

La fin des AVK dans la FA non valvulaire?

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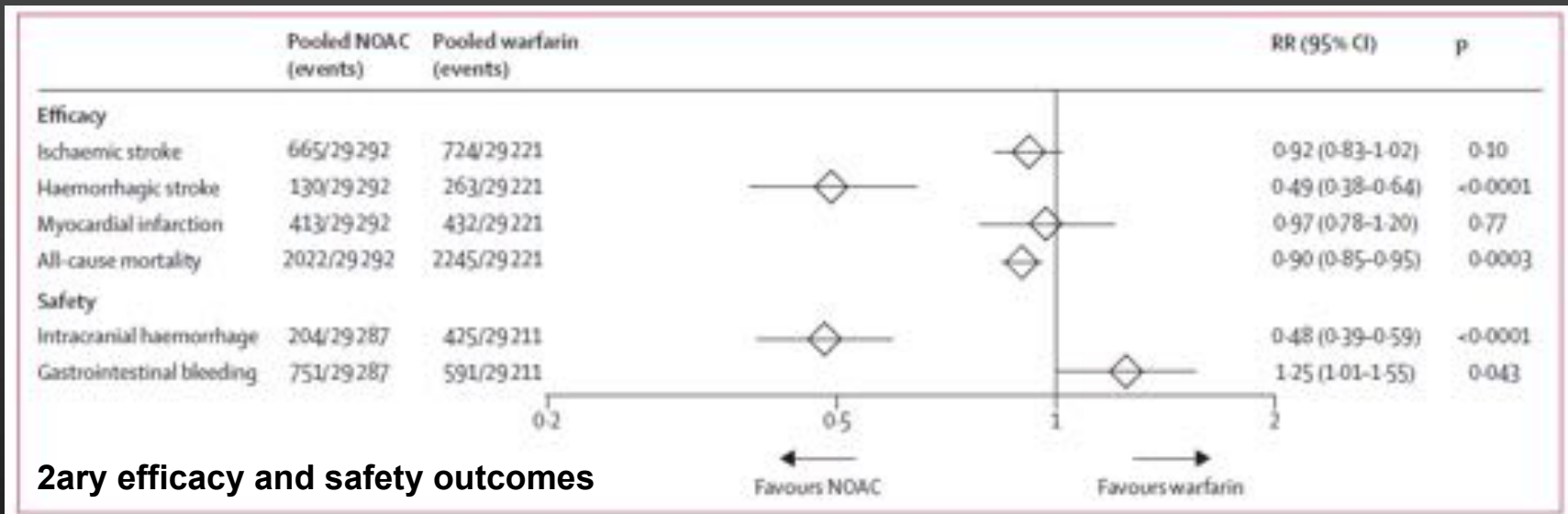
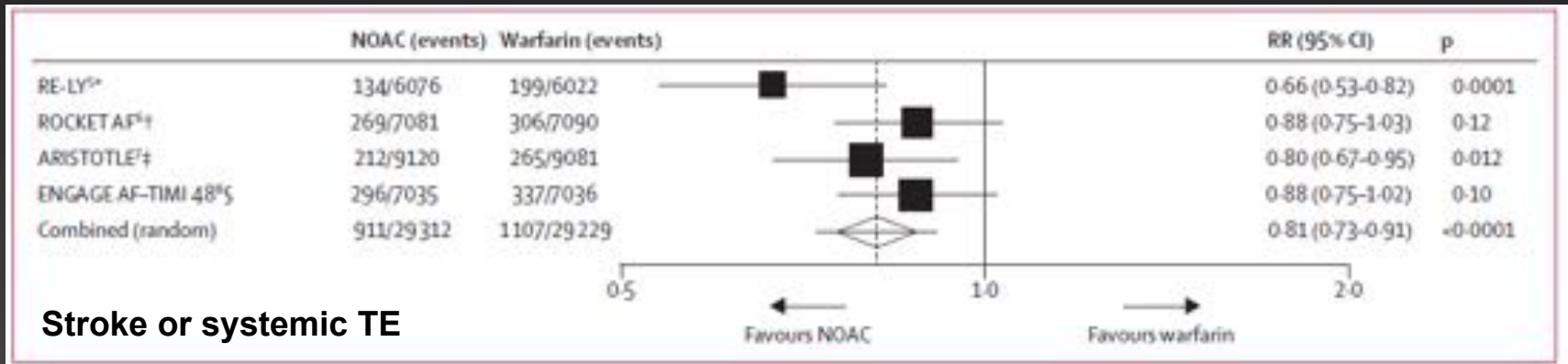
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New oral anticoagulants and warfarin in patients with atrial fibrillation



Limitations of VKA therapy

Unpredictable response

Frequent dose adjustments

Narrow therapeutic window
(INR range 2-3)

