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**Table 1** Valvular indications and contraindications for NOAC therapy in AF patients

	Eligible	Contra-indicated
Mechanical prosthetic valve		✓
Moderate to severe mitral stenosis (usually of rheumatic origin)		✓
Mild to moderate other native valvular disease	✓	
Severe aortic stenosis	✓ Limited data. Most will undergo intervention	
Bioprosthetic valve <sup>a</sup>	✓ (except for the first 3 months post-operatively)	
Mitral valve repair <sup>a</sup>	✓ (except for the first 3–6 months post-operatively)	
PTAV and TAVI	✓ (but no prospective data; may require combination with single or double antiplatelets: consider bleeding risk)	
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	✓ (but no prospective data)	

PTAV, percutaneous transluminal aortic valvuloplasty; TAVI, transcatheter aortic valve implantation.

<sup>a</sup>American guidelines do not recommend NOAC in patients with biological heart valves or after valve repair.<sup>8</sup>

## EHRA PRACTICAL GUIDE

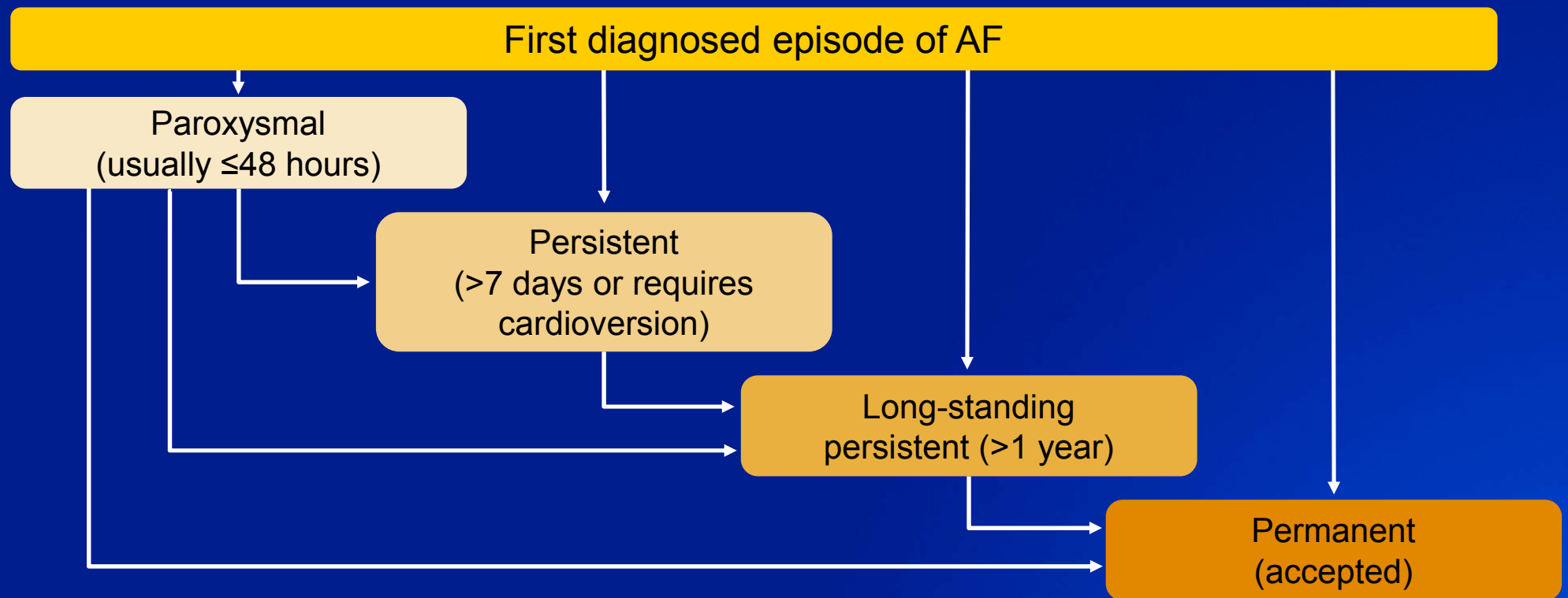
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## Lifetime risk of developing AF

- At  $\geq 40$  years of age, the remaining lifetime risk for developing AF is:
  - 26.0% for men
  - 23.0% for women
- Μέση ηλικία = 75 - 85 έτη

# Progression of AF

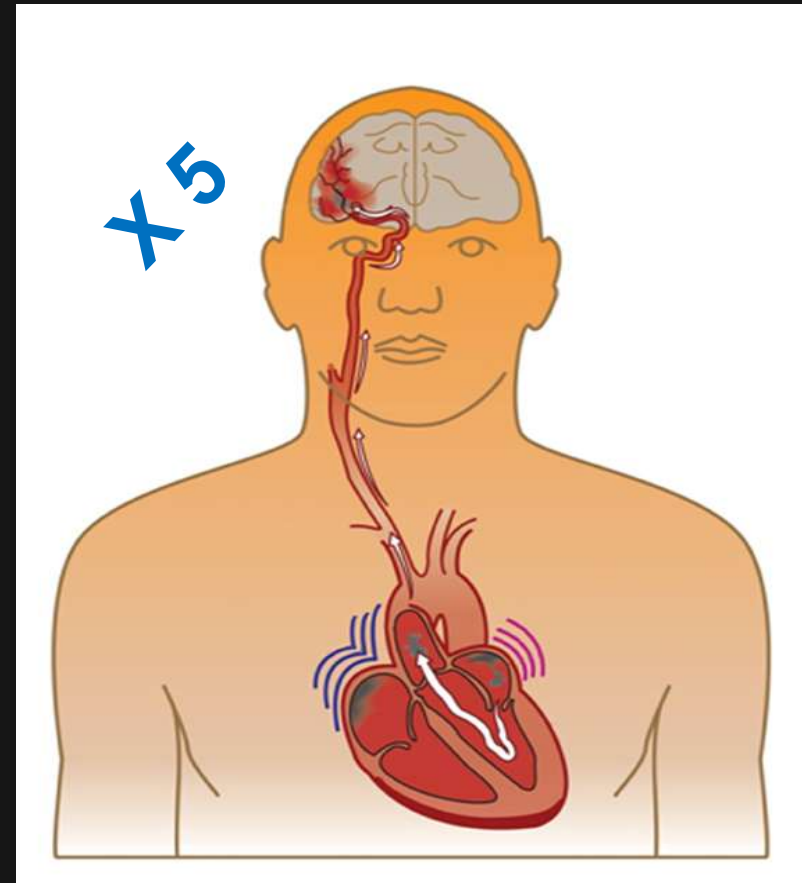
Progression of AF is thought to be driven by structural changes in the atria, including electrical, contractile changes, known as *atrial remodelling*



Different types of AF. The arrhythmia tends to progress from paroxysmal (self-terminating, usually <48 hours) to persistent (non-self-terminating or requiring cardioversion), long-standing persistent (lasting longer than 1 year) and eventually to permanent (accepted) AF. First-onset AF may be the first of recurrent attacks or already be deemed permanent

# AF and stroke

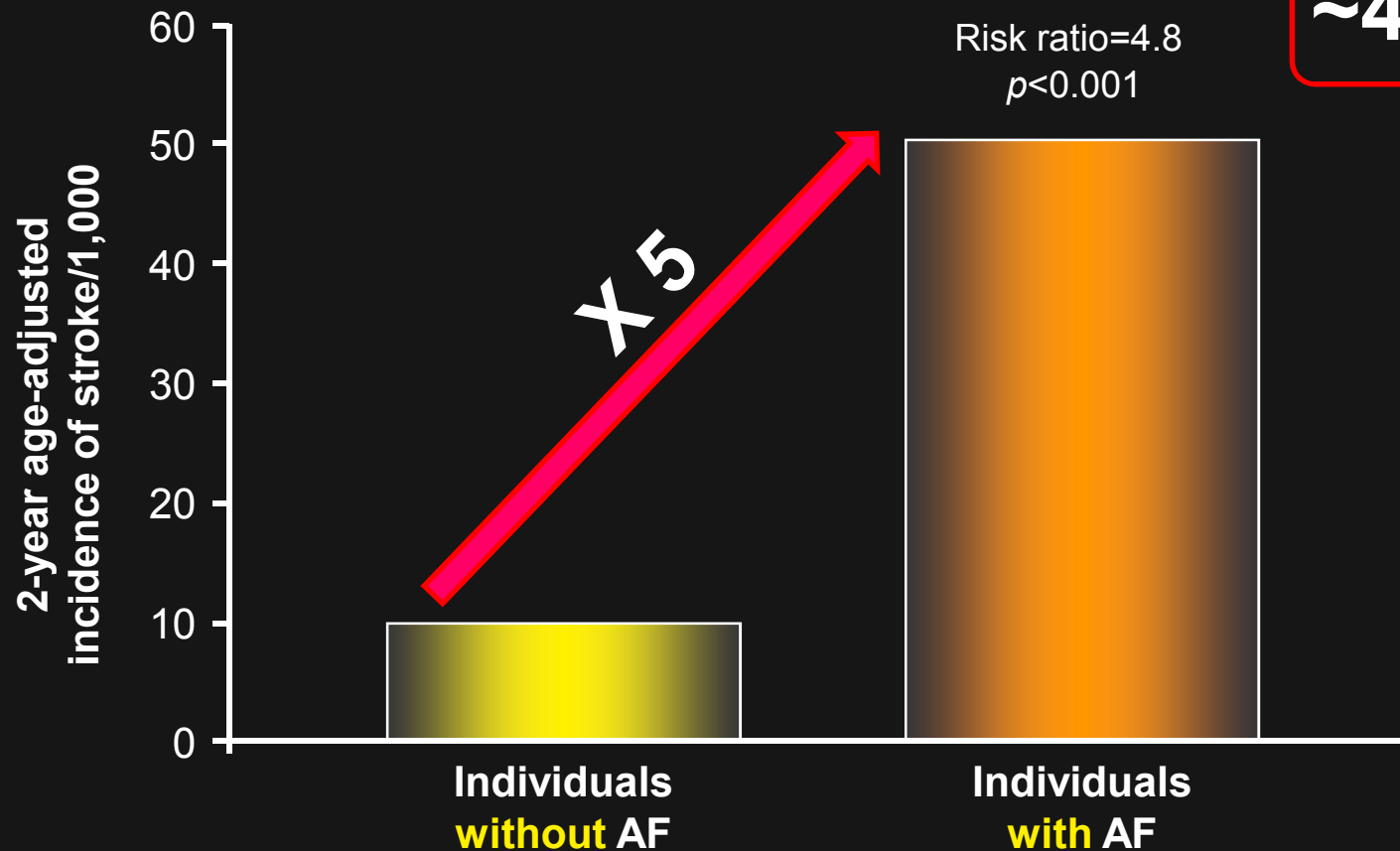
- Stroke is the most serious ongoing risk associated with AF<sup>1</sup>
- In patients with AF, blood clots tend to form in the atria, particularly within the left atrial appendage, due to abnormal blood flow and pooling<sup>2,3</sup>
- These clots may travel to the brain, causing an ischaemic stroke<sup>2</sup>
- Around 20% of ischaemic strokes are caused by blood clots originating in the heart (cardioembolic); of these, AF is the most common cause<sup>4</sup>



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# Patients with AF have an approximately fivefold increased risk of ischaemic stroke

Framingham Heart Study (N=5,070)



**~4.5%/year**



# CHADS<sub>2</sub> and CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc Scores

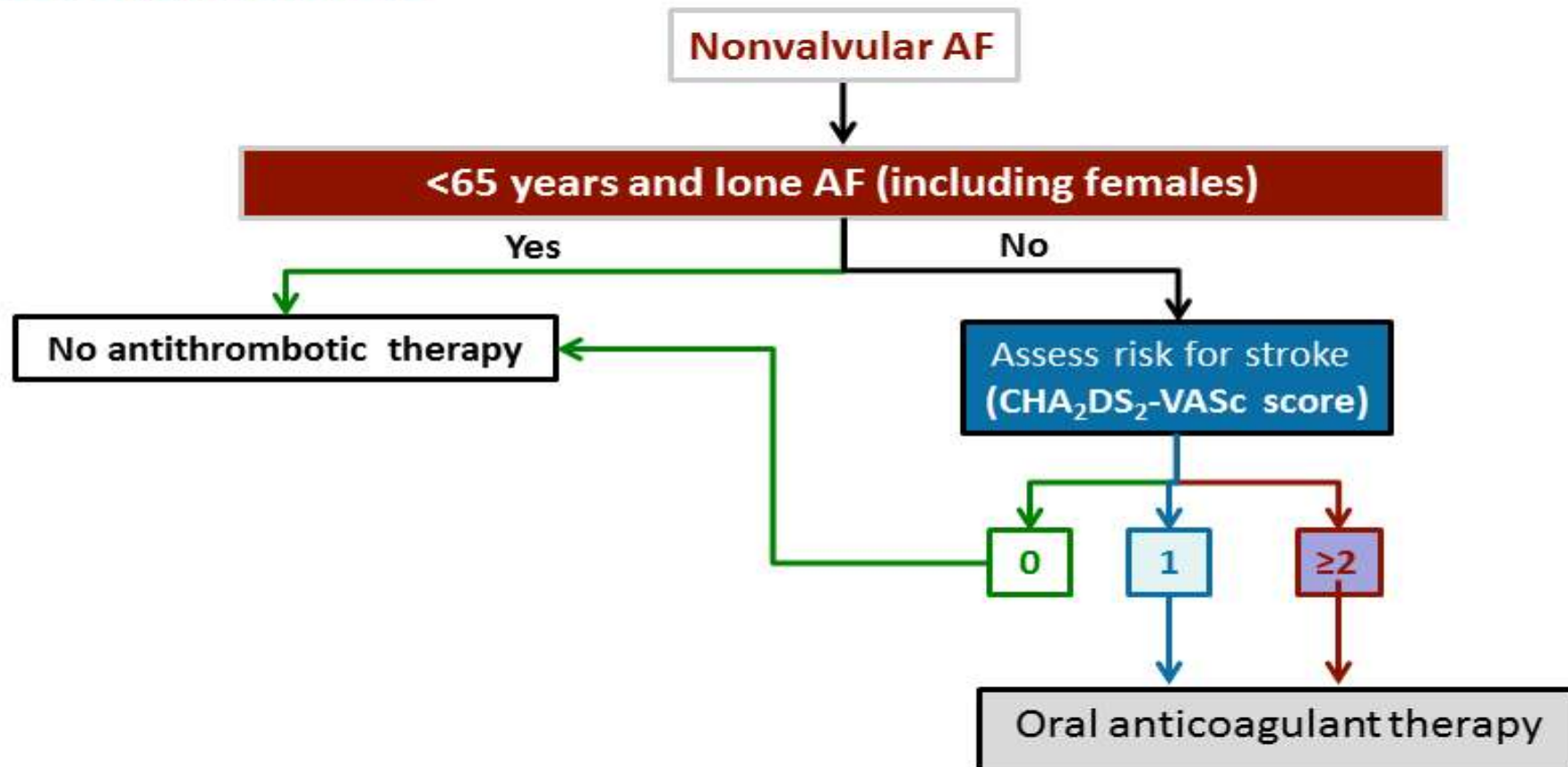
		CHADS <sub>2</sub> Score	CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc Score
C	Congestive heart failure	1	1
H	Hypertension	1	1
A	Age ≥ 75 years	1	2
D	Diabetes mellitus	1	1
S	Stroke (or TIA)	2	2
V	Vascular disease*		1
A	Age 66-74 years		1
Sc	Sex category (female)		1

\* Prior myocardial infarction, peripheral artery disease, aortic plaque

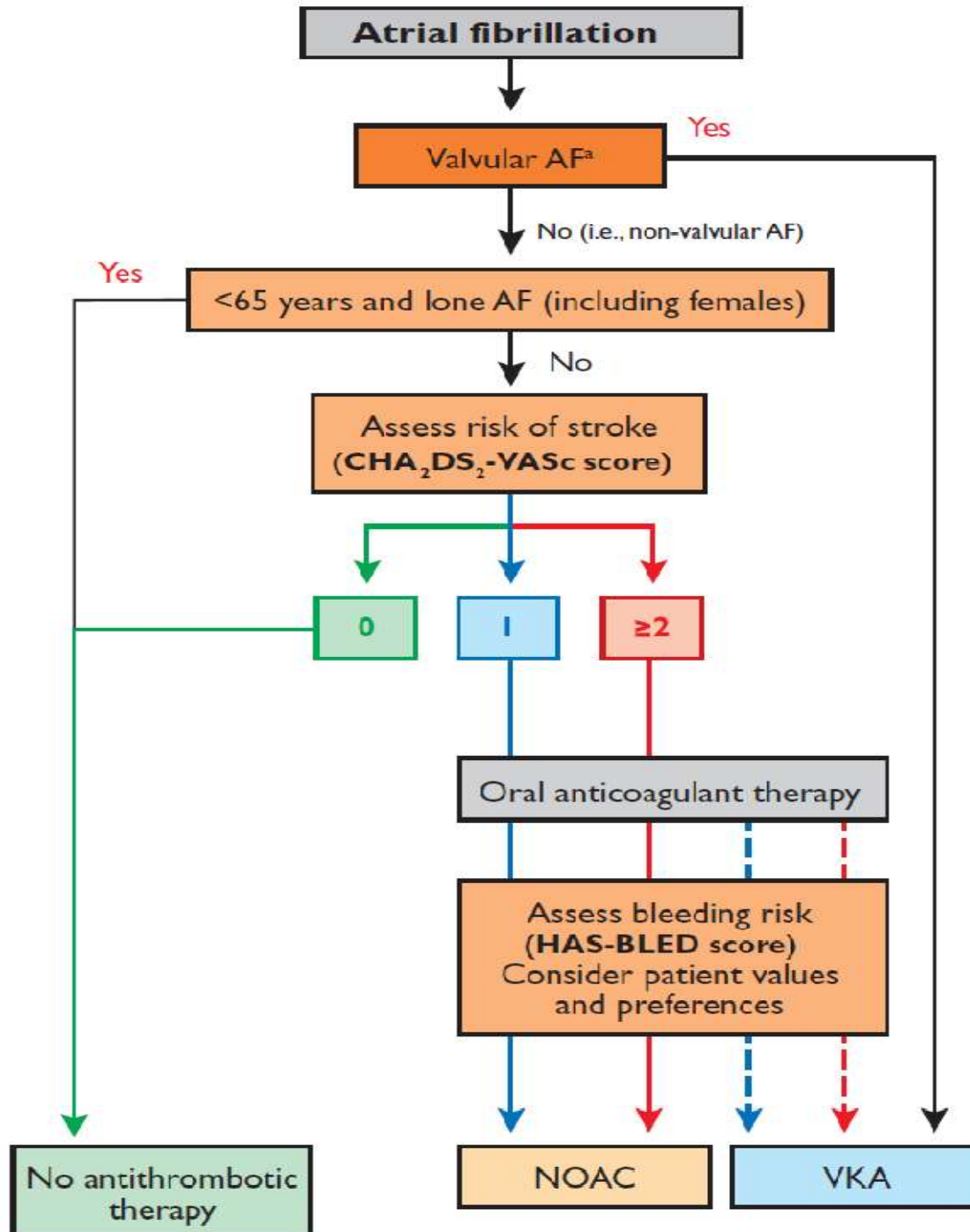
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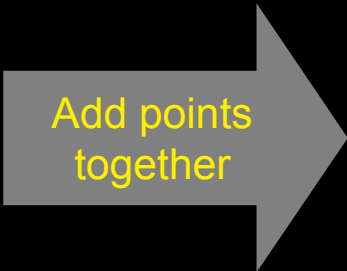
# Choice of Anticoagulant in the 2012 AF ESC Guidelines



2012 focused update of the ESC Guidelines  
for the management of atrial fibrillation



# CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score and stroke risk in patients with AF

Item	Points		CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc	1-year stroke rate
Previous stroke TIA or systemic embolism	2	 <p>Add points together</p>	9	23.64%
Age ≥75 years	2		8	22.38%
Congestive heart failure*	1		7	21.50%
Hypertension	1		6	19.74%
Diabetes mellitus	1		5	15.26%
Age 65–74 years	1		4	9.27%
Female gender	1		3	5.92%
Vascular disease	1		2	3.71%
			1	2.01%
		0	0.78%	

\*Or moderate-to-severe left ventricular systolic dysfunction (left ventricular ejection fraction ≤40%)

# Assessment of Risk of Bleeding

## HAS-BLED

- Hypertension (current) 1
- Abnormal renal/liver function 1/2
- Stroke 1
- Bleeding 1
- Labile INR 1
- Elderly (age > 65 years) 1
- Drugs or alcohol 1/2

Score 0 – 9

Low  
Inter-  
mediate  
High

Score	Bleeds per 100 patient-years
0	1.13
1	1.02
2	1.88
3	3.74
4	8.70

Validated in 3978 NVAF patients with known TE status at 1 year in Euro Heart Survey

C statistic 0.72 (similar to HEMORR<sub>2</sub>HAGES)  
0.91 vs 0.85 for patients on ASA or no therapy

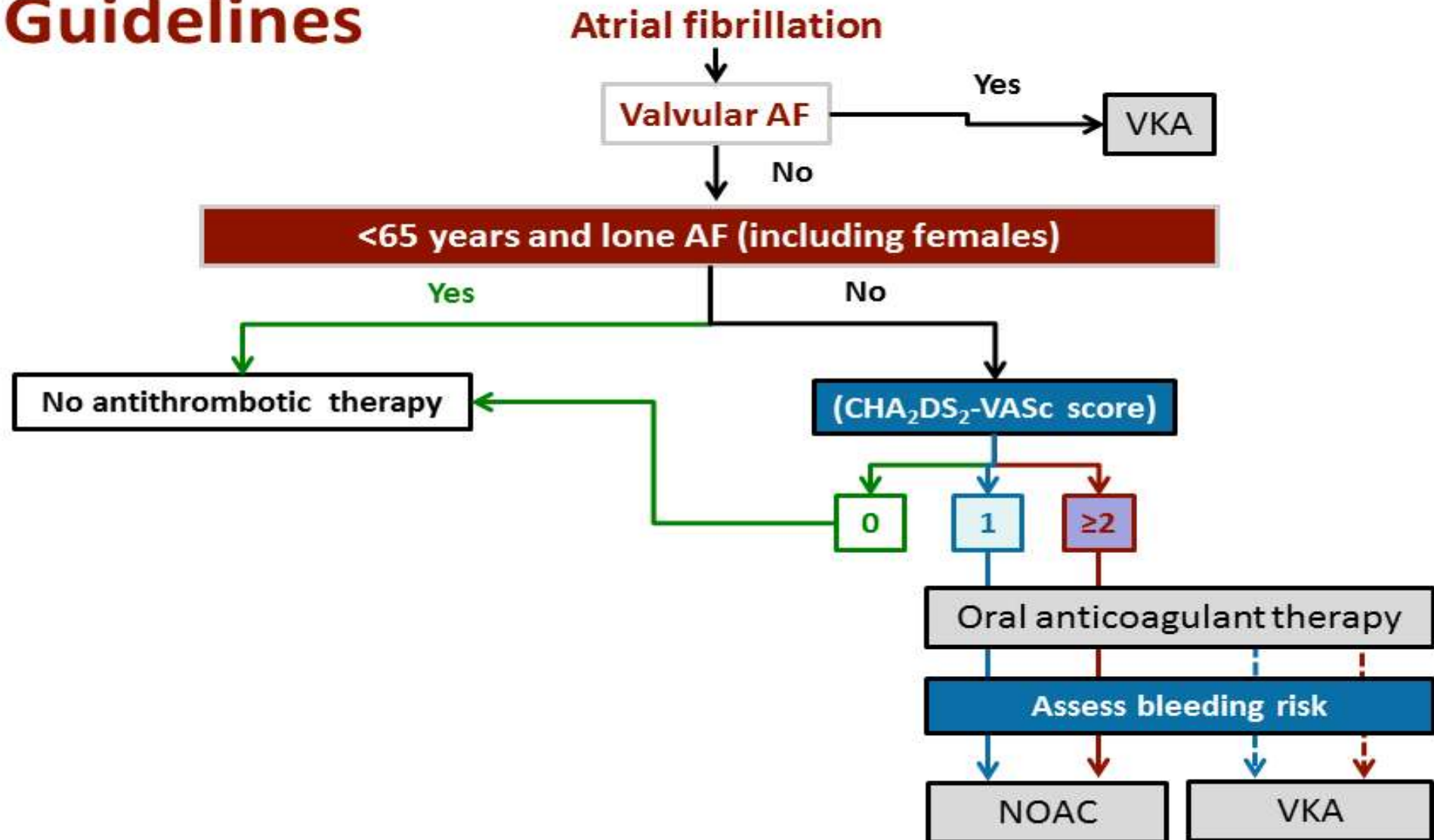
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# HAS-BLED Bleeding Risk Score

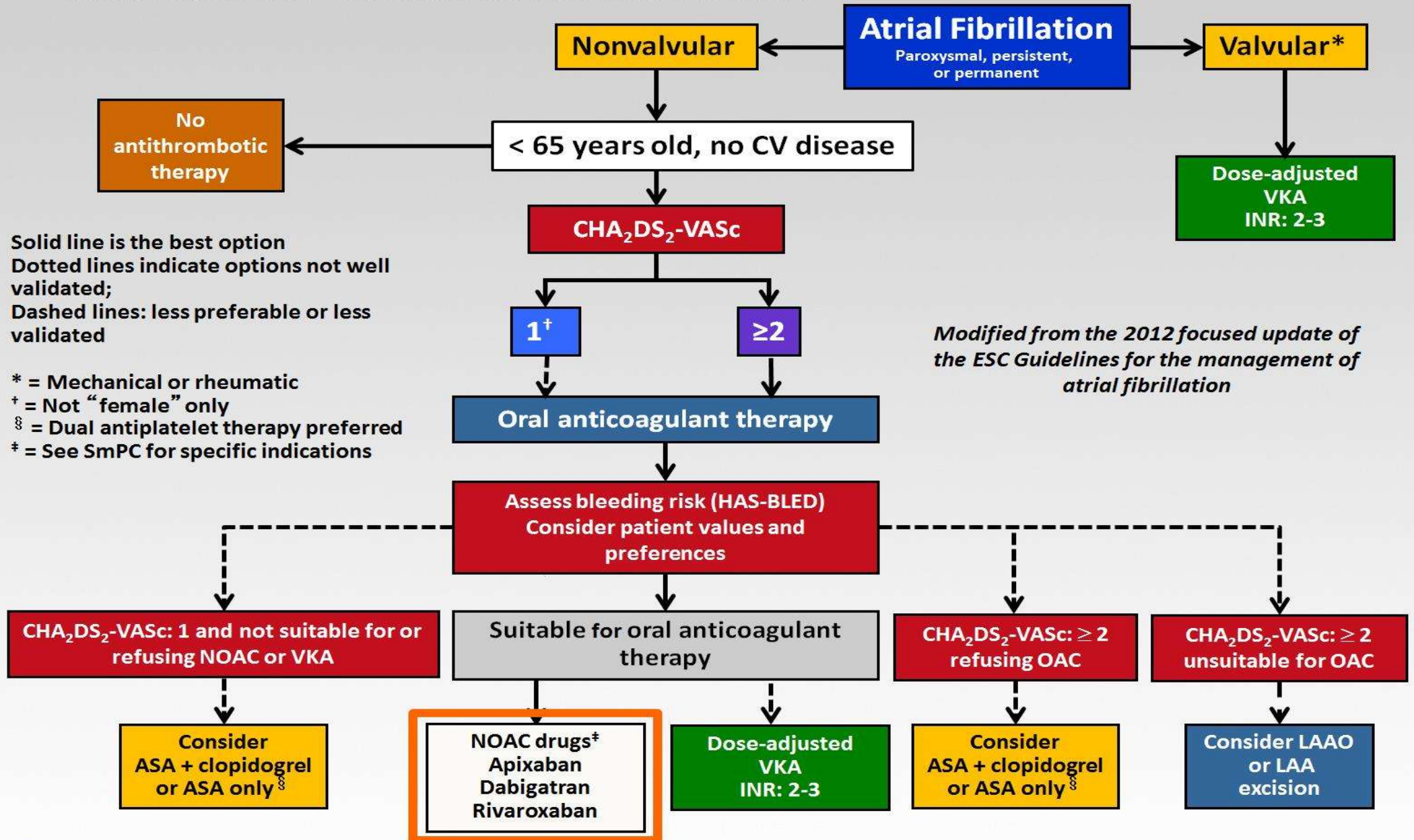
Clinical Characteristic	Score
Hypertension*	1
Abnormal renal <sup>†</sup> /liver function <sup>‡</sup> (1 point each)	1 or 2
Stroke	1
Bleeding tendency or predisposition <sup>§</sup>	1
Labile INRs (in patients taking warfarin) <sup>  </sup>	1
Elderly (eg, age > 65 years)	1
Drugs or alcohol use <sup>¶</sup> (1 point each)	1 or 2
<b>Maximum Score</b>	<b>9</b>

\*Hypertension = SBP > 160 mm Hg; †Abnormal renal function = presence of chronic dialysis or renal transplantation or serum creatinine  $\geq 200 \mu\text{mol/L}$ ; ‡ Abnormal liver function = chronic hepatic disease (eg, cirrhosis) or biochemical evidence of significant hepatic derangement (eg, bilirubin > 2 X ULN, in association with AST/ALT/ALP > 3 x ULN, etc); §Bleeding = previous bleeding history and/or predisposition to bleeding (eg, bleeding diathesis, anemia, etc); ||Labile INRs = unstable /high INRs or poor time in therapeutic range (eg, < 60%); ¶Drugs/alcohol use = concomitant use of drugs with oral anticoagulants, such as antiplatelet agents, NSAIDs, etc.

# Choice of Anticoagulant in the 2012 AF ESC Guidelines



# General AF Treatment Guidance

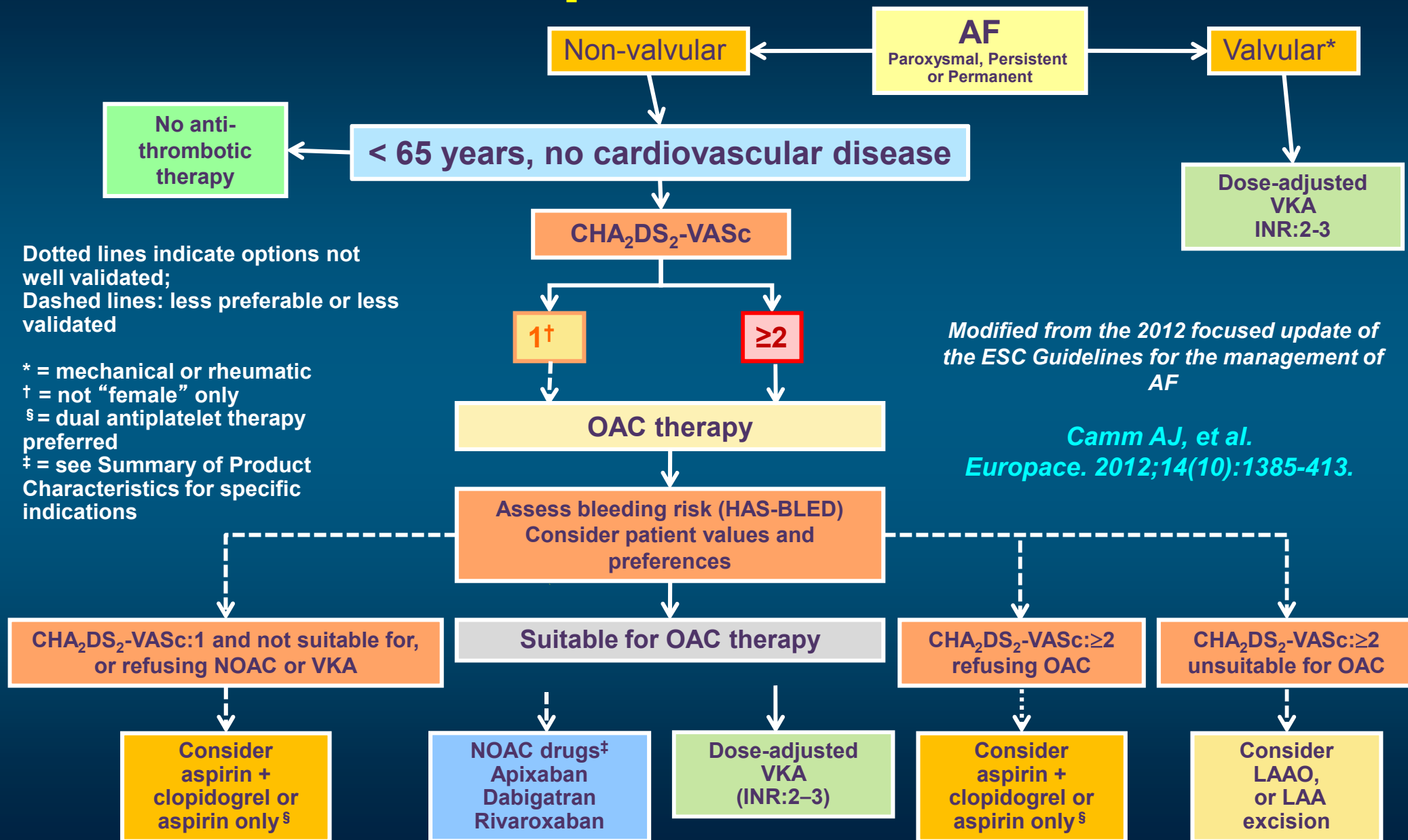




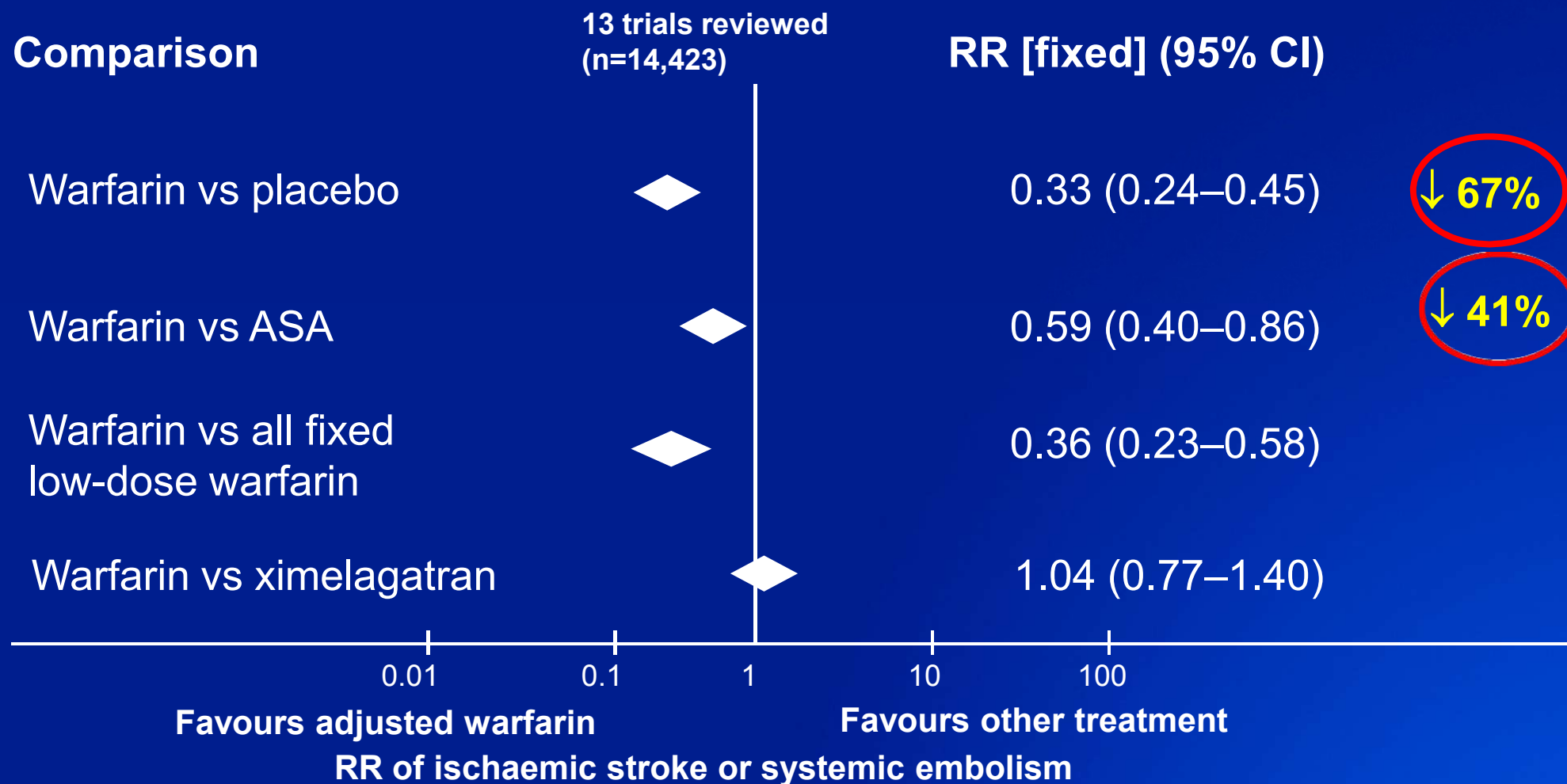
# European AF Treatment Guidelines

	Class	Level
Antithrombotic therapy to prevent thromboembolism for all patients with AF, except those patients (both male and female) who are at low risk (aged < 65 years and lone AF), or with contraindications.	I	A
The choice of antithrombotic therapy should be based upon the absolute risks of stroke/thromboembolism and bleeding and the net clinical benefit for a given patient.	I	A
The CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score is recommended as a means of assessing stroke risk in non-valvular AF.	I	A
In patients with a CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score of ≥ 2, OAC therapy with adjusted dose VKA (INR 2-3), or a direct thrombin inhibitor (dabigatran), or a oral factor Xa inhibitor (eg, rivaroxaban, apixaban) is recommended unless contraindicated.	I	A
In patients with a CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score of 1, OAC with adjusted dose VKA (INR 2-3), or a direct thrombin inhibitor (dabigatran), or a oral factor Xa inhibitor (eg rivaroxaban, apixaban) should be considered based upon assessment of the risk of bleeding complications and patient preferences.	IIa	A

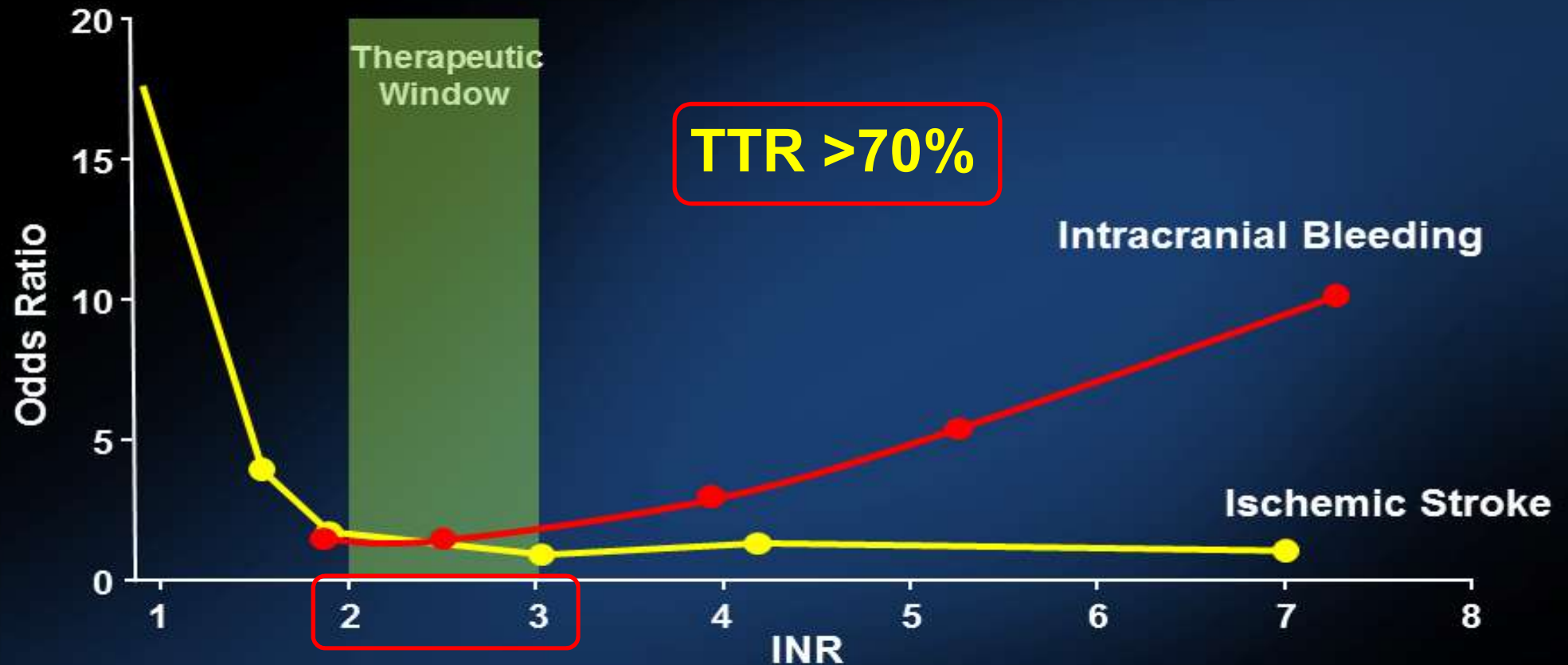
# ESC 2012 Update AF Guidelines



# Meta-analysis of ischaemic stroke/systemic embolism with adjusted-dose oral anticoagulants in AF



# U Shaped Dose Response Curve: Warfarin Dose in Atrial Fibrillation



ICH is the most lethal form of stroke. 30-day mortality rates with ICH estimated at 30% to 55%<sup>1,2</sup>

Abbreviation: INR = International Normalized Ratio.

