

La fibrillazione atriale non-valvolare: Clinica, diagnosi differenziale, trattamento

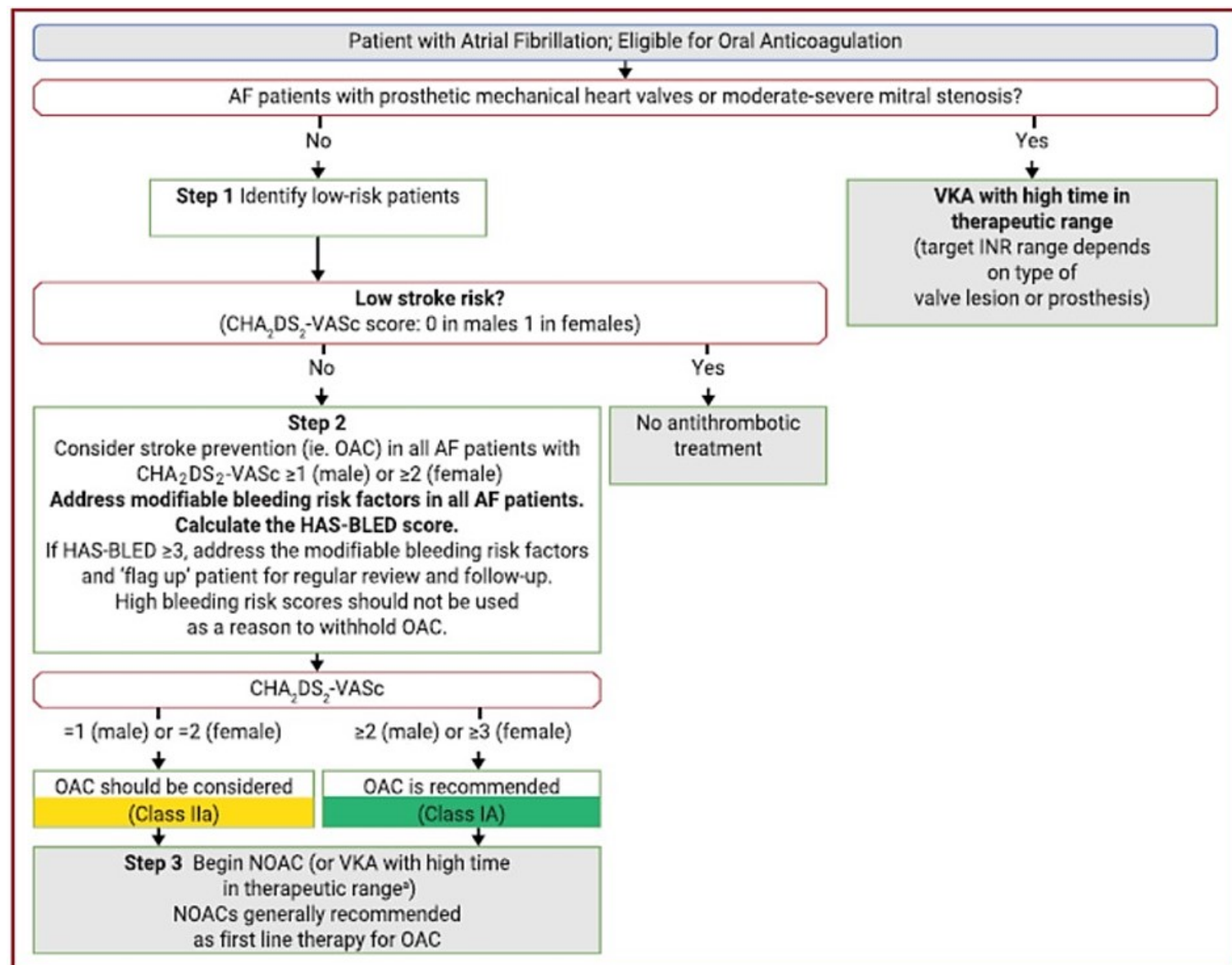
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La diagnosi di fibrillazione atriale valvolare comprende i portatori di valvulopatia su base reumatica, sostanzialmente (sic...) la **stenosi mitralica moderata o grave.**

Non sembra esserci correlazione fra la scelta dell'anticoagulante e il rischio trombo embolico nella insufficienza mitralica e nella valvulopatia aortica.

**Ma anche...
... protesi valvolari meccaniche!**



Fibrillazione Atriale – NOAC

Il bilancio tra rischio trombo-embolico e rischio di sanguinamento

CHA₂DS₂-VASc Score

- 1 point for **C**ongestive Heart Failure/ LV Dysfunction
- 1 point for **H**ypertension
- 1 point for **A**ge 65-74 years
- 2 points for **A**ge ≥ 75 years
- 1 point for **D**iabetes Mellitus
- 2 points for Prior **S**troke or TIA¹ or TE²
- 1 point for **V**ascular Disease³
- 1 point for **S**ex category (female gender)

CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc Score*	One year event rate (95% CI) of hospital admission and death due to Thromboembolism† per 100 person years
0	0.78 (0.78 – 1.04)
1	2.01 (1.70 – 2.36)
2	3.71 (3.36 – 4.09)
3	5.92 (5.53 – 6.34)
4	9.27 (8.71 – 9.86)
5	15.26 (14.35 – 16.24)
6	19.74 (18.21 – 21.41)
7	21.5 (18.75 – 24.64)
8	22.38 (16.29 – 30.76)
9	23.64 (10.62 – 52.61)

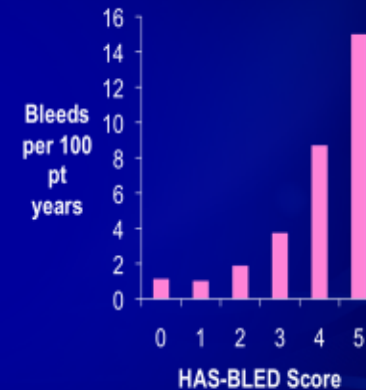
*Score 0: Patients can be administered aspirin
 *Score 1: Patients can be administered aspirin or anticoagulant therapy
 *Score ≥2: Patients should be administered anticoagulant therapy
 †Includes peripheral artery embolism, ischemic stroke, and pulmonary embolism

¹TIA = Transient Ischemic attack; ²TE = Thromboembolism
³Prior myocardial infarction, peripheral artery disease, aortic plaque
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Redefining Risk: HAS-BLED

Letter	Clinical Characteristic	Points
H	Hypertension	1
A	Abnormal Liver or Renal Function	1 or 2
S	Stroke	1
B	Bleeding	1
L	Labile INR	1
E	Elderly (age > 65)	1
D	Drugs or Alcohol	1 or 2
Maximum Score		9



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Profilo di Rischio Tromboembolico ed Emorragico (Rispetto al Warfarin)

	Dabigatran 150 mg	Dabigatran 110 mg	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban 60 mg	Edoxaban 30 mg
	RE-LY		ROCKET-AF	ARISTOTLE	ENGAGE-AF TIMI 51	
Stroke/SE: Non inferiorità	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.66 (0.53-0.82)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.90 (0.74-1.10)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.79 (0.66-0.96)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.79 (0.66-0.95)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.79 (0.63-0.99)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 1.07 (0.87-1.31)</i>
Stroke/SE: Superiorità	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.66 (0.53-0.82)</i>			Dimostrata <i>HR 0.79 (0.66-0.95)</i>		
Riduzione ictus emorragico	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.26 (0.14-0.49)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.31 (0.17-0.56)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.59 (0.37-0.93)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.51 (0.35-0.75)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.54 (0.38-0.77)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.33 (0.22-0.50)</i>
Riduzione emorragie cerebrali	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.41 (0.28-0.60)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.30 (0.19-0.45)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.67 (0.47-0.93)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.42 (0.38-0.58)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.47 (0.34-0.63)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.30 (0.21-0.43)</i>
Riduzione ictus ischemico	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.76 (0.59-0.97)</i>					
Riduzione mortalità totale				Dimostrata <i>HR 0.89 (0.80-0.998)</i>		Dimostrata <i>HR 0.87 (0.79-0.96)</i>
Riduz. mortalità cardiovascolare	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.85 (0.72-0.99)</i>				Dimostrata <i>HR 0.86 (0.77-0.97)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.85 (0.76-0.96)</i>
Riduz. emorragie maggiori		Dimostrata <i>HR 0.80 (0.70-0.93)</i>		Dimostrata <i>HR 0.57 (0.46-0.70)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.80 (0.71-0.91)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.47 (0.41-0.55)</i>
Riduz. emorragie fatali		Dimostrata <i>HR 0.58 (0.35-0.97)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.50 (0.31-0.79)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.50 (0.33-0.74)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.55 (0.36-0.84)</i>	Dimostrata <i>HR 0.35 (0.21-0.57)</i>
Riduz. emorragie intestinali						Dimostrata <i>HR 0.67 (0.53-0.83)</i>

**GARFIELD:
Antithrombotic therapy in the context of
today's clinical practice of A-Fib**

**The Global Anticoagulant Registry in the Field:
Research network in 34 countries; n = 60,000
Italy active sites - 48 n >2,000**

