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EHRA PRACTICAL GUIDE

2021 European Heart Rhythm Association Practical Guide on the Use of Non-Vitamin K Antagonist Oral Anticoagulants in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation

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AHRE= atrial high rate episodes

Recommendations for screening to detect AF

Recommendation	Class ^a	Level ^b
Opportunistic screening for AF by pulse taking or ECG rhythm strip is recommended in patients ≥ 65 years of age. ^{188,211,223,225}	I	B
It is recommended to interrogate pacemakers and implantable cardioverter defibrillators on a regular basis for AHRE. ^{c224,226}	I	B

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Durata 35:12 (M:S)
Freq. A di picco 256 min⁻¹
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Trigger 180 min⁻¹

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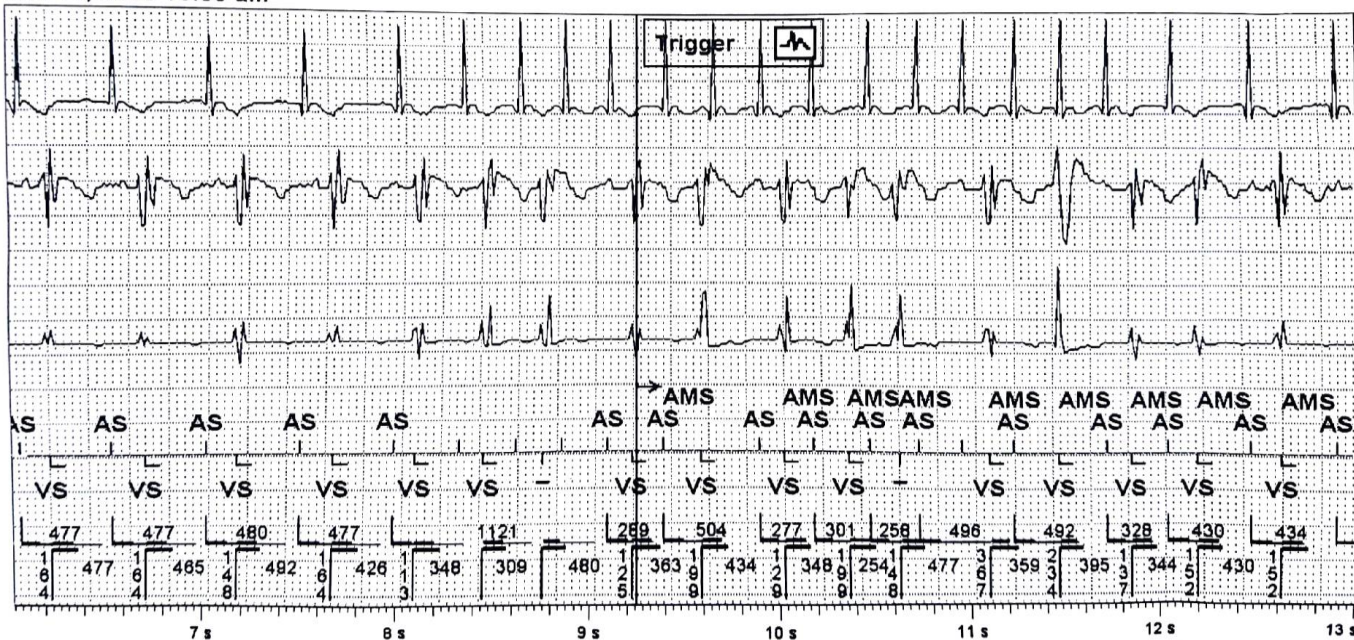
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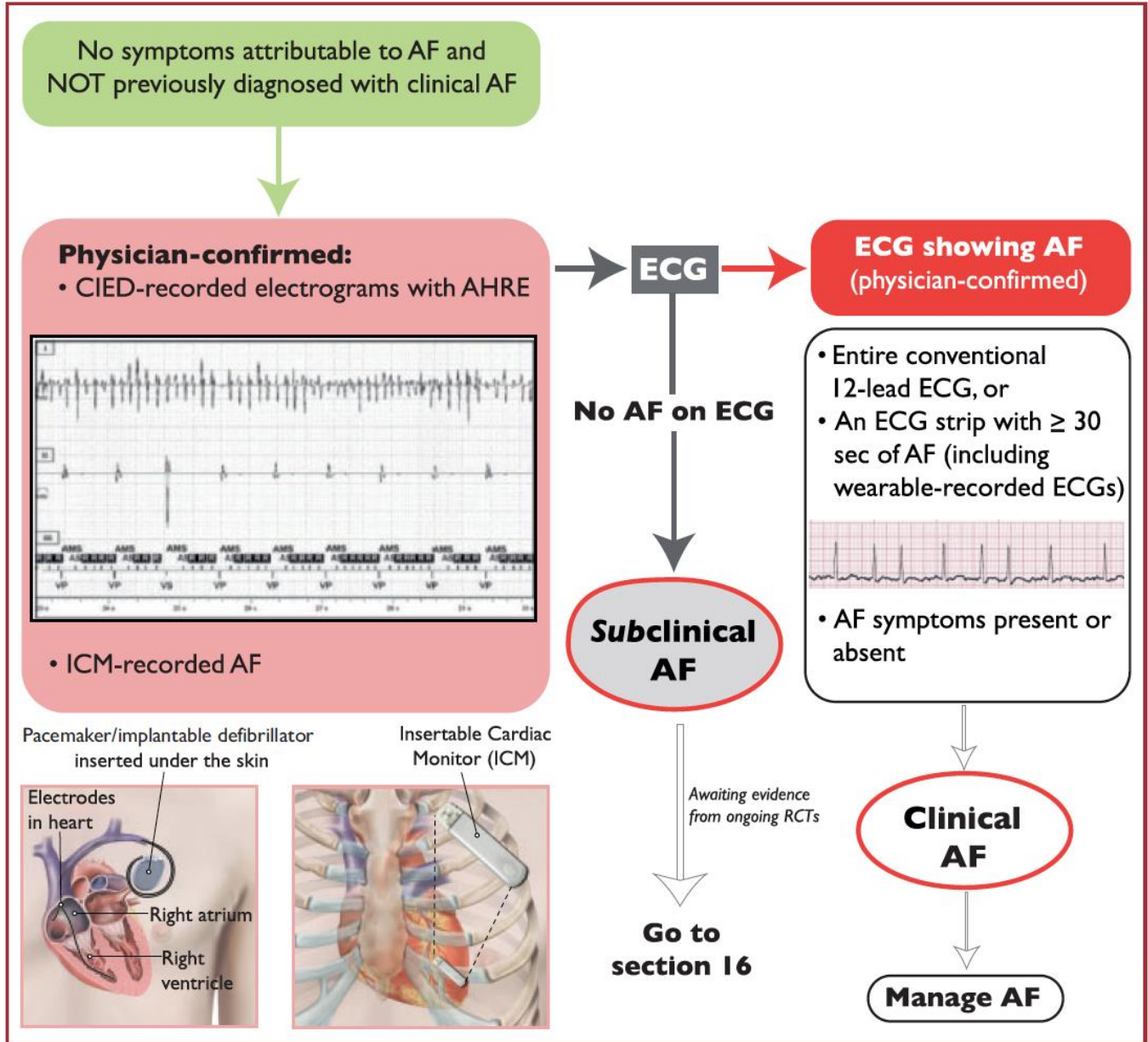
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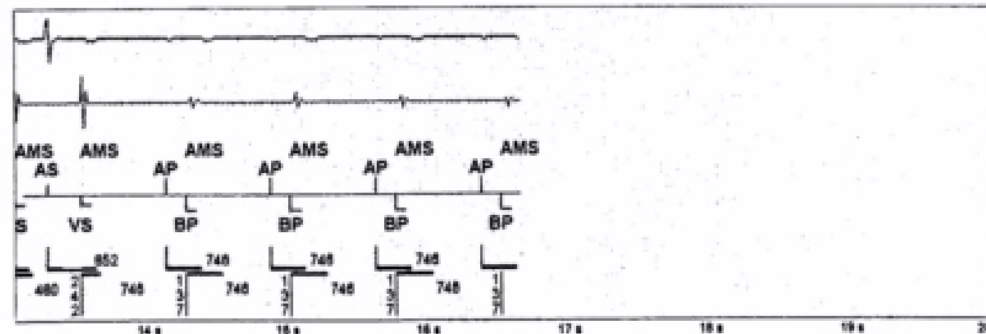
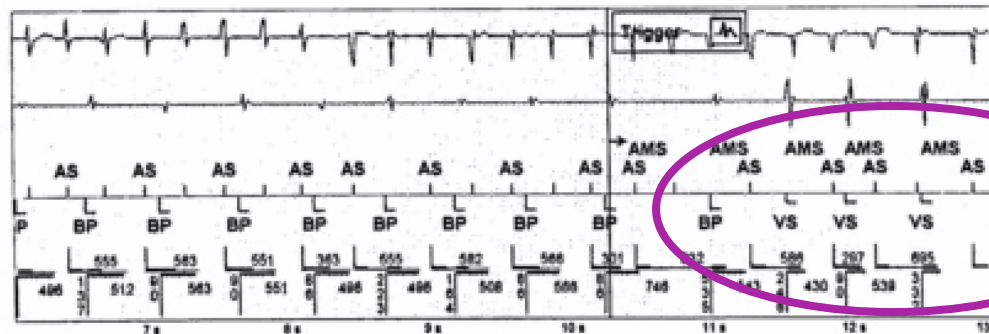
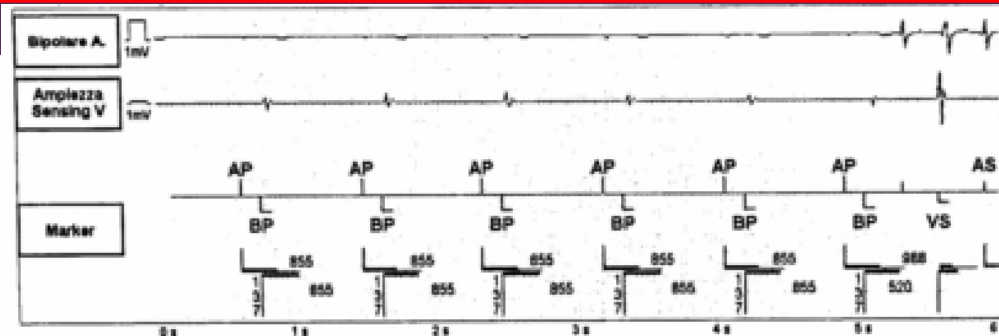
Pacemaker, ICD