Adapted from Fuster V et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2011;57(11):e101-e198. Modified with permission from Hylek EM, Singer DE. *Ann Intern Med.* 1994;120:897-902. Data from Odén A, Fahlén M, Hart RG. *Thromb Res.* 2006;117:493-499.

1. Freeman WD, Aguilar MI. *Expert Rev Neurother.* 2008;8(2):271-290. 2. Aguilar MI et al. *Mayo Clin Proc.* 2007;82(1):82-92.

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# VKAs have many drug–drug interactions

## Increased INR response

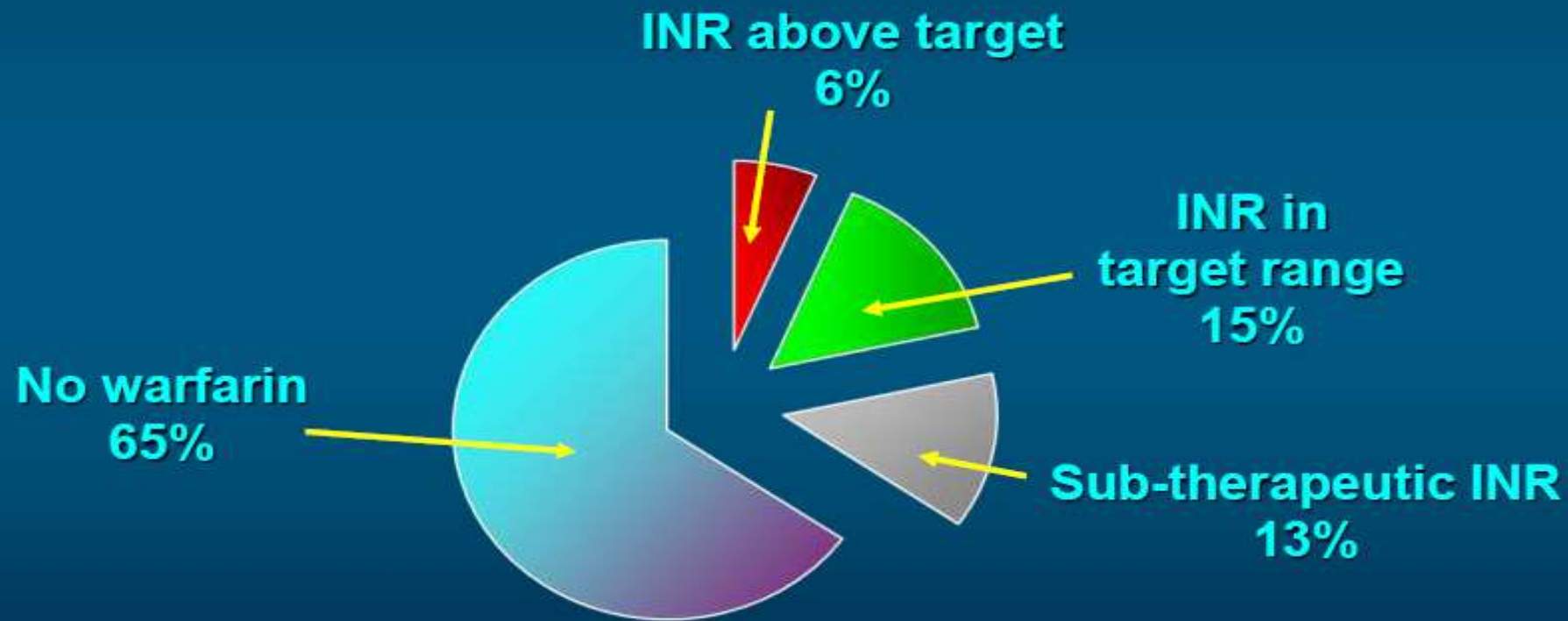
Specific Drugs Reported		
acetaminophen	fenofibrate	oxymetholone
alcohol†	fenoprofen	pantoprazole
allopurinol	fluconazole	paroxetine
aminosalicylic acid	fluorouracil	penicillin G, intravenous
amiodarone HCl	fluoxetine	pentoxifylline
argatroban	flutamide	phenylbutazone
aspirin	fluvastatin	phenytoin†
atenolol	flvoxamine	piperacillin
atorvastatin†	gefitinib	piroxicam
azithromycin	gemfibrozil	pravastatin†
bivalirudin	glucagon	prednisone†
capecitabine	halothane	propafenone
cefamandole	heparin	propoxyphene
cefazolin	ibuprofen	propranolol
cefoperazone	ifosfamide	propylthiouracil†
cefotetan	indomethacin	quinidine
cefoxitin	influenza virus vaccine	quinine
ceftriaxone	itraconazole	rabeprazole
celecoxib	ketoprofen	ranitidine†
cervastatin	ketorolac	rofecoxib
chenodiol	lansoprazole	sertraline
chloramphenicol	lepirudin	simvastatin
chloral hydrate†	levamisole	stanozolol
chlorpropamide	levofloxacin	streptokinase
cholestyramine†	levothyroxine	sulfamethizole
cimetidine	liothyronine	sulfamethoxazole
ciprofloxacin	lovastatin	sulfipyrazone
cisapride	mefenamic acid	sulfisoxazole
clarithromycin	methimazole†	sulindac
clofibrate	methyl dopa	tamoxifen
COUMADIN overdose	methylphenidate	tetracycline
cyclophosphamide†	methylsalicylate ointment (topical)	thyroid
danazol	metronidazole	ticarcillin
dextran	miconazole (intravaginal, oral, systemic)	ticlopidine
dextrothyroxine	moricyzine hydrochloride†	tissue plasminogen activator (t-PA)
diazoxide	nalidixic acid	tolbutamide
diclofenac	naproxen	tramadol
dicumarol	neomycin	trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
diflunisal	norfloxacin	urokinase
disulfiram	ofloxacin	valdecoxib
doxycycline	olsalazine	valproate
erythromycin	omeprazole	vitamin E
esomeprazole	oxandrolone	zafirlukast
ethacrynic acid	oxaprozin	zileuton
ezetimibe		

## Decreased INR response

Specific Drugs Reported		
alcohol†	COUMADIN underdosage	phenytoin†
aminoglutethimide	cyclophosphamide†	pravastatin†
amobarbital	dicloxacillin	prednisone†
atorvastatin†	ethchlorvynol	primidone
azathioprine	glutethimide	propylthiouracil†
butabarbital	griseofulvin	raloxifene
butalbital	haloperidol	ranitidine†
carbamazepine	meprobamate	rifampin
chloral hydrate†	6-mercaptopurine	secobarbital
chlordiasepoxide	methimazole†	spironolactone
chlorthalidone	moricyzine hydrochloride†	sucralfate
cholestyramine†	nafcillin	trazodone
clozapine	paraldehyde	vitamin C (high dose)
corticotropin	pentobarbital	vitamin K
cortisone	phenobarbital	
also: diet high in vitamin K unreliable PT/INR determinations		

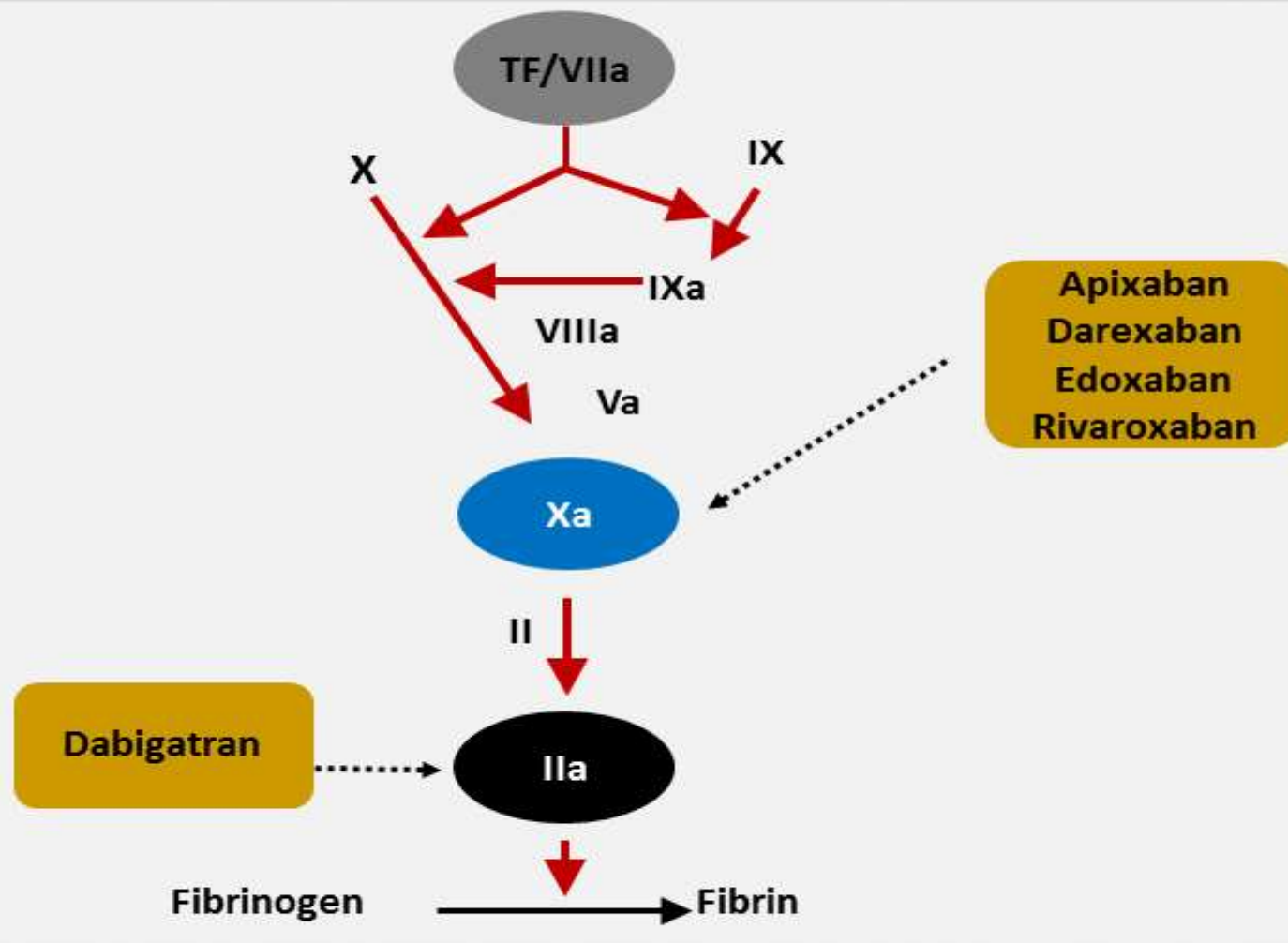
# Inadequate VKA Treatment for AF

## Adequacy of Anticoagulation in Patients with AF in Primary Care Practice



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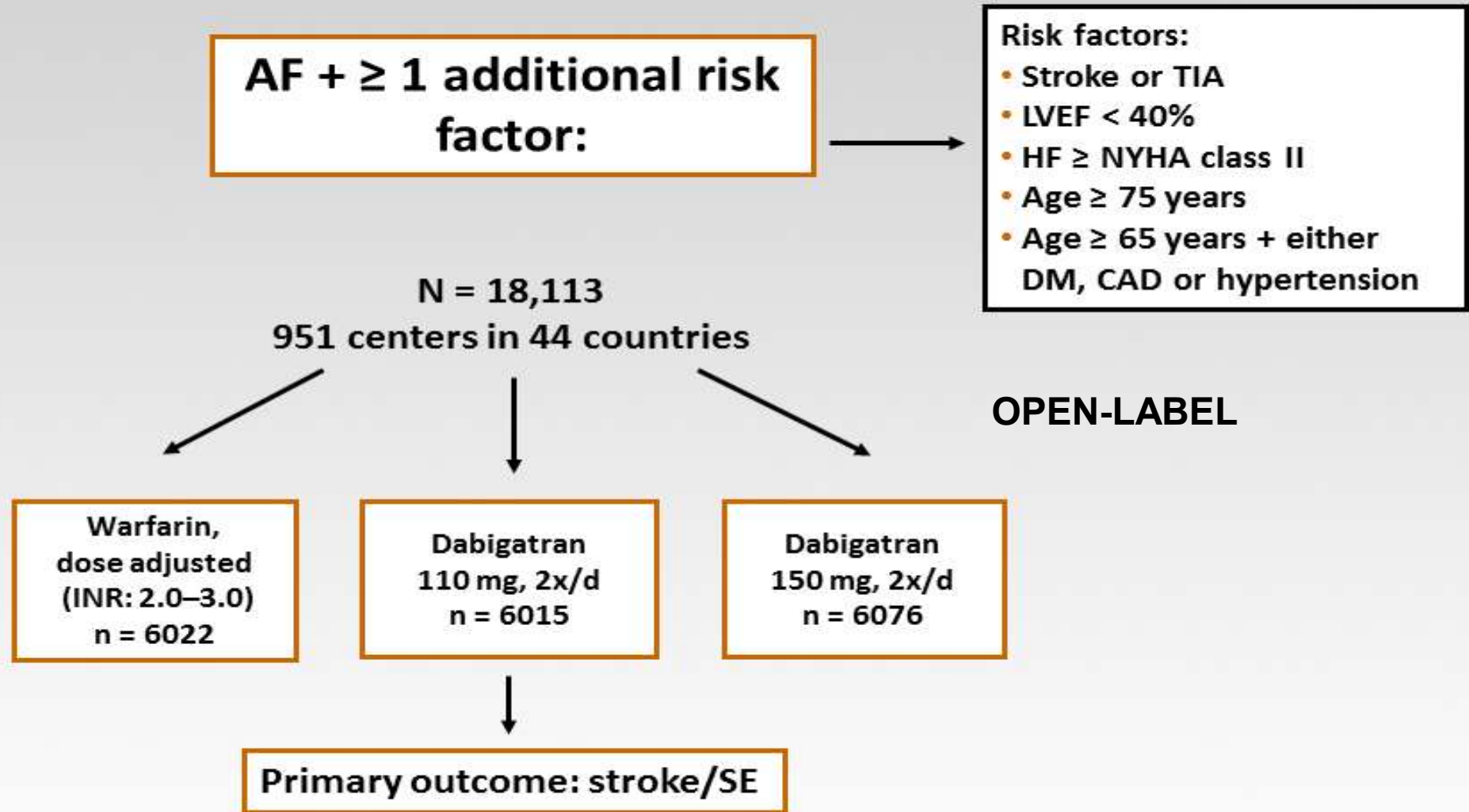
# Site of Action: Oral Anticoagulants





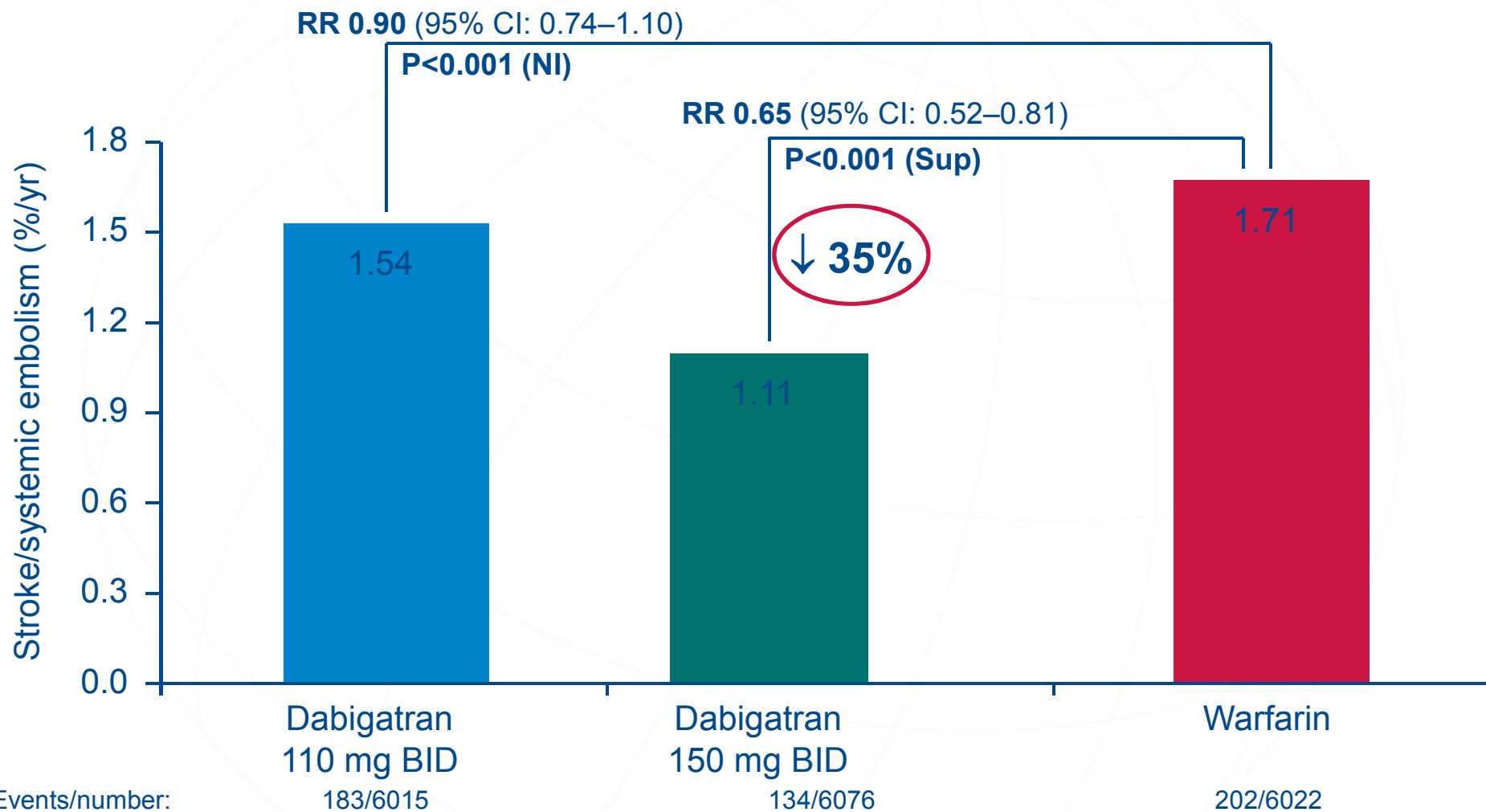
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**(PRADAXA®)**

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## Incidence of stroke or systemic embolism

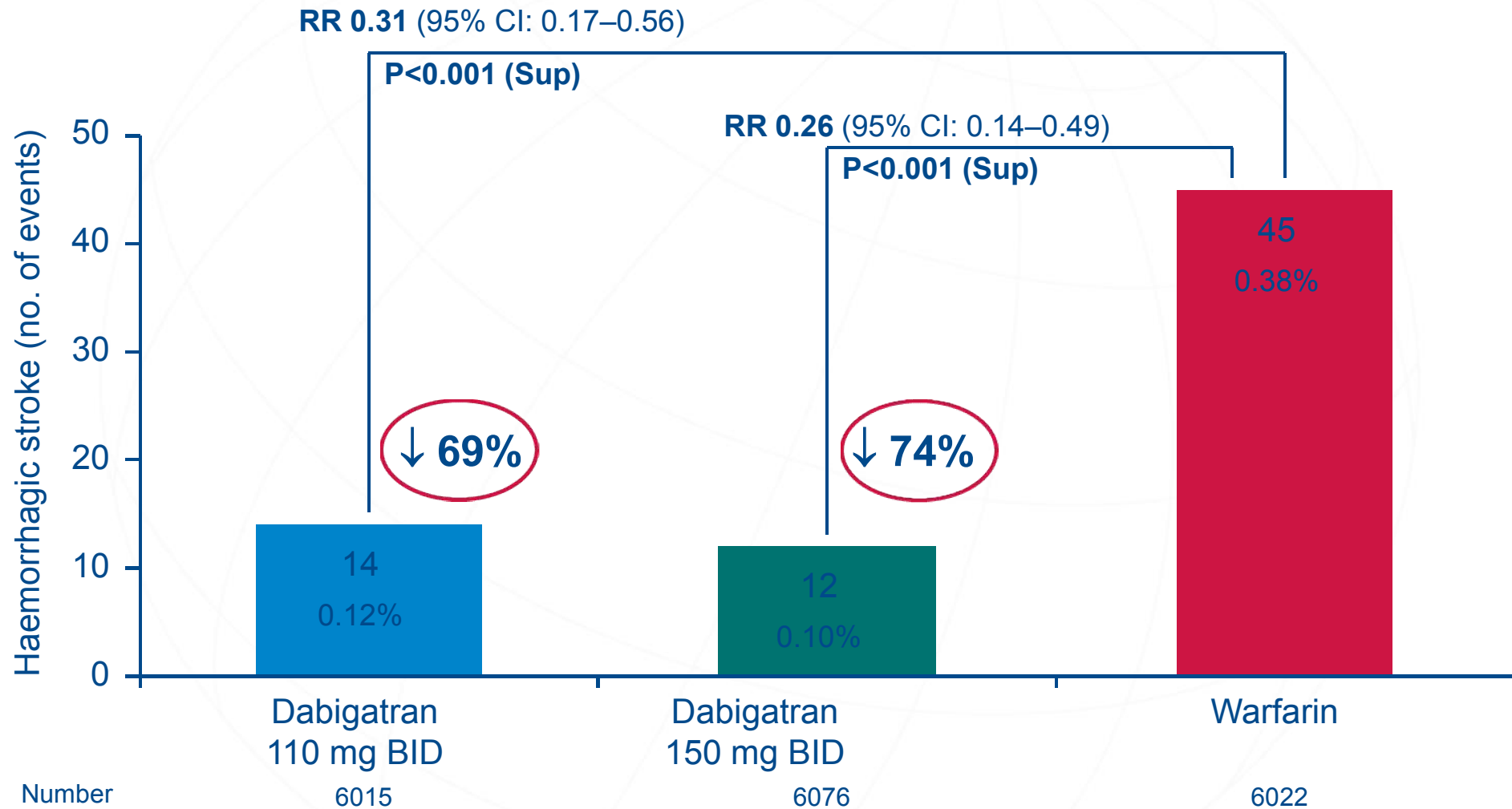


BID = twice daily; NI = non-inferiority; RR = relative risk; RRR = relative risk reduction; Sup = superiority

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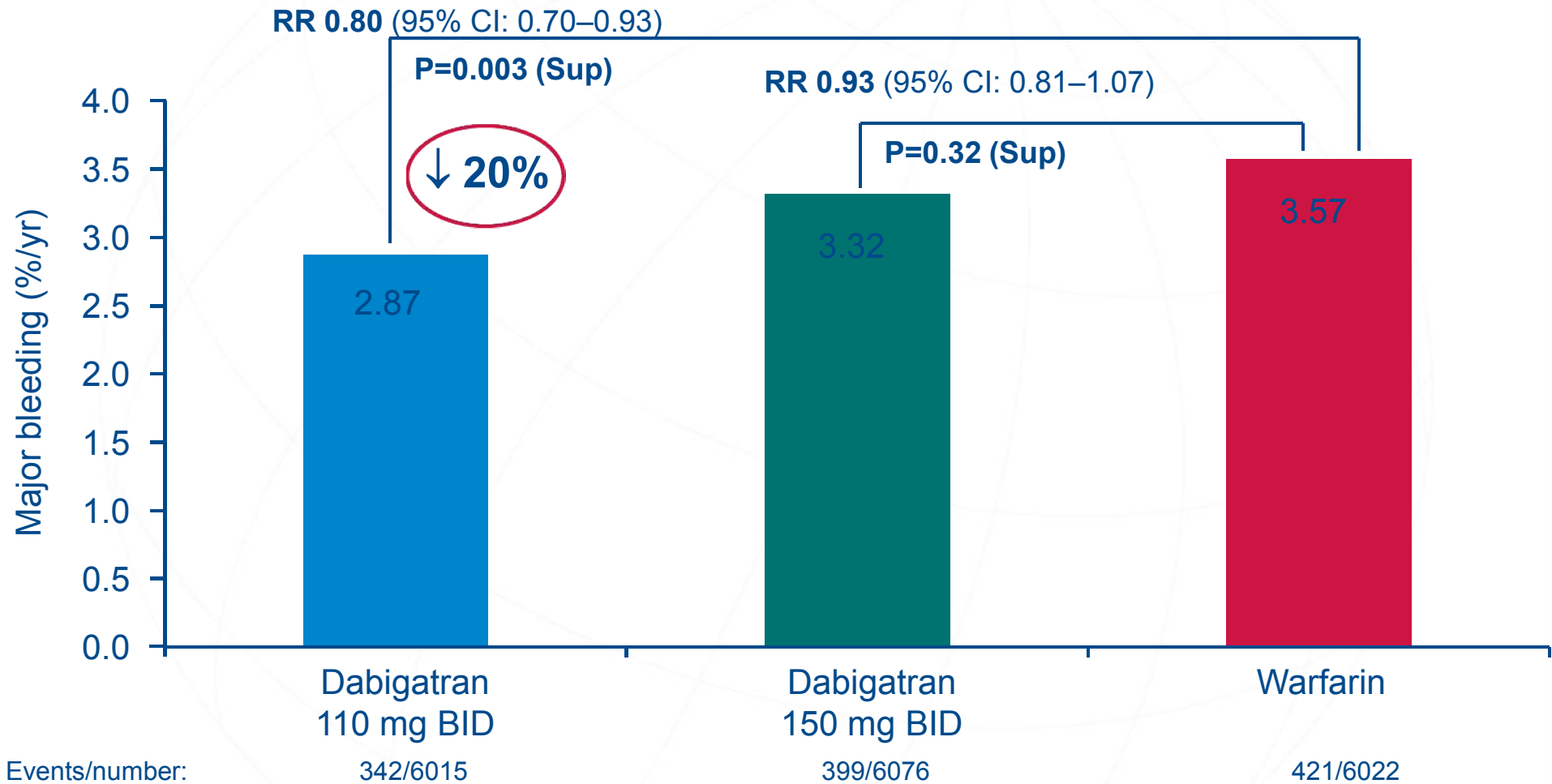
# Haemorrhagic stroke



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# Major bleeding



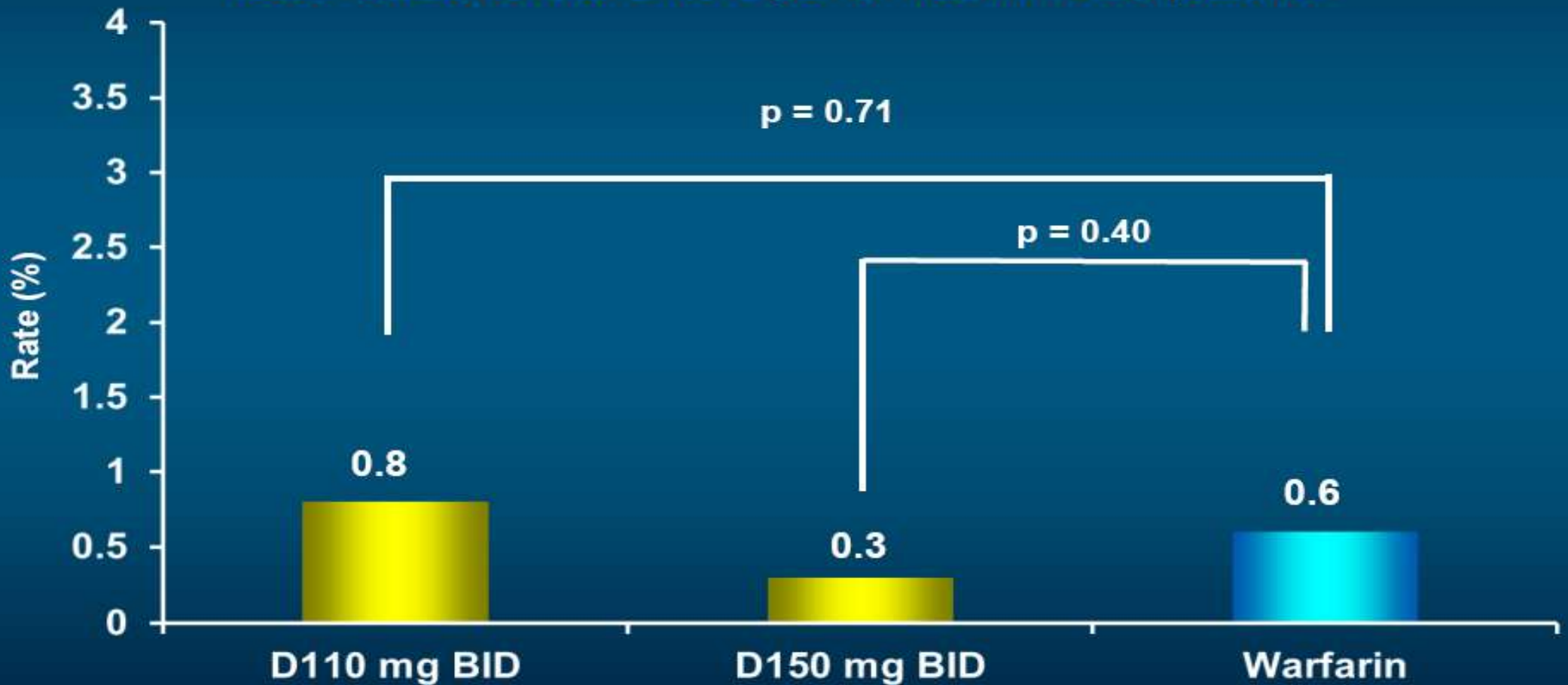
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# Dabigatran - Stroke and Systemic Embolism after Cardioversion

1,983 cardioversions were performed in 1,270 patients



# ΑΛΛΗΛΕΠΙΔΡΑΣΕΙΣ ΤΟΥ DABIGATRAN

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# ΔΟΣΟΛΟΓΙΑ DABIGATRAN

- 150 mg X 2 (με ή χωρίς τροφή)
- 110 mg X 2 όταν:
  - 1) CrCl 30-49 mL/min
  - 2) Ηλικία >80
  - 3) HAS-BLED >3
  - 4) Συγχορήγηση με φάρμακα που έχει αλληλεπιδράσεις (π.χ. βεραπαμίλη)

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**RIVAROXABAN  
(XARELTO®)**

# ROCKET AF: Design

**AF + risk for future stroke  
(history of stroke/TIA/SE) or  
≥ 2 additional risk factors**

**Risk factors:**

- CHF or LVEF ≤ 35%
- Hypertension
- Age ≥ 75 years
- DM

**N = 14,264**

**1178 centers in 45 countries**

**DOUBLE-BLIND**

**Oral rivaroxaban 20 mg \*\*  
+ placebo\***

**Warfarin\*  
+ placebo**

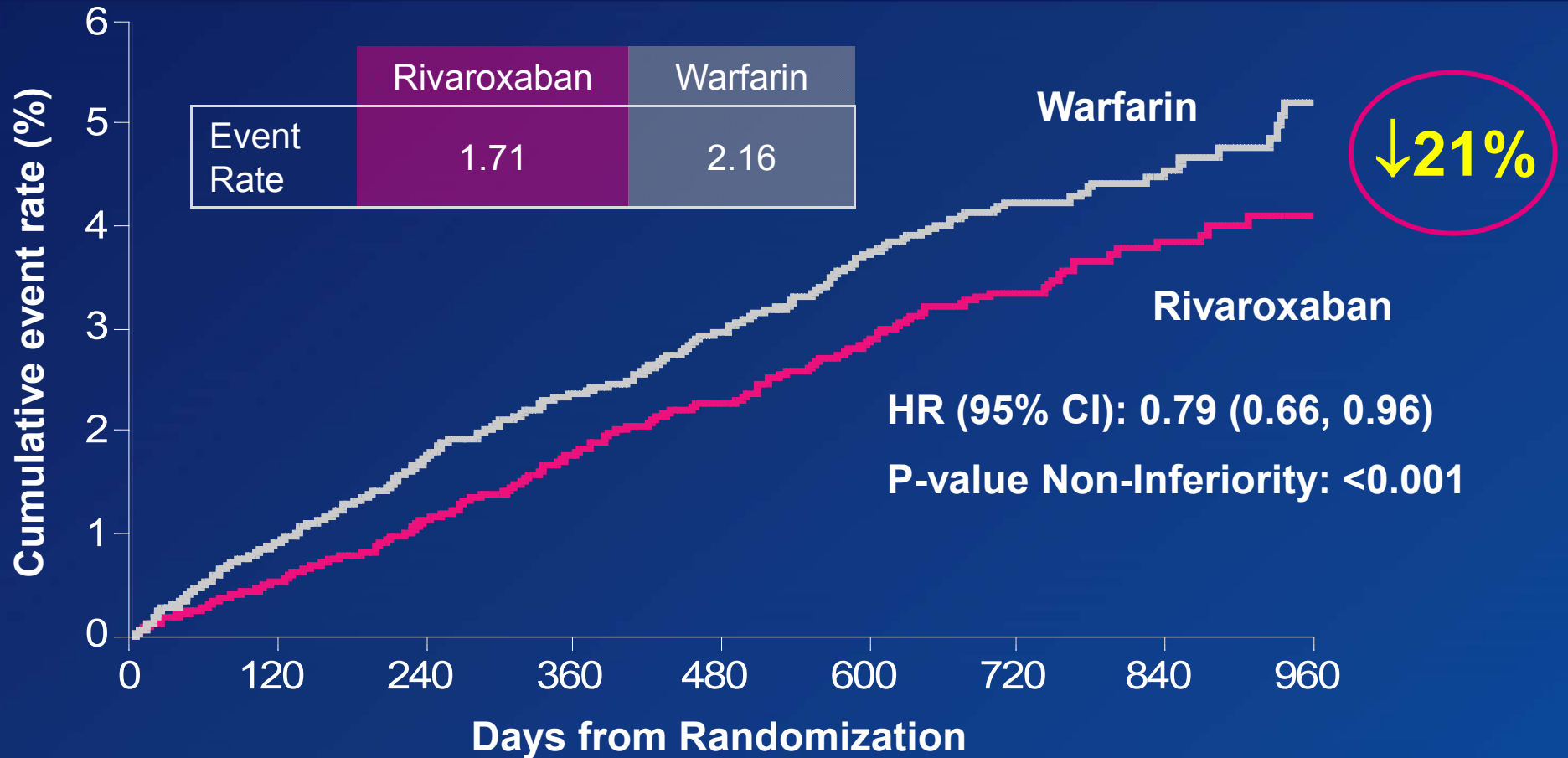
\*Titrated by INR/sham INR  
to INR: 2.5 (range: 2.0-3.0).