**Professor Ambrosio
Italy Coordinator**



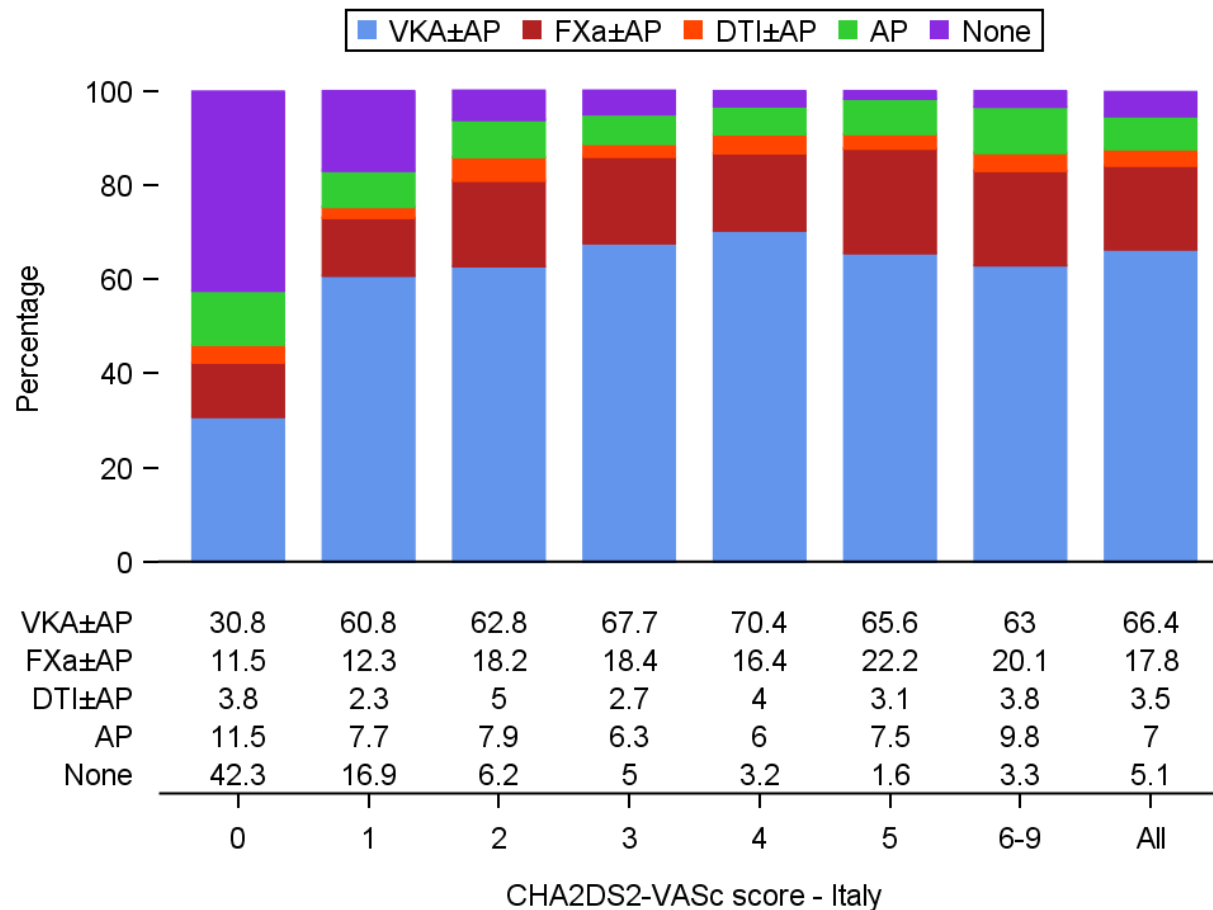
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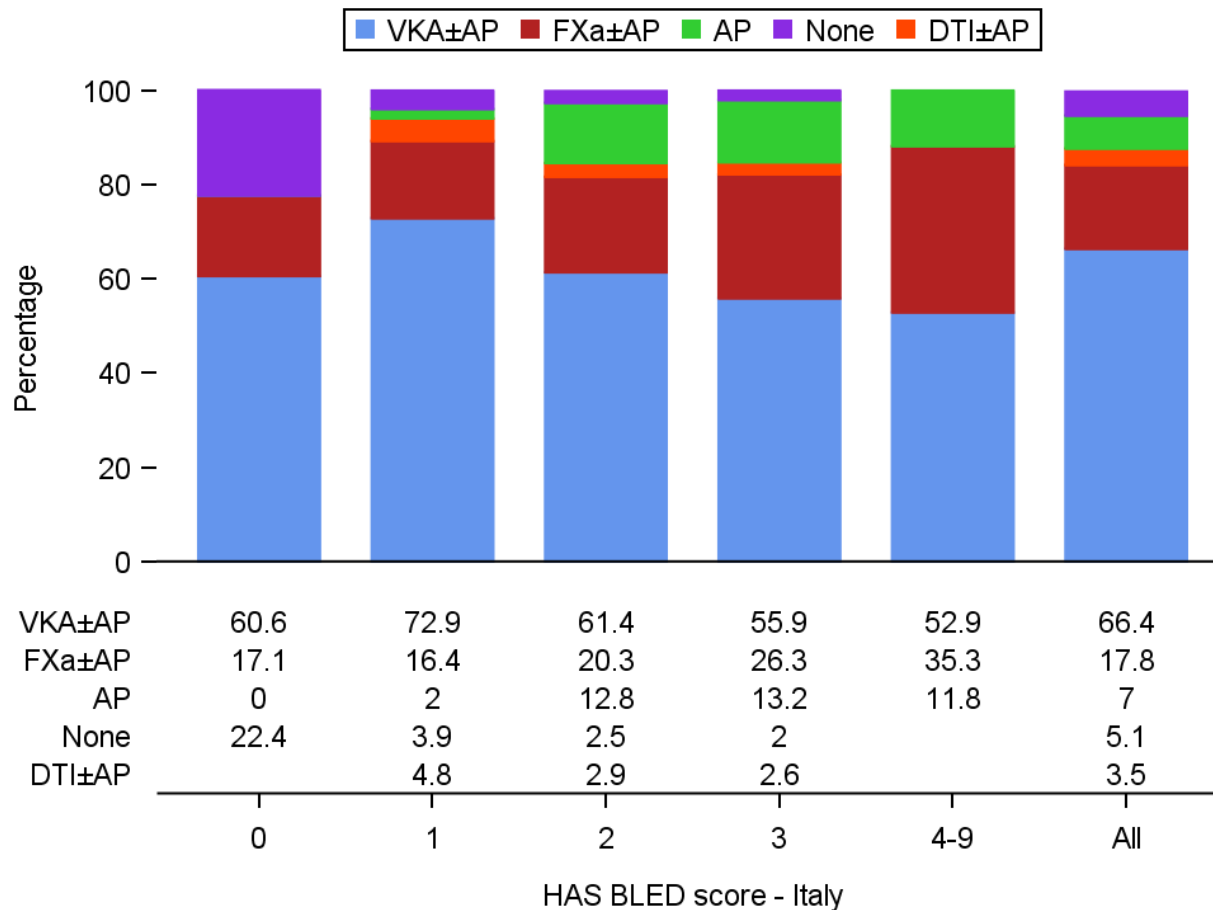
Evolving antithrombotic treatment patterns for patients with newly diagnosed atrial fibrillation

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Treatment of newly diagnosed AF in Italy by CHA₂DS₂-VASc score



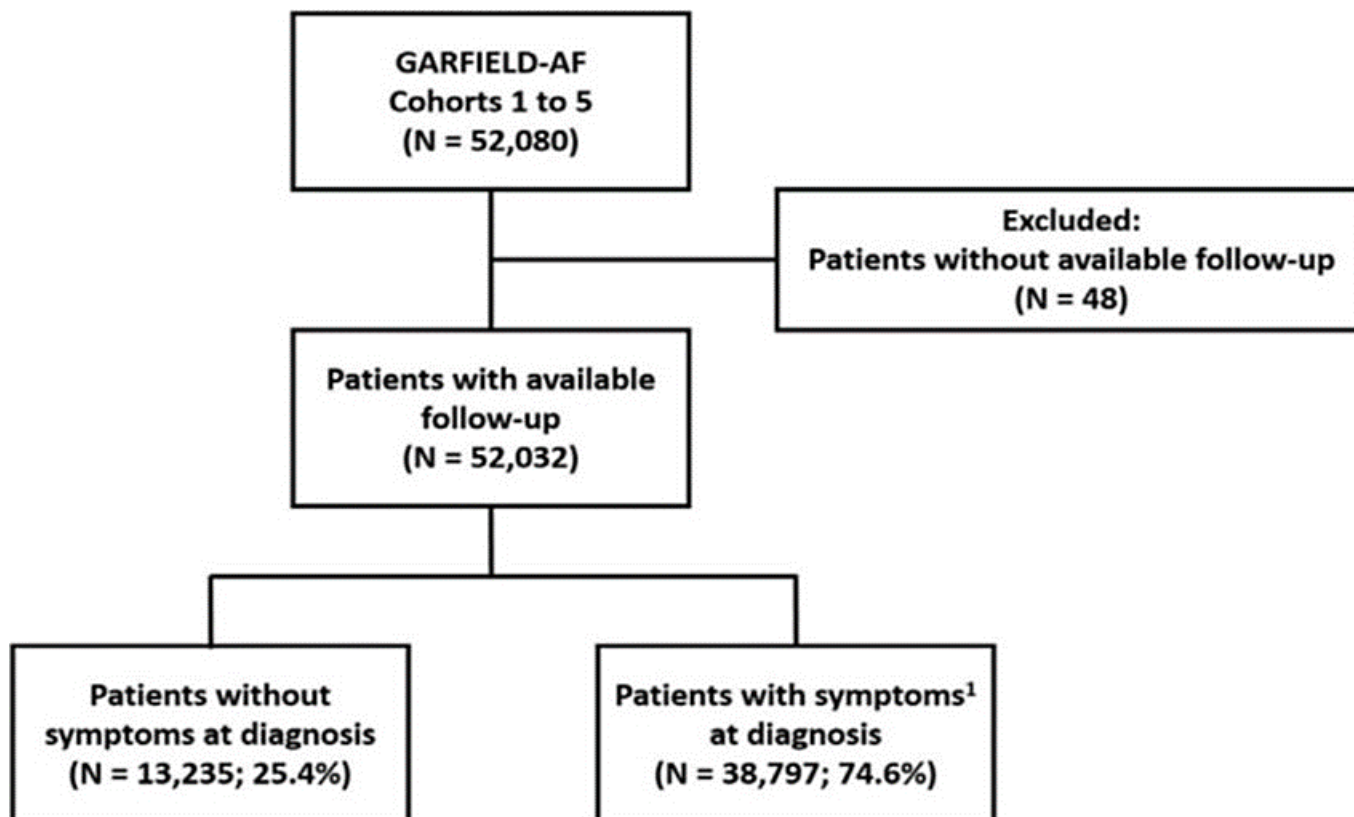
Treatment of newly diagnosed AF in Italy by HAS-BLED score



Clinical Outcomes in Asymptomatic and Symptomatic Atrial Fibrillation Presentations in GARFIELD-AF: Implications for AF Screening

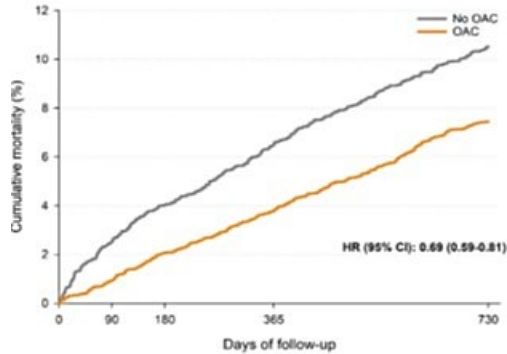
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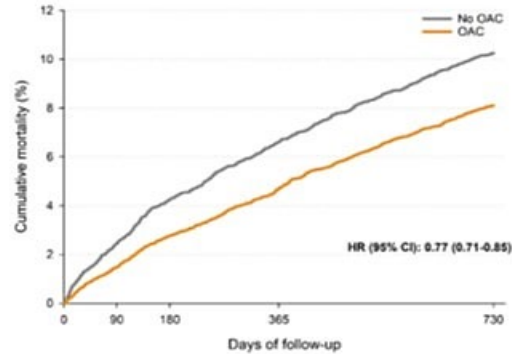


A. All-cause mortality

Without symptoms

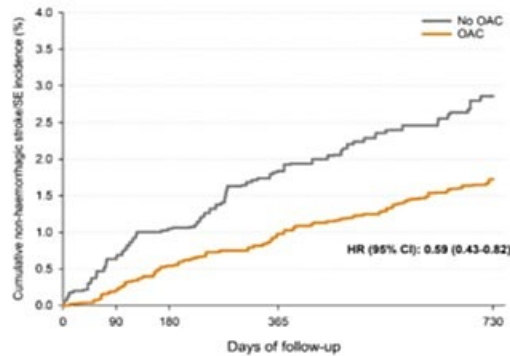


With symptoms

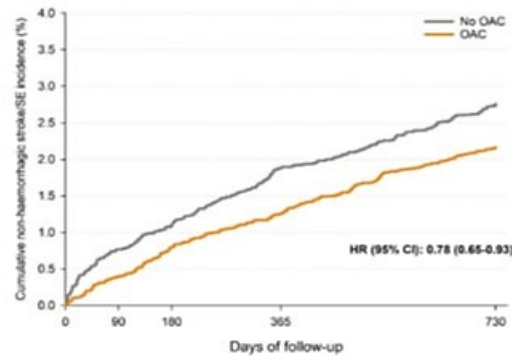


B. Non-haemorrhagic stroke/systemic embolism

Without symptoms

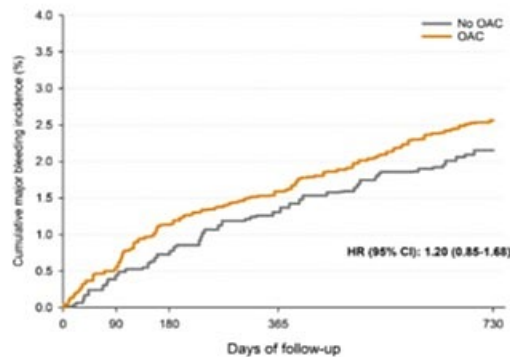


With symptoms

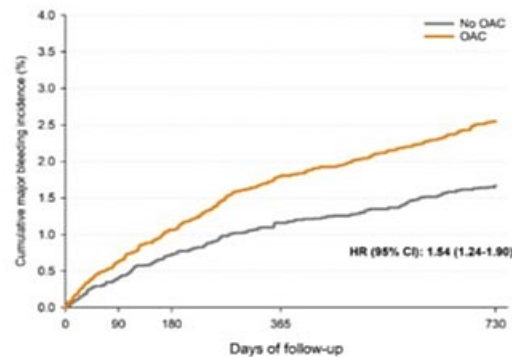


C. Major Bleeding

Without symptoms



With symptoms



Major outcomes do not differ between asymptomatic and symptomatic atrial fibrillation presentation, and are comparably reduced by anticoagulation.

Opportunistic screening-detected asymptomatic atrial fibrillation likely has the same prognosis as asymptomatic atrial fibrillation at presentation;

It likely responds similarly to anticoagulation thromboprophylaxis.

