



# Bleeding Disorders

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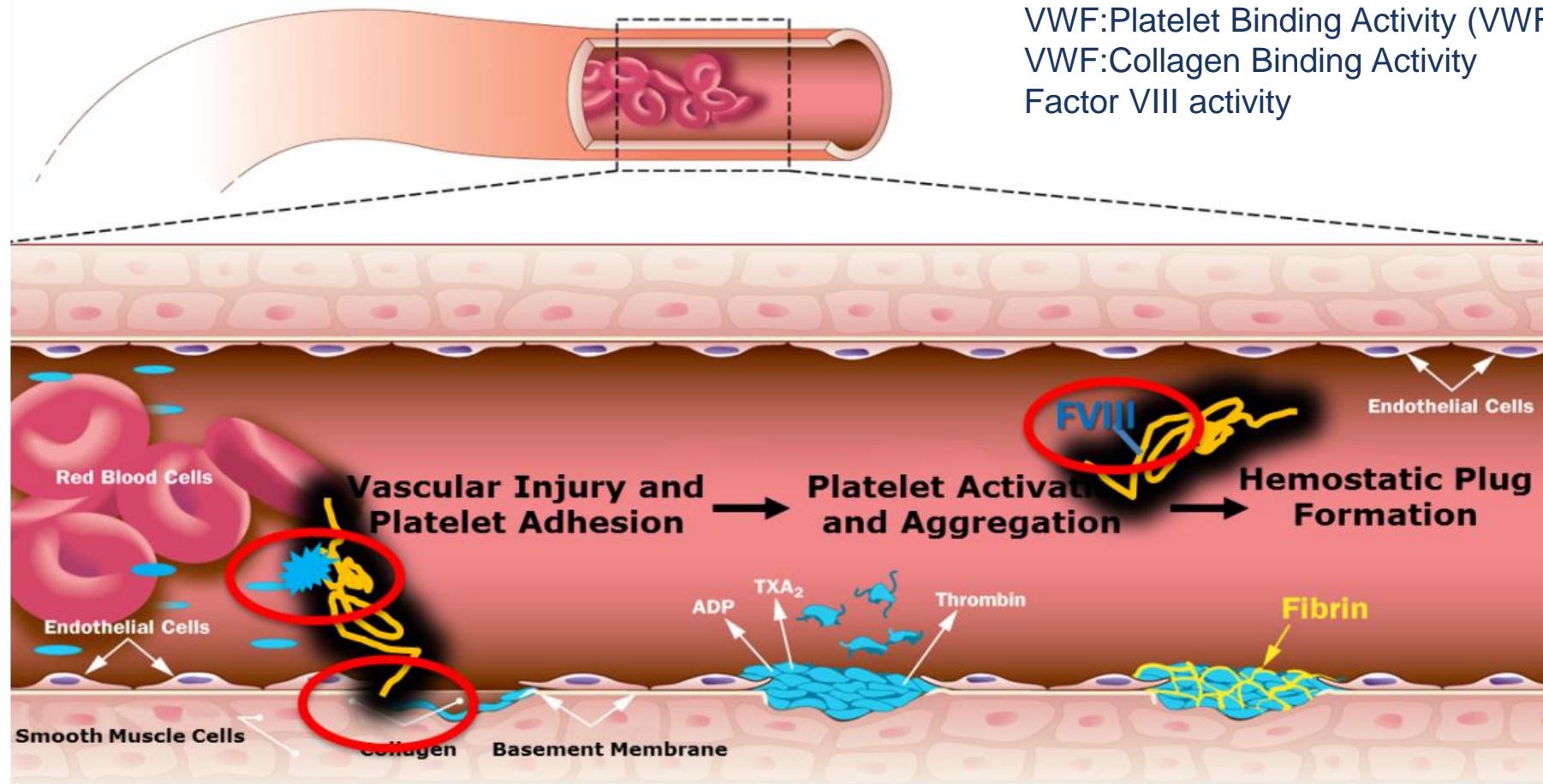
**2** Hemophilia A and B

**3** Rare factor deficiencies

**4** Inherited platelet disorders

# von Willebrand Disease and Acquired von Willebrand Syndrome

# von Willebrand Factor



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Collagen binding  
Platelet binding

Factor VIII binding

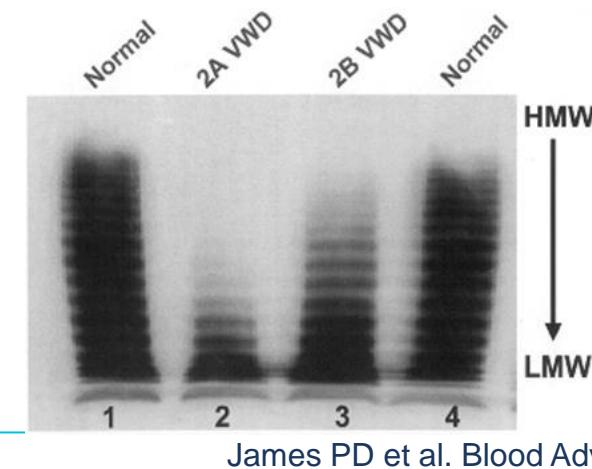
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# VWD: Clinical Manifestations

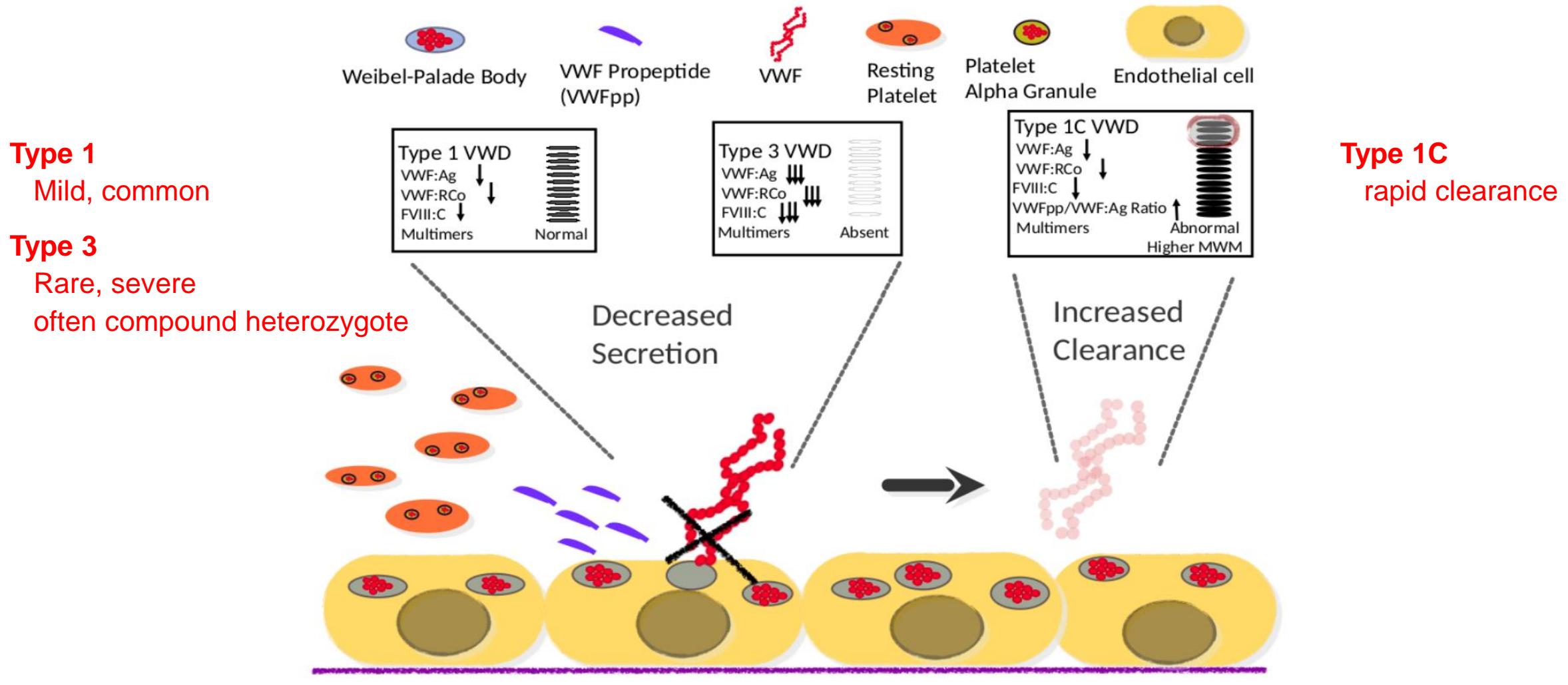
- Mucocutaneous Bleeding
  - Nosebleeds
  - Gum Bleeding
  - Bleeding after dental extractions
  - Bleeding after tonsillectomy
  - Excessive bruising
  - Heavy menstrual bleeding
  - Postpartum hemorrhage
  - GI bleeding (especially in Types 2 and 3)
- Hemorrhagic Ovarian Cysts
- Post-operative bleeding
- Hemarthrosis (especially Type 3)

# VWD: Testing

- aPTT
  - Will be prolonged if FVIII decreased enough
    - usually < 30-40%
  - May be normal in Types 1 and 2 VWD
- PFA-100
  - May be normal but always prolonged in more severe disease
- VWF antigen concentration
- VWF activity
  - Platelet binding (VWF:RCo, VWF:GPIbR, VWF:Ab, VWF:GPIbM)
  - Collagen binding
- FVIII activity
- VWF multimer analysis



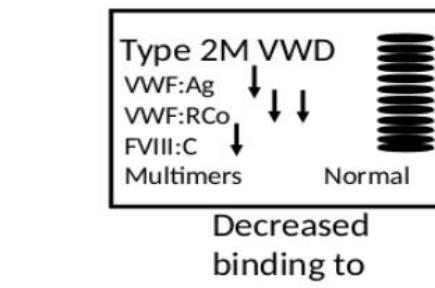
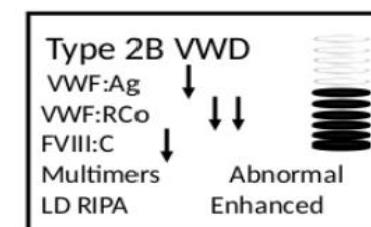
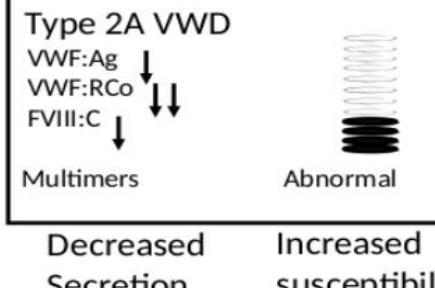
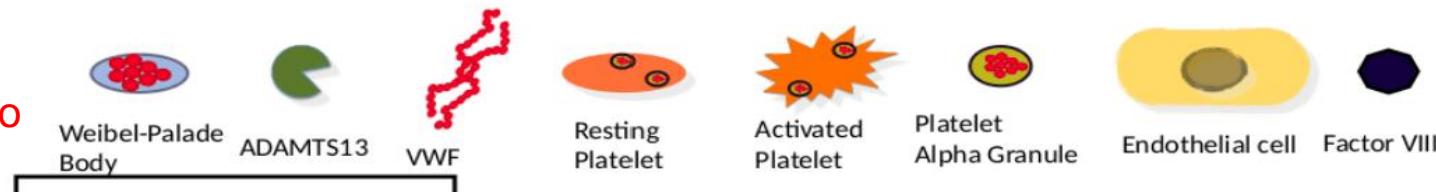
# Von Willebrand Disease – Quantitative Defects



# Von Willebrand Disease – Qualitative Defects

## Type 2A

abnormal VWF:Act/Ag ratio  
abnormal multimers

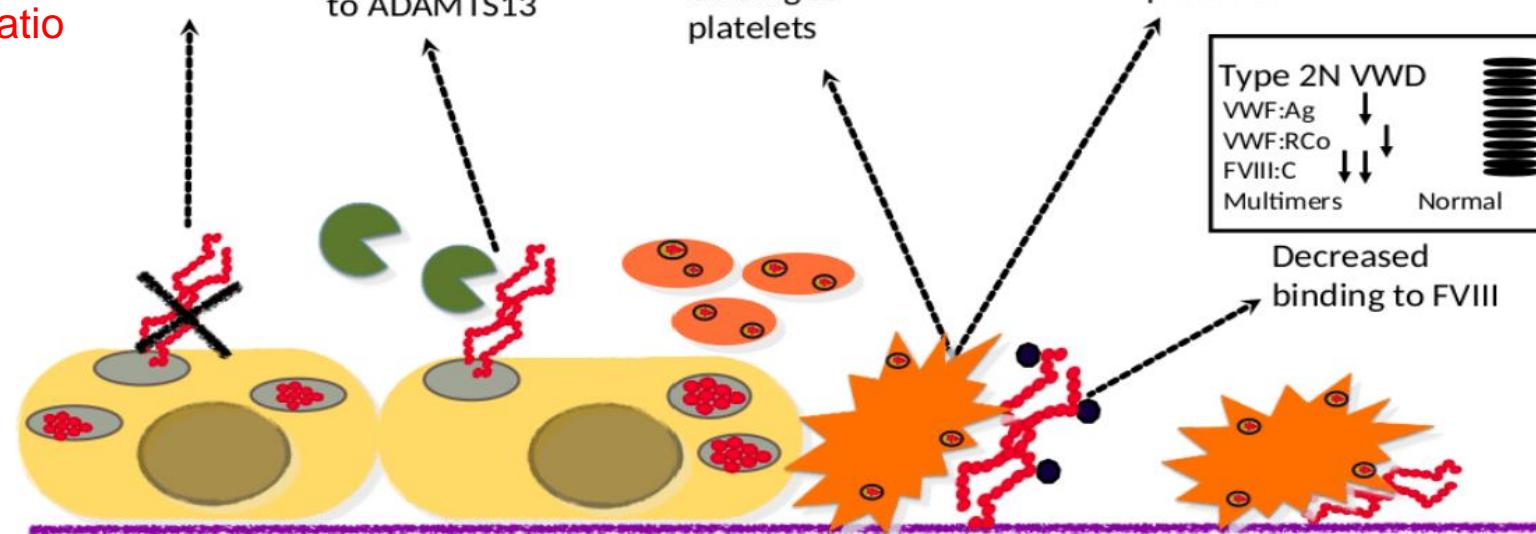


Type 2M

abnormal VWF:Act/Ag ratio  
normal multimers

## Type 2B

abnormal VWF:Act/Ag ratio  
abnormal multimers  
low platelets

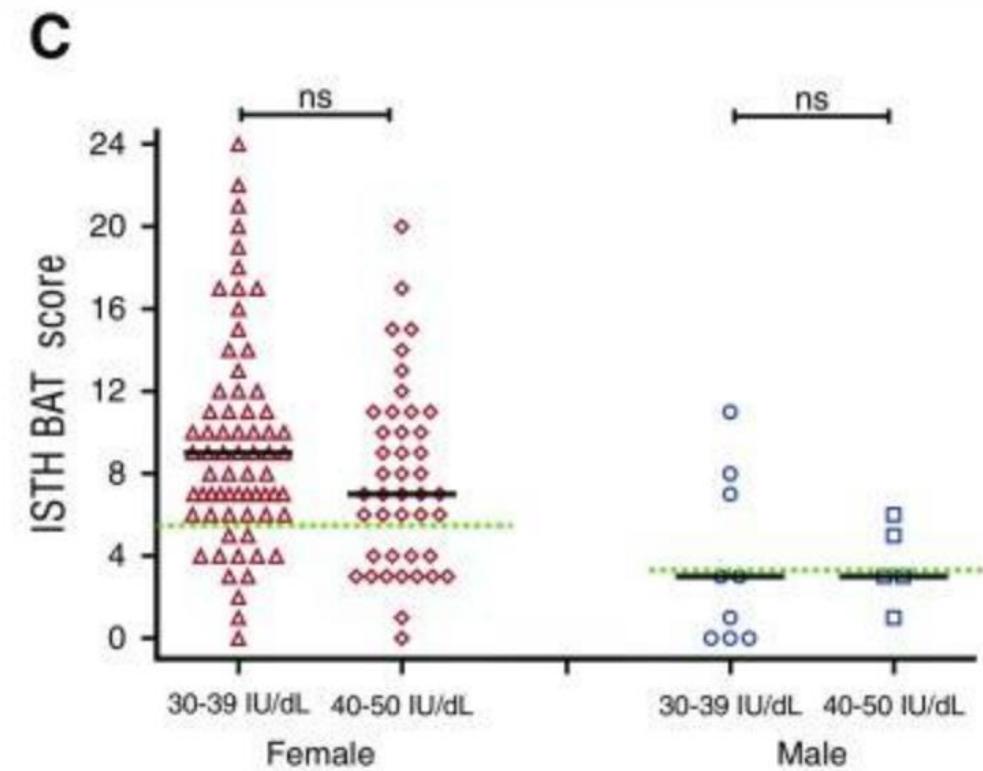


Type 2N

very low FVIII  
normal multimers

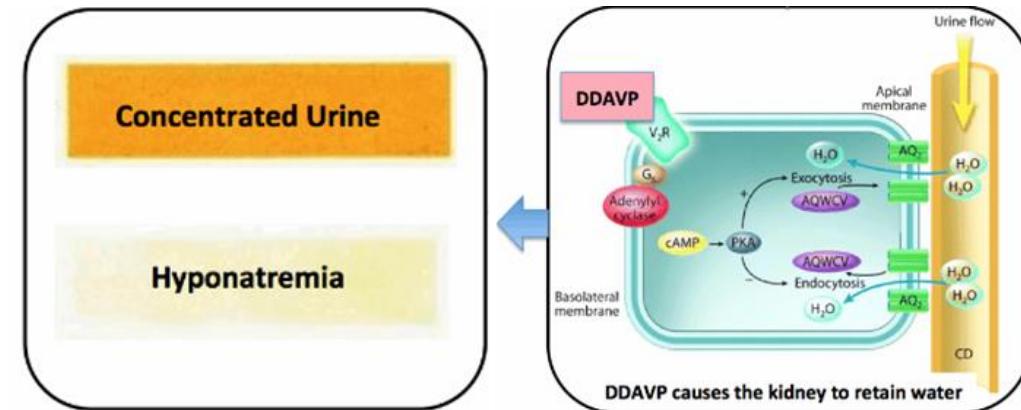
# Diagnosis of Type 1 VWD

- VWF level <30% regardless of bleeding
- VWF < 50% with abnormal bleeding
  - 30% - 50%: Consider additional bleeding disorders
- No longer diagnosis of “low VWF”
  - Significant bleeding symptoms which need “VWD” treatment



# Treatment of VWD

- Desmopressin (DDAVP – intranasal, SQ, IV)
  - Releases endogenous VWF and factor VIII from endothelium
  - Increases platelet adhesion to vessel wall
  - Increases tissue plasminogen activator
- Caution (Are there any stores? What is in the stores?)
  - Not effective in type 3
  - Less effective in type 1C
  - Less effective in type 2N
  - Caution in 2B (pseudothrombocytopenia)
  - DDAVP challenge (pre, at 90 min and 4 hours) to determine individual response
  - Tachyphylaxis and intravascular fluid retention

