

# Do We Really Need Another Anti-platelet?

(Making Better Decisions Through Modeling and Simulation)



## A case study

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# Factor Xa Inhibitor for the Management of Thromboembolic Diseases

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# The Problem

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Following completion of pre-clinical phase, clinical development team is to decide which of several compounds to move forward to Phase I

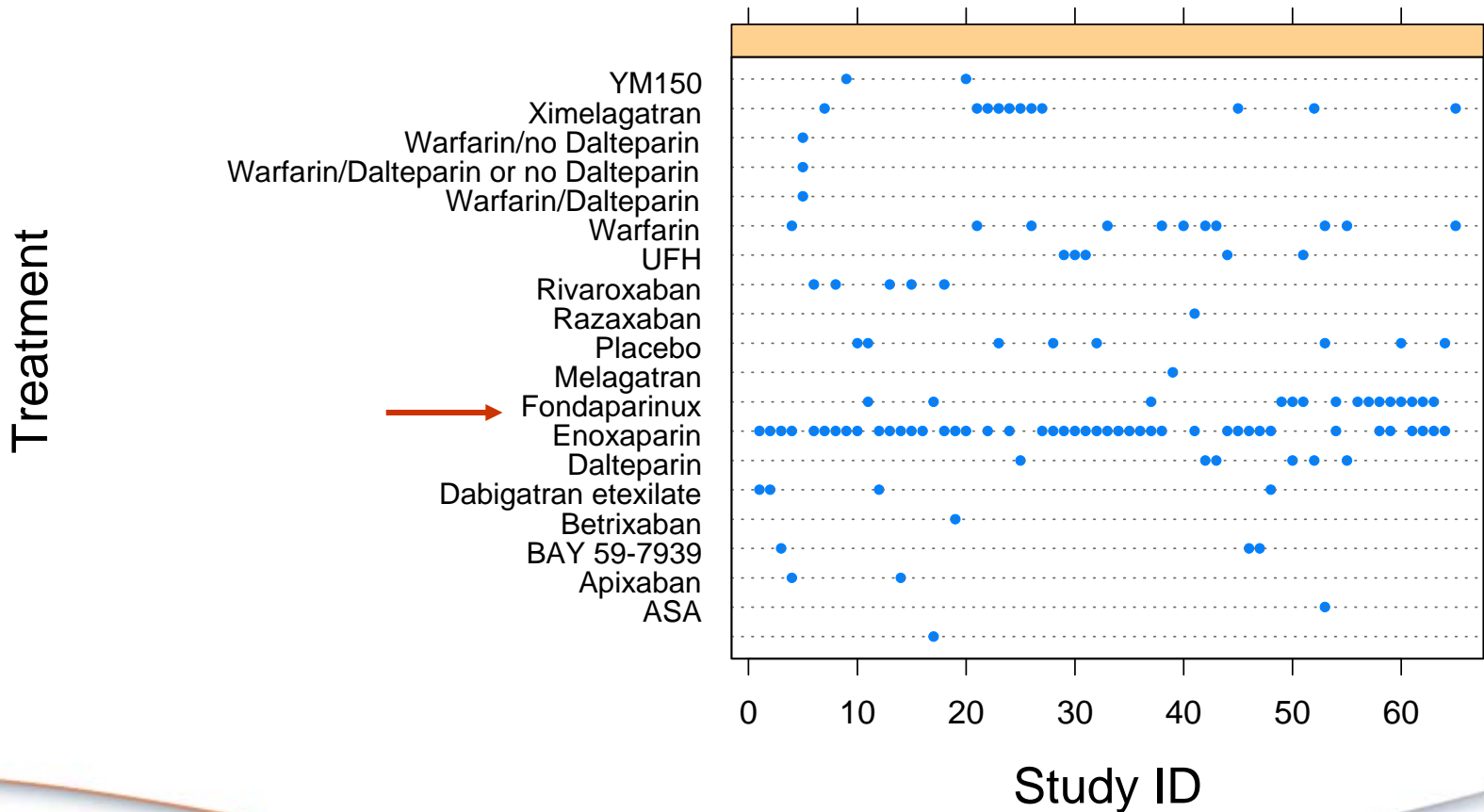
One compound under consideration is a factor Xa (Fxa) inhibitor for the management of thromboembolic diseases

Prevention of venous thromboembolic events (VTE) subsequent to hip or knee replacement is one major application of Fxa inhibitor as well as long term use for the prevention cardiovascular events following acute coronary syndrome.

Can this compound be an alternative to Warfarin and a serious competitor to enoxaparin (Lovenox®) and fondaparinux (Arixtra®)?

Competitive landscape is over-crowded and extensively investigated (Enoxaparin 44 studies) allowing comprehensive model building and comparison between treatments

