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## A chi ancora i dicumarolici oggi?

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## Non indicazione per NAO

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Dabigatran versus Warfarin in Patients with Mechanical Heart Valves

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### **RE-ALIGN** trial

- In a phase 2 trial, patients with mechanical heart valves were randomly assigned to receive either dabigatran or warfarin for anticoagulation.
- Dabigatran was associated with higher rates of ischemic stroke (5%, vs. 0% with warfarin) and major bleeding (4% vs. 2%).

## Patients Requiring Dose Escalation or Discontinuation of Dabigatran and Mean Percentage of Time above the Target Trough Plasma Level of Dabigatran.

Table 2. Patients Requiring Dose Escalation or Discontinuation of Dabigatran and Mean Percentage of Time above the Target Trough Plasma Level of Dabigatran.\*

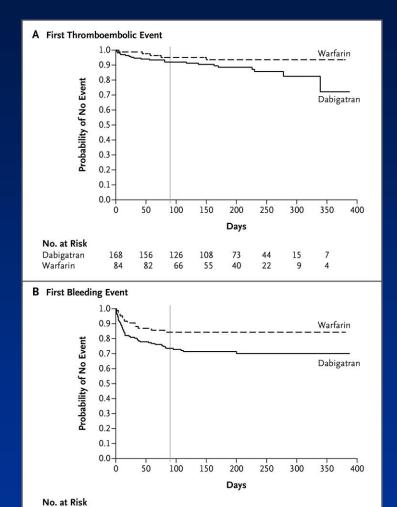
Dabigatran Dose	Population A (N=127)		Population B	(N=35)	All Patients (N=162)	
	Patients Requiring Dose Escalation or Discontinuation†	Percent of Time above Target Level‡	Patients Requiring Dose Escalation or Discontinuation†		Patients Requiring Dose Escalation or Discontinuation†	Percent of Time above Target Level‡
	no./total no. (%)		no./total no. (%)		no./total no. (%)	100.00
All doses	47/127 (37)	84	5/35 (14)	96	52/162 (32)	86
150 mg twice daily	4 /11 (36)	99	2/13 (15)	98	6/24 (25)	98
220 mg twice daily	32/71 (45)	84	1/16 (6)	100	33 /87 (38)	87
300 mg twice daily	11/45 (24)	79	2/6 (33)	83	13/51 (25)	79

<sup>\*</sup> Shown are the numbers of all patients who received at least one dose of dabigatran who required a dose escalation or discontinuation, divided by the total number of patients receiving the initial dose level. The target trough plasma level of dabigatran was 50 ng per milliliter or more. Data are from the initial 12-week treatment period.

<sup>†</sup> Doses were increased from 150 mg twice daily to 220 mg twice daily and from 220 mg twice daily to 300 mg twice daily if the steady-state trough level of dabigatran was less than 50 ng per milliliter. Among patients receiving an initial dose of 300 mg twice daily, dabigatran was discontinued if repeated measurement of the trough level was less than 50 ng per milliliter.

<sup>†</sup> The percentage of time above the target level was calculated with the use of the Rosendaal method on the basis of trough levels of dabigatran, as measured on high-performance liquid chromatography—tandem mass spectrometry. Excluded from this calculation were three patients for whom no measurements were available during the initial study period.

### **Kaplan–Meier Analysis of Event-free Survival.**



Eikelboom JW et al. N Engl J Med 2013;369:1206-1214

Dabigatran

Warfarin



#### Adjudicated Efficacy and Safety Outcomes in the Initial and Extended Trials in the Intention-to-Treat Population.

Table 4. Adjudicated Efficacy and Safety Outcomes in the Initial and Extended Trials in the Intention-to-Treat Population.*								
Outcome	Population A		Population B		All Patients		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)†	P Value§
	Dabigatran (N=133)	Warfarin (N = 66)	Dabigatran (N=35)	Warfarin (N = 18)	Dabigatran (N=168)	Warfarin (N=84)		
number of patients (percent)								
Death, stroke, transient ische- mic attack, systemic embolism, or myocardial infarction	12 (9)	4 (6)	3 (9)	0	15 (9)	4 (5)	1.94 (0.64–5.86)	0.24
Valve thrombosis without symptoms	2 (2)	0	3 (9)	0	5 (3)	0	NA	NA
Bleeding								
Any	35 (26)	8 (12)	10 (29)	2 (11)	45 (27)	10 (12)	2.45 (1.23-4.86)	0.01
Major	7 (5)	2 (3)	0	0	7 (4)	2 (2)	1.76 (0.37-8.46)	0.48
Major with pericardial location	7 (5)	2 (3)	0	0	7 (4)	2 (2)	1.76 (0.36-8.45)	0.48

# Fibrillazione atriale non-valvolare per i NAO?

# Apixaban in Comparison With Warfarin in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation and Valvular Heart Disease Findings From the Apixaban for Reduction in Stroke and Other Thromboembolic Events in Atrial Fibrillation (ARISTOTLE) Trial

