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Terapia con DOAC nel paziente con FA e fenotipo clinico complesso

Le soluzioni

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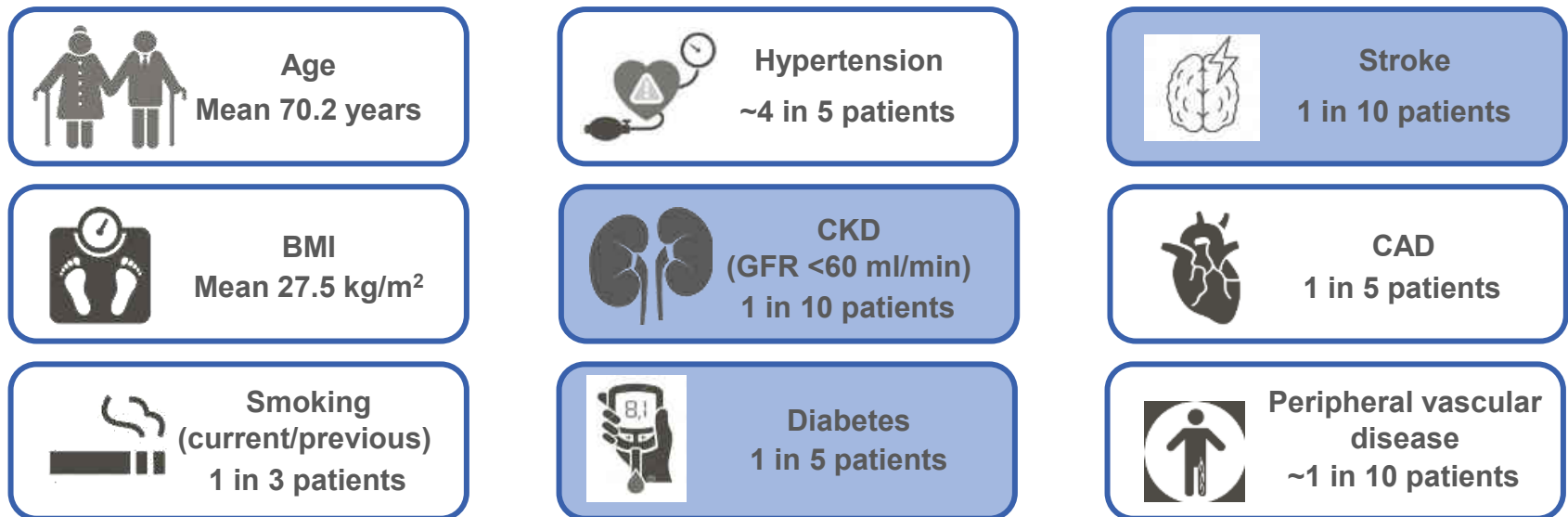


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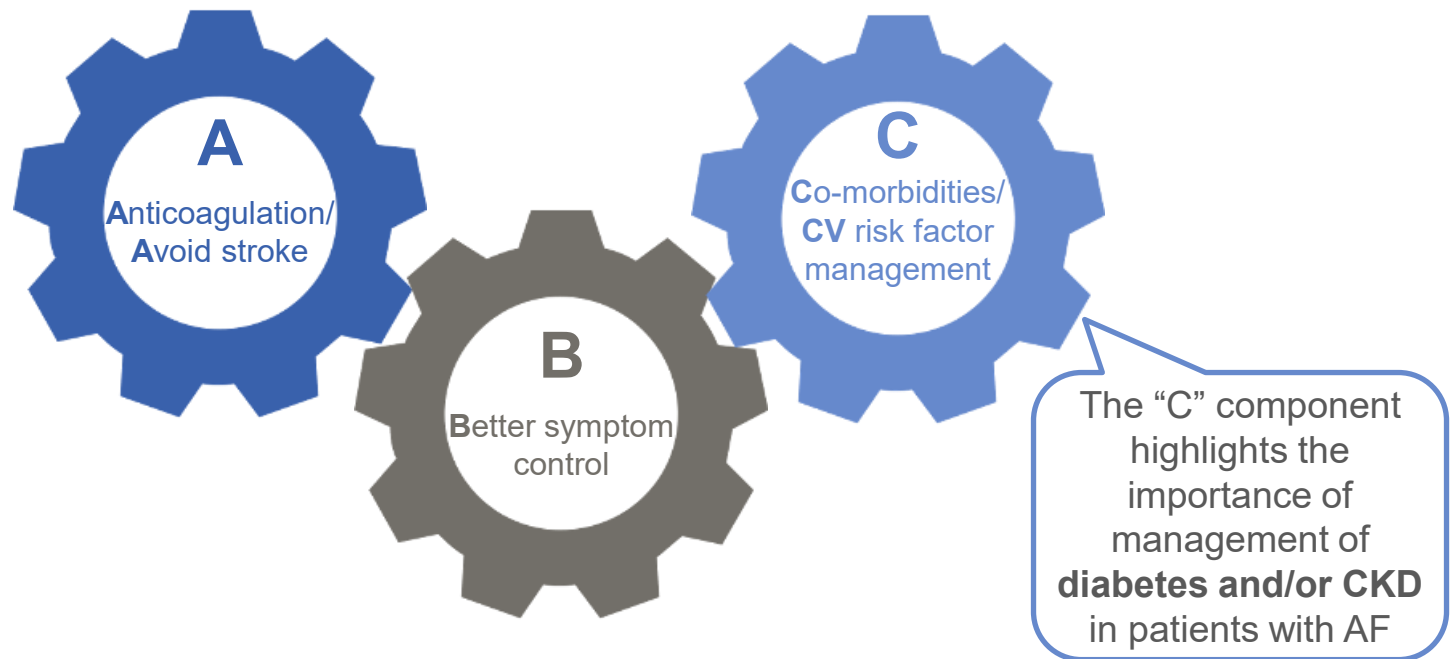
Patients with AF at Moderate or High Risk of Stroke Often Have Co-morbid Diabetes and/or CKD and Are Elderly



GARFIELD-AF, cohort 1 (n=10,641)

The 2020 ESC Guidelines for the Management of AF Highlight the Importance of Managing Co-morbidities Such as T2D

The Atrial Fibrillation Better Care (ABC) is a holistic approach with the patient at the centre

