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## Patient with high risk for bleeding



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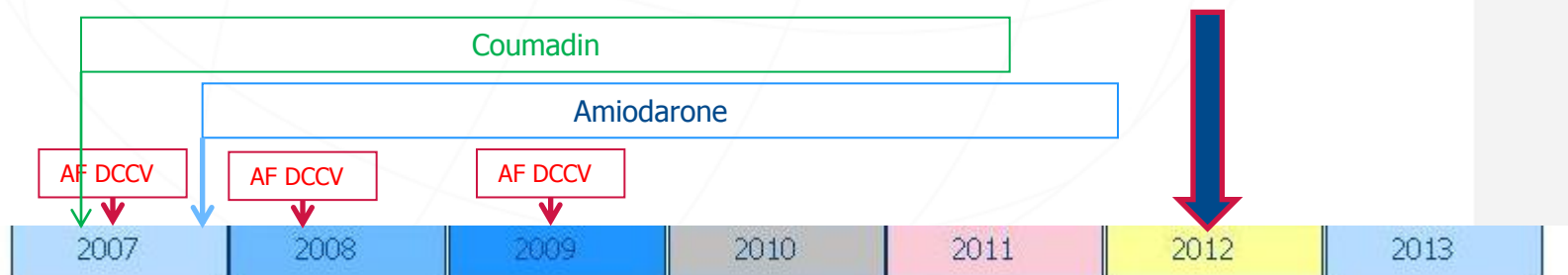
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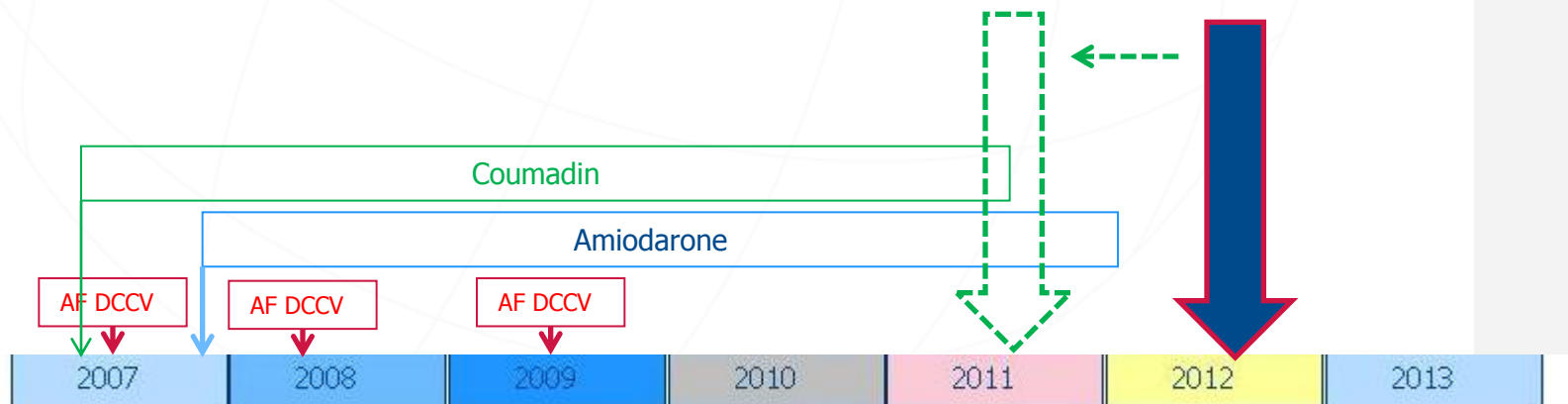
# August 2012: patient background

- 67-year-old woman
- History of coronary artery disease
  - Coronary intervention; 12/2006 PCI BMS to RCA
  - Last Coronary angiography; 7/2011, patent RCA, D1 90%, conservative treatment
- Medical History:
  - Hypertension
  - T2 DM
  - Dyslipidemia
  - Lung bronchiectasis COPD
  - Obesity ; BMI=35
  - eGFR =55
- Diagnosis of AF since 2007
  - DC CV; 2007, 2008, 2009
  - Rx Amiodarone until 2012
  - Rx Coumadin until 2011

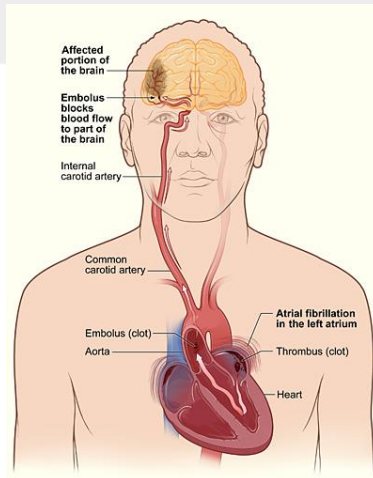


# August 2011:

- August 2011 – labile INR [4.5-7]
- Major lung bleeding: hemoptysis
- Coumadin – stopped
- Medications:
  - Aspirin, Metformine, Valsartan, Rosuvastatin



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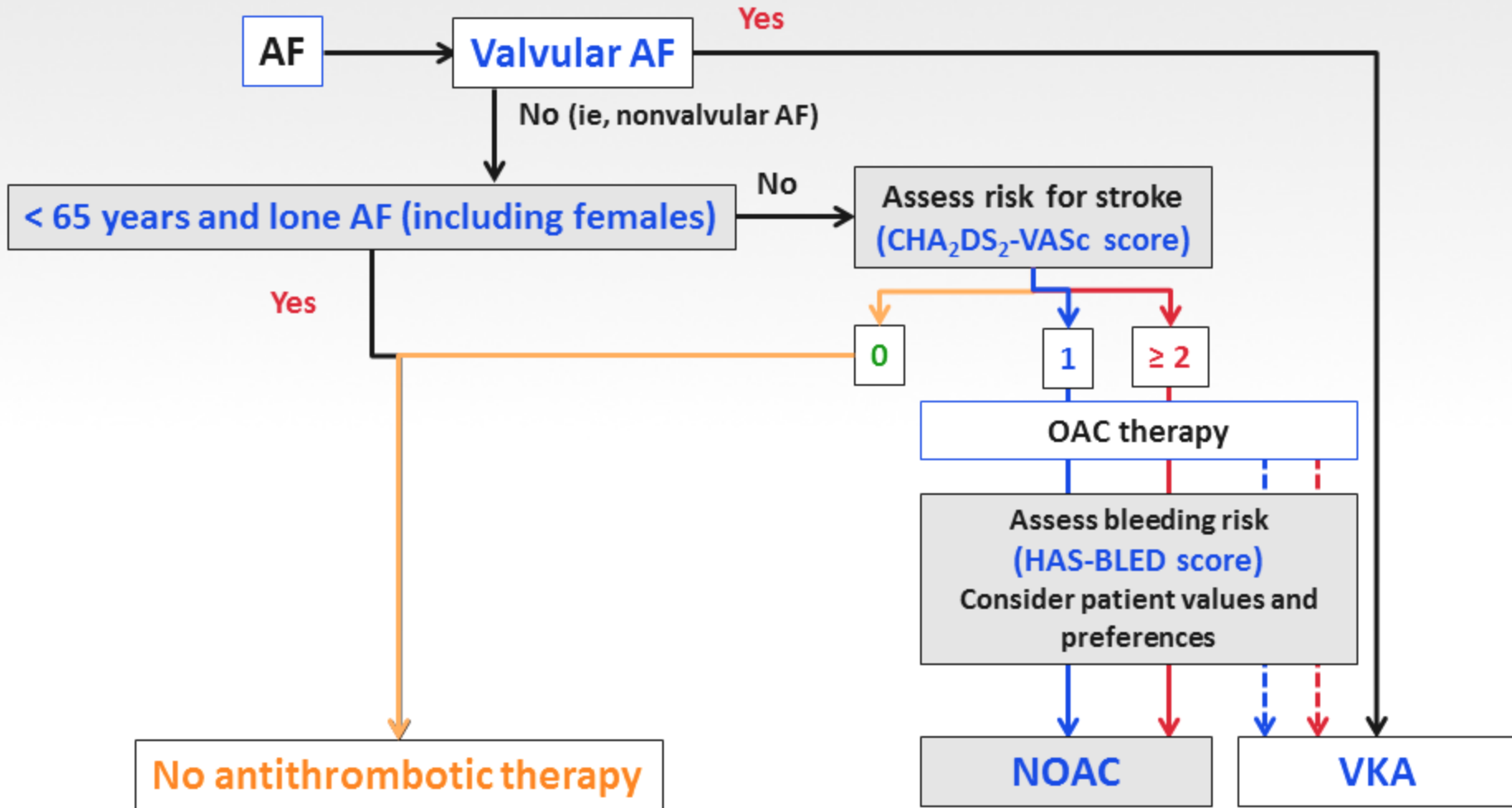
## Efficacy:

**All stroke (ischaemic +  
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& systemic embolism**

## **Safety:**

**Bleeding events (major  
and minor)  
Intracranial haemorrhage  
MI, LFT, Death**

# Clinical Flowchart for OAC



# Estimation of Bleeding Risk



- Risk estimation tools

## Pros

Validated  
Reproducible  
Easily learned

## Cons

Limited variables  
One-size fits all philosophy  
Depend on the validity of  
the collected information



- Clinical judgment

## Pros

Multivariable  
Individualized  
Flexible

## Cons

Cannot be validated  
Non reproducible  
Time consuming

# Bleeding risk scores

ATRIA		HAS-BLED		HEMORR <sub>2</sub> HAGES	
Anaemia	3	Hypertension	1	Hepatic or Renal disease	1 1
Severe renal disease	3	Abnormal Renal or Liver function	1 1	Ethanol abuse	1
Age ≥75 yrs	2	Stroke	1	Malignancy	1
Any prior hemorrhage	1	Bleeding	1	Older Age (>75 yrs)	1
Hypertension <sup>3</sup>	1	Labile INR	1	Reduced platelet number or function	1
		Elderly (>65 yrs)	1	Rebleeding	2
		Drugs or Alcohol	1 1	Hypertension	1
				Anaemia	1
				Genetic factors	1
				Excessive fall risk	1
				Stroke	1

Singer et al. Ann Intern Med. 2009; 151: 297-305  
 Gage et al Am Heart J. 2006; 151: 713-9.  
 Pisters et al Chest. 2010; 138: 1093-100.

