

DOACs: focus, gestione perioperatoria, strategie di reverse

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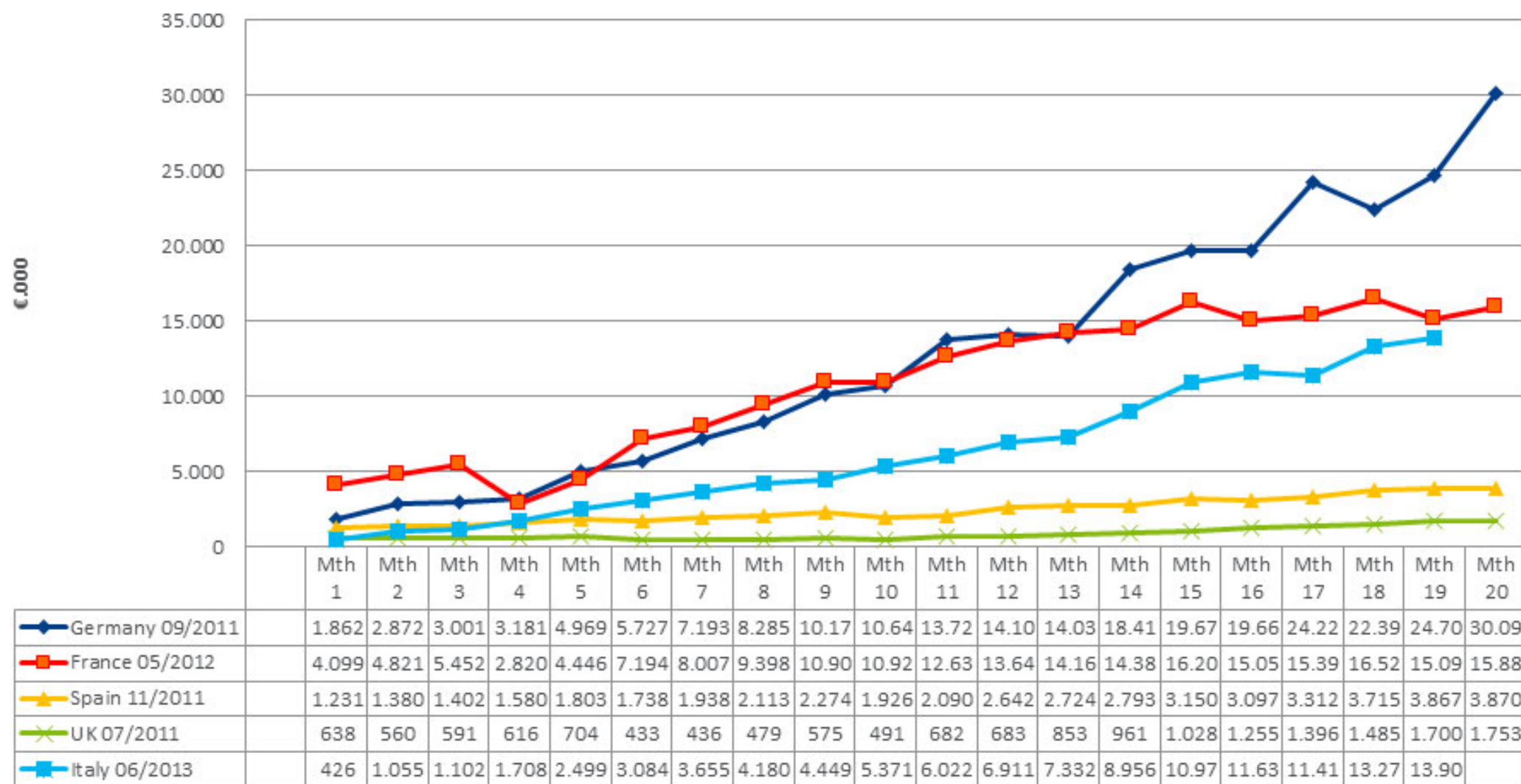
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Attuali indicazioni ai farmaci anticoagulanti orali diretti

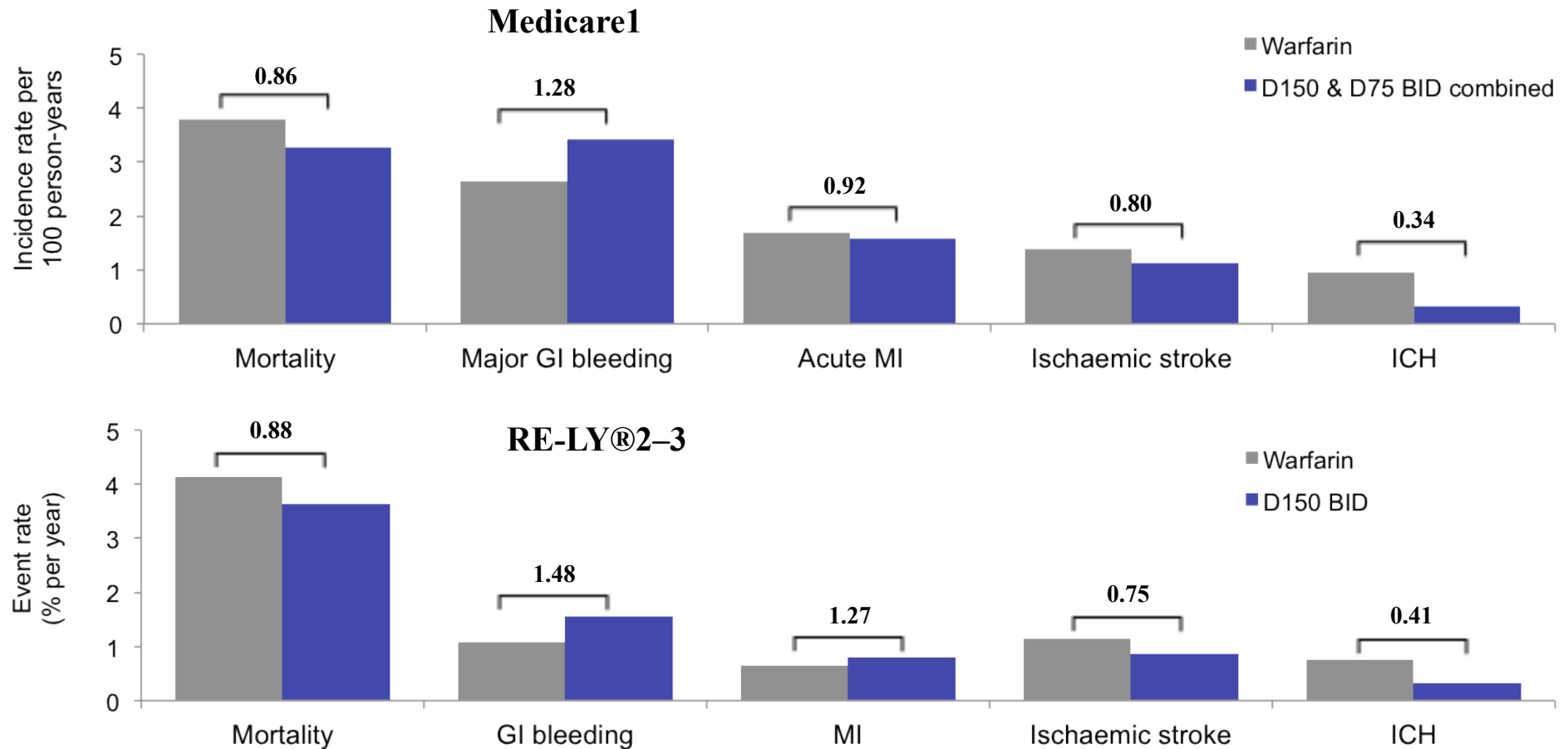
- **Prevenzione dell'ictus nei pazienti con Fibrillazione Atriale non valvolare (tutti)**
- **Sindromi coronariche acute (rivaroxaban)**
- **Prevenzione del tromboembolismo venoso in pazienti sottoposti a chirurgia protesica di anca e ginocchio (apixaban, dabigatran, rivaroxaban)**
- **Terapia acuta e prevenzione secondaria di TVP ed embolia polmonare (tutti)**

