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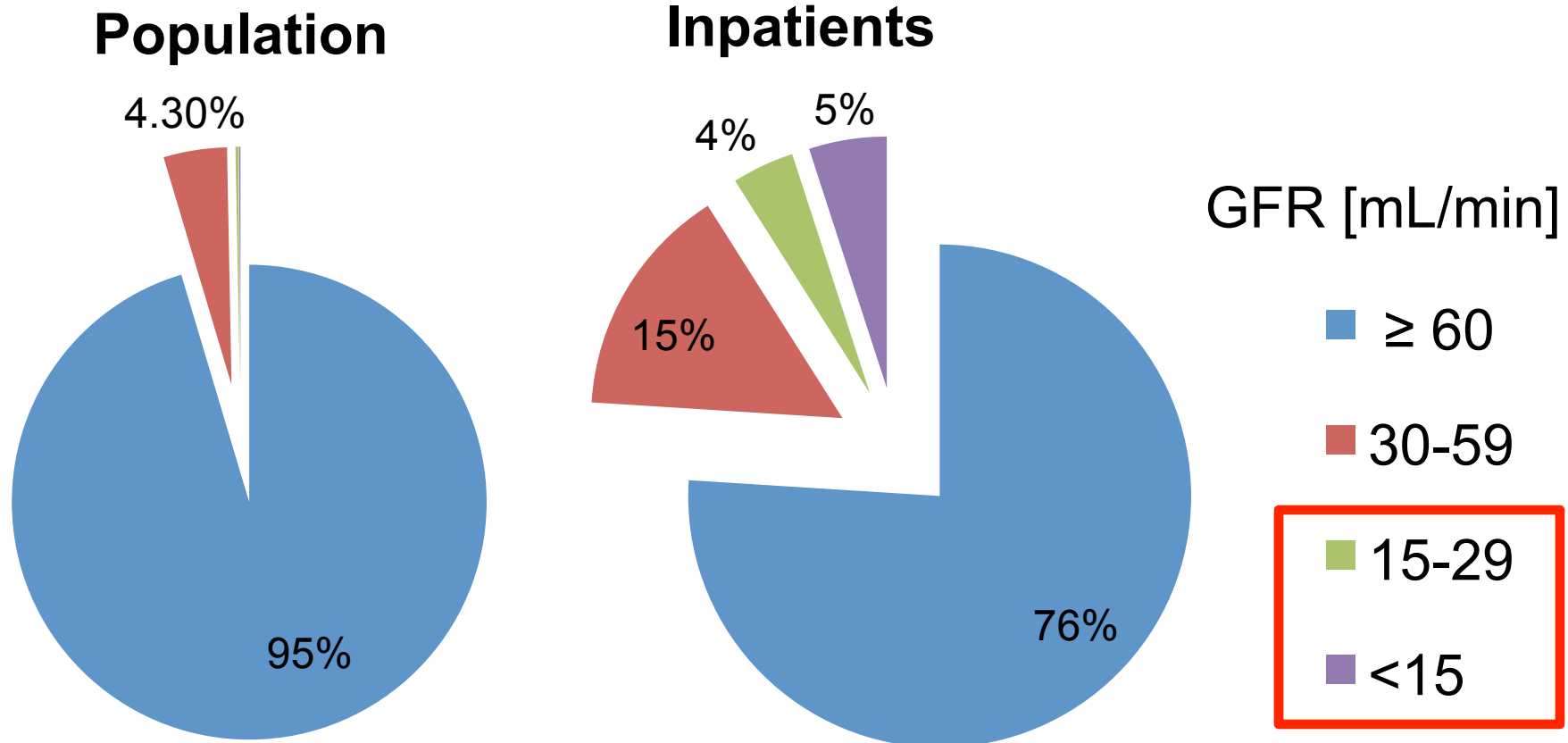
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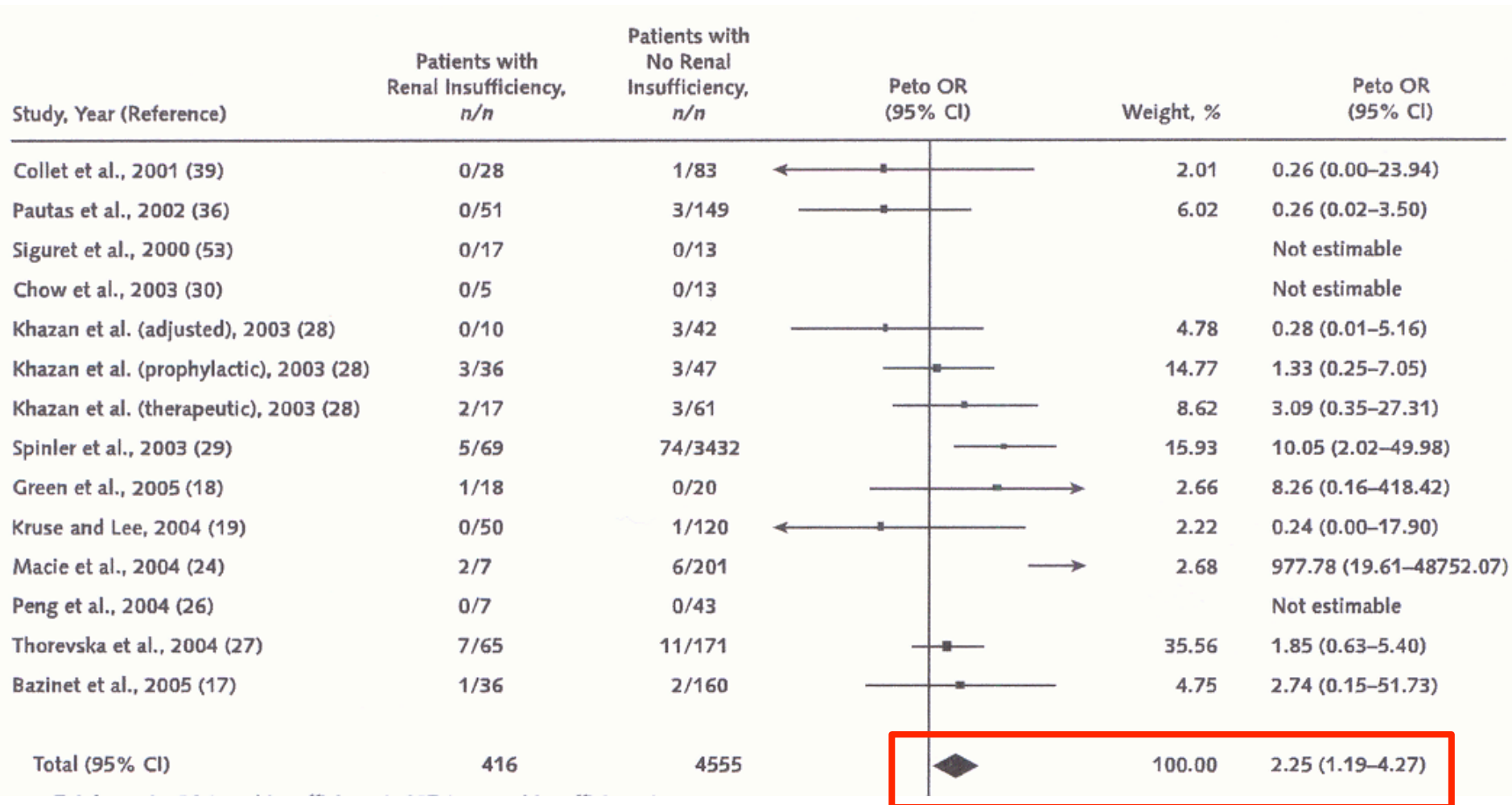
# Agenda

- Introduction
- Vitamin K antagonists (VKA)
- Unfractionated heparins (UFH)
- Low-molecular-weight heparins (LMWH)
  - Pharmacokinetics
  - Clinical data
- Summary

