

# Asundexian

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Further advancing innovative therapeutic options in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases

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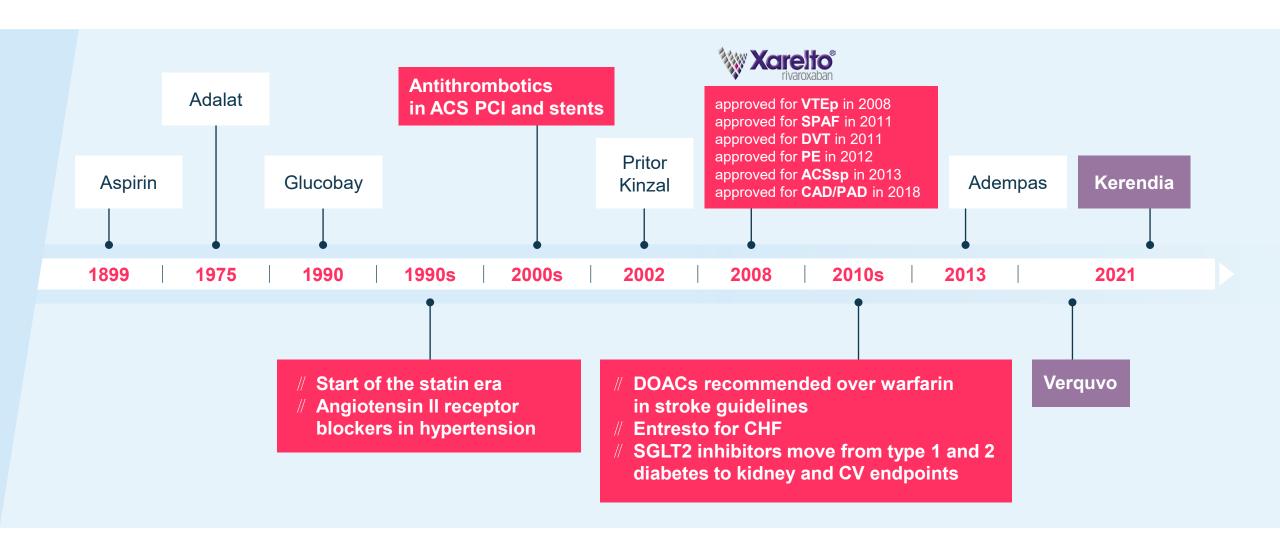
# Striving to go beyond limits

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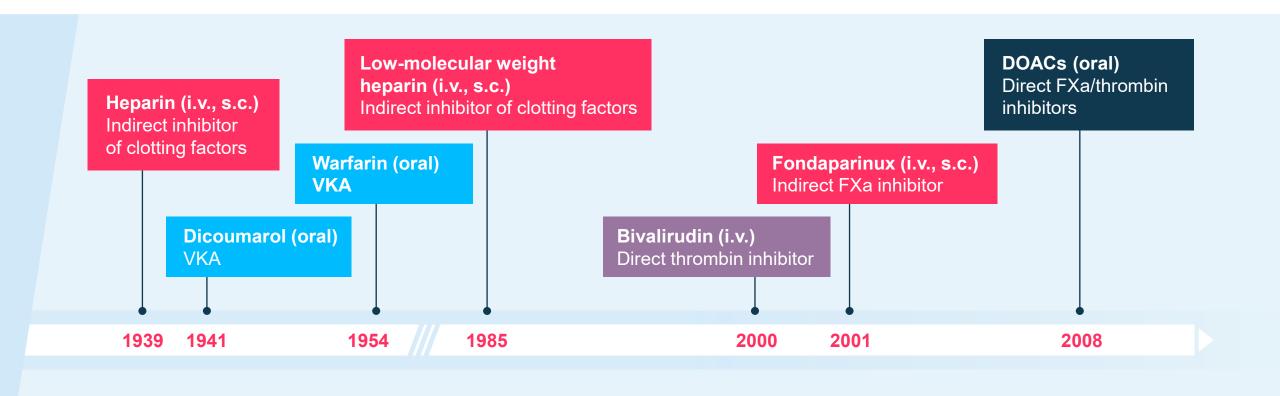
# The Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease has Advanced Over the Past Decades, and Bayer has Played a Key Role





### The Evolution of Anticoagulants<sup>1,2</sup>

**VKAs** 



FXa, activated factor X; i.v., intravenous; NOAC, non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant; s.c., subcutaneous; VKA, vitamin K antagonist. <sup>1</sup> Weitz JI, Fredenburgh FC. Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol 2018;38:304–310; <sup>2</sup> Franchini M et al. Blood Transfus 2016;14:175–184.

DOACs

Bivalirudin

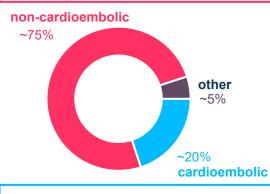
**Heparins** (and derivatives)



# Despite Availability of (D)OACs There Remains Considerable Unmet Medical Need in Stroke Management



- ~9m prevalent diagnosed cases in key 7 markets
- // Standard of care: SAPT/DAPT



- Prevalence: ~3% in entire population by 2030, ~13m patients in key 7 markets
- // Standard of care: DOACs (VKA2)

#### **Unmet Medical Need for Patients**

- // Patients want stroke protection (what they fear most) without bleeding increase1
- // Patients would additionally be interested in anti-thrombotics that further reduces patient relevant bleeding

#### Unmet Medical Need for HCPs

- # Efficacy (improved efficacy & safety vs. DOACs) meets an aspirational treatment goal that HCPs do not spontaneously imagine
- // HCPs still struggle, among others, with frail / elderly / multi-morbid patients because of bleeding risk

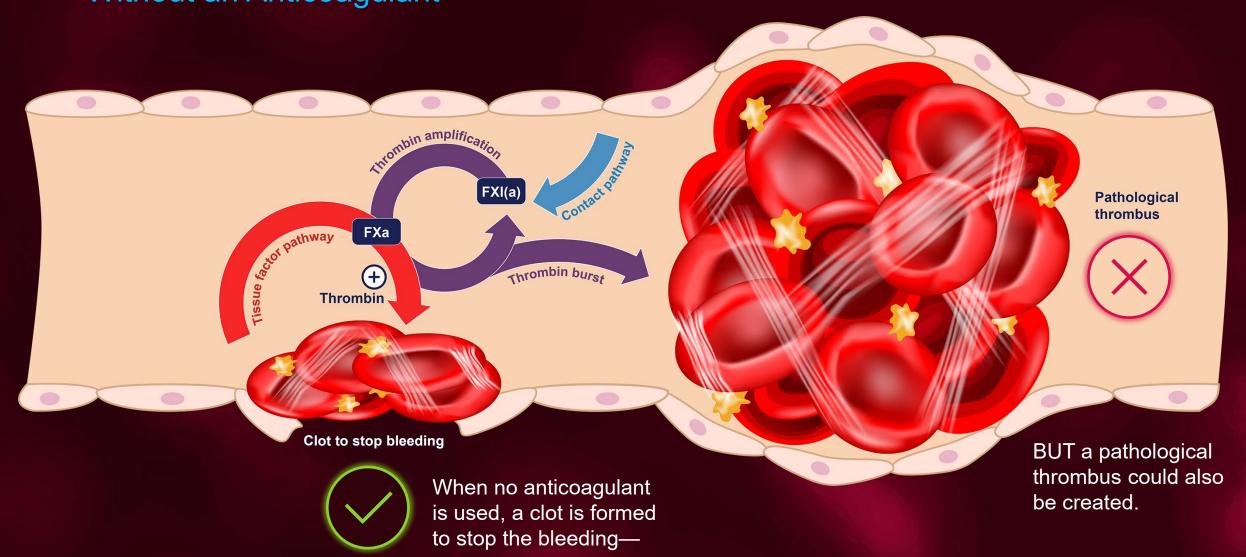
#### **Unmet Medical Need for Payers**

- // Safety in patients currently not receiving OACs or reduced dose DOACs due to a history of bleeding or renal impairment
- // Improved outcomes in patients who are treated with DOACs, but are at high risk of (bleeding) events

