

MASTER CLASS Symposium  
**Recent advance in the treatment of  
stroke patients with AF**



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## Patients with atrial fibrillation

### Case studies

Hyperacute ischemic stroke

ICH

### Summary

## Cardioembolic stroke

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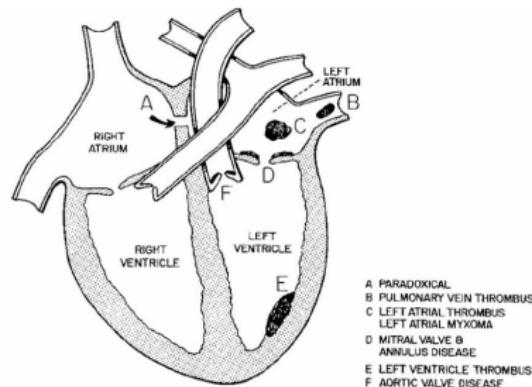


Figure 1. Cardiac causes of stroke (Adapted from Barnett et al)

## Anticoagulation after stroke

### └ Patients with atrial fibrillation

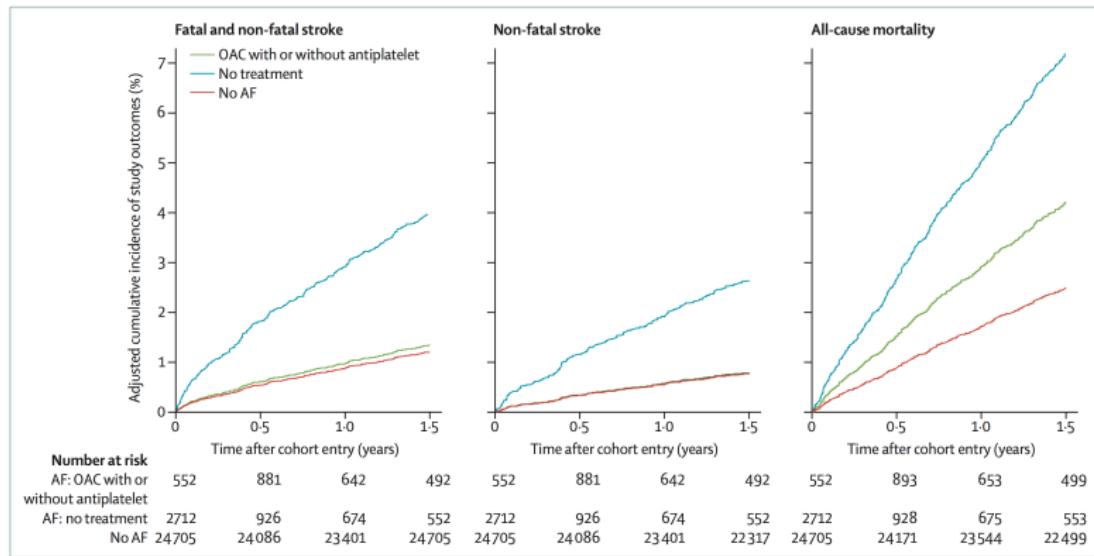
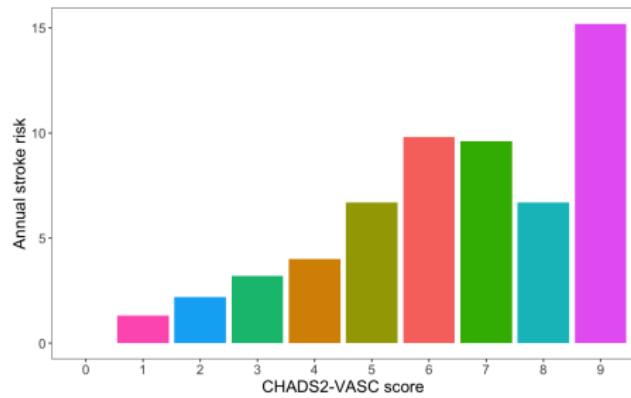


Figure 2: Effect of treatment on incidentally detected atrial fibrillation

AF=atrial fibrillation. OAC=oral anticoagulant. Reproduced with permission from Freedman and colleagues.<sup>21</sup>

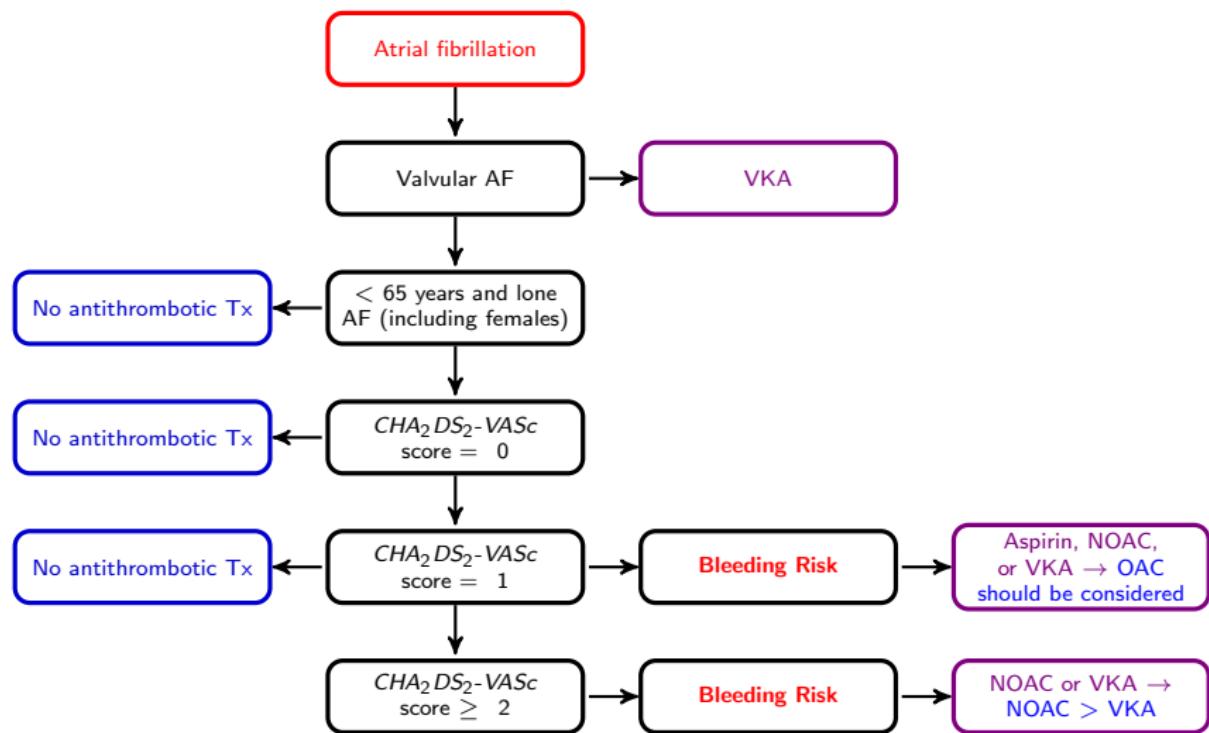
# Thromboembolic risk of AF

| <i>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc</i> criteria | Score |
|--|-------|
| CHF  | 1     |
| Hypertension                                       | 1     |
| Age $\geq$ 75 years                                | 2     |
| Diabetes mellitus                                  | 1     |
| Stroke or TIA                                      | 2     |
| Vascular disease                                   | 1     |
| Age 65-74 years                                    | 1     |
| Sex category (female)                              | 1     |



## Anticoagulation after stroke

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## Case 1, F/75

내원일 저녁 10시30분경 혼자서 TV 보던중 갑자기 말이 어둔해져서 좌측 팔다리에 힘이 빠져서 11시 5분 응급실 내원함.

