



Monitoring anti-IIa

Inhibitors

how to monitor a plurality of substances?

specific anti-Xa and anti-IIa methods in every lab

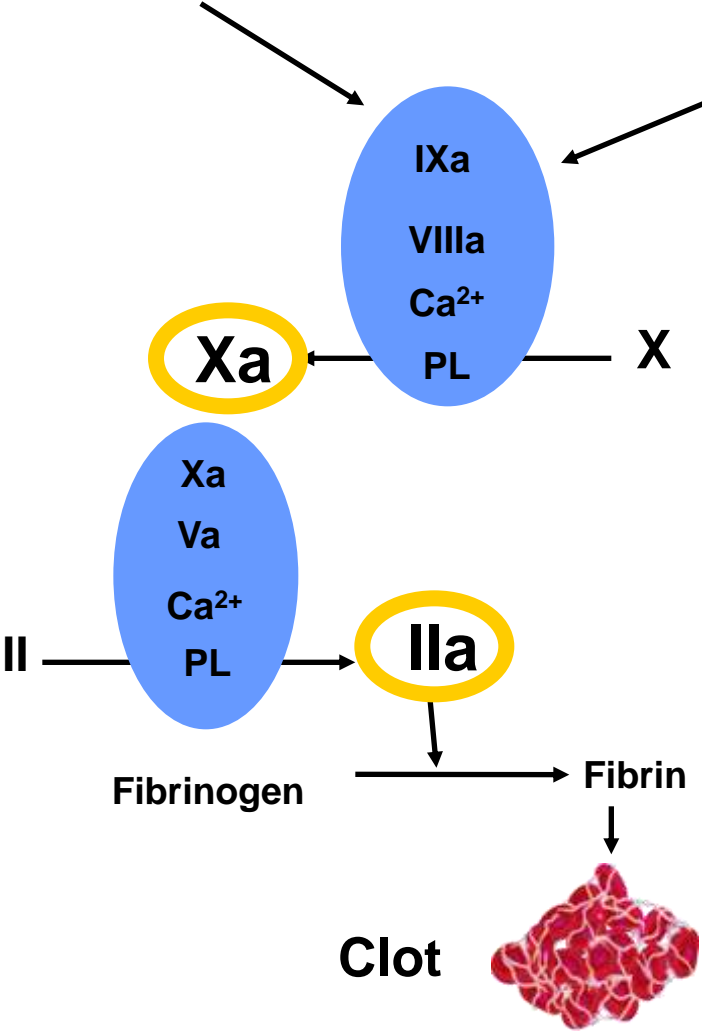
in addition to global clotting tests?

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LMU muenchen

Intrinsic pathway

Extrinsic pathway

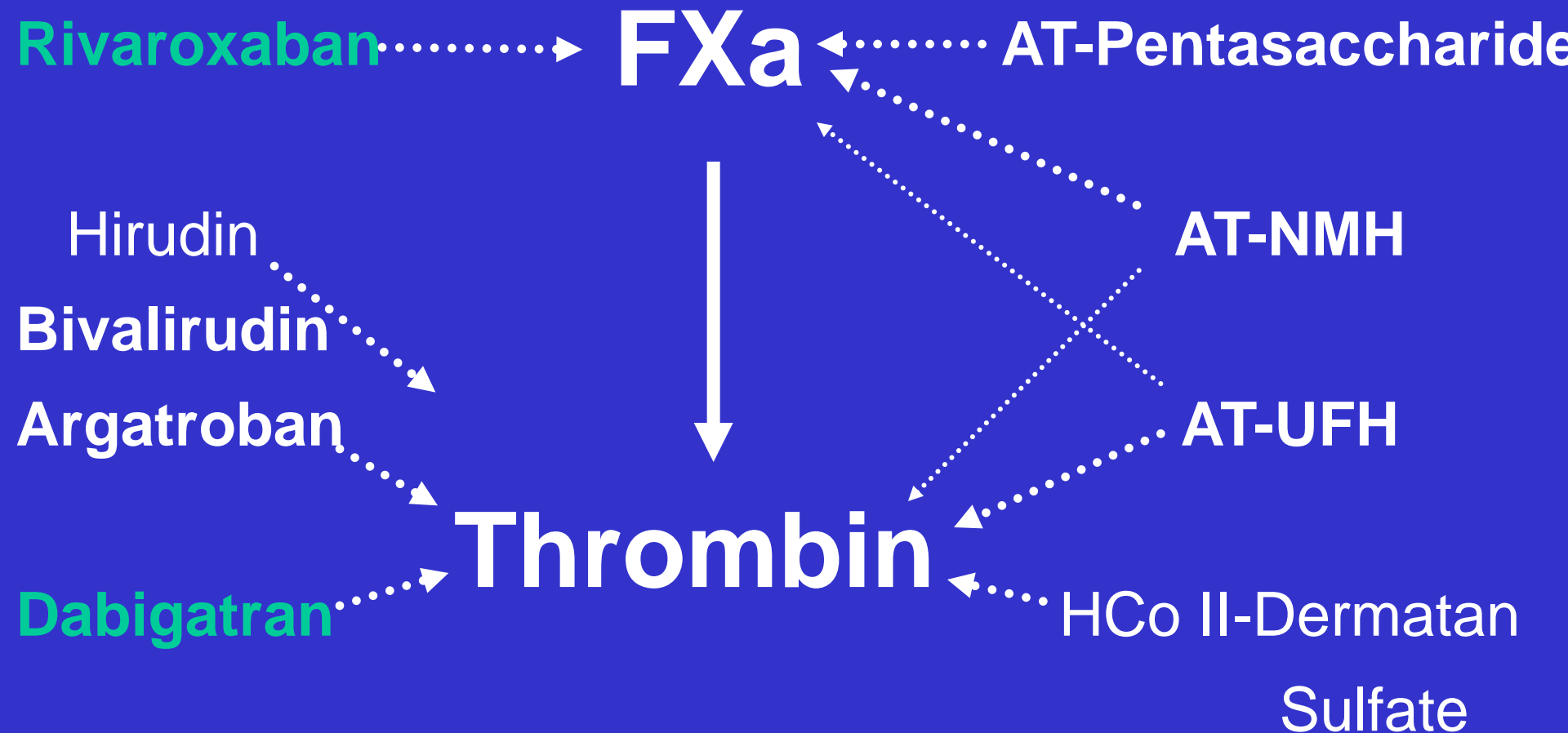


Heparins -
via Antithrombin
Direct Inhibitors

direct

anticoagulants

indirect



the good news:

routine monitoring required:

only



all the other substances
require monitoring only
in **special** situations



Monitoring Anticoagulants

Routine

Special Situations

RARE??