Market research conducted in 2019 400 – 450 HCPs interviewed per indication in total in US + DE + JP + FR; peak share assumptions by HCPs were calibrated by Clancy method, to avoid over-estimating the peak potential 1 Patient Early Positioning Research March 2021 2 Vitamin K antagonists



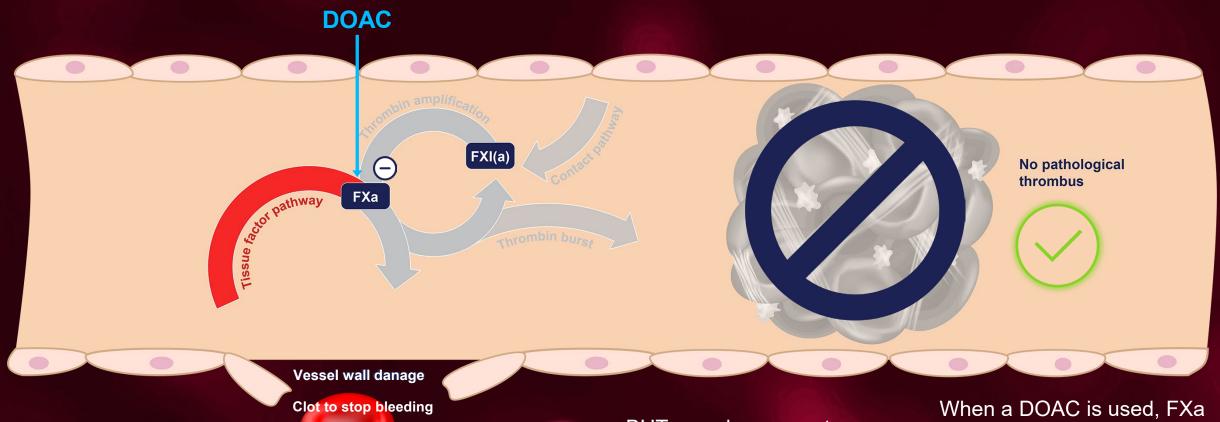
# Normal Physiology: Without an Anticoagulant





#### With a DOAC

(e.g., apixaban or rivaroxaban)

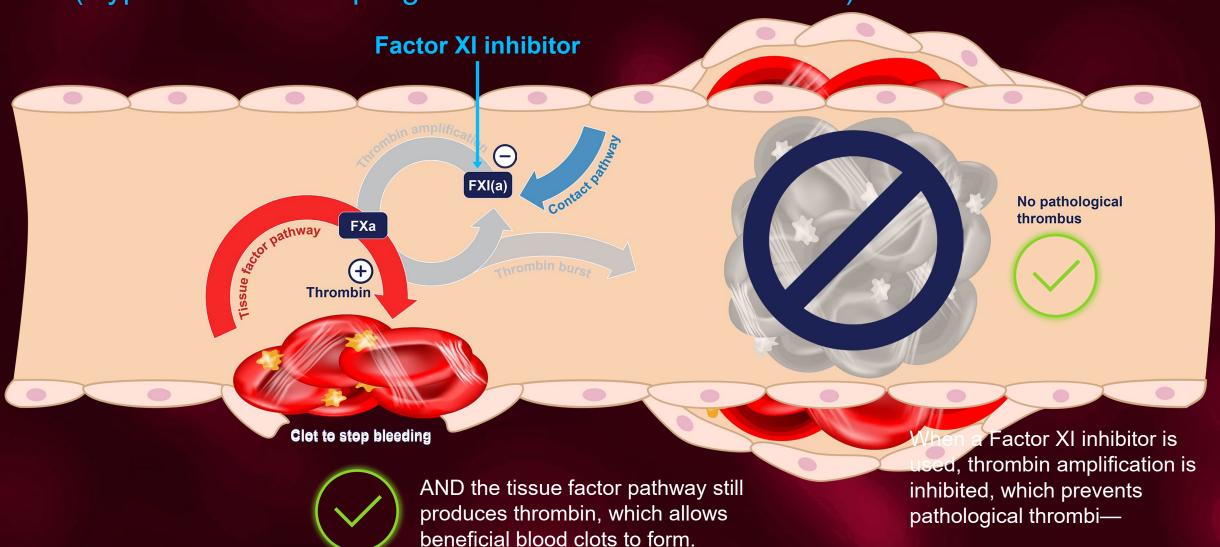


BUT can also prevent the beneficial blood clots that stop bleeding in damaged vessels. When a DOAC is used, FXa is inhibited, which prevents pathological thrombi—



#### With a Factor XI Inhibitor

(Hypothesis: Uncoupling Hemostasis from Thrombosis)





### Current Evidence Supporting FXI(a) Inhibition as a Target

#### CONDITION **OBSERVATION** // Individuals with FXI deficiency are reported to have a reduced incidence of VTE and stroke Inherited FXI deficiency<sup>1</sup> Hemorrhage occasionally reported after trauma or surgery (dental extractions, tonsillectomies, surgery in the urinary and genital tracts, and nasal surgery) // Homozygous FXI-knockout mice are protected from thrombosis FXI-knockout mice<sup>2</sup> // At the same time, they do not show a bleeding phenotype differing from wild-type mice Reducing/inhibiting FXI showed strong antithrombotic effects in vivo In vivo animal models<sup>3</sup> // No increase in bleeding time even at very high doses or on top of dual antiplatelet therapy // Antisense technology of IONIS4: Phase 2 study in TKA: Improved VTE risk reduction together with numerically less bleeding vs enoxaparin (of note, surgery was performed at suppressed FXI levels) Anti-FXI-AB (MAA8685 and xisomab); Anti-FXIa-AB (osocimab2): Published data from Phase 1 studies confirmed good safety and **FXI** clinical experience tolerability even when high levels of FXI or FXIa inhibition were maintained for more than 1 month. TKA study for osocimab completed confirming FXIa-inhibition being efficacious and well tolerated. Oral selective FXIa inhibitor (milvexian): Phase 2 work showing FXIa inhibition efficacious in prevention of VTE and associated with low risk of bleeding.6

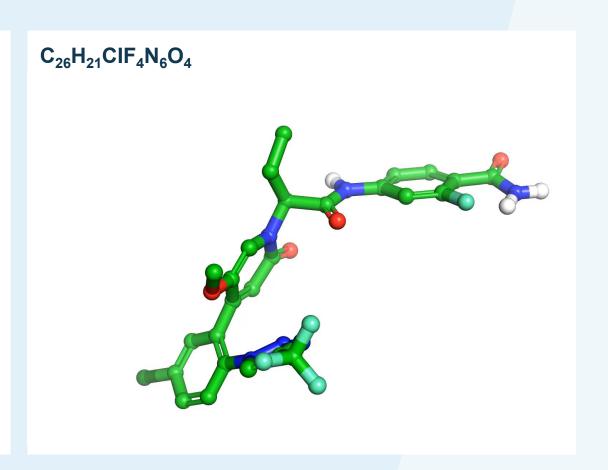
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Koch AW et al. Blood. 2019;133(13):1507-1516 
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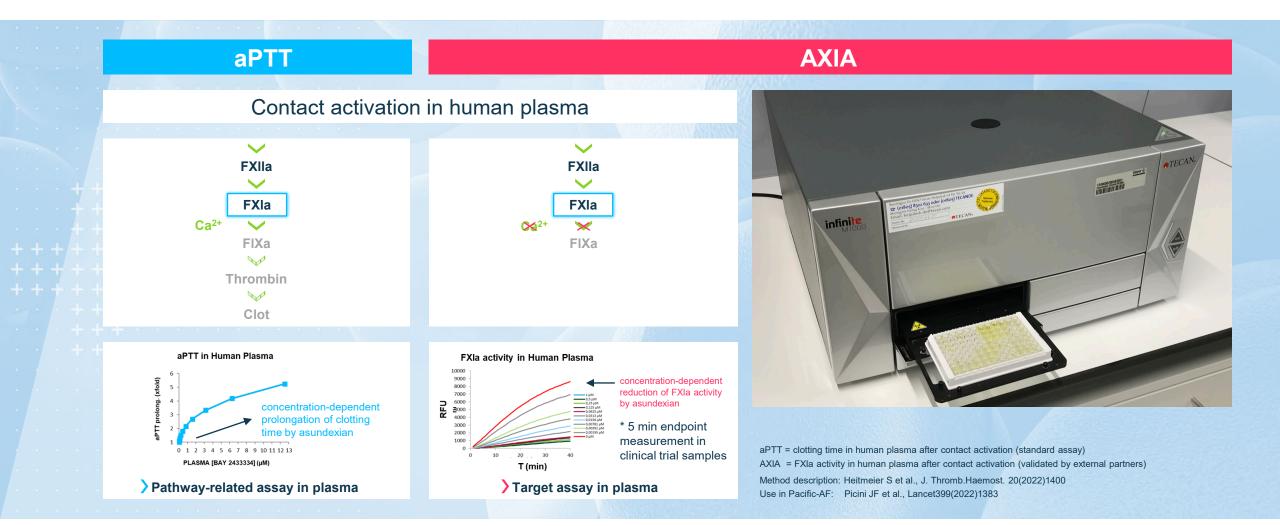
#### Asundexian: Oral Factor XI Inhibitor

