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Novedades en Anticoagulación

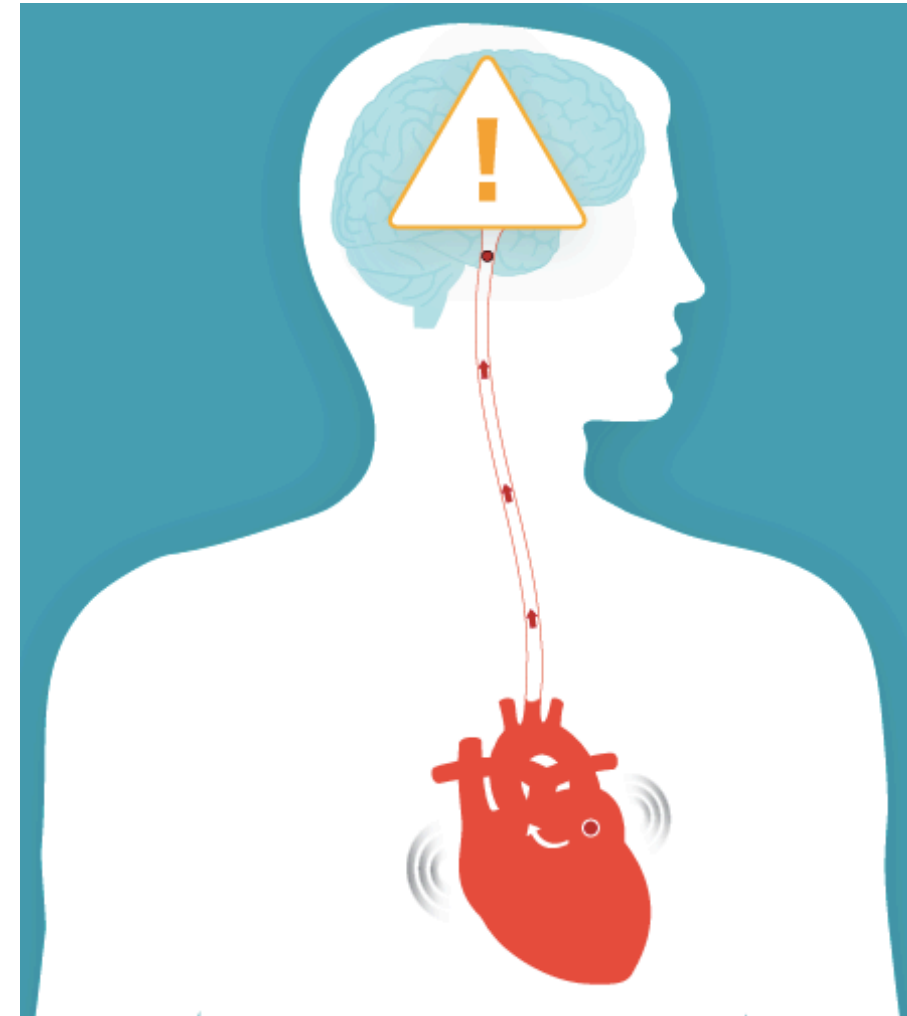
**IV JORNADA D'ATENCIÓ
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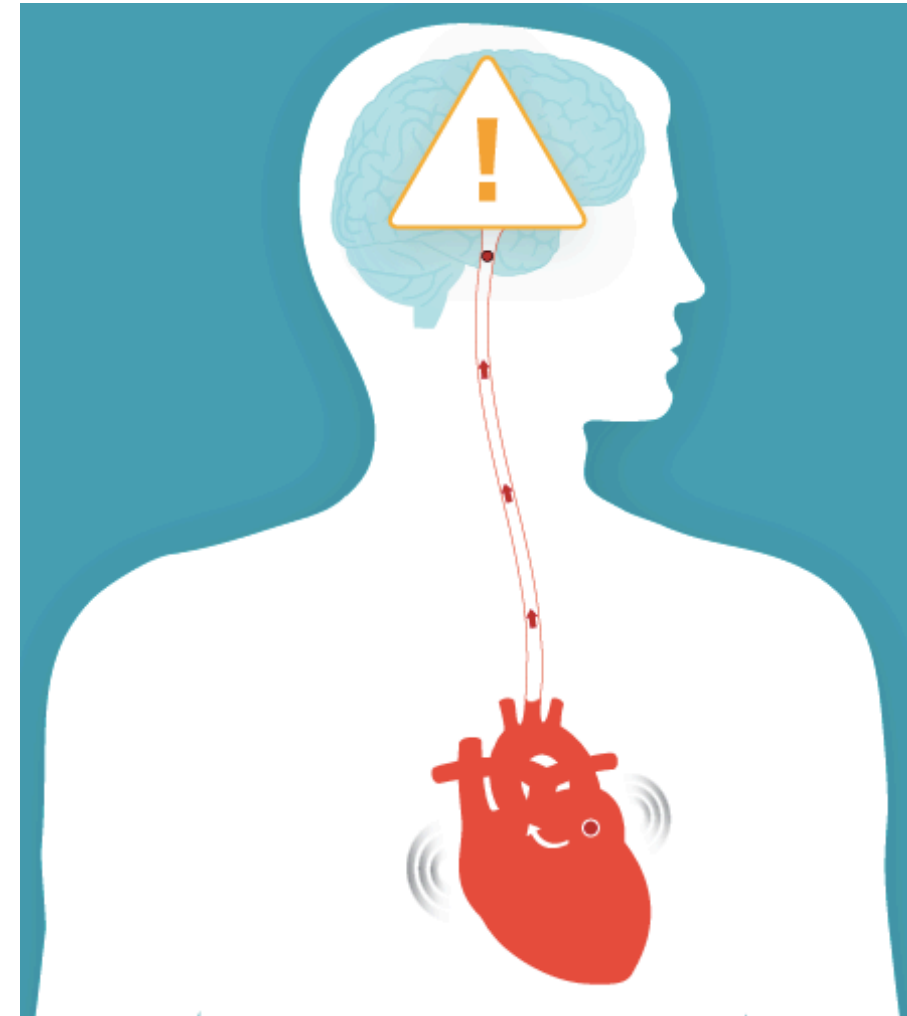
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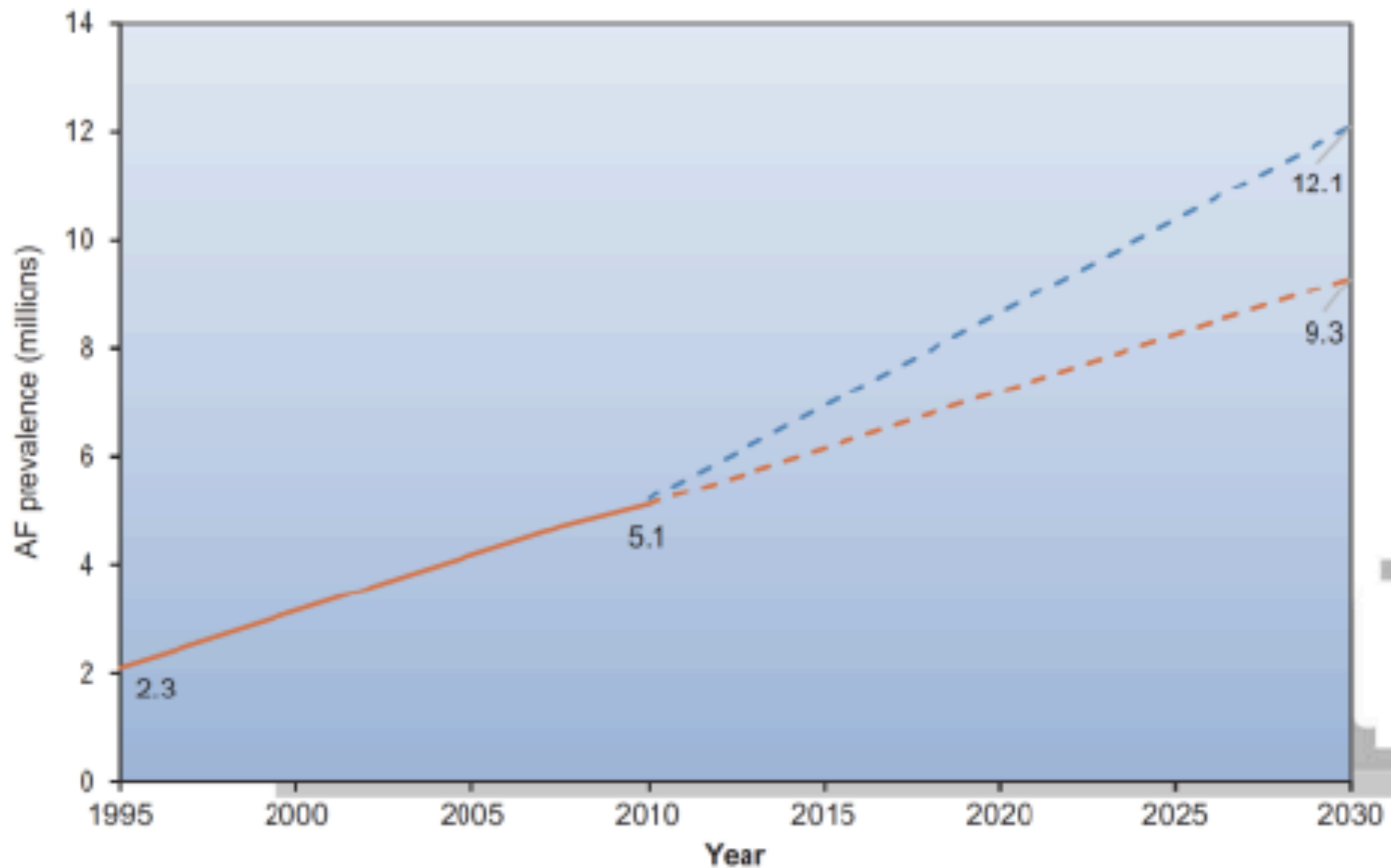


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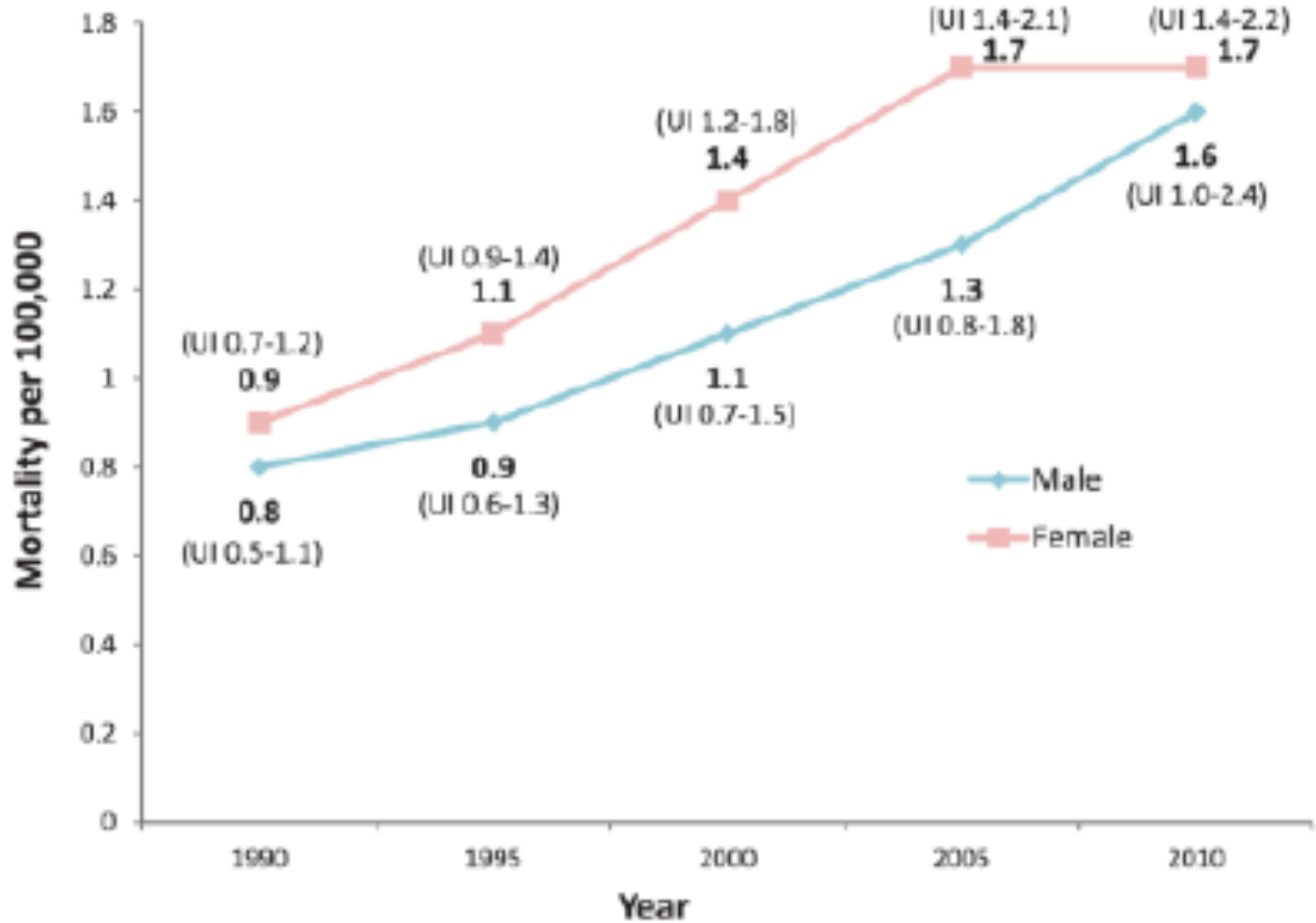
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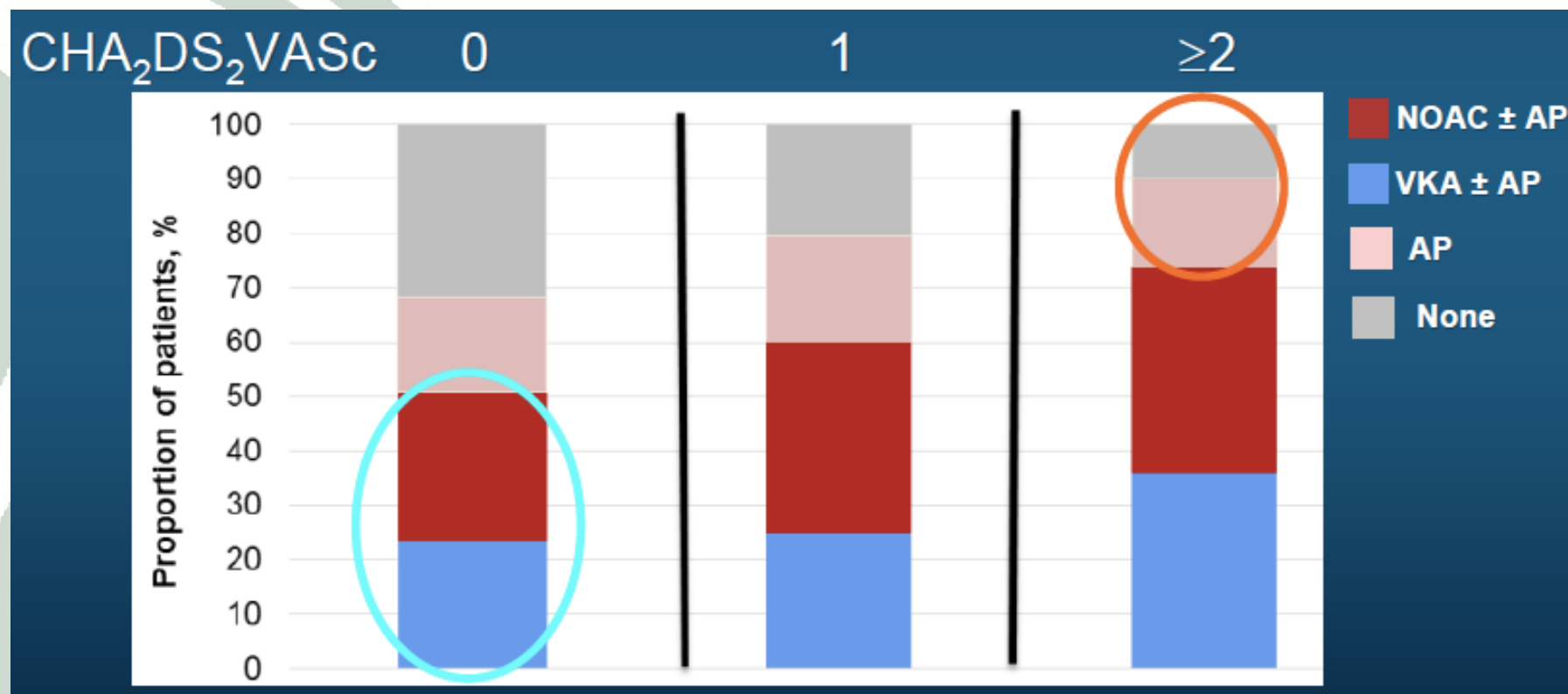


Temporal trends in AF



Suboptimal management of OAC in AF: The GARFIELD Registry

- ✓ 28% high-risk patients (CHA₂DS₂VASc ≥2) are not anticoagulated
- ✓ 51% of very low-risk patients (CHA₂DS₂VASc 0) are anticoagulated



Changes in Thromboembolic Risk Profile and Antithrombotic Therapy Use Over a Decade:

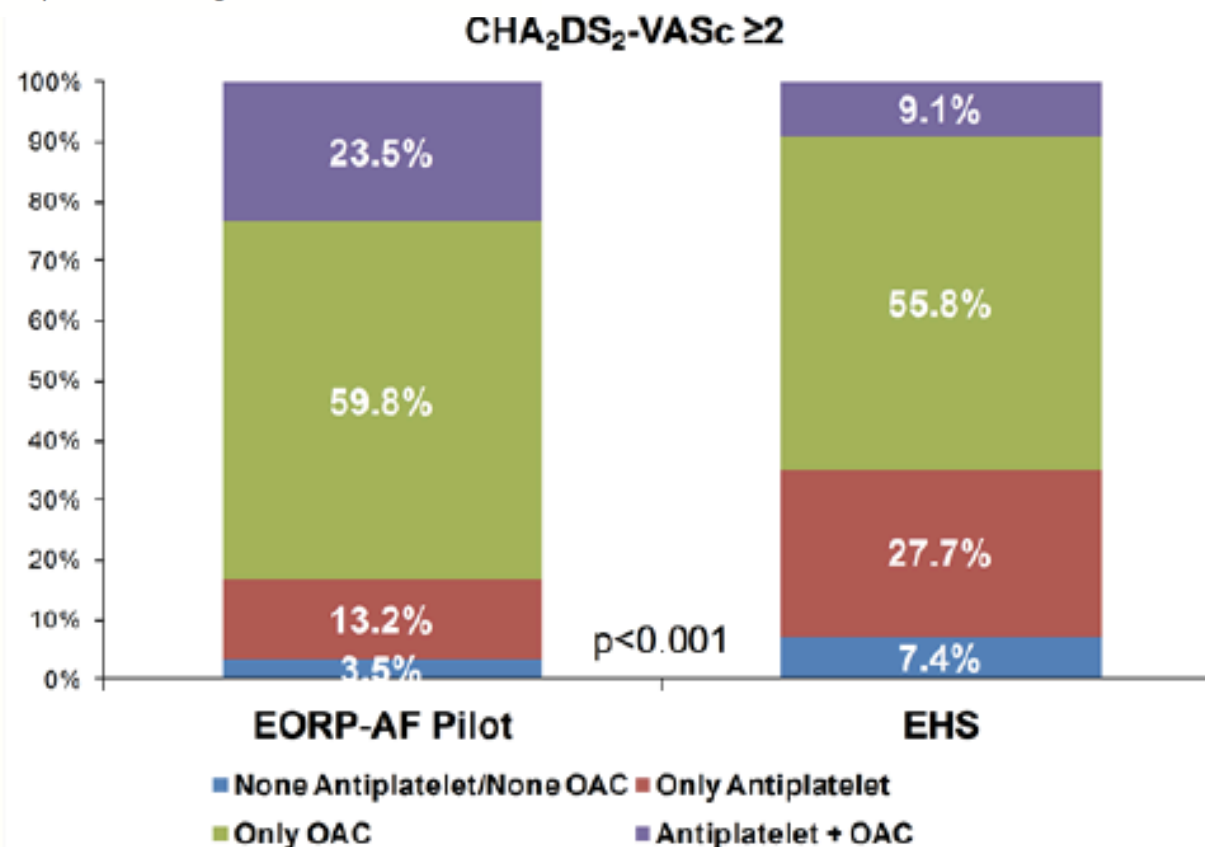
A Comparison of Euro Heart Survey on AF and EURObservational Research Programme Atrial Fibrillation Pilot Registry