# Renal Insufficiency - Prevalence



# LMWH: Bleeding risk



# Risks: Bleeding / Thrombosis

- Balance the increased risks
  - bleeding
  - thromboembolic events
  
  - increased bleeding risk not dependent on used anticoagulant
  
  - TE events > bleeding

# Vitamin K antagonists (VKA)

- since 1950s
- metabolism: hepatic

	$t_{1/2}$	renal fraction of final excretion
Warfarin	~ 40 h	~ 90%



# Warfarin dose in RI

- moderate RI             $\Delta$  dose       - 9.5 %
- severe RI                 $\Delta$  dose       - 19 %

→ adjust dose to INR

# Vitamin K antagonists (VKA)

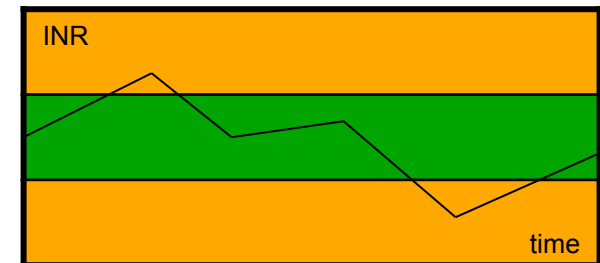
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	$t_{1/2}$	renal fraction of final excretion
Acenocoumarol	~ 8-11 h	~ 60%
Warfarin	~ 40 h	~ 90%
Phenprocoumon	~ 160 h	~ 35%



# VKA: time in range

Meta-analysis	60%
Anticoagulation clinics or family doctor	32 - 77%
self-monitoring target range	72%
self-monitoring safety range 2.0 – 4.5	95%



# VKA and severe RI

- adjust dose to target INR
- dose may be lower (20%)
- inter-individual variability
- **caution: over-anticoagulation**
  - bleeding risk
  - kidney damage
  - more frequent INR checks
  - patient education

# Unfractionated heparin (UFH)

- discovered 1916, clinical trials 1935
- sulphated glycosaminoglycan, 12-15 kDa
- bound to plasma proteins
- Metabolism: RES, liver heparinases
- Excretion: renal, mostly inactive, depolymerized
  
- $t_{1/2}$  30-120 min
  - continuously i.v.
  - frequently s.c. (bioavailability only 15-40%)

# Unfractionated heparin (UFH)

- Liver function / kidney function
- Acute phase
- Monitoring: anti-Xa activity, aPTT, TT, PiCT
- **Adjust dose to target range**
- Advantages
  - short  $t_{1/2}$
  - antagonist Protamine

# LMWH

- depolymerized UFH
- in general more effective and safer than UFH
- known for renal clearance → accumulation
- intermittent use for hemodialysis

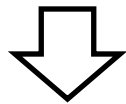


# LMWH: Metabolism & Elimination

LMWH \*

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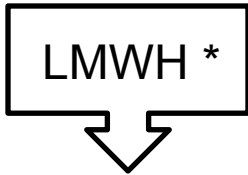
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Urine

Radioactivity 69%  
Anti-Xa activity 10%

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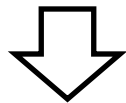


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## 2. Various LMWH



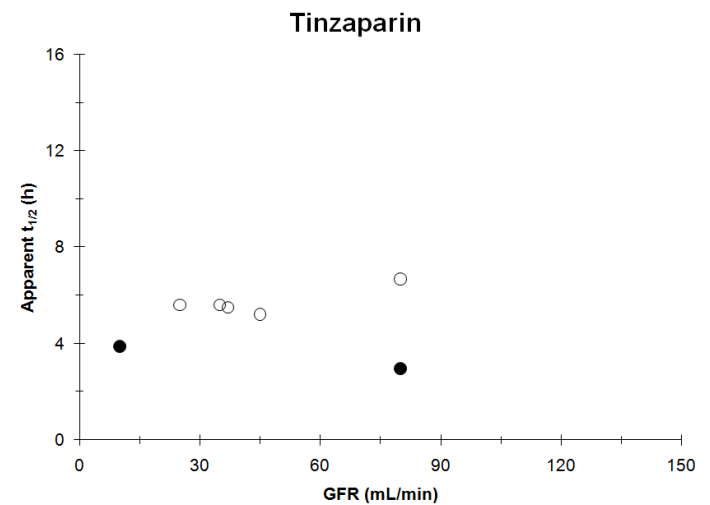
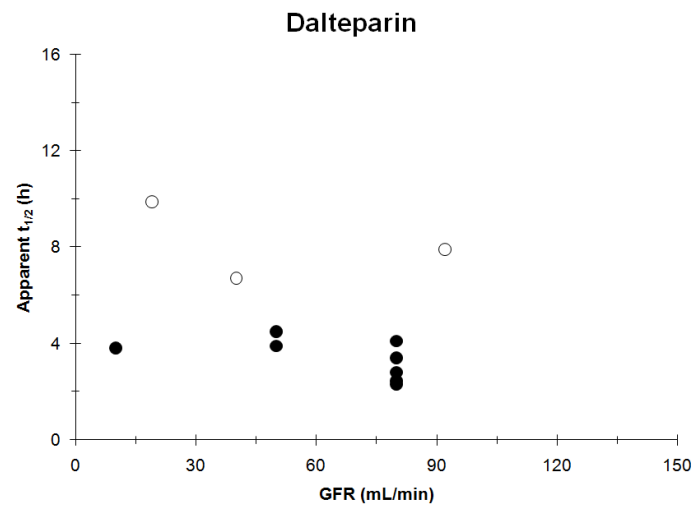
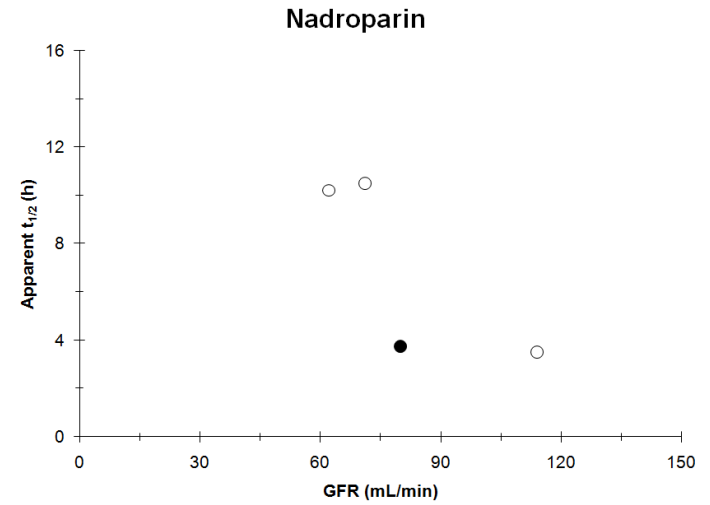
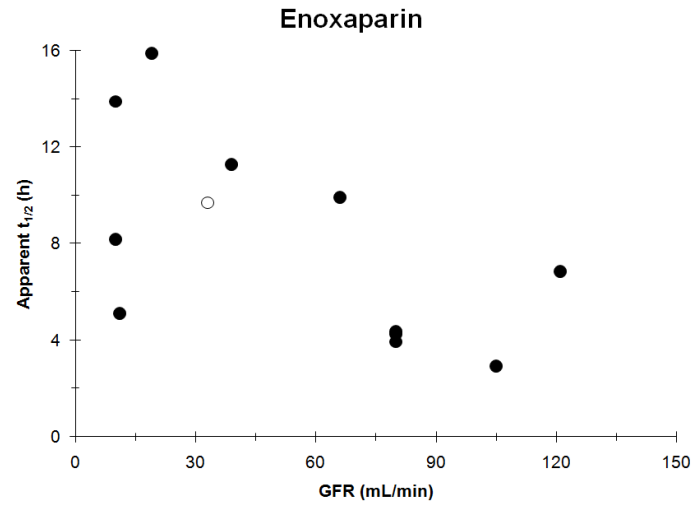
	<u>Renal fraction</u> of total drug clearance
Dalteparin	3%
Nadroparin	4%
Enoxaparin	6-8%



