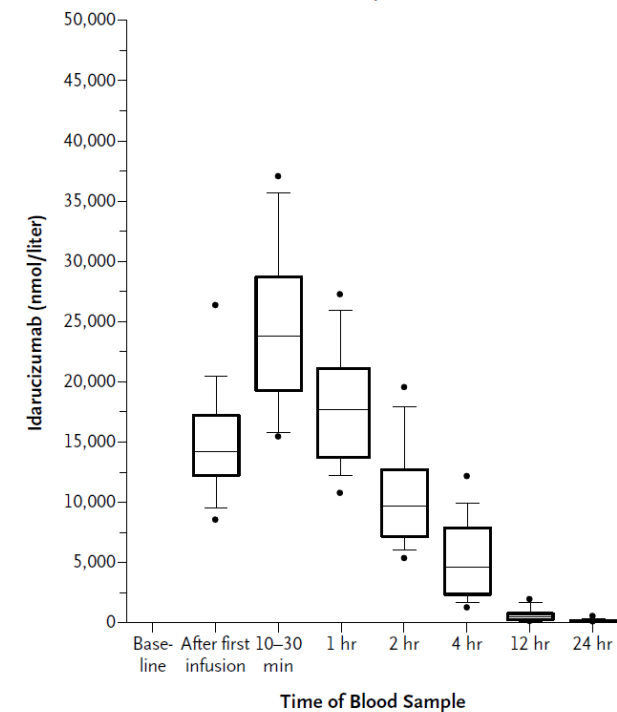
A Dilute Thrombin Time in Group A



A Concentration of Unbound Dabigatran in Group A



C Concentration of Idarucizumab in Group A

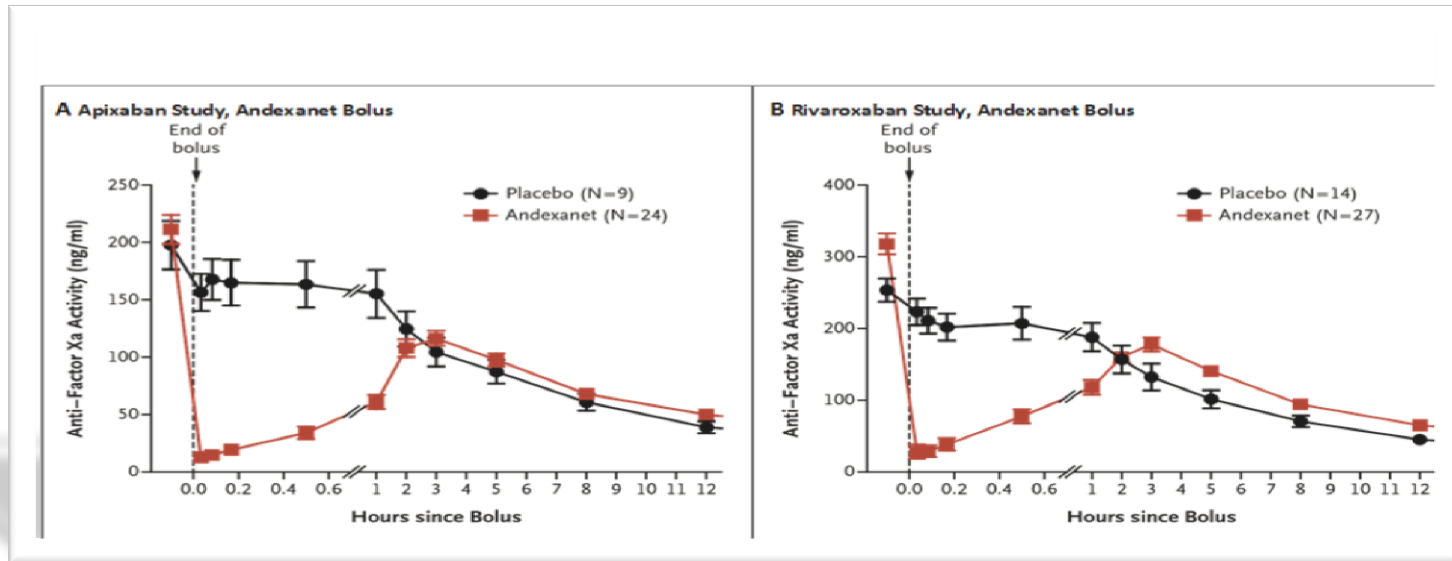


Among 68 patients with an elevated dilute thrombin time and 81 with an elevated ecarin clotting time at baseline, the median maximum percentage reversal was 100%. Idarucizumab normalized the test results in 88 to 98% of the patients, an effect that was evident within minutes. Concentrations of unbound dabigatran remained below 20 ng per milliliter at 24 hours in 79% of the patients.

