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Esperienza dal mondo reale nella gestione delle patologie tromboemboliche e delle terapie anticoagulanti

*Gestione dei pazienti con FA con i farmaci anticoagulanti orali diretti*

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# **Background**

Atrial Fibrillation (AF) is the most common arrhythmia (20.9 M men and 12.6 M women, 1 in 4 middle-aged adult)

AF is associated with a high risk of stroke (4 to 5 fold increase), heart failure and increased mortality

AF complications determine a high burden of health care resources thus making prevention of thromboembolism in AF a challenging healthcare issue

# Overview

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Real world and DOAC:

- Bleeding and head-to-head comparison
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# Lo studio ATA-AF: la realta' italiana

Use of vitamin K antagonists (VKA) in real life settings is

100. cumbersome and it seems far from guideline recommendations

80. Frail patients are more often seen in Internal Medicine wards

60. Fraction of patients in whom prescription of VKA is based on  
40. other individual characteristics (cognitive status, type of atrial fibrillation, etc.) than risk score is not negligible.

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# **La popolazione europea: il registro PREFER AF (7243 pz)**

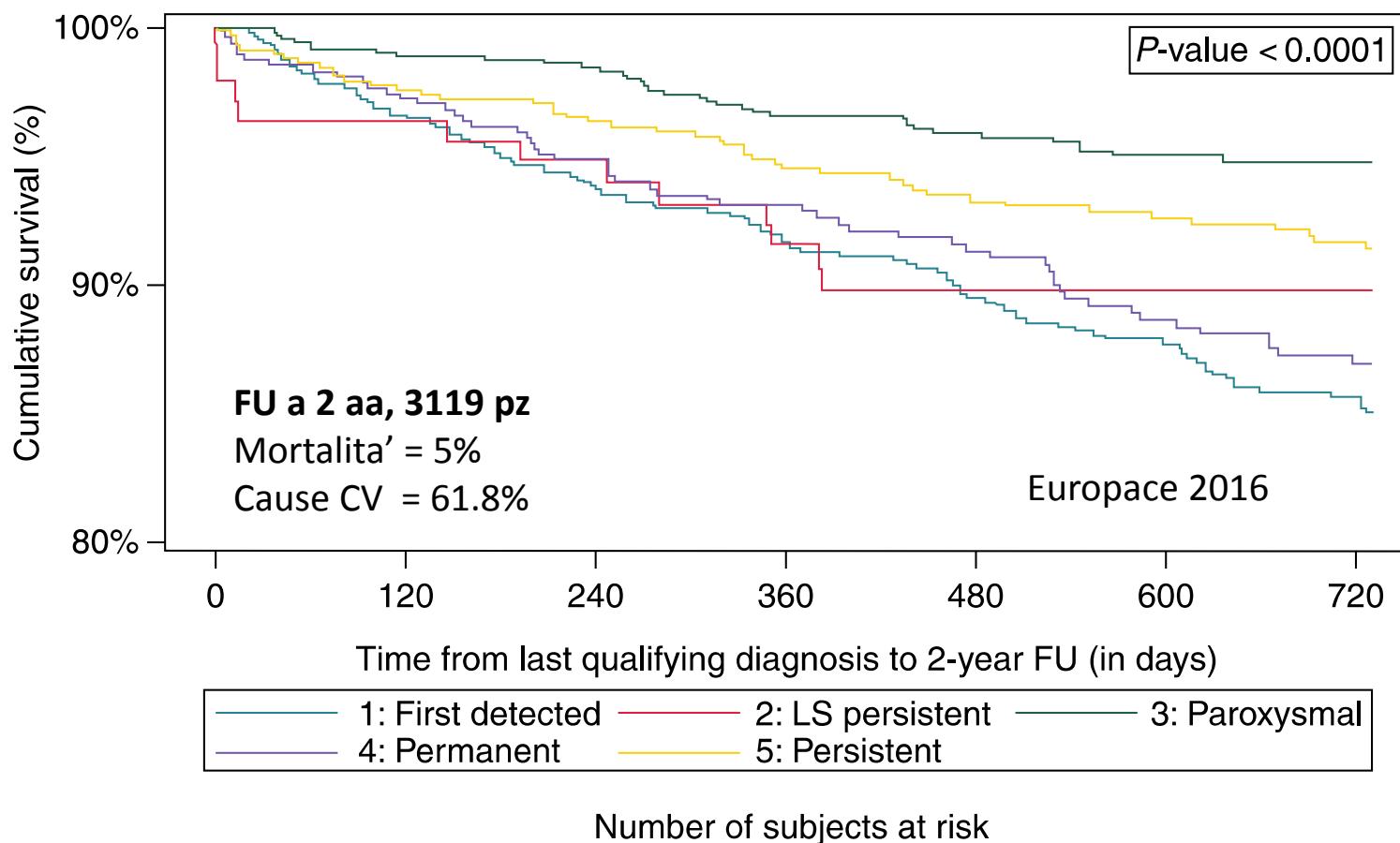
The use of adequate anticoagulation has increased as compared with previous registries

The rate of inappropriate therapy with anticoagulants in patients without risk factors for stroke remains high

Interestingly, new oral anticoagulants were given to younger patients than VKAs, probably reflecting both patient preference and a tendency to use these new medications cautiously at first, despite their proven safety in clinical trials

# Prognosis and treatment of atrial fibrillation patients by European cardiologists: One Year Follow-up of the EURObservational Research Programme-Atrial Fibrillation General Registry Pilot Phase (EORP-AF Pilot registry)

Gregory Y.H. Lip<sup>1\*</sup>, Cécile Laroche<sup>2</sup>, Popescu Mircea Ioachim<sup>3</sup>, **Eur Heart J 2014; 35:3365**



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# Representativeness of the dabigatran, apixaban and rivaroxaban clinical trial populations to real-world atrial

