

# Anti Coagulation for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation The Case for Coumadin vs. NOACS

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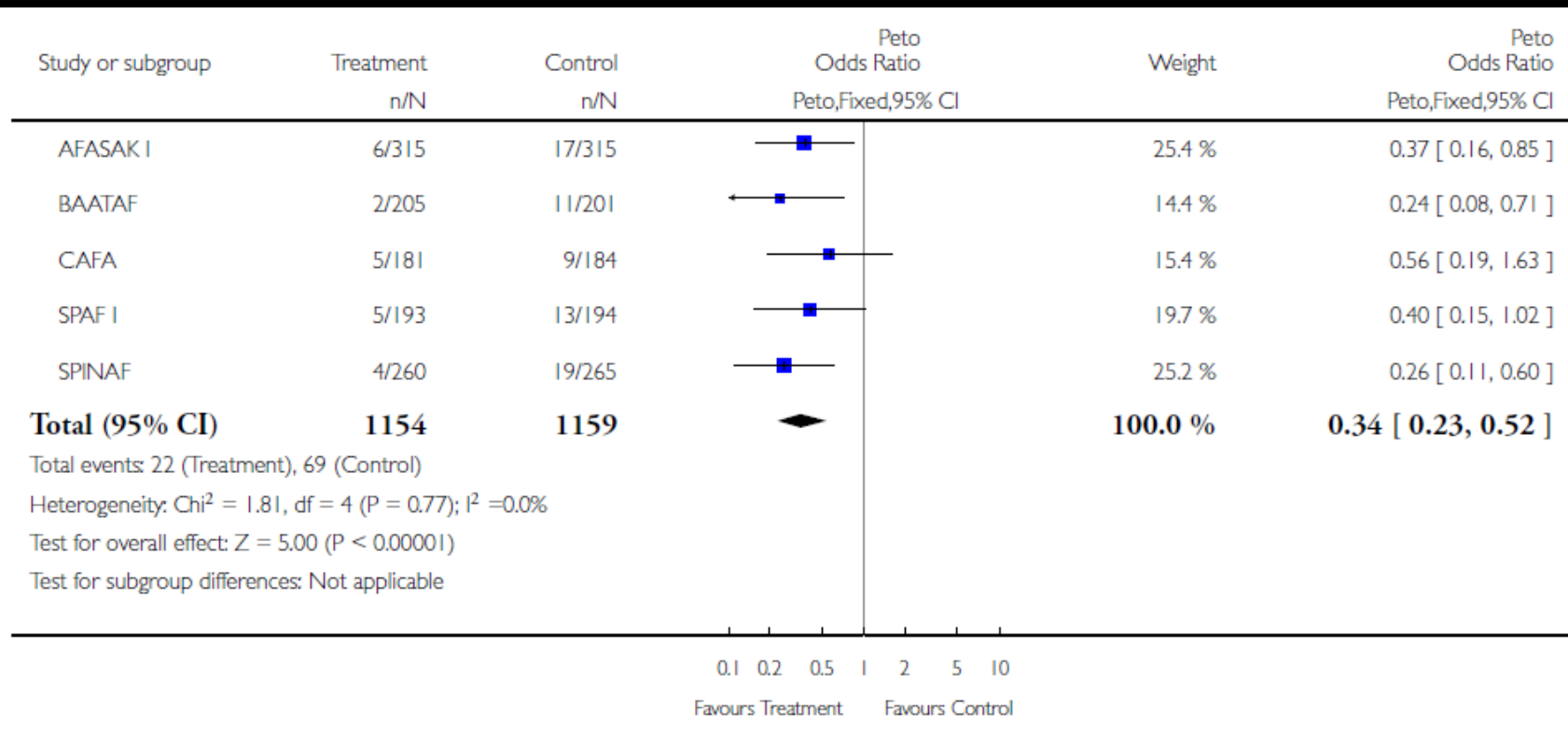
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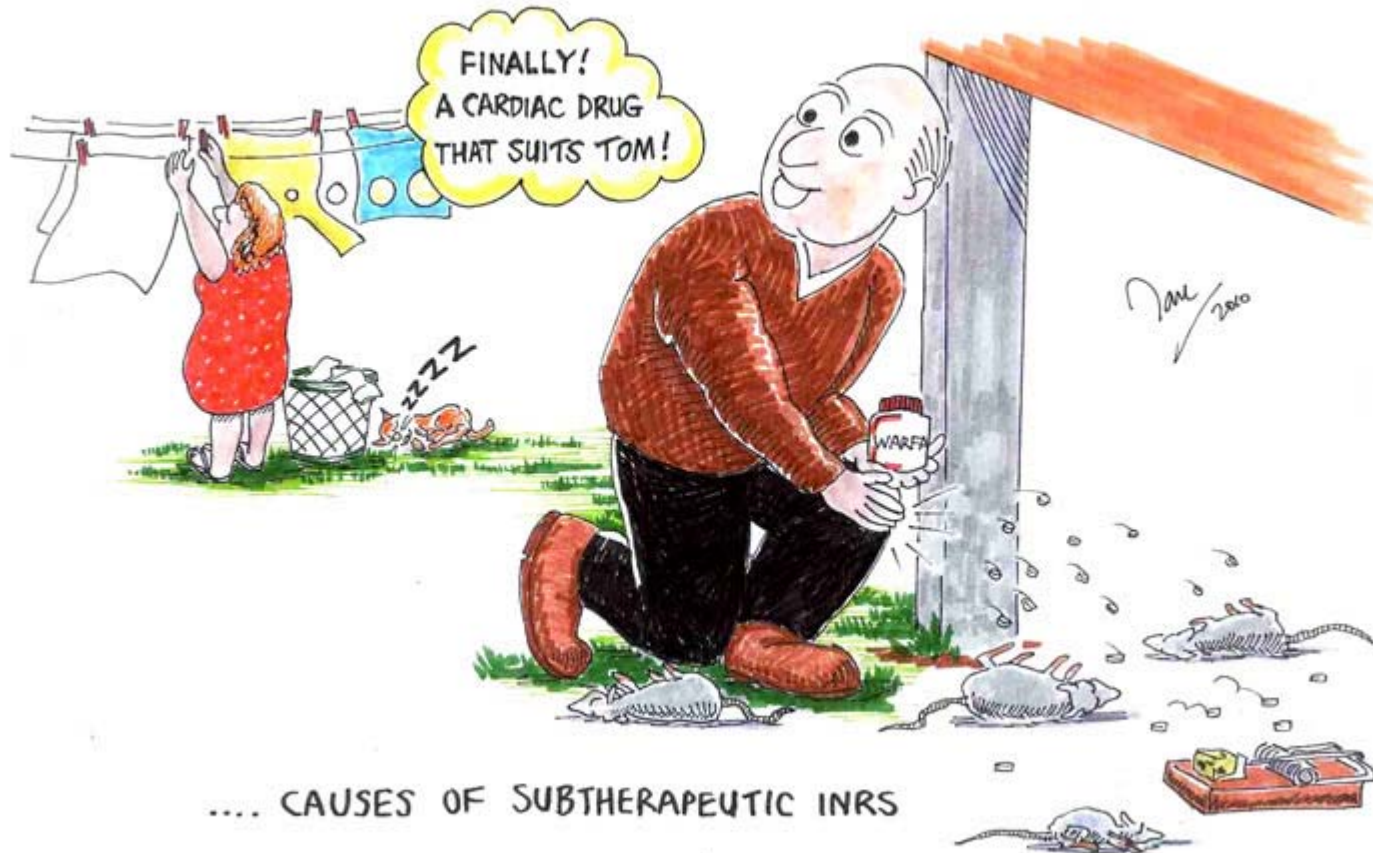
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MARTHA! THIS WARFARIN DRUG REALLY WORKS!