AAD, ECV, ablation

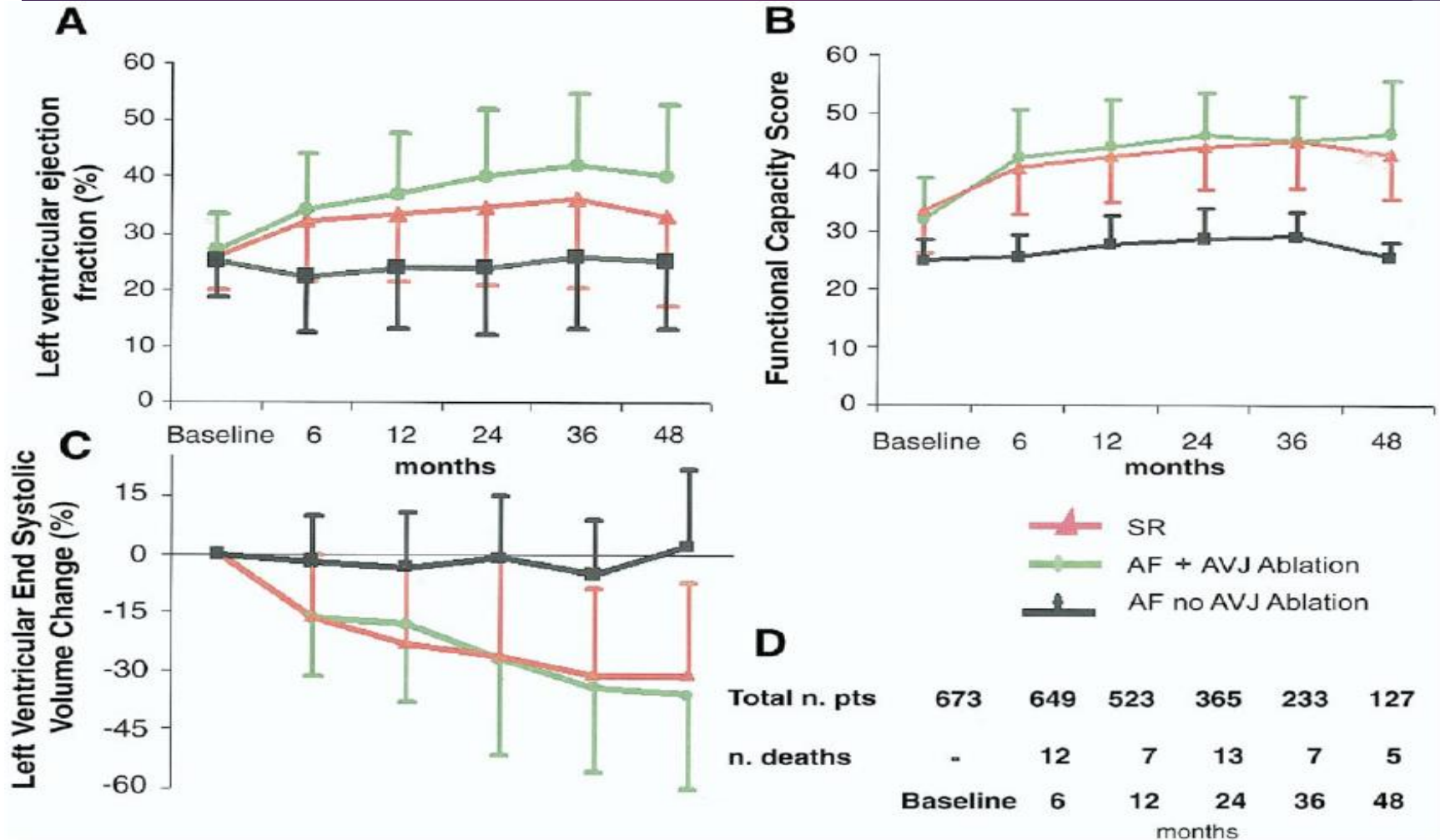


The role of CIED in detecting AF

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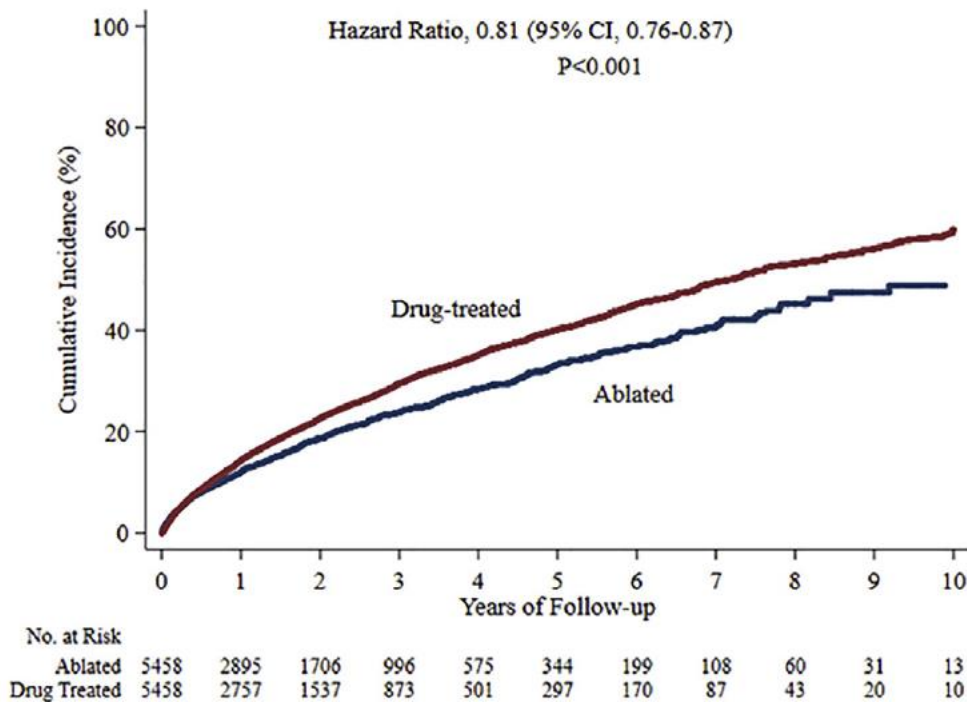


CRT & AFib Patients



Catheter Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation with Heart Failure (CASTLE-AF)

A All Patients

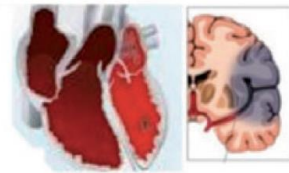


Ablation reduced all-cause mortality and HF hospitalization by 40%

Implanted device	Ablated	Drug-treated	P-value
None	73.7	74.6	73.7
CRT – defibrillator	1.6	2.1	1.6
ICD	11.7	12.6	11.7
CRT – pacemaker	0.2	0.2	0.2
Dual-chamber pacemaker	8.1	7.4	8.1
Single-chamber pacemaker	4.7	3.1	4.7

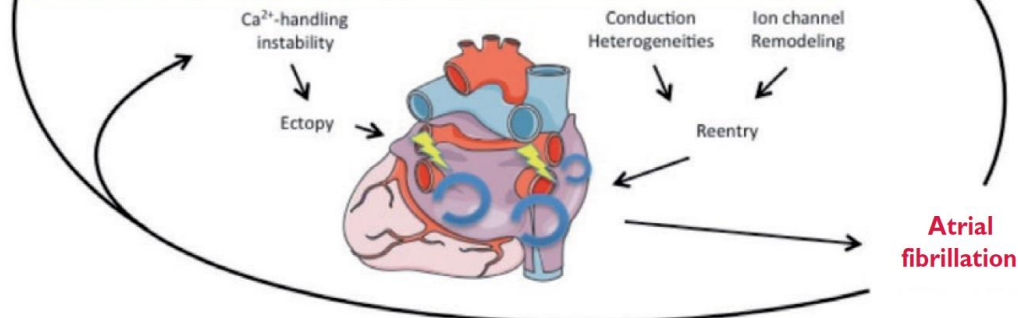
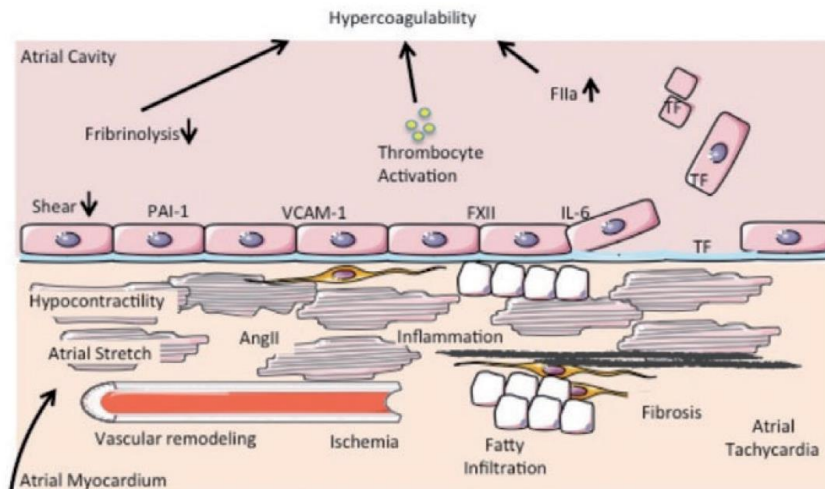
	Clinicaltrials.gov identifier	Sample size	Study group	Comparator arm	Primary end point
AMICA	NCT02509754	202	ICD or CRT-D, any AF type, and LVEF $\leq 35\%$	Medical rate or rhythm control	LVEF by TTE
AFRC-LVF	NCT02509754	180	Persistent AF and LVEF $\leq 35\%$	Medical or interventional rate control	Composite of the improvement of LVEF above 35% and concomitant NYHA class lower than II
RAFT AF	NCT01420393	600	Any type of AF and HF with preserved or reduced EF	Medical or interventional rate control	Composite of all-cause mortality and hospitalization for heart failure
CATCH AF	NCT02686749	220	Symptomatic AF and LVEF 20-45%	Medical rate or rhythm control	First hospitalization for HF, recurrence of AF or DCCV
CABANA	NCT00911508	2204	Any AF type with one risk factor for stroke (including CHF)	Medical rate or rhythm control	Composite end point of total mortality, disabling stroke, serious bleeding or cardiac arrest

