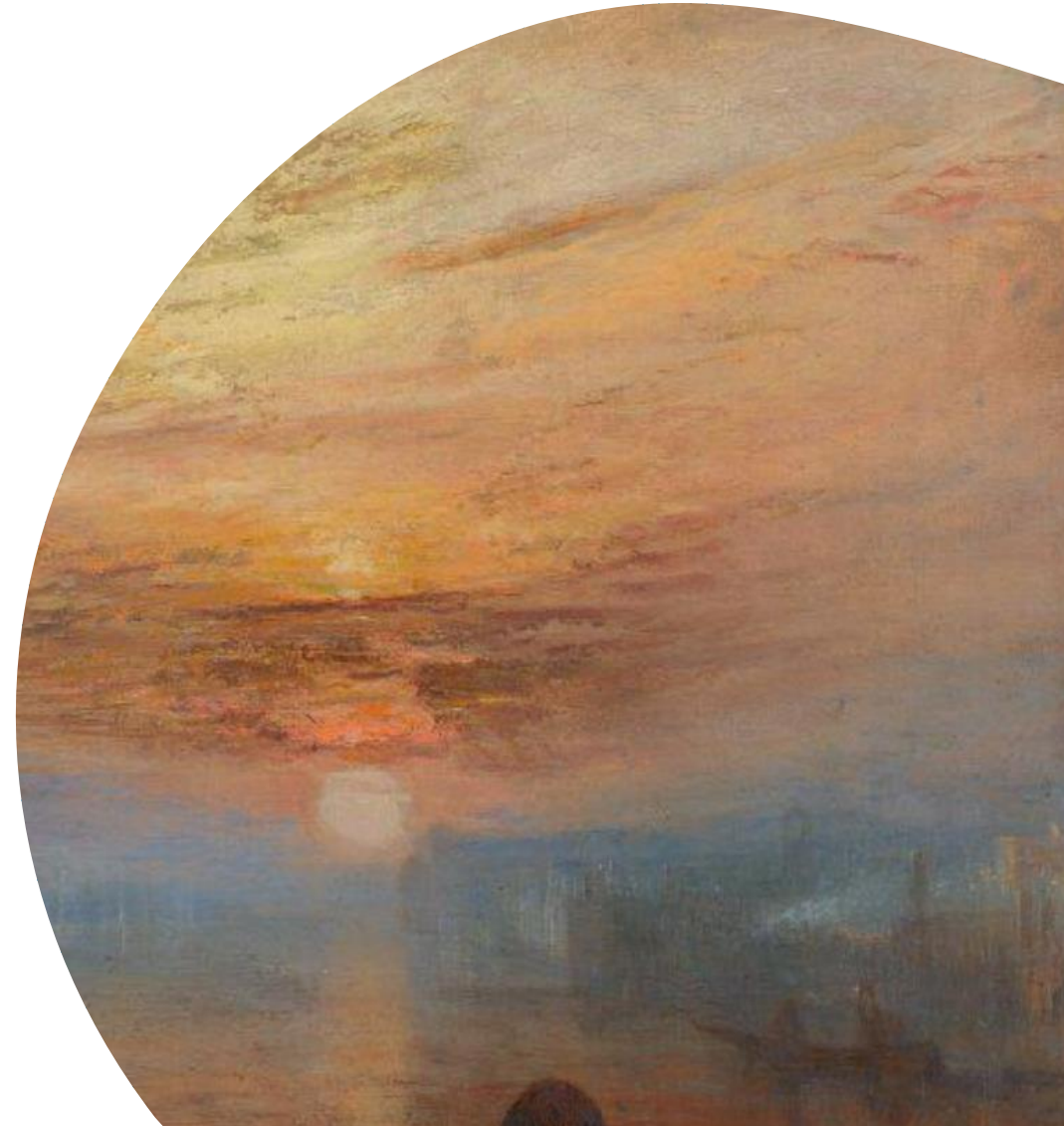


Antikoagulation bei CKD

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Prothrombotic state

Prothrombotic state in coexistent AF and CKD

Virchow's triad

Vessel wall and/or atrial tissue abnormalities

- Atrial fibrosis
 - Myocyte hypertrophy
 - Fibroelastosis
 - Endocardial fibrosis and infiltration
 - Extracellular matrix abnormalities
- Ventricular hypertrophy
 - Extensive myocardial fibrosis

- Vascular factors
- Accelerated atherosclerosis
 - Arteriosclerosis (fibrosis and thickening of the media)
 - Arterial wall calcification
 - Increased arterial stiffness

- Endothelial dysfunction
- Impaired arterial vasodilatation due to reduced NO availability

Blood flow abnormalities

- Atrial dilatation
- Loss of atrial systole
- LAA characteristics

- RAAS activation:
- ↑ Fibrinogen
 - ↑ D-dimer
 - PAI1

- Inflammation:
- ↑ IL-6
 - ↑ IL-1β
 - ↑ CRP
 - ↑ vWF
 - ↑ TNF

Blood constituents

- Hypercoagulability
- ↑ Thrombin-antithrombin complex
 - ↑ D-dimer
 - ↑ Prothrombin 1 and 2
 - ↑ vWF
 - ↑ Tissue factor
 - ↑ PAI1

- Platelet dysfunction
- Increased aggregability
 - Increased reactivity

- Microparticles
- Increased platelet production
 - Increased surface tissue factor
 - Increased release of soluble tissue factor

- Vitamin D
- Phosphorus
- Calcium

Prohaemorrhagic state

Alterations in platelet function

Reduced platelet activity

- Disturbed composition of α-granules
 - Increased ATP: ADP ratio
 - Reduced content of serotonin

↓ PAF synthesis

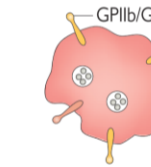
- ↓ Oxidative stress and inflammation
- ↑ Ca²⁺ content and disturbed intracellular Ca²⁺ flux

- Altered arachidonic acid and prostaglandin metabolism with impaired synthesis and/or release of TxA₂

Alterations in platelet-vessel-wall interactions

Reduced binding of platelets to the vessel wall

↓ Function of GPIIb/IIIa



↓ Proteolysis of GPIb



Functional defect in the vWF-platelet interaction

GPIIb/IIIa

GPIb

Endothelial cell

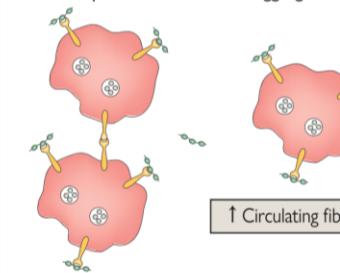
↑ Production of prostacyclin and NO

vWF

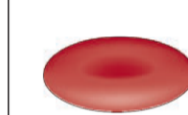
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Alterations in platelet function

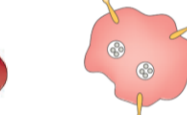
Reduced platelet adhesion and aggregation



Anaemia



- ↓ Erythrocytes
- ↓ NO scavenging owing to reduced haemoglobin levels



- ↓ Interactions with the vessel wall
- ↓ ADP release
- ↑ Activation of PGI₂

Prohaemorrhagic state

Therapy

- Drugs
- β-Lactam antibiotics
 - Aspirin
 - NSAIDs
 - Anticoagulants

- Invasive procedures
- Central venous access
 - Haemodialysis

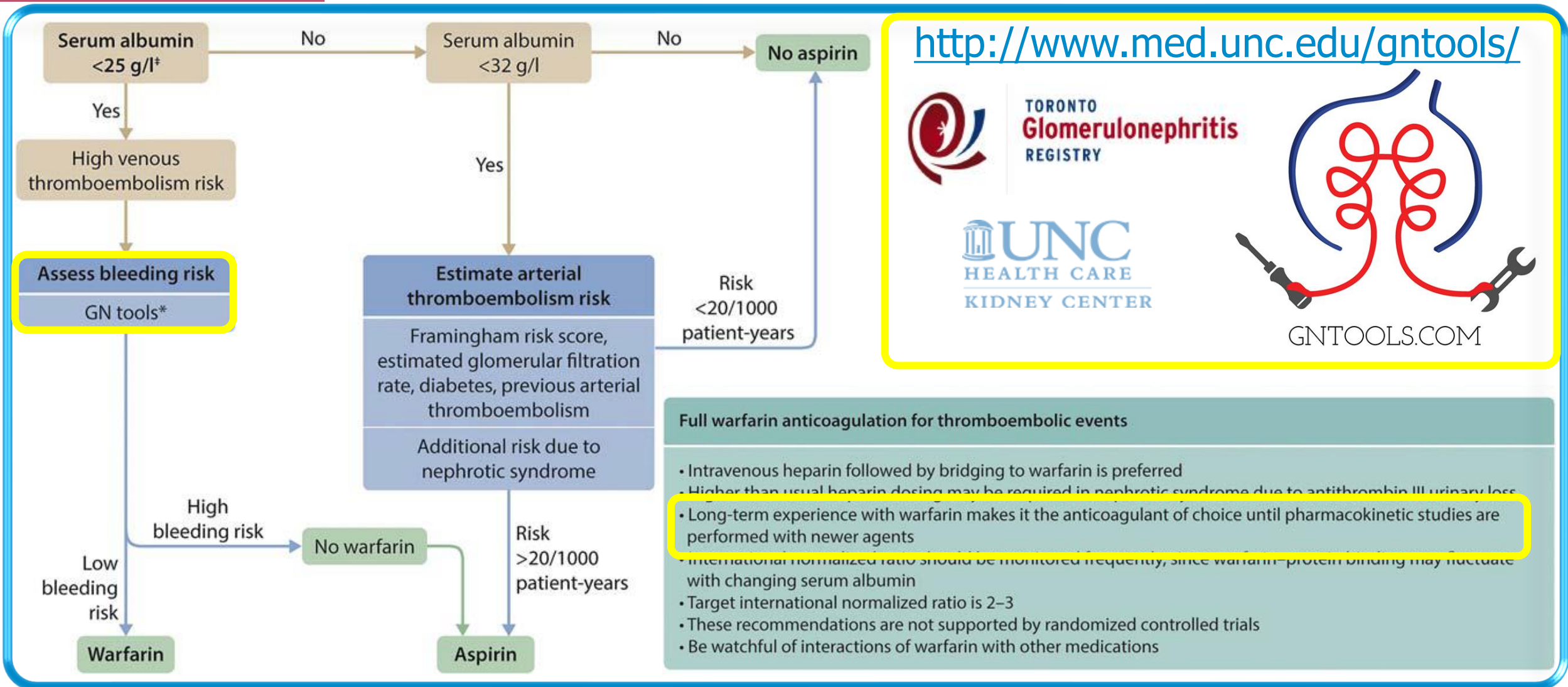
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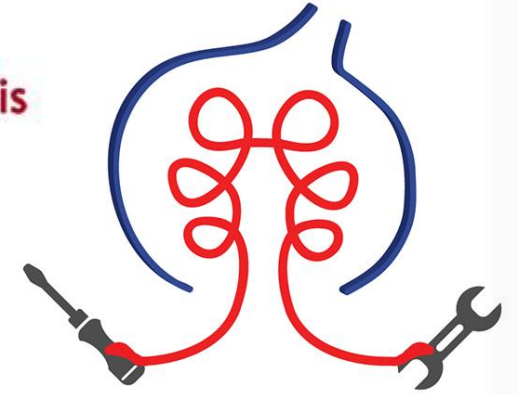


