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Sessione interattiva

**La scelta del NAO nella pratica clinica:
"l'approccio per paziente"**

Il paziente anziano

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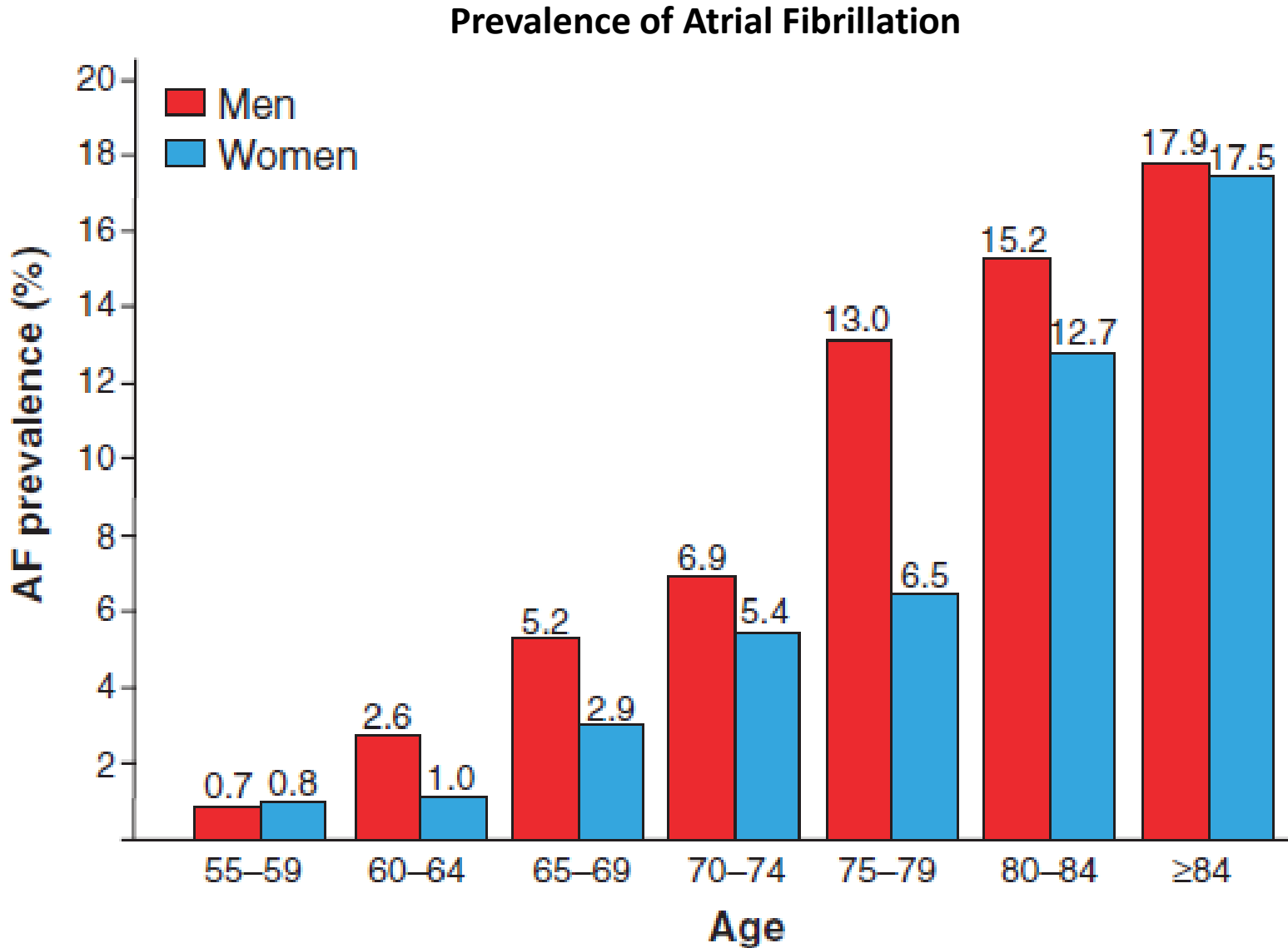
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Stroke prevention in elderly patients with atrial fibrillation: challenges for anticoagulation

Sinnaeve PR, J Int Med 2013

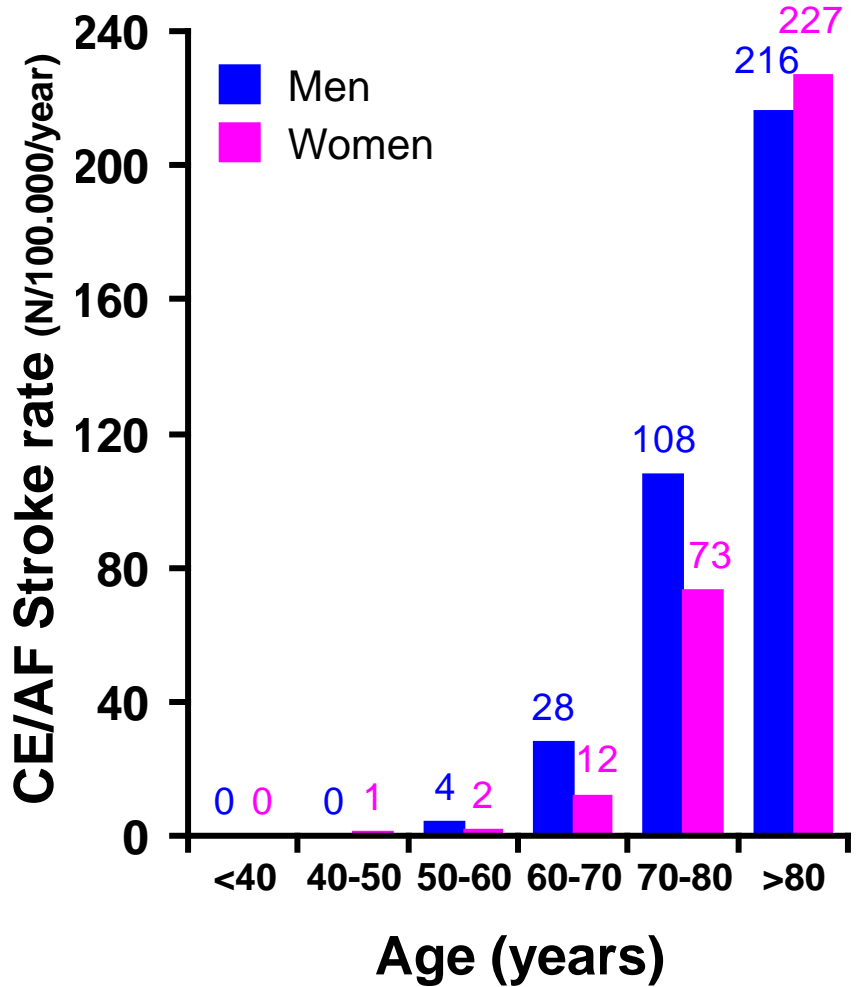


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Epidemiology of ischemic stroke from atrial fibrillation in Dijon, France, from 1985 to 2006



NEUROLOGY

Bejot Y, 2009

CE/AF stroke = 572/3064 (18.7%)
CE/AF 80.6 vs. other strokes 73.6 years

Moving Beyond Warfarin—Are We Ready?

A Review of the Efficacy and Safety of Novel Anticoagulant Agents Compared to Warfarin for the Management of Atrial Fibrillation in Older Adults

Ogbonna, J Gerontol N 2013

TABLE 1

CHADS2 VERSUS CHA2DS2-VASc RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR STROKE IN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

CHADS2 Risk Factor	Score	CHA2DS2-VASc Risk Factor	Score
Congestive heart failure (CHF)	1	CHF or left ventricular ejection fraction <40%	1
Hypertension	1	Hypertension	1
Age >75	1	Age >75	2
Diabetes mellitus	1	Diabetes mellitus	1
Stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA)	2	Stroke/TIA/thromboembolism	2
		Vascular disease	1
		Age 65 to 74	1
		Female gender	1

Note. Adapted from Lip and Halperin (2010).