VKA therapy has several limitations that make it difficult to use in practice

Numerous food-drug interactions

Routine coagulation monitoring

Numerous drug-drug interactions

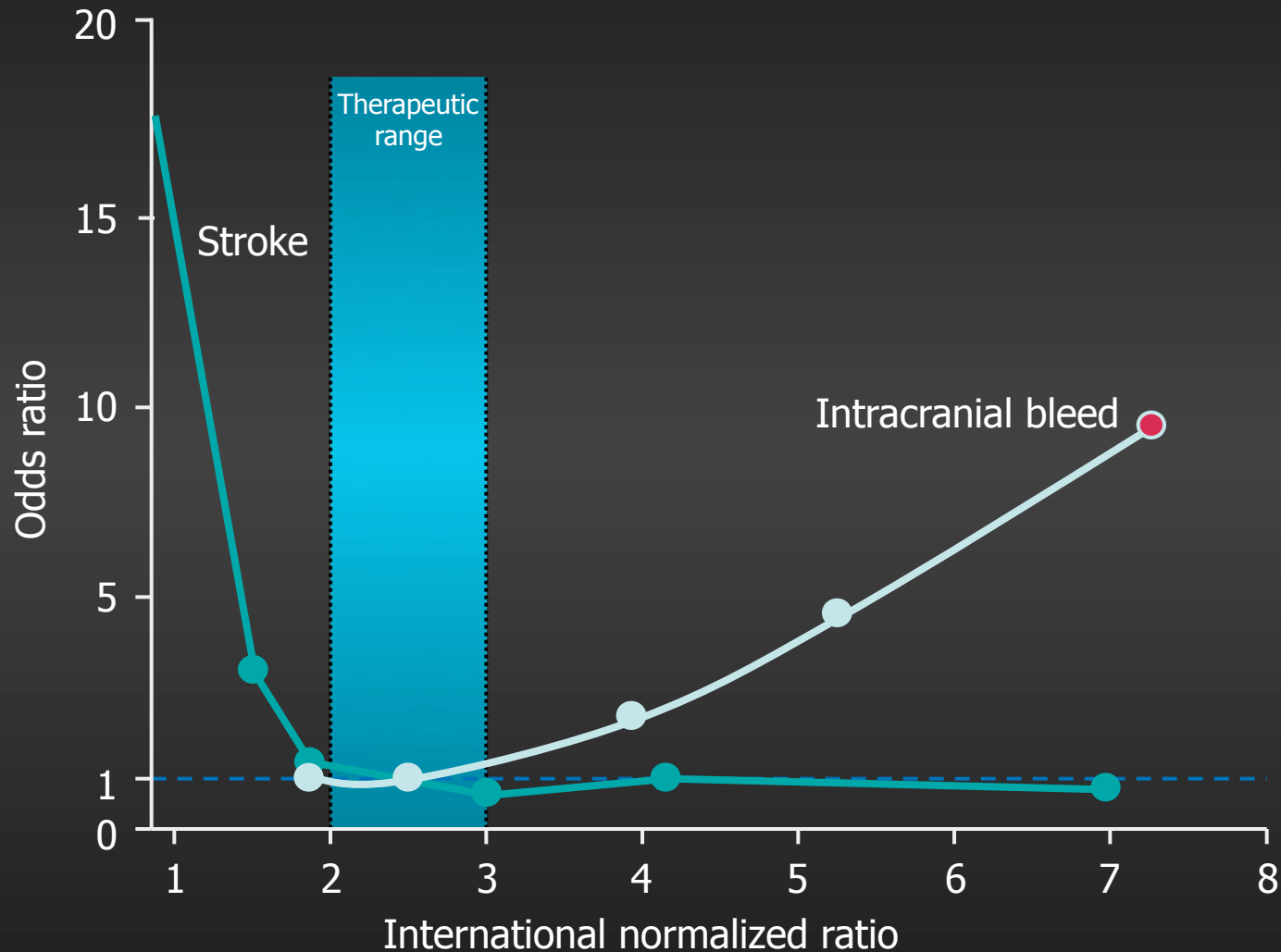
Slow onset/offset of action

Warfarin resistance

VKAs require regular anticoagulation monitoring

- Careful monitoring of patients being treated with VKAs is critical due to the:
 - Narrow therapeutic window
 - Unpredictable relationship between VKA dose and the anticoagulant response
 - Influence of the quantity of vitamin K in the diet that can change over time

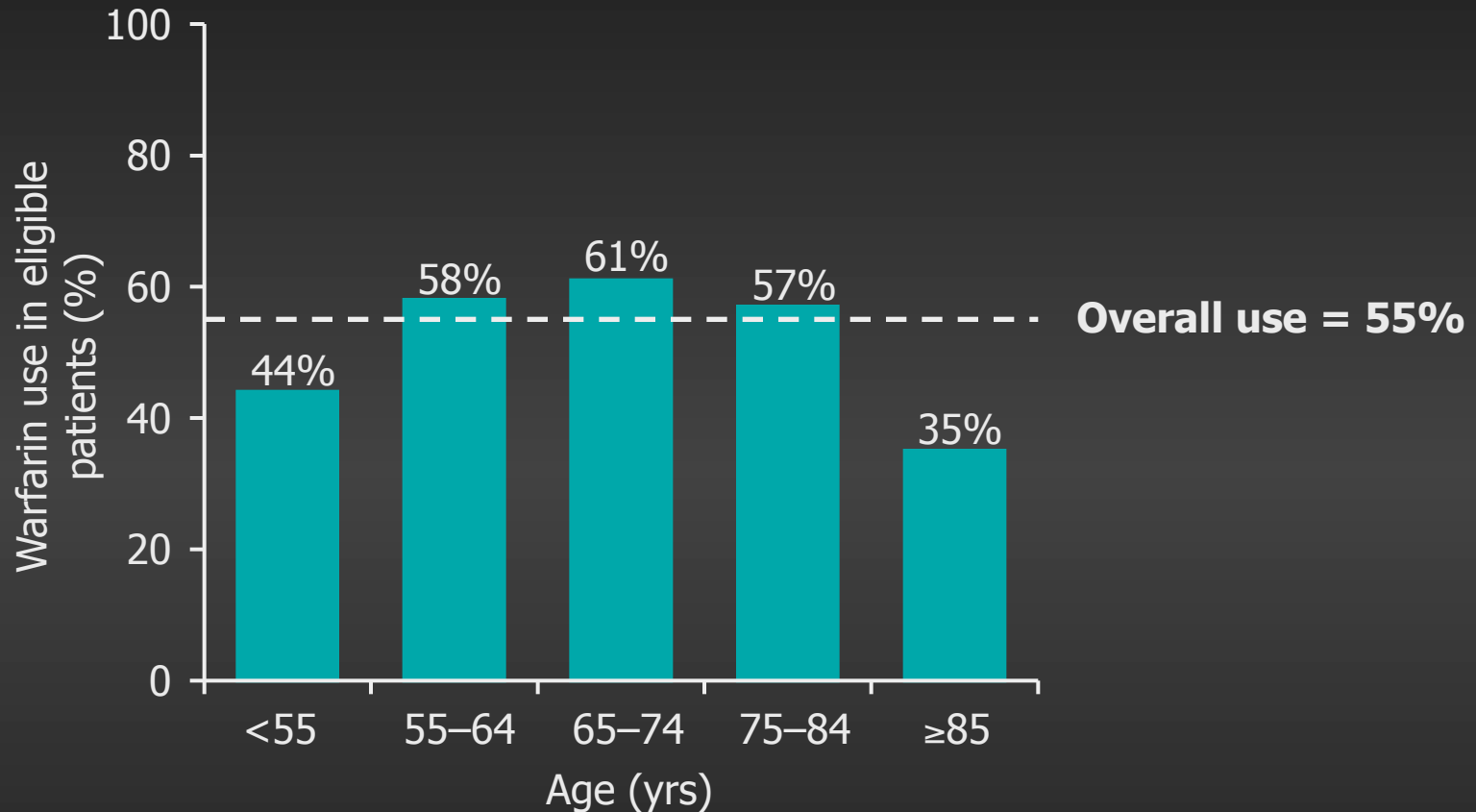
VKAs have a narrow therapeutic window



VKAs = vitamin K antagonists

ACC/AHA/ESC guidelines: Fuster V et al. Circulation 2006;114:e257-354
& Eur Heart J 2006;27:1979-2030

Warfarin: used in only half of eligible patients with AF



- Under-use of warfarin is greatest in elderly patients who are at the highest risk of stroke

