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Dabigatran Evidence in Real Practice

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RE-LY: Pivotal RCT for SPAF and a Global Non-inferiority Trial of Exemplary Design

AF with ≥ 1 risk factor for stroke
Absence of contraindications
18 113 patients from 951 centres in 44 countries



Treatment assignment not based on patients' risk profiles

Primary endpoint: stroke/SE

Dabigatran 150 mg BID
N=6076

Dabigatran 110 mg BID
N=6015

Warfarin
(INR 2.0–3.0)
N=6022

Blind dosing

Open

➔ Only NOAC trial sufficiently powered to evaluate two independent doses (large, fully randomized patient populations)

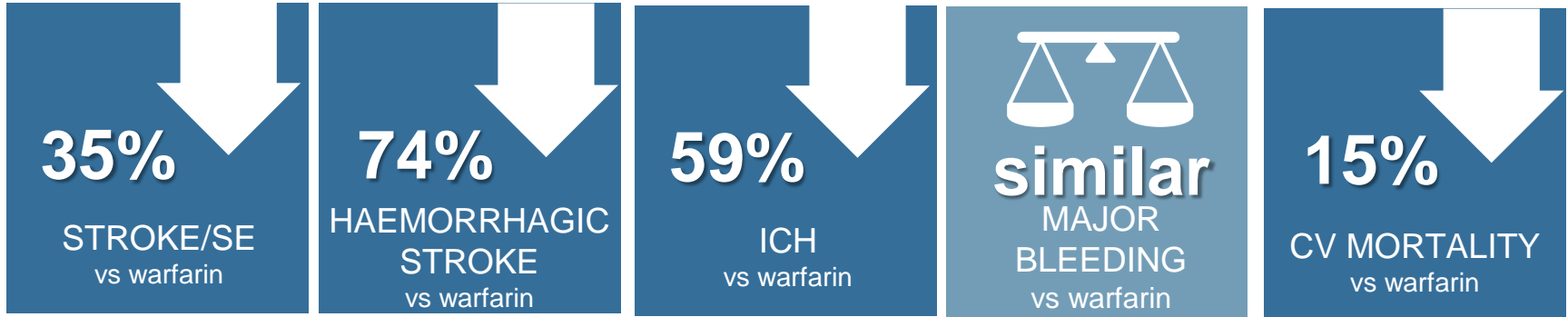
- Good INR control for warfarin (Median 64% TTR)
- 99.9% patients completed follow-up

Ezekowitz MD et al. Am Heart J 2009;157:805
Connolly SJ et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:1139

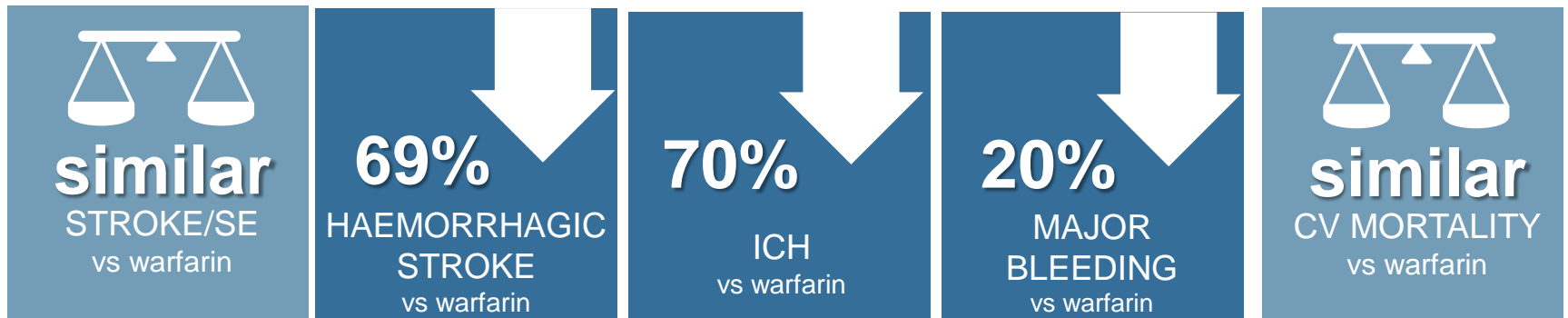
RE-LY

At a Glance

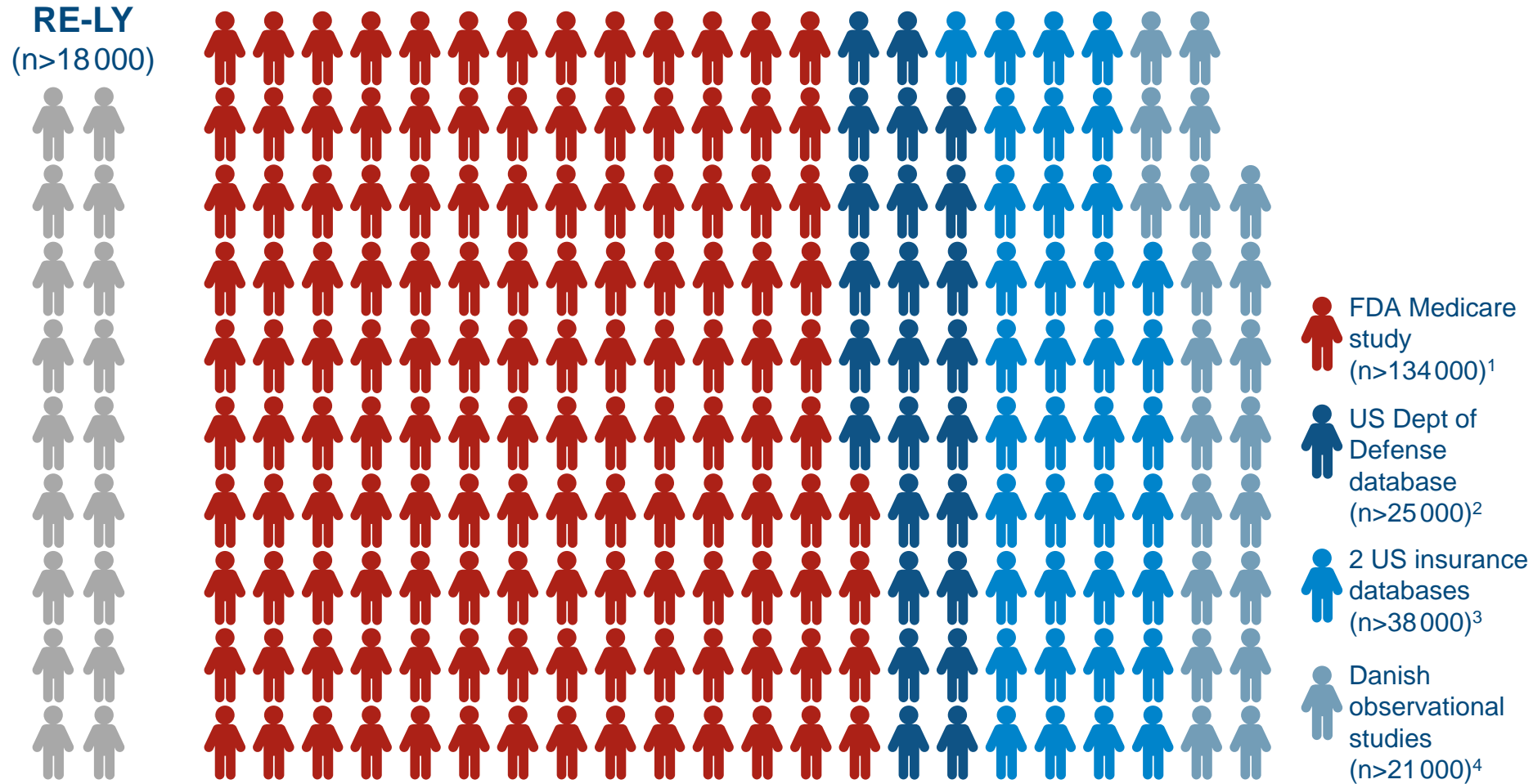
Dabigatran 150 mg BID



Dabigatran 110 mg BID



Real-World Experience from >200 000 Patients Confirms Positive Safety and Efficacy Profile of Dabigatran



1. Graham et al. Circulation 2015; 2. Vilines et al. AHA 2014; 3. Seeger et al. AHA 2014; 4. Larsen et al. Am J Med 2014

Independent FDA Study of Medicare Patients in >134 000 New Users of Dabigatran or Warfarin



- Independent FDA study
- Observational cohort study
- US Medicare database
- Comparison of ischaemic stroke, ICH, major GI bleeding, acute MI, and mortality rates using insurance-claim and administrative data
- >134 000 new users (OAC treatment-naïve) of dabigatran or warfarin
- All recently diagnosed with AF
- All aged ≥65 years
- 37 500 person-years of follow-up
- Adjustments were made for confounding variables