COUMADIN[®]
(Warfarin Sodium Tablets, USP) Crystalline



Only INR
Standardized by International Consensus

Monitoring LMWH and Thrombin Inhibitors

THE BAD NEWS: There are many special situations

Routine

Compliance ?

Bleeding Complications during Anticoagulation

Comedication: Antiplatelets...



PREGNANCY?

Children

Alter

Comorbidity: Hepatology, Hematology ...

? Accumulation ?

Intensive Care

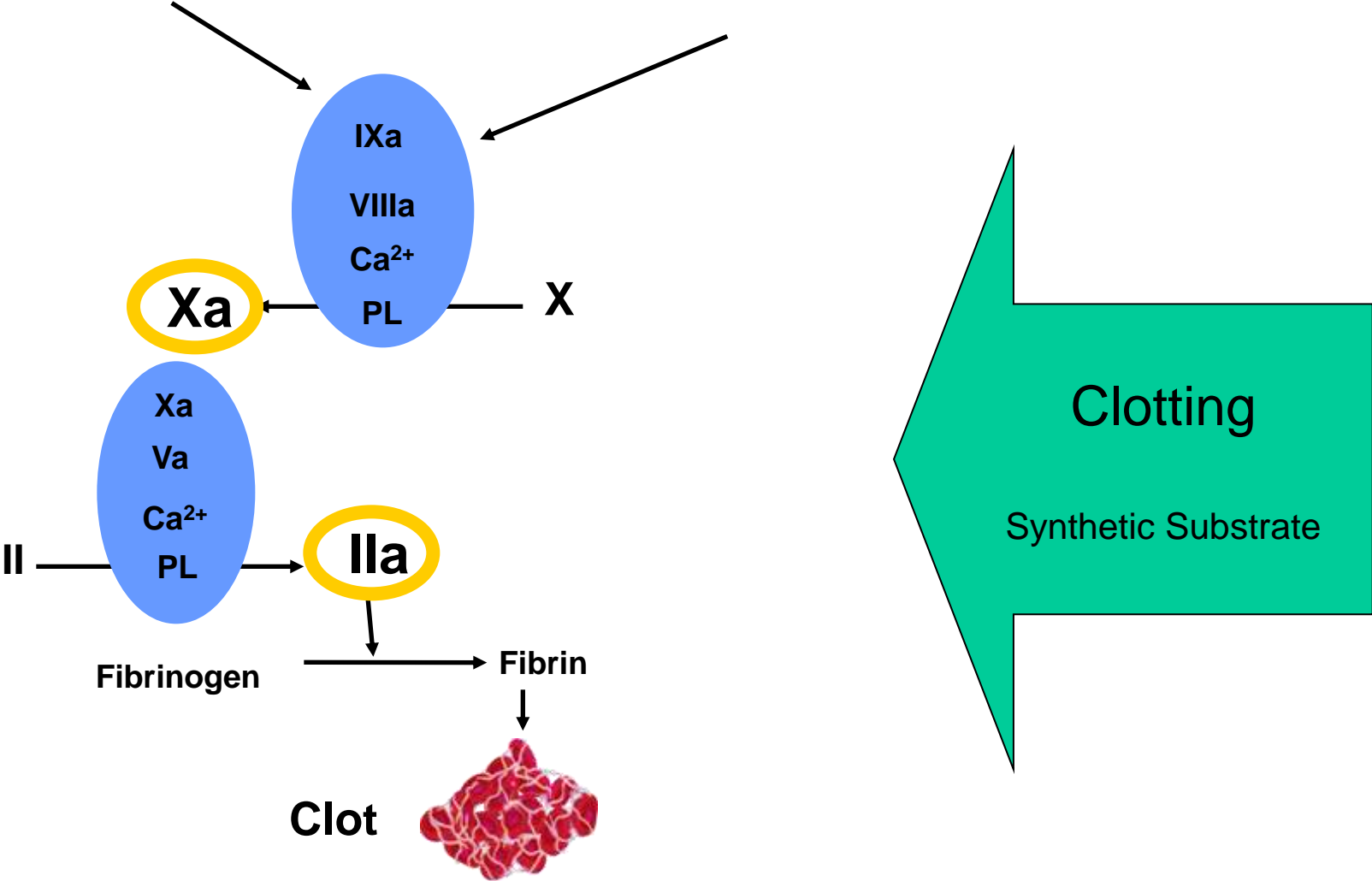


Body Weight



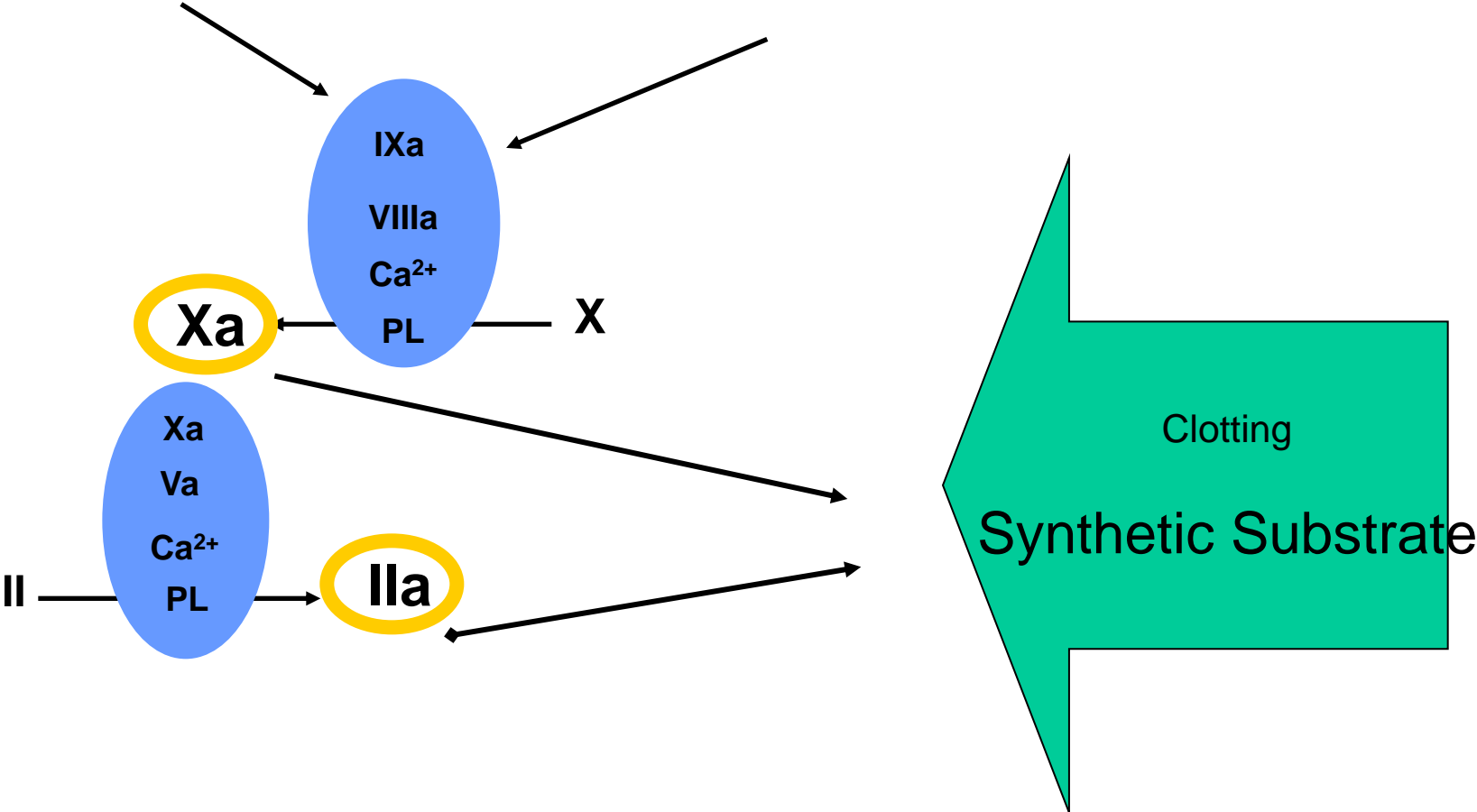
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Introduction: aPTT: physiological basis of the monitoring of anticoagulants