VKA = vitamin K antagonist

Go A et al. Ann Intern Med 1999;131:927

Drug and food interactions associated with an increased potency of VKAs

Drug/food	Examples
Analgesics	Acetaminophen, propoxyphene, salicylates
Anti-arrhythmics	Amiodarone, propafenone, quinidine
Antibiotics	Ciprofloxacin, erythromycin, metronidazole
Antifungals	Fluconazole, itraconazole, miconazole
Beta-blockers	Propranolol
H ₂ -receptor antagonists/PPIs	Cimetidine, omeprazole
Lipid-lowering agents	Lovastatin, atorvastatin
Herbal products/dietary supplements	Vitamin E, garlic, devil's claw
Miscellaneous	Alcohol (if concomitant liver disease)

PPIs = proton pump inhibitors; VKAs = vitamin K antagonists

Holbrook AM et al. Arch Intern Med 2005;165:1095–106;

du Breuil AL & Umland EM. Am Fam Physician 2007;75:1031–42

Drug and food interactions associated with a reduced potency of VKAs

Drug/food	Examples
Antibiotics	Dicloxacillin, nafcillin, rifampicin
Antifungals	Griseofulvin
Immunosuppressants	Azathioprine, cyclosporine
Lipid-lowering agents	Cholestyramine
Herbal products/dietary supplements	Coenzyme Q10, ginseng, St John's wort
Foods	Green tea, avocados (large amounts), food with high vitamin K content including broccoli and spinach
Miscellaneous	Carbamazepine, sucralfate, trazodone

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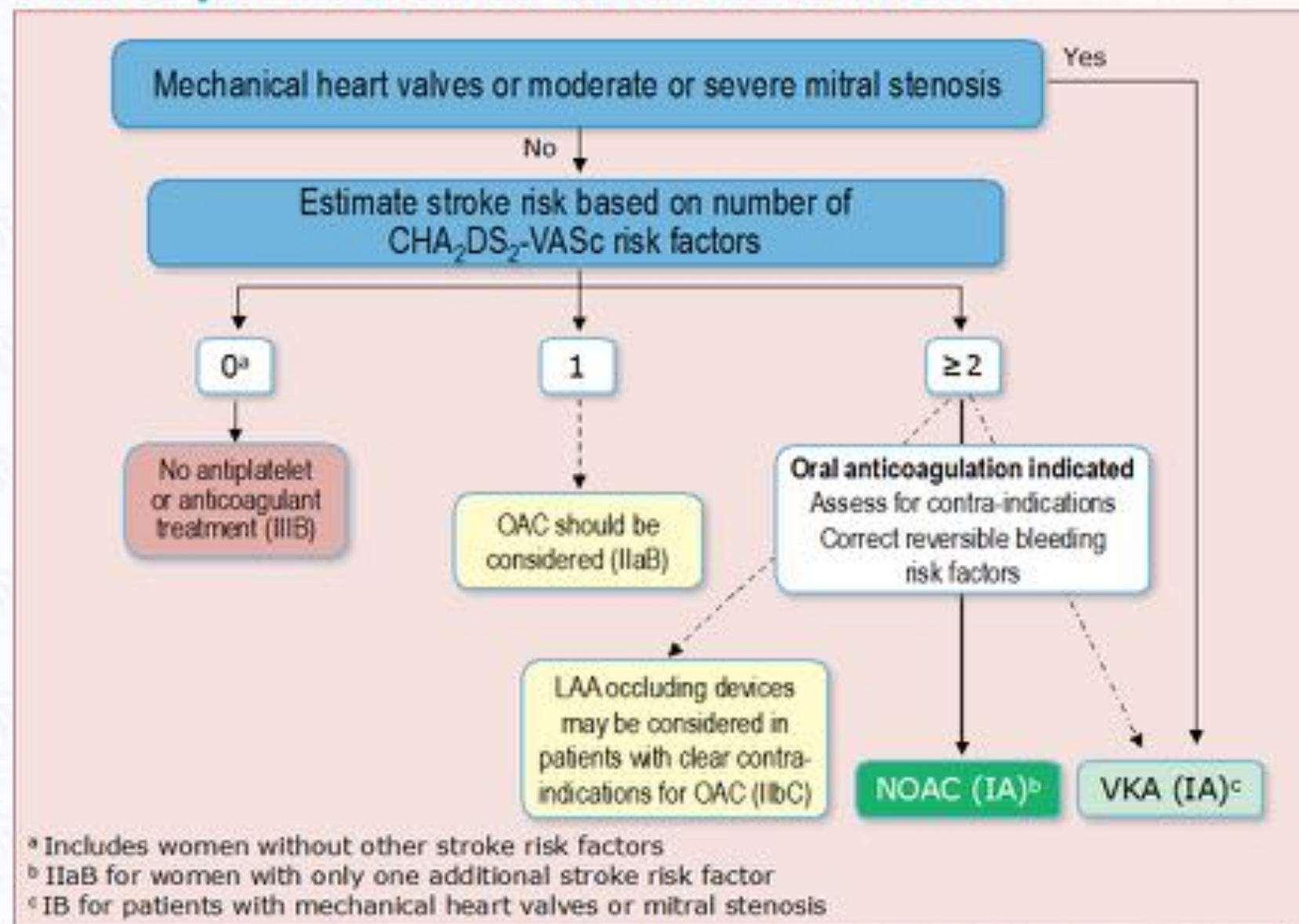
Table 6 Effect on NOAC plasma levels (AUC) from drug–drug interactions and clinical factors, and recommendations towards NOAC dose adaptation

	Via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Antiarrhythmic drugs					
Amlodrone	moderate P-gp competition	+13-40% ¹⁸	No PK data ⁹	+40% ^{14, 15, 16}	Minor effect ¹⁷ (also with caution if CrCl <50 ml/min)
Digoxin	P-gp competition	No effect ¹⁶	No data yet	No effect	No effect ^{16, 17}
Diltiazem	P-gp competition and weak CYP3A4 inhibition	No effect ¹⁶	+40% ¹¹	No data yet	Minor effect ¹⁷ (also with caution if CrCl 15-50 ml/min)
Dronedronone	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+75-200% (30, 1 x 75 mg if CrCl 30-50 ml/min)	No PK or PD data; caution	+85% (Reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	Moderate effect ¹⁷ but no PK or PD data; caution and try to avoid
Quinidine	P-gp competition	+53% ^{16, 17, 18}	No data yet	+77% ^{16, 17, 18} (No dose reduction required by label)	Extent of increase unknown
Verapamil	P-gp competition (and weak CYP3A4 inhibition)	+12-180% ¹⁸ (reduce NOAC dose and take simultaneously)	No PK data	+53% (SR) ^{14, 15} (No dose reduction required by label)	Minor effect ¹⁷ (also with caution if CrCl 15-50 ml/min)
Other cardiovascular drugs					
Atorvastatin	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+18% ¹¹	No data yet	No effect	No effect ¹¹
Antibiotics					
Clarithromycin; Erythromycin	moderate P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+15-20%	No data yet	+90% (reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	+30-54% ^{11, 12}
Rifampicin ¹⁹	P-gp/BCRP and CYP3A4/CYP2C19 inducers	minus 64% ¹¹	minus 54% ¹²	avoid if possible; minus 33%, but with compensatory increase of active metabolite ¹²	Up to minus 50%
Antiviral drugs					
HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. raltegravir)	P-gp and BCRP competition or inducer; CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	Minor increase ¹¹	No data yet	Up to +150% ¹¹

