



**Eliquis™**  
apixaban

#1 OAC Globally<sup>1-3#</sup>

**ELIQUIS™:**  
**THE EFFICACY AND SAFETY†**  
**I WOULD CHOOSE**

Only Eliquis™ delivered both superior risk reduction in stroke/SE and major bleeding vs warfarin in AF<sup>4,5‡</sup>



# Accounting for more patient treatment days prescribed\* around the world than any other OAC within NVAF & VTE indications\*\*

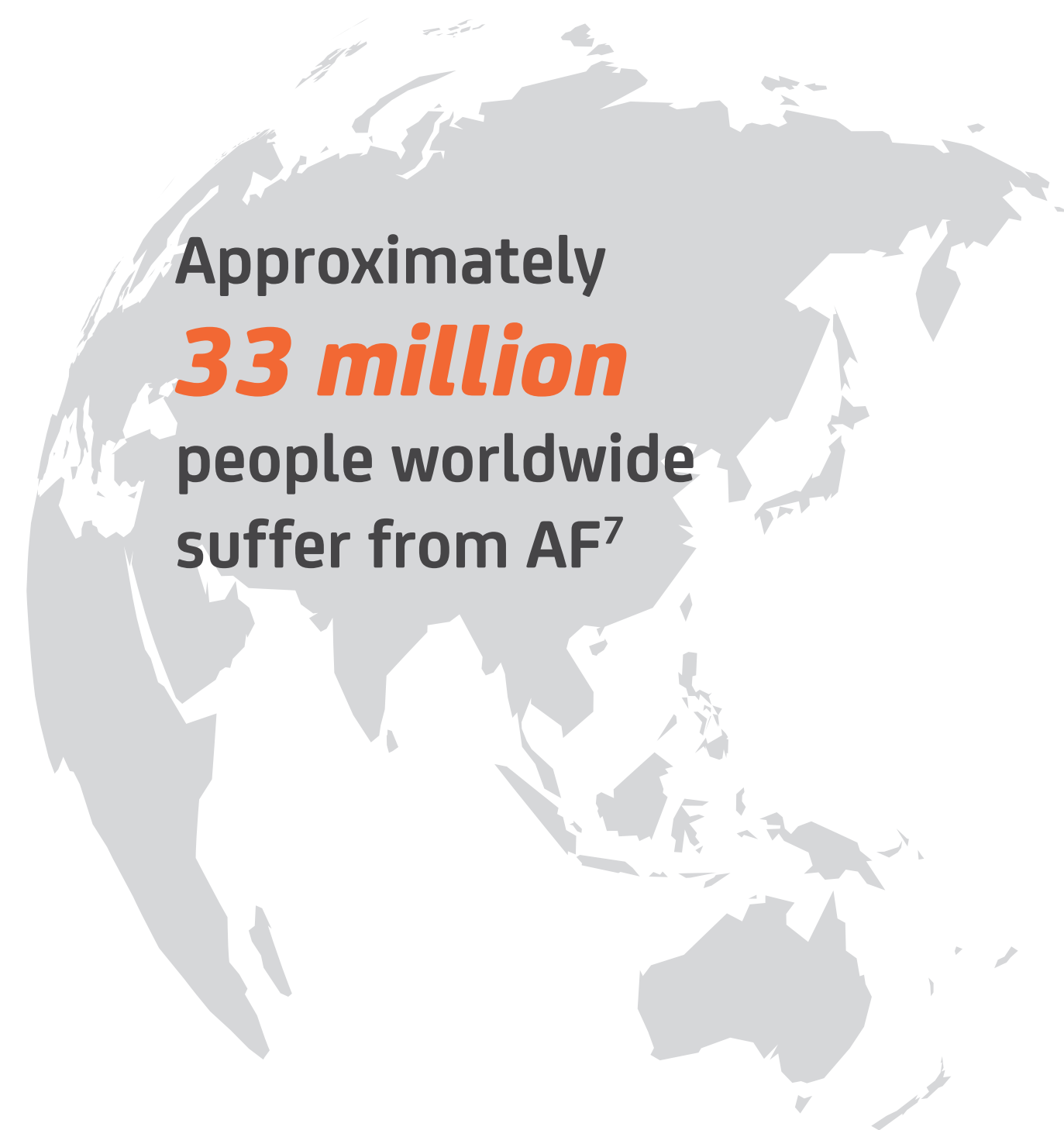
\* Patient treatment days prescribed estimated based on the latest six month period, IQVIA MIDAS Q4'21 Sell-In/Sell-Out data. Standard Units divided by recommended administration of each NOAC within 24 hours. [apixaban BID, dabigatran BID, edoxaban QD, rivaroxaban QD]. VKA drugs treatment days estimated based on standard units divided by IQVIA MIDAS Medical average daily dose

\*\* Indications accounted for by factoring standard unit volume based on IQVIA medical audit data and relevant WHO ICD10 codes

† Based on clinical trial data vs warfarin in patients with NVAF

‡ There are no head-to-head trials comparing NOACs

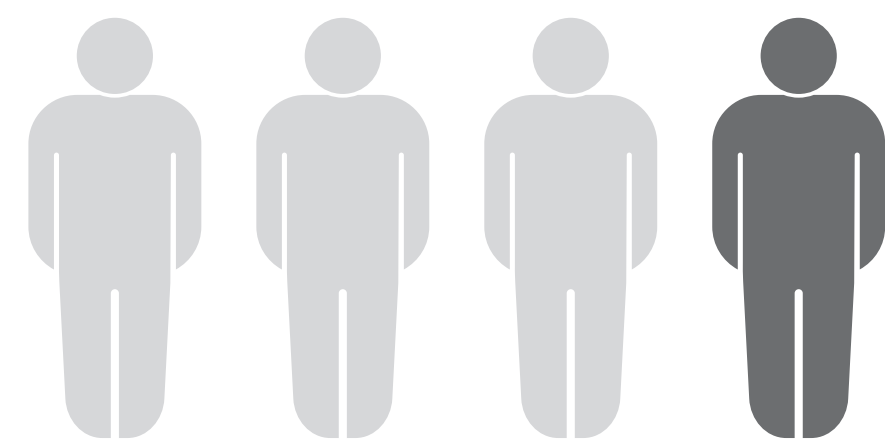
# Atrial fibrillation (AF): Leading causes of stroke & a growing burden<sup>6</sup>