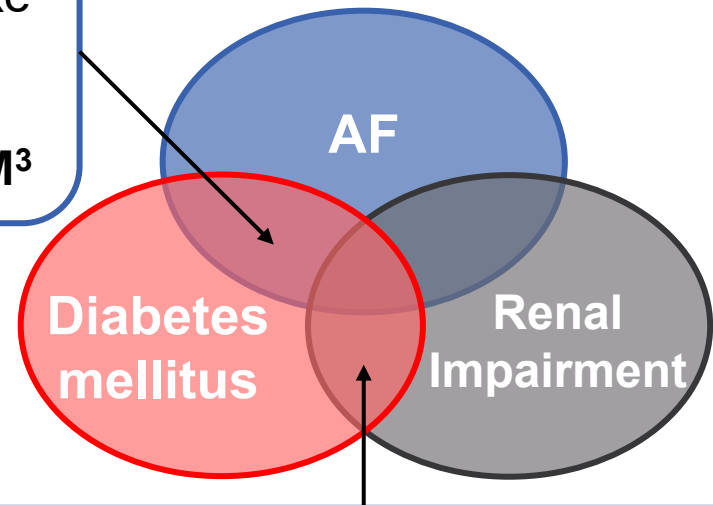


Treat AF: The ABC pathway

Compared with usual care, implementation of the ABC pathway has been significantly associated with lower risk of all cause death, composite outcome of stroke/major bleeding/cardiovascular death lower rates of cardiovascular events and lower health-related costs

Overlapping Comorbidities Increase the Complexity of Stroke Prevention Particularly in AF Patients

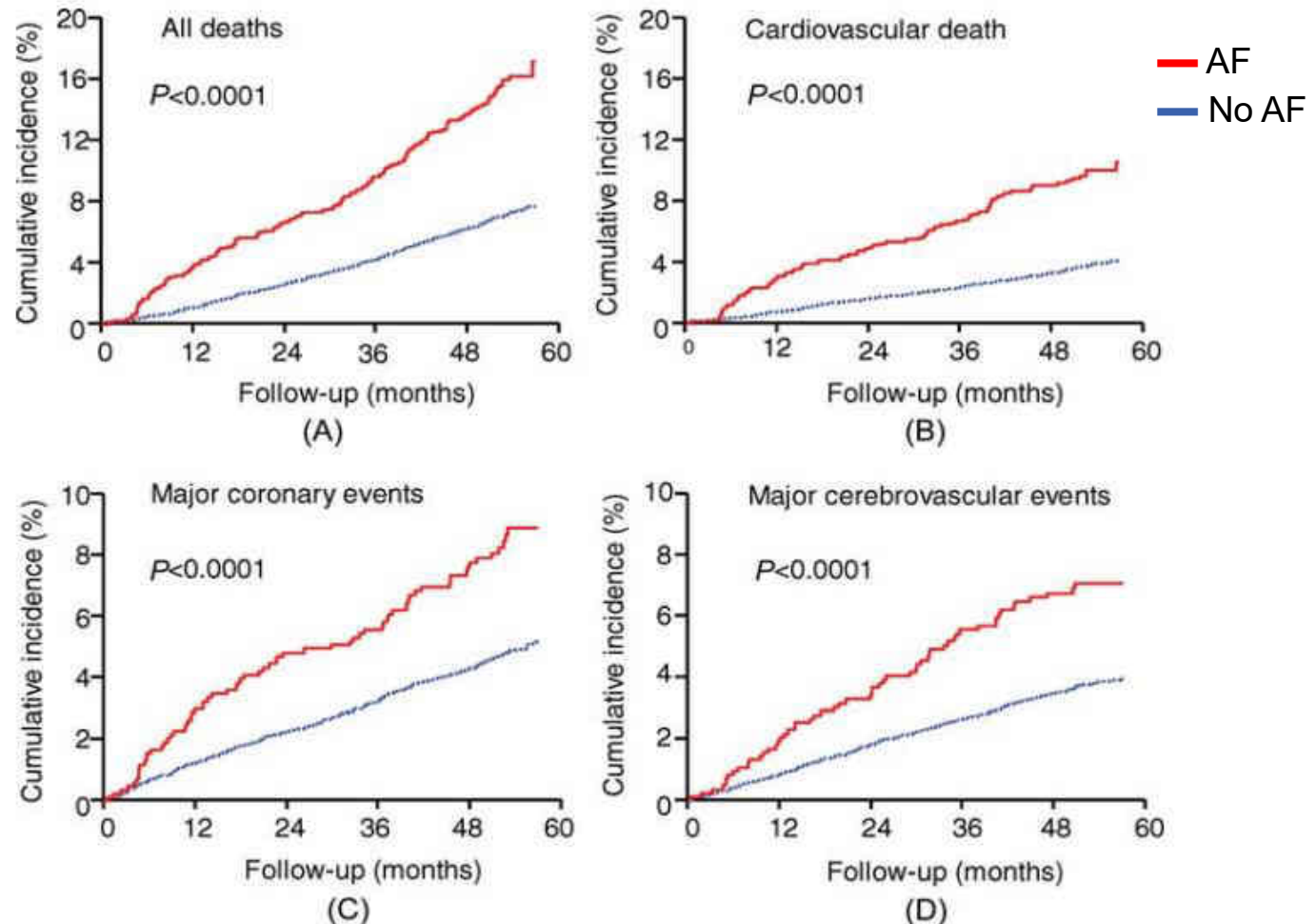
- **30% of AF patients have DM¹**
- **DM is an independent risk factor for stroke in patients with AF (RR: 1.7)²**
- **Risk of death following a stroke is greater for patients with vs without DM³**



- **Microvascular complications in DM can damage the kidneys⁴**
- **The rate of renal decline in diabetic patients is double that of patients without diabetes, over 2 years⁵**
- **Diabetic kidney disease occurs in around one-third of patients with type 2 DM⁶**

AF is Associated with Substantially Increased Risks of Death and Cardiovascular Events in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

Impact of atrial fibrillation on the risks of serious clinical outcomes in patients with Type 2 Diabetes



Diabetes as Risk Factor for Thromboembolic Events

The 2009 Birmingham Schema expressed as a Point-Based Scoring System, with the Acronym CHA₂DS₂-VASc¹

Risk Factor	Score
Congestive heart failure/LV dysfunction	1
Hypertension	1
Age ≥ 75 y	2
Diabetes mellitus	1
Stroke/TIA/TE	2
Vascular disease (prior myocardial infarction, peripheral artery disease, or aortic plaque)	1
Age 65-74 y	1
Sex category (ie female gender)	1

Univariate Predictive Power of Risk Factors for Thromboembolic Events¹

	Univariate P Value	OR ^a
Age > 75	.083	1.46 (0.63-3.35)
Female	.017	2.53 (1.08-5.92)
Stroke/TIA/TE	.023	2.22 (0.78-6.35)
Hypertension	.349	1.01 (0.38-2.66)
Diabetes	.048	1.79 (0.73-4.40)
Heart failure	.967	0.72 (0.27-1.88)
LVEF < 40	.335	0.34 (0.04-2.73)
Vascular disease ^b	.022	2.27 (0.94-5.46)

^a All results other than LVEF from model without LVEF.

