

# Comparison studies on safety and efficacy different generations of recombinant products

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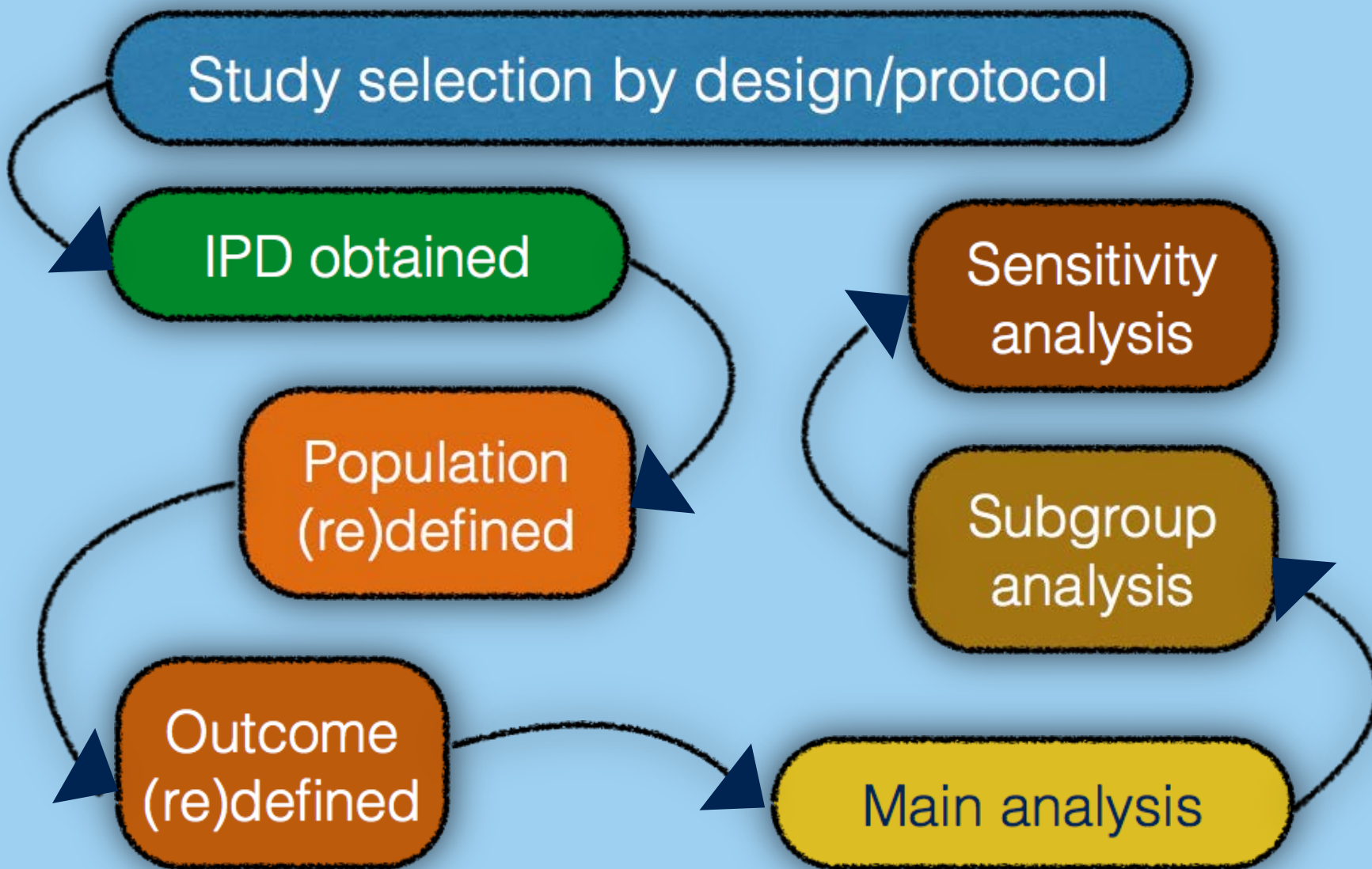
# Efficacy

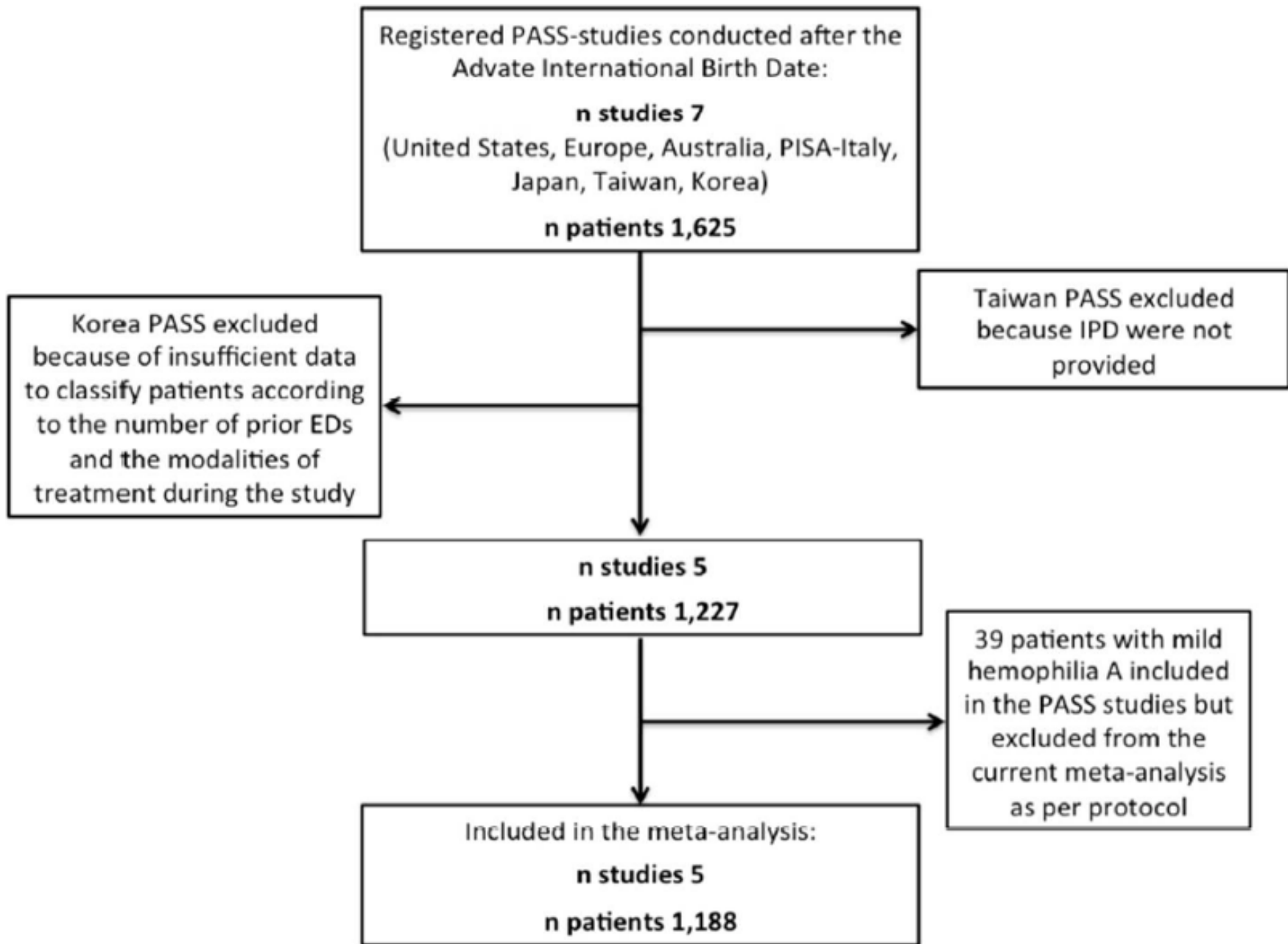
# Evidence about efficacy

- ⊗ Level I: Prophylaxis reduces bleeding rate by 10
  - ⊗ Cochrane Collaboration SR:
- ⊗ Level II: Higher intensity produces better results
  - ⊗ Swedish vs Dutch Regimen
  - ⊗ Canadian escalating dose study
- ⊗ Level II: Tailoring to the individual need reduces wastage and costs
  - ⊗ Collins
  - ⊗ MUSFIT



