



Grenzentscheidungen bei Patienten mit Vorhofflimmern:

Wann Antikoagulation? Wann nicht? Wann nicht mehr?

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• Propädeutik?

• Wann OAK starten?

• Wann wird es schwierig?

Begrifflichkeiten

NOAC bleibt NOAC!

„*Neue OAK*“ wird zu „*nicht-Vitamin K abhängige OAK*“

DOAC ist OUT!

„*Direkte OAK*“ = fachlich korrekt, jedoch nicht ESC-konform.

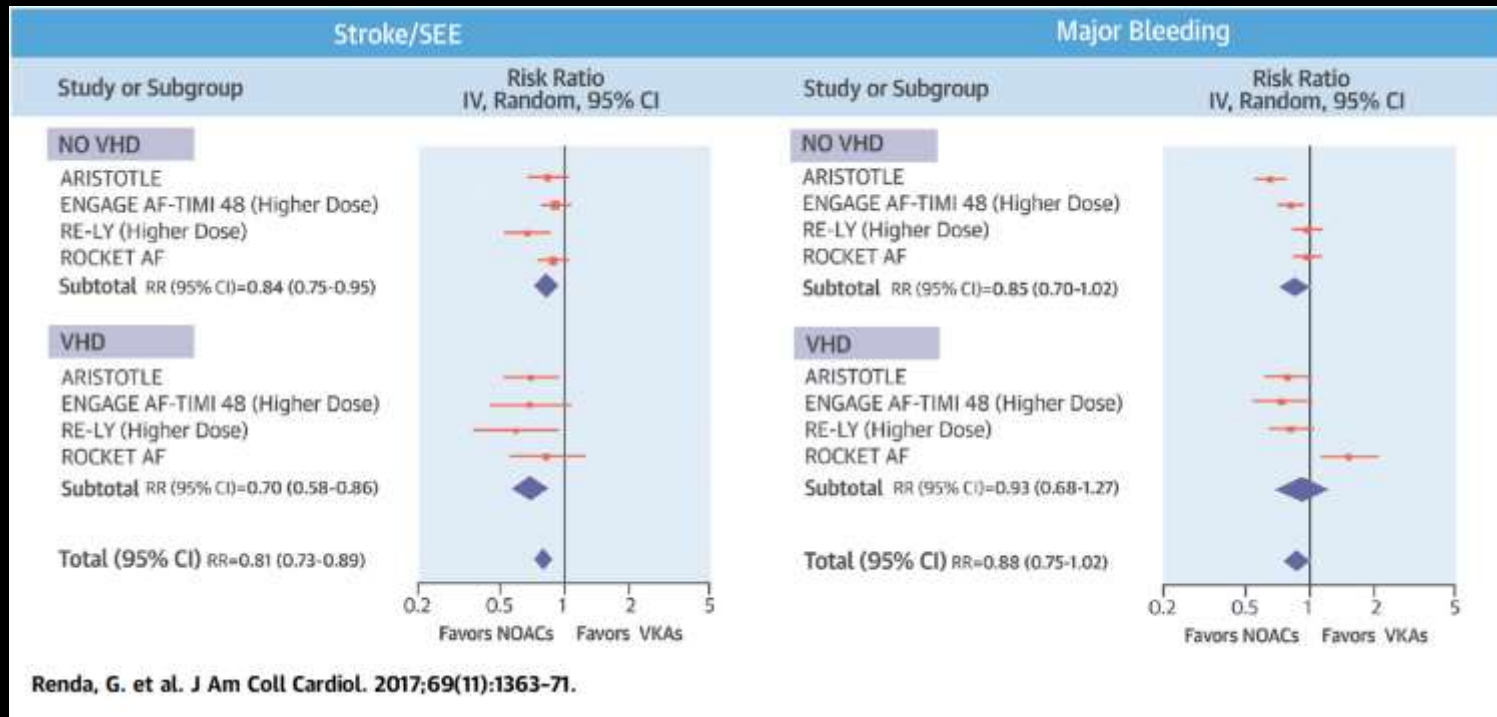


! Valvuläres AF !

Studien sind unterwegs!

