

# Preporuke za laboratorijsku dijagnostiku DOAK lijekova: prijeanalitički, analitički i poslijeanalitički čimbenici

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# Uvod

Preporuke za lab. dg. DOAK lijekova:

## 1. Međunarodni savjet za standardizaciju u hematologiji *(International Council for Standardization in Hematology, ICSH)*



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## 2. Istraživački projekt Hrvatske zaklade za znanost

Novi oralni antikoagulansi: odnos između koncentracije i antikoagulantnog učinka lijeka

LAB-NOAC; IP-206-06-8208

• Trajanje projekta: 5 godina (2017. – 2022.)

• Nositelj projekta: Klinički zavod za kemiju KBC Sestre milosrdnice, Zagreb

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## • Prijeanalitička faza

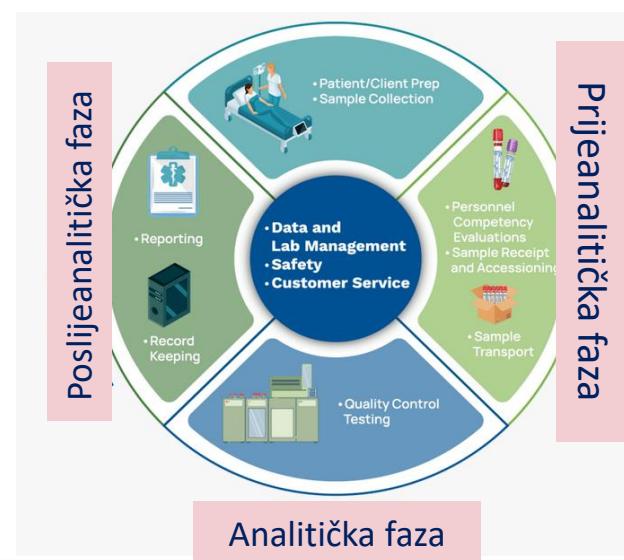
- postupak uzorkovanja
- analitički uzorak
- stabilnost uzorka
- pohrana uzorka...

## • Analitička faza

- probirne koagulacijske pretrage i DOAK lijekovi
- kvantitativne metode određivanja DOAK lijekova
- ostale metode (polukvantitativne, kvalitativne)
- kontrola kvalitete

## • Poslijeanalitička faza

- izražavanje rezultata
- očekivane terapijske vrijednosti (lijek/doza/kl. indikacija)
- interpretacija rezultata



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## 1. Prijeanalitički čimbenici

### Uzorak

#### 1. Metoda LC/MS-MS

- Analitički uzorak: serum ili plazma
- Očekivane terapijske vrijednosti u serumu i plazmi se razlikuju!  
- objavljene u ICSH preporukama – odnose se na uzorak plazme

#### 2. Metode: koagulometrijske, kromogene na automatiziranim koagulometrima

- Uzorkovanje krvi: 3,2% natrijev-citrat
- Analitički uzorak: plazma (PPP)



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## Stabilnost uzorka (plazme)

Lijek	Sobna temp. (h)	5°C	-20°C
Dabigatran	24 h**	24 h	min. 30 dana*
Rivaroksaban	8 h	48 h	min. 30 dana
Apiksaban	8 h	48 h	min. 30 dana
Edoksaban**	4 h	?***	min. 30 dana

\*Dabigatran – stabilnost do 14 mjeseci

\*\*Dabigatran – ako se koristi modifikacija TV testa (dTV) – 4h na sobnoj temp.

\*\*Edoksaban - pohranom na sobnoj temp. 8 sati stabilnost se smanjuje (18% niže vr.) !