\*\*15 mg if CrCl 30-59 mL/min

**Primary outcome: stroke/SE**

# Primary Efficacy Outcome

## Stroke and non-CNS Embolism



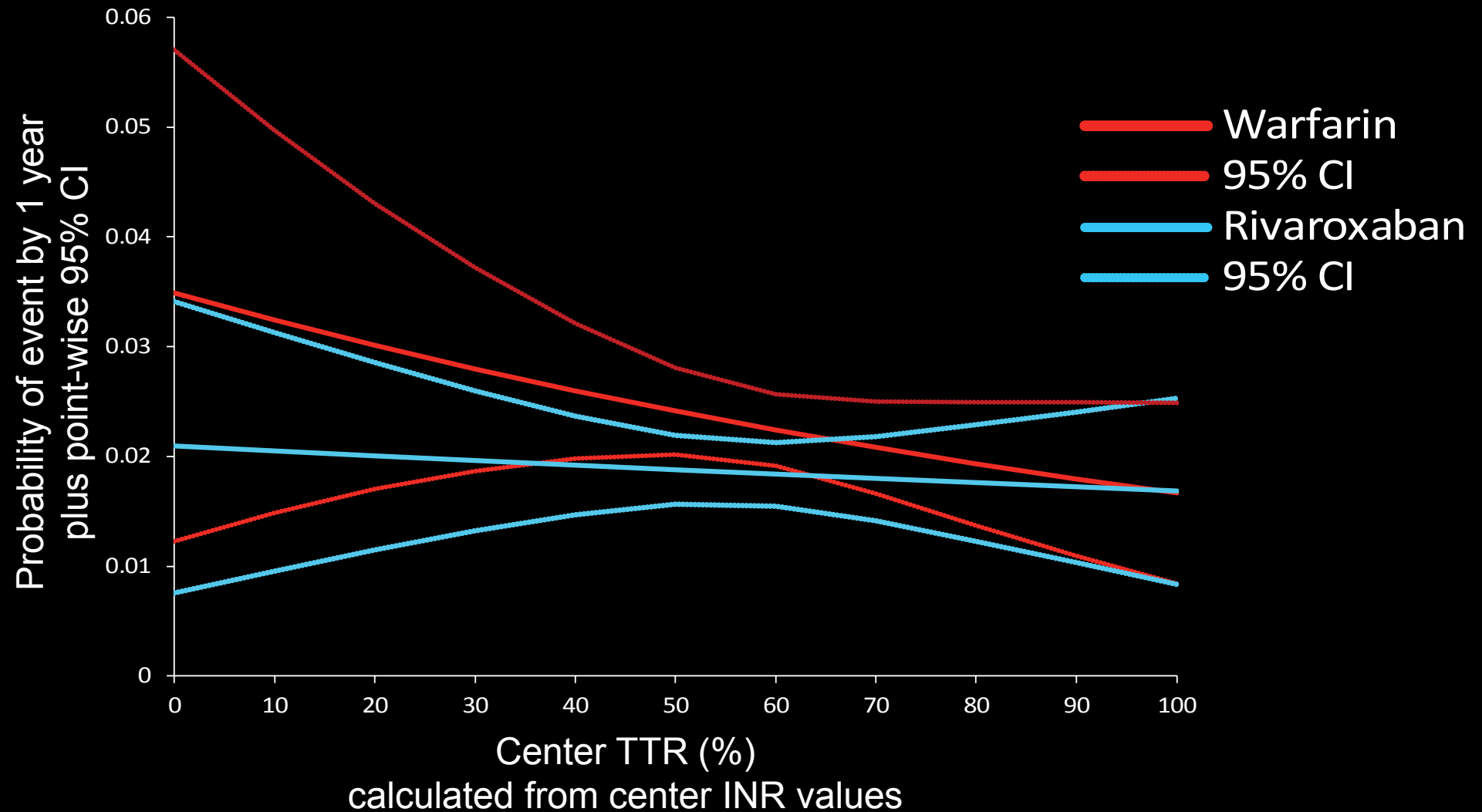
No. at risk:

Rivaroxaban	6958	6211	5786	5468	4406	3407	2472	1496	634
Warfarin	7004	6327	5911	5542	4461	3478	2539	1538	655

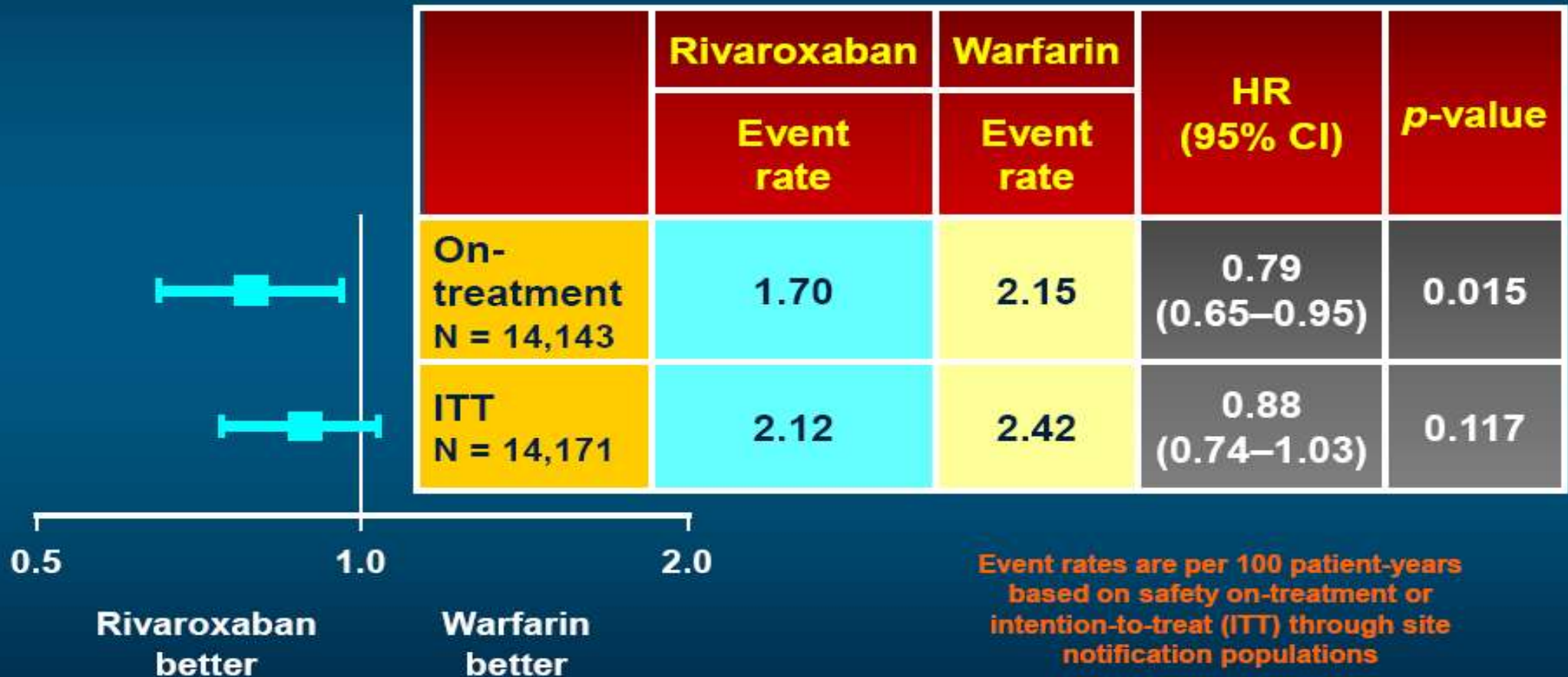
**TTR = 55%**

Event Rates are per 100 patient-years  
Based on Protocol Compliant on Treatment Population

# Probability of stroke/non-CNS embolism according to cTTR



# ROCKET AF: 1<sup>o</sup> Efficacy Outcome Stroke and Non-CNS Embolism



# Key Secondary Efficacy Outcomes

	Rivaroxaban	Warfarin		
	Event Rate	Event Rate	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Vascular Death, Stroke, Embolism	4.51	4.81	0.94 (0.84, 1.05)	0.265
Stroke Type				↓ 42%
Hemorrhagic	0.26	0.44	0.58 (0.38, 0.89)	0.012
Ischemic	1.62	1.64	0.99 (0.82, 1.20)	0.916
Unknown Type	0.15	0.14	1.05 (0.55, 2.01)	0.871
Non-CNS Embolism	0.16	0.21	0.74 (0.42, 1.32)	0.308
Myocardial Infarction	1.02	1.11	0.91 (0.72, 1.16)	0.464
All Cause Mortality	4.52	4.91	0.92 (0.82, 1.03)	0.152
Vascular	2.91	3.11	0.94 (0.81, 1.08)	0.350
Non-vascular	1.15	1.22	0.94 (0.75, 1.18)	0.611
Unknown Cause	0.46	0.57	0.80 (0.57, 1.12)	0.195

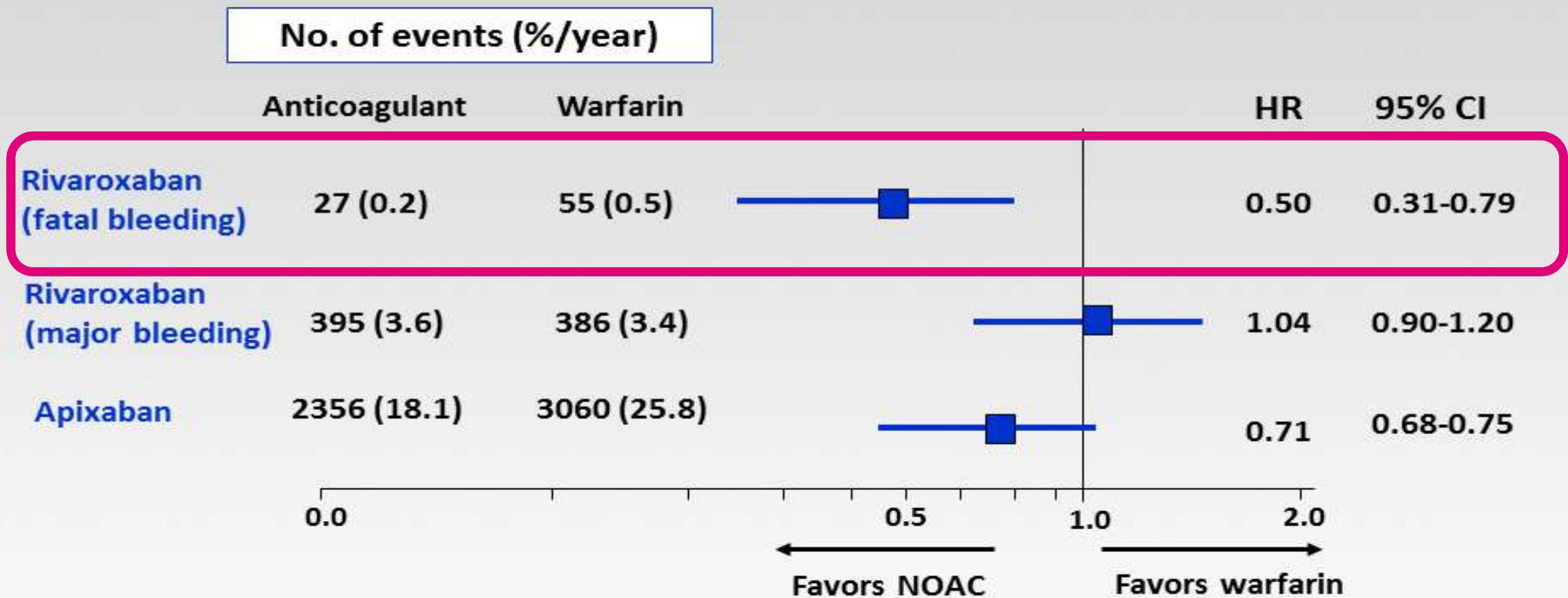
Event Rates are per 100 patient-years  
Based on Intention-to-Treat Population

# ROCKET AF: Primary Safety Outcomes

Bleeding	Rivaroxaban Event Rate n = 7111	Warfarin Event Rate n = 7125	HR 95% CI	P Value
Major and Nonmajor Clinically Relevant	14.9	14.5	1.03 (0.96-1.11)	.44
• Major	3.6	3.4	1.04 (0.90-1.20)	.58
• Nonmajor Clinically Relevant	11.8	11.4	1.04 (0.96-1.13)	.35
Intracranial Hemorrhage	↓ 33% 0.5	0.7	0.67 (0.47-0.93)	.02

Event rates are per 100 patient-years  
based on first event in the safety population during treatment.

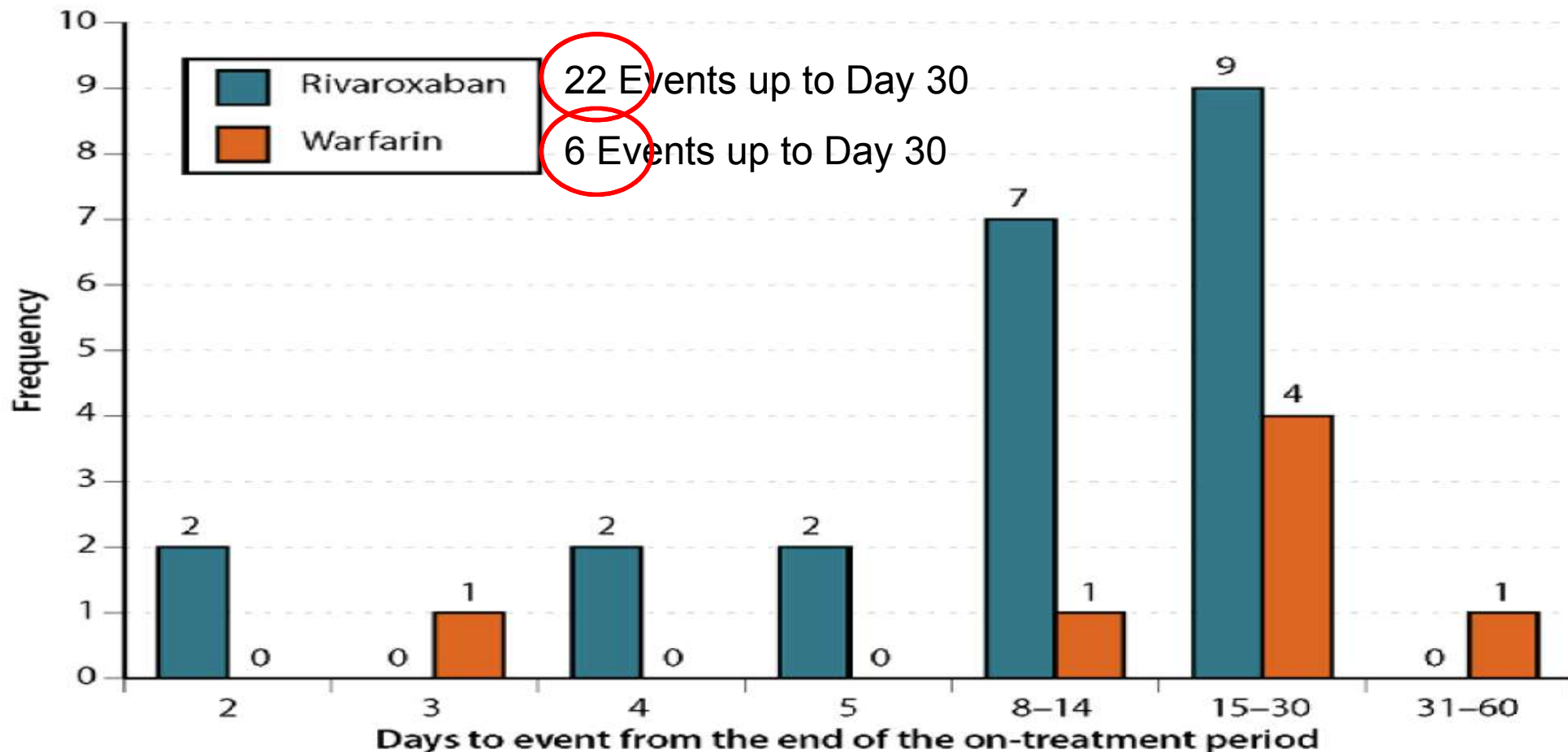
# Risk for Major Bleeding With Rivaroxaban vs Warfarin—Clinical Trials





# ROCKET AF: Events after unblinding and transition to open label therapy

First Primary Event During Transition to Open-Label Therapy for Patients Completing the Study



# Rivaroxaban: practical considerations

## Label statement:

Rivaroxaban (15 mg and 20 mg) is to be taken **with food**

## Label statement:

The use of rivaroxaban **is not recommended in patients receiving concomitant systemic treatment with azole-antimycotics (such as ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole and posaconazole) or HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir)**

## Label statement: special warnings and precautions

**Strong CYP3A4 inducers should be co-administered with caution**

**Table 5** Effect on NOAC plasma levels ('area under the curve, AUC') from drug–drug interactions and clinical factors, and recommendations towards NOAC dosing

	Via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban <sup>a</sup>	Rivaroxaban
Atorvastatin	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+18% <sup>29</sup>	No data yet	No effect <sup>30</sup>	No effect <sup>27,31</sup>
Digoxin	P-gp competition	No effect <sup>32</sup>	No data yet	No effect <sup>30</sup>	No effect <sup>27,33</sup>
Verapamil	P-gp competition (and weak CYP3A4 inhibition)	+12–180% <sup>24</sup> (reduce dose and take simultaneously)	No data yet	+53% (SR) <sup>30</sup> (reduce dose by 50%) <sup>a</sup>	Minor effect (use with caution if CrCl 15–50 ml/min)
Diltiazem	P-gp competition and weak CYP3A4 inhibition	No effect <sup>24</sup>	+40% <sup>5mPC</sup>	No data yet	Minor effect (use with caution if CrCl 15–50 ml/min)
Quinidine	P-gp competition	+50%	No data yet	+80% <sup>30</sup> (reduce dose by 50%) <sup>b</sup>	+50%
Amiodarone	P-gp competition	+12–60% <sup>24</sup>	No data yet	No effect <sup>30</sup>	Minor effect (use with caution if CrCl 15–50 ml/min)
Dronedarone	P-gp and CYP3A4 inhibitor	+70–100% (US: 2 × 75 mg)	No data yet	+85% (reduce dose by 50%) <sup>a</sup>	No data yet
Ketoconazole; itraconazole; voriconazole; posaconazole	P-gp and BCRP competition; CYP3A4 inhibition	+140–150% (US: 2 × 75 mg)	+100% <sup>5mPC</sup>	No data yet	Up to +160% <sup>27</sup>
Fluconazole	Moderate CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	No data yet	No data yet	+42% (if systemically administered) <sup>27</sup>
Cyclosporin; tacrolimus	P-gp competition	No data yet	No data yet	No data yet	+50%
Clarithromycin; erythromycin	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+15–20%	No data yet	No data yet	+30–54% <sup>26,27</sup>
HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir)	P-gp and BCRP competition or inducer; CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	Strong increase <sup>5mPC</sup>	No data yet	Up to +153% <sup>27</sup>
Rifampicin; St John's wort; carbamazepine; phenytoin; phenobarbital	P-gp/ BCRP and CYP3A4/CYP2J2 inducers	–66% <sup>24</sup>	–54% <sup>3mPC</sup>	–35%	Up to –50%
Antacids (H2B; PPI; Al-Mg-hydroxide)	GI absorption	–12–30% <sup>22–24</sup>	No data yet	No effect	No effect <sup>21,25</sup>
<b>Other factors</b>					
Age ≥ 80 years	Increased plasma level			No data yet	
Age ≥ 75 years	Increased plasma level			No data yet	
Weight ≤ 60 kg	Increased plasma level				
Renal function	Increased plasma level	See Table 7			
Other increased bleeding risk		Pharmacodynamic interactions (antiplatelet drugs; NSAID; systemic steroid therapy; other anticoagulants); history or active GI bleeding; recent surgery on critical organ (brain; eye); thrombocytopenia (e.g. chemotherapy); HAS-BLED ≥ 3			

# Drug Interactions

Resulting in at least 50% change in exposure to dabigatran and rivaroxaban

Mechanism	Drugs	Change in Exposure to Dabigatran, %	Change in Exposure to Rivaroxaban, %
<b>P-gp Inhibition</b>	Ketoconazole <sup>a</sup>	↑150	↑160
	Quinidine	↑53	
	Amiodarone	↑60	
	Verapamil <sup>b</sup>	↑50	
<b>P-gp/CYP3A4 Induction</b>	Rifampicin	↓67	↓50
	St. John's wort	ND	ND
<b>CYP3A4 Inhibition</b>	Ketoconazole <sup>a</sup>		↑160
	Clarithromycin		↑50
	Ritonavir		↑50

a. Contraindicated

b. Dependent on formulation

# ΔΟΣΟΛΟΓΙΑ RIVAROXABAN ΣΤΗΝ ΚΟΛΠΙΚΗ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΥΓΗ

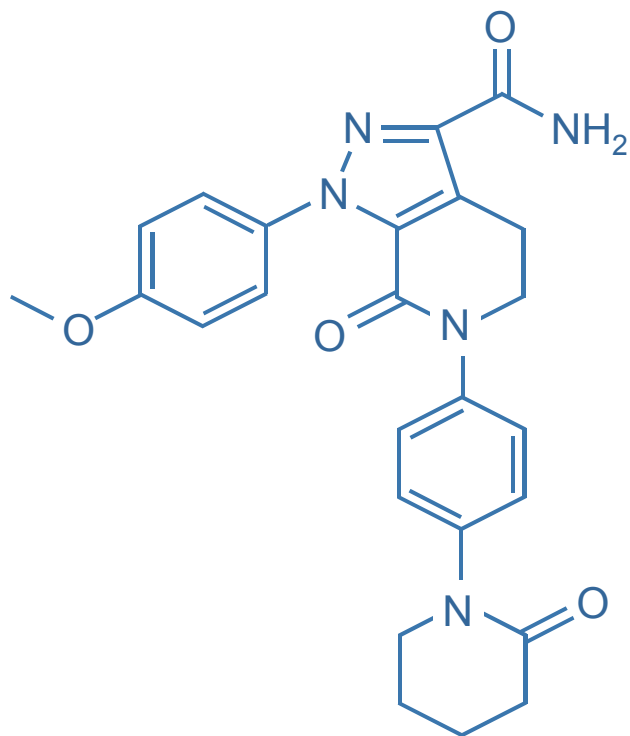
- 20 mg X 1 με το φαγητό
- 15 mg X 1 όταν:
  - 1) CrCl 30-49 mL/min (με προσοχή όταν CrCl 15-29)
  - 2) HAS-BLED >3

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**APIXABAN**

**(ELIQUIS®)**

# Apixaban



Apixaban

## Το apixaban είναι μια δομικά νέα και ουδέτερη δικυκλική πυραζόλη

- Χωρίς προφάρμακο
- Από του στόματος βιοδιαθεσιμότητα: ~50%
- $T_{max}$ : 3–4 ώρες
- ~87% σύνδεση με τις πρωτεΐνες του πλάσματος
- $T_{1/2}$ : ~12 ώρες
- Πολλαπλές οδοί αποβολής/απέκκρισης: ~27% νεφρική κάθαρση
- Χωρίς δραστικό μεταβολίτη στην κυκλοφορία

# AVERROES

AF +  $\geq 1$  additional risk factor

Risk factors:

- Prior stroke or TIA
- Age  $\geq 75$  years
- Hypertension
- DM
- HF  $\geq$  NYHA class II
- LVEF  $\leq 35\%$
- PAD

N = 5599

522 centers in 36 countries

Oral apixaban 2.5-5 mg,\*  
2x/d  
+ placebo

Aspirin 81-324 mg,  
1x/d  
+ placebo

DOUBLE-BLIND

Primary outcome: stroke/SE

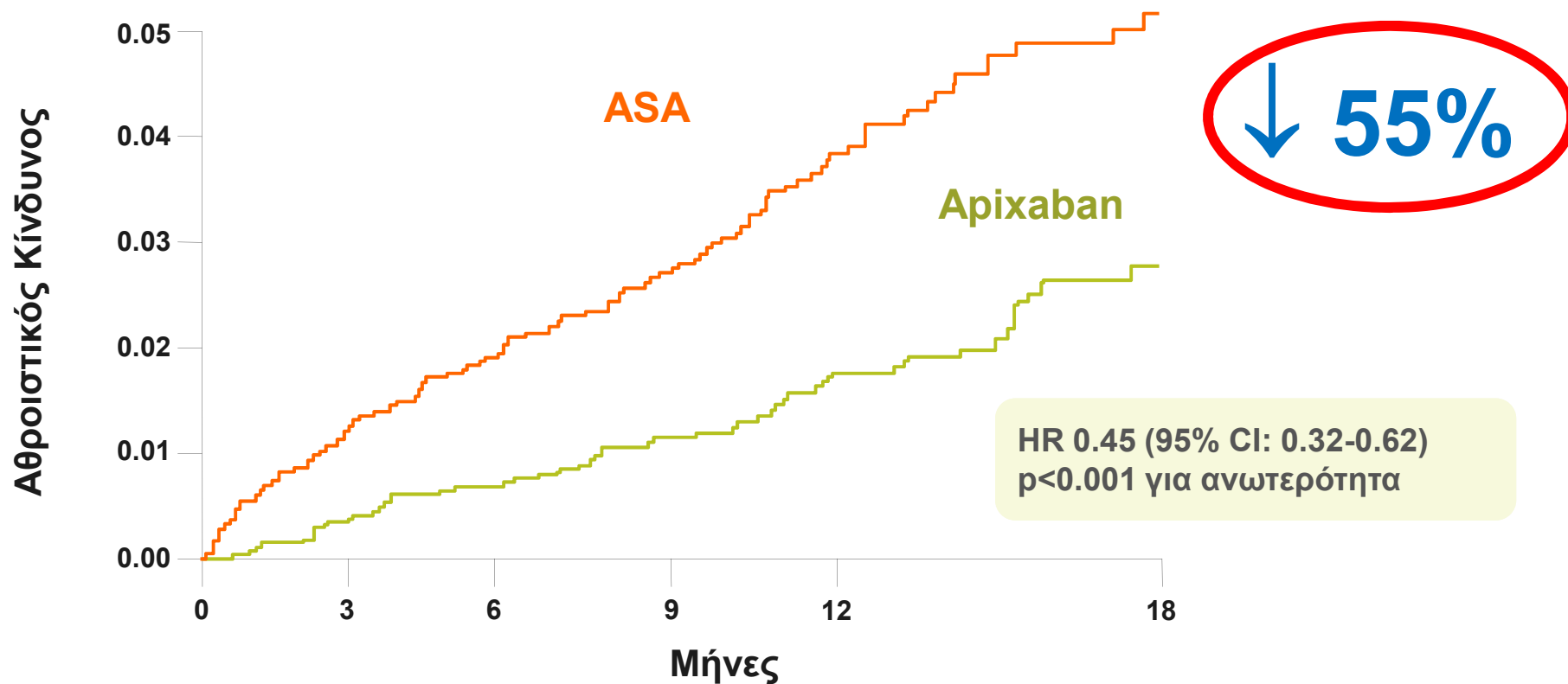
\* 2.5 mg όταν ηλικία  $>80$ , βάρος  $<60$  Kg ή κρεατινίνη  $>1.5$  mg/dL

**Trial stopped June 2010 - clear benefit in apixaban group<sup>a</sup>**

*Apixaban, a direct factor Xa inhibitor, is an investigational agent not yet approved for use in the United States.*



# ΑVERROES: Πρόληψη ΑΕΕ ή συστηματικής εμβολής\*



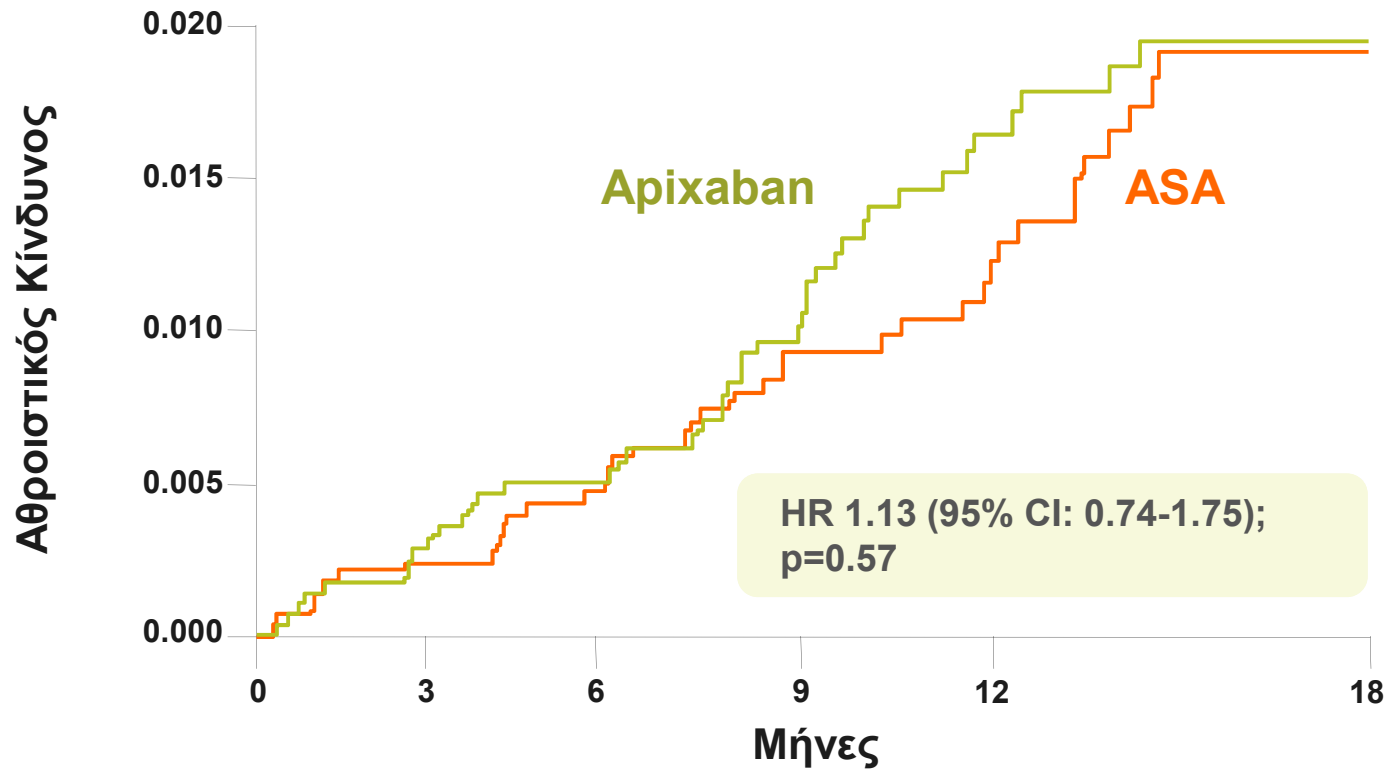
Ασθενείς σε κίνδυνο

Apixaban	2808	2758	2566	2125	1522	615
ASA	2791	2716	2530	2112	1543	628

Προσαρμογή από Connolly et al. N Engl J Med 2011;364:806-17.

\*Πρωτεύουσα έκβαση  
αποτελεσματικότητας

# ΑΒΕΡΡΟΕΣ: Κίνδυνος μείζονος αιμορραγίας\* μεταξύ apixaban και ASA



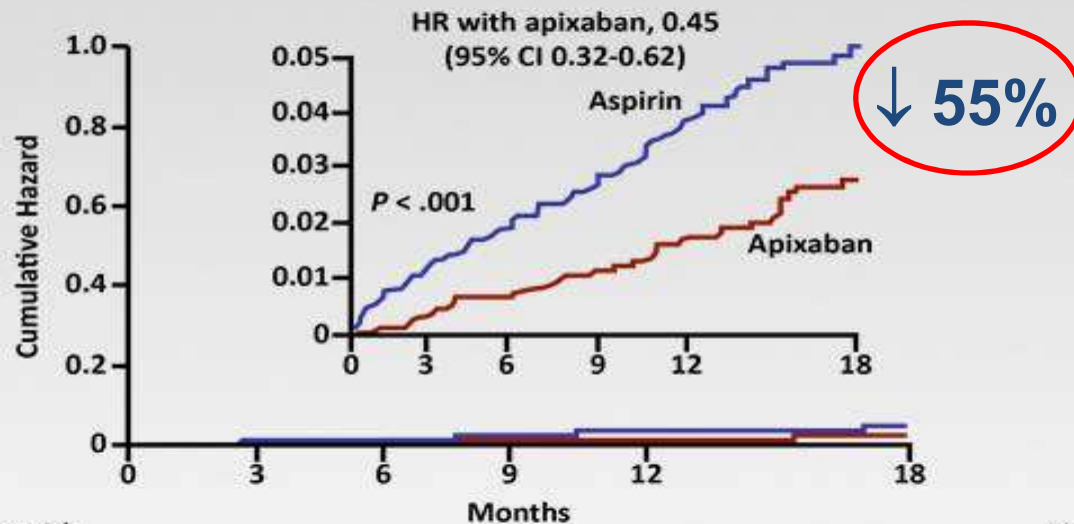
Ασθενείς σε κίνδυνο

Apixaban	2808	2759	2566	2120	1521	622
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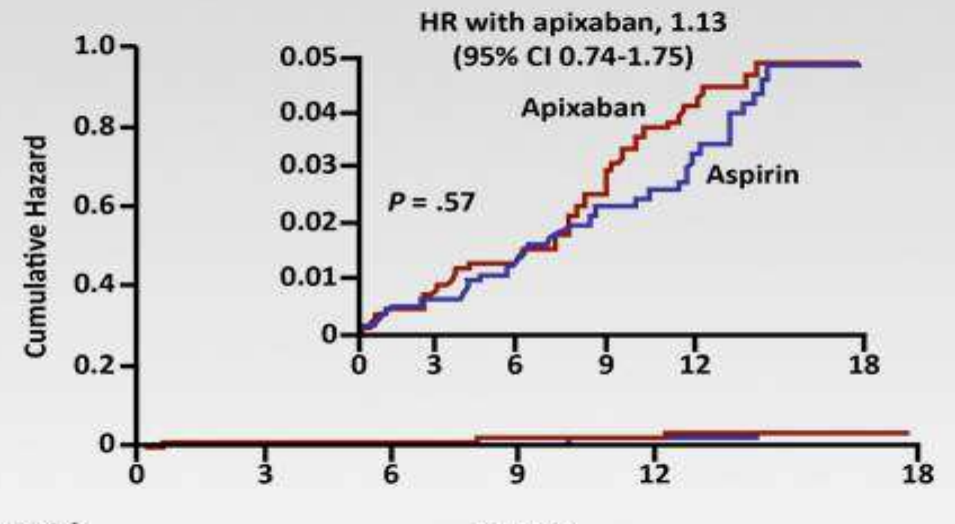
# AVERROES

## Stroke or Systemic Embolism



No. at risk	Months					
	0	3	6	9	12	18
Aspirin	2791	2716	2530	2112	1543	628
Apixaban	2808	2758	2566	2125	1522	615

## Major Bleeding



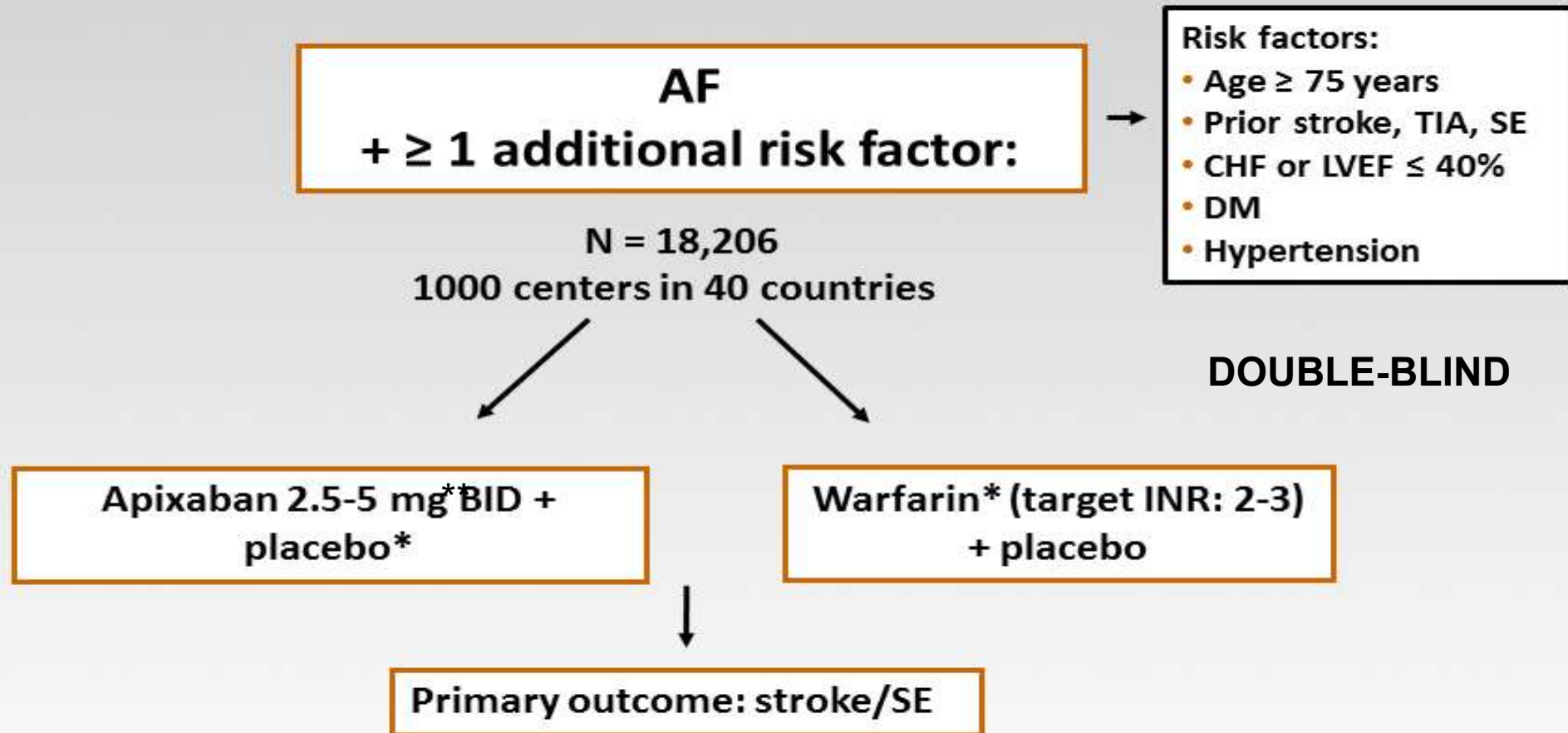
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# AVERROES (cont)

Endpoint	Apixaban	Aspirin	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P
Stroke or Systemic Embolism (%/Year)	1.6	3.7	0.45 (0.32-0.62)	< .001
Mortality (%/Year)	3.5	4.4	0.79 (0.62-1.02)	.07
Major Bleeding (%/Year)	1.4	1.2	1.13 (0.74-1.75)	.57
GI BLEEDING (%/year)	0.4	0.4		.71

↓ 21%

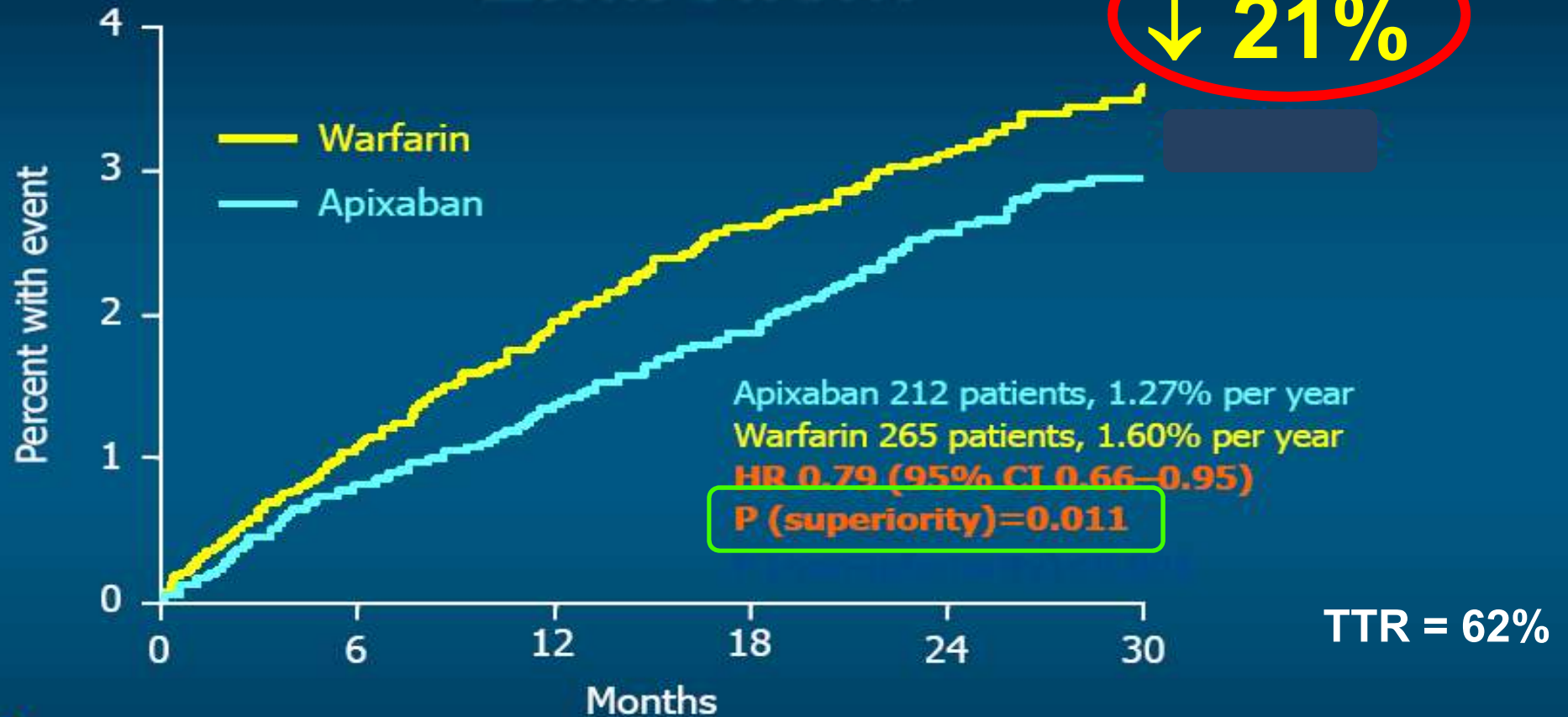
# ARISTOTLE Trial Design



\* Adjusted by INR/sham INR at encrypted point-of-care testing device.

\*\*2.5 mg όταν ηλικία  $>80$ , βάρος  $<60$  Kg ή κρεατινίνη  $>1.5$  mg/dL

# ARISTOTLE: Stroke or Systemic Embolism



## No. at risk

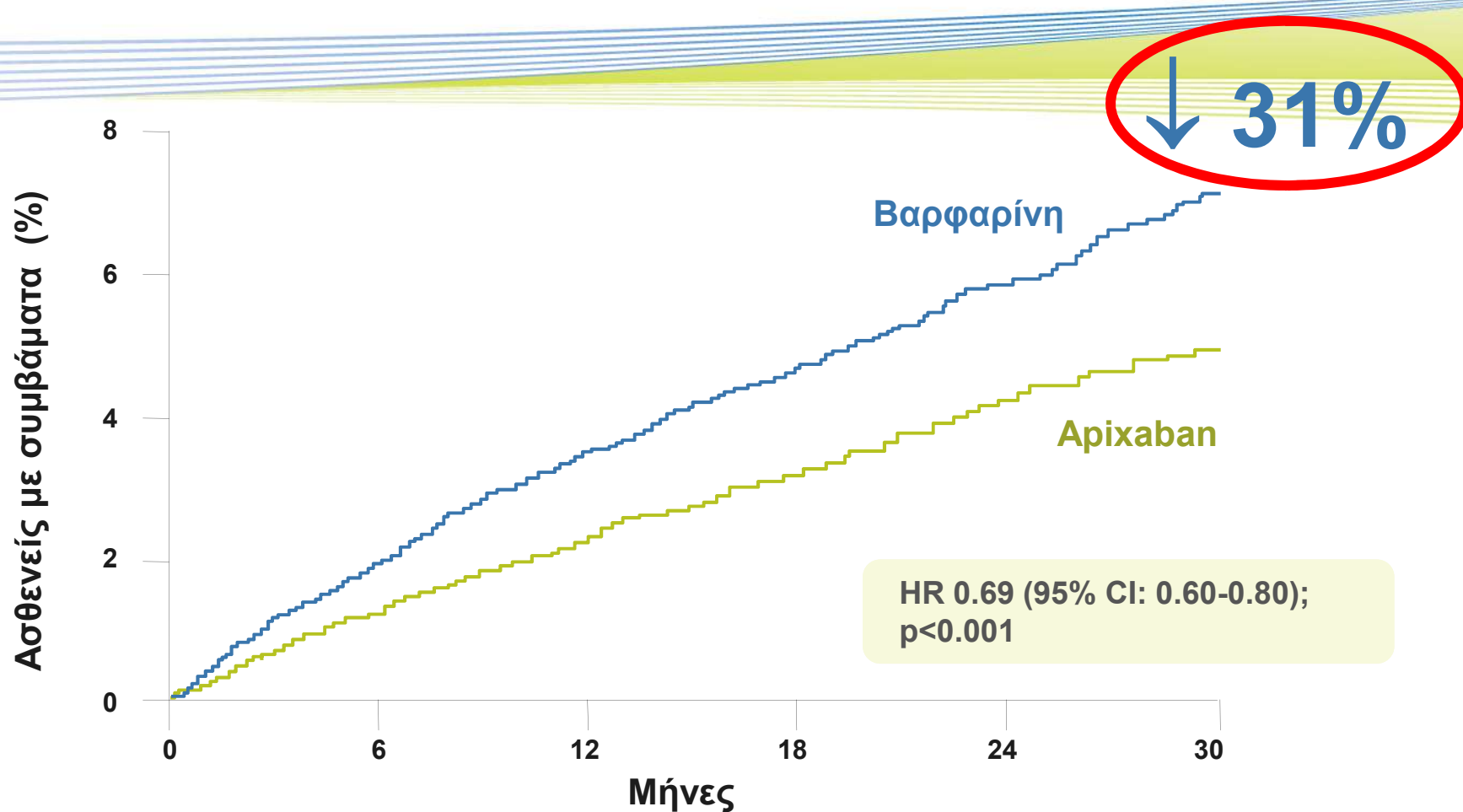
Apixaban	9120	8726	8440	6051	3464	1754
Warfarin	9081	8620	8301	5972	3405	1768

Apixaban is not approved for clinical use in stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation.

