



Anticoagulanti dopo stroke

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Table 1 Selected indications and contraindications for non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant therapy in atrial fibrillation patients

| Condition | Eligibility for NOAC therapy |
|---|---|
| Mechanical prosthetic valve | Contraindicated |
| Moderate to severe mitral stenosis (usually of rheumatic origin) | Contraindicated |
| Mild to moderate other native valvular disease (e.g., mild-moderate aortic stenosis or regurgitation, degenerative mitral regurgitation etc.) | Included in NOAC trials |
| Severe aortic stenosis | Limited data (excluded in RE-LY) Most will undergo intervention |
| Bioprosthetic valve (after > 3 months post operatively) | Not advised if for rheumatic mitral stenosis Acceptable if for degenerative mitral regurgitation or in the aortic position |
| Mitral valve repair (after > 3 months post operatively) | Some patients included in some NOAC trials |
| PTAV and TAVI | No prospective data yet May require combination with single or dual antiplatelet therapy |
| Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy | Few data, but patients may be eligible for NOACs |

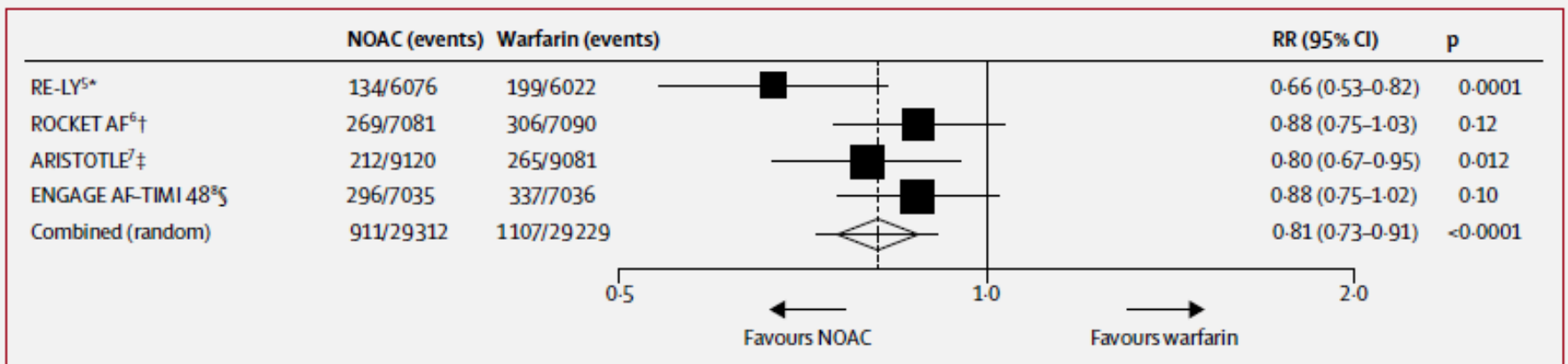


Figure 1: Stroke or systemic embolic events

Data are n/N, unless otherwise indicated. Heterogeneity: $I^2=47\%$; $p=0.13$. NOAC—new oral anticoagulant. RR—risk ratio. *Dabigatran 150 mg twice daily. †Rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily. ‡Apixaban 5 mg twice daily. §Edoxaban 60 mg once daily.

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Table 5 Key safety results from phase III trials with novel oral anticoagulants compared with standard therapy

| | RE-LY [21, 26, 27] (dabigatran) ^a | | ROCKET AF [22, 30] (rivaroxaban) | ARISTOTLE [23] (apixaban) | ENGAGE AF [25] (edoxaban) | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 110 mg bid | 150 mg bid | | | 30 mg od | 60 mg od |
| Major bleeding (%/year) | 2.92 vs 3.61** | 3.40 vs 3.61 [†] | 3.60 vs 3.40 [†] | 2.13 vs 3.09*** | 1.61 vs 3.43*** | 2.75 vs 3.43*** |
| Major and NMCR bleeding (%/year) | N/A | N/A | 14.90 vs 14.50 [†] | 4.07 vs 6.01*** | 7.97 vs 13.02*** | 11.10 vs 13.02*** |
| Major GI bleeding (%/year) | 1.15 vs 1.07 [†] | 1.56 vs 1.07*** | 2.00 vs 1.24*** | 0.76 vs 0.86 [†] | 0.82 vs 1.23*** | 1.51 vs 1.23* |
| Intracranial hemorrhage (%/year) | 0.23 vs 0.76*** | 0.32 vs 0.76*** | 0.50 vs 0.70* | 0.33 vs 0.80*** | 0.26 vs 0.85*** | 0.39 vs 0.85*** |
| All-cause mortality (%/year) | 3.75 vs 4.13 [†] | 3.64 vs 4.13 [†] | 4.50 vs 4.90 [†] | 3.52 vs 3.94* | 3.80 vs 4.35** | 3.99 vs 4.35 [†] |
| Myocardial infarction (%/year) | 0.82 vs 0.64 [†] | 0.81 vs 0.64 [†] | 0.91 vs 1.12 [†] | 0.53 vs 0.61 [†] | 0.89 vs 0.75 [†] | 0.70 vs 0.75 [†] |

bid twice daily, *GI* gastrointestinal, *N/A* not applicable, *NMCR* non-major clinically relevant, *od* once daily