# Post Authorization Safety Studies





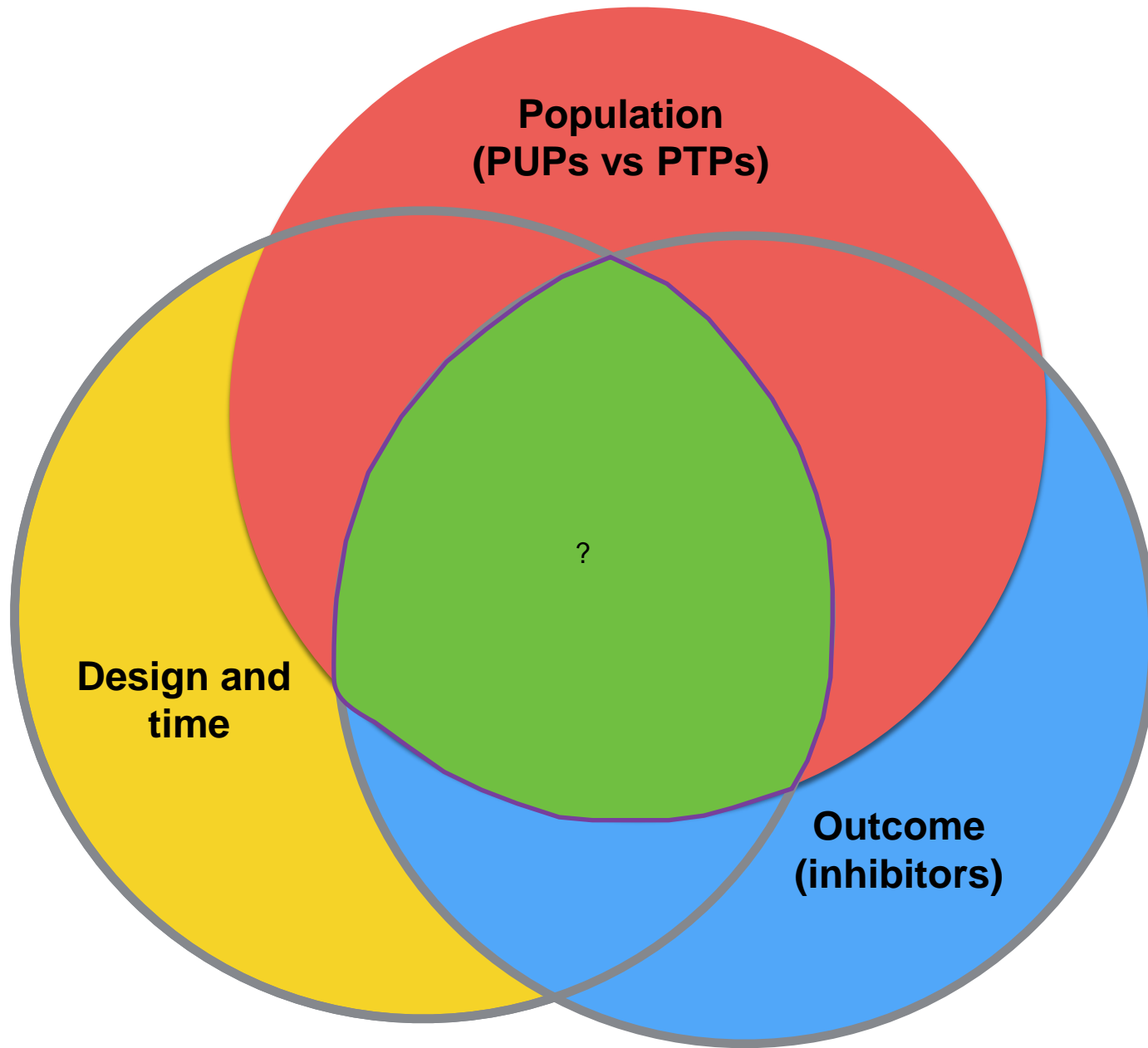
# PASS Effectiveness Outcomes

<b>Secondary Analyses</b>	<b>Patient Number</b>	
<b>Annualized Bleeding Rate</b>		<b>median (Q1, Q3)</b>
All patients	1,140	3.83 (0.60, 12.90)
Patients prescribed OD at enrolment	421	10.38 (2.27, 27.29)
Prophylaxis (on study, any frequency)	707	2.00 (0, 6.73)
Prophylaxis (on study, $\geq$ twice/week)	560	1.67 (0, 4.80)



A large, powerful ocean wave is crashing, creating a massive wall of white foam and spray. The water is a deep, dark blue, and the sky is a clear, bright blue. The wave is curling over, and the foam is being blown back by the wind. The overall scene is one of immense power and energy.

Safety





# PTPs (vs PUPs) as a model to study immunogenicity

## • **Strengths**

- Already tolerized
- No other con causes
- Easier to recruit
  - adults
  - low, if any, risk of events

## • **Weaknesses**

- ..to a specific FVIII
- Assumptions!!
- Easy and optimal are enemies
  - Low prevalence
  - BU? NIAb? threshold?





# Characteristics of inhibitors in PTPs

As a result of our systematic review, we identified:

- **39 de novo inhibitors** reported in **19 publications**.

Individual patient data has been collected for:

- **29 (74%) inhibitor cases overall**

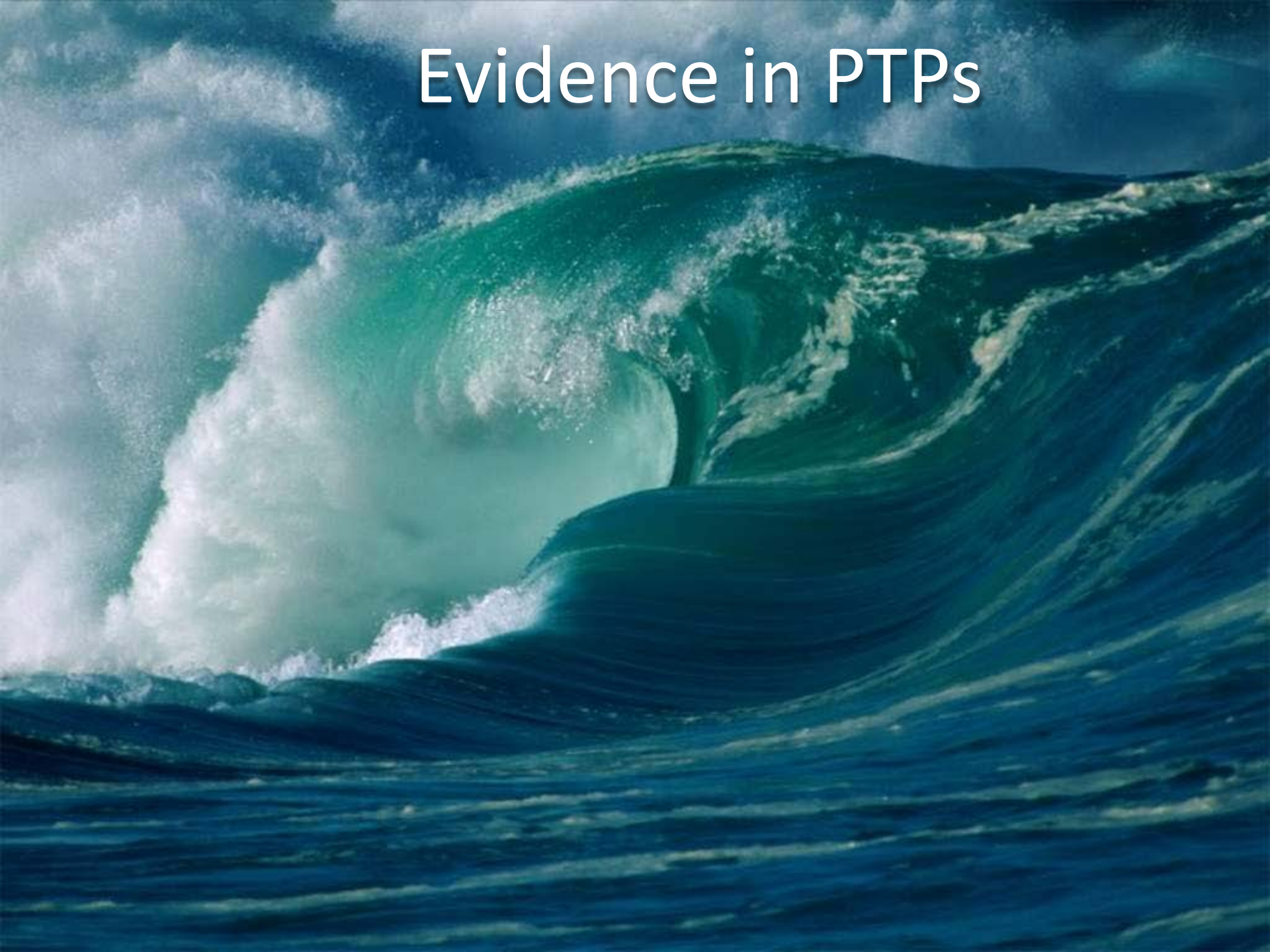
- **14 (36%) from CRFs** completed by study investigators

- **15 (39%) extracted** from patient-level information available in the published reports.

## Interim results - inhibitor characteristics

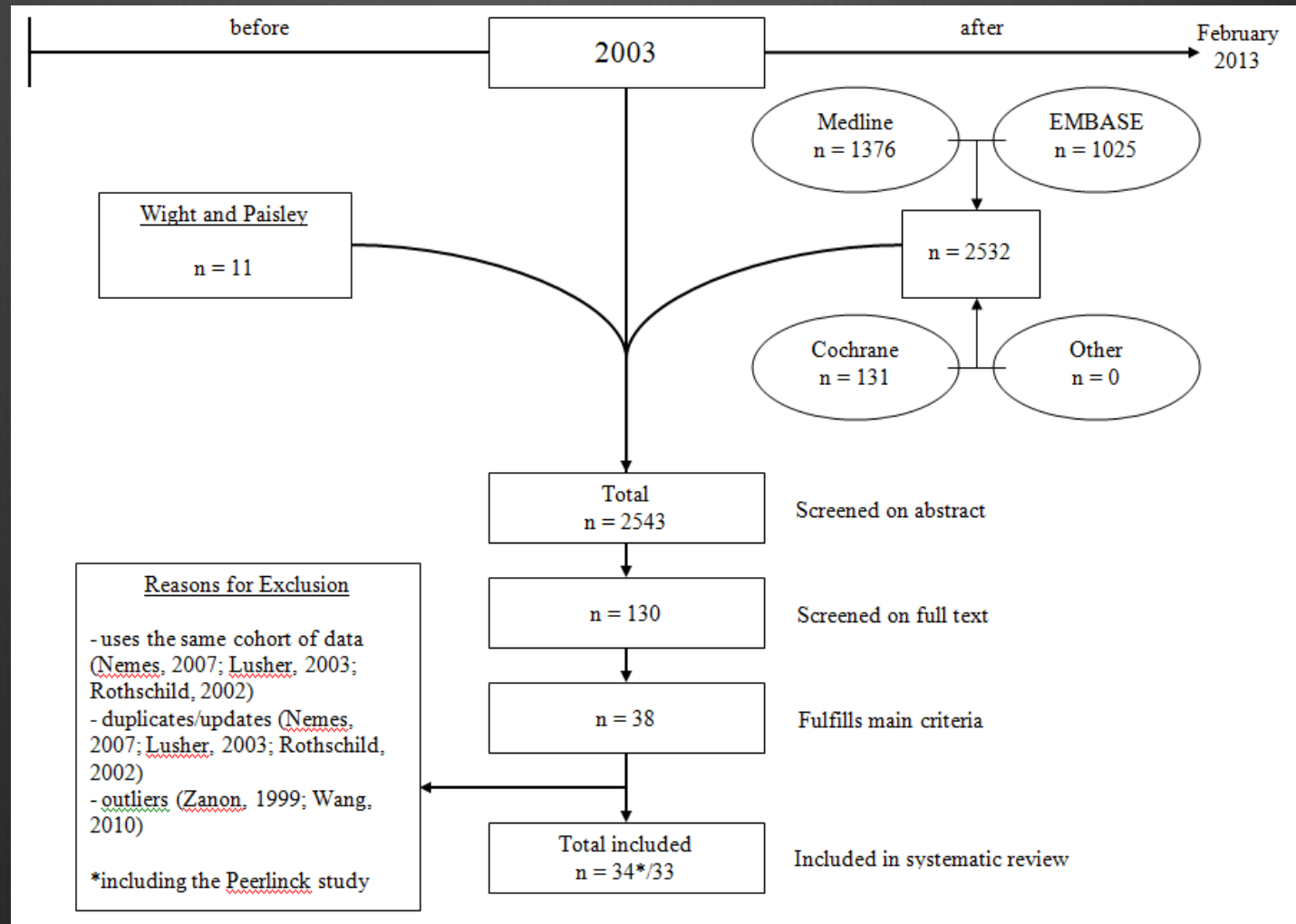
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Range (<i>n</i> =29)</b>
Age at inhibitor diagnosis (years)	2 - 67
Peak titre level (BU/ml)	0.5 - 75
Last known titre level (BU/ml)	0 – 10.4
Patient follow-up (months)	1 - 143

