
Anticoagulation Therapy for Liver Disease: A Panacea ?

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Nothing to disclose

Acute or Chronic Liver Disease



Portal hypertension
Liver dysfunction



Bleeding



Sepsis
Multiorgan failure

Anticoagulation Therapy for Liver Disease

- Vascular diseases of the liver
 - Parenchymal diseases of the liver
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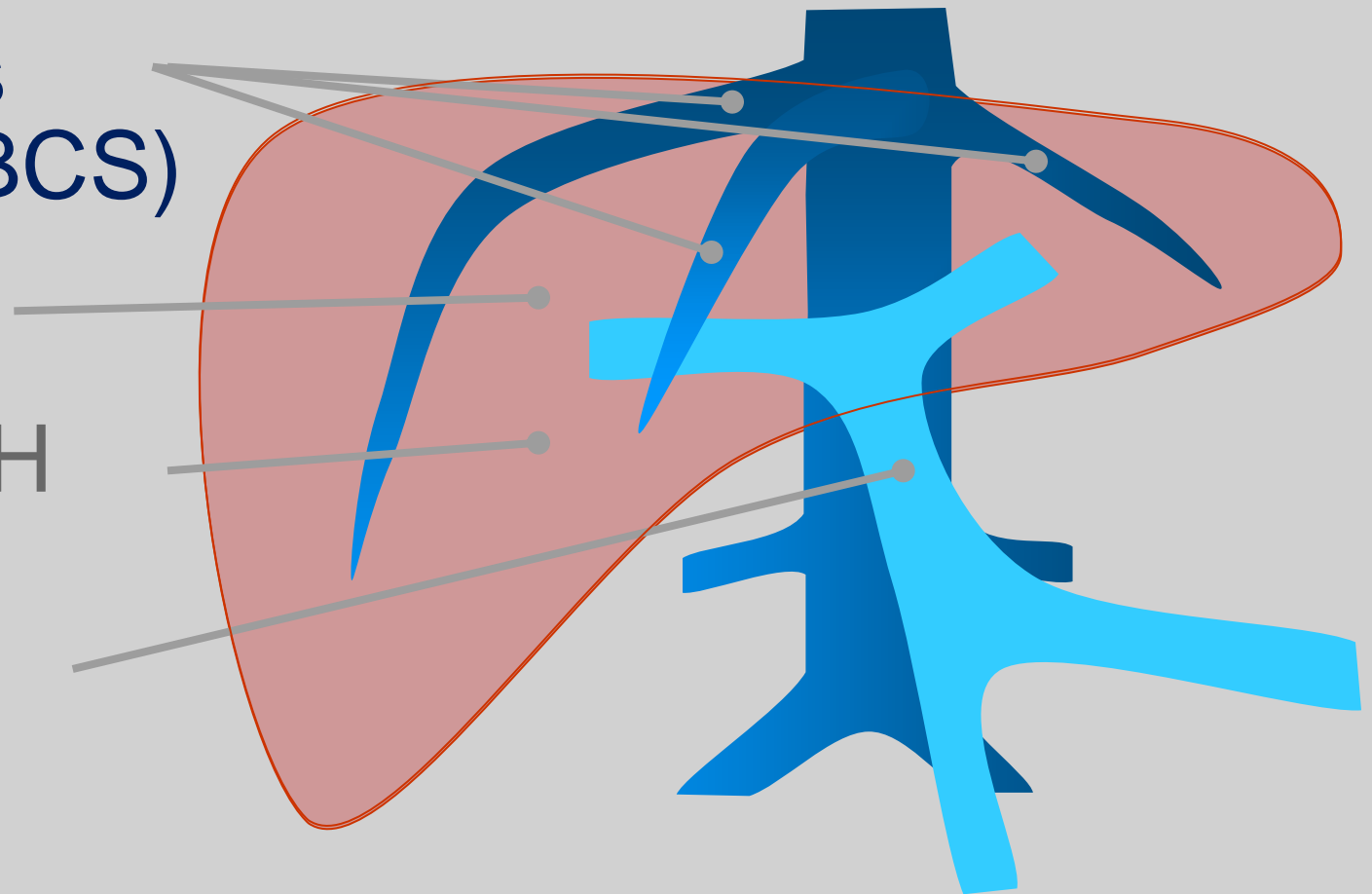
Vascular Liver Diseases

Hepatic veins
thrombosis (BCS)

SOS/VOD

IPH/OPV/NRH

Portal vein
thrombosis



Risk Factors for Venous Thrombosis in Patients with Splanchnic Vein Thrombosis

	HVT	PVT
• At least one	84%	67%
• Multiple	46%	18%
• Local factor	5%	21%

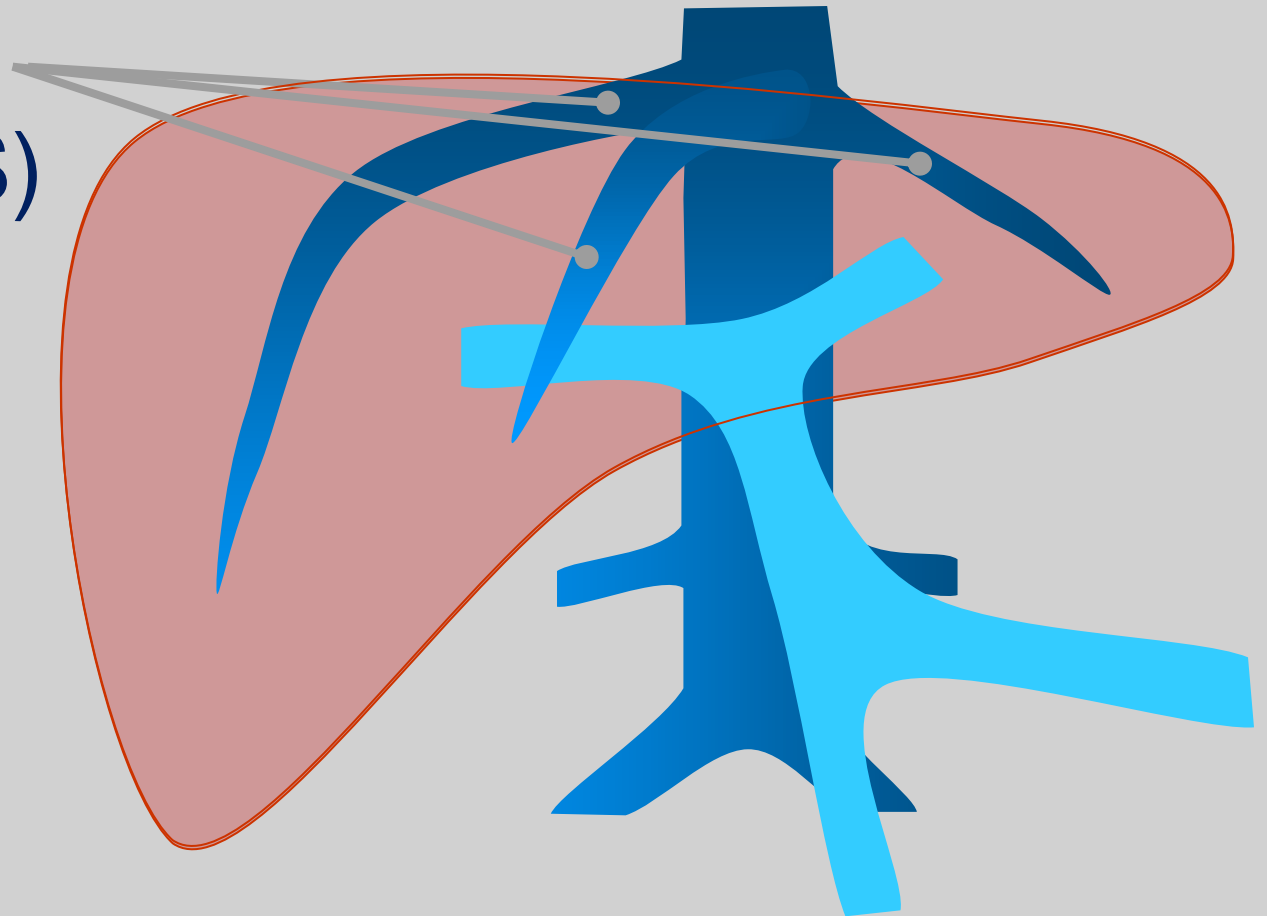
Prothrombotic Diseases in HVT & PVT

	HVT	PVT
Myeloproliferative neoplasms %	50	35
Antiphospholipid syndrome %	15	15
Inherited disorders %	35	35
Others (PNH, Behcet, IBD, ...) %	10	10