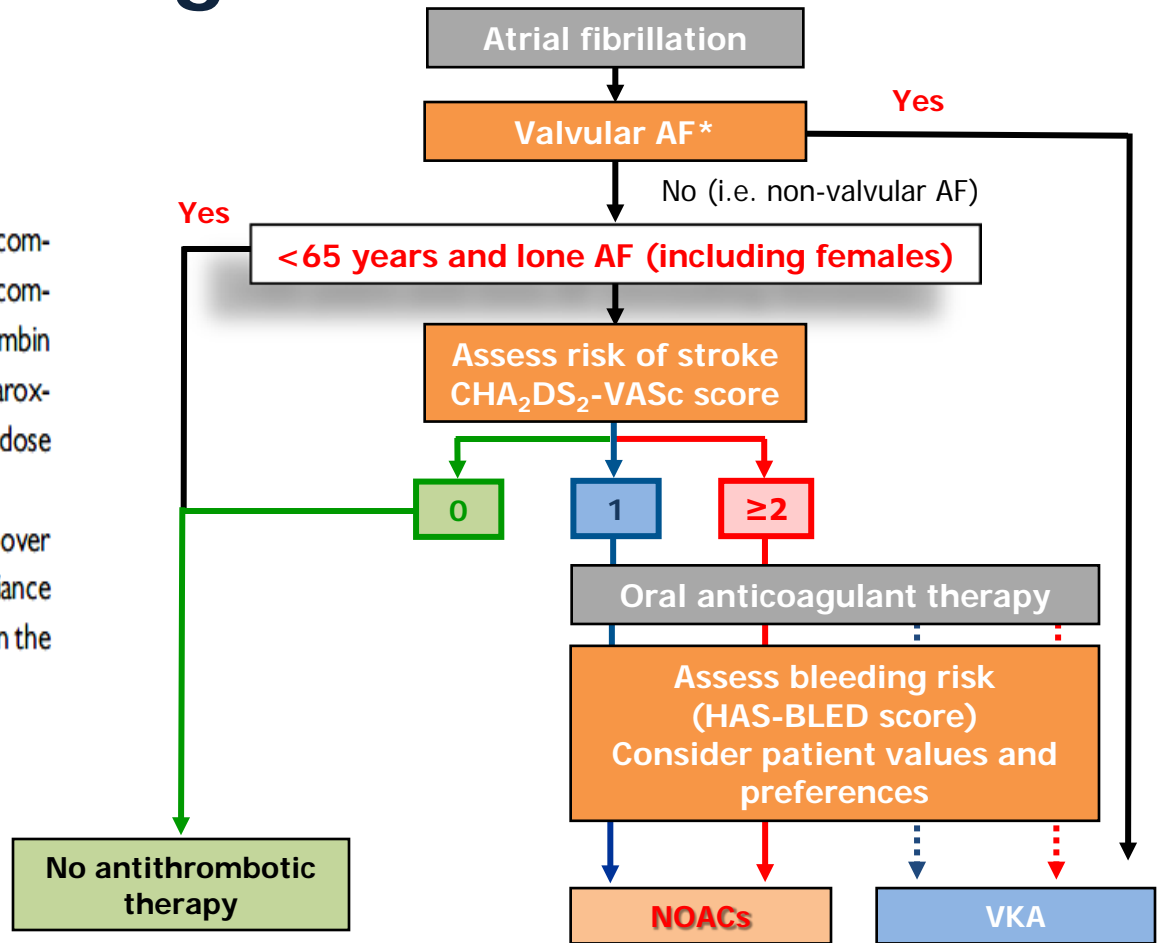
2012 focused update of the ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation

An update of the 2010 ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation
Developed with the special contribution of the European Heart Rhythm Association

Choice of anticoagulant

- The NOACs offer better efficacy, safety, and convenience compared with OAC with VKAs. Thus, where an OAC is recommended, one of the NOACs—either a direct thrombin inhibitor (dabigatran) or an oral factor Xa inhibitor (e.g. rivaroxaban, apixaban)—should be considered instead of adjusted-dose VKA (INR 2–3) for most patients with AF.
- There is insufficient evidence to recommend one NOAC over another, although some patient characteristics, drug compliance and tolerability, and cost may be important considerations in the choice of agent.

2012




Antiplatelet therapy with ASA plus clopidogrel or – less effectively – ASA only, should be considered in patients who refuse any OAC or cannot tolerate anticoagulation for reasons unrelated to bleeding. If there are contraindications to OAC or antiplatelet therapy, left atrial appendage occlusion, closure or excision may be considered

Colour CHA₂DS₂-VASc: green = 0, blue = 1, red ≥2; line: solid = best option; dashed = alternative option

* Includes rheumatic valvular disease and prosthetic valves; ASA = acetylsalicylic acid; NOAC = novel oral anticoagulant; VKA = vitamin K antagonist

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Prevalence of Chronic Kidney Disease in the United States

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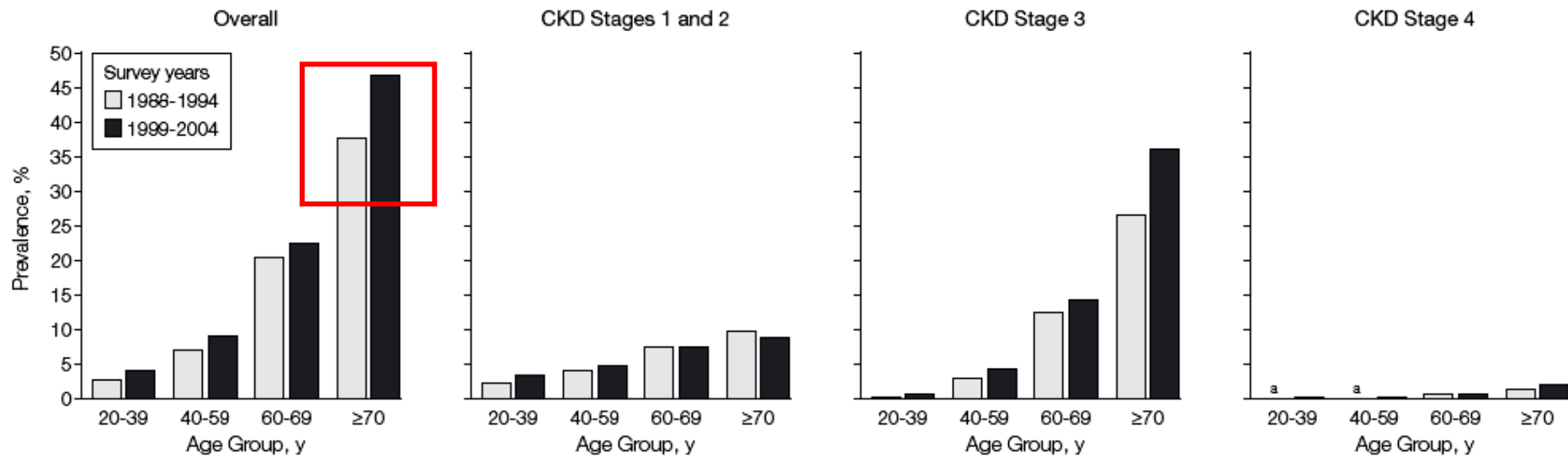
Context The prevalence and incidence of kidney failure treated by dialysis and transplantation in the United States have increased from 1988 to 2004. Whether there have been changes in the prevalence of earlier stages of chronic kidney disease (CKD) during this period is uncertain.

Objective To update the estimated prevalence of CKD in the United States.

Design, Setting, and Participants Cross-sectional analysis of the most recent National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys (NHANES 1988-1994 and NHANES 1999-2004), a nationally representative sample of noninstitutionalized adults aged 20 years or older in 1988-1994 (n=15 488) and 1999-2004 (n=13 233).

