

# Impact of FXIa inhibitors on coagulation testing

asundexian and milvexian

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# Conflicts of interest

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*None*



# Introduction – Molecules



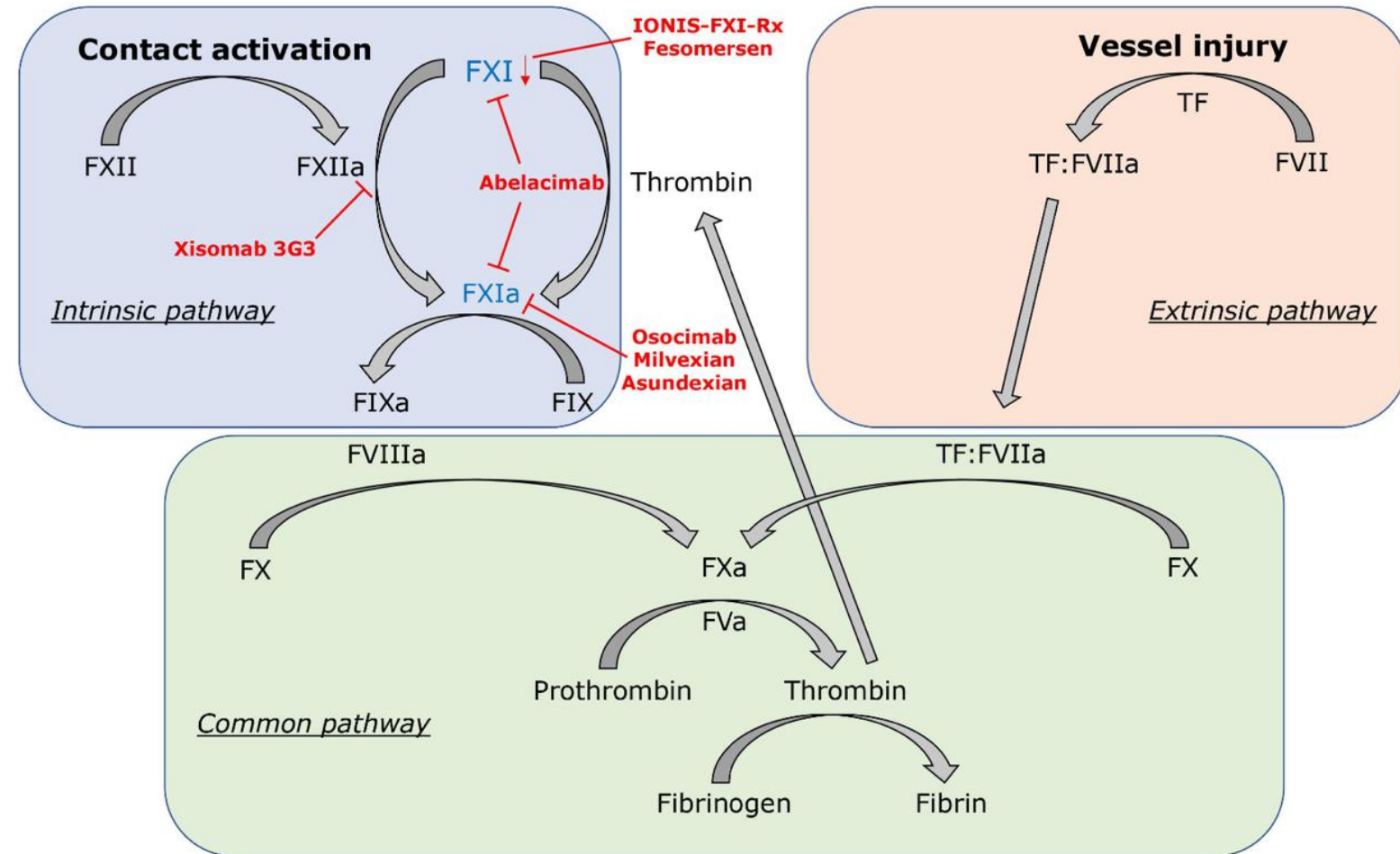
- asundexian
- milvexian
- ...



- Abelaclimab
- Osocimab
- Xisomab 3G3
- ...



- Fesomersen
- IONIS-FXI<sub>Rx</sub>
- ...





# Introduction – Indications

|                                                     |                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Post-TKR VTE prophylaxis                            | Abelacimab (ANT-005 TKA) Osocimab (FOXTROT)<br>Milvexian (AXIOMATIC-TKR)<br>IONIS-FXI-RX/ISIS 416858 (FXI-ASO TKA)                              |
| Cancer-associated VTE treatment/prophylaxis         | Abelacimab ( <b>ASTER + MAGNOLIA</b> )<br>Xisomab 3G3/gruticibart (NCT04465760)                                                                 |
| Atrial fibrillation                                 | Asundexian (PACIFIC-AF + <b>OCEANIC-AF</b> )<br>Abelacimab ( <i>AZALEA-TIMI 71</i> + <b>LILAC-TIMI 76</b> )<br>Milvexian ( <b>LIBREXIA-AF</b> ) |
| After myocardial infarction                         | Asundexian (PACIFIC-AMI)                                                                                                                        |
| After acute coronary syndrome                       | Milvexian ( <b>LIBREXIA-ACS</b> )                                                                                                               |
| After ischemic stroke and transient ischemic attack | Asundexian (PACIFIC-STROKE + <b>OCEANIC-STROKE</b> )<br>Milvexian (AXIOMATIC-SSP + <b>LIBREXIA-STROKE</b> )                                     |
| Chronic hemodialysis (ESRD)                         | Osocimab (CONVERT)<br>Xisomab 3G3 (NCT03612856)<br>IONIS-FXI-RX (EMERALD), fesomersen (RE-THINc ESRD)                                           |



# Material and methods – Samples

- Normal pooled plasma (NPP)
- **asundexian: 0 – 2000 ng/mL**
  - 50 mg OD (8 days)  $\rightarrow C_{\max} = 963 \text{ ng/mL}^{[1]}$
  - OCEANIC AF (NCT05643573): 50 mg OD

[1] Kubitz D, Heckmann M, Distler J, Koechel A, Schwes S, Kanefendt F. Pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and safety of BAY 2433334, a novel activated factor XI inhibitor, in healthy volunteers: A randomized phase 1 multiple-dose study. *Br J Clin Pharmacol.* 2022; 88(7): 3447-3462. doi:[10.1111/bcp.15230](https://doi.org/10.1111/bcp.15230)

- **milvexian: 0 – 5000 ng/mL**
  - 200 mg fasted BID (14 days)  $\rightarrow C_{\max} = 3579 \text{ ng/mL}^{[2]}$
  - AXIOMATIC-TKR (NCT03891524): 200 mg BID

[2] V. Perera, Z. Wang, J. Luetgen, D. Li, M. Desouza, M. Cerra, D. Seiffert, First-in-human study of milvexian, an oral, direct, small molecule factor XIa inhibitor, *Clin. Transl. Sci.* 15 (2) (2022) 330–342.



# Material and methods – Assays

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## **Thrombin Generation Assay (CAT)**

- TF 1 – 5 – 20 pM + 4 µM PLs
- Ellagic acid 0.42 µM + PLs

**aPTT** (4 reagents)

**PT** (2 reagents)

## **Fibrinogen**

- PT-derived
- Clauss method

## **One-stage aPTT-based clotting factors assays**

FVIII, FIX, FXI and FXII

## **One-stage PT-based clotting factors assays**

FII, FV, FVII and FX

## **Protein C**

aPTT-based assay - Protac®

## **Free Protein S**

Latex particle-based agglutination assay

## **Ecarin chromogenic assay**

## **Reptilase time**

## **Lupus Anticoagulant (LA) testing**

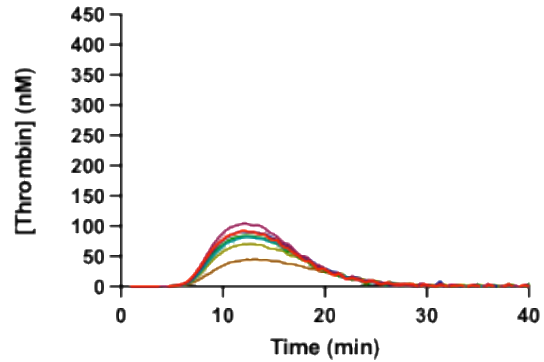
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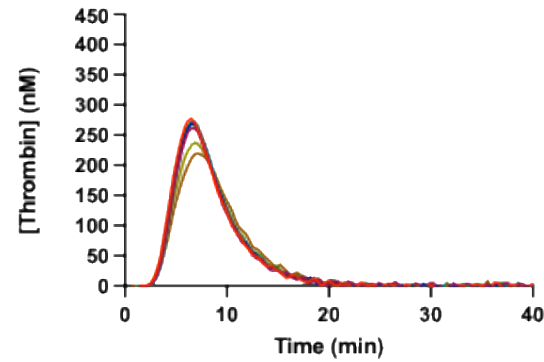
# Results – TGA

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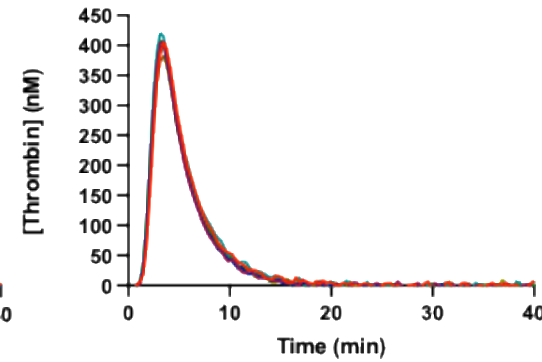
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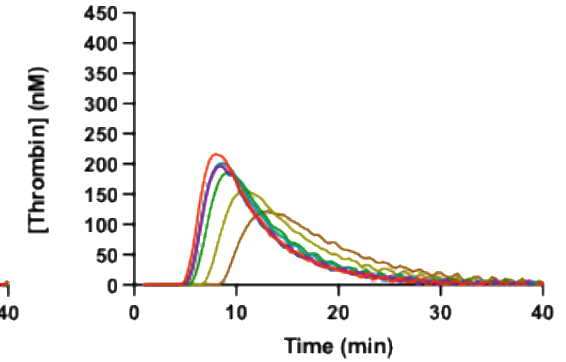
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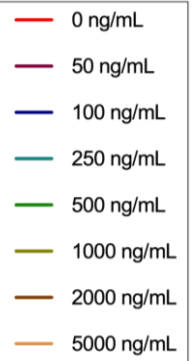
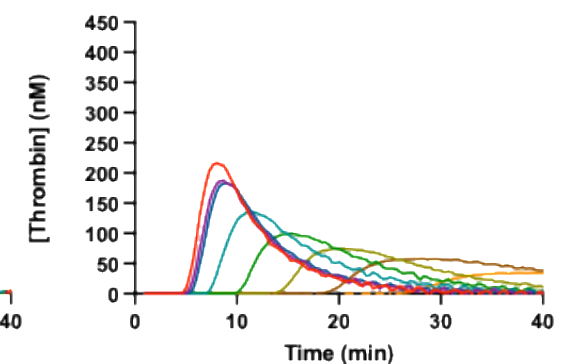
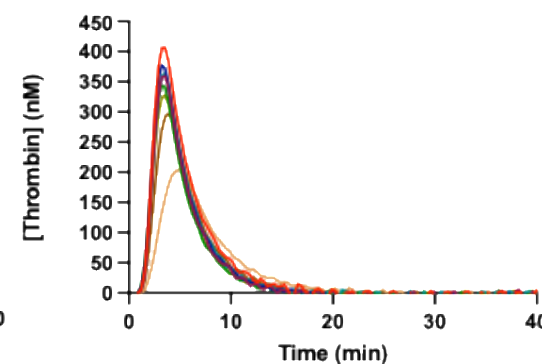
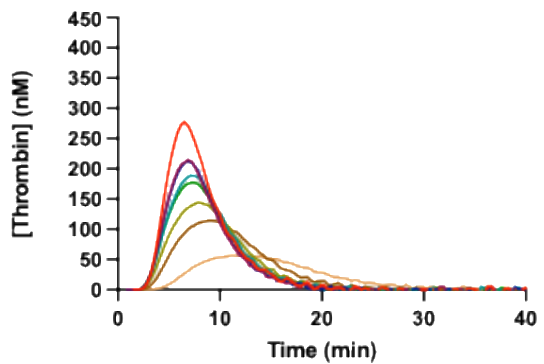
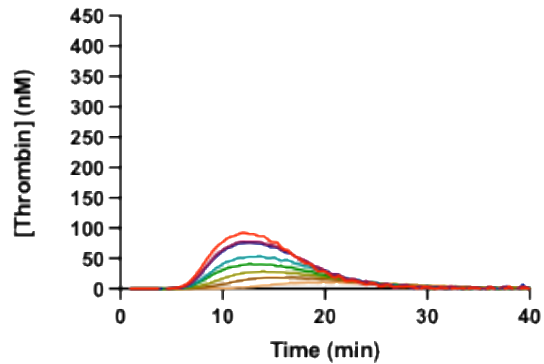
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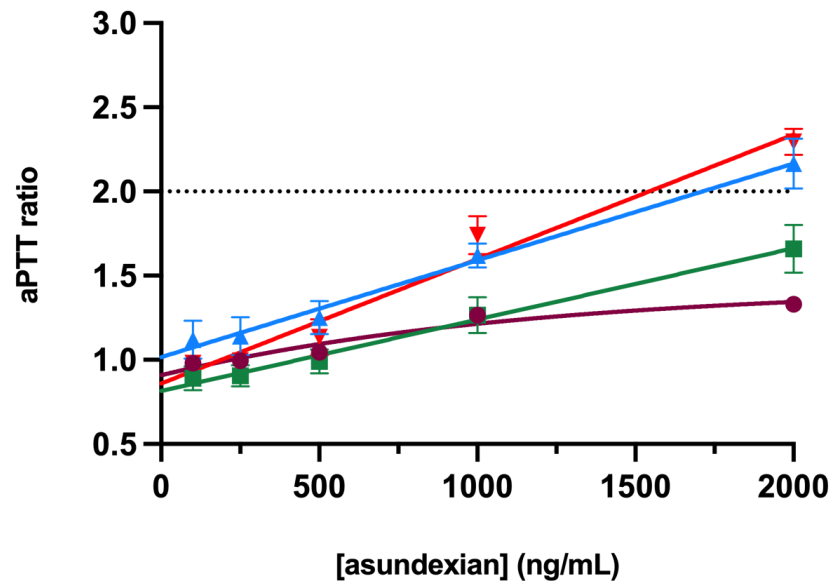
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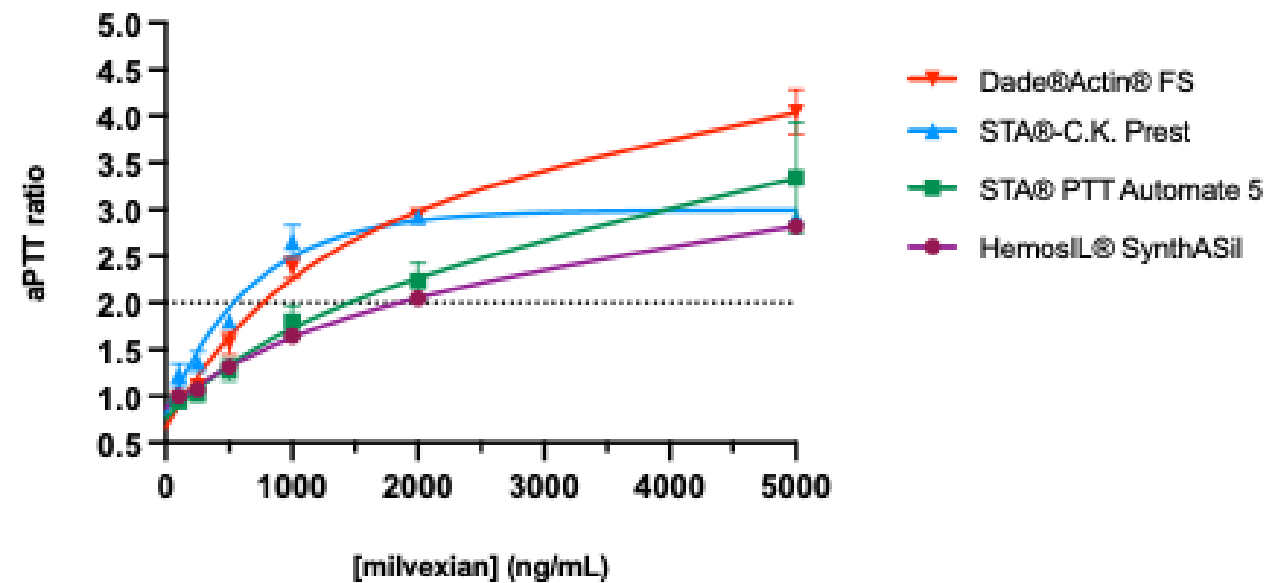


