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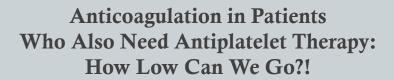
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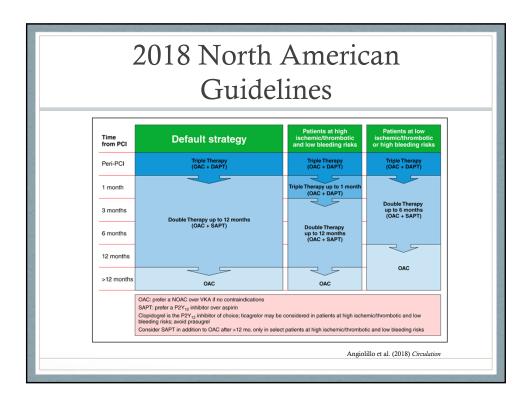
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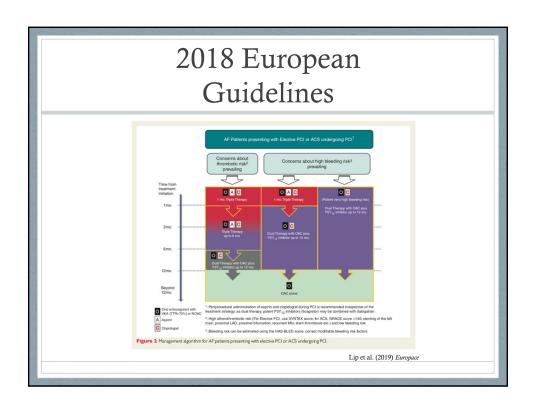




## Overview

- Most recent guidelines for oral anticoagulant (OAC) use in atrial fibrillation (AF)
- Brief history of anticoagulants and antiplatelet agents
- AF management guideline update
- · Pharmacology of antiplatelet agents and anticoagulants
- Bleeding risk
- Managing "dual" and "triple" therapy





## Scope of the Problem

- 1-4% of the adult population in Australia, Europe and the USA have AF
  - 0.90% in patients 18-64 years old (7% undiagnosed)
  - 9.9% in patients > 65 years old (10% undiagnosed)
  - > 13% in octogenarians
- 20-40% of patients with AF also have CAD
- 20% of patients with AF will go on to need PCI or have ACS
- 5-10% of patients referred for LHC +/- PCI have an indication for an anticoagulant for AF

Rahman et al. (2014) Nat Rev Card; Turakhia et al. (2015) AJC, Capodanno et al. (2019) JACC

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## History of Oral Antiplatelet Agents

- 1899: acetylsalicylic acid is distributed as a powder (called Aspirin by Bayer)
- 1991: ticlopidine FDA approved
- 1997: clopidogrel FDA approved
- 2009: prasugrel FDA approved
- 2011: ticagrelor FDA approved
- 2014: vorapaxar FDA approved

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## History of Oral Anticoagulants

- 1954: warfarin approved for human use (approved as rodenticide in 1952)
- [digoxin also FDA approved in 1954]
- 2010: dabigatran FDA approved
- 2011: rivaroxaban FDA approved
- 2012: apixaban FDA approved
- 2015: edoxaban FDA approved
- 2017: betrixaban FDA approved

## New AF

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- a) No anticoagulation required
- b) ASA 81 mg daily
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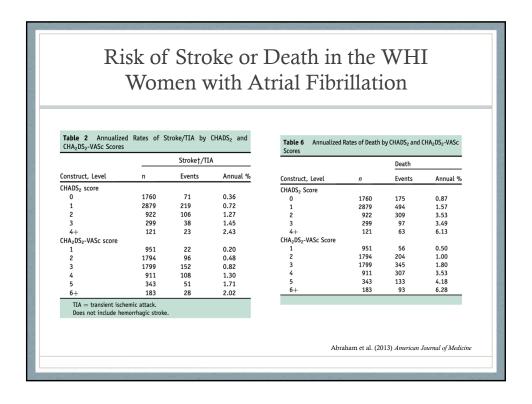
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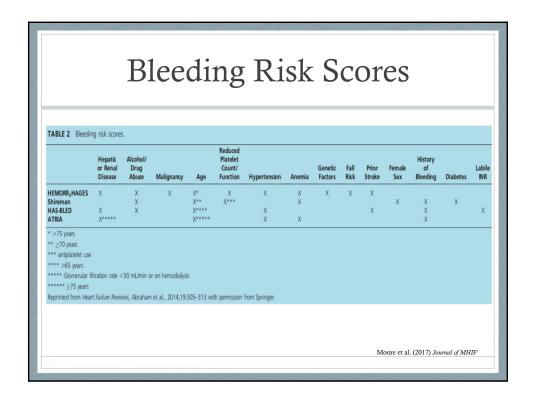
## Stroke Risk in Atrial Fibrillation (NOT including MS or Mechanical Valve)

- CHA2DS2-VASc score of *0 in men or 1 in women*: reasonable to omit anticoagulant therapy (IIa, B)
- CHA2DS2-VASc score of *1 in men and 2 in women*: oral anticoagulant may be considered (IIb, C)
- CHA2DS2-VASc score of 2 or greater in men or 3 or greater in women: oral anticoagulants are recommended (I, A-B)

"CHA2DS2-VA score"

2019 AHA/ACC/HRS Focused Update of the 2014 AHA/ACC/HRS Guideline for the Management of Patients With Atrial Fibrillation





### Highlights of 2019 AF Guidelines

- "Valvular AF" definition: moderate-severe mitral stenosis or mechanical heart valve
- Class IA recommendation for DOAC use over warfarin
- Annual renal and <u>hepatic</u> function for DOAC monitoring
- It might be reasonable to prescribe apixaban for patients with ESRD
- Percutaneous LAA occlusion may be considered in patients with AF at increased risk of stroke who have contraindications to longterm AC
- Implantable loop recorder to evaluate for AF in patients with cryptogenic stroke

