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ai sensi dell'art. 76, comma 4 dell'Accordo Stato-Regioni del 2 febbraio 2017 e del paragrafo 4.5. del Manuale nazionale di accreditamento per l'erogazione di eventi ECM

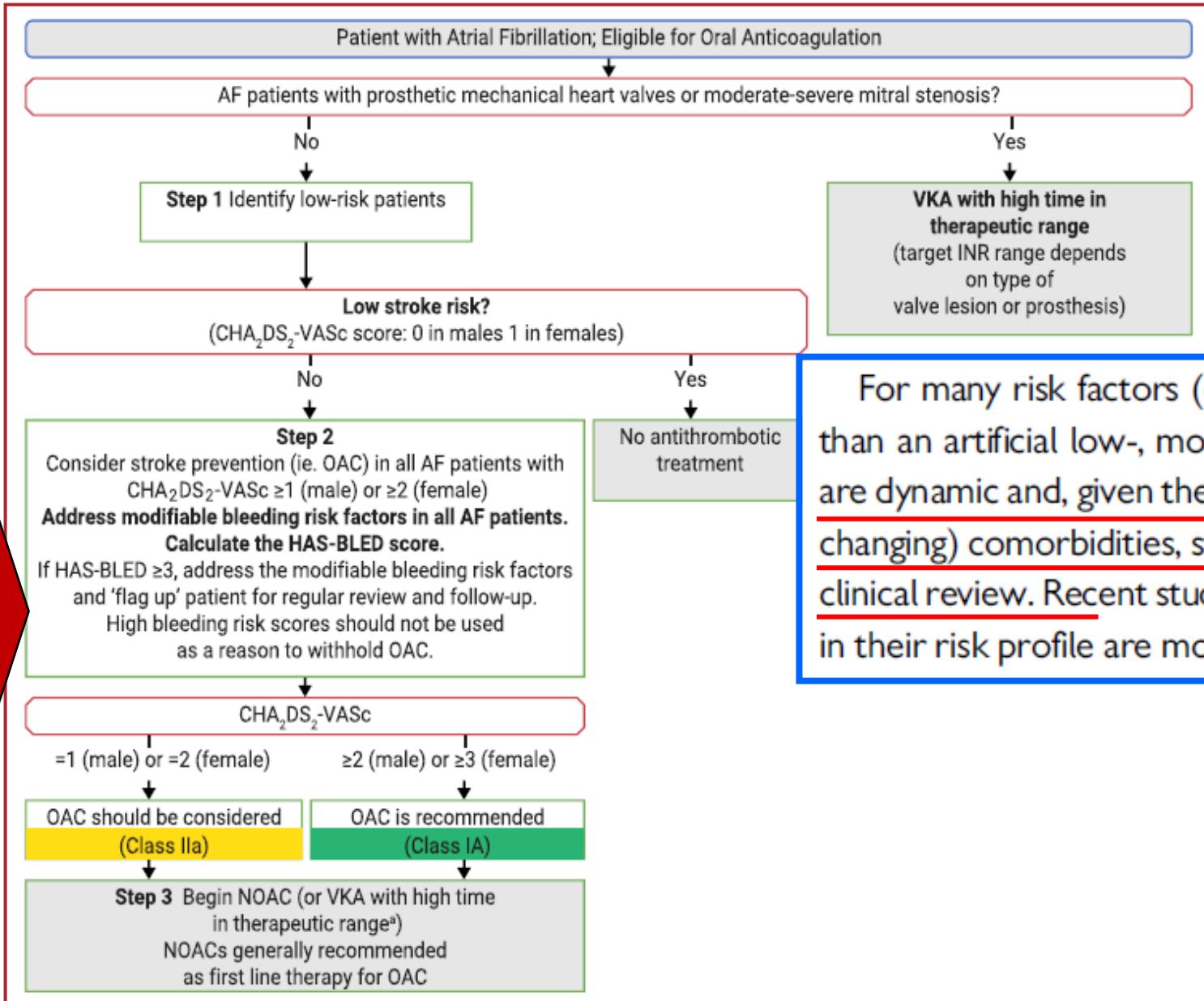
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negli ultimi due anni ha avuto i seguenti rapporti con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in ambito sanitario:

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# void stroke

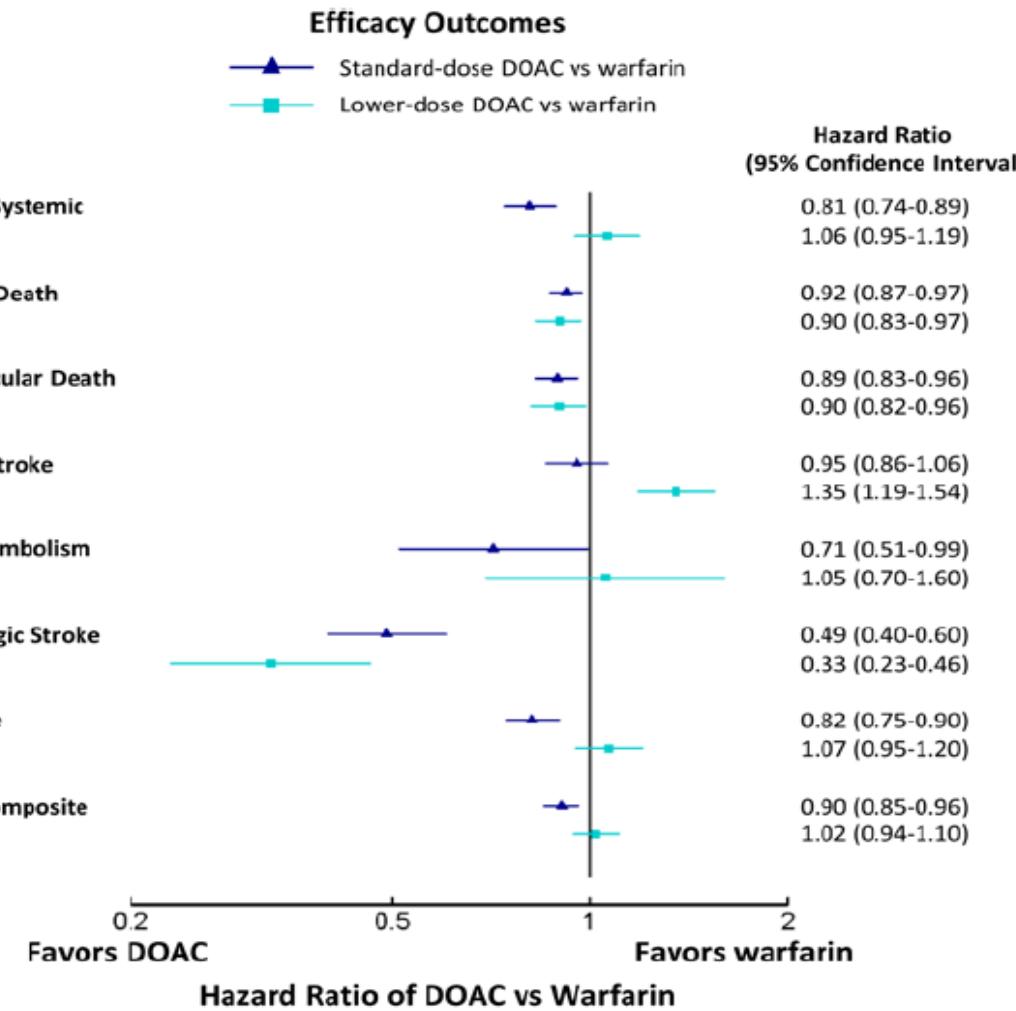


For many risk factors (e.g. age), stroke risk is a continuum rather than an artificial low-, moderate-, or high-risk category. Risk factors are dynamic and, given the elderly AF population with multiple (often changing) comorbidities, stroke risk needs to be re-evaluated at each clinical review. Recent studies have shown that patients with a change in their risk profile are more likely to sustain strokes.<sup>382,383</sup> Many ini-

