

# Stroke Prevention in AF

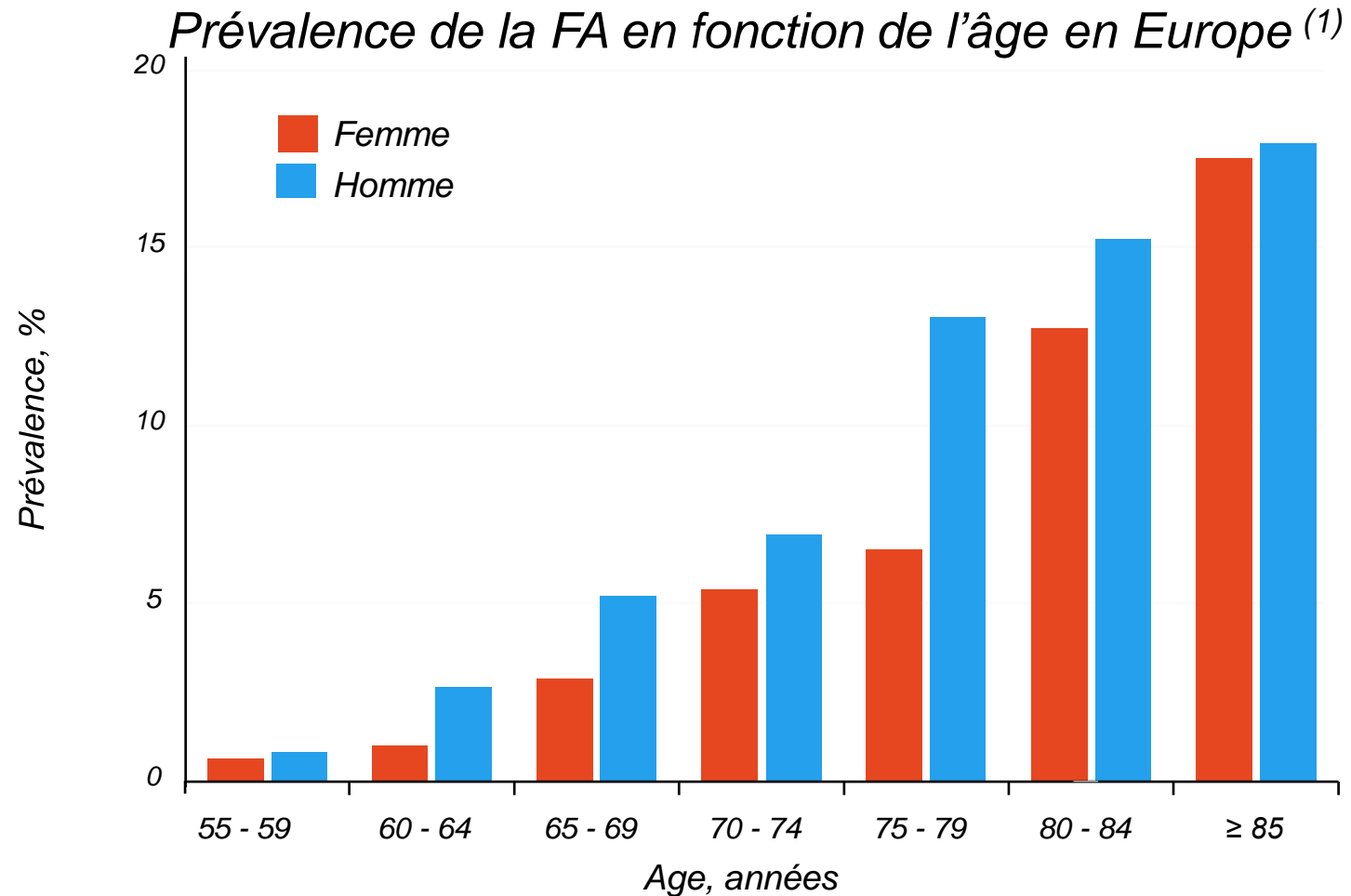
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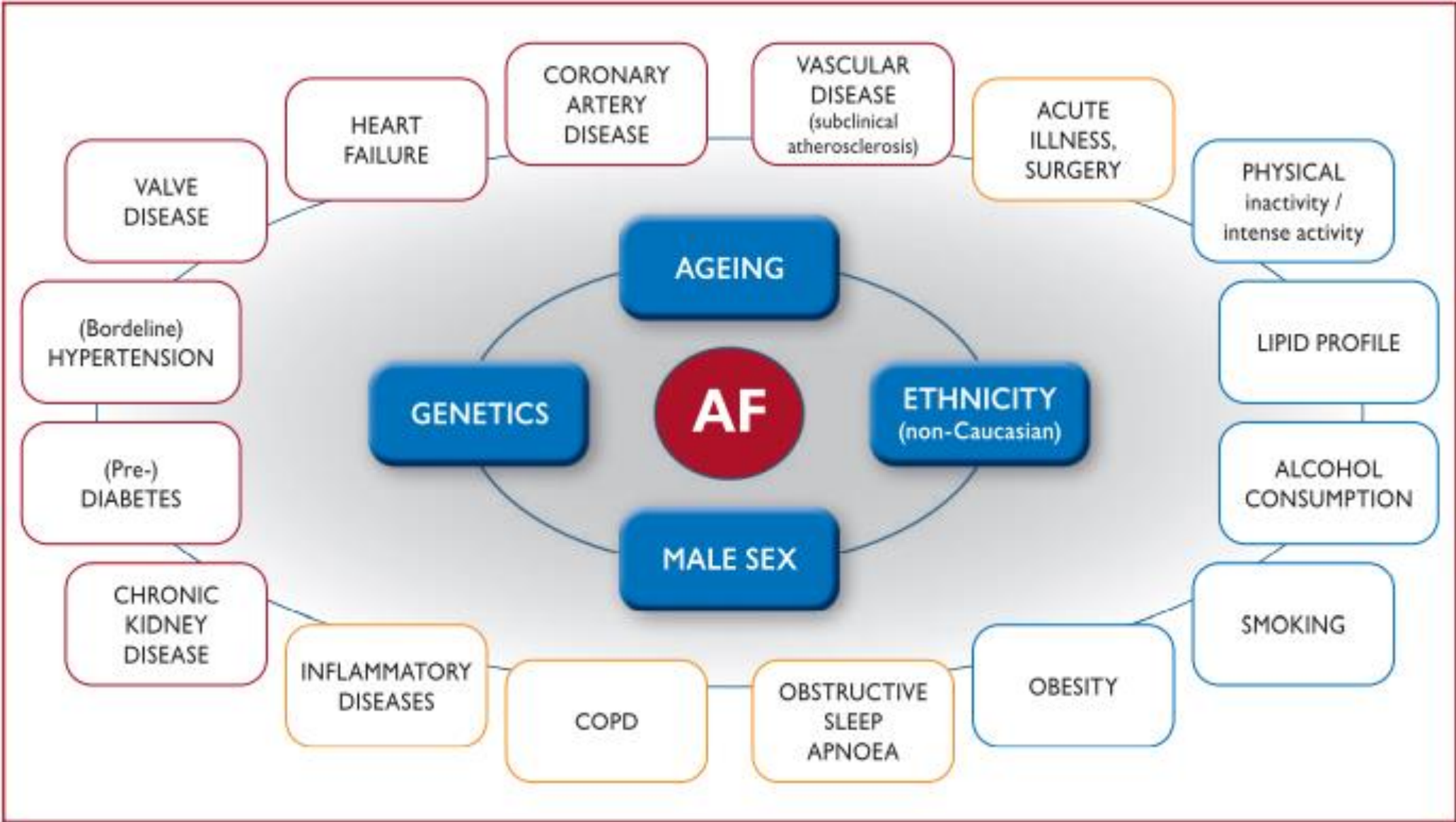