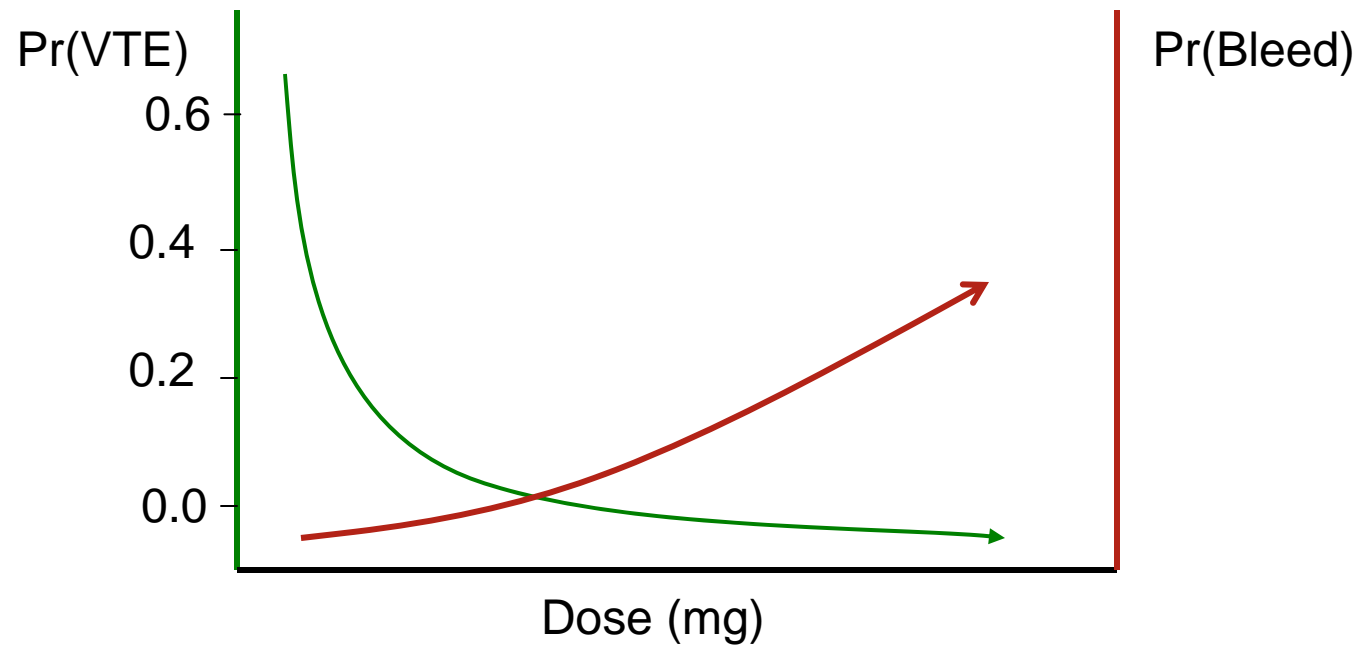
Treatment by Study ID





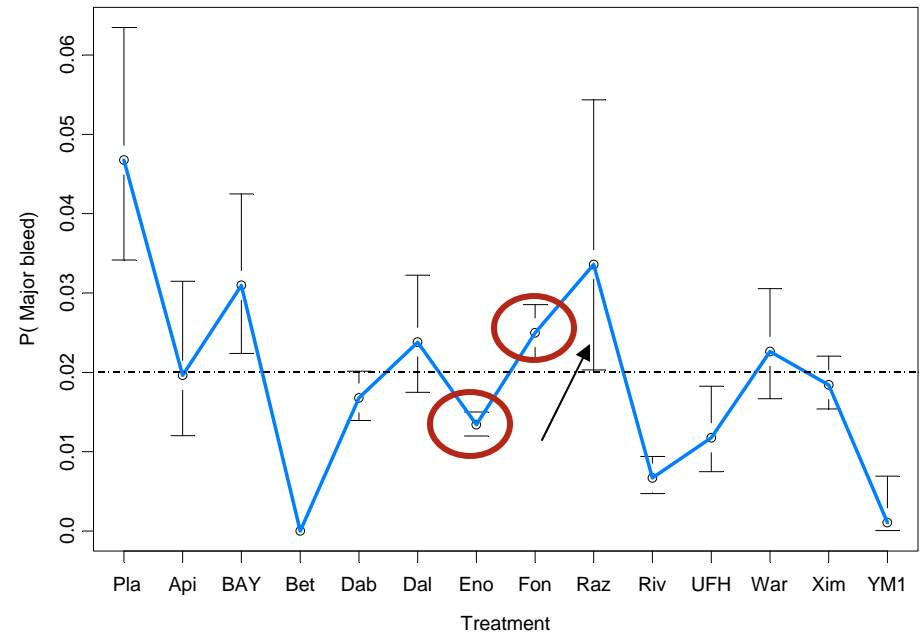
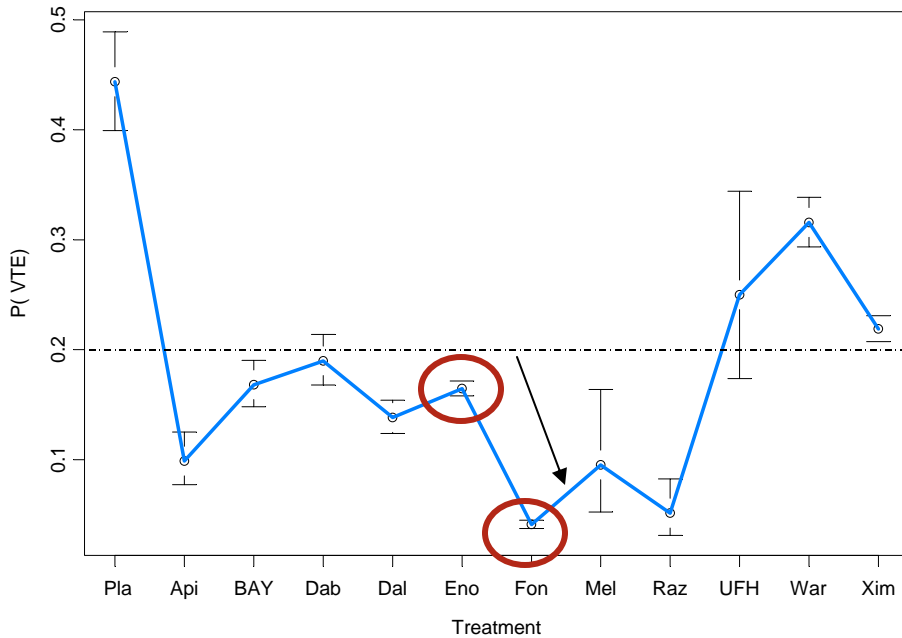
Objective: Minimize Venous Thromboembolic Events (VTE), while maintaining a small chance of bleed episodes

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# Proportions of VTE and major bleed (P(VTE)) suggest different Efficacy/Safety profiles for Enoxaparin and Fondaparinux



**Fondaparinux has Higher P(VTE) but lower P(bleed) than Enoxaparin**



# Issues to Consider

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- How useful and applicable is animal data to human?
- Is it possible to predict biomarker levels in human?
- What are commonly used methods and how predictive are they?
- What factors that influence biomarker levels in human?
- The drug is cleared by kidney, how relevant is this information?
- What subject demographics/characteristics are of potential concern?
- Which biomarker is indicative of clinical outcome?
- How useful is literature data in deciding on how and when to continue with development?



# Why Modeling and Simulation

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## 1. Introduction

- M&S is a Systematic and Accountable Process

## 2. The Application of M&S to Guide Development of a Direct Factor Xa Inhibitor: A change in Paradigm

- Use and Value of Meta Analysis



# M&S is a Systematic and Accountable Process

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## Modeling Steps

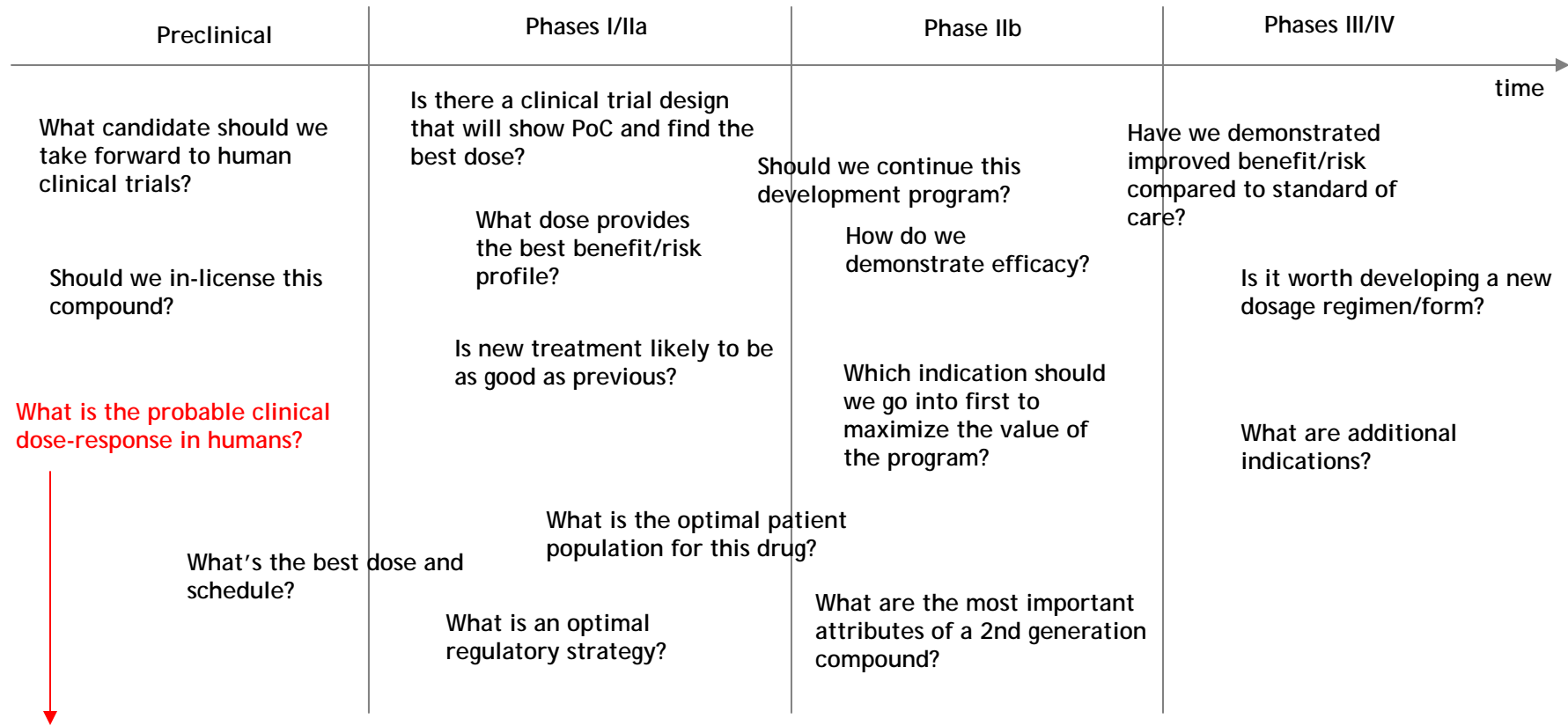
- Define drug development decisions in terms of program value
- Explore all the proprietary data that is relevant to your decisions
- Augment proprietary data with relevant public data
- Build a mathematical, quantitative model of the state of knowledge
- Qualify model against data and assumptions used in model building

## Simulation Steps

- Simulate/project outcomes resulting from various possible decision scenarios using model
- Quantify and qualify the most likely outcome



# Use Modeling and Simulation to Address Drug Development Decisions Across All Phases



Example of Anti FXa



# Compound Background

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CS-3030 is an oral, direct Factor Xa (FXa) inhibitor for the management of thromboembolic diseases.