NOACs Launch Uptake by Country Comparison

Total NOAC - Cumulative Value (.000 LEU) - SPAF Launch - Total



Independent FDA Medicare analysis and findings from RE-LY®

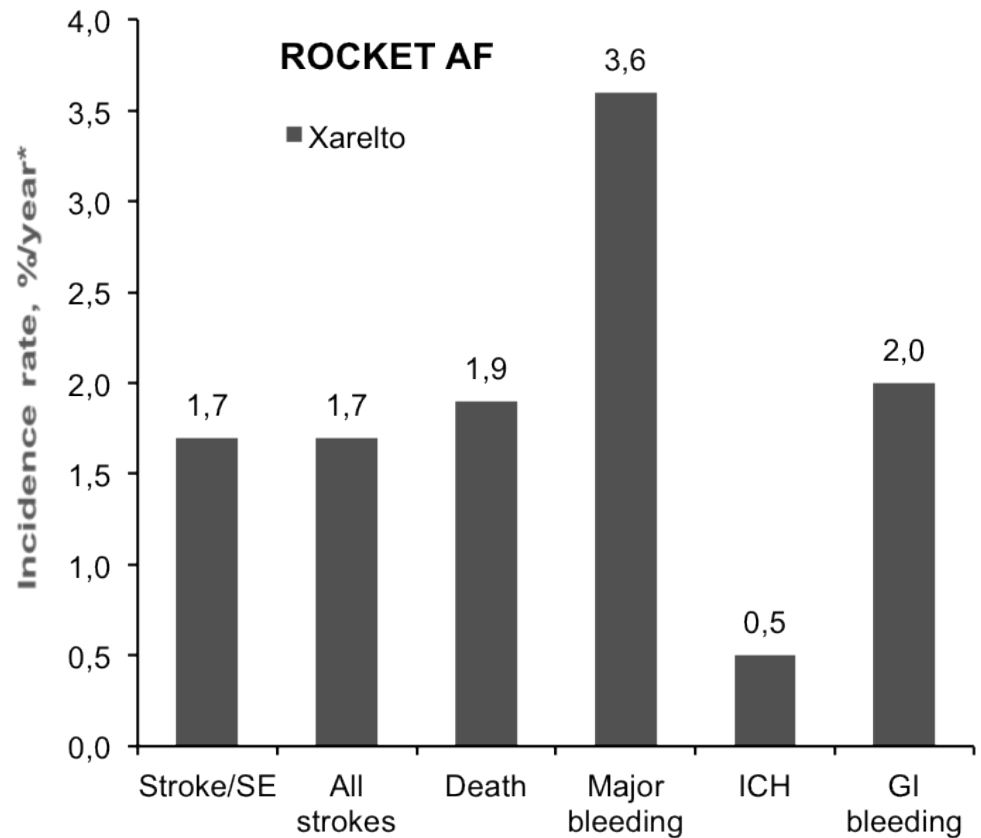
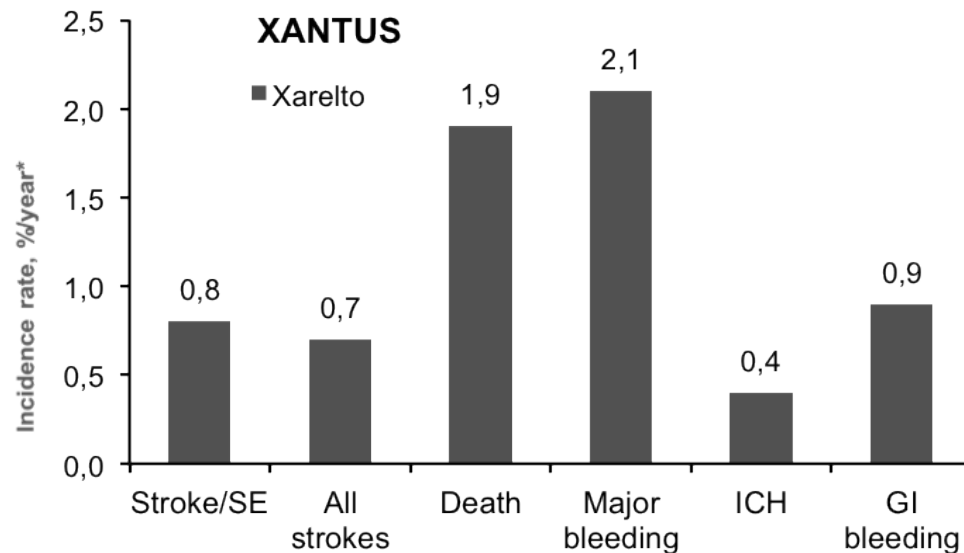


Numbers on bars denote HRs vs warfarin. D75 = dabigatran 75 mg; D150 = dabigatran 150 mg

1. Graham DJ et al Circulation 2014; 2. Connolly SJ et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:1139-51; 3. Connolly SJ et al. N Engl J Med 2010;363:1875-

Comparison of Main Outcomes: XANTUS versus ROCKET AF

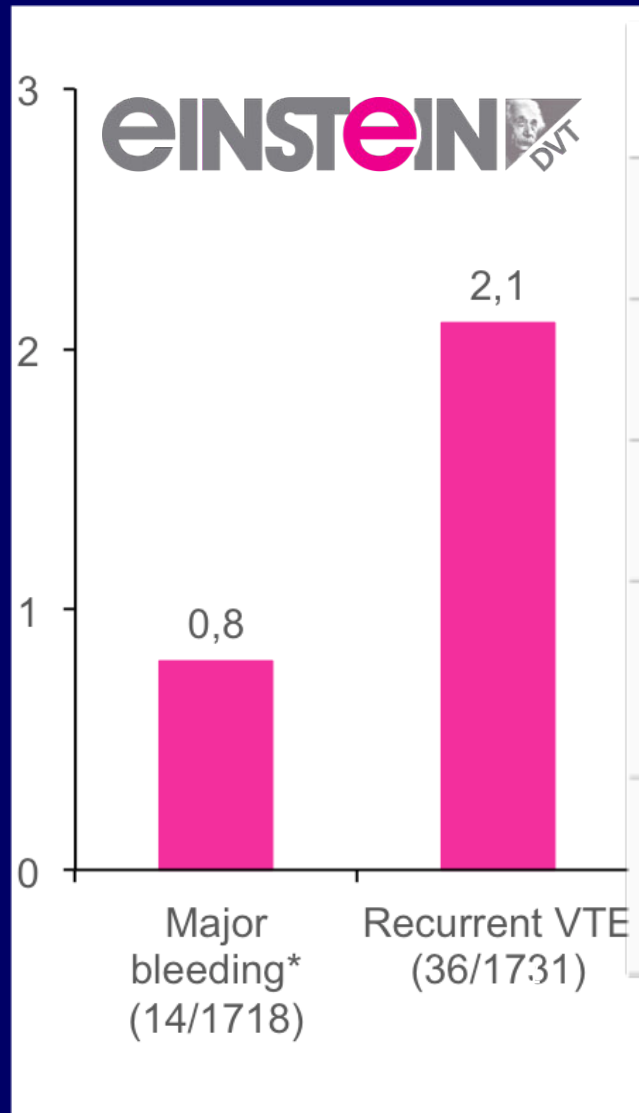
	CHADS2	Prior stroke#
ROCKET AF1	3.5	55%
XANTUS2	2.0	19%