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Full warfarin anticoagulation for thromboembolic events

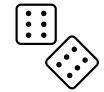
- Intravenous heparin followed by bridging to warfarin is preferred
- Higher than usual heparin dosing may be required in nephrotic syndrome due to antithrombin III urinary loss
- Long-term experience with warfarin makes it the anticoagulant of choice until pharmacokinetic studies are performed with newer agents
- International normalized ratio should be monitored frequently, since warfarin-protein binding may fluctuate with changing serum albumin
- Target international normalized ratio is 2–3
- These recommendations are not supported by randomized controlled trials
- Be watchful of interactions of warfarin with other medications

Apixaban in Nephrotic Syndrome

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Apixaban 10 mg

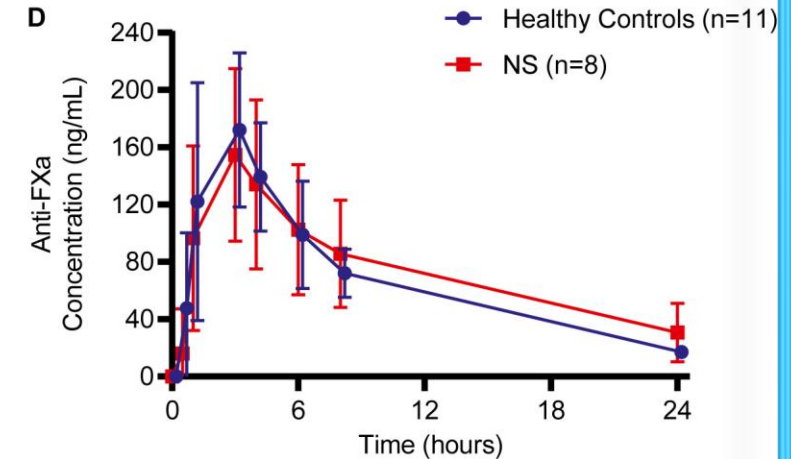
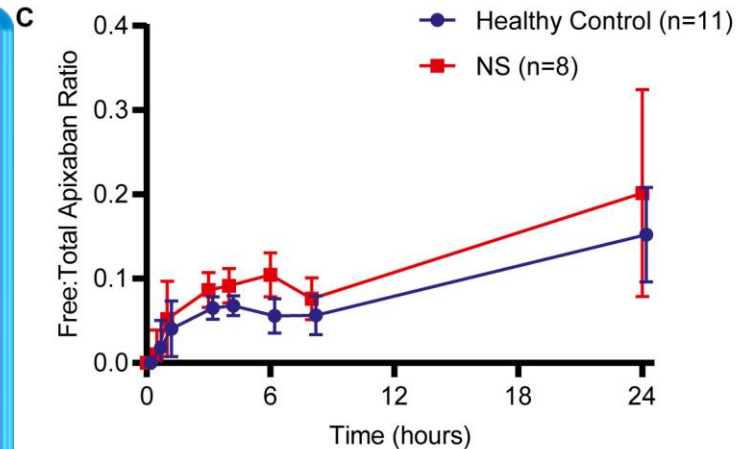
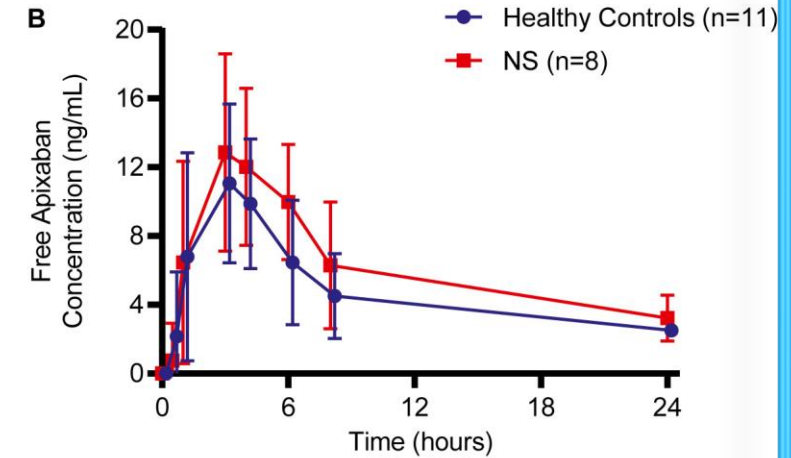
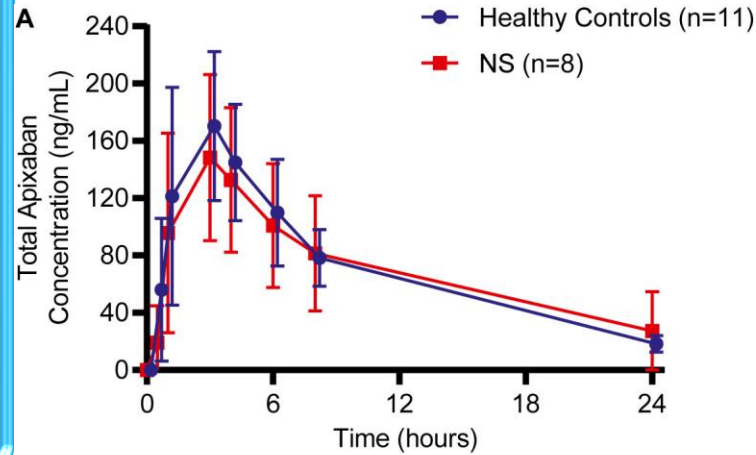


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PK Analysen / anti-FXa

Characteristic	Nephrotic Syndrome Subjects (n=8)	Healthy Control Subjects (n=11)
Age, median years (range)	42.3 (34.5-66.7)	28.0 (23.5-62.6)
Diagnosis, n (%)		
MN	3 (38)	0 (0)
FSGS	4 (50)	0 (0)
MCD	1 (12)	0 (0)
Weight (kg), mean (SD)	96 (26)	85 (23)
BMI (kg/m ²), mean (SD)	32 (9)	28 (6)
Renal Function		
UPCR (for eligibility), mean (SD)	7.52 (2.66)	0.02 (0.02)
UPCR (at Day 1 study visit), mean (SD)	6.07 (2.95)	0.02 (0.02)
SCr (mg/dL), mean (SD)	1.77 (1.77)	0.79 (0.14)



**Nephrotisches
Syndrom**



Vorhofflimmern

**Venöse
Thrombembolie**

Ausblick



OAC in CKD – Metaanalysis

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REVIEW

Benefits and Harms of Oral Anticoagulant Therapy in Chronic Kidney Disease

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Background: Effects of oral anticoagulation in chronic kidney disease (CKD) are uncertain.

Purpose: To evaluate the benefits and harms of vitamin K antagonists (VKAs) and non-vitamin K oral anticoagulants (NOACs) in adults with CKD stages 3 to 5, including those with dialysis-dependent end-stage kidney disease (ESKD).

Data Sources: English-language searches of MEDLINE, EMBASE, and Cochrane databases (inception to February 2019); review bibliographies; and ClinicalTrials.gov (25 February 2019).

Study Selection: Randomized controlled trials evaluating VKAs or NOACs for any indication in patients with CKD that reported efficacy or bleeding outcomes.

Data Extraction: Two authors independently extracted data, assessed risk of bias, and rated certainty of evidence.

Data Synthesis: Forty-five trials involving 34 082 participants who received anticoagulation for atrial fibrillation (AF) (11 trials), venous thromboembolism (VTE) (11 trials), thromboprophylaxis (6 trials), prevention of dialysis access thrombosis (8 trials), and cardiovascular disease other than AF (9 trials) were included. All but the 8 trials involving patients with ESKD excluded partici-

pants with creatinine clearance less than 20 mL/min or estimate glomerular filtration rate less than 15 mL/min/1.73 m². In AF compared with VKAs, NOACs reduced risks for stroke or systemic embolism (risk ratio [RR], 0.79 [95% CI, 0.66 to 0.93]; high certainty evidence) and hemorrhagic stroke (RR, 0.48 [CI, 0.30 to 0.76]; moderate-certainty evidence). Compared with VKAs, the effects of NOACs on recurrent VTE or VTE-related death were uncertain (RR, 0.72 [CI, 0.44 to 1.17]; low-certainty evidence). In all trials combined, NOACs seemingly reduced major bleeding risk compared with VKAs (RR, 0.75 [CI, 0.56 to 1.01]; low certainty evidence).

Limitation: Scant evidence for advanced CKD or ESKD; data mostly from subgroups of large trials.

Conclusion: In early-stage CKD, NOACs had a benefit-risk profile superior to that of VKAs. For advanced CKD or ESKD, there was insufficient evidence to establish benefits or harms of VKAs or NOACs.

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Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a prothrombotic state that is associated with substantially increased risks for arterial and venous thromboembolism (VTE) (1). In addition, atrial fibrillation (AF) is highly prevalent in this population, affecting 18% of patients with CKD (2) and 12% to 25% of those with dialysis-dependent end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) (3, 4). The presence of CKD increases risks for stroke or systemic embolism, congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction, and all-cause death among patients with AF (5, 6). Compared with persons with normal kidney function, risk for VTE is almost 2-fold greater among those with an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) between 15 and 59 mL/min/1.73 m² (7) and 3-fold greater in those with dialysis-dependent ESKD (8). Venous thromboembolism in ESKD is also associated with increased risks for bleeding and all-cause death (8). Other common clinical manifestations of increased thrombotic risk in CKD include acute coronary syndrome, stroke, peripheral artery occlusion, and dialysis access thrombosis (1, 9).

Anticoagulant therapy is an important intervention in the prevention of cardiovascular thrombotic and VTE events. Evidence-based treatment guidelines recommend anticoagulation for prevention of stroke in patients with nonvalvular AF and a CHA₂DS₂-VASc score

of 2 or greater in men or 3 or greater in women (11), for VTE in patients who have had major orthopedic or nonorthopedic surgery or hospitalized patients with acute illness (12), and for recurrent VTE in patients with VTE disease (13).

