



Multicenter, Randomized, Active Comparator-Controlled, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy, Parallel Group, Dose-Finding Phase 2 Study Comparing the Safety of the Oral FXIa Inhibitor Asundexian with Apixaban in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: PACIFIC-AF

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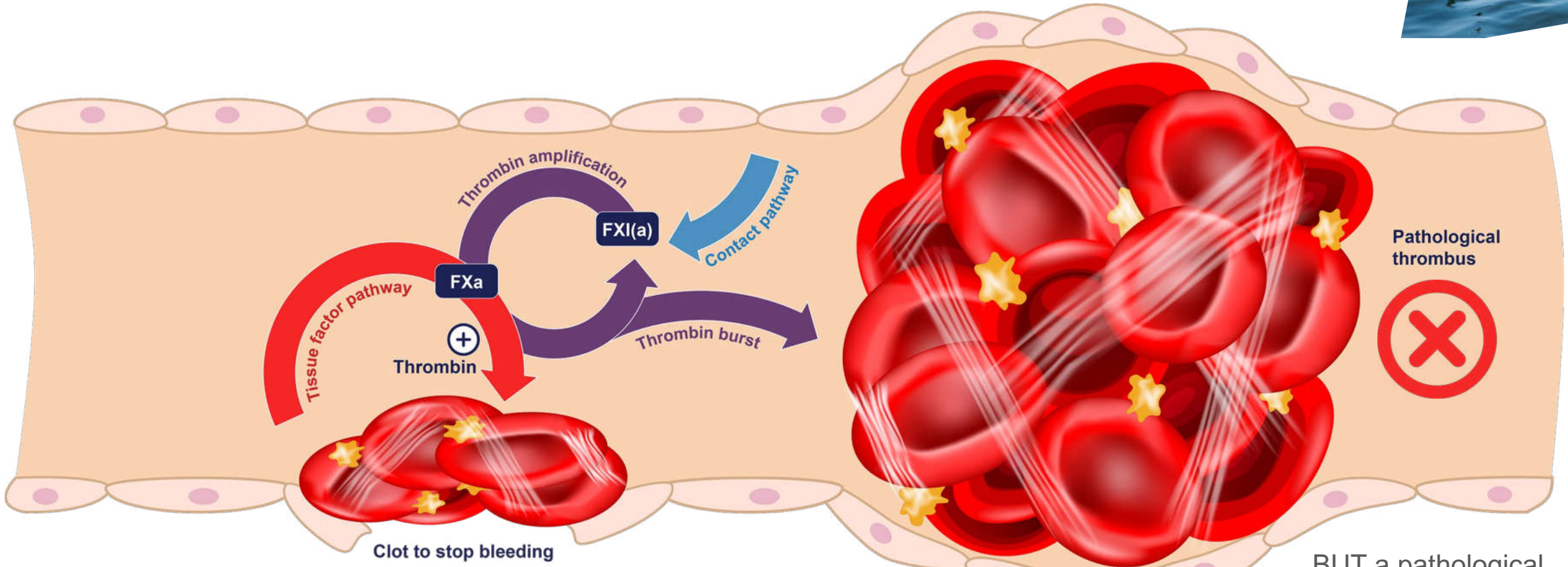
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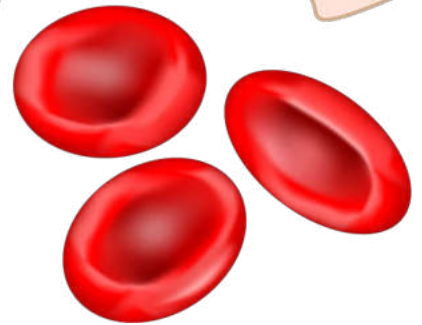
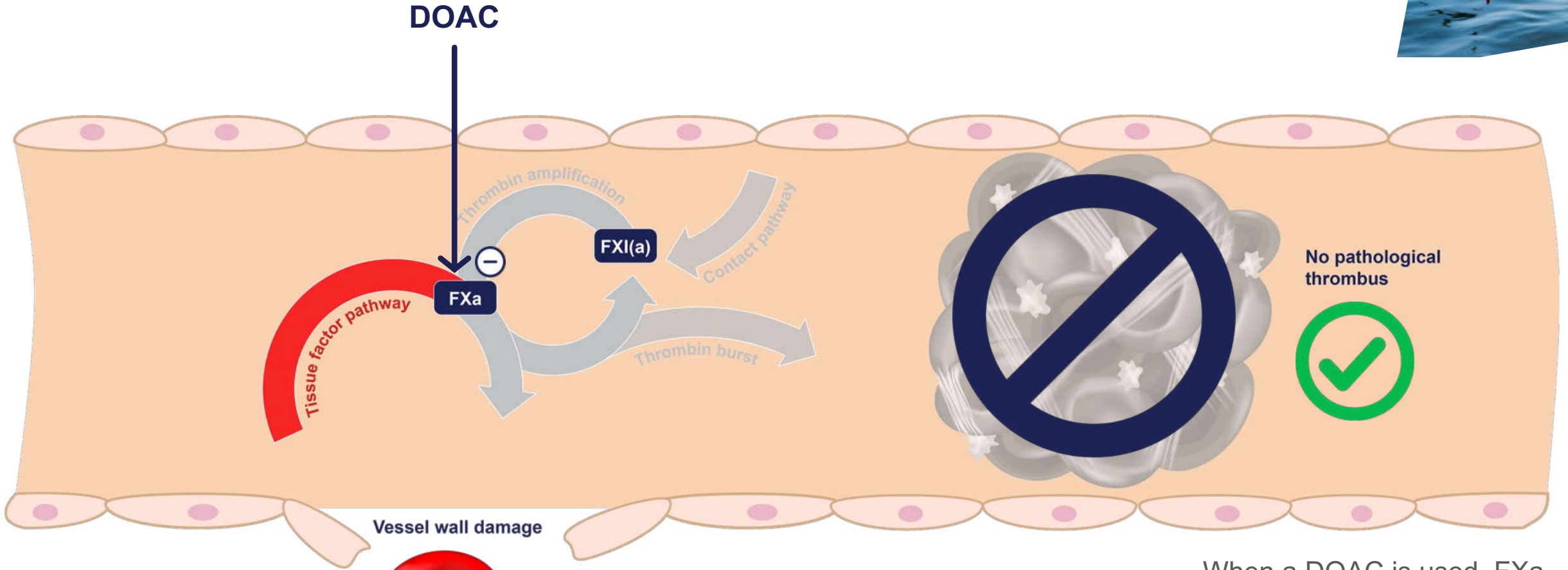
Normal Physiology: Without an Anticoagulant



