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FIBRILLAZIONE ATRIALE E TERAPIA ANTICOAGULANTE

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Medicina Interna

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Il sottoscritto POMERO FULVIO

ai sensi dell'art. 3.3 sul Conflitto di Interessi, pag. 17 del Reg. Applicativo dell'Accordo Stato-Regione del 5 novembre 2009,

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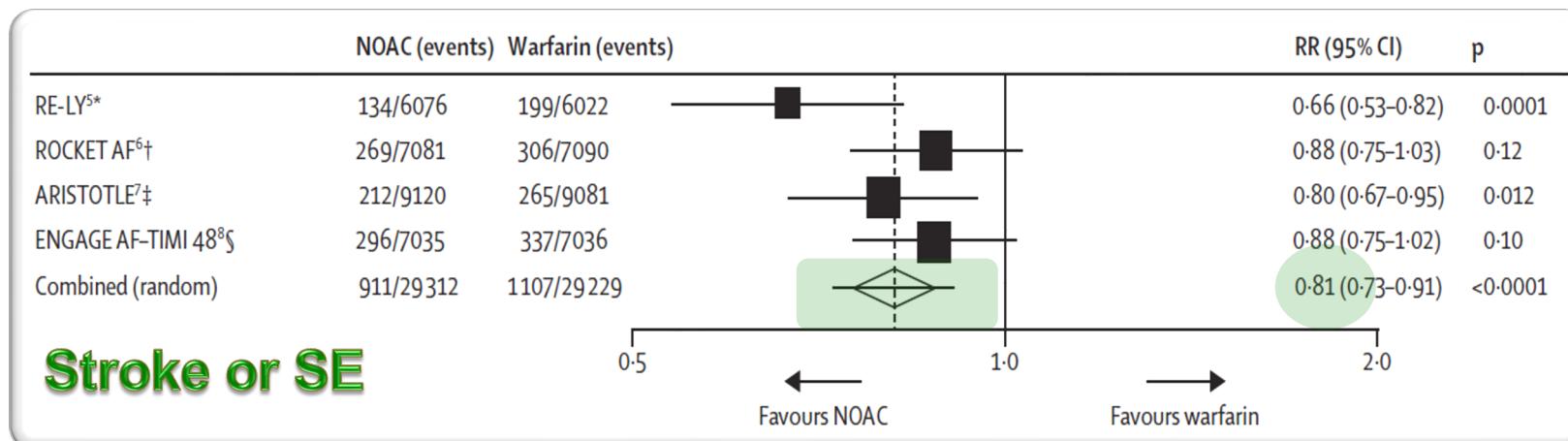
che negli ultimi due anni *NON ha avuto rapporti diretti di finanziamento con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario*

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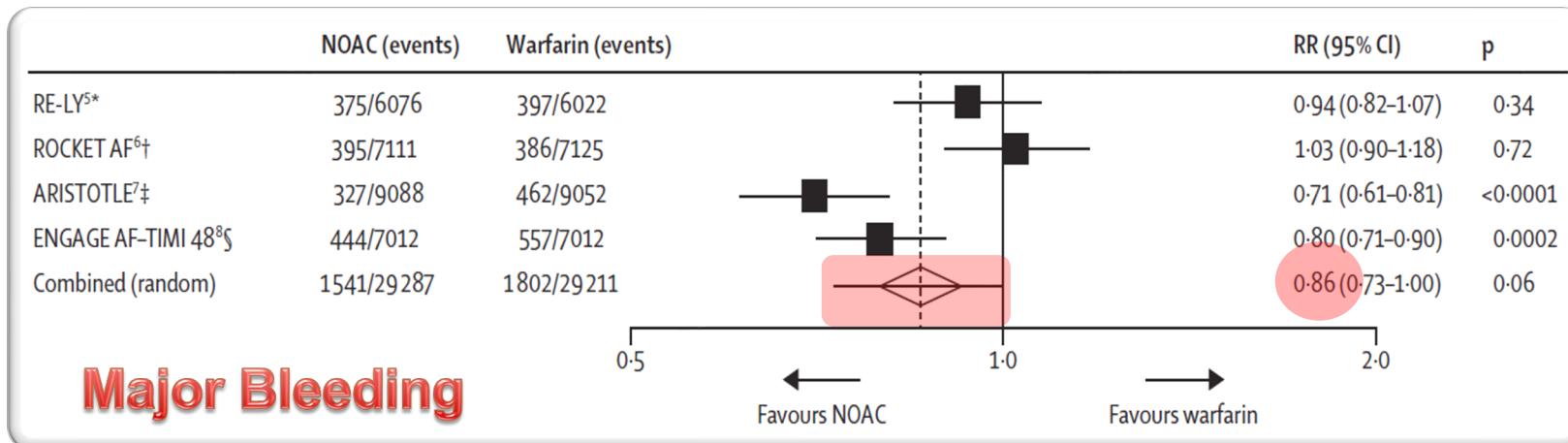
- Pfizer/BMS
- Daiichi-sankyo
- Bayer
- Boehringer
- Aspen
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AF

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Stroke or SE



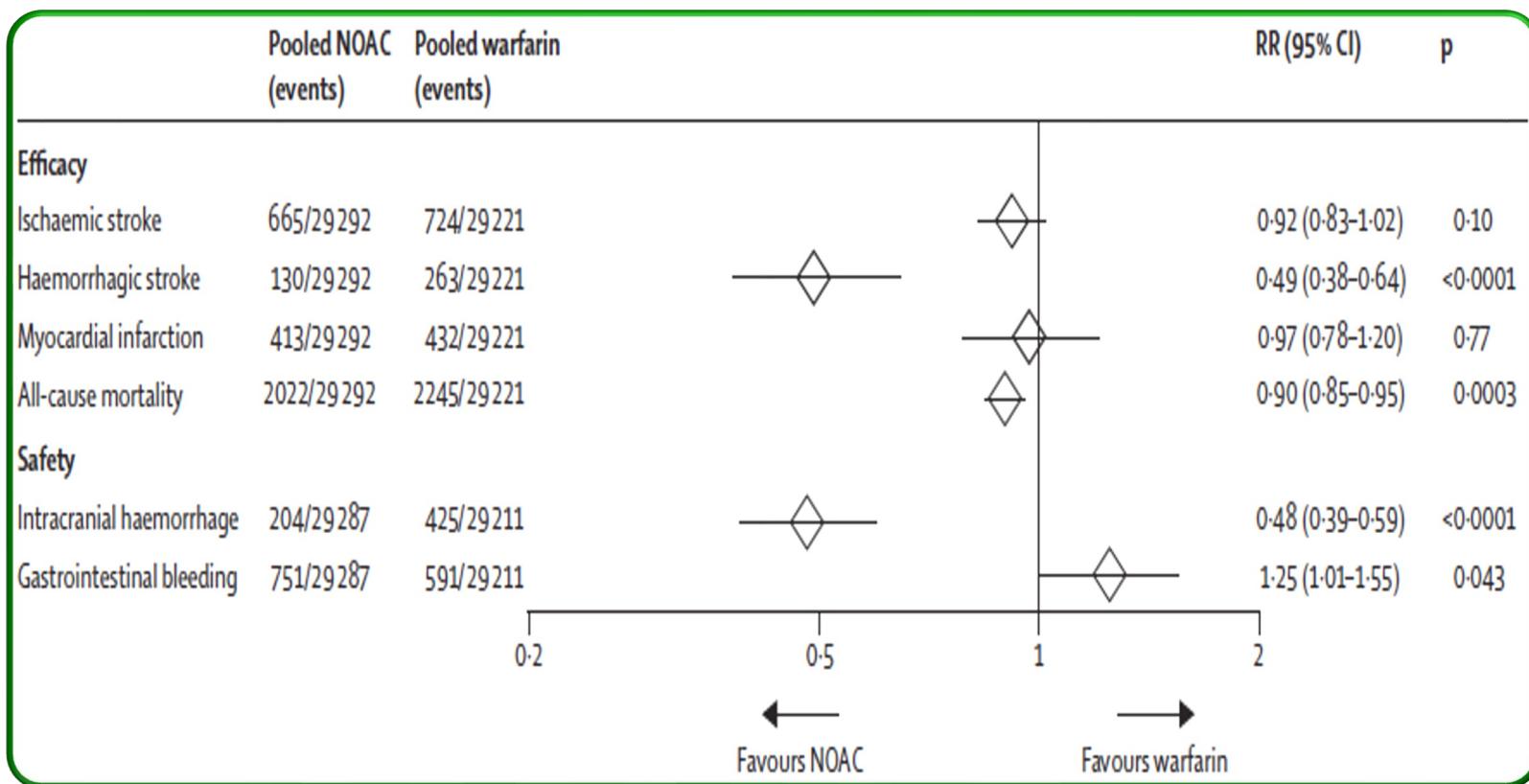
Major Bleeding

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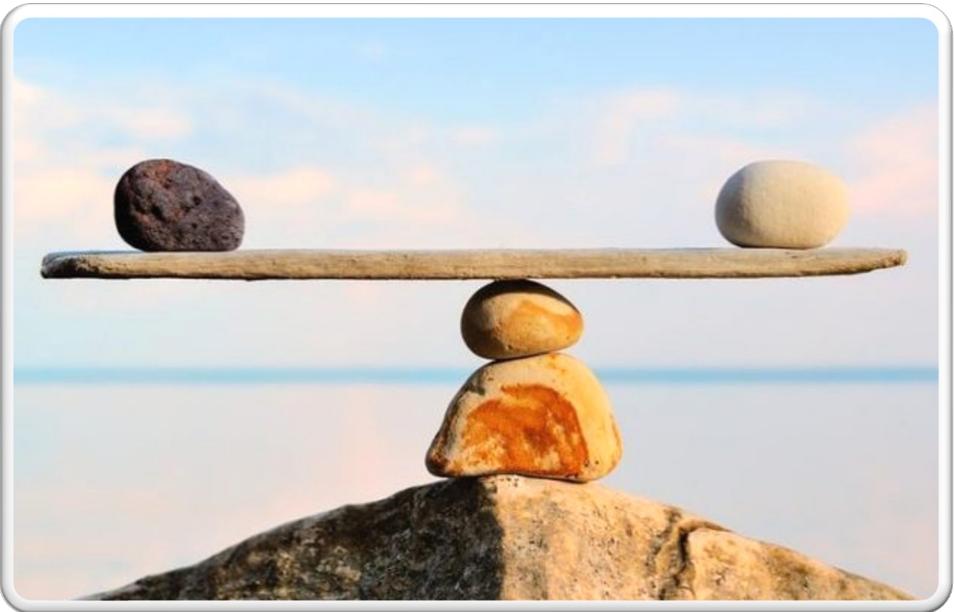
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Secondary efficacy and safety outcomes

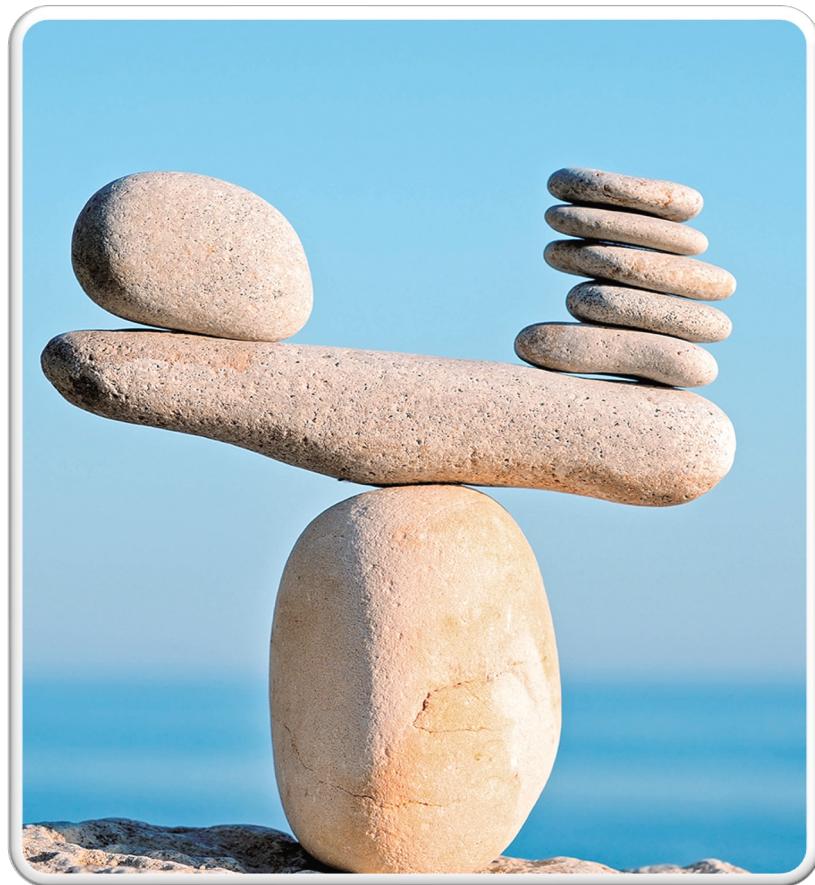


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- Pesi estremi**
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Refining Clinical Risk Stratification for Predicting Stroke and Thromboembolism in Atrial Fibrillation Using a Novel Risk Factor-Based Approach

The Euro Heart Survey on Atrial Fibrillation

Risk factors		
C	Congestive Heart Failure	+1 point
H	Hypertension	+1 point
A₂	Age ≥ 75	+2 points
D	Diabetes	+1 point
S₂	Stroke/TIA History	+2 points
V	Vascular Disease	+1 point
A	Age 65-74	+1 point
S	Sex (Female)	+1 point

Lip G et al Chest 2010; 137:263-272

A Novel User-Friendly Score (HAS-BLED) To Assess 1-Year Risk of Major Bleeding in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

The Euro Heart Survey

H	Hypertension
A	Abnormal renal and liver function (1 point each)*
S	Stroke
B	Bleeding history
L	Labile INRs** (therapeutic time in range <60%)
E	Elderly (age ≥ 65 years)
D	Drugs or alcohol*** (1 points each)

Pisters R, et al. Chest 2010;138:1093-100

Development and Validation of the DOAC Score: A Novel Bleeding Risk Prediction Tool for Patients With Atrial Fibrillation on Direct-Acting Oral Anticoagulants

