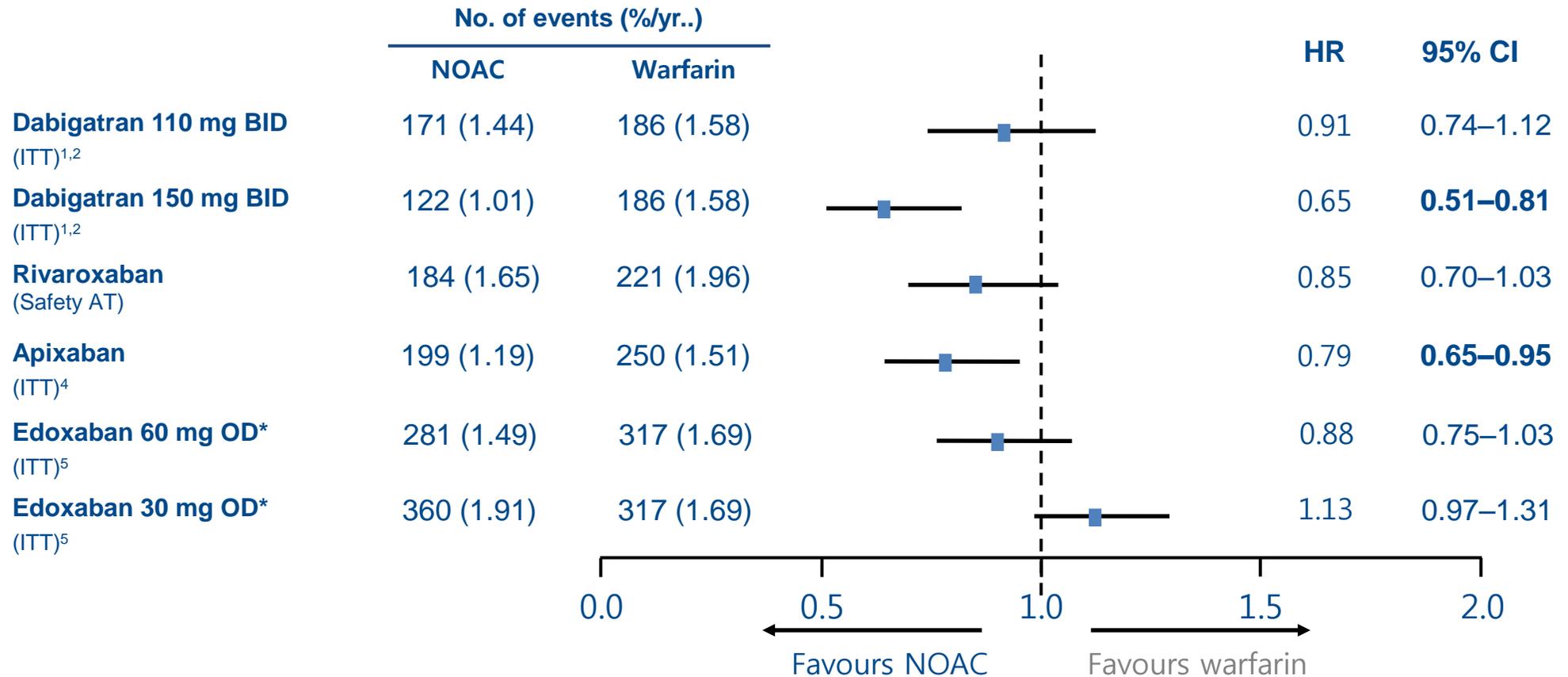


# **New Options for Anticoagulation Reversal: A Practical Approach**

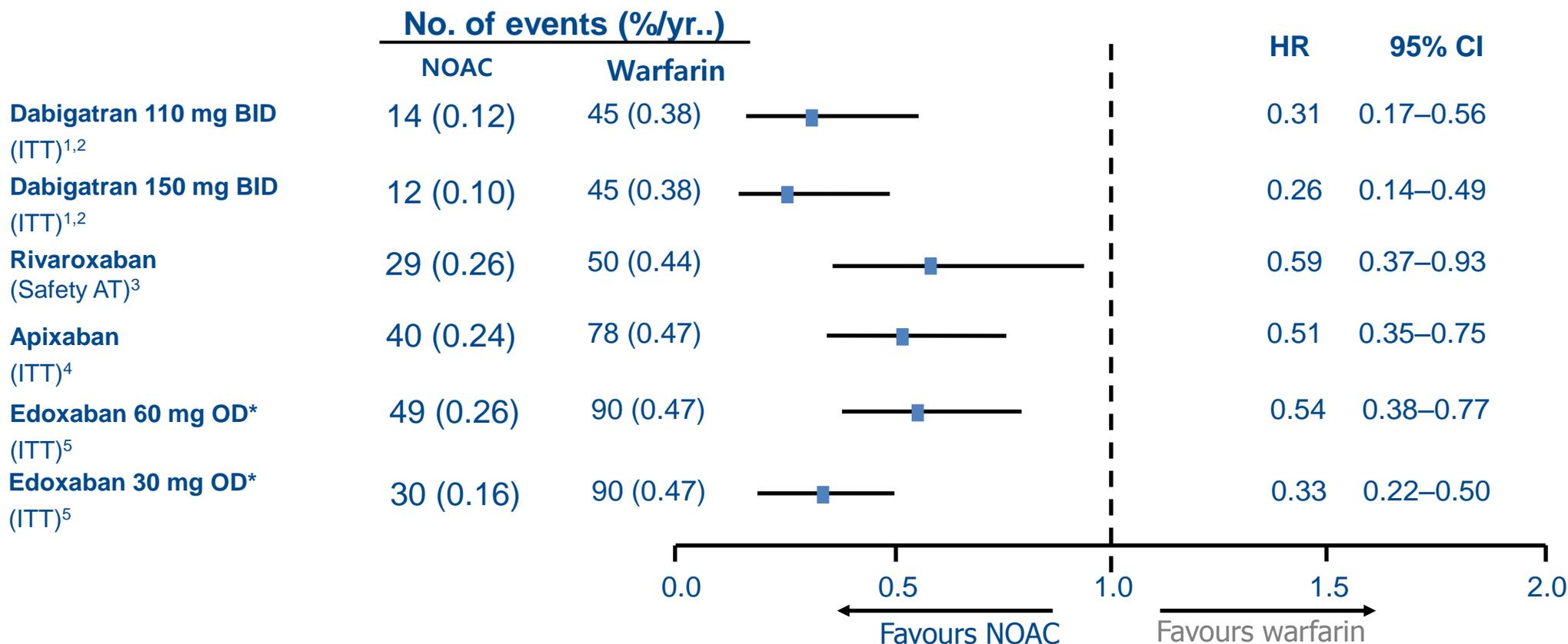
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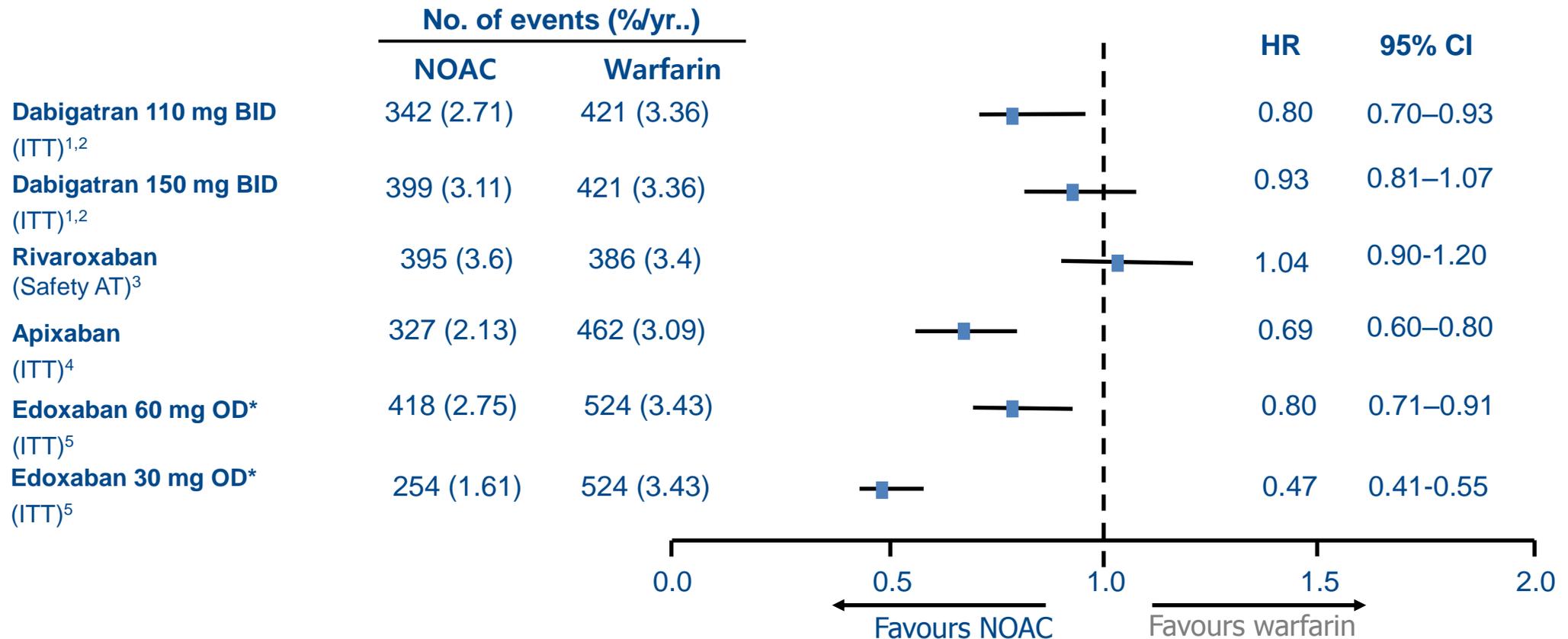
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# 4 NOACs – Major bleedings