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# What they will tell you

- Indicated for all
- Fixed dose
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# Limitations of current treatment options for stroke prevention in AF

- Many patients with AF do not receive effective thromboprophylaxis due to limitations of currently available agents
- Aspirin is convenient to use but provides insufficient protection for stroke prevention in high-risk patients<sup>1</sup>
- Vitamin K antagonists have greater efficacy but a range of limitations make them challenging agents to use:<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Narrow therapeutic window
  - Variable and unpredictable pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics
  - Wide variety of drug–drug and drug–food interactions
  - Need for regular anticoagulation monitoring and dose adjustments
  - Slow onset and offset of action

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# VKAs require regular anticoagulation monitoring

- Careful monitoring of patients being treated with VKAs is critical due to the:
  - Narrow therapeutic window
  - Unpredictable relationship between VKA dose and the anticoagulant response
  - Influence of the quantity of vitamin K in the diet that can change over time



INR = international normalized ratio; VKAs = vitamin K antagonists

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# Requirements of new antithrombotic agents

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## **At least as effective as warfarin**

Predictable response

## **Wide therapeutic window**

Low incidence and severity of adverse effects

## **Oral fixed dose**

No need for routine anticoagulation monitoring

## **Low potential for food or drug interactions**

Fast onset and offset of action

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# Exclusion Criteria in Major NOAC Studies

	Pradaxa	Apixa	Rivaroxa
Valve Disease	Haemodynamically Relevant Valve Disease	Mod-severe MS	Hemodynamically significant mitral valve stenosis
Prosthetic Valves	+	+	+
Intracranial Bleeding	+	+	+
Hx of GI Bleeding	+ ( 1 YR)		+ (6 months)
BP >180/100	+	+	+
Renal Failure	GFR < 30	GFR <25 or Cr> 2.5	GFR < 30
ASA	-	+ >165 mg/d	>100 mg/d
Simultaneous ASA+thienopyridines	-	+	+
Planned Cardioversion			+

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# Phase III AF Trials vs. Warfarin- Design

	<b>Dabigatran RE-LY</b>	<b>Apixaban ARISTOTLE</b>	<b>Rivaroxaban ROCKET-AF</b>
<b>Dosing</b>	150 mg x2 110 mg x2	5 mg x2 2.5 mg x2 (age $\geq$ 80 years, body weight $\leq$ 60 kg, serum cr $\geq$ 1.5 mg/dL)	20 mg <b>once daily</b> 15 mg <b>once daily</b> for CrCl 30–49 ml/min

# Dose Adjustments

- Dabi:
  - >80 yr – 110 mg bid
  - >75 – treat with caution
  - GFR < 50– 110 mg bid
- Apixa:
- two of the following characteristics: age  $\geq$  80 years, body weight  $\leq$  60 kg, or serum creatinine  $\geq$  1.5 mg/dl- 2.5 mg bid



- Rivaroxa: Cr Cl 30-50 – 15 mg /d

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- No Tests yet to monitor therapeutic Effect
- Inability to test
- With Coumadin – home monitoring allows self titration and easy control of INR.
- Treatment by dedicated clinic allows monitoring of Coumadin every 6-8 weeks

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# Ease of Use

- One daily dose
- Switching to other anticoagulants
- Perioperative management

# Perioperative Management

- Coumadin- Easy. Can stop 4-5 days prior to procedure and monitor effect and restarting also easy

# Perioperative Management

*Table 2 summarizes discontinuation rules before invasive or surgical procedures.*

Renal function (CrCL in ml/min)	Estimated half-life (hours)	Stop dabigatran before elective surgery	
		High risk of bleeding or major surgery	Standard risk
≥ 80	~ 13	2 days before	24 hours before
≥ 50 – < 80	~ 15	2-3 days before	1-2 days before
≥ 30 – < 50	~ 18	4 days before	2-3 days before (>48 hours)

# Apixa

- ELIQUIS should be discontinued **at least 48 hours prior to elective surgery or invasive procedures with a moderate or high risk of bleeding**. This includes interventions for which the probability of clinically significant bleeding cannot be excluded or for which the risk of bleeding would be unacceptable.
- **Eliquis should be discontinued at least 24 hours prior to elective surgery or invasive procedures with a low risk of bleeding**. This includes interventions for which any bleeding that occurs is expected to be minimal, non-critical in its location or easily controlled



# Dabi

- Adjust the starting time of the VKA based on CrCL as follows:
  - • CrCL  $\geq$  50 ml/min, start VKA 3 days before discontinuing dabigatran etexilate
  - • CrCL  $\geq$  30- $<$  50 ml/min, start VKA 2 days before discontinuing dabigatran etexilate
- VKA to

# Apixa

- When converting patients from Eliquis to VKA therapy, continue administration of Eliquis for at least 2 days after beginning VKA therapy. After 2 days of coadministration of Eliquis with VKA therapy, obtain an INR prior to the next scheduled dose of Eliquis. Continue coadministration of Eliquis and VKA therapy until the INR is  $\geq 2.0$ .

