



AZALEA-TIMI 71

A Multicenter, RandomiZed, Active-ControLled Study to Evaluate the Safety and Tolerability of Two Blinded Doses of Abelacimab Compared with Open-Label Rivaroxaban in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation

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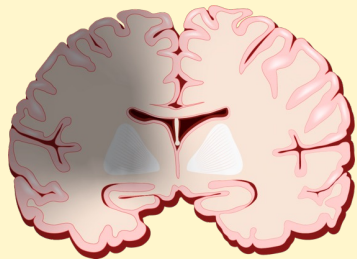
Stroke Prevention in AF

DOACs vs. Warfarin

Meta-Analysis: ARISTOTLE, ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48, ROCKET-AF & RE-LY Trials

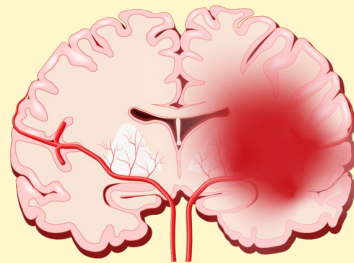
Stroke

Ischemic



Similar

Hemorrhagic



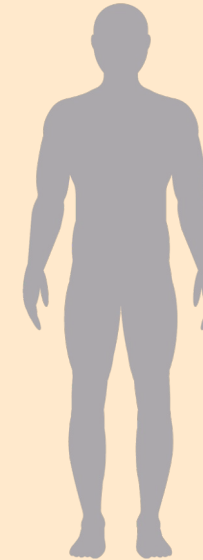
↓50%

Death



↓10%

Major Bleeding



↓14%



↑25%



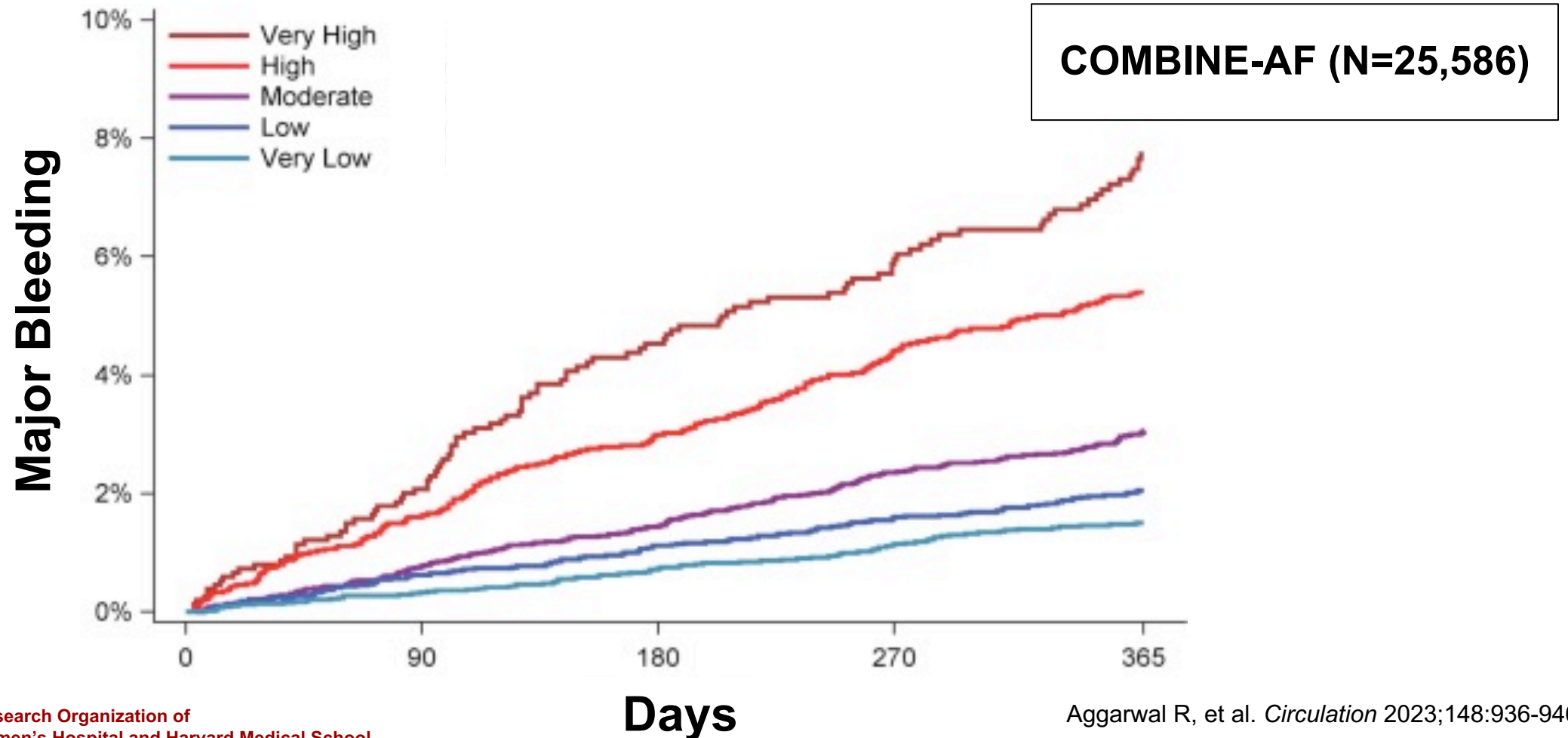
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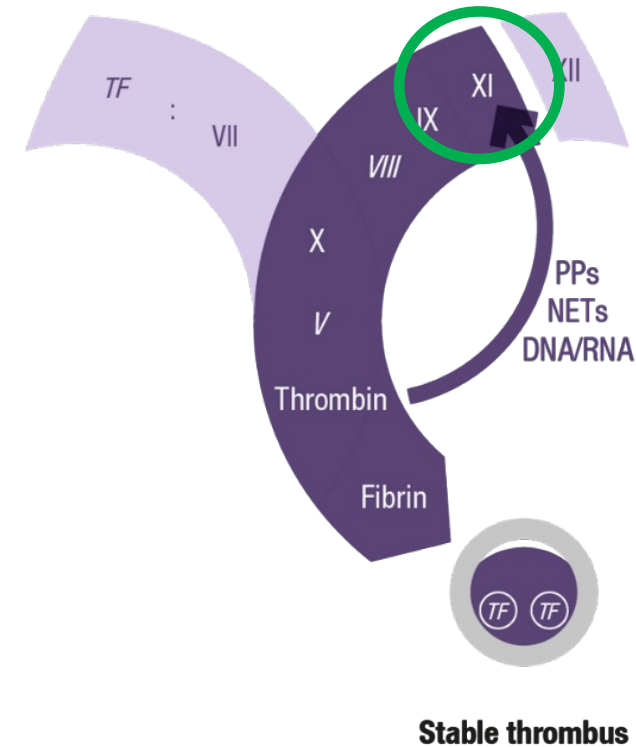
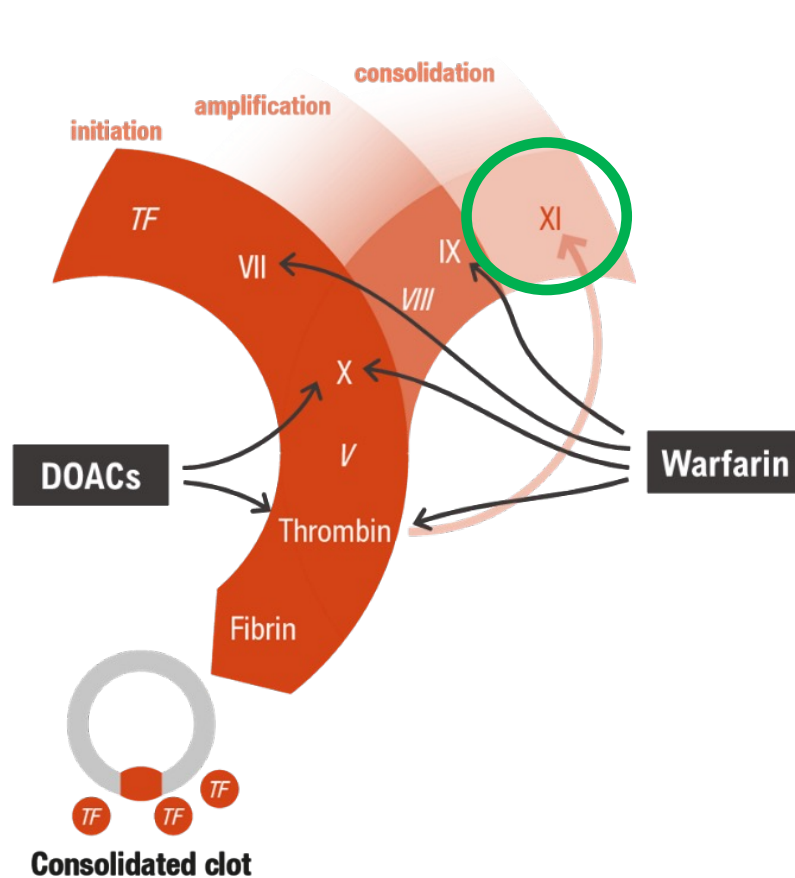
DOACs Safer than VKAs but Bleeding Still a Problem