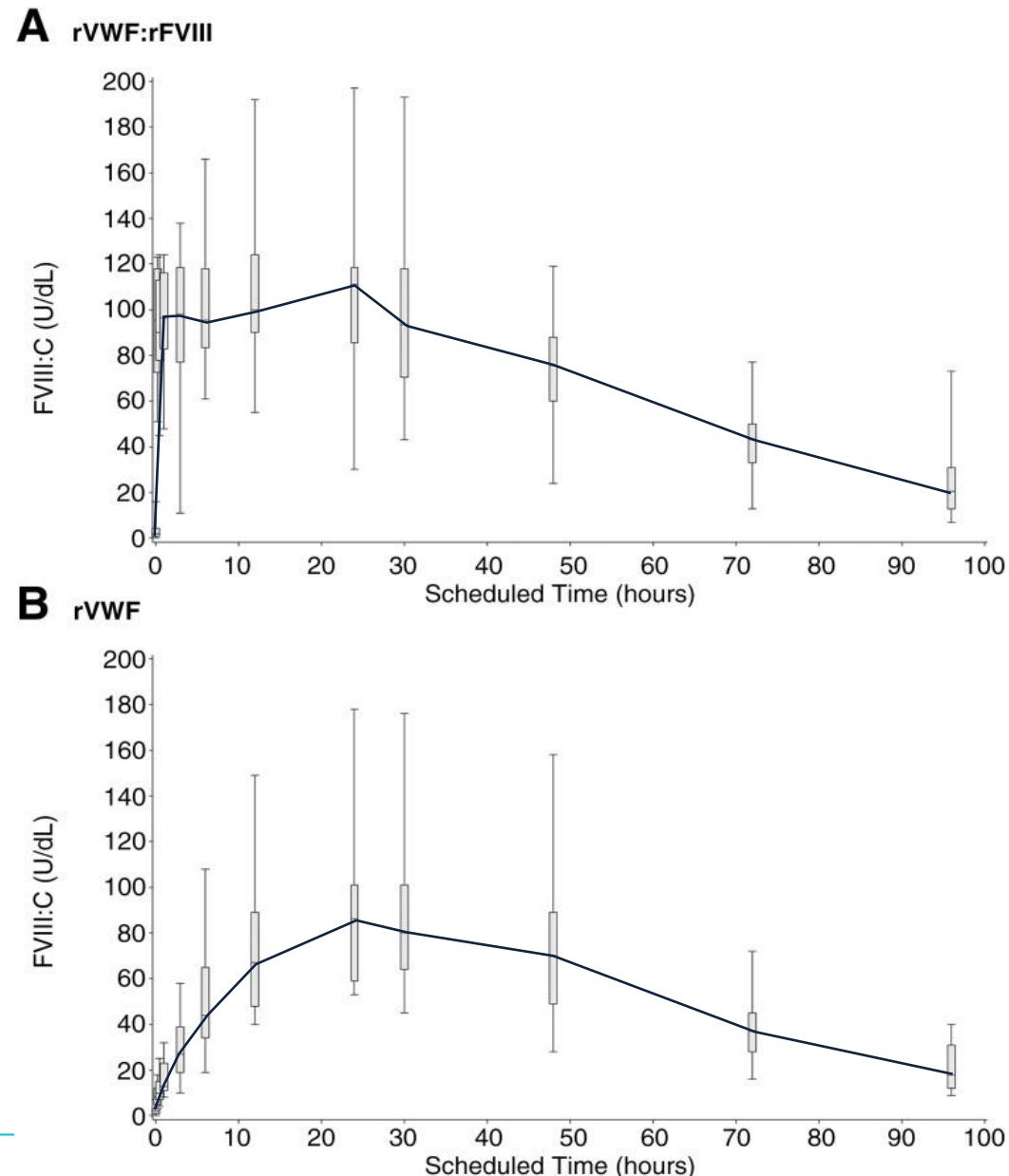


# Treatment of VWD

- Antifibrinolytics
  - $\epsilon$ -aminocaproic acid (Amicar), tranexamic acid
  - Lysine analogs
  - Bind to plasminogen and prevent conversion to plasmin and thus fibrin degradation

# Treatment of VWD

- VWF factor concentrates
  - Plasma derived - all contain factor VIII as well
    - Different VWF(RCo)/FVIII concentrations<sup>1</sup>
      - Humate-P 2.45/1
      - Alphanate 0.9/1
      - Wilate 0.9/1
  - Recombinant von Willebrand factor (rVWF)<sup>2</sup>
    - does not contain FVIII



# Acquired von Willebrand syndrome (AVWS)

Rare

- underreported

Paucity of data

- largest data collection on the disorder today, the International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis International Registry on AVWS

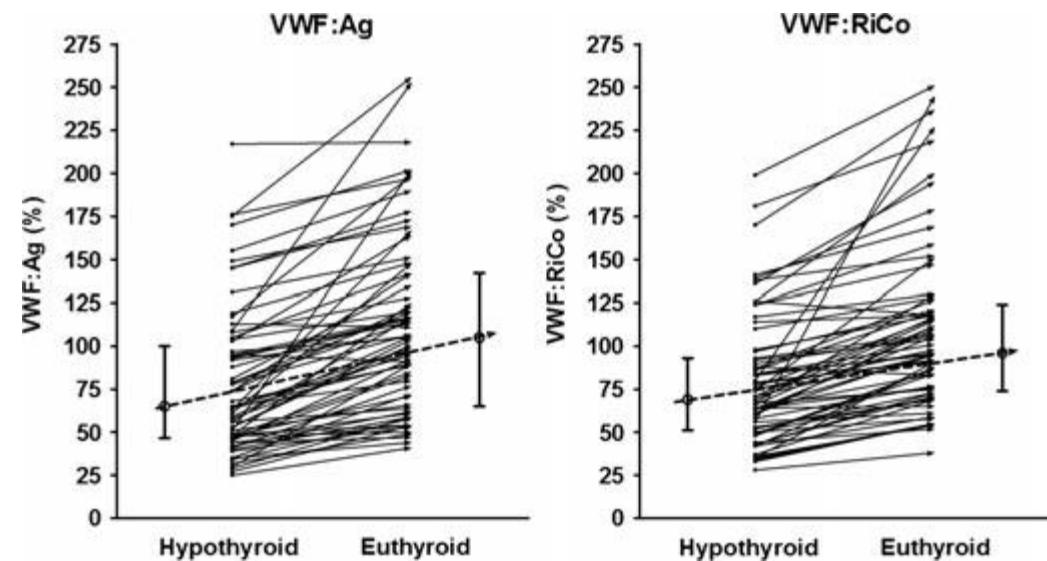
# AVWS due to Decreased Production

Decreased production of thyroid hormone

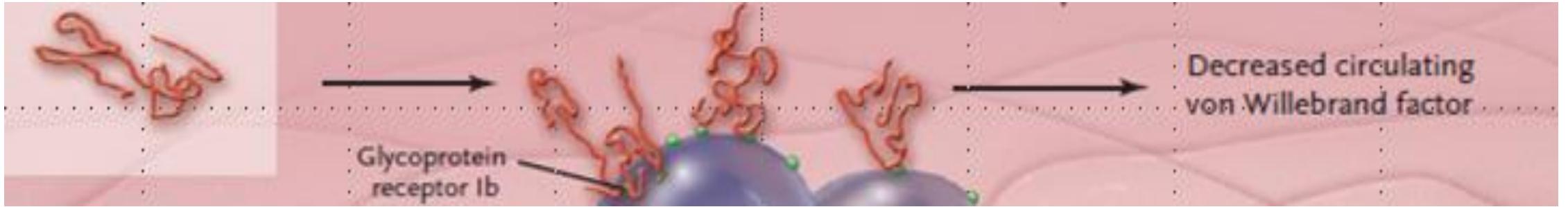


Decreased synthesis of von Willebrand factor

- Looks like a type 1 VWD (quantitative)
  - Low VWF:Ag and VWF:Activity
  - Normal multimers
  - Low VWF pro-peptide
- Study of 90 adults with primary overt hypothyroidism
  - 33% had VWF:Ag and/or VWF:RCo levels of  $\leq 50\%$
  - Most with levels 30-50%, none  $< 10\%$
  - Correlated with free thyroxine (FT4) levels

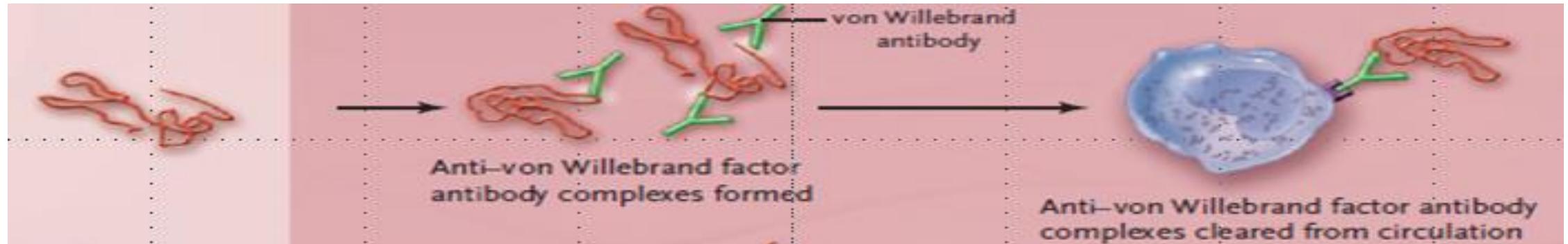


# AVWS due to Adsorption



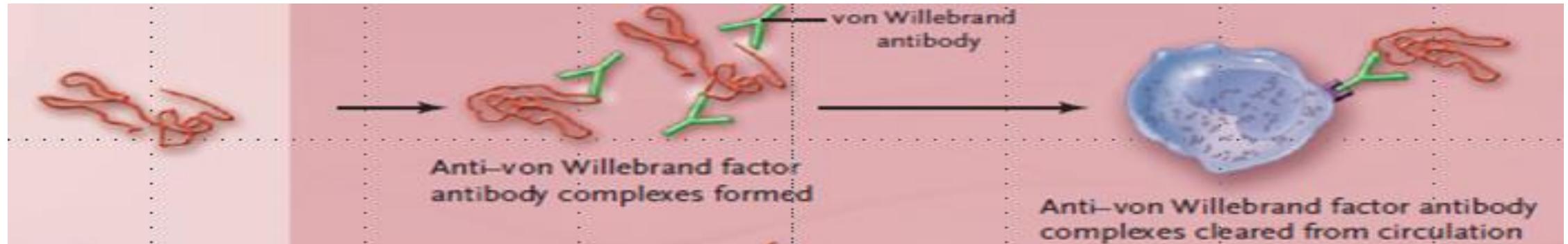
- Lymphoproliferative disorders (MM, WM, NHL, HCL), Myeloproliferative disorders (ET, PV), other thrombocytosis, malignancy
- Treat the underlying disease

# AVWS due to antibodies



- Associated conditions:
  - Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
  - Lymphoproliferative disorders
  - Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Detection of actual antibodies remains challenging and not well standardized

# AVWS due to antibodies



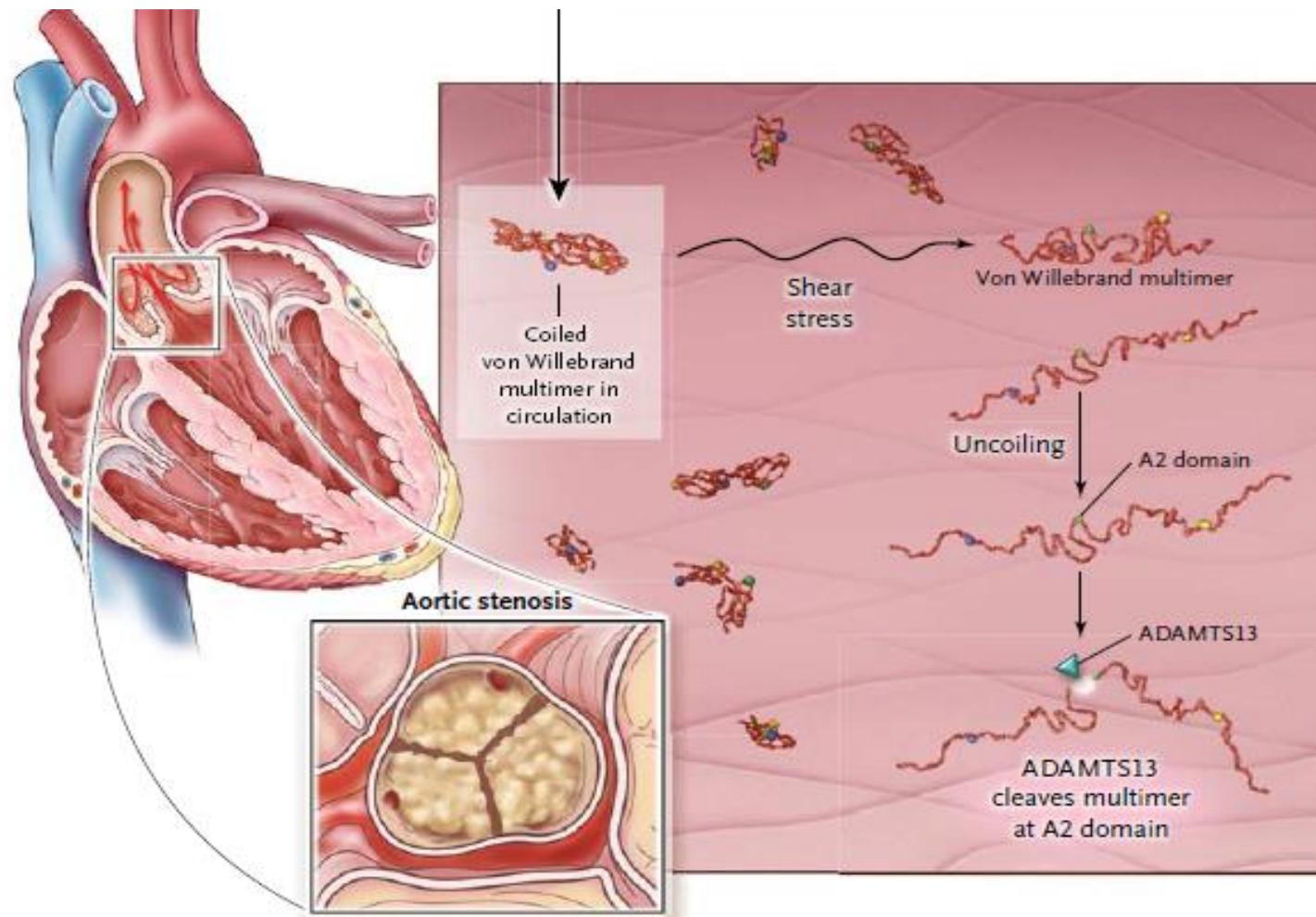
## Intravenous immunoglobulin

- Usually corrects laboratory abnormalities within 24-48 hours
- Alleviates bleeding symptoms in IgG-MGUS but not IgM-MGUS.
- Response can be seen for about 21 days and periodic re-dosing can achieve long-term control

Prednisone, rituximab and other immunosuppressant  
Not standardized and has varying results

Treat underlying disease

# AVWS associated with cardiovascular abnormalities

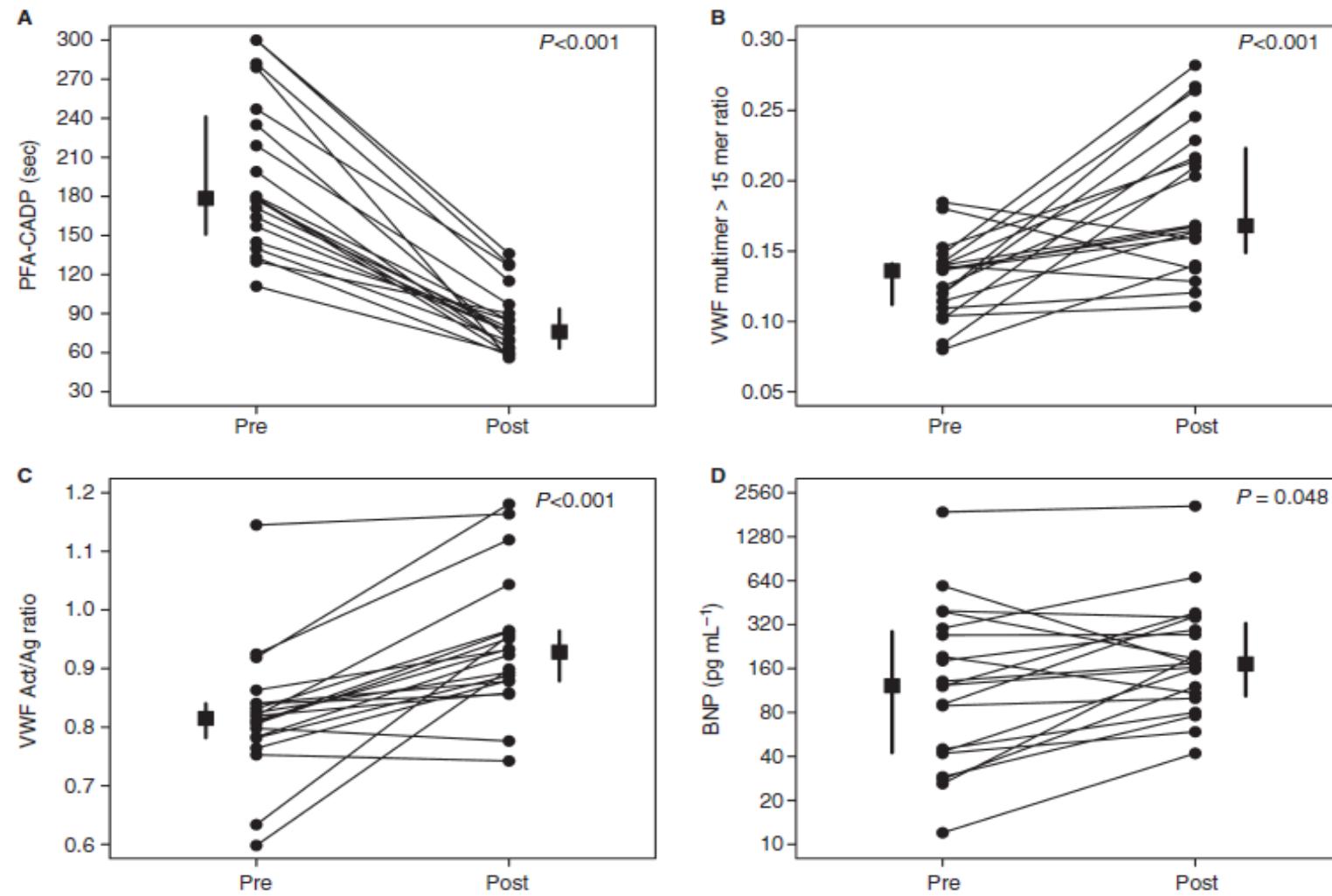


# AVWS associated with cardiovascular abnormalities

- Etiology
  - acquired valve and other structural abnormalities
  - hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
  - intra-cardiac devices
- About 20% of adults with congenital heart disease have AVWS Laboratory
  - Often normal VWF:Ag, VWF:RCo, or VWF:CB levels
  - But reduced VWF:RCo/Ag and VWF:CB/Ag ratio
- Not all patients will have bleeding symptoms

# AVWS associated with cardiovascular abnormalities

- Effect of mitral valve repair



# Hyde's Syndrome (Aortic Stenosis, AVMs, AVWS)

- Correspondence in NJEM 1958 by EC Heyde
  - Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Aortic Stenosis
- In Blacksmith study in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
  - 8/20 (40%) had AVM's
- Etiology is poorly understood
  - normal vascular aging and an impairment of platelets to maintain vascular endothelium
- Bleeding symptoms resolve after valve replacement



# Congenital Hemophilia

# Hemophilia A and B

Hemophilia: rare X-linked bleeding disorders

- Hemophilia A – deficiency of factor VIII (*F8* gene)
- Hemophilia B – deficiency of factor IX (*F9* gene)

Complication: bleeding

- joints and soft tissue
- trauma and surgeries



Hemophilia severity determined by factor activity level:

- Mild: >5%, Moderate: 1-5%, Severe: <1%

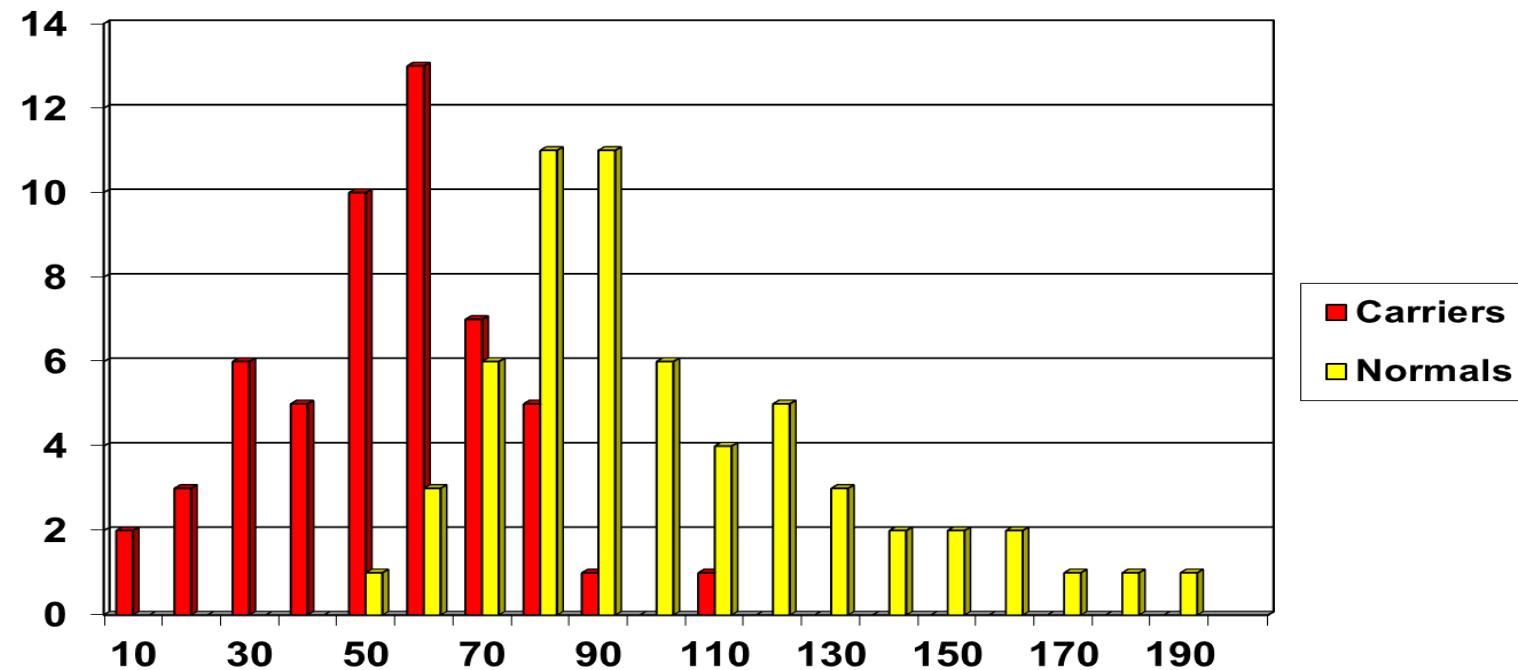
Standard of care: replacement of clotting factor (IV)

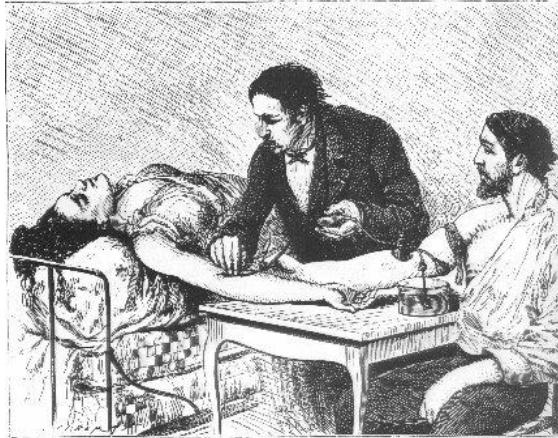
Complication of treatment: **inhibitors** (factor-neutralizing antibodies)

- ~30% in severe A (can also occur in mild hemophilia A), ~10% in severe B,

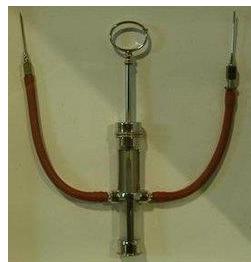
# Females with *F8* Genetic Variants

- ~ 30% have bleeding symptoms
- Newer terminology:
  - Females with hemophilia
  - Symptomatic carriers
  - Asymptomatic carriers





**First Blood Transfusion  
for Hemophilia**



**Cryoprecipitate discovered  
by Dr. Judith Pool**

**First Plasma Transfusion**

**1960/70's**

**1936**

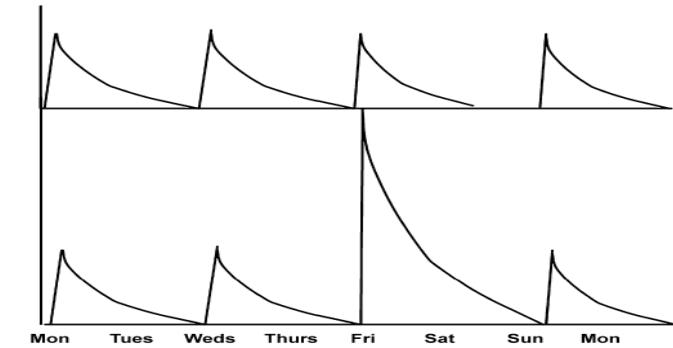
**1964**

**Factor Prophylaxis  
In U.S.**

**First Recombinant Factor Concentrate**

**First Monoclonal Factor Concentrates**

**First Factor Concentrates**



## Factor Prophylaxis In U.S.

Has to be given **IV**

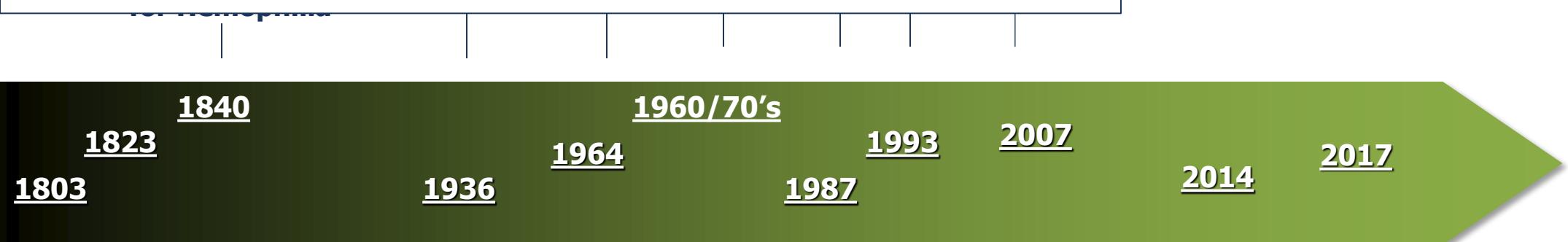
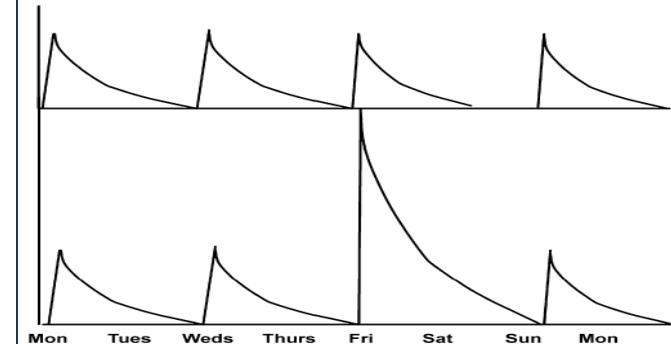
Factor has a relatively **short half life**

~ 6-10 hours for factor VIII

~12-18 hours for factor IX

Has to be given frequently

Difficult to achieve troughs to maintain an active lifestyle





**First Blood Transfusion  
for Hemophilia**

1840

1823

1803

1936

1960/70's

1964

1987  
1993

2007

2014

2017

**Factor Prophylaxis  
In U.S.**

**Extended half-life factors (EHL)**

**First Recombinant Factor Concentrates**

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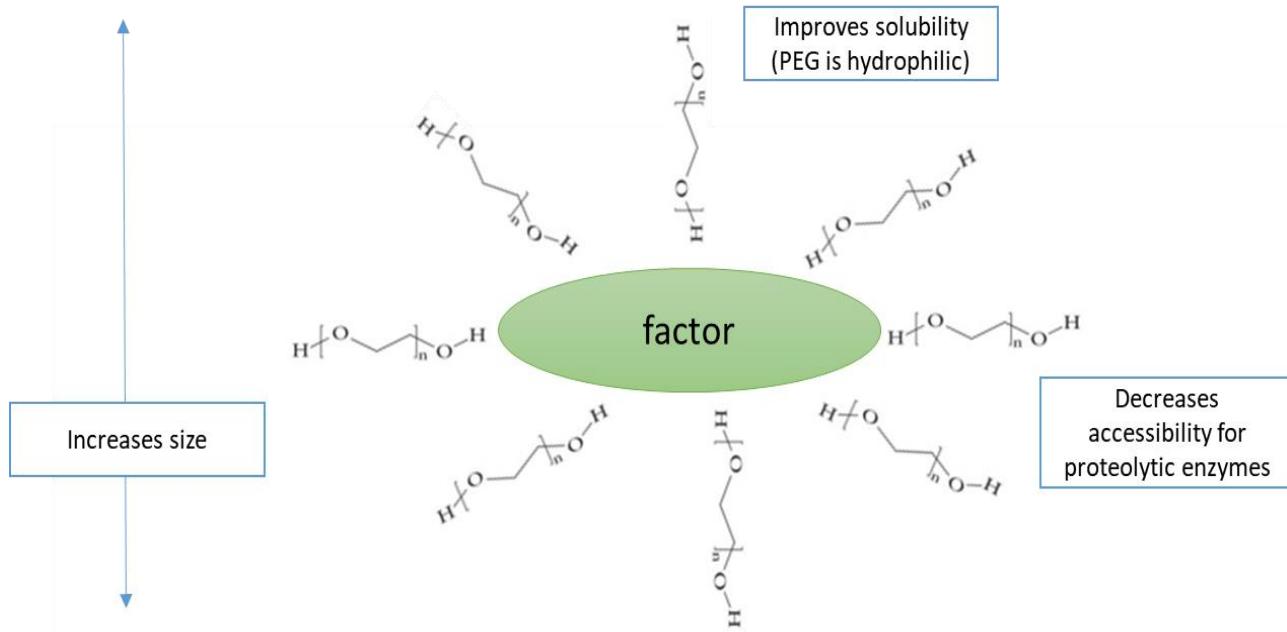
**First Plasma Transfusion**

**Bi-specific Ab**

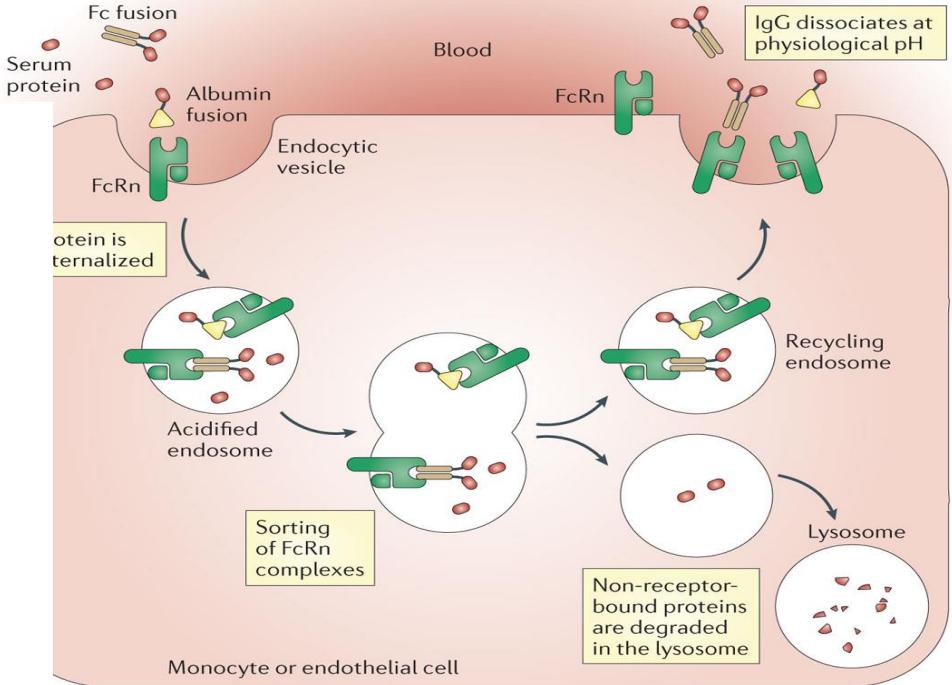
**Gene  
therapy**

# Mechanism of Extended Half-life Colotting Factors

## Pegylation



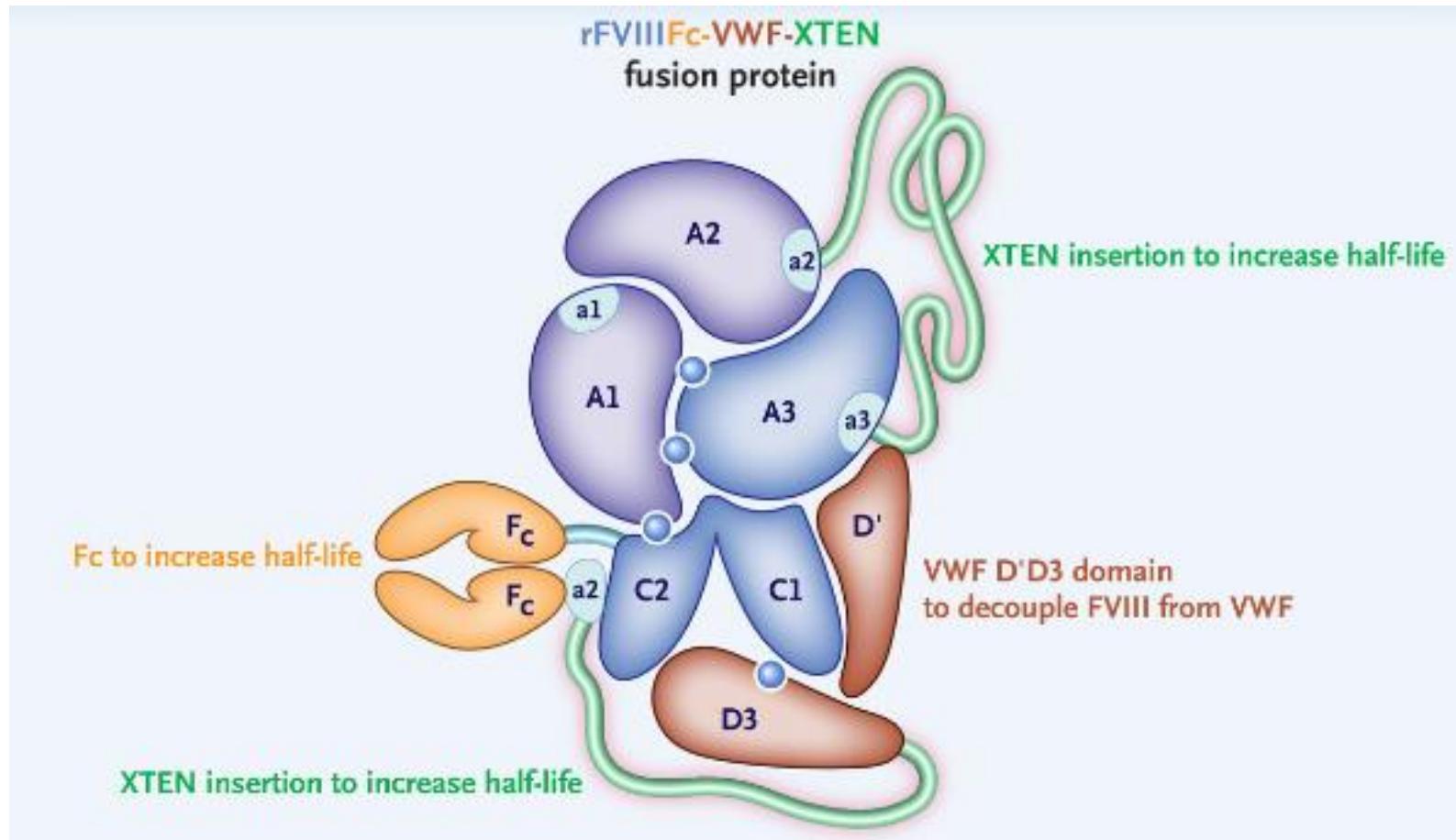
## Fc or albumin fusion



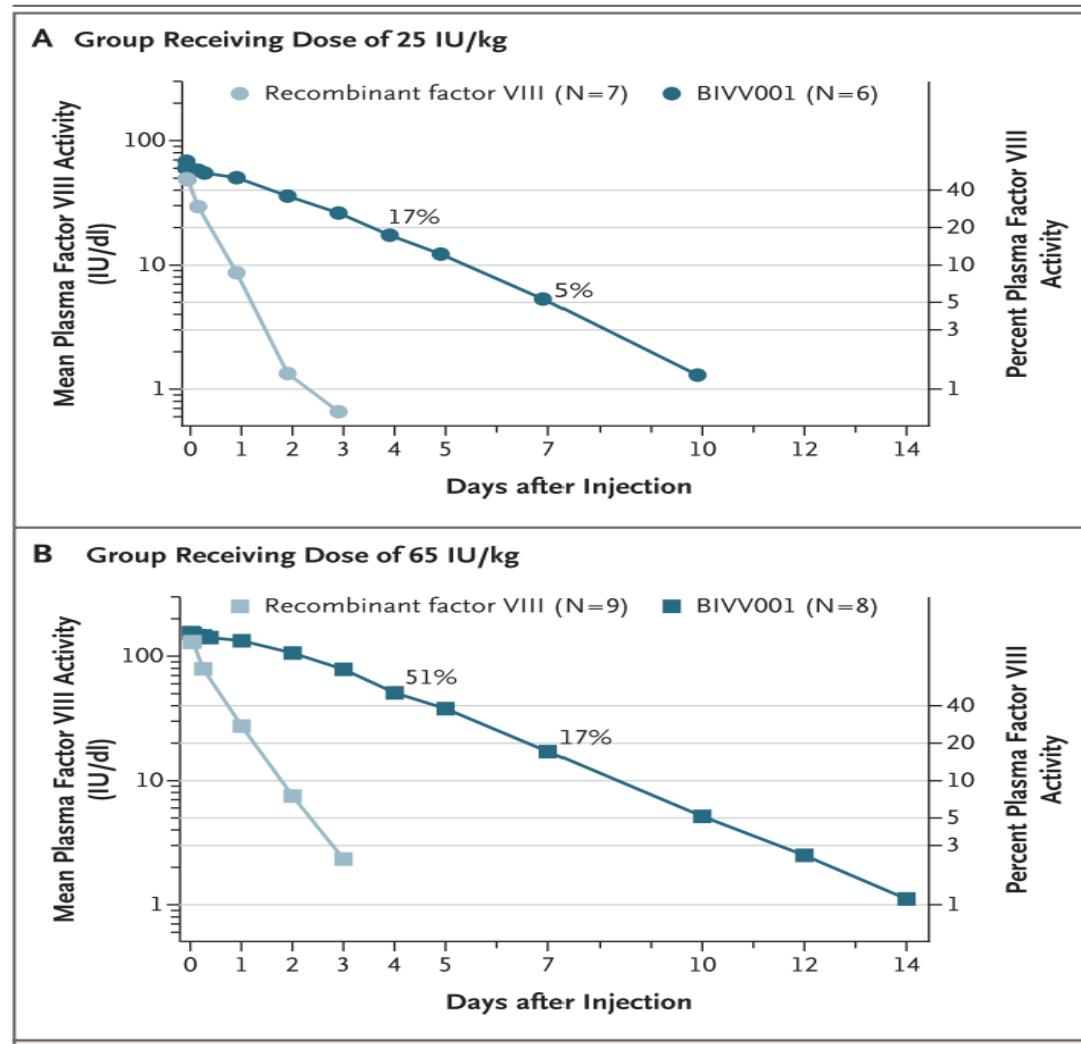
# Recombinant Extended Half-life Products

Factor VIII			
Drug	Mechanism	Fold Enhancement	FDA Approval
rFVIIIFc (Eloctate®)	Fc fusion	1.5	6/2014
Adynovate®	Pegylation	1.5 to 2	11/2015
Esperoct®	Glycopeylation	2	2/2019
Jivi®	Pegylation	1.8	8/2018
BIVV001 (rFVIIIFc-VWF-XTEN, Altuvio®)	Fc, XTEN, VWF D'D3	~ 4	6/2023
Factor IX			
rIXFc (Alprolix)	Fc fusion	2.4 fold	3/2014
rIX-FP (Idelvion)	Albumin fusion	> 5 fold	3/2016
N9-GP (Rebinyn)	Glycopeylation	> 5 fold	5/2017