Patogenesi dell'ictus cardioembolico



Stroke

- Diabetes
- Heart failure
- Obesity
- Coronary artery disease
- Hypertension
- Ageing
- Genetic predisposition



Atrial fibrillation

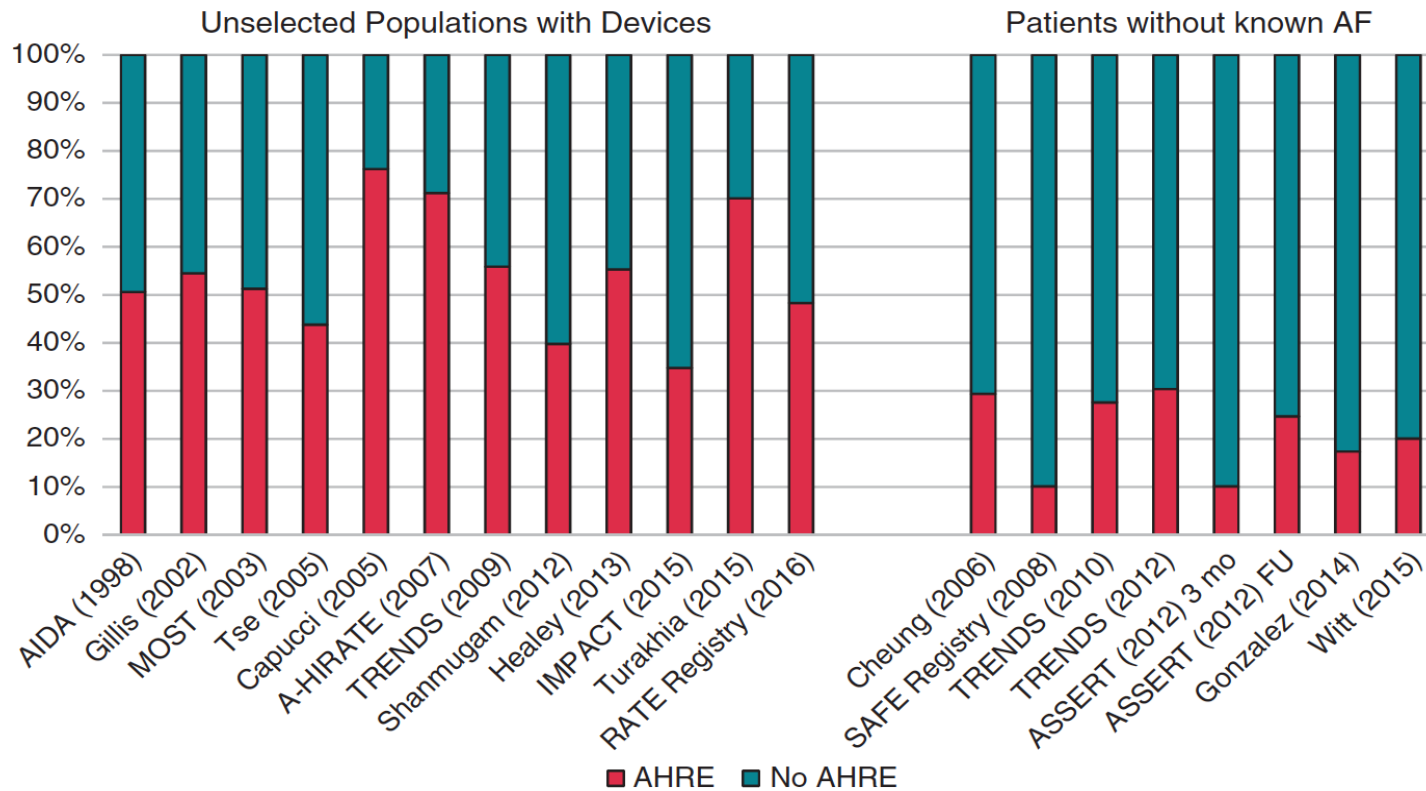


Figure 1 Percentage of AHRE in patients with (left panel) and without (right panel) known AF. AF, atrial fibrillation; AHRE, atrial high-rate episode.