Granger et al. 2011 *N Engl J Med* 365:981-92

CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio;  
 RRR = relative risk reduction

# ARISTOTLE: Κίνδυνος μείζονος αιμορραγίας\*



Ασθενείς σε κίνδυνο

Apixaban	9088	8103	7564	5365	3048	1515
Βαρφαρίνη	9052	7910	7335	5196	2956	1491

Adapted from Granger et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011;365:981-92.

\* Η μείζων αιμορραγία καθορίστηκε σύμφωνα με τα κριτήρια ISTH

# ARISTOTLE: Efficacy and Bleeding Outcomes

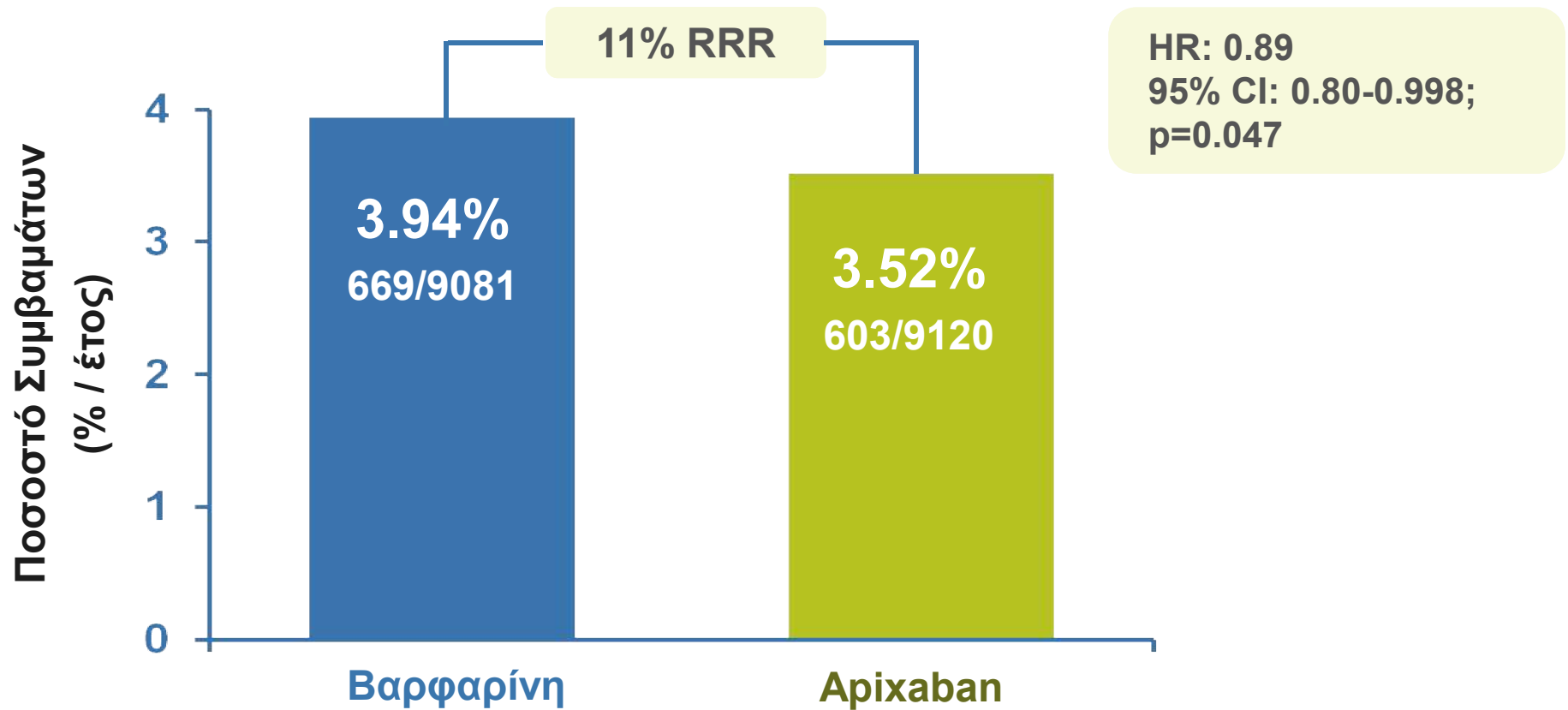
	Apixaban n = 9120 Event Rate	Warfarin n = 9081 Event Rate	HR 95% CI	P Value
Intracranial bleeding	0.33	0.80	0.42 (0.30-0.58)	↓ 58% <.001
Any bleeding	18.1	25.8	0.71 (0.68-0.75)	↓ 29% <.001



# ARISTOTLE: Θνησιμότητα

↓ 11%

Θνησιμότητα από κάθε αίτιο\*



Γράφημα από δεδομένα των Granger et al. *N Engl J Med* 2011;365:981-92.

\*Κύριο δευτερεύον τελικό σημείο αποτελεσματικότητας

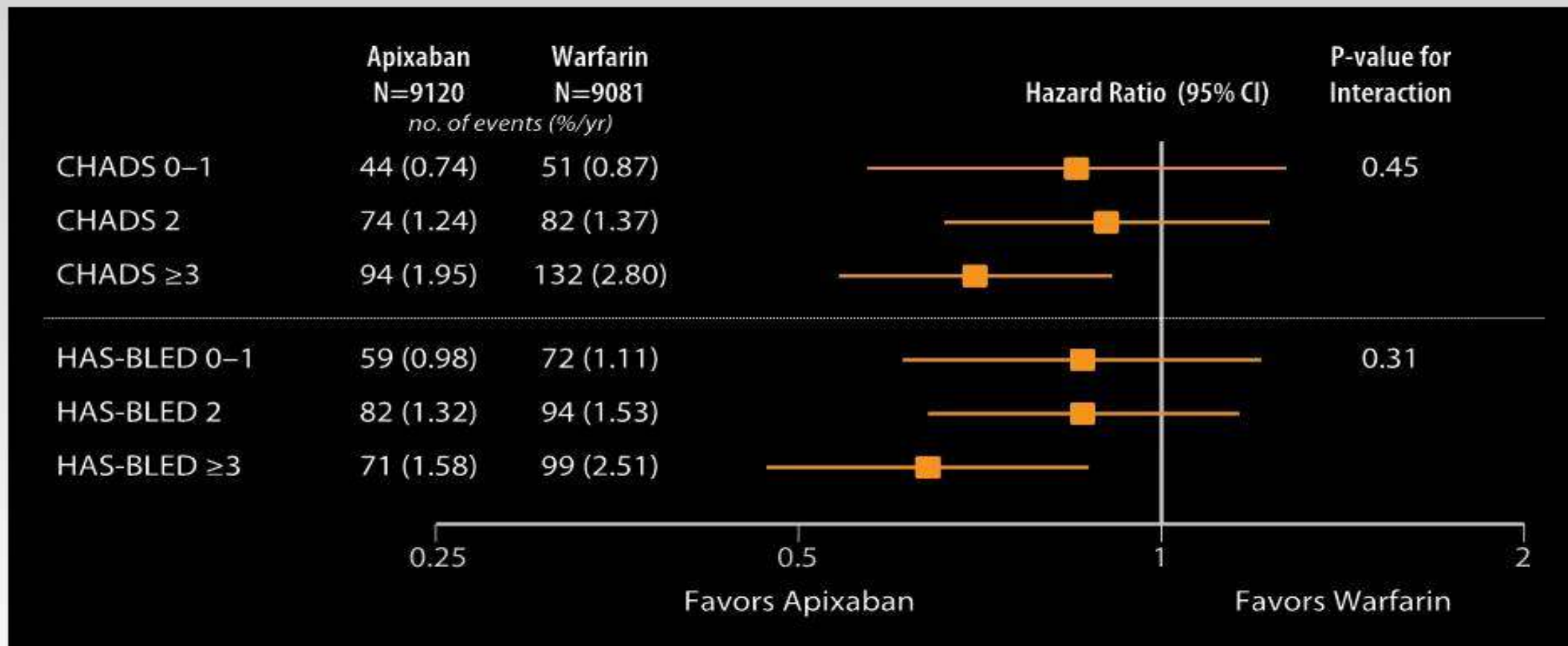
# ARISTOTLE : Ασφαλεία

Έκβαση	Αrixaban (N=9,088)	Βαρφαρίνη (N=9,052)
Σύνολο ασθενών με ανεπιθύμητη ενέργεια*	81.5%	83.1%
Σύνολο ασθενών με σοβαρή ανεπιθύμητη ενέργεια*	35.0%	36.5%
Διακοπή λόγω ανεπιθύμητης ενέργειας*	7.6%	8.4%
ALT ή AST > 3X ΑΦΟ και ολική χολερυθρίνη > 2X ΑΦΟ*	0.3%	0.4%
ALT ή AST > 3X ΑΦΟ, ολική χολερυθρίνη > 2X ΑΦΟ και αλκαλική φωσφατάση <2X ΑΦΟ*	0.2%	0.2%
Αύξηση ALT*		
> 3X ΑΦΟ	1.1%	1.0%
> 10X ΑΦΟ	0.2%	0.2%

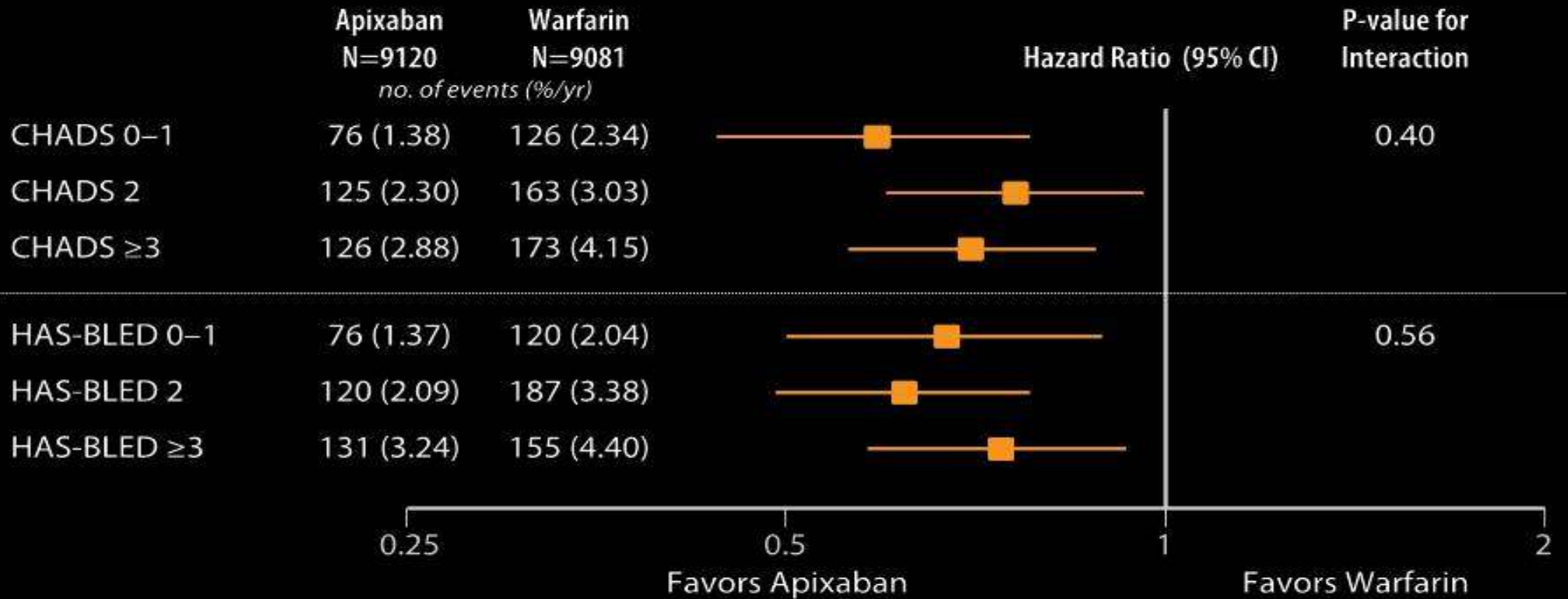
\* Στον πληθυσμό ασφαλείας ασθενών που έλαβαν τουλάχιστον 1 δόση φάρμακο της μελέτης

ALT = Αλανινική αμινοτρανσφεράση; AST = Ασπαρτική αμινοτρανσφεράση; ΑΦΟ= Ανώτερο Φυσιολογικό Όριο

# Stroke/Systemic Embolism



# ISTH Major Bleeding



# ARISTOTLE: Clinical Outcomes After Any Cardioversion, Within 30 Days

Outcome	Apixaban 5 mg once daily	Warfarin	Total
Cardioversion (n)	331	412	743
Stroke/SE	0	0	0
MI	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.2%)
Major bleeding	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.2%)
Death	2 (0.6%)	2 (0.5%)	4 (0.9%)

# ΚΛΙΝΙΚΟ ΟΦΕΛΟΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΡΙΣΤΟΤΛΕ

ΓΙΑ ΚΑΘΕ 1.000 ΑΣΘΕΝΕΙΣ ΠΟΥ ΕΛΑΒΑΝ ΑΡΙΧΑΒΑΝ  
ΣΕ ΣΥΓΚΡΙΣΗ ΜΕ ΚΟΥΜΑΡΙΝΙΚΑ ΓΙΑ 1.8 ΕΤΗ



↓ 6 ΑΕΕ



↓ 15 ΜΕΙΖΟΝΑ  
ΑΙΜΟΡΡΑΓΙΚΑ  
ΣΥΜΒΑΜΑΤΑ



↓ 8 ΘΑΝΑΤΟΙ

# Apixaban: practical considerations

## Label statement:

Apixaban (5 mg and 2.5 mg) can be **taken with or without food**

## Label statement:

The use of apixaban **is not recommended in patients receiving concomitant systemic treatment with azole-antimycotics (such as ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole and posaconazole) or HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir)**

## Label statement: special warnings and precautions

**Strong CYP3A4 inducers should be co-administered with caution**

# ΔΟΣΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΑΡΙΧΑΒΑΝ ΣΤΗΝ ΚΟΛΠΙΚΗ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΥΓΗ

- 5 mg X 2 (με ή χωρίς τροφή)
- 2.5 mg X 2 όταν CrCl 15-29 mL/min
- 2.5 mg X 2 όταν 2≥3:
  - 1) Ηλικία >80 έτη
  - 2) Βάρος <60 Kg
  - 3) Creat >1.5 mg/dL

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**EDOXABAN**

# Study Design

**21,105 PATIENTS**  
AF on electrical recording within last 12 m  
CHADS<sub>2</sub> ≥2

**RANDOMIZATION**  
1:1:1 randomization is stratified by CHADS<sub>2</sub> score 2–3 versus 4–6  
and need for edoxaban dose reduction\*

Double-blind, Double-dummy

**Warfarin**  
**(INR 2.0–3.0)**

**High-dose Edoxaban**  
**60\* mg QD**

**Low-dose Edoxaban**  
**30\* mg QD**

**1° Efficacy EP = Stroke or SEE**  
2° Efficacy EP = Stroke or SEE or CV mortality  
1° Safety EP = Major Bleeding (ISTH criteria)

Non-inferiority  
Upper 97.5% CI <1.38

\*Dose reduced by 50% if:  
- CrCl 30–50 mL/min  
- weight ≤60 kg  
- strong P-gp inhibitor

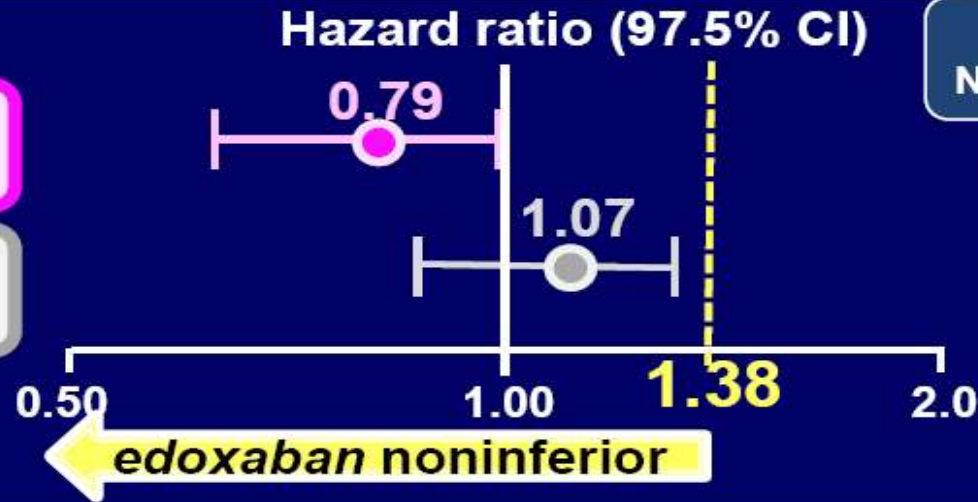
# Primary Endpoint: Stroke / SEE (2.8 years median f/u)

## Noninferiority Analysis (mITT, On Treatment)

Warfarin TTR 68.4%

Edoxaban 60\* mg QD  
vs warfarin

Edoxaban 30\* mg QD  
vs warfarin



P Values	
Non-inferiority	Superiority
P<0.0001	P=0.017
P=0.005	P=0.44

## Superiority Analysis (ITT, Overall)

Edoxaban 60\* mg QD  
vs warfarin

Edoxaban 30\* mg QD  
vs warfarin



P Value for Superiority
P=0.08
P=0.10

\*Dose reduced by 50% in selected pts

# Key Secondary Outcomes

Edoxaban 60\* mg QD vs warfarin

Edoxaban 30\* mg QD vs warfarin

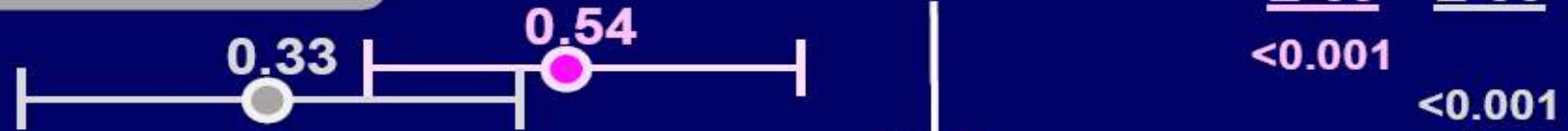
Warfarin TTR 68.4%

HR (95% CI)

P vs warfarin

E-60 E-30

Hem. Stroke



Ischemic Stroke



2° EP: Stroke, SEE, CV death  
Death or ICH



All-cause mortality



CV death



Myocardial infarction



\*Dose reduced by 50% in selected pts

0.25

0.5

1.00

2.0

← edoxaban superior

→ edoxaban inferior

# Main Safety Results

## - Safety Cohort on Treatment -

Edoxaban 60\* mg QD  
vs warfarin

Edoxaban 30\* mg QD  
vs warfarin

Warfarin TTR 68.4%

HR (95% CI)

P Value  
vs warfarin

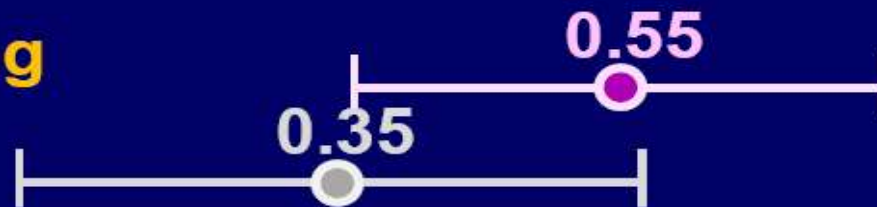
### ISTH Major Bleeding



P<0.001

P<0.001

### Fatal Bleeding



P=0.006

P<0.001

### Intracranial Hemorrhage



P<0.001

P<0.001

### Gastrointestinal Bleeding



P=0.03

P<0.001

\*Dose reduced by 50% in selected pts



Safety cohort=all patients who received at least 1 dose by treatment actually received

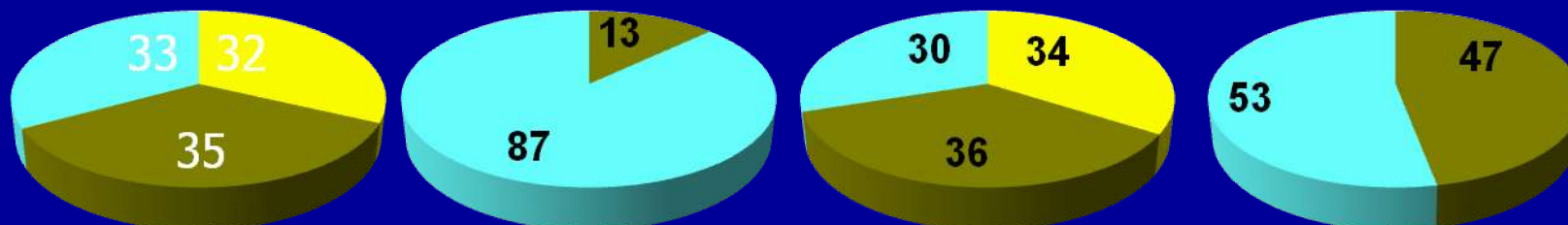
**META-ANALYΣH**

**RE-LY, ROCKET-AF,  
ARISTOTLE, ENGAGE-AF**

# Baseline Characteristics

	RE-LY (Dabigatran)	ROCKET-AF (Rivaroxaban)	ARISTOTLE (Apixaban)	ENGAGE AF (Edoxaban)
# Randomized	18,113	14,264	18,201	21,105
Age, years	72 ± 9	73 [65-78]	70 [63-76]	72 [64-78]
Female, %	37	40	35	38
Paroxysmal AF	32	18	15	25
VKA naive	50	38	43	41
Aspirin Use	40	36	31	29

## CHADS<sub>2</sub>



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

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# Trial Metrics

	RE-LY (Dabigatran)	ROCKET-AF (Rivaroxaban)	ARISTOTLE (Apixaban)	ENGAGE AF (Edoxaban)
Median Follow-Up, years	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.8
Median TTR	66	58	66	68
Lost to Follow-Up, N	20	32	90	1

\*TTR, time in therapeutic range

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

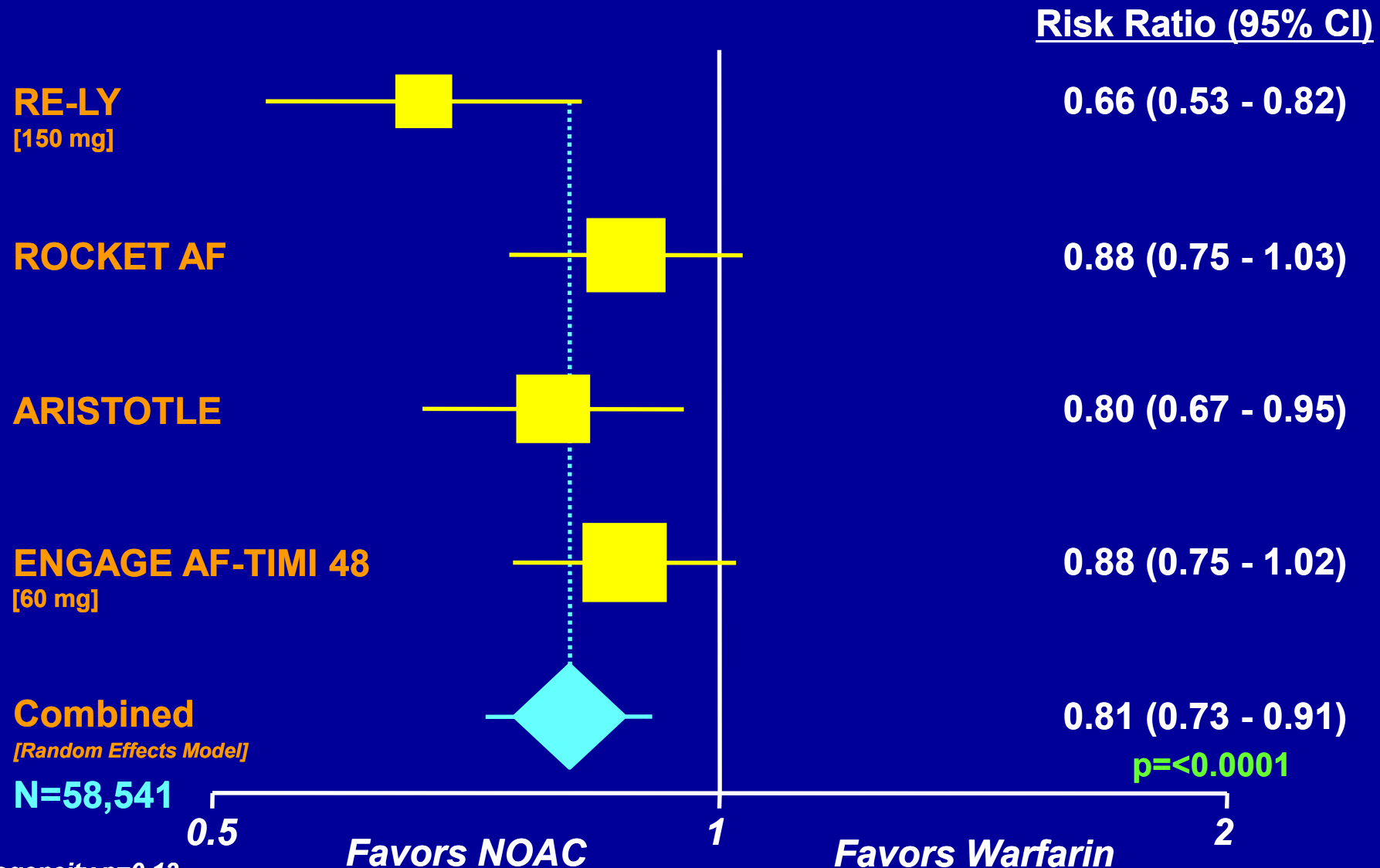
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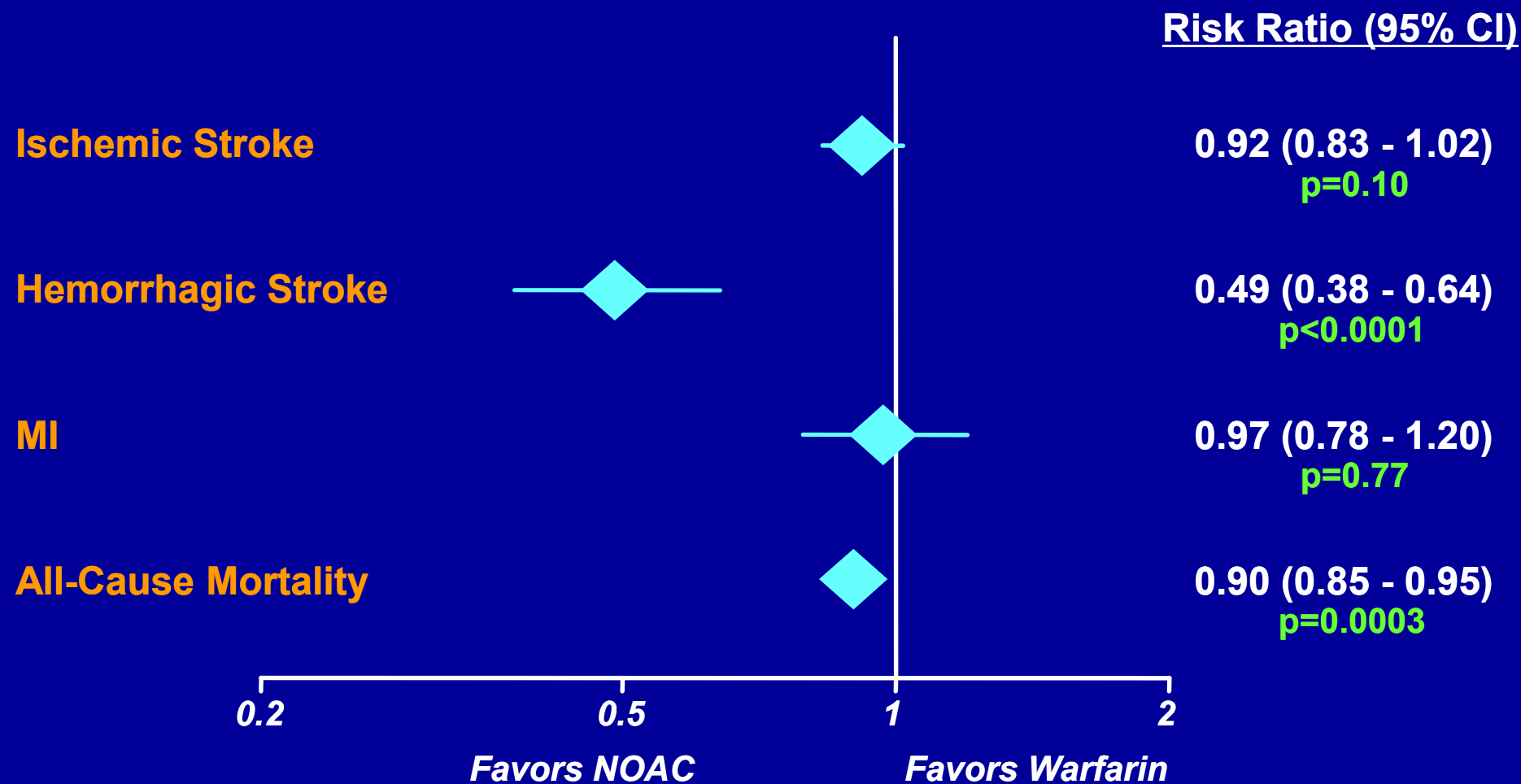
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# All NOACs: Stroke or SEE

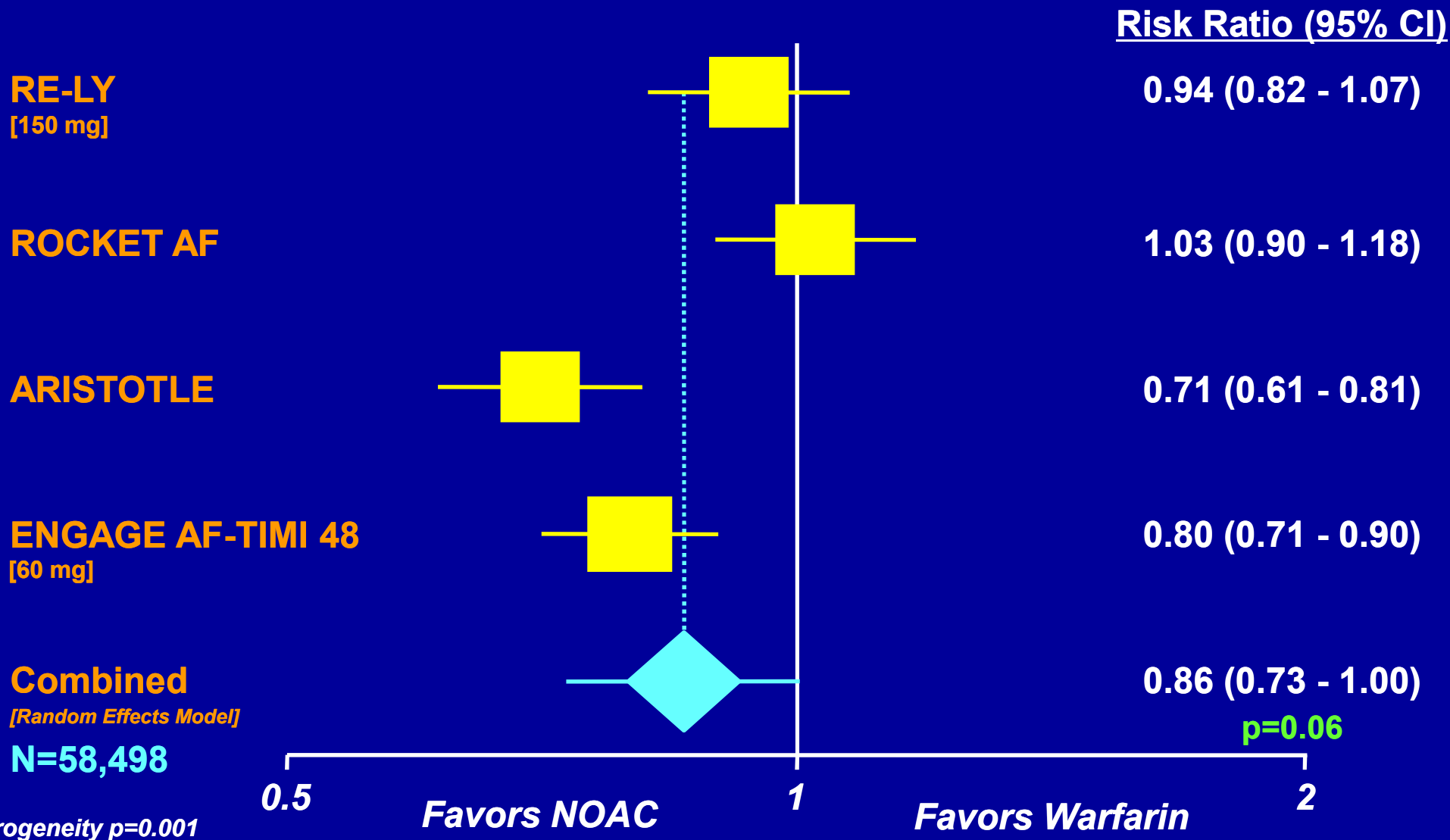


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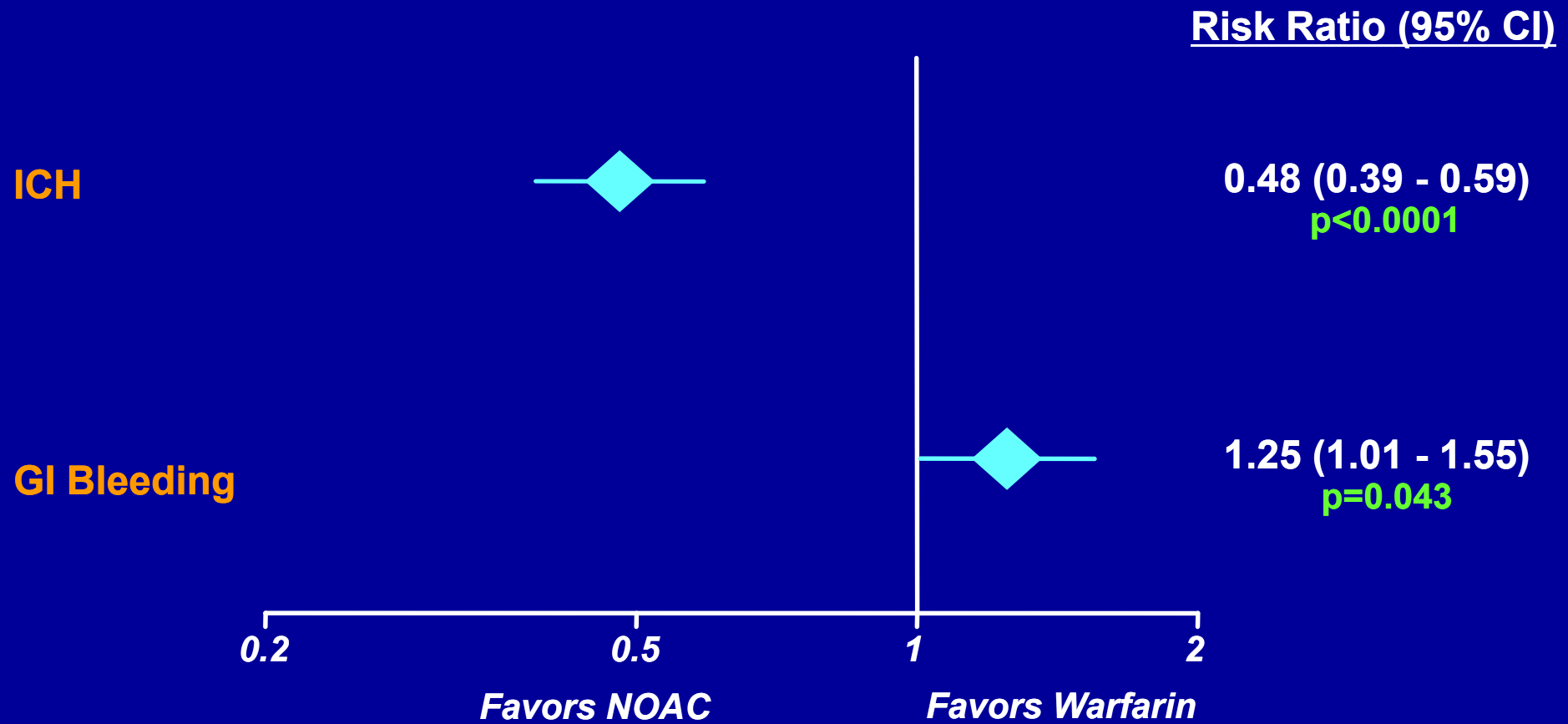


Heterogeneity p=NS for all outcomes

# All NOACS: Major Bleeding



# Secondary Safety Outcomes

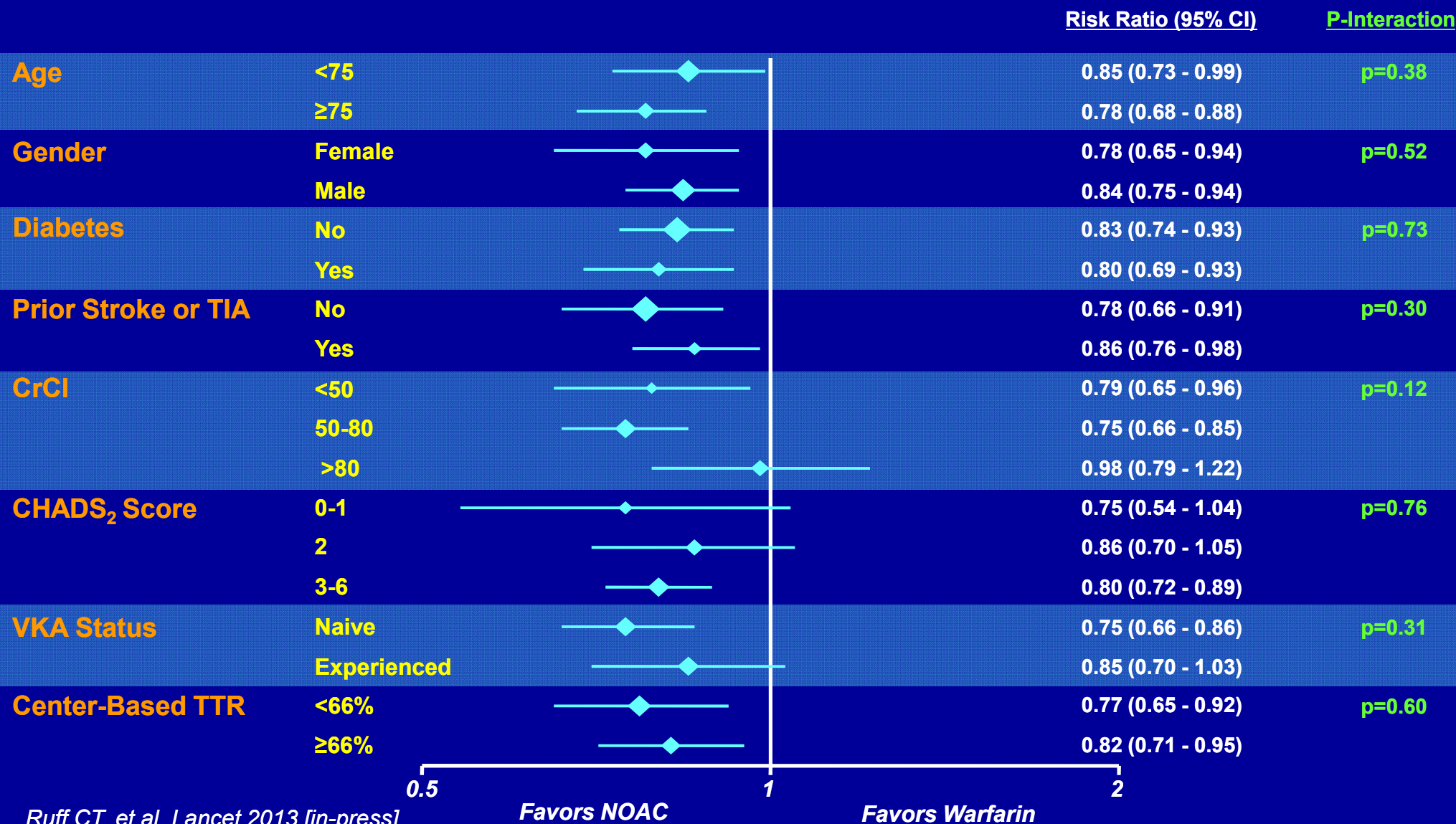


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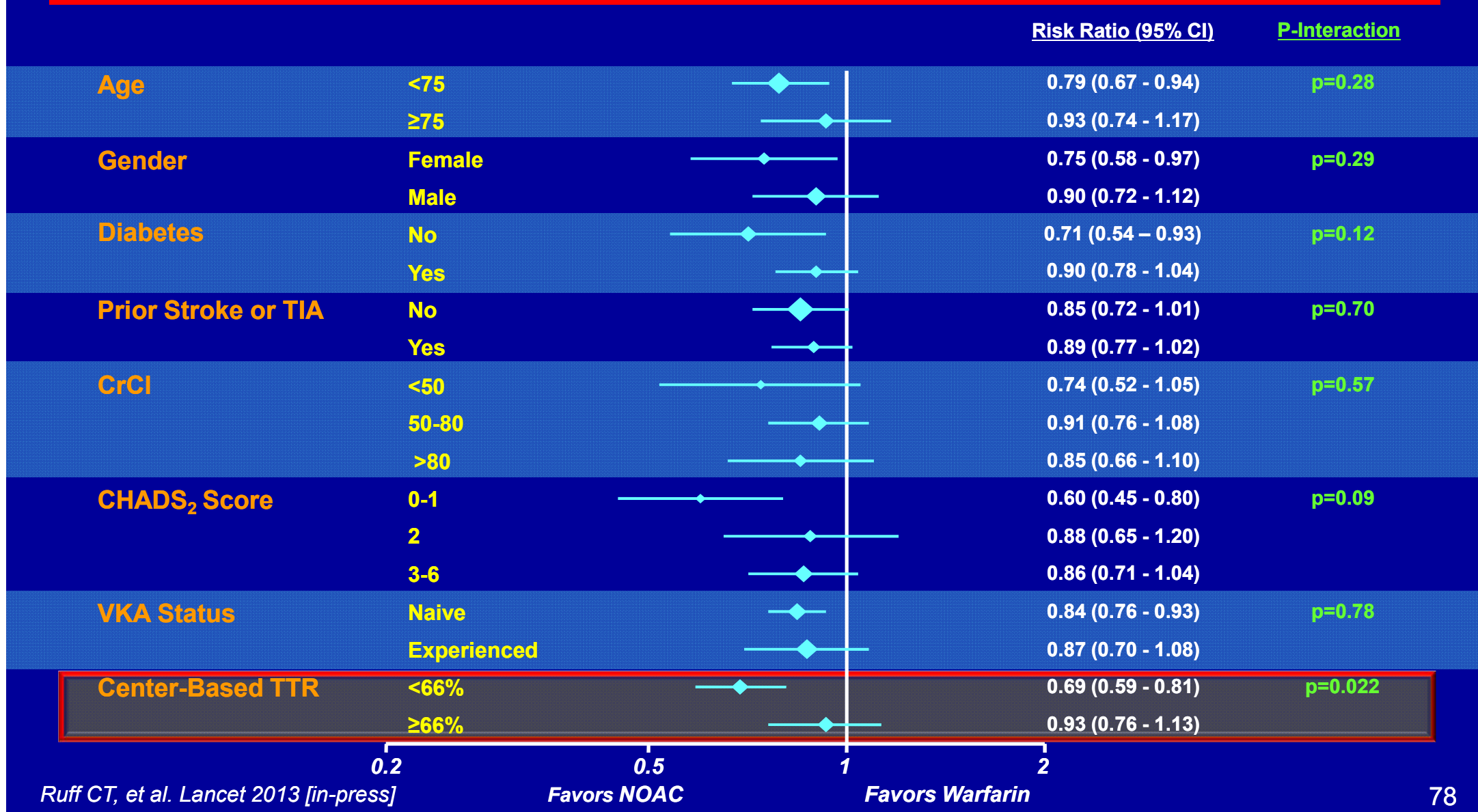
ICH,  $p=0.22$

GI Bleeding,  $p=0.009$

# Subgroups: Stroke or SEE



# Subgroups: Major Bleeding



ΝΕΟΤΕΡΑ  
ΑΝΤΙΠΤΗΚΤΙΚΑ Ή  
ΚΟΥΜΑΡΙΝΙΚΑ?