Prothrombin time (PT) prolongation is known to be mediated by FXa inhibition

A PT International Normalized Ratio (INR) of 2-3 fold is considered a safe and effective anticoagulant range, therefore,

- Determination of anti-FXa activity and PT provide a basis and a practical guide for driving the drug development process towards dose selection

**Reference: Rohatagi, S., Haworth, S.J., Ezzet, F., Kastrissios, H.  
Model Based Development of a Direct Factor Xa Inhibitor.  
ACoP, Tucson, Arizona, March 2008**



# Method (using pre-clinical data + Literature information)

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Establish PK/PD models for

- a range of CS-3030 doses (10 to 320 mg),
- regimens (single dose, once daily (QD) and twice daily (BID))
- bioavailability fractions (4.5 to 50%)

Influences of patient demographics and laboratory values were investigated on response to CS-3030.

Criteria:

- Anti-FXa activity within 0.5-0.8 IU/mL range (based on enoxaparin)
- 2- to 3-fold increase in PT (based on warfarin).

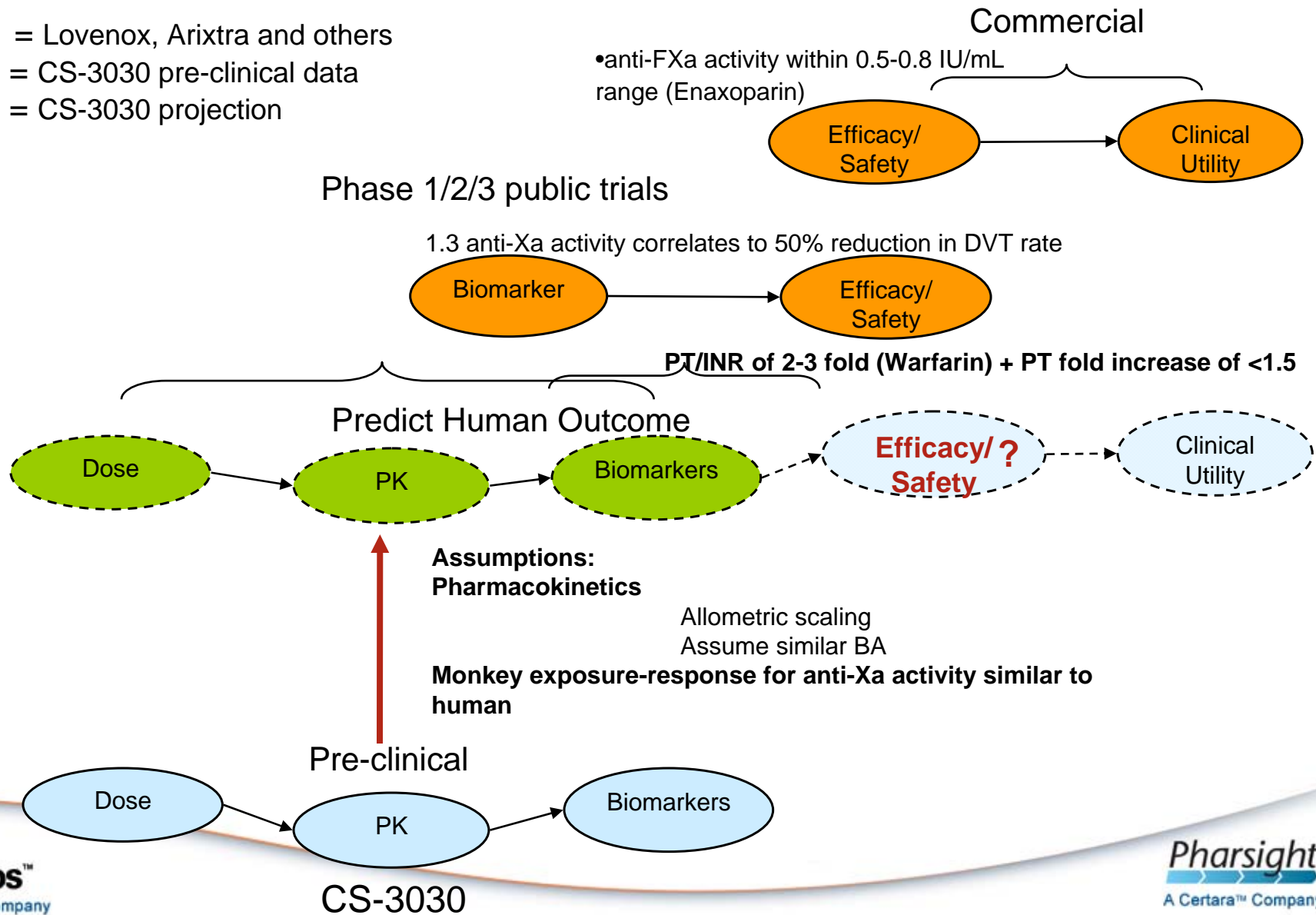
Comparison of clinical events was made using publicly available literature for three comparators: warfarin, enoxaparin (Lovenox®) and fondaparinux (Arixtra®).



# Model Based Drug Development Schema of a Factor Xa Inhibitor

Projecting Efficacy and Safety profile can begin as early as pre-clinical using biomarkers from animal

- = Lovenox, Arixtra and others
- = CS-3030 pre-clinical data
- = CS-3030 projection





# Animal (monkey) Pharmacokinetic

information are available:

- Absorption rate = 0.75 1/h
- Volume/F = 7.6 L
- Clearance/F=0.5 L/h/kg
- F = 0.09

## Assuming drug concentration is driver of clinical response

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Obtain Simulated PK Profiles in Humans Using Allometric Scaling from Monkey PK

$$CL = a WT^{0.782}$$

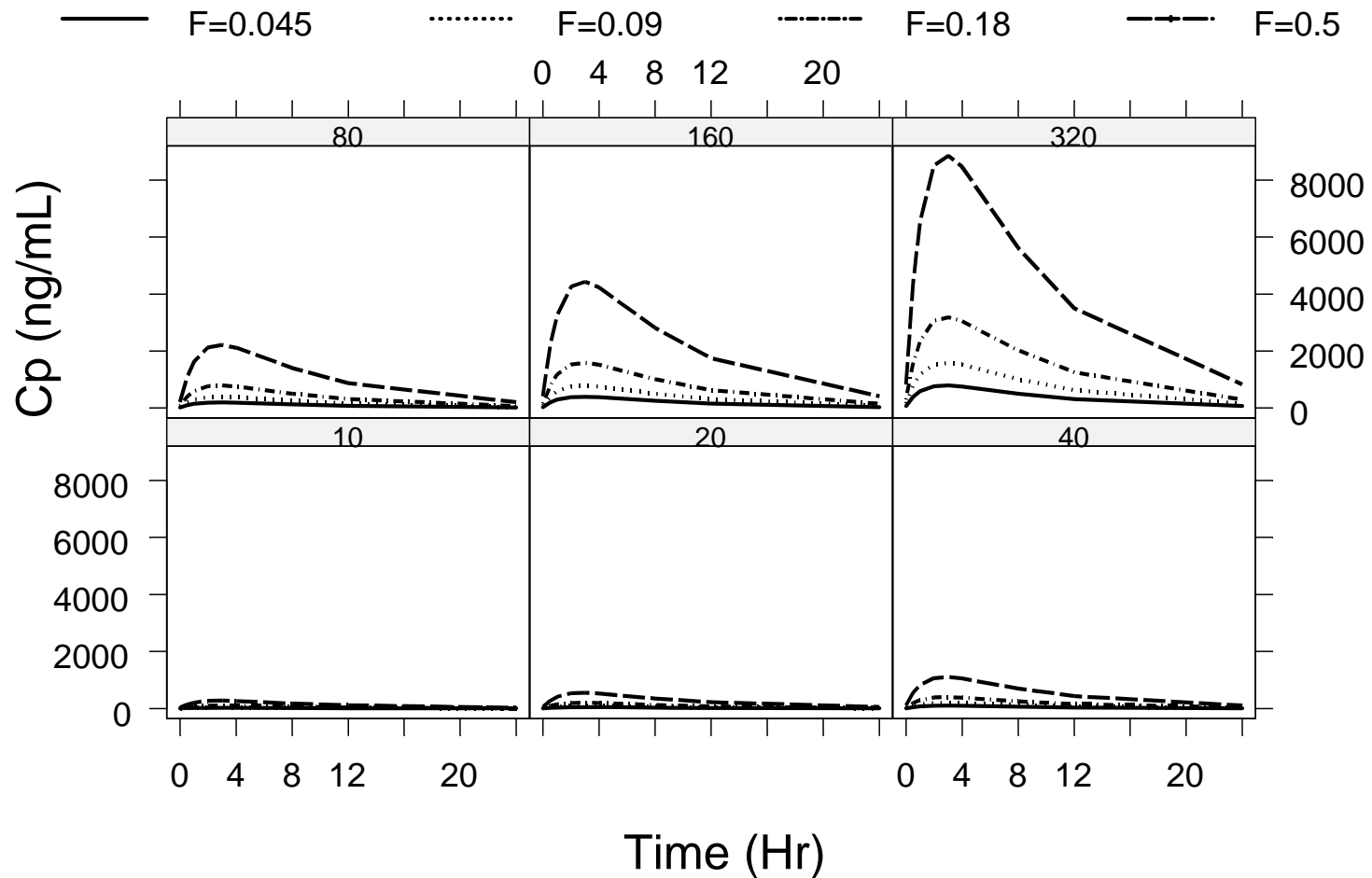
$$V = b WT$$

← Allometric Scaling

Parameter	Monkey	Projected Human
$k_a$	$0.75 \text{ h}^{-1}$	$0.75 \text{ h}^{-1}$
V/F	7.6 L	151 L
CL/F	0.5 L/h/kg	18.2 L/h

