

Non-Malignant Hematology: What have we learned this year?

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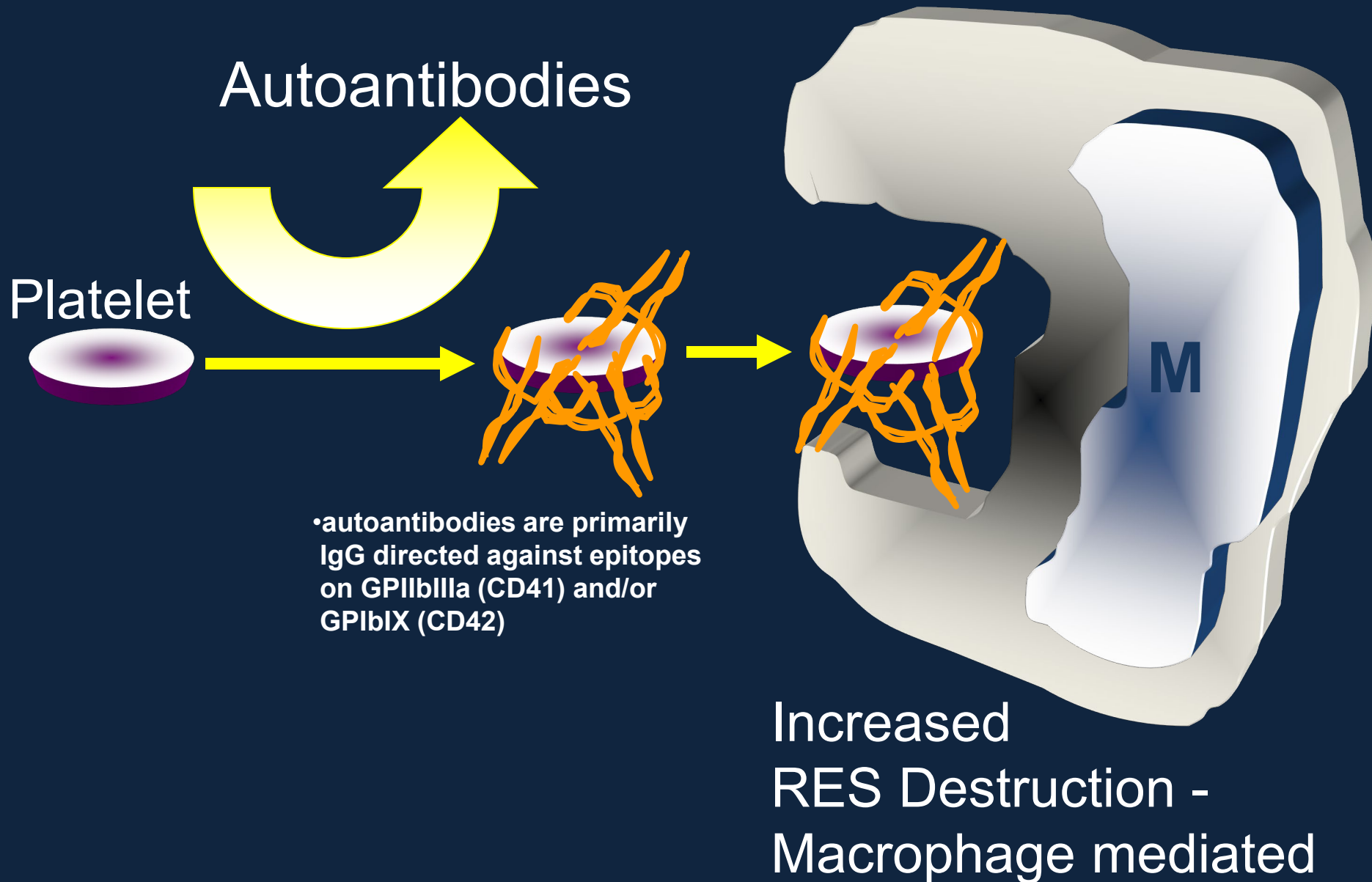
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Topics

- Target specific oral anticoagulation
- New antidotes to DOACs
- DOACS in cancer and beyond
- Advances in ITP
- Miscellaneous

Classic Immunopathogenesis of ITP:



Current Guidelines Are Unclear on Sequencing of Therapy in Chronic ITP

1st-line therapy

- ASH 2011 and IWG 2010 guidelines^{1,2}:
Steroids (with or without IVIg or anti-D, as clinically indicated)
If corticosteroids are used, there's little evidence to support any one dose or dosing regimen

2nd-line or later therapy^{1,2}

- ASH 2011 guideline¹: Splenectomy; if failed or risk of bleeding, then TPO-RAs or rituximab
- IWG 2010 guidelines²: TPO-RAs, splenectomy, rituximab, immunosuppressants, danazol/dapsone, cyclosporine, etc, ***in NO preferential order***

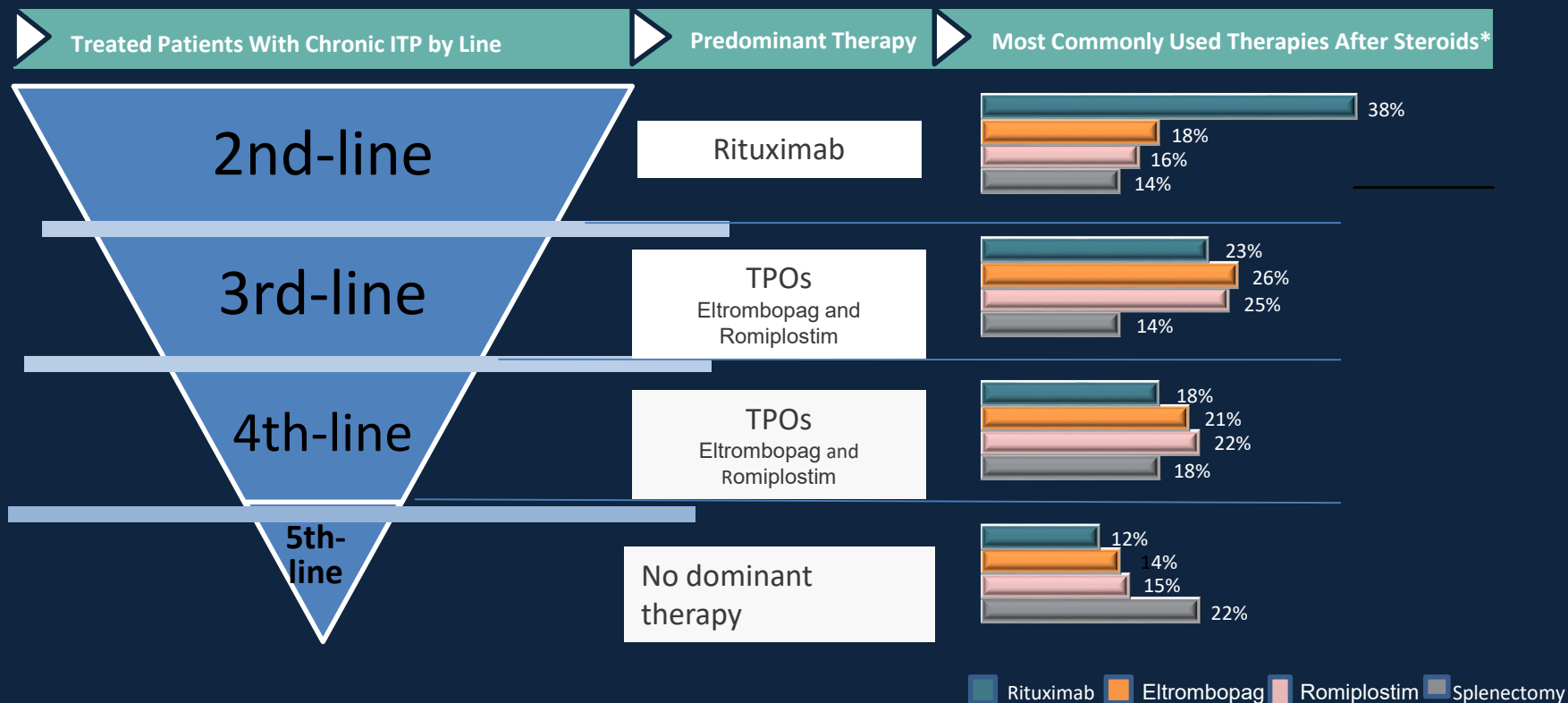
- Empiric sequencing of therapy by healthcare providers^{2,3}
- Cycling among treatment options for chronic ITP is common³
- Response to treatment is hard to predict⁴

IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin G; RA, receptor agonist.

1. Neunert C, et al. *Blood*. 2011;117(16):4190-4207. 2. Provan D, et al. *Blood*. 2010;115(2):168-186.

3. Nomura S. *Clin Med Insights Blood Disord*. 2016;9:15-22. 4. Cooper N. *Br J Haematol*. 2017;177(1):39-54.

Post-steroid Lines of Therapy: Treatments Are Currently Diverse and Fragmented



Other therapeutic options used include chemotherapy, immunosuppressants, and undefined therapies.

Data on file, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc August 2018

ASH Draft Guidelines for ITP-2019

Question 1A: Should adults with newly diagnosed ITP and a platelet count $<30 \times 10^9/l$ who are asymptomatic or with minor mucocutaneous bleeding be treated with corticosteroids or observation?

The ASH guideline panel suggests corticosteroids rather than observation in adults with newly diagnosed ITP and a platelet count $<30 \times 10^9/l$ who are asymptomatic or with minor mucocutaneous bleeding. (Conditional recommendation, moderate certainty in the evidence about effects)

Question 4: Should adults with newly diagnosed ITP be treated with prednisone (0.5-2mg/kg/day) or dexamethasone (40mg/day x 4 days) as the type of corticosteroid for initial therapy?

The ASH guideline panel suggests either dexamethasone (40 mg/day x 4 days) or prednisone (0.5-2 mg/kg/day) in adults with newly diagnosed ITP as the type of corticosteroid for initial therapy. (Conditional recommendation, very low certainty in the evidence about effects) Remark: If a high value is placed on rapidity of platelet count response over concerns for potential side-effects of dexamethasone then an initial course of dexamethasone over prednisone may be preferred.

New Current First Line Therapy for ITP in Adults

- Dex has significantly increased anti-inflammatory effect compared to prednisone
- Laboratory data suggest that dex more effectively modulates the T cell abnormalities seen in ITP
- Given the increased potency of dexamethasone, the adverse effect profile may be less favorable
- Meta-analysis of 9 randomized trials comparing various steroid regimens
 - Initial response rate may be higher in adults treated with dex, but the durable response rates were not significantly different
- Consider dex instead of prednisone in adults if more rapid improvement in platelet count is desired

Which Corticosteroid to Use for ITP?

Responses at 6–12 months in newly diagnosed adults with primary ITP

Treatment	6 months (%)	12 months (%)
Prednis(ol)one 1 mg/kg/day	36–59	24
HDD × one to two cycles	25–40	33 ^a
HDD × at least three cycles	60	40
HDD and rituximab	58–63	53
Romiplostim	32 ^b	–
HDD and eltrombopag	75	67

HDD, high-dose dexamethasone.

^aPatients received one to five cycles of HDD.

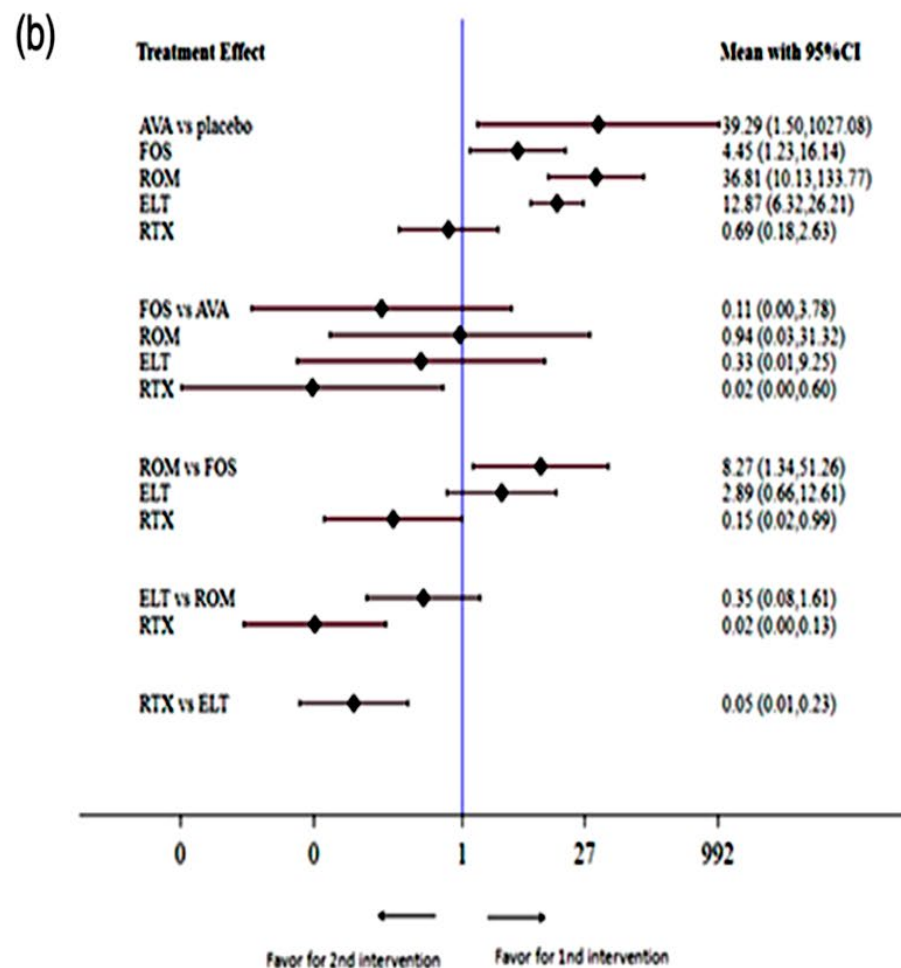
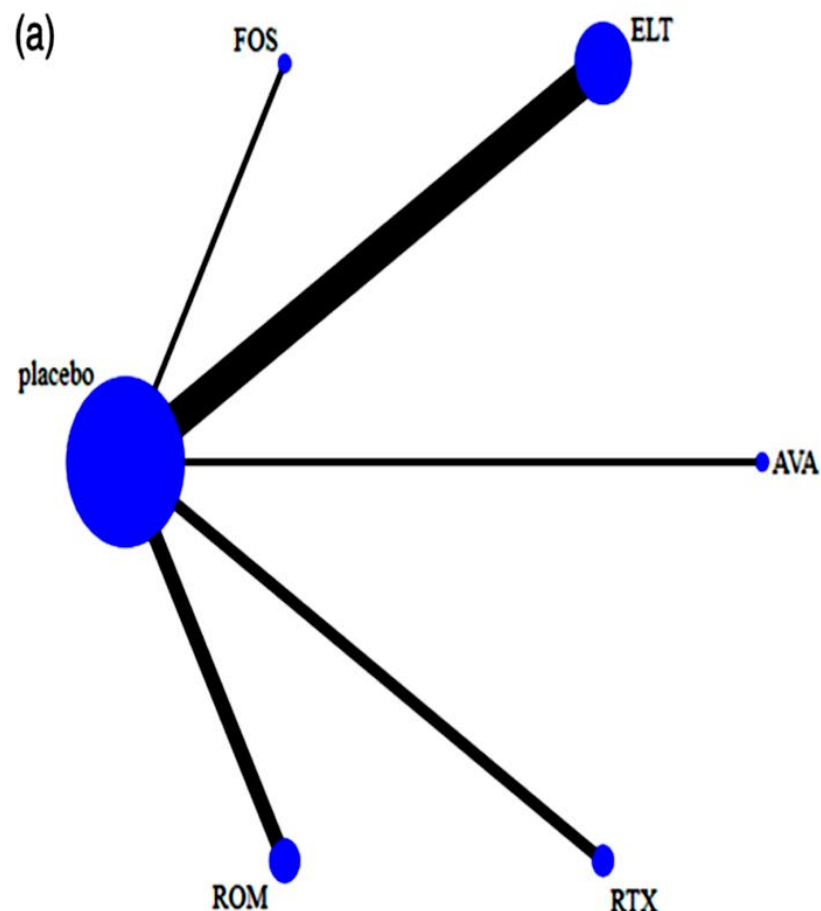
^bAt 24 weeks.