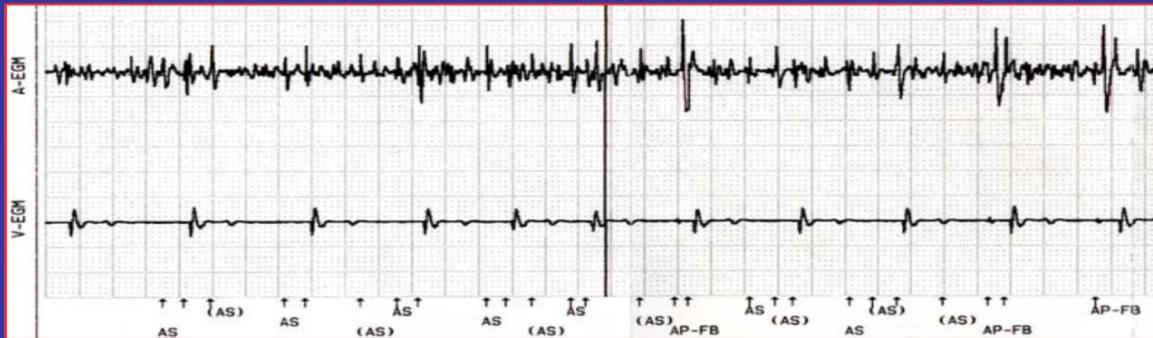


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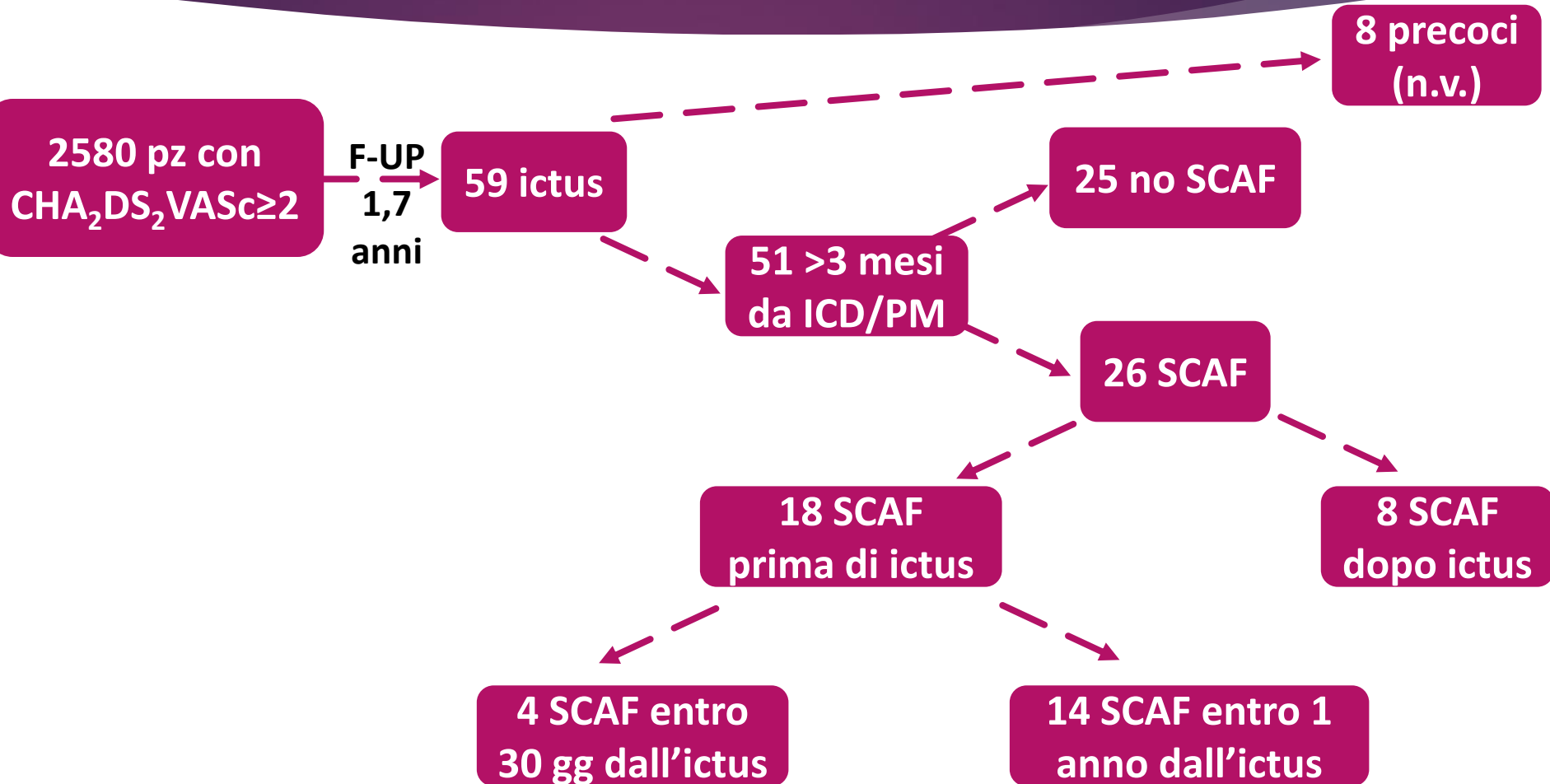
Atrial Fibrillation

Atrial High-Rate Events (AHRES): Look and You Will Find—Then What?

Is the AF detected by CIEDs directly responsible for Strokes?



Nesso temporale tra FA subclinica (SCAF) e trombo-embolismo in pazienti con CIED

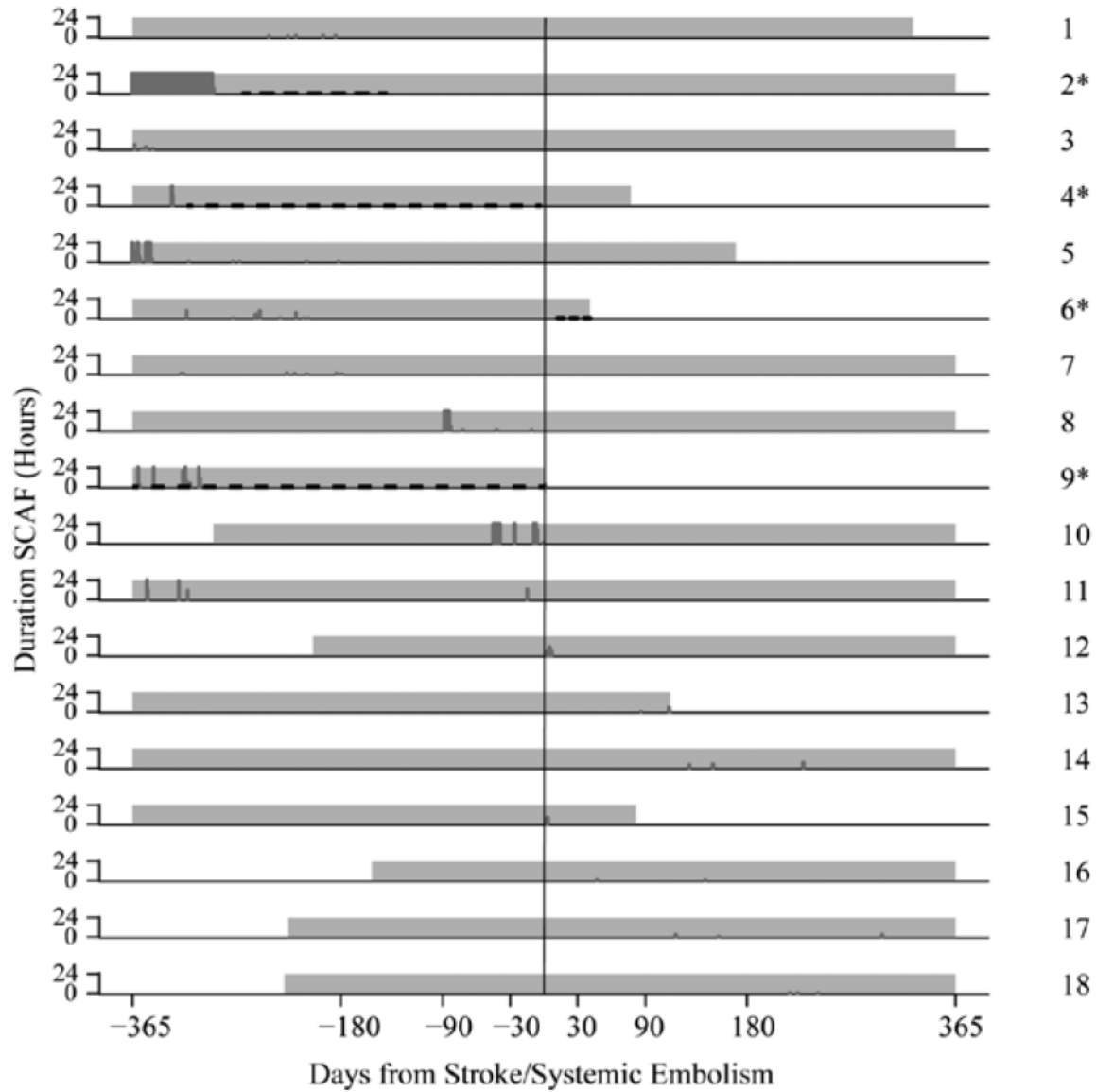


Six-month incidence of transition to higher AHRE burden^a
(n = 6580, pooled from three prospective studies)⁴⁶⁹

