

# Treatment of Factor Xa Inhibitor-Associated Bleeding with Andexanet Alfa: Full Results of ANNEXA-4

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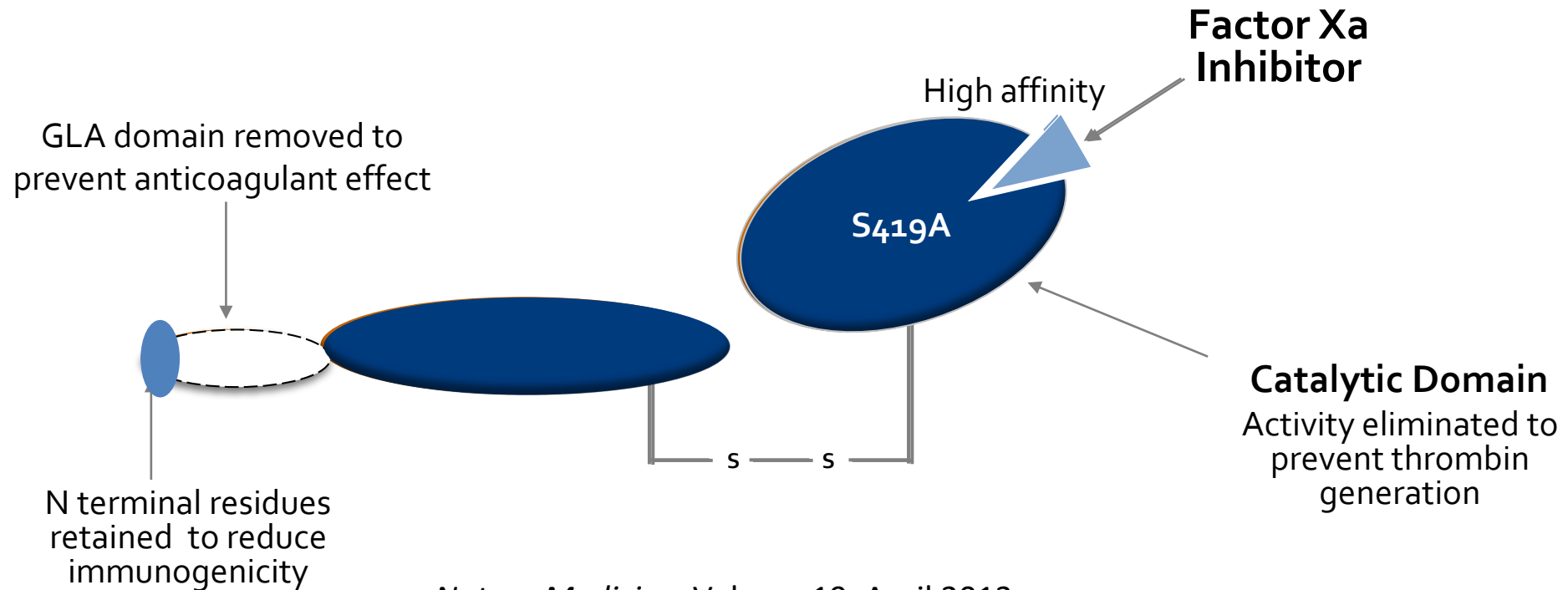
# Background

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- Factor Xa (fXa) inhibitors are effective, but can cause serious bleeding
- No other approved specific reversal agent available for fXa inhibitors
- Andexanet alfa developed as a specific reversal agent for direct oral fXa inhibitors
- It rapidly and safely reversed anti-fXa activity in healthy volunteers and in early interim results from bleeding patients