Study period



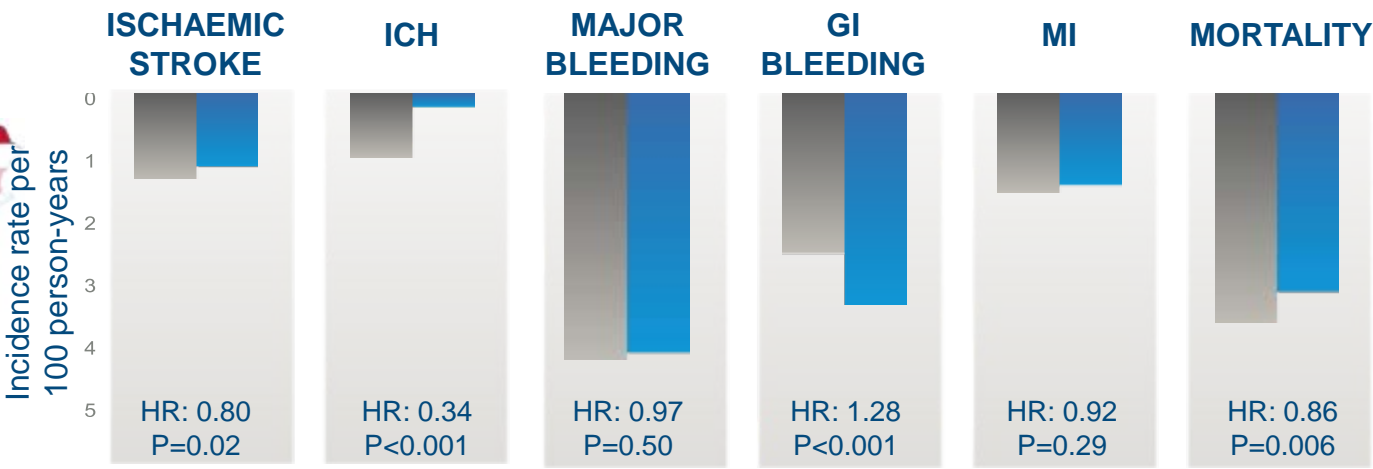
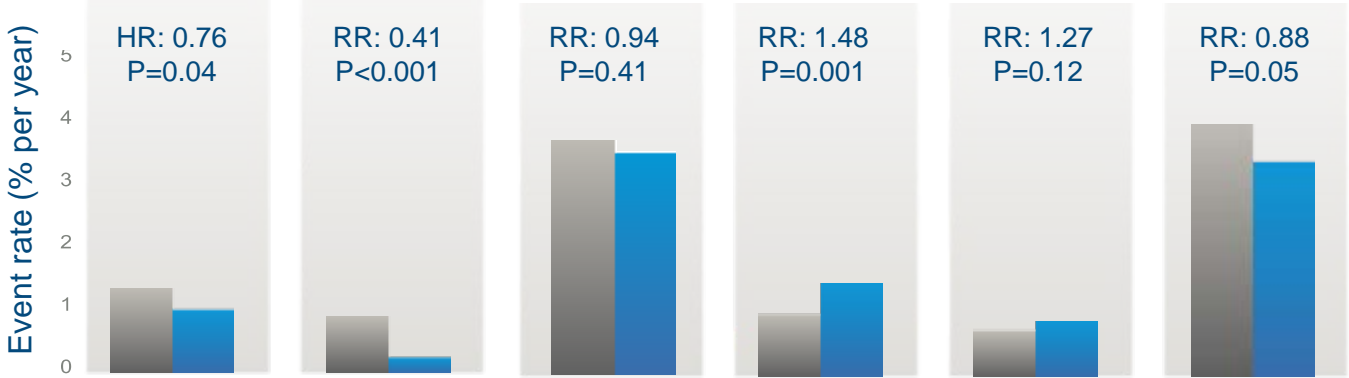
FDA Medicare Analysis Included > Patients with Certain Comorbidities vs RE-LY

Characteristics, %	Medicare ¹		RE-LY ^{® 2-4}	
	Dabigatran (n=67 207)	Warfarin (n=67 207)	Dabigatran 150 mg (n=6076)	Warfarin (n=6022)
Age 65–74 years	42	41	44	
Age 75–84 years	43	43	36	
Age ≥85 years	16	16	4	
Male sex	49	48	63	63
CHADS ₂ score ≥3	31	32	33	32
Hypertension	87	87	79	79
Prior MI	2	2	17	16
Diabetes	33	34	23	23
Heart failure	18	18	32	32
Prior stroke	3	4	20 [†]	20 [†]
Prior TIA	7	7		

[†]Prior stroke or TIA combined

1. Graham DJ et al. Circulation 2015;131:157–64; 2. Connolly SJ et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:1139–51; 3. Coppens M et al. Circulation 2012;126:abstract 15537; 4. Eikelboom JW et al. Circulation 2011;123:2362–72

Independent FDA Study Mirrors the Favourable Benefit–Risk Profile of Dabigatran from RE-LY



*Primary findings for dabigatran are based on analysis of both 75 mg & 150 mg together without stratification by dose

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3. Connolly et al. *N Engl J Med* 2010;
4. Pradaxa®: EU SPC, 2015;
5. Connolly et al. *N Engl J Med* 2014

Dabigatran 150 mg BID is **the ONLY NOAC** to Significantly Reduce Ischaemic Stroke vs Warfarin

HR: 0.76
P=0.04



ISCHAEMIC
STROKE



HR: 0.80
P=0.02



92% of strokes associated with AF are ischaemic*¹; consequences can be devastating for patients



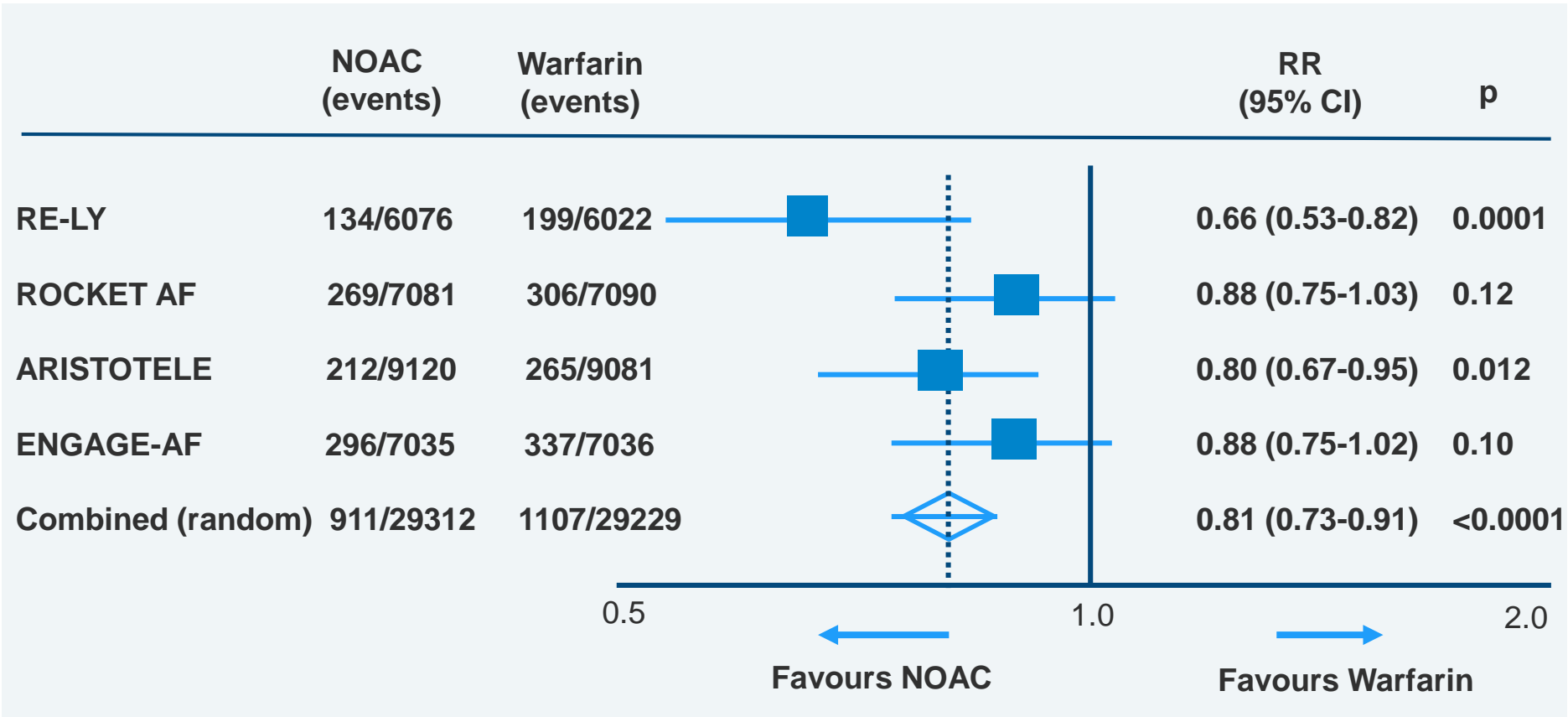
Dabigatran 150 mg BID:
24% reduction in risk of ischaemic stroke vs warfarin²



Unique in the NOAC class, emphasizing best patient protection

*Based on data collected in the Danish National Indicator Project for 39 484 patients hospitalized for stroke (including 6294 AF)

