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# **Embolia Polmonare: evidenze scientifiche del fondaparinux ed evidenza nella pratica clinica**

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# Classification of patients with acute PE

Early mortality risk (30 days)	Shock or hypotension	PESI III-IV; sPESI>1	RV dysfunction	Myocardial injury
<b>High risk</b>	+	(+)	(+)	(+)
<b>Intermediate high risk</b>	-	+	+	+
<b>Intermediate low risk</b>	-	+ -	+ -	+ -
<b>Low risk</b>	-	-	(-)	(-)

# How many patients with PE are at low-risk?

	% (95% CI)
<b>PESI</b>	<b>44% (41–48)</b>
<b>Geneva</b>	<b>79.0% (73.0–85.0)</b>
<b>Simplified-PESI</b>	<b>34.0% (28.0–39.0)</b>
<b>Aujesky</b>	<b>22.0% (19.0–25.0)</b>
<b>Davies</b>	<b>43.6% (37.2–50.0)</b>
<b>Uresandi</b>	<b>47.8% (44.0–51.5)</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>46% (41–51)</b>

# VTE treatment: parenteral anticoagulants

Unfractionated heparin (UFH) <sup>1,2</sup>	LMWHs <sup>1</sup>	Fondaparinux <sup>6</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Inhibits further clot formation/propagation and permits the patient's fibrinolytic system (plasmin) to lyse clot</li> <li>▶ Usually given as IV bolus followed by continuous IV infusion</li> <li>▶ Anticoagulation level monitored by aPTT test</li> <li>▶ Usually begun when PE is suspected, before confirmation<sup>3</sup></li> <li>▶ Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) and osteoporosis are the most important non-haemorrhagic side effects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Injectable, SC</li> <li>▶ Compared to UFH, LMWHs have greater bioavailability, a more predictable dose response, and a longer half-life</li> <li>▶ Enoxaparin (e.g. of LMWH) dosing is OD and weight-based<sup>4</sup></li> <li>▶ Generally, no need for monitoring (anti-Factor Xa assay if needed)</li> <li>▶ HIT occurs 8 to 10 times less frequently than with UFH<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Synthetic and selective inhibitor of activated Factor X (Xa)</li> <li>▶ Injectable, SC</li> <li>▶ Longer half-life vs LMWHs (17 hours vs 4 hours)<sup>6,7</sup></li> <li>▶ Recommended dosing is OD and based on patient's weight: &lt;50 kg, 50–100 kg, or &gt;100 kg</li> <li>▶ Does not affect routine coagulation tests</li> <li>▶ Predominantly dependent on renal clearance</li> <li>▶ There are rare spontaneous reports of HIT in patients treated with fondaparinux</li> </ul>

aPPT, activated partial thromboplastin time; SC, subcutaneous.

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# **MATISSE studies**

Open-label studies of fondaparinux for initial treatment of DVT  
and PE







# Study objectives: Outcomes

- Two studies were conducted, with the fondaparinux dose of 7.5 mg (5.0 and 10.0 mg)
- MATISSE DVT compared the efficacy and safety of fondaparinux vs enoxaparin for the initial treatment of patients with symptomatic DVT
- MATISSE PE compared the efficacy and safety of fondaparinux vs unfractionated heparin for the initial treatment of patients with symptomatic PE

- Recurrent VTE
- Major bleeding
- Non-inferiority assumption for efficacy



# Matisse study designs

2,213 patients  
with PE  $\pm$  DVT

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Open-label

□ 5 days IV UFH (aPTT 1.5–2.5) + OAC (INR 2–3)

□ 5 days 7.5 mg fondaparinux\* sc + OAC (INR 2–3)

2,205 patients  
with DVT

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Double-blind

□ 5 days SC enoxaparin (1 mg/kg, bid) + OAC (INR 2–3)

\* 5 mg if bodyweight < 50 kg  
10 mg if bodyweight > 100 kg

← 90  $\pm$  7 days →

Primary efficacy outcome (3 months)

- Fatal PE/unexplained death
- Recurrent symptomatic non-fatal PE or DVT

Principal safety outcome (initial treatment)

- Major bleed
- Clinically relevant non-major bleed

aPTT = activated partial thromboplastin time; DVT = deep vein thrombosis;  
INR = international normalized ratio; OAC = oral anticoagulant;  
PE = pulmonary embolism; VTE = venous thromboembolism.

