



Splanchnic vein thrombosis : diagnosis and management



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Definition

Budd Chiari Syndrome (BCS)

Occlusion of hepatic veins, from the small hepatic veins to the entrance of the right atrium

Extra Hepatic Portal Vein Obstruction (EHPVO)

Obstruction of the extrahepatic portal vein:

- With or without thrombosis of the intrahepatic portal veins
- With or without thrombosis of the splenic or superior mesenteric veins

Mesenteric vein thrombosis

Splenic vein thrombosis

Epidemiology

Budd Chiari Syndrome (BCS)

Annual incidence 0.4-0.8 per million individuals in Western countries

Extra Hepatic Portal Vein Obstruction (EHPVO)

Annual incidence 0.7 per 100,000 individuals 1 per cent of autopsies (one-third non-malignant and non-cirrhotic EHPVO)

Superior Mesenteric Vein Thrombosis

Annual incidence 2.7 per 100,000 individuals

Reviewed in Martinelli & De Stefano et al, Thromb Haemost 2010; 103:1136

Risk factors for SVT

Variable (%)	Total (n = 832)	Hepatic (n = 45)	Portal (n = 329)	$\frac{\text{Mesenteric}}{(n = 76)}$	Splenic (n = 62)
Age (mean ± SD)	53 ± 17	45 ± 17	54 ± 18	59 ± 16	56 ± 16
Female (%)	42	67	38	37	29
Idiopathic	15	9	16	22	5
Cancer	27	13	31	20	36
Myeloproliferative	11	22	5	5	5
Leukemia/lymphoma	5	0	6	4	2
Inflammatory bowel disease	6	11	8	3	2
Pancreatitis	13	4	9	12	45
OCP/HRT	6	13	4	7	5
Cirrhosis	24	16	34	8	10
Surgery	10	11	9	12	5
Infection	10	7	13	18	5
Connective tissue disease Thrombophilia	6	9	5	5	2
No. positive (no. tested)	105 (319)	10 (25)	20 (86)	22 (43)	4 (12)

Long-term Clinical Outcomes of Splanchnic Vein Thrombosis Results of an International Registry

Characteristic	Patients With SVT, No./Total No. (%) (n = 604)
Age, median (IQR), y	54 (43-64)
Male sex	378/604 (62.6)
Asian ethnicitv	137/604 (22.7)
Risk factors	
Unprovoked	163/600 (27.2)
Hepatic cirrhosis	167/600 (27.8)
Solid cancer	136/600 (22.7)
Myeloproliferative neoplasm	49/600 (8.2)
Inflammatory bowel disease	11/600 (1.8)
Other intra-abdominal inflammations or infections	60/600 (10.0)
Abdominal surgery	54/600 (9.0)
Hormonal therapy	25/226 (11.1)
Pregnancy or puerperium	8/226 (3.53)

	Budd-Chiari syndrome	Portal vein thrombosis					
Local risk factors (%)							
 Acquired 							
Cancer	6–7	13–24					
Cirrhosis	8–14	17–18					
Abdominal infection	7	10					
Liver abscess	2	3–5					
Inflammatory bowel diseases	3–8	1–4					
Pancreatitis	-	6–19					
Cholecystitis	-	2–7					
Appendicitis	-	1					
Tuberculous lymphadenitis	-	3					
Membranous web	1–4 (West) – 30 (East)	-					
Neonatal omphalitis	-	1–6					
 Circumstantial 							
Abdominal surgery	2–23	10–30					
Splenectomy	2	7					
Cholecystectomy	-	3–12					
Gastrectomy	-	3					
Liver transplantation	-	2					
Abdominal trauma	10	1-3					

Martinelli & De Stefano, Thromb Haemost 2010;103:1136

	Budd-Chiari syndrome	Portal vein thrombosis
Systemic risk factors (%)		
 Inherited 		
Antithrombin deficiency	2–5	1–2
Protein C deficiency	2–9	1–9
Protein S deficiency	3–7	1–5
Factor V Leiden	4–26	3–8
Prothrombin G20210A	3–8	3–22
 Acquired 		
Myeloproliferative neoplasms	23–49	6–33
JAK2 V617F (with overt myeloproliferative neoplasms)	57–100	78–100
JAK2 V617F (without overt myeloproliferative neoplasms)	44	27
Antiphospholipid antibodies	1–11	3–13
Behcet disease	4–9	
Autoimmune diseases	10–13	1–4
Paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobi- nuria	2–19	1–2
 Circumstantial* 		
Oral contraceptives	15–50	15–30
Hormone replacement therapy	14	3
Pregnancy or puerperium	4–16	2–3
* percentage calculated on the num	ber of women	