^b Coronary artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, or a previous thromboembolism other than stroke/TIA.

DM independently increases the risk of stroke in patients with AF by 1.7 fold²

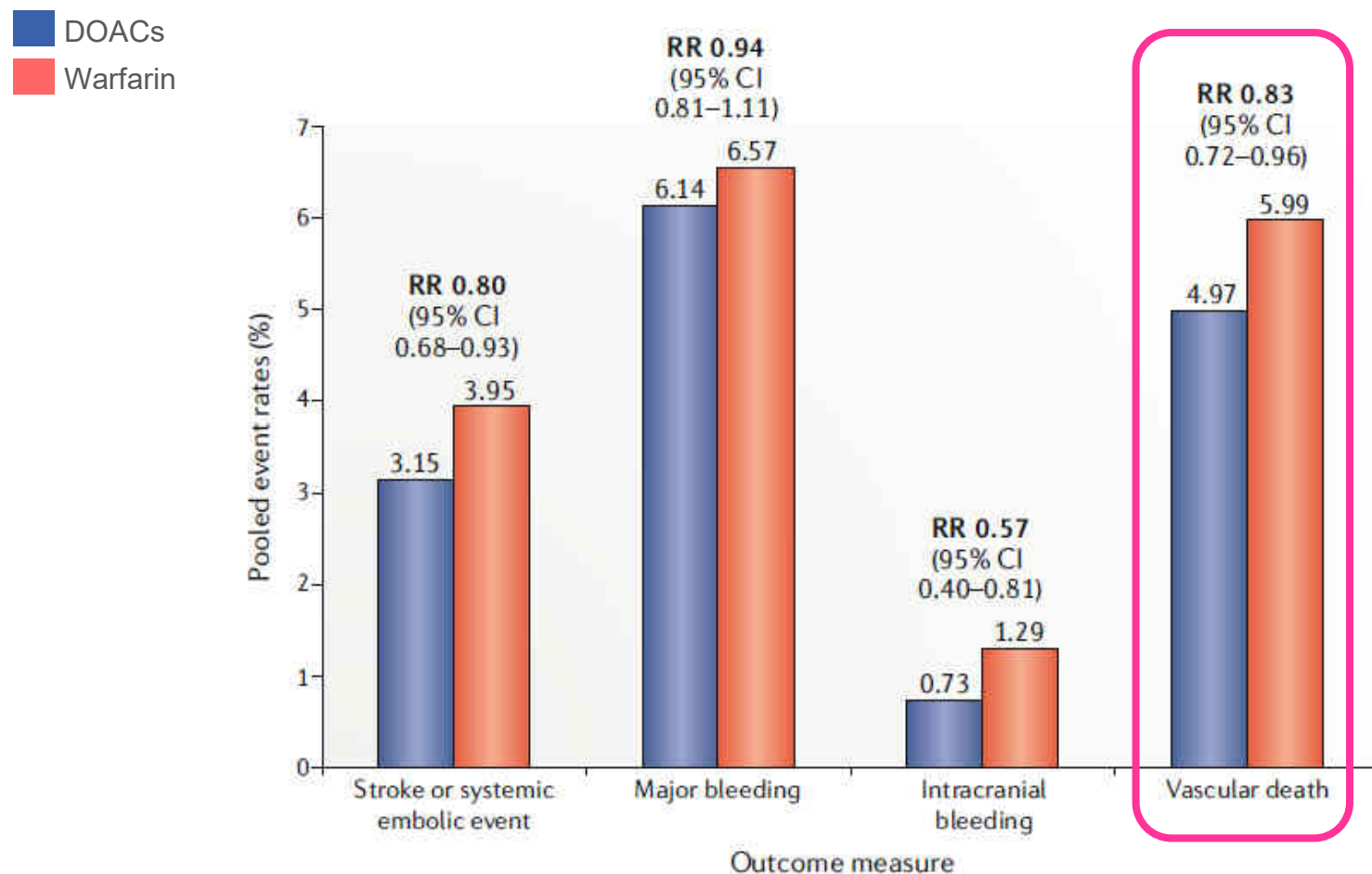
The duration of diabetes (>3 years) was strongly associated with increased risk of stroke compared to having diabetes for less than 3 years²

1. Adapted from Lip GY et al. *Chest* 2010;137(2):263-272;

2 Oladiran O et al. *J Community Hosp Intern Med Perspect.* 2019 Apr;9(2):113–120

The Protection of DOACs in Atrial Fibrillation Patients with Diabetes

Anticoagulation in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus and AF

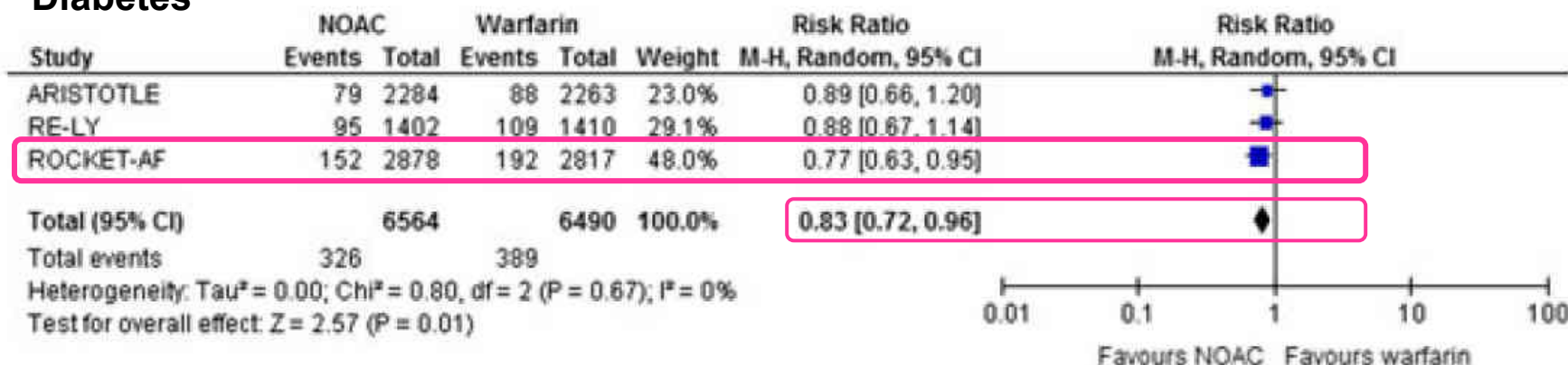


Pooled event rates of the various outcome measures from DOACs phase III trials.
No interaction between diabetes status and benefits of DOACs was found.