NIHSS 10

Lt. central type facial palsy, dysarthria, neglect Lt. hemiparesis  
(U/Ex I, L/Ex IV-)

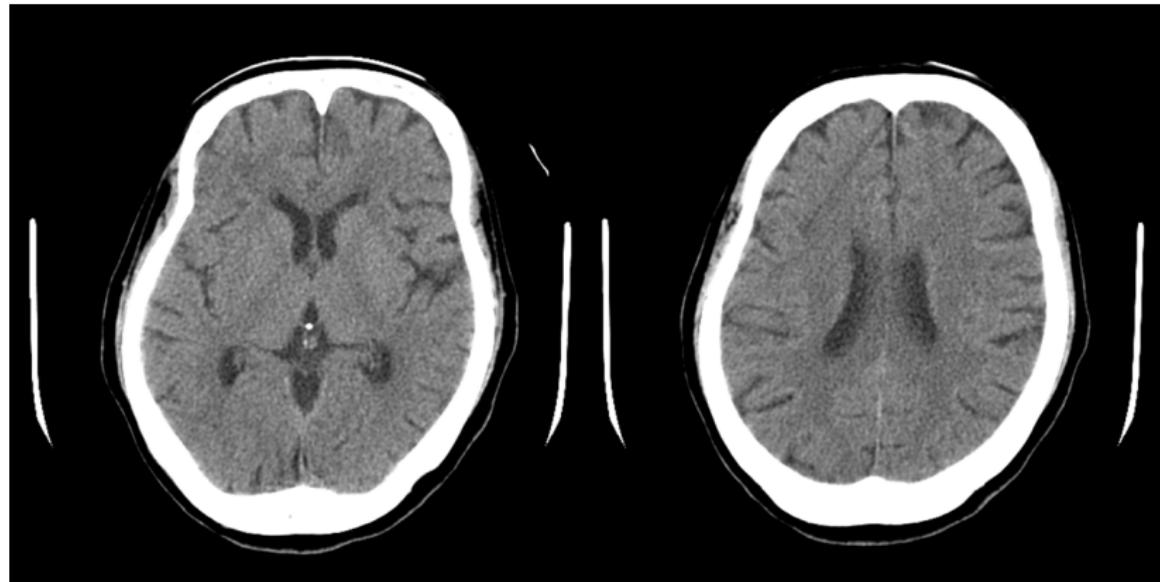
HTN, AF (NOAC - 금일 약을 드시지 않음)

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## Brain CT, 51min

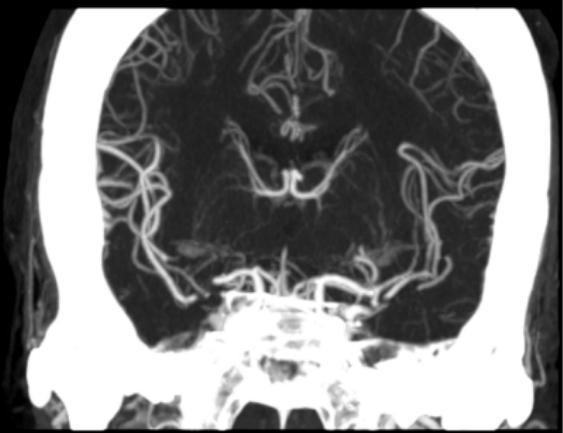
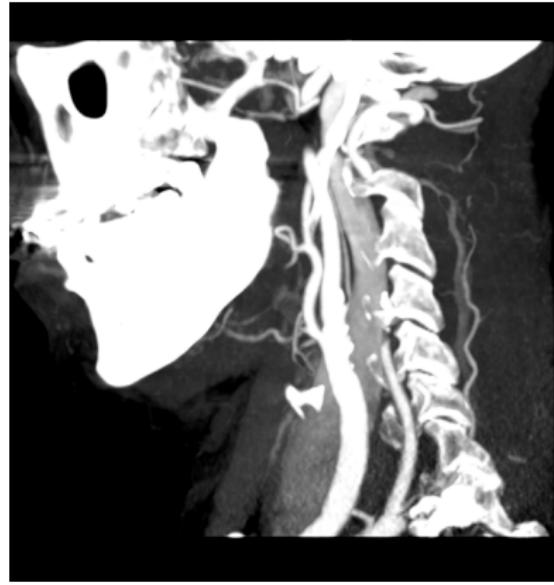


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## Brain CTA



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# How to treat this patient?

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1. Consider IV thrombolysis
2. Consider IA thrombectomy
3. No reperfusion therapy

## Hyperacute ischemic stroke in patients on NOAC

- ▶ No prospective data exist!
- ▶ The use of rtPA is not recommended according to official labelling.
- ▶ If patients took the last dose of NOAC 48 hours ago and coagulation assay (e.g. aPTT for Dabigatran) is within normal range, the use of fibrinolytics can be considered.
- ▶ Mechanical thrombectomy may be considered as an alternative option.

## Endovascular thrombectomy after large-vessel ischaemic stroke: a meta-analysis of individual patient data from five randomised trials



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### Summary

**Background** In 2015, five randomised trials showed efficacy of endovascular thrombectomy over standard medical care in patients with acute ischaemic stroke caused by occlusion of arteries of the proximal anterior circulation. In this meta-analysis we, the trial investigators, aimed to pool individual patient data from these trials to address remaining questions about whether the therapy is efficacious across the diverse populations included.