Martinelli & De Stefano, Thromb Haemost 2010

MPN are frequent in non-cirrhotic and non malignant SVT

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		(n)			All patients ¶	MPN patients¶	No-MPN patients¶	
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Qi et al. 2011 [39], meta-analysis	BCS + PVT + not specified	1697 §	427/1697 § 25.1%	280/1063 26.3%	343/1063 32.2%	213/280 76.1%	120/783 15.3%	
	BCS	555	177/555 31.8%	77/242 31.8%	106/242 43.8%	62/77 80.5%	44/165 26.6%	
	PVT	858	250/858 29.1%	86/532 16.1%	136/532 25.5%	75/86 87.2%	61/446 13.6%	
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CALR mutations are not frequent in SVT

Reference	SVT patients,	CALR mutations,	CARL-mutated patients				
	n	n (%)	Type of MPN	Type of SVT			
Turon et al. 2015 [48]	209	4 (1.9%)	ET= 3 PMF= 1	BCS=2, PVT=2			
Marzac et al. 2015 [49]	308	5 (2%)	ET= 1 PMF= 4	PVT=5			
Haslam et al, 2015 [50]	144	0	N/A	N/A			
Roques et al. 2015 [51]	66	1 (1.5%)	not specified	not specified			
Castro et al. 2015 [52]	40	0	N/A	N/A			
lurlo et al. 2015 [53]	29	0	N/A	N/A			
Plompen et al. 2015 [54]	141	1 (0.7%)	PMF	PVT			
Colaizzo et al. 2015 [55]	132	0	N/A	N/A			
Total	1,066	10 (0.9%)	ET= 4 PMF= 6	BCS= 2, PVT= 8			
ET: essential thrombocythaemia; N/A: not available; PMF: primary myelofibrosis.							



The impact of JAK2 and MPL mutations on diagnosis and prognosis of splanchnic vein thrombosis: a report on 241 cases

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Outcomes

• Recurrent thrombosis

• Bleding

• Evolution to MPN

SVT predicts MPN during the follow-up

280 of 831 patients with SVT had the *JAK2V617F* mutation, for a mean prevalence of 33.7%

Five studies provided data on development of MPN during follow-up in patients with JAK2 mutation and without an overt MPN at the time of SVT diagnosis (21 of 41 patients, 51.2%, developed overt MPN)