Andexanet-alfa

ANNEXA-A and ANNEXA-R

Results of Phase III (first part)

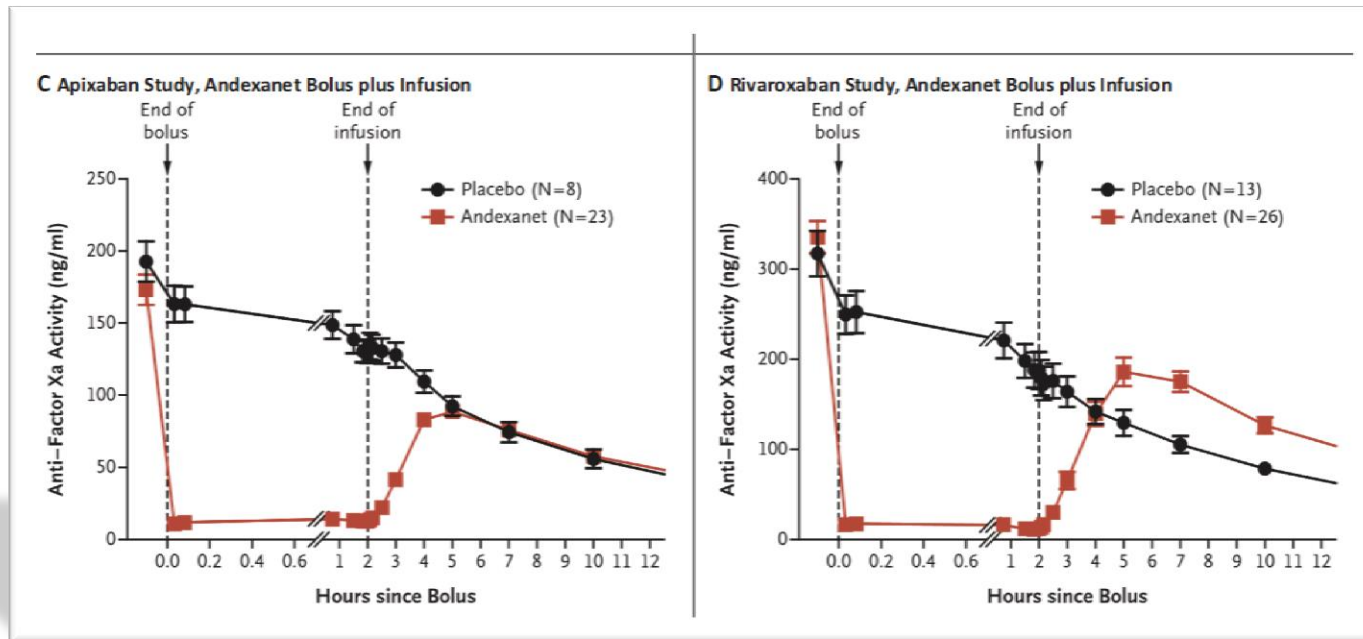


Attività anti-Xa tra le persone che avevano ricevuto il trattamento anticoagulante con apixaban o rivaroxaban misurata prima e dopo la somministrazione di andexanet o placebo al giorno 4. al termine della somministrazione del bolo. **Pannello A** mostra i dati dai partecipanti allo studio apixaban con un bolo endovenoso di 400 mg o placebo; **Pannello B** mostra i dati dei partecipanti allo studio rivaroxaban (ALLEGATO A, con un bolo endovenoso di 800 mg o placebo)

