



Interaction between Antiseizure and Stroke Treatment Highlight in Poststroke Epilepsy



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Outline

- **Post stroke seizure/Epilepsy**
- **Pathophysiology of PSE**
- **Treatment of PSE**
- **AEDs and stroke medicine drug interaction**



Post Stroke Epilepsy (PSE)

“Seizures that occur after a stroke without a previous history of epilepsy “

Early seizures occur ≤ 2 weeks after the stroke

Late seizures occur > 2 weeks after the insult

Pathophysiology of PSE

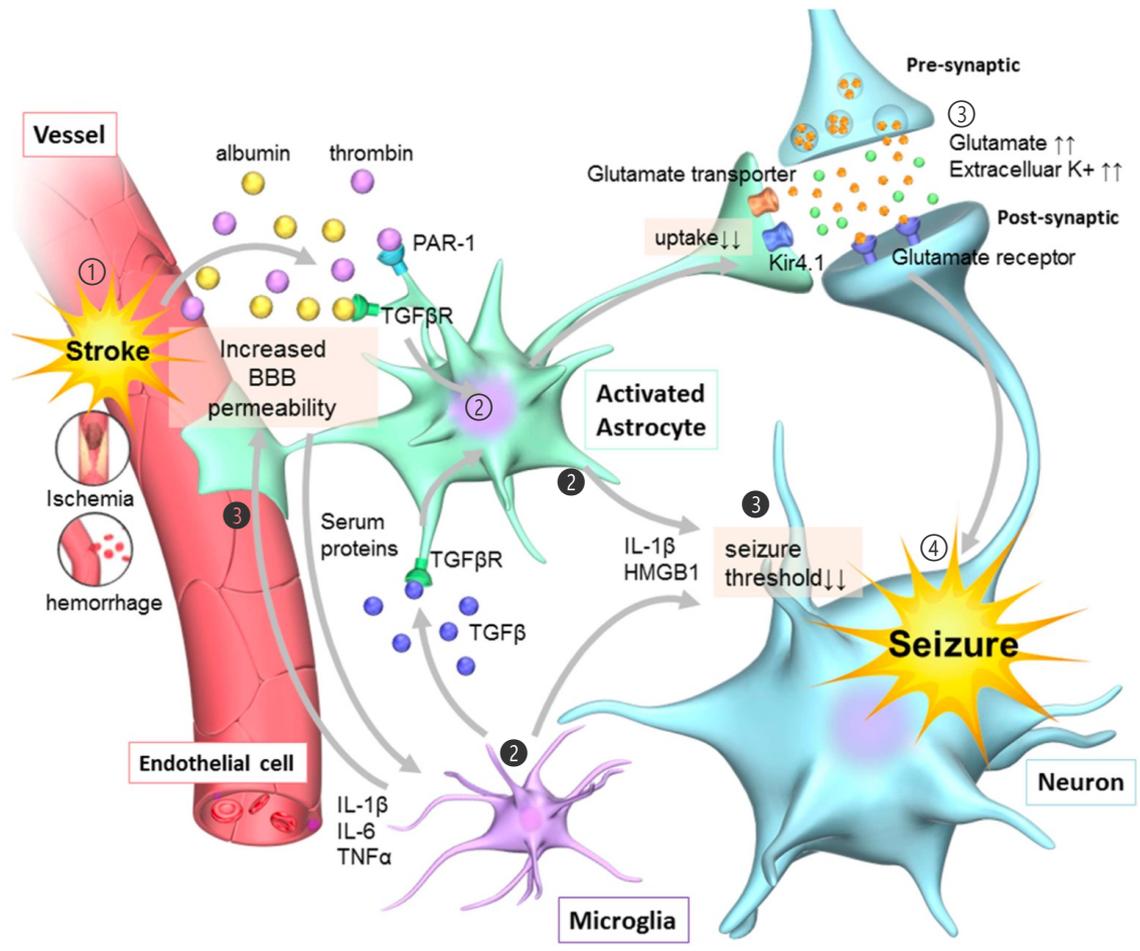


Acute PSE

- ◇ Electrophysiological instability
- ◇ Neurotransmitter imbalance

Late PSE

- ◇ Neurovascular unit imbalance
- ◇ Disruption of the neuronal network
- ◇ Glial activation
- ◇ Genetic factor





Location

Cortex

Subcortex

Stroke type

Infarction

Hemorrhagic Infarction

Hemorrhage



Neuronal excitotoxicity

- (1) Loss of neurovascular unit integrity / Blood-brain barrier (BBB) disruption
- (2) Increased release of neurotransmitters
- (3) Ion channels dysfunction
- (4) Alterations in gene expression



Synaptic Plasticity /Reorganization

- Chronic inflammation
- Gliotic scarring
- Angiogenesis
- Neurodegeneration
- Neurogenesis
- Apoptosis
- Axonal and synaptic sprouting
- Selective neuronal loss
- Altered synaptic plasticity



Poststroke seizure: optimising its management

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Table 1 Seven items of the Post-Stroke Epilepsy Risk Scale

Item	Weight
Supratentorial stroke	2
ICH involving cortical areas	2
Ischaemia involving cortical or cortical-subcortical areas	1
Ischaemia + ongoing neurological deficit	1
Stroke caused neurological deficit with mRS > 3	
Seizure occurred up to 14 days after stroke	1
Seizure occurred 15 days or later after stroke	2

ICH, intracerebral haemorrhage; mRS, modified Rankin scale.

Table 2 CAVE score (for LS from ICH)

CAVE	Risk of LS
C: cortical involvement (1 point)	0 point: 0.6%
A: age <65 years (1 point)	1 point: 3.6%
V: volume >10 mL (1 point)	2 points: 9.8%
E: early seizure (1 point)	3 points: 34.8%
	4 points: 46.2%

ICH, intracerebral haemorrhage; LS, late seizure.



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Statin treatment reduces the risk of poststroke seizures

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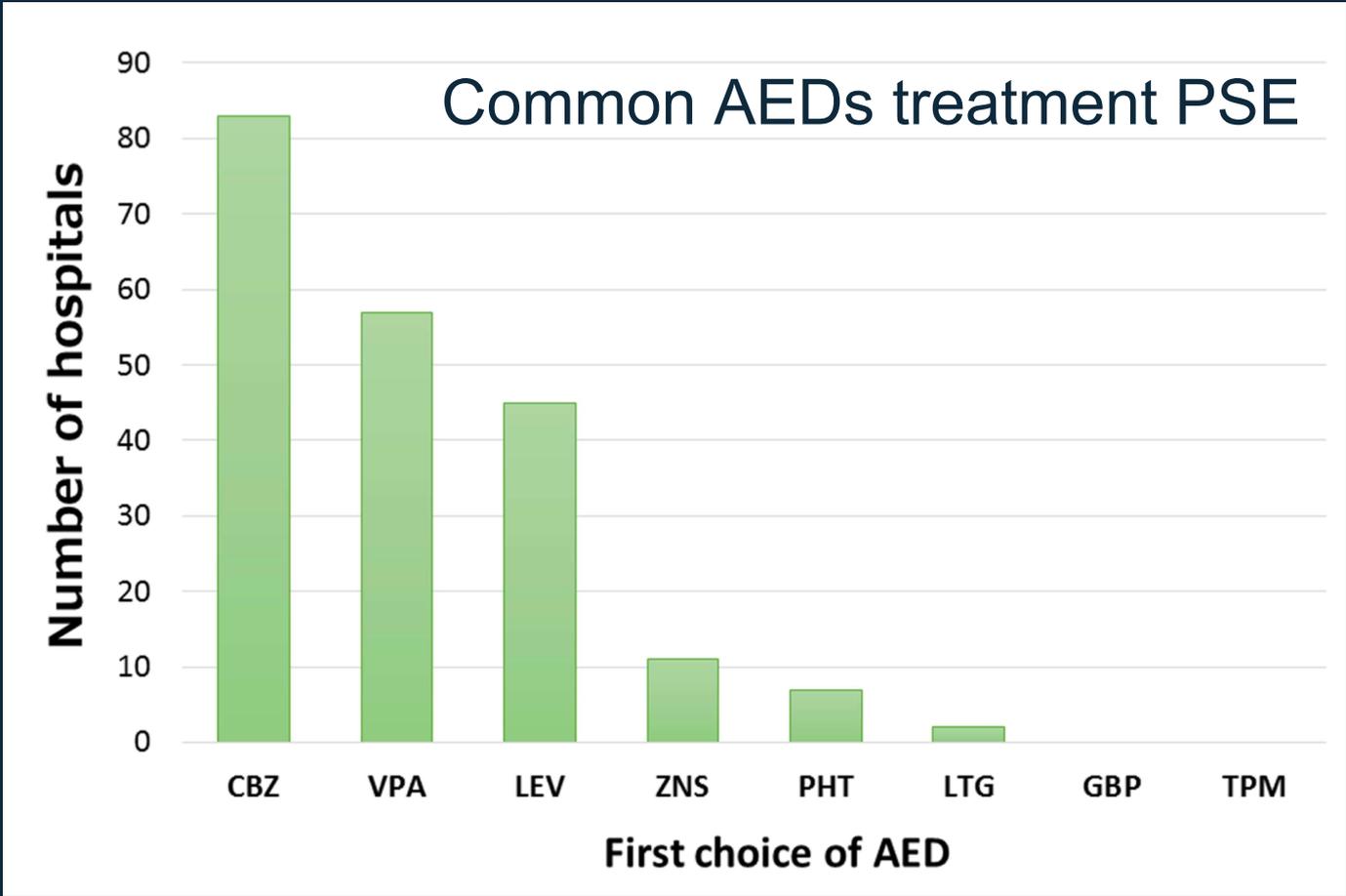
Cohort study. Patients with a first-ever ischemic stroke and no history of epilepsy before stroke