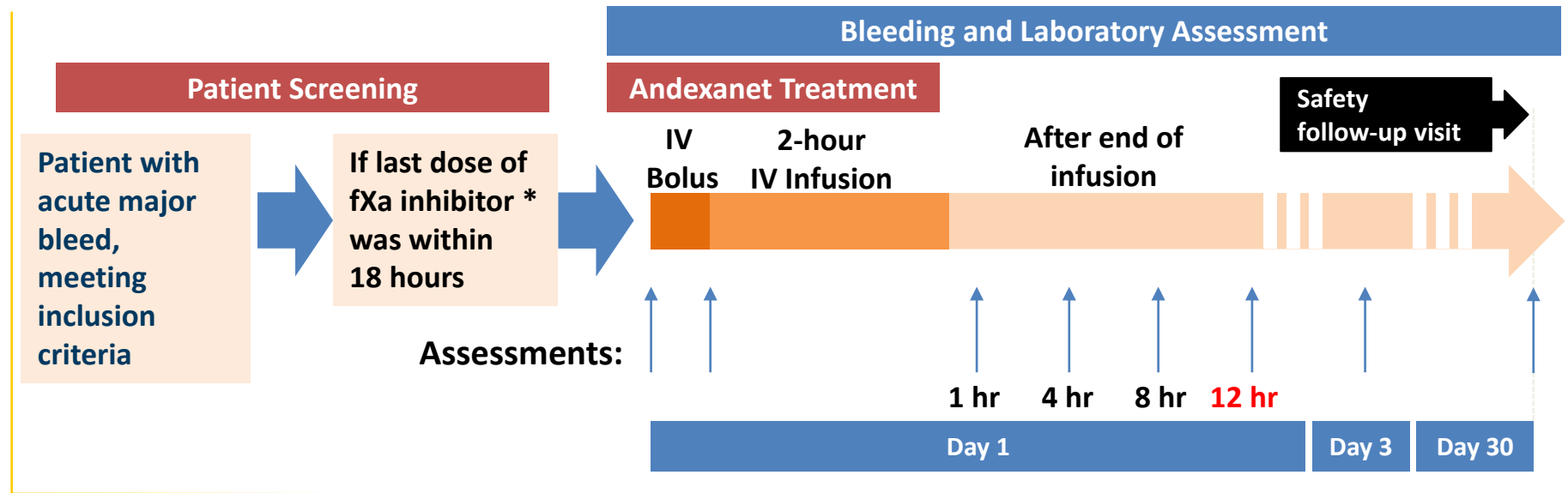
# Andexanet alfa: Recombinant Modified Human Factor Xa

- Specifically designed to reverse anticoagulant effects of fXa inhibitors
- Acts as a fXa decoy to bind molecules that target and inhibit fXa



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# ANNEXA-4 Study Design



## Efficacy Measurements

- ◆ Change in anti-fXa activity
- ◆ Clinical hemostatic efficacy through 12 hours

## Safety Measurements

- ◆ Thrombotic events
- ◆ Antibodies to fX, fXa, andexanet
- ◆ 30-day mortality

\* apixaban, rivaroxaban, enoxaparin, or edoxaban

# ANNEXA-4: Design and Analysis Plan

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- **Criteria for Major Acute Bleeding**
  - Life-threatening bleeding with hemodynamic compromise
  - Bleeding with hemoglobin drop of  $>2$  gm/dl, or falling below 8 gm/dl
  - Critical organ bleeding, such as intracranial, intra-spinal, etc.
  
- **Analysis Populations**
  - **Safety** population includes all patients receiving andexanet
  - **Efficacy** population excludes patients with baseline anti-fXa activity  $<75$  ng/ml (0.25IU/ml for enoxaparin) and patients deemed not to meet acute major bleeding criteria by central academic adjudication committee
  
- **Full Analysis**
  - Includes 352 patients enrolled up to June 1, 2018

# Assessment of Clinical Hemostatic Efficacy

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- All cases assessed by independent committee
- Specific efficacy criteria for each type of bleed
- Independent Core Lab interpreted brain CT and MRI
- Cases rated as excellent vs. good vs. poor/none
  - For ICH, hematoma volume increase of 0-20% = excellent, 20-35% = good, > 35% = poor/none
- Based on method developed for assessment of PCC in warfarin reversal\*

# Baseline Characteristics

	Safety Population N=352	Efficacy Population N=254
Age (yr), mean $\pm$ SD	77( $\pm$ 11)	77 ( $\pm$ 11)
Male	187 (53%)	129 (51%)
Time from presentation to Andexanet (mean hrs)	4.7	4.8
Estimated creatinine clearance < 30 mL/min	33 (9%)	27 (11%)
Indication for anticoagulation		
Atrial fibrillation	280 (80%)	201 (79%)
Venous Thromboembolic Disease	61 (17%)	46 (18%)
Medical History		
Myocardial infarction	48 (14%)	36 (14%)
Stroke	69 (20%)	57 (22%)
Heart Failure	71 (20%)	56 (22%)