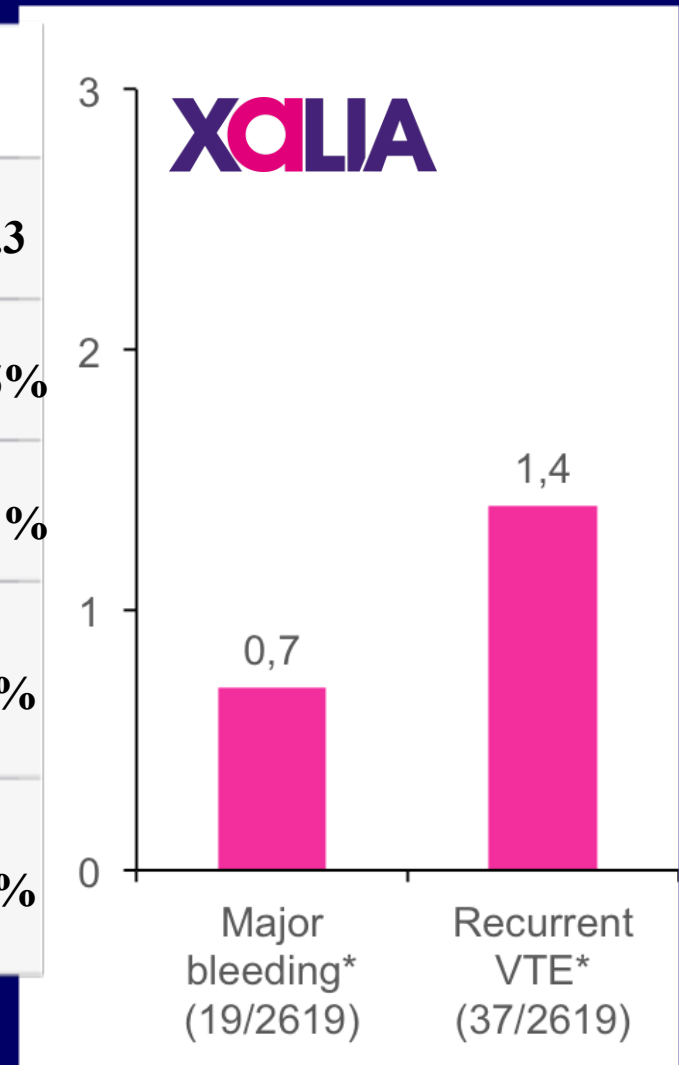
#Includes prior stroke, SE or TIA; *Events per 100 patient-years

EINSTEIN DVT and XALIA: Rivaroxaban Outcomes

Incidence (% of patients)



Characteristic		
55.8	Age (years)	57.3
57.4%	Male	54.5%
19.4%	Previous VTE	24.1%
6.8%	Baseline active cancer	5.6%
6.2%	Known thrombophilia	6.0%



Sospensione periprocedurale elettiva degli anticoagulanti orali diretti

- **La tempistica dipende dal farmaco**
- **La funzionalità renale è determinante**
- **I test di laboratorio pre-procedura non sono necessari (se utilizzati, meglio quelli specifici: tempo di trombina diluito, attività anti fattore Xa)**
- **Non utilizzare mai EBPM come bridging**
- **La tempistica della ripresa dipende dal rischio emorragico, ricordare che l'effetto anticoagulante è immediato**

Caratteristiche farmacocinetiche e farmacodinamiche dei nuovi farmaci

	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Rivaroxaban	Edoxaban
Target	IIa (trombina)	Xa	Xa	Xa
Ore al Cmax	0.5-2.0	3.0-4.0	2.0-4.0	1.0-2.0
Interazioni	P-gp	P-gp and CYP3A4	P-gp and CYP3A4	P-gp
Emivita	14-17 h	12-15h	9-13h	8-10h
Eliminazione renale	80%	27%	33%	50%

Estimated drug half lives and effect on AUC NOAC plasma concentrations in different stages of CKD compared to healthy controls

	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
CrCl >80 mL/min	12–17 h ⁶¹	12 h	10–14 h ^{51,65}	5–9 h (young) 11–13 h (elderly)
CrCl 50–80 mL/min	~17 h ¹²²	~14.6 h ¹²³	~8.6 h ¹²⁴	~8.7 h ¹²⁵
CKD Stages I and II	19 h +320%	17.6 h +29%	9.4 h +74%	9.0 h +52%
CrCl 30–50 mL/min	~19 h ¹²²	~17.6 h	~9.4 h ¹²⁴	~9.0 h
CKD Stage III	(+320%)	(+29%)	(+74%) ^{SmPC}	(+52%) ¹²⁶
CrCl 15–30 mL/min	~28 h ¹²²	~17.3 h	~16.9 h ¹²⁴	~9.5 h
CKD Stage IV	(+530%)	(+44%)	(72%) ^{SmPC}	(+64%) ¹²⁶
CrCl ≤ 15 mL/min	No data	–	–	–
CKD Stage V; off-dialysis		(+36%)	(+93%) ^{SmPC}	(+70%) ¹²⁷

Guidance on perioperative management of DOACs



 EUROPEAN Heart Rhythm ASSOCIATION A Registered Branch of the ESC	Dabigatran		Apixaban, edoxaban, rivaroxaban	
	No important bleeding risk and/or adequate local haemostasis possible: perform at trough level (i.e. ≥ 12 or 24 hrs after last intake)			
	Low risk	High risk	Low risk	High risk
	≥ 80	≥ 24 hrs	≥ 48 hrs	≥ 24 hrs
50–80	≥ 36 hrs	≥ 72 hrs	≥ 24 hrs	≥ 48 hrs
30–50	≥ 48 hrs	≥ 96 hrs	≥ 24 hrs	≥ 48 hrs
15–30	Not indicated	Not indicated	≥ 36 hrs	≥ 48 hrs
< 15	No official indication for use			