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# Limitations of NOACs

- **Less clinical experience with NOACs**
  - vs. 60 years of warfarin experience
- **Measurement issues**
  - Not widely available in clinical settings
    - ECT, DTT - Dabigatran
    - Anti-Factor Xa – Rivaroxaban or Apixaban
- **No established reversal agents**
  - Lack of guidance in emergency surgery or major bleeding due to NOAC use

# Candidates for reversal agents

- Patients presenting with bleeding
  - Life-threatening bleeding (eg, intracranial)
  - Critical organ or closed-space bleeding (eg, pericardial, retroperitoneal)
  - Ongoing bleeding despite measures to control bleeding
  
- Patients at high risk bleeding
  - Requiring emergent/urgent procedure
  - Expected long delay in spontaneous restoration of normal hemostasis (eg, over-anticoagulation, renal failure)

# Key milestones

**IDARUCIZUMAB**

2008 onwards

**INITIAL IDEA**

2009 onwards

**PRECLINICAL AND  
PHASE I TESTING**

2014 onwards



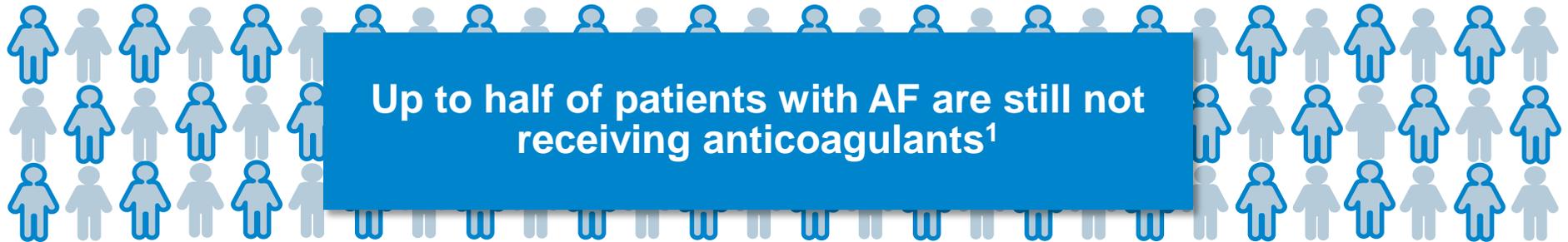
**RE-VERSE AD™**

Study of reversal effects of idarucizumab  
in patients on active dabigatran

2015 onwards

**REGULATORY  
APPROVAL and WIDE  
AVAILABILITY**

# Reversal agents for NOACs may encourage appropriate stroke prevention in patients with AF



Cardiac Safety Research Consortium



**U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

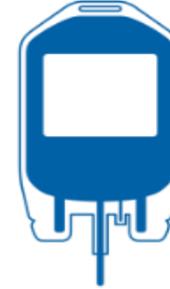
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‘The availability of specific reversal agents for the NOACs would improve the confidence of clinicians and patients in these new agents and encourage an increase in appropriate stroke preventive therapy for patients with NVAF’<sup>1</sup>