Main Outcome Measures Chronic kidney disease prevalence was determined based

Figure 2. Prevalence of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Stages by Age Group in NHANES 1988-1994 and 1999-2004



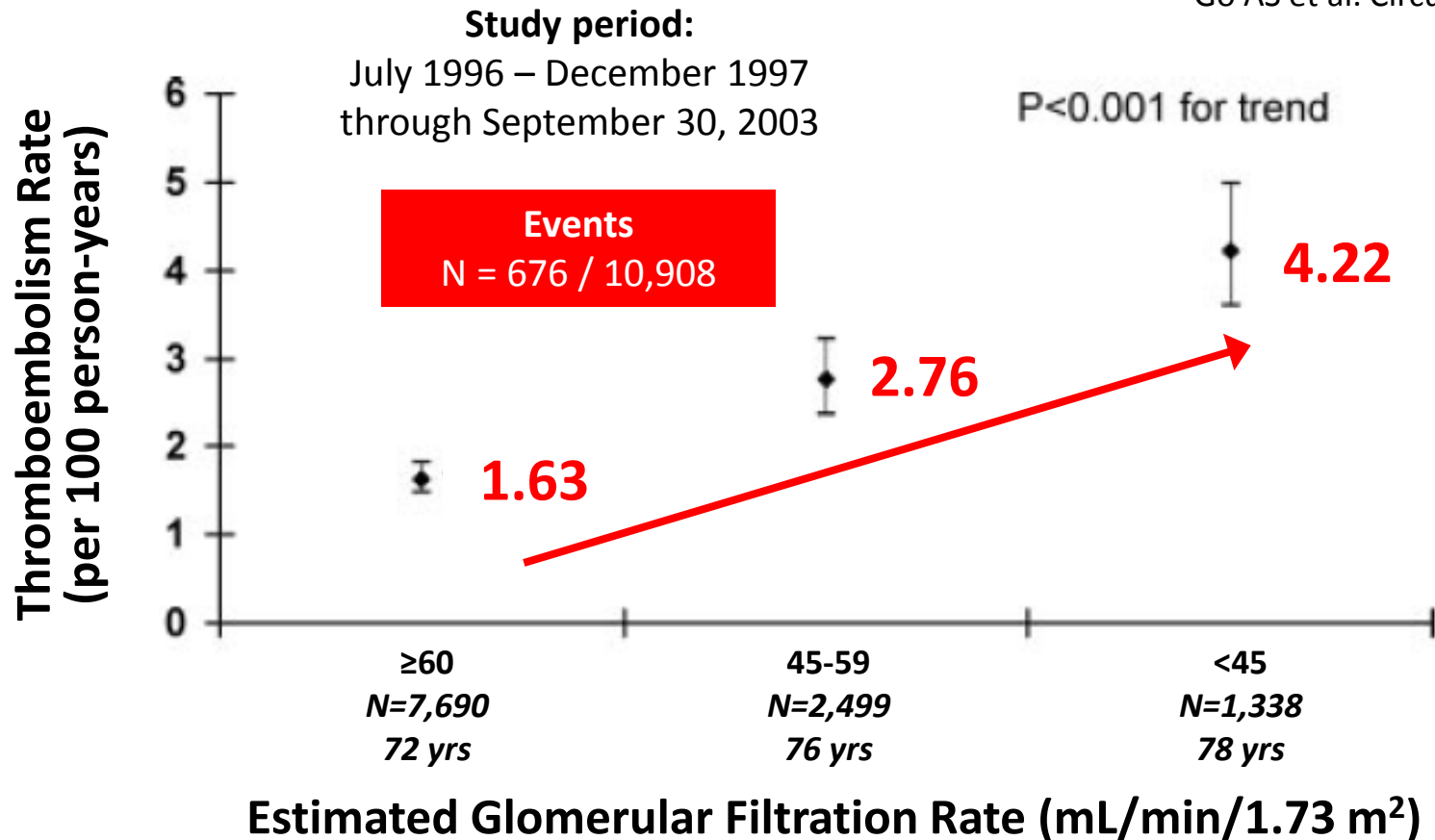
NHANES indicates National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys.

^aThere were no cases in 1988-1994.

Impact of Proteinuria and Glomerular Filtration Rate on Risk of Thromboembolism in Atrial Fibrillation

The Anticoagulation and Risk Factors in Atrial Fibrillation (ATRIA) Study

Go AS et al. Circulation 2009



$$\text{GFR} = 186 \cdot [\text{serum creatinine (mg/dL)}]^{-1.154} \cdot (\text{age})^{-0.203} \cdot (0.742 \text{ if female})$$

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A Novel User-Friendly Score (HAS-BLED) To Assess 1-Year Risk of Major Bleeding in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

The Euro Heart Survey

Pisters R, CHEST 2010

Bleeding Risk Assessment in AF: HAS-BLED Bleeding Risk Score

Letter	Clinical Characteristic	Points
H	<u>H</u> ypertension	1
A	<u>A</u> bnormal Renal / Liver Function	1
S	<u>S</u> troke	2
B	<u>B</u> leeding	1
L	<u>L</u> abile INRs	2
E	<u>E</u> lderly	1
D	<u>D</u> rugs / Alcohol	1

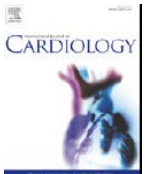
Maximum score = 9; Hypertension – Sap >160 mmHg; **Drugs** – antiplatelets agents or NSAIDS; elderly – age ≥65 years

Score ≥ 3 – High risk patient: Caution and regular review following the initiation of antithrombotic therapy (OAC & ASA)

Prevenzione dell'ictus cardioembolico nell'anziano con FA

Key points

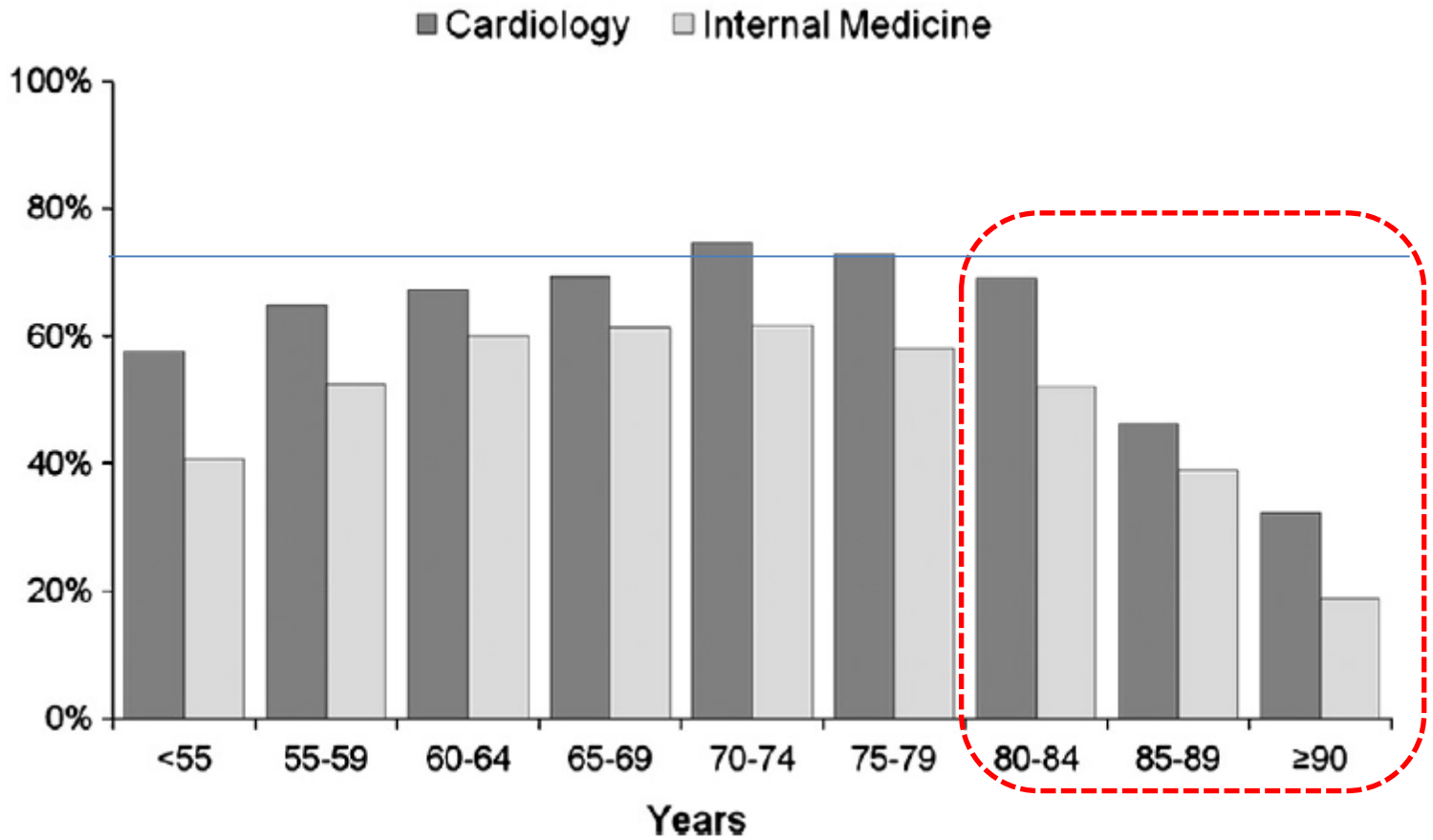
- In base a CHA₂DS₂-VASC gli anziani sono a rischio di ictus cardio-embolico almeno moderato, con indicazione assoluta alla TAO
- Qual'è la effettiva utilizzazione della TAO nel mondo reale?