- // Small molecule FXIa inhibitor
  - // t1/2 14.2-17.4 hours
  - // 15% Renal Elimination
- // Well-tolerated in Phase 1 trials
- // Dose-dependent FXIa inhibition
- // Does not interact with clopidogrel to affect bleeding time
- // No difference across age or sex
- // Does not inhibit or induce CYP3A4
- // Not impacted by food or pH modulating drugs





# Building on Today's Standard Assay, We Have Developed AXIA to Determine Factor XIa Inhibition





### PACIFIC Program

#### Concerted evaluation across large several Phase 2 programs



#### **Atrial fibrillation**

- // 20mg asundexian
- // 50mg asundexian
- // apixaban

~750 patients randomized Results at ACC 2022

- // One coordinated IDMC
- // One blinded CEC with uniform process



#### Non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke

- // 10mg asundexian
- // 20mg asundexian
- // 50mg asundexian
- // placebo

+ single or dual antiplatelet therapy

~1,800 patients randomized Results at ESC 2022



#### **Acute myocardial infarction**

- // 10mg asundexian
- + dual antiplatelet
- // 20mg asundexian therapy
- // 50mg asundexian
- // placebo

~1,600 patients randomized Results at ESC 2022



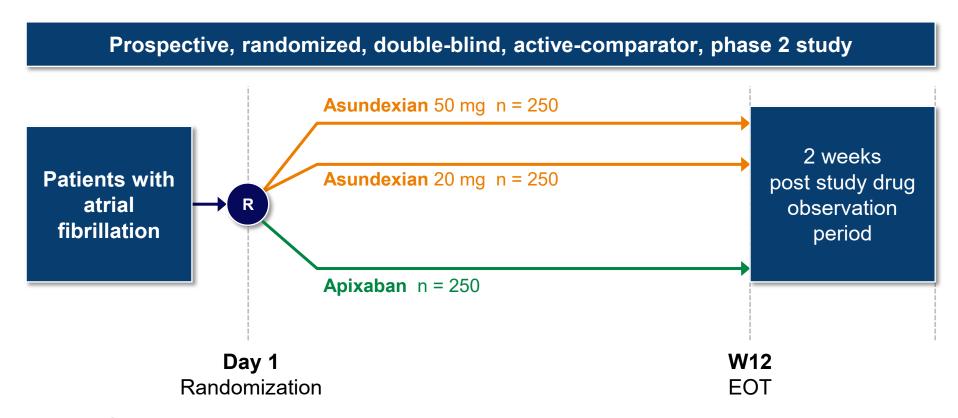
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# Main Results of the PACIFIC-AF Trial



#### PACIFIC-AF<sup>1</sup>





Primary safety endpoint: bleeding (ISTH major and nonmajor clinically relevant bleeding)

Quantification of Factor XI inhibition

**Exploratory efficacy endpoint:** stroke, systemic embolism, CV death, MI

#### **Primary Objective:**

to evaluate that the oral FXIa inhibitor asundexian when compared to apixaban leads to a **lower incidence of bleeding** in participants with AF

<sup>1.</sup> Piccini JP, Caso V, Connolly SJ, Fox KAA, Oldgren J, Jones WS, Gorog DA, Durdil V, Viethen T, Neumann C, Mundl H, Patel MR; PACIFIC-AF Investigators. Safety of the oral factor XIa inhibitor asundexian compared with apixaban in patients with atrial fibrillation (PACIFIC-AF): a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, double-dummy, dose-finding phase 2 study. Lancet. 2022 Apr 9;399(10333):1383-1390. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(22)00456-1. Epub 2022 Apr 3. PMID: 35385695.



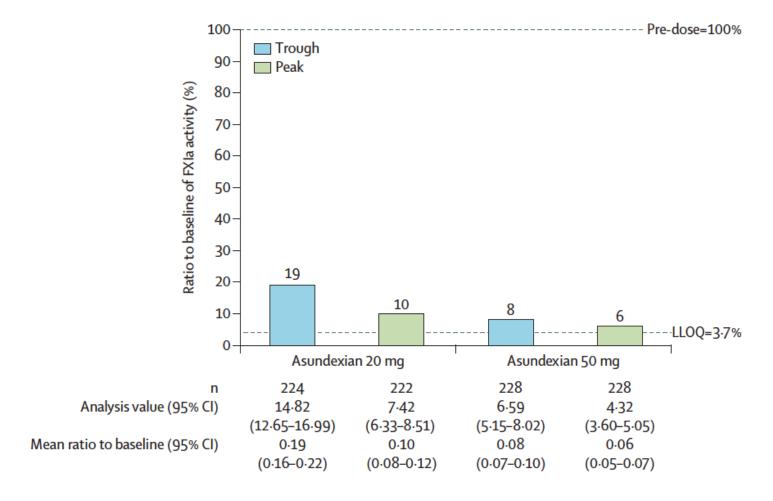
#### Measuring pharmacodynamic effect of asundexian

- # Assay used : activated Factor Xia inhibition assay (AXIA)<sup>1</sup>
  - // ~220 patients/ arm
  - // 4 weeks on once daily drug
  - // ~ trough (24-28 hours from last dose) and then again 2-4 hours afterwards
  - // Quantify degree of Factor XIa inhibition

<sup>1.</sup> Heitmeier S, Visser M, Tersteegen A, et al. Pharmacological profile of asundexian, a novel, orally bioavailable inhibitor of factor XIa. J Thromb Haemost 2022; published online March 15. https://doi.org/10.1111/jth.15700." and which explains a bit more how the AXIA works. Meanwhile this is also available as "Heitmeier, S., et al. (2022). Pharmacological profile of asundexian, a novel, orally bioavailable inhibitor of factor XIa. J Thromb Haemost 20(6): 1400-1411



### FXIa Activity - Inhibition Data from PACIFIC-AF<sup>1</sup>



Vertical bars indicate the percent reduction in FXIa activity when compared with baseline.
FXIa=activated coagulation factor XI.