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## Watchman

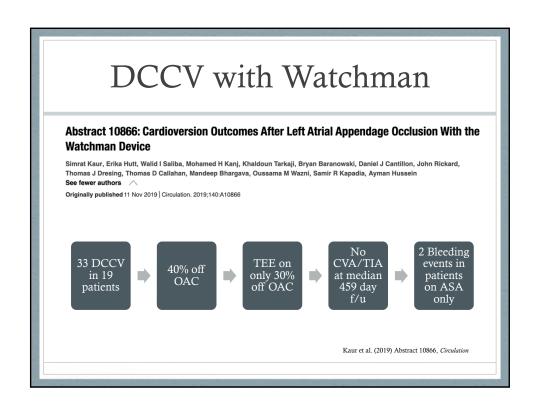
Ms. Roberts is an 85 year old female with past medical history of persistent atrial fibrillation who had recurrent GI bleeding on OAC leading to a Watchman placement > 6 months ago. She has had ongoing diastolic heart failure despite rate-controlled AF on metoprolol and desires a rhythm control strategy if possible. You recommend:

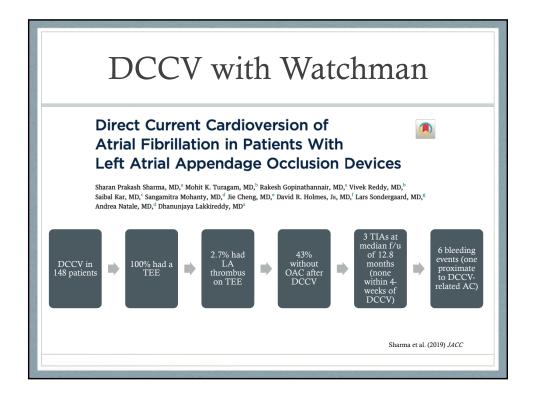
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- d) TEE-guided cardioversion??





## AC with Watchman

- Warfarin with therapeutic INR at implant
- Warfarin + ASA 325 mg daily → 45 days (TEE at 45 days to evaluate for leak around Watchman) then switch to clopidogrel and ASA
- Clopidogrel 75 mg daily and ASA 325 mg daily → 6 months
- ASA 325 mg daily thereafter

## Proposal for DCCV with Watchman

#### < 6 months post Watchman:

<u>DCCV</u> if therapeutic on warfarin for 3 consecutive weeks

<u>TEE-guided DCCV</u> if sub- therapeutic warfarin or on ASA/Plavix only regimen

Anticoagulation per protocol:

- Warfarin (goal INR 2.5, range 2-3) ± ASA x 45 days
- ASA 325mg plus Plavix 75mg daily day 46 through 6 months

#### ≥ 6 months post Watchman:

<u>TEE-guided DCCV</u> if TEE with no thrombus on device or in left atria <u>AND</u> no significant watchman leak (≤5 mm)

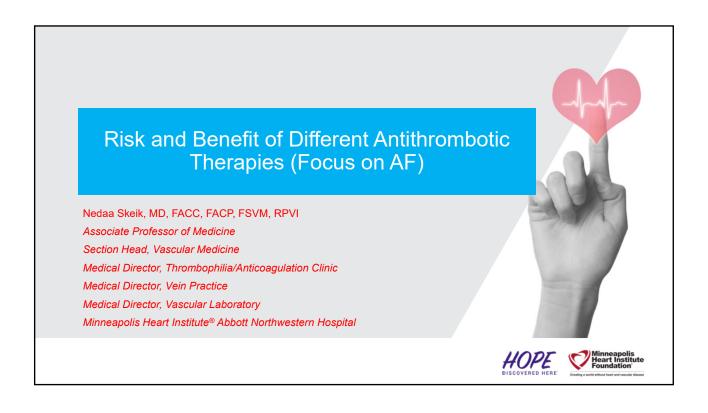
Anticoagulation: daily ASA

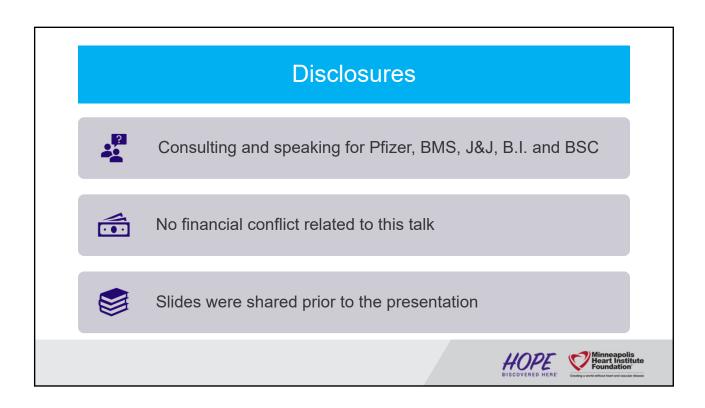
Revision of draft proposed by Tamara Langeberg and Charles Gornick, MD

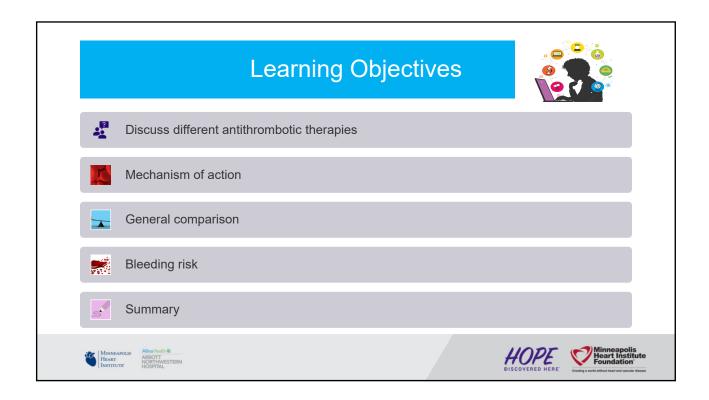
## What is Next in AC for AF?

