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# STROKEUPDATE

## AVC – Actualités thérapeutiques 2022

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## Séquelles après AVC : **la face cachée**



Paralysie et troubles des mouvements  
Troubles sensitifs  
Douleurs  
Trouble du langage  
Troubles visuels

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Fatigue  
Vertiges  
Maux de tête (céphalées)  
Impulsivité et agressivité  
Changement de personnalité  
Troubles de la concentration  
Problèmes de planification  
Troubles émotionnels  
Troubles du sommeil  
Dépression  
Démence  
Epilepsie



- 1. Situation actuelle**
- 2. Thrombolyse intraveineuse (TIV)**
  - altéplase, ténecteplase
- 3. Traitement endovasculaire (TEV)**
  - TEV directe / bridging ?
  - TEV distale ?
  - Traitement des AVC à large core
- 4. Protocole AVC Valais**
  - aujourd'hui et demain
- 5. Antithrombotiques : ça se complique ...**
  - antiagrégant vs anticoagulant, pour qui et quand ?



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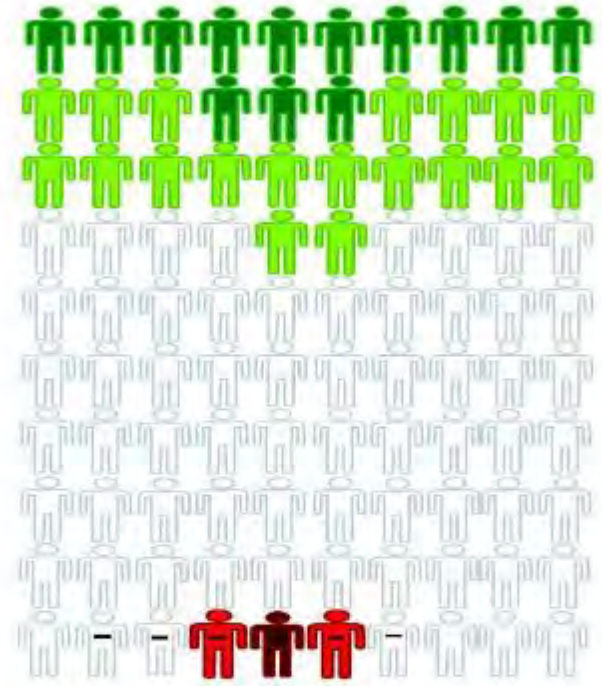
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# 1. Situation actuelle

# Bénéfice et risque de la TIV et TEV

## Thrombolyse (TIV)

TPA for Cerebral Ischemia within 3 Hours of Onset-Changes in Outcome Due to Treatment



Changes in final outcome as a result of treatment:

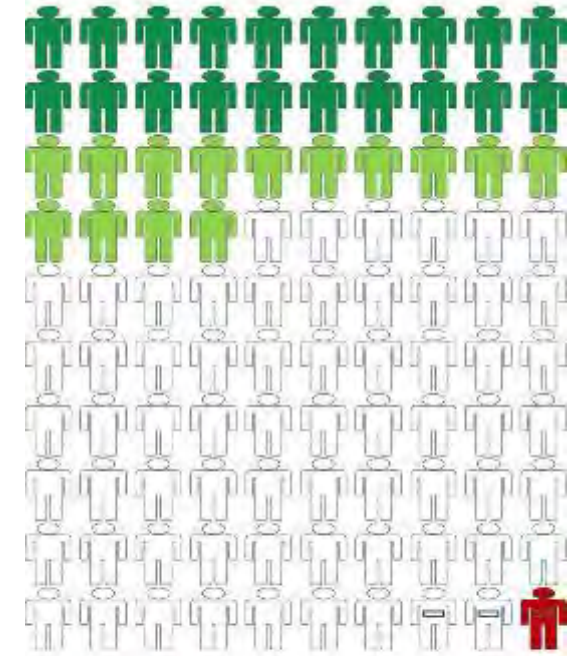
- Normal or nearly normal
- Better
- No major change
- Worse
- Severely disabled or dead

Early course:

- No early worsening with brain bleeding
- Early worsening with brain bleeding

## Thrombectomie (TEV)

Thrombectomy Plus tPA vs tPA Alone (tPA-Eligible Patients)



Changes in final outcome as a result of treatment:

- Able to live independently
- Other improvement
- No major change
- Other worsening
- Severely disabled or dead

Early course:

- New territory infarct
- Early worsening with brain bleeding (SICH)\*

(\*No differences observed in the rate of SICH due to thrombectomy)

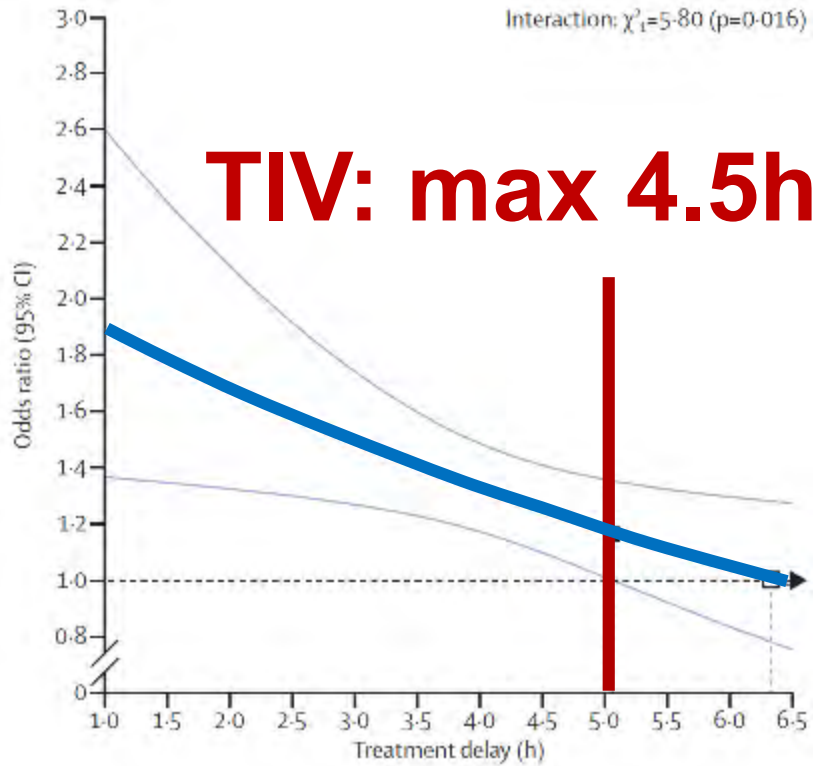
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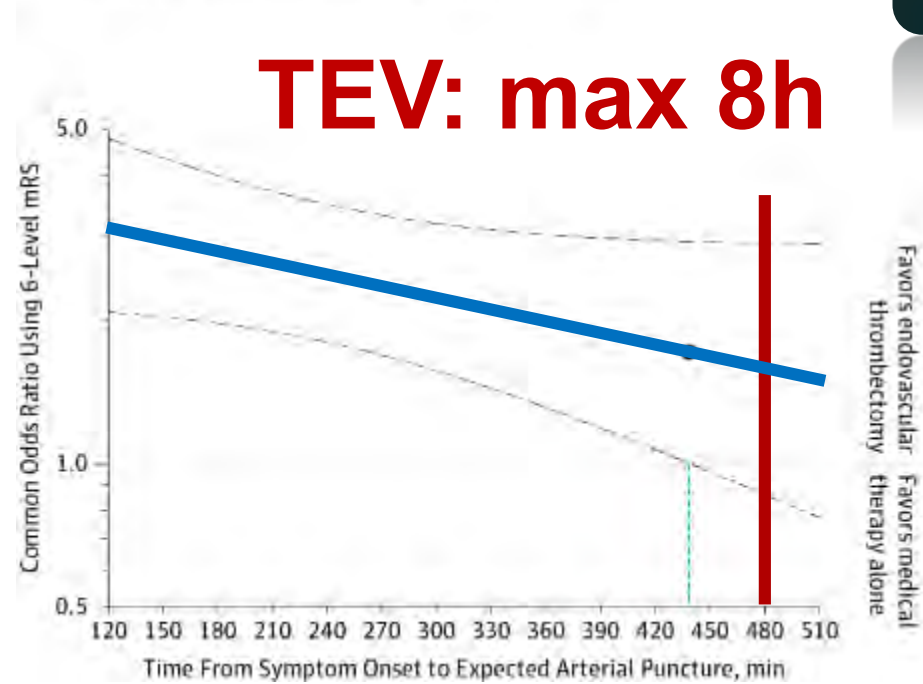
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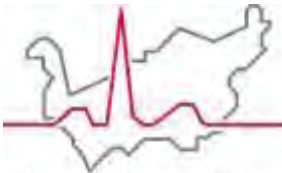
# L'AVC est une urgence !

## Le pronostic dépend de la rapidité de traitement



**A** Odds ratio for less disability at 3 mo in endovascular thrombectomy vs medical therapy alone groups by time to treatment





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# Thrombolyse intraveineuse (TIV) Thrombectomie endovasculaire (TEV)

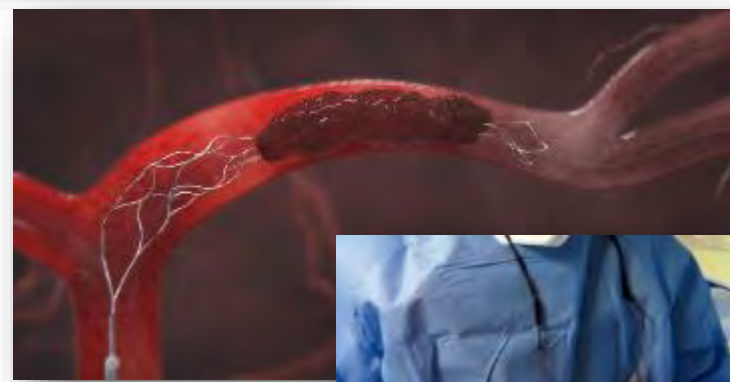
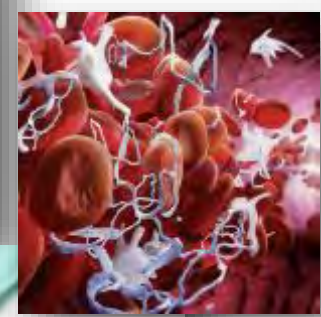
**Stroke  
Unit ou  
Center**

**1995 (TIV)**



**MHS :  
Stroke  
Center**

**2015 (TEV)**





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## Gagner du temps à chaque étape !

### 1. Améliorer la filière préhospitalière

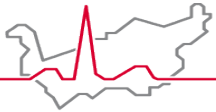
2.
  - Door to CT < 15 min
  - Door to TIV < 30 min
  - Door-in-door-out < 60 min

### 3. Connaître le protocole



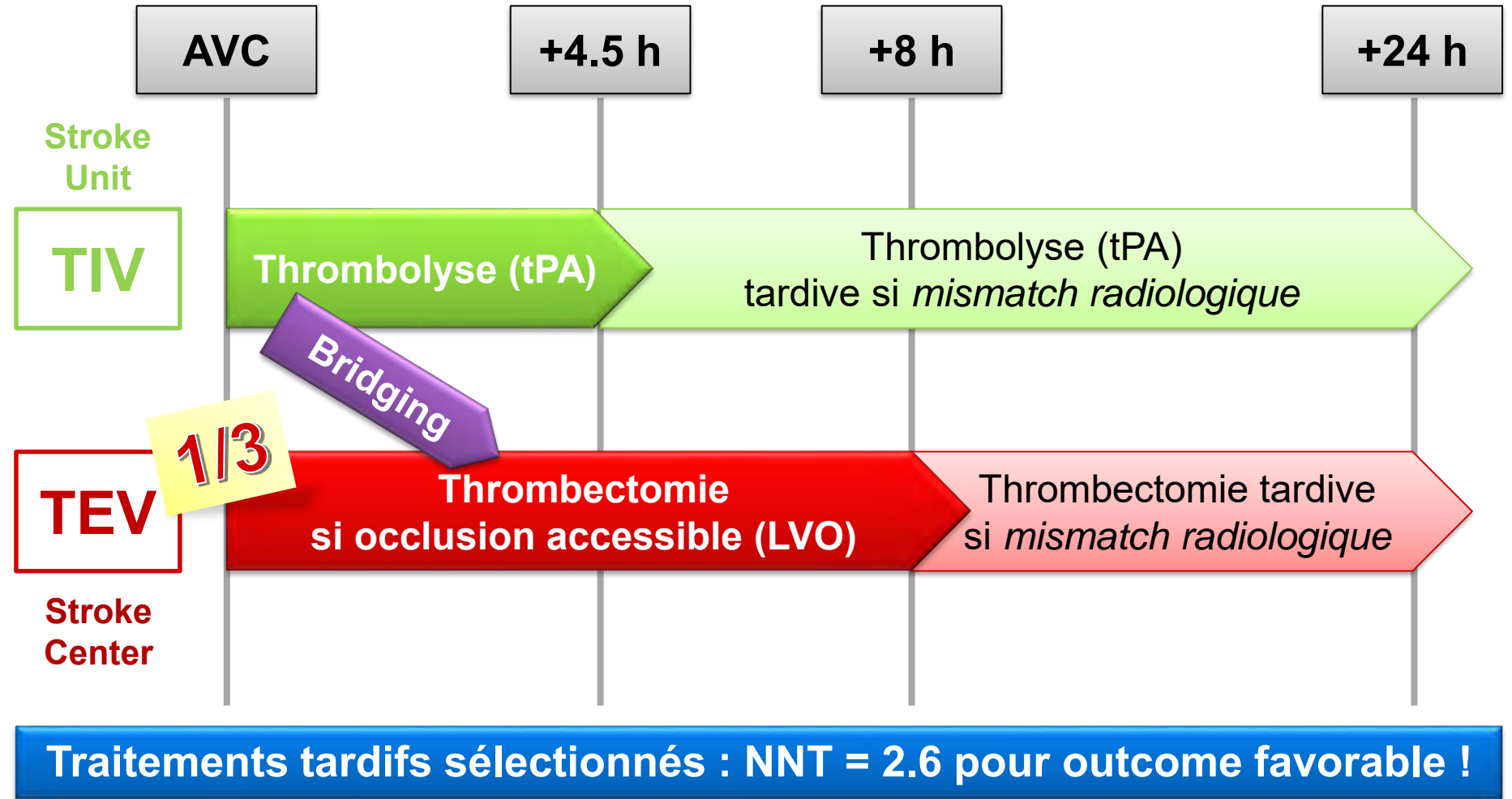


# Recanalisation des AVC : résumé des nouvelles évidences depuis 2019

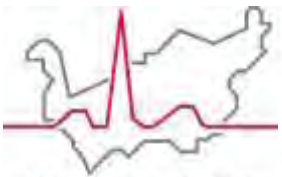


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**Chaque minute compte !**

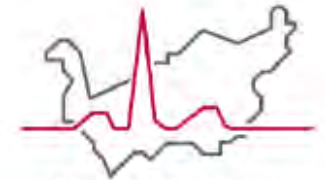


TIV = Thrombolyse intraveineuse, TEV = Traitement endovasculaire (Stroke Center), Bridging = TIV puis TEV, LVO = large vessel occlusion  
mismatch radiologique = imagerie spécialisée CT/IRM montrant une pénombre > core ischémique (potentiel de réversibilité)



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# Filière AVC Valais



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«Time is brain!»

► **SUSPICION D'AVC : déficit neurologique nouveau**

**Faiblesse :** visage / bras / jambe  
**Tr. sensitif :** visage / bras / jambe  
**Tr. d'élocution :** parler / articuler / comprendre  
**Tr. visuel :** déviation du regard / vision double  
 hémianopsie / perte de vision  
**Vertiges :** intenses, persistants, avec tr. équilibre  
**Céphalées :** violentes, brutales, avec tr. neurologique

**144** **AMBULANCE | HÉLI**  
 ↳ **PAS** de médicalisation  
 sauf critères d'instabilité →

• patient non alerte  
 • instabilité hémodynamique  
 • dyspnée sévère  
 • TAS > 220 mmHg

**instabilité**

**Évaluation du patient**

► **Considérer**  
 1. hypoglycémie  
 2. crise d'épilepsie  
 3. infection aiguë

Etat préalable du patient  
 mRS (score de Rankin)  
 0-1 pas de handicap / mini-symptômes  
 2 handicap minime, autonome AVQ  
 3 dépendant AVQ, marche autonome  
 4-5 dépendant pour marche / alité

**Bonne qualité de vie**  
 (mRS ≤ 3)

**Qualité de vie limitée**  
 (mRS ≥ 4)

*à relativiser !*

Début des symptômes ou  
 Dernière preuve de bonne  
 santé (DPBS)

**≤ 24h**  
**ou au réveil**

**24 – 72h**

**> 72h**

Évaluation clinique  
 Checklist ②

**G-FAST ①**

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Annonce aux urgences  
Checklist ②

Orientation et degré

Installation du patient ③  
Transport sans délai  
Transmission

Activation filière interne  
par Urg ou Neuro Sion

Hôpital  
Protocole AVC  
Évaluation TIV / TEV

Transfert 1° ou 2° selon  
situation (médicalisation  
si nécessaire, pas si TIV  
sans complication)

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**Neuro + Urg Sion**

**Annonce**  
**Urgences Sion**

**Annonce**  
**Hôp de proximité**

**Décision**

**P1**

**P2**

**P2**

**P3**

**1 99 88**  
**Filière interne Sion**

**Repêchage !**  
**027 603 18 88**  
**Neuro + Urg**  
**Sion**

**H** **Stroke Unit Valais**  
**Hôpital de Sion**

**Hôpital**  
**de proximité**

**Stroke Center**  
CHUV, Inselspital, HUG

**S1**   
**S2**

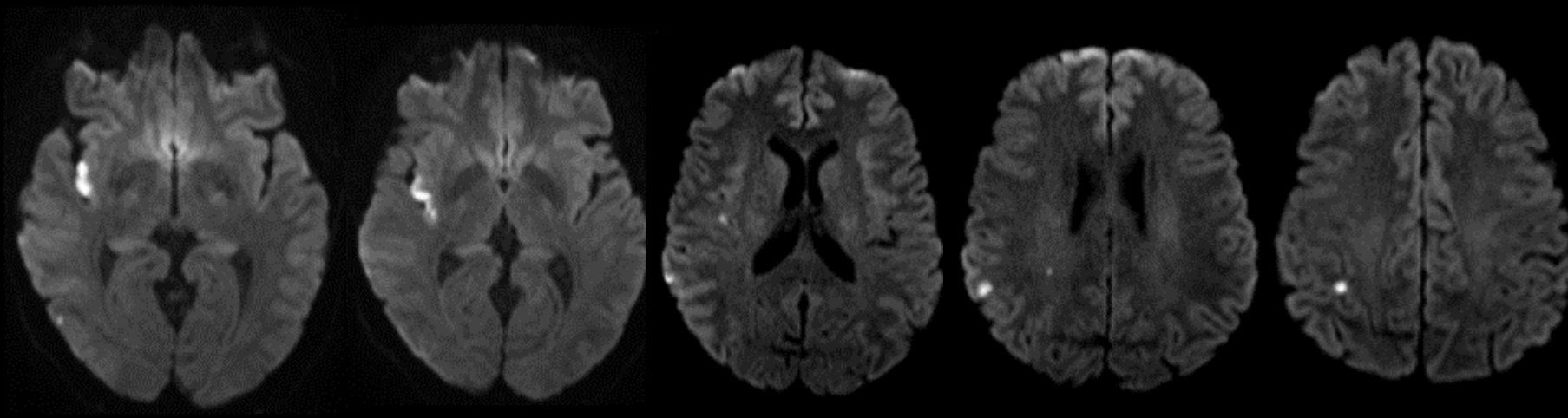
Annonce du cas  
dans la journée au  
Neuro 027 603 44 55

► **CONCEPT GÉNÉRAL : Chaque minute compte !** Perdre le moins de temps possible à chaque étape. Ne pas attendre la confirmation de la décision pour lancer la filière. Evaluer et transporter rapidement le patient vers Stroke Unit. Les étapes d'annonces et de conférence téléphonique ne sont là que pour valider la filière, orienter le patient et gagner du temps aux urgences.



**F 36y**, BSH, pas de FRCV, pas de médic, pas de CO

- **2 sem grippe, toux, EF, Zithromax, Resyl+**
- **Malaise en rentrant de marche (bon effort). Idées pas claires. Difficulté d'élocution et tr. compréhension. Paresthésie joue et doigts G. Gauchère**
- **Mieux couchée. Durée complète 15 min.**
- **Urg : complètement asymptomatique. ABCD3-I=2**





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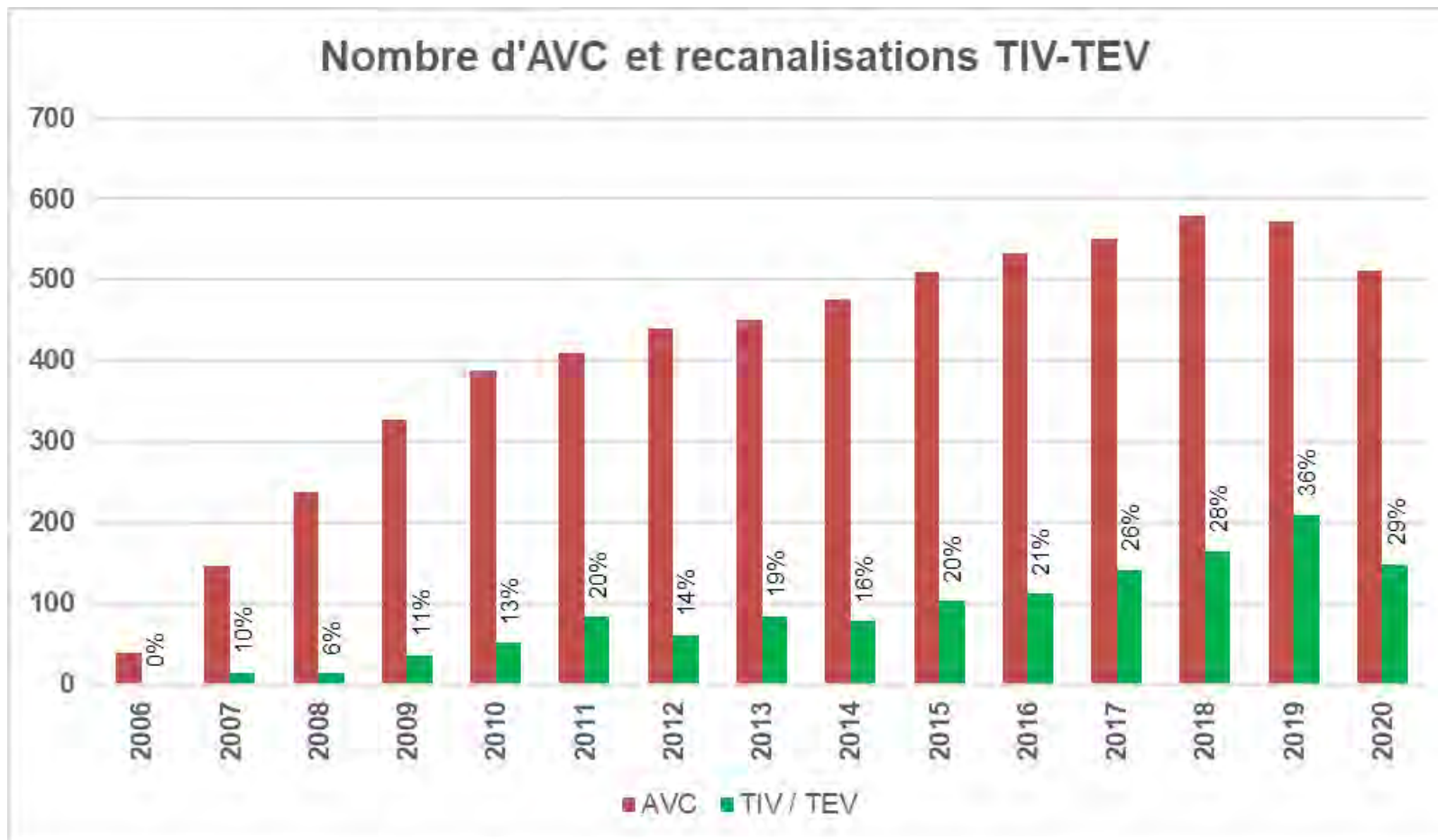
Sérieux !