Patients with advanced CKD and ESKD who have AF are prescribed oral anticoagulant (OAC) therapy less frequently than those with normal kidney function (3, 14). Use of warfarin in patients receiving dialysis who have AF varies from 2% in Germany to 37% in Canada (3). The low rates of anticoagulant therapy use in advanced CKD and ESKD may be due to the increase risk for bleeding, uncertainty about potential benefits in this population, warfarin-associated calciphylaxis, a warfarin-related nephropathy (15, 16). In CKD, risk for major bleeding increases linearly with decreasing eGFR

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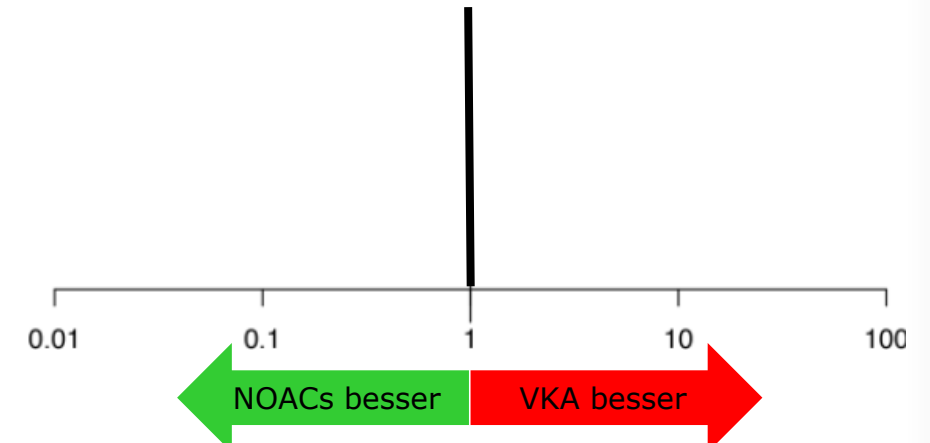
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Relative effect on VTE / VTE-related death in acute VTE

NOAC vs VKA

EINSTEIN	11	332	11	322
Hokusai VTE	8	268	16	273
AMPLIFY	7	169	7	158
RE-MEDY	1	59	1	49
RECOVER	0	114	5	123
Random effects model	27	942	40	925

$I^2 = 0\%$

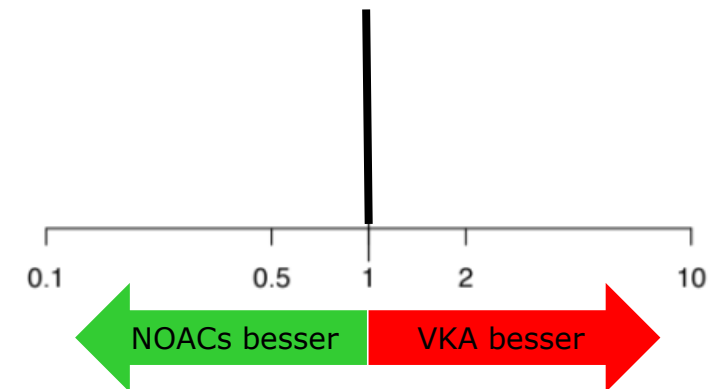


Relative effect on major bleeding in acute VTE

NOAC vs VKA

AMPLIFY	5	175	9	163
RECOVER	6	106	5	114
EINSTEIN	3	329	13	321
Random effects model	14	610	27	598

$I^2 = 51\%$





USRDS (Wetmore et al.)

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 Dialysis

 Apixaban vs Warfarin
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 Rekurrente VTE,
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Major Bleeding

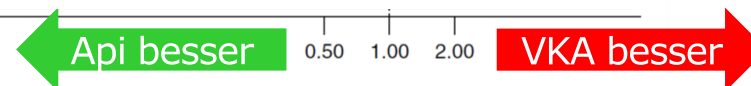
Variable	Strata	Warfarin		Apixaban		
		Crude N events	Event rate per 100 PY	Crude N events	Event rate per 100 PY	
VTE type	DVT only	295	11.2	78	8.6	
	PE	107	11.0	25	10.0	
VTE setting	Inpatient	164	12.3	34	10.6	
	Outpatient	238	10.5	69	7.6	
HD vascular access	Catheter	180	10.2	52	9.3	
	AV graft	65	12.1	*	8.6	
	AV fistula	126	11.4	30	8.4	
Surgery/trauma	Yes	86	10.1	26	9.5	
	No	316	11.4	77	8.5	
Cancer/chemotherapy	Yes	64	15.0	18	12.6	
	No	338	10.6	85	8.0	
Antiplatelet use	Yes	67	15.8	22	11.3	
	No	335	10.5	81	8.5	

Outcome	Analysis	Warfarin		Apixaban		HR (95% CI)
		Crude N events	Event rate per 100 PY	Crude N events	Event rate per 100 PY	
Recurrent VTE						
Major bleeding						
All-cause mortality						

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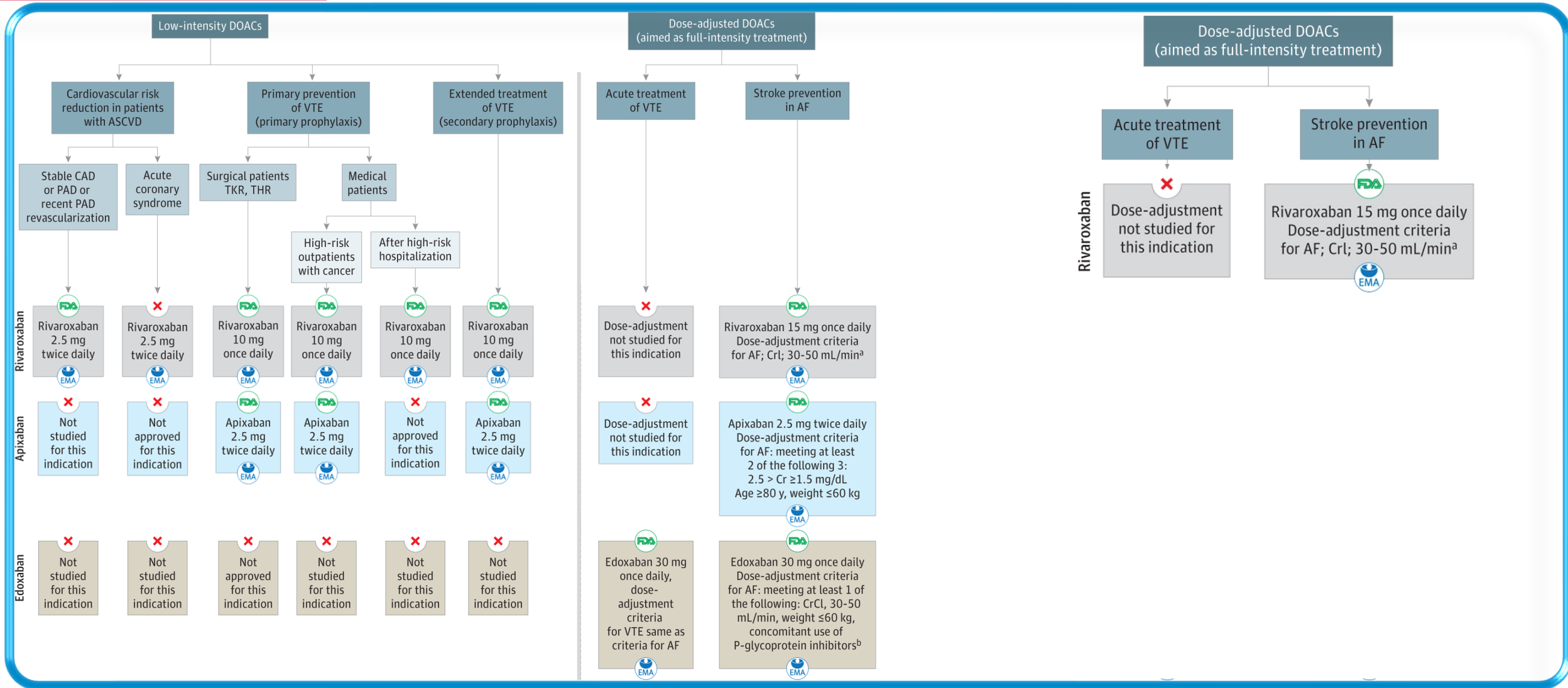
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Dose-Reduced DOACs

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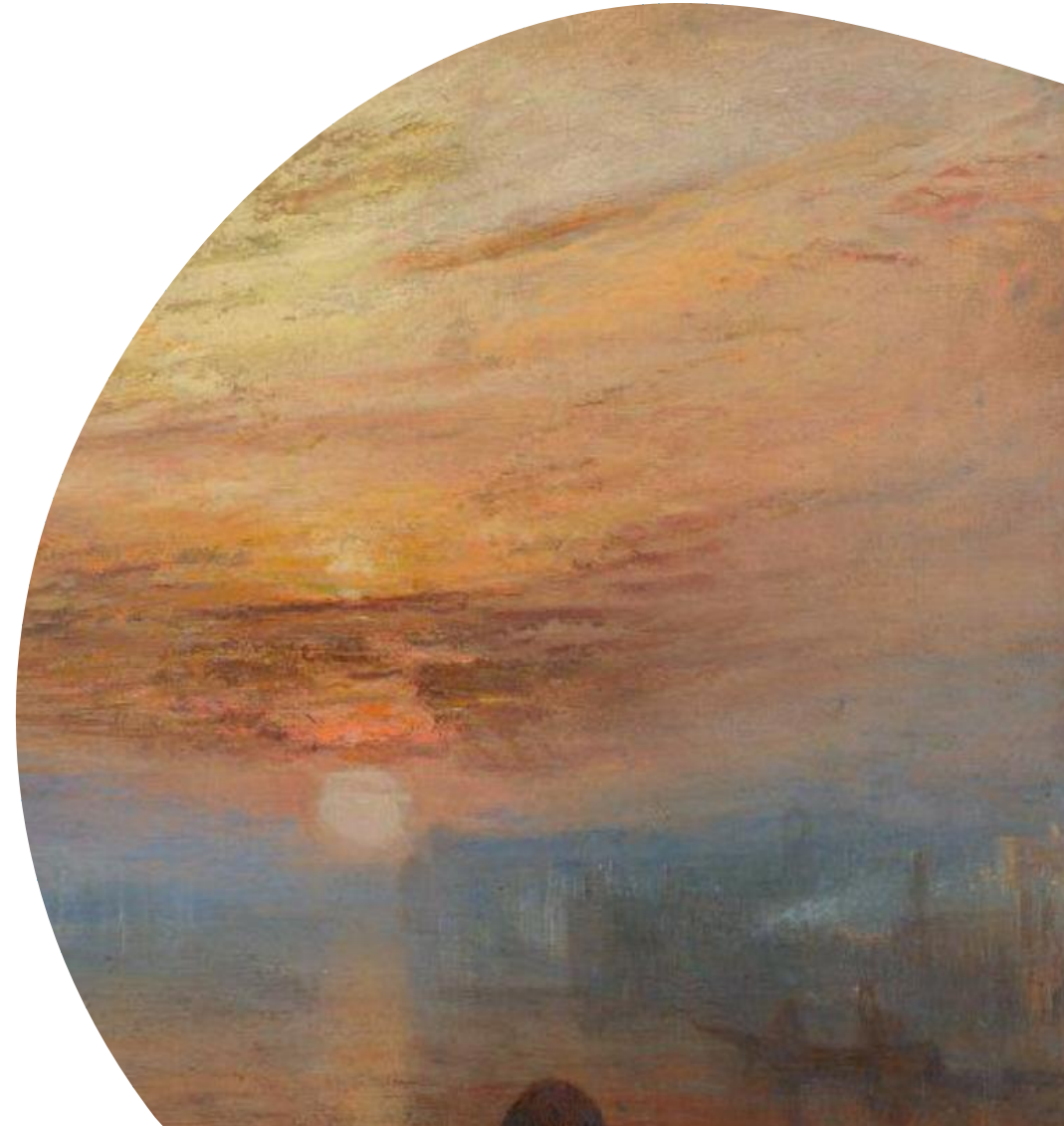