Marco Proietti, Paul-Edouard Bouvet, Cécile Laroche, Robby Nieuwlaat, Harry J.G.M. Crijns, Aldo P. Maggioni, Deirdre A. Lane, Giuseppe Boriani, Gregory Y.H. Lip. on behalf of EORP-AF General Pilot Registry and Euro Heart Survey on AF Investigators

2005: Euro Heart Survey on AF (EHS)
2013: EURObservational Research Programme AF Pilot Registry (EORP-AF)

Propensity score matching

Overall cohort: 5206 patients



ESC-EHRA Atrial Fibrillation Ablation Long-Term Registry

CHADS₂, %

0 53.1
1 69.0
>1 81.6

CHADS₂-Vasc, %

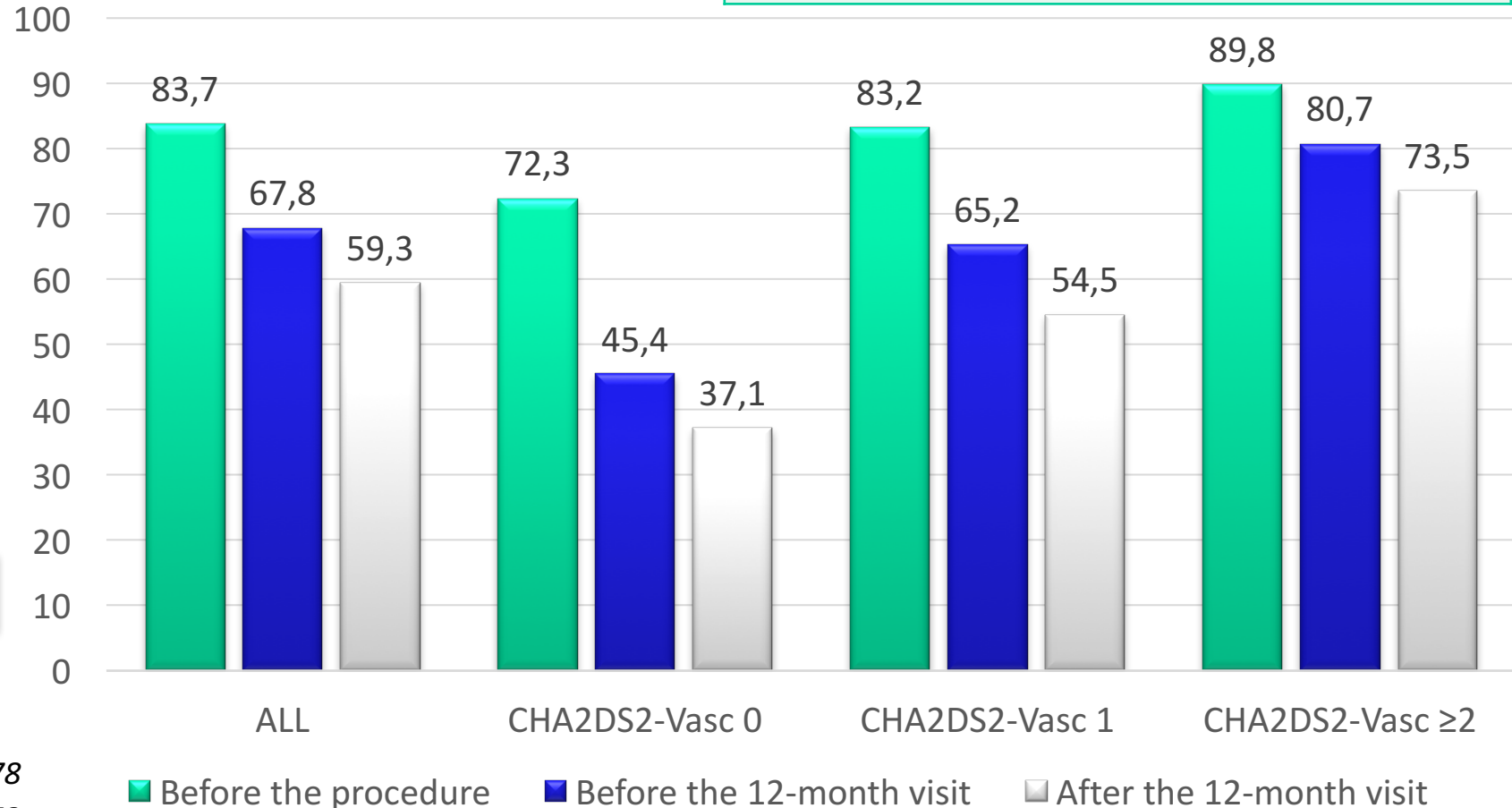
0 48.0
1 63.3
>1 76.2

Pilot study

| | AFA Pilot Study | AFA Long-term Study |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Inclusion period | 2010-2011 | 2012-2015 |
| N at inclusion | 1410 | 3630 |
| N at 12-month FU | 1300 | 3180 |

Anticoagulation at 12-m FU according to cardioembolic risk

Long-term registry



Registro GLORIA™-AF Phase II (Europe): tendencia en tratamientos ACOs en Europa (AVK>ACODs)

Fase I (n=291)

Mayo 2011–Enero 2013

Fase II (n=7108)

2-años seguimiento tras aprobación
de dabigatran (2015)

VKA

64%

38%

ASA

25%

5%

None

9%

4%

NOAC

0%

52%

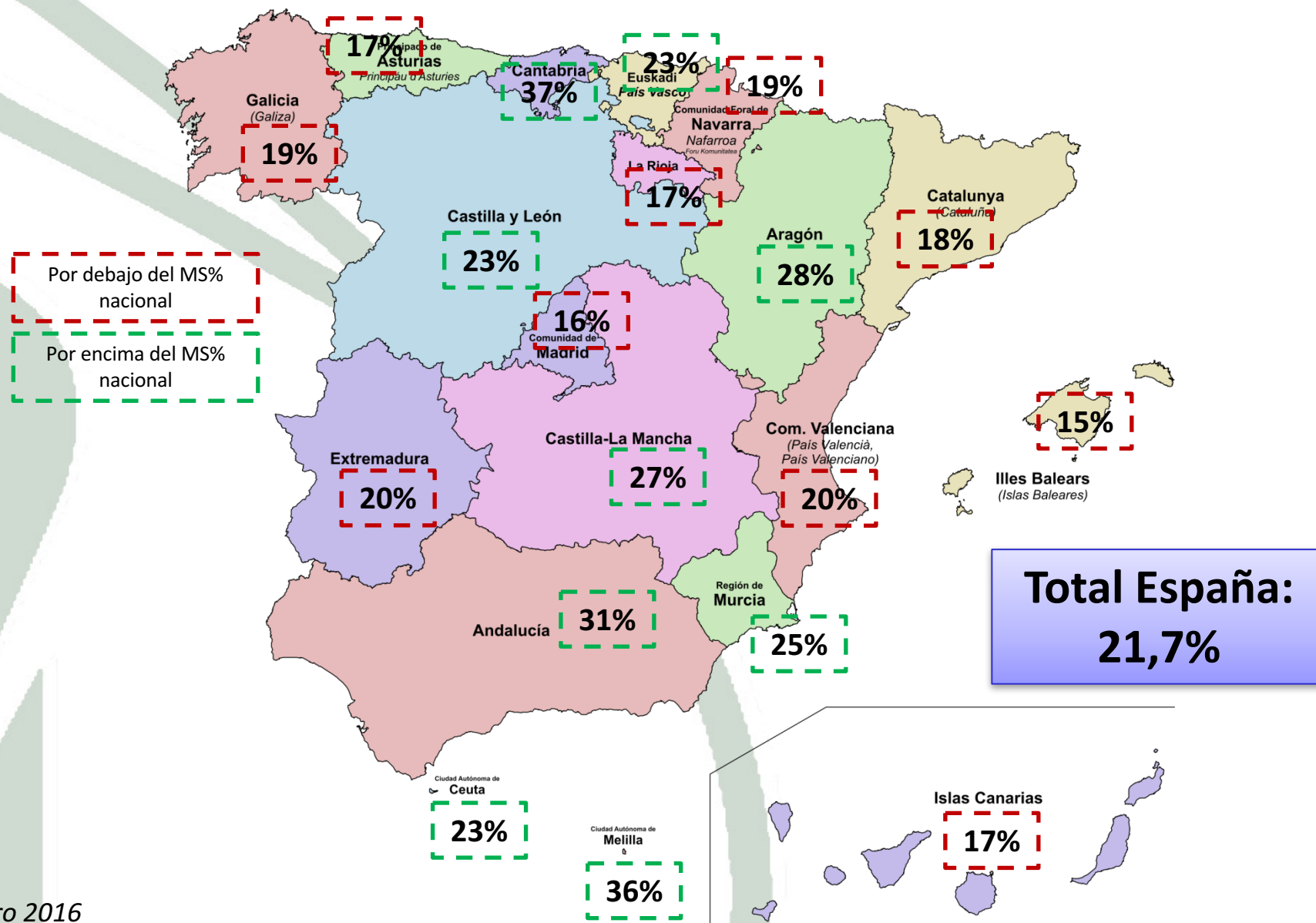
Utilización de ACOD en España

Diferencias de uso de los ACOD en España y otros países europeos

| | ACOD Q1'16 | AVK |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| EU5 | 43.2% | 56.8% |
| Alemania | 64.4% | 35.6% |
| Reino Unido | 29.8% | 70.3% |
| Francia | 43.4% | 56.6% |
| Italia | 43.9% | 56.1% |
| España | 23.9% | 76.1% |
| Austria | 65.5% | 34.5% |
| Bélgica | 69.3% | 30.7% |
| Finlandia | 22.1% | 77.9 |
| Suiza | 63.2% | 36.8 |
| Portugal | 57.0% | 43.0% |
| Irlanda | 46.4% | 53.6% |
| Holanda | 17.4% | 82.6% |
| Suecia | 50.6% | 49.4% |
| Noruega | 62.8% | 37.2% |
| Dinamarca | 56.8% | 43.2% |
| Grecia | 66.1% | 33.1% |
| Rusia | 27.3% | 72.7% |
| Turquía | 47.6% | 52.4% |
| Polonia | 54.2% | 47.5% |
| República Checa | 64.3% | 35.7% |

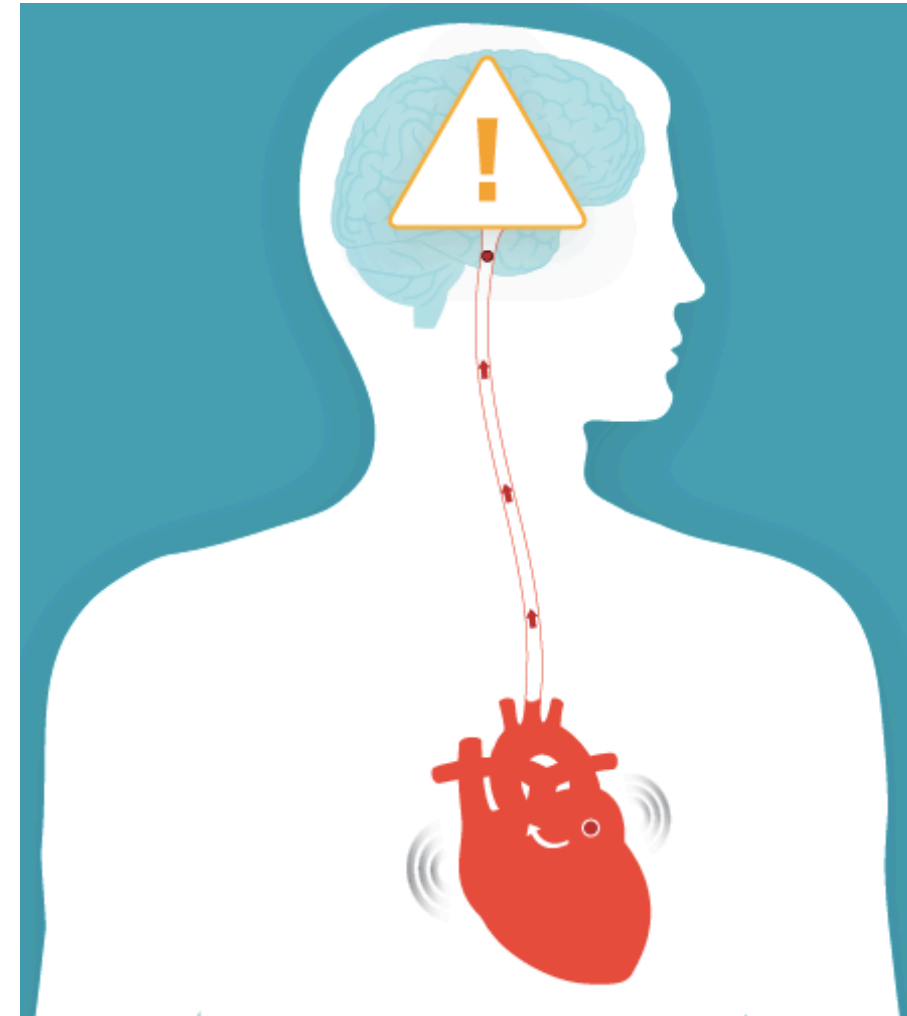
Datos mercado NACOs vs Sintrom en España

Market Share (MS%) en Unidades por CCAA



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Perfil de eficacia y seguridad de los ACOD

| | Dabigatran ¹ 150 mg | Dabigatran ¹ 110 mg | Apixaban ² 5/2.5 mg | Rivaroxaban ^{3,4} 20/15 mg | Edoxaban ⁵ 60/30 mg |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| HIC | ↓ 59% | ↓ 70% | ↓ 58% | ↓ 33% | ↓ 53% |
| Sangrado mayor | ↔ | ↓ 20% | ↓ 31% | ↔ | ↓ 20% |
| Sangrado GI * | ↑ 48% | ↔ | ↔ | ↑ 66% | ↑ 23% |
| Ictus/ES | ↓ 35% | ↔ | ↓ 21% | ↔ | ↔ |
| Mortalidad | ↔ | ↔ | ↓ 11% | ↔ | ↔ |

* Los criterios utilizados para clasificar sangrado mayor GI diferían entre los ensayos.

No disponemos de estudios *head-to-head*, por lo que no se deben hacer comparaciones directas entre los distintos fármacos

RCTs of NOACs for Stroke Prevention in AF: Differences in patient risk profile and study protocol

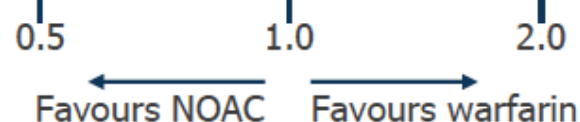
| | ROCKET AF n=14,264 | ENGAGE AF n=21,105 | ARISTOTLE n=18,201 | RE-LY n=18,113 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mean CHADS₂ | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Heart failure* | 64% | 57% | 35% | 32% |
| Hypertension | 91% | 94% | 87% | 79% |
| Age ≥75 y | 44% | 40% | 31% | 40% |
| Diabetes mellitus | 40% | 36% | 25% | 23% |
| Prior stroke/TIA | 52% | 28% | 19% | 20% |
| Moderate CKD | 21% | 19% | 15% | 19% |
| Tested doses | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Permanent drug discontinuation | 25.3% | 34.4%/33.0% | 25.3 | 21.2%/20.7% |

ROCKET-AF: Patel MR et al. NEJM 2011;365(10):883-891; ENGAGE-AF: Giugliano RP et al. N Engl J Med 2013;369(22):2093-2104
ARISTOTLE: Granger CB et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;365(11):981-992; RE-LY: Connolly SJ et al. N Engl J Med. 2009;361(12):1139-1151

Meta-analysis: Efficacy of NOACs vs warfarin for stroke prevention in patients with NVAF

| Stroke or systemic embolism | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Study | NOAC (events) | Warfarin (events) | RR (95% CI) | RR (95% CI) | p-value for interaction | p-value for heterogeneity |
| RE-LY (dabigatran)* | 134/6076 | 199/6022 | | 0.66 (0.53–0.82) | 0.0001 | |
| ROCKET AF (rivaroxaban)†‡ | 269/7081 | 306/7090 | | 0.88 (0.75–1.03) | 0.12 | |
| ARISTOTLE (apixaban)‡§ | 212/9120 | 265/9081 | | 0.80 (0.67–0.95) | 0.012 | 0.13 |
| ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48 (edoxaban)§¶ | 296/7035 | 337/7036 | | 0.88 (0.75–1.02) | 0.10 | |
| Combined (random) | 911/29 312 | 1107/29 229 | | 0.81 (0.73–0.91) | <0.0001 | |

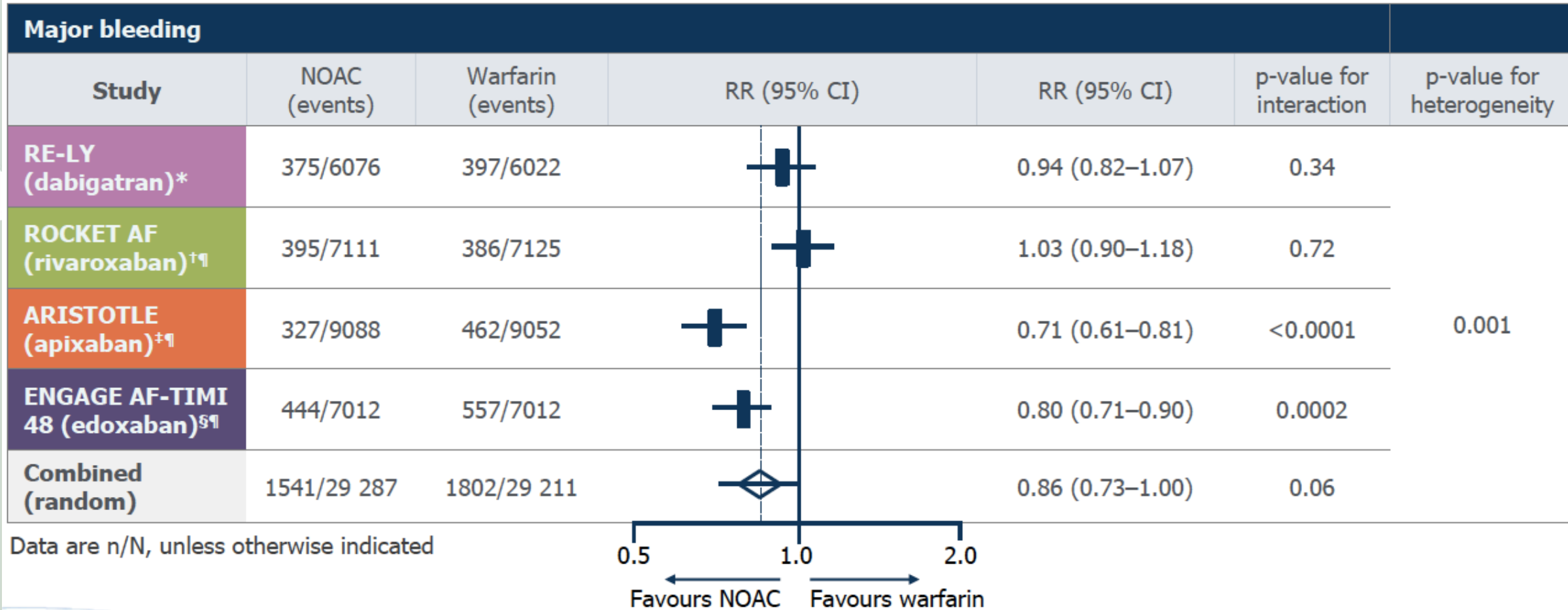
Data are n/N, unless otherwise indicated



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

*150 mg BID; †20 mg OD; ‡5 mg BID; §60 mg OD; ¶Lower dose in selected patients. CI: confidence interval; NVAF: non-valvular atrial fibrillation; RR: relative risk

