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## Drug-Drug Interactions of Non-Vitamin K Antagonist Oral Anticoagulants (NOACs): How to Manage?

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## Outline


- History and large scale clinical trials of NOACs
- Advantages and clinical challenges of NOACs
- Drug-Drug Interactions of NOACs and their management
- Evidence of clinical significance of Drug-Drug Interactions of NOACs





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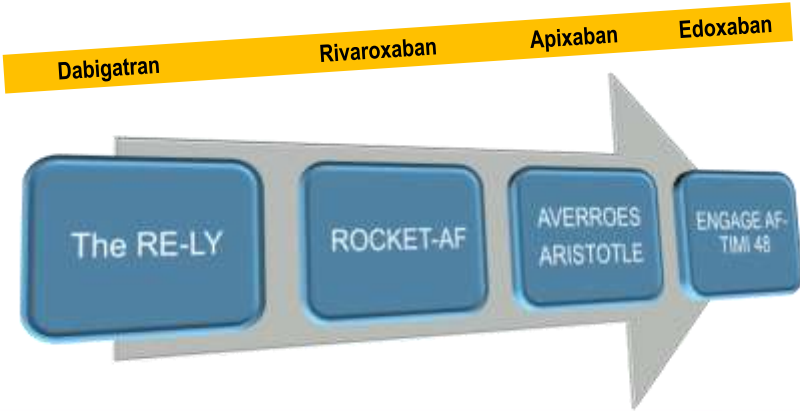
## Non-Vitamin K Antagonist Oral Anticoagulants (NOAC)





2010	Dabigatran (Direct thrombin inhibitor)	Pradaxa®	Boehringer Ingelheim
2011	Rivaroxaban (Factor Xa inhibitor)	Xarelto®	Bayer
2012	Apixaban (Factor Xa inhibitor)	Eliquis®	Bristol Myers-Squibb
2015	Edoxaban (Factor Xa inhibitor)	Savaysa®, Lixiana®	Daiichi-Sankyo


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## Four Randomised Controlled Trials



Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Edoxaban
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## Advantages of NOACs

Lack for monitoring

Fixed-dose regimens

Predictable pharmacokinetic profile

Short Half lives and quicker onset of action

Fewer food and drug interactions

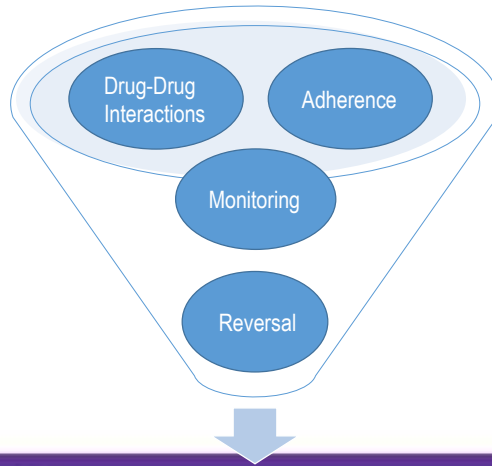
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## Non-Vitamin K Antagonist Oral Anticoagulants (NOACs)



## Vitamin K antagonists (VKA)

# Clinical Challenges of New Oral Anticoagulants



# Drug-Interactions



Drug-Drug  
Interactions

Drug-  
Nutrient  
Interactions

Drug-Dietary  
Supplement  
Interactions

## Drug-Drug interactions



## Types of Drug-Drug interactions

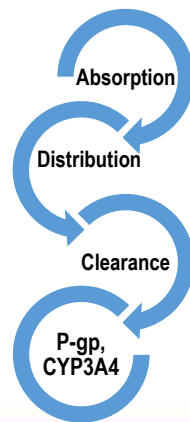
### Pharmacokinetic Interactions

- One **drug** affects the other's absorption, distribution, metabolism, or excretion