Of 1,832 enrolled patients, 63 (3.4%) patients had poststroke early-onset seizures and 91 (5.0%) patients had poststroke epilepsy. **Statin use was associated with a lower risk of poststroke early-onset seizures.**

In 63 patients who presented with early-onset seizures, statin use was associated with reduced risk of poststroke epilepsy.

Conclusions: Statin use, especially in the acute phase, **may reduce the risk of poststroke early onset seizures.** In addition, statin treatment may **prevent the progression** of initial poststroke seizure-induced neurodegeneration into chronic epilepsy.







Interaction between ASMs and antiplatelet drugs

- Valproic acid and its derivatives impair platelet functions
- Levetiracetam was reported to induce an alteration of platelet functions
- Restoration of platelet functionality was observed after cessation of levetiracetam treatment
- Bleeding is a potential complication when statins are used in combination with antiplatelet drugs



Clopidogrel

- **Phenobarbital, phenytoin, carbamazepine and topiramate** increase the level or effect of clopidogrel by affecting hepatic/intestinal enzyme CYP3A4 metabolism. **Avoid or Use Alternate Drug.**
- Clopidogrel increases levels of phenytoin by decreasing metabolism. Minor/Significance Unknown.
- **Oxcarbazepine** decreases effects of clopidogrel by affecting hepatic enzyme CYP2C19 metabolism. **Avoid or Use Alternate Drug.**

Clopidogrel efficacy may be reduced by drugs that inhibit CYP2C19 or CYP3A4. Inhibition of platelet aggregation by clopidogrel is entirely due to an active metabolite. Clopidogrel is metabolized to this active metabolite in part by CYP2C19 and in part by CYP3A4 (CYP3A4 inducers may increase the metabolism of clopidogrel to its active metabolite).



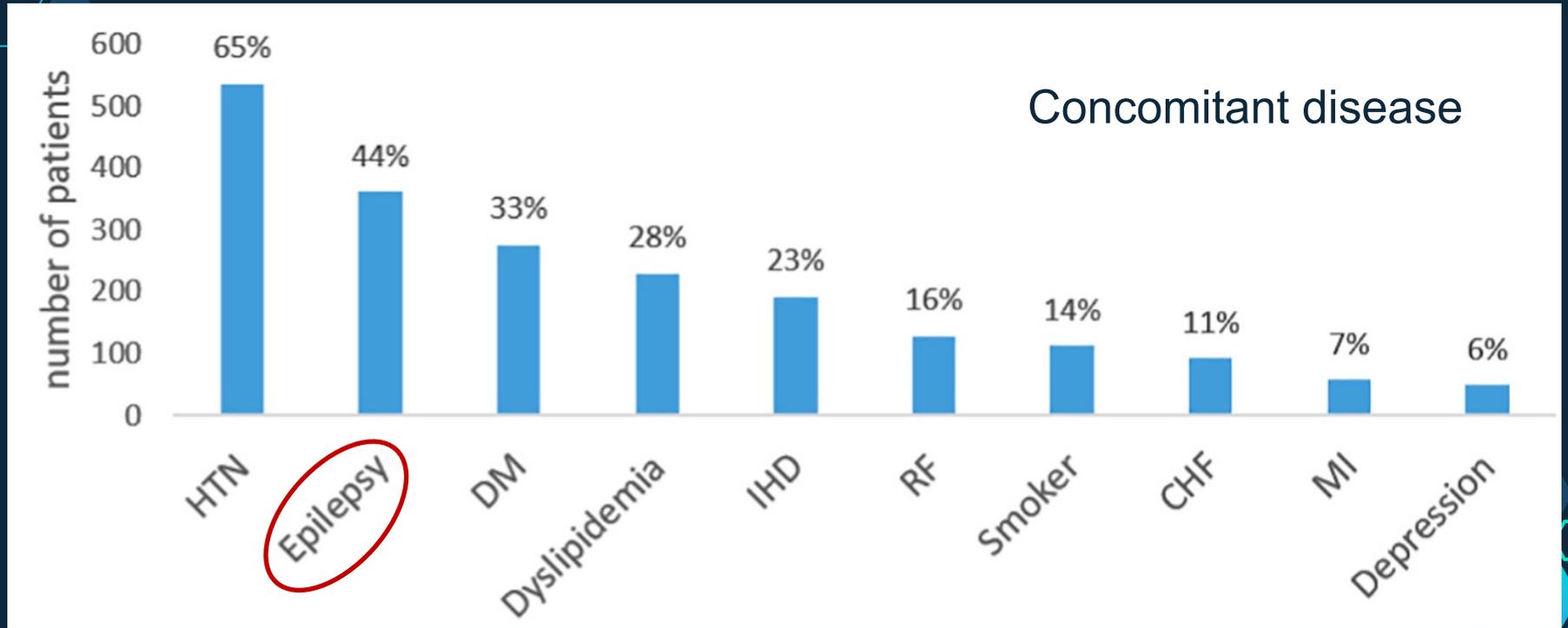
Atorvastatin

- **Carbamazepine** will decrease the level or effect of atorvastatin by affecting hepatic/intestinal enzyme CYP3A4 metabolism. Avoid or **Use Alternate Drug**.
- **Phenobarbital, phenytoin, oxcarbazepine and topiramate** will decrease the level or effect of atorvastatin by affecting hepatic/intestinal enzyme CYP3A4 metabolism. Use **Caution/Monitor**.
- **phenobarbital** will decrease the level or effect of atorvastatin by P-glycoprotein (MDR1) efflux transporter. Use **Caution/Monitor**.
- **carbamazepine** increases toxicity of atorvastatin. **Use Caution/Monitor**. Comment: OATP1B1 inhibitors may increase risk of myopathy.