Current presentation and management of 7148 patients with atrial fibrillation in cardiology and internal medicine hospital centers: The ATA AF study[☆]

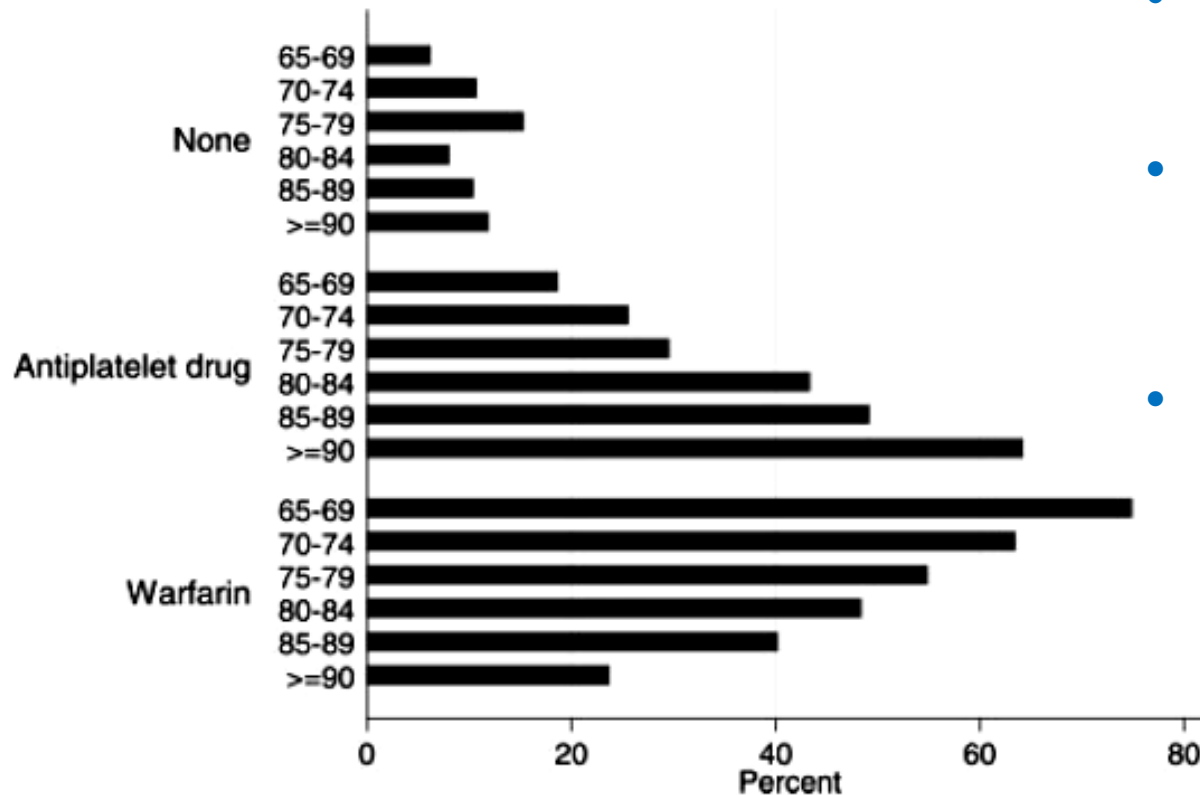
Di Pasquale G, Int J Cardiol 2013

OAC prescription at discharge from cardiology and internal medicine patients according to age



Antithrombotic Prophylaxis in AF Patients by Age & Risk Category

405 pazienti con FA , non in TAO al momento del ricovero



therapy at hospital discharge by patient age.

- 51% (n=206) è stato dimesso con warfarin
- Dei rimanenti 199 pz, 83% aveva 2 fattori di rischio per stroke
- Il rischio di cadute e di emorragia cerebrale sono stati i 2 motivi più citati per non prescrivere warfarin ai pazienti >80 aa

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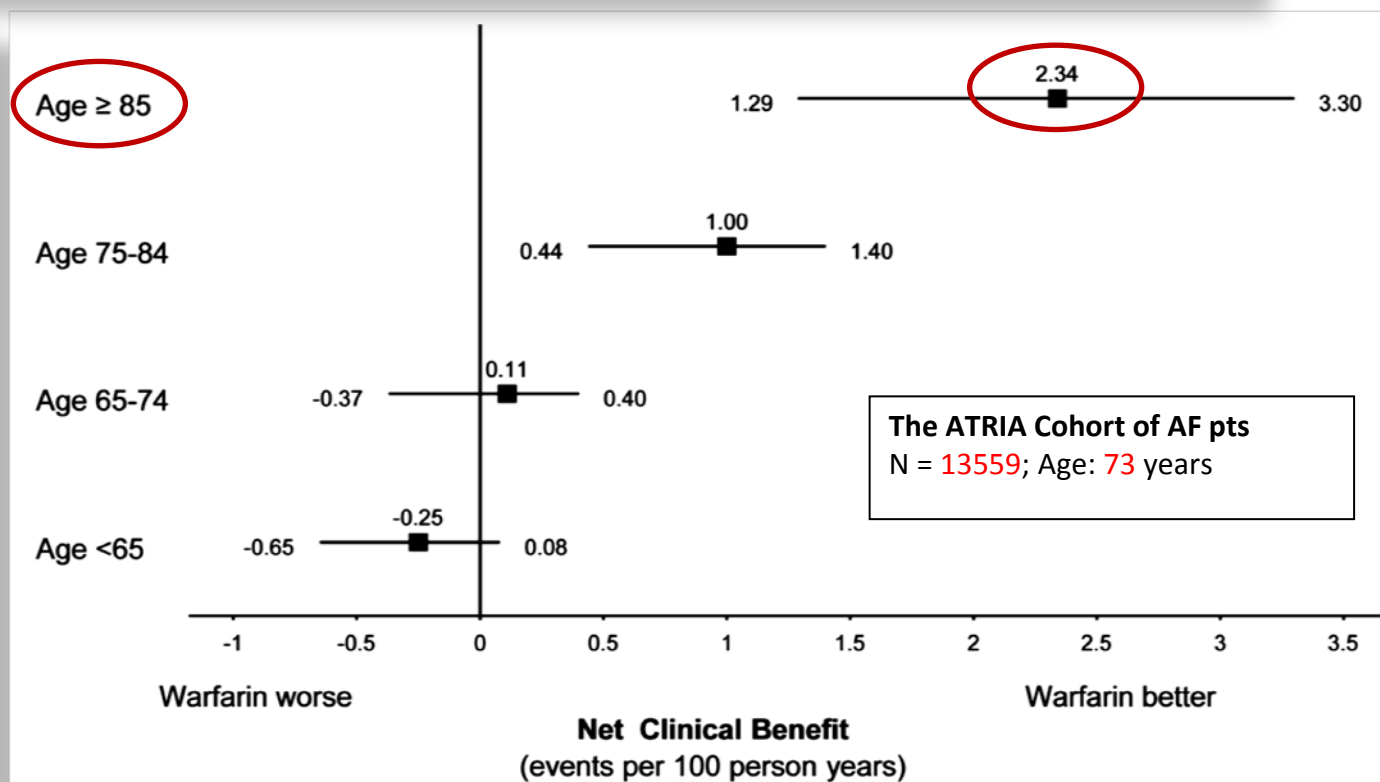
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- Il rischio della TAO aumenta con l'età, ma anche il suo beneficio
 - **Quale è il beneficio NETTO?**

The Net Clinical Benefit of Warfarin Anticoagulation in Atrial Fibrillation

Ann Intern Med. 2009;151:297-305.