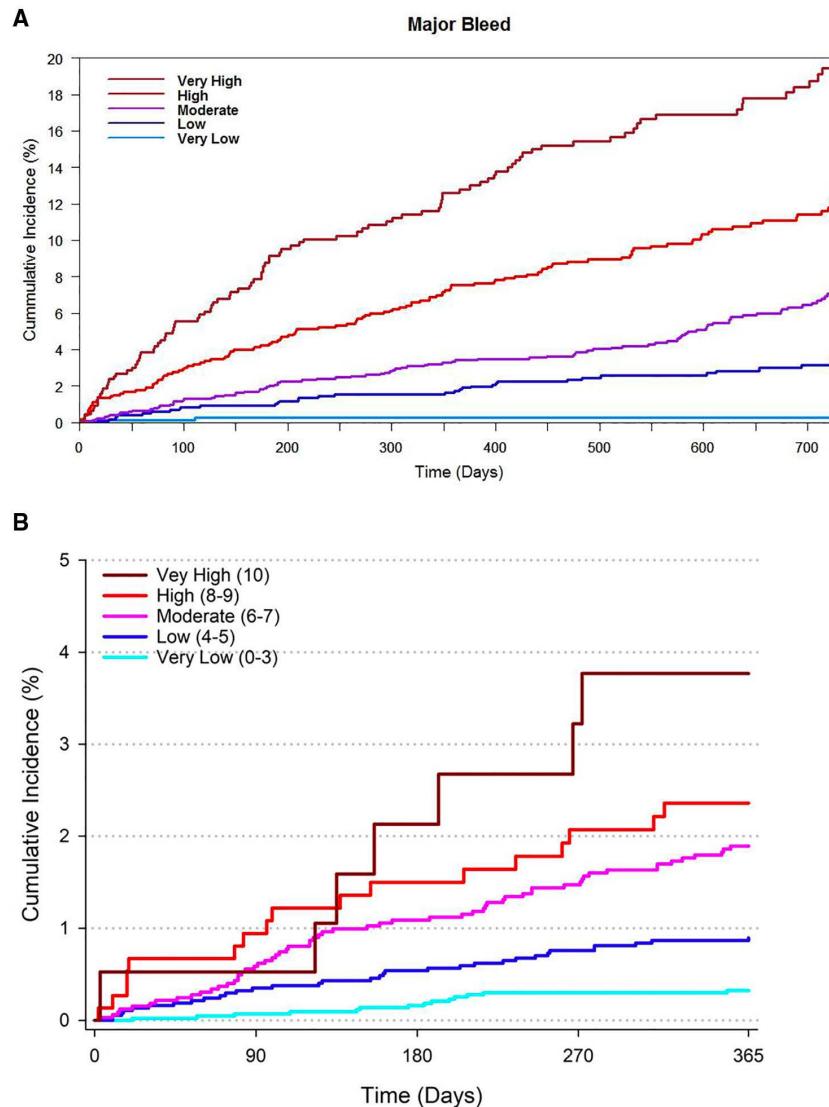
Very High	(10)
High	(8-9)
Moderate	(6-7)
Low	(4-5)
Very Low	(0-3)

*Defined as AST, ALT, ALP $\geq 3X$ upper limit of normal, ALP $\geq 2X$ upper limit of normal, or cirrhosis.

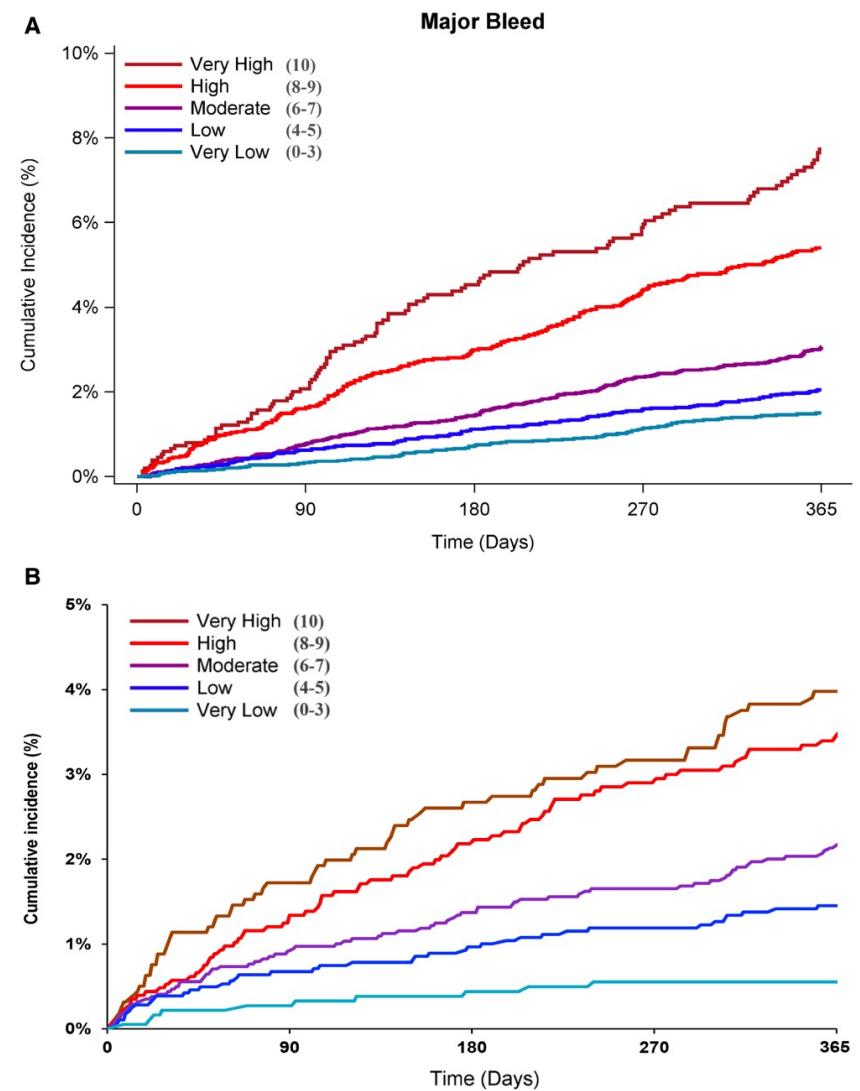
Aggarval R, et al. Circulation. 2023;148:936–946

Clinical risk prediction tool	Points
Age, y	
65–69	2
70–74	3
75–79	4
≥ 80	5
Creatinine clearance/estimated glomerular filtration rate (mL/min)	
30–60	1
<30	2
Underweight (body mass index $<18.5 \text{ kg/m}^2$)	1
Stroke/transient ischemic attack/embolism history	1
Diabetes	1
Hypertension	1
Antiplatelet use	
Aspirin	2
Dual-antiplatelet	3
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) use	1
Bleeding history	3
Liver disease*	2
Total score range: 0–10 (Maximum 10 points – individuals with scores ≥ 10 are assigned a score of 10)	

Derivazione (RELY and GARFIELD)



Validazione (COMBINE-AF and RAMQ)



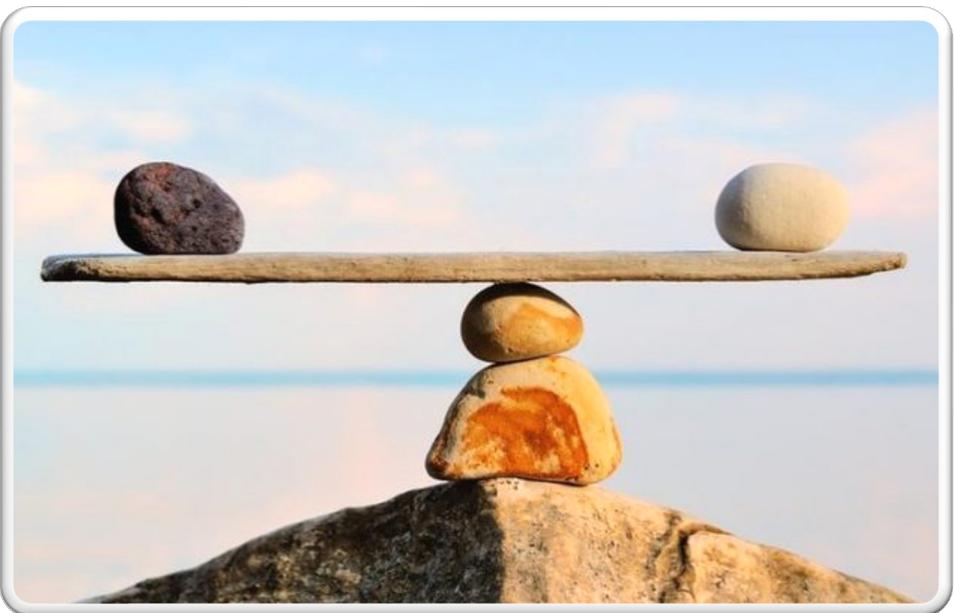
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One-Year Bleeding Rates by Risk Category in the Development and Validation Cohorts

Risk category (risk score)	RE-LY (N=5684)		GARFIELD-AF (N=12 296)		COMBINE-AF (N=25 586)		RAMQ (N=11 945)	
	N (Major bleeding events)	One-year rate						
Very low (0–3)	767 (2)	0.8%	4360 (14)	0.3%	6038 (82)	1.5%	1832 (10)	0.6%
Low (4–5)	1249 (21)	1.6%	3735 (33)	0.9%	6630 (123)	2.0%	2834 (40)	1.4%
Moderate (6–7)	1727 (53)	3.4%	3263 (60)	1.9%	7348 (197)	3.1%	3418 (72)	2.1%
High (8–9)	1296 (87)	6.9%	748 (17)	2.4%	4015 (188)	5.4%	2274 (76)	3.3%
Very High (10)	645 (73)	13.9%	190 (7)	3.7%	1555 (102)	7.7%	1587 (60)	3.7%

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Use of the direct oral anticoagulants in obese patients: guidance from the SSC of the ISTH



- 1 We recommend appropriate standard dosing of the DOACs in patients with a BMI less than or equal to 40 kg m^{-2} and weight less than or equal to 120 kg for VTE treatment, VTE prevention, and prevention of ischemic stroke and systemic arterial embolism in non-valvular AF.

**Use of direct oral anticoagulants in patients with obesity
for treatment and prevention of venous thromboembolism:
Updated communication from the ISTH SSC Subcommittee on
Control of Anticoagulation**

BMI ≤ 40 kg/m² or

Weight ≤ 120 kg:

VTE Treatment	VTE Prevention
	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Use of <u>Any DOAC</u> is appropriate (Consistent with 2016 ISTH SSC recommendations)

BMI >40 kg/m² or

Weight >120 kg:

VTE Treatment	VTE Prevention
✓ Rivaroxaban ✓ Apixaban <small>Fewer supportive data for apixaban</small>	✓ Rivaroxaban ✓ Apixaban <small>Note limited indications for use</small>
✗ Dabigatran ✗ Edoxaban ✗ Betrixaban	✗ Dabigatran ✗ Edoxaban ✗ Betrixaban
OK VKA OK Wt-based LMWH OK Fondaparinux	
	✗ Do not regularly follow peak/trough DOAC levels ✗ ✗ Do not use in acute setting after bariatric surgery

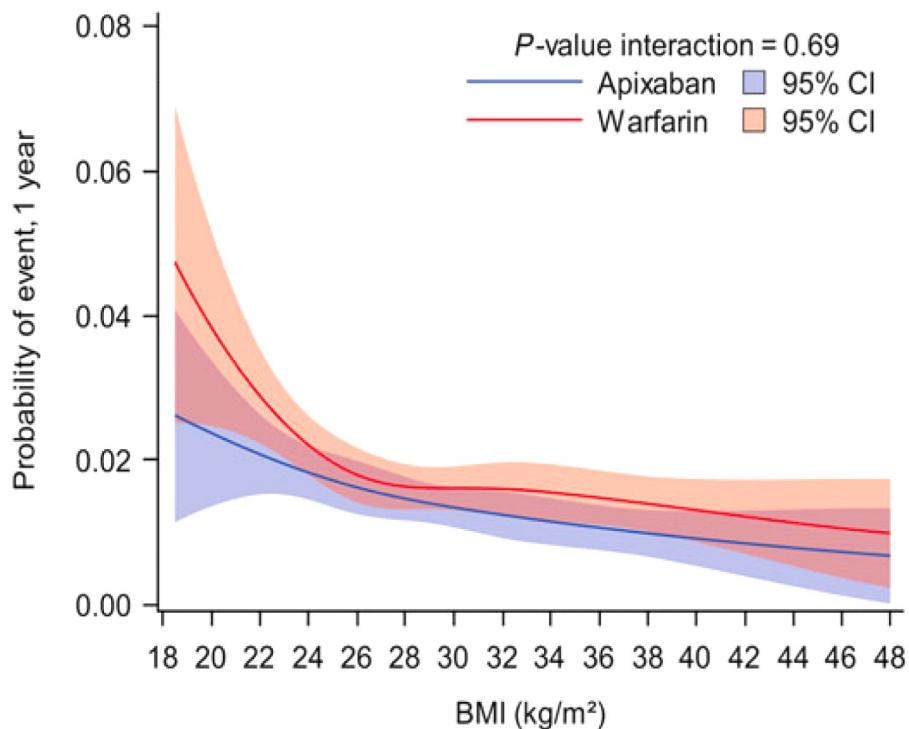
**Impiego degli anticoagulanti orali diretti nel paziente
con fibrillazione atriale e obesità o basso peso corporeo:
il contributo conoscitivo addizionale fornito
dagli studi di farmacocinetica e farmacodinamica**

Trial	N. pazienti	Percentuale di pazienti agli estremi di peso
RE-LY ¹²	18 113	10% (n=1787) con BMI $\leq 22.5 \text{ kg/m}^2$ 10% (n=1787) con BMI $> 36 \text{ kg/m}^2$ 17% (n=3079) con peso $> 100 \text{ kg}$
ROCKET-AF ¹³	14 625	36.5% (n=5206) con BMI $\geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$ 13.5% (n=1898) con BMI $\geq 35 \text{ kg/m}^2$
ARISTOTLE ³	18 201	39.4% (n=7159) con BMI $\geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$ 5.4% (n=982) con peso $> 120 \text{ kg}$
ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48 ^{2,14}	21 028	5% (n=1082) con peso $\leq 55 \text{ kg}$ 0.8% (n=168) sottopeso (BMI $< 18.5 \text{ kg/m}^2$) 24.8% (n=5209) con obesità moderata (BMI da 30 a $< 35 \text{ kg/m}^2$) 10% (n=2099) con obesità severa (BMI da 35 a $< 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$) 5.5% (n=1149) con obesità patologica (BMI $\geq 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$)