When no anticoagulant is used, a clot is formed to stop the bleeding—

BUT a pathological thrombus could also be created.

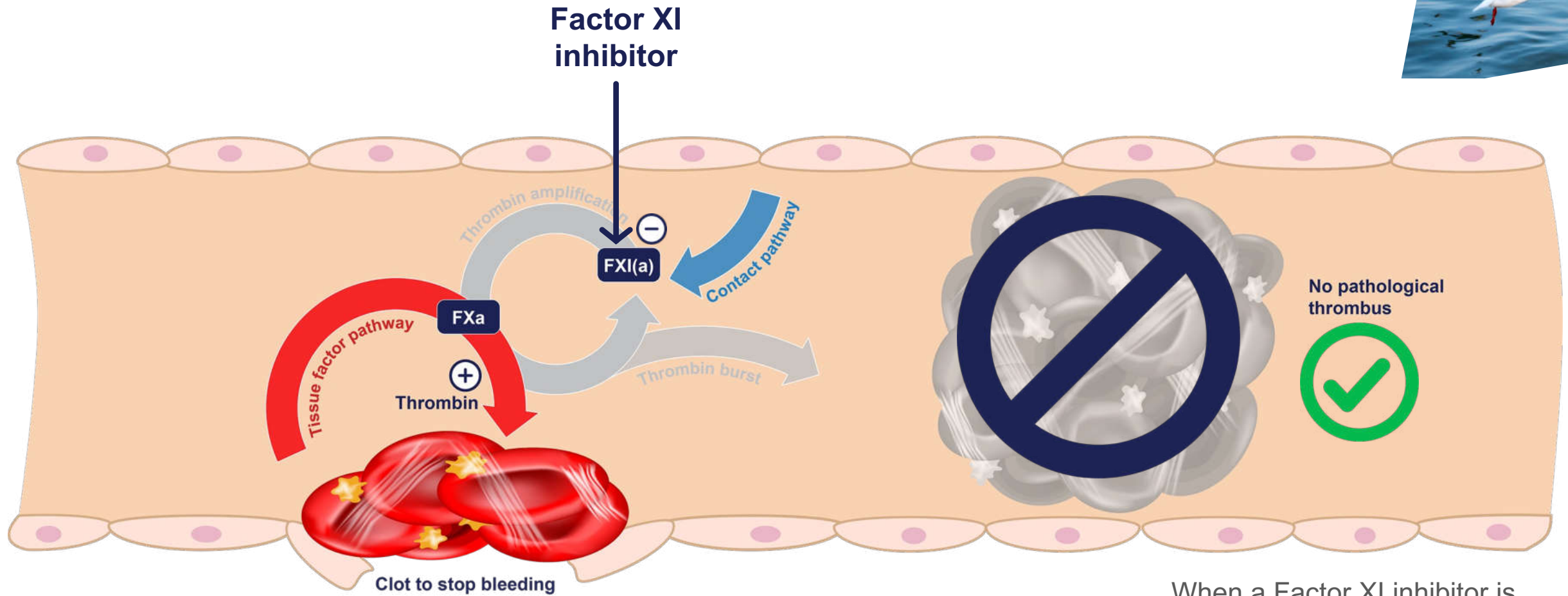
With a DOAC (e.g., apixaban or rivaroxaban)



BUT can also prevent the beneficial blood clots that stop bleeding in damaged vessels.