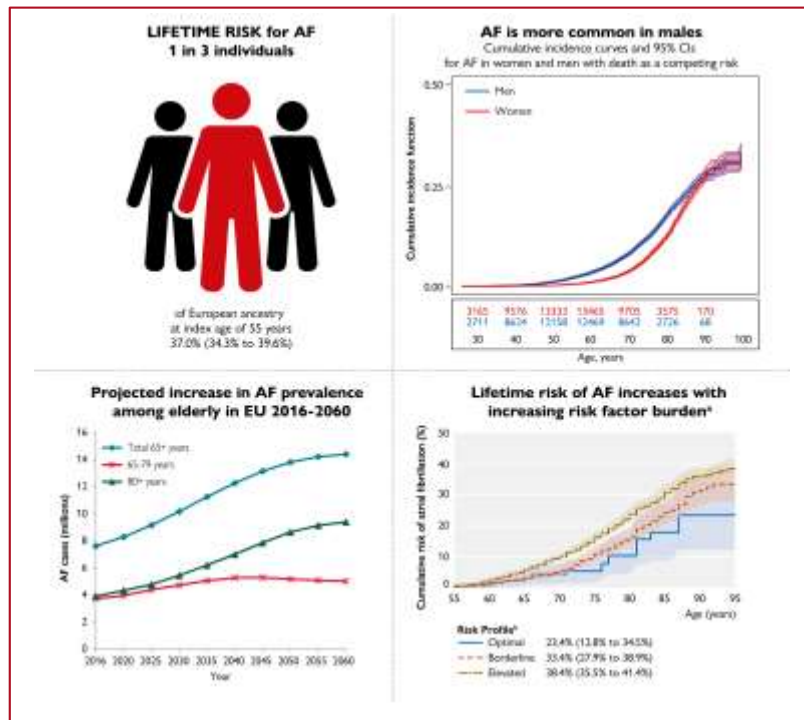


Valvuläres AF \neq AF in Gegenwart von Klappenerkrankungen

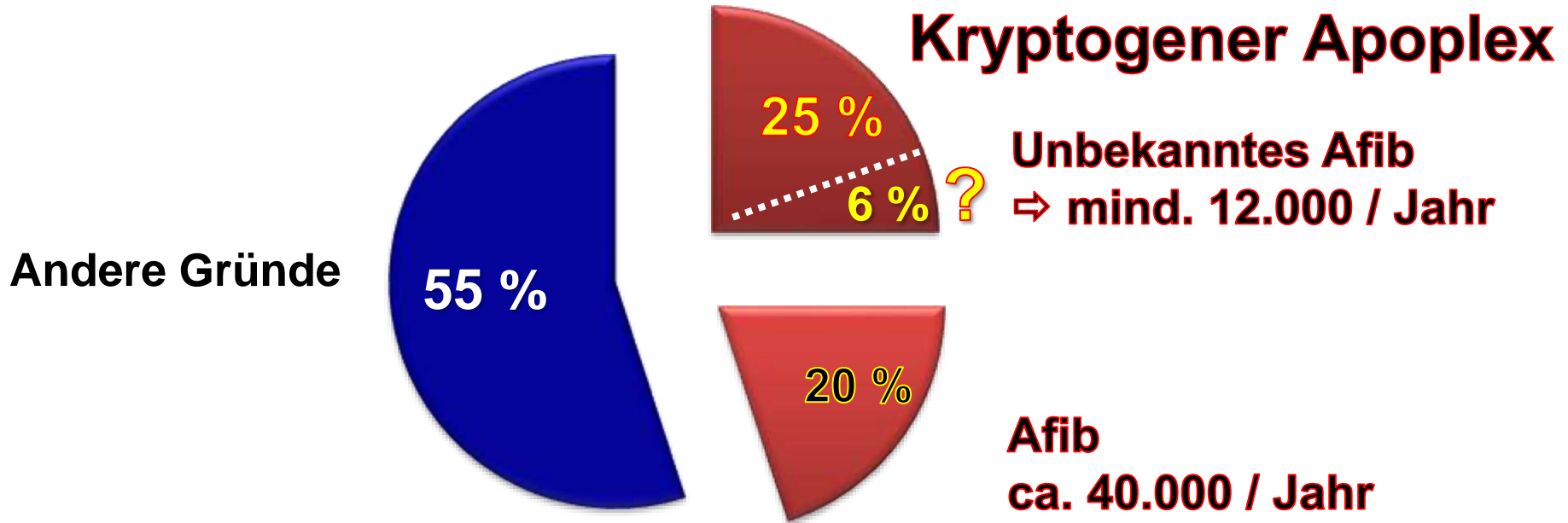


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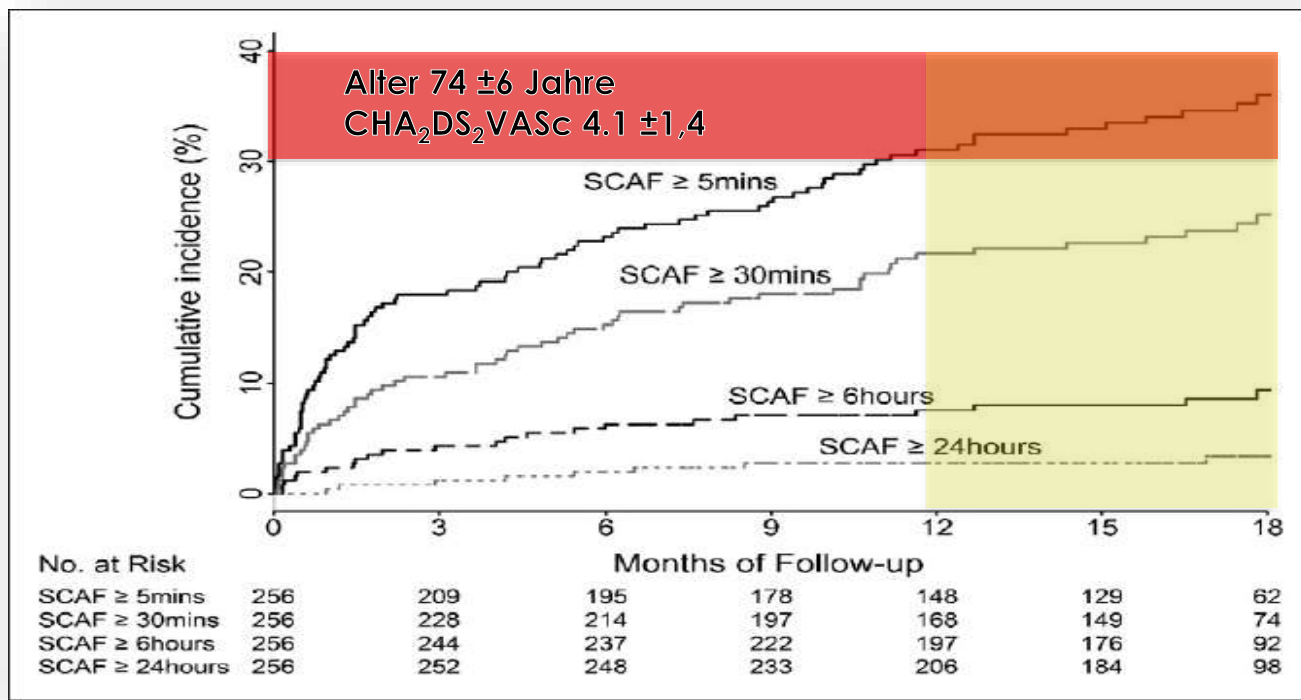
Vorhofflimmern ist häufig!



Ischämischer Apoplex



Häufiger als gedacht?!

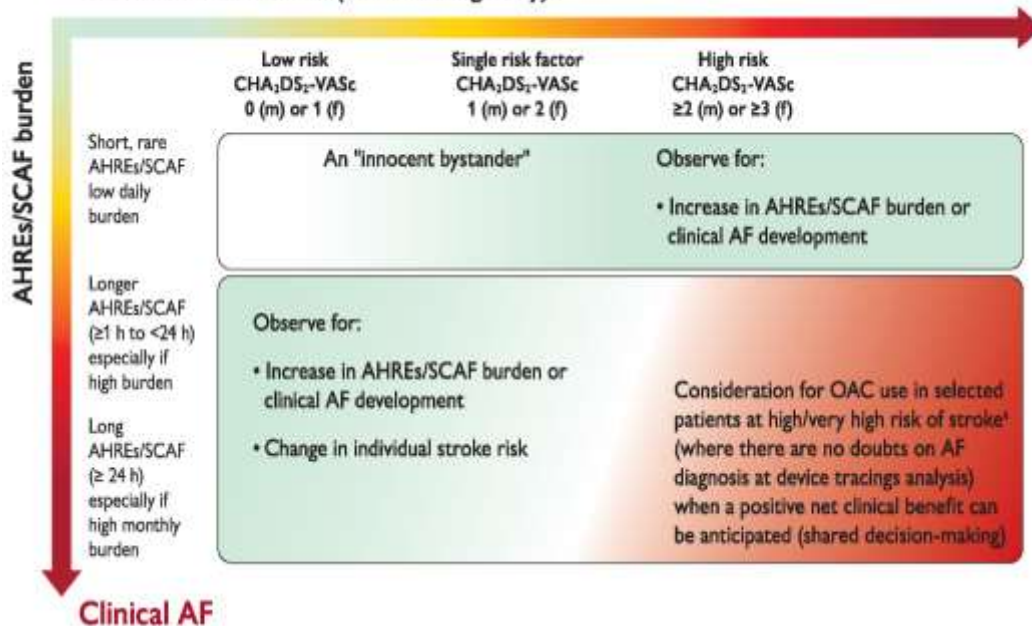


Wann OAC?

THE RISK OF STROKE (re-assess regularly)

Stroke rates^b per AHRE burden and CHA₂DS₂-VASc category
(n = 21 768 device patients not taking OAC)¹⁴⁴

| Baseline maximum daily burden | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------|
| CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score | No AF | AF 6 min–23.5 h | AF >23.5 h |
| 0 | 0.33% | 0.52% | 0.86% |
| 1 | 0.62% | 0.32% | 0.50% |
| 2 | 0.70% | 0.62% | 1.52% |
| 3-4 | 0.83% | 1.28% | 1.77% |
| ≥5 | 1.79% | 2.21% | 1.68% |

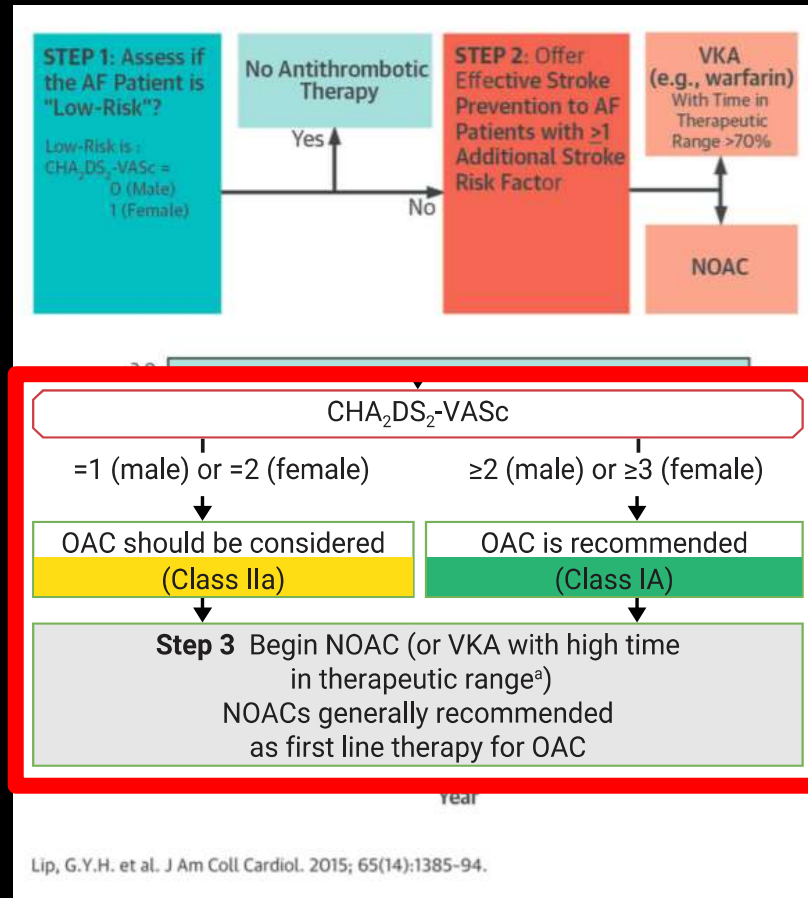
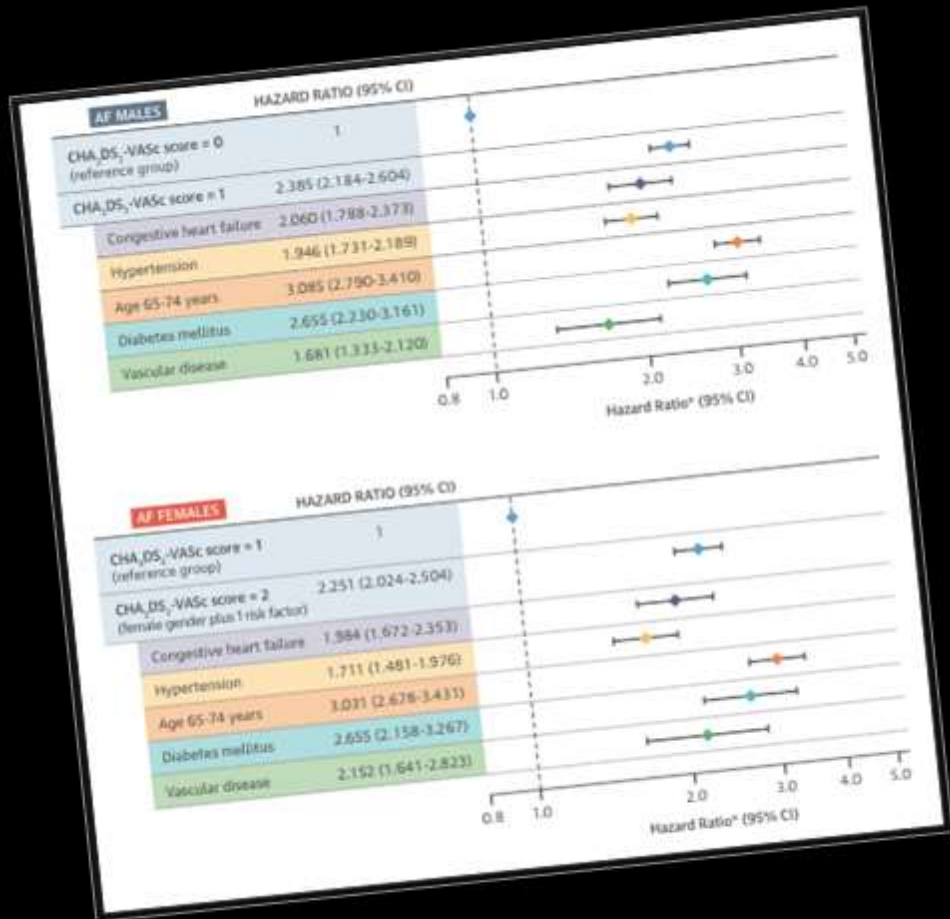