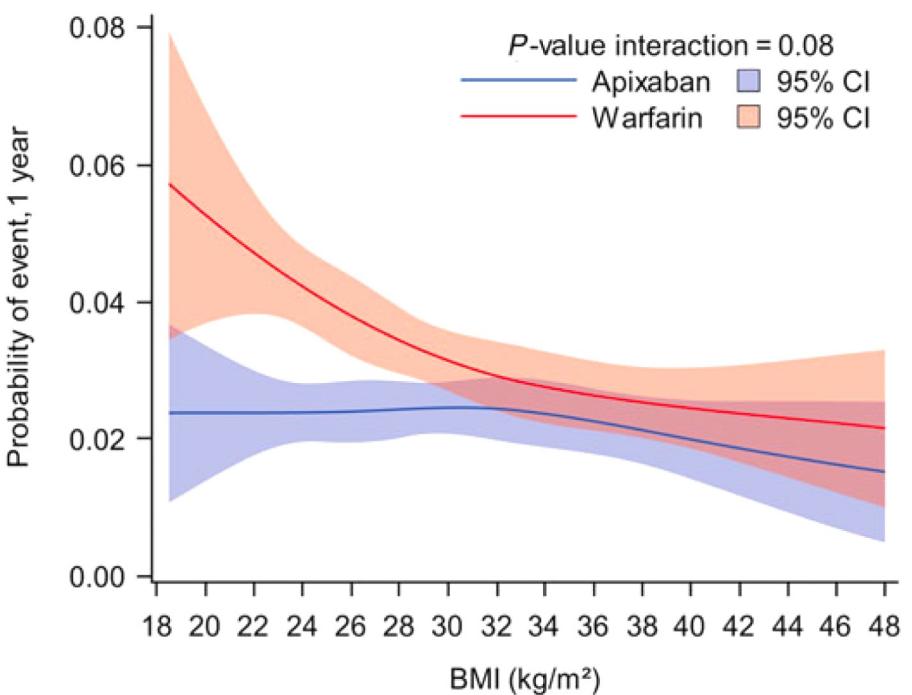
Boriani G et al. G Ital Cardiol 2022;23(8):585-590

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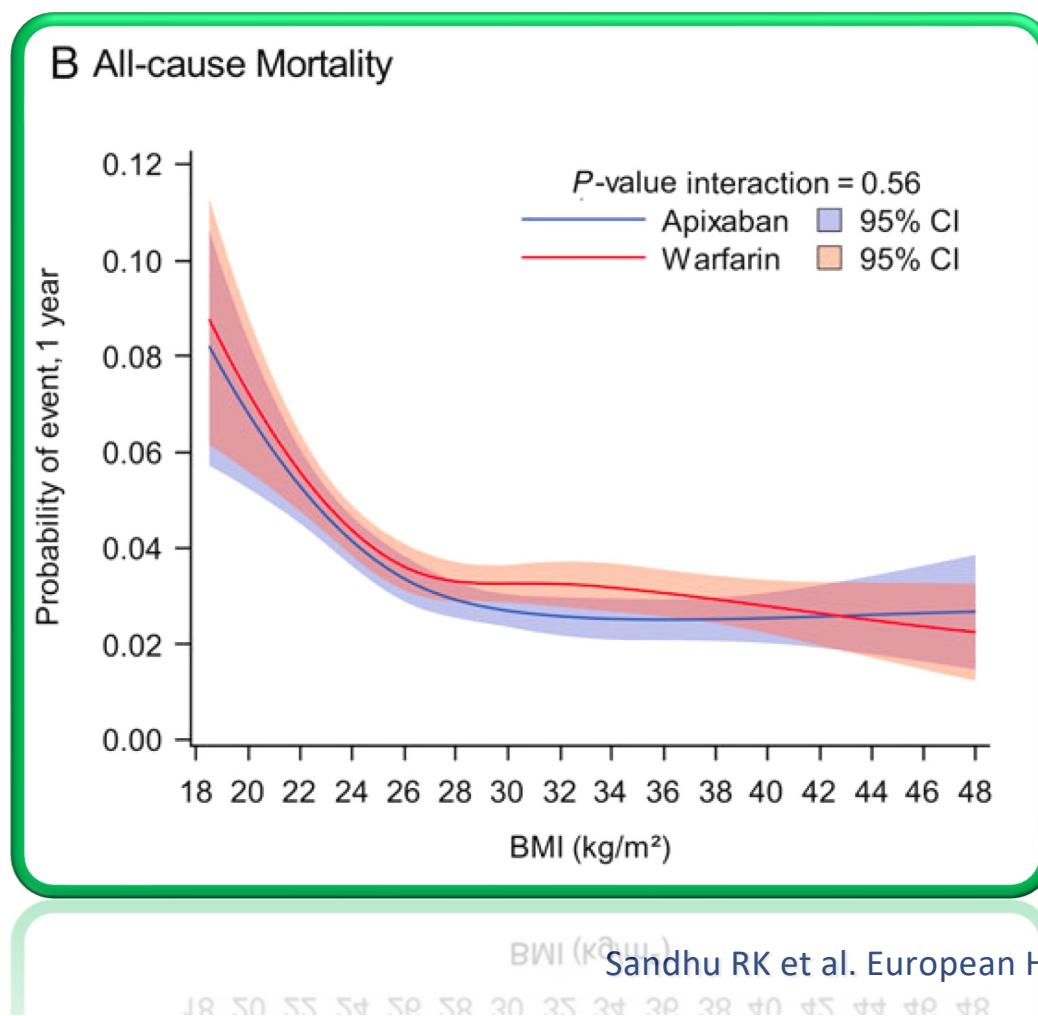
A Stroke or Systemic Embolism



D Major bleeding

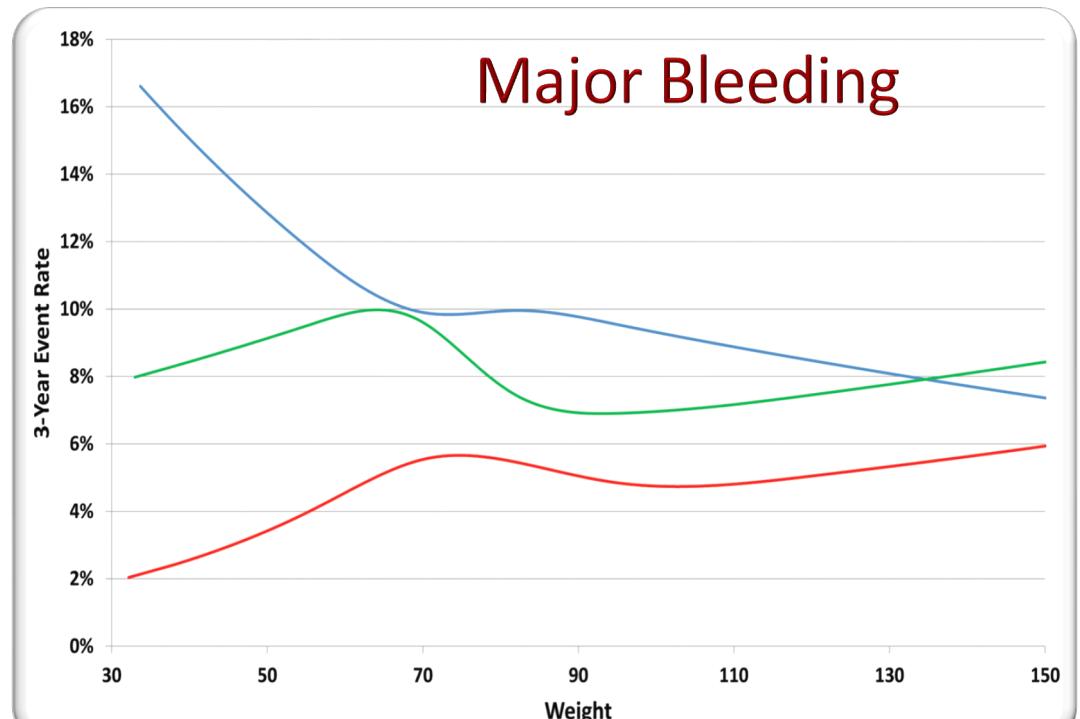
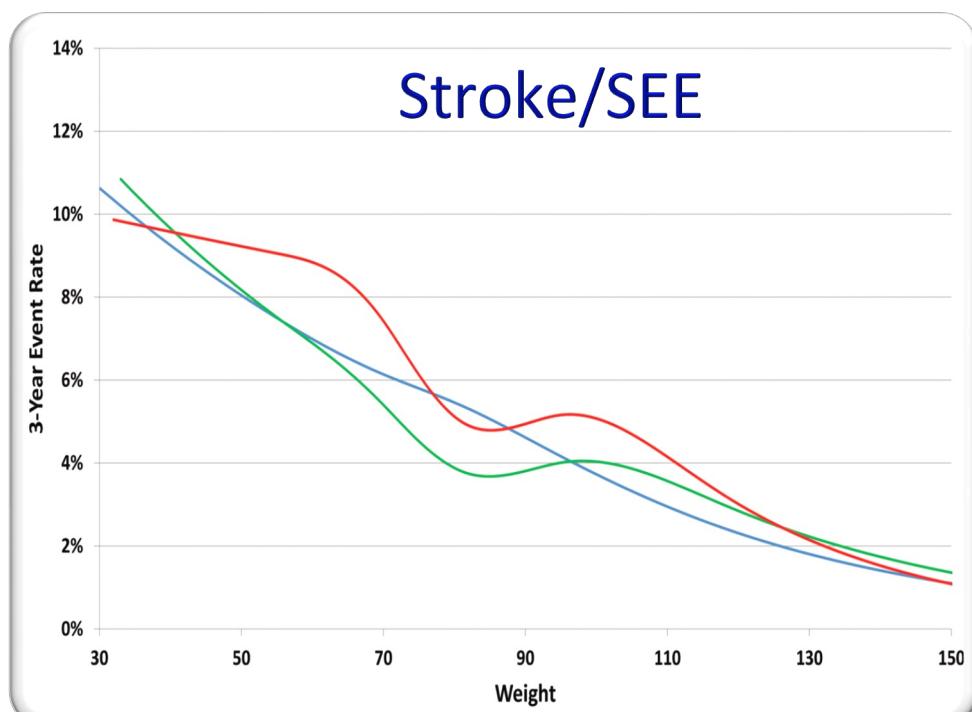


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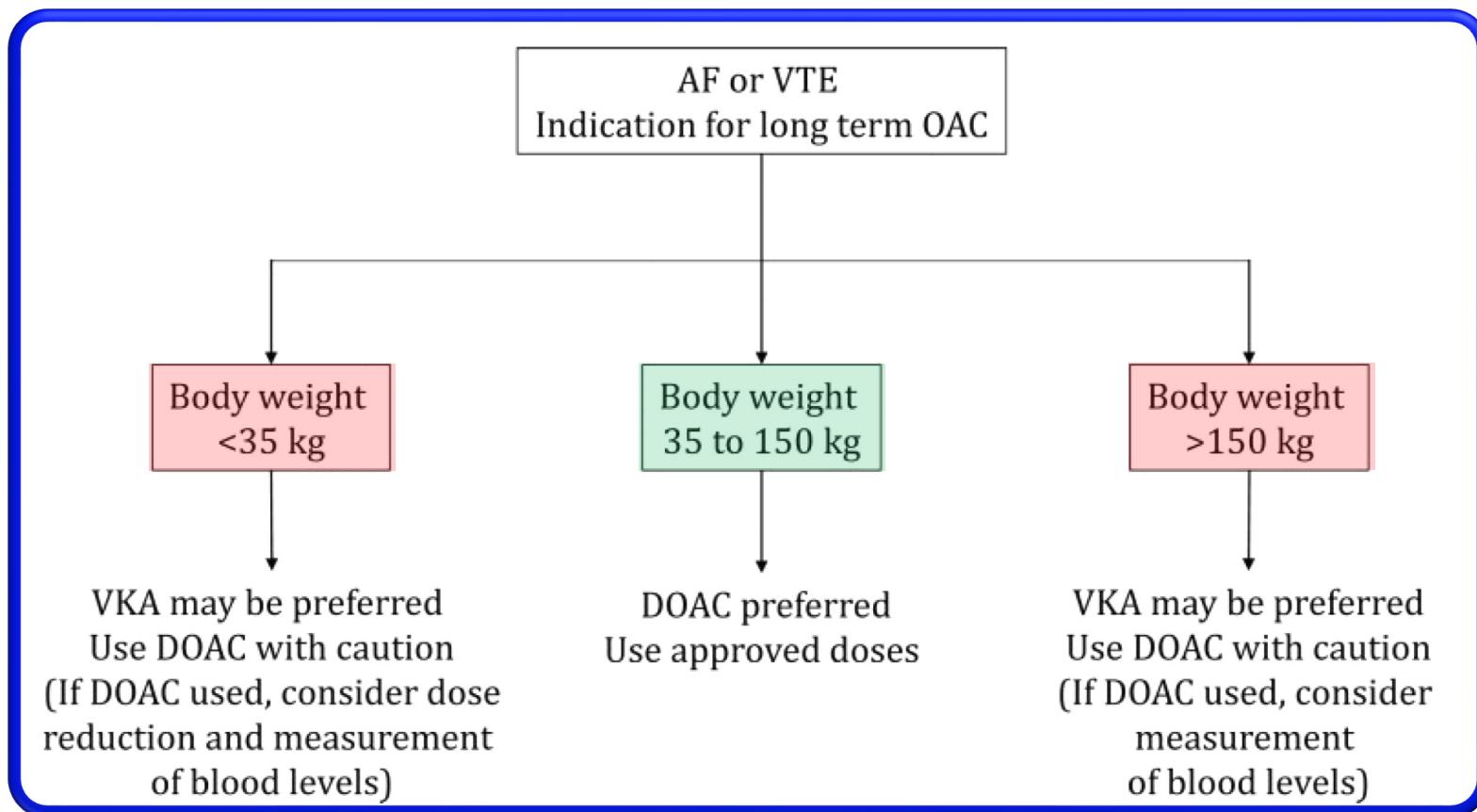
Edoxaban versus Warfarin in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation at the Extremes of Body Weight: An Analysis from the ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48 Trial