**Table 1** Proportion of GPRD AF patients who met inclusion/exclusion criteria for RE-LY, ARISTOTLE and ROCKET-AF, stratified by risk of stroke and assessment method

Patient population	Anticoagulant eligibility	GPRD AF patient population, N (%)	RE-LY GPRD AF patients meeting trial criteria, n (% (95% CI))	ARISTOTLE GPRD AF patients meeting trial criteria, n (% (95% CI))	ROCKET-AF GPRD AF patients meeting trial criteria, n (% (95% CI))
Total GPRD AF population	Not anticoagulant-eligible/potentially anticoagulant-eligible/should receive anticoagulant according to guidelines	83 898 (100)	53 640 (64 (63.59 to 64.41))	51 415 (61 (60.58 to 61.42))	39 892 (48 (47.66 to 48.34))
<b>Intermediate-risk or high-risk patients</b>					
CHADS <sub>2</sub> ≥ 1	Potentially anticoagulant-eligible/should receive anticoagulant according to guidelines	71 493 (85)	52 783 (74 (73.68 to 74.32))	51 415 (72 (71.67 to 72.33))	39 892 (56 (55.64 to 56.36))
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc ≥ 1	Potentially anticoagulant-eligible/should receive anticoagulant according to guidelines	78 783 (94)	53 640 (68 (67.67 to 68.33))	51 163 (65 (64.67 to 65.33))	39 892 (51 (50.65 to 51.35))
<b>High-risk patients</b>					
CHADS <sub>2</sub> ≥ 2	Should receive anticoagulant according to guidelines	49 099 (59)	38 493 (78 (77.63 to 78.37))	35 712 (73 (72.61 to 73.39))	39 892 (81 (80.65 to 81.35))
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc ≥ 2	Should receive anticoagulant according to guidelines	72 824 (87)	53 059 (73 (72.68 to 73.32))	50 623 (70 (69.67 to 70.33))	39 835 (55 (54.64 to 55.36))

AF, atrial fibrillation; GPRD, General Practice Research Database.

# RELY-ABLE®

## ● Obiettivi

- Confermare l'efficacia e la sicurezza del trattamento con Dabigatran a seguito dello studio RE-LY®

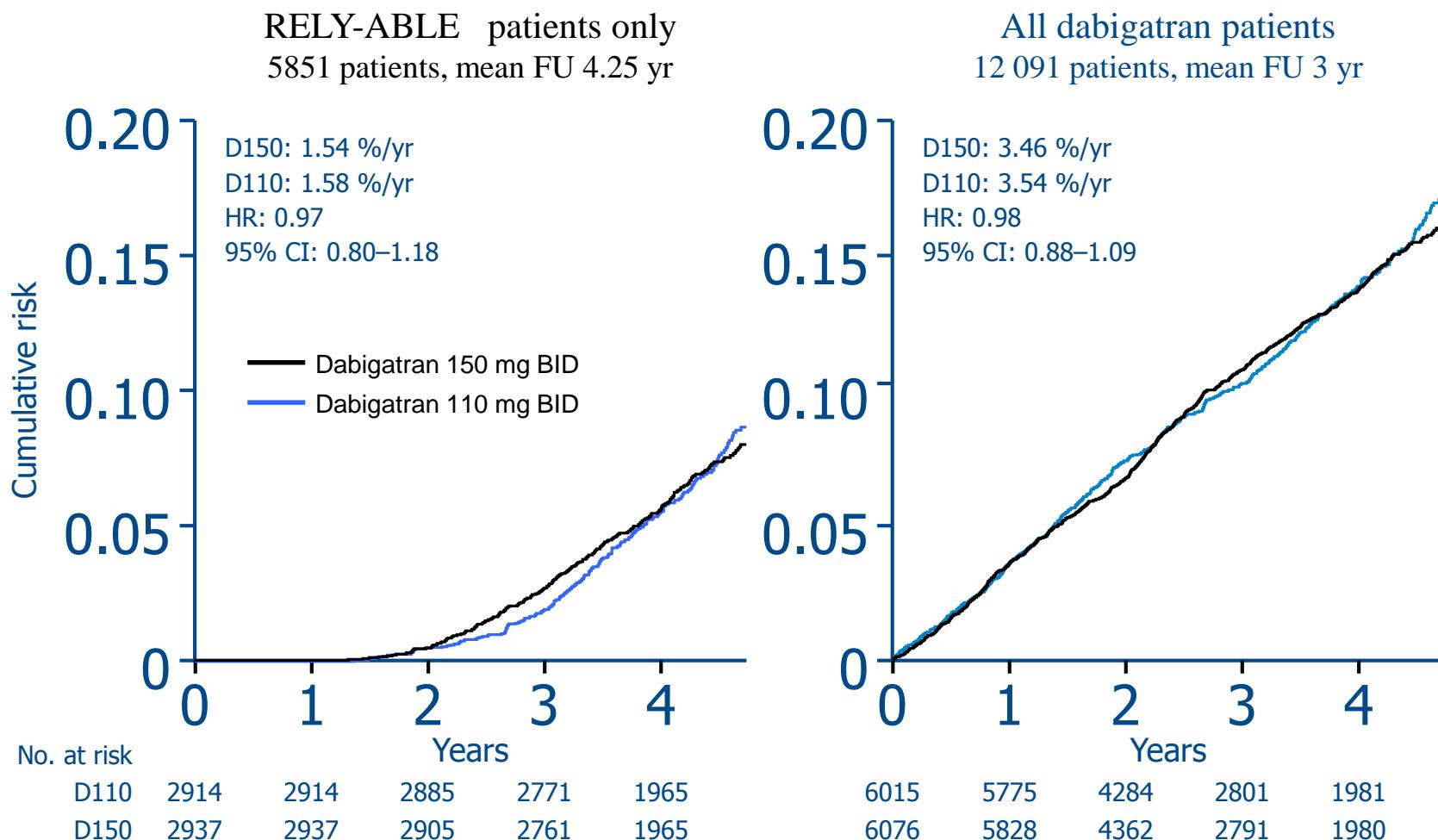
## ● Metodi

- Pazienti eleggibili al termine dello studio RE-LY® se:
  - In vita e ancora in trattamento con il dosaggio di dabigatran assegnato nello studio
- Il dosaggio di Dabigatran assegnato in cieco nello studio RE-LY® è stato mantenuto in RELY-ABLE® per ulteriori 2,3 anni

