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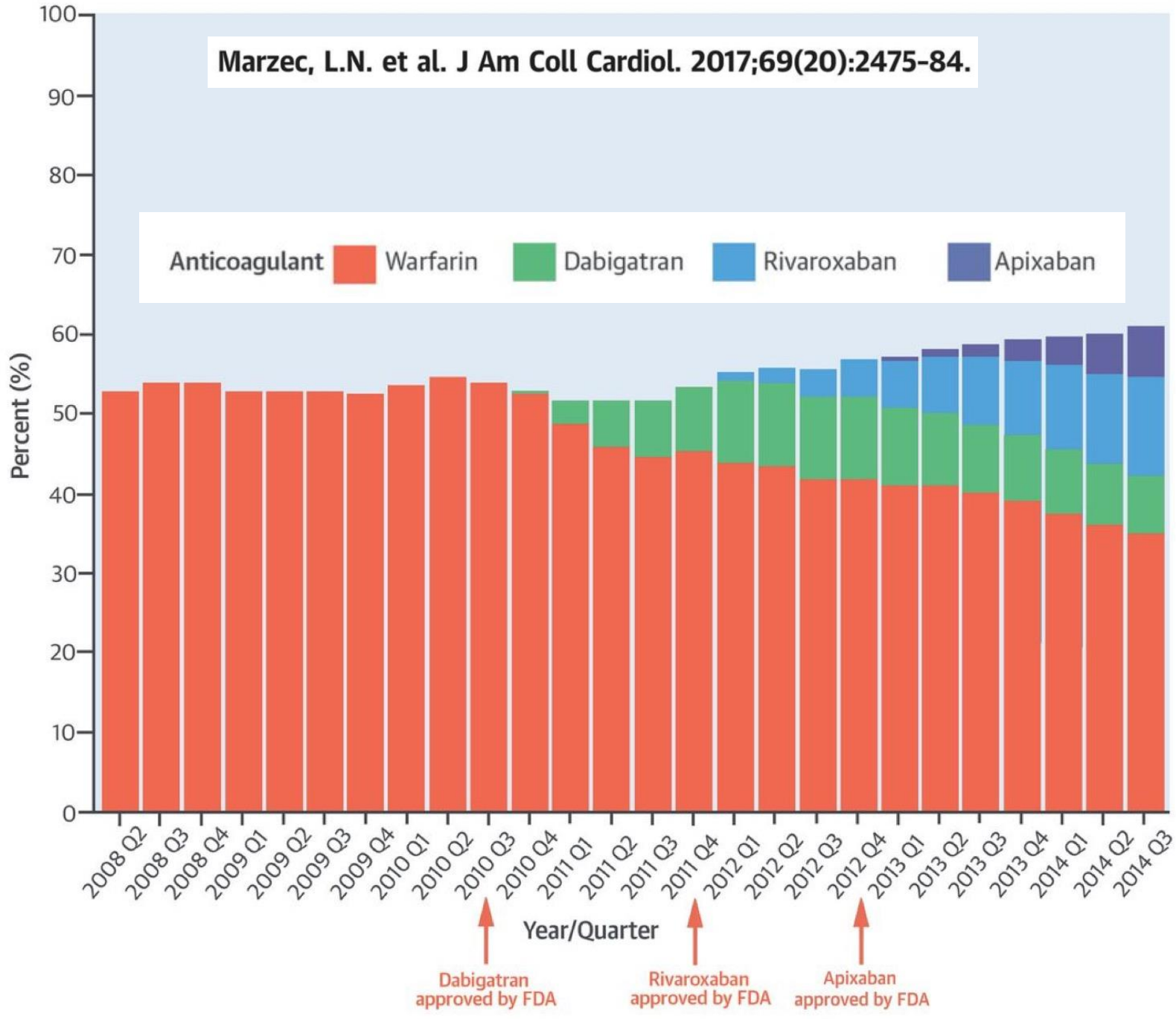
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Class of Recommendation	Level of Evidence	Recommendations
I	A	2. NOACs (dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban, and edoxaban) are recommended over warfarin in NOAC-eligible patients with AF (except with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis or a mechanical heart valve) (S4.1.1-8– S4.1.1-11).



Prevention of Bleeding Complications

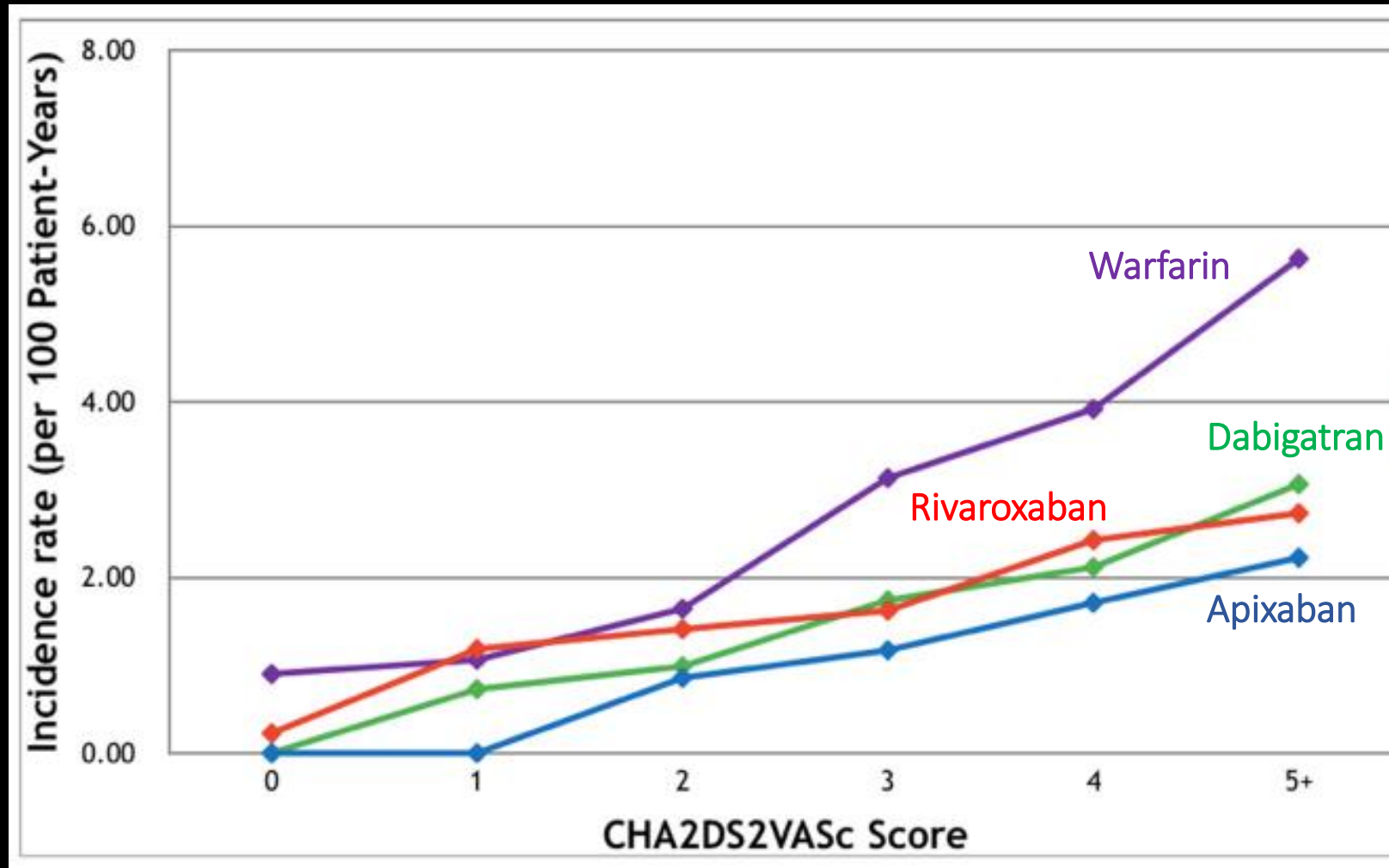
- Patient Selection
- Dosing
- “The Company Kept”



Clinical Characteristic	Score
Congestive Heart Failure	1
Hypertension	1
Age > 75	2
Diabetes	1
Stroke/TIA	2
Vascular Disease	1
Age > 65	1
Sex (female gender)	1

Clinical Characteristic	Score
Hypertension	1
Abnormal renal/liver function	1 or 2
Stroke	1
Bleeding	1
Labile INR	1
Elderly age	1
Drugs or alcohol (1 each)	1 or 2

The CHA2DS2-VASc Score Predicts Major Bleeding in Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation Patients Who Take Oral Anticoagulants



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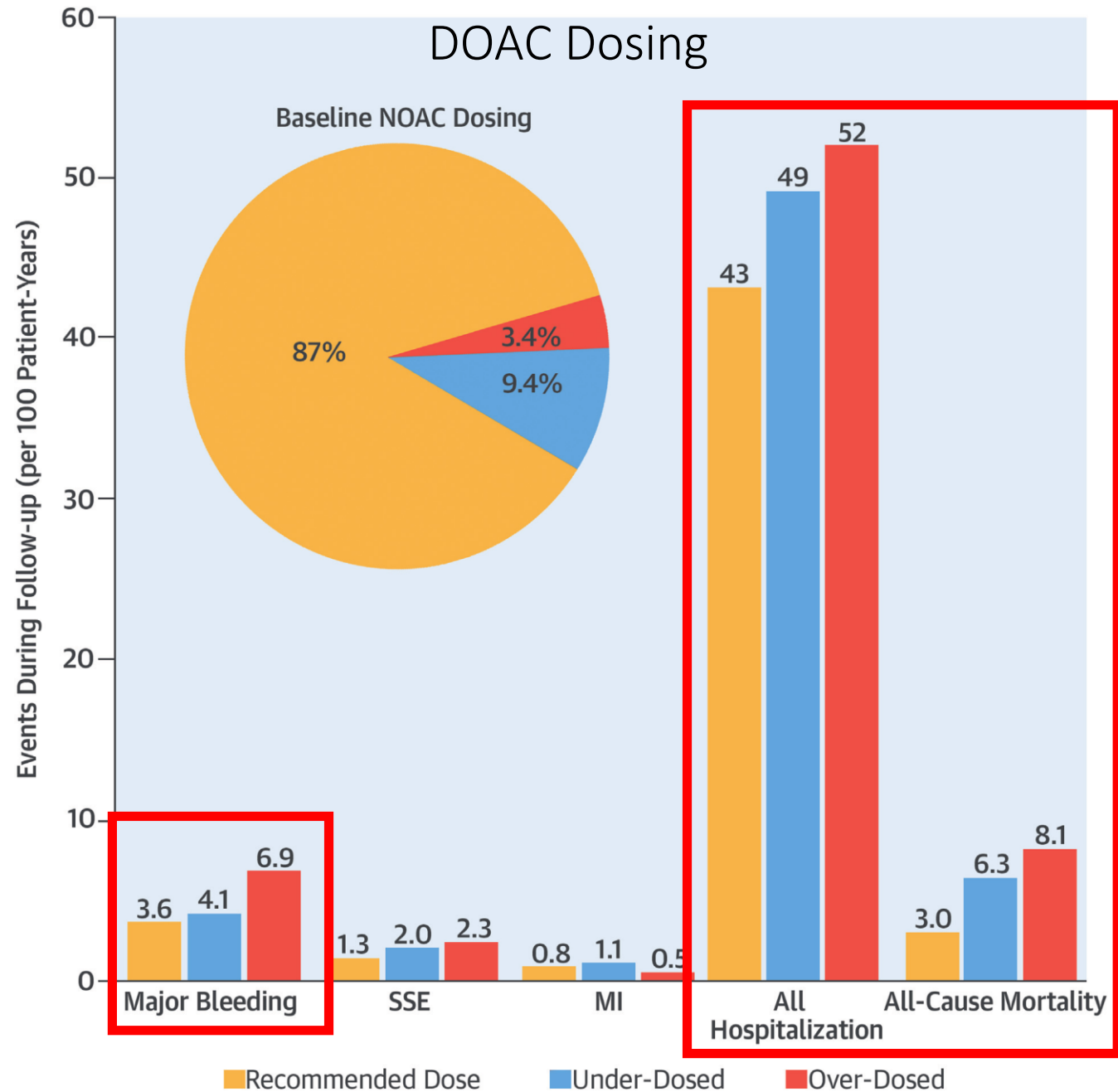
Class of Recommendation	Level of Evidence	Recommendations
I	A, B	<p>1. For patients with AF and an elevated CHA2DS2-VASc score of 2 or greater in men or 3 or greater in women, oral anticoagulants are recommended. Options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warfarin (LOE: A) (S4.1.1-5–S4.1.1-7) • Dabigatran (LOE: B) (S4.1.1-8) • Rivaroxaban (LOE: B) (S4.1.1-9) • Apixaban (LOE: B) (S4.1.1-10), or • Edoxaban (LOE: B-R) (S4.1.1-11)
IIb	C	<p>15. For patients with AF (except with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis or a mechanical heart valve) and a CHA2DS2-VASc score of 1 in men and 2 in women, prescribing an oral anticoagulant to reduce thromboembolic stroke risk may be considered (S4.1.1-31–S4.1.1-35).</p>