	Via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Fungostatics					
Fluconazole	Moderate CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	No data yet	No data yet	+42% (if systemically administered) ¹¹
Itraconazole; Ketoconazole; Posaconazole; Voriconazole	potent P-gp and BCRP competition; CYP3A4 inhibition	+140-220% (30, 1 x 75 mg if CrCl 30-50 ml/min)	+100% ¹¹	+87-95% ¹¹ (reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	Up to +162% ¹¹
Immunosuppressive					
Cyclosporin; Tacrolimus	P-gp competition	Minor increase ¹¹	No data yet	+73%	Minor increase ¹¹
Antithrombotics					
Naproxen	P-gp competition	No data yet	+55% ¹¹	No effect (but pharmacodynamically increased bleeding time)	No data yet
Antacids					
H2B, PPI, Al-Mg hydroxide	GI absorption	Minus 12-30% ^{11, 12, 14}	No effect ¹¹	No effect	No effect ^{11, 12}
Others					
Carbamazepine ¹⁹ ; Phenobarbital ¹⁹ ; Phenytoin ¹⁹ ; St John's wort ¹⁹	P-gp/BCRP and CYP3A4/CYP2C19 inducers	minus 64% ¹¹	minus 54% ¹²	minus 33%	Up to minus 50%
Other factors:					
Age > 80 years	Increased plasma level		#	%	
Age >75 years	Increased plasma level			%	
Weight < 40 kg	Increased plasma level		#		
Renal function	Increased plasma level	See Table 8			
Other increased bleeding risk		Pharmacodynamic interactions (antiplatelet drugs; NSAID; systemic steroid therapy; other anticoagulants); history of GI bleeding; recent surgery on critical organ (brain, eye); thrombocytopenia (e.g. chemotherapy); HAS-BLED ≥3			

Red: contra-indicated/not recommended. **Orange:** reduce dose (from 150 to 110 mg BID for dabigatran; from 20 to 15 mg OD for rivaroxaban; from 5 to 2.5 mg BID for apixaban). **Yellow:** consider dose reduction if 2 or more 'yellow' factors are present. Hatching no clinical or PK data available. %: age had no significant effect after adjusting for weight and renal function.

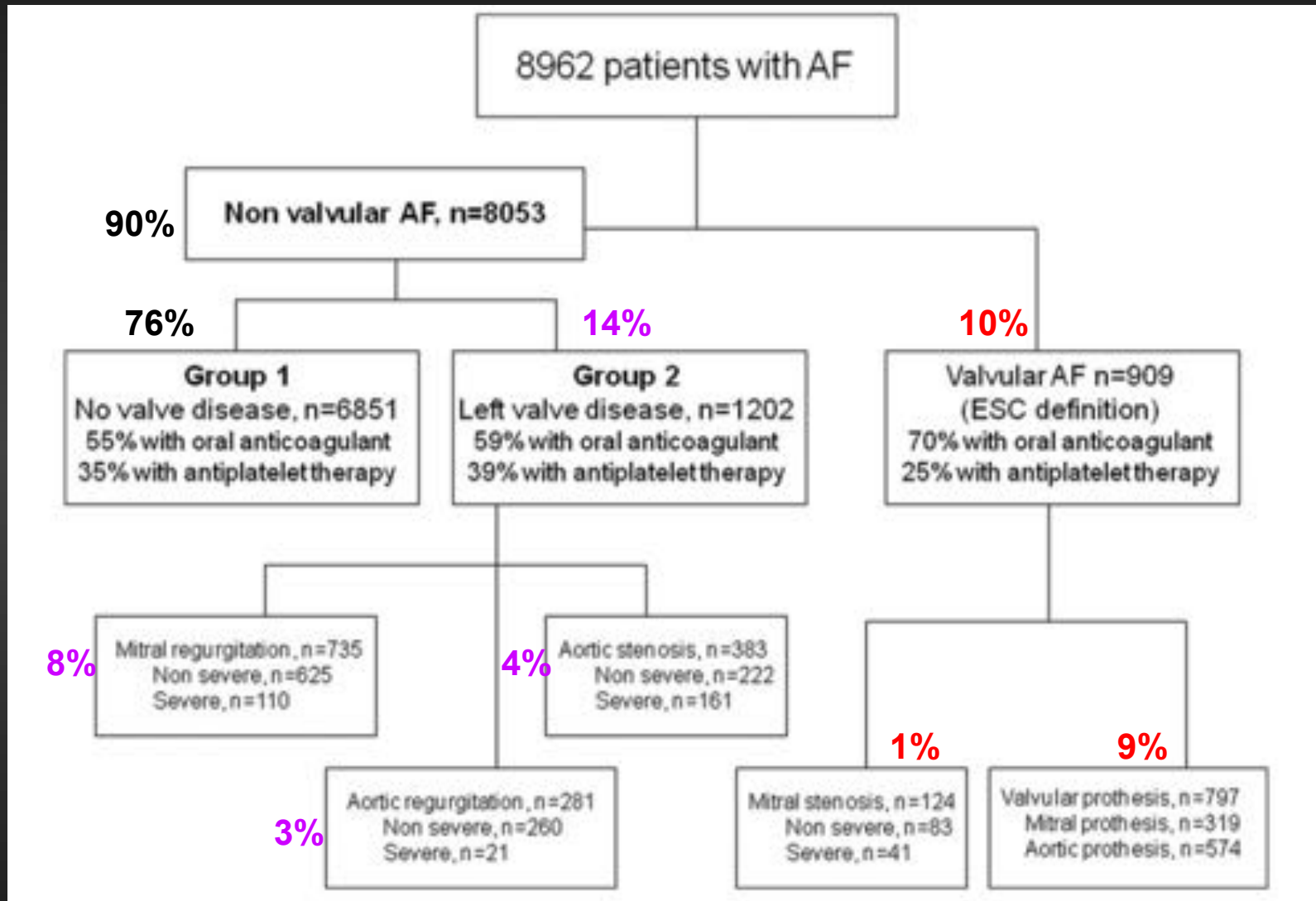
Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation



How many AF patients eligible to NOACs ?

