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THE MICHELLE TRIAL

MEDICALLY ILL HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS FOR COVID –
THROMBOSIS EXTENDED PROPHYLAXIS WITH
RIVAROXABAN THERAPY

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BACKGROUND

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The devastating Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic is associated with a high prothrombotic state.¹

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It is unclear if the coagulation abnormalities occur because of the direct effect of SARS-CoV-2 or indirectly by the cytokine storm and endothelial damage or by a combination of mechanisms.²

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There is a clear indication of in-hospital pharmacological thromboprophylaxis for every patient with COVID-19 after bleed risk assessment.³

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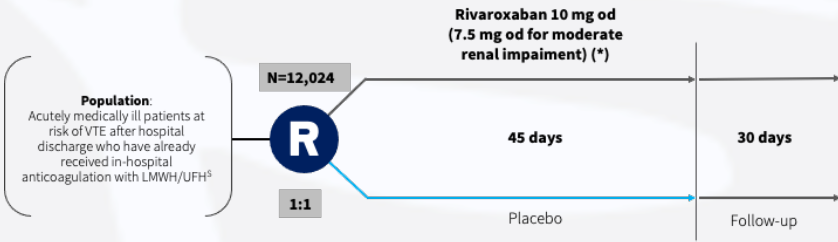
However, there is much debate regarding the best dosage regimen, and there is no consensus on the role of extended thromboprophylaxis.⁴

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Current antithrombotic statements are conflicting for the need (or not) for post-hospital discharge thromboprophylaxis in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.⁵

MARINER Evaluated Rivaroxaban Versus Placebo for Prophylaxis of VTE After Hospital Discharge in Acutely Medically Ill Patients

Objective: Efficacy and safety of rivaroxaban compared with placebo for the prevention of symptomatic VTE and VTE-related death post-hospital discharge in high-risk, acutely medically ill patients



Design: Multicentre, prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, event-driven study

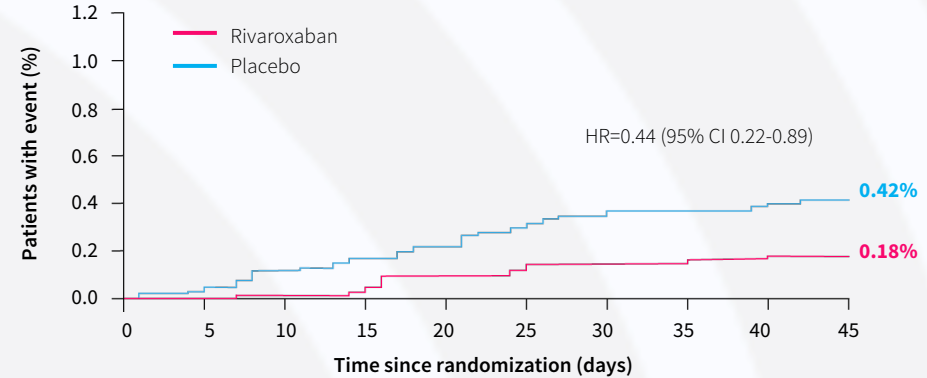
Indication: VTE prevention in acutely medically ill patients

PPFV: Q2-14
LPLV: Q2-18

(*) Patients with CrCl >30 to <50 ml/min. (**) Hospitalization period of 3-10 consecutive days. At risk of VTE defined as IMPROVE score ≥ 2 or 2 or 3 plus D-dimer level $2 \times$ ULN range