**Considérez l'AIT comme un AVC qui a eu de la chance...**

Le nombre **d'AVC augmente**

Le nombre de traitements de **recanalisation TIV-TEV augmente**

- **La proportion des AVC recanalisés augmente également**



TIV = thrombolyse intraveineuse / TEV = traitement endovasculaire (Réalisé en Stroke Center pour l'instant)

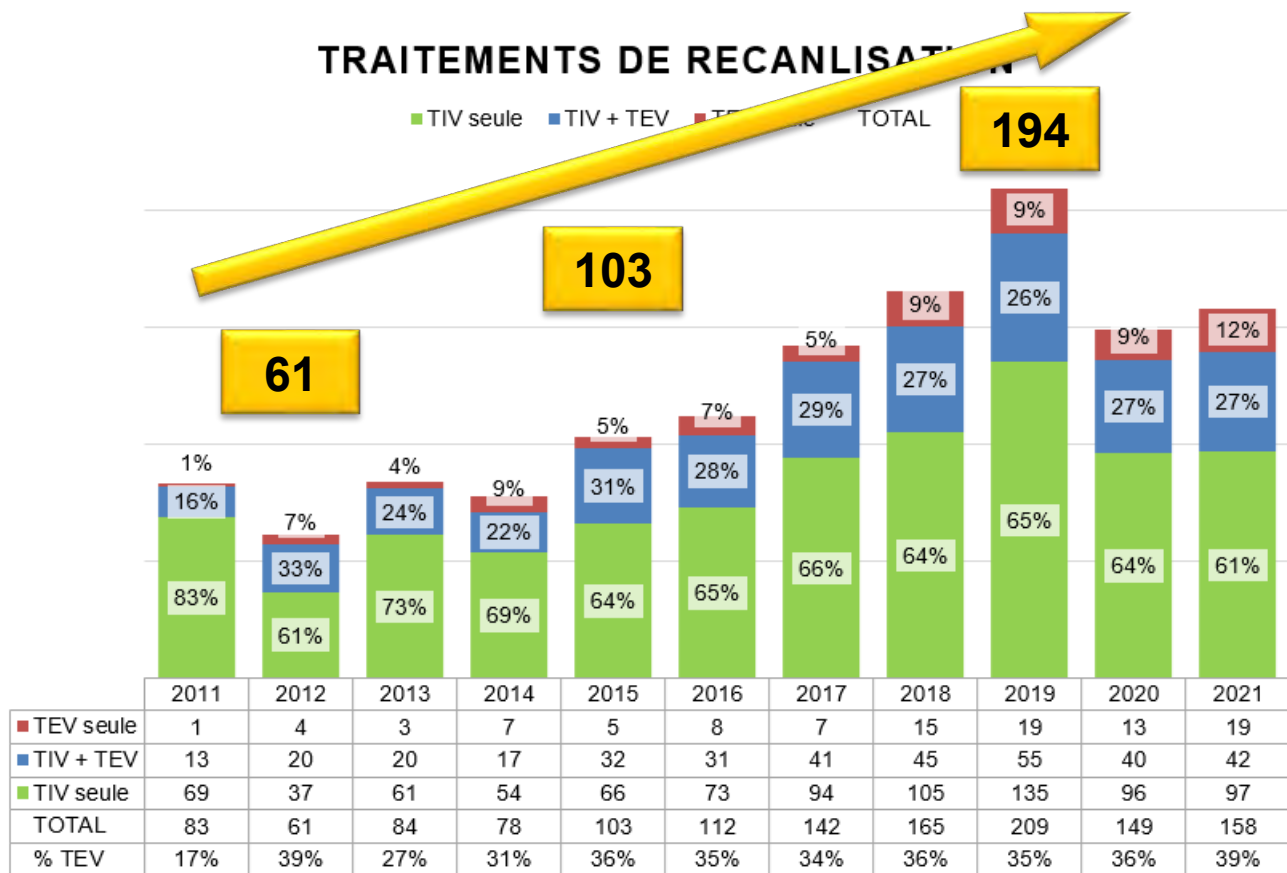


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# Recanalisations TIV-TEV

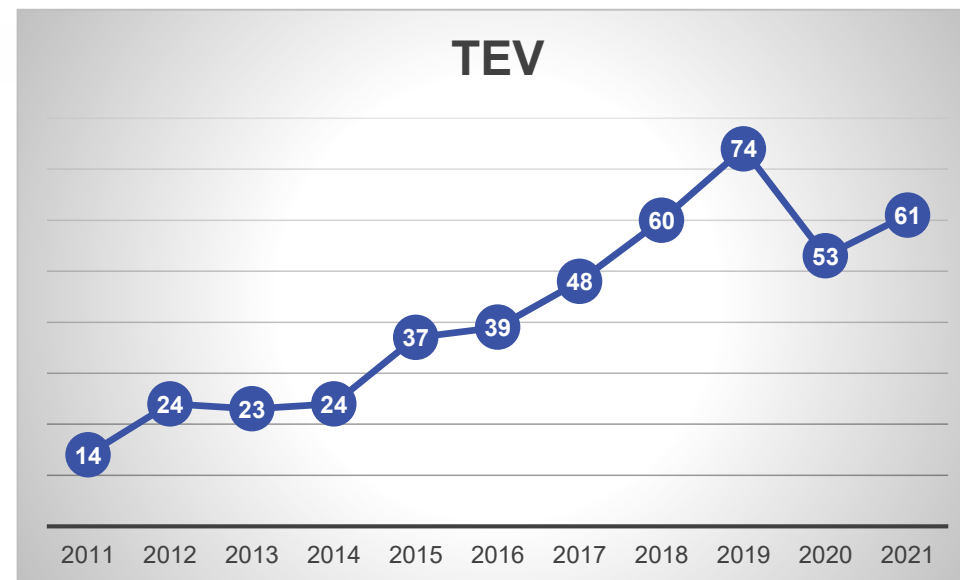
## TRAITEMENTS DE RECANALISATION

TIV seule TIV + TEV TEV seule TOTAL



**Les chiffres actuels dépassent les prévisions**

## TEV



**La thrombectomie va devenir de plus en plus utilisée en phase aiguë d'AVC**

# Nouvelles questions pour la prise en charge des AVC

- **TIV : place la TNK**
- **Fibrinolyse vs thrombolyse ... nouveaux ttt**
- **Bridging 2.0**
  - TEV directe vs bridging
  - TIV avant, pendant ou après TEV ?
  - TIA après TEV ?
- **TEV distale et nouveaux devices**
- **TEV pour les larges cores**
- **Protection cérébrale ... nouveaux ttt**
- **Softwares avec IA pour la détection et sélections des traitements**
  
- **➔ Augmenter la proportion des cas TEV**
  - Drip & fly
  - Formation de plus de spécialistes endovasculaires
  - Robotique...







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altéplase, ténecteplase

## **2. Thrombolyse intraveineuse (TIV)**

# Evolution des traitements :

## *de grands changements, récents !*

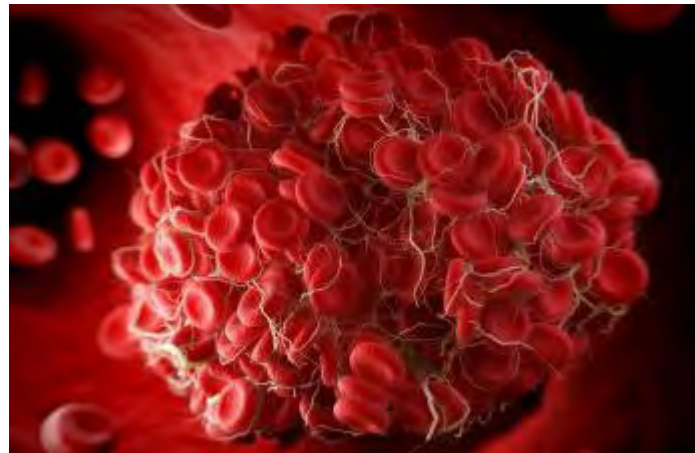
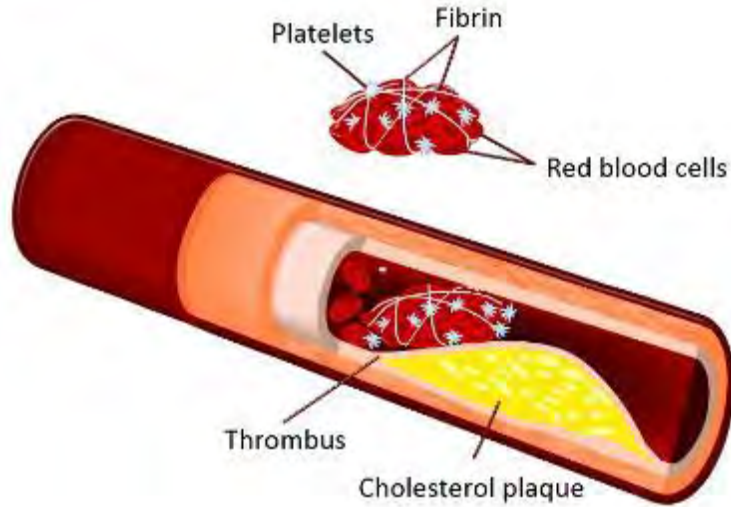


- **En constantes évolution depuis 1995 et surtout 2014**
- **Nouveaux délais et nouvelles techniques :**
  - **1995** Début : thrombolyse IV (TIV) jusqu'à 3h (Etude NINDS)
  - **1999** Thrombolyse IA jusqu'à 6h (Etude PROACT II)
  - **2005** Extension de la TIV jusqu'à 4.5h (Etude ECASS 3)
  - **2010** Extension de la TIV pour les patients > 80 ans (Etude SITS)
  - **2010** Premières évidences poolées pour la thrombectomie mécanique
  - **2013** 3 Etude échouent pour le traitement endovasculaire (TEV)
  - **2014** Nouveaux devices (stent retrievers) recanalisent mieux >90%
  - **2015** 5 Etudes majeures prouvent l'efficacité supplémentaire de la thrombectomie (TEV) avec ou sans TIV pour les occlusions proximales intracrâniennes (35-33% des cas)
  - **2018** TEV possible dans de rares cas jusqu'à 24h (2-5%)
  - **2018** AVC au réveil : TIV chez certains patients
  - **2018** Tenecteplase meilleure que l'Alteplase ? Oui pour les cas qui vont en TEV
  - **2019** La TEV peut-elle remplacer la TIV dans certains cas ?
  - **2021** En Stroke Center, la combinaison TIV+TEV est meilleure que la TEV directe

# Thrombolyse (TIV) : «dissoudre» le caillot, fibrinolyse



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- streptokinase
- urokinase
- **altéplase**
- retéplase
- **ténecteplase**



# Ténectéplase (TNK) vs Altéplase (tPA)

**Table 1** Comparison of pharmacological properties of TNK and tPA

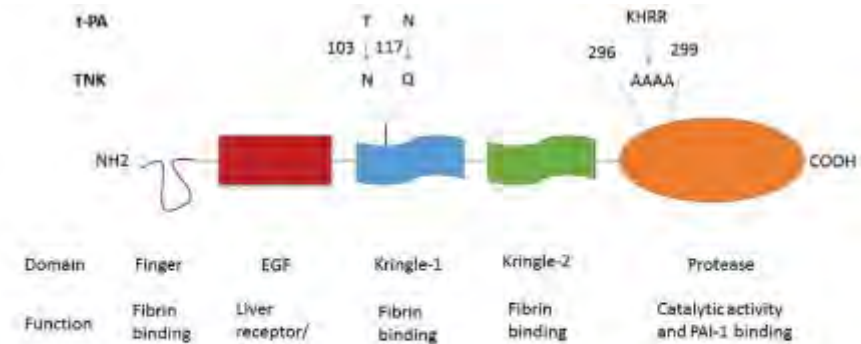
Property	TNK versus tPA	Comments
Half-life	TNK 20–24 min tPA 5–10 min	TNK administered as a single bolus exhibits a biphasic disposition from the plasma. TNK is cleared from the plasma with an initial half-life of 20 to 24 min and a terminal phase half-life of 90 to 130 min. <sup>30</sup> Arterial venous shunt models of fibrinolysis in rabbits indicate that TNK (by bolus) induces 50% lysis in one-third the time required by tPA (by infusion) <sup>28</sup>
In vivo clearance	TNK 1.9 mL/kg/min tPA 16.1 mL/kg/min	In vivo clearance data from rabbits <sup>28</sup>
Fibrin specificity	TNK 14-fold higher than tPA	Based on the ratio of fibrinolytic activity in the presence compared with the absence of fibrin <sup>28</sup>
Plasma fibrinogen conservation	TNK 10-fold higher than tPA	In vitro data <sup>28</sup>
Resistance to PAI-1	TNK is 80-fold higher resistance to PAI-1 than tPA	This is important locally because PAI-1 is released from a platelet-rich clot <sup>28</sup>
Fibrin binding and plasma clot lysis activity	TNK 87% tPA 82%	TNK has near normal fibrin binding and plasma clot lysis activity compared with tPA indicating that the mutations in TNK do not affect its ability to activate plasminogen
Potency Whole blood clot Platelet-rich clot	TNK 8-fold higher than tPA TNK 13-fold higher than tPA	
Systemic plasmin activation	Reduced with TNK	Infusion of rt-PA occasionally increased plasma thrombin-antithrombin III complexes, prothrombin fragment F1 + 2, kallikrein-like activity and lowers plasma fibrinogen and several other proteins

**Table 2** Comparison of TNK and rt-PA for clinical application

Property	TNK	rt-PA (alteplase)
Ease of reconstitution and administration	IV bolus of total dose administered over 5 s	IV bolus of 10% of total dose followed by infusion of remaining 90% over one hour
Potency <sup>17</sup>	22% recanalization of large artery occlusions	10% recanalization of large artery occlusions
Hemorrhagic complications <sup>30</sup>	Less systemic bleeding than rt-PA Same rates of ICH	
Cost (USA \$ per vial, average wholesale price) <sup>29</sup>	\$7,034.24 (50 mg vial)	\$10,560.43 (100 mg vial)
Replacement program for reconstituted but never used vials in the USA <sup>29</sup>	Not currently available	Available

## Tenecteplase for Acute Ischemic Stroke Treatment

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**Fig. 1** Structures of tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) and tenecteplase (TNK). The 527 amino acid sequence of native tPA can be subdivided in five domains that are depicted as follows: Finger domain, epidermal growth factor (EGF)-like domain, Kringle 1 domain, Kringle 2 domain, and protease domain. The main roles of the five domains are indicated below each domain. The amino acid substitutions of TNK are shown: a substitution of asparagine (Q) 117 with glutamine (N) to remove a conserved glycosylation site; a substitution of threonine (T) 103 with asparagine (N) to add a new glycosylation site to decrease its binding to fibrin and liver tPA receptors and hence its clearance; and a tetra-alanine (A) substitution at amino acids 296–299 in the protease domain to increase fibrin specificity and resistance to inhibition by plasminogen activator inhibitor-1. K:lysine; H:histidine; R:arginine; COOH, carboxyl group; KHRR, lysine-histidine-arginine-serine.



**Table 3** Prior clinical studies of TNK for acute ischemic stroke treatment

Study	Comparator groups	Study type	Number of subjects	Primary result	Time window
2005 Haley Jr. et al <sup>38</sup>	Tiered dosing 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.5 mg/kg (planned maximum of 0.6 mg/kg)	Open-label single-arm clinical trial	88	0.5 mg/kg dose abandoned because of ICH, overall mRS at 3 mo similar to historical alteplase controls	Within 3 h
2009 Parsons et al <sup>41</sup>	0.1 mg/kg TNK versus alteplase 0.9 mg/kg	Nonrandomized clinical trial	122	TNK 69% MCA recanalization, 53% alteplase	TNK between 3–6 h; alteplase <3 h
2010 Haley Jr. et al <sup>39</sup>	Tiered TNK dosing 0.1, 0.25, 0.4 mg/kg versus tPA 0.9 mg/kg	Phase 2B clinical trial, terminated before planned phase 3	112	0.4 mg/kg dose abandoned; unable to differentiate between 0.1 mg/kg and 0.25 mg/kg as optimal dose	Within 3 h
2011 Smadja et al <sup>47</sup>	Failed recanalization of M1 MCA occlusion with tPA followed by TNK 0.1 mg/kg	Case series	13	16.8 h post-thrombolysis recanalization 100%. Asymptomatic ICH 31%, no symptomatic ICH	Mean treatment time 290 min
2011 Molina <sup>a</sup>	TNK 0.4 mg/kg versus alteplase 0.9 mg/kg	Nonrandomized consecutive enrollment	122	2.5-fold greater major improvement at 24 h with TNK	Within 4.5 h
2012 Parsons et al <sup>42,48</sup>	TNK 0.1m/kg and 0.25 mg/kg versus alteplase 0.9mg/kg	Phase 2B clinical trial	75	Both TNK groups showed greater improvement. 0.25 dose greater than 0.1 than alteplase	Within 6 h
2012 Georgiadis et al <sup>49</sup>	IATNK versus IA alteplase or IA reteplase or thrombectomy alone	Retrospective analysis of prospectively enrolled patients	114	No difference in outcomes	Within 6 h
2015 Huang et al <sup>43</sup>	TNK 0.25 mg/kg versus alteplase 0.9 mg/kg	Prospective randomized open label phase 2 trial	104	No difference in penumbral salvage or outcome	Within 4.5 h
2015 Coutts et al <sup>50</sup>	TNK 0.1 mg/kg versus 0.25 mg/kg, patients with minor stroke	Prospective uncontrolled	50	39% compete recanalization in 0.1 mg/kg group, 52% in 0.25 mg/kg group	Within 4.5 h
2017 Logallo et al <sup>37</sup>	TNK 0.4 mg/kg versus alteplase	Phase 3 RCT	1100	No differences in outcomes; TNK not superior to alteplase	Within 4.5 h
2018 Campbell et al <sup>17</sup>	TNK 0.25 mg/kg versus alteplase 0.9 mg/kg	Phase 2 RCT	202	≥50% restoration of blood flow TNK 22% alteplase 10%	Within 4.5 h
2018 Kate et al <sup>51</sup>	TNK 0.25 mg/kg	Case series	16	Feasible	Within 24 h in patients selected by penumbra imaging
2018 Ramakrishnan et al <sup>52</sup>	TNK 0.1 mg/kg, TNK 0.2 mg/kg	Study 1—comparison of 2 TNK doses Study 2—comparison to historical controls	Study 1 20 Study 2 62	TNK at a dose of 0.2 mg/kg was well tolerated and effective	Within 3 h
2018 Owais et al <sup>53</sup>	TNK 0.2 mg/kg	Case series	14	Safe and feasible	Within 3 h
2019 Seners et al <sup>54</sup>	0.25 mg/kg TNK or 0.9 mg/kg alteplase, prior to thrombectomy	Retrospective analysis, propensity—score cohorts	262	Same rates of early recanalization, alteplase 18% versus TNK 21%	Mean treatment time 147 min

NEJM 2012

NOR-TEST

Extend-IA TNK

- **Peu de RCT !**
- **Volume patients faible !**
- **Doses TNK variables !**

# Tenecteplase for thrombolysis in stroke patients: Systematic review with meta-analysis

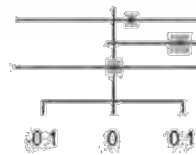


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Tenecteplase dosage vs Alteplase

0.1 mg/kg  
0.2-0.25 mg/kg  
0.4-0.5 mg/kg

mRS Score 0-1



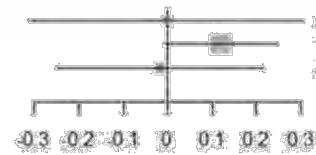
RD 95%-CI

0.025 [-0.136; 0.187]  
0.094 [-0.009; 0.196]  
0.002 [-0.139; 0.143]

Tenecteplase dosage vs Alteplase

0.1 mg/kg  
0.2-0.25 mg/kg  
0.4-0.5 mg/kg

mRS Score 0-2



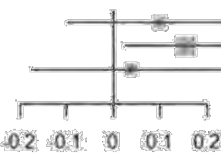
RD 95%-CI

-0.002 [-0.310; 0.305]  
0.120 [-0.007; 0.246]  
-0.017 [-0.249; 0.214]

Tenecteplase dosage vs Alteplase

0.1 mg/kg  
0.2-0.25 mg/kg  
0.4-0.5 mg/kg

Neurological Improvement



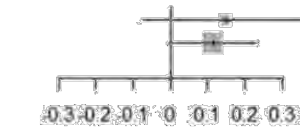
RD 95%-CI

0.099 [-0.097; 0.294]  
0.155 [-0.024; 0.286]  
0.038 [-0.172; 0.249]

Tenecteplase dosage vs Alteplase

0.1 mg/kg  
0.2-0.25 mg/kg

Recanalization



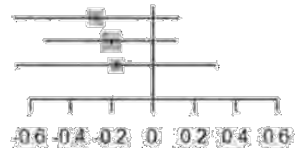
RD 95%-CI

0.147 [-0.075; 0.369]  
0.114 [-0.005; 0.233]

Tenecteplase dosage vs Alteplase

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0.2-0.25 mg/kg  
0.4-0.5 mg/kg

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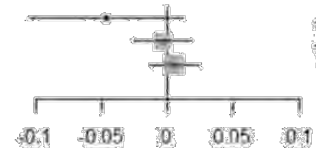
RD 95%-CI

-0.277 [-0.669; 0.116]  
0.204 [-0.519; 0.111]  
-0.181 [-0.600; 0.296]

Tenecteplase dosage vs Alteplase

0.1 mg/kg  
0.2-0.25 mg/kg  
0.4-0.5 mg/kg

Symptomatic ICH



RD 95%-CI

-0.046 [-0.105; 0.012]  
-0.003 [-0.025; 0.019]  
0.005 [-0.014; 0.024]

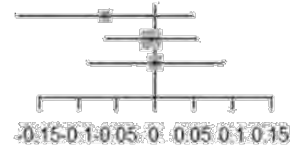
### 3.3. Tenecteplase dose analysis

The results of the network meta-analysis to assess the effect of tenecteplase dosage on study results are depicted in Fig. 4. The 0.20-0.25 tenecteplase dose tier was superior to alteplase for early neurological improvement (ARD = 0.16, 95% CI [0.02;0.29]). A tendency was also noted for better functional outcome at 3 months with this dose tier, but these results were not statistically significant.

Tenecteplase dosage vs Alteplase

0.1 mg/kg  
0.2-0.25 mg/kg  
0.4-0.5 mg/kg

Mortality



RD 95%-CI

-0.065 [-0.178; 0.049]  
-0.005 [-0.064; 0.053]  
-0.000 [-0.086; 0.085]

**Table 5** Ongoing TNK trials in acute ischemic stroke

Trial name	Intervention	Type of trial	Planned number of patients	Planned time window	Outcome measure
TASTE Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry ID ACTRN12613000243718	TNK 0.25 mg/kg versus alteplase 0.9 mg/kg	Phase 3 RCT	1,024	Within 4.5 h	mRS at 3 mo
ATTEST 2 ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02814409	0.25 mg/kg TNK versus 0.9 mg/kg alteplase	Randomized open label phase 3	1,870	Within 4.5 h	mRS at 90 d
AcTQuICR ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03889249	Pragmatic Registry based 0.25 mg/kg TNK versus 0.9 mg/kg alteplase	Randomized open label	1,600	Within 4.5 h	mRS 0–1 at 90 d
NOR-TEST 2 ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03854500	0.25 mg/kg TNK versus 0.9 mg/kg alteplase	Prospective randomized open label blinded endpoint	1,342	Within 4.5 h onset Within 4.5 h on waking Within 4.5 h, bridging therapy to thrombectomy	mRS 0–1 at 90 d
EXTEND-IA TNK 2 ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03340493	0.4 mg/kg TNK versus 0.25 mg/kg TNK	Phase 2 randomized open label blinded end point	188	Within 4.5 h of symptoms	TICI 2b/3 recanalization
TIMELESS ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03785678	0.25 mg/kg TNK versus placebo	Phase 3 double blind randomized controlled	456	4–24 h of symptoms	mRS at 90 d
TWIST ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03181360	0.25 mg/kg TNK plus best medical therapy versus best medical therapy	Randomized open label blinded end point phase 3	500	Within 4.5 h of waking	mRS at 90 d
TEMPO-2 ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02398656	0.25 mg/kg TNK versus antiplatelet therapy	Prospective randomized open label blinded phase 3	1,274	Within 12 h	mRS at 90 d

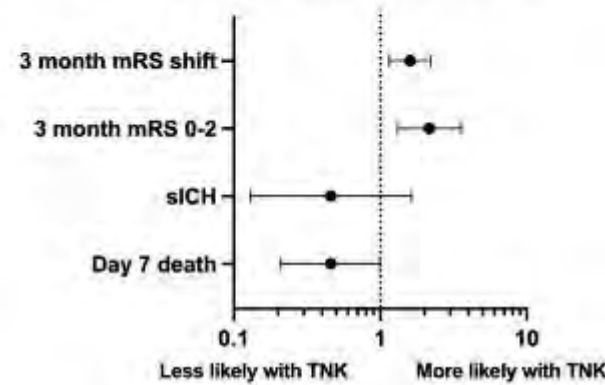
# Comparaison vraie vie : switch tPA → TNK

## Switching to tenecteplase for stroke thrombolysis: real-world experience and population-based outcomes in a regional stroke network

Door to needle times were shorter  
with tenecteplase



Patient outcomes showed some  
improvement and no harm



Pre-implementation, all healthcare  
providers supported the change and  
remained satisfied 12 months later



- **2018-2021**
- **555 tPA, 283 TNK**
- **CONCLUSIONS:**  
Following stakeholder endorsement, a region-wide switch from alteplase to tenecteplase was successfully implemented. We found evidence of benefit and no evidence of harm





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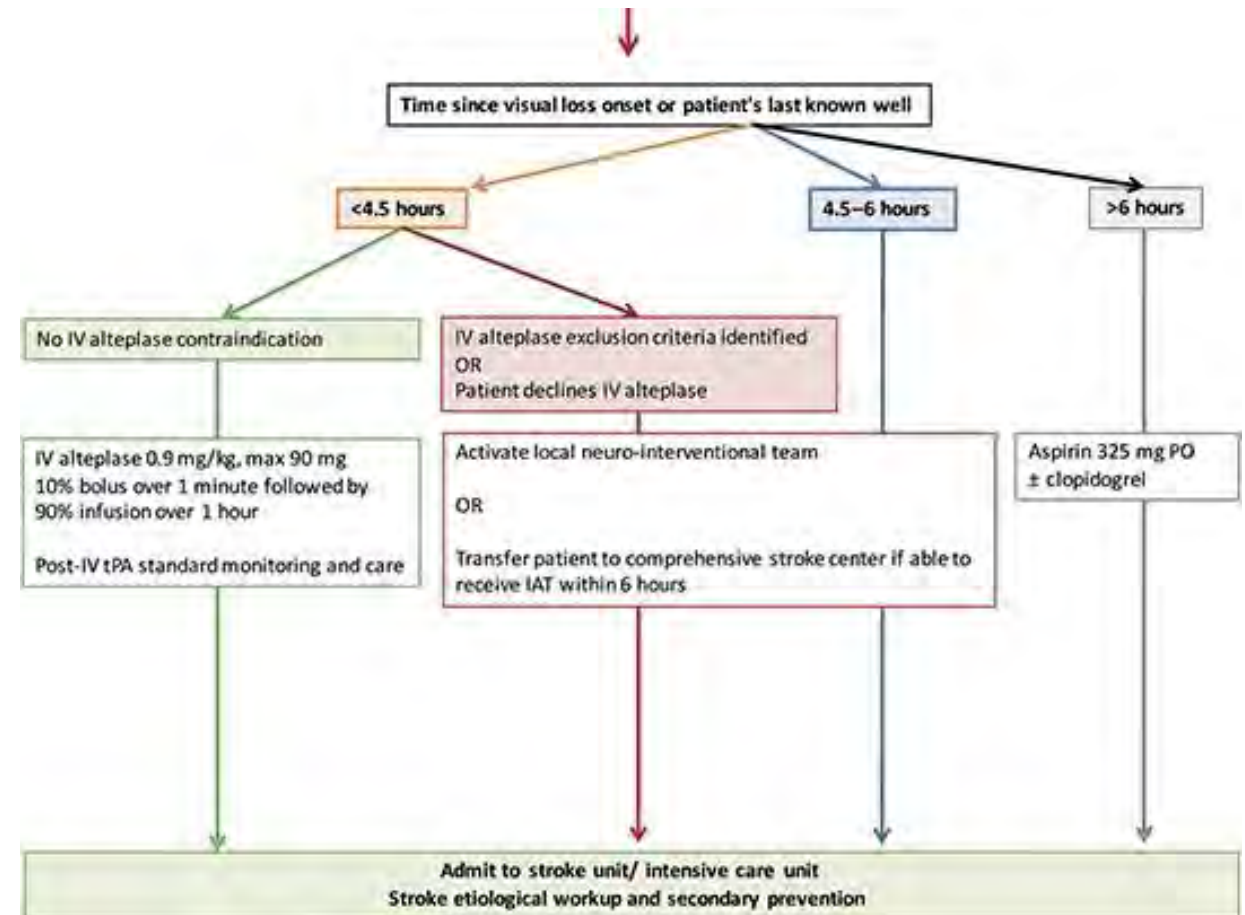
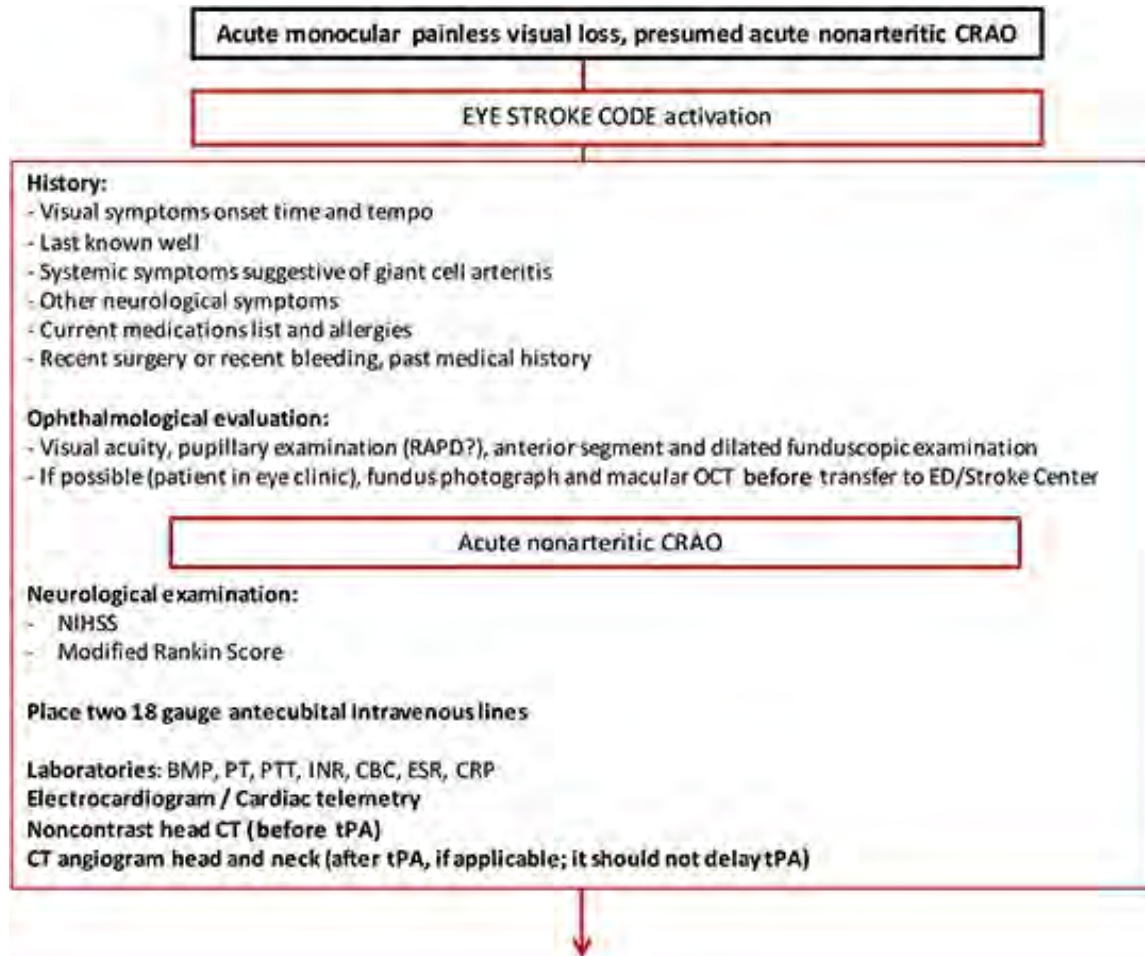
**Ténectéplase...**

***c'est pour bientôt en pratique clinique***

# Thrombolysis for Central Retinal Artery Occlusion in 2020: Time Is Vision!

- 7 études 1995-2018
- 2 à 30 patients !
- TIV 2-18h post CRAO !