DOAC Dosing Recommendations in AFib

Apixaban	Dabigatran	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
5 mg BID	150 mg BID	60 mg daily (contraindicated if CrCl \geq 95 ml/min)	20 mg daily with food
2.5 mg BID	75 mg BID	30 mg daily	15 mg daily with food
1. If 2 of 3 factors present: Age \geq 80 years, SCr \geq 1.5 mg/dL, Weight \leq 60 kg	CrCl 15-30 mL/min OR, CrCl 30-50 mL/min with concomitant dronedarone or ketoconazole	CrCl 15-50 mL/min	CrCl 15-50 mL/min
Substrates for P-glycoproteins			
strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole, ritonavir)		Substrates for CYP3A4	

ORBIT AF II

5,738 patients
- 9.4% underdosed
- 3.4% overdosed



Benjamin A. Steinberg et al. JACC 2016;68:2597-2604

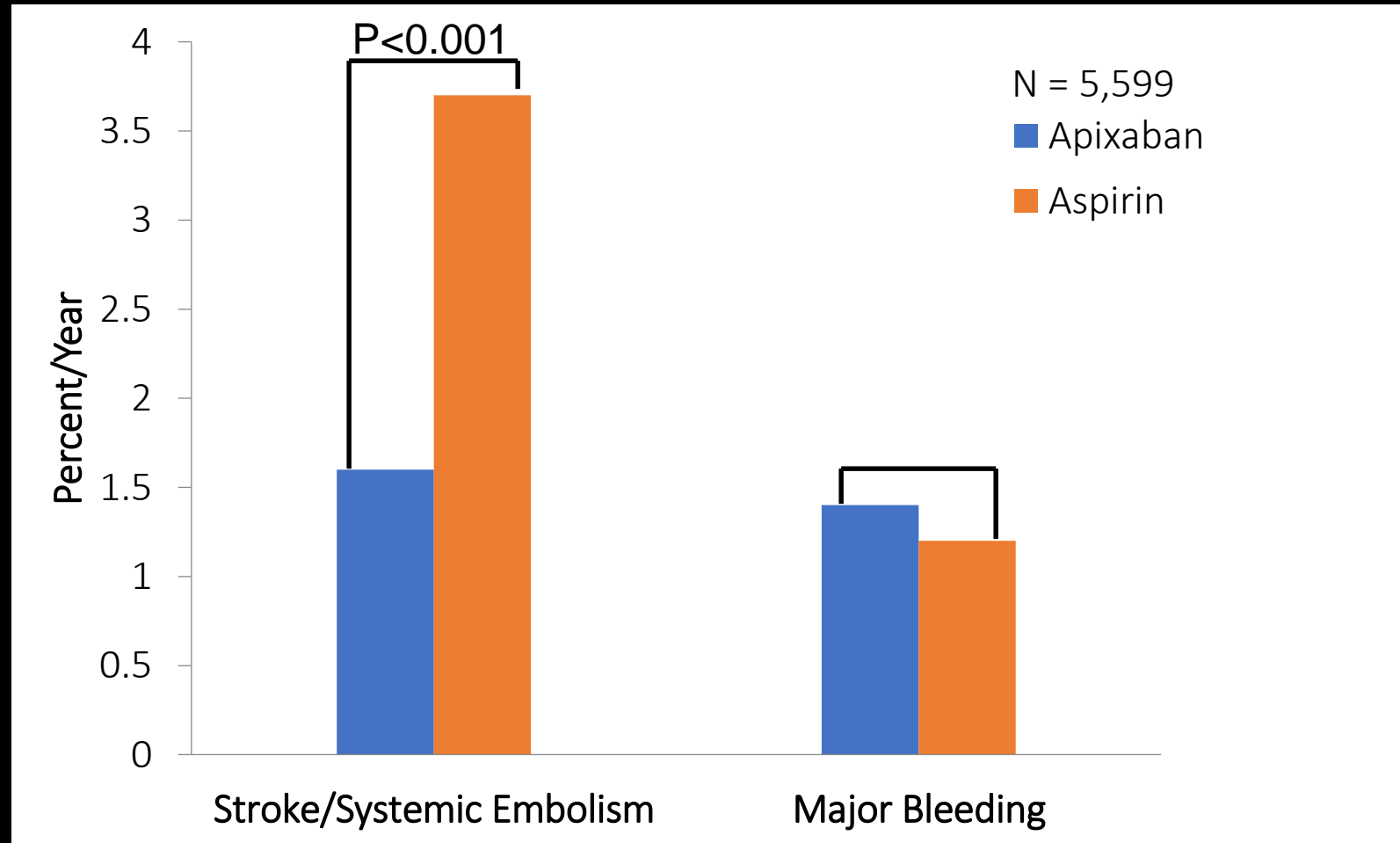
Question #1

The addition of aspirin to oral anticoagulation increases the risk of bleeding by:

- A. 0%
- B. 30%
- C. 50%
- D. 75%
- E. 100% (double)

AVERROES

Stroke/Systemic Embolism and Major Bleeding



The NEW ENGLAND

CONCLUSIONS

Aspirin use in healthy elderly persons did not prolong disability-free survival over a period of 5 years but led to a higher rate of major hemorrhage than placebo. (Funded by the National Institute on Aging and others; ASPREE ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01038583.)

CONCLUSIONS

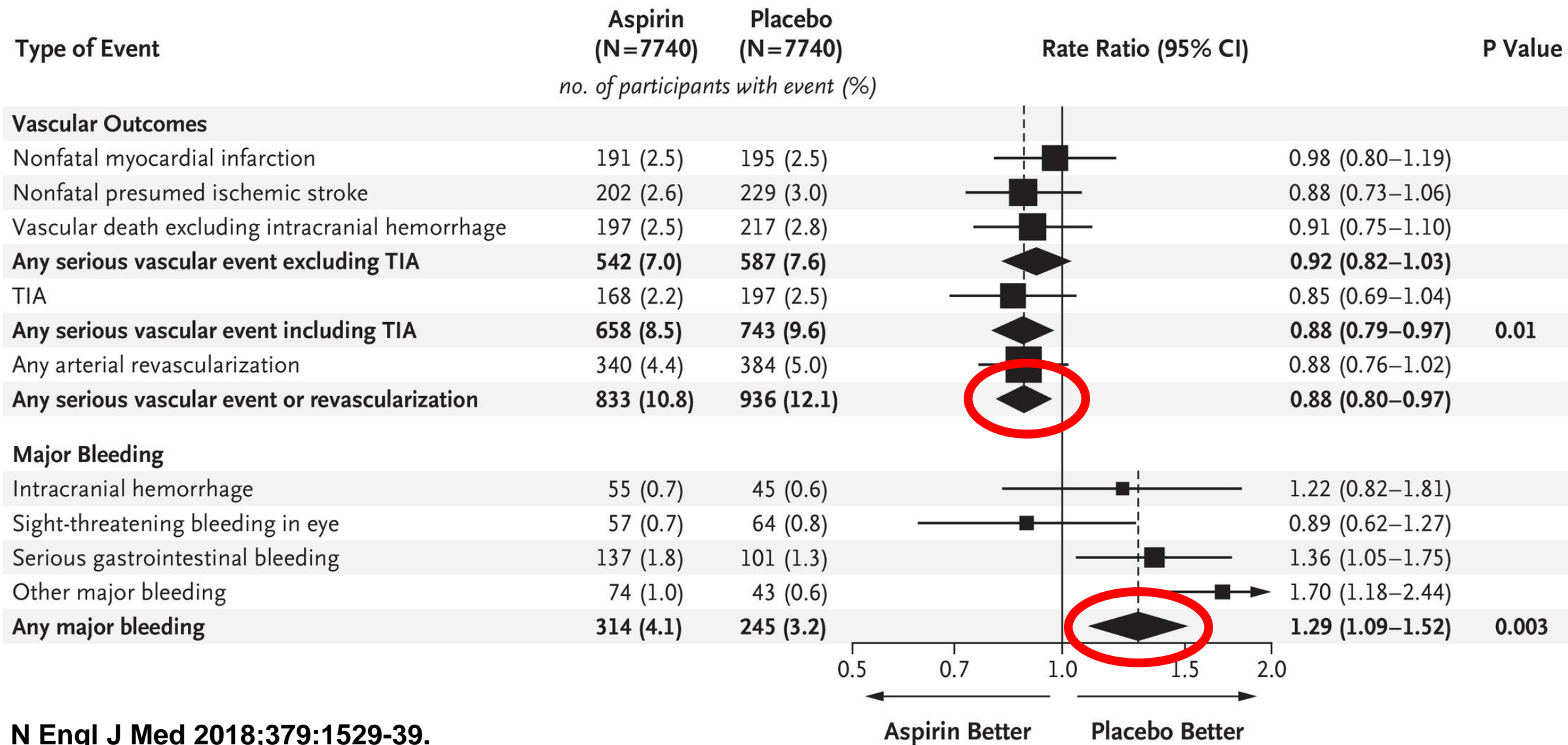
The use of low-dose aspirin as a primary prevention strategy in older adults resulted in a significantly higher risk of major hemorrhage and did not result in a significantly lower risk of cardiovascular disease than placebo. (Funded by the National Institute on Aging and others; ASPREE ClinicalTrials.gov number,


CONCLUSIONS

Higher all-cause mortality was observed among apparently healthy older adults who received daily aspirin than among those who received placebo and was attributed primarily to cancer-related death. In the context of previous studies, this result was unexpected and should be interpreted with caution. (Funded by the National Institute on Aging and others; ASPREE ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01038583.)