# Results – aPTT

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milvexian

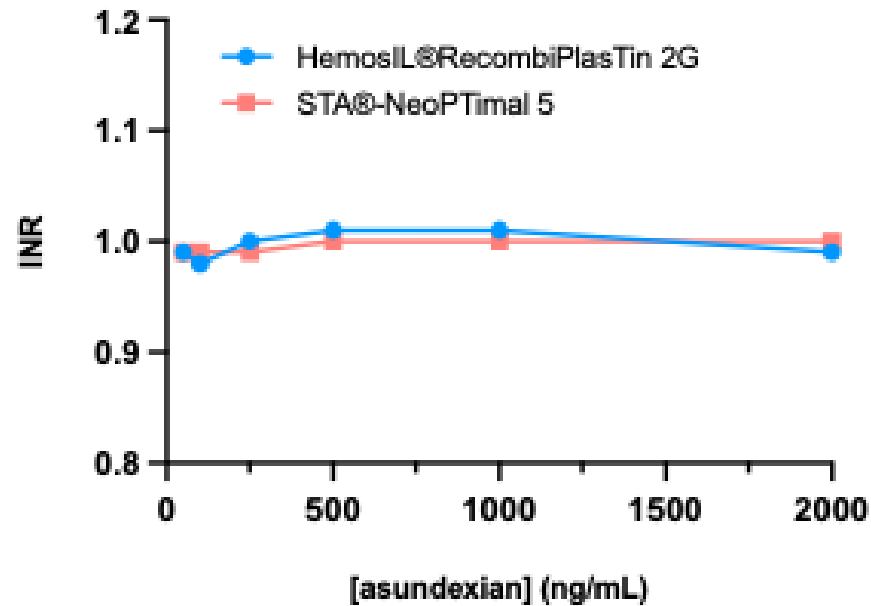




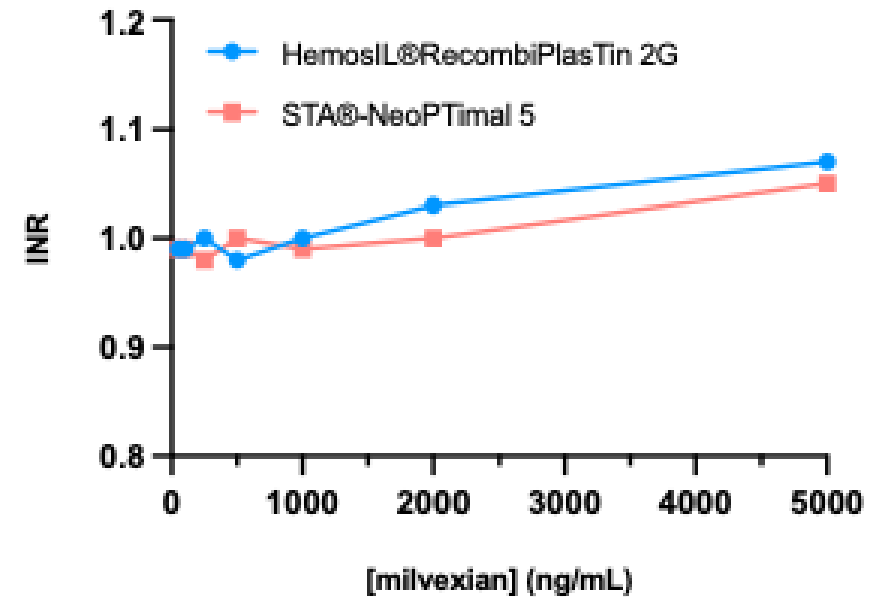


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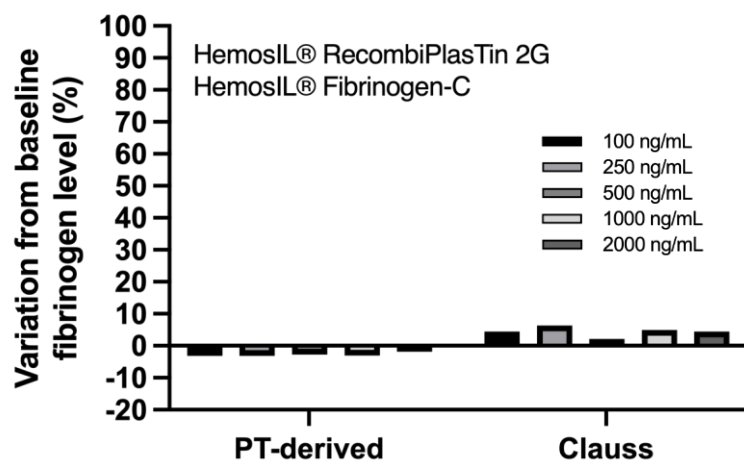
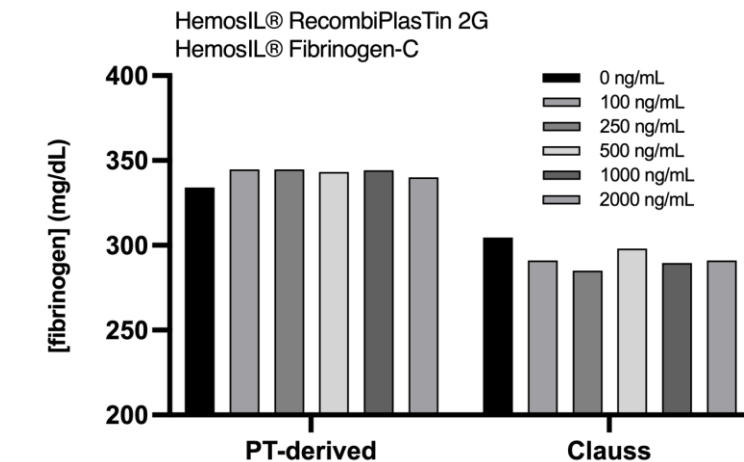
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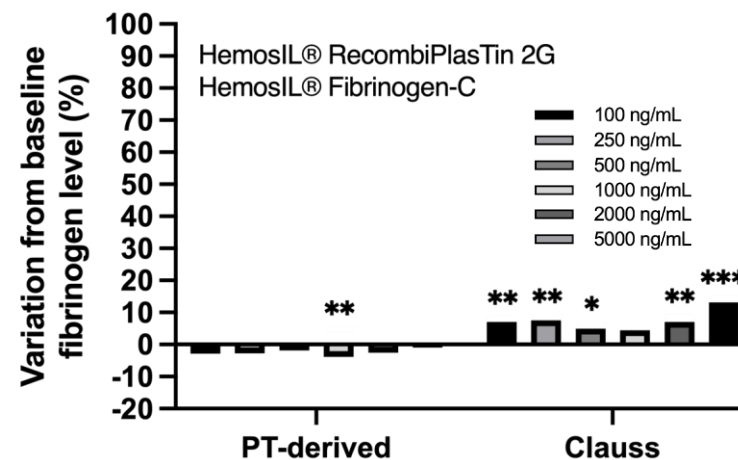
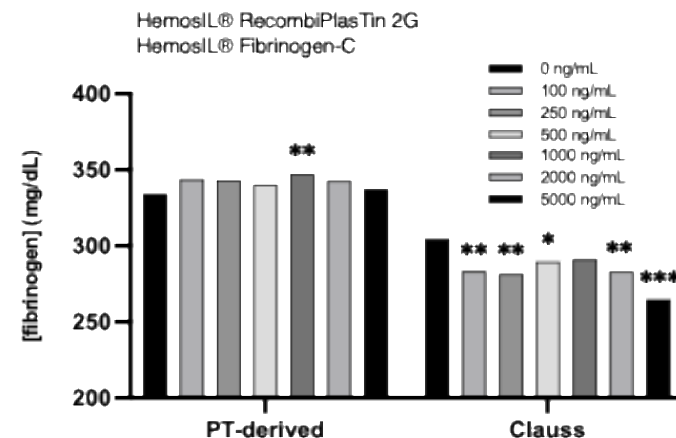


# Results – Fibrinogen

asundexian



milvexian



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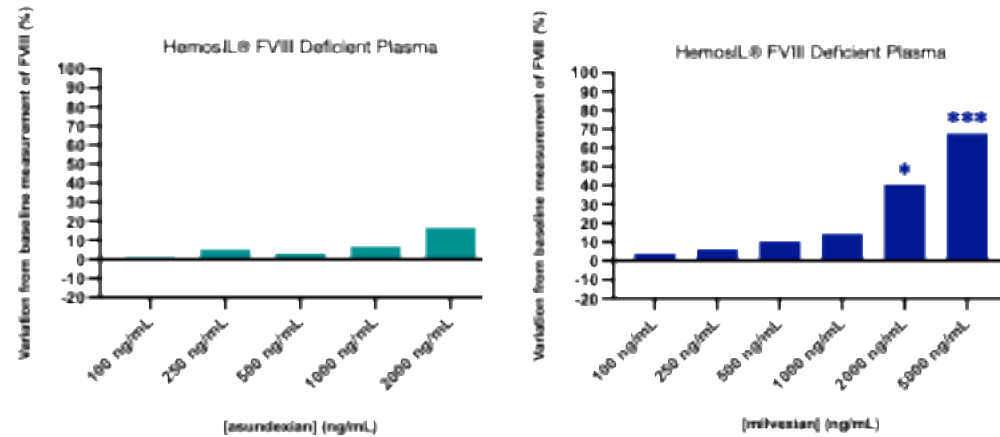
CV: 10.2 [9.3 – 11.9]<sup>[1]</sup>

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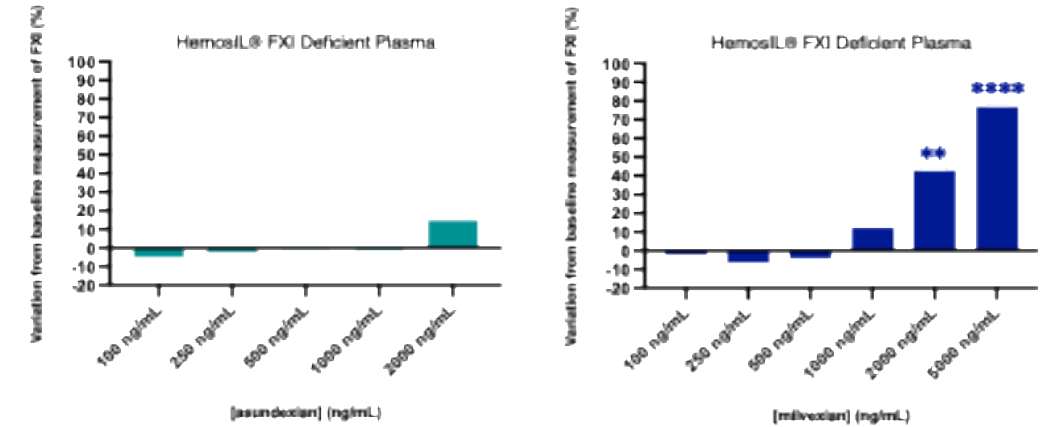


