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What is 'valvular' atrial fibrillation?

The definition of valvular and non-valvular atrial fibrillation: results of a physicians' survey

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| (Q2) Do you think that the existing definitions of NVAf are sufficiently clear? | Cardiologists | | Internists | |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | n (%) | 95% CI | n (%) | 95% CI |
| No | 98 (35.9) | (30.2–41.9) | 69 (28.8) | (23.1–34.9) |
| Yes | 156 (57.1) | (51.0–63.1) | 163 (67.9) | (61.6–73.8) |
| No answer | 19 (7.0) | (4.2–10.7) | 8 (3.3) | (1.4–6.5) |
| Total | 273 (100.0) | | 240 (100.0) | |

Table 4 Dominant answers grouped according to the five main topics, and by physicians' specialties

| Clustering topics/questions | Cardiologists (n = 273) | | Internists (n = 240) | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | n (%) | 95% CI | n (%) | 95% CI |
| <i>(a) The presence/absence of a known rheumatic aetiology as origin of valvular disease</i> | | | | |
| Q3. Are the terms NVAf and non-rheumatic AF synonyms? | | | | |
| No, n (%) | 163 (59.7) | (53.6–65.6) | 138 (57.5) | (51.0–63.8) |
| Q4. Are medical history of rheumatic disease and clinical signs of valvular involvement both prerequisites to define AF as rheumatic? | | | | |
| Yes, n (%) | 133 (48.7) | (42.6–54.8) | 113 (47.1) | (40.6–53.6) |
| Q5. In the absence of clinical history of rheumatic disease and in the presence of a documented valvular anomaly, may AF then be defined as valvular? | | | | |
| Yes, n (%) | 156 (57.1) | (51.0–63.1) | 122 (50.8) | (44.3–57.3) |
| Q6. In a patient with mitral valve disease of unclear origin, may AF then be defined as valvular? | | | | |
| No, n (%) | 65 (23.8) | (18.9–29.3) | 67 (27.9) | (22.3–34.1) |
| <i>(b) Site (mitral, aortic) and type of valve involvement (stenosis, insufficiency, both)</i> | | | | |
| Q7. In the presence of VHD other than mitral, may AF then be defined as valvular? | | | | |
| Yes, n (%) | 110 (40.3) | (34.4–46.4) | 70 (29.2) | (23.5–35.4) |
| Q8. In a patient with rheumatic VHD, may AF then be classified as valvular if associated with mitral involvement or aortic involvement or both? | | | | |
| Aortic and mitral involvement, n (%) | 129 (47.3) | (41.2–53.4) | 95 (39.6) | (33.4–46.1) |
| Q9. The term 'AF associated to rheumatic mitral valve disease' includes | | | | |
| Both of them, n (%) | 185 (67.8) | (61.9–73.3) | 151 (62.9) | (56.5–69.0) |
| Q10. In the presence of with mitral valve regurgitation, may AF then be defined as valvular? | | | | |
| Yes, n (%) | 77 (28.2) | (22.9–33.9) | 57 (23.8) | (18.5–29.6) |
| <i>(c) The presence/absence of prosthetic heart valve</i> | | | | |
| Q11. In the presence of a biological aortic valve prosthesis, how may AF then be defined? | | | | |
| NVAf, n (%) | 73 (26.7) | (21.6–32.4) | 77 (32.1) | (26.2–38.4) |
| <i>(d) Haemodynamic relevance (severe/moderate/mild stenosis or insufficiency)</i> | | | | |
| Q12. Is the degree of valvular stenosis or regurgitation relevant for the definition of valvular AF? | | | | |
| No, n (%) | 98 (35.9) | (30.2–41.9) | 69 (28.8) | (23.1–34.9) |
| Q13. Is the degree of valvular regurgitation relevant for the definition of valvular AF? | | | | |
| Yes, n (%) | 89 (32.6) | (27.1–38.5) | 63 (26.2) | (20.8–32.3) |
| Q14. Is the degree of valvular stenosis the only relevant parameter for the definition of valvular AF? | | | | |
| No, n (%) | 150 (54.9) | (48.8–60.9) | 116 (48.3) | (41.9–54.9) |
| Q15. In case of AF and mitral stenosis, is the degree of stenosis relevant for the definition of valvular AF? | | | | |
| No, n (%) | 118 (43.2) | (37.3–49.3) | 92 (38.3) | (32.2–44.8) |
| <i>(e) Miscellaneous</i> | | | | |
| Q16. Should AF during hyperthyroidism or post-surgery AF be considered as NVAf? | | | | |
| Yes, n (%) | 144 (52.7) | (46.6–58.8) | 121 (50.4) | (43.9–56.9) |
| Q17. Is the degree of left atrium enlargement important to define the origin of AF? | | | | |
| No, n (%) | 85 (31.1) | (17.5–27.8) | 78 (32.5) | (21.2–32.7) |

Various definitions of non-valvular AF

- AHA/ACC/ESC 2001 AF guideline

'the term non-valvular AF is restricted to cases in which the rhythm disturbance occurs *in the absence of rheumatic mitral valve disease or a prosthetic heart valve*'

- Updated 2006

adds '. . . or *mitral valve repair*'

- 2015 focused update of the ESC

AF in the absence of *mechanical prosthetic heart valves and in the absence of moderate to severe mitral stenosis (usually of rheumatic origin)*

2014 AHA/ACC/HRS Guideline for the Management of Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

TABLE 4 Definitions of AF: A Simplified Scheme

| Term | Definition |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Paroxysmal AF | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AF that terminates spontaneously or with intervention within 7 d of onset.• Episodes may recur with variable frequency. |
| Persistent AF | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuous AF that is sustained >7 d. |
| Long-standing persistent AF | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuous AF >12 mo in duration. |
| Permanent AF | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The term “permanent AF” is used when the patient and clinician make a joint decision to stop further attempts to restore and/or maintain sinus rhythm.• Acceptance of AF represents a therapeutic attitude on the part of the patient and clinician rather than an inherent pathophysiological attribute of AF.• Acceptance of AF may change as symptoms, efficacy of therapeutic interventions, and patient and clinician preferences evolve. |
| Nonvalvular AF | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AF in the absence of rheumatic mitral stenosis, a mechanical or bioprosthetic heart valve, or mitral valve repair. |