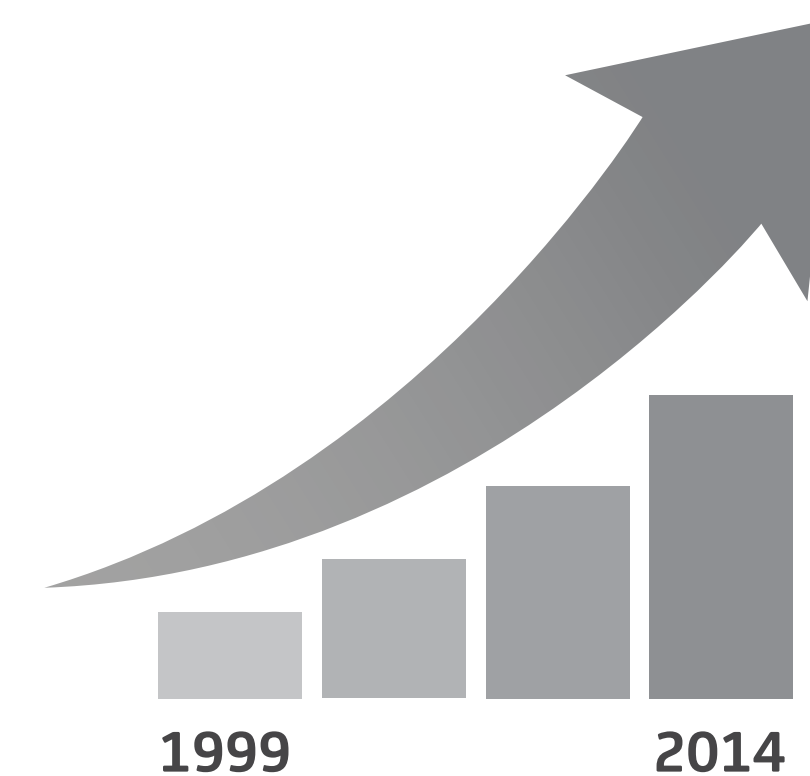
In 2050, Asia will have **72 million** AF patients<sup>8</sup>



More than the combined numbers of patients from EU and USA<sup>8</sup>



About **1 in 4** Hong Kong stroke cases are AF-related<sup>9</sup>



AF-related stroke in Hong Kong increased by more than **2.5-fold** between 1999 and 2014<sup>9</sup>

***In Hong Kong, about one-fourth of stroke cases are AF-related, which is more severe and has a higher mortality rate than other types of stroke.<sup>9</sup>***

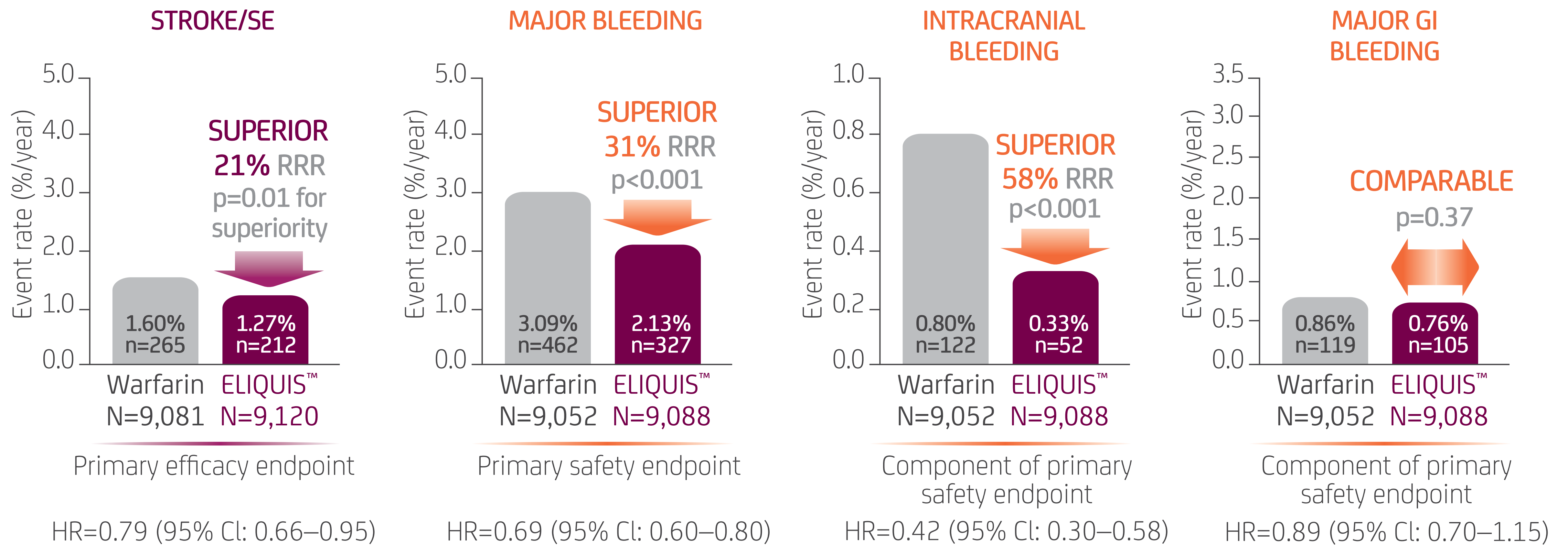
The term "AF" used in this document excludes moderate-severe mitral stenosis and mechanical heart valves.

# International guidelines recommend NOACs for stroke prevention in AF

	ESC (2020) <sup>10</sup>	CHEST (2018) <sup>11</sup>	AHA/ACC/HRS (2019) <sup>12</sup>
Stroke risk prediction in AF	The <b>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score</b> is recommended ( <i>Grade IA</i> )	The <b>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score</b> is recommended ( <i>Strong recommendation, moderate quality evidence</i> )	The <b>CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score</b> is recommended, except in patients with moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis or a mechanical heart valve ( <i>Grade IB</i> )
Pharmacologic therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In eligible patients, <b>NOACs are preferred over warfarin</b> (<i>Grade IA</i>)</li> <li>For CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score of <math>\geq 2</math> in men or <math>\geq 3</math> in women, <b>OACs are recommended</b> (<i>Grade IA</i>)</li> <li><b>Antiplatelet monotherapy is not recommended</b> for stroke prevention (<i>Grade IIIA</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NOACs are recommended over VKA</b> in eligible patients (<i>Strong recommendation, moderate quality evidence</i>)</li> <li>In patients on VKAs with consistently low time in INR TTR, <b>switching to a NOAC is recommended</b> (<i>Strong recommendation, moderate quality evidence</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NOACs are recommended over warfarin</b> in eligible patients (<i>Grade IA</i>)</li> <li>For patients unable to maintain a therapeutic INR level with warfarin, <b>NOACs are recommended</b> (<i>Grade IC-EO*</i>)</li> </ul>