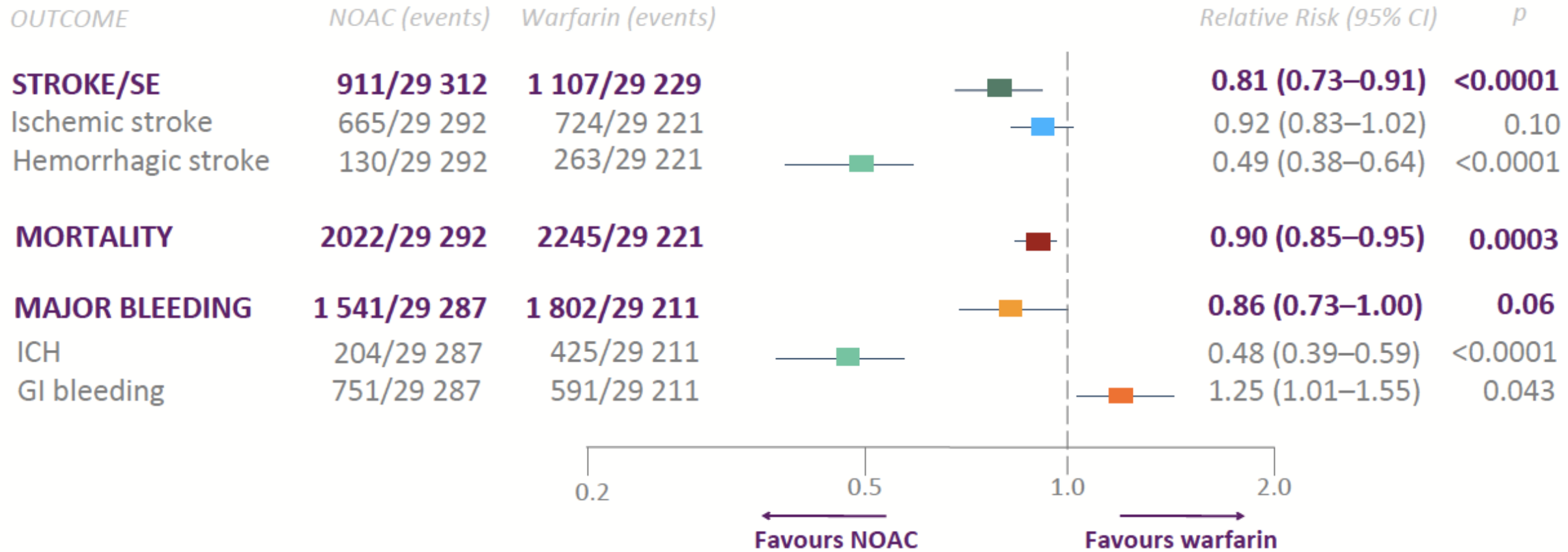
Meta-analysis: Safety of NOACs vs warfarin for stroke prevention in patients with NVAF



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RCTs of NOACs for Stroke Prevention in AF: Meta-analysis de estudios randomizados



Randomized Clinical Trials: Strengths and Limitations



RCT



Clinical practice

- Uncertain generalizability
- Limited data on the interactions of investigated treatment with concomitant illnesses
- Unknown adherence to treatment outside the trial setting
- Residual safety concerns (e.g., unexpected SAEs)
- Limited follow-up
- The effect of different dosing regimens

Effectiveness of NOACS in the real-world setting

28 estudios usando bases de datos nacionales o de seguros de salud (hasta Enero 2017)

A: Any stroke or systemic embolism

| | Dabigatran* | Rivaroxaban | Apixaban |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| RCT | 0.66 (0.53-0.82) 0.91 (0.74-1.11) | 0.88 (0.75-1.03) | 0.79 (0.66-0.95) |
| RWD | 0.93 (0.77-1.14) | 0.87 (0.71-1.07) | 0.67 (0.46-0.98) |
| Studies | n=2 | n=2 | n=1 |
| | I ² = 0% | I ² = 0% | --- |

*Upper row: HR for 150mg bid, Lower row: HR for 110mg bid

Systematic review and meta-analysis of 28 observational studies comparing ≥1NOAC vs. VKA, published until January 2017

A: Ischemic stroke

| | Dabigatran | Rivaroxaban | Apixaban |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| RCT | 0.76 (0.60-0.98) 1.11 (0.89-1.40) | 0.94 (0.75-1.17) | 0.92 (0.74-1.13) |
| RWD | 0.96 (0.80-1.16) | 0.89 (0.76-1.04) | 0.95 (0.75-1.19) |
| Studies | n=12 | n=5 | n=3 |
| | I ² = 83% | I ² = 0% | I ² = 0% |

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All-cause mortality of NOACS in the real-world setting

Apixaban y dabigatran se asocian con menor riesgo de mortalidad

A: All-cause mortality

| | Dabigatran | Rivaroxaban | Apixaban |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| RCT | 0.88 (0.77-1.00) 0.91 (0.80-1.03) | 0.85 (0.70-1.02) | 0.89 (0.80-0.998) |
| RWD | 0.63 (0.52-0.79) | 0.67 (0.35-1.30) | 0.65 (0.56-0.75) |
| Studies | n=6 I ² = 83% | n=2 I ² = 92% | n=1 --- |

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Safety of NOACS in the real-world setting

apixaban con
menor sangrado
mayor

A: Major bleeding

| | Dabigatran* | Rivaroxaban | Apixaban |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| RCT | 0.93 (0.81-1.07) 0.80 (0.69-0.93) | 1.04 (0.90-1.20) | 0.69 (0.60-0.80) |
| RWD | 0.83 (0.65-1.05) | 1.00 (0.92-1.08) | 0.55 (0.48-0.63) |
| Studies | n=15 | n=8 | n=4 |
| | I ² = 93% | I ² = 0% | I ² = 0% |

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*Systematic review and meta-analysis of 28 observational studies
comparing ≥1NOAC vs. VKA, published until January 2017*

Safety of NOACS in the real-world setting

apixaban con
menor sangrado
gastrointestinal

A: ICH

| | Dabigatran | Rivaroxaban | Apixaban |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| RCT | 0.40 (0.27-0.60) 0.31 (0.20-0.47) | 0.67 (0.47-0.93) | 0.42 (0.30-0.58) |
| RWD | 0.42 (0.37-0.49) | 0.64 (0.47-0.86) | 0.45 (0.31-0.63) |
| Studies | n=15 | n=7 | n=4 |
| | I ² = 28% | I ² = 63% | I ² = 34% |

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Safety of NOACS in the real-world setting

dabigatran y rivaroxaban con mayor riesgo de hemorragia gastrointestinal

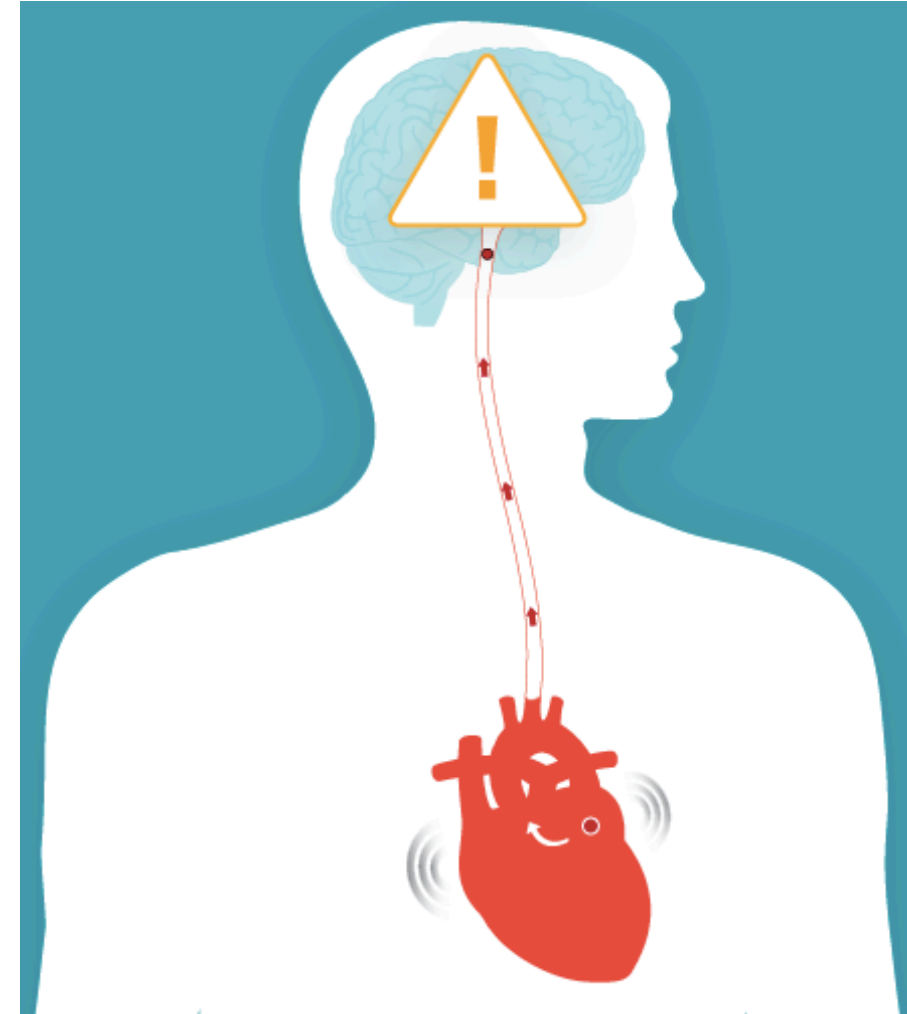
A: GI bleeding

| | Dabigatran | Rivaroxaban | Apixaban |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| RCT | 1.50 (1.19-1.89) 1.10 (0.86-1.41) | 1.66 (1.34-2.05) | 0.89 (0.70-1.15) |
| RWD | 1.20 (1.06-1.36) | 1.24 (1.08-1.41) | 0.63 (0.42-0.95) |
| Studies | n=13 | n=4 | n=2 |
| | $I^2 = 72\%$ | $I^2 = 0\%$ | $I^2 = 73\%$ |

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Recommendations for prediction of stroke and bleeding risk

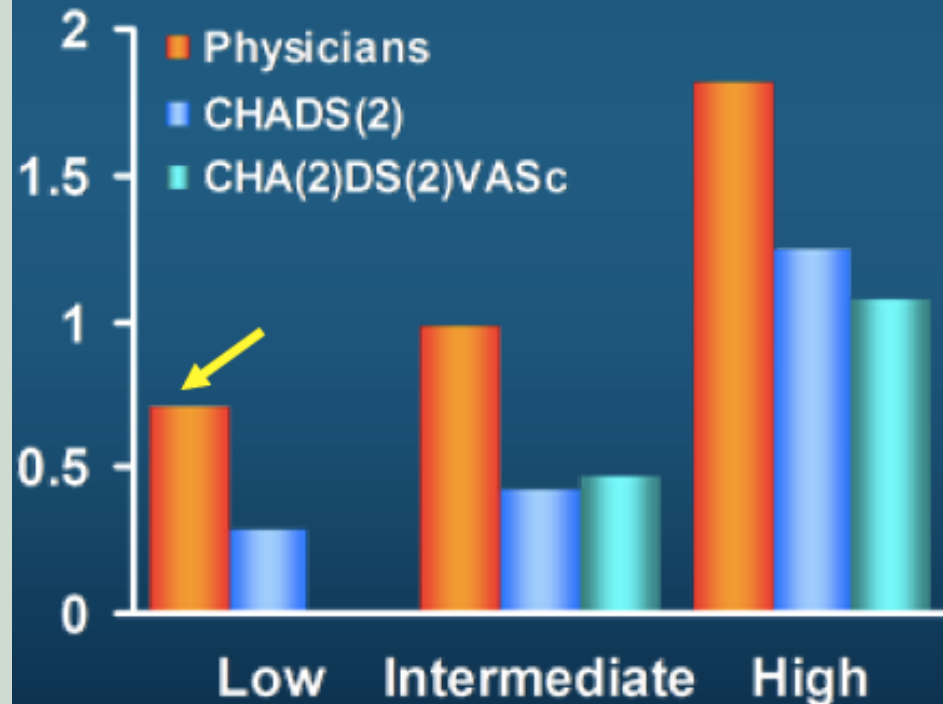
| Recommendations | Class ^a | Level ^b |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| The CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score is recommended for stroke risk prediction in patients with AF. | I | A |
| Bleeding risk scores should be considered in AF patients on oral anticoagulation to identify modifiable risk factors for major bleeding. | IIa | B |
| Biomarkers such as high-sensitivity troponin and natriuretic peptide may be considered to further refine stroke and bleeding risk in AF patients. | IIb | B |

Do Physicians Need a Risk Score?

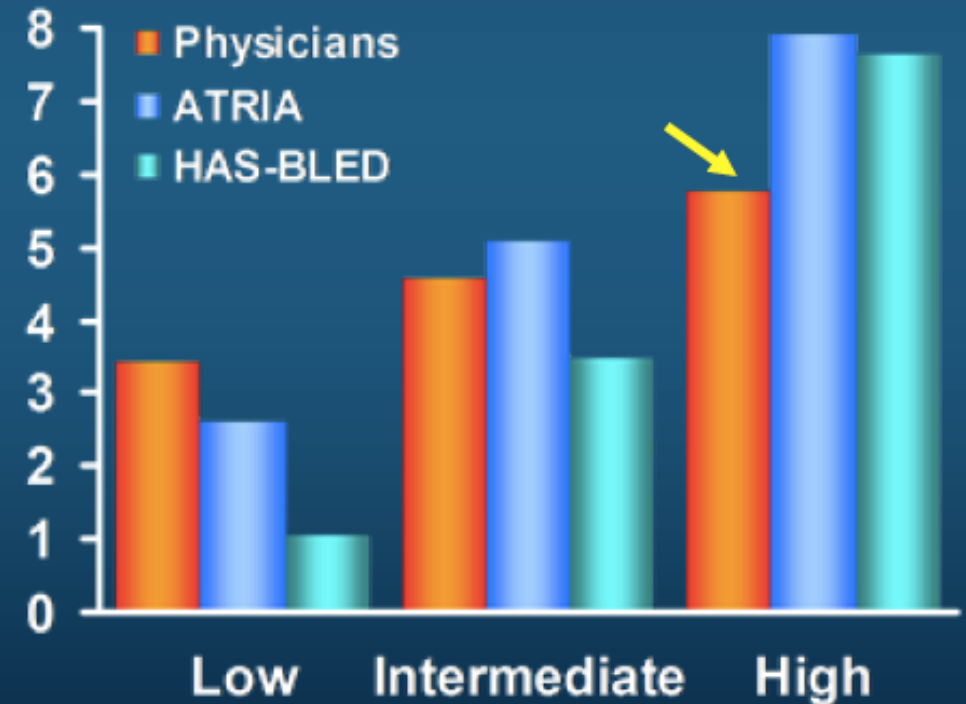
- ORBIT-AF: Outcomes Registry for Better Informed Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation
- 9715 outpatients

- Follow-up: 28 months
- Physician assessment vs risk scores

Stroke/SE event rate per 100 patient-years



Bleeding event rate per 100 patient-years



Clinical risk factors for stroke, transient ischemic attack, and systemic embolism in the CHA₂DS₂-VASc score

| CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc risk factor | Points |
|--|--------|
| Congestive heart failure Signs/symptoms of heart failure or objective evidence of reduced left-ventricular ejection fraction | +1 |
| Hypertension Resting blood pressure >140/90 mmHg on at least two occasions or current antihypertensive treatment | +1 |
| Age 75 years or older | +2 |
| Diabetes mellitus Fasting glucose >125 mg/dL (7 mmol/L) or treatment with oral hypoglycaemic agent and/or insulin | +1 |
| Previous stroke, transient ischaemic attack, or thromboembolism | +2 |
| Vascular disease Previous myocardial infarction, peripheral artery disease, or aortic plaque | +1 |
| Age 65–74 years | +1 |
| Sex category (female) | +1 |

Contemporary guidelines in Europe and North America

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

2014 AHA/ACC/HRS Guideline for the Management of Patients With Atrial Fibrillation: Executive Summary

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines and the Heart Rhythm Society



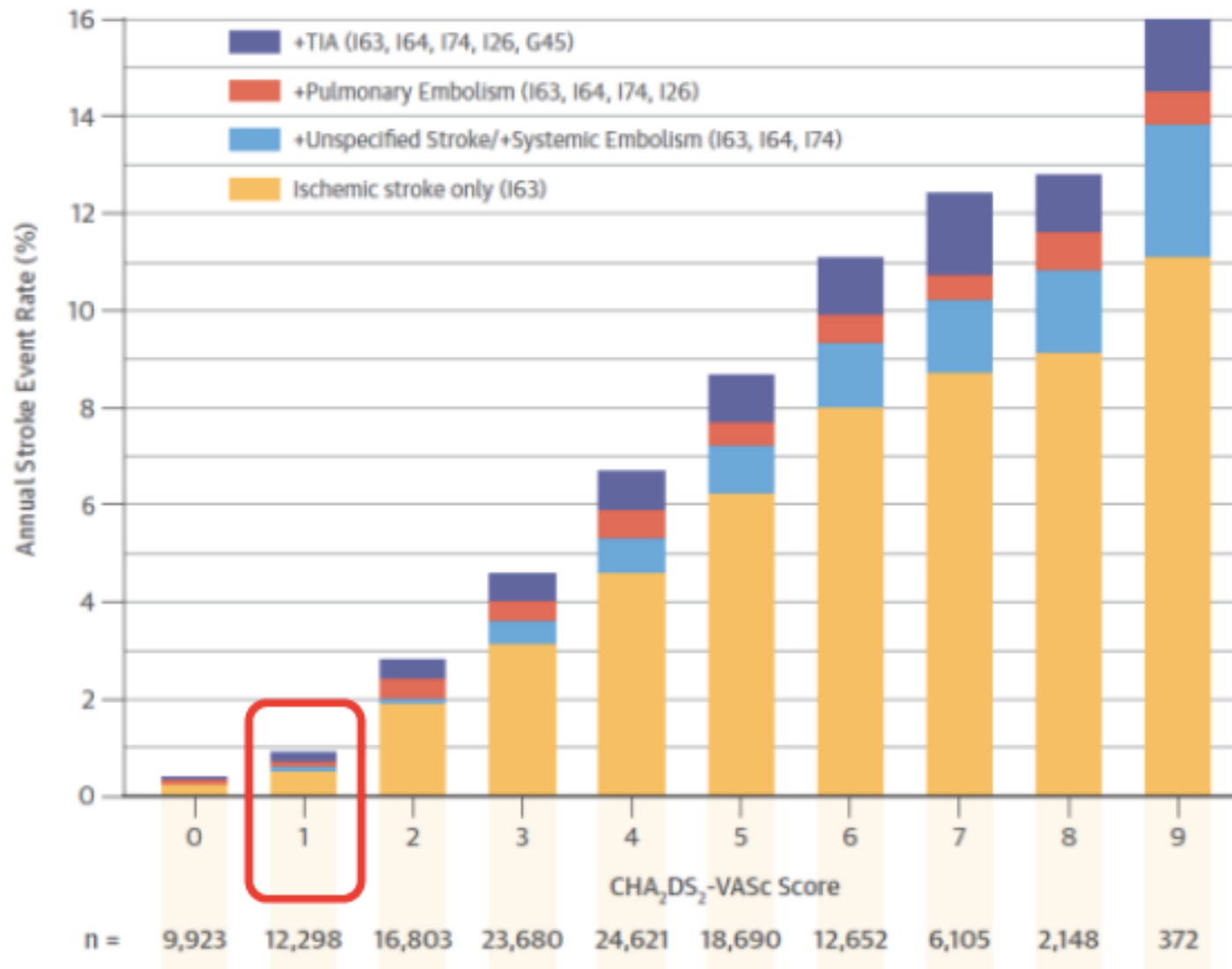
| | The US guideline recommendations | | ESC guideline recommendations | |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | Women | Men | Women | Men |
| CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc = 0 | N/A* | No therapy | N/A* | No therapy |
| CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc = 1 | OAC, aspirin, or no therapy | No therapy | No therapy | Consider OAC |
| CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc = 2 | Recommend OAC | Consider OAC | Consider OAC | Recommend OAC |
| CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc ≥ 3 | Recommend OAC | Recommend OAC | Recommend OAC | Recommend OAC |



ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Benefit of Anticoagulation Unlikely in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation and a CHA₂DS₂-VASc Score of 1

After having studied the prevalence of anticoagulant treatment at baseline, all patients who had been exposed to warfarin any time within 6 months before the index date or during the study period (n = 144,111) were excluded from further study.



Should we provide antithrombotics?

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ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Oral Anticoagulation, Aspirin, or No Therapy in Patients With Nonvalvular AF With 0 or 1 Stroke Risk Factor Based on the CHA₂DS₂-VASc Score

CONCLUSIONS

Low-risk patients (i.e., CHA₂DS₂-VASc = 0 [male], = 1 [female]) have a truly low risk for stroke, intracranial bleeding, and major bleeding. With 1 additional stroke risk factor (i.e., CHA₂DS₂-VASc = 1 [male], = 2 [female]), there was a significant increase in event rates, particularly mortality, if nonanticoagulated.