# La prévalence de la FA augmente avec l'âge

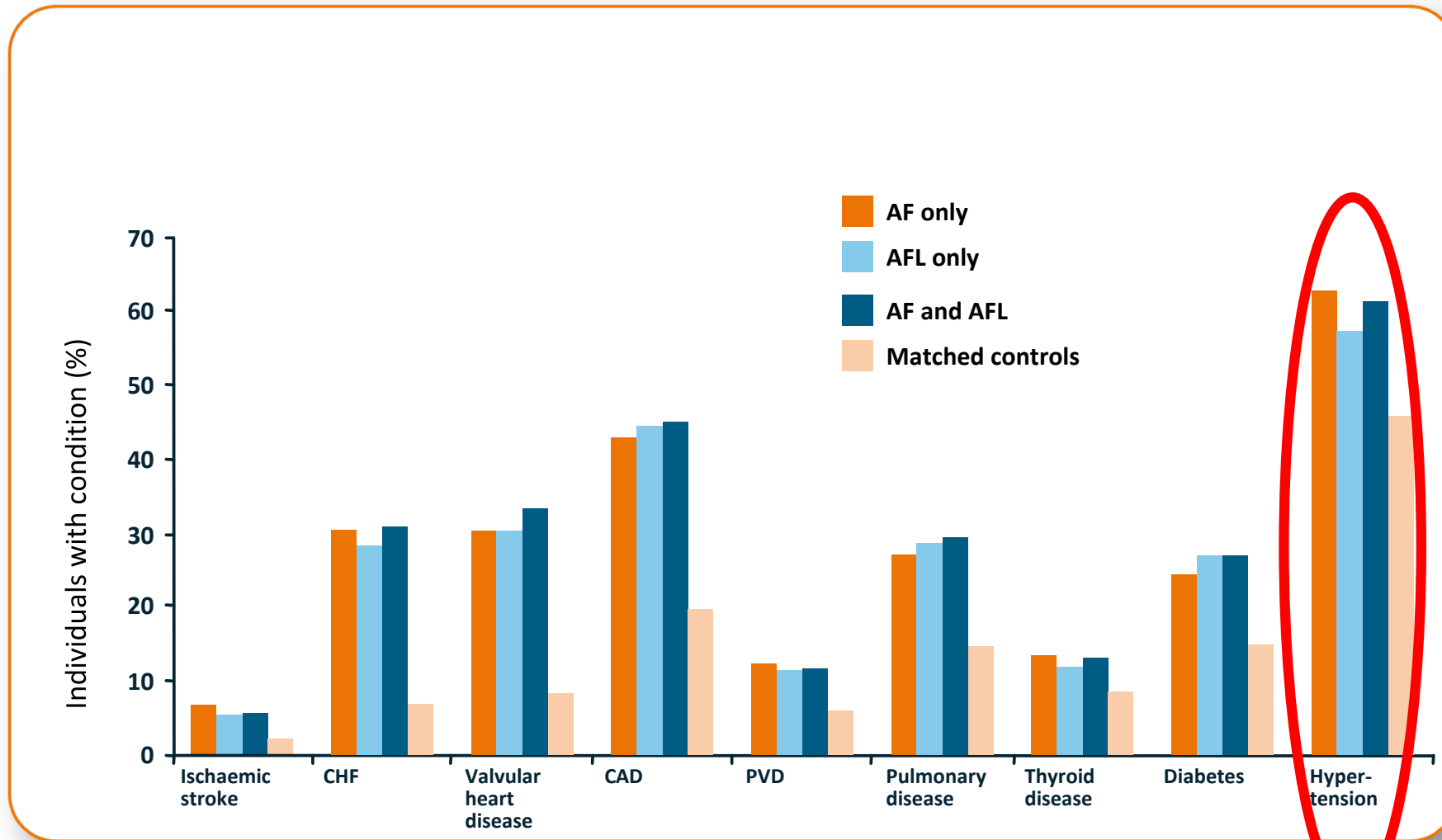


1. Heeringa J et al. Prevalence, incidence and lifetime risk of atrial fibrillation: the Rotterdam study. Eur Heart J 2006 ; 27 : 949-53.

# Summary of risk factors for incident AF (ESC 2020)



# FA: prévalence des comorbidités



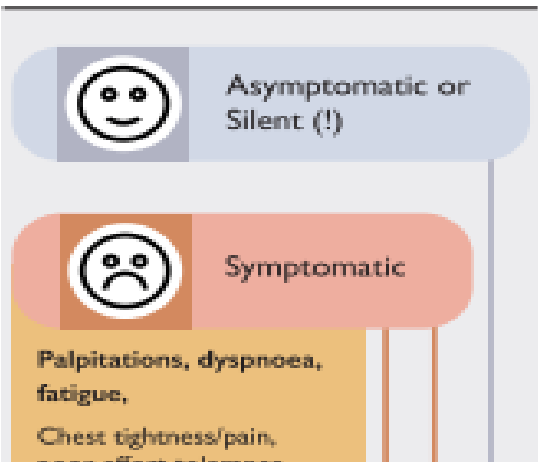
AFL: atrial flutter

CAD: coronary artery disease

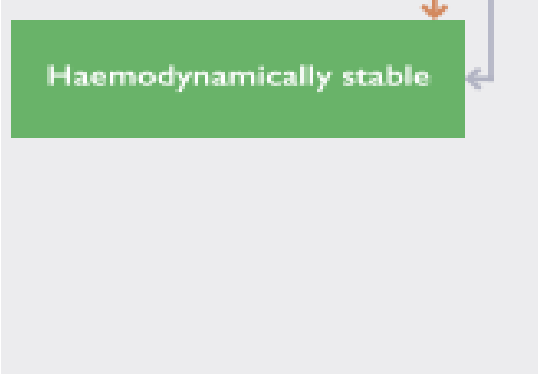
PVD: peripheral vascular disease

Naccarelli GV, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2009;53:A104-5 (abs. 1011-52).








### Clinical Presentation



**ESC GUIDELINES**



### AF-related OUTCOMES

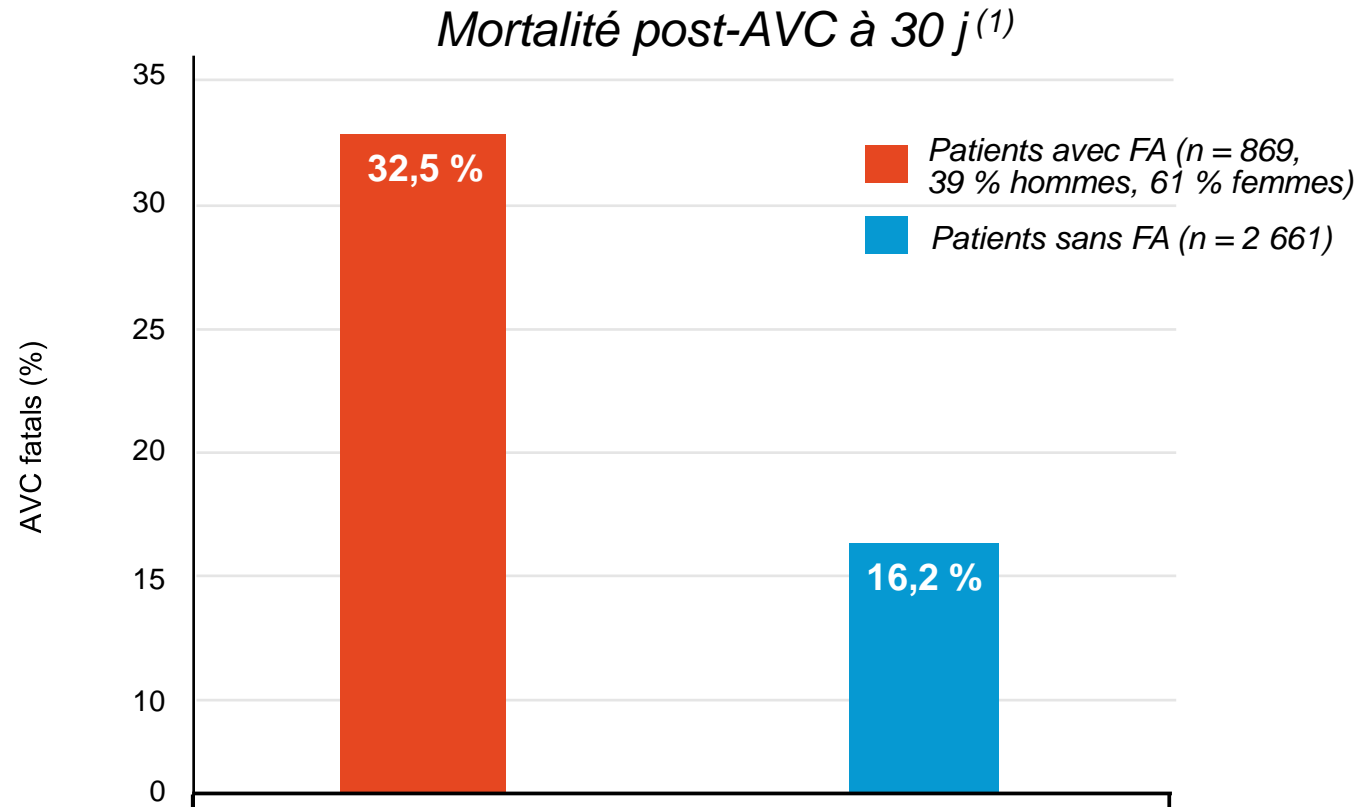
AF-Related Outcome	Frequency in AF	Mechanism(s)
 Death	1.5 - 3.5 fold increase	Excess mortality related to: • HF, comorbidities • Stroke
 Stroke	20-30% of all ischaemic strokes, 10% of cryptogenic strokes	• Cardioembolic, or • Related to comorbid vascular atheroma
 LV dysfunction / Heart failure	In 20-30% of AF patients	• Excessive ventricular rate • Irregular ventricular contractions • A primary underlying cause of AF
 Cognitive decline / Vascular dementia	HR 1.4 / 1.6 (irrespective of stroke history)	• Brain white matter lesions, inflammation, • Hypoperfusion, • Micro-embolism
 Depression	Depression in 16-20% (even suicidal ideation)	• Severe symptoms and decreased QoL • Drug side effects
 Impaired quality of life	>60% of patients	• Related to AF burden, comorbidities, psychological functioning and medication • Distressed personality type
 Hospitalizations	10-40% annual hospitalization rate	• AF management, related to HF, MI or AF related symptoms • Treatment-associated complications

## 2020 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of atrial fibrillation developed in collaboration with the European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

The Task Force for the diagnosis and management of atrial fibrillation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

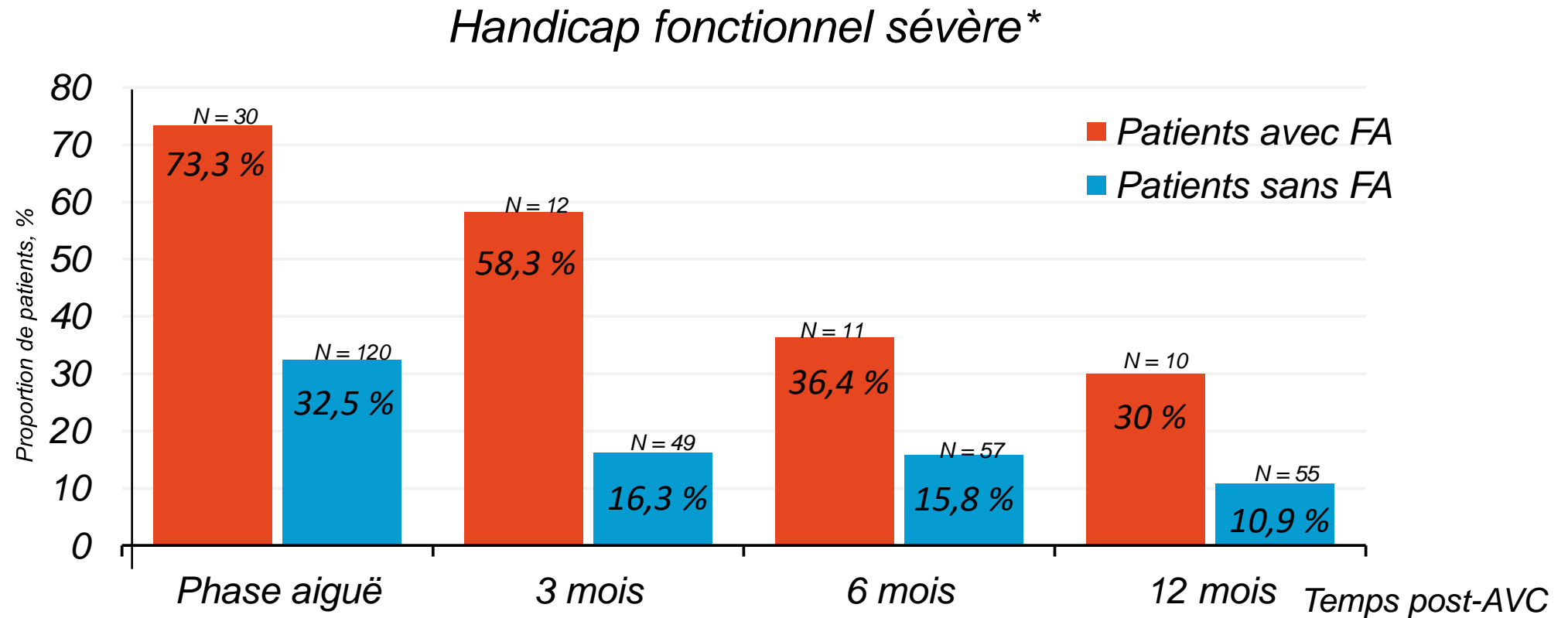
# Pronostic des AVC associé à une FA

*Mortalité à 1 mois des patients atteints d'un AVC associé à une FA*



*Etude prospective chez 3 530 patients, issus d'un registre de population ayant présenté un 1<sup>er</sup> AVC (âge moyen de survenue de l'AVC : 78,8 ± 13,3 ans) et évaluant la fréquence et l'impact de la FA sur le pronostic après AVC.*