Prospective studies of DOACs in the real world for elective surgery

	Dresden registry (n=2179) ¹	Canadian cohort study (n=541) ²
OAC	All DOACs	Dabigatran
Interruptions (n)	863	541
Perioperative protocol	Non-standard	Standard*
Major bleeding	1.2% (CI: 0.6–2.1)	1.8% (CI: 0.7–3.0)

Dabigatran stopped 1–4 days preprocedure and resumed 24–72 hours postprocedure (when haemostasis secured) without bridging

1. Beyer-Westendorf et al. Eur Heart J 2014; 2. Schulman et al. Circulation 2015

Perioperative bridging sub-analysis of RE-LY

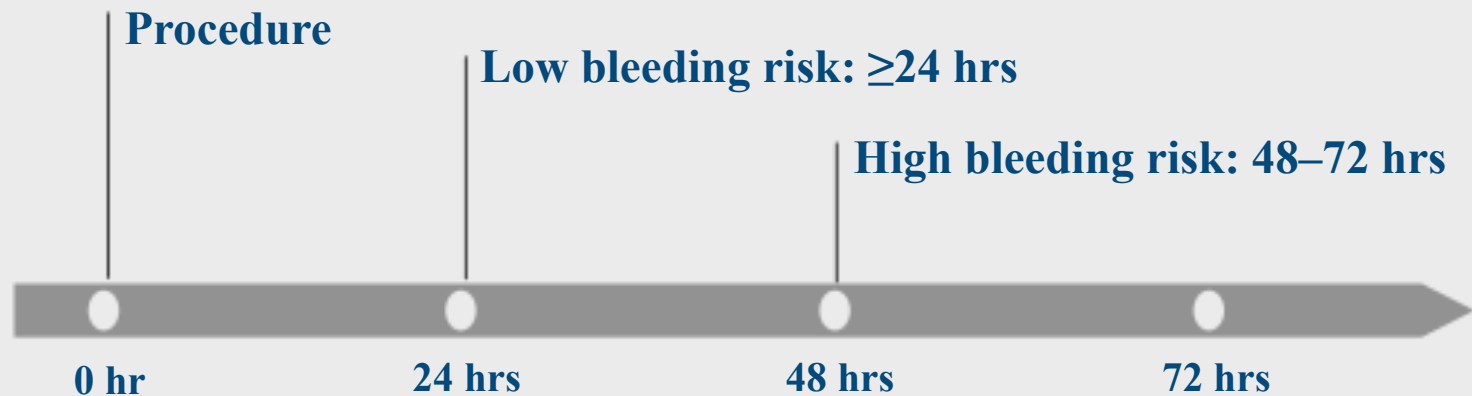
Dabigatran

2709 patients; treatment interruption for elective surgery/procedure
Heparin bridging vs no bridging

- Increased major bleeding 6.5% vs 1.8% ($P < 0.001$)
- Any thromboembolism 1.2% vs 0.6% ($P = 0.16$)

Guidance on restarting DOACs

In guidelines



PAUSE study design

Objective

Assess safety of standardized protocol for perioperative management of patients with AF on DOACs

Assess rates of major bleeding and atrial thromboembolism

Assess level of residual anti-coagulation using routine coagulation tests and DOAC-specific tests

**N=3291; 15–20 centres in Canada, 2 centres in USA
Estimated primary completion date: May 2018**

Perioperative Anticoagulant Use for Surgery Trial (PAUSE) trial; [ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02228798](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02228798)

PAUSE Patient Population

Inclusion criteria

- age 18 years
- receiving a NOAC for SPAF
- assessed 4 days before an elective surgery/procedure

Exclusion criteria

- CrCl <30 mL/min for dabigatran/rivaroxaban patients and <25 mL/min for apixaban patients
- cognitive impairment or psychiatric illness that precludes collection of follow-up data
- inability or unwillingness to provide informed consent
- previous participation in this study

Follow-up and Outcomes

- **Observation period:** starts the day of NOAC interruption and ends 30 days post-procedure.
- **Timing (date/hour/min) of NOAC doses (including last pre- and first post-procedure) and blood sample documented.**
- **Patients will be assessed on the procedure day and contacted weekly (telephone) for 1 month to assess for outcomes. Hospitalized patients will be seen daily.**
- **Outcomes:**
 - **Primary: MB, ATE (ischemic stroke, systemic embolism, TIA)**
 - **Secondary: death, VTE, ACS, minor bleeding**

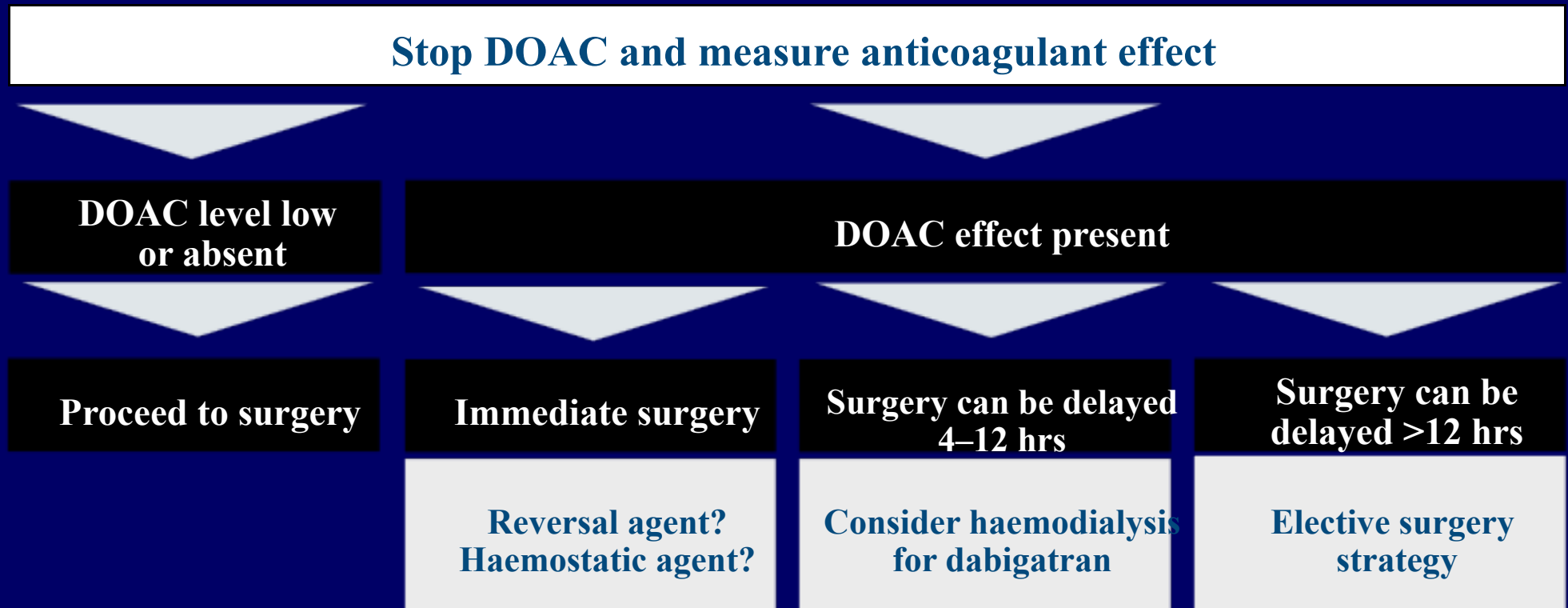
Laboratory Component

All patients will have pre-procedure CBC (for Hgb), and serum creatinine (for CrCl).