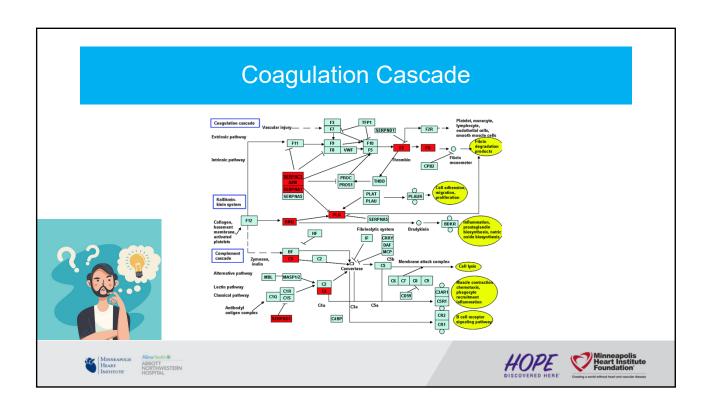
- DOACs pre/post Watchman
- DOACs post-TAVR/bioprosthetic AVR
- AC after surgical left atrial appendage ligation
- Watchman with antiplatelet agents only
- DCCV after Watchman without AC
- DCCV with Cardiac CT in place of TEE to exclude LAA thrombus
- Device-detected AF (how much/when??)



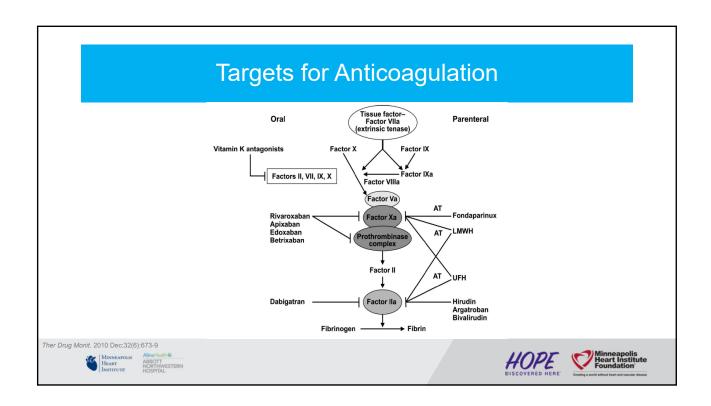












## Dabigatran (Pradaxa) Only Oral Direct Thrombin Inhibitor

#### **Approved Indications:**

- 1. NVAF
  - The only DOAC superior to warfarin to reduce ischemic stroke risk
  - More major bleed (extra cranial) in patients ≥75 years of age
  - More GI side effects and bleeding
- 2. Treatment for DVT and or PE:
  - Requires 5-10 days of parenteral anticoagulation
- 3. Risk reduction of VTE after initial therapy
- 4. DVT prophylaxis in patient going for hip replacement
  - Not approved for patients needing knee replacement

Circulation. 2011 Apr 5;123(13):1436-50

Hematol. 2008;37:259-65

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#### Factor Xa Inhibitors

- Rivaroxaban (J&J) Xarelto
- · Apixaban [Bristol-Myers Squibb, Pfizer] Eliquis
- · Edoxaban (Daiichi) Savaysa
- · Betrixaban (Portola pharma) Bevyxxa
- YM150 (Astellas)
- LY517717 (Lilly)
- TAK-442 (Takeda)
- PD0348292 (Pfizer)



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## Apixaban (Eliquis)

#### **Approved Indications:**

- NVAF
  - Superior to warfarin, stroke and SE, major bleeding and all-cause mortality
  - Only DOAC studied vs. ASA (AVEROS Trial):
  - ❖ Superior for stroke/SE and no significant difference in major bleeding
- Treatment of DVT and or PE
  - Superior to enoxaparin/warfarin for major bleed
- Risk reduction of recurrent VTE after initial therapy
  - Not significantly different from placebo for major bleed
- DVT prophylaxis following hip or knee replacement

Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol. 2007 Jun;27(6):1238-47 N Engl J Med. 2011 Mar 3;364(9):806-17







## Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)

#### Approved indications:

- NVAF (ROCKET-AF, mean CHADS2: 3.5)
  - Can be given once daily with food for the NVAF indication
  - More GI bleeding and need for transfusion versus warfarin
- Treatment of DVT and or PE
  - Superior to enoxaparin/warfarin for major bleed
- Risk reduction of recurrent VTE after initial therapy
  - 10mg dose has similar major bleeding risk to ASA (EINSTEIN CHOICE Trial, only DOAC compared to ASA for this indication)
- DVT prophylaxis following hip or knee replacement
- DVT prophylaxis in medically ill patients (not at high bleeding risk!)
- MACE risk reduction in patients with chronic CAD/PAD in addition to ASA 81 mg daily

Pharmacotherapy. 2009 Feb;29(2):167-81
Weitz J.I. et al. N Engl J Med 2017; 376:1211-1222
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### Edoxaban (Savaysa)

#### **Approved Indications:**

- 1. NVAF
  - Superior to warfarin for major bleeding
  - Once daily dosage
  - Lower GI bleed with 30 mg dosage vs. warfarin
- 2. Treatment of DVT and or PE
  - Requires 5-10 days of parenteral anticoagulation
  - Superior to warfarin for major and CRNM bleed
- · Not indicated for secondary VTE prevention after initial therapy
- Not indicated for DVT prophylaxis after THR or TKR

Skeik N. Vasc Med. 2014 May 30;19(3):205-214 Raskob G.E. et al. N Engl J Med 2018; 378:615-624



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## Betrixaban (Bevyxxa)

- Approved Indications:
- VTE prophylaxis in adults hospitalized for an acute medical illness who are at risk for thromboembolic complications due to moderate or severe restricted mobility and other risk factors for VTE.
- Superior to enoxaparin with similar major but more CRNM bleedings

N Engl J Med. 2016;375(6):534.



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## **Antiplatelet Agents**

- **Aspirin (NSAID and sulfinpyrazone):** blocks cyclooxygenase, thereby inhibits the biosynthesis of PGs and TXs from arachidonic acid. TXA2 is a potent stimulator of PLT aggregation.
- The platelet P2Y12 inhibitors (clopidogrel, ticlopidine, ticagrelor, prasugrel, and cangrelor): block the binding of ADP to P2Y12 receptor, thereby inhibiting PLT activation and aggregation.
- **Vorapaxar:** antagonist of the protease-activated receptor-1 expressed on PLT. It inhibits thrombin-induced PLT aggregation.
- Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitors: bind GP IIb/IIIa receptor inhibiting PLT aggregation.