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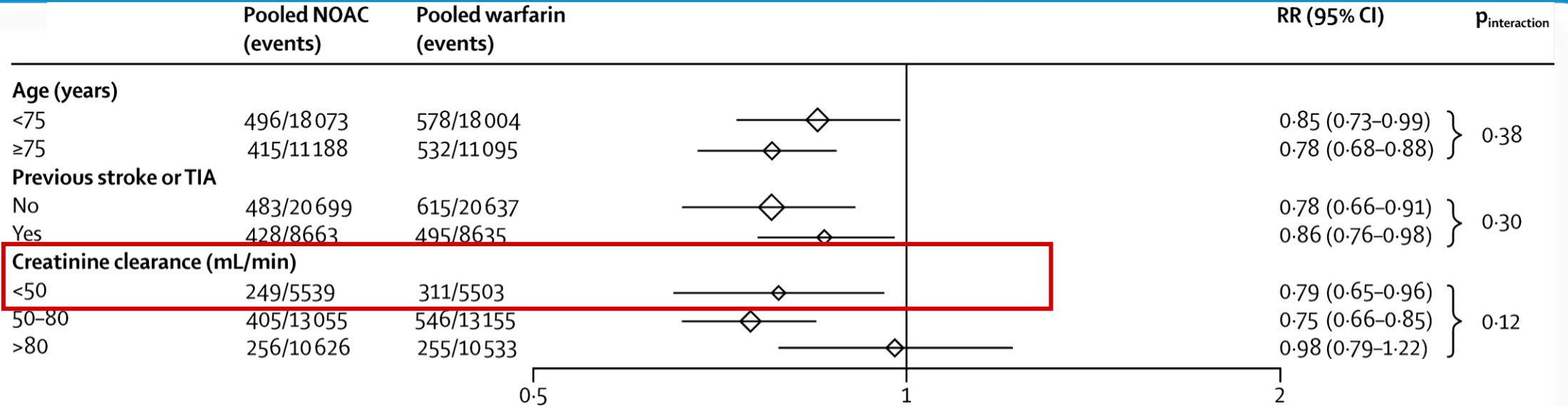
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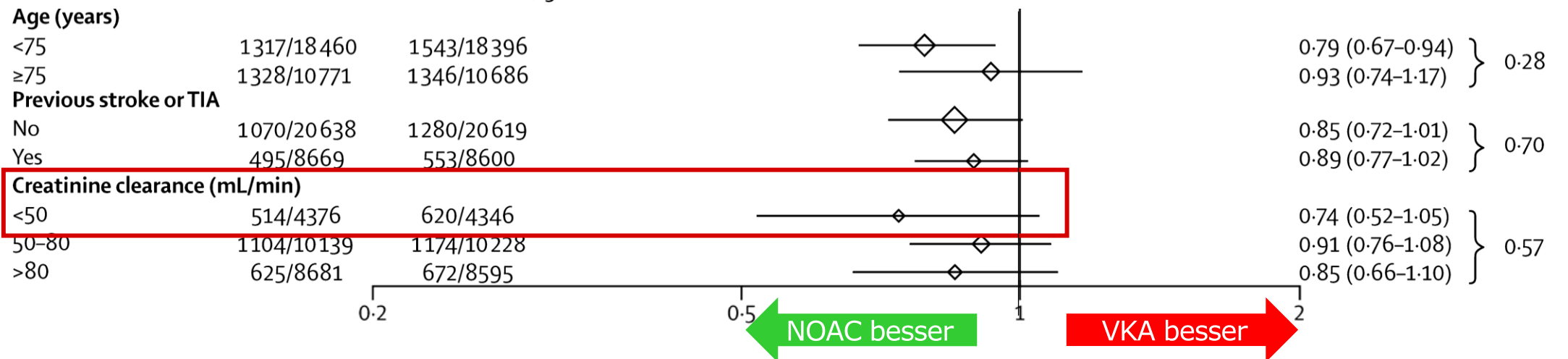
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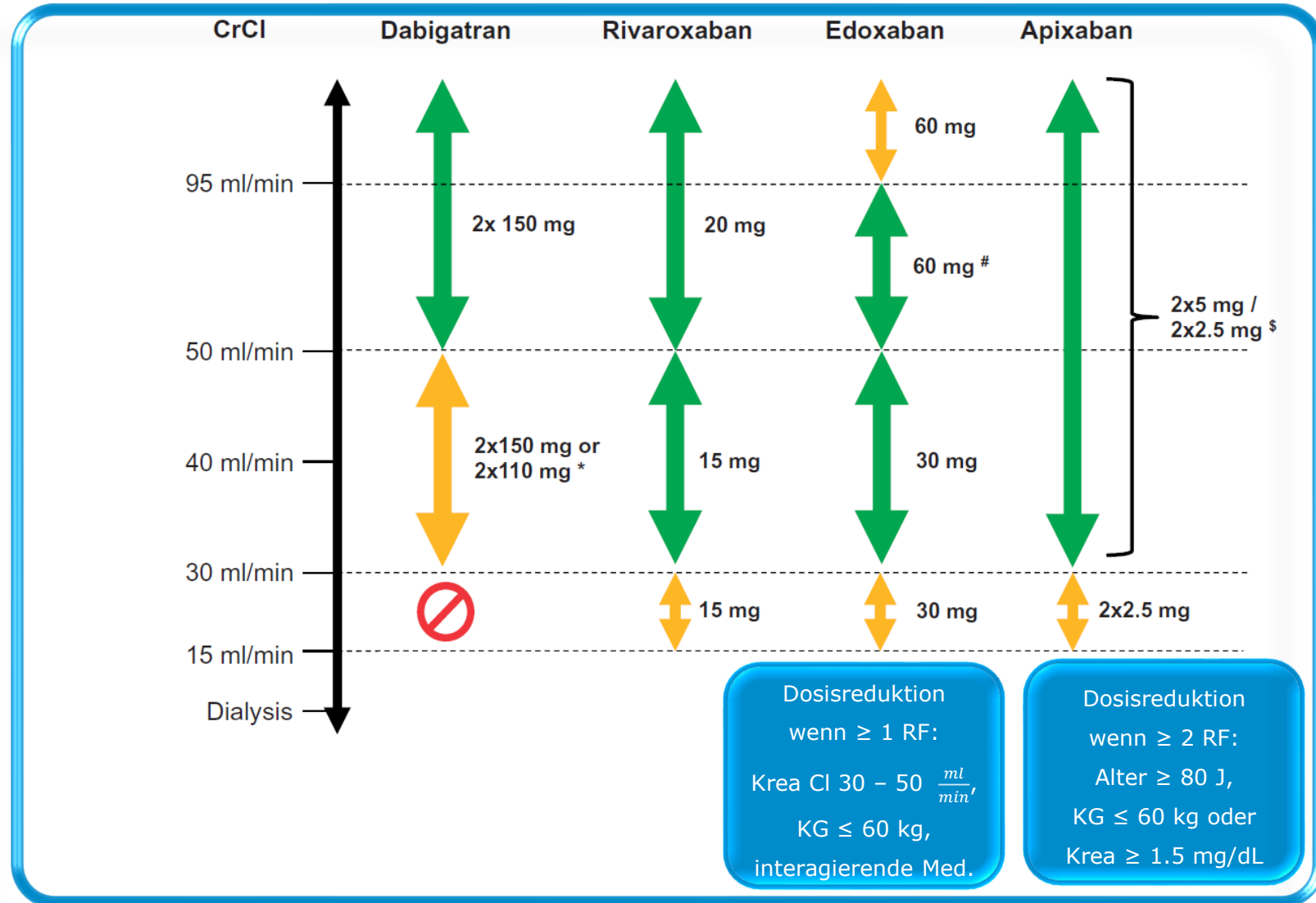
Stroke or
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Major Bleeding




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 984 ≥ 80 J (VF; ø Standard AK)

 84 % KrCl 15 - 50 ml/min

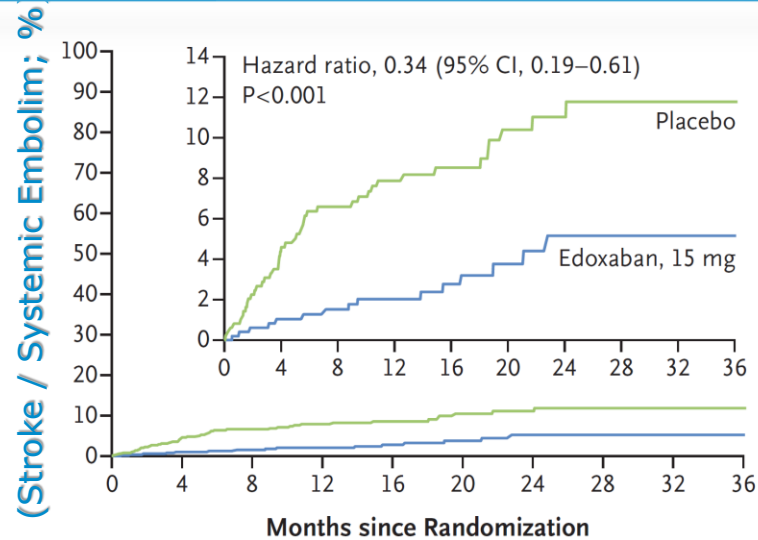
41 % KrCl 15 -30 ml/min

 15 mg Edoxaban vs Placebo

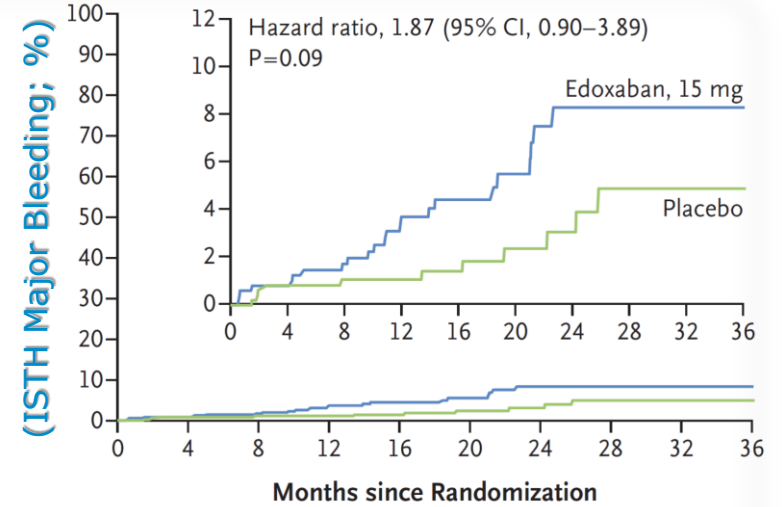
 1st Efficacy EP: stroke / SEE

1st Safety EP: Major bleeding

Primary Efficacy EP



Primary Safety EP



Mean — yr 86.6±4.2

Distribution — no. (%)

≤85 yr 447 (45.4)

>85 yr 537 (54.6)

Male sex — no. (%) 419 (42.6)

Type of atrial fibrillation — no. (%)

Nonparoxysmal 521 (52.9)

Paroxysmal 463 (47.1)