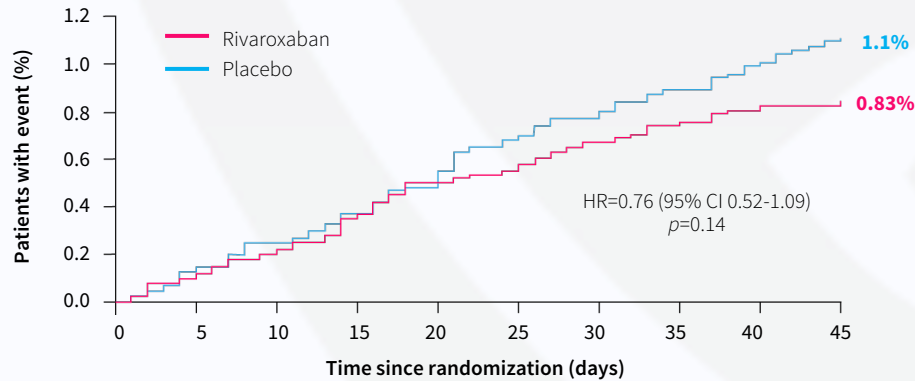
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Significant Reduction of Symptomatic VTE with Rivaroxaban After Discharge in Acutely Medically Ill Patients



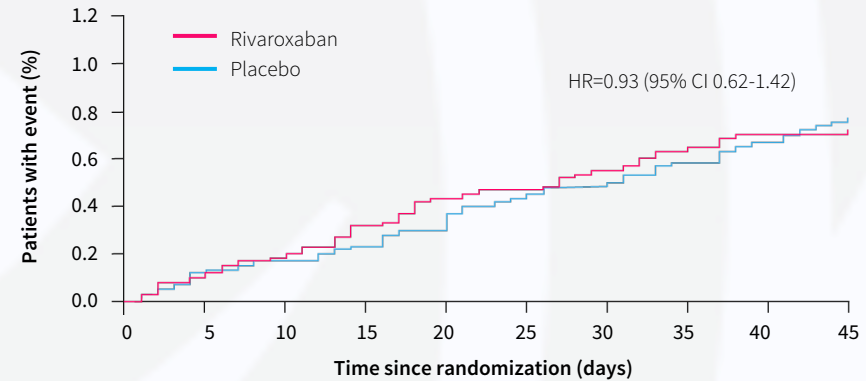
VTE-Related Death Rates with Rivaroxaban Were Not Significantly Different vs Placebo

Cumulative event rates for composite of symptomatic VTE or VTE-related death (*)



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Cumulative event rates for VTE-related death (*)



↓ **56% symptomatic VTE**
No Bleeds

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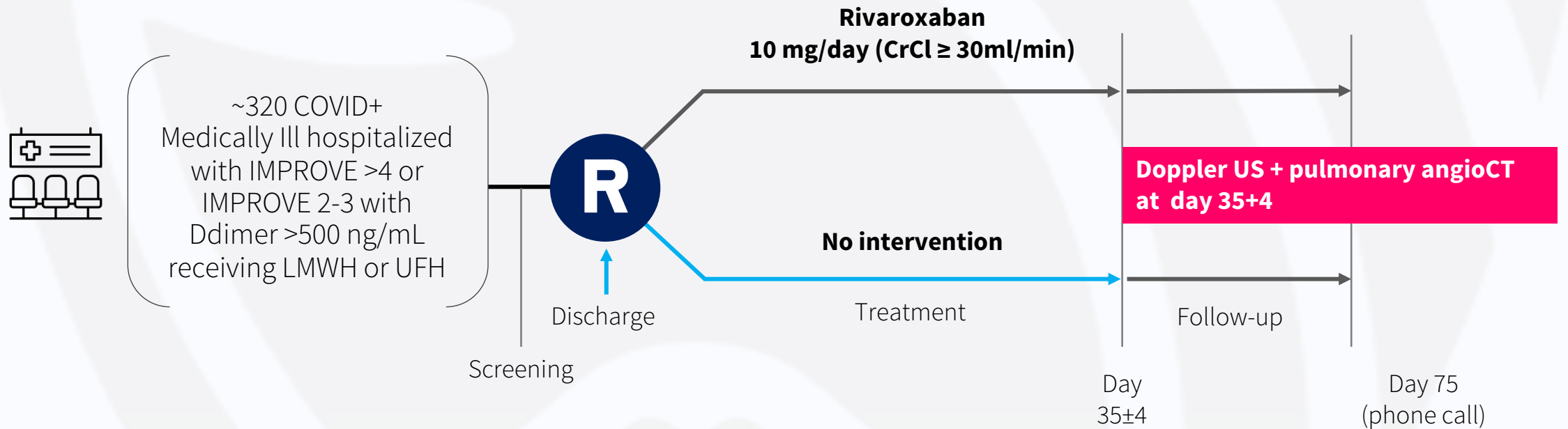