# Advantages of New Oral Anticoagulants Over Warfarin

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Feature	Warfarin	New agents
Onset	Slow	Rapid
Dosing	Variable	Fixed
Food effect	Yes	No
Interactions	Many	Few
Monitoring	Yes	No
Offset	Long	Shorter

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# ΝΕΟΤΕΡΑ ΑΝΤΙΤΗΚΤΙΚΑ vs ΚΟΥΜΑΡΙΝΙΚΑ

- ✓ ΤΟΥΛΑΧΙΣΤΟΝ ΤΟ ΙΔΙΟ ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΣΜΑΤΙΚΑ Ή ΚΑΛΥΤΕΡΑ
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# RE-VERSE AD

- Efficacy and safety of IV idarucizumab to reverse the anticoagulant effects of dabigatran in patients who had serious bleeding or required urgent procedures
- Primary end point: maximum percent reversal of anticoagulant effect of dabigatran within 4 hours after the administration of idarucizumab, as measured by dilute thrombin time or ecarin clotting time
- Interim analysis of 90 patients
- Idarucizumab completely reversed the anticoagulant effect of dabigatran within minutes



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### FDA News Release

# FDA approves Praxbind, the first reversal agent for the anticoagulant Pradaxa

*Praxbind approved for specific emergency situations*

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### Release

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today granted accelerated approval to Praxbind (idarucizumab) for use in patients who are taking the anticoagulant Pradaxa (dabigatran) during emergency situations when there is a need to reverse Pradaxa's blood-thinning effects.

# Reversal Agents

## Andexanet alfa

- Factor Xa mimetic with high affinity binding for Xa inhibitors and LMWH
  - Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 3 studies: ANNEXA™- A<sup>a</sup> (with apixaban) and ANNEXA™- R<sup>b</sup> (rivaroxaban) ongoing

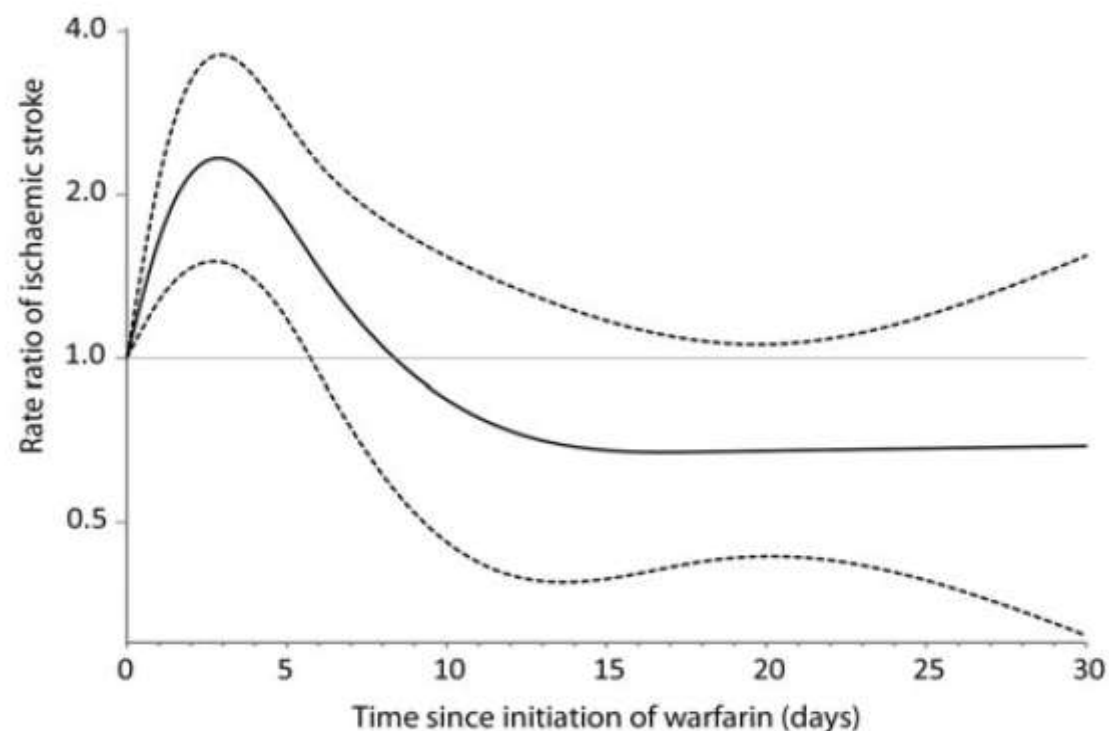
## PER977

- Synthetic small molecule (~500 kDa)
- Nonspecific binding to Xa inhibitors and thrombin inhibitors

a: [Clinicaltrials.gov NCT02207725](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02207725)<sup>[8]</sup>; b. [Clinicaltrials.gov NCT02220725](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02220725)<sup>[9]</sup>

**Table 2** Timing of warfarin initiation and the risk of ischaemic stroke

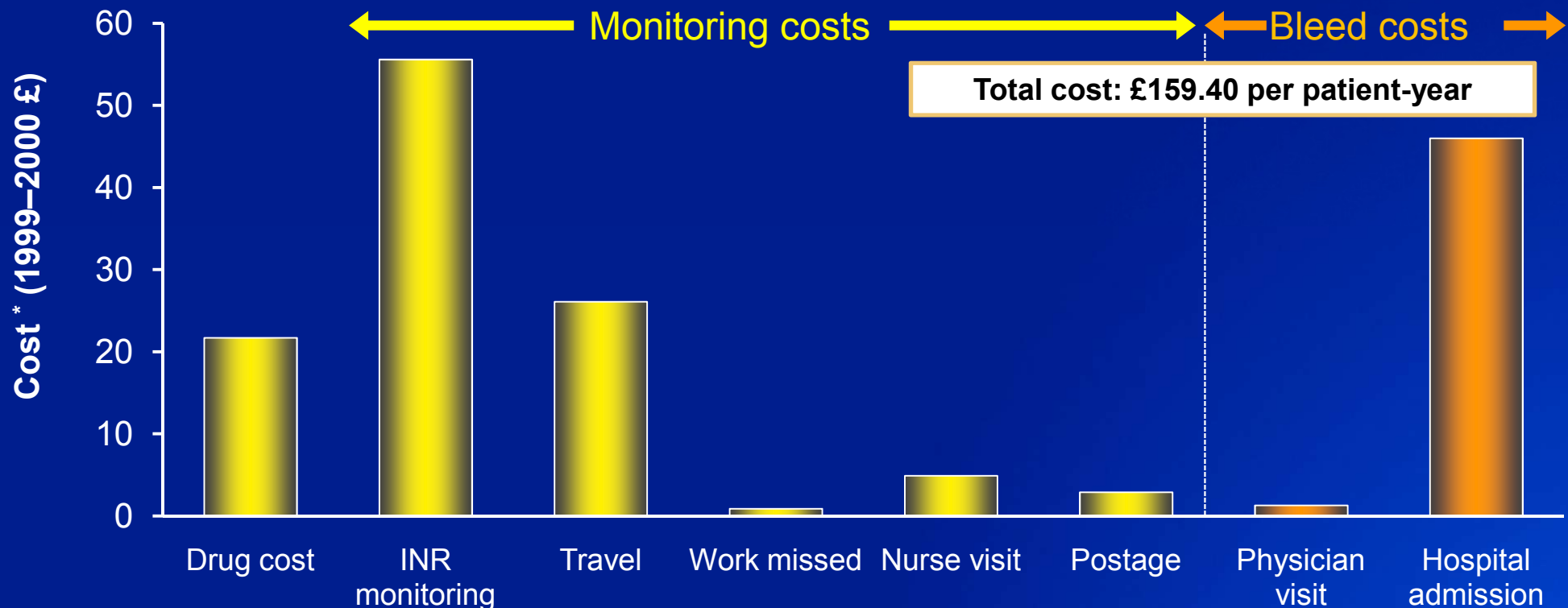
Current use of warfarin monotherapy	Cases (n = 5519)	Controls <sup>a</sup> (n = 55 022)	Crude RR	Adjusted RR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>
No use of any antithrombotic therapy for at least 1 year, n (%)	1513 (27.4)	15 499 (28.2)	1.00	1.00 (reference)
Time since initiation of warfarin, n (%)				
≤30 days	117 (2.1)	732 (1.3)	1.74	1.71 (1.39–2.12)
31–90 days	27 (0.5)	544 (1.0)	0.52	0.50 (0.34–0.75)
≥90 days	610 (11.1)	10 145 (18.4)	0.57	0.55 (0.49–0.61)



**Figure 2** Smooth cubic spline curve of the adjusted rate ratio of ischaemic stroke (solid line) and 95% confidence limits (dashed lines) as a function of the time since initiation of warfarin.

# Warfarin anticoagulation is associated with significant costs

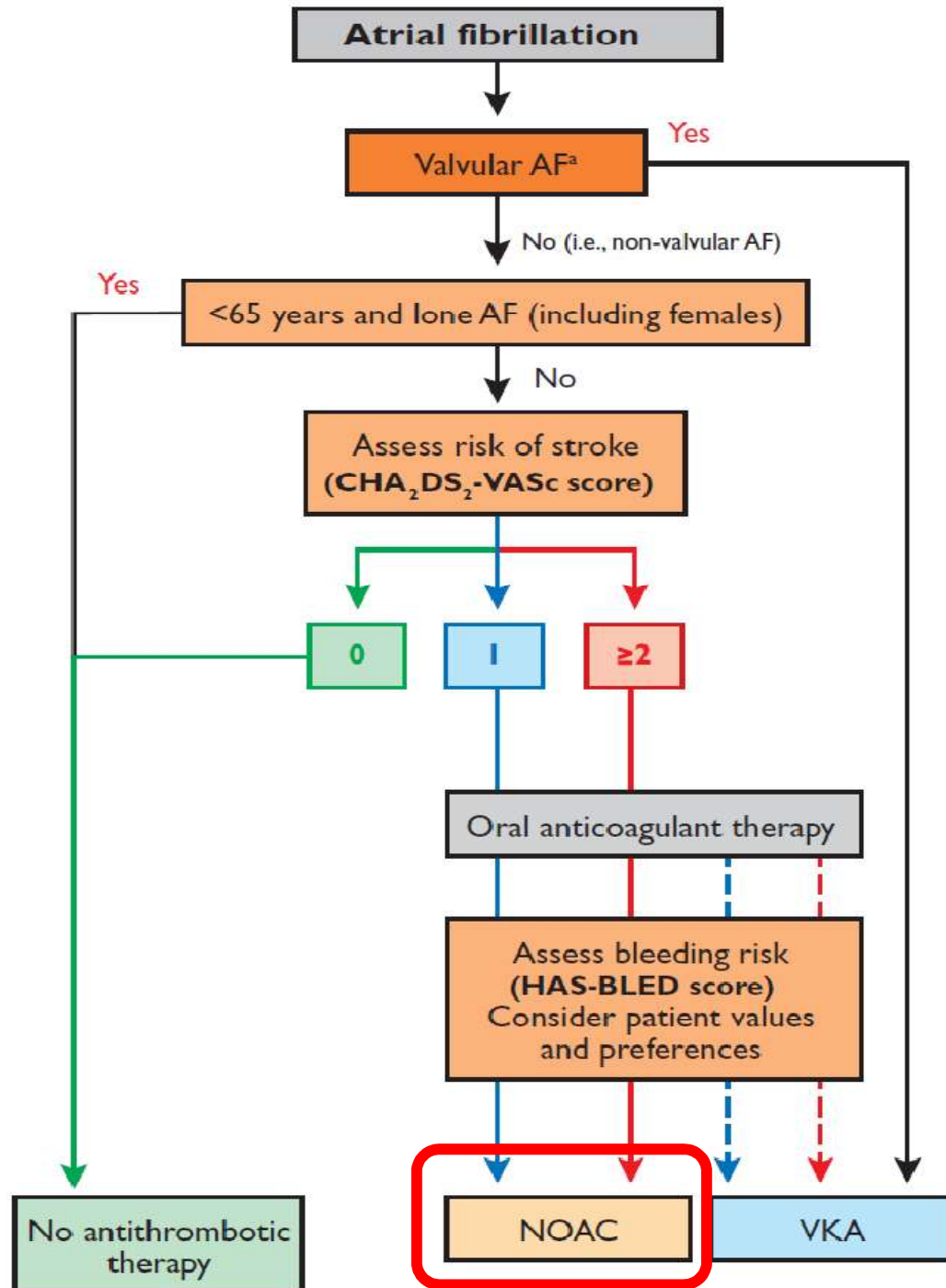
## UK costs of warfarin therapy in patients with non-valvular AF for one patient-year



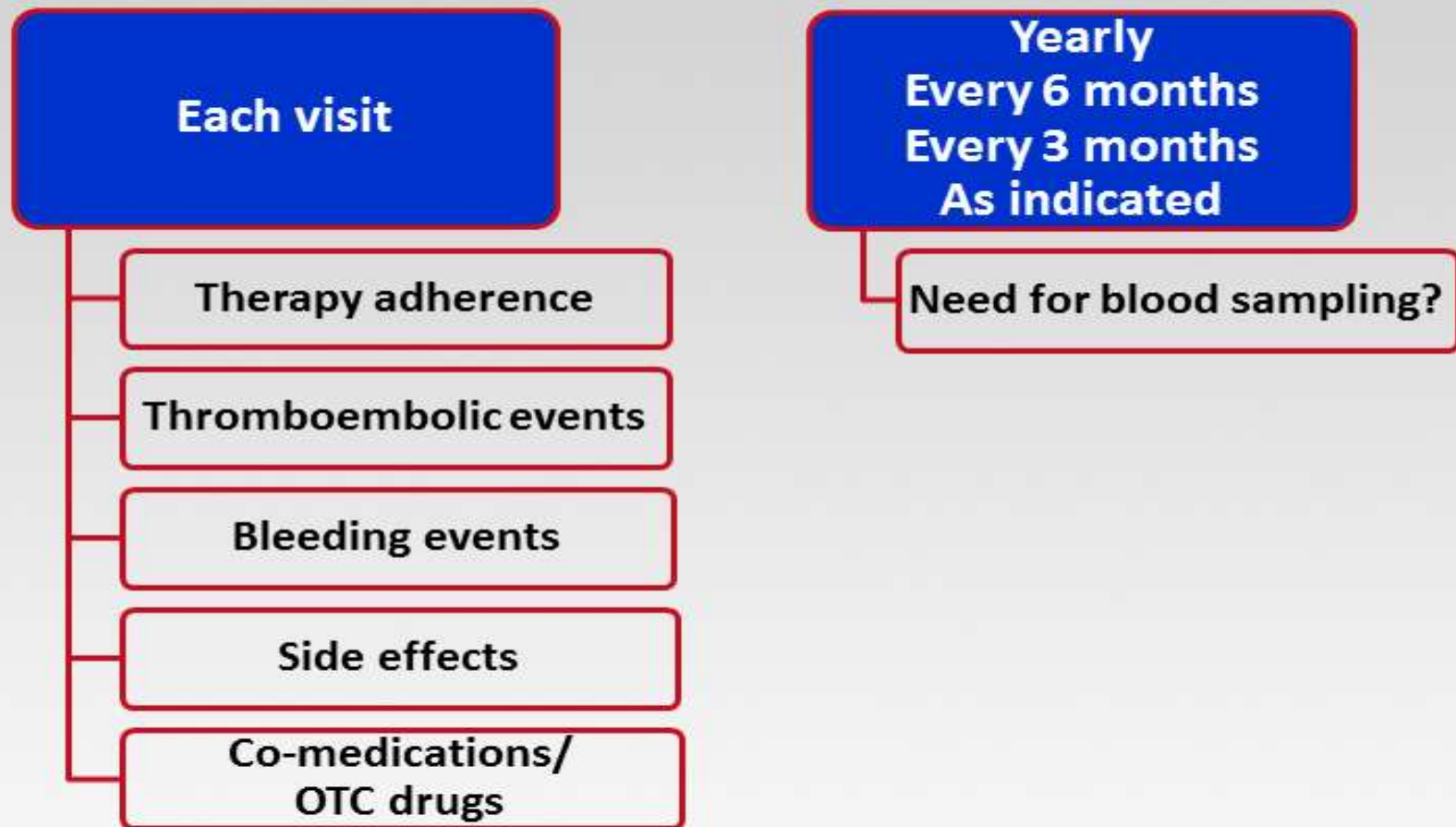
- New oral anticoagulants should lack most of the monitoring costs

\*Costs based on NHS reference costs

# 2012 focused update of the ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation



# EHRA Practical Guide: Follow-Up of Patients on NOACs



Follow-up can be the responsibility of the general practitioner, anticoagulant clinic, or initiator of NOAC therapy.

OTC = over-the-counter



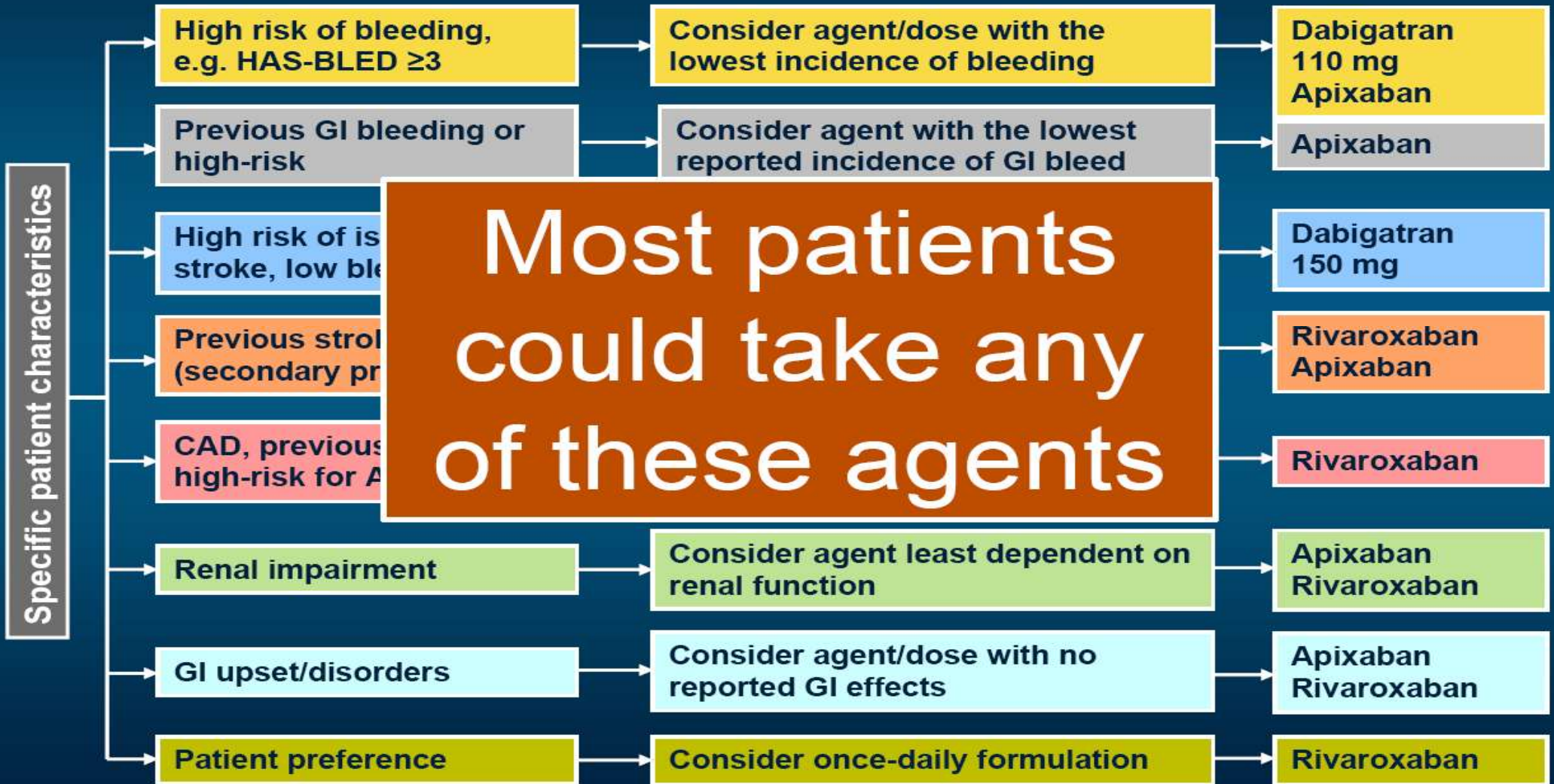
# ΣΕ ΠΟΙΟΥΣ ΚΟΥΜΑΡΙΝΙΚΑ ΑΝΤΙΠΗΚΤΙΚΑ?

- 1) Βαλβιδική κολπική μαρμαρυγή
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# Pointers Towards which Novel OAC to Choose

Based on Subgroups, AEs, Interactions and Meta-analysis



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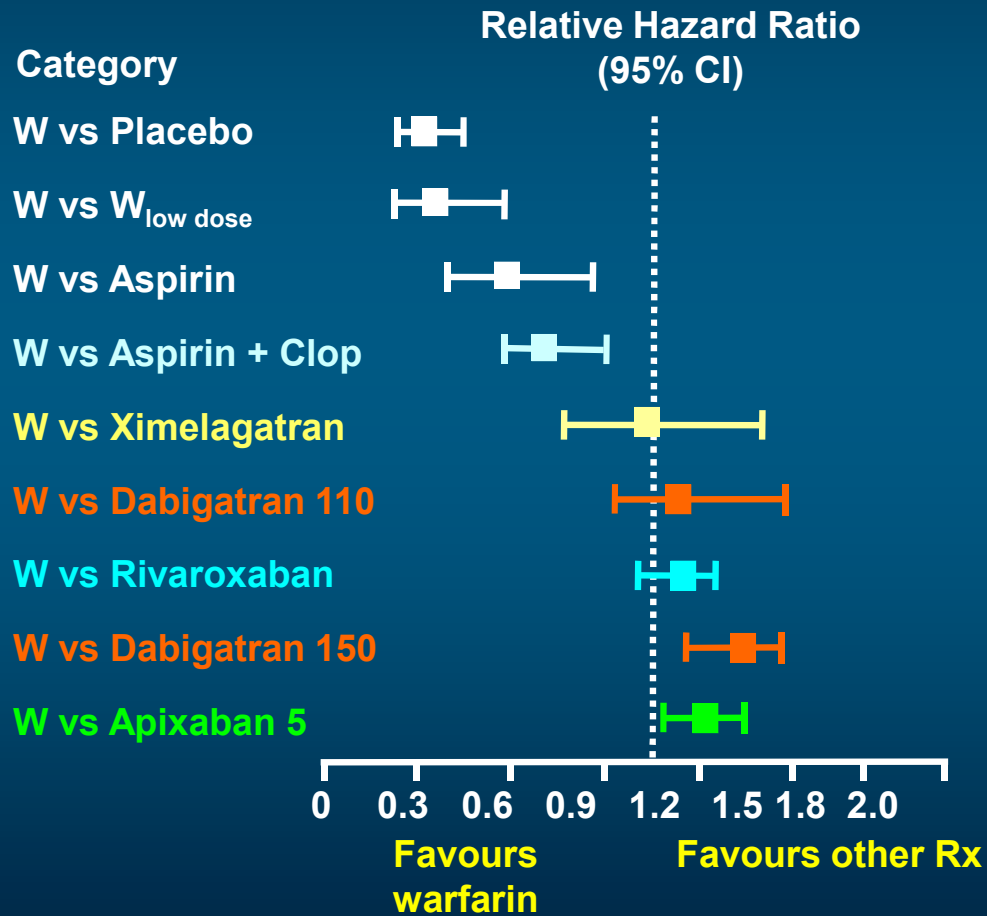
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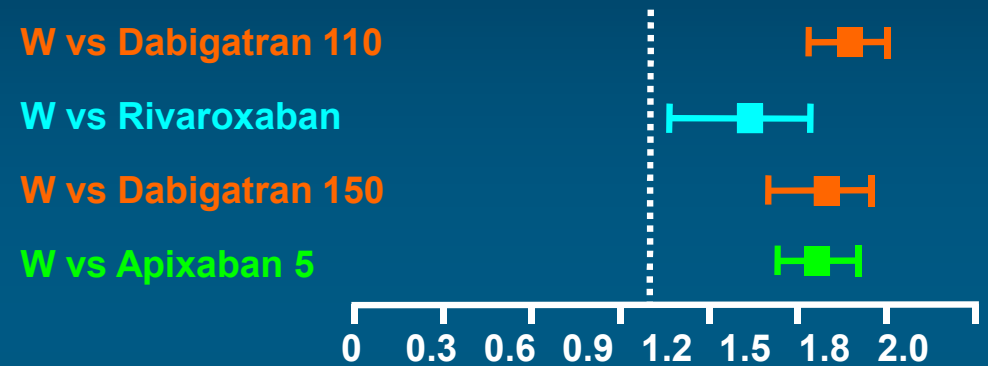
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# Stroke Prevention: OAC Effect

## Stroke or systemic embolism



## Intracranial haemorrhage



## Major bleeding



Modified from Camm A.J. EHJ 2009;30:2554-5

# Differences Between NOACs: Principal Efficacy and Safety Outcomes

		Stroke/Systemic Embolism	Major Bleeding
		RRR	RRR
Dabigatran 110 mg <sup>[a]</sup>	Twice daily	9%	20%*
Dabigatran 150 mg <sup>[a]</sup>	Twice daily	34%*	7%
Rivaroxaban 20 mg <sup>[b]</sup>	Once daily	12%	-4%
Apixaban 5 mg <sup>[c]</sup>	Twice daily	21%*	31%*
Edoxaban 30 mg <sup>[d]</sup>	Once daily	-13%	53%*
Edoxaban 60 mg <sup>[d]</sup>	Once daily	13%	20%*

\*P-value significant vs warfarin

RRR = relative risk reduction

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.

c. Granger CB, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2011;365(11):981-992.

d. Giugliano RP, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2013; 369(22):2093-2104.

# Study design and inclusion

	<b>ROCKET AF<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>RE-LY<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>ARISTOTLE<sup>3,5</sup></b>	<b>AVERROES<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>ENGAGE AF</b>
<b>No. of patients</b>	14,264	18,113	18,201	5,599	21,105
<b>Statistical objective</b>	Non-inferiority	Non-inferiority	Non-inferiority	<b>Superiority</b>	Non-inferiority
<b>No. study arms</b>	2	3	2	2	3
<b>Study drug</b>	Double-blind rivaroxaban	Two doses of double-blind dabigatran	Double-blind apixaban	Double-blind apixaban	Two doses of double-blind edoxaban
<b>Control</b>	Double-blind warfarin (INR 2–3)	<b>Open-label</b> warfarin (INR 2–3)	Double-blind warfarin (INR 2–3)	Double-blind <b>ASA</b>	Double-blind warfarin (INR 2–3)
<b>AF type of pts included</b>	Non-valvular	Non-valvular	All except mechanical valves	Non-valvular	Non-valvular

1. Patel MR *et al*, 2011; 2. Connolly SJ *et al*, 2009; 3. Lopes RD *et al*, 2010;  
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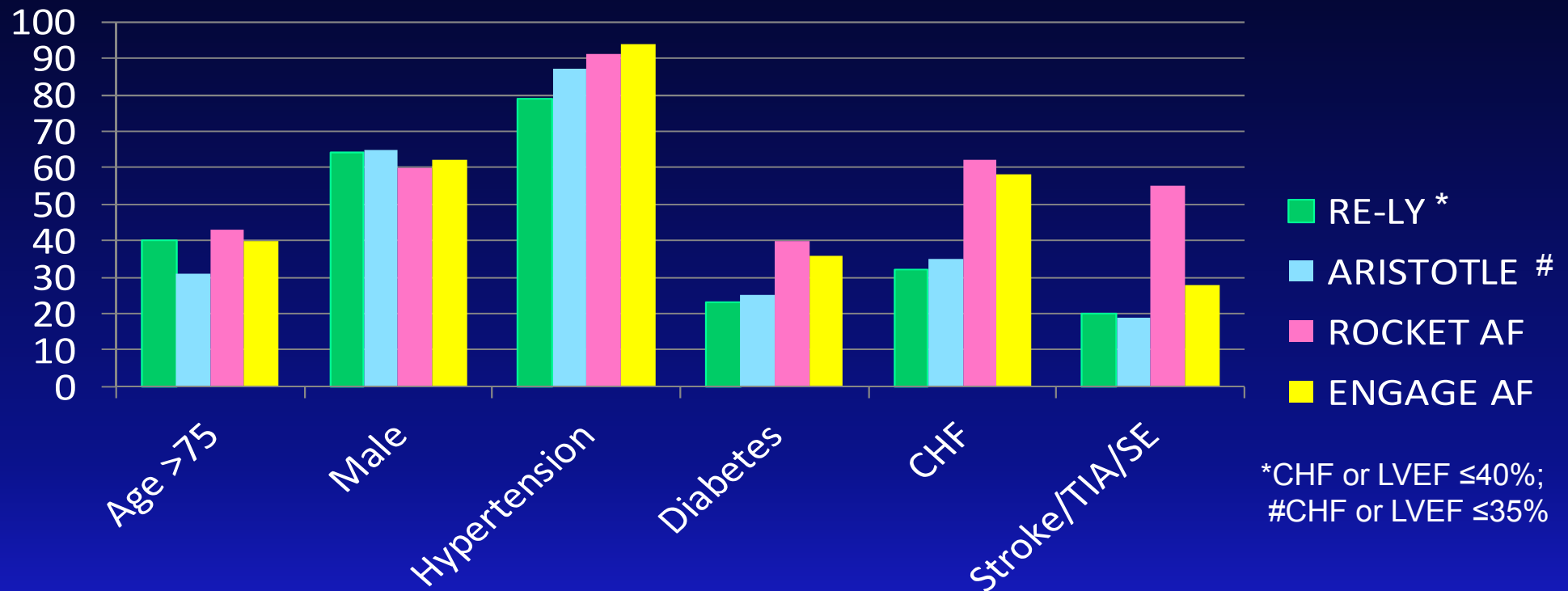
# Patient demographics: CHADS<sub>2</sub> risk profiles

<b>ROCKET AF<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>RE-LY<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>ARISTOTLE<sup>3,5</sup></b>	<b>AVERROES<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>ENGAGE AF</b>
Rivaroxaban	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
CHADS <sub>2</sub> score:	CHADS <sub>2</sub> score:	CHADS <sub>2</sub> score:	CHADS <sub>2</sub> score:	CHADS <sub>2</sub> score:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0/1: &lt;1%</b></li> <li>• 2: 13.0%</li> <li>• <b>≥3: 86.9%</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0: 2.5%</li> <li>• 1: 29.4%</li> <li>• 2: 35.6%</li> <li>• ≥3: 32.4%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤1: 34.0%</li> <li>• 2: 35.8%</li> <li>• ≥3: 30.2%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0/1: 36.2%</li> <li>• 2: 35.7%</li> <li>• ≥3: 28.0%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤3: 77.5%</li> <li>• 4-6: 22.5%</li> </ul>
Mean CHADS <sub>2</sub> score	Mean CHADS <sub>2</sub> score	Mean CHADS <sub>2</sub> score	Mean CHADS <sub>2</sub> score	Mean CHADS <sub>2</sub> score
3.5	2.1	2.1	2.0/ 2.1*	2.8

\* 2.0 apixaban group, 2.1 warfarin group

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# Patient Characteristics Across Trials



**Higher rates of diabetes, CHF, and prior stroke in the ROCKET population**

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# Efficacy of the NOACs for SPAF vs. VKAs

Outcome	Dabigatran 110 mg bid	Dabigatran 150 mg bid	Rivaroxaban 20 mg od	Apixaban 5 mg bid	Edoxaban 60mg	Edoxaban 30mg
Stroke / periph. embolism	-10% (ns)	-34% (s)	-21% (ns)	-21% (s)	-21% (ns)	+7% (ns)
Ischemic strokes	+11% (ns)	-24% (s)	-6% (ns)	-8% (ns)	0%	+41% (s)
Hemorrhagic strokes	-69% (s)	-74% (s)	-41% (s)	-49% (s)	-46% (s)	-67% (s)
All Cause Mortality	-9% (ns)	-12% (ns)	-15% (ns)	-11% (s)	-8% (ns)	-13% (s)

ns=non-significant  
s= significant

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# META-ANALYSIS NOACs : EFFICACY

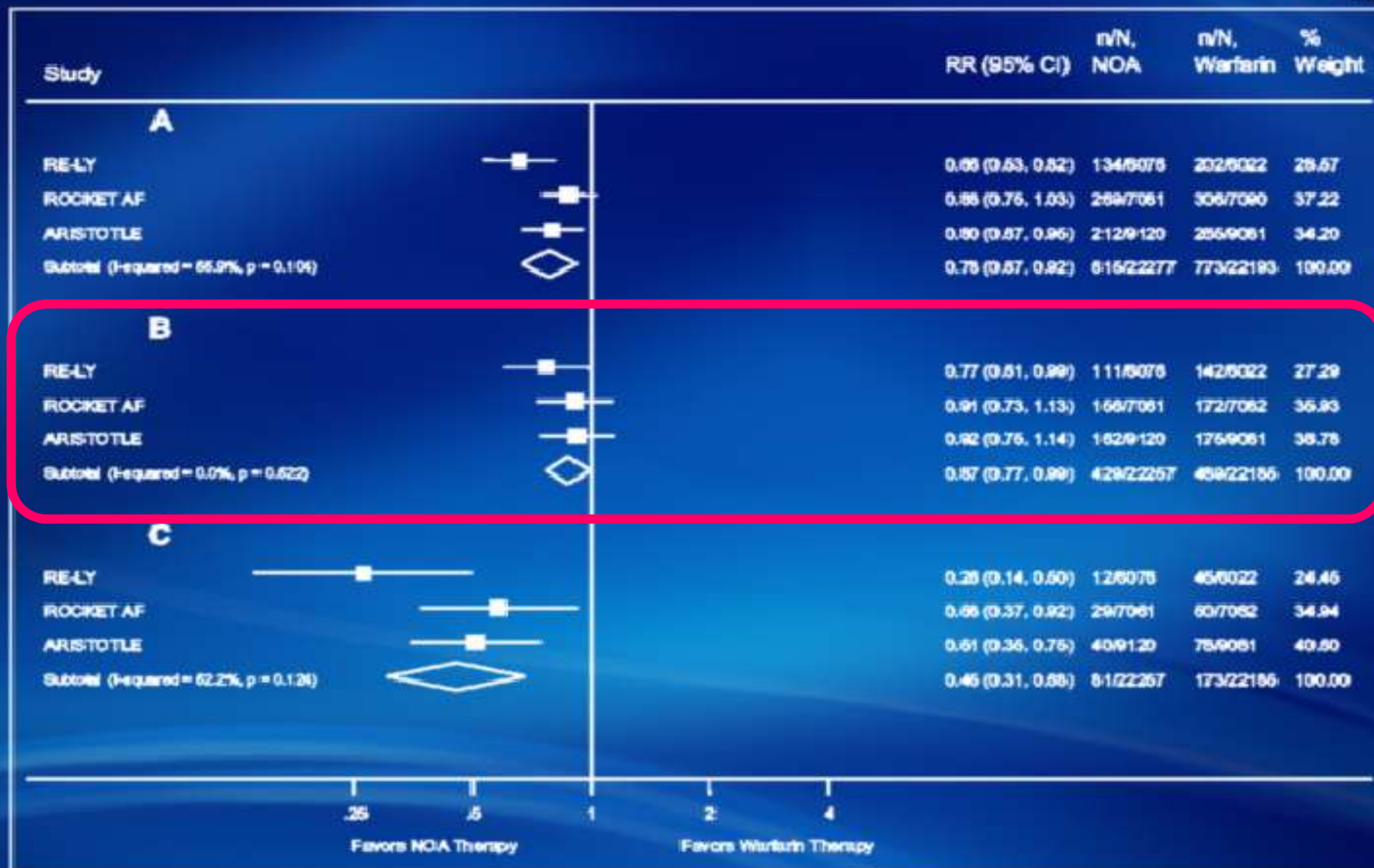


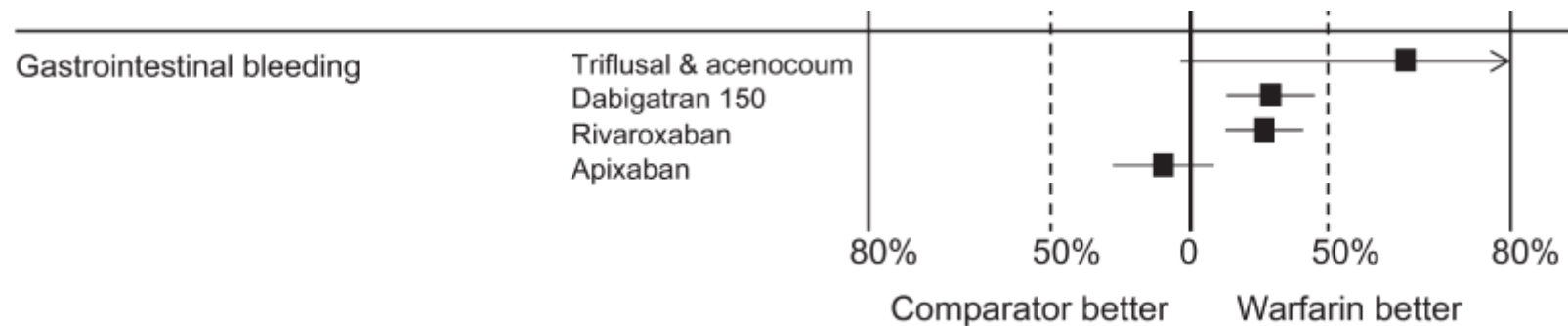
Figure 2. Forest plot for (A) all-cause stroke and systemic embolism, (B) ischemic and unspecified stroke, and (C) hemorrhagic stroke, new oral anticoagulants (NOA) versus warfarin in patients with AF.