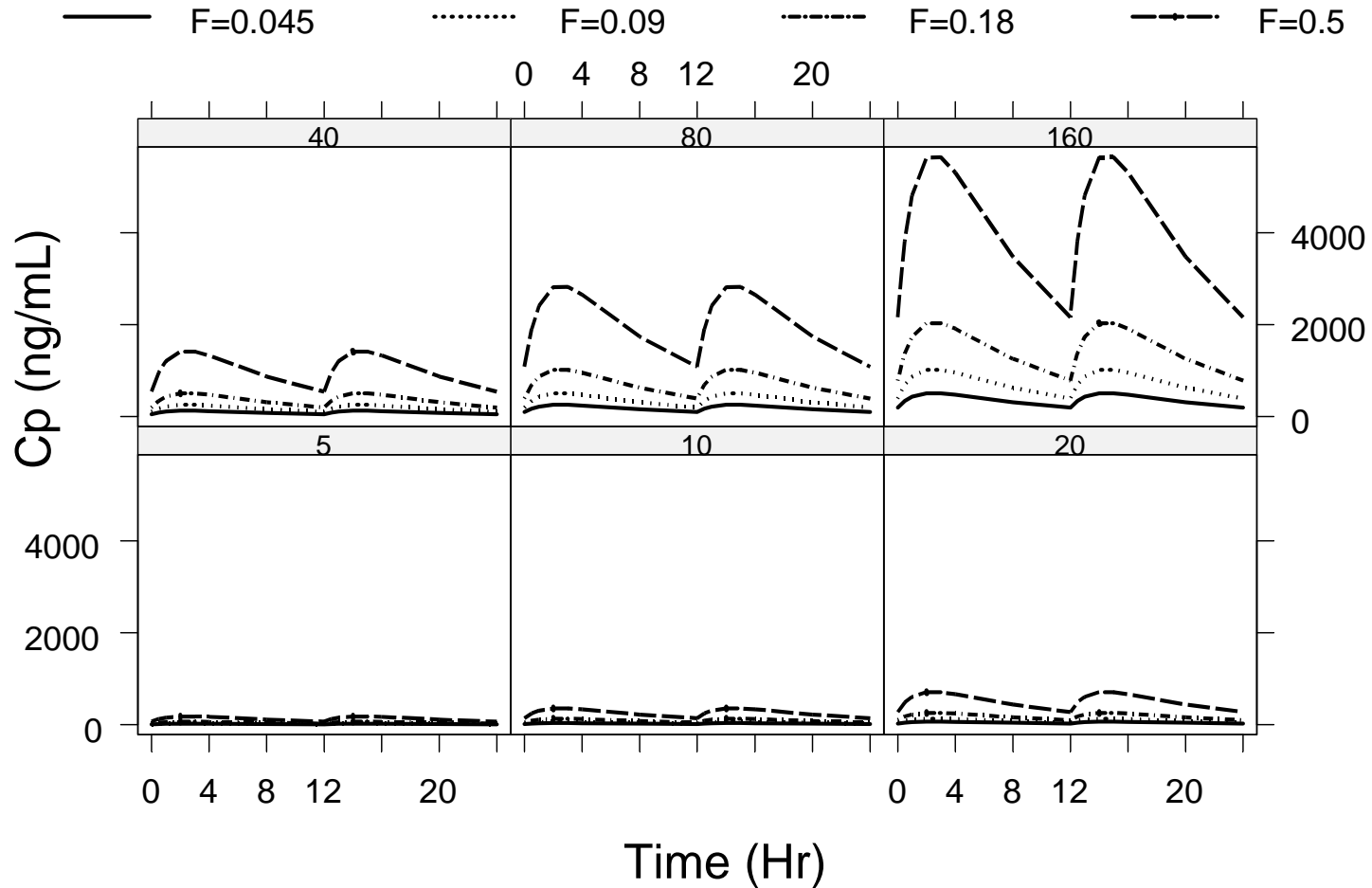


# Simulated PK Profiles in Humans (QD) under a range of bioavailability Fractions for a range of dose levels





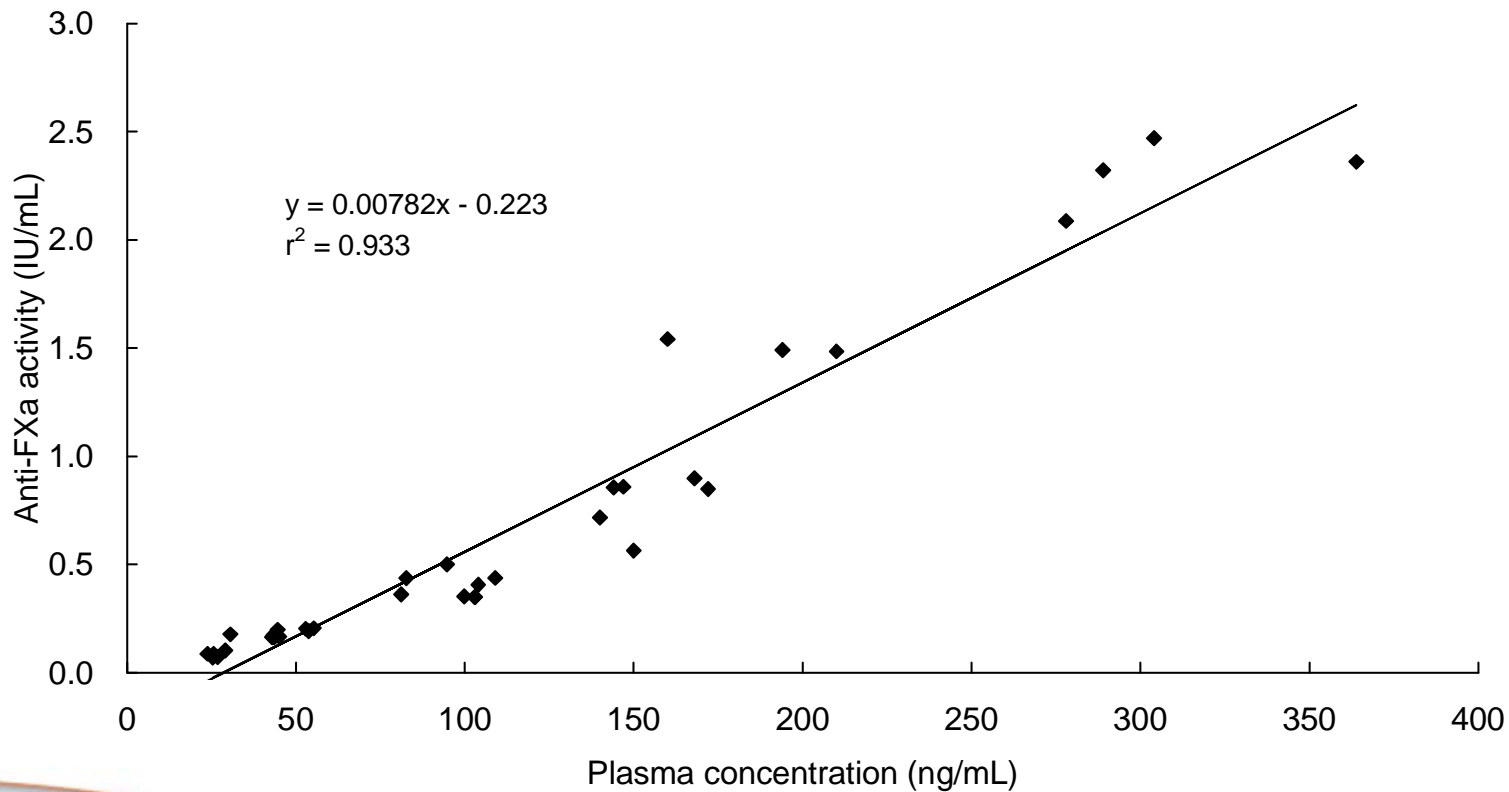
# Simulated PK Profiles in Humans (BID) under a range of bioavailability Fractions for a range of dose levels