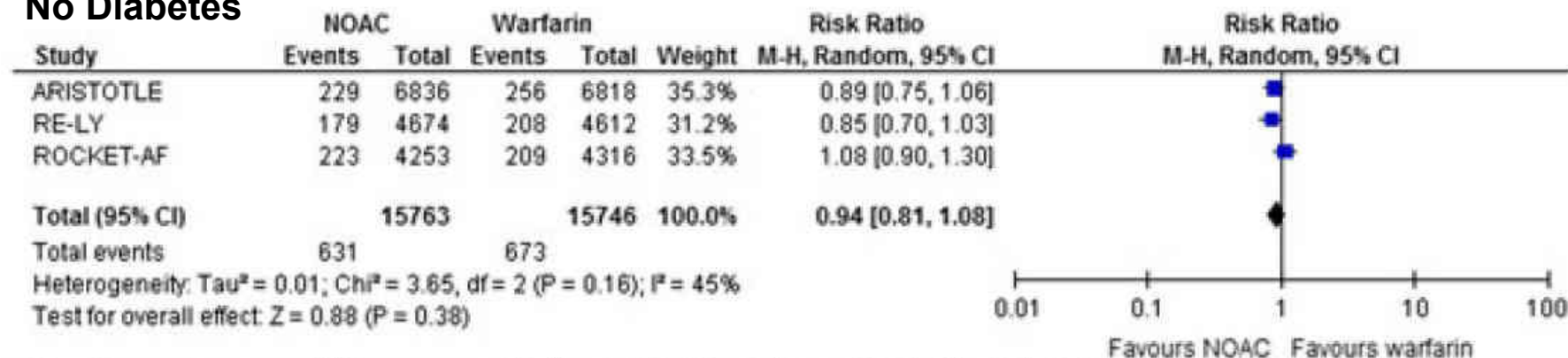
Decrease of Vascular Death by NOACs Was Significant in Diabetic Patients

Vascular death

Diabetes

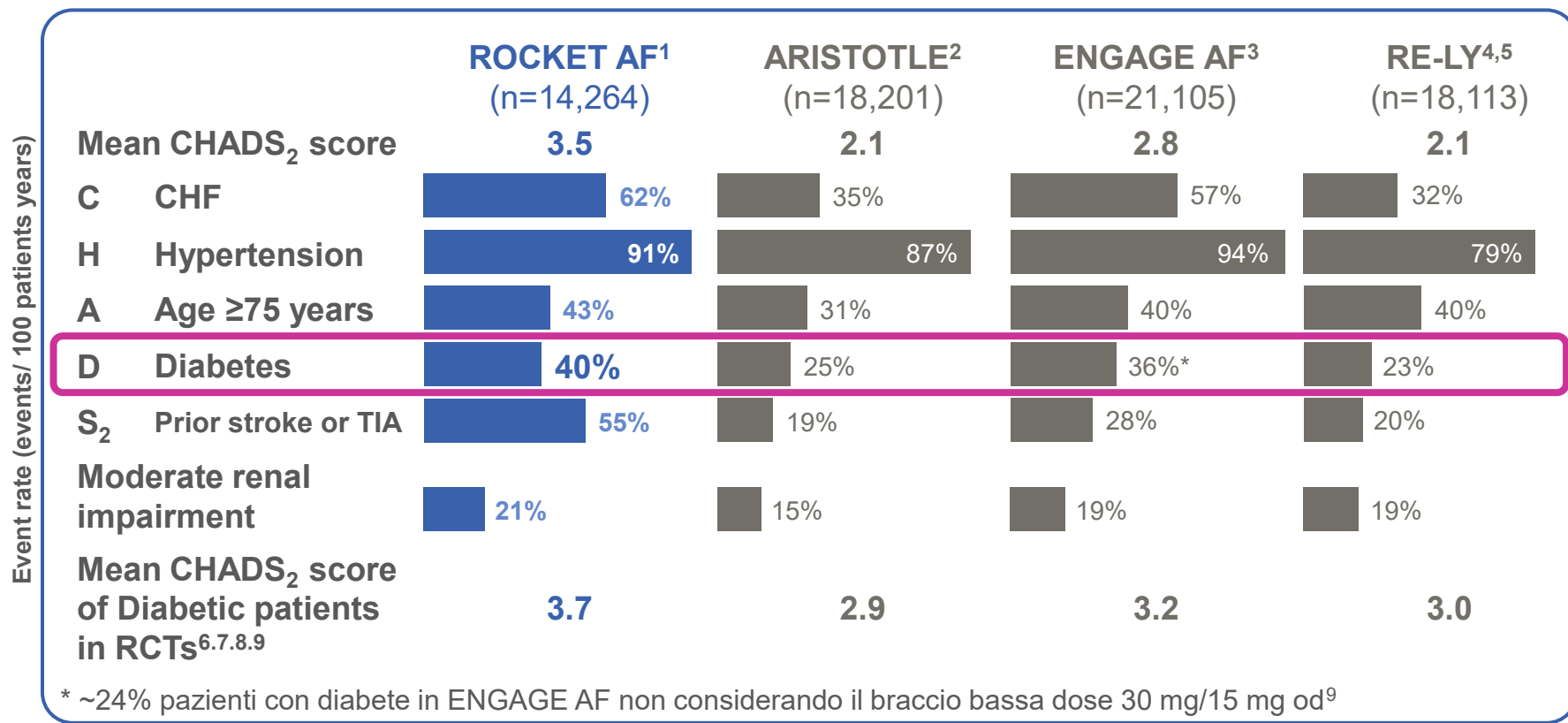


No Diabetes



Test for subgroup differences: $\chi^2 = 1.46$, $df = 1$ ($P = 0.23$), $I^2 = 31.4\%$









40% of ROCKET AF Patients Had Diabetes Mellitus with a mean CHADS₂ Score of 3.7



AF patients studied in ROCKET AF had a higher risk of stroke than patients in other phase III trials with NOACs

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3. Giugliano RP *et al*, *N Engl J Med* 2013;369:2093–2104; 4. Connolly SJ *et al*, *N Engl J Med* 2009;361:1139–1151;
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9. Plitt A *et al*, *Int J Cardiol*. 2020 Jan 30 pii: S0167-5273(19)35229-5 [Epub ahead of print]

ROCKET AF: Rivaroxaban Showed Consistent Safety & Efficacy Compared with Warfarin in AF Patients with DM