# BIVV001 (rFVIIIIFc-VWF-XTEN, efanesoctocog alfa)



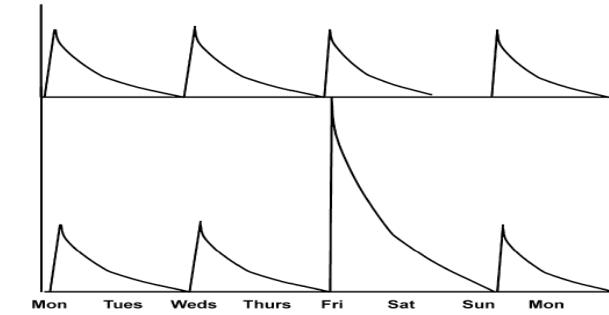
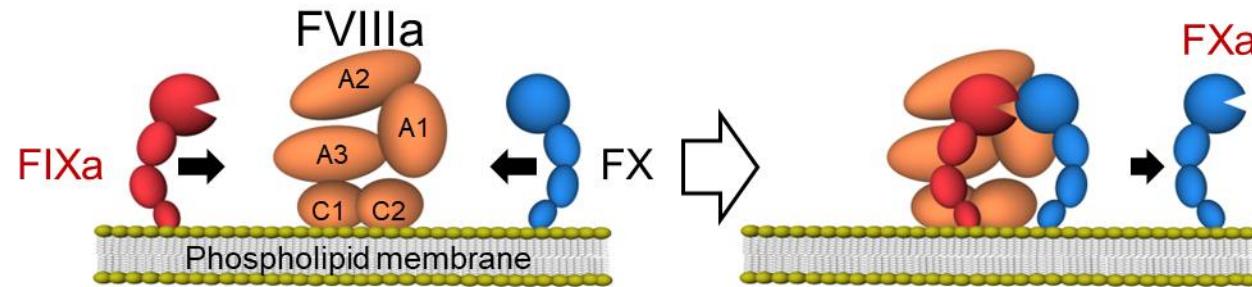
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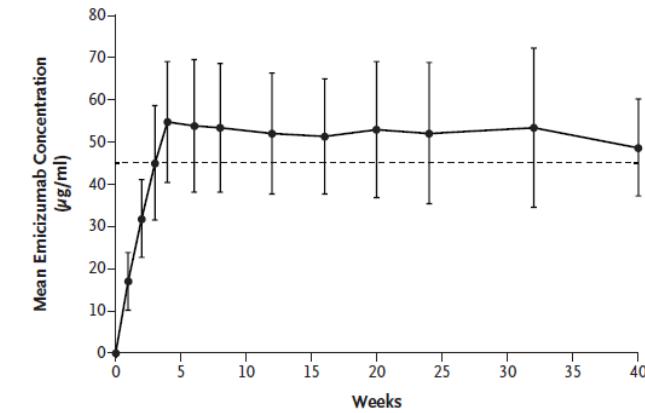
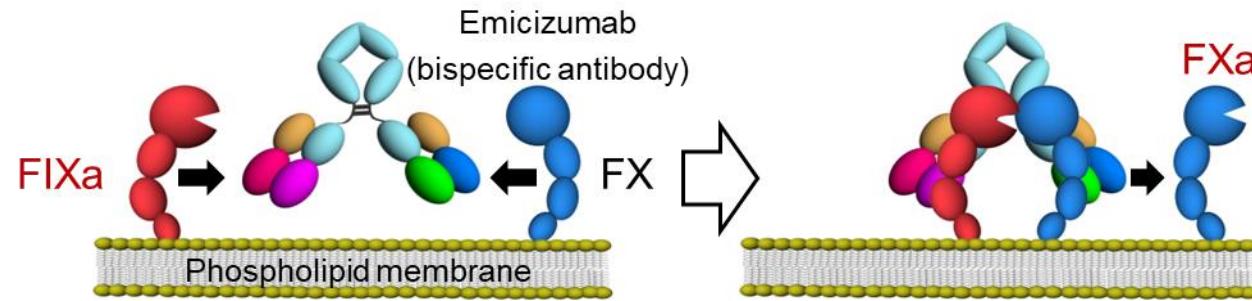
# Major complication of FVIII treatment: Neutralizing antibody (inhibitor) formation

- 30% of people with severe hemophilia A develop antibodies
- **Hemostatic approach**
  - High titer inhibitors do not respond to FVIII replacement
  - Need to treat bleeding with bypassing agents
    - recombinant factor VII activated (rFVIIa)
    - activated prothrombin complex concentrate (aPCC, contains factor II, VII, IX, X)
  - Bleeding prophylaxis with emicizumab
- **Inhibitor eradication**
  - Usually lengthy immune tolerance therapy (ITT) to eradicate inhibitor
  - Usually daily high dose factor VIII infusion for months

# Bispecific Antibody: a Factor VIIIa - Mimetic



IV  
 $T_{1/2} \sim 8$  hours



SQ  
 $T_{1/2} \sim 28$  days

FVIIIa=activated factor VIII; FIXa=activated factor IX; FX=Factor X.

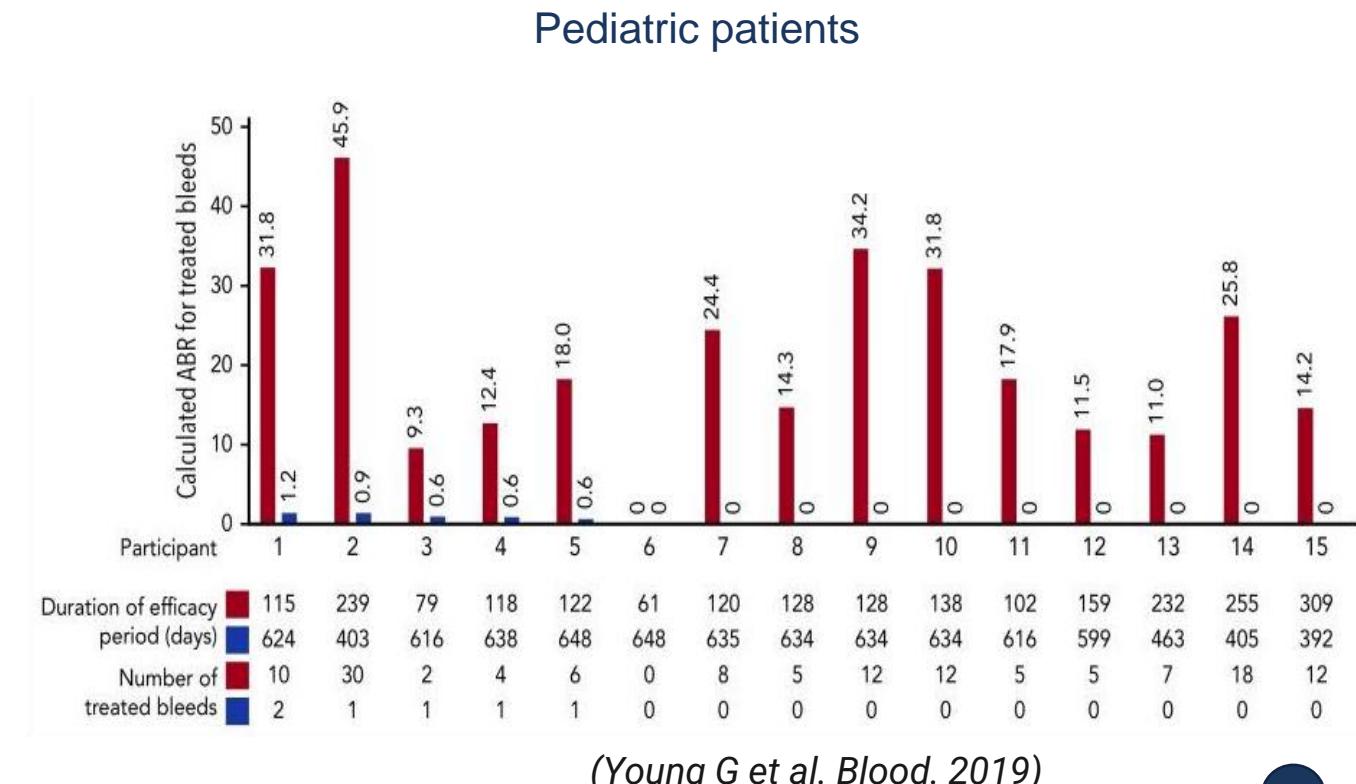
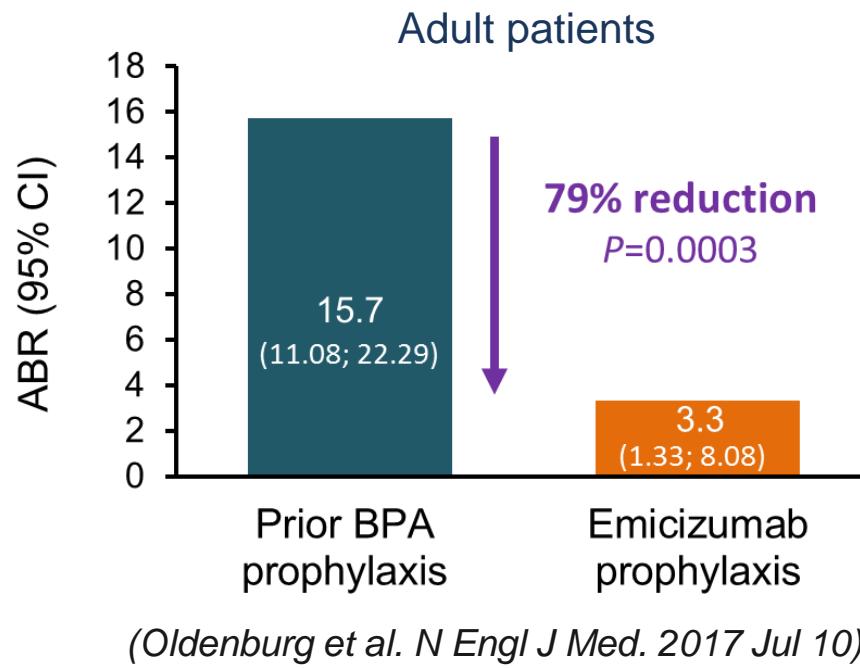
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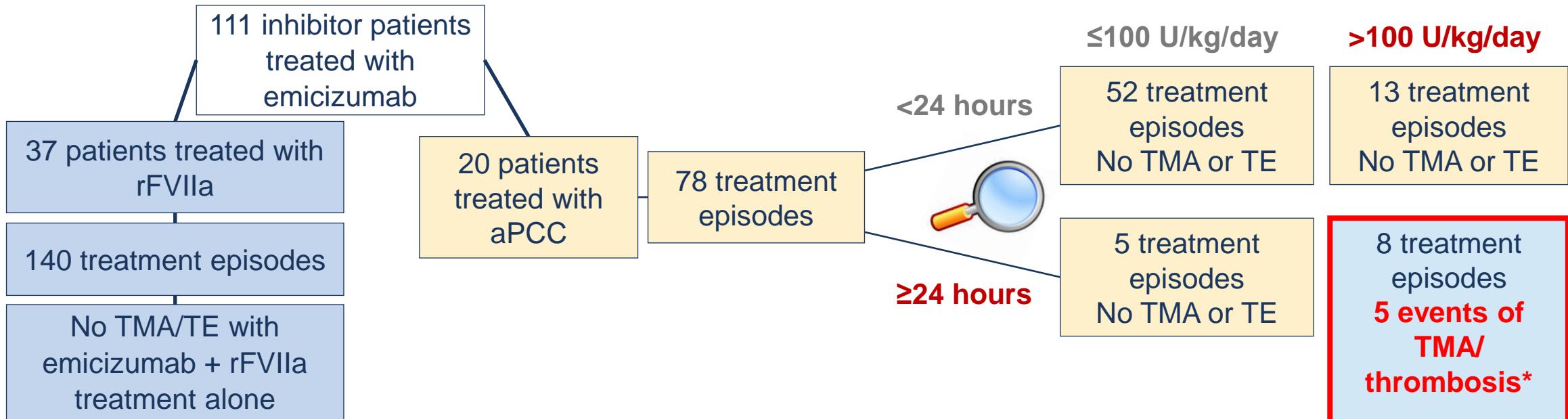
- SQ every 1-4 weeks
- Hemophilia A ONLY
- With and without inhibitors

# Efficacy of Emicizumab in Hemophilia A with inhibitors



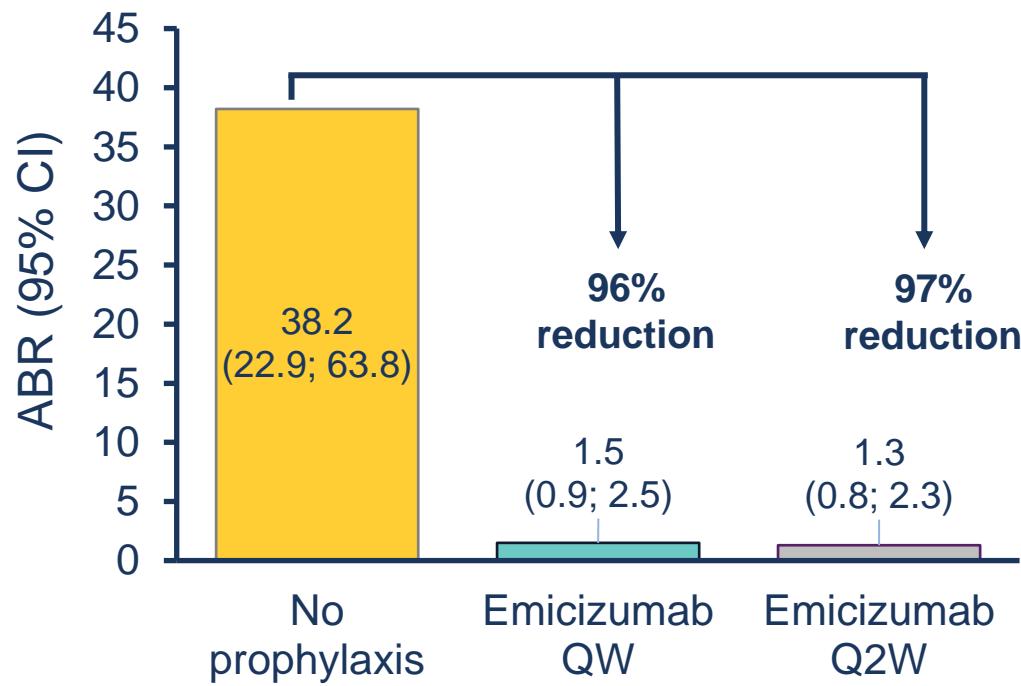
# Breakthrough bleeding on Emicizumab

- Thrombotic events (TMA x 3, TE x 2) when given with aPCC

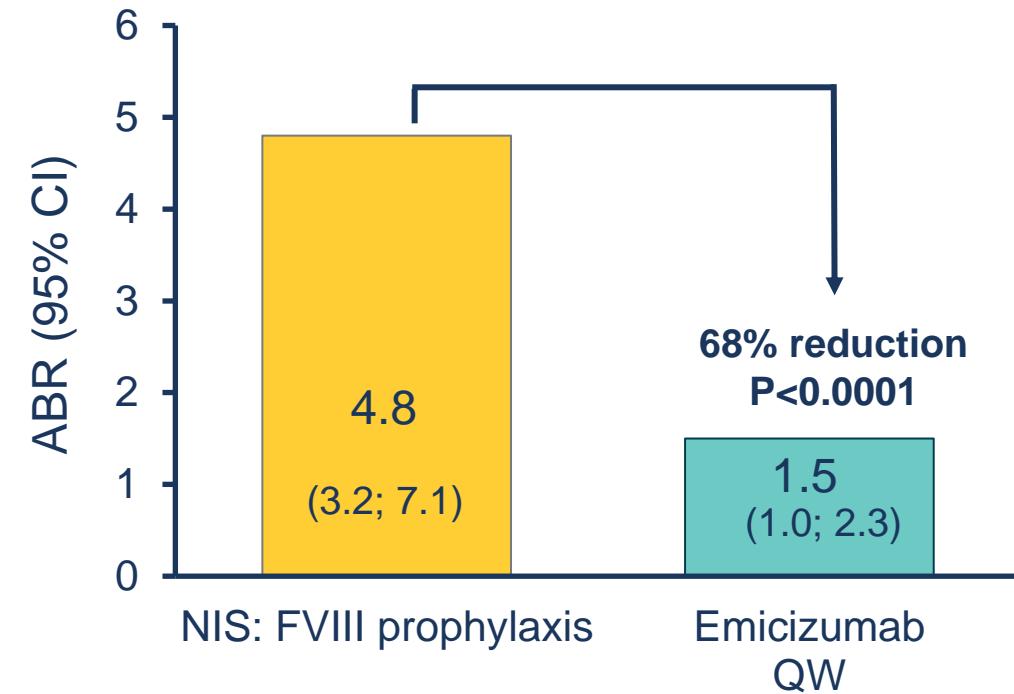


# Efficacy of emicizumab – Non-Inhibitor (HAVEN 3)

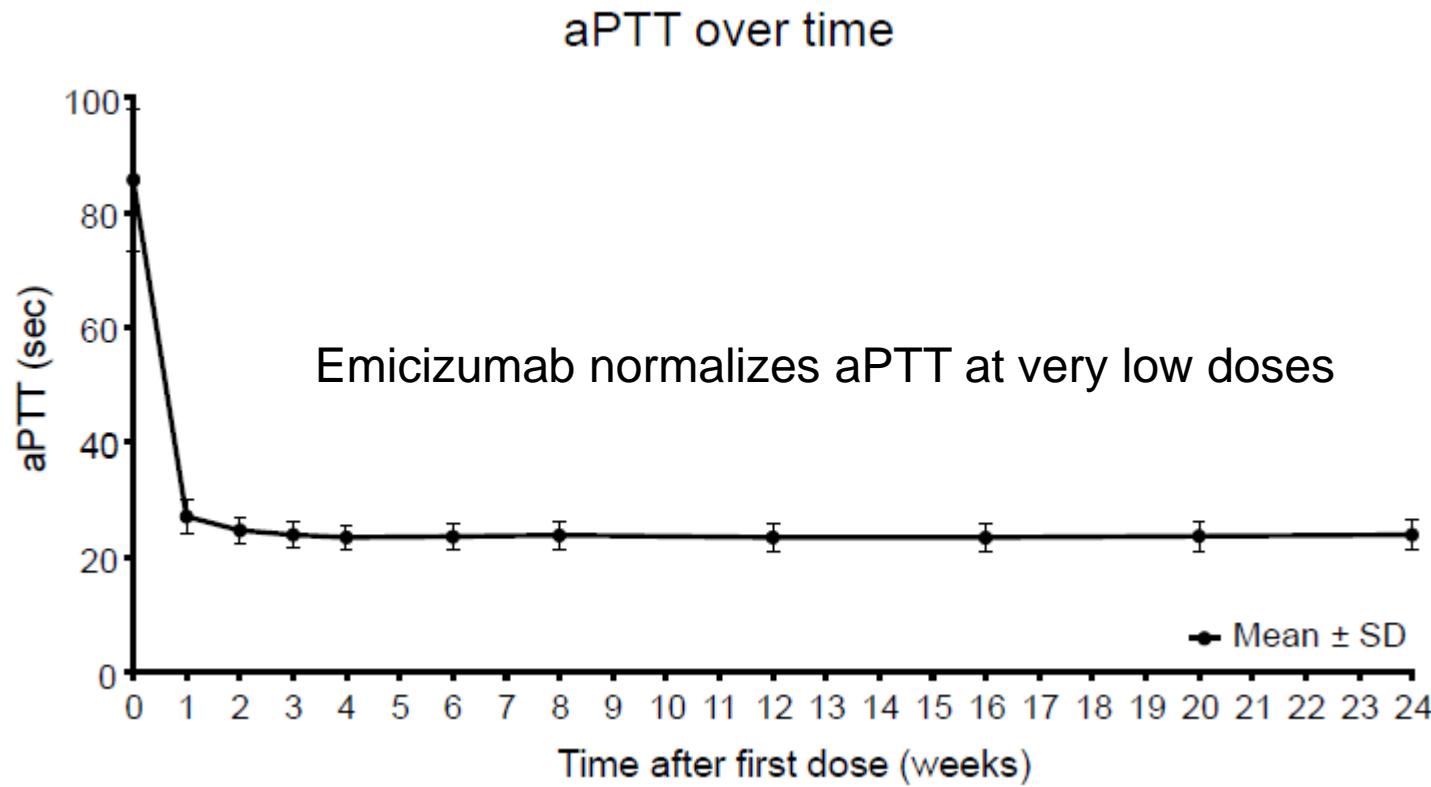
## On demand FVIII



## Prophylactic FVIII

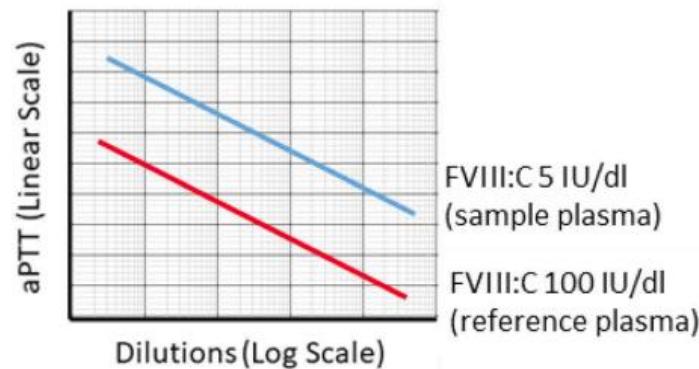
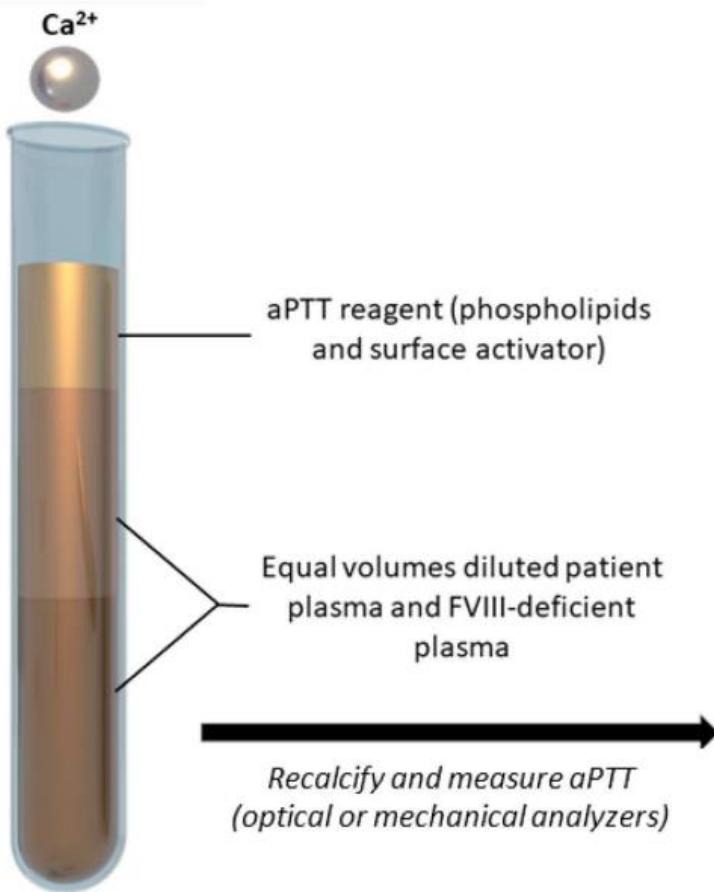