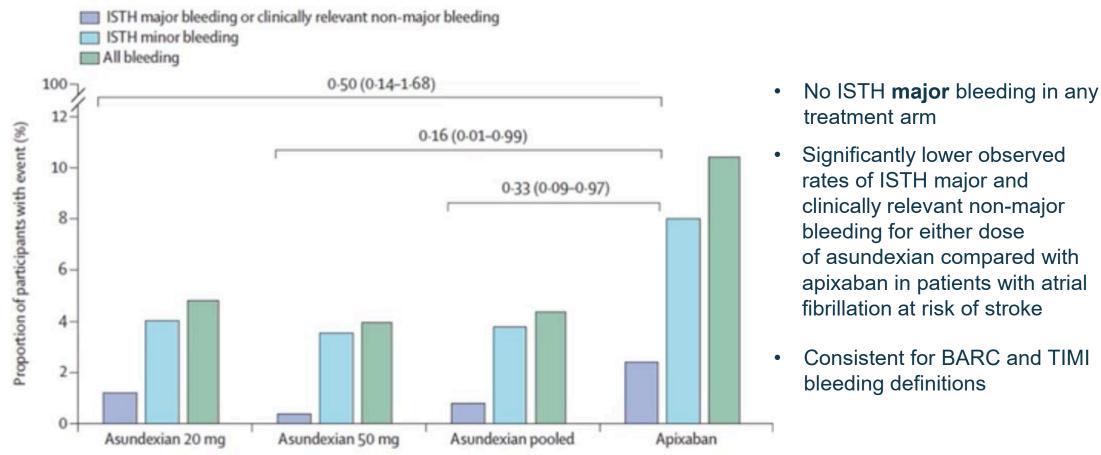
LLOQ=lower level of quantification.

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## Primary Safety Outcome (ISTH bleeding classification)<sup>1</sup>

On-treatment analysis, % of patients



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### Exploratory Efficacy Analysis<sup>1</sup>

	Asundexian 20 mg	Asundexian 50 mg	Apixaban	Total
	N = 251 IR (90% CI)	N = 254 IR (90% CI)	N = 250 IR (90% CI)	N = 755 IR (90% CI)
CV death, MI, ischemic stroke, or systemic embolism	2 (0.80 %)	4 (1.57 %)	3 (1.20 %)	9 (1.19 %)
CV death	1 (0.40 %)	3 (1.18 %)	3 (1.20 %)	7 (0.93 %)
MI	0	1 (0.39 %)	0	1 (0.13 %)
Ischemic stroke	2 (0.80 %)	1 (0.39 %)	0	3 (0.40 %)
Systemic embolism	0	0	0	0
All cause mortality (ITT)	2 (0.80 %)	4 (1.57 %)	4 (1.60 %)	10 (1.32 %)

As expected only single efficacy endpoints were reported in the study.

→ No conclusion on efficacy can be drawn

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### Summary of PACIFIC-AF Trial Outcomes<sup>1</sup>

- # Asundexian, a small oral FXIa inhibitor was well tolerated in a Phase 2 trial of 750 patients with atrial fibrillation
- Significantly lower observed rates of ISTH major and clinically relevant non-major bleeding for either dose of asundexian compared with apixaban in patients with atrial fibrillation at risk of stroke
- # Factor XI inhibition is a promising strategy to prevent pathologic thrombi while minimizing bleeding risk in AF patients
- // These data support the further investigation of asundexian in patients following atrial fibrillation

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# Main Results of the

# PACIFIC-STROKE Trial

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# **PACIFIC-Stroke study**



#### **Objectives:**

 To assess the dose-response of 3 different dosages of asundexian compared with placebo on the primary efficacy outcome and, separately, to evaluate the incidence of the primary safety outcomes to determine the dosage that is most efficacious and safe for testing in a phase 3 trial.

#### **Primary Efficacy Outcome:**

 The incidence of symptomatic ischemic stroke or covert brain infarcts detected by MRI at 6 months following a non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke for each of the different doses of asundexian and placebo.

#### **Primary Safety Outcome:**

 The composite of ISTH<sup>1</sup> major bleeding and clinically relevant non-major bleeding pooled across all asundexian doses and compared to placebo.

#### **Primary analysis:**

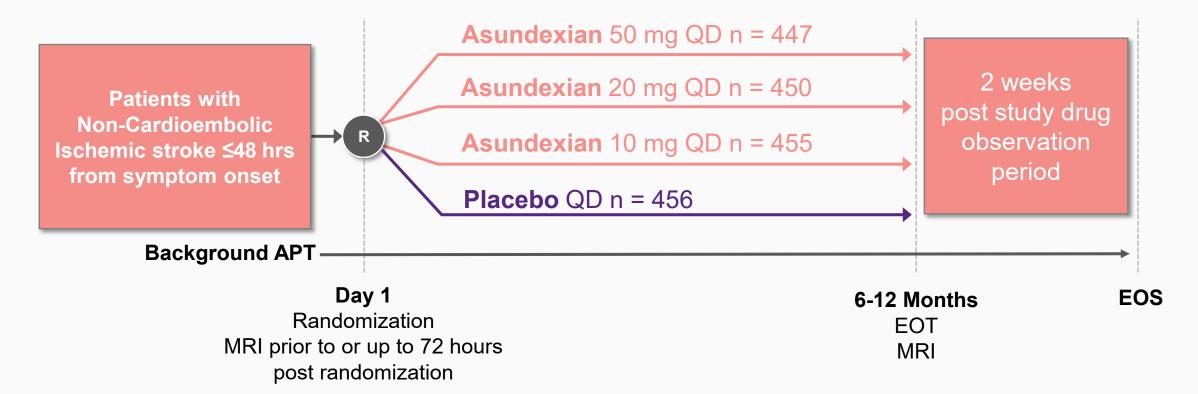
Dose response effect of asundexian on the primary efficacy outcome at 6 months.



### **PACIFIC-Stroke: Schema**



Prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2, dose-ranging study



**Enrollment:** 1808 patients between June 15, 2020 and July 22, 2021 at 196 sites in 23 countries



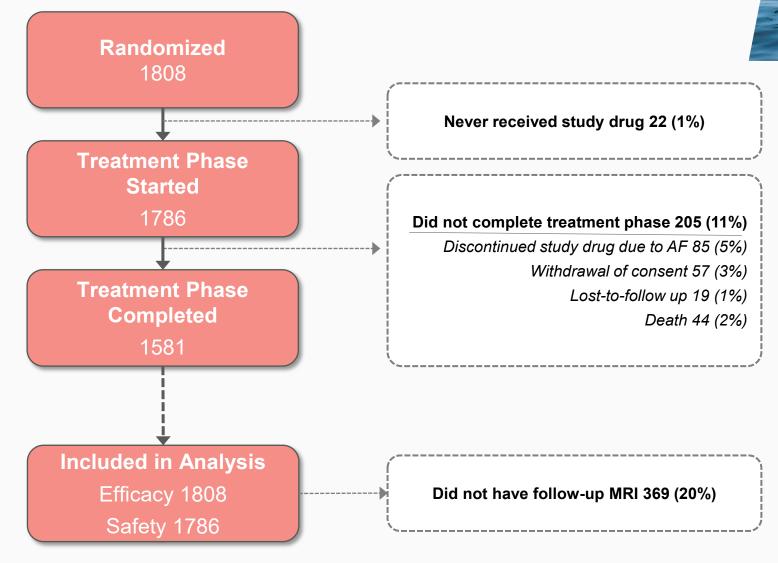
Results of PACIFIC-Stroke







# Study flow





# **Baseline and Qualifying Stroke Characteristics**

Well Balanced Across Treatment Arms

	All patients (n=1808)
Age (yrs), mean ± SD	67 ±10
Female	34%
Race - White	83%
- Asian	15%
Hypertension	77%
Diabetes mellitus	28%
Previous Stroke or TIA	16%
Hours from qualifying stroke to	36 ±10
randomization, mean ± SD	
Qualifying stroke subtype - Large artery atherosclerosis	18%
- Small vessel occlusion	45%
- Cryptogenic	35%
Extra- or intracranial atherosclerosis	34%
NIHSS score at randomization, mean ± SD	3 ± 2
Thrombolysis for index stroke	12%
Initial dual antiplatelet therapy	43%