6-month progression	Baseline burden			
	5 min to <1 h	1 h to <6 h	6 h to <12 h	12 h to <23 h
Transition to ≥1 h	33.5%			
Transition to ≥6 h	15.3%	42.2%		
Transition to ≥12 h	8.9%	27.5%	55.8%	
Transition to ≥23 h	5.1%	16.0%	40.6%	63.1%

Stroke rates^b per AHRE burden and CHA₂DS₂-VASc category
(n = 21 768 device patients not taking OAC)¹⁴⁶⁶

CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score	Baseline maximum daily burden		
	No AF	AF 6 min–23.5 h	AF >23.5 h
0	0.33%	0.52%	0.86%
1	0.62%	0.32%	0.50%
2	0.70%	0.62%	1.52%
3-4	0.83%	1.28%	1.77%
≥5	1.79%	2.21%	1.68%

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Patient ID #

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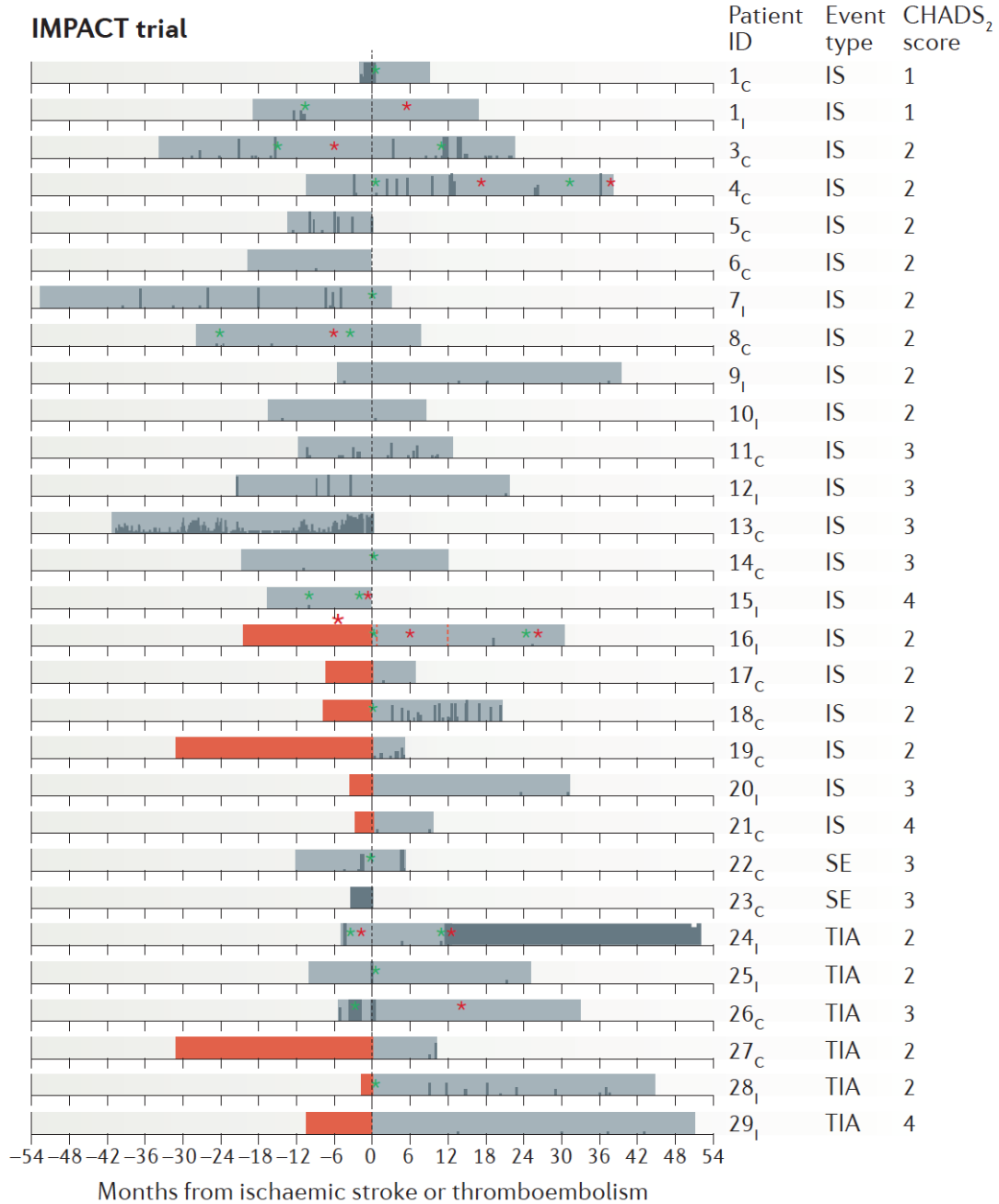
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IMPACT trial



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Patients with:

- SCAF (at least 1 episode ≥ 6 min but none > 24 hrs)
- CHA_2DS_2-VASc score ≥ 3
- No clinical AF, contraindication or requirement for anticoagulation

CONSENT and
RANDOMIZE

Active aspirin
81mg OD
+
Placebo apixaban bid

Active apixaban
5mg or 2.5mg* bid
+
Placebo aspirin OD

Primary Efficacy Outcomes:
Outcomes:

Stroke (including TIA with imaging)
Bleeding (ISTH)
Systemic Embolism

Primary Safety

Major

NOAH

Inclusion criteria

Age > 65 and one additional
CHA₂DS₂VASc factor

and

documented atrial high rate
episode > 6 mins

Exclusion criteria

conventionally diagnosed AF
indication for oral
anticoagulation
contraindication for NOAC
therapy