## Rapid reversal of the anticoagulant effects of NOACs may be required in certain emergency situations



**Emergency  
surgery**

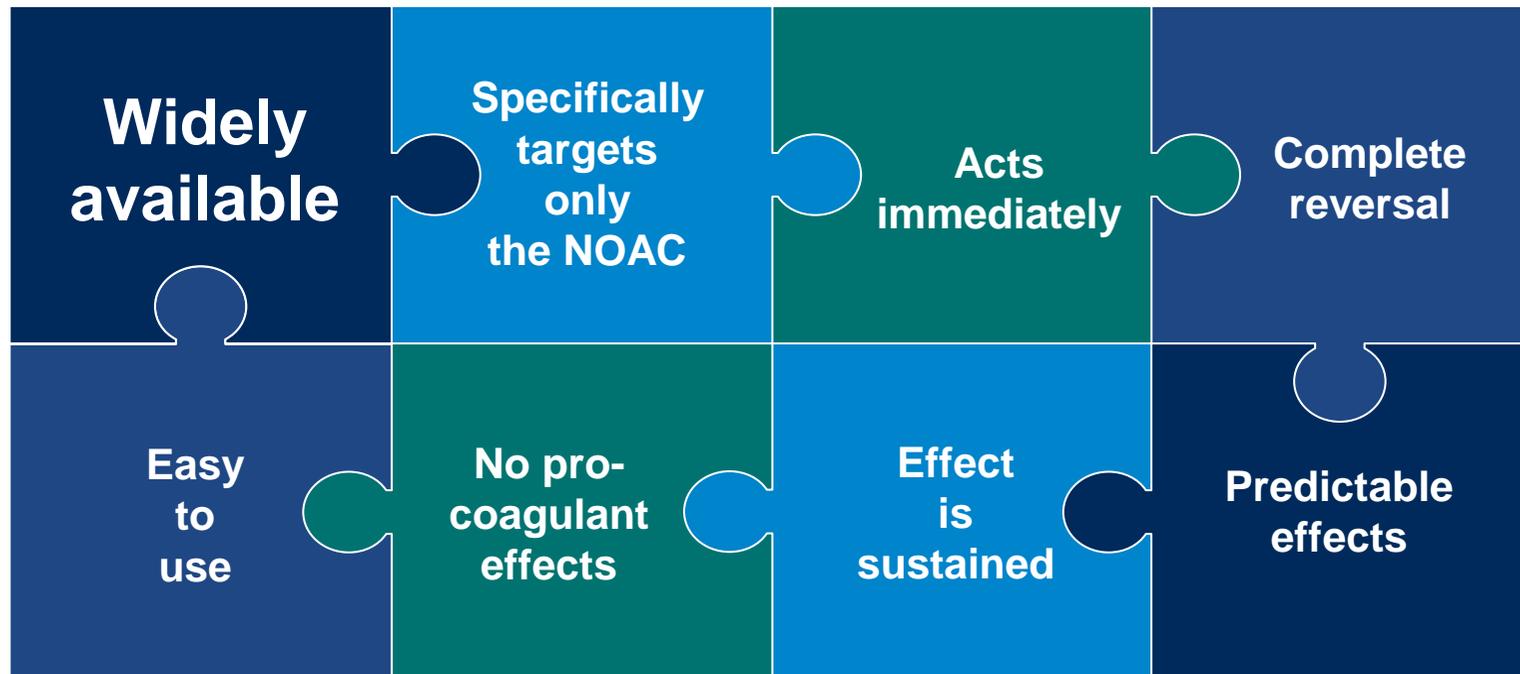


**Uncontrolled  
bleeding**

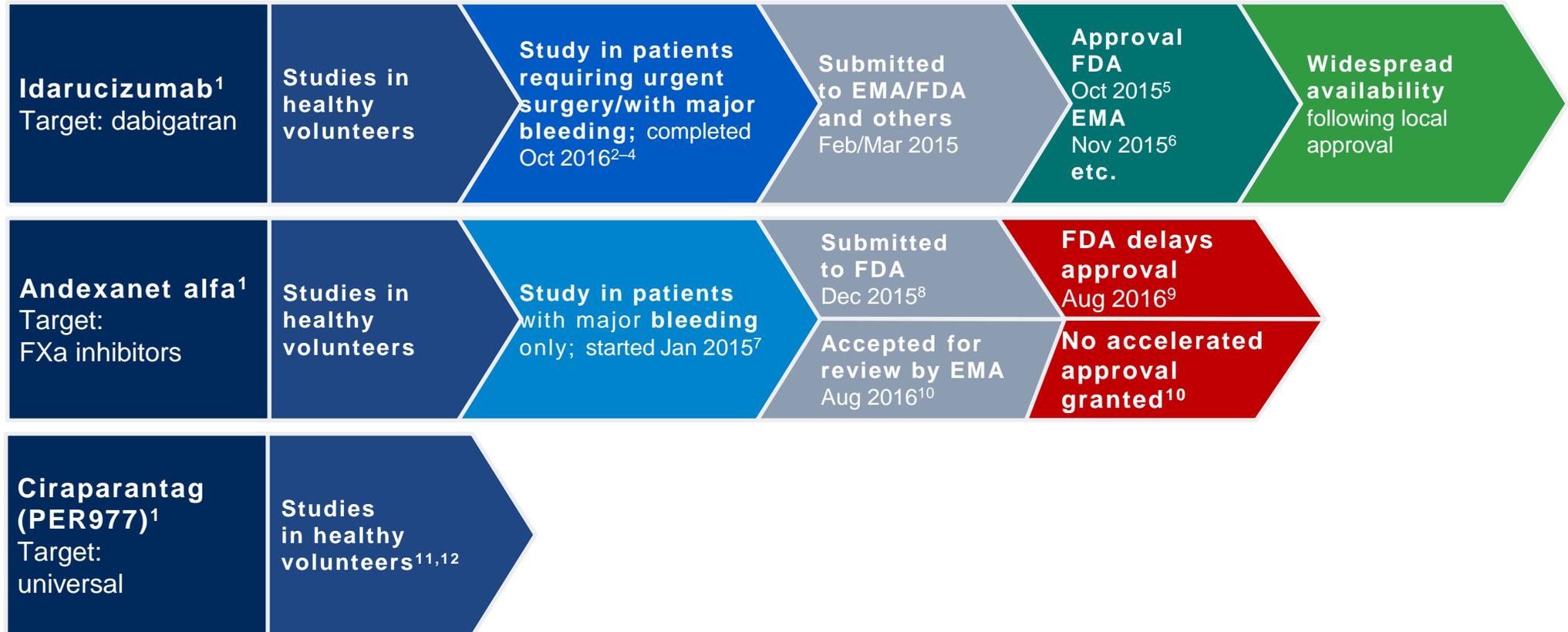
**A specific reversal agent could take the NOAC  
out of the equation in these situations**

While a specific reversal agent could remove the anticoagulant effect, other measures (e.g. surgery, fluid replacement) would still be required to correct the underlying cause of the bleed and its consequences

# What are the characteristics of an ideal reversal agent?

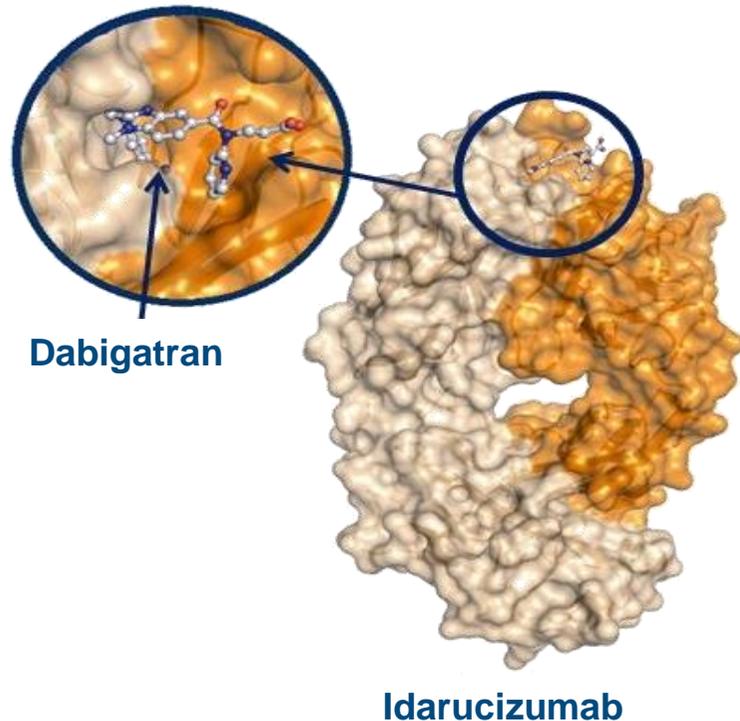


# Idarucizumab is the only approved and widely available NOAC reversal agent



1. Greinacher A et al. Thromb Haemost 2015; 2. Pollack C et al. N Engl J Med 2015; 3. Pollack C et al. Thromb Haemost 2015; 4. Boehringer Ingelheim, data on file; 5. US FDA 2015 press release, 16 October 2015; 6. European Commission Community Register of Medicinal Products for Human Use 2015; 7. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02329327; 8. Portola Pharmaceuticals press release, 18 Dec 2015; 9. Portola Pharmaceuticals press release, 17 August 2016; 10. Portola Pharmaceuticals press release, 19 August 2016; 11. Ansell JE et al. N Engl J Med 2014; 12. Ansell JE et al. Thromb Res 2016

# Idarucizumab was designed as a specific reversal agent for the anticoagulant activity of dabigatran



Humanized antibody fragment (Fab)