Outcomes in Newly Diagnosed Atrial Fibrillation and History of Acute Coronary Syndromes: Insights from GARFIELD-AF

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Demographics and clinical characteristics of GARFIELD-AF patients with and without history of ACS

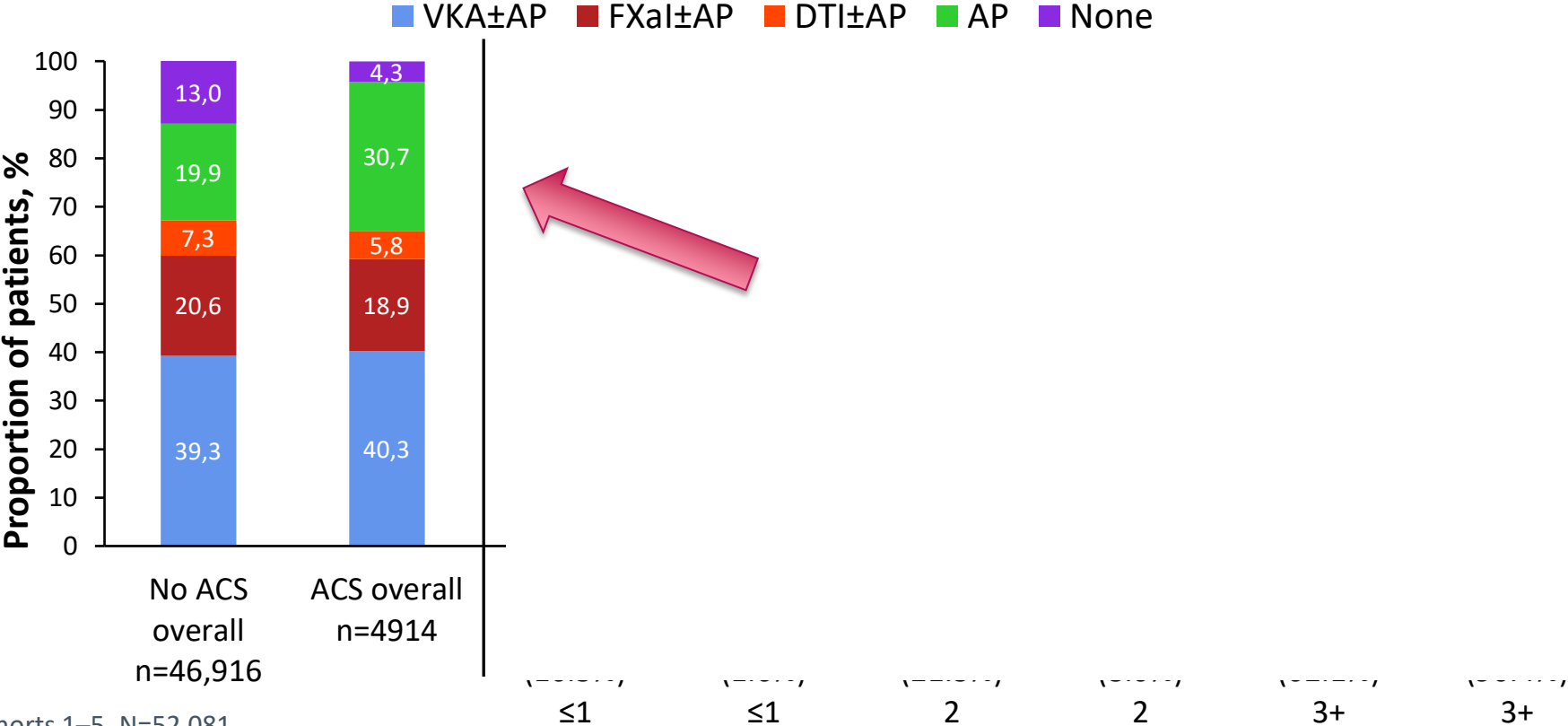
	No ACS (N=46,916)	ACS (N=4914)
Female, %	45.5	31.7
Age at AF diagnosis (years), median	71.0	73.0
Heart failure	18.8	30.3
Coronary artery bypass graft	1.3	21.2
Hypercholesterolaemia	38.9	67.0
Vascular disease	5.7	99.0
Stenting	3.1	42.5
Diabetes mellitus	20.9	33.4

Demographics and clinical characteristics of GARFIELD-AF patients with and without history of ACS cont'd

	No ACS (N=46,916)	ACS (N=4914)
Smoking, %		
Non-smoker	66.7	53.1
Ex-smoker	22.3	36.1
CHA₂DS₂-VASc score, median	3.0	4.0
HAS-BLED score, median	1.0	2.0

Cohorts 1-5, N=52,081

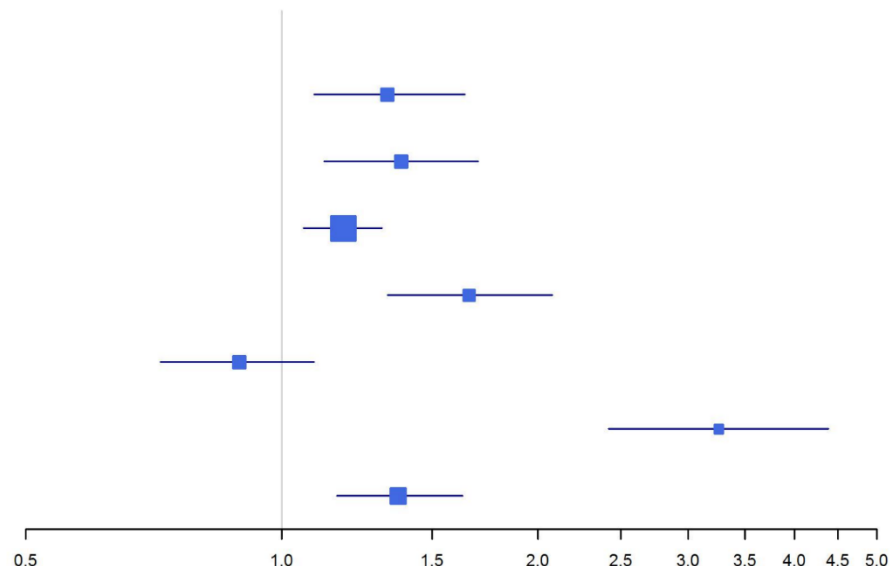
Antithrombotic therapy at diagnosis in patients with and without history of ACS



AP, antiplatelet; DTI, direct thrombin inhibitor; FXaI, factor Xa inhibitor; VKA, vitamin K antagonist

Adjusted HRs for 2-year outcomes for patients with vs. no history of ACS

Outcomes	n (%)	aHR
Stroke/SE	851 (2.1)	1.33
Major bleeding	503 (1.3)	1.38
All-cause mortality	2744 (6.9)	1.18
Cardiovascular mortality	1012 (2.5)	1.66
Non-cardiovascular mortality	1028 (2.6)	0.89
New ACS	480 (1.2)	3.26
Congestive heart failure	1214 (3.0)	1.37



HRs were adjusted for age group, gender, race, smoking, diabetes, hypertension, previous stroke/TIA/SE, history of bleeding, cardiac failure, peripheral vascular disease, moderate-to-severe renal disease, AC vs. no AC treatment, type of AF, and alcohol consumption

Cohorts 1–4, N=39,903

Conclusions

- 1. GARFIELD-AF registry shows that patients with newly diagnosed atrial fibrillation (AF) and history of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) have worse long-term outcomes**
- 2. They were less likely to receive oral anticoagulation.**
- 3. ACS patients presented with a higher bleeding risk and factors that also increase stroke and mortality risk**
- 4. In patients with AF, with prior ACS, patients are increasingly on combined AP and AC therapy**
- 5. This combined antithrombotic therapy is associated with an increase in bleeding**
- 6. The major contributors to adverse outcomes in patients with AF and prior ACS are cardiovascular death and new ACS**
- 7. These data support the current recommendations to omit any antiplatelet therapy 1 year after the onset of ACS in patients with AF.**

Characteristics, treatment, and outcomes of newly diagnosed atrial fibrillation patients with heart failure: GARFIELD-AF

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Heart failure begets AF and (probably) vice versa

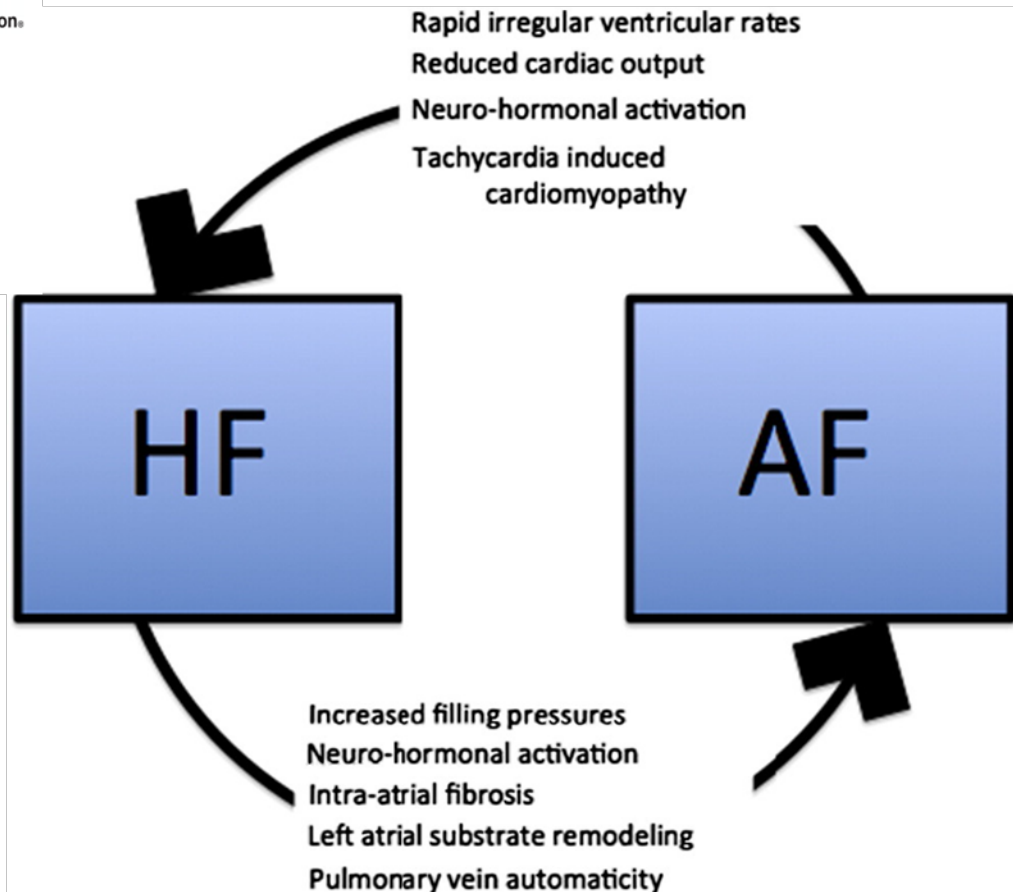
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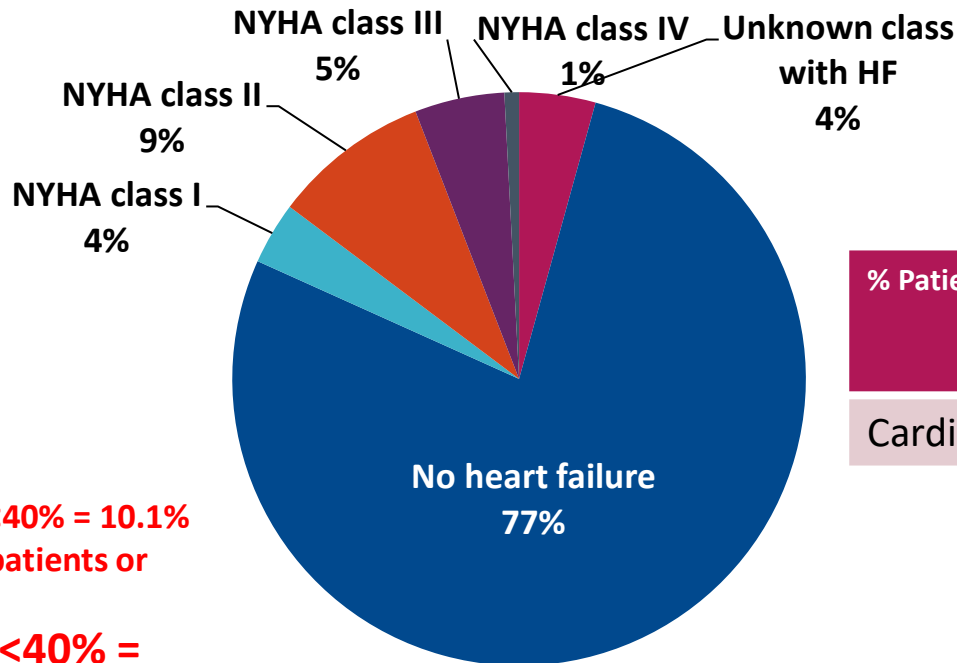
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Methods

52,014 patients recruited into GARFIELD-AF
between March 2010 and August 2016
NYHA classification available for 49,773 patients
LVEF available in 58% of patients



EF <40% = 10.1%
all patients or

EF <40% =
35.6% HF

% Patients	No HF (n=41,676)	NYHA Class I-II (n=6441)	NYHA Class III-IV (n=3063)
Cardiology %	64.2	70.0	73.7