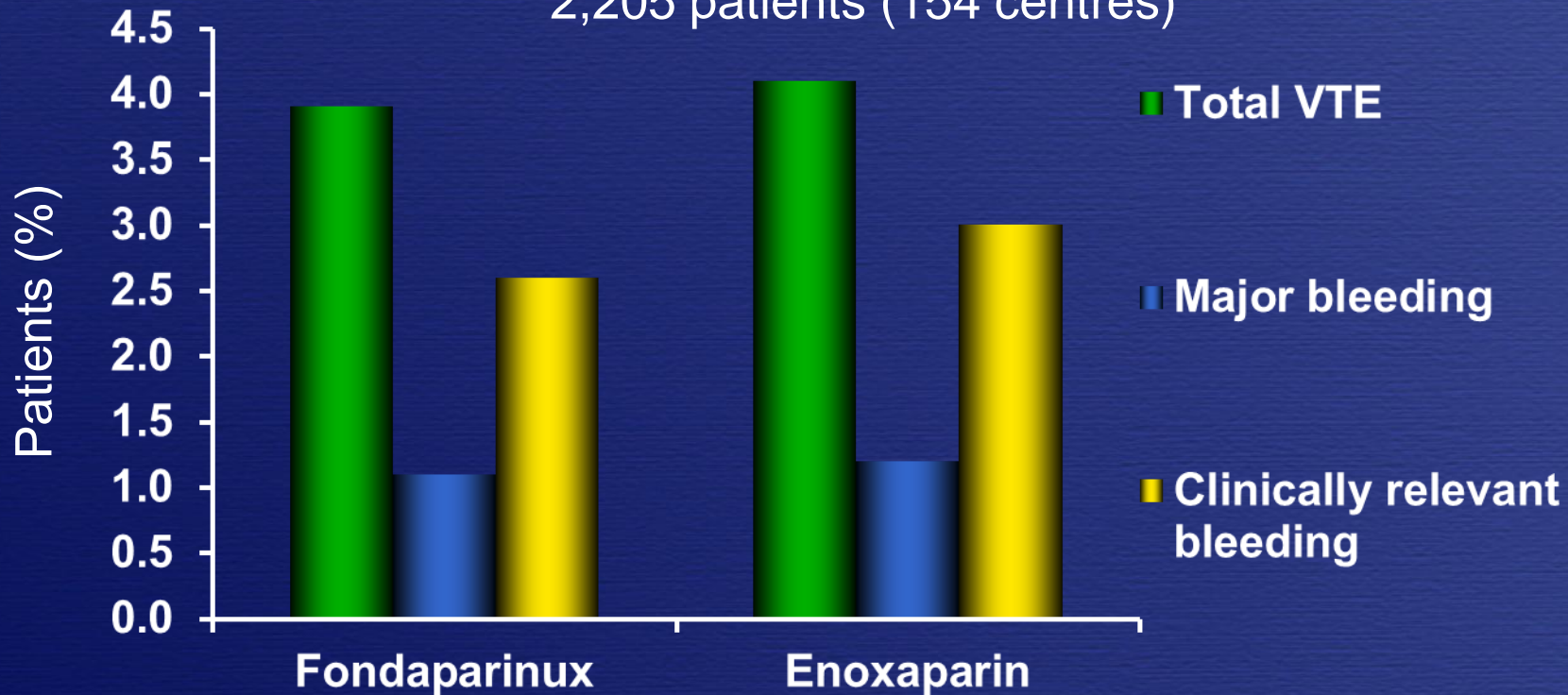
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The MATISSE Investigators. *N Engl J Med.* 2003;349:1695-1702.



# MATISSE: DVT results

Fondaparinux\* vs enoxaparin (1 mg/kg bid) for treatment of symptomatic DVT

2,205 patients (154 centres)



\*5.0, 7.5 or 10.0 mg in patients weighing < 50, 50–100, or > 100 mg, respectively.

bid = twice daily; DVT = deep vein thrombosis;  
VTE = venous thromboembolism.

# MATISSE: DVT results

Endpoints	Incidence	
	Fondaparinux, %	Enoxaparin, %
Fatal PE	0.5	0.5
Non-fatal PE/DVT	3.5	3.6
Total VTE	3.9	4.1
Major bleeding	1.1	1.2
Clinically relevant bleeding	2.6	3.0
2,205 patients (154 centres)		