# Site of Initial Bleeding

<b>Safety Versus Efficacy Population</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>Intracranial Bleeding</b>	<b>227 (64%)</b>	<b>171 (67%)</b>
Non-traumatic	128	99
Glasgow Coma Scale, mean	14	14
NIHSS, mean	5.7	5.2
mRS, mean	2.8	2.8
Trauma related	99	72
Intracerebral site	137	104
Hematoma Volume $\leq 10$ cc	84	66
Hematoma Volume 11-60 cc	53	38
Sub-dural site	75	58
Subarachnoid site	57	43
Time from baseline scan to drug admin, hours (SD)	2.4 (1.6)	2.4 (1.6)
<b>Gastrointestinal Bleeding</b>	<b>90 (26%)</b>	<b>62 (24%)</b>
Upper	27	21
Lower	21	14
Unknown	42	27
<b>Other Bleeding site</b>	<b>35 (10%)</b>	<b>21 (8%)</b>

# Main Results:

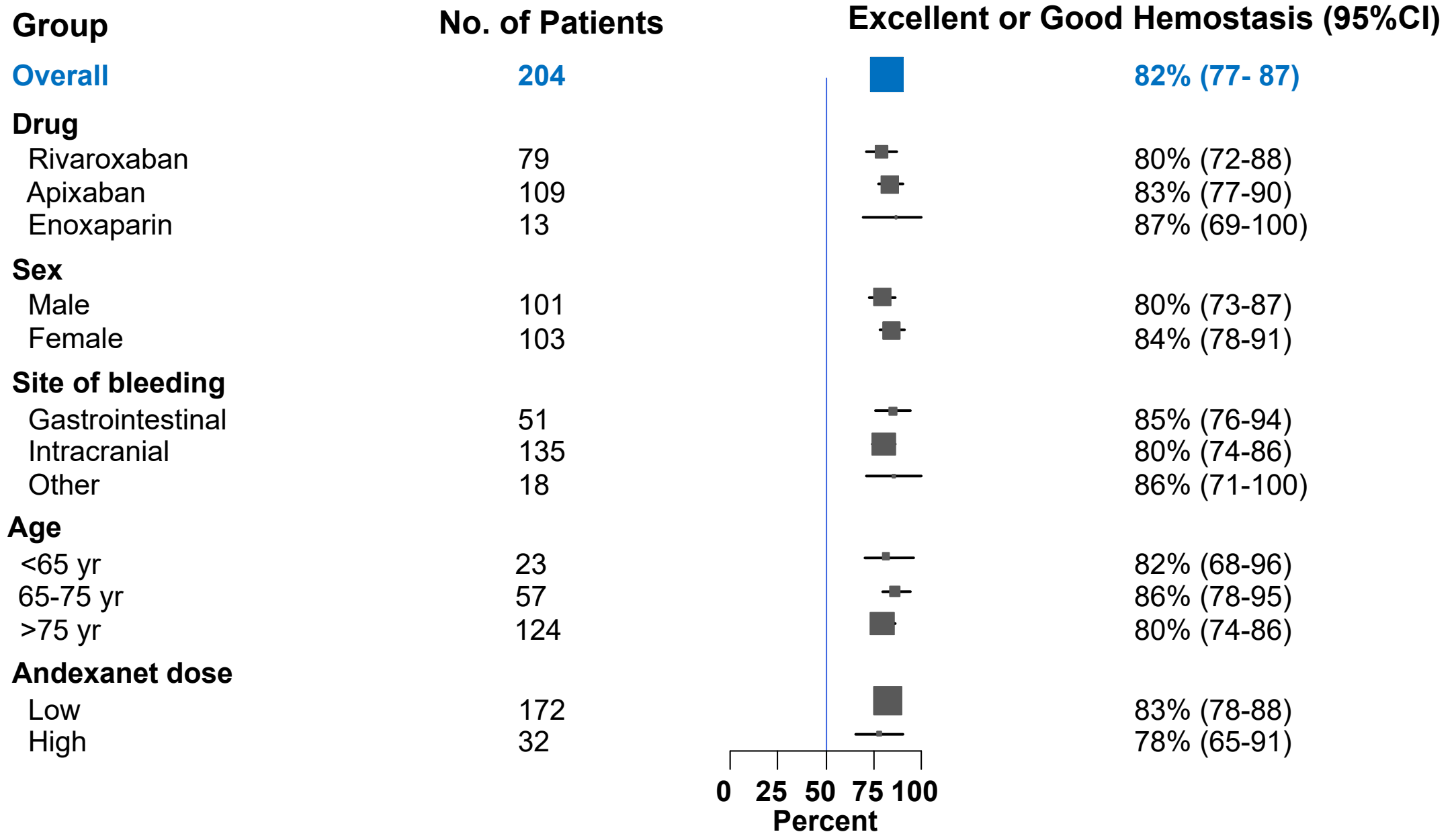
## Effective Hemostasis at 12 Hours Post Andexanet