Inclusion criteria in NOACs trials

| Trial | Molecule | Exclusion criteria |
|------------------|-----------------|--|
| RE-LY | Dabigatran | History of heart valve disorder (i.e., prosthetic valve or hemodynamically relevant valve disease) |
| ROCKET-AF | Rivaroxaban | Hemodynamically significant mitral valve stenosis, prosthetic heart valves (annuloplasty with or without prosthetic ring, commissurotomy and/or valvuloplasty are permitted) |
| ARISTOTLE | Apixaban | Conditions other than AF that require anticoagulation (i.e. prosthetic heart valves) |
| ENGAGE AF | Edoxaban | Moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis, other indication for anticoagulation (subjects with bioprosthetic heart valves and/or valve repair could be included) |

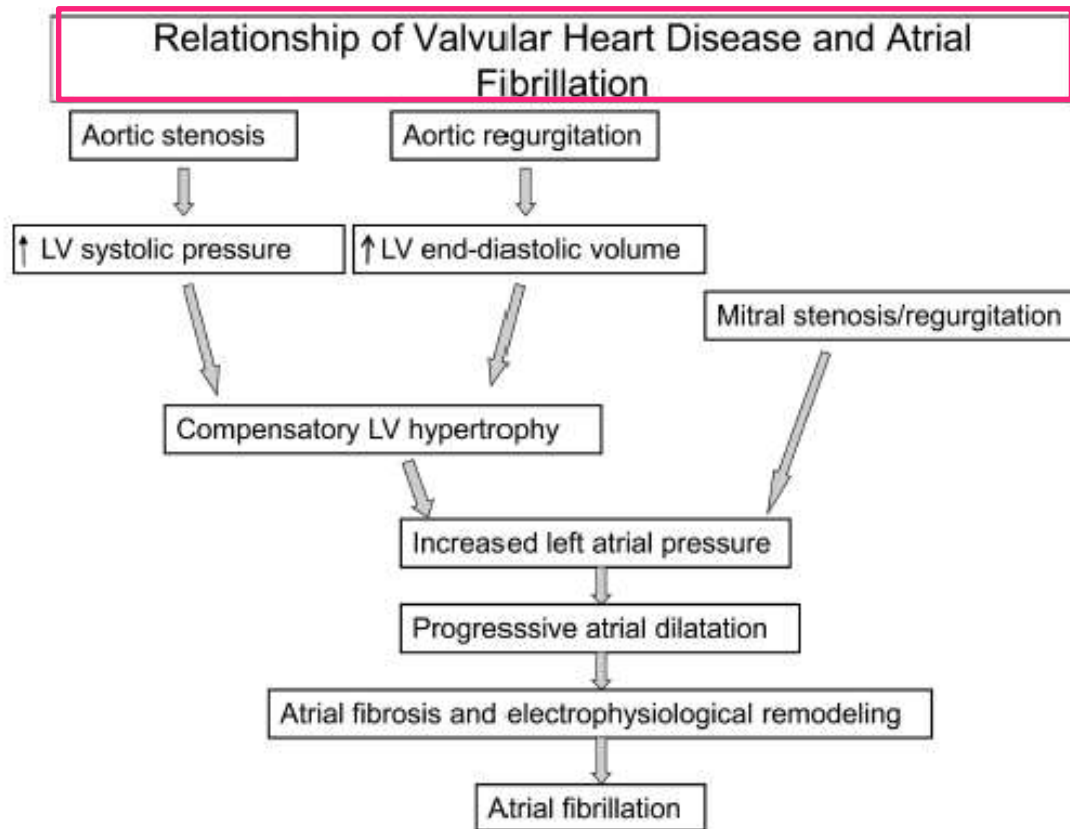
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A prospective survey in European Society of Cardiology member countries of atrial fibrillation management: baseline results of EURObservational Research Programme Atrial Fibrillation (EORP-AF) Pilot General Registry