[†] *p* = not significant; * *p* < 0.05; ** *p* < 0.01; *** *p* ≤ 0.001

^a Updated data (2010 and 2014) after identification of additional events post-publication (2009)

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Table 13 NOACs and approved/studied doses across indications

| Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation (SPAF) | | |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| | Standard dose | Comments/dose reduction |
| Apixaban ³⁰ | 2 × 5 mg | 2 × 2.5 mg if two out of three: weight ≤60 kg, age ≥80 years, serum creatinine ≥133 μmol/(1.5 mg/dL) [or if CrCl 15–29 mL/min] |
| Dabigatran ²⁸ | 2 × 150 mg / 2 × 110 mg | No pre-specified dose-reduction criteria ^a |
| Edoxaban ³¹ | 1 × 60 mg | 1 × 30 mg if: weight ≤60 kg, CrCl ≤50 mL/min, concomitant therapy with strong P-Gp inhibitor (see chapter 5) |
| Rivaroxaban ²⁹ | 1 × 20 mg | 1 × 15 mg if CrCl ≤50 mL/min |

^aSmPC: 2 × 110 mg if age ≥80 years, concomitant verapamil, increased risk of GI bleeding.

2018 EHRA Practical Guide on NOACs in AF



Recommendations for the use of new oral anticoagulants (NOACs) after TIA or stroke caused by atrial fibrillation (AF), after a consensus conference among Italian neurologists (the Venice group)

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The questions that were answered by the consensus participants regarded two topics.

(A) What continuous prophylactic treatment should we recommend for patients with a stroke ascribed to AF, who were not previously on antithrombotic treatment, to prevent further strokes?

- A1 Aspirin should not be used at any dose [6, 12].
- A2 Aspirin should not be used in combination with clopidogrel [13].
- A3 Always choose a NOAC
 - 1-A3 Because of the superiority of the three novel drugs versus warfarin in reducing cerebral hemorrhagic complications.
 - 2-A3 Because of the non-inferiority of the three novel drugs as compared to warfarin in reducing ischemic stroke.
 - 3-A3 Because of the superiority versus warfarin in reducing ischemic stroke, when the higher dose of dabigatran is administered.
 - 4-A3 Because even after transient cerebral ischemia, the risk of a recurrence is considered to be high, independently of the ischemic score used—CHADS2 or CHA2DS2-VASc.



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In caso di ictus ischemico o TIA attribuibile a FAnv in paziente che non assumeva terapia antitrombotica è indicato l'impiego di **anticoagulanti orali (NAO o AVK)**

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In caso di ictus ischemico o TIA attribuibile a FAnv è **indicato** l'utilizzo dei **NAO** per la loro almeno uguale efficacia e per la loro maggiore sicurezza in confronto alla terapia con AVK.



Recommendations for secondary stroke prevention



| Recommendations | Class ^a | Level ^b | Ref ^c |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Anticoagulation with heparin or LMWH immediately after an ischaemic stroke is not recommended in AF patients. | III (harm) | A | 477 |
| In patients who suffer a TIA or stroke while on anticoagulation, adherence to therapy should be assessed and optimized. | IIa | C | |
| In patients who suffer a moderate-to-severe ischaemic stroke while on anticoagulation, anticoagulation should be interrupted for 3–12 days based on a multidisciplinary assessment of acute stroke and bleeding risk. | IIa | C | |
| In AF patients who suffer a stroke, aspirin should be considered for prevention of secondary stroke until the initiation or resumption of oral anticoagulation. | IIa | B | 485 |
| Systemic thrombolysis with rtPA is not recommended if the INR is above 1.7 (or, for patients on dabigatran, if aPTT is outside normal range). | III (harm) | C | 472,474 |
| NOACs are recommended in preference to VKAs or aspirin in AF patients with a previous stroke. | I | B | 363,482 |
| After TIA or stroke, combination therapy of OAC and an antiplatelet is not recommended. | III (harm) | B | 486 |
| After intracranial haemorrhage, oral anticoagulation in patients with AF may be reinitiated after 4–8 weeks provided the cause of bleeding or the relevant risk factor has been treated or controlled. | IIb | B | 483,484,487 |



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ESC GUIDELINES

2016 ESC Guidelines for the management of atrial fibrillation developed in collaboration with EACTS

The Task Force for the management of atrial fibrillation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)



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In caso di ictus emorragico in pazienti trattati con **AVK** o **antiaggreganti per FAnv**, dopo aver valutato con attenzione la necessità della ripresa del trattamento anticoagulante mediante CHA2DS2-VASc, è **indicato scegliere un NAO** per il netto guadagno, in complicanze emorragiche intracraniche, sulla terapia con AVK