

# **Edoxaban in VTE:**

**- New insights from the Hokusai-VTE study -**

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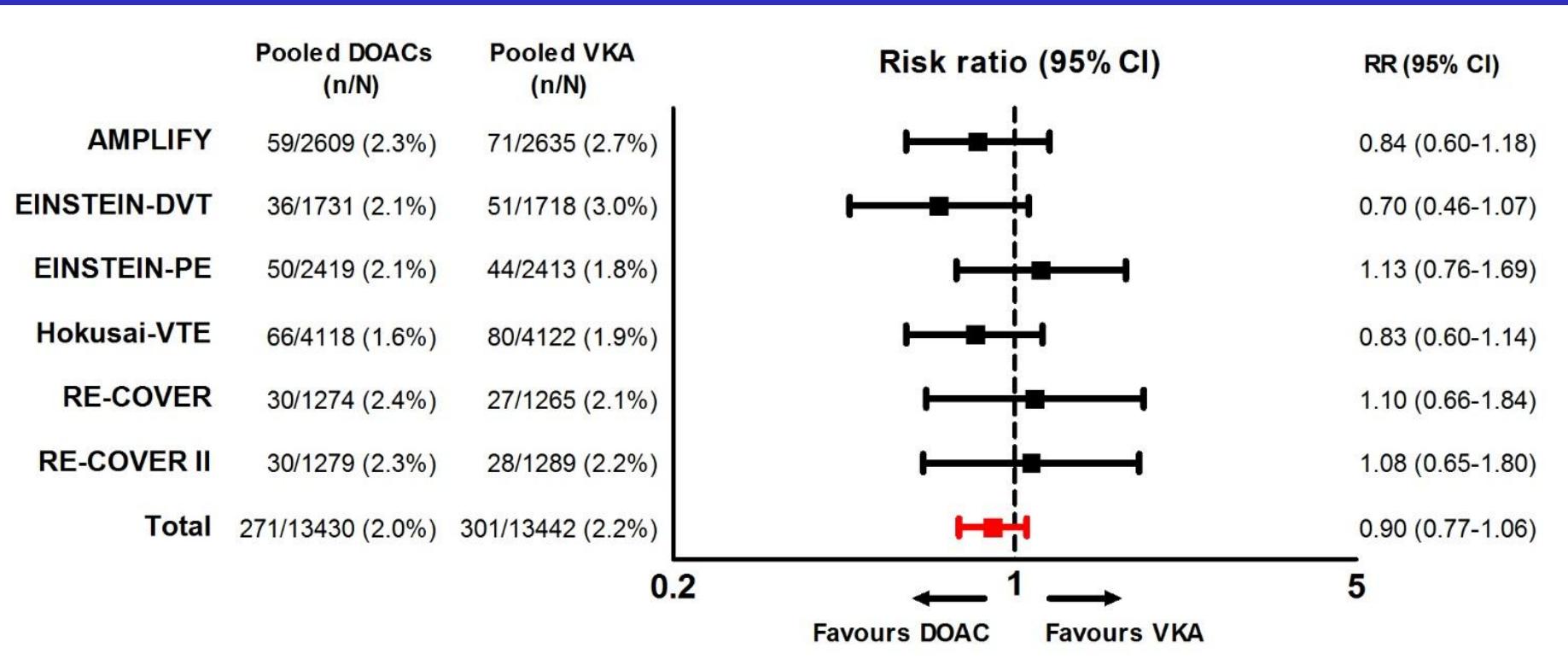
# VTE treatment studies - new oral anticoagulants

	Hokusai-VTE	EINSTEIN-DVT EINSTEIN-PE	AMPLIFY	RE-COVER I RE-COVER II
<b>Drug</b>	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Dabigatran
<b>Study design</b>	Double-blind	Open-label	Double-blind	Double-blind
<b>Heparin lead-in</b>	At least 5 days	None	None	At least 5 days
<b>Dose</b>	60 mg qd 30 mg qd (CrCl, bw, P-gp)	15 mg bid x 3 wk then 20 mg qd	10 mg bid x 7 days then 5 mg bid	150 mg bid
<b>Non-inferiority margin</b>	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.75
<b>Sample size</b>	8,292	<b>EINSTEIN-DVT</b> 3,449 <b>EINSTEIN-PE</b> 4,832	5,400	<b>RE-COVER I</b> 2,564 <b>RE-COVER II</b> 2,568
<b>Treatment duration</b>	Flexible 3 to 12 months	Pre-specified 3, 6, or 12 months	6 months	6 months

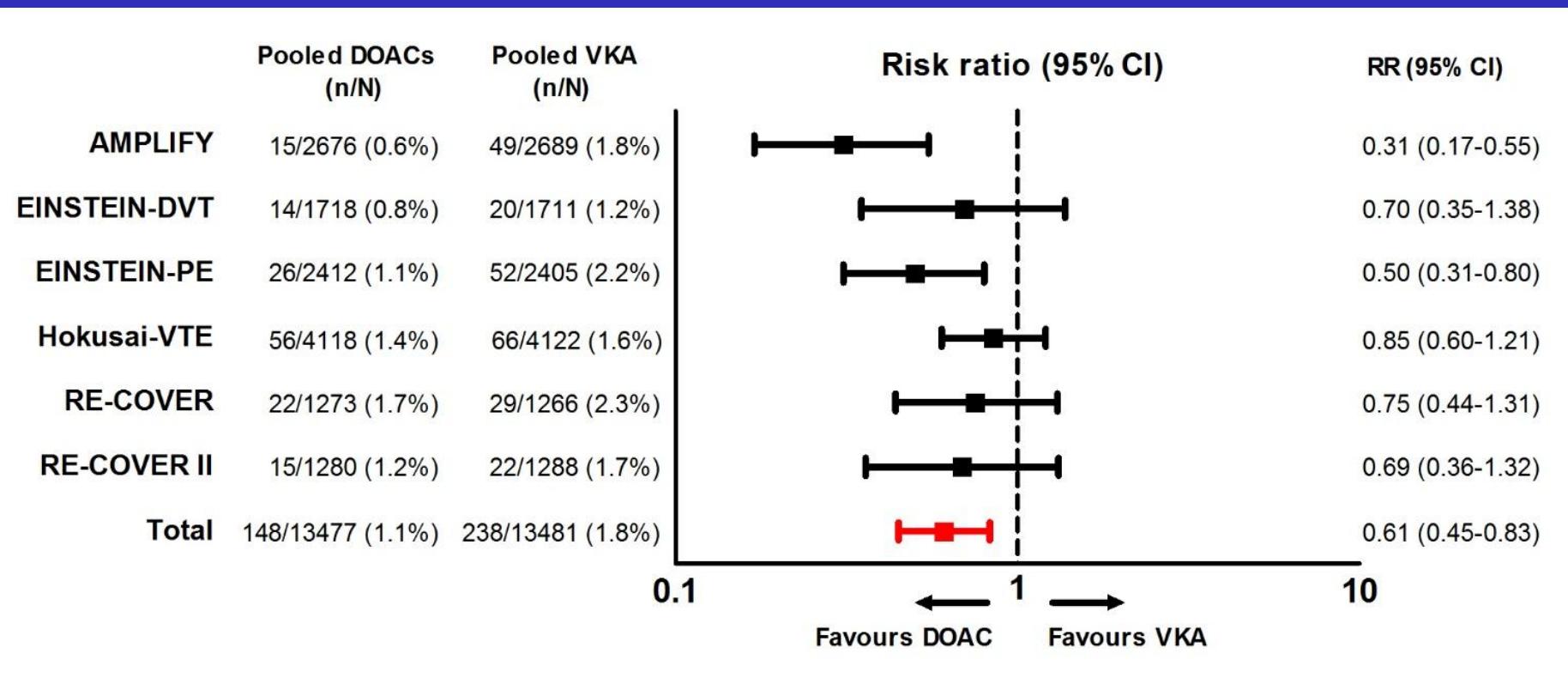
# Differences and similarities

- Hokusai / Recover I/II used initial heparin
- Mostly DVT and PE combined
- Duration of treatment / follow-up variable
- Comparable definition of efficacy and safety outcomes
- The same adjudication committee