contact activator


FXII, prekallikrein, kininogen

FXIa

phospholipids - Ca⁺⁺ - FIXa - FVIIIa

phospholipids - Ca⁺⁺ - **FXa** - FVa

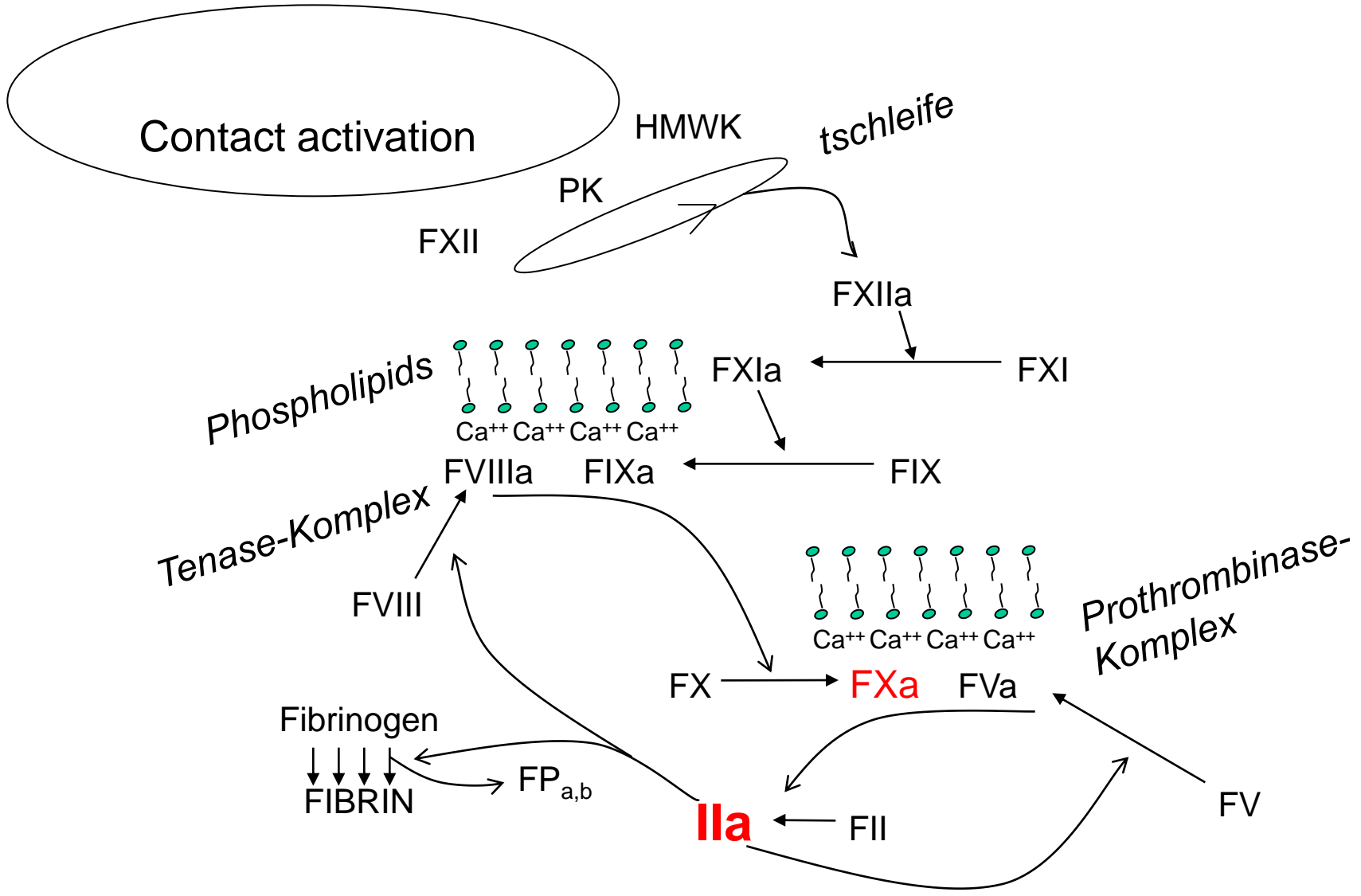
FIIa ☒ fibrin ☒ detection of clotting

standardization 
not part of hemostatic process

acute phase reaction