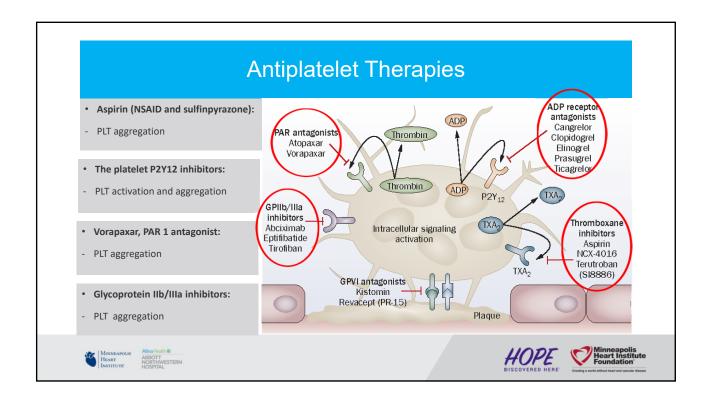
J Clin Invest. 2001;107(12):1591



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## 2019 ACC/AHA/HRS Treatment Guidelines Update to Prevent Thromboembolism in Patients with AF

#### Assess stroke risk with CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score

- Score 1 in men & 2 in women: Annual stroke risk 1%-2%, oral anticoagulants or aspirin may be considered
- Score ≥2 in men & ≥3 in women: Annual stroke risk 2%-15%, oral anticoagulants <u>are recommended</u>

Balance stroke risk reduction benefit vs. bleeding risk

CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc Score in Men	CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc Score In Women	Recommendation				
0	0	No anticoagulant				
1	2	Aspirin (81-325 mg daily) or oral anticoagulants may be considered				
≥ 2	≥ 3	Oral anticoagulants are recommended*				
*DOACS (dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban, and edoxaban) recommended over warfarin in DOAC-eligible patients						



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## 2019 ACC/AHA/HRS Focused Update on Atrial Fibrillation

- 4.4. Nonpharmacological Stroke Prevention
- 4.4.1. Percutaneous Approaches to Occlude the LAA

Re	Recommendation for Percutaneous Approaches to Occlude the LAA  Referenced studies that support the new recommendation are summarized in Online Data						
		Supplement 4.					
COR	COR LOE Recommendation						
IIb	B-NR	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).      NEW: Clinical trial data and FDA approval of the Watchman device necessitated this recommendation.					

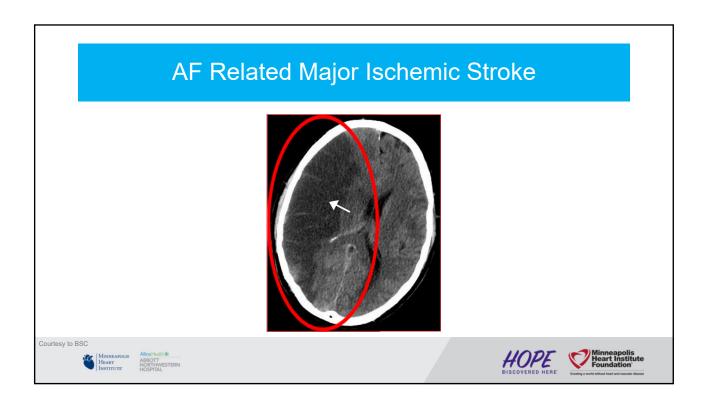
"Oral anticoagulation remains the preferred therapy for stroke prevention for most patients with AF and elevated stroke risk. However, for patients who are poor candidates for long-term oral anticoagulation (because of the propensity for bleeding or poor drug tolerance or adherence), the Watchman device provides an alternative."

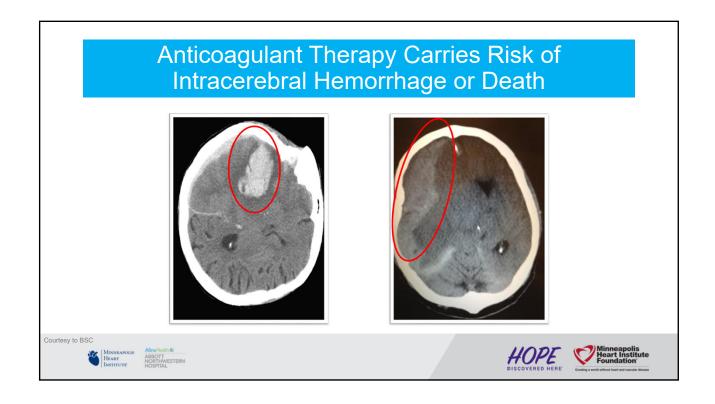


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## CHA2DS2-VASc: Scoring Systems to Assess Stroke Risks

	Condition	Points
С	Congestive Heart Failure/LV Dysfunction	1
Н	Hypertension (SBP > 160)	1
$A_2$	Age ≥ 75 years	2
D	Diabetes Mellitus	1
S <sub>2</sub>	Prior Stroke, TIA, or Thromboembolism	2
V	Vascular Disease (PAD, MI)	1
Α	Age 65-74 Years	1
Sc	Sec Category (Female)	1

CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc Score	Annual % Stroke Risk				
	No Warfarin	With Aspirin <sup>2</sup>	With Warfarin <sup>2</sup>		
0	0	0	0		
1	1.3	1.0	0.5		
2	2.2	1.7	0.8		
3	3.2	2.5	1.2		
4	4.0	3.1	1.4		
5	6.7	5.2	2.4		
6	9.8	7.6	3.5		