Effects of Aspirin for Primary Prevention in Persons with Diabetes Mellitus

ASCEND Study Collaborative Group*





Aspirin Reduces CV Event Risk in Individuals Without Cardiovascular Disease

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<https://www.thecardiologyadvisor.com/aspirin-for-primary-prevention-of-cardiovascular-events/article/831954/>

February 06, 2019

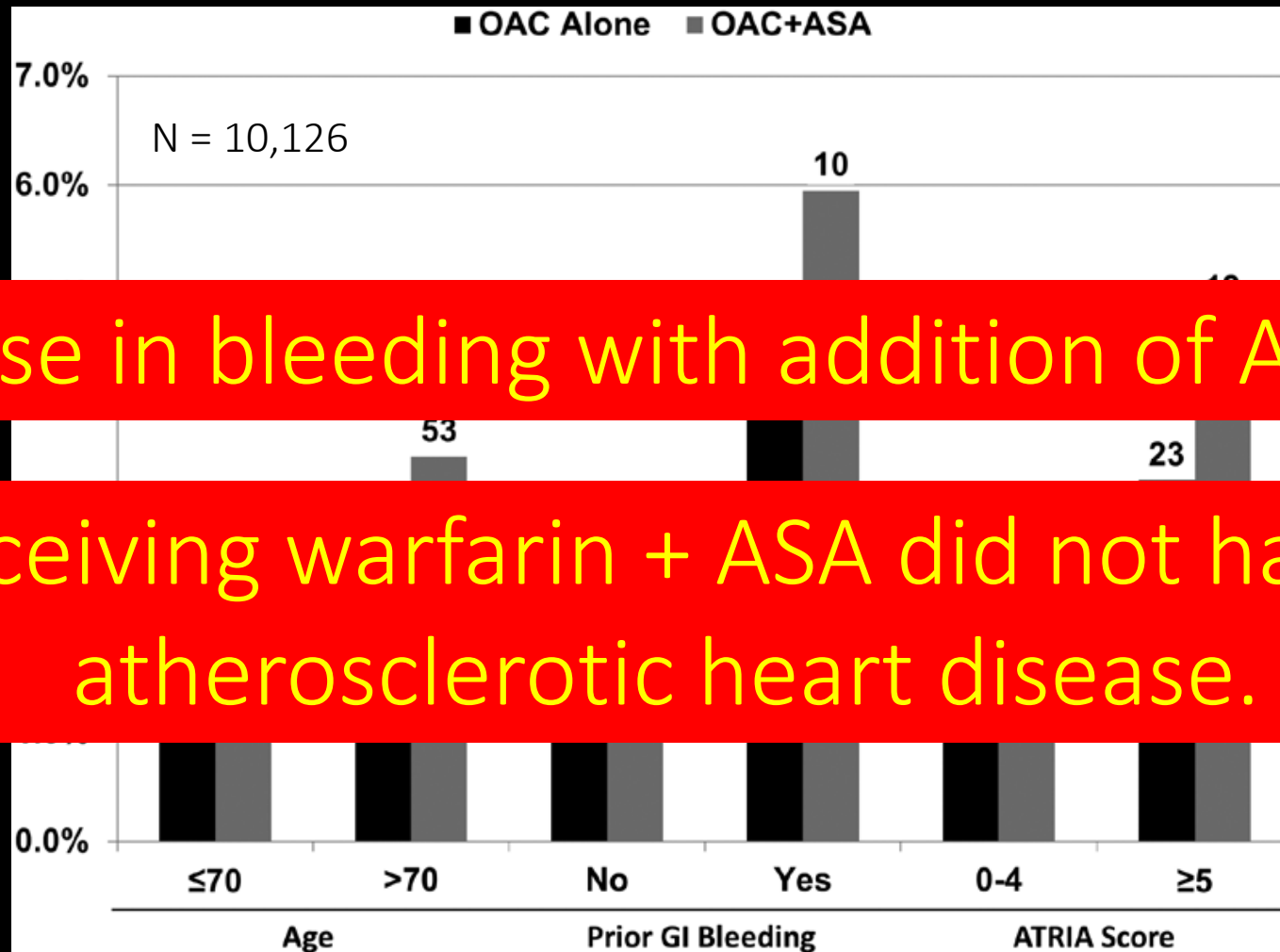
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IIa	B	For patients with AF (except with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis or a mechanical heart valve) and a CHA2DS2-VASc score of 0 in men or 1 in women, it is reasonable to omit anticoagulant therapy (S4.1.1-24, S4.1.1- 25).

Use and Associated Risks of Concomitant Aspirin Therapy With Oral Anticoagulation in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

Insights From the Outcomes Registry for Better Informed Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation (ORBIT-AF) Registry



50% increase in bleeding with addition of ASA to OAC!

39% receiving warfarin + ASA did not have a h/o atherosclerotic heart disease.

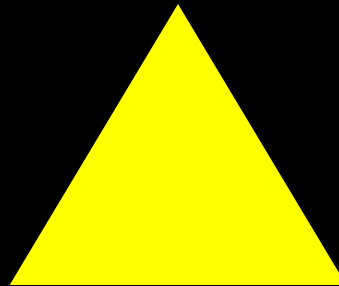
What about triple therapy?



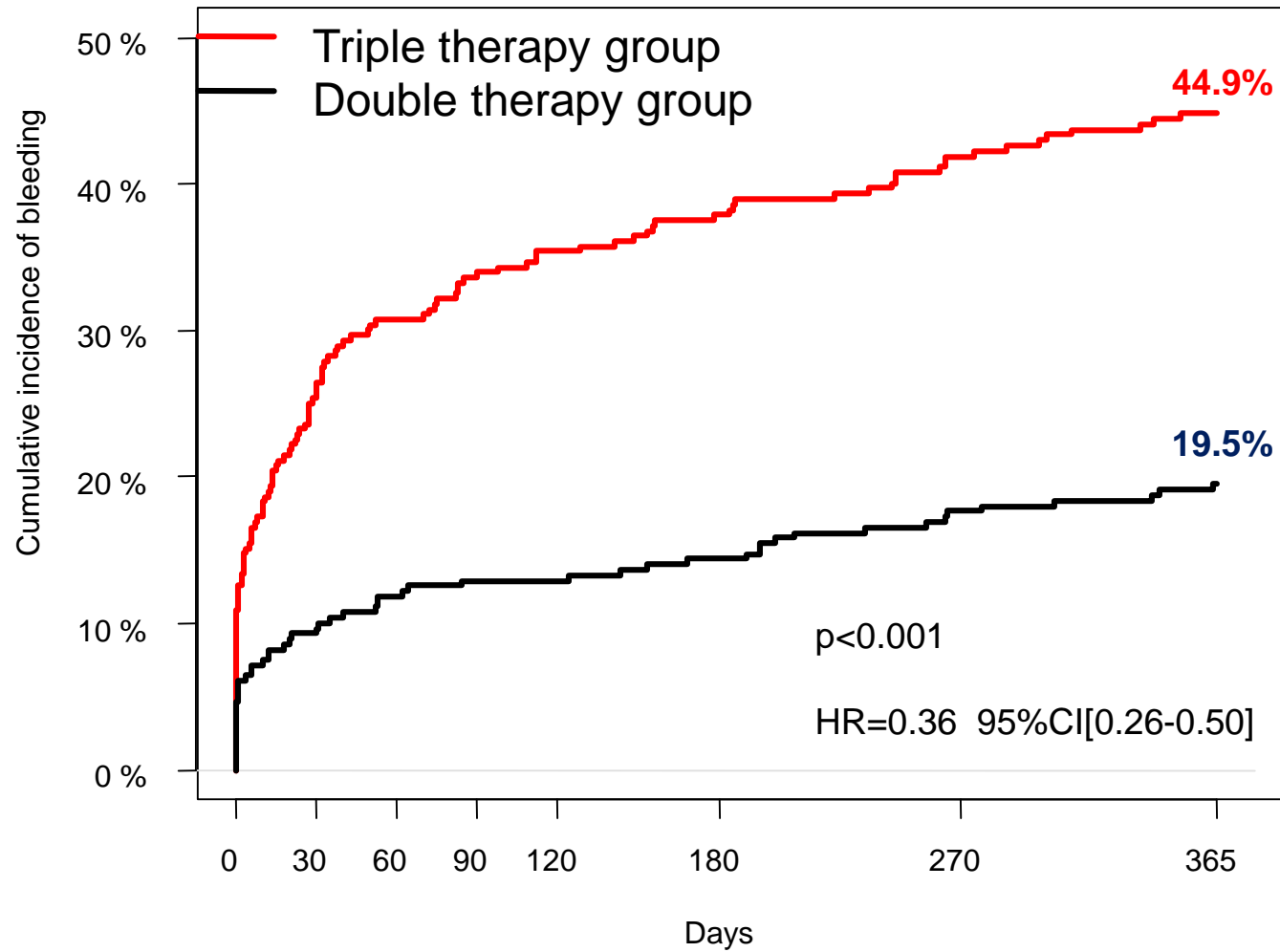
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Thrombosis