# Pronostic fonctionnel des patients atteints d'un AVC associé à un FA

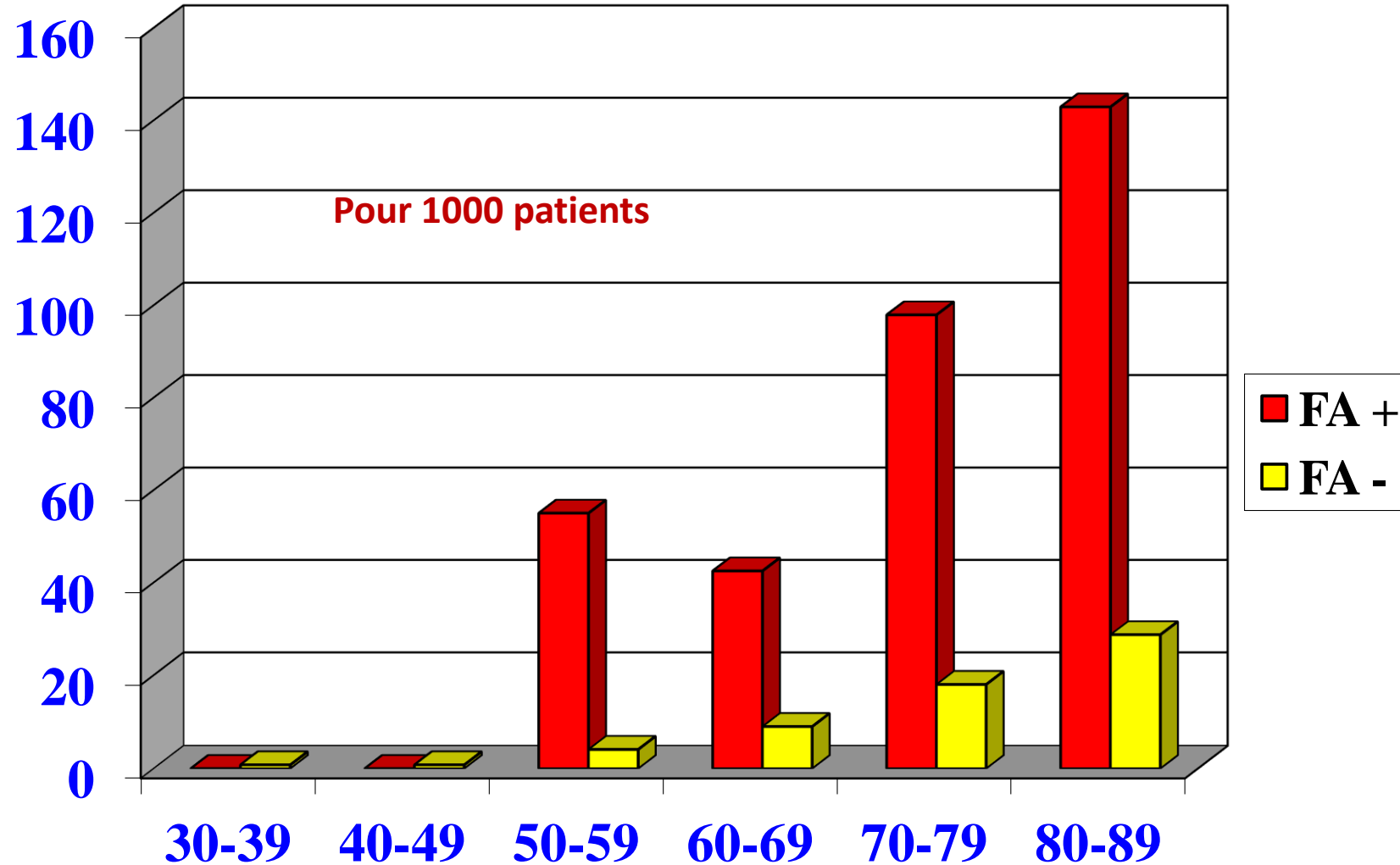


Etude basée sur le suivi de 40 ans de la cohorte originale de Framingham, analyse de 501 patients avec un AVC ischémique incluant 103 patients ayant une FA.  
\* Le handicap fonctionnel a été évalué chez 150 patients par le score à l'indice de Barthel (score allant de 0 : dépendance complète à 100 : indépendance complète). Un handicap fonctionnel sévère était défini par un score  $\leq 40$  à l'indice de Barthel.