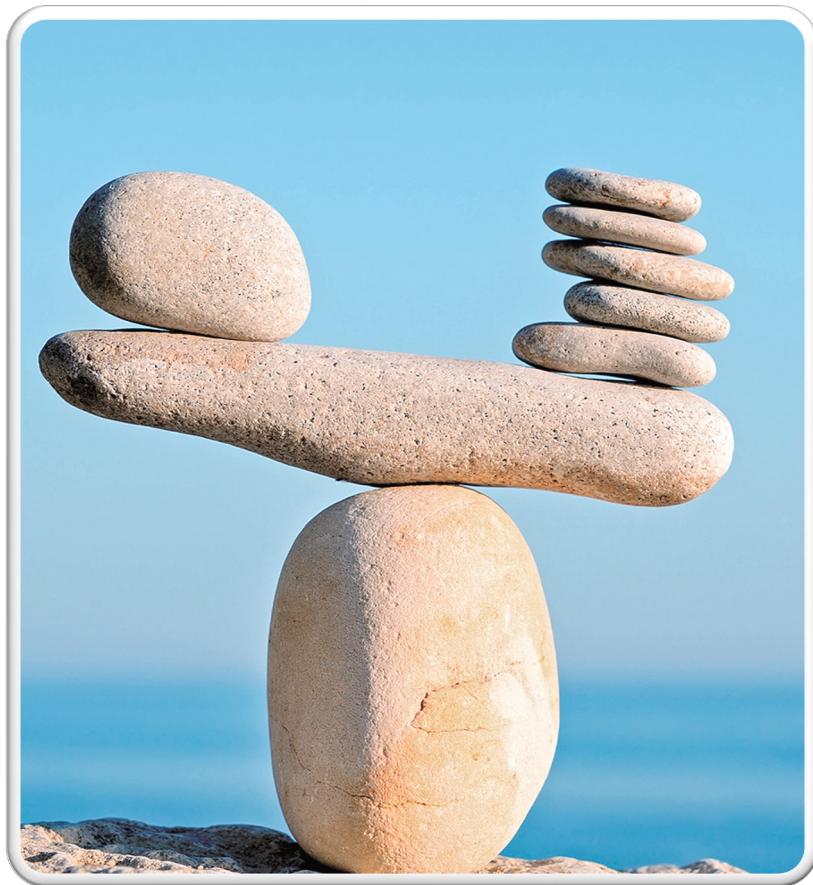
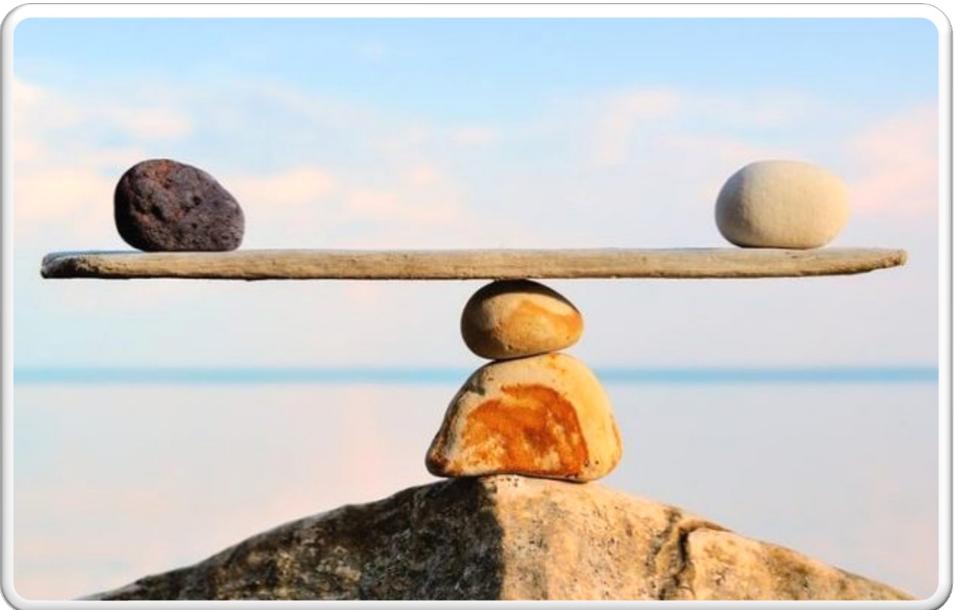
— Warfarin
— HDER
— LDER



Boriani G et al. Thromb haemost 2021; 121:140-9

Direct Oral Anticoagulant Dosing in Extremes of Body Weight: Time to Revisit the Guidelines?





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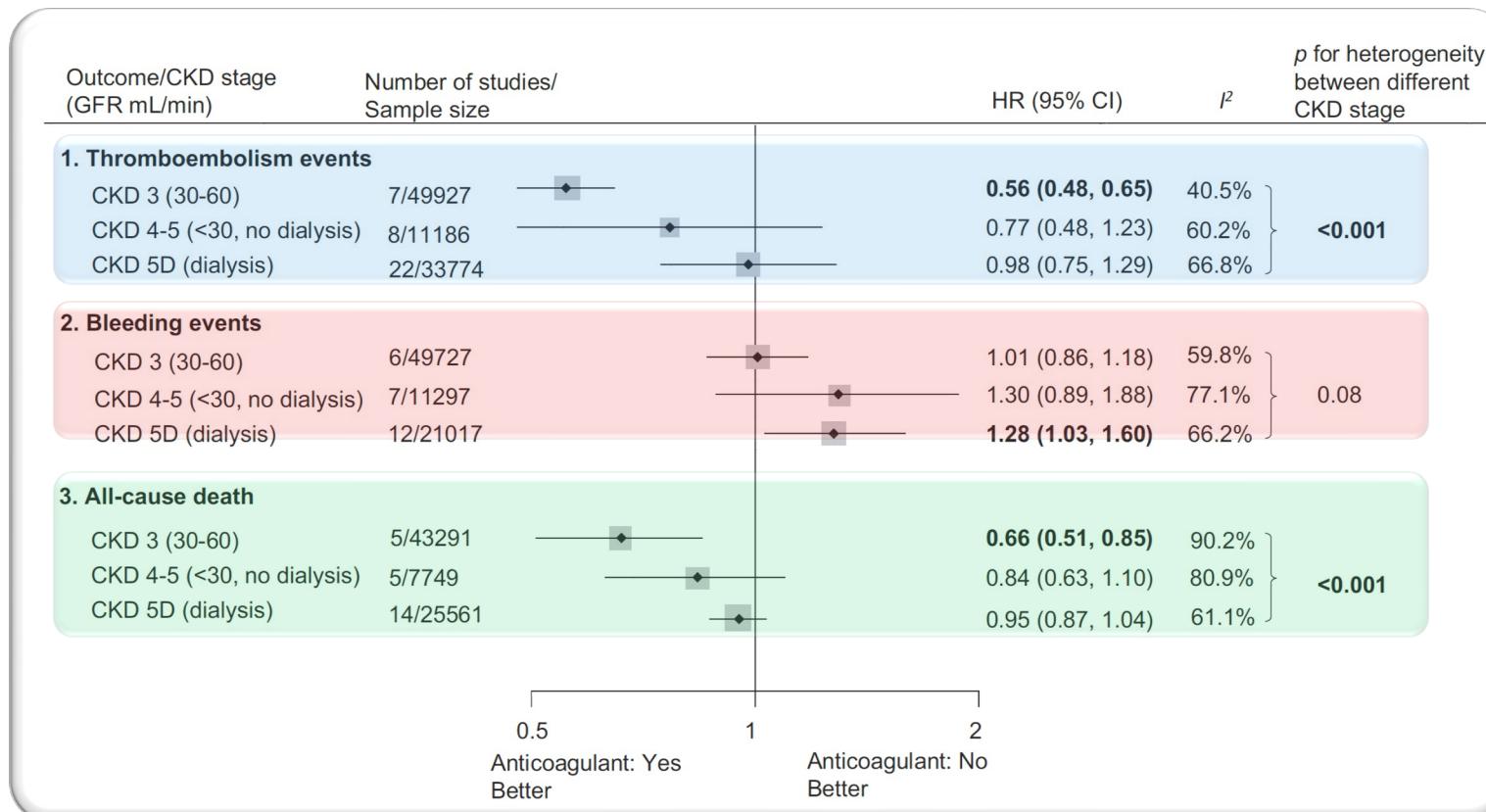
2020 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of atrial fibrillation developed in collaboration with the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS): Supplementary Data

eGFR category	Dabigatran etexilate				
	30 mL/min or less (high bleeding risk)	15 mg	30 mg (see dose reduction below)	30 mg (see dose reduction below)	30 mg (see dose reduction below)
15-29 mL/min	Do not use	15 mg (use with caution)	2 x 2.5 mg (use with caution)	30 mg (use with caution)	30 mg (use with caution)
Dialysis	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use

In patients with CrCl 15-29 mL/min, RCT-derived data on the effect of VKA or NOACs are lacking. These patients were essentially excluded from the major RCTs. The evidence for the benefits of OAC in patients with end-stage kidney disease with CrCl≤15 mL/min or on dialysis is even more limited, and to some extent controversial. There are no RCTs, whereas observational data question the benefit of dabigatran etexilate in this population. The evidence for the safety of dabigatran etexilate in this population is also limited. The available data suggest that dabigatran etexilate may increase the risk of bleeding in patients with end-stage kidney disease or on dialysis. Therefore, dabigatran etexilate should not be used in patients with CrCl≤15 mL/min or on dialysis. In patients with CrCl 15-29 mL/min, dabigatran etexilate should be avoided if possible. If dabigatran etexilate is used in this population, it should be used with caution, and the dose should be reduced to 15 mg twice daily. The safety and efficacy of dabigatran etexilate in patients with CrCl 15-29 mL/min have not been established.

Oral Anticoagulant Agents in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation and CKD: A Systematic Review and Pairwise Network Meta-analysis

Effects of antithrombotic therapy on 3 outcomes stratified by kidney function.





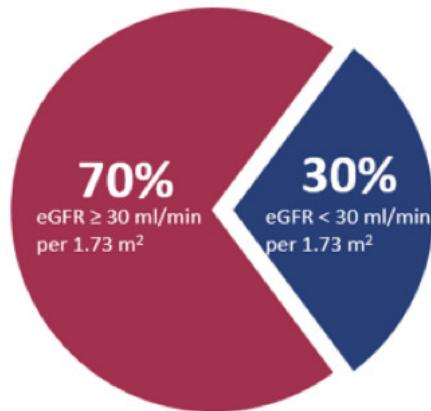
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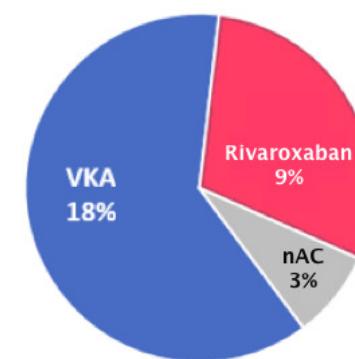
Factor **XA** – Inhibition in **RENal** patients with non-valvular AF
Observational registry

Objective: To confirm the efficacy and safety of Rivaroxan in AF patients with renal failure CICr 15-49 ml/mn

Distribuzione dei pazienti sulla base della funzionalità renale



Distribuzione del trattamento nei pazienti con CDK severa





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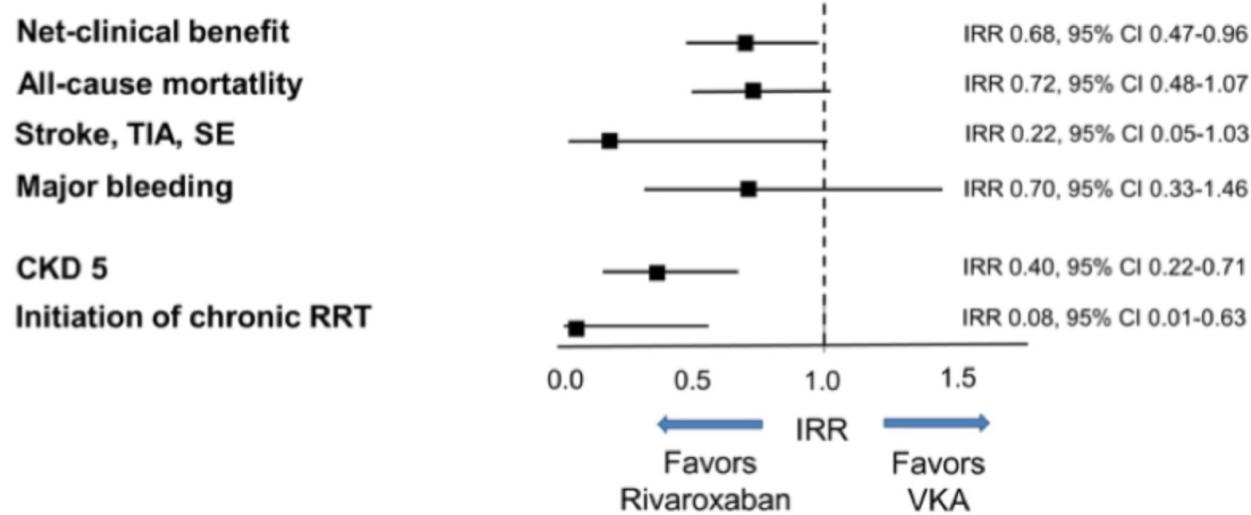


Figura 3. Rapporto del tasso di incidenza dopo 1 anno di follow up (analisi dopo propensity score)

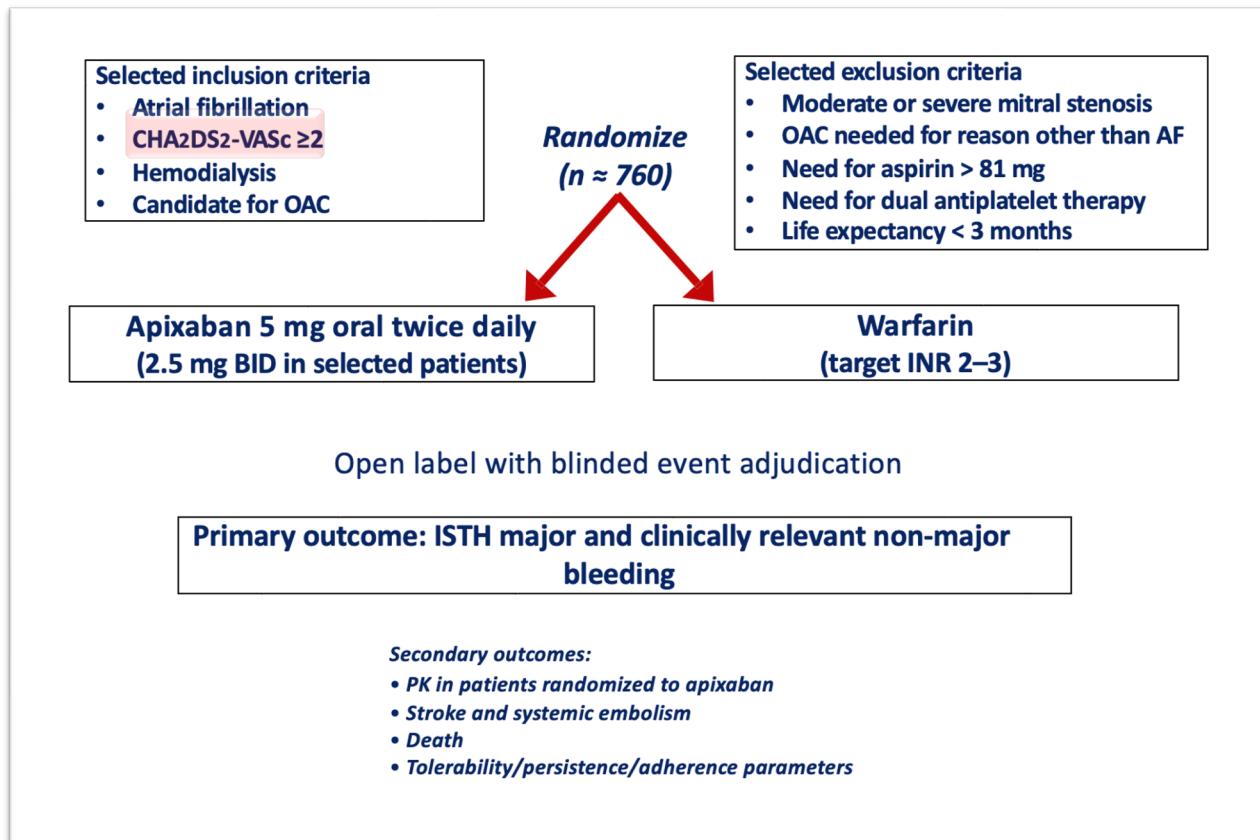
RRT: Renal replacement therapy

Kreutz et al. JAAC March8, 2022 Volume 79, Issue 9, suppl A, presented at ACC Washington DC, USA, 2-4 April

Apixaban for Patients With Atrial Fibrillation on Hemodialysis: A Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial



RENaL hemodialysis patients Allocated apixaban versus warfarin in AF (RENAL-AF)



! Study Stopped Early !