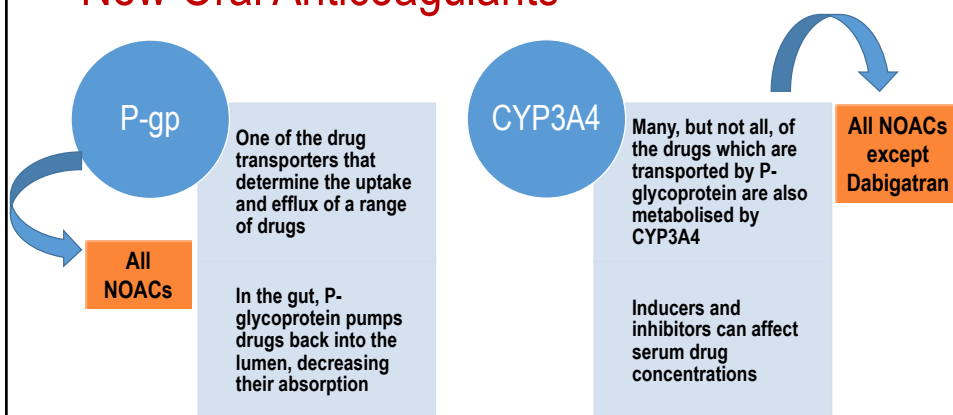
### Pharmacodynamic Interactions

- Interactions in which drugs influence each other's effects directly

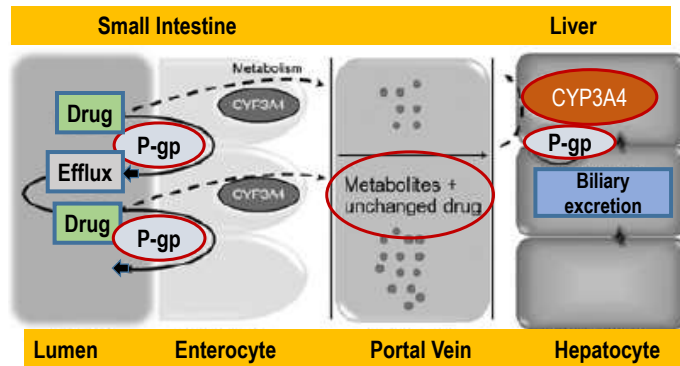
## Pharmacokinetic Drug-Drug Interactions of NOACs



## Main Pharmacokinetic Interactions of New Oral Anticoagulants



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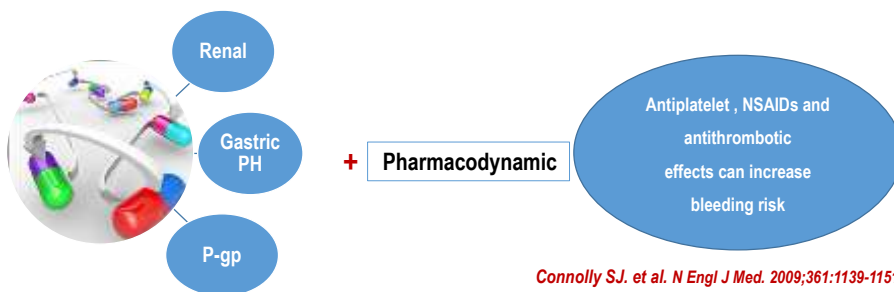


*Ann Pharmacother. 2013;47(11):1478-87*

## Dabigatran Etexilate

- It is a prodrug which becomes active via hydrolysis following oral absorption
- **Elimination**
  - Primarily renally eliminated (80%)
  - Half life=12-17 hrs
- **Metabolism**
  - It is a substrate of the p-glycoprotein transport system (P-gp)

## Drug-Drug Interactions of Dabigatran



*Stangier J. Clin Pharmacokinet 2008; 47:285-95*  
*Pradaxa prescribing information. Boehringer-Ingelheim, 2016*