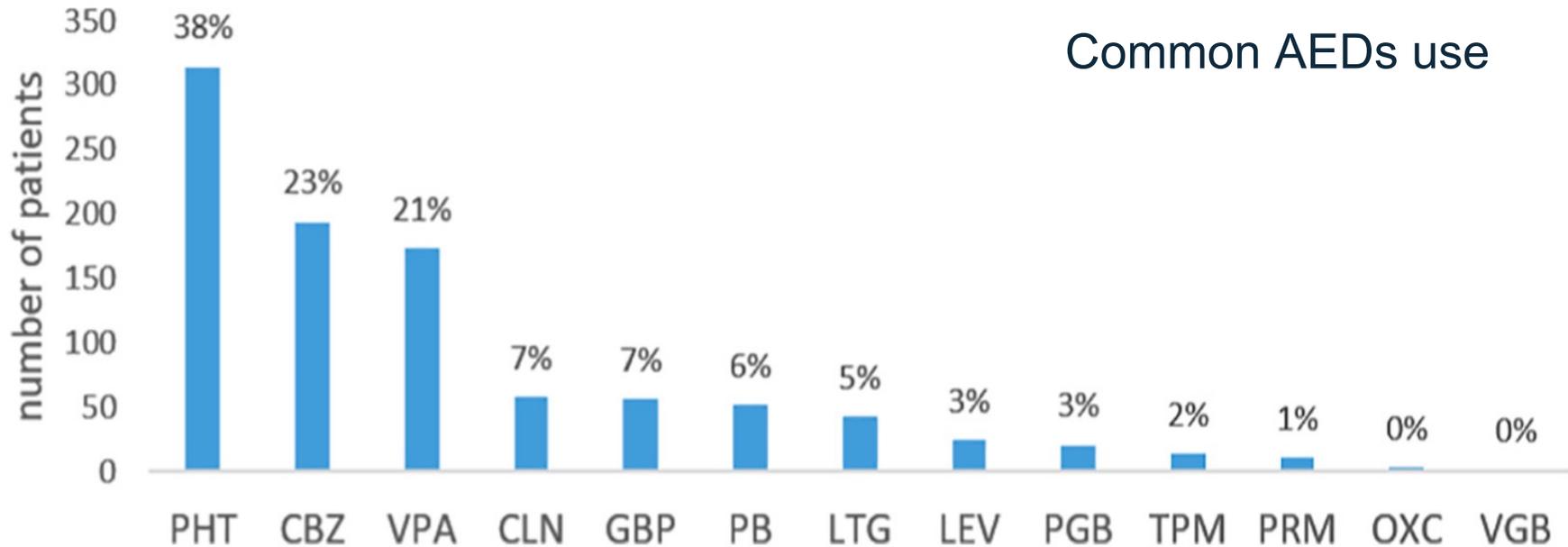
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	All n = 82	AED before stroke ^a n = 32 (39%)	AED after stroke ^a n = 50 (61%)
Age: average (range)	74 (44–98)	72 (47–92)	75 (44–98)
Sex: female – n (%)	36 (45%)	15 (47)	21 (42)
Type of stroke ^a - n (%)			
ICH	13 (16)	5 (16)	8 (16)
TIA	8 (10)	6 (19)	2 (4)
Large vessel ischemic	41 (50)	10 (31)	31 (62)
Small vessel ischemic	19 (23)	11 (34)	8 (16)
Unknown ischemic	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (2)
Mechanism of ischemic stroke ^a - n (%)			
Embolic	32 (53)	7 (33)	25 (63)
Thrombotic	27 (44)	14 (67)	13 (33)
Unknown	2 (3)	0 (0)	2 (5)
Indication for AED – n (%) ^b			
Epilepsy	65 (79)	20 (62)	45 (90)
Pain	12 (15)	7 (22)	5 (10)
Psychiatric	6 (7)	6 (19)	0 (0)

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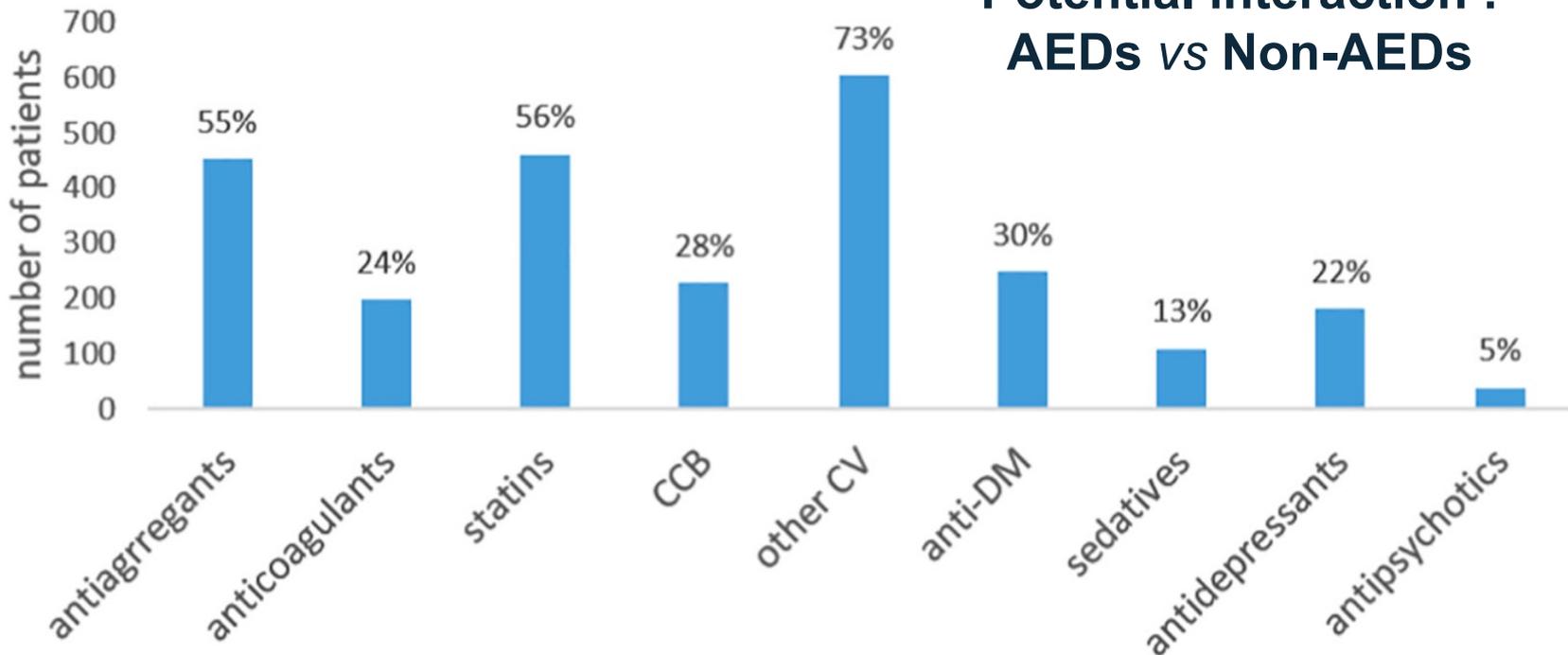


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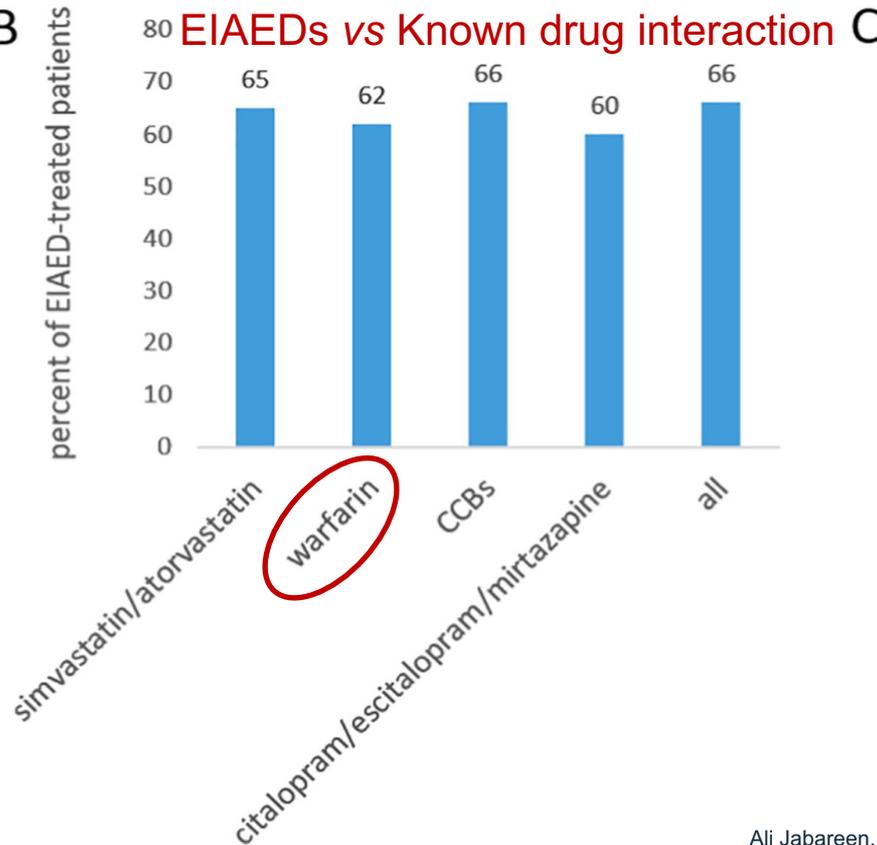
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Potential interaction : AEDs vs Non-AEDs