Ischemic
Stroke Risk

Bleeding
Risk

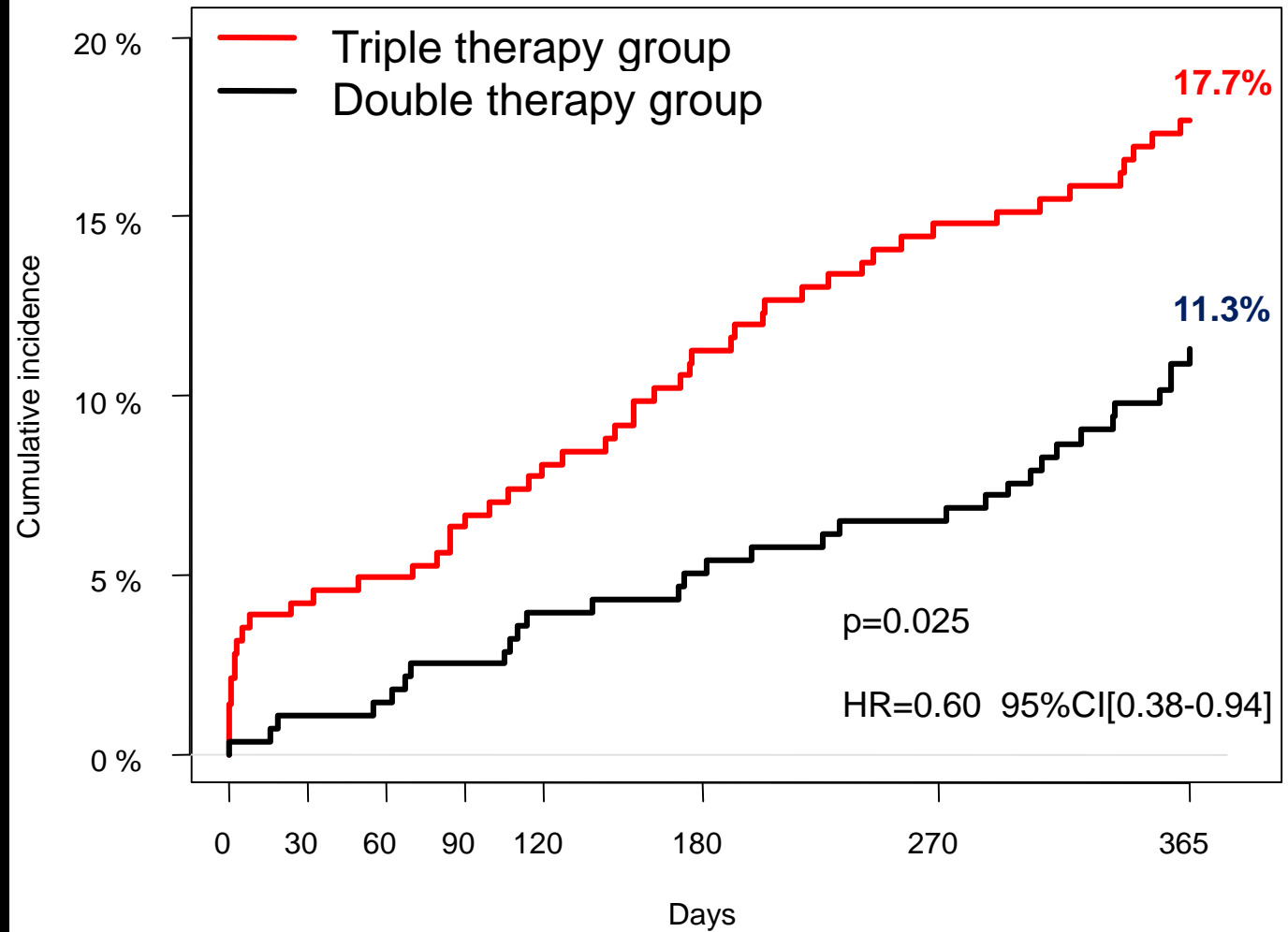


WOEST Trial



N = 563

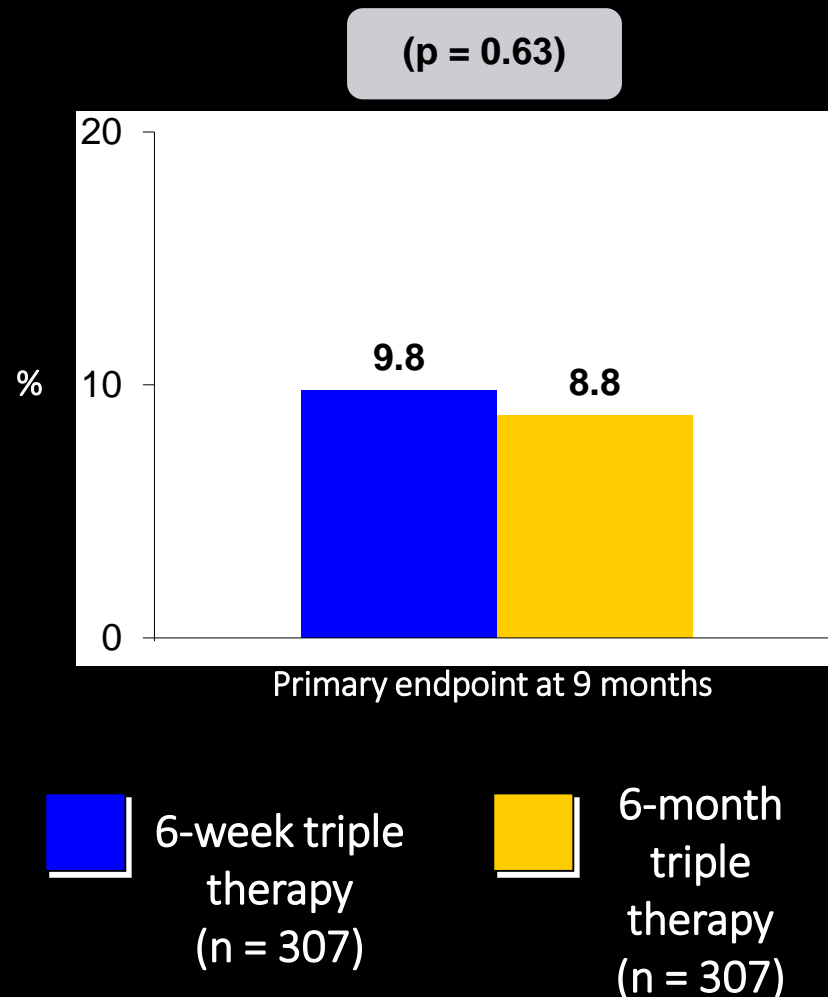
Secondary Endpoint (Death, MI, TVR, Stroke, ST)



n at risk:	284	272	270	266	261	252	242	223
	279	276	273	270	266	263	258	234

ISAR-TRIPLE

Trial design: Patients with an indication for oral anticoagulation (OAC) and undergoing DES PCI were randomized to either 6 weeks or 6 months of triple therapy (aspirin + clopidogrel + OAC initially, aspirin + OAC indefinitely). Patients were followed for 9 months.



Results

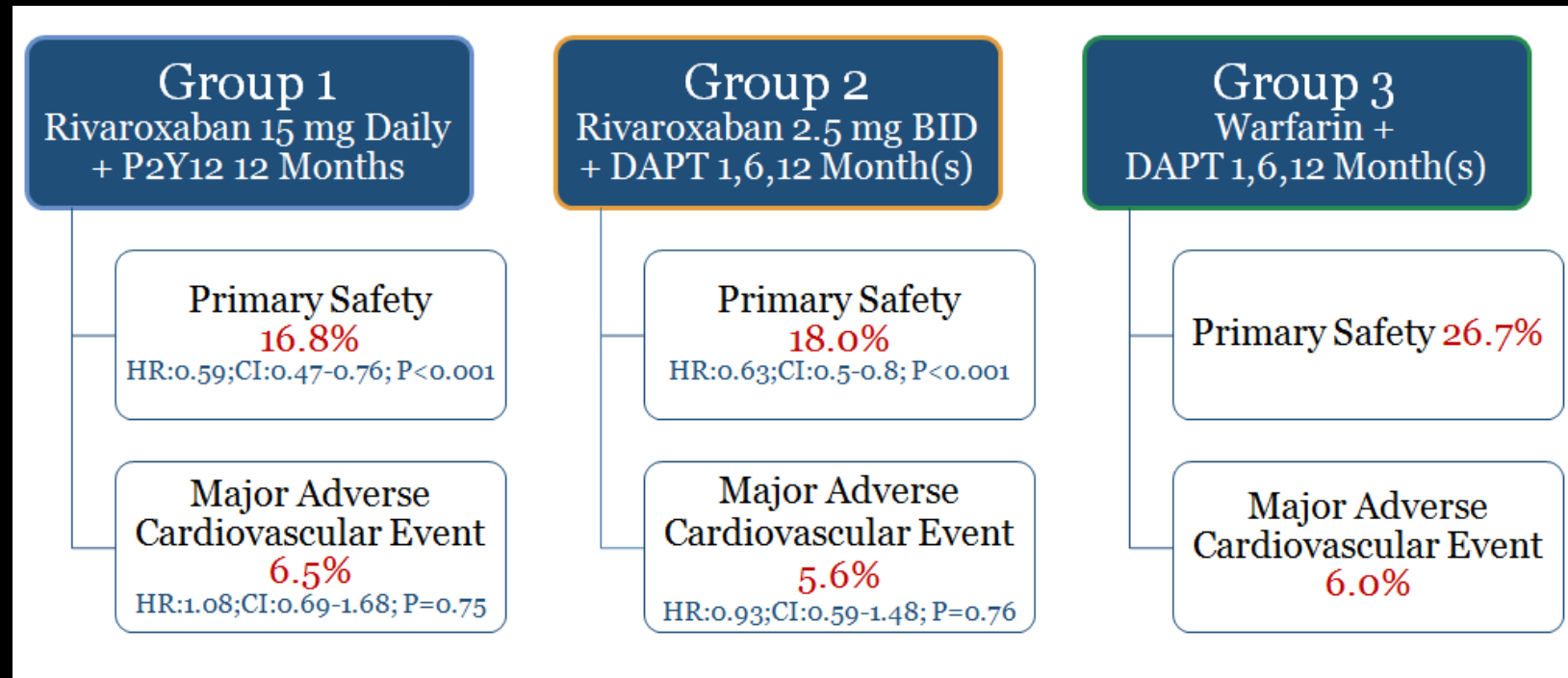
- Primary endpoint: Composite of death, MI, stent thrombosis, stroke, TIMI major bleeding at 9 months for 6 weeks vs. 6 months of triple therapy: 9.8% vs. 8.8%, HR 1.14, 95% CI 0.68-1.91, p = 0.63
- Cardiac death, MI, stent thrombosis, ischemic stroke: 4.0% vs. 4.3%, p = 0.87; TIMI major bleeding: 5.3% vs. 4.0%, p = 0.44
- Stent thrombosis: 0.7% vs. 0%

Conclusions

- 6-week duration of triple therapy is not superior to a 6-month duration of triple therapy in patients undergoing DES PCI, who also had an indication for OAC use
- Trial was underpowered to assess smaller bleeding differences

PIONEER AF-PCI

N=2121 stented pts with nonvalvular AF; ~66% DES

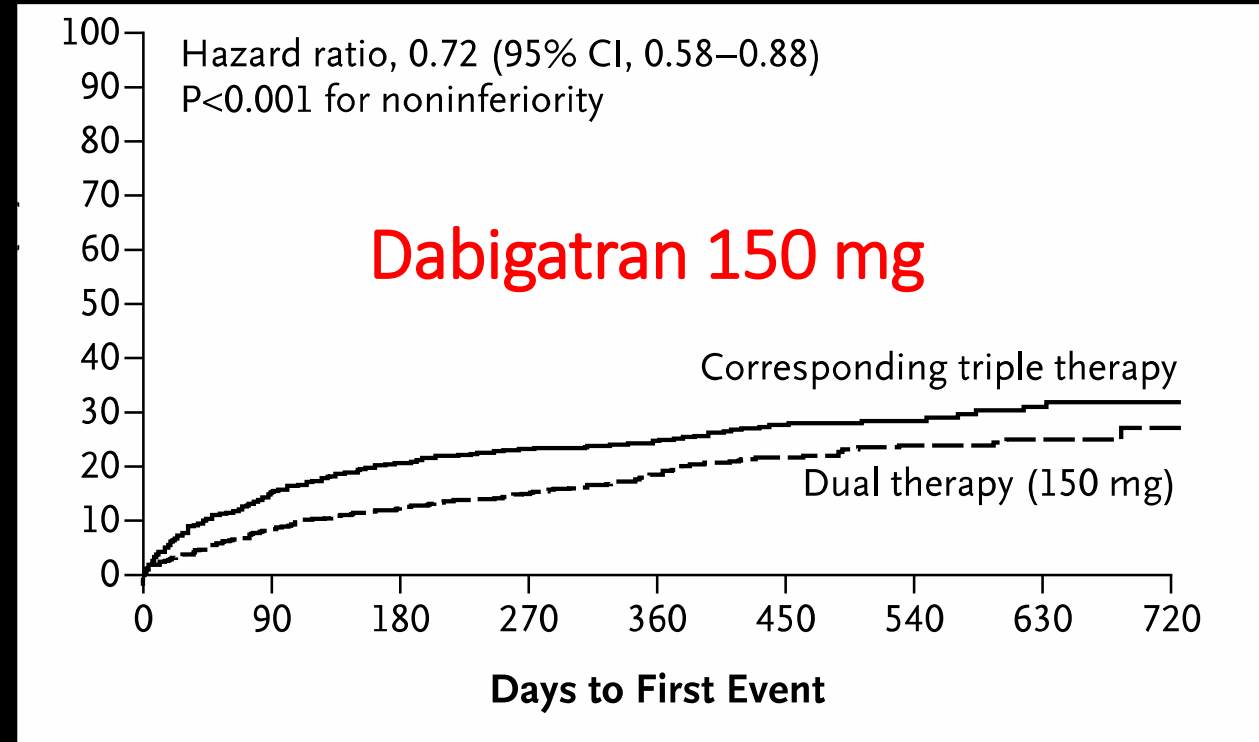
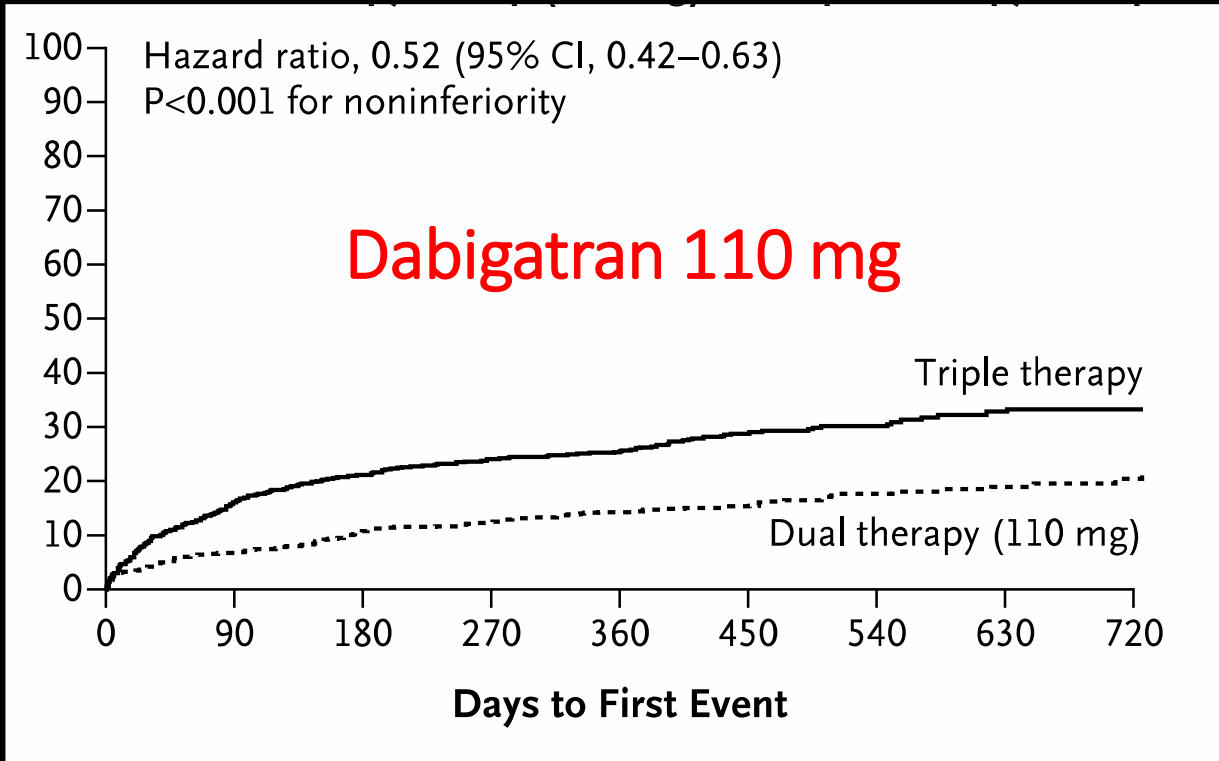


- Low-dose and very-low-dose rivaroxaban was associated with lower risk of clinically significant bleeding than standard triple therapy with warfarin
- The rates of major adverse cardiovascular events were similar
 - Broad confidence intervals make efficacy difficult to assess
 - Cannot truly assess stroke prevention of 15 mg or 2.5 mg BID rivaroxaban doses

RE-DUAL PCI

2,725 patients with nonvalvular AF who had undergone stenting

Primary Endpoint: Major or Clinically Relevant Bleeding



Triple Therapy:

Summarizing the Data

- Data to date: double therapy significantly reduces the risk of bleeding without a signal of harm with regard to stent thrombosis in clinical trials that enrolled both patients with stable ischemic disease and patients with ACS.
- Ongoing studies:
 - AUGUSTUS: evaluating the safety of apixaban versus vitamin K antagonist and aspirin versus aspirin placebo in patients with AF and ACS or PCI.
 - ENTRUST-AF-PCI: evaluating edoxaban treatment versus vitamin K antagonist treatment in patients with AF undergoing PCI.