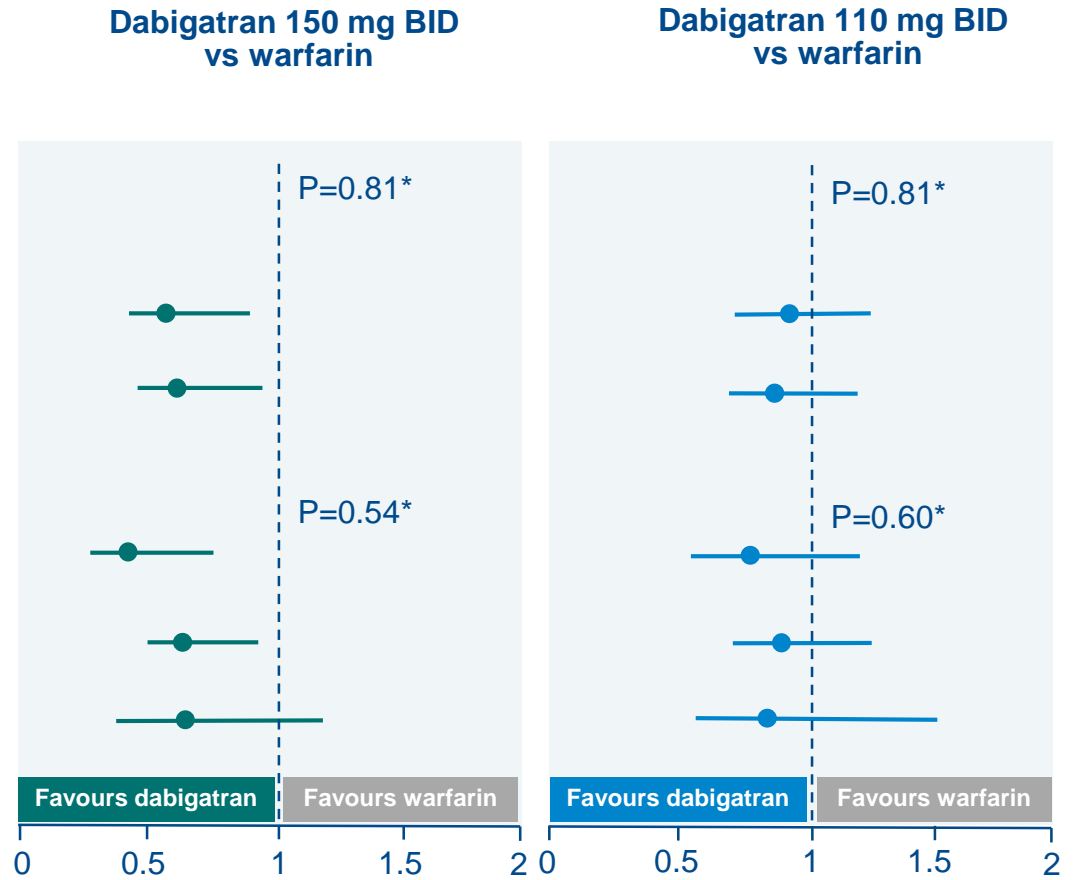
Clear Benefit of Dabigatran on Stroke or Systemic Embolic Events



Efficacy Benefits vs Warfarin are Maintained Irrespective of Age or Renal Function

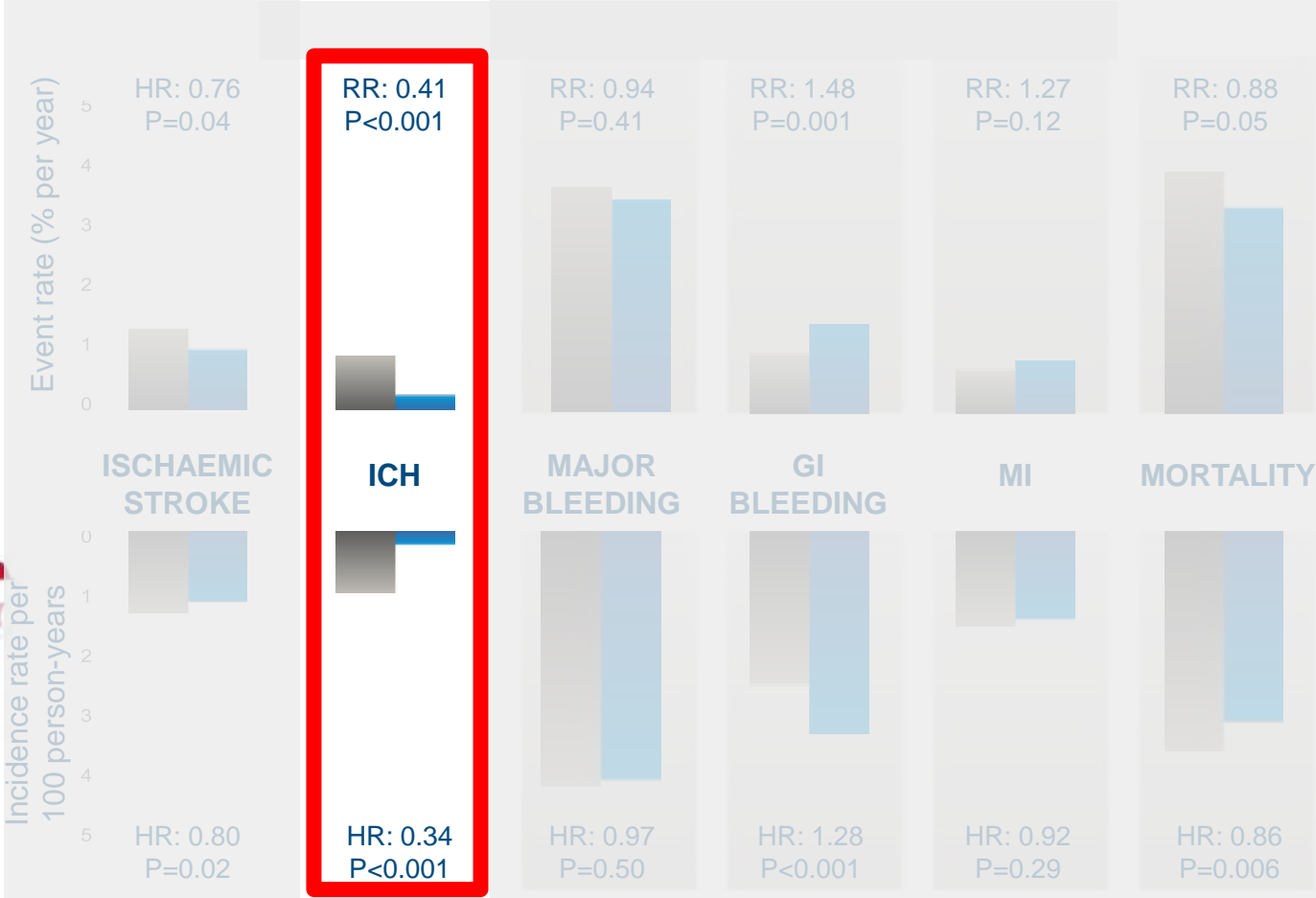
Stroke/SE

	Annual rate (%)		
	D 110 mg BID	D 150 mg BID	Warfarin
Age (yrs)			
<75	1.32	0.90	1.43
≥75	1.89	1.43	2.14
CrCl (mL/min)			
<50	2.15	1.52	2.78
50–79	1.70	1.20	1.76
≥80	0.94	0.75	0.98