- « non valvular » AF
- At least 1 (or 2) risk factors
- eGFR > 30 ml/min

Valvular and non valvular AF in real-life



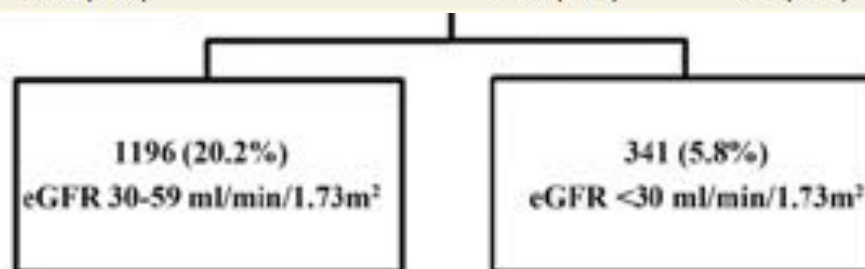
Renal Impairment and Stroke Risk in AF

Table 1 Characteristics of Patients With AF by Renal Impairment and eGFR

	Overall Study Population			Patients With Renal Impairment eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m ²)		p Value
	Normal Renal Function (n = 4,375)	Renal Impairment (n = 1,537)	p Value	30-59 (n = 1,196)	<30 (n = 341)	
Age, yrs	68.2 ± 15.7	75.8 ± 10.9	<0.001	74.9 ± 10.8	79.3 ± 9.5	
Female	1,777 (40.6)	419 (27.3)	<0.001	234 (19.6)	185 (54.3)	<0.001
Type of AF						
Paroxysmal	2,635 (60.2)	760 (49.4)	<0.001	583 (48.7)	177 (51.9)	0.49
Permanent	1,501 (34.3)	688 (44.8)		541 (45.2)	147 (43.1)	
Persistent	239 (5.5)	89 (5.8)		72 (6.0)	17 (5.0)	

CHA₂DS₂-VASc

Low (score = 0)	475 (10.9)	38 (2.5)	<0.001	37 (3.1)	1 (0.3)	<0.001
Intermediate (score = 1)	682 (15.6)	91 (5.9)		86 (7.2)	5 (1.5)	
High (score ≥2)	3,218 (73.6)	1,408 (91.6)		1,073 (89.7)	335 (98.2)	

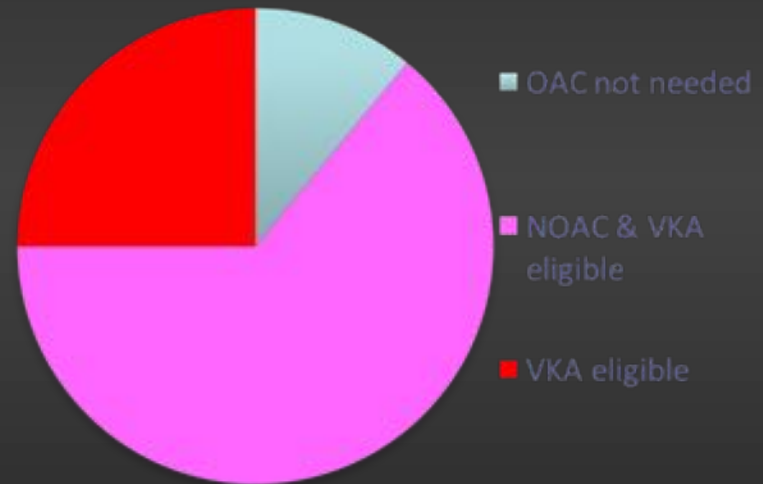


Do VKA still have a role in the management of AF? How many AF patients eligible to NOACs ?

- « non valvular » AF : 90%
- At least 1 (or 2) risk factors : 80-90 %
- eGFR > 30 ml/min : 91%

Thus :

- NOAC eligible = 64% of all AF
- VKA eligible = 85-90% of all AF
(10% valvular AF + 75-80% NVAF)
- At least 25% of AF patients should receive VKA



Concerns about the Novel OACs

- Lack of monitoring – uncertainty with regard to dosing/ adherence
- No simple spot checks – “need-to-know” occasions
- Short half-life – concern with regard to missed doses
- Availability of antidote – how to manage major bleeding
- Drug–drug interactions – under- and over-dosing
- Clinical development not complete – e.g. peri-ablation
- Contraindications – valvular AF, P-gp modulators, low CrCl
- Need for regular renal function testing
- Relatively short experience – unknowns ahead?
- Expensive for the healthcare system and/or patients

Uncertainty with NOACs dosing

- « One size cannot fit all ! »
- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) :

SAVAYSA (edoxaban) tablets for oral use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2015

**WARNING (A) REDUCED EFFICACY IN NONVALVULAR
ATRIAL FIBRILLATION PATIENTS WITH CREATININE
CLEARANCE (CRCL) > 95 ML/MIN**

SAVAYSA should not be used in patients with CrCL > 95 mL/min. In the ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48 study, nonvalvular atrial fibrillation patients with CrCL > 95 mL/min had an increased rate of ischemic stroke with SAVAYSA 60 mg once daily compared to patients treated with warfarin. In these patients another anticoagulant should be used