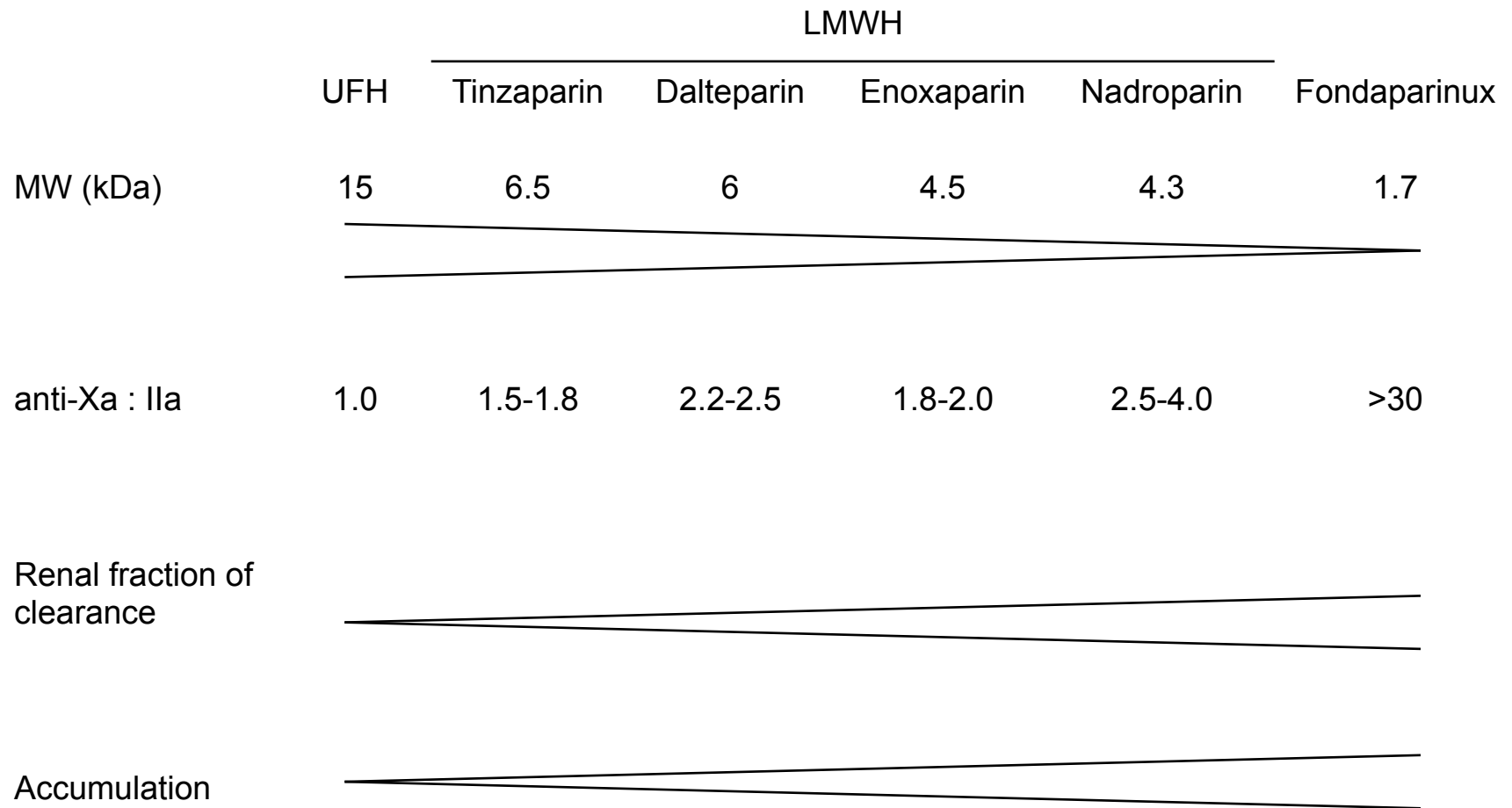
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# Apparent $t_{1/2}$