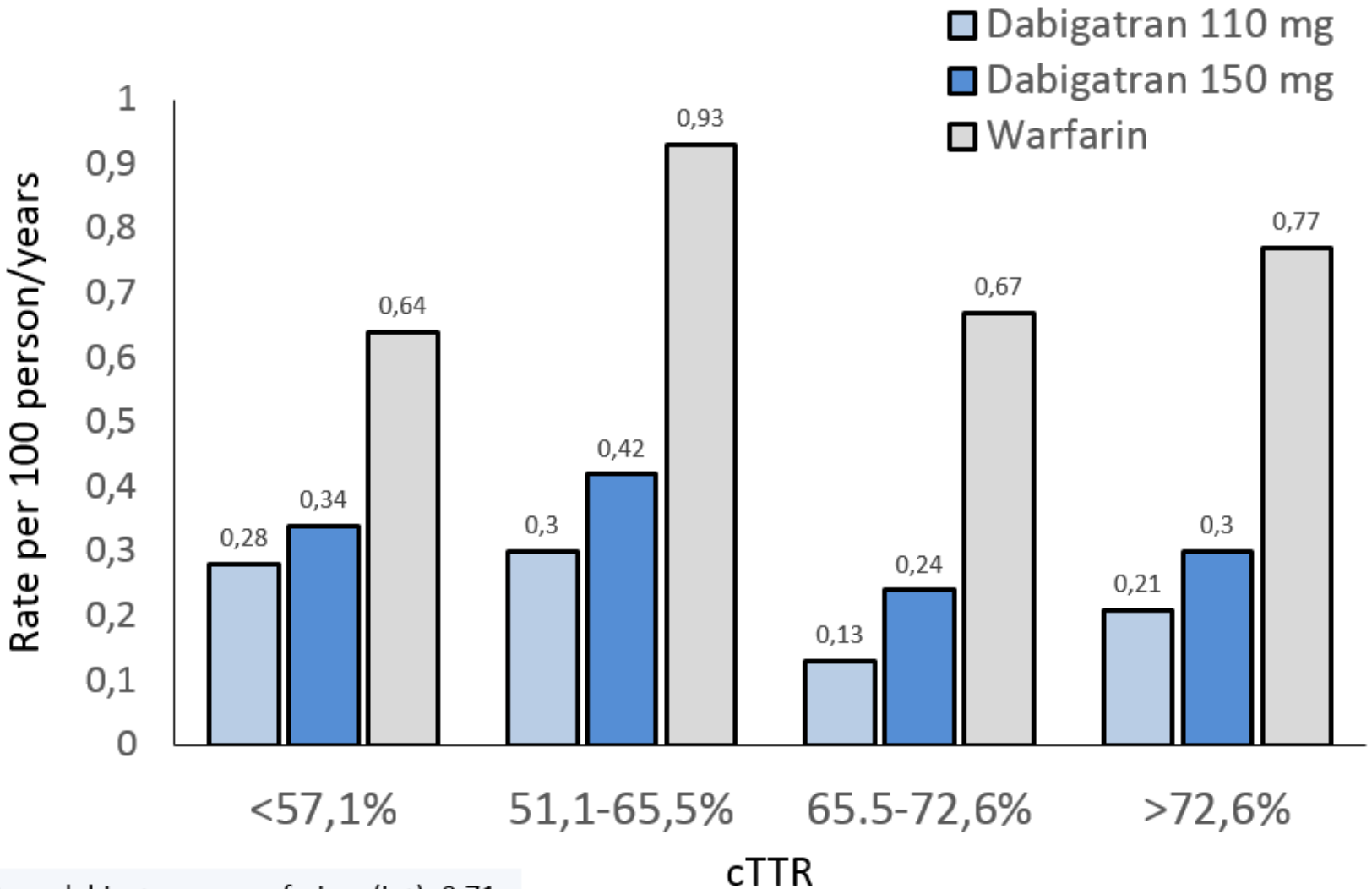
*P values for interaction

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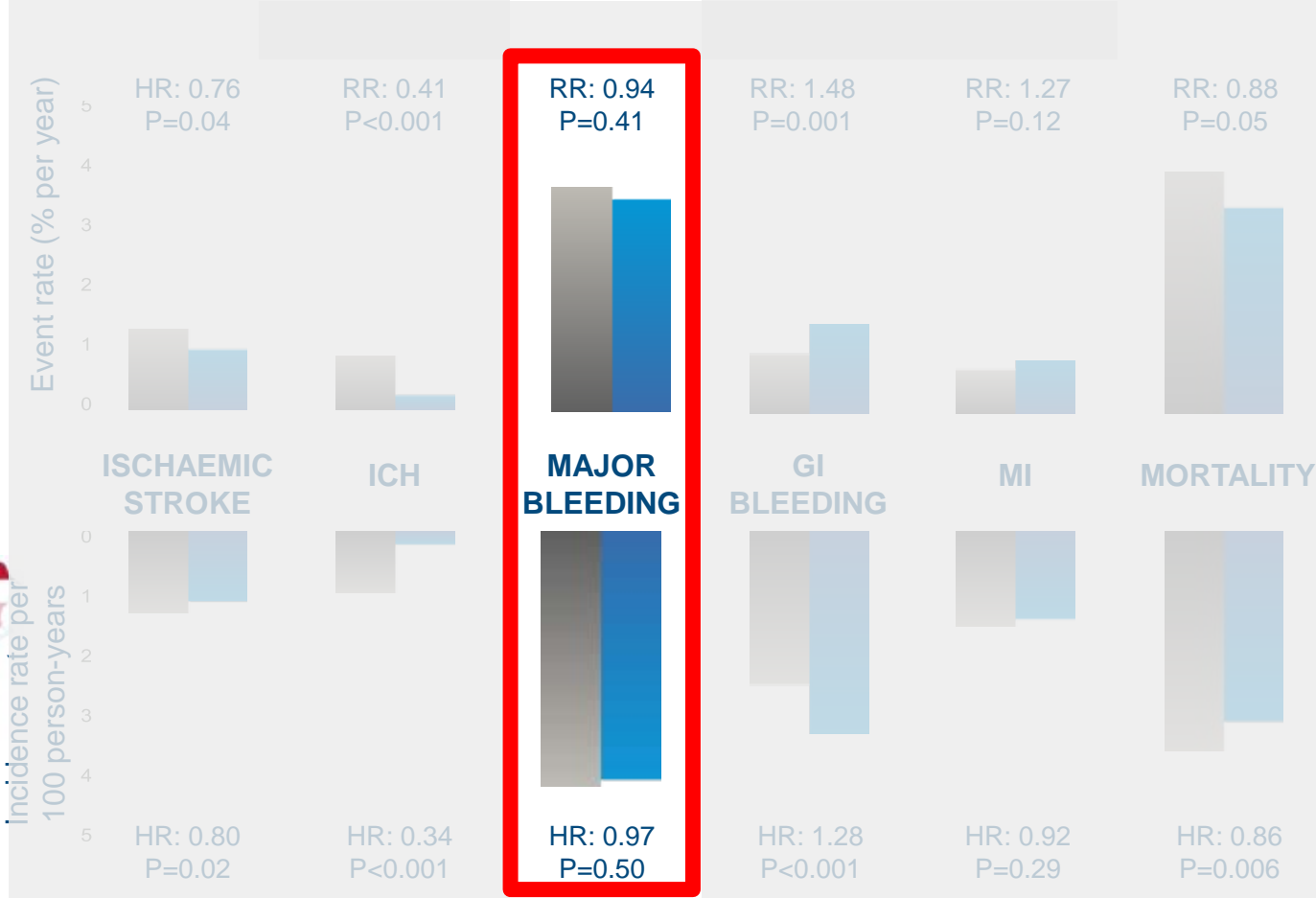
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Drastic Reduction in ICH with Dabigatran Compared to Warfarin at any Level of TTR



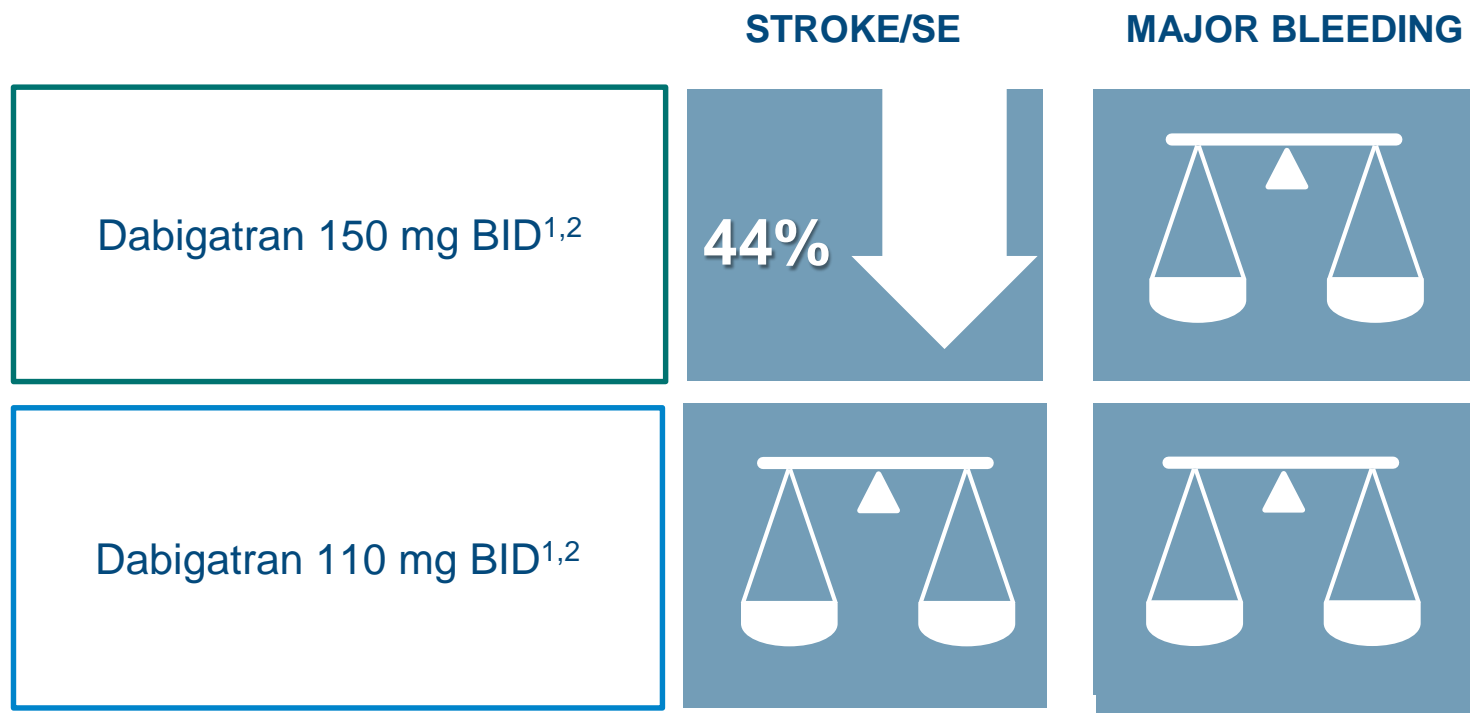
110 mg dabigatran vs warfarin p (int): 0.71
150 mg dabigatran vs warfarin p (int): 0.89