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B EIAEDs vs Known drug interaction



C VPA vs Known drug interaction

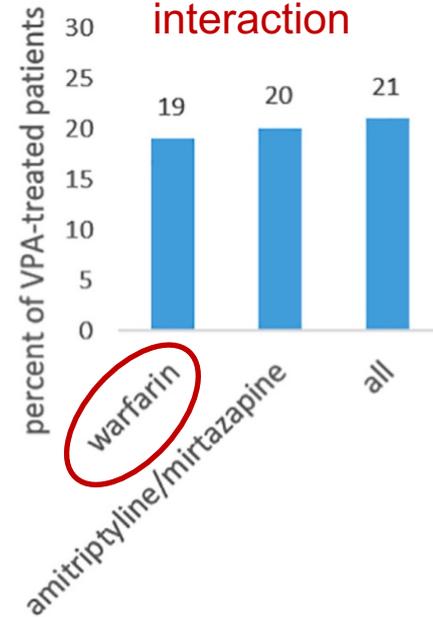


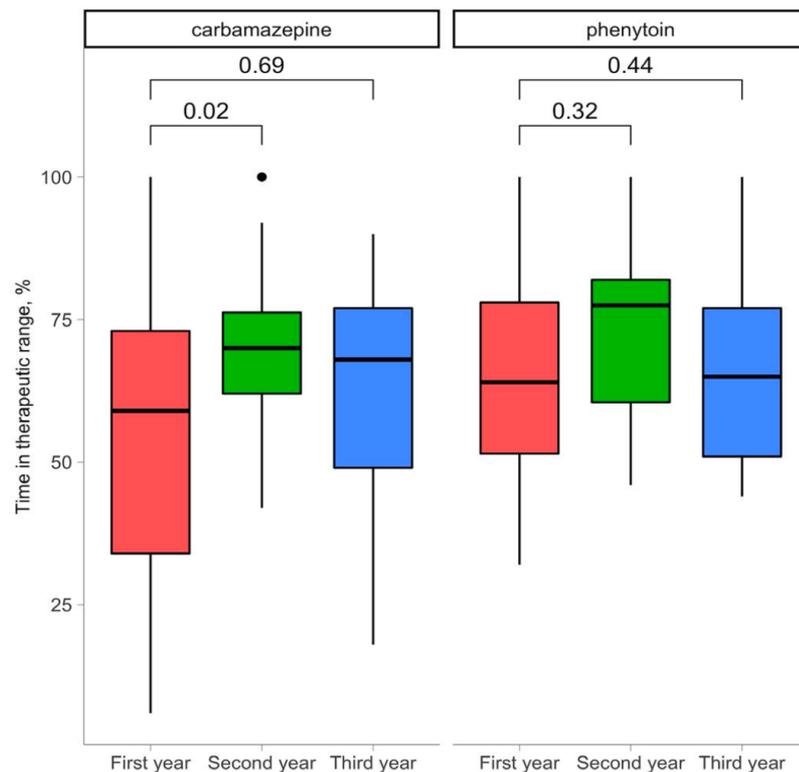
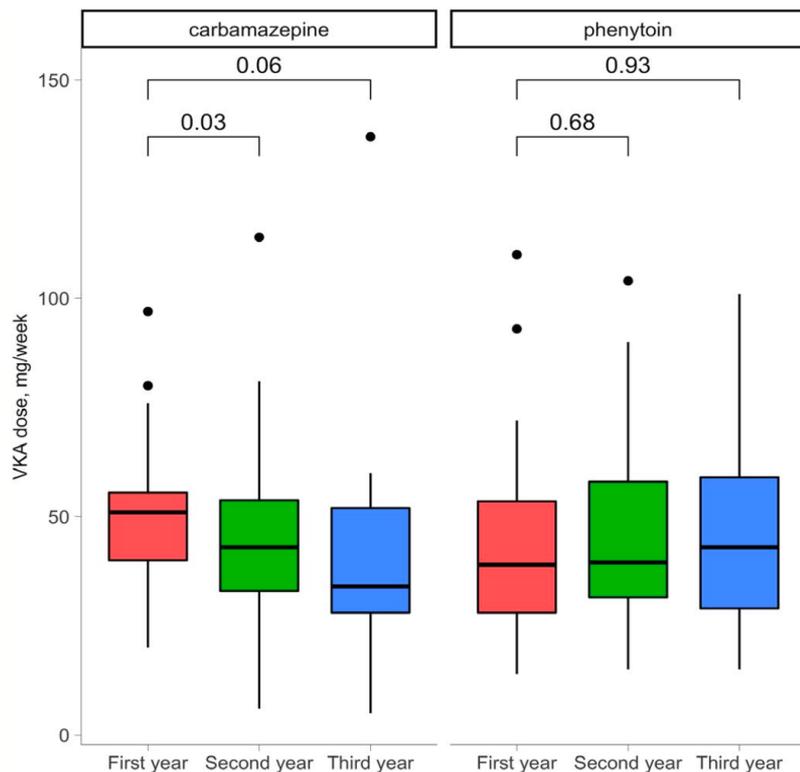
Table 2. **AED Interactions With Commonly Used Drugs**

AED	Affected Drugs	Effect
Enzyme inducers (phenobarbital, phenytoin, carbamazepine, felbamate, topiramate, oxcarbazepine)	Oral contraceptives, doxycycline, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, imipramine, paroxetine, bupropion, citalopram, haloperidol, risperidone, quetiapine, olanzapine, ziprasidone, atorvastatin, simvastatin, lovastatin, fluvastatin	Decreased levels and effect
Phenobarbital, carbamazepine, phenytoin	Warfarin	Decreased levels and effect
Valproic acid	Warfarin, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, paroxetine, atorvastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, fluvastatin	Increased levels and effect

AED: antiepileptic drug. Source: Reference 24.