Fallbeispiel

- **63-jähriger Mann**
- Palpitationen mit ED eines paroxysmalen Vorhofflimmerns
- Medikamentös kontrollierter AHT
- **CHA₂DS₂-VASc = 1, HAS-BLED = 1**

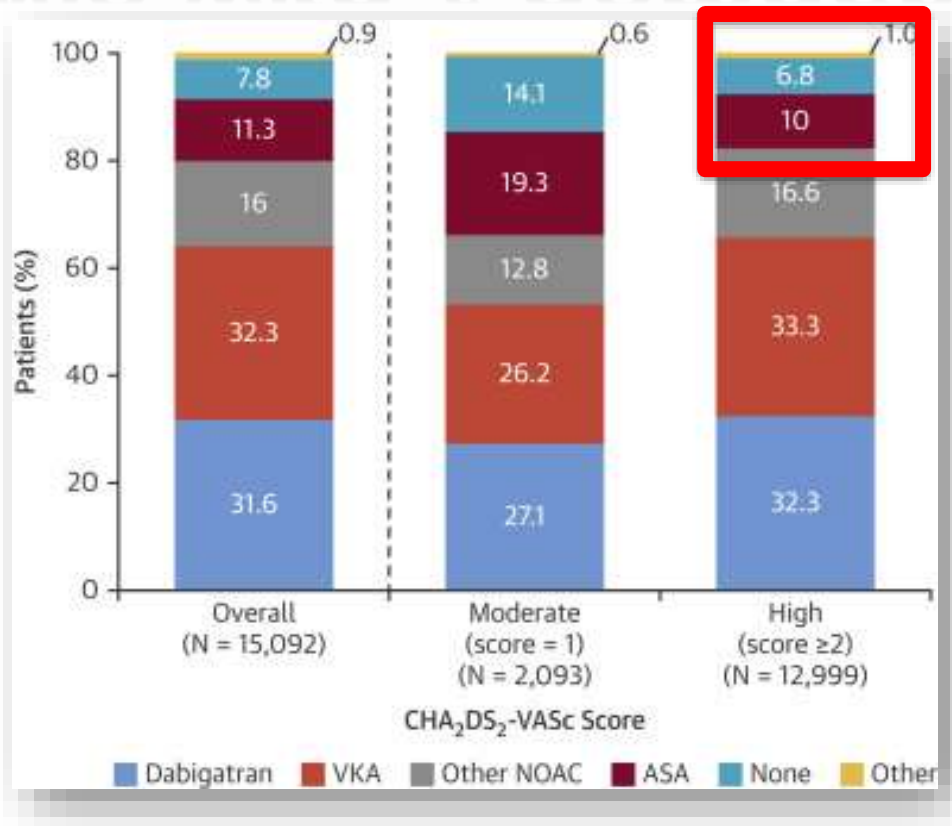






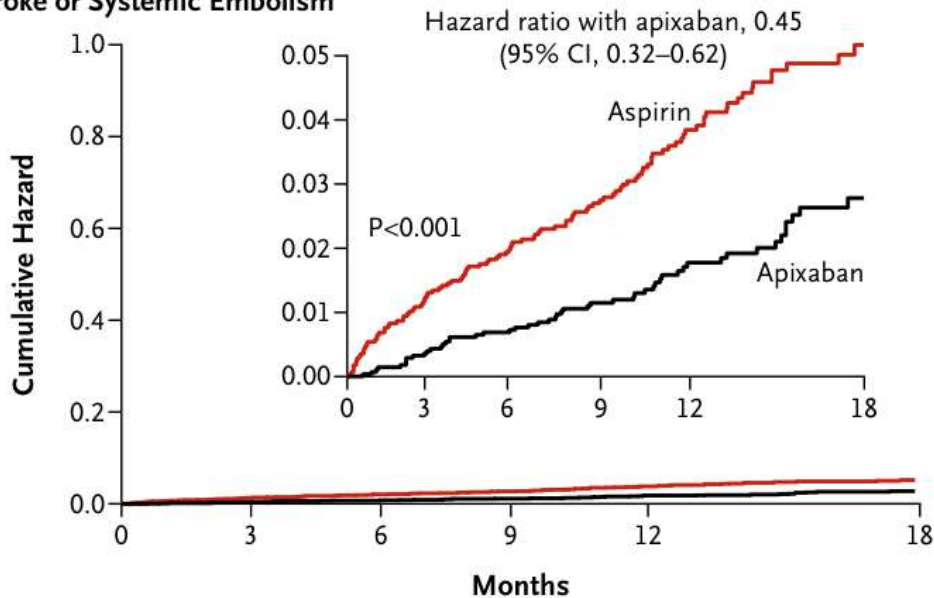
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Wie wird's gemacht?

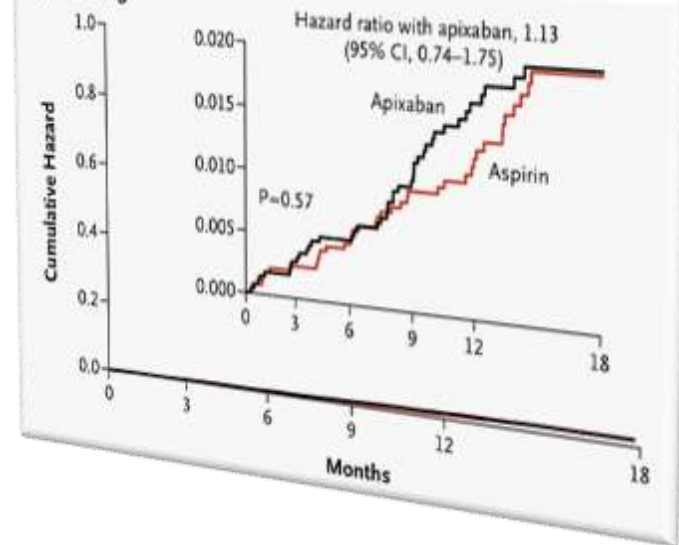


Bitte kein ASS!

Stroke or Systemic Embolism



Major Bleeding



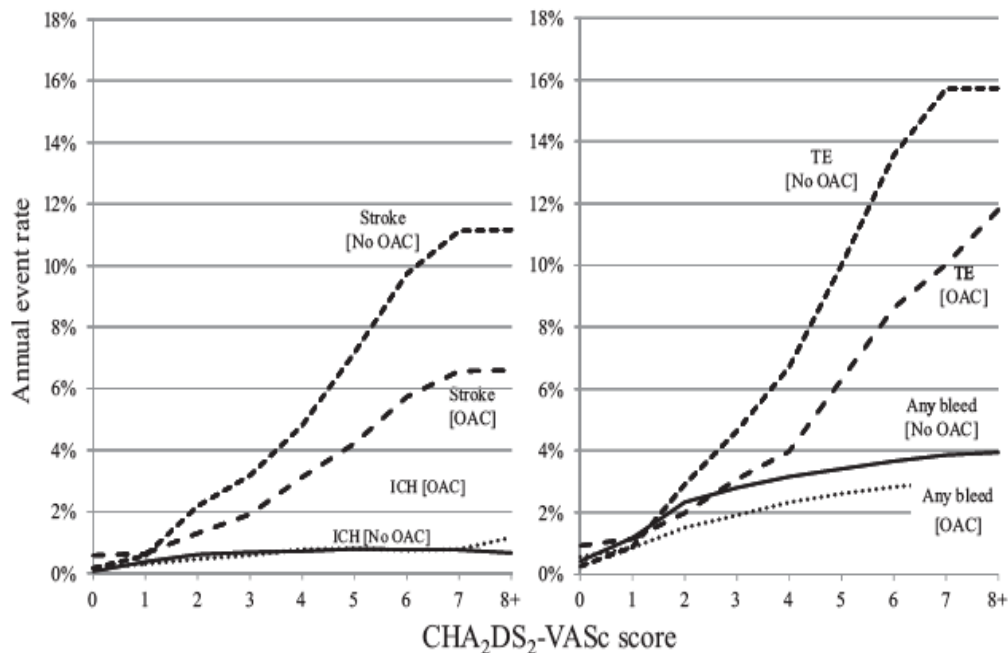
Warum keine OAK?

- Ärztliche Gründe gegen eine orale Antikoagulation:
- 30 Studien



| Gründe | Prozent Ärzte |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Blutungsrisiko oder Blutung in der Anamnese (GI, ICB) | 24% - 100% |
| Sturzgefahr | 65% - 100% |
| Hohes Alter | 43% - 70% |

Das antizipierte Blutungsrisiko!