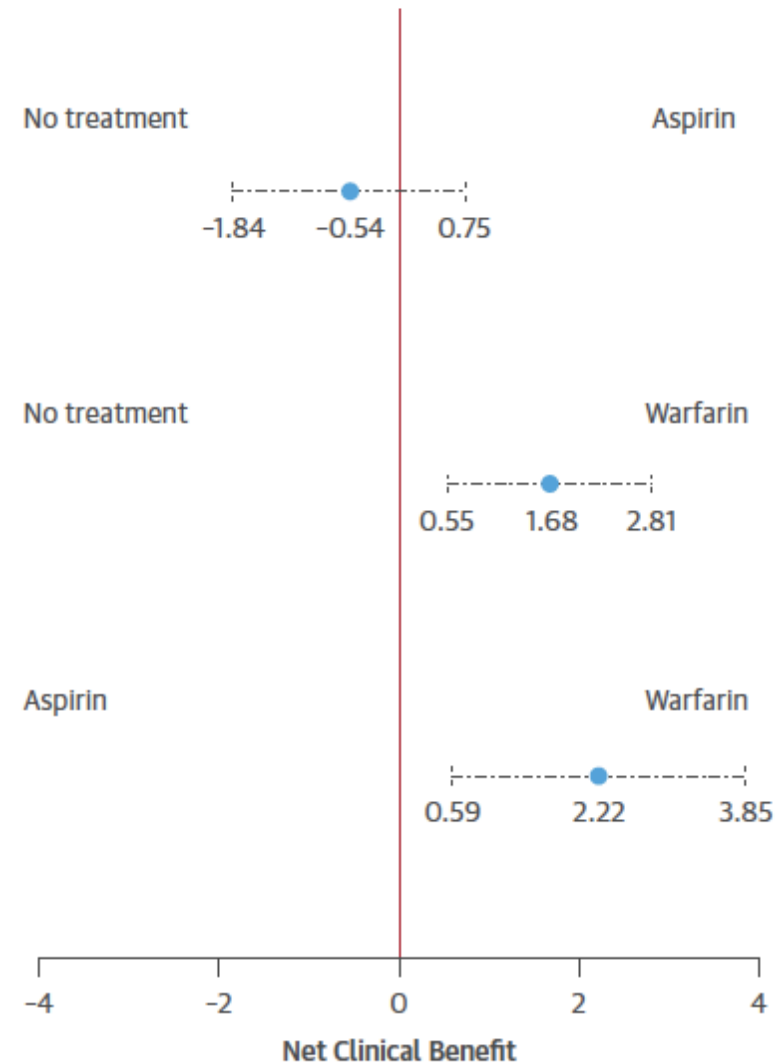
| | No Treatment | | Aspirin Initiated | | Warfarin Initiated | |
|------------------------|--------------|------|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| | Events/PY | Rate | Events/PY | Rate | Events/PY | Rate |
| No risk factors | | | | | | |
| ITT | | | | | | |
| Stroke | 65/13,370 | 0.49 | 16/2,048 | 0.78 | 27/3,078 | 0.88 |
| Ischemic stroke | 58/13,372 | 0.43 | 16/2,048 | 0.78 | 23/3,080 | 0.75 |
| Bleeding | 144/13,329 | 1.08 | 31/2,038 | 1.52 | 51/3,067 | 1.66 |
| ICH | 20/13,387 | 0.15 | 2/2,053 | 0.10 | 5/3,093 | 0.16 |
| Death | 519/13,401 | 3.87 | 64/2,054 | 3.12 | 68/3,093 | 2.20 |
| 1 risk factor* | | | | | | |
| ITT | | | | | | |
| Stroke | 133/8,571 | 1.55 | 43/2,964 | 1.45 | 55/5,172 | 1.06 |
| Ischemic stroke | 129/8,573 | 1.50 | 43/2,964 | 1.45 | 53/5,173 | 1.02 |
| Bleeding | 233/8,516 | 2.74 | 68/2,949 | 2.31 | 124/5,130 | 2.42 |
| ICH | 31/8,611 | 0.36 | 6/2,981 | 0.20 | 23/5,189 | 0.44 |
| Death | 978/8,630 | 11.3 | 169/2,984 | 5.66 | 208/5,197 | 4.00 |



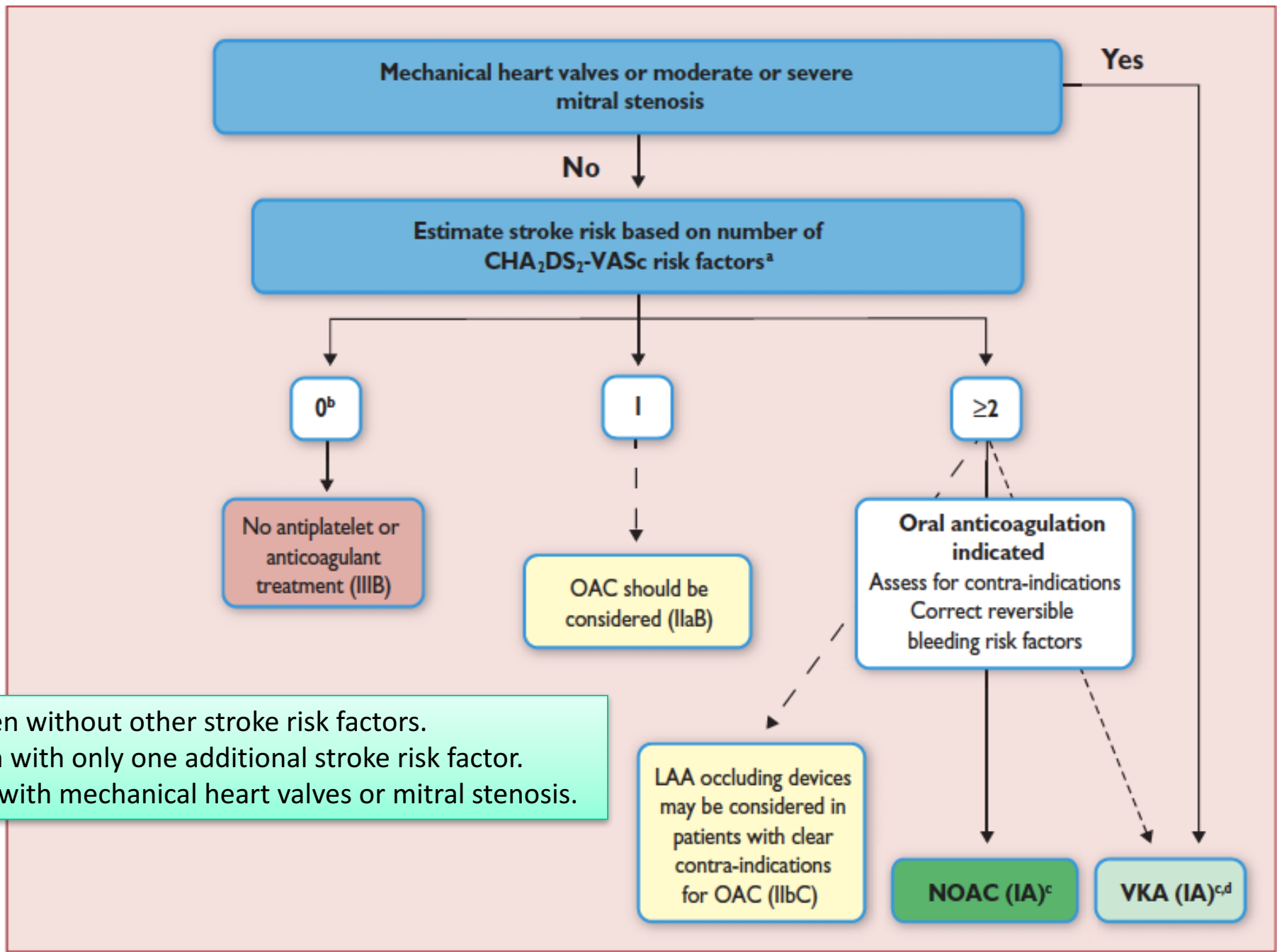
Net Clinical Benefit for Oral Anticoagulation, Aspirin, or No Therapy in Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation Patients With 1 Additional Risk Factor of the CHA₂DS₂-VASc Score (Beyond Sex)



FIGURE 1 Net Clinical Benefit for Anticoagulation, Aspirin, or No Therapy



Net clinical benefit analyses for 1 year of follow-up, for aspirin versus no treatment, warfarin versus no treatment, and for warfarin versus aspirin.



^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.

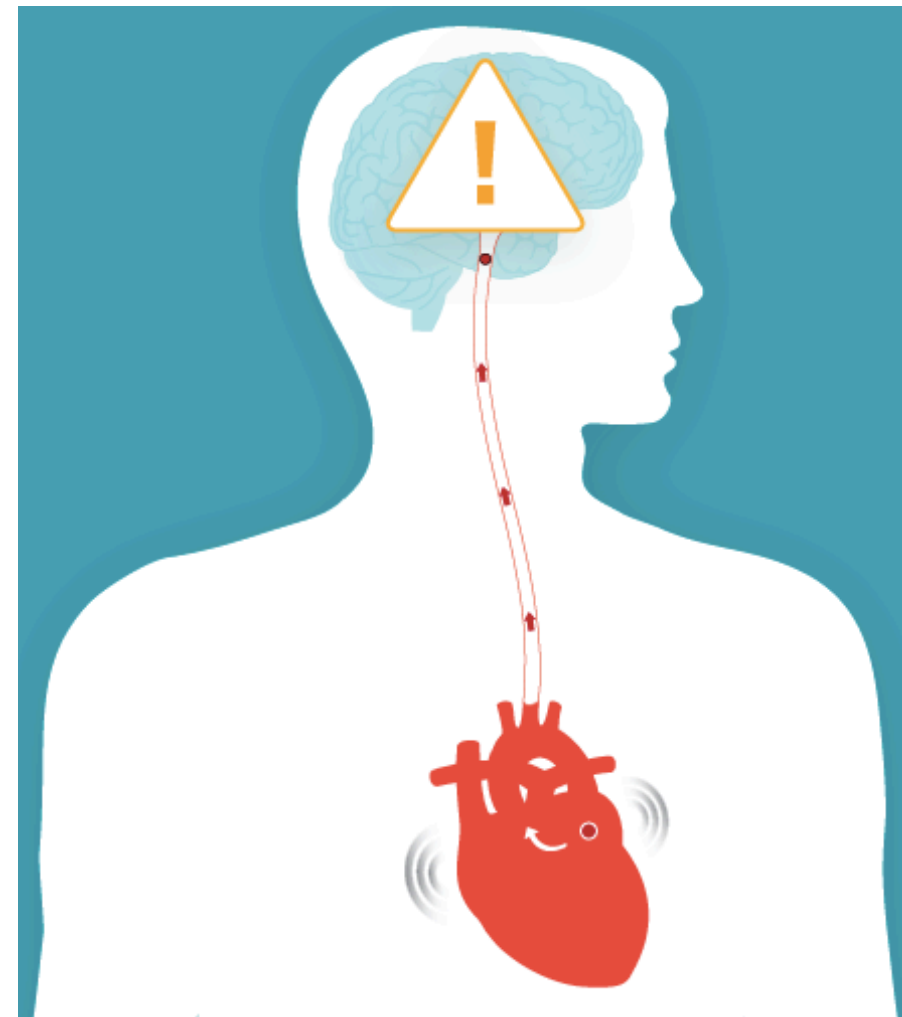
Recommendations for stroke prevention in patients with AF

| | | |
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| Vitamin K antagonist therapy (INR 2.0–3.0 or higher) is recommended for stroke prevention in AF patients with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis or mechanical heart valves. | I | B |
| When oral anticoagulation is initiated in a patient with AF who is eligible for a NOAC (apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, or rivaroxaban), a NOAC is recommended in preference to a Vitamin K antagonist. | I | A |
| When patients are treated with a vitamin K antagonist, time in therapeutic range (TTR) should be kept as high as possible and closely monitored. | I | A |
| AF patients already on treatment with a vitamin K antagonist may be considered for NOAC treatment if TTR is not well controlled despite good adherence, or if patient preference without contra-indications to NOAC (e.g. prosthetic valve). | IIb | A |
| Combinations of oral anticoagulants and platelet inhibitors increase bleeding risk and should be avoided in AF patients without another indication for platelet inhibition. | III (harm) | B |
| In male or female AF patients without additional stroke risk factors, anticoagulant or antiplatelet therapy is not recommended for stroke prevention. | III (harm) | B |
| Antiplatelet monotherapy is not recommended for stroke prevention in AF patients, regardless of stroke risk. | III (harm) | A |
| NOACs (apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban, and rivaroxaban) are not recommended in patients with mechanical heart valves (Level of evidence B) or moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis (Level of evidence C). | III (harm) | B C |



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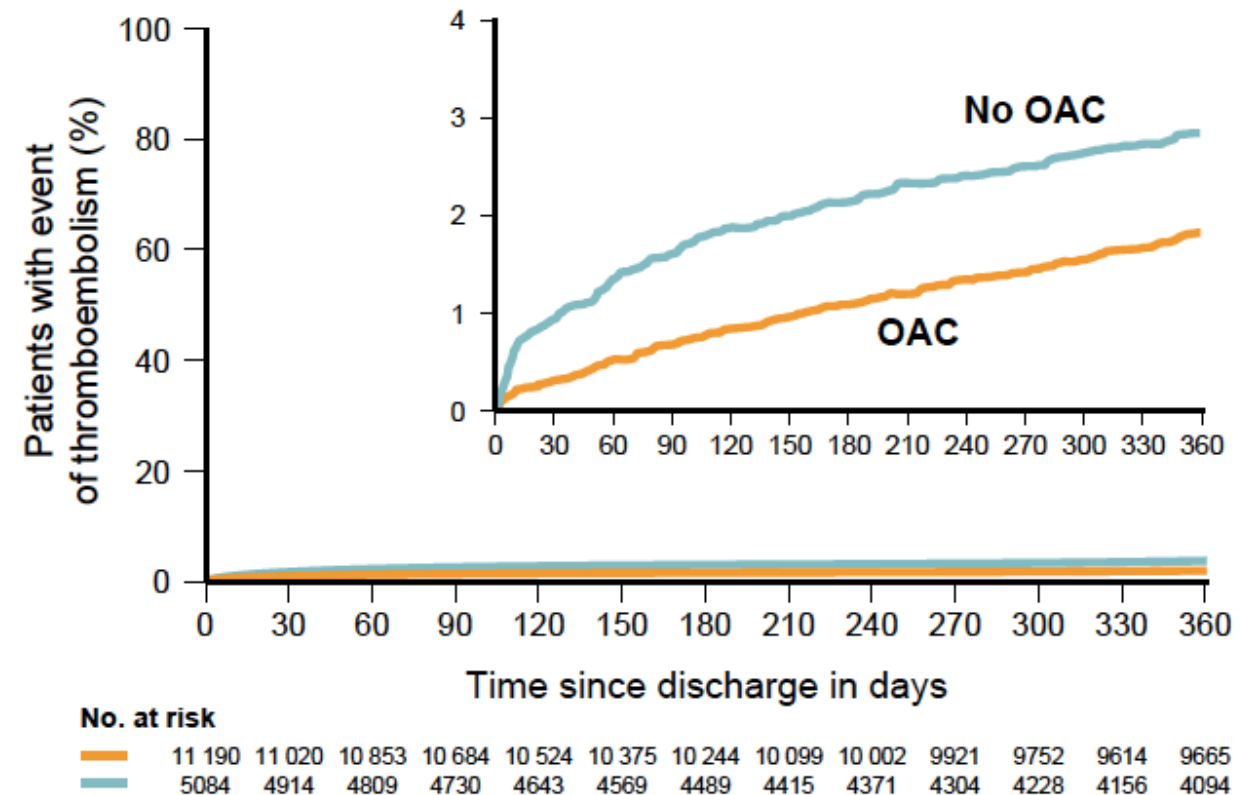


Cardioversion: Increased risk of stroke without appropriate anticoagulation

- Historic data show a high stroke rate in AF patients undergoing cardioversion¹
- Supported by recent data showing an association between ischaemic events and lack of OAC in AF patients undergoing cardioversion^{2,3}

OAC is recommended before, during, and after a cardioversion in all patients with AF⁴

Thromboembolic outcome after cardioversion of AF²



Data from Patients Enrolled in RCTs Showed that NOACs are Effective for Patients with AF Undergoing Cardioversion

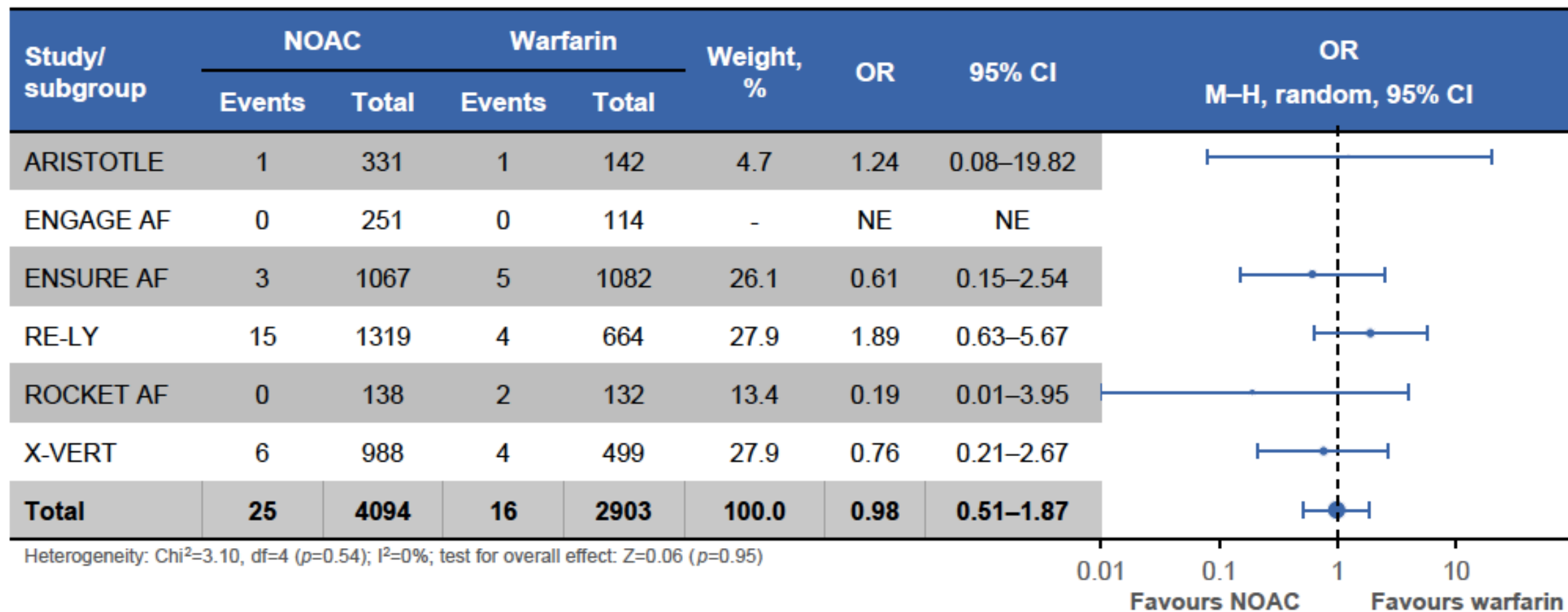
Risk of stroke/SE with NOACs versus warfarin in patients with AF undergoing cardioversion

| Study/ subgroup | NOAC | | Warfarin | | Weight, % | OR | 95% CI | OR M-H, random, 95% CI |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | Events | Total | Events | Total | | | | |
| ARISTOTLE | 0 | 331 | 0 | 412 | - | NE | NE | |
| ENGAGE AF | 2 | 251 | 0 | 114 | 6.4 | 2.28 | 0.11–47.15 | |
| ENSURE AF | 3 | 1095 | 4 | 1104 | 26.1 | 0.76 | 0.17–3.37 | |
| RE-LY | 7 | 1319 | 4 | 664 | 38.9 | 0.88 | 0.26–3.00 | |
| ROCKET AF | 2 | 138 | 1 | 132 | 10.2 | 1.91 | 0.18–20.85 | |
| X-VERT | 2 | 1002 | 3 | 502 | 18.3 | 0.33 | 0.06–1.99 | |
| Total | 16 | 4136 | 12 | 2938 | 100.0 | 0.82 | 0.38–1.75 | |

Heterogeneity: Tau²=0.00; Chi²=1.92, df=4 (p=0.75); I²=0%; test for overall effect: Z=0.52 (p=0.60)

Data from Patients Enrolled in RCTs Showed that NOACs Are Safe for Patients with AF Undergoing Cardioversion

Risk of major bleeding with NOACs versus warfarin in patients with AF undergoing cardioversion