Cuker A et al. Current opinion in hematology, 23(5), 479-485, 2016

Refractory ITP: What to do next?

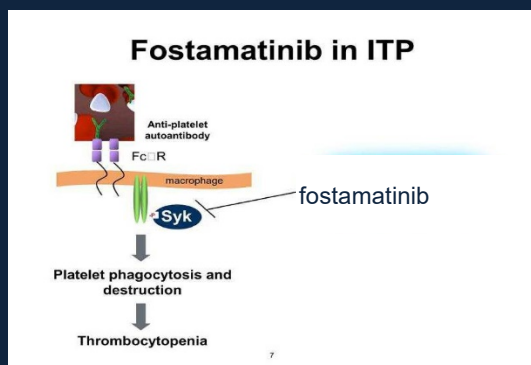
- Splenectomy-60% long term responses; poor predictability for success; lifelong increased risk of sepsis and thrombosis
- TPO-mimetics- 20-30% long term cures; Non-immunosuppressive; long term safety remains uncertain; increased risk for thrombosis? Increased risk for sepsis
- Rituxamab- Immunosuppressive; 60% long term success (70% in women); hypogammaglobulinemia; risks of PML, HBV, HCV;
- Mycophenolate- 50% response; reversible immunosuppression; not in pregnancy; slow response rate (8 wks); Secondary malignancies?

Second-line and subsequent therapies for adult ITP

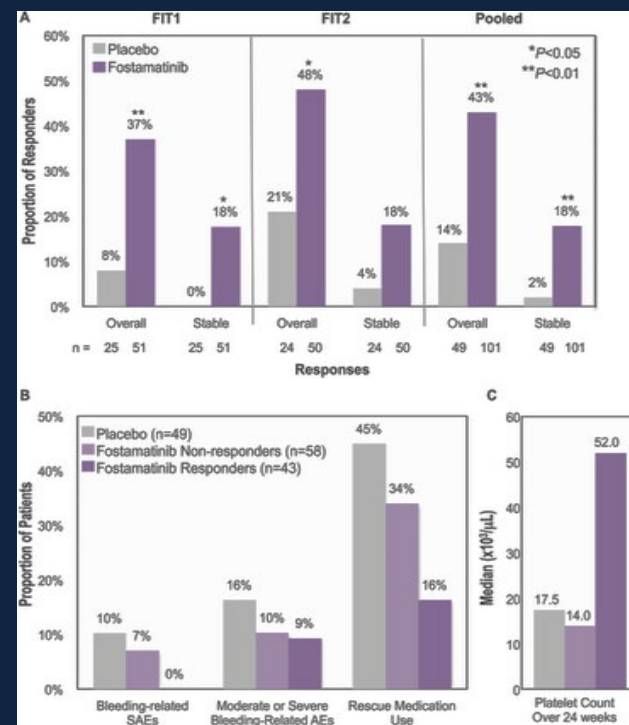


New TPO-mimetics/New agents

- Avatrombopag (Doptelet®)- for CLD; orally bioavailable; no divalent cation interactions limiting timing of meals or potential for hepatotoxicity as seen with eltrombopag; rapid response (65% at 1 wk)
- BKI analogs – in clinical trials
- Fostamatinib- syk inhibitor



[Bussel J et al. Am J Hematol. 2018 Jul;93\(7\):921-930](#)



Abs 289: Romiplostim for Chemotherapy-Induced Thrombocytopenia (CIT). Results of a Phase 2 Trial Soff GA et al

TABLE 1A. Primary Endpoint of Randomized Patients: (ITT, Intention To Treat)

	Platelet Count Corrected to >100,000/mcL, within 3 weeks	Fail To Correct within 3 weeks	Total
Romiplostim	14 (93.3%)	1	15
Observation	1 (12.5%)	7	8

P = <0.001

TABLE 1B. Primary Endpoint of All Patients: (ITT, Intention To Treat)

	Platelet Count Corrected to >100,000/mcL, within 3 weeks	Fail To Correct within 3 weeks	Total
Romiplostim	27 (84.4%)	5	32
Observation	1 (12.5%)	7	8

P = <0.001

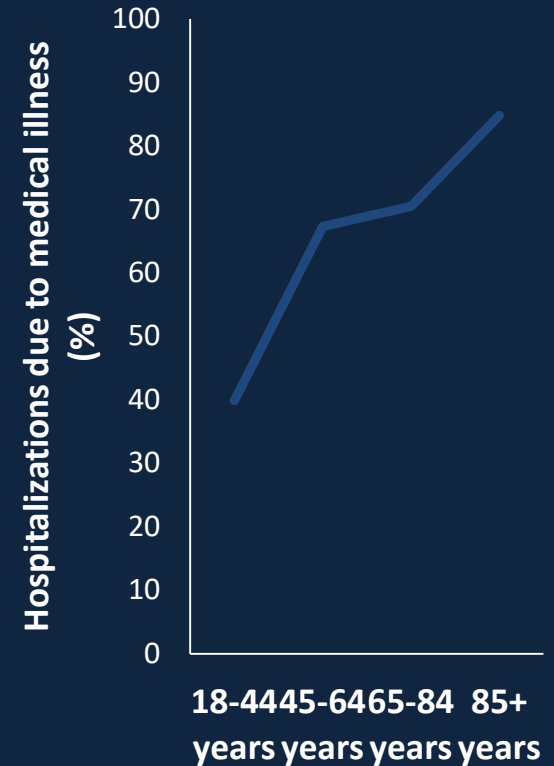
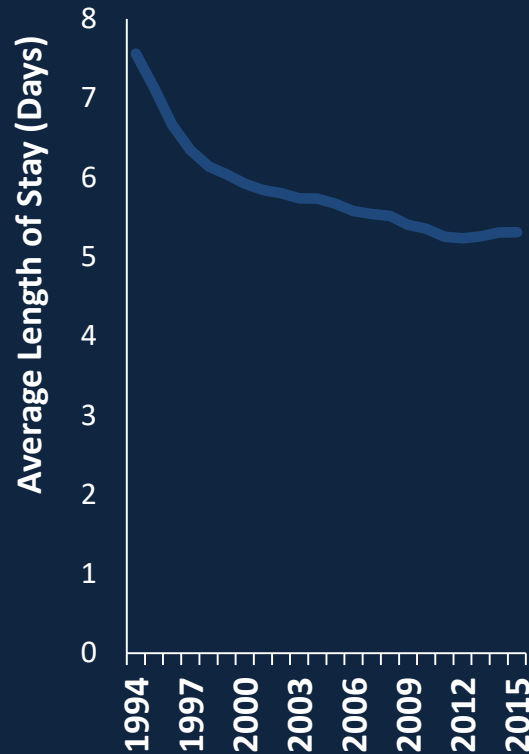
4/32 (12.5%) romiplostim pts developed VTE. One with symptomatic PE; one with asx incidental PE; 2 with distal DVTs. These pts all high risk for VTE with metastatic or locally advanced pancreas (2), colorectal, and hepatocellular carcinoma

The Pharmacological Landscape of the DOACs- 2019

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Betrixaban
Target	IIa	Xa	Xa	Xa	Xa
Bioavailability	6%–7%	66%	50%	62%	34%
Protein binding	35%	92%–95%	87%	40%–59%	60%
T_{max} (h)	2	2–4	1–3	1–2	3–4
Metabolism via CYP450	<2%	57%	<32%	<25%	<1%
Renal excretion	>80%	66%	25%	35%	6%–13%
Fecal excretion	82%–88%	26.4%	46.7%–56%	62.2%	82%–89%
$T_{1/2}$ (h)	12–14	9–13	8–15	9–11	37 (PD $T_{1/2}$ =20 h)

Crisis of VTE in Medically-Ill Patients

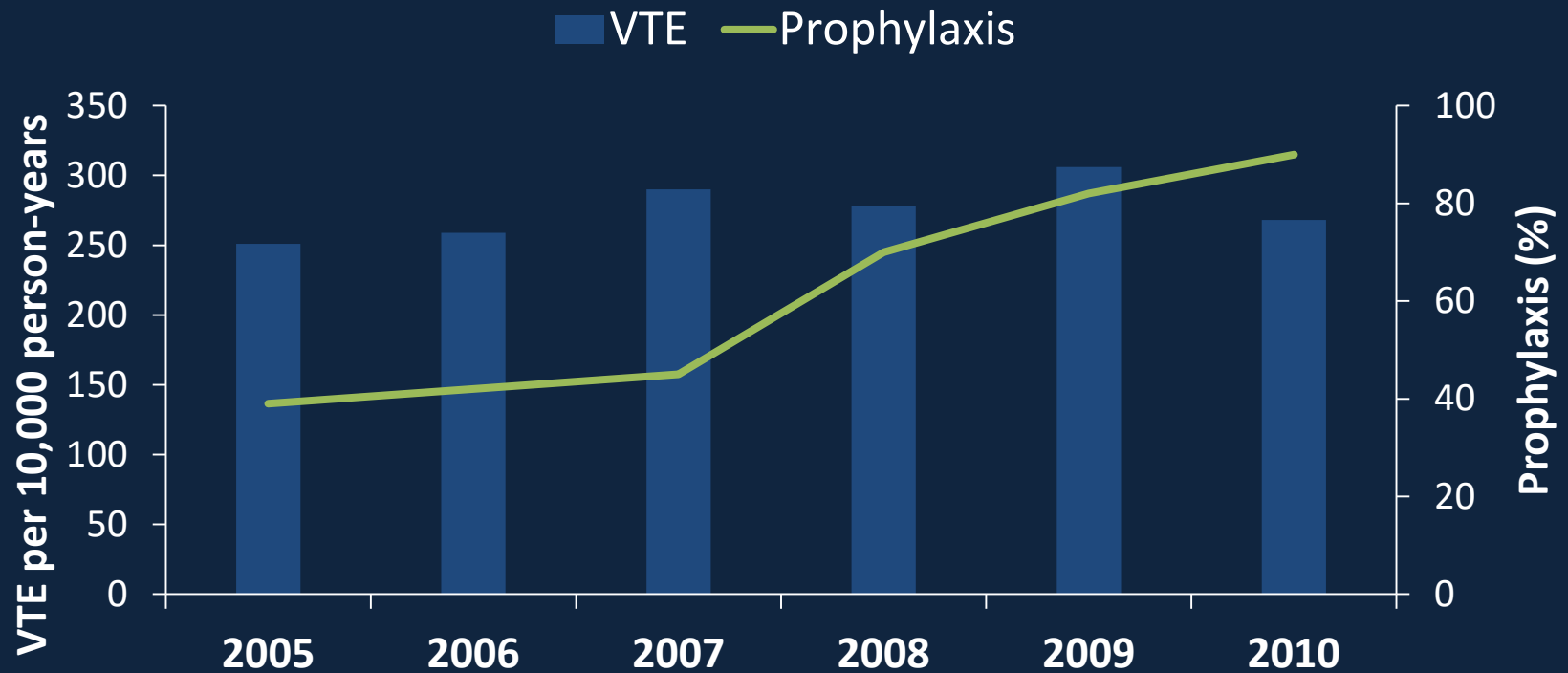
- In 2012 there were 36.5 million hospitalizations in the US (56% were medical)
- Percent of hospitalized medically-ill increases with age
- At least 20-30% of medically ill patients at risk for VTE
- Hospital length of stay has declined by 30%



- Weiss A and Elixhauser A, HCUP data 2014; Rosenberg D et al. *J Am Heart Assoc* 2014;3:e001152; Mahan CE et al. *Thromb Haemost* 2014; 112:692-699; HCUP Fast Stats

Inpatient Prophylaxis Alone is Insufficient to Reduce Hospital-Acquired Venous Thromboembolism

