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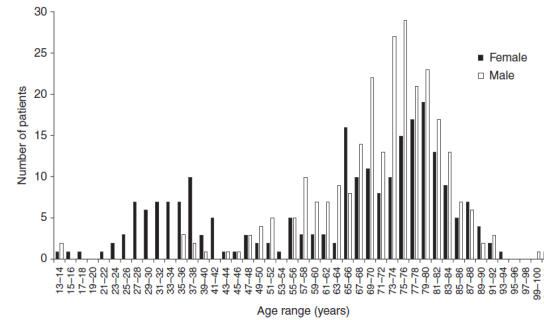
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# Difetti acquisiti della coagulazione

- Difetti acquisiti “rari” dell’emostasi
  - Emofilia acquisita
  - VWD acquisito
  - Altri difetti
- Sicurezza delle terapie antitrombotiche
- HHT

# Acquired hemophilia (AHA): clinical & epidemiologic data

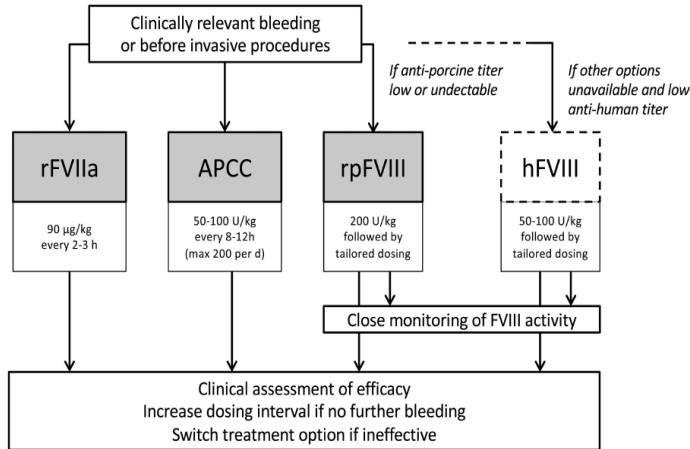
- Età mediana di diagnosi 78 anni
- Incidenza 1.48/milione/anno
- Mortalità per emorragia: 15-22%



- Diagnosi in seguito a emorragia 467/501 (93.2 %)
- Vaste ecchimosi, Ematomi muscolari (ileo-psoas)
- Emorragie retroperitoneali
- *Emartri rari*

# AHA Therapeutic approach

## Bleeding control



## Immunosuppression

FVIII  $\geq 1$  IU/dL & low-titer inhibitor ( $\leq 20$  BU):

- Oral prednisone 1 mg/kg or Prednisolone e.v. 0.8 mg/kg) for three weeks

FVIII  $< 1$  IU/dL, or high-titer inhibitor or refractoryness:

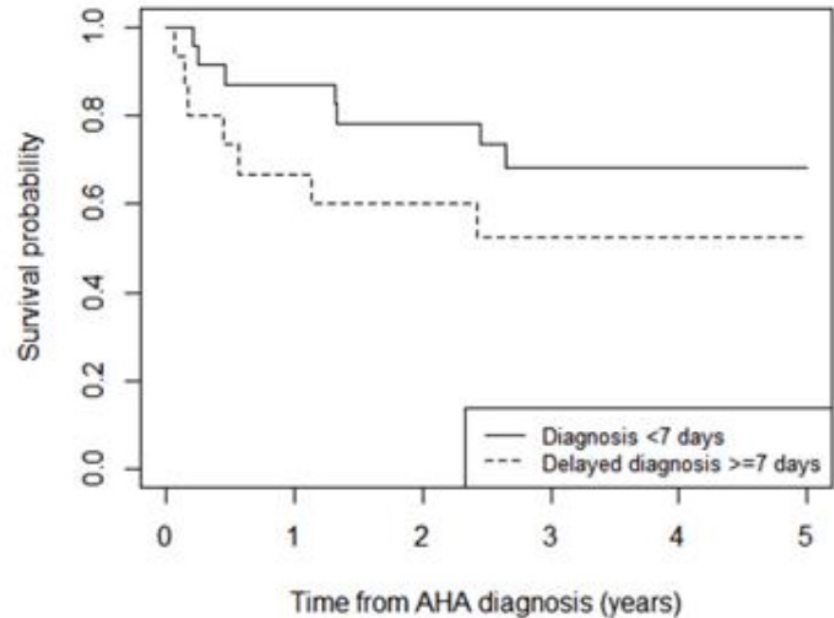
- Rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> weekly *or*
- Cyclophosphamide 1.5–2 mg/kg/day PO, for six weeks