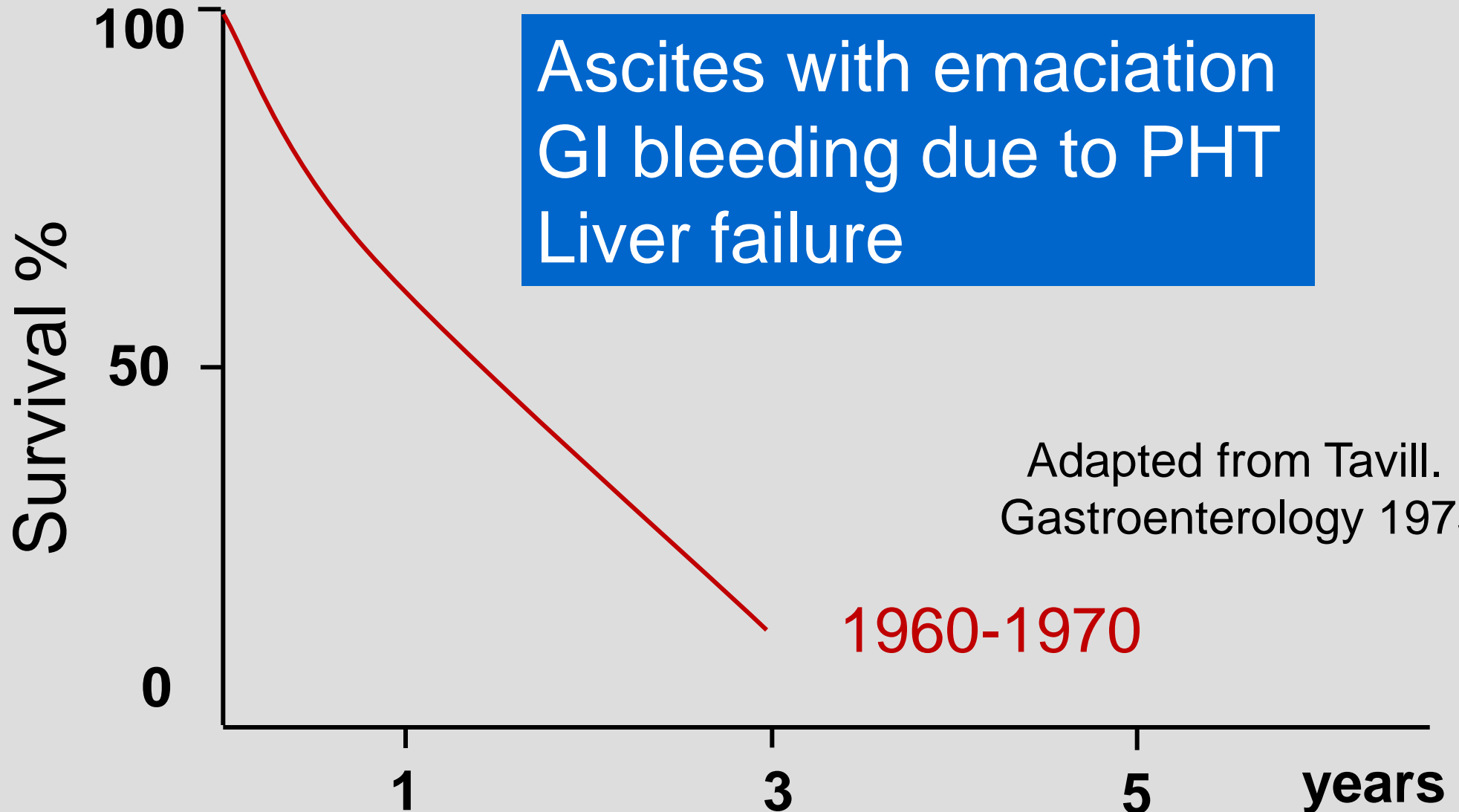
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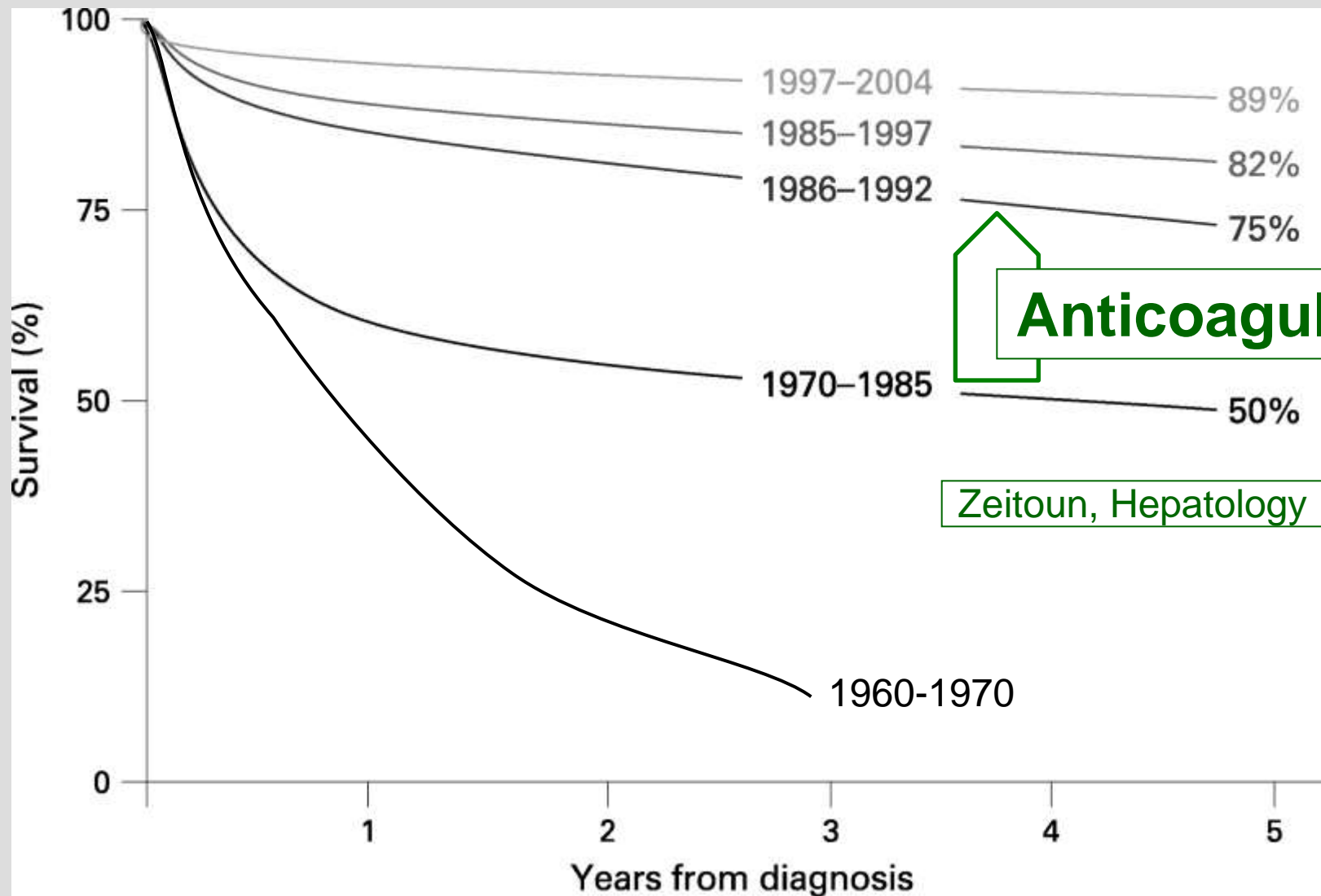
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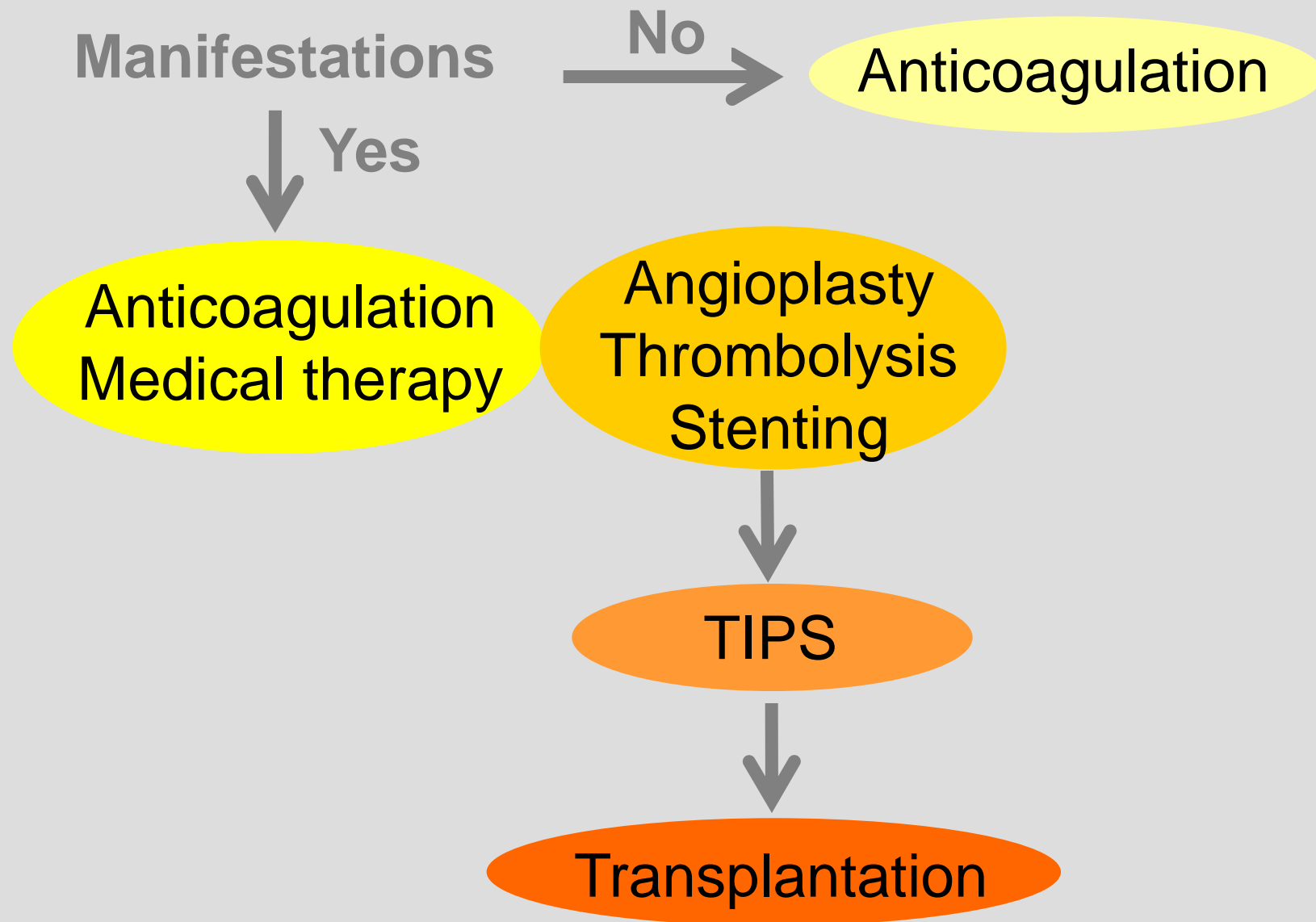


