

# Phase 2 Program of AntiCoagulation via Inhibition of FXIa by the Oral Compound BAY 2433334 – Non-Cardioembolic Stroke Study

## Main Results of the PACIFIC-Stroke Study



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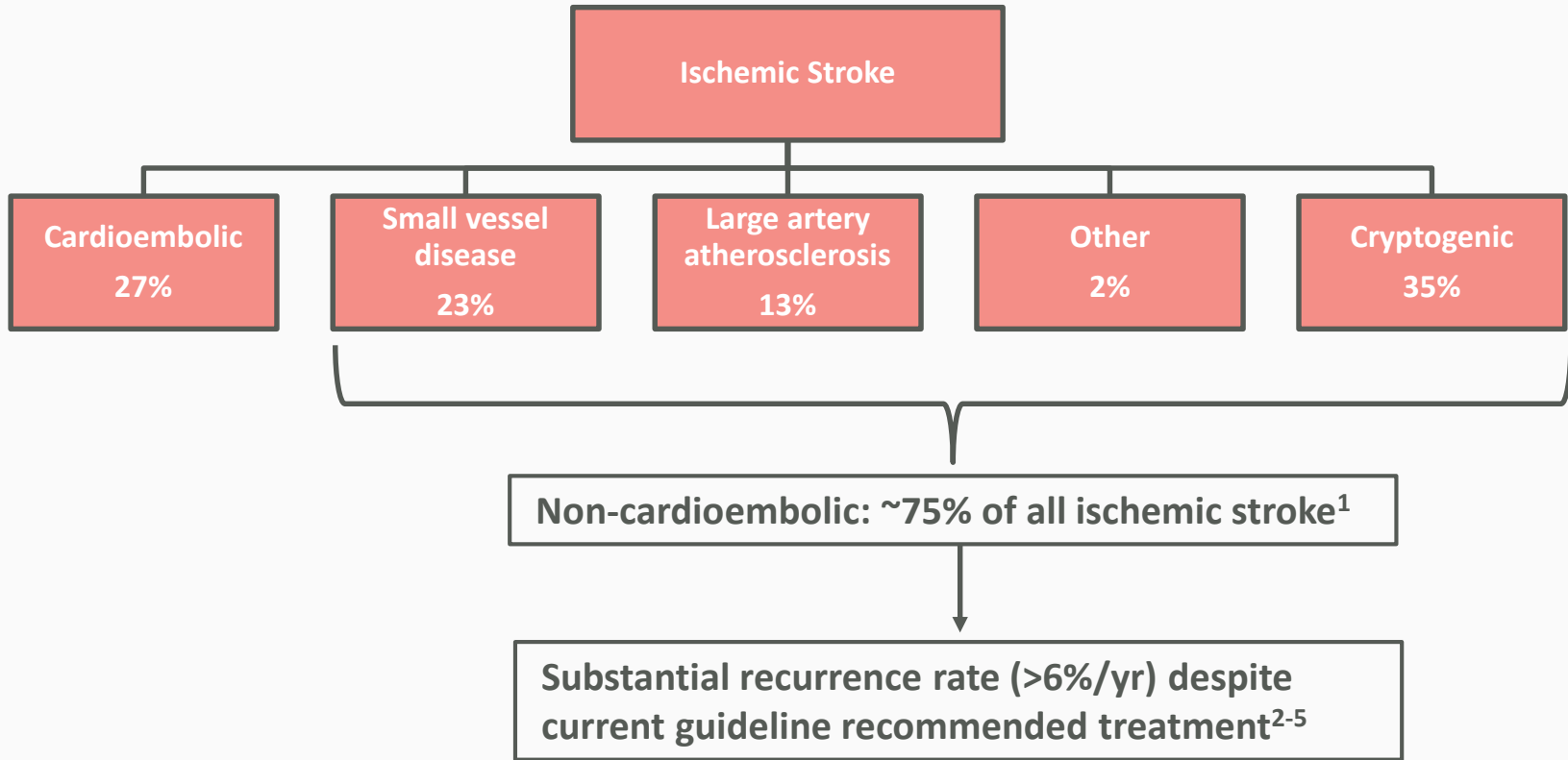