main action of direct / indirect anticoagulants

aPTT in concert

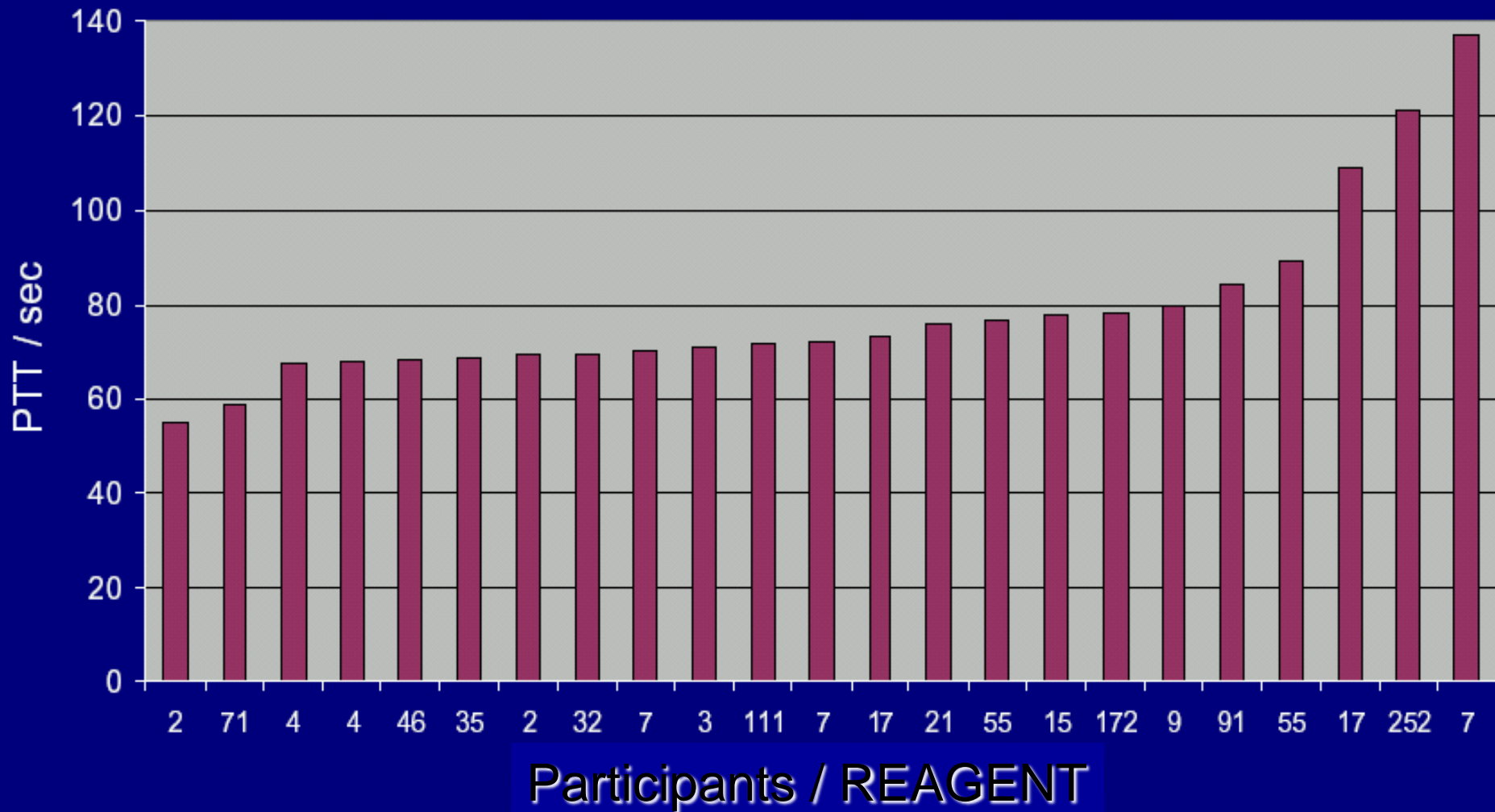


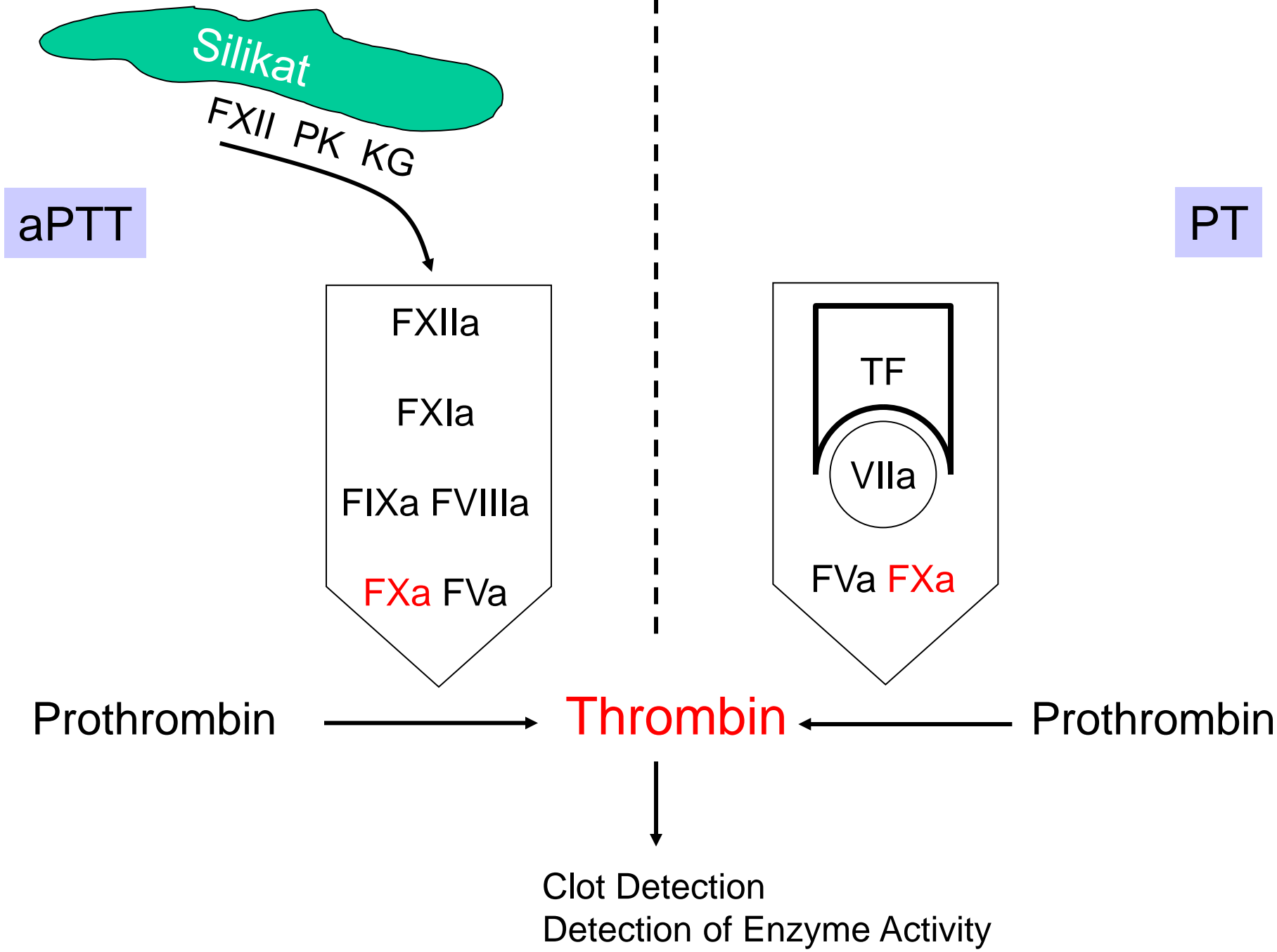
aPTT: standardization: literature

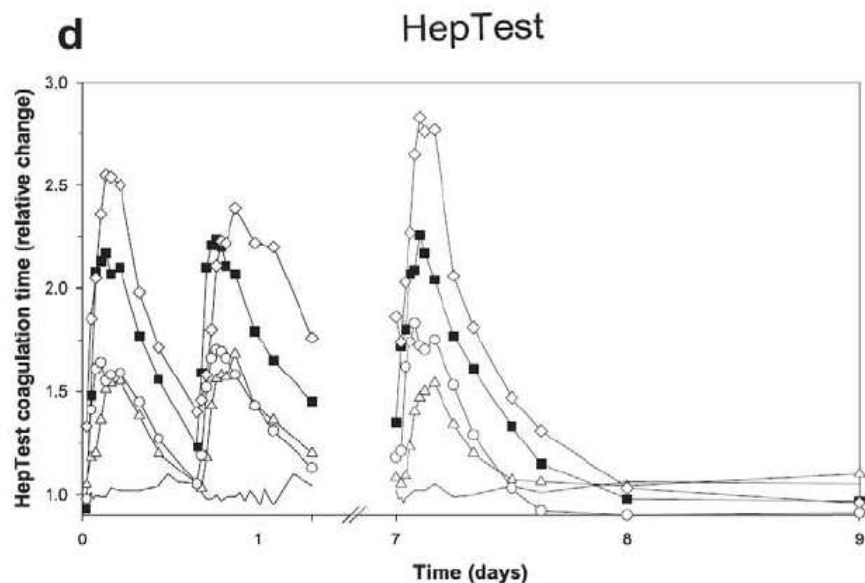
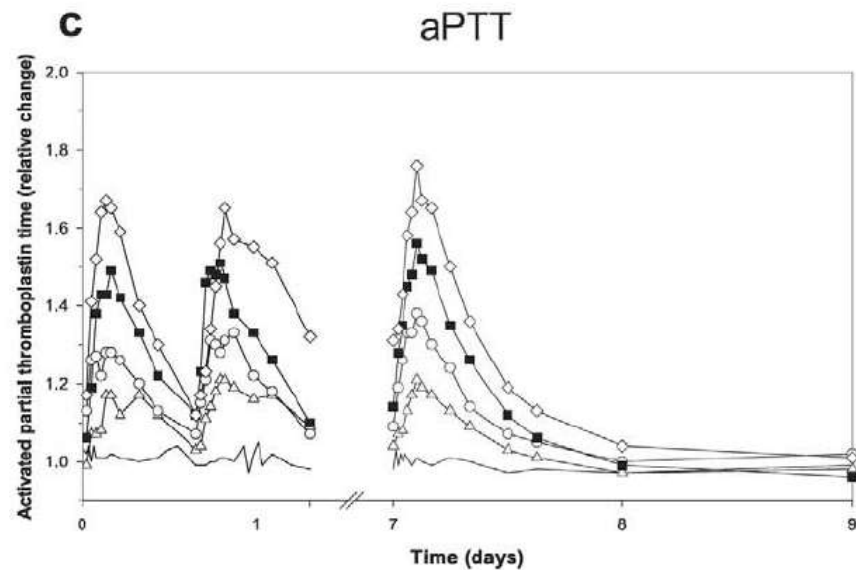
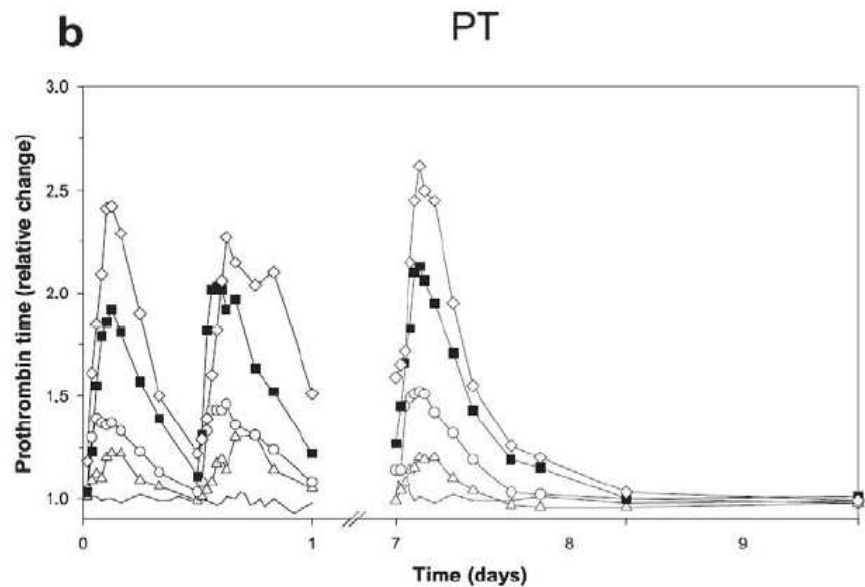