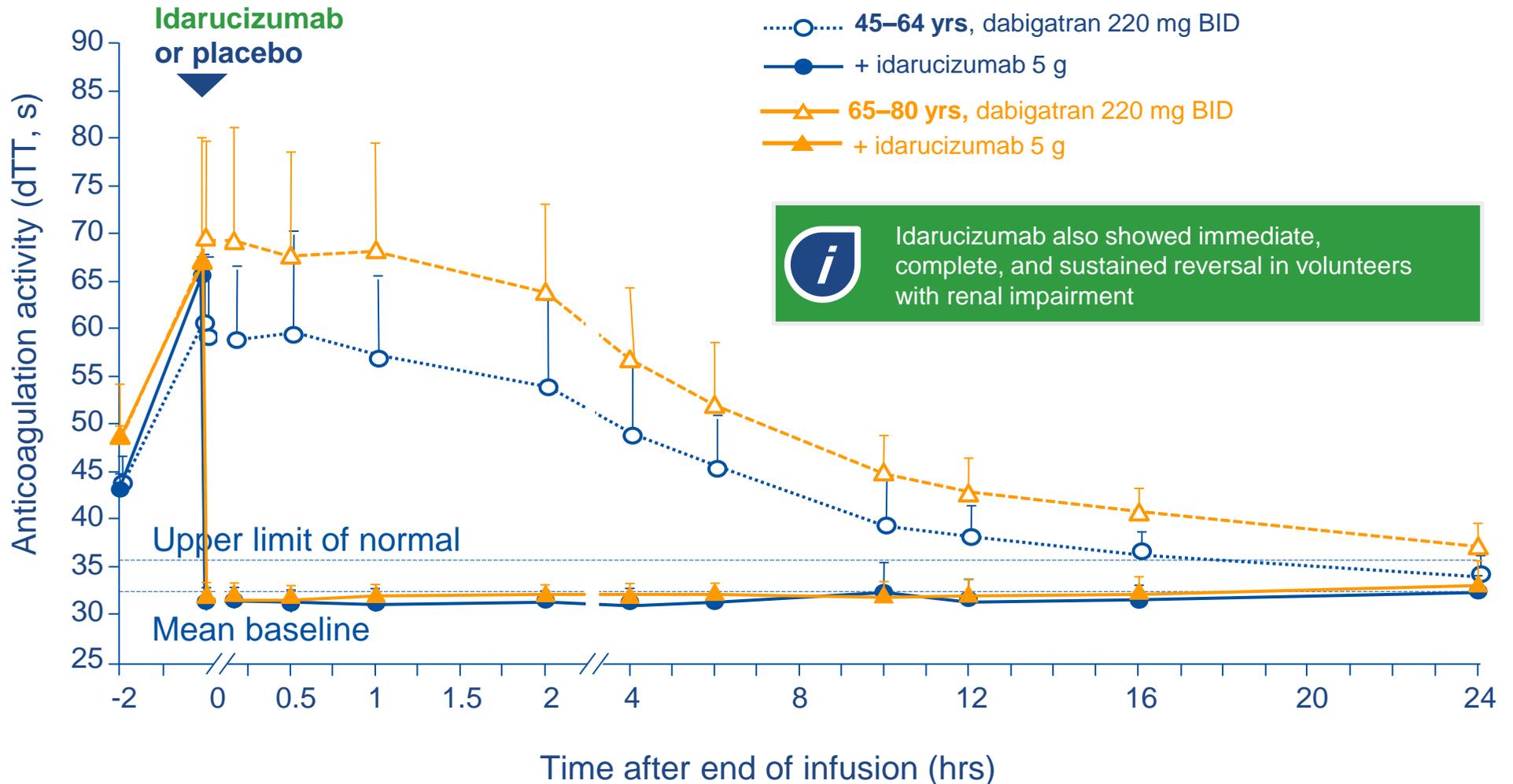
Binding affinity for dabigatran  $\sim 350\times$  higher than dabigatran to thrombin, resulting in essentially irreversible binding

Immediate onset of action

No intrinsic procoagulant or anticoagulant activity

Idarucizumab–dabigatran complex is eliminated in a few hours

# Idarucizumab provided immediate, complete, and sustained reversal of dabigatran anticoagulation in volunteers



## Idarucizumab was well tolerated across subject groups



No drug-related AEs reported in total >200 volunteers



No AEs indicative of immunogenic reactions



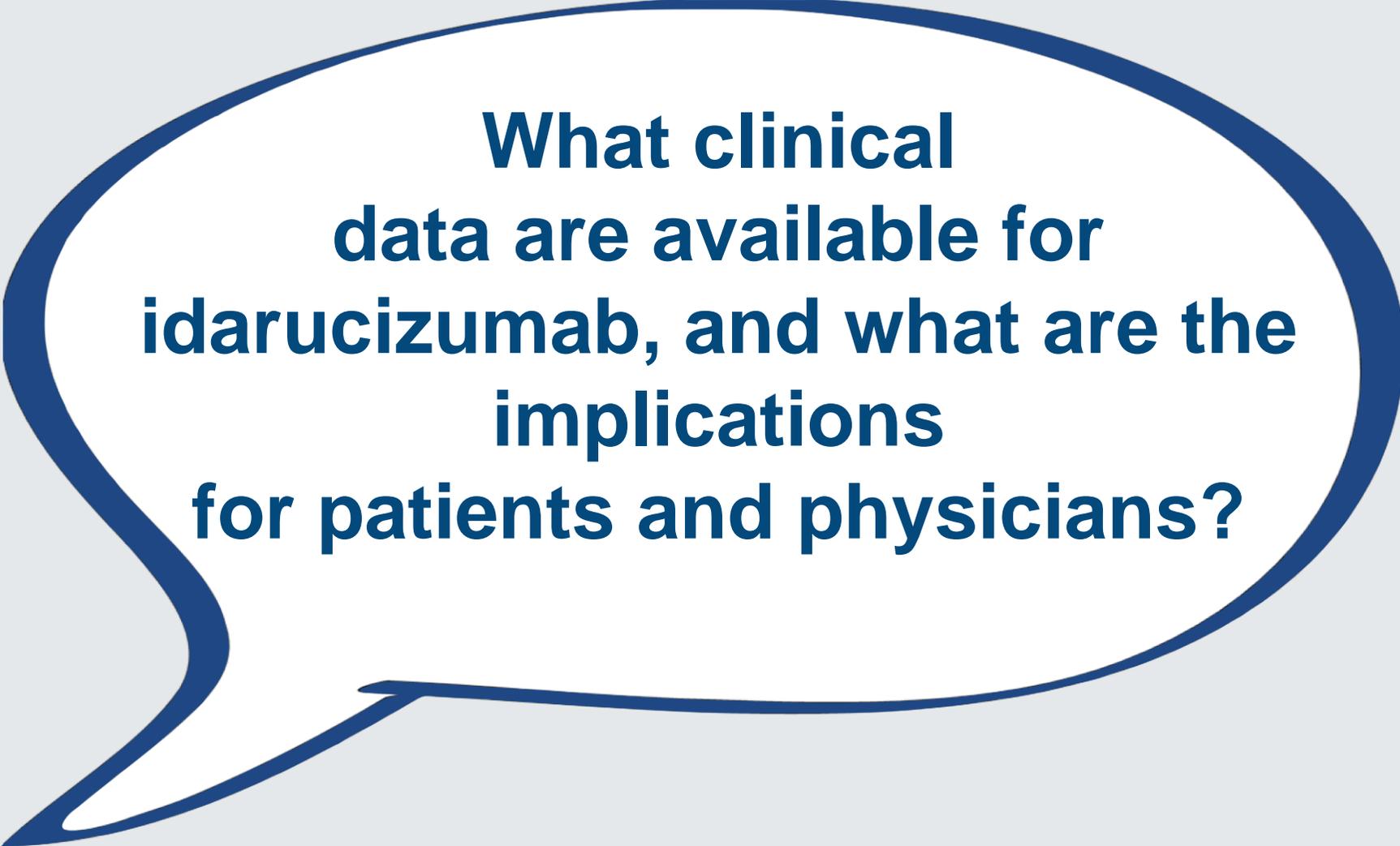
AEs and local tolerability reactions similar for placebo and active treatment



