Table 6 Effect on NOAC plasma levels (AUC) from drug–drug interactions and clinical factors, and recommendations towards NOAC dose adaptation

	via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Antiarrhythmic drugs:					
Amiodarone	moderate P-gp competition	+12-60%[58]	No PK data[$]	+40%[63, 64, 244]	Minor effect[$] (use with caution if CrCl <50 ml/min)
Digoxin	P-gp competition	No effect[245]	No data yet	No effect	No effect[246, 247]
Diltiazem	P-gp competition and weak CYP3A4 inhibition	No effect[58]	+40%[60]	No data yet	Minor effect[#] (use with caution if CrCl 15-50 ml/min)
Dronedarone	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+70-100% (US: 2 x 75 mg if CrCl 30-50 ml/min)	No PK or PD data: caution	+85% (Reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	Moderate effect[#] but no PK or PD data: caution and try to avoid
Quinidine	P-gp competition	+53%[248 & SMPC]	No data yet	+77%[240, 249, 250] (No dose reduction required by label)	Extent of increase unknown
Verapamil	P-gp competition (and weak CYP3A4 inhibition)	+12-180%[58] (reduce NOAC dose and take simultaneously)	No PK data	+53% (SR)[64, 249] (No dose reduction required by label)	Minor effect[***] (use with caution if CrCl 15-50 ml/min)
Other cardiovascular drugs					
Atorvastatin	P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+18%[251]	No data yet	No effect	No effect[252]
Antibiotics					
Clarithromycin; Erythromycin	moderate P-gp competition and CYP3A4 inhibition	+15-20%	No data yet	+90%[64] (reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	+30-54%[42, 247]
Rifampicin[***]	P-gp/ BCRP and CYP3A4/CYP2J 2 inducers	minus 66%[253]	minus 54%[238]	avoid if possible: minus 35%, but with compensatory increase of active metabolites[243]	Up to minus 50%
Antiviral drugs					
HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir)	P-gp and BCRP competition or inducer; CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	Strong increase[SmPC]	No data yet	Up to +153%[247]

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	via	Dabigatran	Apixaban	Edoxaban	Rivaroxaban
Fungostatics					
Fluconazole	Moderate CYP3A4 inhibition	No data yet	No data yet	No data yet	+42% (if systemically administered)[247]
Itraconazole; Ketoconazole; Posaconazole; Voriconazole;	potent P-gp and BCRP competition; CYP3A4 inhibition	+140-150% (US: 2 x 75 mg if CrCl 30-50 ml/min)	+100%[60]	+87-95%[64] (reduce NOAC dose by 50%)	Up to +160%[247]
Immunosuppressive					
Cyclosporin; Tacrolimus	P-gp competition	Not recommended	No data yet	+73%	Extent of increase unknown
Antiphlogistics					
Naproxen	P-gp competition	No data yet	+55%[254]	No effect (but pharmacodynamically increased bleeding time)	No data yet
Antacids					
H2B; PPI; Al-Mg-hydroxide	GI absorption	Minus 12-30%[45, 53, 58]	No effect[55]	No effect	No effect[241, 242]
Others					
Carbamazepine***; Phenobarbital***; Phenytoin***; St John's wort***	P-gp/ BCRP and CYP3A4/CYP2J 2 inducers	minus 66%[253]	minus 54%[SmPC]	minus 35%	Up to minus 50%
Other factors:					
Age ≥ 80 years	Increased plasma level		#	%	
Age ≥75 years	Increased plasma level			%	
Weight ≤ 60 kg	Increased plasma level		#		
Renal function	Increased plasma level	See Table 8			
Other increased bleeding risk		Pharmacodynamic interactions (antiplatelet drugs; NSAID; systemic steroid therapy; other anticoagulants); history of GI bleeding; recent surgery on critical organ (brain; eye); thrombocytopenia (e.g. chemotherapy); HAS-BLED ≥3			

Red: contra-indicated/not recommended. **Orange**: reduce dose (from 150 to 110 mg BID for dabigatran; from 20 to 15 mg OD for rivaroxaban; from 5 to 2.5 mg BID for apixaban). **Yellow**: consider dose reduction if 2 or more 'yellow' factors are present. Hatching: no clinical or PK data available.

%: age had no significant effect after adjusting for weight and renal function.

BCRP, breast cancer resistance protein; NSAID, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; H2B, H2-blockers; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; P-gp, P-glycoprotein; GI, Gastrointestinal.

***Some interactions lead to *reduced* NOAC plasma levels in contrast to most interactions that lead to increased NOAC plasma levels. This may also constitute a contraindication for simultaneous use, and such cases are coloured **brown**. The label for edoxaban mentions that co-administration is possible in these cases, despite a decreased plasma level, which are deemed not clinically relevant (**blue**). Since not tested prospectively, however, such concomitant use should be used with caution, and avoided when possible.

$Based on *in vitro* investigations, comparing the IC_{50} for P-gp inhibition to maximal plasma levels at therapeutic dose, and/or on interaction analysis of efficacy and safety endpoints in the Phase III clinical trials.[82,83] No direct PK interaction data available.

#The SmPC specifies dose reduction from 5 to 2.5 mg BID if two of three criteria are fulfilled: age ≥80 years, weight ≤60 kg, serum creatinine ≥1.5 mg/dL.