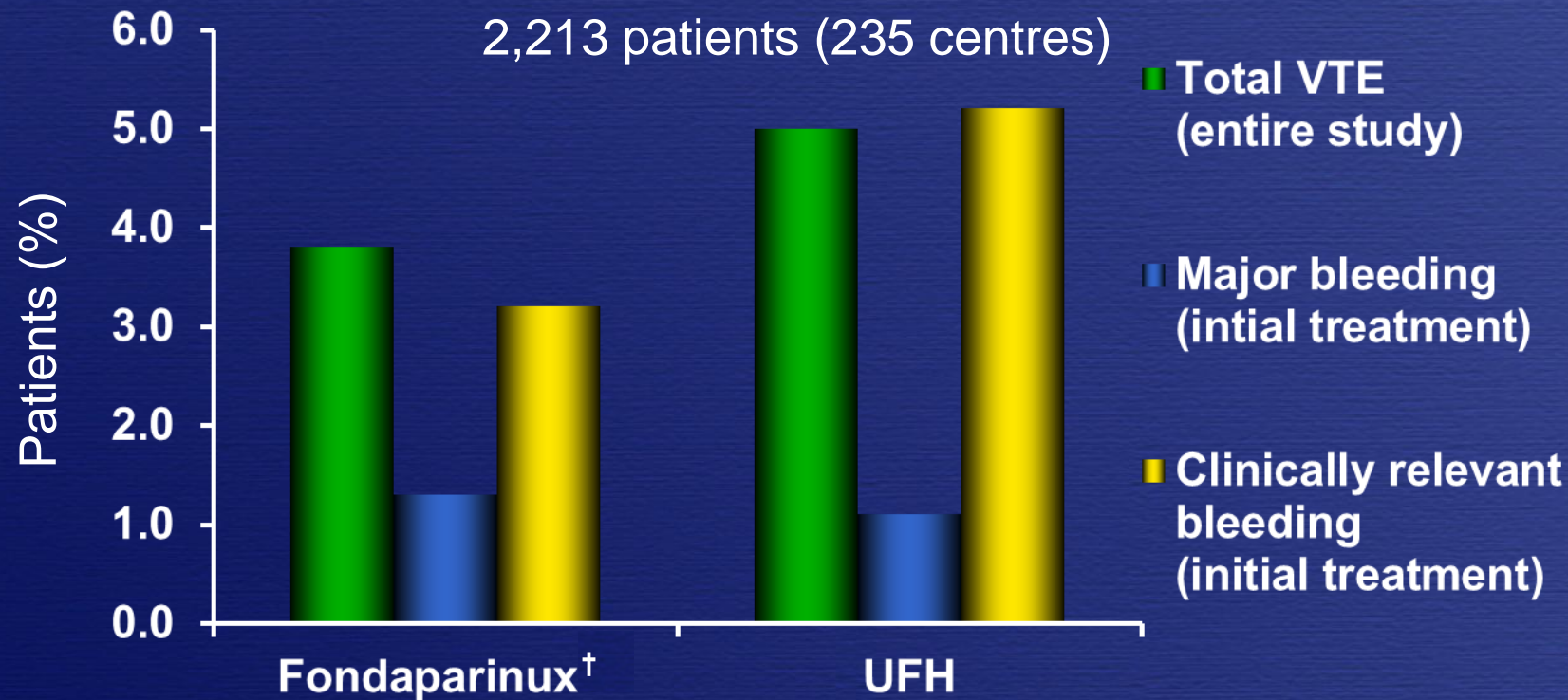
DVT = deep vein thrombosis; PE = pulmonary embolism;  
VTE = venous thromboembolism.

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# MATISSE: PE results

Fondaparinux\* vs UFH (5000 IU bolus followed by 1250 IU/h IV) for treatment of symptomatic PE



\*5.0, 7.5 or 10.0 mg in patients weighing < 50, 50–100, or > 100 mg, respectively.

<sup>†</sup>15% treated in outpatient setting.

PE = pulmonary embolism; IU – international units;

IV = intravenous; UFH = unfractionated heparin;

VTE = venous thromboembolism.



# MATISSE: PE results

	Incidence	
End-points	Fondaparinux, %	Unfractionated heparin, %
Fatal PE	1.5	1.4
Non-fatal PE/DVT	2.4	3.7
Total VTE	3.8	5
Major bleeding	1.3	1.1
Clinically relevant bleeding	3.2	5.2
2,213 patients (235 centres)		

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# MATISSE: Conclusions

- DVT: fondaparinux (once daily) is as effective and safe as enoxaparin (twice daily)
- PE: fondaparinux (once daily) is as effective and safe as unfractionated heparin (continuous IV perfusion)



# Advantages of fondaparinux over LMWH

- Synthetic synthesis
- No HIT
- Once daily
- Large separate trials for DVT and PE
- Fixed dosing regimens (also for extremes of body weight)



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