No relevant changes in any of the investigated safety parameters

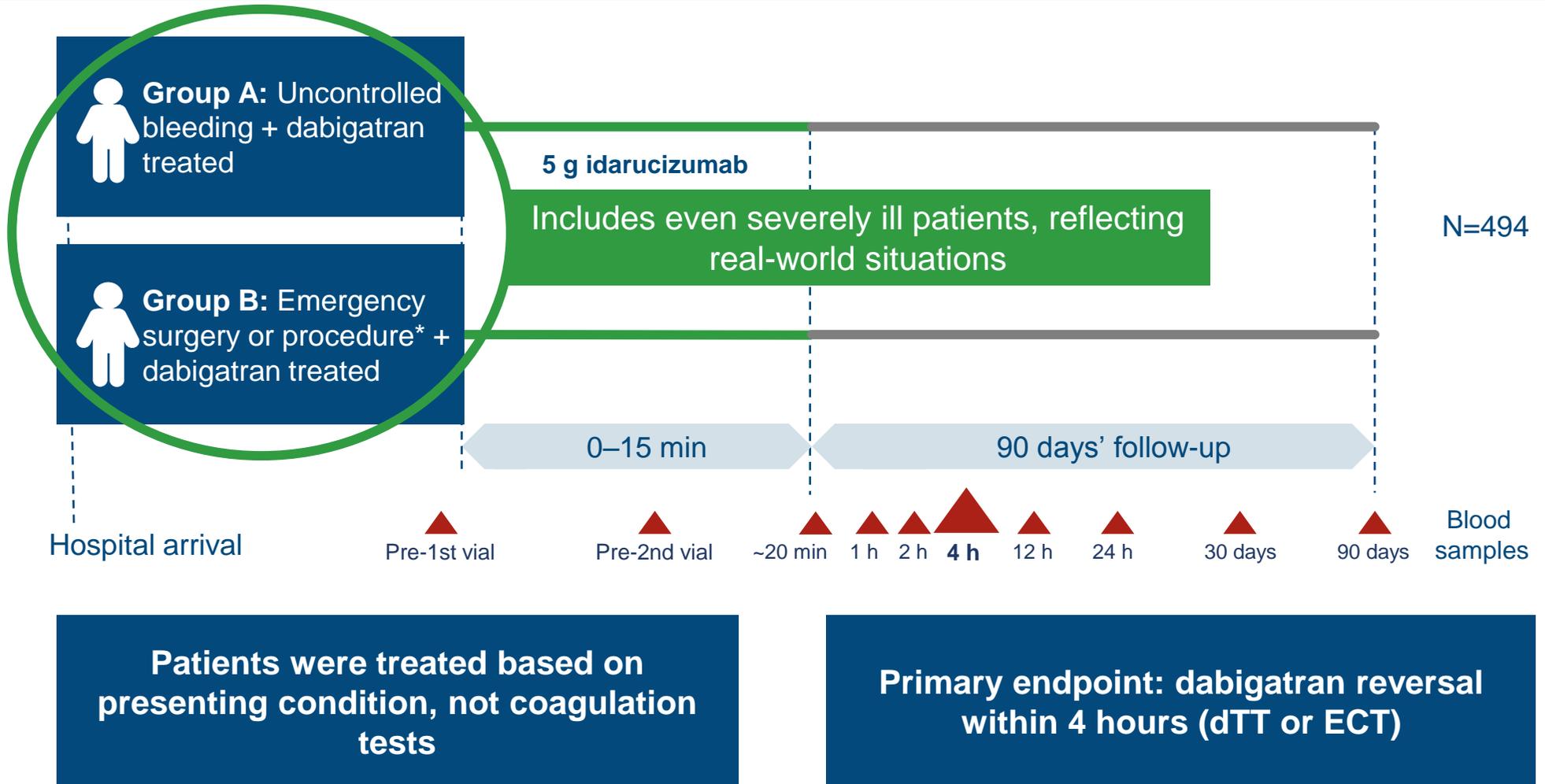


No procoagulant effects



**What clinical  
data are available for  
idarucizumab, and what are the  
implications  
for patients and physicians?**

# RE-VERSE AD™ is a multicentre, open-label, single-arm Phase III trial



\*Other than for bleeding.