## ● Analisi

- Descrizione di due periodi di follow-up
  - RELY-ABLE® (post-RE-LY®)
  - RE-LY® + RELY-ABLE® (dall'inizio di RE-LY® fino alla fine di RELY-ABLE®)

# Total mortality: RE-LY® + RELY-ABLE® periods



BID = twice daily; D150 and D110 = dabigatran 150 and 110 mg BID, respectively; FU = follow-up;  
HR = hazard ratio

# XANTUS: overview

## Safety in AF patients

**XANTUS**

**Objective:** collect real-life data on AEs, bleeding, thromboembolic events and mortality in patients with non-valvular AF treated with rivaroxaban

### **Population:**

Non-valvular AF (N=6000 in Europe), rivaroxaban treatment for stroke/non-CNS systemic embolism prevention

Rivaroxaban; dose and treatment duration at physician's discretion

Data collection at initial visit, hospital discharge (if applicable) and quarterly\*

**Start:** Q2-12  
**End:** ~Q1-15

**Primary EP: major bleeding, AE and SAE, all cause death**

Final visit:  
1 year<sup>#</sup>

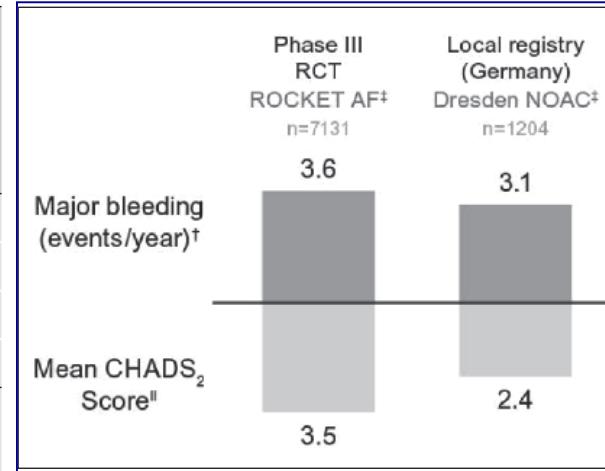
\*Exact referral dates for follow-up visits not defined (every 3 months recommended)

<sup>#</sup>In rivaroxaban discontinuation ≤1 year, observation period ends 30 days after last dose

# Impiego dei DOACs nel mondo reale: il registro di DRESDEN (> 2700 pz)

	All riva-roxaban SPAF patients (n=1204)	Rivaroxaban 20 mg OD at baseline (n=820)	Rivaroxaban 15 mg OD at baseline (n=384)	P-value 20 mg vs 15 mg OD
Stroke/TIA/systemic embolism	1.7 (1.2–2.3)	1.25 (0.8–1.9)	2.7 (1.6–4.2)	0.0163
All major cardiovascular events	2.0 (1.4–2.6)	1.7 (1.2–2.5)	2.5 (1.5–4.0)	0.2145
ACS	1.1 (0.7–1.6)	0.8 (0.4–1.4)	1.8 (0.9–3.1)	0.0444
Major VTE	0.35 (0.2–0.7)	0.4 (0.1–0.8)	0.3 (0.04–1.1)	0.4752

Values are events/100 patient-years (95 % CI). ACS, acute coronary syndrome; VTE, venous thromboembolism.



Dresden NOAC registry (69)	Germany; prospective, observational database of private practices and community hospitals; n=>2000 (target)	To characterise the patient profiles of those receiving NOACs, as well as treatment patterns and long-term effectiveness and safety of NOACs in a number of settings
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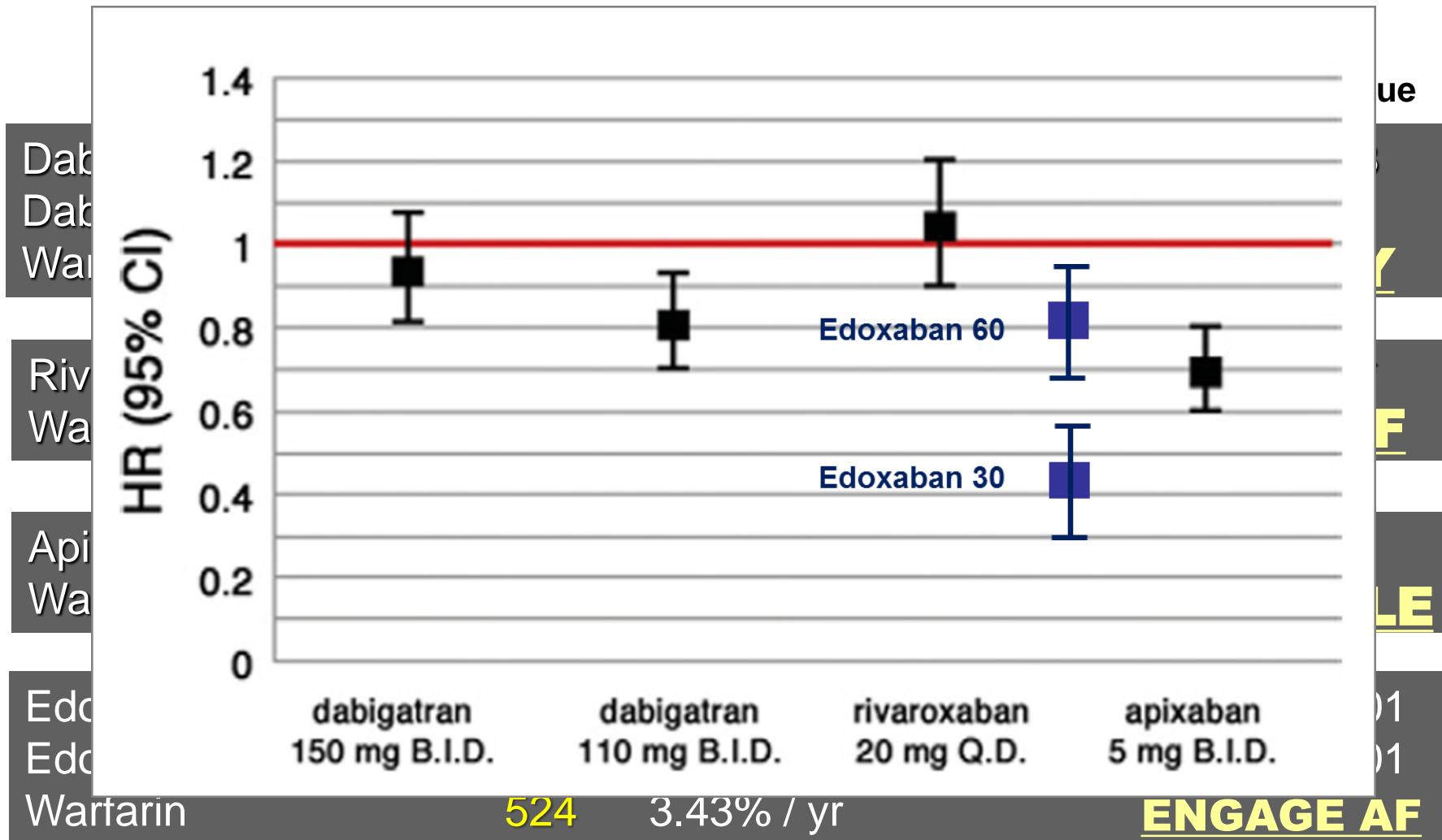
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# Major Bleeding