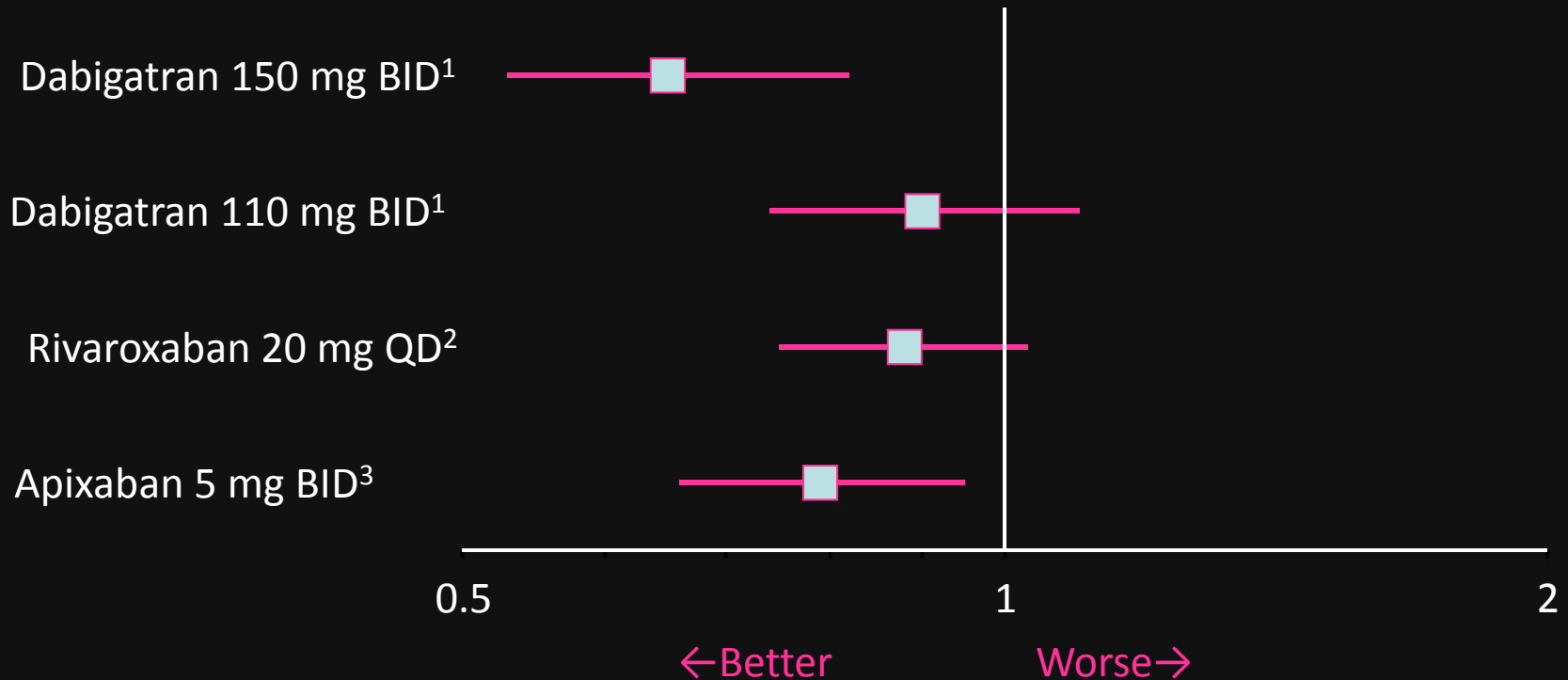
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- In patients converting from Xarelto to VKA, VKA should be given concurrently until the INR is  $\geq 2.0$ . For the first two days of the conversion period, standard initial dosing of VKA should be used followed by VKA dosing guided by INR testing. While patients are on both Xarelto and VKA the INR should not be tested earlier than 24 hours after the previous dose but prior to the next dose of Xarelto. Once Xarelto is discontinued INR testing may be done reliably at least 24 hours after the
- last dose

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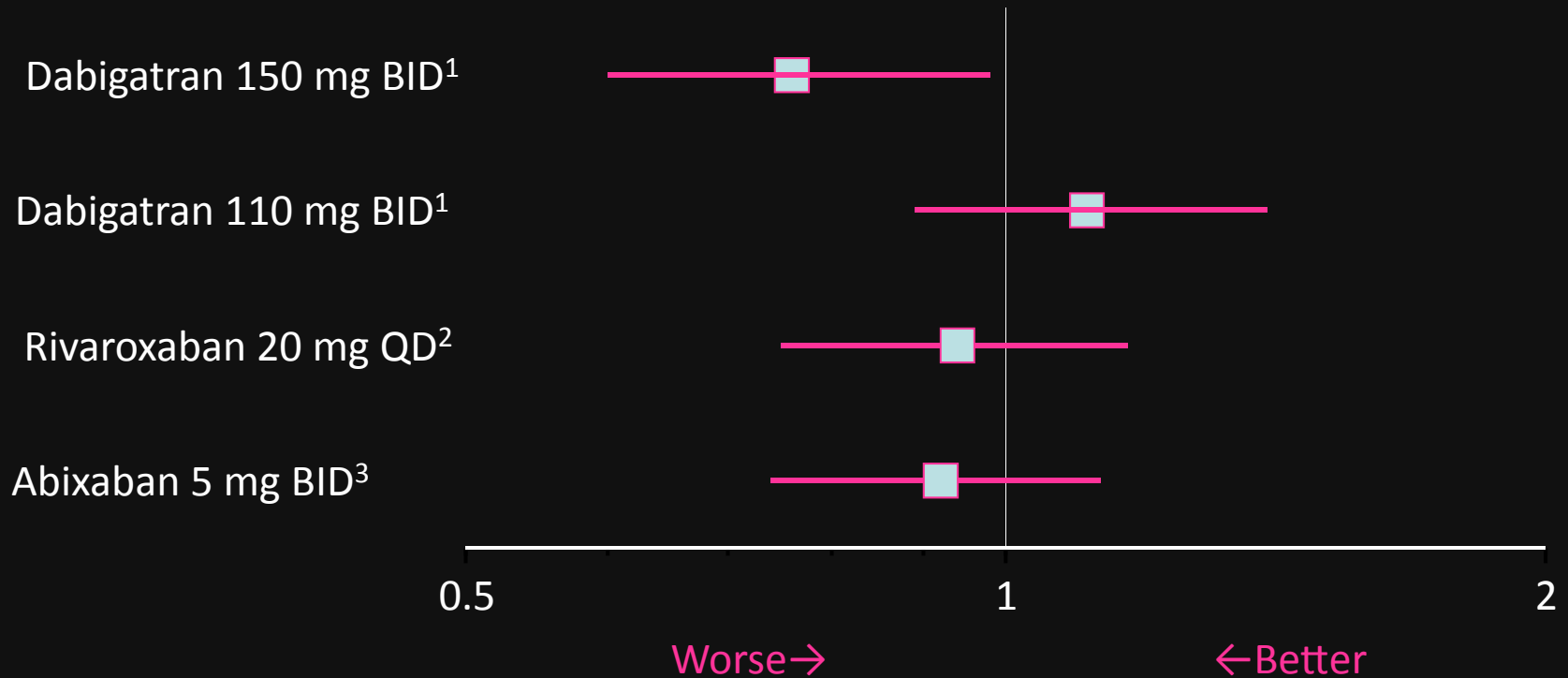
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## *Stroke or Systemic Embolism*