DOAC Bleeding Risk Score



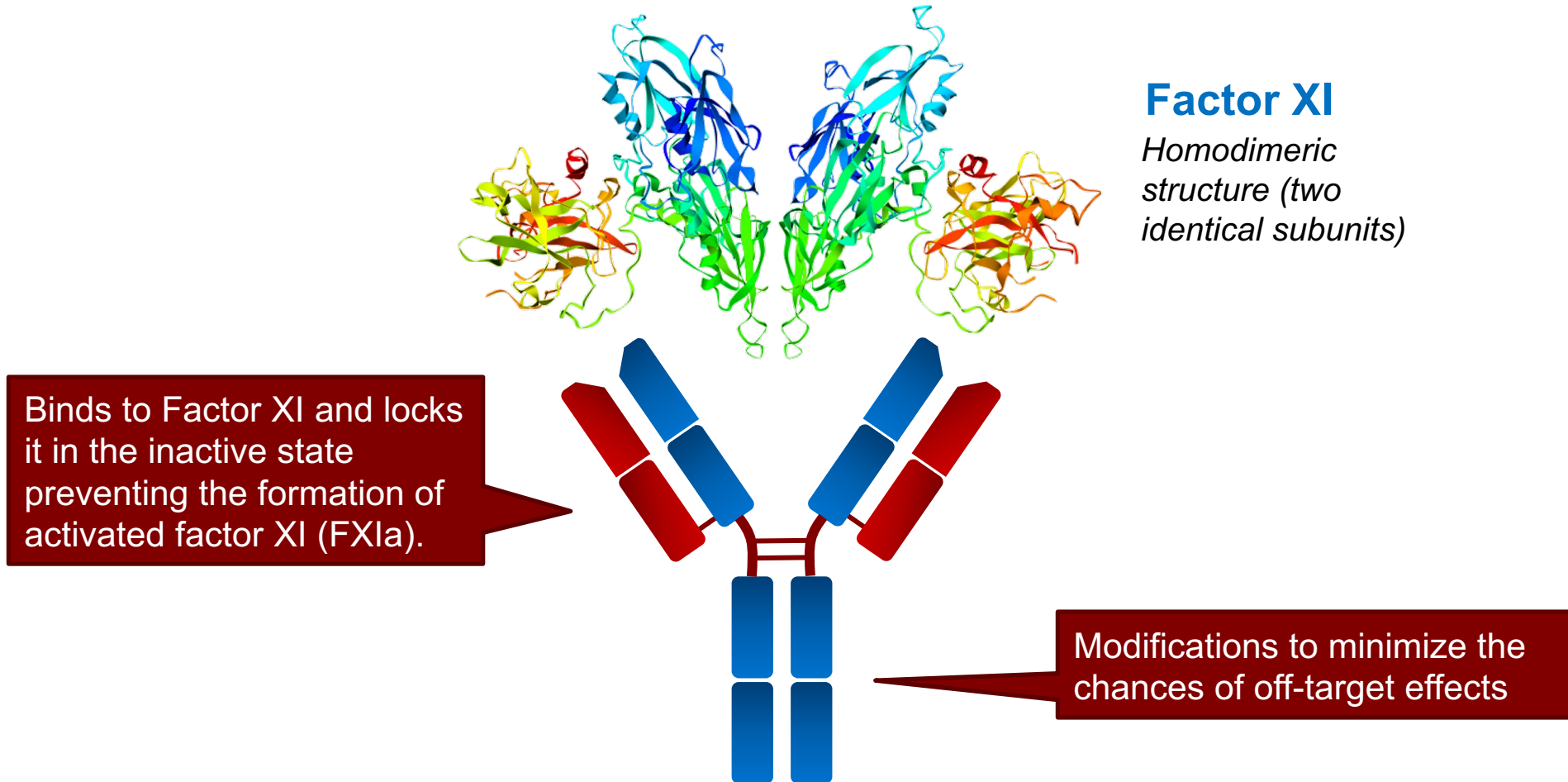
Factor XI Inhibition

Potential to Uncouple Hemostasis from Thrombosis



Abelacimab

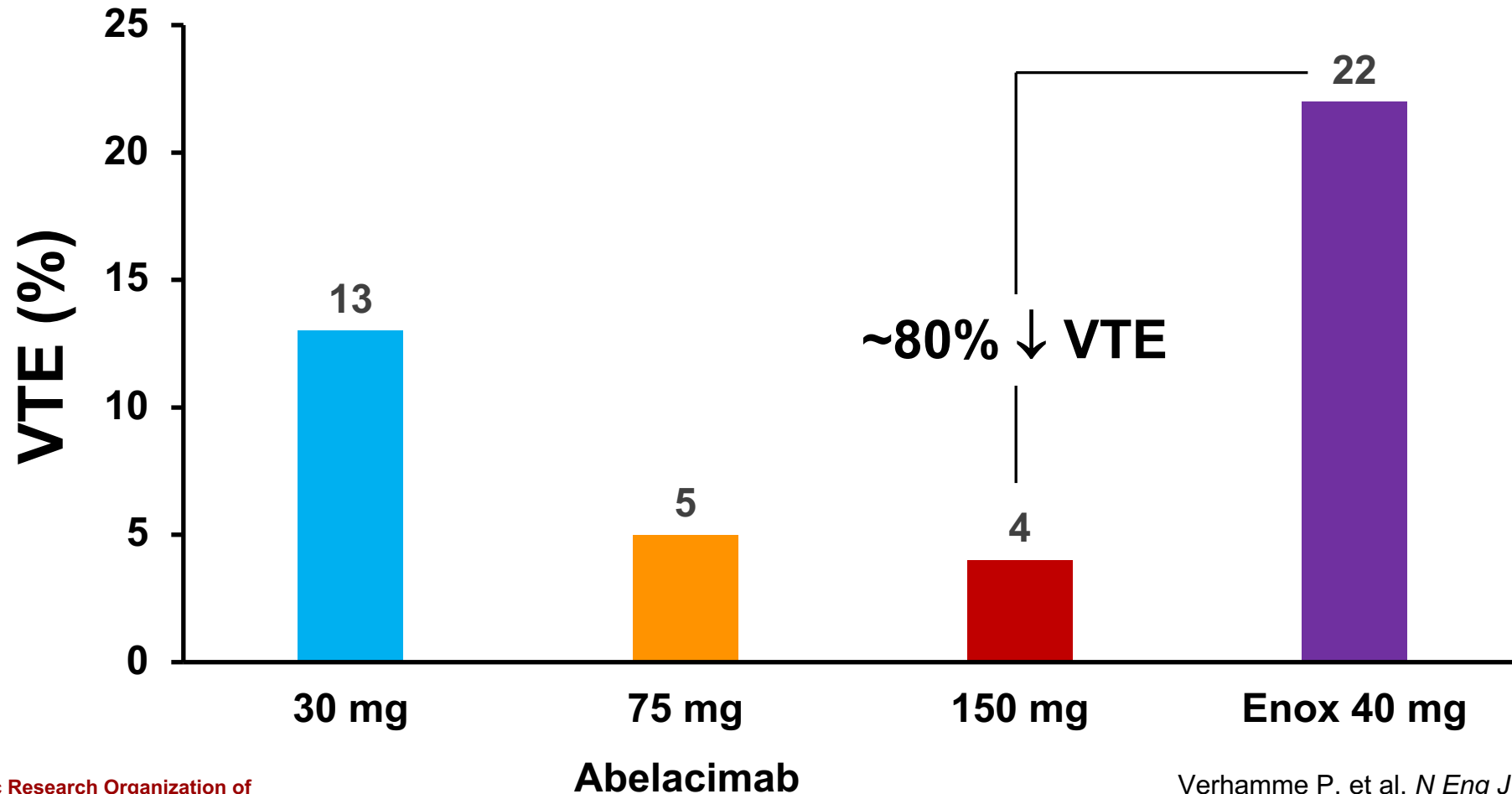
Highly selective, fully human monoclonal antibody