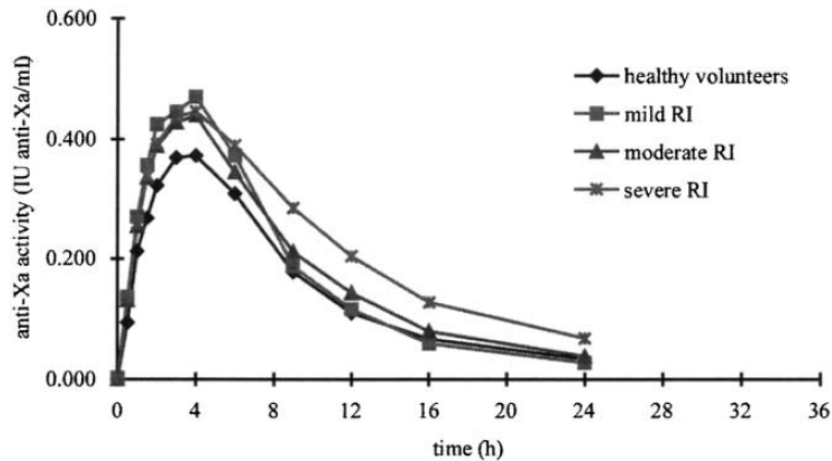


# Properties of LMWHs



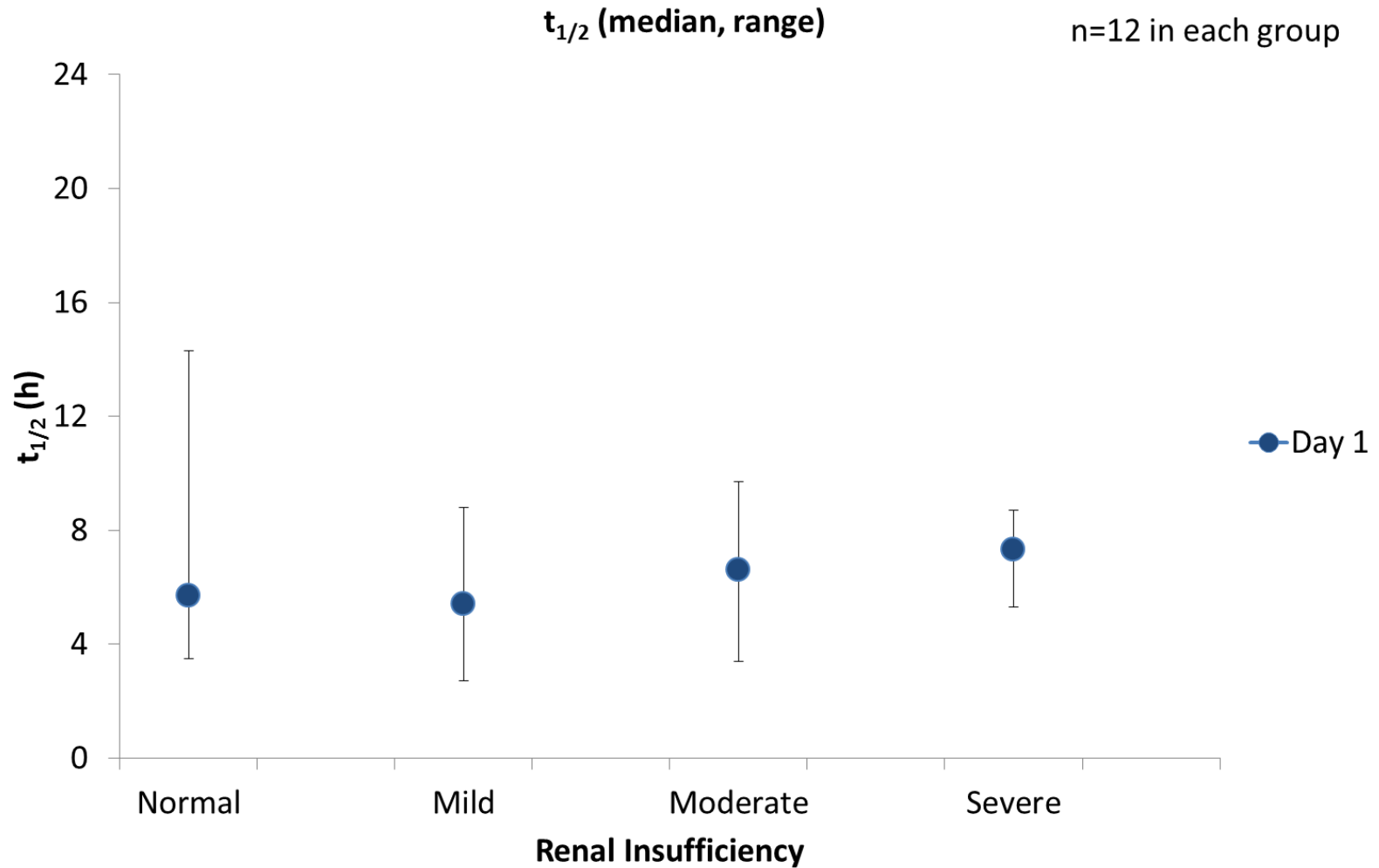
# Observation time

- Enoxaparin 40 mg / d
- n=12 in each group
- Pharmacokinetic profiles



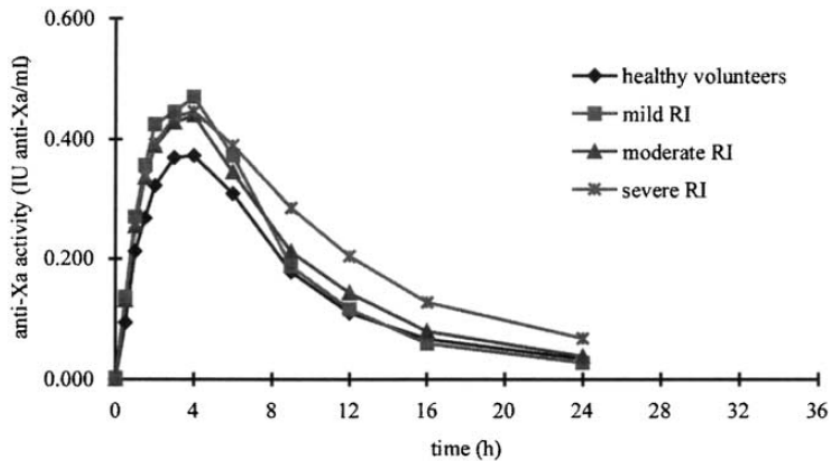
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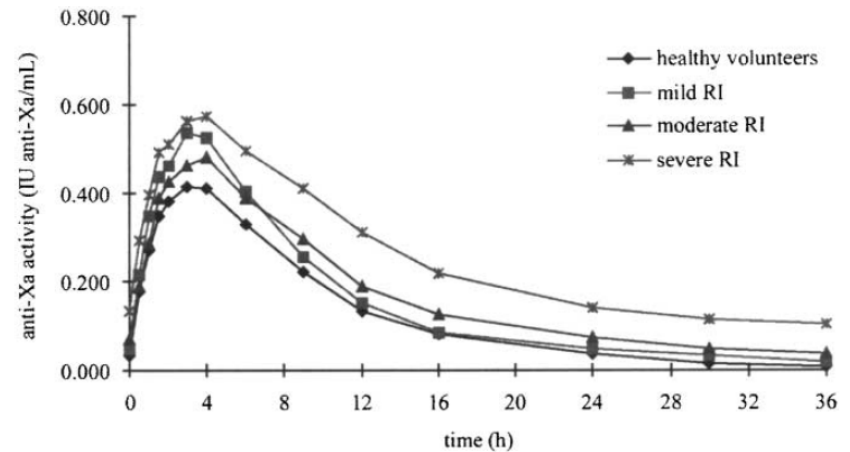