Friberg et al., Circulation. 2012;125:2298-2307

Potentially modifiable

Extreme frailty ± excessive risk of falls^a
Anaemia
Reduced platelet count or function
Renal impairment with CrCl <60 mL/min
VKA management strategy^b

Modifiable

Hypertension/elevate SBP
Concomitant antiplatelet/NSAID
Excessive alcohol intake
Non-adherence to OAC
Hazardous hobbies / occupations
Bridging therapy with heparin
INR control (target 2.0–3.0), target TTR >70%^c
Appropriate choice of OAC and correct dosing^d

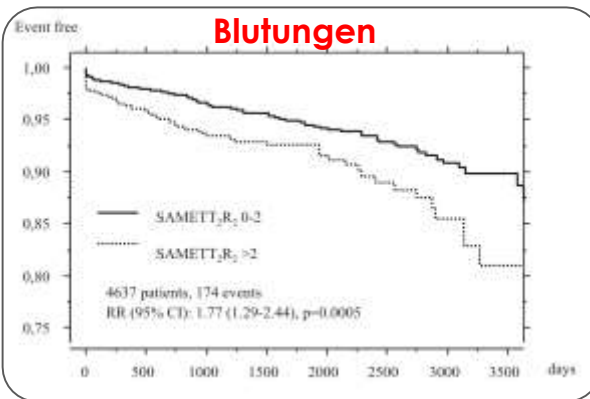
European Heart Journal 2021; 42: 373–498.

Wie gut „fährt“ der Patient mit VKA?

Table 1 The SAME-TT₂R₂ Score

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| S | Sex (female) | 1 |
| A | Age (<60 years) | 1 |
| M | Medical history* | 1 |
| T | Treatment (rhythm control strategy) | 1 |
| T | Tobacco use (within 2 years) | 2 |
| R | Race (non-Caucasian) | 2 |

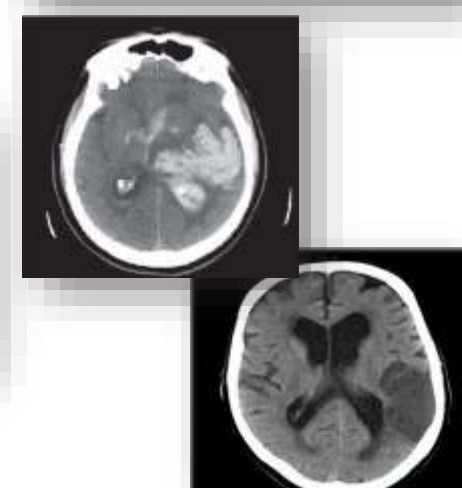
*Defined as more than 2 of the following: hypertension, diabetes, coronary artery disease/myocardial infarction, peripheral arterial disease, congestive heart failure, previous stroke, pulmonary disease, hepatic or renal disease.



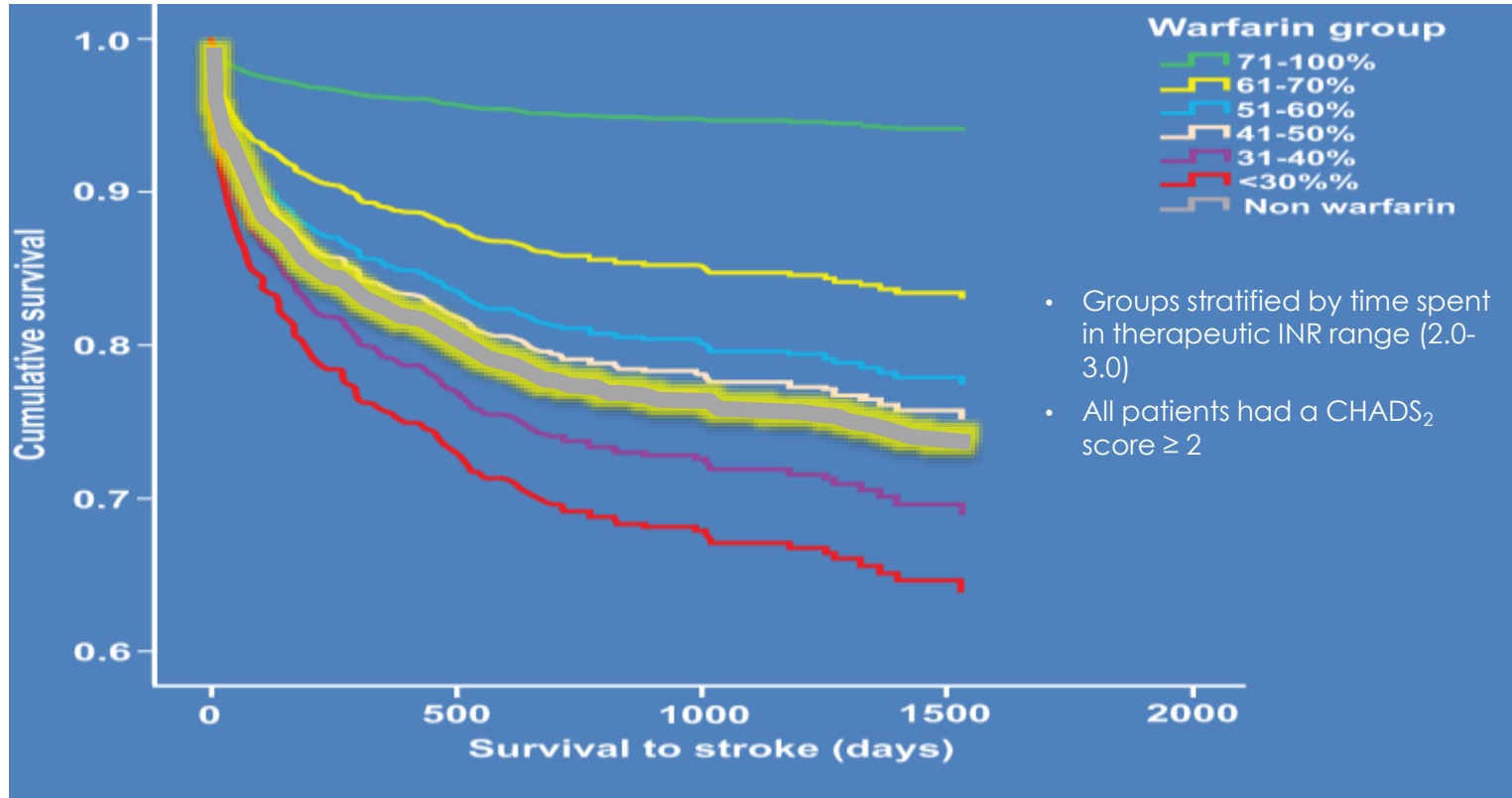
| Datum | INR | Wachstums- faktor | Dosierung | Bemerkungen | |
|-------|------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----|
| Zeit | Wert | Wert | Mu Di Mi Do Fr Sa So | | |
| 28.05 | 5.0 | 1.32 | 1.1 | 1.1 | |
| 22.05 | 2.32 | 2.44 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 21.05 | 1.72 | 3.15 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 07.06 | 3.07 | 1.76 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 13.06 | 3.61 | 1.77 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 03.07 | 1.32 | 3.96 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 18.07 | 4.71 | 1.42 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 08.08 | 2.07 | 2.73 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 23.8 | 1.77 | 3.14 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |

TABLE 2 Labile INR, Stroke/TE, Clinically Relevant Bleeding, and Mortality by Category of SAME-TT₂R₂ Score