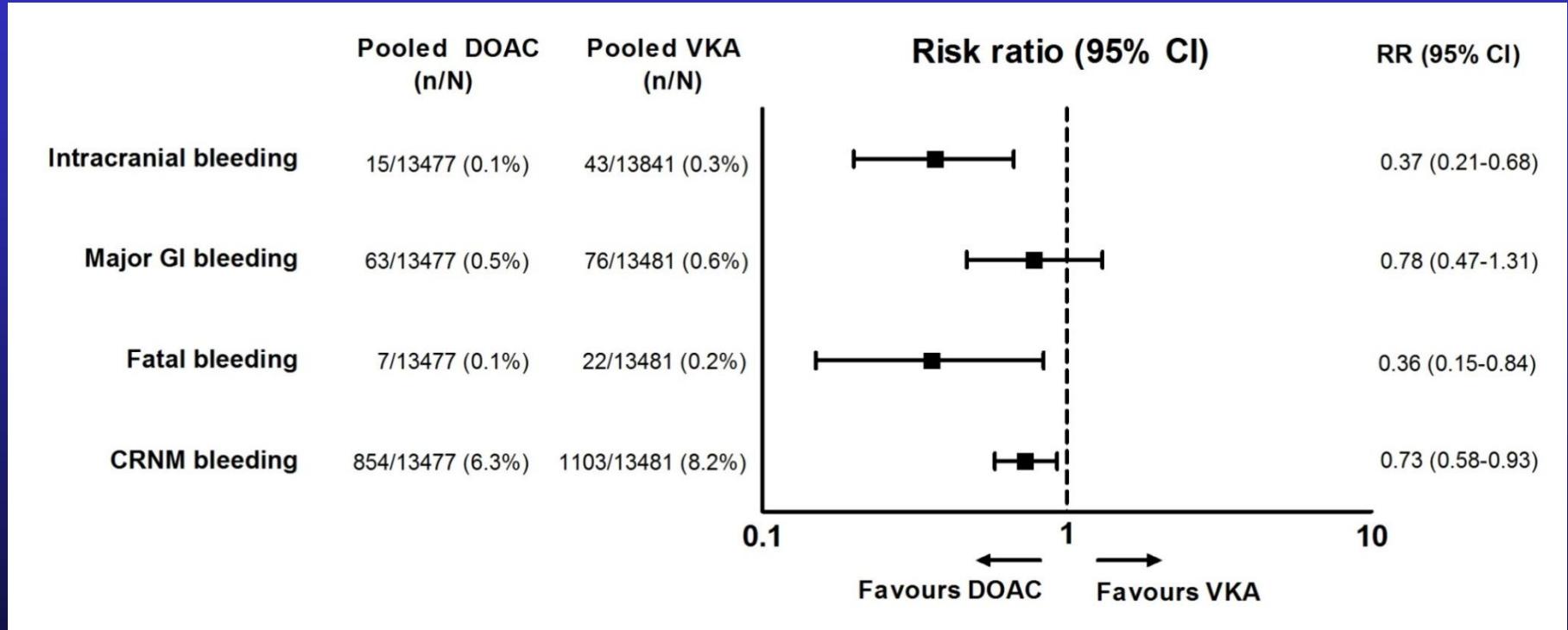
# Overall efficacy



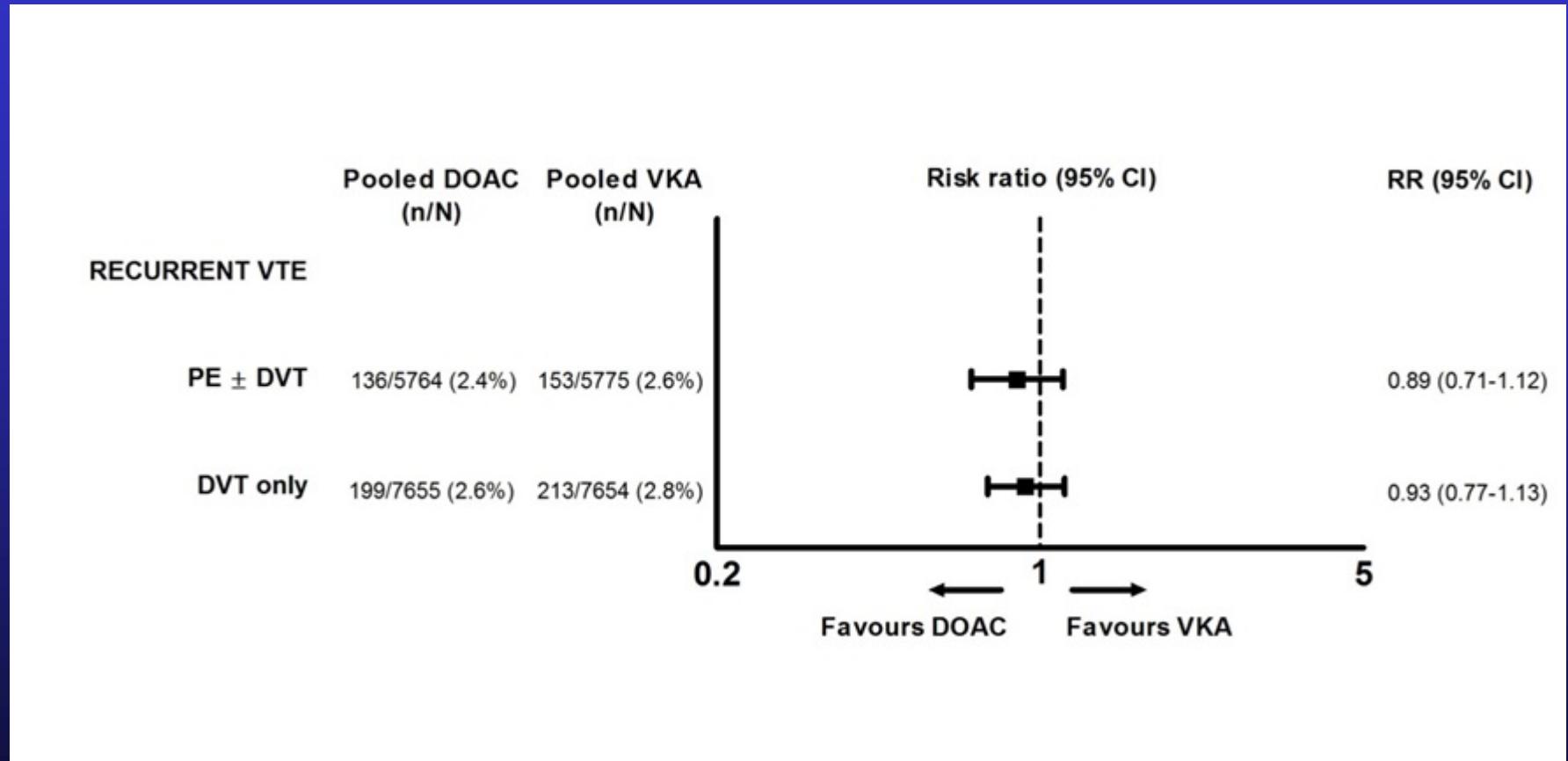
# Overall major bleeding



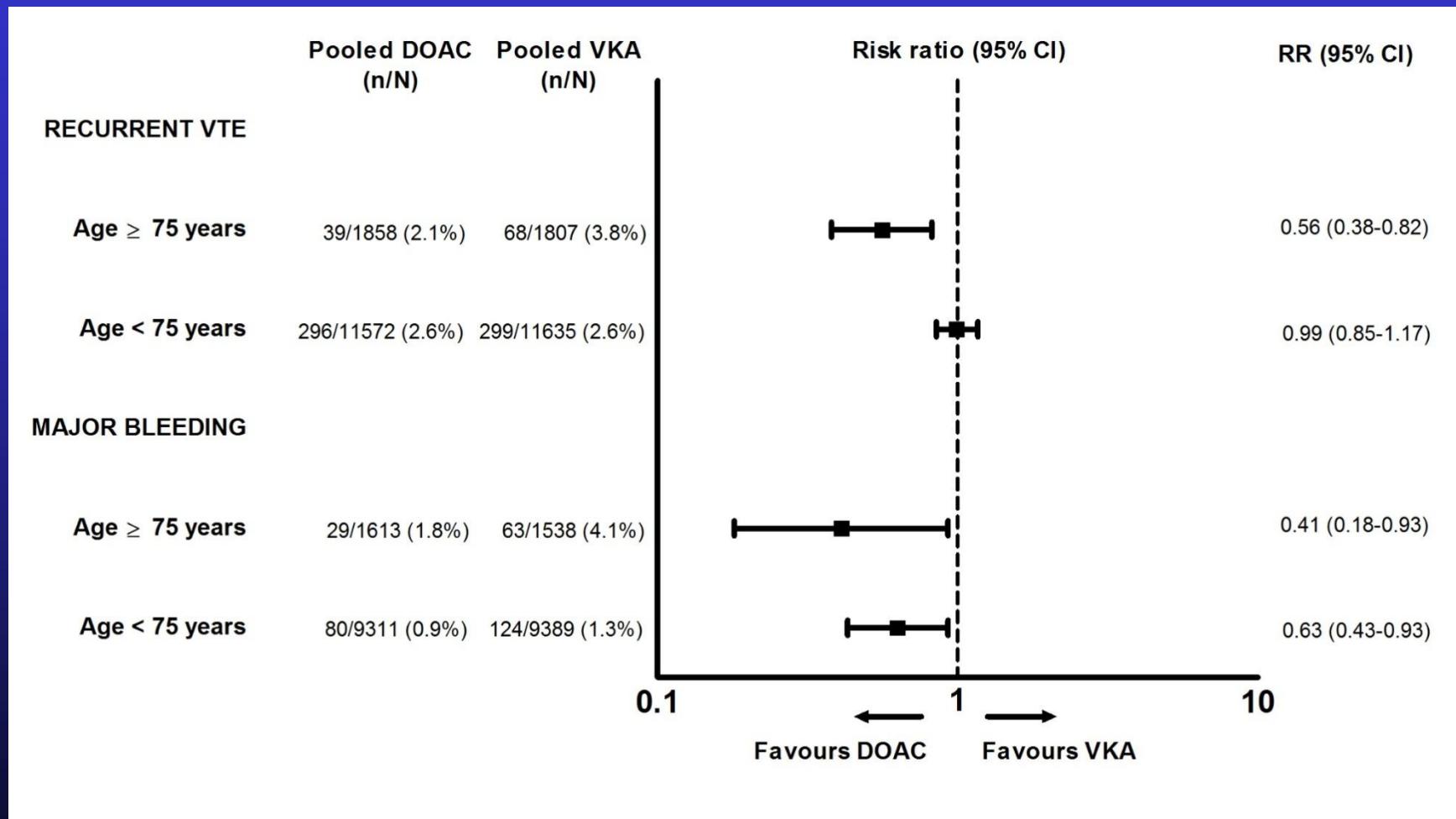
# Bleeding components



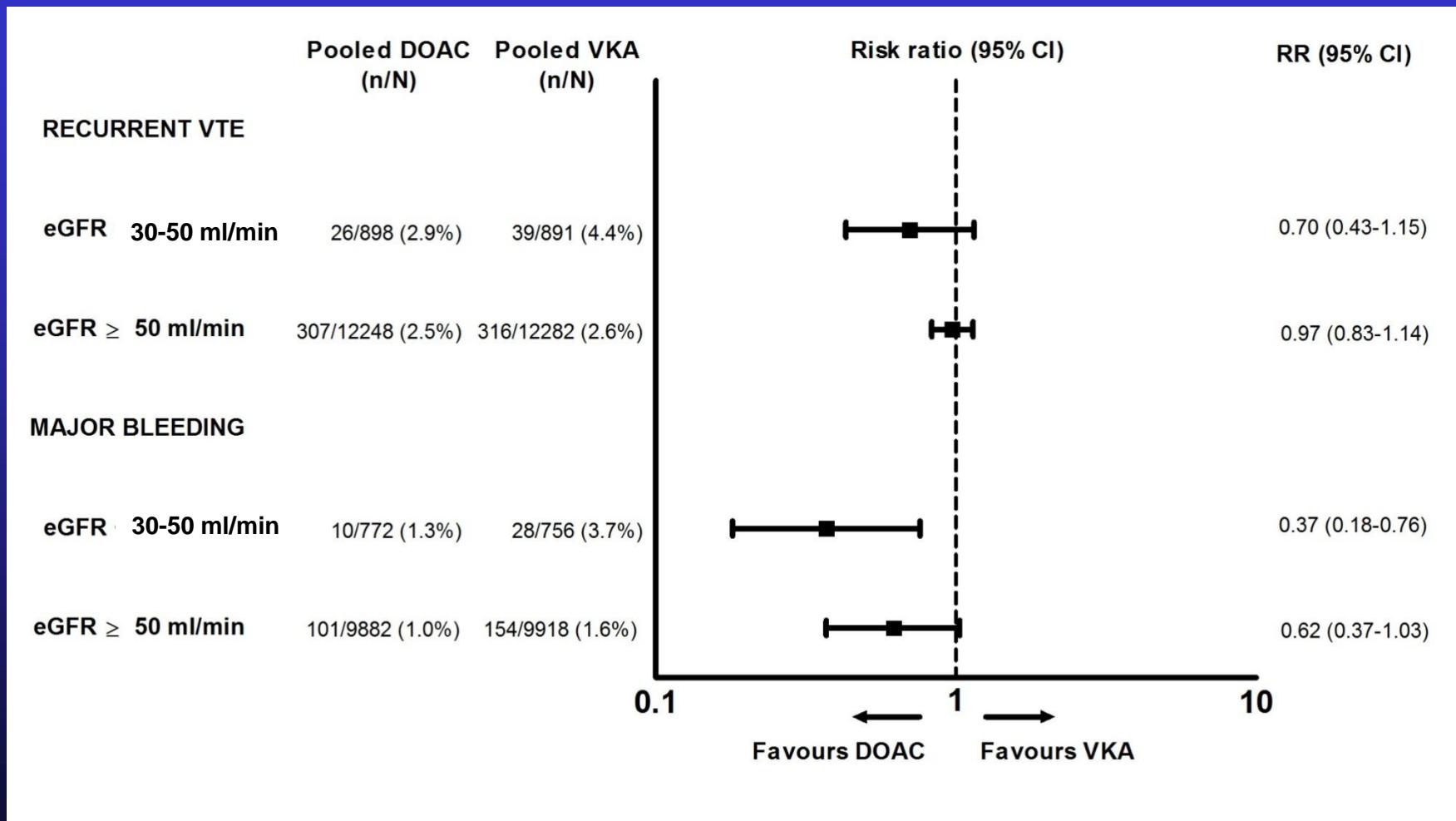
# PE / DVT



# Elderly



# Renal function



# Conclusions

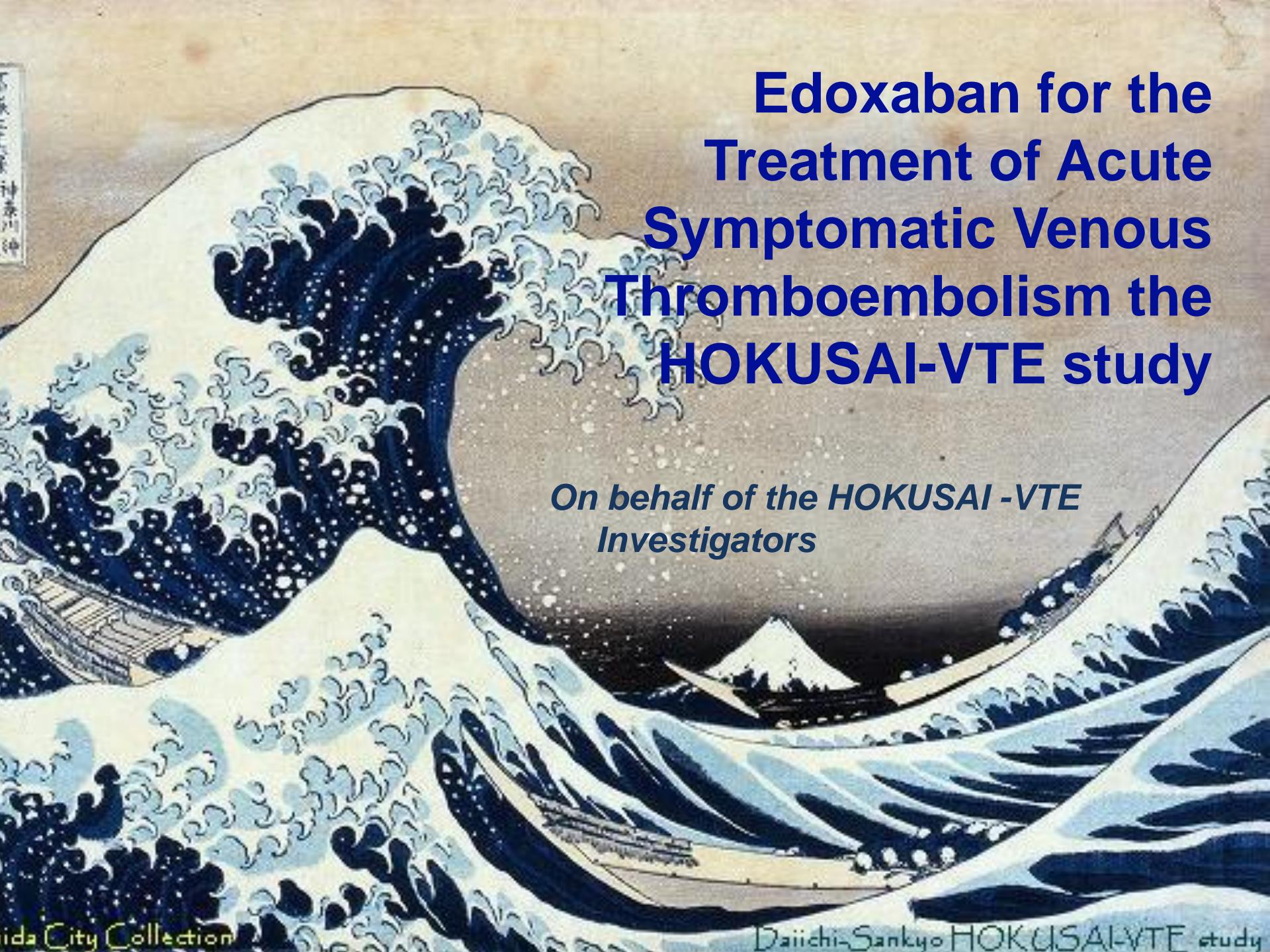
- DOAC's are effective, but safer, both in DVT and PE
- Also in important subgroups; elderly, clearance 30-50, and obese
- Unresolved is whether to give initial heparin

# Hokusai - VTE study

- Major Findings and Key Additional Analyses -

# Hokusai-VTE Study

- Unique design
  - All patients followed for 12 months
  - Initial parenteral heparin in all
  - Treatment at least 3 months
  - Halving the dose for patients perceived to be at higher risk of bleeding (Cr.Cl 30-50; BW <60Kg; P-gp)
  - Stratified randomisation (DVT/PE; dose edoxaban; risk factors)



A traditional Japanese woodblock print of a large wave crashing, with Mount Fuji visible in the background.