Cost-effectiveness of dabigatran

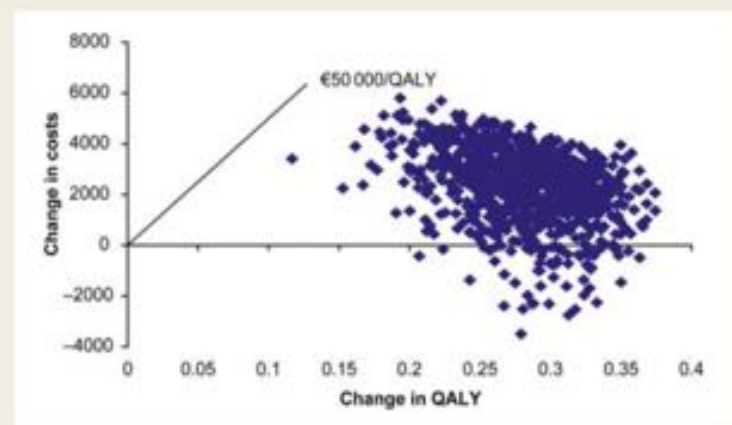
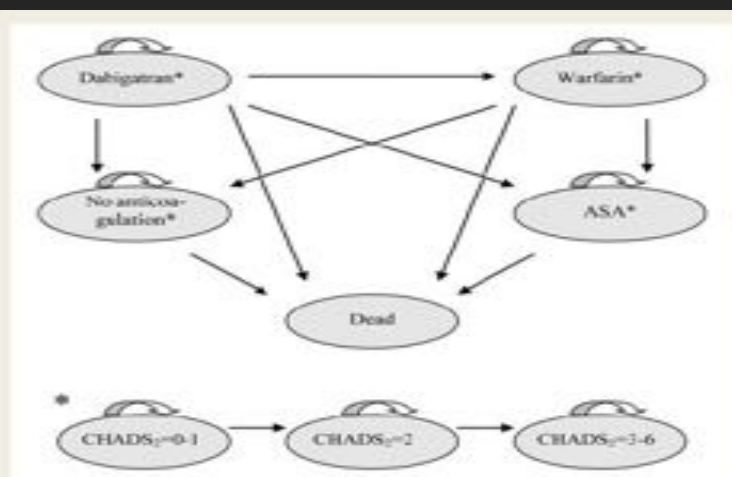


Figure 2 Cost-effectiveness plane illustrating probabilistic analysis with 1000 iterations of dabigatran compared with warfarin, costs in €.

Table 5 One-way sensitivity analyses of cost-effectiveness for dabigatran compared with warfarin, costs in €

Alternative scenarios	Cost per QALY gained
Base case	7742
Comparison with well-controlled warfarin patients	12 449
Comparison with poorly controlled warfarin patients	Dominant
Only CHADS ₂ = 0–1	20 929
Only CHADS ₂ = 2	8216
Only CHADS ₂ = 3–6	2652
No transitions between treatments after second year	10 287
QALY loss from warfarin and ASA included	5540
Willingness to pay to replace warfarin included	Dominant
Costs of added life years included	27 514
Discount rate (costs and QALYs): 0%	6085
Discount rate (costs and QALYs): 5%	9077

« Dabigatran is a cost-effective treatment in Sweden »

Outcomes in RELY in relation to cTTR

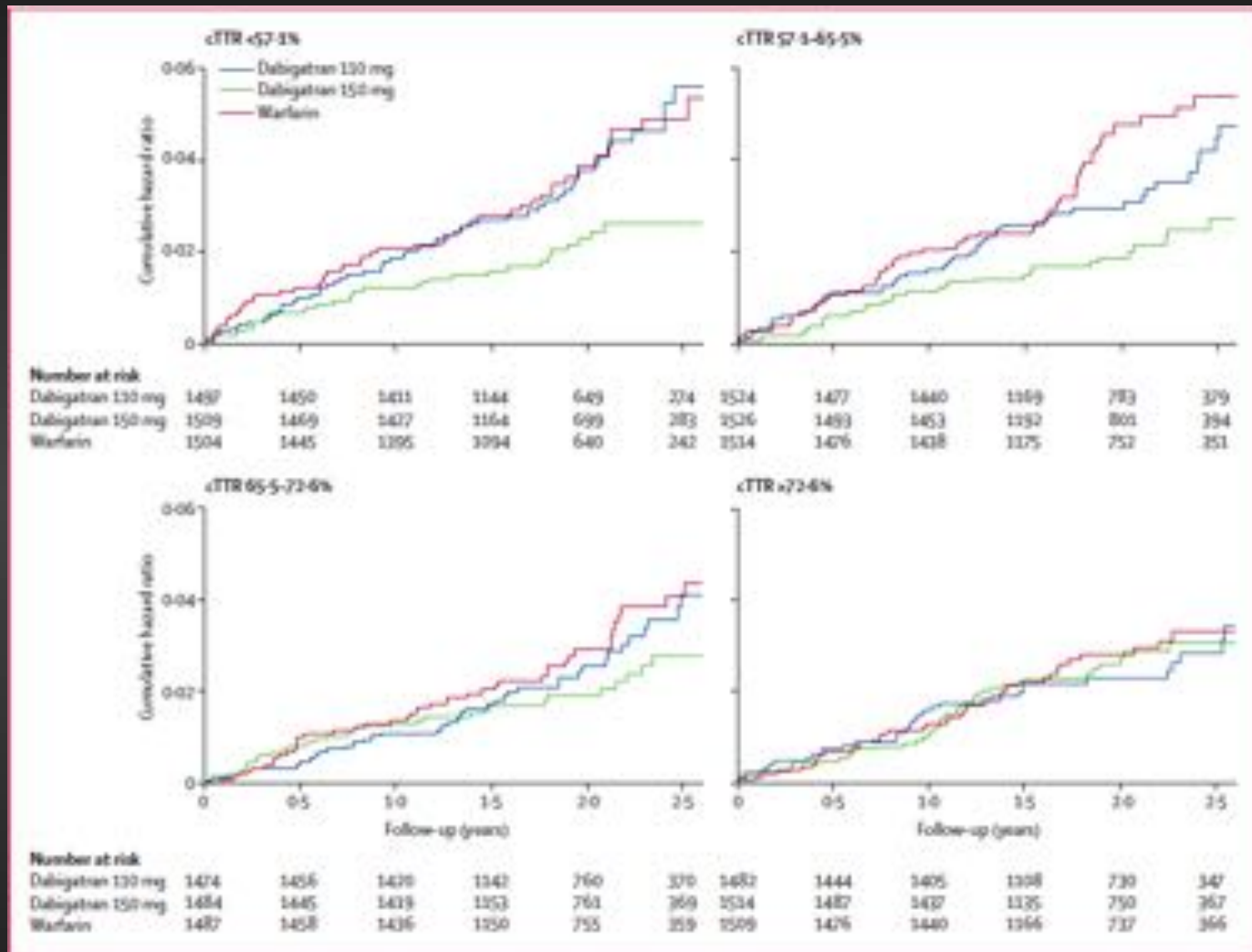
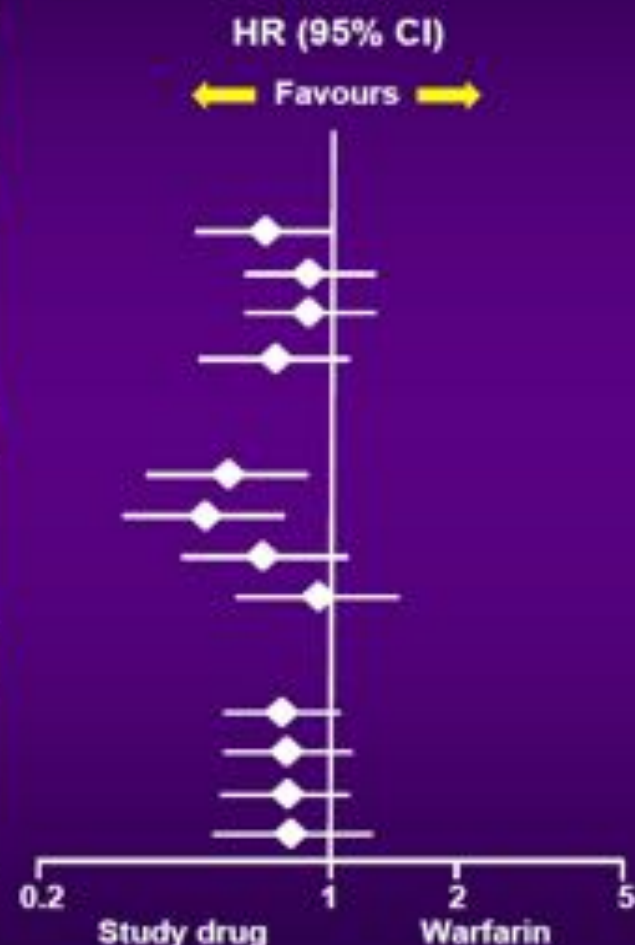


