

**Supplementary Table S1.** Prescription pattern of apixaban, dabigatran and rivaroxaban across centres.

number of centre	type of centre	all n=2971	Apixaban n=953	Dabigatran n=819	Rivaroxaban n=1199
1	academic	709	267 (37.7)	221 (31.2)	221 (31.2)
2	academic	284	101 (35.6)	68 (23.9)	115 (40.5)
3	academic	151	51 (33.8)	37 (24.5)	63 (41.7)
4	regional	272	119 (43.8)	82 (30.1)	71 (26.1)
5	academic	351	65 (18.5)	97 (27.6)	189 (53.8)
6	academic	60	15 (25.0)	7 (11.7)	38 (63.3)
7	military	430	132 (30.7)	73 (17.0)	225 (52.3)
8	regional	248	72 (29.0)	76 (30.6)	100 (40.4)
9	academic	257	93 (36.2)	91 (35.4)	73 (28.4)
10	academic	209	38 (18.2)	67 (32.0)	104 (49.8)

**Supplementary Table S2.** Factors associated with the selection of individual NOAC over another NOAC for stroke prevention in patients with AF - univariable logistic regression models.

Factors	Apixaban			Dabigatran			Rivaroxaban		
	OR	95%CI	p	OR	95%CI	p	OR	95%CI	p
CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score	1.14	1.09-1.19	< <b>0.0001</b>	0.94	0.9-0.99	<b>0.0114</b>	0.93	0.9-0.97	<b>0.0008</b>
HAS-BLED score	1.42	1.3-1.55	< <b>0.0001</b>	0.93	0.85-1.02	0.1114	0.77	0.71-0.84	< <b>0.0001</b>
Age (per 5 years)	1.19	1.14-1.23	< <b>0.0001</b>	0.92	0.89-0.95	< <b>0.0001</b>	0.93	0.9-0.96	< <b>0.0001</b>
Heart failure	1.37	1.16-1.61	<b>0.0002</b>	0.82	0.69-0.97	<b>0.0187</b>	0.89	0.77-1.04	0.1493
Vascular disease	1.21	1.03-1.41	<b>0.018</b>	1.03	0.88-1.22	0.6852	0.82	0.71-0.95	<b>0.0088</b>
Female	1.28	1.1-1.5	<b>0.0018</b>	0.73	0.62-0.86	<b>0.0001</b>	1.04	0.9-1.2	0.6158
Non-permanent AF	0.65	0.54-0.77	< <b>0.0001</b>	1.13	0.93-1.37	0.2112	1.37	1.15-1.63	<b>0.0005</b>
Malignancy	1.48	1.04-2.11	<b>0.0282</b>	0.77	0.51-1.17	0.2216	0.84	0.58-1.2	0.3256
Any previous bleeding	2.59	1.86-3.62	< <b>0.0001</b>	0.81	0.55-1.2	0.2965	0.41	0.28-0.61	< <b>0.0001</b>
GFR < 60 ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	1.95	1.66-2.28	< <b>0.0001</b>	0.69	0.59-0.81	< <b>0.0001</b>	0.75	0.65-0.87	<b>0.0001</b>
Antiplatelets with NOAC	2.37	1.58-3.55	< <b>0.0001</b>	0.62	0.38-1.04	0.0678	0.58	0.37-0.91	<b>0.0168</b>

Abbreviation: CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; NOAC, non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant; OR, odds ratio.