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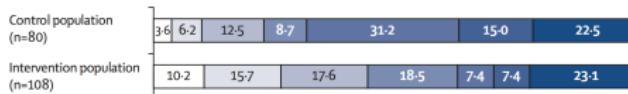
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### A Overall

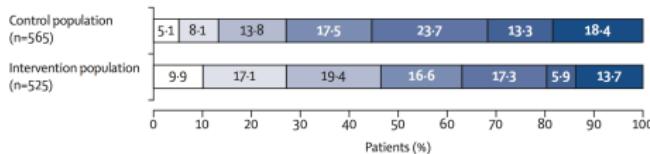


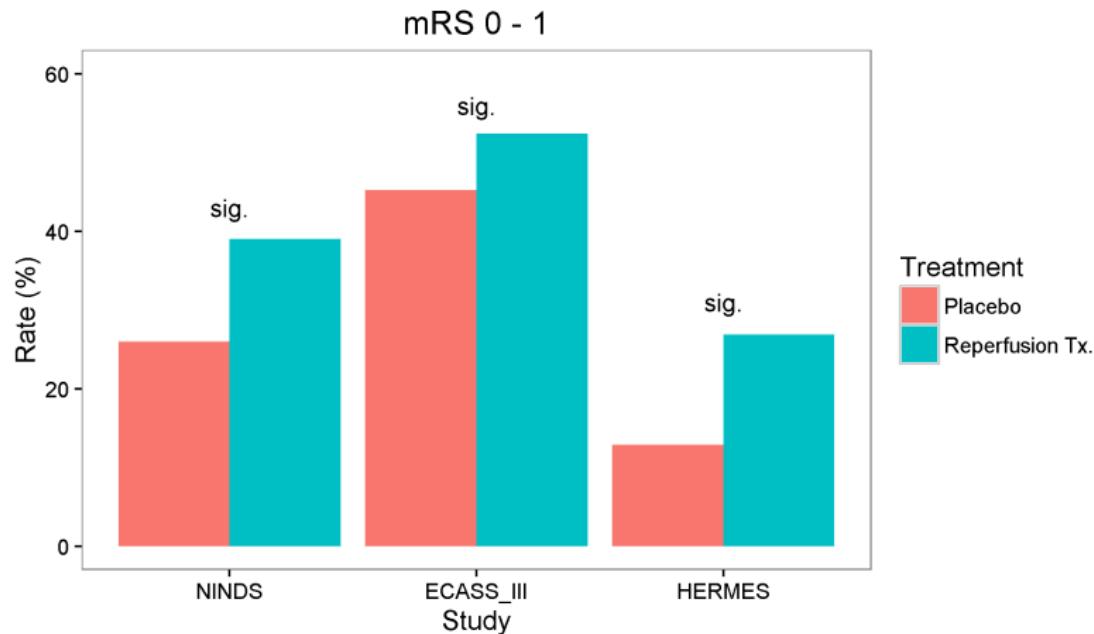
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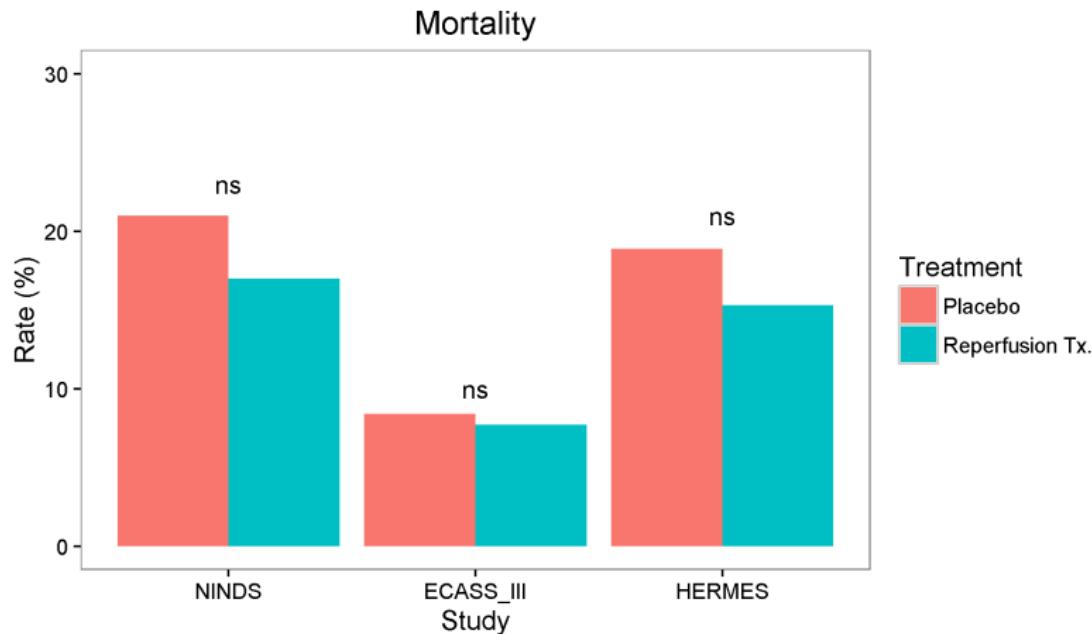
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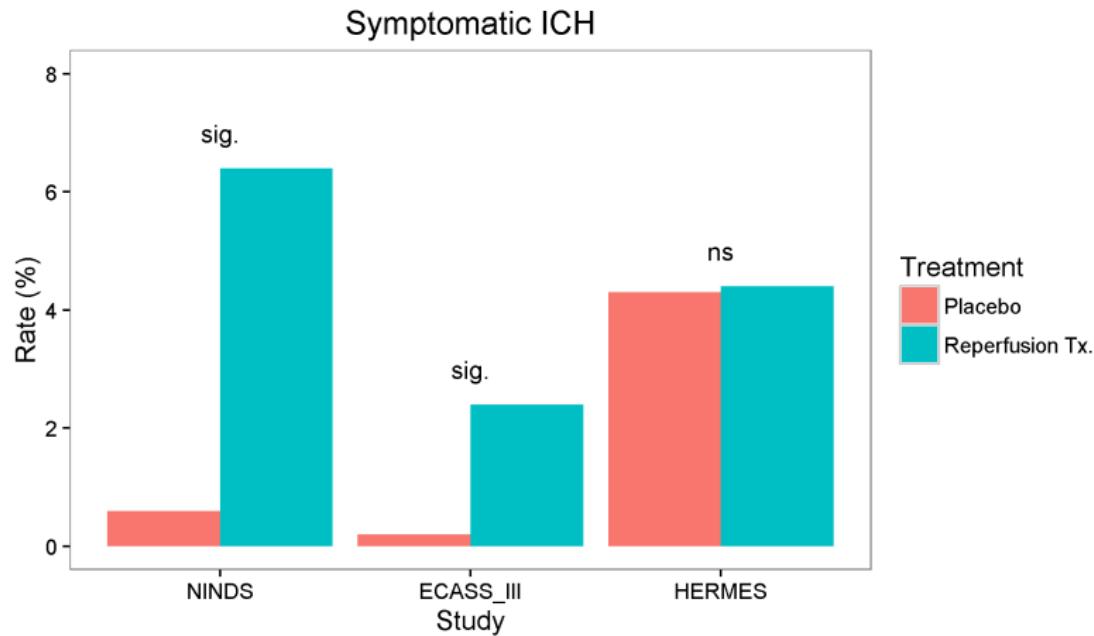