## Performance of the HEMORR<sub>2</sub>HAGES, ATRIA, and HAS-BLED Bleeding Risk–Prediction Scores in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation Undergoing Anticoagulation

The AMADEUS (Evaluating the Use of SR34006 Compared to Warfarin or Acenocoumarol in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation) Study

Stavros Apostolakis, MD, PhD,\* Deirdre A. Lane, PhD,\* Yutao Guo, MD,\* Harry Buller, MD, PhD,† Gregory Y. H. Lip, MD\*

### Comparing C Indexes

AUC analysis	Any Clinically Relevant Bleeding			Major Bleeding			Death		
	AUC Difference (95%CI)	z	p	AUC Difference (95%CI)	z	p	AUC Difference (95%CI)	z	p
HAS-BLED vs. HEMORR <sub>2</sub> HAGES	0.04 (0.52 to 0.59)	2.95	<b>0.003</b>	0.04 (-0.03-0.12)	1.19	0.23	0.09 (-0.14 to -0.05)	4.33	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
HAS-BLED vs. ATRIA	0.09 (0.03 to 0.15)	3.14	<b>0.002</b>	0.04 (-0.06-0.14)	0.85	0.4	0.04 (-0.03 to 0.11)	1.17	0.2
ATRIA vs. HEMORR <sub>2</sub> HAGES	-0.05 (-0.01 to 0.11)	- 1.54	0.1	0.0 (-0.09-0.09)	0.04	0.97	0.05 (-0.12 to 0.02)	1.5	0.1

- Among the AMADEUS population, the HAS-BLED score performed better than either the HEMORR<sub>2</sub>HAGES or ATRIA scores in predicting any clinically relevant bleeding.
- All tested bleeding scores performed less than modestly in predicting endpoints.

- European Society of Cardiology and
- Canadian guidelines.
- RCPE



# Stroke risk Scores

## CHADS<sub>2</sub>

	Points
Congestive heart failure	1
Hypertension	1
Age ≥ 75 years	1
Diabetes	1
Stroke/TIA	2

CHADS <sub>2</sub>	Stroke Rate (95% CI)*
6	18.2 (10.5-27.4)
5	12.5 (8.2-17.5)
4	8.5 (6.3-11.1)
3	5.9 (4.6-7.3)
2	4.0 (3.1-5.1)
1	2.8 (2.0-3.8)
0	1.9 (1.2-3.0)

## CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub> VASc

	Points
Congestive heart failure or LVEF ≤ 35%	1
Hypertension	1
Age ≥ 75 years	2
Diabetes	1
Stroke/TIA/systemic embolism	2
Vascular disease (MI/PAD/aortic plaque)	1
Age 65-74 years	1
Sex category (female)	1

Truly low risk Score = 0

CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> VASc score	No. of patients (%)	Thromboembolism* per 100 person years at 1 year follow-up
0	6,369 (8.7)	0.78
1	8,203 (11.2)	2.01
2	12,771 (17.4)	3.71
3	17,371 (23.6)	5.92
4	13,887 (18.9)	9.27
5	8,942 (12.2)	15.26
6	4,244 (5.8)	19.74
7	1,420 (1.9)	21.50
8	285 (0.4)	22.38
9	46 (0.1)	23.64

a. Gage BF, et al. *JAMA*. 2001;285(22):2864-2870.

b. Lip GY, et al. *Am J Med*. 2010;123(6):484-488.

# HAS - BLED

HAS-BLED Risk Criteria	Score	HAS-BLED Total Score	N	Number of Bleeds	Bleeds per 100 Patient-Years*
Hypertension	1	0	798	9	1.13
Abnormal renal or liver function (1 point each)	1 or 2	1	1286	13	1.02
		2	744	14	1.88
Stroke	1	3	187	7	3.74
Bleeding	1	4	46	4	8.70
Labile INRs	1	5	8	1	12.5
Elderly (eg, age > 65 years)	1	6	2	0	0.0
Drugs or alcohol (1 point each)	1 or 2	7	0	–	–
		8	0	–	–
		9	0	–	–

\*P value for trend = .007

# Recommendation for Assessment of Bleeding Risk

Recommendation	Class	Level
Assessment of bleeding risk is recommended when prescribing antithrombotic therapy (whether with VKA, NOAC, aspirin/clopidogrel, or aspirin alone).	I	A
HAS-BLED score should be considered as a calculation to assess bleeding risk, whereby a score $\geq 3$ indicates “high risk” and some caution and regular review is needed, following initiation of antithrombotic therapy, whether with OAC or antiplatelet therapy.	IIa	A
Correctable factors for bleeding (eg, uncontrolled blood pressure, labile INRs if patient was on a VKA, concomitant drugs [aspirin, NSAIDs, etc.], alcohol, etc.) should be addressed.		B
Use of the HAS-BLED score should be used to identify modifiable bleeding risks that need to be addressed but should not be used on its own to exclude patients from OAC therapy.		B
Risk for major bleeding with antiplatelet therapy (with aspirin-clopidogrel combination therapy and—especially in the elderly—also with aspirin monotherapy) should be considered as being similar to OAC.	IIa	B

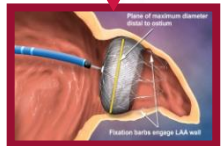
NSAIDs = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

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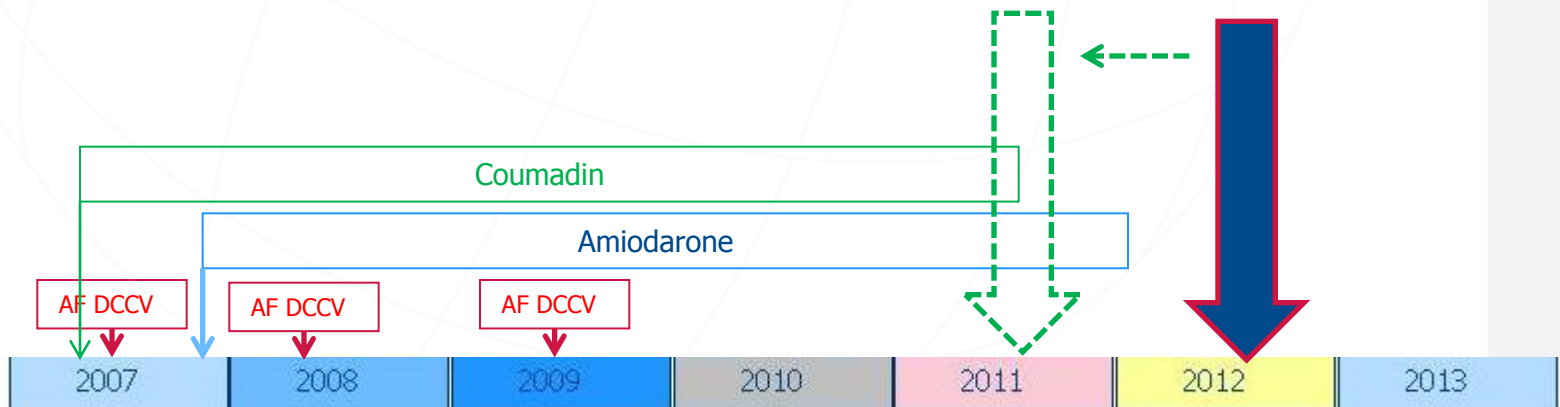
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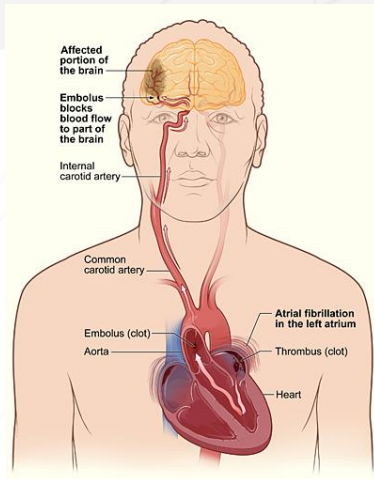
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- CAD
- HT
- DM
- Diagnosis of AF



Clopidogrel



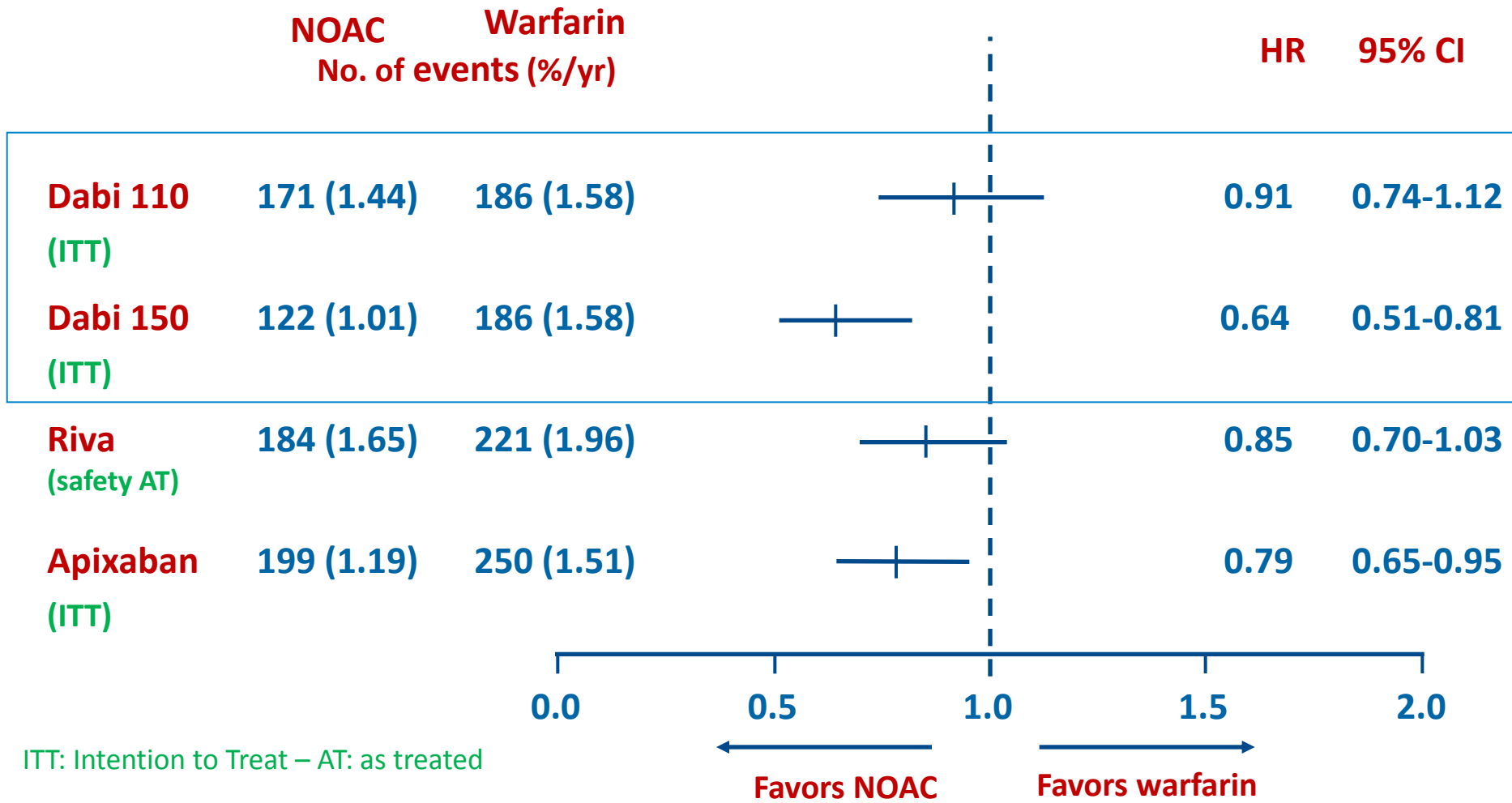
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# Stroke or Systemic Embolism