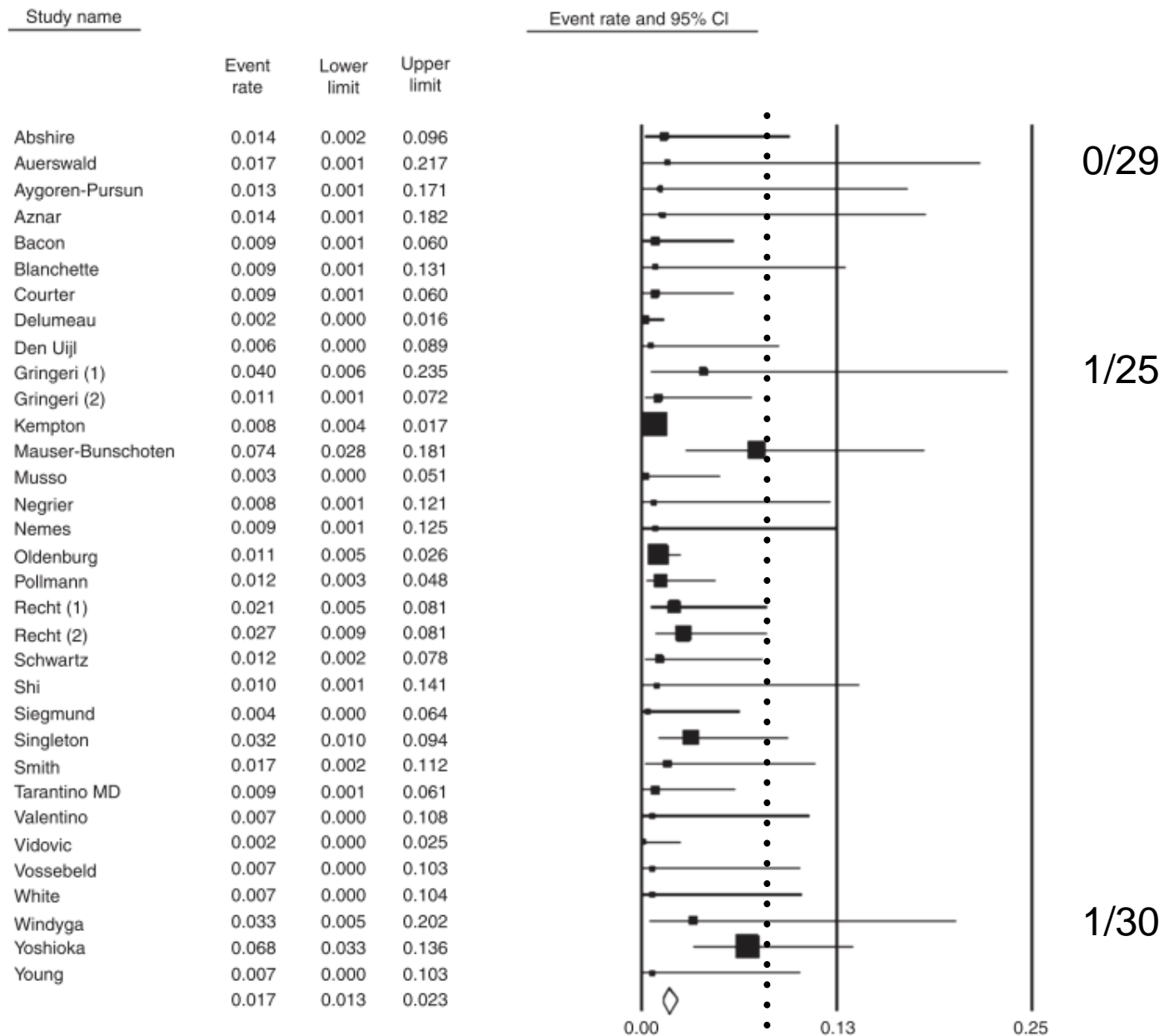
# Evidence in PTPs





# PTP meta-analysis







# Inhibitor rates, selected recombinant FVIII

Product	Studies	Rate (x 100 py)	95% CI
<b>Advate</b>	9	0.10	0.05-0.18
<b>Kogenate</b>	9	0.12	(0.04-0.33)*
<b>Refacto</b>	8	0.19	0.11-0.34
<b>PD factor VIII</b>	4	0.09	0.02-0.45

\* 0.26 (0.16 - 0.44) at fixed effect model



# Sensitivity analysis

Variable	Proportion	Heterogeneity	
Design		within	between
RCT(4)	0.012 (0.009-0.041)	Low	P=0.231
Prosp (20)	0.015 (0.011-0.027)	Low 0.013	
Retrosp (8)	0.019 (0.012-0.030)	Moderate 0.020	
Other (3)	0.010 (0.04-0.029)	Low	

**Study**

**FL-rFVIII**

- Schwartz et al., 1990 [10,34]
- Aygören-Pürsün and Scharrer, 1997 [32]
- White et al., 1997 [33]
- Abshire et al., 2000 [35,37]
- Tarantino et al., 2004 [41]
- Keeling, 2006 [44]
- Yoshida et al., 2006 [14]
- Shi et al., 2007 [46]
- Blanchette et al., 2008 [47]
- Delumeau et al., 2008 [48]
- Musso et al., 2008 [49]
- Négrier et al., 2008 [15]
- Auerswald et al., 2009 [50]
- Collins et al., 2009 [51]
- den Uijl et al., 2009 [52]
- Fukutake et al., 2009 [53]
- Shapiro et al., 2009 [16]
- Taki et al., 2009 [56]
- Young et al., 2009 [57]
- Oldenburg et al., 2010 [58]
- Vidovic et al., 2010 [59]