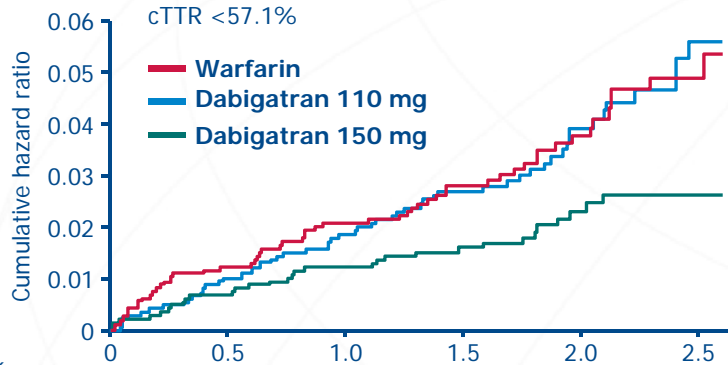
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## *Stroke of Ischemic or Unknown Type*

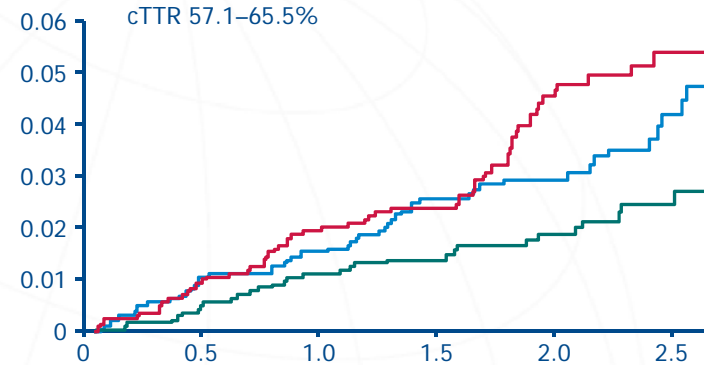


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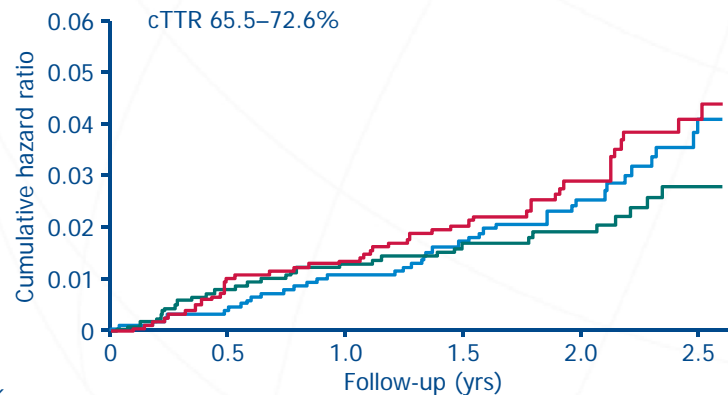
# TTR subgroup analysis: time to primary outcome



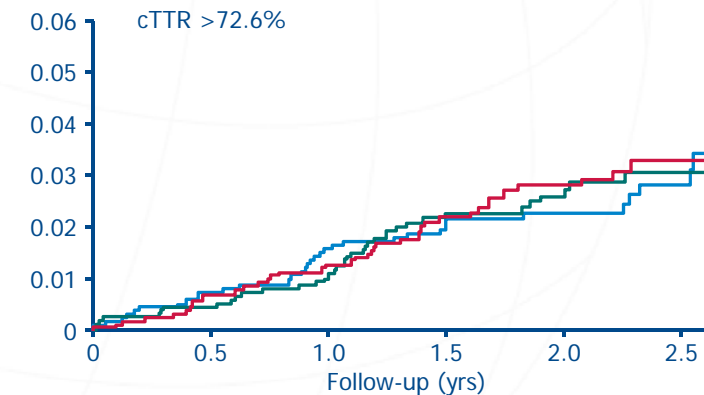
Number at risk	0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5
Dabigatran 110 mg	1497	1450	1411	1144	649	274
Dabigatran 150 mg	1509	1469	1427	1164	699	283
Warfarin	1504	1445	1395	1094	640	242



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Dabigatran 110 mg	1524	1477	1440	1169	783	379
Dabigatran 150 mg	1526	1493	1453	1192	801	394
Warfarin	1514	1476	1438	1175	752	351



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Dabigatran 110 mg	1474	1456	1420	1142	760	370
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cTTR = centre mean TTR; TTR = time in therapeutic range