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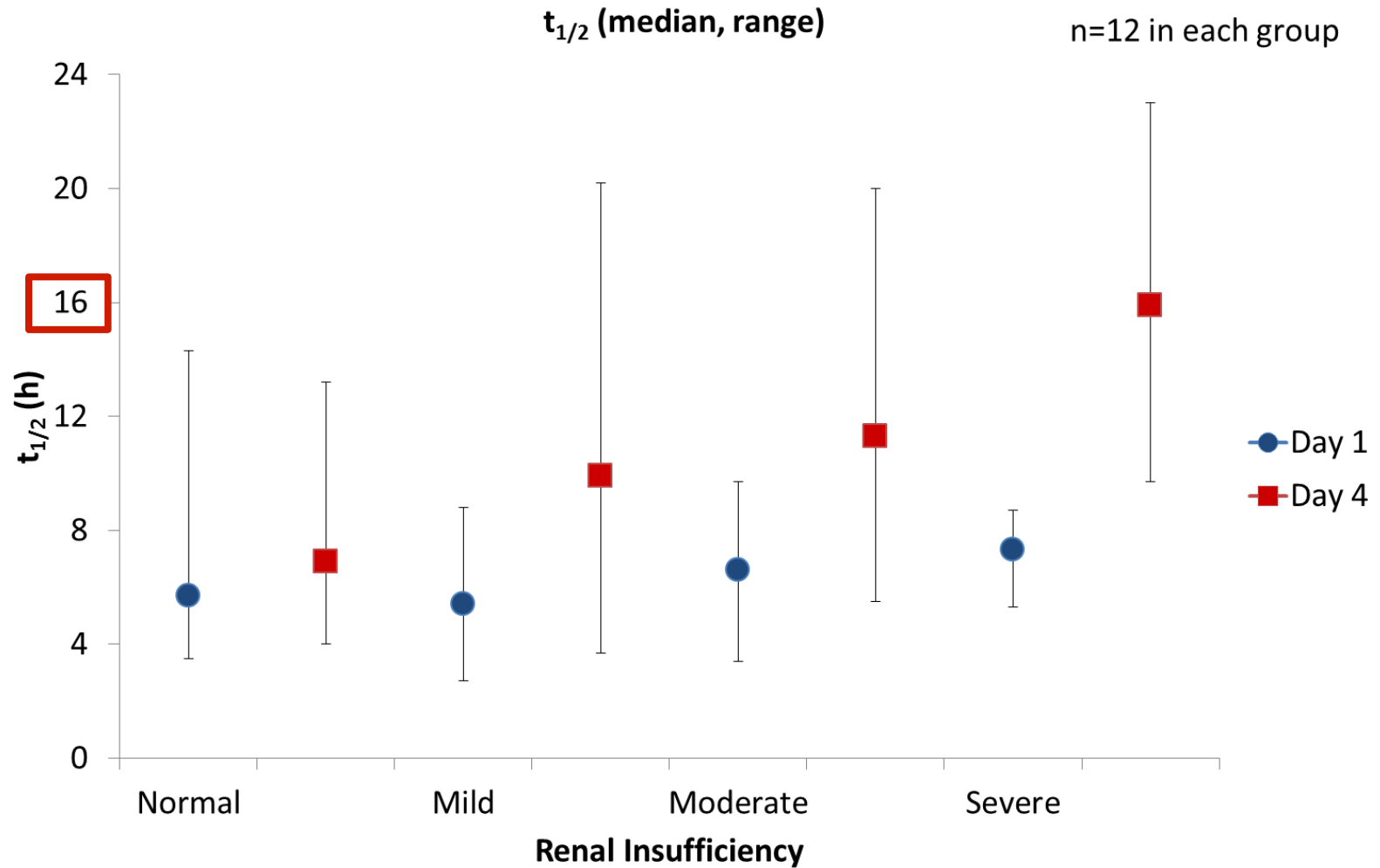
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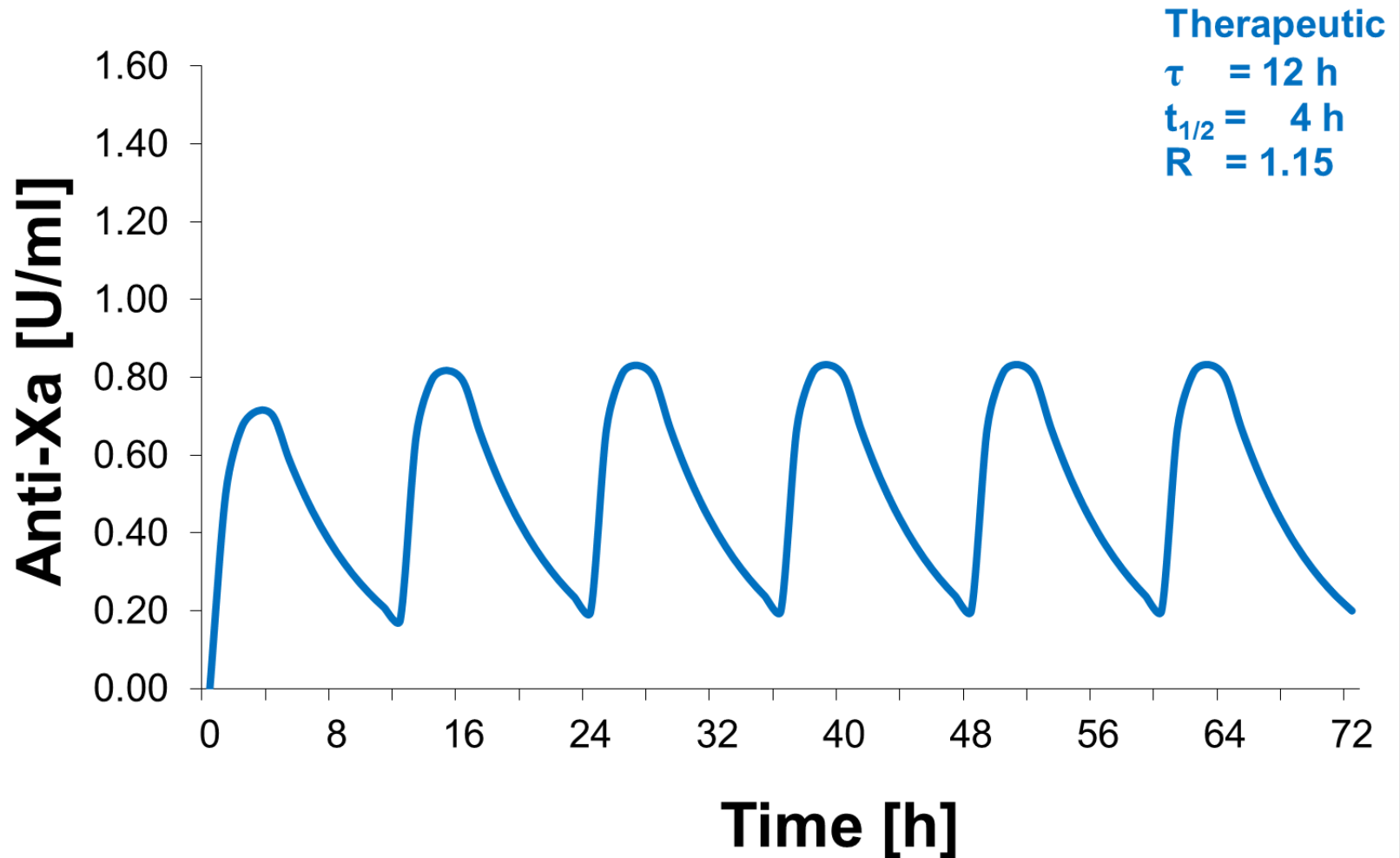
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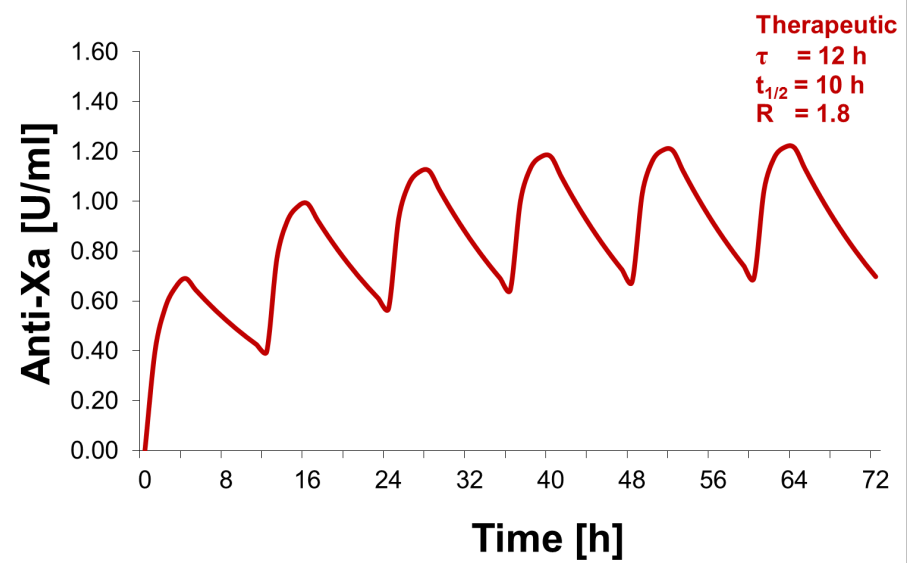
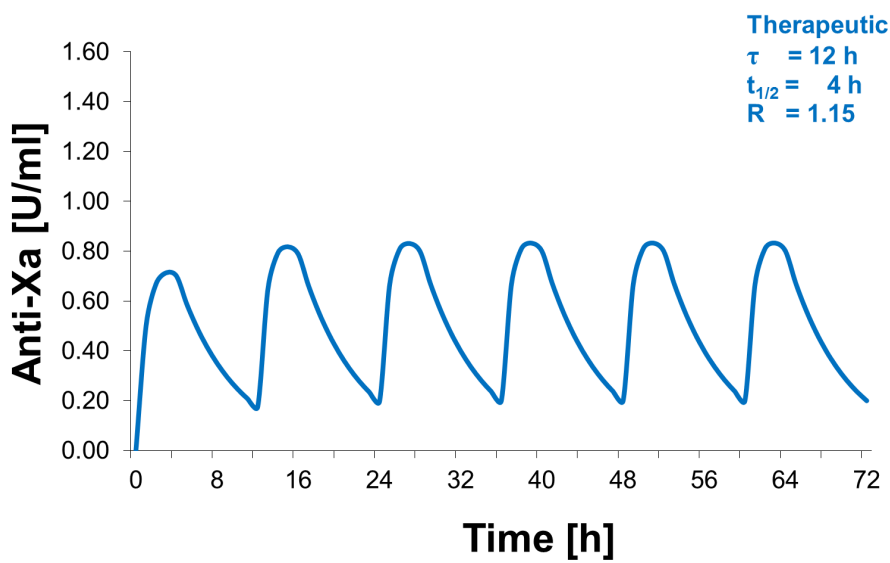
# $t_{1/2}$ VS. $\tau$

- Bioaccumulation related to ratio of  $t_{1/2}$  and  $\tau$
- LMWH  $t_{1/2}$  3-4 h
- Prophylaxis  $\tau$  24 h
- Therapeutic  $\tau$  12 h (or high dose / 24 h)
- Consequence: Recommendations for prophylaxis (may) differ from therapy