\* C-EO, consensus of expert opinion

# ARISTOTLE trial<sup>4</sup>: ELIQUIS™ provides superior stroke protection and major bleeding profile versus warfarin in patients with AF



Adapted from Granger et al. 2011<sup>4</sup>

In addition to superior stroke and major bleeding protection, ELIQUIS™ significantly reduced mortality versus warfarin in AF patients (11% RRR; p=0.047).<sup>4,13</sup>

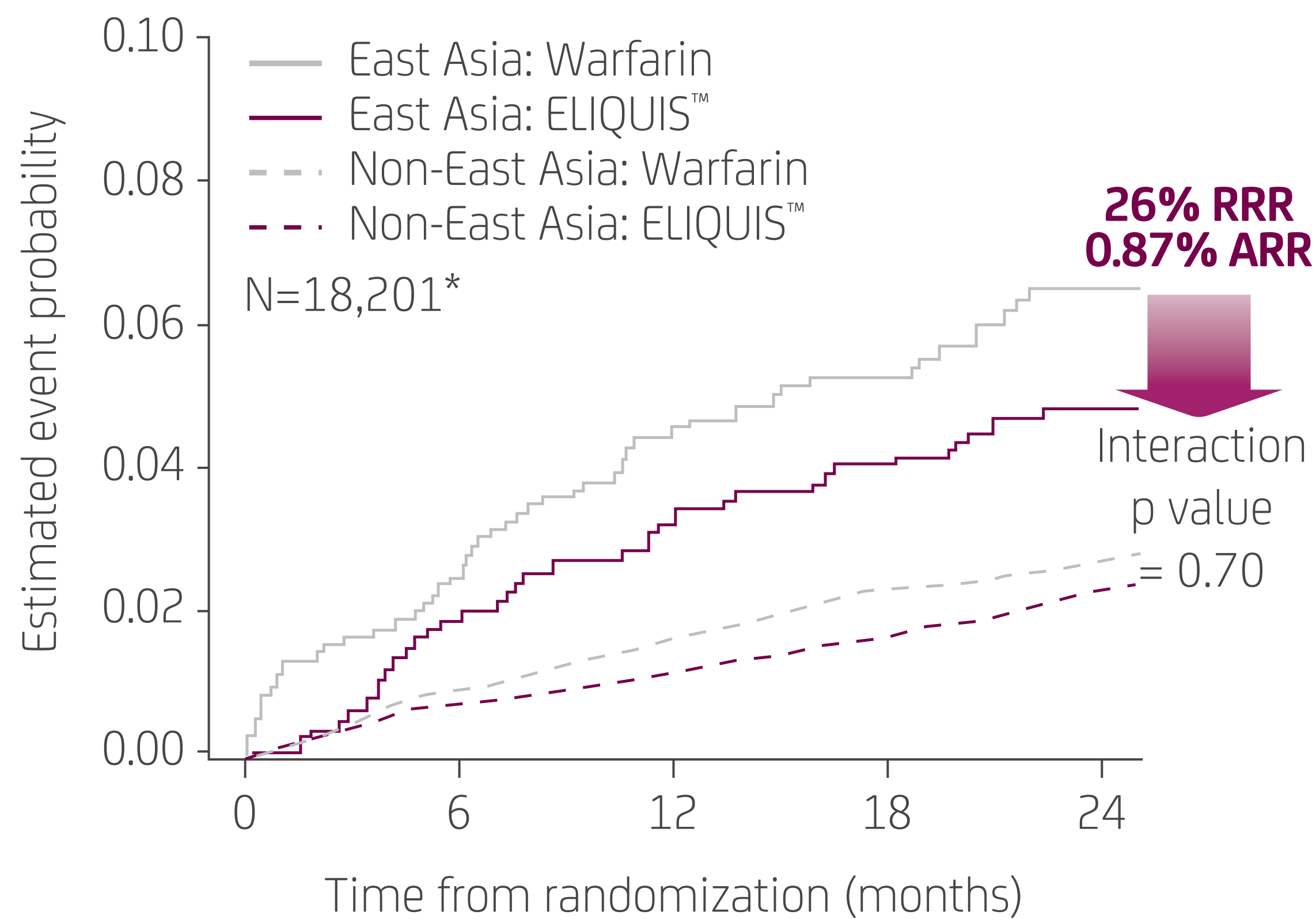
**GI bleeding is one of the most frequent adverse events associated with OAC use.<sup>14</sup>**  
**ELIQUIS™ is the only factor Xa inhibitor that does not increase GI bleeding versus warfarin.<sup>4,10\*</sup>**