# Common Adverse Events

Adverse Events Occurring in >5% of Any Group	Dabigatran 110 mg, %	Dabigatran 150 mg, %	Warfarin, %	
Dyspepsia	11.8	11.3	5.8	$P < .001$
Dyspnea	9.3	9.5	9.7	
Dizziness	8.1	8.3	9.4	
Peripheral edema	7.9	7.9	7.8	
Fatigue	6.6	6.6	6.2	
Cough	5.7	5.7	6.0	
Chest pain	5.2	6.2	5.9	

# Summary of evidence-based guideline update: Prevention of stroke in nonvalvular atrial fibrillation

Report of the Guideline Development Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology



*Practice recommendation.*

- C4. Clinicians might offer apixaban to patients with NVAf and GI bleeding risk who require anticoagulant medication (Level C).

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# Clinical Pharmacology of Apixaban, Rivaroxaban and Dabigatran

	Apixaban <sup>1</sup>	Rivaroxaban <sup>2</sup>	Dabigatran <sup>3</sup>
Mechanism of action	Direct factor Xa inhibitor	Direct factor Xa inhibitor	Direct thrombin inhibitor
Absolute availability	~50%	80–100%	6.5%
Route of administration	Oral	Oral	Oral
Pro-drug	No	No	Yes
Food effect	No	No	No
Renal clearance	~27%	~33%	85%
Mean half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ )	~12 h	7–11 h	14–17 h (patients)
$T_{max}$	3–4 h	2–4 h	0.5–2 h

1. Apixaban SmPC 2011
2. Rivaroxaban SmPC 2011
3. Dabigatran SmPC 2011

No head-to-head comparisons between apixaban, rivaroxaban and dabigatran have been performed in a randomised clinical trial setting. The information in this table is based on the SmPCs for apixaban, rivaroxaban and dabigatran. Please refer to the SmPCs for further information.



## 2. Drug-Drug Interactions With NOACs

	Mechanism of Action	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
Carbamazepine	Strong inducer of CYP3A4 and P-gp	Avoid use	Avoid use	Avoid use	No specific recommendations
Clarithromycin	Strong inhibition of CYP3A4 and P-gp	No adjustment needed	No adjustment needed	Reduce dose from 5 mg twice daily to 2.5 mg twice daily If on 2.5 mg twice daily, discontinue apixaban	No specific recommendations
Dronedarone	P-gp inhibitor	With CrCl 30-50 mL/min reduce dose to 75 mg twice daily	No specific recommendations	No specific recommendations	No adjustment needed
Itraconazole	Strong inhibition of CYP3A4 and P-gp	No adjustment needed	Avoid use	Reduce dose from 5 mg twice daily to 2.5 mg twice daily If on 2.5 mg twice daily, discontinue apixaban	No specific recommendations
Ketoconazole	Strong inhibition of CYP3A4 and P-gp	With CrCl 30-50 mL/min reduce dose to 75 mg twice daily	Avoid use	Reduce dose from 5 mg twice daily to 2.5 mg twice daily If on 2.5 mg twice daily, discontinue apixaban	No specific recommendations
Phenytoin	Strong inducer of CYP3A4 and P-gp	Avoid use	Avoid use	Avoid use	No specific recommendations
Rifampin	Strong inducer of CYP3A4 and P-gp	Avoid use	Avoid use	Avoid use	Avoid use
Ritonavir	Strong inhibition of CYP3A4 and P-gp	No adjustment needed	Avoid use	Reduce dose from 5 mg twice daily to 2.5 mg twice daily If on 2.5 mg twice daily, discontinue apixaban	No specific recommendations
St John's wort	Strong inducer of CYP3A4 and P-gp	Avoid use	Avoid use	Avoid use	No specific recommendations

   Avoid   
    Reduce dose

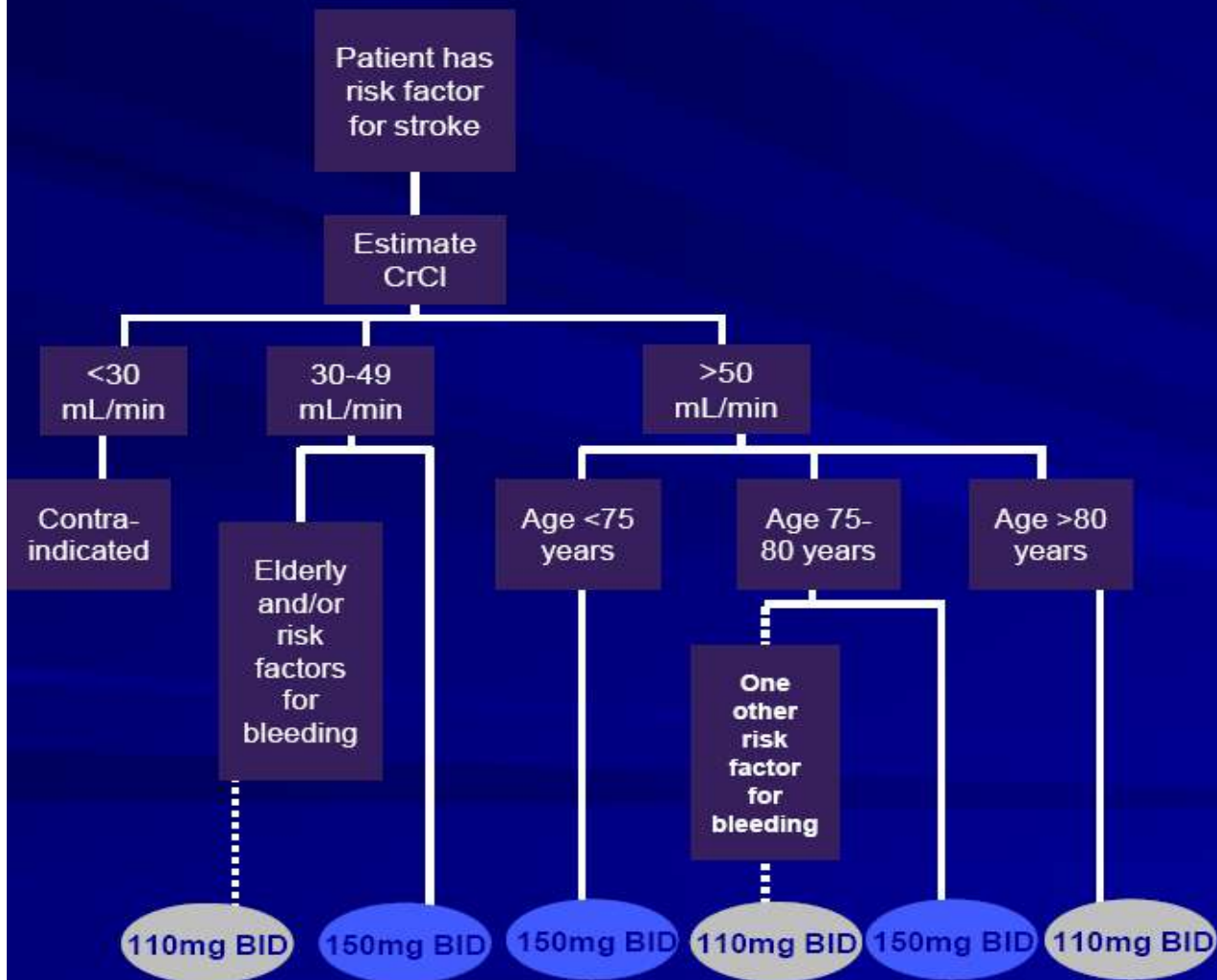
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**Table 8** Approved European labels for NOACs and their dosing in CKD

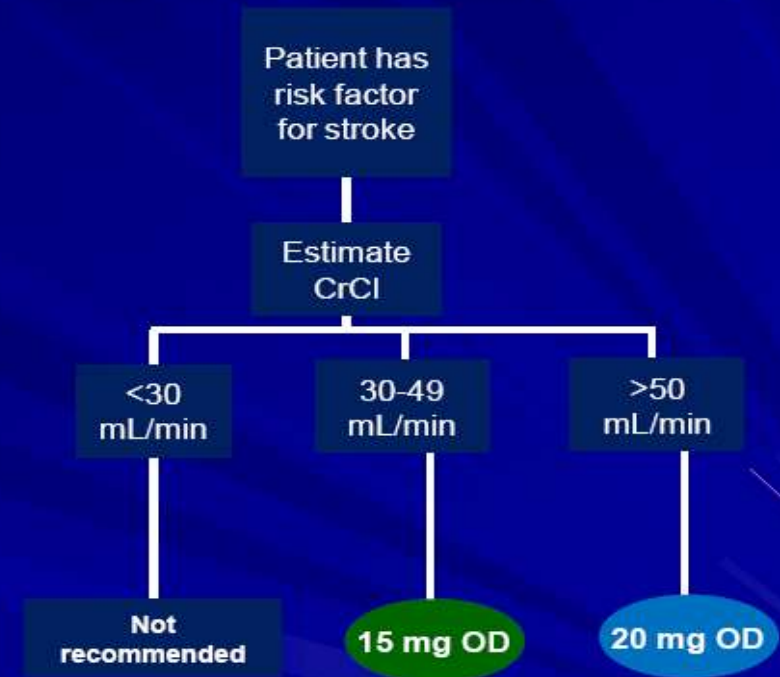
	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Fraction renally excreted of absorbed dose	80%	27% <sup>52-55</sup>	50% <sup>36</sup>	35%
Bioavailability	3-7%	50%	62% <sup>51</sup>	66% without food Almost 100% with food
Fraction renally excreted of administered dose	4%	12-29% <sup>52-55</sup>	37% <sup>36</sup>	33%
Approved for CrCl ≥ ...	≥30 mL/min	≥15 mL/min	≥15 mL/min	≥15 mL/min
Dosing recommendation	CrCl ≥ 50 mL/min: no adjustment (i.e. 150 mg BID)	Serum creatinine ≥ 1.5 mg/dL: no adjustment (i.e. 5 mg BID) <sup>a</sup>	CrCl ≥ 50 mL/min: no adjustment (i.e. 60 mg OD) <sup>b</sup>	CrCl ≥ 50 mL/min: no adjustment (i.e. 20 mg OD)
Dosing if CKD	When CrCl 30-49 mL/min, 150 mg BID is possible (SmPC) but 110 mg BID should be considered (as per ESC guidelines) <sup>5</sup> Note: 75 mg BID approved in US only <sup>c</sup> : if CrCl 15-30 mL/min if CrCl 30-49 mL/min and other orange factor Table 6 (e.g. verapamil)	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	30 mg OD when CrCl 15-49 mL/min	15 mg OD when CrCl 15-49 mL/min
Not recommended if	CrCl < 30 mL/min	CrCl < 15 mL/min	CrCl < 15 mL/min	CrCl < 15 mL/min

# Practical Issues - Dosing

## Dabigatran



## Rivaroxaban



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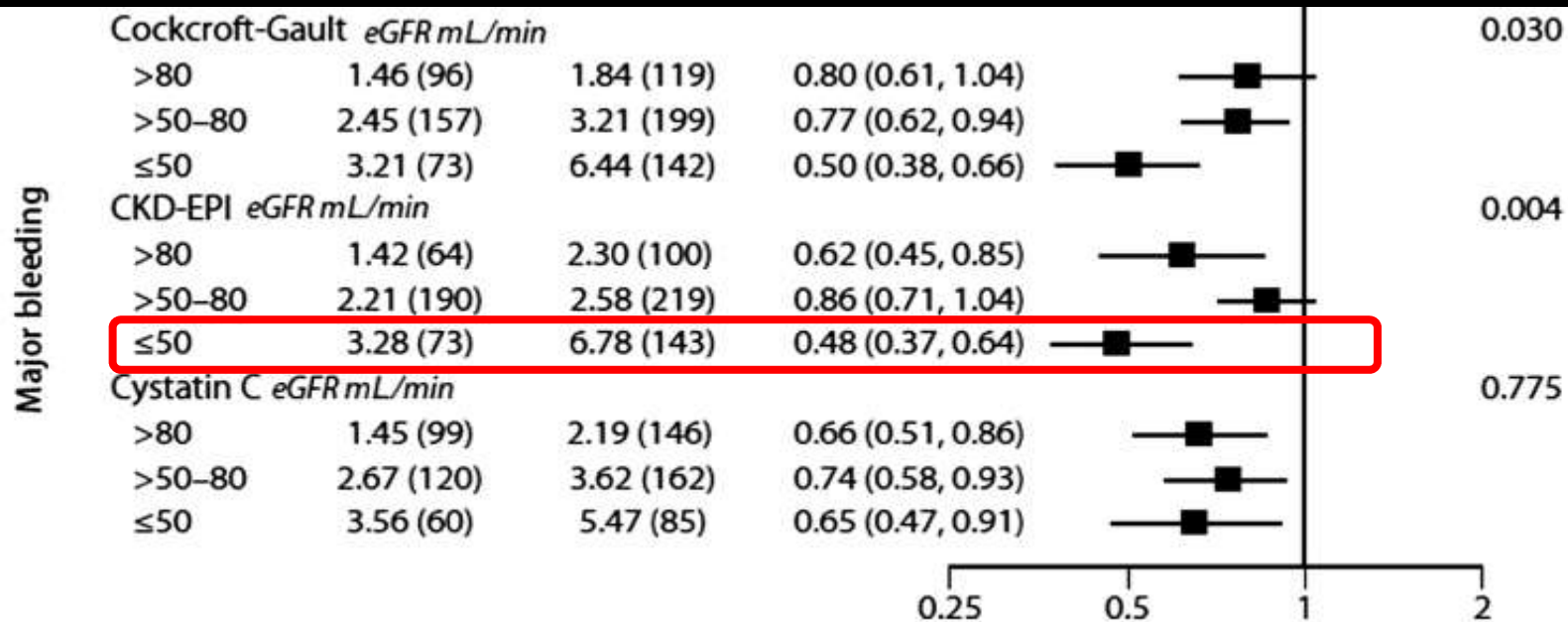
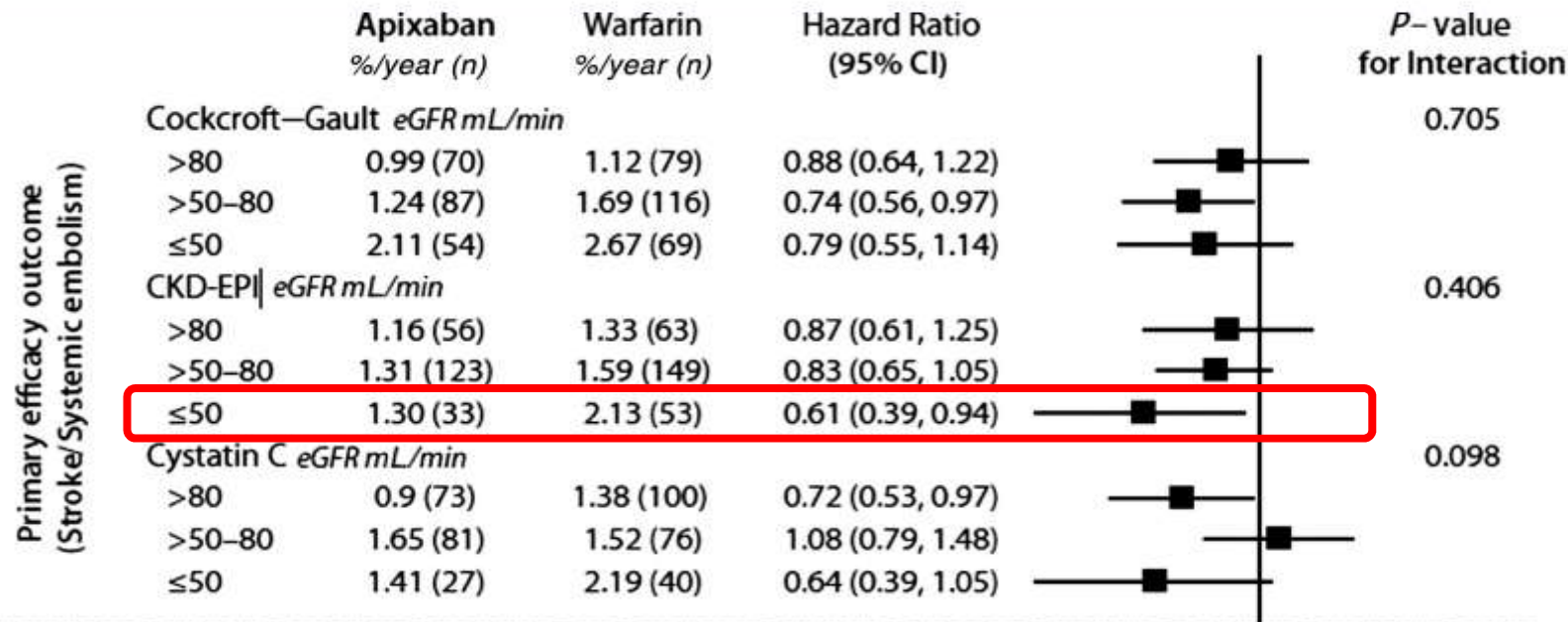


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# DABIGATRAN ΚΑΙ ΝΕΦΡΙΚΗ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

➤ 80-85% Νεφρική απέκκριση

➤ ΟΧΙ ΣΕ ΑΤΟΜΑ ΜΕ  $CrCl < 30 \text{ mL/min}$

➤ ΠΑΡΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΗΣΗ ΝΕΦΡΙΚΗΣ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑΣ ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗ ΔΙΑΡΚΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑΣ ΙΔΙΑΙΤΕΡΑ ΣΕ ΑΤΟΜΑ ΜΕ ΔΙΑΤΑΡΑΧΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΝΕΦΡΙΚΗΣ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑΣ

# ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ ΣΤΗ ΝΕΦΡΙΚΗ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Baseline and subsequent regular assessment of renal function (by CrCl) is recommended in patients following initiation of any NOAC, which should be done annually but more frequently in those with moderate renal impairment where CrCl should be assessed 2–3 times per year.

NOACs (dabigatran, rivaroxaban, and apixaban) are not recommended in patients with severe renal impairment (CrCl <30 mL/min).

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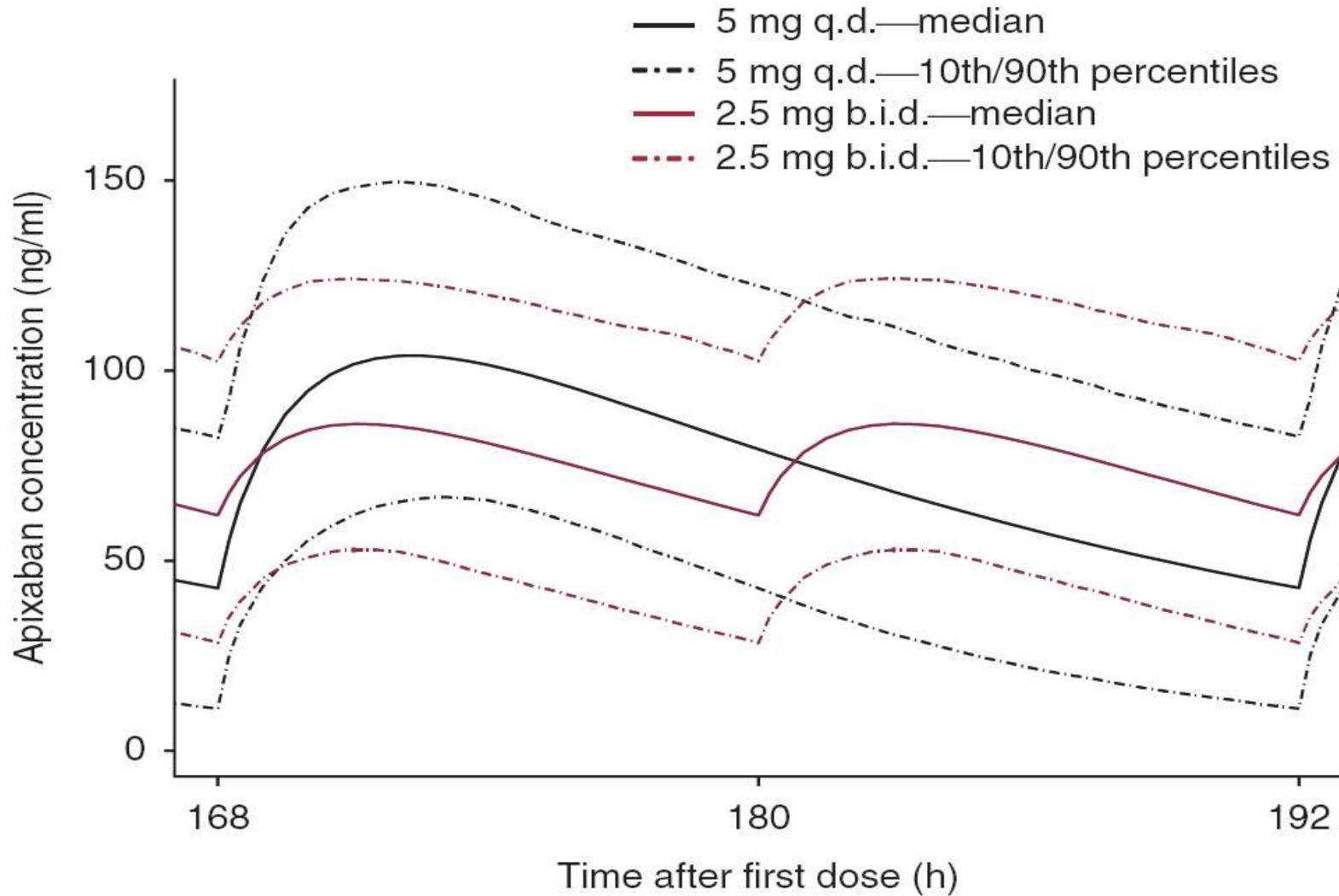
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DABIGATRAN → X 2

RIVAROXABAN → X 1

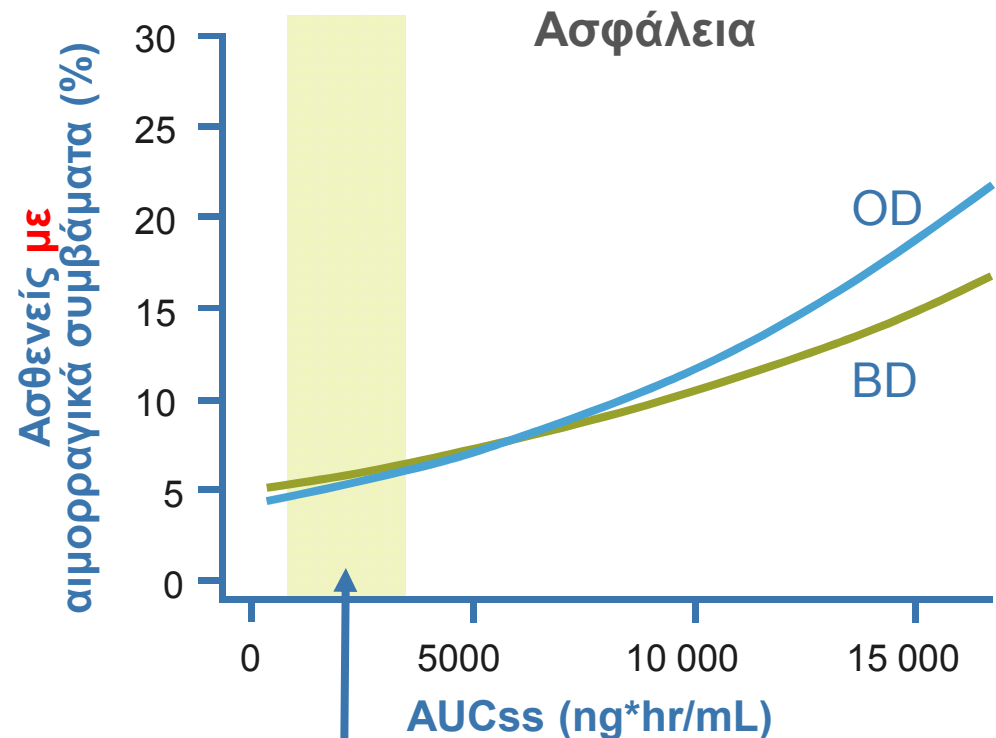
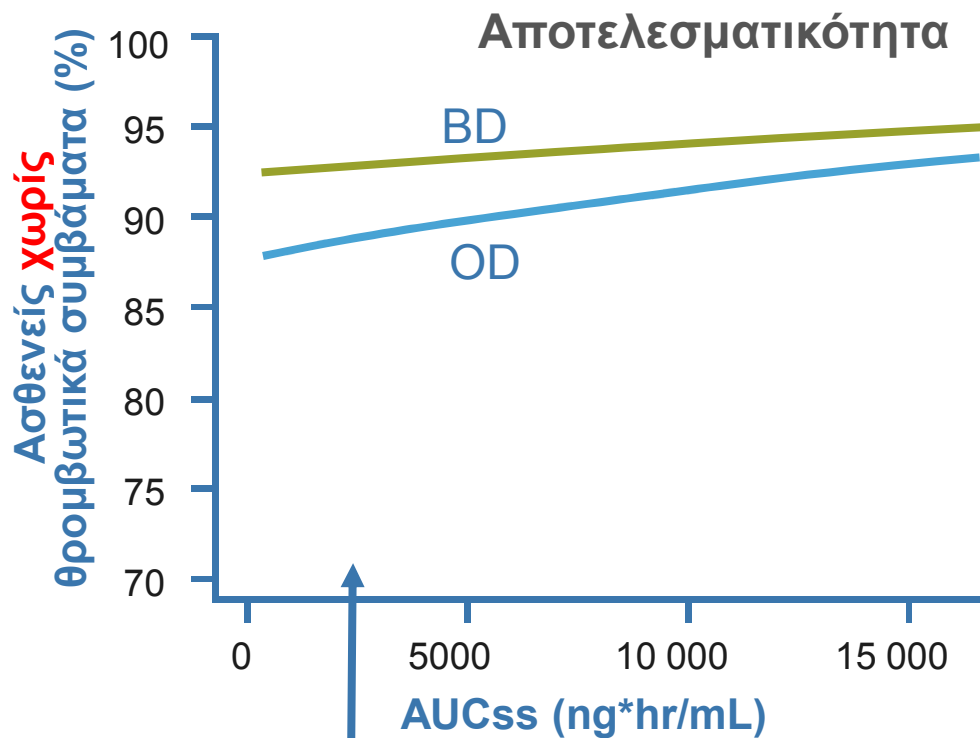
APIXABAN → X 2

**Figure 1** Predicted median and 10–90th percentiles for steady-state apixaban plasma concentration vs. time after first dose.



# Χορήγηση δύο φορές την ημέρα

Μεγιστοποίησης της αποτελεσματικότητας χωρίς αύξηση του κινδύνου αιμορραγίας

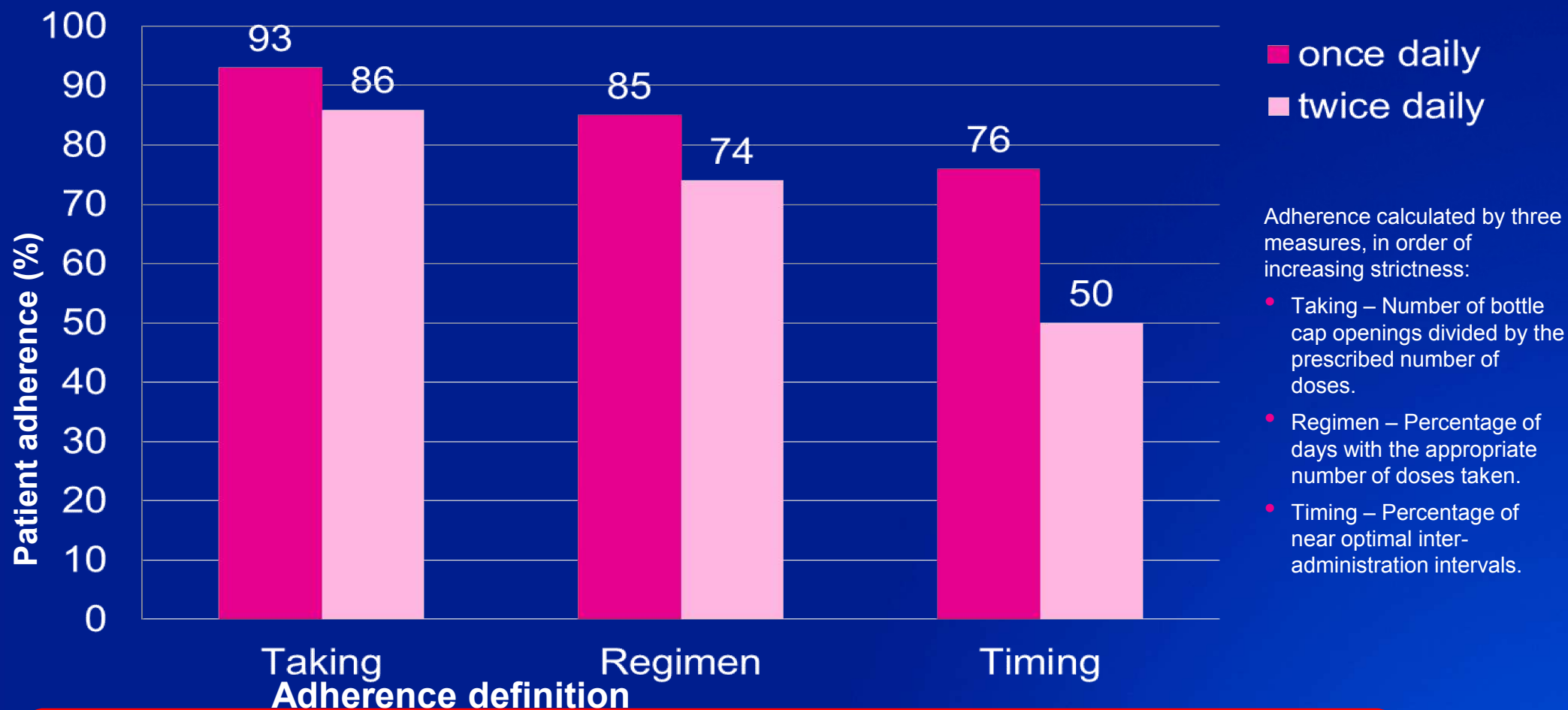


Εύρος έκθεσης (2.5<sup>η</sup> -97.5<sup>η</sup> εκατοστιαία θέση) για 2.5 mg δύο φορές ημερησίως χορήγηση

AUCss: Περιοχή κάτω από την καμπύλη συγκέντρωσης στο πλάσμα – χρόνου σε σταθερή κατάσταση

Προσαρμογή από Feng Y et al. Poster στο 21st Congress of ISTH; July 2007; Geneva, Switzerland. Poster P-M-663.

# CV medication adherence: once vs. twice daily



**Up to 23% higher adherence in patients taking once-daily chronic CV medications vs twice daily intake**

1. ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΣΜΑΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ-ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑ

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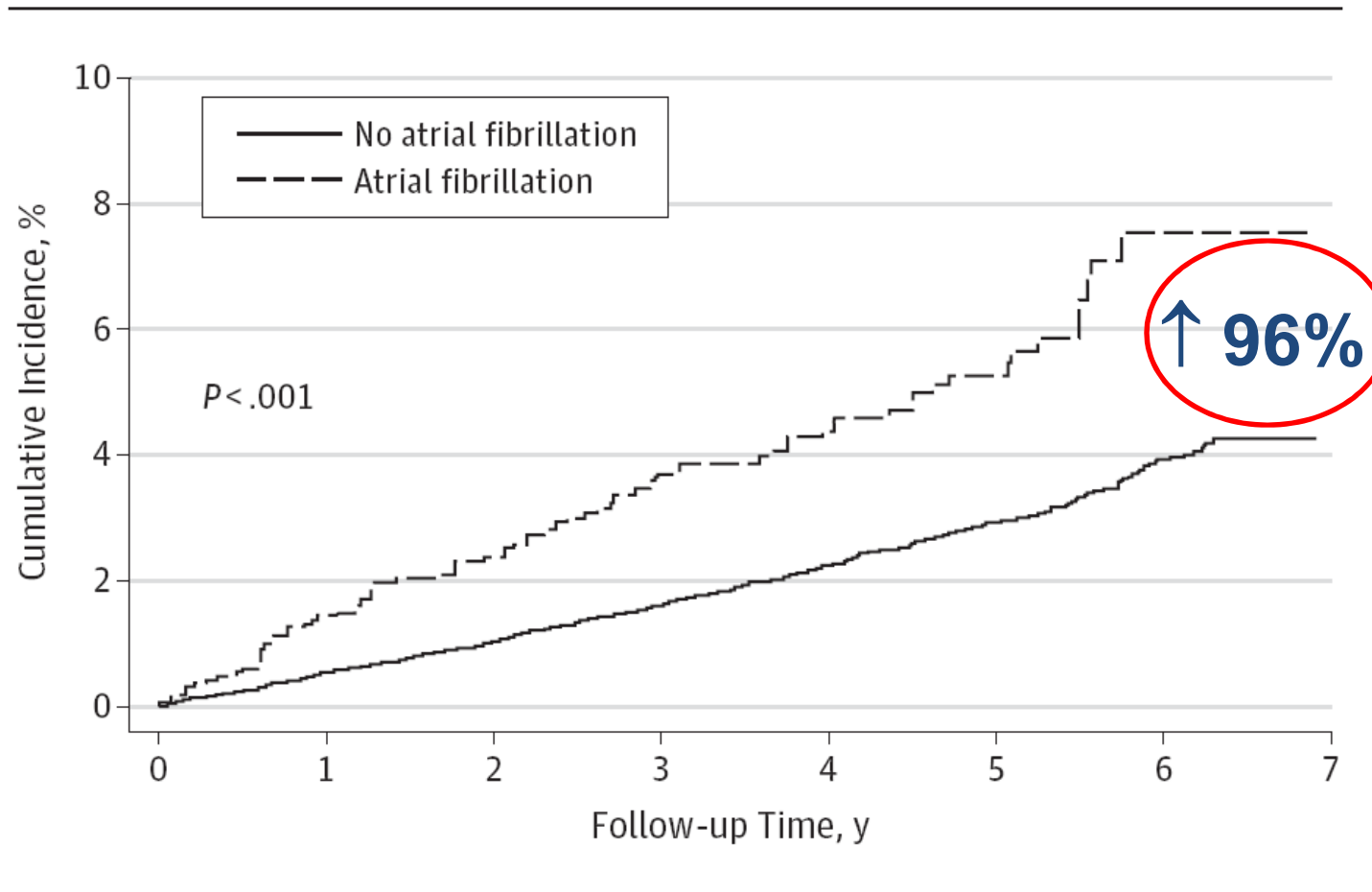
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# ΚΜ ΚΑΙ ΕΜΦΡΑΓΜΑ ΜΥΟΚΑΡΔΙΟΥ

- 30-40% των ασθενών με ΚΜ έχουν γνωστή αθηρωματική νόσο
- 1. ΣΝ → ΚΜ ✓
- 2. ΚΟΙΝΟΙ ΠΑΡΑΓΟΝΤΕΣ ΚΙΝΔΥΝΟΥ ✓
- 3. ΚΜ → ΟΕΜ ✓

# Atrial Fibrillation and the Risk of Myocardial Infarction

Figure 1. Unadjusted Cumulative Incidence of Myocardial Infarction by Baseline Atrial Fibrillation Status



# Warfarin vs Aspirin: Which Is More Cardioprotective?

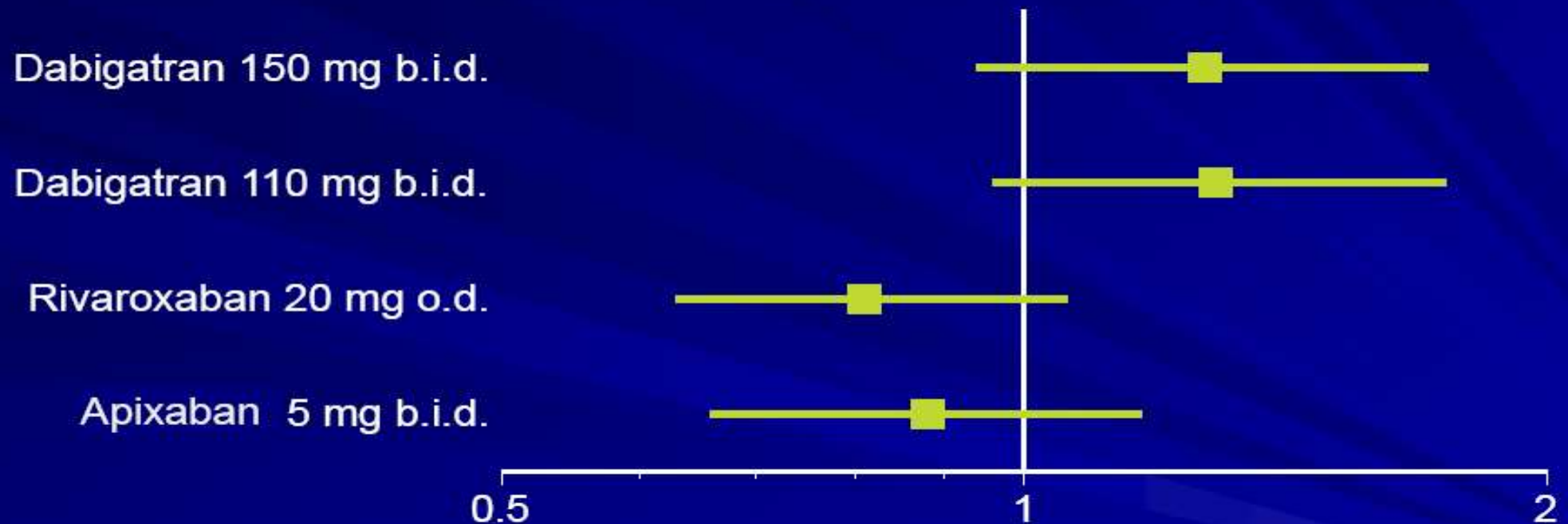
Study, Year	Rate Ratio (95% CI)	Weight (%)	Events/Patient-Years	
			Warfarin	Aspirin
ATACS pilot, 1990	0.22 (0.01-4.66)	0.5	0/9	1/7
ATACS main, 1994	0.69 (0.29-1.65)	5.7	6/24	9/25
Williams et al, 1997	0.19 (0.03-1.16)	1.3	1/6	5/5
APRICOT-2, 2002	0.28 (0.09-0.92)	3.1	3/34	11/35
OASIS main, 2001	0.58 (0.38-0.89)	23.9	30/373	52/375
OASIS pilot, 1998	0.51 (0.20-1.26)	5.2	5/25	10/25
Huynh et al, 2001	2.07 (0.20-21.85)	0.8	2/38	1/39
ASPECT-2, 2002	0.69 (0.31-1.53)	6.8	10/298	14/289
Zibaeenezhad et al, 2004	0.87 (0.20-2.28)	2.9	4/70	6/70
WARIS II, 2002	0.56 (0.42-0.75)	49.8	69/4927	117/4669
<b>Overall</b>	<b>0.56 (0.48-0.69)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>130/5834</b>	<b>228/5539</b>