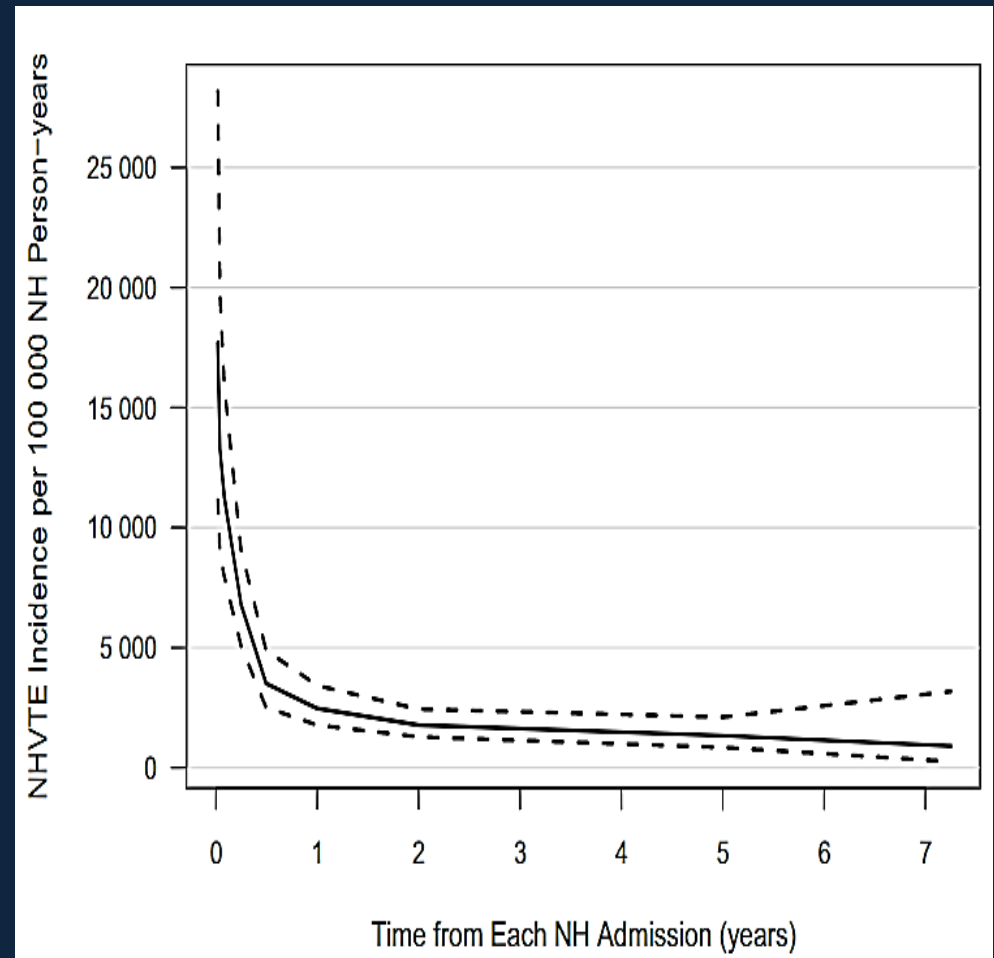
Median LOS 3 days! Median duration of VTE prophylaxis 70 hrs!



- Heit JA, et al. *Blood* 2017 130:109-114

Nursing Home Residents are at High Risk for VTE

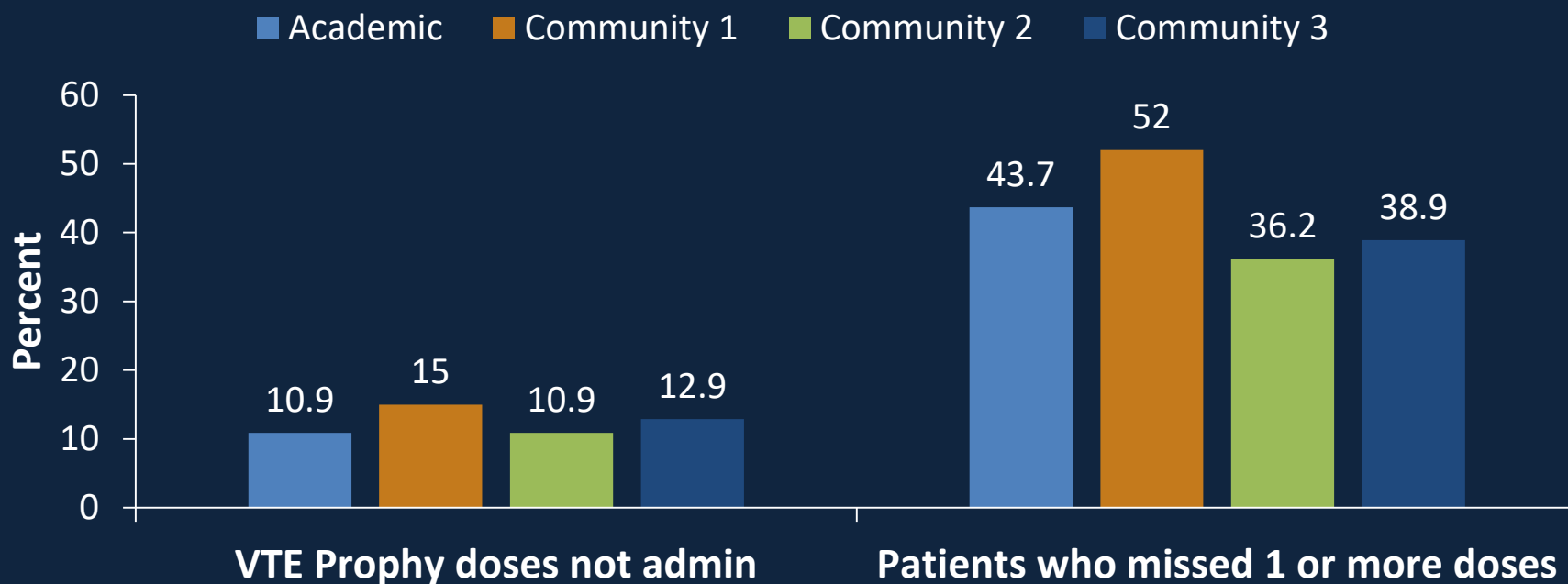
- Mayo Clinic population-based retrospective cohort 1998-2005
- 3465 nursing home residents with median age 82 and 1 year follow up
- VTE occurred in 2.3% of nursing home stays
- Nursing home VTE incidence 30-fold general population
- Nursing home VTE associated with 1.9-fold risk of death
- Nursing home residents are at high risk for VTE



- Petterson TM, et al. *Thromb Haemost* 2018;118:1316-1328.

VTE Prophylaxis Non-Administration is Common Care Defect

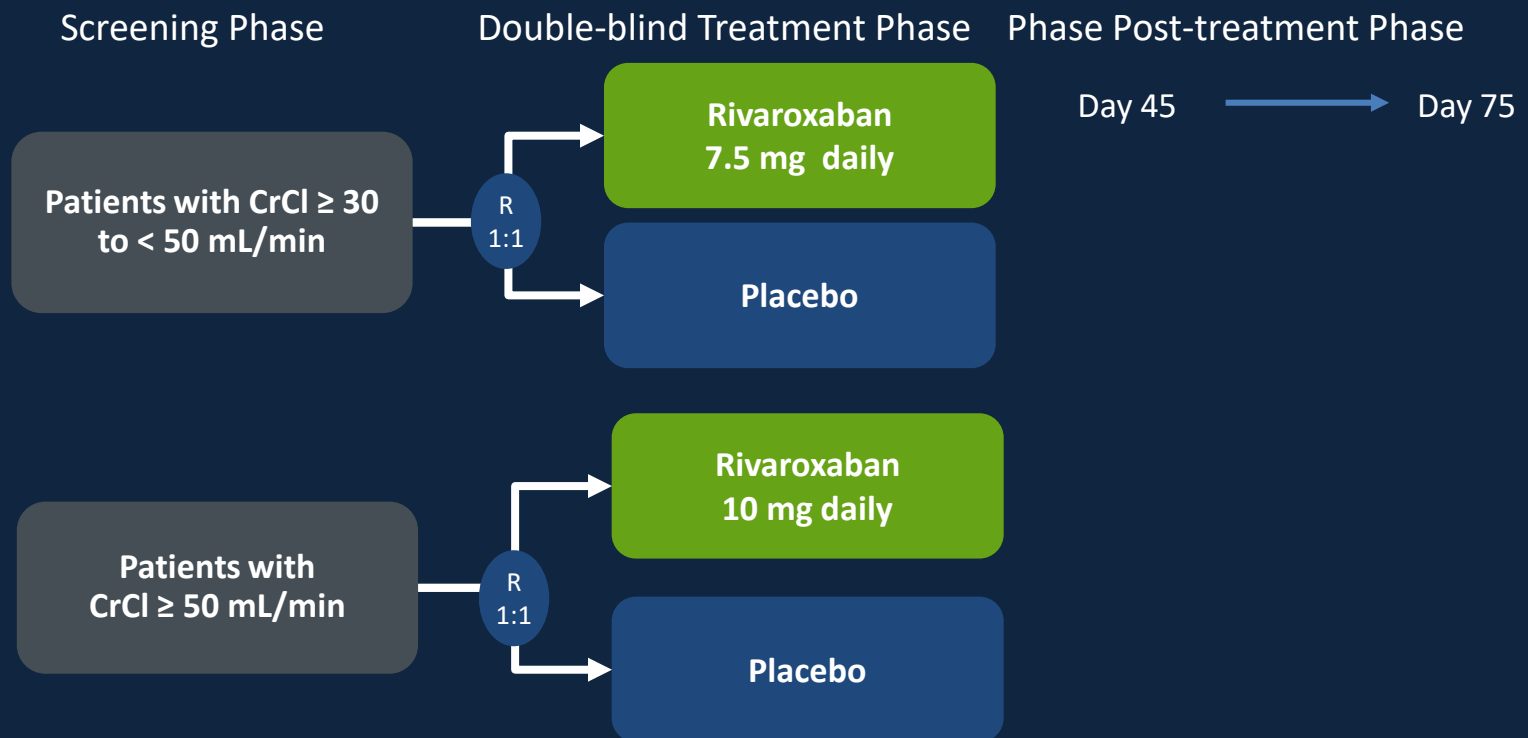
Retrospective dose administration survey January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015



- Lau BD, et al. *J Gen Intern Med* 2018;33:19-20

MARINER Trial

Rivaroxaban (N = 12,024)