Table 2 Patient characteristics

| | Whole cohort | First detected | Paroxysmal | Persistent AF | Long-standing persistent | Permanent | P value ^a |
|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| N = 3049 patients | 3049 | 923 | 808 | 647 | 145 | 526 | |
| Demographics | | | | | | | |
| Age in years (mean) | 68.8 | 68.5 | 66.6 | 67.9 | 70.9 | 73.0 | <0.001 |
| Female gender (%) | 40.4 | 37.2 | 43.4 | 40.3 | 42.1 | 40.9 | 0.119 |
| Concomitant disease | | | | | | | |
| Hypertension (%) | 70.9 | 71.9 | 67.9 | 77.8 | 70.6 | 77.8 | 0.112 |
| Coronary artery disease (%) | 36.4 (N = 2642) | 36.2 (N = 291) | 34.2 (N = 235) | 38.5 (N = 47) | 40.3 (N = 188) | 38.5 (N = 47) | 0.285 |
| Myocardial infarction (%) | 44.8 | 50.2 | 43.0 | 25.5 | 49.5 | 25.5 | 0.004 |
| PTCA/CABG (%) | 47.0 | 56.7 | 45.5 | 17.0 | 54.8 | 17.0 | <0.001 |
| Stable angina (%) | 37.7 | 32.3 | 38.3 | 46.8 | 38.3 | 46.8 | 0.141 |
| Lone atrial fibrillation ^b | 3.9 | 4.1 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | <.0001 |
| Chronic heart failure (%) | 47.5 (N = 1382) | 47.4 (N = 418) | 30.8 (N = 229) | 72.9 (N = 105) | 64.0 (N = 332) | 72.9 (N = 105) | <0.001 |
| Heart failure with preserved EF (HFpEF) | 41.7 | 40.9 | 27.5 | 49.5 | 50.0 | 49.5 | <0.001 |
| Valvular disease (%) | 63.5 | 66.3 | 47.3 | 68.2 | 77.2 | 68.2 | <0.001 |
| Dilated cardiomyopathy (%) | 11.4 | 10.7 | 4.1 | 31.9 | 17.8 | 31.9 | <0.001 |
| Cardiomyopathy hypertrophic (%) | 3.9 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 11.9 | 3.5 | 11.9 | <0.001 |
| Cardiomyopathy restrictive (%) | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.028 |
| Cardiomyopathy hypertensive (%) | 19.5 | 15.3 | 18.1 | 38.9 | 17.4 | 38.9 | <0.001 |
| Other cardiac disease (%) | 8.1 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 0.507 |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (%) | 11.1 | 12.3 | 7.4 | 19.6 | 13.6 | 19.6 | <0.001 |
| Hyperthyroidism (%) | 3.0 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 5.7 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 0.048 |
| Hypothyroidism (%) | 7.2 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 0.548 |
| Cardiovascular risk factors | | | | | | | |
| Diabetes mellitus (%) | 20.6 | 20.8 | 16.8 | 23.8 | 25.8 | 20.2 | 0.002 |
| Hypercholesterolaemia (%) | 48.6 | 48.9 | 46.7 | 65.3 | 47.8 | 47.3 | 0.002 |
| Current smoker (%) | 11.3 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 7.9 | 11.5 | 0.155 |
| No regular exercise (%) | 39.3 | 41.4 | 33.0 | 28.0 | 51.8 | 36.1 | <0.001 |
| Co-morbidities | | | | | | | |
| Previous TIA (%) | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 0.260 |
| Previous stroke (%) | 6.4 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 12.5 | 9.5 | 4.5 | <0.001 |
| Ischaemic thrombo-embolic complications (%) | 13.1 | 12.8 | 10.9 | 18.1 | 16.9 | 12.1 | 0.006 |
| Haemorrhagic events (%) | 5.9 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 9.2 | 4.7 | 0.007 |
| Malignancy (%) | 5.3 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 0.344 |

Relationship between valvular heart conditions and atrial fibrillation



Prevalence and Predictors of Atrial Fibrillation in Rheumatic Valvular Heart Disease

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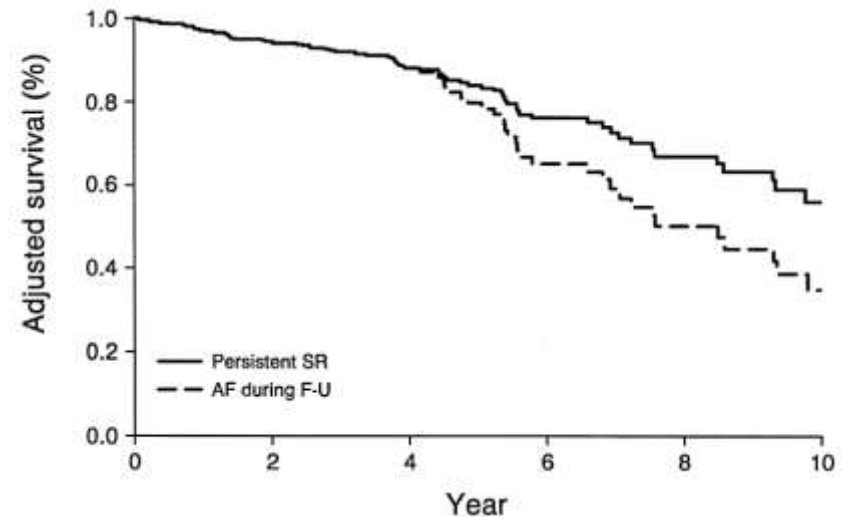
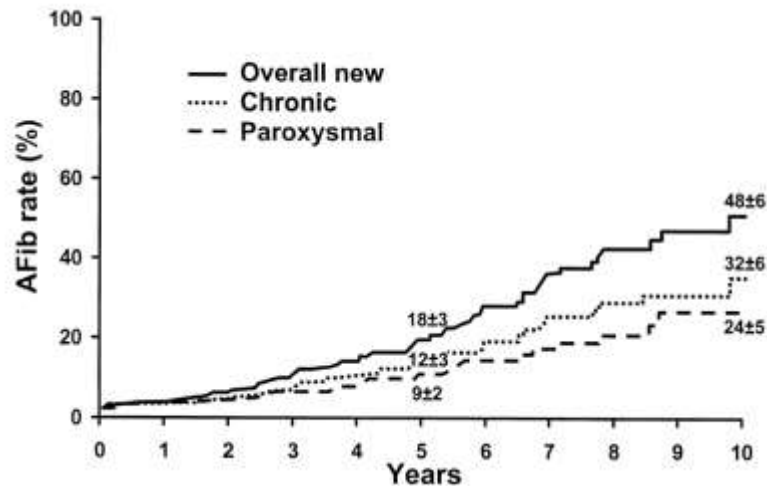
TABLE 1 Rate of Occurrence of Atrial Fibrillation in Various Groups of Rheumatic Valvular Disease

| | Patients (no.) | Atrial Fibrillation No. (%) |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Mitral stenosis | 250 | 73 (29) |
| Mitral regurgitation | 74 | 12 (16) |
| Aortic regurgitation | 24 | 0 (0) |
| Aortic stenosis | 20 | 1 (5) |
| Mitral stenosis + mitral regurgitation | 274 | 142 (52) |
| Mitral stenosis + tricuspid regurgitation | 42 | 27 (64) |
| Mitral stenosis + mitral regurgitation + tricuspid regurgitation | 144 | 101 (70) |
| Aortic stenosis + aortic regurgitation | 110 | 4 (4) |
| Mitral stenosis + aortic regurgitation | 78 | 24 (31) |
| Mitral stenosis + mitral regurgitation + aortic regurgitation | 36 | 21 (58) |
| Mitral stenosis + tricuspid regurgitation | 23 | 12 (52) |
| Other | 35 | 16 (46) |
| Total | 1,110 | 433 (39) |