↓ 44%



# New anticoagulants compared to warfarin

## Myocardial infarction

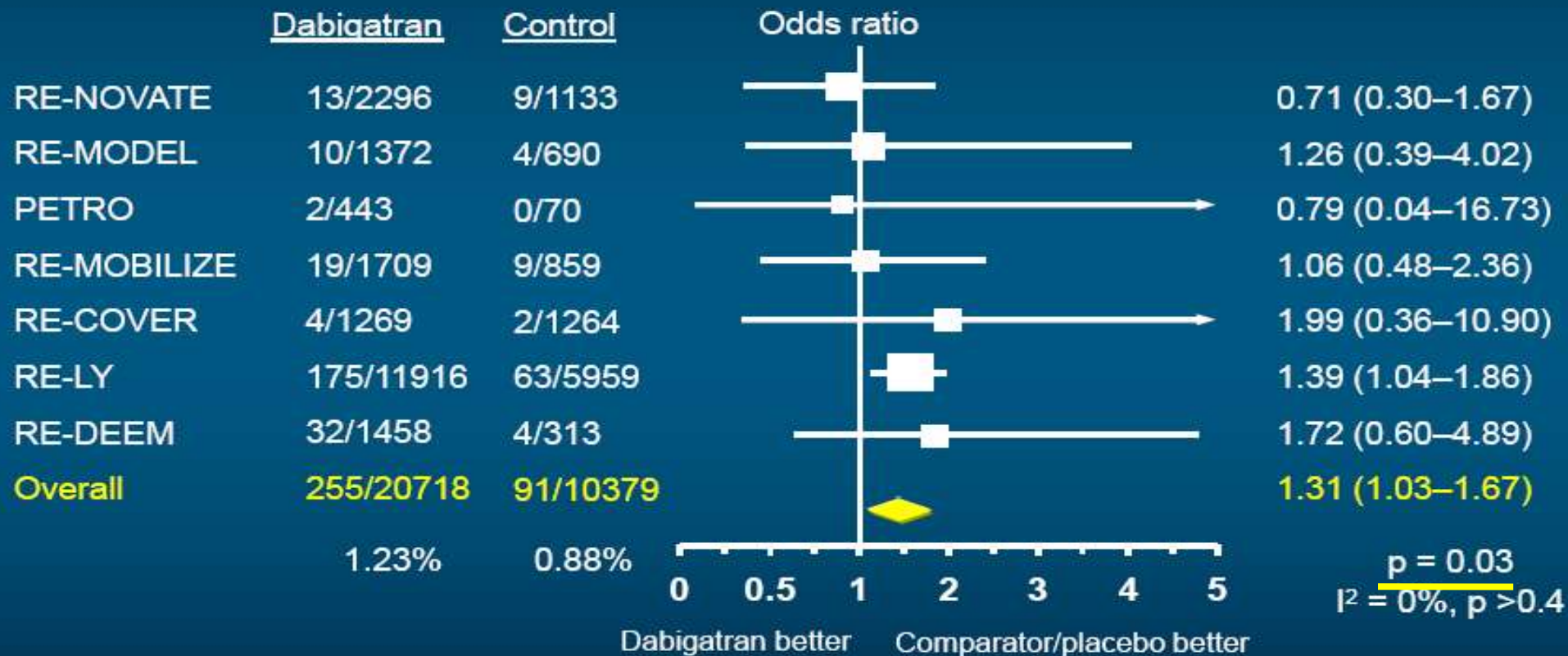


# Bleeding and Myocardial Infarction

	Dabigatran 110 mg	Dabigatran 150 mg	Warfarin	Dabigatran 110 mg vs Warfarin		Dabigatran 150 mg vs Warfarin	
	Annual Rate	Annual rate	Annual rate	RR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	RR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
Total	14.6%	16.4%	18.2%	0.78 (0.74-0.83)	< .001	0.91 (0.86-0.97)	.002
Major	2.7 %	3.1 %	3.4 %	0.80 (0.69-0.93)	.003	0.93 (0.81-1.07)	.31
Life- threatening, major	1.2 %	1.5 %	1.8 %	0.68 (0.55-0.83)	< .001	0.81 (0.66-0.99)	.04
Gastro- intestinal, major	1.1 %	1.5 %	1.0 %	1.10 (0.86-1.41)	.43	1.50 (1.19-1.89)	< .001
Myocardial infarction	0.72%	0.74%	0.53%	1.35 (0.98-1.87)	.07	1.38 (1.00-1.91)	0.48

# Dabigatran and MI/ACS: "Meta-analysis"

## 7 studies, 31,097 patients



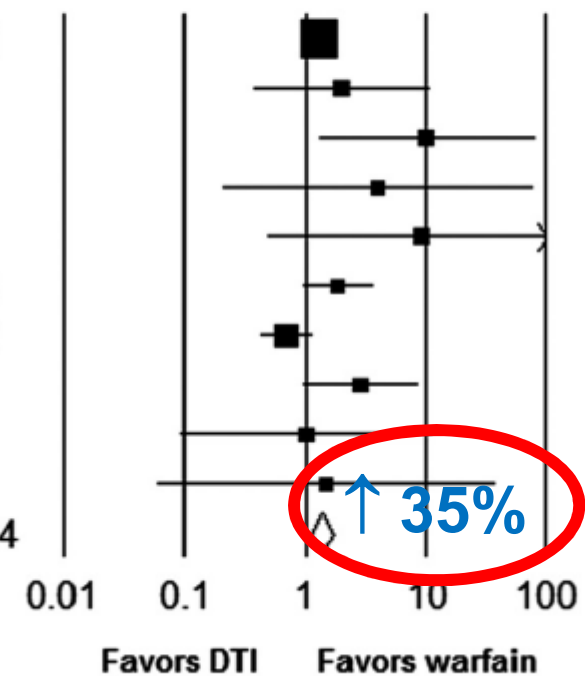
Using RE-LY revised data on MI:  
 Excluding short-term trials:

OR = 1.25 (1.0–1.57)  $p = 0.05$   
 OR = 1.33 (1.03–1.72)  $p = 0.03$

↑ 31%

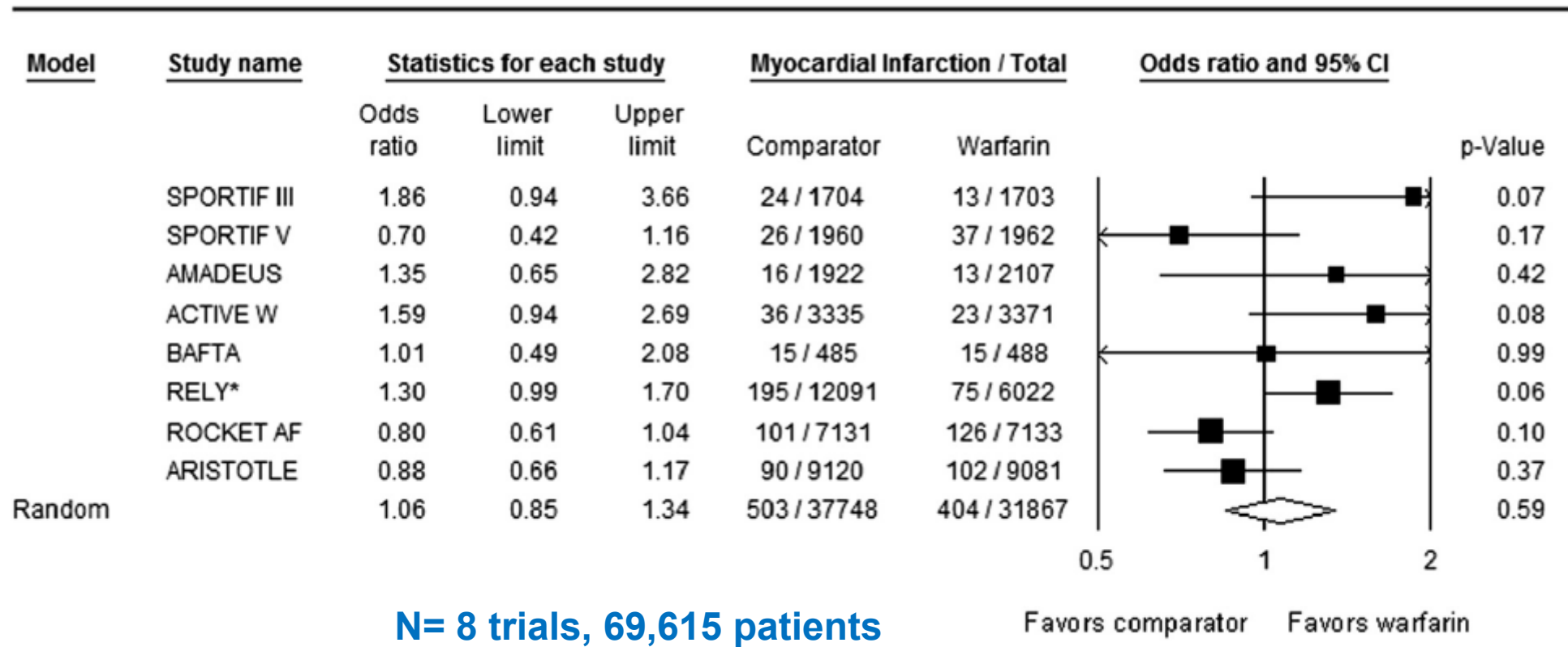
# Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials on Risk of Myocardial Infarction from the Use of Oral Direct Thrombin Inhibitors<sup>☆</sup>

Model	Study name	Statistics for each study			MI / Total		MH odds ratio and 95% CI		p-Value
		MH odds ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit	Thrombin Inhibitor	Warfarin			
	RE-LY*	1.30	0.99	1.70	195 / 12091	75 / 6022			0.055
	RE-COVER	1.99	0.36	10.90	4 / 1273	2 / 1266			0.427
	RE-MEDY	10.04	1.28	78.50	10 / 1430	1 / 1426			0.028
	RE-ALIGN	3.98	0.20	77.89	3 / 160	0 / 89			0.363
	THRIVE	9.09	0.49	169.10	4 / 1240	0 / 1249			0.139
	SPORTIF III	1.86	0.94	3.66	24 / 1704	13 / 1703			0.074
	SPORTIF V	0.70	0.42	1.16	26 / 1960	37 / 1962			0.166
	EXULT A&B	2.86	0.95	8.57	16 / 2677	4 / 1907			0.060
	Lip et al.	1.01	0.09	11.16	2 / 631	1 / 318			0.995
	Olsson et al.	1.49	0.06	36.89	1 / 167	0 / 82			0.809
Fixed		1.35	1.10	1.66	285 / 23333	133 / 16024			0.005



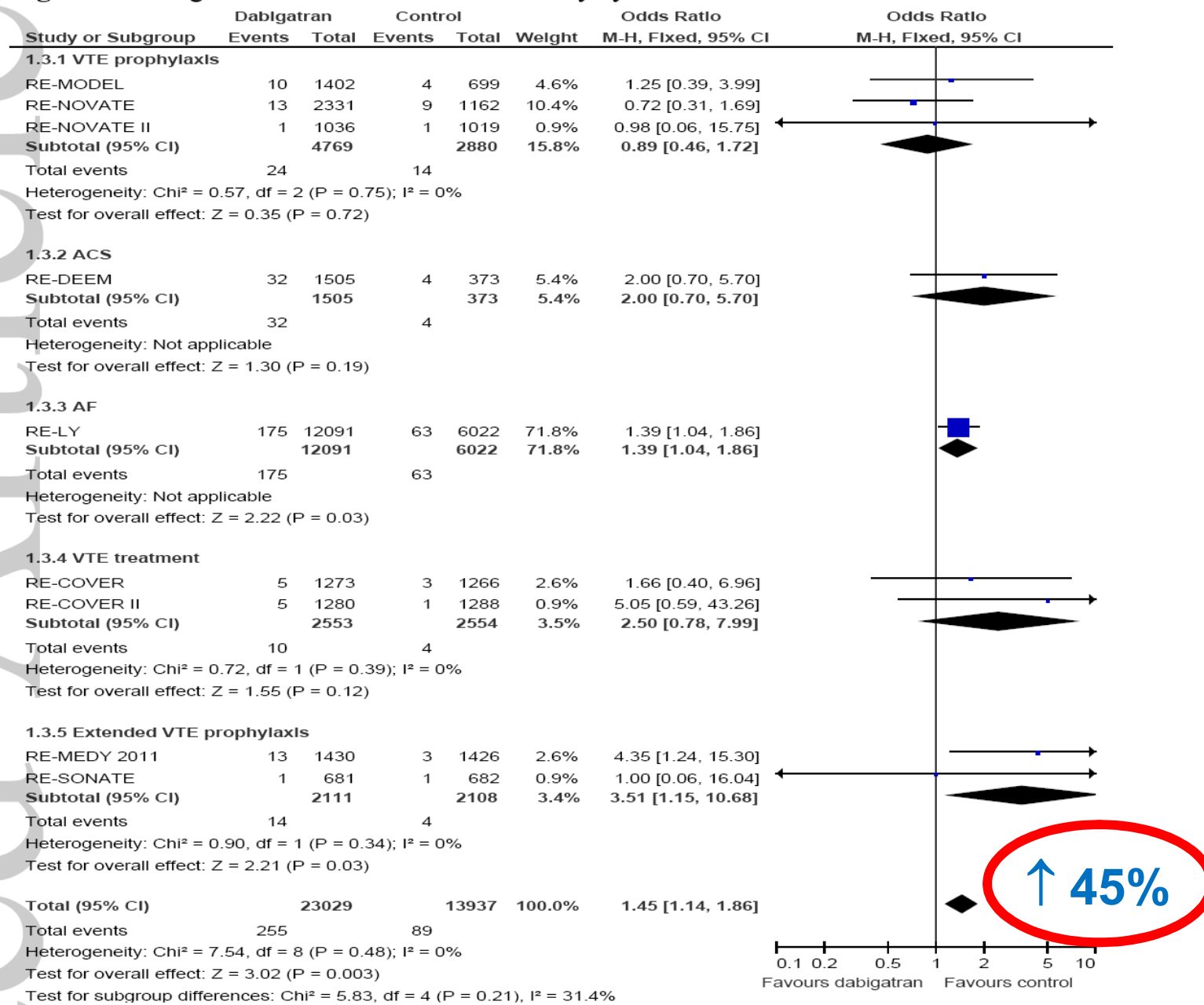
**N= 11 trials, 39,357 patients**

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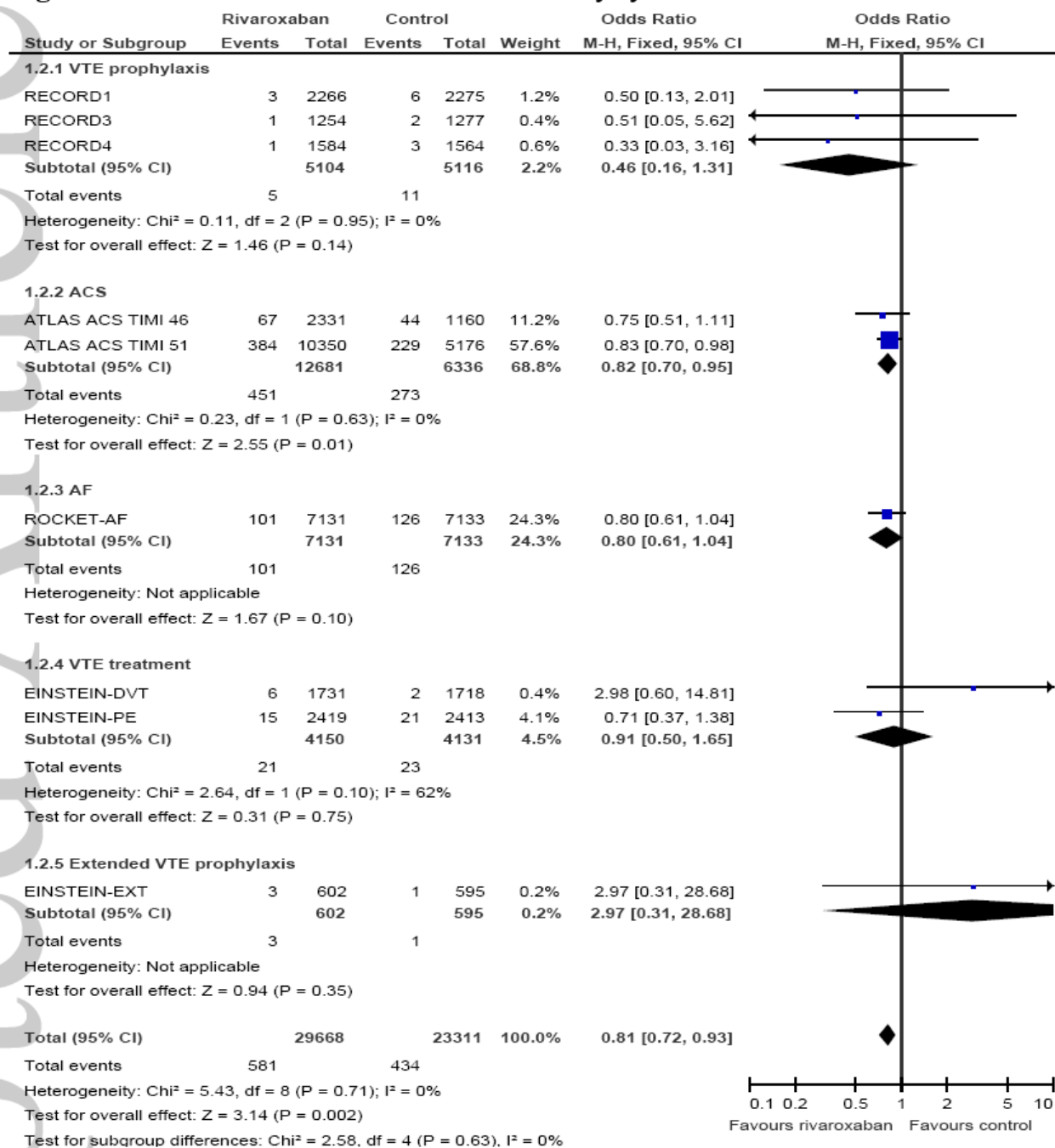


**N= 8 trials, 69,615 patients**

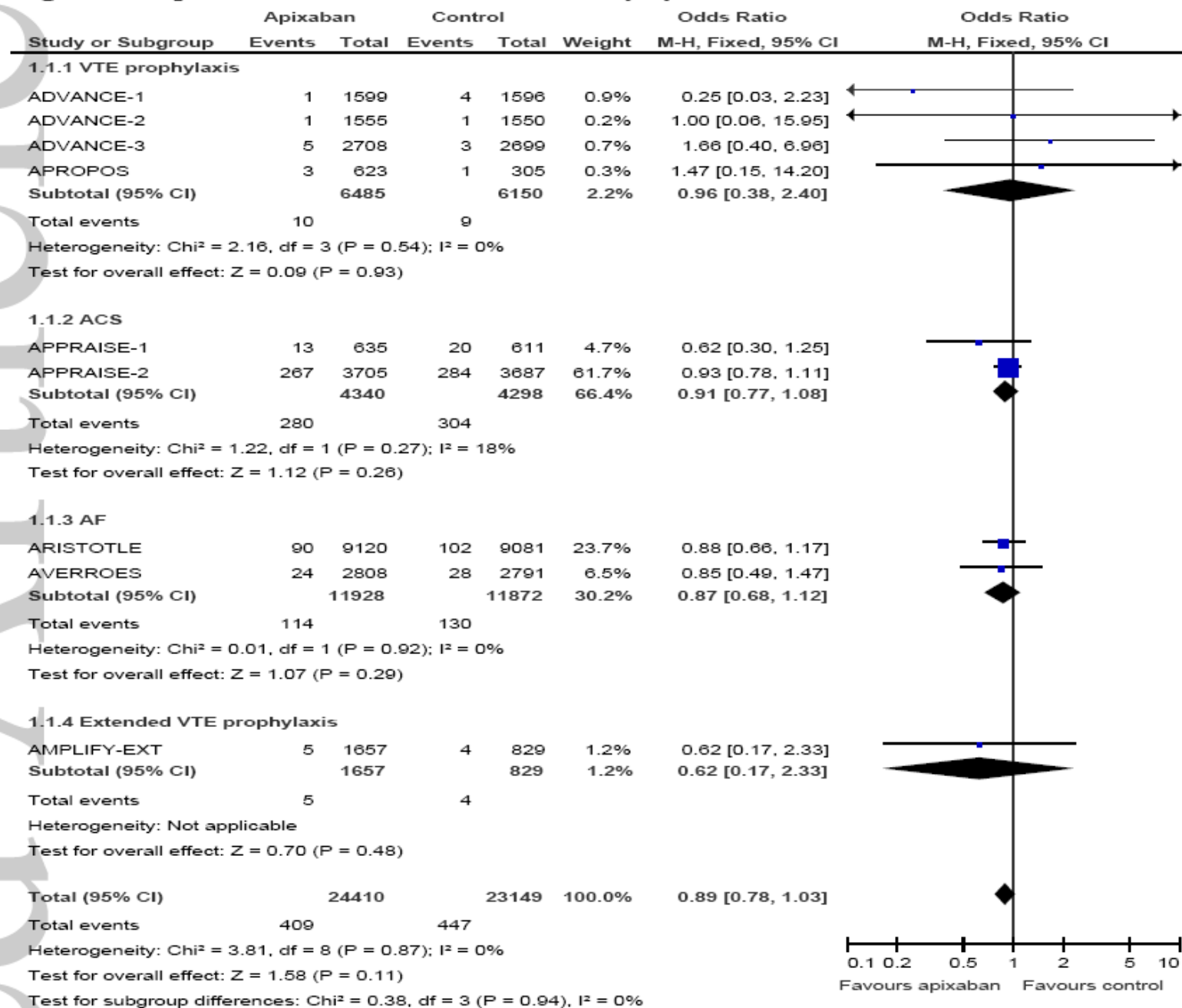
**Figure 4: Dabigatran and risk of acute coronary syndrome**



**Figure 3: Rivaroxaban and risk of acute coronary syndrome**



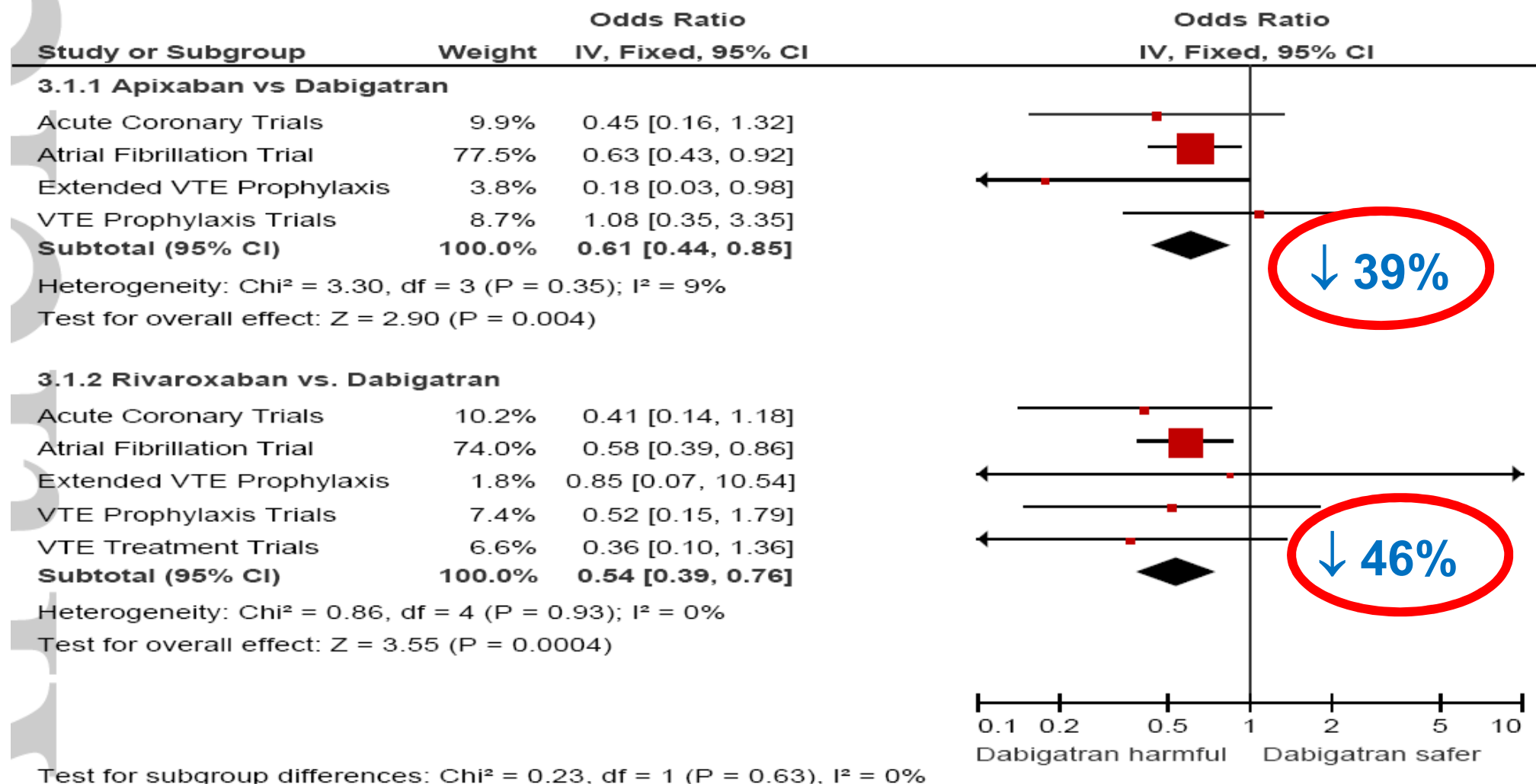
**Figure 2: Apixaban and risk of acute coronary syndrome**





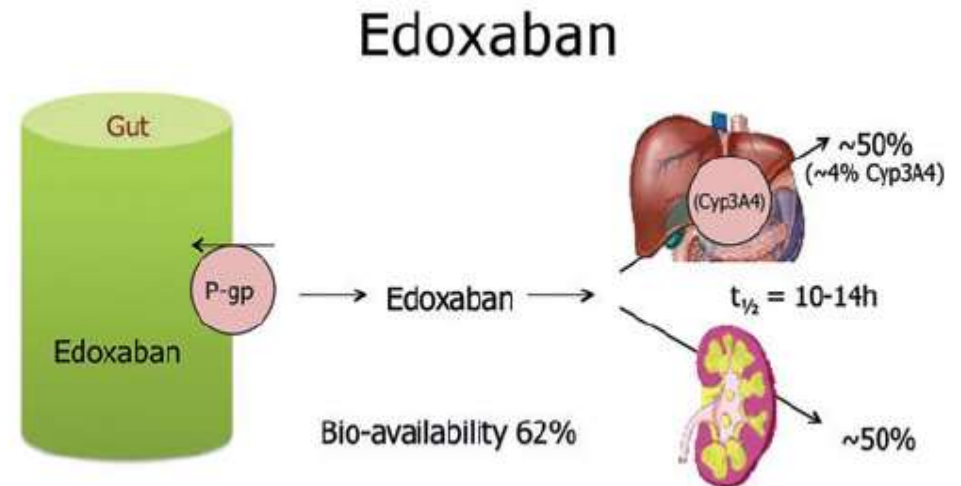
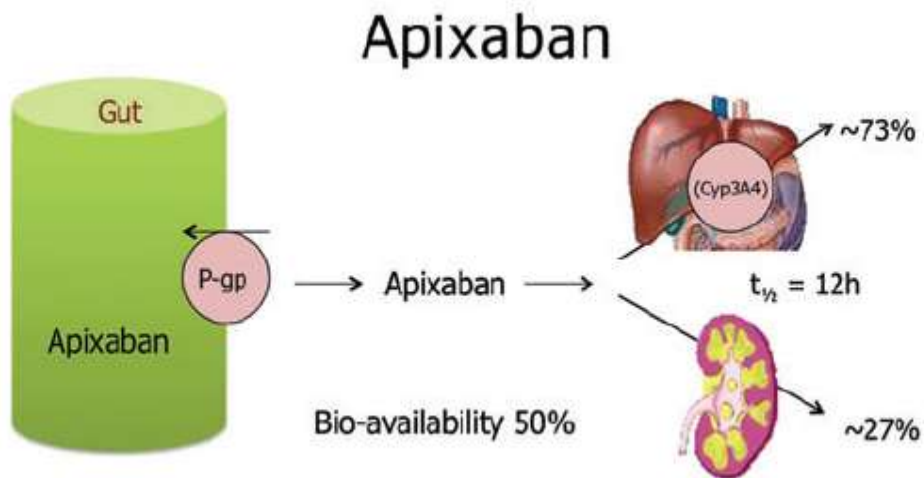
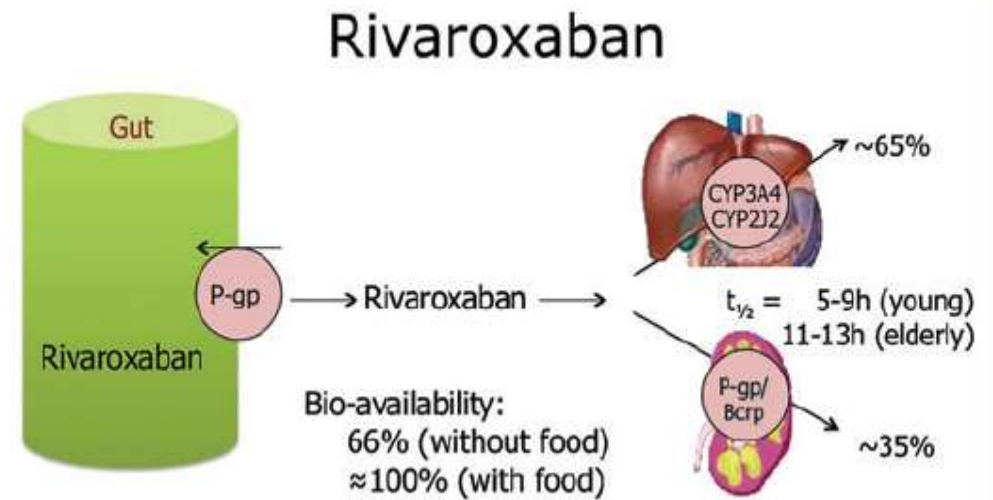
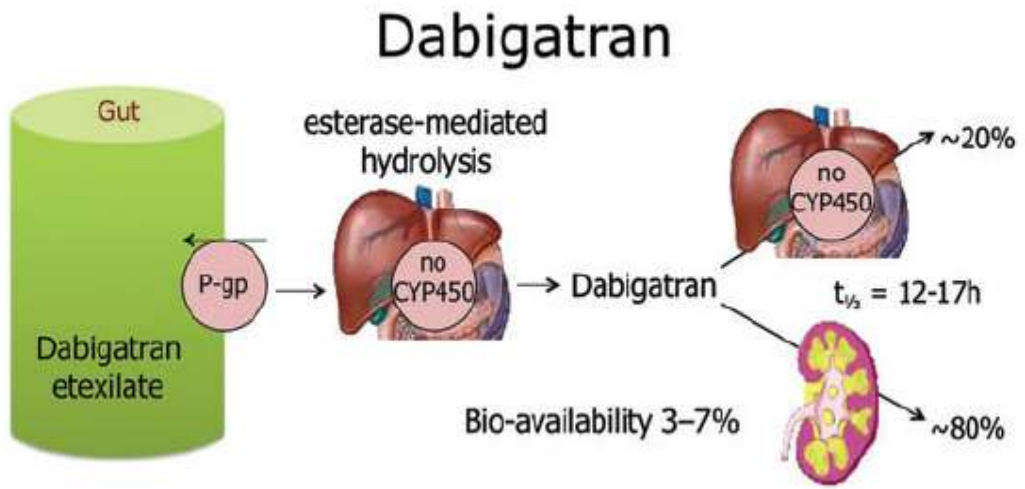
**Comparative coronary risks of apixaban, rivaroxaban and dabigatran: a meta-analysis  
and adjusted indirect comparison**

**Figure 6:** Adjusted indirect comparison of oral anticoagulants, stratified according to indication for treatment



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**Table 6** Effect on NOAC plasma levels (AUC) from drug–drug interactions and clinical factors, and recommendations towards NOAC dose adaptation

	via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
<b>Antiarrhythmic drugs:</b>					
Amiodarone	moderate P-gp competition	+12-60% <sup>58</sup>	No PK data <sup>5</sup>	+40% <sup>63, 64, 244</sup>	Minor effect <sup>5</sup> (use with caution if CrCl <50 ml/min)
Digoxin	P-gp competition	No effect <sup>245</sup>	No data yet	No effect	No effect <sup>246, 247</sup>
Diltiazem	P-gp competition and weak CYP3A4 inhibition	No effect <sup>58</sup>	+40% <sup>60</sup>	No data yet	Minor effect* (use with caution if CrCl 15-50 ml/min)
Dronedarone	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+70-100% (US: 2 x 75 mg if CrCl 30-50 ml/min)	No PK or PD data: caution	+85% (Reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	Moderate effect* but no PK or PD data: caution and try to avoid
Quinidine	P-gp competition	+53% <sup>248</sup> & SMPC	No data yet	+77% <sup>240, 249, 250</sup> (No dose reduction required by label)	Extent of increase unknown
Verapamil	P-gp competition (and weak CYP3A4 inhibition)	+12-180% <sup>58</sup> (reduce NOAC dose and take simultaneously)	No PK data	+53% (SR) <sup>64, 249</sup> (No dose reduction required by label)	Minor effect <sup>248</sup> (use with caution if CrCl 15-50 ml/min)
<b>Other cardiovascular drugs</b>					
Atorvastatin	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+18% <sup>251</sup>	No data yet	No effect	No effect <sup>252</sup>

<b>Antibiotics</b>					
Clarithromycin; Erythromycin	moderate P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+15-20%	No data yet	+90% <sup>64</sup> (reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	+30-54% <sup>42, 247</sup>
Rifampicin***	P-gp/ BCRP and CYP3A4/CYP2J 2 inducers	minus 66% <sup>253</sup>	minus 54% <sup>238</sup>	avoid if possible: minus 35%, but with compensatory increase of active metabolites <sup>243</sup>	Up to minus 50%
<b>Antiviral drugs</b>					
HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir)	P-gp and BCRP competition or inducer; CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	Strong increase <sup>SmPC</sup>	No data yet	Up to +153% <sup>247</sup>

	via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
<b>Fungostatics</b>					
Fluconazole	Moderate CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	No data yet	No data yet	+42% (if systemically administered) <sup>247</sup>
Itraconazole; Ketoconazole; Posaconazole; Voriconazole;	potent P-gp and BCRP competition; CYP3A4 inhibition	+140-150% (US: 2 x 75 mg if CrCl 30-50 ml/min)	+100% <sup>60</sup>	+87-95% <sup>64</sup> (reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	Up to +160% <sup>247</sup>
<b>Immunosuppressive</b>					
Cyclosporin; Tacrolimus	P-gp competition	Not recommended	No data yet	+73%	Extent of increase unknown
<b>Antiphlogistics</b>					
Naproxen	P-gp competition	No data yet	+55% <sup>254</sup>	No effect (but pharmacodynamically increased bleeding time)	No data yet

	via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
<b>Antacids</b>					
H2B; PPI; Al-Mg-hydroxide	GI absorption	Minus 12-30% <sup>45, 53, 58</sup>	No effect <sup>55</sup>	No effect	No effect <sup>241, 242</sup>
<b>Others</b>					
Carbamazepine <sup>***</sup> ; Phenobarbital <sup>***</sup> ; Phenytoin <sup>***</sup> ; St John's wort <sup>***</sup>	P-gp/ BCRP and CYP3A4/CYP2J 2 inducers	minus 66% <sup>253</sup>	minus 54% <sup>SmPC</sup>	minus 35%	Up to minus 50%
<b>Other factors:</b>					
Age ≥ 80 years	Increased plasma level		#	%	
Age ≥75 years	Increased plasma level			%	
Weight ≤ 60 kg	Increased plasma level		#		
Renal function	Increased plasma level	See Table 8			
Other increased bleeding risk		Pharmacodynamic interactions (antiplatelet drugs; NSAID; systemic steroid therapy; other anticoagulants); history of GI bleeding; recent surgery on critical organ (brain; eye); thrombocytopenia (e.g. chemotherapy); HAS-BLED ≥3			

# ΑΛΛΗΛΕΠΙΔΡΑΣΕΙΣ ΤΟΥ DABIGATRAN

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ΚΥΚΛΟΣΤΟΡΙΝΗ - ΤΑCROLIMUS

↓ ΑΠΟΡΡΟΦΗΣΗ ΜΕ ΠΡΑΖΟΛΕΣ

Τα δισκία να βγαίνουν από τη συσκευασία αμέσως πριν καταναλωθούν

# Rivaroxaban: practical considerations

## Label statement:

Rivaroxaban (15 mg and 20 mg) is to be taken **with food**

## Label statement:

The use of rivaroxaban **is not recommended in patients receiving concomitant systemic treatment with azole-antimycotics (such as ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole and posaconazole) or HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir)**

## Label statement: special warnings and precautions

**Strong CYP3A4 inducers should be co-administered with caution**



# Apixaban: practical considerations

## Label statement:

Apixaban (5 mg and 2.5 mg) can be **taken with or without food**

## Label statement:

The use of apixaban **is not recommended in patients receiving concomitant systemic treatment with azole-antimycotics (such as ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole and posaconazole) or HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir)**

## Label statement: special warnings and precautions

**Strong CYP3A4 inducers should be co-administered with caution**

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ΣΤΗΝ ΚΜ

# ΕΞΑΤΟΜΙΚΕΥΣΗ Ι

- 1) ΒΑΛΒΙΔΙΚΗ ΑΙΤΙΟΛΟΓΙΑ → ΚΟΥΜΑΡΙΝΙΚΑ
- 2) ΣΟΒΑΡΗ ΝΕΦΡΙΚΗ ΝΟΣΟΣ ( $\text{CrCl} < 15$  mL/min) → ΚΟΥΜΑΡΙΝΙΚΑ

# ΕΞΑΤΟΜΙΚΕΥΣΗ ΙΙ

- 4) ΜΕΓΑΛΟΣ ΚΙΝΔΥΝΟΣ ΙΣΧΑΙΜΙΚΟΥ ΑΕΕ →  
DABIGATRAN 150 mg
- 5) ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΝΕΦΡΙΚΗ ΝΟΣΟΣ (CrCl 15-50  
mL/min) - ΑΣΤΑΘΕΙΑ ΝΕΦΡΙΚΗΣ  
ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑΣ → ARIXABAN-RIVAROΧABAN
- 6) ΜΕΓΑΛΟΣ ΚΙΝΔΥΝΟΣ ΓΑΣΤΡΕΝΤΕΡΙΚΗΣ  
ΑΙΜΟΡΡΑΓΙΑΣ → ARIXABAN

# ΕΞΑΤΟΜΙΚΕΥΣΗ ΙΙΙ

- 7) ΣΝ-ΚΙΝΔΥΝΟΣ ΟΕΜ → ΑΡΙΧΑΒΑΝ-  
RIVAROΧΑΒΑΝ
- 8) ΔΥΣΠΕΠΤΤΙΚΑ ΕΝΟΧΛΗΜΑΤΑ →  
ΑΡΙΧΑΒΑΝ-RIVAROΧΑΒΑΝ
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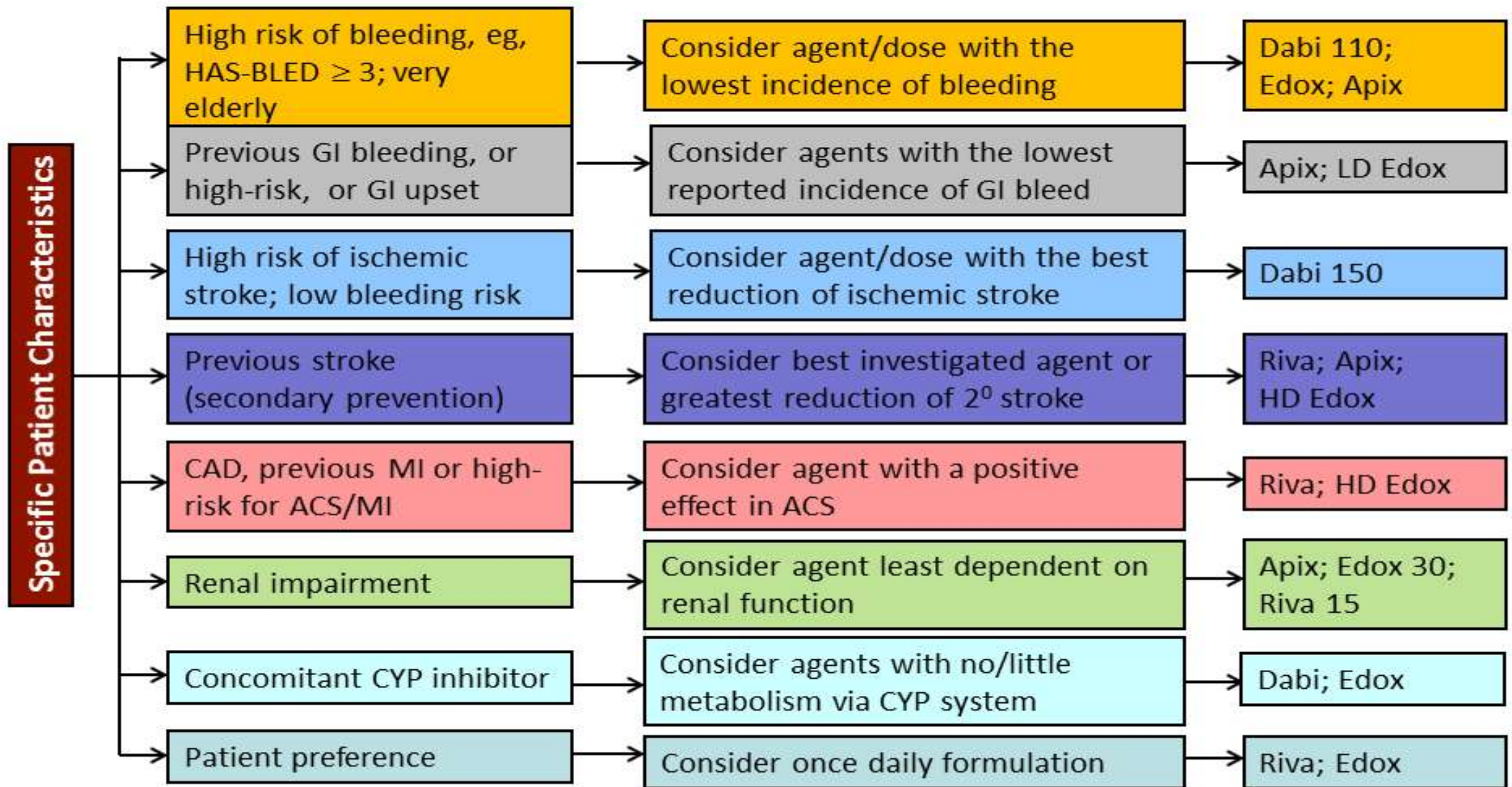
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DABIGATRAN-ΑΡΙΧΑΒΑΝ

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RIVAROΧΑΒΑΝ]

12) ΔΙΣΚΙΑ ΣΕ ΗΜΕΡΟΛΟΓΙΑΚΟ ΚΟΥΤΙ →  
ΑΡΙΧΑΒΑΝ-RIVAROΧΑΒΑΝ

# "Pointers" Regarding Which NOAC to Choose\*



\* All of these "pointers" are debatable

Savelieva I, et al. *Clin Cardiol.* 2014;37:32-47.