154 patients

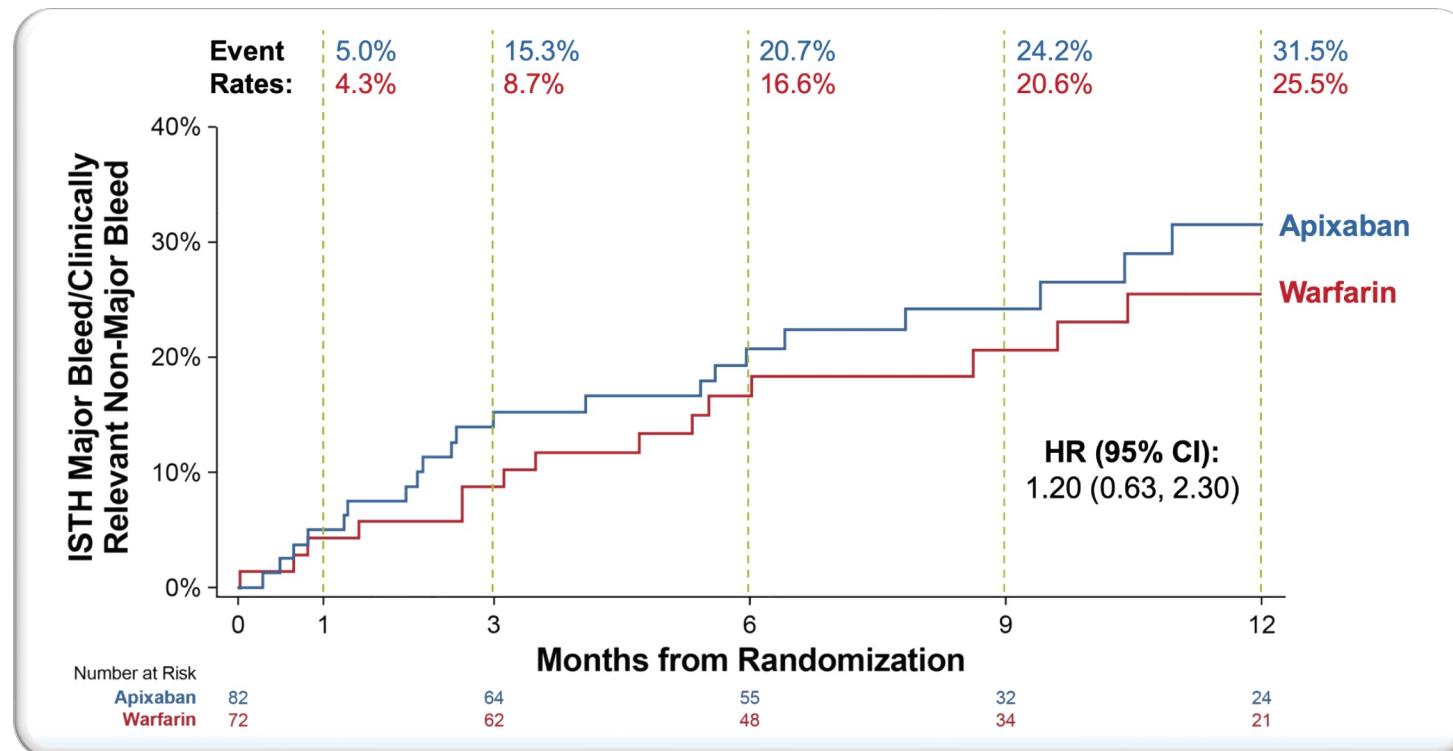
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Time to Major or Clinically Relevant Non-Major Bleed for Intention to Treat



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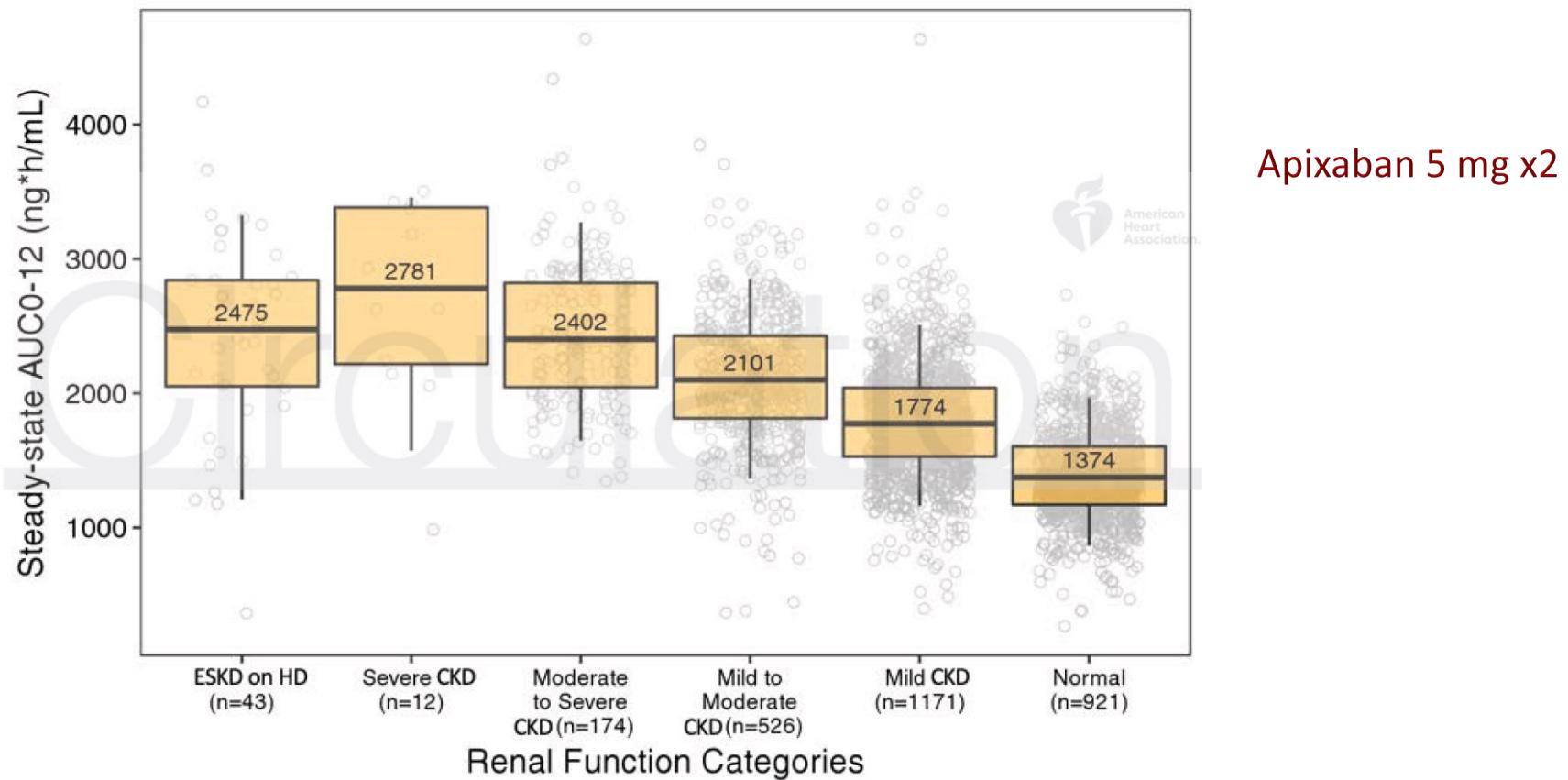
Primary Safety Endpoint: ITT Analysis

	Apixaban N = 82	Warfarin N = 72
ISTH major bleed/clinically relevant non-major bleed	25 (31%)	18 (25.5%)
Intracranial	1 (1.2%)	1 (1.4%)
Gastrointestinal	2 (2.4%)	6 (8.3%)
Hemodialysis access site	11 (13.4%)	6 (8.3%)
ISTH major bleed	7 (8.5%)	7 (9.7%)
Intracranial	1 (1.2%)	1 (1.4%)
Gastrointestinal	2 (2.4%)	5 (6.9%)
Hemodialysis access site	1 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)
ISTH clinically relevant non-major bleed	14 (17.1)	9 (12.5%)
Gastrointestinal	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.8%)
Hemodialysis access site	10 (12.2%)	6 (8.3%)

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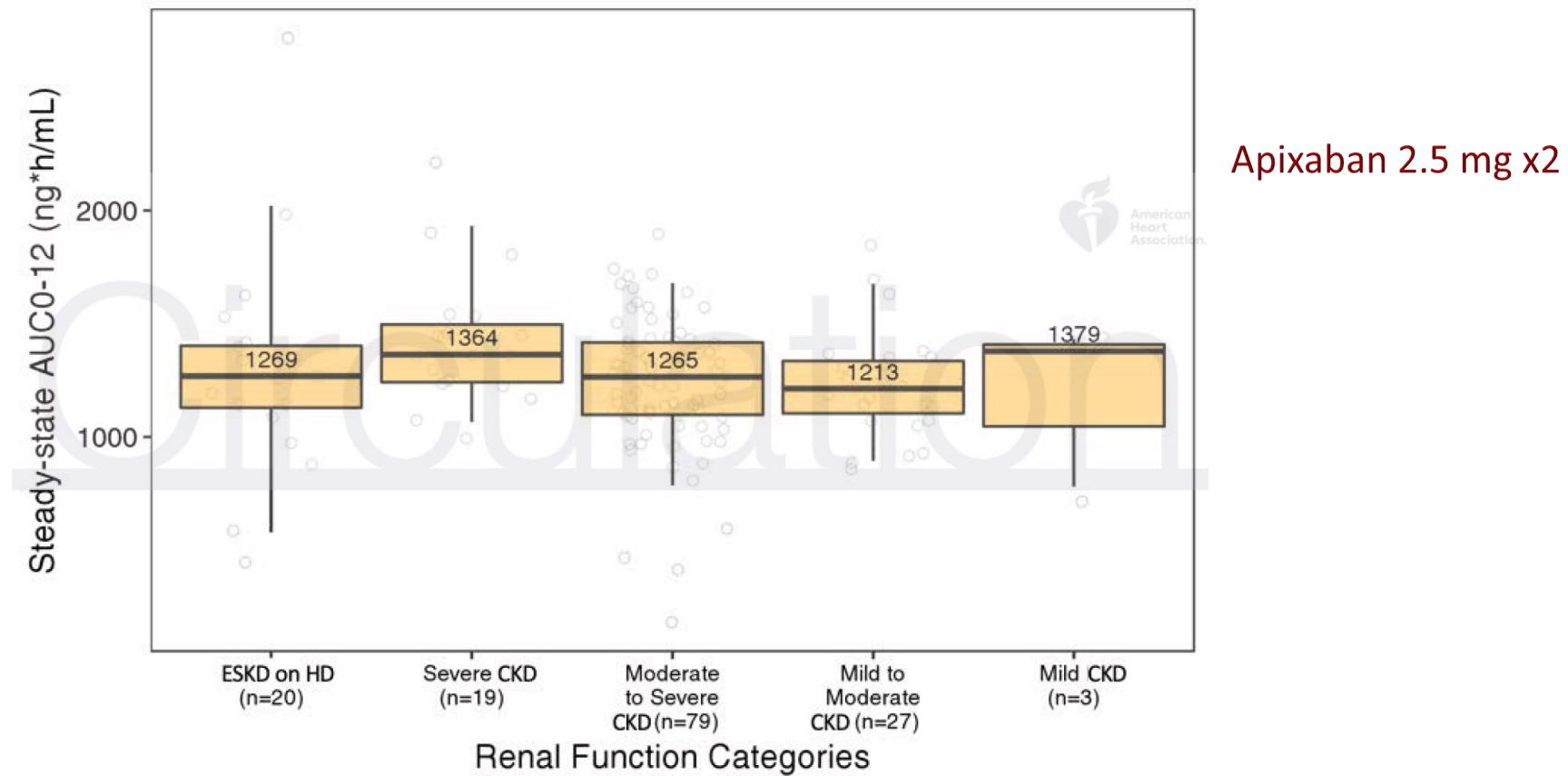
Figure 2: Exposure Comparison of 12-Hour Area Under the Curve for Apixaban 5mg Twice Daily by Different Categories of Kidney Function



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Figure 3: Exposure Comparison of 12-Hour Area Under the Curve for Apixaban 2.5mg Twice Daily by Different Categories of Kidney Function



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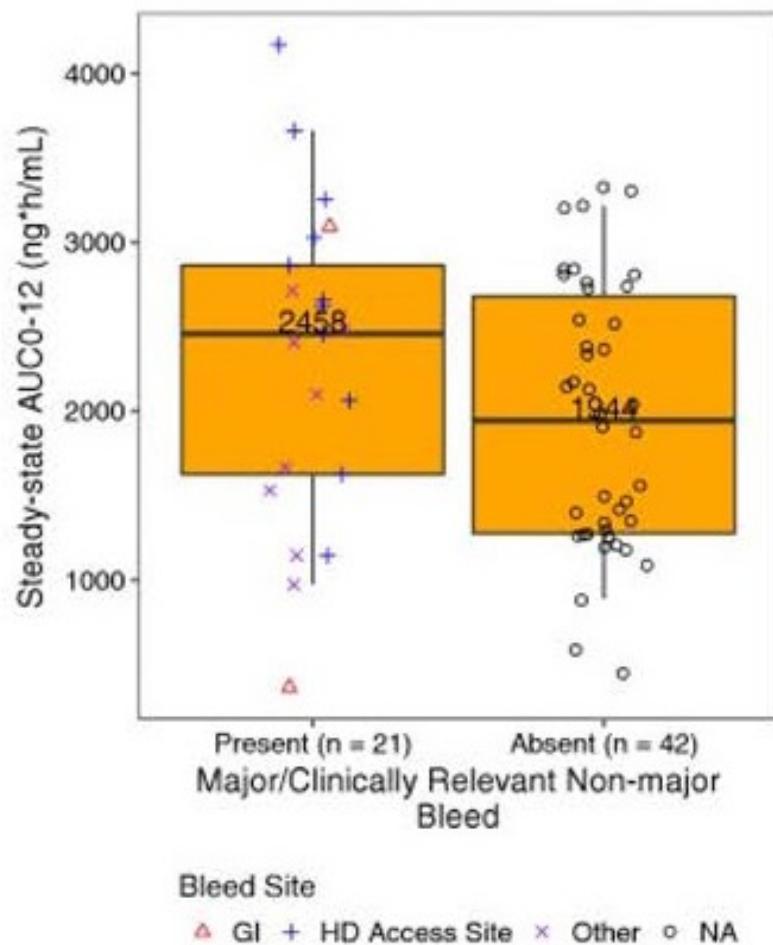