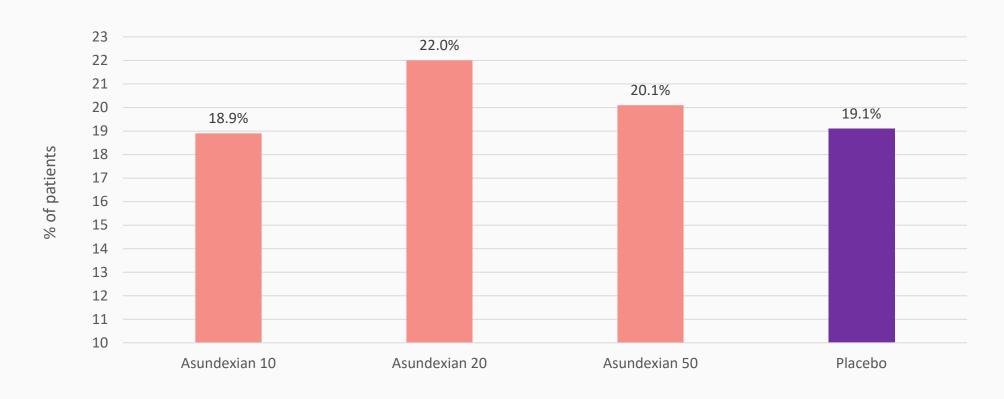




# **Primary Efficacy Outcome**

#### Ischemic Stroke or Covert Infarcts at 6 months





No observed dose-response (Emax2 model t statistic: -0.68, p=0.80)



# **Secondary Efficacy Outcome**

Incident covert brain infarct(s) on MRI at 6 months (75% of events; 69% small subcortical infarcts)



Outcome	Asundexian, 10 mg (N=455)	Asundexian, 10 mg vs. placebo	Asundexian, 20 mg (N=450)	Asundexian, 20 mg vs. placebo	Asundexian, 50 mg (N=447)	Asundexian. 50 mg vs. placebo	Placebo (N=456)
	No. of patients (%)	CIR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	CIR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	CIR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)
Incident covert brain infarct(s) on MRI	63 (13.8%)	0.99 (0.75 - 1.30)	74 (16.4%)	1.17 (0.90 - 1.51)	74 (16.6%)	1.17 (0.91 - 1.52)	64 (14.0%)

No effect on covert brain infarct



# **Secondary Efficacy Outcomes**

Total follow-up (median 10.6 months)

Outcome	Asundexian, 10 (N=455)	Asundexian, 10 vs. placebo	Asundexian, 20 (N=450)	Asundexian, 20 vs. placebo	Asundexian, 50 (N=447)	Asundexian, 50 vs. placebo	Placebo (N=456)
	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)
Ischemic stroke	26 (5.7%)	0.93 (0.59-1.45)	26 (5.8%)	0.94 (0.60-1.47)	22 (4.9%)	0.80 (0.50-1.27)	28 (6.1%)
Any recurrent stroke	26 (5.7%)	0.86 (0.56-1.34)	26 (5.8%)	0.88 (0.56-1.36)	25 (5.6%)	0.85 (0.54-1.32)	30 (6.6%)
Ischemic stroke, vascular death or myocardial infarction	33 (7.3%)	0.94 (0.63-1.40)	30 (6.7%)	0.87 (0.58-1.30)	33 (7.4%)	0.96 (0.64-1.43)	35 (7.7%)
All-cause mortality	10 (2.2%)	1.00 (0.48-2.09)	6 (1.3%)	0.60 (0.26-1.41)	17 (3.8%)	1.72 (0.89-3.32)	10 (2.2%)

Positive trend shown for reduction in ischemic stroke with asundexian 50 mg



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# **Secondary Exploratory Outcomes**

Total follow-up (median 10.6 months)



Outcome	Asundexian, 10 (N=455)	Asundexian, 10 vs. placebo	Asundexian, 20 (N=450)	Asundexian, 20 vs. placebo	Asundexian, 50 (N=447)	Asundexian 50 vs. placebo	Placebo (N=456)
	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)	HR (90% CI)	No. of patients (%)
TIA	10 (2.2%)	0.91 (0.44-1.87)	2 (0.4%)	0.18 (0.05-0.64)	2 (0.4%)	0.18 (0.05-0.65)	11 (2.4%)
Recurrent ischemic stroke or TIA	35 (7.7%)	0.92 (0.63- 1.35)	28 (6.2%)	0.74 (0.49- 1.12)	24 (5.4%)	0.64 (0.41-0.98)	38 (8.3%)

Dose dependent reduction of composite of ischemic stroke or TIA with asundexian

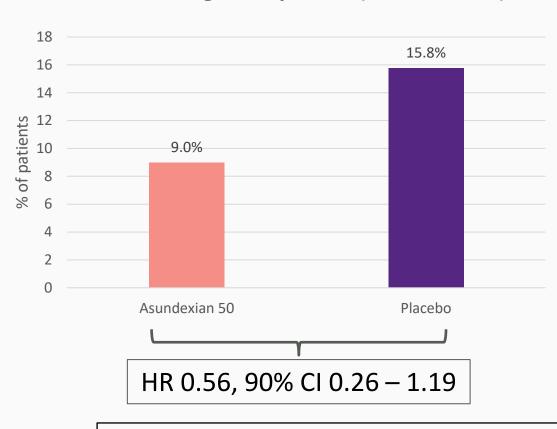


### **Outcome: Recurrent stroke and TIA**

Exploratory post-hoc subgroup analysis



#### A. Patients with large artery stroke (TOAST, N=320)



# B. Patients with any extra-/intracranial atherosclerosis (vascular imaging, N= 791)

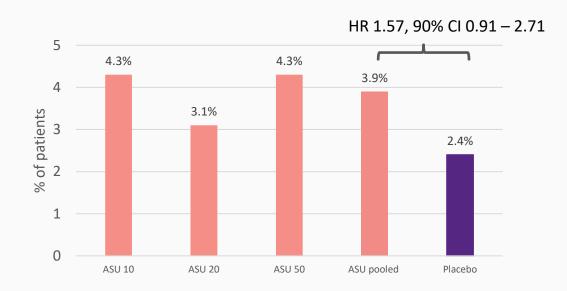


Patients with atherosclerosis had fewer recurrent stroke and TIA with asundexian 50



# **Bleeding Outcomes**

#### A. Major or Clinically-Relevant Non-Major Bleeding (ISTH)<sup>1</sup>



#### **B.** All Bleeding



#### C. Hemorrhagic transformation in patients with baseline MRI after randomization

	Asundexian 10 (N=277)	Asundexian 20 (N=265)	Asundexian, 50 (N=277)	Placebo (N=296)
HI1 and 2	29.6%	29.4%	30.3%	32.8%
PH1 and 2	1.1%	0.4%	0%	1.4%

No significant increase in bleeding and hemorrhagic transformation of index stroke



### **Conclusions**

- In this phase 2 trial, inhibition of factor XIa with asundexian did not reduce the composite of covert brain infarction or ischemic stroke and no dose response could be shown in patients with acute, non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke.
  - Driven by lack of effect on covert brain infarction (largely due to small vessel disease)
- Treatment with asundexian 50mg reduced recurrent symptomatic ischemic strokes and TIAs, particularly among those with atherosclerosis
- No significant increase in the risk of major or intracranial bleeding with asundexian
- The promising results from this phase 2 trial require validation in an adequatelypowered phase 3 randomised trial





# Main Results of the

# PACIFIC-AMI Trial

### Prof. John Eikelboom,

M.D., on behalf of the PACIFIC-AMI Steering Committee and Investigators

# **Study Design**



#### **Objective:**

To evaluate safety and explore the efficacy of 3 doses of asundexian vs placebo in patients with acute MI treated with dual antiplatelet therapy

Prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2, dose-ranging study Quantification of **Asundexian** 50 mg QD n = 400**Factor XIa inhibition** 1600 2 weeks **Asundexian** 20 mg QD n = 400 **Safety outcomes:** patients with post study drug acute observation **Asundexian** 10 mg QD n = 400 myocardial period any bleeding infarction Placebo QD n = 400 Aspirin + P2Y12i death, MI, stroke, or stent thrombosis 6-12 Months **EOS** Day 1 Randomization **EOT** 

