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Terapia medica 2014: i nuovi anticoagulanti orali

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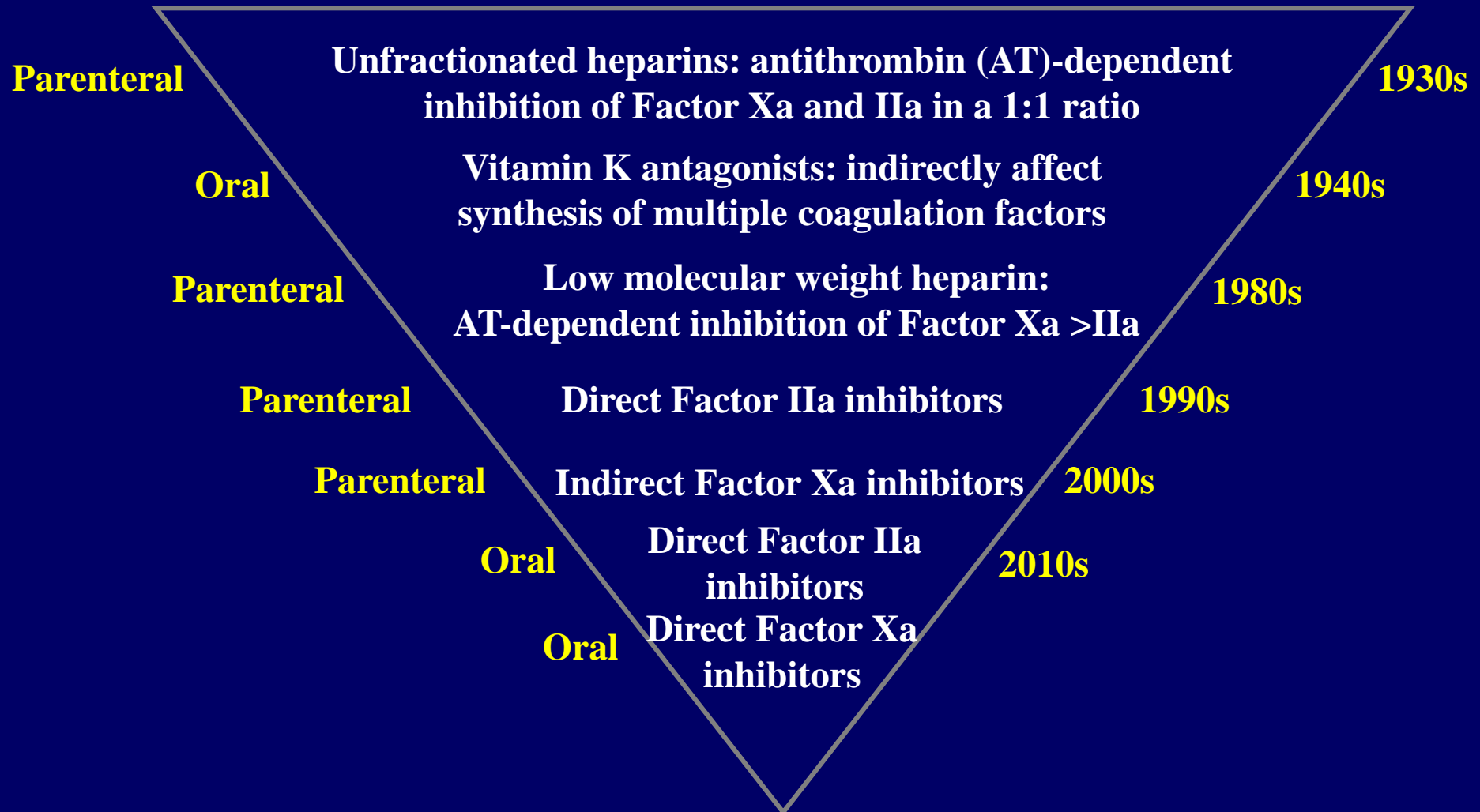
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Agenda

- **Introduzione ‘farmacologica’**
- **Evidenze disponibili**
- **Considerazioni pratiche**

Breve storia della terapia anticoagulante





Nuovi e "Vecchi"

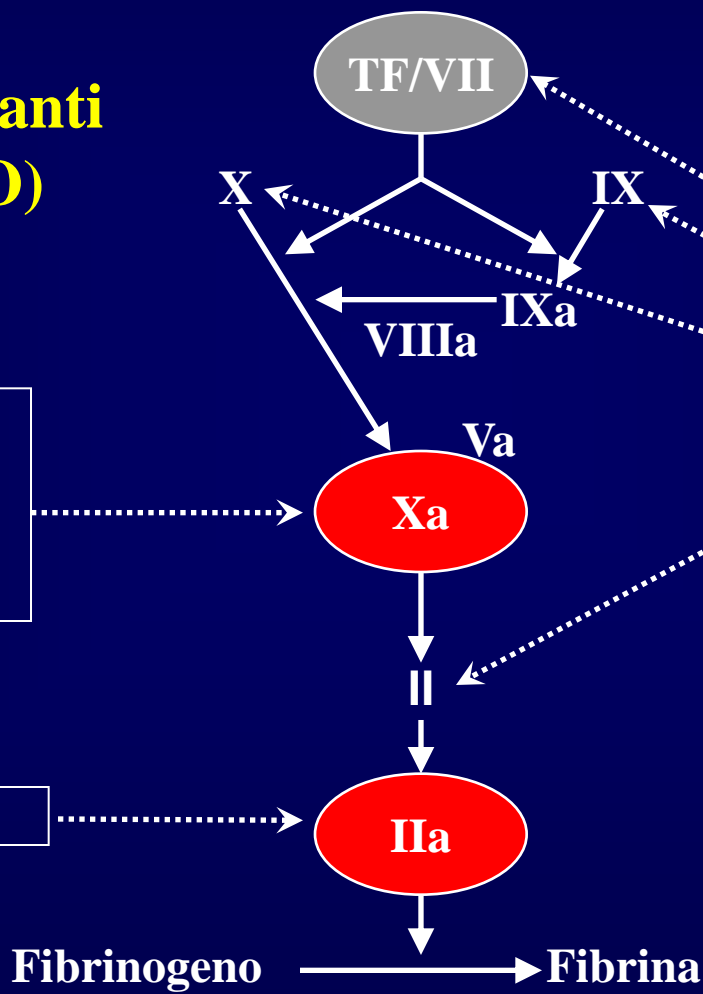
**Nuovi
Anticoagulanti
Orali (NAO)**

**"Vecchi"
Antagonisti
Vitamina K**

Rivaroxaban
Apixaban
Edoxaban
Betrixaban

Dabigatran

Warfarin
Acenocumarolo



Adapted from Weitz & Bates, *J Thromb Haemost* 2007

Farmaco -dinamica / -cinetica

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Betrixaban
Target	IIa (thrombin)	Xa	Xa	Xa	Xa
Time to C-max (hrs)	0.5-2.0	2.0-4.0	3.0-4.0	1.0-2.0	3.0-4.0
Half-Life	14-17 h	9-13h	12-15h	8-10h	19-20h
Renal Elimination	80%	33%	27%	50%	17%
Interactions	P-gp	P-gp and CYP3A4	P-gp and CYP3A4	P-gp	P-gp

CYP = cytochrome P450



Indicazioni approvate dei NAO

(EMA ed AIFA)



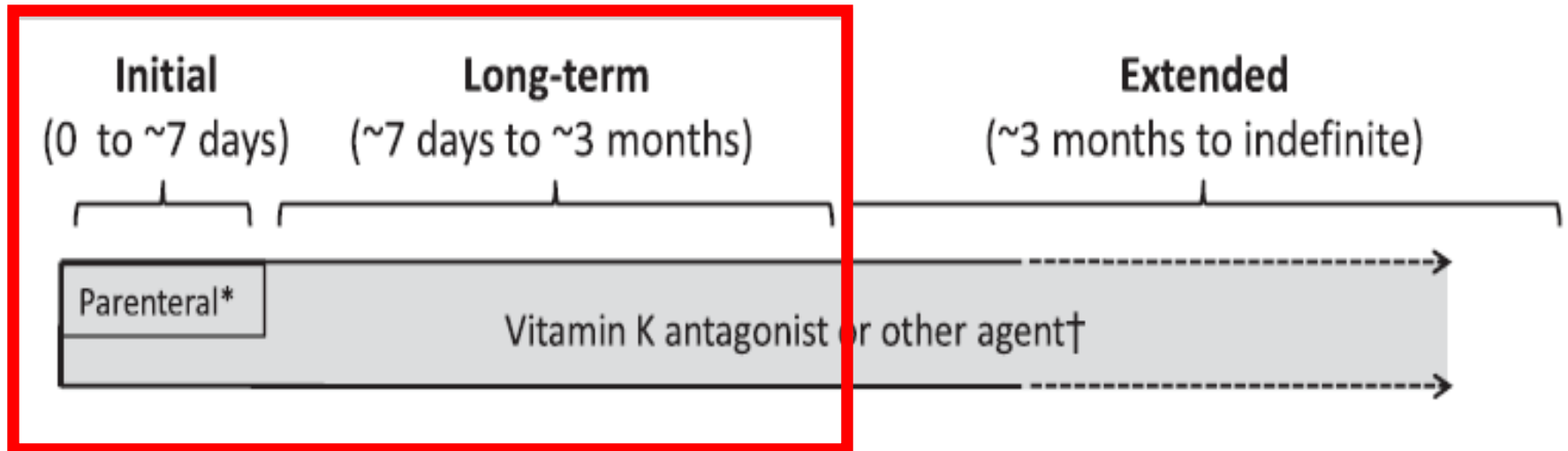
- **Prevenzione del TEV in chirurgia protesica ortopedica**
dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban
- **Trattamento di TVP ed EP acute e prevenzione secondaria**
rivaroxaban
- **Prevenzione del cardioembolismo nella FA non valvolare**
dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban
- **Prevenzione aterotrombosi in SCA**
rivaroxaban