# Results – aPTT-based factors assays

**FVIII** CV: 8.7 [4.9 – 16.0] <sup>[1]</sup>

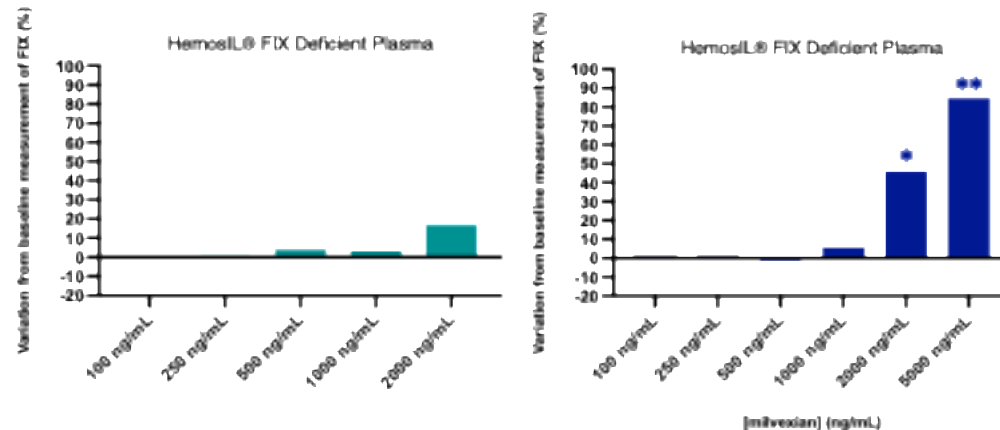


**FXI** CV: 5.1 [4.1 – 6.3] <sup>[1]</sup>

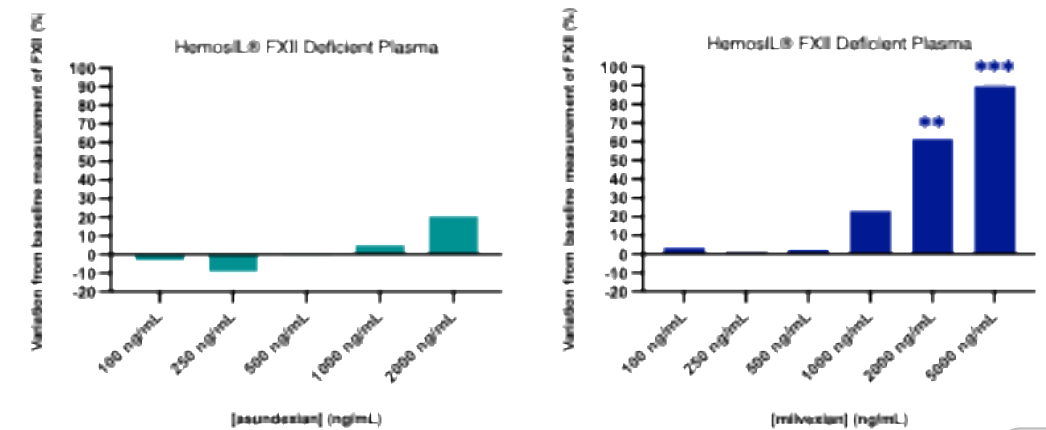


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**FIX** CV: 6.9 [5.8 – 9.1] <sup>[1]</sup>



**FXII** CV: 4.0 [3.0 – 5.1] <sup>[1]</sup>

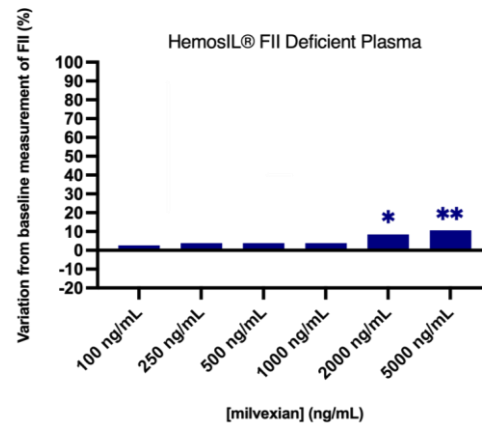
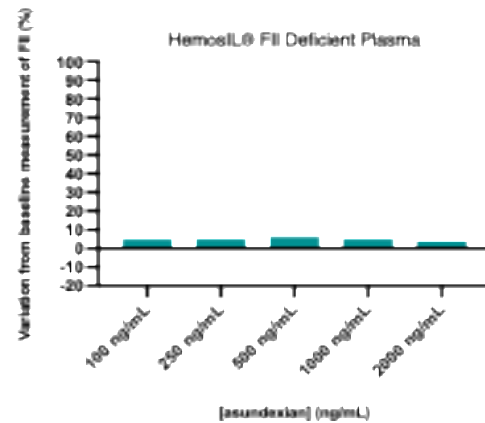


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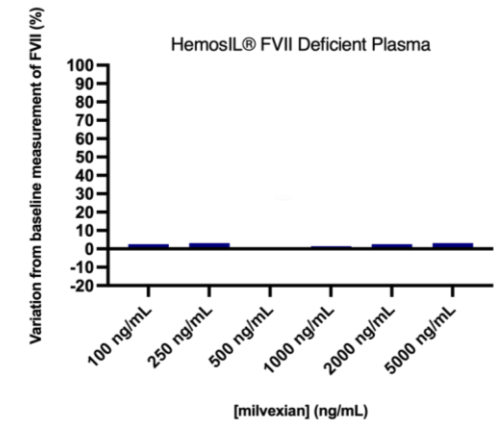
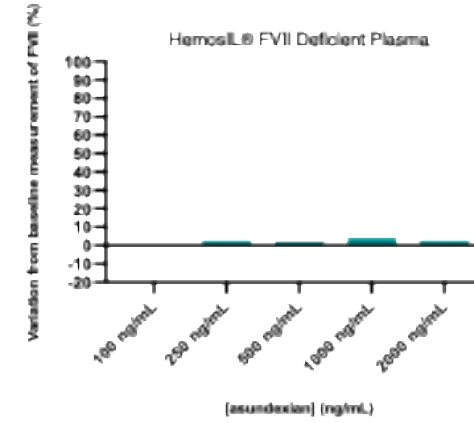


# Results – PT-based factors assays

**FII** CV: 5.8 [5.7 – 5.9] <sup>[1]</sup>

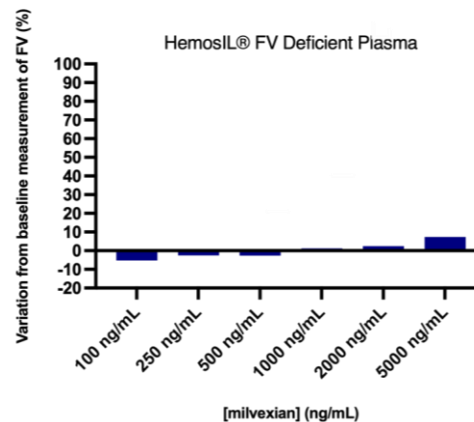
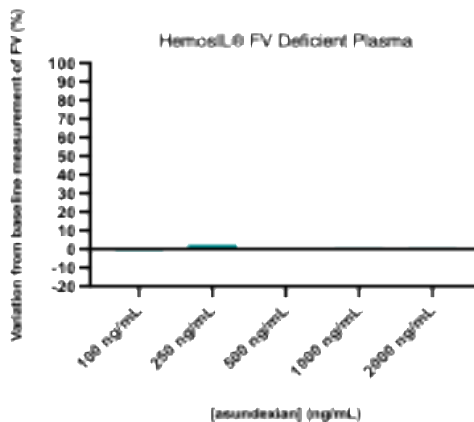


**FVII** CV: 8.2 [6.9 – 14.2] <sup>[1]</sup>

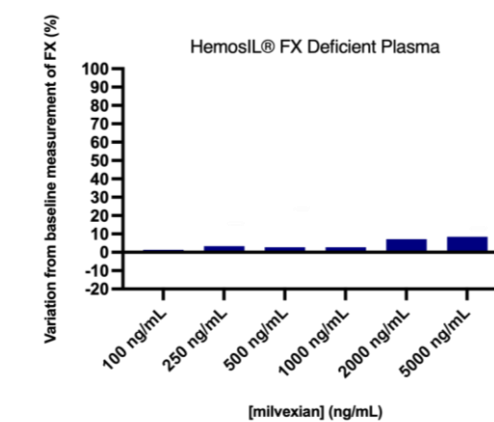
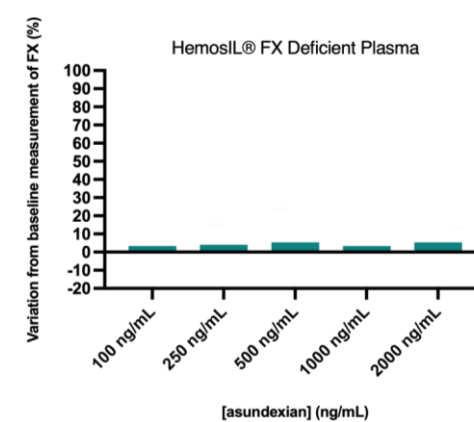


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**FV** CV: 5.3 [3.6 – 6.6] <sup>[1]</sup>



**FX** CV: 5.9 [4.5 – 8.5] <sup>[1]</sup>



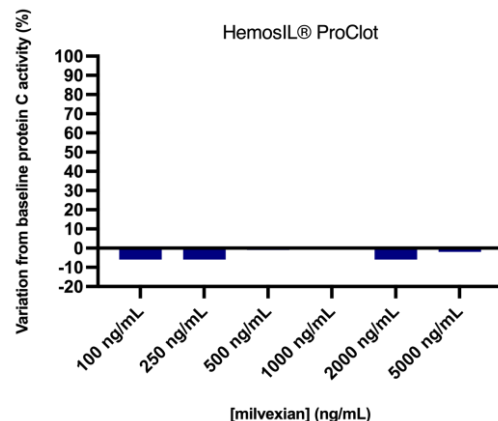
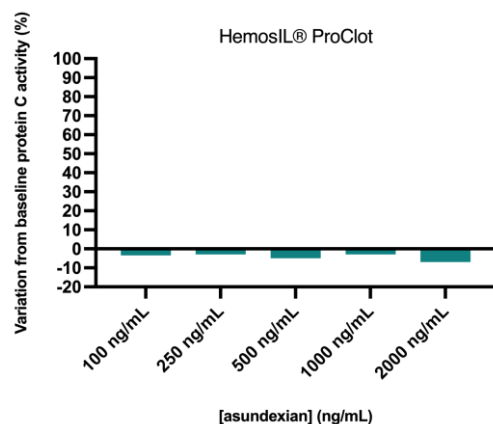
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# Results – proteins C-S, ECA, reptilase time

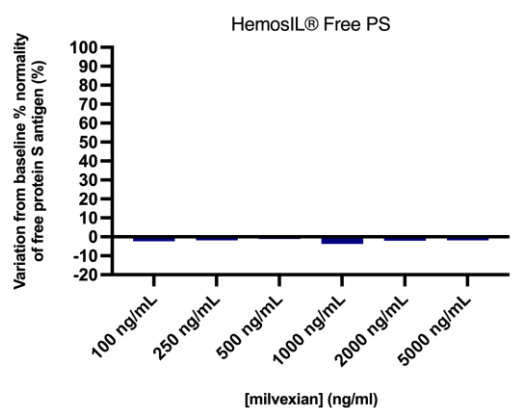
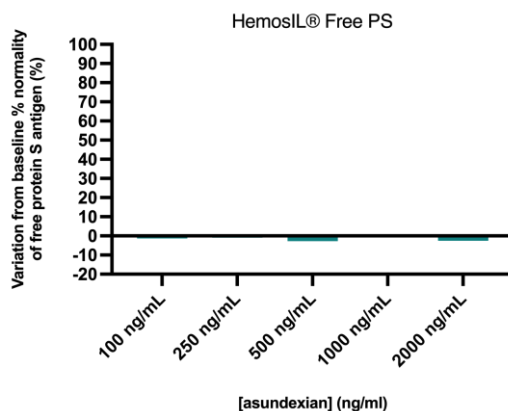
## Protein C

CV: 5.5 [5.3 – 7.9] <sup>[1]</sup>



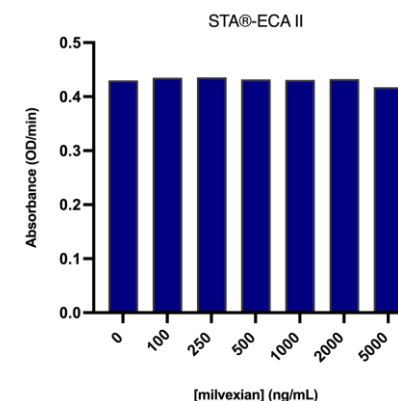
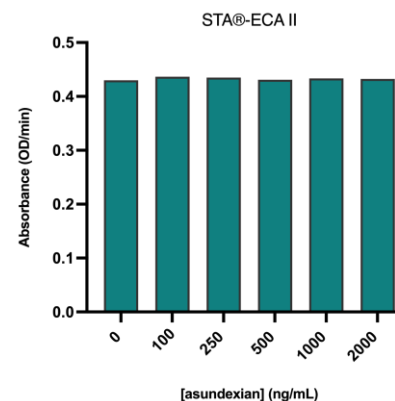
## Free protein S

CV: 4.2 [4.0 – 8.7] <sup>[1]</sup>

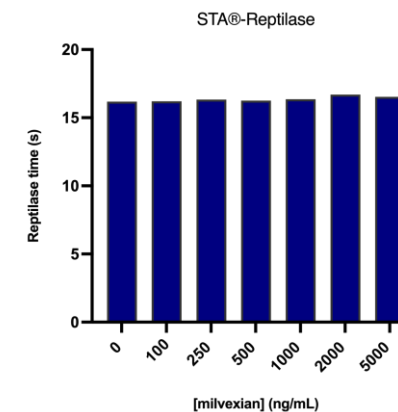
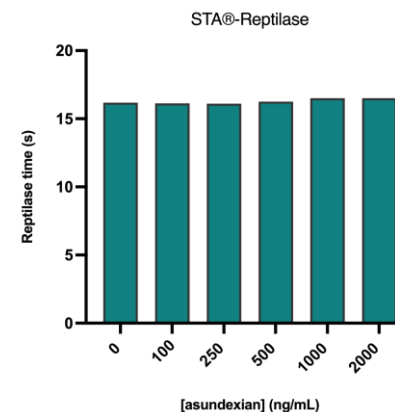


## Ecarin chromogenic assay

[dabigatran] = 15 ng/mL (LOD)