## Establish animal biomarker models: Anti-FXa

$$\text{Anti-FXa} = 0.008 \text{ Cp} - 0.2$$

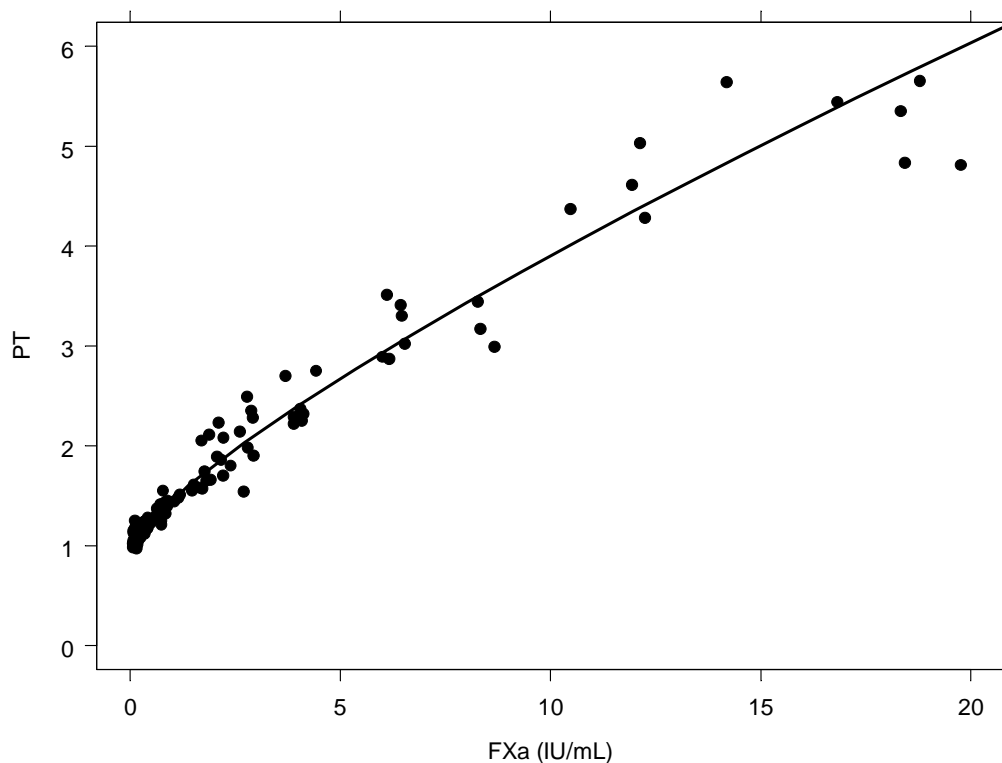




# Establish animal biomarker models: Prothrombin Time (PT)

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$$PT = 1 + 0.47 (\text{Anti-FXa})^{0.8}$$



$$\text{Thus, } PT = 1 + 0.47 \bullet (0.008 \times Cp - 0.2)^{0.8}$$



# Pro-thrombin Ratio

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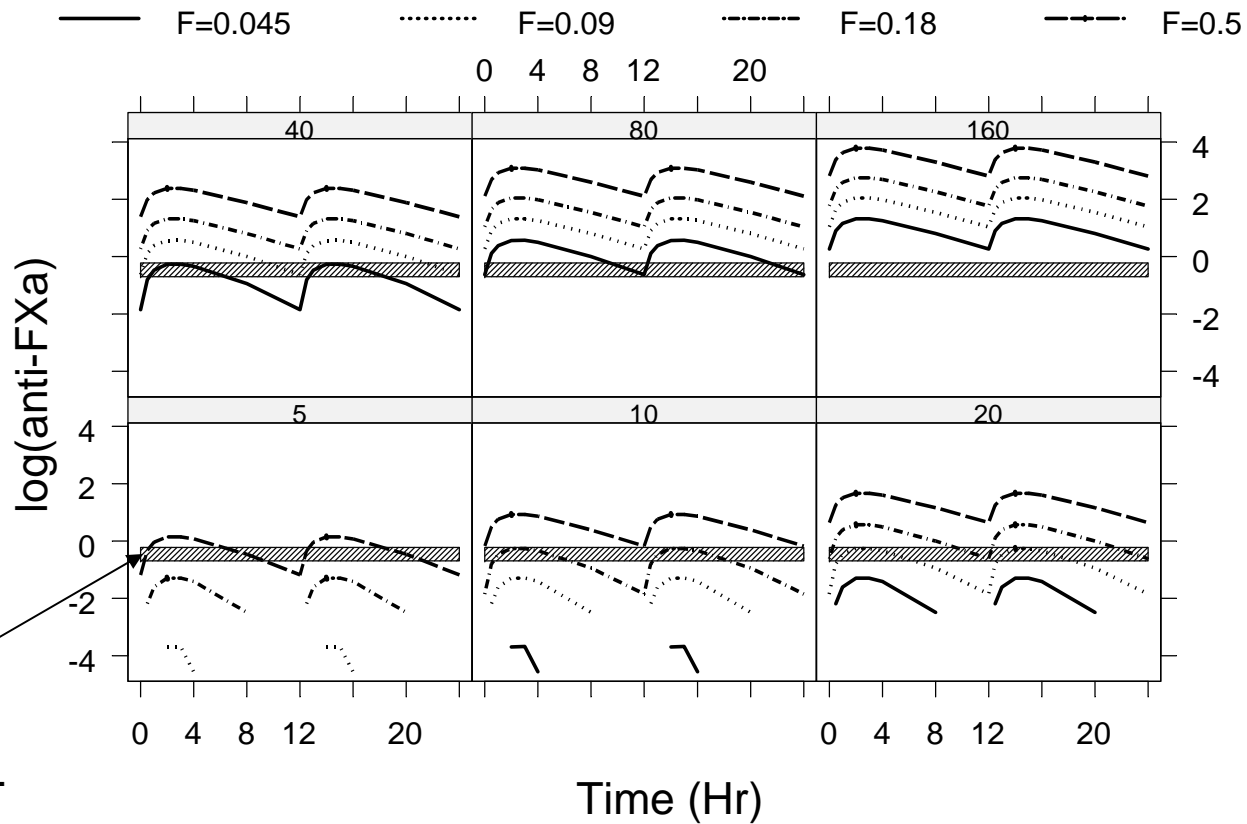


