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# The safety and efficacy of oral Edoxaban administration without initial heparin therapy for venous thromboembolism in cancer patients

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# Background

- Approximately 10 - 20 % of cancer patients develop venous thromboembolism (VTE)

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- Newer treatments for VTE include direct oral anticoagulants, (DOACs) such as Edoxaban

# Edoxaban

RECOMMENDED DOSING <sup>1</sup>		
TREATMENT OF DVT/PE	5 TO 10 DAYS OF INITIAL PARENTERAL ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY →	 <b>60 mg</b> once daily for patients with CrCl >50 mL/min
	5 TO 10 DAYS OF INITIAL PARENTERAL ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY →	 <b>30 mg</b> once daily for patients with 1 or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CrCl 15 to 50 mL/min</li><li>• body weight ≤60 kg/132 lb</li><li>• use of certain P-gp inhibitors<sup>a</sup></li></ul>

## INDICATIONS AND USAGE

SAVAYSA is indicated for the treatment of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE) following 5 to 10 days of initial therapy with a parenteral anticoagulant (1.2)

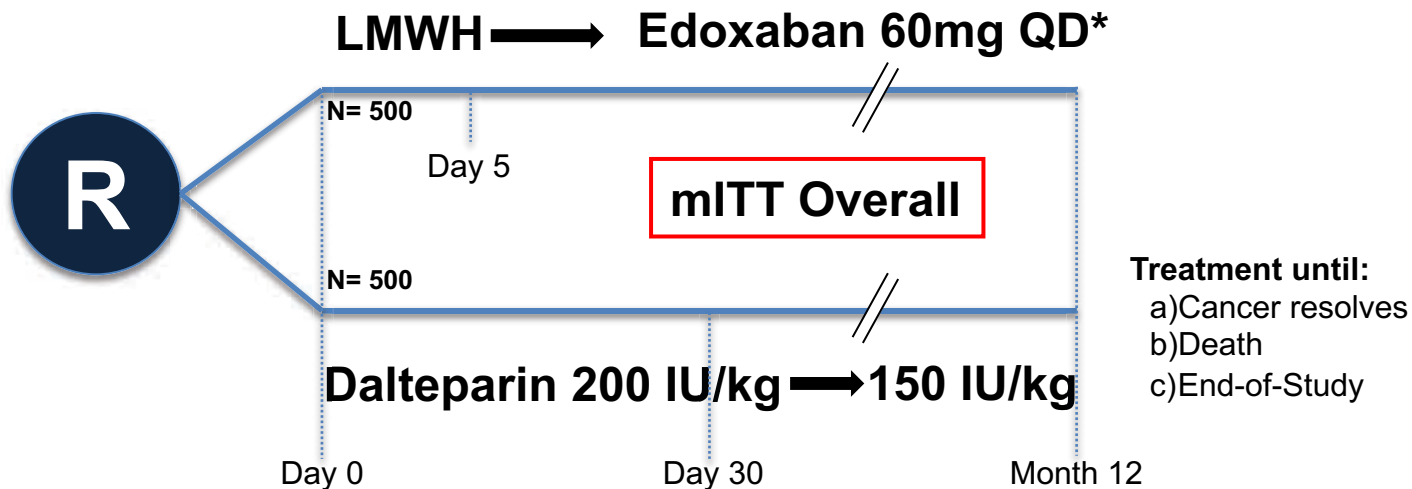
- Edoxaban administration without other initial therapy is increasing
- Further evaluation of safety and efficacy is needed