When a DOAC is used, FXa is inhibited, which prevents pathological thrombi—

With a Factor XI Inhibitor (Hypothesis: Uncoupling Hemostasis from Thrombosis)



AND the tissue factor pathway still produces thrombin, which allows beneficial blood clots to form.

When a Factor XI inhibitor is used, thrombin amplification is inhibited, which prevents pathological thrombi—

Current Evidence Supporting FXI(a) Inhibition as a Target



CONDITION	OBSERVATION
FXI-knockout mice ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homozygous FXI-knockout mice are protected from thrombosis • At the same time, they do not show a bleeding phenotype differing from wild-type mice
<i>In vivo</i> animal models ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing/inhibiting FXI showed strong antithrombotic effects <i>in vivo</i> • No increase in bleeding time even at very high doses or on top of dual antiplatelet therapy
Inherited FXI deficiency ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with FXI deficiency are reported to have a reduced incidence of VTE and stroke • Hemorrhage occasionally reported after trauma or surgery (dental extractions, tonsillectomies, surgery in the urinary and genital tracts, and nasal surgery)
FXI clinical experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antisense technology of IONIS⁴: Phase 2 study in TKA: Improved VTE risk reduction together with numerically less bleeding vs enoxaparin (of note, surgery was performed at suppressed FXI levels) • Anti-FXI-AB (MAA868⁵ and xisomab); Anti-FXIa-AB (osocimab²): Published data from Phase 1 studies confirmed good safety and tolerability even when high levels of FXI or FXIa inhibition were maintained for more than 1 month. TKA study for osocimab completed confirming FXIa-inhibition being efficacious and well tolerated. Oral selective FXIa inhibitor (milvexian): Phase 2 work showing FXIa inhibition efficacious in prevention of VTE and associated with low risk of bleeding.⁶

¹ Schumacher WA et al. Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol. 2010;30(3):388-92.

² Data on file

³ Puy C et al. Thromb Res. 2016;141(Suppl 2):S8-S11

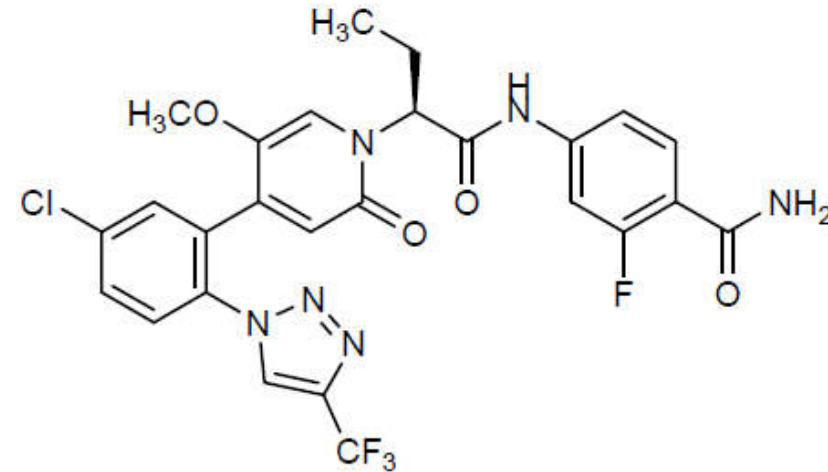
⁴ Büller HR et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;372(3):232-40

⁵ Koch AW et al. Blood. 2019;133(13):1507-1516

⁶ Weitz et al. N Engl J Med. 2021;385(23):2161-2172

Asundexian: Oral Factor XI Inhibitor

- // Small molecule FXIa inhibitor
- // $t_{1/2}$ 14.2-17.4 hours
- // 15% Renal Elimination
- // Well-tolerated in Phase 1 trials
- // Dose-dependent FXIa inhibition
- // Does not interact with clopidogrel to affect bleeding time
- // No difference across age or sex
- // Does not inhibit or induce CYP3A4
- // Not impacted by food or pH modulating drugs



The PACIFIC Trials: Coordinated Phase 2 Programs

- // Together, will allow to assess the bleeding and efficacy profile of asundexian
- // **Primary objective of PACIFIC-AF: evaluate comparative bleeding rate of asundexian vs apixaban in patients with AF**
- // No assessment of efficacy possible given low event #
- // PACIFIC-AMI and PACIFIC-STROKE as placebo-controlled studies on top of antiplatelet therapy
- // PACIFIC-AF is the first Phase 2 study that will read out