Strong P-glycoprotein Inhibitors		Strong P-glycoprotein Inducers	
Alfentanil *	Indinavir	Quinidine *	Barbiturates
Amiodarone	Itraconazole	Ritonavir	Carbamazepine
Bepidil	Ketoconazole **	Saquinavir	Dexamethasone
Carvedilol	Lapatinib	Tacrolimus	Phenytoin
Clarithromycin *	Lovastatin	Tamoxifen	Rifampin *
Conivaptan	Mefloquine	Telaprevir	St John's Wort
Cyclosporine	Mifepristone	Telithromycin	
Diltiazem *	Nelfinavir	Testosterone	
Dronedarone **	Nicardipine	Ticagrelor	
Duloxetine	Posaconazole	Verapamil *	
Fenofibrate	Propafenone		

\* = Adjust dose CrCl =30-50 ml/min  
 \* = Avoid use at CrCl =15-30 ml/min  
 \* = Avoid use

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 Table of Substrates, Inhibitors, and Inducers*



## Rivaroxaban

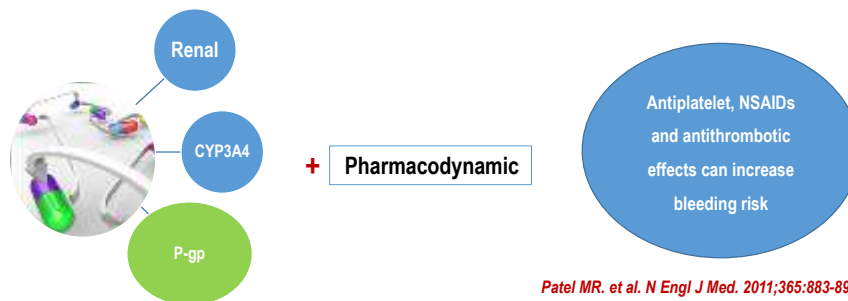
- **Elimination**

- **one-third is eliminated via the kidneys unchanged (66%)**
- The remaining as inactive metabolites after hepatic transformation
- Half life=5-9 hrs (9–13 h in the elderly)

- **Metabolism**

- Cytochrome P-450 system (**CYP**) and includes both the **3A4** and 2J2 families of enzymes
- P-glycoprotein, adenosine triphosphate-binding cassette G2 (ABCG2) efflux transporter protein, which is expressed in the liver and kidneys

## Drug-drug interactions of Rivaroxaban



Patel MR. et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2011;365:883-891  
 Oldgren J. et al. *Eur Heart J.* 2013;34:1670-1680

*Xarelto prescribing information. Janssen, 2015*

CYP3A4 Inhibitors				CYP3A4 Inducers		
amiodarone	cyclosporine	fluvoxamine	nelfinavir	voriconazole	aminoglutethimide	naloxin
amprenavir	delfopristin	fosamprenavir	posaconazole	zafirlukast	armodafinil	nevirapine
aprepitant	danazol	amatinib	propofolene	artemether	phenobarbital	
atazanavir	darunavir	indinavir	quinupristin	barbiturates	phenytoin	
basilimab	dasatinib	boceprevir	ritonavir	bexarotene	primidone	
boceprevir	delavirdine	itraconazole	saquinavir	locoentan	rifabutin	
chloramphenicol	diltiazem	ketoconazole	tamoxifen	carbamazepine	rifampin	
ciprofloxacin	dronedarsone	lapatinib	telaprevir	dexamethasone	rilpentine	
clarithromycin	erythromycin	ericonazole	telithromycin	efavirenz	St John's wort	
conivaptan	ethinyl estradiol	mifepristone	trileandomycin	etravirine	venurafenib	
crizotinib	fluconazole	relacorone	verapamil	modafinil		



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Combined Strong P-glycoprotein AND CYP3A4 Inhibitors		Combined Strong P-glycoprotein AND CYP3A4 Inducers
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clarithromycin	posaconazole	carbamazepine
conivaptan	ritonavir	dexamethasone
cyclosporine	saquinavir	phenytoin
indinavir	tamoxifen	rifampin
itraconazole	telaprevir	St John's wort
ketoconazole	telithromycin	
mifepristone		