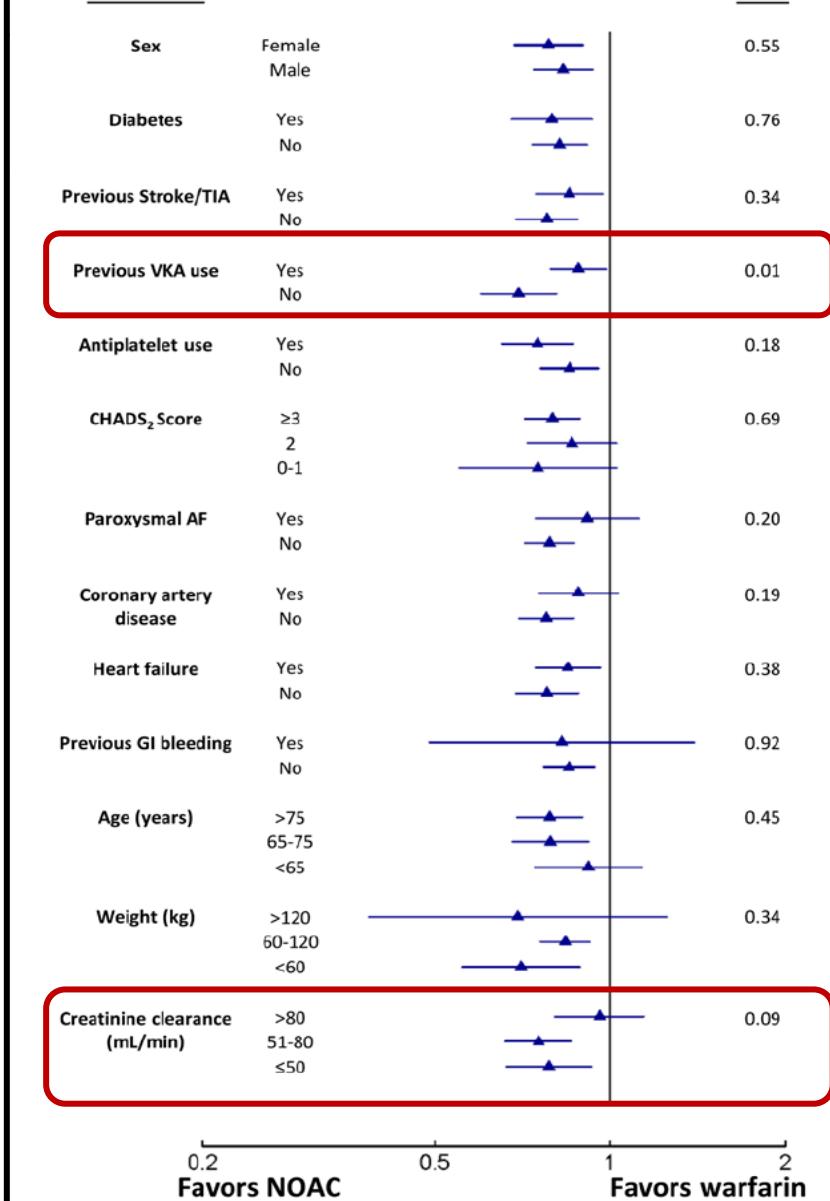
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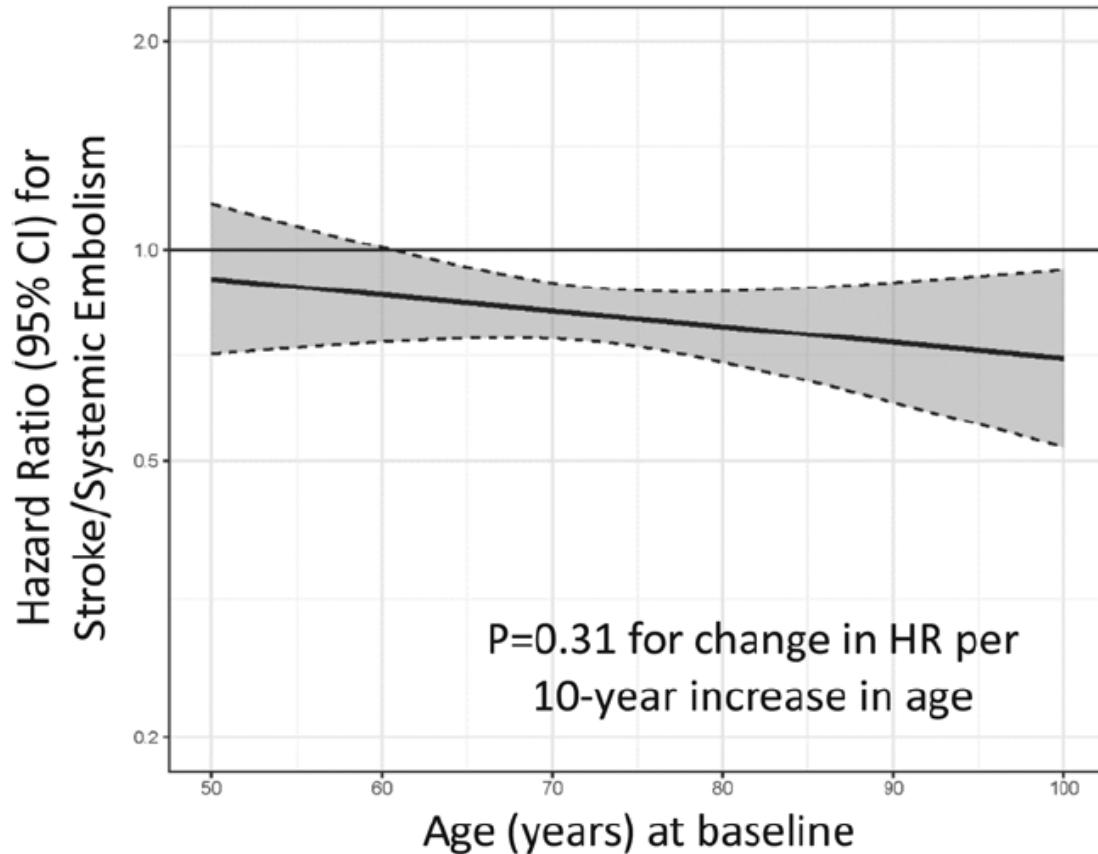


## Categorical Baseline Covariates

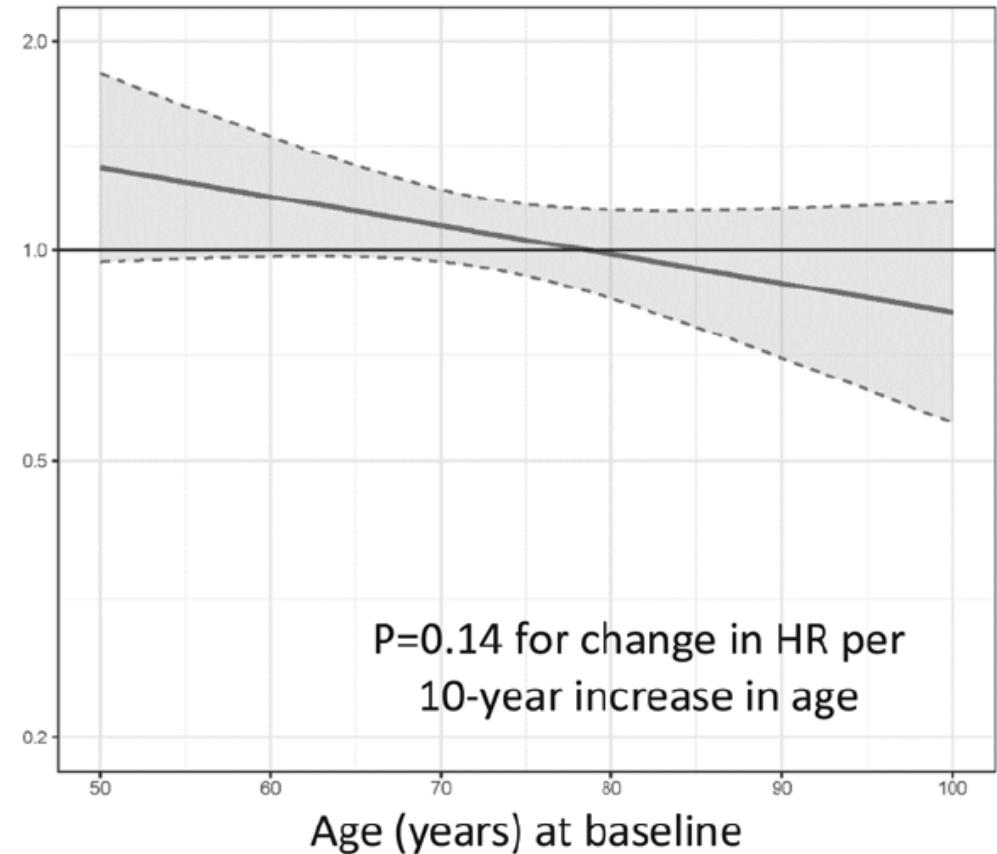


# Primary efficacy and safety outcomes: Effect Modification by Continuous Age

Standard-Dose NOAC versus Warfarin



Lower-Dose NOAC versus Warfarin



## Efficacia

**Retrospective analysis of 836,857 INR measurements performed in adults from February 2010 to August 2015 in two districts in the French Brittany region**

**Mean TTR was 29.0% (women 31% men 18%), AF 44% e DVT 19.4%, higher in older than in younger patients (19.1% at 40 yrs and 38.6% at 100 yrs).**

**Median interval between INR measurements was 14 days [7-28]**

**It was prolonged in men vs women, rural vs urban regions, older vs younger patients and when requested by GPs vs cardiologists**

**Real-life contemporary vitamin K antagonist is still associated with very low time in therapeutic range despite strict international normalized ratio monitoring: Results of big data analysis**

Age (years)	Delay before redosage (days) 1 <sup>st</sup> INR in the TR	Delay before redosage (days) 1 <sup>st</sup> INR out the TR
[20, 30)	11 [6-28]	8 [3-45]
[30, 40)	13 [6-27]	7 [3-26]
[40, 50)	14 [7-28]	7 [3-18]
[50, 60)	14 [7-29]	7 [4-24]
[60, 70)	17 [7-30]	8 [4-23]
[70, 80)	20 [10-30]	9 [5-22]
[80, 90)	18 [11-29]	9 [5-20]
[90, 100)	16 [10-28]	8 [5-17]
[100, 110)	17 [9-28]	8 [4-15]

1 <sup>st</sup> INR results	Median [IQR] delay before re-measurement
[0-2)	8 [4-21]
[2-3)	18 [10-29]
[3-4)	13 [7-24]
[4-5)	7 [4-13]
≥5.0	4 [2-7]

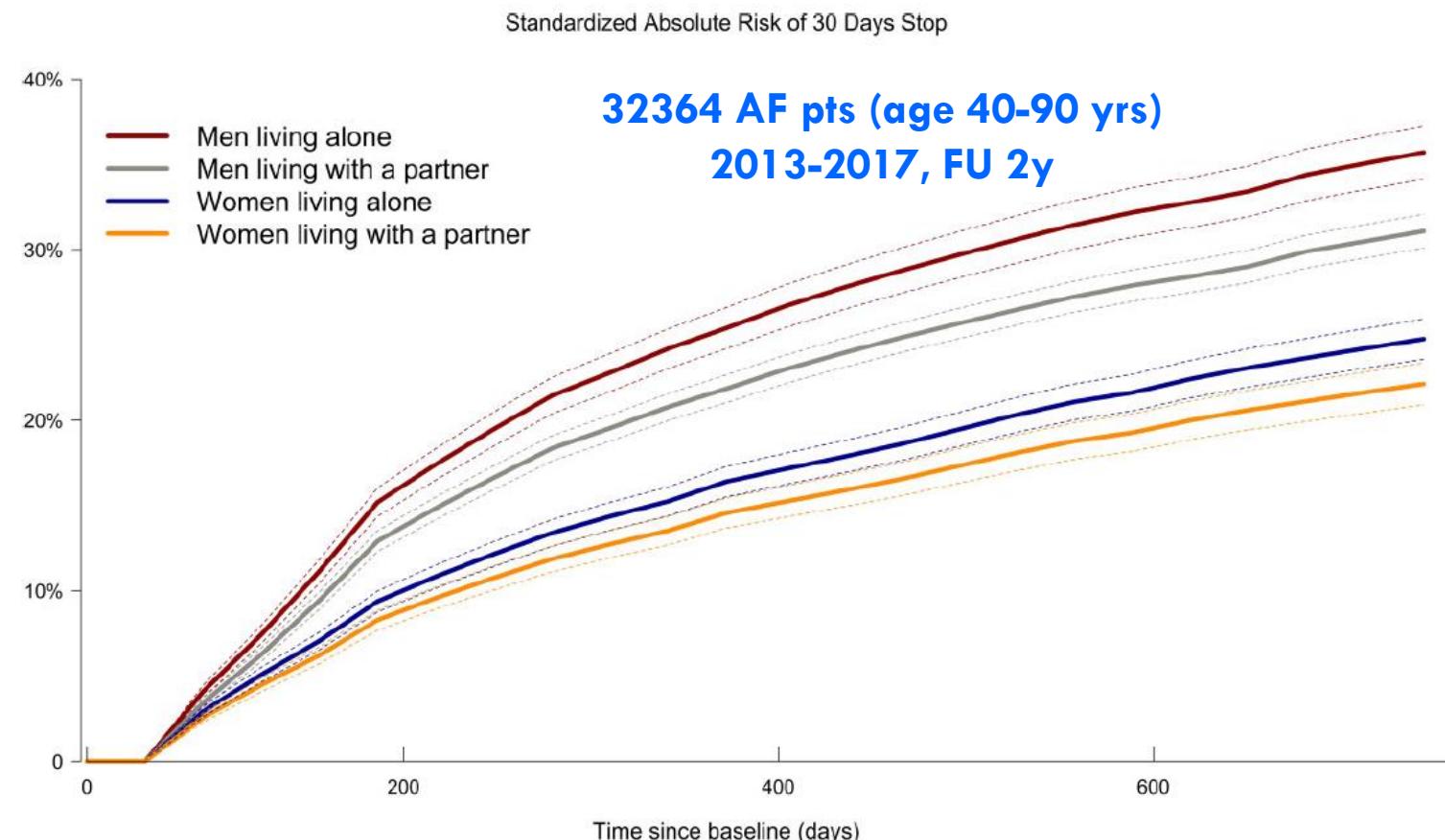
## Discontinuation of direct oral anticoagulants among patients with atrial fibrillation according to gender and cohabitation status: a nationwide cohort study