Chirurgia Ortopedica

- **Interventi ortopedici maggiori elettivi:
protesi di anca e ginocchio**
- **RCT, fase III, non-inferiorità versus enoxaparina**
 - **RECORD I-IV (rivaroxaban)**
 - **ADVANCE I-III (apixaban)**
 - **RE-MODEL/RE-NOVATE I and II/RE-MOBILIZE (dabigatran)**

Trattamento di TVP ed EP

Phases of anticoagulation



* Heparin, LMWH, fondaparinux ; † Includes LMWH, dabigatran, rivaroxaban

Evidenze - TVP ed EP acute

- Studi RCT, fase III, non-inferiorità versus warfarin

rivaroxaban - EINSTEIN

apixaban - AMPLIFY

edoxaban - HOKUSAI

dabigatran - RE-COVER

- **Outcome primario:** **Recidiva di TEV**
- **Sicurezza:** **Emorragia maggiore**

Trattamento di TVP ed EP

I NAO sono stati sviluppati:

1. Per 'sfidare' entrambi i trattamenti parenterale e dicumarolico

- dose iniziale ottimale per la fase acuta iniziale
- dose di mantenimento ottimale per il trattamento a lungo termine

Rivaroxaban e Apixaban

2. Per 'sfidare' SOLO i dicumarolici, mantenendo un trattamento parenterale iniziale ≥ 5 gg

- poi passare direttamente a dose di mantenimento ottimale

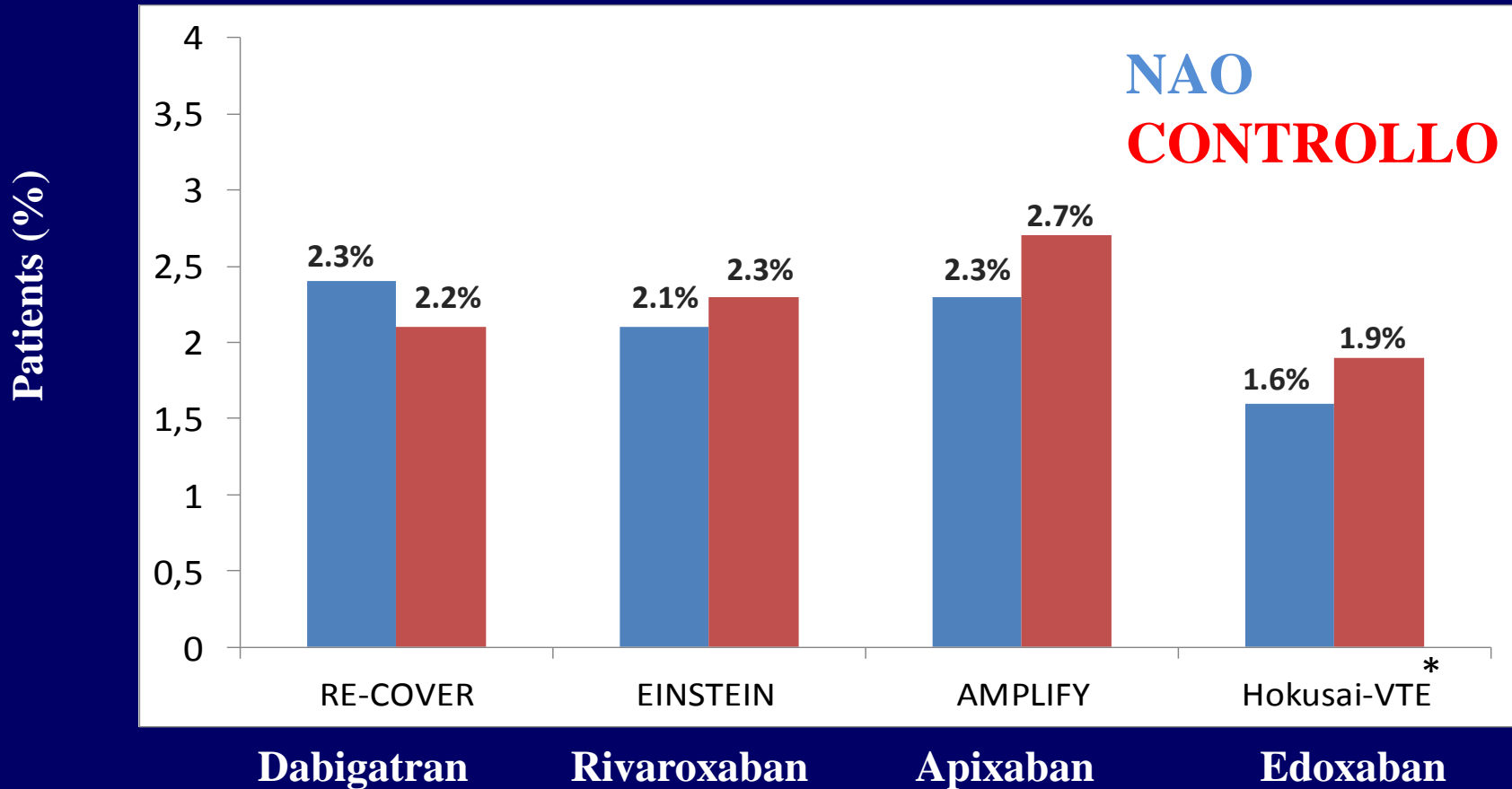
Dabigatran e Edoxaban

Evidenze - TVP ed EP acute

Studio	Farmaco (dosaggio)	RECIDIVA TEV	P for non-inf	EMORRAGIA MAGGIORE
RE-COVER	Dabigatran (EBPM x 9 gg, poi 150 mg bid)	1.10 (0.65-1.84)	<0.001	0.82 (0.45-1.48)
RE-COVER II		1.08 (0.64-1.80)	<0.0001	0.69 (0.36-1.32)
EINSTEIN - DVT	Rivaroxaban (15 mg bid x 21 gg, poi 20 mg od)	0.68 (0.44-1.04)	<0.001	0.65 (0.33-1.30)
EINSTEIN - PE		1.12 (0.75-1.68)	0.003	0.49 (0.31-0.79)
AMPLIFY	Apixaban (10 mg bid x 7 gg, poi 5 mg bid)	0.85 (0.60 - 1.18)	<0.001	0.31 (0.17-0.55)
HOKUSAI	Edoxaban (EBPM per 7 gg, poi 60 mg od)	0.89 (0.70-1.13)	<0.001	0.84 (0.59-1.21)