# Establish human biomarker models: Anti-Fxa

## Projected from animal model

Using,

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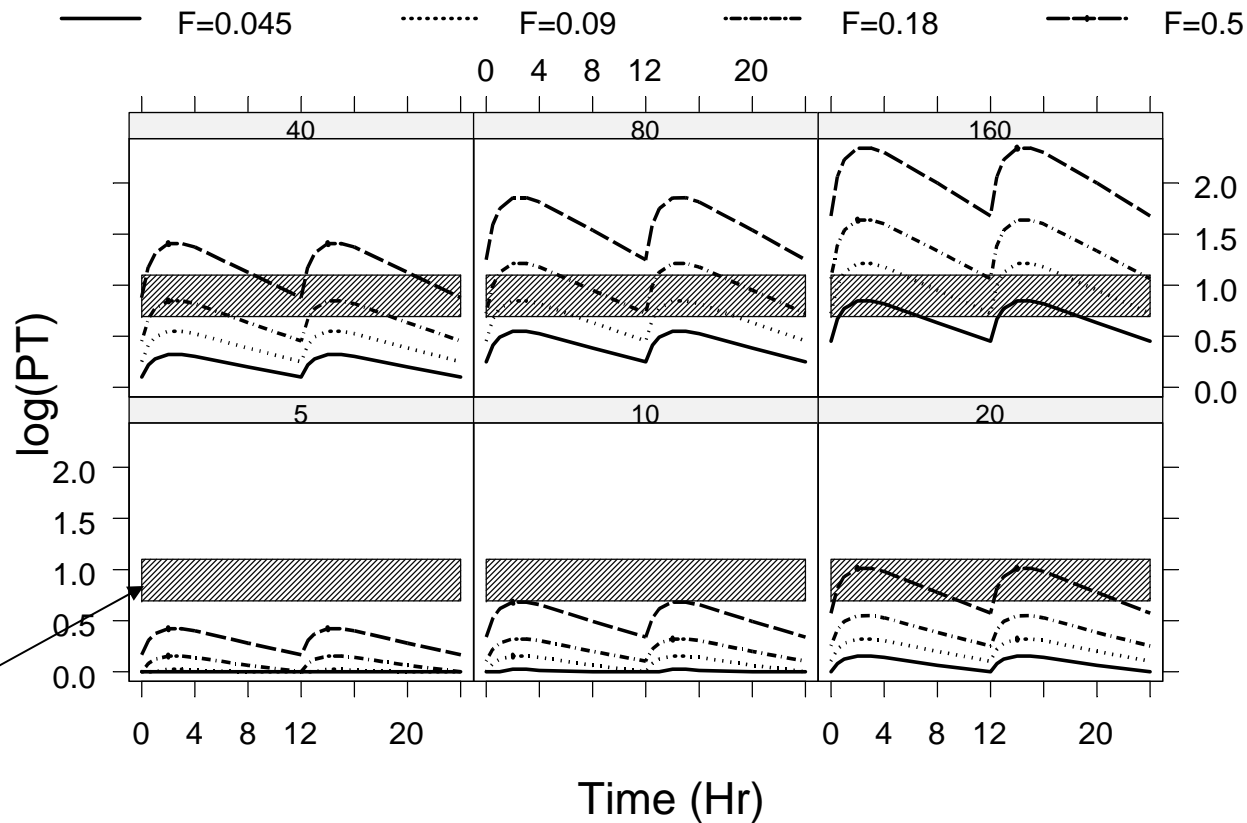




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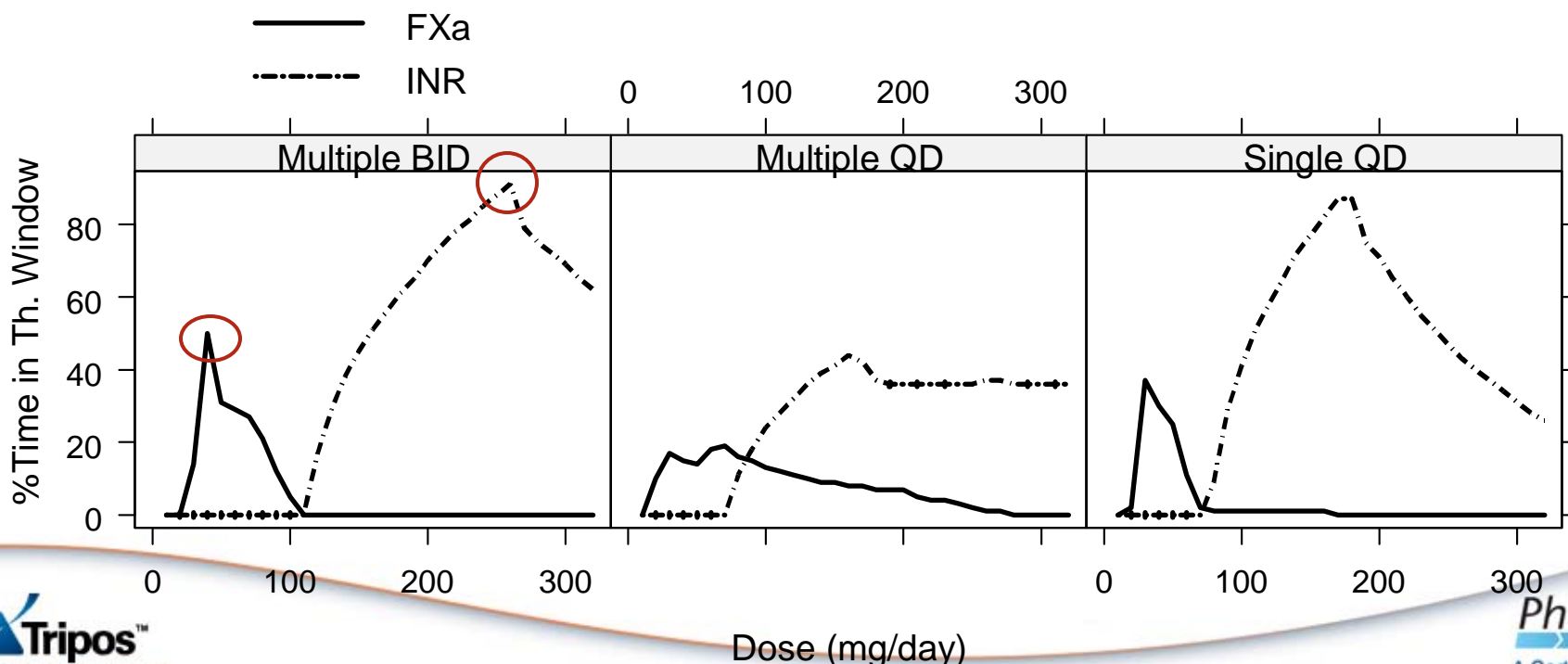


## Percent of Time Responses are within the Targeted Ranges for FXa Activity or INR For a Range of Dosage Regimens

No one dose met the dual criteria of anti-FXa activity and PT response. Rather, target levels were achieved only partially over the dosing interval

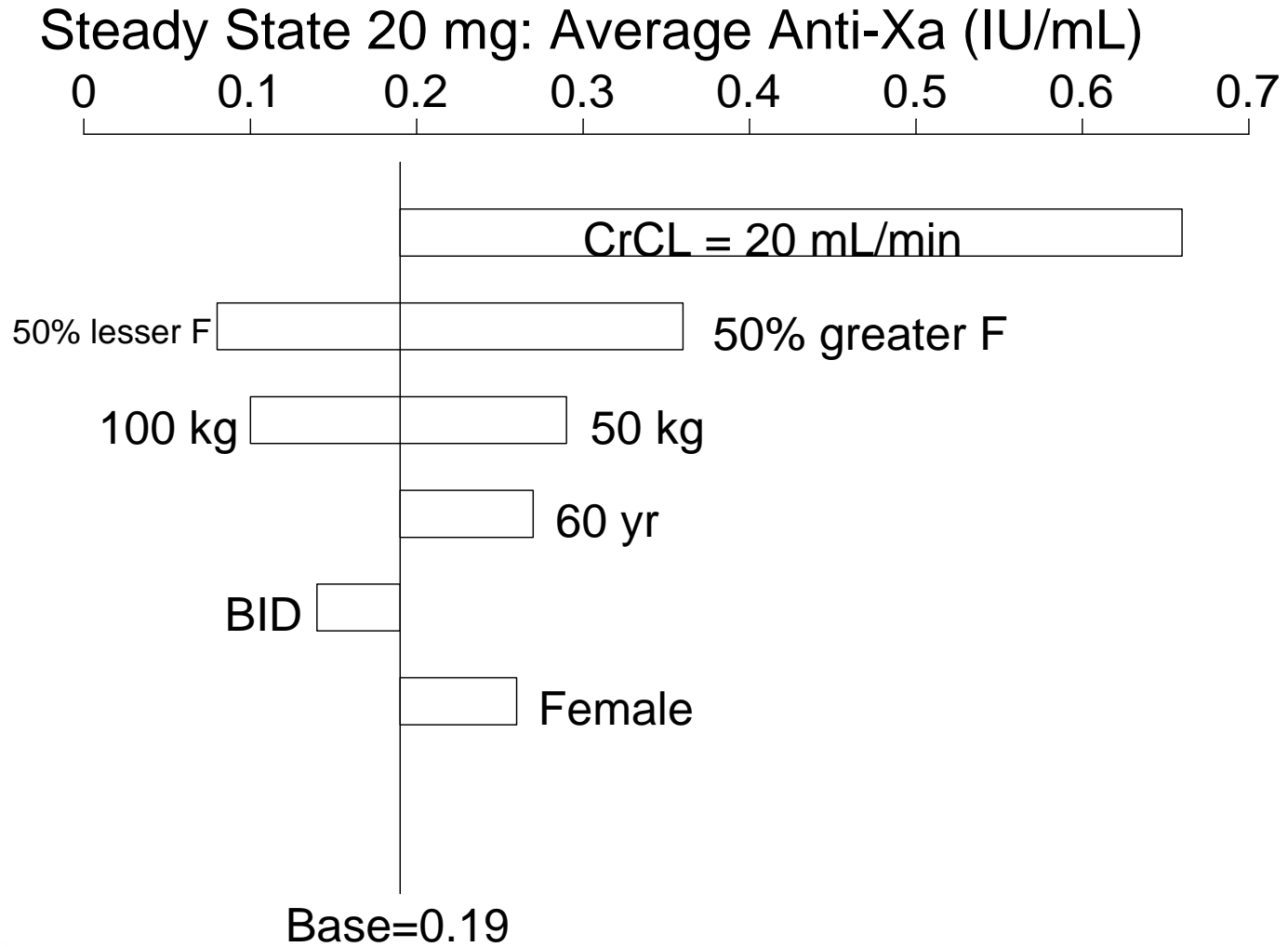
For BID, the largest proportion of time within the anti-FXa activity range was estimated to be 50% for a dose of 40 mg.