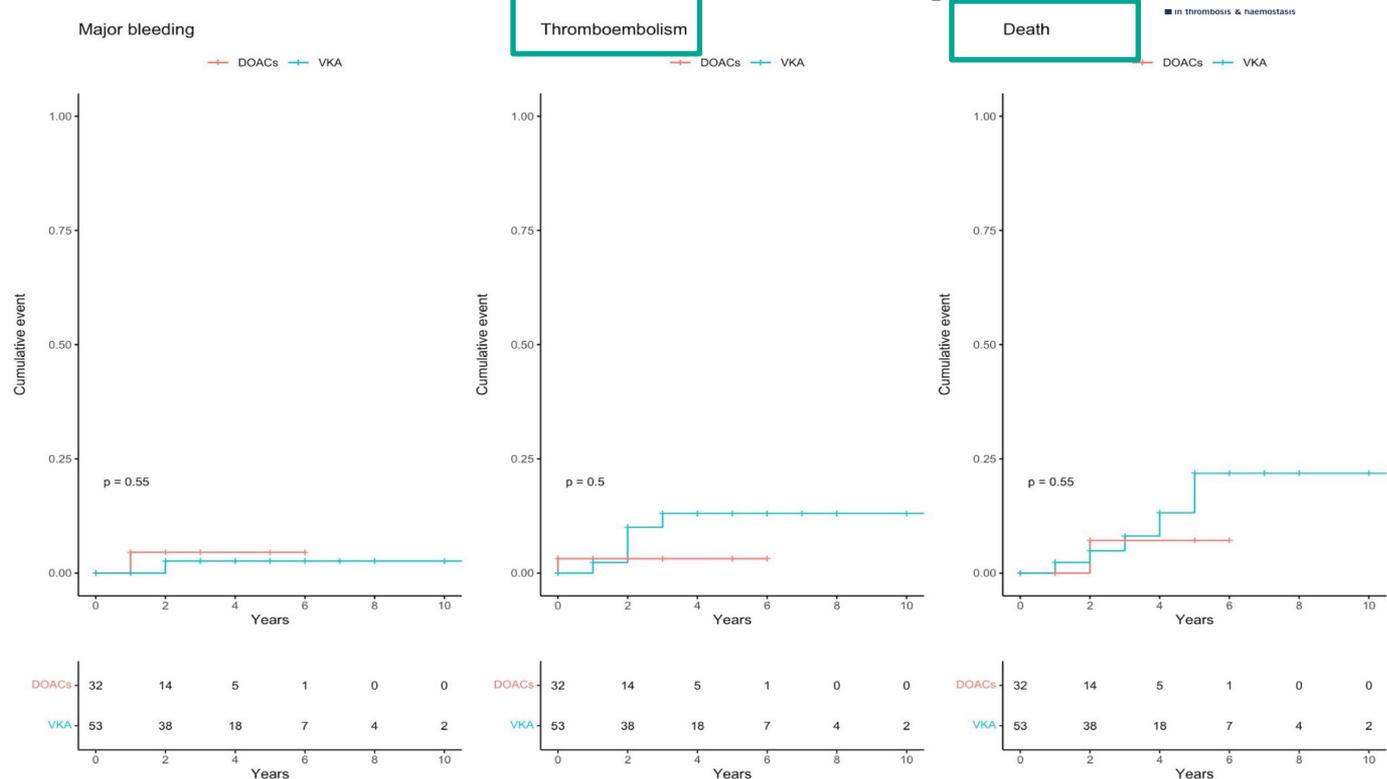
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	All patients N = 85 n (%)	Cases per 100 p-y (95% CI)	VKA N = 56 ^a n (%)	Cases per 100 p-y (95% CI)	DOAC N = 39 ^a n (%)	Cases per 100 p-y (95% CI)	Incidence rate ratio VKA/DOAC (95% CI)
Thromboembolism	9 (11)	3.8 (3.5–4.5)	6 (11)	3.6 (3.1–4.2)	3 (8)	4.4 (3.5–5.6)	0.8 (0.2–3.3)
Major bleeding	4 (5)	1.7 (1.9–2.5)	3 (5)	1.8 (1.5–2.1)	1 (3)	1.5 (1.2–1.9)	1.2 (0.1–11.5)
All-cause death	7 (8)	3.0 (2.6–3.4)	6 (11)	3.6 (3.1–4.2)	1 (3)	1.5 (1.2–1.9)	2.4 (0.3–19.9)

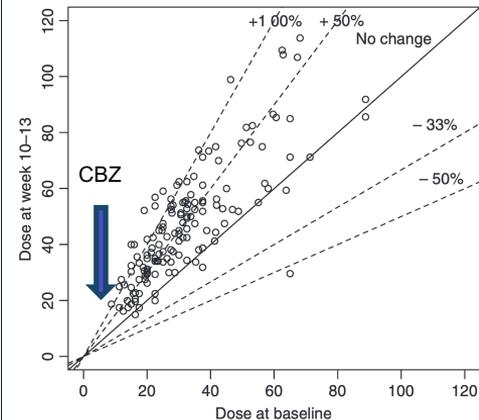
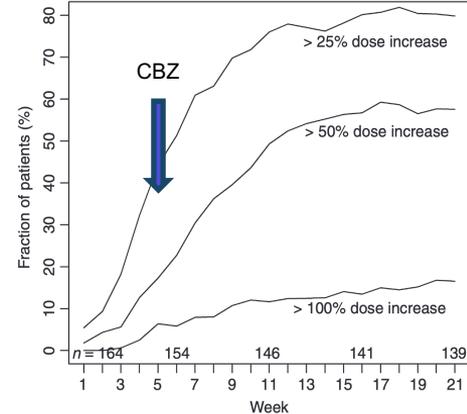
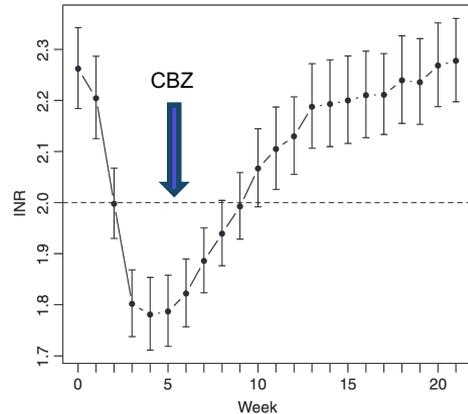
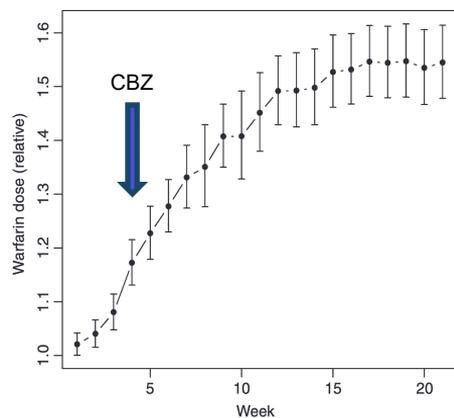
Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; p-y, person-years; VKA, vitamin K antagonist.

^aThese groups include patients who switched the anticoagulant.