Abelacimab for Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism

Phase 2, Open-Label, RCT in 400 Patients After Total Knee Placement



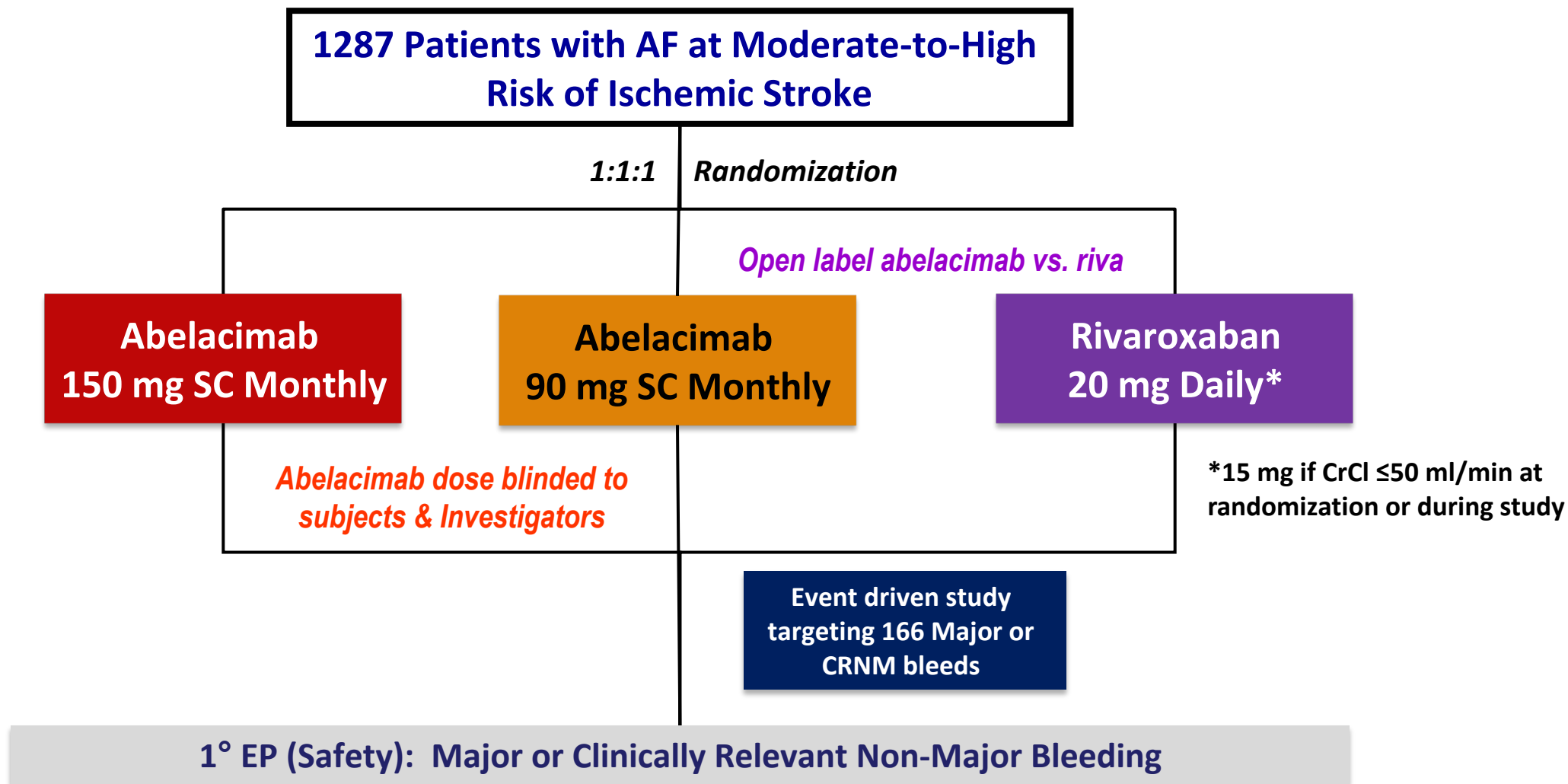


Objective



To evaluate the bleeding profile of abelacimab relative to rivaroxaban in patients with AF at moderate-to-high risk of stroke