# Prevalence and Risk Factors of Diagnostic Delays in Acquired Hemophilia A (Rutherford, Poster 2627)

- 38 patients diagnosed with AHA from January 2000-December 2021) in Alberta, Canada: 4.34 cases/million/year
- Median time from bleeding symptom and prolonged aPTT to diagnosis was 3.5 days (IQR 0-11.0)
- Diagnosis was delayed  $\geq 7$  days in 17 (45%) patients.
- Top reasons for delays  $\geq 7$  days:
  - Delayed ordering of aPTT from 7-62 days after bleeding (6/15; 40%),
  - Delayed ordering of mixing study following first abnormal aPTT from 7 days to >1 year (9/15; 60%)
  - Attribution of bleeding to antiplatelets/anticoagulants (5/15; 33%).

# Prevalence and Risk Factors of Diagnostic Delays in Acquired Hemophilia A (Rutherford, Poster 2627)

- 18 patients (47%) died at a median of 7 months, the most common causes being infection (4), malignancy (3), bleeding (2), and thrombosis (2)
- Delayed diagnosis  $\geq 7$  days was associated with a trend towards worse 3-month OS (80% vs 91%) and 1-year OS (67% vs 87%, log-rank  $P=0.40$ ).
- On Cox proportional hazards analysis, male sex (HR 4.0, 95% CI 1.5-10.5) and CCI 4-5 vs 0-3 (HR 7.0, 95% CI 1.5-32.3), but not delayed diagnosis (HR 1.5, 95% CI 0.6-3.9) were associated with increased hazard of death.



# Epidemiology, Outcomes, and 30-Day Readmissions in Acquired Hemophilia (Sharma, Oral 26)

- A retrospective study based on the US Nationwide Readmissions Database (2016-2019) identified 1450 hospital admissions with acquired hemophilia
- Out of 1349 patients who were discharged alive, 371 were readmitted within 30 days, with a 30-day readmission rate of 27%

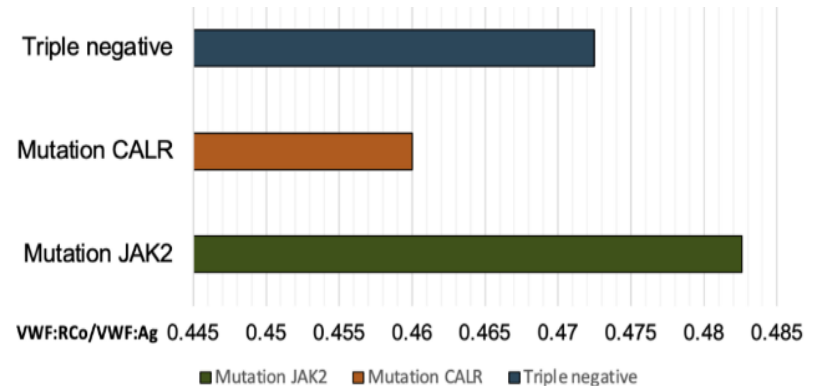
Characteristics (N=1450)	N (%)
Males	803 (55.4%)
Age group of 61-80 years	857 (59.1%)
Underlying solid malignancy	(20.9%)
Autoimmune disorder	13.5%
Charlson comorbidity index of >3	28.5%
Reason for readmission (N=371)	
Infections	114 (30.8%)
Bleeding events	105 (28.2%)



# Acquired Von Willebrand Syndrome associated with MPN (Moreno, Poster 1253)

- Data from 184 Ph- MPN patients diagnoses and followed between 01/01/2000 to 05/31/2022 at a large Mexican Hospital
- Thirty patients were identified as having AvWS based on a  $VWF:RCo/VWF:Ag < 0.7$
- At diagnosis, bleeding episodes occurred in 13.3%.
- 96.7% of the AvWS patients were treated with hydroxyurea, which corrected cellular alterations and laboratory abnormalities found in AvWS.