Weight — kg 50.6±11.0

Body-mass index† 22.1±3.7

Creatinine clearance

Mean — ml/min 36.3±14.4



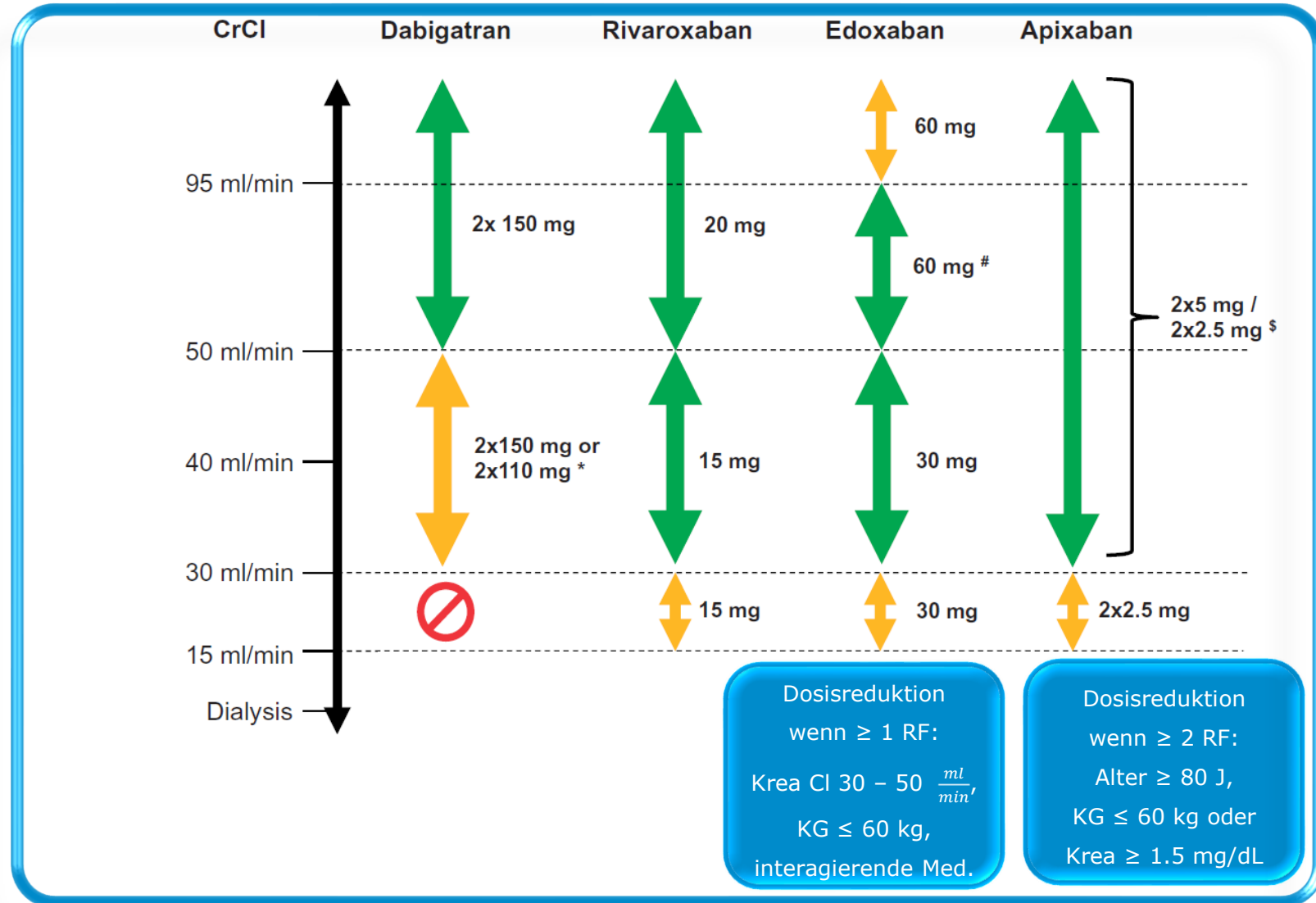
1,3 Jahre (Median)



KrCl ≥ 30 $\frac{ml}{min}$ (n = 581) 66 % ↓

KrCl 15 – 30 $\frac{ml}{min}$ (n = 403) 67 % ↓

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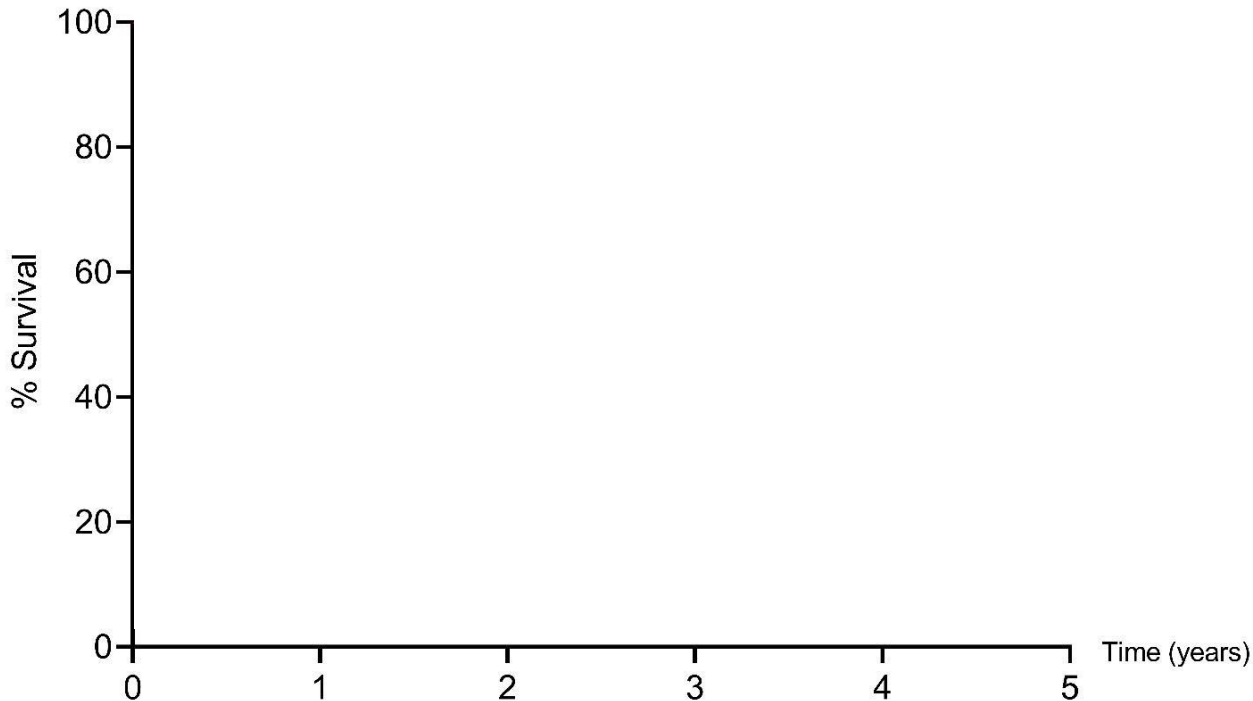


	Patienten	CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc	Alter	Intervention	Ziel-INR	Dauer
VALKYRIE	N = 132 (prävalente / inzidente HD)	≥2 (Median 5)	80 J (Median)	VKA vs Riva 10 mg vs Riva 10 mg + K2	2-3 (TTR 48 % Mo 1 – 6)	1,88 J (Median)
AXADIA	N = 97 (prävalente HD)	≥2 (Median 4,5)	75 J (Mittel)	VKA vs Api 2 * 2.5 mg	2-3 (TTR 44 %)	429 d (Api) 506 d (VKA) (Median)
RENAL-AF	N = 154 (prävalente HD)	≥ 2	68 J (Median)	VKA vs Api 2 * 5 mg (2 * 2,5 mg bei KG ≤ 60 kg oder Alter ≥ 80 J)	2 – 3 (TTR 51 %)	330 d (Api) 340 d (VKA) (Median)
SAFE-D	N = 151 (prävalente HD)	(Median 4)	72 J (Mittel)	Keine OAK vs Warfarin vs Api 2 * 5 mg (2 * 2,5 mg in „selected pat“)	2-3 (TTR 58 %)	26 Wochen (per Protokoll)

VALKYRIE / AXADIA: Effektivität

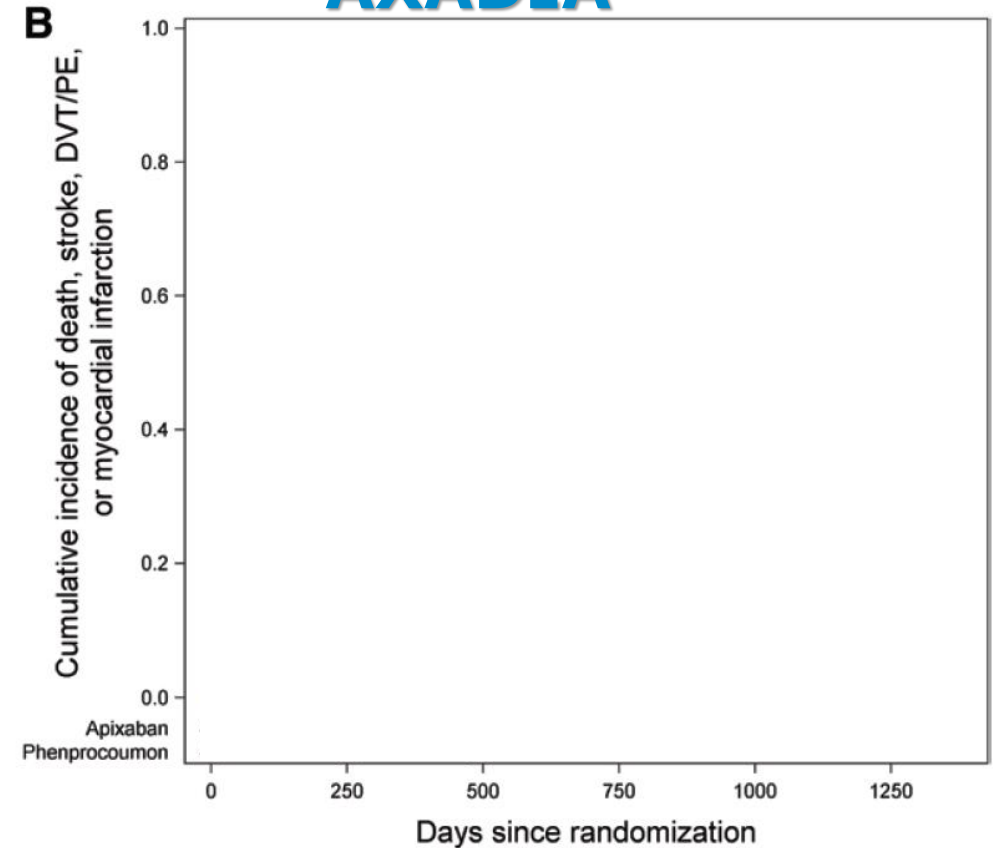
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VALKYRIE



PE: Survival free of fatal and non-fatal
cardiovascular events

AXADIA



1st composite efficacy outcome (MI, ischemic
stroke, all-cause death, DVT or PE)