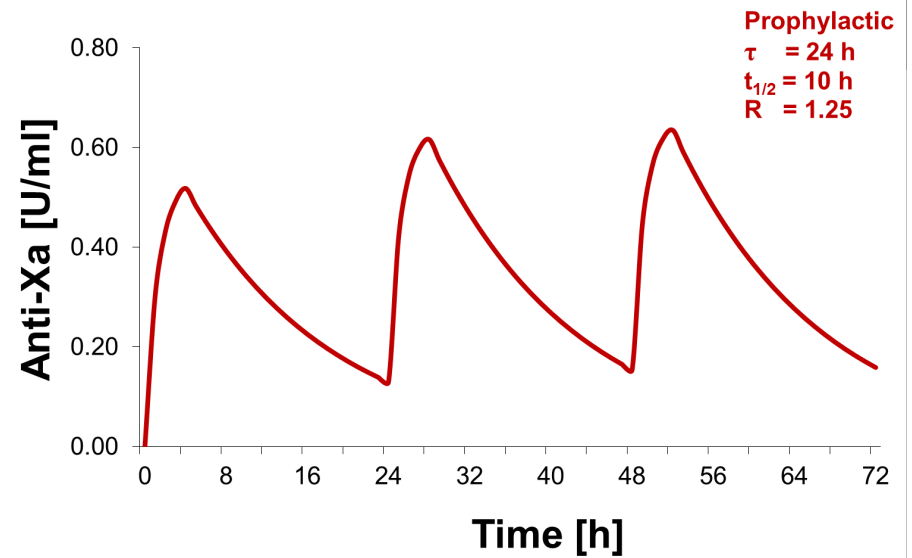
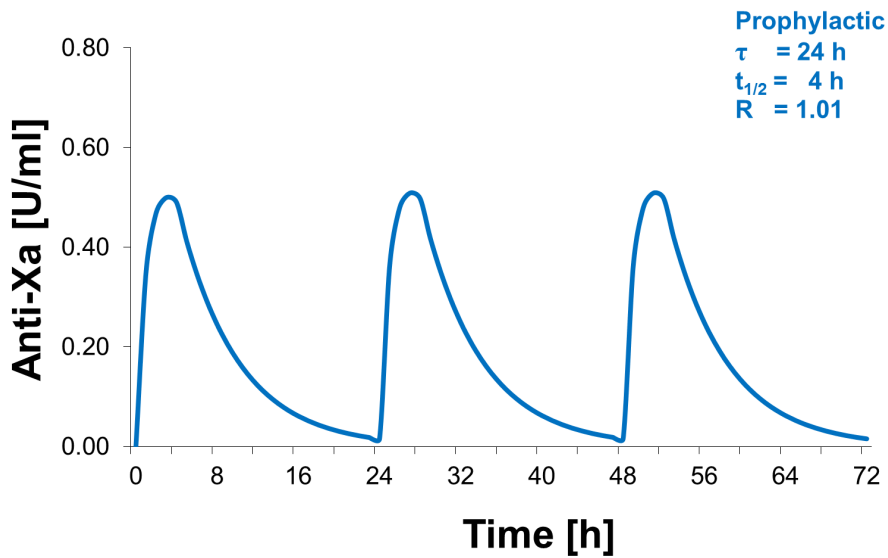
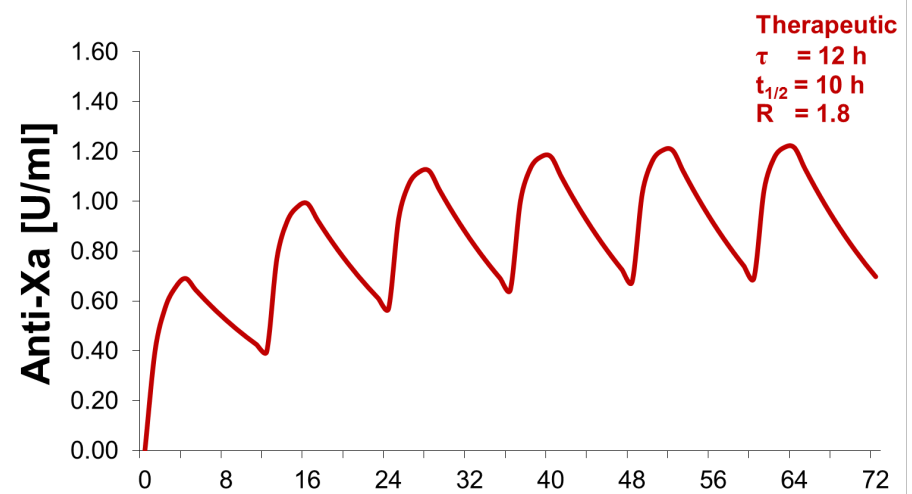
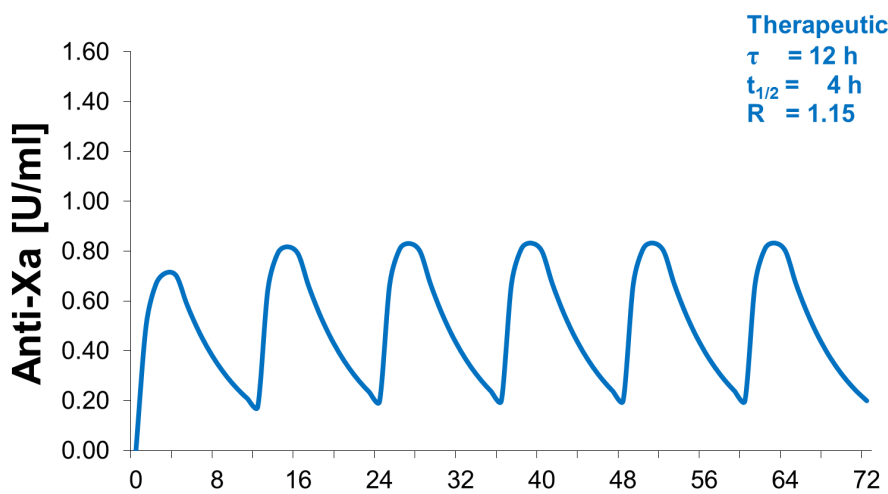
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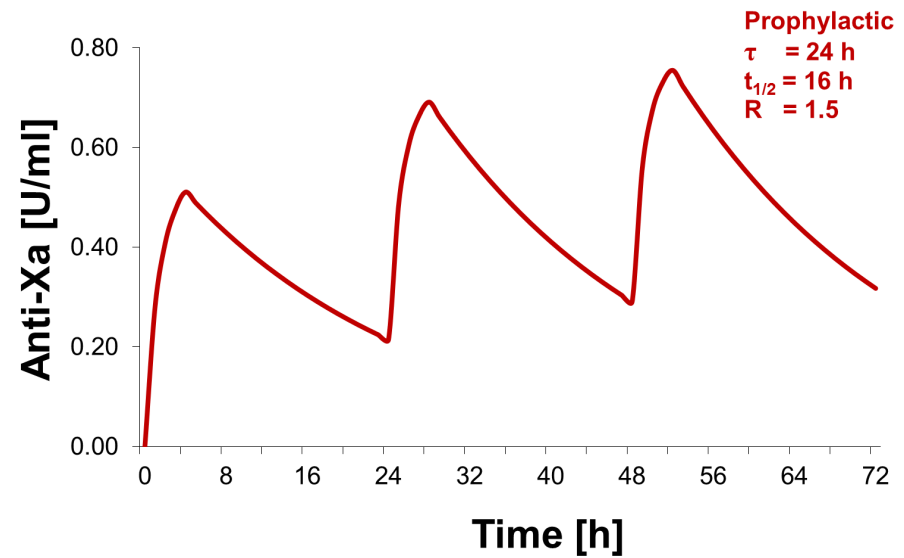
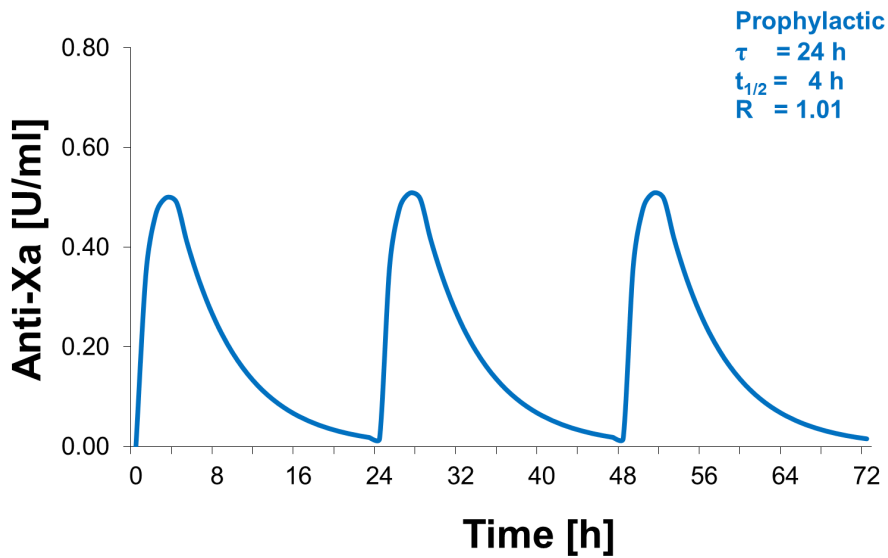
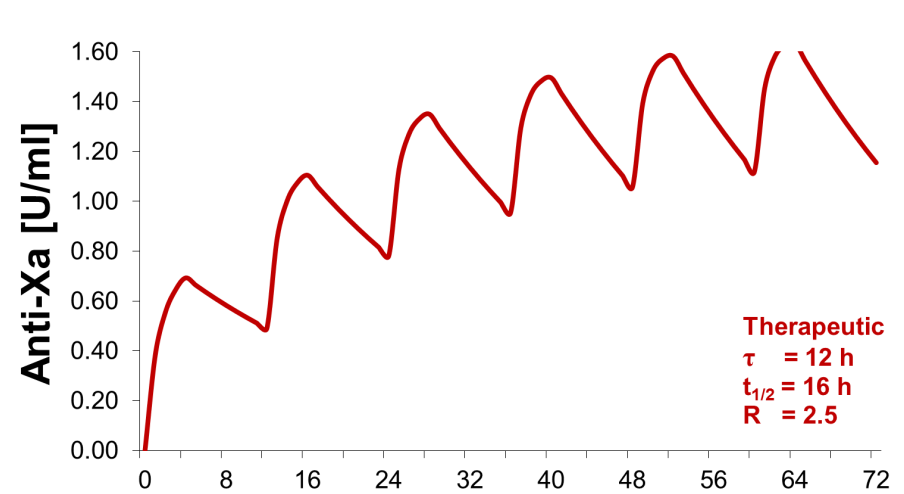