Atrial Fibrillation Complicating the Course of Degenerative Mitral Regurgitation

Determinants and Long-Term Outcome

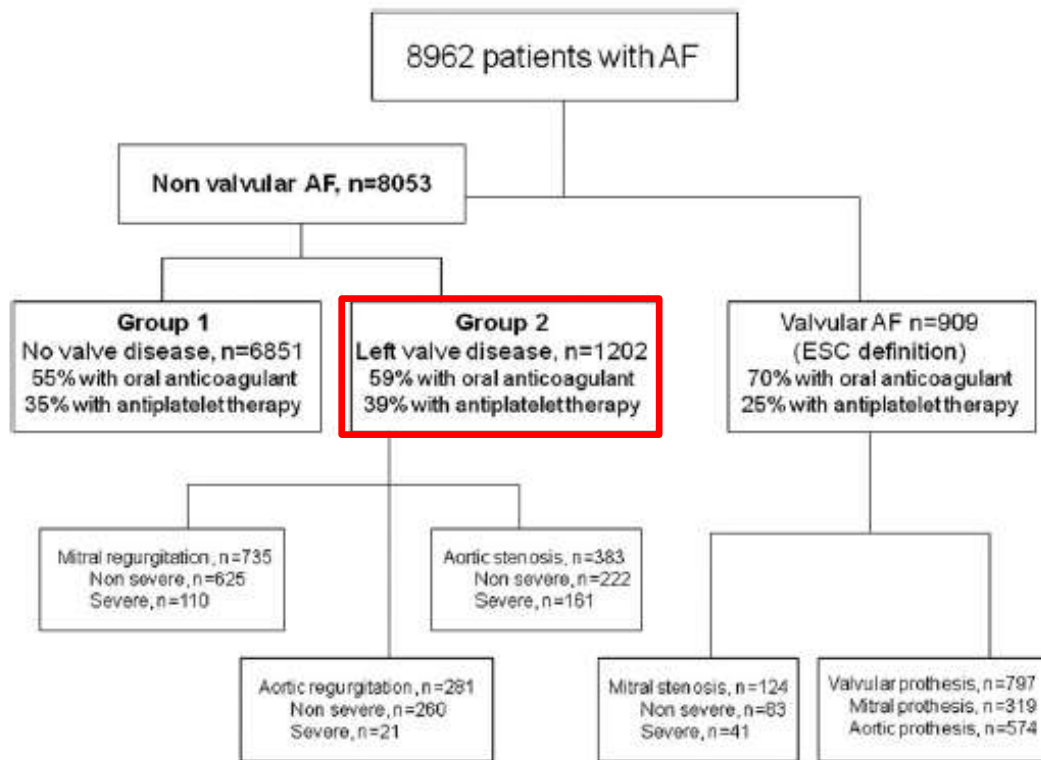
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VALVULAR HEART DISEASES, AF AND THROMBO-EMBOLIC RISK

Prognostic value of CHA₂DS₂-VASc score in patients with 'non-valvular atrial fibrillation' and valvular heart disease: the Loire Valley Atrial Fibrillation Project

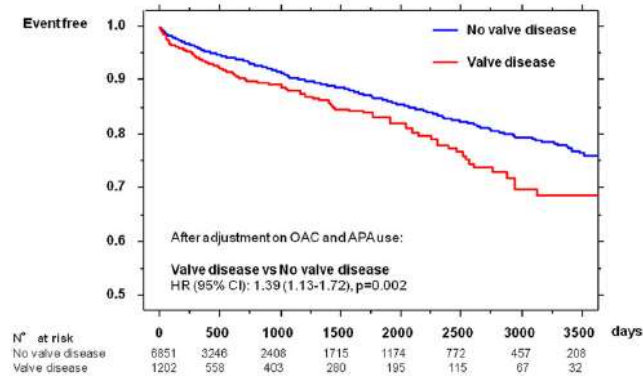
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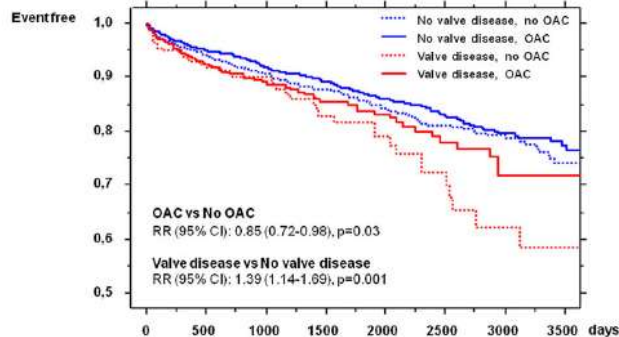
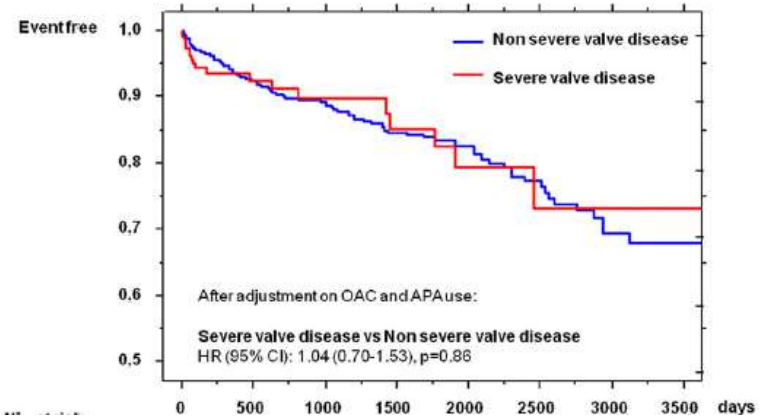
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Stroke or systemic thromboembolism in AF with or without valve disease
8053 patients, 868 ± 1043 days FU, 627 events



Stroke or systemic thromboembolism in AF with severe or non severe valve disease
1202 patients, 835 ± 1011 days FU, 120 events