Andexanet-alfa

ANNEXA-A and ANNEXA-R

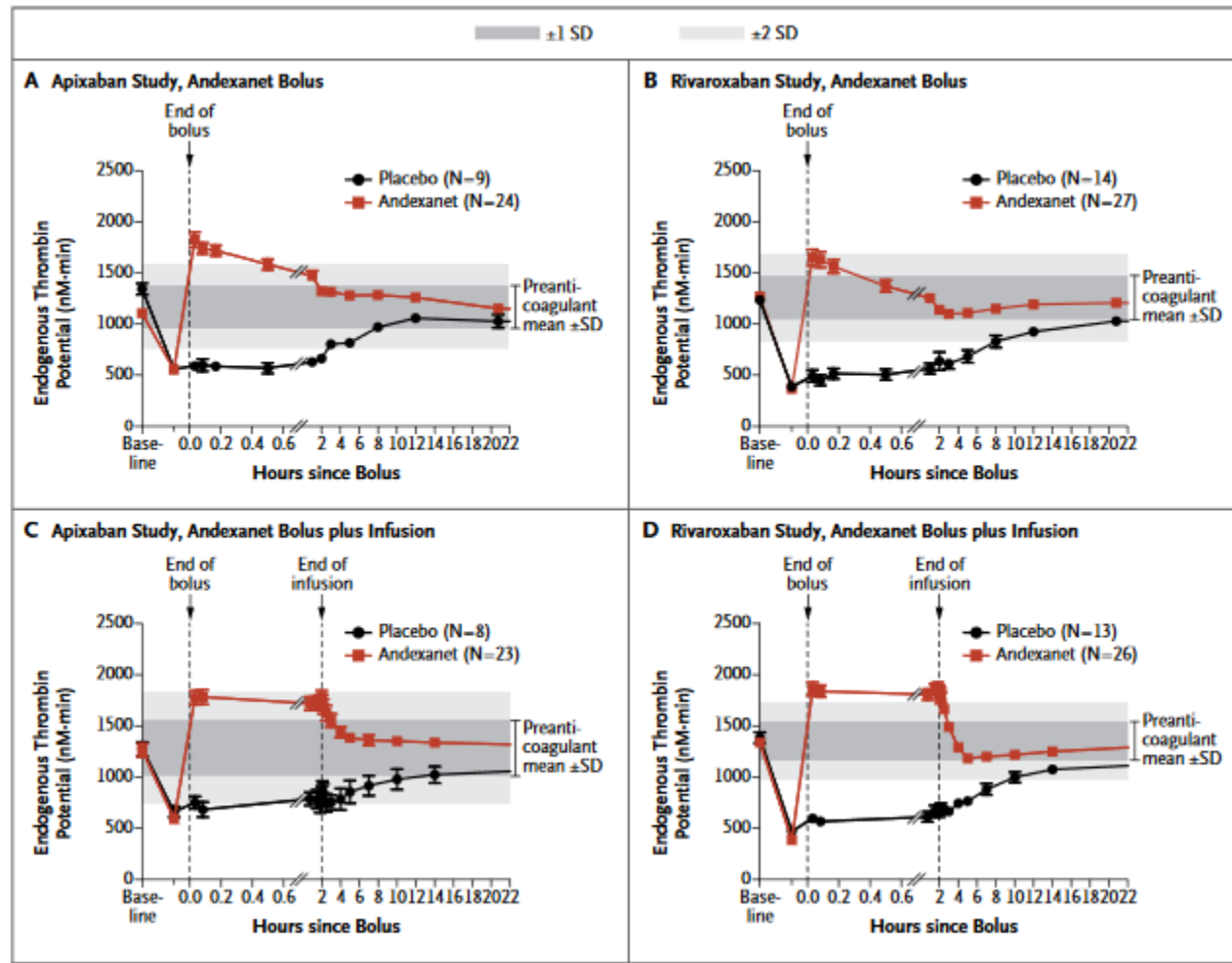
Results of Phase III (second part)



Attività anti-Xa tra le persone che avevano ricevuto il trattamento anticoagulante con apixaban o rivaroxaban misurata dopo la somministrazione di andexanet o placebo al termine della somministrazione dell'infusione. **Pannello C** partecipanti allo studio che hanno ricevuto apixaban+andexanet, come bolo endovenoso di 400 mg più un'infusione di 4 mg-per-minuto per 120 minuti o placebo; e **Pannello D** partecipanti allo studio che hanno ricevuto rivaroxaban+andexanet, come bolo endovenoso 800 mg più un'infusione a 8-mg-per-minuto per 120 minuti o placebo.



Time Courses of Thrombin Generation before and after the Administration of Andexanet



Reduction in tissue factor pathway inhibitor (TFPI) activity, an endogenous, reversible fXaI

Increase in prothrombin fragments F1 and F2

Summary and conclusions

- 1 - NOACs are life-saving drugs**
- 2 - The term nonvalvular is misleading**
- 3 - OAC in low thromboembolic risk patients is debated, but I favor its use**
- 4 - The elderly benefit from NOACs (vs warfarin and ASA)**
- 5 - Registries and Subgroup data are reassuring**
- 6 - Approved dosing may differ from trial protocols**
- 7 - Antidotes for NOACs have been developed and one of them, idarucizumab, is already available**



Pointers Towards Which NOAC to Choose

Specific patient characteristics

High risk of bleeding, e.g.
HAS-BLED ≥ 3

Consider agent / dose with the
lowest incidence of bleeding

Apixaban
Dabigatran 110
Edoxaban 30

Previous GI bleeding or
high-risk of GI bleed

Consider agent with the lowest
reported incidence of GI bleed

Apixaban

High risk of ischemic
stroke, low bleeding risk

Consider agent / dose with the
best reduction of ischemic stroke

Dabigatran 150

Previous stroke
(secondary prevention)

Consider best investigated agent
or greatest reduction of 2^o stroke

Apixaban
Rivaroxaban

CAD, previous MI or high-
risk for ACS/MI

Consider agent with a positive
effect in ACS

Rivaroxaban

Renal impairment

Consider agent least dependent on
renal function

Apixaban
Rivaroxaban

GI upset / disorders

Consider agent / dose with no
reported GI effects

Apixaban
Rivaroxaban (J)

Cardioversion/ablation

Consider agent tested in RCTs

Rivaroxaban

LAA thrombosis

Consider agent ...

?

Patient preference

Consider once daily formulation

Rivaroxaban
Edoxaban

Ethnicity (e.g. Asians)

Consider agent/dose tested in
Asians

Apixaban
Dabigatran 110
Rivaroxaban 15



Thanks!