# Hokusai VTE CANCER Study

## Study Design

prospective, randomized, open label, blinded evaluation

LMWH / Edoxaban 60mg vs Dalteparin in N = 1000 cancer patients with VTE

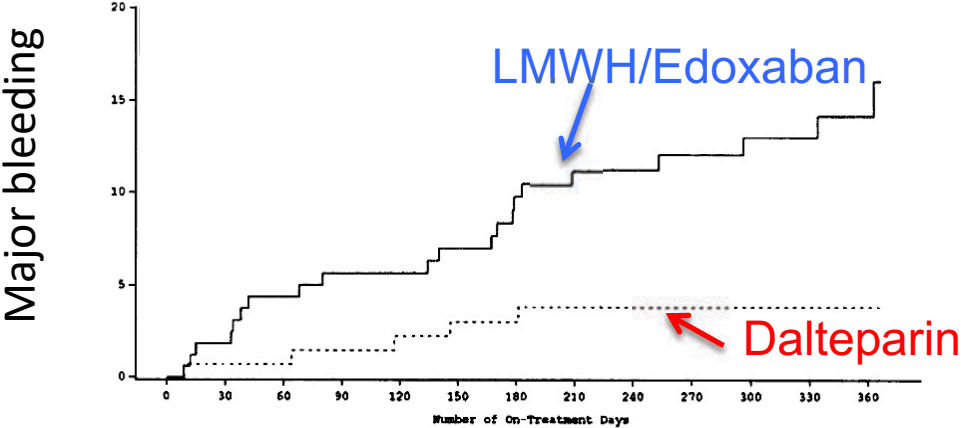


### Primary outcome:

Composite of ISTH major bleeding and recurrent VTE

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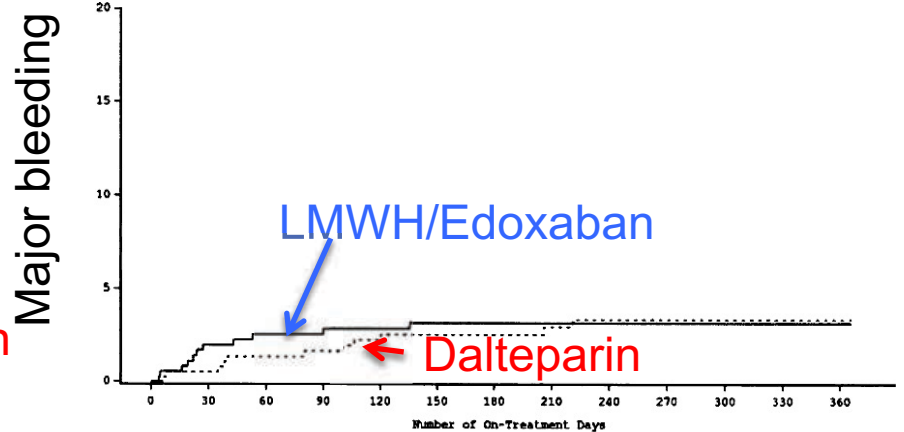
## Gastrointestinal Cancer



Number at Risk:

Edoxaban	165	134	121	108	97	89	79	70	64	59	48	38	28
Dalteparin	140	123	116	108	94	89	79	67	60	54	48	40	25

## Non-Gastrointestinal Cancer



Number at Risk:

Edoxaban	357	315	284	271	255	234	220	190	179	171	144	123	88
Dalteparin	384	347	305	278	254	236	216	151	138	131	108	95	63

# Objective

To investigate the safety and efficacy of  
Edoxaban monotherapy for VTE patients with cancer

# Patients and Methods

## **Study design**

- a single-institutional retrospective review

## **Study Population**

- All the patients administered with Edoxaban in our institution from January 2008 to Dec 2017 were identified.
- Cancer patients who administered Edoxaban for treatment VTE were enrolled.