Trial Organization



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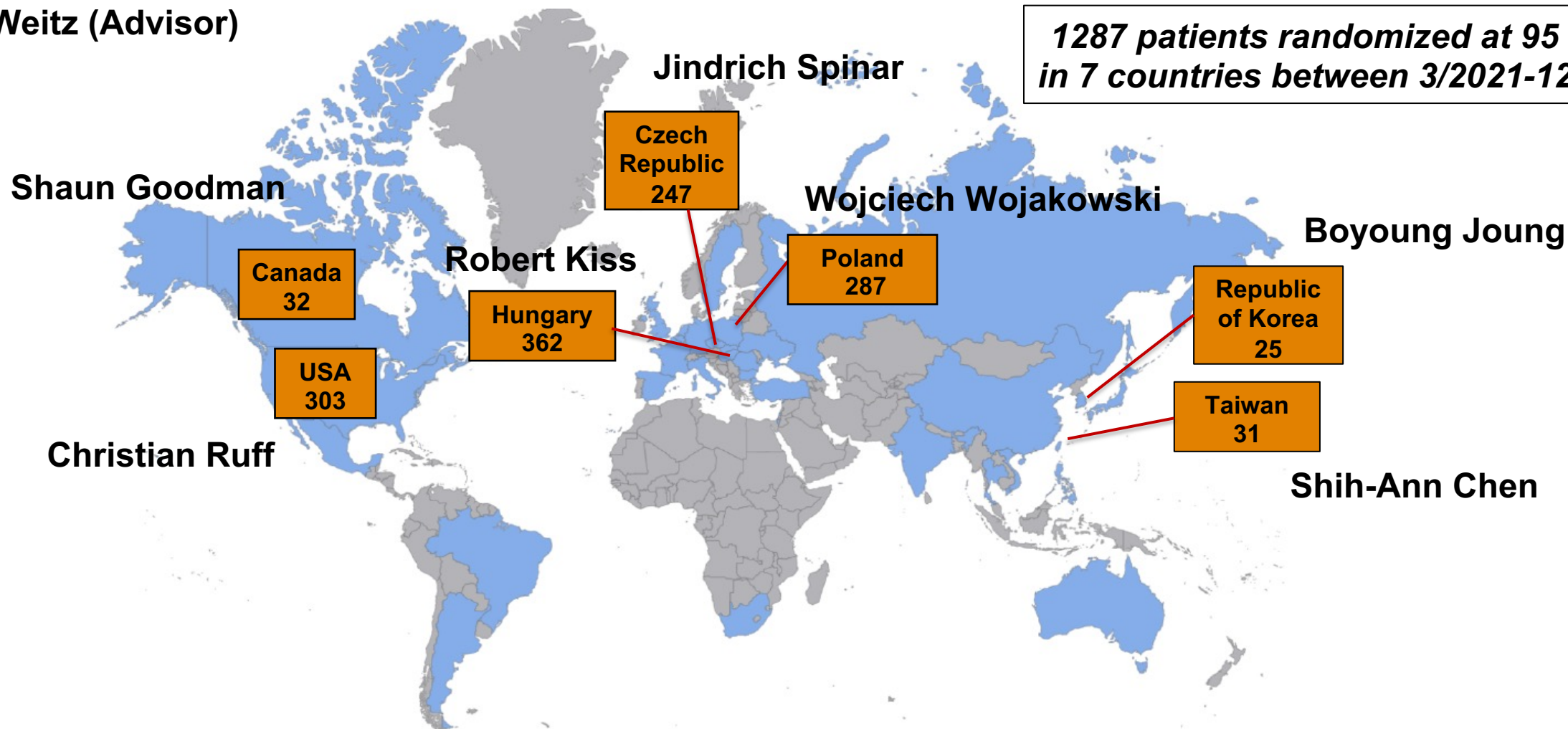


Global Enrollment & National Lead Investigators



Jeff Weitz (Advisor)

*1287 patients randomized at 95 sites
in 7 countries between 3/2021-12/2021*



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Key Inclusion Criteria



- **Age ≥ 55 years**
- **Any history of AF or atrial flutter with planned anticoagulation**
- **$\text{CHA}_2\text{DS}_2\text{-VASc} \geq 4$ *or***
 $\text{CHA}_2\text{DS}_2\text{-VASc} = 3$ with at least one of the following factors:
 - **Planned concomitant use of antiplatelet medications**
 - **$\text{CrCl} \leq 50$ ml/min**