Cohorts 1-5, N=52,014; NYHA, New York Heart Association

Clinical characteristics of patients

	No Heart failure N= 40,269	Heart failure N=11,738
Female, %	44.6	42.9
Age at diagnosis median (IQR)	71.0 (63.0 to 78.0)	71.0 (62.0 to 79.0)
Type 2 diabetes, %	21.5	24.4
History of hypertension, %	75.9	77.7
Vascular disease, %	12.8	21.7
Moderate-to-severe CKD, %	9.1	14.7
Prior stroke/TIA %	11.6	10.9
History of bleeding %	2.4	3.0
CHA₂DS₂-VASc score, mean (SD)	2.9 (1.5)	4.0 (1.6)

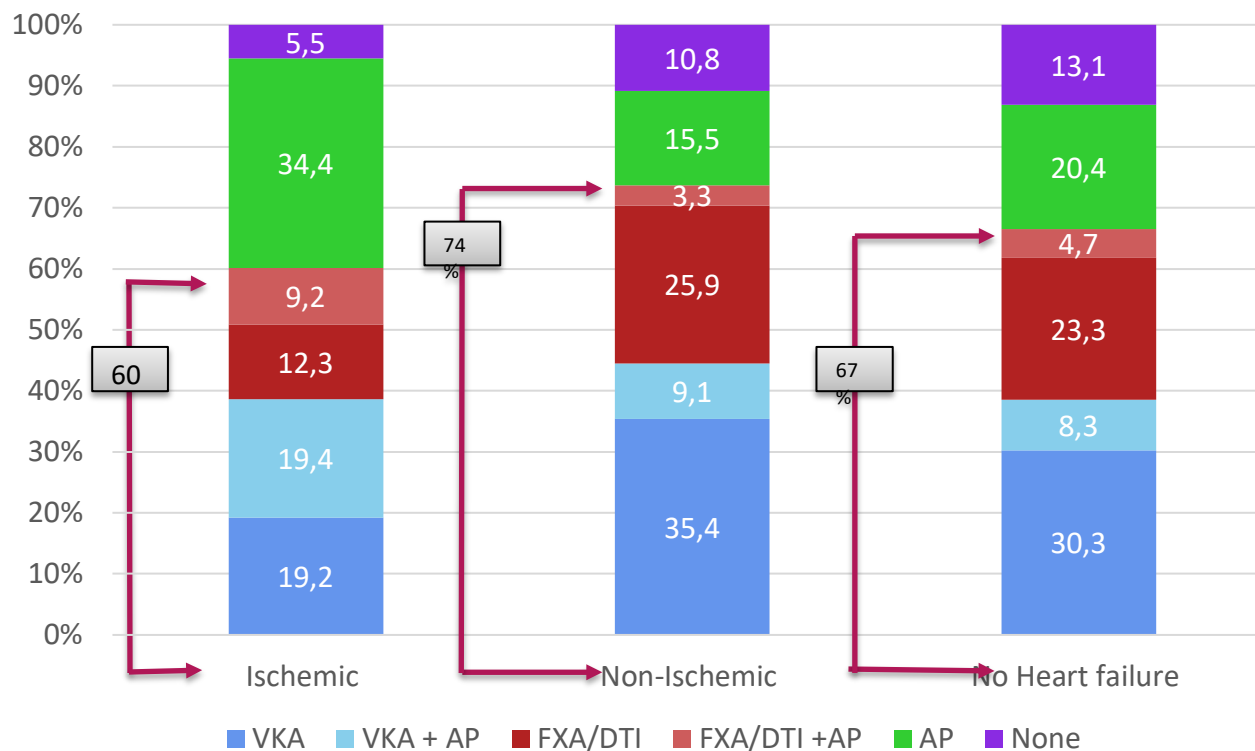
Cohorts 1–5, N=52,014; NYHA, New York Heart Association

Clinical characteristics of patients

	Ischemic (N= 4,717)	Non-ischemic (N=7,021)	No heart failure (N=40,269)
Female, %	40.3	44.6	44.6
Age at diagnosis median (IQR)	71.0 (63.0 to 78.0)	71.0 (62.0 to 79.0)	71.0 (63.0 to 78.0)
Type 2 diabetes, %	28.3	20.2	20.5
History of hypertension, %	84.6	73.1	75.9
Vascular disease, %	47.3	4.7	12.8
Moderate-to-severe CKD, %	16.2	13.7	9.1
Prior stroke/TIA	12.6	9.7	11.6
History of bleeding	3.4	2.8	2.4
CHA₂DS₂-VASc score, mean (SD)	4.4 (1.6)	3.8 (1.5)	2.9 (1.5)

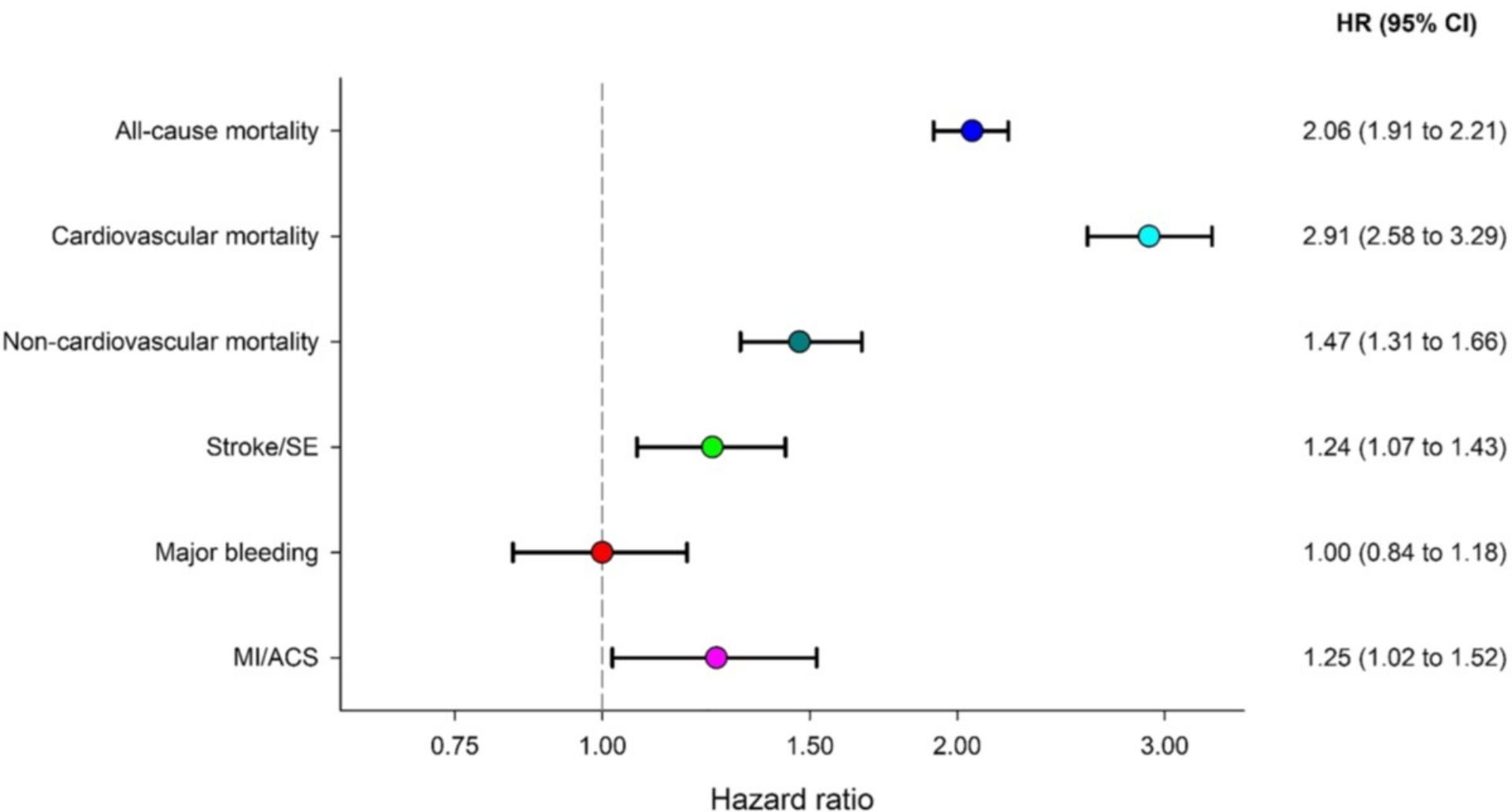
Cohorts 1–5; CKD, chronic kidney disease; TIA, transient ischaemic attack

Antithrombotic treatment patterns

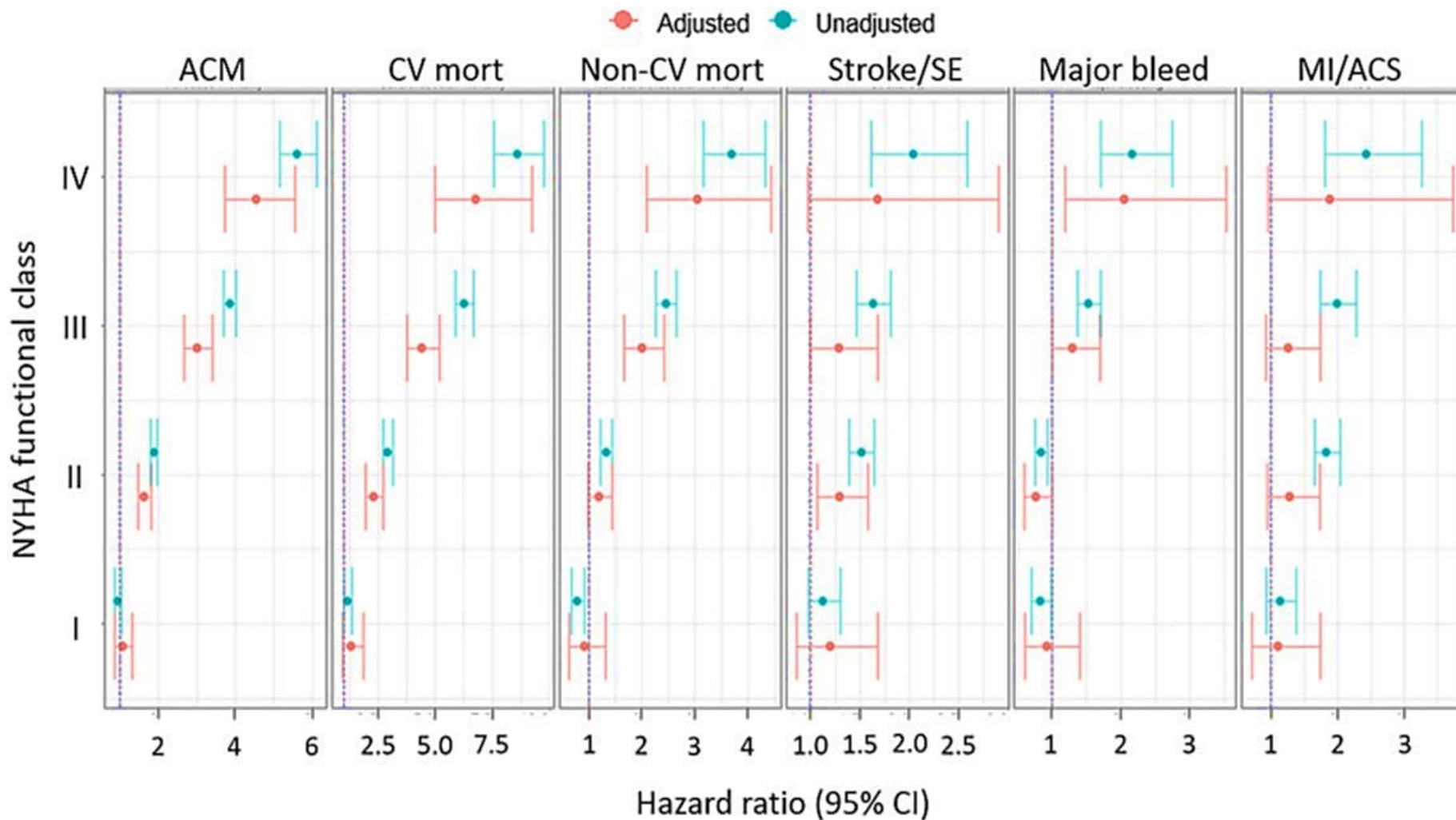


AP, antiplatelet; CHF, congestive heart failure; DTI, direct thrombin inhibitor; FXaI, factor Xa inhibitor; VKA, vitamin K antagonists

Major adverse outcomes in atrial fibrillation patients with heart failure vs. without heart failure (reference): adjusted hazard ratios (HRs)



Unadjusted and adjusted 2 year outcomes [hazard ratios vs. no heart failure (HF)] in patients stratified by severity of HF. Severity of HF is stratified via the New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional classes I–IV.