**Atrial Fibrillation: A Major Contributor to Stroke in the Elderly**

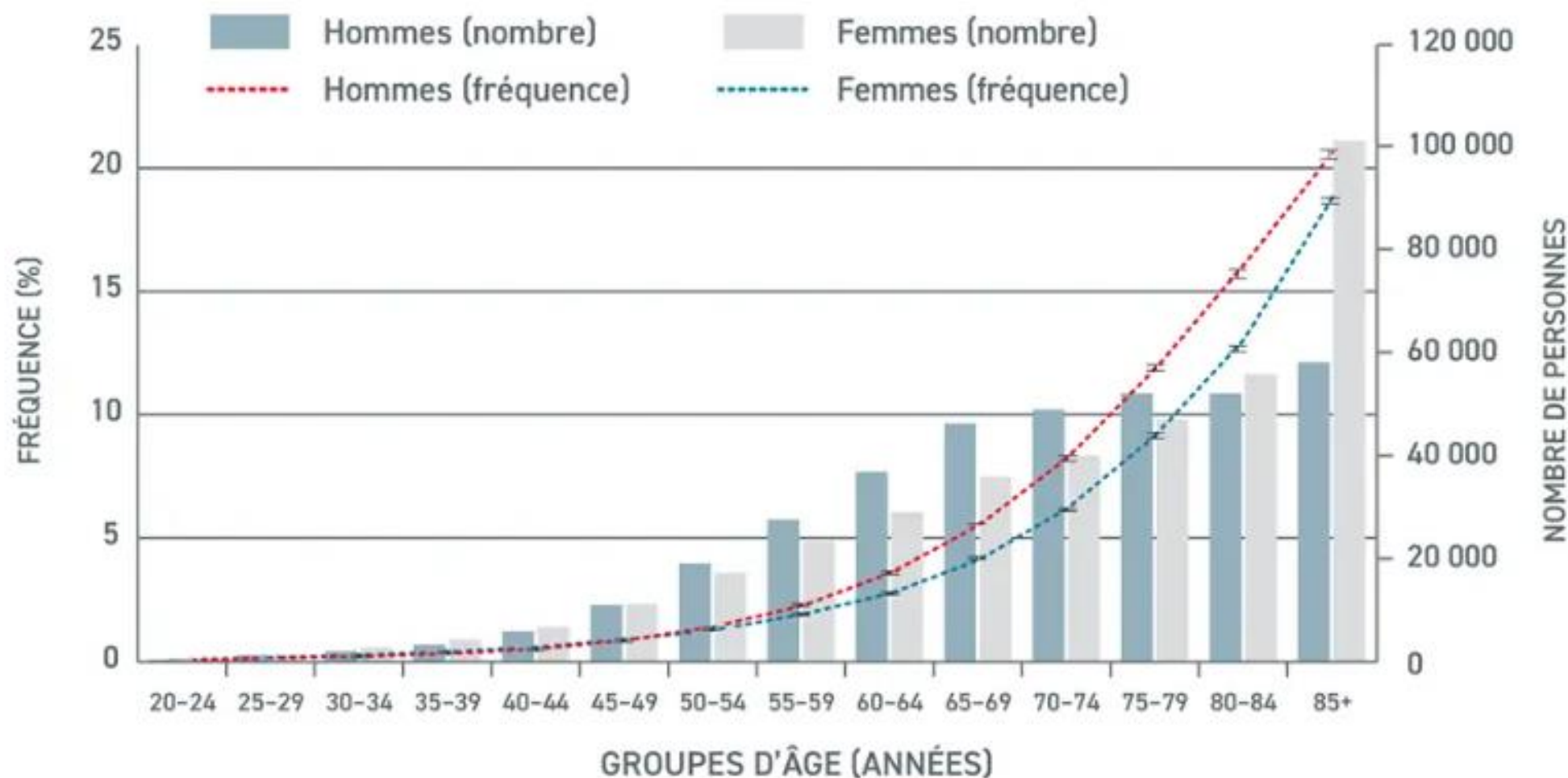
The Framingham Study

**Risque d'AVC à 2 ans en fonction de l'âge**

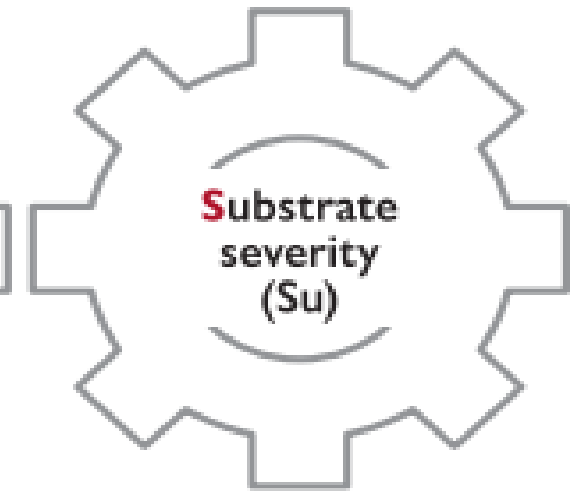
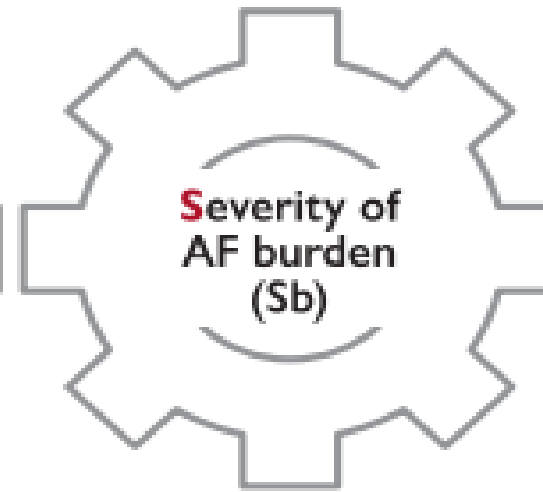
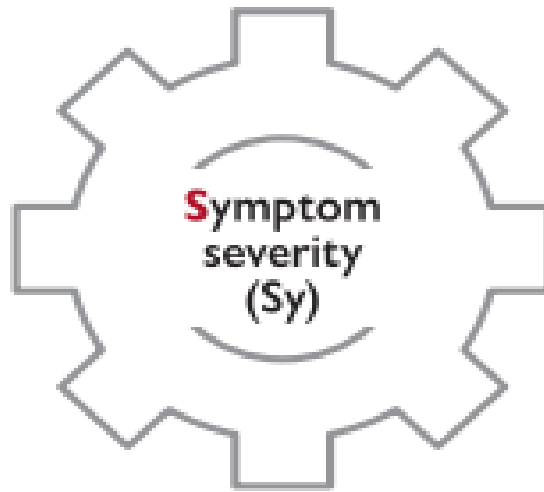
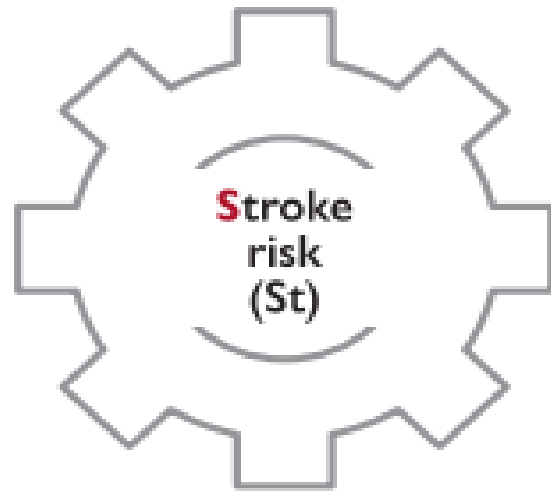




# Fréquence des AVC et nombre de victimes, en fonction du groupe d'âge et du sexe



Données canadiennes, de 2012 et 2013; les données du Nouveau-Brunswick et du Yukon n'étaient pas disponibles.  
REMARQUE : l'intervalle de confiance à 95 % représente une étendue de valeurs, où selon estimations, la vraie valeur est susceptible de se trouver 19 fois sur 20.



**DESCRIPTION**

Truly low risk of stroke

- Yes
- No

- Asymptomatic/mildly symptomatic
- Moderate
- Severe or disabling

- Spontaneously terminating
- AF duration and density of episodes per unit of time

- Comorbidities/ cardiovascular risk factors
- Atrial cardiomyopathy (atrial enlargement / dysfunction / fibrosis)

**Commonly used assessment tool(s)**

CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score

EHRA symptom score

QoL questionnaires

- **Temporal pattern of AF** (Paroxysmal, Persistent, Long-standing persistent, Permanent)
- **Total AF burden** (total time in AF per monitoring period, the longest episode, number of episodes, etc.)

- **Clinical assessment** Incident AF risk scores, AF progression risk scores
- **Imaging** (TTE, TOE, CT, cardiac MRI), biomarkers

## Table 7 Stroke risk factors in patients with AF

Most commonly studied clinical risk factors (a systematic review)	Positive studies/All studies	Other clinical risk factors	Imaging biomarkers	Blood/urine biomarkers
Stroke/TIA/systemic embolism	15/16	Impaired renal function/CKD	<i>Echocardiography</i>	Cardiac troponin T and I Natriuretic peptides Cystatin C Proteinuria CrCl/eGFR CRP IL-6 GDF-15 von Willebrand factor D-dimer
Hypertension	11/20	OSA	LA dilatation	
Ageing (per decade)	9/13	Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	Spontaneous contrast or thrombus in LA	
Structural heart disease	9/13	Amyloidosis in degenerative cerebral and heart diseases	Low LAA velocities	
Diabetes mellitus	9/14	Hyperlipidaemia	Complex aortic plaque	
Vascular disease	6/17	Smoking	<i>Cerebral imaging</i>	
CHF/LV dysfunction	7/18	Metabolic syndrome	Small-vessel disease	
Sex category (female)	8/22	Malignancy		

## Table 9 factors for bleeding with OAC and antiplatelet therapy

Non-modifiable	Potentially modifiable	Modifiable	Biomarkers
Age >65 years Previous major bleeding Severe renal impairment (on dialysis or renal transplant) Severe hepatic dysfunction (cirrhosis) Malignancy Genetic factors (e.g., CYP 2C9 polymorphisms) Previous stroke, small-vessel disease, etc. Diabetes mellitus Cognitive impairment/dementia	Extreme frailty ± excessive risk of falls <sup>a</sup> Anaemia Reduced platelet count or function Renal impairment with CrCl <60 mL/min VKA management strategy <sup>b</sup>	Hypertension/elevate SBP Concomitant antiplatelet/NSAID Excessive alcohol intake Non-adherence to OAC Hazardous hobbies / occupations Bridging therapy with heparin INR control (target 2.0–3.0), target TTR >70% <sup>c</sup> Appropriate choice of OAC and correct dosing <sup>d</sup>	GDF-15 Cystatin C / CKD-EPI cTnT-hs Von Willebrand factor (+ other coagulation markers)

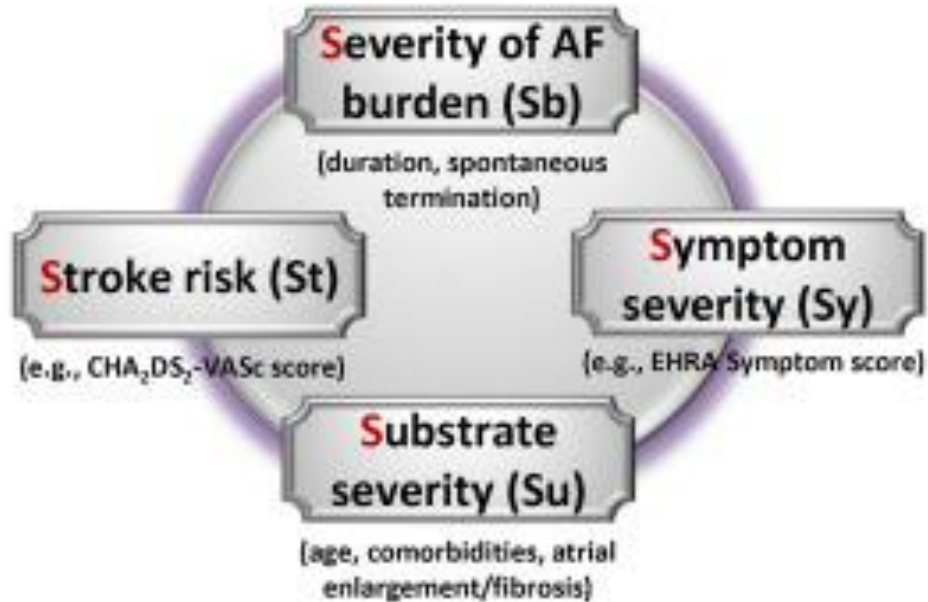
<sup>a</sup>Walking aids; appropriate footwear; home review to remove trip hazards; neurological assessment where appropriate. <sup>b</sup>Increased INR monitoring, dedicated OAC clinicals, self-monitoring/self-management, educational/behavioural interventions. <sup>c</sup>For patients receiving VKA treatment. <sup>d</sup>Dose adaptation based on patient's age, body weight, and serum creatinine level.

# CC To ABC

## Confirm AF

A 12-lead ECG or a rhythm strip showing AF pattern for  $\geq 30$  s

## Characterise AF (the 4S-AF scheme)



(ESC 2020)

## The ABC pathway for integrated care management

**'A' Avoid stroke**  
Optimize stroke prevention

### 'Atrial fibrillation 3-step'

#### Step 1

- Identify low risk patients

#### Step 2

- Offer stroke prevention to patients with one or more risk factors for stroke
- Assess bleeding risk

#### Step 3

- Decide on OACs (either a DOAC [preferred] or VKA with well-managed TTR)

**'B' Better symptom management**  
Treat symptoms

Patient-centered and symptom-directed decisions on rate or rhythm control

**'C' Cardiovascular and other comorbidities**  
Manage risk factors

- Manage hypertension, heart failure, diabetes mellitus, cardiac ischemia, and sleep apnea
- Lifestyle changes: obesity reduction, regular exercise, and reduction of alcohol and stimulant use
- Patient psychological morbidity
- Consider patient values and preferences



Patient with Atrial Fibrillation; Eligible for Oral Anticoagulation

AF patients with prosthetic mechanical heart valves or moderate-severe mitral stenosis?

No

**Step 1** Identify low-risk patients

**Low stroke risk?**  
(CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score: 0 in males 1 in females)

No

No antithrombotic  
treatment

Yes

**VKA with high time in  
therapeutic range**  
(target INR range depends  
on type of  
valve lesion or prosthesis)

↓  
**Step 2**

Consider stroke prevention (ie. OAC) in all AF patients with  
CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc ≥1 (male) or ≥2 (female)

**Address modifiable bleeding risk factors in all AF patients.**

**Calculate the HAS-BLED score.**

If HAS-BLED ≥3, address the modifiable bleeding risk factors  
and 'flag up' patient for regular review and follow-up.