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# Non-Cardioembolic Ischemic Stroke



# Covert brain infarction

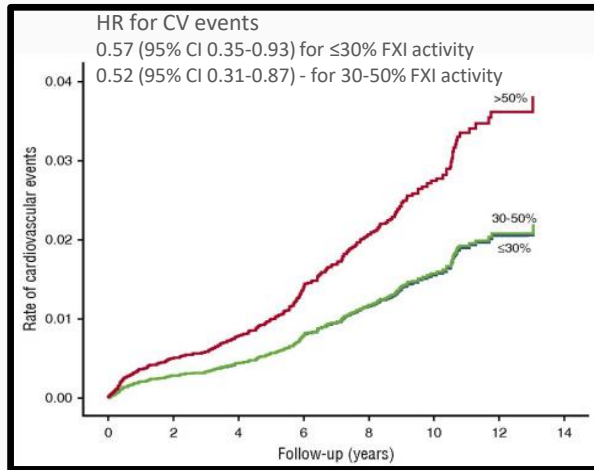


- Substantial burden of covert brain infarction
- Contributor to post-stroke cognitive and functional decline<sup>1,2</sup>

# Human genetic data as well as clinical data support the testing of asundexian, a FXIa inhibitor, for secondary stroke prevention



Significant reduced risk for CV events and ischemic stroke in FXI-deficient individuals



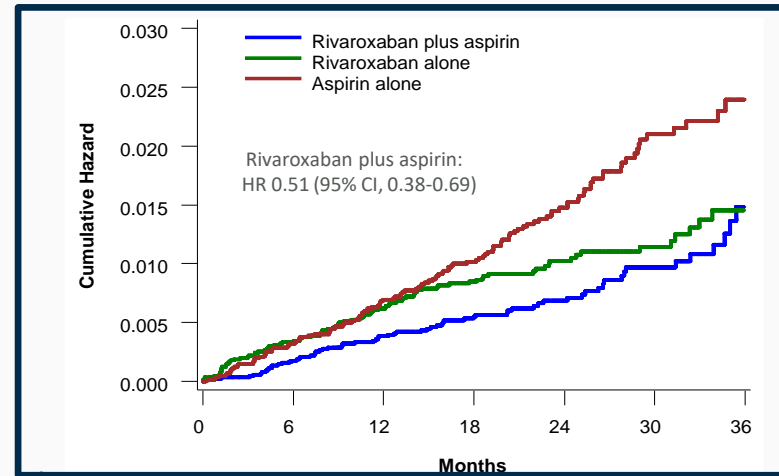
Preis M, et al. (Blood. 2017;129(9):1210-121)

Odds ratio for ischemic stroke 0.47 (95% CI 0.36-0.61)

Georgi B, et al. (Stroke. 2019;50:3004-3012)



Significant reduced risk for ischemic stroke in patients with CAD and PAD treated with dual pathway inhibition (Rivaroxaban and Aspirin)



Sharma, M, et al. (Circulation. 2019;139:1134-1145)



# PACIFIC Program



*Concerted evaluation across phase 2 programs*



## Atrial fibrillation

20mg asundexian  
50mg asundexian  
apixaban

**~750 patients randomized**  
**Results at ACC 2022**

Less bleeding with asundexian 20 or 50 mg QD than with apixaban in patients with AF<sup>1</sup>



## Acute myocardial infarction

10mg asundexian  
20mg asundexian + dual antiplatelet  
50mg asundexian therapy  
placebo

**~ 1600 patients randomized**  
**Results at ESC 2022**

No increase in bleeding on top of dual antiplatelet therapy



## Non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke

10mg asundexian  
20mg asundexian + single or dual  
50mg asundexian antiplatelet therapy  
placebo

**~ 1800 patients randomized**  
**Results at ESC 2022**

# PACIFIC-Stroke study



## Objectives:

- To assess the dose-response of 3 different dosages of asundexian compared with placebo on the primary efficacy outcome and, separately, to evaluate the incidence of the primary safety outcomes to determine the dosage that is most efficacious and safe for testing in a phase 3 trial.