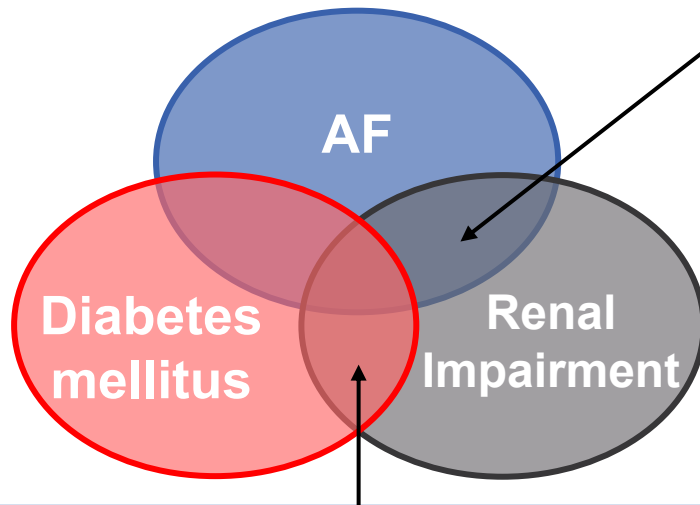
Efficacy outcome		Rivaroxaban events/100 PY (total events) n=7131	Warfarin events/100 PY (total events) n=7133	HR (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)	p-value (intx)
Primary efficacy outcome: Stroke or SE	DM	1.74 (95)	2.14 (114)	0.82 (0.63–1.08)		0.53
	No DM	2.12 (174)	2.32 (192)	0.92 (0.75–1.13)		
Vascular death	DM	2.83 (152)	3.65 (192)	0.80 (0.64–0.99)		0.037
	No DM	2.73 (223)	2.53 (209)	1.08 (0.89–1.30)		
Major bleeding	DM	3.79 (165)	3.90 (169)	1.00 (0.81–1.24)		0.43
	No DM	3.47 (230)	3.17 (217)	1.12 (0.93–1.35)		
ICH	DM	0.50 (22)	0.82 (36)	0.62 (0.36–1.05)		0.67
	No DM	0.49 (33)	0.69 (48)	0.72 (0.46–1.12)		

*Results for vascular death are from post hoc analysis
Mean baseline CHADS₂ score 3.7 for diabetic and 3.3 for non-diabetic patients.

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rivaroxaban warfarin

AF, Renal Impairment and anticoagulant drugs

Overlapping Comorbidities Increase the Complexity of Stroke Prevention Particularly in AF Patients



- **65% of patients with AF have renal impairment¹**
- CKD is associated with an increased risk of developing AF and *vice versa*², as well as bleeding^{3,4}

- **Microvascular complications in DM can damage the kidneys⁵**
- **The rate of renal decline in diabetic patients is double that of patients without diabetes, over 2 years⁶**
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There is limited data regarding warfarin use in CKD as prior studies did not quantify CKD patients or only included low numbers of them. Warfarin use in end-stage renal disease (ESRD) is especially controversial due to conflicting evidence

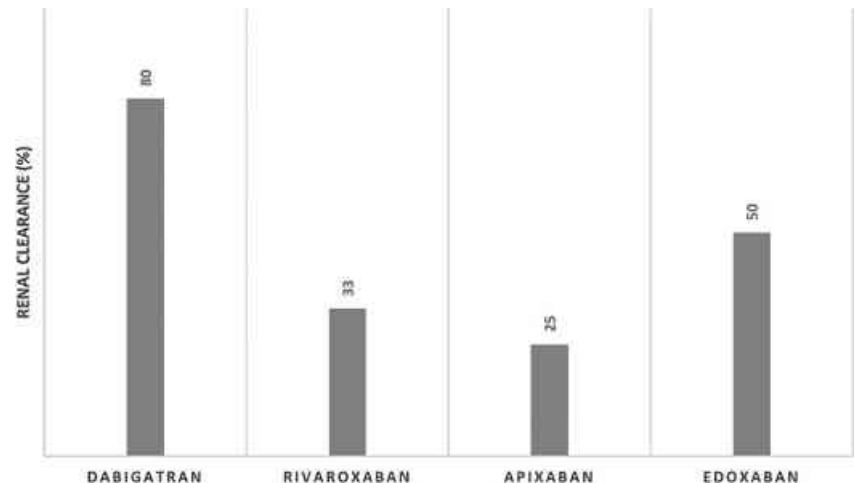
Major trials supporting the use of DOACs excluded patients with severe CKD or ESRD. In addition, patients with CKD have been shown to be at especially increased risk of off-label dosing of DOACs, with overdosing associated with increased mortality, and underdosing associated with increased cardiovascular hospitalizations

Options for therapeutic anticoagulation to reduce thromboembolism risk in pts with AF and CKD

In pts **on dialysis** warfarin was not beneficial for stroke prevention, with a 44% increased risk of bleeding.

This is probably due to:

- Impaired hemostasis and comorbidities
- Use of heparin during dialysis
- Decreased Vit K-dependent inhibitors of calcification with accelerated vascular calcium deposition
- Lower TTR



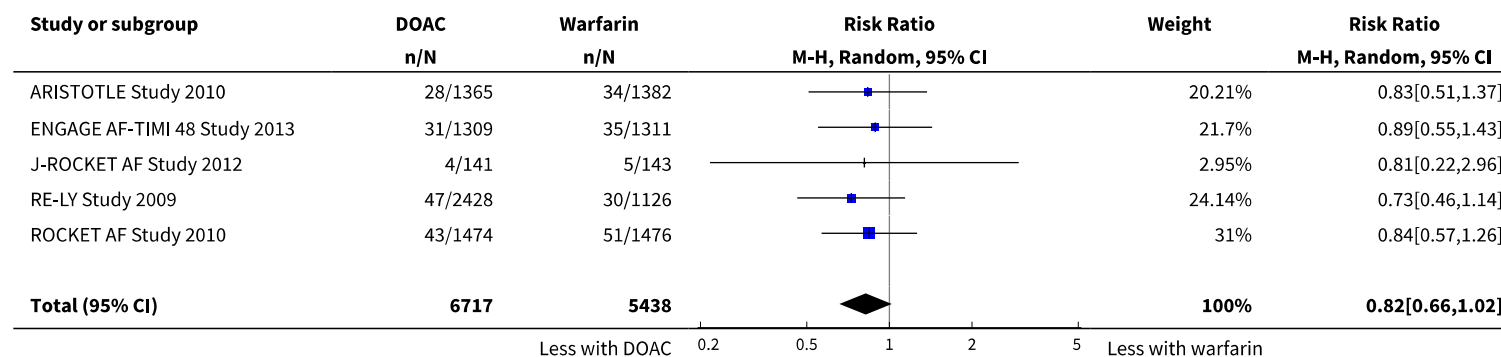
CKD stage	Warfarin	DOACs
Mild to moderate Stages 2-3 (eGFR 30-90 mL/min/1.73 m ²)	Primarily observational data supporting use	High quality data support use, may be superior to warfarin
Severe Stage 4 (eGFR 15-29 mL/min/1.73 m ²)	Limited data supports use	Pharmacologic studies allow for use with dose reductions, lack patient data
End stage renal disease Stage 5 (eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m ² or on hemodialysis)	Majority of studies suggest lack of benefit and possible harm	<i>Dabigatran</i> removed by dialysis <i>Rivaroxaban</i> has safe drug levels based on modeling, but lacks patient data <i>Apixaban</i> safe and effective based on modeling and retrospective data, prospective data needed

Abbreviations: AF, atrial fibrillation; CKD, chronic kidney disease; DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate.