## **Data Collection**

- Eligible patients were identified through electronic medical record-review extracted by our hospital data warehouse.
- VTE was diagnosed by contrast-enhanced computed tomography (CT) images or ultrasonography performed during the follow-up periods.
- Data cut-off : Dec 31 2017



# Patients and Methods

## Group E

Patients treated with 60 mg or 30 mg **Edoxaban** (dose reduction criteria) from the beginning of DVT treatment

## Group I + E

Patients who received **initial treatments (UFH, Warfarin)** for VTE before using Edoxaban

UFH : Unfractionated heparin

# Initial Anticoagulant

Initial Anticoagulant	Group E (N = 60)	Group I+E (N = 22)
No initial treatment— no. (%)	60 (100)	0 (0.0)
Heparin only— no. (%)	—	8 (36.4)
Warfarin only— no. (%)	—	8 (36.4)
Heparin + Warfarin— no. (%)	—	3 (13.6)
Others— no. (%)	—	3 (13.6)

# Outcomes

## Primary Outcome - Safety

- Major bleeding events , All bleeding events and Early bleeding events

### Major bleeding events

- 1) decrease in the hemoglobin level by  $\geq 2$  g/dL
- 2) the need for at least 2 units of packed RBC transfusion
- 3) bleeding at one or more intracranial, intraspinal, intraocular, intra-pericardial, intra-articular, intramuscular(with compartmental syndrome), or retroperitoneal sites
- 4) clinically apparent acute bleeding, equivalent to lethal bleeding

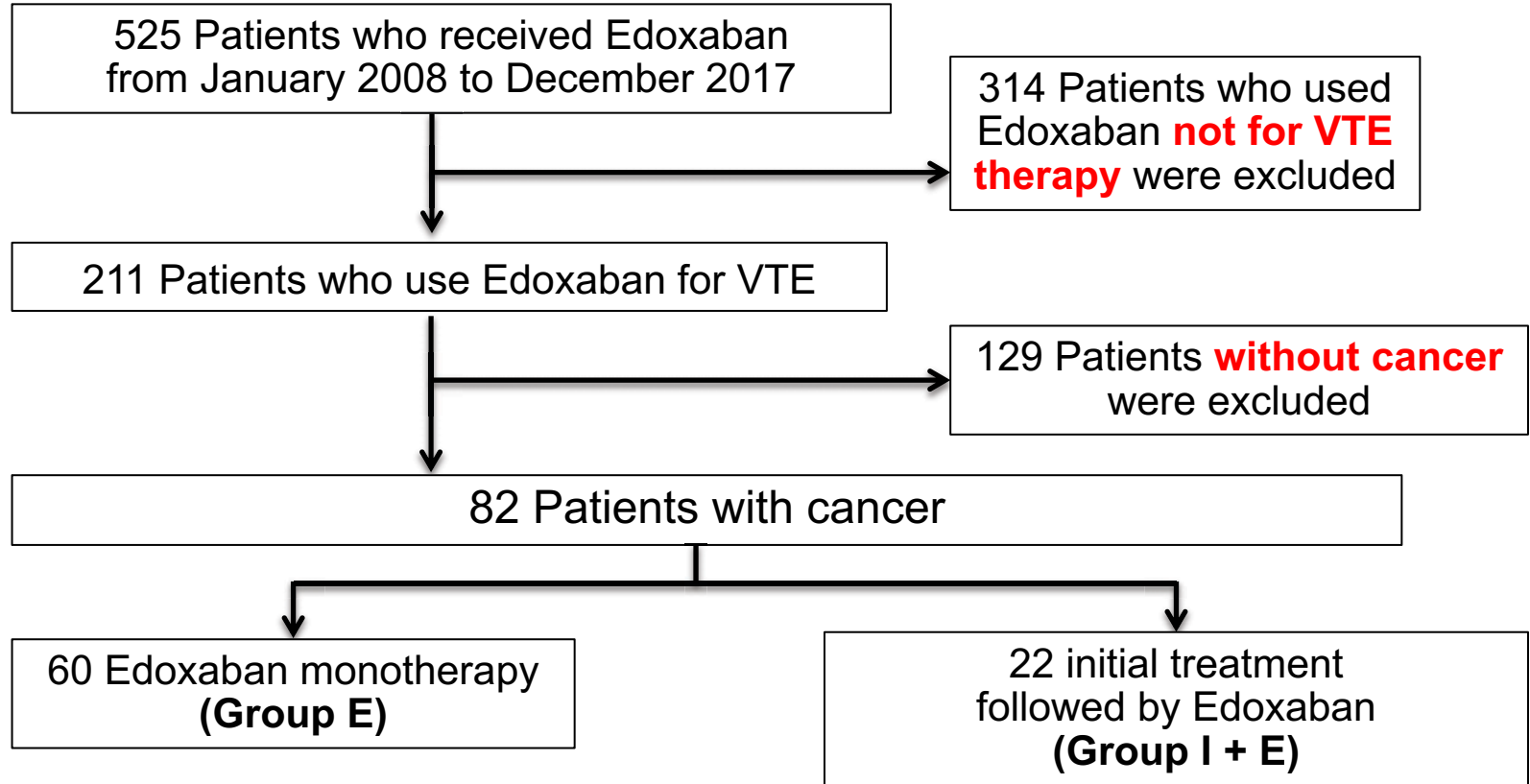
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Bleeding event within a month from the beginning of anticoagulation therapy