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MICHELLE STUDY DESIGN

Design: Prospective, randomized, open-label, controlled, multi-center trial



Primary endp: symptomatic VTE, VTE-related death, VTE detected by mandatory bilateral lower limbs venous duplex scan and pulmonary angioCT on day 35±4 post-hospital discharge and (myocardial infarction [MI], non-hemorrhagic stroke, major adverse limb events [MALE] and cardiovascular [CV] death + all cause death up to day 35±4 post-hospital discharge.

Power: 80%, Two sided alpha 0.05 (Control 15%, Treatment 5% 60% RRR)

KEY INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA

KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Patients \geq 18 years hospitalized for minimum of 3 days with standard dose thromboprophylaxis (LMWH, fondaparinux or UFH) prior to randomization for SARS-CoV-2 infection (COVID-19)
- Total modified IMPROVE VTE Risk Score \geq 4 OR total modified IMPROVE VTE Risk Score 2 or 3 and D dimer $>$ 500 ng/ml during index hospitalization

KEY EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Bleeding Risks
 - Any bleeding within 3 months
 - Surgery, biopsy or trauma 4 weeks prior or planned
 - Active gastroduodenal ulcer
 - Active cancer
- Required anticoagulation after discharge
- Use of dual antiplatelet therapy during the index hospitalization
- Creatinine clearance $<$ 30 ml/min
- Concomitant Medications
 - Combined P-gp and strong CYP3A4 inhibitors
 - Combined P-gp and strong CYP3A4 inducers

IMPROVE DD VTE

RISK SCORE

VTE RISK FACTOR	POINTS
Previous VTE	3
Known thrombophilia	2
Lower-limb paralysis	2
History of cancer (*)	2
Immobilization \geq 1 day (*)	1
ICU/CCU stay	1
Age >60 years	1
D dimer \geq 2X UNL	2

(*) Modified for the MARINER clinical trial | ICU = intensive care unit; CCU = critical care unit.

MICHELLE TRIAL ENDPOINTS

PRIMARY OUTCOME

Composite of symptomatic VTE, VTE-related death, and VTE detected at bilateral lower limbs venous duplex scan and computed tomography pulmonary angiogram and symptomatic arterial thromboembolism (myocardial infarction (MI), non-hemorrhagic stroke, major adverse limb event (MALE), and cardiovascular (CV) death at day 35.

KEY SAFETY OUTCOME

Incidence of major bleeding according to ISTH criteria.

SECONDARY OUTCOME

A composite of MI, stroke, arrhythmias, heart failure, VTE, and all-cause death.

Endpoints were adjudicated by a blinded independent committee

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

SAMPLE SIZE CALCULATIONS

1

Power of 80% and $\alpha = 0.05$

2

Anticipated occurrence of the primary efficacy endpoint of 15% in the control group and 5% of the treatment group (RRR = 67%).