**Conclusions:** In 2020, nonarteritic CRAO patients should theoretically receive the same thrombolytic therapies, in the same time window, as patients with acute cerebral ische-





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TEV directe / bridging ?

TEV distale ?

Traitement des AVC avec large core

## **3. Traitement endovasculaire (TEV)**

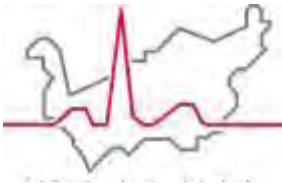
# TEV directe vs bridging

«drip&ship» vs «mothership»

**Is intravenous thrombolysis still necessary in patients who undergo mechanical thrombectomy?**

**Curr Opin Neurol** 2019, 32:3–12

DOI:10.1097/WCO.0000000000000633



## Utilité de la TIV avant TEV ?

**Table 1.** Potential advantages and disadvantages of pretreatment with intravenous thrombolysis in acute ischemic stroke patients with large vessel occlusions who are eligible for mechanical thrombectomy

Potential advantages	Potential disadvantages
Improvement in collateral circulation (because of dissolution of distal microthrombi)	Increased systemic and intracranial bleeding risk because of pretreatment with rt-PA
Reperfusion of distal occlusions (M3/M4 MCA, A2 ACA) that are inaccessible to catheters	Orolingual angioedema reaction related to rt-PA administration
Thrombus softening leading to faster complete reperfusion with fewer number of passes during mechanical thrombectomy	Contraindication for heparin/antiplatelet use during mechanical thrombectomy that may increase the likelihood of reocclusion or preclude stenting of extracranial lesions
Prompt treatment initiation ('drip and ship') in primary stroke centers	Delay in mechanical thrombectomy initiation, especially in low-volume centers
May reduce the likelihood of infarct in new (previously unaffected) territory complicating mechanical thrombectomy	Proximal clot breakdown and migration causing new infarctions in the affected territory of LVO
May avert mechanical thrombectomy (approximately 10% of LVO) because of rt-PA-induced complete reperfusion	Increased cost because of rt-PA administration



## Risque de la TIV avant TEV

Potential harm	Effect
IV tPA-related local and systemic bleeding complications	Puncture-site hematoma (1%–2%) and major systemic bleeding (1%)
IV tPA-related coagulopathy and small vessel fragility	More large symptomatic extracerebral parenchymal hemorrhage (1%–2%)
IV tPA-related coagulopathy and sICH in patients at risk	Higher rates of sICH and aICH with poor functional outcome
IV tPA-related blood–brain barrier breakdown, coagulopathy, and potentiated large vessel damage because of stent retrievers	Increased symptomatic parenchymal hemorrhage when infarct. Poorer functional outcome and increased infarct volume
Tandem extracranial and intracranial occlusions may require additional procedures during EVT and potentially immediate antiplatelet therapy	Increased symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage (10%)
Distal thrombus migration	Inability to retrieve thrombus with MT. Neurological deterioration and more severe/ extensive ischemia
Increase thrombus fragility by softening the thrombus	Higher rates of peri-interventional thrombus fragmentation leading to lower rates of complete (TICI 3) reperfusion
IV tPA lysis of left atrial appendage or other proximal thrombus	Early stroke recurrence or multiple systemic emboli
Delay to MT initiation	Later median onset to reperfusion resulting in worse outcomes
IV tPA-associated allergic reactions (1%)	During IV tPA infusion/EVT procedure, which may worsen ischemia or require intubation/prolonged ICU stay
IV tPA-related neurotoxicity in animal models	More neuronal loss
IV tPA cost	Adds to procedural cost

# Bénéfice de Ténecteplase (TNK) pour les LVO (adressés pour TEV)

## BRIEF REPORT

### Intravenous Thrombolysis With Tenecteplase in Patients With Large Vessel Occlusions

Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

**4 RCT**  
**433 LVO pts**

Outcomes	No. of participants (studies); follow-up	Certainty of the evidence (GRADE)	Relative effect (95% CI)	Anticipated absolute effects	
				Effect with alteplase	Effect difference with TNK
SR	315 (3 studies); before EVT	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate*	OR, 3.05 (1.73–5.40)	227 per 1000	245 more per 1000 (109 more to 385 more)
mRS 0–2	277 (2 studies); 3 mo	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate†	OR, 2.06 (1.15–3.69)	500 per 1000	173 more per 1000 (35 more to 287 more)
mRS 0–1	433 (4 studies); 3 mo	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate‡	OR, 1.49 (0.95–2.32)	368 per 1000	97 more per 1000 (12 fewer to 207 more)
Functional improvement	315 (3 studies); 3 mo	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate*	cOR, 1.84 (1.18–2.87)	...	...
ENI	395 (3 studies); 72 h	⊕○○○ Very low*‡§	OR, 1.09 (0.37–3.16)	510 per 1000	22 more per 1000 (232 fewer to 257 more)
Mortality	395 (3 studies); 3 mo	⊕⊕○○ Low*‡	OR, 0.93 (0.31–2.80)	130 per 1000	8 fewer per 1000 (86 fewer to 165 more)
Symptomatic ICH	395 (3 studies); 48 h	⊕⊕○○ Low*‡	OR, 0.66 (0.19–2.23)	31 per 1000	10 fewer per 1000 (25 fewer to 36 more)
Any ICH	395 (3 studies); 48 h	⊕⊕○○ Low*‡	OR, 0.87 (0.35–2.17)	115 per 1000	13 fewer per 1000 (71 fewer to 105 more)

cOR indicates common odds ratio; ENI, early neurological improvement; EVT, endovascular treatment; GRADE, Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation; ICH, intracranial hemorrhage; mRS, modified Rankin Scale; OR, odds ratio; SR, successful recanalization; and TNK, tenecteplase.

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# Données vraie vie TNK vs tPA pour LVO

## Real-world comparative safety and efficacy of tenecteplase *versus* alteplase in acute ischemic stroke patients with large vessel occlusion

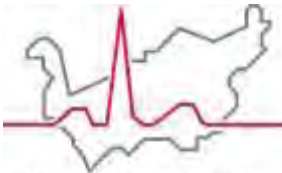


**Table 3.** Univariable and multivariable binary and ordinal logistic regression analyses evaluating the association of thrombolytic agent (tenecteplase *versus* alteplase) with outcomes.

	Crude OR/cOR (95% CI)	p-value	Adjusted OR/cOR (95% CI)	p-value
Averted thrombectomy	2.11 (0.59, 7.49)	0.248	2.75 (0.70, 10.70)	0.145
Any ICH	3.20 (0.64, 16.10)	0.158	3.60 (0.66, 19.70)	0.139
sICH	3.47 (0.53, 22.80)	0.195	4.25 (0.51, 35.07)	0.179
Major neurological improvement at 24 h	3.60 (0.99, 13.13)	0.052	10.22 (0.73, 142.98)	0.084
Discharge modified Rankin Scale	1.20 (0.32, 2.15)	0.699	1.49 (0.53, 4.17)	0.442
3-month modified Rankin Scale	1.31 (0.51, 3.33)	0.574	1.47 (0.53, 4.00)	0.464
Functional independence	1.45 (0.48, 4.37)	0.512	1.50 (0.48, 4.71)	0.489
Mortality	0.54 (0.10, 2.88)	0.469	0.40 (0.06, 2.46)	0.315

CI, confidence interval; cOR, common odds ratio; ICH, intracranial hemorrhage OR, odds ratio; sICH, symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage.





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# tPA < 4.5h : différencier les cas pour TEV → Tenecteplase

## Recommendation

For patients with acute ischaemic stroke of <4.5 h duration and **not eligible for thrombectomy**, we suggest intravenous thrombolysis with alteplase over intravenous thrombolysis with tenecteplase. Please see paragraph 5.2 for patients eligible for mechanical thrombectomy.

Quality of evidence: **Low** ⊕⊕

Strength of recommendation: **Weak** †?

## Recommendation

For patients with acute ischaemic stroke of < 4.5 h duration and with **large vessel occlusion** who are **candidates for mechanical thrombectomy** and for whom intravenous thrombolysis is considered before thrombectomy, we suggest intravenous thrombolysis with **tenecteplase 0.25 mg/kg** over intravenous thrombolysis with alteplase 0.9 mg/kg.

Quality of evidence: **Low** ⊕⊕

Strength of recommendation: **Weak** †?

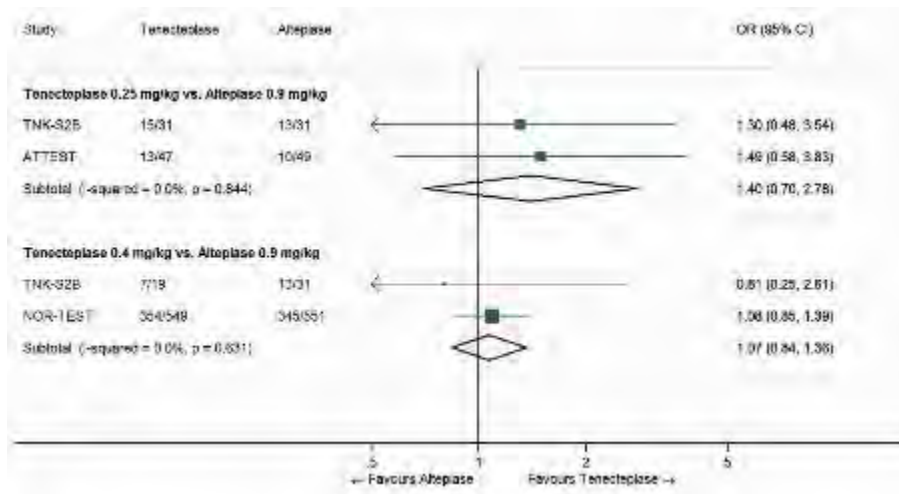
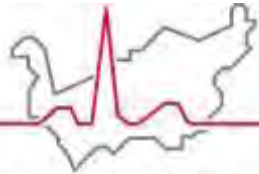


Figure 6. Pooled **odds ratio for sICH** in 'unselected' patients with ischaemic stroke of <4.5 h duration, treated with tenecteplase (0.25 or 0.4 mg/kg) vs. alteplase (0.9 mg/kg).

sICH idem



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# TEV directe «mothership» vs TIV→TEV «drip&ship»



## Factors Potentially Favoring Primary Thrombectomy:

### Lower Chances of Reperfusion or Benefit with IVT:

- Long Clots ( $\geq 8$  mm)<sup>19</sup>
- Low Clot Burden Scores<sup>16</sup>
- More Proximal Occlusions (ICA)<sup>17</sup>
- Tandem Occlusions<sup>18</sup>
- Absence of HDVS<sup>31</sup>
- Longer Times from Stroke Onset<sup>15,20</sup>
- ? Calcific Emboli

### Higher Chances of Complications with IVT:

- Large Infarct Sizes/ Low ASPECTS<sup>21,22</sup>
- Antiplatelet or Anticoagulant use<sup>23,24</sup>
- Very Old Patients<sup>23</sup>
- Severe Hyperglycemia<sup>23</sup>
- Microbleeds/ Amyloid Angiopathy<sup>24</sup>
- Severe Leukoaraiosis<sup>25</sup>
- ICA/ Proximal M1 Occlusions worsened Perfusion from Clot Fragmentation<sup>26</sup>
- Full Basal Ganglia Infarcts<sup>27</sup>

### ? Requirement for Peri-Procedural Anti-Thrombotics:<sup>23,24</sup>

- Intracranial Atherosclerotic Disease
- Tandem Occlusions
- Dissections
- Calcific Emboli (due to potential need for stenting rescue)

### Geographic and Center Specific Characteristics:

- High IVT Costs
- Fast Local MT Workflow<sup>28</sup>
- Neuroendovascular Team immediately available

## Factors Potentially Favoring Mothership Bridging:

### Higher Chances of Reperfusion or Benefit with IVT:

- Very Early Time Window<sup>19,20</sup>
- Short Dense Clots (< 8mm)<sup>15,31</sup>
- More Distal Thrombus location<sup>17</sup>
- Higher Residual Flow/ Thrombus Permeability<sup>17</sup>
- Good Collaterals<sup>32</sup>

### Lower or Uncertain MT versus IVT Benefit:

- Low Stroke Severity (NIHSS <10)<sup>3</sup>
- MCA-M2 Occlusions<sup>5</sup>
- Distal Occlusions (ACA, PCA, M3)
- Multi-territorial infarcts complicating MT

### Expected Delays in Endovascular Reperfusion:

- Unfavorable Vascular Anatomy<sup>34</sup>
- Expected Unusual Delays related to the of Sedation or General Anesthesia

### Geographic and Center Specific Characteristics:

- Low IVT Costs
- Prolonged Local MT Workflow
- Neuroendovascular team not in-house/ immediately available

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## EMERGING THERAPY CRITIQUES

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# Large Vessel Occlusion Strokes After the DIRECT-MT and SKIP Trials

## Is the Alteplase Syringe Half Empty or Half Full?


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# “Direct mechanical thrombectomy versus bridging therapy for acute ischaemic stroke”

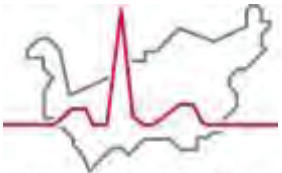
A study-level meta-analysis of the DIRECT-MT, MR CLEAN-NO IV, DEVT, SKIP and SWIFT-DIRECT randomized controlled trials

Improving **R**eperfusion strategies in **I**schemic **S**troke (IRIS)  
collaborators

Characteristics	DIRECT-MT	SKIP	DEVT	MR CLEAN-NO IV	SWIFT DIRECT
<b>Main inclusion criteria</b> 	Age ≥18 years, mRS of 0 or 1 before onset ICA, MCA-M1, or M2 occlusion on CTA NIHSS: ≥2 ASPECTS: no limit Onset to IV rt-PA ≤4 hours 30 min	Age ≥18 and <86 years, mRS of 0, 1 or-2 before onset ICA or MCA-M1 occlusion on CTA or MRA NIHSS: ≥6 ASPECTS: DWI ≥5, CT ≥6 Onset to puncture <4 hours	Age ≥18 years, mRS of 0 or 1 before onset ICA or MCA-M1 occlusion on CTA or MRA NIHSS: no limit ASPECTS: no limit Onset to randomization ≤4 hours 15 min	Age ≥18 years, mRS of 0 or 1 before onset ICA or MCA-M1 or proximal M2 occlusion on CTA or MRA NIHSS: ≥2 ASPECTS: no limit	Age ≥18 years, mRS of 0 or 1 before onset ICA or MCA-M1 occlusion or both on CTA or MRA NIHSS of ≥5 and <30 ASPECTS: DWI/CT ≥4 Onset to randomization ≤4 hours 15 min
<b>Treatment</b>	MT (n=327) IVT before MT (n=329) 	MT (n=101) IVT before MT (n=103)	MT (n=116) IVT before MT (n=118)	MT (n=273) IVT before MT (n=266)	MT (n=201) IVT before MT (n=207)
<b>Device</b>	Any approved device	Any approved device	Any approved device	Any approved device	Stent retrievers with proximal protection device 
<b>tPA</b>	Alteplase, 0.9 mg/kg	Alteplase, 0.6 mg/kg 	Alteplase, 0.9 mg/kg	Alteplase, 0.9 mg/kg	Alteplase, 0.9 mg/kg
<b>Country</b>	China 	Japan 	China 	Europe	North America and Europe
<b>Design</b>	Non-inferiority	Non-inferiority	Non-inferiority	Superiority (non-inferiority as secondary outcome) 	Non-inferiority
<b>Non-Inferiority margins</b> 	mRS shift with a non-inferiority margin OR 0.80  	mRS 0–2 with a non-inferiority margin OR of 0.74   	mRS 0–2 with a non-inferiority margin of 10%  	mRS shift with a non-inferiority margin OR 0.80  	mRS 0–2 with a non-inferiority margin of 12%  

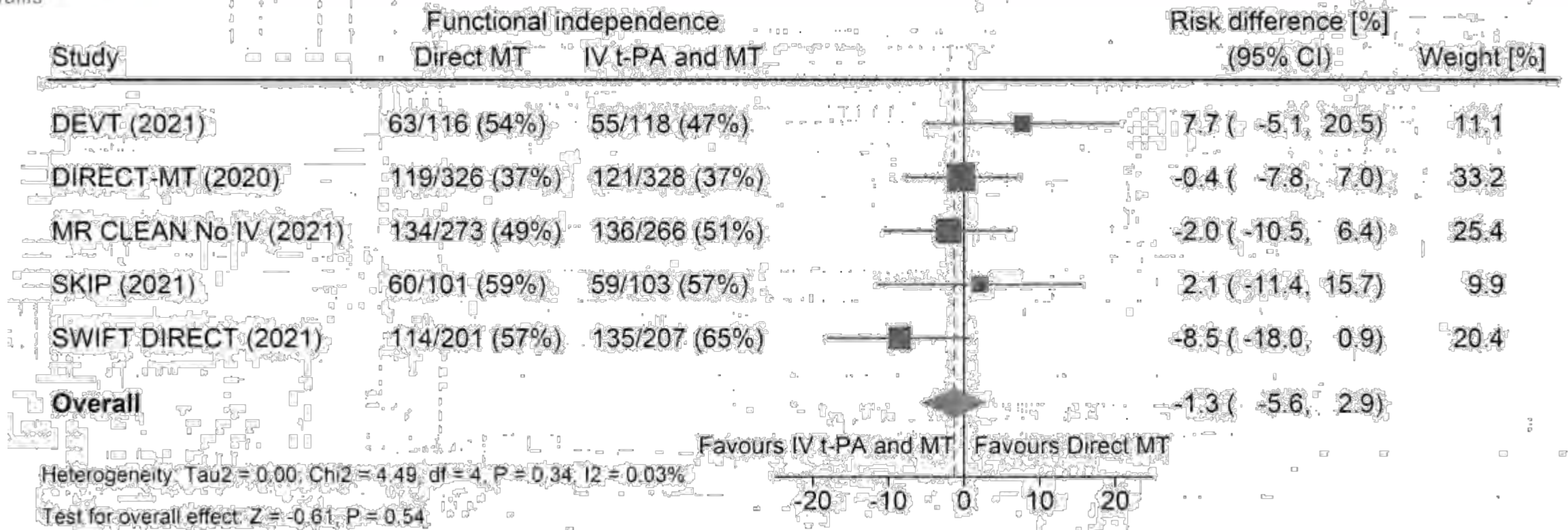
# Results

- DIRECT MT: non-inferiority (NI) shown (NI margin cOR 0.8)
- SKIP: non-inferiority not shown but outcomes nominally similar (NI margin cOR 0.74)
- DEVT: stopped early because non-inferiority criteria were met (NI margin for mRS 0-2 10%)
- MR CLEAN NO IV: neither superiority nor non-inferiority shown but outcomes nominally similar (NI margin cOR 0.8)
- SWIFT DIRECT: non-inferiority not show (NI margin for mRS 0-2 12%)

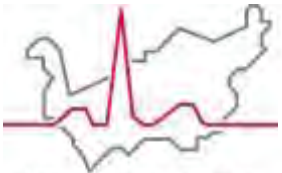


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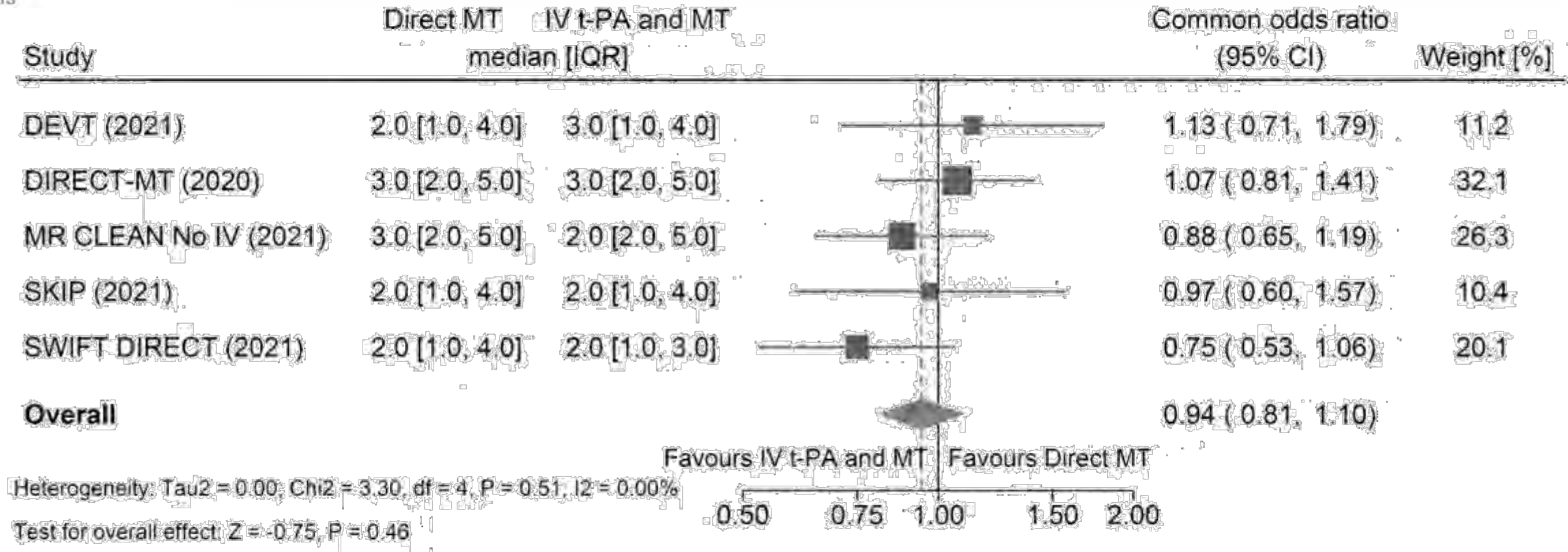
# mRS $\leq 2$



Functional independence (mRS  $\leq 2$ ) at 90 days  
using unadjusted risk differences.