High bleeding risk scores should not be used  
as a reason to withhold OAC.

↓  
CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc

↓  
=1 (male) or =2 (female)

↓  
≥2 (male) or ≥3 (female)

OAC should be considered  
(Class IIa)

OAC is recommended  
(Class IA)


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**Step 3** Begin NOAC (or VKA with high time  
in therapeutic range<sup>a</sup>)

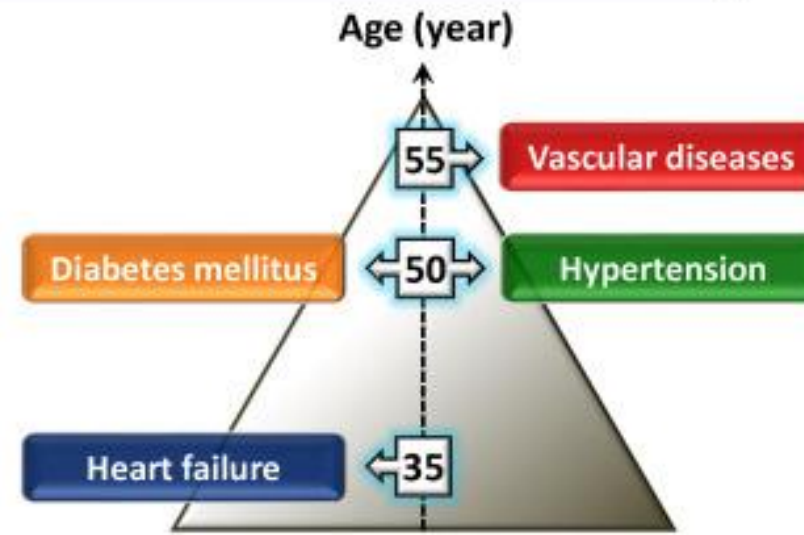
NOACs generally recommended  
as first line therapy for OAC

Recommandations sur la prévention des accidents vasculaires cérébraux dans les lignes directrices ESC, ACC/AHA et APHRS. ACC/AHA

## CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score 1 for Males and 2 for Females

 <b>2016/2020 ESC AF guidelines</b>	 <b>2019 ACC/AHA focused update</b>
OACs should be considered (IIa)	OACs may be considered (IIb)

 <b>2021 APHRS consensus guidelines</b>
Different age thresholds to initiate DOACs for different comorbidities





# Meta-analysis: Antithrombotic Therapy to Prevent Stroke in Patients Who Have Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation

Robert G. Hart, MD; Lesly A. Pearce, MS; and Maria I. Aguilar, MD

**Background:** Atrial fibrillation is a strong independent risk factor for stroke.

**Purpose:** To characterize the efficacy and safety of antithrombotic agents for stroke prevention in patients who have atrial fibrillation, adding 13 recent randomized trials to a previous meta-analysis.

**Data Sources:** Randomized trials identified by using the Cochrane Stroke Group search strategy, 1966 to March 2007, unrestricted by language.

## Adjusted dose warfarin vs placebo/control

### A Study, Year (Reference)

### Adjusted-dose warfarin compared with placebo or control

AFASAK I, 1989 (2); 1990 (3)

SPAF I, 1991 (5)

BAATAF, 1990 (4)

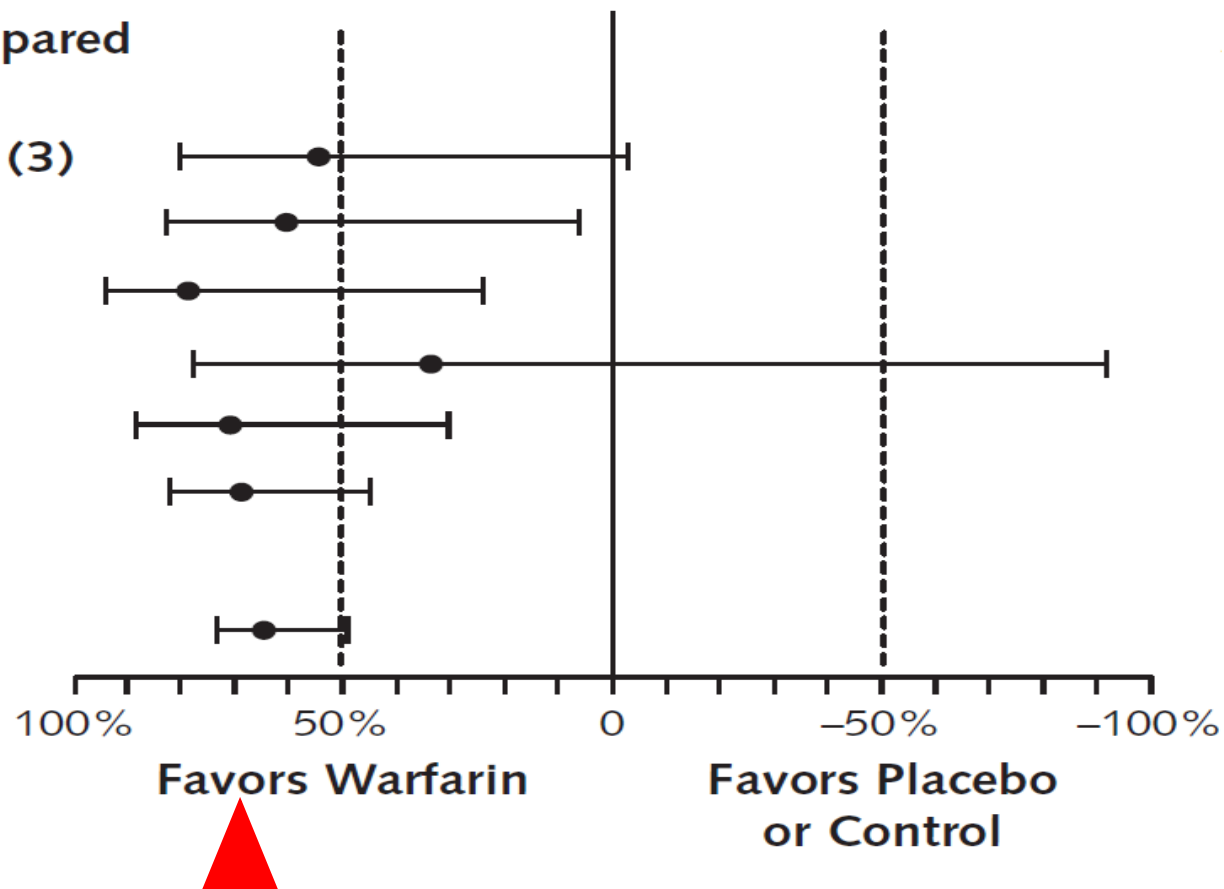
CAFA, 1991 (6)

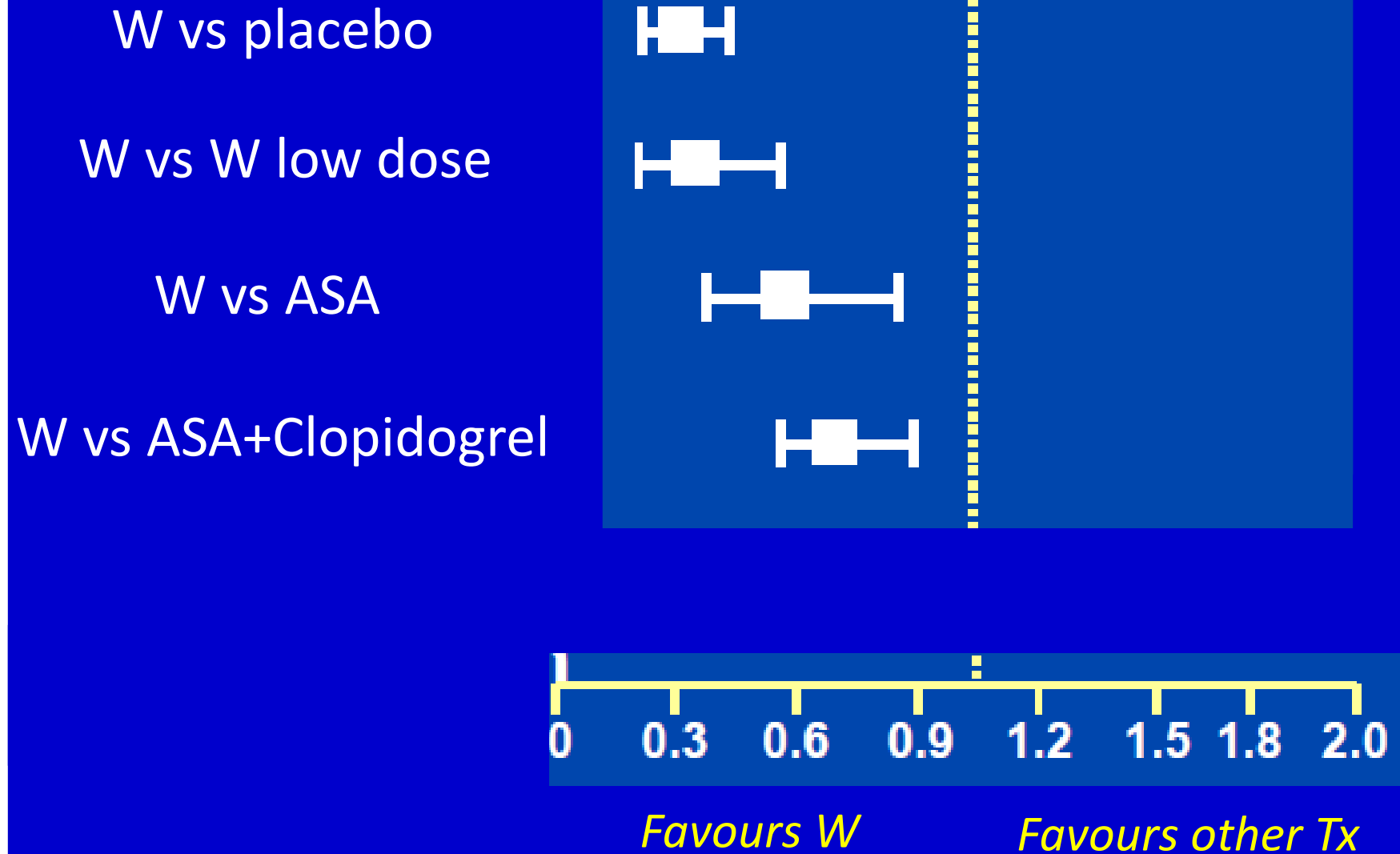
SPINAF, 1992 (7)