# Emicizumab has a strong effect on aPTT

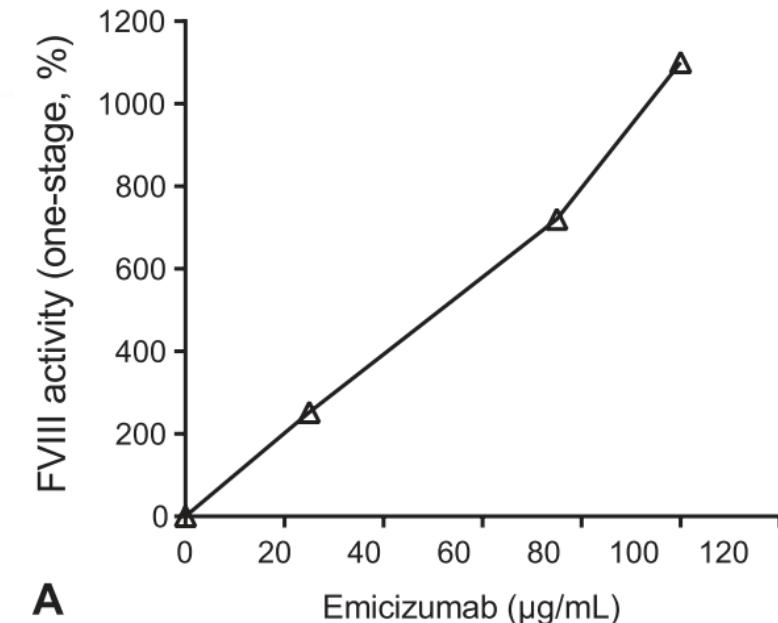


aPTT is not an accurate measure  
of hemostatic potential in the  
presence of emicizumab

# One-stage clotting assay (OSA)



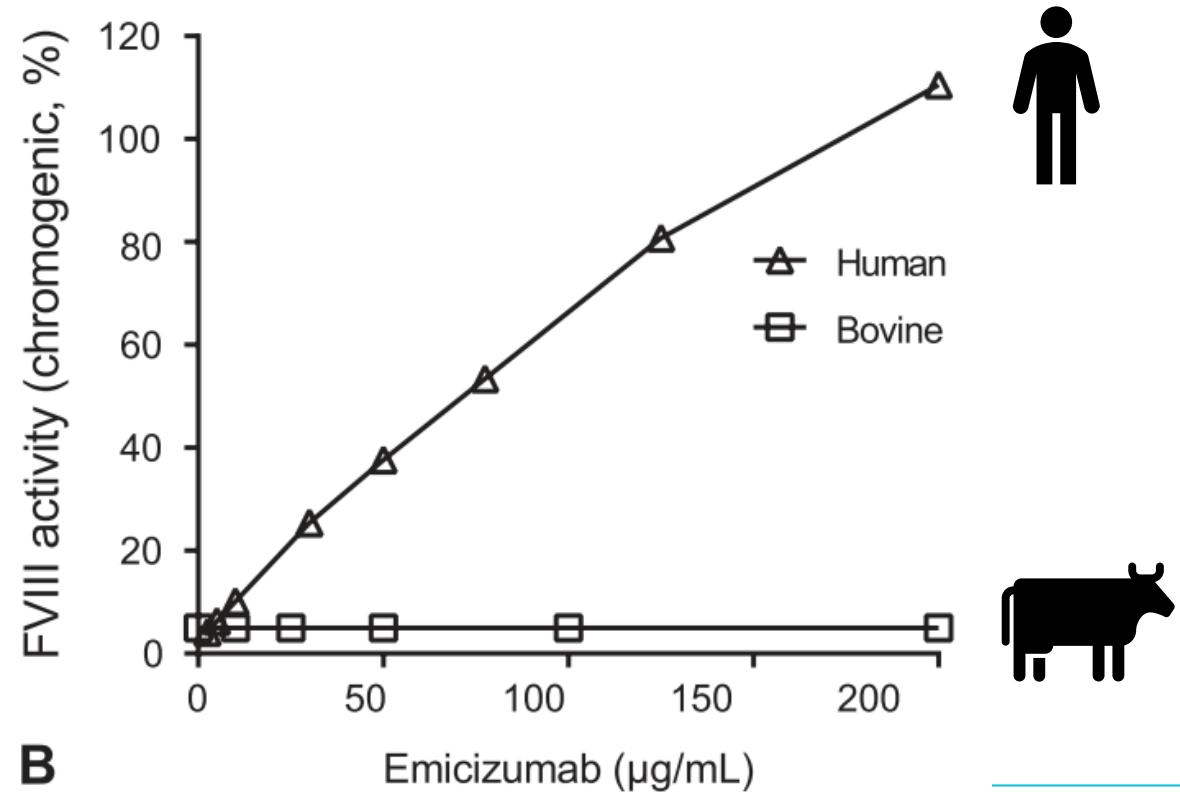
## OSA FVIII Activity in an Emicizumab-Spiked FVIII-Deficient Plasma Sample



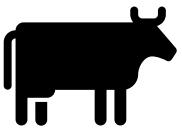
FVIII OSA grossly overestimates hemostatic potential

# Chromogenic substrate assay (CSA)

- Chromogenic assay is reliable



Detects emicizumab activity with **human** reagents

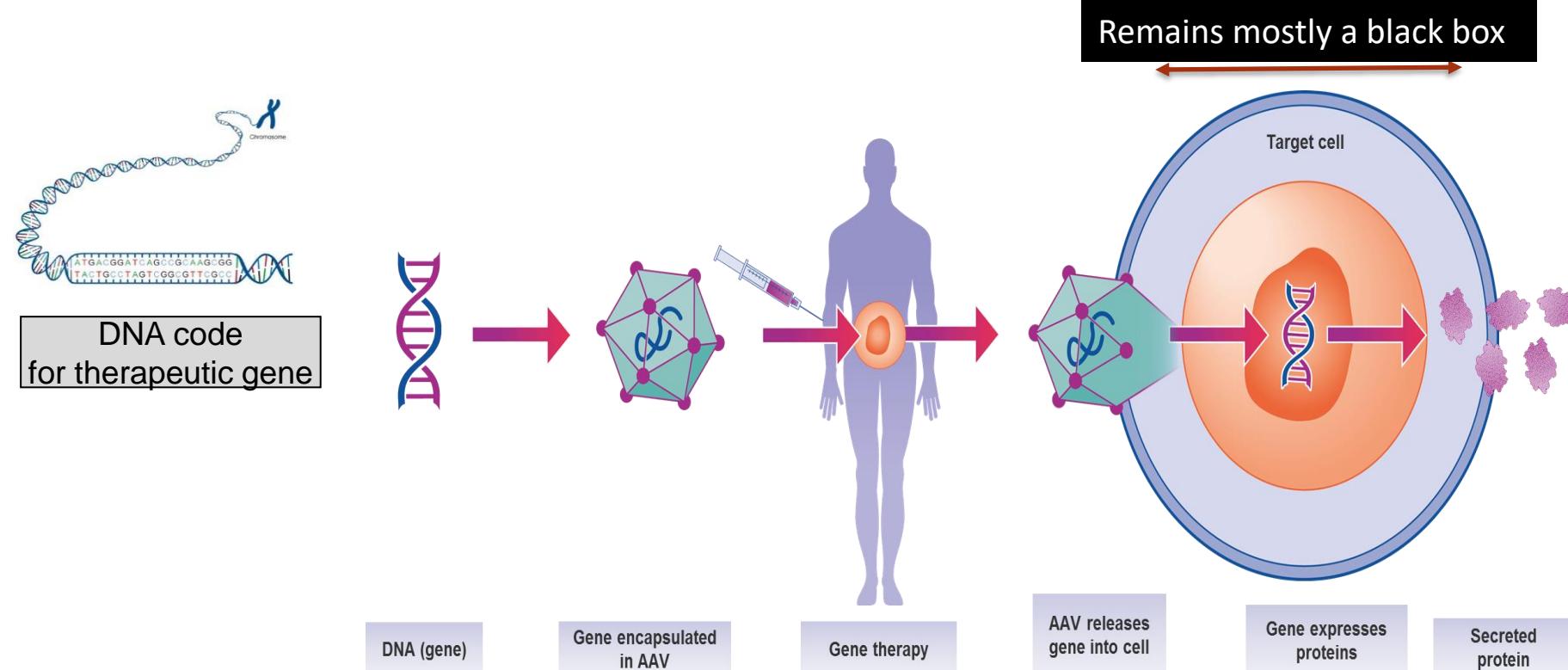


Detects FVIII activity with **bovine** reagents without measuring emicizumab

# Gene Therapy



# Adeno-associated virus (AAV) mediated gene therapy



ssDNA virus, 2 genes-rep and cap, 20nm, non-pathogenic upon human or animal infection  
>200 human trials using AAV – based gene therapy have been conducted in the past 30 years

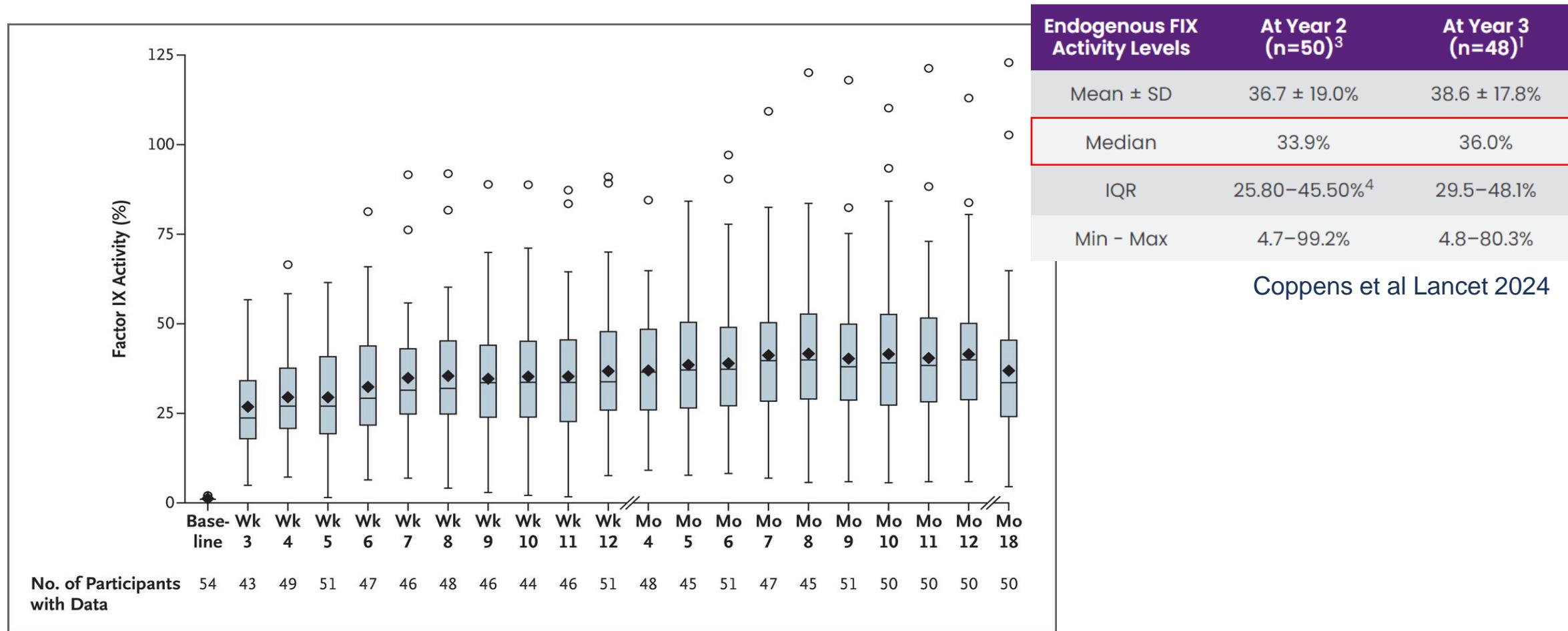
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(<http://www.genome.gov/glossary/>) <http://www.abedia.com/wiley/vectors.php>

# Gene Therapy for Hemophilia - FDA Approvals

		FDA approval
Hemophilia B		
	ertanacogene dezaparvovec-drib (Hemegenix)	11/22/22
	fidanacogene elaparvovec-dzkt (Beqvez)	4/25/24
Hemophilia A		
	valoctocogene roxaparvovec-rvox (Roctavian)	6/29/23