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Number of Major Bleeds Adjudicated	Number of Patients who Achieved Excellent or Good Hemostasis	Percent of Patients who Achieved Excellent or Good Hemostasis	Binomial Exact 95% Confidence Interval
249	204*	82%	77% – 87%

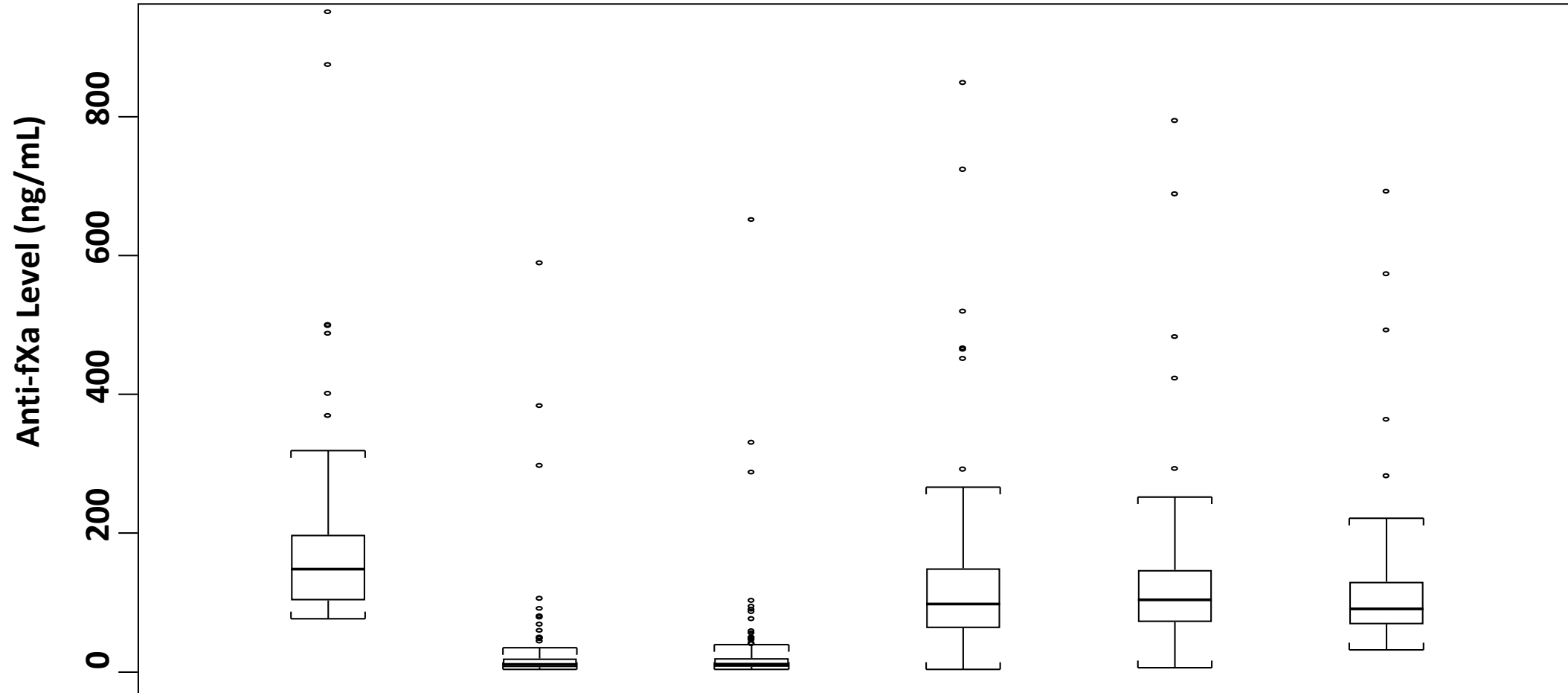
*\* Of 204 patients, 171 (84%) were “excellent” and 33 (16%) were “good”*