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AMI

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STROKE





PACIFIC Program

Concerted evaluation across large several Phase 2 programs



Atrial fibrillation

20mg asundexian
50mg asundexian
apixaban

750 patients randomized
Results at ACC 2022



Non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke

10mg asundexian
20mg asundexian + single or dual
50mg asundexian antiplatelet therapy
placebo

1800 patients randomized
Results later this year



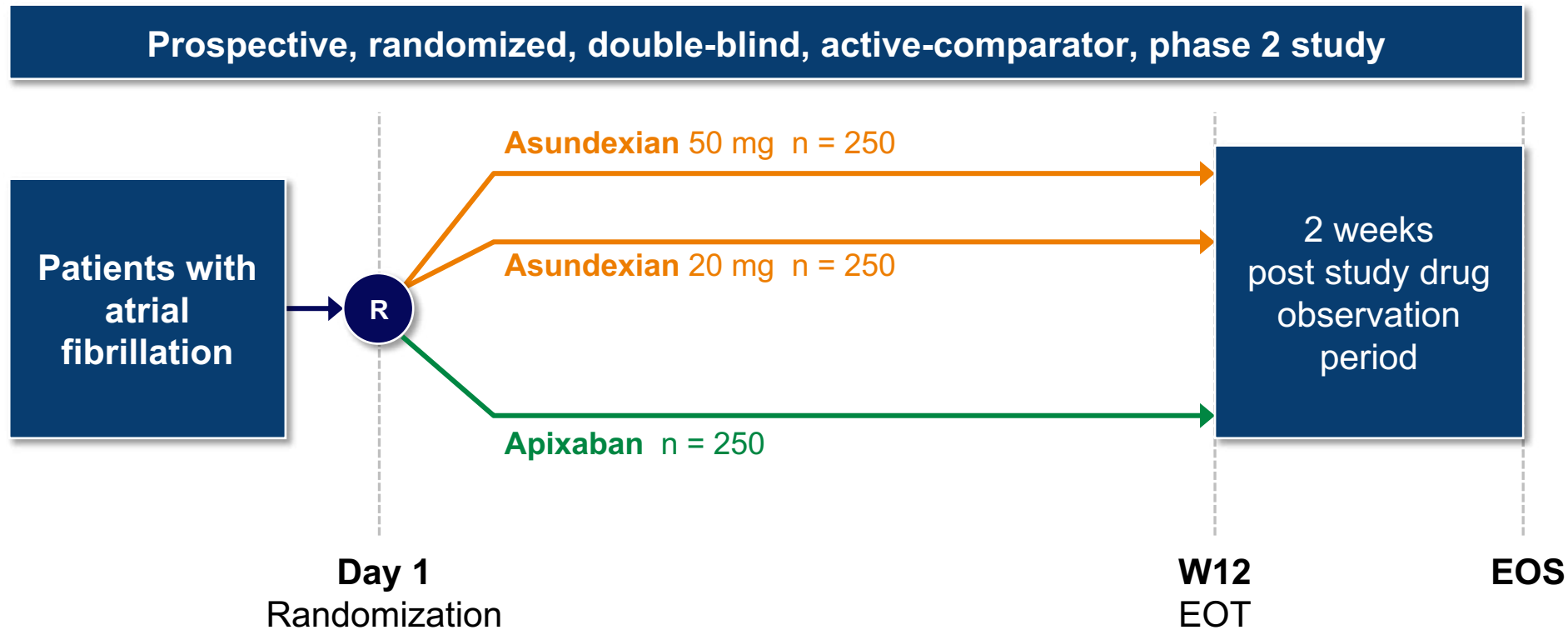
Acute myocardial infarction

10mg asundexian
20mg asundexian + dual antiplatelet
50mg asundexian therapy
placebo

1600 patients randomized
Results later this year

- // One coordinated IDMC
- // One blinded CEC with uniform process

Randomized, Active Comparator-Controlled, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy, Parallel Group, Dose-Finding Phase 2 Study to Compare the Safety of the Oral FXIa Inhibitor Asundexian to Apixaban in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation (PACIFIC-AF)



Primary safety endpoint: bleeding (ISTH major and non-major clinically relevant bleeding)

Quantification of Factor XI inhibition

Exploratory efficacy endpoint: stroke, systemic embolism, CV death, MI

Primary Objective:

to evaluate that the oral FXIa inhibitor asundexian when compared to apixaban leads to a **lower incidence of bleeding** in participants with AF