## Reptilase time



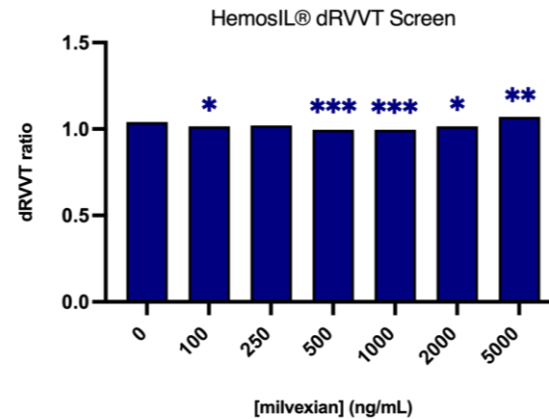
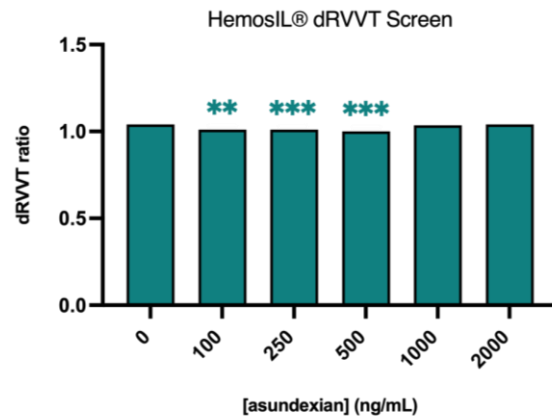
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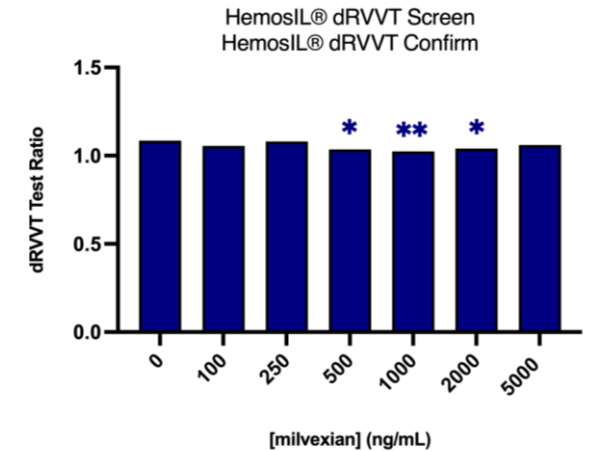
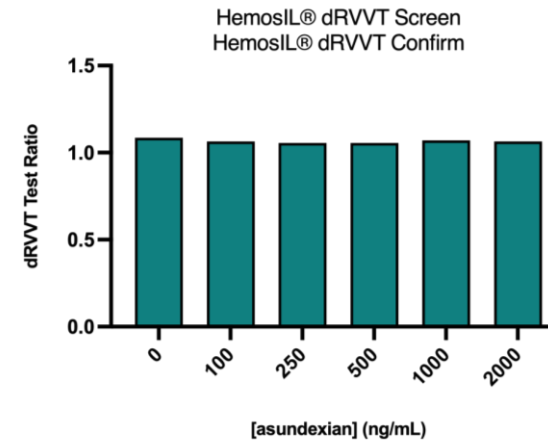
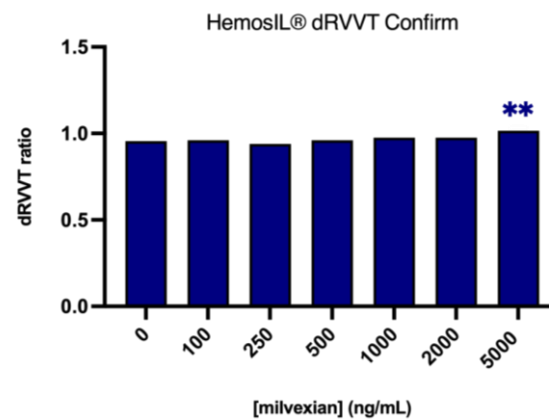
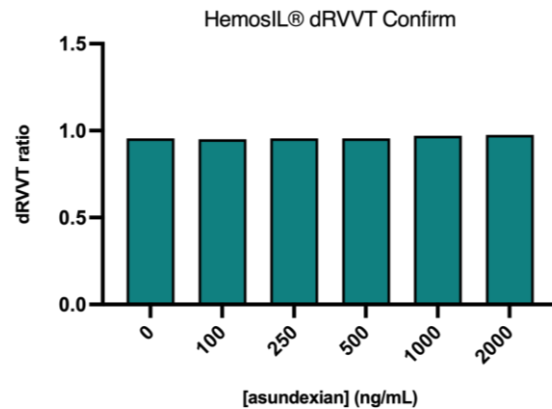


# Results – dRVVT

## dRVVT Screen



## dRVVT Confirm



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# Conclusion and perspectives

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- Impact of asundexian and milvexian on:
  - TGA (TF 1 >>5 >>> 20 pM, ellagic acid 0.42  $\mu$ M)
  - aPTT (+++ variability)
  - One-stage aPTT/PT-based clotting factors assays
- Data from clinical trials
  - Limited
  - Not (very) detailed
  - → still needed ! (drug metabolism, ...)

*Thank you for your attention*









# Material and methods – Assays (1)

## aPTT

- Micronized silica + synthetic PLs → HemosIL® SynthASil → **One-stage aPTT-based clotting factors assays FVIII, FIX, FXI and FXII**
  - Ellagic acid + soy PLs → Dade® Actin® FS
  - Kaolin + rabbit brain PLs → STA®-C.K. Prest
  - Silica + rabbit brain PLs → STA® PTT Automate 5
- HemosIL® Factor Deficient Plasmas

## PT

- Human recombinant tissue factor + synthetic PLs  
→ HemosIL® RecombiPlasTin 2G → **One-stage PT-based clotting factors assays FII, FV, FVII and FX**
  - Rabbit brain thromboplastin  
→ STA®-NeoPTimal 5
- HemosIL® Factor Deficient Plasmas

## Fibrinogen

- PT-derived: HemosIL® RecombiPlasTin 2G
- Clauss method: HemosIL® Fibrinogen-C



# Material and methods – Assays (2)

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## **Protein C**

- aPTT-based assay
- Protac® → HemosIL® ProClot
- Colloidal silica + synthetic PLs → HemosIL® APTT-SP

## **Free Protein S**

- Latex particle-based agglutination assay
- HemosIL® Free Protein S

## **Ecarin chromogenic assay**

- STA®-ECA II

## **Reptilase time**

- STA®-Reptilase

## **Lupus Anticoagulant (LA) testing**

- dRVVT
- HemosIL® dRVVT Screen + Confirm



# TGA Results – Parameters (1)

|                                                 | Reagent     | asundexian   | milvexian                | apixaban                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>2x Lag time<br/>(ng/mL) [95% CI]</b>         | PPP Low     | n.c. (>2000) | n.c. (>5000)             | 304.2<br>[250.2 – 358.5] |
|                                                 | PPP         | n.c. (>2000) | n.c. (>5000)             | 209.4<br>[194.4 – 225.1] |
|                                                 | PPP High    | n.c. (>2000) | n.c. (>5000)             | 279.6<br>[228.9 – 372.3] |
|                                                 | ACTIN FS/40 | n.c. (>2000) | 501.3 [482.3 – 521.3]    | n.c. (>500)              |
| <b>IC<sub>50</sub> ETP (ng/mL)<br/>[95% CI]</b> | PPP Low     | n.c. (>2000) | 643.8<br>[558.2 – 742.4] | 100.3<br>[80.6 – 124.4]  |
|                                                 | PPP         | n.c. (>2000) | n.c. (>5000)             | 151.1<br>[130.7 -174.0]  |
|                                                 | PPP High    | n.c. (>2000) | n.c. (>5000)             | 345.0<br>[325.5 – 365.9] |
|                                                 | ACTIN FS/40 | n.c. (>2000) | n.c. (>5000)             | n.c. (>500)              |

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## TGA Results – Parameters (2)

|                                                      | Reagent     | asundexian                 | milvexian                   | apixaban                  |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>IC<sub>50</sub> Peak<br/>(ng/mL)<br/>[95% CI]</b> | PPP Low     | 1876.0<br>[1598.1 – >2000] | 419.4<br>[360.4 – 489.9]    | 51.5<br>[42.7 – 61.9]     |
|                                                      | PPP         | n.c. (>2000)               | 1893.8<br>[1633.4 – 2188.7] | 40.5<br>[37.5 – 43.7]     |
|                                                      | PPP High    | n.c. (>2000)               | n.c. (>5000)                | 80.5<br>[69.3 – 93.5]     |
|                                                      | ACTIN FS/40 | n.c. (>2000)               | 486.0<br>[435.1 – 542.8]    | 80.5<br>[72.6 – 89.2]     |
| <b>2x Time to peak<br/>(ng/mL)<br/>[95% CI]</b>      | PPP Low     | n.c. (>2000)               | n.c. (>5000)                | n.c. (>500)               |
|                                                      | PPP         | n.c. (>2000)               | n.c. (>5000)                | 164.4<br>[121.8 – 222.1]  |
|                                                      | PPP High    | n.c. (>2000)               | n.c. (>5000)                | 408.2<br>[262.7 – >500.0] |
|                                                      | ACTIN FS/40 | n.c. (>2000)               | 599.8<br>[580.3 – 620.2]    | n.c. (>500)               |

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# TGA Results – Parameters (3)

|                                              | Reagent     | asundexian                  | milvexian                   | apixaban               |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| IC <sub>50</sub> mVRI<br>(ng/mL)<br>[95% CI] | PPP Low     | 1428.4<br>[1053.6 – 1855.3] | 342.0<br>[287.3 – 409.8]    | 88.1<br>[70.3 – 110.7] |
|                                              | PPP         | n.c. (>2000)                | 1008.6<br>[833.6 – 1225.5]  | 34.6<br>[29.4 – 40.6]  |
|                                              | PPP High    | n.c. (>2000)                | 3791.9<br>[3558.8 – 4227.5] | 58.8<br>[50.9 – 67.9]  |
|                                              | ACTIN FS/40 | 1435.3<br>[1214.9 – 1743.4] | 262,8<br>[228.9 – 303.3]    | 70.5<br>[60.3 – 82.2]  |

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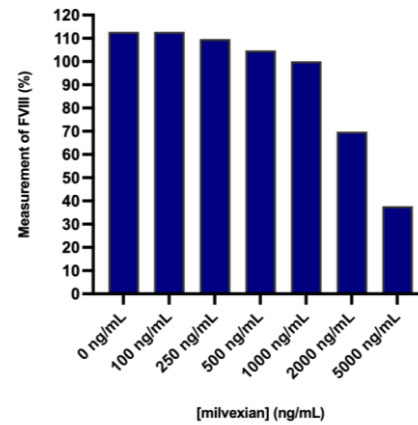
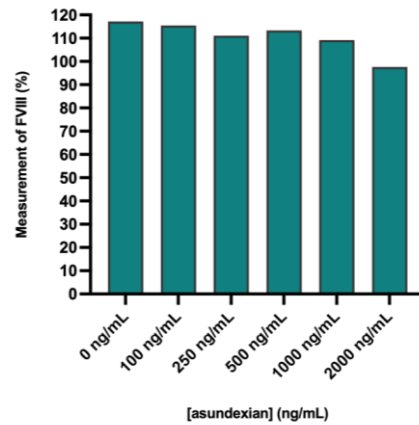




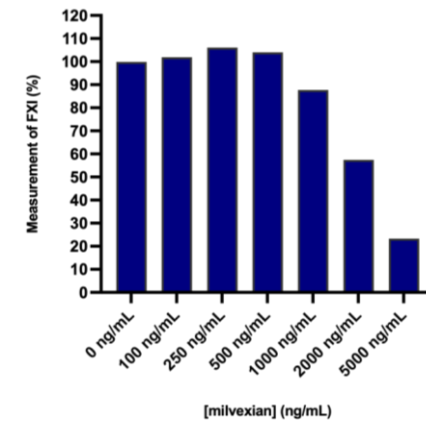
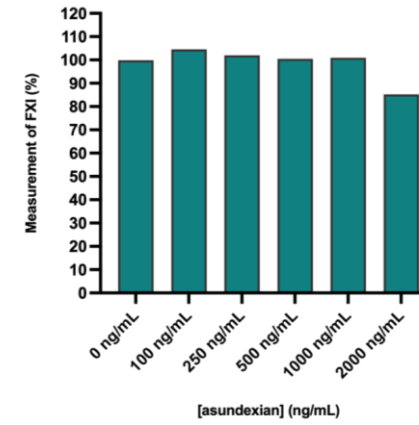
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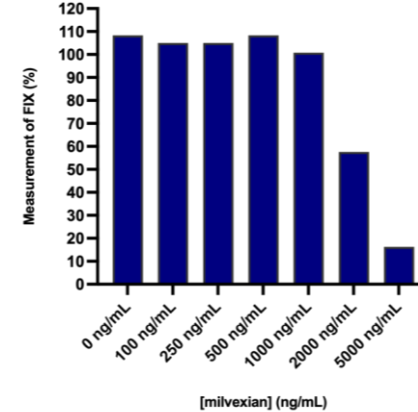
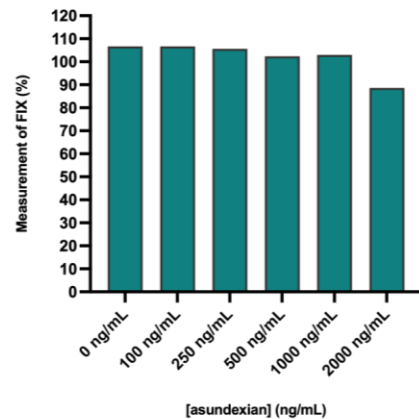
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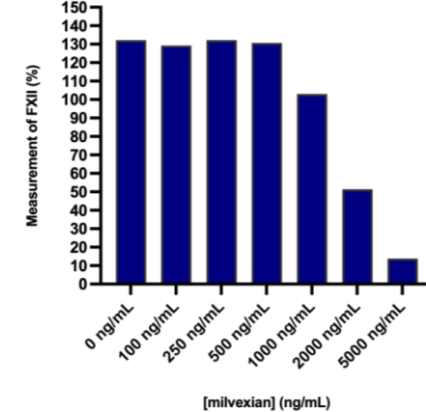
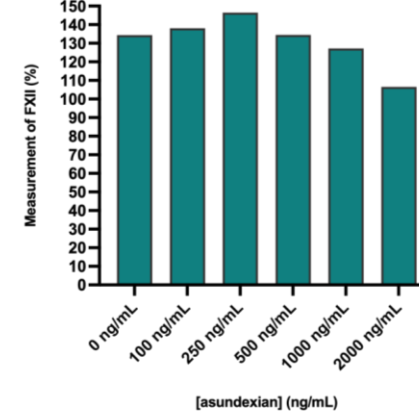
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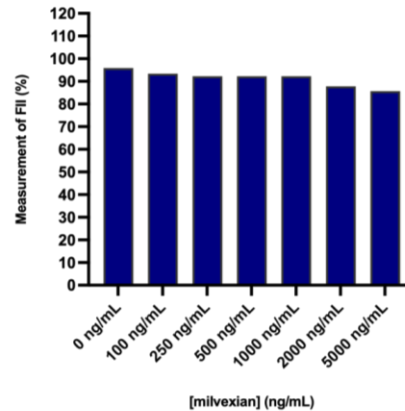
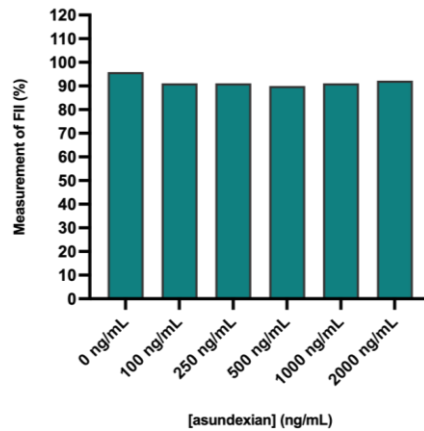