Daniel E. Singer, MD; Yuchiao Chang, PhD; Margaret C. Fang, MD, MPH; Leila H. Borowsky, MPH; Niela K. Pomernacki, RD; Natalia Udaltsova, PhD; and Alan S. Go, MD



Net Clinical Benefit :

(annual rate of ischemic strokes / systemic emboli prevented by warfarin) minus (intracranial hemorrhages due to warfarin) * impact weight

The **impact weight** was 1.5, reflecting the greater clinical impact of intracranial hemorrhage versus thromboembolism

Prevenzione dell'ictus cardioembolico nell'anziano con FA

Key points

- I nuovi anticoagulanti orali
 - Vantaggi rispetto ai VKA negli anziani?

Profilo farmacologico dei NOACs

	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban
Meccanismo d'azione	DTI	Fxa	FXa
Via di somministrazione	Orale	Orale	Orale
Biodisponibilità orale	6.5 %	80 %	50 %
Peso Molecolare (Da)	628 (pro-farmaco)	436	460
Ki (nmol/L)	4,5	0,4	0,08
Vd (l)	60-70	~50	21
Legame proteico	35	> 90	87
Pro-farmaco	Si	No	No
Interferenze cibo	No	No	No
Assunzione con il cibo	Non raccomandata	Raccomandata (Assorb.+39%)	Non raccomandata
Assorbimento con H2B/PPI	Riduzione 12-30 %	Nessun effetto	Nessun effetto
Clearance	Non renale 20 % Renale 80 %	Non renale 33% Renale 66% (33%)	Non renale 73% Renale 27%
Schema di somministrazione	QD (TEVp) BID (TEVt, FA)	QD (TEVp, TEVt, FA) BID (SCA)	BID
Tempo di emivita medioT1/2	14–17 h	7–11 h (giovani) 11-13 h (anziani)	~ 12 h
Tmax	0.5–2 h	2–4 h	3 h
Metabolismo CYP	No	30% CYP 3A4 – 2J2	15% CYP 3A4
Trasporto P-gp dip.	Si	Si	Si

Dabigatran SmPC accessed Feb 2014. Rivaroxaban SmPC accessed Feb 2014. Apixaban SmPC accessed Feb 2014.

Pharmacotherapy 2011; 31 (12): 1175-1191

British Journal of Pharmacology 2012; 165: 363-372; Europace (2013) 15, 625–651

SmPC dosing recommendations based on age and renal function for different NOACs

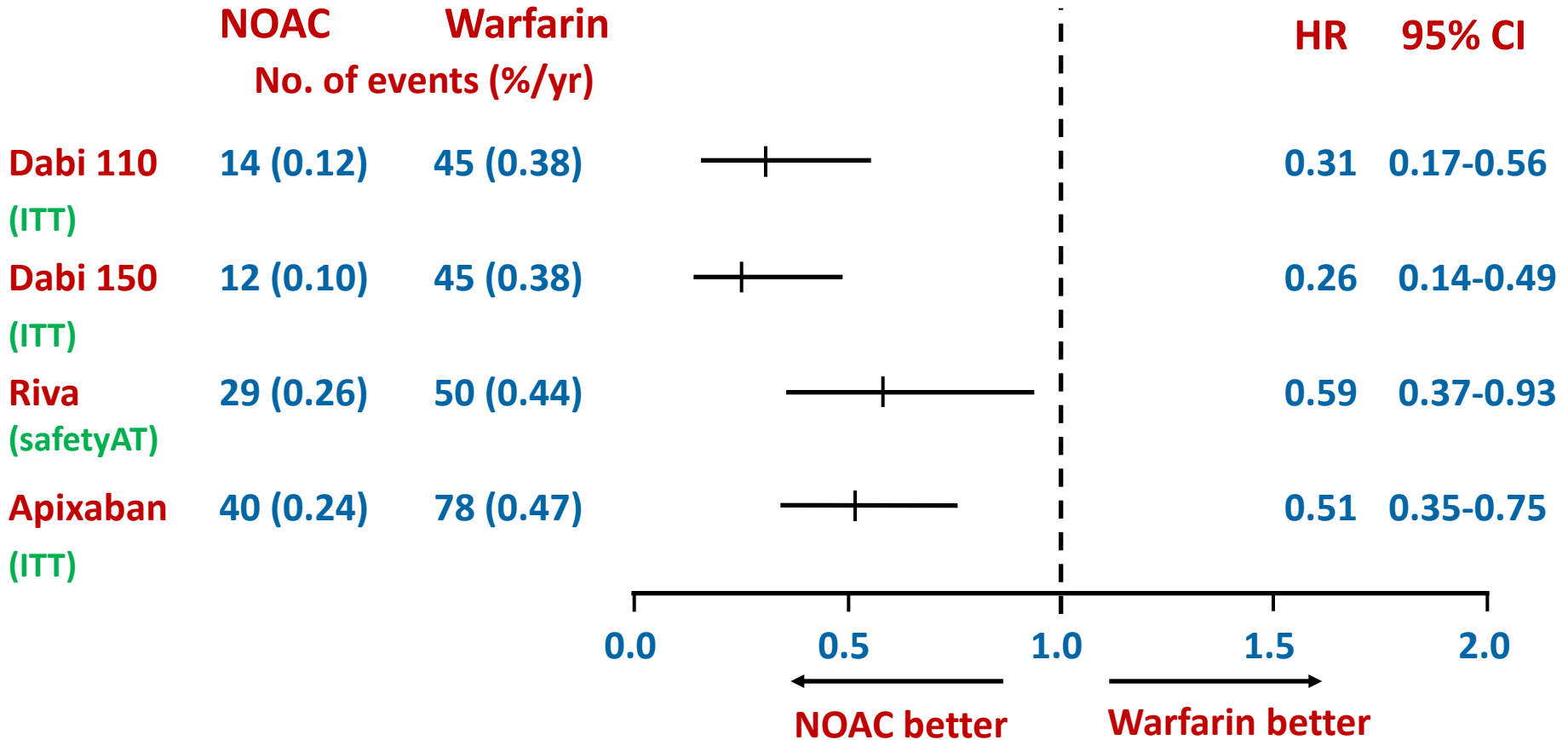
	NOACs	Dose adjustment required based on age alone	Dose adjustment based on renal function alone	Other criteria for dose adjustment
	Dabigatran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients ≥ 80 years: Reduction to 110 mg BD due to the increased risk of bleeding in this population Patients 75-80 years: Daily dose of Pradaxa (300 mg or 220 mg) should be selected based on individual assessment of the thromboembolic risk and the risk of bleeding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contraindicated in patients with CrCL < 30 mL/min Patients with moderate renal impairment: Dose of Pradaxa (300 mg or 220 mg) should be selected based on individual assessment of the thromboembolic risk and the risk of bleeding 	Not applicable
	Rivaroxaban	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use not recommended in patients with CrCl < 15 ml/min Reduce to 15 mg OD In patients with moderate (creatinine clearance 30 - 49 ml/min) or severe (creatinine clearance 15 - 29 ml/min) renal impairment 	Not applicable
	Apixaban	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use not recommended in patients with CrCl < 15 ml/min Reduce to 2.5 mg BID in patients with severe renal impairment only (CrCl: 15-29 mL/min) 	Reduce to 2.5 mg BID if two or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age ≥80 years Weight ≤60 kg Serum creatinine level ≥1.5 mg/dL (133 µmol/L)

In un paziente in terapia con NAO, come pianifichereste il **follow-up** durante il primo anno di terapia?