## Primary Efficacy Outcome:

- The incidence of symptomatic ischemic stroke or covert brain infarcts detected by MRI at 6 months following a non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke for each of the different doses of asundexian and placebo.

## Primary Safety Outcome:

- The composite of ISTH<sup>1</sup> major bleeding and clinically relevant non-major bleeding pooled across all asundexian doses and compared to placebo.

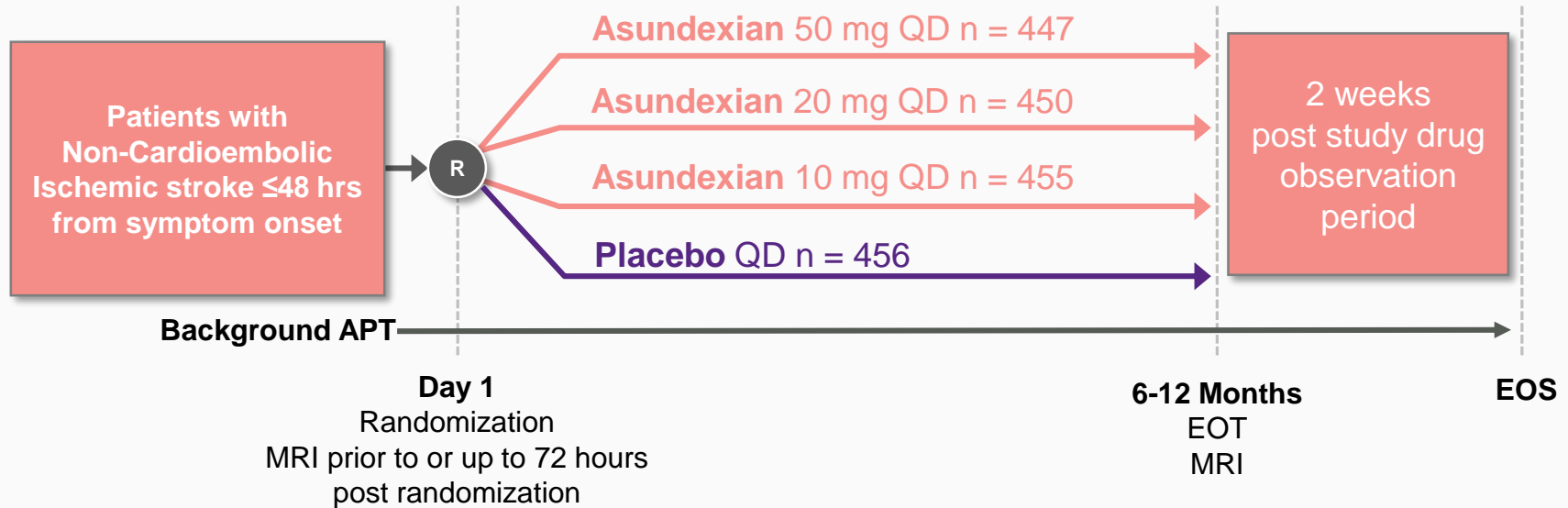
## Primary analysis:

- Dose response effect of asundexian on the primary efficacy outcome at 6 months.