\*\*\*Edoksaban – 14 dana za LC/MS-MS m. – nije poznato može li se stabilnost primijeniti za funkcionalne anti-Xa testove

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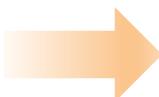
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Dabigatran	48	/	30 d	6 mj
Rivaroksaban	4	/	30 d	6 mj
Apiksaban	4	/	30 d	6 mj
Edoksaban	4	/	30 d	6 mj

- \* Plazma pohranjena na stanicama i plazma odvojena od stanica
- \*\* Nema dostupnih podataka
- \*\*\* Plazma odvojena od stanica

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## Stabilnost uzorka (plazma)

### Svi DOAK lijekovi:

- ✓ ukoliko nije moguće odrediti koncentraciju unutar deklariranog prihvatljivog vremena preporuča se zamrzavanje plazme na  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$  do 30 dana
- ✓ dugotrajna pohrana uzorka plazme ( $> 30$  dana) – preporuča se zamrzavanje na  $\leq -60^{\circ}\text{C}$
- ✓ ciklus zamrzavanja i odmrzavanja – ispitivanja višekratnih (3x) ciklusa zamrzavanja i odmrzavanja nisu pokazala razlike u stabilnosti uzorka plazme
- ✓ proturječni podaci za dabigatran i apiksaban – **preporuka: jednokratno zamrzavanje i odmrzavanje**

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Vrijeme uzorkovanja za specifične pretrage hemostaze na čiji rezultat DOAK lijekovi imaju interferirajući učinak:

- ✓ najmanje 3 dana nakon prestanka uzimanja DOAK lijeka kod bolesnika s urednom bubrežnom funkcijom (ili dulje u bolesnika s bubrežnom insuficijencijom)
- ✓ Alternativni postupak:
  - neutralizacija lijeka u plazmi primjenom medicinskog aktivnog ugljena (komercijalni pripravci, *in house* metoda) – omogućuje određivanje pretraga tijekom DOAK terapije



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DOAK-a: MK i/ili VK???

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### Nehitna stanja:

- > 80 god - MK
- bolesnici s bubrežnom insuficijencijom s/bez hemodijalize - MK
- sumnja na interakciju s drugim lijekovima – MK
- BMI > 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup> – MK

Važno: minimalno 5 uzastopnih doza lijeka (ravnotežno stanje konc. lijeka u krvi)!

- prije planiranog (elektivnog) zahvata s visokim rizikom krvarenja – unutar nekoliko sati prije zahvata u svrhu isključivanja klinički značajne konc. ( $\geq 30 \text{ ng/mL}$ ) uz uvjet: zadnja doza prije najmanje 12 ili 24 sata (ovisno 1x ili 2x/dan)

MK (min., ostatna konc. ) =  
neposredno prije sljedeće doze

VK (vršna konc.) = 2 (1 - 3) sata  
nakon zadnje doze

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**Preporuka:  
odrediti i MK i VK u  
svim nehitnim  
stanjima !!!**

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	Trough	2.6	/	/	4.0
PT (% act.)	Peak	49	52	51	126
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D-dimer	Peak	/	0.35	0.36	/
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**INTRODUCTION** In special clinical conditions quantitative measurement of direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) in plasma, should be performed to help clinical decision making and treatment.

**AIM** To present a case report of a patient treated with dabigatran in whom low peak drug concentrations in plasma suggested inadequate anticoagulation.

### METHOD

A 66 YEARS OLD MALE WAS HOSPITALIZED DUE TO RECURRENT SYMPTOMS OF CEREBRAL ISCHEMIA FOR LAST FEW DAYS AND BRAIN ISCHEMIA WAS CONFIRMED ON CT SCAN. BEFORE HOSPITALIZATION THE PATIENT WAS TAKING DABIGATRAN (110 MG TWICE DAILY) DUE TO PERSISTENT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION.

DABIGATRAN WAS MEASURED BY INNOVANCE DTI ASSAY AND RIVAROXABAN WAS MEASURED BY ANTI-FXA ASSAY ON BCSXP ANALYZER (SIEMENS HEALTHINEERS, GERMANY). THE STUDY WAS FUNDED BY THE CROATIAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION AS A PART OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT IP-2016-06-8208.

### RESULTS

Peak (two hours after the last dose) concentrations of dabigatran measured at three consecutive days were 35, 16 and 19 ng/mL, whereas trough (before the next dose) concentrations were 34, <5 and 14 ng/mL, respectively. Low peak dabigatran concentrations observed in three consecutive measurements suggested anticoagulation underreatment that might result with thrombotic complications. This observation led to the decision to replace dabigatran therapy with rivaroxaban (1x20 mg/day). Measurement of rivaroxaban plasma levels after the second day of administration showed both peak and trough rivaroxaban concentrations within expected therapeutic values i.e., 215 and 30 ng/mL, respectively. No new ischemic symptoms occurred and the patient was discharged home with rivaroxaban therapy. Results of laboratory testing are presented in Table 1.