### Continuità

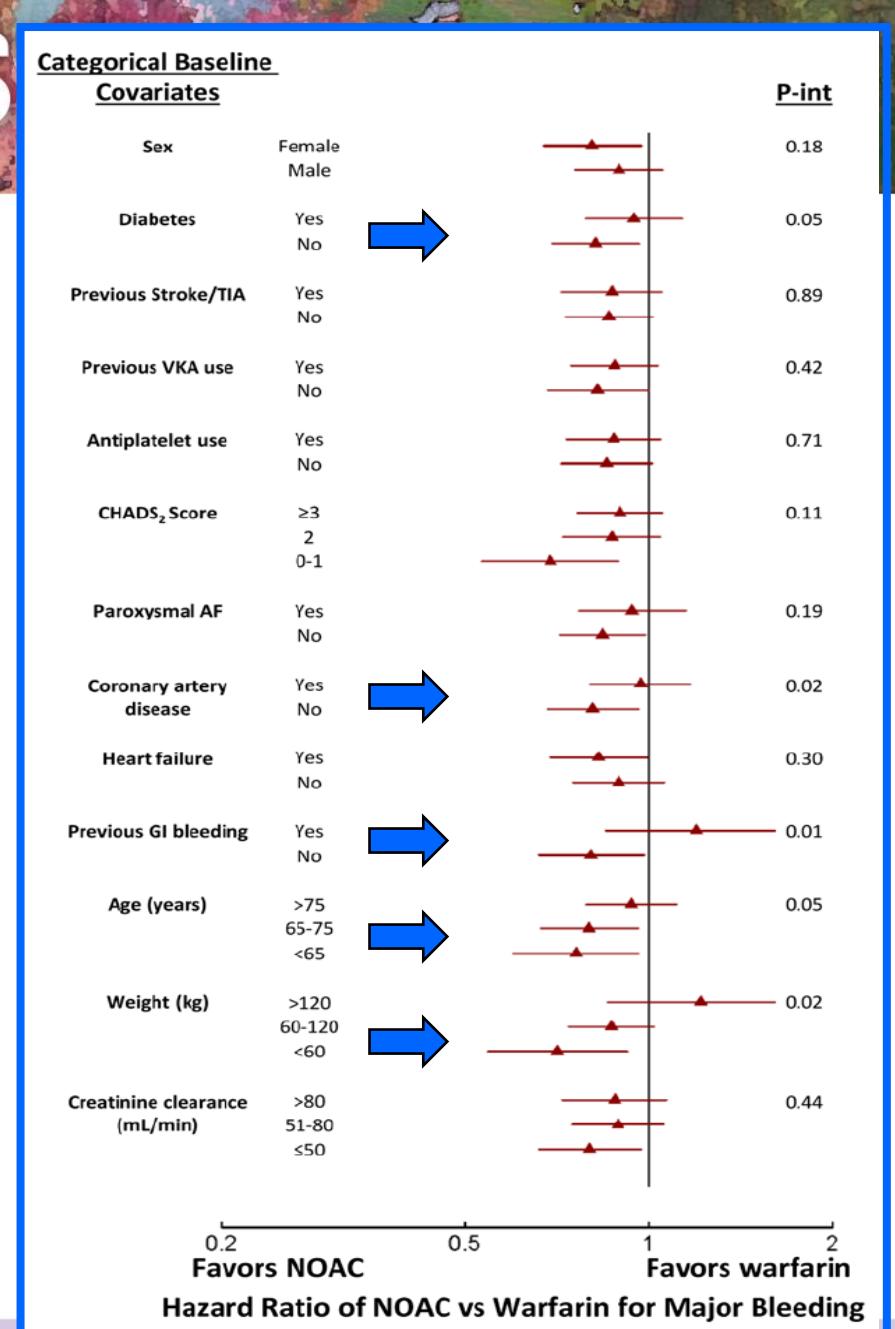
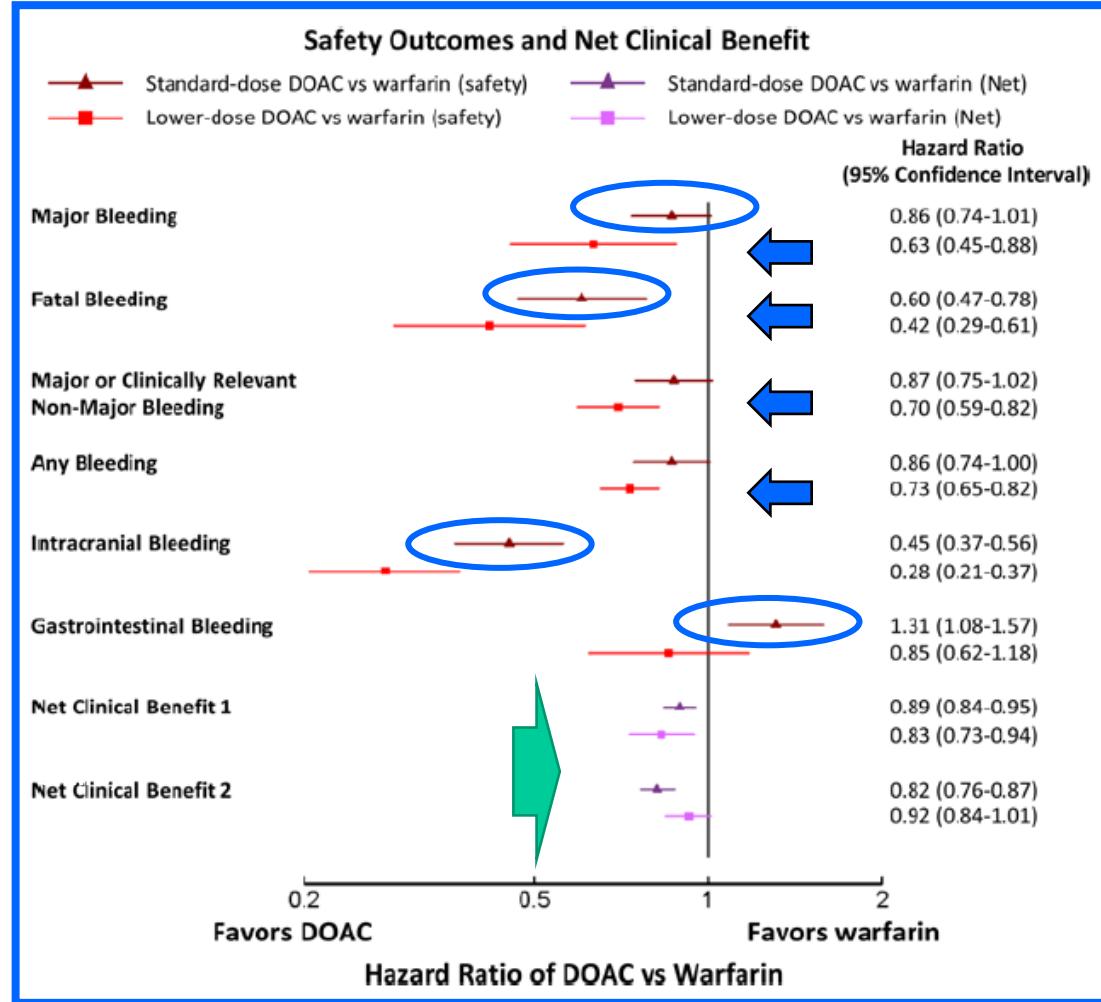
**Male gender was associated with a significantly higher RR of DOAC discontinuation (HR: 1.33, 95% CI: 1.26-1.40) compared with females**

**Men living alone had a 4.6% (95% CI: 6.4-2.8%) higher absolute risk (AR) of discontinuation compared with men living with a partner.**

**Female patients living alone had a higher AR of DOAC discontinuation (2.6%, 95% CI: 4.4-0.09%) compared with female patients living with a partner**