dTT, diluted thrombin time; ECT, ecarin clotting time

Pollack C et al. AHA 2016; Pollack C et al. Thromb Haemost 2015

## Group B results: reasons for surgery

**Acute renal failure**

Aortic aneurysm repair

**Bone fracture**

Pericardiocentesis

Lumbar puncture

**Infection**

Heart transplant

**Pacemaker implant**

Emergent spinal surgery

**Acute abdomen**

Reperfusion for MI

**Other**

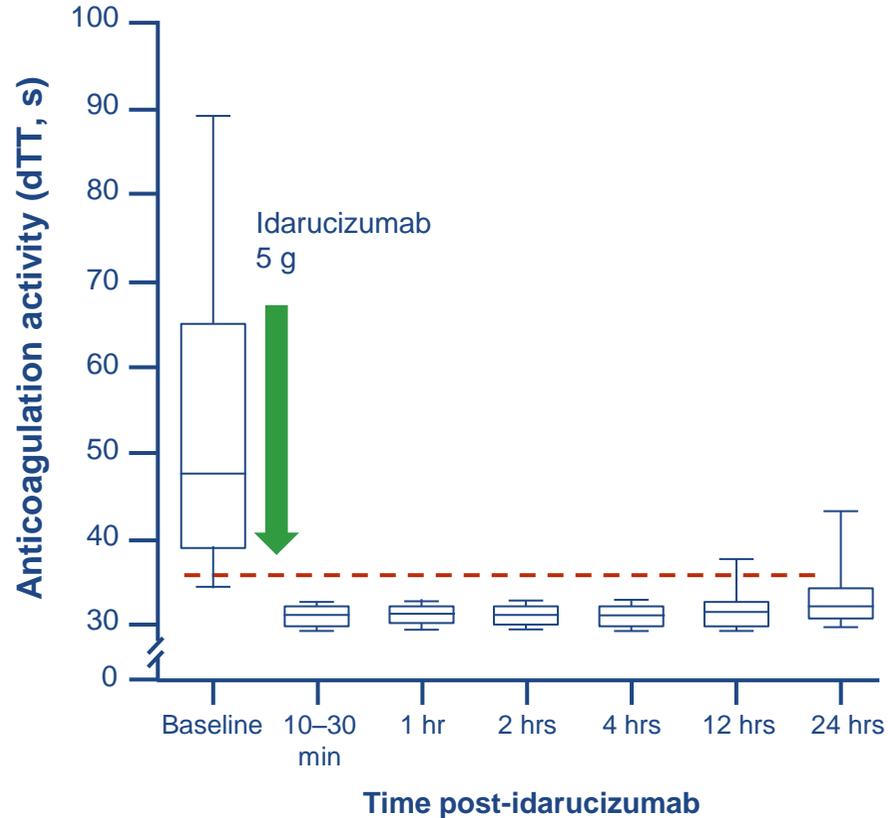
**ICH (surgical intervention)**

**Incarcerated hernia**

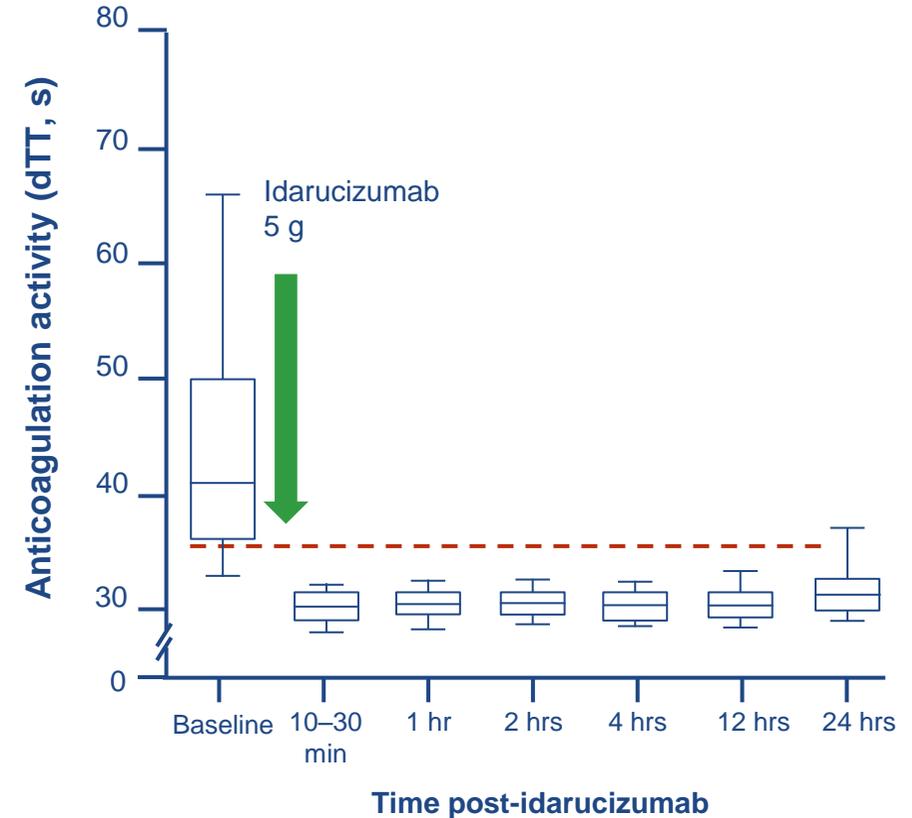
**Pneumothorax for tube thoracostomy**

# RE-VERSE AD™: reversal of dabigatran anticoagulation in Group A and B, based on dTT

**Group A: uncontrolled bleeding (N=298)**



**Group B: emergency surgery or procedure (N=196)**



▭ Median and 25th/75th percentiles

┆ 10th/90th percentiles

--- Assay upper limit of normal

dTT, diluted thrombin time

Adapted from Pollack C et al. AHA 2016

## RE-VERSE AD™: primary endpoint showed immediate reversal of dabigatran-mediated anticoagulation in the majority of patients

Median maximum reversal within 4 hours was 100% for both dTT and ECT (95% CI: 100–100)

dTT normalized within 4 hours in 235/238 patients (98.7%) in group A and 141/143 patients (98.6%) in group B\*

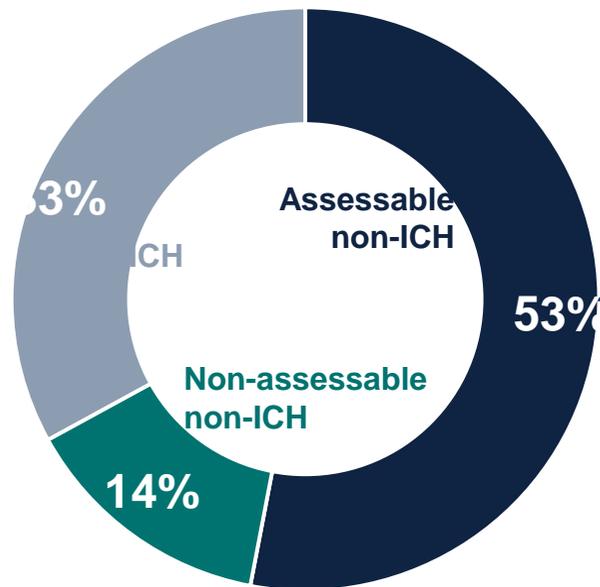
Similar results with ECT and central laboratory aPTT

\*Calculated for patients with elevated levels at baseline (efficacy population)  
aPTT, activated partial thromboplastin time; dTT, diluted thrombin time; ECT, ecarin clotting time  
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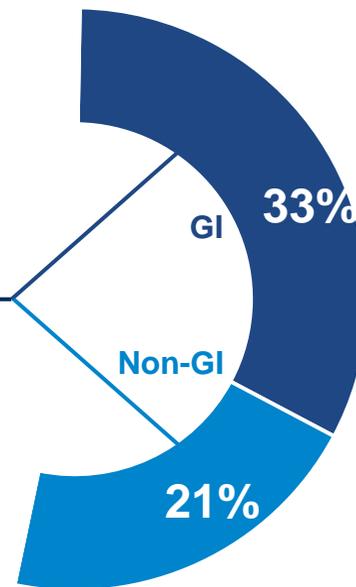
# Clinical results indicate rapid cessation of extracranial bleeding in Group A

## Group A

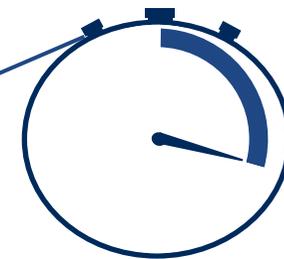
298 patients with bleeding type classed as:



The 158 assessable non-ICH bleeds were:



With a median time to bleeding cessation of:



3.5 hrs

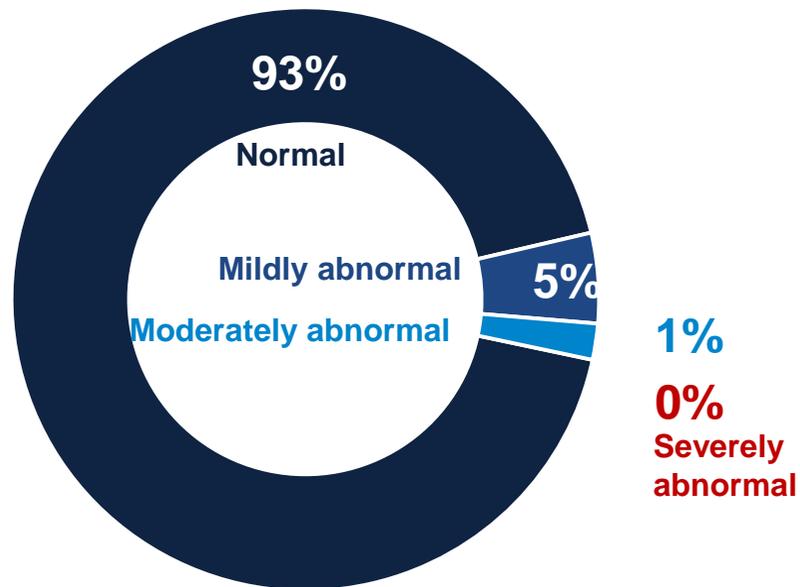


4.5 hrs

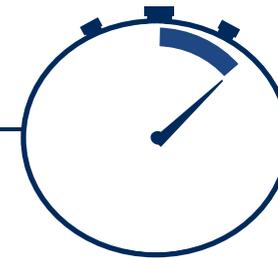
# Clinical results indicate mostly normal haemostasis during surgery in Group B

## Group B

191 of 196 (97.4%) patients underwent surgery/procedure with periprocedural haemostasis classed as:



Overall median time from first vial to procedure:



1.6 hrs

## Idarucizumab is easy to use and has no contraindications

Idarucizumab is indicated when rapid reversal of the anticoagulant effects of dabigatran is required for emergency surgery/urgent procedures or in life-threatening bleeding



# Idarucizumab can be used alongside other supportive therapy, and allows for anticoagulation to be resumed soon after administration

Allows protection against thrombotic risk to be resumed as soon as the need for surgery or the bleeding event has been addressed