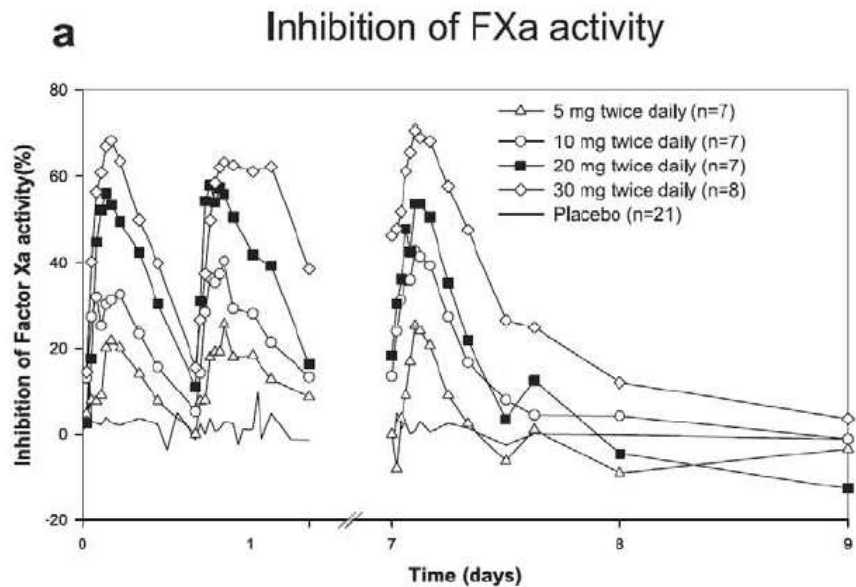
- poor standardization between different reagents:
- attempts to enhance standardization using strategies comparable to the INR / ISI systems for the PT have failed:
- poor standardization even between different lots of the same reagent
- roughly the same situation with ACT