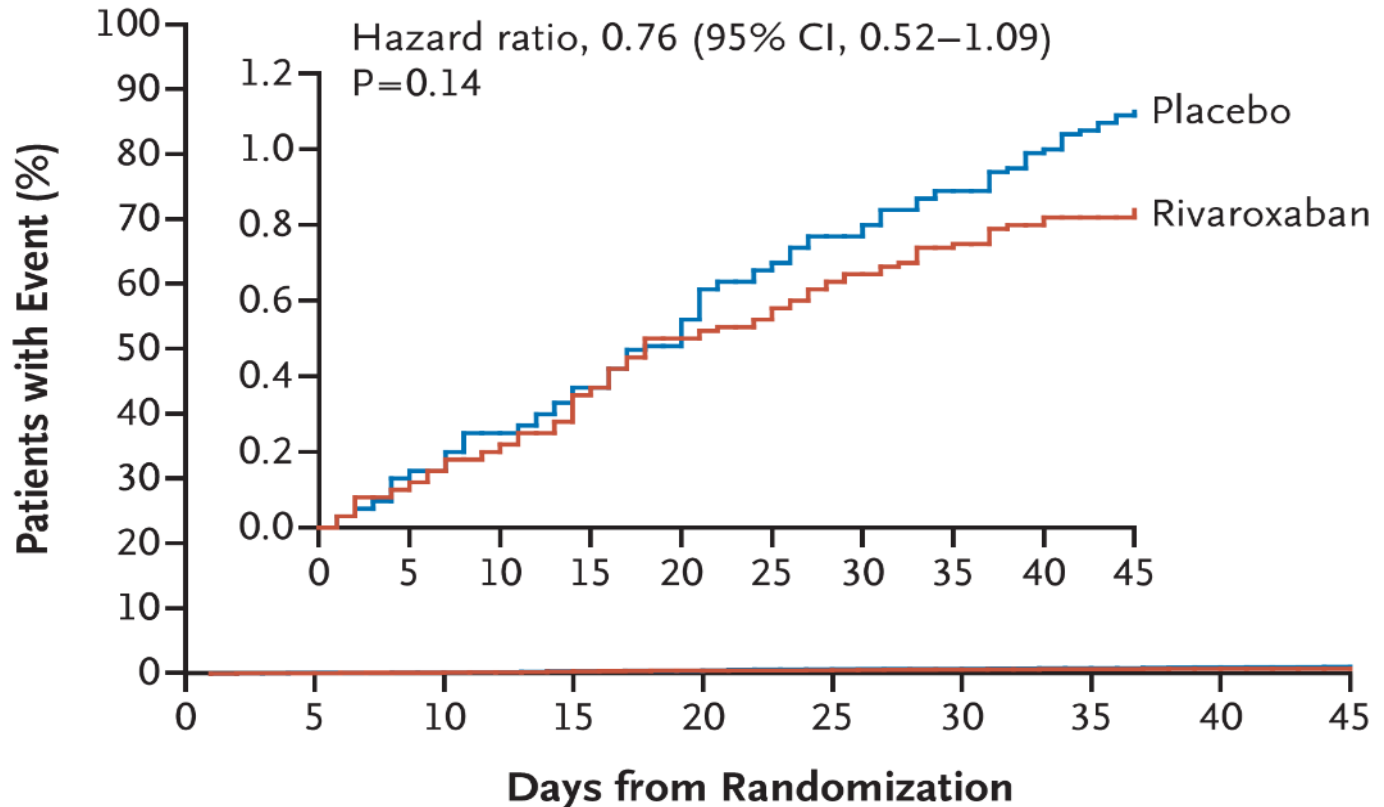


- Raskob GE, et al. *Thromb Haemost* 2016; 115: 1240–1248

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Primary Efficacy Endpoint

A Symptomatic VTE or VTE-Related Death



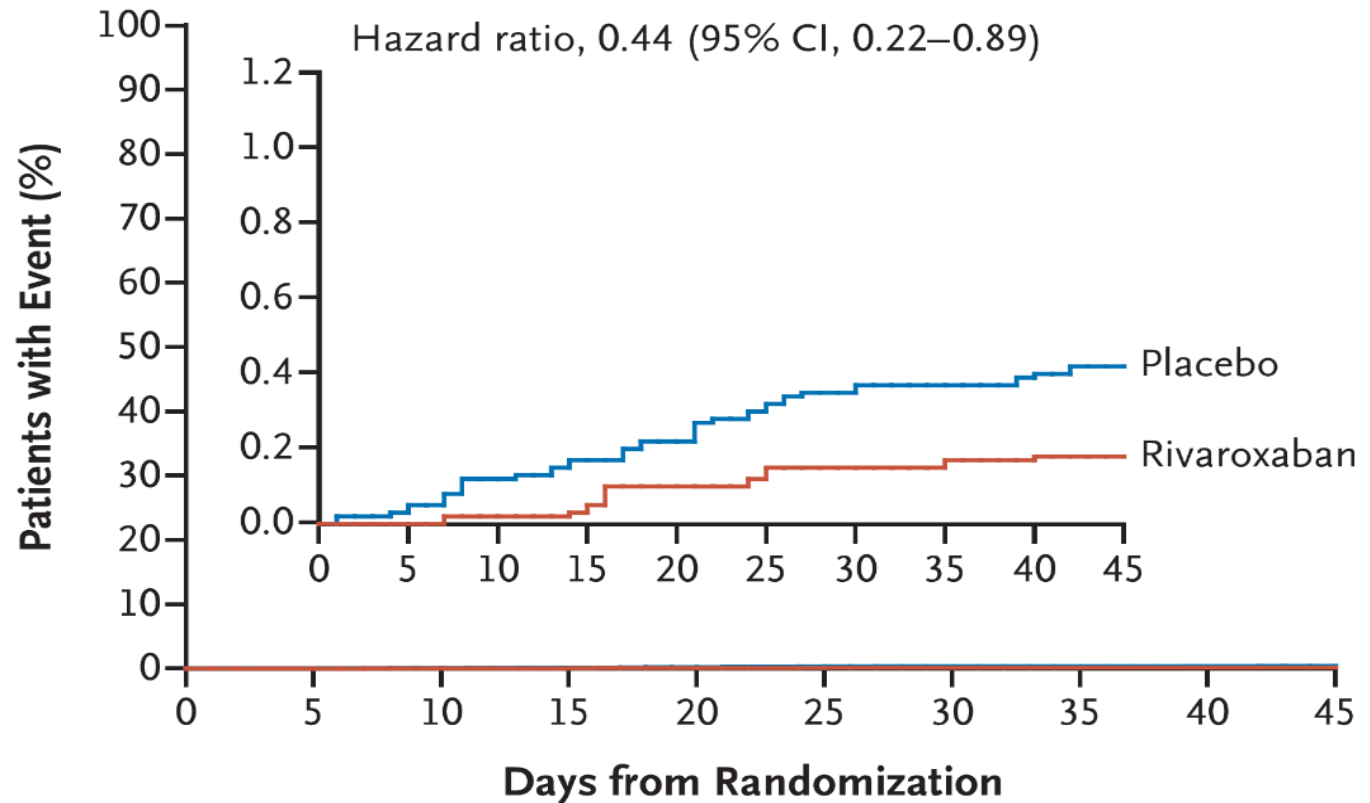
No. at Risk

Placebo	6012	5989	5970	5959	5943	5922	5910	5902	5890	0
Rivaroxaban	6007	5989	5972	5962	5948	5934	5927	5919	5913	0

- Spyropoulos AC, et al. *N Eng J Med*. 2018;379:1118-1127.

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Symptomatic VTE



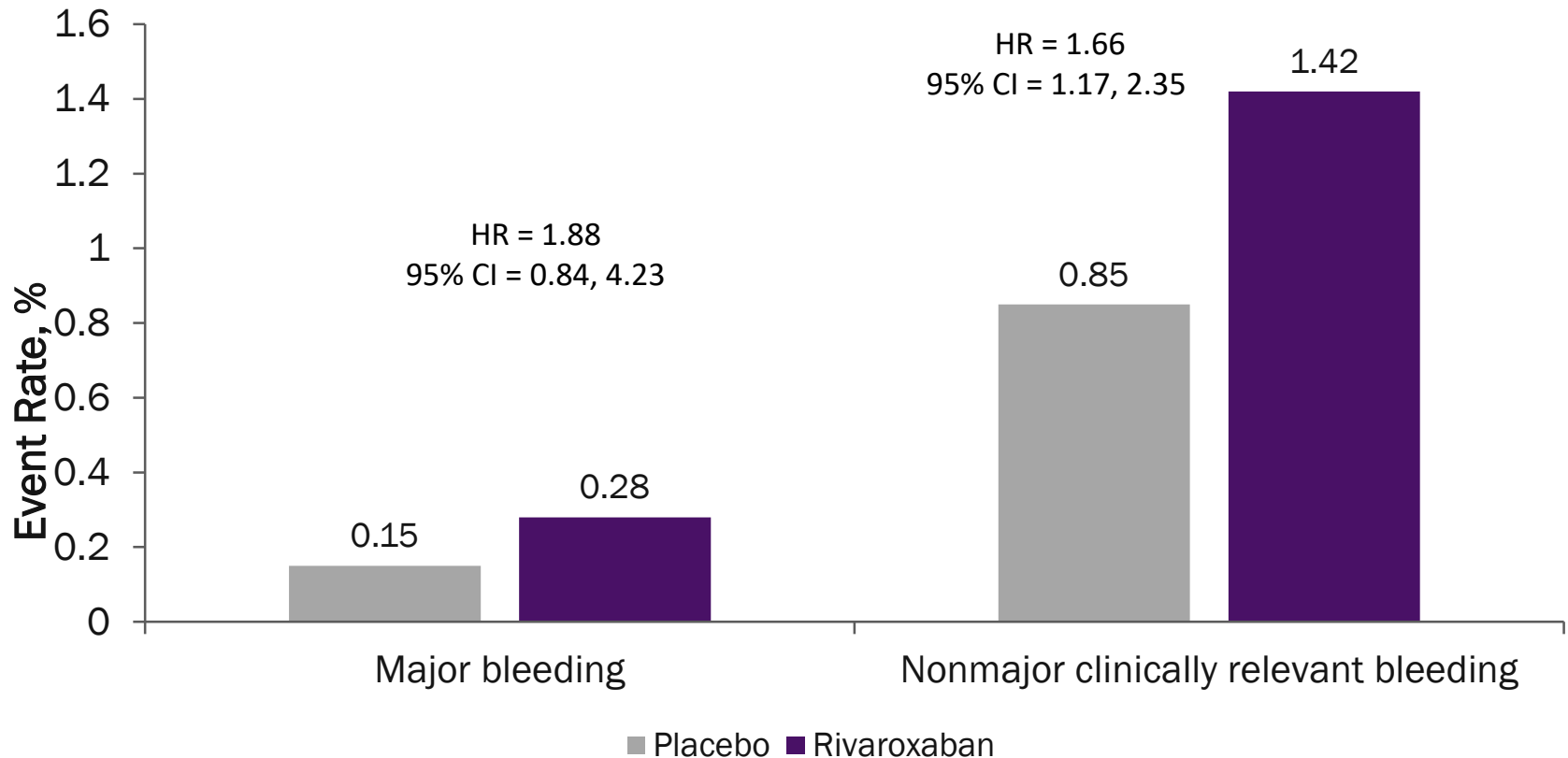
No. at Risk

Placebo	6012	5988	5962	5952	5939	5909	5898	5895	5886	0
Rivaroxaban	6007	5989	5966	5960	5947	5927	5921	5916	5913	0

- Spyropoulos AC, et al. *N Eng J Med*. 2018;379:1118-1127.

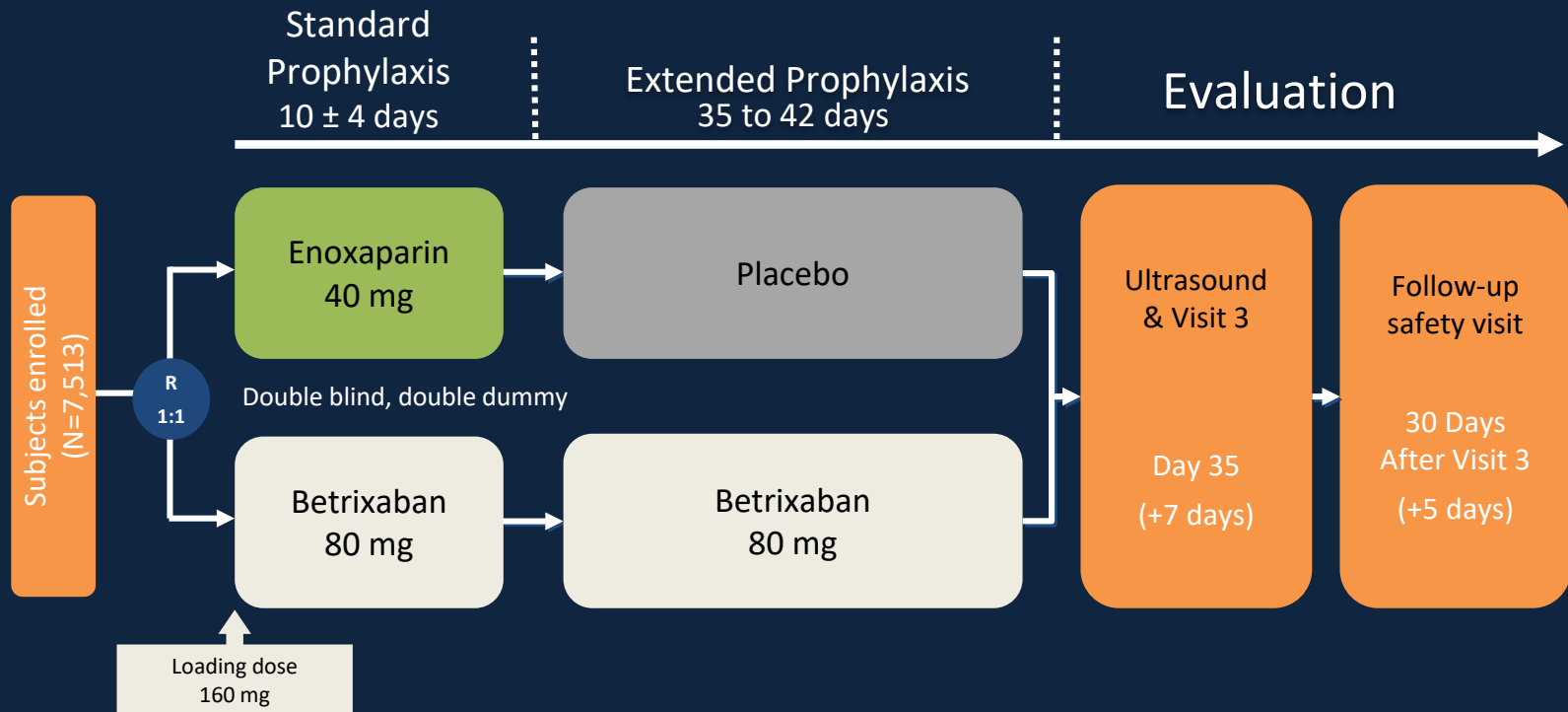
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Bleeding Complications



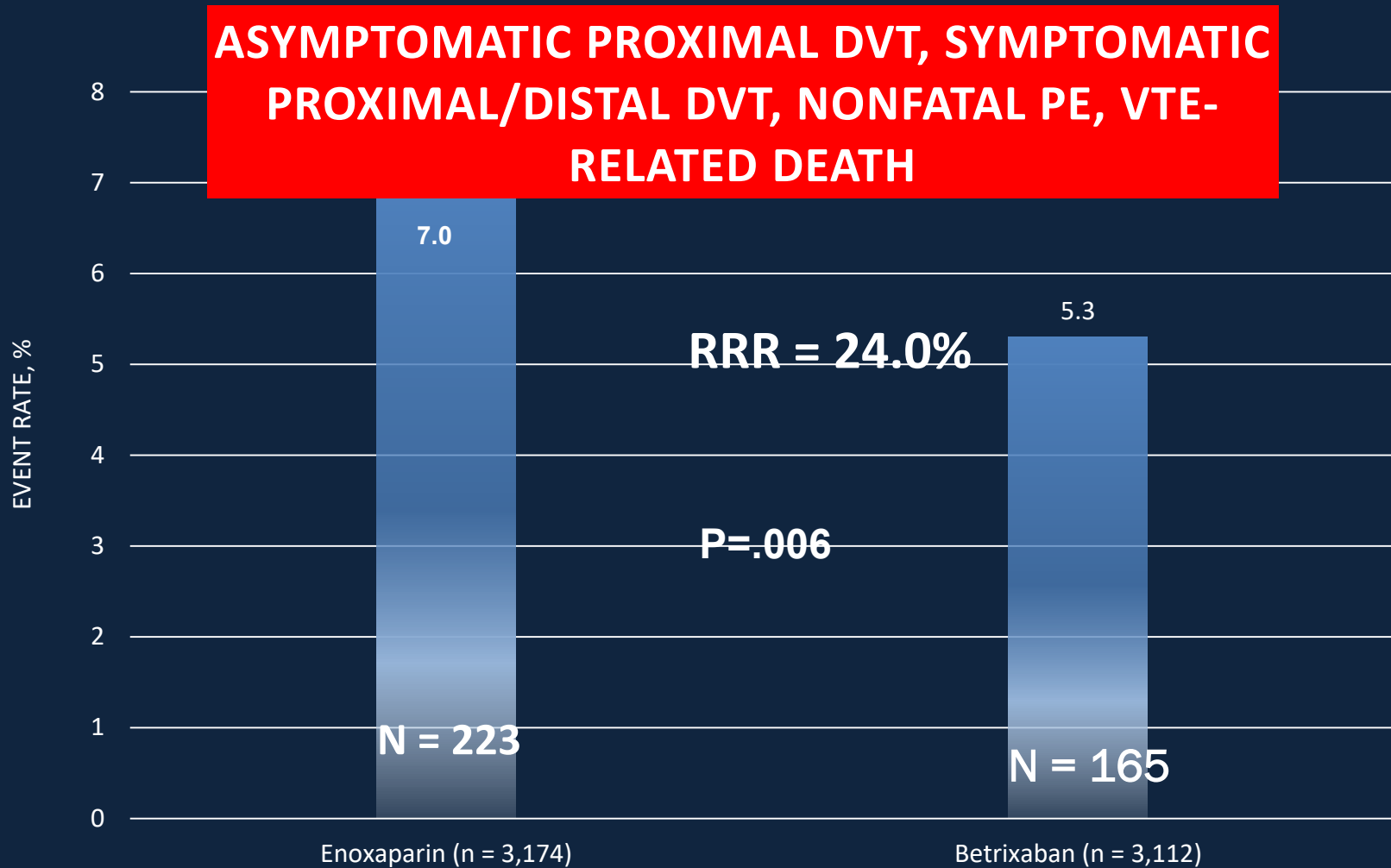
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APEX Study Design