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Table 3 Cox regression analysis for prediction of stroke/systemic thromboembolism

| | Univariate analysis | | Multivariable analysis | |
|---|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| | Hazard ratio (95% CI) | P-value | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | P-value |
| Age (per 10-year increase) | 1.57 (1.47–1.68) | <0.0001 | 1.25 (1.14–1.36) | <0.0001 |
| Female gender | 0.80 (0.69–0.93) | 0.004 | 0.77 (0.64–0.93) | 0.01 |
| CHA ₂ DS ₂ VASc score (as a continuous variable) | 0.72 (0.69–0.75) | <0.0001 | 1.33 (1.23–1.45) | <0.0001 |
| HASBLED score (as a continuous variable) | 0.69 (0.65–0.73) | <0.0001 | 0.93 (0.82–1.05) | 0.22 |
| Non-valvular AF with valve disease (compared with non-valvular AF and no valve disease) | 1.39 (1.14–1.69) | 0.001 | 1.24 (0.84–1.83) | 0.28 |
| Mitral regurgitation (vs. no mitral regurgitation) | 1.09 (0.87–1.36) | 0.48 | 0.78 (0.54–1.13) | 0.19 |
| Aortic regurgitation (vs. no aortic regurgitation) | 1.39 (1.02–1.90) | 0.04 | 1.08 (0.74–1.58) | 0.68 |
| Aortic stenosis (vs. no aortic stenosis) | 1.64 (1.24–2.15) | 0.0005 | 1.04 (0.69–1.56) | 0.86 |
| Severe valve disease (compared with all other patients) | 1.32 (0.95–1.85) | 0.10 | 0.93 (0.60–1.43) | 0.73 |
| Atrial flutter and no documented AF (vs. AF and no atrial flutter) | 0.41 (0.24–0.68) | 0.0005 | 0.48 (0.28–0.84) | 0.01 |
| Atrial flutter with documented AF (vs. AF and no atrial flutter) | 0.50 (0.30–0.84) | 0.01 | 0.74 (0.44–1.27) | 0.28 |
| Permanent AF (vs. Non-permanent AF) | 1.26 (1.09–1.47) | 0.002 | 1.12 (0.95–1.32) | 0.17 |
| Vitamin K antagonist at discharge (vs. no vitamin K antagonist at discharge) | 0.84 (0.72–0.99) | 0.03 | 0.93 (0.77–1.11) | 0.41 |
| Antiplatelet agent at discharge (vs. no antiplatelet agent at discharge) | 1.53 (1.30–1.79) | <0.0001 | 1.20 (0.99–1.46) | 0.06 |

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Table 4 Incidence of stroke/thromboembolic events in patients with non-valvular AF with or with no valve disease, by CHA₂DS₂VASc score

| CHA ₂ DS ₂ VASc score | Group 1 non-valvular AF, no valve disease (n = 6851, 78%) | | | Group 2 non-valvular AF, with valve disease (n = 1202, 13%) | | | Incidence ratio (95% CI) vs. group 1 |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Therapy with OAC, % | Observed rate of events, %/year | Estimated rate of events with no OAC, %/year | Therapy with OAC, % | Observed rate of events, %/year | Estimated rate of events with no OAC, %/year | |
| 0-1 (n = 1637, 20%) | 48 | 0.87 | 1.62 | 63 | 0.90 | 1.90 | 1.19 (0.47-3.03) |
| 2-3 (n = 2881, 36%) | 60 | 3.01 | 6.19 | 66 | 2.76 | 5.98 | 0.98 (0.76-1.27) |
| 4-5 (n = 2800, 35%) | 56 | 4.60 | 9.18 | 56 | 5.67 | 11.29 | 1.12 (0.93-1.34) |
| ≥6 (n = 735, 9%) | 50 | 9.67 | 18.32 | 52 | 11.07 | 21.22 | 1.30 (1.05-1.61) |

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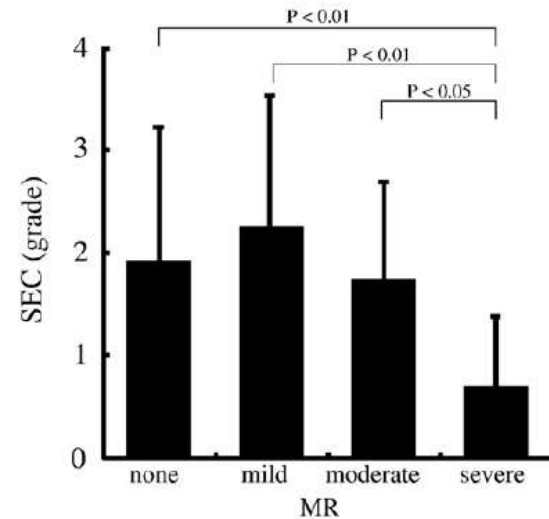
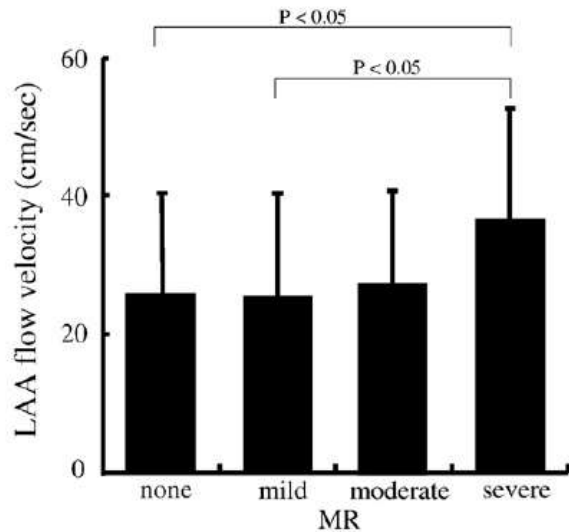
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Table 5 Comparison of c-statistics (95% confidence intervals) for CHA₂DS₂VASc score in patients with non-valvular AF and in patients with valve disease

| | C statistic (95% CI) | | | P-value ^a |
|--|---|--|--|----------------------|
| | All patients | Patients not on VKA | Patients on VKA | |
| All patients | (n = 8053) 0.655 (0.644–0.665) | (n = 3241) 0.655 (0.638–0.671) | (n = 4065) 0.654 (0.639–0.668) | 0.96 |
| Non-valvular AF and no valve disease (Group 1) | (n = 6851) 0.655 (0.643–0.666) | (n = 2785) 0.665 (0.647–0.683) | (n = 3408) 0.645 (0.628–0.661) | 0.42 |
| Non-valvular AF with valve disease (Group 2) | (n = 1202) 0.639 (0.611–0.666) ^b | (n = 456) 0.582 (0.535–0.628) ^b | (n = 657) 0.675 (0.637–0.710) ^b | 0.10 |