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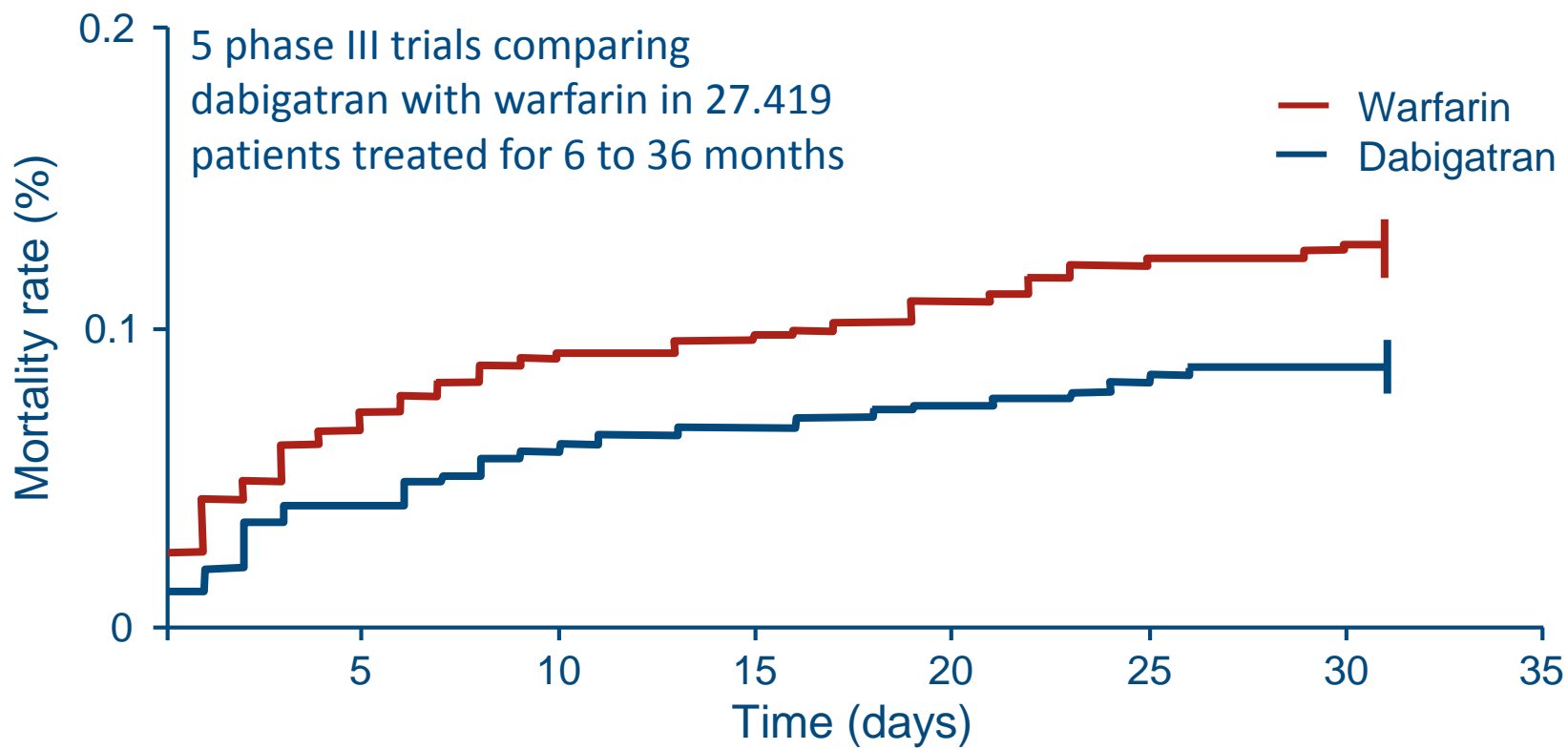
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Benefit-Risk Profile of NOACs in Patients with Moderate Renal Impairment (CrCl 30-49 mL/min)



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2. Hijazi et al Circulation 2014;

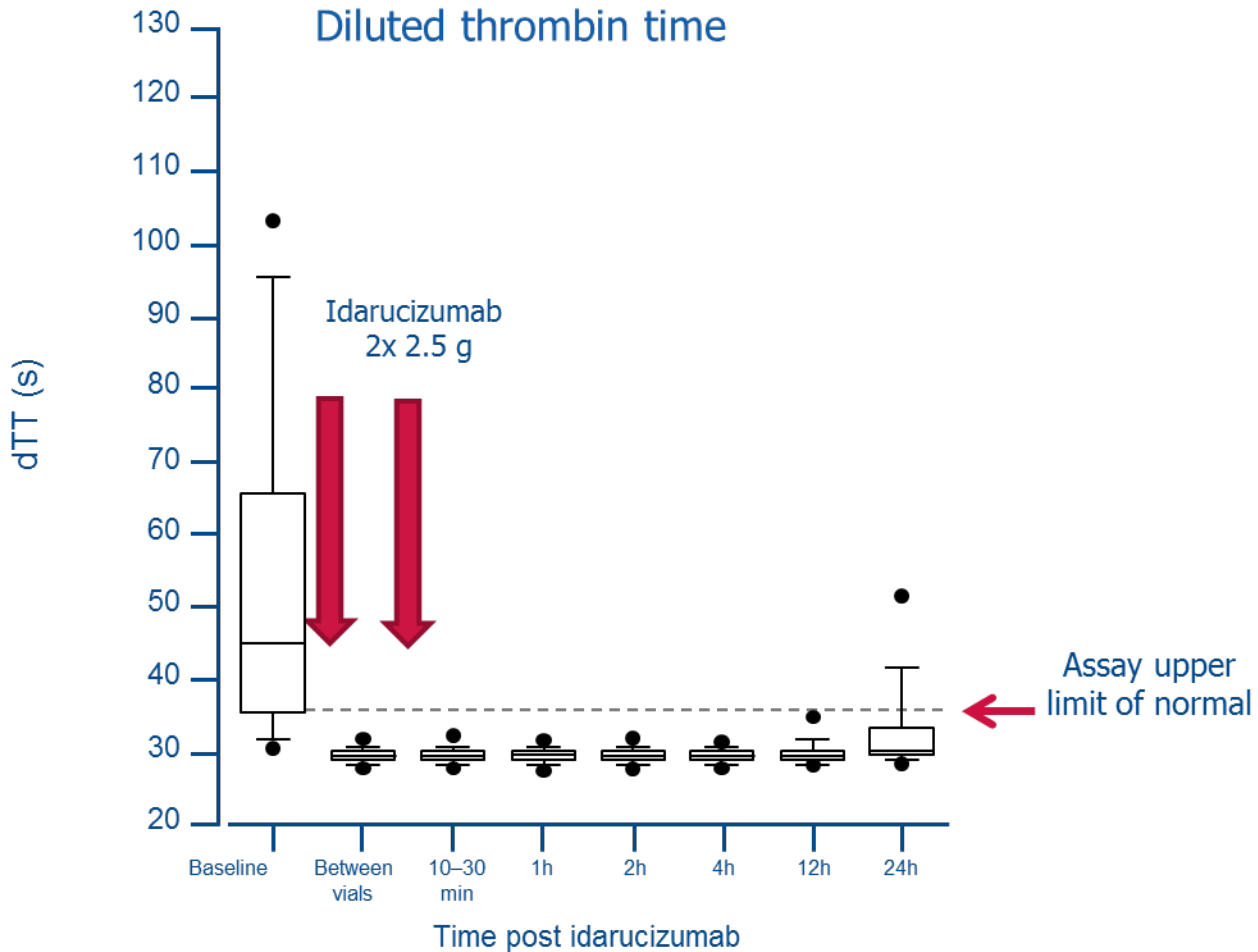
In Patients who Experience a Major Bleed, Dabigatran is Associated with Improved Outcome



Reduced risk for death with dabigatran vs warfarin during 30 days after the bleeding (P=0.052) in the absence of a specific reversal agent*

*Combined data from dabigatran 150 mg and 110 mg BID treatment groups. Only first major bleed included. Analysis not adjusted for covariates

Reversal of Dabigatran Anticoagulation with Idarucizumab Based on dTT

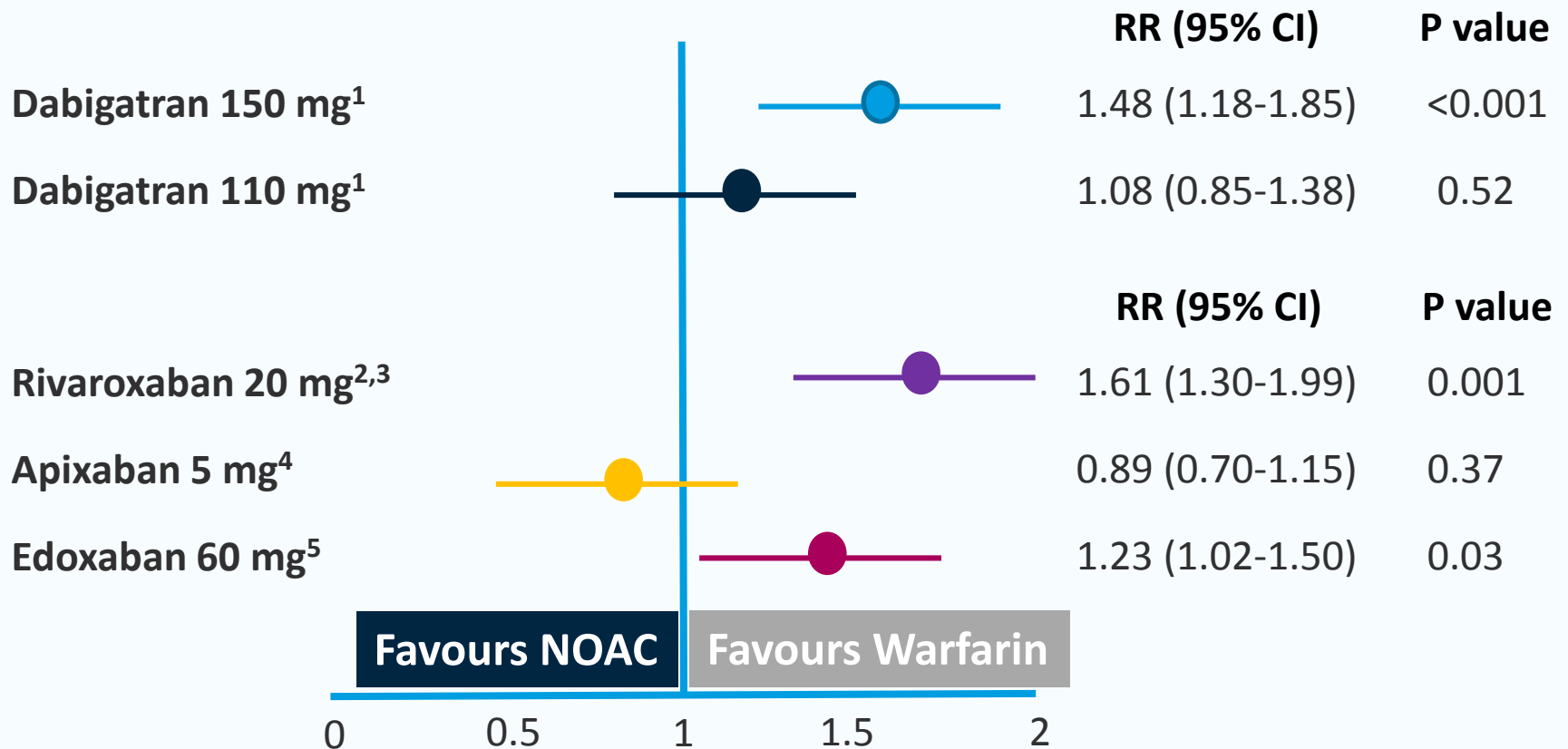


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Risk of Major GI Bleeding in Phase III Trials on NOACs