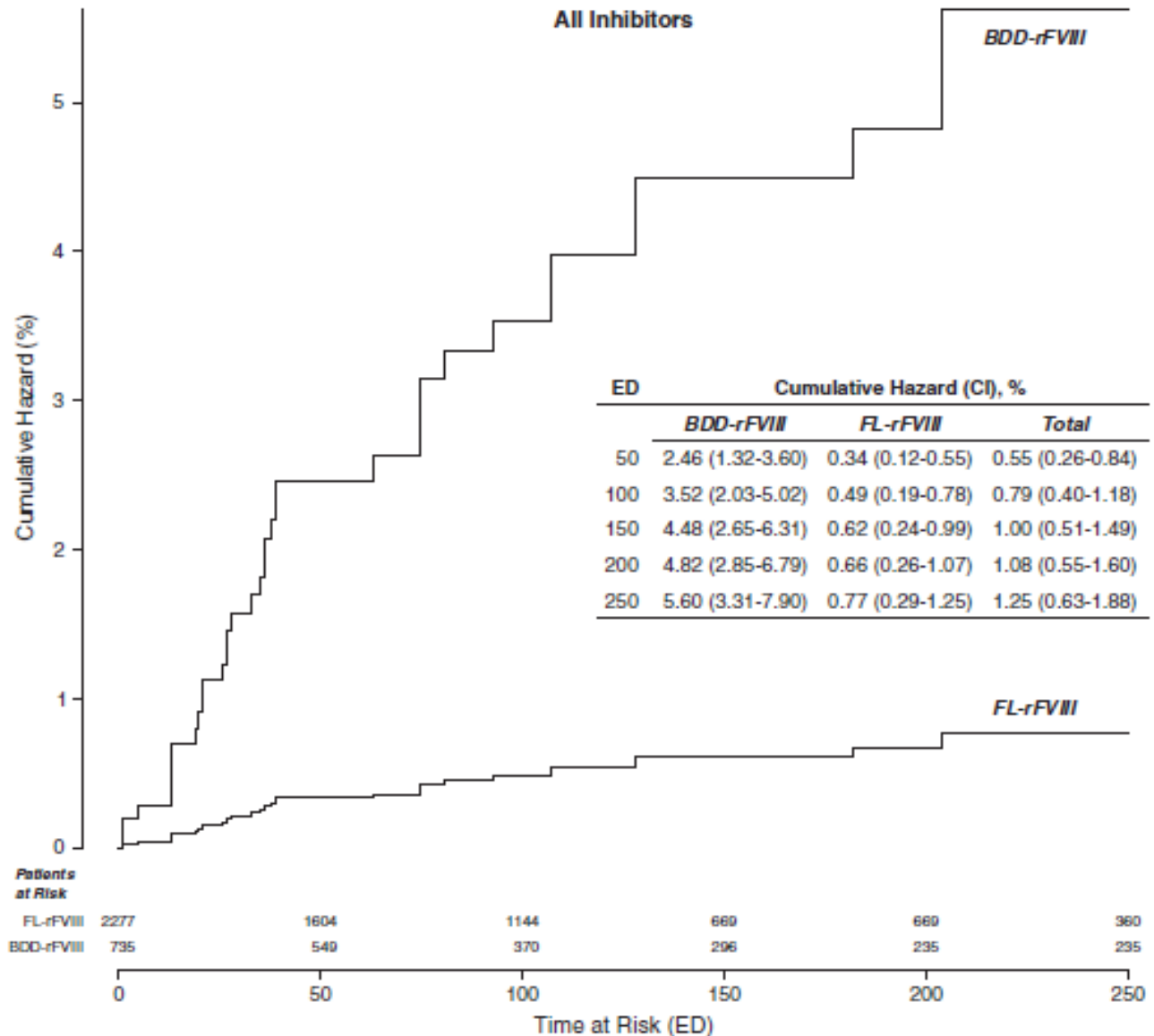
**Pooled FL-rFVIII**

**BDD-rFVIII**

- Courter and Bedrosian, 2001 [36]
- Roussel-Robert et al., 2003 [39]
- Gringeri et al., 2004 [40]
- Smith et al., 2005 [43]
- Keeling, 2006 [44]
- Pollmann et al., 2007 [45]
- Auerswald et al., 2009 [50]
- Pottrini and Rylander, 2009 [54]
- Recht et al., 2009 [55]
- Windyga et al., 2010 [60]

**Pooled BDD-rFVIII**

**Pooled FL-rFVIII and BDD-rFVIII**



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Science is built up of facts, as a house is built up of stones; but an accumulation of facts is no more science than a heap of stones is a house

Henri Poincaré, 1854–1912

# The EUHASS study

- **Strengths**

- Prospective, very large inception cohort
- Controlled (parallel, head-to-head)

- **Limitations**

- Minimal information collected
- No multivariable approach
- Confounding still possible
- Dynamic cohort not always at steady-state





# EUHASS: Inhibitors in PTPs

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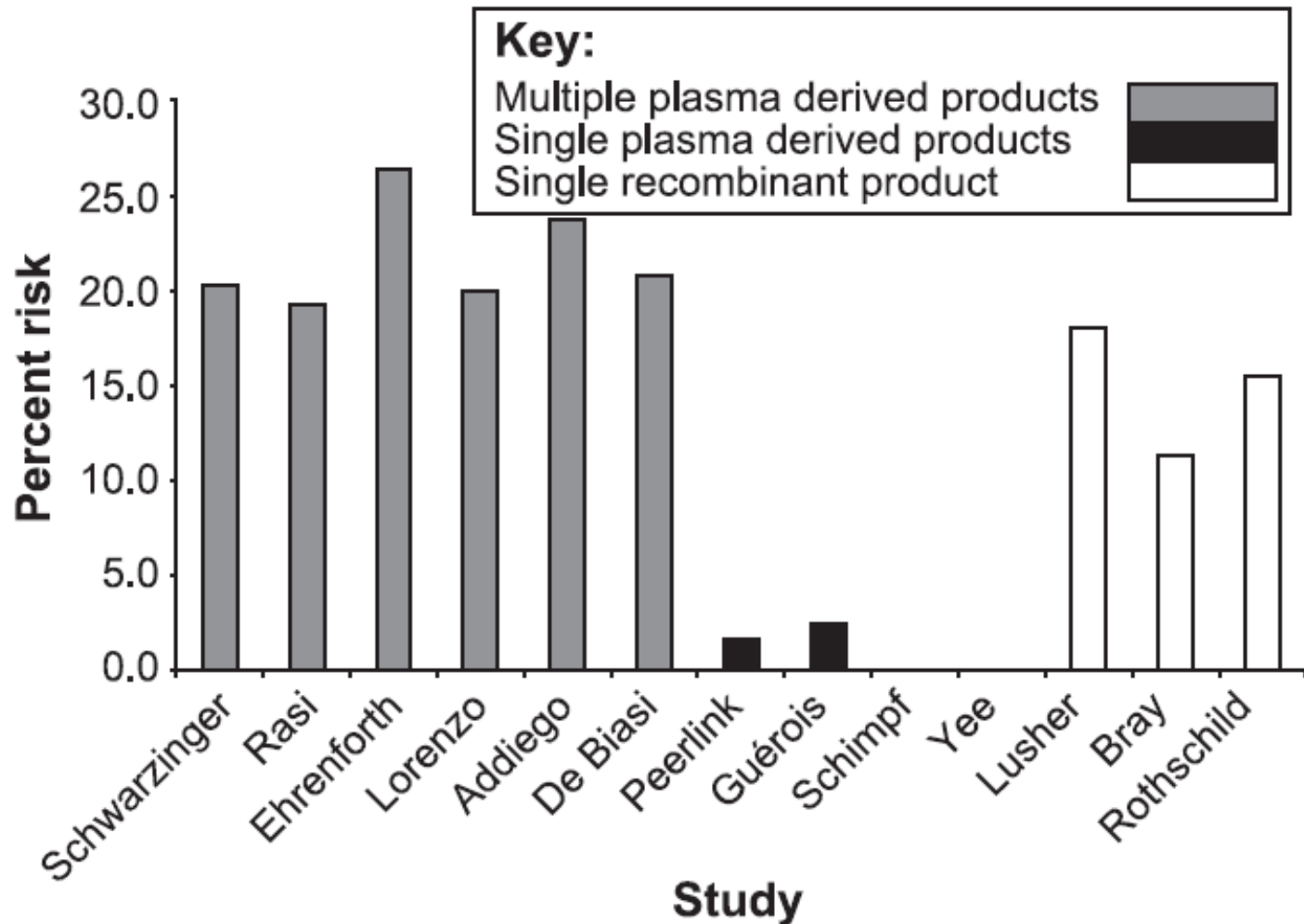
<b>Product</b>	<b>Inhibitors</b>	<b>Pt/yr</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>(95% C.I.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4656</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>(0.03-0.25)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>(0.00 - 0.28)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3519</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>(0.06 - 0.37)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2338</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>(0.03 - 0.37)</b>

# Findings in PTPs

- No difference in inhibitor rates between
  - Plasma derived and recombinants
  - Different recombinants
- When the proper analysis method is used

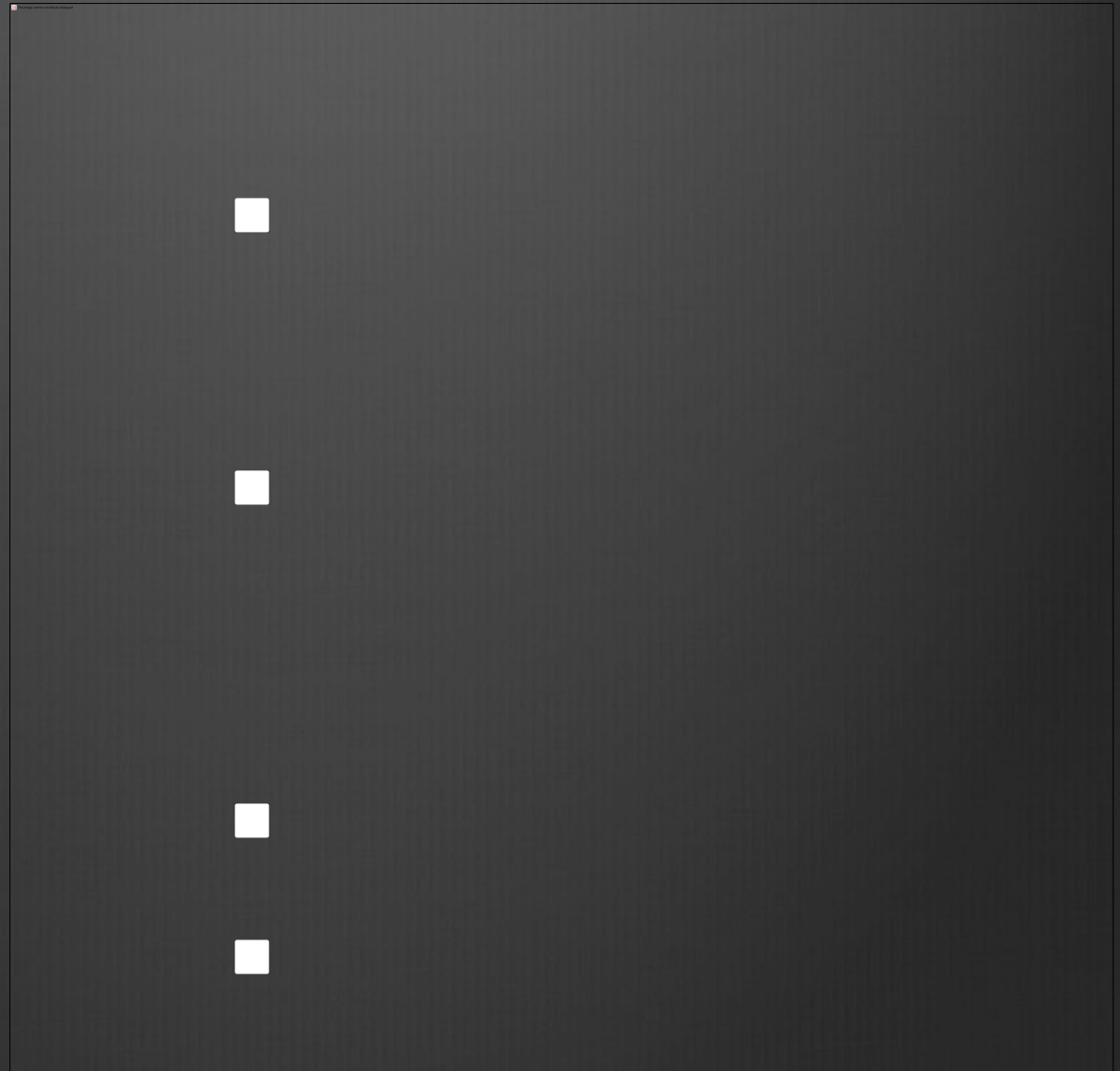
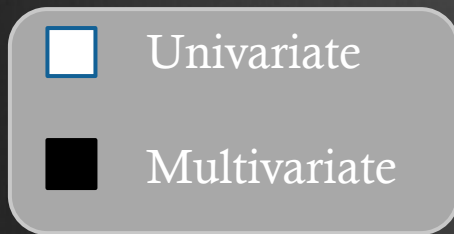
An aerial photograph of a massive, curling ocean wave. The water is a deep, vibrant blue-green color, and the crest of the wave is breaking into a thick, white foam. The wave is moving from the left towards the right, creating a powerful, tunnel-like structure. The background is a dark, overcast sky, which makes the bright white foam and the rich blue-green of the water stand out prominently.