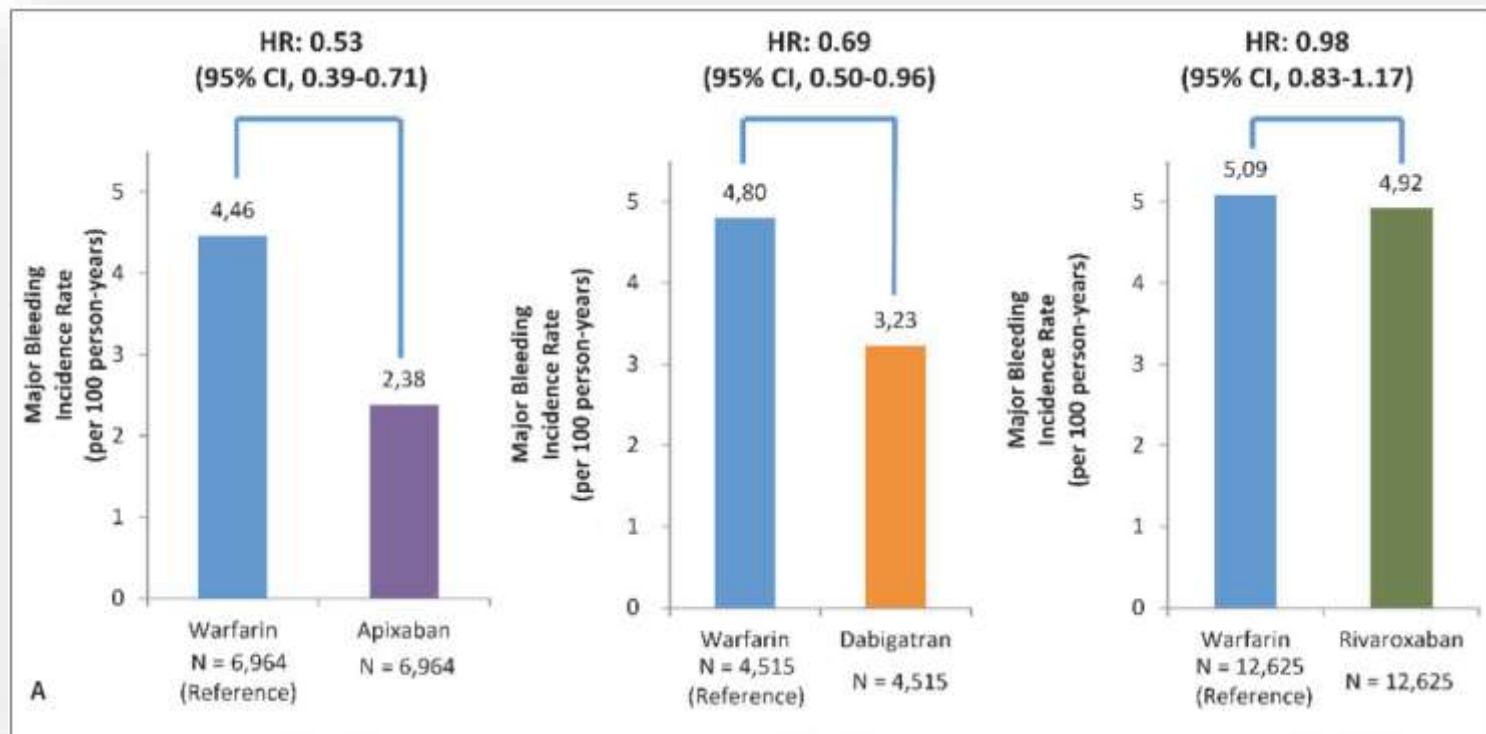
| Variable | Whole Cohort | SAME-TT ₂ R ₂ Score | | | P Value |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| | | 0-1 (Low) | 2 (Borderline) | >2 (High) | |
| No. patients | | 4,504 (55) | 2,252 (28) | 1,364 (17) | ... |
| Labile INR | 172 (2.1) | 77 (1.7) | 52 (2.3) | 43 (3.2) | .004 |
| | | Ref | 1.36 (0.95-1.94) | 1.87 (1.28-2.73) | ... |



VKA: Time Spent in Therapeutic INR Range (TTR)



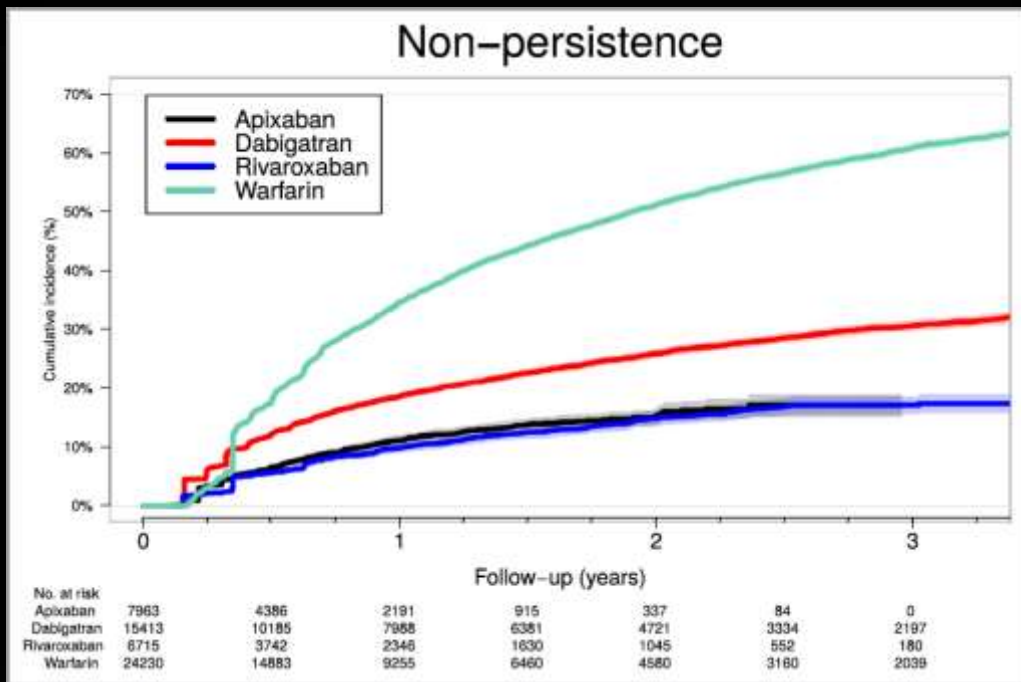
NOACs sind sicherer !



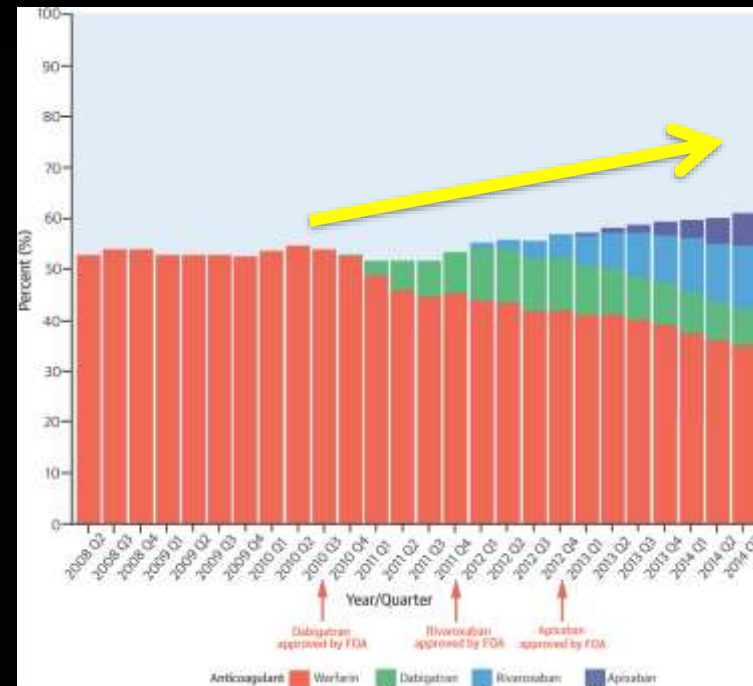
Lip et al, Thromb Haemost 2016; 116: 975–986.

Disclaimer: „Es existieren keine direkten Vergleichsstudien/RCTs der NOACs, daher sollten hier keine direkten Vergleiche vorgenommen werden.“

NOACS verbessern die Versorgung!