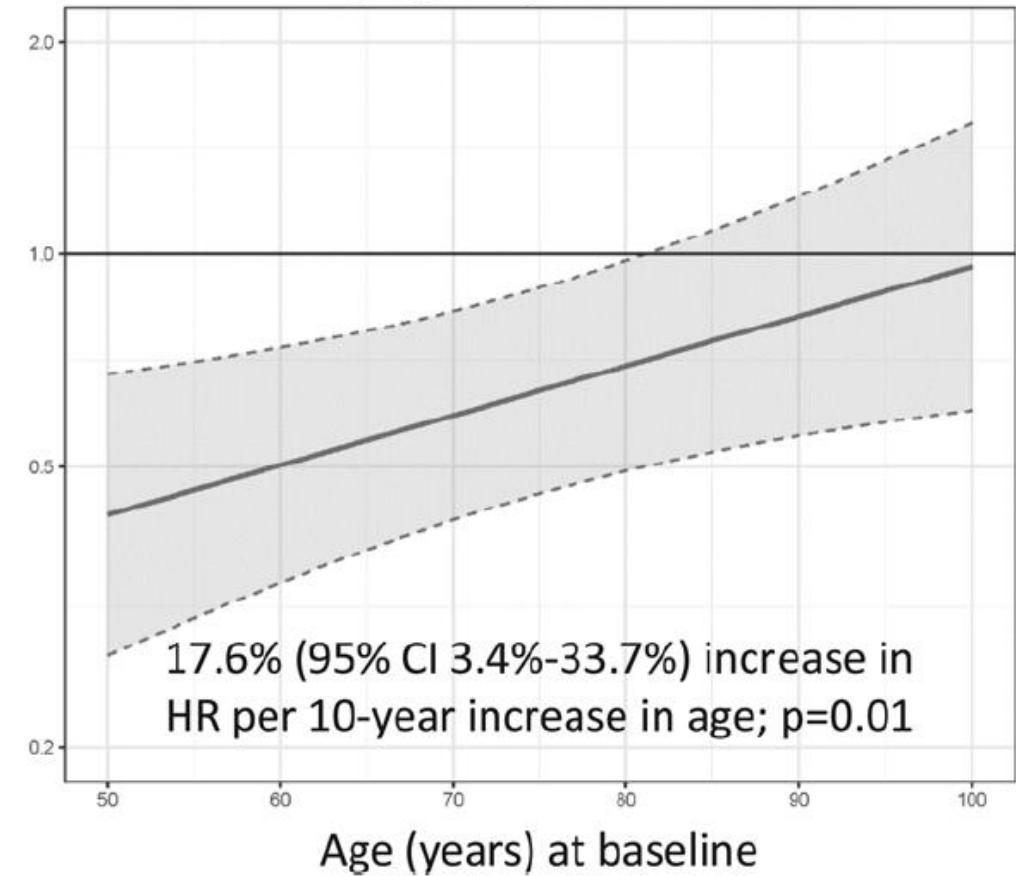
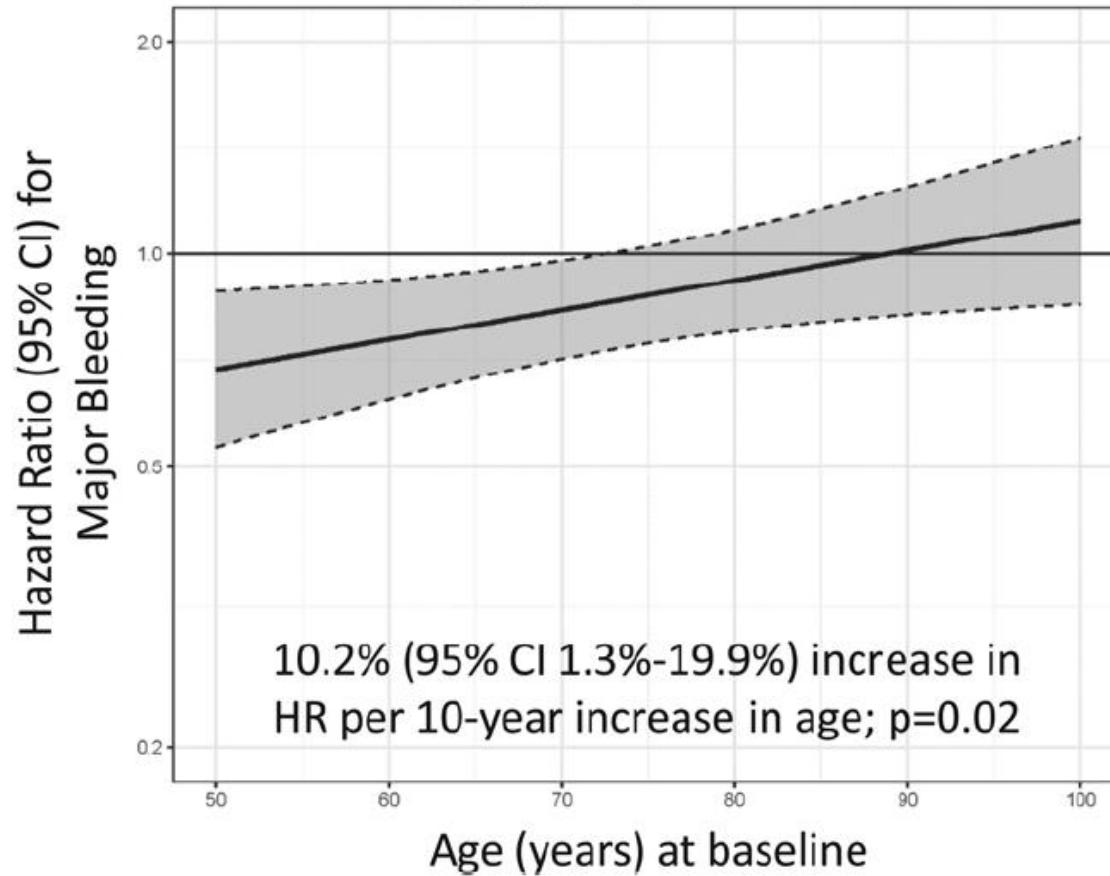
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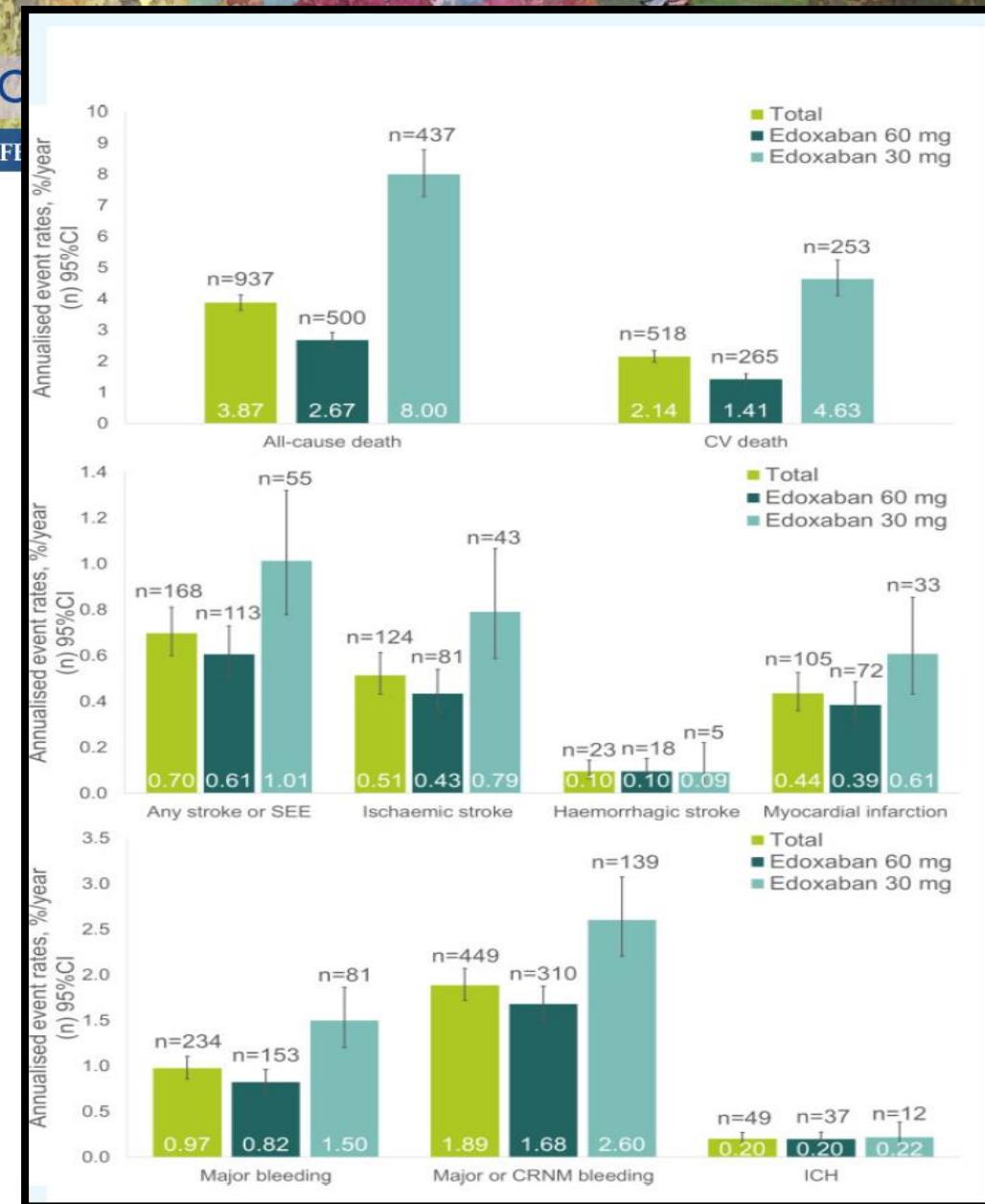
## Standard-Dose NOAC versus Warfarin

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## Edoxaban for stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation and age-adjusted predictors of clinical outcomes in routine clinical care

- The Edoxaban Treatment in Routine Clinical Practice for Patients With Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation (ETNA-AF) Europe
- A prospective, multi-centre, observational study conducted in 825 centres enrolling edoxaban-treated patients in 10 European countries
- 13 133 pts (mean age:  $73.6 \pm 9.5$  yrs), 43.3% female
- At the 2-year follow-up, 68.7% pts were still on edoxaban, overall adherence to label recommended dose was high 83.1% in particular for 60 mg
- Annualised event rate as %y at the 2 year FU in the figure





**Histo**

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History of TIA



HR (95% CI)  
5.01 (3.47–7.24)

p-value  
<0.0001

Wald  
Chi-square  
73.6301

CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASC score

HR (95% CI)  
p-value  
Wald  
Chi-square

History of ischaemic

CrCI-CG



HR (95% CI)  
1.94 (1.29–2.92)

p-value  
<0.0001

Wald  
Chi-square  
30.6807

History of stroke

Stage 2 vs stage 1



HR (95% CI)  
2.51 (1.53–4.09)

p-value  
0.001

Wald  
Chi-square  
10.0932

Frailty

Stage 3 vs stage 1  
Stage 4 + ESRD vs stage 1



HR (95% CI)  
6.15 (3.22–11.73)

p-value  
<0.0001

Wald  
Chi-square  
30.3469

HAS-BLED

HAS-BLED



HR (95% CI)  
1.31 (1.16–1.48)

p-value  
<0.0001

Wald  
Chi-square  
19.6089

Frailty



HR (95% CI)  
2.01 (1.44–2.81)

p-value  
<0.0001

Wald  
Chi-square  
18.1716

History of HF (derived)