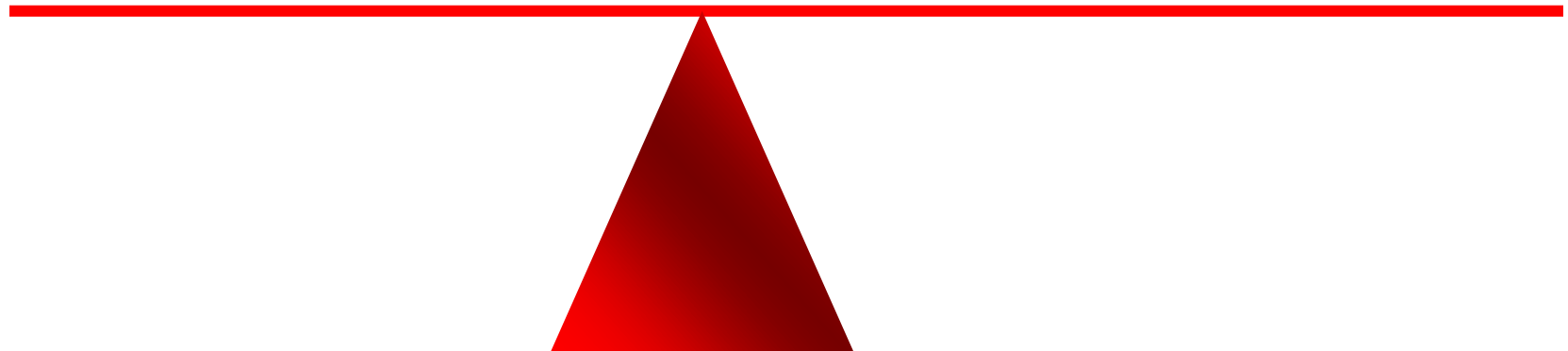
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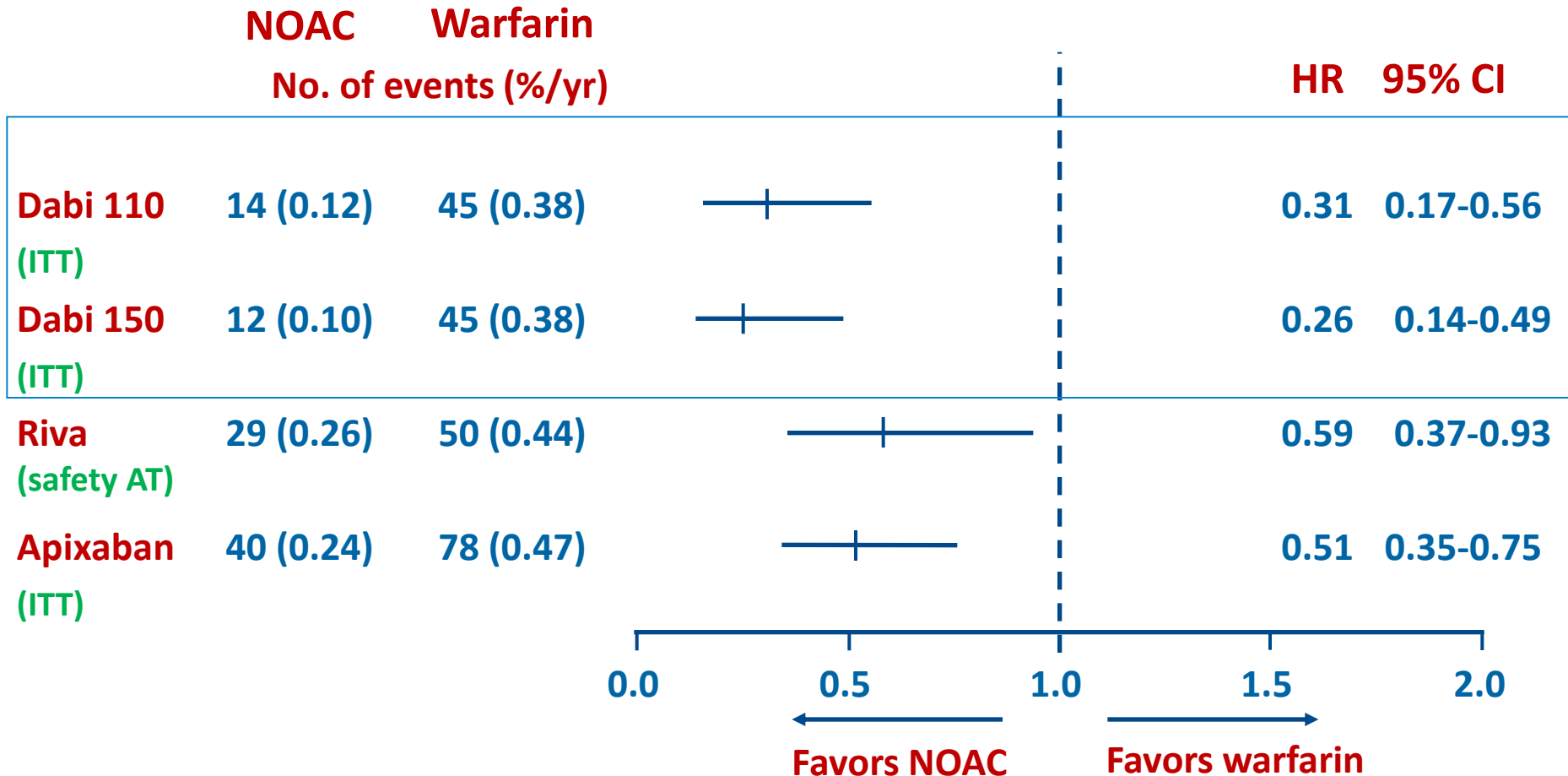
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# Hemorrhagic Stroke