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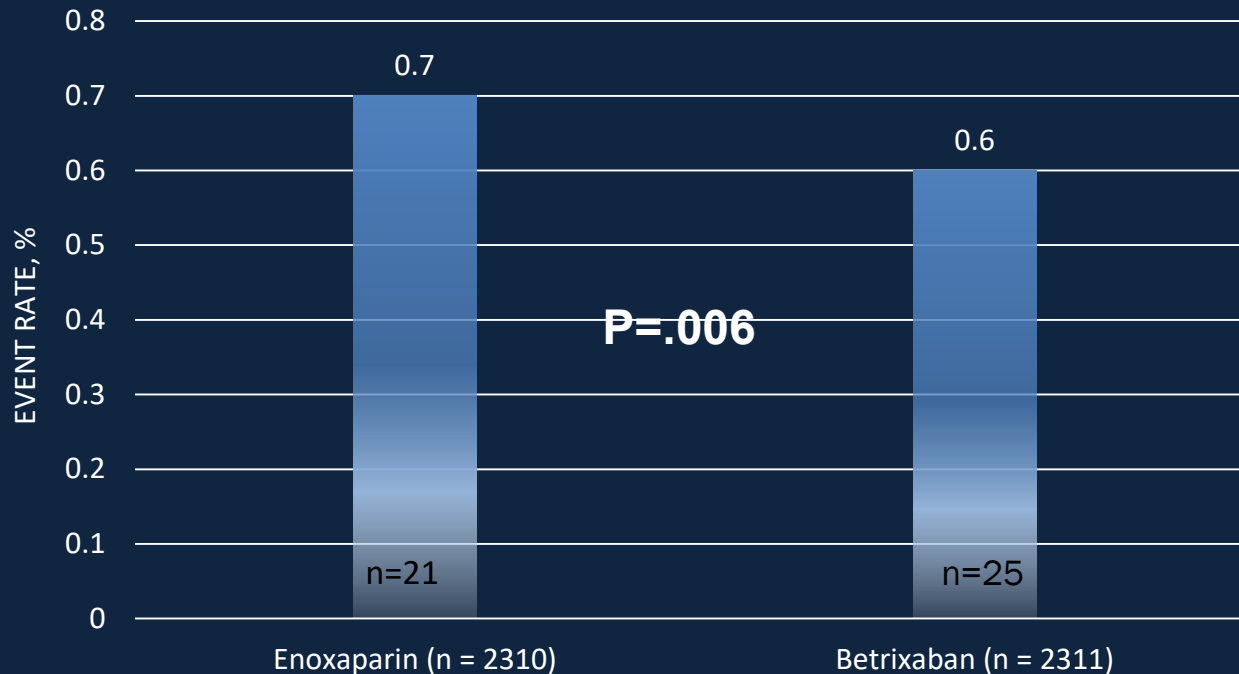
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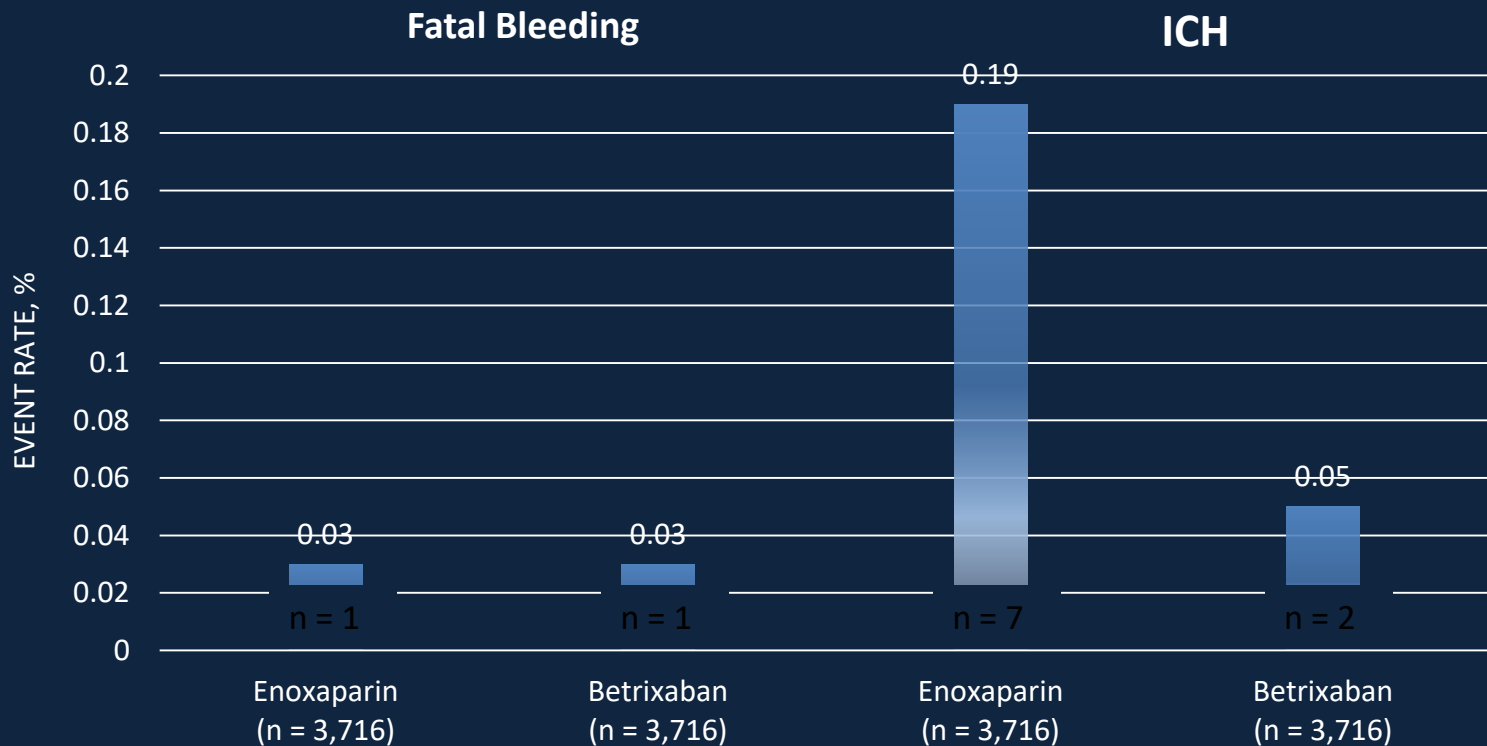
APEX: Primary Safety Endpoint:

Major Bleeding



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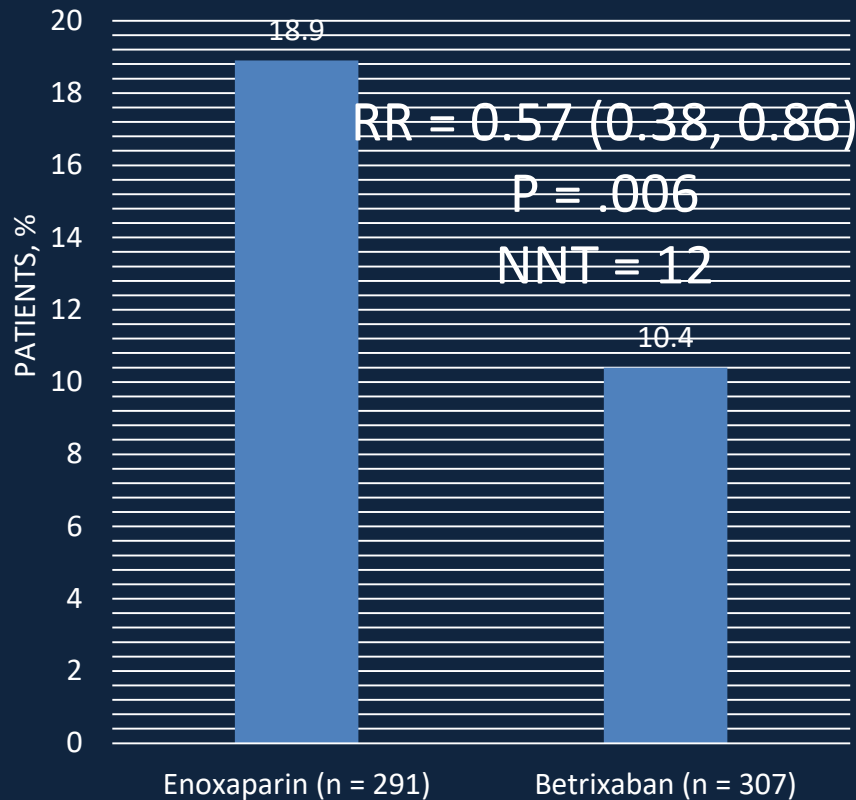
APEX: Fatal Bleeding and ICH: Safety Population



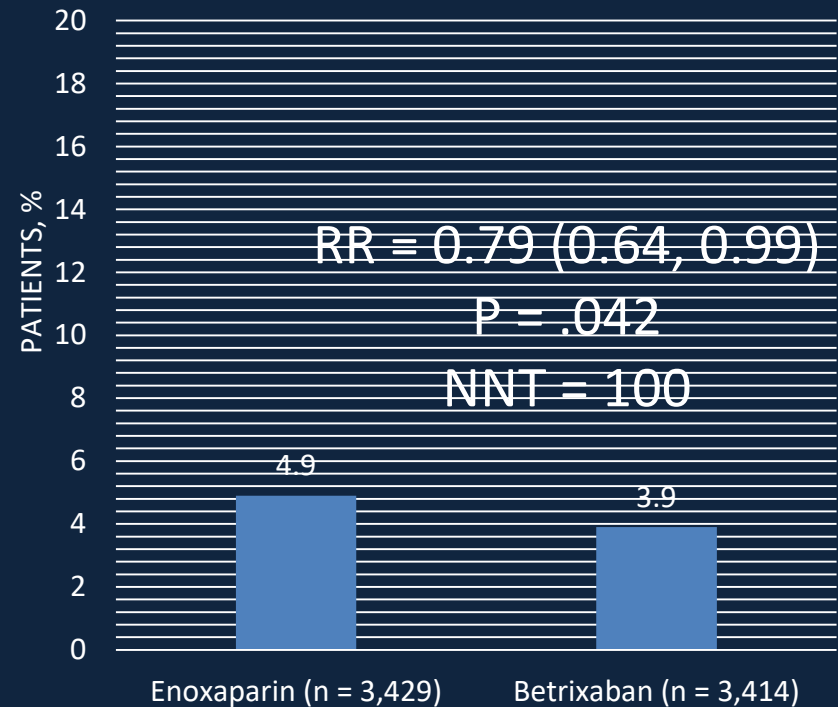
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APEX: Primary Efficacy Outcome by History of VTE