AXIA: Factor XIa Inhibition Assay

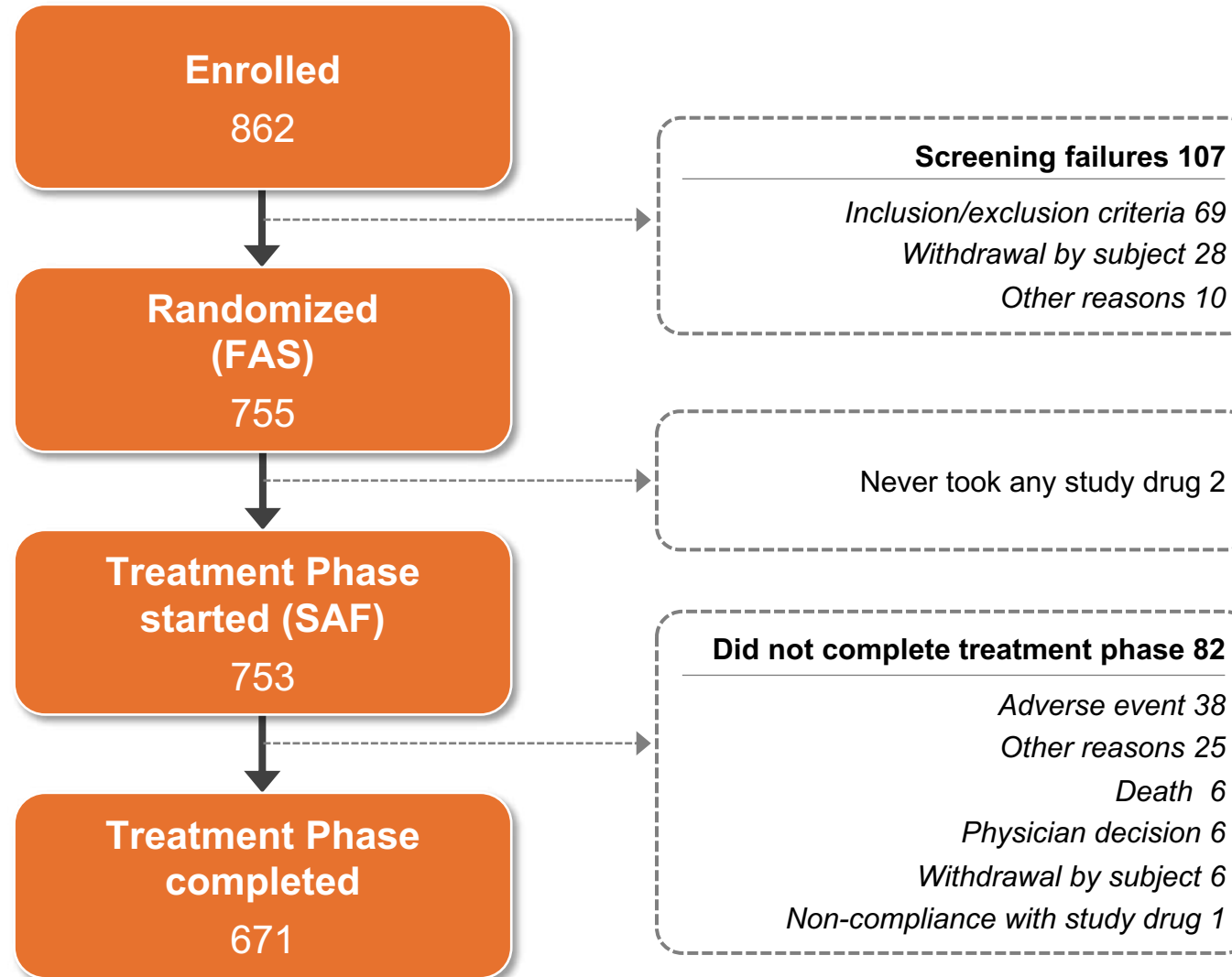


- // Proprietary assay
- // ~220 patients/ arm
- // 4 weeks on once daily drug
- // ~ trough (24-28 hours from last dose) and then again 2-4 hours afterwards
- // Quantify degree of Factor XIa inhibition