Meta-analysis showed increased risk of GI bleeding for NOACs as a group⁶

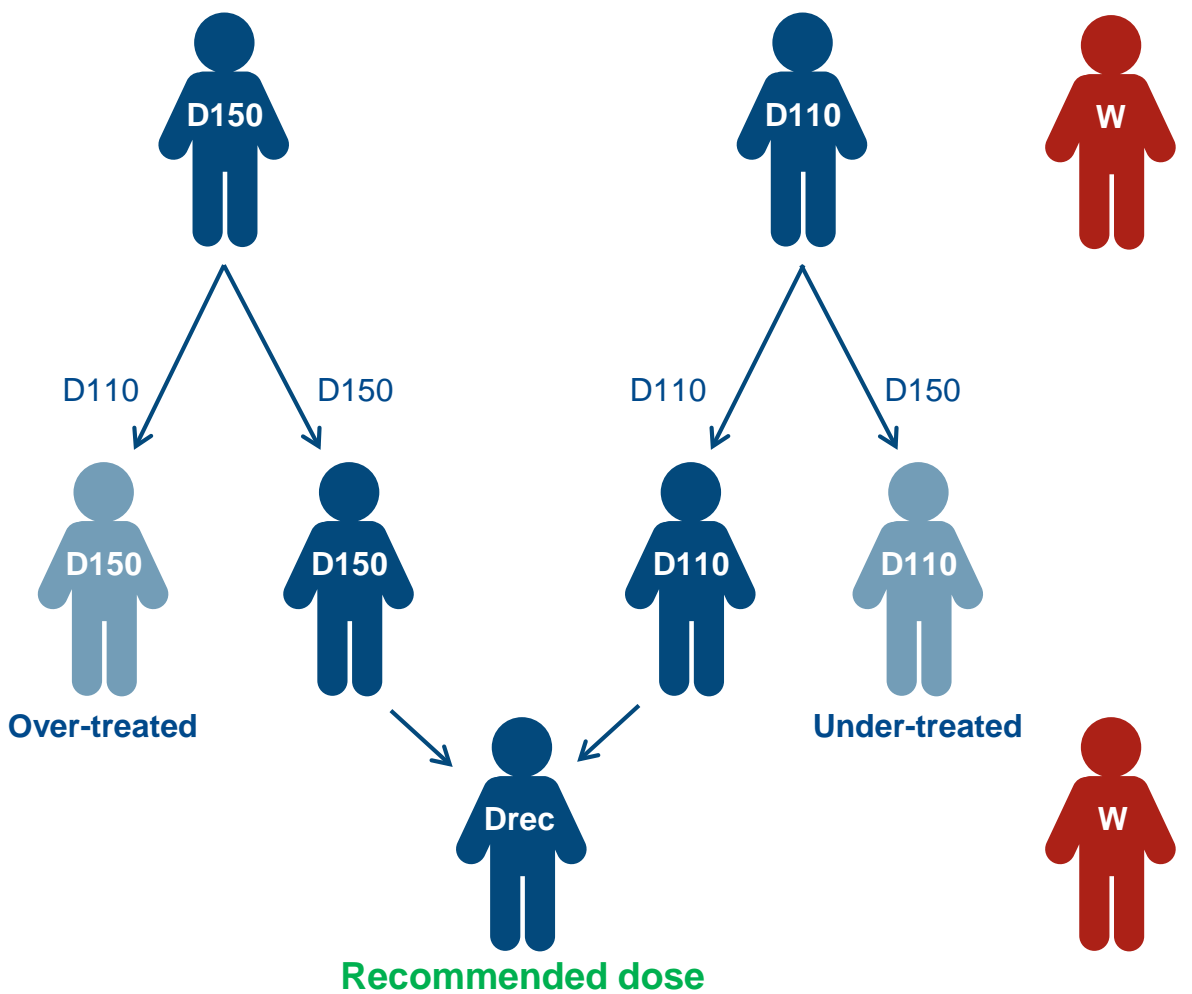
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'EU label' Analysis: Outcomes when Dabigatran was Used According to EU Label

Full RE-LY population

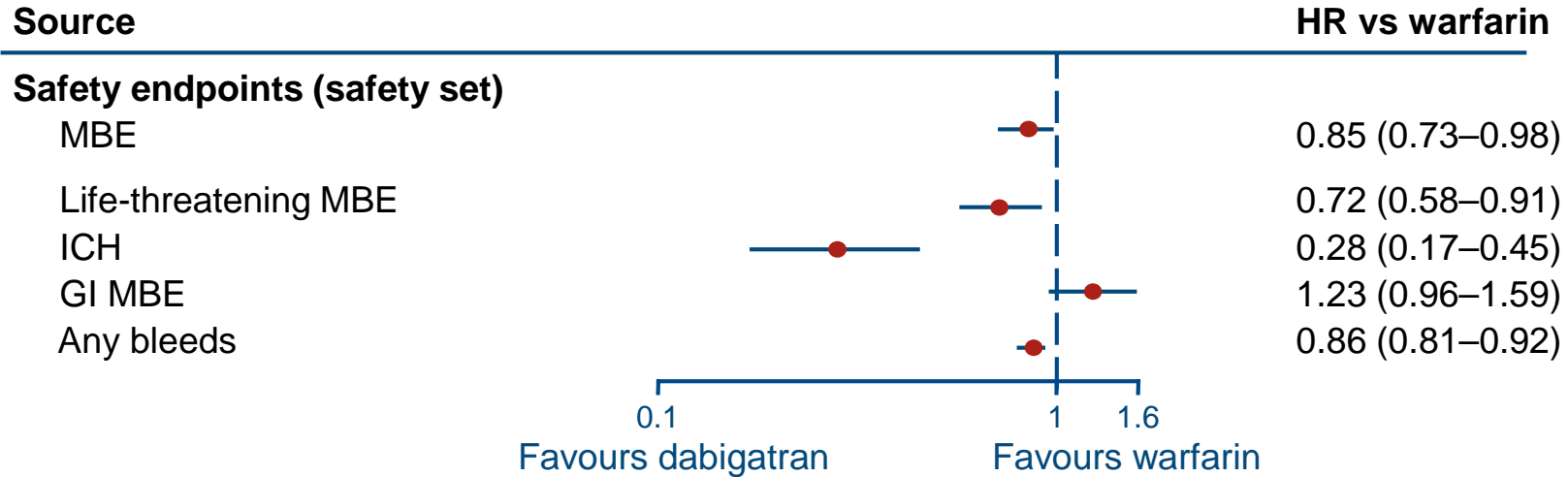
Post hoc analysis of patients' baseline characteristics

Post hoc pooled analysis 'EU label-simulated dabigatran' vs warfarin



*D110 recommended for ≥ 80 years OR HAS-BLED ≥ 3 OR verapamil; D150 recommended for < 80 years AND HAS-BLED < 3

'EU Label-Compliant' Dabigatran Rx Provides a Meaningful and Clinically Relevant Benefit

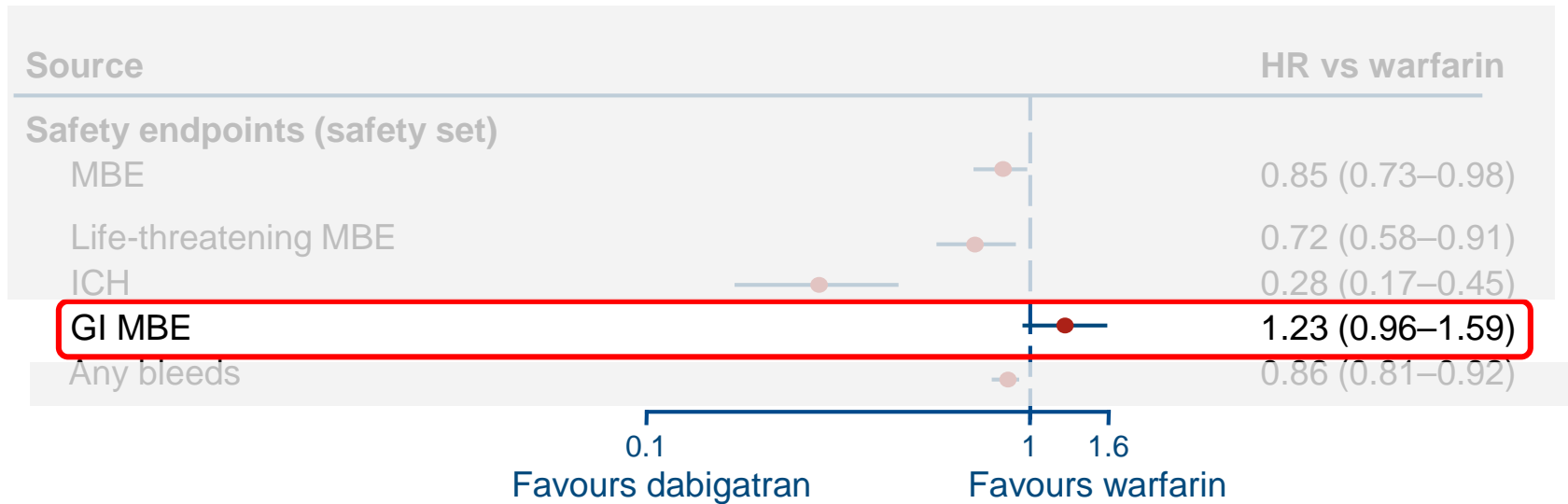


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(0.17–0.45)