\*There are no head-to-head trials comparing NOACs

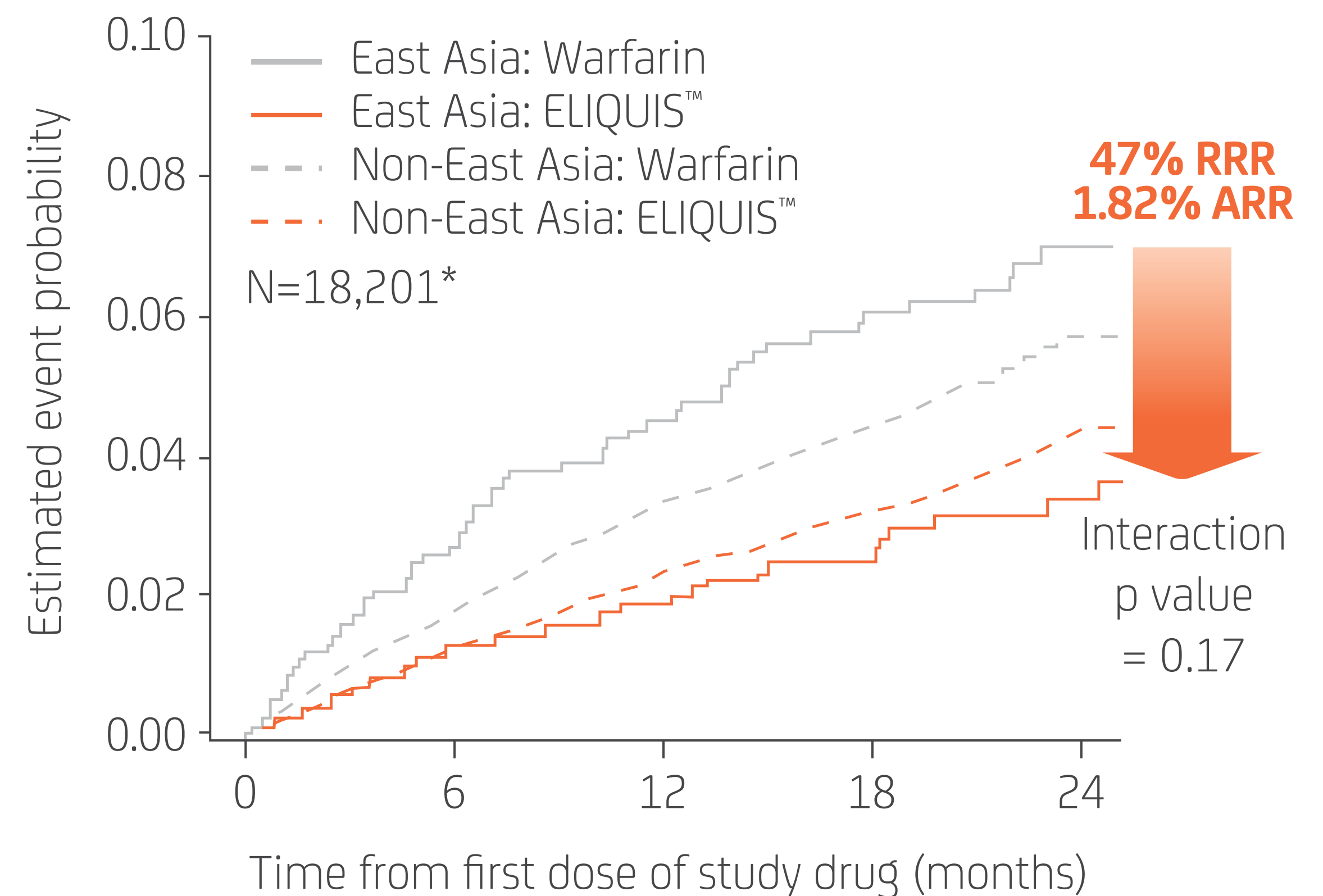
# ELIQUIS™ provides consistent benefits in East Asian AF patients

- The efficacy and safety of ELIQUIS™ over warfarin were at least similar in magnitude for East Asian versus non-East Asian patients with NVAF.<sup>15</sup>
- There was a **greater reduction in major bleeding** with ELIQUIS™ versus warfarin in East Asian compared with non-East Asian patients.<sup>15</sup>

**PRIMARY EFFICACY ENDPOINT:  
STROKE/SE**



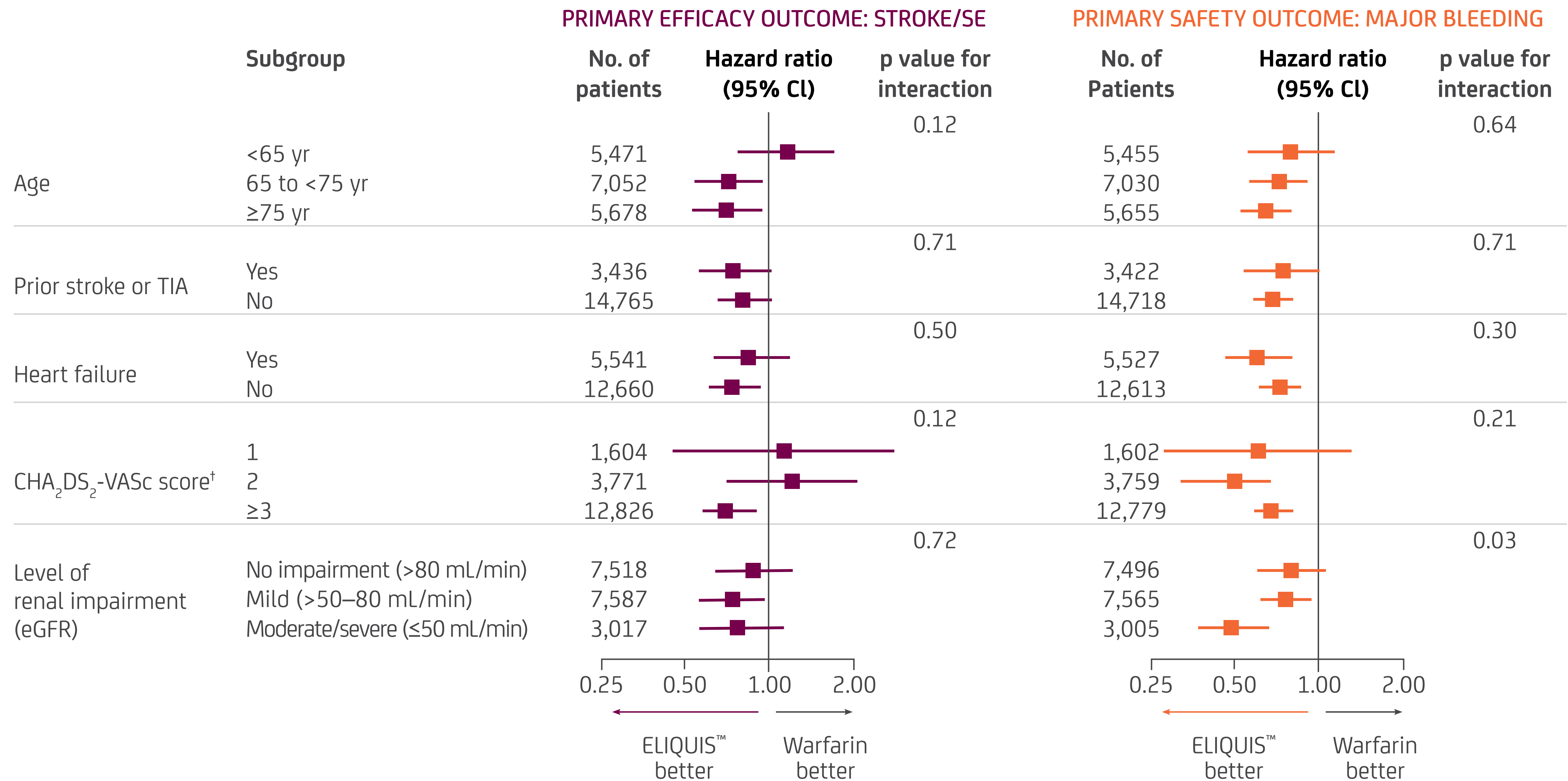
**PRIMARY SAFETY ENDPOINT:  
MAJOR BLEEDING**