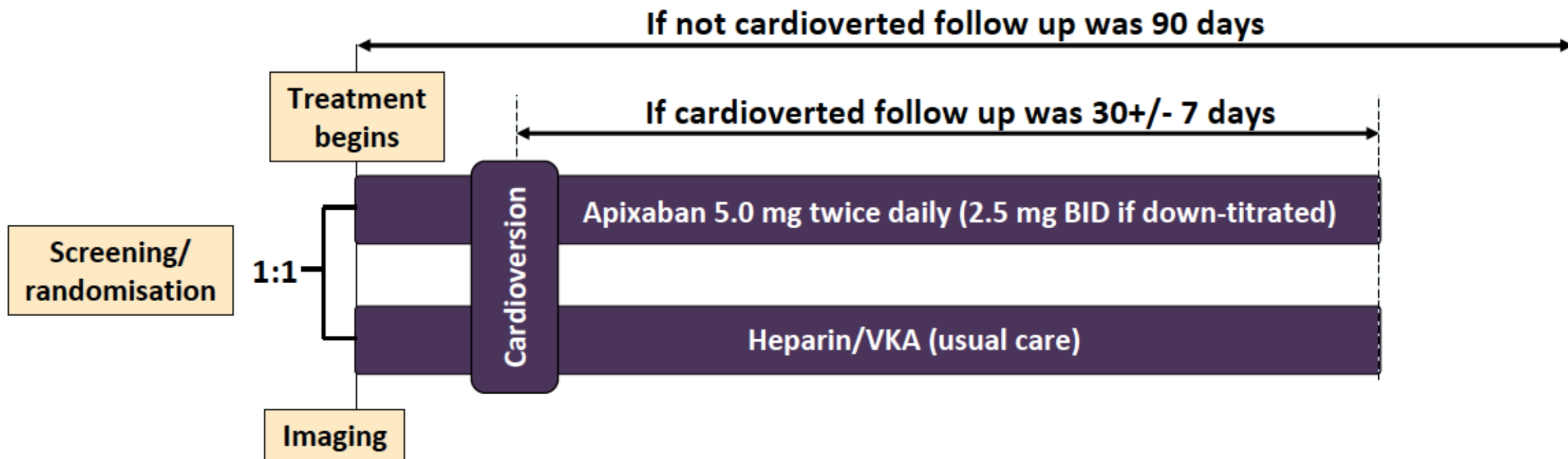


Prospective NOAC Studies in Cardioversion

| Trial name | NOAC | Study overview | Primary outcome(s) |
|------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| X-Vert ¹ | Rivaroxaban | ◆ Rivaroxaban 20/15 mg od vs VKA in 1504 patients undergoing electrical or pharmacological cardioversion of NVAf (optional use of parenteral anticoagulant with VKA) | ◆ Composite of stroke, TIA, peripheral embolism, MI and cardiovascular mortality ◆ Rivaroxaban 0.51% vs VKA 1.02%; RR 0.50 (95% CI 0.15–1.73) |
| ENSURE AF ² | Edoxaban | ◆ Edoxaban 60/30 mg od vs enoxaparin–warfarin in 2199 patients undergoing electrical cardioversion for NVAf | ◆ Composite of stroke, SE, MI and cardiovascular mortality ◆ Edoxaban <1% vs enoxaparin–warfarin 1%; OR 0.46 (95% CI 0.12–1.43) |
| EMANATE ³ | Apixaban | ◆ Ongoing study of efficacy and safety of apixaban vs heparin and/or VKA in patients with NVAf undergoing cardioversion | |

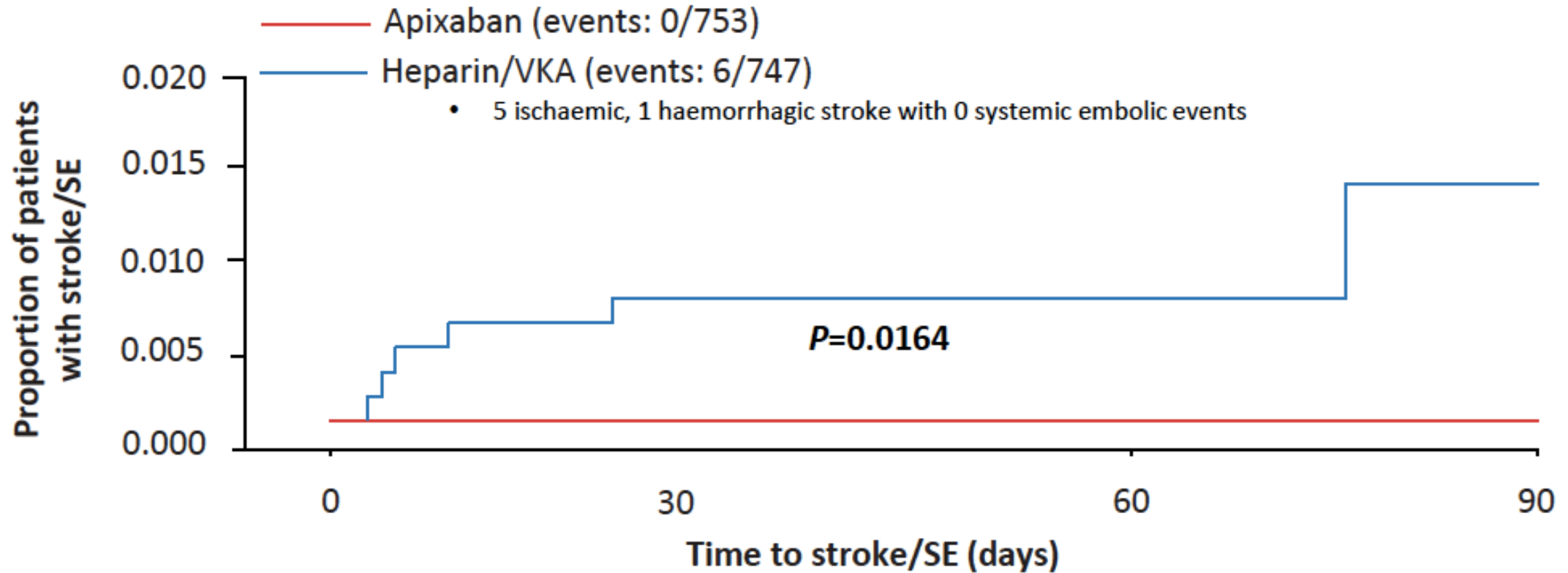
1. Cappato R et al, *Eur Heart J* 2014;35:3346–3355; 2. Goette A et al, *Lancet* 2016;388:1995–2003; 3. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02100228>

EMANATE: Randomised, prospective, active-controlled, open-label study



In patients randomised to apixaban, cardioversion could be performed 2 hours after a loading dose of 10 mg (reduced to 5 mg if 2 of the following present: age ≥ 80 , weight ≤ 60 kg, serum creatinine ≥ 1.5 mg/dl [133 micromol/L])

Stroke/systemic embolic outcomes



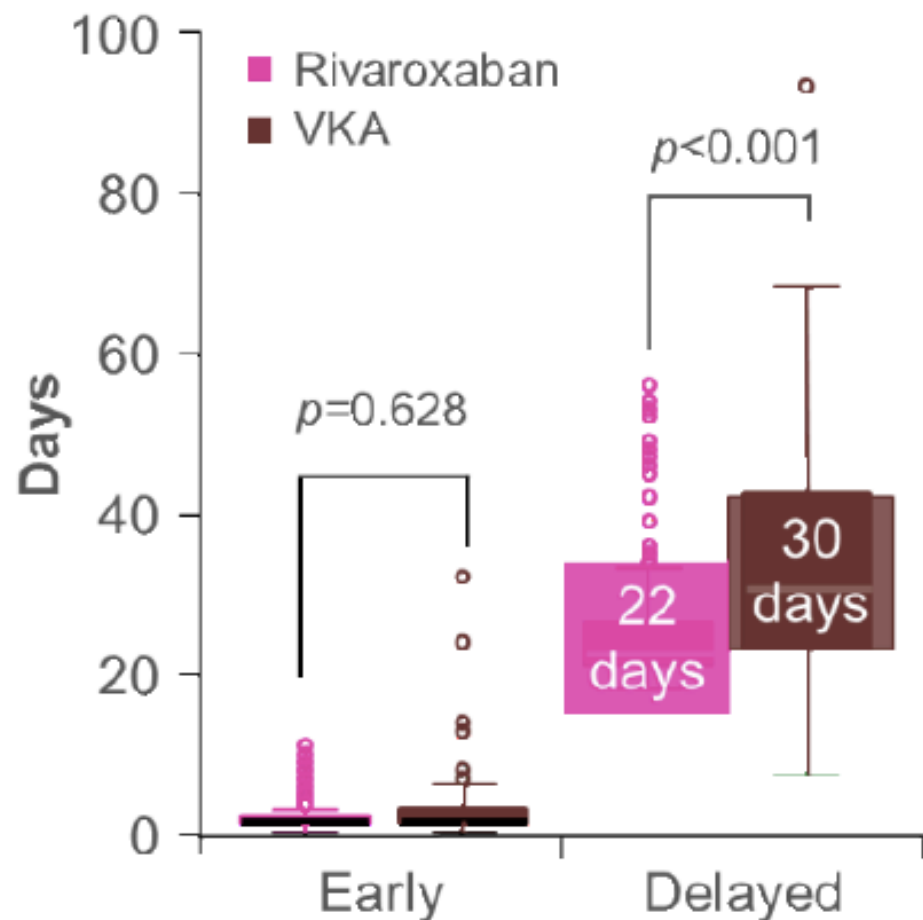
Number at risk

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| Apixaban | 752 | 6145 | 199 | 55 |
| Heparin/VKA | 747 | 65 | 231 | 88 |

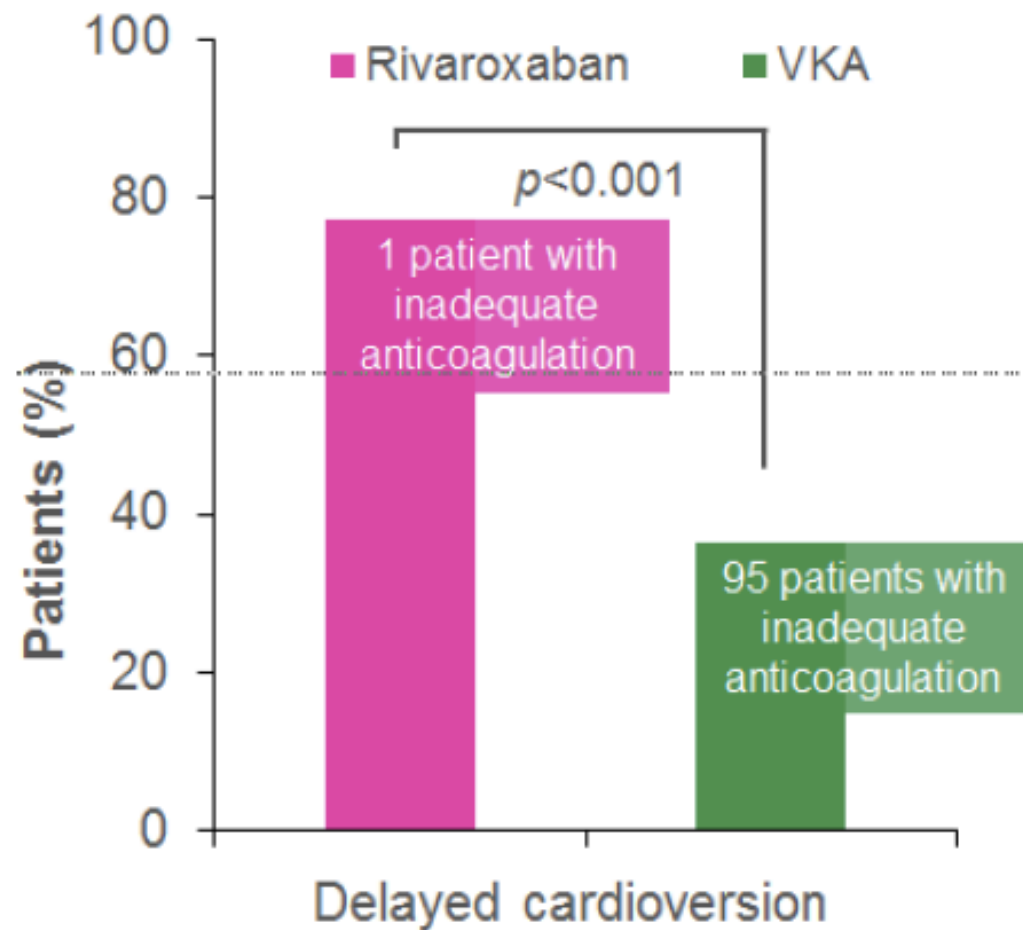
One patient's adjudicated stroke date was one day prior to randomisation; thus at Day 0, only 1499 were at risk for stroke.
 No patients had SE

X-VeRT: Time to Cardioversion was Similar (Early Strategy) or Significantly Shorter (Delayed Strategy) Using Rivaroxaban Compared with VKA

Median time to cardioversion^{1,2}



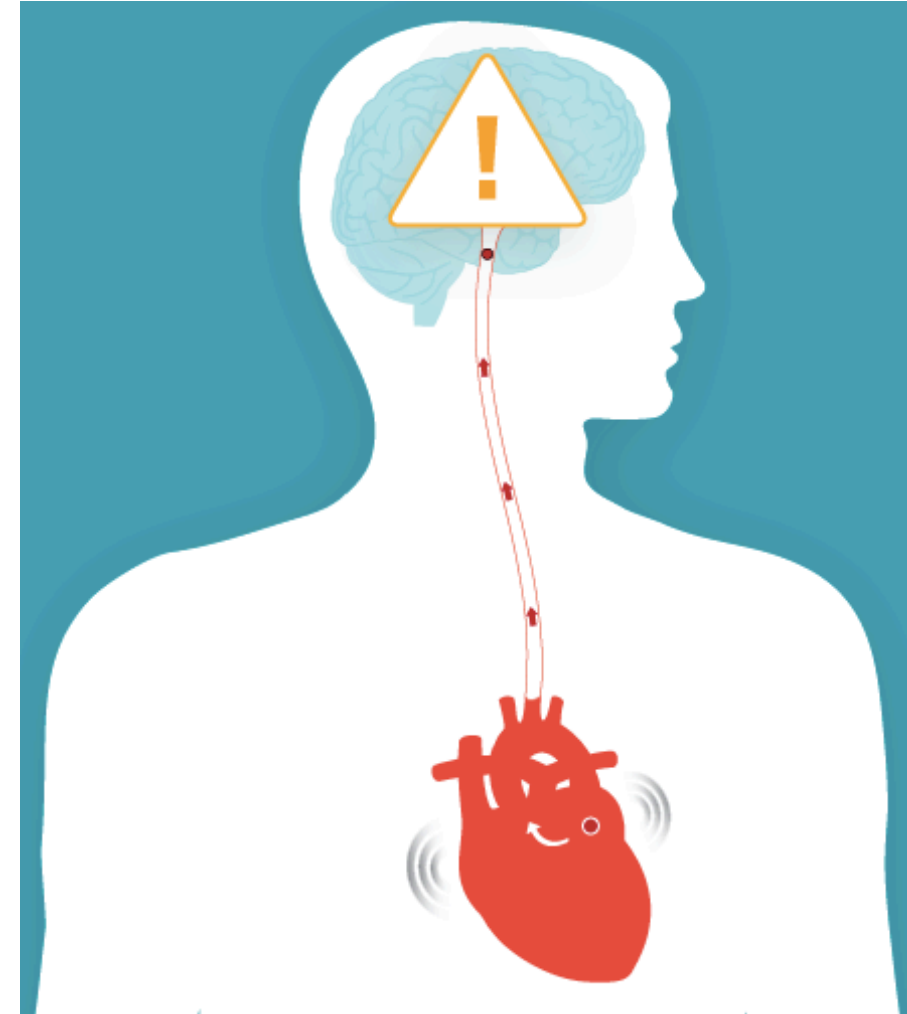
Patients cardioverted as scheduled^{1*}



1. Cappato R et al, *Eur Heart J* 2014;35:3346–3355;
2. Cappato R et al, Presented at ESC 2014, slides available at:
<http://congress365.escardio.org/Presentation/106419#.WWYAz4Tyupp>

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Pulmonary vein isolation (PVI): Bleeding and thrombotic complications

- Risk of serious and/or frequent bleeding¹⁻⁴
 - tamponade and haemothorax: 1–2%
 - groin bleeding: ?
- Risk of thromboembolism¹⁻⁵
 - cf. pro-thrombotic AF patient (cf. CHA₂DS₂-VASc)
 - cf. extensive endocardial lesions
 - periprocedural stroke: ≤1%
 - asymptomatic cerebral embolism: 5–20%
- Also risks post-procedurally⁴
 - late pericardial tamponade
 - stroke

Las recomendaciones en relación a la anticoagulación periprocedimiento han cambiado en los últimos años

En el pasado se recomendaban las terapias puente...

HRS/EHRA/ECAS

Expert Consensus Statement

'LMWH or intravenous heparin should be used as a bridge to resumption of systemic anticoagulation following AF ablation'

2007

HRS/EHRA/ECAS

Expert Consensus Statement

'In patients who are not therapeutically anticoagulated with warfarin at the time of AF ablation, **LMWH or intravenous heparin should be used as a bridge** to resumption of systemic anticoagulation with warfarin'

2012

Hoy en día las guías ya no recomiendan realizar terapias puente

EHRA Position Paper

'In patients receiving a VKA, the ablation should be performed **without interruption** of VKA therapy'

2015

2016

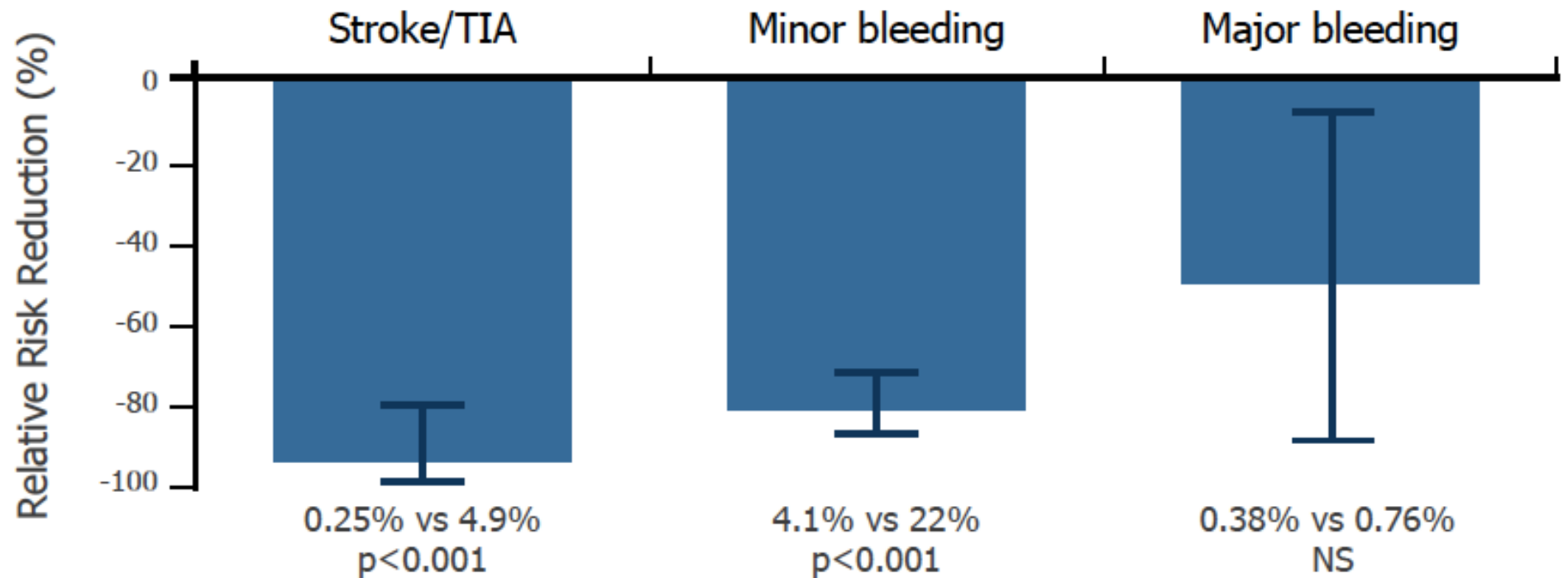
ESC Guidelines

'Continuation of oral anticoagulation with a VKA or NOAC should be considered during the procedure, maintaining effective anticoagulation'

LMWH, low-molecular-weight heparin. Kirchhof P et al. *Europace* 2016; Sticherling C et al. *Europace* 2015; Calkins H et al. *Europace* 2012; Calkins H et al. *Europace* 2007

PVI and VKA: COMPARE trial

- 1584 patients
1:1 prospective randomisation interrupted or uninterrupted warfarin
- Primary endpoint: TEE within 48 hours after PVI
- Uninterrupted VKA vs bridging:



Recommendations for PVI: NOACs

- 2016 ESC AF guidelines¹

When catheter ablation of AF is planned, **continuation of OAC** with a VKA (IIaB) or **NOAC (IIaC)** should be considered during the procedure, maintaining effective anticoagulation

All patients should receive OAC for at least 8 weeks after catheter (IIaB) or surgical (IIaC) ablation

Anticoagulation for stroke prevention should be continued indefinitely after apparently successful catheter or surgical ablation of AF in patients at high risk of stroke (IIaC)

- EHRA practical guidance²⁻⁴

Recommend an **institutional protocol** for patients taking NOACs undergoing AF ablation, either:

- changing patients to uninterrupted VKA, or
- uninterrupted NOAC therapy, or
- well-planned cessation of NOAC