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eGFR (CKD-EPI (ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	Peak	74	/	77	/
hemoglobin (g/L)	Trough	78	/	79	/
		133	/	150	/

PT – prothrombin time; INR – international normalized ratio; aPTT – activated partial thromboplastin time; TT – thrombin time; CKD-EPI – Chronic Kidney Disease - epidemiology collaboration; \* measurements performed during the three consecutive days on dabigatran therapy; \*\*measurements performed two days after the last dose of dabigatran.

### CONCLUSIONS

Persistently low peak dabigatran concentrations could contribute to inadequate anticoagulation and consequent embolic complications in our patient. This case report strongly suggests the importance of quantitative measurement of DOACs levels in plasma in selected clinical conditions confirming as an effective approach in clinical decision making and treatment.

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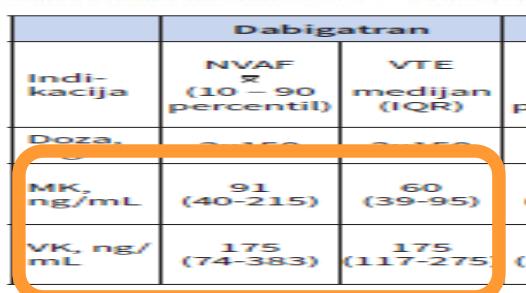
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		Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4
Age (years)		65	87	82	22
Sex		male	male	female	male
1.DOAC drug	Conc. (ng/mL)	rivaroxaban	dabigatran	dabigatran	dabigatran
	Peak	29 / 50*	45 / 49*	46 / 54*	31 / 0*
	Trough	21 / 30*	34 /35*	4 / 38*	26 / 0*
DOAC dose		IX 20 mg	EX 10 mg	EX 10 mg	EX 100 mg
Diagnoses		St. post CVI Atrial fibrillation Art hypertension Dyslipidemia	St. post CVI Atrial fibrillation Art hypertension Dyslipidemia	St. post CVI Atrial fibrillation parox. Art hypertension	Epilepsy Traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage (CVI)
Concomitant drugs		Pantoprazole Ramipril Atorvastatine	Metildigoxin Simvastatine Triapine	Perindopril Oxazepam	Carbamazepine Levetiracetam
Possible drug-drug interaction	P-gp inducer	Atorvastatine	Metildigoxin Simvastatine	-	Carbamazepine
Adverse event during therapy		Recurrent CVI	Recurrent CVI	Recurrent CVI	No adverse event
2. DOAC drug applied	Conc. (ng/mL)	dabigatran 2x150 mg	rivaroxaban 1x20 mg	No drug replacement	rivaroxaban 1x20 mg
	Peak	95 **/ 114***	101** /129***	No data	91****
	Trough	26** / 43***	28** / 24***		14****

\*two independent measurements; \*\*2-5 days after DOAC drug replacement, \*\*\*1-2 months after DOAC drug replacement; \*\*\*\*1 month after DOAC replacement

DOAC = direct oral anticoagulant; CVI = cerebrovascular insult; P-gp = P-glycoprotein



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### Hitna stanja:

1. Akutno krvarenje tijekom terapije
  2. Tromboembolija tijekom terapije
  3. Donošenje odluke o vremenu izvođenja hitnog zahvata – isključivanje klinički značajne konc. lijeka ( $\geq 30 \text{ ng/mL}$ ) prije hitnog zahvata ili  $\geq 50 \text{ ng/mL}$  kod pacijenata s krvarenjem s/bez potrebe za hitnim zahvatom
  4. Donošenje odluke o potrebi hitnog poništavanja učinka lijeka (antidot)
  5. S povećanim rizikom krvarenja (bubrežna insuficijencija, bolest jetre, sumnja na predoziranje lijekom, odluka o trombolitičkoj terapiji)
  6. Ostala hitna stanja prema procjeni kliničara za pojedinog bolesnika
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- Uzorkovanje tijekom hitne obrade pacijenta (neovisno o zadnjoj dozi)

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## 2. Analitički čimbenici - metode

### PV, APTV

- rezultati unutar referentnog intervala ne isključuju terapijske konc. DOAK lijeka u cirkulaciji
- neosjetljive na terapijske koncentracije apiksabana (unutar RI i kod vršnih konc. lijeka)
- različit utjecaj ovisno o dozi, lijeku, sastavu reagensa, vremenu uzorkovanja u odnosu na zadnju dozu...