\* Of the 18,201 patients enrolled in ARISTOTLE, 1,993 patients were recruited from East Asia.  
Adapted from Goto et al. 2014<sup>15</sup>

# ELIQUIS™ provides consistent benefits across a variety of AF patients

The ARISTOTLE trials showed that AF patients treated with ELIQUIS™ had **consistently fewer strokes and bleeds** versus warfarin **across a variety of subgroup populations and risk profiles.**<sup>4,16\*</sup>



\* As assessed by CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc scores<sup>16</sup>

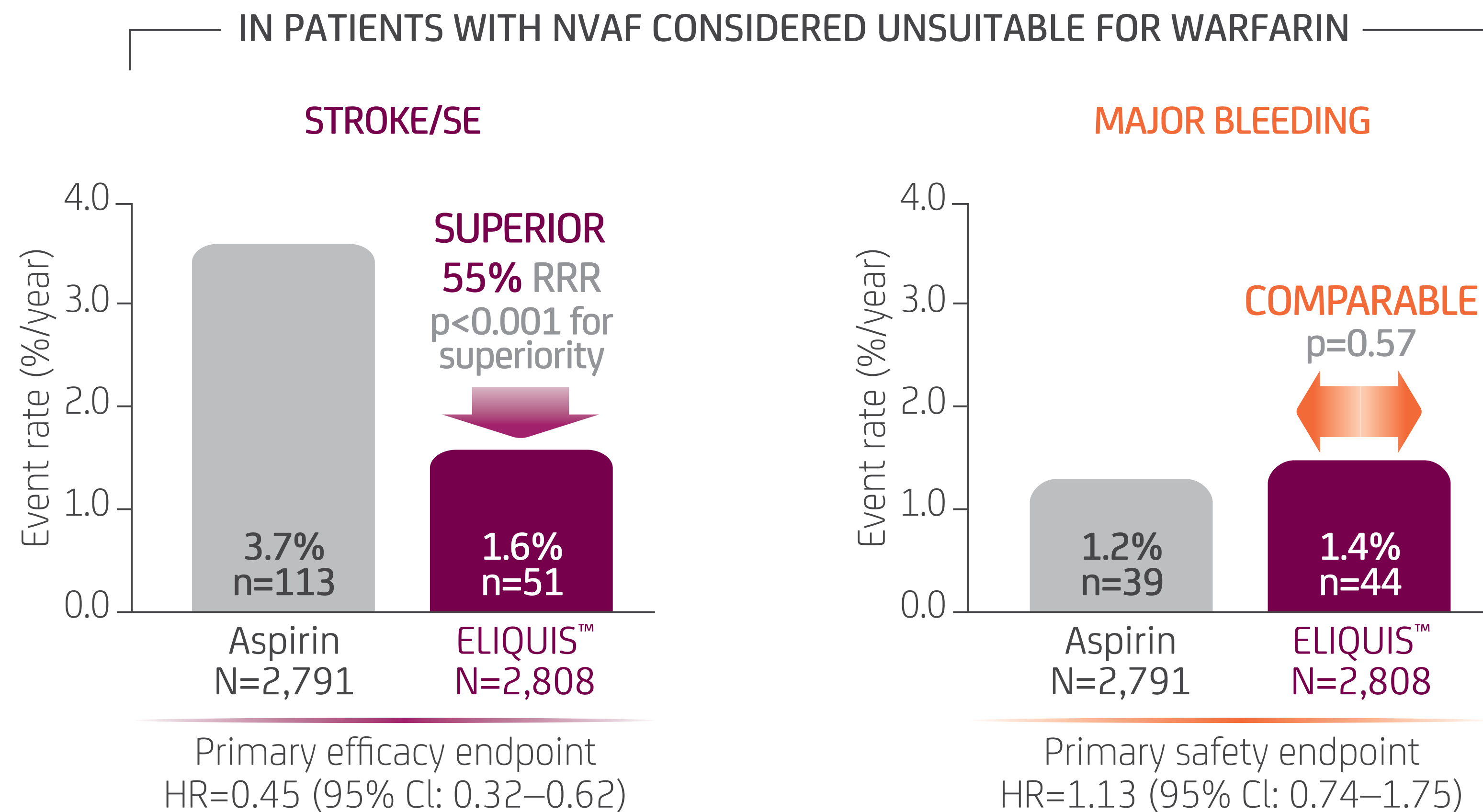
<sup>†</sup> The ARISTOTLE trial was not designed or powered to detect interactions between study drug and CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score subgroups. This was because the date of CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score validation was not until February 2010 after the initiation of ARISTOTLE<sup>16</sup>

Adapted from Granger et al. 2011<sup>4</sup> and Lopes et al. 2012<sup>16</sup>

# ELIQUIS™ provides clear benefit versus aspirin in AF patients unsuitable for warfarin

ELIQUIS™ is the only NOAC compared with aspirin for stroke prevention in AF.<sup>17\*</sup>

- AVERROES was terminated early due to clear benefit in favor of ELIQUIS™ for the primary endpoint.<sup>17</sup>
- In a subgroup analysis, ELIQUIS™ provided **greater relative and absolute benefits in stroke/SE risk reduction in the elderly (≥75 years)** with no greater risk of bleeding, compared with younger patients.<sup>18</sup>