Major bleed
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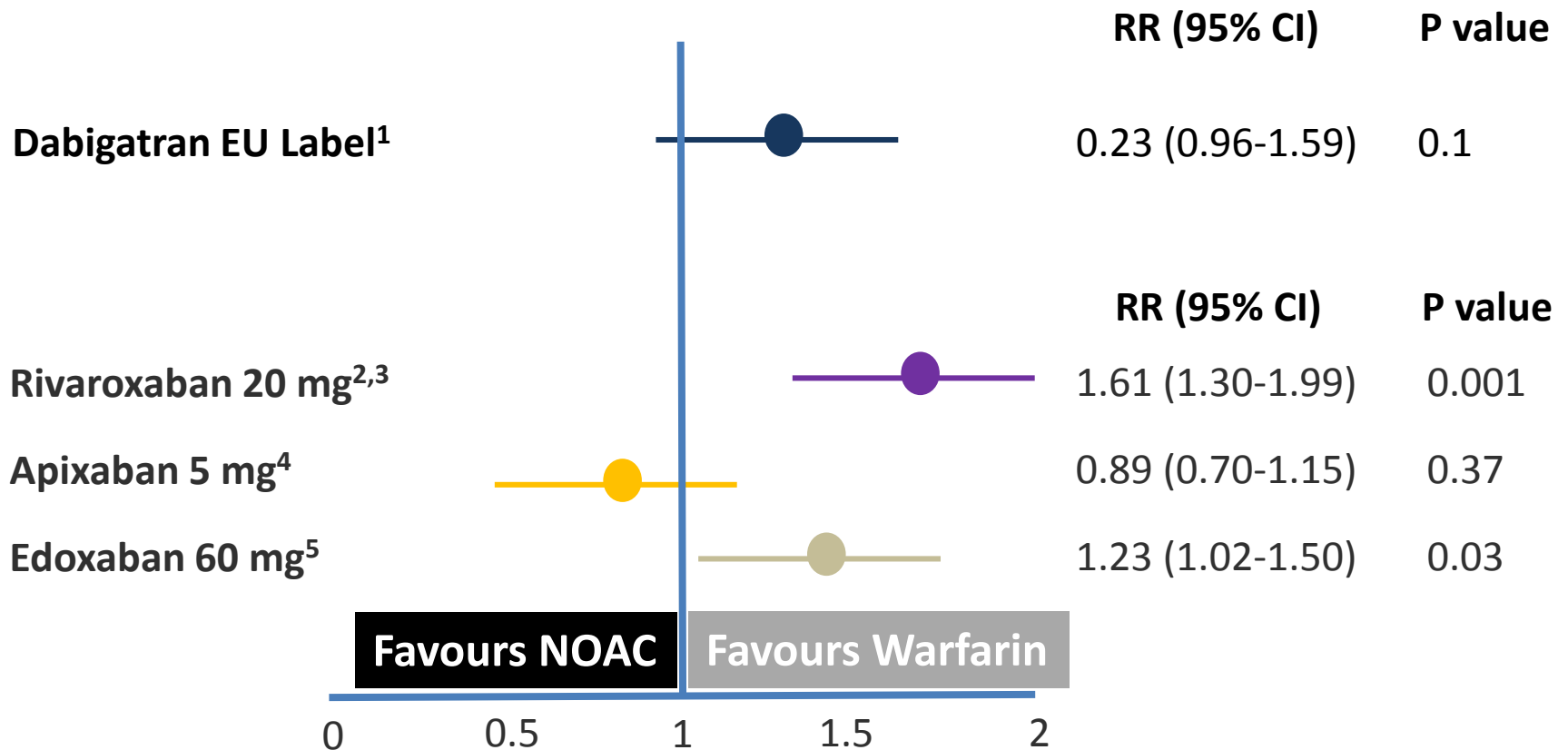


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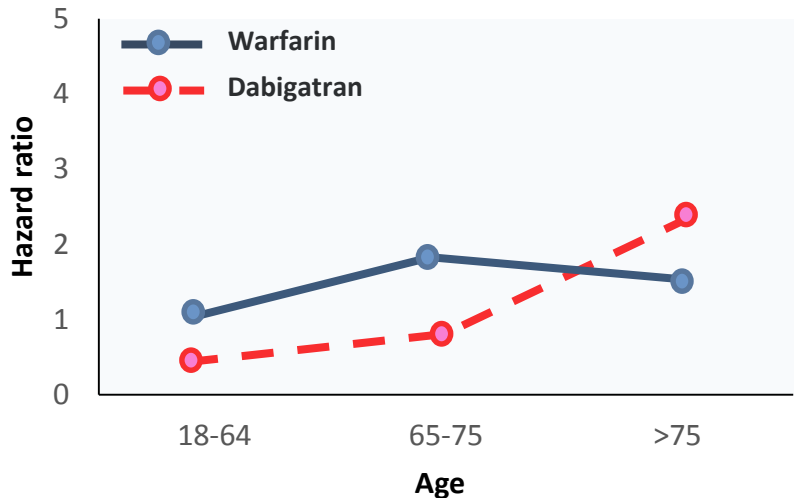
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Comparative Risk of GI Bleeding with Dabigatran, Rivaroxaban, and Warfarin

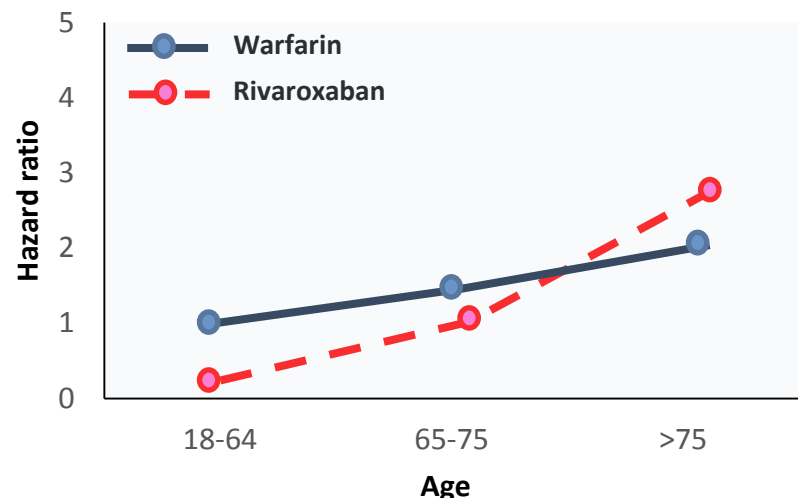


- Optum Labs Data Warehouse
- Administrative claims data on privately insured and Medicare Advantage enrollees
- Propensity matched cohort study
- 7749 matched AF pts

Dabigatran vs Warfarin



Rivaroxaban vs Warfarin



GI Bleeding in the FDA Study of Medicare Patients

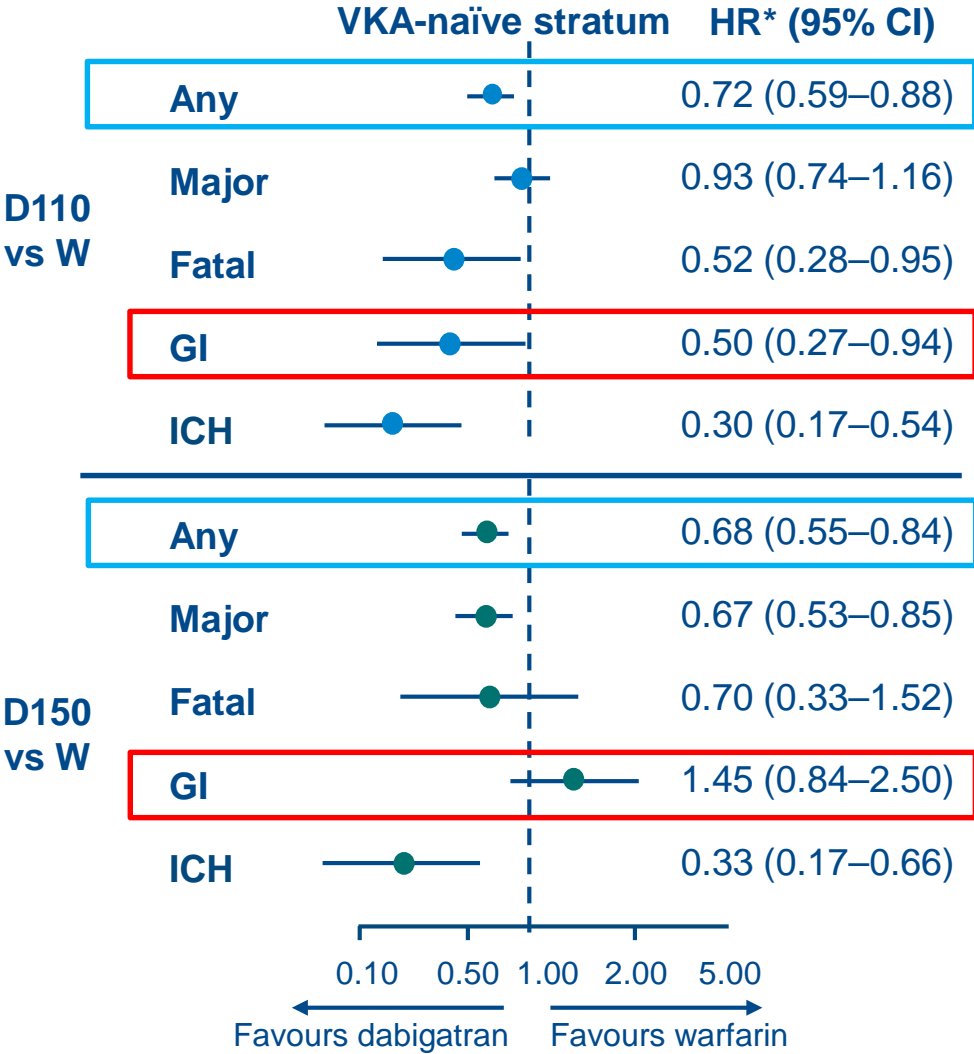
Age group (n)	Men HR (95% CI)	Women HR (95% CI)
65-74 (55.761)	0.83 (0.60-1.14)	0.99 (0.72-1.37)
75-84 (57.345)	1.02 (0.79-1.31)	1.50 (1.20-1.88)
≥85 (21.308)	1.55 (1.04-2.32)	2.18 (1.61-2.97)

