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#1. NOAC

direct oral anticoagulant*[tiab] OR direct oral anti-coagulant*[tiab] OR direct oral anticoagulation[tiab] OR direct oral anti-coagulation[tiab] OR direct oral anti-coagulation[tiab] OR direct-acting oral anti-coagulant*[tiab] OR direct-acting oral anti-coagulation[tiab] OR DOAC[tiab] OR novel oral anticoagulant*[tiab] OR novel oral anticoagulant*[tiab] OR novel oral anti-coagulation[tiab] OR Novel oral anti-coagulation[tiab] OR Novel oral anti-coagulation[tiab] OR Novel oral anti-coagulation[tiab] OR NoAC[tiab] OR Rivaroxaban[tiab] OR Apixaban[tiab] OR Edoxaban[tiab] OR Dabigatran[tiab] OR "Non VKA Oral Anticoagulant"[tiab] OR "Non Vitamin K Antagonist Oral Anticoagulant"[tiab]

#2. Comparative effectiveness studies

comparative effectiveness research[mesh] OR comparative effectiveness[tiab] OR real-world[tiab] OR real-life[tiab] OR cohort studies[mesh] OR cohort[tiab]

#3. Atrial fibrillation

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