Primary BCS – Natural History



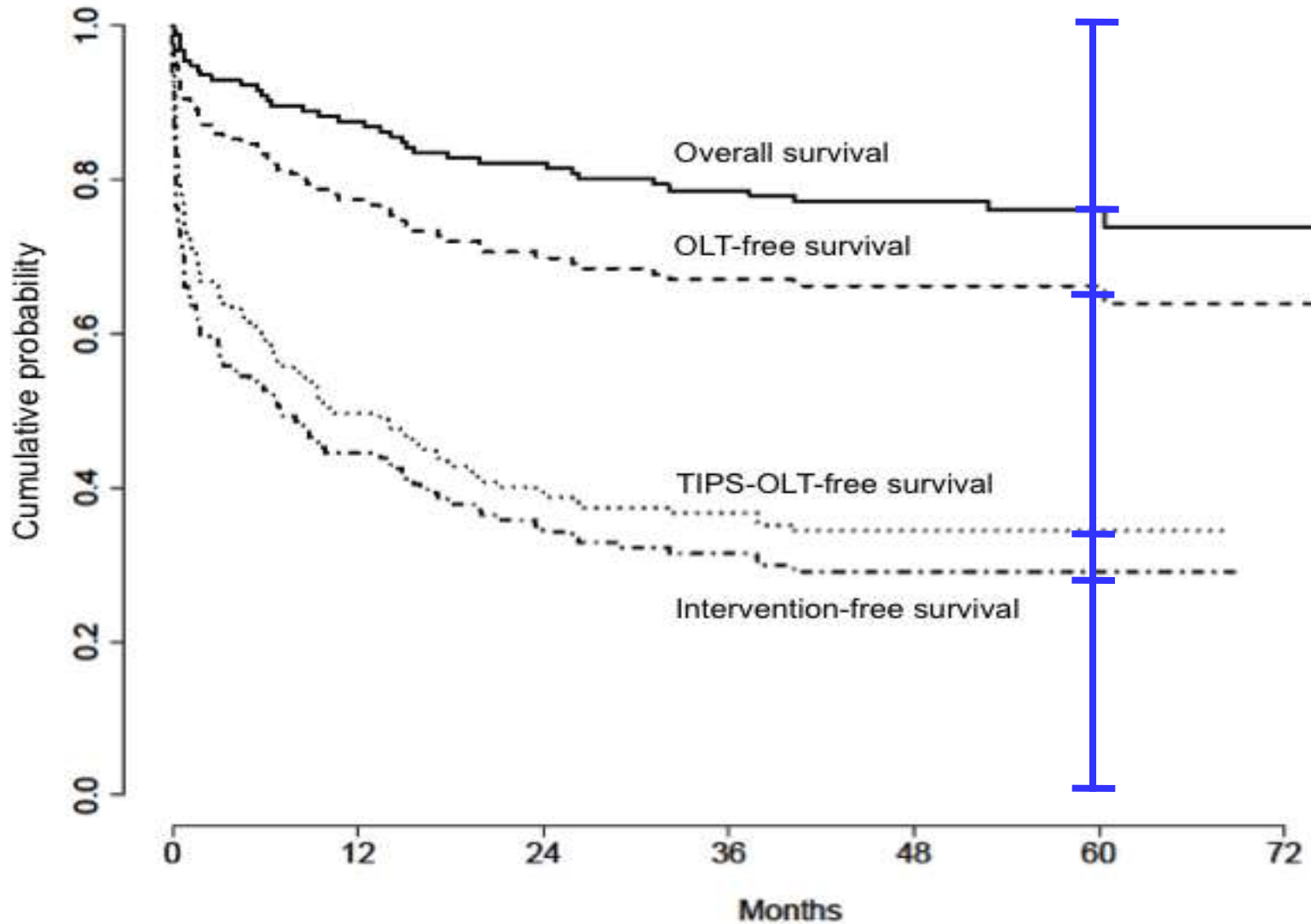
BCS : Improved Survival Over 3 Decades





EASL CPG and Baveno VI Recommendations, 2015

BCS - Current Survival



26% Died

13% LTx

39% TIPS

27% Med. Rx.

BCS - Major Bleeding on Anticoagulation Therapy

	N		Deaths	
Permanent anticoagulation	139	89%		
Bleeding	24	17%	3	2%
Portal hypertension		14		2
Intracranial		3		1
Other		7		0

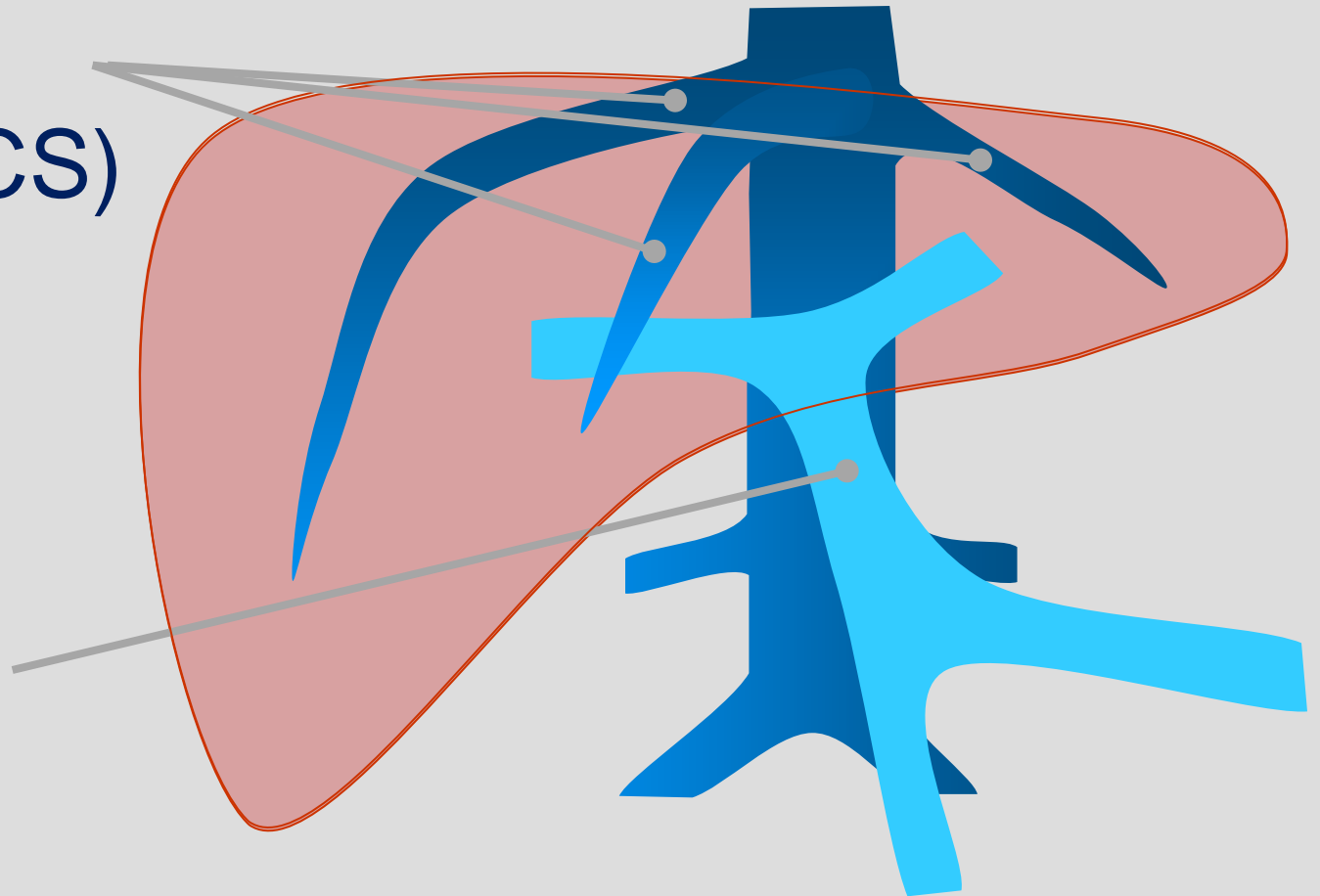
Anticoagulation for BCS

- Acceptable pathophysiological rationale.
 - Circumstantial clinical evidence for a favorable benefit:risk ratio.
 - Still high incidence of adverse events related to anticoagulation therapy.
 - Solid evidence unlikely to appear soon due to rarity. Solid expert consensus.
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Vascular Liver Diseases

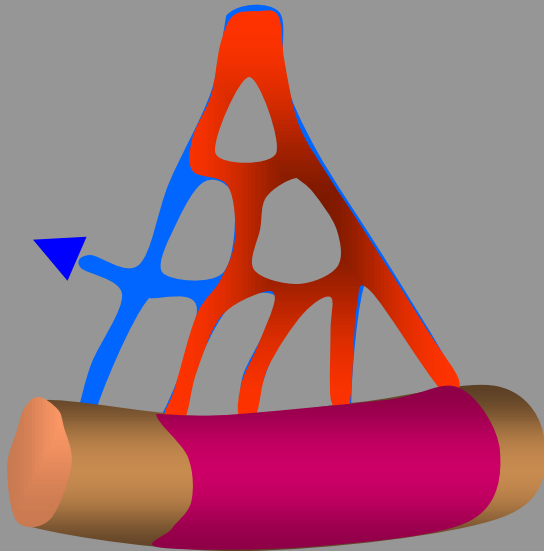
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Portal vein
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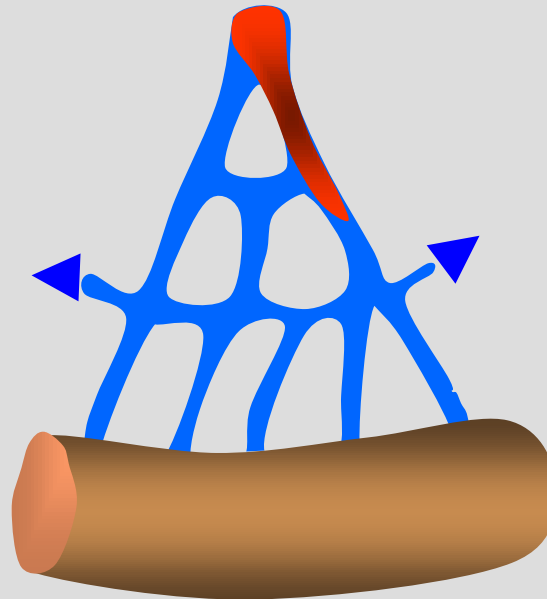
Portal Vein Thrombosis