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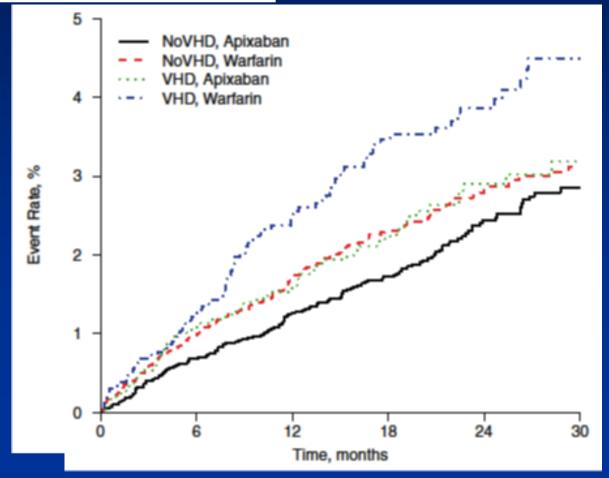
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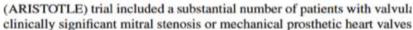
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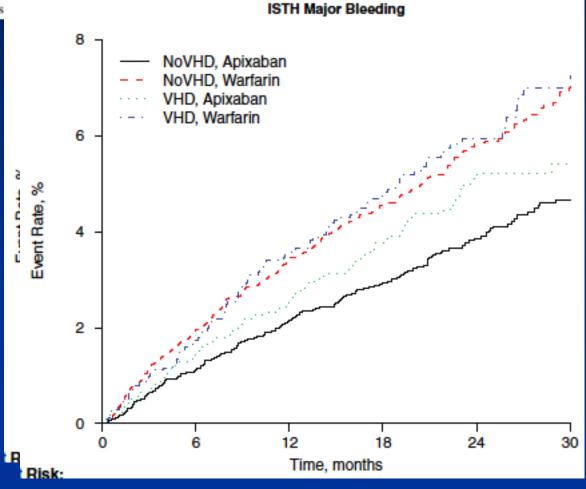
## Stroke and systemic embolism



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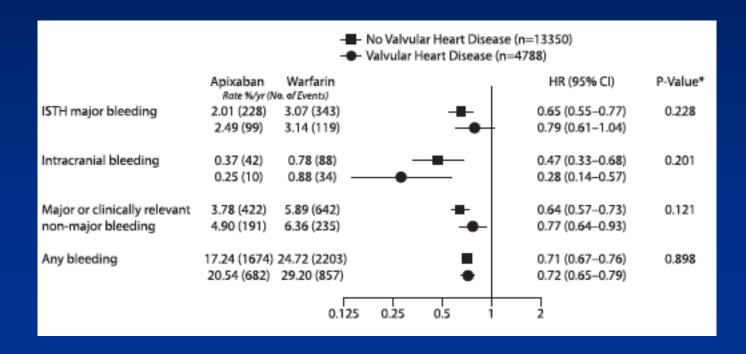




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Table 3.	Apixaban Versus Warfarin in Patients Wit	n Mitral
and Aortic	Valvular Heart Disease	

	Rate %/y (N		
	Apixaban	Warfarin	HR (95% CI)*
Mitral VHD	(n=1801)	(n=1777)	
Stroke or SE	1.32 (43)	1.89 (61)	0.70 (0.47-1.04)
ISTH major bleeding	2.12 (63)	2.94 (84)	0.72 (0.52-1.00)
Aortic VHD	(n=604)	(n=546)	
Stroke or SE	1.57 (17)	2.88 (27)	0.55 (0.30-1.01)
ISTH major bleeding	2.98 (29)	4.21 (34)	0.72 (0.44–1.18)

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Conclusions—More than a quarter of the patients in ARISTOTLE with NVAF had moderate or severe valvular heart disease. No evidence of a differential effect of apixaban over warfarin on stroke or systemic embolism, bleeding, death in patients with and without valvular heart disease.

Table I Valvular indications and contra-indications for NOAC therapy in atrial fibrillation patients

	Eligible	Contra-indicated
Mechanical prosthetic valve		✓
Moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis (usually of rheumatic origin)		✓
Mild-to-moderate other native valvular disease		
Severe aortic stenosis	✓	
	Limited data	
	Most will undergo intervention	
Bioprosthetic valve <sup>a</sup>	✓	
	(except for the first 3 months post-operatively)	
Mitral valve repaira	✓	
	(except for the first 3-6 months post-operatively)	
PTAV and TAVI	✓	
	(but no prospective data; may require combination with single or double antiplatelets: consider bleeding risk) <sup>10</sup>	
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	✓	
	(but no prospective data)	

PTAV, percutaneous transluminal aortic valvuloplasty; TAVI, transcatheter aortic valve implantation.