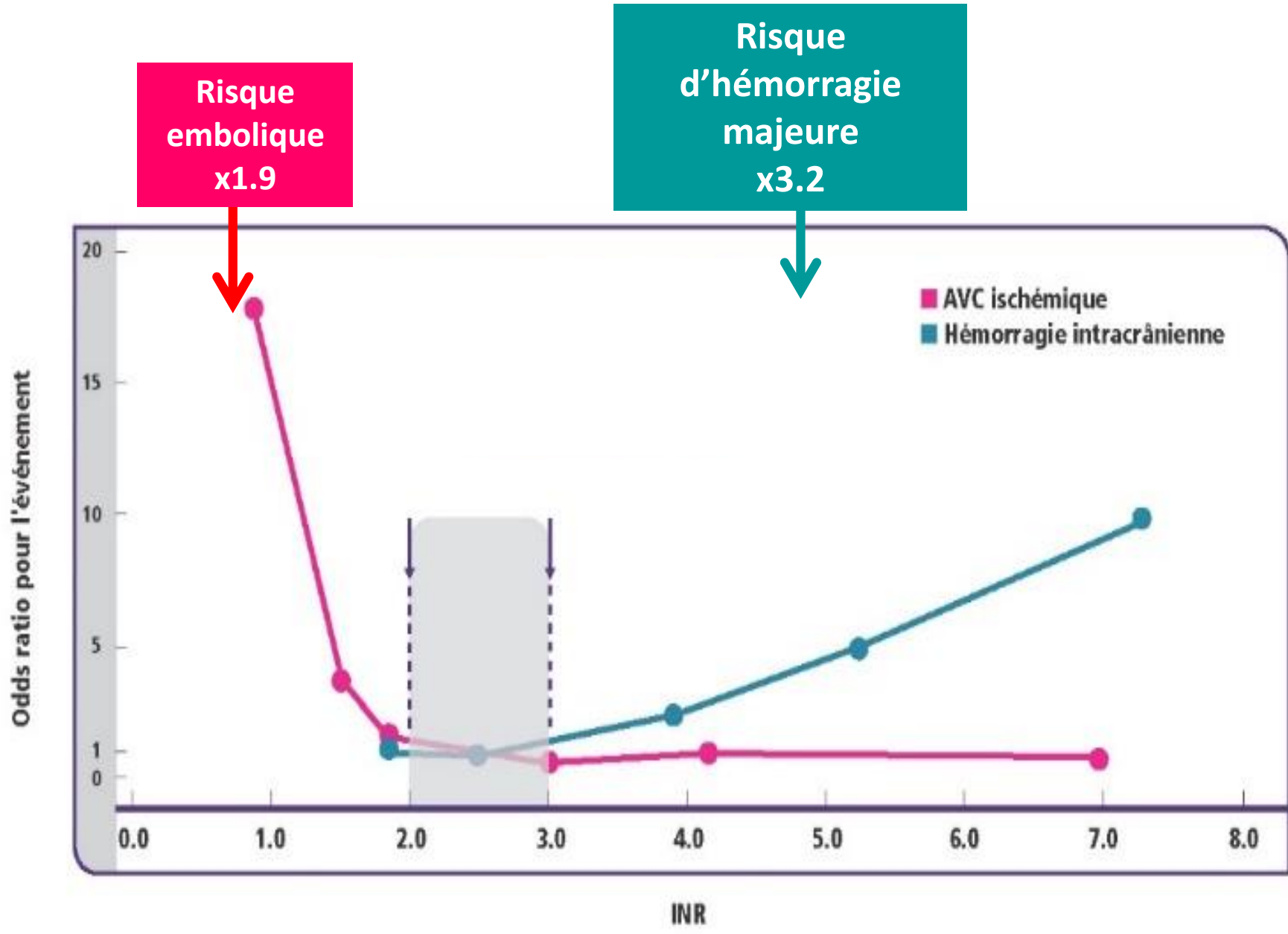
EAFT, 1993 (8)

All trials (n = 6)

### Relative Risk Reduction (95% CI)

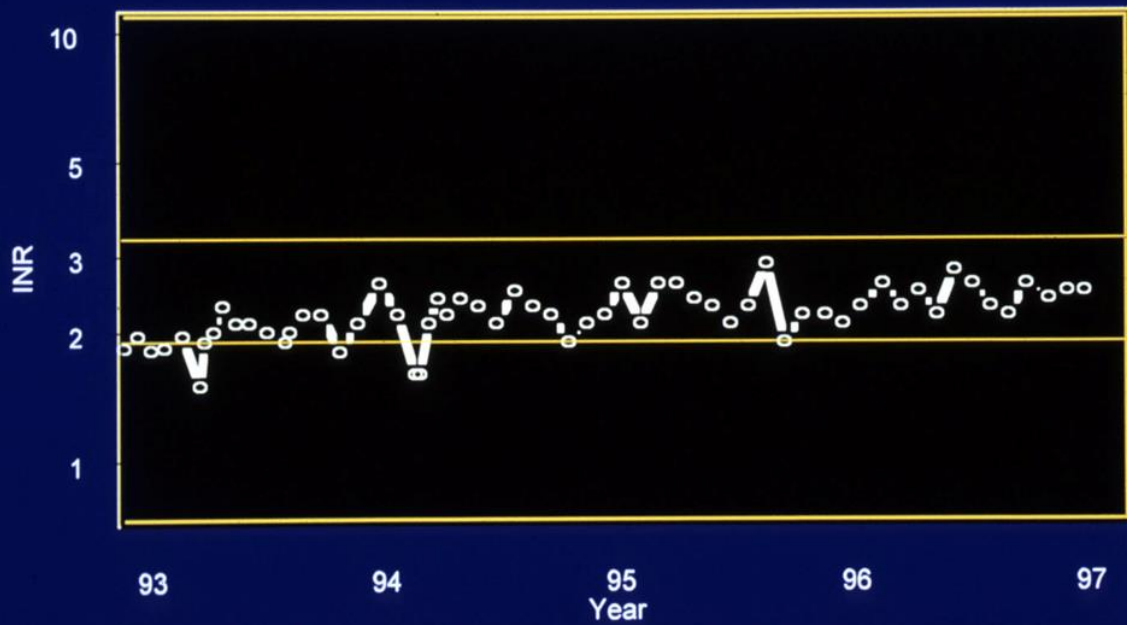




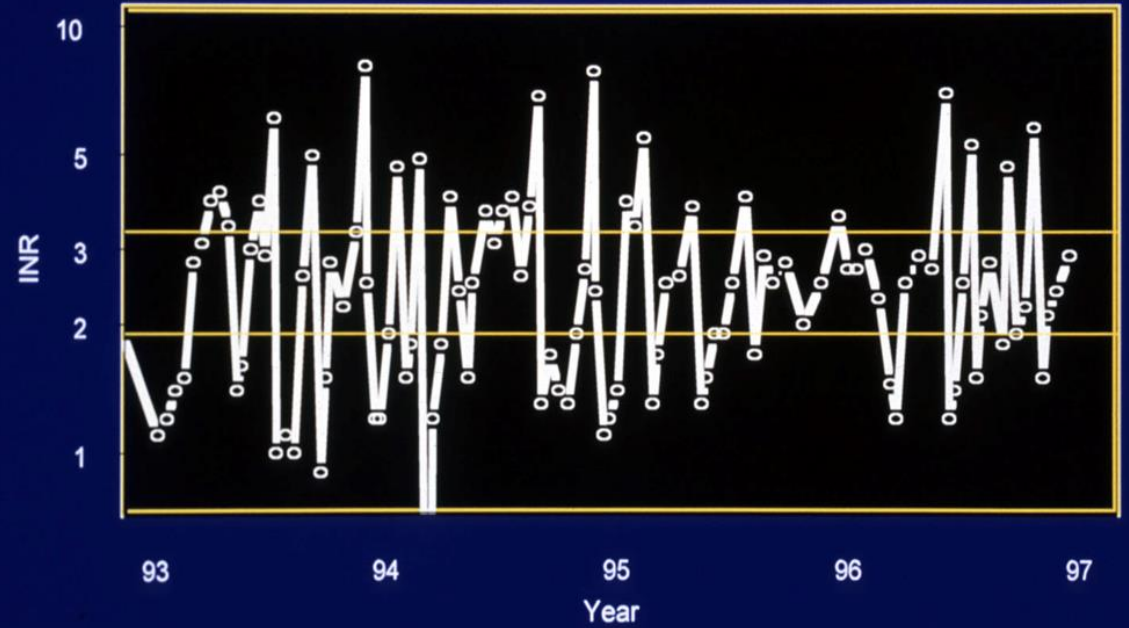


## Stabilité – Instabilité de l'INR sous AVK

sigma = 0.09



sigma = 0.56



**Anticoagulants** : responsables de **31%** des cas d'accidents iatrogènes graves<sup>\*\*</sup>  
au 1er rang des médicaments responsables !