### TV

- unutar referentnog intervala upućuje na odsutnost klinički značajne konc. ( $>30 \text{ ng/mL}$ ) dabigatrana
- produženo već kod minimalnih konc. dabigatrana/nemjerljiva vrijednost kod terapijskih koncentracija DOAK-a
- pretraga neosjetljiva na DOAK lijekove iz skupine inhibitora FXa



Probirne koagulacijske pretrage PV, APTV, TV ne smiju se koristiti za procjenu koncentracije i/ili antikoagulacijskog učinka DOAK lijekova !

Za određivanje koncentracije DOAK lijekova koristiti isključivo specifične kvantitativne metode!

# Preporuke za laboratorijsku dijagnostiku DOAK lijekova

## 2. Analitički čimbenici

### Kvantitativne metoda određivanja DOAK lijekova

#### 1. LC-MS/MS

(spektrometrija masa spregnuta s tekućinskom kromatografijom visoke djelotvornosti)

- metoda zlatnog standarda (granice detekcije i kvantifikacije 0,02 – 3 ng/mL, mjerni raspon 5 – 500 ng/mL)
- neprikladna za svakodnevni rad (tehnički zahtjevna, skupa oprema, poznavanje analitičke metodologije, nedostupna u većini laboratorijskih)

#### 2. Kvantitativne metode na automatiziranim koagulometrima –

##### - koagulometrijske i kromogene

##### Direktni inhibitor trombina dabigatran



- ✓ dTT - diluirano trombinsko vrijeme
- ✓ ECT - ekarinski koagulometrijski test
- ✓ ECA - ekarinska kromogena metoda
- ✓ anti - FIIa test

##### Direktni inhibitori FXa rivaroksaban, apiksaban, edoksaban



- ✓ Anti – Xa test  
uz kalibraciju specifičnim  
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sve navedene metode su  
preporučene kao prikladne za  
određivanje koncentracije DTI

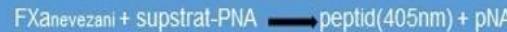
- ograničenja: koagulometrijske – interferencije (ECT – FII, fib), dTV – mjerni raspon....
- Metode izbora (preporučene): kromogene

Direktni inhibitori FXa  
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Anti - FXa test uz primjenu kalibratora specifičnih za lijek



metoda je preporučena za  
određivanje koncentracije inh. FXa

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- ✓ Anti - Xa test  
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lijekom koji se određuje  
(R, A, E)

- Linearnost: 20 – 500 ng/mL – omogućuju određivanje MK i VK
- Svi automatizirani koagulometri
- Dostupnost: 24/7
- TAT: 60 min. (30 min.) – sva hitna stanja