HR (95% CI)  
1.92 (1.42–2.59)

p-value  
<0.0001

Wald  
Chi-square  
17.9321

Previous major or  
CRNM bleeding



HR (95% CI)  
3.06 (1.81–5.17)

p-value  
<0.0001

Wald  
Chi-square  
17.5231

Previous major bleeding



HR (95% CI)  
3.64 (1.87–7.08)

p-value  
0.0001

Wald  
Chi-square  
14.3984

COPD



HR (95% CI)  
1.79 (1.26–2.56)

p-value  
0.0013

Wald  
Chi-square  
10.3861



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Low risk      High risk →

**Age adjusted predictors of major bleeding the 2 year follow up**

## Sanguinamenti

## Management

**Table 9 Risk factors for bleeding with OAC and antiplatelet therapy**

Non-modifiable	Potentially modifiable	Modifiable	Biomarkers
Age >65 years	Extreme frailty ± excessive risk of falls <sup>a</sup>	Hypertension/elevated SBP	GDF-15
Previous major bleeding	Anaemia	Concomitant antiplatelet/NSAID	Cystatin C/CKD-EPI
Severe renal impairment (on dialysis or renal transplant)	Reduced platelet count or function	Excessive alcohol intake	cTnT-hs
Severe hepatic dysfunction (cirrhosis)	Renal impairment with CrCl <60 mL/min	Non-adherence to OAC	von Willebrand factor (+ other coagulation markers)
Malignancy	VKA management strategy <sup>b</sup>	Hazardous hobbies/occupations	
Genetic factors (e.g. CYP 2C9 polymorphisms)		Bridging therapy with heparin	
Previous stroke, small-vessel disease, etc.		INR control (target 2.0 - 3.0), target TTR >70% <sup>c</sup>	
Diabetes mellitus		Appropriate choice of OAC and correct dosing <sup>d</sup>	
Cognitive impairment/dementia			

CKD-EPI= Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration; CrCl = creatinine clearance; cTnT-hs = high-sensitivity troponin T; CYP = cytochrome P; GDF-15 = growth differentiation factor-15; INR = international normalized ratio; NSAID = non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug; OAC = oral anticoagulant; SBP = systolic blood pressure; TTR = time in therapeutic range; VKA = vitamin K antagonist.

<sup>a</sup>Walking aids; appropriate footwear; home review to remove trip hazards; neurological assessment where appropriate.

<sup>b</sup>Increased INR monitoring, dedicated OAC clinics, self-monitoring/self-management, educational/behavioural interventions.

<sup>c</sup>For patients receiving VKA treatment.

<sup>d</sup>Dose adaptation based on patient's age, body weight, and serum creatinine level.

- Treatment of factors / comorbidities contributing to bleeding

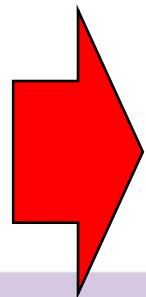
For dabigatran:

- Consider idarucizumab / hemodialysis (if idarucizumab is not available)

- PCC 50 U/kg; +25 U/kg if indicated
- aPCC 50 U/kg; max 200 U/kg/day

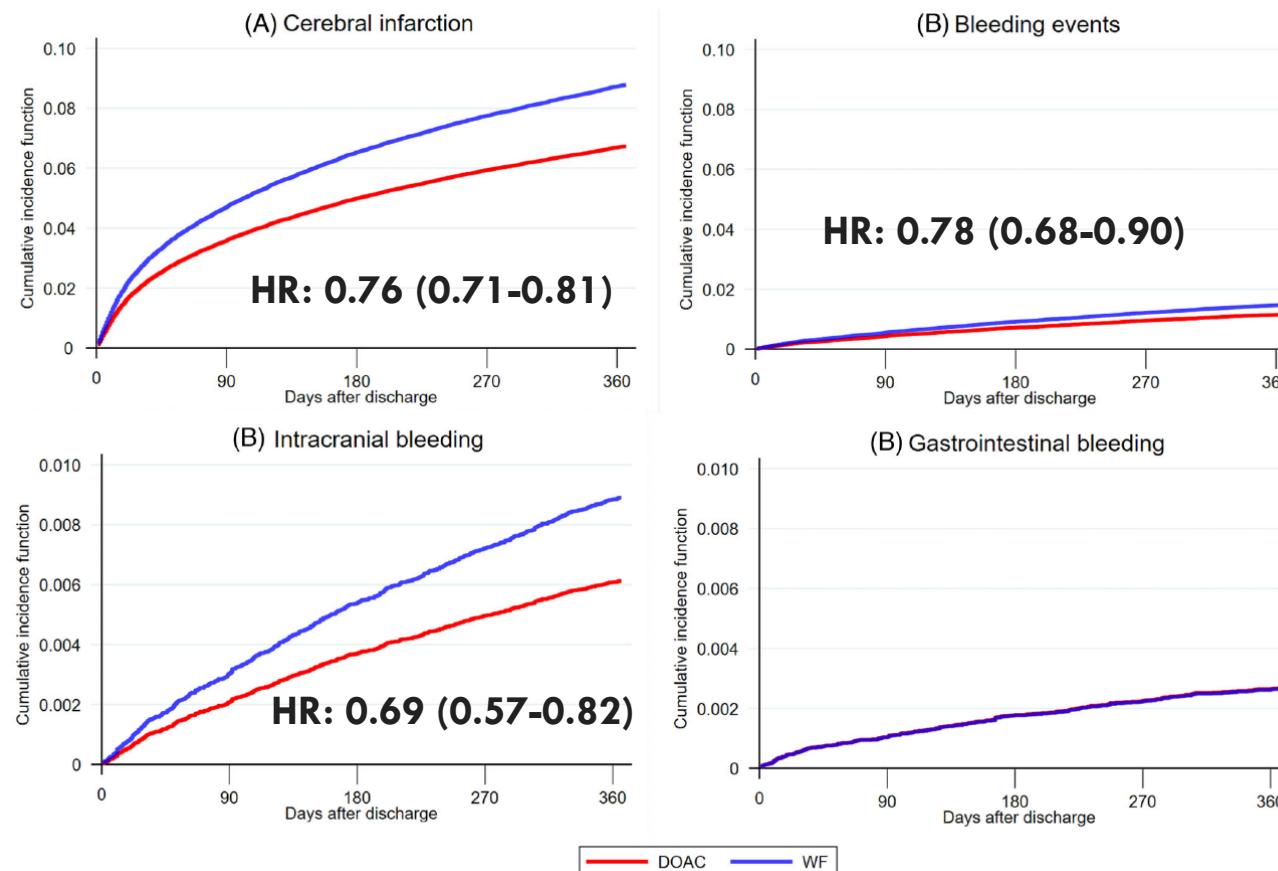
### Post-bleeding management

- Discuss impact of bleeding on patient's consideration of risks and benefits of anticoagulation
  - Assess risk of repeat bleeding
  - Re-evaluate modifiable bleeding risk factors
  - Review correct choice and dosing of NOAC
- Re-initiate anticoagulation in the absence of absolute contraindication (shared decision making).



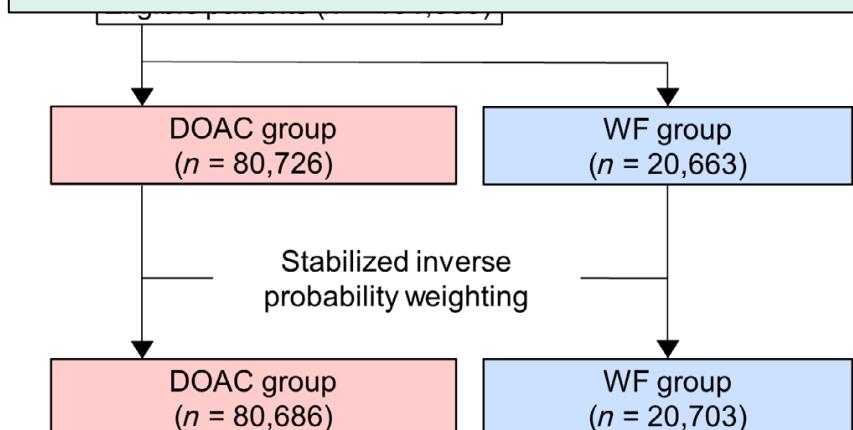
# Direct oral anticoagulants versus warfarin for secondary prevention of cerebral infarction and bleeding in older adults with atrial fibrillation

## Stroke



After the propensity score-stabilized inverse probability of treatment weighting, the adjusted subdistribution HRs of readmission (95% CI) for cerebral infarction, bleeding events, and intracranial bleeding in the DOAC group as compared with the warfarin group were 0.76 (0.71-0.81), 0.78 (0.68-0.90), and 0.69 (0.57-0.82), respectively

There was no significant difference in readmission for gastrointestinal bleeding (SHR, 1.01; 95% CI, 0.72-1.41) between the DOAC and warfarin groups.