**AVK** : 12,3% des hospitalisations pour effet indésirable médicamenteux (1ère cause d'hospitalisation)

**AVK** : 5000 à 6000 accidents hémorragiques mortels/an

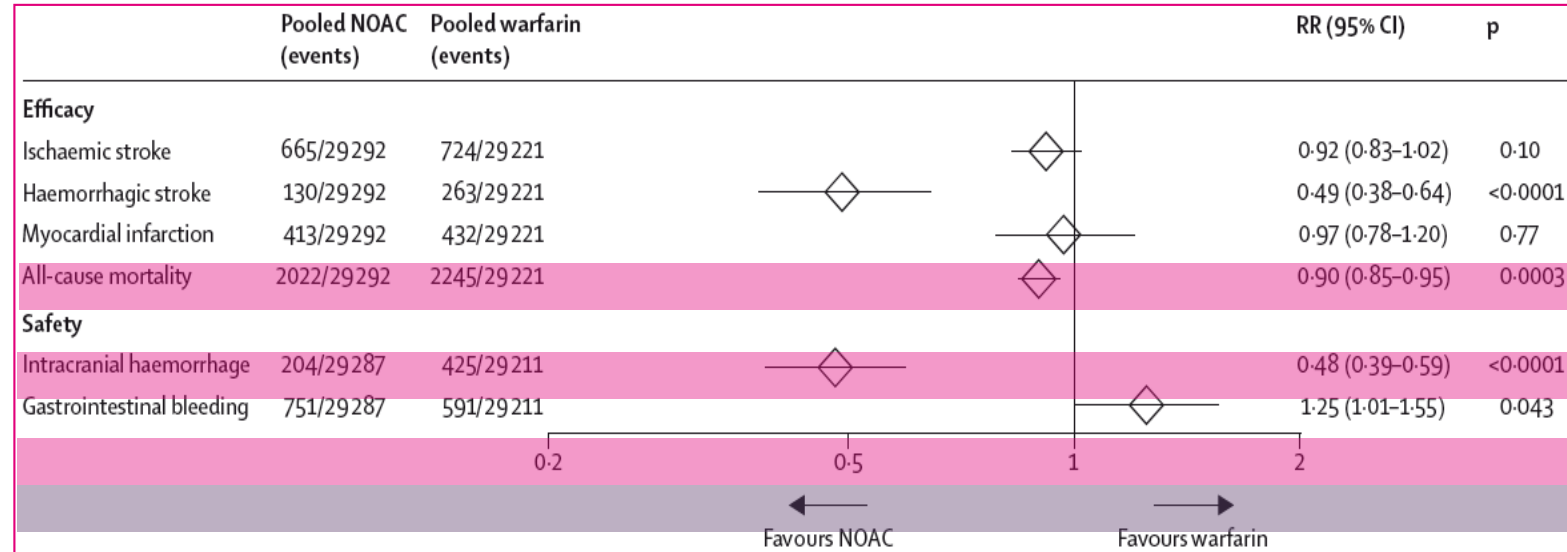
\* [www.ansm.sante.fr](http://www.ansm.sante.fr) : Les anticoagulants en France en 2014 : état des lieux, synthèse et surveillance.

\*\* Étude Nationale sur les Événements Indésirables graves liés aux Soins. DREES. Études et Résultats n° 398, mai 2005 et Série Étude et Recherche n° 110, septembre 2011

# AOD et sécurité d'emploi

Méta-analyse RE-LY, Rocket AF, ARISTOTLE et ENGAGE AF-TIMI 48 :

**71 683 patients inclus**



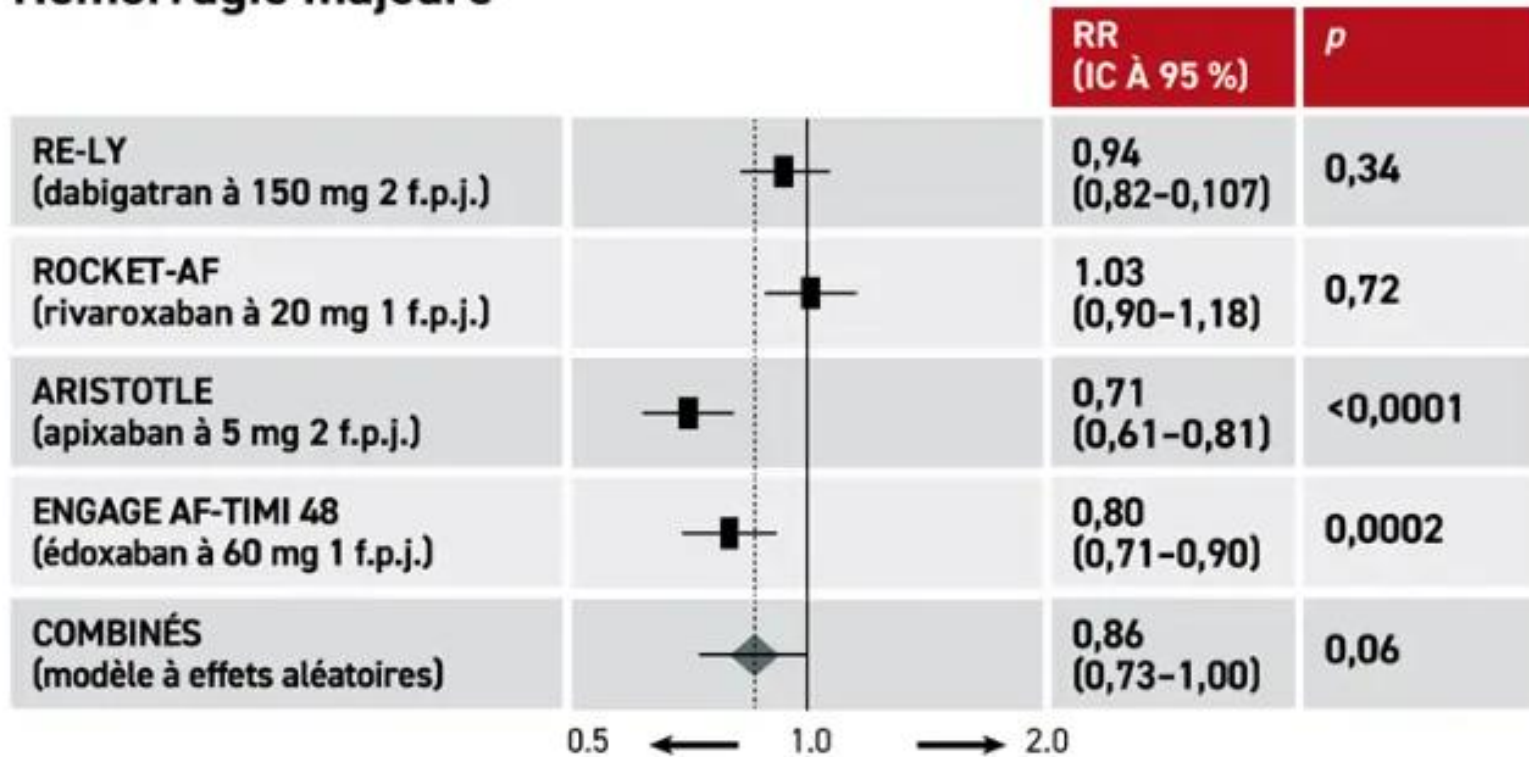
**Réduction de 52 % des hémorragies IC vs AVK**

**Réduction de 10 % des décès toutes causes**

**Augmentation de 25 % des hémorragies gastro-intestinales vs AVK**

# Les NACO, aussi sûrs que la warfarine pour ce qui est du risque relatif d'hémorragie

## Méta-analyse sur l'efficacité des NACO vs celle de la warfarine : Hémorragie majeure



À l'avantage du NACO    À l'avantage de la warfarine

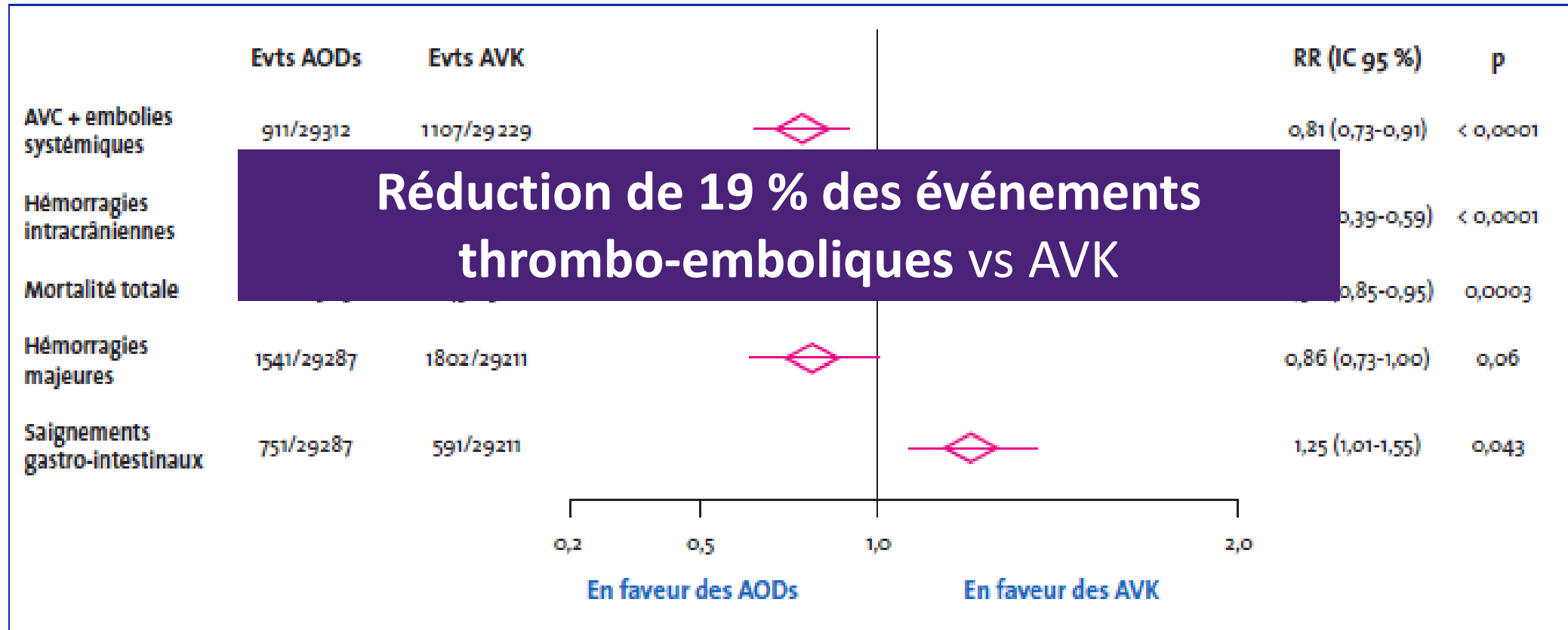
Les données sont exprimées en n/N, à moins d'indication contraire.

Hétérogénéité :  $I^2 = 83\%$ ;  $p = 0,001$ . NACO : nouvel anticoagulant oral (anticoagulant pour voie orale qui n'est pas un antagoniste de la vitamine K); RR = risque relatif.