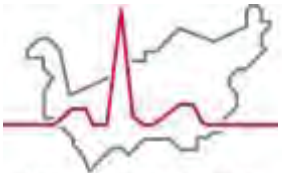


# mRS shift analysis

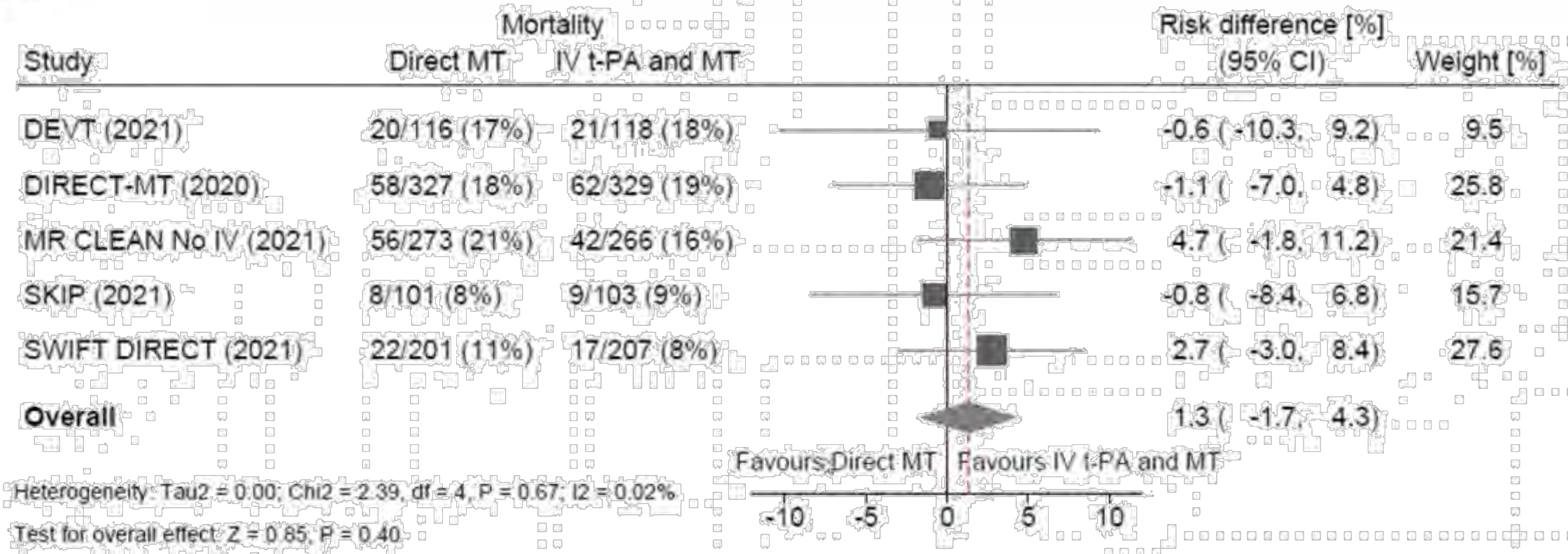


mRS at 90 days using adjusted common odds ratios for a better outcome (lower score)





# Mortality

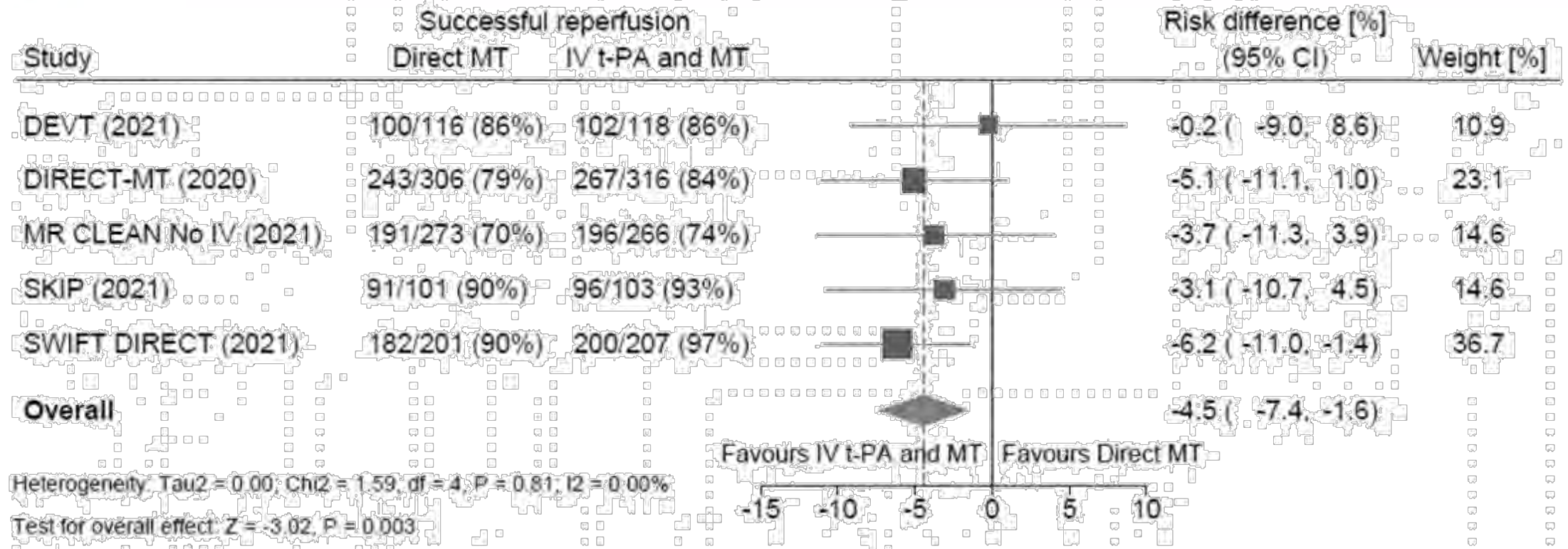


Mortality at 90 days using unadjusted risk differences

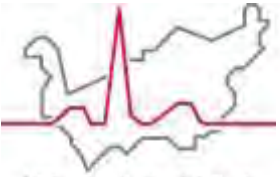




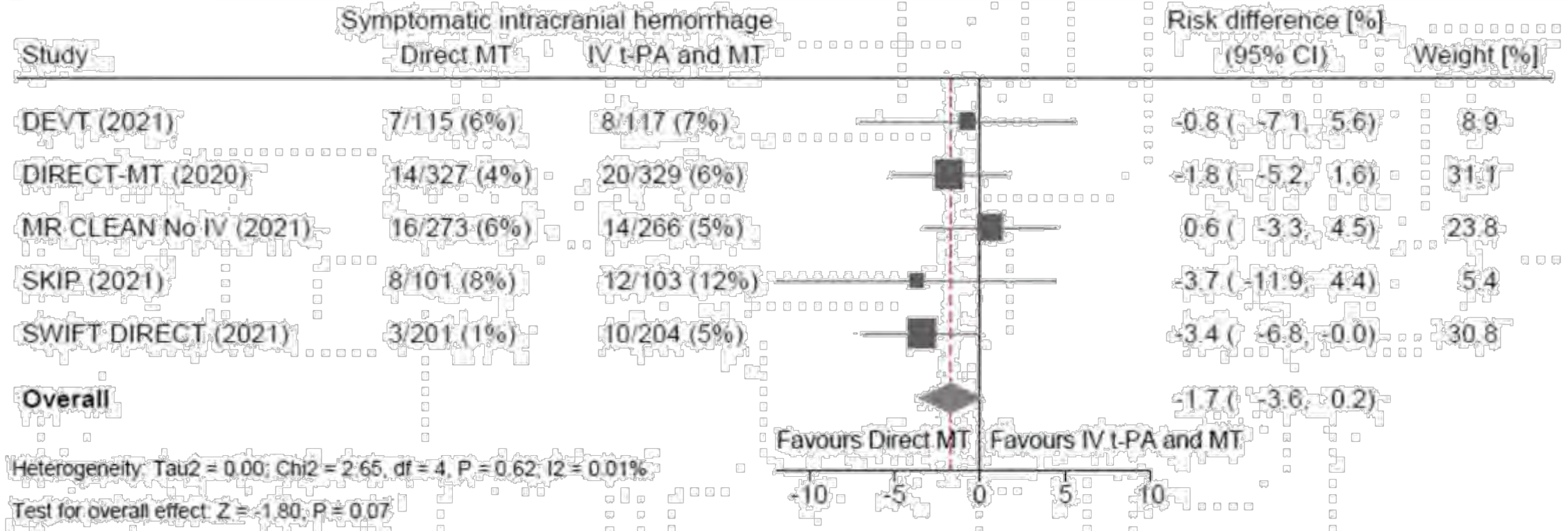
# Successful reperfusion



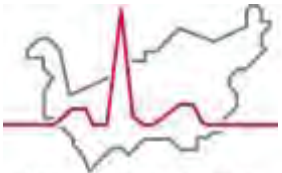
Successful reperfusion (TICI  $\leq 2b$ ) using unadjusted risk differences



# Symptomatic ICH

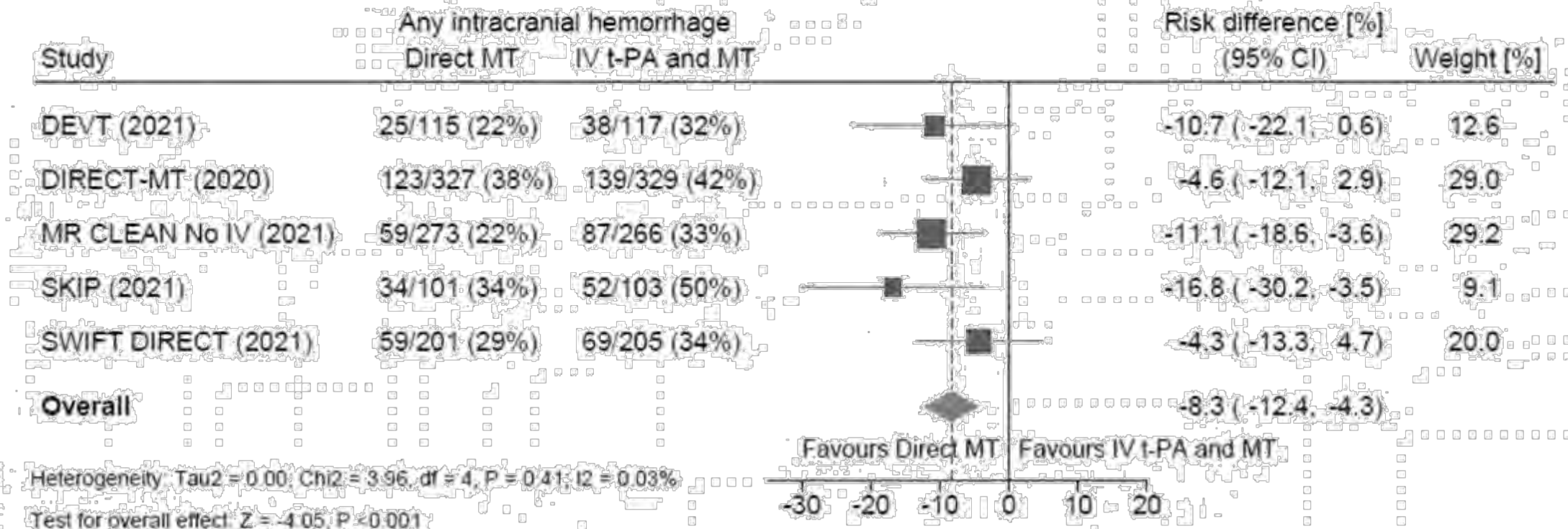


Symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage using unadjusted risk differences



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# Any ICH



Any intracranial hemorrhage using unadjusted risk difference

## Conclusion I

- This meta-analysis suggests that direct MT is non-inferior to IVT plus MT for **the three least severe**, but **not for more stringent non-inferiority margins**.
- There was no evidence of a difference in mortality and mRS shift between both groups.
- Successful reperfusion is **better** after MT plus IVT than after direct MT.
- Haemorrhage rates are **higher** in the MT plus IVT group than in the direct MT group.

## Conclusion II

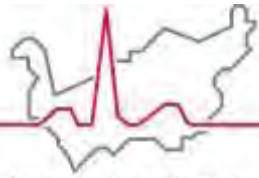
- Individual patient data meta-analyses are needed to identify subgroup of patients who respond better to one of the treatment strategies in order to individualize future therapies.
- The “Improving Reperfusion strategies in Ischemic Stroke” (IRIS) working group\* will start to collaborate in early 2022.



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**Aucune raison de ne pas thrombolyser un patient qui a les critères en vue d'une TEV !**

# AVC 4.5-9h avec heure de début connue, imagerie perfusion mismatch



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## Recommendation

For patients with ischaemic stroke of 4.5–9 h duration (known onset time) and with CT or MRI core/perfusion mismatch\*, and for whom mechanical thrombectomy is either not indicated or not planned, we recommend intravenous thrombolysis with alteplase.

Quality of evidence: Low ⊕⊕

Strength of recommendation: Strong ↑↑

\*In the individual participant data meta-analysis by Campbell et al.,<sup>34</sup> core/perfusion mismatch was assessed with an automated processing software and defined as follows:

- Infarct core\*\* volume < 70 ml
- and Critically hypoperfused† volume/Infarct core\*\* volume > 1.2
- and Mismatch volume > 10 ml

\*\* rCBF < 30% (CT perfusion) or ADC < 620  $\mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$  (Diffusion MRI)

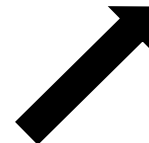
†Tmax > 6 s (perfusion CT or perfusion MRI)

For patients with no CT or MRI core/perfusion mismatch, please see the expert consensus statement below.

## Expert consensus statement

For patients presenting directly to a thrombectomy centre with ischaemic stroke of 4.5–9 h duration (known onset) with CT or MRI core/perfusion mismatch and who are eligible for mechanical thrombectomy, the group members could not reach a consensus regarding whether intravenous thrombolysis should be used before mechanical thrombectomy.

For patients presenting to a non-thrombectomy centre with ischaemic stroke of 4.5–9 h duration (known onset) with CT or MRI core/perfusion mismatch and who are eligible for mechanical thrombectomy, 6 of 9 group members suggest intravenous thrombolysis before mechanical thrombectomy.



# TEV distale

Futur ou futilité ?

Slides de la présentation ESOC 2021, Dr J. Kaesmacher

## SPECIAL REPORT

### Thrombectomy for Distal, Medium Vessel Occlusions

A Consensus Statement on Present Knowledge and Promising Directions

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# Distal Vessel Occlusions

## Thrombectomy for Distal, Medium Vessel Occlusions

A Consensus Statement on Present Knowledge and Promising Directions

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## MeVO: the next frontier?

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## DMVO

1. vessel distance/tortuosity (distal vessel)
2. Vessel size/diameter (medium vessel)

ACA	MCA	PCA	Cerebellar
A1	M2	P1	PICA
A2	M3/4	P2	AICA
A3-5		P3-5	SCA

## MeVO

1. Anatomical Segments
2. Clinical deficit

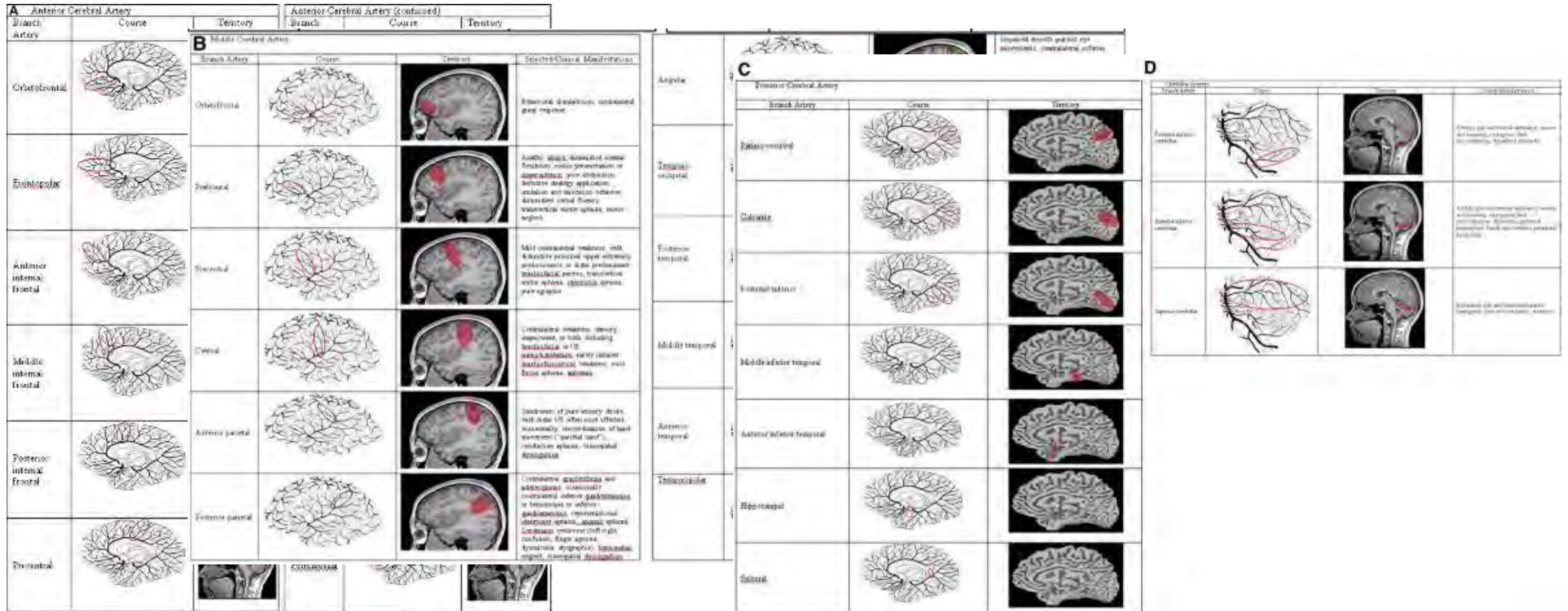
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A2	M2	P2	
A3	M3	P3	



# Vaisseaux distaux : plusieurs localisations / symptômes, mais souvent zones corticales éloquentes

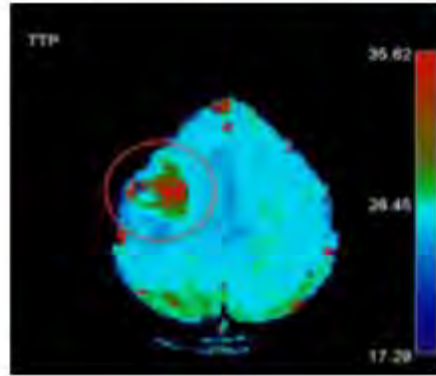


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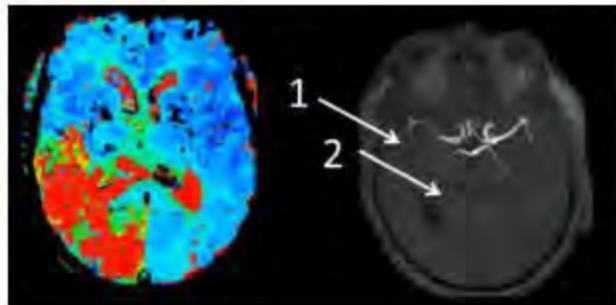


# Distal Vessel Occlusions

## Primary DMVO/MeVOs



Beware: 10-15% have multiple vessel occlusions:

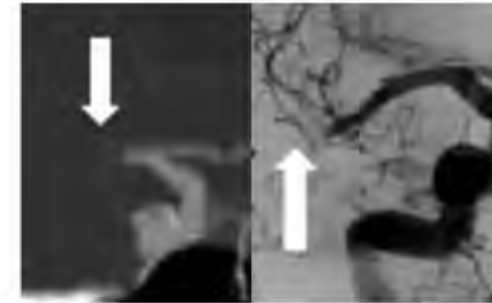


Multiple occlusions  
More common in  
More distal vessels

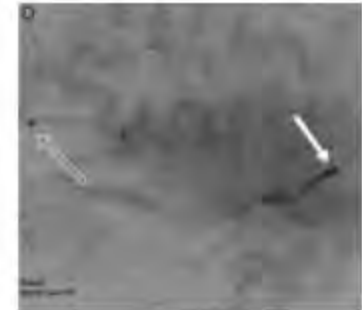
Kaesmacher et al. JAHA 2018

## Secondary DMVO/MeVOs

Spontaneous /  
after IVT



Following  
MT



Kaesmacher et al. JAHA 2018  
Goyal et al. STROKE 2021

# Distal Vessel Occlusions

DMVO/MeVOs - do we need new treatments?

**A**

90 day mRS  
(n = 258)



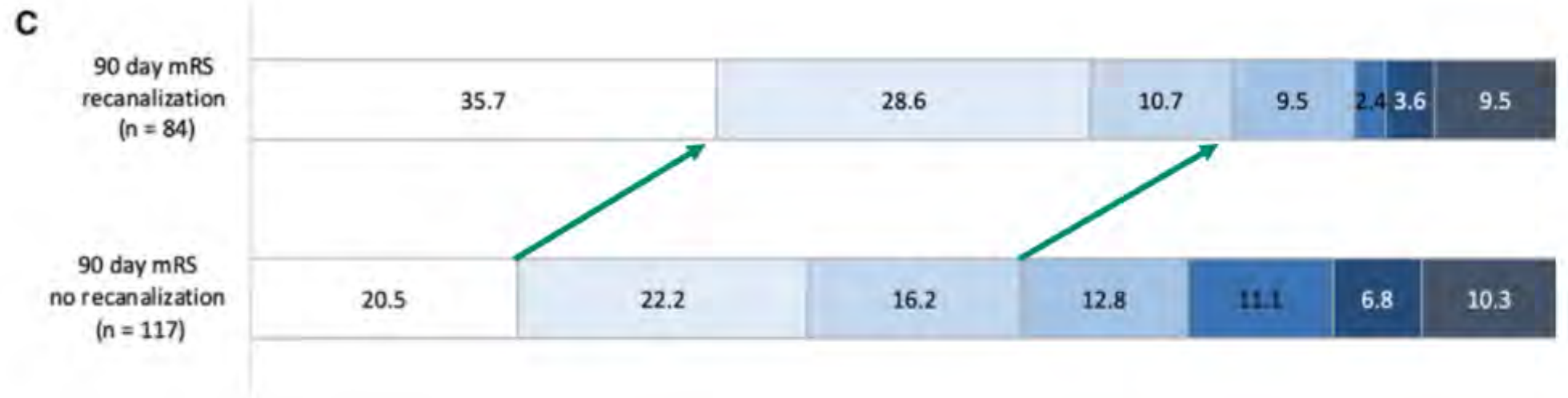
**B**

90 day mRS  
without prox.  
M2 occlusions  
(n = 184)



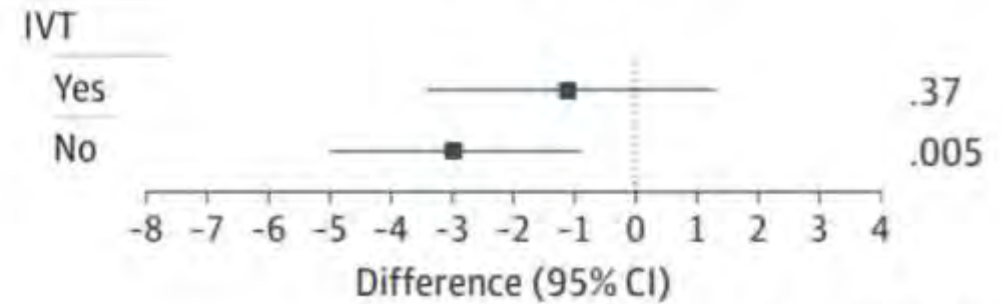
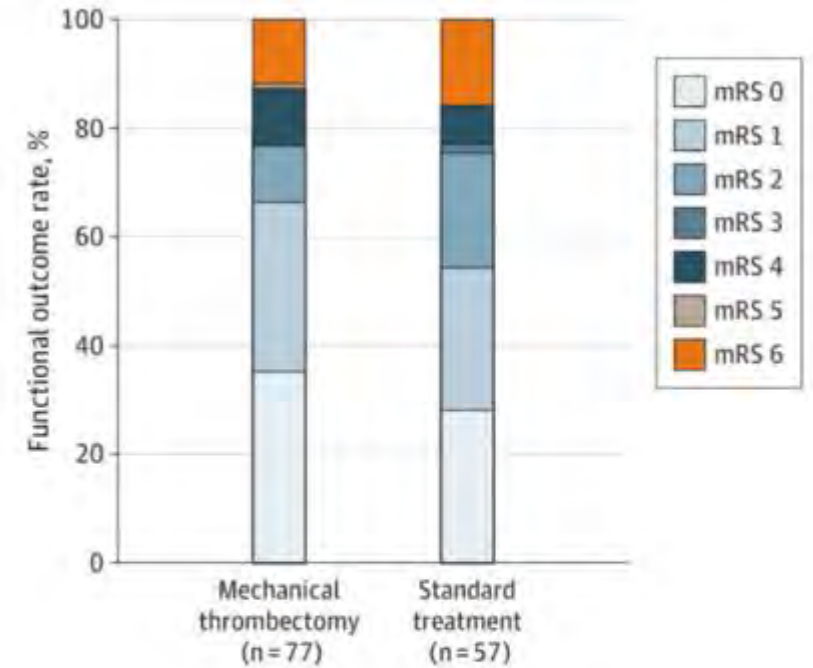
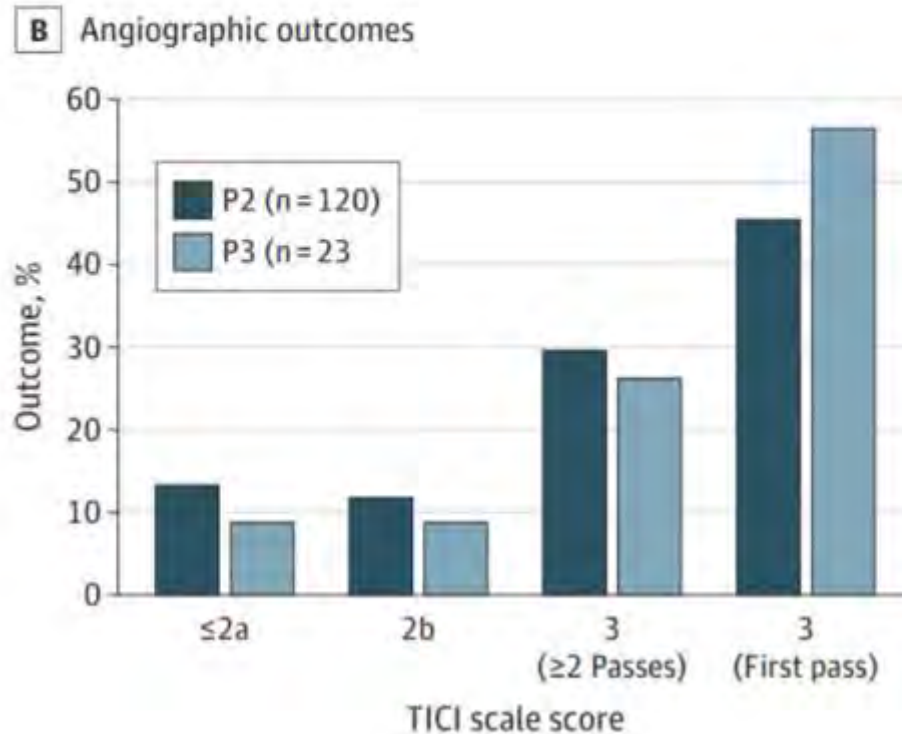
# Distal Vessel Occlusions

DMVO/MeVOs – does reperfusion help?



# Distal Vessel Occlusions

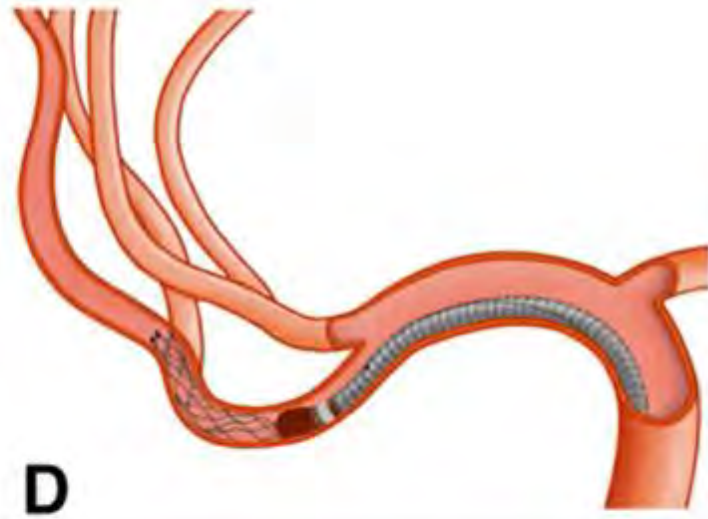
DMVO/MeVOs - does thrombectomy help?