#### Received alteplase







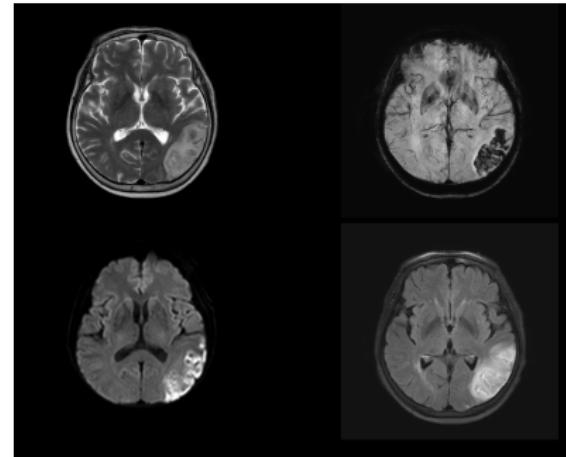


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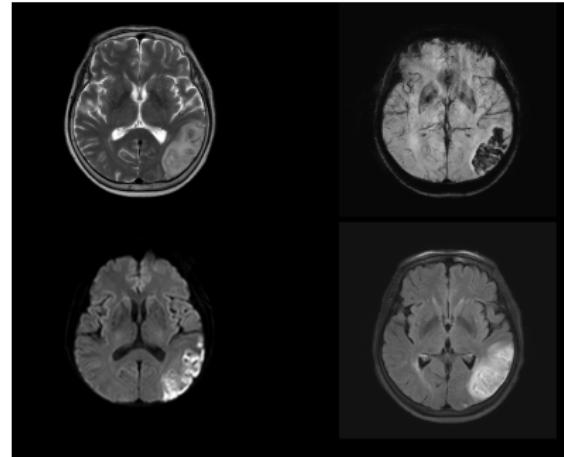
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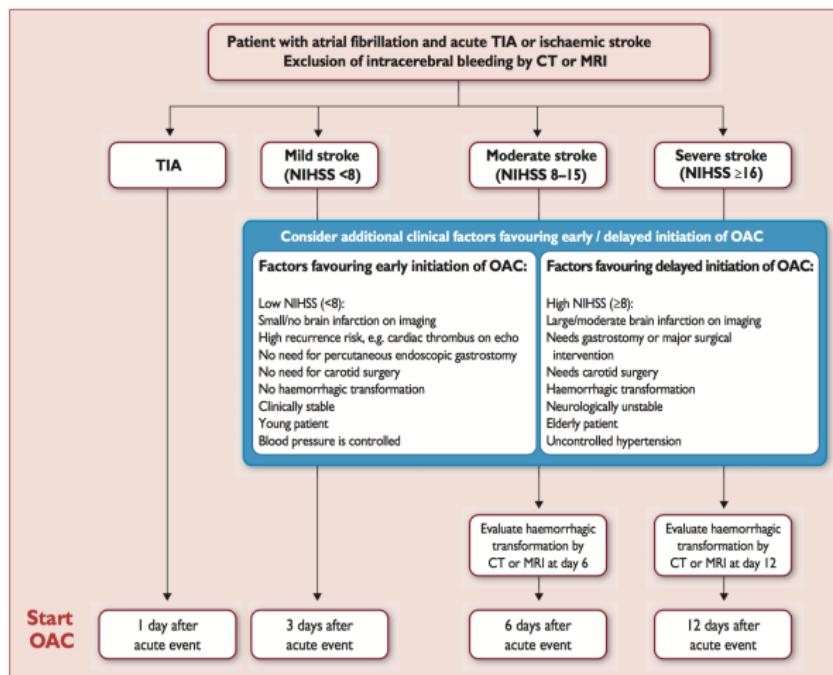


- ▶ Rule-of-thumb: 1-3-6-12 (TIA-small-moderate-large)

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AF = atrial fibrillation; CT = computed tomography; NIHSS = National Institutes of Health stroke severity scale (available at [http://www.strokecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/NIH\\_Stroke\\_Scale.pdf](http://www.strokecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/NIH_Stroke_Scale.pdf)); OAC = oral anticoagulation; TIA = transient ischaemic attack

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## Dosage adjustment ?

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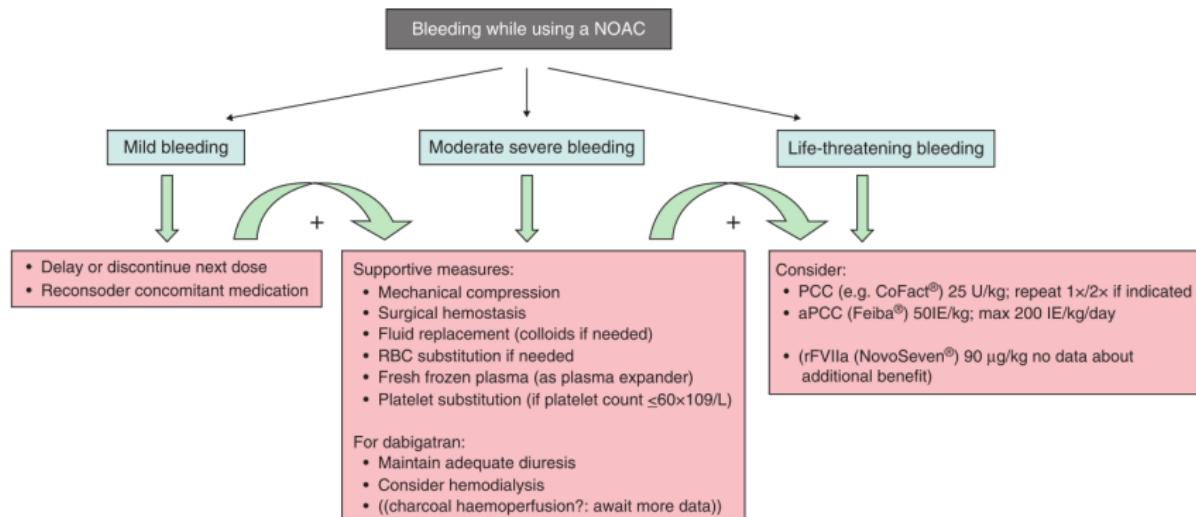
Apixaban 2.5 mg twice daily if at least 2 of

- ▶ age  $\geq$  80 years
- ▶ body weight  $\leq$  60 kg
- ▶ serum creatinine level  $\geq$  1.5 mg/dL (133  $\mu$ mol/L)

## Case 2 (M/63) and Case 3 (F/78)



# Management of bleeding complication



## ARTICLES

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# Outcome of intracerebral hemorrhage associated with different oral anticoagulants

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**Objective:** In an international collaborative multicenter pooled analysis, we compared mortality, functional outcome, intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH) volume, and hematoma expansion (HE) between non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulation-related ICH (NOAC-ICH) and vitamin K antagonist-associated ICH (VKA-ICH).