# Subgroups



# Anti-fXa Activity in Efficacy Population (N=254)

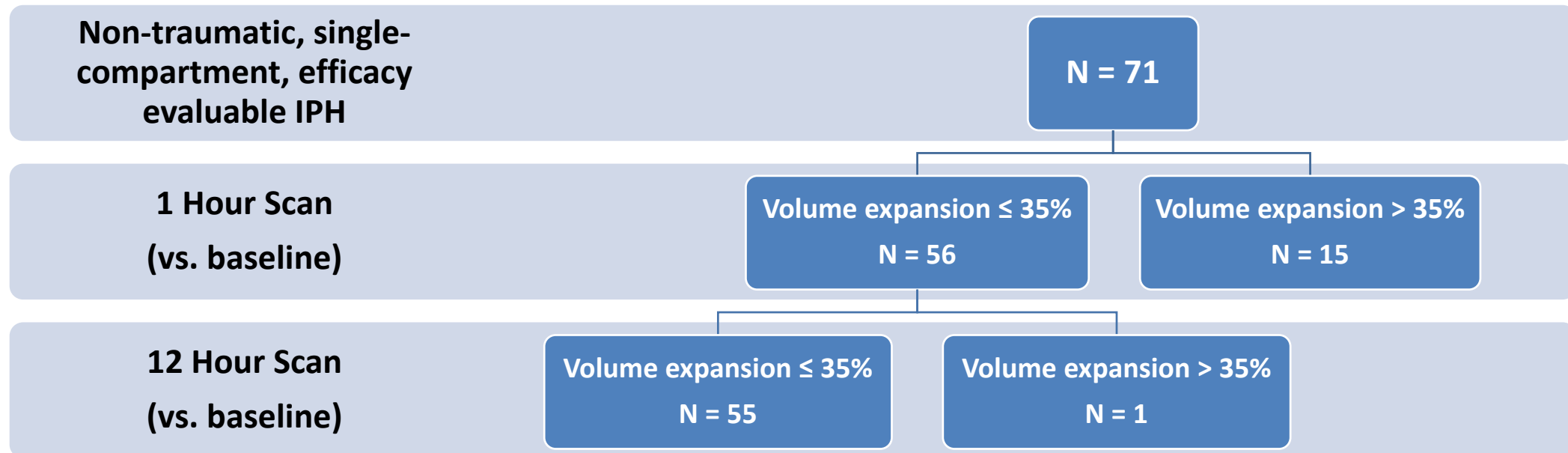
Example here is apixaban



	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>End of Bolus</u>	<u>End of Infusion</u>	<u>4 Hours</u>	<u>8 Hours</u>	<u>12 Hours</u>
<u>Median</u>	149.7	11.1	11.5	97.2	104.6	91.3
<u>Percent Change</u>		-92%	-92%	-32%	-34%	-38%
<u>(95% CI)</u>		(-93 to -91)	(-93 to -91)	(-38 to -29)	(-36 to -27)	(-41 to -34)