## HAS-BLED: Scoring Systems to Assess Bleeding Risks

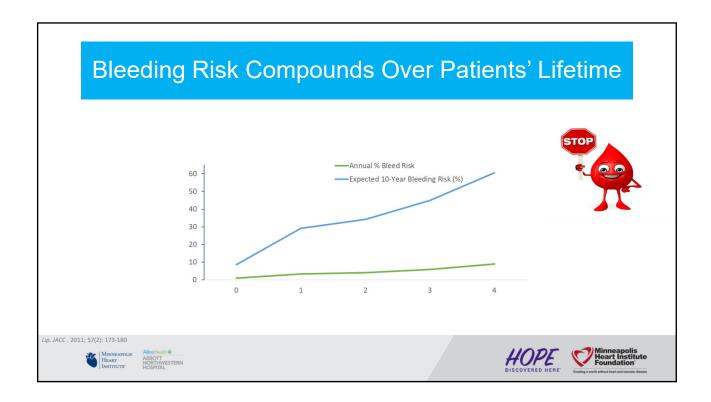
	Condition	Points
Н	Hypertension	1
Α	Abnormal Renal/Liver Function (1 pt each)	1 or 2
S	Stroke	1
В	Bleeding History or Disposition	1
L	Labile INRs	1
Ε	Elderly	1
D	Current Drugs (Medication) or Alcohol Use (1 pt each)	1 or 2
	TOTAL POINTS	9

HAS-BLED Score	Annual % Major Bleeding Risk
0	0.9
1	3.4
2	4.1
3	5.8
4	8.9
5	9.1









## **Antithrombotic Options for Atrial Fibrillation**

- Aspirin:
- Meta-analysis (8 trials, 4876 participants), reduced stroke by 22% (CI, 6% to 35%)
- Major bleeding risk 0.23% / year
- · Warfarin:
- Meta-analysis (6 trials, 2900 participants), reduced stroke by 64% (95% CI, 49% to 74%)
- Major bleeding risk ~ 1-6%
- · Aspirin and Plavix:
- Pooled analysis (5 studies involving 24,084 patients) reduced stroke vs. aspirin alone (p<0.05)
- Increased risk of major bleeding (p<0.05)



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Ann Intern Med. 2007 Jun 19;146(12):857-67

JAMA. Published online January 22 2019

LManag Care Spec Pharm 2017 Sep;23(0):968,978





## **Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs)**

- Compared to warfarin:
  - Dabigatran: lower ischemic stroke
  - · Apixaban and edoxaban: lower hemorrhagic stroke and major bleeding
  - All DOACs: lower ICH
- · Do not require monitoring
- · Less drug to drug and drug to food interactions
- · Maximum concentration in plasma within hours
- · Short half-life
- · Antidotes are now approved (idarucizumab and andexanet alfa)
- · Bleeding complications!
- · Compliance, adherence and dosing issues!
- Antidote cost!

Ruff CT et al. Lancet 2014; 383: 955-962

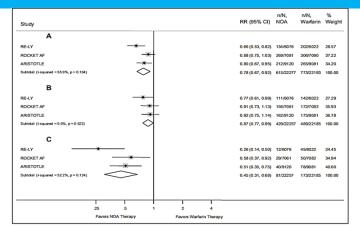


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## Meta-Analysis of Efficacy and Safety of DOACs (Dabigatran, Rivaroxaban, Apixaban) vs. Warfarin in Patients with AF

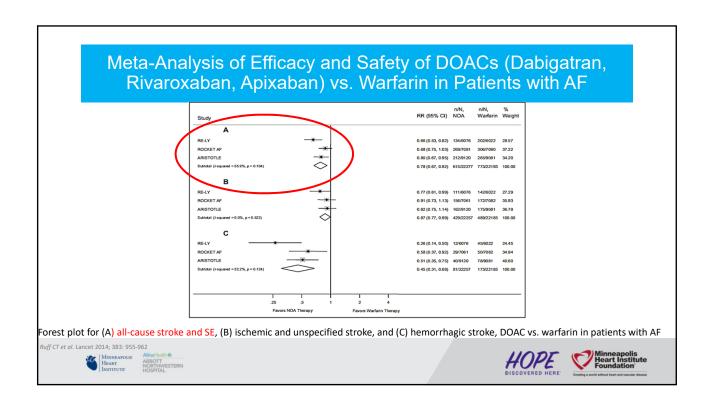


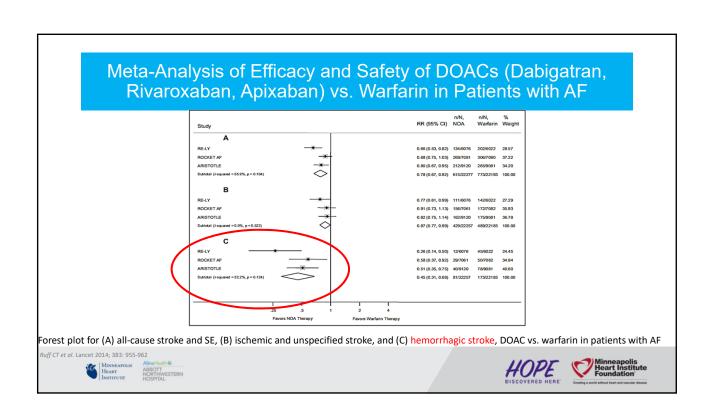
Forest plot for (A) all-cause stroke and SE, (B) ischemic and unspecified stroke, and (C) hemorrhagic stroke, DOAC vs. warfarin in patients with AF