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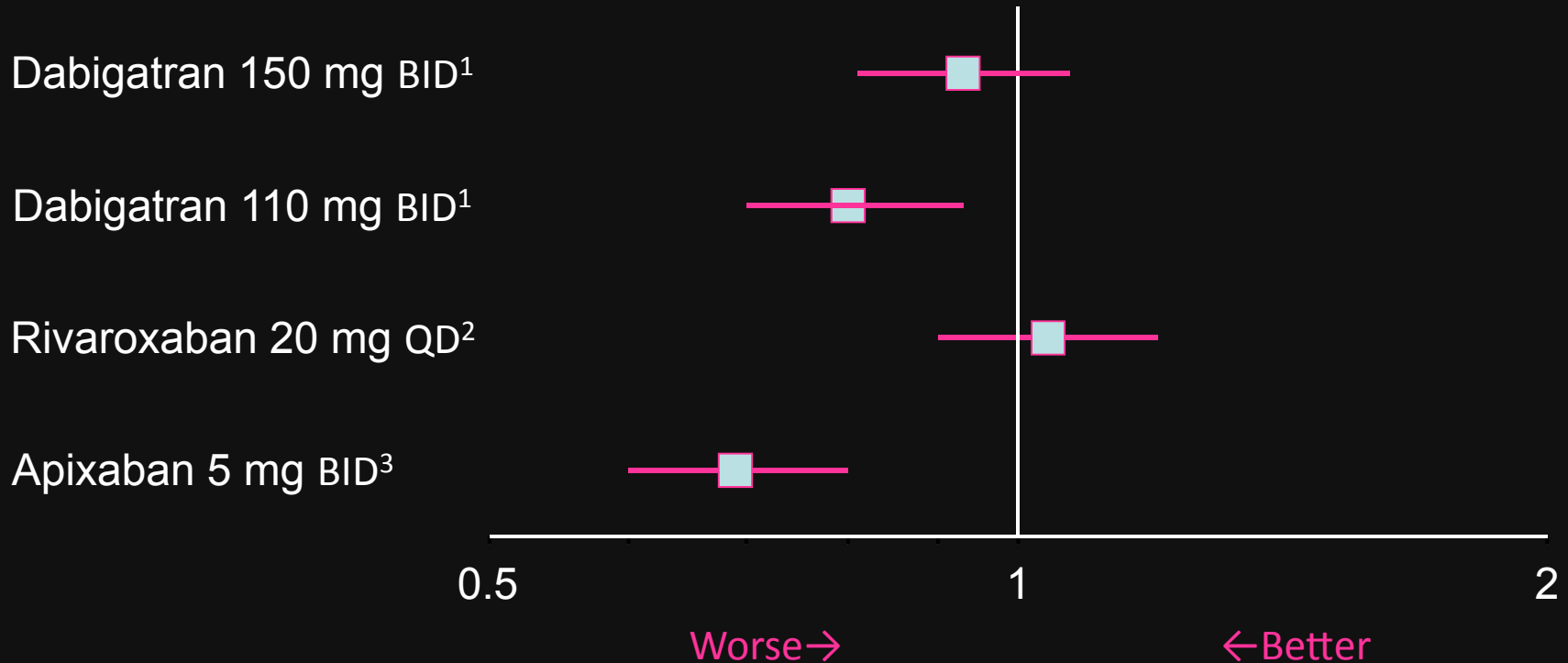
Disclaimer: Dabigatran etexilate is now approved for clinical use in stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation in certain countries. Please check local prescribing information for further details

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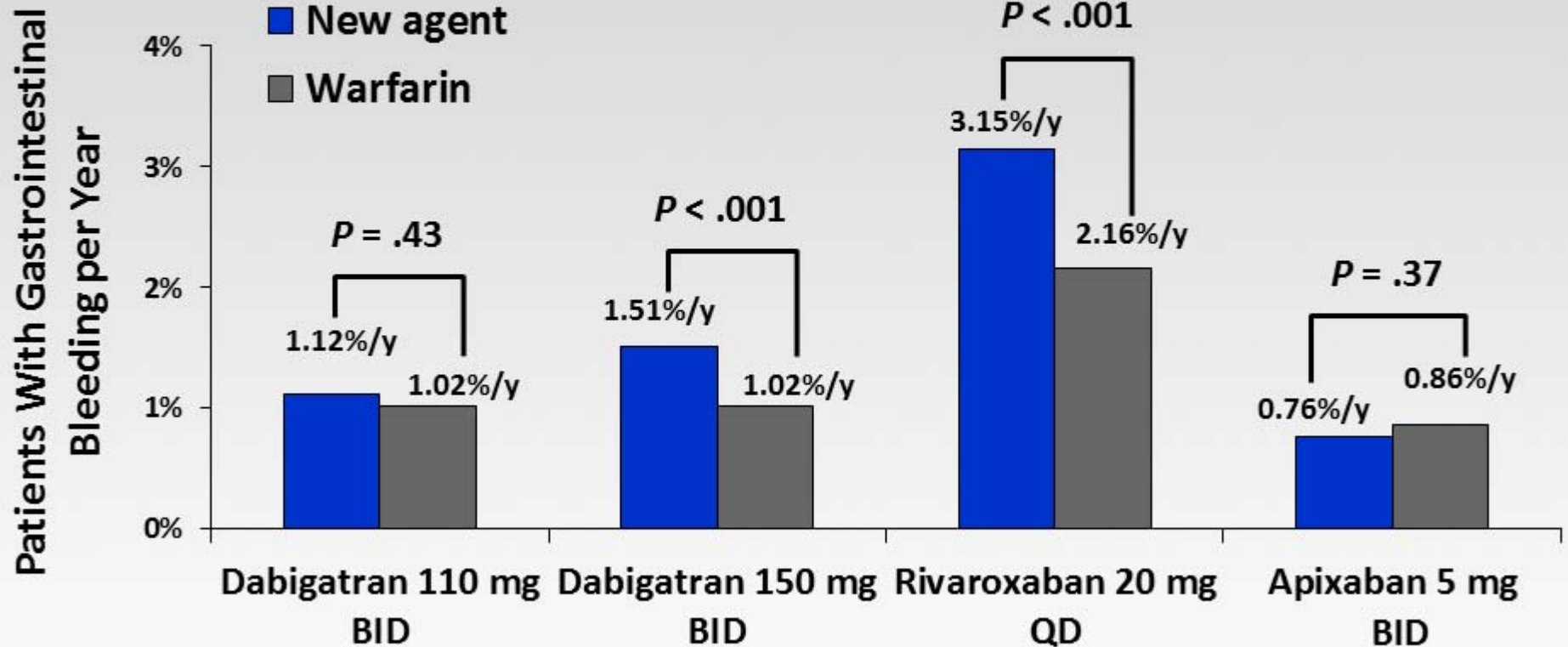