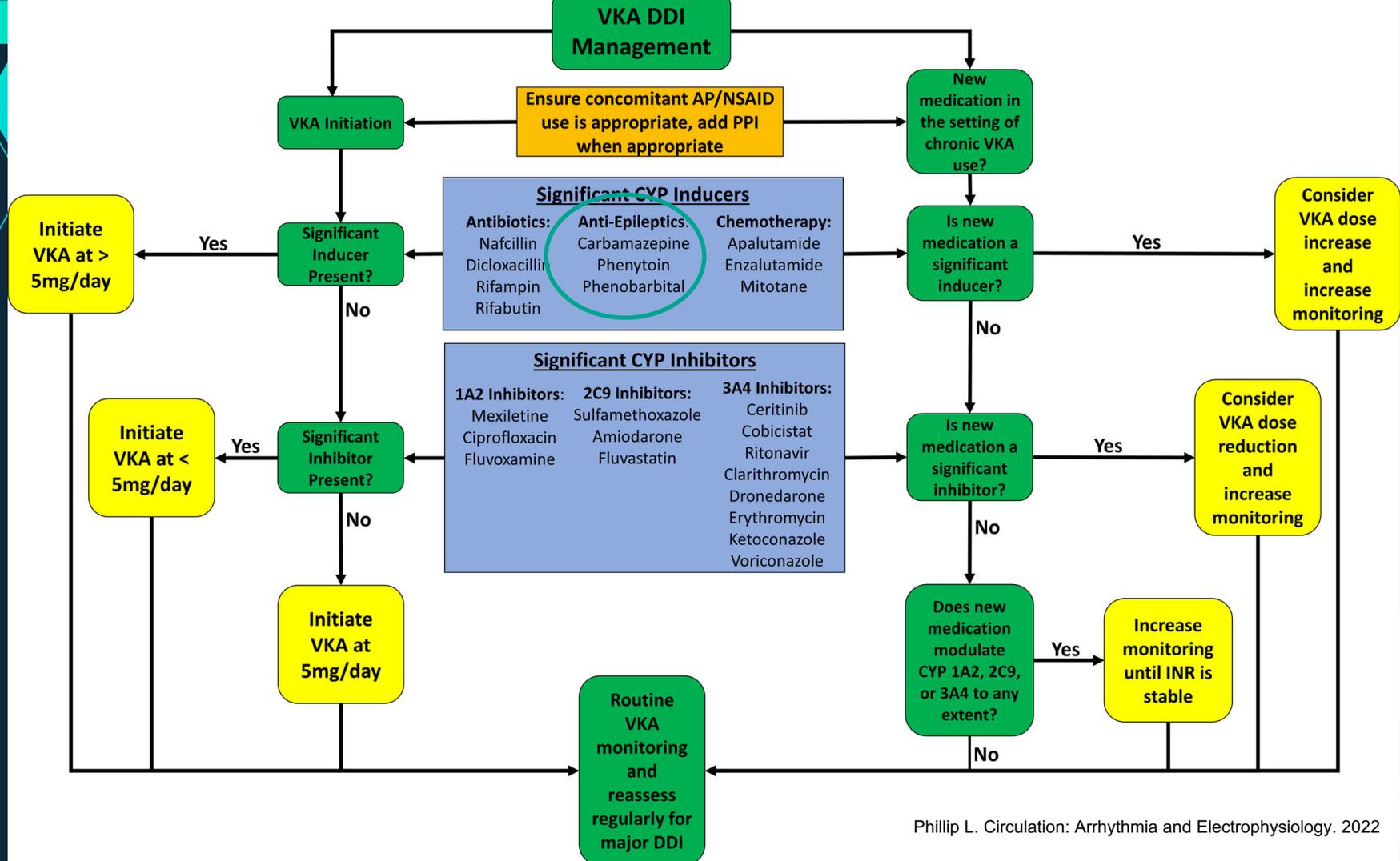


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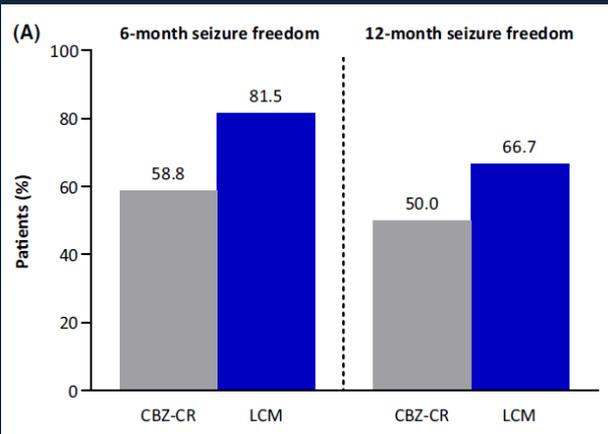
VKA DDI Management



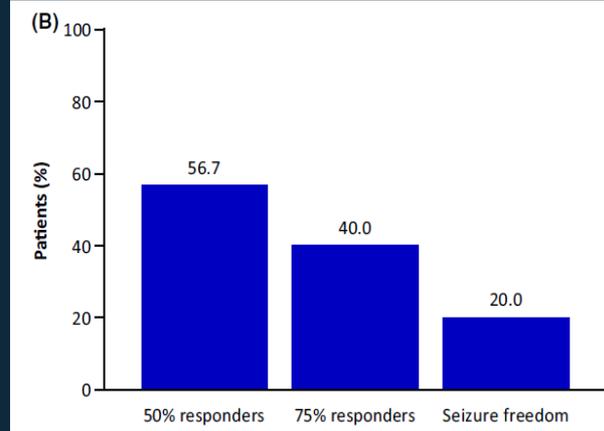
Enoxaparin

- **Phenobarbital** decreases effects of enoxaparin by increasing metabolism. **Avoid or Use Alternate Drug.**
- **Enoxaparin** increases levels of phenytoin by unknown mechanism. **Use Caution/Monitor.**
- **Phenytoin**, decreases the effect of enoxaparin. **Use Caution/Monitor.** Comment: Hydantoin anticonvulsants increase anticoagulant effects at first, then decrease those effects with continued use (2+ wks). There are multiple mechanisms involved, including enzyme induction, plasma protein binding site competition, and additive effects on prothrombin time.
- **Carbamazepine** decreases levels of enoxaparin by increasing metabolism. **Use Caution/Monitor.**

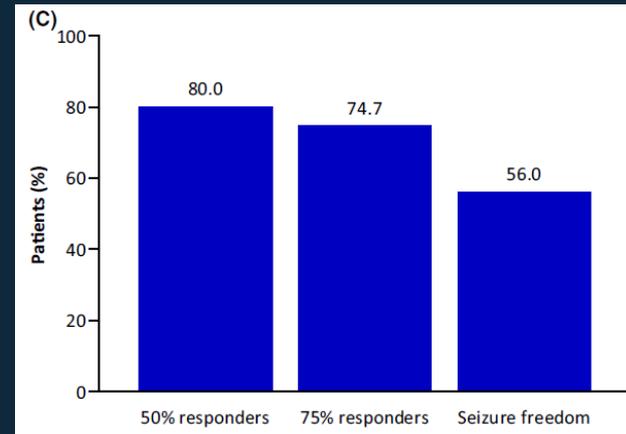
LCM in patients with epilepsy of cerebrovascular etiology



Initial monotherapy

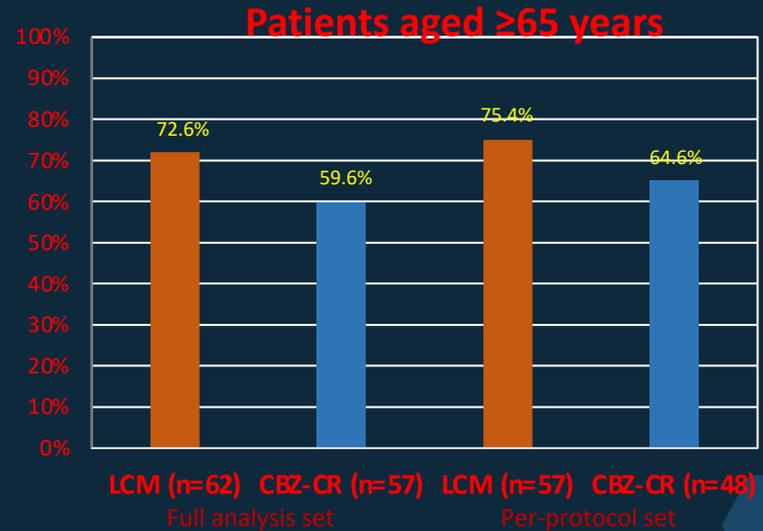
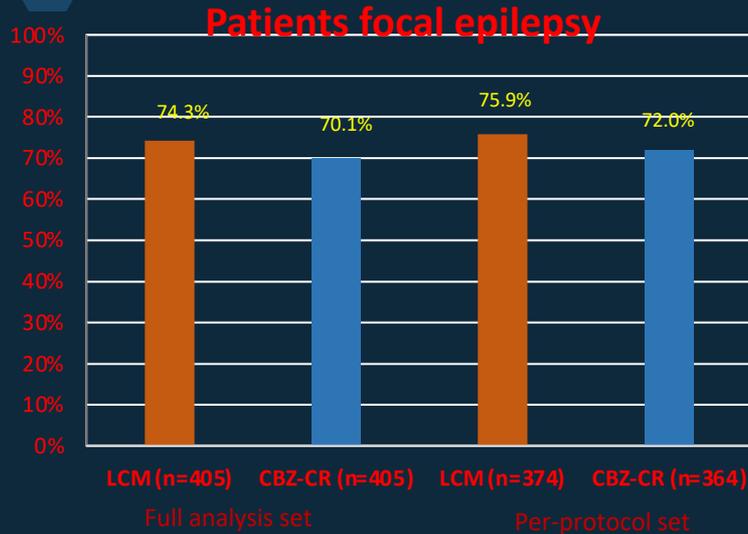


Conversion to LCM monotherapy



LCM as adjunctive therapy to one baseline AED

LCM useful as first-line monotherapy



Lacosamide similar Carbamazepine (Seizure free)