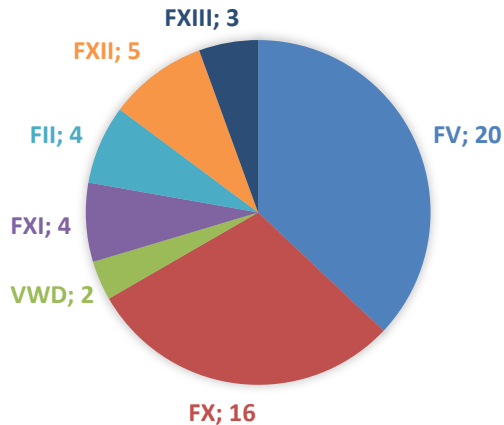
Characteristics (N=30)	N or value
Female (%)	20 (66.6)
Median age	57
PV (%)	12 (40)
ET (%)	4 (13.3)
PMF (%)	14 (46.7)
Median platelet count (IQR)	998 (441-2307)



Moreno Garcia OJJ, et al (2023) Acquired Von Willebrand Syndrome, Epidemiology, Laboratory Findings and Molecular Alterations on Classic Myeloproliferative Neoplasms in Mexican Population. *Blood* 142:1253.

# Isolated Acquired Clotting Factor Deficiency (ACFD): Clinical Features, Treatments, and Prognosis (Dandan, Poster 3995)

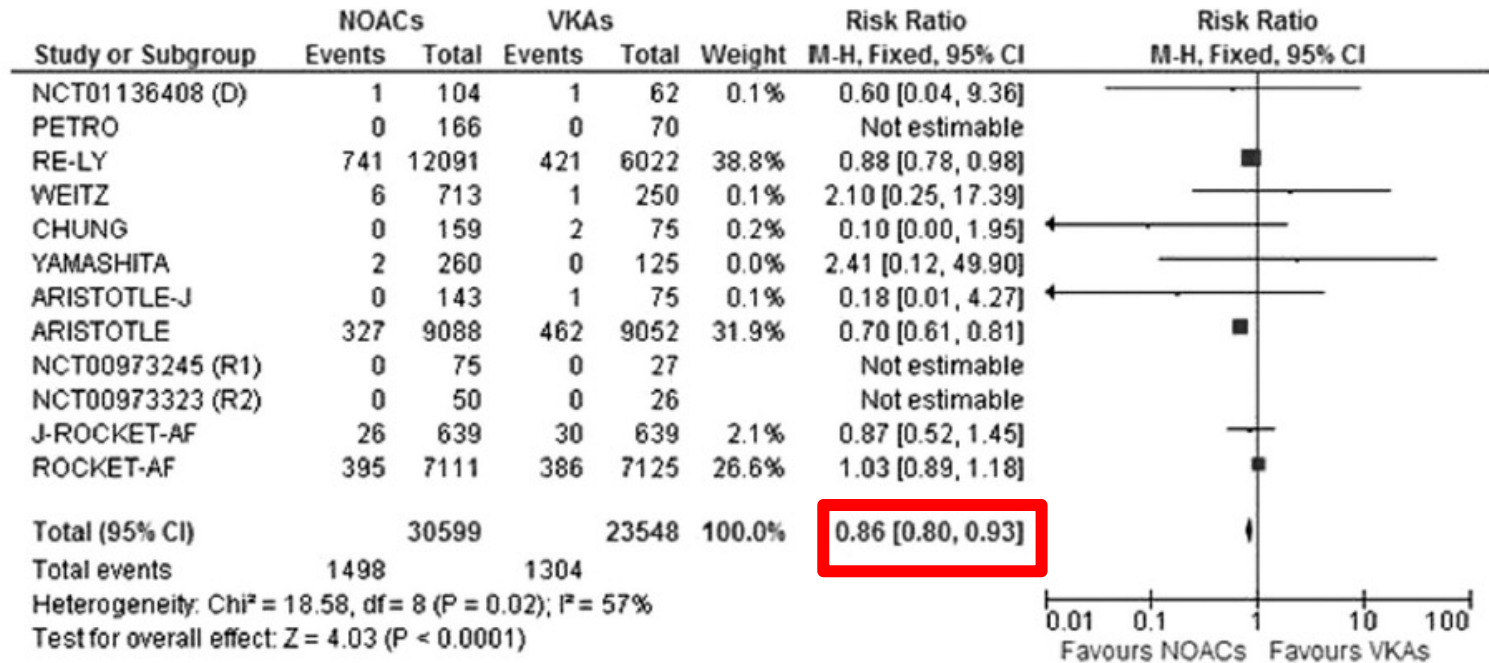
- Retrospective analysis of isolated ACFD other than AHA admitted to the Blood Disease Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, from July 1997 to December 2021
- 20 and 33 patients received PCC and FFP, respectively
- Thirty-seven (68.5%) received immunosuppressive therapy
- Nine patients died (4 because of major bleeding)