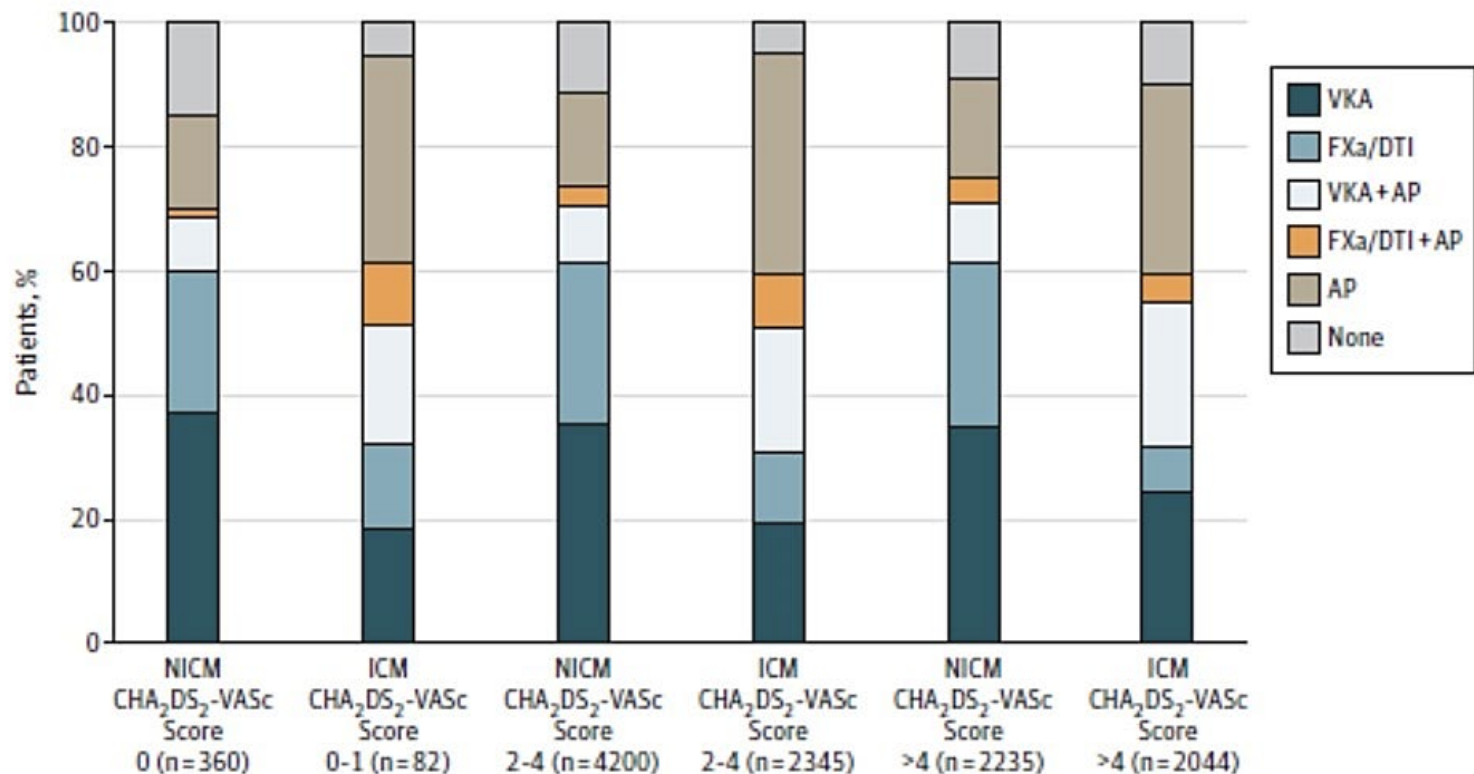


Analysis of Outcomes in Ischemic vs Nonischemic Cardiomyopathy in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation A Report From the GARFIELD-AF Registry

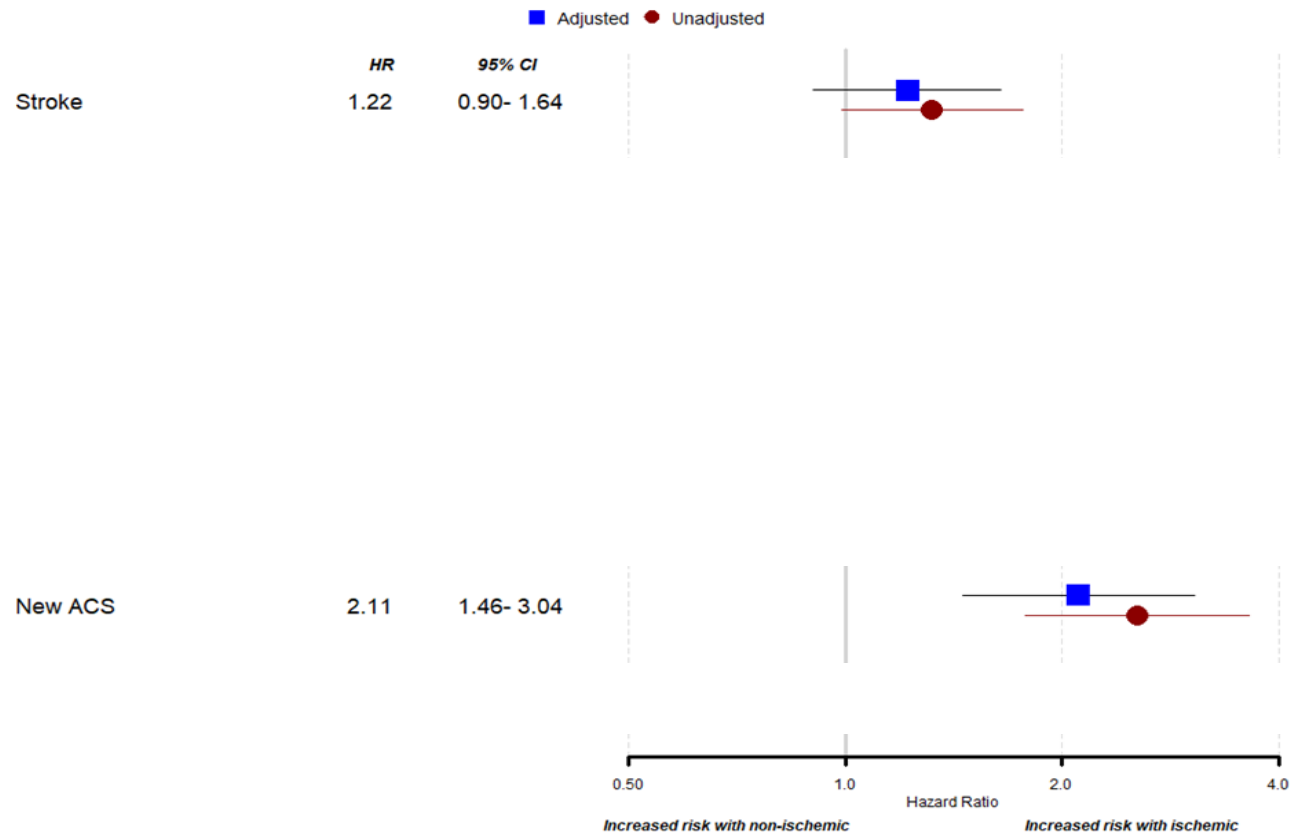
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Figure 1. Percentage of Prescription of Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets (AP) and Their Combination in Ischemic Cardiomyopathy (ICM) and Nonischemic Cardiomyopathy (NICM) According to CHA₂DS₂-VASc Score