Dentali et al, Blood 2009;113:5617

SVT predicts MPN during the follow-up



Colaizzo D et al, Thromb Res 2013;132:e99

SVT predicts MPN during the follow-up

	Observed cancers and SIRs (95% CI)								
Cancer site		0 to <3 months		o <12 months	12+ months		Overall		
Any	95	33 (27-40)	18	2.7 (1.6-4.3)	70	2.1 (1.6-2.6)	183	4.2 (3.6-4.9)	
Liver	41	1805 (1295-2449)	5	92 (30-215)	2	7.4 (0.9-27)	48	138 (101-182)	
Myeloproliferative neoplasms	8	764 (329-1505)	3	119 (25-348)	12	88 (45-153)	23	133 (85-200)	
Pancreas	17	256 (149-409)	0	_	3	4.0 (0.8-12)	20	21 (13-32)	
Hodgkin malignant lymphoma	1	172 (4.3-956)	0	_	0	—	1	9.7 (0.3-54)	
Gallbladder or biliary tract	2	132 (16-476)	1	28 (0.7-155)	0	_	3	14 (2.9-41)	
Metastases and nonspecified cancer in lymph nodes	5	86 (28-201)	0	-	0	-	5	6.3 (2.0-15)	
MDS	1	75 (1.9-415)	0	_	1	6.8 (0.2-38)	2	11 (1.3-38)	
Kidney	2	47 (5.6-168)	0	_	0	_	2	3.0 (0.4-11)	
Leukemia	2	38 (4.6-138)	0	_	1	1.7 (0.0-9.3)	3	3.9 (0.8-11)	
Non-Hodgkin malignant lymphoma	3	34 (7.0-99)	0	_	1	0.9 (0.0-5.3)	4	3.0 (0.8-7.5)	
Lung, bronchi, or trachea	4	13 (3.6-34)	1	1.4 (0.0-8.0)	7	2.0 (0.8-4.2)	12	2.7 (1.4-4.7)	
Colon	2	9.5 (1.1-34)	1	2.1 (0.1-12)	3	1.3 (0.3-3.8)	6	2.0 (0.7-4.4)	
Breast	1	3.6 (0.1-20)	0	_	4	1.2 (0.3-3.2)	5	1.2 (0.4-2.8)	
Bladder	0	_	2	6.1 (0.7-22)	6	3.8 (1.4-8.3)	8	3.9 (1.7-7.7)	
Stomach	0	_	1	9.8 (0.3-55)	3	6.1 (1.3-18)	4	6.3 (1.7-16)	
Rectum	0	_	0	_	2	1.6 (0.2-5.8)	2	1.3 (0.2-4.5)	
Uterus	0	_	1	8.9 (0.2-50)	0	0	1	1.5 (0.0-8.4)	
Prostate	0	_	1	1.6 (0.0-8.7)	5	1.4 (0.4-3.2)	6	1.3 (0.5-2.9)	

Table 3. SIRs for cancer in 1191 patients with SVT

Danish National Health Service 1994-2011 [Sogaard K et al, Blood 2015;126:957)

Survival and Recurrence in Patients With Splanchnic Vein Thromboses

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1847 patient-years of follow up (28% treated with warfarin)

Major bleeding Independent predictors

- Esophageal varices
- ➤ Warfarin

Recurrent thrombosis Independent predictors ➤ Oral contraceptives 6.9/100 patient-years

HR 2.63 (95% CI 1.72-4.03) HR 1.91 (95% CI 1.25-2.92)

3.5/100 patient-years

HR 2.2 (95% CI 1.09-4.45)

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Outcome	Liver Cirrhosis (n = 167)	Solid Cancer (n = 136)	Myeloproliferative Neoplasm (n = 49)	Unprovoked SVT (n = 163)	Transient Risk Factors ^b (n = 105)
Major bleeding events	22 Events; 10.0 per 100 patient-years (6.6-15.1)	7 Events; 4.4 per 100 patient-years (2.1-9.3)	3 Events; 3.6 per 100 patient-years (1.1-11.1)	5 Events; 1.7 per 100 patient-years (0.7-4.2)	1 Event; 0.5 per 100 patient-year (0.1-3.7)
Thrombotic events	25 Events; 11.3 per 100 patient-years (7.7-16.8)	12 Events; 7.6 per 100 patient-years (4.3-13.3)	5 Events; 5.9 per 100 patient-year (2.5-14.3)	18 Events; 6.3 per 100 patient-year (4.0-10.0)	6 Events; 3.2 per 100 patient-year (1.4-7.0)
Mortality	45 Events; 16.8 per 100 patient-year (12.5-22.4)	67 Events; 39.5 per 100 patient-years (31.1-50.1)	3 Events; 3.4 per 100 patient-year (1.1-10.4)	7 Events; 2.3 per 100 patient-years (1.1-4.8)	5 Events; 2.5 per 100 patient-years (1.1-6.1)

Abbreviation: SVT, splanchnic vein thrombosis.

^a Some patients had more than 1 risk factor.

^b Transient risk factors included recent surgery, intra-abdominal infection, use of hormone therapy, pregnancy/puerperium, and abdominal trauma.