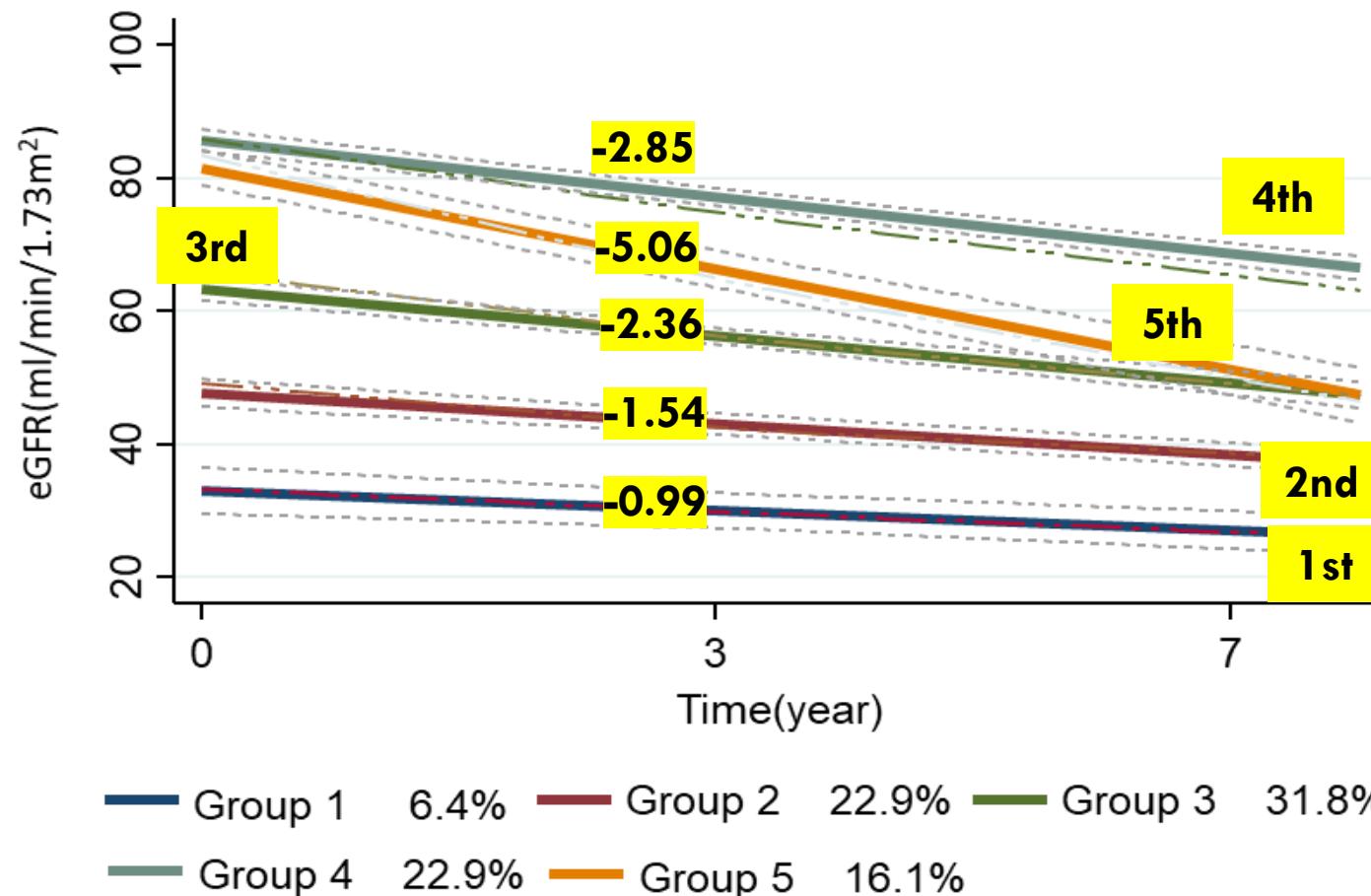


## Funzione renale

In pazienti anziani, qual è l'effetto della differente TAO sulla funzione renale nel real life?

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	Whole population (N=420)	VKA (N=136)	32%	NOAC (N=284)	68%	p
<b>Demographic and clinical parameters</b>						
Age, years	77±6	73±6		78±5		<0.001
Gender (males), %	55%	60%		53%		0.22
BMI, Kg/m <sup>2</sup>	29±4	30±3		29±4		0.36
Waist, cm	109±10	109±8		109±11		0.85
Smokers, %	9%	10%		8%		0.54
Systolic BP, mmHg	133±12	133±10		132±12		0.63
Diastolic BP, mmHg	77±10	77±9		77±10		0.88
Pulse Pressure, mmHg	56±12	56±11		56±12		0.73
<b>Atrial Function, %</b>						
Paroxysmal	17%	19%		17%		0.66
Persistent	17%	15%		18%		
Permanent	66%	66%		66%		
PM or ICD, %	9%	10%		9%		0.80
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> VASc (score)	4 (3-5)	4(3-5)		4 (4-6)		0.001
<b>Comorbidity</b>						
Hypertension, %	90%	82%		94%		<0.001
Diabetes, %	40%	40%		41%		0.82
Dyslipidemia, %	44%	37%		47%		0.04
Respiratory insufficiency /COPD	40%	29%		45%		0.002
Heart failure, %	34%	23%		39%		0.002
SAS, %	28%	24%		30%		0.15
Type of SAS, % (N=118)						
OSA	40%	47%		37%		0.61
CSA	52%	47%		53%		
MSA	8%	6%		9%		
eGFR, ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	67.36±18.16	75.81±17.22		63.32±17.20		<0.001
Liver disease, %						
<b>Cardiovascular background comorbidities</b>						
EX_STROKE/_TIA	11%	7%		12%		0.12
EX_IMA/CAD	24%	17%		28%		0.02
Vasculopatia	61%	60%		60%		0.90



The proportion of patients on treatment with NOAC was highest in those in the first trajectory (80%) and decreased in close parallelism with the magnitude of renal function deterioration (2<sup>nd</sup> trajectory: 77%, 3<sup>rd</sup> trajectory: 74%, 4<sup>th</sup> trajectory: 59%, and 5<sup>th</sup> trajectory: 49%)



## Multinomial logistic analysis

(comparing the various trajectories with the one having the greatest loss of glomerular filtration rate (5<sup>th</sup> trajectory, reference category)

	Crude Analysis	Adjusted analysis*
NOAC versus VKA	Probability ratio, (95% CI, P) to belong to 1 <sup>st</sup> rather than to the 5 <sup>th</sup> trajectory <b>4.24 (1.43-12.61), p=0.009</b>	Probability ratio (95% CI) to belong to 1st rather than to the 5 <sup>th</sup> trajectory <b>4.96 (1.47-16.74), p=0.01</b>
NOAC versus VKA	Probability ratio (95% CI, P) to belong to 2 <sup>nd</sup> rather than to the 5 <sup>th</sup> trajectory	Probability ratio (95% CI) to belong to 2 <sup>nd</sup> rather than to the 5th trajectory
NOAC versus VKA	3.57 (1.82-6.99), p<0.001	<b>3.83 (1.82-8.07), p&lt;0.001</b>
NOAC versus VKA	Probability ratio (95% CI, P) to belong to 3rd rather than to the 5 <sup>th</sup> trajectory	Probability ratio (95% CI) to belong to 3 <sup>rd</sup> rather than to the 5 <sup>th</sup> trajectory
NOAC versus VKA	<b>3.03 (1.64-5.59), p&lt;0.001</b>	<b>3.40 (1.72-6.71), p&lt;0.001</b>
NOAC versus VKA	Probability ratio (95% CI) to belong to 4th rather than to the 5 <sup>th</sup> trajectory	Probability ratio (95% CI) to belong to 4 <sup>th</sup> rather than to the 5 <sup>th</sup> trajectory
NOAC versus VKA	<b>1.55 (0.83-2.90), p=0.170</b>	<b>1.94 (0.96-3.91), p=0.065</b>

**Patients on treatment with NOACs had a probability to belong to a trajectory associated to a lower renal function loss rate, that was from 3.03 to 4.24 times higher than those on**