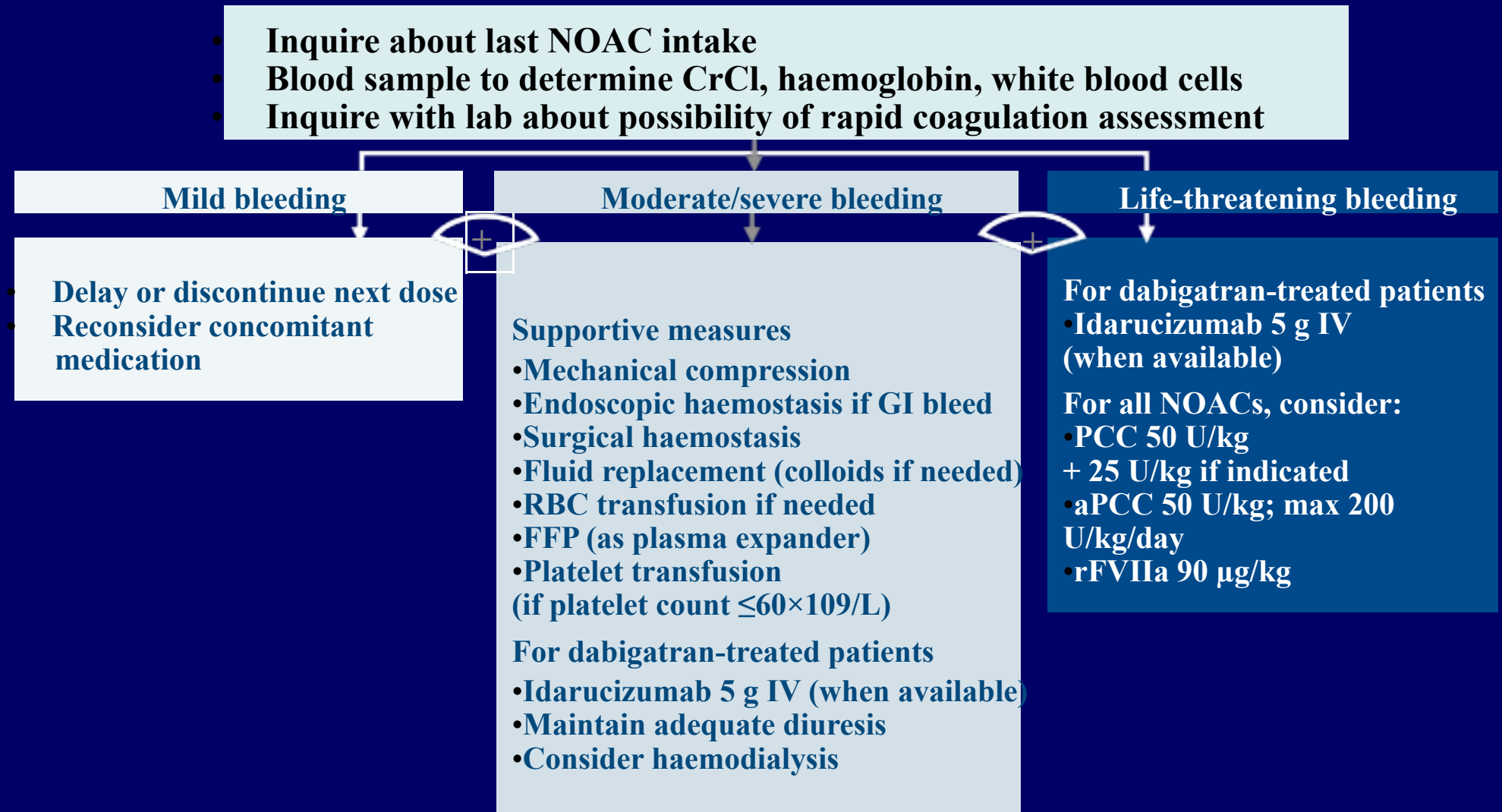
Patients may have additional pre- /post-operative blood tests as per usual practice (e.g., INR, trop) but these tests will not affect the management unless indicated (e.g., post-op myocardial injury).

One study blood sample obtained pre-procedure but will not be for clinical use. Plasma will be shipped to core laboratory for PT/INR, aPTT, TT, dilute TT (dabigatran), anti-Xa (rivarox/apix-aban).