1. 1, 3, 6 e 12 mesi
2. 1, 6, e 12 mesi
3. 3, 6, e 12 mesi
4. 6, 12 mesi

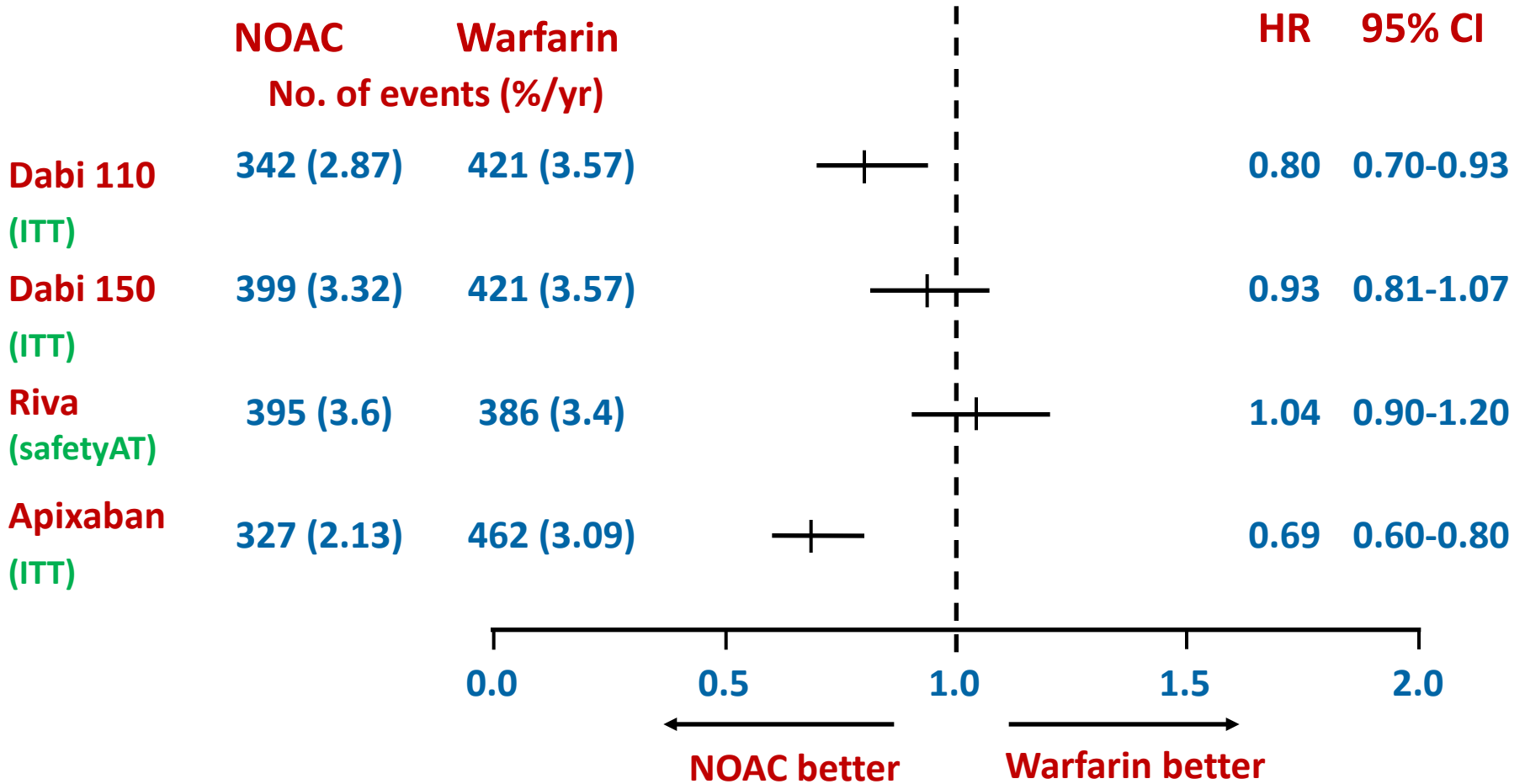


Hemorrhagic Stroke



ITT: Intention to Treat – AT: as treated

Major Bleedings



ITT: Intention to Treat – AT: as treated

Uomo di 83 aa, FA permanente;
CHA₂DS₂Vasc = 4, HAS-BLED = 4:
quale **regime anti-cardioembolico** scegliereste?