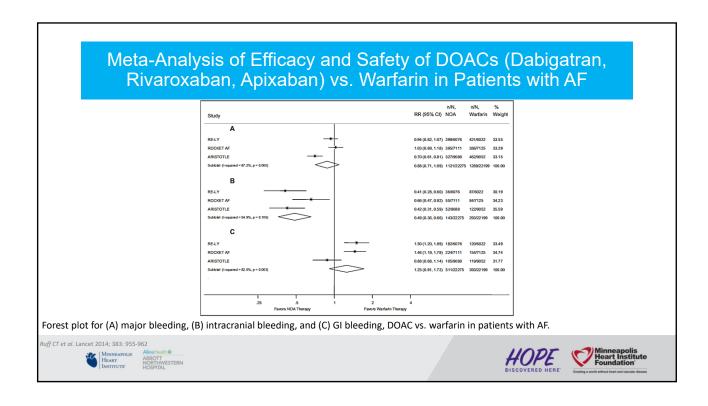
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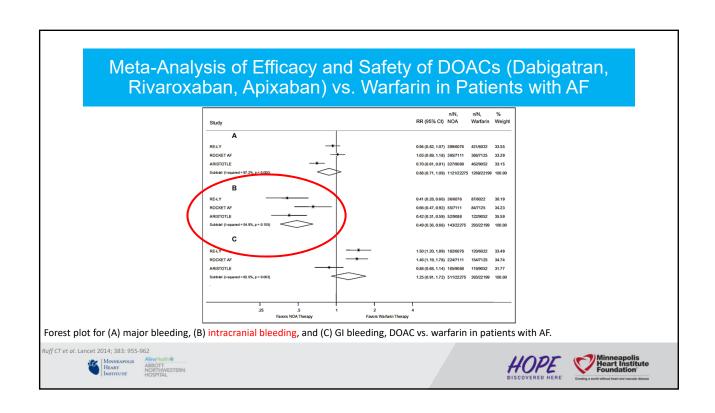
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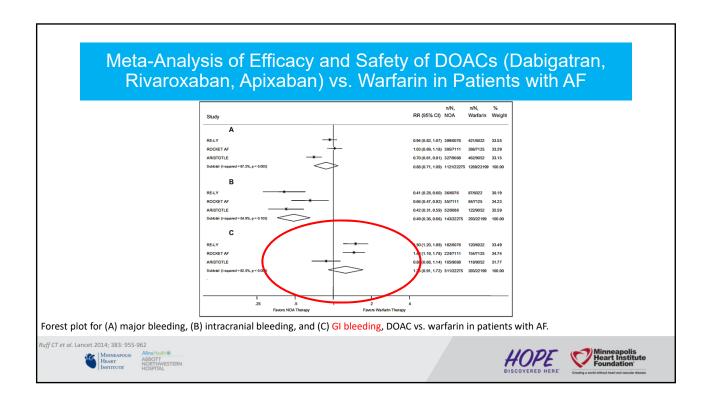




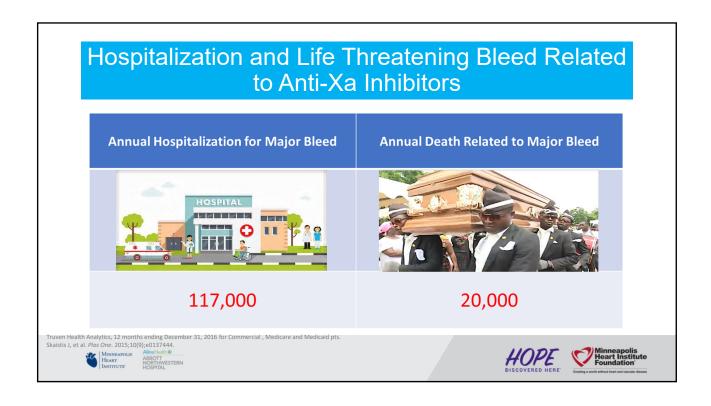


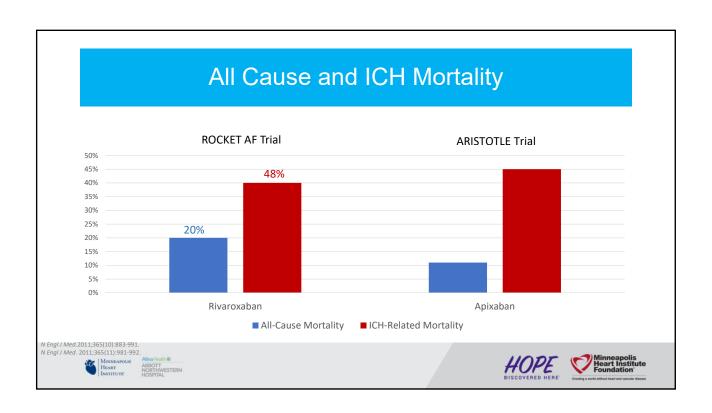






Rates of Bleeding with DOACs							
	Major Bleed (% / year)	ICH (% / year)	GI Bleed (% / year)				
Dabigatran (RE-LY)	3.11	0.30	1.51				
Apixaban (ARISTOTLE)	2.13	0.33	0.76				
Rivaroxaban (ROCKET-AF)	3.6	0.50	3.2				
Edoxaban (ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48)	2.75	0.39	1.51				
Med.2011;365(10):883-991.   J Med. 2011;365(11):981-992.   MINNAROUS   HART   INSTITUTE   ABBOTT WESTERN			HOPE DISCOVERED HERE				





### ACS and AF

- DAPT (aspirin plus P2Y12 inhibitor) prevents MACE after PCI for ACS or stable disease.
- · Current debate regarding optimal duration of DAP!
- Approximately 5-10% of patients undergoing PCI have AF.
- The CV benefits gained by using triple therapy could be offset by higher risk for bleeding.
- Withdrawal of aspirin might lead to higher rates of stent thrombosis and ischemic events.