# PACIFIC-Stroke: Schema



Prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2, dose-ranging study



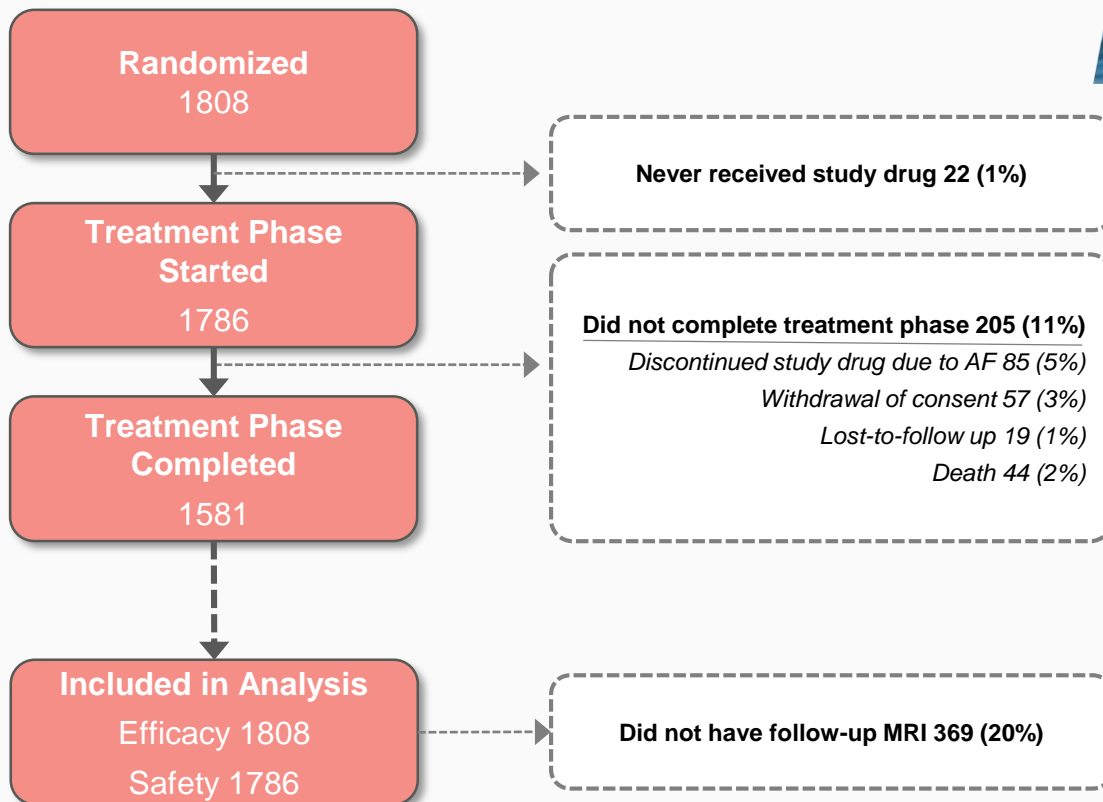
**Enrollment:** 1808 patients between June 15, 2020 and July 22, 2021 at 196 sites in 23 countries