Evidence for NOACs in PVI patients: Randomised studies

- Two randomised trials with <250 patients completed
 - **VENTURE-AF:** rivaroxaban vs VKA¹
 - **Japanese RCT:** apixaban vs VKA²
- One large randomised trial with >600 patients has been recently completed
 - **RE-CIRCUIT:** dabigatran vs VKA³
- Two other larger RCTs ongoing
 - **AXAFA:** apixaban vs VKA^{4,5} (n=663; results expected in early 2018)
 - **ELIMINATE-AF:** edoxaban vs VKA^{6,7} (n~560; results expected 2019)



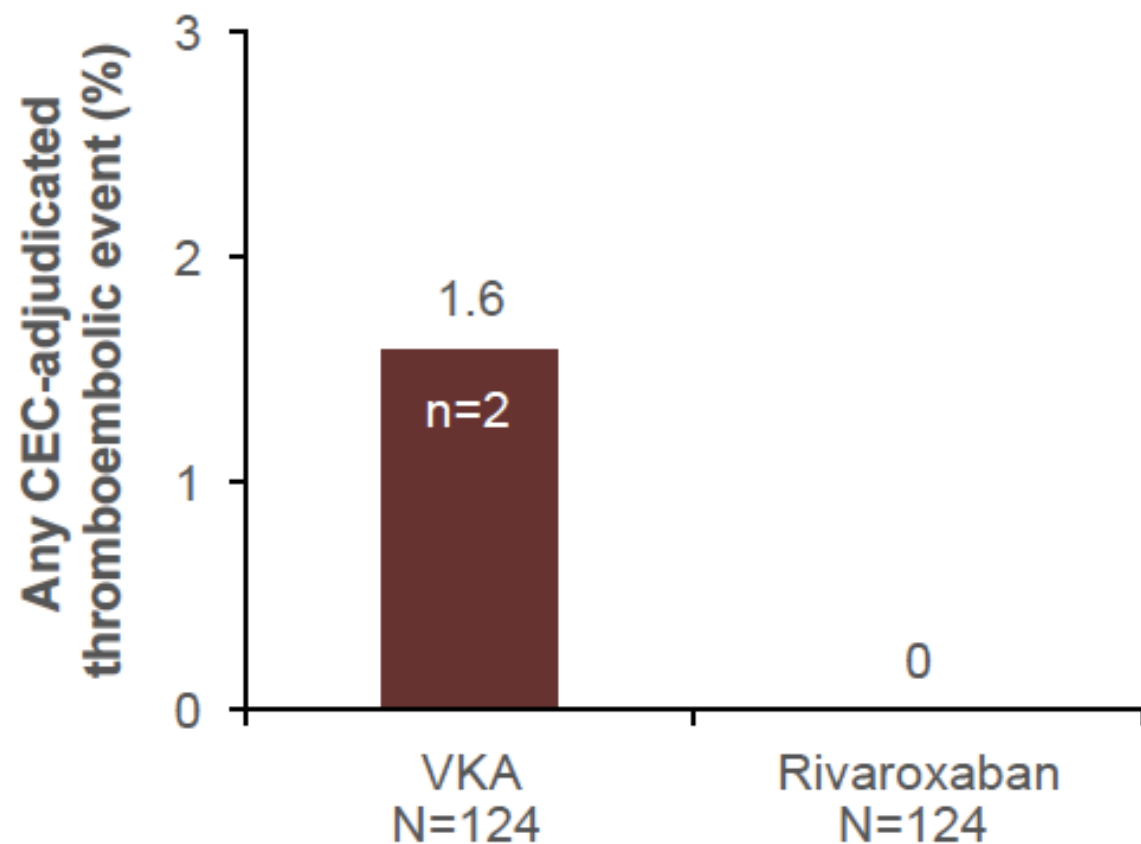
Prospective NOAC Studies in Catheter Ablation

| Trial name | NOAC | Study overview | Primary outcome(s) |
|-------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| VENTURE-AF ¹ | Rivaroxaban | ◆ Uninterrupted rivaroxaban 20 mg od vs VKA in 248 patients undergoing catheter ablation for NVAF | ◆ Major bleeding events after catheter ablation; rivaroxaban: 0 vs VKA: 1 ◆ No difference in terms of efficacy outcomes |
| RE-CIRCUIT ³ | Dabigatran | ◆ Uninterrupted dabigatran (150 mg bid) vs warfarin in 635 patients undergoing catheter ablation for NVAF (8-week follow-up) | ◆ Major bleeding events during and <8 weeks after ablation; dabigatran 1.6% vs warfarin 6.9%; ARD -5.3% (95% CI -8.4 to -2.2; $p < 0.001$) ◆ No difference in terms of efficacy outcomes |
| AEIOU ³ | Apixaban | ◆ Uninterrupted vs interrupted apixaban (prospective RCT) vs non-randomized retrospective matched cohort of uninterrupted warfarin | ◆ Ischaemic stroke/SE; uninterrupted apixaban: 0%, interrupted apixaban: 0%, warfarin: 0% ◆ Clinically significant bleeding; uninterrupted apixaban: 11.3%, interrupted apixaban: 9.7% |
| AXAFA ⁴ | Apixaban | ◆ Ongoing study of efficacy and safety of uninterrupted apixaban vs VKA for patients with NVAF undergoing catheter ablation | |

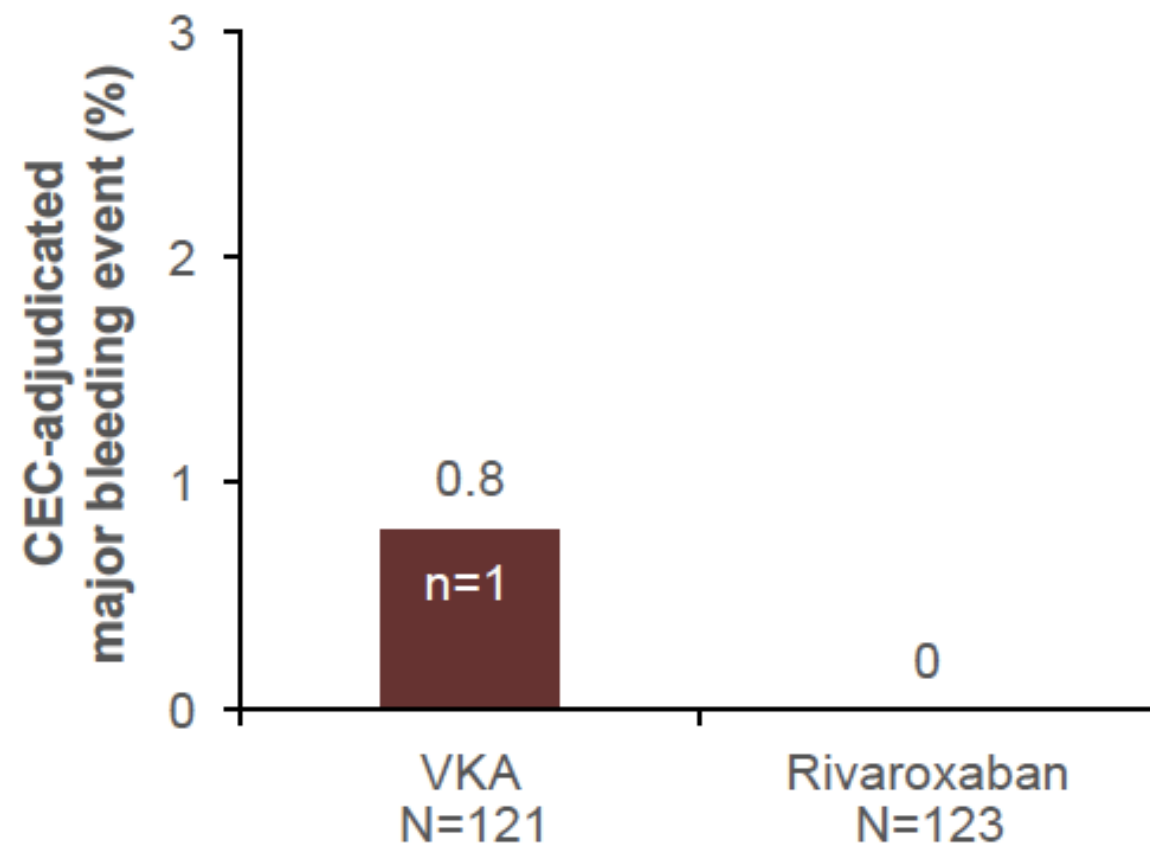
1. Cappato R et al, Eur Heart J 2015;36:1805–1811; 2. Calkins H et al, N Engl J Med 2017; 376:1627–1636; 3. Reynolds MR et al, Presented at HRC 2017; slides available at: http://files.eventpilotadmin.com/doc/clients/OASIS/HRS17/library/xpub/out/C-LBCT01_13589.xpub/index.php?page=0; 4. Di Biase et al, JACC 2017;10:122–128

VENTURE AF: Uninterrupted Rivaroxaban Versus Uninterrupted VKA in Patients with AF Undergoing Ablation

Thromboembolic events



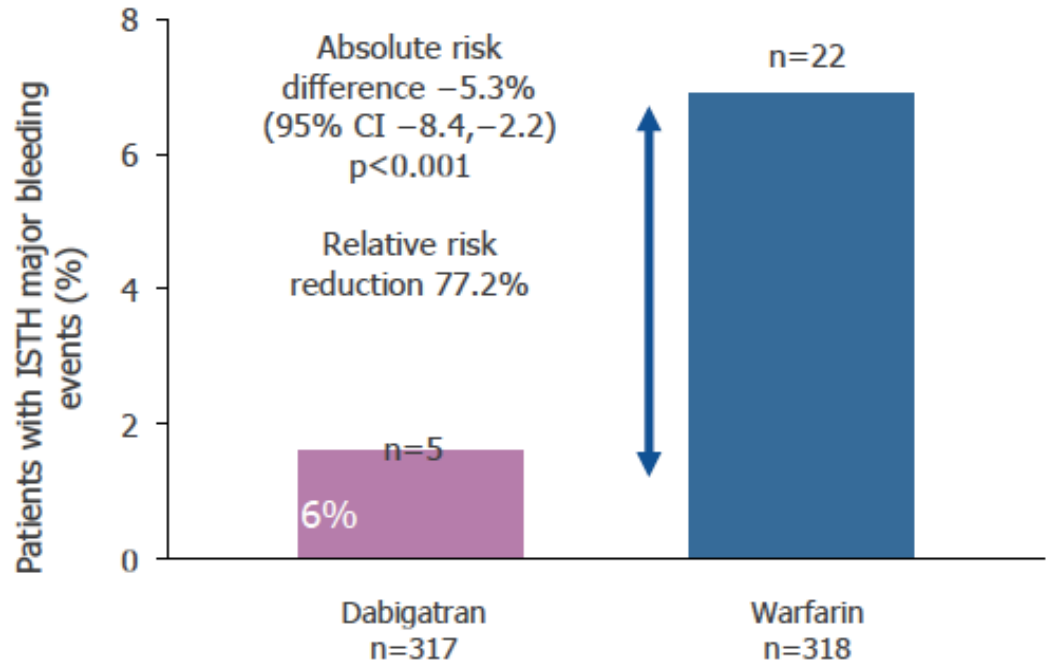
Major bleeding events*



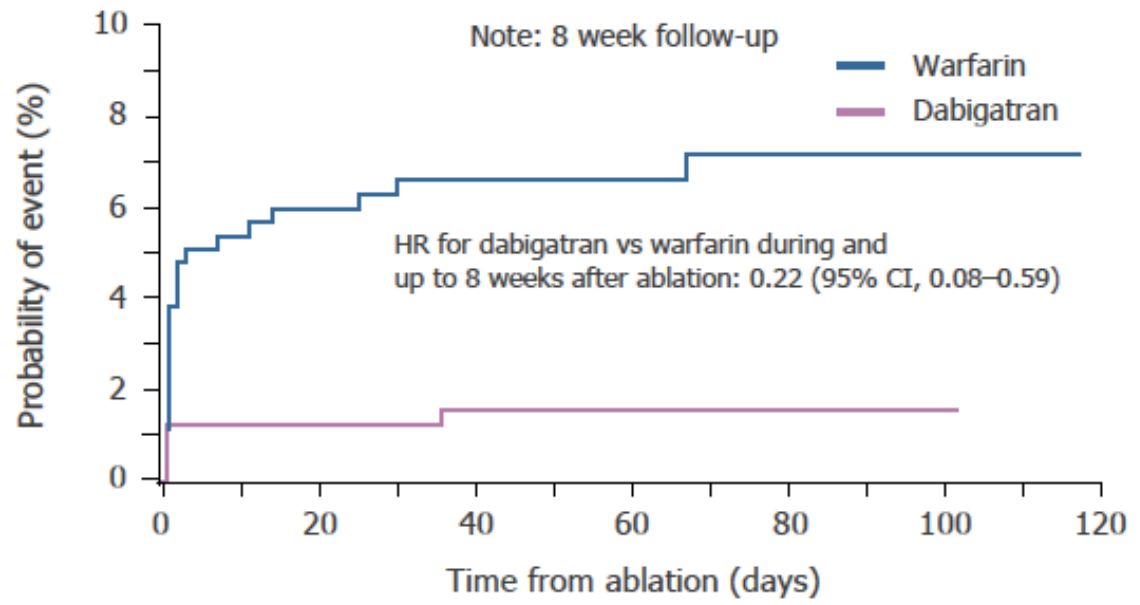
*At least one of: ISTH major bleeding event, GUSTO severe/life-threatening bleeding event or TIMI major bleeding event



RE-CIRCUIT (dabigatran): Results – major bleeding



Created from Calkins H, et al. 2017



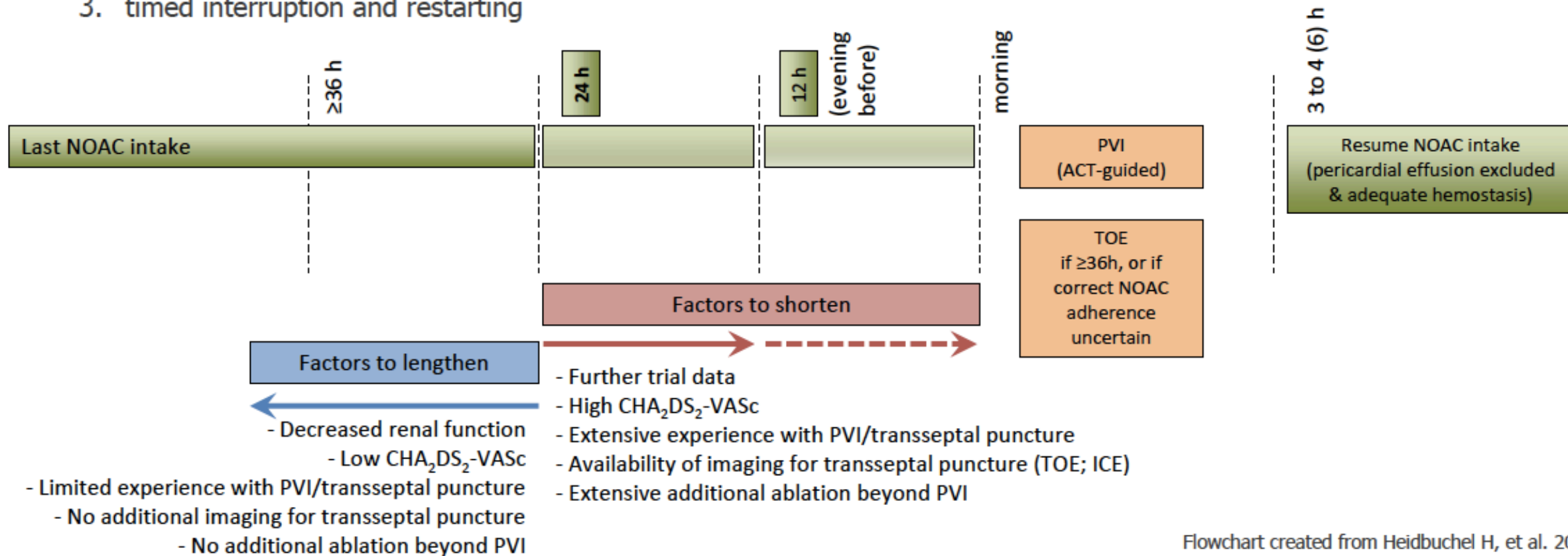
Patients at risk

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| Dabigatran | 317 | 313 | 311 | 311 | 306 | 305 | 297 | 83 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Warfarin | 318 | 301 | 297 | 296 | 295 | 295 | 278 | 85 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 |

- Tamponade: 1 dabigatran vs 6 warfarin
- Groin haematoma: 0 dabigatran vs 8 warfarin
- Minor bleeding: 18.6% dabigatran vs 17% warfarin
- Prolonging hospitalisation: 3.8% dabigatran vs 6.5% warfarin

Conclusions: Current guidance on OAC during PVI

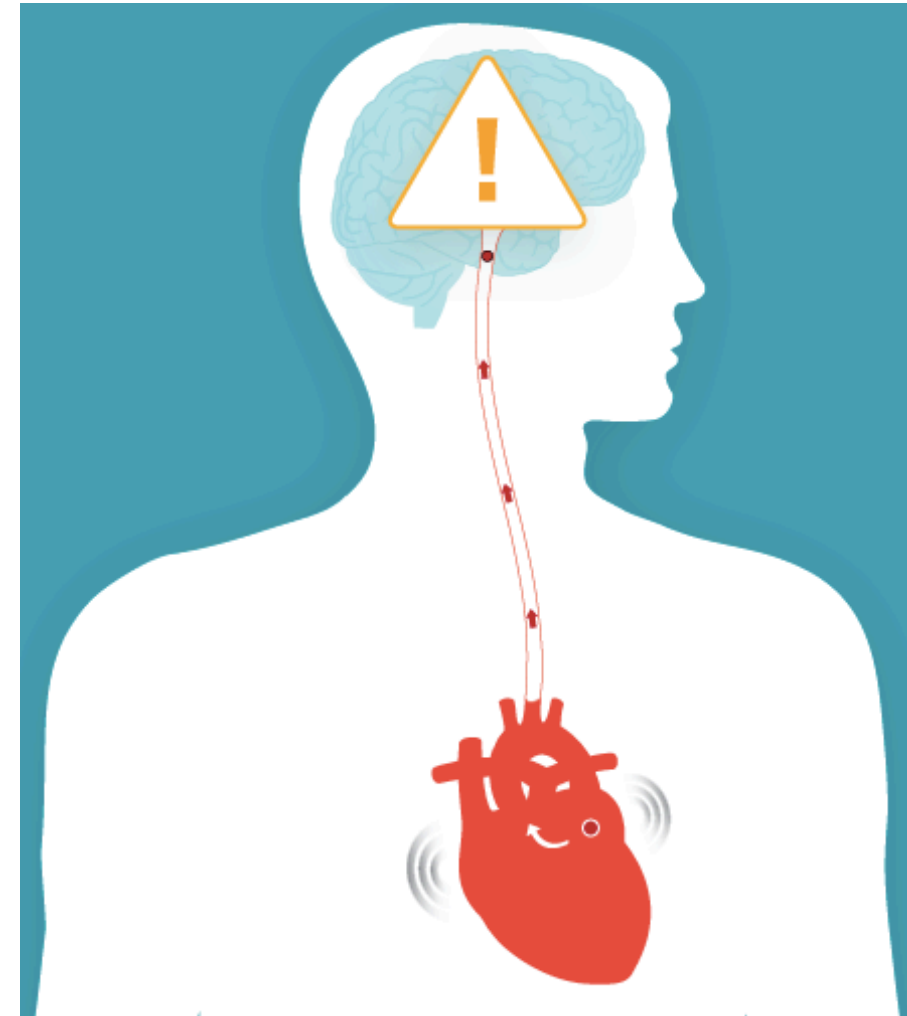
- Have an institutional protocol (i.e. no improvisation):^{1,2}
 1. switch from NOAC to VKA before PVI, or
 2. fully uninterrupted NOAC (i.e. even on the morning of PVI), or
 3. timed interruption and restarting