# Edoxaban for the Treatment of Acute Symptomatic Venous Thromboembolism the **HOKUSAI-VTE** study

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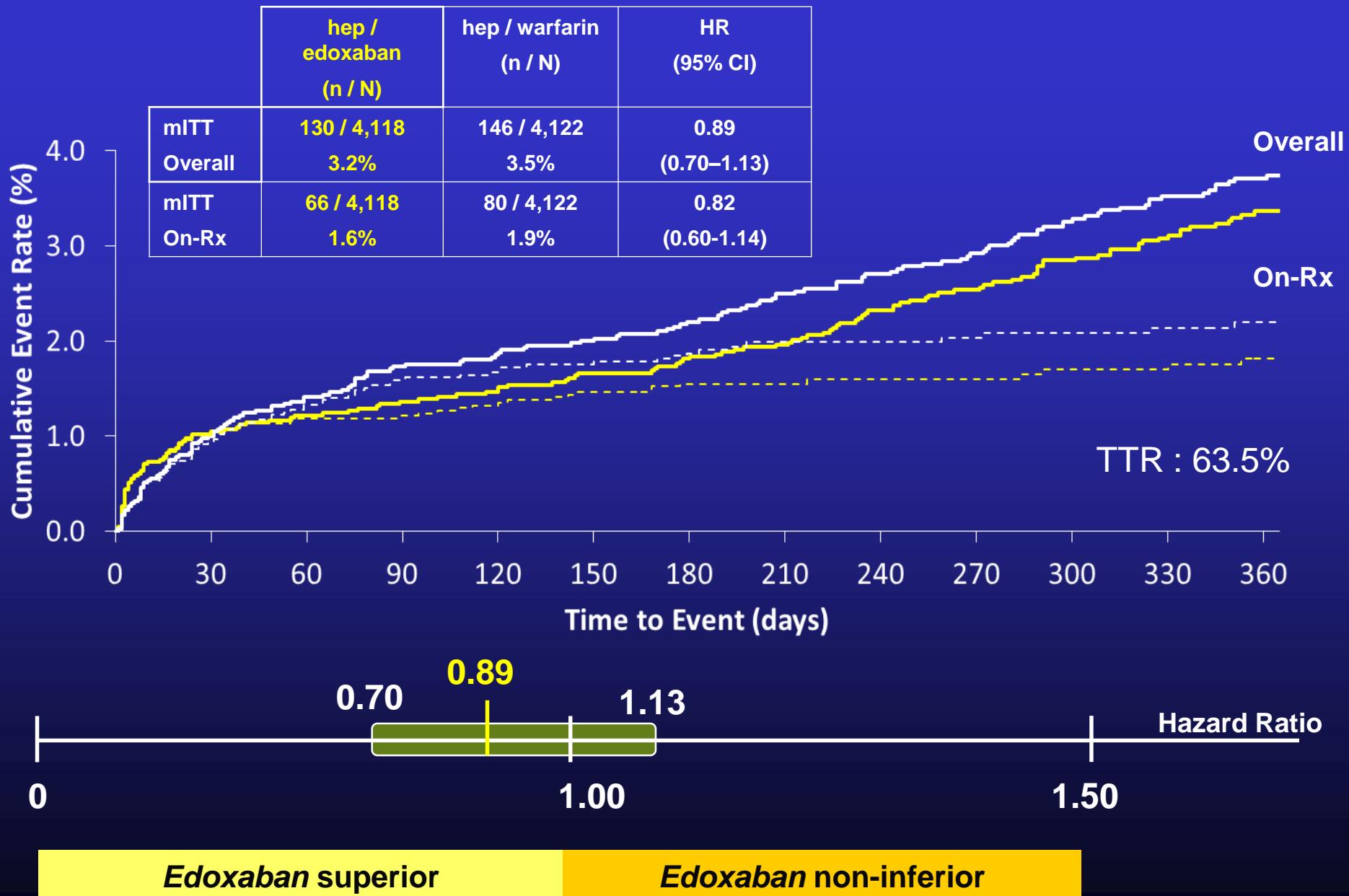
# Baseline characteristics

	<b>Edoxaban (N=4118)</b>	<b>Warfarin (N=4122)</b>
Mean age, years (SD)	<b>56 (16)</b>	<b>56 (16)</b>
Male gender, n (%)	<b>2360 (57)</b>	<b>2356 (57)</b>
Qualifying diagnosis, n (%)		
DVT	<b>2468 (60)</b>	<b>2453 (60)</b>
PE	<b>1650 (40)</b>	<b>1669 (40)</b>
Clinical presentation and risk factors, n (%)		
Unprovoked	<b>2713 (66)</b>	<b>2697 (65)</b>
Cancer	<b>378 (9)</b>	<b>393 (10)</b>
Previous VTE	<b>784 (19)</b>	<b>736 (18)</b>
Dose of 30 mg ( e.g $\leq$ 60 kg, $\text{CrCl} \geq 30 \leq 50 \text{ ml/min}$ ), n (%)	<b>733 (18)</b>	<b>719 (17)</b>