Randomisation

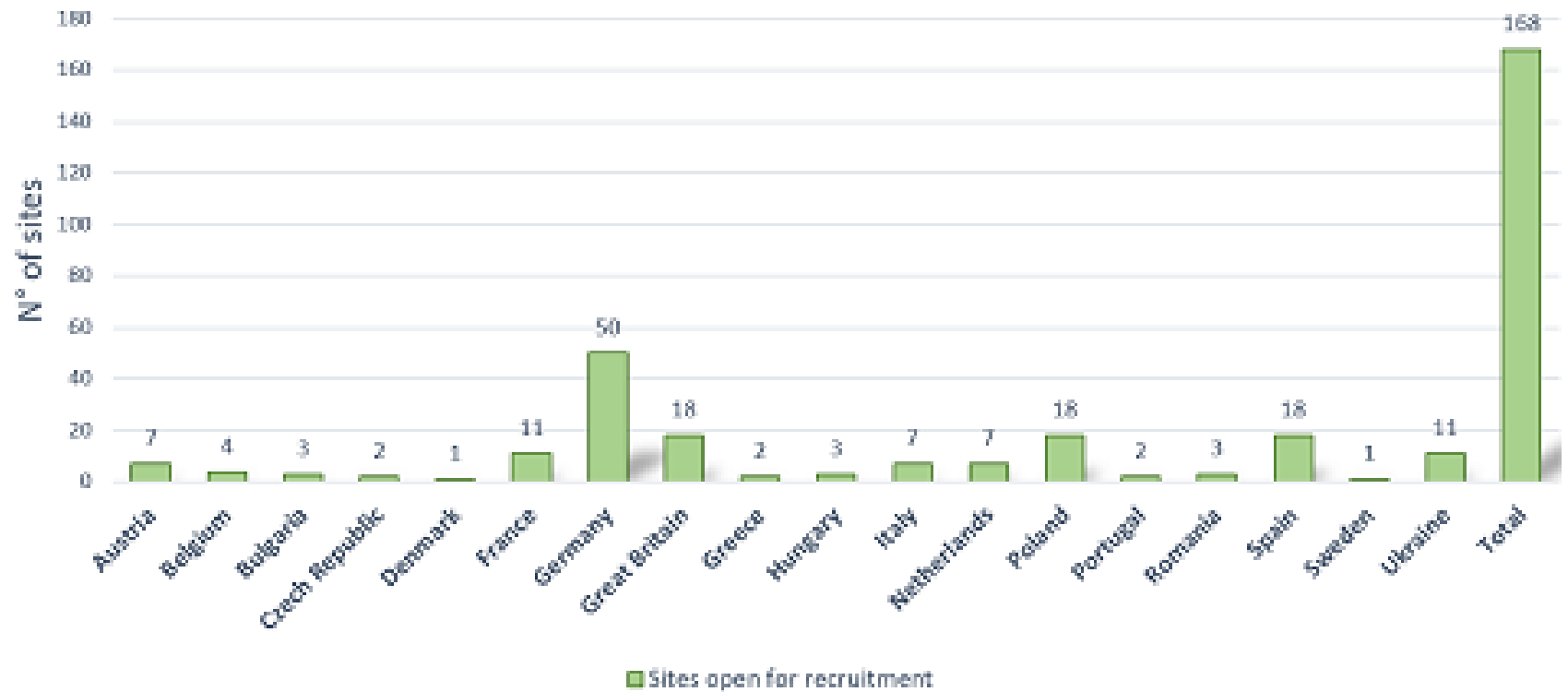
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graph LR; A[Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria] --> B{Randomisation}; B --> C[Oral anticoagulation therapy (NOAC) with Edoxaban]; B --> D[ASA or placebo];
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Oral anticoagulation therapy
(NOAC) with Edoxaban

ASA or placebo

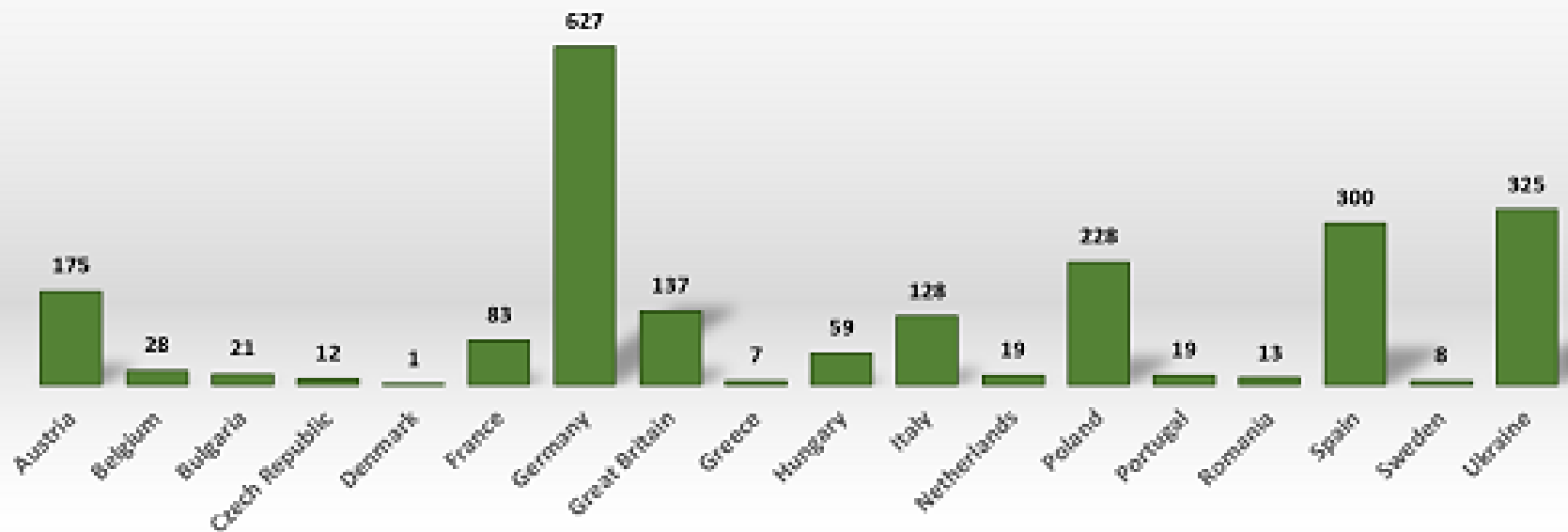
Primary outcome:
stroke, systemic embolism,
or cardiovascular death

NOAH - AFNET 6 Site Status



NOAH - AFNET 6 Recruitment Status (patients enrolled)