# New Anticoagulant Therapies Vs. Warfarin:

## Major Bleeding



# Recent Oral Anticoagulation Trials: Gastrointestinal Bleeding



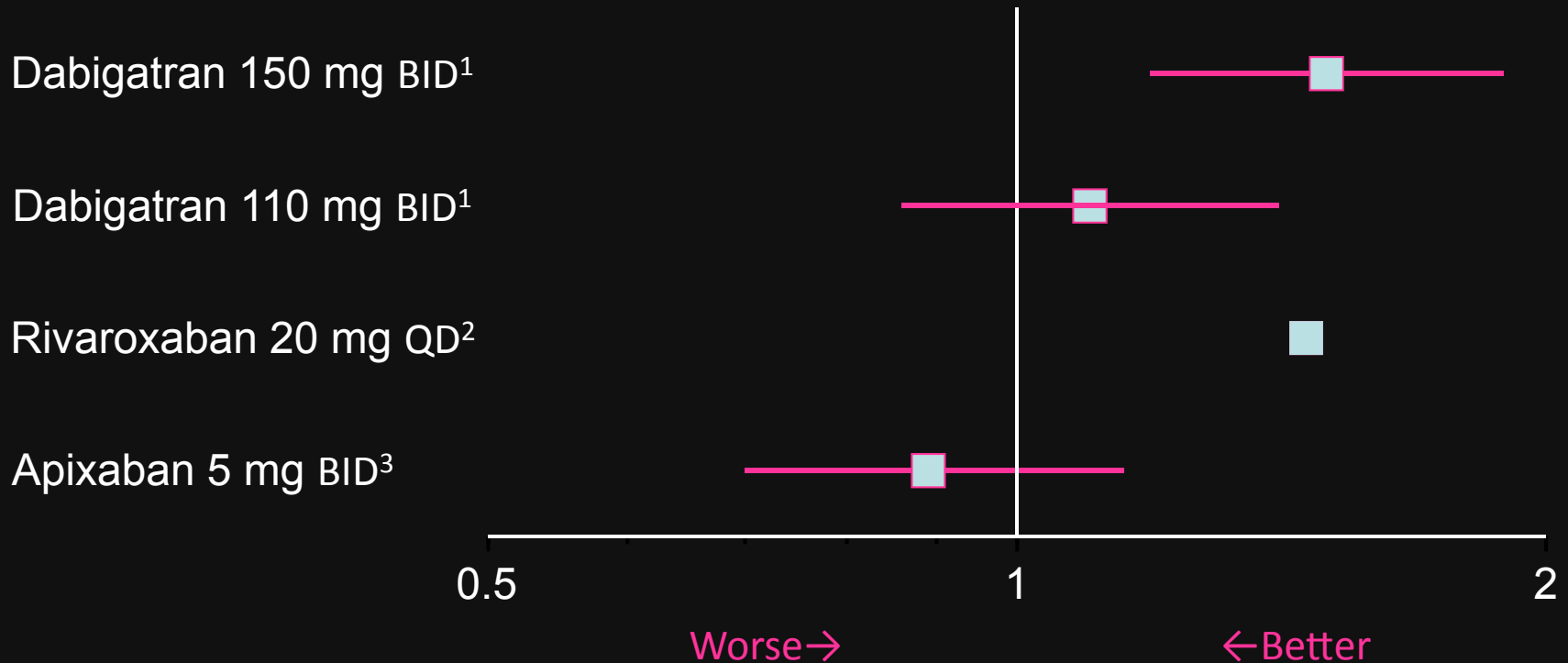
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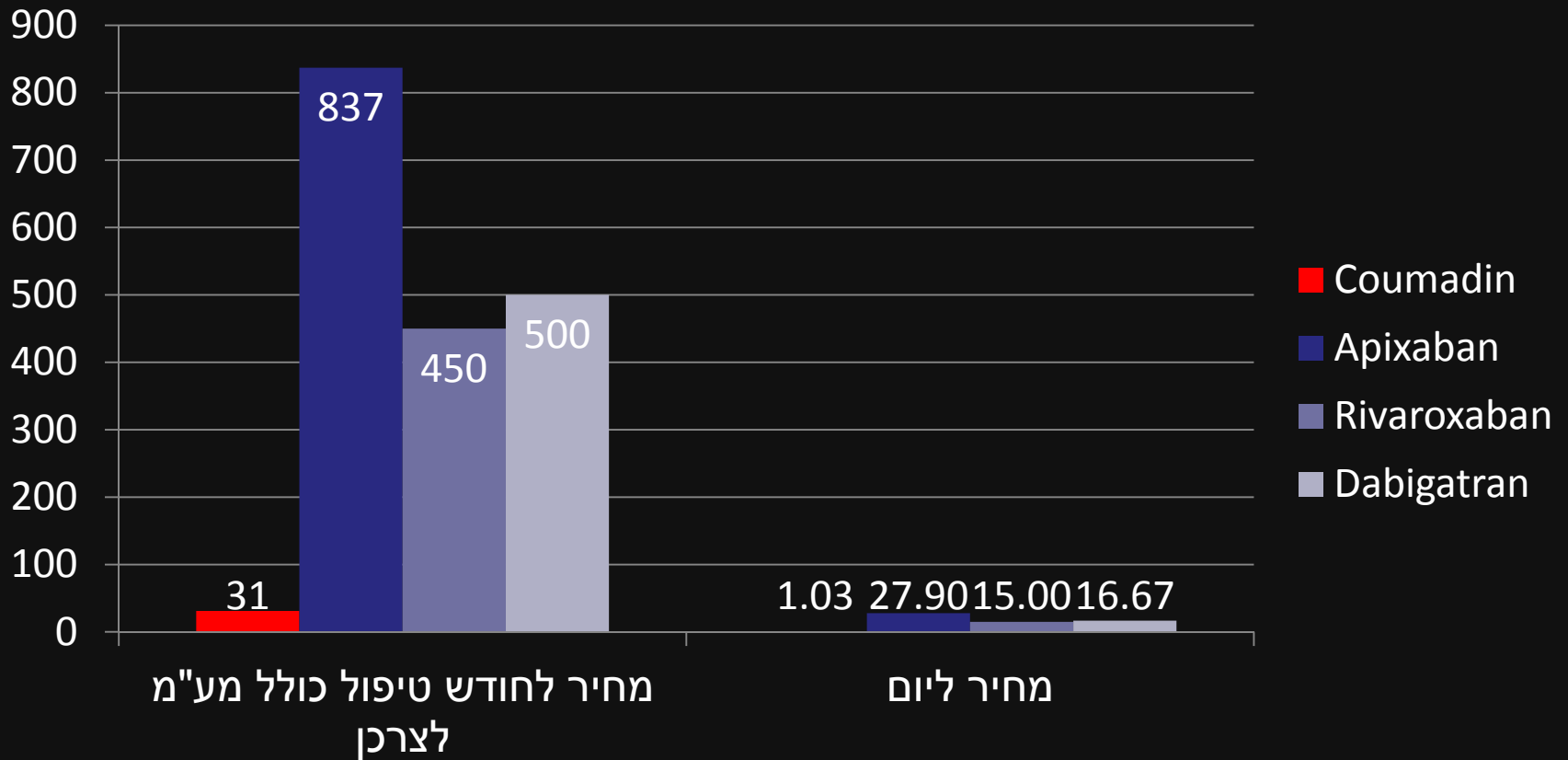
	<b>Dabigatran</b>	<b>Apixaban</b>	<b>Rivaroxaban</b>
<u>P-gp Inhibitors</u> amiodarone, verapamil, quinidine, ketoconazole clarithromycin Itraconazole, tacrolimus and cyclosporine	↑ ↑ ↑reduce to 110 bid ↑ ↑ Contra- indicated ↑ Contra- indicated Contra- indicated Contra- indicated	↑ Contra- indicated ↑ Contra- indicated	↑ Contra- indicated ↑ Contra- indicated
Protease Inhibitors	Not Recommended	↑ Contra- indicated	↑ Contra- indicated
Dronedarone	Not Recommended		SHOULD BE AVOIDED
Dual antiplatelets	↑ bleeding	↑ bleeding	↑ bleeding
ASA/NSAIDS	↑ bleeding	↑ bleeding	↑ bleeding