FFP, fresh frozen plasma; PCC, prothrombin complex concentrate

\*If the patient is clinically stable and adequate haemostasis has been achieved

Praxbind®: EU SPC, 2015

# South Korea case – CNUH experience

- 84yr-old male patient
  - He has Hypertension, Presence of pacemaker, AF and liver Cirrhosis
  - Pradaxa 110mg BID for AF
  - Gum bleeding (uncontrolled bleeding)

# South Korea case – CNUH experience

## CBC

WBC 6700 /mm<sup>3</sup>  
Hgb 5.6 g/dL  
PLT 212 x10<sup>3</sup> /mm<sup>3</sup>

## Coagulation profile

PT 57.0/10.3/4.84 sec/%/INR  
aPTT: No coagulation (>180 sec)

## LFT

AST 11 U/L  
ALT <6 U/L

## Cardiac enzymes

TnT 0.045 ng/mL

## RFT and Electrolyte

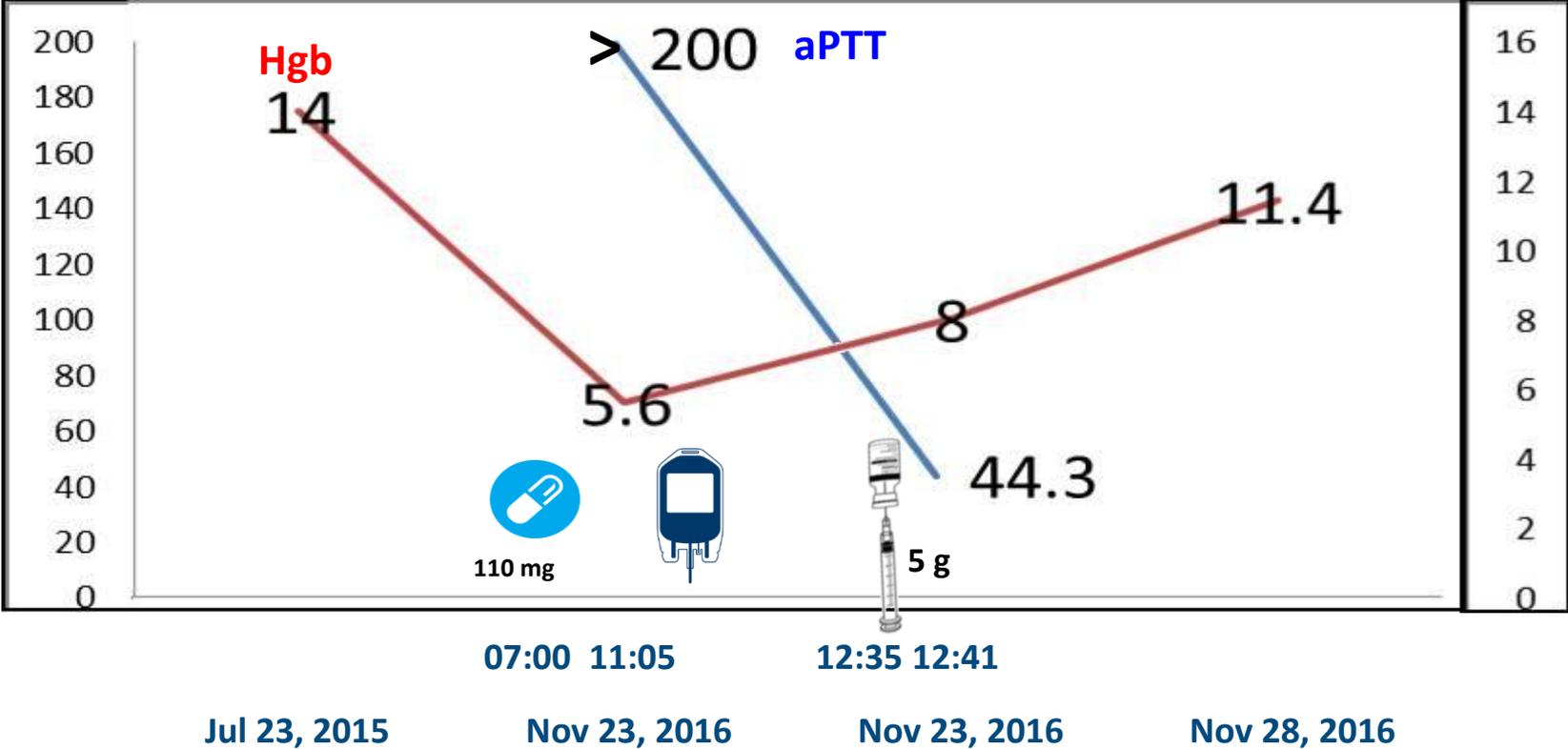
Cr 2.5 mg/dL  
Na/K 136/4.9/104 mEq/L

# South Korea case – CNUH experience

## Major Bleeding in Non-Surgical Patients

1. Fatal bleeding.
2. Symptomatic bleeding in a critical area or organ, such as **intracranial, intraspinal, intraocular, retroperitoneal, intraarticular or pericardial**, or intramuscular with **compartment syndrome**.
3. Bleeding causing a **fall in hemoglobin level of 2 g/dL** (1.24 mmol/L) or more, or leading to transfusion of **two or more units of whole blood or red cells**.