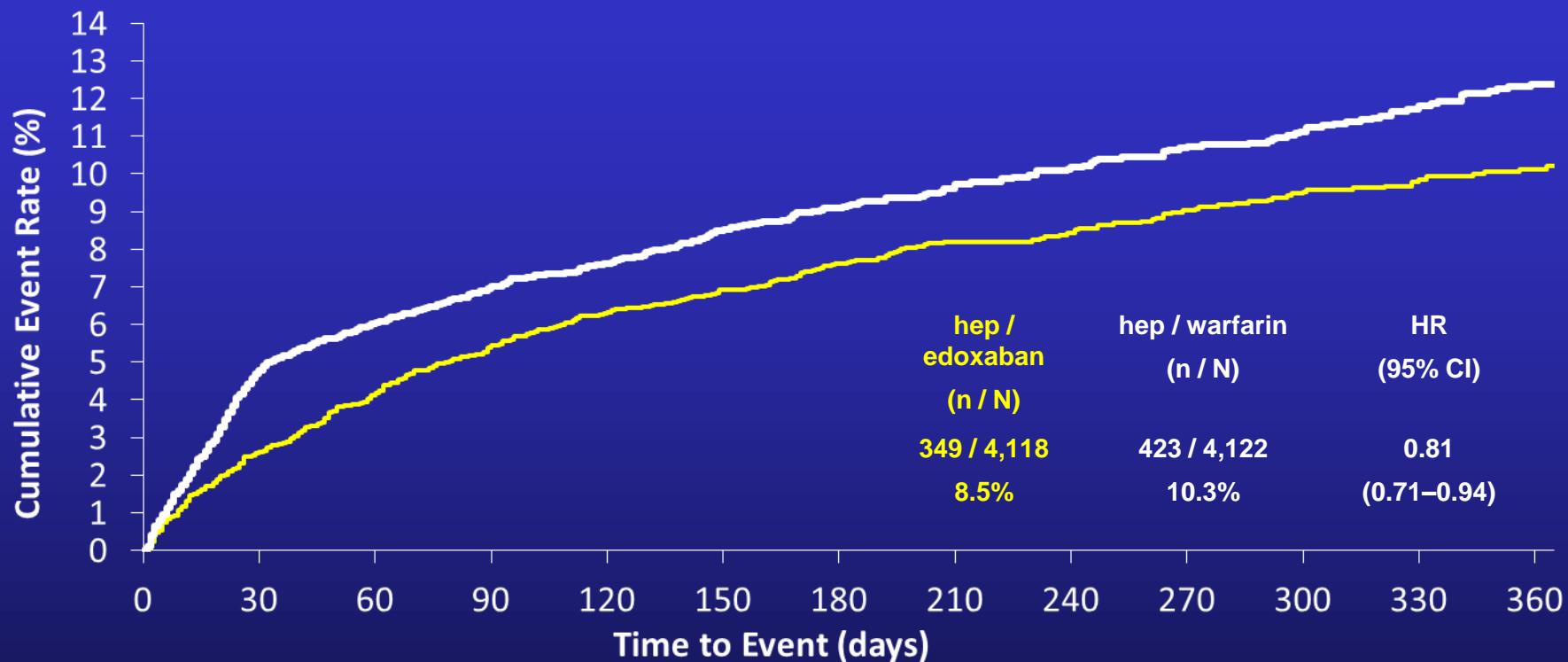
# Severity index event

	<b>Edoxaban (N=4118)</b>	<b>Warfarin (N=4122)</b>
DVT – no. (%)	<b>2468 (60)</b>	<b>2453 (60)</b>
Most proximal site – no. (%)		
Popliteal Vein	<b>603 (24)</b>	<b>596 (24)</b>
Superficial Femoral Vein	<b>795 (32)</b>	<b>773 (32)</b>
Femoral or Iliac Vein	<b>1035 (42)</b>	<b>1049 (43)</b>
PE – no. (%)	<b>1650 (40)</b>	<b>1669 (40)</b>
Anatomical extent – no. (%)		
Limited	<b>128 (8)</b>	<b>123 (7)</b>
Intermediate	<b>679 (41)</b>	<b>682 (41)</b>
Extensive	<b>743 (45)</b>	<b>778 (47)</b>
Concomitant DVT – no. (%)	<b>410 (25)</b>	<b>404 (24)</b>
NT pro-BNP ≥500 pg/ml – n/N (%)	<b>465/1565 (30)</b>	<b>507/1599 (32)</b>
Right Ventricular Dysfunction – n/N (%)	<b>414/937 (44)</b>	<b>427/946 (45)</b>

# Primary Efficacy Outcome



# Principal Safety Outcome



Number of patients at risk

warfarin	4122	3757	3627	3522	3313	3218	2979	2165	2007	1883	1754	1613	1212
edoxaban	4118	3840	3695	3587	3382	3308	3038	2192	2043	1904	1767	1650	1241

# Conclusions

## LMW heparin / edoxaban regimen

- As effective as standard therapy
- Less clinically relevant bleeding
- Once daily after initial heparin

# Hokusai-VTE Study

- Unique a-priori defined sub studies
  - Asian patients
  - Right ventricular dysfunction
  - Dose reduction group
  - Extended duration of treatment
  - Cancer patients

# Right ventricular dysfunction

- N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP)
  - All PE-patients at baseline
  - Morning sample
  - Core laboratory
  - 500 pg per ml or above
- Ventricular dimensions
  - In random sample of 1002 PE patients
  - Spiral CT, 4 chamber view
  - Independent blinded review
  - Ration right to left ventricular diameter 0.9 or above

# Anatomical extent of PE at baseline

	Einstein PE %		Hokusai PE group %		Amplify PE group * %	
	Rivaroxaban	Standard	Edoxaban	Standard	Apixaban	Standard
Limited	13	12	8	7	9	10
Intermediate	58	59	41	41	42	44
Extensive	25	24	45	47	38	36

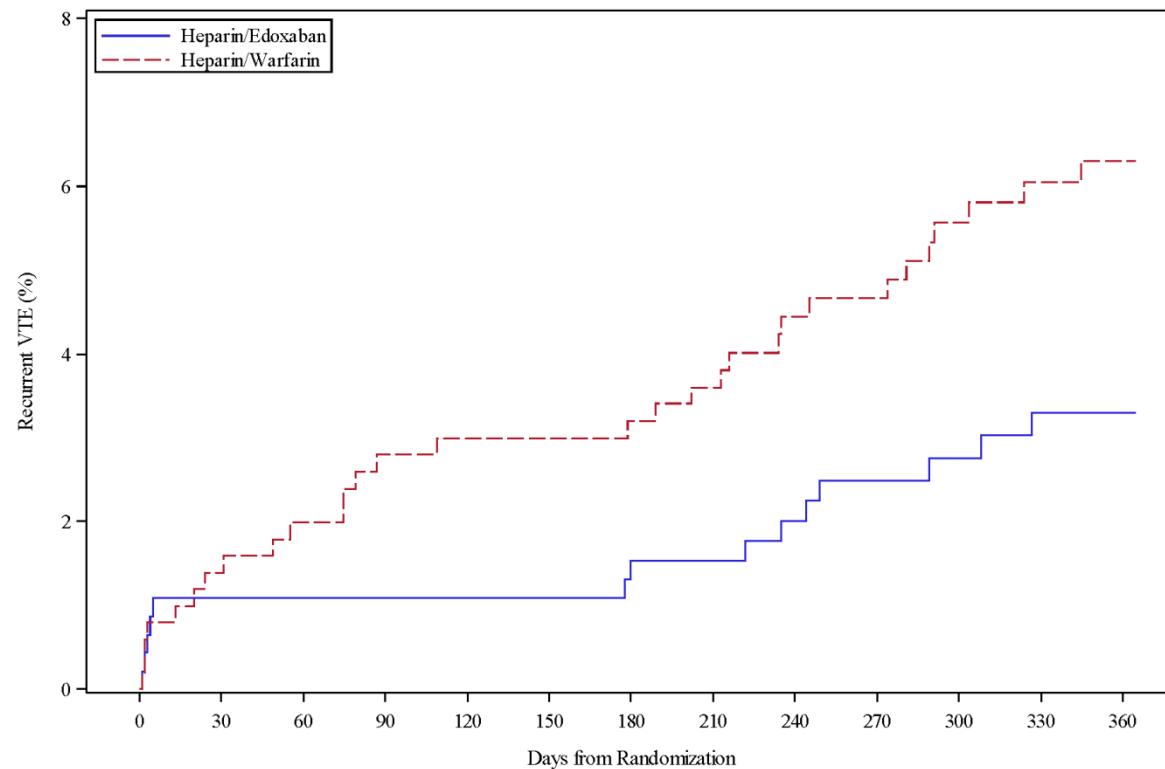
\* Different method was used to define extensive PE

# NT-proBNP and recurrent VTE

	Edoxaban	Warfarin	
<b>NT-proBNP ≥ 500 pg/mL – n</b>	465	507	
<b>* Recurrent VTE – n (%)</b>	14 (3.0)	30 (5.9)	
- <b>Fatal PE – n</b>	4	13	HR 0.50; 95% CI 0.27-0.95; p = 0.03
- <b>Non-fatal PE – n</b>	8	13	
- <b>DVT only – n</b>	2	4	
<b>NT proBNP &lt; 500 pg/mL – n</b>	1100	1092	
<b>* Recurrent VTE – n (%)</b>	30 (2.7)	33 (3.0)	
- <b>Fatal PE – n</b>	4	2	HR 0.89; 95% CI 0.54-1.46; p = 0.65
- <b>Non-fatal PE – n</b>	16	16	
- <b>DVT only – n</b>	10	15	

# Kaplan-Meier cumulative rates of recurrent VTE in PE patients with NT-proBNP levels $\geq 500$ pg/mL

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Heparin/Edoxaban	465	452	446	442	441	439	435	430	405	384	367	349	329
Heparin/Warfarin	507	494	487	483	482	480	478	469	445	424	405	381	347

# Baseline characteristics (1)

Characteristic*	Edoxaban 60 mg (n=3385)	Edoxaban 30 mg (n=733)
<b><i>Criteria for dose reduction at randomization</i></b>		
Body weight ≤60kg		442 (60.3)
CrCl 30–50 ml/min		184 (25.1)
P-glycoprotein use		22 (3.0)
Two or more criteria		85 <sup>†</sup> (11.6)
<b>Other characteristics</b>		
Mean age, years ± SD	54.7 ± 15.4	59.9 ± 19.2
Age ≥75 years	352 (10.4)	208 (28.4)
Male sex	2115 ( 62.5)	245 ( 33.4)
History diabetes	339 (10.0)	83 (11.3)
History cardiovascular disease	413 (12.2)	133 (18.1)
History cerebrovascular disease	134 ( 4.0)	44 (6.0)

\*Unless otherwise indicated, data are expressed as number (percentage) of patients.