MEDIAN / REAGENT

0,8 U/ml UFH in normal plasma







PREANALYTICS - MATRIX

**Whole Blood:
ACT**

aPTT

**Anti- IIa/Xa Inhib.:
Synth. Substrate**

**+
Powder/Gel**

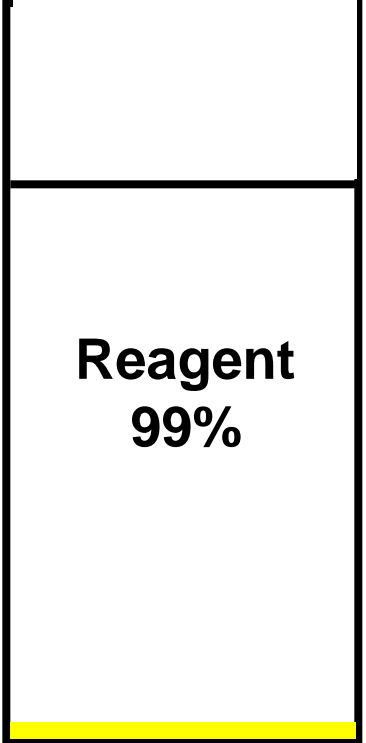


**Reagent
2/3**



**Plasma
1/3**

**Reagent
99%**



**Plasma
1%**

Introduction: Monitoring of anticoagulants: requirements

- analysis in emergency laboratory with short turn-around-time
- high standardization between centers for applying the experience of studies

Monitoring of anticoagulation during invasive procedures:

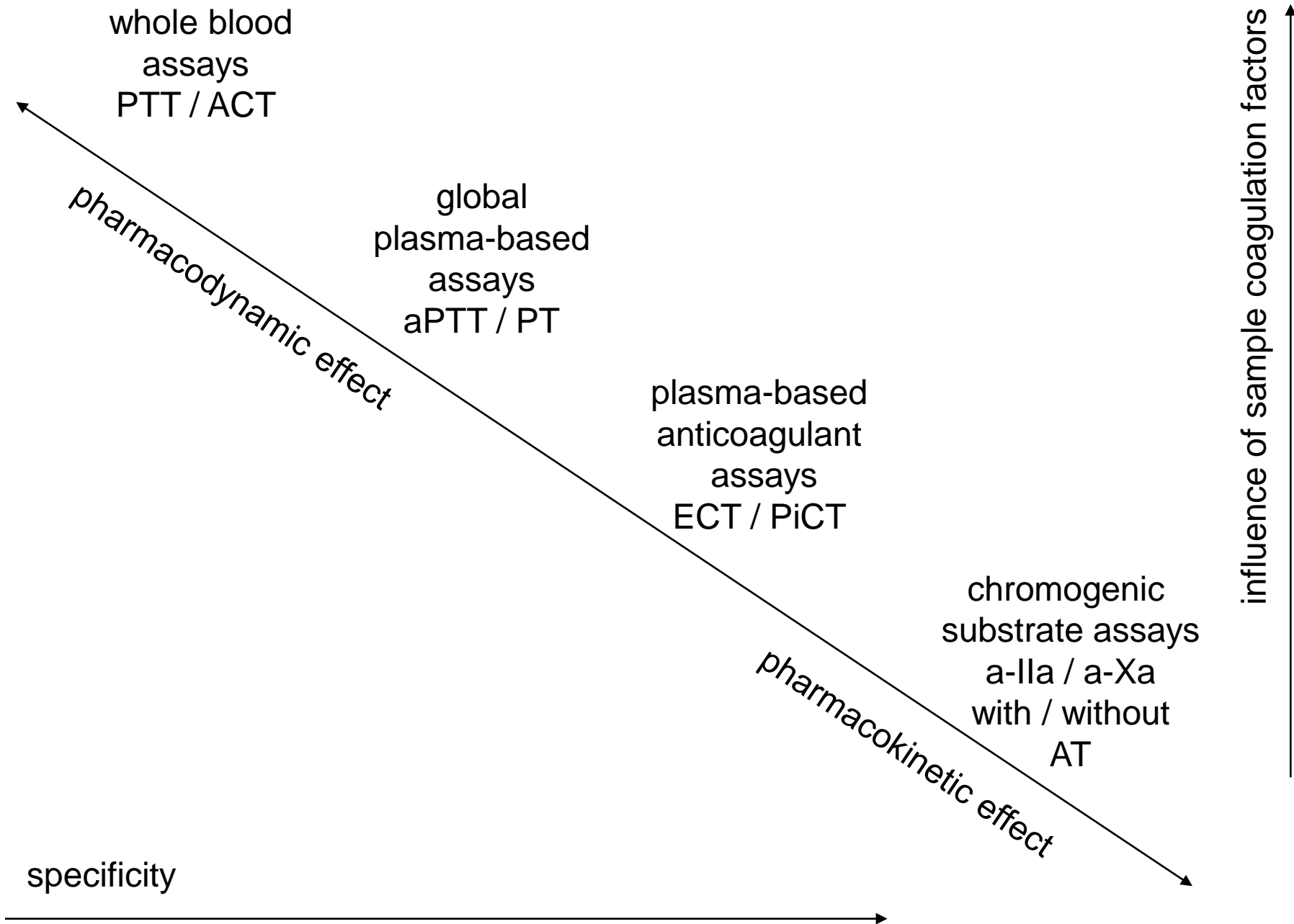
- either POC analysis
- or reliable and fast logistics for emergency laboratory analysis (transport-analysis-communication)

Hemochron® Cuvette Tests

THE POINT OF CARE

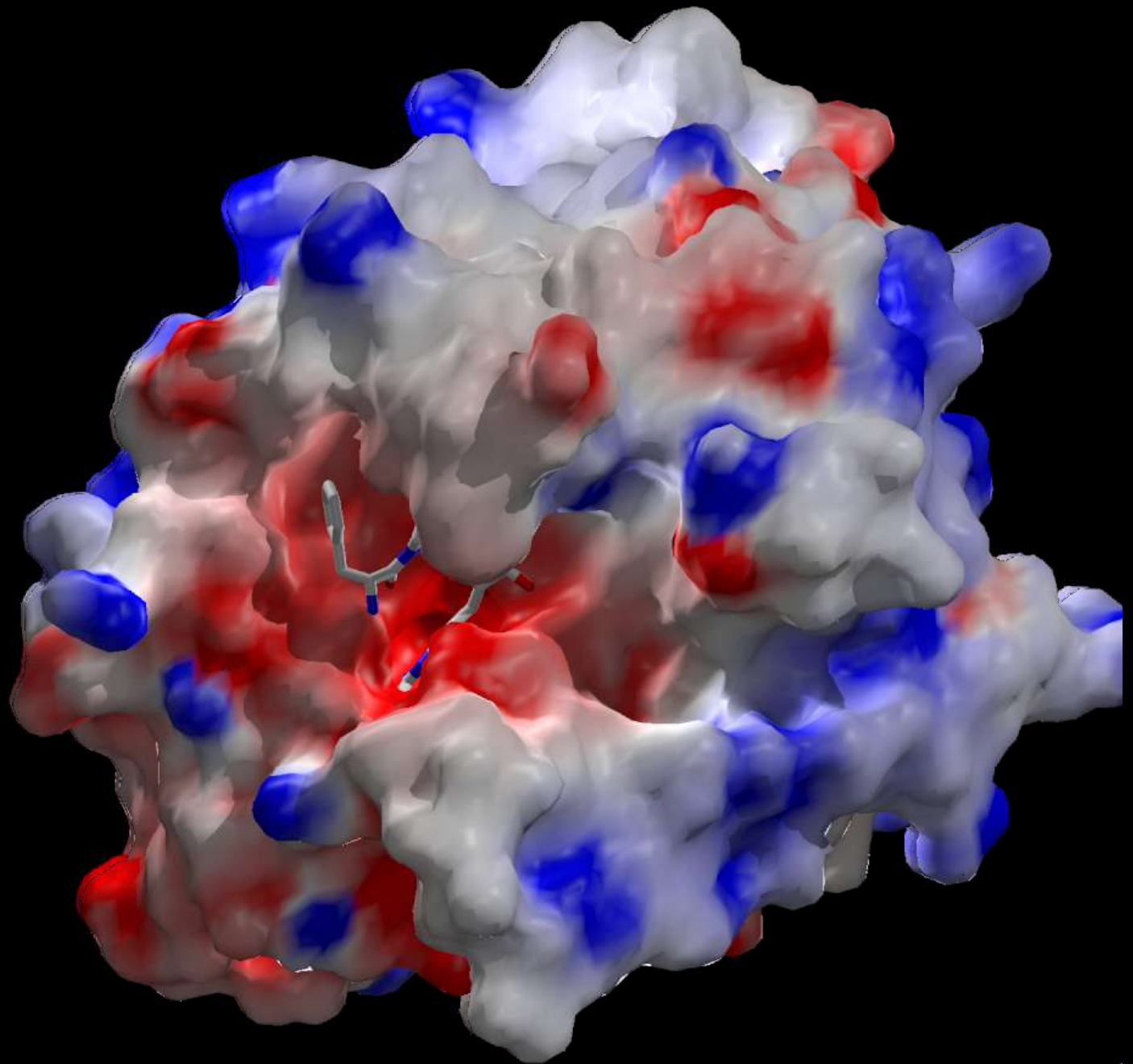
- ACT+
- ACT-LR
- APTT
- Citrate APTT
- PT
- Citrate PT
- Anti Xa





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PPACK-thrombin

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Question remains: +/- Antithrombin
Complexed therapeutic agents may be dissolved under in vitro conditions ?