# South Korea case – CNUH experience



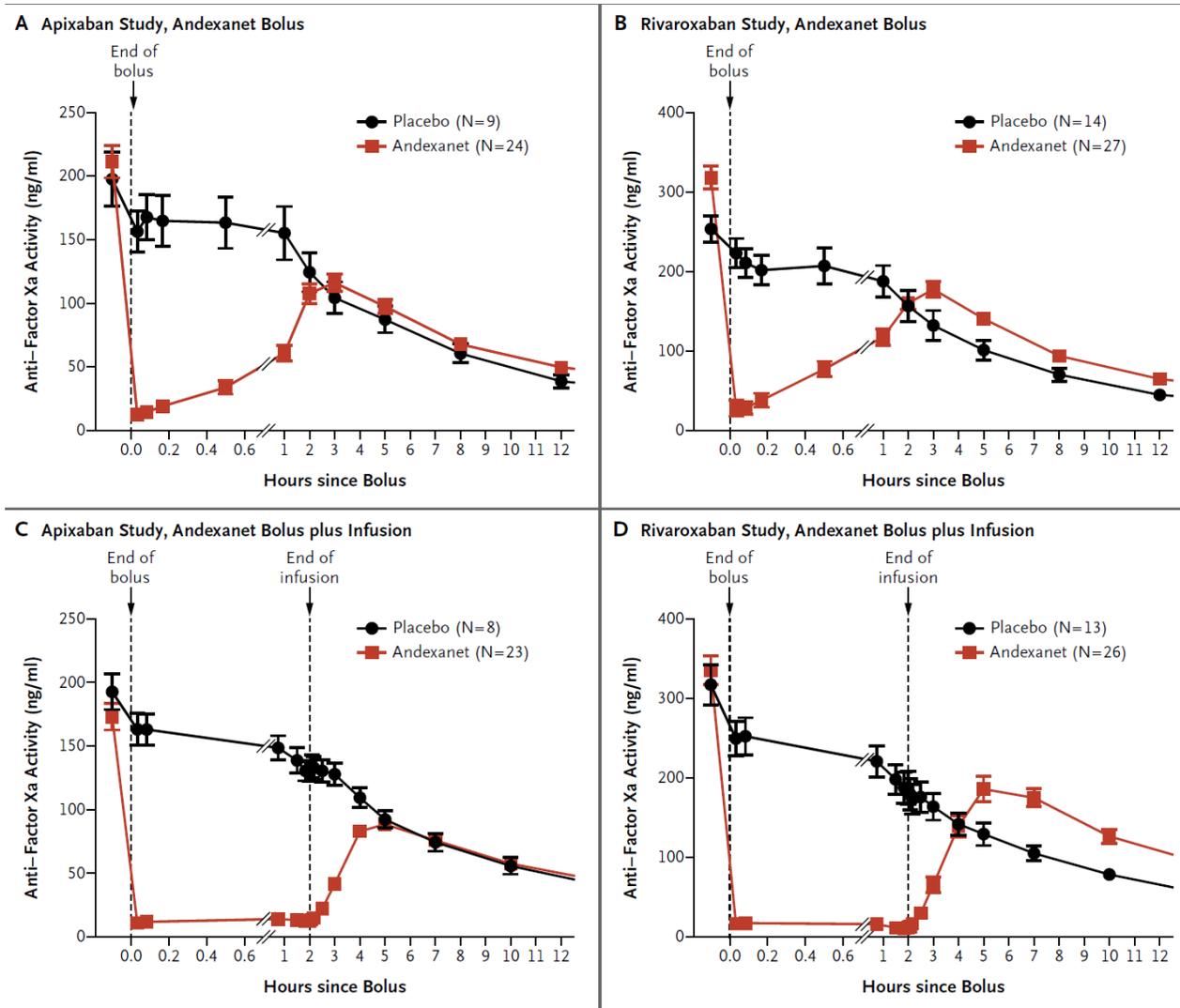
# Andexanet Alfa

- Recombinant modified human Factor Xa decoy protein
- Catalytically inactive
- Binds to Factor Xa inhibitors in their active site
- Enhances the activity of endogenous factor Xa and attenuates levels of anticoagulant activity
- Half life; - 1 hr

# Andexanet Alfa; ANNEXA-A and ANNEXA-R

- Anticoagulant effects of Fxa inhibitors Apixaban (ANNEXA-A) and Rivaroxaban (ANNEXA-R)
  - 2 parallel trials
- Study objective;
  - To determine the efficacy and safety of andexanet alfa for the reversal of anticoagulation with apixaban or rivaroxaban in older healthy volunteers

# Andexanet Alfa; ANNEXA-A and ANNEXA-R



# ANNEXA-4; Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Prospective, Open-Label Study of Andexanet Alfa in patients receiving a Factor Xa inhibitor who have acute major bleeding

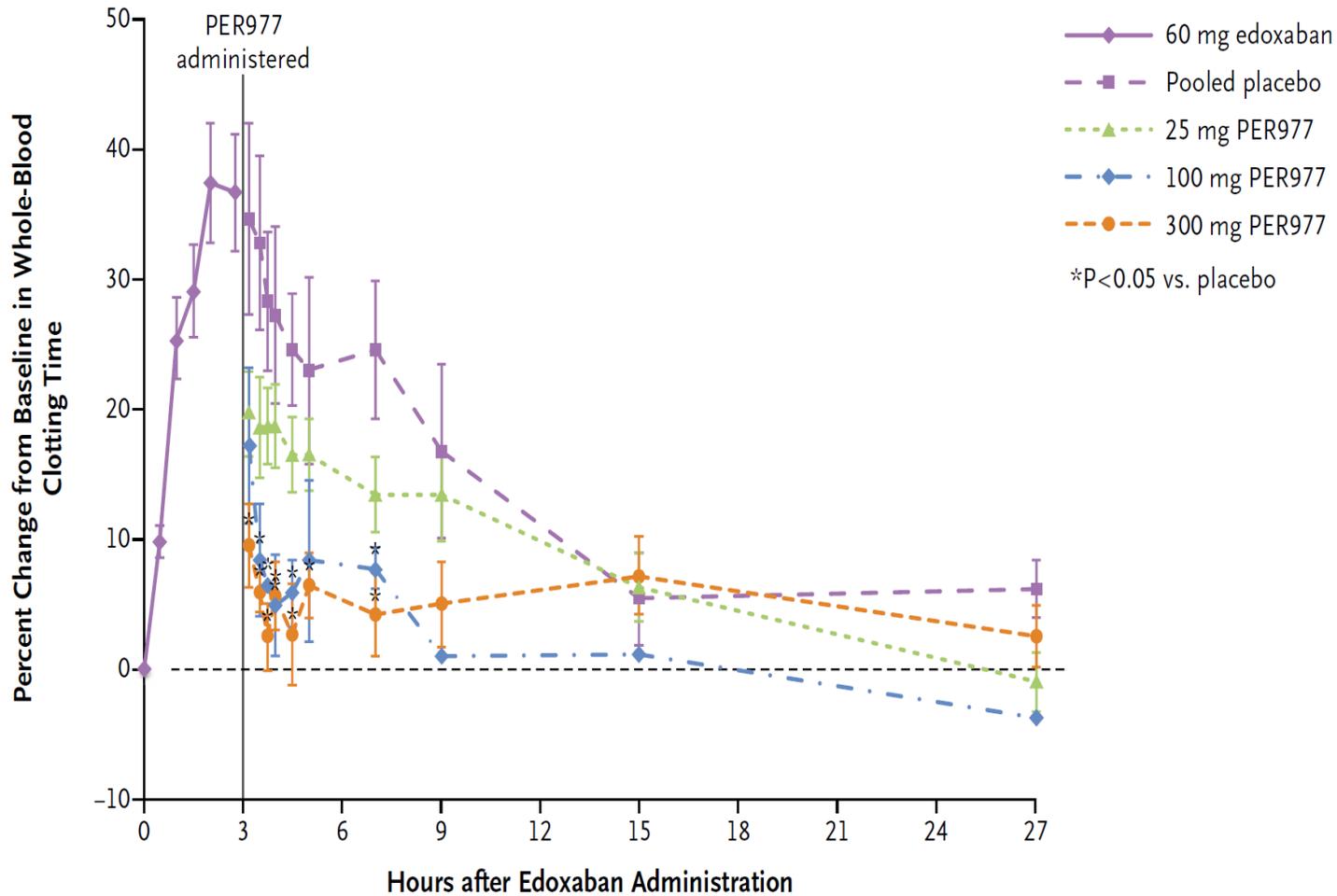
- Acute major bleeding that is
  - Potentially life-threatening or
  - Associated with a fall in Hb of  $\geq 2$  g/dL or
  - Associated with Hb of  $\leq 8$  g/dL or
  - In a critical area or organ
- Demonstrated ICH by MRI/CT
- Received factor Xa inhibitor within prior 18 hours

- Surgery expected in  $< 12$  hr, except minimally invasive procedures
- Intracerebral hemorrhage with
  - Glasgow coma score  $< 7$  or
  - Intracerebral hematoma  $> 60$  cc
- Expected history (within 2 ㅈ) of thrombotic event
- Severe sepsis or septic shock Received
- VKA, dabigatran, PCC, rFVIIa, whole blood, or plasma fractions

# Ciraparantag/Aripazine

<b>Structure</b>	<b>Synthetic small molecule</b>
Target	Direct Xa inhibitors, DTIs, UFH, LMWH (universal antidote)
Mechanism	Noncovalent hydrogen bind (exact mechanism unsure)
Current status	Phase 2 study ongoing

# Ciraparantag/Aripazine; reversal of edoxaban activity



# Summary I

**1**

**A specific reversal agent for dabigatran is now widely available in Europe, the USA, and other countries**

**2**

**Idarucizumab immediately reverses the anticoagulant activity of dabigatran and is easy to use**

**3**

**The availability of a specific reversal agent for dabigatran adds more control and is an important factor in NOAC choice**

# Summary II

- **Need for reversal agents expected to increase with**
  - Aging population (increased risk of AF and VTE)
  - Increase in uptake of NOACs
- **Reversal agents**
  - Idarucizumab currently available
  - Andexanet alfa in late stage development
  - Ciranparantag/aripazine in early stage development
- **Availability of reversal agents**
  - Reassures clinicians of starting OACs in high-risk patients