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If there is a true difference in favor of the proposed treatment of 10% (15% vs. 5%), then 282 patients were required

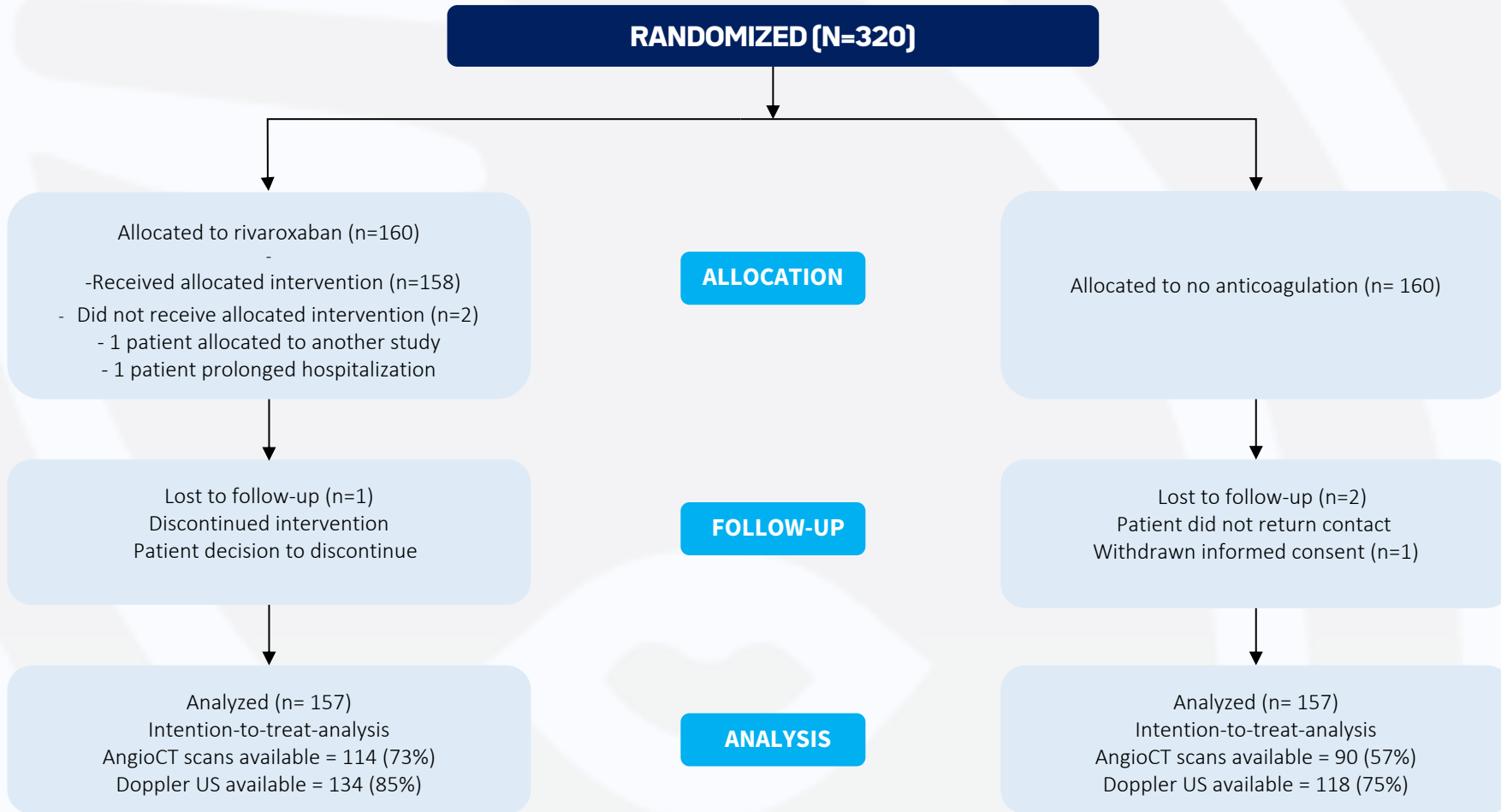
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With a drop-out rate of 10%, a total of **320** patients was necessary (160 per arm).