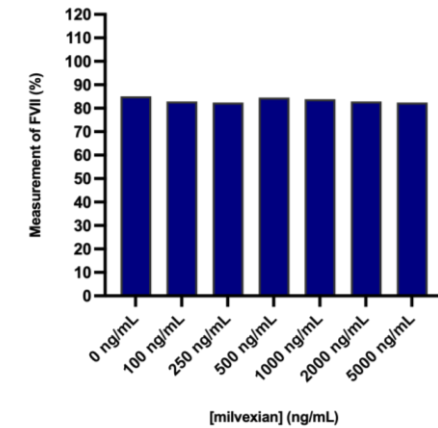
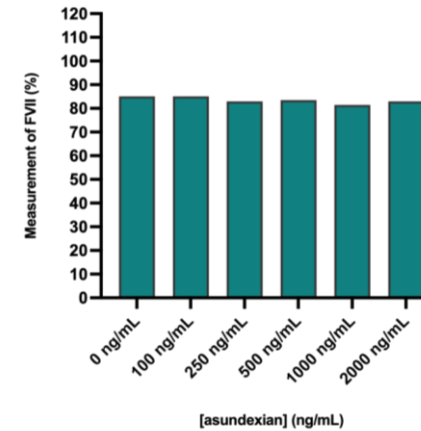
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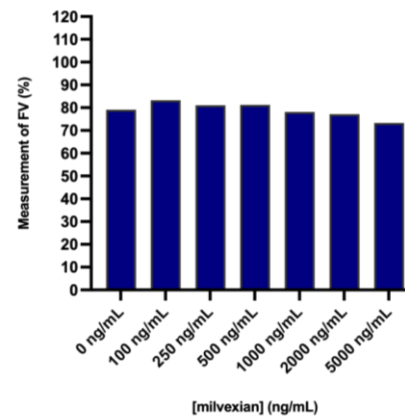
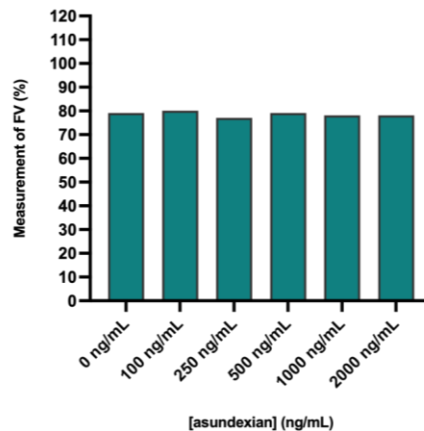
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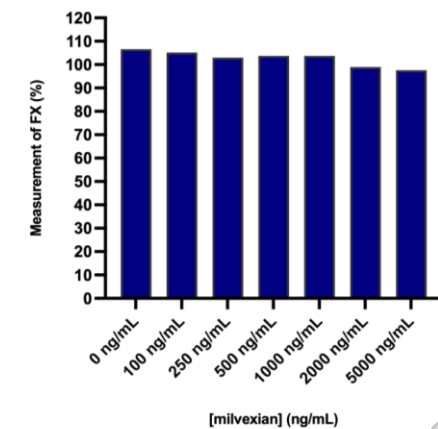
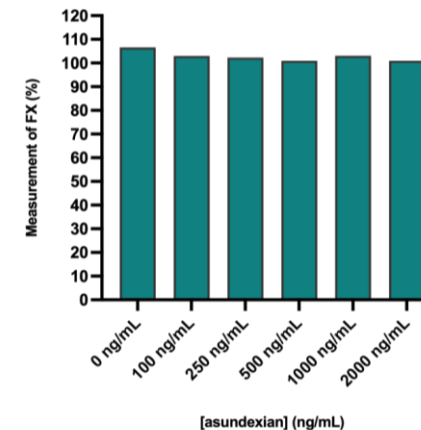
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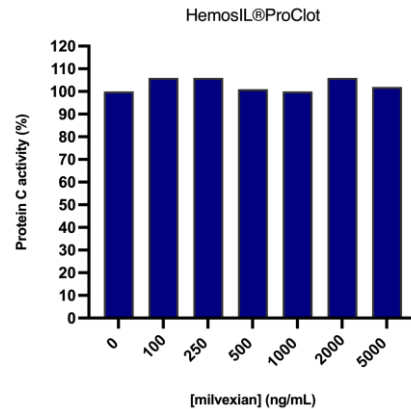
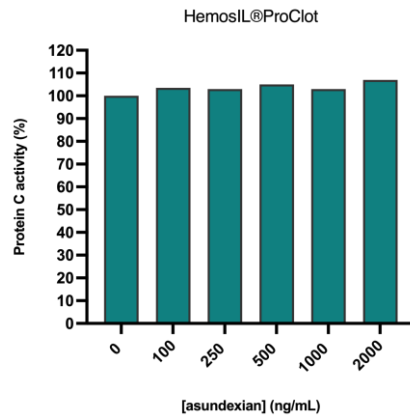




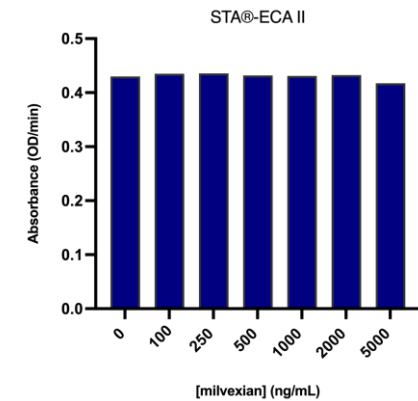
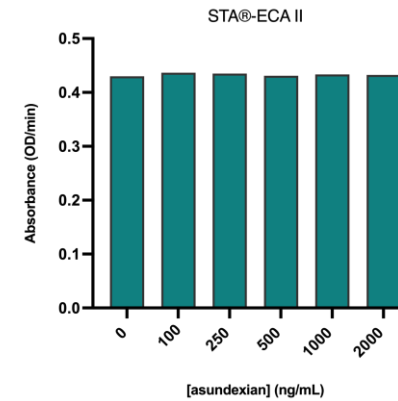


# Results – proteins C-S, ECA, reptilase time

## Protein C CV: 5.5 [5.3 – 7.9] <sup>[1]</sup>

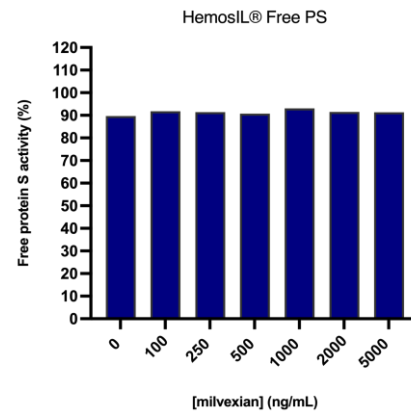
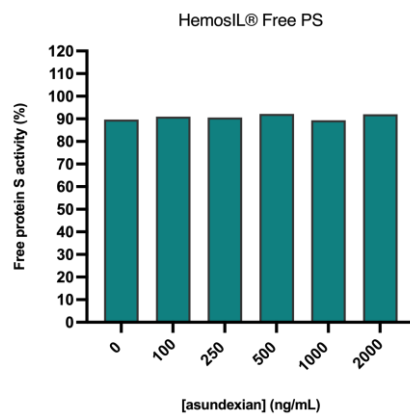


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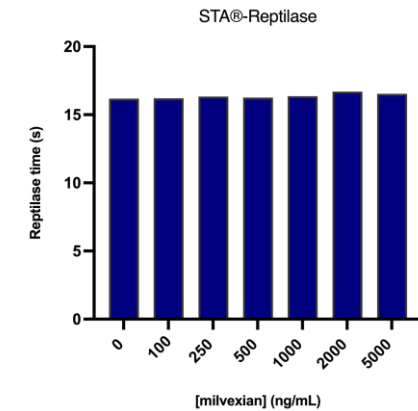
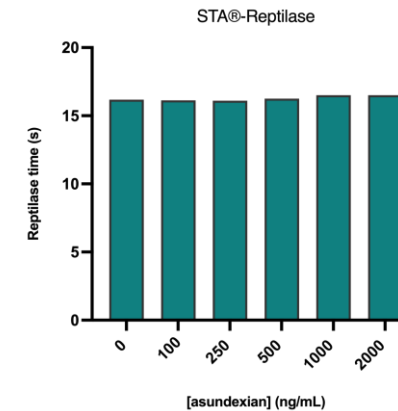


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## Free protein S CV: 4.2 [4.0 – 8.7] <sup>[1]</sup>



## Reptilase time



<sup>[1]</sup> Intraindividual biological variation as median CV(%) estimates [95%CI] from the EFLM Biological Variation Database



# Clinical trials in AF patients

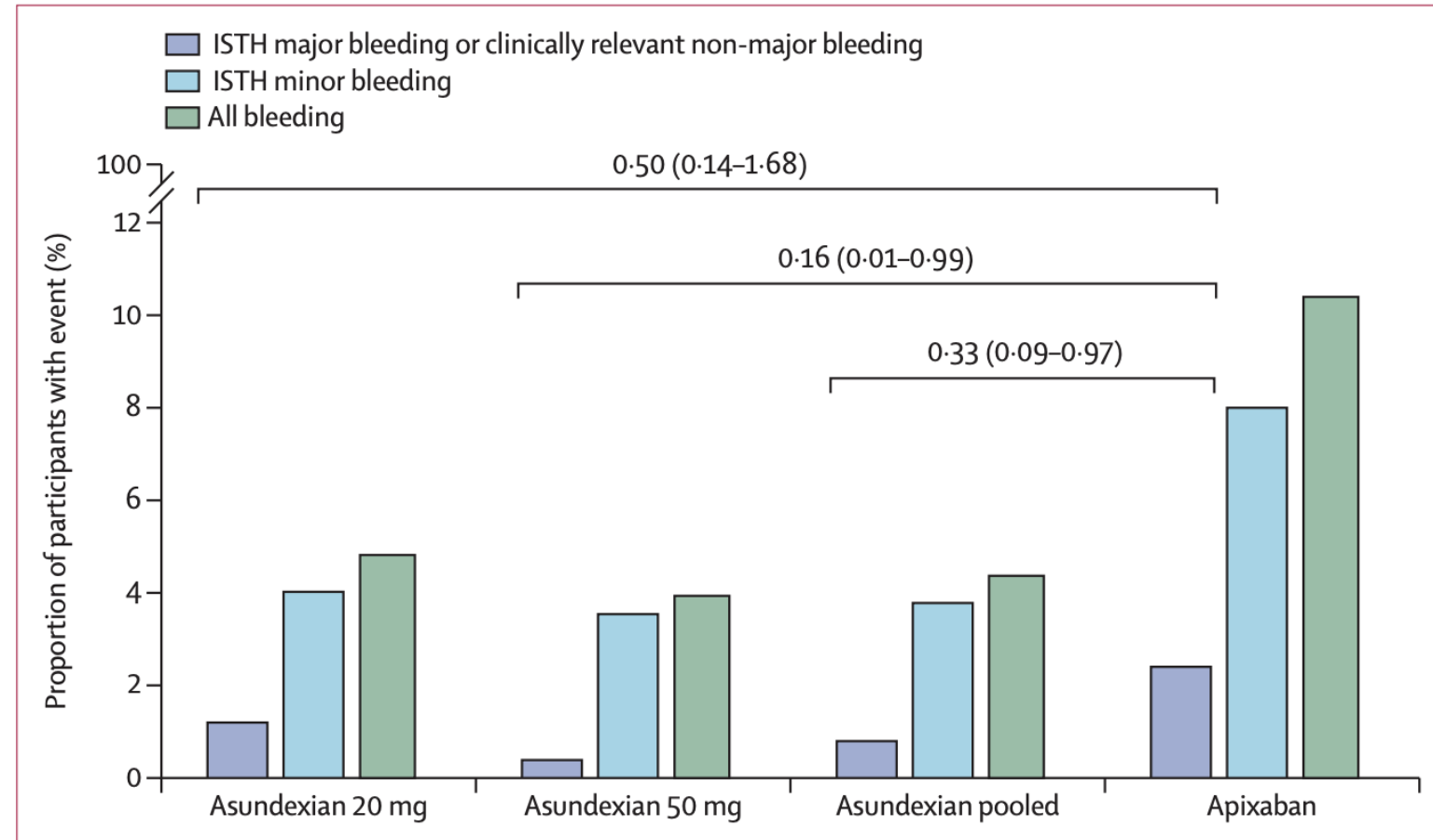
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|----------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| PACIFIC-AF     | NCT04218266 | 2     | asundexian    | 20 – 50 mg qd               | apixaban<br>5 or 2.5 mg bid         | Completed                                          |
| OCEANIC-AF     | NCT05643573 | 3     | asundexian    | 50 mg qd                    | apixaban<br>5 or 2.5 mg bid         | Terminated<br>(lack of efficacy)                   |
| LIBREXIA-AF    | NCT05757869 | 3     | milvexian     | 100 mg bid                  | apixaban<br>5 mg or 2.5 bid         | Recruiting                                         |
| AZALEA-TIMI 71 | NCT04755283 | 2     | abelacimab    | 90 – 150 mg<br>s.c. monthly | rivaroxaban<br>20 mg or 15 mg<br>od | Terminated<br>(overwhelming reduction in bleeding) |
| LILAC-TIMI 76  | NCT05712200 | 3     | abelacimab    | 150 mg<br>s.c. monthly      | Placebo                             | Recruiting                                         |



# PACIFIC-AF

12 weeks

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**Figure 2: Safety endpoints according to treatment assignment**

Horizontal bars show the ratio of incidence proportions (90% CIs) between asundexian and apixaban for the primary endpoint, ISTH major bleeding or clinically relevant non-major bleeding. No ISTH major bleeding events occurred in any treatment group. ISTH=International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis.