Results of PACFIC-AF



Disposition / Study Flow



Demographics and Medical History — Well Balanced Across Treatment Arms



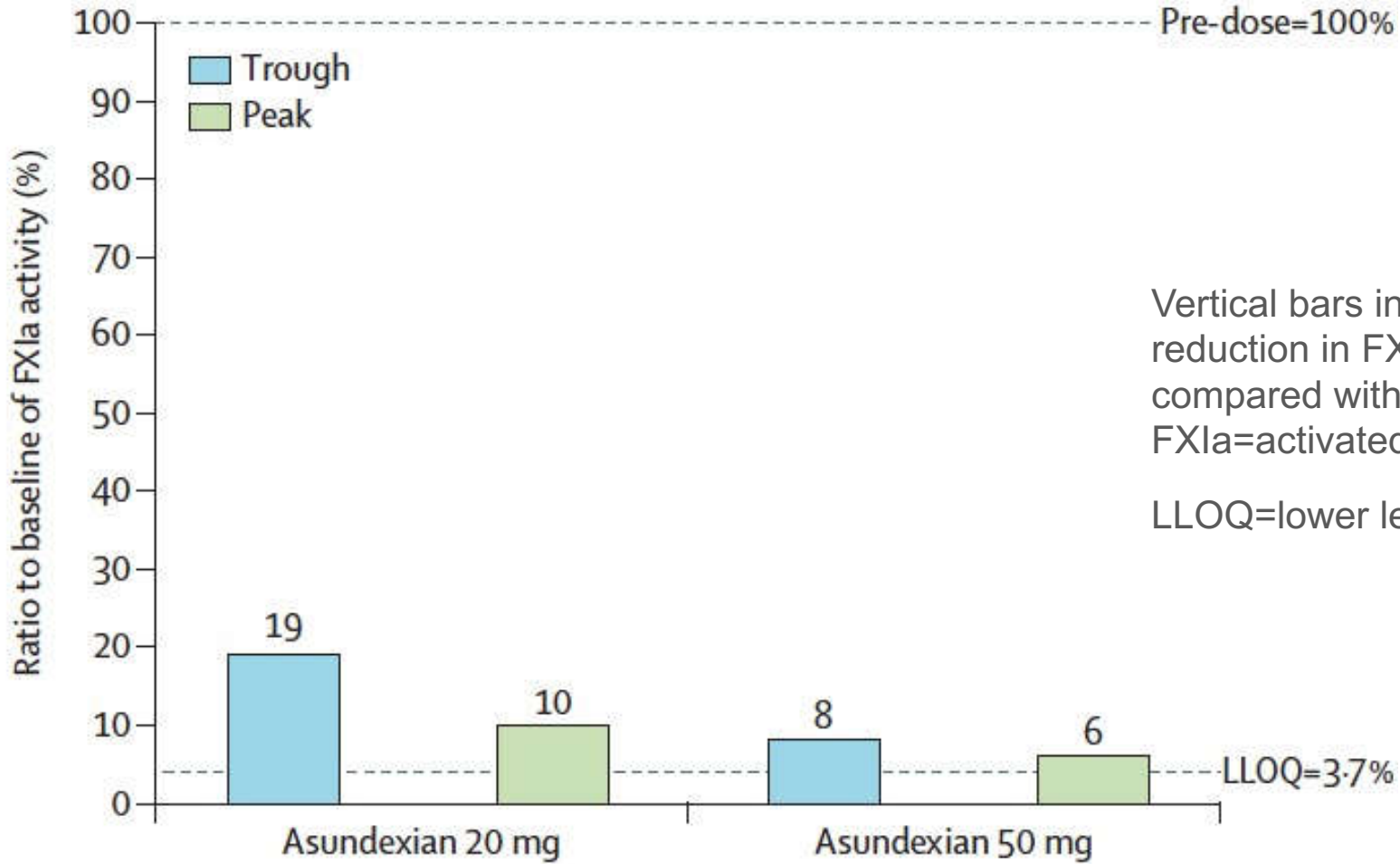
	Asundexian 20 mg N = 251	Asundexian 50 mg N = 254	Apixaban N = 250	Total N = 755
Age (years) (SD)	73.6 (8.0)	73.1 (8.5)	74.3 (8.3)	73.7 (8.3)
Female	103 (41.0%)	97 (38.2%)	109 (43.6%)	309 (40.9%)
Race				
White	211 (84.1%)	212 (83.5%)	209 (83.6%)	632 (83.7%)
Asian	39 (15.5%)	40 (15.7%)	40 (16.0%)	119 (15.8%)
Hypertension	226 (90.0%)	227 (89.4%)	220 (88.0%)	673 (89.1%)
Hyperlipidaemia	142 (56.6%)	153 (60.2%)	152 (60.8%)	447 (59.2%)
Cardiac failure chronic	108 (43.0%)	107 (42.1%)	117 (46.8%)	332 (44.0%)
Coronary artery disease	76 (30.3%)	71 (28.0%)	85 (34.0%)	232 (30.7%)
Diabetes mellitus	83 (33.1%)	74 (29.1%)	87 (34.8%)	244 (32.3%)
Chronic kidney disease	55 (21.9%)	84 (33.1%)	77 (30.8%)	216 (28.6%)
CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score (SD)	3.99 (1.39)	3.83 (1.29)	4.10 (1.46)	3.97 (1.38)

Medical History of Special Interest



	Asundexian 20 mg N = 251	Asundexian 50 mg N = 254	Apixaban N = 250	Total N = 755
Cerebrovascular accident	22 (8.8%)	18 (7.1%)	25 (10.0%)	65 (8.6%)
Coronary artery bypass	22 (8.8%)	16 (6.3%)	17 (6.8%)	55 (7.3%)
Peripheral arterial occlusive disease	16 (6.4%)	10 (3.9%)	20 (8.0%)	46 (6.1%)
Transient ischemic attack	13 (5.2%)	10 (3.9%)	13 (5.2%)	36 (4.8%)
Major bleed	7 (2.8%)	14 (5.5%)	3 (1.2%)	24 (3.2%)
Carotid revascularization	3 (1.2%)	2 (0.8%)	4 (1.6%)	9 (1.2%)
Embolism arterial	3 (1.2%)	2 (0.8%)	2 (0.8%)	7 (0.9%)