Balancing risk of bleeding vs urgency of intervention

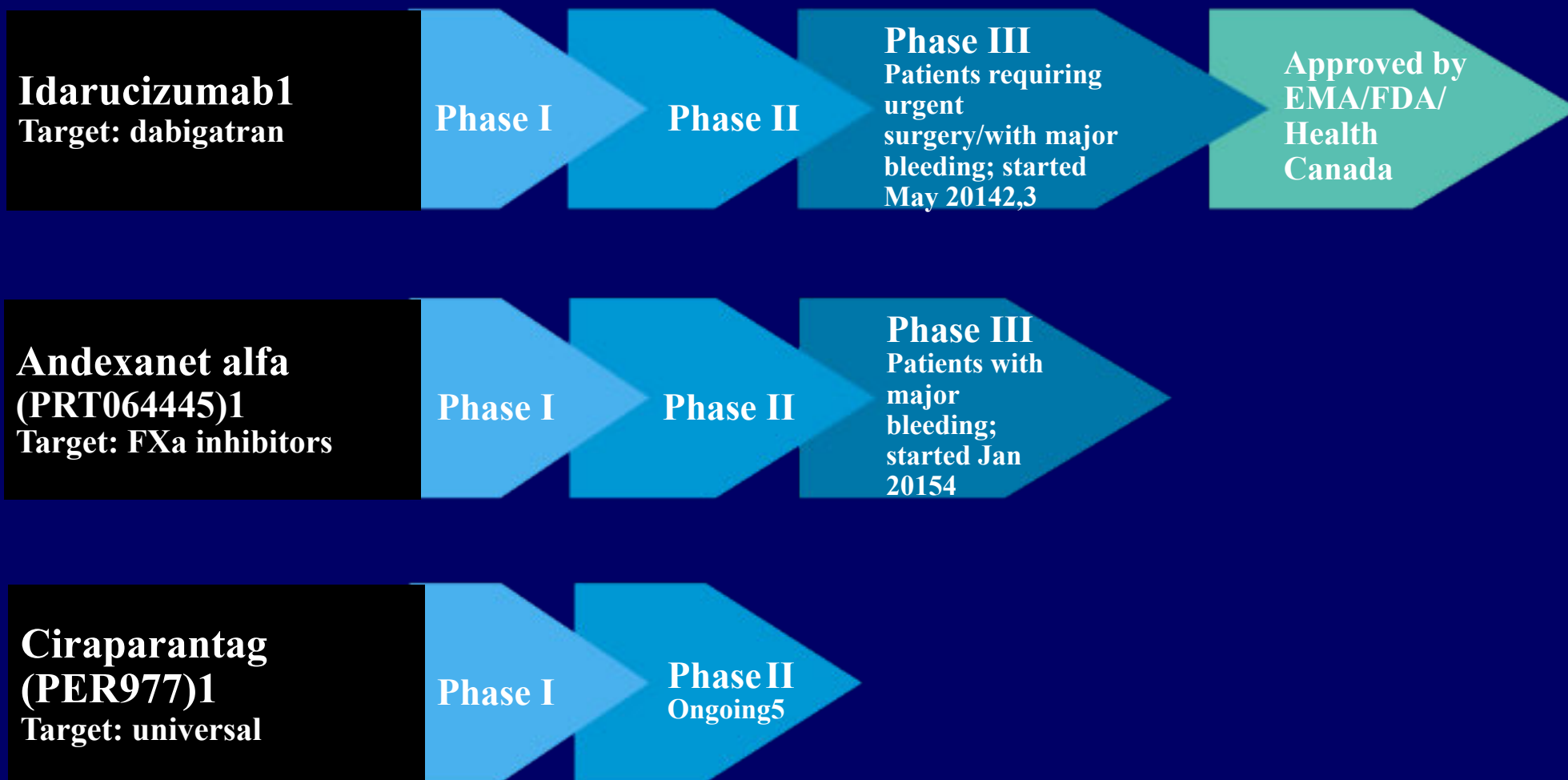


Management strategies for the bleeding patient



FFP, fresh frozen plasma; PCC, prothrombin complex concentrate; RBC, red blood cell; rFVIIa, activated Factor VII; Figure adapted from Heidbuchel et al. Europace 2015

DOAC reversal agents in development



DOAC reversal agents are investigational compounds under development and have not been approved for use in the EU.

1. Adapted from Greinacher A et al. Thromb Haemost 2015;113:931–42;

2. Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT02104947; 3. Pollack CV et al. Thromb Haemost. 2015;114:198–205;

4. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02329327; 5. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02207257

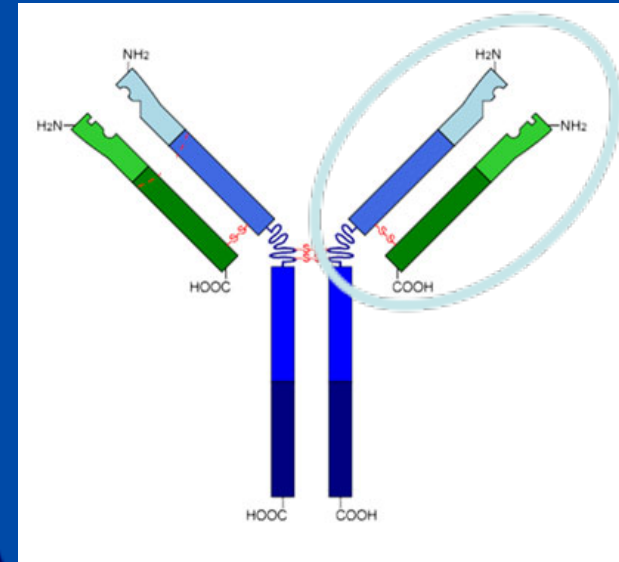
Idarucizumab

Potente affinità di legame (~350 volte maggiore di quella di dabigatran con la trombina)

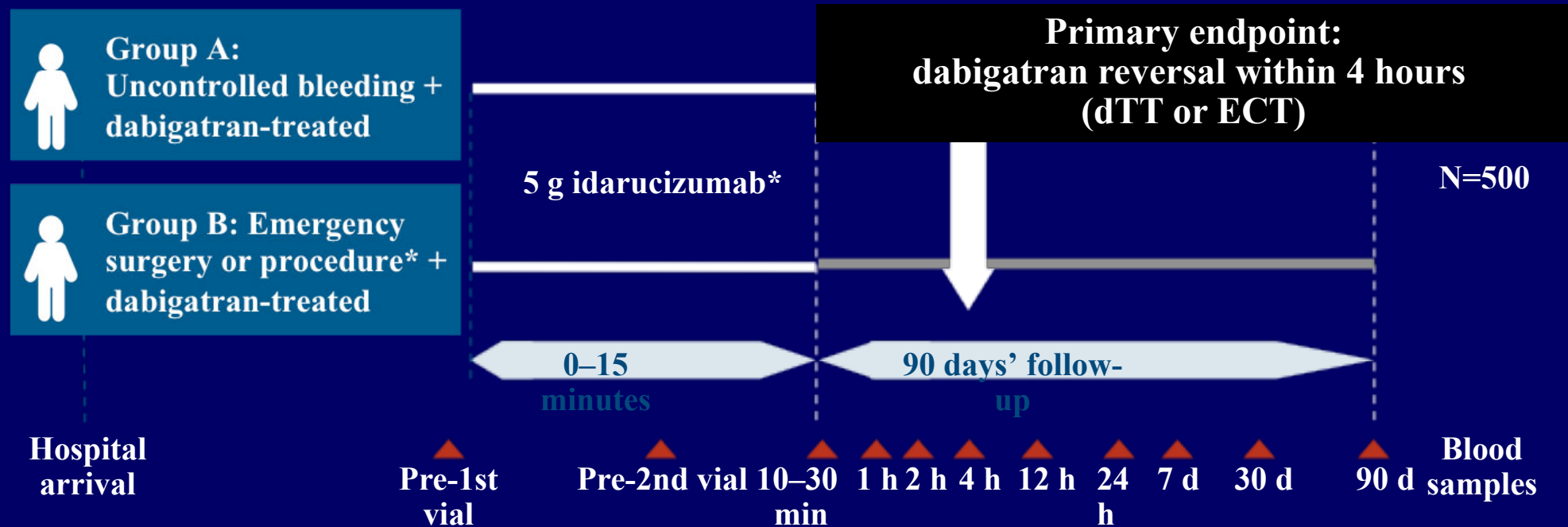
- **Somministrazione endovenosa**

- **Inizio di azione immediato**
- **Emivita breve (45 minuti circa)**
- **Eliminazione prevalentemente renale**

Humanized antibody fragment (Fab)