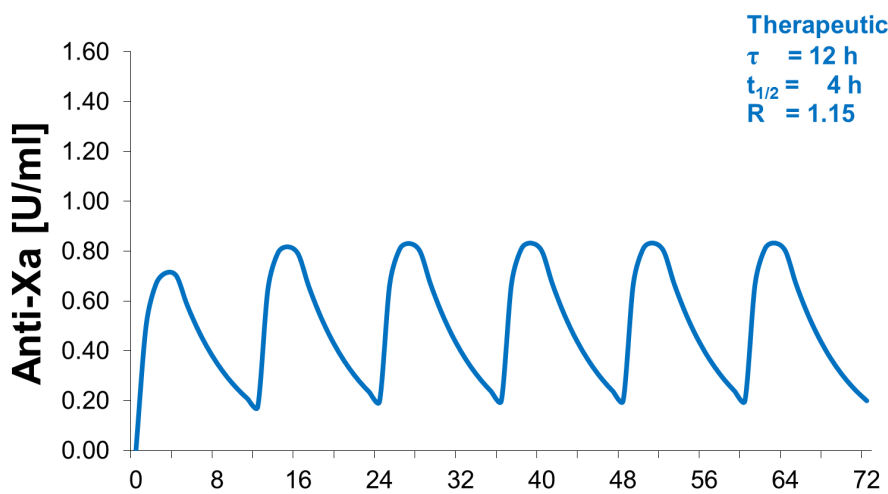
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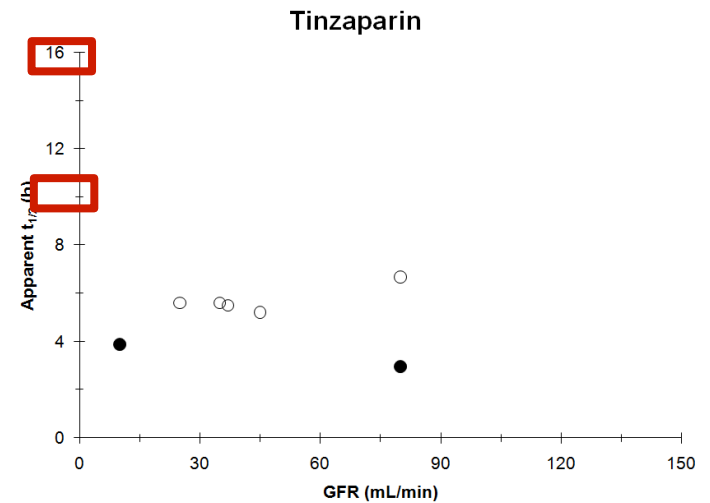
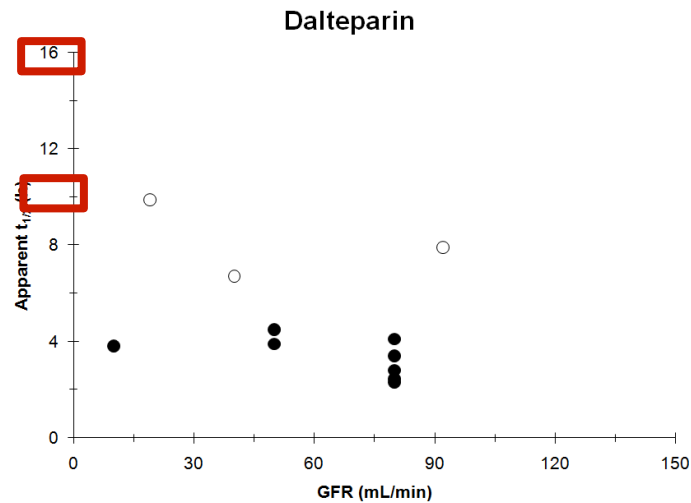
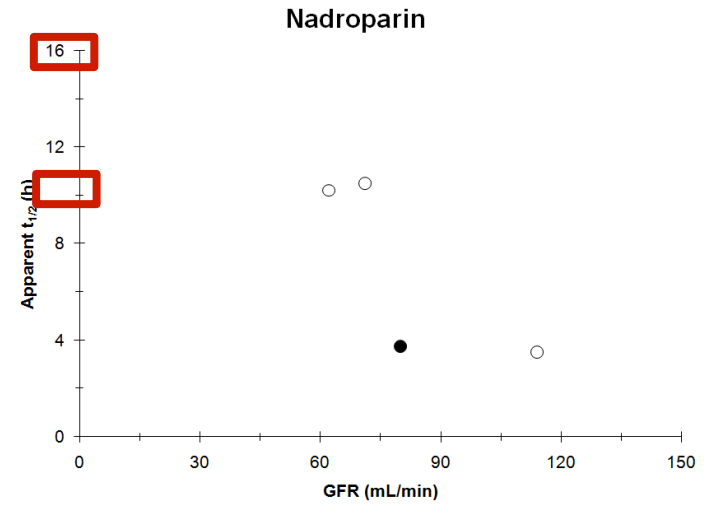
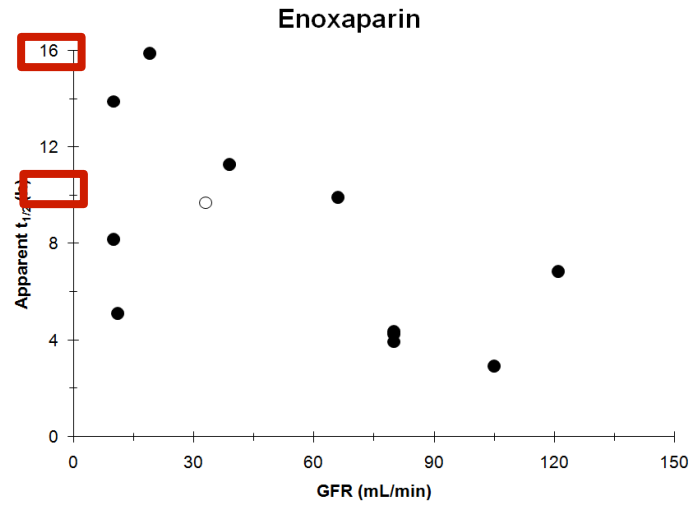
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# Apparent $t_{1/2}$