## Secondary Outcome - Efficacy

- Disappearance of VTE, Recurrence of VTE

# CONSORT



# Clinical Characteristics -1

Characteristic	Group E (N = 60)	Group I+E (N = 22)	P-value
Age — year ± SD	65.9 ± 12.1	64.5 ± 10.5	
Male sex — no. (%)	31 (51.7)	12 (54.5)	0.817†
Weight (kg)			
Mean ± SD (kg)	57.9 ± 13.5	57.1 ± 18.9	
≤60 kg — no. (%)	23 (38.3)	14(63.6)	0.041†
CCR of 30-50 ml/min — no. (%)	8 (13.3)	2 (9.1)	0.722*
Met criteria to receive lower dose of edoxaban — no. (%)	36 (60.0)	16 (72.7)	0.289†
Qualifying diagnosis of VTE — no. (%)			0.025*
PE with/without DVT	19 (31.7)	14 (63.6)	
DVT only	40 (66.7)	8 (36.4)	
Others	1 (1.7)	0 (0.0)	
Symptom of VTE — no. (%)			0.00001†
Symptomatic DVT or PE	7 (11.7)	14 (63.6)	
Incidental DVT or PE	53 (88.3)	8 (36.4)	

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Active cancer— no. (%)	48 (80.0)	13 (59.1)	0.055†
Metastatic disease — no. (%)	44 (73.3)	12 (54.5)	0.105†
ECOG performance status — no. (%)			0.0002*
0	45 (75.0)	6 (27.3)	
1	11 (18.3)	10 (45.5)	
≥2	4 (6.7)	6 (27.3)	
Risk factors for bleeding — no. (%) †			0.089*
0	4 (6.7)	5 (22.7)	
1	15 (25.0)	8 (36.4)	
2	26 (43.3)	5 (22.7)	
≥3	15 (25.0)	4 (18.1)	
Follow-up period — Mean(day) ± SD	198.7 ± 224.0	241.6 ± 320.1	

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# Primary Cancer Site

<b>Site of primary malignancy</b>	<b>Group E (N = 60) no. (%)</b>	<b>Group I+E (N = 22) no. (%)</b>
Head and Neck	0 (0.0)	2 (9.1)
Esophagus / Stomach	5 (8.3)	0 (0.0)
Colon / Rectum	25 (41.7)	6 (27.3)
Pancreas / Bile duct	10 (16.7)	1 (4.5)
Lung	4 (6.7)	5 (22.7)
Kidney / Bladder	1 (1.7)	0 (0.0)
Prostate	1 (1.7)	1 (4.5)
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43.9 %