Gonzalez-Quesada CJ, Giugliano RP. *J Thromb Thrombolysis.* 2015;39:129-138.

**ΠΡΑΚΤΙΚΑ ΘΕΜΑΤΑ**





**Initiator of anticoagulant treatment:**

- Sets indication for anticoagulation;
- Chooses anticoagulant, based also on patient preferences;
- Decides on need of proton pump inhibitor;
- Baseline hemoglobin, renal and liver function;
- Provides education;
- Hands out anticoagulation card;
- Organises follow-up (when, by whom, what?);
- Remains responsible coordinator for follow-up.

first FU: 1 month

**Follow-up: GP; anticoagulant clinic; initiator of therapy; ...**

- Checks:
  1. Adherence (remaining pills; NOAC card; ...);
  2. Thrombo-embolic events;
  3. Bleeding events;
  4. Other side effects;
  5. Co-medications and over-the-counter drugs.
  6. Need for blood sampling?

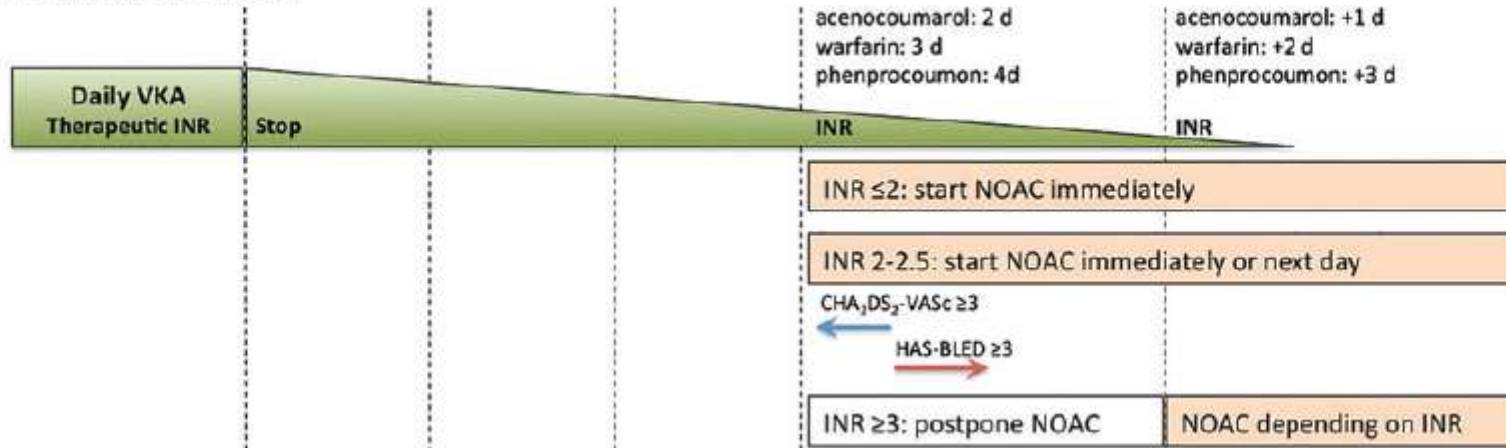
1 month?  
3 months  
max. 6 months

In case of problems: contacts initiator of treatment.

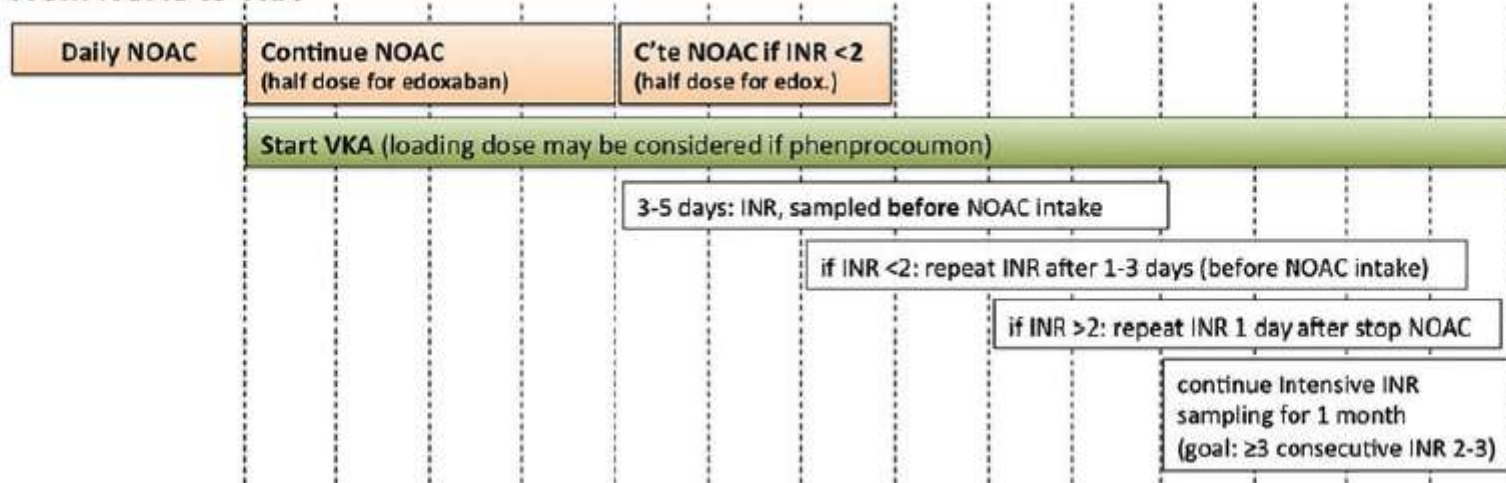
- Else:
- fills out anticoagulation card
  - sets date/place for next follow-up: interval depends on patient factors like renal function.

**Figure 4** Switching between VKAs and non-VKA oral anticoagulants and vice versa.

### From VKA to NOAC



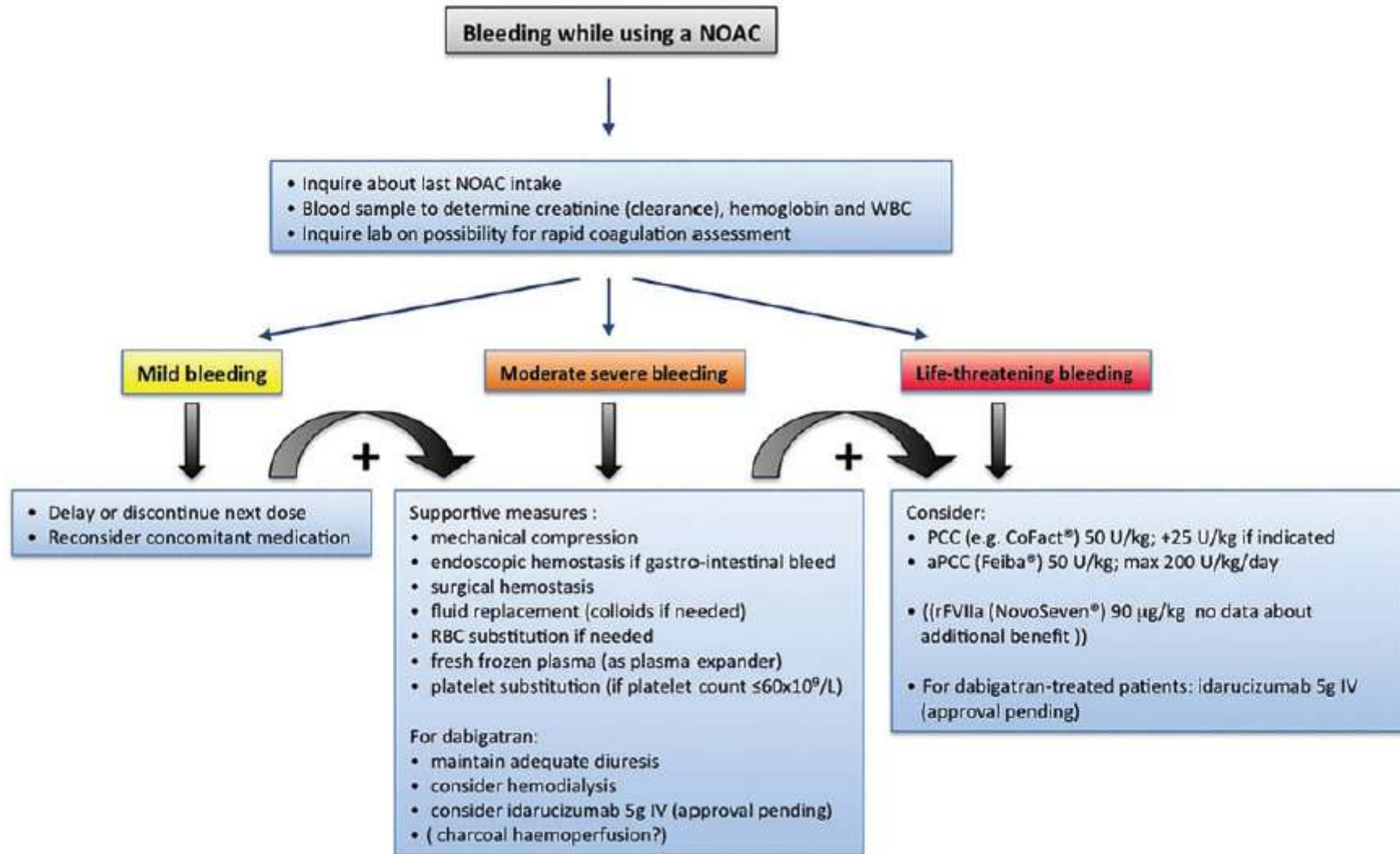
### From NOAC to VKA



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ΕΝΑΡΞΗ NOACs 0-2 ΩΡΕΣ ΠΡΙΝ ΤΗΝ  
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**Figure 5** Management of bleeding in patients taking NOACs.



## **Table 11 Classification of elective surgical interventions according to bleeding risk**

### Interventions not necessarily requiring discontinuation of anticoagulation

#### Dental interventions

Extraction of one to three teeth

Parodontal surgery

Incision of abscess

Implant positioning

#### Ophthalmology

Cataract or glaucoma intervention

#### Endoscopy without surgery

Superficial surgery (e.g. abscess incision, small dermatologic excisions, etc.)

### Interventions with minor bleeding risk (i.e. infrequent or with low clinical impact)

Endoscopy with biopsy

Prostate or bladder biopsy

Electrophysiological study or catheter ablation for right-sided supraventricular tachycardia

Non-coronary angiography (for coronary angiography and ACS: see 'Patient with atrial fibrillation and coronary artery disease' section)

Pacemaker or ICD implantation (unless complex anatomical setting, e.g. congenital heart disease)

### Interventions with major bleeding risk (i.e. frequent and/or with high impact)

Catheter ablation of simple left-sided supraventricular tachycardia (e.g. WPW)

Spinal or epidural anaesthesia; lumbar diagnostic puncture

Thoracic surgery

Abdominal surgery

Major orthopaedic surgery

Liver biopsy

Transurethral prostate resection

Kidney biopsy

Extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy (ESWL)

Interventions with major bleeding risk AND increased thrombo-embolic risk<sup>a</sup>

Complex left-sided ablation (PVI; some VT ablations)

**Table 10** Last intake of drug before elective surgical intervention

	Dabigatran		Apixaban–edoxaban–rivaroxaban	
	No important bleeding risk and/or adequate local haemostasis possible: perform at trough level (i.e. $\geq 12$ or 24 h after last intake)			
	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	High risk
CrCl $\geq 80$ mL/min	$\geq 24$ h	$\geq 48$ h	$\geq 24$ h	$\geq 48$ h
CrCl 50–80 mL/min	<b><math>\geq 36</math> h</b>	<b><math>\geq 72</math> h</b>	$\geq 24$ h	$\geq 48$ h
CrCl 30–50 mL/min <sup>a</sup>	<b><math>\geq 48</math> h</b>	<b><math>\geq 96</math> h</b>	$\geq 24$ h	$\geq 48$ h
CrCl 15–30 mL/min <sup>a</sup>	Not indicated	Not indicated	<b><math>\geq 36</math> h</b>	<b><math>\geq 48</math> h</b>
CrCl < 15 mL/min	No official indication for use			
There is no need for bridging with LMWH/UFH				

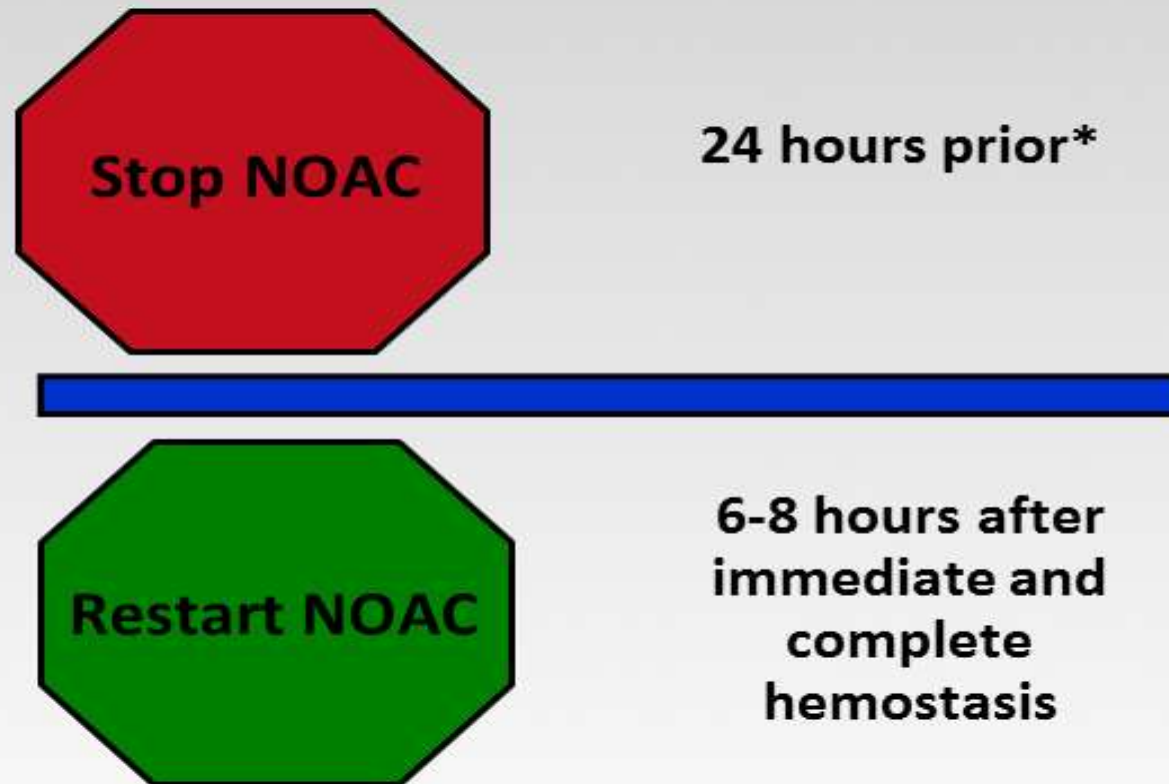
Bold values deviate from the common stopping rule of  $\geq 24$  h low risk,  $\geq 48$  h high risk.

Low risk: with a low frequency of bleeding and/or minor impact of a bleeding; high risk with a high frequency of bleeding and/or important clinical impact. See also Table 11.

CrCl, creatinine clearance.

<sup>a</sup>Many of these patients may be on the lower dose of dabigatran (i.e. 110 mg BID) or apixaban (i.e. 2.5 mg BID), or have to be on the lower dose of rivaroxaban (i.e. 15 mg OD) or edoxaban (i.e. 30 mg OD).

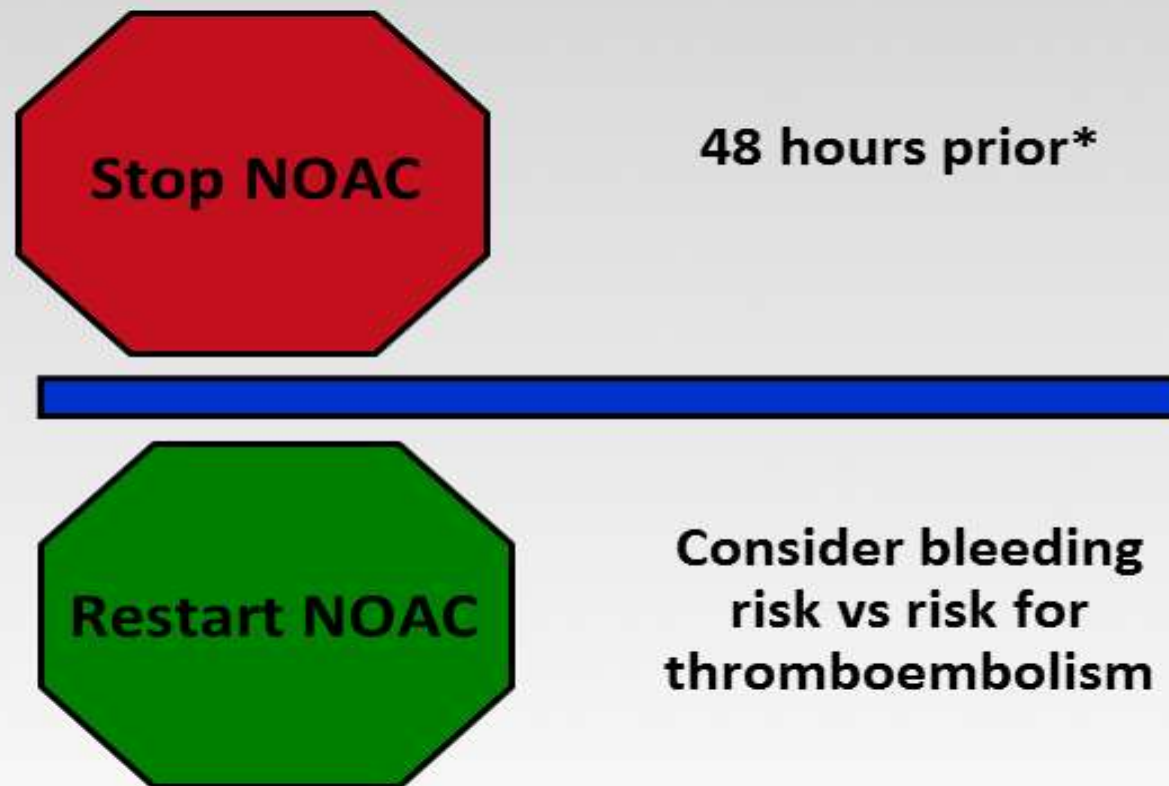
# Procedure Associated With a *Low* Bleeding Risk (eg, EP Study or Ablation for SVT)



\*In patients with normal kidney function (36 hours if CrCl 15-29 mL/min)

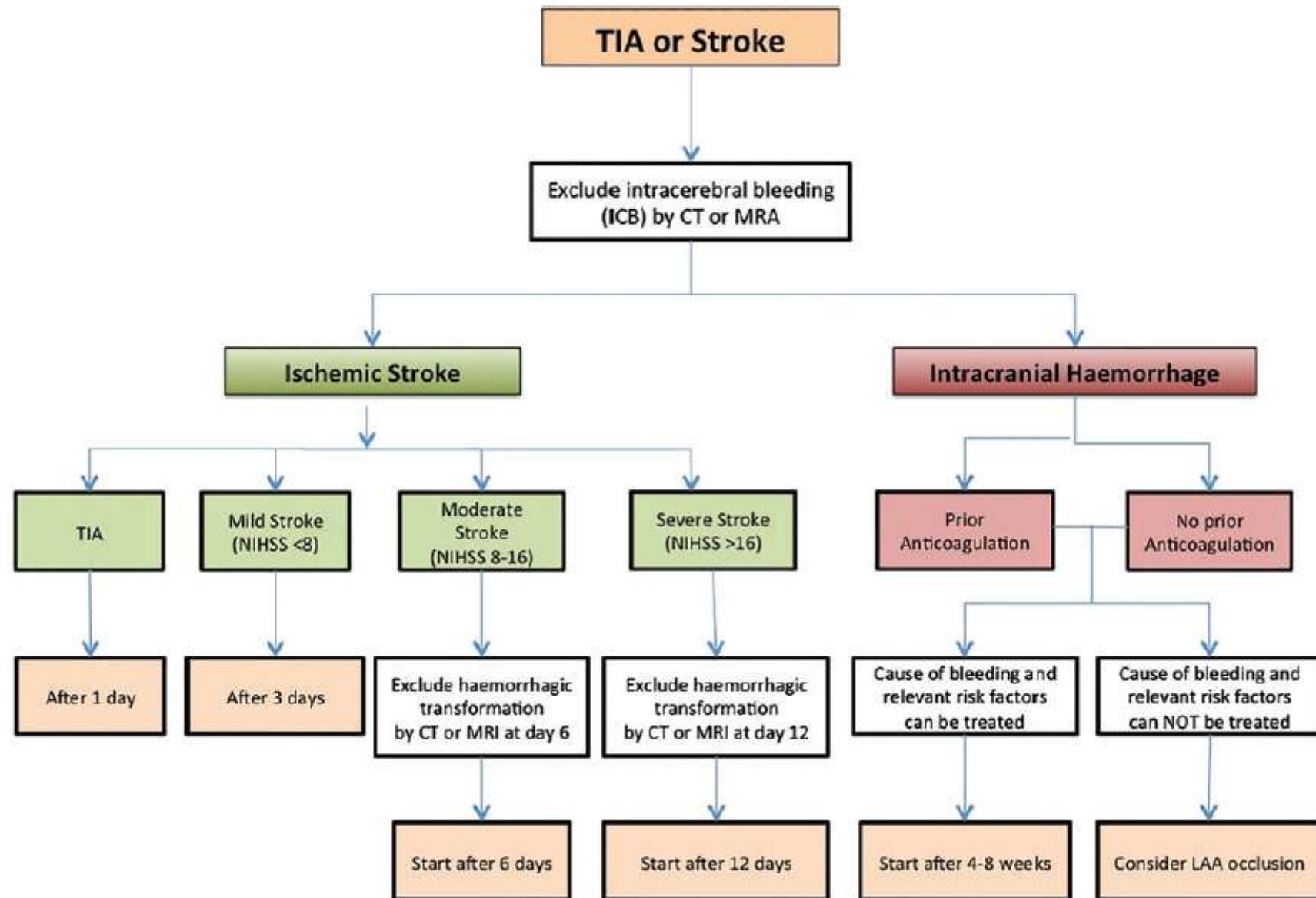


# Procedure Associated With a *High* Bleeding Risk (eg, Complex Left-Sided Ablation)

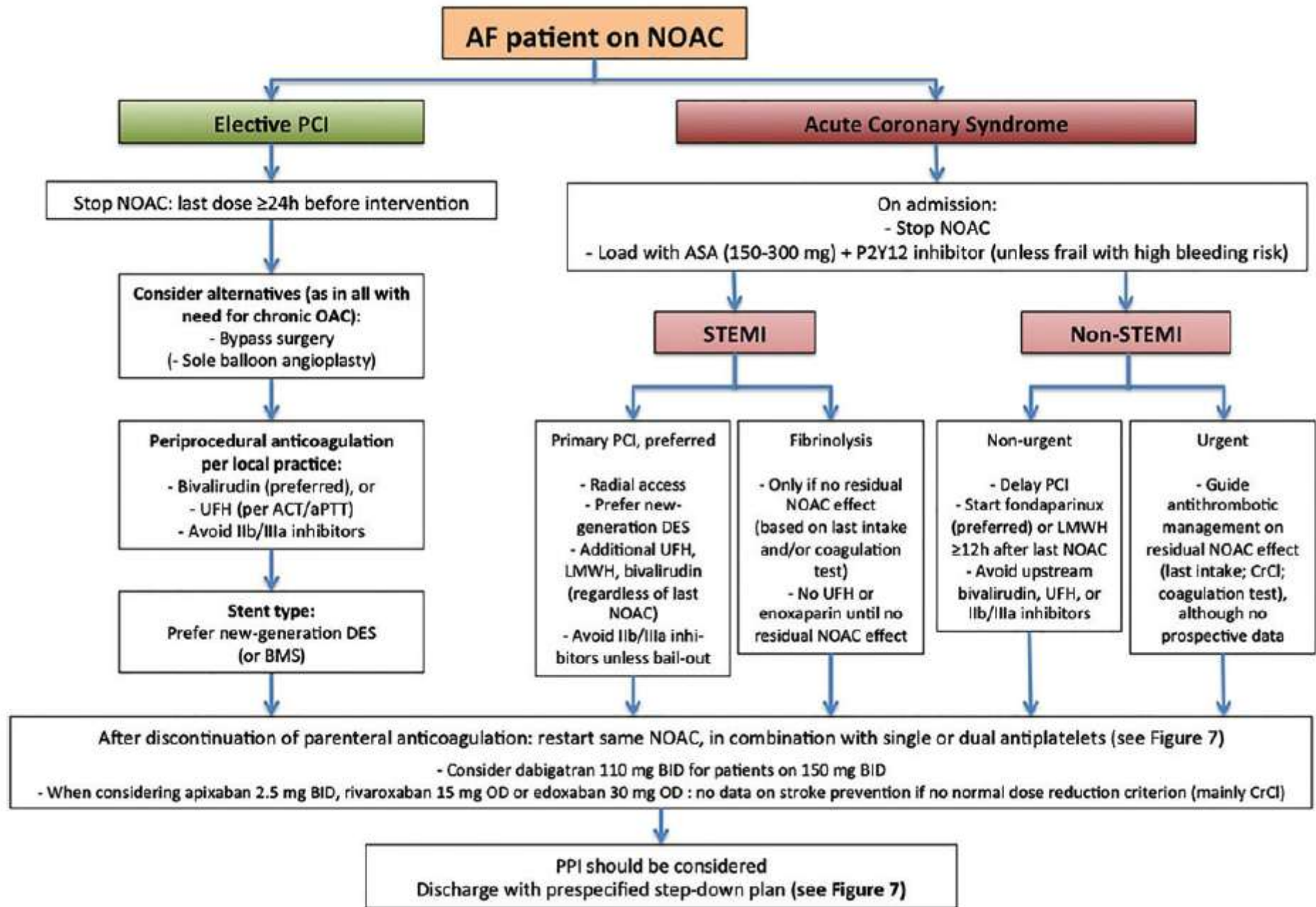


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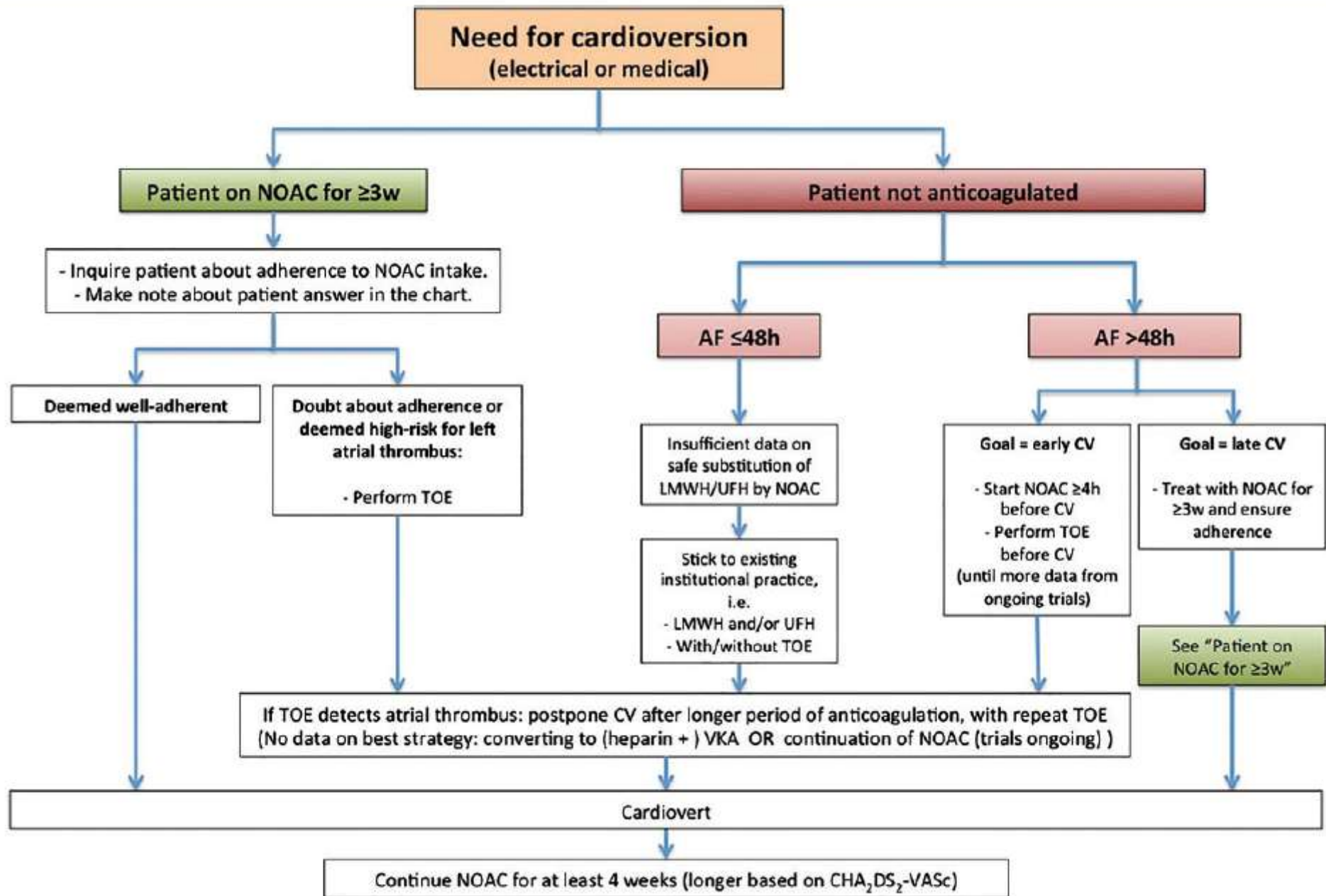
**Figure 9** Flowchart for the initiation or re-initiation of anticoagulation after TIA/stroke or intracerebral haemorrhage.



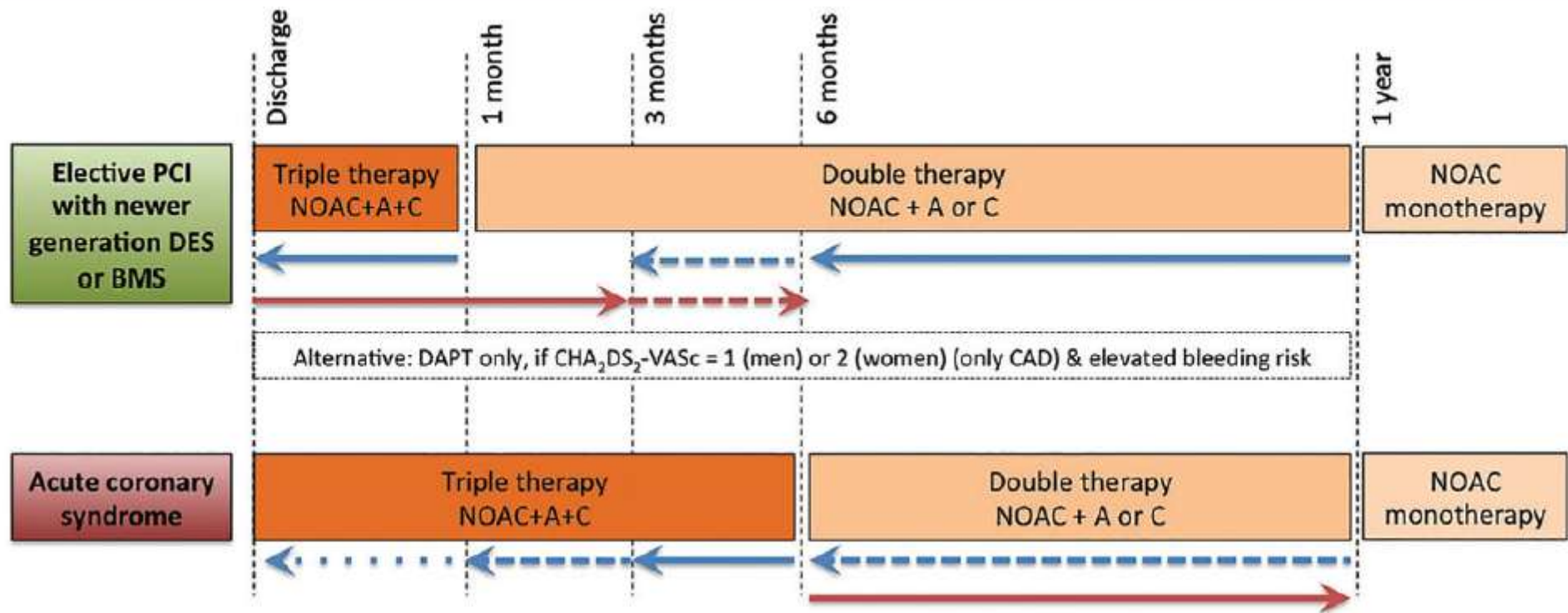
**Figure 6** Acute management of revascularization or ACS in AF patients treated with NOAC.



**Figure 8** Cardioversion work-flow in AF patients treated with NOAC, depending on the duration of the arrhythmia and prior anticoagulation.



**Figure 7** Default scenarios and criteria for adaptation for long-term treatment of patients on NOAC therapy after revascularization or ACS.



Factors to shorten combination therapy

- (Uncorrectable) high bleeding risk
- Low atherothrombotic risk (by REACH or SYNTAX score if elective?; GRACE  $\geq 118$  if ACS?)

Factors to lengthen combination therapy

- First-generation DES
- High atherothrombotic risk (scores as above ; stenting of the left main, proximal left anterior descending, proximal bifurcation; recurrent MIs; etc.) and low bleeding risk

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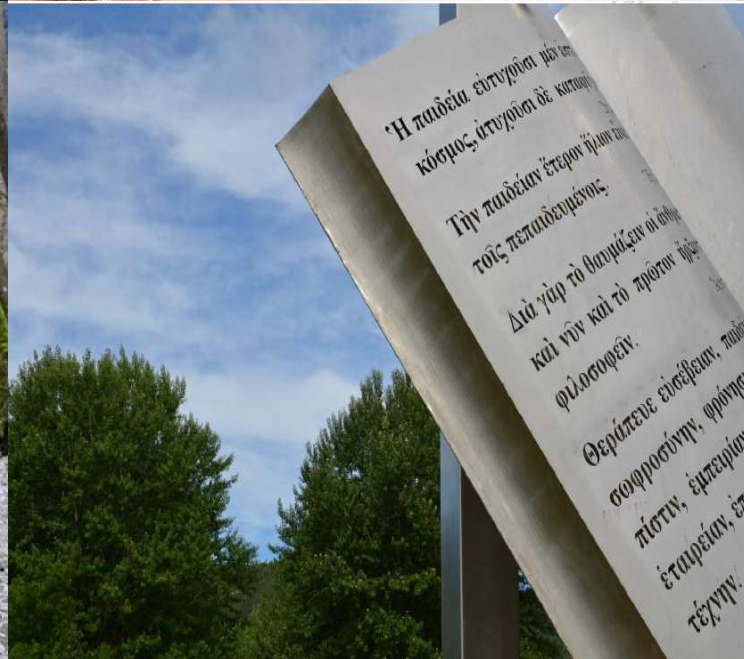
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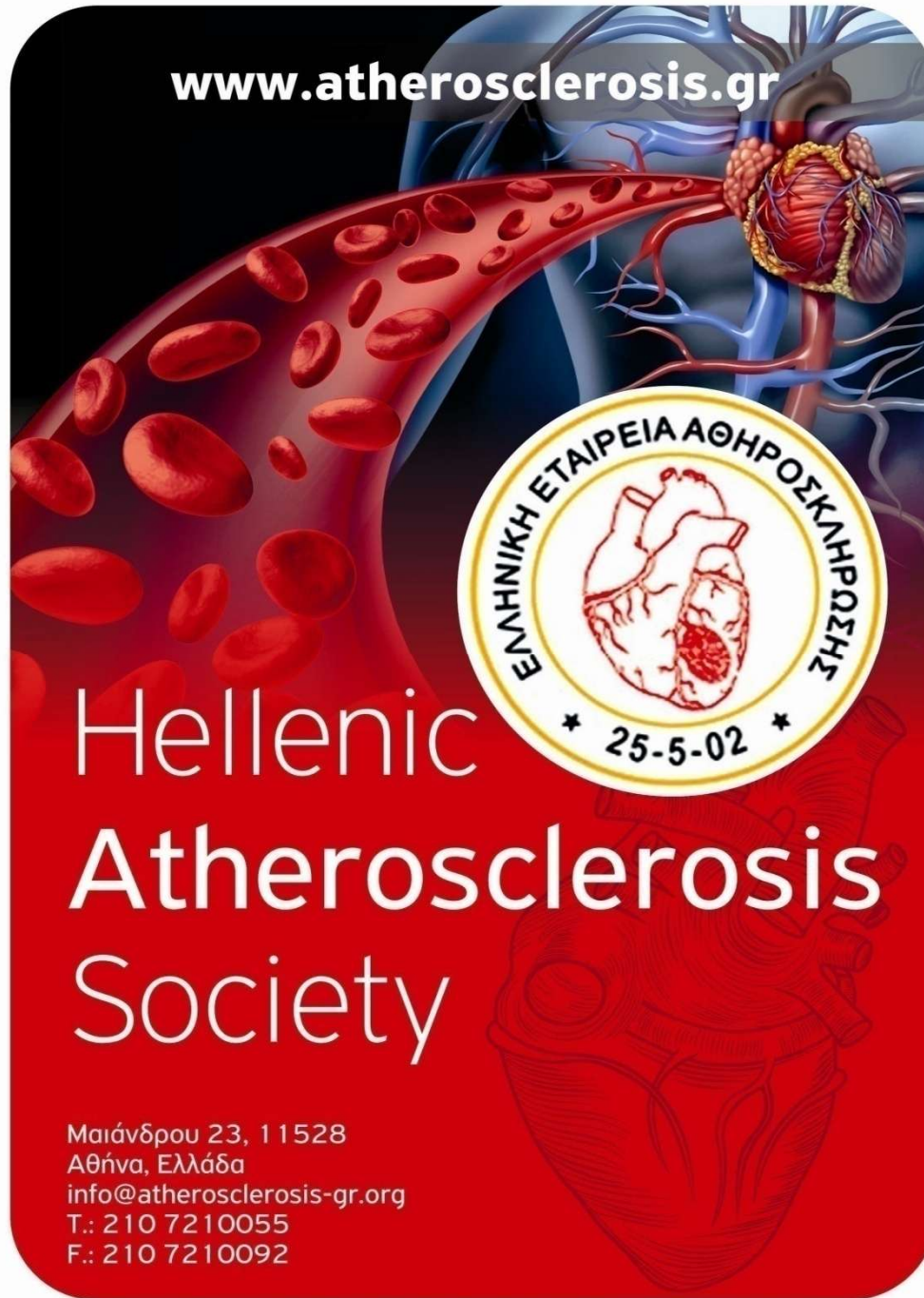
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