# PACIFIC-AF

12 weeks

|                                                                                        | Asundexian<br>20 mg<br>(n=251) | Asundexian<br>50 mg<br>(n=254) | Apixaban<br>(n=250) | Total<br>(n=755) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction,<br>ischaemic stroke, or systemic embolism | 2                              | 4                              | 3                   | 9                |
| Cardiovascular death                                                                   | 1                              | 3                              | 3                   | 7                |
| Myocardial infarction                                                                  | 0                              | 1                              | 0                   | 1                |
| Ischaemic stroke                                                                       | 2                              | 1                              | 0                   | 3                |
| Systemic embolism                                                                      | 0                              | 0                              | 0                   | 0                |
| All-cause mortality                                                                    | 2                              | 4                              | 4                   | 10               |
| Data are numbers of participants.                                                      |                                |                                |                     |                  |
| <b>Table 2: Exploratory thrombotic endpoints</b>                                       |                                |                                |                     |                  |

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12 weeks

|                                                  | Asundexian 20 mg<br>(n=249)* | Asundexian 50 mg<br>(n=254) | Apixaban (n=250) | Asundexian<br>total (n=503) | Total<br>(n=753) |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Any AE                                           | 118 (47%)                    | 120 (47%)                   | 122 (49%)        | 238 (47%)                   | 360 (48%)        |
| Any study drug-related AE                        | 29 (12%)                     | 26 (10%)                    | 37 (15%)         | 55 (11%)                    | 92 (12%)         |
| Any AE leading to discontinuation of study drug  | 15 (6%)                      | 16 (6%)                     | 13 (5%)          | 31 (6%)                     | 44 (6%)          |
| AE of special interest                           | 0                            | 1 (<1%)                     | 0                | 1 (<1%)                     | 1 (<1%)          |
| Any SAE                                          | 22 (9%)                      | 20 (8%)                     | 20 (8%)          | 42 (8%)                     | 62 (8%)          |
| Any study drug-related SAE                       | 4 (2%)                       | 0                           | 0                | 4 (1%)                      | 4 (1%)           |
| Any SAE leading to discontinuation of study drug | 4 (2%)                       | 4 (2%)                      | 4 (2%)           | 8 (2%)                      | 12 (2%)          |
| AE with outcome of death                         | 1 (<1%)                      | 3 (1%)                      | 2 (1%)           | 4 (1%)                      | 6 (1%)           |
| Deaths                                           | 1 (<1%)                      | 3 (1%)                      | 2 (1%)           | 4 (1%)                      | 6 (1%)           |
| Heart failure                                    | 0                            | 0                           | 1 (<1%)          | 0                           | 1 (<1%)          |
| Coronary artery disease                          | 0                            | 1 (<1%)                     | 0                | 1 (<1%)                     | 1 (<1%)          |
| Sudden cardiac death                             | 0                            | 0                           | 1 (<1%)          | 0                           | 1 (<1%)          |
| Cerebrovascular accident                         | 1 (<1%)                      | 1 (<1%)                     | 0                | 2 (<1%)                     | 2 (<1%)          |
| Completed suicide                                | 0                            | 1 (<1%)                     | 0                | 1 (<1%)                     | 1 (<1%)          |

Data are presented as n (%), unless otherwise indicated. AE=adverse event. SAE=serious adverse event. \*Table includes only patients who took at least one dose of study drug (two patients did not take study drug).

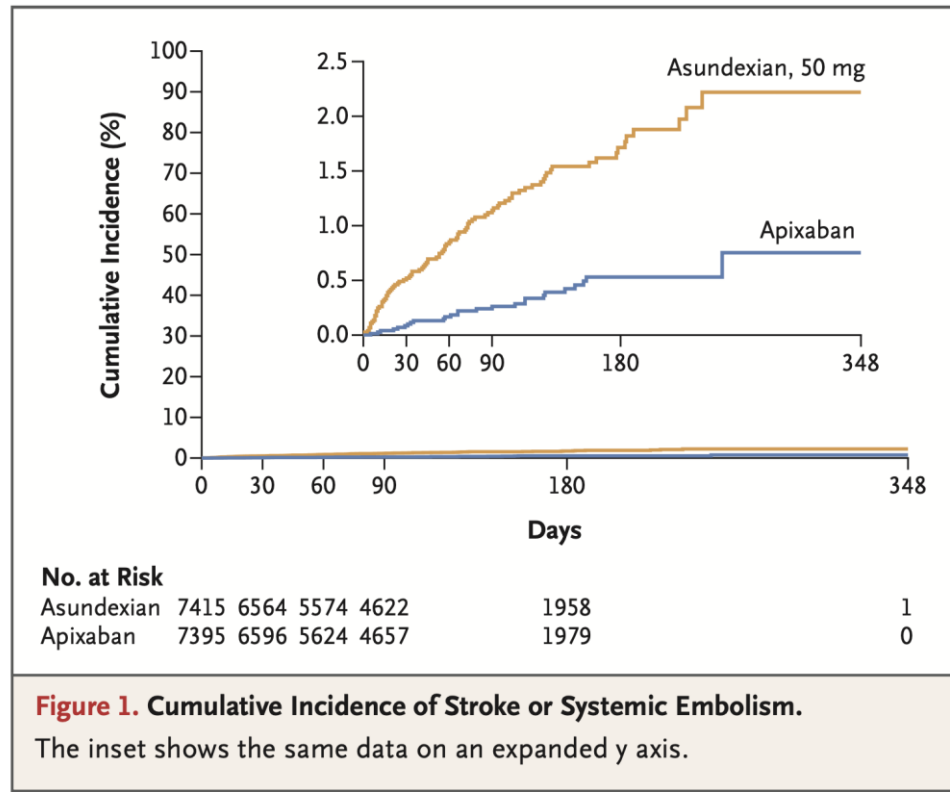
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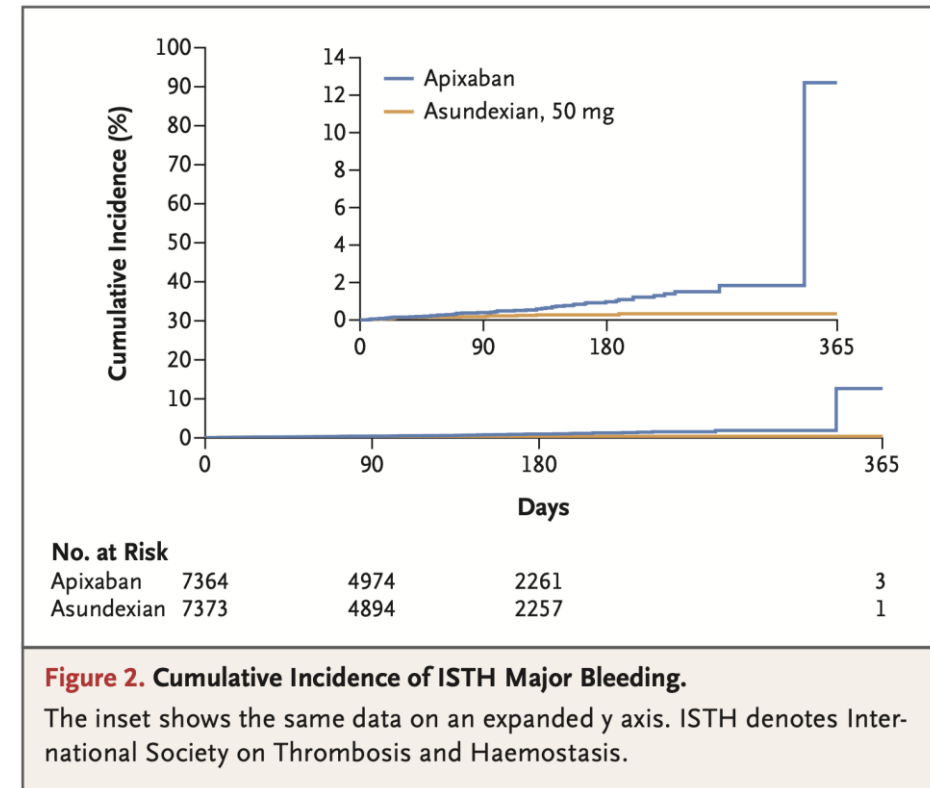
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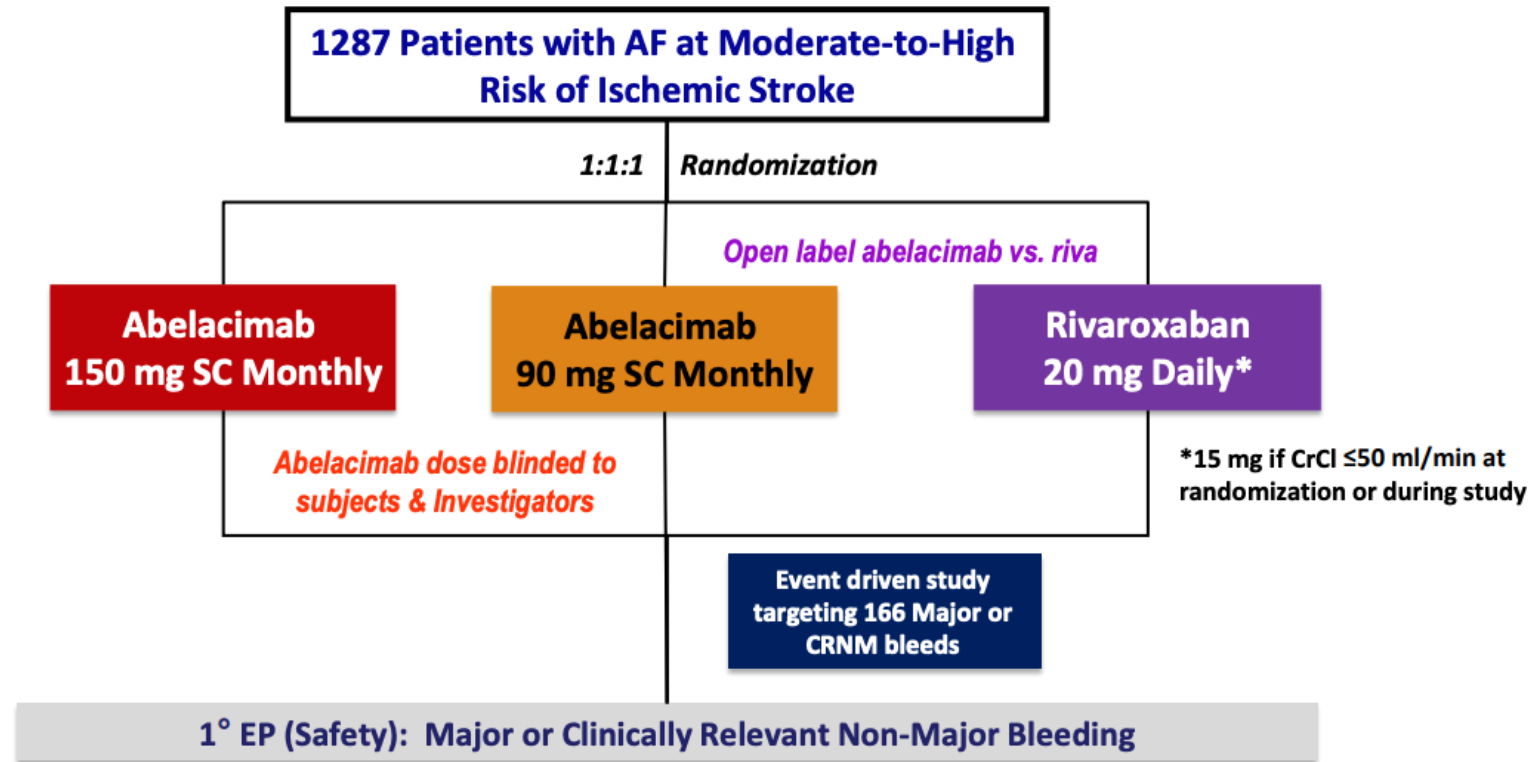
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Hazard ratio, 0.32; 95% CI, 0.18 to 0.55



# AZALEA-TIMI 71



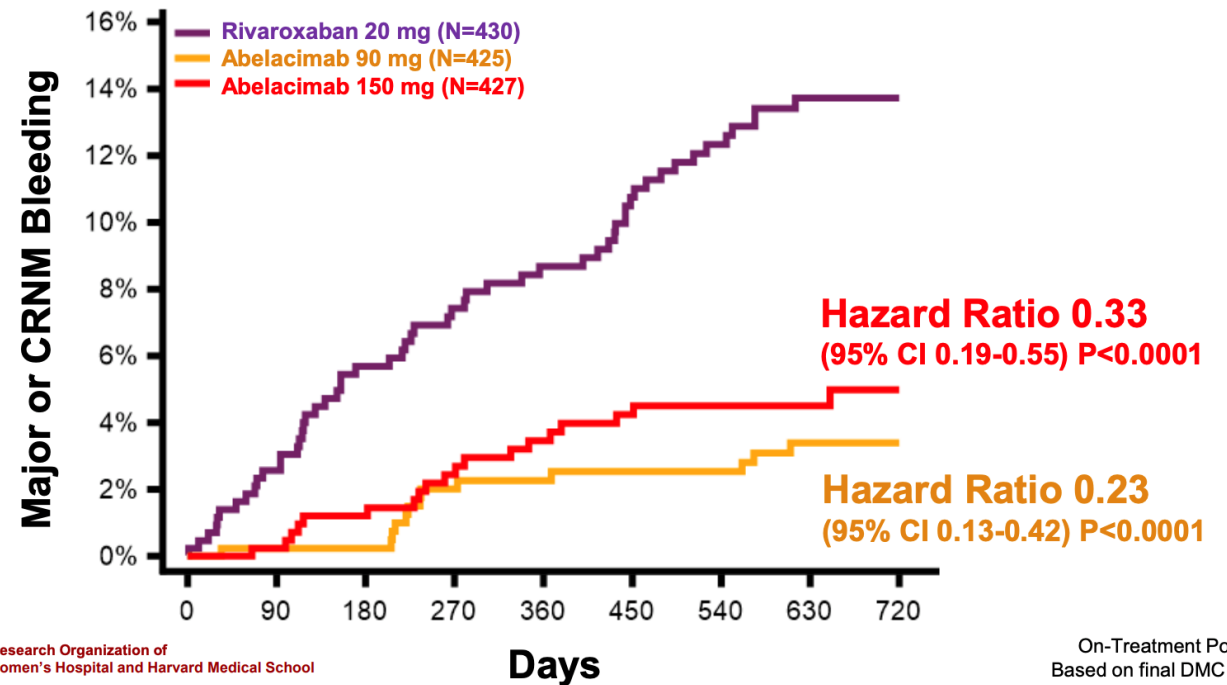
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# AZALEA-TIMI 71