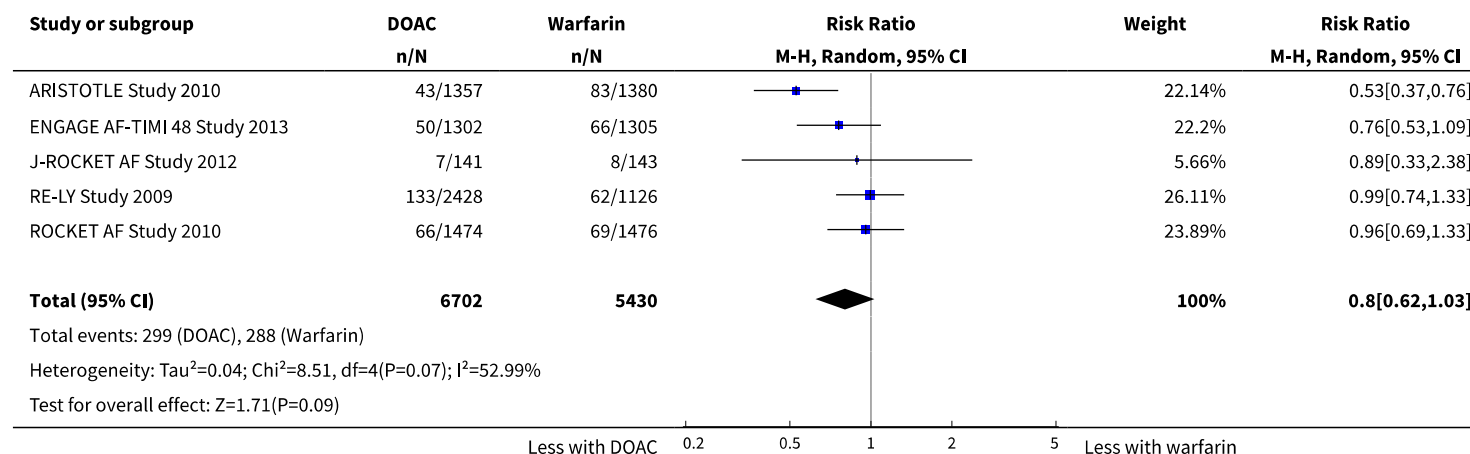
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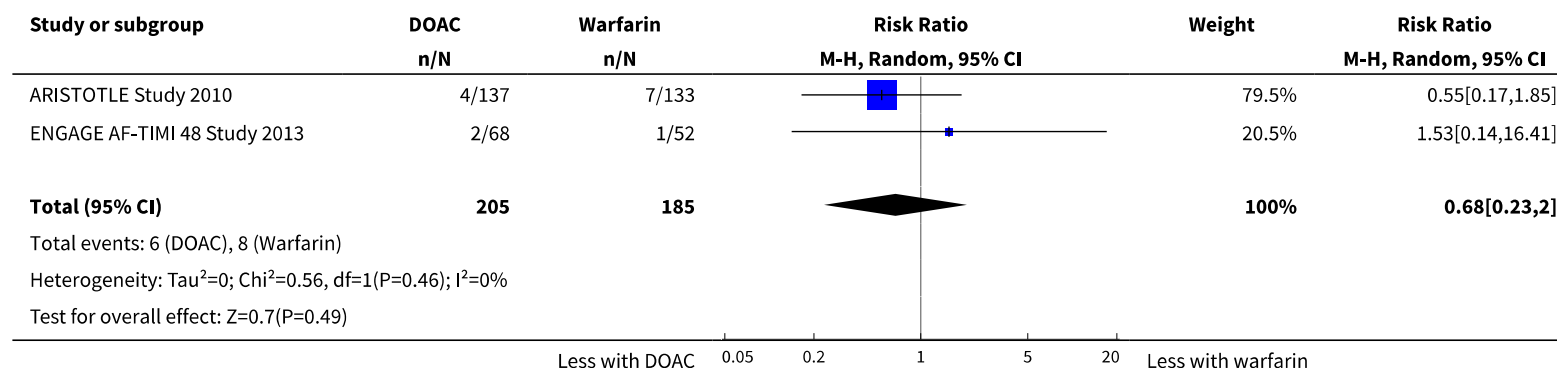
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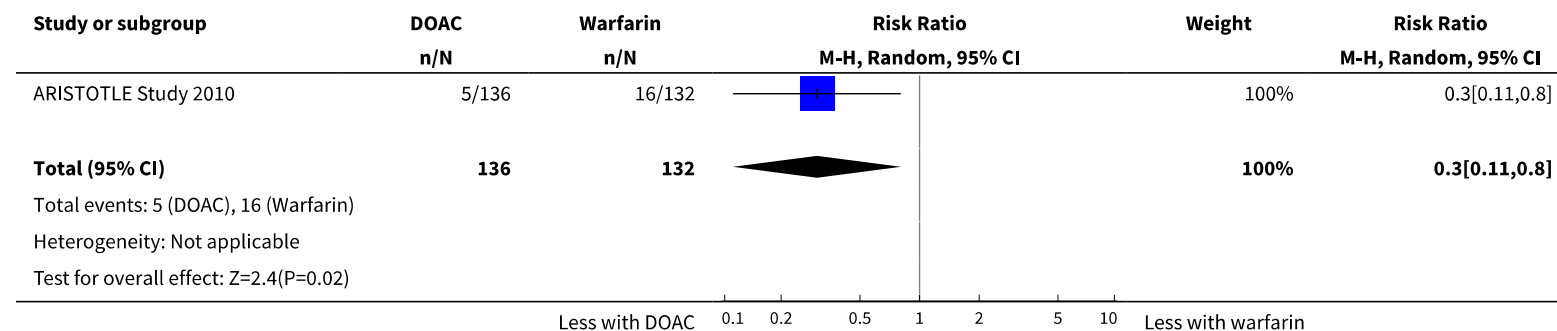
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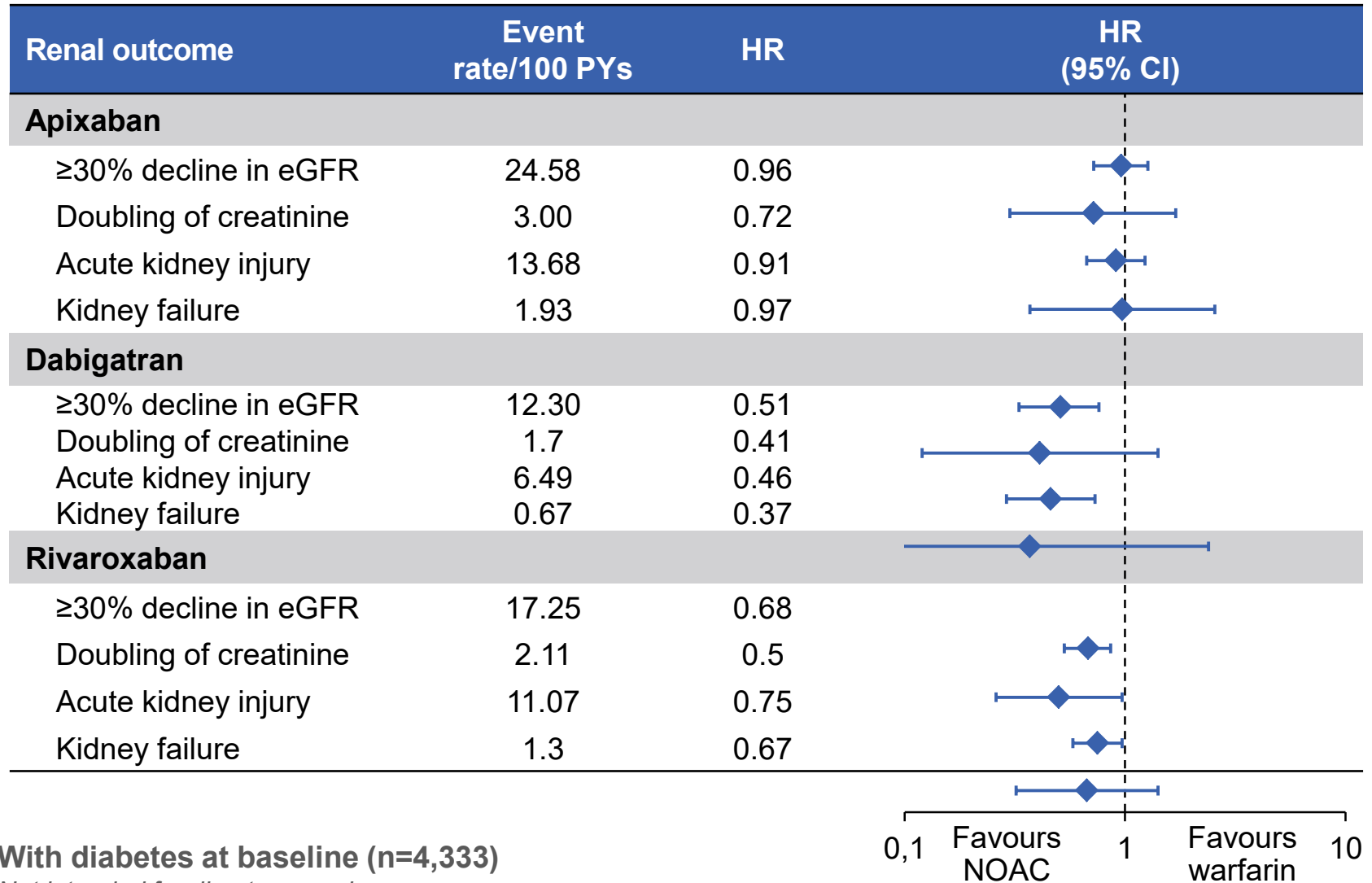