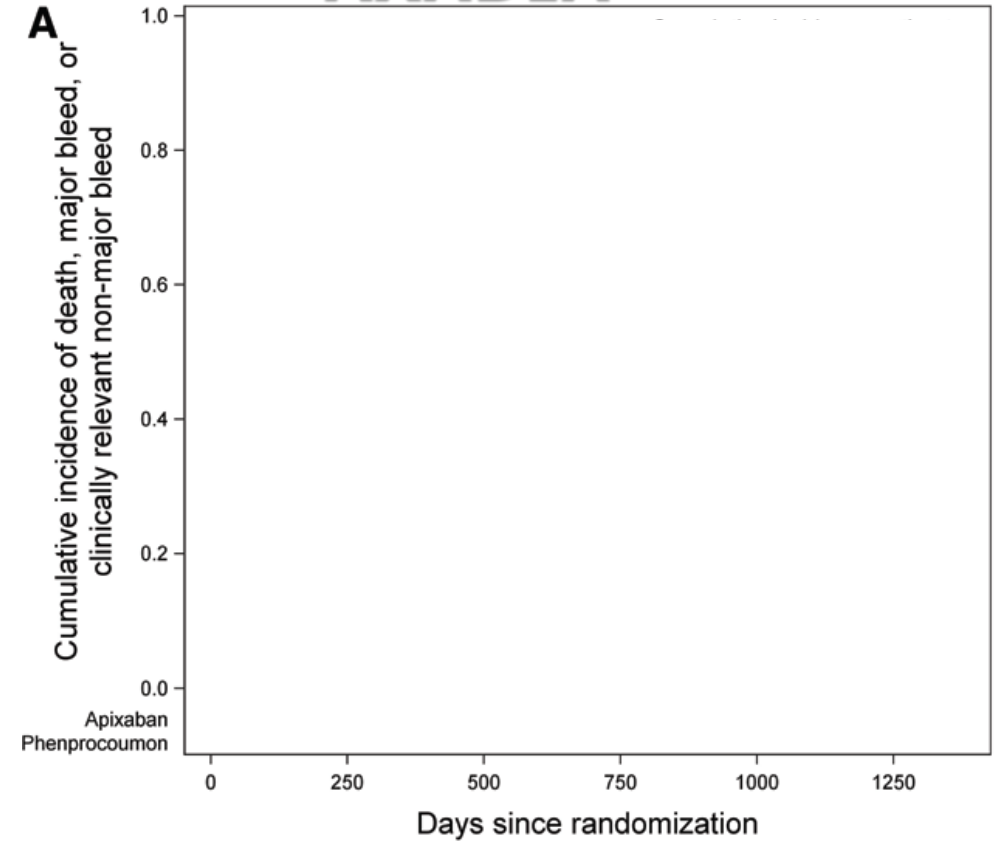
VALKYRIE / AXADIA: Sicherheit

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VALKYRIE

Pat with bleedings (n of bleeding events)	VKA (n=44)	Riva (n=46)	Riva + K2 (n=42)
Total	24 (49)	21 (38)	22 (34)
Life-threatening	11 (12)	3 (3)	6 (8)
Major	10 (18)	6 (8)	4 (4)
Life-threatening / major	17 (30)	8 (11)	9 (12)
Minor	13 (19)	16 (27)	16 (22)
Gastrointestinal	12 (23)	9 (16)	13 (19)

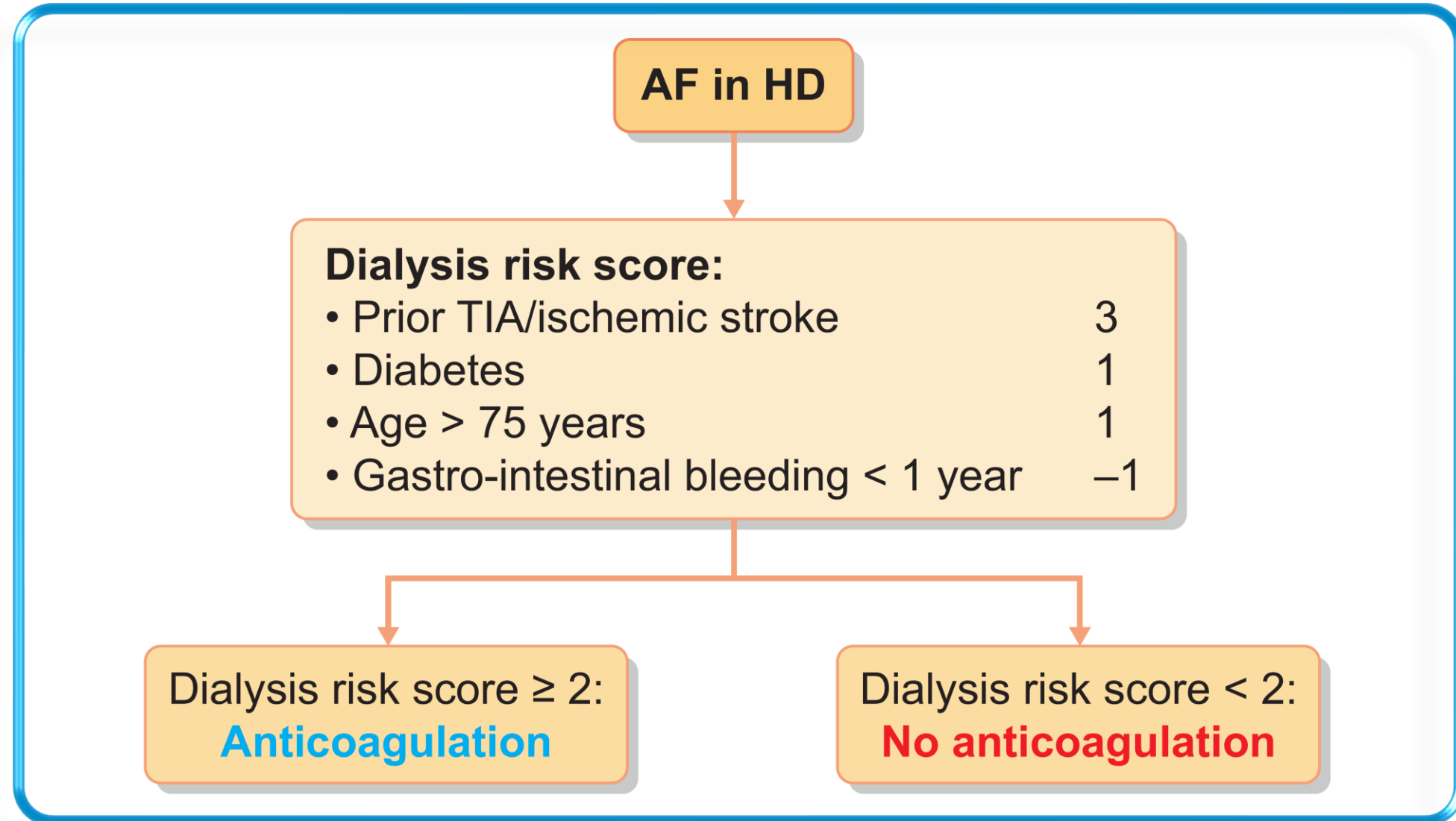
AXADIA



1st composite safety outcome (major or clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding, all-cause death)

Dialysis Risk Score

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Reference	Study Population	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	% Weight (D+L)
Any stroke			
Chan 2009 [30]	HD	1.74 (1.11, 2.72)	5.75
Wizemann 2010 [33]	HD (<= 65 yr)	1.29 (0.45, 3.68)	2.07
Wizemann 2010 [33]	HD (66-75 yr)	1.35 (0.69, 2.63)	3.87
Wizemann 2010 [33]	HD (> 75 yr)	2.17 (1.04, 4.53)	3.44
Winkelmayer 2011 [22]	HD & PD	1.08 (0.76, 1.55)	6.74
Olesen 2012 [23]	RRT	0.44 (0.26, 0.74)	5.03
Chen 2014 [26]	RRT	1.02 (0.67, 1.54)	6.12
Friberg 2014 [13]	RRT	0.78 (0.70, 0.87)	9.17
Shen 2015 [28]	HD (>= 18 yr)	0.83 (0.61, 1.12)	7.32
Wang 2015 [14]	HD & PD	1.01 (0.38, 2.70)	2.30
Yodogawa 2015 [35]	HD (>= 20 yr)	1.07 (0.20, 5.74)	0.93
Findlay 2016 [15]	HD	1.02 (0.54, 1.96)	4.01
D+L Subtotal (I-squared = 63.3%, p = 0.002)		1.01 (0.81, 1.26)	56.75
Ischemic stroke			
Chan 2009 [30]	HD	1.81 (1.12, 2.92)	5.44
Winkelmayer 2011 [22]	HD & PD	0.92 (0.61, 1.37)	6.21
Khalid 2013 [34]	HD	0.44 (0.27, 0.73)	5.27
Wakasugi 2014 [29]	HD (>=18 yr)	3.36 (0.67, 16.66)	1.01
Friberg 2014 [13]	RRT	0.69 (0.58, 0.81)	8.78
Shah 2014 [27]	HD & PD (>= 65 yr)	1.17 (0.79, 1.75)	6.28
Genovesi 2015 [31]	HD	0.12 (0.00, 3.59)	0.17
Chan PH 2015 [21]	PD	0.19 (0.06, 0.65)	1.69
Shen 2015 [28]	HD (>= 18 yr)	0.68 (0.47, 0.99)	6.56
Wang 2015 [14]	HD & PD	0.67 (0.22, 2.06)	1.84
D+L Subtotal (I-squared = 73.4%, p = 0.000)		0.80 (0.58, 1.11)	43.25
D+L Overall (I-squared = 68.1%, p = 0.000)		0.92 (0.77, 1.09)	100.00
K+H Overall (REML Knapp-Hartung I-squared = 68.1%)		0.92 (0.74, 1.16)	

Less strokes

More strokes

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 Favors warfarin Favors no warfarin

Reference	Study Population	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	% Weight (D+L)
Major bleeding			
Chan 2009 [30]	HD	1.04 (0.73, 1.46)	10.58
Olesen 2012 [23]	RRT	1.27 (0.91, 1.77)	11.08
Wakasugi 2014 [29]	HD (>=18 yr)	0.85 (0.19, 3.64)	0.98
Carrero 2014 [25]	GFR < 15	0.46 (0.11, 1.89)	1.06
Genovesi 2015 [31]	HD	3.96 (1.15, 13.68)	1.37
D+L Subtotal (I-squared = 35.9%, p = 0.182)		1.18 (0.82, 1.69)	25.07
Gastrointestinal bleeding			
Winkelmayer 2011 [22]	HD & PD	0.96 (0.70, 1.31)	11.81
Khalid 2013 [34]	HD	1.72 (1.29, 2.30)	12.80
Shen 2015 [28]	HD (>= 18 yr)	1.00 (0.69, 1.44)	9.87
D+L Subtotal (I-squared = 77.2%, p = 0.012)		1.19 (0.81, 1.76)	34.47
Any bleeding			
Friberg 2014 [13]	RRT	1.10 (1.00, 1.21)	22.31
Shah 2014 [27]	HD & PD (>= 65 yr)	1.41 (1.09, 1.81)	14.39
Wang 2015 [14]	HD & PD	1.44 (0.71, 2.92)	3.75
D+L Subtotal (I-squared = 46.7%, p = 0.153)		1.21 (0.99, 1.48)	40.45
D+L Overall (I-squared = 48.3%, p = 0.036)		1.21 (1.04, 1.40)	100.00
K+H Overall (REML Knapp-Hartung I-squared = 48.3%)		1.21 (1.01, 1.44)	

Less bleeding

More bleeding

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NOTE: Weights are from random effects analysis