# Results of PACIFIC-Stroke



# Study flow



# Baseline and Qualifying Stroke Characteristics

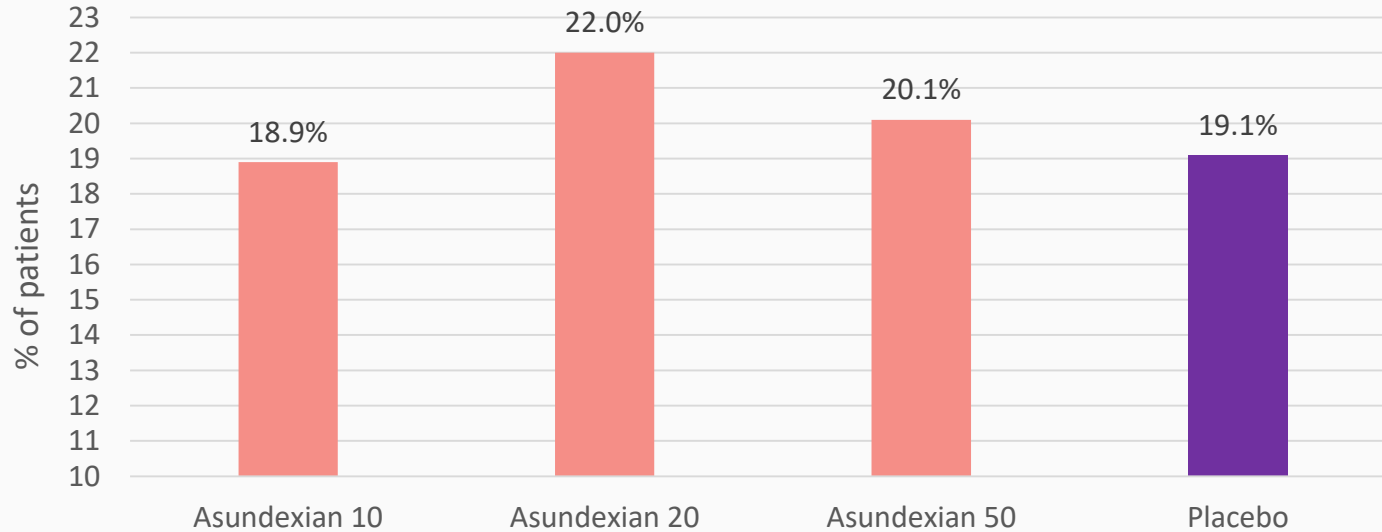
Well Balanced Across Treatment Arms



	All patients (n=1808)
Age (yrs), mean $\pm$ SD	67 $\pm$ 10
Female	34%
Race - White	83%
- Asian	15%
Hypertension	77%
Diabetes mellitus	28%
Previous Stroke or TIA	16%
Hours from qualifying stroke to randomization, mean $\pm$ SD	36 $\pm$ 10
Qualifying stroke subtype	
- Large artery atherosclerosis	18%
- Small vessel occlusion	45%
- Cryptogenic	35%
Extra- or intracranial atherosclerosis	34%
NIHSS score at randomization, mean $\pm$ SD	3 $\pm$ 2
Thrombolysis for index stroke	12%
Initial dual antiplatelet therapy	43%

# Primary Efficacy Outcome

Ischemic Stroke or Covert Infarcts at 6 months



No observed dose-response (Emax2 model t statistic: -0.68, p=0.80)

# Secondary Efficacy Outcome

Incident covert brain infarct(s) on MRI at 6 months (75% of events; 69% small subcortical infarcts)



Outcome	Asundexian, 10 mg (N=455)	Asundexian, 10 mg vs. placebo	Asundexian, 20 mg (N=450)	Asundexian, 20 mg vs. placebo	Asundexian, 50 mg (N=447)	Asundexian, 50 mg vs. placebo	Placebo (N=456)
	No. of patients (%)	CIR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	CIR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	CIR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)
Incident covert brain infarct(s) on MRI	63 (13.8%)	<b>0.99 (0.75 - 1.30)</b>	74 (16.4%)	<b>1.17 (0.90 - 1.51)</b>	74 (16.6%)	<b>1.17 (0.91 - 1.52)</b>	64 (14.0%)

No effect on covert brain infarct

# Secondary Efficacy Outcomes

Total follow-up (median 10.6 months)



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	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)
Ischemic stroke	26 (5.7%)	<b>0.93 (0.59-1.45)</b>	26 (5.8%)	<b>0.94 (0.60-1.47)</b>	22 (4.9%)	<b>0.80 (0.50-1.27)</b>	28 (6.1%)
Any recurrent stroke	26 (5.7%)	<b>0.86 (0.56-1.34)</b>	26 (5.8%)	<b>0.88 (0.56-1.36)</b>	25 (5.6%)	<b>0.85 (0.54-1.32)</b>	30 (6.6%)
Ischemic stroke, vascular death or myocardial infarction	33 (7.3%)	<b>0.94 (0.63-1.40)</b>	30 (6.7%)	<b>0.87 (0.58-1.30)</b>	33 (7.4%)	<b>0.96 (0.64-1.43)</b>	35 (7.7%)
All-cause mortality	10 (2.2%)	<b>1.00 (0.48-2.09)</b>	6 (1.3%)	<b>0.60 (0.26-1.41)</b>	17 (3.8%)	<b>1.72 (0.89-3.32)</b>	10 (2.2%)