**(p<0.001)**

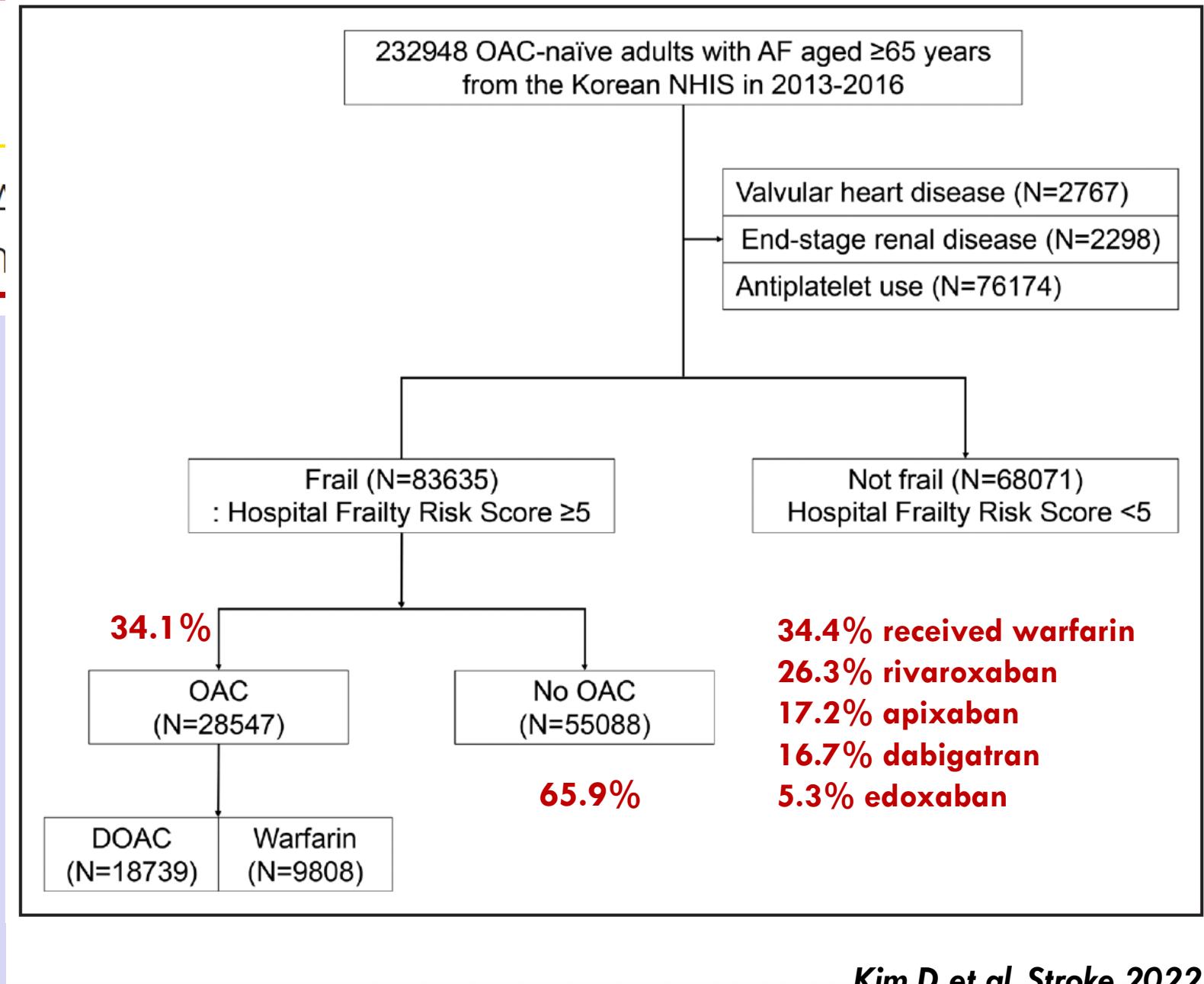
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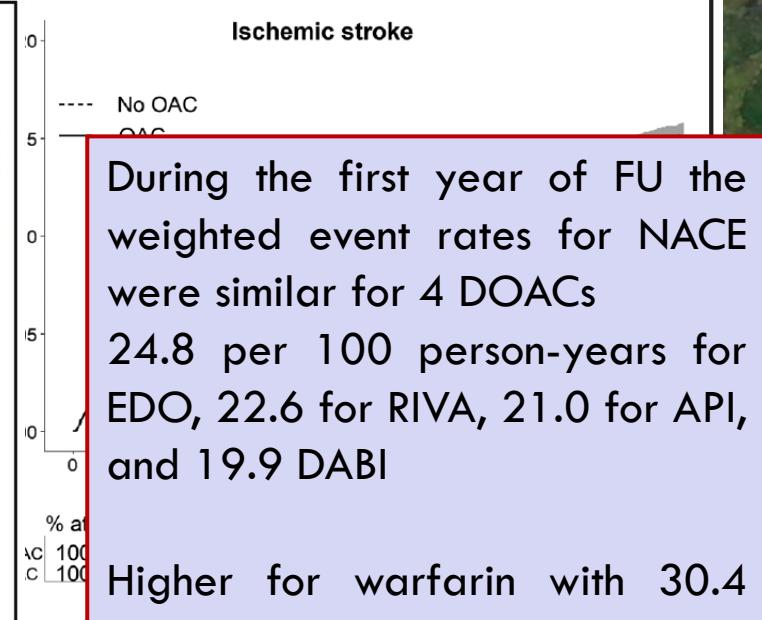
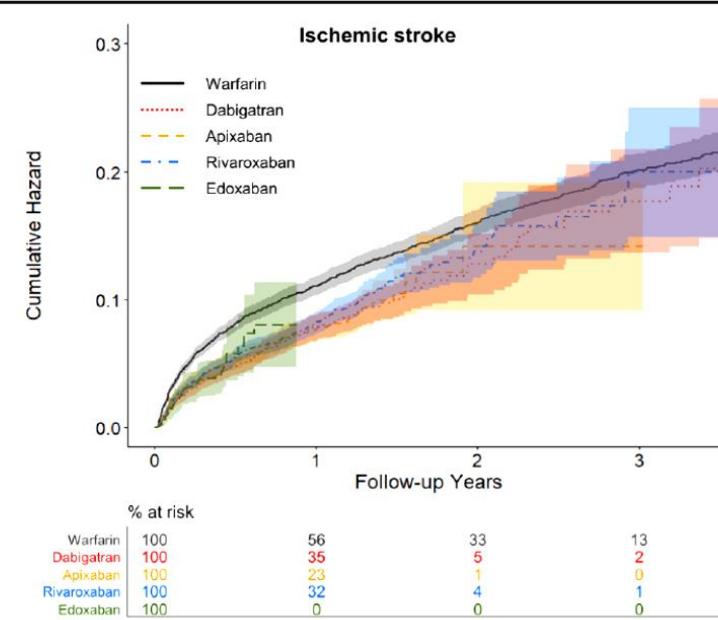
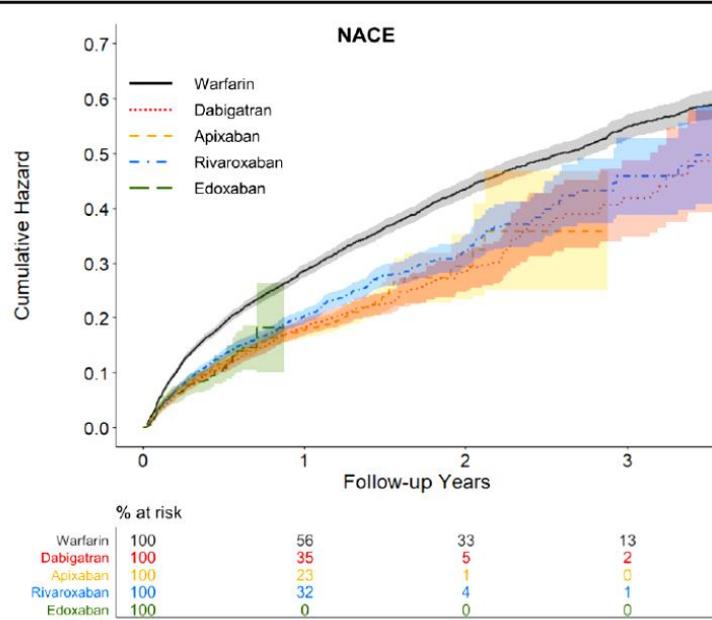
## Effectiveness and Safety of A Therapy in Frail Patients With

Retrospective cohort study, 83,635 patients aged  $\geq 65$  years with AF and frailty ( $\geq 5$  Hospital Frailty Risk Score) (January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2016). Korean National Health Insurance Service database.

To account for the differences between patients receiving OAC or not and across different OAC regimens, propensity score-weighting was used.

Net adverse clinical event (the first event of ischemic stroke, major bleeding, or CV death) was compared.

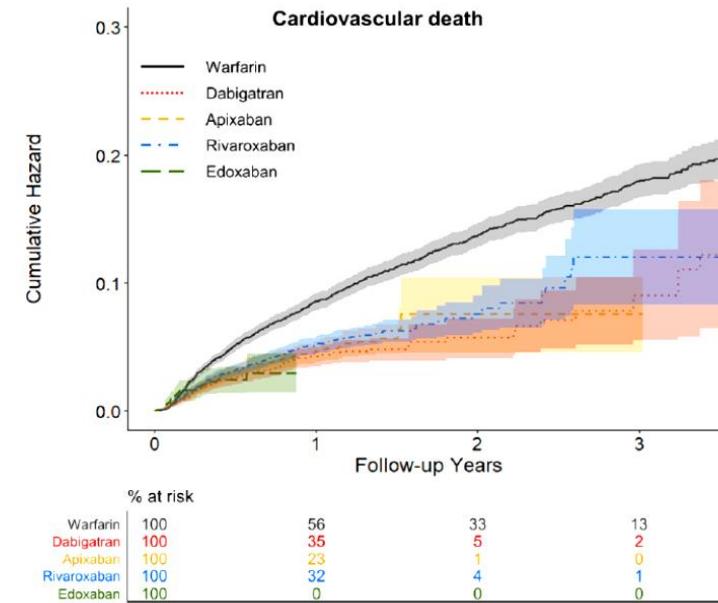
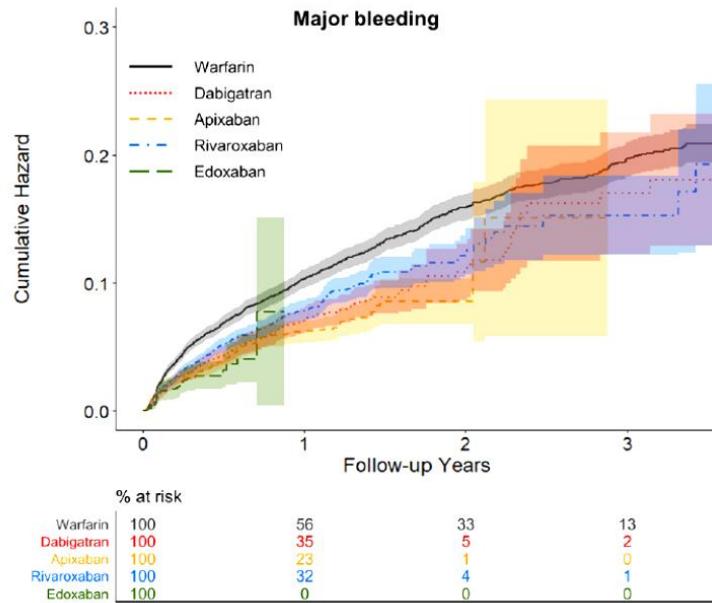




During the first year of FU the weighted event rates for NACE were similar for 4 DOACs 24.8 per 100 person-years for EDO, 22.6 for RIVA, 21.0 for API, and 19.9 DABI

Higher for warfarin with 30.4 per 100 person-years.

All 4 DOACs were associated with lower risks of NACE, ischemic stroke, major bleeding, and CV death, compared with warfarin use





# Percorso clinico decisionale nel paziente anziano fragile con fibrillazione atriale: la proposta di un gruppo di lavoro multidisciplinare

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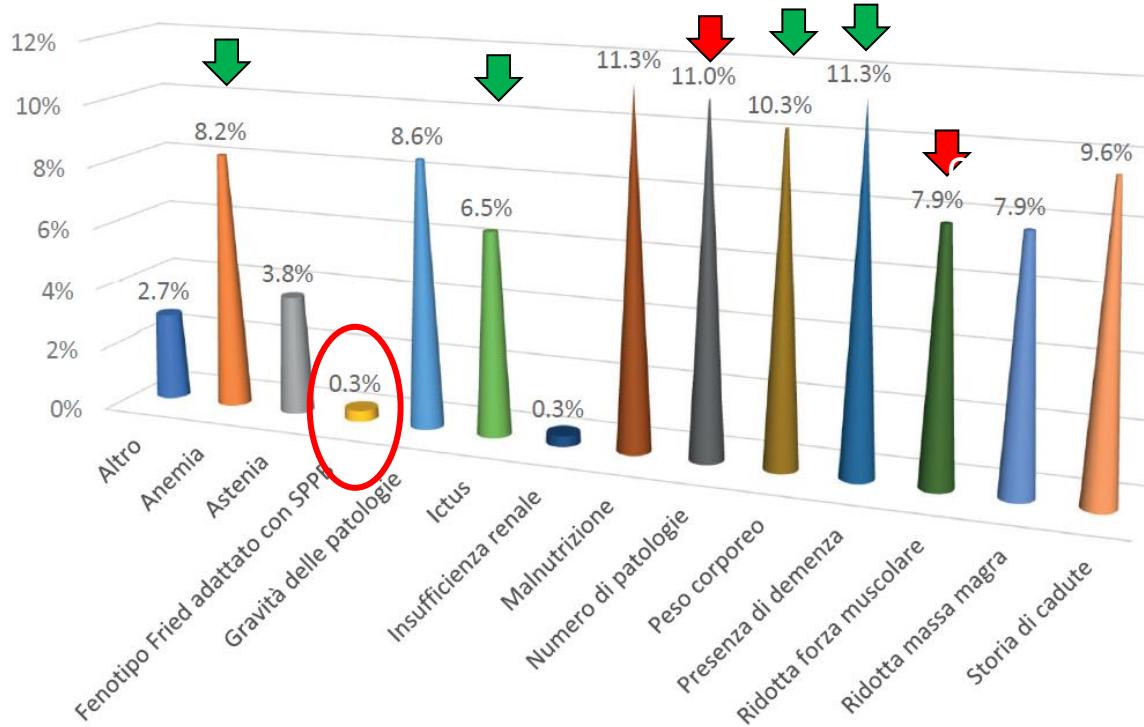
## “Frailty in Atrial Fibrill