**Methods:** We compared all-cause mortality within 90 days for NOAC-ICH and VKA-ICH using a Cox proportional hazards model adjusted for age; sex; baseline Glasgow Coma Scale score, ICH location, and log volume; intraventricular hemorrhage volume; and intracranial surgery. We addressed heterogeneity using a shared frailty term. Good functional outcome was defined as discharge modified Rankin Scale score  $\leq 2$  and investigated in multivariable logistic regression. ICH volume was measured by ABC/2 or a semiautomated planimetric method. HE was defined as an ICH volume increase  $>33\%$  or  $>6$  mL from baseline within 72 hours.

**Results:** We included 500 patients (97 NOAC-ICH and 403 VKA-ICH). Median baseline ICH volume was 14.4 mL (interquartile range [IQR] 3.6–38.4) for NOAC-ICH vs 10.6 mL (IQR 4.0–27.9) for VKA-ICH ( $p = 0.78$ ). We did not find any difference between NOAC-ICH and VKA-ICH for all-cause mortality within 90 days (33% for NOAC-ICH vs 31% for VKA-ICH [ $p = 0.64$ ]; adjusted Cox hazard ratio for NOAC-ICH vs VKA-ICH 0.93 [95% confidence interval (CI) 0.52–1.64] [ $p = 0.79$ ] ), the rate of HE (NOAC-ICH  $n = 29/48$  [40%] vs VKA-ICH  $n = 93/140$  [34%] [ $p = 0.45$ ]), or functional outcome at hospital discharge (NOAC-ICH vs VKA-ICH odds ratio 0.47; 95% CI 0.18–1.19 [ $p = 0.11$ ]).

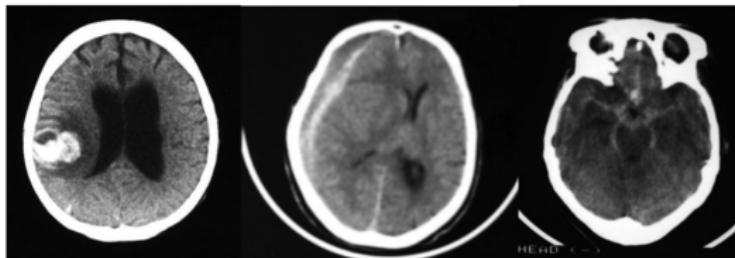
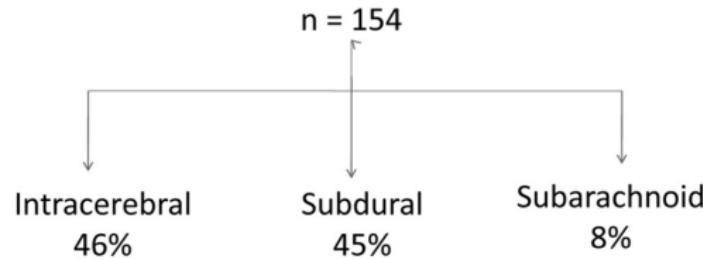
**Conclusions:** In our international collaborative multicenter pooled analysis, baseline ICH volume, hematoma expansion, 90-day mortality, and functional outcome were similar following NOAC-ICH and VKA-ICH. *Neurology®* 2017;88:1–8

|                              | ICH during NOAC<br>n=97 | ICH during VKA<br>n=403 | p value |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| ICH volume                   | 14.4mL                  | 10.6mL                  | 0.78    |
| Hematoma expansion           | 40%                     | 34%                     | 0.45    |
| All-cause mortality (< 30 d) | 33%                     | 31%                     | 0.64    |

NOAC: apixaban(13), dabigatran(13), and rivaroxaban(69).

## ICH during anticoagulation

### Intracranial Hemorrhages in RE-LY



## ICH during anticoagulation

|           | Warfarin | Dabigatran 150mg | Dabigatran 110mg |
|-----------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| ICH, %/y  | 0.76     | 0.31             | 0.23             |
| Mortality | 36%      | 35%              | 41%              |
| Fatal ICH | 32       | 13               | 11               |

### Independent predictors of ICH

- ▶ Assignment to warfarin (RR 2.9,  $p<0.001$ )
- ▶ Aspirin use (RR 1.6,  $p=0.01$ )
- ▶ Age (RR 1.1 per year,  $p<0.001$ )
- ▶ Previous stroke or TIA (RR 1.8,  $p=0.001$ )

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## Anticoagulation in patients with Af and ICH

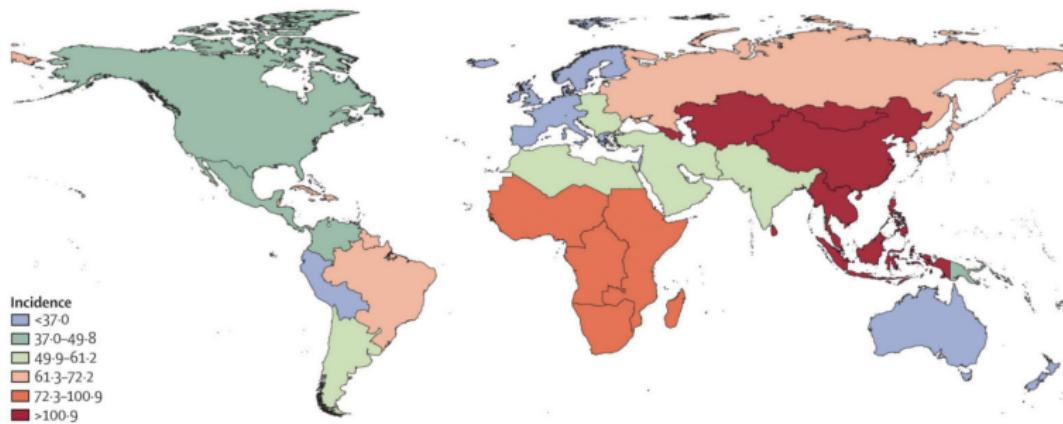
**To resume or Not to resume**

## Asian

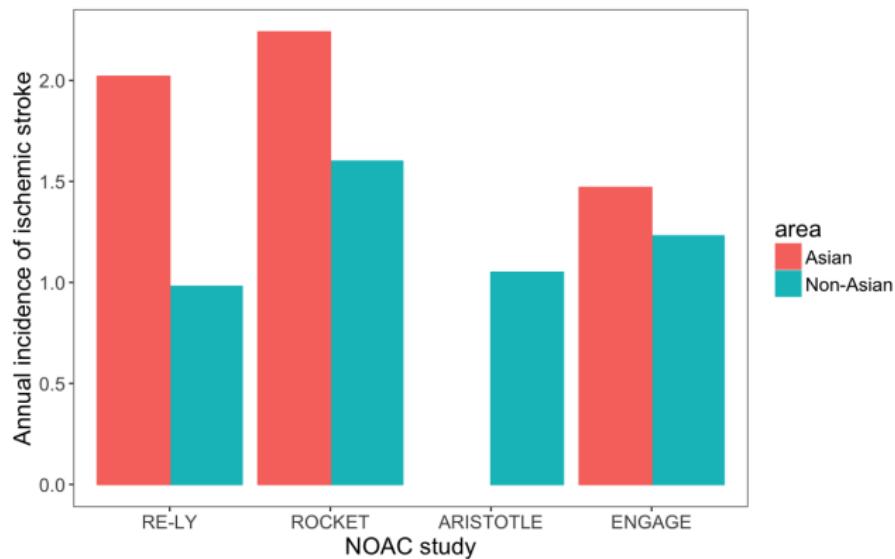


Knowing the characteristics of race is important !