Relation of the severity of mitral regurgitation to thromboembolic risk in patients with atrial fibrillation

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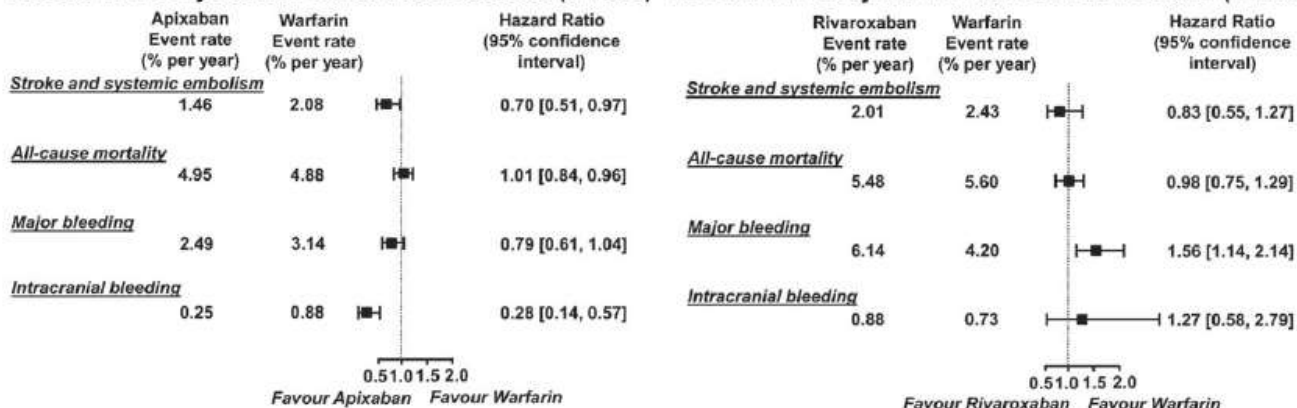
VALVULAR HEART DISEASES, AF AND THERAPY

Outcomes of AF patients with valvular heart disease treated with DOACs or vitamin K antagonists

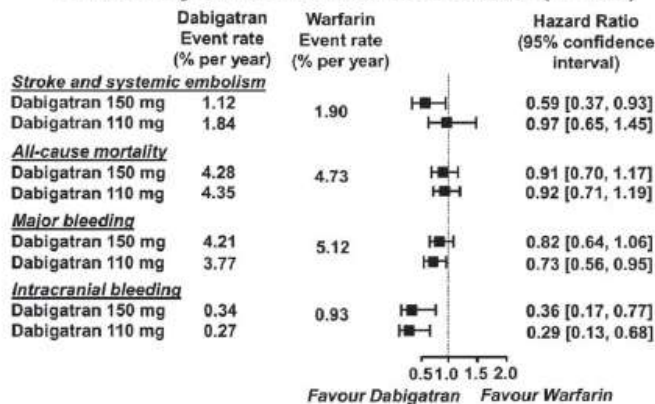
26.4%

14.1%

ARISTOTLE: Subjects with valvular heart disease (n=4808) ROCKET-AF: Subjects with valvular heart disease (n=2003)



RE-LY: Subjects with valvular heart disease (n=3950) 21.0%



Guidelines about NOACs use in patients with valvular diseases

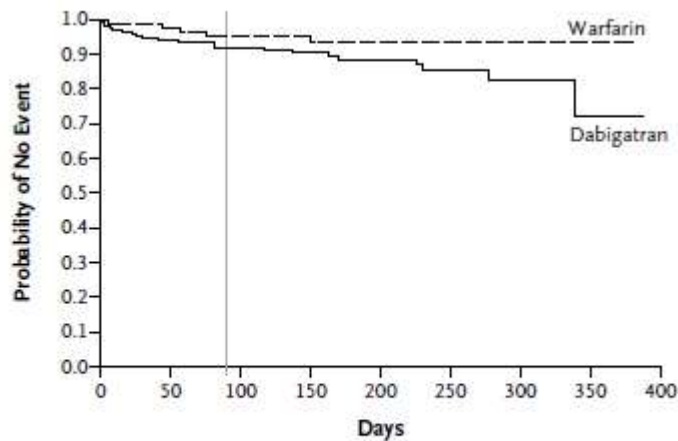
| Group | Year | Moderate to severe mitral stenosis | Mechanical heart valve | Bioprosthetic heart valve | TAVI | Mitral valve repair | Native valvular disease |
|-------------|------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|
| ESC | 2012 | X | X | X | X | √ | √ |
| HRS/ACC/AHA | 2014 | X | X | X | X | X | √ |
| EHRA | 2015 | X | X | √ Except for the first 3 months post-operatively | √ May require combination with antiplatelet therapy | √ Except for the first 3-6 months post-operatively | √ |