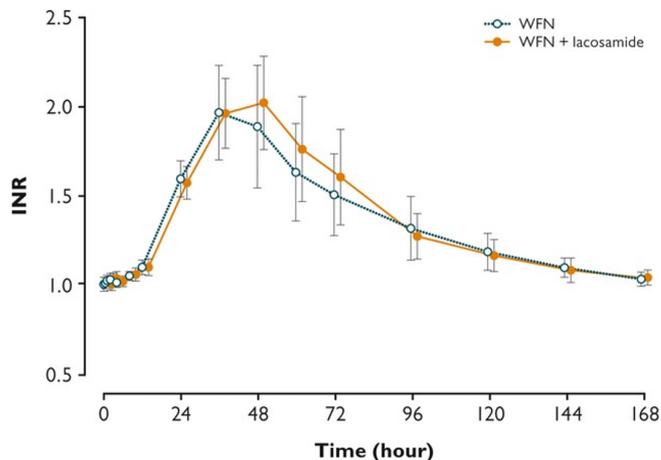
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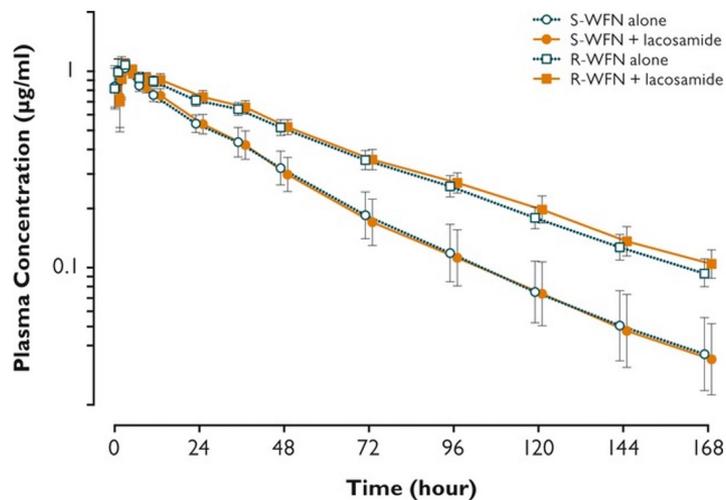
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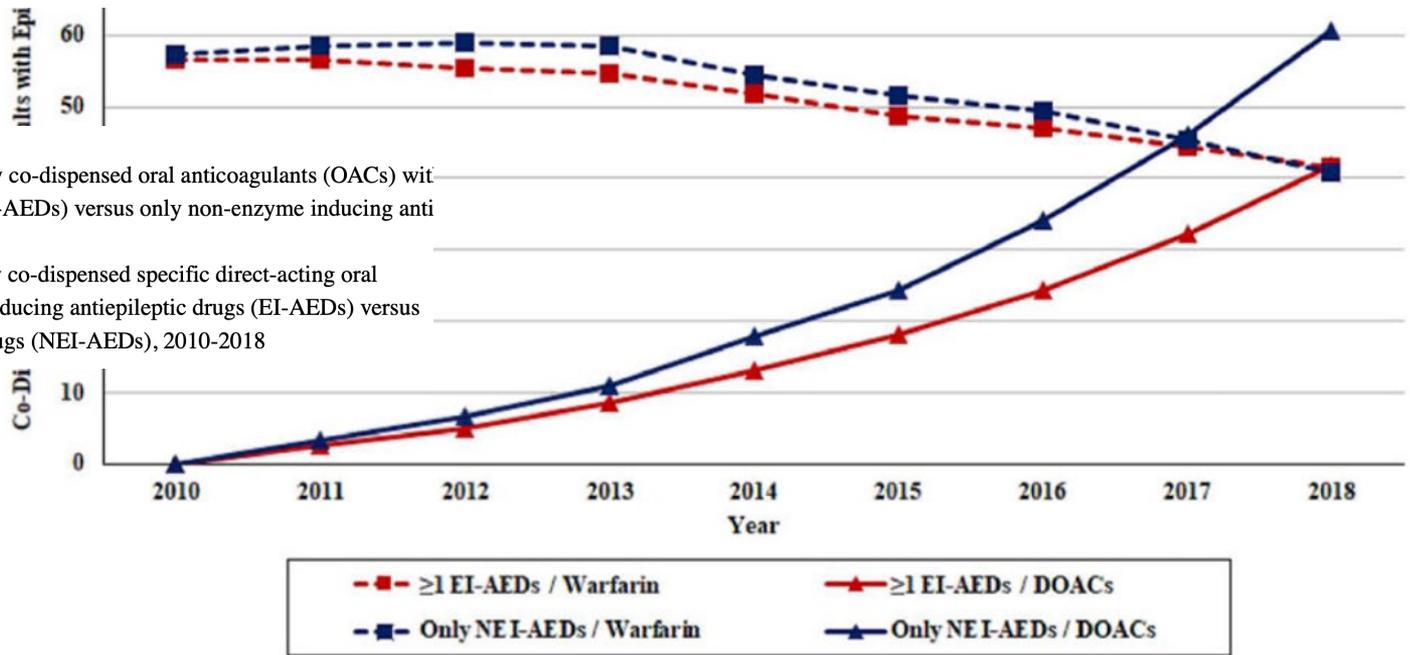
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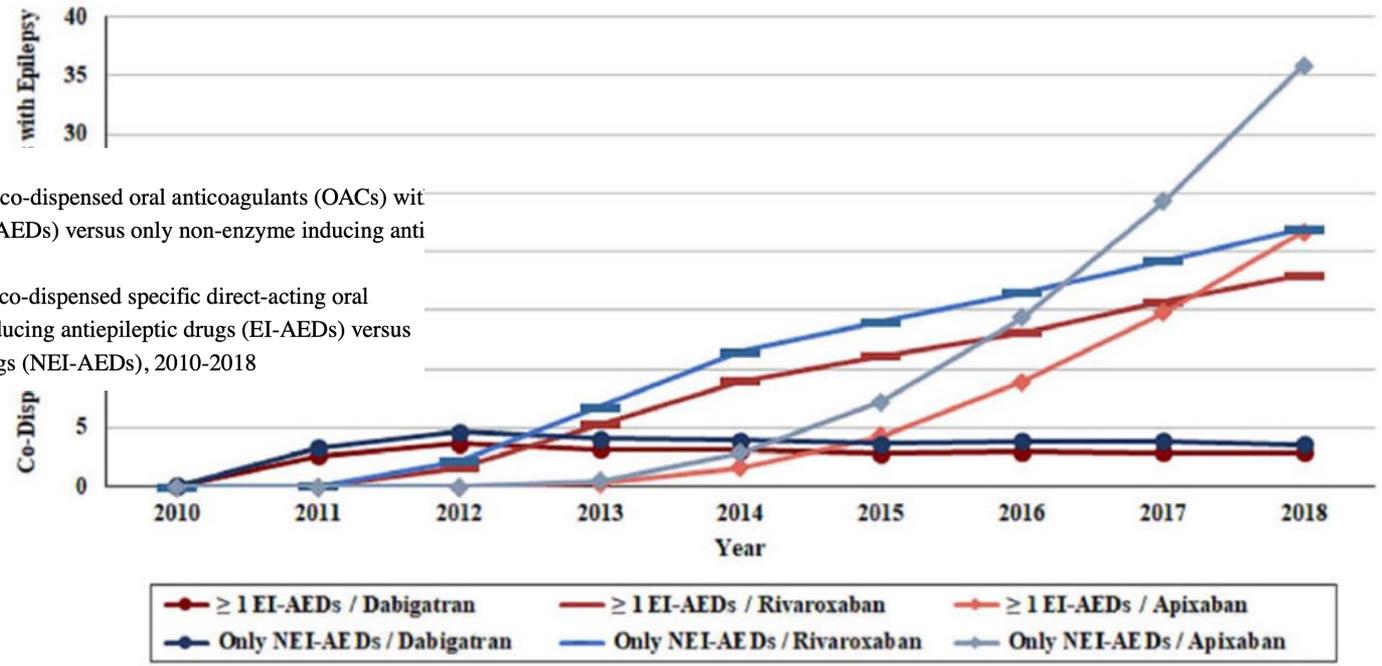
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A. Yearly prevalence of adults with epilepsy co-dispensed oral anticoagulants (OACs) with ≥ 1 enzyme inducing antiepileptic drugs (EI-AEDs) versus only non-enzyme inducing antiepileptic drugs (NEI-AEDs), 2010-2018
B. Yearly prevalence of adults with epilepsy co-dispensed specific direct-acting oral anticoagulants (DOACs) with ≥ 1 enzyme inducing antiepileptic drugs (EI-AEDs) versus only non-enzyme inducing antiepileptic drugs (NEI-AEDs), 2010-2018



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- Among those on AEDs, the prevalence of concurrent OACs rose to 92.0/1,000 by 2018
- DOAC use with AEDs rapidly increased, reaching 53.9 per 1,000 by 2018 ($\rho=1.00$)
- Warfarin use with AEDs decreased to 42.0 per 1,000 by 2018 ($\rho=-0.97$)
- Enzyme-inducing AED use with OACs was associated with net worth and education level