\*On Treatment p-value

# Principali sedi di sanguinamento maggiore HR rispetto a Warfarin

Sede	Dabigatran 110 mg 150 mg	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban 60 mg 30 mg
Gastrointestinali	1.10 1.50	1.45	0.89	1.23 0.67
In organo o area critica	?	0.69	?	0.51 0.32
↓Hb ≥ 2 dr/dL	?	1.22	?	0.98 0.56
Pericolosi per la vita	0.81 0.68	<<	?	0.51 0.32
Clinicamente rilevanti (non maggiori)	?	<<	0.68*	0.86 0.66

\* Maggiori e non maggiori clinicamente rilevanti

Patel MR et al, NEJM 2011; Connolly SJ, et al. N Engl J Med. 2009;361:1139-1151; Granger C et al, N Eng J Med; 2011; Giugliano RP et al NEJM 2013

# Dabigatran and Postmarketing Reports of Bleeding

Mary Ross Southworth, Pharm.D., Marsha E. Reichman, Ph.D., and Ellis F. Unger, M.D.

**Intracranial and Gastrointestinal Bleeding Events in New Users of Dabigatran and Warfarin from the Mini-Sentinel Distributed Database, October 2010 through December 2011.\***

Analysis	Dabigatran			Warfarin		
	No. of Patients	No. of Events	Incidence <i>no. of events/ 100,000 days at risk</i>	No. of Patients	No. of Events	Incidence <i>no. of events/ 100,000 days at risk</i>
<b>Gastrointestinal hemorrhage</b>						
Analysis with required diagnosis of atrial fibrillation	10,599	16	1.6	43,541	160	3.5
Sensitivity analysis without required diagnosis of atrial fibrillation	12,195	19	1.6	119,940	338	3.1
<b>Intracranial hemorrhage</b>						
Analysis with required diagnosis of atrial fibrillation	10,587	8	0.8	43,594	109	2.4
Sensitivity analysis without required diagnosis of atrial fibrillation	12,182	10	0.9	120,020	204	1.9

\* Patients were included in the cohorts if, in the 183 days before the index dispensing of dabigatran or warfarin, they were enrolled in plans for drug and medical coverage and had been given a diagnosis of atrial fibrillation in any care setting. Patients were excluded from the cohorts if, in the 183 days before the index dispensing, they had a claim for an event of interest in an inpatient or emergency department setting or a claim for dispensing of dabigatran or warfarin. Events were assessed during drug exposure, from inpatient or emergency department settings only.