Bleeding risk and efficacy of apixaban vs warfarin in patients with advanced CKD or ESRD

- ✓ **Siontis**: Retrospective administrative study using the US Renal Data System reflecting Medicare patients
- ✓ **Reed**: retrospective small observational study (warfarin group had a higher rate of associated SAPT/DAPT)
- ✓ **Chokesuwattanaskul**: a meta-analysis of 5 trials

	 Siontis 2018	 Reed 2018	 Chokesuwattanaskul 2018
Number in study	25 523	124	43 850
OR of major bleed with apixaban	0.72 (CI 0.59-0.87)	0.25(CI: 0.07-0.82)	0.42 (CI: 0.28-0.61)
OR of stroke/embolism with apixaban	0.88 (CI: 0.69-1.12)	NA	OR = 0.56 (CI: 0.23-1.39)
Bleeding risk	Favors apixaban	Favors apixaban	Favors apixaban
Efficacy	No significant difference	No significant difference	No significant difference

1 yy Renal Function deterioration in AF Patients Receiving DOACs



With diabetes at baseline (n=4,333)

Not intended for direct comparison

2019 ESC-EASD Guidelines on Diabetes, Pre-diabetes and CVD

Recommendations for the management of arrhythmias in patients with diabetes



Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Oral anticoagulation with a NOAC, which is preferred over a VKA, is recommended in patients with DM aged >65 years with AF and a CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score ≥ 2 , if not contraindicated. ⁵⁰³	I	A

When DM and AF coexist, there is a substantially higher risk of all cause death, **CV death**, stroke, and HF

These findings suggest that AF identifies subjects with DM who are likely to obtain greater benefits from aggressive management of cardiovascular risk factors

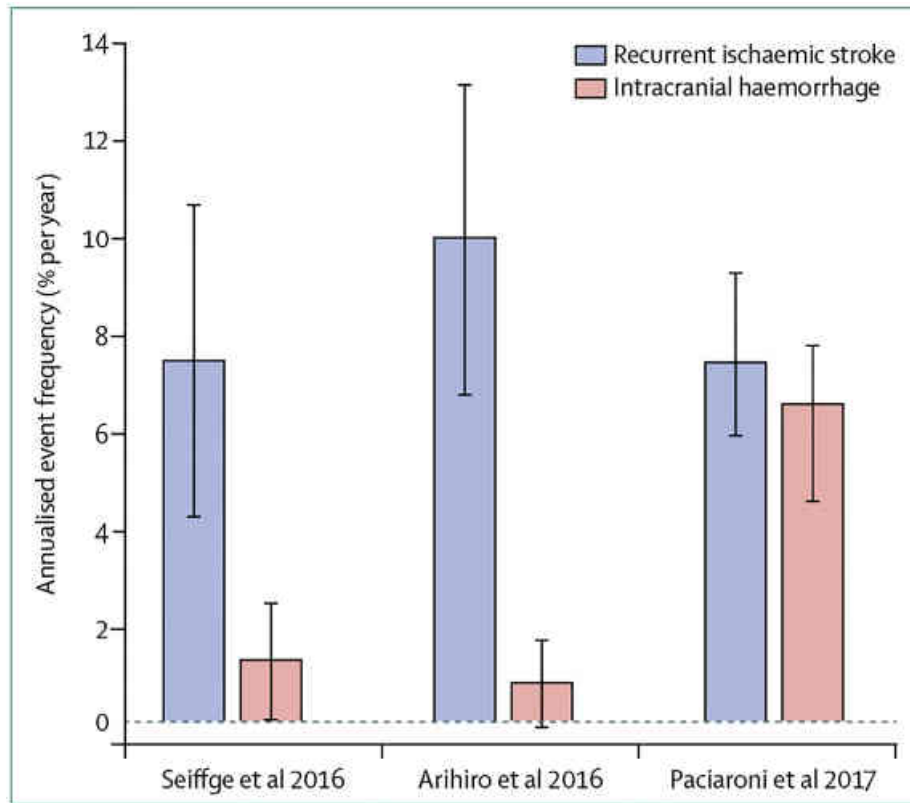
Recent Guidelines Recommend NOACs in Patients with AF to Reduce Risk of Renal Outcomes