1. Warfarin con INR 2.0 – 3.0

2. ASA / ASA + Clopidogrel

3. Dabigatran

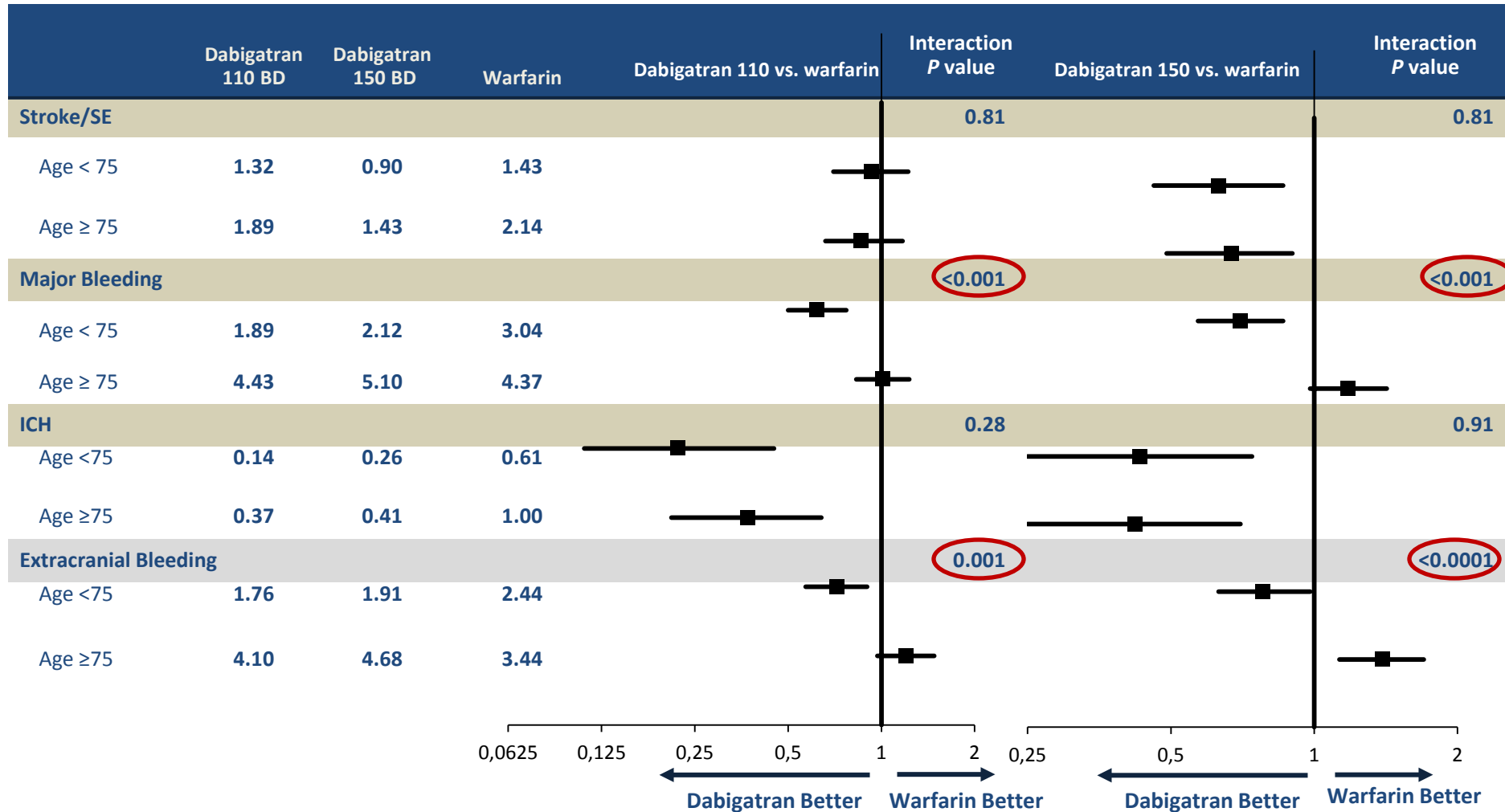
4. Rivaroxaban

5. Apixaban



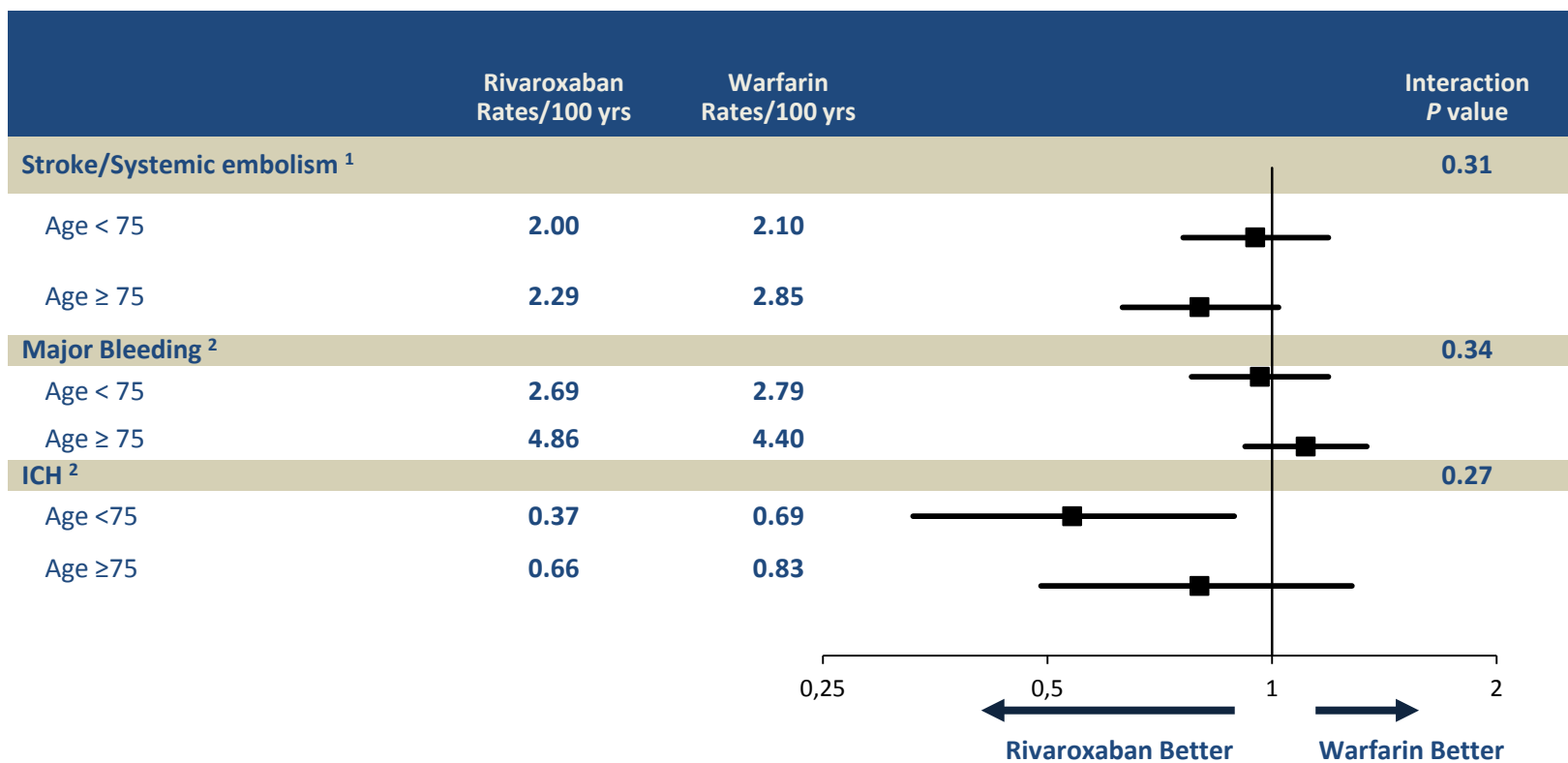
RE-LY: Observed rates of major bleeding and extracranial bleeding were significantly higher in subjects ≥ 75 years compared to younger subjects

Rates of stroke, major bleeding, ICH and extracranial bleeding with Dabigatran 110 and 150 mg BD vs. warfarin in patients aged < 75 (n=10,865) and ≥ 75 (n=7258) years



ROCKET-AF: Primary efficacy and safety outcomes with rivaroxaban vs. warfarin were consistent in patients ≥ 75 years and < 75 years

This sub-analysis included 6,229 patients ≥ 75 years of age (Rivaroxaban [n=3082], Warfarin [n=3028]) and 8007 patients < 75 years of age (R [n=3999], W [n=4008])



¹ITT population, ²Safety population

PROBLEMATICHE / CONSIDERAZIONI NELL' ANZIANO

ANMCO position paper (*G Ital Card 2013*)

Prevalenza di FA in età > 80 anni con «frail elderly» ~ 20%

**Dati limitati o assenti per comorbidità, politerapia,
precedente ictus, Cl-Cr <50 ml/min**

Rischio sanguinamento sottostimato

Se terapia con warfarin stabile, non indicazione a switch

Estrema cautela se comorbidità e/o politerapia

**Controlli frequenti funzione renale e per ogni variazione
di stato clinico**

2013

NAO nei pazienti anziani: opportunità e limiti

Opportunità

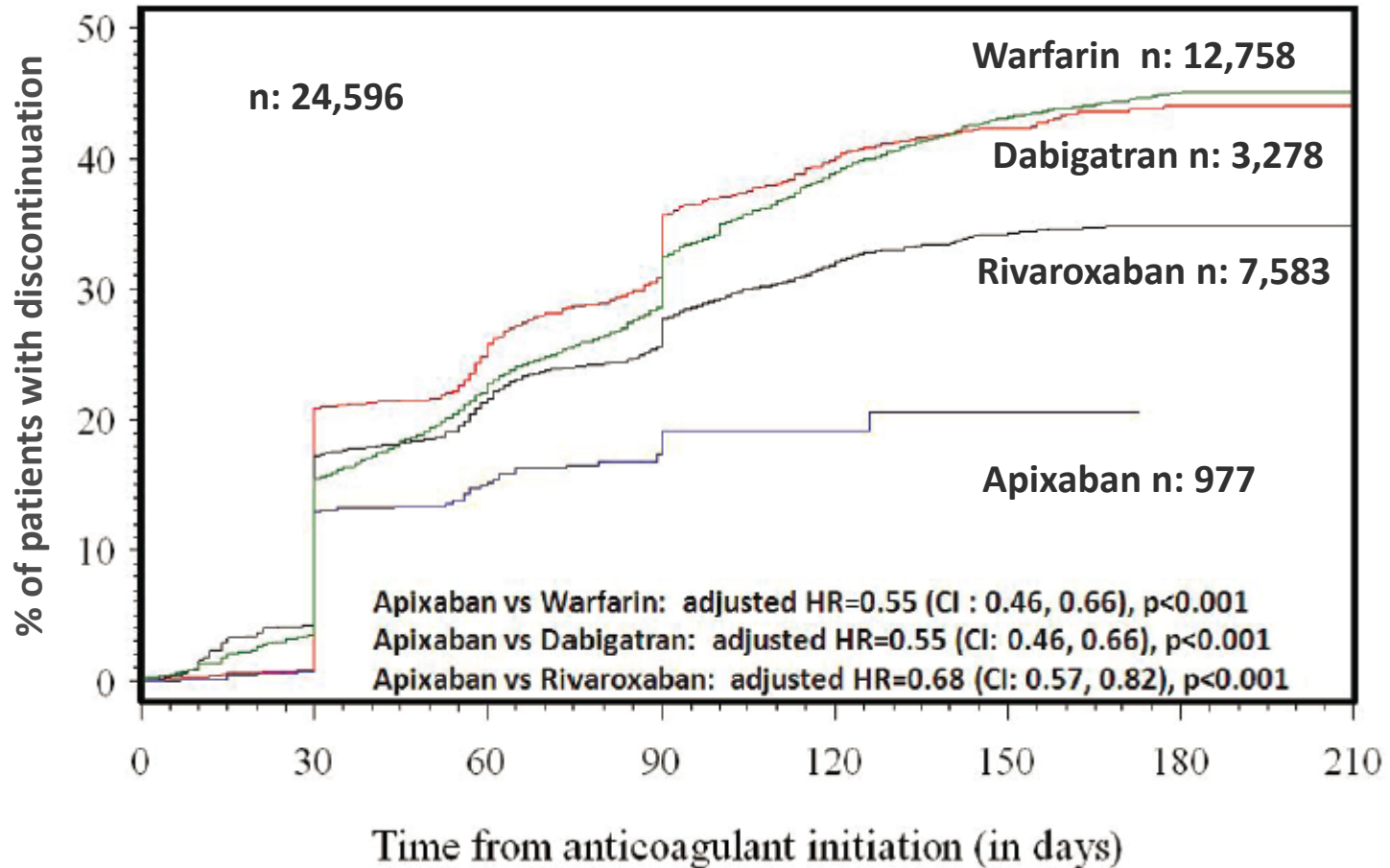
- Non adattamenti posologia
- Non controllo INR
- Non interferenza cibo
- Non rischi errore eccessiva assunzione
- Breve emivita