OAC Post-DES: Putting It All Together

- **Low thrombotic risk (e.g., elective PCI) and low bleeding risk**
 - DOAC + clopidogrel 75 mg + aspirin 81 mg x 1-6 month then drop aspirin
 - Long term: DOAC + aspirin 81 mg
 - DOAC + clopidogrel x 6-12 months
 - Long term: DOAC + aspirin 81 mg
- **Low thrombotic risk (e.g., elective PCI) and high bleeding risk**
 - DOAC + clopidogrel x 6-12 months
 - Long term- DOAC + aspirin 81 mg
- **High thrombotic risk (e.g., ACS) and low bleeding risk**
 - DOAC + clopidogrel 75 mg + aspirin 81 mg x 6-12 months
 - Long term- DOAC + aspirin 81 mg vs. DOAC + clopidogrel
- **High thrombotic risk (e.g., ACS) and high bleeding risk**
 - DOAC + clopidogrel x 6-12 months
 - Long term- DOAC + aspirin 81 mg vs. DOAC + clopidogrel

Some final points to emphasize:

- Major bleeding confers a poor prognosis
- Rates of bleeding on triple therapy:
 - 15-40% per year
 - Major bleed 2-10%/year
- Triple therapy bleeding is 2-5x that of DAPT
- Use gastroprotective therapy to reduce risk of GI bleeding
- Favor DOACs over warfarin
 - We have the most data for dabigatran (RE-DUAL PCI) and rivaroxaban (PIONEER-AF)
 - If warfarin is used, target the lower INR (~2)



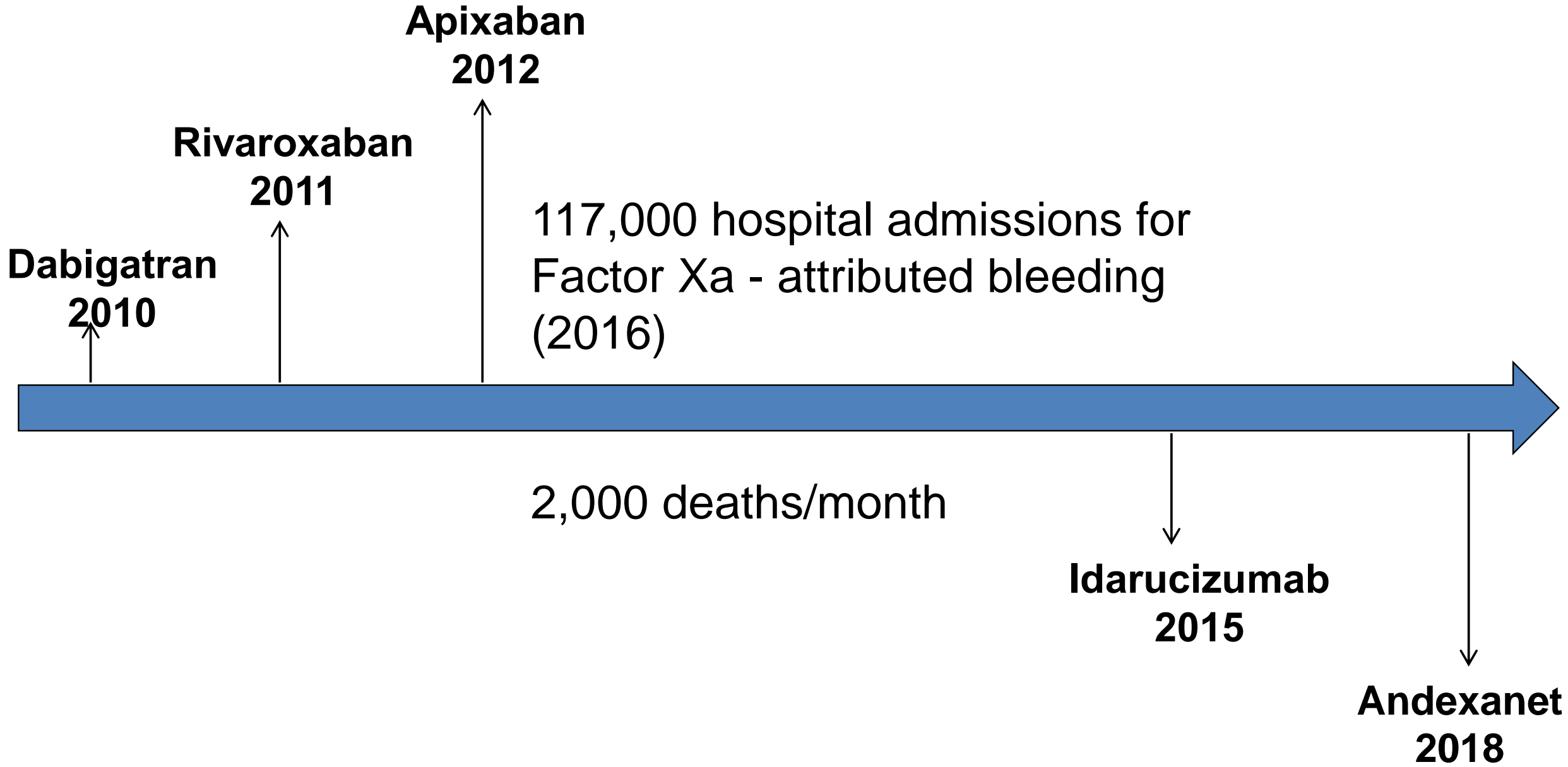
Management of Bleeding Complications



Question #2

Which of the following is true regarding the reversal agents Idarucizumab (Praxbind) and Andexanet Alfa (Andexxa)?

- A. Both are recombinant antibodies to their respective DOAC agents.
- B. Both were approved by the FDA on the basis of surrogate measures of anticoagulation (pharmacodynamic data).
- C. Both have large randomized trials supporting their use.
- D. Both are relatively inexpensive medications to administer.



Practical Management of Anticoagulation in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation



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EXPERT CONSENSUS DECISION PATHWAY

2017 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway for Periprocedural Management of Anticoagulation in Patients With Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation

A Report

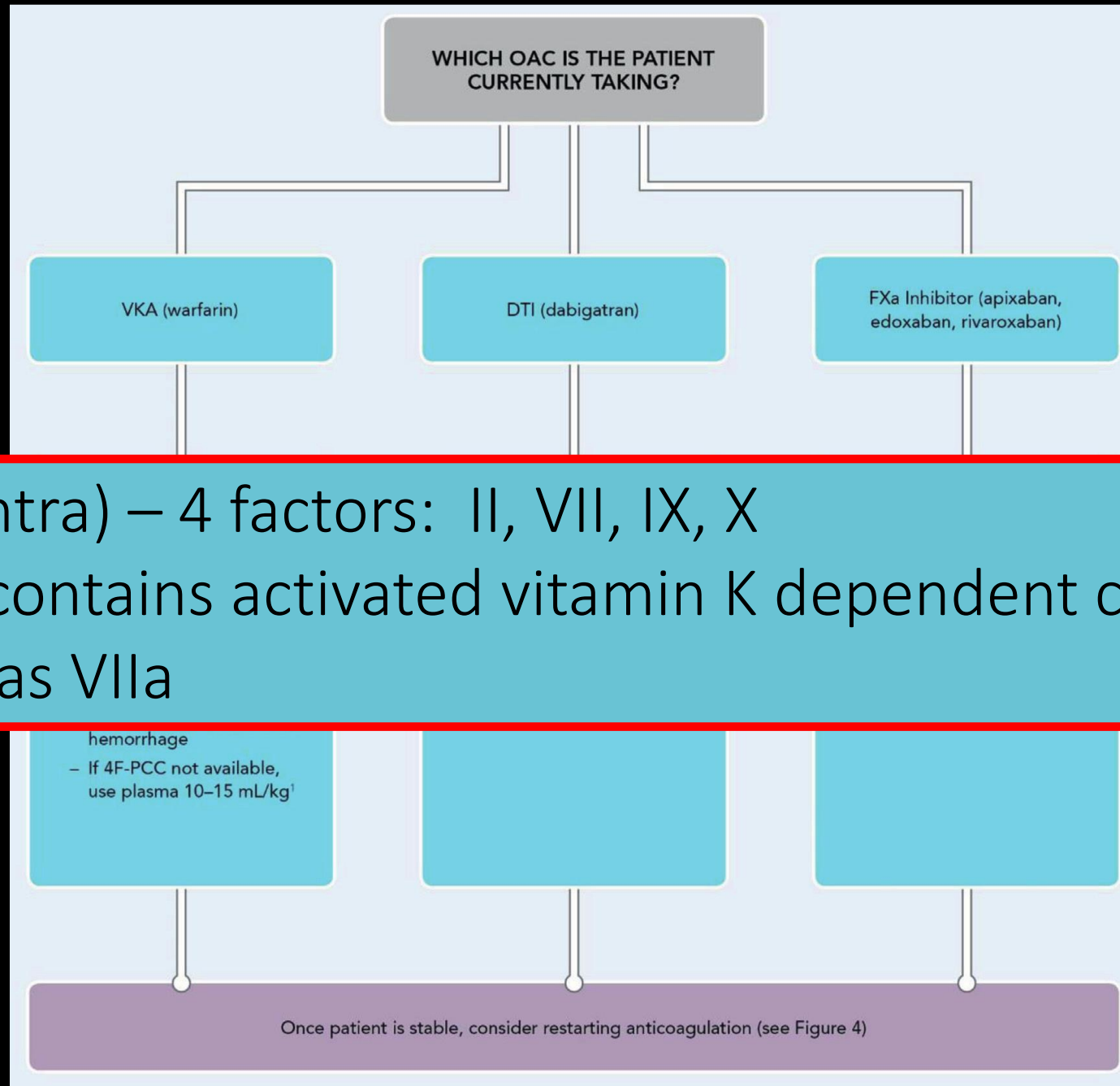
EXPERT CONSENSUS DECISION PATHWAY

2017 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Management of Bleeding in Patients on Oral Anticoagulants

A Report of the American College of Cardiology Task Force on Expert Consensus Decision Pathways