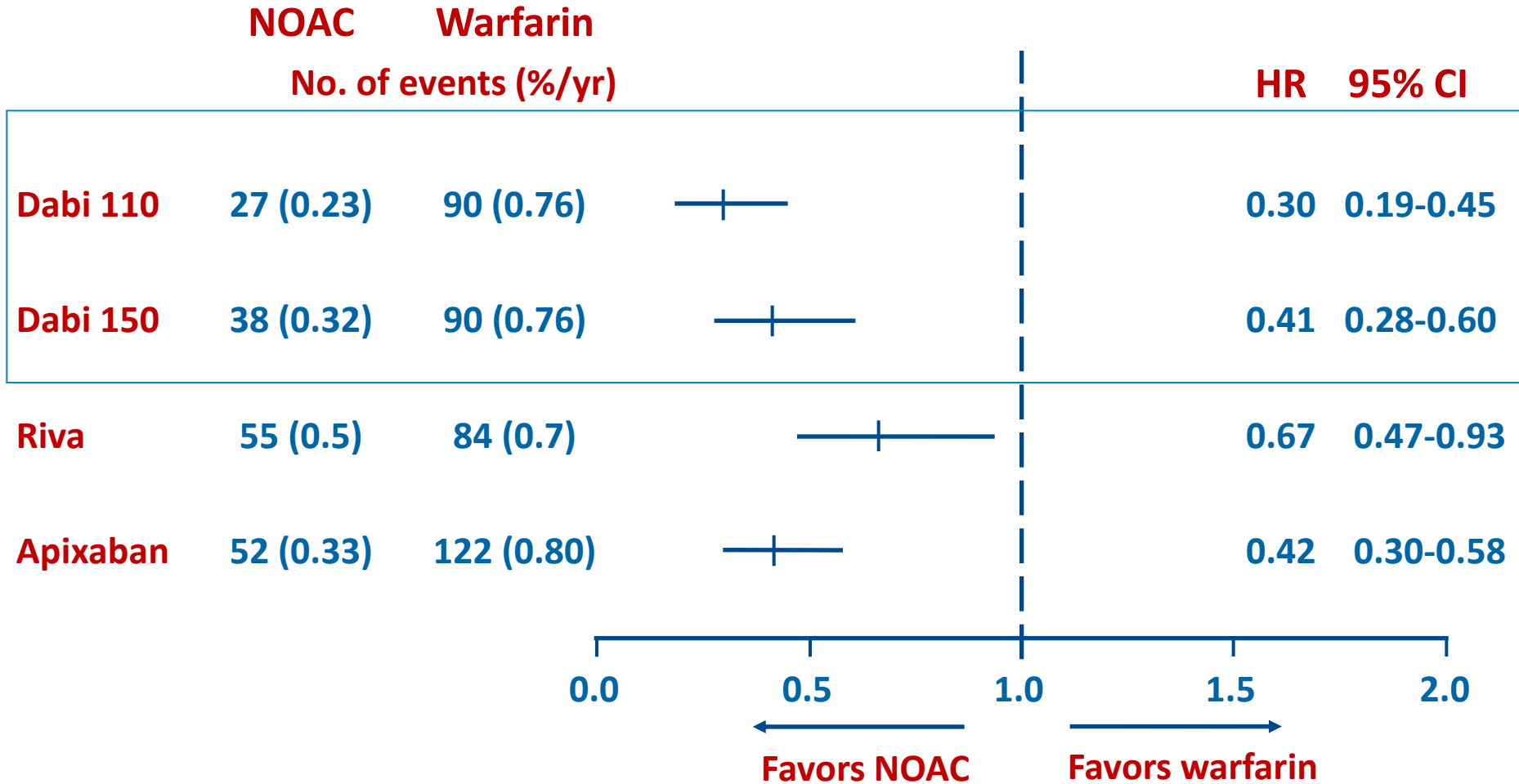
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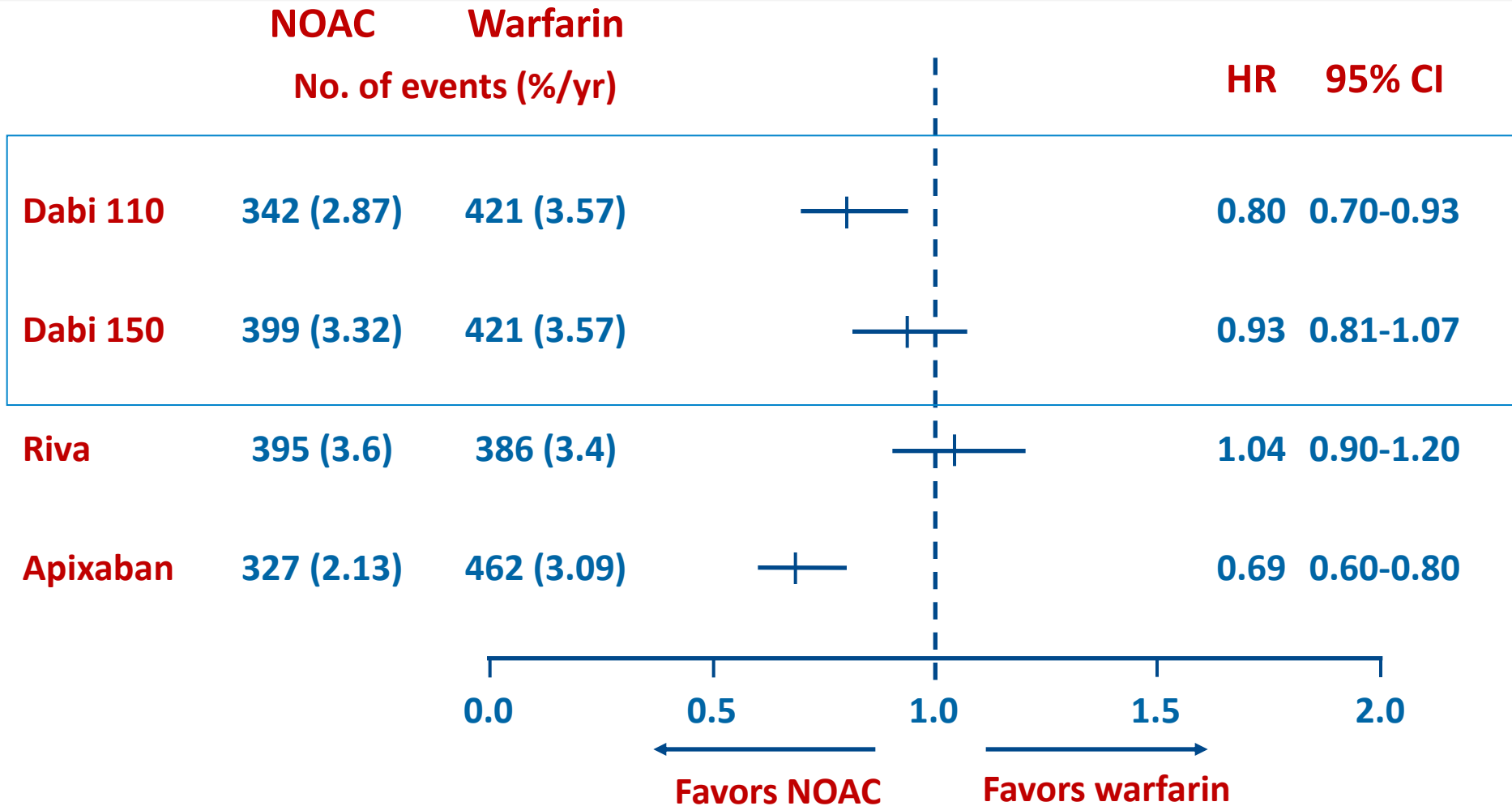
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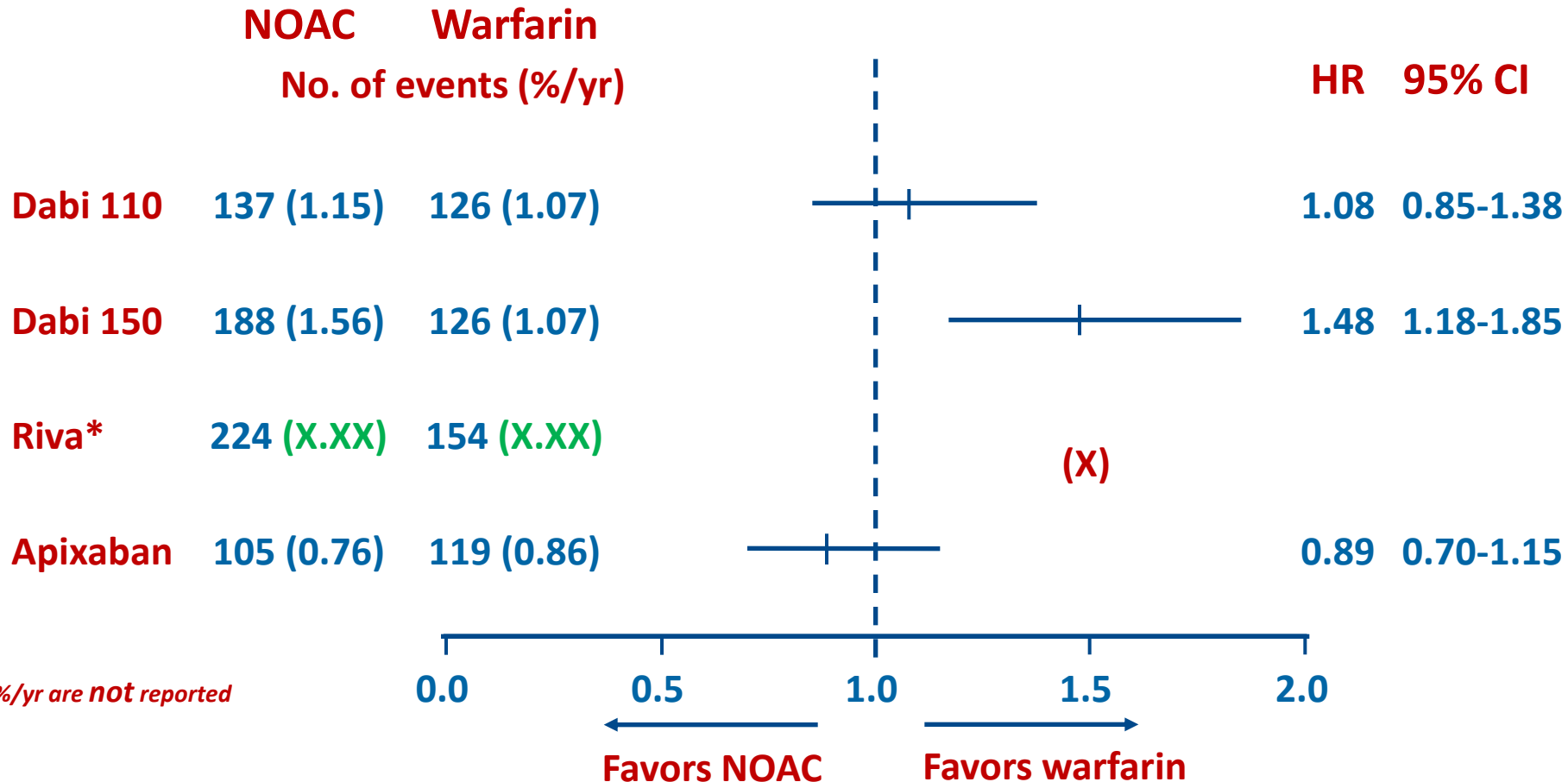
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# Major Gastro-intestinal Bleeding



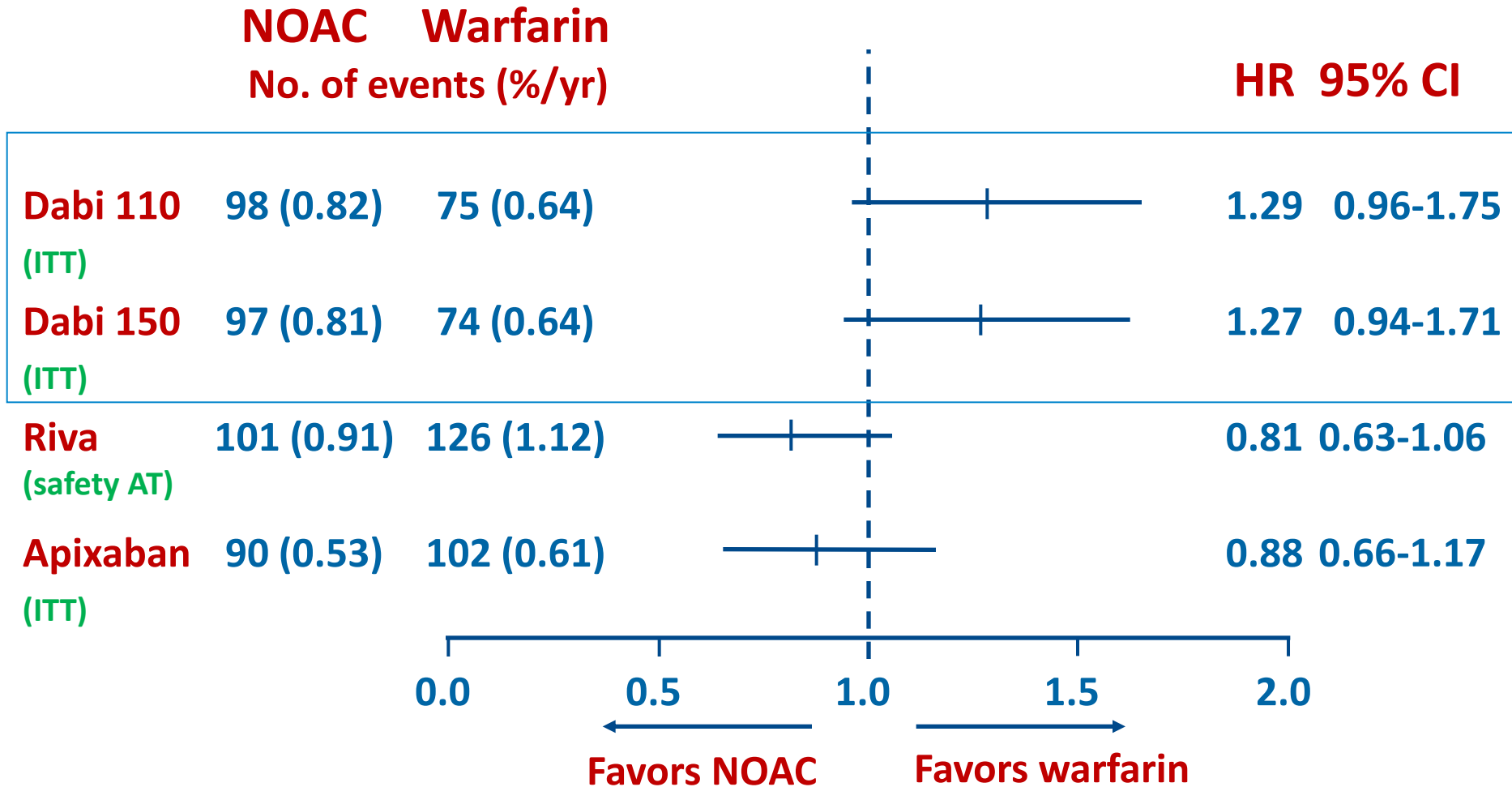
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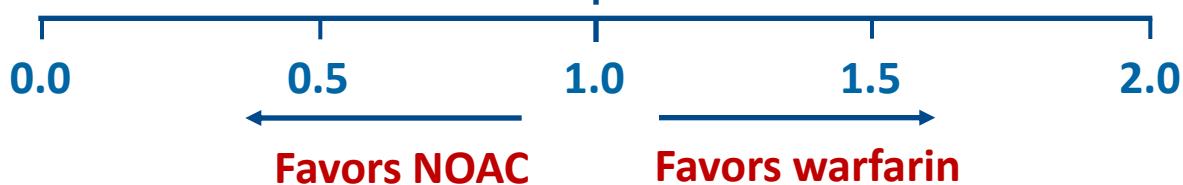
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# Death From Any Cause – Total Mortality