Characteristics (N=54)	N or value
Males (%)	28 (52%)
Bleeding at presentation (%)	44 (82%)
Underlying malignancy (%)	19 (35%)
Autoimmunity (%)	12 (22%)
Infection	4 (7.4%)
Neutralizing antibodies	24 (44%)

# Relative risk of major bleeding in DOAC clinical trials

## Major bleeding



# Safety of Apixaban, Rivaroxaban, and Warfarin in AF and VTE patients (Schaefer, Oral 135)

- Retrospective registry-based cohort of adults starting apixaban, rivaroxaban, or warfarin therapy for the indications of VTE and/or non-valvular AF.
- Six anticoagulation clinics in Michigan, from January

2009 to June 2023

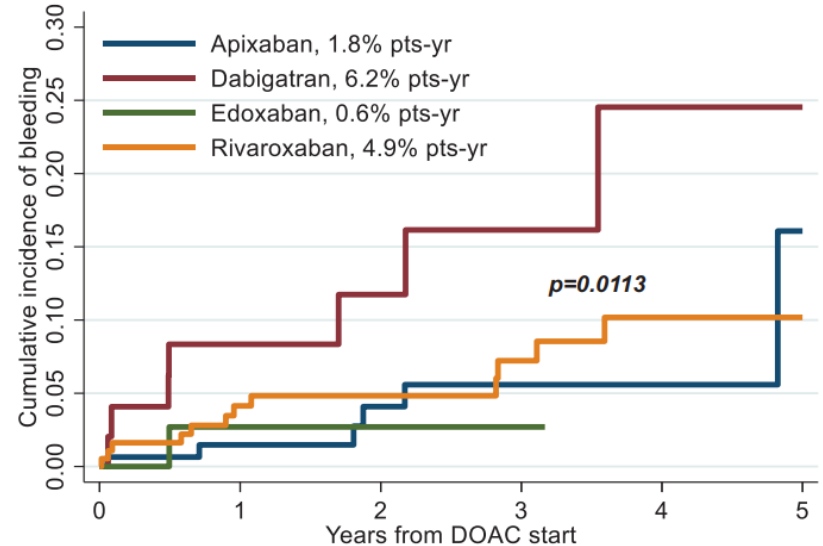
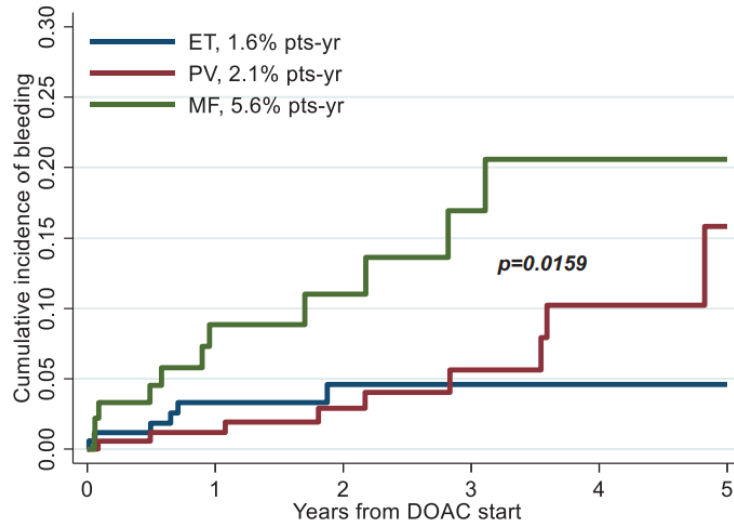
- 13,435 propensity-matched patients on OAC (3,536 on apixaban, 1,395 on rivaroxaban, and 8,504 on warfarin)