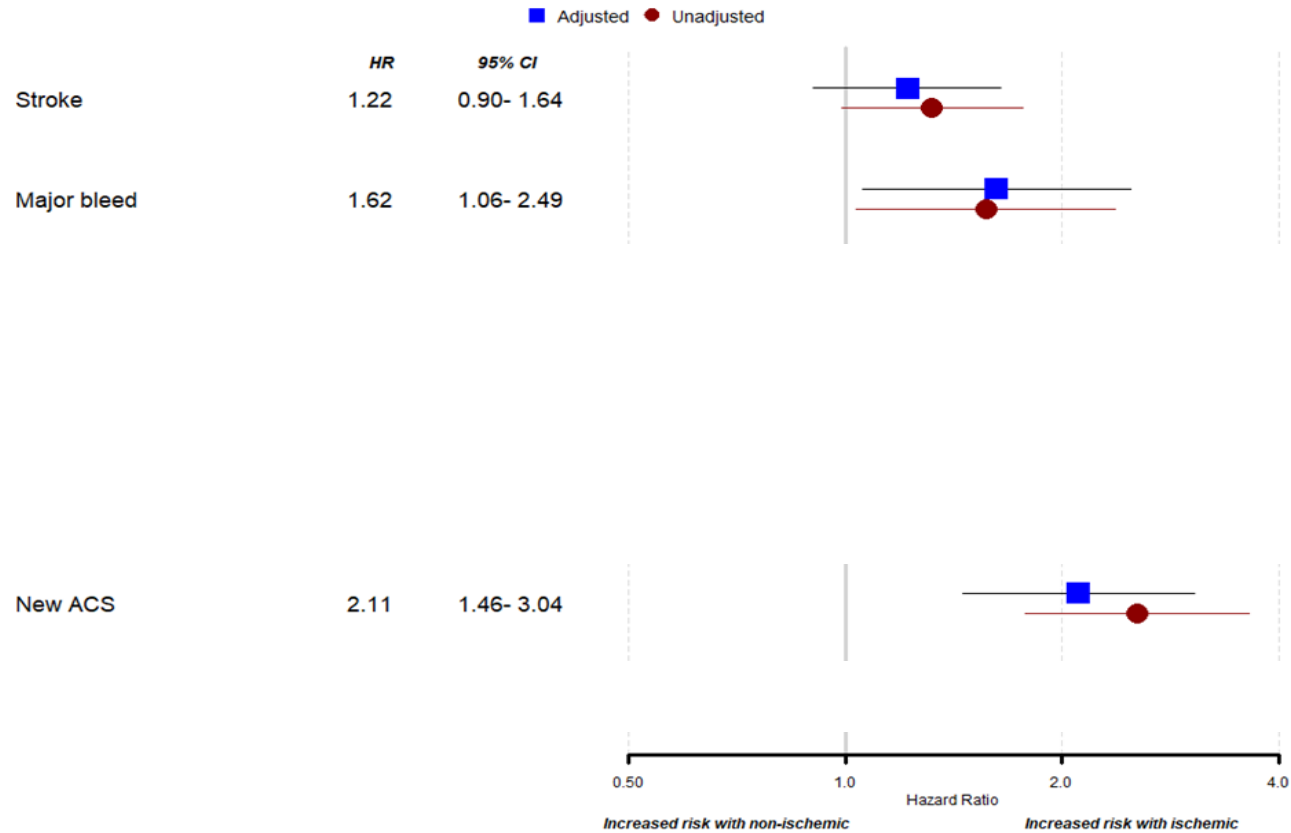


Outcomes for Ischemic versus non-Ischemic HF patients



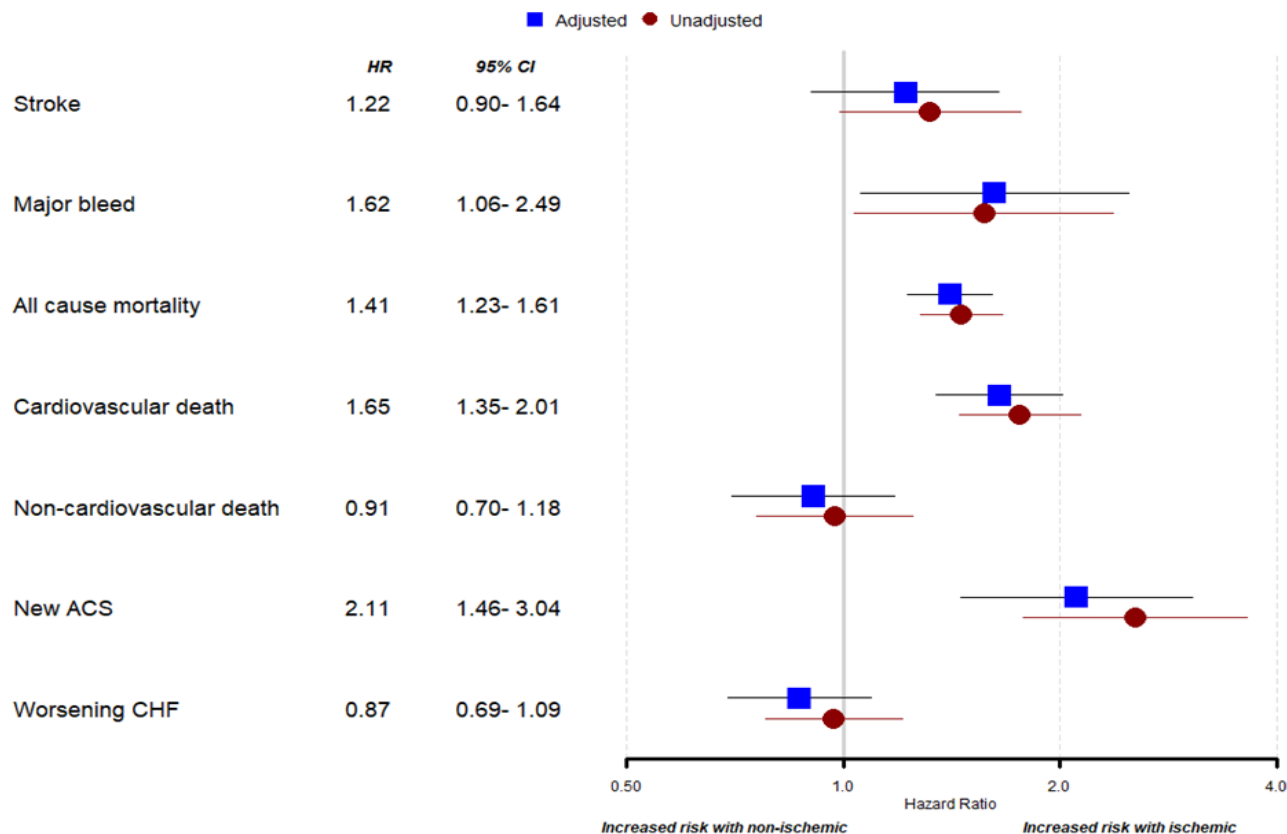
Rates have been adjusted for age, sex, race smoking diabetes, hypertension, history of bleeding, moderate to severe kidney disease, type of medication, type of AF and heavy alcohol use.

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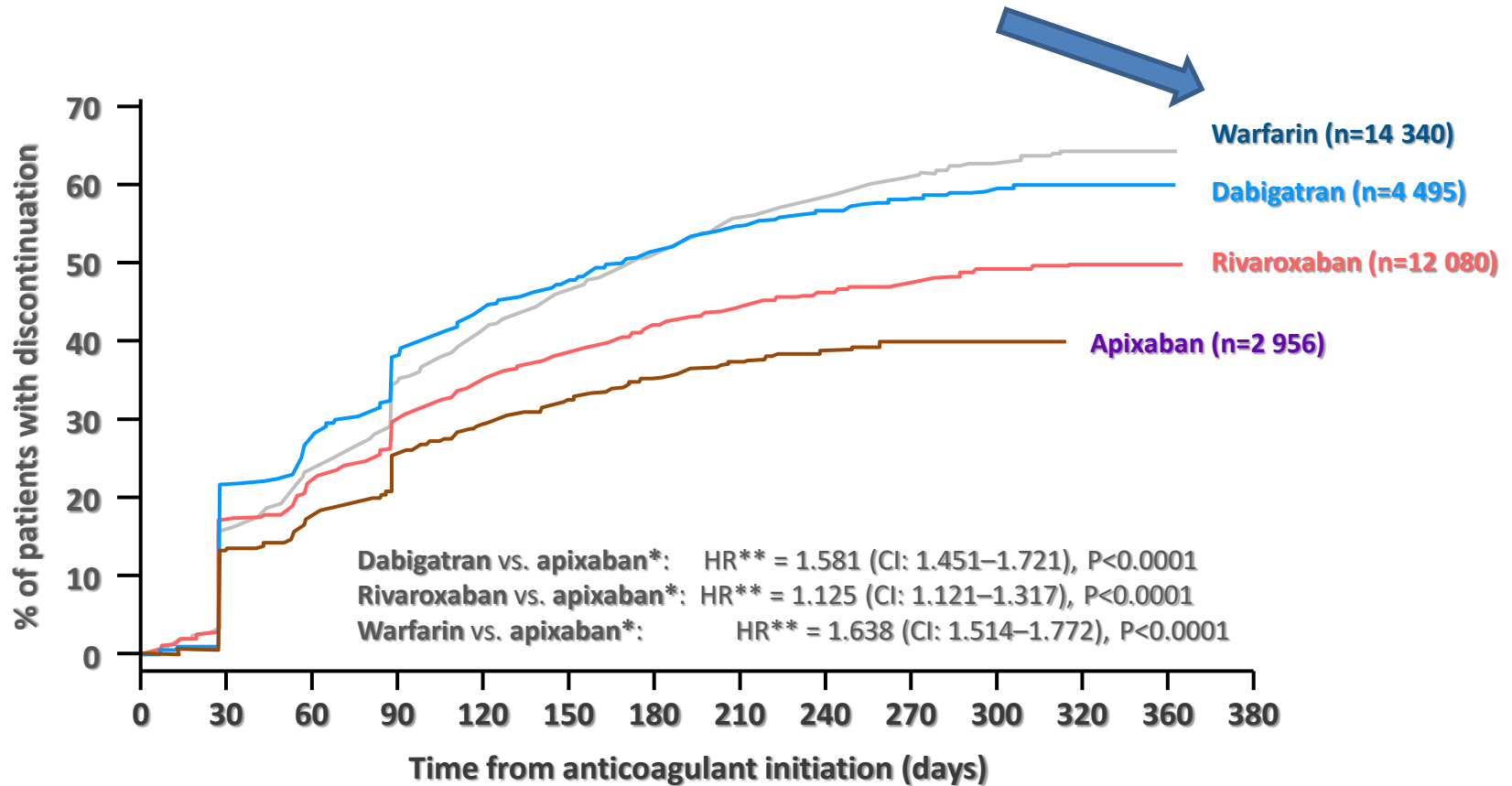
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Conclusions

- **About ¼ of patients with newly-diagnosed AF present with HF, of whom ≈ 40% had ischemic etiology**
- **HF patients are older/sicker than those without HF**
- **Ischemic HF patients have more comorbidities (diabetes, hypertension)**
- **Ischemic patients were more often sub-optimally anticoagulated, and received AP alone more often**
- **Ischemic patients had worse outcomes than patient with non-ischemic HF**
- **They also had more bleedings**
- **Also in terms of all-cause and cardiovascular death, ischemic HF patients score worse, despite being more likely to receive guideline-directed therapy than non-ischemic HF patients**

Cohorts 1–5, N=52,081

Discontinuation rates of NOACs in real world



* Effect size is versus apixaban which acts as a reference category.

** Analysis controlled for other variables including age, gender, onset of embolic or primary ischemic stroke, dyspepsia or stomach discomfort, congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, diabetes, hypertension, renal disease, myocardial infarction, history of TIA or stroke and history of bleeding.

Main reasons why anticoagulants were not given in CHA₂DS₂-VASc ≥2 patients with and without history of ACS

Reason, %	No ACS (n=9010)	ACS (n=1214)
Already taking antiplatelet drugs for other medical condition	4.9	17.5
Patient refusal	9.5	10.5
Previous bleeding event	2.1	2.3
Other/unknown	53.8	41.8
Physician's choice	29.2	25.9
Bleeding risk	27.6	46.3
Concern over patient compliance	14.2	15.6
Guideline recommendation	10.2	7.9
Fall risk	13.9	11.7
Low risk of stroke	34.1	18.4

Cohorts 1–5, N=52,081

Anticoagulation in Patients at Risk For Falls Should we be concerned ?

Choosing Antithrombotic Therapy for Elderly Patients With Atrial Fibrillation Who Are at Risk for Falls

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“...persons taking warfarin must fall about 295 (535/1.81) times in 1 year for anticoagulation **not** to be the optimal therapy...”

term warfarin use) for patients with atrial fibrillation who are 65 years of age and older, are at risk for falling, and have no other contraindications to antithrombotic therapy. Input data were obtained by systematic review of MEDLINE. Outcomes were expressed as quality-adjusted life-years.

Results: For patients with average risks of stroke and

Conclusions: For elderly patients with atrial fibrillation, the choice of optimal therapy to prevent stroke depends on many clinical factors, especially their baseline risk of stroke. However, patients' propensity to fall is not an important factor in this decision.

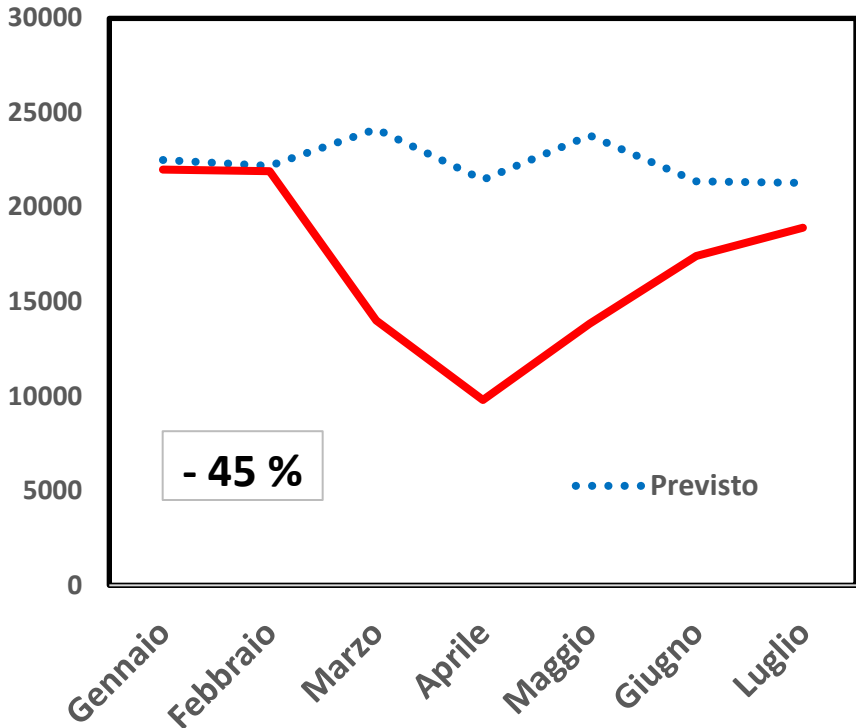
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Under-prescription of direct oral anticoagulants for treatment of non-valvular atrial fibrillation and venous thromboembolism in the COVID-19 lockdown period

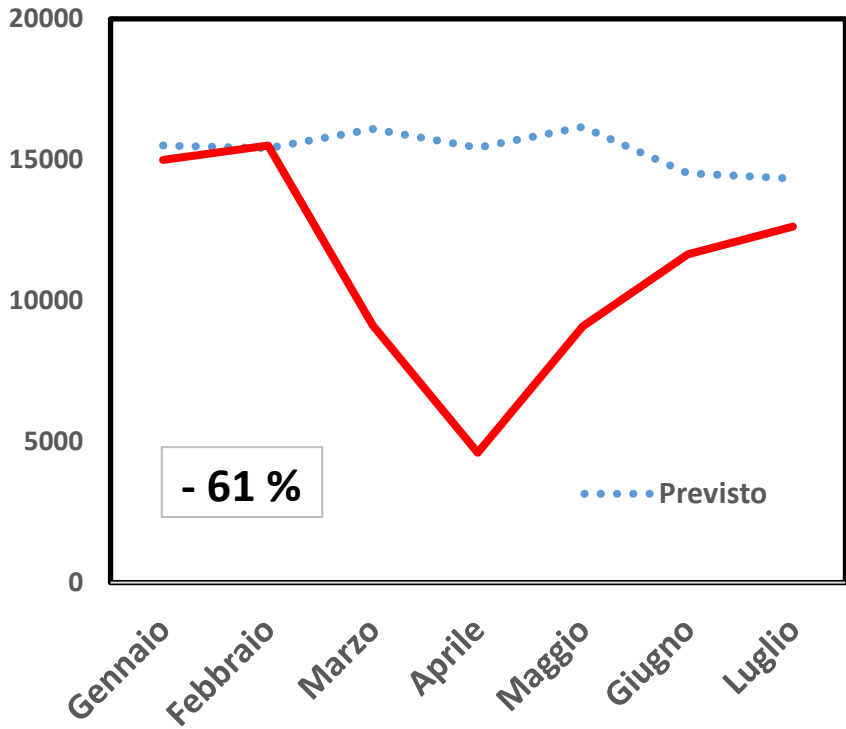
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From June 2013 to July 2020, the AIFA NOAC registry collected data on 1,515,629 new NOAC prescriptions, including 1,312,214 (86.6%) new prescriptions for non-valvular AF, and 203,415 (13.4%) for prevention or treatment of VTE.