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The primary analysis was performed using the intention-to-treat principle

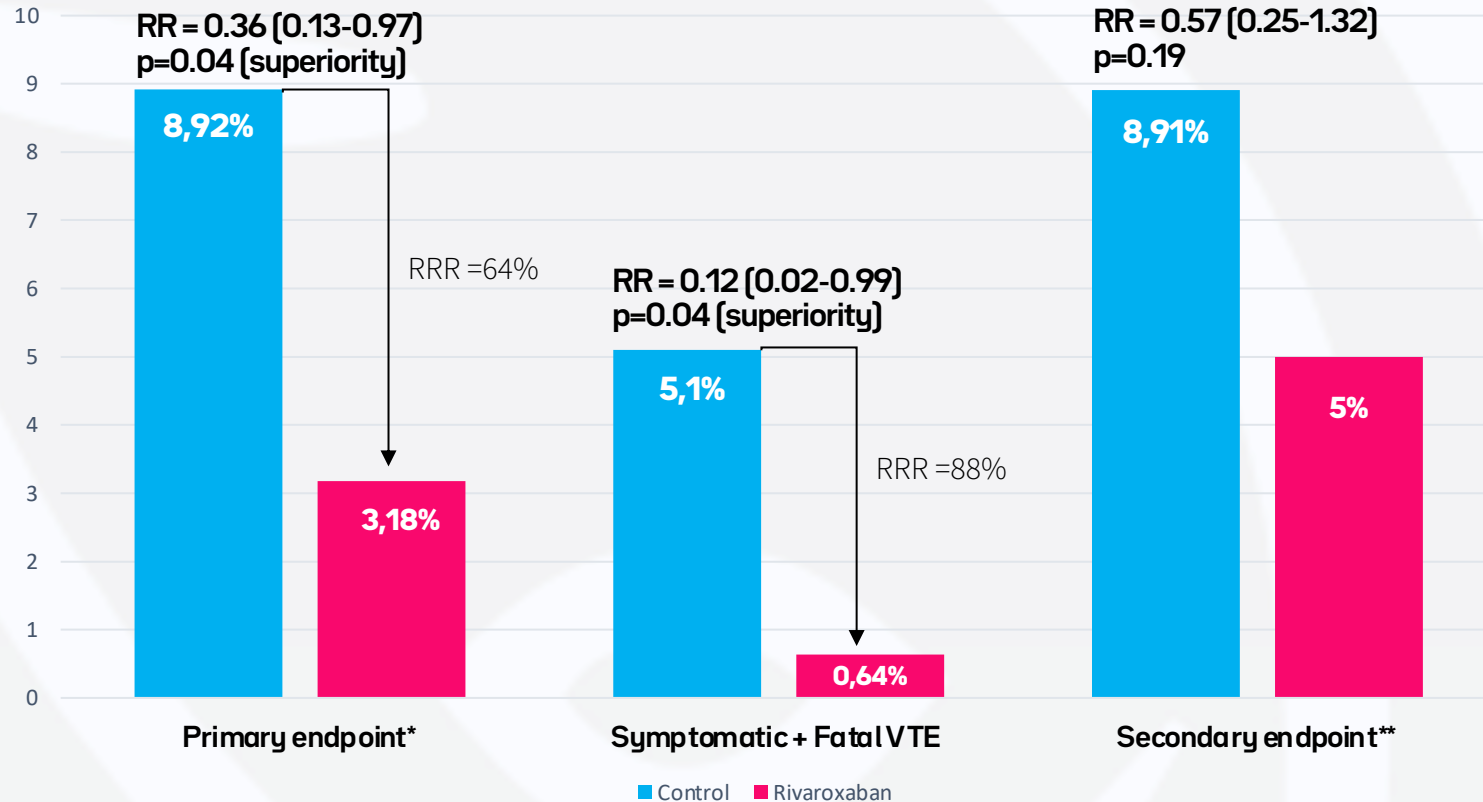
STUDY FLOW-DIAGRAM



BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

CHARACTERISTICS	RIVAROXABAN (N=157)	CONTROL (N=157)
Mean age(yr) – mean(SD)	57.73 (14.64)	56.21 (15.57)
Age ≥75 yr — n° (%)	17 (10.8%)	15 (9.6%)
Female sex — n° (%)	62 (39.5%)	64 (40.8%)
BMI – mean(SD)	29.55 (5.60)	29.94 (6.08)
Creatinine Clearance ml/min – n°/total (%)		
30 to <50 ml/min	4/157 (2.5%)	3/155 (1.9%)
≥50 ml/min	153/157 (97.5%)	152/155 (98.1%)
Mean duration of index hospitalization — days -mean(SD)	16.48 (46.97)	12.54 (28.69)