Intestinal
Ischemia



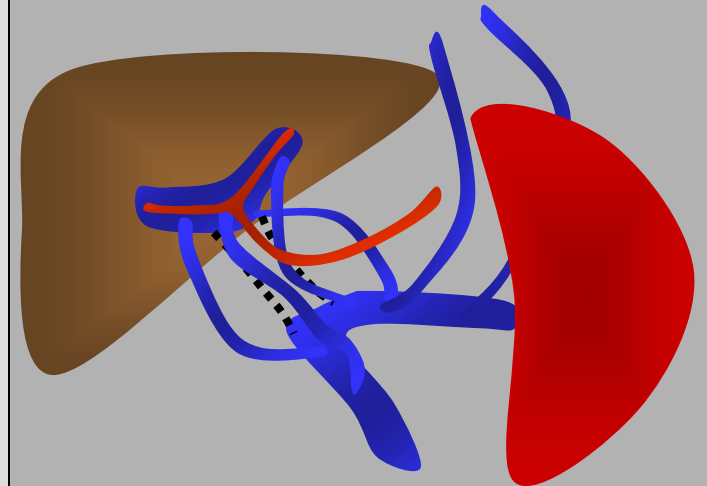
Bleeding
Ascites
MOF

Uncomplicated
Acute PVT



Abdo^{minal} Pain
SIRS

Chronic PVT



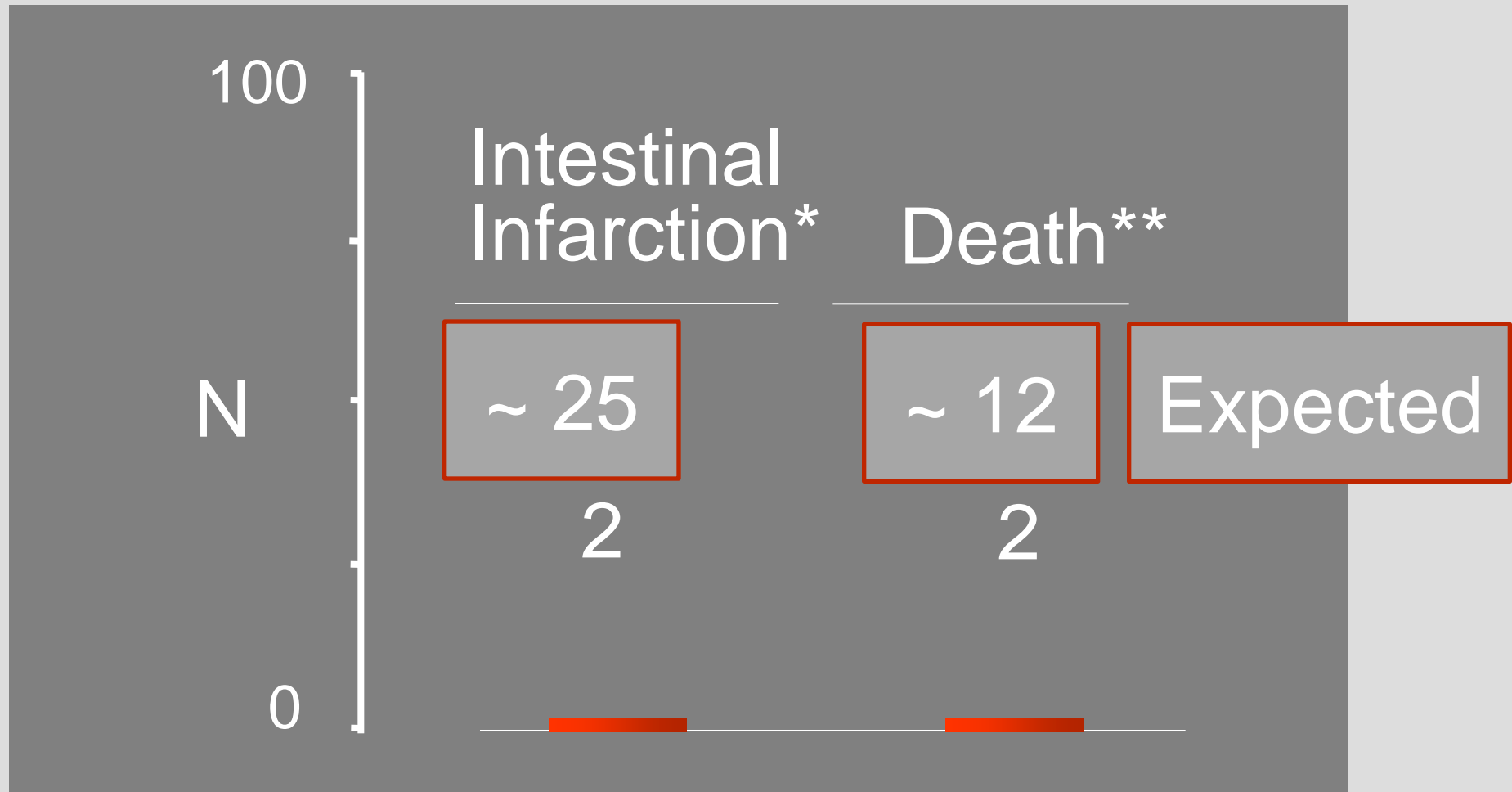
Bleeding
Encephalopathy
Cholangiopathy

Non-cirrhotic, non-malignant PVT Treatment

Preventing potentially lethal complications

- Intestinal infarction
- Recurrent thrombosis
- Portal hypertension

Recent PVT. Anticoagulation in 95 Patients



*Limited intestinal resection. Both survived. **Malignancy 1. Sepsis 1

Non-cirrhotic, non-malignant PVT Treatment

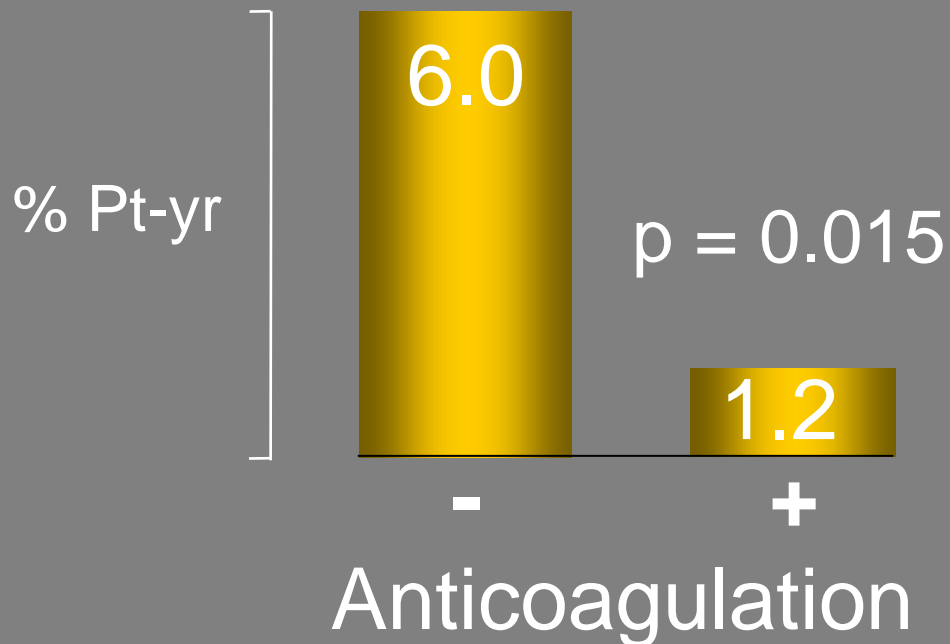
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PVT – Anticoagulation and thrombosis

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New thrombosis



Condat, Gastroenterology 2001

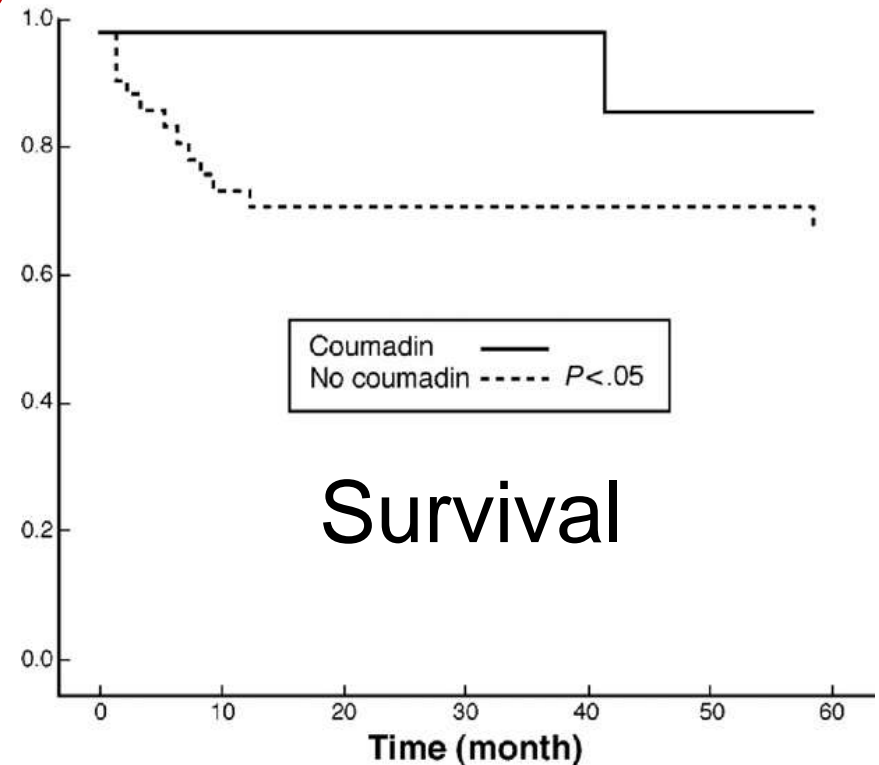
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New thrombosis

HR 0.2, $p = 0.1$

Spaander, JTH 2013

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Survival

Orr, CGH 2007

Non-cirrhotic, non-malignant PVT Treatment

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Anticoagulation for recent (acute) PVT