# Preporuke za laboratorijsku dijagnostiku DOAK lijekova

## 2. Analitički čimbenici

### Kvantitativne metode određivanja DOAK lijekova - ograničenja

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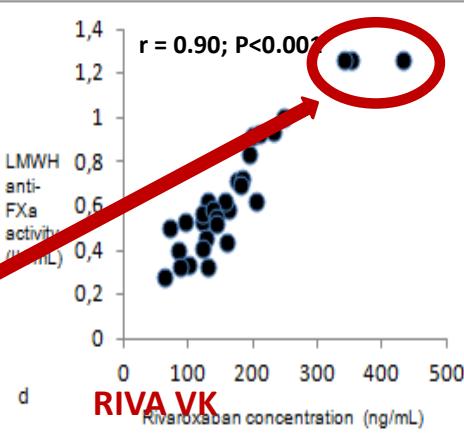
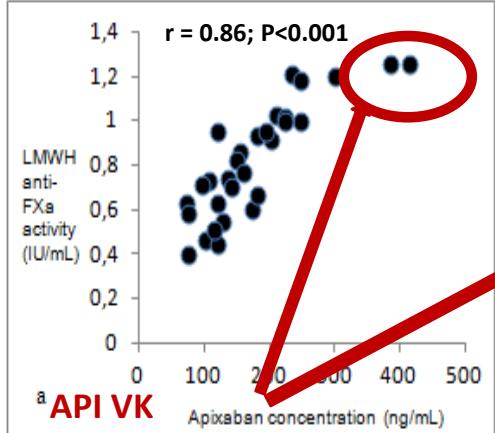
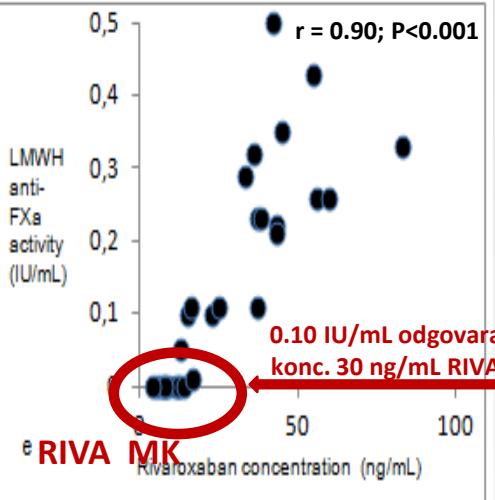
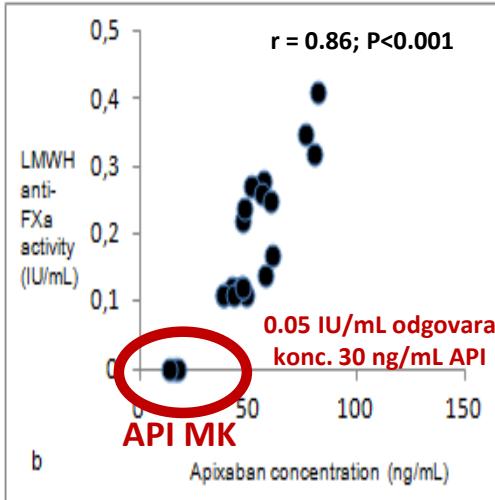
Anti - FXa test uz primjenu kalibratora specifičnih za lijek  
FXa + lijek → FXa-lijek + FXanevezani  
FXanevezani + supstrat-PNA → peptid(405nm) + pNA

1. Primjena anti-Xa metode kalibrirane za niskomolekularni heparin (LMWH) nije prikladna za procjenu antikoag. učinka/konc. DOAK lijekova iz skupine inh. FXa

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konc. R i A > 300 ng/mL nije moguće kvantitativno odrediti primjenom metode uz kalibraciju LMWH-om

- Mjerni raspon anti FXa uz LMWH kalibraciju (0.05 – 1.26 IU/mL) odgovara konc. R i A u rasponu od oko **30 - 300 ng/mL**
- Izražavanje rezultata IU/mL
- Anti-FXa test uz kalibraciju LMWH-om – isključiva potencijalna primjena je u hitnim kliničkim stanjima za isključivanje klinički značajne konc. inh. FXa u cirkulaciji ( $\geq 30$  ng/mL) ukoliko nije dostupna metoda uz kalibraciju odgovarajućim lijekom!!!
- Anti-FXa test uz kalibraciju LMWH-om nije prikladna metoda za procjenu koncentracije i/ili antikoagulacijskog učinka DOAK lijekova

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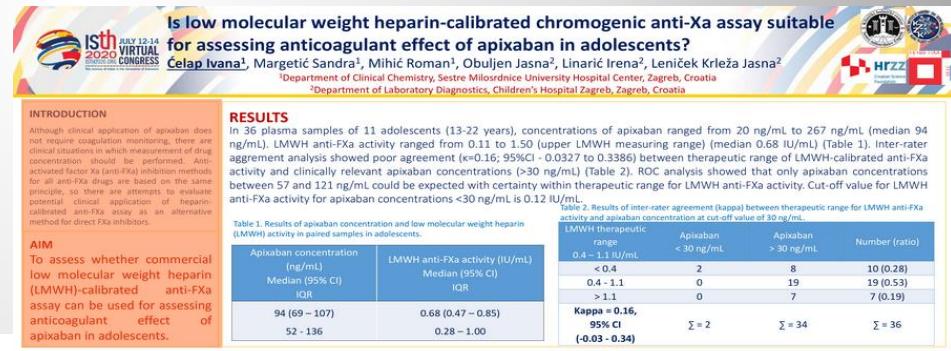
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**Primjena anti-Xa metode kalibrirane za niskomolekularni heparin (LMWH) nije prikladna za određivanje konc. i/ili procjenu antikoagulacijskog učinka DOAK lijekova iz skupine inh. FXa**