# LMWH

- various LMWH
  - different properties
  - different pharmacokinetics
- Different setting: Prophylaxis – Therapy
  - Recommendations (may) differ
- Long-term data needed for proper PK data
- Clinical end points



# Enoxaparin

- Most data: pharmacokinetic and clinical
- Lots of data on acute coronary syndrome
- Dosing suggestion for severe RI in drug monograph

# Enoxaparin

- Therapeutic

- ACS, severe RI (post-hoc analysis)

- TE event 26% compared to no RI 17% (trend)

- Bleeding 6.6% compared to no RI 1.1% (sig.)

- Bleeding: No difference whether UFH-LMWH

- Dosing scheme deduced and prospectively validated

- severe RI: use 65% of dose

- adjust to target peak anti-Xa 0.5 – 1.0 U/ml

# Enoxaparin

- Therapeutic
  - ACCP & product monograph: dose reduction to 50%
  
- Prophylactic
  - ACCP & product monograph: dose reduction to 50%
  - USA: 2x 30 mg/d → 1x 30 mg/d
  - Europe: 1x 40 mg/d → 1x 20 mg/d
  
  - risk of under-dosage?

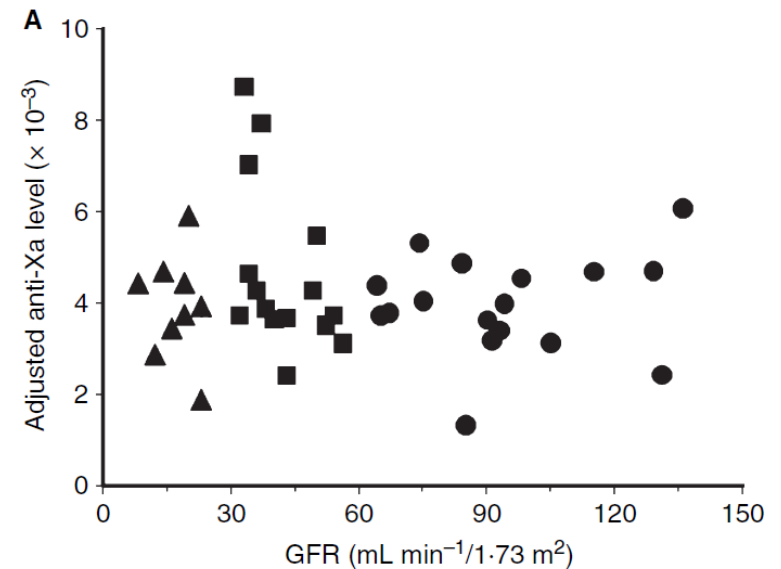
# Nadroparin

- Therapeutic
  - significant increase in peak anti-Xa already with mild RI
  - calculated  $t_{1/2}$ : 10 h with GFR 60 ml/min

# Dalteparin

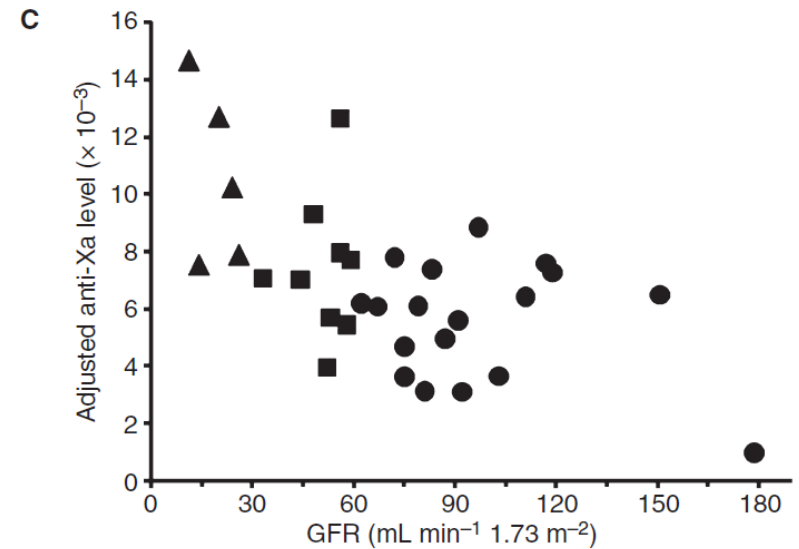
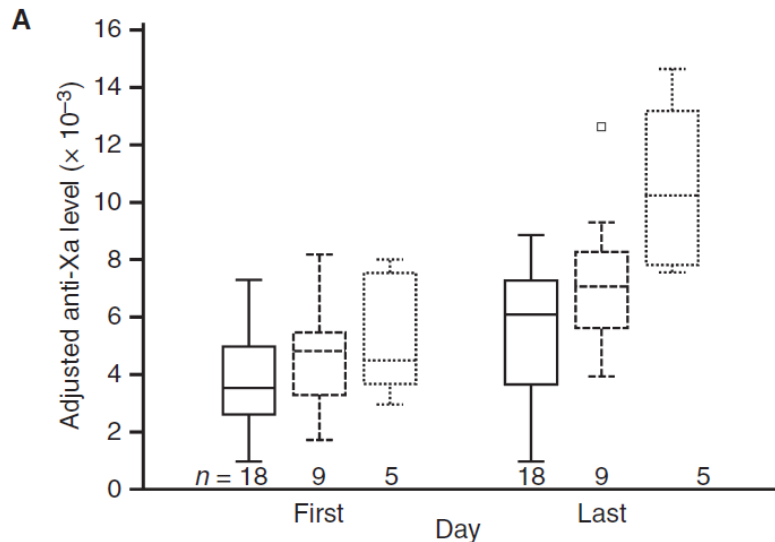
- Prophylactic
  - ICU: n=138, CrCl  $19 \pm 7$  ml/min  
anti-Xa in range 0.29 – 0.34 U/ml  
for median 7 days (IQR 4-12)
  - general ward: pharmacokinetics  
no bioaccumulation > 30%  
for median 10 days (4-13)

$$\text{adjusted anti-Xa [kg mL}^{-1}] = \frac{\text{anti-Xa [U mL}^{-1}] \cdot \text{weight [kg]}}{\text{dose [U]}}$$



# Dalteparin

- Therapeutic
  - general ward: pharmacokinetics for median 6 days (IQR 4-10)



# Tinzaparin

- Therapy without dose adjustment
  - 10 days in 8 patients  
CrCl 20-29 ml/min  
no bioaccumulation
- Prophylaxis
  - 8 days in 27 elderly patients  
CrCl  $37 \pm 13$  ml/min  
no significant bioaccumulation

# Tinzaparin

- IRIS: Therapy of VTE, RCT, 25% with CrCl  $\leq$  30 ml/min
- Evaluation on day 90 of treatment
- stopped after interim analysis

	unadjusted Tinzaparin 175 U/kg/d VKA (overlap)	UFH adjusted by aPTT VKA (overlap)	RR (95% CI)
n	269	268	
CrCl	39.9 $\pm$ 12.2 ml/min	39.8 $\pm$ 11.9 ml/min	
Mean Exposure	7.9 d	7.5 d	
Recurrent VTE	5.9%	3.4%	1.8 (0.8–3.9)
Bleeding (s.c. period)	6.7%	5.6%	1.2 (0.6–2.3)
Death any cause	11.5%	6.3%	1.8 (1.03-3.2)



# Certoparin

- Prophylaxis
- sub-group analysis CERTIFY
- GFR  $\leq$  30 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

	Certoparin 3000 U/d	UFH 5000 U 3x/d	OR (95% CI)
n	97	92	
Exposure	9.5 $\pm$ 3.9 d	9.1 $\pm$ 3.5 d	
comb. TE events	6.5%	2.6%	2.60 (0.49 – 13.9)
Bleeding events	5%	14%	0.33 (0.11 – 0.97)
Death any cause	5.4%	5.8%	0.92 (0.26 – 3.30)

# Summary I

- Evaluate renal function, may change
- VKA
  - adjust dose to INR target value
  - expect ~20% lower dose
  - avoid INR > 3
- UFH
  - Adjust dose to monitoring

# Summary II: LMWH & severe RI

- Evaluate bleeding and thrombosis risk  
→ UFH?
- Monitor anti-Xa activity

LMWH *	Prophylaxis	Therapy
Certoparin	3000 U/d	?
Dalteparin	5000 U/d	? adjust to anti-Xa
Enoxaparin	50%: 20mg/d ?	~50%: detailed scheme
Nadroparin	?	?
Tinzaparin	4500 U/d	? 1x 175 U/ kg / d

\* alphabetically listed; summarizing table – evidence varies for each drug

# “Old” anticoagulants

- “well-known” anticoagulants
  - clinical experience
  - rare side effects
- Severe RI: evidence by clinical end-points still limited for several anticoagulants

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