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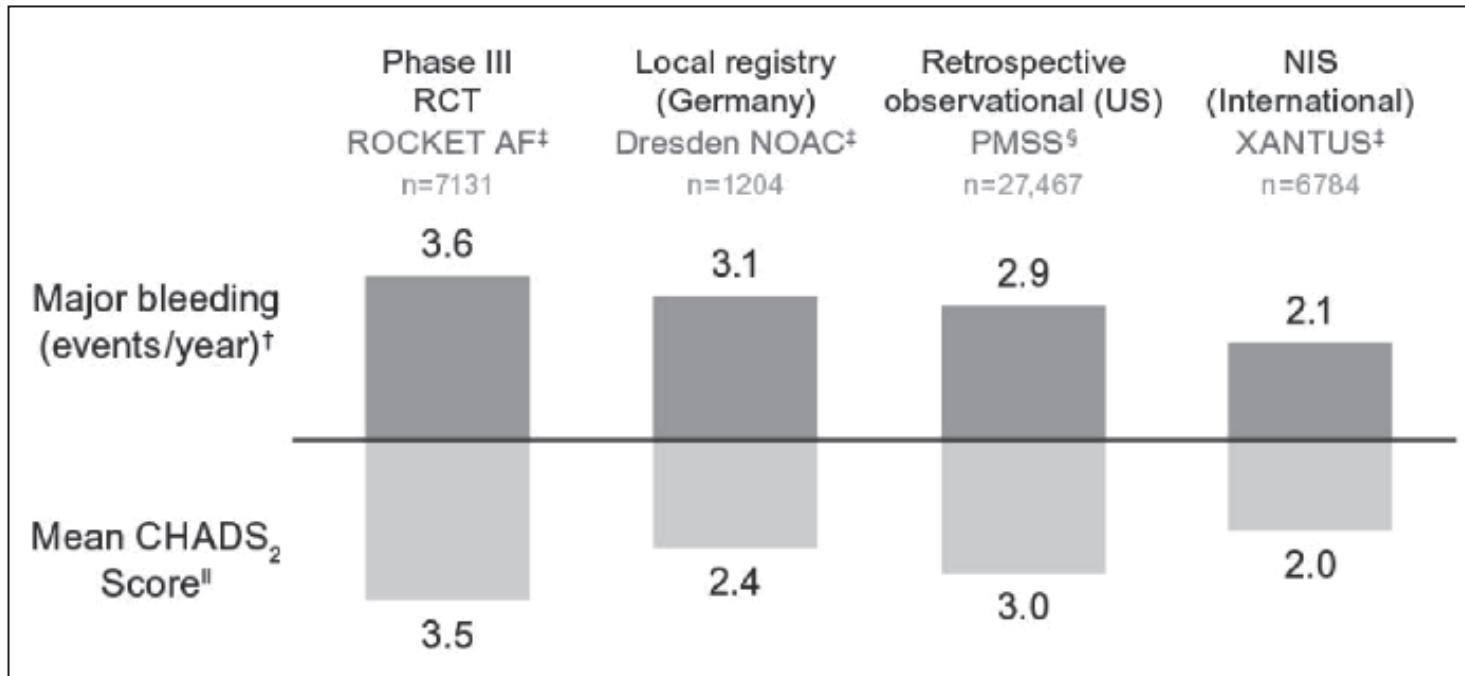
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	Incidence rate per 1,000 person-years	Adjusted hazard ratio (95% CI)
Pradaxa® (dabigatran)	Warfarin	
Ischemic stroke	11.3	13.9
Intracranial haemorrhage	3.3	9.6
Major GI bleeding	34.2	26.5
Acute MI	15.7	16.9
Mortality	32.6	37.8
		0.86 (0.77-0.96)

# Rivaroxaban e sanguinamenti nel mondo reale



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Major bleeding	3.0 (2.3–3.8)	2.4 (1.7–3.3)	4.5 (3.0–6.5)	0.0073
Any bleeding	61.5 (57.2–66.0)	64.4 (59.1–70.0)	55.5 (48.5–63.2)	0.0593
Minor bleeding	34.9 (32.0–38.0)	37.9 (34.3–41.9)	28.4 (23.9–33.6)	0.0028
NMCR bleeding	22.75 (20.6–25.0)	22.2 (19.7–24.9)	24.0 (20.1–28.4)	0.3668

Values are events/100 patient-years (95 % CI).

# Hemorrhagic Stroke

		HR	ITT : <i>p</i> -value
Dabigatran 110 mg	0.12% / yr	0.31	<0.001
Dabigatran 150 mg	0.10% / yr	0.26	<0.001
Warfarin	0.38% / yr		<b><u>RELY</u></b>
Rivaroxaban 20 mg	0.26% / yr	0.59	0.012*
Warfarin	0.44% / yr		<b><u>ROCKET-AF</u></b>
Apixaban 5 mg	0.24% / yr	0.51	<0.001
Warfarin	0.47% / yr		<b><u>ARISTOTLE</u></b>
Edoxaban 60 mg	0.26% / yr	0.54	<0.001
Edoxaban 30 mg	0.16% / yr	0.33	<0.001
Warfarin	0.47% / yr		<b><u>ENGAGE AF</u></b>

\* Modified ITT Analysis (per-protocol analysis)

# RELY-ABLE®: risultati di sicurezza

5851 pazienti sono stati trattati con Dabigatran mediamente per 2,3 anni

Evento	D150 mg BID (%/yr)	D110 mg BID (%/yr)	HR	IC al 95%
Sanguinamenti maggiori	3.74	2.99	1.26	1.04-1.53
- Pericolosi per la vita	1.79	1.57	1.14	0.87-1.49
- Gastrointestinali	1.54	1.56	0.99	0.75-1.31
- Intra-cranico	0.33	0.25	1.31	0.68-2.51
- Extra-cranico	3.43	2.82	1.23	1.01-1.49
- Fatale	0.24	0.25	0.94	0.46-1.89
Sanguinamenti minori	9.70	8.19	1.21	1.07-1.36