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# Cost

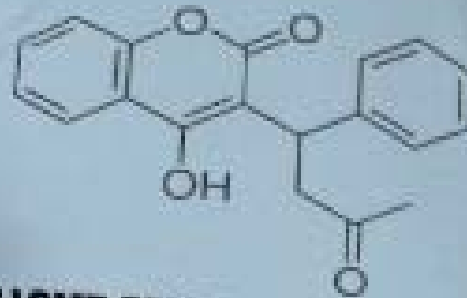
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# Conclusion

- NOACS are good alternatives
- They have their pluses and minuses
- They are not good for all
- Monitoring is not available
- Specific antidotes are not there yet
- Coumadin is still a good medication that is effective for stroke prevention in AF (valvular and NVAf)



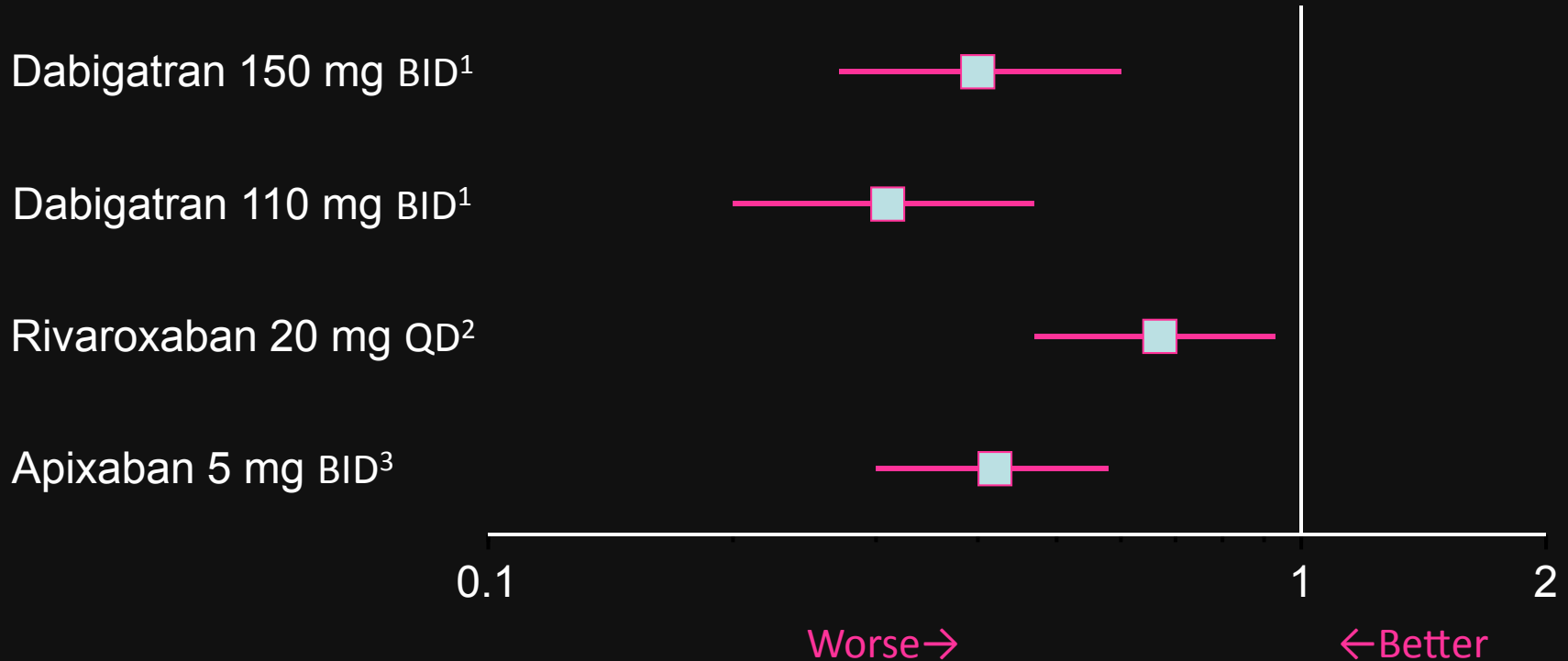
**I LOVE MY RAT POISON**  
IT'S ALSO KNOWN AS WARFARIN