Evidenze - TVP ed EP acute

Recidiva di TEV

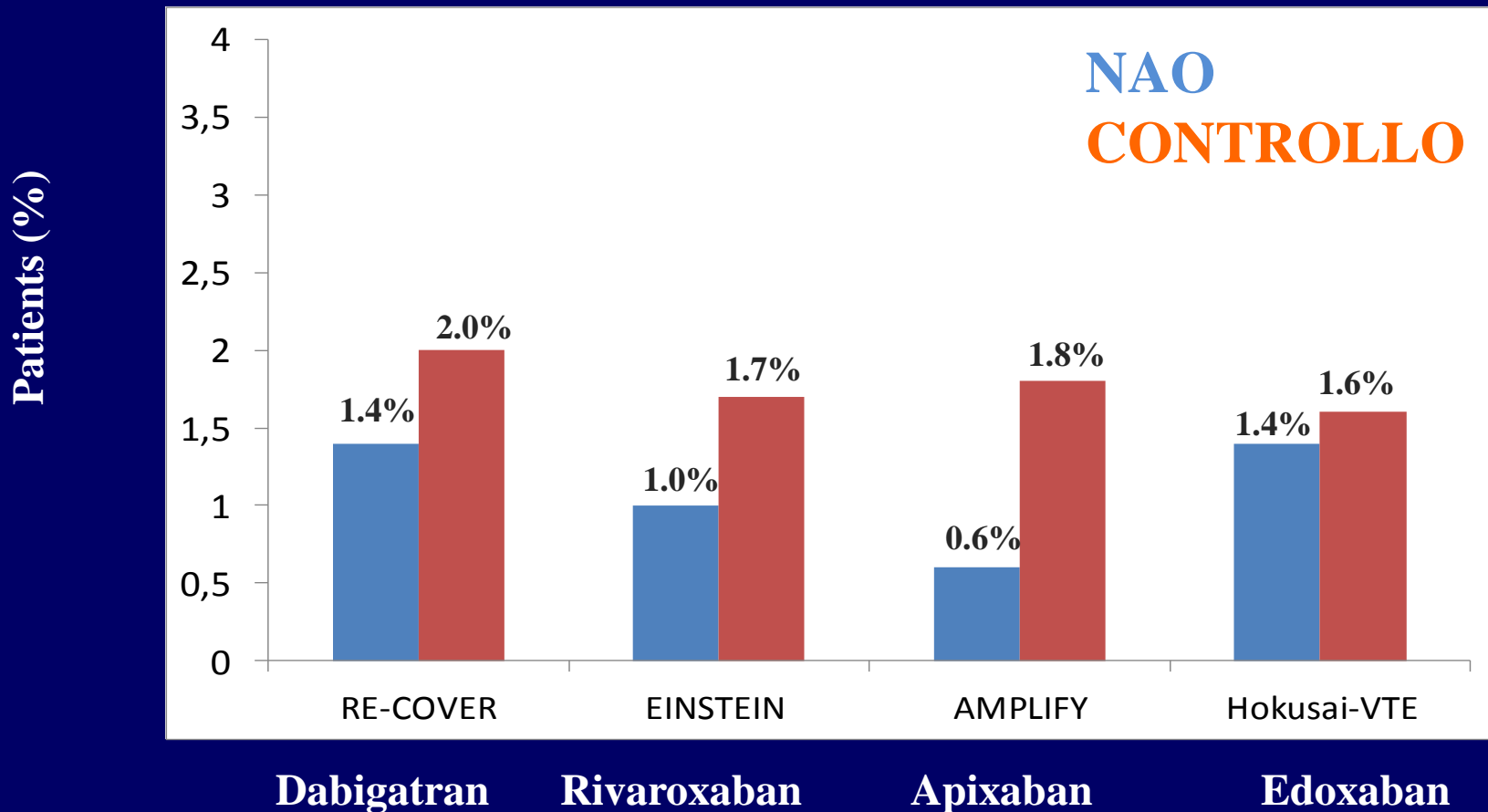


* On Treatment

1. Schulman et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:2342–2352
2. EINSTEIN Investigators. N Engl J Med 2010; 3. EINSTEIN-PE Investigators. N Engl J Med
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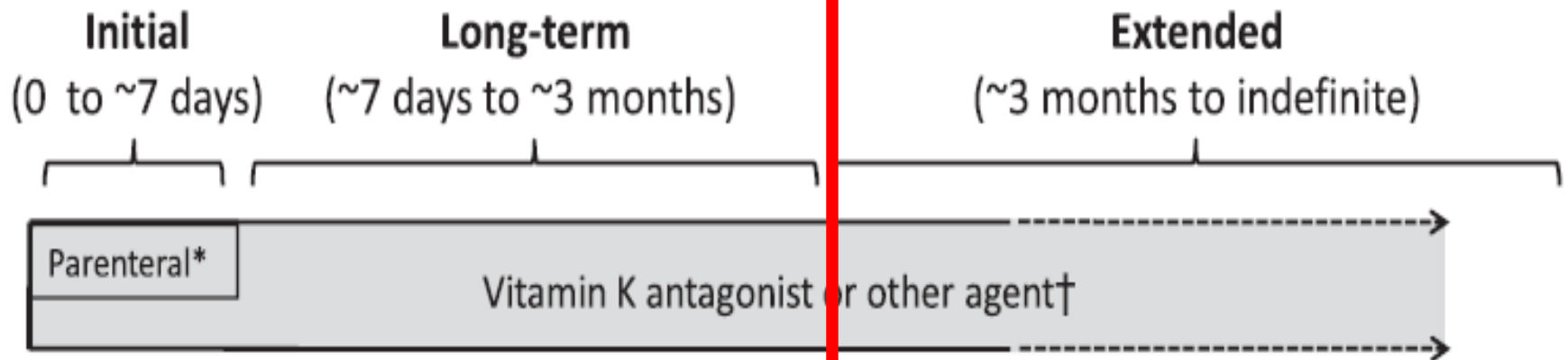
Emorragia maggiore



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Oral Rivaroxaban for Symptomatic Venous Thromboembolism

The EINSTEIN Investigators*

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Extended Use of Dabigatran, Warfarin, or Placebo in Venous Thromboembolism

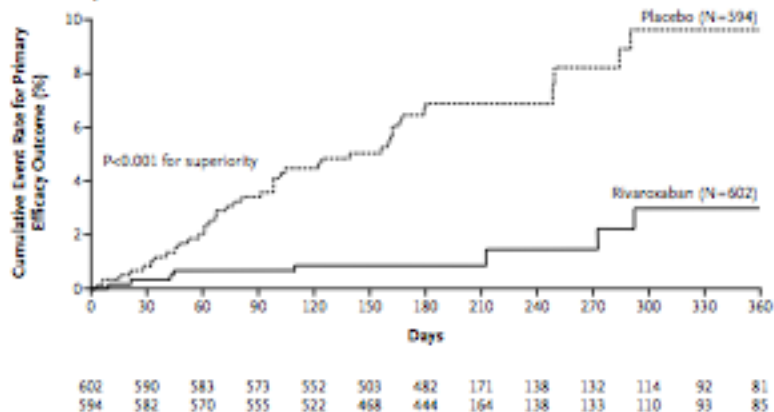
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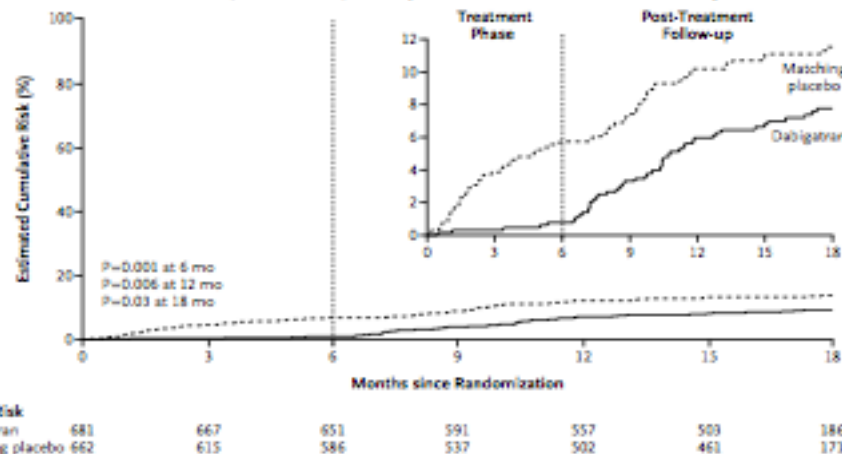
Apixaban for Extended Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism

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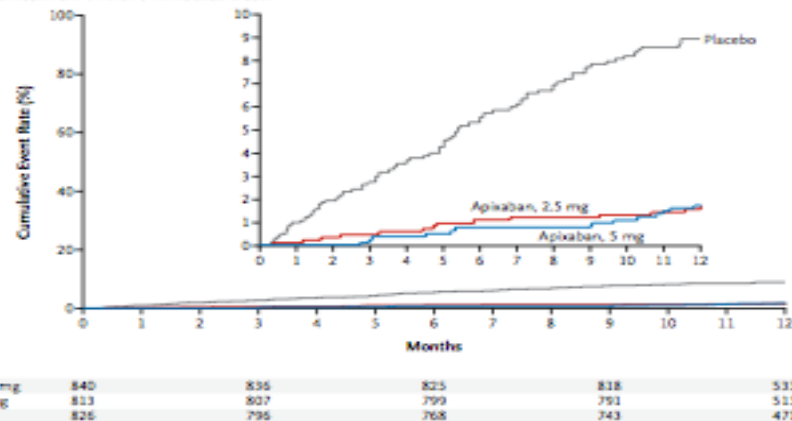
B Continued Treatment Study



B Recurrent Venous Thromboembolism, Related Death, or Unexplained Death in the Placebo-Control Study



A Symptomatic Recurrent VTE or VTE-Related Death



FA non valvolare

- Studi RCT, fase III, non-inferiorità versus warfarin

rivaroxaban - ROCKET - AF

apixaban - ARISTOTLE

edoxaban - ENGAGE

dabigatran - RE-LY

- Outcome primario: Stroke (ischemico o emorragico) ed embolismo sistemico
- Sicurezza: Emorragia maggiore

Evidenze - FA non valvolare

	RELY	ROCKET-AF	ARISTO TLE	ENGAGE AF- TIMI 48
Drug	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
Dose (mg)	150, 110	20 (15*)	5 (2.5*)	60*, 30*
Freq	BID	QD	BID	QD
N	18,113	14,266	18,206	21,105
Design	PROBE	2x blind	2x blind	2x blind
AF criteria	AF \geq 1 risk factor	AF \geq 2 risk factors	AF \geq 1 risk factor	AF \geq 2 risk factor
% VKA naive	50%	38%	43%	41%

*Dose adjusted in patients with ↓drug clearance.