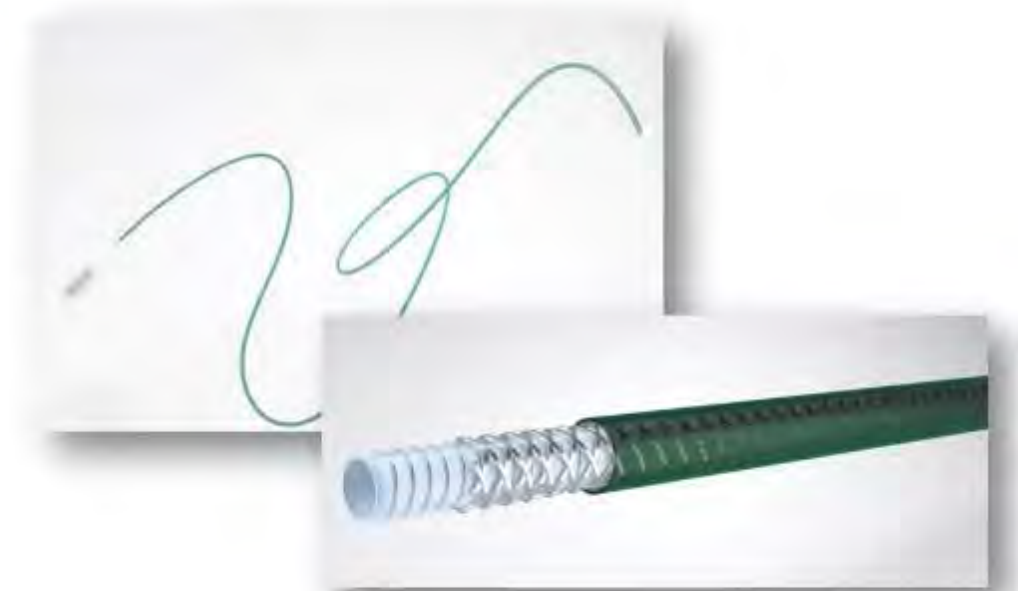
Meyer et al. JAMA NL

# Distal Vessel Occlusions

How to?



Mini-Pinning Technique  
Peres-Garcia et al. STROKE 2020



«Micro-ADAPT»  
Crockett et al. JNIS 2018

# Distal Vessel Occlusions

## The current state

- **serious disease** associated with a considerable amount of patients not achieving excellent functional outcomes
- can be **primary** and **secondary** with different pathophysiology, infarct patterns and eligibility for trial and treatments
- **Reperfusion** is consistently associated with **better outcomes**
- Report, define and grade according to current consensus/recommendations.

**Distal vessel occlusion is a more complicated and heterogenous disease than it appears**



# Distal Vessel Occlusions

TRIALS

## Upcoming RCTs

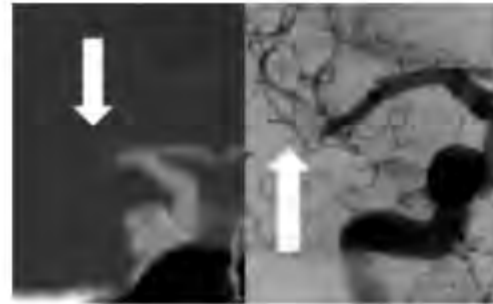




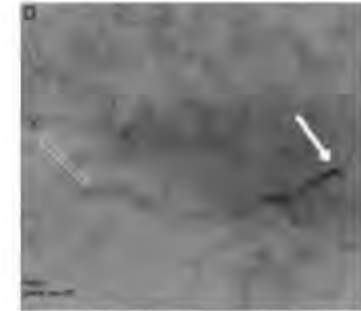
# Distal Vessel Occlusions

Secondary DMVO/MeVOs

Spontaneous /  
after IVT



Following  
MT



Reperfusion often poor, thrombus no longer accessible

**BUT**

Outcome is often excellent

«*Thrombus Migration Paradox*»

Original research

Thrombectomy for secondary c  
occlusions of the posterior circ  
complete reperfusion

doi:10.1136/bmj-2019-024242  
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INTERVENTIONAL

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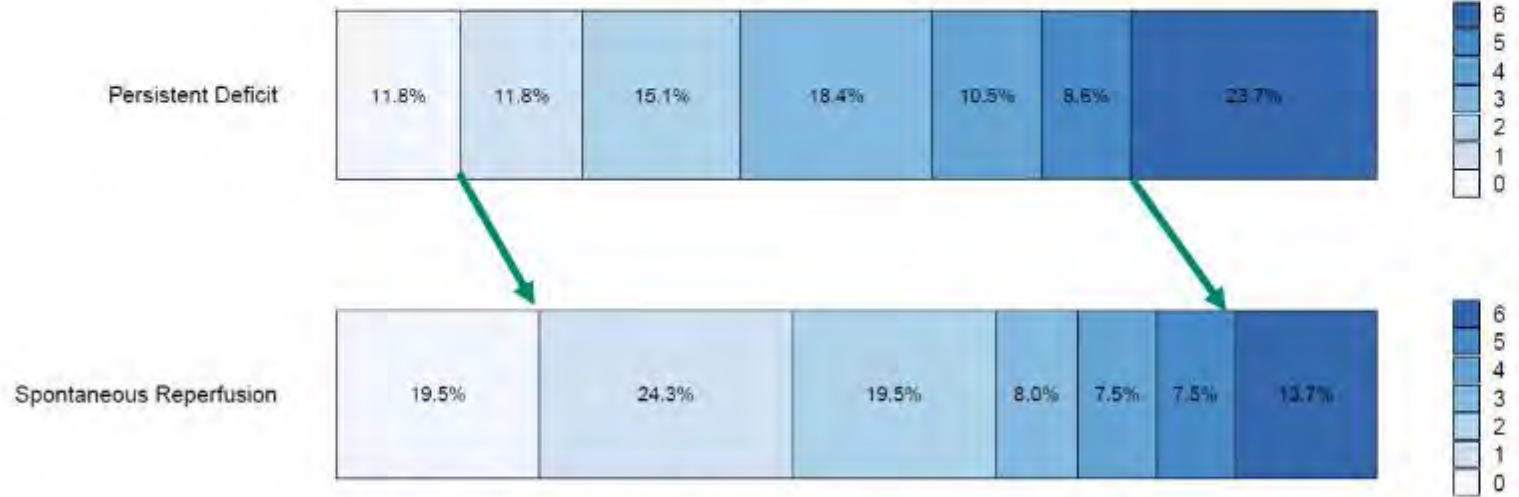
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# Distal Vessel Occlusions

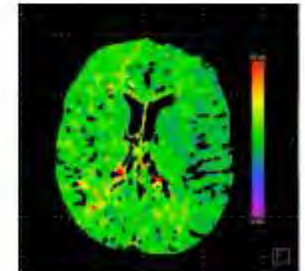
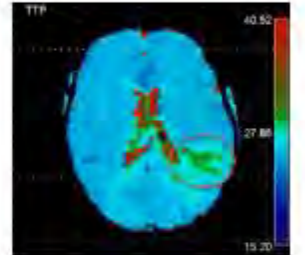
## Secondary DMVO/MeVOs

**Probably benefit from more aggressive treatment**



**Less likely to benefit from more aggressive treatment**

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Mujanovic et al.

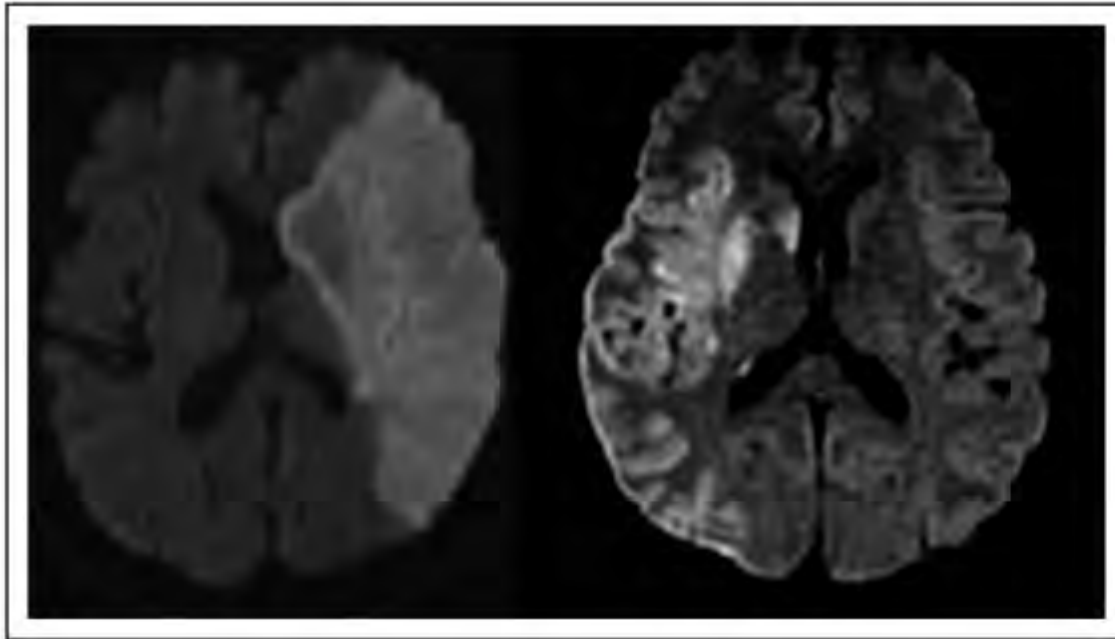
# AVC avec large core

Que faire ?

Slides de la présentation ESOC 2021, Dr J. Kaesmacher

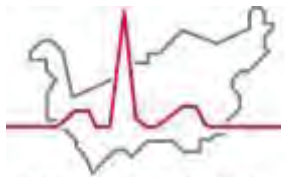
# Challenging the Ischemic Core Concept in Acute Ischemic Stroke Imaging

## Lésion homogène vs inhomogène / corticale pure...



**Figure 1. Exemplary diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) sequences of 2 acute ischemic stroke patients.**

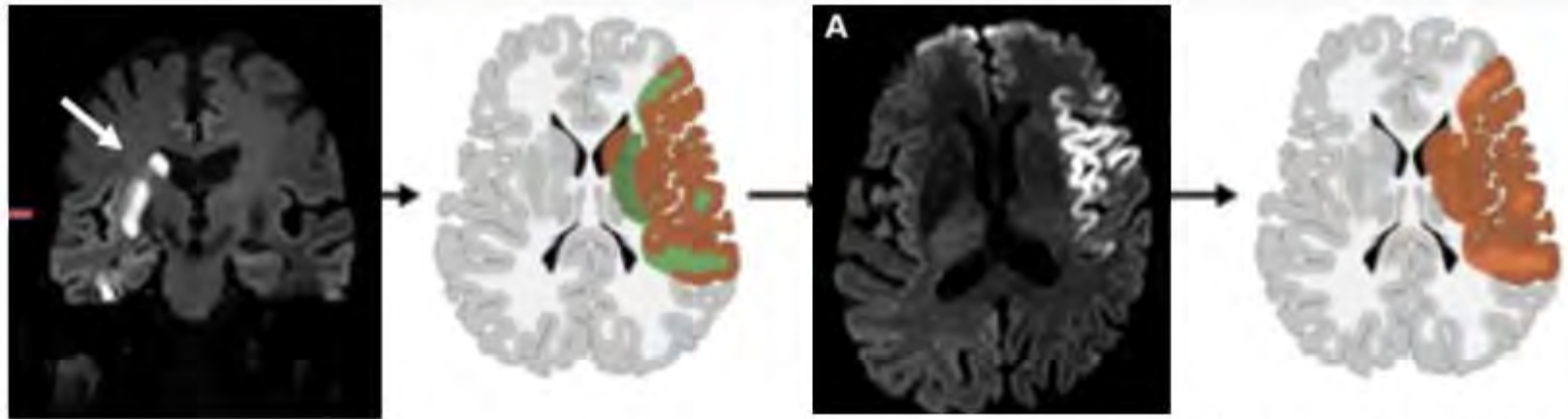
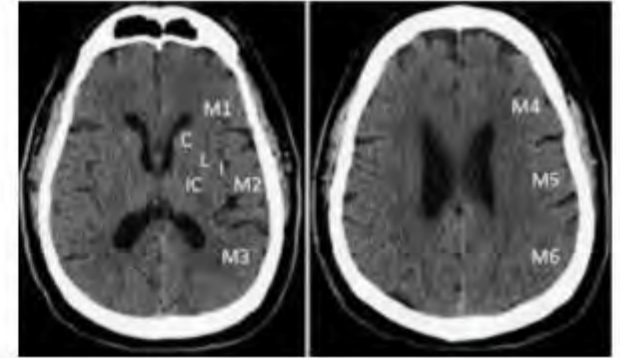
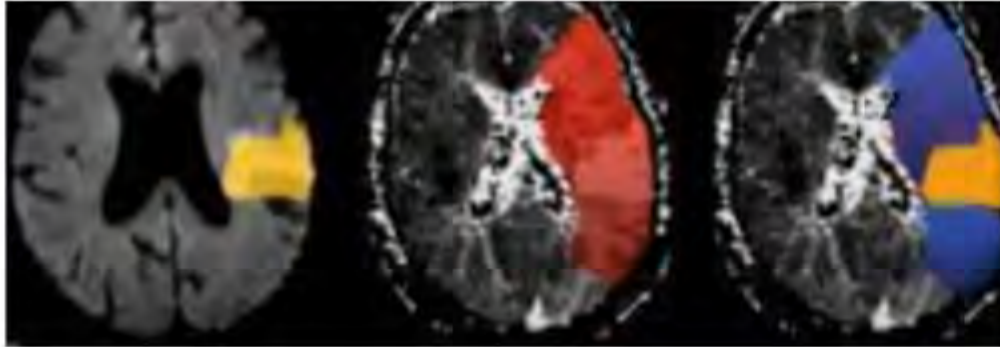
Homogeneous infarct pattern (**left**) in which both gray and white matter are completely affected vs patchy cortical/white matter sparing infarct pattern (**right**). In the latter one, the patient's National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) at the time of the MRI was 3, despite the apparently extensive infarcts.



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# Large Infarct Core

What you see is what you get



Kaesmacher et al. STROKE 2021

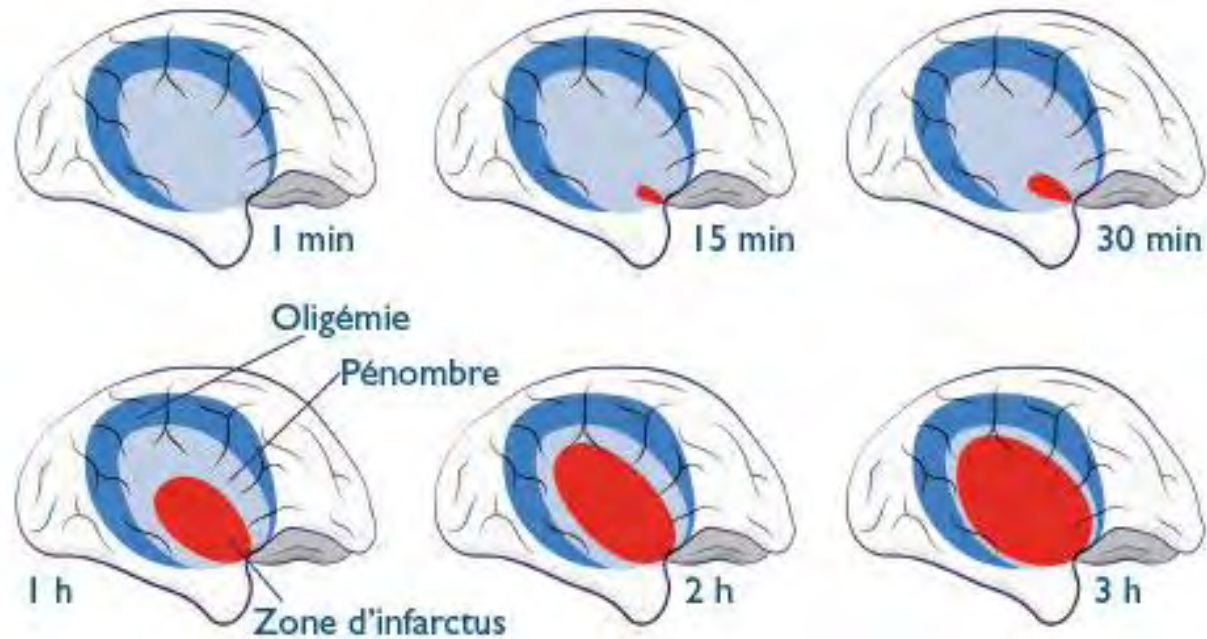


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## AVC : un phénomène *dynamique* dans *le temps* et *l'espace*



- Lorsqu'un AVC survient, chaque **minute**, le cerveau perd environ **2 millions de neurones** !





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# Réversibilité du core (CBV au CT / DWI à l'IRM)

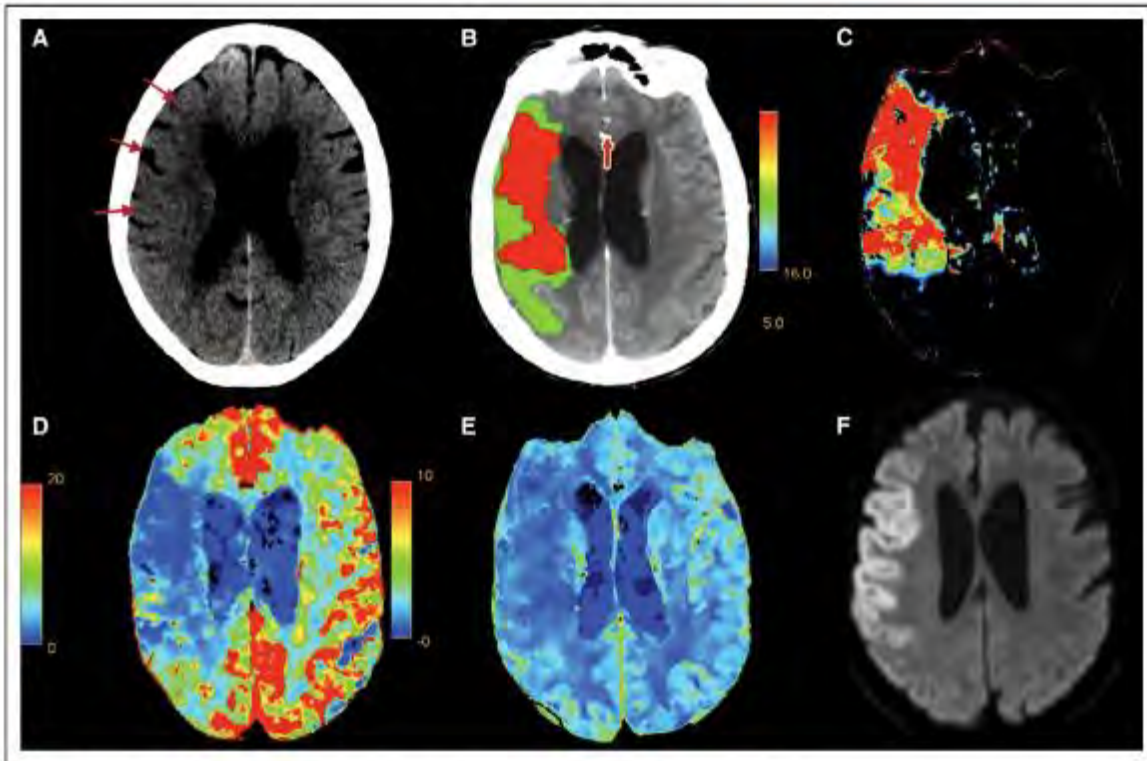
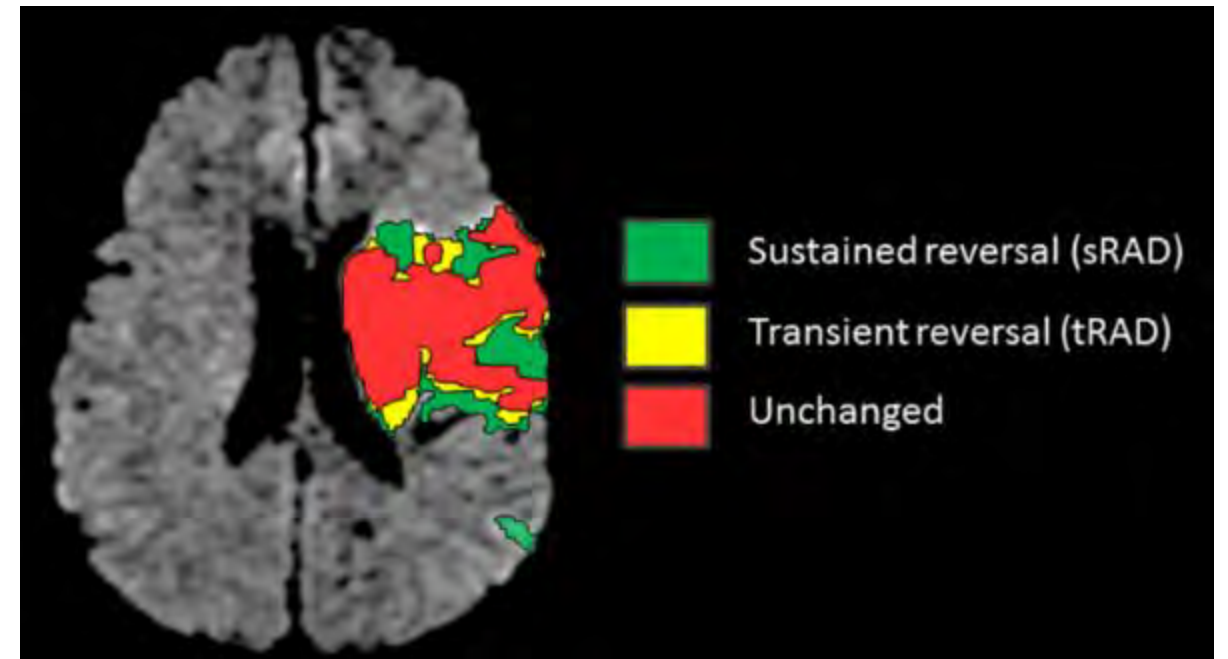


Figure 2. Core reversibility on computed tomography (CT) perfusion and noncontrast CT.

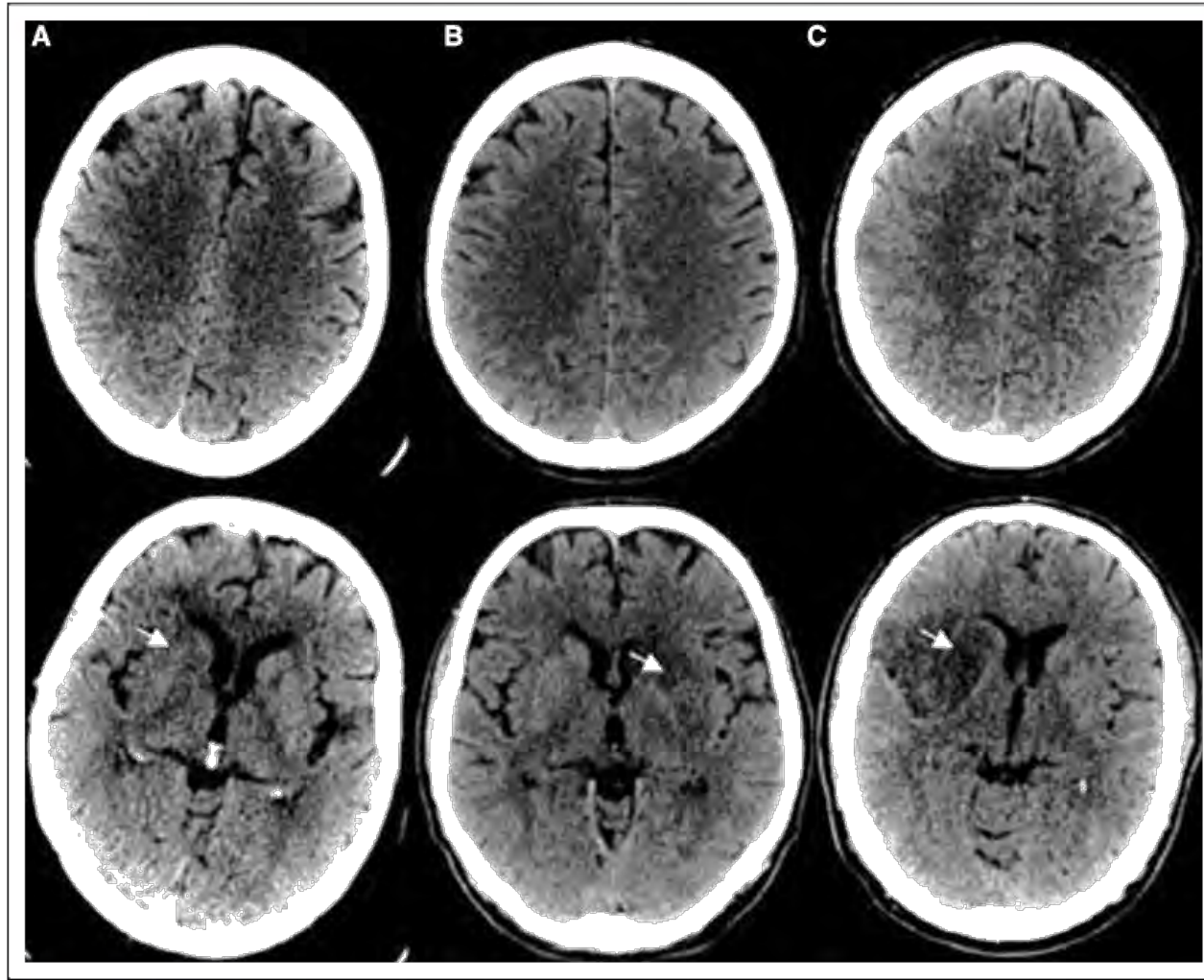


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## NCCT... même ASPECT score ... mais AVC différents !



**Figure 3.** Continuum of hypodensity on noncontrast computed tomography (NCCT).

In **A**, there is only mild hypodensity of the caudate and lentiform nucleus, while in **(B)**, the hypodensity is patchy and more conspicuous. In **C**, there is frank hypodensity of the caudate and lentiform nucleus as well as the insula and M1 region. These qualitative density differences are neither reflected in the Alberta Stroke Program Early CT Score (ASPECTS) nor in core volume.