# Results: Safety – Major bleeding events

Outcome	Group E (N = 60)	Group I+E (N = 22)	P-value*
<b>Major bleeding — no. (%)</b>	6 (10.0)	3 (13.6)	0.696
Upper GI	1 (1.7)	1 (4.5)	1.000
Lower GI	4 (6.7)	2 (9.1)	
Liver met	1 (1.7)	0(0.0)	
<b>Bleeding Category</b>			0.523
Category 1	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
Category 2	4 (6.7)	1 (4.5)	
Category 3	2 (3.3)	2 (9.1)	
Category 4	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
<b>VTE related death</b>	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	

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# Results: Safety – All bleeding events

	Group E (N = 60)	Group I+E (N = 22)	P-value*
<b>All Bleeding events‡</b>	15 (25.0)	7 (31.8)	0.537
<b>Bleeding site</b>			
Intracranial	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	
Gastrointestinal	10 (16.7)	3 (13.6)	
Genitourinary	1 (1.7)	4 (18.2)	0.006
Other	8 (13.3)	0(0.0)	
<b>Early Bleeding events#</b>	10 (16.7)	4 (18.2)	1.000
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Variable	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
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<b>Age ≥60</b>	1.929 (0.572 – 6.506)	0.290		
<b>Sex Male</b>	2.449 (0.874 – 6.864)	0.088		
<b>PS ≥1</b>	0.919 (0.334 – 2.531)	0.871		
<b>CCR &lt;50</b>	0.650 (0.127 – 3.328)	0.605		
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# Subgroup Analysis – Early bleeding events

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	OR (95%CI)	<i>p</i>
<b>Age ≥60</b>	5.809 (0.713 – 47.339)	0.100
<b>Sex Male</b>	1.800 (0.546 – 5.929)	0.334
<b>PS ≥1</b>	1.290 (0.401 – 4.147)	0.669
<b>CCR &lt;50</b>	1.250 (0.236 – 6.633)	0.793
<b>Edoxaban 60mg vs 30mg</b>	1.243 (0.371 – 4.162)	0.724
<b>Group E only vs IE</b>	0.900 (0.251 – 3.232)	0.872
<b>Primary Site GI vs Others</b>	2.733 (0.826 – 9.041)	0.099
<b>Cancer Status Active vs Inactive</b>	5.417 (0.663 – 44.224)	0.115



# Subgroup Analysis – GI bleeding events

Variable	Univariate analysis	
	OR (95%CI)	<i>p</i>
Age ≥60	1.267 (0.314 – 5.107)	0.740
Sex Male	2.316 (0.651 – 8.238)	0.194
PS ≥1	1.034 (0.306 – 3.497)	0.958
CCR <50	0.556 (0.064 – 4.803)	0.593
Edoxaban 60mg vs 30mg	0.600 (0.150 – 2.394)	0.469
Group E only vs IE	1.267 (0.314 – 5.107)	0.740
Primary Site GI vs Others	2.343 (0.694 – 7.906)	0.170
Cancer Status Active vs Inactive	4.898 (0.597 – 40.208)	0.139

# Results: Efficacy

	Group E (N = 60)	Group I+E (N = 22)	P-value
<b>Disappearance of VTE — no. (%)</b>	29 (48.3)	8 (36.4)	0.453
PE with/without DVT — no. (%)	11 (18.3)	5 (13.6)	
DVT only — no. (%)	17 (28.3)	3 (22.7)	
Others — no. (%)	1 (1.7)	0 (0.0)	
<b>Recurrent VTE— no. (%)</b>	8/29 (27.6)	2/8 (25.0)	1.000
PE with/without DVT — no. (%)	1 (1.7)	2 (9.1)	
DVT only — no. (%)	7 (11.7)	0 (0.0)	

# Limitations

- A single institutional retrospective review
- Dose and Periods of initial therapy before Edoxaban in group I+E were not the same
- The intervals of follow-up CT scan were also different among patients
- Combination therapy may have been given for severe patients

# Conclusions

- Safety: no differences in incidence of bleeding between Group E and Group I + E
- GI cancer and active cancer were risk factors of all bleeding events
- Efficacy, rate of recurrence and disappearance of VTE between both groups: no significant difference between groups

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