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## Apixaban

- **Elimination**

- Less renal excretion than rivaroxaban (27%)
- Half life=10-14 hrs

- **Metabolism**

- Substrate for CYP3A4, P-glycoprotein ABCG2 transporter proteins

## Drug-drug interactions of Apixaban




*Alexander JH. Et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;365:699-708*  
*Oldgren J. et al. Eur Heart J. 2013;34:1670-1680*

*Eliquis prescribing information. Bristol-Myers Squibb, Pfizer 2016*

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mifepristone		

2.5 mg twice daily



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## Edoxaban

### • Elimination

- Renal excretion (50%)
- Do not use edoxaban in patients with CrCl >95 ml/min in the US
- Half life=9-11 hrs

### • Metabolism

- Substrate for both CYP3A4 and P-glycoprotein

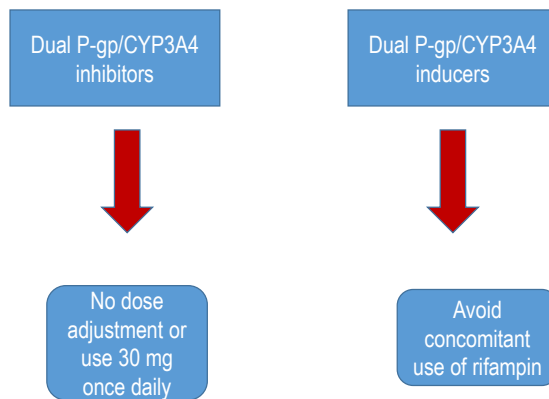
## Drug-Drug interactions of Edoxaban



*Mendell J. et al. Cardiovasc Pharmacol. 2013;62:212-221*  
*Oldgren J. et al. Eur Heart J. 2013;34:1670-1680*

Savaysa prescribing information. Daiichi-Sankyo, 2015

## Drug-Drug Interactions of Edoxaban



## Drug Absorption: Food



### Dabigatran

Take with or without food

### Rivaroxaban

10 mg, take with or without food  
15 mg, 20 mg with food  
(Enhances bioavailability)

### Apixaban

Take with or without food

### Edoxaban

Take with or without food

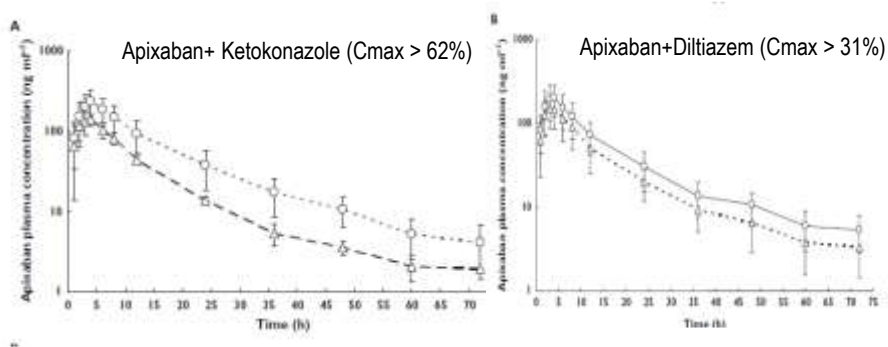
## Drug-Drug Interactions of NOACs

Drug	Dual P-gp/CYP3A4 inhibitors	Dual P-gp/CYP3A4 inducers
Dabigatran	Reduce 75 mg b.i.d. dose for patients with moderate renal impairment (CrCl 30-50 ml/min) with ketoconazole, dronedarone No dose adjustment required for clarithromycin, amiodarone, quinidine, verapamil, ticagrelor	Avoid coadministration with rifampin
Rivaroxaban	Avoid use with P-gp and strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (ketoconazole, itraconazole, lopinavir, ritonavir, indinavir, conivaptan)	Avoid strong dual inducers of P-gp and CYP3A4 carbamazepine, phenytoin, rifampin, St. John's wort
Apixaban	A 30% dose reduction is recommended for patients receiving a dose >2.5 mg b.i.d. when coadministered with strong dual inhibitors of CYP3A4 and P-gp (ketoconazole, itraconazole, ritonavir, or clarithromycin); avoid use of these drugs when dosage is 2.5 mg, b.i.d.	Avoid strong dual inducers of P-gp and CYP3A4 carbamazepine, phenytoin, rifampin, St. John's wort
Edoxaban	No dose reduction	Avoid concomitant use of rifampin