RE-VERSE AD: multicentre, ongoing, single-arm, open-label Phase III study

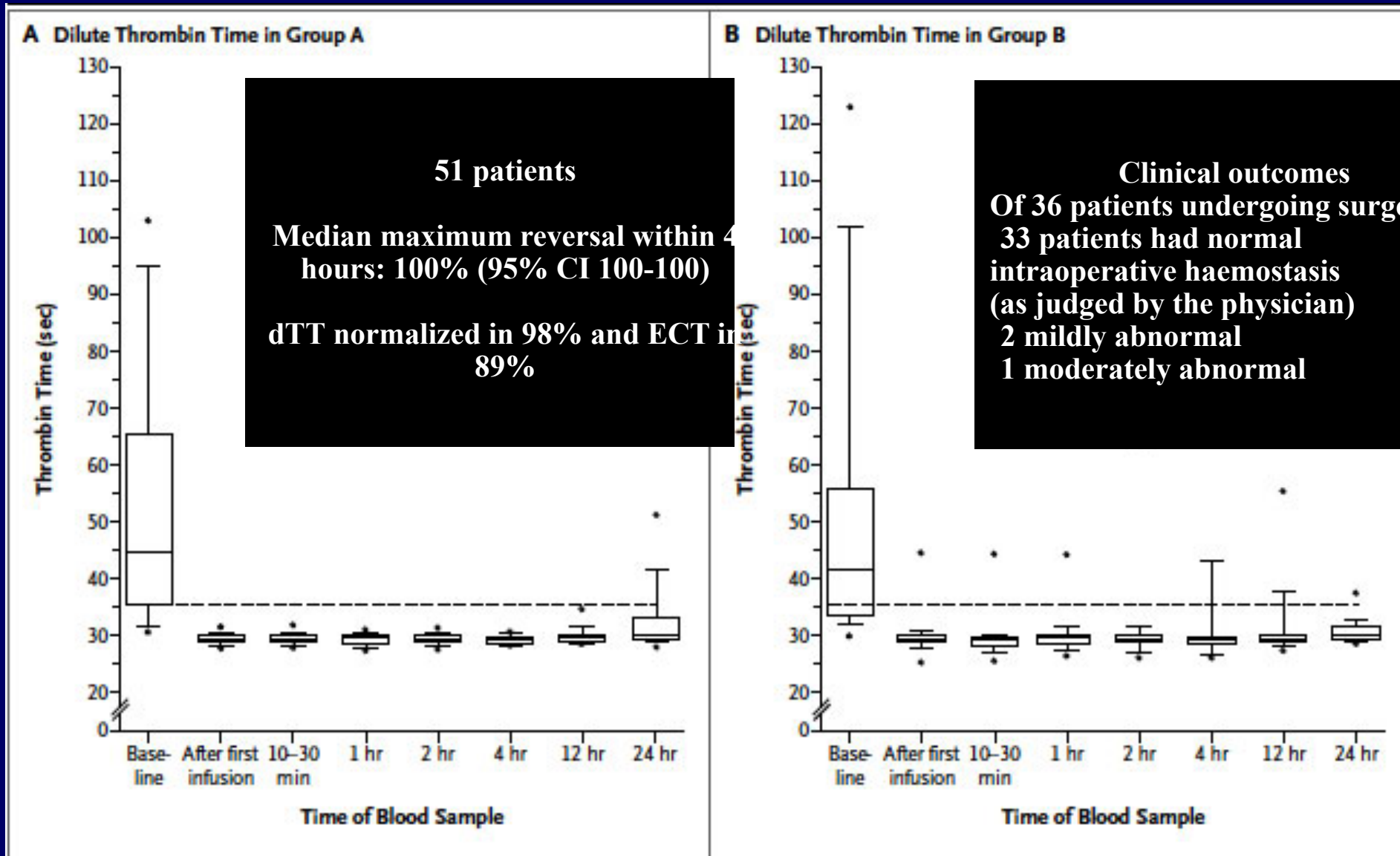


* Two 50-mL bolus infusions, no more than 15 minutes apart

*Other than bleeding. dTT, diluted thrombin time; ECT, ecarin clotting time

Pollack et al. N Engl J Med 2015

REVERSE-AD: dTT prima e dopo la somministrazione di idarucizumab



RE-VERSE AD: Safety

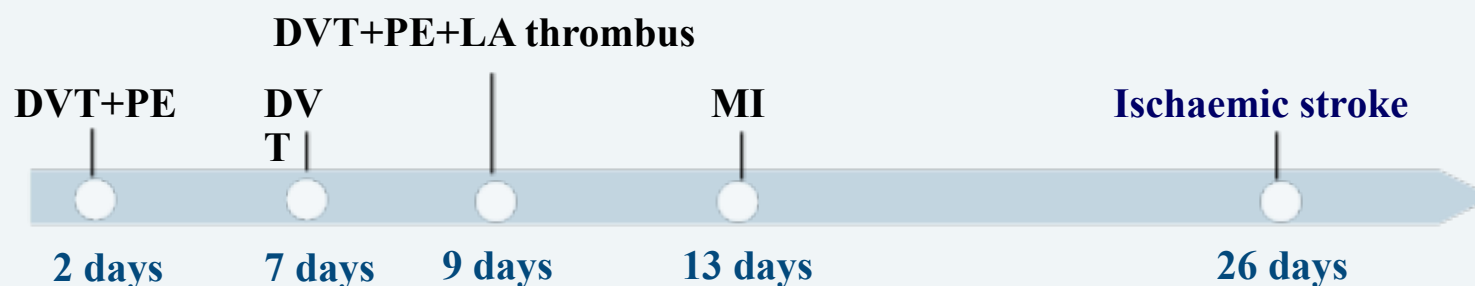


No cases of hypersensitivity observed



5 thrombotic events

- 1 early event (DVT+PE) 2 days after idarucizumab administration
- 4 events after >6 days of idarucizumab administration



- None of these 5 patients were receiving any antithrombotic therapy when the events occurred



18 deaths (9 in each Group)

- RE-VERSE AD™ allows even severely ill patients into the study
- All deaths related to presenting index event and comorbidities

Andexanet alfa

Fattore Xa umano ricombinante

- Agisce come “esca” per gli inibitori del fattore Xa legandoli con affinità simile a quella del fattore Xa nativo.

Andexanet Alfa for Acute Major Bleeding Associated with Factor Xa Inhibitors

ANDEXANET DOSES

Bolus followed by 2-hour infusion:

Apixaban or rivaroxaban >7 h: 400 mg b + 480 mg infusion

Enoxa/edoxaban or riva <7 h: 800 mg b + 960 mg infusion

PRIMARY ENDPOINT

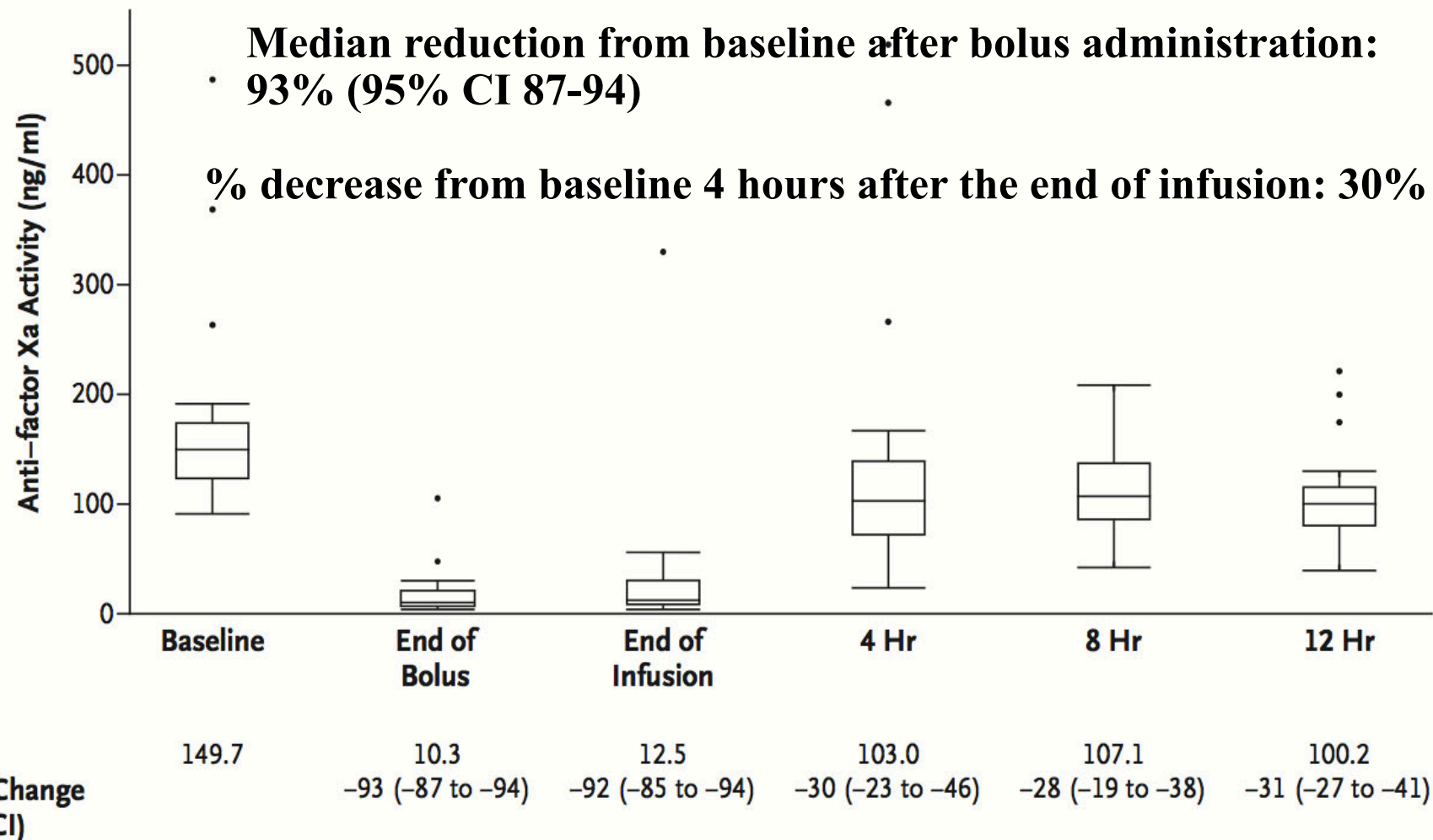
Percent change in the anti-factor Xa activity

COPRIMARY ENDPOINT

The rate of excellent or good hemostatic efficacy 12 hours after the andexanet infusion.

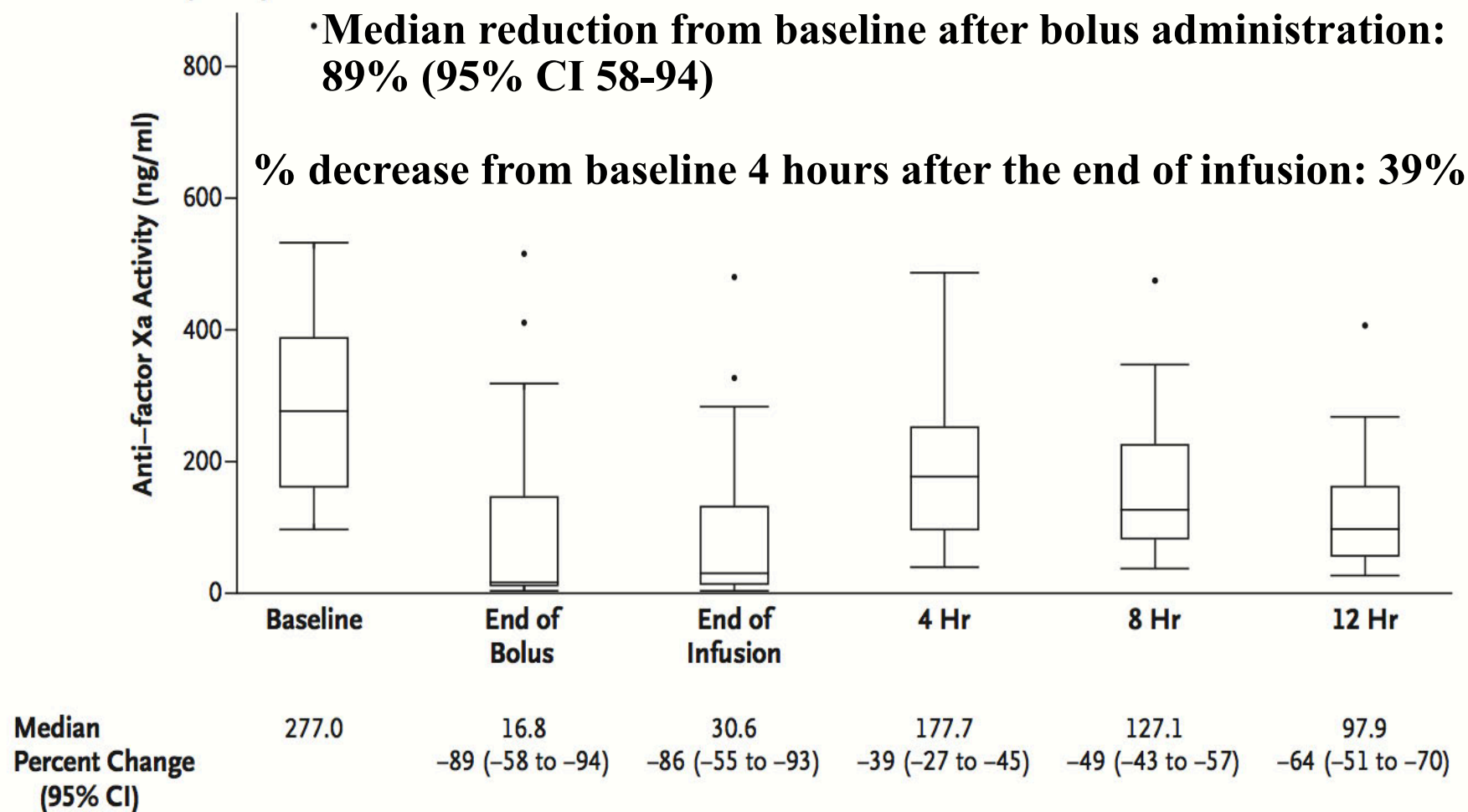
Anti-Factor Xa Activity: apixaban

B Apixaban (N=20)



Anti-Factor Xa Activity: rivaroxaban

A Rivaroxaban (N=26)



ANNEXA-4: secondary outcomes

- **Clinical haemostasis 12 hours after infusion adjudicated as excellent or good: 79% (95% CI 64-89)**
- **Thrombotic events at 30 days: 12 (18%)**
- **Mortality: 10 (15%), 6 CV, 4 non CV**

When and how to use antidotes for the reversal of DOACs: guidance from the ISTH

Clinical situation	Definite need for a reversal agent
Life-threatening bleeding	YES
Bleeding in a closed space or critical organ	YES
Persistent major bleeding despite local haemostatic measures or delayed DOAC clearance or DOAC overdose	YES
Need for urgent intervention with high risk of bleeding and that cannot be delayed	YES
Emergency surgery or intervention and high risk for procedural bleeding	YES
Urgent surgery or intervention and acute renal failure	POSSIBLE