Anticoagulation

No
anticoagulation

Complete
recanalization

Partial
recanalization

Recanalization

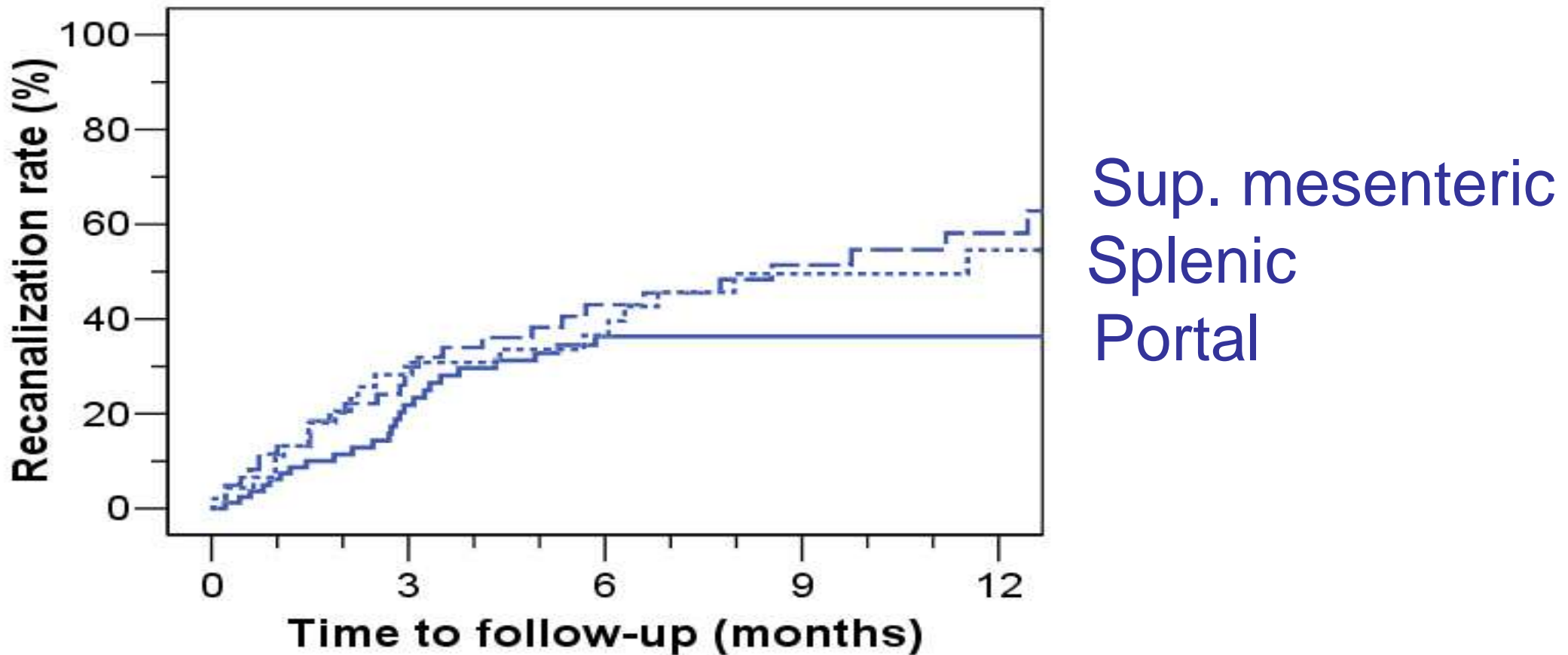
38.3%

14.0%

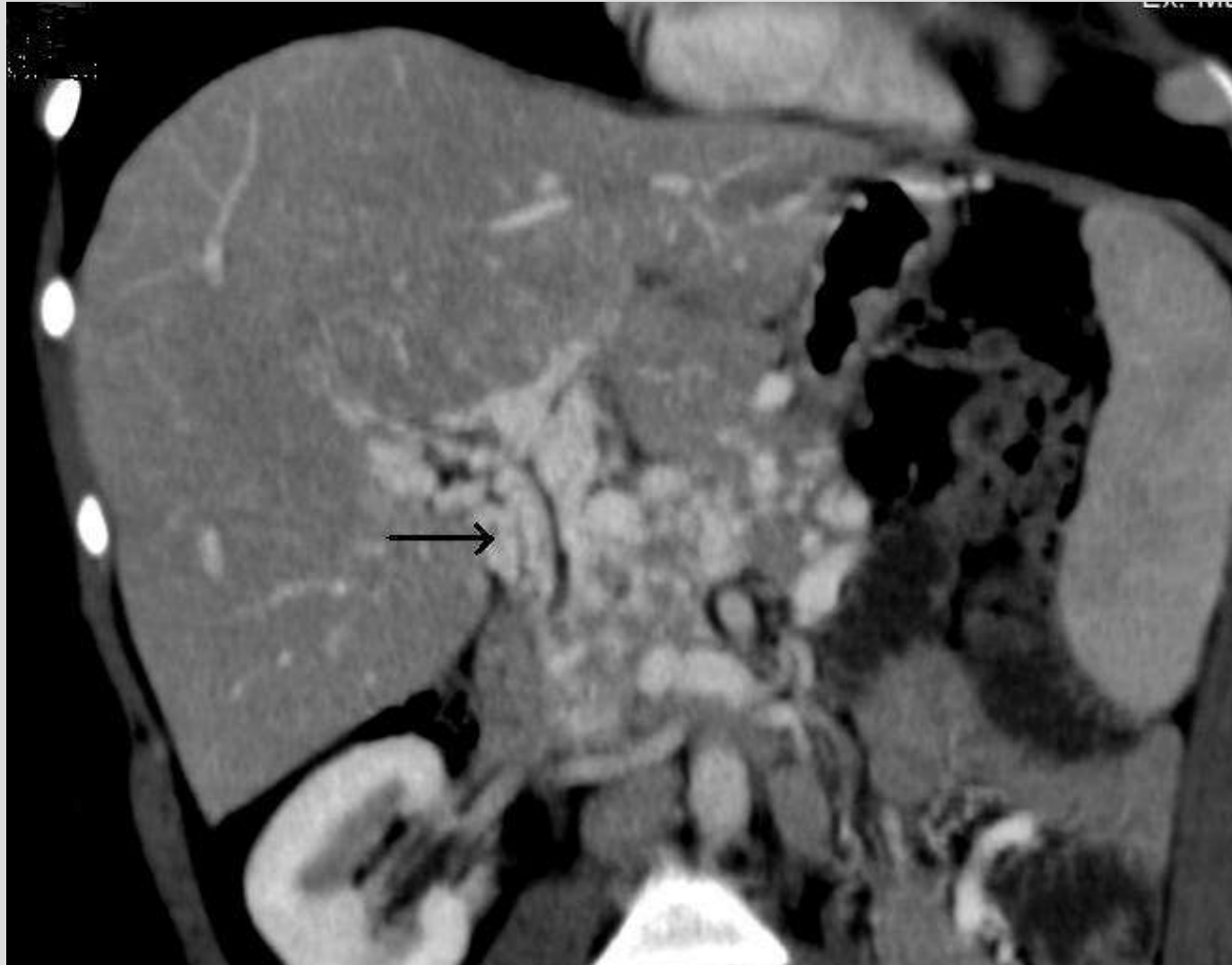
<< 17%

Recent PVT: EN-Vie Cohort

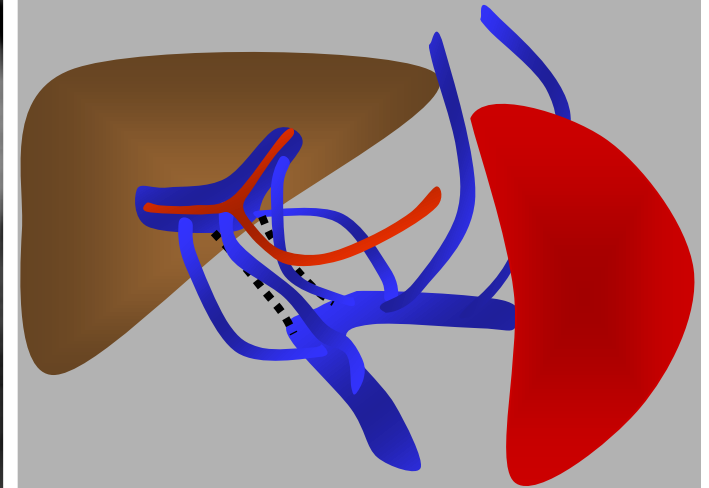
EN-Vie Cohort: 95 anticoagulated patients



Portal Vein Thrombosis

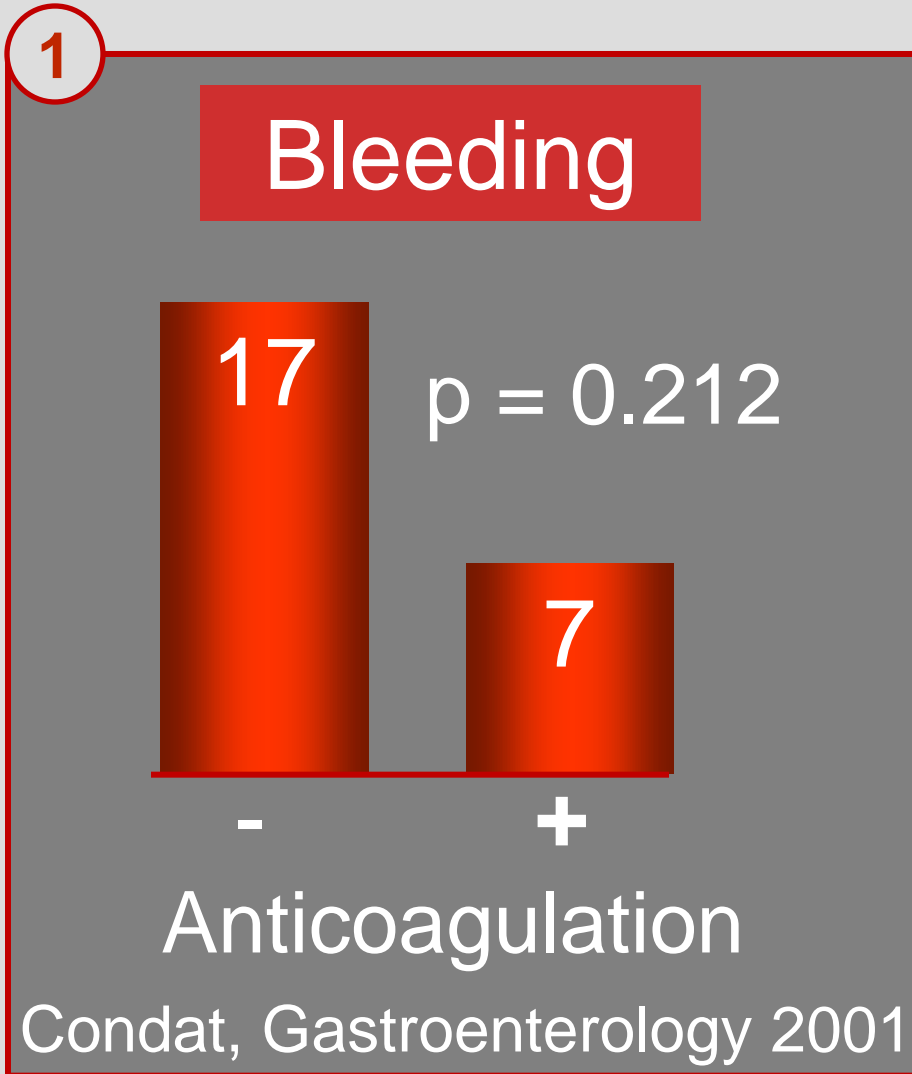


Chronic PVT



Bleeding
Encephalopathy
Cholangiopathy

PVT – Anticoagulation and bleeding



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Bleeding	HR	<i>P</i>
GI bleed*	2.1	<.01
Ascites*	2.0	=.01
Anticoagulant	2.1	<.01