Event rate	Apixaban N=3527	VKA N=3527	Rivaroxaban N=1395	VKA N=4185	Apixaban N=1395	Rivaroxaban N=1395
Major bleeding %-year	3.4	4.7 **	4.7	3.6 *	2.6	4.7 **
Thrombosis %-year	2.6	2.1 *	NR	NR	NR	NR
Mortality %-year	3.7	4.4 *	NR	NR	2.6	3.5 *

\* p< 0.05; \*\* p<0.001

Schaefer JK, Errickson J, Kong X, Ali MA, Chipalkatti N, Haymart B, Kaatz S, Krol GD, Sood SL, Froehlich J, Barnes GD (2023) A Comparison of Bleeding Events Among Patients on Apixaban, Rivaroxaban, and Warfarin for Atrial Fibrillation and/or Venous Thromboembolism. *Blood* 142:135.

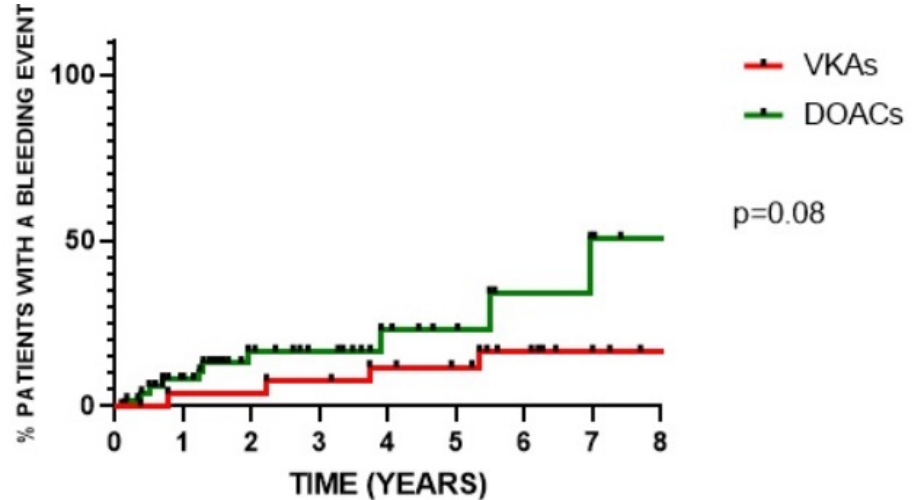
# Major bleeding events during DOAC therapy in Ph- MPN patients



- Observational, multicenter, international study in 442 Ph- MPN patients
- Annual rate of MB: 3% and 2.3% in AF and VTE, respectively

# Oral Anticoagulant Therapy in Patients with Ph- MPN (Cavalca, Poster 1838)

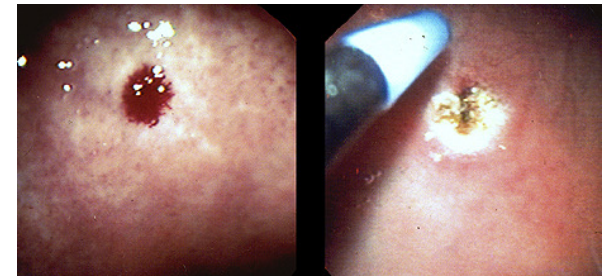
Characteristics (N=156)	N or value
Females (%)	89 (57%)
Median age, years	69
PVE	35
ET	48
MF	61
VKA	64 (41%)
DOAC	92 (59%)