Evidence in PUPs





.. "homogeneous results"



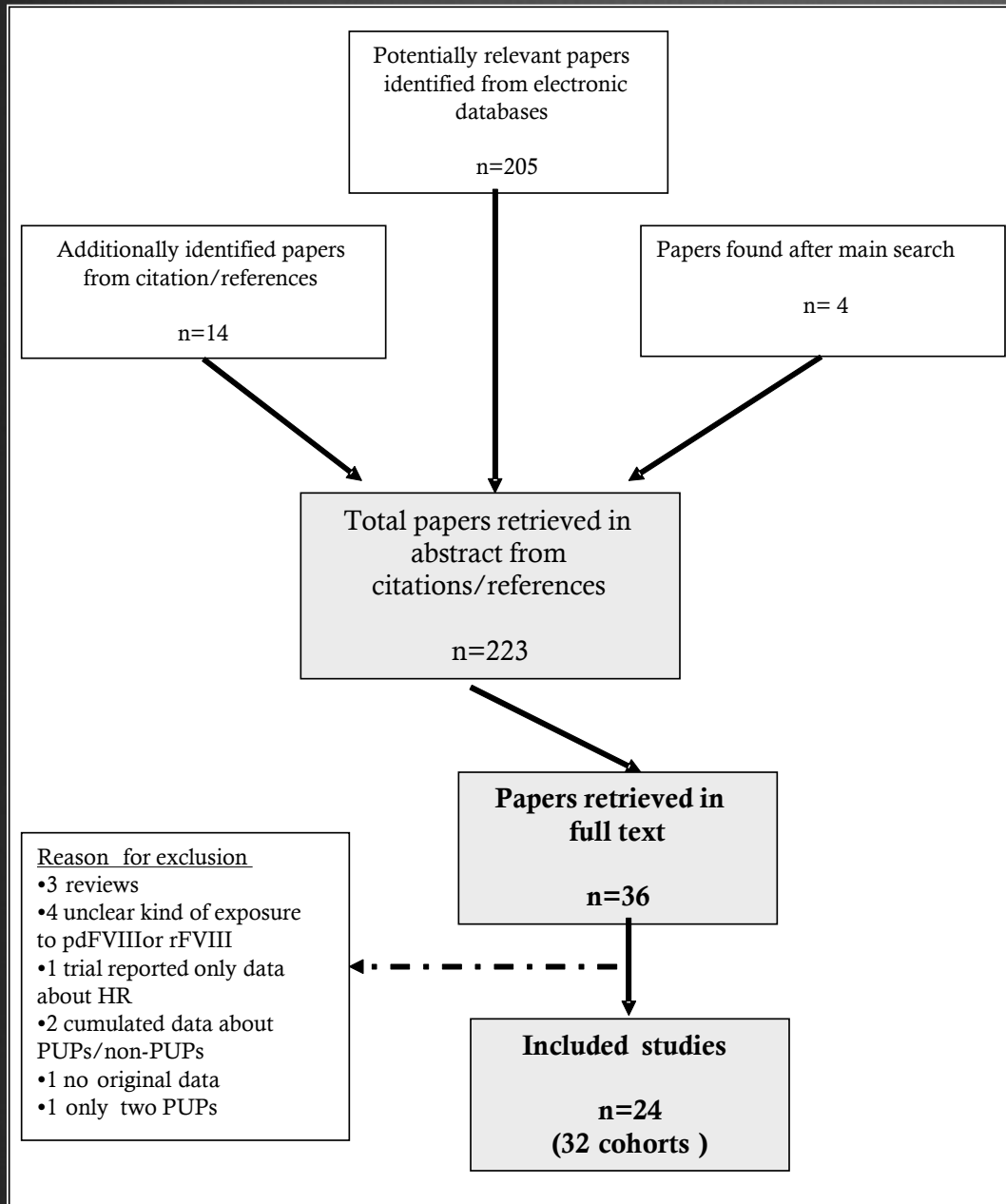


# Inhibitor risk in PUPs: a meta-analysis

- ⊗ Aim of the study
  - ⊗ To produce an **updated systematic review** of the evidence regarding the role of PD versus R factor concentrates in modulating inhibitor incident rate
  - ⊗ To investigate the role of **study- and patient-level characteristics** on the estimated effect

# Results

## STUDY SELECTION



17 pdFVIII cohorts

15 rFVIII cohorts

19 prospective cohorts

13 retrospective cohorts

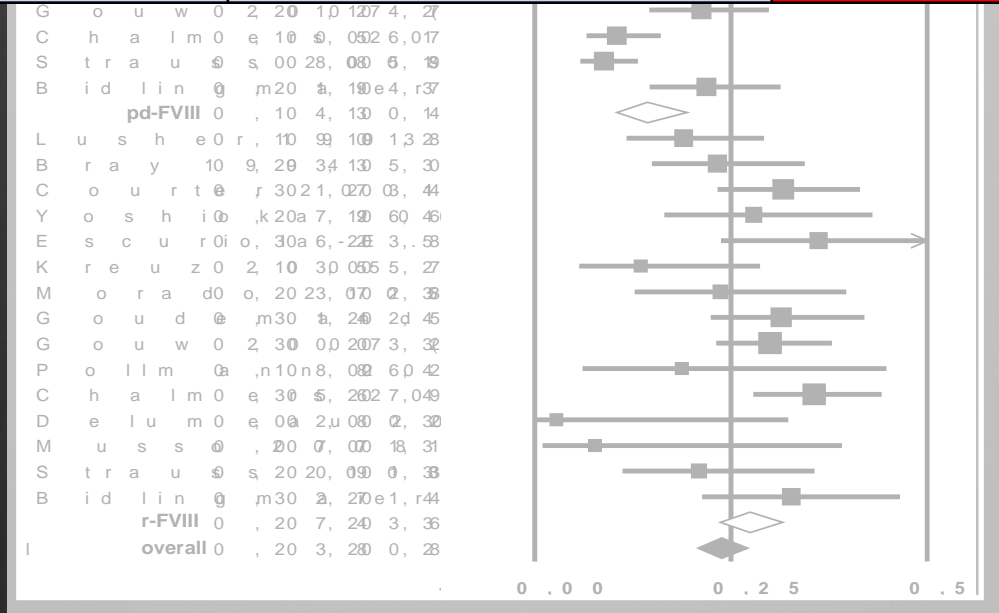
2094 pts / 420 inhibitors

**+13 over Wight and Paisley**

# Pooled Analysis of Single Arm Studies (Pooled incidence rates)

Study characteristics and 95% CI

pdFVIII	rFVIII	P value (Cochrane Q)
14.3 (10.4-19.4)	27.4 (23.6-31.5)	<0.001

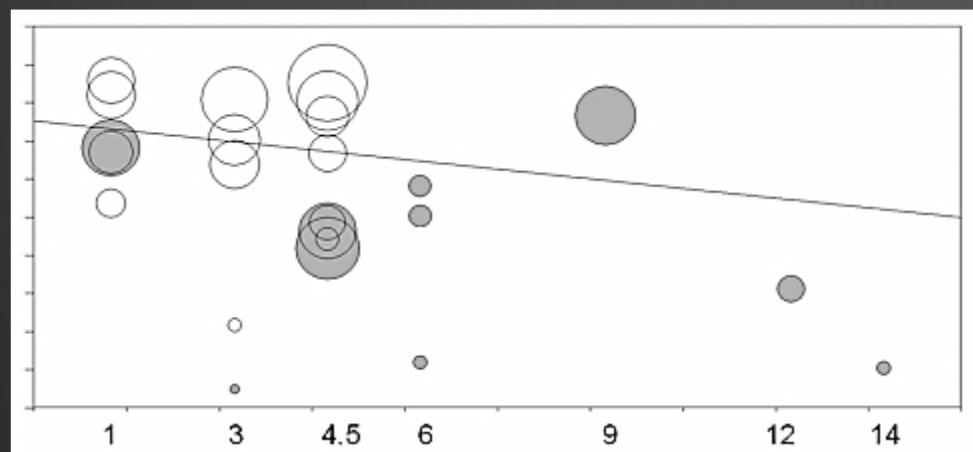




# ANOVA

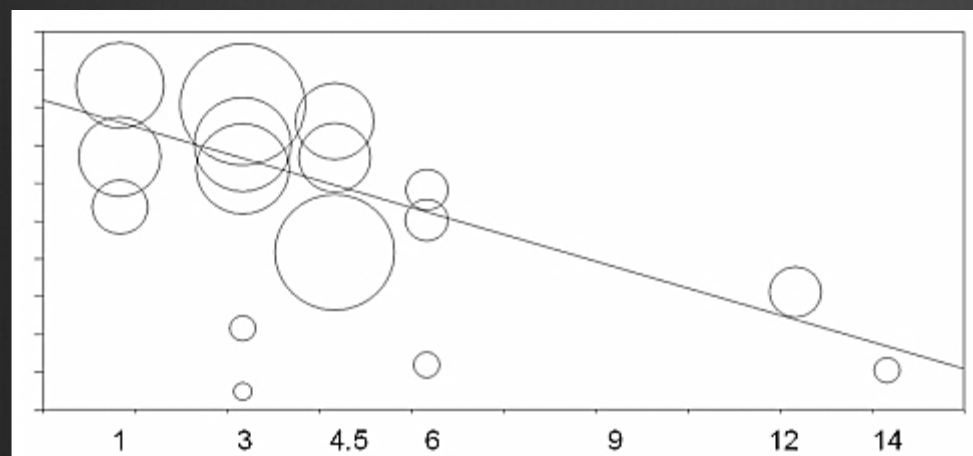
	F	Prob > F	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>
<b>Univariable Models</b>			
kind of concentrate	17.51	0.0002	0.35
study design	7.96	0.0248	
<b>Multivariable Model</b>			
<b>MODEL</b>	7.26	0.0123	0.80
kind of concentrate	0.26	0.6287	
study design	0.08	0.7903	
kind of conc*test freq	0.41	0.5445	
Kind* of conc*study period	0.25	0.6355	
Kind of conc*FUP	0.93	0.3721	
study design * test freq	2.75	0.1485	
study design * study period	0.08	0.7914	
study design * FUP	-	-	