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**INTRODUCTION**  
Although clear application of apixaban does not require coagulation monitoring, there are clinical situations in which measurement of drug concentration should be performed. Anti-activated factor Xa (anti-FXa) activity methods for measuring anti-FXa activity are based on the same principle, so there are attempts to evaluate potential clinical application of heparin-calibrated anti-FXa assays as an alternative method for direct FXa inhibitors.

**AIM**  
To assess whether commercial low molecular weight heparin (LMWH)-calibrated anti-FXa assay can be used for assessing anticoagulant effect of apixaban in adolescents.

### METHODS

LMWH-calibrated anti-FXa method (Innovance heparin, Siemens Healthineers, Germany) was used for measurement of LMWH anti-FXa activity. Innovance heparin (Siemens Healthineers, Germany) calibrated with apixaban (Innovatech, Sophia-Antipolis, France) was used for quantitative determination of apixaban concentration. Agreement between LMWH and apixaban calibrated anti-FXa assays was tested using kappa statistics whereas receiver operating characteristics (ROC) analysis was performed for LMWH therapeutic range. The study was funded by the Croatian Science Foundation as part of the research project IP-2016-06-9206.

**RESULTS**  
In 36 plasma samples of 11 adolescents (13-22 years), concentrations of apixaban ranged from 20 ng/mL to 267 ng/mL (median 94 ng/mL). LMWH anti-FXa activity ranged from 0.11 to 1.50 (upper LMWH measuring range) (median 0.68 IU/mL) (Table 1). Inter-rater agreement analysis showed poor agreement ( $\kappa=0.16$ ; 95%CI -0.032 to 0.338) between therapeutic range of LMWH-calibrated anti-FXa activity and clinically relevant apixaban concentrations (>30 ng/mL) (Table 2). ROC analysis showed that only apixaban concentrations between 57 and 121 ng/mL could be expected with certainty within therapeutic range for LMWH anti-FXa activity. Cut-off value of 30 ng/mL is 0.12 IU/mL.

Table 1. Results of apixaban concentration and low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) activity in paired samples in adolescents.

Apixaban concentration (ng/mL)	LMWH anti-FXa activity (IU/mL)		
Median (95% CI)	Median (95% CI)	IQR	
94 (69 - 107)	0.68 (0.47 - 0.85)		
52 - 136	0.28 - 1.00		

Table 2. Results of inter-rater agreement (kappa) between therapeutic range for LMWH anti-FXa activity and apixaban concentration at cut-off value of 30 ng/mL.

LMWH therapeutic range	Apixaban < 30 ng/mL	Apixaban > 30 ng/mL	Number (ratio)
0.4 - 1.1	2	8	10 (0.28)
> 1.1	0	19	19 (0.53)
Kappa = 0.16, 95% CI (-0.03 - 0.34)	0	7	7 (0.19)

**CONCLUSIONS**  
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### 2. Zamjena terapije DOAK-a niskomol. heparinom u terapijskoj dozi (preoperativno):

- lažno veće konc. DOAK. lijeka = interferencija heparina zbog istog načela metode!!!
- klinički značajno kod određivanja ostatne konc. DOAK-a preoperativno!!!