	<b>NOAC</b>	<b>Warfarin</b>		<b>p</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>95% CI</b>
	<b>No. of events (%/yr)</b>					

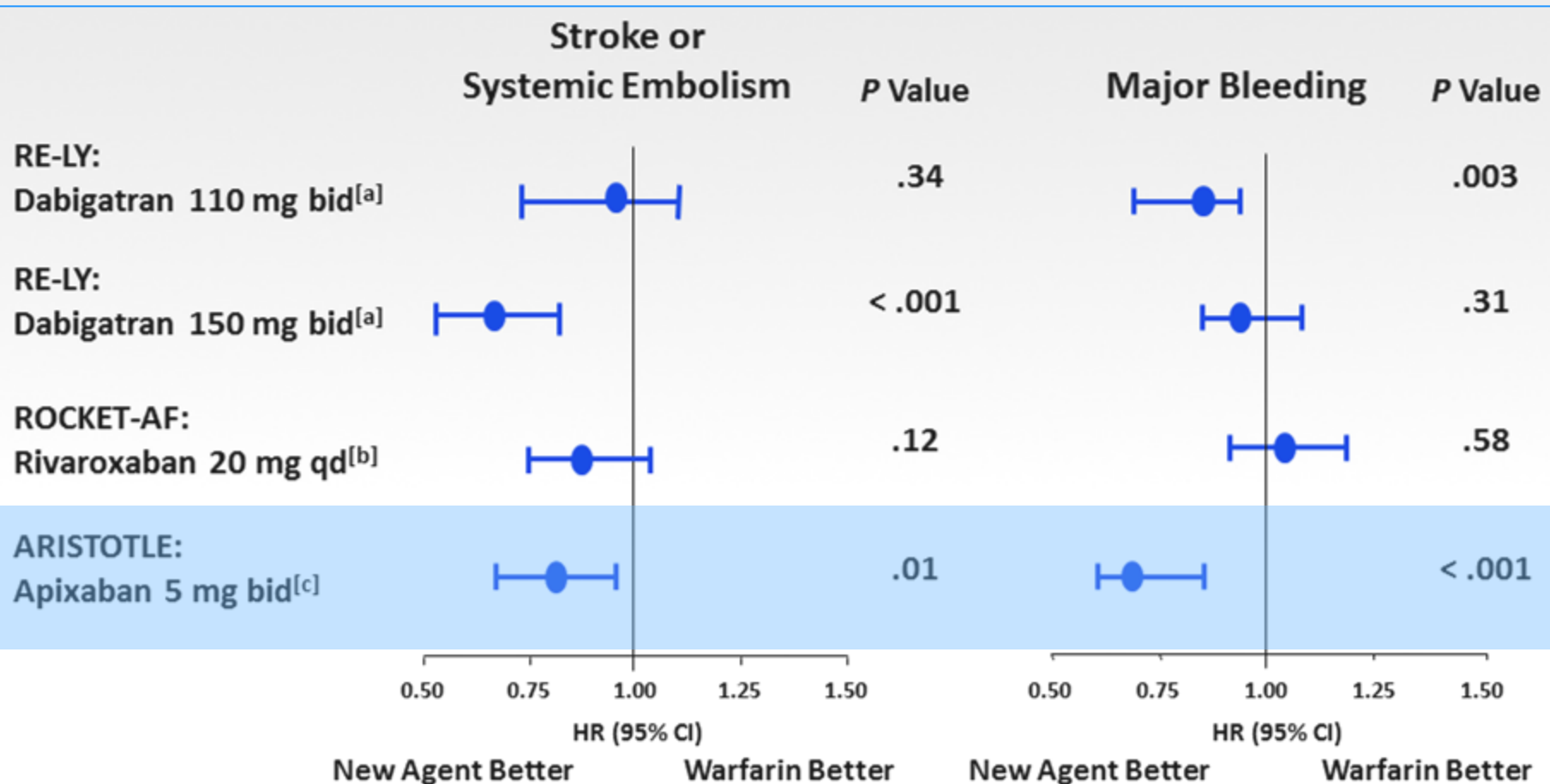
<b>Dabi 110</b> (ITT)	<b>446 (3.75)</b>	<b>487 (4.13)</b>		<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.80-1.03</b>
<b>Dabi 150</b> (ITT)	<b>438 (3.64)</b>	<b>487 (4.13)</b>		<b>0.051</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.77-1.00</b>
<b>Rivaroxaban</b> (ITT)	<b>582 (4.5)</b>	<b>632 (4.9)</b>		<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.82-1.03</b>
<b>Rivaroxaban</b> (safety AT)	<b>208 (1.87)</b>	<b>250 (2.21)</b>		<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.70-1.02</b>
<b>Apixaban</b> (ITT)	<b>603 (3.52)</b>	<b>669 (3.94)</b>		<b>0.049</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.80-0.99</b>