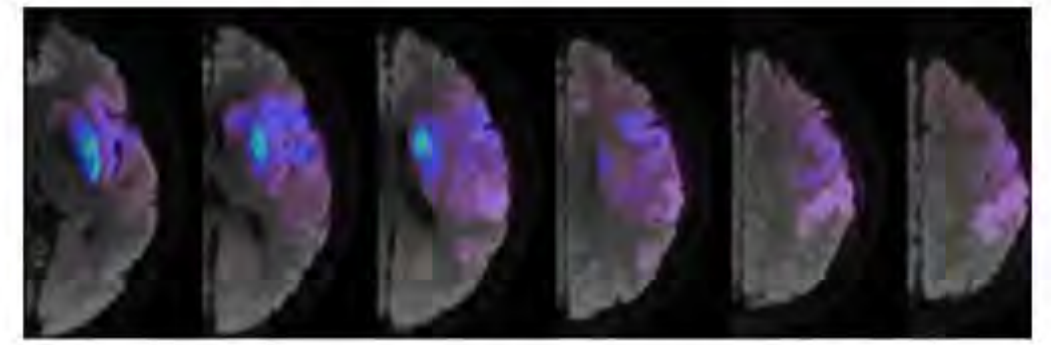
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# Large Infarct Core

Dichotomization



Moulton et al. PLOS ONE

Swelling /  
Viscosity changes

Selective neuronal  
Loss/apoptosis

Selective layer  
necrosis

Selective tissue  
type necrosis

Edema and  
vascular integrity

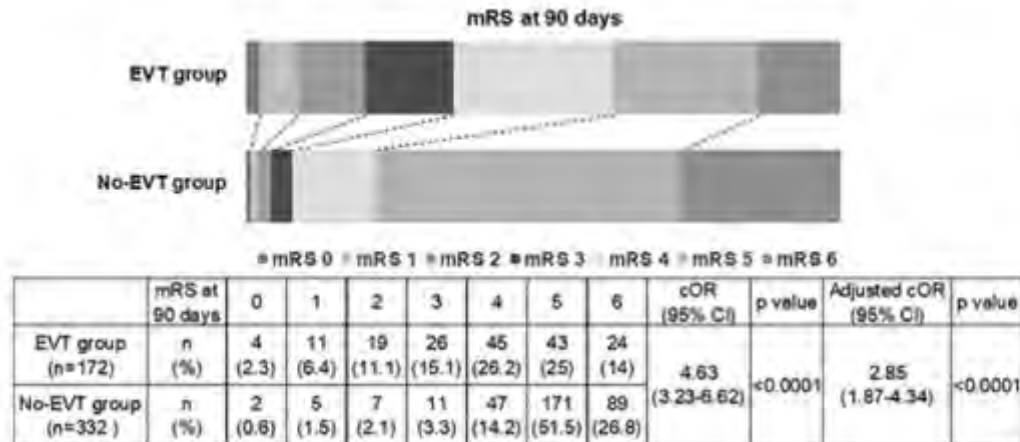


# Large Infarct Core

Large Infarct Core – Does Reperfusion help?

## Impact of Endovascular Therapy in Patients With Large Ischemic Core Subanalysis of Recovery by Endovascular Salvage for Cerebral Ultra-Acute Embolism Japan Registry 2

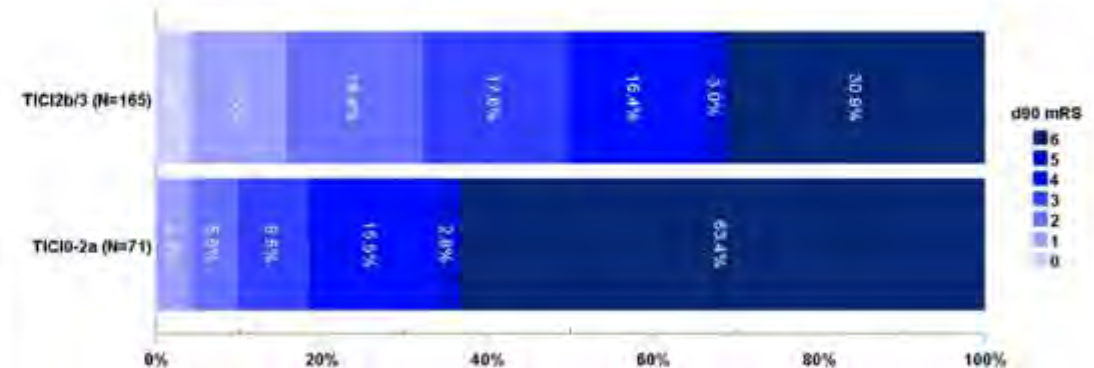
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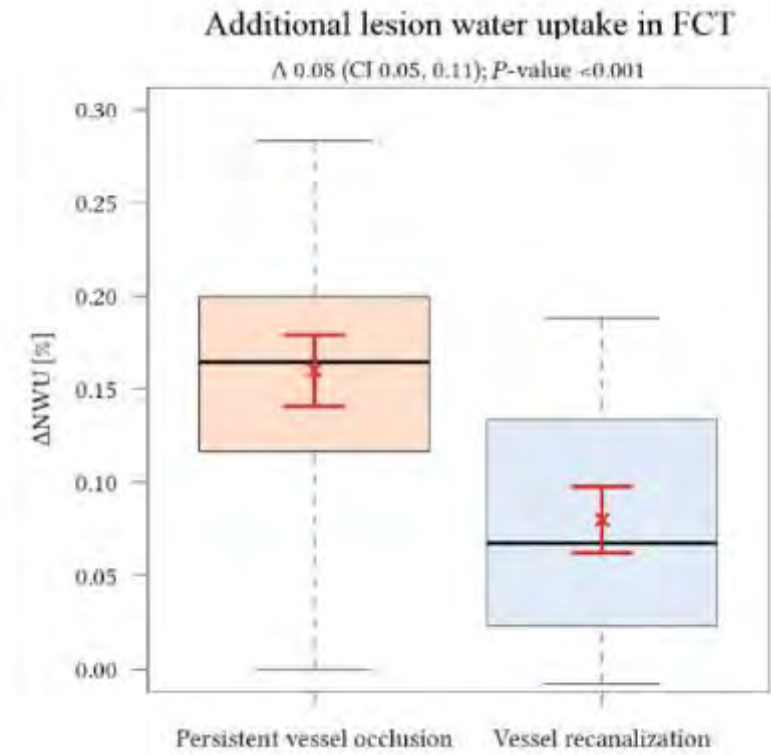
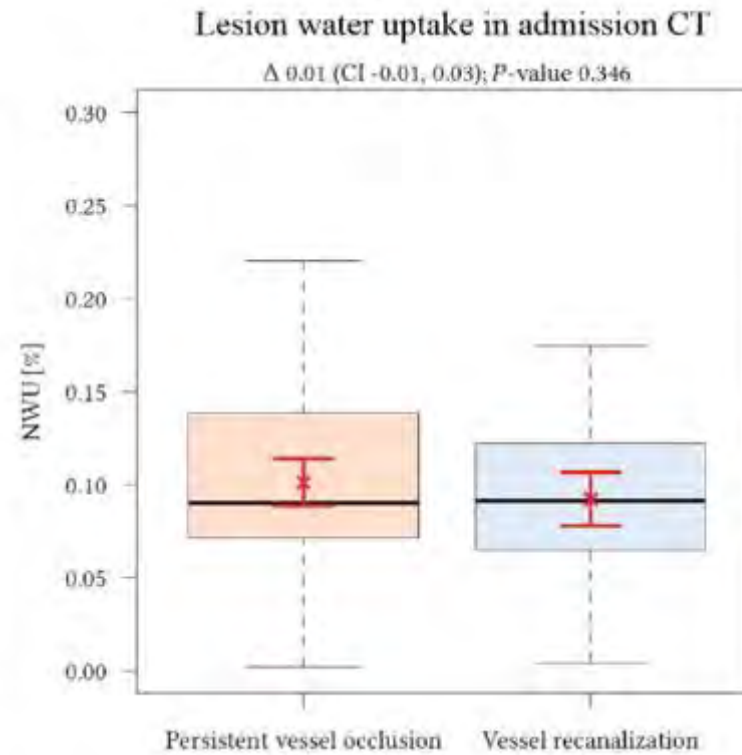
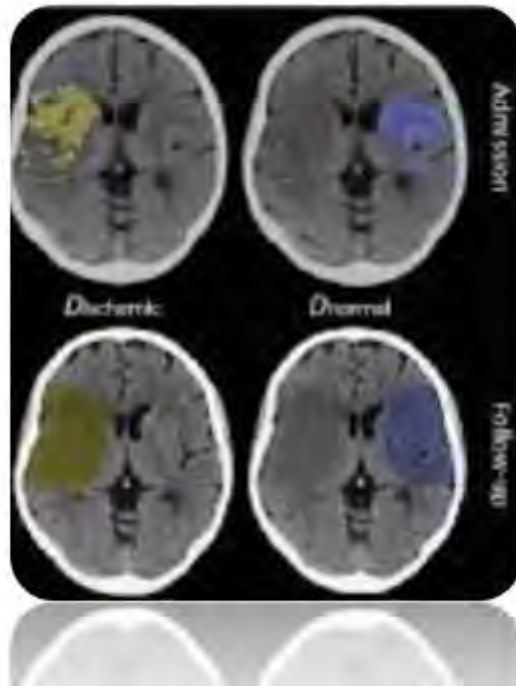
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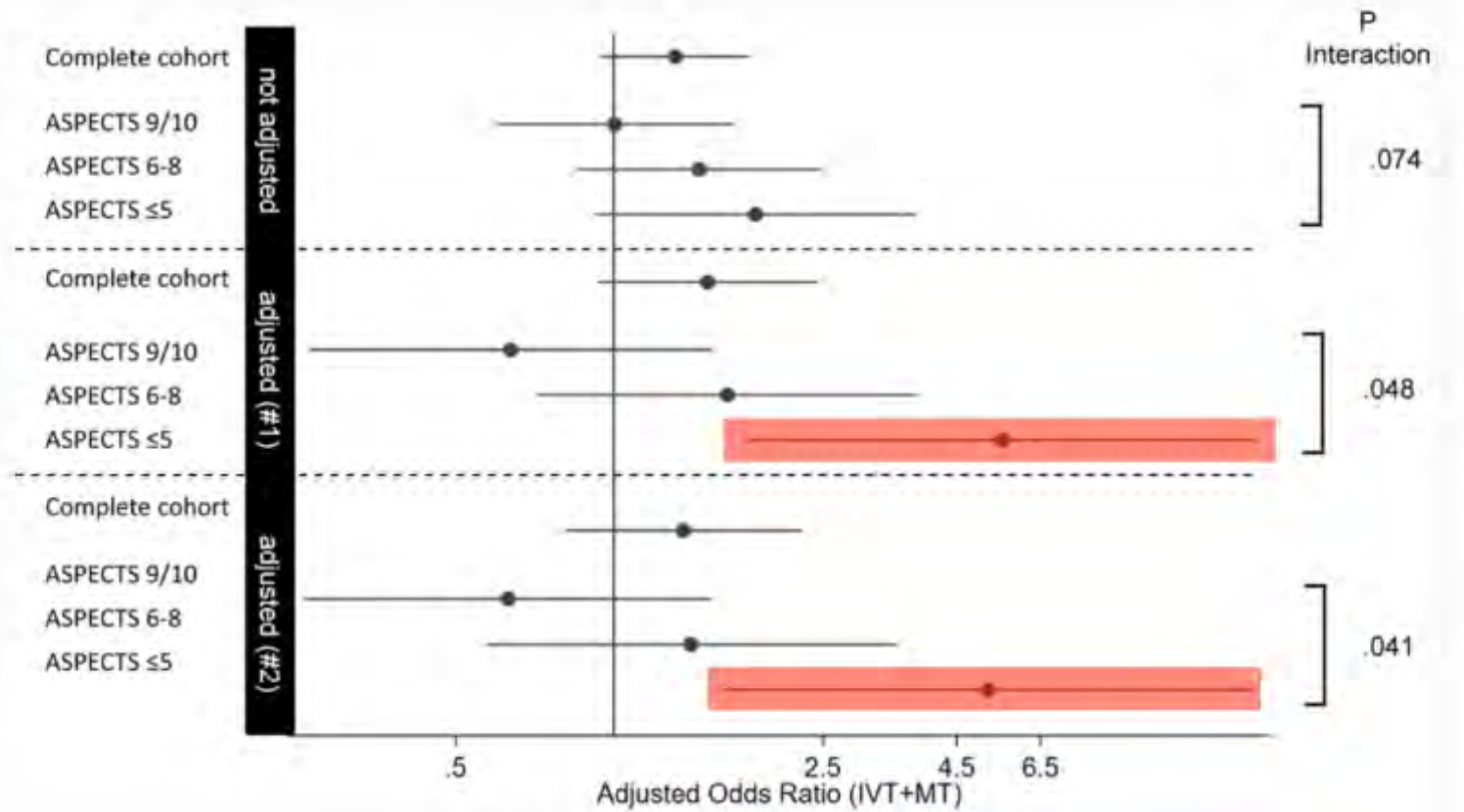
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Large Infarct Core – Does Reperfusion help?



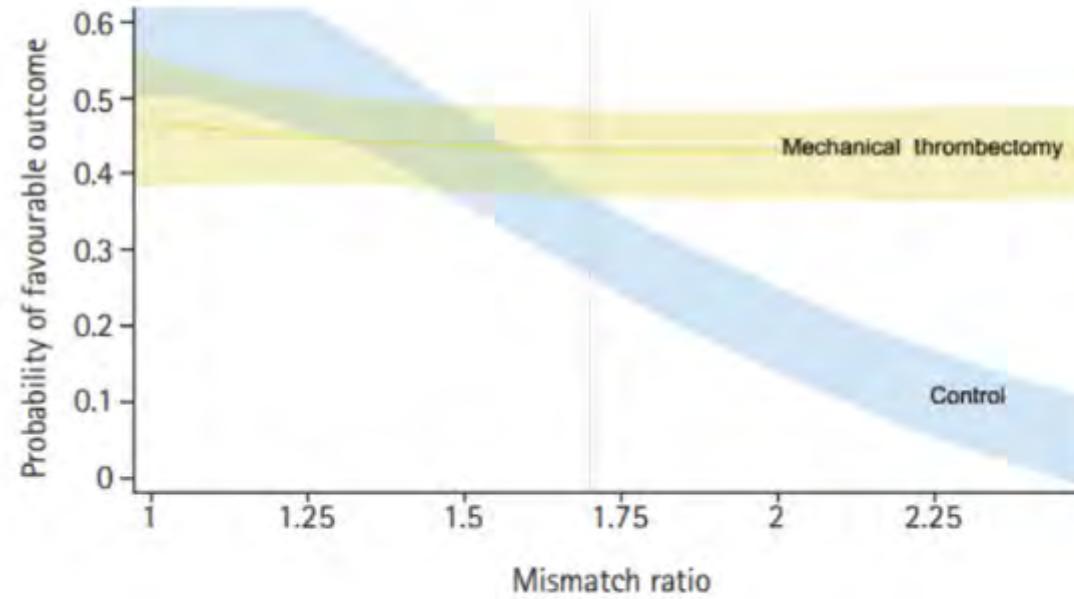
# Large Infarct Core

## Large Infarct Core – Role of IVT?

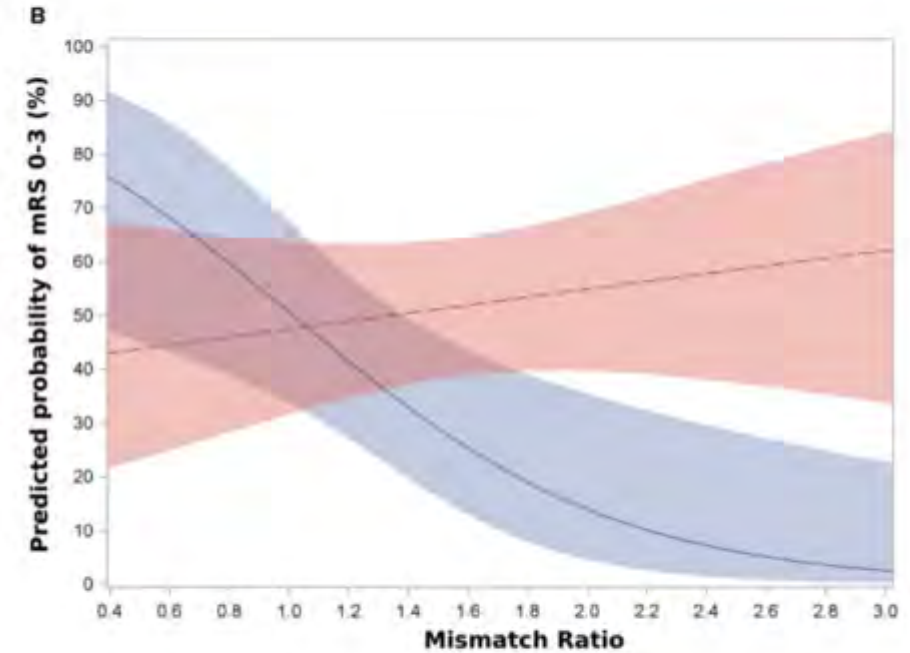


# Large Infarct Core

Patient selection?



Kerleroux et al. JoS 2020



Seners et al. Annals of Neurology 2021



## Large core stroke : RCT en cours... pas pour tout de suite !

	TENSION	IN-EXTREMIS (LASTE)	RESCUE LIMIT	TESLA	SELECT II
N	<b>665</b>	<b>450</b>	200	300	560
Large Core	CT-ASPECTS 3-5	CT/DWI-ASPECTS 0-5 (>80y: 4-5)	CT/DWI-ASPECTS 3-5	CT-ASPECTS 2-5	CT-ASPECTS 3-5 OR perfusion core >50ml
Outcome	mRS shift	mRS shift + mortality	mRS $\leq$ 3	Utility-weighted 90-day Modified Rankin Score	mRS shift
Recruiting	Yes, <b>150</b> (07/2021)	Yes <b>158</b> (07/2021)	Yes	Yes	Yes

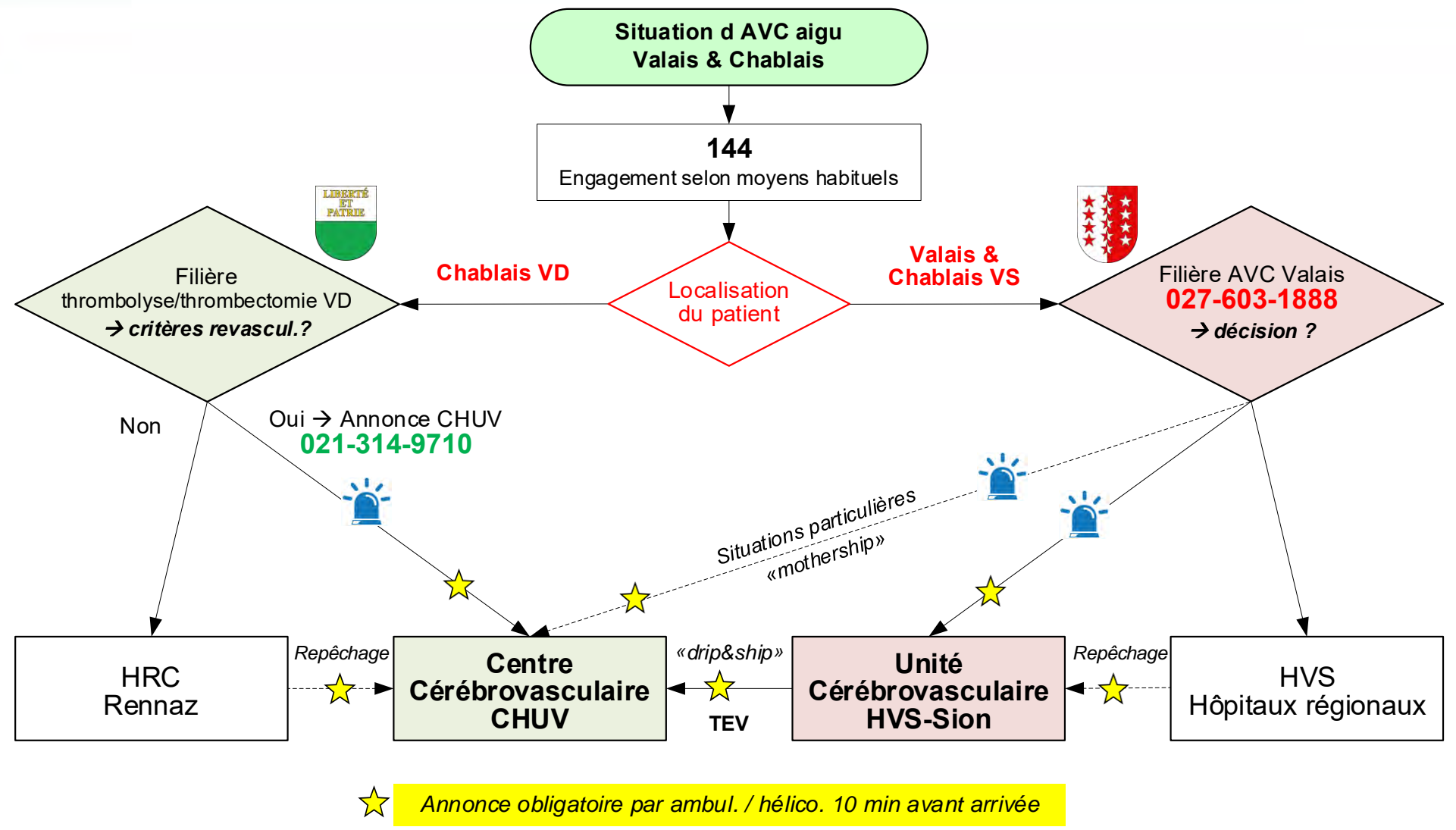


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## 4. Protocole AVC Valais



# Orientation préhospitalière des AVC Valais – Chablais







# Acute LVO Stroke: Where to go?

Mobile stroke unit



Stroke in Wallis

«drip & ship»

«mothership»



«reverse»

Stroke Unit Sion

Stroke Center CHUV, Insel, HUG

Remote robotic EVT



1/3 patients thrombolysed  
More in the future

«drip & fly»





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# «Drip & fly» : **déplacer le neuro-interventionnel** plutôt que le patient

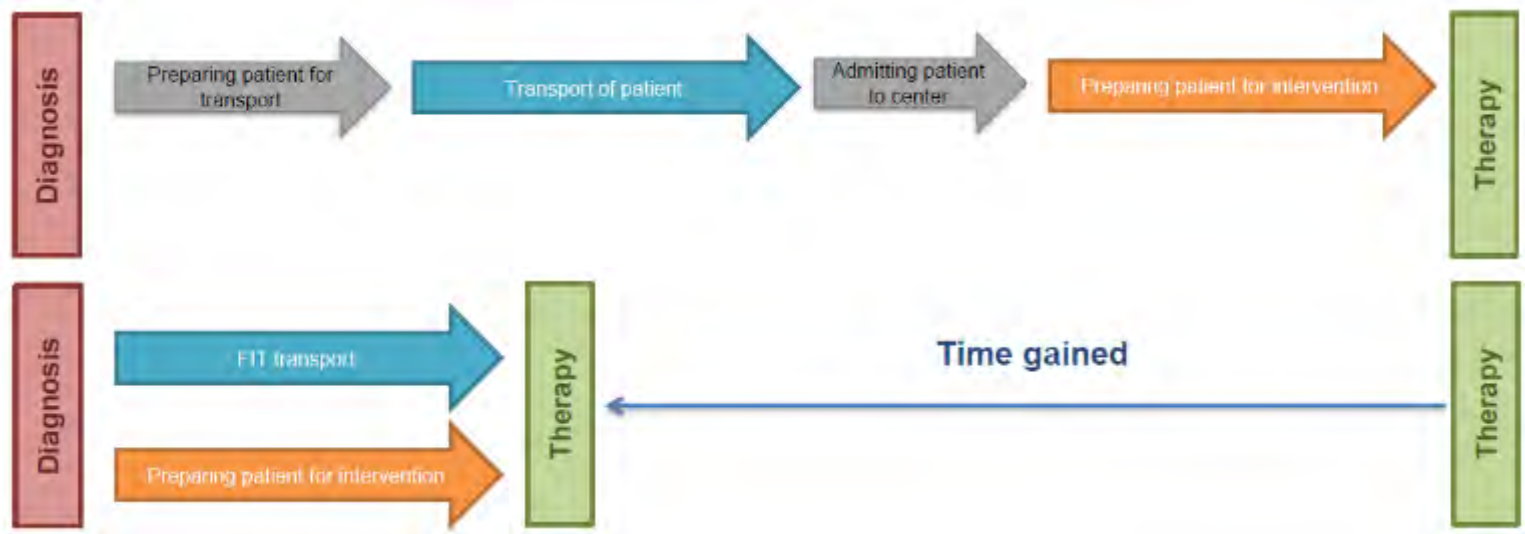
## Flying Intervention Team

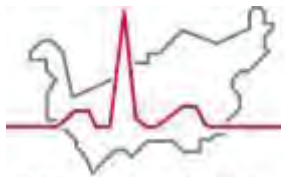
Association between a Novel System of Care and Functional Outcome of Stroke Patients in Remote Areas

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München Klinik, Munich, Germany

### Background

- Effect of endovascular treatment (EVT) is time dependent
- Interventional expertise is scarce in rural areas
- Rural patients experience significant treatment delays and worse outcomes