The vast majority of Medicare patients ($\approx 84\%$) received the 150 mg BID dose of Dabigatran

Favourable Benefit–Risk Profile of Dabigatran in Real-World: Independent Danish Registry



11 315 first-time dabigatran users (7063 VKA-naïve) vs 22 630 matched warfarin users



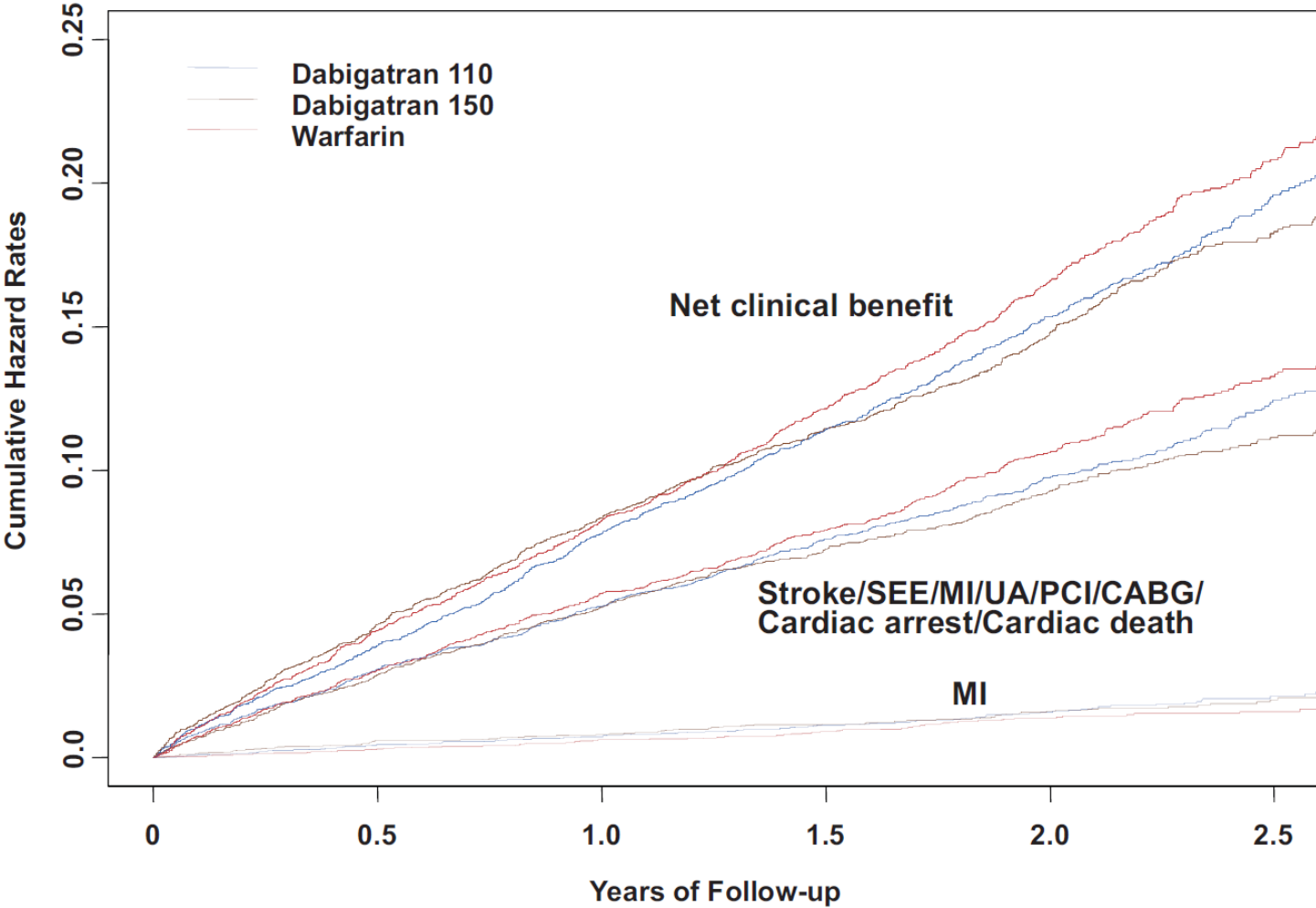
*Adjusted HR: age, components of CHA₂DS₂-VASc, HAS-BLED, months since August 2011, time since initiation of VKA therapy

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Time to Myocardial Ischemic Events in RE-LY

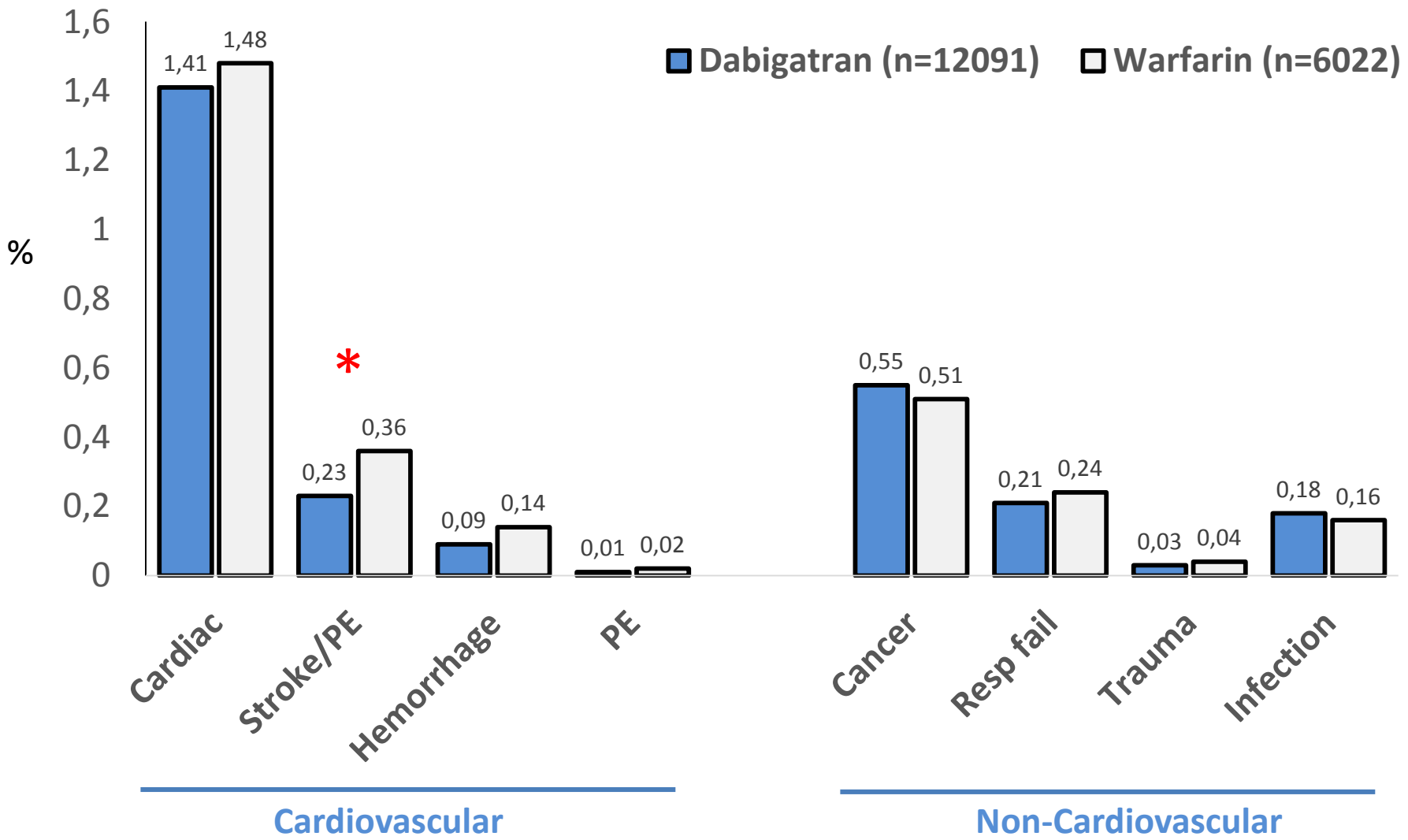


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Causes of Death in RE-LY



* p<0,05

Summary

1

Dabigatran has been rigorously studied through well-designed and highly representative clinical trials

2

Dabigatran is the only NOAC with long-term follow-up data available confirming its safety profile

3

Dabigatran is supported by a wealth of robust real-world evidence, unparalleled among the NOACs