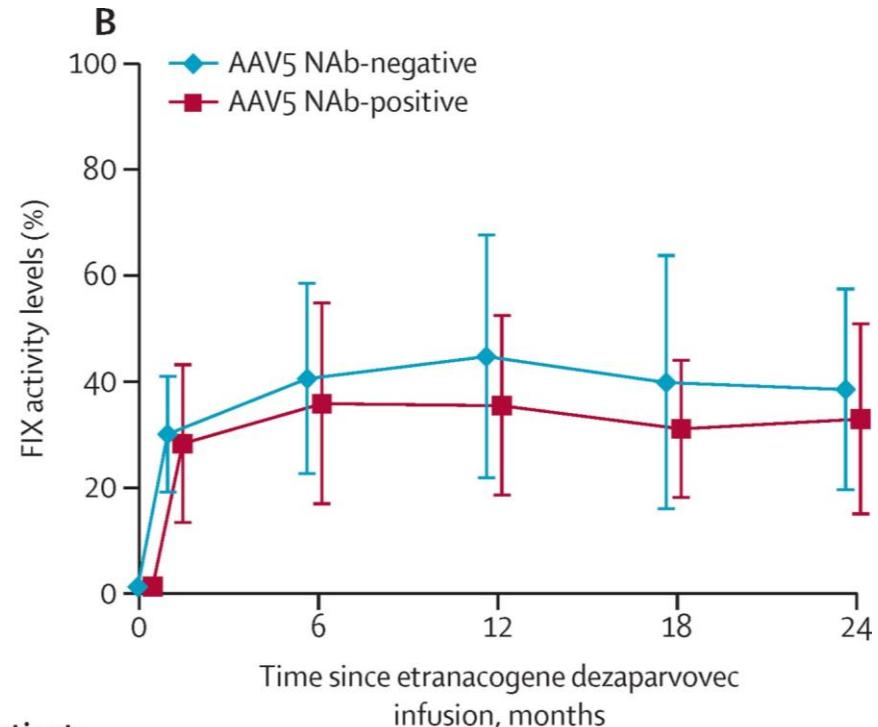


# Hemophilia B: Etranacogene Dezaparvovec (Hemgenix)

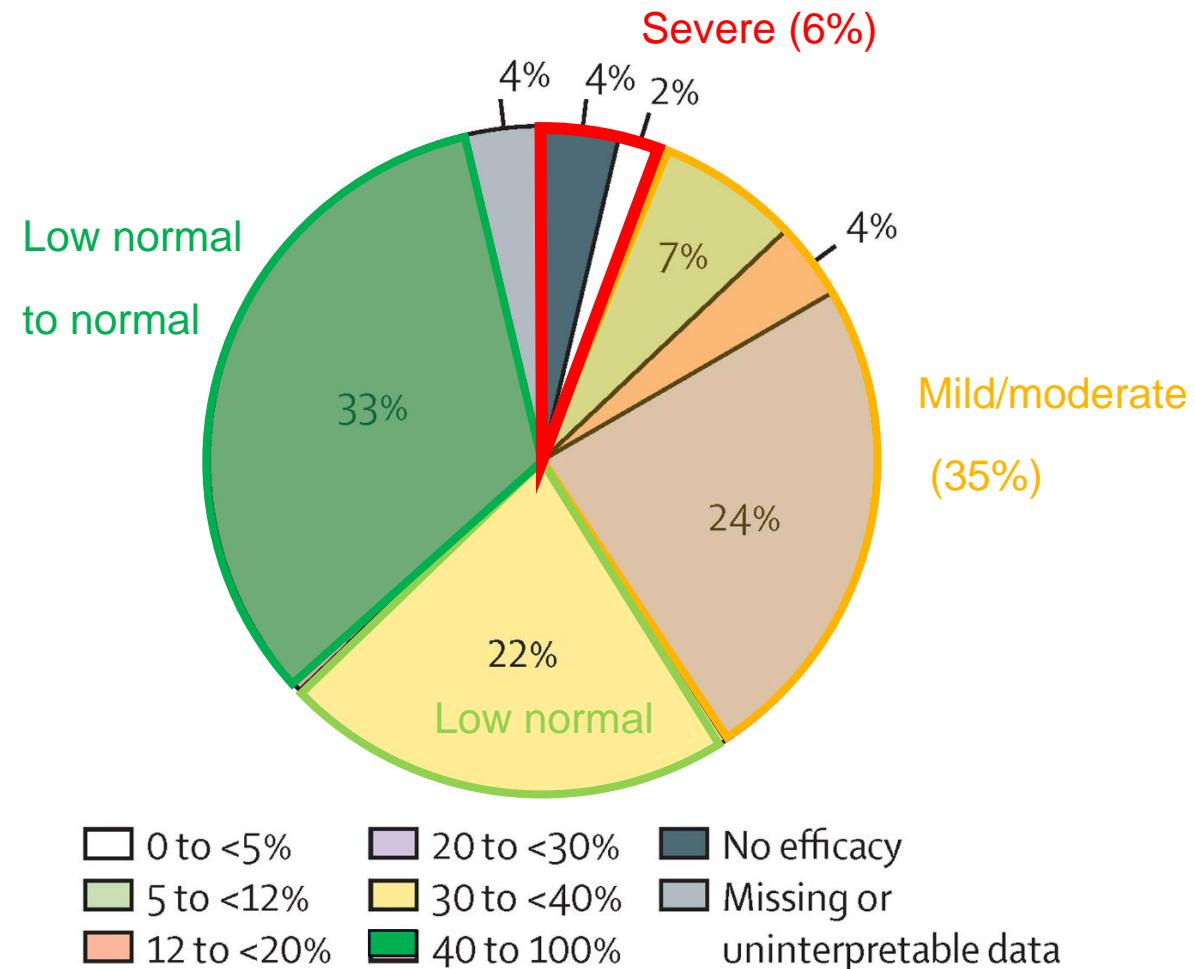


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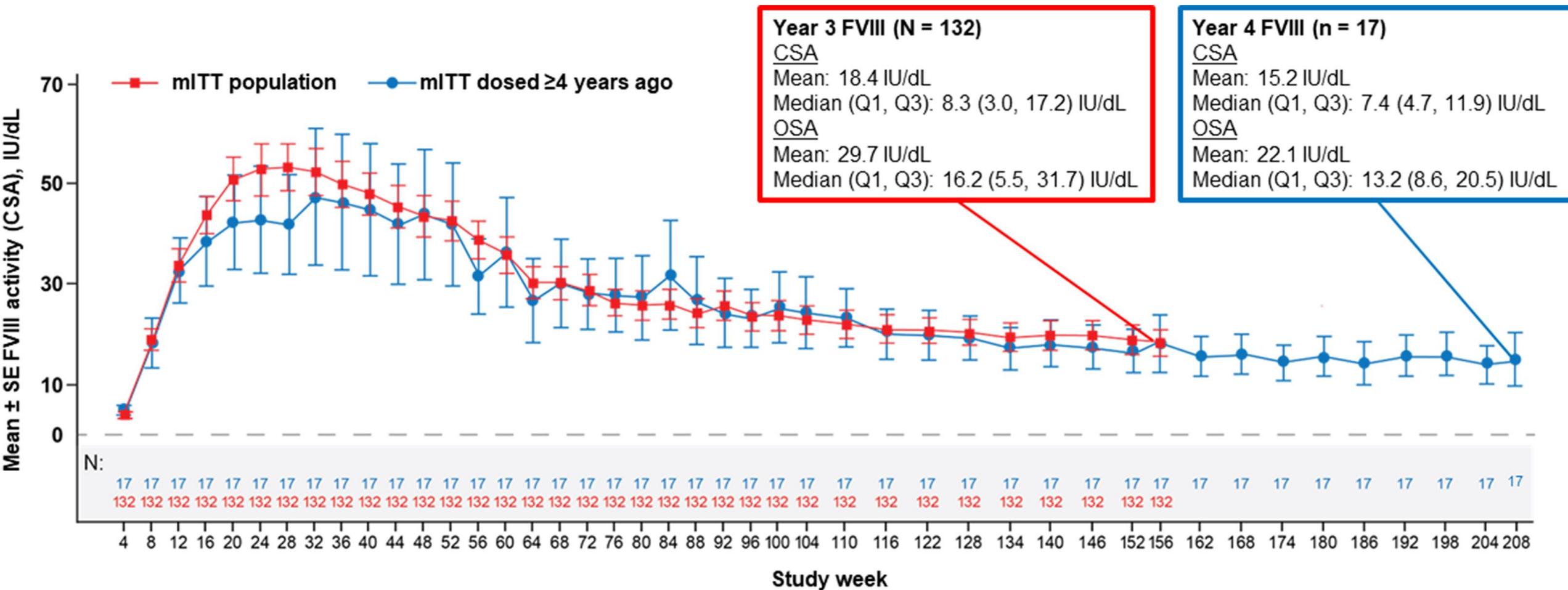
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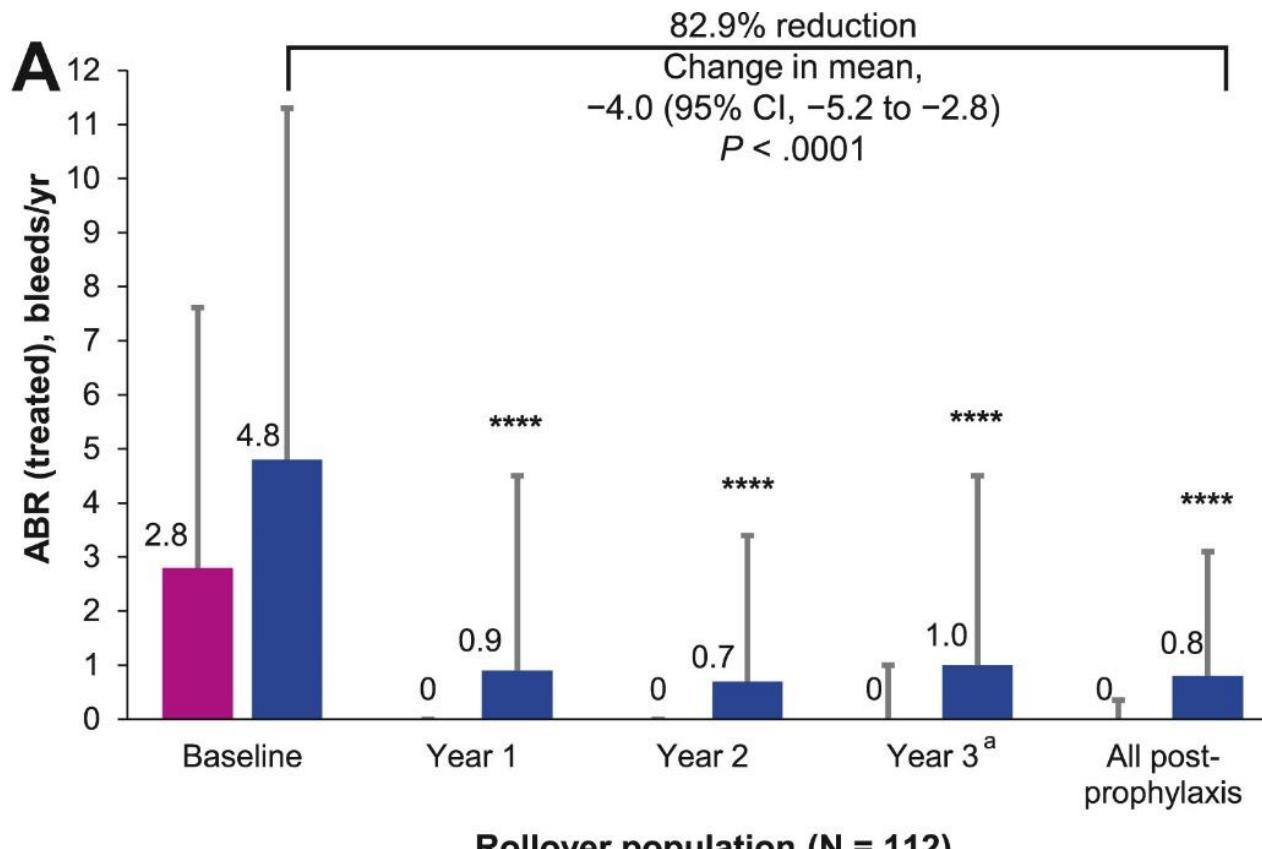
Number of patients	Time since etranacogene dezaparvovec infusion, months				
AAV5 NAb-negative	33	32	33	32	33
AAV5 NAb-positive	21	17	18	18	17



# Hemophilia A: Valoctocogene Roxaparvovec (Roctavian)

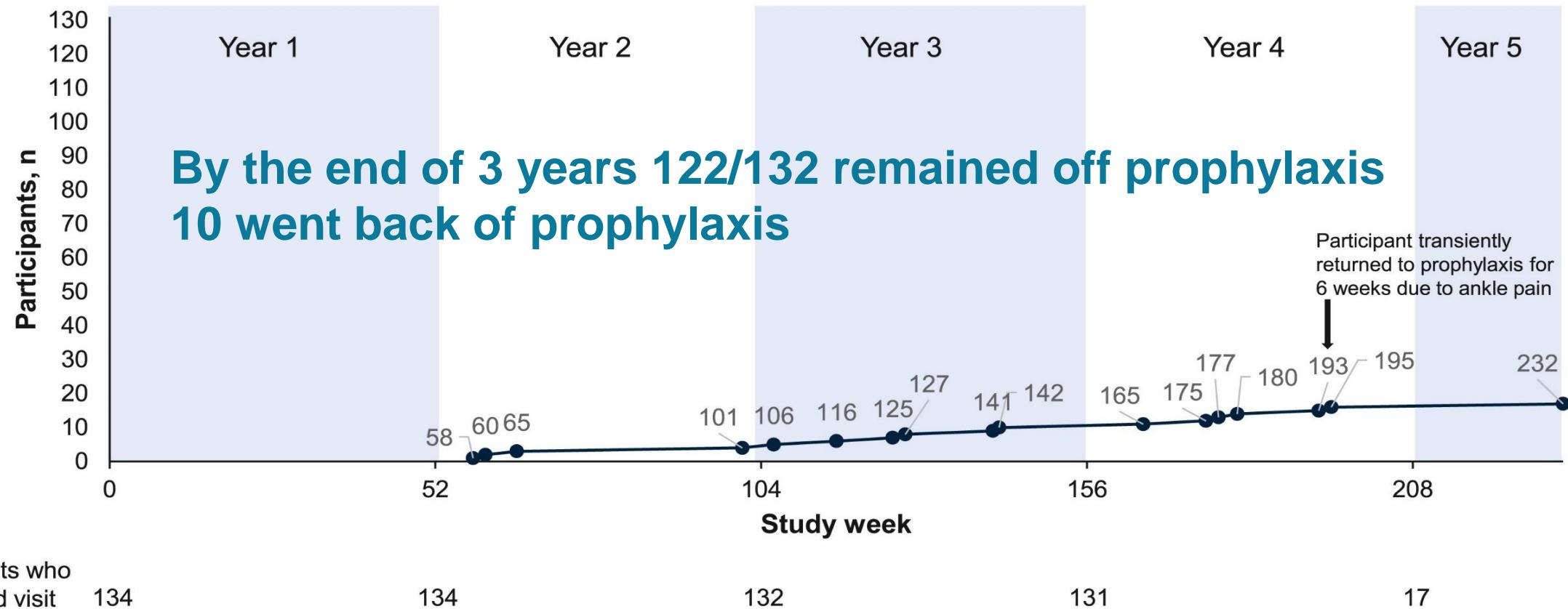


# Roctavian - efficacy



# Roctavian - efficacy

A



No. of participants who completed visit 134



# Beqvez

- Bleeds were eliminated in 60% of patients compared to 29% in the prophylaxis arm
- Most common adverse reaction (incidence  $\geq 5\%$ ) reported in Phase 3 and 1/2 clinical studies was an increase in transaminases (in 26/60 patients)
- At 15 months, mean factor level 27%
- At 26 months, at least 60% of patients had levels 15-40%

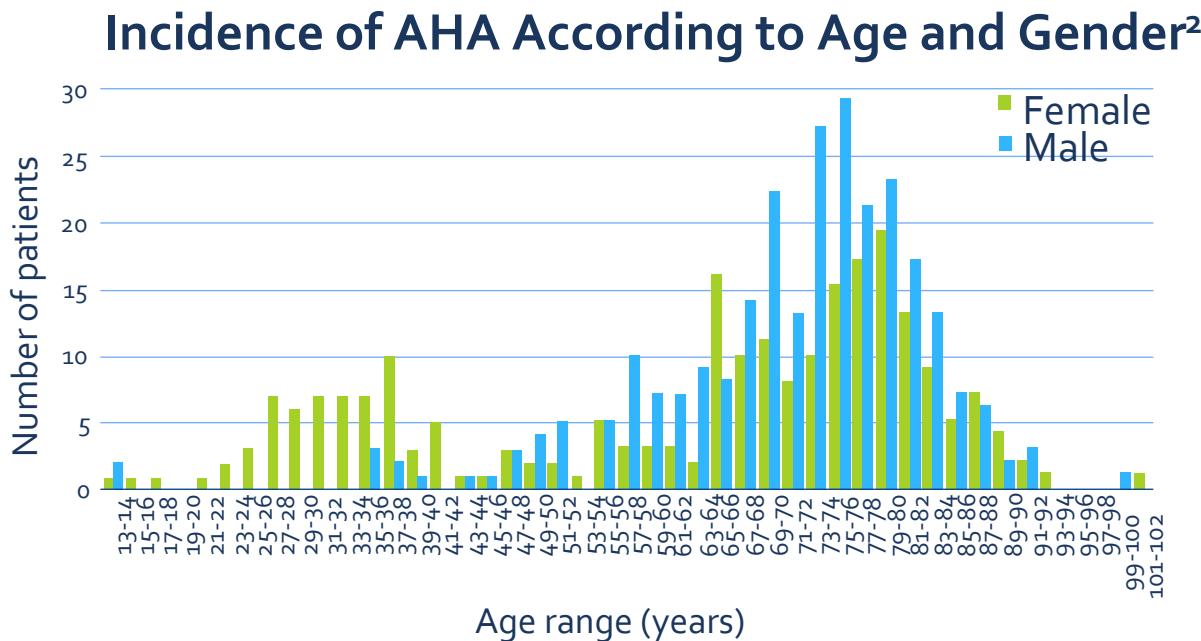




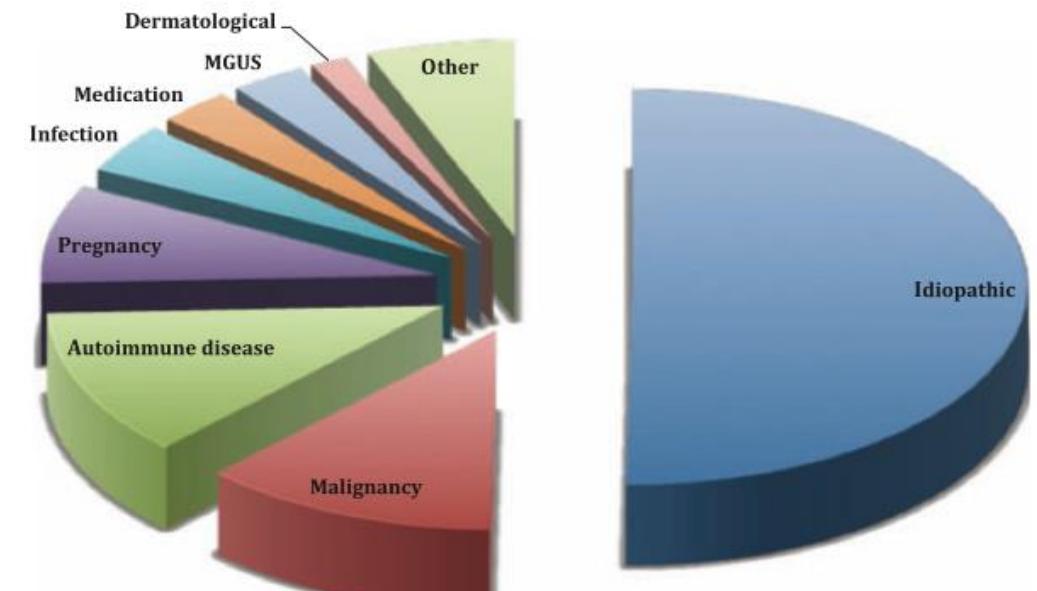
# Acquired Hemophilia A

# Epidemiology of Acquired Hemophilia (AHA)

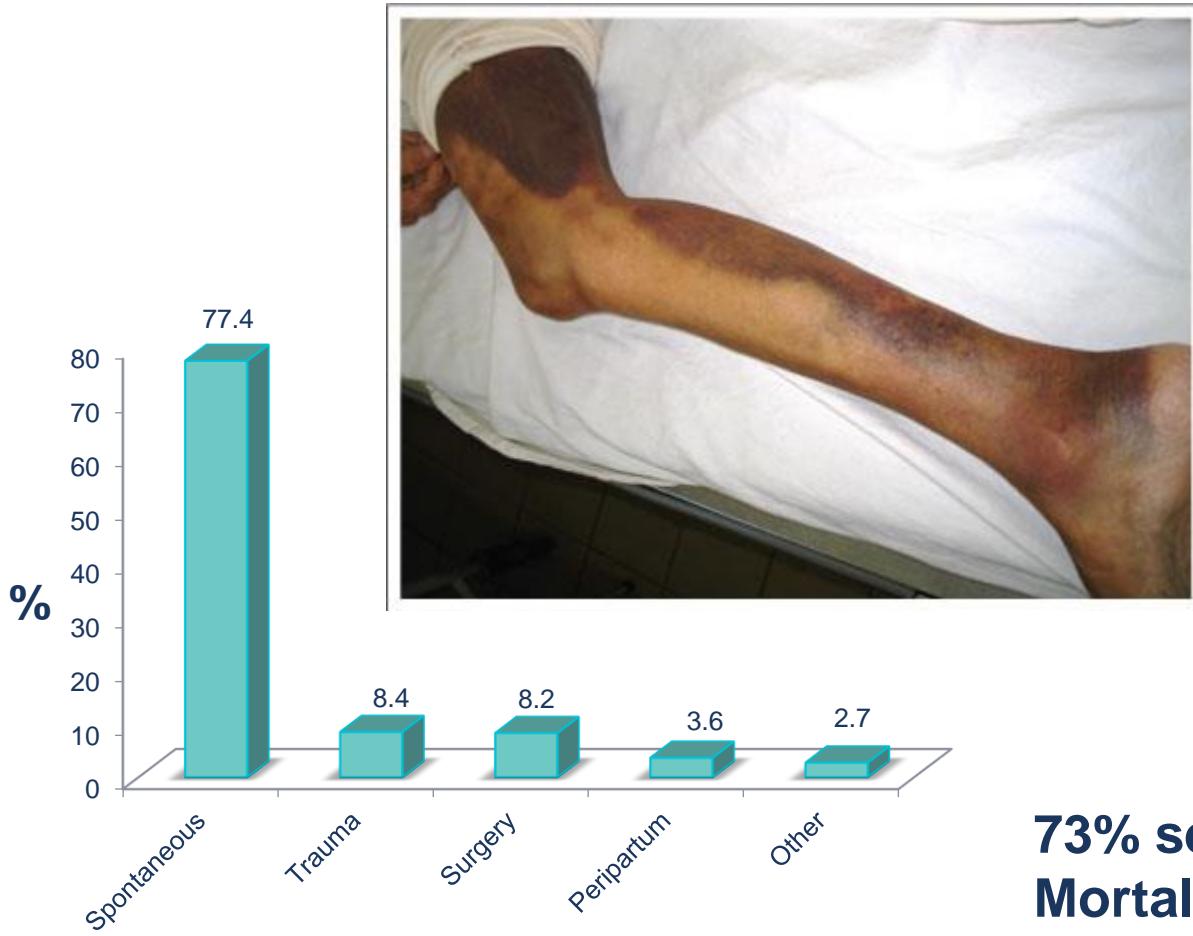
- Rare bleeding condition caused by an autoantibody (inhibitor) to coagulation factor VIII (FVIII)
  - Incidence: 1.5 cases per million/year<sup>1</sup>