FXIa Activity - Inhibition Data



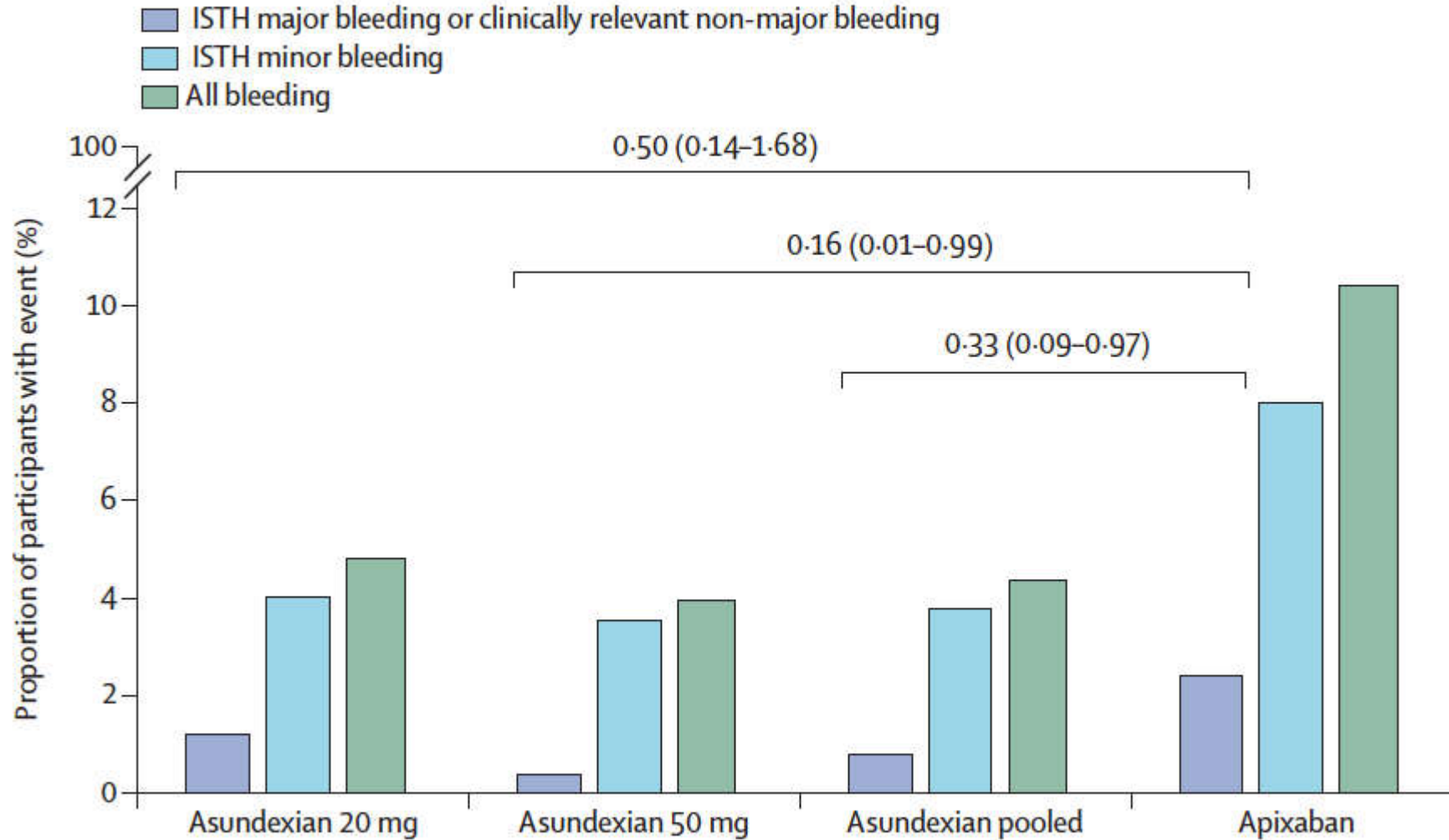
Vertical bars indicate the percent reduction in FXIa activity when compared with baseline.
 FXIa=activated coagulation factor XI.