<sup>†</sup>81 patients met both renal and body weight criteria, 4 patients who used P-glycoprotein inhibitor, 3 patients met renal criterion and one had low body weight.

CrCl, creatinine clearance.

# Relative efficacy/ safety in 30 mg dose group

	<b>Edoxaban N = 733 (%)</b>	<b>Warfarin N = 719 (%)</b>	<b>Hazard ratio (95 % CI)</b>
<b>First recurrent VTE</b>	<b>22 (3.0)</b>	<b>30 (4.2)</b>	<b>0.73 (0.42-1.26)</b>
<b>Clinically relevant non major or major bleeding</b>	<b>58 (7.9)</b>	<b>92 (12.8)</b>	<b>0.62 (0.44-0.86)</b>
<b>Major bleeding</b>	<b>11 (1.5)</b>	<b>22 (3.1)</b>	<b>0.50 (0.24-1.03)</b>

# Extended treatment

- To evaluate the risks and benefits of extended treatment with edoxaban compared with warfarin in Hokusai-VTE patients who continued therapy beyond 3 months
- To compare the outcomes among patients treated for different durations ( $>3$  to  $\leq 6$  months,  $> 6$  to  $<12$  months, and 12 months)

# Comparable Baseline Characteristics and VTE Risk Factors Across Extended

Characteristics	3 to ≤6 months		>6 to <12 months		12 months	
	Edoxaban (n=1076)	Warfarin (n=1084)	Edoxaban (n=896)	Warfarin (n=851)	Edoxaban (n=1661)	Warfarin (n=1659)
Age, median ≥75 years old	56.0 14%	56.0 13%	57.0 11%	56.0 12%	57.0 12%	56.0 12%
Male	55%	55%	60%	58%	61%	59%
Creatinine clearance >50 mL/min ≥30 to ≤50 mL/min	94% 6%	95% 5%	95% 5%	93% 7%	94% 6%	94% 6%
Dose reduction criteria met <sup>a</sup>	17%	16%	15%	17%	16%	17%
Extent of VTE						
Limited	28%	30%	26%	24%	21%	20%
Extensive	38%	37%	42%	44.5%	43%	45%
DVT only	56%	56%	57%	58%	63%	63%
PE ± DVT	44%	44%	43%	42%	37%	37%
Causes of VTE						
Unprovoked	58%	58%	66%	66%	74%	74%
Temporary risk factor	36%	35%	26%	27%	20%	20%
History of cancer	9%	10%	11%	9%	8%	8%
Previous VTE	13%	12%	18%	18%	25%	24%
Known thrombophilia	2%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%

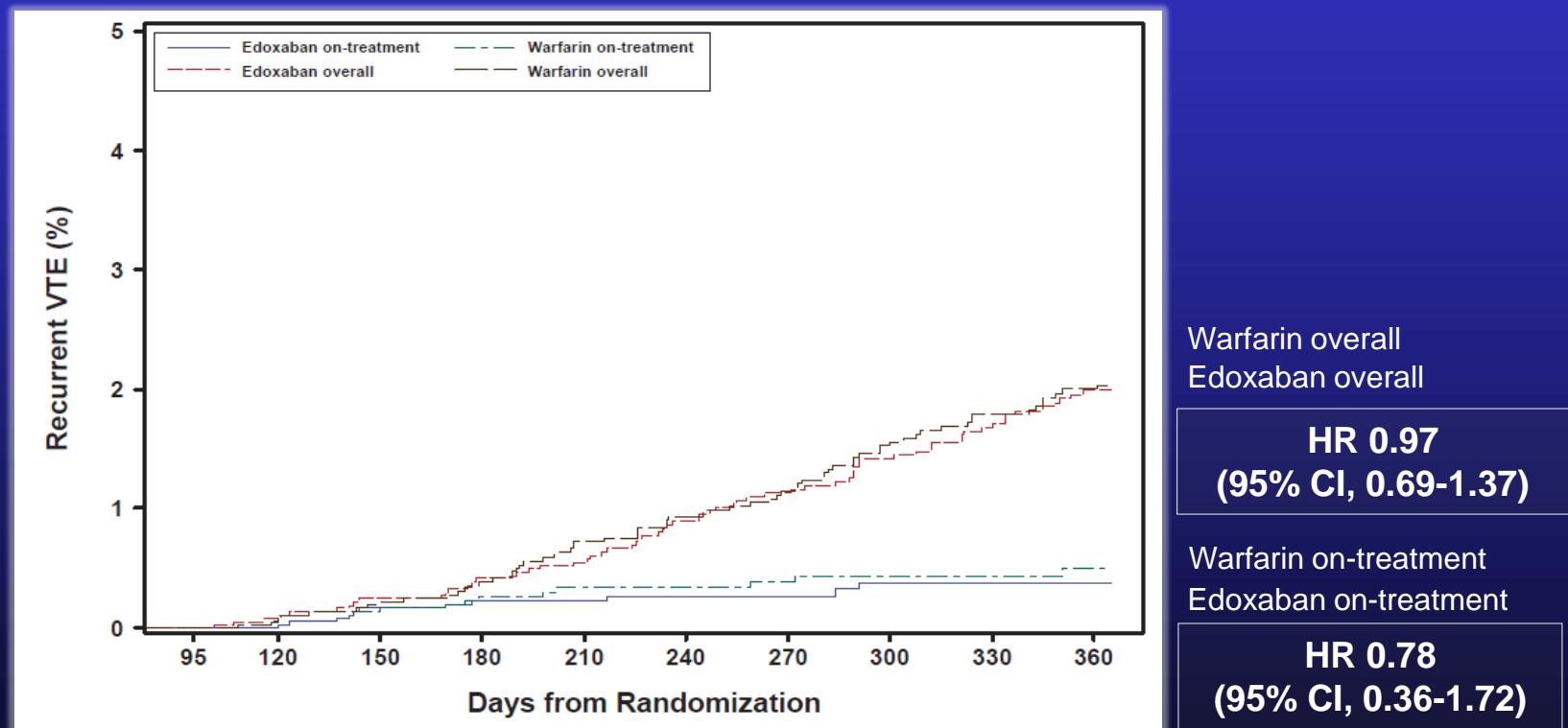
<sup>a</sup>At randomization.

VTE = venous thromboembolism; DVT= deep venous thrombosis; PE = pulmonary embolism.