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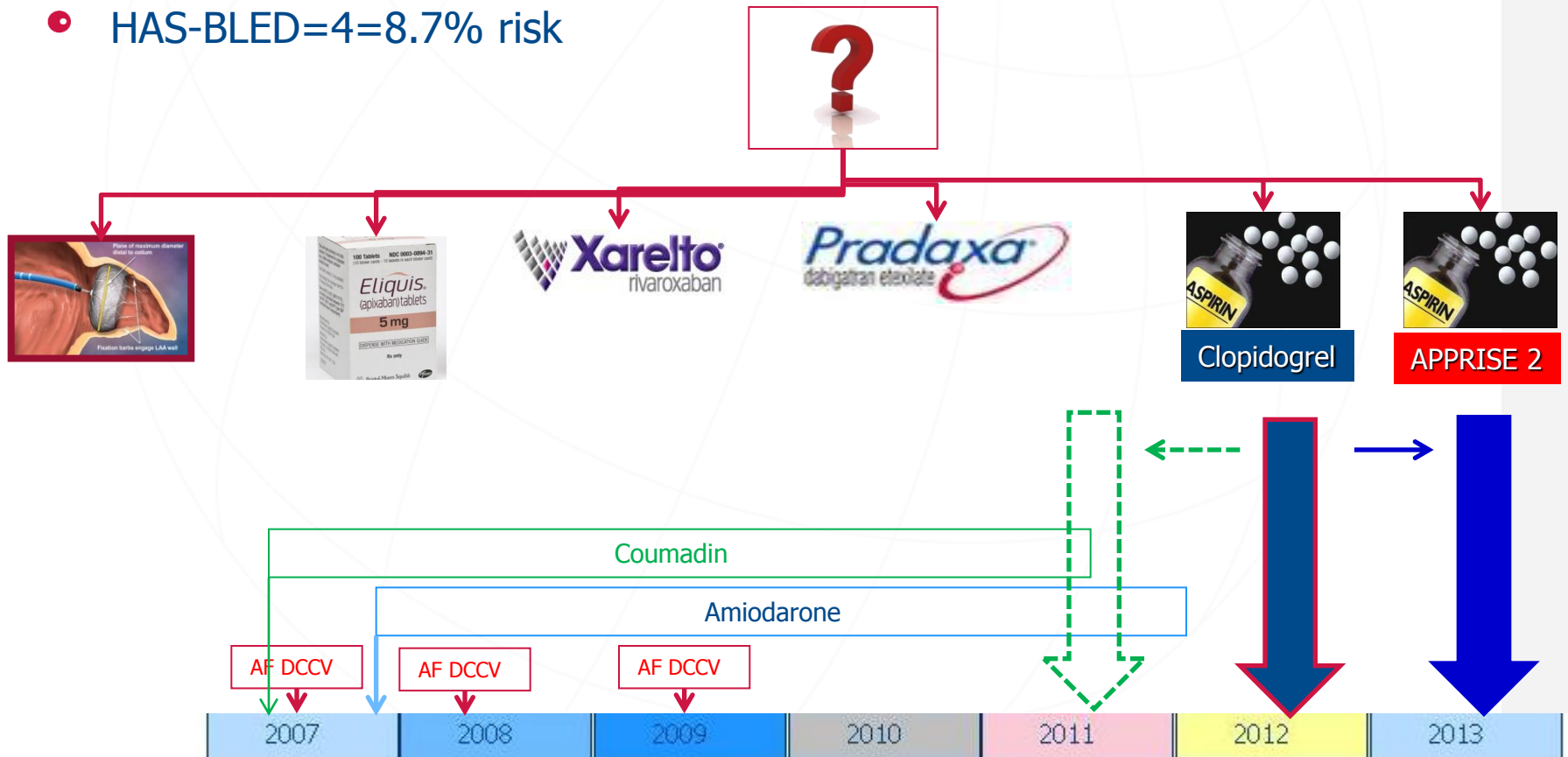
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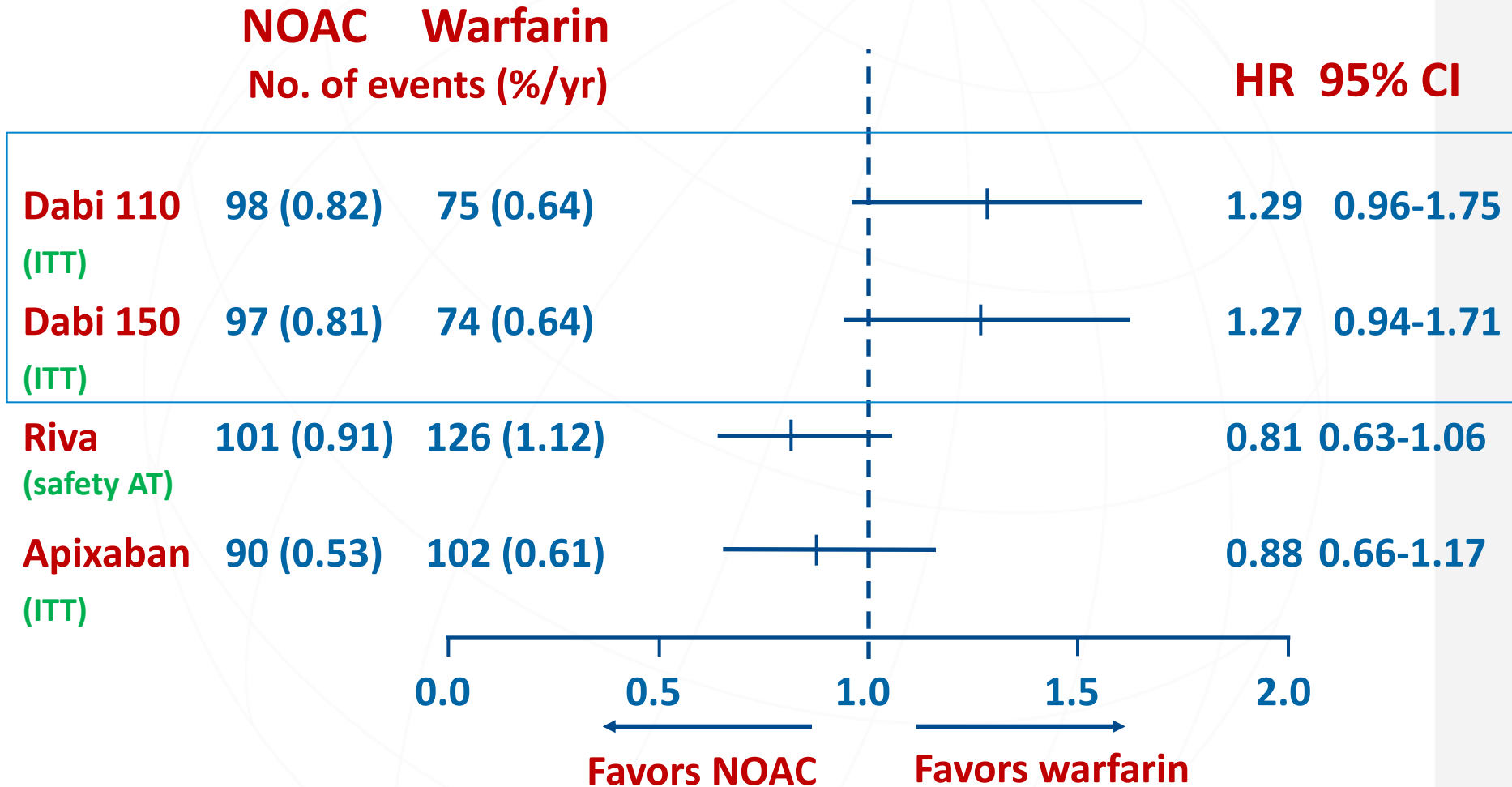
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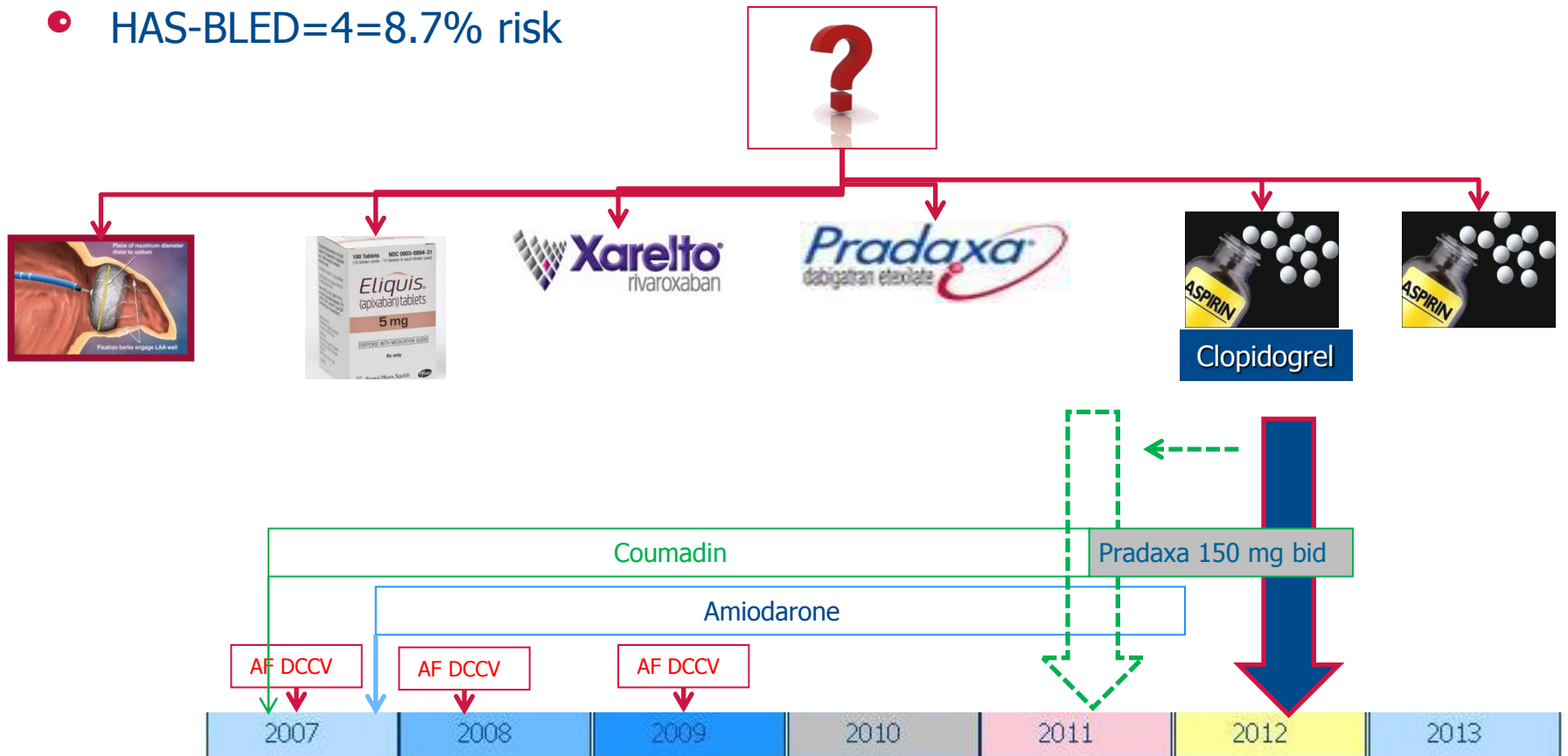
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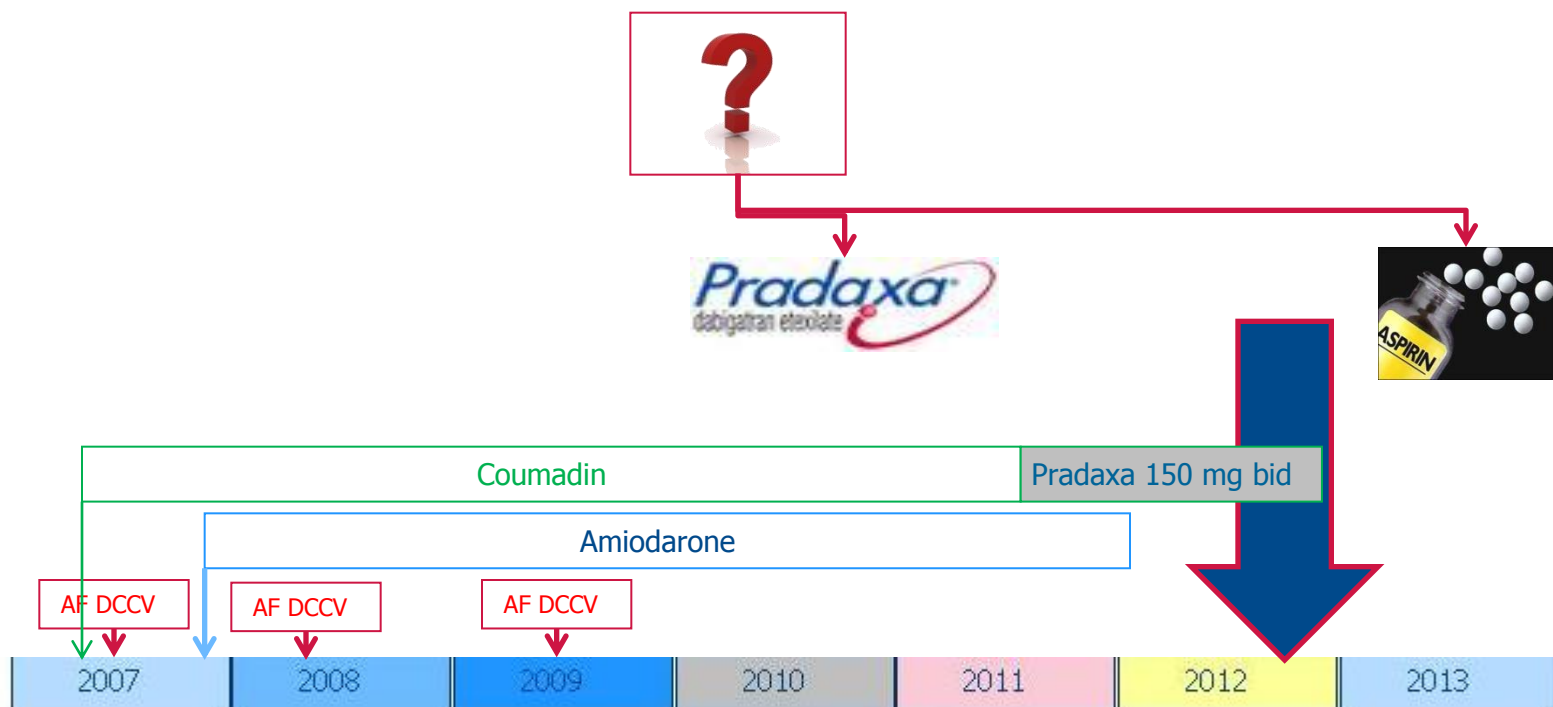
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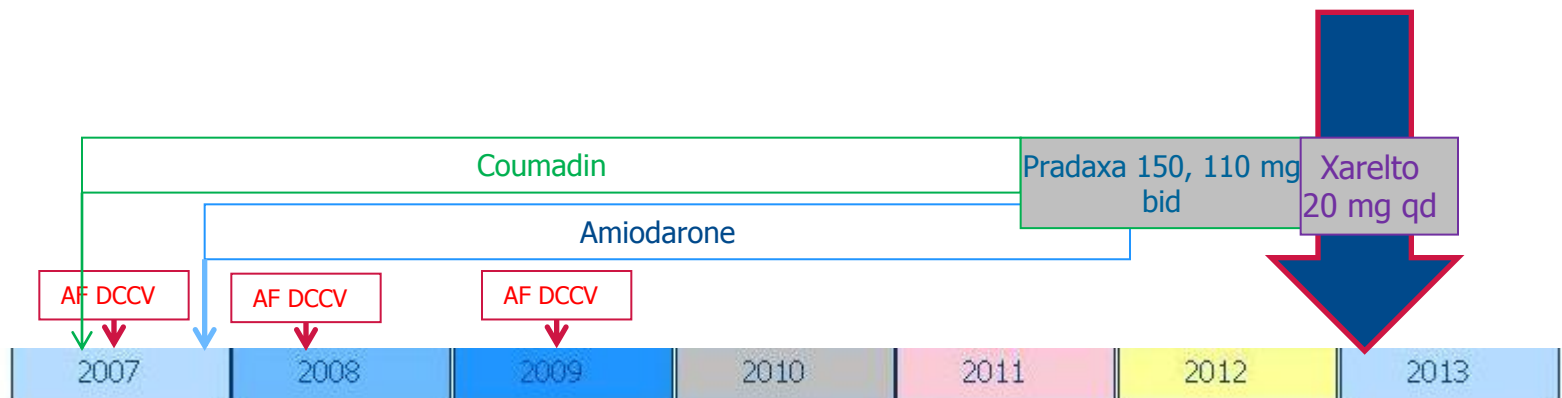
# August 2012 → December 2012