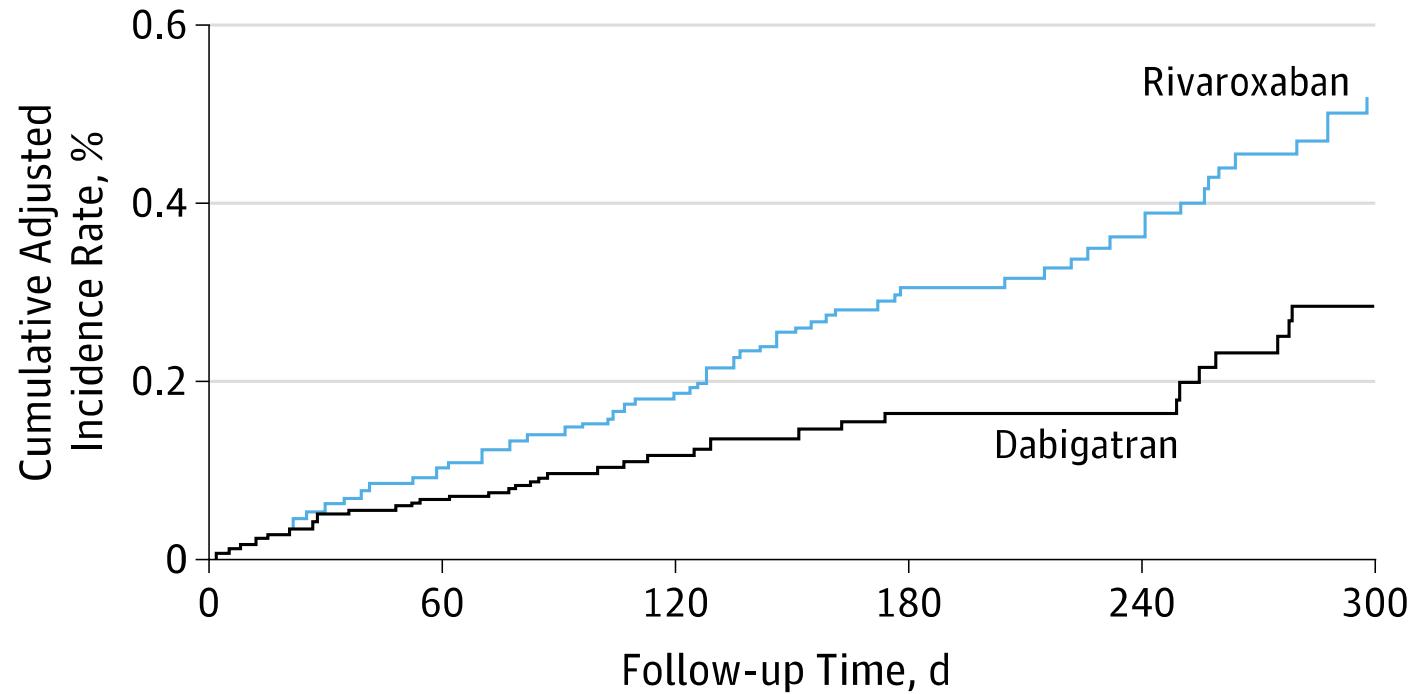
D150 BID = Dabigatran 150 mg due volte al giorno; D110 mg BID = Dabigatran 110 mg due volte al giorno; HR = hazard ratio;  
IC = intervallo di confidenza

Connolly SJ, et al. Randomized Comparison of the Effects of Two Doses of Dabigatran Etxilate on Clinical Outcomes Over 4.3 Years: Results of the RELY-ABLE Double-blind Randomized Trial. Presentato il 7 November 2012 al Congresso American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2012.  
<http://www.newshome.com/af-stroke/atrial-fibrillation-stroke/rely-able-webcast-connolly.aspx>

# Hemorrhagic Stroke

B Intracranial hemorrhage

JAMA 3 October 2016



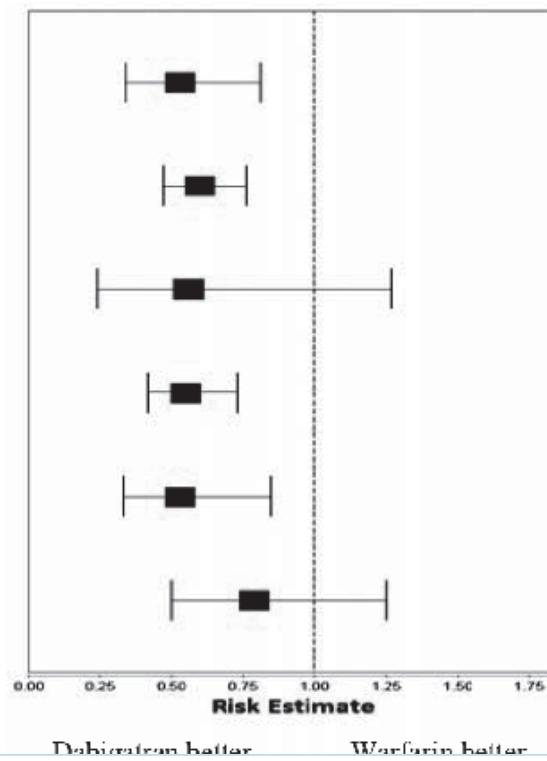
Weighted No.  
at risk

Dabigatran	52 264	26 729	13 355	9 236	6 156	4 384
Rivaroxaban	66 630	35 707	19 527	12 947	8 511	5 753

# DOACs e anziani nel mondo reale

## 2C. Intracranial Bleeding

Dabigatran Dose	Age	Adjusted HR (95%CI)
All	<75	0.53 (0.34, 0.81)
	≥75	0.60 (0.47, 0.76)
110 mg	<75	0.56 (0.24, 1.27)
	≥75	0.55 (0.42, 0.73)
150 mg	<75	0.53 (0.33, 0.85)
	≥75	0.79 (0.50, 1.25)