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# Cumulative Incidence of Recurrent VTE Over Extended Treatment Period (>3 – 12 Months)

- Cumulative incidence of recurrent VTE was similar for edoxaban and warfarin for both on-treatment and overall analyses

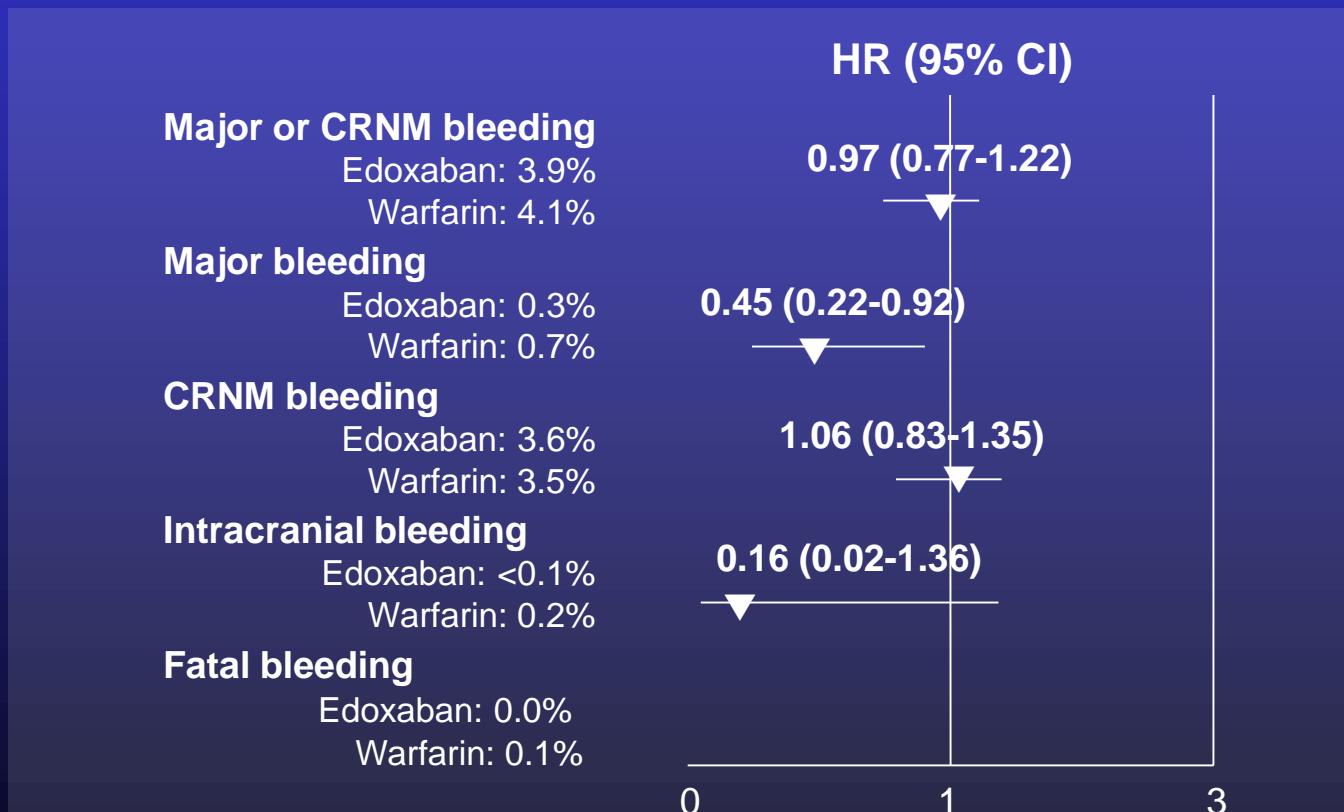


VTE = venous thromboembolism; HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval.

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# Major Bleeding During Extended Treatment Period (>3 -12 Months)

- Significantly lower incidences of major bleeding were observed with edoxaban vs warfarin during the extended treatment period in the on-treatment analysis



HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval; CRNM = clinically relevant non-major.

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Cancer	<b>378 (9)</b>	<b>393 (10)</b>
Previous VTE	<b>784 (19)</b>	<b>736 (18)</b>
Dose of 30 mg, n (%) (e.g. $\leq 60$ kg, CrCl $\geq 30 \leq 50$ ml/min)	<b>733 (18)</b>	<b>719 (17)</b>

# Baseline characteristics - cancer patients

	<b>Edoxaban (N=378)</b>	<b>Warfarin (N= 393)</b>
Mean age, years (SD)	<b>66 (13)</b>	<b>67 (12)</b>
Male gender, n (%)	<b>181 (48)</b>	<b>206 (52)</b>
Qualifying diagnosis, n (%)		
DVT	<b>209 (55)</b>	<b>205 (52)</b>
PE	<b>169 (45)</b>	<b>188 (48)</b>
Cancer status, n		
History of cancer	<b>378</b>	<b>393</b>
Active cancer	<b>109</b>	<b>99</b>
Dose of 30 mg, n (%) (e.g ≤ 60 kg, CrCl≥30 ≤50 ml/min)	<b>97 (26%)</b>	<b>91 (23%)</b>
Duration of treatment, days median (IQ range)	<b>213 (176, 358)</b>	<b>208 (154, 359)</b>

# Relative Efficacy by cancer subgroup

	Edoxaban	Warfarin	HR (95% CI)
<b>History of cancer</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>393</b>	
First Recurrent VTE , n ( % )	14 (3.7)	28 (7.1)	0.53 (0.28 - 1.00)
<b>Active cancer</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>99</b>	
First Recurrent VTE , n (%)	4 (3.7)	7 (7.1)	0.55 (0.16 -1.85)
<b>No cancer at entry , cancer diagnosed during follow-up</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>97</b>	
First Recurrent VTE , n (%)	13 (16.7)	19 (19.6%)	0.73 (0.36, 1.49)
<b>No cancer at entry or during follow-up</b>	<b>3,658</b>	<b>3,629</b>	
First Recurrent VTE , n ( % )	103 (2.8)	99 (2.7)	1.03 (0.78 -1.36)

# Safety outcomes – history of cancer

	<b>Edoxaban (N= 378)</b>	<b>Warfarin (N=393)</b>	<b>Hazard ratio (95% CI)</b>	<b>P Value</b>
<b>Bleeding<sup>†</sup>: First major or clinically relevant non major – no. (%)</b>	<b>47 (12.4)</b>	<b>74 (18.8)</b>	0.64 (0.45 -0.92)	0.0165
Major bleeding – no. (%)	<b>10 (2.6)</b>	<b>13 (3.3)</b>		
Fatal	0	2 (0.5)		
Intracranial	0	2 (0.5)		
Non-Fatal	<b>10 (2.6)</b>	<b>11 (2.8)</b>		
Intracranial	0	<b>5 (1.3)</b>		
Clinically Relevant Non-Major, no. (%)	<b>39 (10.3)</b>	<b>64 (16.3)</b>		
Death (all causes)	<b>40 (10.6%)</b>	<b>40 (10.2%)</b>		

<sup>†</sup> some patients have more than 1 bleeding

# **Conclusions**

## **- Subgroups -**

- **Right ventricular dysfunction**
  - With indicators of RVD (BNP/CT) heparin/edox. more effective than heparin VKA
- **Dose reduction**
  - Efficacy maintained
  - Less bleeding
- **Extended treatment**
  - Efficacy as warfarin
  - Less major bleeding
- **Cancer-VTE**
  - if VKA is used, edoxaban as effective, but safer