Figure 2: Time to primary outcome in each quartile of centre's mean time in therapeutic range
 cTTR=centre's mean time in therapeutic range.

Novel OAC Trials in SPAF

Primary Efficacy Endpoint by TTR Quartiles

	Treatment group n/N (rate)	Warfarin n/N (rate)	P value (interaction)
ROCKET AF			
0.00–50.6%	45/1735 (1.77)	62/1689 (2.53)	0.736
50.7–58.5%	53/1746 (1.94)	63/1807 (2.18)	
58.6–65.7%	54/1734 (1.90)	62/1758 (2.14)	
65.7–100.0%	37/1676 (1.33)	55/1826 (1.80)	
RE-LY (Dabigatran 150 mg)			
<57.1%	32/1509 (1.1)	54/1504 (1.92)	0.20
57.1–65.5%	32/1526 (1.04)	62/1514 (2.06)	
65.5–72.6%	31/1484 (1.04)	45/1487 (1.51)	
>72.6%	38/1514 (1.27)	40/1509 (1.34)	
ARISTOTLE			
<58.0%	70/2266 (1.75)	88/2252 (2.28)	0.29
58.0–65.7%	54/2251 (1.30)	68/2278 (1.61)	
65.7–72.2%	51/2256 (1.21)	65/2266 (1.55)	
>72.2%	36/2266 (0.83)	44/2251 (1.02)	



TTR, time in therapeutic range

Rate = number of events per 100 patient-years; n = patients with events; N = number of patients in each subgroup

1. Patel et al, *N Engl J Med* 2011;365(10):883–91; 2. Wallentin et al, *Lancet* 2010;376(9745):975–83; 3. Wallentin et al, Presented at ESC Congress, August 27–31 2011; Paris, France

Need for long-term OAC in newly diagnosed AF patient

Calculate
SAME-TT2R2 score

Definitions	Points
S Sex (female)	1
A Age (less than 60 years)	1
Me Medical history [†]	1
T Treatment (rhythm control strategy)	1
T Tobacco use (within 2 years)	2
R Race (non Caucasian)	2
Maximum points:	8

SAME-TT2R2 score 0-2

SAME-TT2R2 score >2

Non valvular AF (ESC definition) AND
GFR-Cockcroft >30ml/min?

VKA targeting INR 2-3
with TTR >65-70%

No

Yes

NOAC

SAMe-TT2R2 score and clinical events

TABLE 2 | Labile INR, Stroke/TE, Clinically Relevant Bleeding, and Mortality by Category of SAMe-TT₂R₂ Score