PROBE = prospective, randomized, open-label, blinded end point evaluation

VKA = Vitamin K antagonist

Evidenze - FA non valvolare

Studio	Farmaco (dosaggio)	STROKE/EMBO LISMO SISTEMICO	P for non-inf	EMORRAGIA MAGGIORE
RE-LY	110 mg bid	0.91 (0.74–1.11)	<0.001	0.80 (0.69–0.93)
	Dabigatran 150 mg bid	0.66 (0.53–0.82)	<0.001	0.93 (0.81–1.07)
ROCKET - AF	Rivaroxaban 20 mg od	0.79 (0.66–0.96)	<0.001	1.03 (0.89-1.18)
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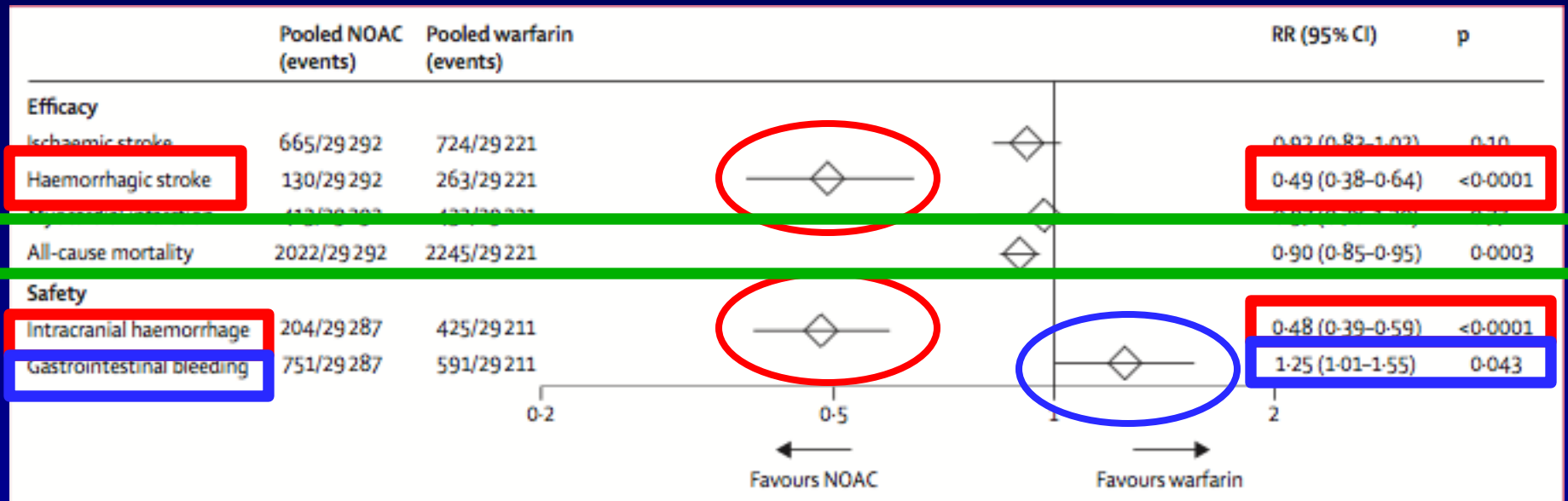
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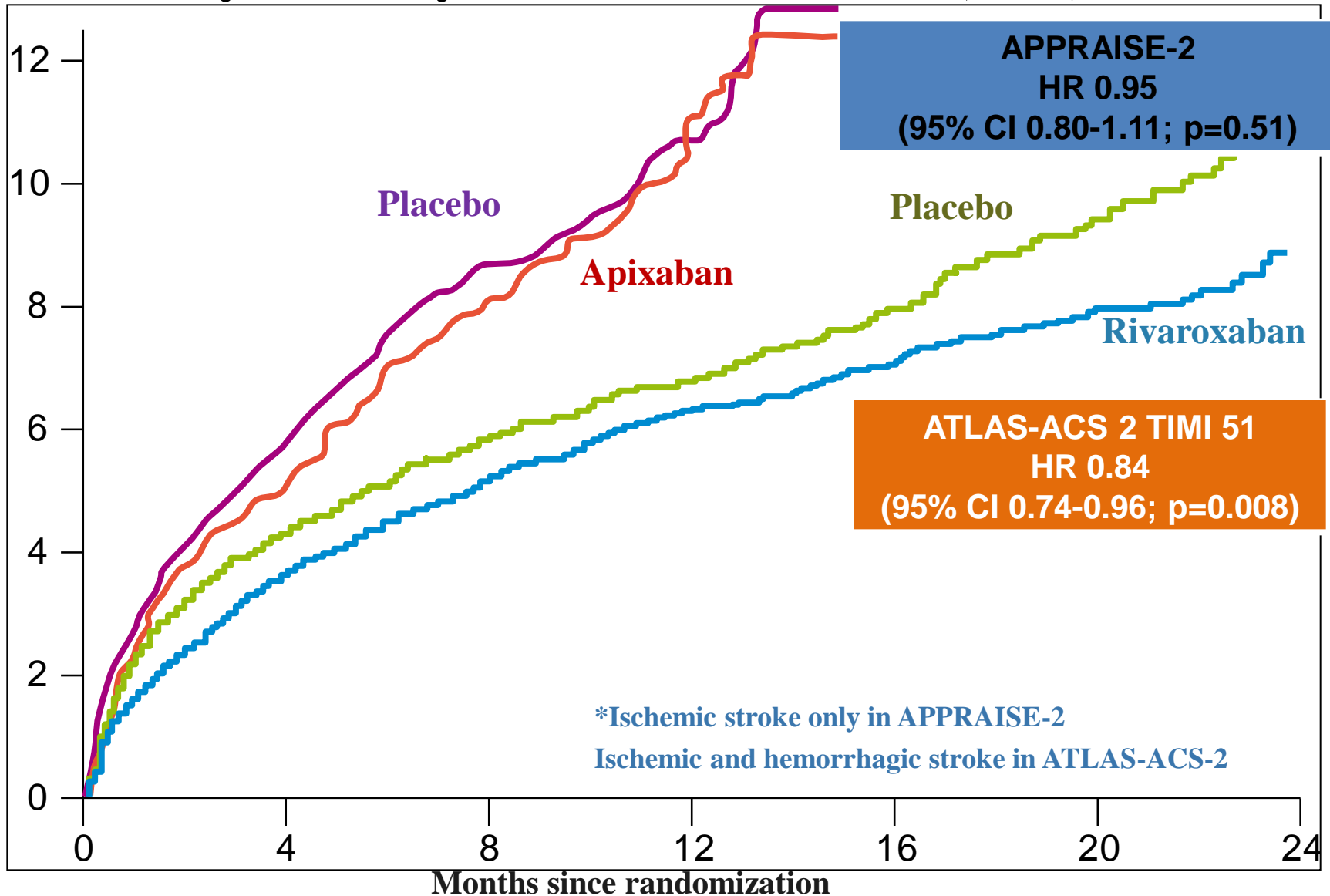
- Studi RCT, fase III

rivaroxaban - ATLAS ACS 2 - TIMI 51 (versus placebo)

apixaban - APPRAISE II (versus placebo)

APPRAISE-2 and ATLAS-ACS-2:

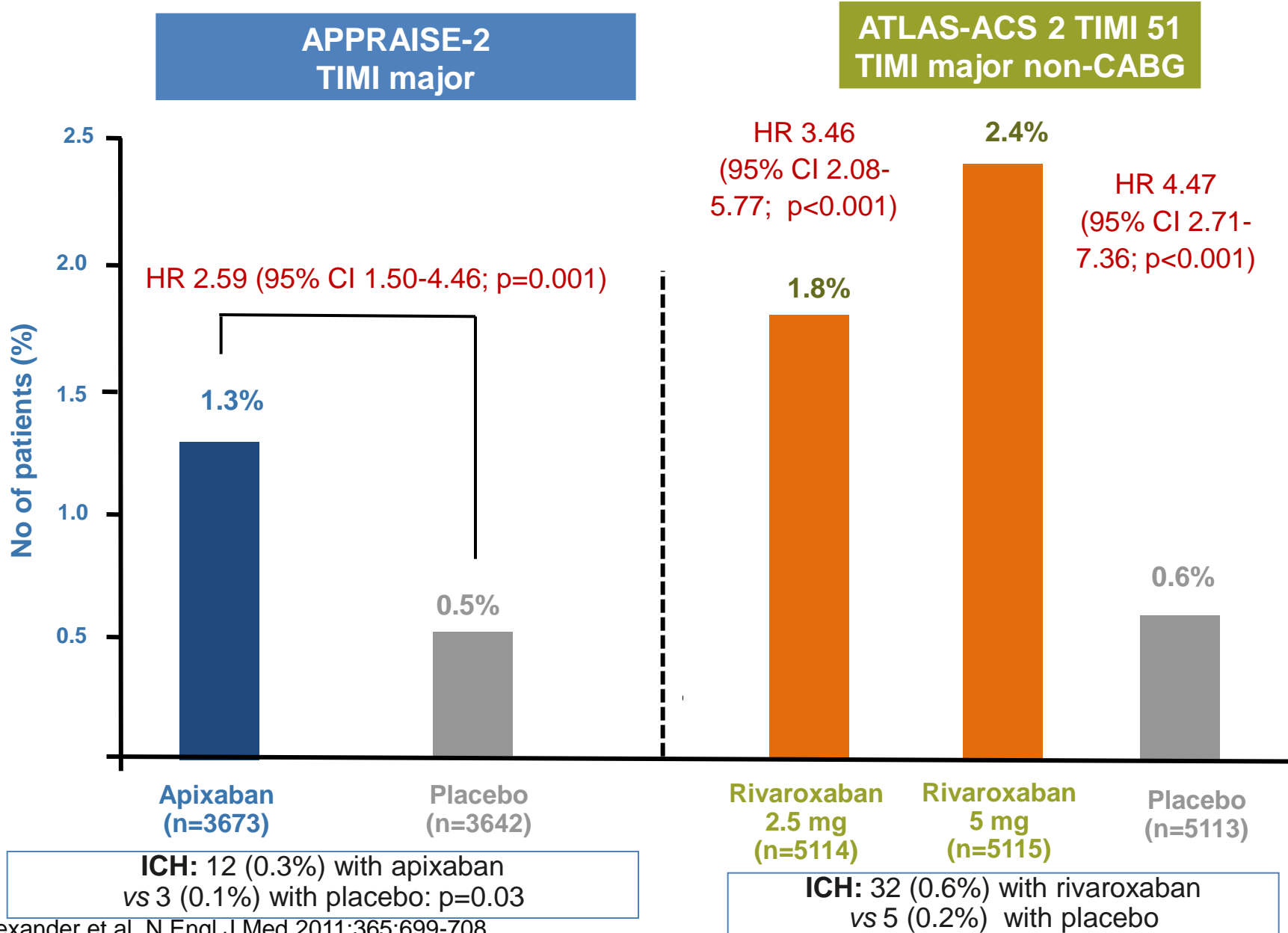
Primary Efficacy outcome (CV Death, MI, Stroke*)



Alexander et al. N Engl J Med 2011;365:699-708.

Mega et al. N Engl J Med 2012;366:9-19.

APPRAISE-2 and ATLAS-ACS-2: Safety



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Conclusioni

- Nei trial di fase III tutti i NAO hanno mostrato **almeno uguale efficacia**, rispetto ai controlli, per la prevenzione del TEV in ortopedia maggiore, nel trattamento della TVP/EP e per la prevenzione del cardioembolismo nella FANV
- Sono risultati **più sicuri** per quanto concerne l'incidenza di emorragie cerebrali
- Nella prevenzione dell'aterotrombosi in corso di SCA, rivaroxaban si è dimostrato più efficace di placebo, essendo tuttavia associato ad una incidenza maggiore di sanguinamento maggiore

Cosa manca (ancora) ?

- **Fibrillazione atriale valvolare**
- **Trombosi intraventricolare**
- **TEV in sedi inusuali**
- **Ipertensione polmonare**
- **Cardiomiopatia dilatativa**
- ...

Cosa mancherà?

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Dabigatran versus Warfarin in Patients with Mechanical Heart Valves

RESULTS

The trial was terminated prematurely after the enrollment of 252 patients because of an excess of thromboembolic and bleeding events among patients in the dabigatran group. In the as-treated analysis, dose adjustment or discontinuation of

**NAO: valutazione preliminare
ed indicazioni per il follow-up**

Initiator of anticoagulant treatment:

- Sets indication for anticoagulation;
- Makes choice of anticoagulant;
- 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. Compliance (patient should bring remaining oills);
 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 m?
3 m
6 m

In case of problems: contacts initiator of treatment.

Else: Fills out anticoagulation card and sets date/place for next follow-up.

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**1. CHI NON PUO' (...non deve...)
FARE i NAO?
(controindicazioni)**

PRE-

1. Valutazione clinica

Compliance

Farmaci

Eventi avversi

2. Esami ematochimici

Funzione renale

Funzione epatica

3. Ecografia

Eco cuore

Compliance

Drugs don't work in patients who don't take them.

C. Everett Koop, M.D.

N Engl J Med 2005;353:487-97.

5. Ensuring compliance with new oral anticoagulant intake

(8) In NOAC patients in whom low compliance is suspected despite proper education and additional tools, conversion to

VKAs (preferably with long half-life like phenprocoumon?) could be considered.

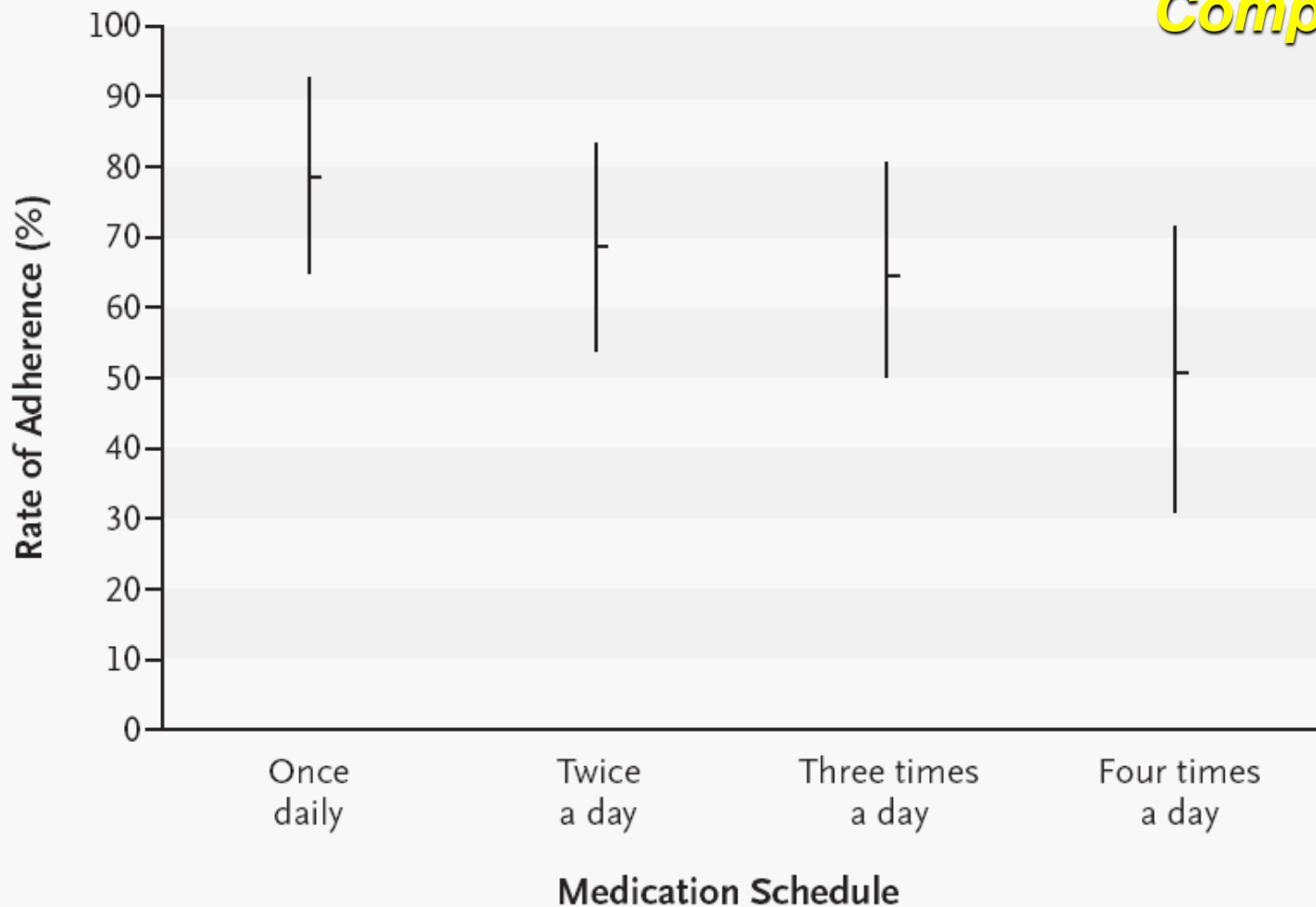


Figure 1. Adherence to Medication According to Frequency of Doses.