ICU or CCU stay — n° (%)	84 (53.5%)	78 (49.7%)
Enoxaparin 40 mg use — n° (%)	134 (85.4%)	137 (87.3%)
Modified IMPROVE VTE risk score — n° (%)		
2-3	132 (85.4%)	137 (87.3%)
≥4	23 (14.6%)	20 (12.7%)
D-Dimer level above the UNL during index hospitalization — n°/total (%)	105/114 (92.1%)	107/116 (92.2%)
Antiplatelets use — n° (%)	8 (5.1%)	8 (5.1%)

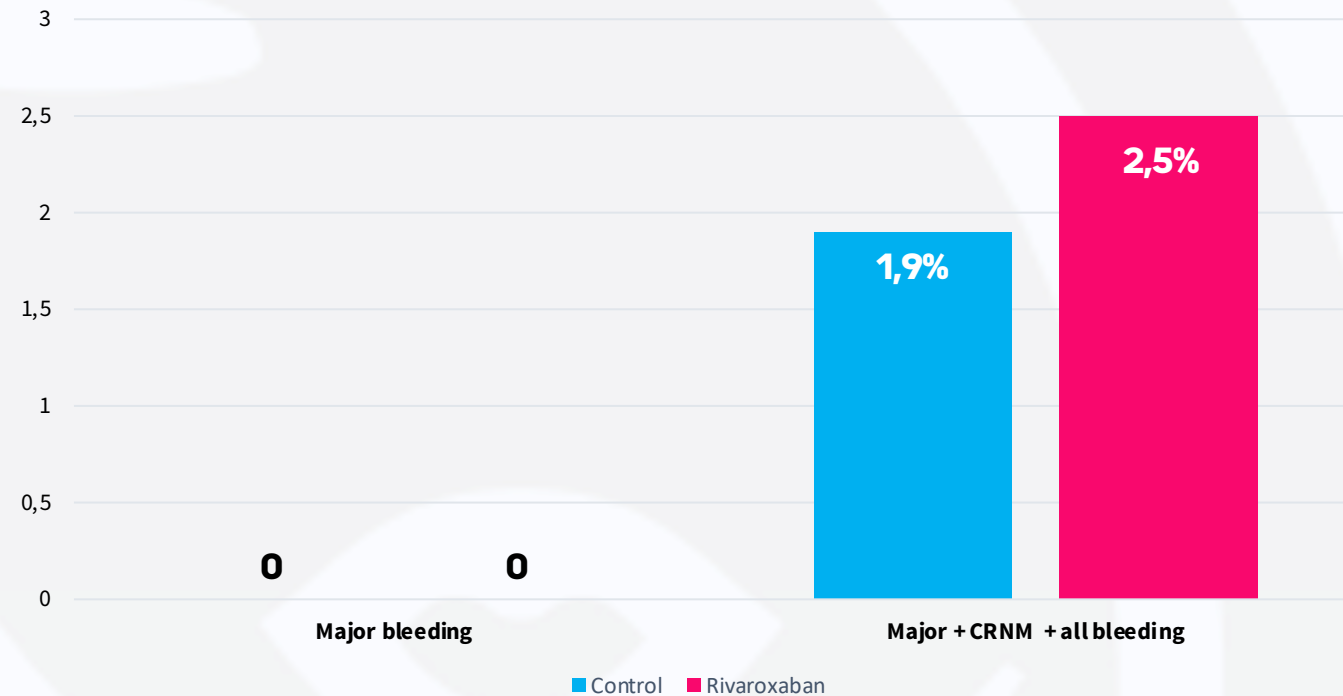
EFFICACY OUTCOMES



*Composite of composite of symptomatic VTE, VTE-related death, asymptomatic VTE (Doppler and AngioCT scan) and symptomatic ATE, MI, non-hemorrhagic stroke, (MALE), and cardiovascular death at day 35; ** MI, stroke, arrhythmias, heart failure, VTE, and all-cause death