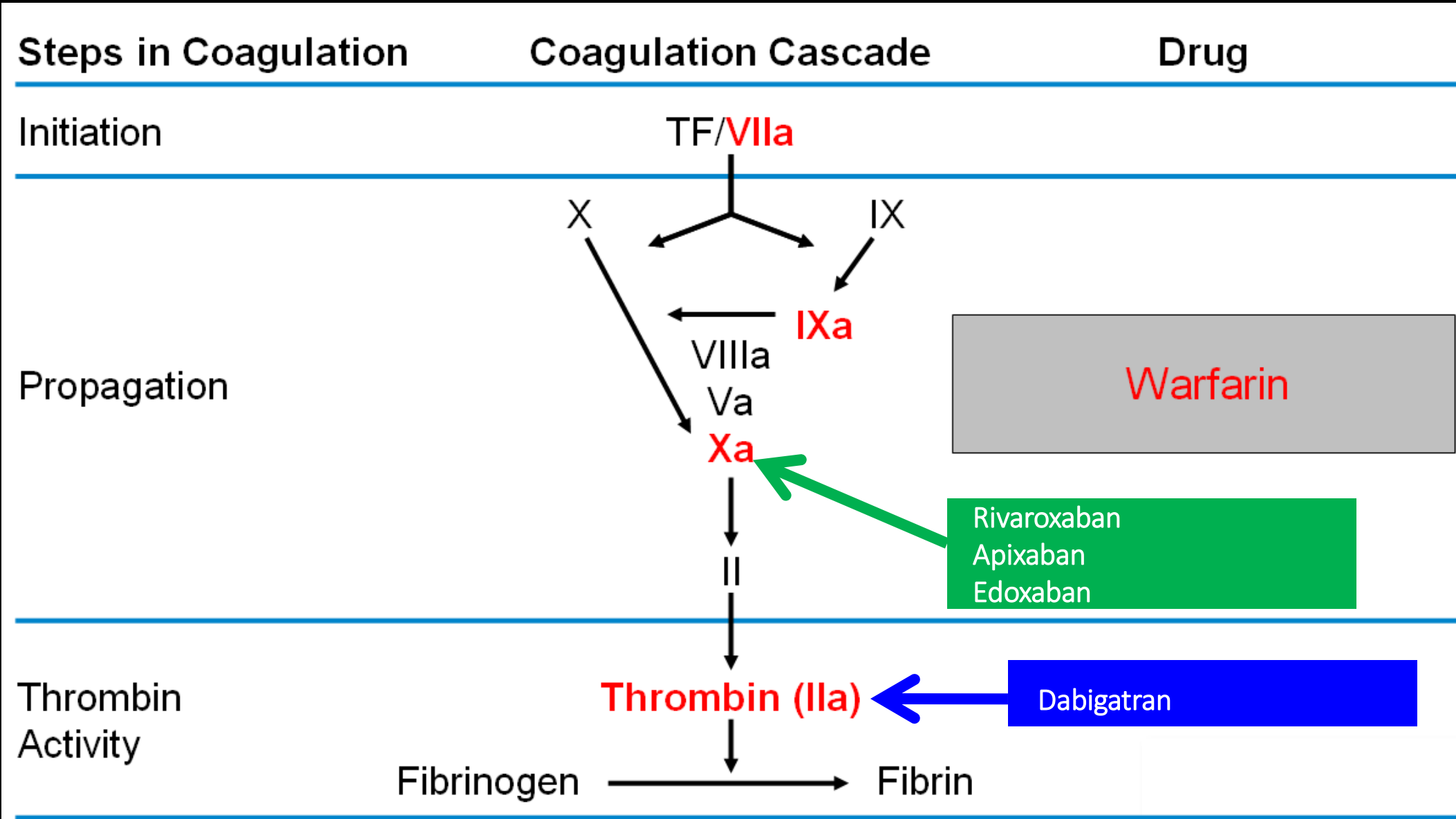
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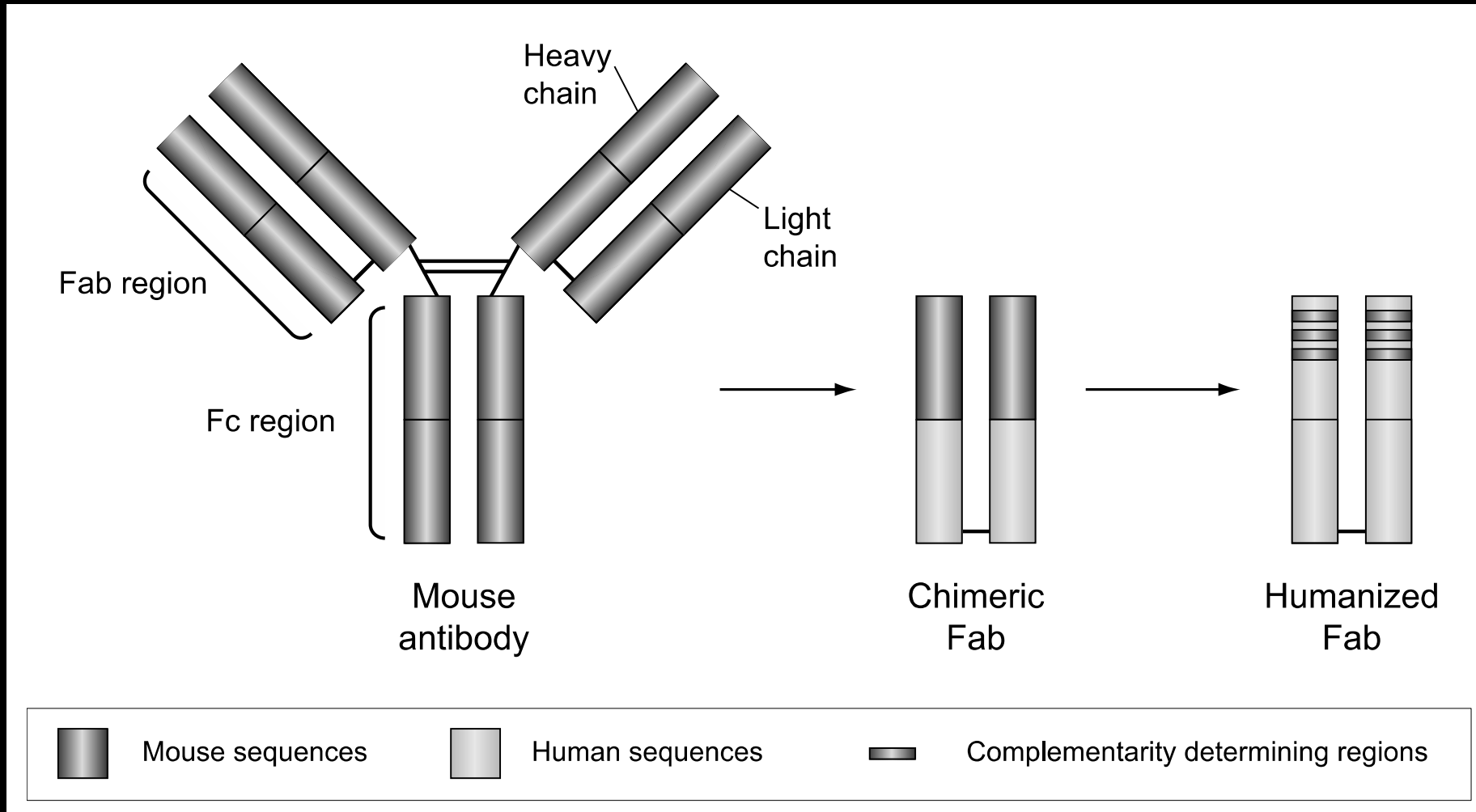
4F-PCC (Kcentra) – 4 factors: II, VII, IX, X
aPCC – also contains activated vitamin K dependent clotting factors, such as VIIa