# Meta-regression



a) Testing frequency (months)

White = rFVIII  
Grey = pdFVIII



b) Testing frequency (months)

Only prospective studies

Y-axis shows the logit of the incidence rate of inhibitor. Each bubble represents a single study, the diameter being inversely proportional to the variance of the study.



# EAHAD

## COLLABORATIVE GROUP ON TREATMENT RELATED INHIBITOR RISK

Predictors of inhibitor development in Hemophilia  
A previously untreated patients: the role of factor  
concentrate type.

**An individual patient data  
meta-analysis.**

# Study design

Pooled cohort of consecutive patients from 6 Hemophilia Centres (5 European, 1 Israeli)

284 PUPs born between 1967 and 2011

Moderate-Severe<sup>1</sup> Hemophilia A

Treated with pdFVIII or rFVIII concentrates, with high-dose<sup>2</sup> or low-dose regimen

Followed up until =>200 ED

<sup>1</sup>Baseline FVIII level  $\leq 0.05$  IU/dl

<sup>2</sup>Median single dose received within 8 to 12 weeks after therapy start  $> 30$  IU/kg of body weight

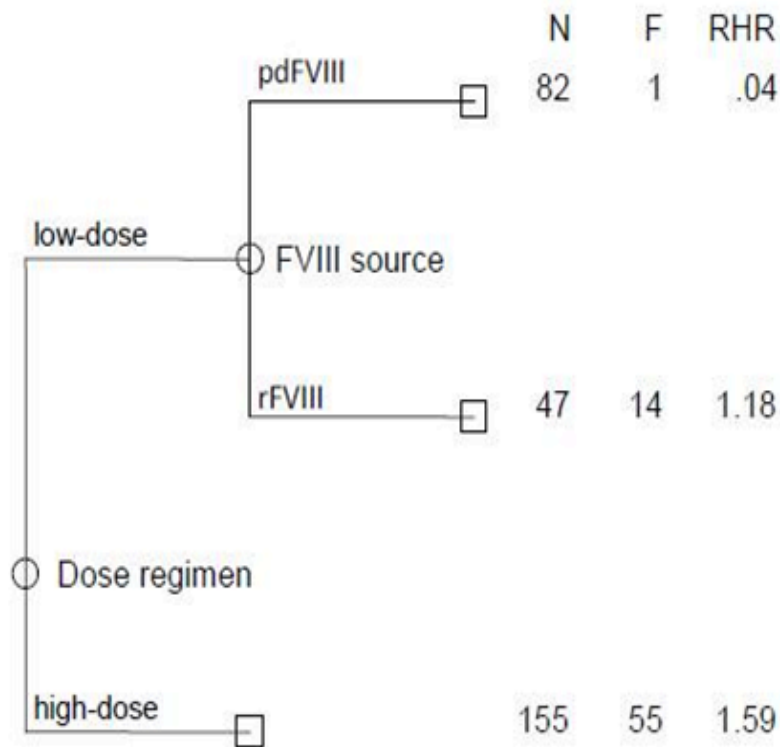




# Study methods

- Cox regression analysis
- CART
- Propensity score matching
  - To adjust a Cox model
  - To calculate the Average effect of Treatment on the Treated (ATT)

# Classification and Regression Tree (CART)



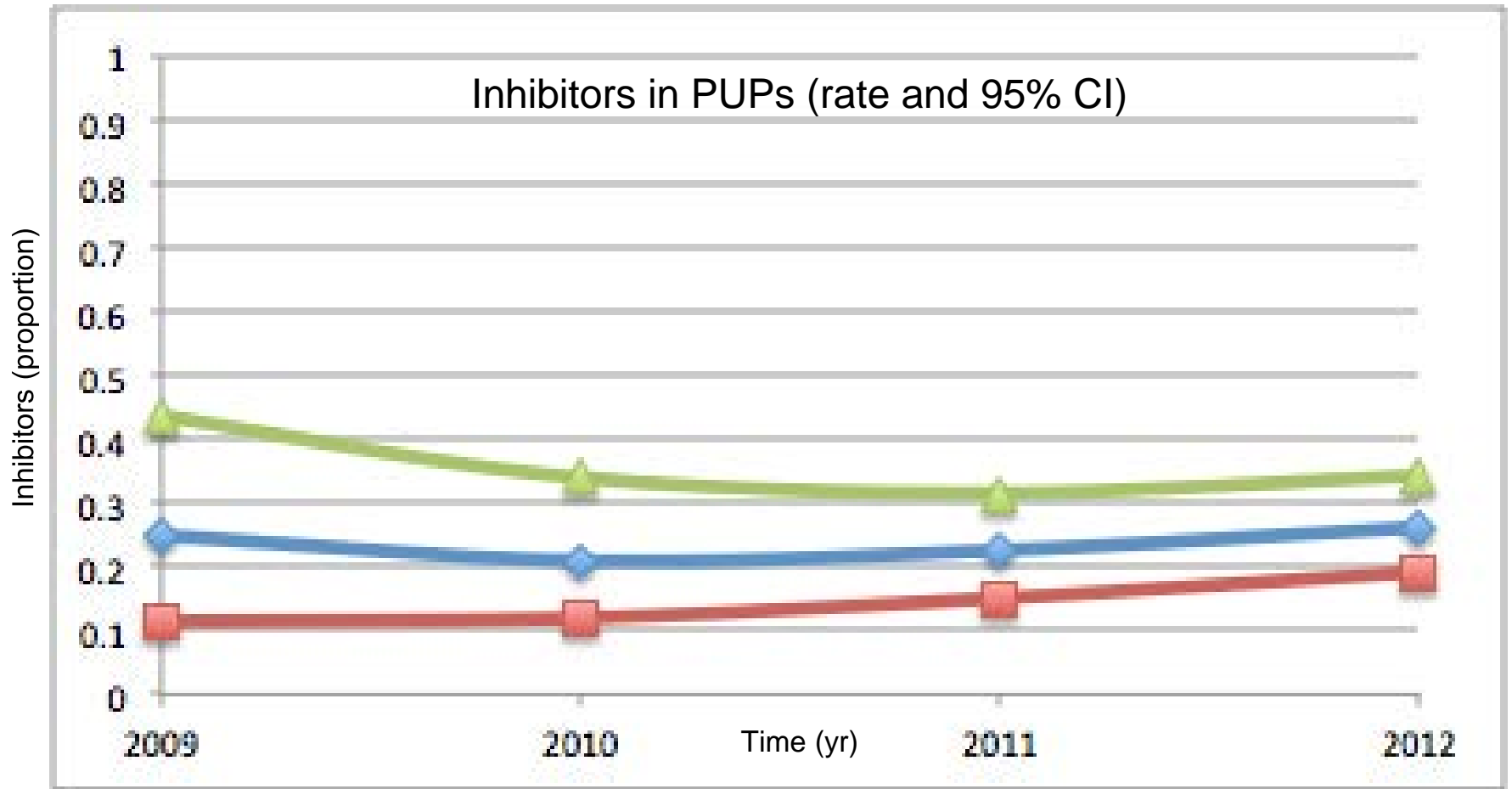
Legend: N, number; F, Failures; RHR, Relative Hazard Ratio.