Limiti

- Verifica di aderenza?
- No in dispenser
- Efficacia non verificata per frantumazione cpr/cps
- Breve emivita se irregolare assunzione
- Assunzione due cpr/die?



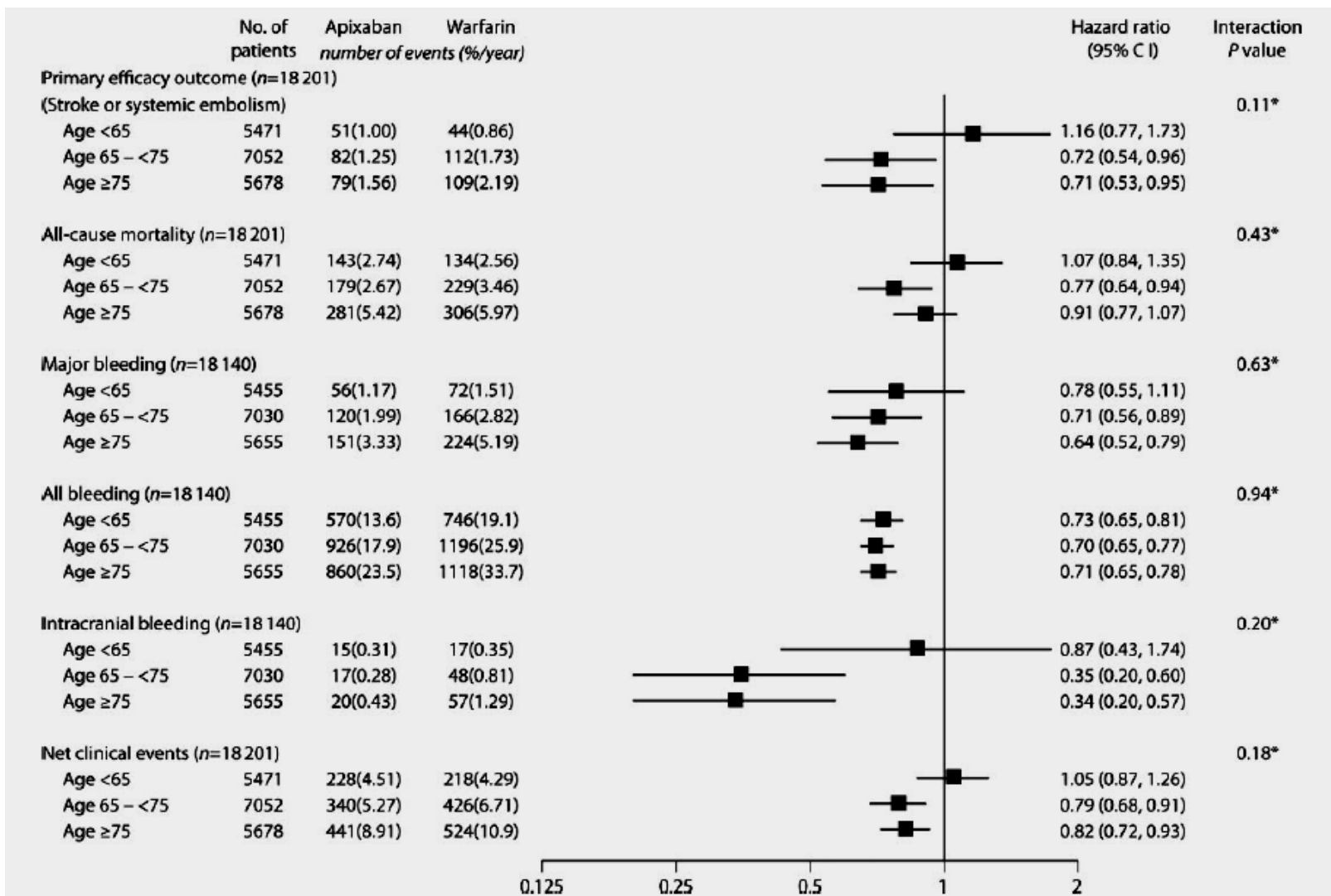
REAL WORLD DISCONTINUATION RATES WITH APIXABAN VERSUS WARFARIN, DABIGATRAN, OR RIVAROXABAN AMONG ATRIAL FIBRILLATION PATIENTS NEWLY INITIATED ON ANTICOAGULATION THERAPY: EARLY FINDINGS



Efficacy and safety of apixaban compared with warfarin according to age for stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation: observations from the ARISTOTLE trial

2014

European Heart Journal Advance Access published February 20, 2014



ARISTOTLE: In elderly patients (≥ 75 years) the benefits of apixaban vs. warfarin were consistent across the range of estimated glomerular filtration rate

	No. of patients ≥ 75 years	Apixaban %/yr (n)	Warfarin %/yr (n)	Hazard Ratio (95% C)	P Value for Interaction
Stroke/SE					
Cockcroft-Gault					0.4954
>80	597	1.41 (8)	2.16 (11)		
>50–80	2922	1.45 (39)	1.70 (45)		
> 30-50	1906	1.74 (28)	2.69 (44)		
≤ 30	222	1.70 (3)	5.57 (9)		
Major Bleeding					
Cockcroft-Gault					0.1635
>80	596	2.10 (11)	3.39 (15)		
>50–80	2912	3.53 (85)	4.45 (104)		
> 30-50	1898	3.32 (47)	6.27 (87)		
≤ 30	221	4.64 (7)	13.4 (17)		



Patients with calculated creatinine clearance of <25 ml /minute were excluded from ARISTOTLE

2014

TAO nell'anziano: quale è il **criterio di scelta** per voi più importante?

1. **L'escrezione renale del farmaco**
2. **La sicurezza**
3. **L'efficacia**
4. **Il beneficio clinico netto**
5. **Il regime di somministrazione**



Age as a Risk Factor for Stroke in Atrial Fibrillation Patients

Implications for Thromboprophylaxis

Ricarda Marinigh, MD,*† Gregory Y. H. Lip, MD,* Nicola Fiotti, PhD,‡ Carlo Giansante, PhD,‡
Deirdre A. Lane, PhD*

Birmingham, United Kingdom; and Trieste, Italy

2010

Conclusions

1. Physicians may be apprehensive about prescribing OAC to elderly patients, given concerns about a higher risk of hemorrhage.
2. However, **age alone should not prevent prescription of OAC** in elderly patients, given **the potential greater net clinical benefit** among such patients.
3. Appropriate stroke and bleeding risk stratification and choice of antithrombotic therapy are essential.
4. Once OAC is initiated, good INR control (at least 65% TTR) and the provision of a health care infrastructure to support such INR therapeutic targets are crucial to prevent warfarin-associated complications.

2014: NOACs (apixaban?) preferable!!