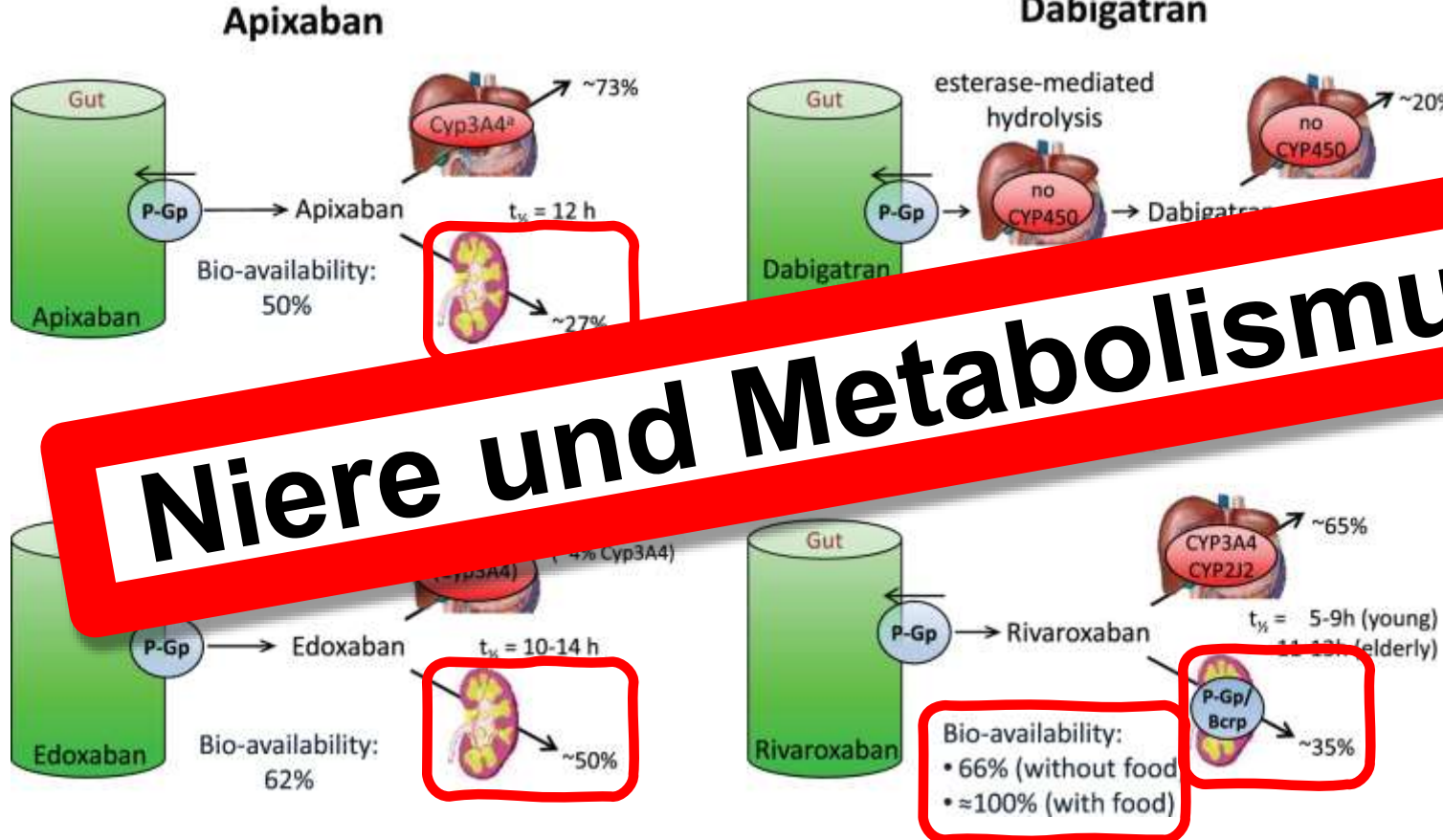
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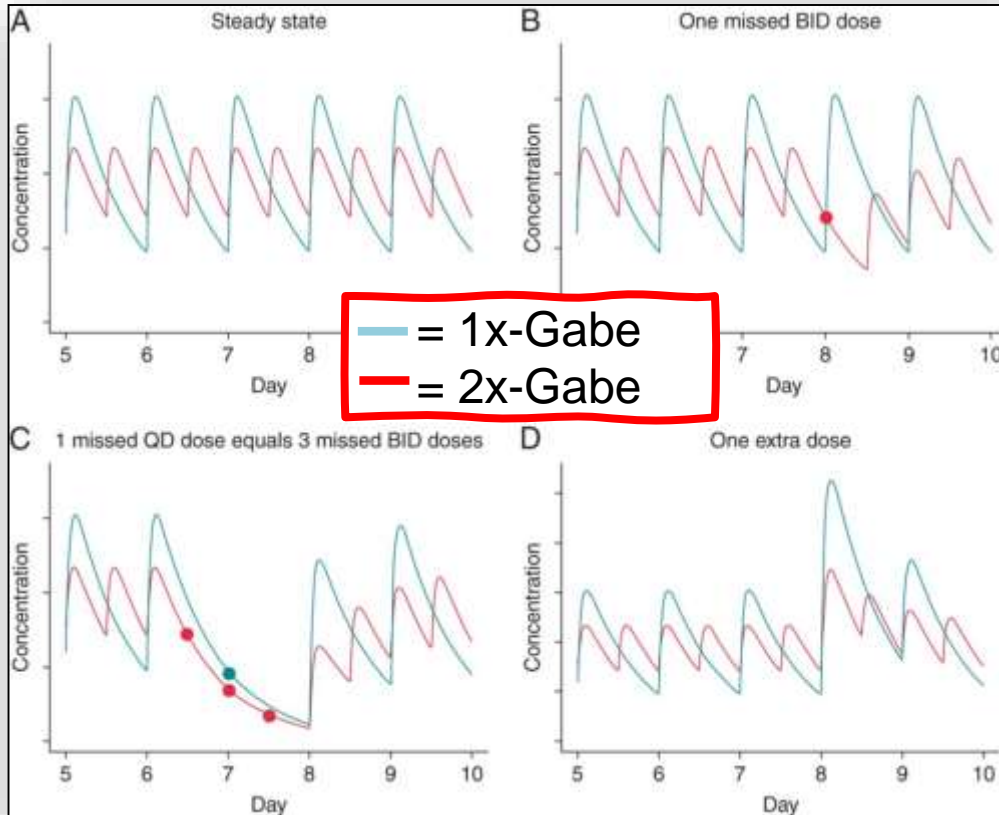
**Gibt es
Unterschiede?**

Pharmakologische Charakteristika der NOAK



Niere und Metabolismus!

Tablette **vergessen** oder **zuviel**?



Europace. 2015;17(4):514-523.

VERGESSEN?

Nachträglich einnehmen bei

2x tgl. Einnahme <6h

1x tgl. Einnahme <12h

ZUVIEL?

2x tgl. Einnahme

1 Dosis auslassen!

1x tgl. Einnahme

übliches Intervall fortfahren!

Europace 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1093/europace/euab065>

Individuelles Risiko



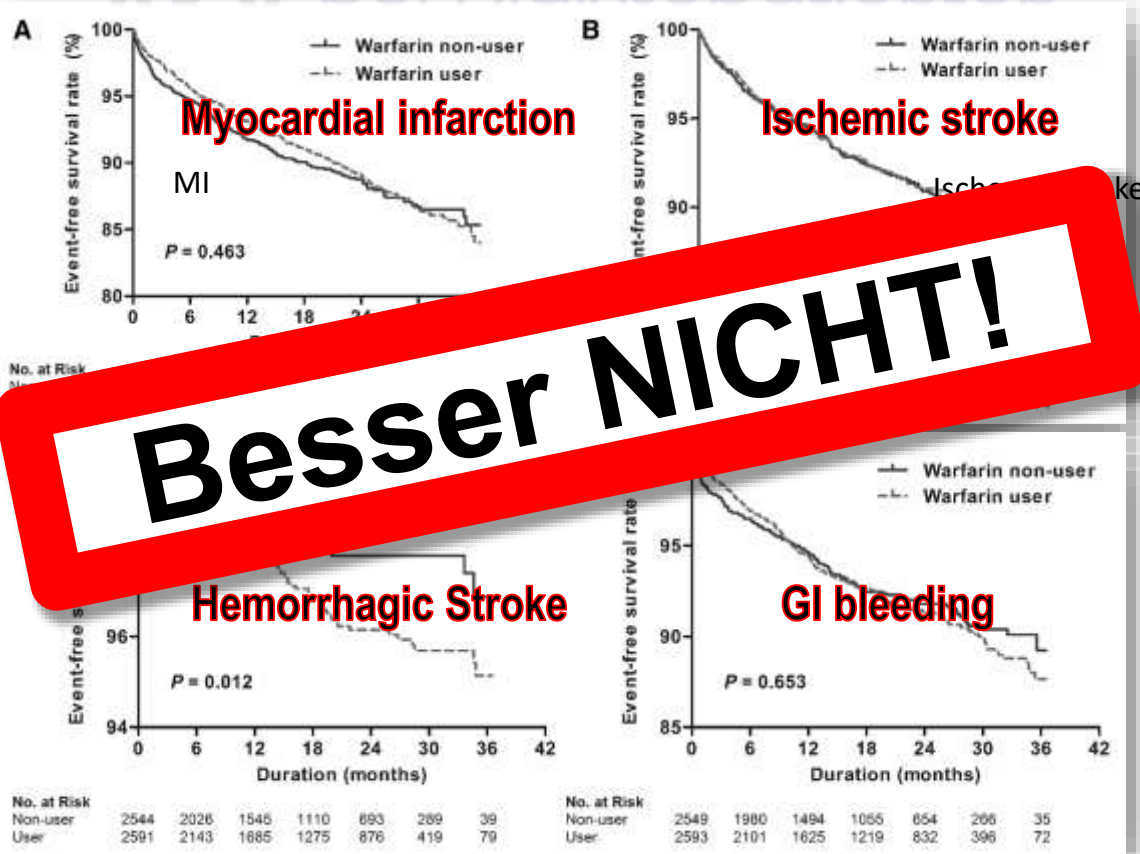
Diener et al. European Heart Journal 2016
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehw069

| | Event Rate per 100 person-years | | | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | p value |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----|-----------------------|---------|
| | Apixaban | vs. Warfarin | | | |
| | n=7,695 | n=7,695 | | | |
| Major Bleeding | 2.33 | 4.46 | ⇨⇩ | 0.45 (0.34 – 0.59) | <0.001 |
| Intracranial | 0.29 | 1.06 | ⇨⇩ | 0.24 (0.12 – 0.50) | <0.001 |
| Gastrointestinal | 1.78 | 3.04 | ⇨⇩ | 0.51 (0.37 – 0.70) | <0.001 |
| | Dabigatran | vs. Warfarin | | | |
| | n=14,307 | n=14,307 | | | |
| Major Bleeding | 2.37 | 3.03 | ⇨⇩ | 0.79 (0.67 – 0.94) | <0.01 |
| Intracranial | 0.28 | 0.79 | ⇨⇩ | 0.36 (0.23 – 0.56) | <0.001 |
| Gastrointestinal | 1.97 | 1.95 | ⇨⇩ | 1.03 (0.84 – 1.26) | 0.78 |
| | Rivaroxaban | vs. Warfarin | | | |
| | n=16,175 | n=16,175 | | | |
| Major Bleeding | 4.04 | 3.64 | ⇨⇩ | 1.04 (0.90 – 1.20) | 0.60 |
| Intracranial | 0.44 | 0.79 | ⇨⇩ | 0.51 (0.35 – 0.75) | <0.001 |
| Gastrointestinal | 3.26 | 2.53 | ⇨⇩ | 1.21 (1.02 – 1.43) | 0.03 |
| | Favor NOAC | | 1.0 | Favor Warfarin | |