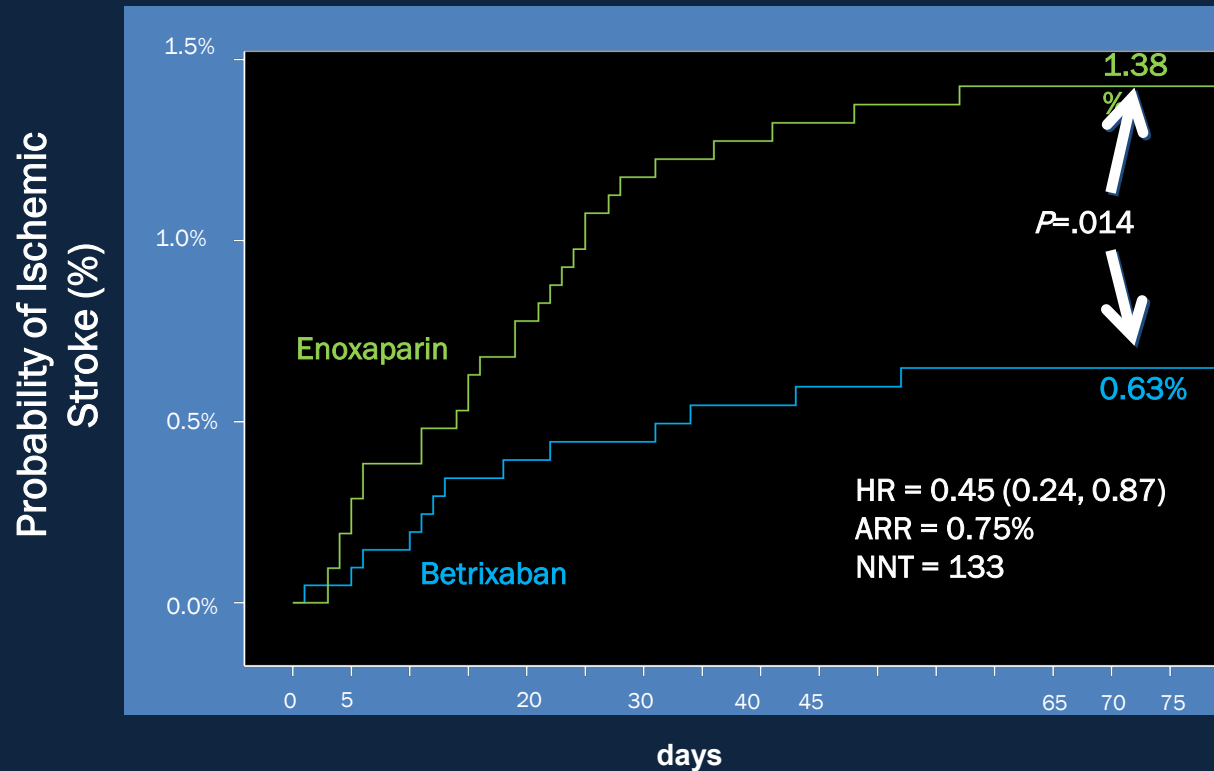
- History of VTE



- No History of VTE

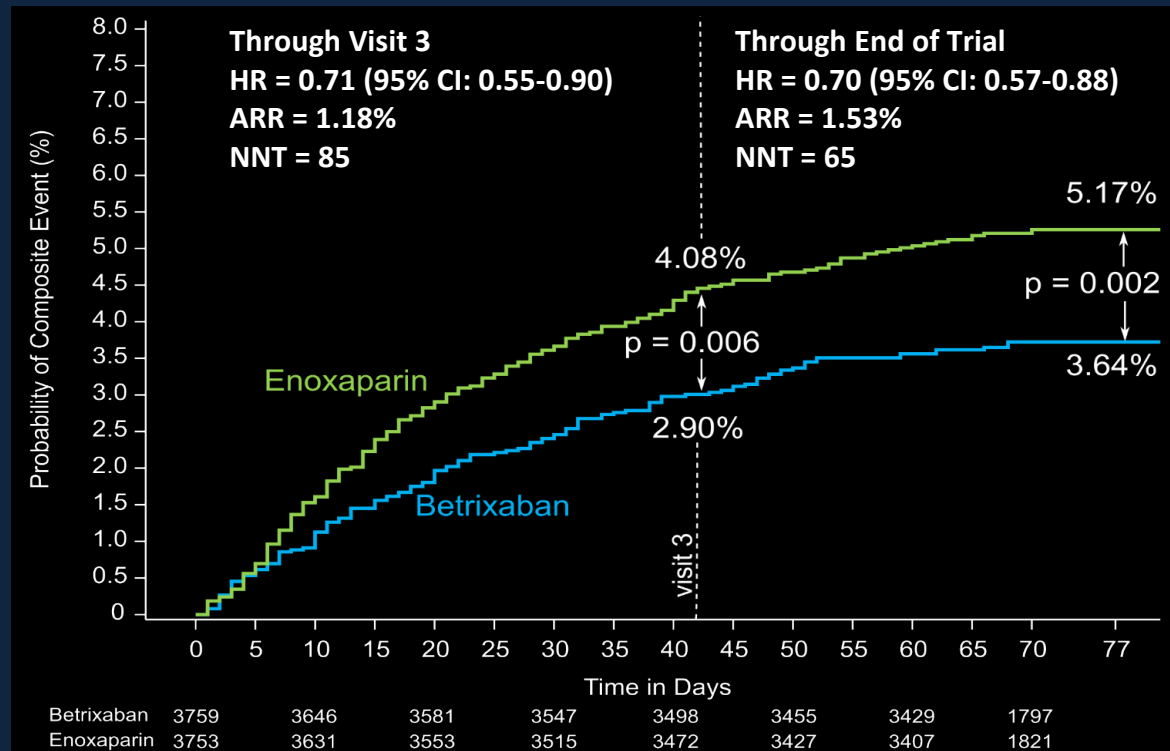


APEX: Ischemic Stroke or CHF as Index Event



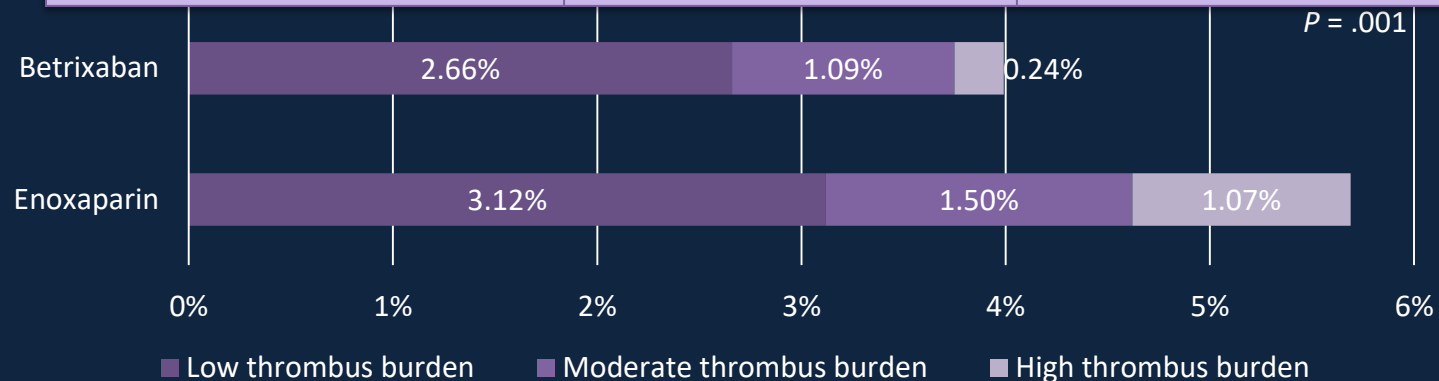
- Gibson CM, et al. *Circulation* 2017;135:648-655

APEX: Fatal or Irreversible Outcomes: Legacy Effect



Betrixaban vs Enoxaparin on Thrombus Burden (80 mg) Modified ITT Population

Thrombus burden	Enoxaparin (n = 2532)	Betrixaban (n = 2485)
No DVT	94.31% (2388)	96.02% (2386)
Low thrombus burden	3.12% (79)	2.66% (66)
Moderate thrombus burden	1.50% (38)	1.09% (27)
High thrombus burden	1.07% (27)	0.24% (6)



- Chi G. *Thromb Haemost* 2017; 117: 2389-2395.

What is Major Bleeding? ISTH Definition

- In non-surgical patients
 - Fatal bleeding
 - Symptomatic bleeding into a critical organ
 - Unstable vital signs
 - Bleeding into a closed cavity
 - Significant drop in hemoglobin (≥ 2 grams/dL)
 - Transfusion requirement of 2 or more units of PRBCs
 - Bleeding into limb with compartment syndrome

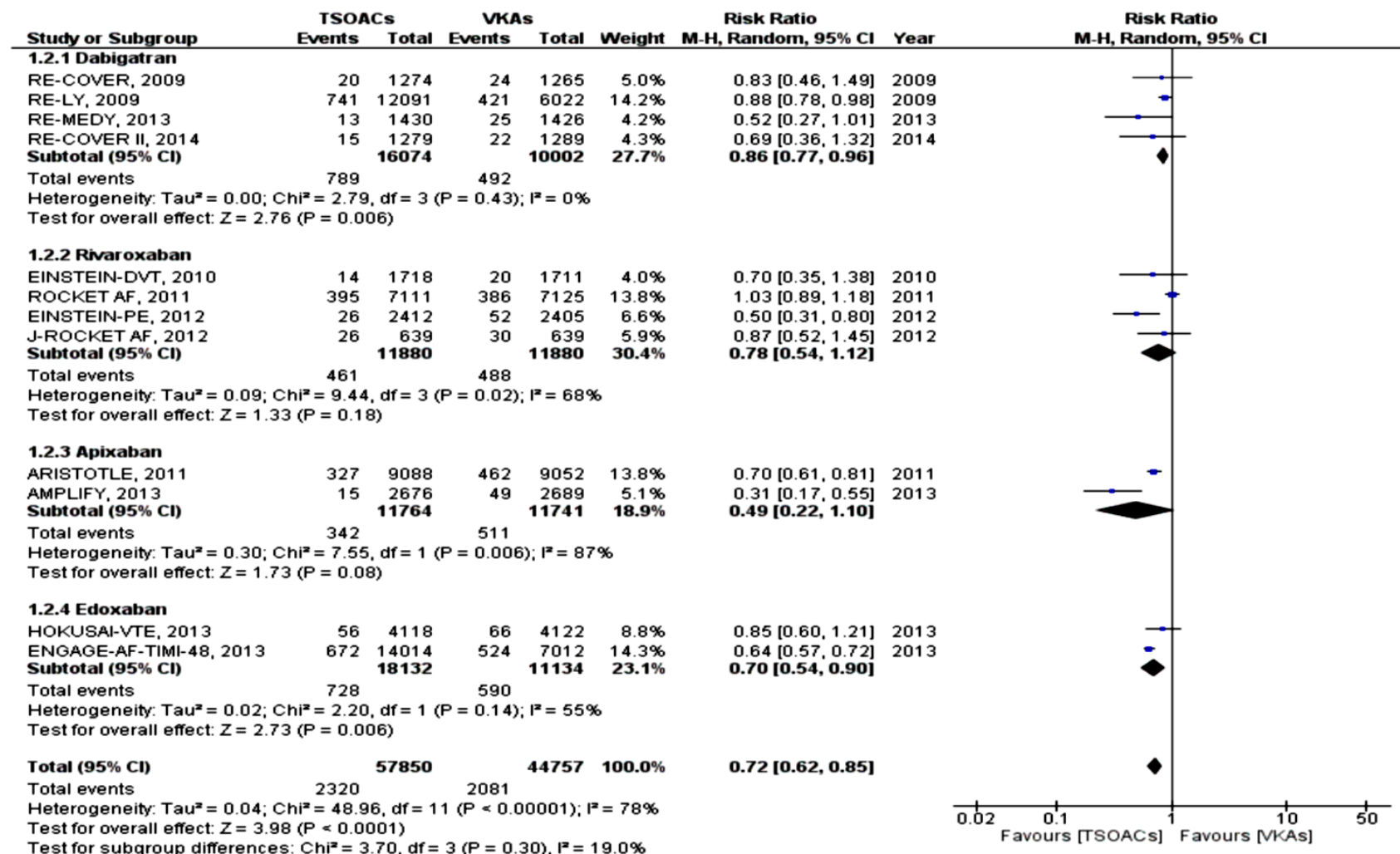
Major Bleeding Events With DOACs vs VKA

Meta-analysis of Data From 12 RCTs - 9/12 Blinded

	DOACs (N = 57,850)	VKA (N = 44,757)	Pooled RR
Major bleeds	4.0%	4.64%	0.72
Fatal bleeding	0.30%	0.52%	0.53
Intracranial bleeding	0.51%	1.08%	0.43
Major GI bleeding	2.09%	1.70%	0.94

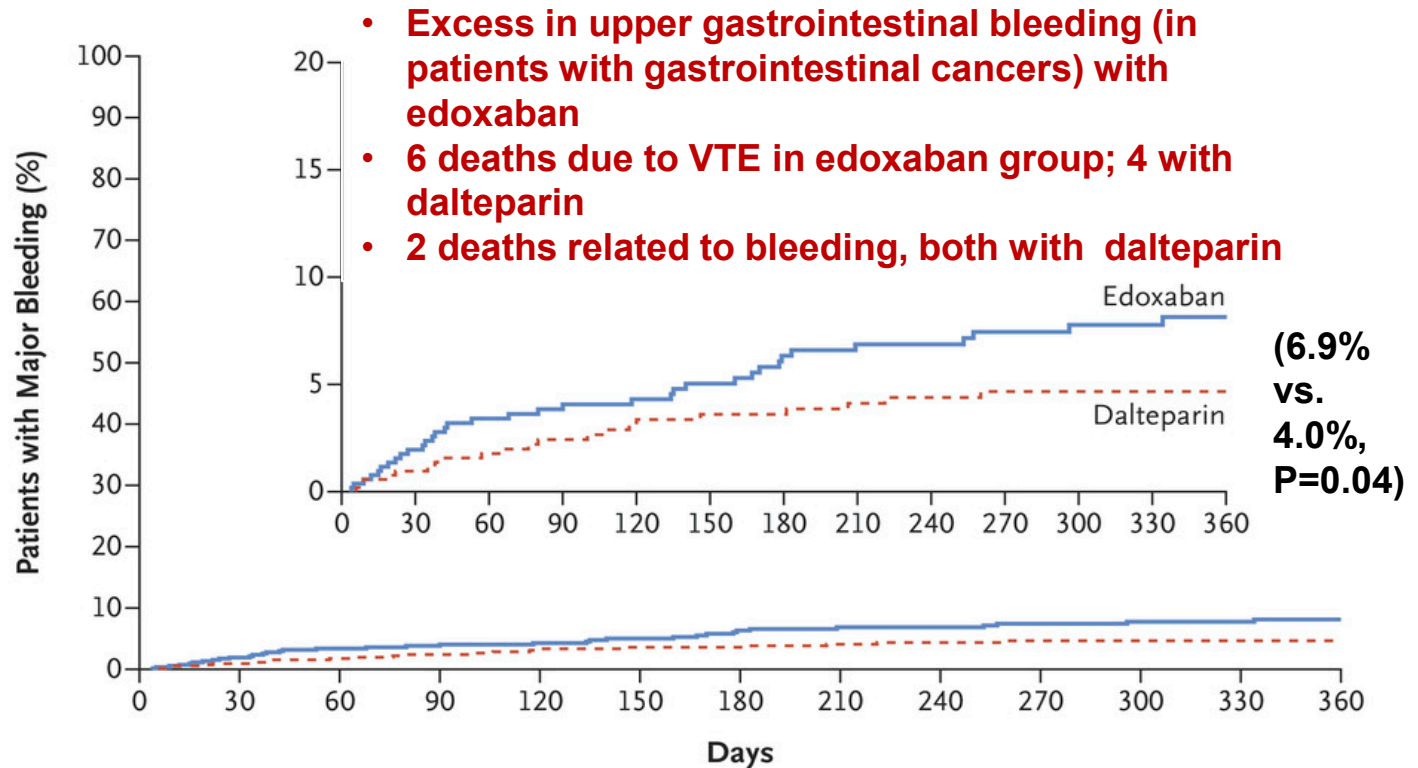
- Chai-Adisaksopha C, et al. *Blood*. 2014;124:2450-2458.