SAFETY OUTCOMES

VERY SMALL NUMBERS, EQUAL BETWEEN GROUPS ($P > 5\%$)



RISK & BENEFITS

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NNT for primary outcome	18
NNT for symptomatic + fatal VTE	23
NNT for PE+cardiovascular death	20
NNH	N/A

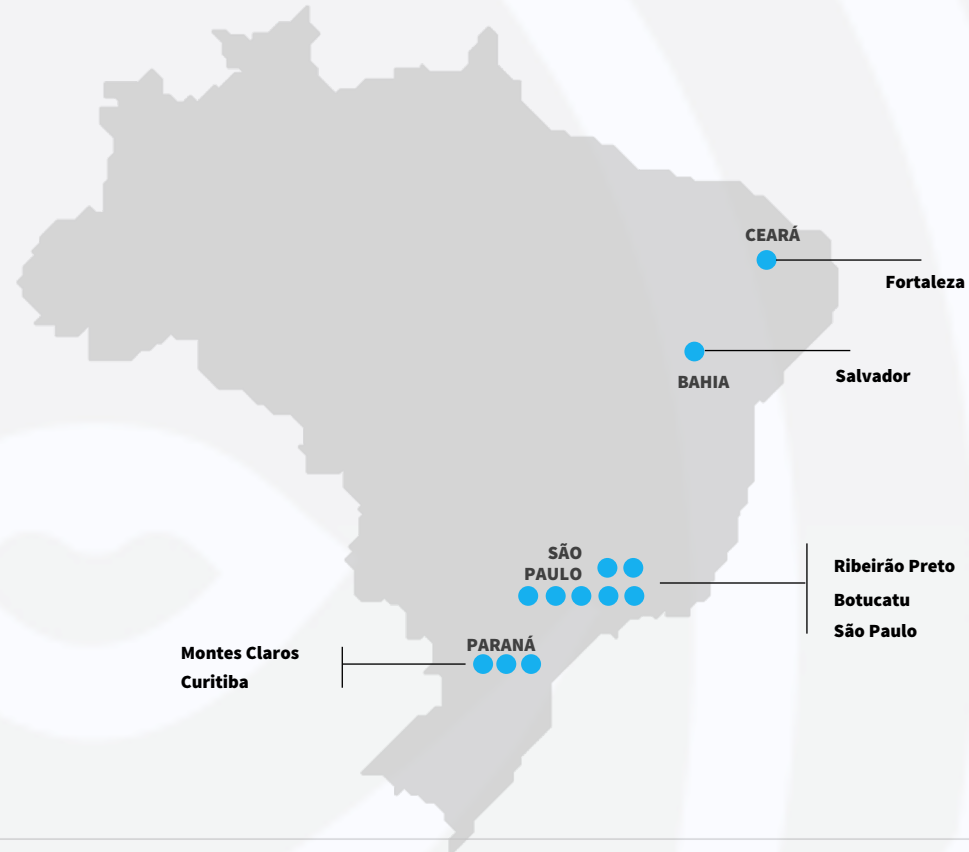
CONCLUSION

Thromboprophylaxis with rivaroxaban 10 mg once-daily for 35 days after hospitalization for COVID-19 in patients with high IMPROVE score (2-3 with elevated D-dimer levels or ≥ 4) **improved clinical outcomes**, including VTE and VTE-related death, without increasing bleeding compared with no out-of-hospital anticoagulation.

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