LLOQ=lower level of quantification.

	n	Analysis value (95% CI)	Mean ratio to baseline (95% CI)
Asundexian 20 mg Trough	224	14.82 (12.65-16.99)	0.19 (0.16-0.22)
Asundexian 20 mg Peak	222	7.42 (6.33-8.51)	0.10 (0.08-0.12)
Asundexian 50 mg Trough	228	6.59 (5.15-8.02)	0.08 (0.07-0.10)
Asundexian 50 mg Peak	228	4.32 (3.60-5.05)	0.06 (0.05-0.07)

Primary Safety Outcome (ISTH bleeding classification)

On-treatment analysis, % of patients



- // No ISTH **major** bleeding in any treatment arm
- // Less bleeding in the 2 asundexian arms reported, when compared to apixaban for different severities of bleeding
- // Consistent also for BARC and TIMI bleeding definitions

Primary Safety

(Pooled) ratio of the incidence proportions for the safety outcome in the treatment emergent data scope



	Asundexian 20 mg vs. Apixaban	Asundexian 50 mg vs. Apixaban	Asundexian (pooled) vs. Apixaban
	CIR (90% CI)	CIR (90% CI)	CIR (90% CI)
ISTH major bleeding or CRNM bleeding	0.50 (0.14 - 1.68)	0.16 (0.01 - 0.99)	0.33 (0.09 - 0.97)
ISTH major bleeding	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
CRNM bleeding	0.50 (0.14 - 1.68)	0.16 (0.01 - 0.99)	0.33 (0.09 - 0.97)
ISTH minor bleeding	0.50 (0.23 - 0.99)	0.44 (0.18 - 0.86)	0.47 (0.28 - 0.83)
All bleeding	0.46 (0.23 - 0.83)	0.38 (0.16 - 0.68)	0.42 (0.26 - 0.67)

Adverse Events



	Asundexian 20 mg N = 249 (100%)	Asundexian 50 mg N = 254 (100%)	Apixaban N = 250 (100%)	Asundexian Total N = 503 (100%)	Total N = 753 (100%)
Any AE	118 (47.4%)	120 (47.2%)	122 (48.8%)	238 (47.3%)	360 (47.8%)
Any study drug-related AE	29 (11.6%)	26 (10.2%)	37 (14.8%)	55 (10.9%)	92 (12.2%)
Any AE leading to discontinuation of study drug	15 (6.0%)	16 (6.3%)	13 (5.2%)	31 (6.2%)	44 (5.8%)
Any study drug-related SAE	4 (1.6%)	0	0	4 (0.8%)	4 (0.5%)
AE with outcome death	1 (0.4%)	3 (1.2%)	2 (0.8%)	4 (0.8%)	6 (0.8%)

Asundexian was well tolerated in patients with AF.

Exploratory Efficacy Analysis



	Asundexian 20 mg N = 251 IR (90% CI)	Asundexian 50 mg N = 254 IR (90% CI)	Apixaban N = 250 IR (90% CI)	Total N = 755 IR (90% CI)
CV death, MI, ischemic stroke, or systemic embolism	2 (0.80 %)	4 (1.57 %)	3 (1.20 %)	9 (1.19 %)
CV death	1 (0.40 %)	3 (1.18 %)	3 (1.20 %)	7 (0.93 %)
MI	0	1 (0.39 %)	0	1 (0.13 %)
Ischemic stroke	2 (0.80 %)	1 (0.39 %)	0	3 (0.40 %)
Systemic embolism	0	0	0	0
All cause mortality (ITT)	2 (0.80 %)	4 (1.57 %)	4 (1.60 %)	10 (1.32 %)

As expected only single efficacy endpoints were reported in the study.

→ No conclusion on efficacy can be drawn

Summary



Summary of Findings



- // First randomized active comparator (apixaban) data with small molecule Factor XIa inhibitor (asundexian)
- // Near complete inhibition of Factor XI activity with 20 and 50 mg dose asundexian
- // Only few bleeding outcome events were observed
 - // 48 participants with a bleeding event in total
- // Point estimators of risk ratios in favor of asundexian
 - // For the pooled 20 and 50 mg doses as well as for 50 mg alone the confidence intervals could exclude 1 for CRNM bleeding as well as for minor bleeding and all bleeding
 - // Overall bleeding rates lower than expected (for Apixaban: 4% assumed vs. 2.4% observed)
- // As expected — no information on efficacy events: limited events with fewer than 10 events total

Conclusions

- // Asundexian, a small oral FXIa inhibitor was well tolerated in a Phase 2 trial of 750 patients with atrial fibrillation
- // Significantly lower bleeding rates were seen for patients randomized to either dose asundexian compared to apixaban
- // Factor XI inhibition is a promising strategy to prevent pathologic thrombi while minimizing bleeding risk in AF patients — Phase 3 trial required



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Next Steps:

Engaging Patients and International Communities to Perform Clinical CV Outcomes Trial



- // Net clinical benefit endpoints in upcoming OCEANIC AF trial will be informed by patient preference survey
- // [AFIBOPPORTUNITIES.COM](https://www.afibopportunities.com)
- // Live Spring, 2022
- // Engaging investigators who want to be part of innovative patient-centered trials
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