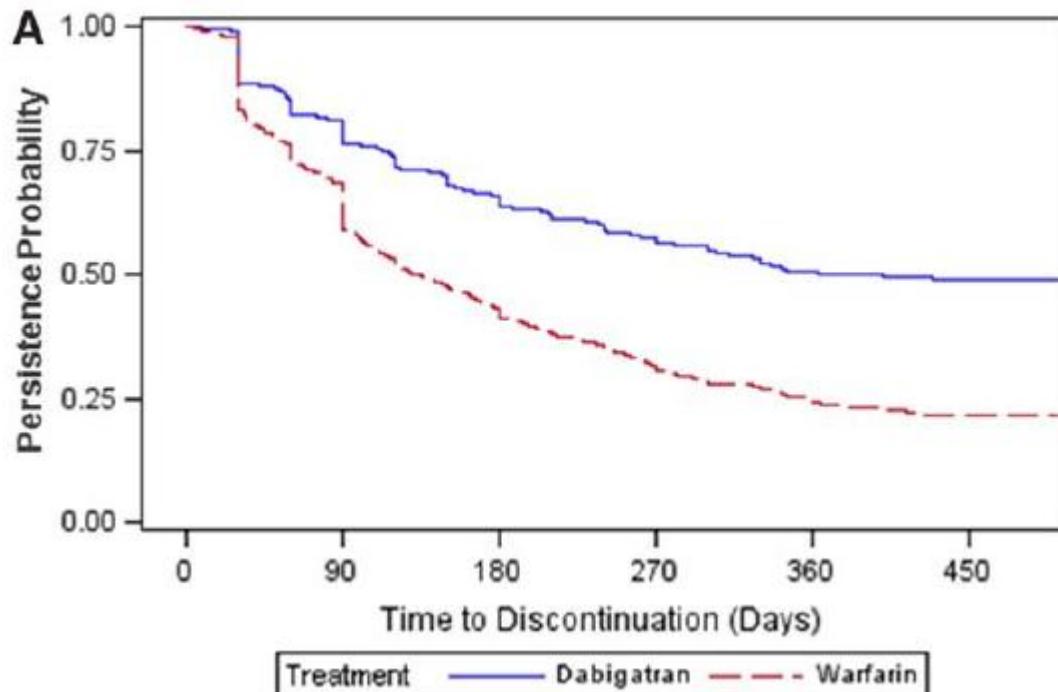


Agvil-Tsadok M et al Thromb Haemost 2016; 115: 152 - 160

## Higher Persistence in Newly Diagnosed Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation Patients Treated With Dabigatran Versus Warfarin

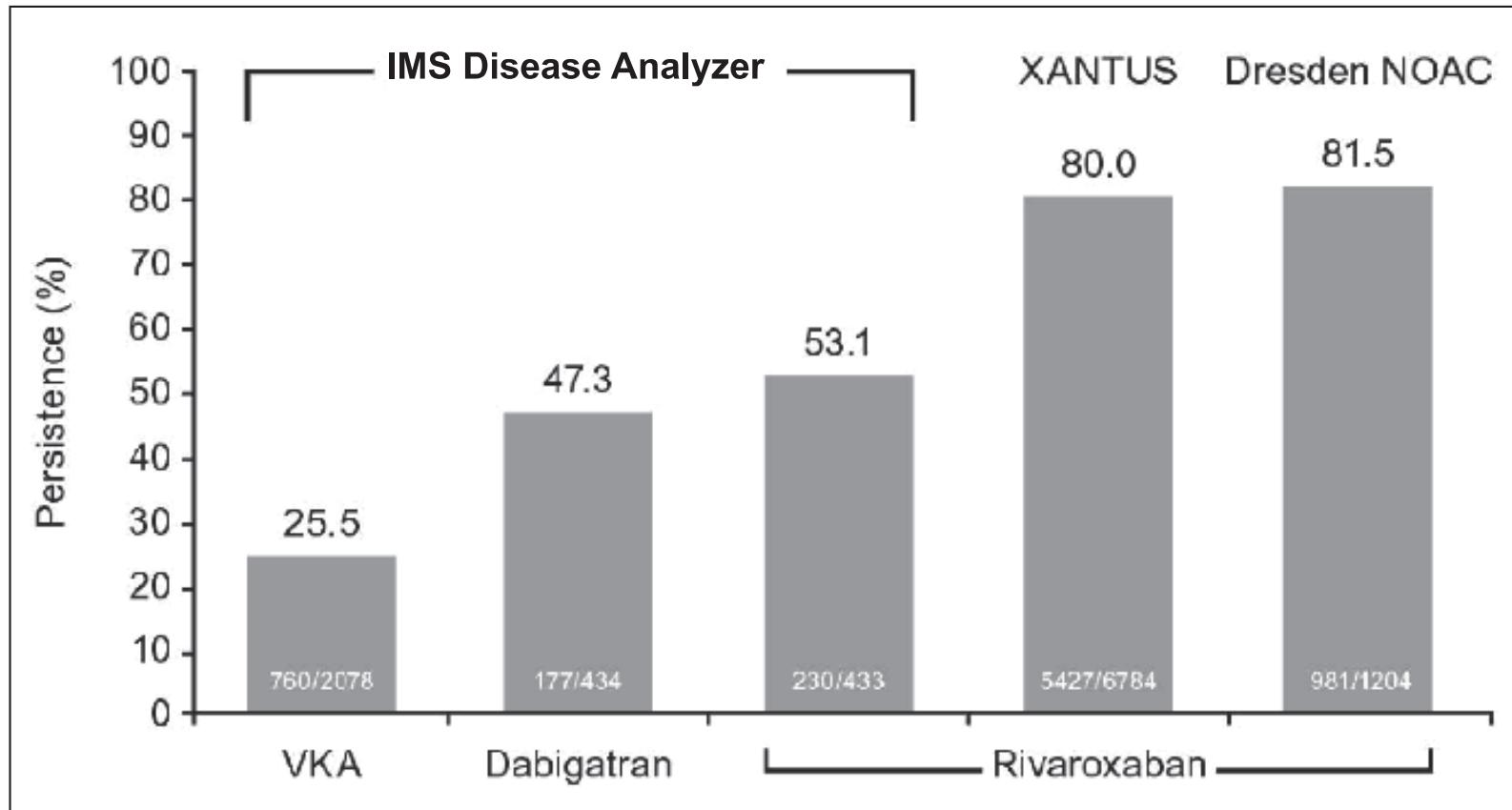
Martin Zalesak, MD, PhD; Kimberly Siu, MD, MPH; Kevin Francis, BS; Chen Yu, BA; Hasmik Alvrtsyan, MS; Yajing Rao, MS; David Walker, PhD; Stephen Sander, PharmD; Gavin Miyasato, MS; David Matchar, MD; Herman Sanchez, MBA

**Conclusions—**Patients who initiated dabigatran treatment were more persistent than patients who began warfarin treatment. Within each cohort, patients with lower stroke risk were more likely to discontinue therapy.