Supplemental Figure 5. Subgroup analysis: Major bleeding according to types of target-specific oral anticoagulant



Major bleeding is increased in cancer VTE patients: Hokusai VTE Cancer Study

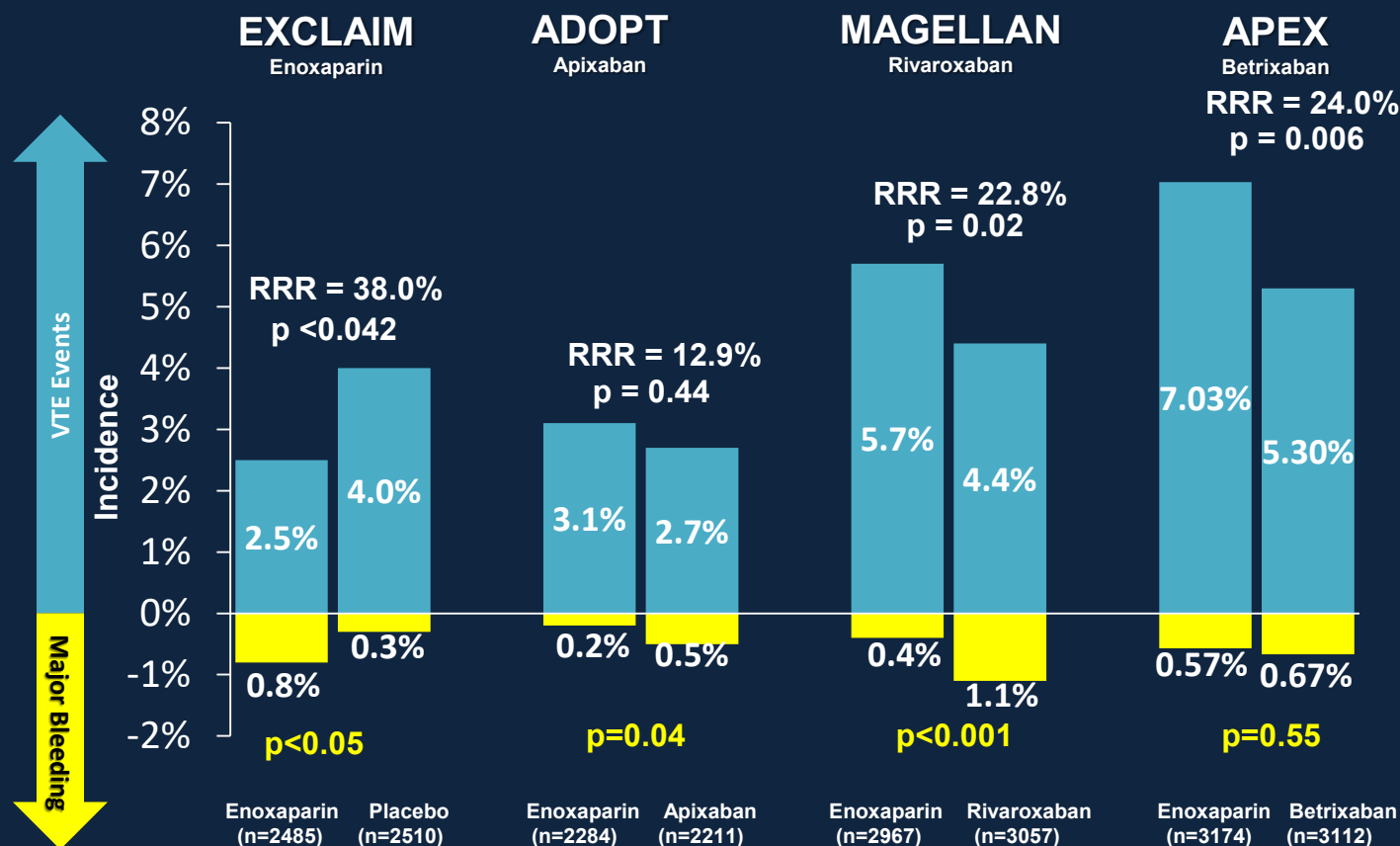
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No. at Risk

Edoxaban	522	484	447	426	404	375	358	343	323	308	282	248	168
Dalteparin	524	497	466	436	409	390	378	356	346	335	298	262	183

Increased DOAC associated major bleeding with extended duration VTE prophylaxis in acute medically ill



Cohen AT, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016; 375:534-44
Goldhaber SZ, et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;365(23):2167-77.

Cohen AT, et al. N Engl J Med. 2013;368(6):513-23.
Hull RD, et al. Ann Intern Med. 2010;153(1):8-18.

DOAC + ASA increases bleeding risks vs ASA alone in dose related manner: COMPASS PAD study

Table 3. Bleeding Events and Net Clinical Benefit.*

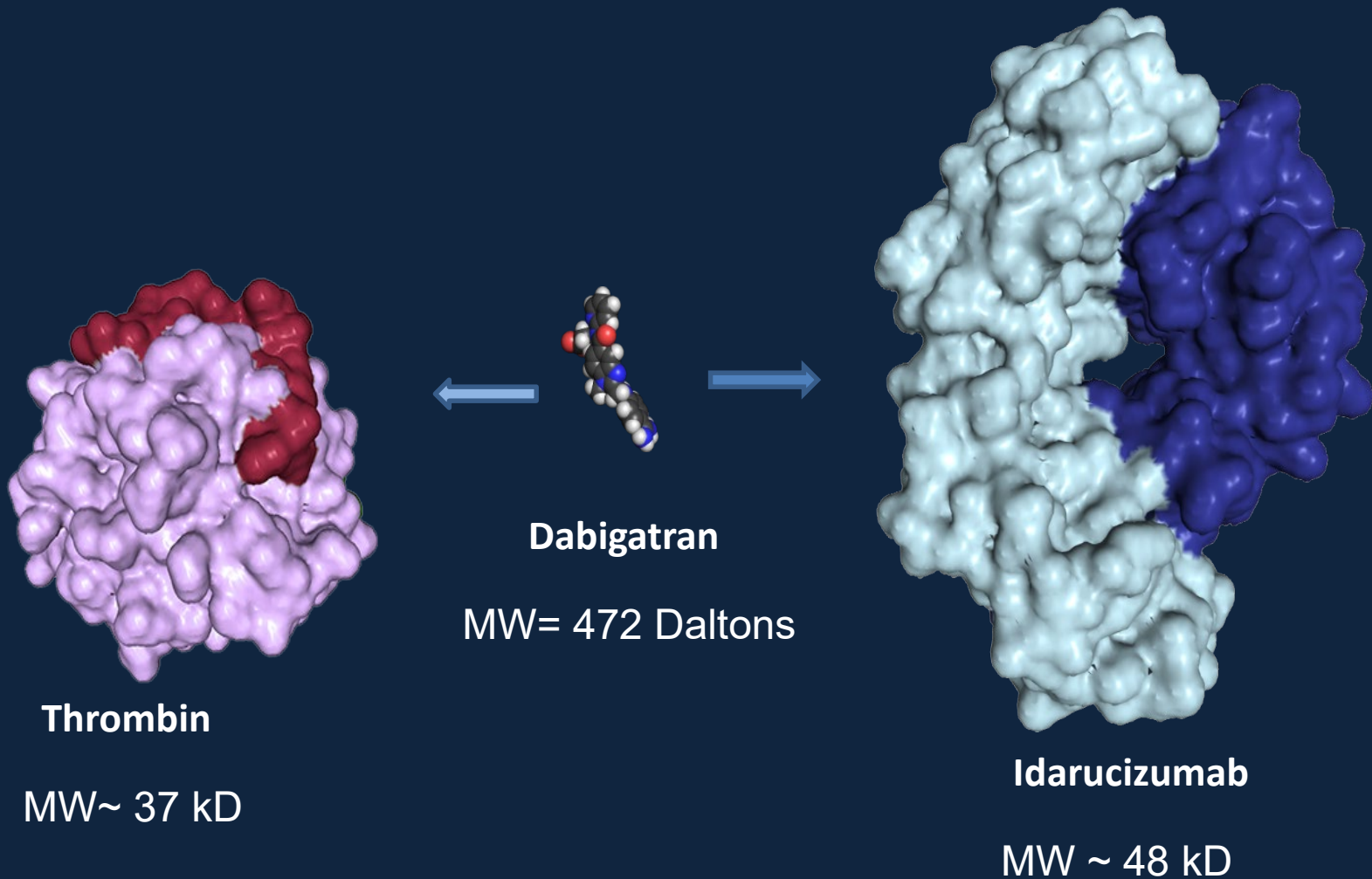
Outcome	Rivaroxaban plus Aspirin (N=9152)	Rivaroxaban Alone (N=9117)	Aspirin Alone (N=9126)	Rivaroxaban plus Aspirin vs. Aspirin Alone		Rivaroxaban Alone vs. Aspirin Alone	
	number (percent)			Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Major and minor bleeding							
Major bleeding	288 (3.1)	255 (2.8)	170 (1.9)	1.70 (1.40–2.05)	<0.001	1.51 (1.25–1.84)	<0.001
Fatal bleeding†	15 (0.2)	14 (0.2)	10 (0.1)	1.49 (0.67–3.33)	0.32	1.40 (0.62–3.15)	0.41
Nonfatal symptomatic ICH†	21 (0.2)	32 (0.4)	19 (0.2)	1.10 (0.59–2.04)	0.77	1.69 (0.96–2.98)	0.07
Nonfatal, non-ICH, symptomatic bleeding into critical organ†	42 (0.5)	45 (0.5)	29 (0.3)	1.43 (0.89–2.29)	0.14	1.57 (0.98–2.50)	0.06
Other major bleeding†	210 (2.3)	164 (1.8)	112 (1.2)	1.88 (1.49–2.36)	<0.001	1.47 (1.16–1.87)	0.001
Fatal bleeding or symptomatic ICH	36 (0.4)	46 (0.5)	29 (0.3)	1.23 (0.76–2.01)	0.40	1.59 (1.00–2.53)	0.05
Fatal bleeding or symptomatic bleeding into critical organ	78 (0.9)	91 (1.0)	58 (0.6)	1.34 (0.95–1.88)	0.09	1.58 (1.13–2.19)	0.006
Major bleeding according to ISTH criteria	206 (2.3)	175 (1.9)	116 (1.3)	1.78 (1.41–2.23)	<0.001	1.52 (1.20–1.92)	<0.001
Transfusion within 48 hr after bleeding	87 (1.0)	66 (0.7)	44 (0.5)	1.97 (1.37–2.83)	<0.001	1.50 (1.03–2.20)	0.03
Minor bleeding	838 (9.2)	741 (8.1)	503 (5.5)	1.70 (1.52–1.90)	<0.001	1.50 (1.34–1.68)	<0.001
Site of major bleeding							
Gastrointestinal	140 (1.5)	91 (1.0)	65 (0.7)	2.15 (1.60–2.89)	<0.001	1.40 (1.02–1.93)	0.04
Intracranial	28 (0.3)	43 (0.5)	24 (0.3)	1.16 (0.67–2.00)	0.60	1.80 (1.09–2.96)	0.02
Skin or injection site	28 (0.3)	28 (0.3)	12 (0.1)	2.31 (1.18–4.54)	0.01	2.34 (1.19–4.60)	0.01
Urinary	13 (0.1)	30 (0.3)	21 (0.2)	0.61 (0.31–1.23)	0.16	1.43 (0.82–2.50)	0.20
Net-clinical-benefit outcome: CV death, stroke, myocardial infarction, fatal bleeding, or symptomatic bleeding into critical organ	431 (4.7)	504 (5.5)	534 (5.9)	0.80 (0.70–0.91)	<0.001	0.94 (0.84–1.07)	0.36

* ICH denotes intracranial hemorrhage, and ISTH International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis.

† If a participant had more than one event of major bleeding, only the most serious bleeding event was counted in these analyses.

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Idarucizumab Is a Humanized Monoclonal Antibody Fragment (Fab)



Idrucizimab Full Cohort

- N =503, 301 Group A, 202 Group B
- 100% reversal by ecarin, DTT, aPTT
- Median time bleeding cessation 2.5 h
- Median time initiate procedure 1.6 h
- Periprocedural hemostasis 93.4%
- Thrombotic events 90 days –
- 6.3% Group A, 7.4% Group B
- Mortality rate 18.8% and 18.9% respectively
- Anticoagulation restarted in 72% at mean of 13.2 days Group A and in 90% at mean 3.5 days

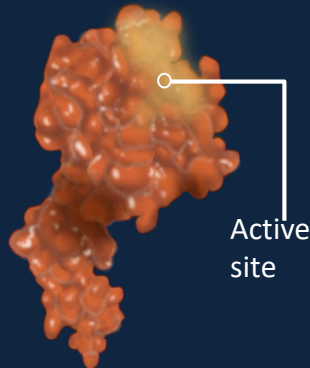
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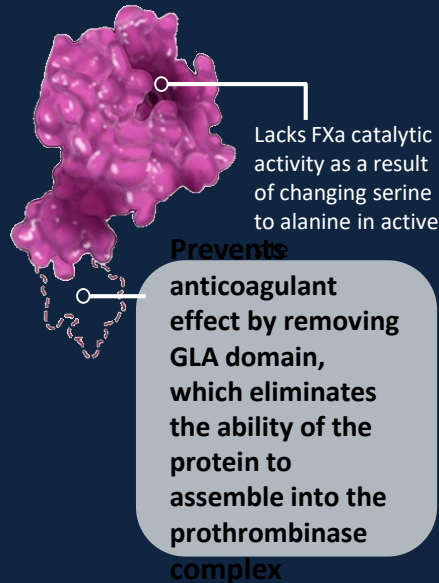
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Novel Mechanism of Action Provides Rapid Reversal of FXa Inhibitor Activity Without Prohemostatic or Anticoagulant Effects

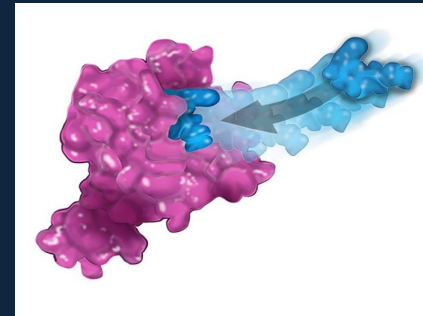
Native Factor Xa



Andexanet alfa
Factor Xa Decoy



Rapidly binds
with high affinity



Binds to Factor Xa inhibitors

- Rivaroxaban
- Apixaban
- Edoxaban
- Enoxaparin*
- Betrixaban

- Engineered to remove any pro- or anticoagulant effects:
 - Prothrombotic effects are eliminated by modification of the catalytic domain
 - Anticoagulant effects are eliminated by deletion of GLA domain
- * Exerts its effect by binding to the ATIII complex.
- AndexXa™ PI 2018.