Stopped early (September 2023):  
« overwhelming reduction in  
bleeding »

Results presented in November  
2023 at the American Heart  
Association (AHA) meeting



 An Academic Research Organization of  
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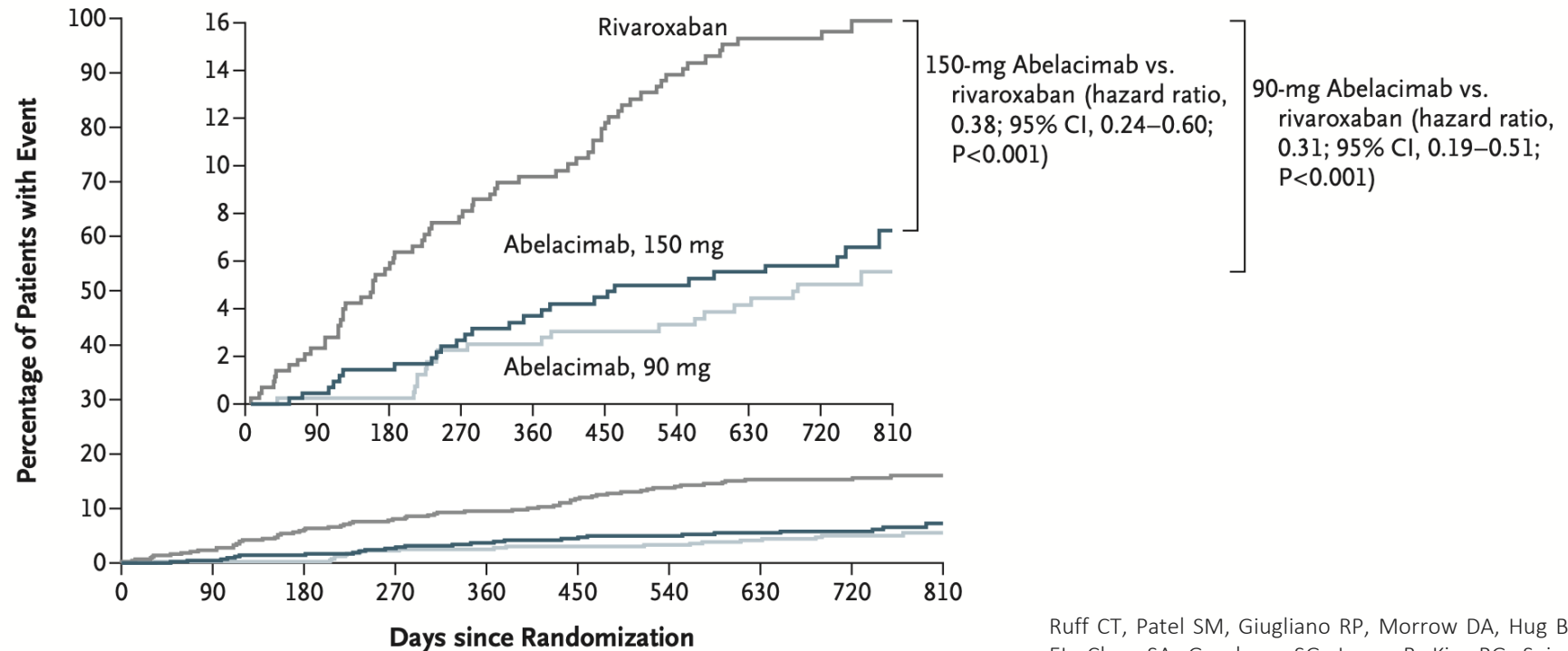
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# AZALEA-TIMI 71

## Major or Clinically Relevant Nonmajor Bleeding



### No. at Risk

|                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Rivaroxaban        | 428 | 415 | 392 | 375 | 365 | 352 | 339 | 328 | 310 | 121 |
| Abelacimab, 150 mg | 427 | 419 | 404 | 386 | 375 | 363 | 353 | 343 | 324 | 117 |
| Abelacimab, 90 mg  | 425 | 413 | 398 | 378 | 372 | 357 | 349 | 338 | 308 | 117 |

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# AZALEA-TIMI 71

**Table 2. End Points.\***

| End Point                                                         | Rivaroxaban<br>(N = 428) |                         | Abelacimab, 150 mg<br>(N = 427) |                         | Hazard Ratio vs.<br>Rivaroxaban<br>(95% CI) | Abelacimab, 90 mg<br>(N = 425) |                         | Hazard Ratio vs.<br>Rivaroxaban<br>(95% CI) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                                                                   | Patients with<br>Event   | Incidence Rate          | Patients with<br>Event          | Incidence Rate          |                                             | Patients with<br>Event         | Incidence Rate          |                                             |
|                                                                   | no. (%)                  | events/100<br>person-yr | no. (%)                         | events/100<br>person-yr |                                             | no. (%)                        | events/100<br>person-yr |                                             |
| Primary end point: major or clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding | 66 (15.4)                | 8.38                    | 26 (6.1)                        | 3.22                    | 0.38 (0.24–0.60)†                           | 21 (4.9)                       | 2.64                    | 0.31 (0.19–0.51)†                           |
| Secondary end points                                              |                          |                         |                                 |                         |                                             |                                |                         |                                             |
| Major bleeding                                                    | 31 (7.2)                 | 3.73                    | 10 (2.3)                        | 1.22                    | 0.33 (0.16–0.66)                            | 8 (1.9)                        | 0.99                    | 0.26 (0.12–0.57)                            |
| Gastrointestinal bleeding                                         | 18 (4.2)                 | 2.14                    | 2 (0.5)                         | 0.24                    | 0.11 (0.03–0.48)                            | 2 (0.5)                        | 0.25                    | 0.11 (0.03–0.49)                            |
| Intracranial hemorrhage                                           | 4 (0.9)                  | 0.47                    | 2 (0.5)                         | 0.24                    | 0.51 (0.09–2.78)                            | 4 (0.9)                        | 0.49                    | 1.05 (0.26–4.19)                            |
| Other major bleeding                                              | 9 (2.1)                  | 1.06                    | 6 (1.4)                         | 0.73                    | 0.68 (0.24–1.91)                            | 2 (0.5)                        | 0.25                    | 0.23 (0.05–1.06)                            |
| Major, clinically relevant non-major, or minor bleeding           | 112 (26.2)               | 15.30                   | 78 (18.3)                       | 10.43                   | 0.68 (0.51–0.91)                            | 53 (12.5)                      | 7.04                    | 0.46 (0.33–0.64)                            |
| Exploratory end points                                            |                          |                         |                                 |                         |                                             |                                |                         |                                             |
| Stroke or systemic embolism                                       | 7 (1.6)                  | 0.83                    | 10 (2.3)                        | 1.21                    | 1.47 (0.56–3.85)                            | 11 (2.6)                       | 1.36                    | 1.65 (0.64–4.25)                            |
| Ischemic stroke                                                   | 5 (1.2)                  | 0.59                    | 10 (2.3)                        | 1.21                    | 2.06 (0.70–6.02)                            | 10 (2.4)                       | 1.24                    | 2.10 (0.72–6.14)                            |
| Hemorrhagic stroke                                                | 2 (0.5)                  | 0.23                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                                           | 1 (0.2)                        | 0.12                    | 0.52 (0.05–5.72)                            |
| Systemic embolism                                                 | 0                        | 0                       | 1 (0.2)                         | 0.12                    | NA                                          | 0                              | 0                       | NA                                          |
| Death from any cause                                              | 30 (7.0)                 | 3.52                    | 22 (5.2)                        | 2.65                    | 0.77 (0.44–1.34)                            | 26 (6.1)                       | 3.20                    | 0.93 (0.55–1.58)                            |
| Net clinical outcome‡                                             | 92 (21.5)                | 11.75                   | 52 (12.2)                       | 6.45                    | 0.55 (0.39–0.77)                            | 54 (12.7)                      | 6.82                    | 0.58 (0.41–0.81)                            |
| Death or any stroke                                               | 36 (8.4)                 | 4.25                    | 31 (7.3)                        | 3.75                    | 0.90 (0.56–1.46)                            | 36 (8.5)                       | 4.45                    | 1.07 (0.67–1.70)                            |

\* The widths of the confidence intervals have not been adjusted for multiplicity and should not be used in place of hypothesis testing. NA denotes not applicable.

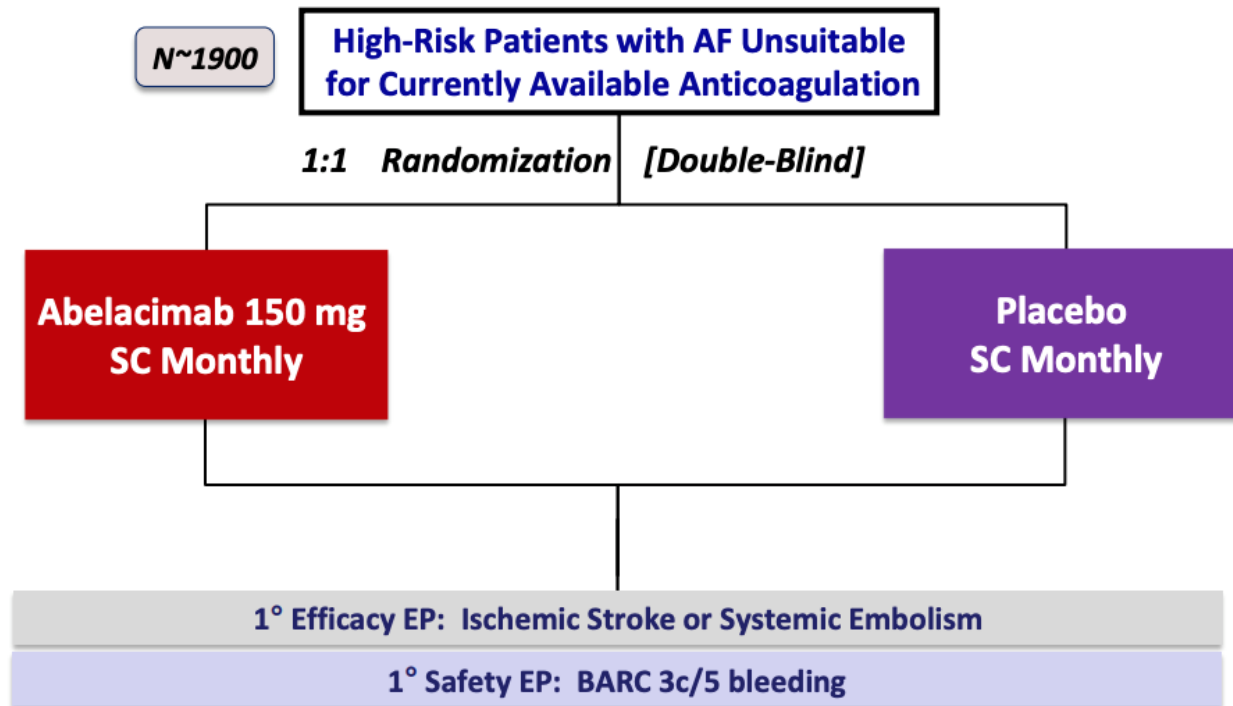
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# LILAC-TIMI 76



- 65-74 years + CHA2DS2VASc  $\geq 5$
- $\geq 75$  ans + CHA2DS2VASc  $\geq 4$
- At least one of the following criteria:
  - Severe renal insufficiency
  - Daily use of antiplatelet therapy
  - History of bleeding from a critical area
  - NSAIDs
  - Frailty
  - Multiple falls

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# Clauss fibrinogen assay

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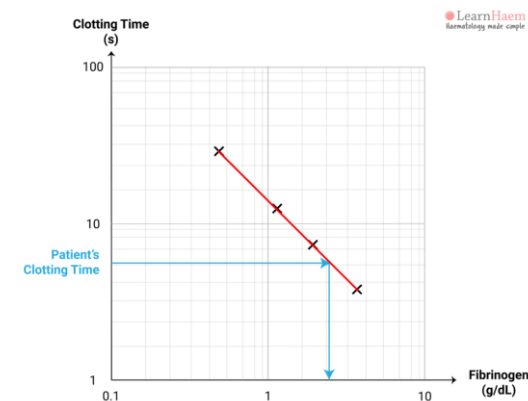
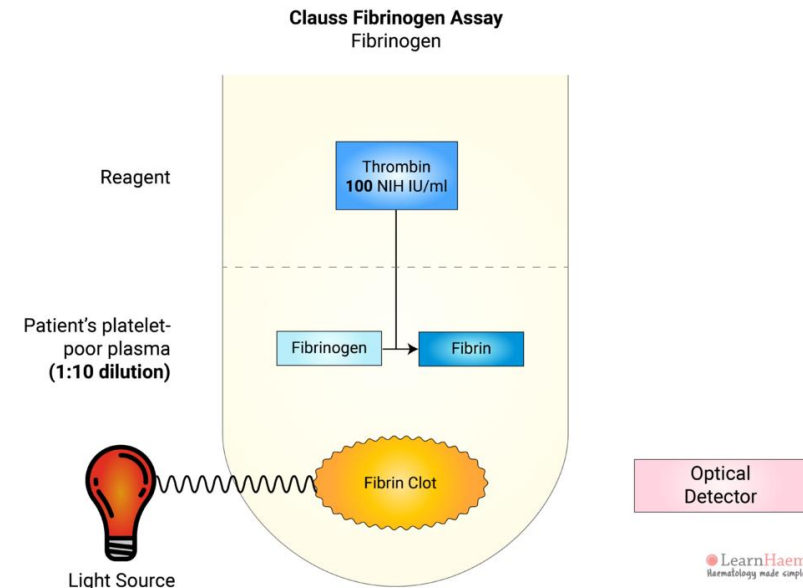
- Serial dilutions
- + excess of thrombin (100 IU/mL)
- Time for fibrin clot formation
- Calibration curve (Log-Log)