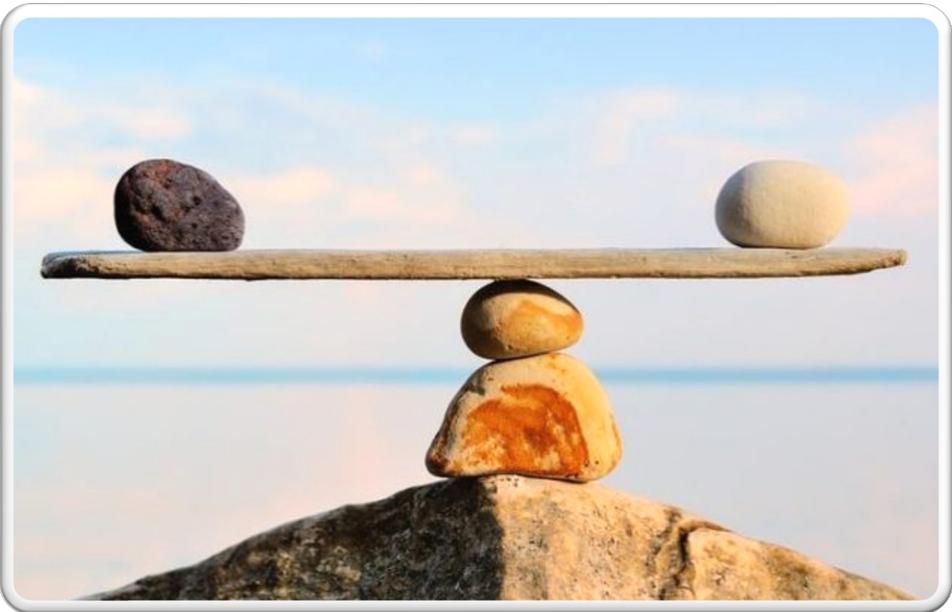
Figure 4. Comparison of Pharmacokinetic Bleeding Event

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Atrial Fibrillation Management in 2021: An Updated Comparison of the Current CCS/CHRS, ESC, and AHA/ACC/HRS Guidelines

Chronic Kidney Disease

Indication	2020 CCS/CHRS	2020 ESC	2019 AHA/ACC/HRS
Chronic kidney disease	<p>Stage 3 CKD or better (eGFR >30 mL/min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Antithrombotic therapy as per CCS algorithm (Strong Recommendation). <p>Stage 4 CKD (eGFR 15-30 mL/min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Antithrombotic therapy as per CCS algorithm (Weak Recommendation). <p>Stage 5 CKD (eGFR <15 mL/min or on dialysis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Patient should not receive routine anticoagulation or antiplatelet therapy for stroke prevention (Weak Recommendation).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussed in text, with no specific recommendations	<p>Stage 5 CKD (eGFR <15 mL/min or on dialysis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Anticoagulation with warfarin is reasonable (Class IIb).▪ Renal dosages specifically discussed in text.

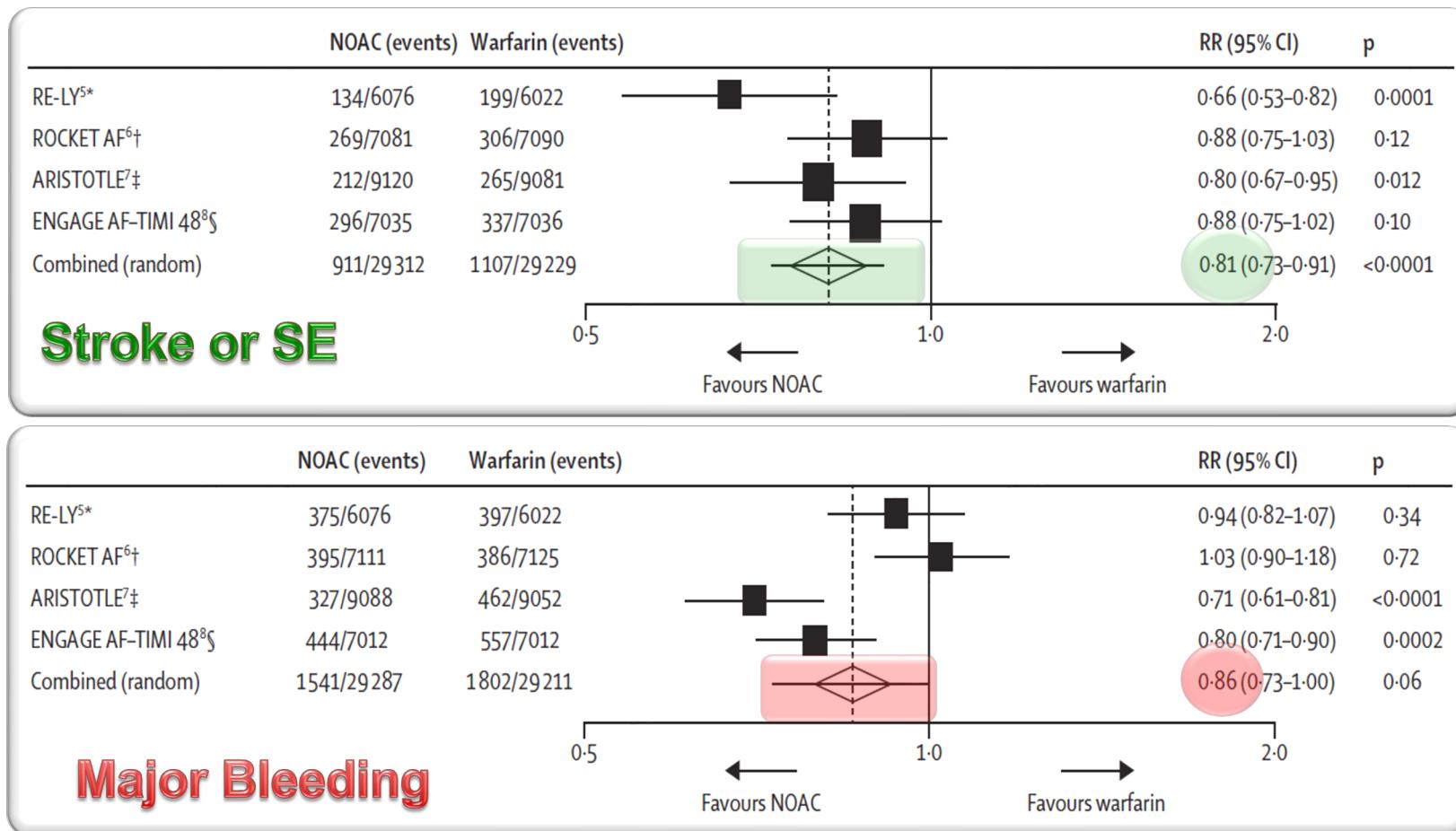


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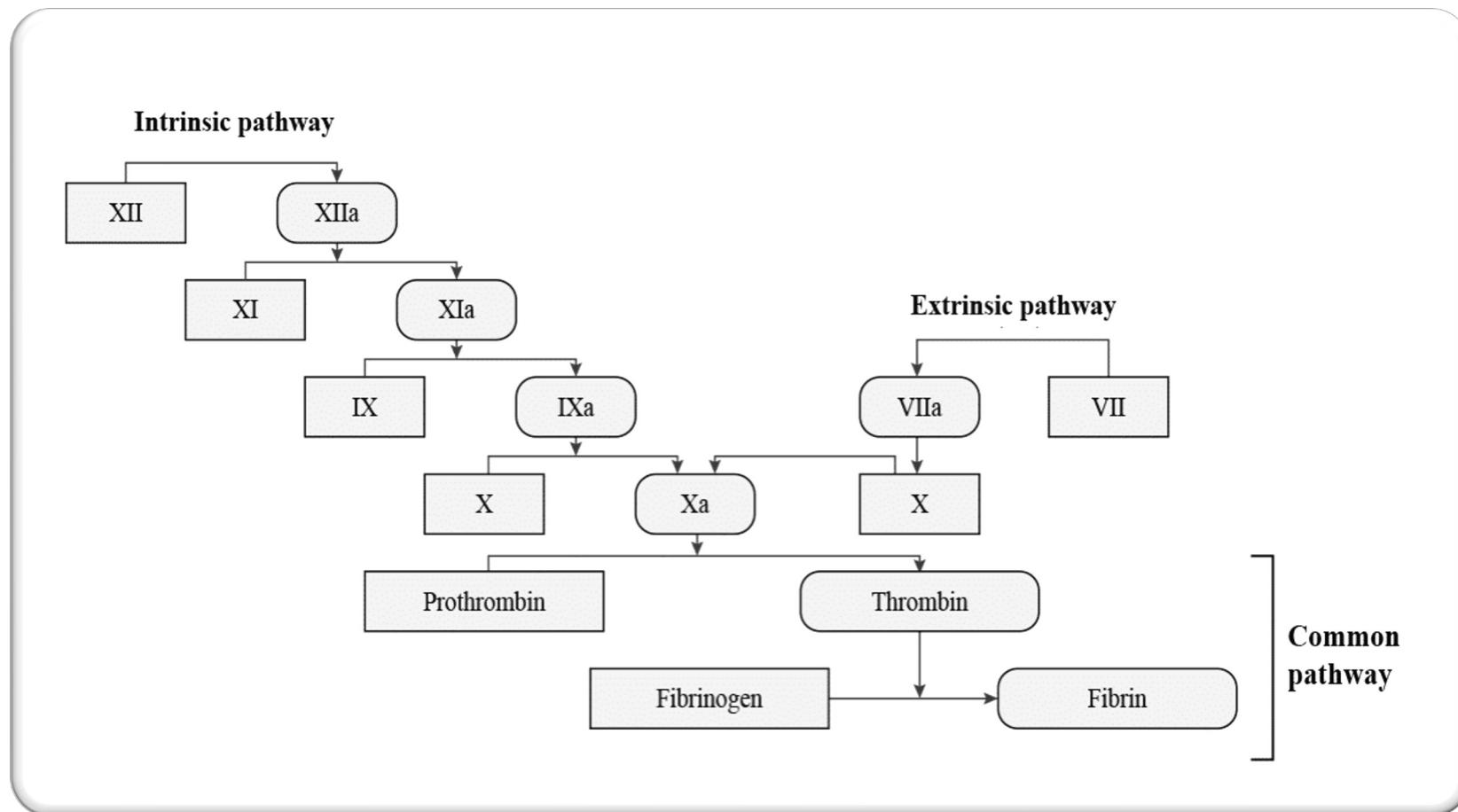
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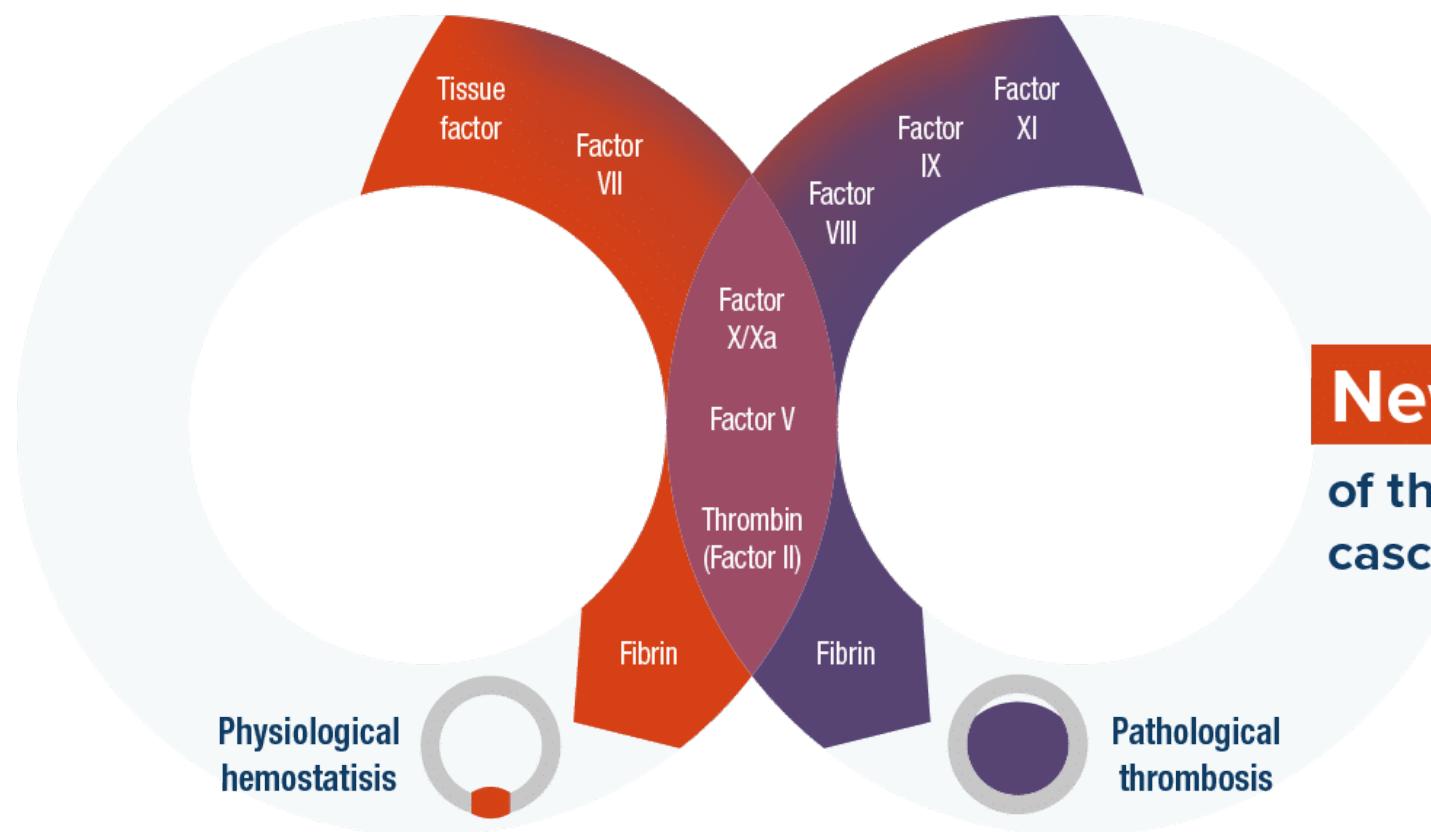
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Waterfall Sequence for Intrinsic Blood Clotting