# ICH Hematoma Expansion Between 1 and 12 hours

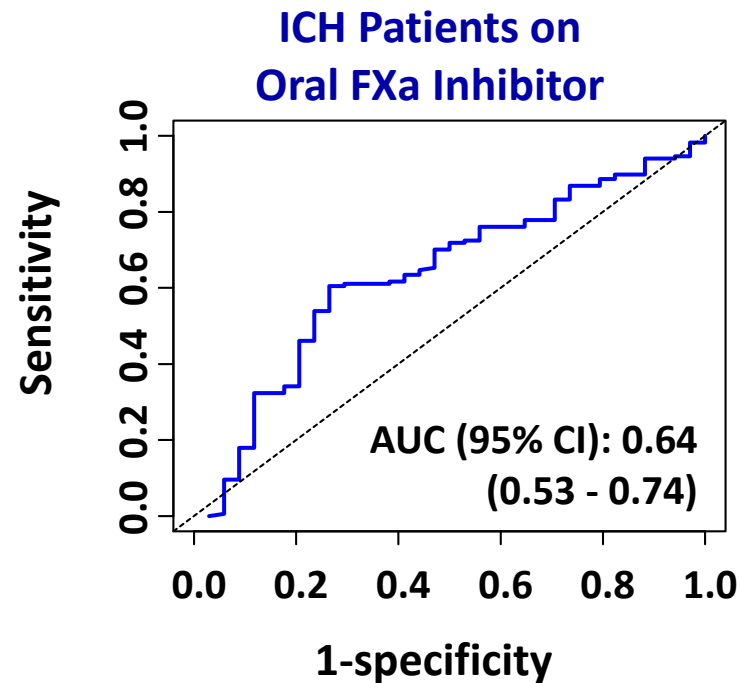
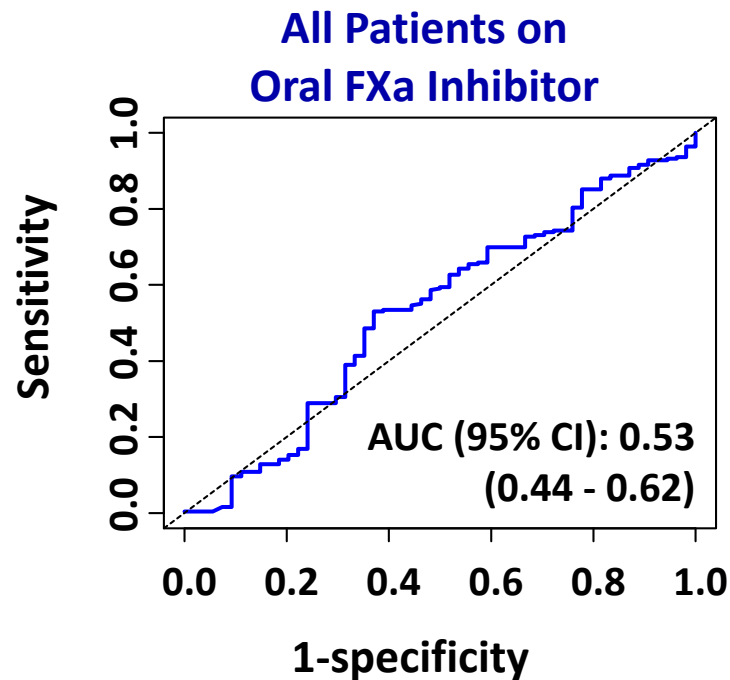
- 71 efficacy evaluable patients had non-traumatic, single-compartment, intraparenchymal hemorrhages
- Of these, 56 had volume expansion  $\leq 35\%$  from baseline at 1 hour
- Of these, **55 of 56 (98%)** had no additional hematoma expansion at 12 hours \*



\* Hematoma volume remained  $\leq 35\%$  vs. baseline

# Biomarker-Efficacy Correlation


- Whole treated population – no significant relationship between hemostatic efficacy and reduction in anti-factor Xa activity
- ICH patients – anti-factor Xa activity reduction magnitude was a predictor of hemostatic efficacy



# Safety – Thrombotic Events

Patients in Safety Analysis (N=352)	Total	<6 days after bolus	6-14 days after bolus	15-30 days after bolus
<b>Patients with at least one thrombotic event within 30 days</b>	<b>34 (9.7%)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Myocardial Infarction	7	6	1	0
Ischemic Stroke (or uncertain etiology)	14	5	6	3
Transient Ischemic Attack	1	0	0	1
Deep Vein Thrombosis	13	1	5	7
Pulmonary Embolism	5	1	0	4

# Safety – Restarting Anticoagulation

**Thrombotic Events**      **34 (9.7%)**            **0**

Before oral anticoagulation restart or never restarted      After oral anticoagulation restart

Patients in Safety Analysis (n=352)	Total	<6 days after bolus	6-14 days after bolus	15-30 days after bolus
Restart of any anticoagulation (includes prophylactic dose heparins)	220 (62%)	145	46	29
Restart of oral anticoagulation	100 (28%)	31	37	32



# Safety – Mortality

Patients in Safety Analysis (N=352)	Total	<6 days after bolus	6-14 days after bolus	15-30 days after bolus
<b>Deaths within 30 days</b>	<b>49 (13.9%)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
Cardiovascular	35	7	15	13
Non-Cardiovascular	12	1	5	6
Uncertain Cause	2	0	1	1

**Mortality Rate by Bleed Type: ICH (15.0%); GI (11.1%)**

# Conclusions

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- Andexanet infusion rapidly reversed anti-fXa activity
- Effective hemostasis adjudicated to occur in 82% of patients
- ICH 30-day mortality was 15%
- Hemostatic efficacy correlated with Anti-fXa reduction in ICH patients but not the general study population
- Thrombotic events at 30 days (9.7%) were in the expected range for the study population and were mitigated by restarting anticoagulation



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