Nuove Prescrizioni di Anticoagulanti in Italia
Fibrillazione Atriale - **Totale**



Nuove Prescrizioni di Anticoagulanti in Italia
Fibrillazione Atriale - **> 75 anni**



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ESC GUIDELINES

Clinical pattern of AF (i.e. first detected, paroxysmal, persistent, long-standing persistent, permanent) should not condition the indication to thromboprophylaxis III

Terminology that should be abandoned:

Lone AF: A historical descriptor.

Increasing knowledge about the pathophysiology of AF shows that in every patient a cause is present.

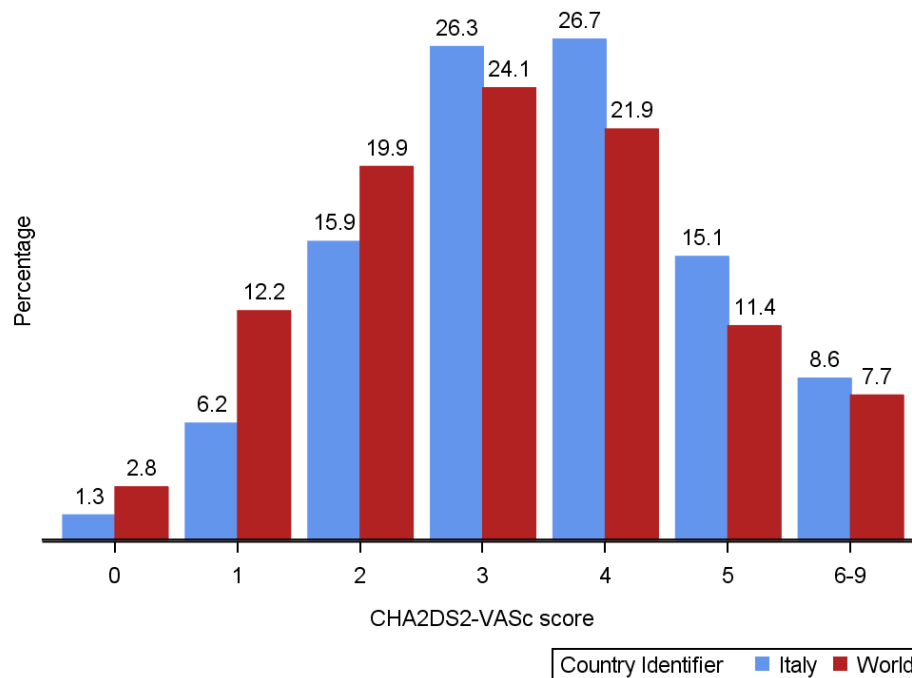
Hence, this term is potentially confusing and should be abandoned.

Valvular/nonvalvular AF

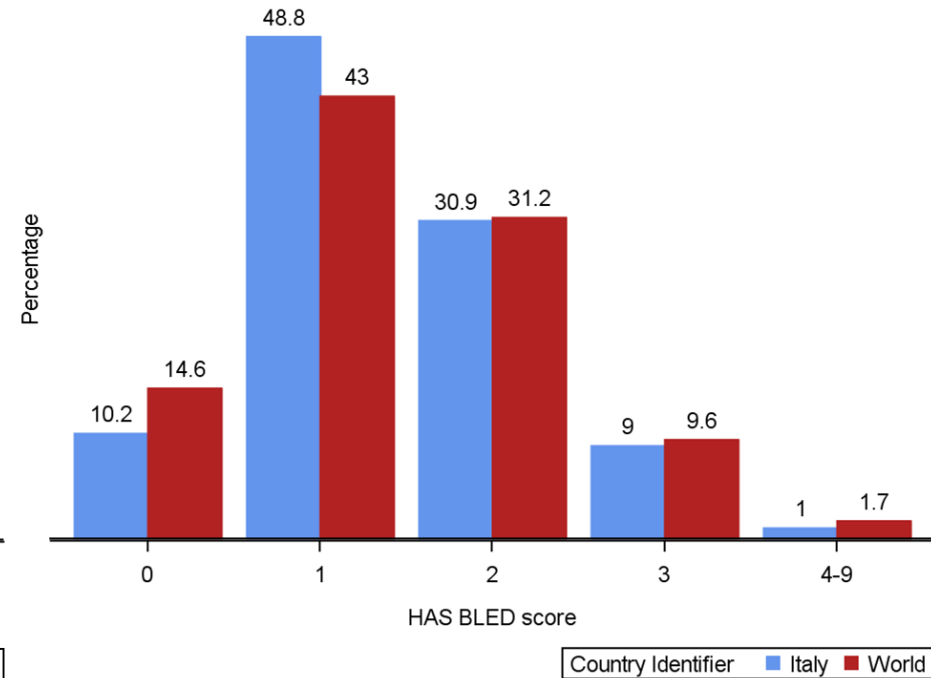
Differentiates patients with moderate/severe mitral stenosis and those with mechanical prosthetic heart valve(s) from other patients with AF, but may be confusing and should not be used.

Baseline scores in patients with newly diagnosed AF: Italy vs. all countries

CHA₂DS₂-VASc



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Monthly estimated and observed new prescriptions of Non-vitamin K Oral Anticoagulants for treatment of non-valvular atrial fibrillation by age group.

Rows identifying months characterized by the lockdown period are in grey.

	Overall			< 65 years			65-74 years			75 years or older		
Month	Estimated	Observed	Δ	Estimated	Observed	Δ	Estimated	Observed	Δ	Estimated	Observed	Δ
<i>March</i>	24,151	14,024	-41.9%	2,339	1,531	-34.5%	5,783	3,368	-41.8%	16,085	9,125	-43.3%
<i>April</i>	21,427	8,811	-58.9%	1,894	1,052	-44.5%	5,100	2,147	-57.9%	14,417	5,612	-61.1%
<i>May</i>	23,807	13,852	-41.8%	2,073	1,454	-29.9%	5,586	3,314	-40.7%	16,172	9,084	-43.8%
<i>June</i>	21,382	17,414	-18.6%	1,878	1,787	-4.8%	5,032	3,994	-20.6%	14,514	11,633	-19.9%
<i>July</i>	21,288	18,914	-11.2%	1,921	1,918	-0.2%	5,039	4,363	-13.4%	14,331	12,633	-11.8%
<i>March-July</i>	112,055	73,015	-34.8%	10,105	7,742	-23.4%	26,540	17,186	-35.2%	75,519	48,087	-36.3%

Nota 97

In considerazione delle evidenze scientifiche disponibili, relativamente all'uso prevalente nell'indicazione terapeutica **FANV**, i quattro **DOAC** (dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban, edoxaban) possono essere considerati globalmente sovrapponibili



Nei 4 mega-trials, come si sono 'comportati' i singoli NAO rispetto al warfarin, nei sottogruppi di pazienti che più sembrano assomigliare al paziente che ora ho davanti a me?

Caratteristiche Del paziente

Base Razionale

Possibile Opzione

Alto rischio di sanguinamento (HAS-BLED ≥ 3)



I NAO associati al più basso rischio di sanguinamento vs warfarin



Apixaban; Dabigatran 110; Edoxaban 30, 60

Pregresse emorragie gastrointestinali



I NAO associati al più basso rischio di emorragie gastrointestinali vs warfarin



Edoxaban 30

Pregresso ictus ischemico



I NAO associati al più basso rischio di ictus ischemico vs warfarin



Dabigatran 150

Card Ischemica con necessità di DAPT



I NAO testati in combinazione con ASA +clopidogrel



Dabigatran 110, 150

Card Ischemica con alto rischio di re-SCA



I NAO associati al minor rischio di SCA ricorrente vs warfarin



Rivaroxaban

Insufficienza renale (30-50 mL/min)



I NAO con accettabile rapporto efficacia/ sicurezza vs warfarin nell'insuff. renale
Considerazioni cliniche e farmacocinetiche



Apixaban; Rivaroxaban 15
Edoxaban 30; Dabigatran 110

Insufficienza epatica (Child Plough B-C)



I NAO a minor metabolismo epatico



Dabigatran 110, 150

Preferenza per singola somministrazione giornaliera



I NAO testati once daily



Rivaroxaban, Edoxaban 30, 60

Fastidi/dolori epigastrici



I NAO associati al più basso rischio di fastidi/dolori epigastrici vs warfarin



Apixaban; Rivaroxaban
Edoxaban 30, 60

INDICAZIONE TERAPEUTICA RCP

Prevenzione di ictus ed embolia sistemica in pazienti adulti con fibrillazione atriale non valvolare (FANV), con uno o più fattori di rischio quali:

- **Precedente ictus o attacco ischemico transitorio (TIA)**
- **Età ≥ 75 anni**
- **Insufficienza cardiaca (Classe NYHA \geq II)**
- **Diabete mellito**
- **Ipertensione**

NOTA AIFA 97 per la prescrizione della terapia anticoagulante orale nei pazienti con Fibrillazione atriale non valvolare (FANV)

Farmaci inclusi nella Nota AIFA:	La prescrizione della terapia anticoagulante orale è a carico del SSN limitatamente alla FANV e al rispetto del percorso decisionale illustrato ai punti A, B, C, D.
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▪ Warfarin ▪ Acenocumarolo	Il regime di fornitura delle altre indicazioni di AVK e NAO/NOAC rimane invariato.
NAO/DOAC:	PERCORSO DECISIONALE
▪ Dabigatran ▪ Apixaban ▪ Edoxaban ▪ Rivaroxaban	A. La diagnosi di FANV deve essere sempre confermata da un elettrocardiogramma e dalla valutazione clinica del paziente.


Demographics and clinical characteristics of GARFIELD-AF patients with and without history of ACS

	No ACS (N=46,916)	ACS (N=4914)
Female, %	45.5	31.7
Age at AF diagnosis (years), median	71.0	73.0
Heart failure	18.8	30.3
Coronary artery bypass graft	1.3	21.2
Hypercholesterolaemia	38.9	67.0
Vascular disease	5.7	99.0
Stenting	3.1	42.5
Diabetes mellitus	20.9	33.4

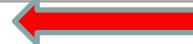




Cohorts 1–5, N=52,081

(E) Paziente con Fibrillazione Atriale non Valvolare (FANV) *:	Si	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Peso *:	70	kg
Emoglobina *:	15.3	g/dl 
Creatinina sierica *:	0.7	mg/dl 

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(C) Scompenso cardiaco/disfunzione ventricolare sinistra (Congestive heart failure) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>
(H) Ipertensione arteriosa (Hypertension) *:	1	<input type="button" value="v"/>
(A) Età >= 75 anni (Age) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>
(D) Diabete mellito (Diabetes mellitus) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>
(S) Pregresso Ictus cerebrale/TIA/ Episodio trombo-embolico TE (Prior Stroke or TIA) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>
(V) Malattie vascolari: precedente IM, malattia arteriosa periferica o placca aortica (Vascular disease) *:	1	<input type="button" value="v"/>
(A) Età 65-74 anni (Age) *:	1	<input type="button" value="v"/>
(Sc) Sesso femminile (Sex category: female gender) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>
(E) Punteggio totale:	3.0	

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(H) Ipertensione arteriosa (Hypertension) *:	1	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
(A) Alterata funzionalità renale (Abnormal renal function): dialisi, trapianto renale, creatinina sierica > 200 µmol/L *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
(A) Alterata funzionalità epatica (Abnormal liver function): cirrosi epatica, evidenza di insufficienza epatica (livelli di bilirubina di 2 volte superiori la norma, livelli di AST/ALT di 3 volte superiori la norma) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
(S) Pregresso Ictus cerebrale (Stroke in past) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
(B) Storia di sanguinamento o diatesi emorragica o anemia (Bleeding) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
(L) Labile controllo dell'INR (INR instabile con tempo in range terapeutico < 60%) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
(E) Età > 65 anni (Elderly) *:	1	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
(D) Terapia farmacologica (Drug Therapy): terapia concomitante con antiaggreganti piastrinici, FANS *:	1	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
(D) Etilismo cronico (Alcohol intake) *:	0	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
Punteggio totale:	3.0		

(E) Il paziente è in terapia con anticoagulanti (farmaci antagonisti della vitamina K)? *:	No	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Il trattamento anticoagulante non è attuabile per difficoltà oggettive ad eseguire i controlli di INR *:	No	<input type="button" value="v"/>

NOTA AIFA 97 per la prescrizione della terapia anticoagulante orale

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AVK: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Warfarin▪ Acenocumarolo	La prescrizione dovrà essere accompagnata dalla compilazione della scheda di valutazione prescrizione e follow-up di cui all'allegato I da parte dello specialista o del Medico di Medicina Generale. Una copia della scheda dovrà essere conservata dal prescrittore e una consegnata al paziente, in previsione del successivo aggiornamento periodico in occasione del follow-up.
NAO/DOAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dabigatran▪ Apixaban▪ Edoxaban▪ Rivaroxaban	Il regime di fornitura delle altre indicazioni degli AVK e dei NAO/NOAC rimane invariato.
	PERCORSO DECISIONALE
	A. La diagnosi di FANV deve essere sempre confermata da un elettrocardiogramma e dalla valutazione clinica del paziente.
	B. La decisione di iniziare un trattamento anticoagulante per la prevenzione primaria o secondaria di ictus ed embolia sistemica in pazienti adulti con FANV deve avvenire dopo una accurata valutazione del rischio trombo-embolico e del rischio emorragico del singolo paziente.