* At baseline Spaander, JTH 2013

PVT - Severity of Bleeding

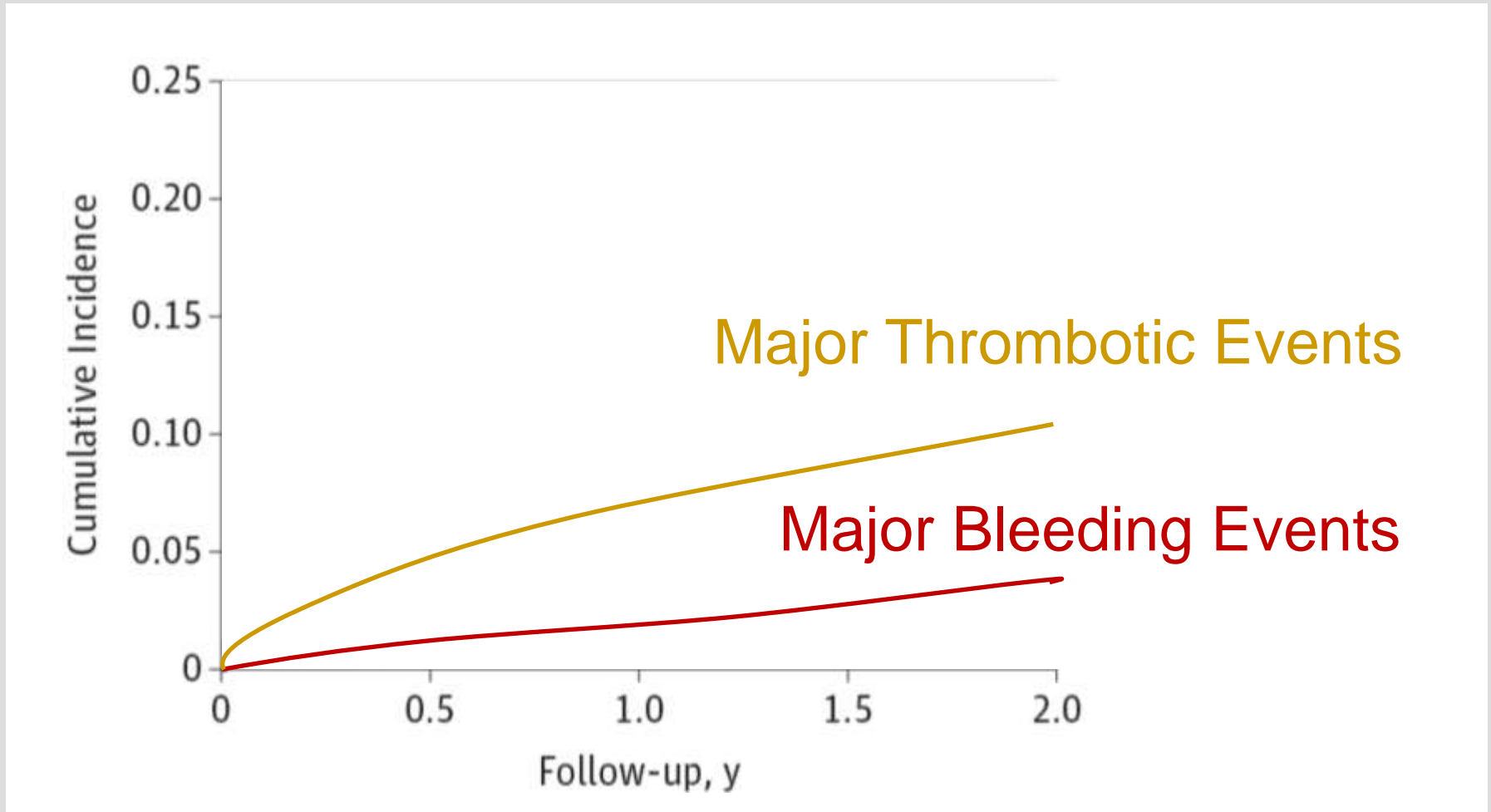
No impact of anticoagulation therapy on

Hemoglobin (g/dL)

Length of stay (days)

Transfusion (N units)

Noncirrhotic Splanchnic Vein Thrombosis



From Ageno, JAMA Intern Med 2015

Anticoagulation for PVT without cirrhosis

- Allows recanalization in 40% of patients seen at the acute stage.
 - Prevents extension/recurrence of thrombosis.
 - May improve long-term outcome in patients with extensive thrombosis.
 - Does not appear to increase the severity of PHT-related bleeding.
 - Has unclear impact on the risk of bleeding.
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PVT : Unresolved treatment issues

- Permanent anticoagulation therapy for all?
- Which criteria for a precision medicine ?
 - Degree of venous involvement
 - Causes and risk factors
 - Personal or familial history

RIPORT

A randomized control trial in patients without highly prothrombotic conditions or previous intestinal ischemia

Anticoagulation therapy for liver disease

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Parenchymal Liver Disease

- Coagulation and hepatic fibrogenesis
 - Coagulation anomalies in liver disease
 - Thrombosis and cirrhosis progression
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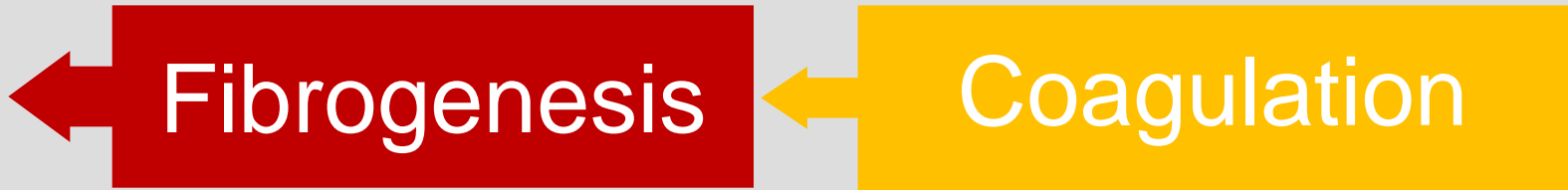
Chronic Liver
Disease



Cirrhosis



Decompensated
Cirrhosis



Fibrogenesis

Coagulation

Murine models

Liver Injury

Levy. Hepatology 1983.
Neubauer. Gastroenterology 1995
Marsden JCI 2003

Activated Coagulation

Marra. Hepatology 1995 & 1998
Mallat. J Biol Chem 1998
Gaca. J Hepatol 2002
Fiorucci. Hepatology 2004.
Gillibert Duplantier. Gut 2004
Rullier. Am J Physiol GI 2007
Anstee. JTH 2008

Thrombin

Fibrin

PAR1

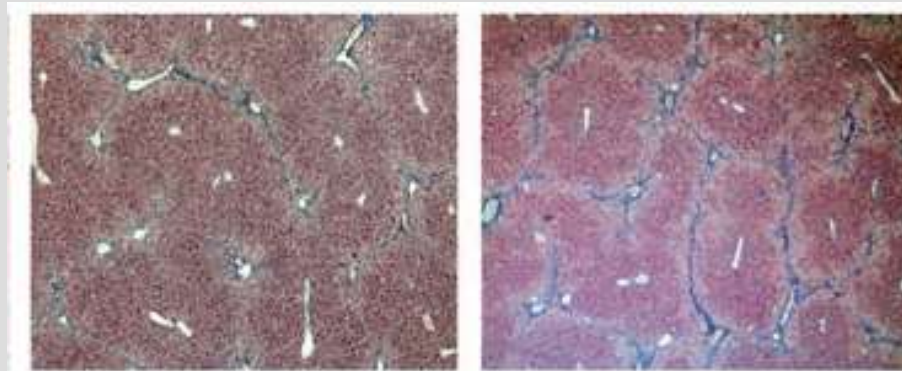
Stellate Cell Activation

CCl4 Murine Model

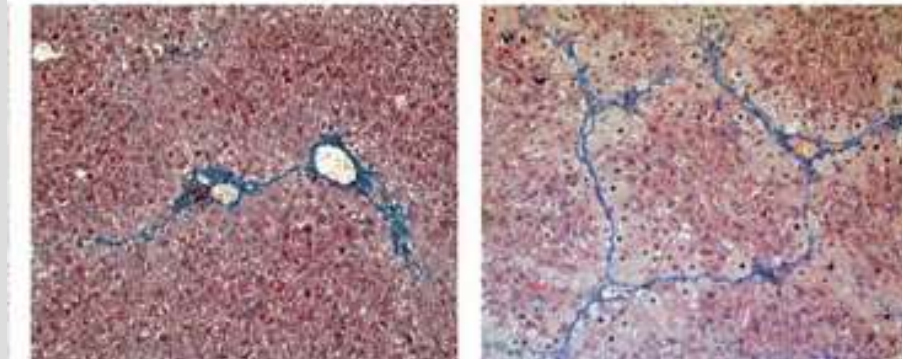
C57BL/6
Control

C57BL/6
FVL Mutant

Four weeks
Low power

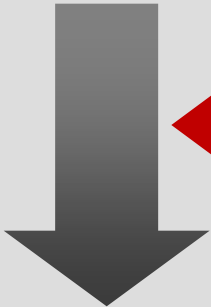


Four weeks
High power



Hepatitis C

Factor V Leiden
OR 3.5



Cirrhosis



Decompensated
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Fibrogenesis

Prothrombotic
factor

Wright. Gut 2003
Poujol-Robert. Hepatology 2004



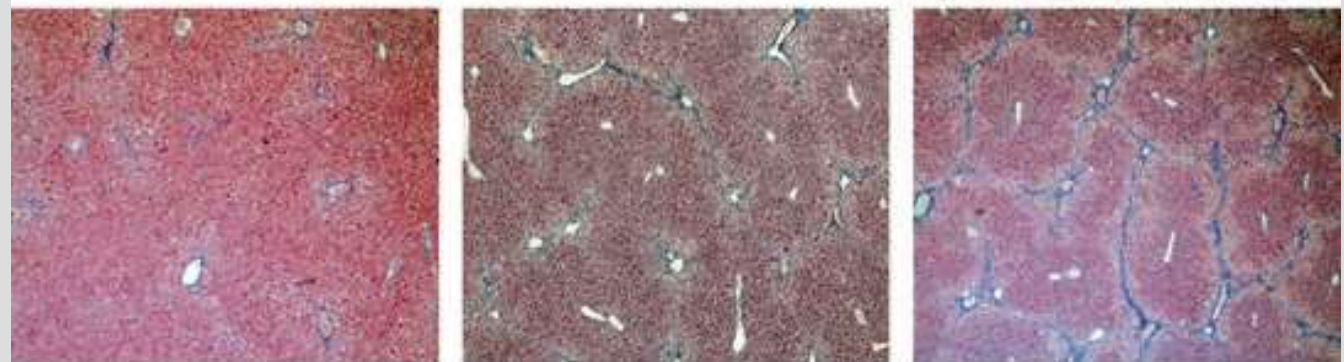
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Warfarin