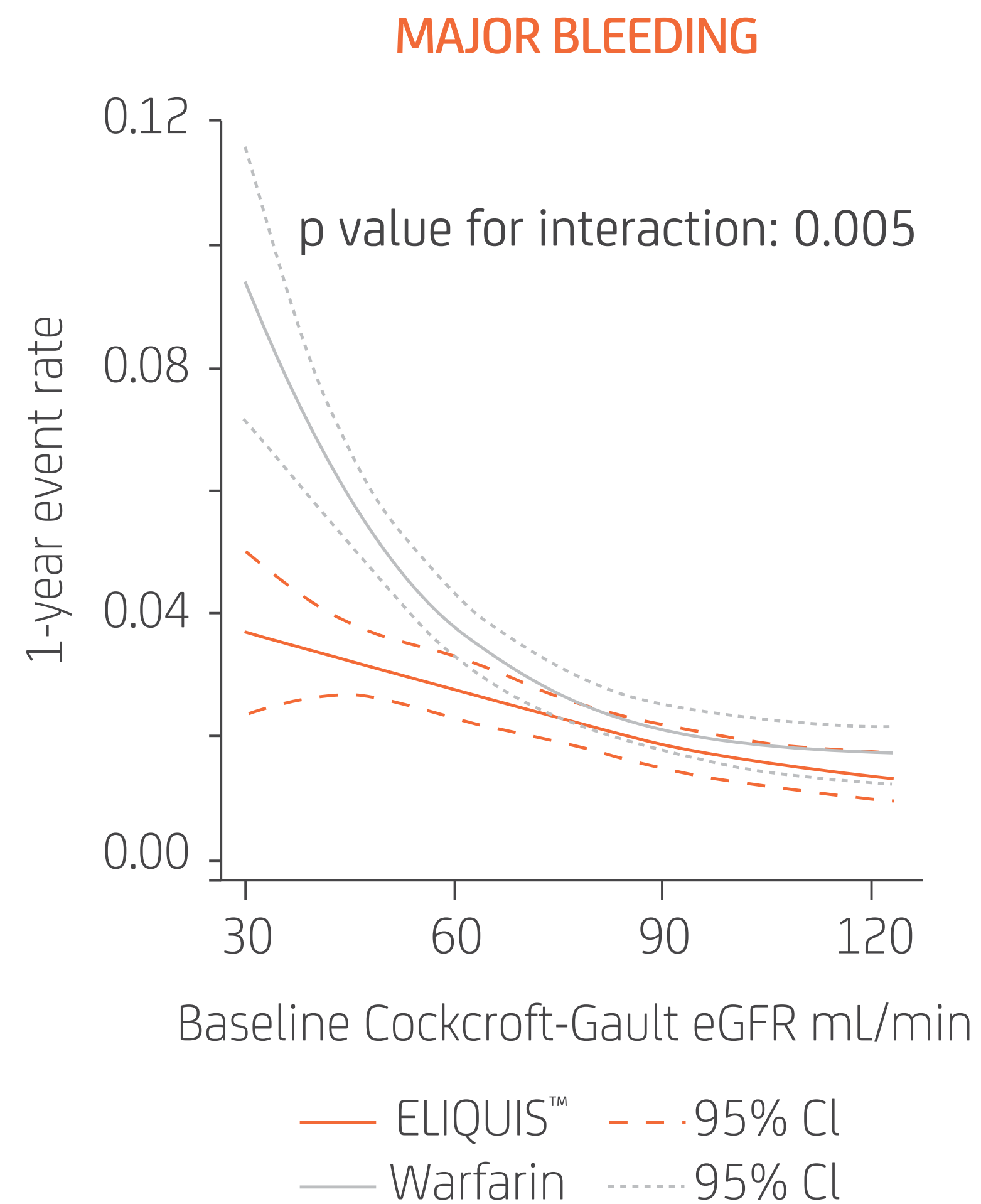
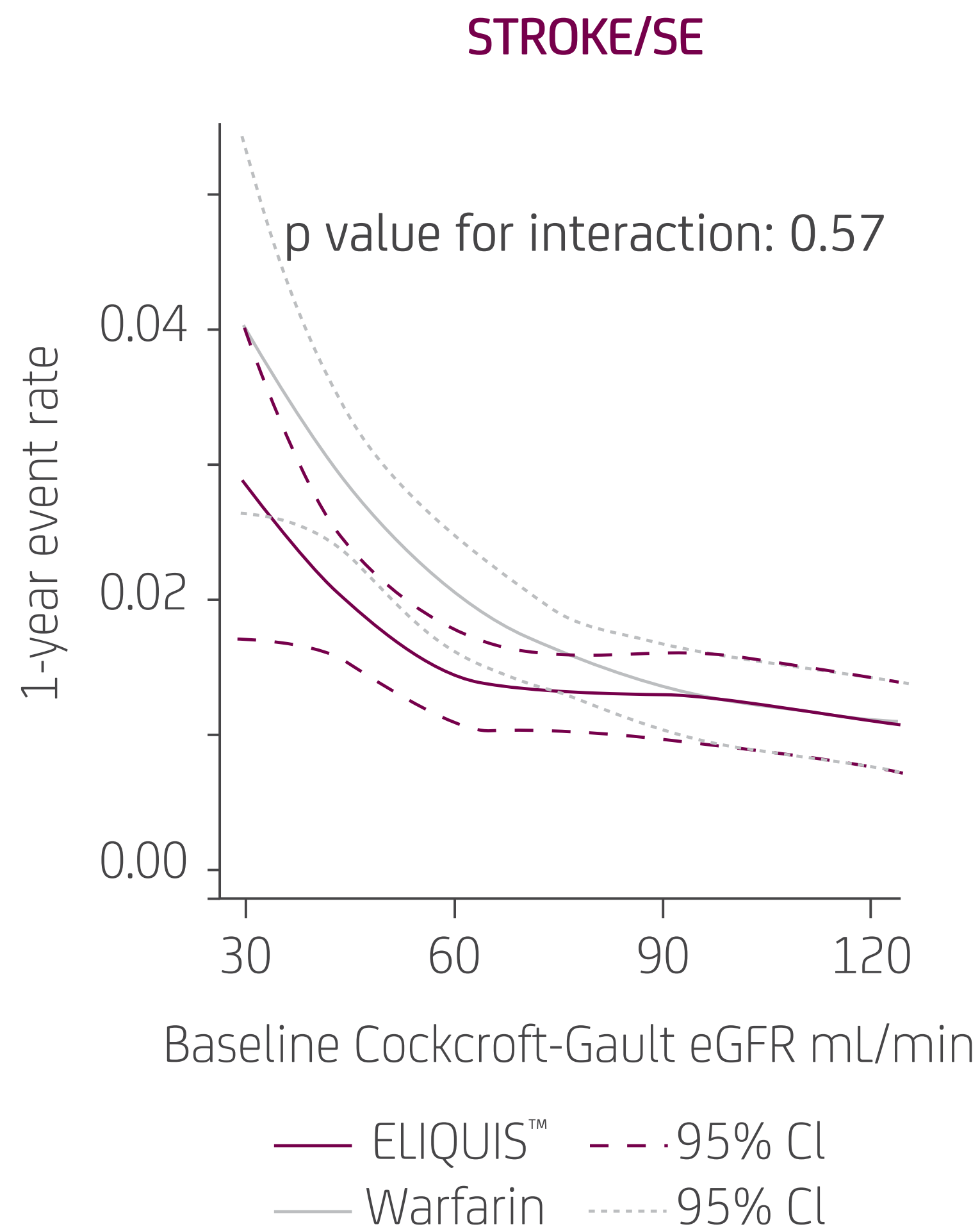