Vertical lines represent 1 SD on either side of the mean rate of adherence (horizontal bars). Data are from Claxton et al.⁷

Dabigatran etexilate as P-glycoprotein substrate

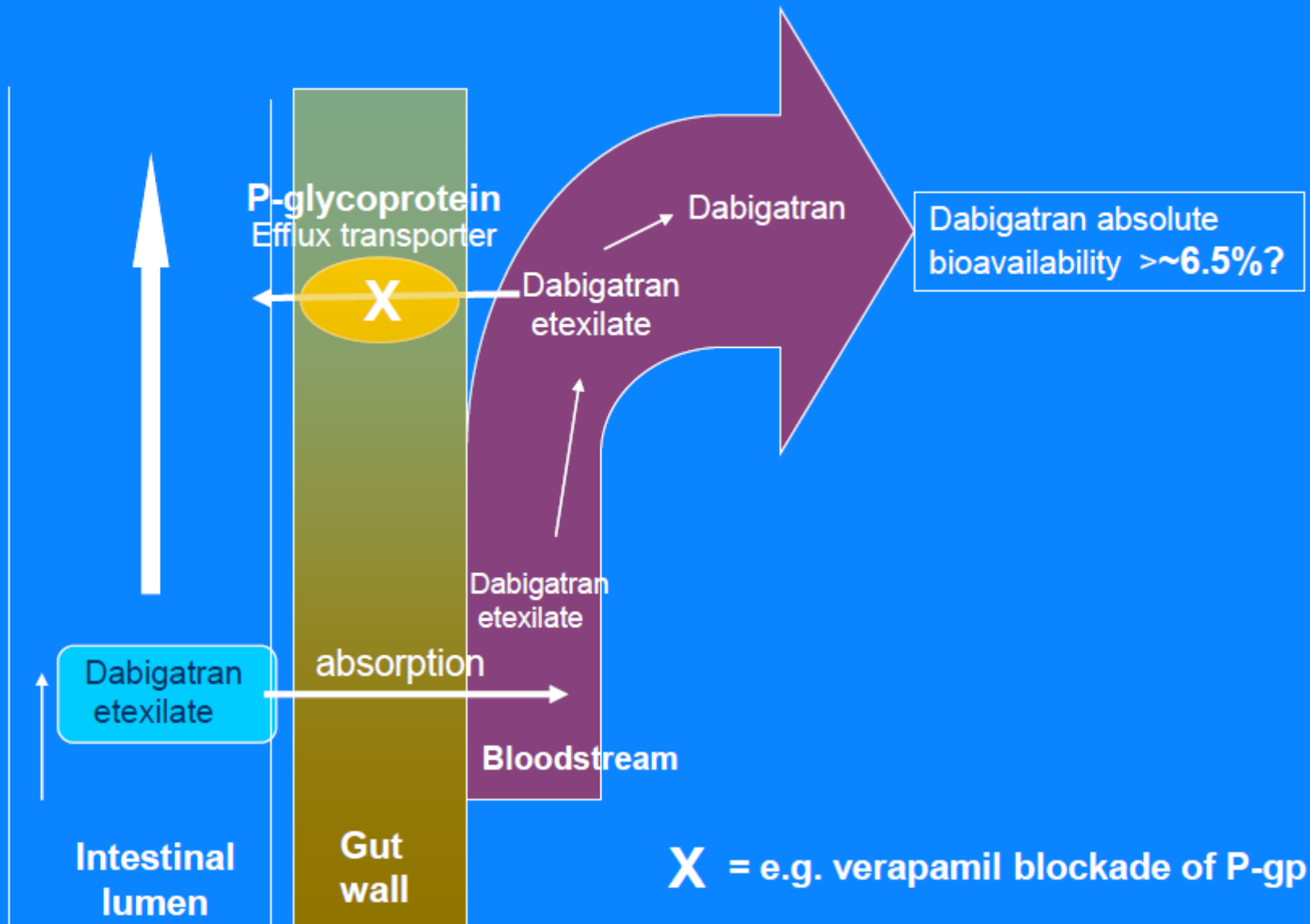


Table 5 Effect on NOAC plasma levels ('area under the curve, AUC') from drug–drug interactions and clinical factors, and recommendations towards NOAC dosing

	Via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban ^a	Rivaroxaban
Atorvastatin	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+18% ²⁹	No data yet	No effect ³⁰	No effect ^{27,31}
Digoxin	P-gp competition	No effect ³²	No data yet	No effect ³⁰	No effect ^{27,33}
Verapamil	P-gp competition (and weak CYP3A4 inhibition)	+12–180% ²⁴ (reduce dose and take simultaneously)	No data yet	+53% (SR) ³⁰ (reduce dose by 50%) ^a	Minor effect (use with caution if CrCl 15–50 ml/min)
Diltiazem	P-gp competition and weak CYP3A4 inhibition	No effect ²⁴	+40% ^{SmPC}	No data yet	Minor effect (use with caution if CrCl 15–50 ml/min)
Quinidine	P-gp competition	+50%	No data yet	+80% ³⁰ (reduce dose by 50%) ^b	+50%
Amiodarone	P-gp competition	+12–60% ²⁴	No data yet	No effect ³⁰	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%) ^a	No data yet
Ketoconazole; itraconazole; voriconazole; posaconazole	P-gp and BCRP competition; CYP3A4 inhibition	+140–150% (US: 2 × 75 mg)	+100% ^{SmPC}	No data yet	Up to +160% ¹⁷
Fluconazole	Moderate CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	No data yet	No data yet	+42% (if systemically administered) ²⁷
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% ^{26,27}
HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir)	P-gp and BCRP competition or inducer; CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	Strong increase ^{SmPC}	No data yet	Up to +153% ¹⁷
Rifampicin; St John's wort; carbamazepine; phenytoin; phenobarbital	P-gp/ BCRP and CYP3A4/CYP2J2 inducers	–66% ¹⁴	–54% ^{SmPC}	–35%	Up to –50%
Antacids (H2B; PPI; Al-Mg-hydroxide)	GI absorption	–12–30% ^{22–24}	No data yet	No effect	No effect ^{21,25}
Other factors					
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			

Table 12 Recommendations concerning new onset AF in patients with a recent (<1 year) ACS

4. If a NOAC would be indicated, a FXa inhibitor might be preferred in view of the small but insignificant increase in the risk of myocardial infarction with dabigatran, but this needs to be weighed against the overall perceived clinical effect (which was not impacted for dabigatran)
5. If dabigatran would be indicated, a lower dose (110 mg bid) might be preferred, in combination with low-dose aspirin or with clopidogrel



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Table 7 NOACs in renal dysfunction: Approved European labels and dosing in chronic kidney disease

	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban ^a	Rivaroxaban
Approved for CrCl $\geq \dots$	≥ 30 ml/min	≥ 15 ml/min	Not available	≥ 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)	Not available	CrCl ≥ 50 ml/min: no adjustment (i.e. 20 mg qd)
Dosing if CKD	When CrCl 30–49 ml/min, 150 mg bid is possible (SmPC) but 110 mg bid if 'high risk of bleeding' (SmPC) or 'recommended' (GL update) ² Note: 75 mg bid approved in US only: ^b <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if CrCl 15–30 ml/min • if CrCl 30–49 ml/min and other orange factor Table 5 (e.g. verapamil) 	CrCl 15–29 ml/min: 2.5 mg bid Serum creatinine ≥ 1.5 mg/dl in combination with age ≥ 80 years or weight ≤ 60 kg, ^{SmPC} or with other 'yellow' factor (Table 5): 2.5 mg bid	Not available	15 mg qd when CrCl 15–49 ml/min
Not recommended if	CrCl < 30 ml/min	CrCl < 15 ml/min	Not available	CrCl < 15 ml/min

Insufficienza epatica

Rivaroxaban

Child-Pugh B e C: controindicato

Apixaban

Child-Pugh C: controindicato

**Child-Pugh A e B: da usare con cautela (senza
aggiustamento dose)**

Dabigatran

**Insufficienza epatica o malattia epatica che possa avere un
qualsiasi impatto sulla sopravvivenza: controindicato**

**AST/ALT > 2 x ULN sono stati esclusi nello studio ROCKET-AF,
ARISTOTELE e RELY-AF**

**2. QUANDO LO DEVO
RIVEDERE ?
(seguirli regolarmente)**

POST-

1. Valutazione clinica

Compliance (educazione !!)

Farmaci

2. Esami ematochimici

3. Prossimo controllo

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Table 2 Checklist during follow-up contacts of AF patients on anticoagulation

	Interval	Comments
1. Compliance	Each visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instruct patient to bring remaining medication: note and calculate average adherence• Re-educate on importance of strict intake schedule• Inform about compliance aids (special boxes; smartphone applications; ...)
2. Thrombo-embolism	Each visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Systemic circulation (TIA, stroke, peripheral)• Pulmonary circulation
3. Bleeding	Each visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Nuisance' bleeding: preventive measures possible? (PPI; haemorrhoidectomy; ...). Motivate patient to diligently continue anticoagulation• Bleeding with impact on quality-of-life or with risk: prevention possible? Need for revision of anticoagulation indication or dose?
4. Other side effects	Each visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carefully assess relation with NOAC: decide for continuation (and motivate), temporary cessation (with bridging), or change of anticoagulant drug.