# AOD et évènements thrombo-emboliques

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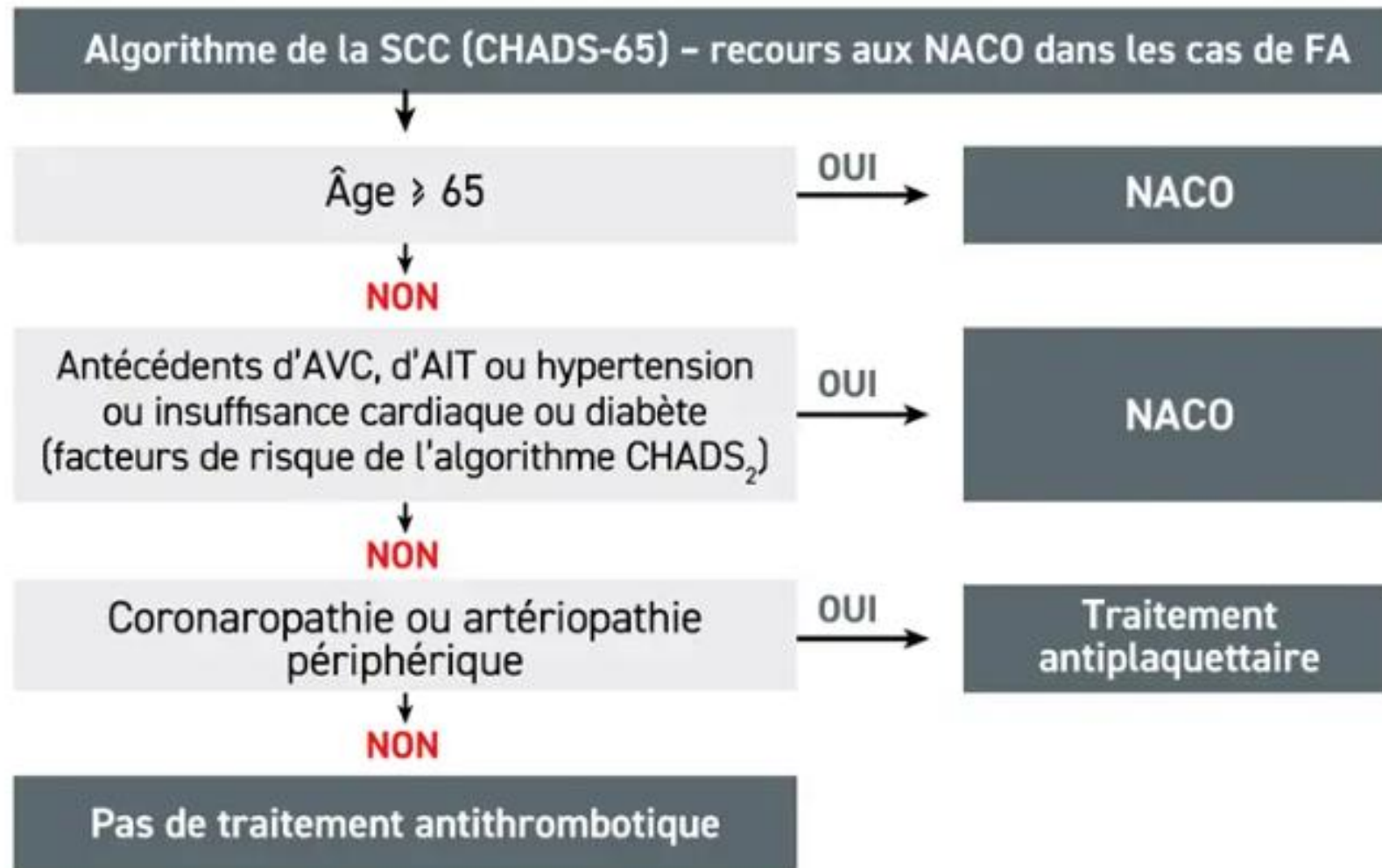


# Recommendations for the prevention of thromboembolic events in AF (1)

Recommendations	Class	Level
For stroke prevention in AF patients who are eligible for OAC, NOACs are recommended in preference to VKAs (excluding patients with mechanical heart valves or moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis).	I	A
For stroke risk assessment, a risk-factor-based approach is recommended, using the CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc clinical stroke risk score to initially identify patients at 'low stroke risk' (CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score = 0 in men, or 1 in women) who should not be offered antithrombotic therapy.	I	A
OAC is recommended for stroke prevention in AF patients with CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score ≥2 in men or ≥3 in women.	I	A

Les lignes directrices de la SCC recommandent les NACO de préférence à la warfarine pour la plupart des patients atteints de FA

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# Effets des traitements selon le schéma 4S-AF

The 4S-AF scheme	EORP-AF General Long-Term Registry	APHRS AF registry
Treatment	Risk of mortality HR (95% CI)	Composite risk of ischemic stroke/SEE, heart failure, ACS, significant CAD requiring coronary intervention and mortality OR (95% CI)
(St = 1) Anticoagulation therapy	↓ 27% 0.73 (0.54-0.98)	↓ 43% 0.57 (0.38-0.84)
(Sy = 2) Rhythm control during follow-up	↓ 78% 0.22 (0.09-0.54)	↓ 74% 0.26 (0.03-1.95)
(Su ≥ 1) Risk factor management	↓ 17% 0.83 (0.66-1.05)	↓ 62% 0.38 (0.16-0.94)
All 4S-AF domains treated	↓ 29% 0.71 (0.55-0.92)	↓ 62% 0.38 (0.23-0.65)

# Impacts de l'adhésion au parcours ABC sur les résultats cliniques chez les patients atteints de FA

## Adherence with ABC pathway for holistic and integrated AF care

- **All-cause death**  
OR 0.42, 95%CI 0.31-0.56

**-58%**

- **Cardiovascular Death**  
OR 0.37, 95%CI 0.23-0.58

**-63%**

- **Ischemic Stroke**  
OR 0.55, 95%CI 0.37-0.82

**-45%**

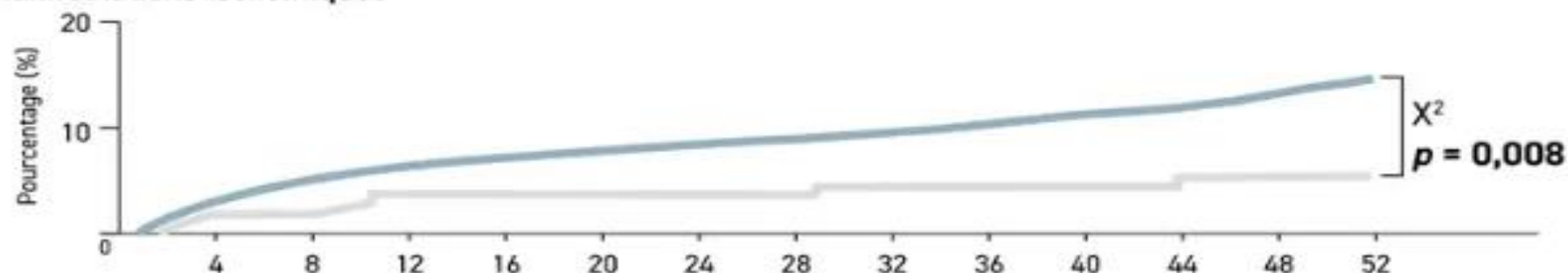
- **Major Bleeding**  
OR 0.69, 95%CI 0.51-0.94

**-31%**

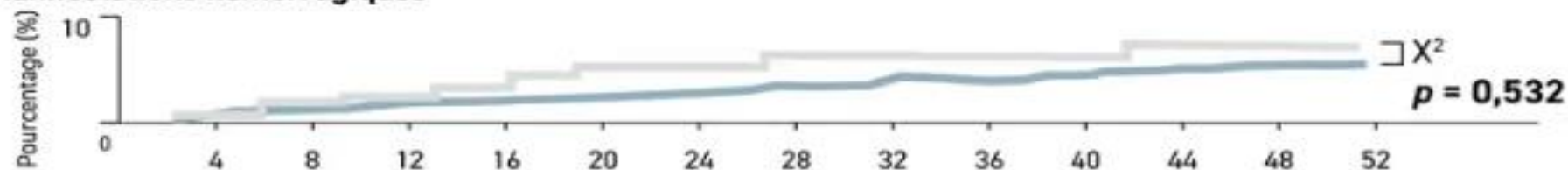


# Lien entre la reprise de l'administration des NACO après une HC associée à ces agents et une raréfaction des manifestations ischémiques et une prolongation de la survie

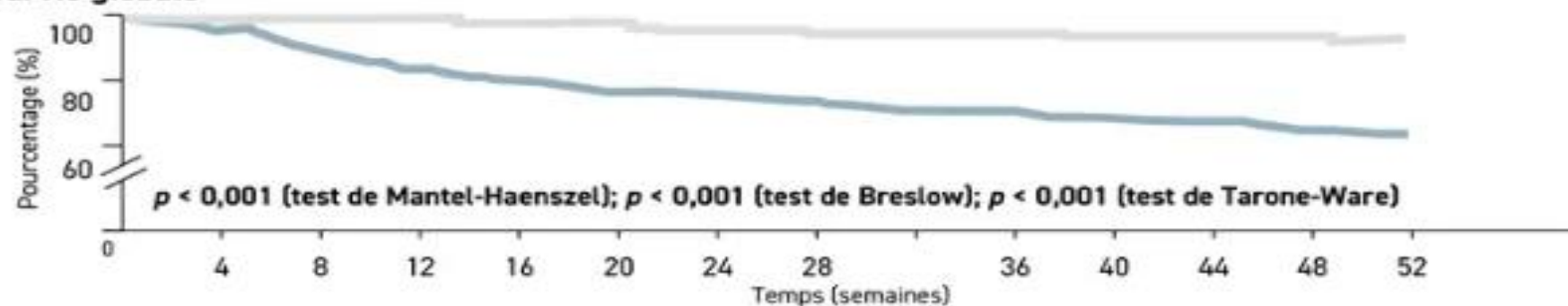
## Manifestations ischémiques



## Manifestations hémorragiques



## Survie globale



■ Pas de reprise des NACO    ■ Reprise des NACO



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