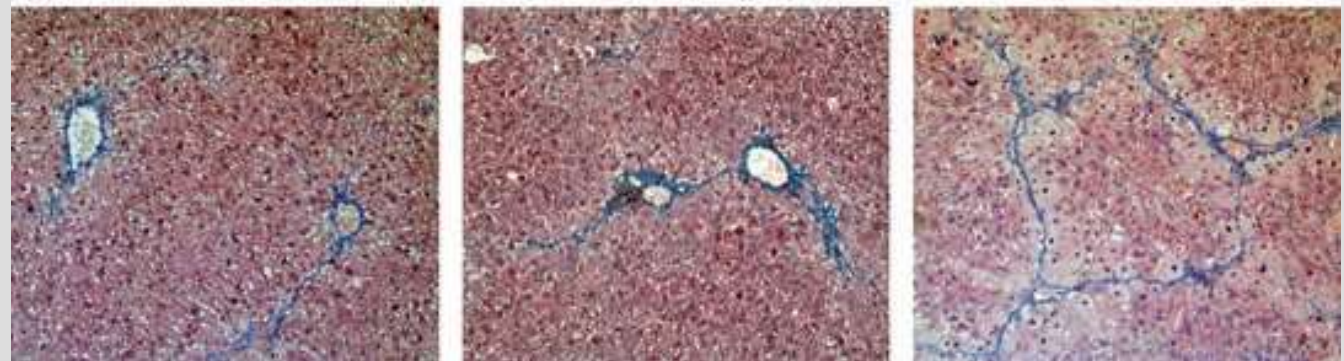
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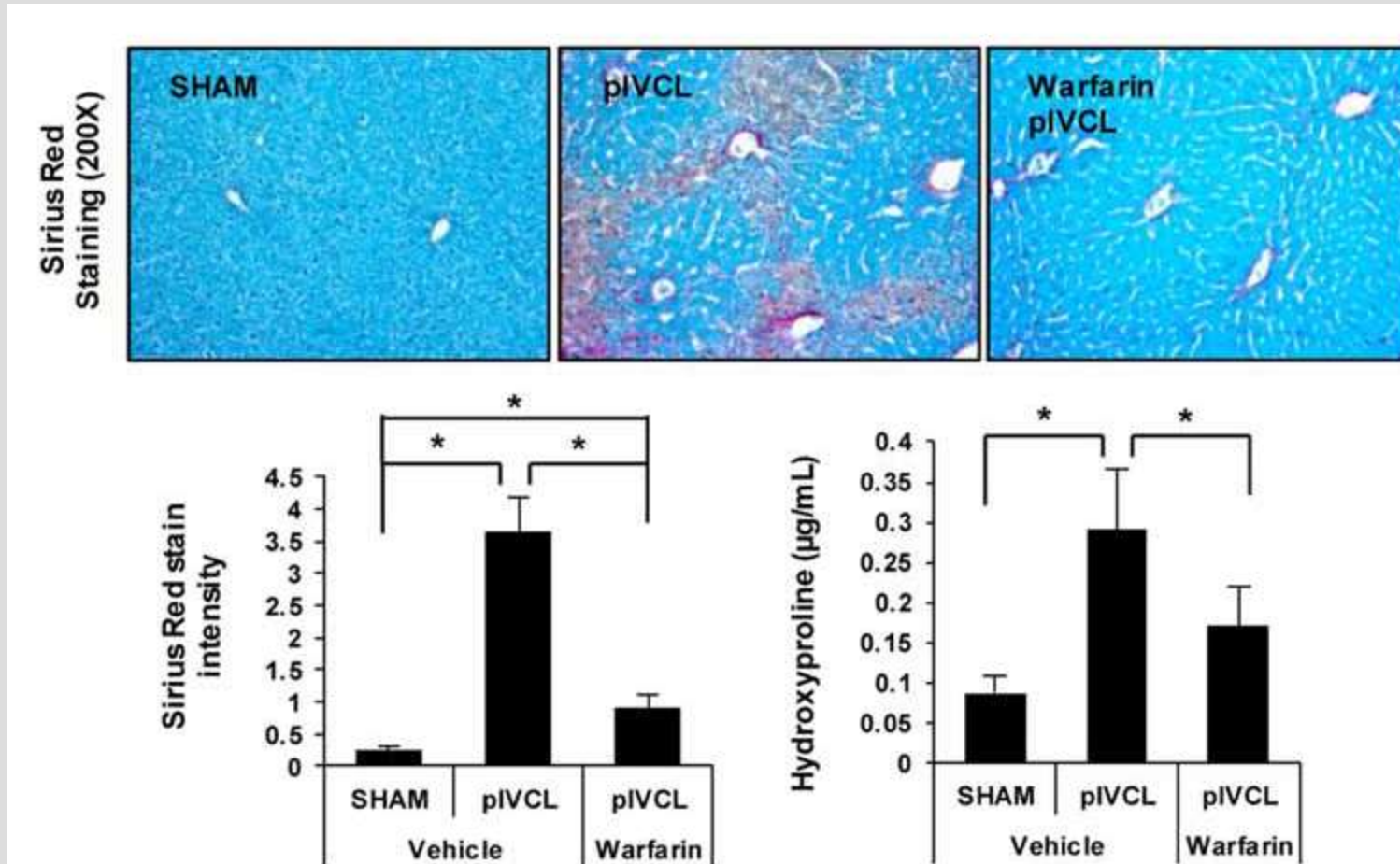
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Murine model of congestive hepatopathy



Parenchymal Liver Disease

- Coagulation and fibrogenesis
 - **Coagulation anomalies in liver disease**
 - Thrombosis and cirrhosis progression
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Coagulation in Cirrhosis

- Platelet counts decreased
 - Factor II, VII, IX and X levels decreased
 - Tissue factor levels increased
 - Coagulation factor VIII increased
 - Von Willebrandt factor increased
 - Clearance of activated factors decreased
 - Coagulation inhibitors decreased
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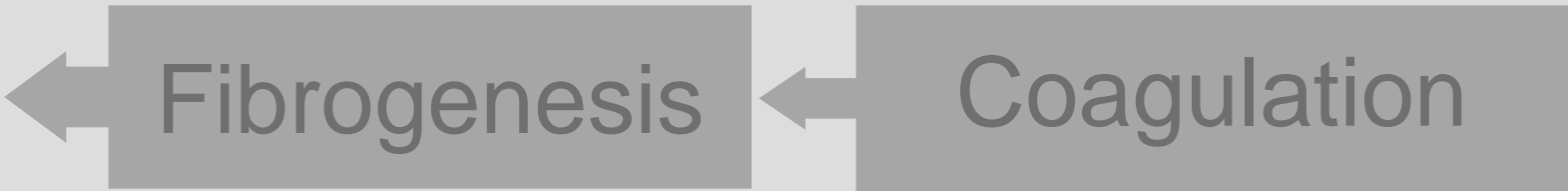
Cirrhosis as a Prothrombotic State ?

- Maintained thrombin generation potential in plasma in vitro
 - In vitro resistance to the anticoagulant action of thrombomodulin (\uparrow factor VIII, \downarrow protein C)
 - TAT, D-dimers and TF microparticles increased
 - Moderate increase in the risk of DVT
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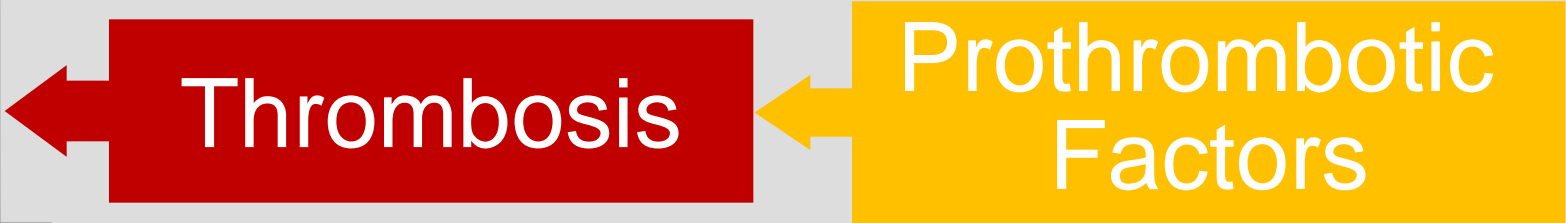
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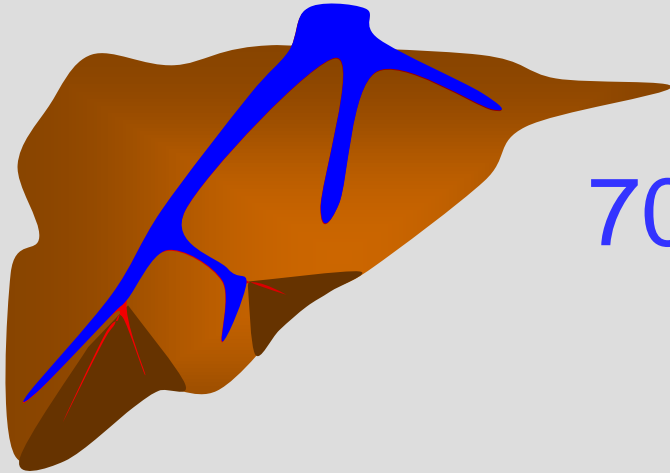


Cirrhosis

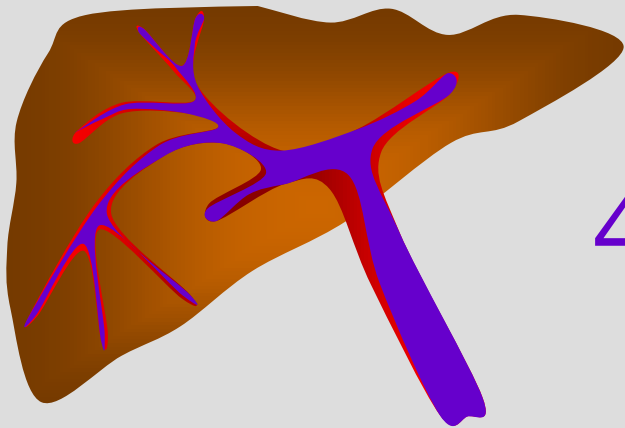


Decompensated
Cirrhosis

Explanted Cirrhotic Livers



70% intrahepatic HV thrombosed



40 % intrahepatic PV thrombosed

Extrahepatic Portal Vein Thrombosis in Cirrhosis



Partial PVT	Occlusive PVT
10% (5-16)	3% (1-4)