Significant (BARC type 2, 3, or 5) bleeding and

**Efficacy outcome:** CV-

## **Analyses**



### Factor XIa inhibition (AXIA Assay)

- Percent factor XIa activity at trough (~24-28 hrs from last dose) and peak (~2-4 hrs after dose) at 4 weeks compared to baseline
- Measures enzymatic factor XIa activity in citrated plasma by assessing cleavage of a specific fluorogenic peptide FXIa substrate after contact activation with cephalin/kaolin over time

### **Safety Analyses**

- On-treatment analysis include events up to 2 days after the last dose of study drug
- Analyses comparing all asundexian doses and the 50 mg dose versus placebo
- Cause-specific HR (90% CI) from stratified cause-specific Cox proportional hazards model adjusted for the competing risks of death and study drug discontinuation

### **Efficacy Analyses**

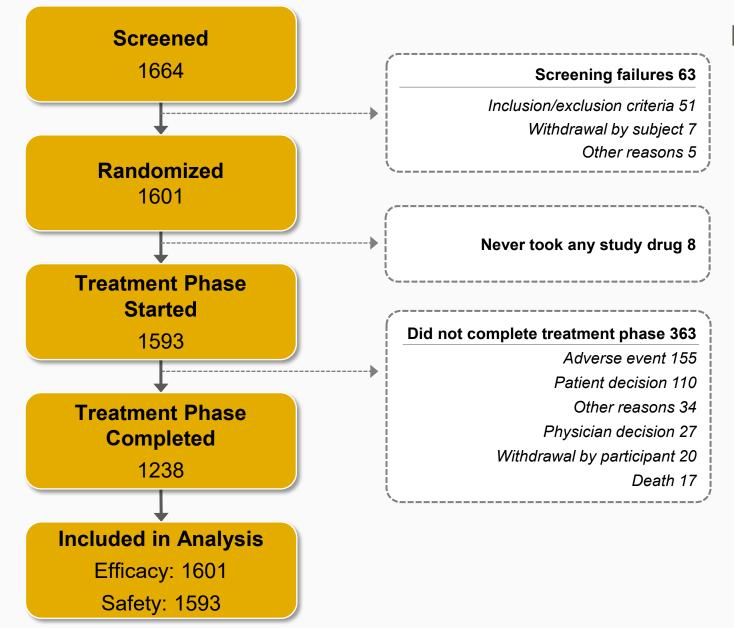
- Intention-to-treat analysis including all events
- Analyses comparing the asundexian 20+50 mg doses and the 50 mg dose versus placebo
- Cause-specific HR (90% CI) from stratified cause-specific Cox proportional hazards model adjusted for the competing risk of non-CV death

Results



# **Disposition Study Flow**

157 sites, 14 countries June 2020 to July 2021





### **Baseline Characteristics**

# PACIFIC

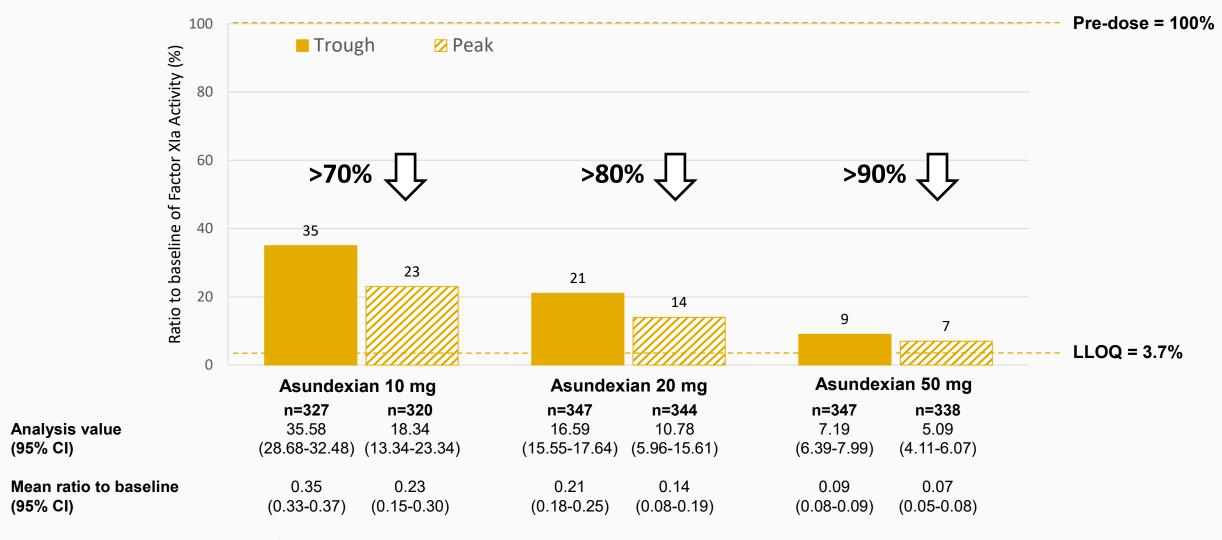
### Well Balanced Across Treatment Arms

	Asundexian 10 mg N = 397	Asundexian 20 mg N = 401	Asundexian 50 mg N = 402	<b>Placebo</b> N = 401
Age (yrs), median (25 <sup>th</sup> , 75 <sup>th</sup> )	67 (62, 73)	68 (61, 73)	68 (63, 73)	68 (60, 73)
Female, %	23	22	25	22
Race, % White Asian	84 13	86 13	86 12	85 13
Weight (kg), median (25 <sup>th</sup> , 75 <sup>th</sup> )	80 (70, 91)	80 (70, 92)	80 (72, 94)	81 (70, 92)
Diabetes mellitus, %	42	38	39	42
Prior MI, %	27	33	25	27
Prior stroke, %	5.8	4.5	6.5	5.0
Days from MI, median (25 <sup>th</sup> , 75 <sup>th</sup> )	4 (3, 5)	4 (3, 5)	4 (3, 5)	4 (3, 5)
Type of MI, % STEMI	54	54	50	46
NSTEMI	46	46	50	54
PCI for Index MI, %	100	99	100	99
P2Y12i, % Ticagrelor/Prasugrel	80	80	80	80
Clopidogrel	20	20	20	20

### Factor XIa Inhibition at 4 Weeks



Vertical bars indicate the % residual FXIa activity compared to baseline



## **Bleeding Outcomes**

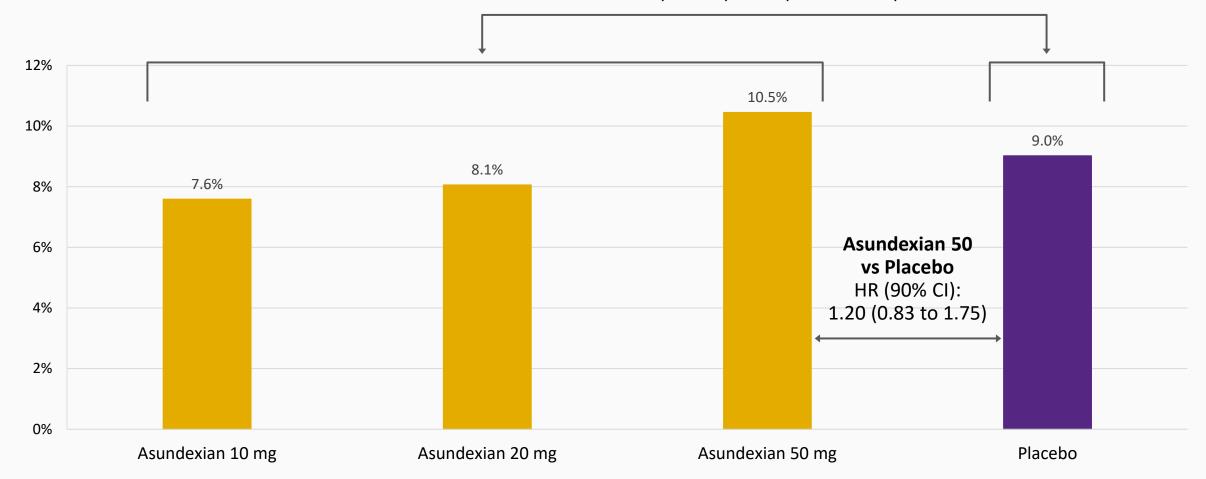
Significant (BARC 2, 3, or 5) Bleeding

Two patients with ICH, 1 with asundexian 50 mg and one with placebo. No fatal bleeding.