DOAC: Mechanisms



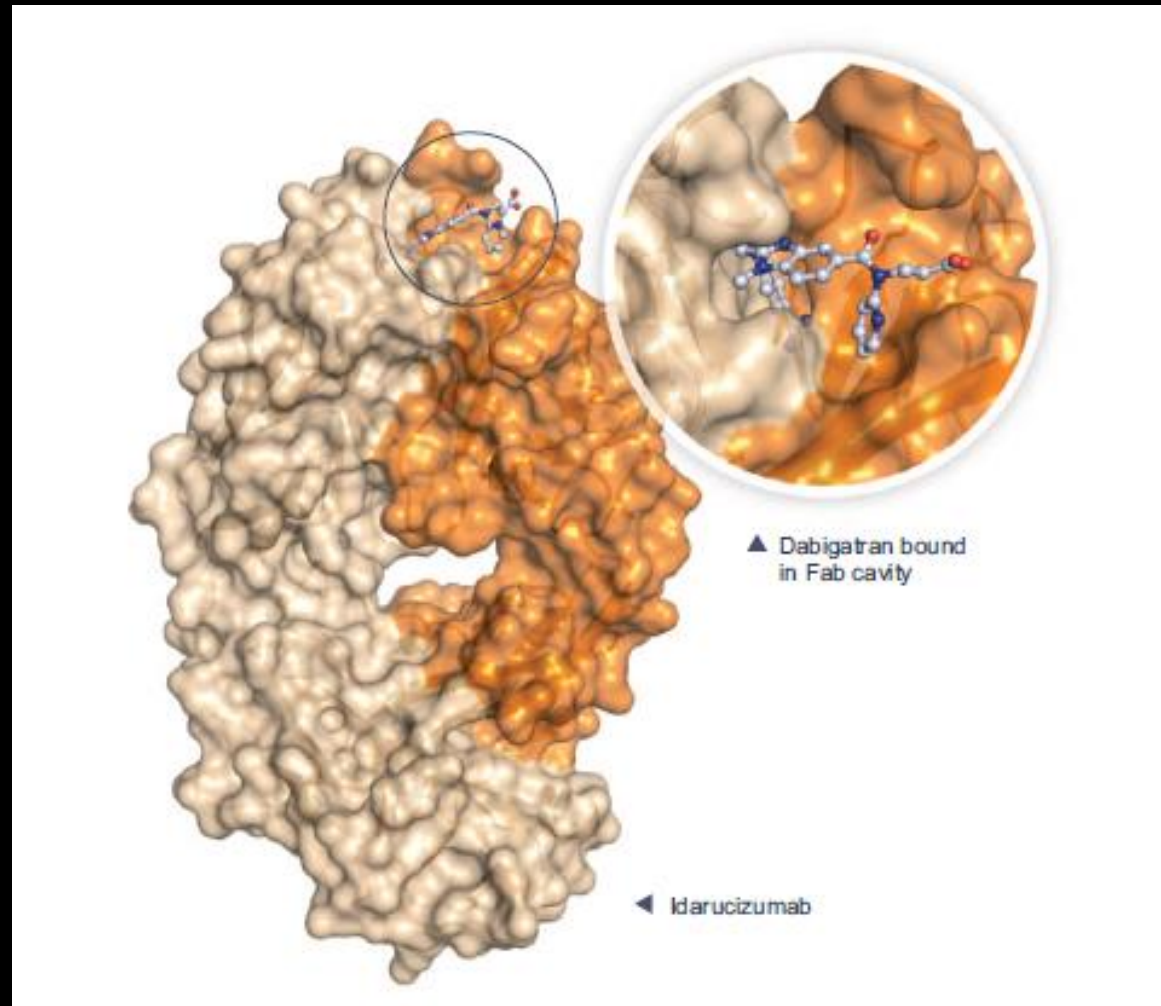
Idarucizumab

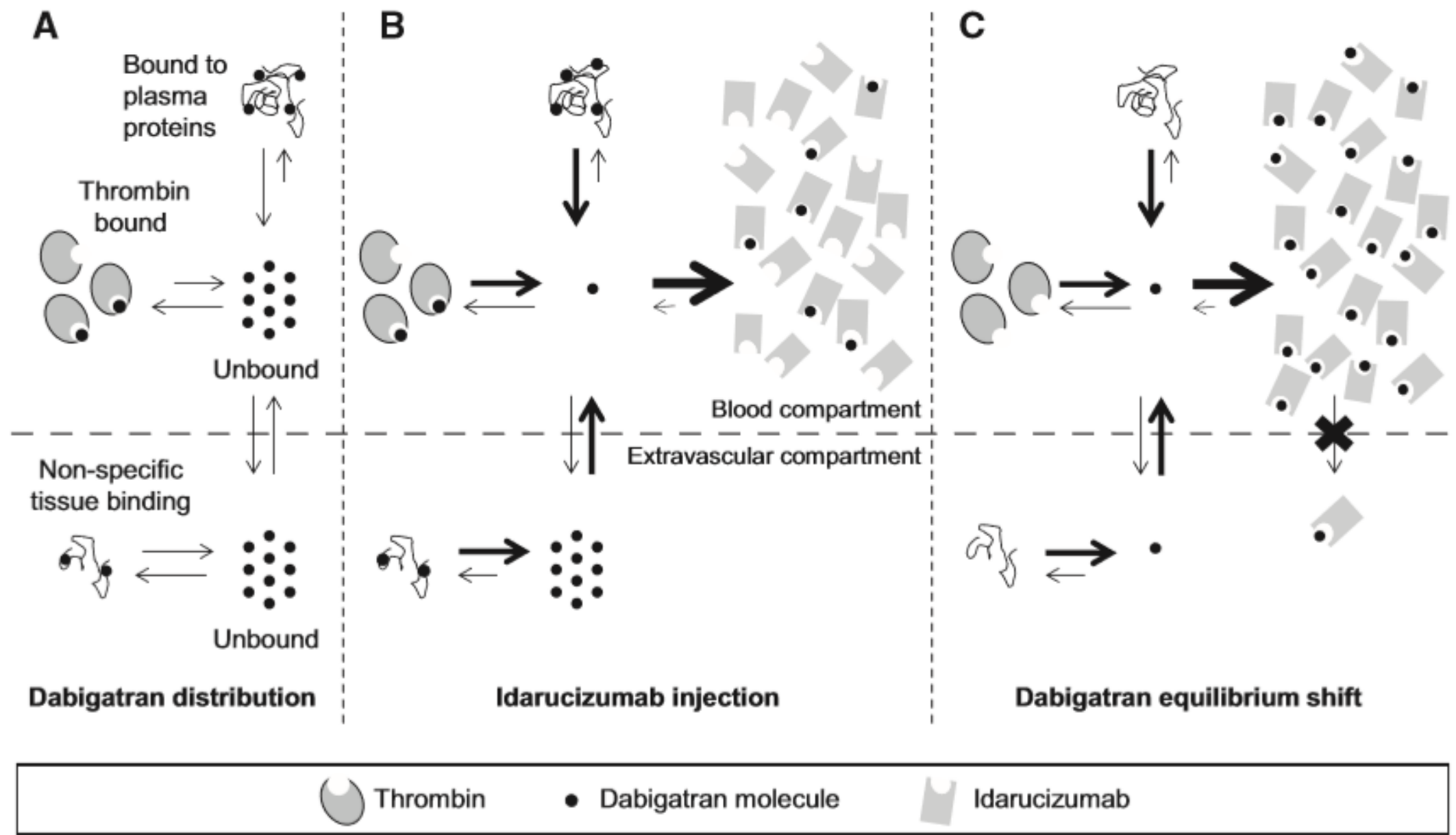
The Antidote for Reversal of Dabigatran



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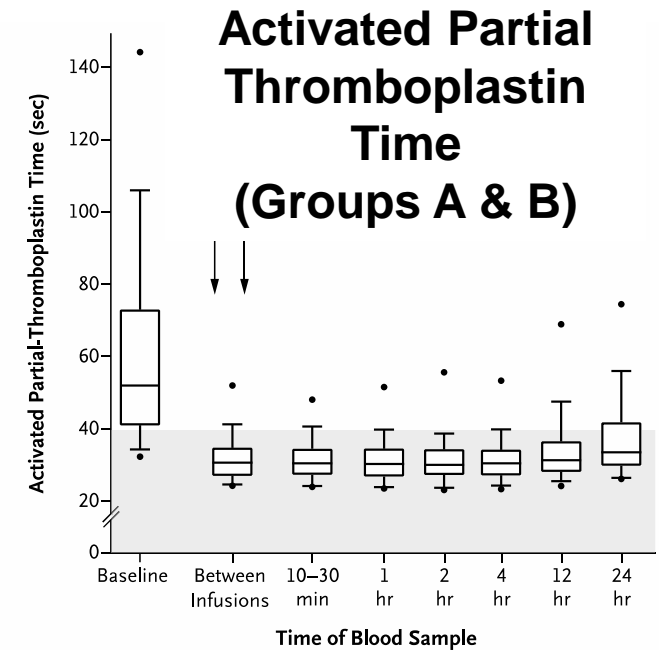
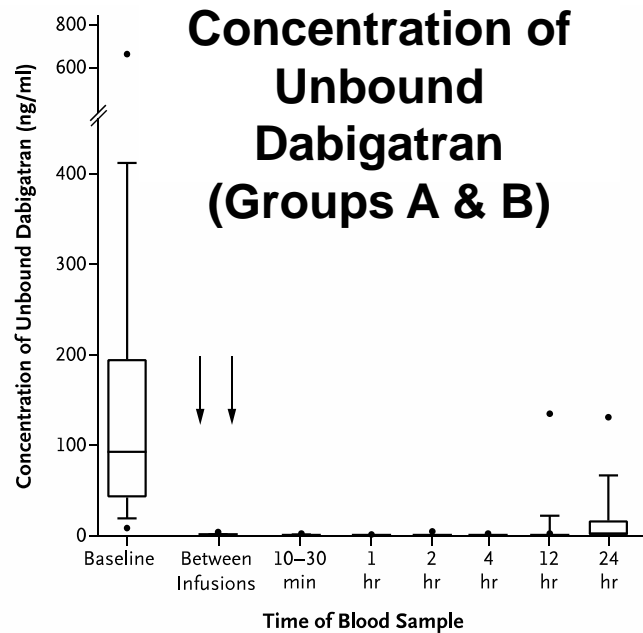
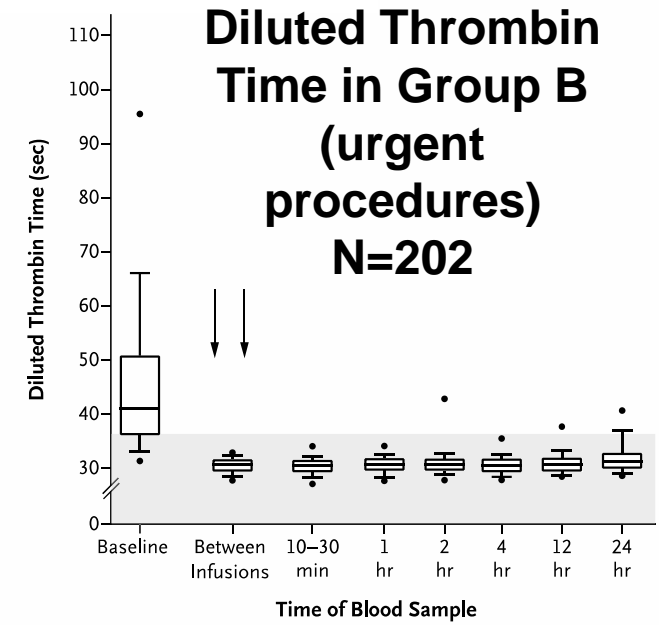
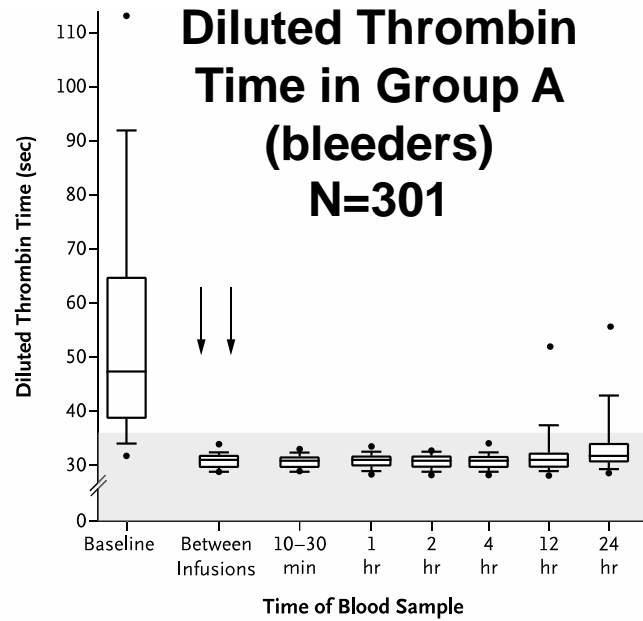
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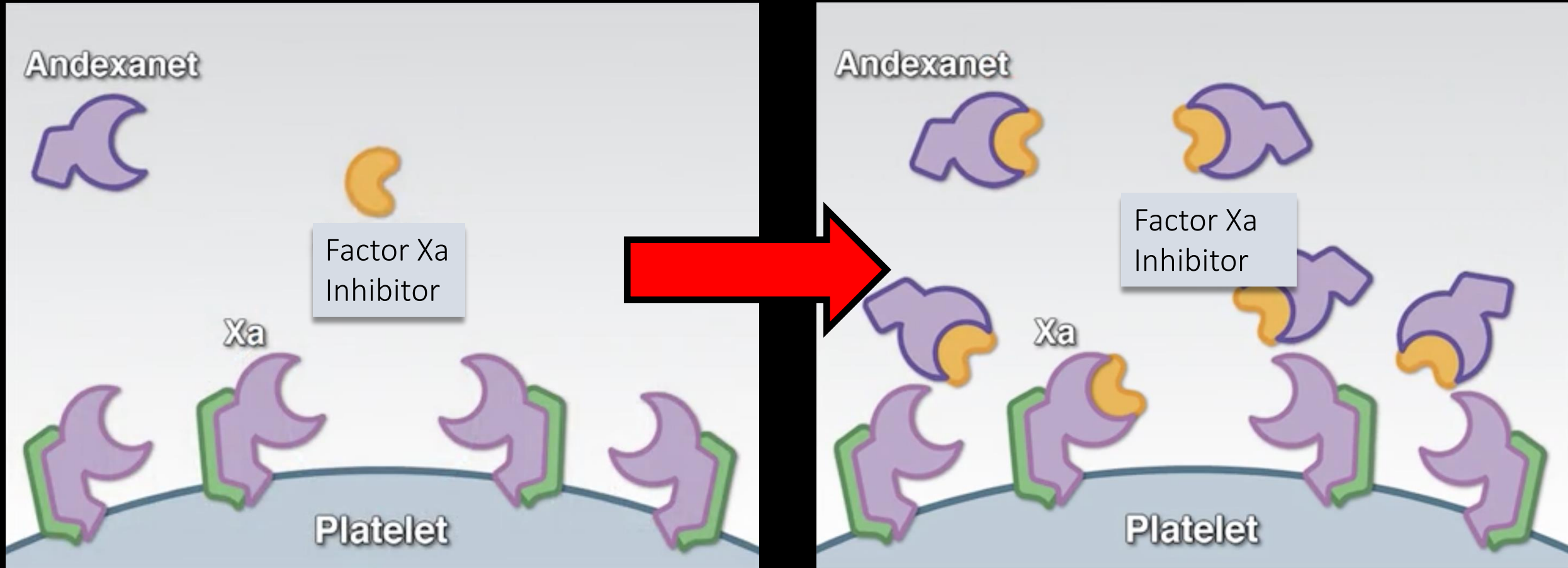


Idarucizumab for Dabigatran Reversal

N Engl J Med 2017;377:431-41.