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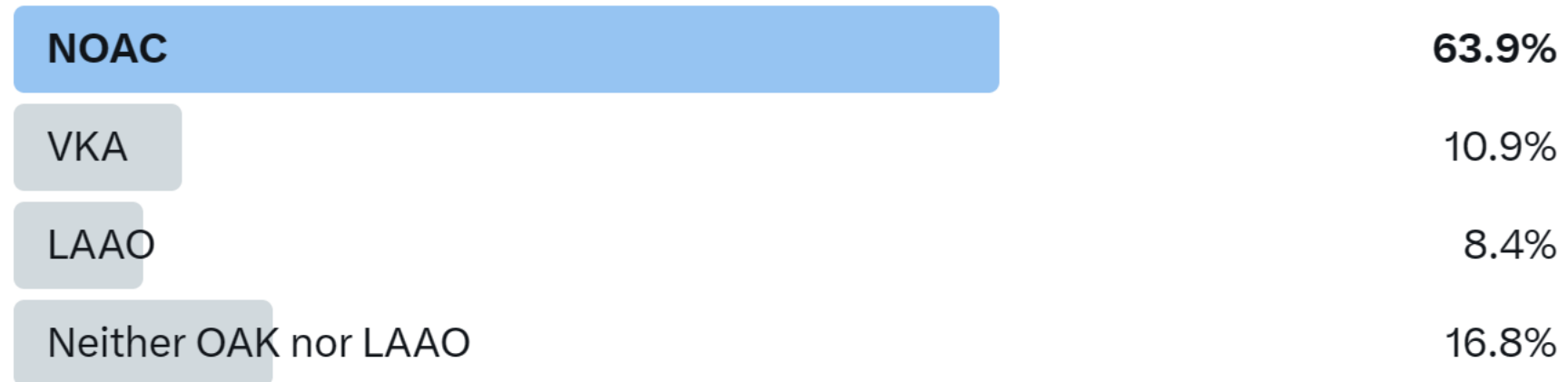
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AXADIA	N = 97 (prävalente HD)	≥2 (Median 4,5)	75 J (Mittel)	VKA vs Api 2 * 2.5 mg	2-3 (TTR 44 %)	429 d (Api) 506 d (VKA) (Median)
RENAL-AF	N = 154 (prävalente HD)	≥ 2	68 J (Median)	VKA vs Api 2 * 5 mg (2 * 2,5 mg bei KG ≤ 60 kg oder Alter ≥ 80 J)	2 – 3 (TTR 51 %)	330 d (Api) 340 d (VKA) (Median)
SAFE-D	N = 151 (prävalente HD)	(Median 4)	72 J (Mittel)	Keine OAK vs Warfarin vs Api 2 * 5 mg (2 * 2,5 mg in „selected pat“)	2-3 (TTR 58 %)	26 Wochen (per Protokoll)



SAFE-D

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151 MD Pat mit A Fib

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Warfarin (INR 2 – 3)