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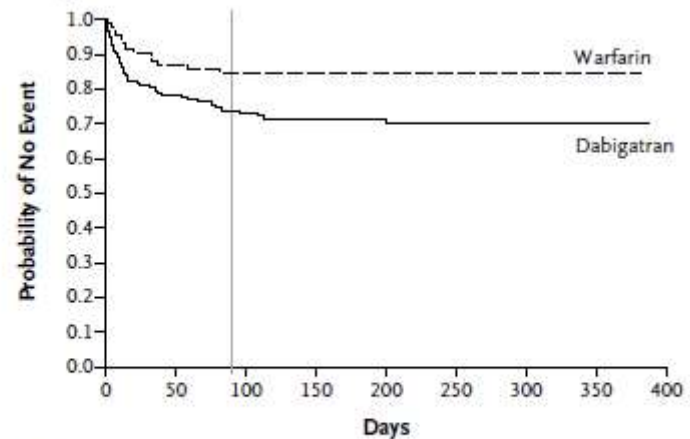
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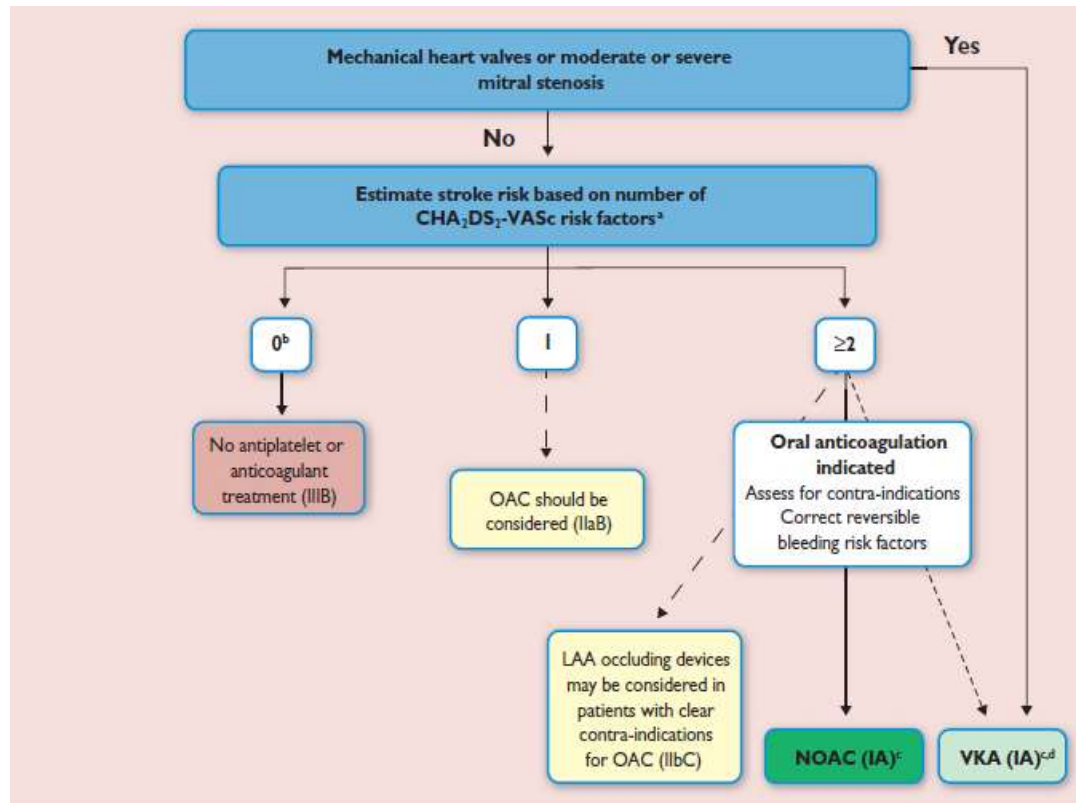
| No. at Risk | 0 | 50 | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 | 300 | 350 | 400 |
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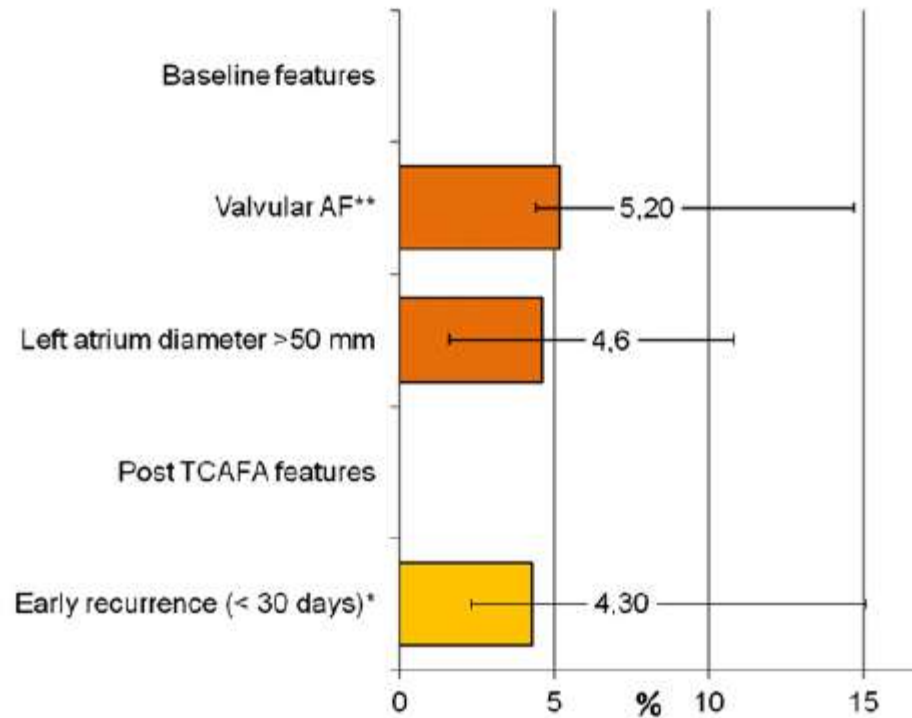
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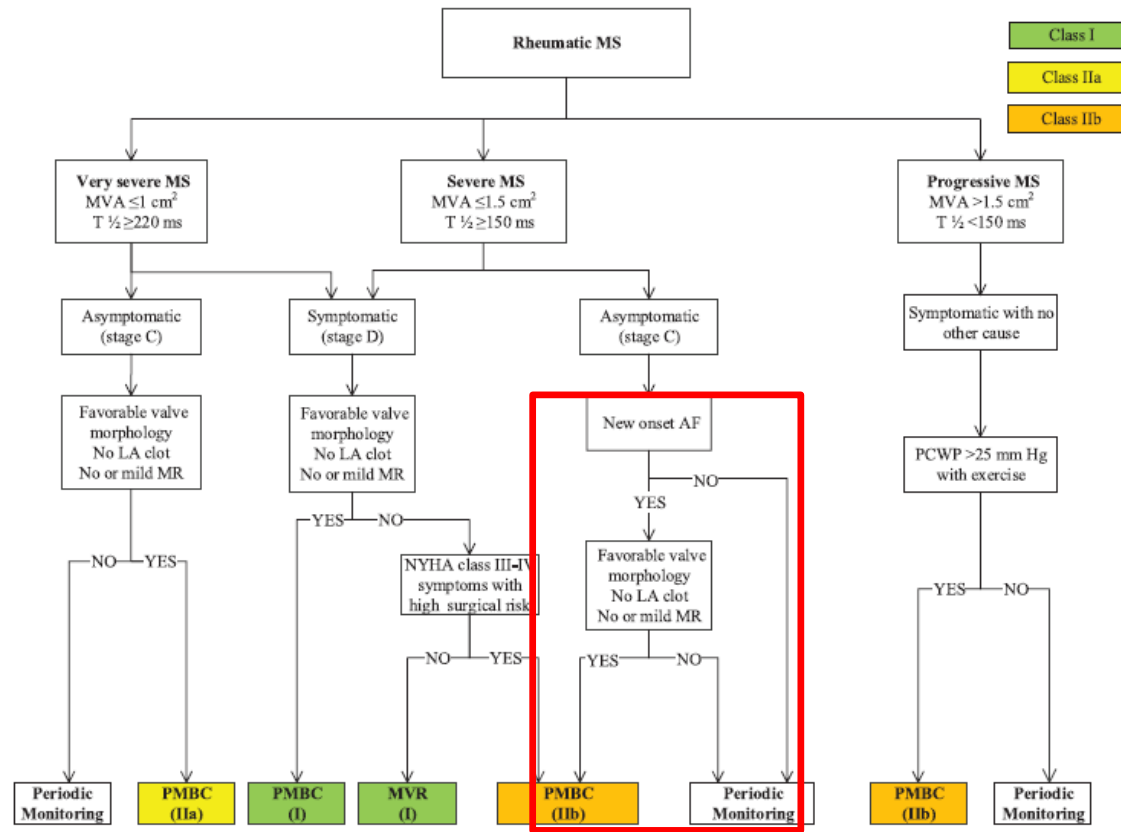
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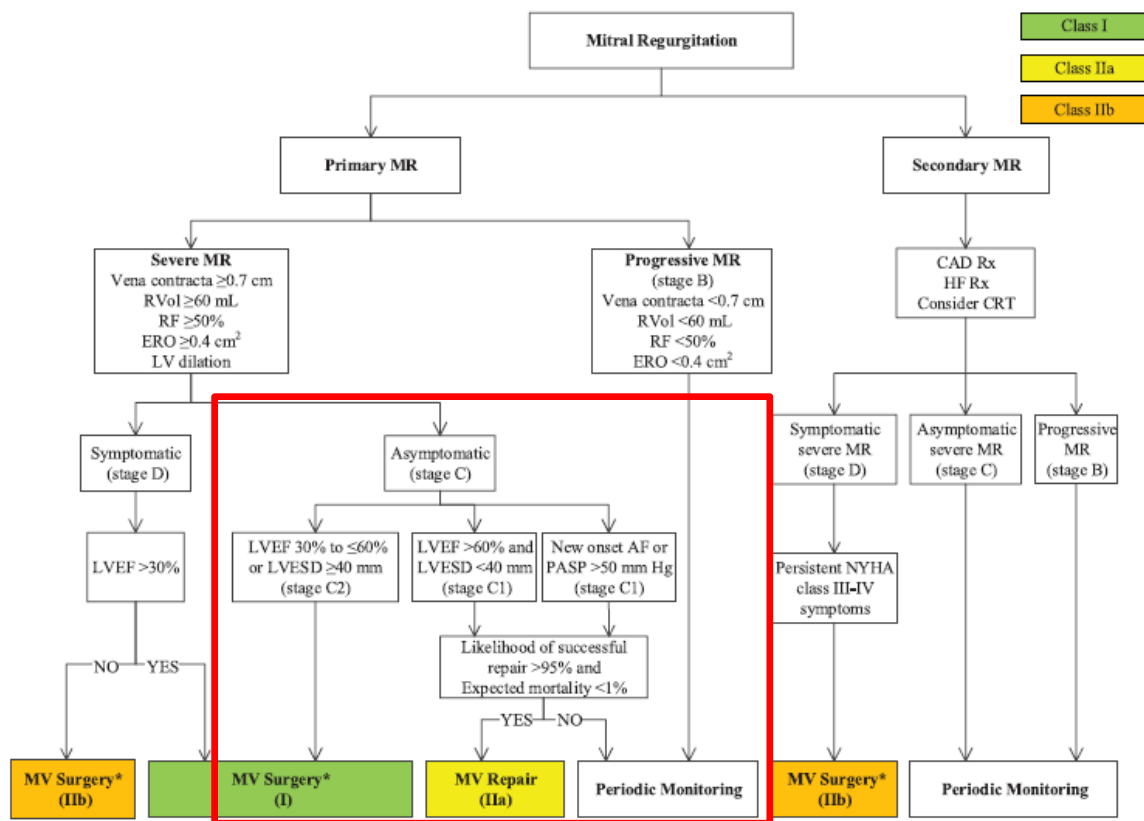
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conclusions

- **There is a gap** in the current definitions of valvular/non-valvular AF
- Need for a **novel terminology (MARM-AF, etc)**
- **NOACs can be safely used** in patients with native valvular diseases, regardless of their severity, and probably in bioprosthetic heart valve
- **Future studies are warranted** to increase the level of evidence of the safety and efficacy of NOACs in specific populations (TAVI etc).

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- we have decided to replace the historic term 'non-valvular' AF with reference to the specific underlying conditions.

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