- **47 strutture, 64% di Cardiologi Medicina Interna**
- **Nord, Sud e Centro ugualmente**
- **80% dei centri follow up clinico**
- **38.3% dei centri valutazioni**
- **90% nelle geriatriche e 23.3% nelle geriatriche**
- **Il 63.8% dei centri segue i pazienti**
- **50% dei casi**

### *Utilizzo della terapia antitrombotica nei Centri del progetto FAST*

Per quanto riguarda la scelta della terapia antitrombotica, l'utilizzo di un DOAC è ormai largamente preferito rispetto a quello degli antagonisti della vitamina K (AVK) (82.3% vs 13.5%), senza differenze per quanto riguarda gli ultra75enni. L'uso di aspirina o la scelta di non prescrivere terapia antitrombotica sono evenienze estremamente rare (1.2% e 3%, rispettivamente).

Tra i DOAC, apixaban (29.7%) ed edoxaban (28.2%) sono utilizzati più spesso di rivaroxaban (23.8%) e dabigatran (18.3%), anche in questo caso senza sostanziali differenze per età.



Quali parametri utilizzati per indicare la fragilità

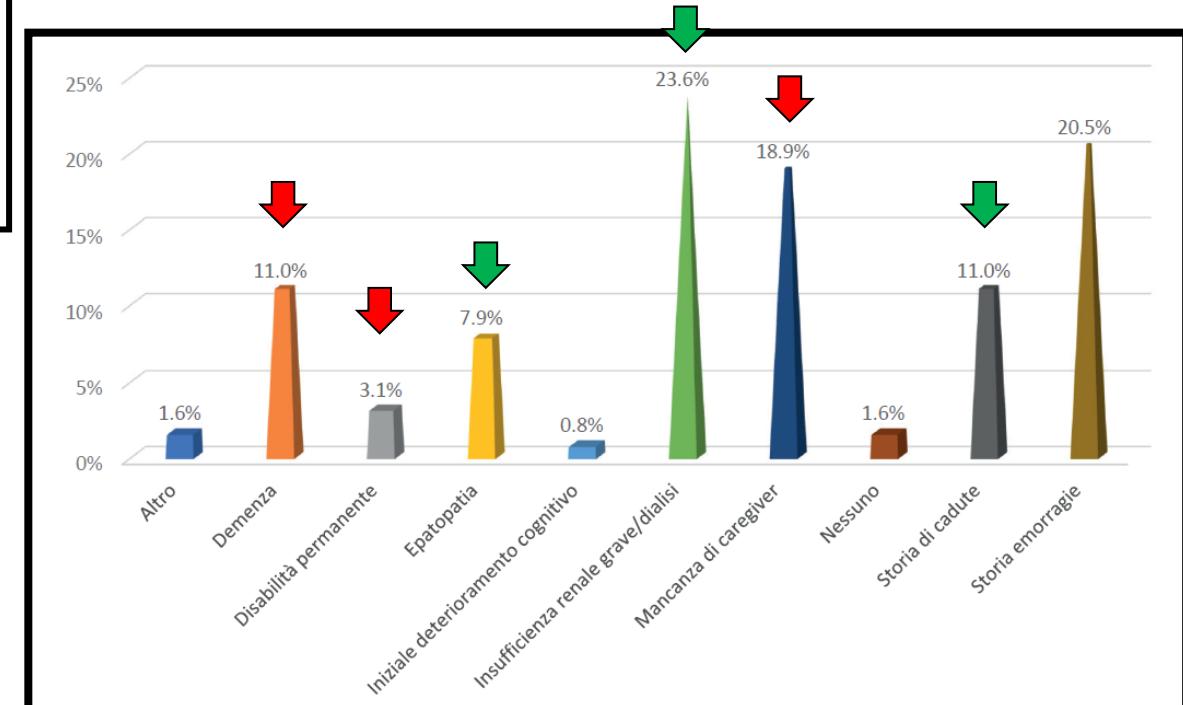
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fragilità non è con-

Tra queste quale rappresenta una potenziale  
controindicazione all'uso degli anticoagulanti



## CONSIDERAZIONI

- Valutazione del profilo cognitivo e dello stato funzionale globale effettuata in modo sistematico nonostante età avanzata
- Ampia disomogeneità nella definizione clinica e operativa della ritenuta potenziale causa di esclusione dall'anticoagulazione
- Integrazione culturale e tecnica fra le diverse specialità e creare una dimensione multidisciplinare nel processo di cura dell'anziano fragile con lo scopo di ridurre ricoveri e migliorare qualità della vita incidendo sulla disabilità
- L'approccio multidimensionale e la valutazione della fragilità nella gestione di questi pazienti
- Presa in carico del paziente e valutazione nel tempo delle condizioni renale, dello stato cognitivo, delle capacità funzionali quindi rischio tromboembolico ed emorragico

Fit, completa autonomia

**RACCOMANDATA**  
Indipendentemente dall'età

Fenotipo fragile o pre-fragile, CFS <5  
Autonomia preservata (B-ADL <2)  
Impairment cognitivo (MMSE >18/30)

**DA CONSIDERARE**

Severo deterioramento cognitivo (MMSE <18) e/o  
perdita di autonomia (B-ADL >2)  
e/o ridotta spettanza di vita (CFS >6)  
Nessuna evidenza di beneficio clinico

**SCORAGGIATA**

**Criteri per la prescrizione dei NOACs in anziani con FA**

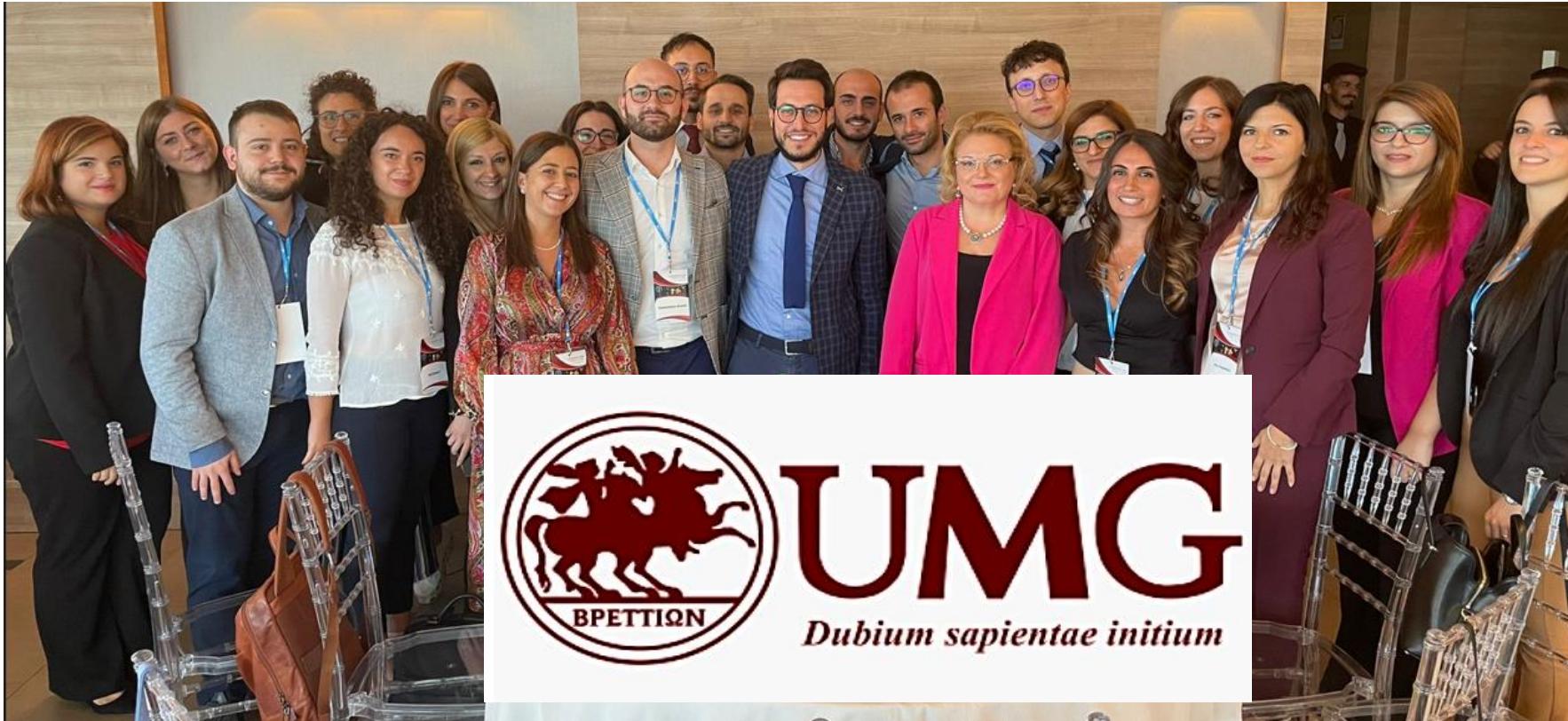


## Take home message

- Sulla efficacia dei NOAC nella popolazione anziana non vi sono ormai dubbi
- Dati recenti ne dimostrano l'efficacia anche in situazioni specifiche, quali prevenzione secondaria
- Sulla sicurezza restano poche zone d'ombra (sanguinamenti GI)
- Non esistono chiare indicazioni sulla reintroduzione dei NOAC dopo sanguinamenti cerebrali
- Il monitoraggio della funzione renale, la rivalutazione dinamica del rischio tromboembolico ed emorragico rappresentano una pratica irrinunciabile
- La valutazione della condizione di fragilità è cruciale nella scelta del trattamento anticoagulante per una più attenta e sicura gestione nel follow-up



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