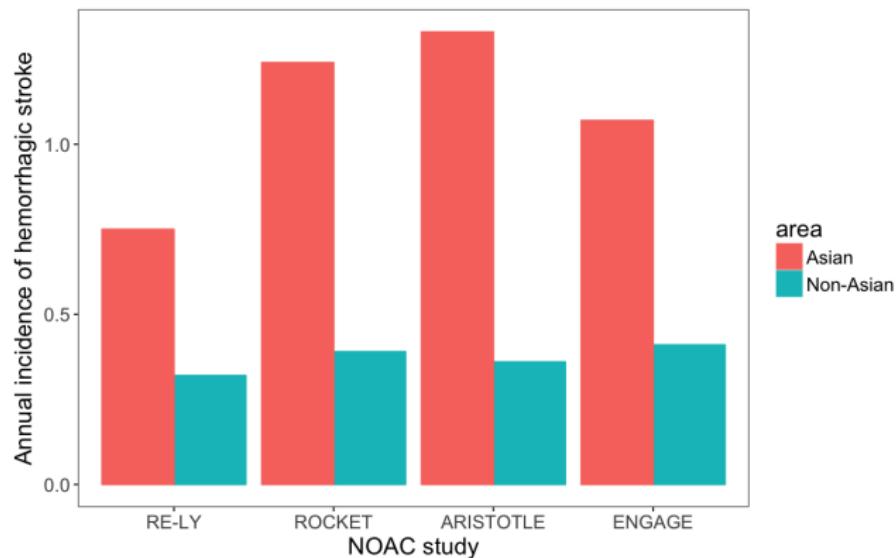
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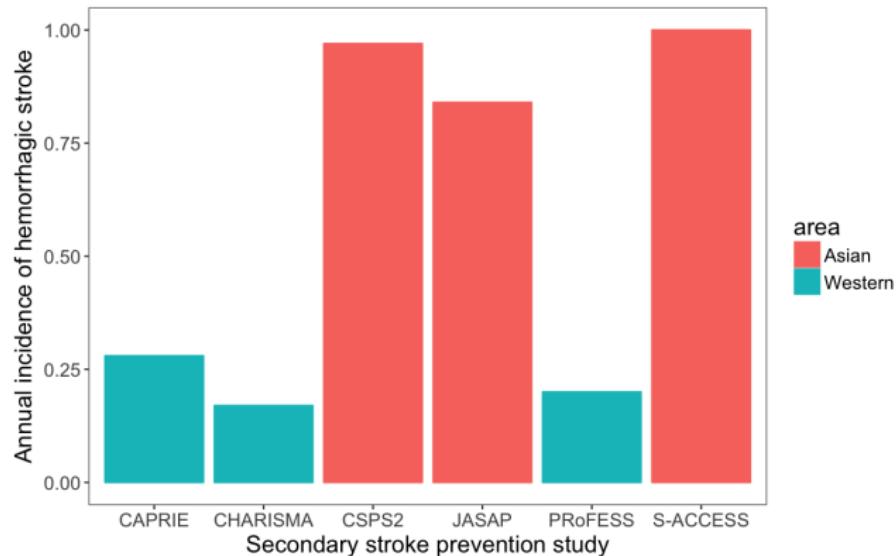
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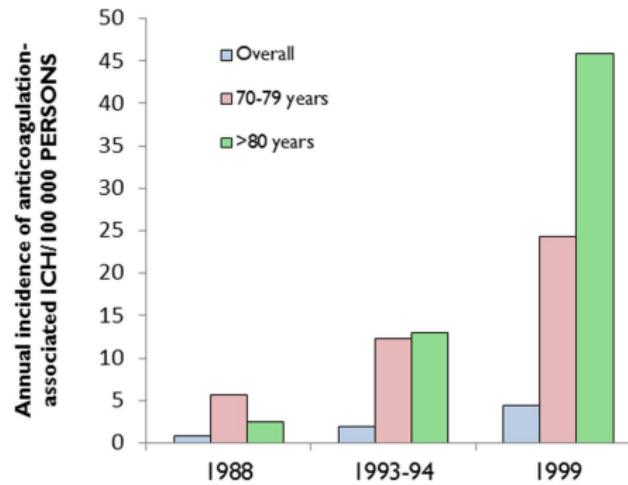
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## Incidence of Cerebral Hemorrhage with Aspirin



# Age



**FIGURE 1 |**The increasing incidence of anticoagulation-associated intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH), especially in the elderly. Data extracted from (Flaherty et al., 2007).

# Burden of SVD

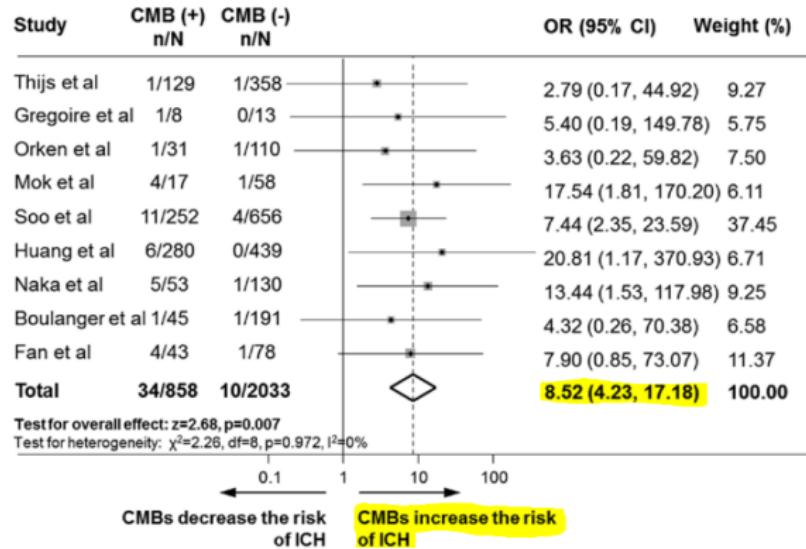
|   | Recent small subcortical infarct | White matter hyperintensity | Lacune                        | Perivascular space                   | Cerebral microbleed                            |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Example image   |                                  |                             |                               |                                      |  |
| Schematic   | DWI                              | FLAIR                       | FLAIR                         | T2<br>T1/FLAIR                       | T2*/SWI  |
| Usual diameter  | ≤20 mm                           | Variable                    | 3–15 mm                       | ≤2 mm                                | ≤10 mm   |
| Comment   | Best identified on DWI           | Located in white matter     | Usually have hyperintense rim | Most linear without hyperintense rim | Detected on GRE seq., round or ovoid; blooming |
| DWI   | ↑                                | ++                          | ++/(L)                        | ++                                   | ++   |
| FLAIR   | ↑                                | ↑                           | ↓                             | ↓                                    | ++   |
| T2  | ↑                                | ↑                           | ↑                             | ↑                                    | ++   |
| T1  | ↓                                | ++/(↓)                      | ↓                             | ↓                                    | ++   |
| T2*-weighted GRE  | ++                               | ↑                           | ++ (↓ if haemorrhage)         | ++                                   | ↓↓   |
| ↑ Increased signal   ↓ Decreased signal   ++ Iso-intense signal |                                  |                             |                               |                                      |  |

