Cost-effectiveness learnings with NOACs: the European perspectives

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Economic evaluation: Cost-Effectiveness plane



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Economic evaluation: Cost per QALY

Costs

- Acquisition and administration cost of drugs (I.V. drugs)
- Hospitalization costs (transportation, adverse events)
- **Physician fees** (monitoring, home visit)
- Biology
- Medical Imaging







Incremental Cost-Effectiveness Ratio (ICER) = Cost per QALY gained



Outcomes/Efficacy

- Events avoided (stroke, myocardial infarction)
- Death or tumor progression delayed (Overall survival, progression-free survival)
- Adverse events avoided (chemotherapy-induced anemia, alopecia, bleeding)

Etc.



Economic evaluation: *Efficiency threshold*



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What is the cost of atrial fibrillation (AF) ?



€5,000 to €30,000 / stroke [1] according to type (ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke) and severity
→ €360 millions / year in France [2]

€8,000 to €35,000 / year for 'post-stroke' cost according to handicap [3]



[1] Cotté FE, et al. J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis. 2014 Feb;23(2):e73-83. [2] Cotté FE, et al. Europace. 2016 Apr;18(4):501-7. [3] De Pouvourville. Archives of Cardiovascular Diseases Supplements, 2016.

What is the real cost of stroke prevention?



€40 millions/year for VKA treatment
AND
€160 millions/year for 20 millions INR tests
in France [1]

€50 millions/year for major bleeding (7,000 hospitalizations/year) in French AF patients [2]



[1] Detournay B. Archives of Cardiovascular Diseases Supplements, 2016. [2] Cotté FE, et al. Europace. 2016 Apr;18(4):501-7.

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[1] Granger et al. NEJM 2011 (ARISTOTLE study) [2] Lanitis et al. JME. 2014

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Cost-utility studies evaluating multiple stroke prevention strategies in AF patients

(based on review of Pinyol et al. Cardiol Ther, 2016 [9])

Economic evaluation in stroke prevention: *Conclusions*

- Burden of AF is huge because of both stroke and prevention costs and economic evaluation of new drugs, including NOACs, is becoming increasingly important in European countries for reimbursement or price negotiation;
- Among country specific cost-utility studies, all but one (i.e. Germany) concluded that at least one of the NOACs provided an acceptable ICER (< €30,000/QALY), ranging from €4,723/QALY in Italy to 19,858/QALY in UK;
- For seven in eight studies, **Apixaban was the most efficient strategy** because it was fund dominant (i.e. France, UK) or had a better ICER than other NOACs (i.e. Italy, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Slovenia).