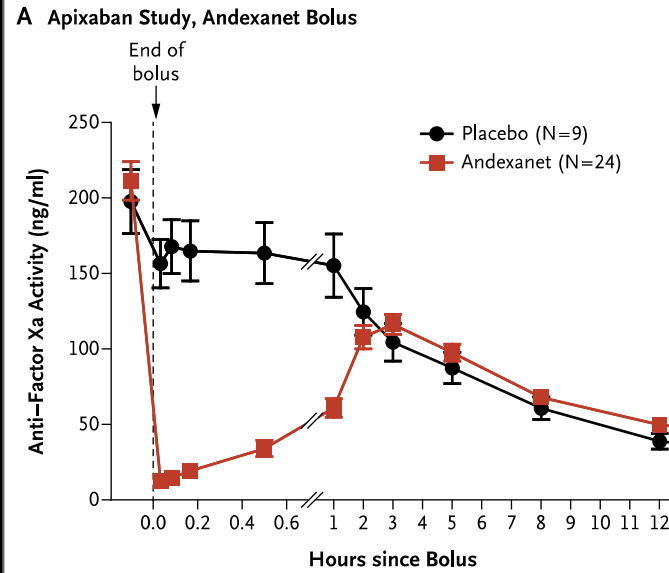
Andexanet Alfa for the Reversal of Factor Xa Inhibitor Activity



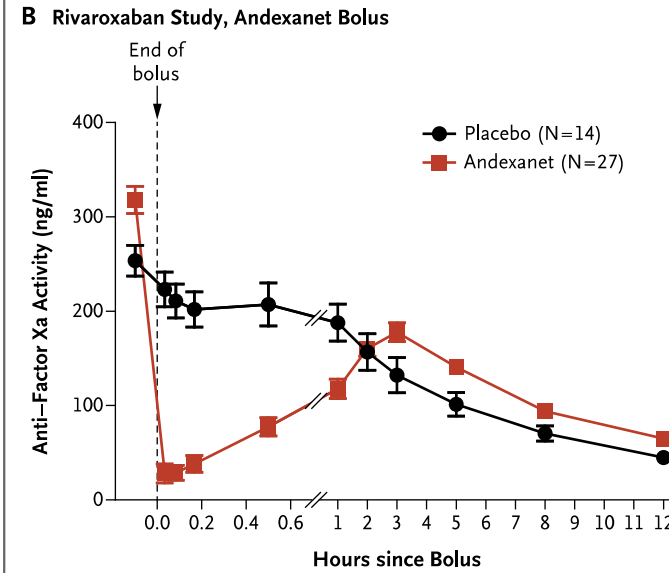
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Bolus

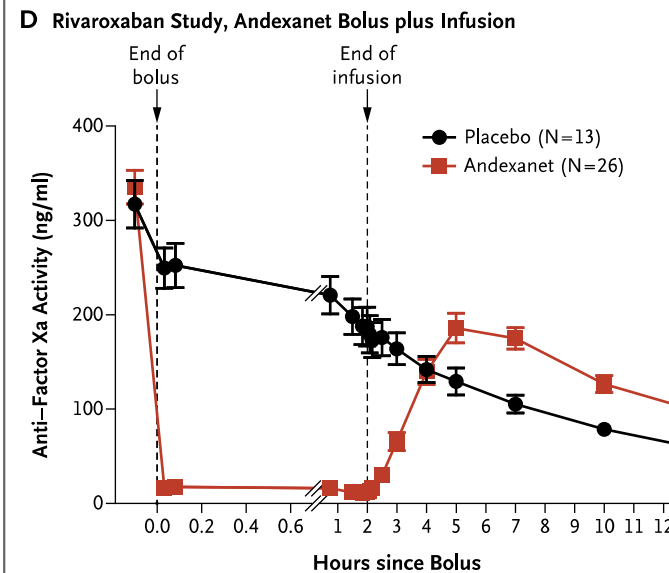
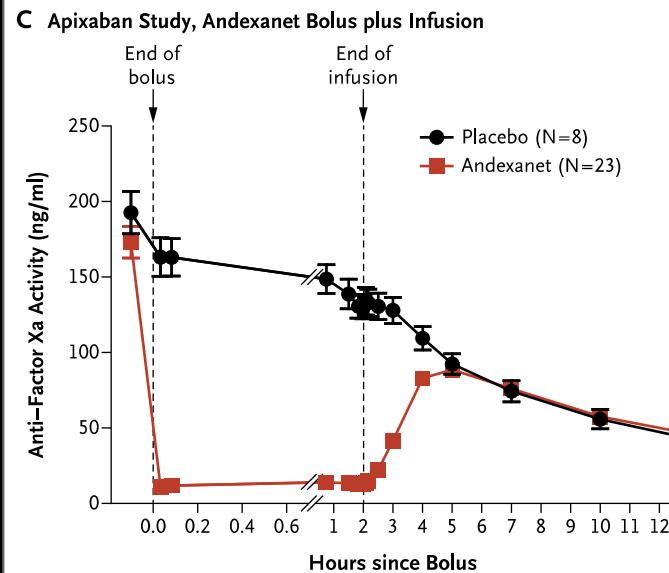
Apixaban



Rivaroxaban



Bolus + Infusion



Summary of Clinical Data for Reversal Agents

		Number		Hemostatic Efficacy		Thrombotic Event Rate	
Pivotal Study	Reversal agent	Total	% ICH	Total	%ICH	Total	ICH
REVERSE AD	Idarucizumab	301	33%	68%	NR	5%	6%
ANNEXA-4	Andexanet	227	61%	83%	81%	11%	12%

Andexxa Package Insert

WARNING: THROMBOEMBOLIC RISKS, ISCHEMIC RISKS, CARDIAC ARREST, AND SUDDEN DEATHS

Treatment with ANDEXXA has been associated with serious and life-threatening adverse events, including: (5.1)

- Arterial and venous thromboembolic events**
- Ischemic events, including myocardial infarction and ischemic stroke**
- Cardiac arrest**
- Sudden deaths**

Monitor for thromboembolic events and initiate anticoagulation when medically appropriate. Monitor for symptoms and signs that precede cardiac arrest and provide treatment as needed.

There are 2 OPTIONS for administering PRAXBIND



OPTION 1: INFUSION

Hang vials and
administer as
two consecutive
infusions¹



OPTION 2: BOLUS INJECTION

Inject both vials
consecutively
via syringe¹



Cost of DOAC reversal agents?

The wholesale acquisition cost of two 2.5 g vials of idarucizumab is currently **\$3482.50**. To treat 10 or 20 patients per year with a single 5 g dose is estimated to cost \$34,825 and \$69,650, respectively.

[Idarucizumab \(Praxbind\) Formulary Review. - NCBI](#)

<https://>

Cost. Initial pricing (AWP) is **\$58,000** per reversal (800 mg bolus + 960 mg infusion, **\$3,300** per 100 mg vial) which is higher than reversal agents for other DOAC agents (idarucizumab for use in dabigatran reversal is **\$4,200** per reversal).

[Andexanet alfa - Wikipedia](#)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andexanet_alfa

Today 12:47 PM

Praxbind - \$1845/vial (2.5g)
So 5g dose is \$3691

Kcentra- \$1713/vial(1034
units)

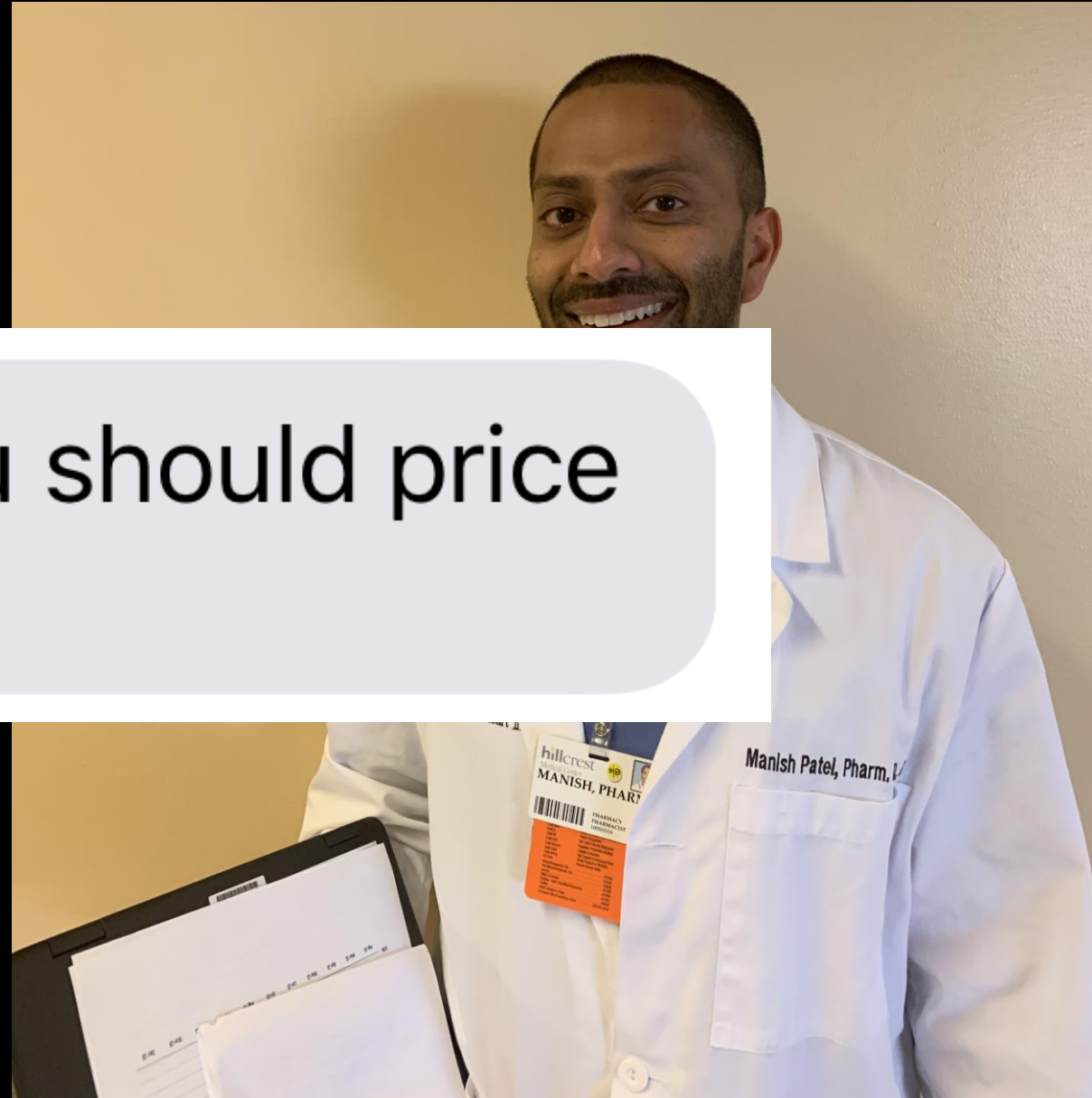
50unit/kg
Average C
80kg-100
So 4 to 5
\$8565

Andexxa- \$2800/vial
(100mg)

Low dose 9 vials = \$25200
High dose 18 vials= \$50400

Yw, I think you should price
in cars. Lol

Thank you.





Summary of Points for Reversal Agents

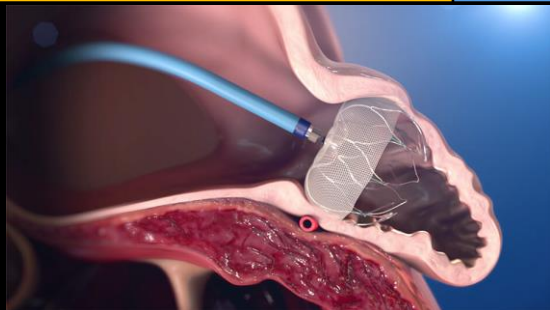
- Specific reversal agents are now available
 - Pharmacodynamic efficacy
 - Limited clinical data
 - None for Edoxaban
 - Post-approval commitments: ongoing collection of data
- Rapidly evolving area of interest
- Benefits, risks, alternatives, and costs will evolve as further data become available

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4.4. Nonpharmacological Stroke Prevention

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IIb	B	1. Percutaneous LAA occlusion may be considered in patients with AF at increased risk of stroke who have contraindications to long-term anticoagulation (S4.4.1- 1–S4.4.1-5).
IIb	B-NR	1. Surgical occlusion of the LAA may be considered in patients with AF undergoing cardiac surgery (S4.4.2-1), as a component of an overall heart team approach to the management of AF.



Conclusions

- Proper patient selection and DOAC dosing should help improve outcomes and reduce bleeding complications.
- Adding aspirin or dual antiplatelet therapy to oral anticoagulation significantly increases the risk of bleeding and should be avoided/minimized when possible.
- Specific reversal agents are now a part of our “toolbox,” for managing bleeding complications from DOACs.
 - Limited clinical data
 - Rapidly evolving area with much more to follow.

Congratulations!