# Impiego dei DOACs nel mondo reale

## Persistenza in trattamento



Beier-Westendorf J et al Thromb Haemost 2016; 116(Suppl 2): S13 –S23

# Patient empowerment

- Patient empowerment aims on a fundamental change of this traditional behaviour. The patient should no longer be a passive element but should actively contribute to the health care process by
  - his / her competence and knowledge
  - participation in decision process
  - self treatment and self assessment
  - high degree of compliance driven by knowledge
- ..... participation of patients in the medical decision process is a fundamental human right as recently defined by the EU and UN.

# **Patients empowerment in AF**

## **Patient perspective**

- Many pts have poor understanding of AF
- From surveys more than 30% were unaware of having AF and did not know why they were taking a VKA
- A similar number did not know they were at risk of stroke
- 60% felt that their condition was not severe

Lip G et al. Stroke 2002

## **Empowered pts**

- Self screening for AF in subjects at risk
- Screening campaigns for AF detection
- Shared decision making on risks/benefits of anticoagulants
- Shared decision on NOACs vs VKA and on ablation
- Prompt recognition of stroke

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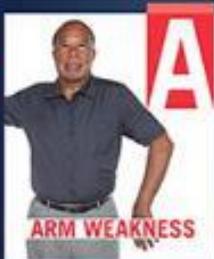




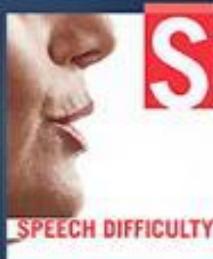
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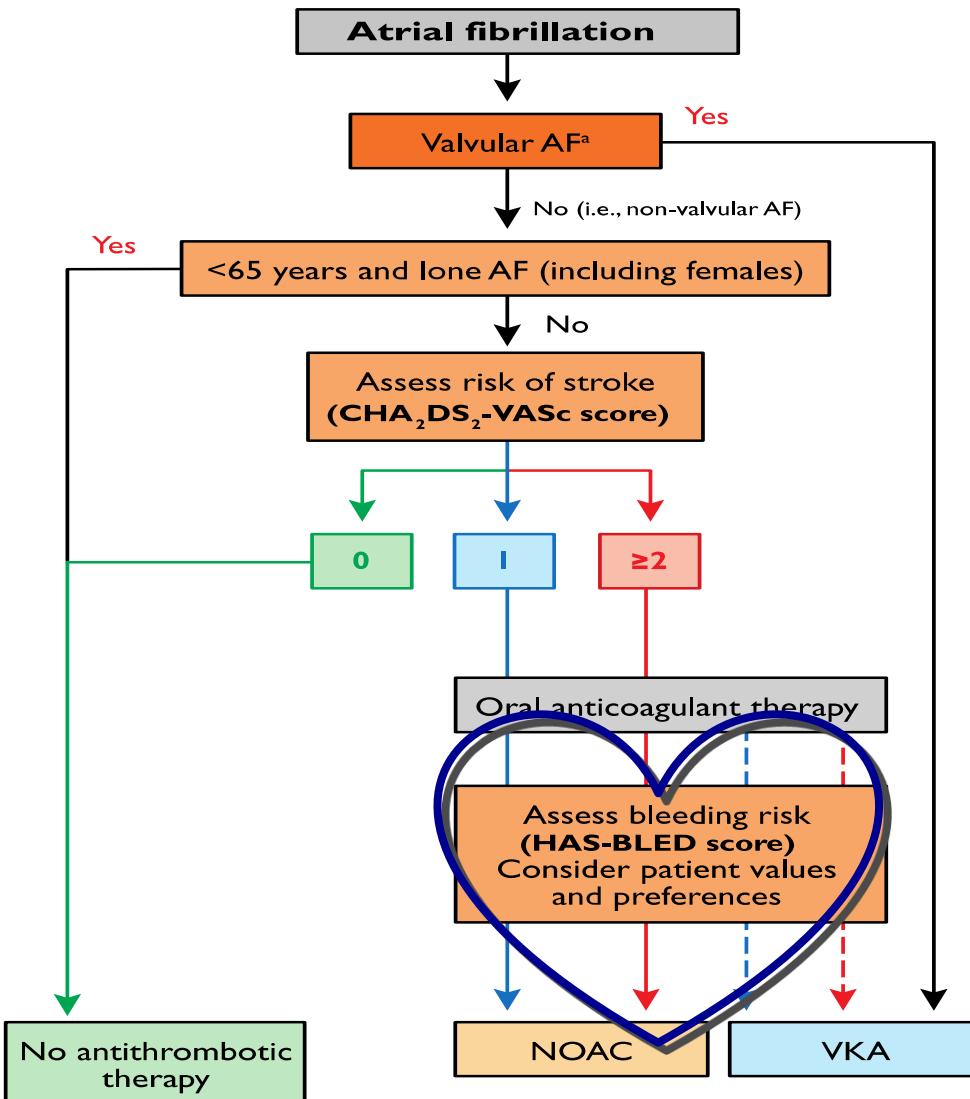
# FA: ESC guidelines 2012/2016

## Recommendations

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An integrated approach structured organization follow-up should be considered in patients with AF, aiming at guidelines adherence, hospitalizations and mortality.

Placing patients in a central role in decision-making should be considered in order to improve management to patients and improve adherence to long-term therapy.



## In conclusione

I dati del mondo reale relativi ai nuovi farmaci si aggiungono a quelli degli studi registrativi e in larga misura confermano i benefici e i potenziali rischi già emersi nel corso di questi ultimi

Articolandosi in NIS, registri e analisi retrospettiva di database elettronici forniscono un numero rilevante di informazioni la cui analisi è tutt'altro che scontata

La diffusione dei DOACs è in costante aumento anche grazie ai dati di safety emersi dalla ricerca clinica. Alcune realtà come quella italiana stanno recuperando almeno in parte il gap prescrittivo iniziale in parte originato da problemi amministrativi e in parte dalla stessa comunità dei medici

Il ruolo del paziente nella scelta della terapia e nella futura ricerca clinica è sempre maggiore e non può essere ignorato dalla comunità scientifica internazionale