Variables included :

- FVIII source
- dose regimen

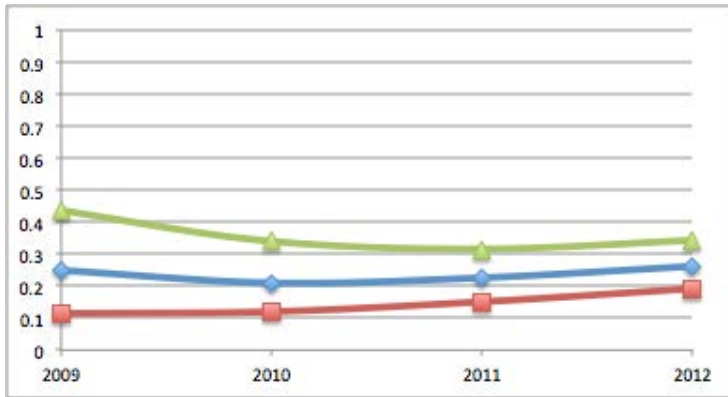
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- ⊗ Analysis results did show that, when adjusting for covariates, there is no difference between plasma derived and recombinant
- ⊗ Paper submitted to Thrombosis and Haemstasis

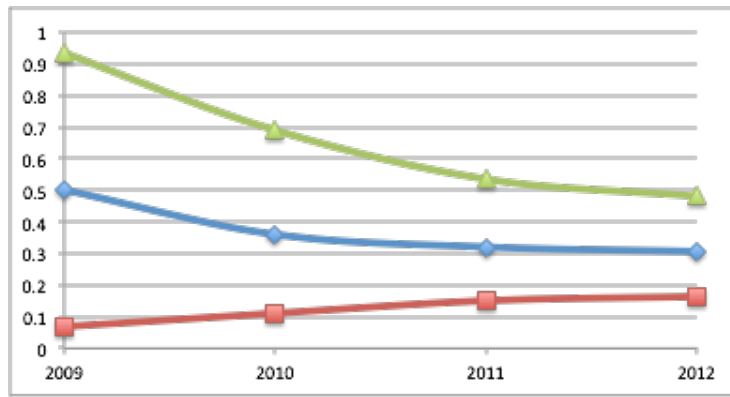


Cases	8	12	24	37
At risk	32	56	106	141

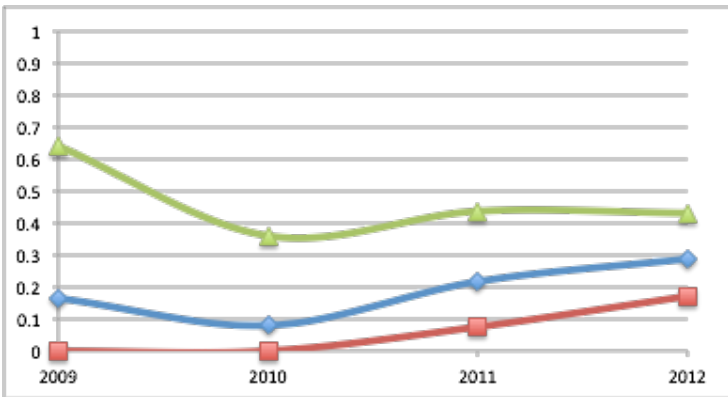
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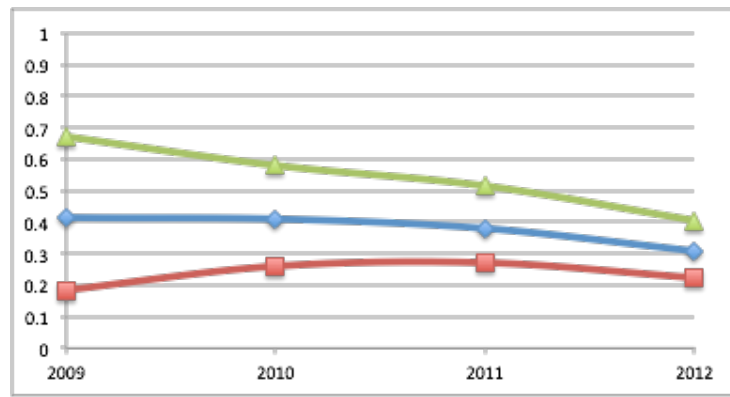
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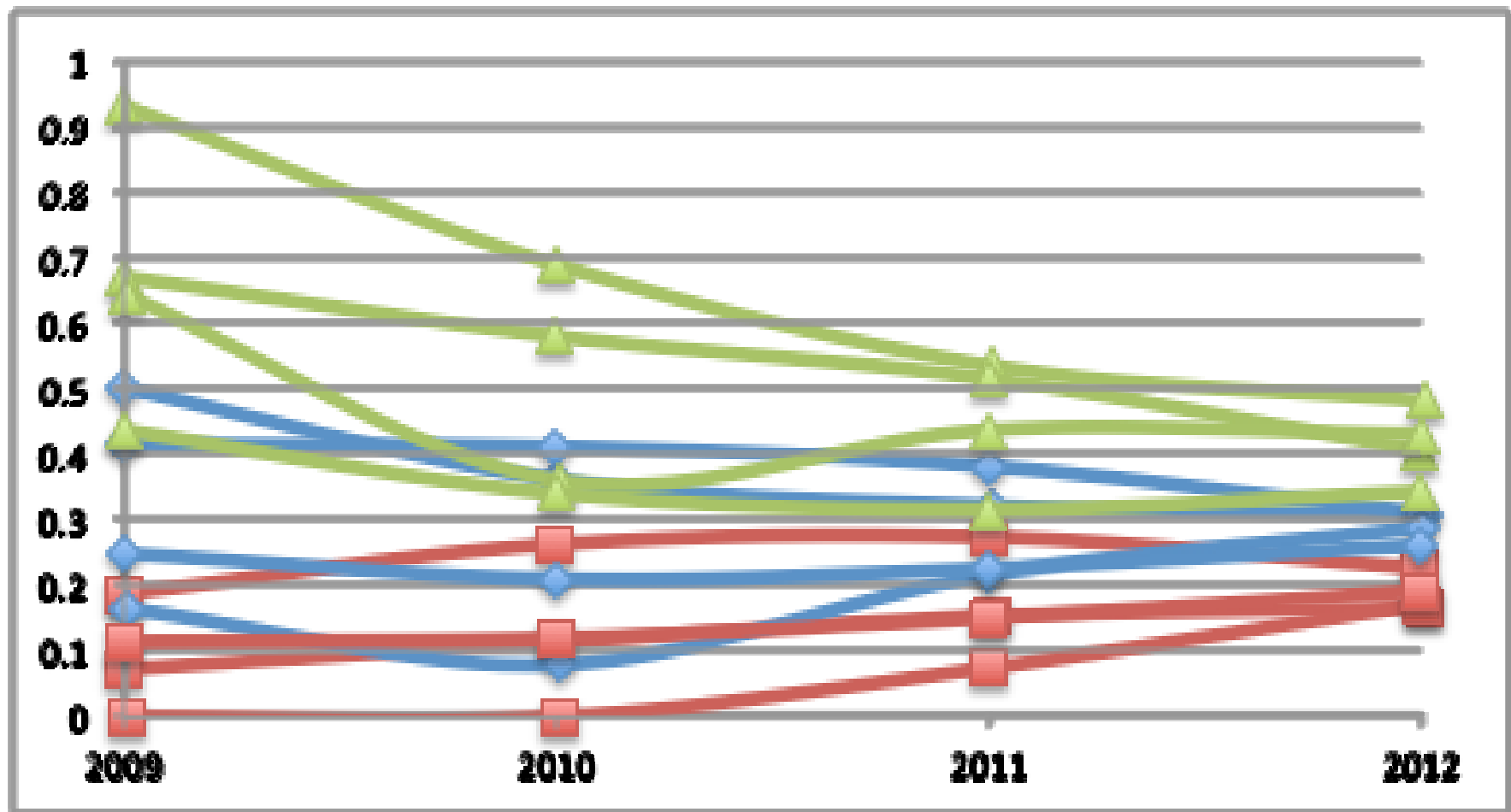


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 4            11            25            36



7            17            26            33  
 17            41            67            107





Year	2009	2010	2011	2012
Inhib	8	34	63	96
Exposed	59	121	221	336
<b>Proportion</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.29</b>

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Factor VIII Products and Inhibitor Development in Severe Hemophilia A

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ABSTRACT



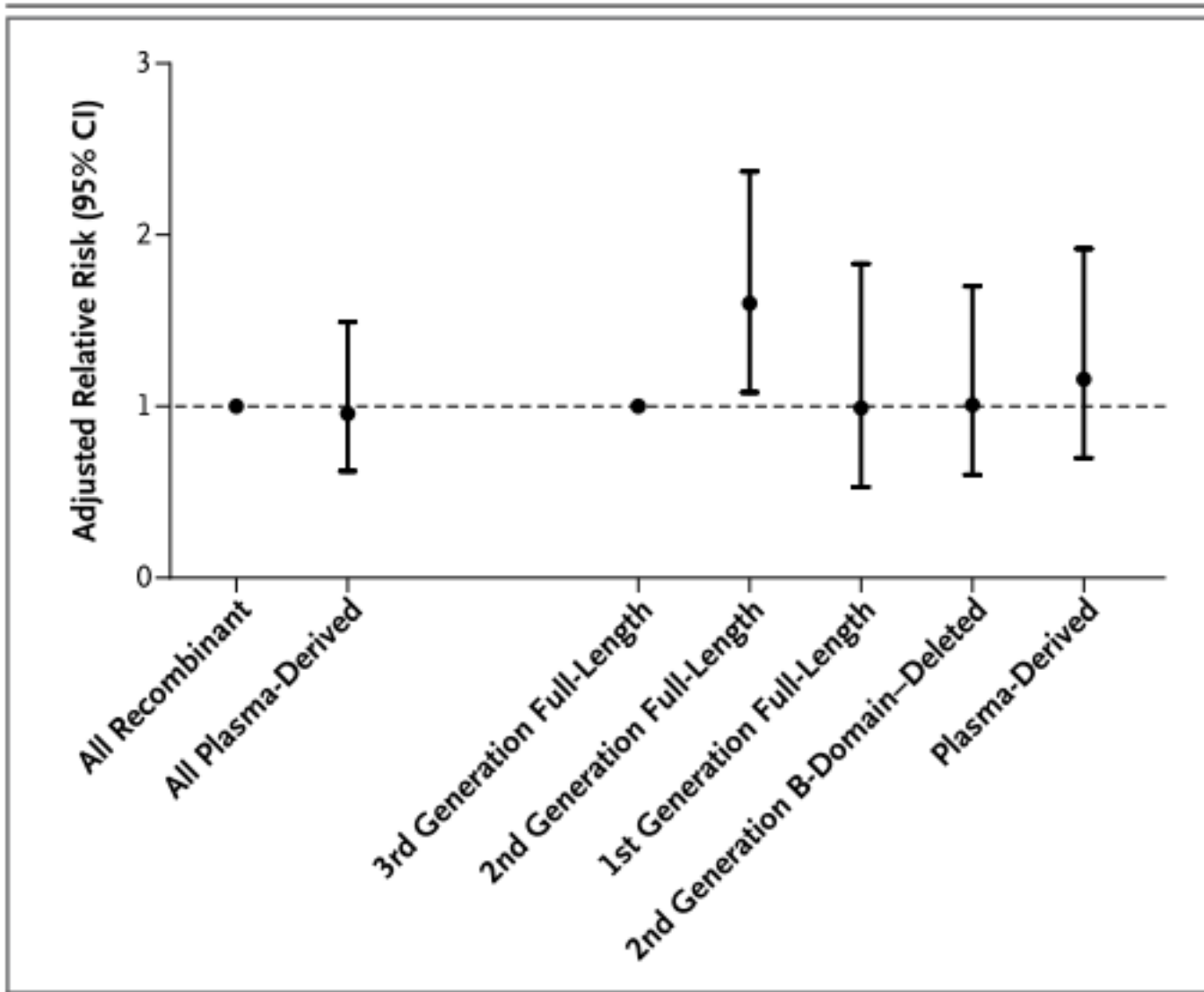
# The RODIN study

- **Strengths**

- Naturalistic, large
- Controlled (parallel, head-to-head)
- Very high data quality