Positive trend shown for reduction in ischemic stroke with asundexian 50 mg



# Secondary Exploratory Outcomes

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TIA	10 (2.2%)	<b>0.91 (0.44-1.87)</b>	2 (0.4%)	<b>0.18 (0.05-0.64)</b>	2 (0.4%)	<b>0.18 (0.05-0.65)</b>	11 (2.4%)
Recurrent ischemic stroke or TIA	35 (7.7%)	<b>0.92 (0.63-1.35)</b>	28 (6.2%)	<b>0.74 (0.49-1.12)</b>	24 (5.4%)	<b>0.64 (0.41-0.98)</b>	38 (8.3%)



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Dose dependent reduction of composite of ischemic stroke or TIA with asundexian

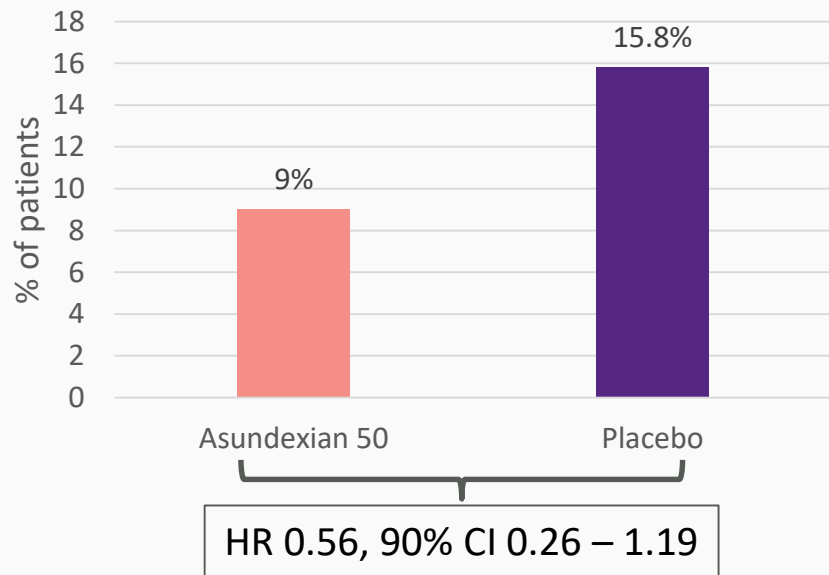


# Outcome: Recurrent stroke and TIA

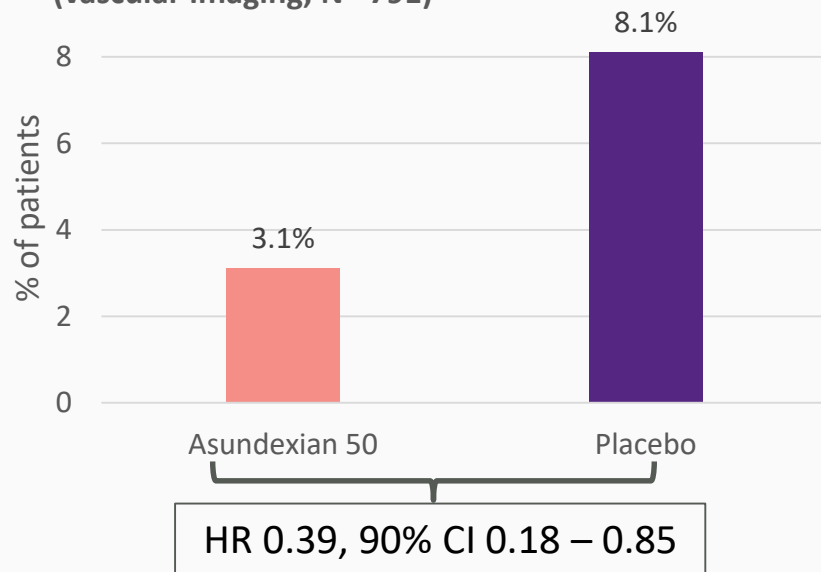
Exploratory post-hoc subgroup analysis



A. Patients with large artery stroke (TOAST, N=320)



B. Patients with any extra-/intracranial atherosclerosis (vascular imaging, N= 791)

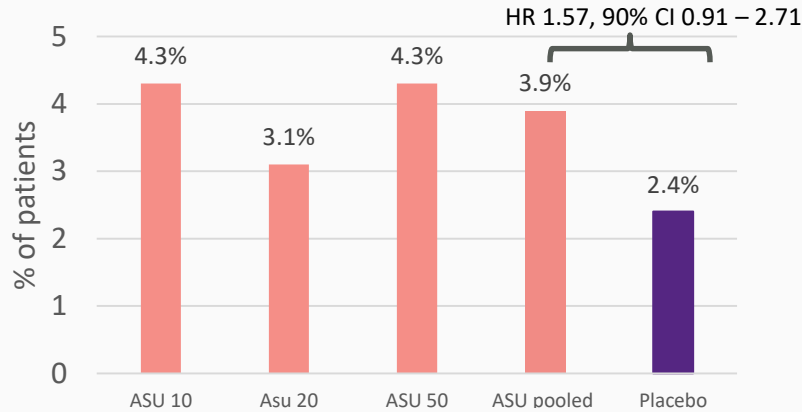


Patients with atherosclerosis had fewer recurrent stroke and TIA with asundexian 50

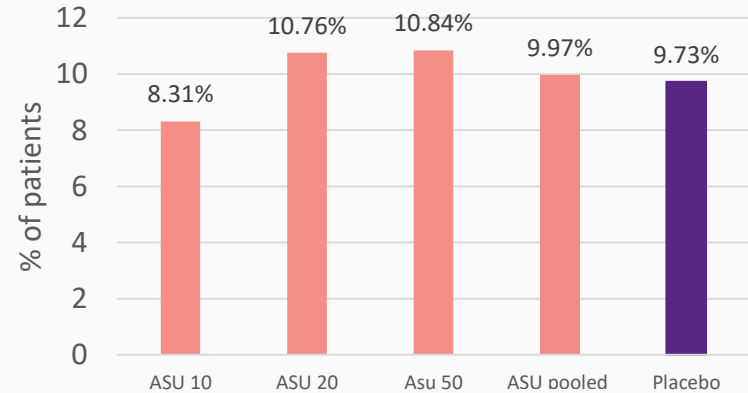
# Bleeding Outcomes



## A. Major or Clinically-Relevant Non-Major Bleeding (ISTH)<sup>1</sup>



## B. All Bleeding



## C. Hemorrhagic transformation in patients with baseline MRI after randomization

	Asundexian 10 (N=455)	Asundexian 20 (N=450)	Asundexian, 50 (N=447)	Placebo (N=456)
HI1 and 2	18.4%	17.5%	19.0%	20.6%
PH1 and 2	0.7%	0.2%	0%	0.9%

No significant increase in bleeding and hemorrhagic transformation of index stroke

# Conclusions



- **In this phase 2 trial, inhibition of factor XIa with asundexian did not reduce the composite of covert brain infarction or ischemic stroke and no dose response could be shown in patients with acute, non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke.**
  - **Driven by lack of effect on covert brain infarction (largely due to small vessel disease)**
- **Treatment with asundexian 50mg reduced recurrent symptomatic ischemic strokes and TIAs, particularly among those with atherosclerosis**
- **No significant increase in the risk of major or intracranial bleeding with asundexian**
- **The promising results from this phase 2 trial require validation in an adequately-powered phase 3 randomised trial**

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