#### **Asundexian All vs Placebo**

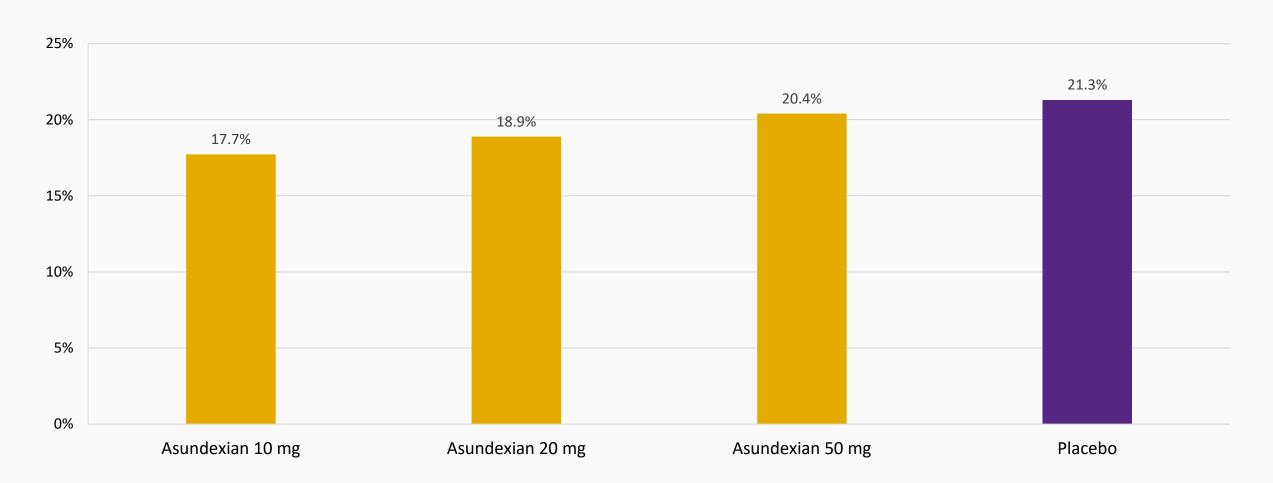
HR (90% CI): 0.98 (0.71 to 1.35)



## **Bleeding Outcomes**

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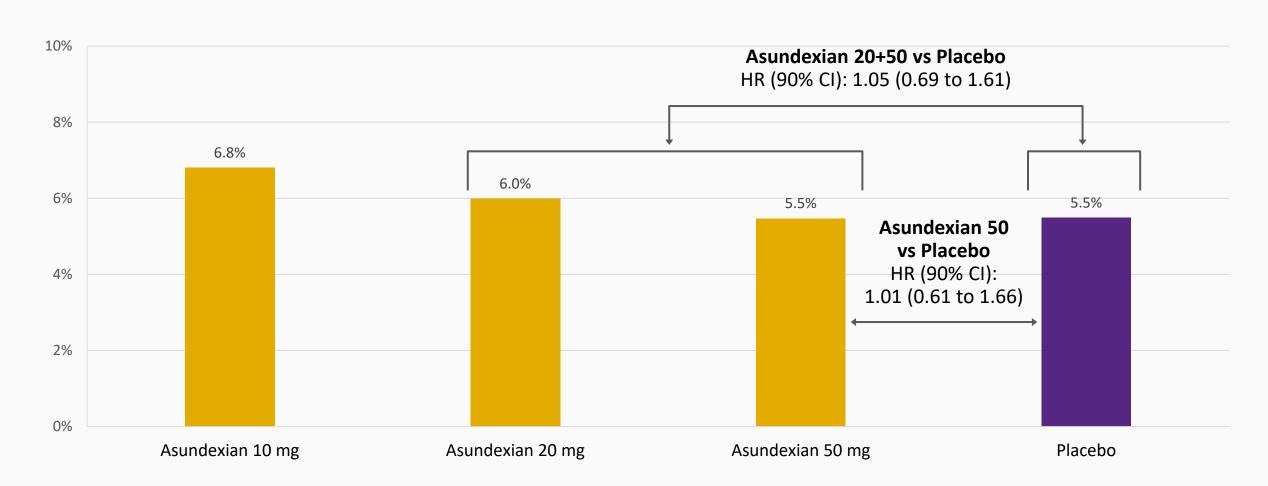
### **Any Bleeding**



## **Efficacy Outcome**



CV Death, MI, Stroke or Stent Thrombosis



### **Adverse Events**



Similar Accross Arms

Similar Accross Arms	Asundexian 10 mg (N=395)	Asundexian 20 mg (N=397)	Asundexian 50 mg (N=402)	Placebo (N=399)
Any adverse event (AE)	285 (72.2%)	307 (77.3%)	316 (78.6%)	303 (75.9%)
Study drug-related AE	64 (16.2%)	67 (16.9%)	86 (21.4%)	66 (16.5%)
AE leading to study drug discontinuation	35 (8.9%)	40 (10.1%)	39 (9.7%)	44 (11.0%)
Hepato-biliary related AE	8 (2.0%)	11 (2.8%)	12 (3.0%)	6 (1.5%)
Serious adverse event (SAE)	79 (20.0%)	84 (21.2%)	71 (17.7%)	85 (21.3%)
Study drug-related SAE	4 (1.0%)	4 (1.0%)	2 (0.5%)	5 (1.3%)
SAE leading to study drug discontinuation	10 (2.5%)	12 (3.0%)	15 (3.7%)	16 (4.0%)
AE with an outcome of death	8 (2.0%)	4 (1.0%)	8 (2.0%)	5 (1.3%)
Common (>5%) AEs				
Dyspnea	22 (5.6%)	28 (7.1%)	22 (5.6%)	25 (6.3%)
Chest pain	16 (4.1%)	21 (8.1%)	18 (4.5%)	21 (5.3%)
Diarrhea	22 (5.6%)	21 (5.3%)	23 (5.7%)	18 (4.5%)
Hypertension	23 (5.8%)	28 (7.1%)	15 (3.7%)	31 (7.8%)
Dizziness	18 (4.6%)	19 (4.8%)	21 (5.2%)	20 (5.0%)
Epistaxis	18 (4.6%)	19 (4.8%)	21 (5.2%)	20 (5.0%)
COVID-19	14 (3.5%)	18 (4.5%)	23 (5.7%)	19 (4.8%)

## **Summary and Conclusion**



- First randomized placebo controlled trial with a small molecule factor XIa inhibitor (asundexian), on top of dual antiplatelet therapy, in patients following an acute myocardial infarction.
- Asundexian 50 mg daily resulted in near complete (>90%) inhibition of factor XIa activity.
- On top of dual antiplatelet therapy, no increase in significant (BARC 2, 3 or 5) or any bleeding with any dose of asundexian compared with placebo.
- No reduction in ischemic events with any dose of asundexian compared with placebo, however only 95 events across 4 arms and thus wide confidence intervals.
- No other safety signals.
- These data, together with existing genetic and preclinical evidence, support the further investigation of asundexian on top of dual antiplatelet therapy in an adequately powered phase 3 clinical trial of patients following an acute myocardial infarction.