Similarly, the largest proportion of time within the INR range was estimated to be 88% but at a higher dose of 250 mg



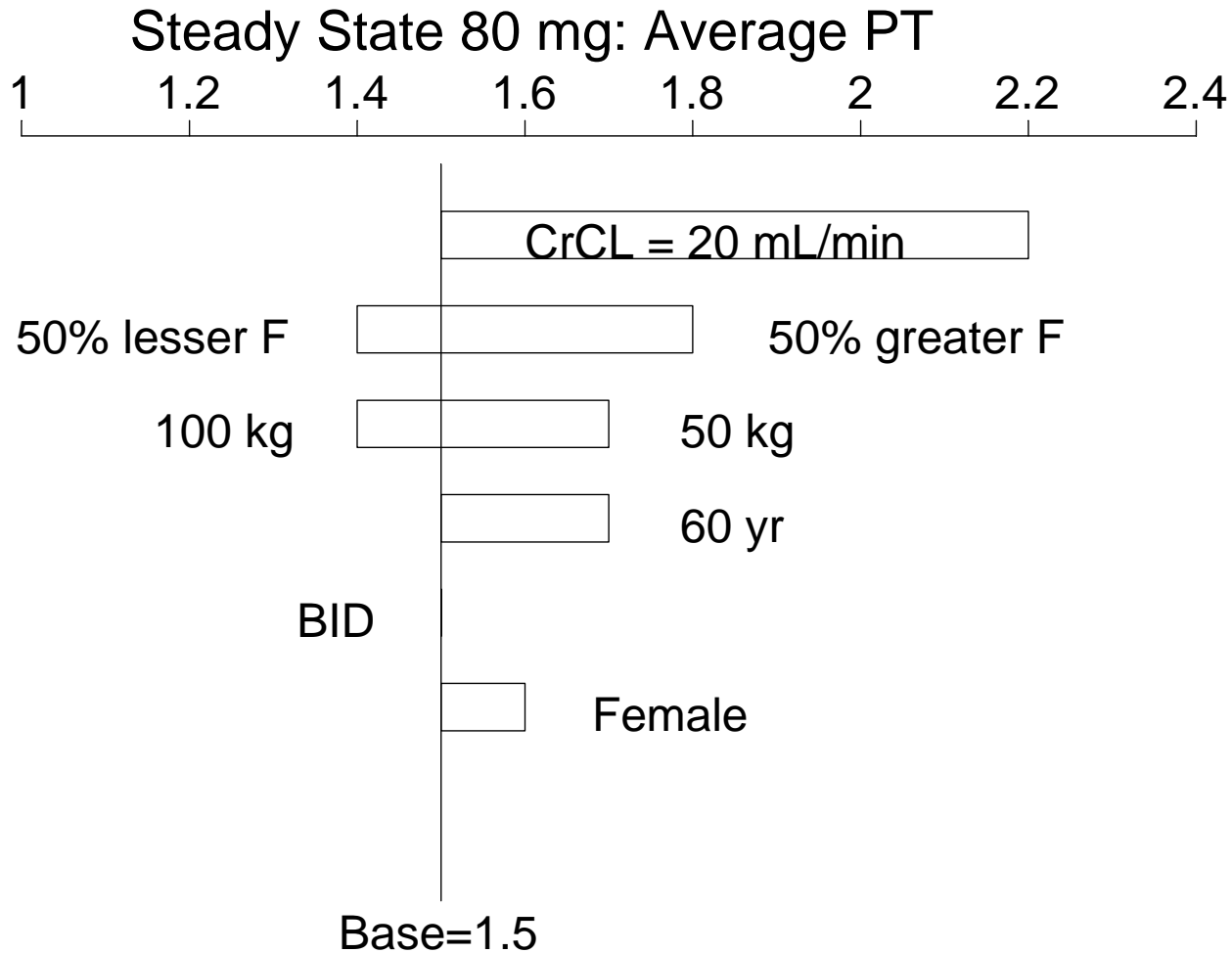


# Explore Influence of subject characteristics on biomarkers: Anti-FXa





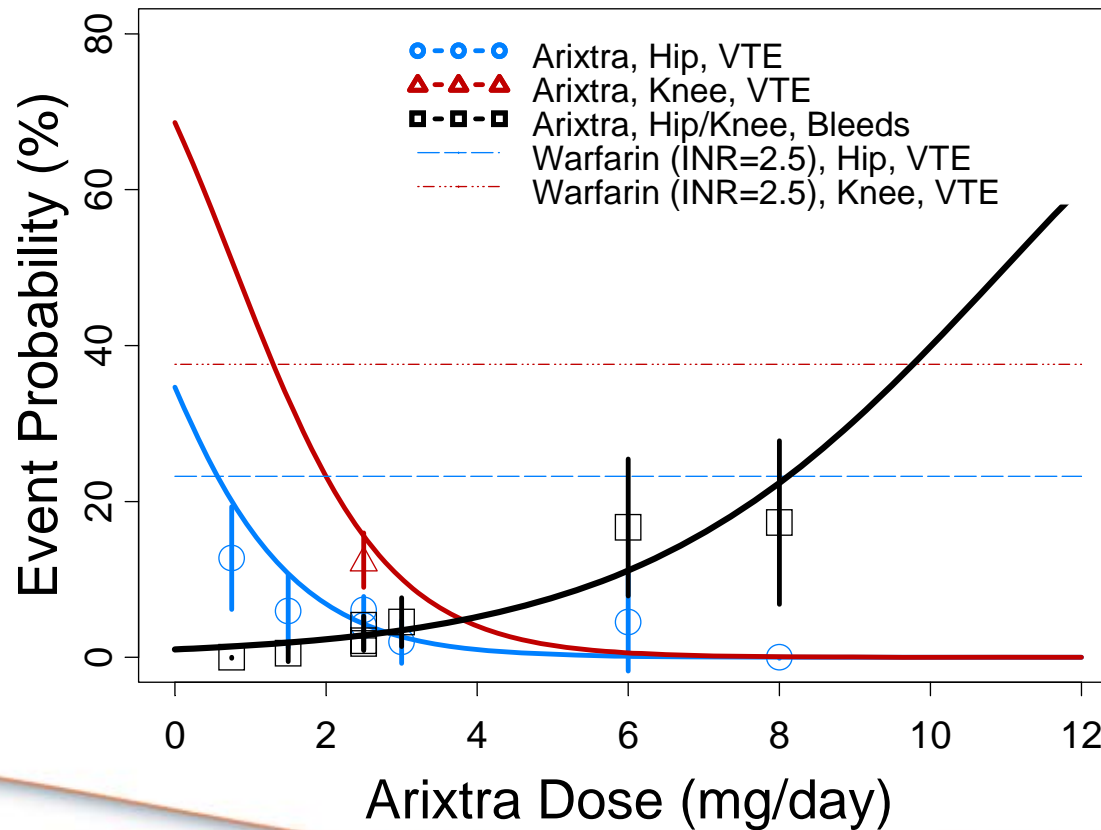
# Explore Influence of subject characteristics on biomarkers: PT





# Characterize drug attributes of Competitor treatments using public literature

- Arixtra (Fondaparinux)  
P(Hip VTE)=-0.63 – 0.99 • dose  
P(Knee VTE)=-0.78 – 0.99 • dose  
P(Bleed)=-0.46 + 0.42 • dose