DMC Recommendation



September 14, 2023

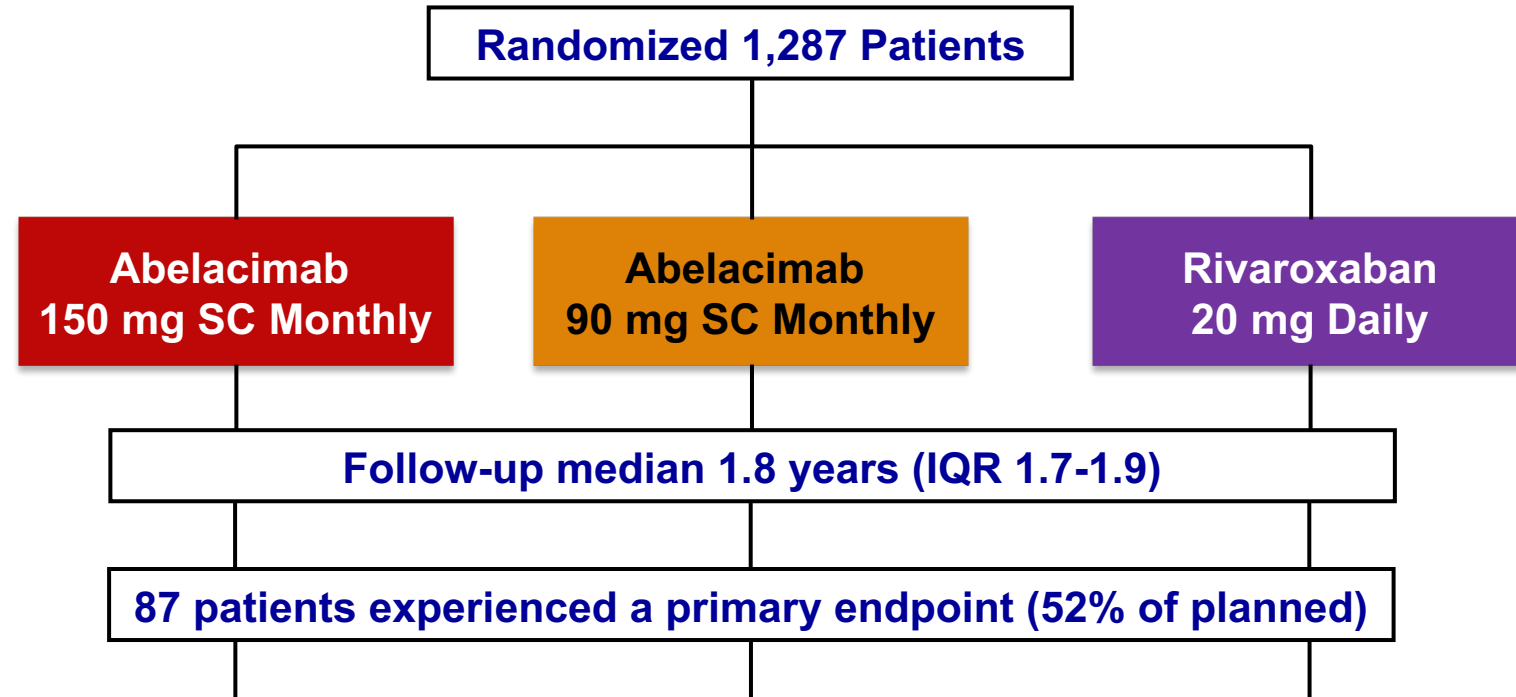
“The IDMC members unanimously agreed to recommend termination of the AZALEA trial because of the substantially greater than anticipated reduction in major and clinically relevant non-major bleeds in the abelacimab arms compared to rivaroxaban and a benefit:risk favoring abelacimab.”



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Follow-up



Premature prem. drug discontinuation	4.7%/yr	4.5%/yr	4.1%/yr
Withdrew consent	0.4%/yr	1.3%/yr	0.5%/yr
Lost to follow-up	0	0	2





Baseline Characteristics



Characteristic	Value
Age, years, median (IQR)	74 (69-78)
Female Sex (%)	44
CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc Score, median (IQR)	5 (4-5)
3-4 (%)	46
5 (%)	31
≥6 (%)	22
Prior Ischemic Stroke (%)	15
Prior Bleed (%)	7
Creatine Clearance ≤ 50 mL/min (%)	21