ISTH International registry on SVT: Therapeutic strategies according to the site of thrombosis

Treatment	BCS (n: 51)	PVT (n:244)	MVT (n: 67)	SpVT (n: 19)	Multiple site (n:232)
No treatment	31.4%	33.2%	9.0%	15.8%	12.9%
UFH	15.7%	4.9%	9.0%	0	16.4%
LMWH/fonda parinux	49%	58.6%	83.6%	84.2%	71.8%
VKA	47.1%	31.6%	61.2%	63.2%	60.8%
Thrombolysis	3.9%	0	1.5%	0	2.6%

Ageno et al Semin Thromb Haemost 2014

Efficacy and safety of VKA therapy after portal vein thrombosis in non-cirrhotics

136 patients, median follow-up 46 months (<u>84 on VKA</u>), retrospective cohort study

GI bleeding 12.5 (95% CI 10-15) 100 pt/y

Recurrent venous thrombosis 5.5 (95% CI 3.8-7.2) 100 pt/y

Condat et al Gastroenterology 2001

ISTH registry: long-term clinical outcome

- <u>Thrombotic events</u>
 - On treatment
 - After discontinuation
 - Never treated

5.6 per 100 pt-y (95% CI, 3.9-8.0) 10.5 per 100 pt-y (95% CI, 6.8-16.3) 9.2 per 100 pt-y (95% CI, 5.7-15.1

eTable 3. Multivariate Analysis for Thrombotic Events

	Hazard	95% confidence	p value
	Ratio	interval	
Whole study cohort			
Age (year)	1.028715	1.003079 -	0.028
	1.020713	1.055007	0.028
Male sex	4 007200	1.680863 -	0.002
	4.097299	9.987643	0.002
 Time on anticoagulant treatment 	8876051	.8414891 -	< 0.001
(months)	.8870031	.9362483	< 0.001

ISTH registry: long-term clinical outcome

- On treatment 3.9 per 100 pt-y (95%)
- After discontinuation
- Never treated

3.9 per 100 pt-y (95% CI, 2.6-6.0)
1.0 per 100 pt-y (95% CI, 0.3-4.2)
5.8 per 100 pt-y (95% CI, 3.1-10.7)

eTable 2. Multivariate Analysis for Major Bleeding

	Hazard Ratio	95% confidence interval	p value
Whole study cohort			
Liver cirrhosis with ascites	13.37157	3.259943 - 54.84727	< 0.001
Liver cirrhosis without ascites	4.844619	1.499181 - 15.65543	0.008
Ascites without liver cirrhosis	4.891776	.8804843 - 27.17762	0.070
Time on anticoagulant treatment (months)	.8981033	.8363653 - .9643986	0.003

Safety of VKAs for SVT: multicenter retrospective cohort study

Demographic characteristics	Patients with SVT
Number	375
Age (years), median (IQR)	53 (43-63)
Males	54.7%
Unprovoked SVT	37.1%
Haematologic cancer	21.6%
Cirrhosis	15.2%
Solid cancer	10.7%
Recent surgery	8.0%
Inflammation/infection	6.7%

Esophageal varices: 23.2%

Riva N et al J Thromb Haemost 2015

Safety of VKAs for SVT: multicenter retrospective cohort study

Time-point	Cumulative number of events	Incidence rate of major bleeding (95% CI)
6 months	5	2.85 per 100 pt-y (1.18- 6.84)
1 year	7	2.18 per 100 pt-y (1.04- 4.56)
2 years	10	1.83 per 100 pt-y (0.99- 3.41)
5 years	13	1.41 per 100 pt-y (0.82- 2.44)
End of follow-up	15	1.24 per 100 pt-y (0.75- 2.06)

Predictors of bleeding: esophageal varices (HR 4.9, 1.4-17.1), IBD (HR 15.2, 0.99-233.1)

Anticoagulation for the treatment of portal vein thrombosis in liver cirrhosis: A systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies Xingshun Qi ^{a,b,1}, Valerio De Stefano ^{c,2}, Hongyu Li ^{a,3}, Junna Dai ^{a,4}, Xiaozhong Guo ^{a,*}, Daiming Fan ^{b,**} European Journal of Internal Medicine 26 (2015) 23-29

- 16 observational studies
- Complete portal vein recanalization in anticoagulated pts 41.5% (95% CI, 29.2-54.5; I² = 82.2%, p<0.0001) Anticoagulation OR 4.16 (95% CI, 1.88-9.20, p=0.0004)
- Thrombus progression in anticoagulated pts 5.7% (95% CI, 2.0-11.3; I² = 48.6%, p=0.0698) Anticoagulation OR 0.061 (95% CI, 0.019-0.196, p<0.0001)
- Anticoagulation-related bleeding complications 3.3% (95% CI, 1.1-6.7; I² = 53.5%, p=0.018)





ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPY AND PREVENTION OF THROMBOSIS, 9TH ED: ACCP GUIDELINES

Antithrombotic Therapy for VTE Disease

 <u>Symptomatic</u> splanchnic vein thrombosis (portal, mesenteric, and/or splenic vein thromboses): anticoagulation over no anticoagulation (Grade 1B)

 <u>Incidentally detected</u> splanchnic vein thrombosis (portal, mesenteric, and/or splenic vein thromboses): no anticoagulation over anticoagulation (Grade 2C)





ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPY AND PREVENTION OF THROMBOSIS, 9TH ED: ACCP GUIDELINES

Antithrombotic Therapy for VTE Disease

- LMWH may be preferred over VKA if there is active malignancy, liver disease, or thrombocytopenia.
- The presence of a reversible provoking factor for splanchnic vein thrombosis, such as intraabdominal sepsis or recent surgery, supports stopping anticoagulant therapy after 3 months.
- Absence of a reversible risk factor (eg, "unprovoked" thrombosis or presence of a persistent risk factor, such as myeloproliferative disease) and a low risk of bleeding support extended anticoagulant therapy.

ISTH Guidance statements

In patients with incidental splanchnic vein thrombosis (AND CANCER), we suggest anticoagulant therapy in patients with thrombosis that <u>appears to be acute</u>, <u>shows progression or extension</u> over time, and in those who are not actively bleeding nor have a very high risk of bleeding.





Revising consensus in portal hypertension: Report of the Baveno V consensus workshop on methodology of diagnosis and therapy in portal hypertension

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Treatment: recent EHPVO: anticoagulation

- Recent EHPVO rarely resolves spontaneously.
- In non-cirrhotic patients with symptomatic recent EHPVO, low molecular weight heparin should be started immediately followed by oral anticoagulant therapy (2b;B). In asymptom atic patients, anticoagulation should be considered.
- Anticoagulation should be given for at least three months, unless an underlying persistent prothrombotic state has been documented, in which case life-long anticoagulation is recommended (5;D).



Vascular Disorders of the Liver

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- Minimum duration of treatment 3 months
- Discontinue when secondary to surgery or infections
- Indefinite treatment duration when secondary to cirrhosis, cancer (including MPN), autoimmune disorders, thrombus extension into the mesenteric veins

MPN or absence of VKA are risk factors for recurrence after SVT

REFERENCE	Amitrano et al, 2007	Thatipelli et al, 2009	Spaander et al, 2013	Colaizzo et al, 2013	Riva et al, 2015	Ageno et al, 2015	De Stefano et al, 2015 [unpublished]
Patients (n)	121 (follow-up in 95)	832	120	121	375	604	154
Exclusion criteria	cirrhosis solid cancer	None	Only PVT without cancer, cirrhosis, liver Tx, BCS	Only PVT without cancer, cirrhosis, liver Tx, BCS	SVT without VKA	None	cirhosis solid cancer
Recurrent thrombosis (patients %)	4.2 arterial 10.5 venous	7.8 venous	15.8 (either arterial and venous)	18.1 venous	1.8 arterial 2.4 venous	2.3 arterial 8.9 venous	1.9 arterial 14.2 venous
Recurrent thrombosis (% pt-years)	not available	3.5 venous	approx. 2.4 (either arterial and venous)	5.7 (either arterial and venous)	0.60 arterial 0.77 venous	1.5 arterial 5.8 venous	0.4 arterial 2.9 venous
Risk factors for thrombosis	Overt MPN No VKA	Hormonal therapy Multiple veins involved	No VKA	MPN	Solid cancer MPN	Cirrhosis Unprov.ked SVT Permanent risk factors No VKA	Male gender Age >45 yrs No VKA JAK2 V617F

Splanchnic vein thrombosis in myeloproliferative neoplasms: risk factors for recurrences in a cohort of 181 patients