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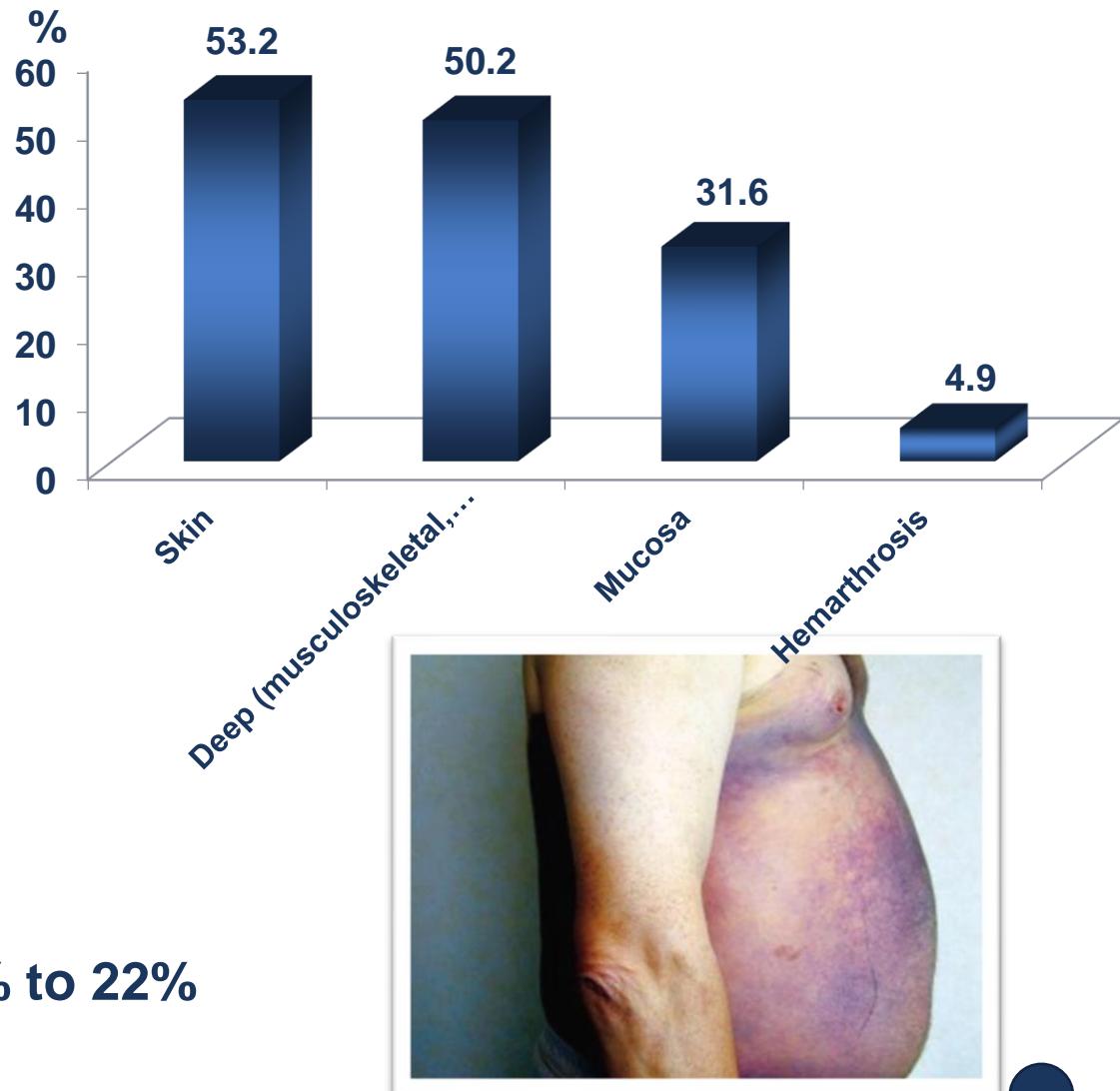
# Bleeding Severity in AHA



**73% severe  
Mortality - 8% to 22%**

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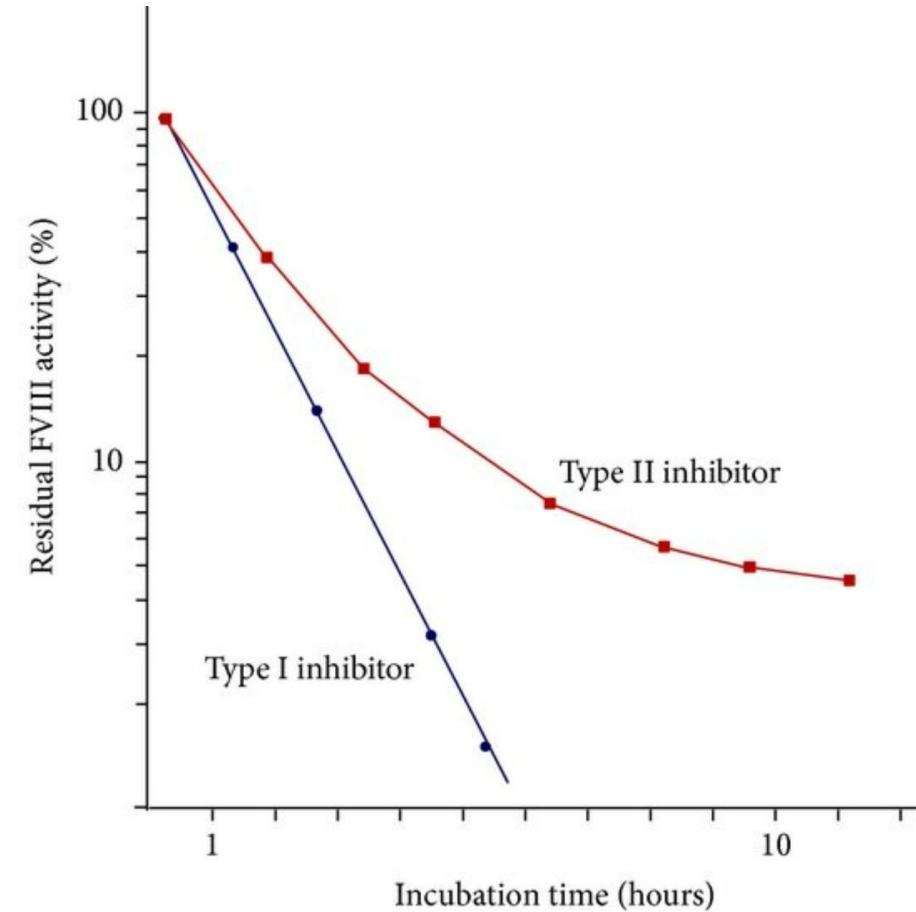
Collins P, et al. *BMC Res Notes*. 2010;3:161.



Zeitler H, et al. *Atheroscler Suppl*. 2013.

# Diagnosis/Inhibitor Kinetics

- Consistent clinical presentation
- Prolonged aPTT, normal PT
  - Classically corrects immediately but prolongs with incubation at 37°C
- Low FVIII with positive Bethesda titer
- FVIII level may not correlate with severity of bleeding
  - Type 2 kinetics



# Principles of Treatment

Treat Bleeding

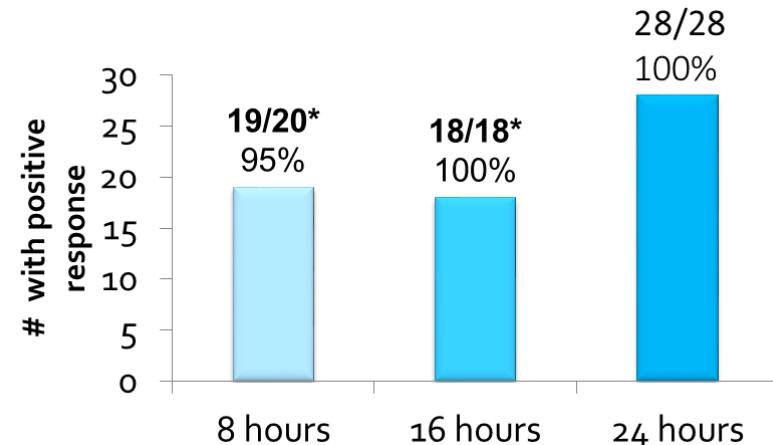
Eradicate the  
Inhibitor

# Acquired Hemophilia – Hemostatic Treatment

## Rates of Control for First Bleeding Episodes by First-line Therapy

	First-line Bleeding Control	
	n	%
<b>Bypassing Agent</b>	219	91.8
- Recombinant factor VIIa	159	91.2
- Activated prothrombin complex concentrate (aPCC)	60	93.3
<b>Replacement Therapy</b>	69	69.6
- FVIII	55	70.1
- DDAVP	14	64.3

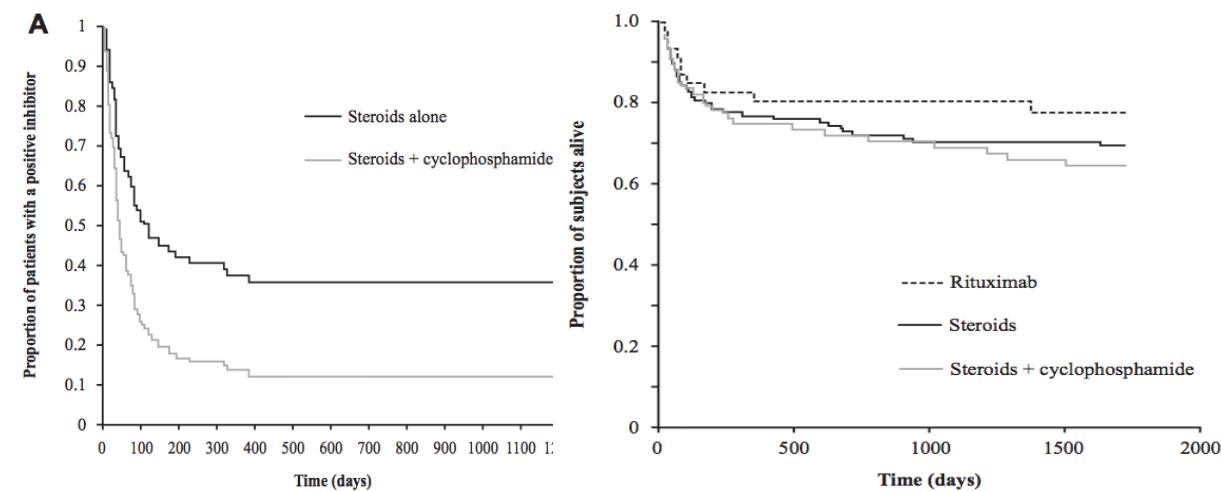
## Porcine FVIII



Note: Use of human or porcine FVIII replacement requires real time availability of FVIII measurements

# Immunosuppressive therapy (IST)

- Autoantibodies rarely disappear spontaneously
- Higher risk of mortality if they persist
- Rate of complications from IST is about 30%
  - Mortality as high as 16-30%
- Emicizumab use may limit IST exposure
  - U.S. clinical trial ongoing



Regimen	n	Any	Infection	Neutropenia	Diabetes	Psychiatric disorder
Steroids alone	142	36 (25)	23 (16)	2 (1)	11 (8)	6 (4)
Steroids + cyclophosphamide	83	34* (41)	22 (27)	12 (14)	5 (6)	3 (4)
Rituximab-based regimens	51	19 (37)	6 (12)	9 (18)	11 (22)	1 (2)

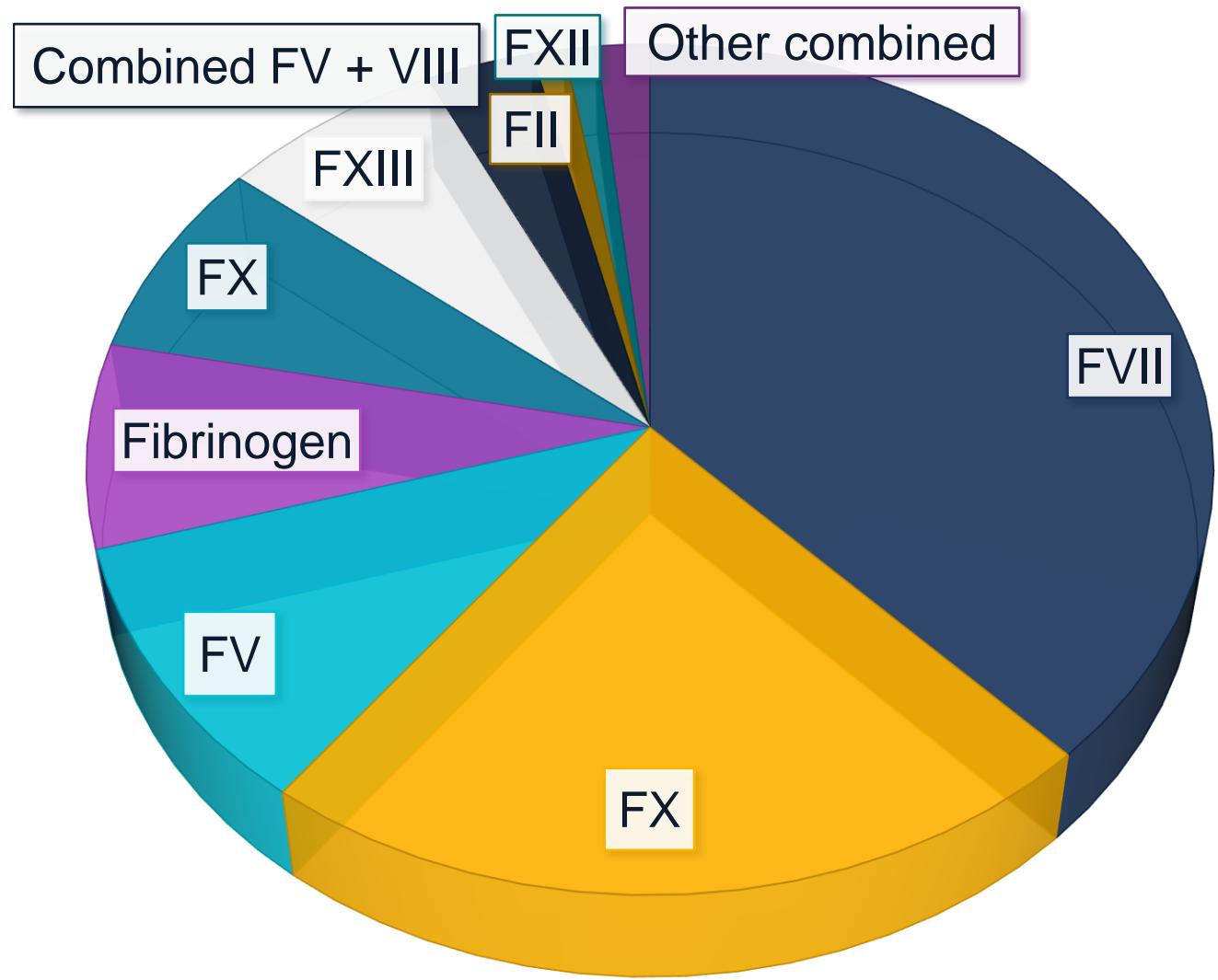




# Other Clotting Factor Deficiencies

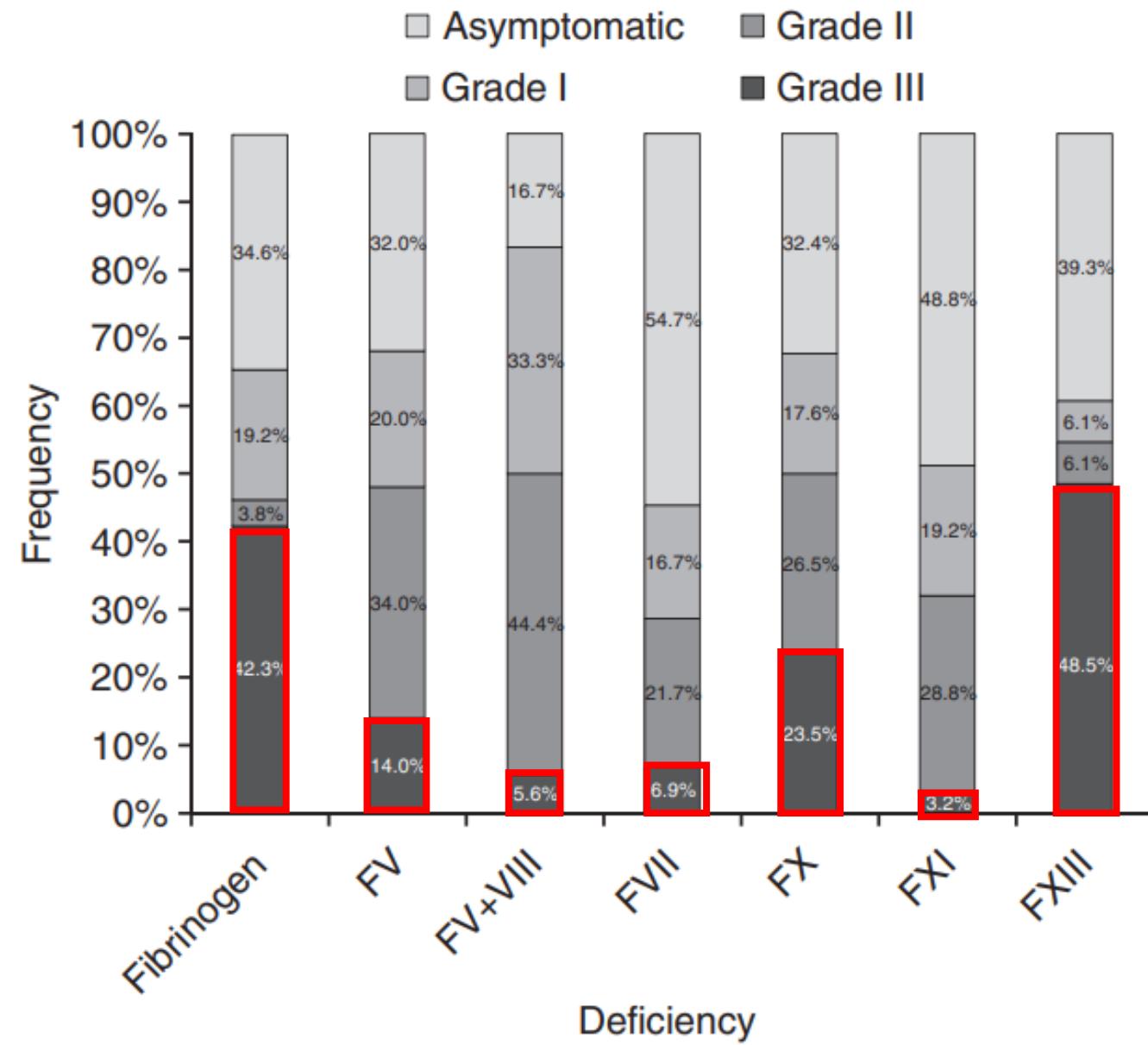
# European Network of Rare Bleeding Disorders database

Type of deficiency	n (%)
FVII	224 (38)
FXI	133 (22)
FV	60 (10)
Fibrinogen	46 (8)
FX	45 (8)
FXIII	42 (7)
Combined FV + VIII	20 (3)
FII	6 (1)
FXII	6 (1)
Other combined	10 (2)



# Bleeding Risk by Factor Level

- Database:
  - 592 patients
  - Mean age 31 years (7mo to 95 yrs)
  - 51% women

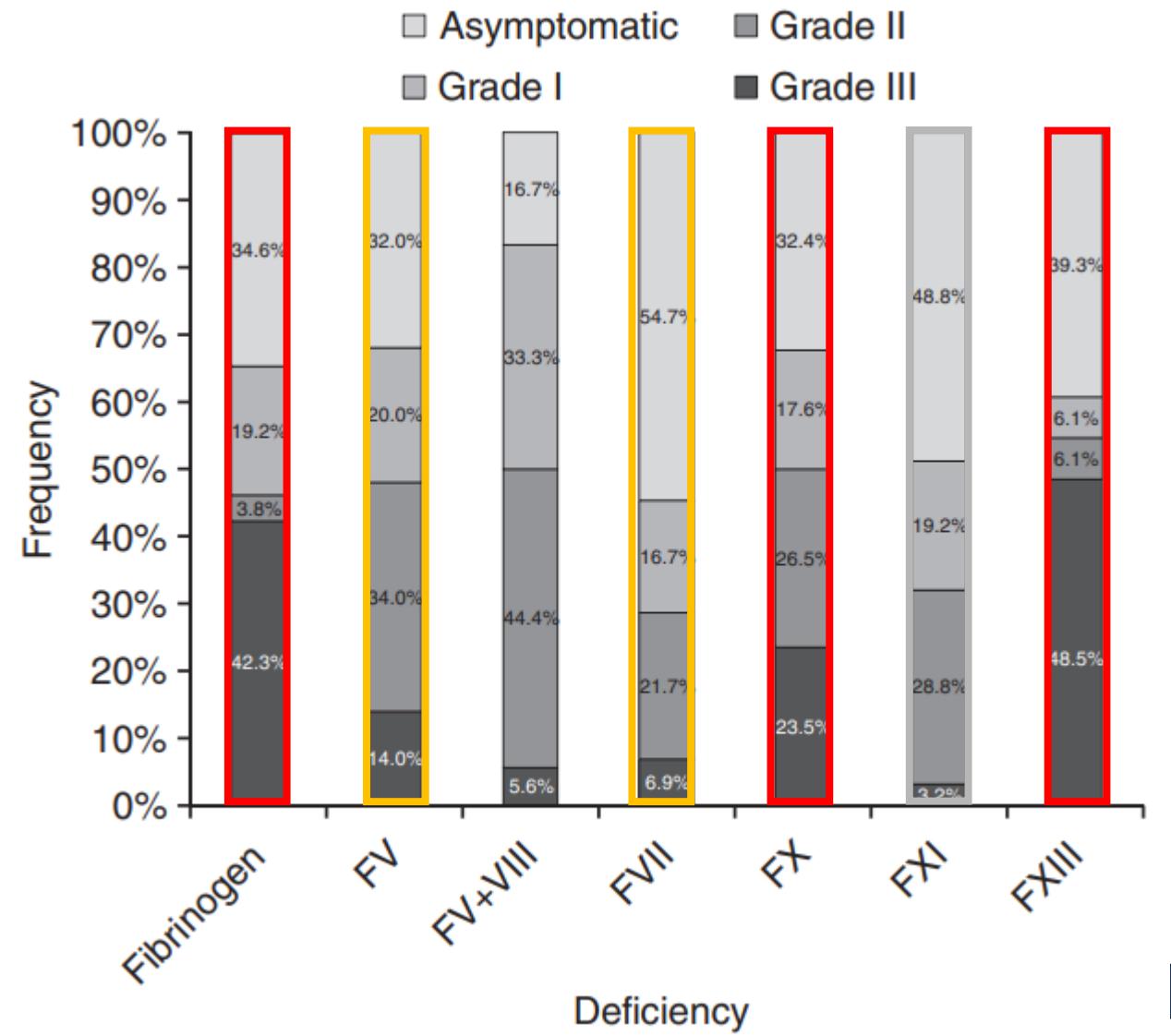


# Bleeding risk: Association with factor level

- 592 patients
- Mean age 31 years (7 months to 81 years)
- 51% women

## Does factor level matter?

- **Strongest correlation** in fibrinogen, FX, FXIII deficiency
- **Poor correlation** in FV and FVII deficiency
- No association in FXI deficiency