- Amiodarone – Lung toxicity
- Sotalol - Failure
- Persistent AF fast V rate
- Preparation for PVI (ablation)
  - **TEE LA thrombus X 2**
- DDDR pacemaker → Total AV J Ablation



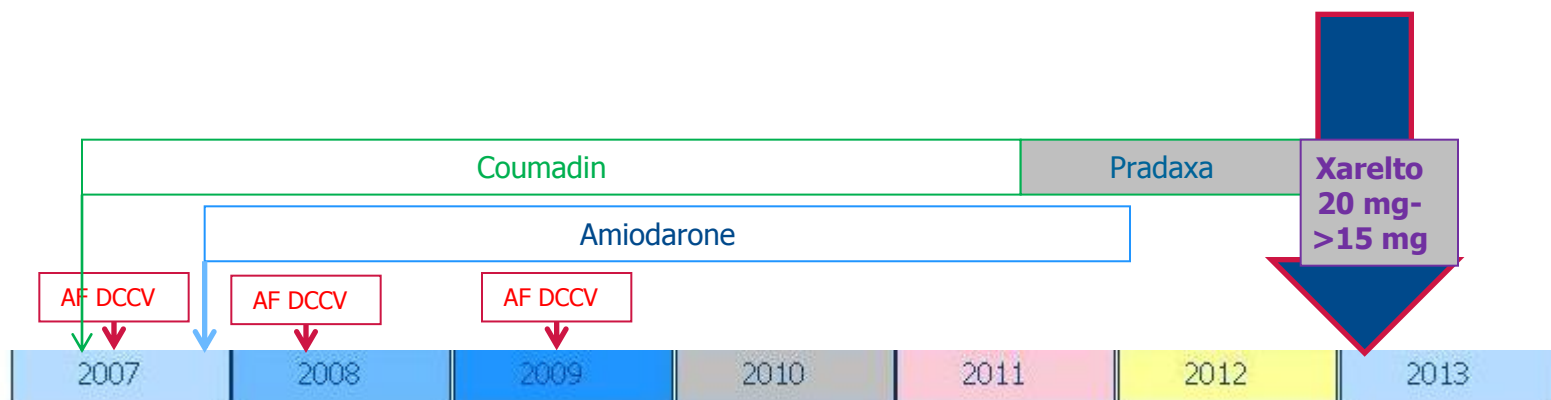
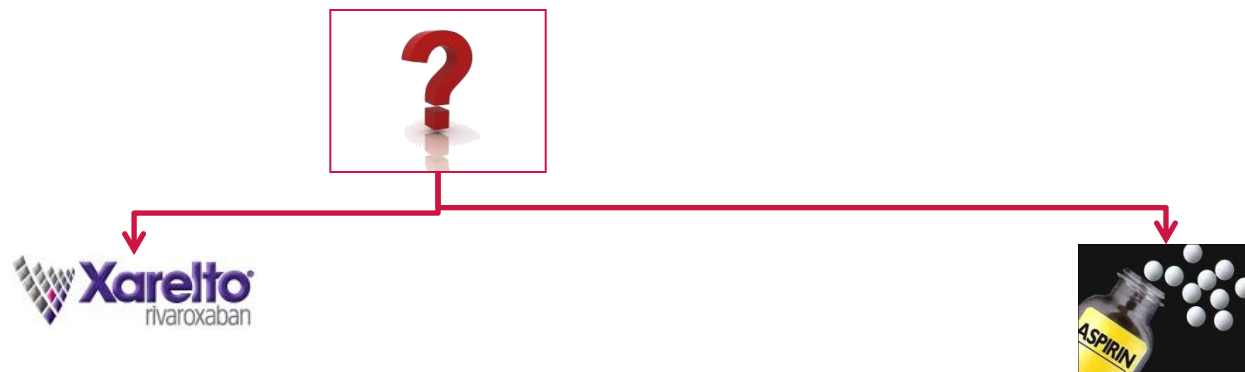
# January 2013

- Persistent AF fast V rate
- Preparation for PVI (ablation)
  - **TEE LA thrombus**
- DDDR pacemaker → Total AV J Ablation
- Hemoptysis
- Skin rash
- Dyspepsia



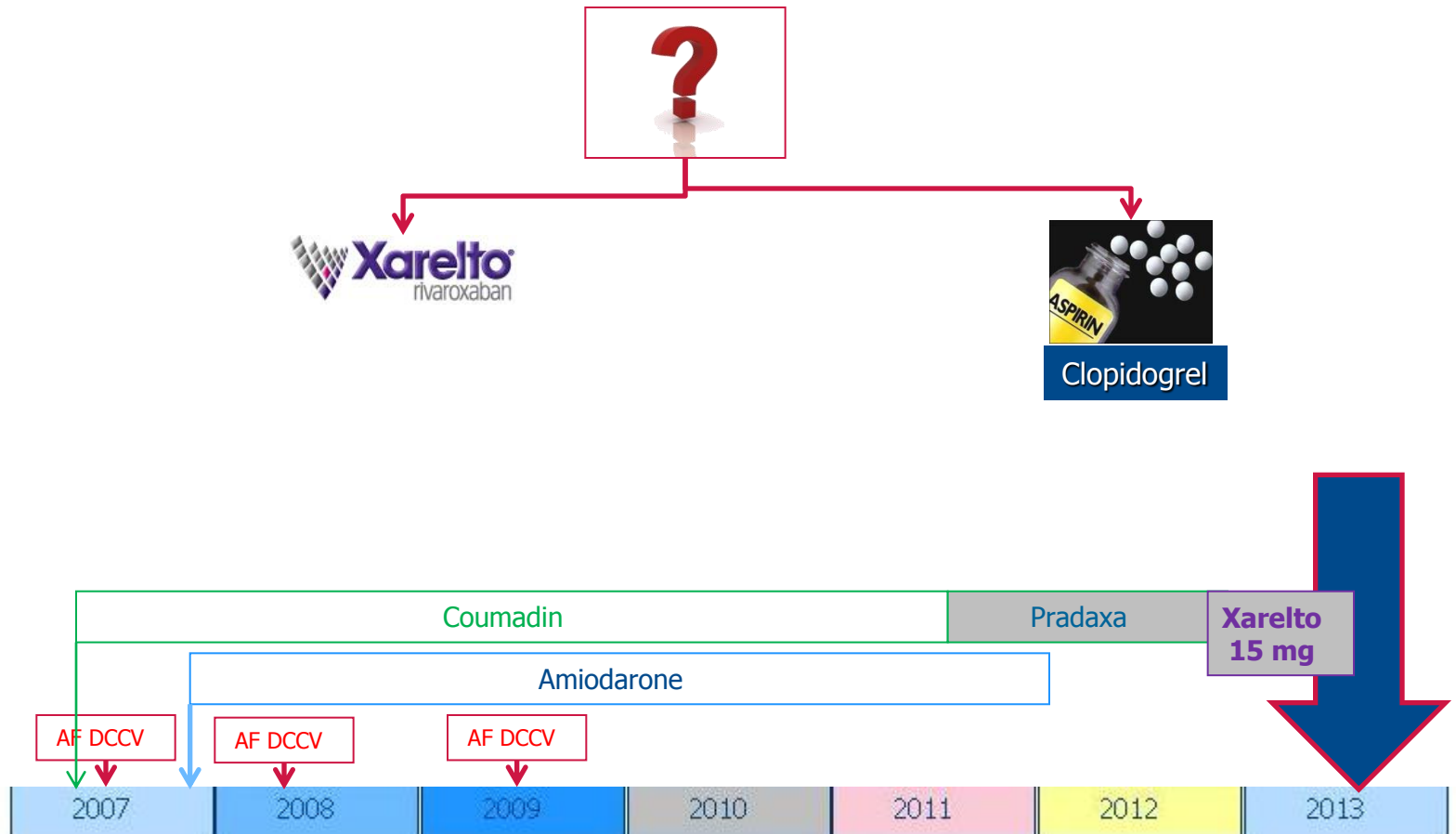
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- Persistent AF fast V rate
- Preparation for PVI (ablation)
  - **TEE LA thrombus**
- DDDR pacemaker → Total AV J Ablation
- Hemoptysis