# Thank You

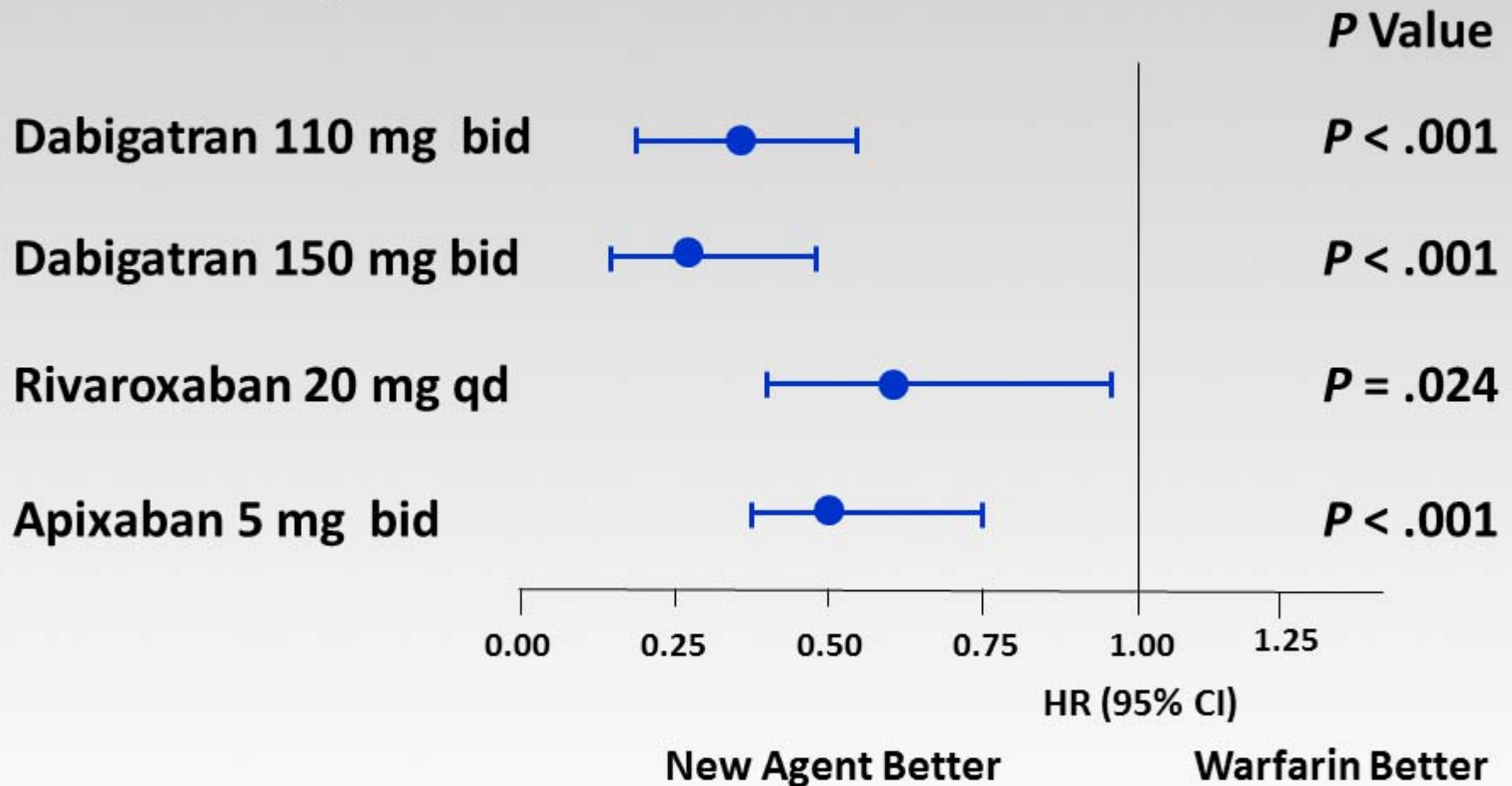
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## *Intracranial Hemorrhage*



# Recent Oral Anticoagulation Trials: Hemorrhagic Stroke



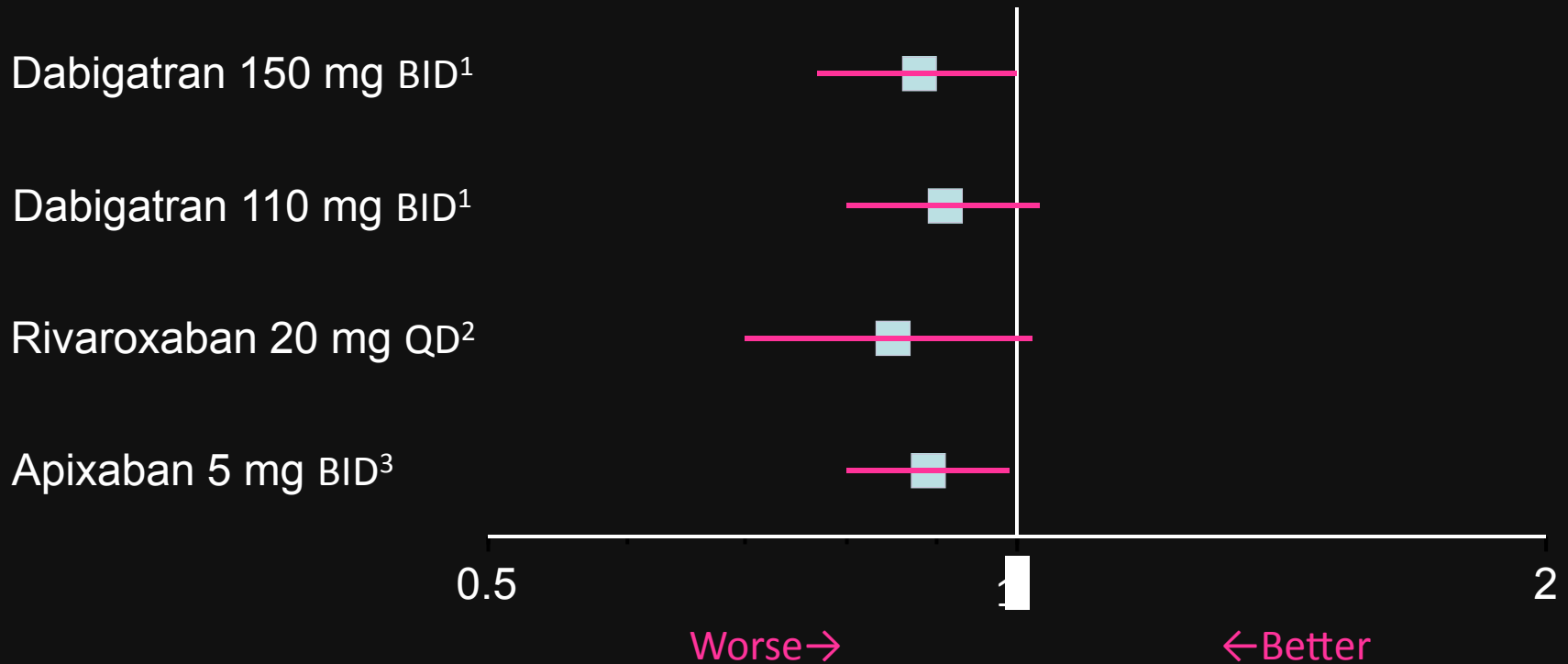
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## *All-cause Mortality*



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