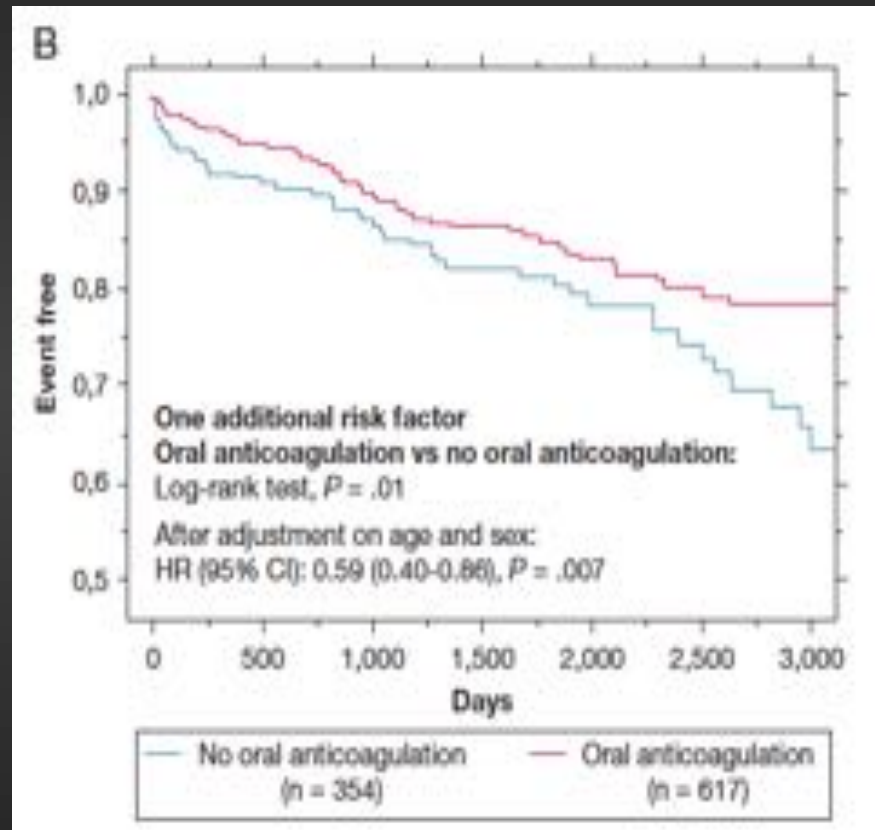
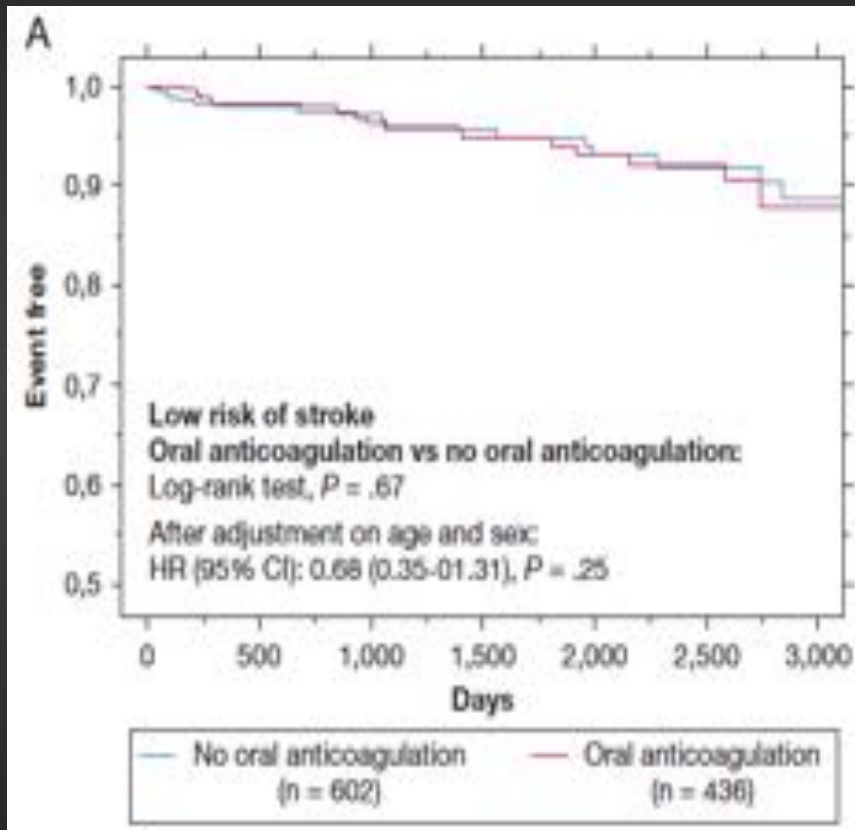
Variable	Whole Cohort	SAMe-TT ₂ R ₂ Score			P Value
		0-1 (Low)	2 (Borderline)	>2 (High)	
No. patients		4,504 (55)	2,252 (28)	1,364 (17)	—
Labile INR	172 (2.1)	77 (1.7)	52 (2.3)	43 (3.2)	.004
		Ref	1.36 (0.95-1.94)	1.87 (1.28-2.73)	—
Stroke/TE during follow-up	652 (8.0)	325 (7.2)	211 (9.4)	116 (8.5)	.007
		Ref	1.33 (1.11-1.59)	1.20 (0.96-1.49)	—
Severe bleeding	724 (8.9)	375 (8.3)	175 (7.8)	174 (12.8)	<.0001
		Ref	0.93 (0.77-1.12)	1.61 (1.33-1.95)	—
Major BARC bleeding	250 (3.1)	120 (2.7)	57 (2.5)	73 (5.4)	<.0001
		Ref	0.95 (0.69-1.31)	2.07 (1.53-2.78)	—
Death	1,010 (12.4)	533 (11.8)	267 (11.9)	210 (15.4)	.002
		Ref	1.00 (0.86-1.17)	1.36 (1.14-1.61)	—

Data are presented as No. (%) or hazard ratio (95% CI). BARC = Bleeding Academic Research Consortium; INR = international normalized ratio; Ref = reference; SAMe-TT₂R₂ = sex female, age < 60 y, medical history [more than two comorbidities], treatment [interacting drugs, eg, amiodarone for rhythm control], tobacco use [doubled], race [doubled]; TE = thromboembolism.

- Among patients taking VKAs, the SAMe-TT₂R₂ score was predictive of labile INR, stroke/TE, severe bleeding and death.
- This was not the case for patients not taking VKAs.

AF and One Additional Stroke Risk Factor

Death, stroke or syst. thromboembolism



Event rates for different outcomes for non-anticoagulated AF patients with less than 2 Non-Gender Related stroke risk factors

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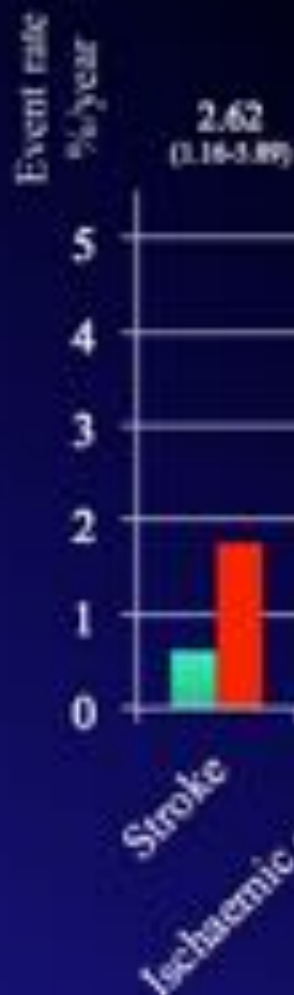


Table 4. Net Clinical Benefit Analysis of Stroke Prevention Strategy for Atrial Fibrillation Patients With 1 NGR Stroke Risk Factor (CHA₂DS₂-VASc 1 in Males and 2 in Females) in Group B and Group D

Stroke Prevention Strategy	Net Clinical Benefit, %/y (95% CI) According to Singer et al ¹²	Net Clinical Benefit, %/y (95%CI) According to Connolly et al ¹³
Compared with no antithrombotic therapy		
Antiplatelet drugs (and no VKA)	-0.13 (-1.06 to -0.02)	-0.72 (-1.50 to -0.34)
VKA	0.30 (0.15 to 0.61)	1.42 (1.01 to 1.99)
Compared with antiplatelet drugs (and no VKA)		
VKA	0.43 (0.24 to 0.78)	2.14 (1.62 to 2.82)

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Conclusions

- Les AOD sont équivalents ou supérieurs à la Warfarine pour réduire le risque d'AVC, de saignement intra-cranien ou de décès.
- Les recommandations suggèrent donc de traiter lorsque cela est possible les patients à risque par AOD plutôt que par AVK.
- Les AVK restent indispensables en cas de FA avec prothèse valvulaire mécanique ou RM, DFG < 30 ml/min, et plus largement pour des raisons médico-économiques.

Conclusions

- Novel OACs are equivalent to or better than warfarin in terms of reducing stroke, SE, mortality, and intracranial haemorrhage
- Guidelines may prefer treatment with novel OACs over dose-adjusted VKA therapy for AF patients at thromboembolic risk
- VKA are still needed for valvular AF, patients with GFR < 30 ml/min and from an health economic perspective