## Heidbuchel et al., EHJ 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>American guidelines do not recommend NOAC in patients with biological heart valves or after valve repair. <sup>12</sup>

## Controindicazioni ai NAO

# Controindicazioni: specifiche popolazioni

- Gravidanza (tutti)
- Allattamento (tutti)
- Insuff. Ren. Grave (tutti); Cl.Creat.
   <30ml/min Pradaxa; <15 Xarelto</li>
- Insuff. Epatica (Xarelto: Child-Pugh B e C)
- Diatesi emorragica

## Esclusi dai trial

Pazienti < 18 anni Cosa fare? Thrombin generation and other coagulation parameters in a patient with homozygous congenital protein S deficiency on treatment with rivaroxaban (a 6-year-old girl)

Tripodi et al. Int J Hematol 2015

## Phamacokinetics of rivaroxaban in adolescents

Beyer-Westendorf & Gehrisch, Hamostaseologie 2014

### **CONCLUSION:**

"Our data indicate that adolescents may exhibit lower peak and trough levels after rivaroxaban intake compared to adult patients, .......we strongly discourage the routine use of rivaroxaban in non-adult patients, until data from phase II and III trials are available."

### 2013

#### OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE SSC

Selection and assessment of patients treated with the novel oral anticoagulant drugs: a recommendation from the Subcommittee on Control of Anticoagulation of the Scientific and Standardisation Committee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis

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## Conditions requiring special attention:

- advanced age
- impaired renal or liver function
- low body weight
- presence of multiple co-morbidities
- need for concomitant therapies

Such conditions commonly co-exist, in particular in elderly patients

## Continuare gli AVK

- Se INR ben controllato e stabile
- Controllo facile da effettuare (qualità di vita)
- Disfunzione renale severa (moderata?)
- Epatopatia (?)
- Storia di ulcera peptica o GI emorragia
- Non complianti

# L'aderenza e la persistenza con i DOAC sono un vero problema?

# Adherence to dabigatran therapy and longitudinal patient outcomes: Insights from the Veterans Health Administration

Shore et al. Am Heart J 2014

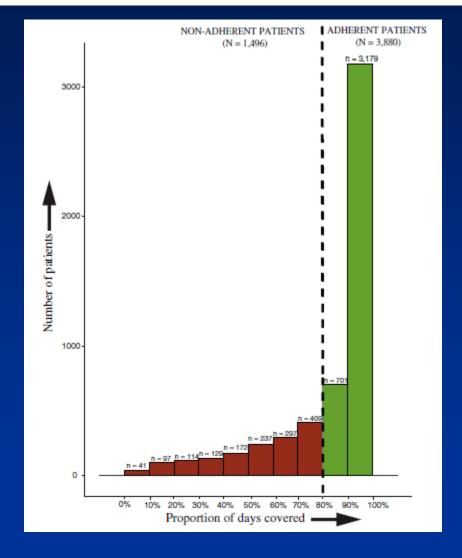
A cohort of 5,376 patients with NVAF, initiated on dabigatran at all Veterans Affairs hospitals.

Adherence = proportion of days covered (PDC)

27.8% of patients < 80% PDC, classified as non-adherent Low adherence associated with > risk for combined = all-cause mortality and stroke = HR 1.13 (07–1.19 per 10% decrease in PDC)

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Mayo Clinic, Rochester, US; retrospettivo, database assicurativi 64.661 pazienti con FA:

Warfarin: 59,1%; dabigatran 15,8%; rivaroxaban 19,1%; apixaban 6.0%

Aderenza idonea (>80%) durante 1,1 anni (mediana): 47,5% dei pazienti con DOACs

40,2% con warfarin (p<0.001).

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Rischio di ictus rispetto ai pazienti con ottima aderenza:

Se CHA2DS2-VASc  $\Rightarrow$  4

1 mese senza terapia 1,96 HR

3-6 mesi senza terapia 2,64 HR

> 6 mesi senza terapia 3,66 HR (tutti p< 0.001)

Se CHA2DS2-VASc 2 o 3

> 6 mesi senza terapia 2,73 HR

Se CHA2DS2-VASc di 0 o 1

non risultavano a rischio di ictus con bassa aderenza, ma minor rischio emorragico.

## Adherence

Adherence is facilitated when patients understand their diagnosis, believe in their therapy, and trust their clinician

(Gladstone et al. Ann Intern Med 2015)

### Educational Intervention Improves Anticoagulation Control in Atrial Fibrillation Patients: The TREAT Randomised Trial

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An intervention using patient interviews and focus groups, utilising an "expert-patient" DVD, educational booklet, self-monitoring diary and worksheet, was compared in a randomised controlled trial against usual care

The intervention significantly improved TTR in AF patients initiating warfarin during the first 6-months.

## Grazie