Spontaneous regression
40% (31-71)

Extrahepatic Portal Vein Thrombosis in Cirrhosis



Associated with severity in
cross-sectional studies

Inconsistent impact on
mortality in follow-up studies

Nery, Hepatology 2014. Maruyama, Am J Gastro 2013. Luca, Radiology 2012
Englesbe. Liver Transplant 2010. SRTR 22,291 listed candidates. Occlusive PVT 4.02%

Advanced
Cirrhosis



PVT

PVT



Advanced
Cirrhosis

THROMBOCIR Study

- 1243 patients, Child A-B, median f-up 47 mo
- Baseline features, F.V & F.II Leiden
- Portal vein thrombosis, portal flow velocity, liver disease progression

Progression
N = 355

PVT
N = 118

Both
N = 52

PVT and severity of cirrhosis

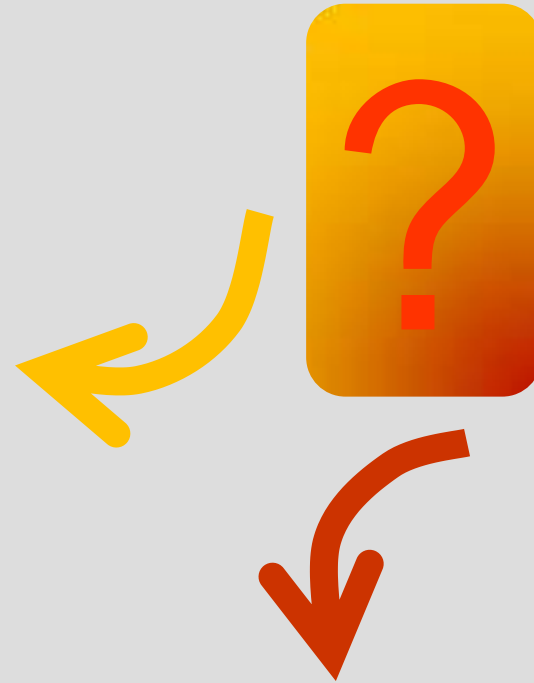
- Time dependent analysis for PVT
 - Severity of liver disease at baseline
 - Not : progression of liver disease
- Time dependent analysis for progression
 - Age, severity of liver disease at baseline
 - Not : PVT

**Advanced
Cirrhosis**



**Portal vein
Thrombosis**

**Advanced
Cirrhosis**



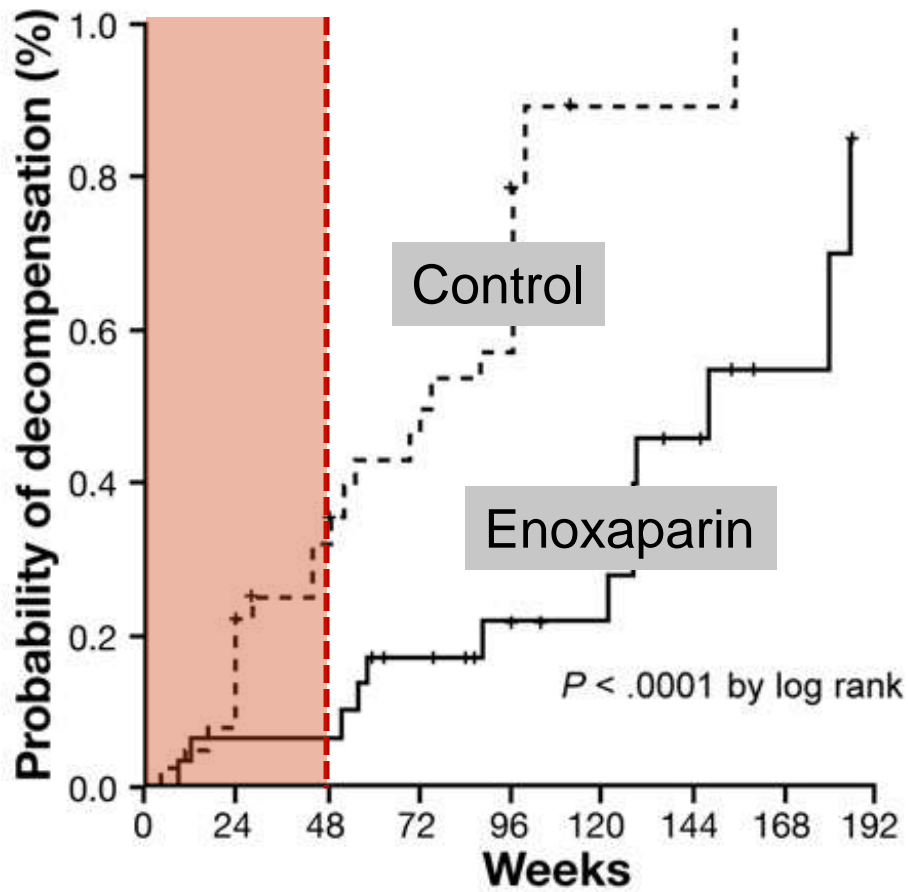
**Portal vein
Thrombosis**

PVT Prophylaxis – Cirrhosis (CTP B7-C10)

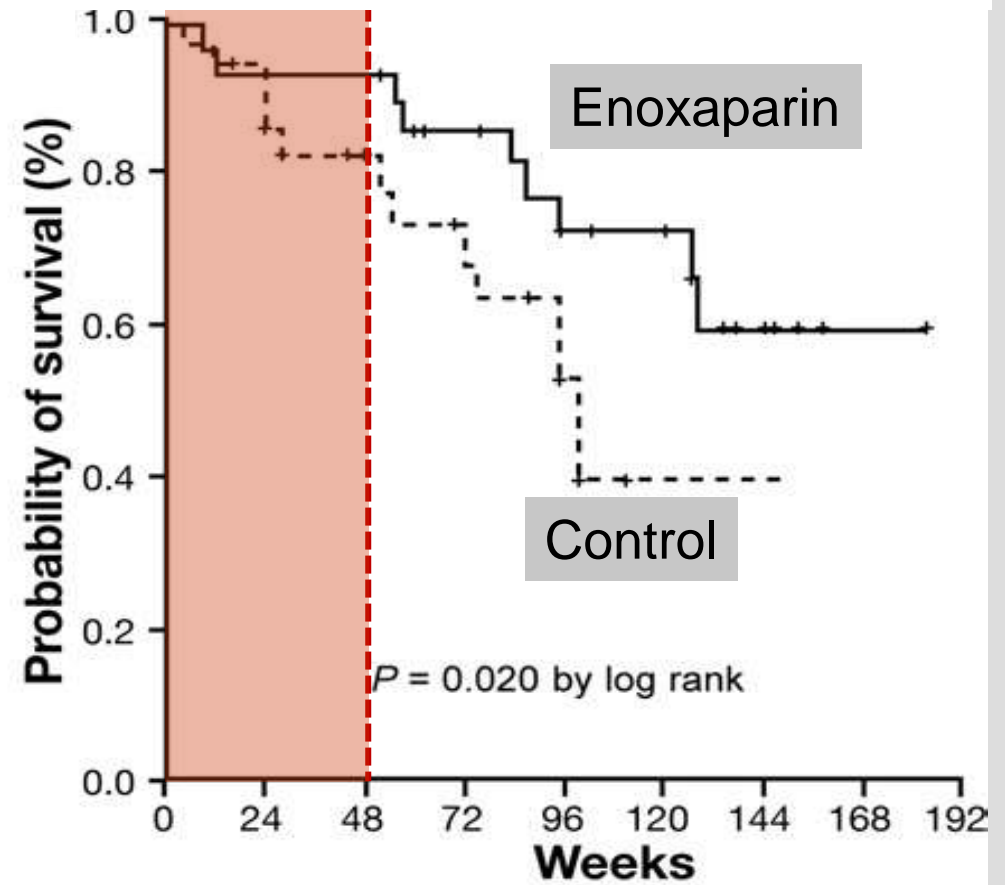
	<u>Control</u>	<u>Enoxaparin</u>
N. of patients	36	34
Partial PVT	3	0
Complete PVT	3	0
Decompensation	19	4

Villa. Gastroenterology 2012. Enoxaparin 4.000 UI/d, for 12 mo.

Decompensation



Survival



Villa. Gastroenterology 2012. Enoxaparin 4.000 UI/d, for 48 weeks.

**Advanced
Cirrhosis**



Enoxaparin

**Portal Vein
Thrombosis**

Villa, E. et al. Gastroenterology 2012

Nery, F. et al The Liver Meeting 2013. Communication #127

Anticoagulation therapy (AT) for PVT in cirrhosis

Complete recanalization	41.5%
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Major AT related complication	3%
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AT related death	0
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OR for recanalization 4.16 (1.88-9.20)

Anticoagulation for Parenchymal Liver Disease (I)

- Detrimental role of coagulation activation in hepatic fibrogenesis.
- Favorable effect of anticoagulation in animal model of hepatic fibrogenesis; to be ascertained in patients.
- Thrombin generation potential normal or increased in patients with cirrhosis.
- Intrahepatic thromboses associated with severe disease.

Anticoagulation for Parenchymal Liver Disease (II)

- PVT is a marker, but not a direct cause, for progression of liver disease.
- A common determinant to PVT and progression would best explain the findings.
- This common determinant could be targeted by enoxaparin therapy.
- Curative therapy for PVT has not yet been shown to ameliorate outcome

Anticoagulation for Parenchymal Liver Disease (III)

In waiting for additional data from randomized controlled trial,

Anticoagulation can be considered in patients with cirrhosis and established portal vein thrombosis when

- in a context of acute intestinal ischemia;
- there is an associated highly prothrombotic condition;
- the patient is a transplant candidate

Collaborations

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European network for vascular diseases of
the liver (VALDIG)

(JC. Garcia-Pagan, H. Janssen)

Progression of Fibrosis in Experimental Cirrhosis

- Hypoxia is associated with angiogenesis and the progression of fibrosis
- Hypoxia induces VEGF and Collagen 1 expression in stellate cells

Transjugular Intrahepatic Porto-Systemic Shunt (TIPS)