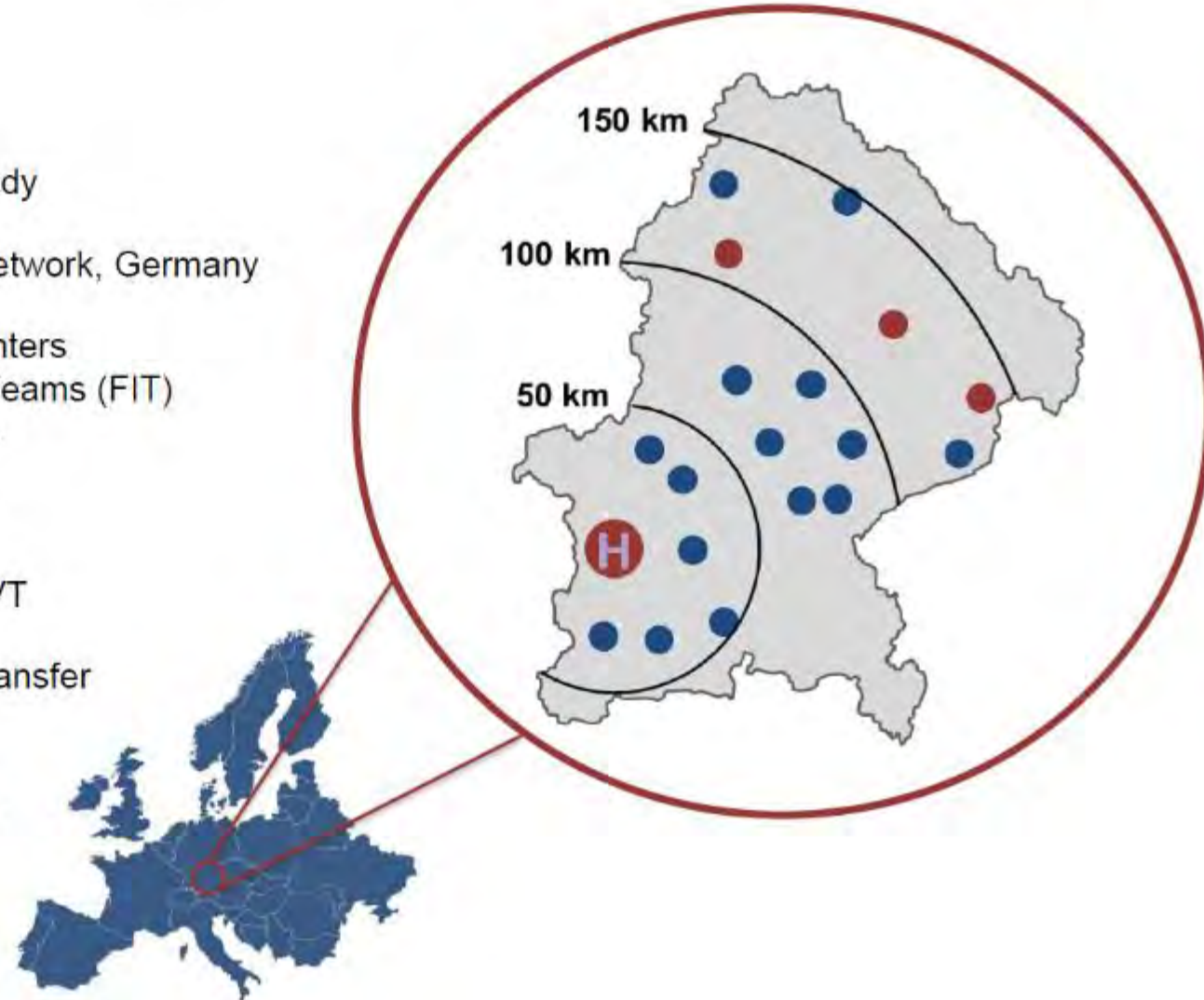


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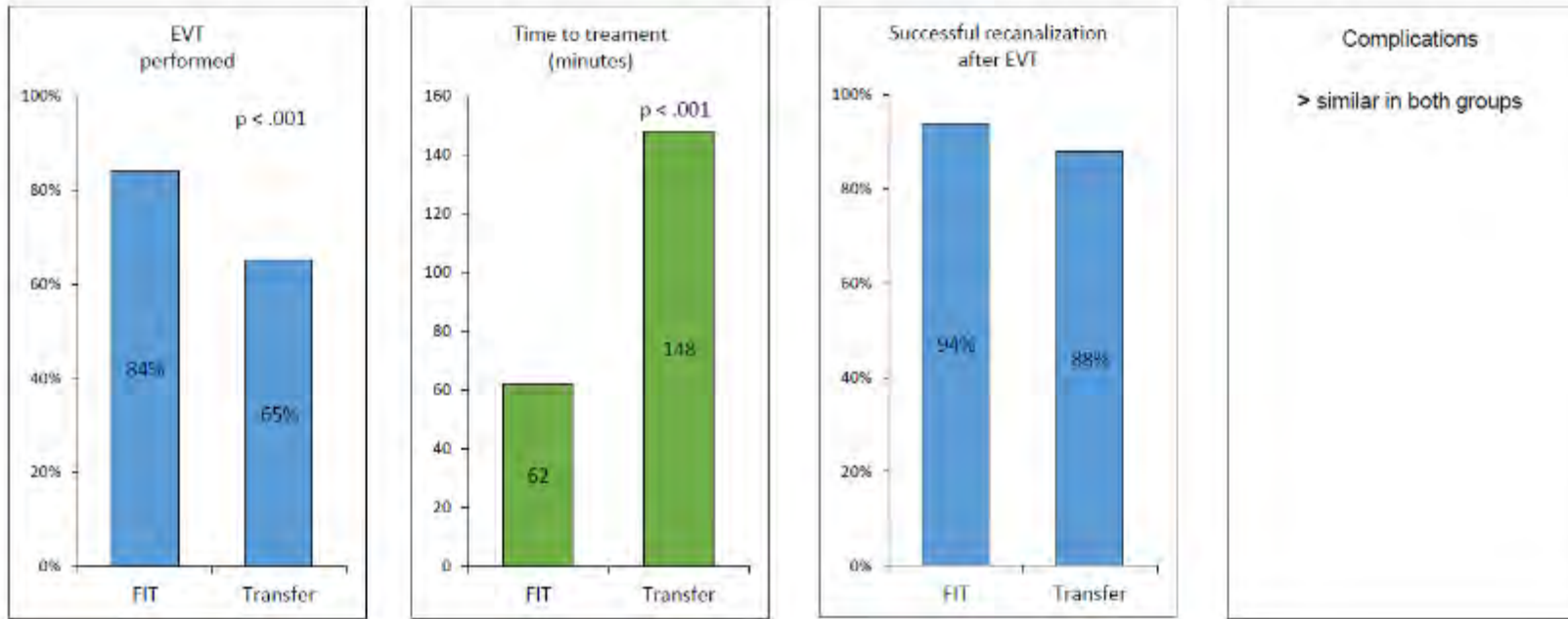
TEMPiS

## Methods

<b>Study type:</b>	Prospective cohort study
<b>Setting:</b>	TEMPiS Telestroke Network, Germany
<b>Participation:</b>	15 Primary Stroke Centers 2 Flying Intervention Teams (FIT) 5 Intervention Centers
<b>Recruiting period:</b>	Feb 2018 – Jan 2021
<b>Inclusion:</b>	Patients eligible for EVT
<b>Group allocation:</b>	FIT vs. Interhospital transfer
<b>Number of patients:</b>	134 FIT patients 210 Transfer patients
<b>Primary endpoint:</b>	mRS at 3 months



## Results



### Functional Outcome at 3 months



**Primary endpoint:** No significant difference. Trend towards better outcome in the FIT group.  
(acOR: 1.47; 95%-CI: 0.97-2.23)



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# Remote Robotic Endovascular Treatment (RRET)

**Conclusions** In this proof-of-concept evaluation, the technical feasibility of RRET was demonstrated in an ex vivo model and was collaboratively performed by an offsite neurosurgeon and an onsite interventional cardiologist. This report supports the design of future studies to determine if RRET could be used to increase access to ET for patients with acute ischaemic stroke.


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## Preclinical study testing feasibility and technical requirements for successful telerobotic long distance peripheral vascular intervention

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Singer J (2021) <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjno-2021-000141>



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Antiagrégant vs anticoagulant, pour qui et quand ?

→ Ça se complique !!

## 5. Antithrombotiques



## Antithrombotiques après AVC

- **La plupart du temps y.c ESUS → antiagrégants**  
**→ AVC aigue : charge**
  - Aspirine
  - Clopidogrel (Plavix)
  - DAPT (NEXT SLIDE)
  
- **Certains AVC spéciaux (d'origine cardiaque, états hypercoagulables, ...) → anticoagulants**
  - AVK
  - **Nouveaux anticoagulants oraux (DOAC)**



## Phase aiguë post-AVC

- **Aspirine**

- Marche si donnée RAPIDMENT
- Efficace pour **tous les sous-types d'AVC**
- A la bonne dose (charge IV puis dose d'entretien PO)
- **NNT=79 pour éviter mort ou dépendance**
- Mini-augmentation du risque hémorragique cérébral mais beaucoup plus faible que le bénéfice du traitement (AVC & EP)

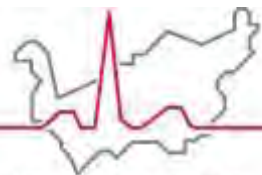
- **Clopidogrel**

- **Aucune étude en phase hyperaiguë !**

The majority of the data relating to orally active antiplatelet agents is derived from trials of aspirin. Data regarding the utility of other single oral antiplatelet agents, including clopidogrel, dipyridamole or cilostazol, for the treatment of acute stroke are limited (CAIST 2011; Chairangarit 2005; Suri 2008). Overall, the data do not provide solid evidence about the utility of these antiplatelet agents in the management of people with acute ischaemic stroke. There



# AIT à HAUT RISQUE et AVC MINEUR → DAPT : 1 mois



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- **Combinaison Aspirine + Clopidogrel**

- SEULEMENT POUR **AIT à HAUT RISQUE (ABCD2 ≥4)**  
et **AVC MINEUR (NIHSS 0-3)**

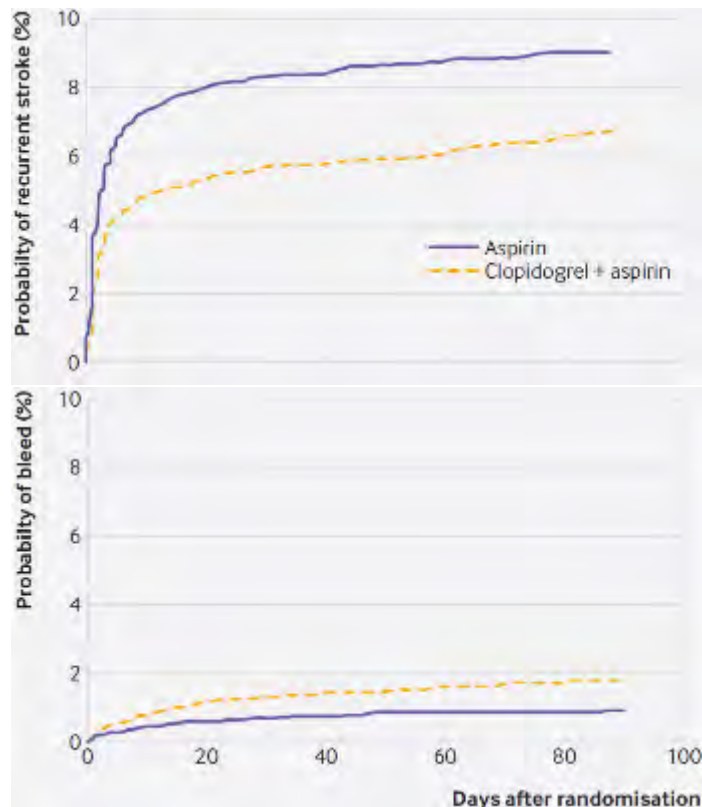


Study

CHANCE 2013

FASTER 2007

POINT 2018



Réduction du  
risque d'AVC  
de 2%

Traitement  
3-4 semaines

Dose de charge  
ASA 250mg  
Clopi 300mg

Hao Q, BMJ (2018) <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.k5108> Johnston SC, NEJM (2018) <https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa1800410> Wang Y, NEJM (2013) <https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa1215340>  
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## THALES Study Design

### Study population:

Acute ischemic stroke (NIHSS  $\leq 5$ )

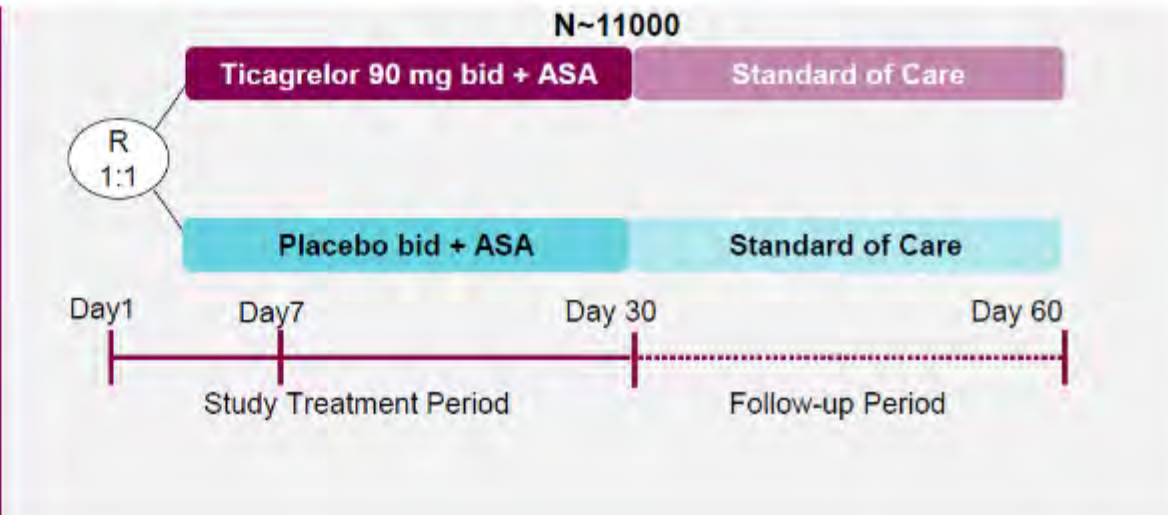
OR

High-risk transient ischemic attack (TIA) (ABCD<sup>2</sup>  $\geq 6$  or symptomatic arterial stenosis  $\geq 50\%$ )

- Randomised within 24 hours
- Patients  $\geq 40$  years

### Key exclusion criteria:

- Cardioembolic origin
- Thrombolysis or thrombectomy
- Indication for antiplatelet other than ASA (aspirin) or for anticoagulation therapy
- Previous intracranial hemorrhage
- Planned carotid intervention within 3 days



Johnston SC. Int J Stroke 2019. Vol. 14(7) 745–751, Johnston SC. et al. Engl J Med. 2020;383:207–17.

## Conclusions

Benefit risk analysis of the THALES trial including 11,016 patients with acute ischemic stroke or high-risk TIA disentangling the benefit (reduction in major ischemic events) and the risk (increase in major hemorrhage), suggests that the benefit of 30-day treatment with ticagrelor-aspirin instead of aspirin alone outweighs the risk 4:1

## Limitations

- Secondary analysis of clinical trial data.
  - While not defined a priori, was guided by regulatory questions.
- Major hemorrhage was rare, limiting ability to identify risk factors.

Major ischemic event  
absolute risk reduction 1.19%  
(95% CI, 0.31%–2.07%)



Major hemorrhage  
absolute risk increase 0.29%  
(95% CI, 0.10%–0.48%)

# Sténose symptomatique → DAPT : 3 mois

## • Combinaison Aspirine + Clopidogrel (autres situations)

### 1. Sténoses intracrâniennes symptomatiques

- CLAIR : DAPT = réduction des microemboli (MES)
- SAMMPRIS : TT agressif mieux que stenting pour récurrence d'AVC
- VISSIT : TT agressif mieux que stent ballonnable pour récurrence d'AVC
- CHANCE sub-study ICAS : DAPT surtout efficaces pour ICAS

### 2. Sténoses carotidiennes symptomatiques

- CARESS : DAPT = réduction des microemboli (MES)
- CHARISMA : DAPT = SAPT pour endpoint composite MACE

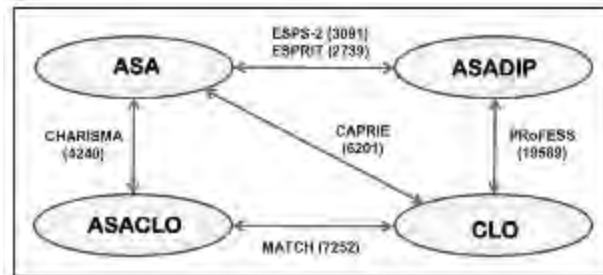


Figure 1. Network of randomized controlled trial evidence. Ellipses represent comparators. Arrows represent comparisons of interventions for which trial data were available. Patient numbers represent the total number of patients enrolled in each trial informing the comparison of interest. ASA indicates aspirin; ASACLO, aspirin/clopidogrel combination; ASADIP, aspirin/dipyridamole combination; and CLO, clopidogrel.

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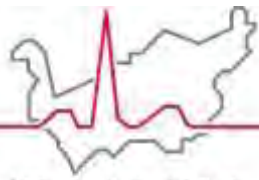
**Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Prior to Expedited Carotid Surgery Reduces Recurrent Events Prior to Surgery without Significantly Increasing Peri-operative Bleeding Complications**

A. Batchelder, J. Hunter, V. Cairns, R. Sandford, A. Munshi, A.R. Naylor

Wong KSL, Lancet Neurol (2010) [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1474-4422\(10\)70060-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1474-4422(10)70060-0) Derdeyn CP, Lancet (2014) [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(13\)62038-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(13)62038-3)  
Zaidat OO, JAMA (2015) <https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2015.1693> Markus HS, Circulation (2005) <https://doi.org/10.1161/01.CIR.0000163561.90680.1C>  
Bhatt DL, NEJM (2006) <https://doi.org/10.1056/nejmoa060989> Greving JP, Stroke (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1161/STROKEAHA.118.024497>

# Traitement d'une sténose symptomatique ...

## Beaucoup d'évolution depuis les études princeps !



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EDITORIAL

### Treatment of a hot carotid

More fuel is needed to clarify the best treatments

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transcranial Doppler (TCD).<sup>10</sup> The utilization of heparin instead of antiplatelet therapy for patients with an intravascular thrombus is a common practice but high-quality studies are lacking. The 3 neurology experts sometimes use short-term anticoagulation followed by reimaging. If the thrombus is resolving or nonmobile, antithrombotic therapy can be continued. If the thrombus is mobile or not resolving and especially if the patient has further symptoms, then a more aggressive approach is taken.

**Table** Medical therapy then and now

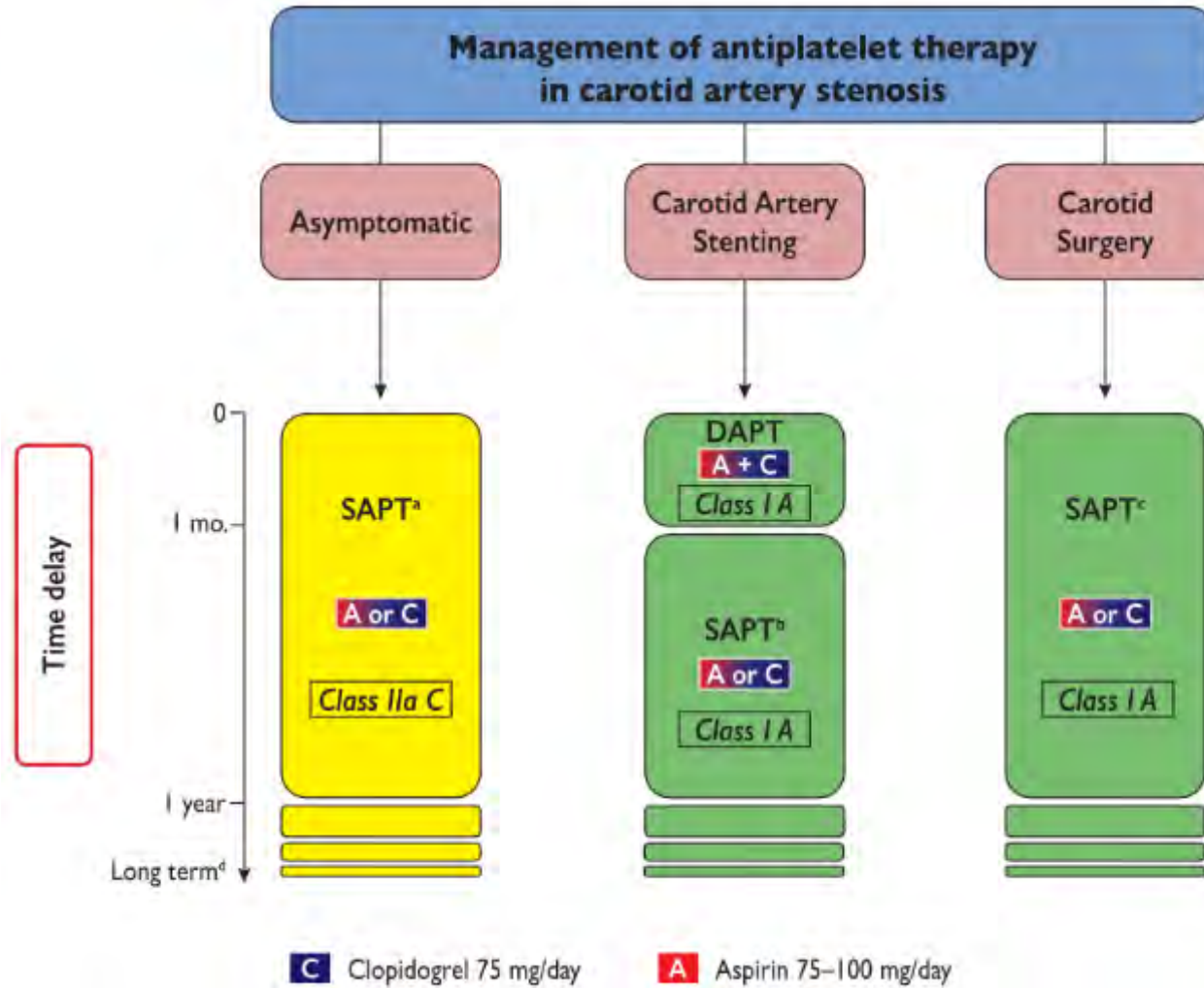
	1991	2018
<b>Antiplatelet therapy</b>	Aspirin monotherapy	Short-term dual antiplatelet therapy
<b>Lipid-lowering medication</b>	Little use	Widespread use
<b>High-potency statins</b>	Not available	Commonly used
<b>Blood pressure control</b>	Suboptimal	More stringent targets
<b>Lifestyle</b>	No organized approach	Mediterranean diet/increased physical activity recommended

**Anticoagulation pour thrombus flottant ?**



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# Recommandation ESC et ESVS ...



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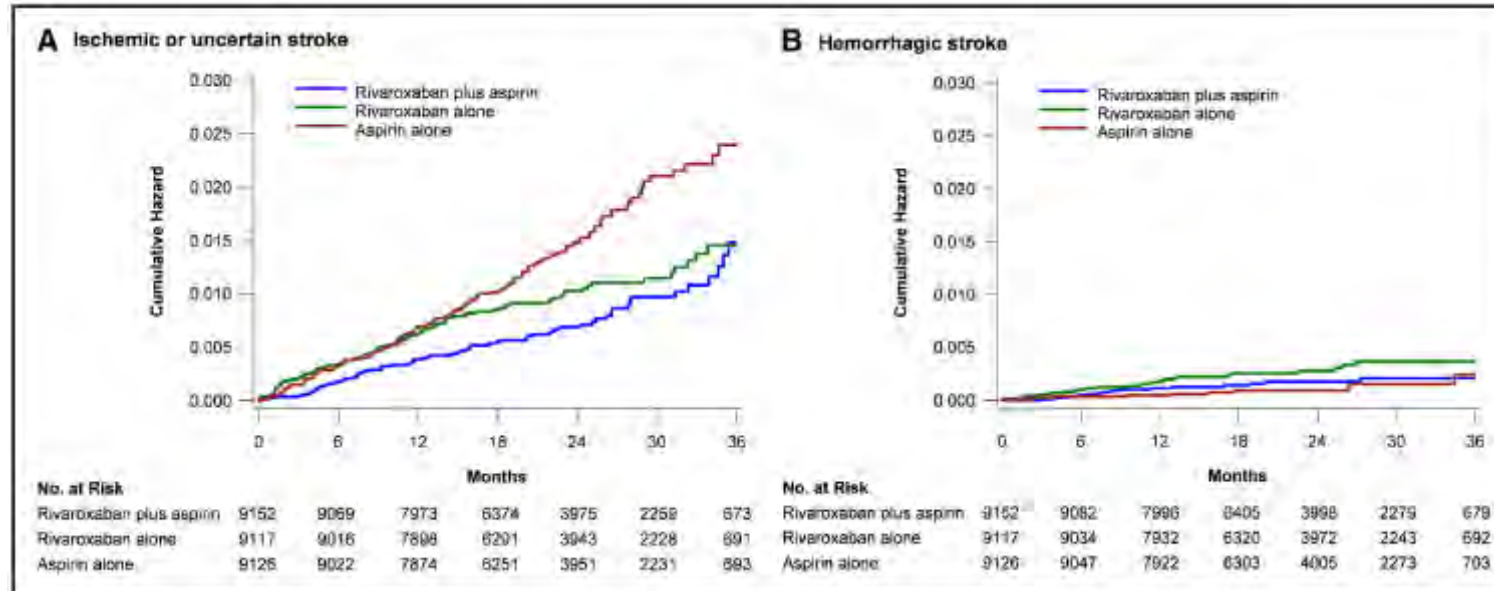
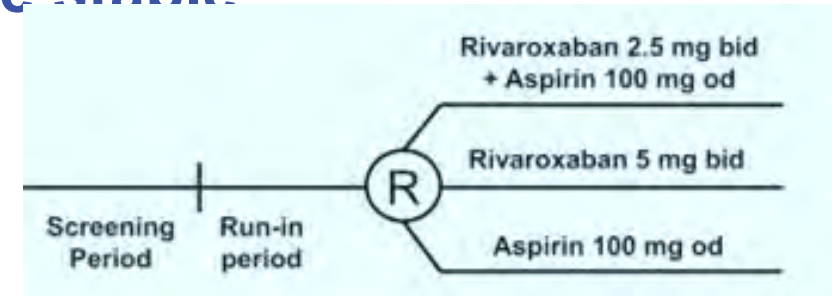
# Quelle protection optimale chez patient athéromateux ou vasculopathie stable? Traitement sur la durée



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- **COMPASS trial, 27'000 patients**
- **Pas de FA mais athéromatose vasculaire stable (CAD, PAD, ATS carotidienne)**

**Combinaison  
ASA 100 + Rivaro 2x2.5 meilleure !!!**



Circulation. 2019;139:1134–1145. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.118.035864



## Anticoagulation for secondary stroke prevention: another nail in the coffin?

Published in 1997, the Stroke Prevention in Reversible Ischemia Trial (SPIRIT) randomised patients to aspirin (30mg daily) or oral anticoagulation (international normalised ratio [INR] 3.0-4.5).<sup>2</sup> The trial was stopped because of the high haemorrhagic complication rate in the anticoagulation group, showing that an INR of 3.0-4.5 is not safe for cerebrovascular disease patients,

**WARSS : favorise ASA**

**WASID : favorise ASA**

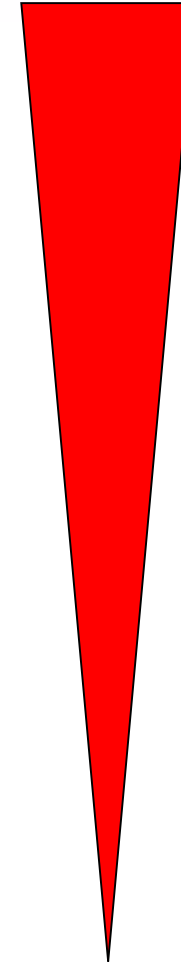
# Anticoagulation pour AVC non cardioembolique → RARE !! Sauf ?