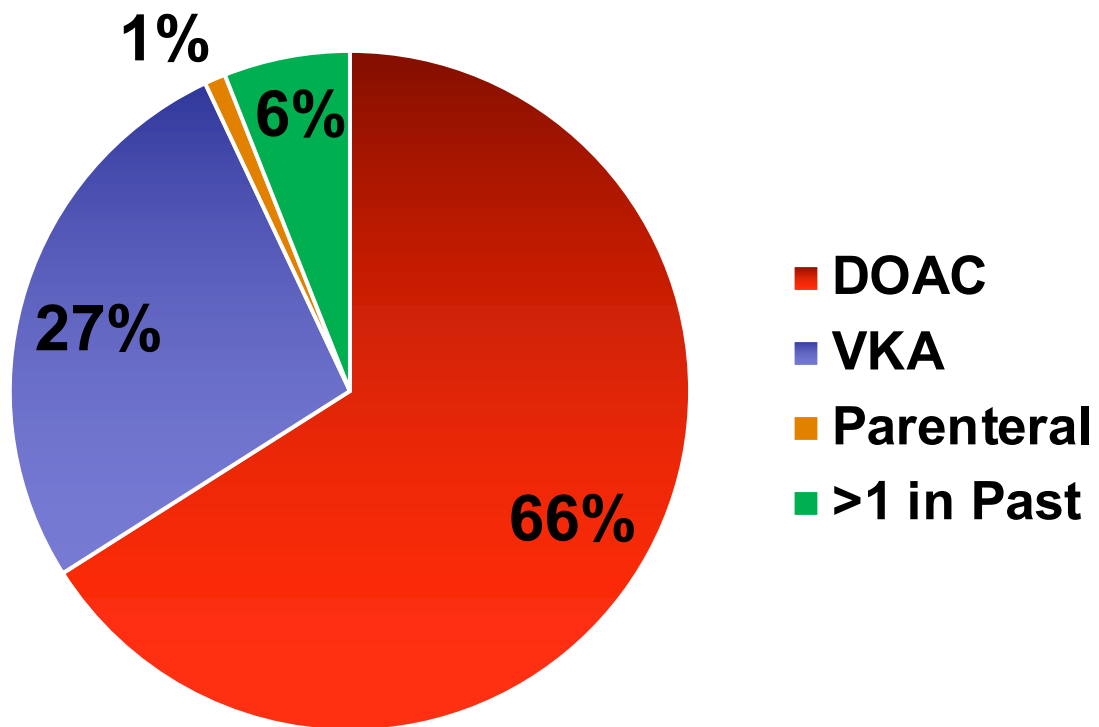


Baseline Antithrombotic Use



Anticoagulation Experienced (≥ 60 Days): 92%

Planned Antiplatelet Use: 24%

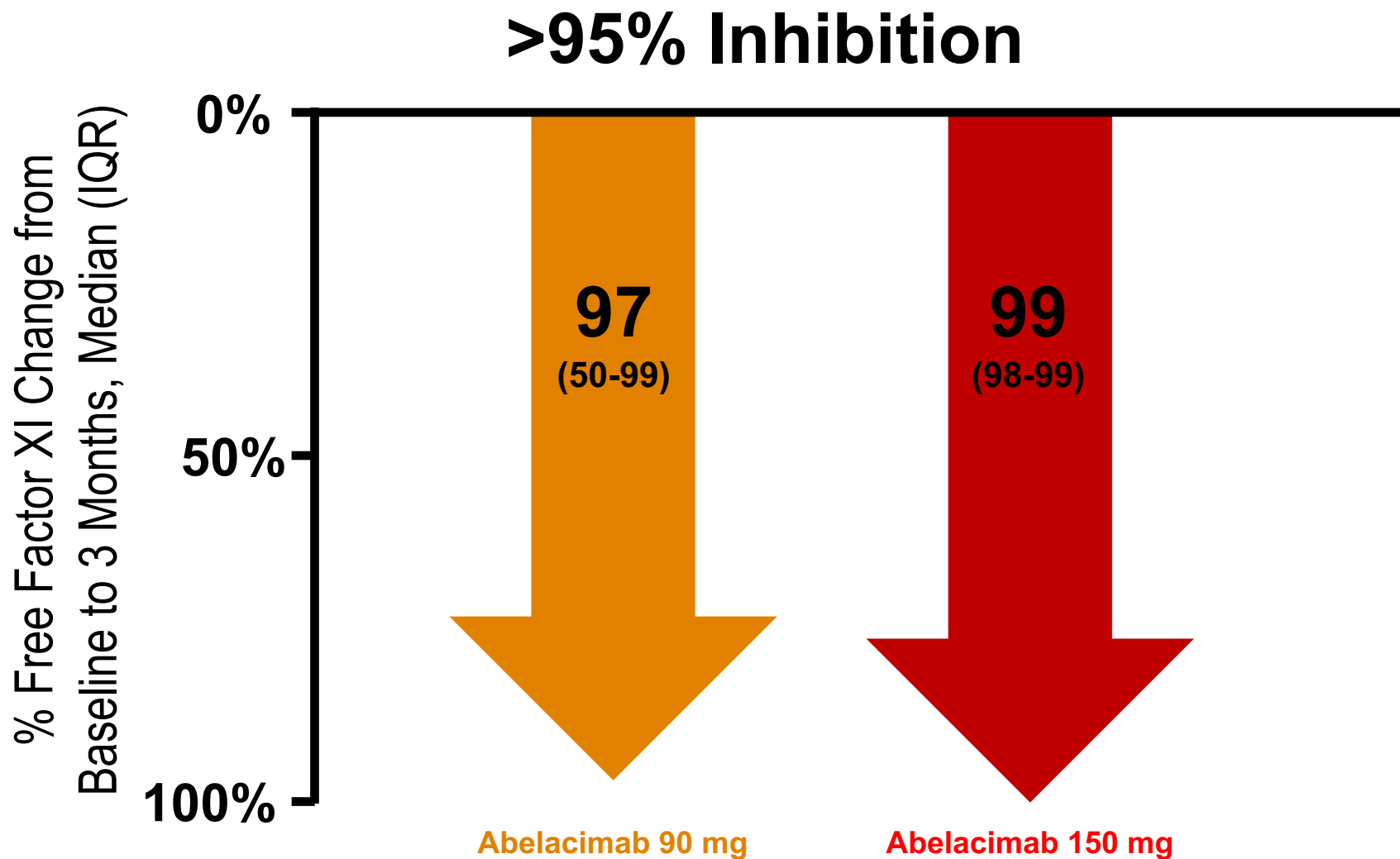


Antiplatelet Regimen	%
Aspirin	16
P2Y ₁₂ Inhibitor	8
DAPT	2



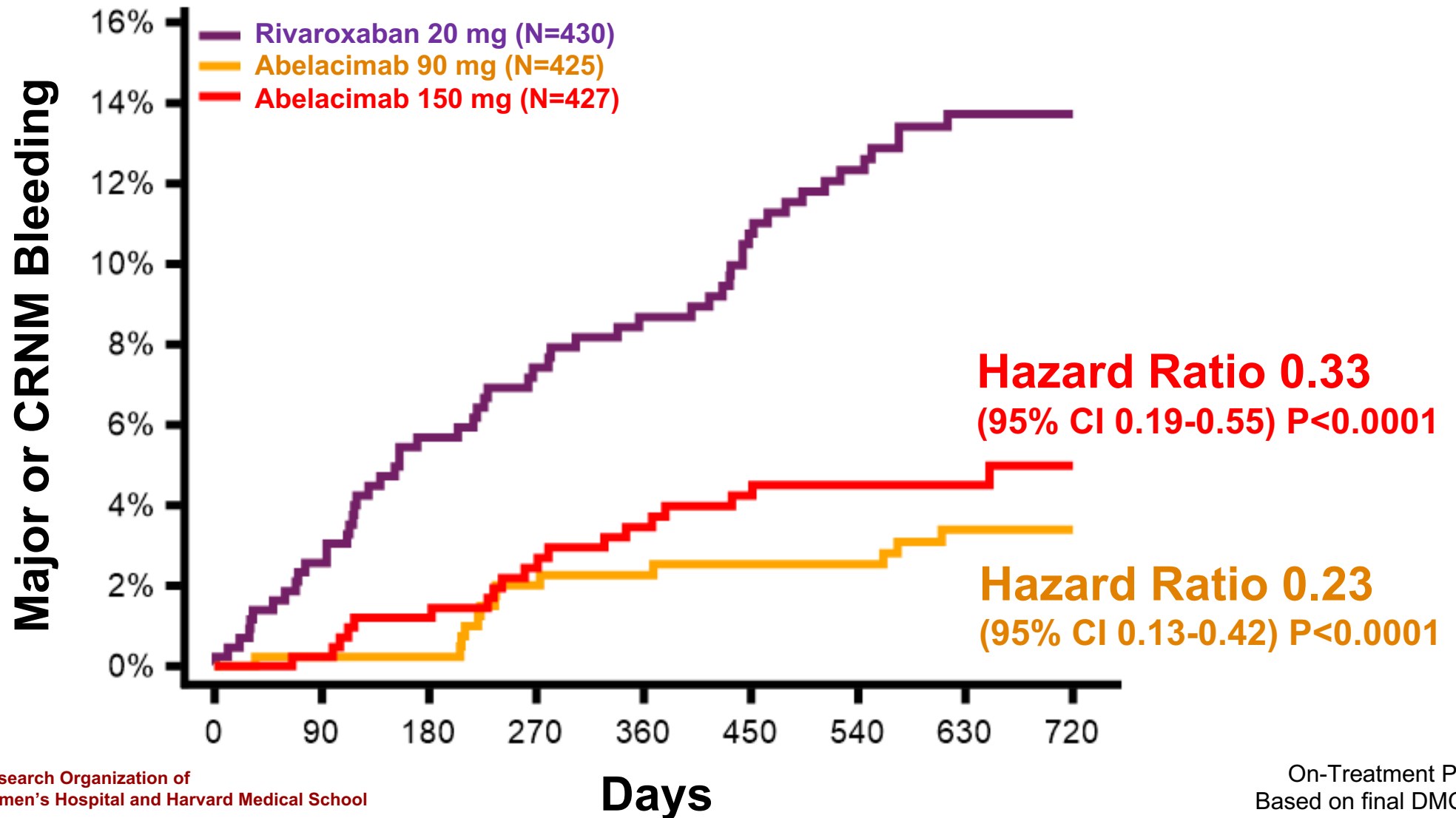


Factor XI Inhibition (%)





Primary Endpoint





Bleeding Endpoints



Endpoint (ISTH Definition)	Riva 20 mg (N=430) Incidence Rate	Abelacimab 150 mg (N=427) Incidence Rate	HR (95% CI)	P Value	Abelacimab 90 mg (N=425) Incidence Rate	HR (95% CI)	P-Value
Major + CRNM Bleeding	8.1	2.7	0.33 (0.19-0.55)	<0.001	1.9	0.23 (0.13-0.42)	<0.001
Major Bleeding	3.7	1.0	0.26 (0.11-0.61)	0.002	0.7	0.19 (0.07-0.50)	<0.001
GI Bleeding	2.1	0.1	0.07 (0.01-0.50)	0.008	0.1	0.07 (0.01-0.51)	0.009
ICH	0.6	0.3	0.50 (0.09-2.72)	0.42	0.6	1.03 (0.26-4.10)	0.97
CRNM Bleeding	4.6	1.8	0.39 (0.21-0.75)	0.004	1.1	0.25 (0.11-0.54)	<0.001

Incidence rates per 100 Pt-years



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On-Treatment Population
Based on final DMC Datacut



Exploratory Endpoints



Endpoint	Riva 20 mg (N=430) Incidence Rate	Abelacimab 150 mg (N=427) Incidence Rate	HR (95% CI)	P Value	Abelacimab 90 mg (N=425) Incidence Rate	HR (95% CI)	P-Value