#### Preporuka:

- ✓ odrediti konc. DOAK-a neposredno prije slijedeće doze LMWH
- ✓ ako je ostatna konc. DOAK-a  $> 30 \text{ ng/mL}$  – interpretativni komentar (upozorenje o nepouzdanom rezultatu konc. DOAK lijeka zbog interferencije LMWH)



# Preporuke za laboratorijsku dijagnostiku DOAK lijekova

## Analitički čimbenici

### POCT metode za DOAK lijekove

- kvalitativne ili polukvantitativne
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### 1. DOAK Dipstick (Doasense GmbH, Heidelberg Njemačka)

- kvalitativna, određivanje prisutnosti/odsutnosti DOAK-a u urinu
- isključivanje klinički značajne konc. DOAK-a u krvi ( $\geq 30 \text{ ng/mL}$ )
- za sada jedina preporučena POCT metoda u hitnim stanjima
- 2025. god. IVD certifikat

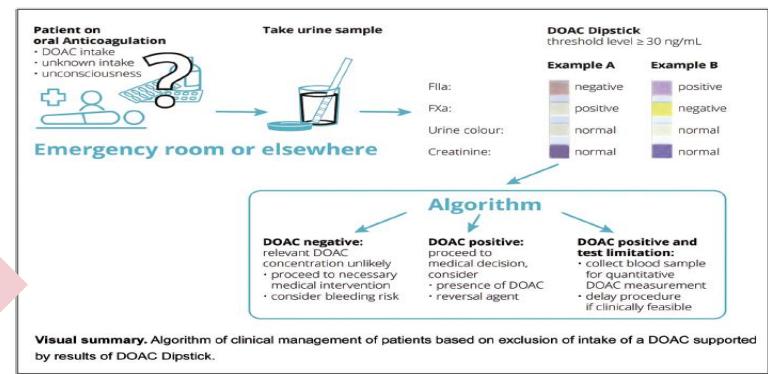
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Thromb Haemost 2022;122:1542–1548.

#### Algorithm for Rapid Exclusion of Clinically Relevant Plasma Levels of Direct Oral Anticoagulants in Patients Using the DOAC Dipstick: An Expert Consensus Paper

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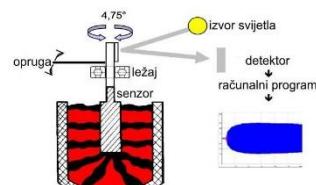
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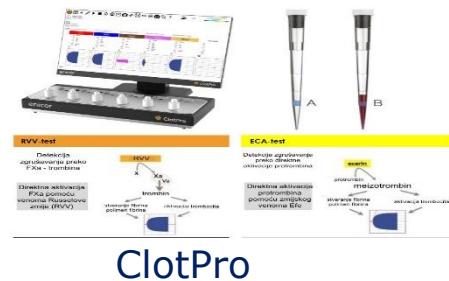
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## 2. TEG, TEM, TGA... (procjena globalne koagulabilnosti i fibrinolitičke aktivnosti)



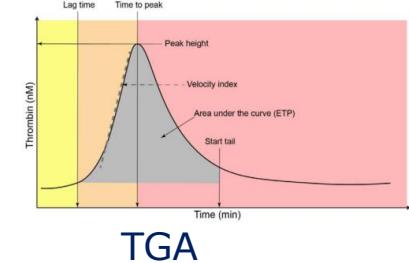
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TGA

- nedovoljno osjetljive i specifične, nestandardizirane za DOAK lijekove
- za sada se primjena ovih metoda ne preporuča u hitnim stanjima za DOAK-e

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## Poslijeanalitički čimbenici

- mjerna jedinica: **ng/mL**
- terapijski intervali nisu definirani, ali objavljene očekivane vršne i minimalne koncentracije ovisno o dozi i kliničkoj indikaciji treba izvještavati uz rezultat mjerjenja
- rezultat interpretirati u skladu s kl. anamnezom bolesnika, dozom lijeka i vremenom uzorkovanja krvi u odnosu na zadnju dozu lijeka
- vrijeme izdavanja: **za sva hitna stanja TAT = 30 min.**