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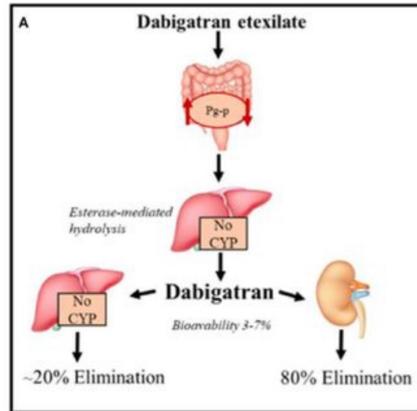
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AEDs	P-gp	References	CYP3A4	CYP3A5/CYP2J2
Eslicarbazepine acetate	Substrate (<i>in vitro</i>)	(35)	Weak inducer (<i>in vitro e vivo</i>)	NR
Felbamate	Substrate (<i>in vivo</i>)	(36)	Weak inducer/No effects (<i>in vitro</i>)	NR
Gabapentin	Not substrate	(38)	NR	NR
Lamotrigine	No effects/substrate	(39)	No effects	No effects
Levetiracetam	Inductor/substrate (<i>in vivo</i>)	(41)	Weak inducer (<i>in vitro</i>)	No effects
Oxcarbazepine	NR		Inductor (<i>in vivo e vitro</i>)	Inductor 3A5 (<i>in vivo e vitro</i>)
Perampanel	No effects	(44)	Weak inducer (<i>in vitro</i>)	Weak inducer 3A5 (<i>in vitro</i>)
Pregabalin	No effects	(45)	No effects	No effects
Rufinamide	NR		Mild induction (<i>in vitro</i>)	No effects
Stiripentol	NR		Inhibitor (<i>in vitro</i>)	No effects
Tiagabine	NR		Substrate	No effects
Topiramate	No effects/substrate	(39)	Mild inducer (<i>in vitro</i>)	No effects
Lacosamide	No effects	(51)	No effects (<i>in vitro</i>)	No effects
Vigabatrin	NR		No effects	No effects
Zonisamide	Weak inhibitor	(34)	No effects/substrate	No effects
Phenobarbital	Inductor/substrate	(54)	Inductor	No effects
Phenytoin	Inductor/substrate (<i>in vivo</i>)	(56)	Inductor/substrate (<i>in vivo</i>)	NR
Ethosuximide	NR		Substrate	NR
Carbamazepine	Inductor (<i>in vivo</i>)	(57)	Substrate/inductor (<i>in vitro and vivo</i>)	NR
Valproate	Inductor/inhibitor (<i>in vitro</i>)	(59, 60)	Inductor/weak inhibitor (<i>in vitro</i>)	NR

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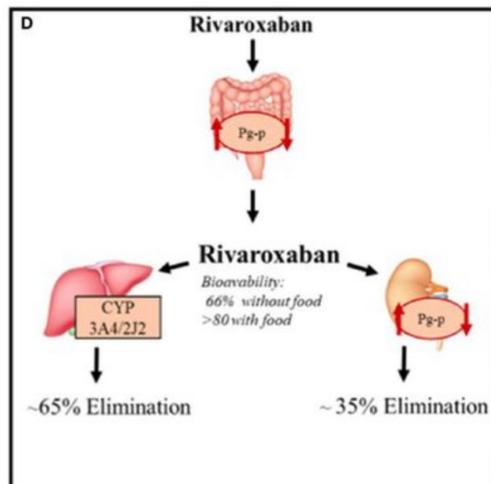
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Carbamazepine	Strong CYP3A4/P-gp induction; CYP3A4 competition	● Strong decrease in AUC	● Strong decrease in AUC	● Possible decrease in AUC predicted	● Possible decrease in AUC predicted
Ethosuximide	CYP3A4 competition; No relevant interaction known/assumed		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
Gabapentin	No relevant interactions known/assumed		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
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Phenytoin	Strong CYP3A4/P-gp induction; P-gp competition	● Decrease in AUC	● Decrease in AUC	● Possible decrease in AUC	● Possible decrease in AUC
Valproic acid	CYP3A4/P-gp induction		● Possible decrease in AUC predicted		
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Topiramate	CYP3A4 induction; CYP3A4 competition		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
Zonisamide	CYP3A4 competition; No relevant interactions known/assumed		No significant effect on AUC predicted		

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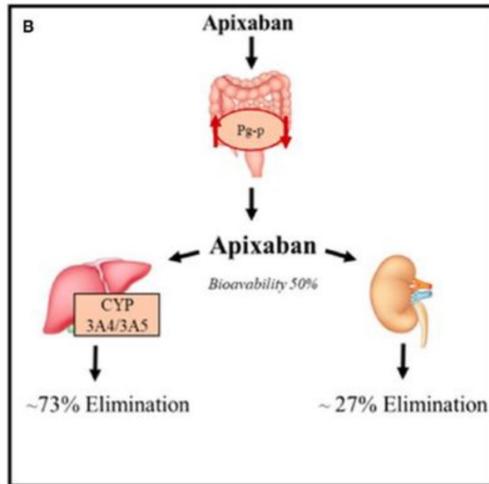
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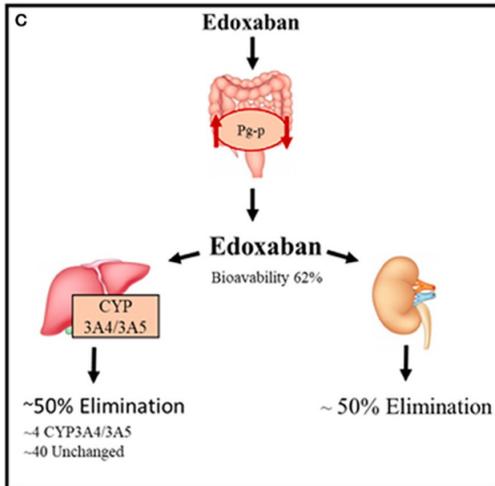
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Carbamazepine	Strong CYP3A4/P-gp induction; CYP3A4 competition	● Strong decrease in AUC	● Strong decrease in AUC	● Possible decrease in AUC predicted	● Possible decrease in AUC predicted
Ethosuximide	CYP3A4 competition; No relevant interaction known/assumed		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
Gabapentin	No relevant interactions known/assumed		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
Lamotrigine	P-gp competition; No relevant interaction known/assumed		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
Levetiracetam	P-gp induction; P-gp competition		● Possible decrease in AUC predicted		
Oxcarbazepine	CYP3A4 induction; P-gp competition		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
Phenobarbital	Strong CYP3A4/P-gp induction; P-gp competition	● Decrease in AUC	● Decrease in AUC	● Possible decrease in AUC	● Possible decrease in AUC
Phenytoin	Strong CYP3A4/P-gp induction; P-gp competition	● Decrease in AUC	● Decrease in AUC	● Possible decrease in AUC	● Possible decrease in AUC
Valproic acid	CYP3A4/P-gp induction		● Possible decrease in AUC predicted		
Pregabalin	No relevant interactions known/assumed		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
Topiramate	CYP3A4 induction; CYP3A4 competition		No significant effect on AUC predicted		
Zonisamide	CYP3A4 competition; No relevant interactions known/assumed		No significant effect on AUC predicted		

AUC = Area under the curve; CYP = Cytochrome P 450; P-gp = P-glycoprotein. White: No relevant DDI anticipated. Yellow: caution/careful monitoring required, especially in case of polypharmacy or in the presence of ≥ 2 yellow/bleeding risk factors. Orange: Consider dose reduction or avoiding concomitant use. Red: Contraindicated/not advisable. Blue dot indicates PK interaction.

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Anticipated effects of common antiepileptic drugs on non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants plasma levels

levels

	Via ^{142,145,146}	Dabigatran etexilate	Apixaban ¹³⁰	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
P-gp substrate		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CYP3A4 substrate		No	Yes (≈25%)	No (<4%)	Yes (≈18%)
Drug					
Carbamazepine	Strong CYP3A4/P-gp induction; CYP3A4 competition	SmPC	-50% ^{SmPC}	-35% ^{SmPC}	SmPC, Ref. ¹⁴⁷
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Anticipated effects of common antiepileptic drugs on NOACs plasma levels.^{147,150}

The hatched colour coding indicates no clinical or PK data available, and recommendations are based on the respective NOAC SmPC, where available, or expert opinion. Some of the colour codes will likely require adaptation as more data become available over time.

White: No relevant drug–drug interaction anticipated.

Brown (dark): Contraindicated due to reduced NOAC plasma levels.

Brown (light): Use with caution or avoid—either the label for the respective NOAC mentions that co-administration is possible despite a decreased plasma level, which are deemed not clinically relevant (nevertheless, since not tested prospectively, such concomitant use should be used with caution, and avoided when possible) or expert opinion.

Where no data or SmPC instructions were available, expert opinion was based on the following principles:



Thanks!

Any questions?