Stroke or SEE	1.0	1.1	1.13 (0.41-3.12)	0.81	1.4	1.45 (0.55-3.80)	0.45
Stroke	1.0	1.1	1.13 (0.41-3.12)	0.81	1.4	1.45 (0.55-3.80)	0.45
Ischemic	0.7	1.1	1.59 (0.52-4.85)	0.42	1.3	1.82 (0.61-5.45)	0.28
Hemorrhagic	0.3	0	N/A	N/A	0.1	0.51 (0.05-5.62)	0.58
All-Cause Death	3.1	2.4	0.77 (0.41-1.46)	0.43	2.8	0.93 (0.51-1.71)	0.83
Net Clinical Outcome	11.3	5.5	0.49 (0.33-0.71)	<0.001	5.6	0.49 (0.34-0.73)	<0.001

Net Clinical Outcome: Ischemic Stroke, Systemic Embolism, Major or CRNM Bleed, All-Cause Death
Incidence rates per 100 Pt-years



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Safety



	Rivaroxaban 20 mg (N=430)	Abelacimab 150 mg (N=427)	P Value	Abelacimab 90 mg (N=425)	P-Value
<i>Adverse Event (%)</i>					
Any	79	82	0.29	81	0.50
Serious	35	31	0.22	33	0.60
Led to D/C of Study Drug	6	6	0.65	6	0.85
Injection Site Reaction	N/A	3	N/A	2	NA





Summary for Abrelacimab



Potent inhibition of FXI:

- >95% inhibition over the dosing interval

Substantial reduction in bleeding with the 150 mg dose compared with rivaroxaban:

- 67% ↓ major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding
- 74% ↓ major bleeding
- 93% ↓ major GI bleeding





Ongoing Phase 3 Trial of Abrelacimab in AF