*Trikha R et al. Cardiology 2017;136:115-124*

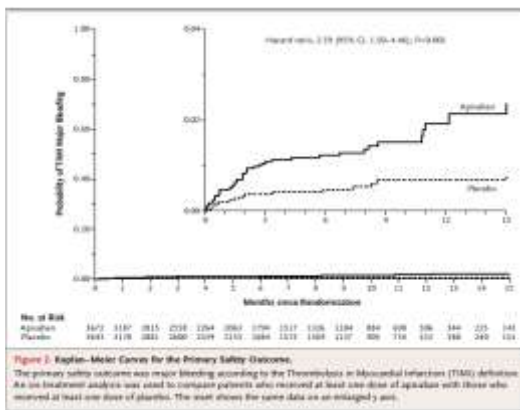
## • Clinical Significance of New Oral anticoagulants Drug-drug Interactions

## Effect of Ketoconazole and Diltiazem on the Pharmacokinetics of Apixaban,



Frost CE et al., BJCP. 2014

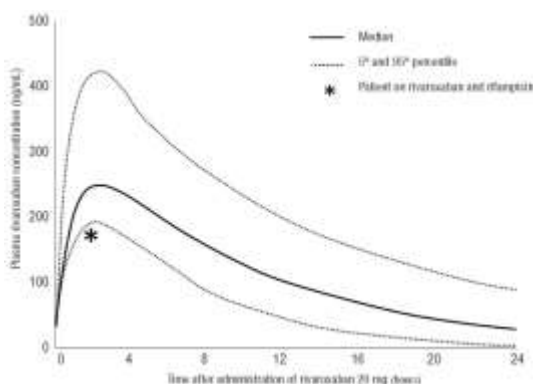
# Apixaban with Antiplatelet Therapy After ACS



Alexander JH. Et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;365:699-708



# A case of fatal pulmonary embolism may be related to sub-therapeutic levels of rivaroxaban, through the interaction of rifampicin with rivaroxaban



Mueck W. et al. Clin Pharmacokinet., 2011





## Drug Interaction Management of Warfarin Versus New Oral Anticoagulants

### Warfarin

- Many reported drug interactions
- Much published literature and clinical expertise to guide management
- INR monitoring
- Warfarin dose adjustment

### New Oral Anticoagulants

- Few reported drug interactions
- Little published literature or clinical expertise to guide management
- No established laboratory monitoring method
- **NOAC dose adjustment**

## Conclusion

- Pharmacokinetic drug-drug interactions that may occur in association with the new oral anticoagulants are largely mediated by the **P-gp efflux transporter protein** alone (dabigatran etexilate) or in combination with **CYP3A4** enzymes
- In addition to managing pharmacokinetic-based interactions, clinicians should **avoid unnecessary pharmacodynamics interactions** between the newer oral Anticoagulants and antiplatelet agents (eg, ASA, clopidogrel) and NSAIDs (eg, naproxen)
- Drug-drug interactions of NOACs are more significant in patients with renal impairment

## Conclusion

- **Praxbind (IDARUCIZUMAB)** is humanized monoclonal antibody fragment (Fab) which is an antidote for dabigatran and there are ongoing clinical trials of **antidotes** for direct factor Xa inhibitors
- Real-world data investigating the clinical significance of drug-drug interactions of NOACs is needed
- Importance of anticoagulation specialist/ clinical pharmacist involvement in patient education and follow-up



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