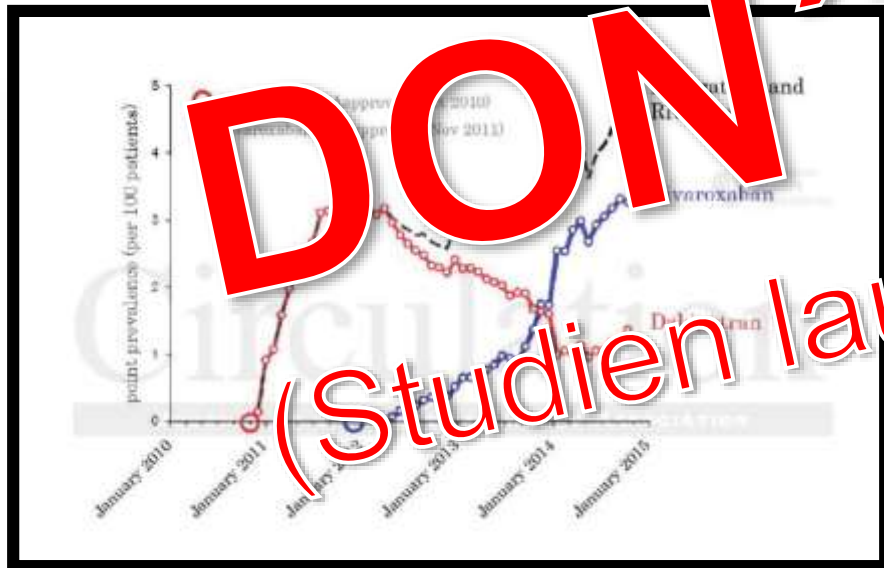
Yao X. et al, J Am Heart Assoc. 2016 Jun 13;5(6).

Caveats & Don'ts!

VKA bei Dialysepatienten



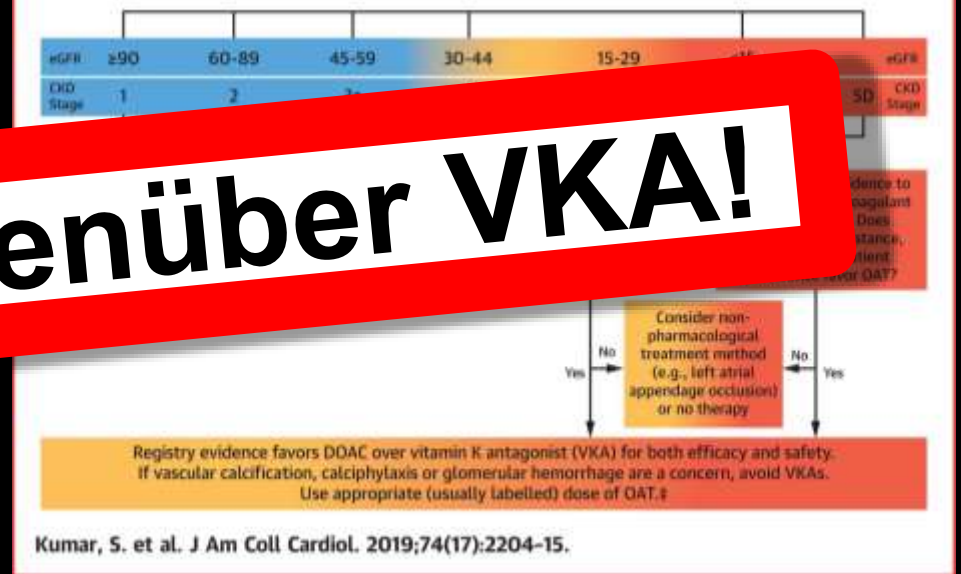
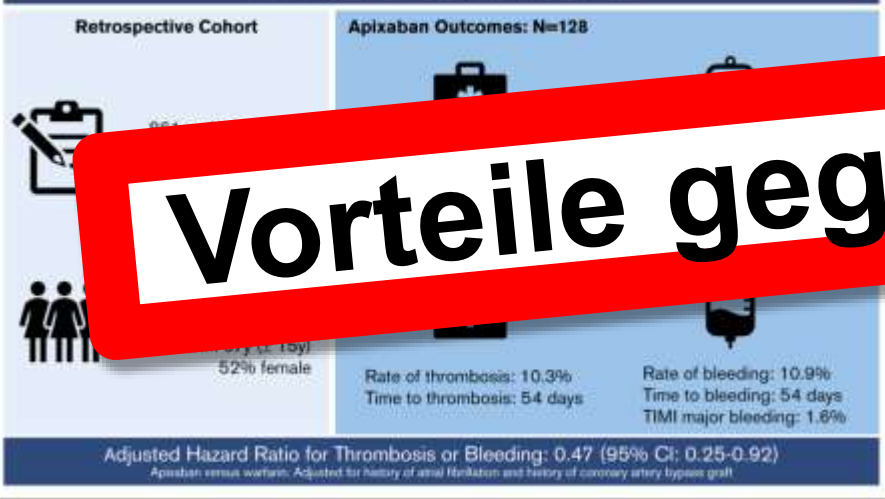
NOAC & Dialyse



(N)OAK bei Niereninsuffizienz!

(GFR>15ml/min)

Outcomes Associated with Apixaban Versus Warfarin in Patients with Renal Dysfunction

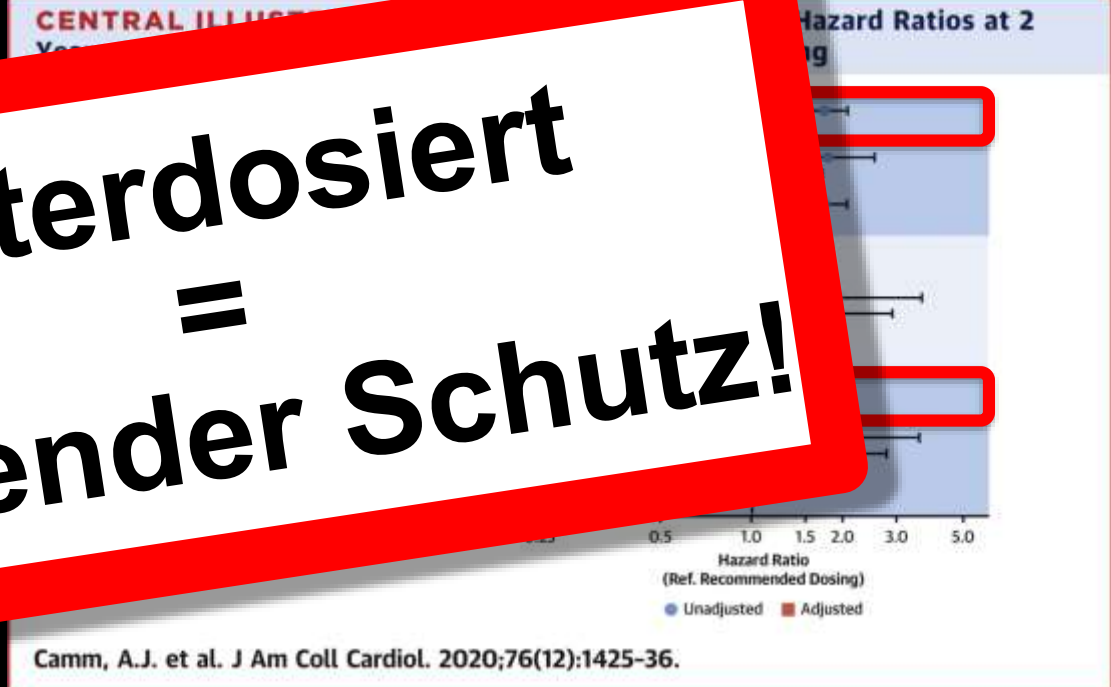
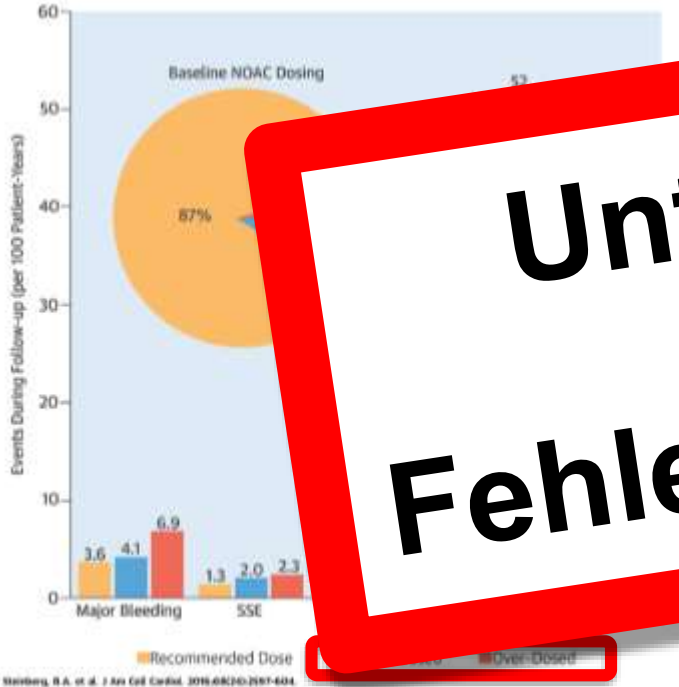


Blood Adv (2020) 4 (11): 2366–2371.