Modulating coagulation:

# The future of asundexian

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# PACIFIC Results Show Compelling Safety Data and Tolerability of asundexian at near max. FXIa Inhibition and also First Efficacy Signals

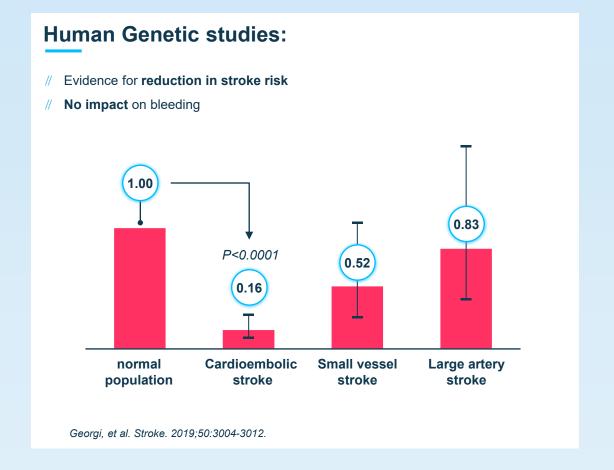
Study	PACIFIC-AF	PACIFIC-Stroke	PACIFIC-AMI				
Indication	Prevention of stroke in patients with atrial fibrilation	Prevention of secondary non-cardioembolic stroke in patients following a recent non-cardioembolic stroke	<b>Prevention</b> of a major cardiovascular event in patients following an <b>acute myocardial infarction</b>				
Safety	<ul> <li>67% eduction in ISTH major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding</li> <li>also consistent regarding all bleeds</li> </ul>	// no significant increase in the risk of major or intracranial bleeding	<ul> <li>no increase in any or in BARC 2, 3 or 5 bleeding with any dose of asundexian compared with placebo</li> <li>only few bleeding outcome events</li> </ul>				
Efficacy	Phase 2 studies were not powered to show efficacy benefit						
	// study was not powered to show an efficacy benefit vs. control arm	# 60% reduction of stroke and TIA observed in a non-prespecified subgroup analysis of patients with pre-existing atherosclerosis	// no reduction in ischemic events with any dose of asundexian				
FXI inhibition	@10 mg qd: not part of the study	@10 mg qd: >70%					
		@20 mg qd: >80% @50 mg qd: >90%					
Key findings/	// dose dependent and, at 50 mg, near complete FXIa inhibition						
Conclusions	ons // safe and well tolerated						
		// efficacy benefits demonstrated in subgroup	// did not show expected trend in efficacy // further investigations necessary				
	unique pharmacological profile						



### Results from PACIFIC Program also Fully Confirm Preclinical Findings

Separating thrombosis protection from haemostasis via selective modulation of the coagulation system

### Research models: Evaluated the **pharmacology of asundexian** (BAY 2433334), in vitro and in various animal models Asundexian inhibited human FXIa with high potency and selectivity FXIa activity correlates linearly with anti-thrombotic effect No impact on bleeding time Thrombus weight (mg) Thrombus weight (mg) Control 0.6 20 60 Inhibition of FXIa (%) Asundexian (mg/kg)



Heitmeier S. et al. J Thromb Haemost. 2022:20:1400-1411



# AF is a Major Risk Factor for Stroke and a Burden for Patients and Healthcare Systems<sup>1–3</sup>

# There remains an unmet need for patients with AF

// Actual or perceived bleeding risk is a key driver for under prescription; ~40% of eligible patients with AF do not receive appropriate oral anticoagulation<sup>4</sup>



Patients with AF have a ~5× higher risk of stroke than individuals without AF<sup>1</sup>



AF-related strokes are, on average, more disabling and more likely to recur than non-AF-related strokes<sup>2</sup>



AF-related strokes result in longer hospital stays and greater healthcare burdens than non-AF-related strokes<sup>3</sup>

AF, atrial fibrillation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wolf PA et al. Stroke 1991;22:983–988; <sup>2</sup> Alkhouli M et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2018;71:2790–2801; <sup>3</sup> Thygesen SK et al. Clin Epidemiol 2009;1:55–65;

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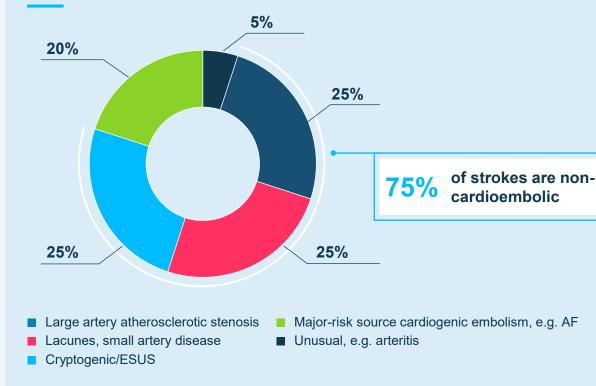


### Patients with Prior Stroke Have a High Risk of Recurrent Stroke<sup>1</sup>

## There remains an unmet need for patients with prior stroke

- // Antiplatelet agents are recommended for the secondary prevention of non-cardioembolic stroke<sup>3</sup>
- # Antithrombotic strategies that are more effective than antiplatelet therapy alone for the prevention of stroke and other major vascular events in patients with prior stroke are required<sup>1,4</sup>

## Distribution of ischemic stroke subtypes across North American and European studies<sup>2</sup>



AF, atrial fibrillation; ESUS, embolic stroke of undetermined source.

Kleindorfer DO et al. Stroke 2021:52:e364-e467: 2 Hart R et al. Lancet Neurol 2014:13:429-438:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Dawson J et al. Eur Stroke J 2022: doi: 10.1177/23969873221100032:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sharma M et al. Circulation 2019:139:1134–45.



### OCEANIC Phase III Program\*

// The OCEANIC program consists of two Phase III studies:

### **OCEANIC-AF**

will test **asundexian** against **apixaban** in patients with **atrial fibrillation**.



### **OCEANIC-STROKE**

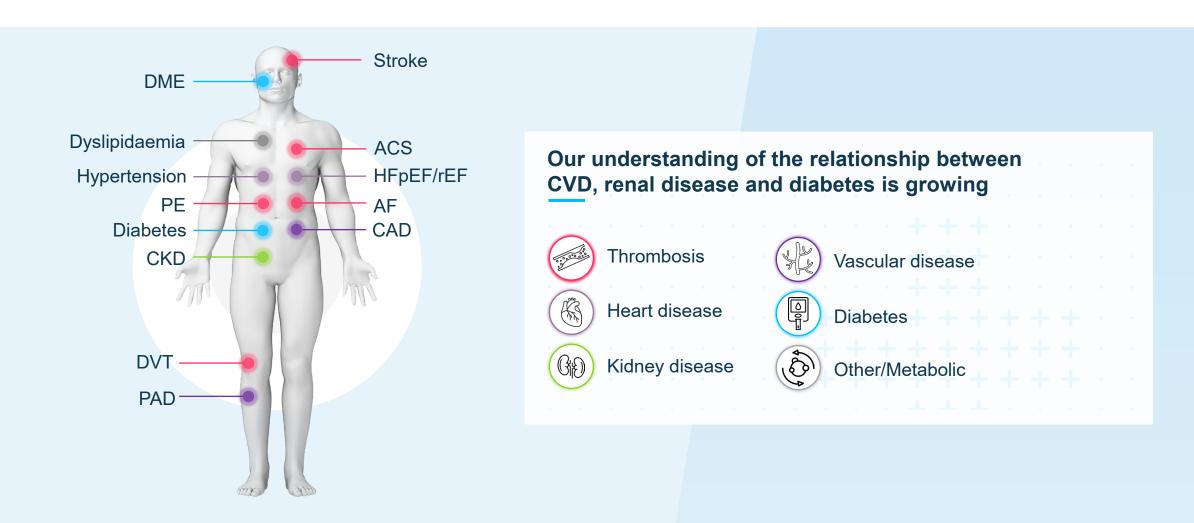
will test **asundexian** against placebo in patients with a **non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke** or **high-risk TIA** treated with standard of **care antiplatelet therapy**.



\*The OCEANIC program design is currently under development; More information about the previous PACIFIC trials is available at http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/. The National Clinical Trial numbers for these studies are PACIFIC-STROKE (non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke) NCT04304508, PACIFIC-AMI (myocardial infarction) NCT04304534 and PACIFIC-AF (atrial fibrillation) NCT04218266.



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## **Questions & Answers**





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