## Indications relatives à une **anticoagulation précoce après AVC**

- **Embolie pulmonaire et/ou thrombose veineuse profonde**
  - (alternative : filtre veine cave)
- **Valve mécanique**
- **Thrombus intracardiaque**
- **Thrombus intra-artériel flottant**
- **Embolisation *répétitive* d'une plaque sténosante malgré antiagrégation *efficace***
- **Certains cas de dissection des artères cervicales (subocclusives, récidivante sous antiagrégation)**



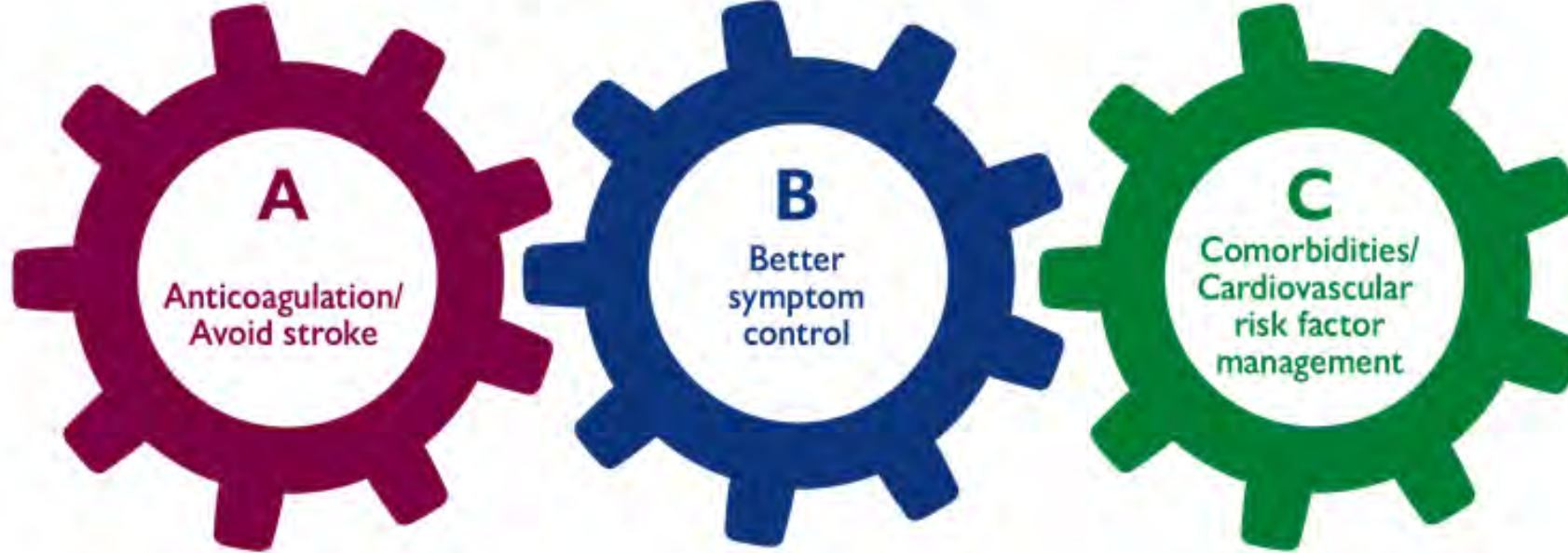
Poids de  
l'indication



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# Anticoagulation pour FA

## Treat AF: The ABC pathway



1. Identify low-risk patients  
CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc 0(m), 1(f)
2. Offer stroke prevention if  
CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc ≥1(m), 2(f)  
Assess bleeding risk, address  
modifiable bleeding risk factors
3. Choose OAC (NOAC or VKA  
with well-managed TTR)

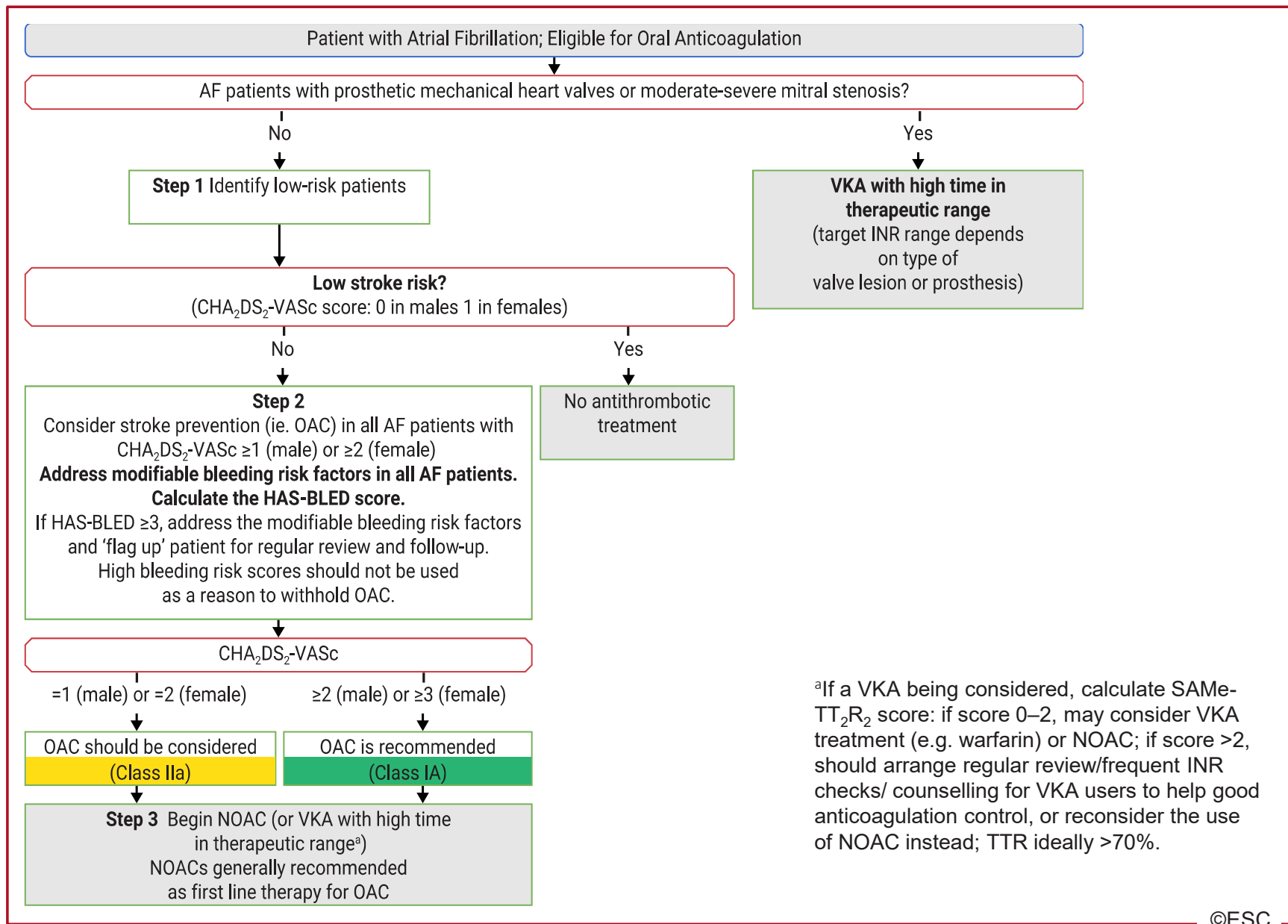
Assess symptoms,  
QoL and patient's  
preferences

Optimize rate  
control

Consider a rhythm  
control strategy  
(CV, AADs, ablation)

Comorbidities and  
cardiovascular risk  
factors

Lifestyle changes  
(obesity reduction,  
regular exercise,  
reduction of alcohol use,  
etc.)





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**Quel DOAC chez patient avec FA ?**

## Quel DOAC pour FA ?

**PAS DE RCT mais beaucoup de patients dans les registres...**

- Vinogradova BMJ 2018
- Hohnloser Thromb Haemost 2018
- Lip Stroke 2018
- Wetmore Stroke 2020
- VanGanse Stroke 2020
- Ray JAMA 2021

Phase IV studies confirm that **apixaban (Eliquis®)** seems safer and/or more effective than other DOACs.

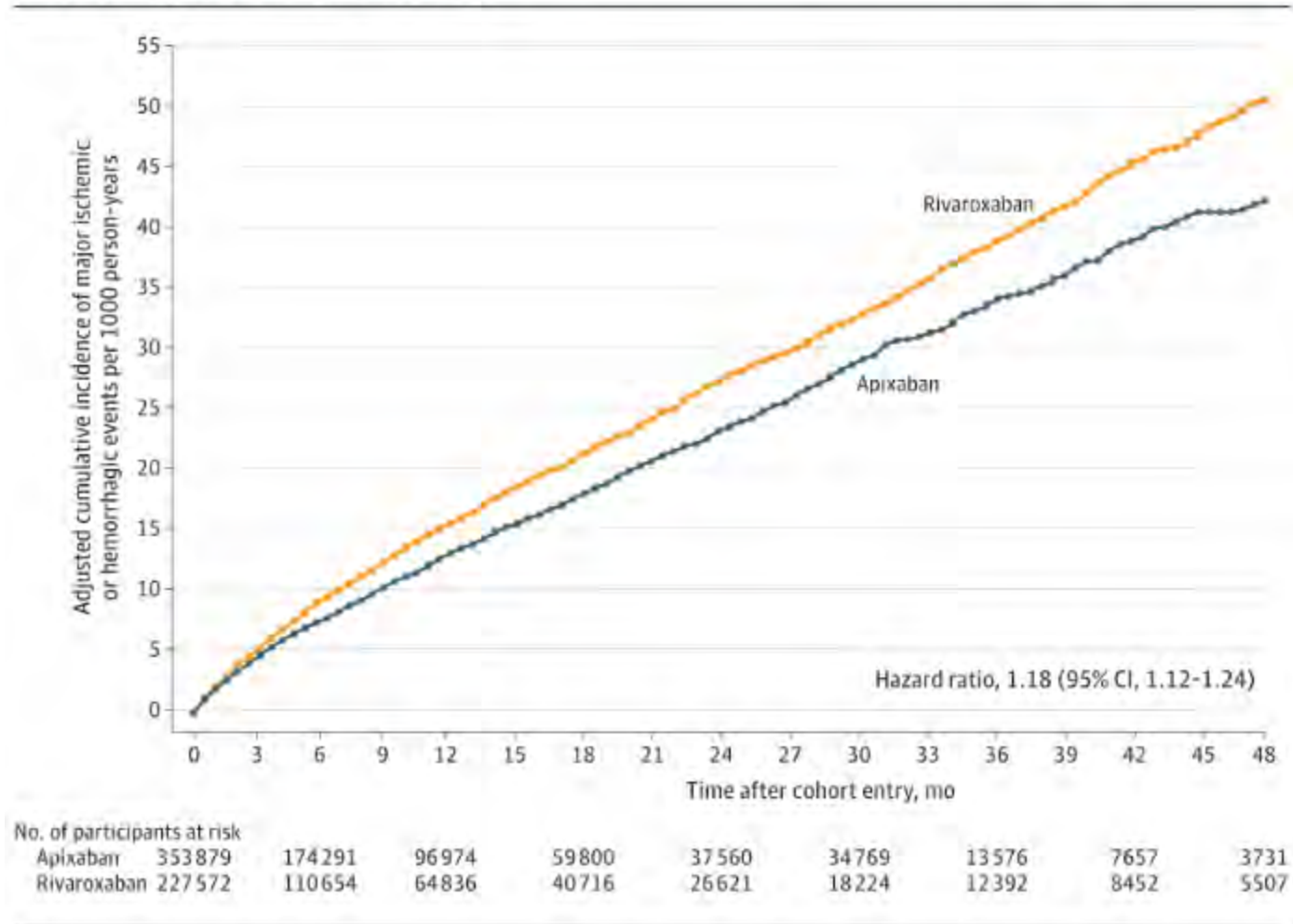


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# Efficacité et sécurité de Apixaban vs Rivaroxaban : Très large registre

Figure 2. Primary Outcome in a Study of the Association of Rivaroxaban vs Apixaban With Major Ischemic or Hemorrhagic Events in Atrial Fibrillation



**Apixaban (Eliquis®)**

- Plus efficace
- Plus sûr

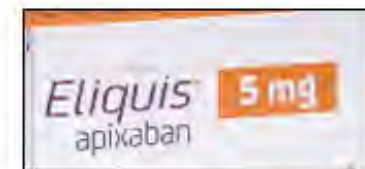
**Les courbes  
divergent dans  
le temps !**



# Which DOAC for VTE ?

Phase IV data; N 49'900

Privately insured population in the USA



Event

Adj. Hazard Ratio

Recurrent VTE

0.77 (0.69–0.87)

GI & intracran. bleeding

0.60 (0.53–0.69)

0.1

0.5

1.0

10.0

Apixaban better

Rivaroxaban better

Retrospective new-user cohort study, with propensity score matching

Dawwas et al, Ann Int Med 2022





## Quand débiter l'AC après un AVC ischémique sur FA

- **Pas d'argument scientifique pour débiter immédiatement si AVC**  
→ **hémorragie !**, l'Aspirine suffit

### RECOMMANDATIONS (Diener's law «1, 3, 6, 12»)

- **AIT** → débiter J1 immédiatement
- **AVC mineur** → attendre J3  
( $< 20\%$  ACM ou cérébelleux)
- **AVC modéré** → attendre J6  
( $20-40\%$  ACM ou cérébelleux)
- **AVC important** → attendre J12  
( $>40\%$  ACM ou cérébelleux)

## Timing of oral anticoagulant therapy in acute ischaemic stroke with atrial fibrillation - a registry-based randomised controlled study

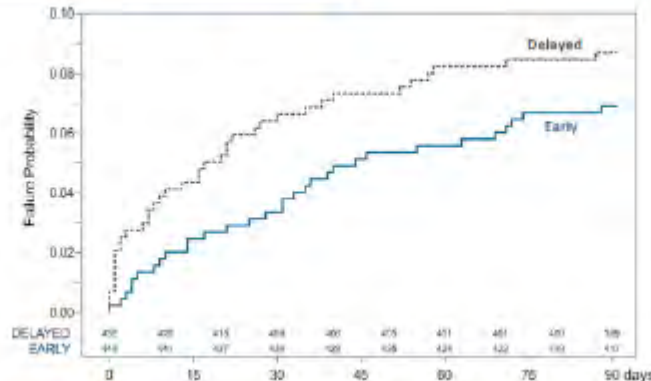
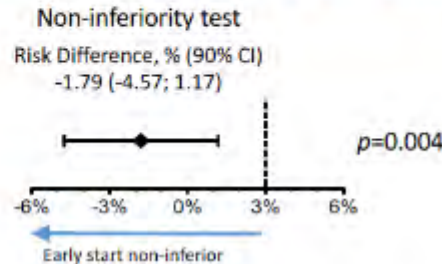
Randomisation (1:1) was performed within 72 h from stroke onset, to early ( $\leq 4$  days) or delayed (5-10 days) NOAC start, with choice of specific NOAC at the discretion of the investigator

### Primary outcome 90 days

Composite of ischaemic stroke, symptomatic intracerebral haemorrhage or all-cause mortality

	Primary outcome/n	Risk, %	95% Confidence limits	
Early	31/450	6.89	4.55	9.23
Delayed	38/438	8.68	6.04	11.31

**Early start of NOAC therapy was non-inferior to delayed start of NOAC therapy**



There were numerically lower numbers of ischaemic strokes and deaths in patients starting NOAC early, and no symptomatic intracerebral haemorrhages in any of the study groups



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*minor* *moderate* *major* **ELAN**  
EARLY LATE

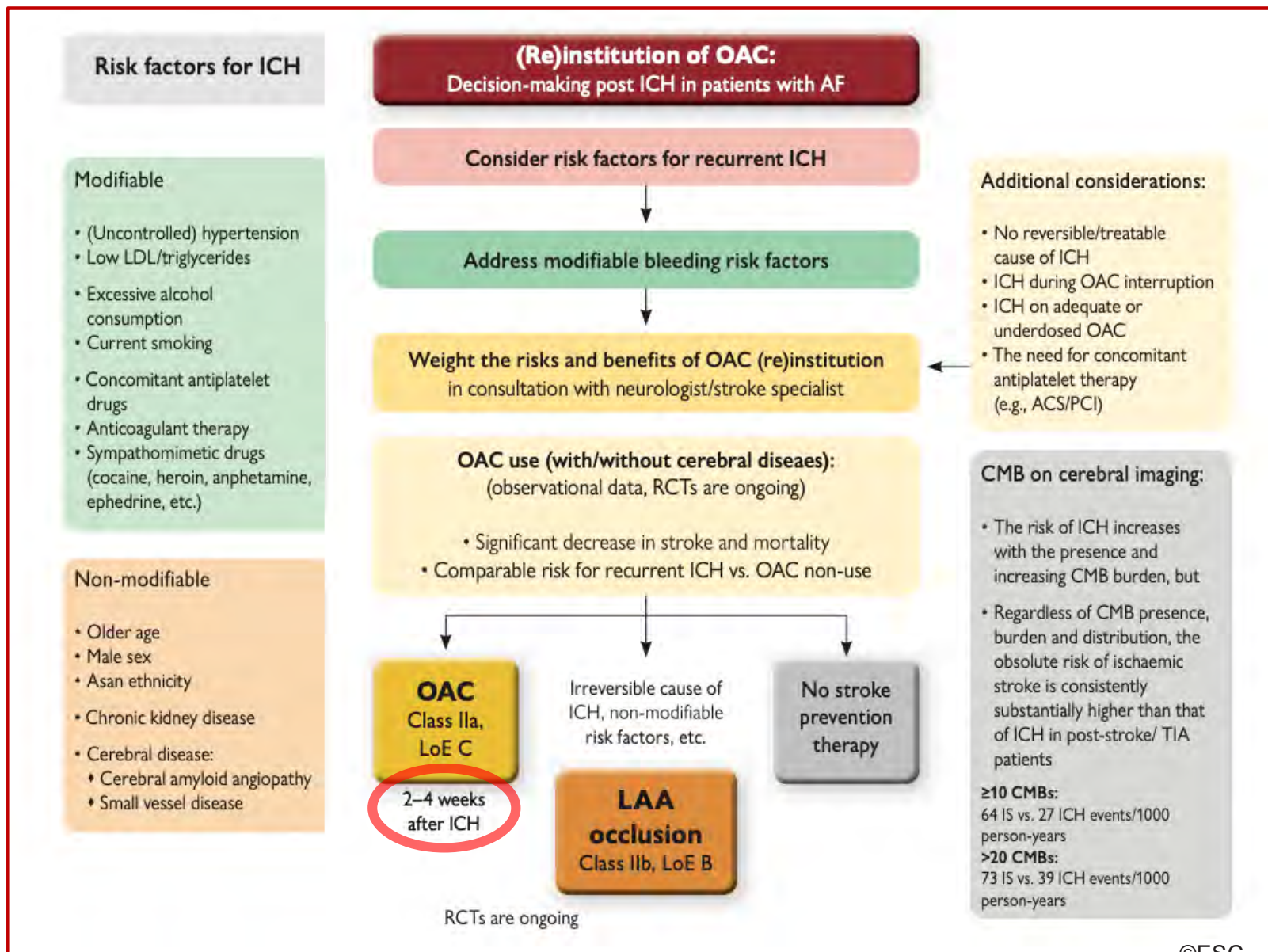
 **OPTIMAS**  
OPTIMAL TIMING OF ANTICOAGULATION AFTER STROKE

# Early vs Late DOAC in stroke with AF: *ongoing RCT*



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# Reprise d'antithrombotique après ICH



## Figure 21 (Re-) initiation of anticoagulation post-intracranial bleeding

A pooled analysis of individual patient data from cohort studies (n=20 322 patients; 38 cohorts; >35 225 patient-years) showed that although cerebral microbleeds can inform regarding the risk for ICH in patients with recent ischaemic stroke/TIA treated with antithrombotic therapy, the absolute risk of ischaemic stroke is substantially higher than that of ICH, regardless of the presence, burden, or location of cerebral microbleeds

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## Interprétation des données ???

The optimal timing of anticoagulation after ICH is unknown, but should be delayed beyond the acute phase, probably for at least 4 weeks; in AF patients at very high risk of recurrent ICH, LAA occlusion may be considered. Ongoing RCTs of NOACs and LAA occlusion may inform decision making in the future.

**Clinical dilemma:** In patients with atrial fibrillation (AF) who survive an anticoagulation-associated intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH), a longstanding and pressing clinical dilemma is whether restarting or avoiding anticoagulation is the best long-term strategy for the prevention of recurrent stroke and systemic thrombo-embolism.

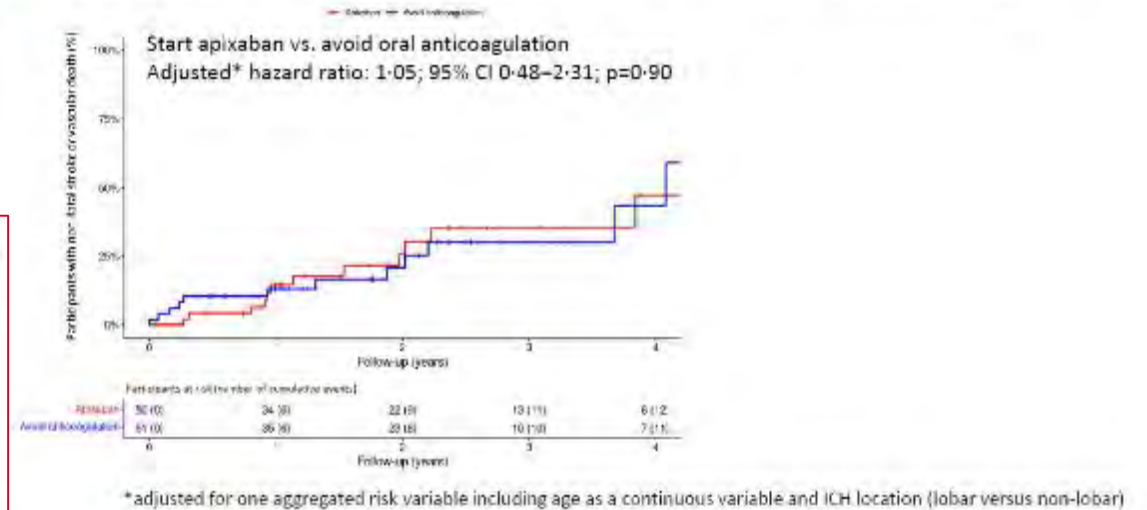
**Results**

101 participants enrolled (median age 78 years; 55 male; 28 lobar ICH)  
Median duration of follow-up 1.9 years (IQR 1.0-3.1); 222 person-years of follow-up

	Primary outcome	Annual event rate
Assigned to apixaban	13/50 participants (4 ICH, 6 ischaemic stroke, 3 vasc death)	12.6 (95% CI 6.7 to 21.5)
Assigned to avoid anticoagulation	12/51 participants (1 ICH, 6 ischaemic stroke, 5 vasc death)	11.9 (95% CI 6.2 to 20.8)

**Conclusion:** High annual risks of non-fatal stroke or vascular death in patients with AF who had an ICH while on anticoagulation, irrespective of allocation to apixaban or to avoiding anticoagulation

**Need for large (and pooled) randomised controlled trials to determine which patients benefit most of either treatment**





# Edinburgh Stroke Trials

## Effects of antiplatelet therapy after stroke due to intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH): extended follow-up of the REstart or STop Antithrombotics Randomised Trial (RESTART)



122 hospitals in the UK

537 adults  $\geq 18$ y, taking antithrombotic (antiplatelet or anticoagulant) therapy for the prevention of occlusive vascular disease at intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH) onset, who discontinued antithrombotic therapy, and survived  $\geq 24$ h



Brain MRI before randomisation

Randomisation (central)

1:1

268 START antiplatelet therapy\*

269 AVOID antiplatelet therapy

Follow-up (central, masked) for vascular events, death, mRS, adherence, BP control

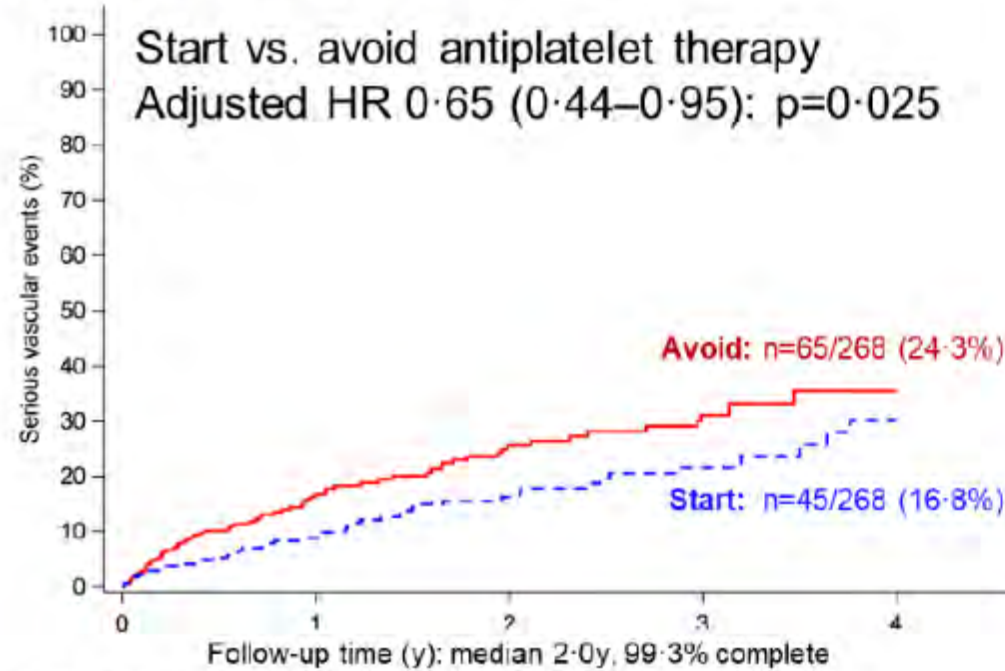
\* Aspirin or clopidogrel or dipyridamole (open, no placebo)



# Effects of antiplatelet therapy on major vascular events

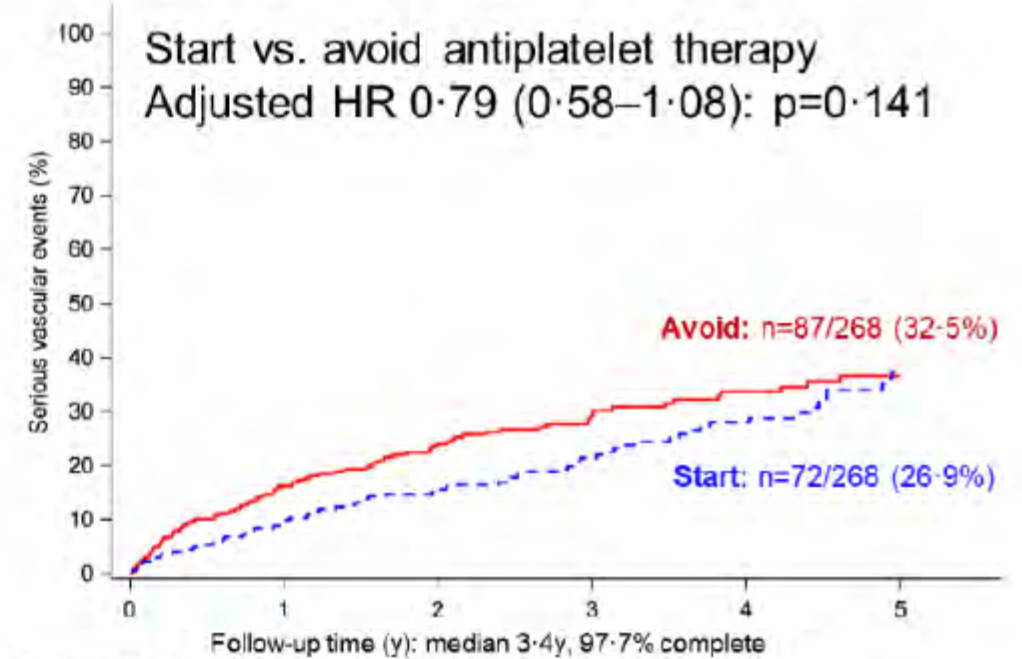


## Main results



Patients-at-Risk (No. Cumulative Events)		0	1	2	3	4
Avoid	268 (0)	169 (42)	105 (57)	63 (63)	18 (65)	
Start	268 (0)	185 (22)	115 (35)	66 (41)	21 (45)	

## Extended follow-up



Patients-at-Risk (No. Cumulative Events)		0	1	2	3	4	5
Avoid	268 (0)	216 (43)	183 (63)	136 (74)	82 (81)	55 (84)	
Start	268 (0)	230 (24)	198 (39)	145 (52)	93 (62)	54 (71)	

# Questions ?

Merci  
pour  
votre  
attention



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TIME LOST IS BRAIN LOST.**

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