Disclaimer: „Die Anwendung von Apixaban wird bei einer CrCl unter 15 ml/min nicht empfohlen

Immer die “richtige” Dosis!

**Unterdosiert
=
Fehlender Schutz!**

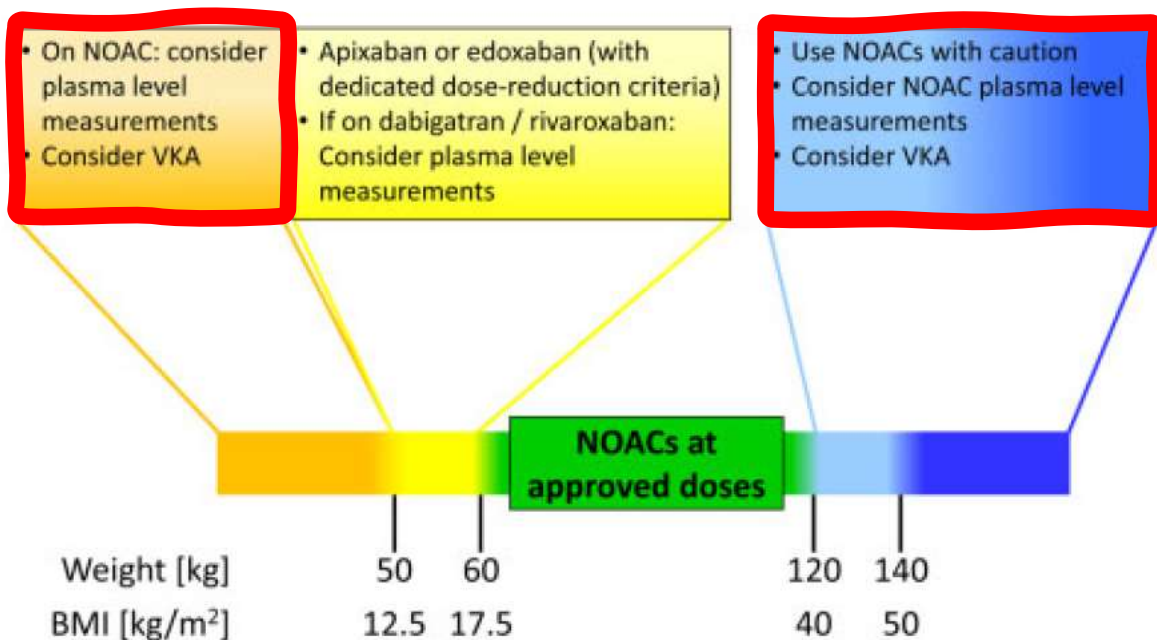




SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

SOME LESSONS CAN ONLY BE LEARNED ONCE!

Extreme Konstitution?



“Leberinsuffizienz”

.... Wie definieren?



Baseline assessment:

- H/o thromboembolism or bleeding?
- Relevant co-medications and over-the-counter drugs?
- CBC, liver function test, PT/INR, aPTT, renal function
- High bleeding risk (e.g., H/o major bleeding (varices), uncontrolled alcohol intake, etc.)?

Highest risk patients →

Consider no anticoagulation / evaluate alternative stroke prevention strategy

All other patients ↓

| Parameter | 1 point | 2 points | 3 points |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Encephalopathy | No | Grade 1-2 | Grade 3-4 |
| Ascites | No | Mild | ≥ Moderate |
| Bilirubin | < 2 mg/dL < 34 μmol/L | 2-3 mg/dL 34-50 μmol/L | > 3 mg/dL > 50 μmol/L |
| Albumin | > 3.5 g/dL > 35 g/L | 2.8-3.5 g/dL 28-35 g/L | < 2.8 g/dL < 28 g/L |
| INR | < 1.7 | 1.71-2.30 | >2.30 |

| NOAC Use recommendations in liver disease | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | A (<7 pts) | B (7-9 pts) | C (>9 pts) |
| Dabigatran | Normal dose | Use with caution | Not recommended |
| Apixaban | | | |
| Edoxaban | | | |
| Rivaroxaban | | | |

- ✓ Assess Child-Pugh score
- ✓ Check NOAC use recommendations in liver disease
- ✓ Check for drug-drug interactions
- ✓ Discuss in multidisciplinary team

Close follow-up (see also Fig. 3)

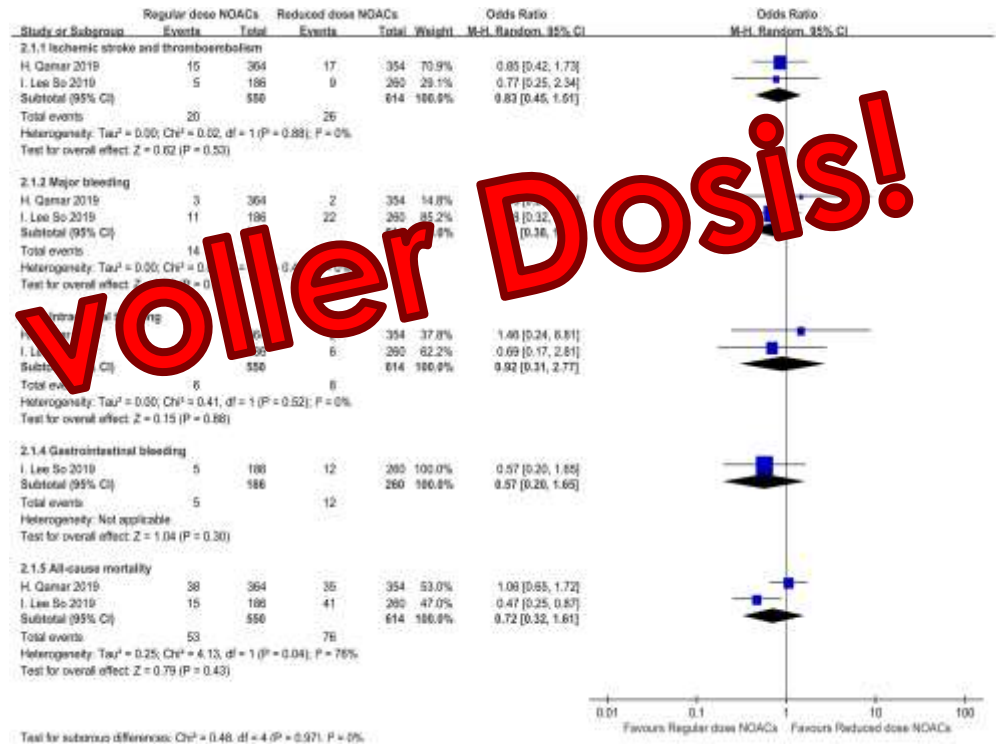
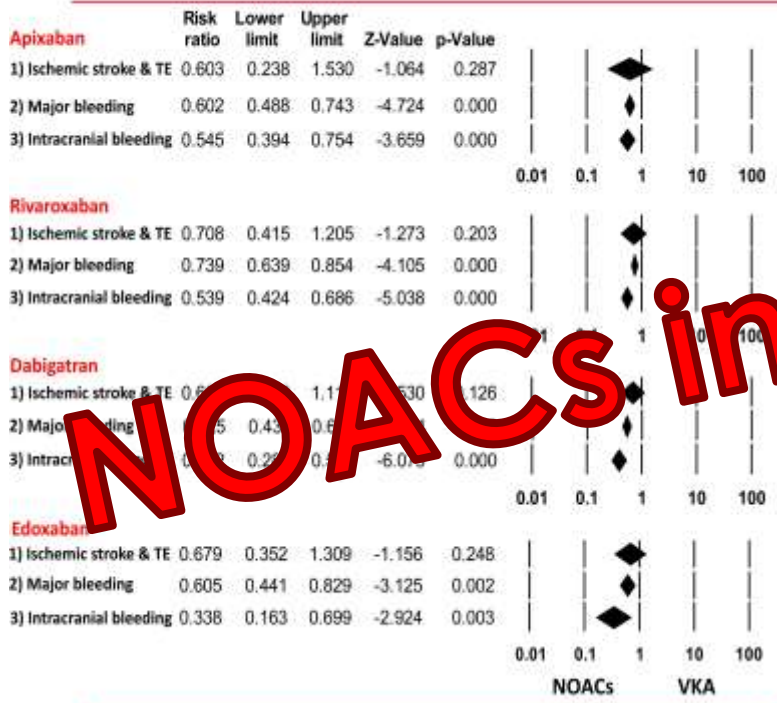
- Signs of (occult) bleeding?
- Adherence? Side effects?
- (New) co-medications, incl. NSAIDs, aspirin, OTC?
- CBC, liver function, PT/INR, aPTT, renal function
- Continue bleeding risk minimization strategies
- Re-enforce education, incl. alcohol abstinence

Europace 2021, euab065, <https://doi.org/10.1093/europace/euab065>

Disclaimer: „Fachinfo Apixaban: Bei Patienten mit leichter oder mäßiger Leberfunktionsstörung (Child-Pugh A oder B): Apixaban kann mit Vorsicht angewendet werden; Dosisanpassung nicht erforderlich. .“

“Leberinsuffizienz”

Individual effect of NOAC vs. VKA in patients with liver disease



NOACs in voller Dosis!