## Bleeding Complications Dual (DOAC+P2Y12i) vs Triple (warfarin+P2Y12i+ASA)

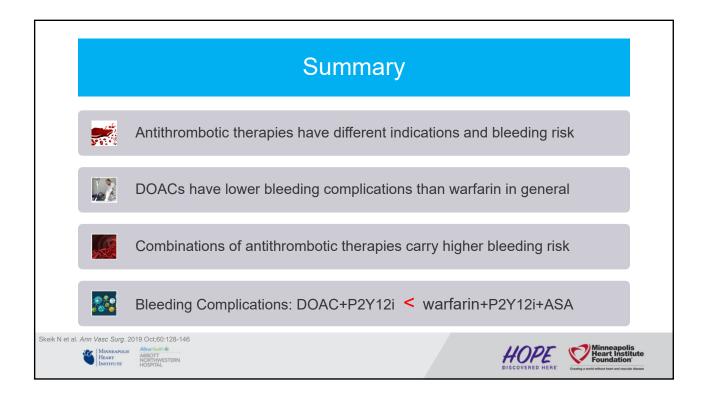
	Dual %	Triple %
REDUA-PCI (Dabigatran) CRNM or Major	20.2	26.9
Major bleeding	5.6	8.4
PIONEER-AF-PCI (Rivaroxaban) CRNM or Major	16.8	26.7
Major	2.1	3.3
AGUSTUS (Apixaban) CRNM or Major	10.5	14.7
Major	3	4.6
ENTRUST-AF-PCI (Edoxaban) CRNM or Major	17	20
Maior	6.7	7.2



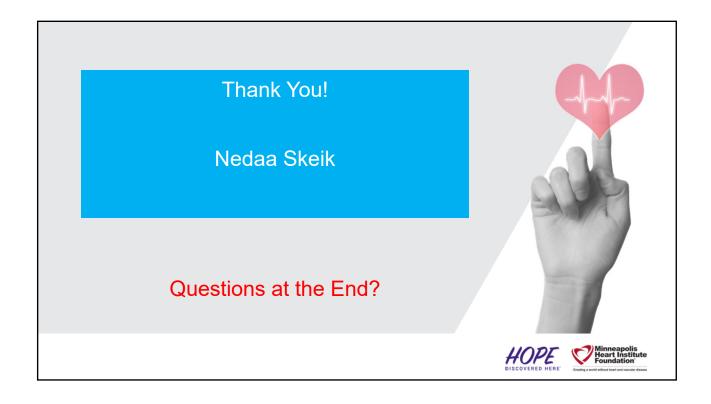












# Antithrombotic Therapy in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation Treated With Oral Anticoagulation Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

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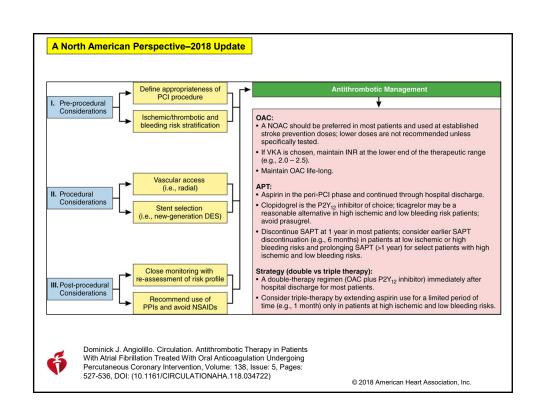
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A North American Perspective-2018 Update

Trial	Patient Population	Indication for PCI	Primary Safety End Point	Secondary Efficacy End Point	End Points		Treatment Arm	ns and Outcome	es							
RE-DUAL PCI	AF with PCI and stent (DES, 82.6%) CrCL>30 mL/min No major bleed within 1 mo	ACS, 50.5%	ISTH major or clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding	Death, MI, stroke, SE, or unplanned revascularization		Warfarin with ASA* and P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor†	Dabigatran 110 mg twice daily and P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor†	Dabigatran 150 mg‡ twice daily and P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitor†								
	No stroke within 1 mo n=2725				Safety	26.9%	15.4%	20.2%	P<0.001 for D110 vs W P=0.002 for D150 vs W							
					Efficacy	13.4%	15.2%	11.8%	P=0.005 (NI) for D combined vs W P=0.30 for D110 vs W P=0.44 for D150 vs W§							
PIONEER AF-PCI	AF with PCI and stent (DES, 66.1%) CrCI >30 mL/min No major bleed within 1 mo	ACS, 51.6%	, 51.6% Any clinically significant bleeding	significant stroke		Warfarin with ASA and P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitorI	Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily with ASA and P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitorl	Rivaroxaban 15 mg daily¶ and P2Y <sub>12</sub> inhibitorl	P<0.001 for R2.5 vs W P<0.001 for R15 vs W							
	12 mo No prior stroke or TIA n=2124											Safety	26.7%	18.0%	16.8%	P<0.001 for R2.5 vs W P<0.001 for R15 vs W
					Efficacy	6.0%	5.6%	6.5%	P=0.75 for R15 vs W P=0.76 for R2.5 vs W							



## What is high ischemic risk?

#### **Any Acute Coronary Syndrome**

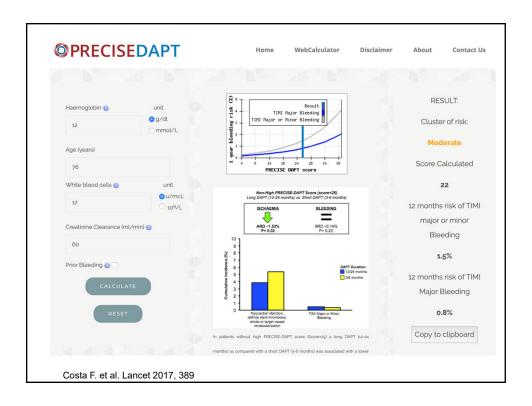
#### **PCI** with

- ≥ 3 stents implanted
- ≥ 3 lesions treated, and/or
- · 3 coronary vessels treated; and/or
- · bifurcation with 2 stents implanted
- total stent length >60 mm, and/or
- treatment of a chronic total occlusion (CTO)

## What is high bleeding risk?

#### **Precise DAPT**

<u>very low risk:</u> score ≤10; <u>low risk:</u> score 11 to 17; <u>moderate risk:</u> score 18 to 24; and <u>high risk:</u> score >=25)