# Rare factor deficiencies - Treatment

	Fibrinogen	FV	FVII	FX	FXI	FXIII
Factor concentrate	Human fibrinogen (RiaSTAP and Fibryga)	none	rFVIIa (NovoSeven) 15 to 30 mcg/kg every 4-6 hours	plasma-derived FX concentrate (pdFX; Coagadex®)	None in US	rXIII A subunit (Tretten) Plasma derived factor XIII (Corifact)
Alternate	cryoprecipitate	- FFP - Platelet transfusion*		-FFP -PCC (Factor II, VII, IX, X)	FFP 10 - 20 mL/kg, followed by 5 - 10 mL/kg every 24 to 48 hours	
Adjunct	-Antifibrinolytic agents	-Antifibrinolytic agents	-Antifibrinolytic agents	-Antifibrinolytic agents	-Antifibrinolytic agents -Fibrin sealant (fibrin glue) -Desmopressin (DDAVP) -Low dose rFVIIa	-Antifibrinolytic agents

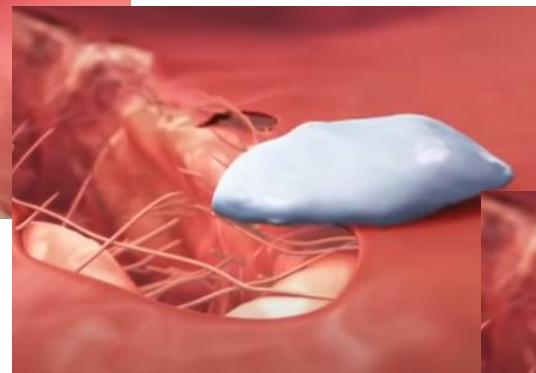
\*25% of FV is stored within platelet alpha granules

FFP = fresh frozen plasma, PCC = prothrombin complex concentrate

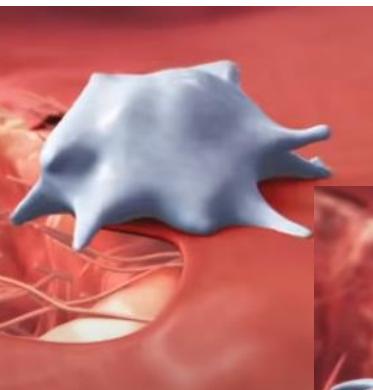
# Platelet Function



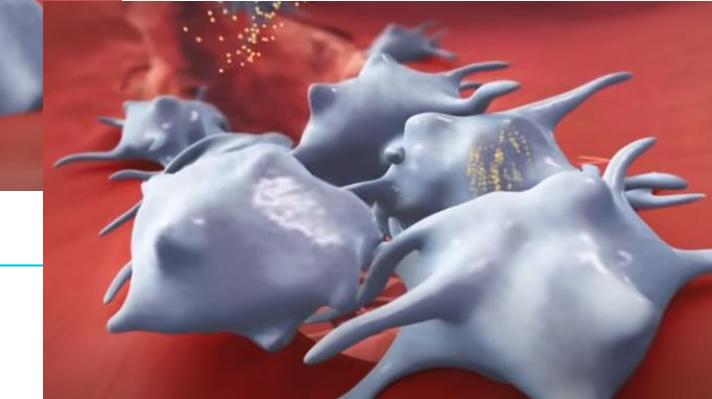
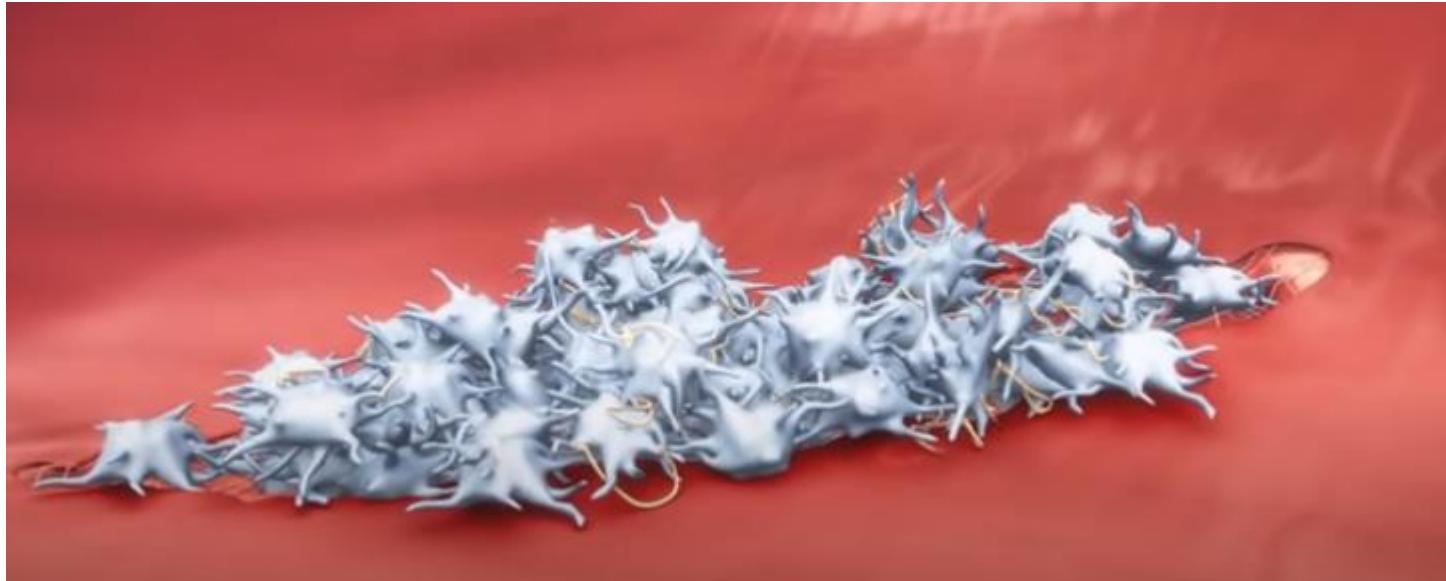
Adhesion



Activation



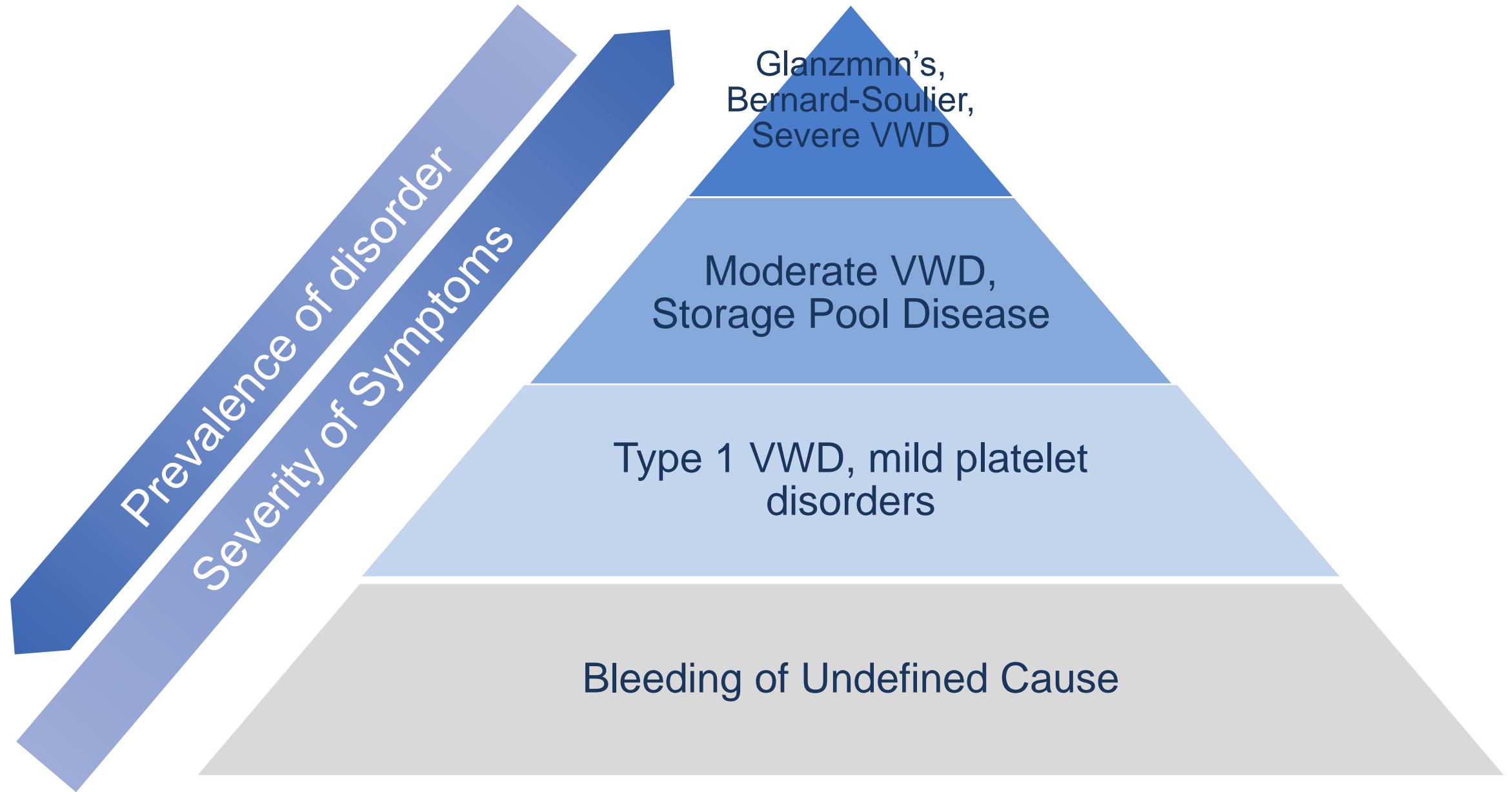
Aggregation





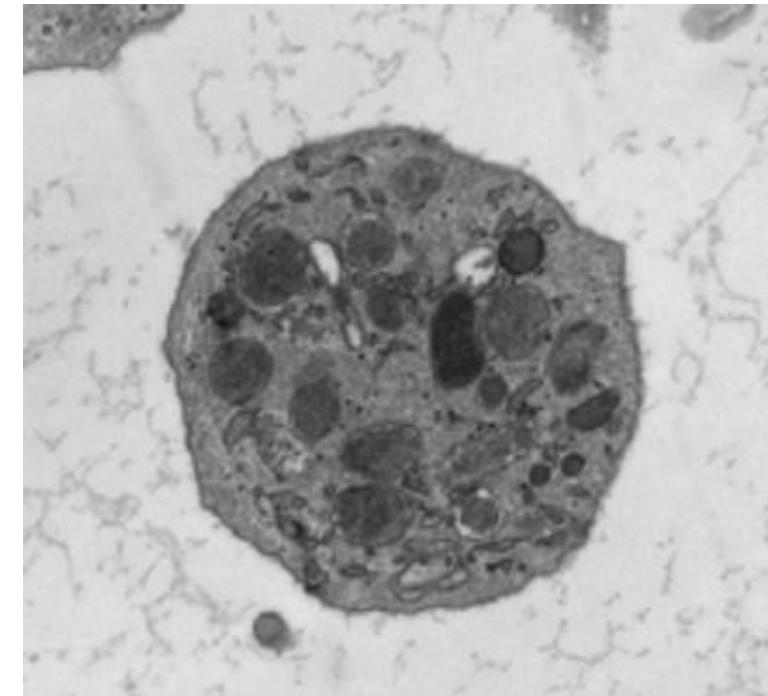
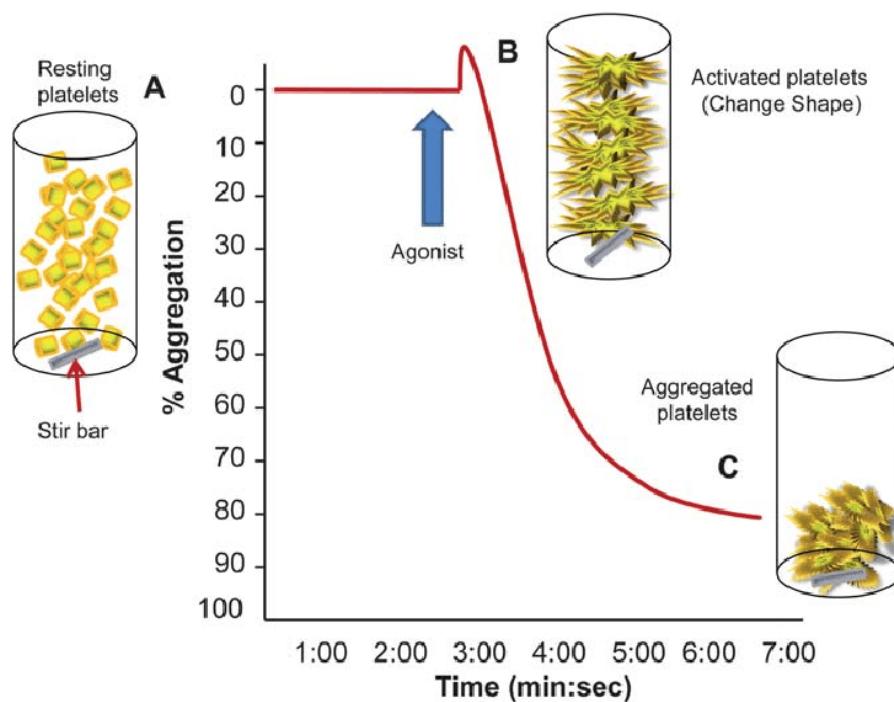
## Symptoms of Platelet Function Disorders

- Bruising
- Mucocutaneous bleeding
  - Nose bleeds
  - Gum bleeding
  - Oral bleeding
  - Excessive menstrual bleeding
  - GI bleeding
- Trauma and surgery-related bleeding



# Testing is tricky

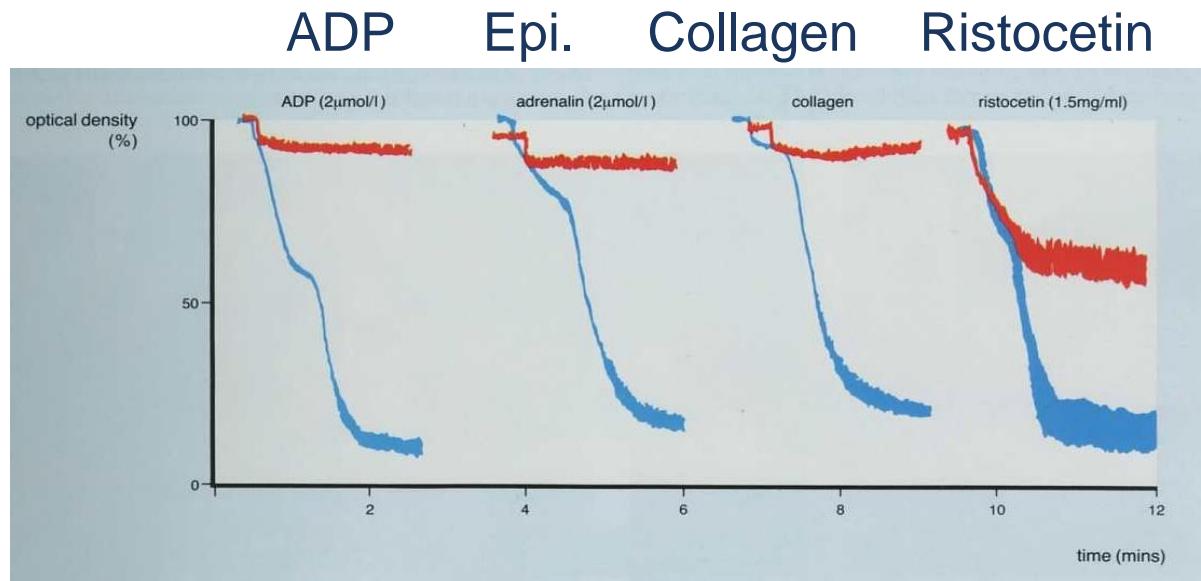
- Platelet number
- Platelet function analyser-100 (PFA-100), Bleeding time
  - PFA does not detect all platelet disorders
    - Particularly storage pool disorder
- Platelet aggregation studies
- Platelet electron microscopy
- Genetic testing



# Platelet aggregation patterns

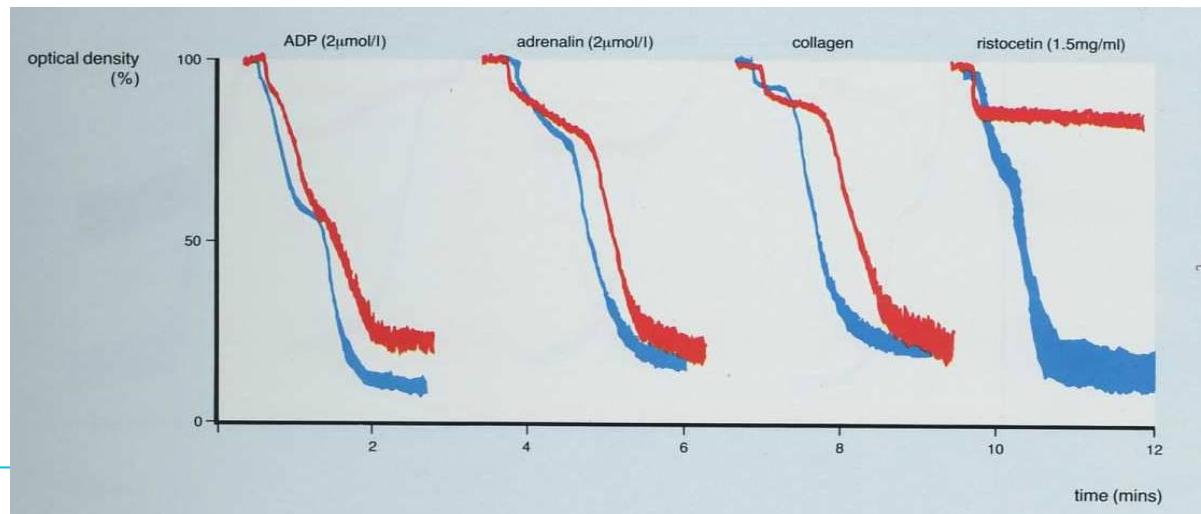
## Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia

- deficiency of the  $\alpha IIb\beta 3$  (GPIIb/IIIa) receptor
- No CD41 or CD61 on flow



## Bernard Soulier Syndrome

- (GP)Ib-IX-V complex on platelets
- mutations in the GP1BA, GP1BB, or GP9 genes
- Flow c/w defective CD42 binding



# Summary

- Reviewed von Willebrand disease
  - Identify VWD subtypes and understand treatments
  - Various etiologies of Acquired von Willebrand Syndrome (AVWS) – treat underlying etiology
- New treatment options for congenital hemophilia
  - Mechanisms to extended half-life of clotting factor concentrates
  - Bispecific antibody – factor FVIII mimetic
  - 3 approved gene therapy options
- Recognition and treatment options for acquired hemophilia A
  - Bypassing agents (rFVIIa, aPCC, porcine FVIII)
- Some rarer factor deficiencies and their treatment approaches
- Recognition and treatment of platelet function disorders





# Thank you