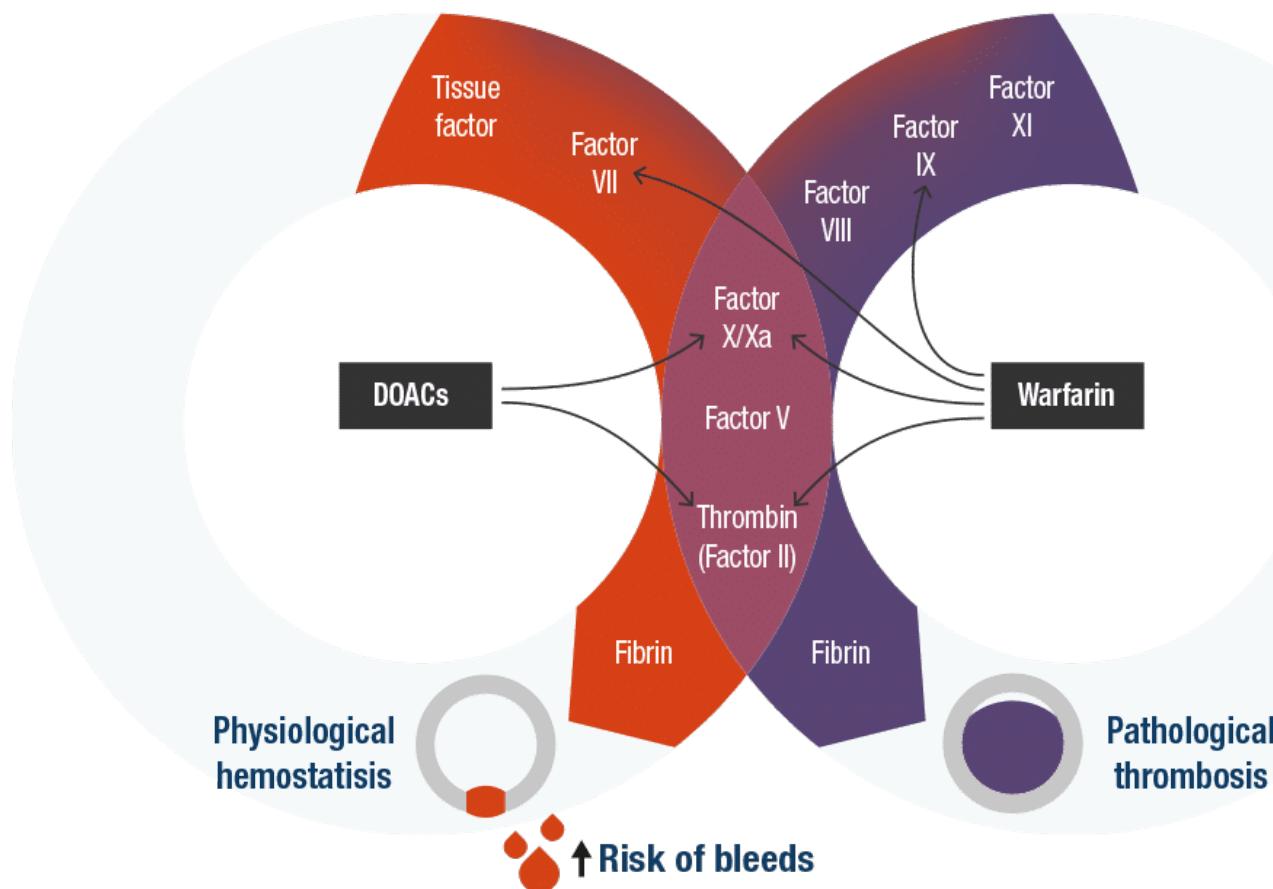


Davie EW, Ratnoff SI.. *Science* 1964; 145: 1310–12

Factor XI Inhibition to Uncouple Thrombosis From Hemostasis

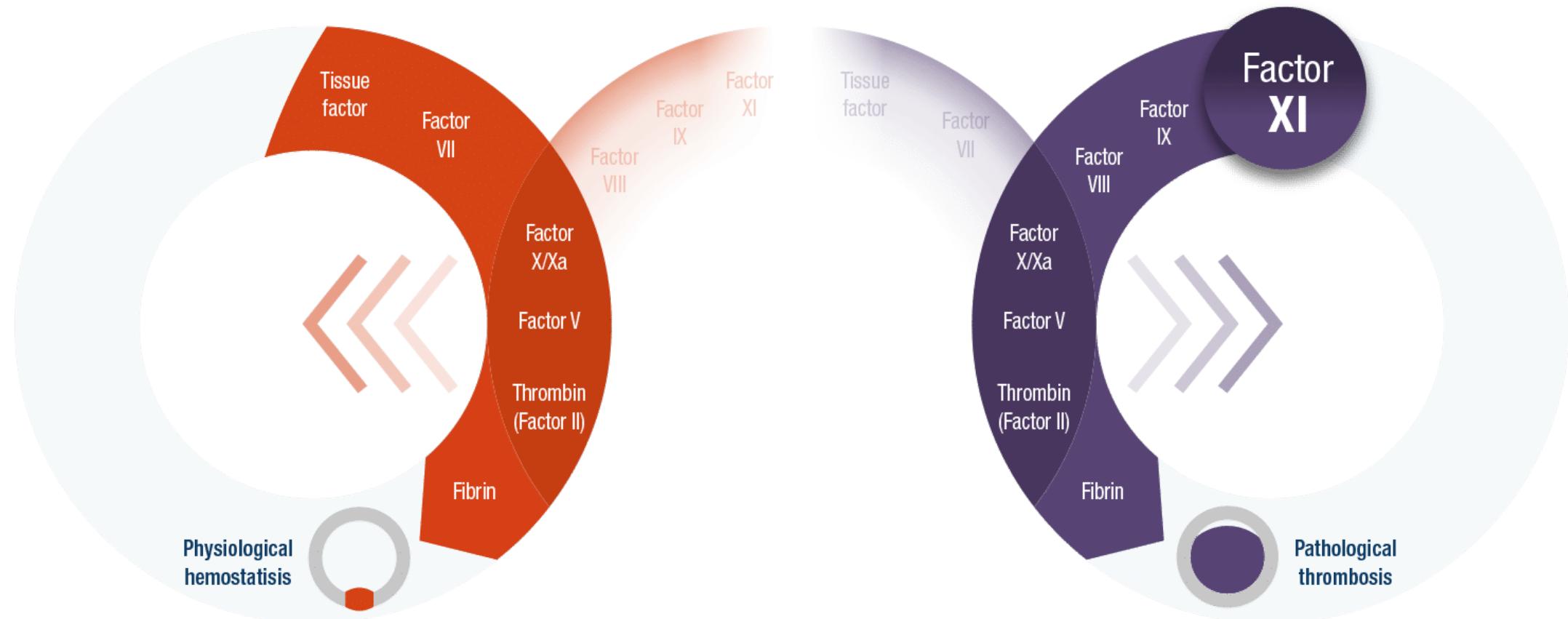


Factor XI Inhibition to Uncouple Thrombosis From Hemostasis



**Conventional
anticoagulant targets**

Pharmacologically **uncouple** the pathways



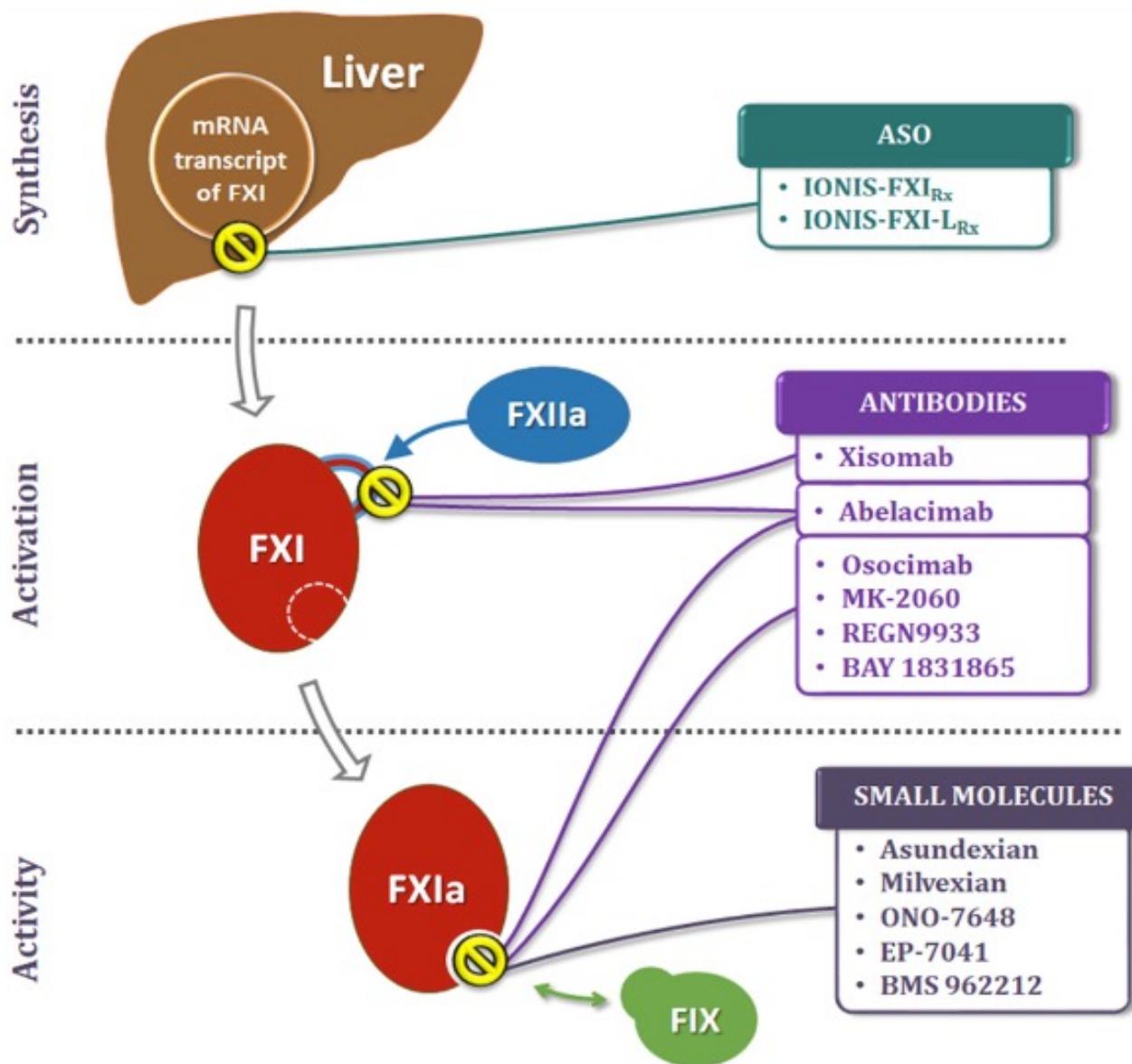
Rationale for the inhibition of Factor XI/XIa

- Patients with very low FXI levels may be asymptomatic, bleeding is typically traumatic or surgical and occurs in mouth, nose, and urinary tract.
- Patients with severe FXI deficiency have a reduced risk of deep vein thrombosis¹
- Patients with increased FXI levels have an increased risk of deep vein thrombosis²

¹Salomon et al. *Thromb. Haemost* 2011

²Meijers et al. NEJM 2000

Strategies to inhibit FXI



Badimon J. Cardiovasc. Dev. Dis. 2022, 9, 437.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/jcdd9120437>

Factor XI inhibitors: cardiovascular perspectives

Raffaele De Caterina  ^{1*}, Domenico Prisco  ², and John W. Eikelboom  ³

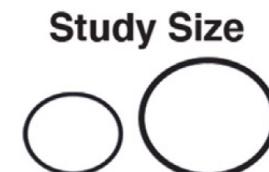
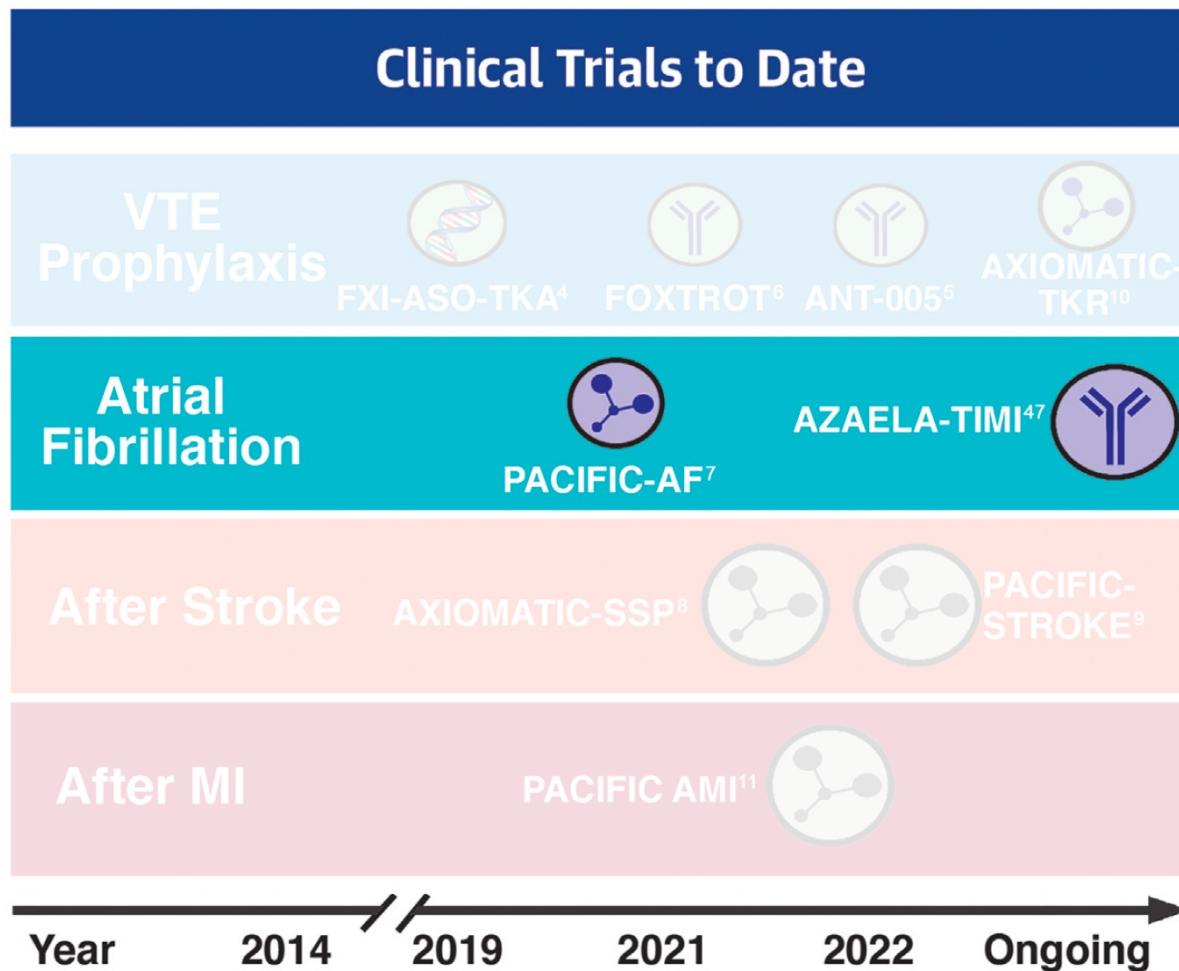
Properties of classes of FXI inhibitors currently in development