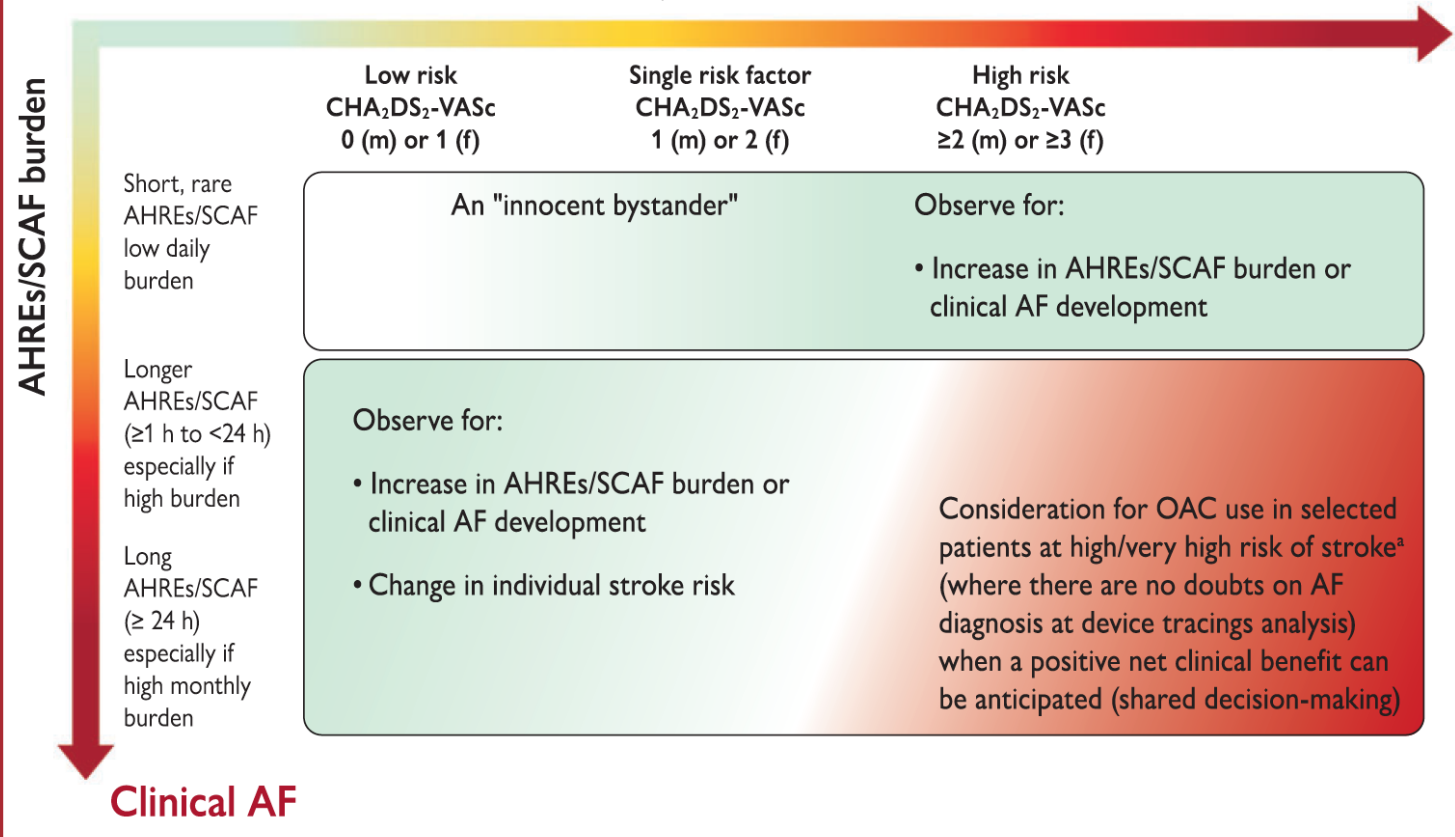
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■ Germany ■ Great Britain ■ Greece ■ Hungary ■ Italy ■ Netherlands
■ Poland ■ Portugal ■ Romania ■ Spain ■ Sweden ■ Ukraine



Top Recruiters per Country (Status as of 31.08.2021)

Country	Site	PI	No. of Patients
UA	Amosov National Institute of Cardiovascular Surgery	Prof. Borys Kravchuk	91
PL	Górnośląskie Centrum Medyczne, Śląskiego Uniwersytetu Medycznego w Katowicach	Dr. Rafal Sznajder	88
AT	LKH Universitätsklinikum Graz	Prof. Daniel Scherr	68
DE	Hausärztlich-Kardiologisches MVZ "Am Felsenkeller" GmbH	Dr. Christoph Axthelm	67
ES	Complejo Hospitalario de Navarra	Dr. Nuria Basterra Sola	58
IT	Policlinico Universitario Mater Domini Catanzaro	Prof. Ciro Indolfi	41
HU	Semmelweis University Heart and Vascular Center	Prof. Bela Merkely	41
FR	Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou - Hôpitaux Universitaires Paris Ouest	Prof. Eloi Marijon	27
GB	Oxford University Hospital - John Radcliffe Hospital	Dr. Kim Rajappan	23
PT	Hospital de Santarém	Dr. Vitor Paulo Martins	17
RO	Institutul Inimii "Niculae Stancioiu"	Dr. Stefan-Horia Rosianu	10
NL	Spaarne Gasthuis	Dr. Raymond Tukkie	9
BG	MHAT St. Anna AD	Prof. Vasil Velchev	8

THE RISK OF STROKE *(re-assess regularly)*



Proposed clinical approach to AHREs

THE RISK OF STROKE *(re-assess regularly)*

THE RISK OF CLINICAL AF *(re-assess regularly)*

	Low risk <i>CHA₂DS₂-VASc=0 males;</i> <i>CHA₂DS₂-VASc=1 females</i>	“Intermediate” risk <i>CHA₂DS₂-VASc=1 males;</i> <i>CHA₂DS₂-VASc=2 females</i>	High risk <i>CHA₂DS₂-VASc≥2 males;</i> <i>CHA₂DS₂-VASc≥3 females</i>
Short, rare AHREs	An “innocent bystander”	An “innocent bystander”	Observe for high AHREs burden or AF development
Short, frequent AHREs (high daily burden)	Observe for AF development	Observe for AF development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Close follow-up for AF development ▪ Enrol in clinical trials ▪ Consider NOAC in <i>selected</i> patients[†]
Long AHREs (>24h)	Observe for AF development	Observe for AF development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Close follow-up for AF development ▪ Enrol in clinical trials ▪ Consider NOAC in <i>selected</i> patients[†]
Long frequent AHREs (>24h), high monthly burden	Observe for AF development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observe for AF development ▪ Enrol in clinical trials ▪ Consider NOAC use in <i>selected</i> patients* at low bleeding risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Close follow-up for AF development ▪ Enrol in clinical trials ▪ Consider NOAC in patients with prior stroke and/or age≥75y, or ≥3 CHA₂DS₂-VASc risk factors, with acceptable bleeding risk

CONCLUSIONI

- **I devices impiantati vanno controllati regolarmente per la ricerca di fibrillazione atriale**
- **Una volta trovati degli episodi, bisogna ulteriormente statificare il paziente indagando il ritmo cardiaco con altre metodiche ed accorciando i follow-up**
- **Fino a quando i due trials in corso non saranno completi bisogna considerare l'anticoagulazione sulla base di RARE decisioni individuali nei pazienti con AHRE senza diagnosi elettrocardiografica di ECG per evitare il rischio sostanziale di sanguinamenti**



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