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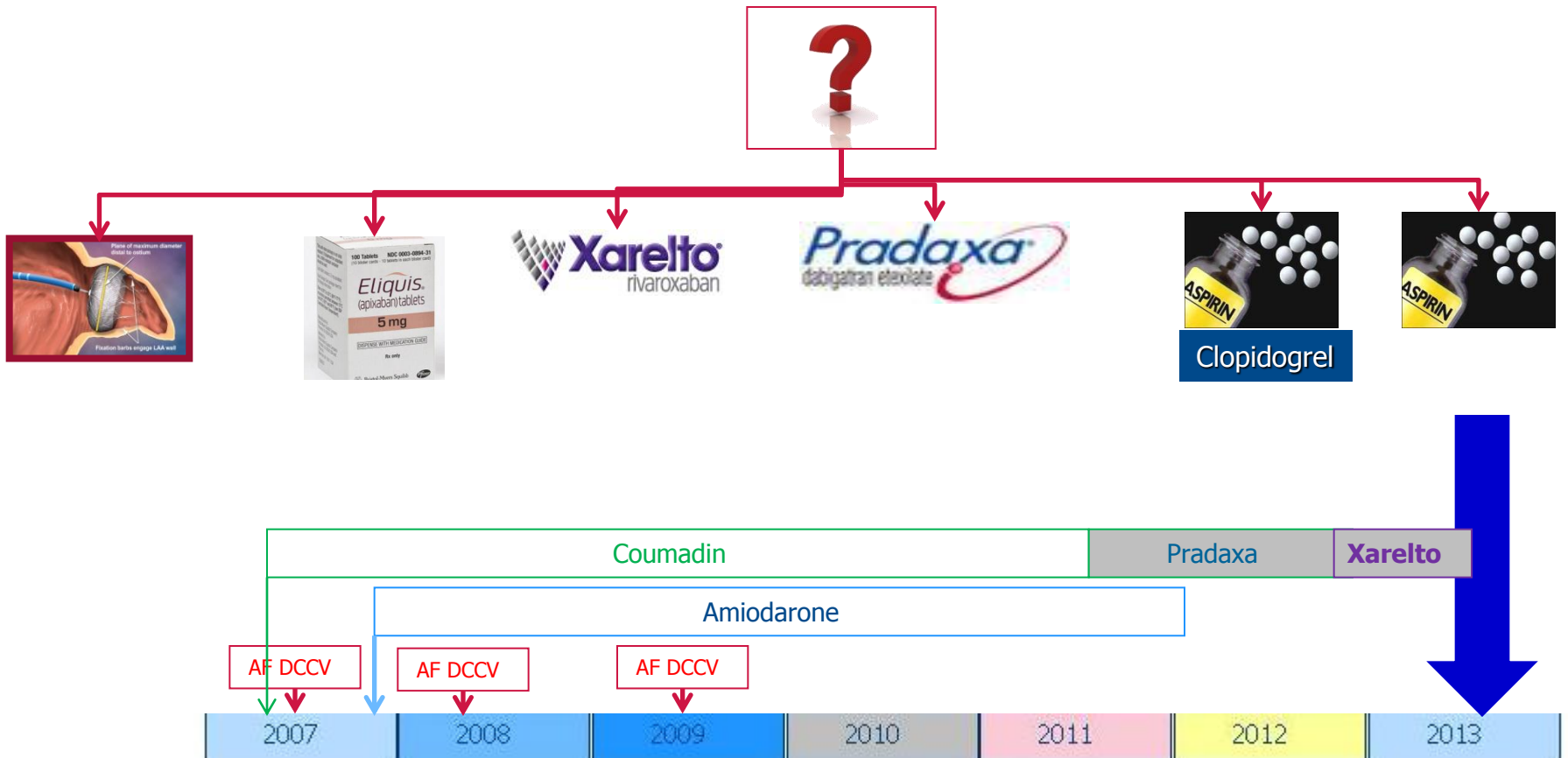
- No Hemoptysis
- Anterior wall MI
  - PPCI to LAD



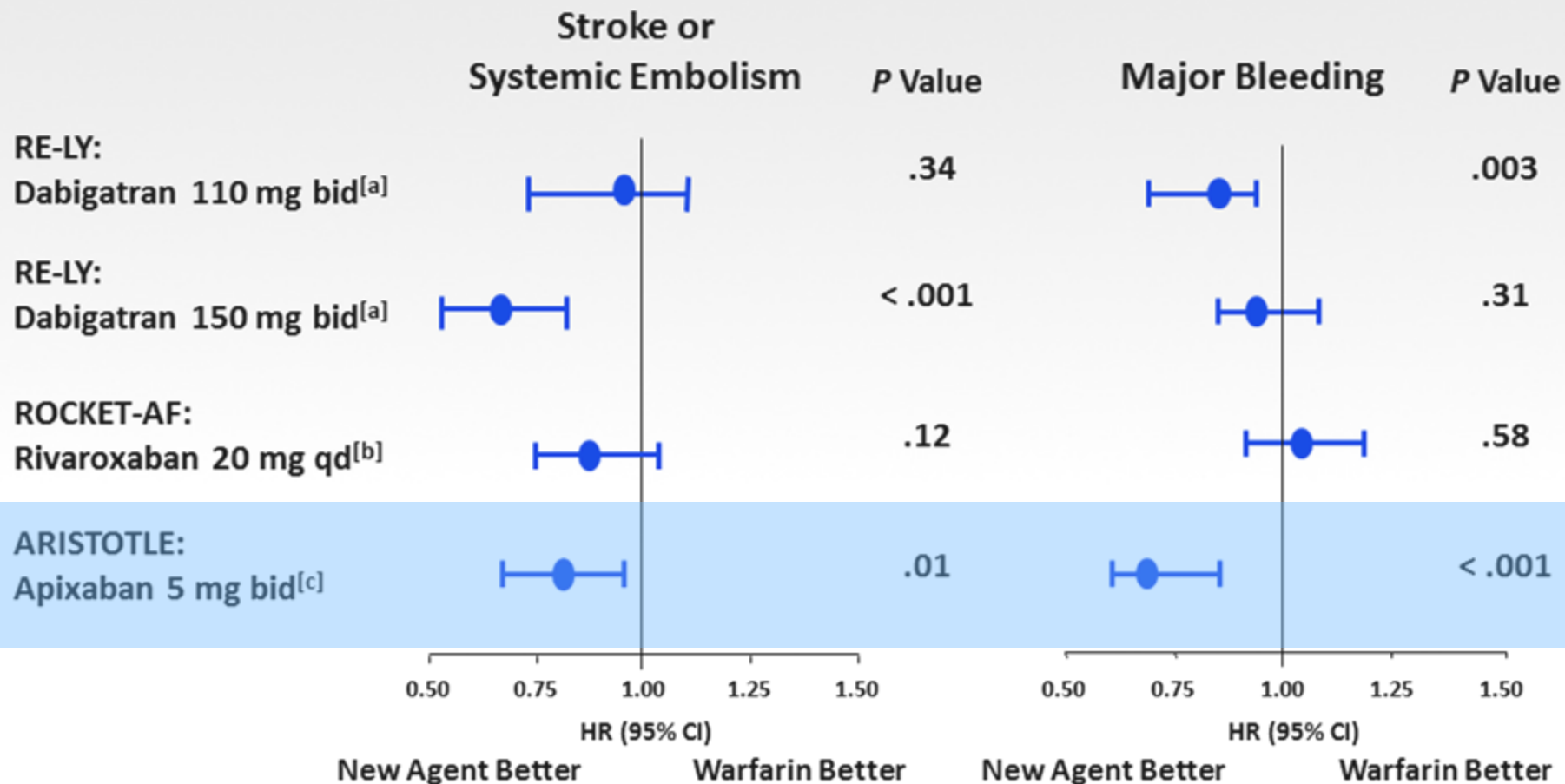
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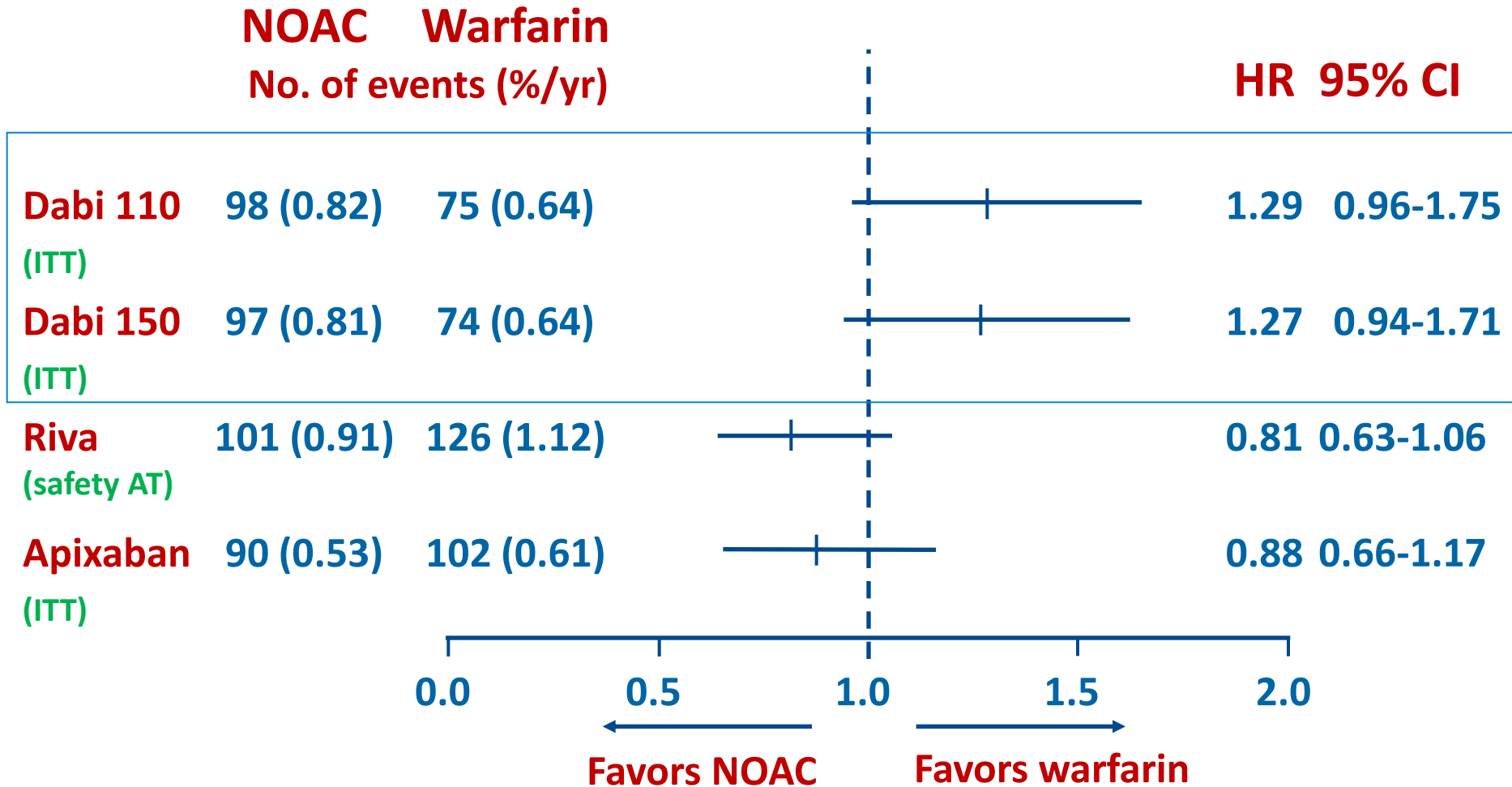
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