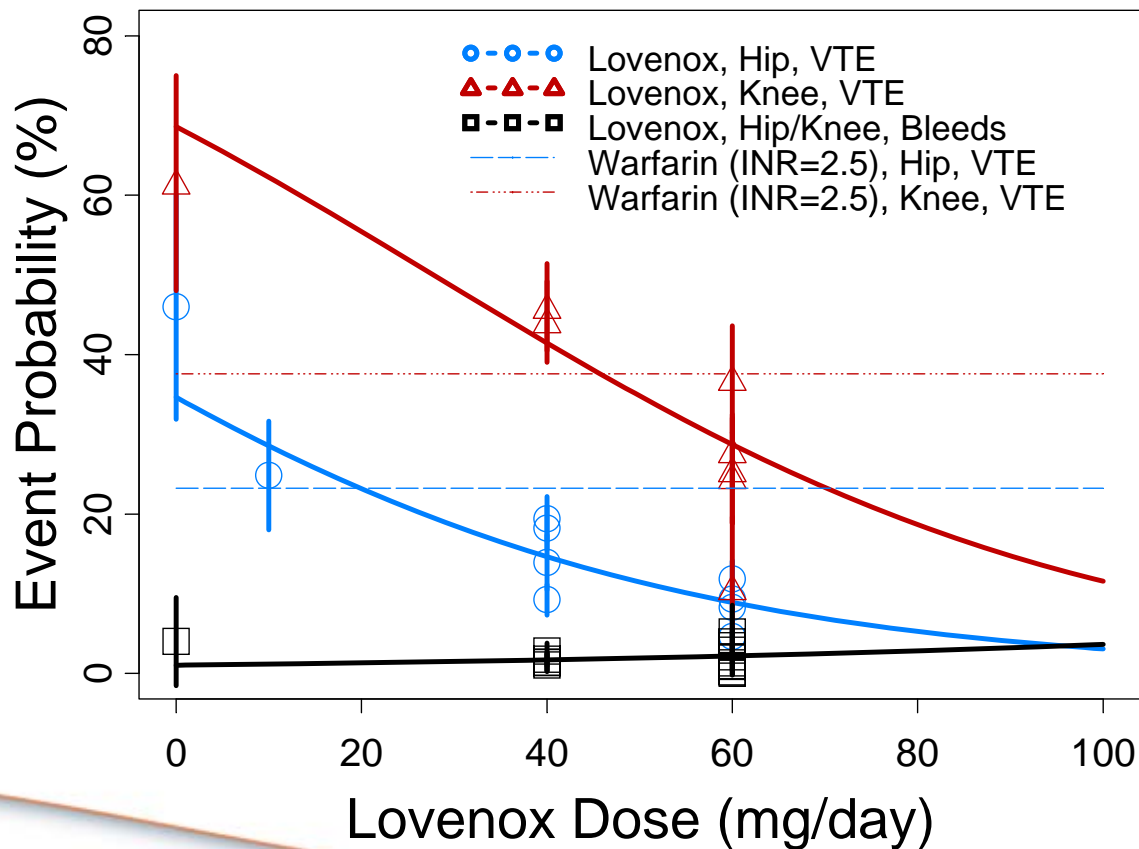
# Characterize drug attributes of Competitor treatments using public literature

- Lovenox (Enoxaparin)

$$P(\text{HipVTE}) = -0.63 - 0.028 \cdot \text{dose}$$

$$P(\text{KneeVTE}) = -0.78 - 0.028 \cdot \text{dose}$$

$$P(\text{Bleed VTE}) = -0.46 + 0.013 \cdot \text{dose}$$

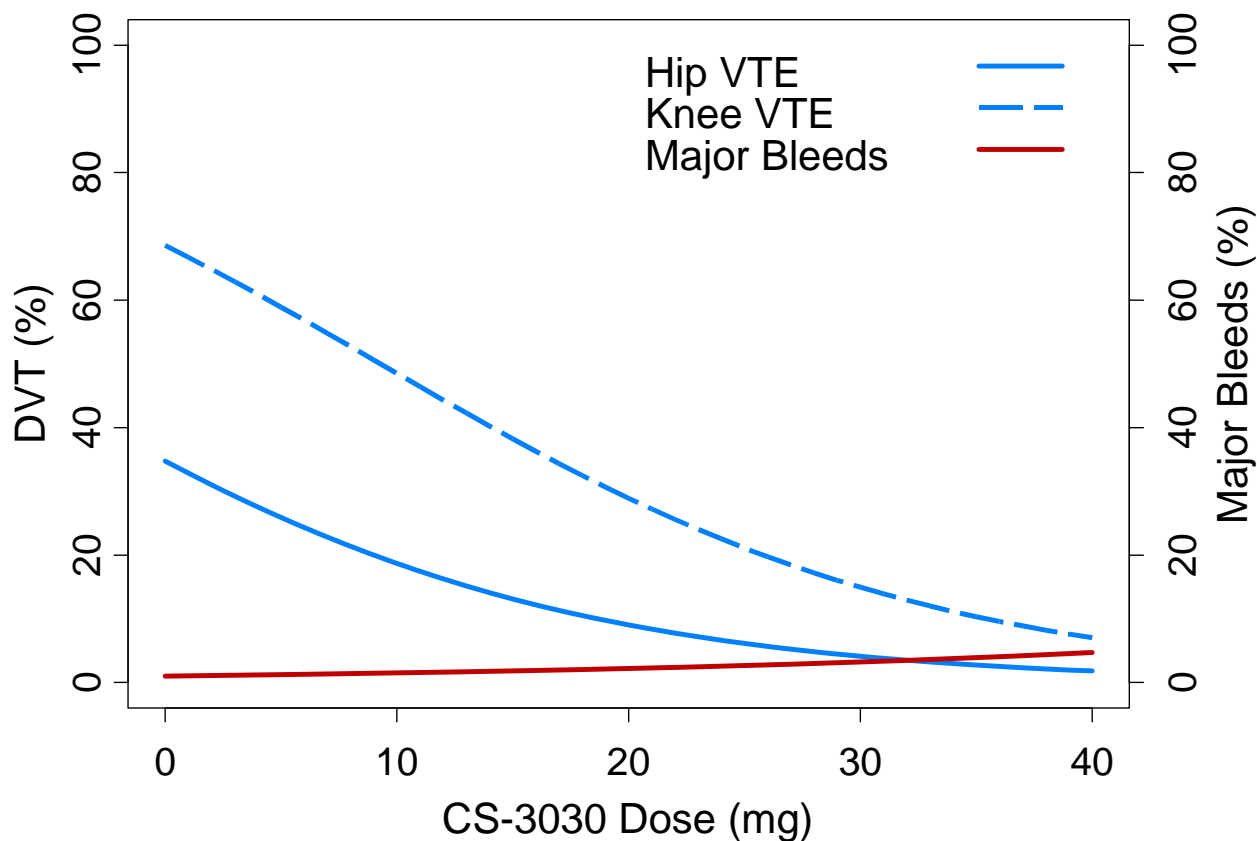




## Projected efficacy and safety

Assuming a relative potency of CS-3030 to be 3 times that of Enoxaparin (Lovenox®) for anti-Xa activity

**Suggesting CS-3030 up to 40 mg/day is similar to enoxaparin up to 100 mg/day.**



**Probability(event)=f(b.dose),**

**For CS-3030,**

**Probability(event)= f(w.b.dose),**

**w = anti-FXa activity of a 1 mg CS-3030/ anti-FXa activity of 1 mg Enoxaparin.**



# Summary

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Integration of animal data and public literature allowed human PK-PD to be projected under certain plausible assumptions and scenarios.

Human projections for CS-3030 identified dosing regimens which provided similar efficacy and safety profiles to that of comparators

M&S was used to

- Optimize the Phase 1 program to reduce uncertainty and test assumptions such as bioavailability and variability
- Estimate the likely quality of Phase 2 dose-response during Phase 1 planning
- Quantify the effect of covariates, the magnitude and sources of uncertainty, and key assumptions



# Conclusion

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Despite limitations due to data quality and assumption, the approach should help

- Quantify and leverage knowledge for development purposes by
  - Providing objective comparisons between treatments
  - Permit exploration of study design alternatives to guide further development
  - Permit evaluation of likelihood of achieving viable target responses utilizing short term data from early efficacy studies
  - Provide a forum for discussion and allow open communication within project teams