CKD stage	AHA/ACC/HRS	ESC	CCS
Mild to moderate Stages 2-3 (eGFR 30-90 mL/min/1.73 m ²)	Warfarin (class 1, LOE A) DOACs (class 1, LOE B) with dose adjustment for moderate CKD (class lib, LOE C)	DOACs recommended in general (mild to moderate CKD not mentioned)	DOACs recommended in general (mild to moderate CKD not mentioned)
Severe Stage 4 (eGFR 15-29 mL/min/1.73 m ²)	Warfarin recommended, DOACs may be considered (class lib, LOE C)	Anticoagulation may safely be given (specific drugs not mentioned)	Warfarin recommended
End stage renal disease Stage 5 (eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m ² or on hemodialysis)	Warfarin recommended (class IIa, LOE B), recommend against dabigatran and rivaroxaban (class III, LOE C)	No specific recommendation given	Cannot recommend routine anticoagulation for dialysis patients due to lack of data

Abbreviations: ACC, American College of Cardiology; AF, atrial fibrillation; AHA, American Heart Association; CCS, Canadian Cardiovascular Society; CKD, chronic kidney disease; DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESC, European Society of Cardiology; HRS, Heart Rhythm Society; LOE, level of evidence.

How and when to treat NVAF patients after a cerebrovascular event?

Risk of recurrent ischemic stroke and intracranial haemorrhage in patients with AF and a recent ischemic stroke



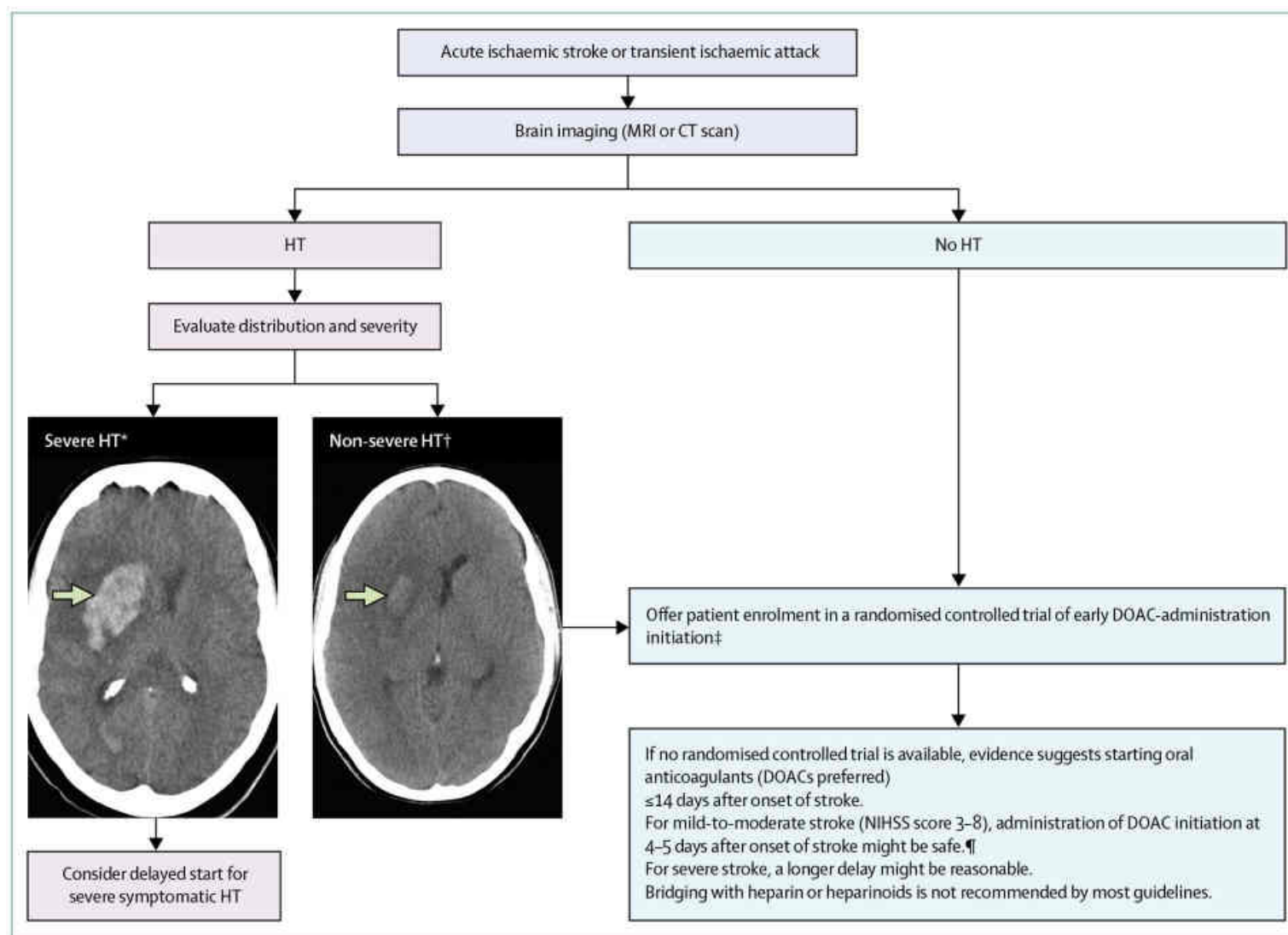
Seiffge et al → 205 pts, 79 yy, median treatment time 5 dd post stroke

Arihiro et al → 1192 pts, 78 yy, 5 days

Paciaroni et al → 1127 pts, 76yy, 8 days for dabigatran/rivaroxaban, 7 days for apixaban, stroke piu' gravi

Prospective observational studies reported that early DOAC treatment was associated with a low frequency of clinical symptomatic HT, whereas later DOAC administration initiation (> 7 dd or > 14 dd) was associated with ↑ rate of recurrent ischemic stroke

Timing for initiation of direct anticoagulant administration



Integrated AF management team