ANNEXA-4

- Patients with major bleeding on apixaban and rivaroxaban
- Received andexanet alfa within 18 hours of last dose
- About 60% cerebral bleeds, 35% GI
- End points hemostatic efficacy, survival, thrombotic complications

Safety Assessment

- Thrombotic events occurred within 3 days of andexanet alfa in 6/227 (2.6%) patients and by 30 days in 24 (11%)
- Anticoagulation re-started in 129 patients (57%) by 30 days
- Therapeutic anticoagulation was restarted in 9 patients before a thrombotic event occurred
- 27 deaths occurred by 30 days (12%), of which 11 were cardiovascular

Prothrombin Complex Concentrate-DOAC Reversal

Vitamin K-dependent coagulation factors II,VII, IX and X

Treatment: 4 factor
PCC ~ 25 IU/kg
protocol

< 65 kg: 1500 IU
>65 kg: 2000 IU

3 patients
developed
thromboembolic
events (5-15 days
after PCC

	Apixaban n = 39		Rivaroxaban n = 45	
	Effective	Ineffective	Effective	Ineffective
Bleeding location, n (%)				
ICH	21 (72.4)	8 (27.6)	22 (73.3)	8 (26.7)
GI	3 (60.0)	2 (40.0)	5 (62.5)	3 (37.5)
Visceral	0 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	1 (33.3)	2 (66.7)
Genitourinary	1 (50.0)	1 (50.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (0.0)
Musculoskeletal	1 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (0.0)
Hemoglobin drop, n (%)	2 (33.3)	4 (66.7)	3 (37.5)	5 (62.5)
Any invasive procedure, n (%)				
None	17 (68.0)	8 (32.0)	23 (74.2)	1 (25.0)
Craniotomy	5 (71.4)*	2 (28.6)	6 (100.0)*	0 (0.0)
Gastroscopy	3 (75.1)†	1 (25.0)	1 (33.3)†	2 (66.7)
Embolization	0 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	1 (50.0)*	1 (50.0)
Fasciotomy	1 (100.0)*	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Laparotomy	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (50.0)	1 (50.0)
Thoracotomy	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (100.0)
Length of hospital stay, d, median (IQR)	7.0 (3.0-15.0)	4.5 (2.0-7.0)	9.0 (4.0-16.0)	2.5 (2.0-5.0)
Discharge destination, n (%)				
Home	14 (93.3)	1 (6.7)	10 (90.9)	1 (9.1)
Rehabilitation facility	7 (63.6)	4 (36.4)	13 (92.9)	1 (7.1)
Other hospital	2 (66.7)	1 (33.3)	1 (100.0)	0 (0.0)
Deceased	3 (33.3)	6 (66.7)	5 (35.7)	9 (64.3)
Unknown	0 (0.0)	1 (100.0)	1 (33.3)	2 (66.7)

3 patients developed thromboembolic events (5-15 days after PCC)

How About FEIBA and rVIIa for DOAC Reversal?

- Probably useful
- Probably thrombogenic: case reports of thrombotic complications with each

Bottom Line for DOAC Reversal

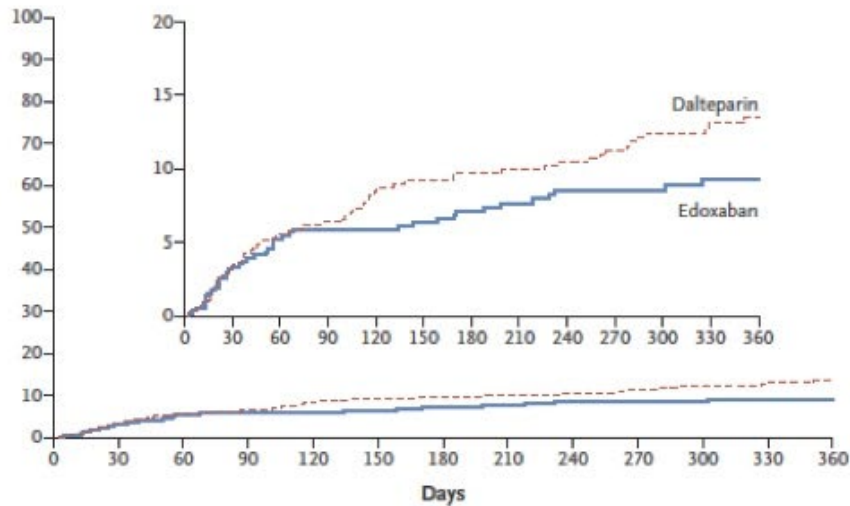
- Supportive therapy may be all that is necessary
- Delay surgery by at least 12 h
- Seek interventional radiology options
- Check mode of metabolism of DOAC - hemodialysis, charcoal, etc, may be options
- Dose reversal agent according to clinical scenario and DOAC in question

Are Direct Acting Oral Anticoagulants Ready for Prime-Time Use in Cancer-Related Thrombosis?

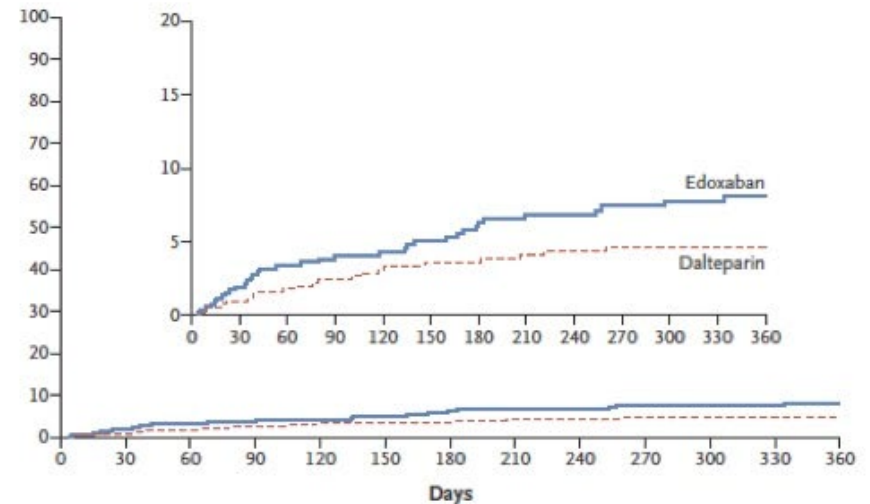
- Basic Facts
 - 20-25% of VTE occur in individuals with malignancies
 - Patients with cancer have a 4- to 7-fold increased risk for VTE compared with the general population
 - Different types of cancer vary dramatically in their propensity to cause thrombosis

Hokusai VTE Cancer

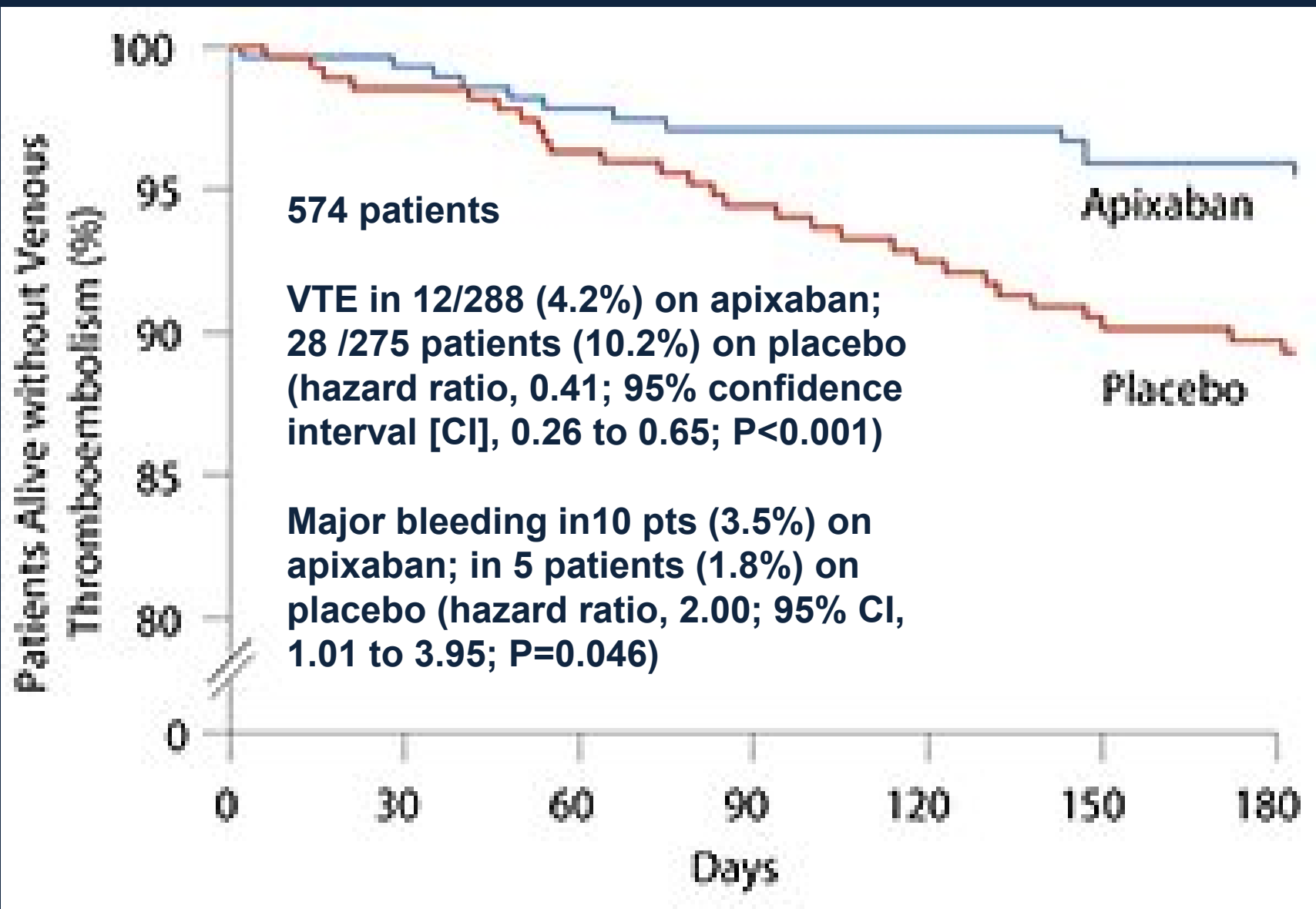
Recurrent venous thromboembolism



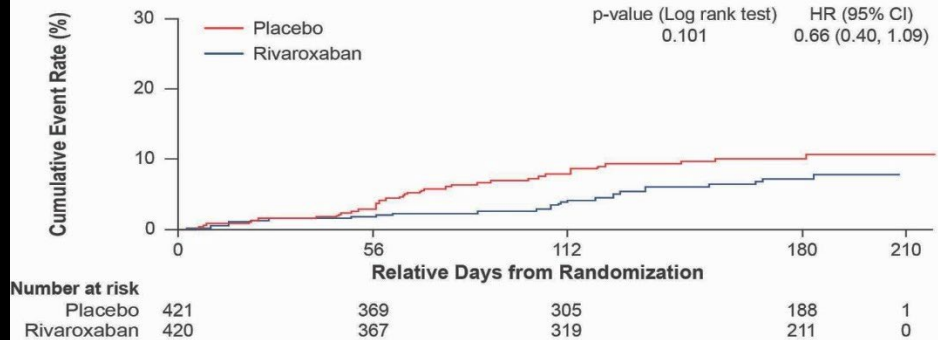
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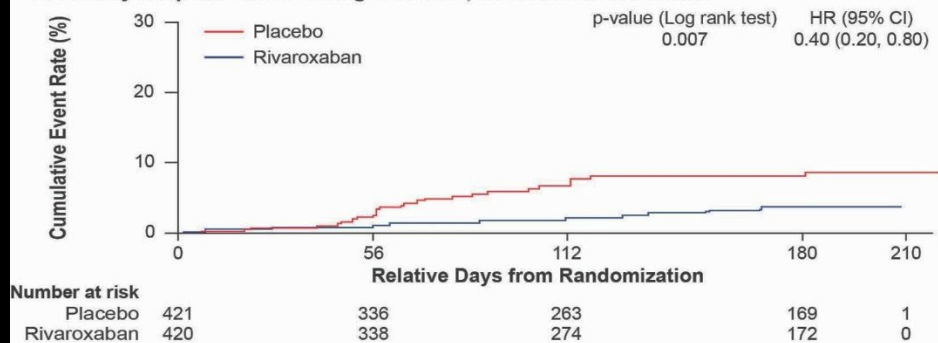
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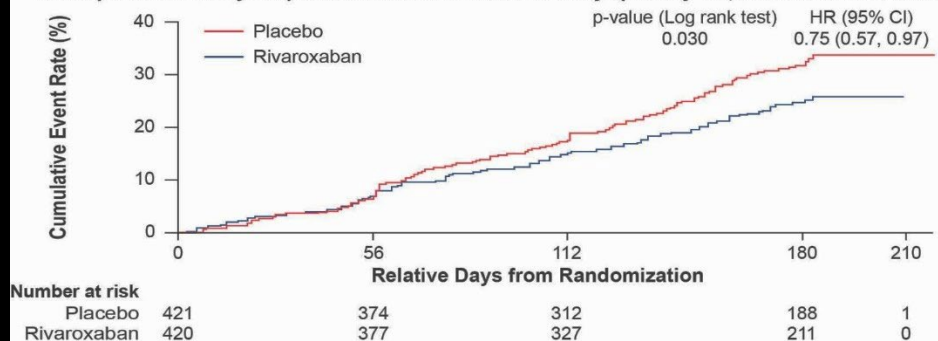
A. Primary Events up to Day 180, All Randomized Patients



B. Primary Endpoint Events During Treatment, All Randomized Patients



C. Composite of Primary Endpoint Events and All-Cause Mortality up to Day 180, All Randomized Patients



Major bleeding:

1.98% with Riva

.99% with placebo

P=.265

177 pts stopped Riva (43.7%)
and 203 pt stopped placebo
(50.2%) before 180 d
endpoint

Primary composite endpoint
not statistically significant

Secondary endpoint of while
on drug/placebo: P=.007

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