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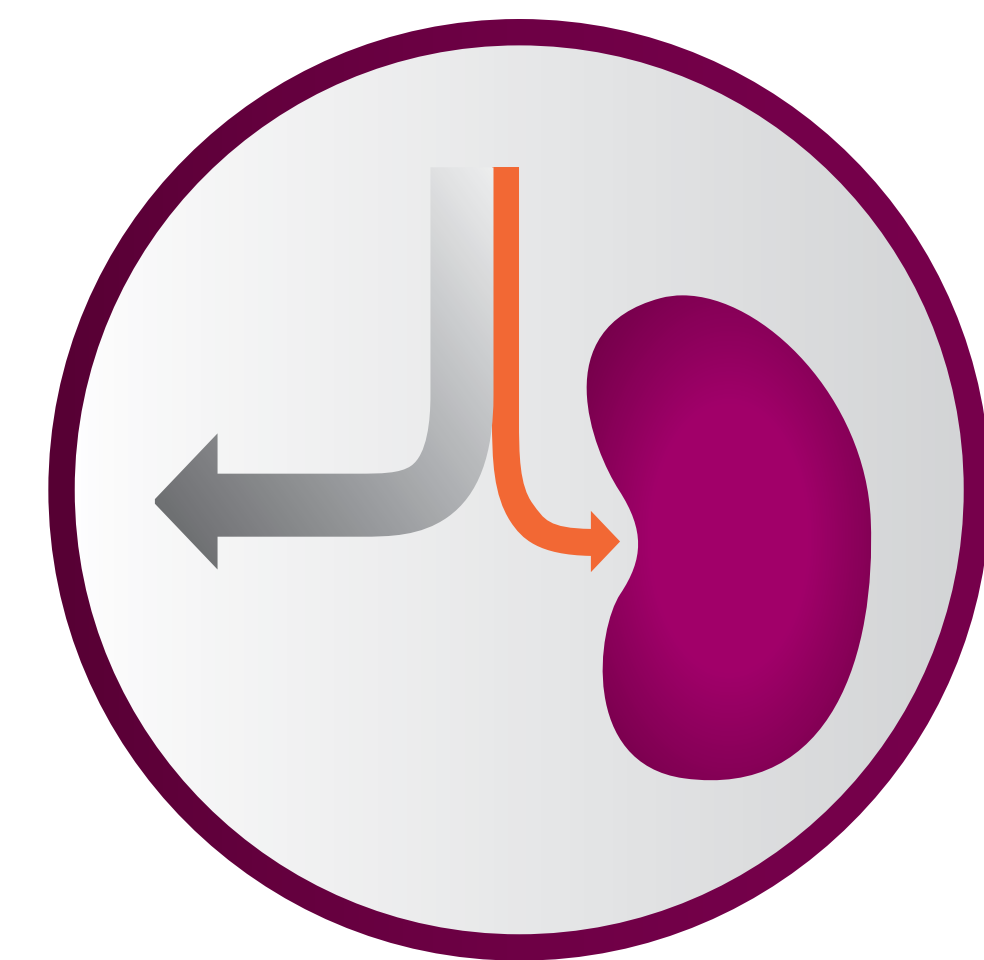
# ELIQUIS™ is effective and well tolerated across AF patients with eGFR of $\geq 30$ mL/min<sup>19</sup>

- ELIQUIS™ reduced the rate of stroke, death, and major bleeding versus warfarin, regardless of renal function.<sup>19</sup>
- The RRR in major bleeding was greater in patients with moderate-to-severe renal impairment than in those with no or mild renal impairment.<sup>4,19</sup>



**ELIQUIS™ has the lowest renal excretion among NOACs<sup>10</sup>**

**27%** renally cleared

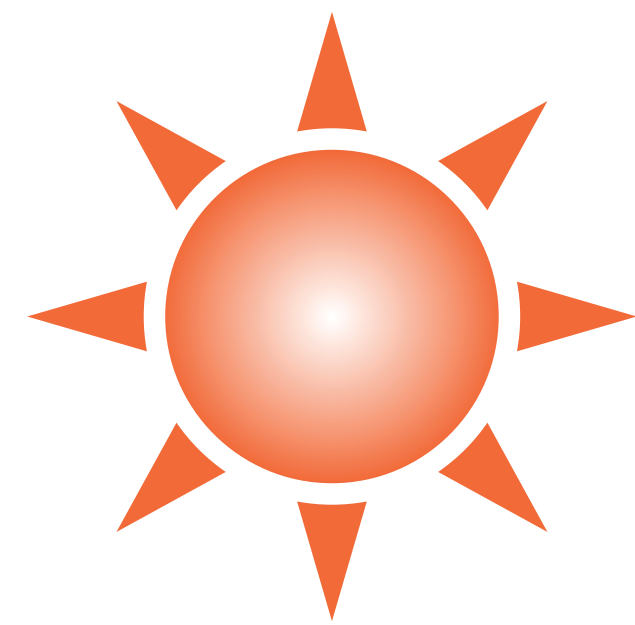




# Choosing the right dose<sup>20,21</sup>

For prevention of stroke/SE in patients with NVAf, with one or more risk factors

The recommended dose of ELIQUIS™ for NVAf is **5 mg BID** taken orally with water