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	Dabigatran		Rivaroxaban		Apixaban		Edoxaban	
Indication	Stroke prevention in NVAF	Treatment PE/VTE	Stroke prevention in NVAF	Treatment PE/VTE	Stroke prevention in NVAF	Treatment PE/VTE	Stroke prevention in NVAF	Treatment PE/VTE
Dose	150 mg bid	150 mg bid	20 mg qd	20 mg qd	5 mg bid	5 mg bid	60 mg qd	60 mg qd
Peak concentration, ng/mL	175 <sup>a</sup> (117–275)	175 <sup>a</sup> (117–275)	249 <sup>b</sup> (184–343)	270 <sup>b</sup> (189–419)	171 <sup>c</sup> (91–321)	132 <sup>c</sup> (59–302)	170 <sup>d</sup> (125–245)	234 <sup>e</sup> (149–317)
Trough concentration, ng/mL	91 <sup>a</sup> (61–143)	60 <sup>a</sup> (39–95)	44 <sup>b</sup> (12–137)	26 <sup>b</sup> (6–87)	103 <sup>c</sup> (41–230)	63 <sup>c</sup> (22–177)	36 <sup>e</sup> (19–62)	19 <sup>e</sup> (10–39)

Abbreviations: bid, twice daily; IQR, interquartile range; NVAF, non-valvular atrial fibrillation; PE, pulmonary embolism; qd, once daily; VTE, venous thromboembolism.

Notes: Other approved indications for DOACs include secondary prevention of PE/VTE, and post hip and knee replacement, which may have alternative dosing strategies. Additionally, changes in doses may occur after initiation phase of DOAC treatment. Consultation of regional DOAC labeling information is required before interpreting or using these peak and trough DOAC concentration data.

<sup>a</sup>Mean (25th–75th percentile).

<sup>b</sup>Mean (5th–95th percentile).

<sup>c</sup>Median (5th–95th percentile).

<sup>d</sup>Gosselin et al. Thromb Haemost 2018;118:437–50.

<sup>e</sup>Median (IQR).

Indikacija	Dabigatran		Rivaroksaban				Apiksaban				Edoksaban			
	NVAF x (10 – 90 percentil)	VTE medijan (IQR)	NVAF x (5 – 95 percentil)	VTE x (10 – 90 percentil)	ACS x (10 – 90 percentil)	NVAF medijan (5 – 95 percentil)	VTE medijan (5 – 95 percentil)	NVAF medijan (IQR)	VTE medijan (IQR)	NVAF medijan (IQR)	VTE medijan (IQR)	NVAF medijan (IQR)	VTE medijan (IQR)	
Doza, mg	2x150	2x150	1x20	1x20	1x10	1x2,5	2x5	2x2,5	2x10	2x5	2x2,5	1x60	1x30	
MK, ng/mL	91 (40–215)	60 (39–95)	44 (12–137)	32 (6–239)	14 (4–51)	9 (4–18)	103 (41–230)	79 (34–162)	120 (41–335)	63 (22–177)	32 (11–90)	36 (19–62)	27 (15–45)	
VK, ng/mL	175 (74–383)	175 (117–275)	249 (184–343)	215 (22–535)	101 (7–273)	47 (13–123)	171 (91–321)	123 (69–221)	251 (111–572)	132 (59–302)	67 (30–153)	170 (125–245)	85 (55–120)	

MK=minimalna konc. lijeka, VK=vršna konc. lijeka, NVAF=ne-valvularna fibrilacija atrija, ACS=akutni koronarni sindrom; x=srednja vrijednost; IQR=interkvartilni raspon

Douxfils et al. Thromb Haemost 2021;121:1008–20.

DABIGATRAN ng/mL (n = 37)	Medijan (95%CI)	IQR	Očekivane terapijske vrijednosti
Vršna koncentracija	165 (125 – 204)	102 - 249	175 (117 – 275)
Minimalna koncentracija	97 (61 – 120)	52 - 157	91 (61 – 143)
RIVAROXBAN ng/mL (n= 28)	Medijan (95%CI)	IQR	Očekivane terapijske vrijednosti
Vršna koncentracija	229 (168 -280)	124 - 296	249 (184 - 343)
Minimalna koncentracija	36 (23 – 93)	15 - 109	44 (12 – 137)
APIXABAN ng/mL (n = 36)	Medijan (95%CI)	IQR	Očekivane terapijske vrijednosti
Vršna koncentracija	180 (160 – 206)	142 - 224	171 (91 - 321)
Minimalna koncentracija	89 (67 – 125)	56 - 135	103 (41 – 230)

Usporedba vršnih i minimalnih koncentracija dabigatrana, rivaroksabana i apiksabana s očekivanim terapijskim vrijednostima kod pacijenata s NVAF



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