	ASOs	Monoclonal antibodies	Small molecules
Mechanism	Block biosynthesis	Bind target protein	Bind target protein
Administration route	SC	IV or SC	IV or oral
Administration frequency	Weekly to monthly	Monthly	Daily
Onset of action	Slow (weeks)	Rapid (hours to days)	Rapid (minutes to hours)
Offset of action	Slow (weeks)	Slow (weeks)	Rapid (minutes to hours)
Renal excretion	No	No	Yes
CYP metabolism	No	No	Yes
Potential for drug–drug interactions	No	No	Yes

Clinical Evaluation of Factor Xla Inhibitor Drugs

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE

Clinical Data of Factor XI/Factor Xla Inhibition

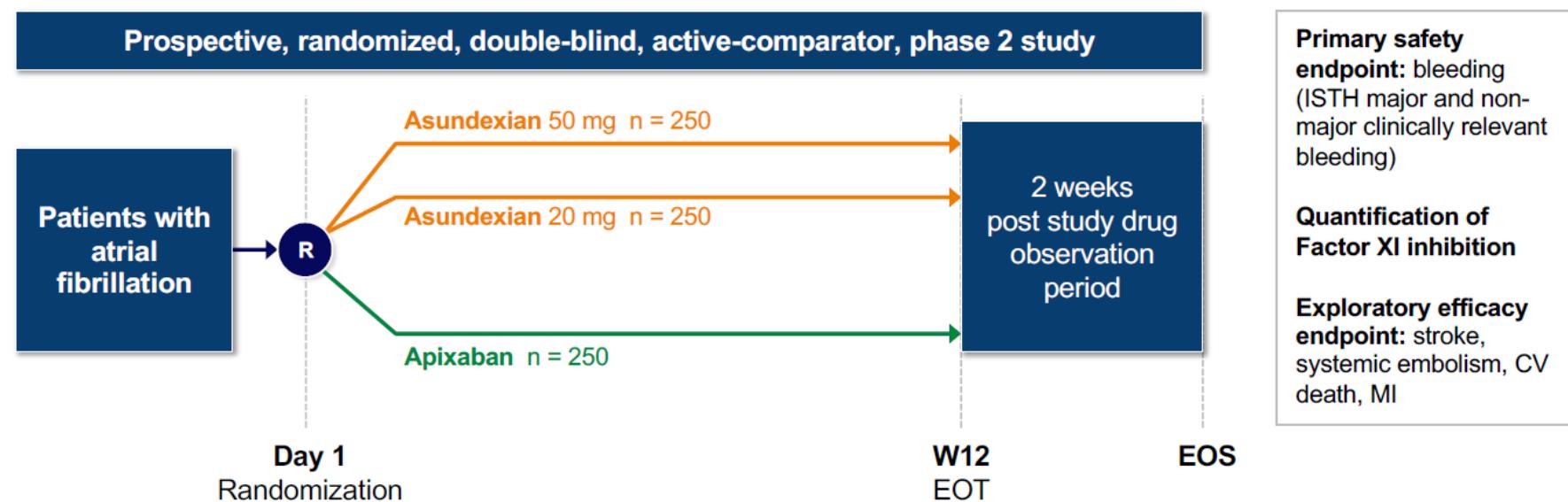


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Safety of the oral factor Xla inhibitor asundexian compared with apixaban in patients with atrial fibrillation (PACIFIC-AF): a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, double-dummy, dose-finding phase 2 study

PACIFIC-AF trial (NCT04218266)

Randomized to asundexian (20-50 mg/day, orally) or apixaban (5 mg twice daily, with dose reductions where necessary)



Primary Objective:

to evaluate that the oral FXIa inhibitor asundexian when compared to apixaban leads to a lower incidence of bleeding in participants with AF

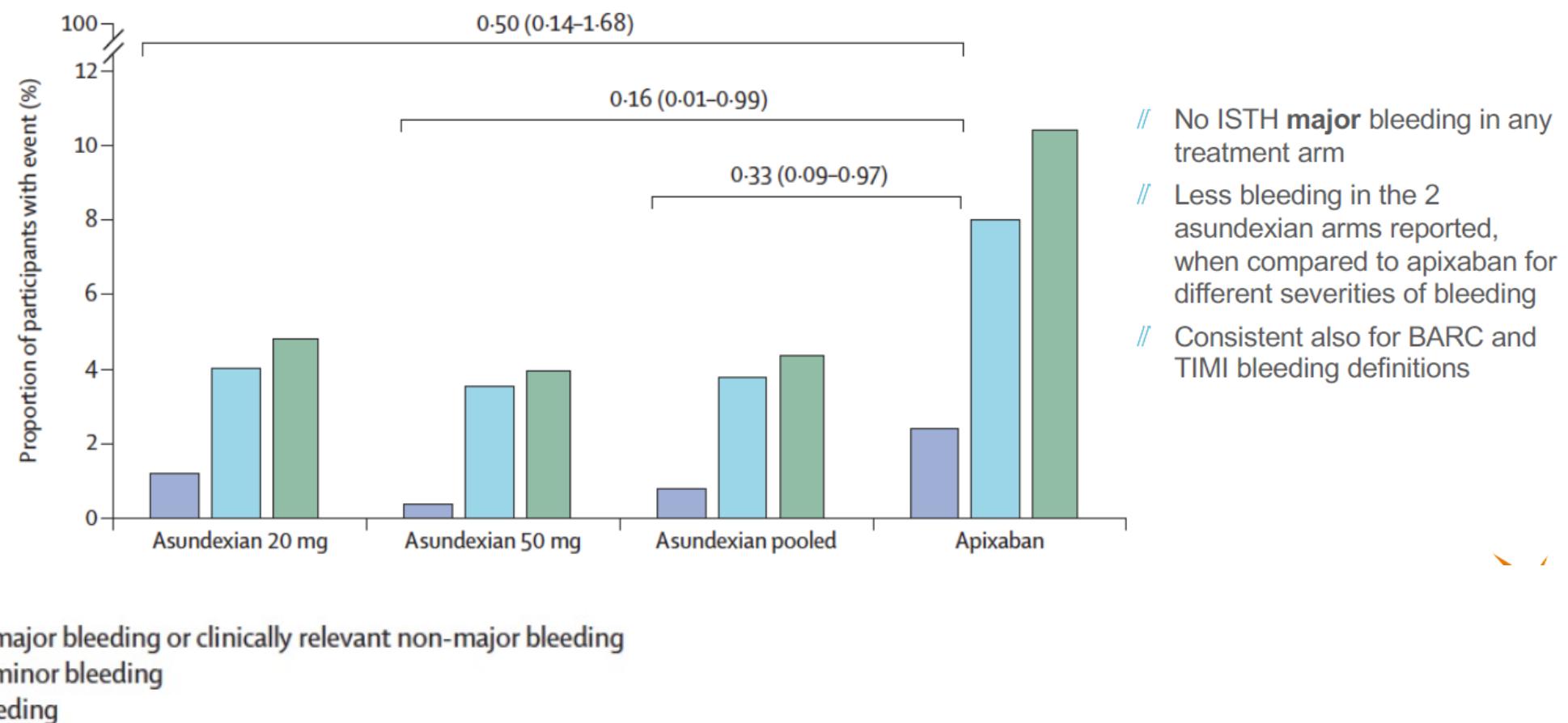


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Primary Safety Outcome

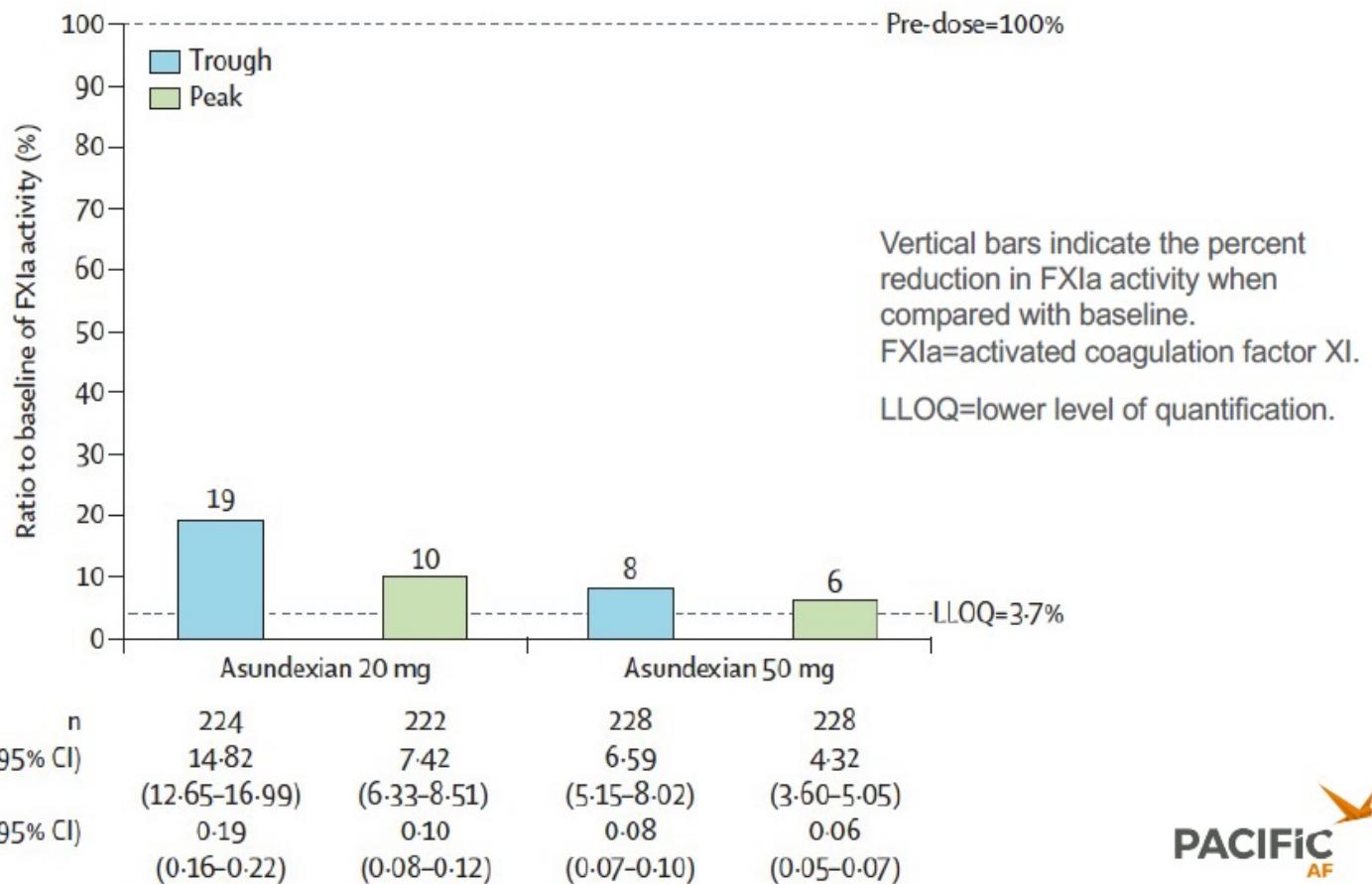
On-treatment analysis, % of patients



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FXIa Activity - Inhibition Data



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Exploratory thrombotic outcomes

	Asundexian 20 mg (n=251)	Asundexian 50 mg (n=254)	Apixaban (n=250)	Total (n=755)
Cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, ischaemic stroke, or systemic embolism	2	4	3	9
Cardiovascular death	1	3	3	7
Myocardial infarction	0	1	0	1
Ischaemic stroke	2	1	0	3
Systemic embolism	0	0	0	0
All-cause mortality	2	4	4	10

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Trial Design

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04755283

Recruitment Status : Active, not recruiting

First Posted : February 16, 2021

Last Update Posted : January 26, 2023

See detailed
information
about this trial
on ClinicalTrials.gov

Moderate-to-High
Risk Stroke

Randomization

Open label riva vs. abelacimab

Rivaroxaban
Monthly

Rivaroxaban
20 mg Daily*

*15 mg if CrCl ≤50 ml/min at
randomization or during study

Event driven study
targeting 166 Major or
CRNM bleeds

1° EP (Safety): Major or Clinically Relevant Non-Major Bleeding

Atrial Fibrillation Study with
Abelacimab Stopped Early by the
Data Monitoring Committee
Due to an Overwhelming Reduction
in Bleeding as Compared to a DOAC
(Direct Oral Anticoagulant)



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AZALEA-TIMI 71 enrolled **1,287 patients** from 95 centers in North America, Europe, and Asia and had a median of **21 months of follow-up** prior to being stopped.

FXI(a) inhibitors Ongoing phase 3 trials in atrial fibrillation

Trial	Design	Experimental drug	Comparator	Participants	Primary outcome	Timeframe
LILAC-TIMI 76 (NCT05712200)	Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled,	Abelacimab (150mg, s.c.)	Placebo	1900 high-risk AF patients who have been deemed unsuitable for oral anticoagulation	Efficacy: time to first event of ischemic stroke or systemic embolism. Safety: time to first occurrence of Bleeding BARC 3c/5	up to 30 months
OCEANIC-AF (NCT05643573)	Multicenter, international, randomized, double-blind, active— comparator-controlled,	Asundexian (50 mg, orally)	Apixaban	18000 patients with atrial fibrillation with CHA2DS2-VASc of ≥3 or ≥4 for women (or ≥2 or ≥3 for women with enrichment criteria)	Efficacy: time to first event of ischemic stroke or systemic embolism. Safety: time to first occurrence of ISTH major bleeding. Time to composite event (stroke or SE or bleeding).	up to 34 months
LIBREXIA-AF (NCT05757869)	Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, active— comparator-controlled, parallel-group	Milvexian (orally)	Apixaban	15500 patients with atrial fibrillation, with various risk factors (age 75 y or more; history of stroke; hypertension; diabetes; heart failure; atherosclerotic vascular disease)	Time to first occurrence of composite endpoint of stroke and non-CNS systemic embolism	Up to 4 years

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