	Events, n (%)	Incidence rate per 100 pt-years (95% Cl)
Thrombotic events	31 (17.1)	4.2 (2.9–5.9)
Venous thrombosis	19 (10.5)	2.5 (1.6–4.0)
Recurrent SVT		1.9 (1.1–3.1)
Hepatic vein thrombosis	3 (1.7)	
Portal vein thrombosis	4 (2.2)	
Mesenteric vein thrombosis	6 (3.1)	
Splenic vein thrombosis	1 (0.6)	
Venous thrombosis at other sit	es	0.6 (0.2–1.5)
DVT	2 (1.1)	
PE	2 (1.1)	
Cerebral vein thrombosis	1 (0.6)	
Arterial thrombosis	10 (5.5)	1.3 (0.7–2.4)
Unstable angina	1 (0.6)	
Myocardial infarction	2 (1.1)	
Ischaemic stroke	3 (1.7)	
Peripheral artery thrombosis	3 (1.7)	
Retinal artery thrombosis	1 (0.6)	
Not specified	2 (1.1)	
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VKA were prescribed in 85% of patients and the recurrence rate was 3.9 per 100 pt-years, whereas in the small fraction (15%) not receiving VKA more recurrences (7.2 per 100 pt-years) were reported.

Events, n (%)	Index Budd-Chiari	Other index SVT	p-value
Incidence rate, % pt-yrs (95% C.I.)	(n=31)	(n=150)	
On VKA treatment, n (%)	10 (32)	17 (11)	0.003
Thrombotic events	11 (35)	20 (13)	0.003
	7.5 (4.0-14.0)	3.2 (2.0-5.0)	0.020
Venous thrombosis	7 (23)	12 (8)	0.016
	4.9 (2.3-10.3)	1.9 (1.1-3.4)	0.028
Arterial thrombosis	3 (10)	7 (5)	0.266
	1.9 (0.6-5.8)	1.1 (0.5-2.3)	0.454
Major bleeding	3 (10)	13 (9)	0.740
	1.2 (0.3-4.8)	1.6 (0.9-3.0)	0.788
Deaths	2 (6)	12 (8)	0.558
	1.2 (0.3-4.6)	1.8 (1.0-3.1)	0.550

Significant risk factors associated with incidence of thrombosis after SVT index by stepwise selection (complete multivariate model included age > 60 years, thrombosis hystory, CV risk factors, Hb > 15g/dL, Hct > 45%, WBC > $14x10^9/L$, Plt > $500x10^9/L$, splenomegaly, unprovoked event, hepatic event vs other splenic events, VKA treatment, other treatments).

Risk factor for Thrombosis	Hazard ratio (95%CI)	Risk factor for Bleeding	Hazard ratio (95%CI)
WBC > 14x10 ⁹ /L	2.88 (1.32 – 6.28)	WBC > 14x10 ⁹ /L	5.01 (1.43 – 17.56)
Thrombotic history	3.62 (1.22 – 10.78)	CV risk factors	9.92 (2.54 – 38.73)
Budd-Chiari	3.03 (1.37-6.69)		
Splenomegaly	2.66 (1.06 - 6.64)		

- BCS is confirmed to be the more severe event among SVT
- Splenomegaly should be likely considered either as an index of portal hypertension and proliferation
- The role of leukocytosis as a risk factor for recurrence and bleeding calls for cytoreduction

Are MPN patients with SVT candidates to a combined treatment of VKA plus aspirin ?





Aspirin does not give any advantage over VKA

Are MPN patients with SVT candidates to cytoreduction ?

Pooled analysis of 1500 cases – GIMEMA / ELN cohorts 2008-2018

Diagnosis	Total – <i>N</i> (%)
PV	590 (39.3%)
ET	761 (50.8%)
PMF	149 (9.9%)
Total	1500 (100%)
Male/female	652/848 (43.4%)
Age at thrombosis—median (range)	65 (19–90)
> = 60 years	848 (56.5%)
Type of index thrombosis	
Arterial thrombosis ($N = 935$)	
Acute coronary syndrome	107 (7.1%)
TIA	302 (20.1%)
lschemic stroke	486 (32.5%)
Other arterial thromboses	40 (2.7%)
Venous thrombosis (N $=$ 565)	
DVT of the legs and/or pulmonary embolism	293 (19.5%)
Budd–Chiari syndrome	38 (2.5%)
Portal-mesenteric venous thrombosis	180 (12.0%)
Cerebral vein thrombosis	40 (2.7%)
Other venous thromboses	14 (0.9%)

Table 1 Clinical features of the cohort at the index thrombosis (N = 1500)

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Table 3	Effect of long-term treatments on the risk of recurrences after the index thrombosis in the entire patient cohort
(multiva	riable analysis).