C. LA TERAPIA ANTICOAGULANTE DOVRÀ ESSERE INIZIATA

- **in tutti** i pazienti con punteggio CHA₂DS₂-VASc: ≥ 2 (se maschi) e ≥ 3 (se femmine).

La scelta terapeutica finale dipenderà comunque dalla valutazione clinica e dovrà considerare la presenza di fattori di rischio emorragico anche in rapporto alle loro caratteristiche.

Allegato I. alla Nota AIFA 97

Scheda di valutazione prescrizione e follow-up della terapia anticoagulante orale con AVK e NAO/DOAC nei pazienti con FAVN

Da compilare a cura del prescrittore che seguirà il paziente nella gestione della terapia anticoagulante e del follow-up periodico (Specialista, Medico di Medicina Generale)

La scheda contiene un minimum data set di dati da raccogliere attraverso modalità decise dalle singole Regioni.

Sezione 1: scheda di valutazione e di prescrizione

Medico prescrittore _____ Tel _____ specialista in: _____

U.O. _____ Az. Sanitaria _____ libero professionista

Paziente (nome e cognome) _____ Sesso: M F

Data di Nascita _____ Residenza _____ Codice Fiscale _____

Verificata la presenza delle seguenti condizioni:

A diagnosi clinica e elettrocardiografica di FANV

B e C risultato del bilancio fra rischio trombo-embolico e rischio emorragico: favorevole per:

Punteggio CHA2DS2-VASc _____

Rischio emorragico _____

Indicare eventuali fattori di rischio presenti

Creatinina (mg/dL) _____ VFG (mL/min) _____ Hb (g/dL) _____

D proposta di strategia terapeutica

AVK: Warfarin acenocumarolo target di INR: _____

dabigatran 150 mg x 2 /die 110 mg x 2 /die _____
Motivare la riduzione della dose

apixaban 5 mg x 2 /die 2,5 mg x 2 /die _____
Motivare la riduzione della dose

edoxaban 60 mg /die 30 mg /die _____
Motivare la riduzione della dose

rivaroxaban 20 mg /die 15 mg /die _____
Motivare la riduzione della dose

Data prevista per il Follow up: _____

La validità della prima prescrizione è al massimo di 6 mesi.





ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Evolving antithrombotic treatment patterns for patients with newly diagnosed atrial fibrillation

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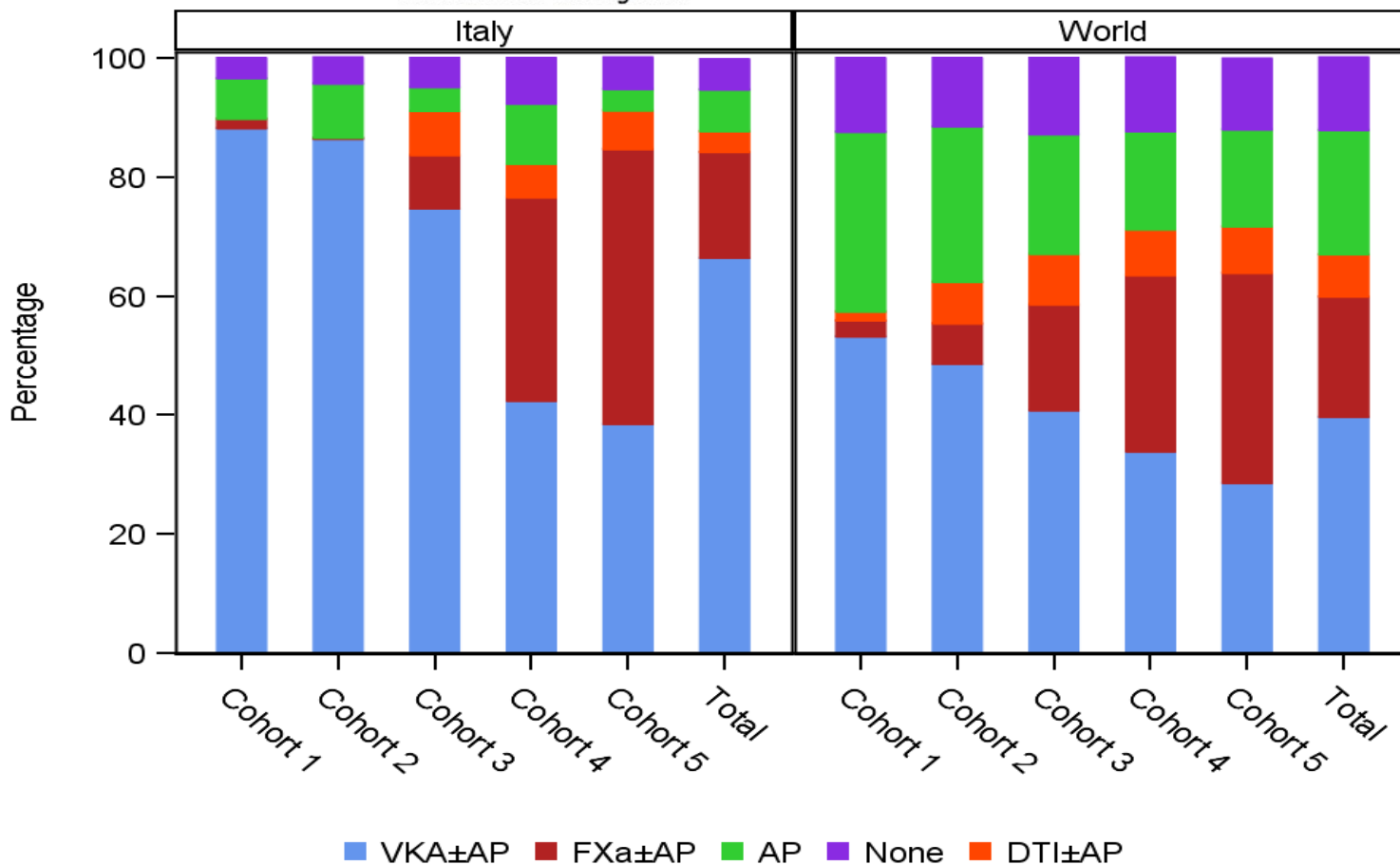


Tabella 1. Classificazione delle principali manovre diagnostiche/chirurgiche rispetto al rischio emorragico.

Rischio emorragico Basso	Rischio emorragico Alto
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Estrazione dentaria (fino a 3 denti)*▪ Chirurgia parodontale*▪ Impianti odontoiatrici*▪ Interventi per cataratta o glaucoma*▪ Chirurgia cutanea minore*▪ Endoscopie senza biopsia o resezione*▪ Endoscopie con biopsia▪ Biopsie prostatiche o vescicali▪ Studi elettrofisiologici, ablazione con radiofrequenze, angiografie▪ Impianto di pacemaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Anestesia lombare, epidurale▪ Puntura lombare, neurochirurgia▪ Legatura varici esofagee▪ Polipectomia endoscopica▪ Sfinterotomia e dilatazione stenosi▪ Chirurgia toracica, addominale▪ Chirurgia ortopedica maggiore▪ Biopsie epatiche, renali▪ Resezione prostatica trans-uretrale▪ Litotrissia extracorporea con ultrasuoni

* In questi casi il rischio è considerato molto basso, se è possibile una buona emostasi locale

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nei pazienti con Fibrillazione atriale non valvolare (FANV)

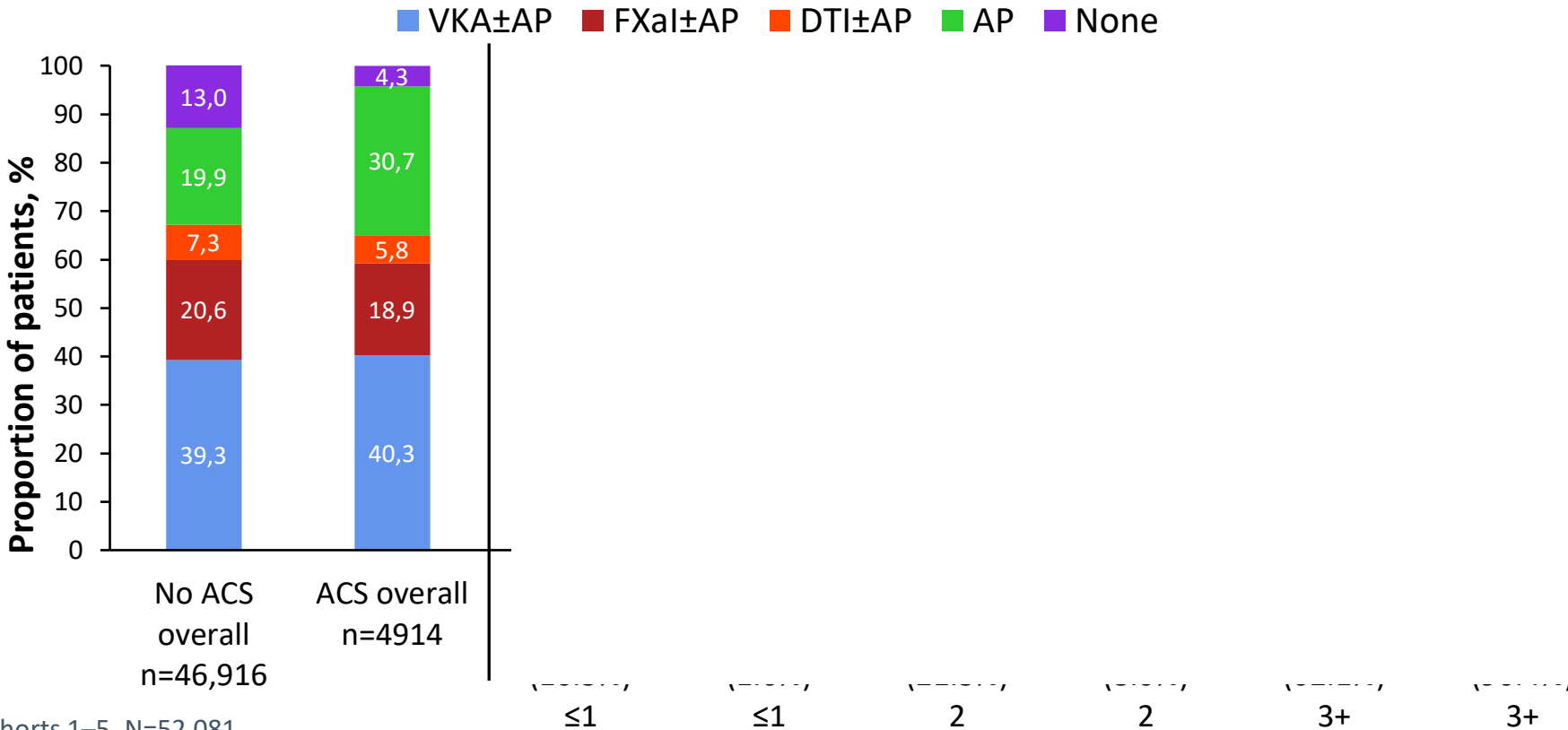
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La diagnosi di fibrillazione atriale valvolare comprende i portatori di valvulopatia su base reumatica, sostanzialmente (sic...) la stenosi mitralica moderata o grave.

Non sembra esserci correlazione fra la scelta dell'anticoagulante e il rischio trombo embolico nella insufficienza mitralica e nella valvulopatia aortica.

... protesi valvolari meccaniche

Antithrombotic therapy at diagnosis in patients with and without history of ACS



AP, antiplatelet; DTI, direct thrombin inhibitor; FXaI, factor Xa inhibitor; VKA, vitamin K antagonist