- Yearly
 - Haemoglobin, renal and liver function
- 6 monthly
 - Renal function if CrCl 30–60 ml/min, or if on dabigatran and >75 years or fragile
- 3 monthly
 - If CrCl 15–30 ml/min
- On indication
 - If intercurring condition that may impact renal or hepatic function

TIA, transient ischaemic attack; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; CrCl, creatinine clearance (preferably measured by the Cockcroft method).

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1. Emorragia

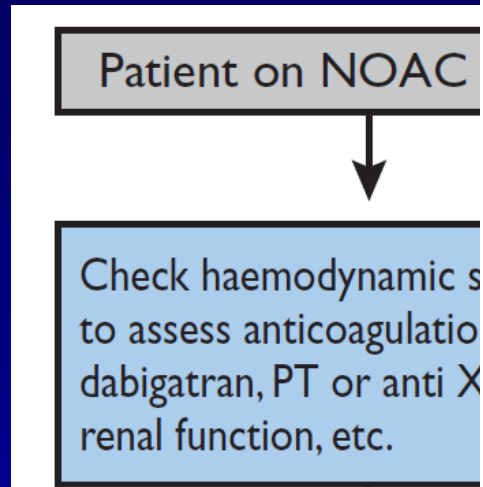
2. Intervento chirurgico

3. Insufficienza renale severa intercorrente

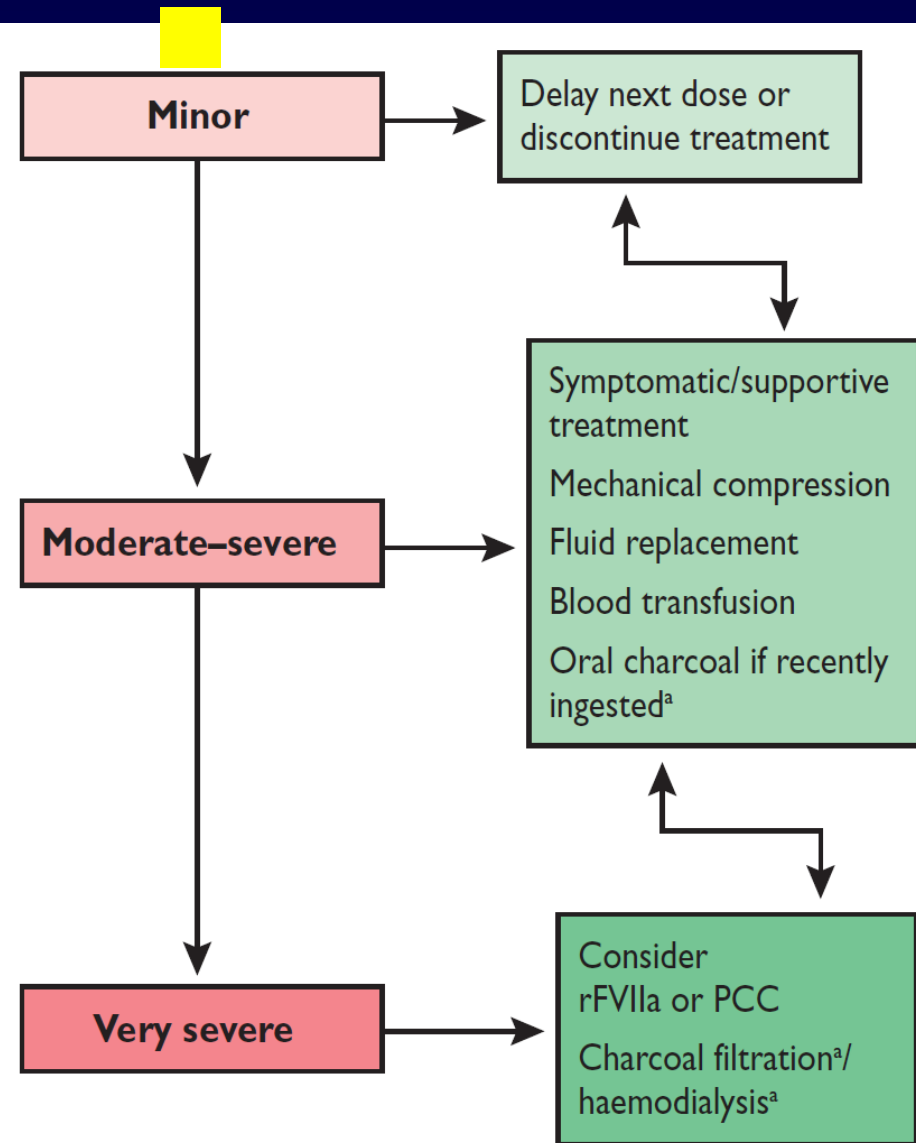
2012 focused update of the ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation

An update of the 2010 ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation

Developed with the special contribution of the European Heart Rhythm Association



aPTT = activated partial thromboplastin time; NOAC = novel oral anticoagulant; PCC = prothrombin complex concentrate; PT = prothrombin time; rFVIIa = activated recombinant factor VII.
^aWith dabigatran.