	Overall recurrent thromboses (HR, 95% CI)		Arterial recurrent thrombosis (HR, 95% CI)*	p	Venous recurrent thrombosis (HR, 95% CI)*	p
Age > 60 years	1.23 (0.99–1.52)	0.06	1.18 (0.89–1.57)	0.23	1.28 (0.91–1.79)	0.15
Male sex	0.94 (0.76–1.17)	0.60	0.97 (0.73–1.28)	0.99	0.91 (0.65-1.28)	0.61
Antiplatelet treatment	0.58 (0.43-0.79)	0.0005	0.54 (0.35–0.82)	0.003	0.64 (0.40-1.03)	0.07
Oral anticoagulation (VKA or DOACs)	0.58 (0.41–0.81)	0.001	0.58 (0.35–0.96)	0.03	0.60 (0.37–0.95)	0.03
Hydroxyurea	0.75 (0.57–1.00)	0.05	0.67 (0.46–0.98)	0.04	0.87 (0.56–1.33)	0.52
Cytoreduction with agents other than hydroxyurea [#]	1.04 (0.74–1.45)	0.80	0.94 (0.61–1.46)	0.80	1.22 (0.72–2.04)	0.44

HR hazard ratio

*Multivariable analysis adjusted for the arterial or venous site of the first thrombosis

*Anagrelide, interferon, pipobroman, busulfan, and ruxolitinib

Bold values are those with statistical significance

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Recurrence after splanchnic vein thrombosis is prevented only by VKA, whereas HU has no effect. In this setting HU is suggested only in the presence of hypercythemia or in the case of progressive disease.

The direct oral anticoagulants for the treatment of splanchnic vein thrombosis

Successful treatment of acute portal vein thrombosis with rivaroxaban

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Successful Treatment of Partial Portal Vein Thrombosis (PVT) with Low Dose Rivaroxaban

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DOAC Phase III VTE trials Primary efficacy endpoint



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	Patients without cirrhosis (n=58)	Patients with cirrhosis (n=36)
Age (Y)	49.5 (range 16-82)	64.9 (range 32-82)
Gender	29 F-29 M (50%-50%)	15 F-21 M (42%-58%)
Aetiology of cirrhosis		
Alcohol	-	10 (28%)
HCV	-	6 (17%)
NAFLD/NASH	-	8 (22%)
Other	-	12 (33%)
Oesophageal or gastric v	arices:	
Total	24 (41%)	23 (64%)
Large	15 (62%)	7 (30%)
Previous variceal bleeding	17 (70%)	9 (39%)
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The direct oral anticoagulants for the treatment of splanchnic vein thrombosis

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Xarelto Versus no Treatment for the Prevention of Recurrent Thrombosis in Patients With Chronic Portal Vein Thrombosis. (RIPORT)

This study is currently recruiting participants. (see Contacts and Locations)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02555111

Treatment of portal, mesenteric, and splenic vein thrombosis with rivaroxaban. A pilot, prospective cohort study

Rivaroxaban for the treatment of SVT: RIVASVT100 study

Inclusion criteria

• Symptomatic, objectively diagnosed portal, mesenteric or splenic vein thrombosis

Exclusion criteria

 Liver cirrhosis, ALT >3 times ULN, BCS, history of variceal bleeding, portal vein cavernoma, creatinine clearance <30 mL/min, platelet count <100,000mm3, therapeutic doses of anticoagulants >7 days

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Guidance Statement: Given the absence of clinical experience with the use of the direct oral anticoagulants in this setting, there is no evidence for or against their use in the management of patients with SVT.

If a decision to use these agents is made, their use should be considered off label and careful patient counselling and clinical monitoring should follow. Ideally, patients receiving direct oral anticoagulants should be included in prospective cohort studies aimed to fill this knowledge gap.