Figure 2: MRI findings for lesions related to small vessel disease

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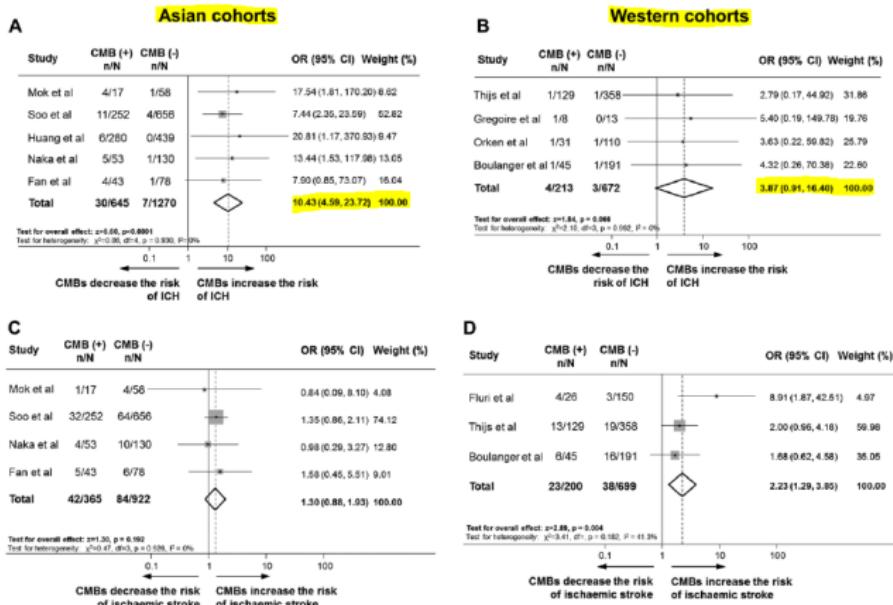
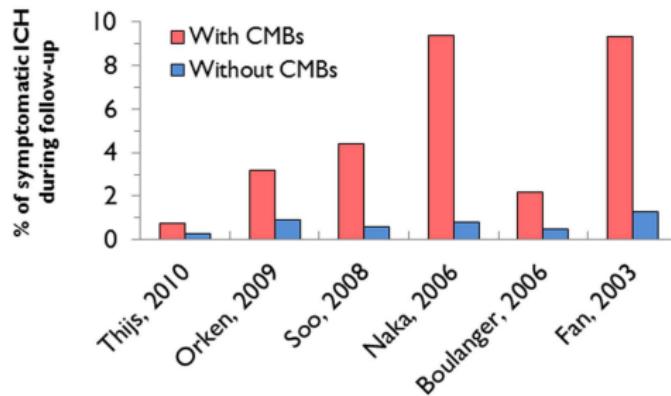


Figure 4. Meta-analysis of the risk of spontaneous intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH; A and B) and ischemic stroke (C and D) stratified by the dominant ethnicity of subjects included in each cohort as Asian or Western (white), with and without cerebral microbleeds (CMBs).

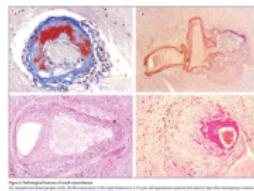


**FIGURE 5 |** Incidence of intracerebral hemorrhage in relation to the presence of cerebral microbleeds (CMBs) in the main prospective cohort studies which have assessed this risk in patients with ischemic stroke or TIA (Table 3).

# CAA or lobar bleed

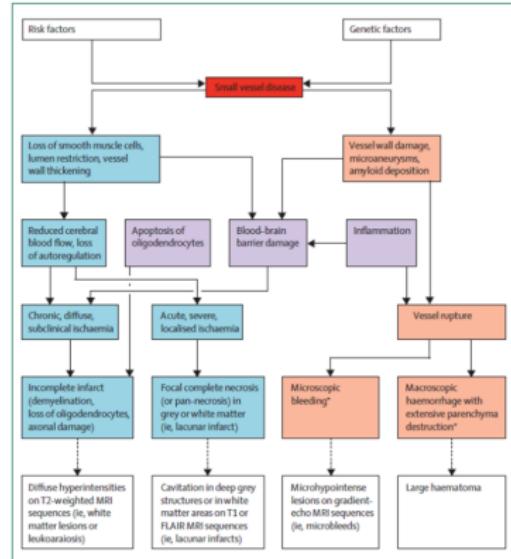
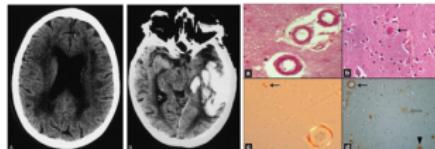
## Arteriolosclerosis

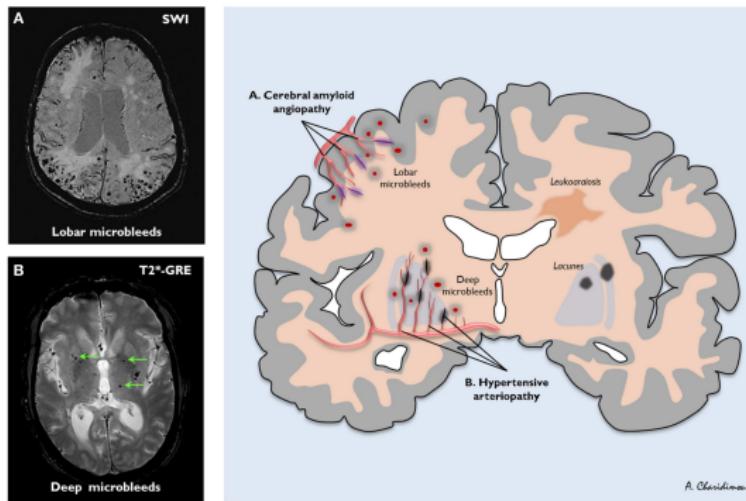
- Hypertensive SVD
- Age-related SVD
- Associated with Aging, diabetes, and hypertension
- Pathology
  - Lipohyalinosis
  - Microatheroma
  - Microaneurysm



## Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy

- Progressive accumulation of congophilic amyloid protein
- Small to medium sized arteries in the leptomeningeal space and cortex
- AD and general elderly population (as frequent as 50% in the ninth decade)





**FIGURE 3 |**The distribution of sporadic small vessel disease in the brain and the topography of cerebral microbleeds (CMBs). **(A)** Cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA) preferentially affects the small arteries and arterioles of the cerebral cortex and gray-white matter junction by the deposition of amyloid- $\beta$  in the vessel walls (purple), **(B)** hypertensive arteriopathy typically affects small deep arterial perforators (black). CMBs are a marker for the severity and type of small vessel disease; their

anatomic distribution is meant to reflect the underlying pathological vessel damage. Hence, CMBs (dark, rounded lesions) located in cortical-subcortical regions are presumably caused by CAA **(A)**, whereas CMBs located in deep brain regions mainly result from hypertensive arteriopathy **(B)**. **(A)** is an axial susceptibility-weighted imaging (SWI) which is currently the most sensitive means to image CMBs. **(B)** is an axial T2\*-weighted gradient-recalled echo (T2\*-GRE) MRI.

**Cerebrovascular disease**

## RESEARCH PAPER

# Long-term prognosis after intracerebral haemorrhage: systematic review and meta-analysis

Michael Tin Chung Poon,<sup>1</sup> Arthur François Fonville,<sup>2</sup> Rustam Al-Shahi Salman<sup>3</sup>**Table 2** Risk of recurrent intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH) at least 1 year after ICH, in cohorts that stratified their results by ICH location

Recurrent ICH ≥1 year after index ICH, stratified by index ICH location

| Study                         | Sample size | Inception point     | Follow-up             |                   | Recurrence risk (%; 95% CI) |                     |                    |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                               |             |                     | Mean duration (years) | Analytical method | Overall                     | Lobar               | Non-lobar          |
| Passero et al <sup>30</sup>   | 111         | Hospital discharge  | 1                     | Proportion        | 7.2 (3.5 to 13.8)           | 14.3 (6.3 to 28.2)† | 2.9 (0.2 to 10.6)† |
| Zia et al <sup>37</sup>       | 353         | 28 days after onset | 3                     | Rate‡             | 2.3                         | 2.5                 | 2.3                |
| O'Donnell et al <sup>64</sup> | 71          | 30 days after onset | 3                     | Rate‡             | —                           | 14.3                | —                  |
| Yen et al <sup>62</sup>       | 585         | At ICH onset        | 1                     | Proportion        | 1.9 (1.0 to 3.4)            | 5.0 (1.9 to 11.4)†  | 1.3 (0.5 to 2.8)†  |

Studies are arranged by the start year of their study periods.

†Significant difference ( $p<0.05$ ) between lobar and non-lobar ICH.

‡Rate reported per patient-year.

## To resume AC (Modifiable)

- ▶ Uncontrolled HTN
- ▶ Triple therapy
- ▶ High INR on VKA

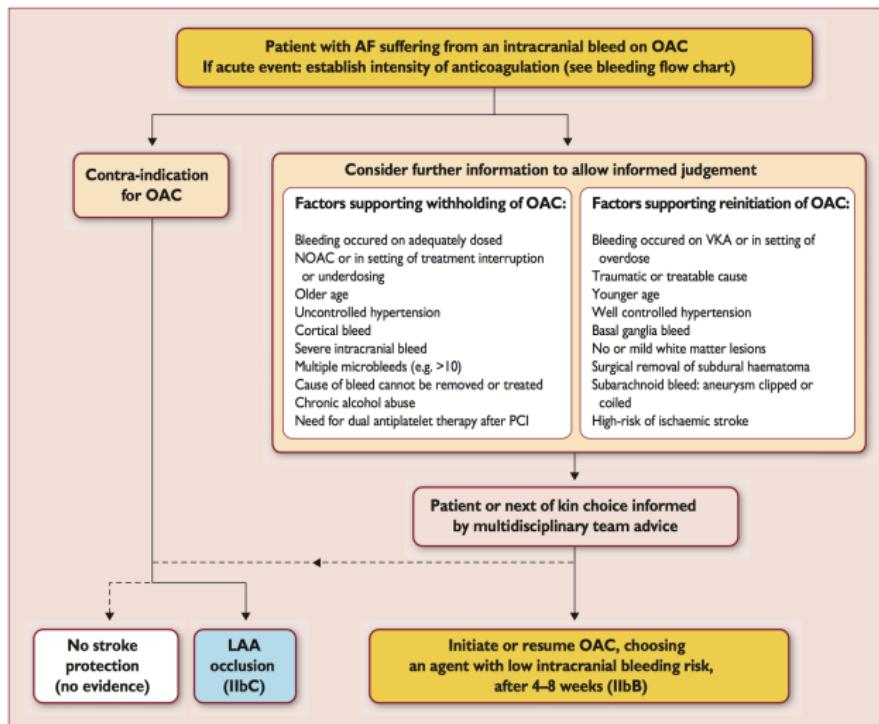
## Not to resume AC (Not modifiable)

- ▶ older age
- ▶ persistent uncontrolled hypertension
- ▶ lobar bleeds
- ▶ severe WM lesions
- ▶ multiple CMBs > 30
- ▶ chronic alcoholism
- ▶ need for DAPT after PCI

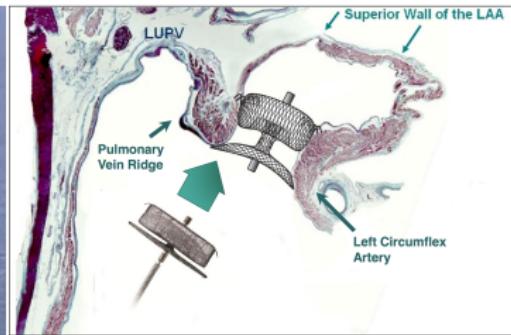
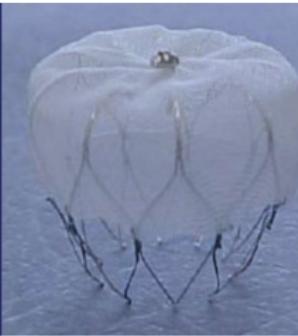
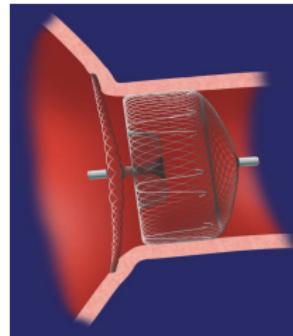
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## Left atrial appendage occlusion



## Take-Home Message

- ▶ There are challenges associated with the acute treatment of patients who are receiving long-term anticoagulation treatment for NVAF
- ▶ Thrombectomy may be considered in patients with hyperacute ischemic stroke.
- ▶ OAC should be resumed after ICH since the benefit of OAC for the prevention of ischaemic stroke is higher than the bleeding risk