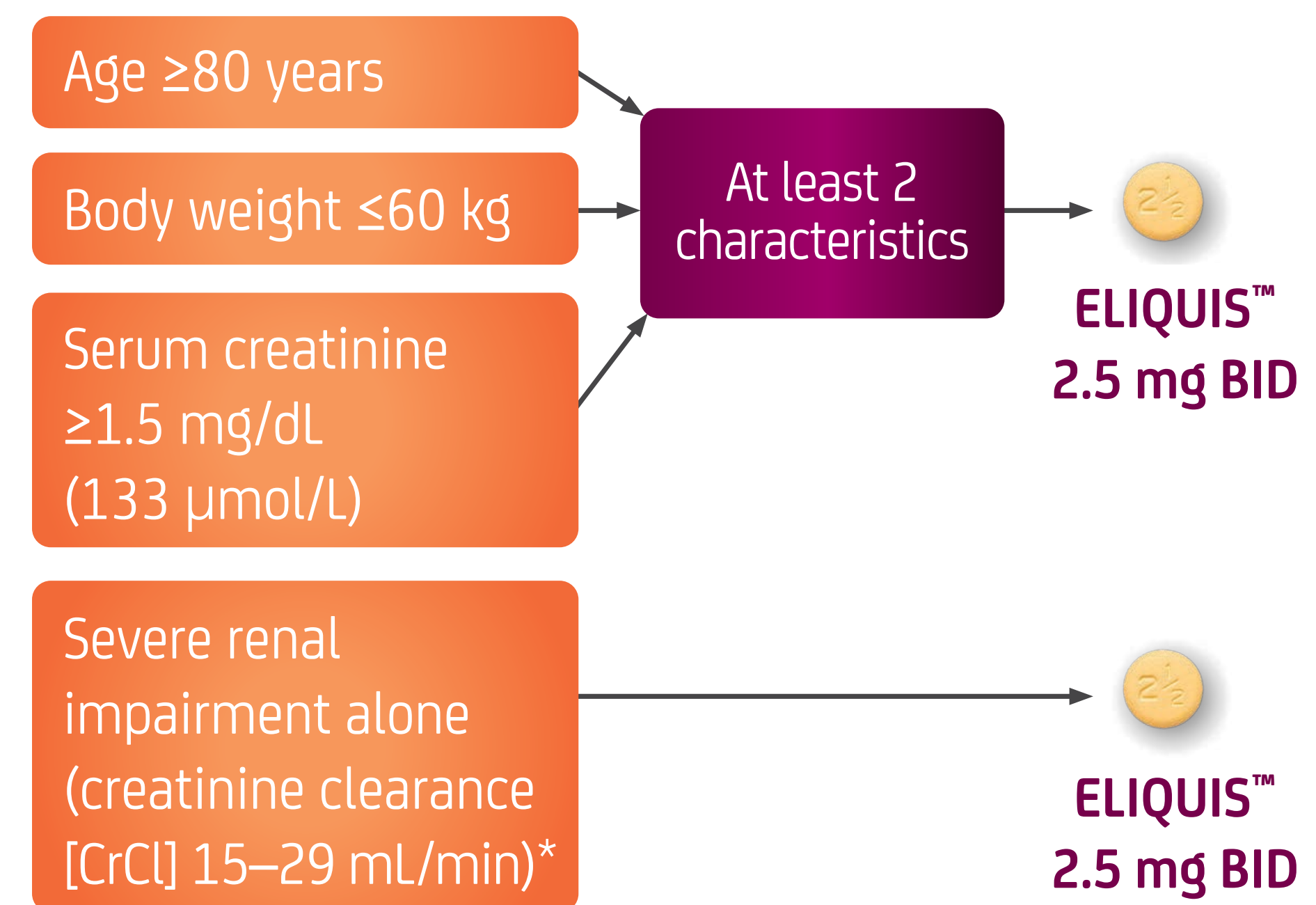
MORNING  
ELIQUIS™ 5 mg



EVENING  
ELIQUIS™ 5 mg



ELIQUIS™ dosage should be reduced to **2.5 mg BID** in patients with the following:



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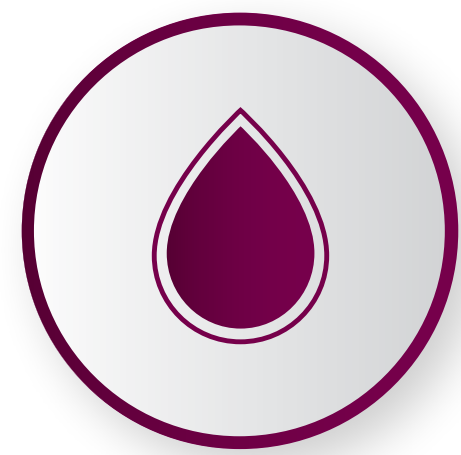
\* No dosing adjustment for patients with mild (CrCl 51–80 mL/min) or moderate (CrCl 30–50 mL/min) renal impairment

Adapted from ELIQUIS™ Prescribing Information 2021<sup>20,21</sup>

# ELIQUIS™: The safer choice<sup>4\*</sup>

Only ELIQUIS™ delivered superior risk reduction in stroke/SE and major bleeding versus warfarin in AF.<sup>4,5#</sup>

ELIQUIS™ 5 mg BID:



Demonstrates **superior stroke prevention and bleeding risk reduction** over warfarin.<sup>4</sup>



Has consistent efficacy and safety data in both **Asian and non-Asian** patients with AF.<sup>4,13,15</sup>



Provides **consistent benefits** across a variety of AF patients.<sup>4</sup>



Is recommended as the preferred agent in patients with **advanced age** (>75 years).<sup>22</sup>



Is recommended as one of the preferred agents in patients with **renal impairment** (CrCl 30–49 mL/min).<sup>22</sup>



Is recommended as one of the preferred agents in patients with **high GI bleeding risk**.<sup>22</sup>

\* ELIQUIS™ significantly lowers the risk of major bleeding in AF compared to warfarin.

# There are no head-to-head trials comparing NOACs

ACC, American College of Cardiology; AF, atrial fibrillation; AHA, American Heart Association; ARR, absolute risk reduction; BID, twice daily; CI, confidence interval; CrCl, creatinine clearance; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESC, European Society of Cardiology; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; GI, gastrointestinal; HR, hazard ratio; HRS, Heart Rhythm Society; INR, international normalized ratio; MS, mitral stenosis; NOAC, non-VKA oral anticoagulant; NVAf, non-valvular atrial fibrillation; OAC, oral anticoagulant; RRR, relative risk reduction; SE, systemic embolism; TIA, transient ischemic attack; TTR, time in therapeutic range; VKA, vitamin K antagonist

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