## 2. Patient plasma

- + excess of thrombin (100 IU/mL)
- Time for fibrin clot formation

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# One-stage CT-based clotting factors assays (1)

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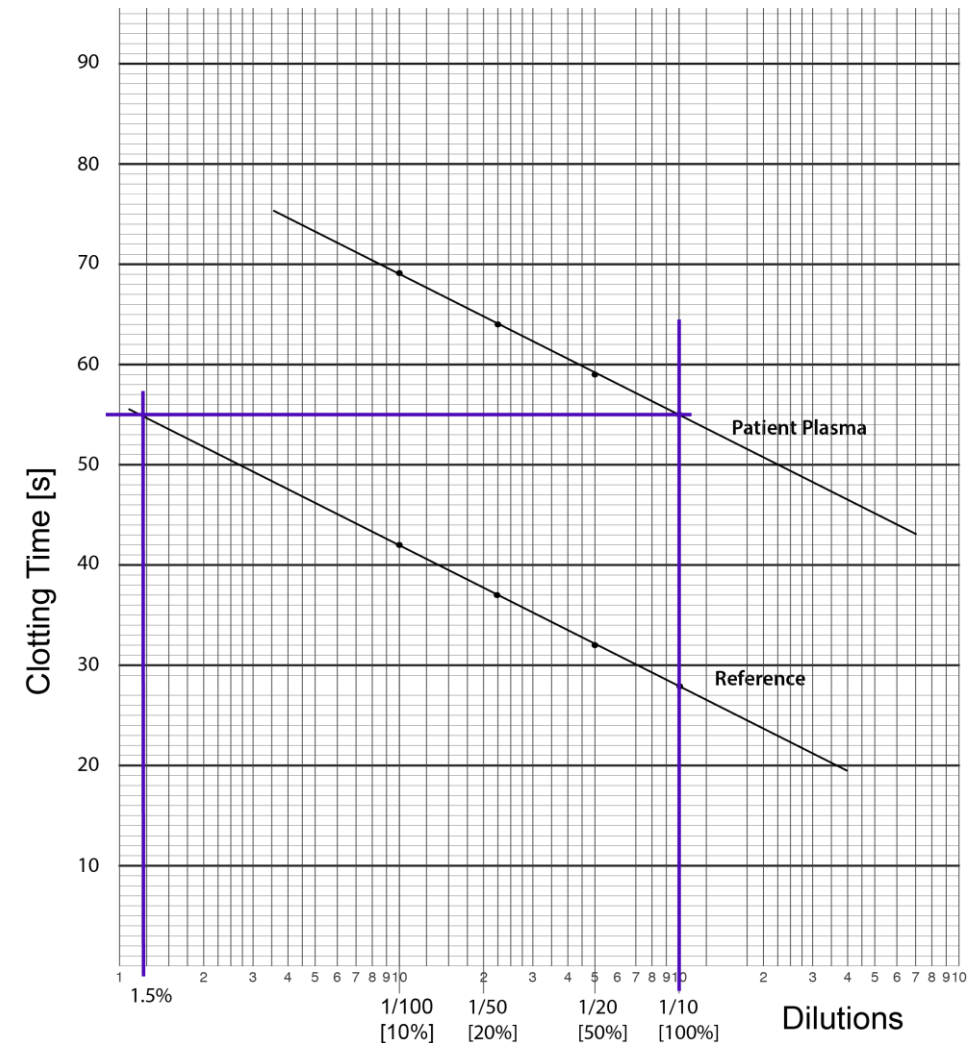
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- + equal volume of factor-deficient plasma
- aPTT/PT

## 2. Patient plasma

- Serial dilutions
- + equal volume of factor-deficient plasma
- aPTT/PT

## 3. Log-Lin modelization

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# aPTT-based protein C assay

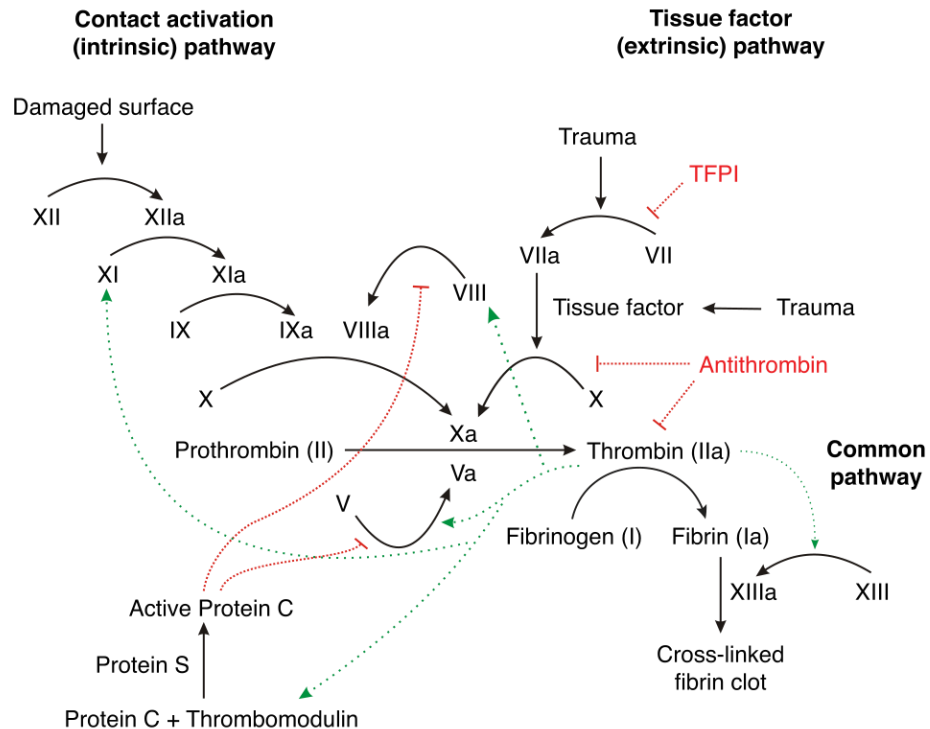


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- Plasma sample
- + synthetic phospholipids + contact activator (colloidal silica dispersion) = HemosIL® APTT-SP
- + protein C activator (Protac®)
- Incubation
- + Calcium chloride
- Recording of clotting time (aPTT)

*Agkistrodon contortrix*

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# Latex particle-based agglutination protein S assay

## Protein S

- ~60% bound to C4b-binding protein (C4bBP)
- Active form = free protein S

## Assay

- Plasma sample + C4bBP-coated latex particles
- Incubation
- > Adsorption of free PS on C4bBP-coated latex particles
- + Anti-PS Mab Latex particles
- Agglutination
- ↑ Turbidity (405 nm)

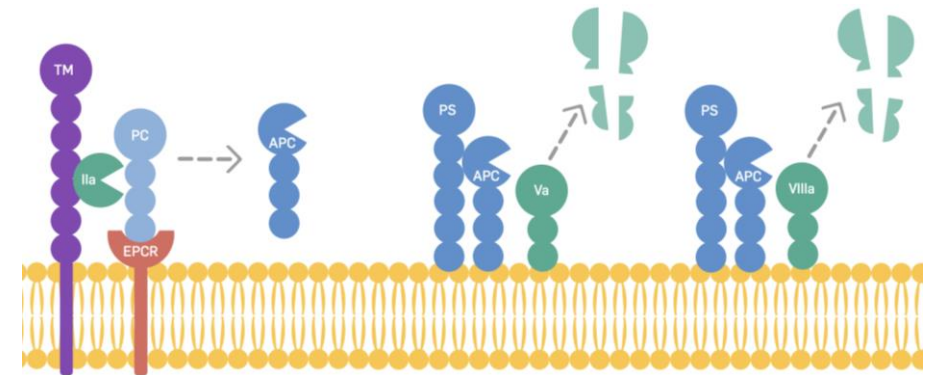


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# Ecarin chromogenic assay (ECA)

Plasma sample

- + human prothrombin
- + chromogenic substrate
- + ecarin
- Absorbance (405 nm)

*Echis carinatus*



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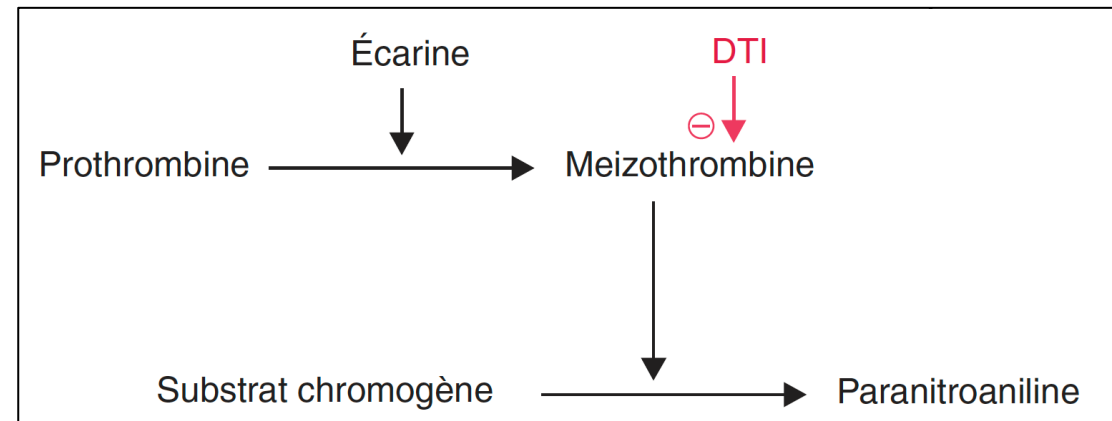


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# Reptilase time

Plasma sample

- + Batroxobin (« thrombin like » toxin from *Bothrops atrox*)
- Clotting time

*Bothrops atrox*



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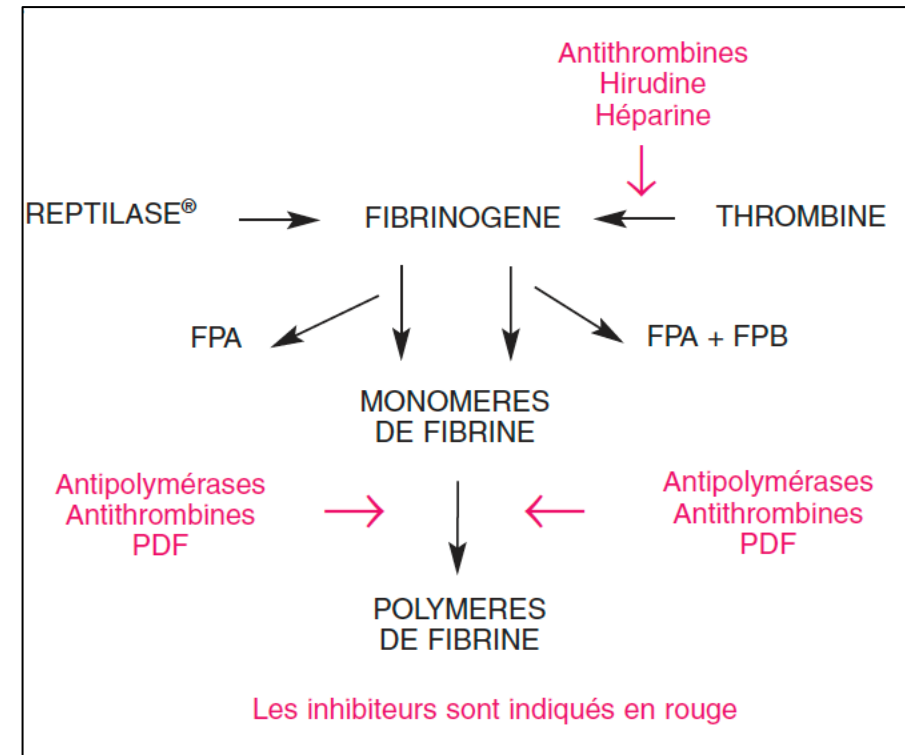


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# Dilute Russel's viper venom time (dRVVT)

Plasma sample

- + phospholipids
- + diluted Russel's viper venom (FX activator)
- + calcium chloride
- Recording of clotting time

$$dRVVT \text{ Screen Ratio} = \frac{\text{Patient } dRVVT \text{ Screen (s)}}{\text{Mean of } dRVVT \text{ Screen normal range}}$$

$$dRVVT \text{ Confirm Ratio} = \frac{\text{Patient } dRVVT \text{ Confirm (s)}}{\text{Mean of } dRVVT \text{ Confirm normal range}}$$

$$dRVVT \text{ Test Ratio} = \frac{dRVVT \text{ Screen Ratio}}{dRVVT \text{ Confirm Ratio}}$$

*Daboia russelii*



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# Bleeding classification – ISTH

## *Major:*

- **fatal** bleeding,
- and/or symptomatic bleeding **in a critical area or organ**, such as intracranial, intraspinal, intraocular, retroperitoneal, intra-articular or pericardial, or intramuscular with compartment syndrome,
- and/or bleeding causing a fall in **hemoglobin levels** of 1.24 mmol/L (20 g/L or greater) or more, or leading to a **transfusion** of 2 units or more of whole blood or red cells.

*Minor:* all reported bleedings not classified as major.

## *Clinically Relevant Non-Major Bleeding:*

- Not a major bleeding
- at least one of the following criteria
  - requiring **medical intervention** by a healthcare professional.
  - leading to **hospitalization** or **increased level of care**.
  - prompting a **face to face** (i.e. not just a telephone or electronic communication) **evaluation**.

Wells GA, Elliott J, Kelly S, et al. Dual Antiplatelet Therapy Following Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: Clinical and Economic Impact of Standard Versus Extended Duration [Internet]. Ottawa (ON): Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health; 2019 Mar. (CADTH Optimal Use Report, No. 9.2b.) Appendix 10, Bleeding Classification System Definitions.