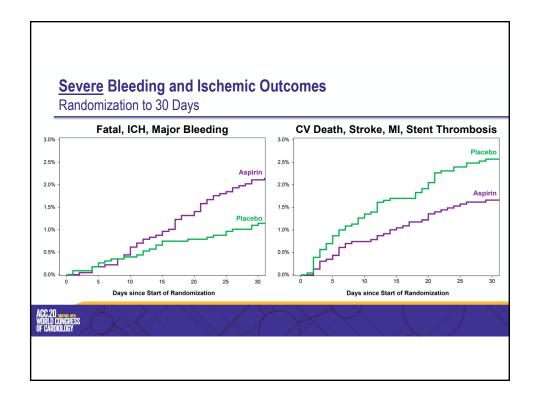


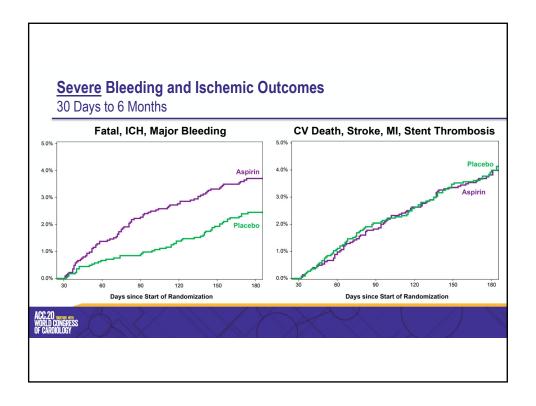
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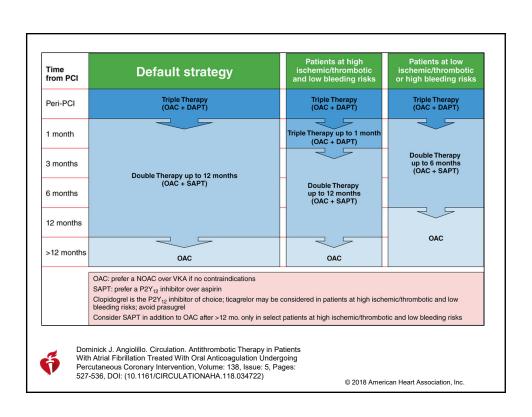
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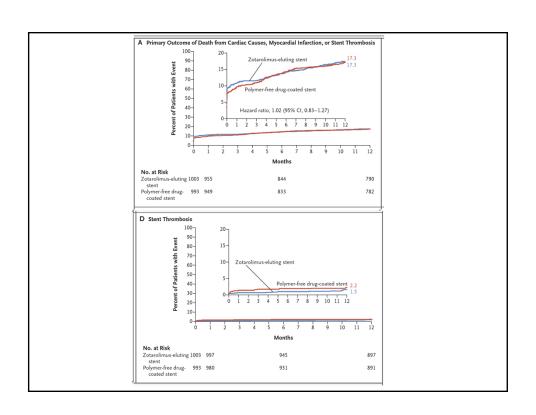
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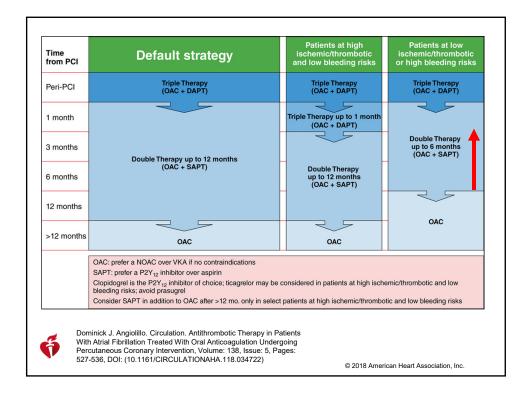
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#### CONCLUSIONS

Among patients at high bleeding risk who received 1 month of dual antiplatelet therapy after PCI, use of polymer-based zotarolimus-eluting stents was noninferior to use of polymer-free drug-coated stents with regard to safety and effectiveness composite outcomes. (Funded by Medtronic; ONYX ONE ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT03344653.)

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## **Summary**

- Double vs Triple antithrombotic therapy is an individualized decision but
  - DON'T use DAPT + OAC/NOAC >1 mo post PCI
  - **DON'T** use Prasugrel
- ONYX ONE shows that even shorter (1 mo) DAPT may be possible

## Thank you

We are happy to take your questions now ...

able 3. Summary of Randomized Trials of NOACs Compared With Warfarin Therapy in Patients With AF, With Relative Risk Reductions of Major Llinical Events

	Dabigatran		Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
Mechanism of action	Direct thrombin inhibitor		Anti–factor Xa inhibitor	Anti–factor Xa inhibitor	Anti–factor Xa inhibitor
Clinical trial acronym	RE	-LY	ROCKET-AF	ARISTOTLE	ENGAGE-AF
CHADS <sub>2</sub> score (mean)	2	.1	3.5	2.1	2.8
TTR (median), %	6	57	58	66	68
Approved dose	150 mg twice daily*	110 mg twice daily*	20 mg once daily (15 mg once daily in selected patients†)	5 mg twice daily (2.5 mg twice daily in selected patients†)	60 mg once daily (30 mg once daily in selected patients†‡)
Stroke or SE, HR (95% CI)	0.66 (0.53-0.82)	0.91 (0.74–1.11)	0.88 (0.74–1.03)	0.79 (0.66–0.95)	0.87 (0.73–1.04)
Ischemic stroke, HR (95% CI)	0.76 (0.60-0.98)	1.11 (0.89–1.40)	0.94 (0.75–1.17)	0.92 (0.74–1.13)	1.00 (0.83–1.19)
Hemorrhagic stroke, HR (95% CI)	0.26 (0.14–0.49)	0.31 (0.17–0.56)	0.59 (0.37–0.93)	0.51 (0.35–0.75)	0.54 (0.38–0.77)
All-cause mortality, HR (95% CI)	0.88 (0.77–1.00)	0.91 (0.80–1.03)	0.85 (0.70–1.02)	0.89 (0.80-0.998)	0.92 (0.83–1.01)
Major bleed, HR (95% CI)	0.93 (0.81–1.07)	0.80 (0.69-0.93)	1.04 (0.90–1.20)	0.69 (0.60-0.80)	0.80 (0.71-0.91)
GI bleeding, HR (95% CI)	1.50 (1.19–1.89)	1.10 (0.86-1.41)	1.39 (1.19–1.61)	0.89 (0.70-1.15)	1.23 (1.02–1.50)

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