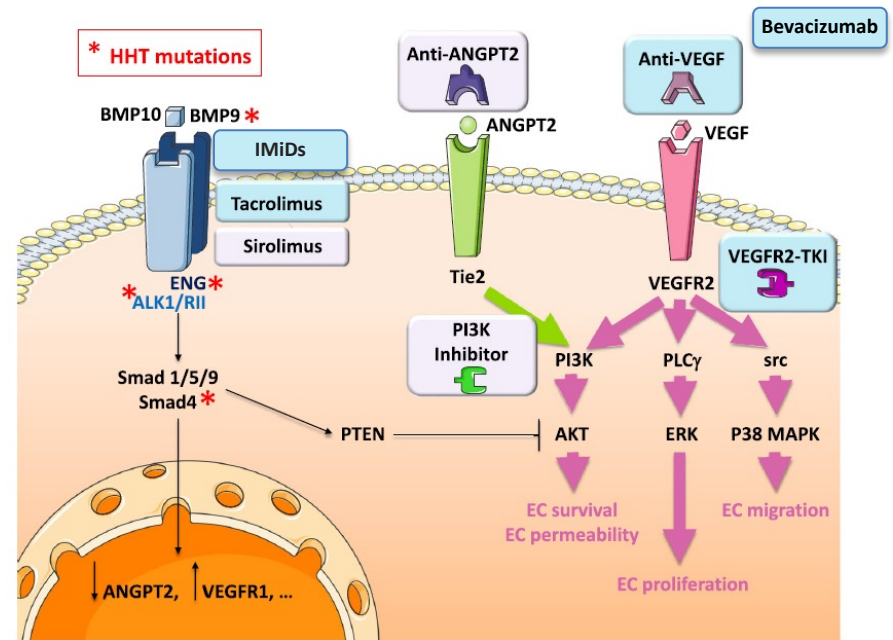
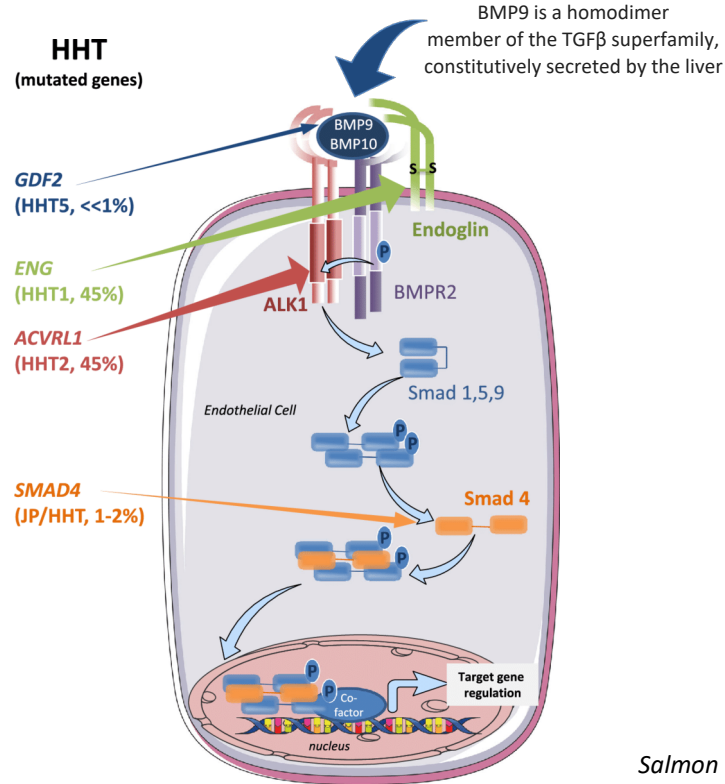
The incidence rate of MB/CRNMB was 5.6/pts/year in the DOACs group and 3.3/pts/year in the VKAs group.

# Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT; Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome)

- An autosomal dominant vascular disorder
- Associated with mucocutaneous telangiectasia, epistaxis, gastrointestinal bleeding, and iron deficiency anemia
- Arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) commonly occur in the pulmonary, hepatic, and cerebral circulation
- Estimated prevalence 1:5000



# Mutations in the BMP9-10 activated ALK1/Endoglin pathway are associated with HHT





# HHT May be the Most Clinically Significant and Morbid Inherited Bleeding Disorder of Women (Zhang, Oral 28)

- Observational, single-center cohort study of 100 randomly selected women with HHT and 100 age-matched women with VWD
- Bleeding and healthcare utilization outcomes
- Comparisons should be taken with some caution, as VWD prevalence may be higher than HHT, and VWD is a very heterogeneous disorder

**Table 1.** Table 1. Bleeding outcomes of women with HHT versus VWD. IQR, interquartile range. 95% CI, 95% confidence interval.

	Hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia N = 100	Von Willebrand disease N = 100	Odds ratio (95% CI) for incidence in HHT group relative to VWD group	P value
<i>Incidence of Bleeding by Site</i>				
Recurrent epistaxis, n (%)	92 (92)	26 (26)	32.73 (13.81-71.80)	<0.0001 <sup>†</sup>
Gastrointestinal bleeding, n (%)	36 (36)	9 (9)	5.69 (2.59-12.89)	<0.0001 <sup>†</sup>
Heavy menstrual bleeding, n (%)	35 (35)	63 (63)	0.32 (0.18-0.57)	<0.0001 <sup>†</sup>
Other bleeding, n (%)	12 (12)	16 (16)	0.72 (0.31-1.57)	0.42 <sup>†</sup>
<i>Hemoglobin, Hematologic Support Requirements, and Interventions</i>				
Lowest measured hemoglobin, median (IQR)	10.7 (7.9-12.6)	11.4 (9.9-12.5)	n/a	0.02 <sup>^</sup>
Iron deficiency anemia, n (%)	66 (66)	50 (50)	1.94 (1.09-3.41)	0.02 <sup>†</sup>
Requirement for intravenous iron, n (%)	41 (41)	10 (10)	6.25 (2.99-12.78)	<0.0001 <sup>†</sup>
Intravenous iron dependence*, n (%)	26 (26)	2 (2)	17.22 (4.49-74.77)	<0.0001 <sup>‡</sup>
Requirement for red cell transfusion, n (%)	42 (42)	21 (21)	2.72 (1.45-4.99)	0.001 <sup>†</sup>
Requirement for hemostatic procedure**, n (%)	78 (78)	31 (31)	7.89 (4.16-14.60)	<0.0001 <sup>†</sup>
Hemostatic procedures, per 100 patient-years	27.2	3.0	n/a	<0.0001 <sup>‡</sup>
Death due to bleeding complications, n (%)	3 (3)	0 (0)	n/a	0.25 <sup>†</sup>

\*Defined as a requirement for ≥2000 mg elemental iron infused over any contiguous 12-month period.

\*\*Included surgical or other interventional procedures in the uterus to manage heavy menstrual bleeding (e.g., hysterectomy), nasal cavity to manage epistaxis (e.g., nasal cautery), GI tract to manage GI bleeding (e.g., endoscopy), or other interventional procedures done to manage bleeding at any site.

<sup>†</sup>Per Chi-square test.

<sup>‡</sup>Per Fisher's exact test.

<sup>^</sup>Per two-tailed t-test (parametric data).

<sup>‡</sup>Per Wilcoxon rank sum test (non-parametric data).