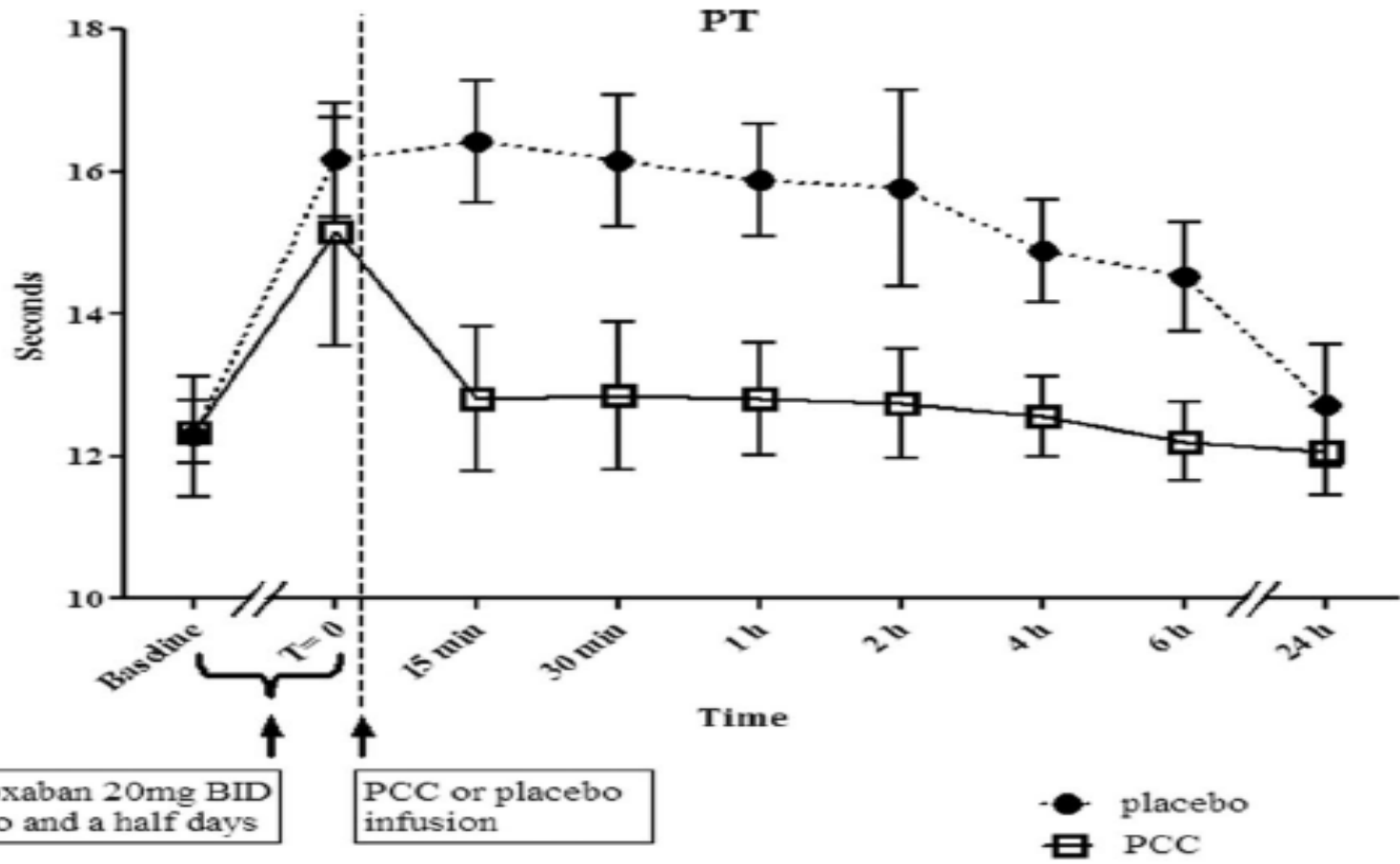
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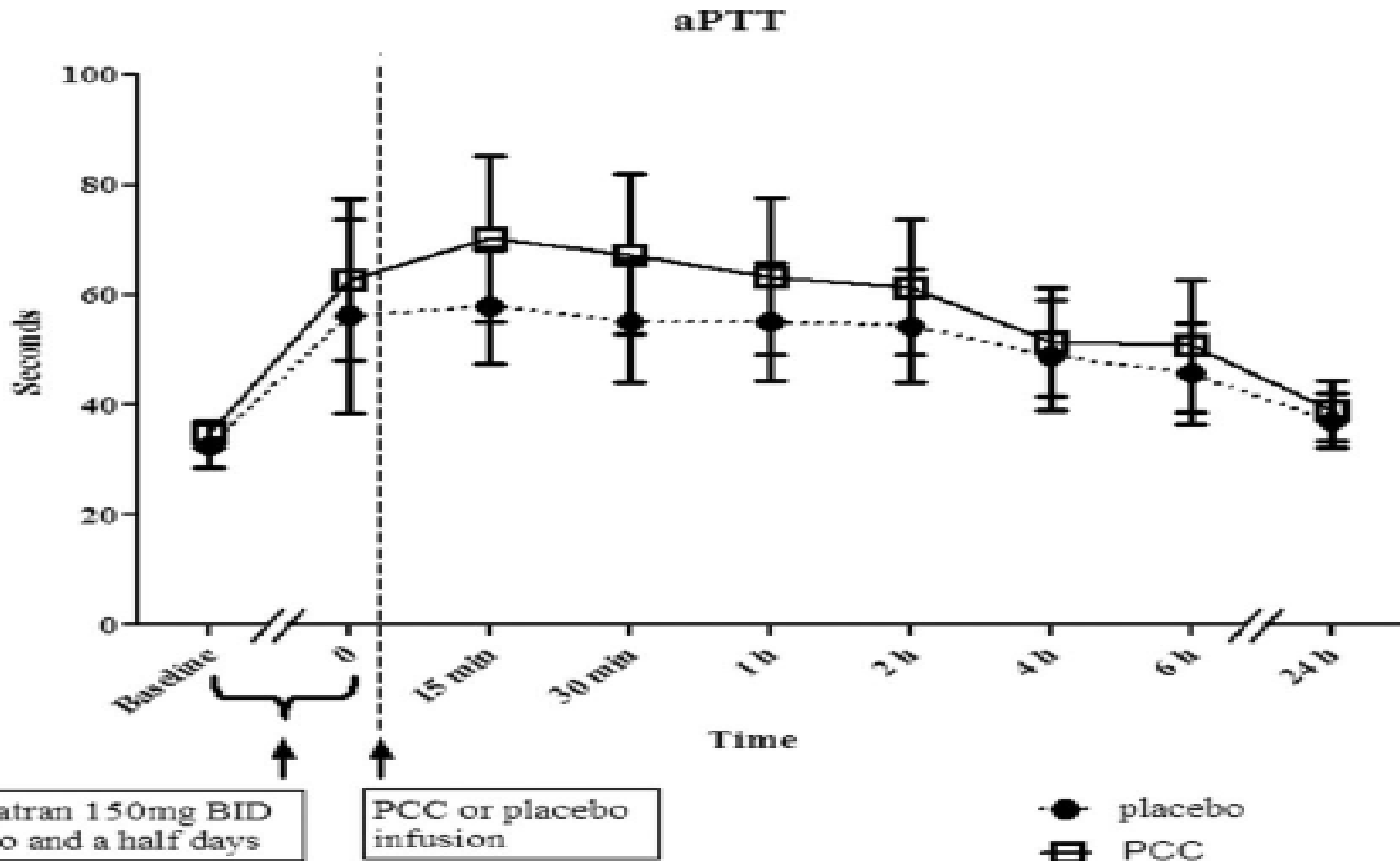
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Table 9 Last intake of drug before elective surgical intervention

	Dabigatran		Apixaban		Edoxaban ^a		Rivaroxaban	
No important bleeding risk and/or adequate local haemostasis possible: perform at trough level (i.e. ≥ 12 h or 24 h after last intake)								
	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	High risk
CrCl ≥ 80 ml/min	≥ 24 h	≥ 48 h	≥ 24 h	≥ 48 h	No data	No data	≥ 24 h	≥ 48 h
CrCl 50–80 ml/min	≥ 36 h	≥ 72 h	≥ 24 h	≥ 48 h	No data	No data	≥ 24 h	≥ 48 h
CrCl 30–50 ml/min ^b	≥ 48 h	≥ 96 h	≥ 24 h	≥ 48 h	No data	No data	≥ 24 h	≥ 48 h
CrCl 15–30 ml/min ^b	Not indicated	Not indicated	≥ 36 h	≥ 48 h	No data	No data	≥ 36 h	≥ 48 h
CrCl < 15 ml/min	No official indication for use							

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

^aNo EMA approval yet. Needs update after finalisation of SmPC.

^bMany 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 (15 mg QD).

Low risk = surgery with low risk of bleeding; high risk = surgery with high risk of bleeding. See also [Table 10](#).

CrCl, creatinine clearance.



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Vomito

Diarrea

Digiuno

Rifiuto di alimentarsi

Anoressia

Bleeding Risk with Dabigatran in the Frail Elderly

TO THE EDITOR: Since July 1, 2011, the thrombin inhibitor dabigatran has been available in New Zealand for stroke prevention in patients with atrial fibrillation. There are no restrictions on prescribing, and access is free to patients through

government funding. Approximately 7000 patients started treatment in the first 2 months.

Concerns from hematologists led to an audit of bleeding events that was initiated in collaboration with the Haematology Society of Australia

Table 1. Details of Episodes of Bleeding in 44 Patients Taking Dabigatran.*

Patient No.	Age yr	Sex	Weight kg	Daily Dose† mg	Site of Bleeding	Degree of Renal Impairment‡	Required Blood Products§
1	65	M	129	300	Mucosal	Severe	No
2¶	71	M	NA	300	Hematuria	Moderate	No
3	77	M	60	300	Rectal	Moderate	Yes
4	78	F	NA	220	Rectal	Moderate	No
5	40	M	94	220	Rectal	Mild	Yes
6	65	F	79	300	Postoperative	Mild	Yes
7	71	M	75	300	Hematuria	Mild	No
8	74	M	100	220	Hematuria	Mild	No
9	75	F	NA	220	Rectal	Mild	Yes



DON'T *'FILL AND FORGET'*

”I may not speak, but I have much to say”

The ‘Angel’ Pietro

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Table 3 Interpretation of coagulation assays in patients treated with different NOACs

	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban ^a	Rivaroxaban
Plasma peak level	2 h after ingestion	1–4 h after ingestion	1–2 h after ingestion	2–4 h after ingestion
Plasma trough level	12–24 h after ingestion	12–24 h after ingestion	12–24 h after ingestion ⁹	16–24 h after ingestion
PT	Cannot be used	Cannot be used	Prolonged but no known relation with bleeding risk ^{5,9}	Prolonged: may indicate excess bleeding risk but local calibration required
INR	Cannot be used	Cannot be used	Cannot be used	Cannot be used
aPTT	At trough: >2x ULN suggests excess bleeding risk	Cannot be used	Prolonged but no known relation with bleeding risk ⁹	Cannot be used
dTT	At trough: >200 ng/ml or >65 s: excess bleeding risk	Cannot be used	Cannot be used ¹⁰	Cannot be used
Anti-FXa chromogenic assays	Not applicable	No data yet	Quantitative; ¹⁰ no data on threshold values for bleeding or thrombosis	Quantitative; no data on threshold values for bleeding or thrombosis
ECT	At trough: $\geq 3 \times$ ULN: excess bleeding risk	Not affected	Not affected	Not affected

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Routine monitoring is not required. Assays need cautious interpretation for clinical use in special circumstances, as dis PT, prothrombin time; aPTT, activated partial thromboplastin time; dTT, diluted thrombin time; INR, international normalized ratio



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Dabigatran: concentrazioni plasmatiche

Donne vs uomini: 30% in +

Età > 75 vs < 65: 68% in +

Peso <50 vs >50 Kg: 21% in + (53% se > 100 Kg)

Reilly PA¹, Lehr T², Haertter S³, Connolly SJ⁴, Yusuf S⁴, Eikelboom JW⁴, Ezekowitz MD⁵, Nehmiz G³, Wang S⁶, Wallentin L⁷; RE-LY Investigators.

CONCLUSIONS: Ischemic stroke and bleeding outcomes were correlated with **dabigatran plasma** concentrations. Age was the most important covariate. Individual benefit-risk might be improved by tailoring **dabigatran** dose after considering selected patient characteristics.

(Randomized Evaluation of Long Term Anticoagulant Therapy [RE-LY] With **Dabigatran** Etexilate; NCT00262600).

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