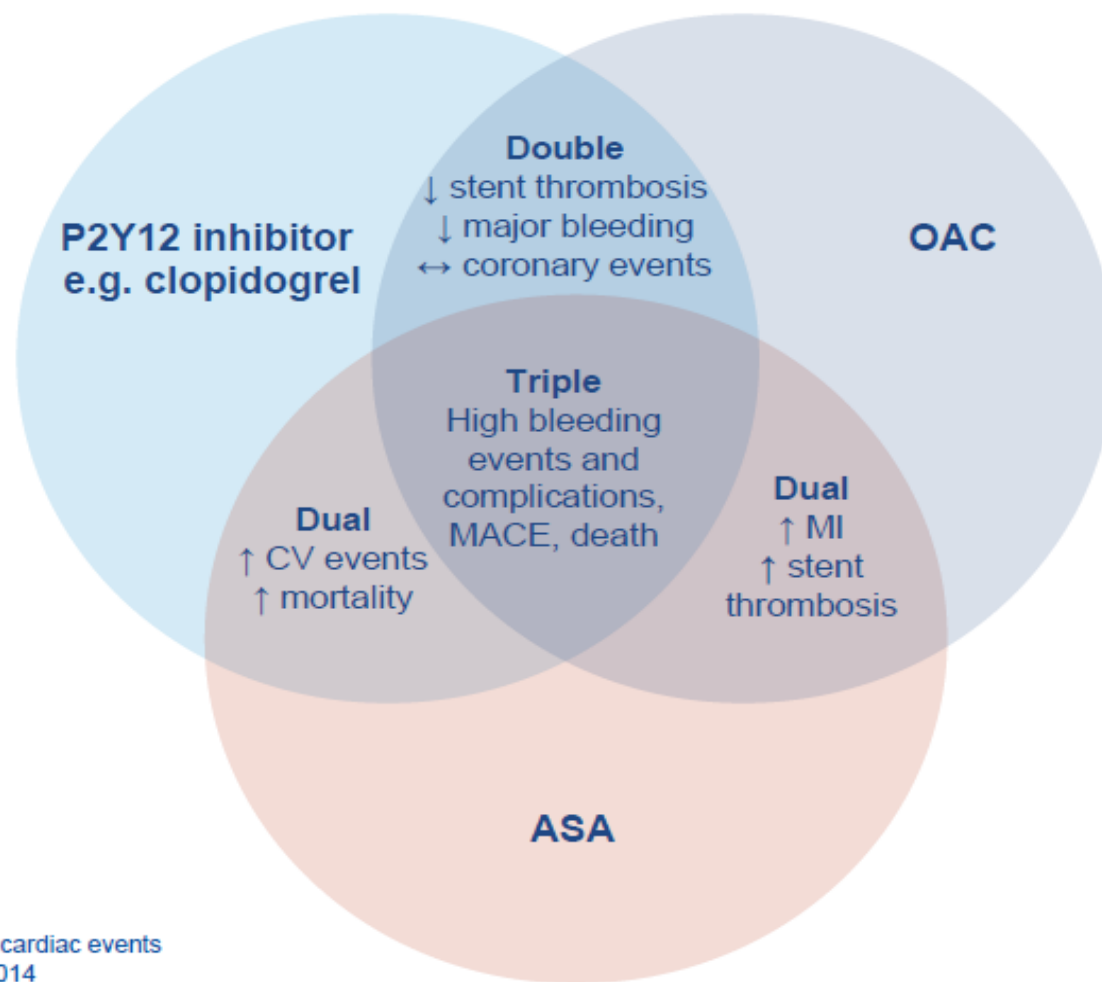
Flowchart created from Heidbuchel H, et al. 2015

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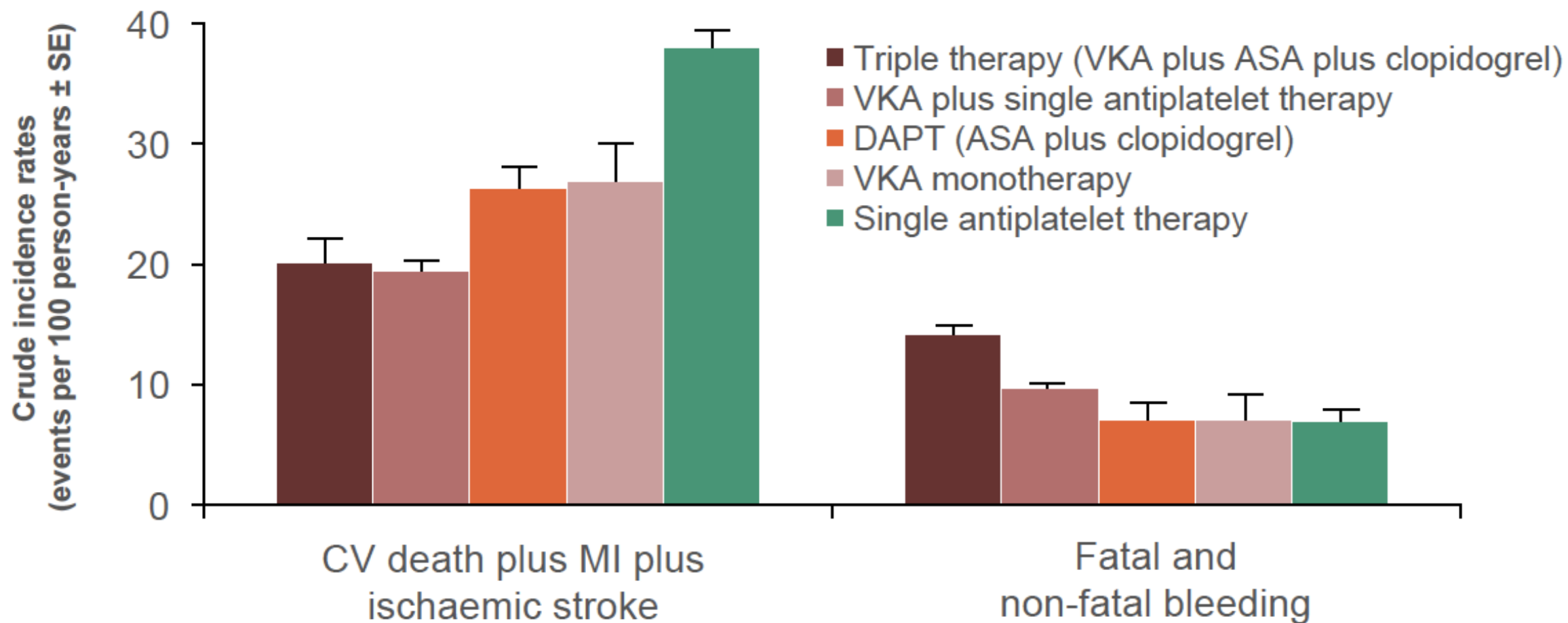
What combination of therapy is optimal for patients with AF after PCI?



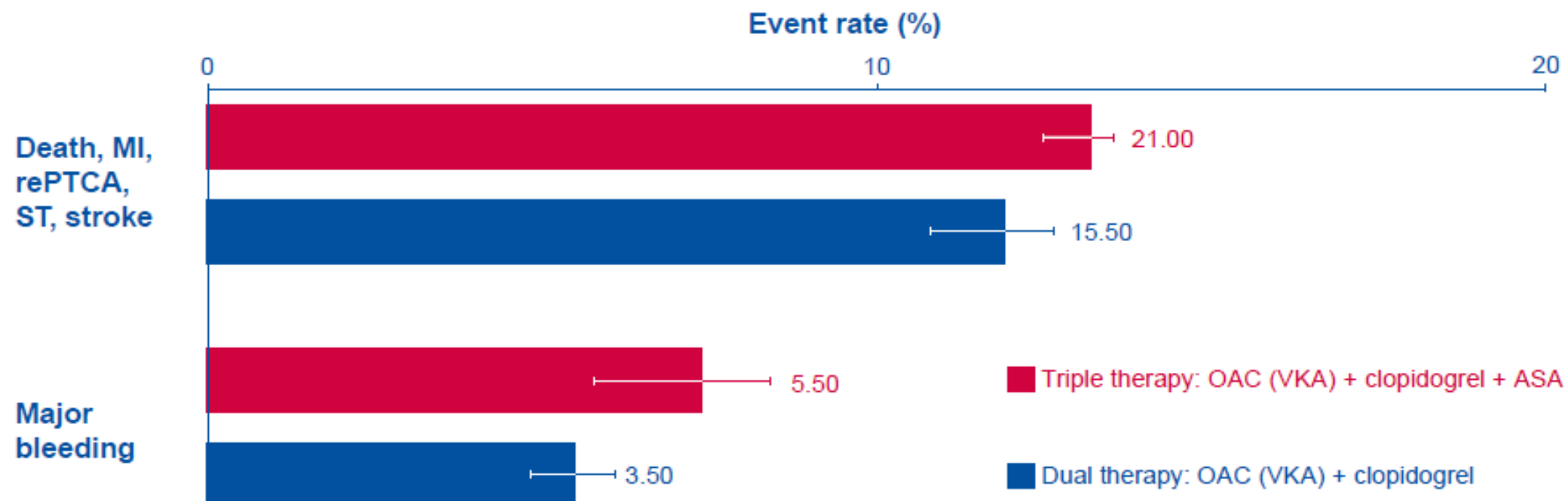
ASA, acetylsalicylic acid; MACE, major adverse cardiac events
Adapted from Dewilde et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2014

Triple Therapy with a VKA Reduces Thromboembolic Events but Increases Bleeding after PCI in Patients with AF

Danish registry data (2000–2009; N=11,480 patients)

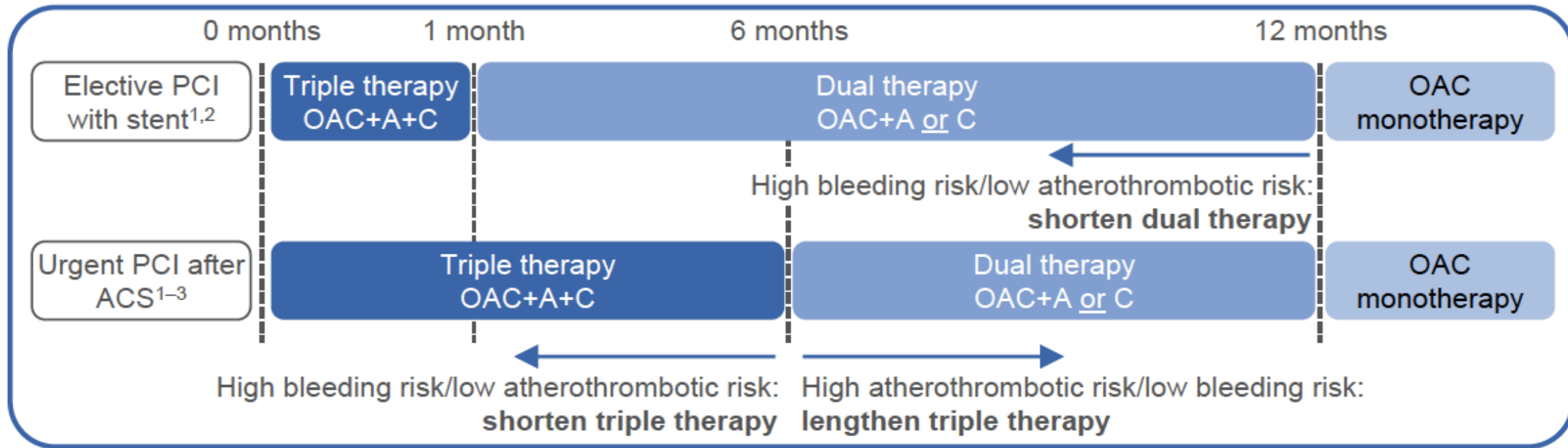


Meta-analysis: oral antithrombotic therapy in patients with AF post-PCI



OAC (VKAs) + clopidogrel associated with reduction in major bleeding and no increase in rates of death, MI, stroke, and stent thrombosis vs OAC + ASA + clopidogrel

Guidelines for the Management of AF and PCI: 'Minimize Triple Therapy Duration'



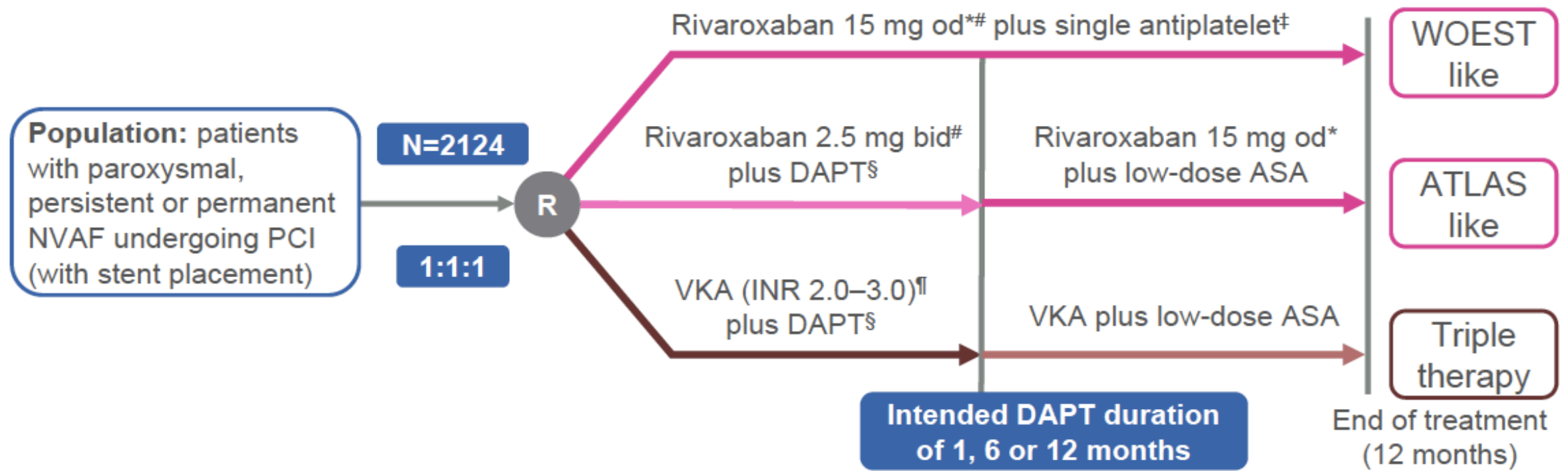
- ◆ In selected patients, dual therapy may be considered instead of triple therapy¹
- ◆ European guidelines suggest that NOACs may be used in triple/dual therapy,¹⁻³ whereas US guidelines recommend a VKA^{4,5}

1. Kirchhof P et al, *Eur Heart J* 2016; doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehw210; 2. Heidbuchel H et al, *Europace* 2015;17:1467–1507;
3. Windecker S et al, *Eur Heart J* 2014;35:2541–2619; 4. Amsterdam EA et al, *Circulation* 2014;130:e344–e426;
5. O’Gara PT et al, *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2013;61:e78–e140



PIONEER AF-PCI: Two Rivaroxaban Strategies Versus VKA Plus DAPT

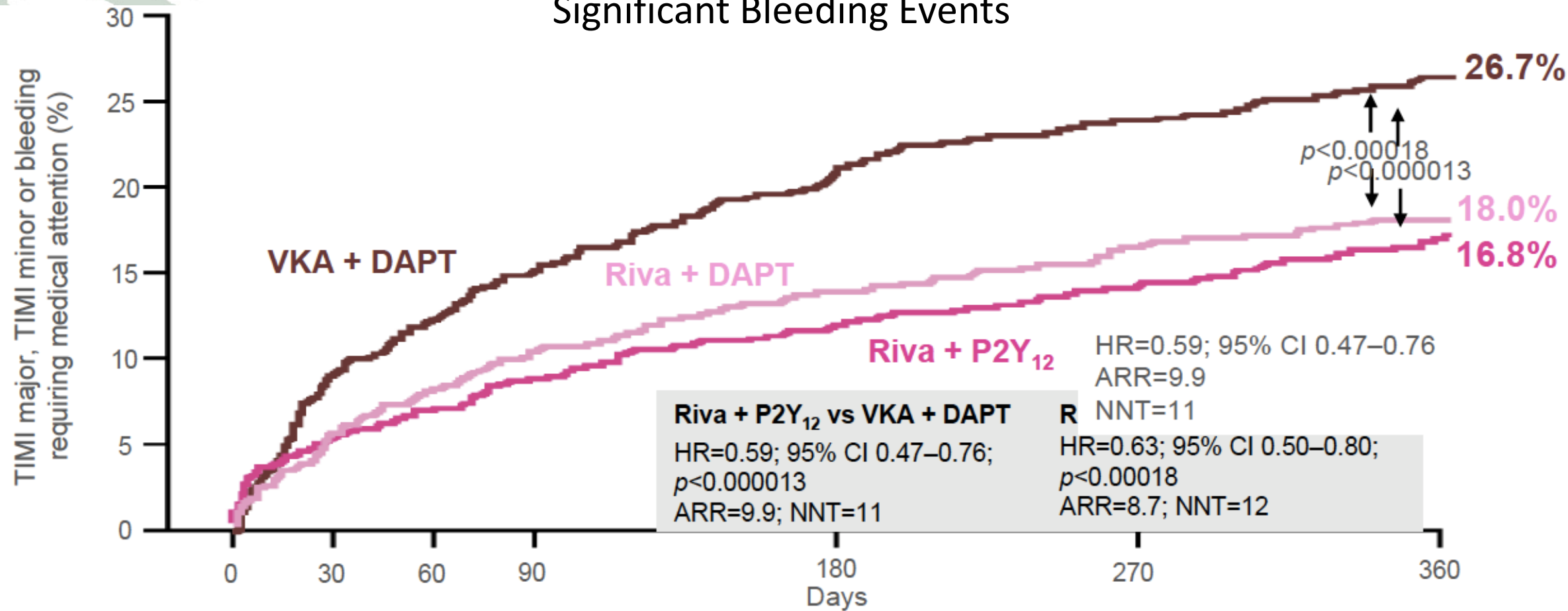
Design: An open-label, randomized, controlled phase IIIb safety study



*CrCl 30–49 ml/min: 10 mg OD; #first dose 72–96 hours after sheath removal; ‡clopidogrel (75 mg daily) (alternative use of prasugrel or ticagrelor allowed, but capped at 15%); §ASA (75–100 mg daily) plus clopidogrel (75 mg daily) (alternative use of prasugrel or ticagrelor allowed, but capped at 15%); ¶first dose 12–72 hours after sheath removal

1. Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC. 2016. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01830543> [accessed 10 Oct 2016];
 2. Gibson CM et al, Am Heart J 2015;169:472–478e5; 3. Gibson CM et al, N Engl J Med 2016; 375:2423–2434

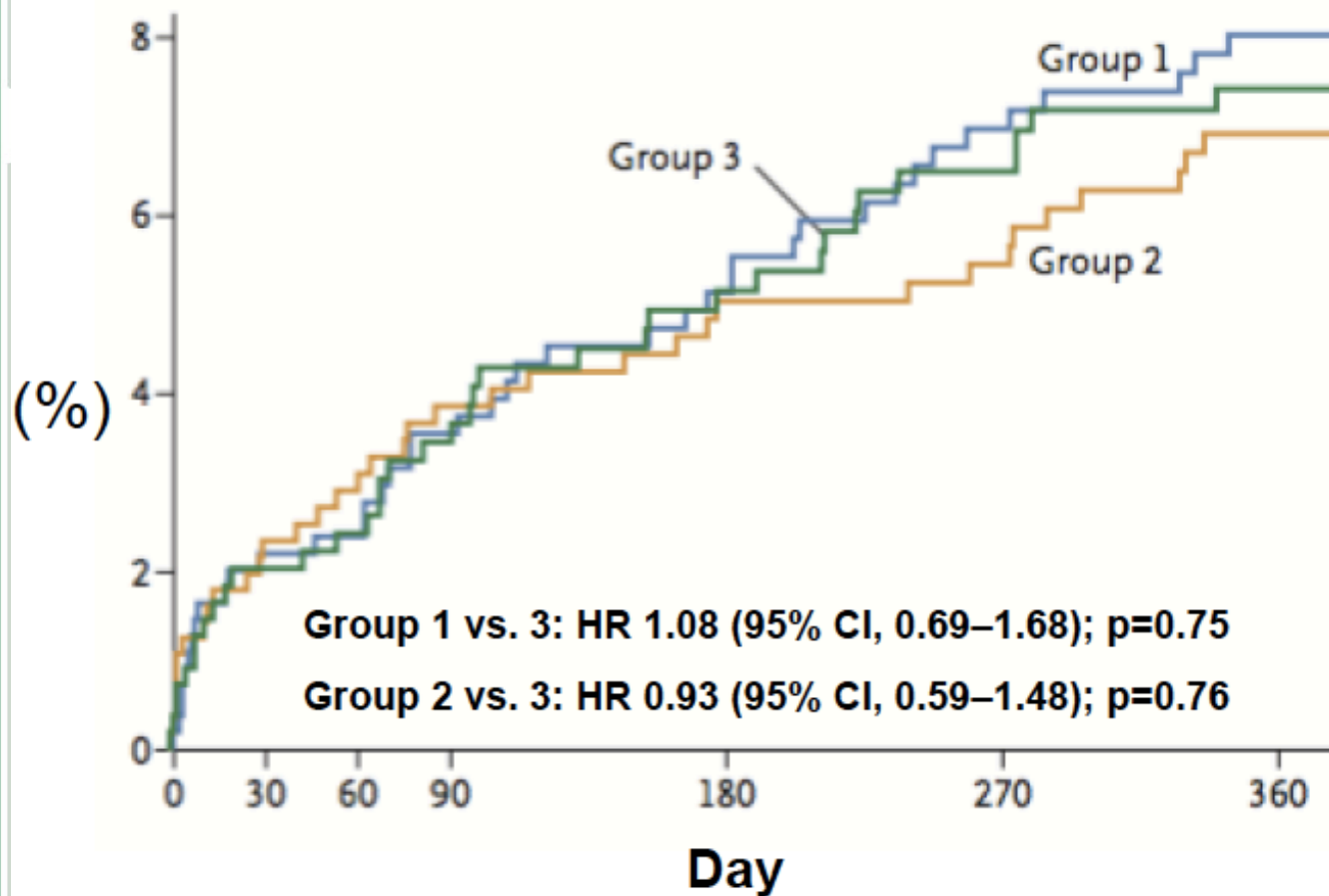
Kaplan–Meier Estimates of First Occurrence of Clinically Significant Bleeding Events



| No. at risk | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Riva + P2Y ₁₂ | 696 | 628 | 606 | 585 | 543 | 510 | 383 |
| Riva + DAPT | 706 | 636 | 600 | 579 | 543 | 509 | 409 |
| VKA + DAPT | 697 | 593 | 555 | 521 | 461 | 426 | 329 |