# Treatment options in HHT

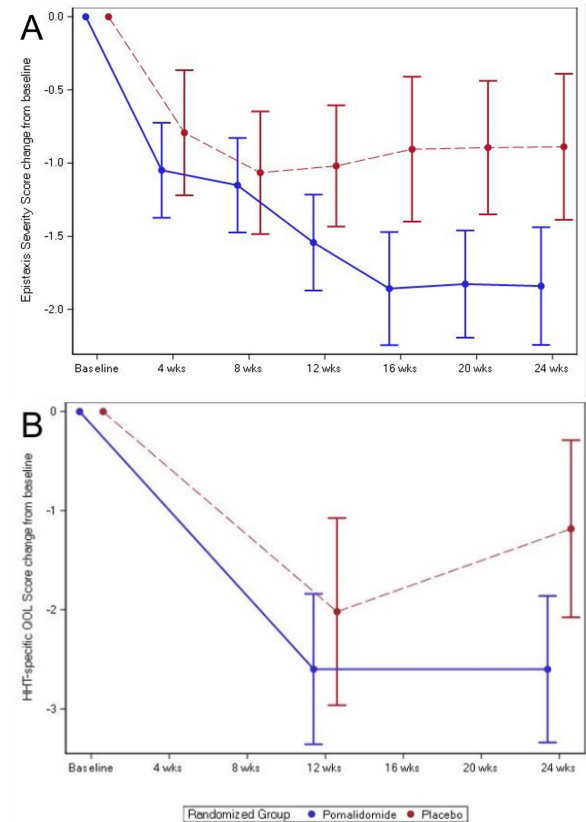
Phase	Intervention	Comparator	Outcomes	Ref
III crossover	Tranexamic acid	Placebo	17.3% (15.7 min) in the duration of epistaxis per month	<i>Gaillard et al. J Thromb Haemost, 2014</i>
II	Thalidomide up to 200 mg/d	None	3/31 complete response (no bleedings) 28/31 partial response	<i>Invernizzi et al. Lancet Haematol, 2015</i>
IIb	Bevacizumab 5mg/kg every 14days	Placebo	7/11 (63%) in the bevacizumab group vs 4/12 (33.3%) in the placebo group decreased the number of RBC transfusions by at least 50%	<i>Dupuis-Girod et al. J Intern Med, 2023</i>
Retrospective cohort	Bevacizumab 5mg/kg every 14days	Pre-treatment	238 HHT patients. Increase of mean Hb by 3.2 g/dL and decrease of the epistaxis severity score (ESS) by 3.4 points	<i>Al-Samkari et al. Haematologica, 2021</i>

*Al-Samkari H et al., Haematologica 106 (8):2161-2169, 2021. Dupuis-Girod S et al. Journal of internal medicine 294 (6):761-774., 2023 Gaillard S et al. J Thromb Haemost 12 (9):1494-1502, 2014. Invernizzi R et al., The Lancet Haematology 2 (11):e465-473, 2015*

# Pomalidomide Reduces Epistaxis and Improves Quality of Life in HHT (Al-Samkari, LBA3)

- RCT that enrolled 144 HHT patients, randomized in a 2:1 ratio to receive pomalidomide 4 mg daily or matching placebo for 6 months
- 95 patients received pomalidomide, and 49 patients received placebo
- At 24 weeks, the ESS in patients treated with pomalidomide decreased by a mean of -1.84 [-2.24, -1.44] and in the placebo group decreased by -0.89 [-1.39, -0.39]
- The HHT-specific QOL score, which ranges from 0 to 16 with higher scores indicating more limitations, also decreased more in the pomalidomide (mean -2.6, 95% CI [-3.3, -1.9]) vs the placebo group at 24 weeks (mean -1.2, 95% CI [-2.1, -0.3],  $p = 0.015$ )
- Adverse events that occurred more in the pomalidomide group included mild to moderate neutropenia (45% vs. 10%), constipation/diarrhea (60% vs. 37%), and rash (36% vs. 10%). Venous thrombosis occurred in 2% of patients in each group.

Al-Samkari H et al, (2023) PATH-HHT, a Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial in Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia Demonstrates That Pomalidomide Reduces Epistaxis and Improves Quality of Life. *Blood* 142:LBA-3



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