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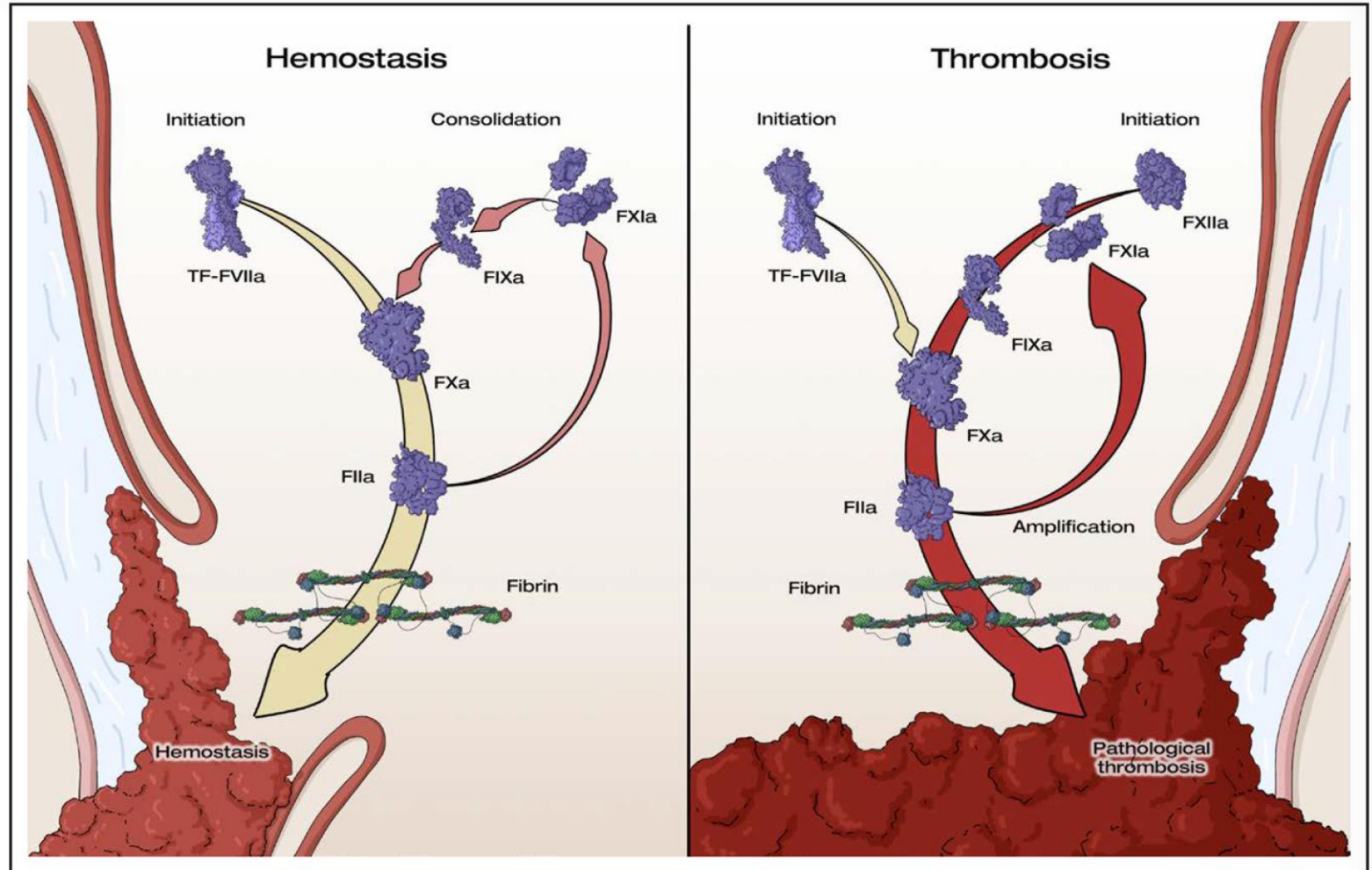
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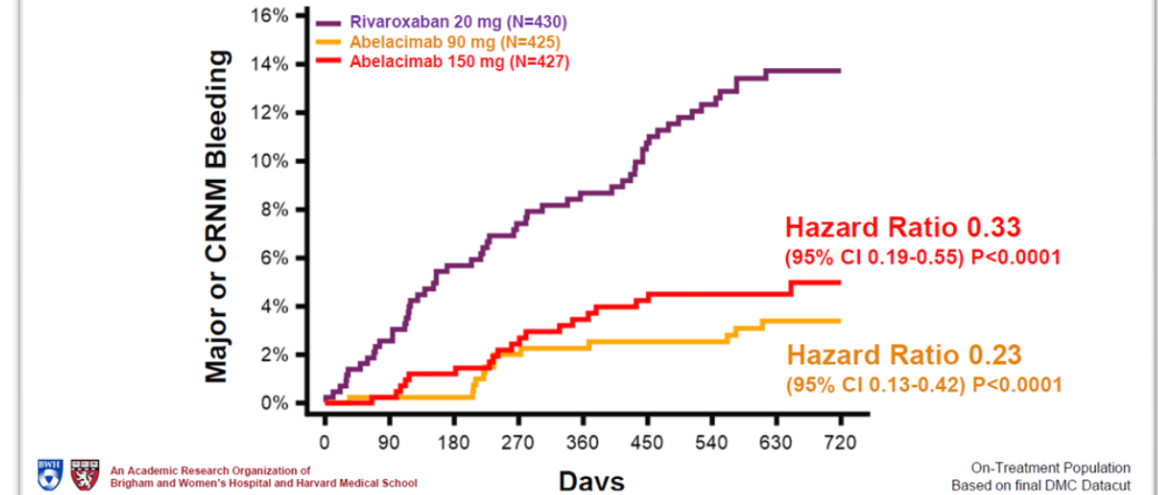
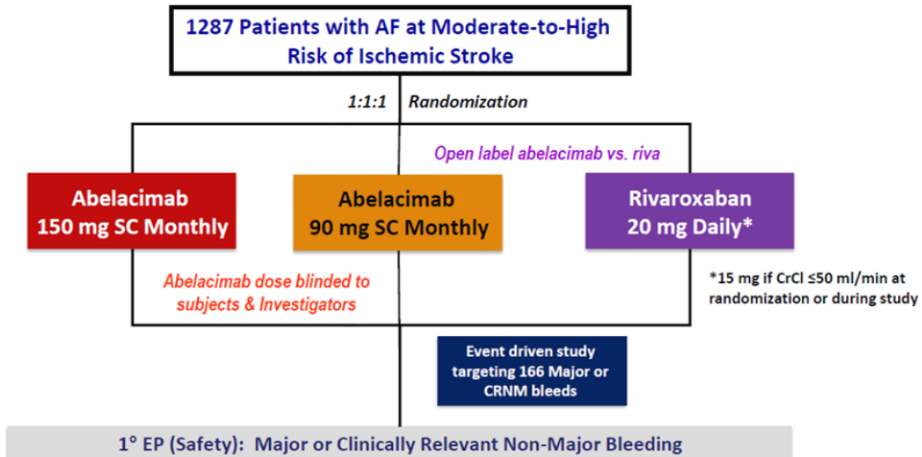
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RE-THINC ESRD (NCT04534114)	Double blind, phase 2	307	ESRD	Fesomersen	Placebo	Major or CRNM bleeding	6
CONVERT (NCT04523220)	Double blind, phase 2	686	ESRD	Osocimab	Placebo	Major or CRNM bleeding; composite of moderate/severe AEs and SAEs	6
MK-2060-007 (NCT05027074)	Double blind, phase 2	489	ESRD	MK-2060	Placebo	Arteriovenous graft thrombosis	17
ASTER (NCT05171049)	Open label, phase 3	1655	Cancer	Abelacimab	Apixaban	VTE	6
MAGNOLIA (NCT05171075)	Open label, phase 3	1020	Cancer	Abelacimab	Dalteparin	VTE	6
AZALEA (NCT04755283)	Open label, phase 2	≈1200	AF	Abelacimab	Rivaroxaban	Major or CRNM bleeding	17
LILAC (NCT05712200)	Double-blind, phase 3	1900	AF unsuitable for OAC	Abelacimab	Placebo	Ischemic stroke or systemic embolism; major bleeding	30
OCEANIC-AF (NCT05643573)	Double-blind, phase 3	18000	AF	Asundexian	Apixaban	Stroke or systemic embolism; major bleeding	34
OCEANIC-STROKE (NCT05686070)	Double-blind, phase 3	9300	Stroke or high-risk TIA	Asundexian	Placebo	Ischemic stroke; major bleeding	31
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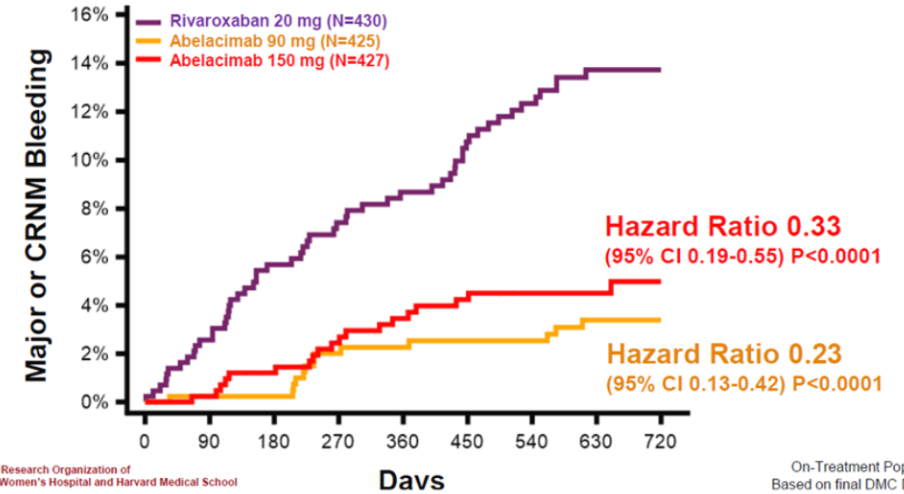
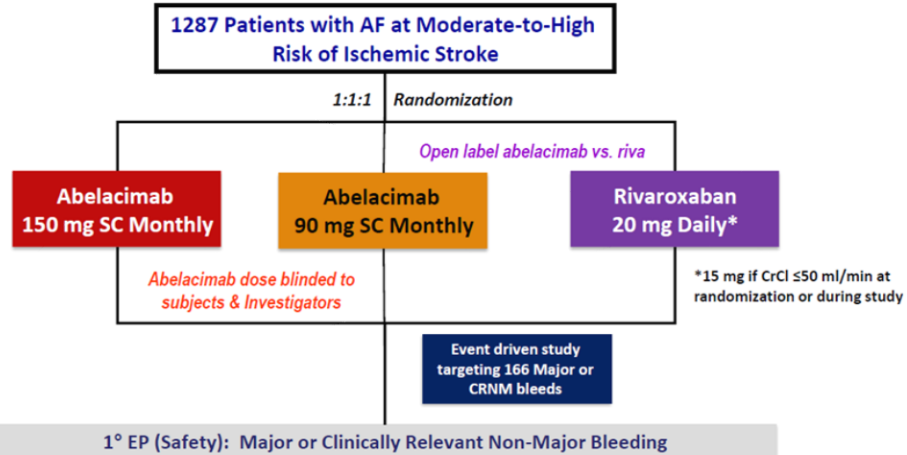
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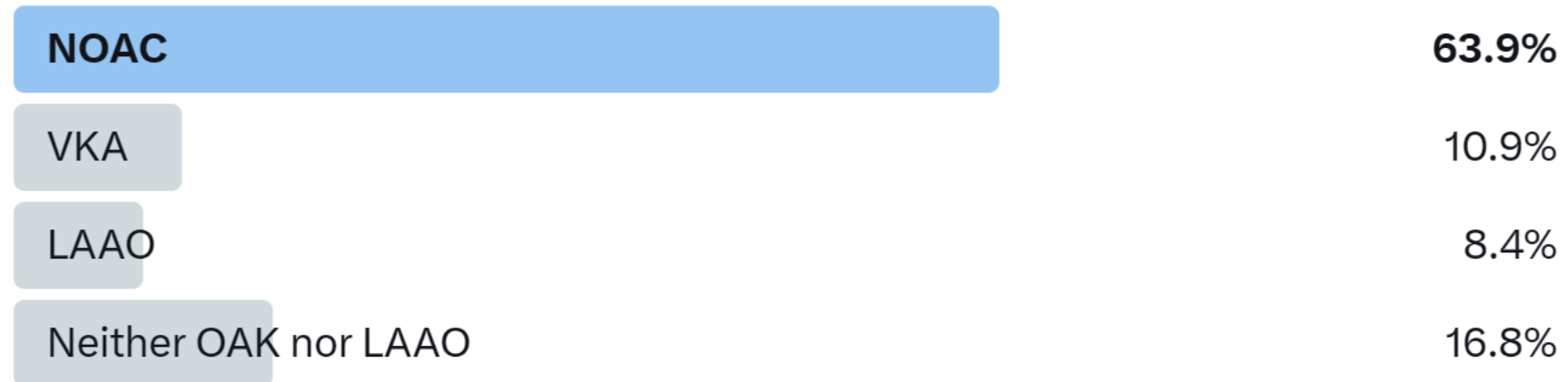
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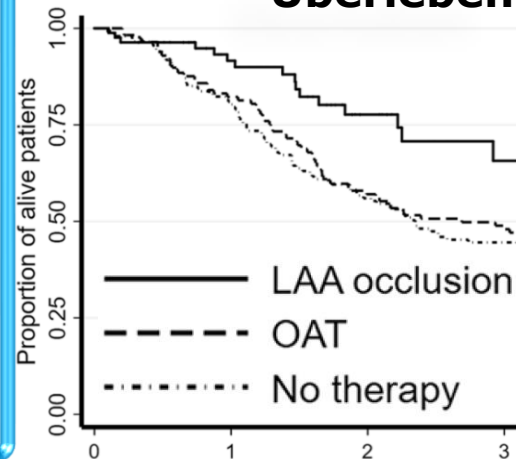
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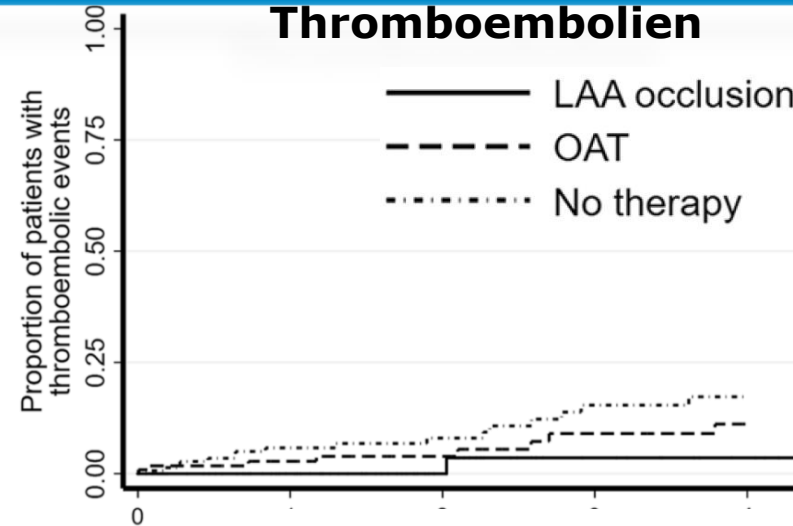
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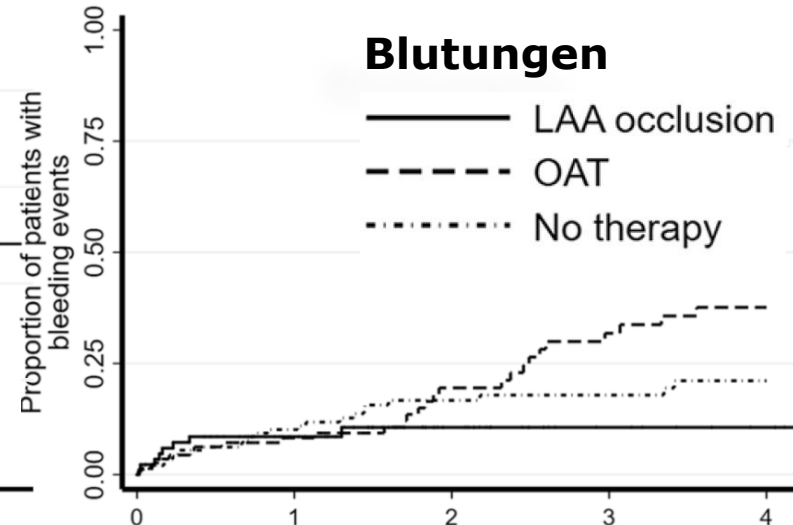
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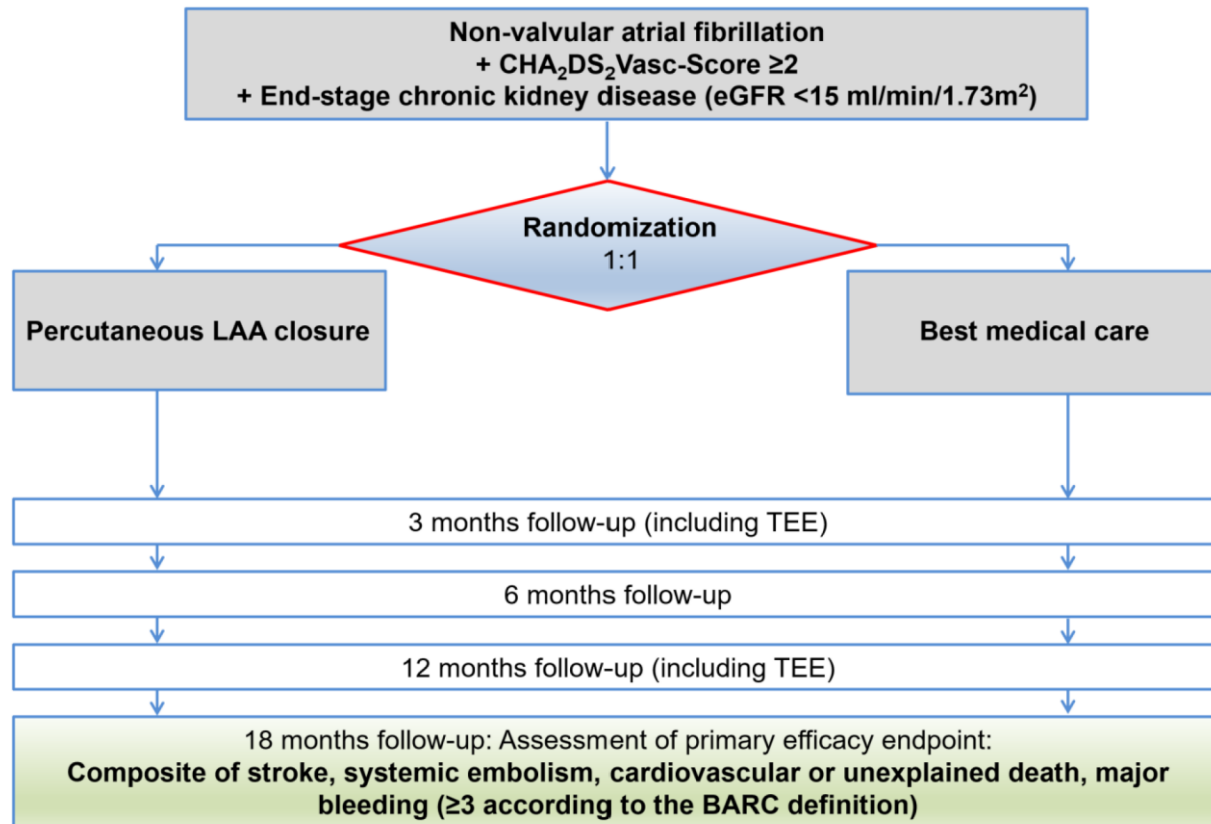
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