PIONEER AF-PCI trial: secondary efficacy end-point

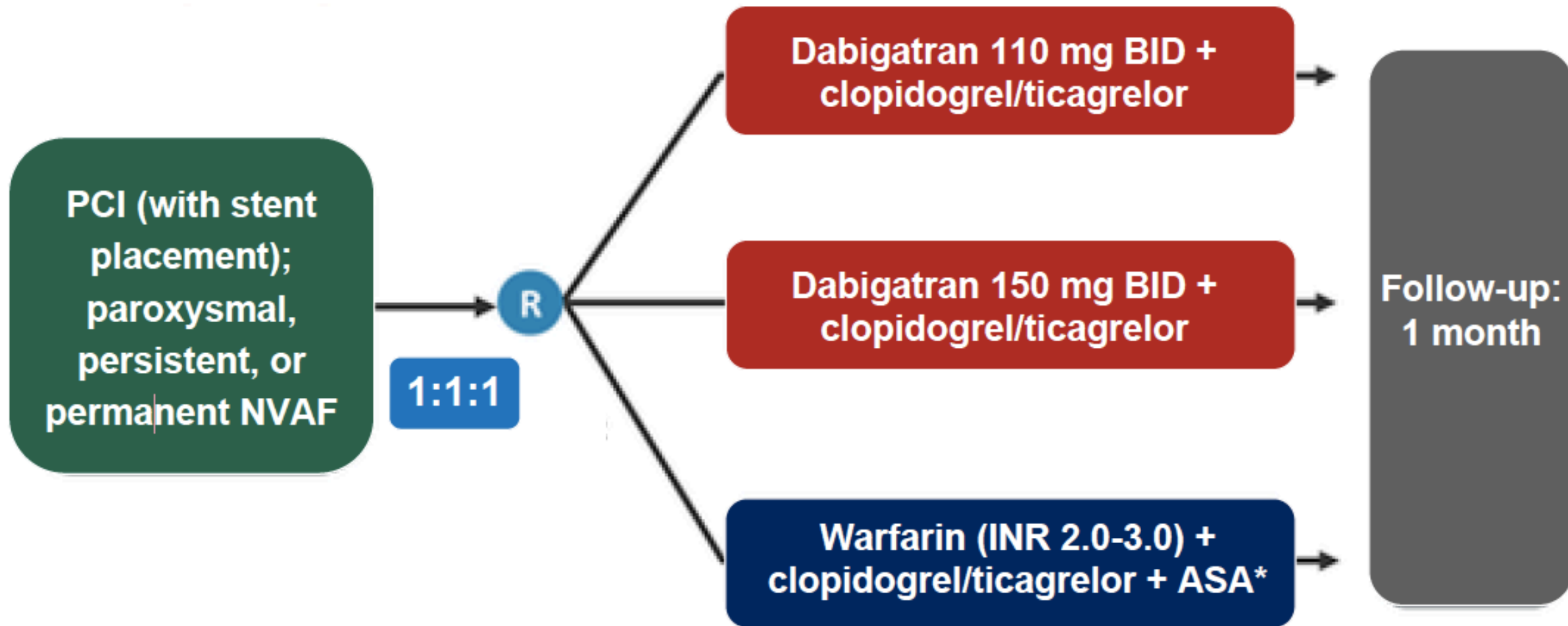
Group 1: rivaroxaban 15 mg OD + P2Y₁₂ inhibitor; **Group 2:** rivaroxaban 2.5 mg BID + DAPT; **Group 3:** adjusted-dose VKA + DAPT



MACE:

composite of CV death, MI, or stroke

RE-DUAL PCI trial: design

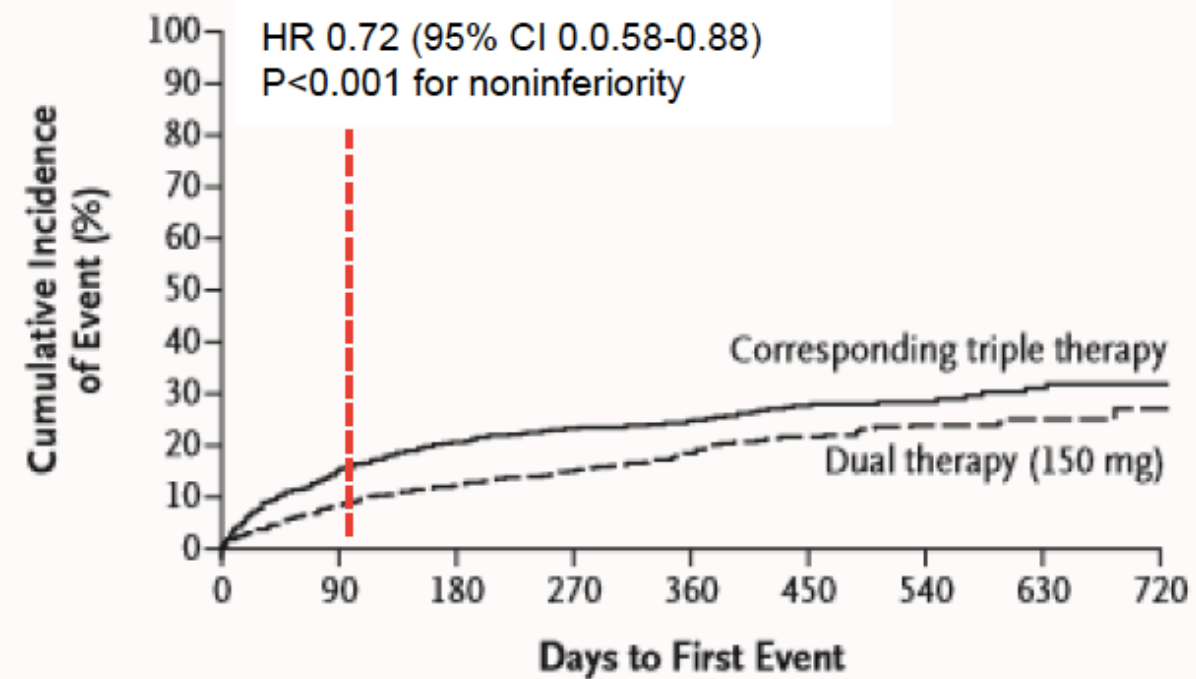
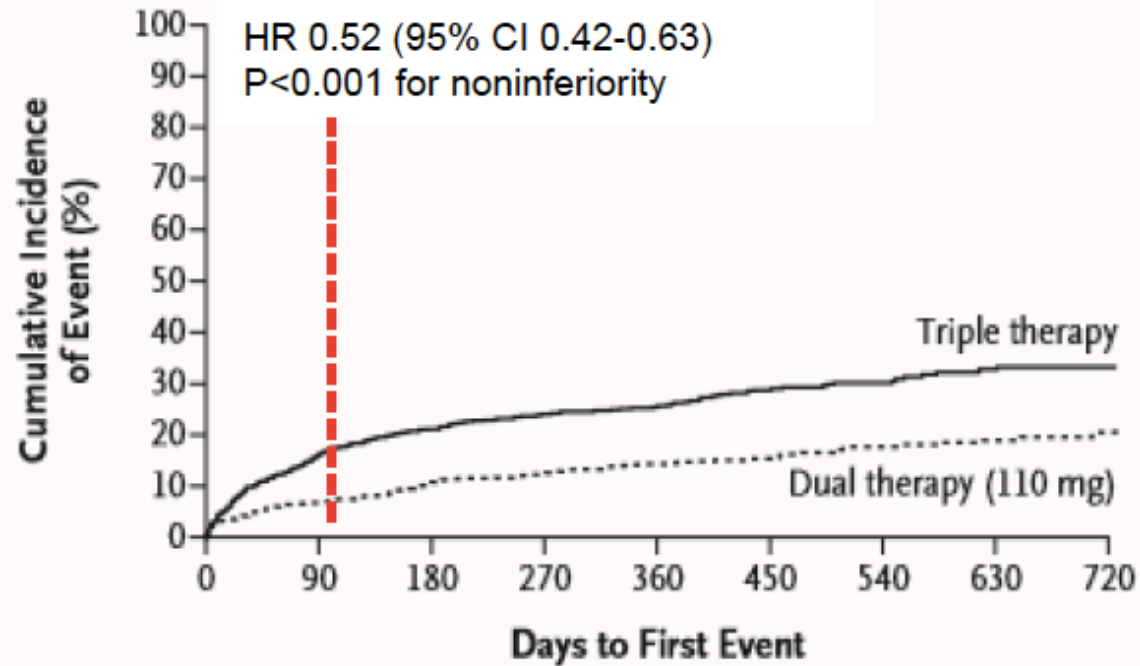


Minimum treatment 6 months

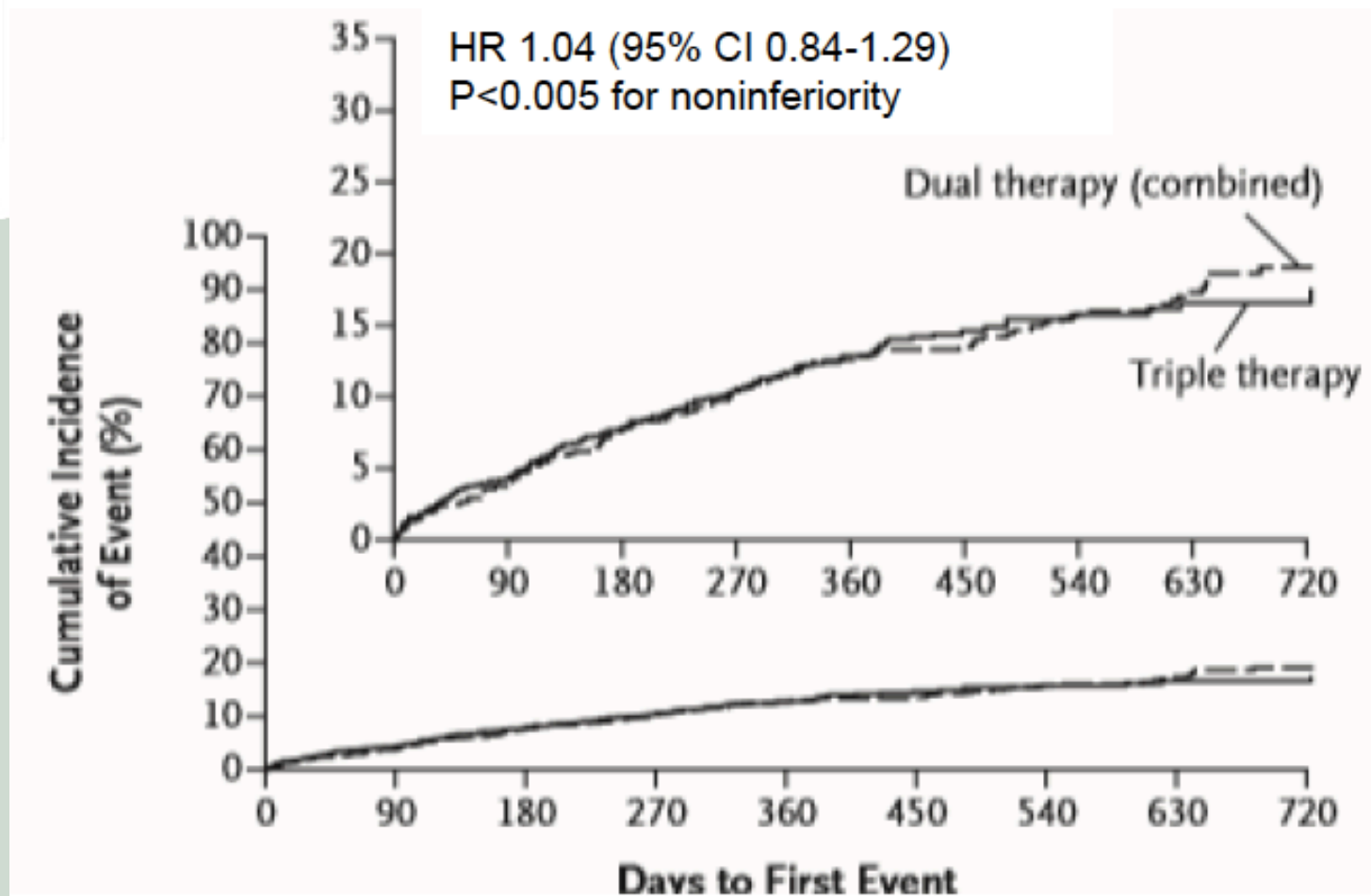
*1 mo. with BMS, 3 mos. with DES

RE-DUAL PCI trial: primary end-point

Major or CRNM bleeding



RE-DUAL PCI trial: secondary efficacy end-point

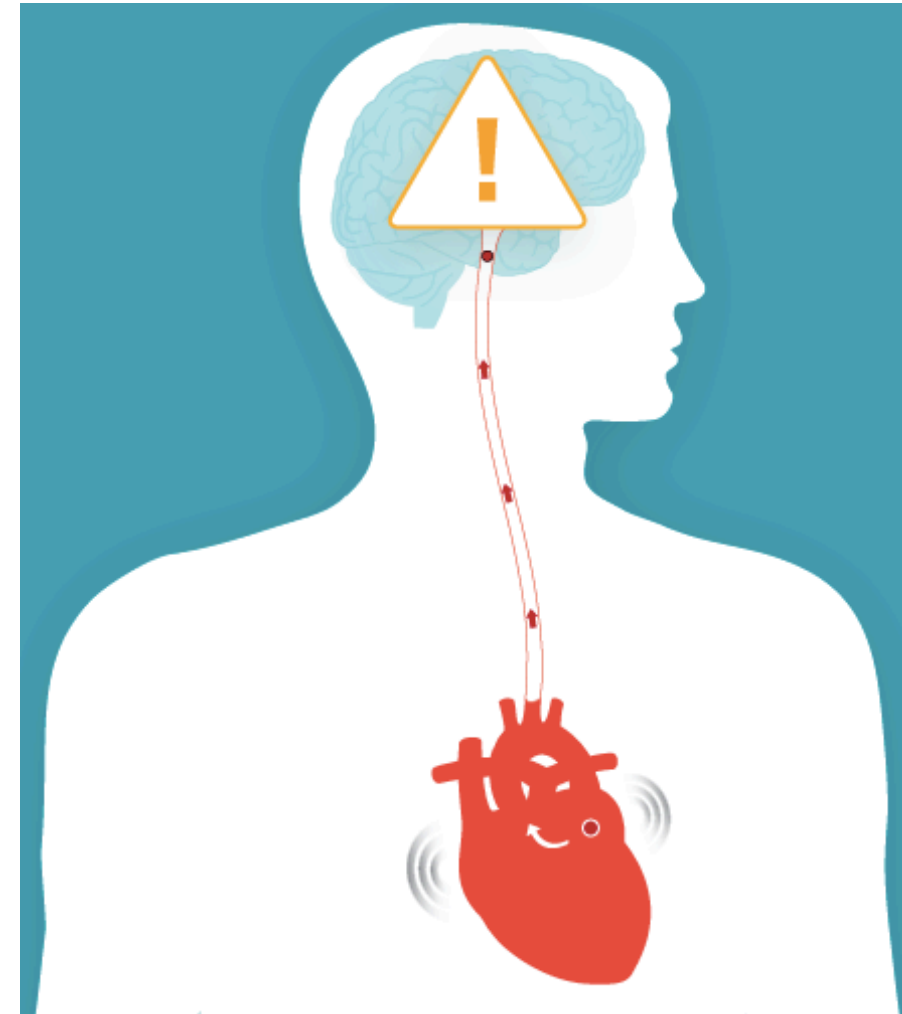


Composite of TE events (MI, stroke, systemic embolism), death or unplanned revascularization



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Conclusiones

1. Manejo subóptimo de la anticoagulación en FA (sobre- e infra-utilización)
2. Se está experimentando un cambio de perfil en el tipo de anticoagulante. España se encuentra por debajo de la media europea en el grado de prescripción de ACOD.
3. Los datos de vida real confirman la efectividad y seguridad de los ACOD.
4. Baja capacidad predictiva de la “intuición médica” en la predicción de riesgo embólico.
5. La anticoagulación oral está indicada en individuos con CHA₂DS₂-Vasc ≥ 2 y se debería considerar en varones con CHA₂DS₂-Vasc 1.
6. Los ensayos randomizados demuestran que los ACOD son igual de eficaces y seguros que los antivitamina-K en cardioversión y ablación
7. La triple terapia tras revascularización disminuye los eventos embólicos pero aumenta el riesgo de sangrado. Los ACOD podrían ser una buena alternativa.



FIBRIL·LACIÓ AURICULAR

Indicacions d'anticoagulació

FA VALVULAR (pròtesis valvulars mecàniques i amb malaltia valvular mitral)

Risc tromboembòlic és molt elevat → anticoagulants orals antivitamina K (AVK).

- ✓ INR recomanat: entre 2-3
- ✓ INR en pròtesis mecàniques mitrals: entre 2.5-3.5.
- ✓ **No s'ha aprovat l'ús dels nous anticoagulants en aquesta situació.**

FA NO VALVULAR

Cal estratificar el risc embolígen per decidir:

- ✓ El risc embolígen s'avalua amb la escala CHA2DS2-VASC.
- ✓ El risc de sagnat s'avalua amb la escala HAS-BLED.

*Els pacients a qui es programa una **cardioversió elèctrica electiva** han de rebre anticoagulació oral des d'almenys 3 setmanes abans fins a un mínim de 4 setmanes després de la mateixa.*



FIBRIL·LACIÓ AURICULAR

Elecció del fàrmac anticoagulant oral

- Pacients amb FA i malaltia valvular: Acenocumarol o Warfarina.
- Pacients amb FA no valvular i indicació d'anticoagulació (CHA₂DS₂VASc >1):
 - **Acenocumarol o Warfarina** com a primera elecció, excepte:
 - **Nou anticoagulant oral** (*dabigatran, rivaroxaban o apixaban*):
 - Mal control de l'INR tot i una bona evidència de compliment.
 - Al·lèrgia o intolerància als efectes adversos dels AVK.
 - Seguiment de l'INR dificultós o poc pràctic.
 - Antecedent d'AVC hemorràgic o risc elevat d'hemorràgia intracranial (després de consulta o indicació per neuròleg).
 - Presentació d'AVC embòlic malgrat tractament correcte amb acenocumarol.



Thank you

Algoritmo de elección de ACOD según perfil de pacientes

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| Choosing the oral anticoagulant drug to fit the patient profile | Recurrent stroke, systemic embolic event, or transient ischaemic attack despite good anticoagulation control (TTR >70%) | Dabigatran 150 mg BID |
| | Moderate-to-severe renal impairment (CrCl 15–49 mL/min) | Apixaban 5 mg BID*, rivaroxaban 15 mg once daily, dabigatran (if CrCl 30–49 mL/min)†, or edoxaban 30 mg once daily‡ |
| | High risk of gastrointestinal bleeding | Apixaban 5 mg BID* or dabigatran 110 mg BID§ |
| | Gastrointestinal symptoms or dyspepsia | Apixaban 5 mg BID*, rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily¶, or edoxaban 60 mg once daily |
| | High risk of bleeding (HAS-BLED ≥3) | Dabigatran 110 mg BID§, apixaban 5 mg BID*, or edoxaban 60 mg once daily |
| | Once daily dosing or preference to have a lower pill burden | VKA, rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily¶, or edoxaban 60 mg once daily |
| | Asian patients (consider drugs with reduced risk of intracranial haemorrhage and major bleeding in Asian subgroups) | Apixaban 5 mg BID*, dabigatran†, or edoxaban 60 mg once daily |
| | Less likely to do well on VKA with good TTR (SAME-TT ₂ R ₂ score >2) | VKA with additional education and more regular follow-up, dabigatran†, rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily¶, apixaban 5 mg BID*, or edoxaban 60 mg once daily |