- **Weaknesses**

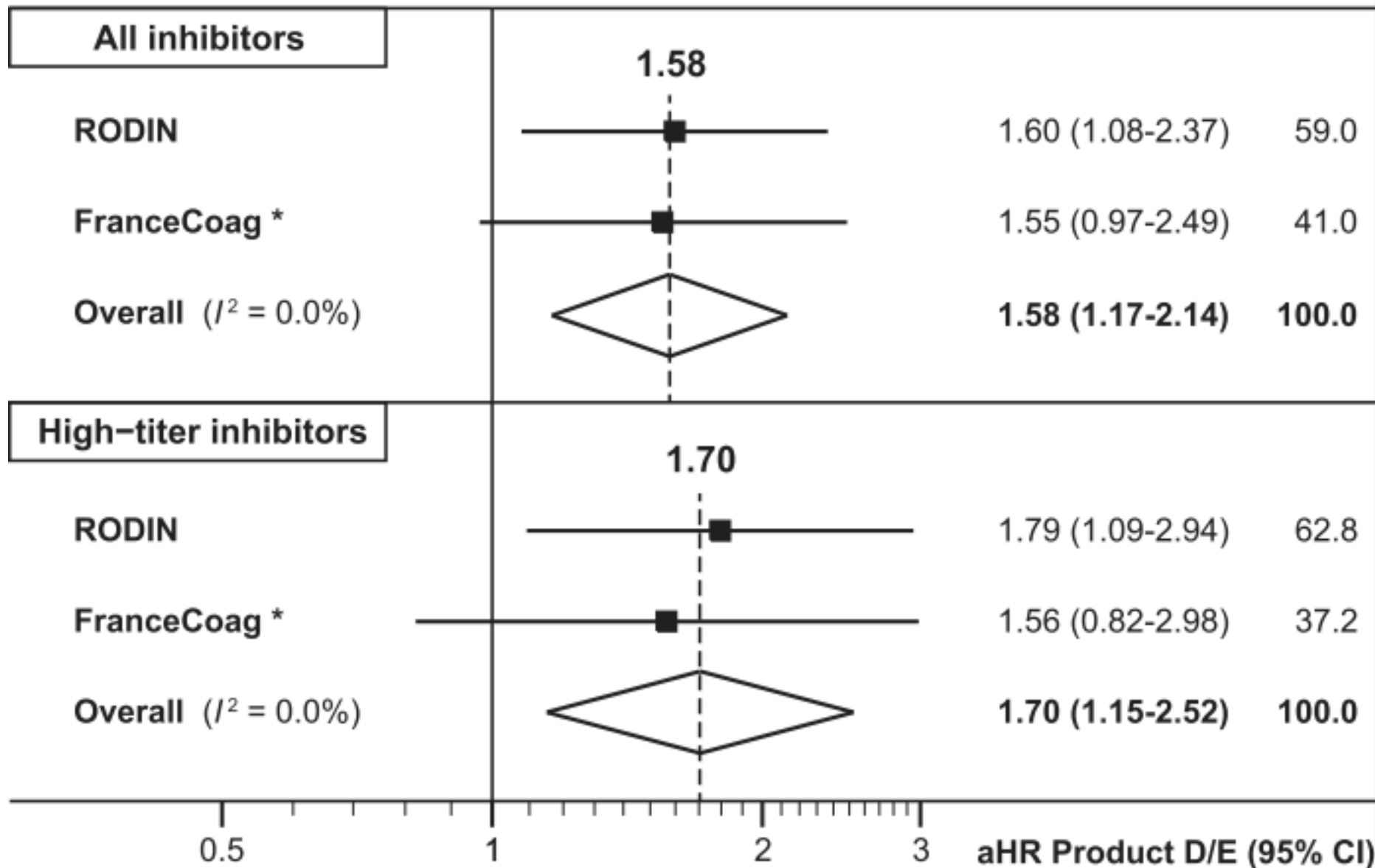
- Residual confounding
- Intrinsic to the design
- Analytical approach



Outcome and study

aHR (95% CI)

Weight (%)

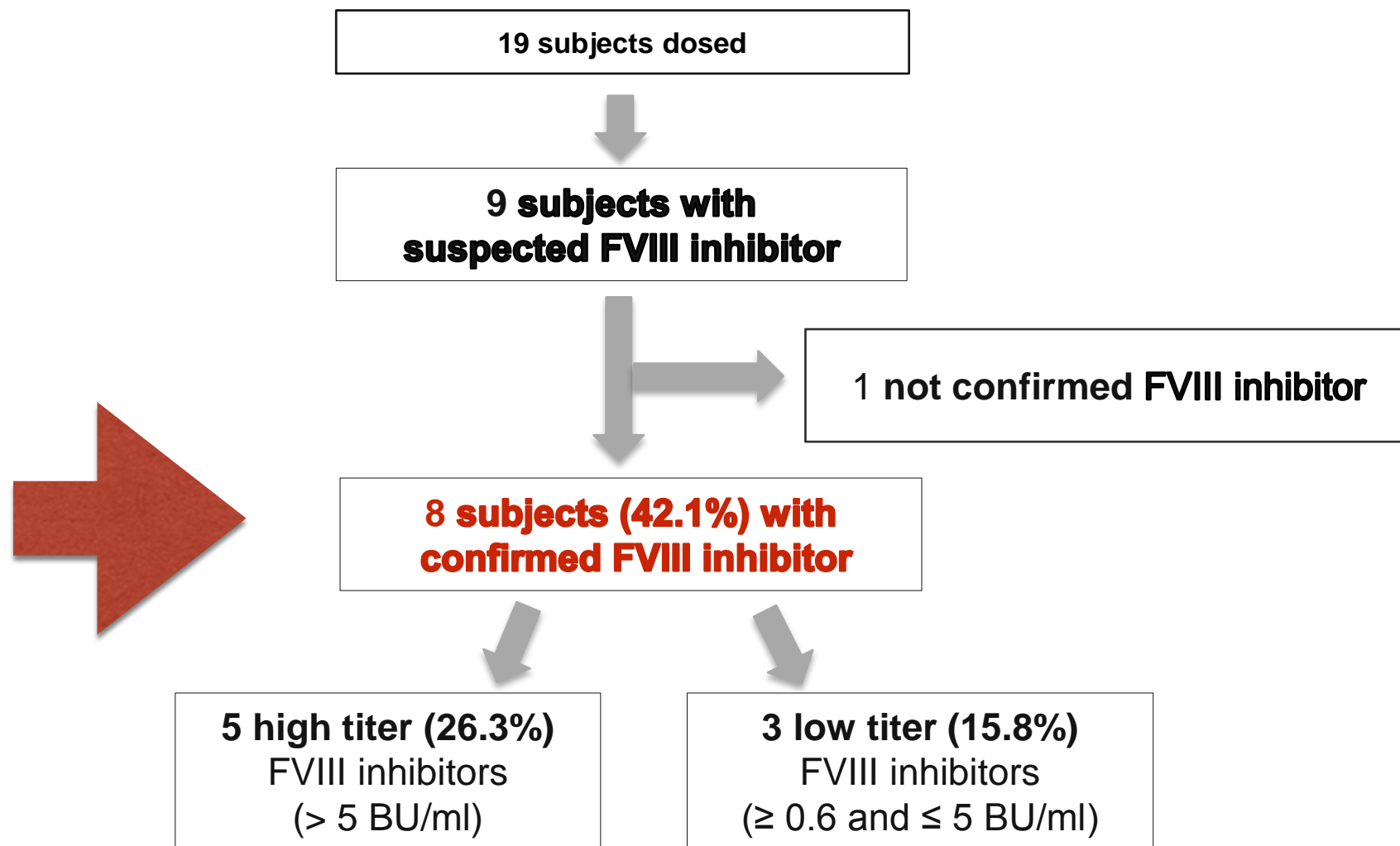


\* After exclusion of the 50 boys who were also included in the RODIN study

# Unpublished data omitted

- ⊗ Sensitivity analysis of the French data show that all the effect is due to 3 centers
- ⊗ These were those observing low inhibitor rate with Kogenate in the early 2000, and likely selected high risk patients to be treated with kogenate





Courtesy of Guenter Auesrwald: ASH, New Orleans, 2013.



## Role of concentrate type: PUPs

**Not any important difference  
suggested by assessment of  
the overall body of evidence**

# Summary .1

- The risk of inhibitors associated with treatment (source / dose)
  - Cannot be estimated from observational studies without accounting for the effect of confounders
  - The interaction between the candidate predictor and the confounders should always be tested

# Summary .2

- The risk of inhibitors associated with treatment (source / dose)
  - Might benefit from use of sophisticated statistical analysis techniques, eg propensity score analysis
  - This might:
    - Increase consistency of evidence from imperfect observation
    - Help in better planning future studies



**Thank You**

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