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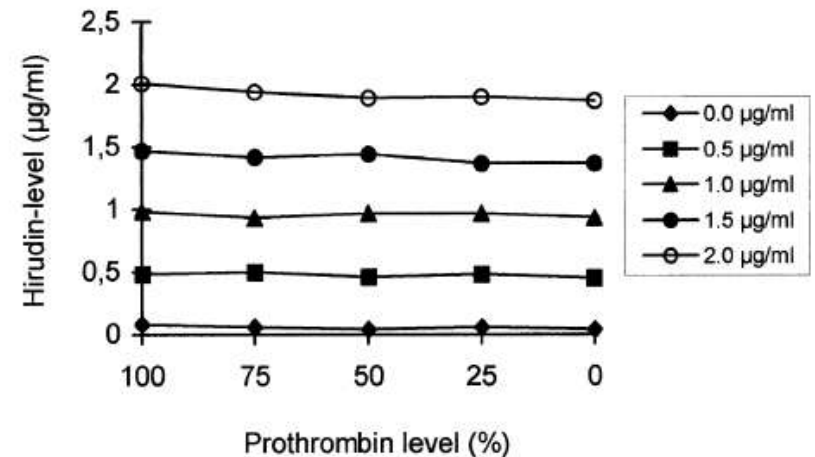
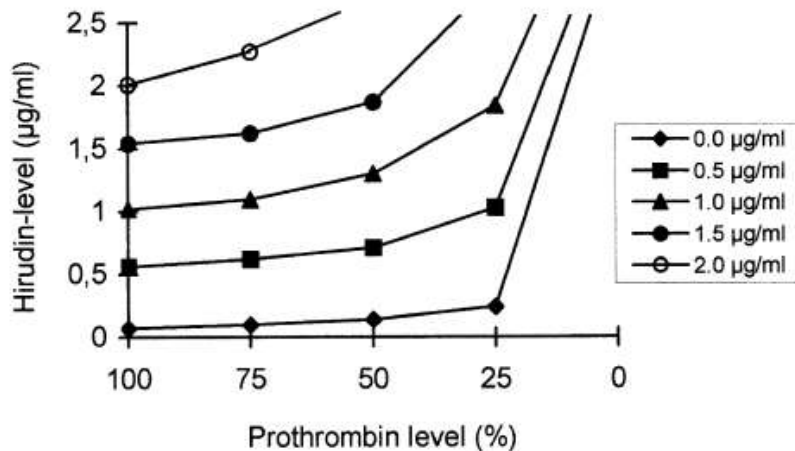


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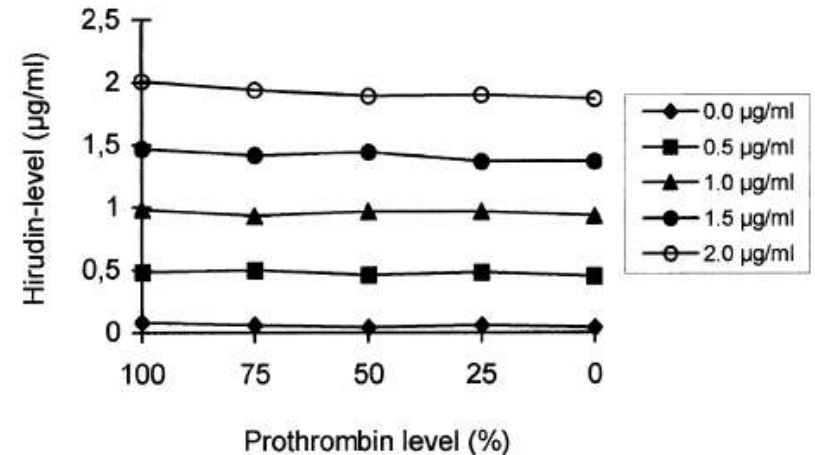
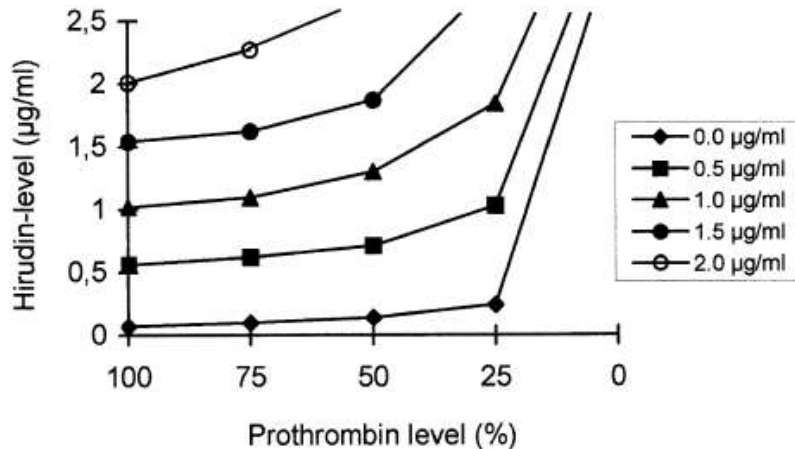


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PIVKA Influence?

Ex vivo samples:

Samples from 36 volunteers receiving i.v.
r-hirudin (Lepirudin) or PEG-hirudin
bolus + infusion

Tests:

aPTT:

Actin (Dade-Behring): Ellagic Acid + Soya PL

Dapttin (Immuno): Sulfatid + Kaolin + Rabbit Brain Cephalin

Synth-A-Sil (Hemoliance): Silica + synthetic phospholipids

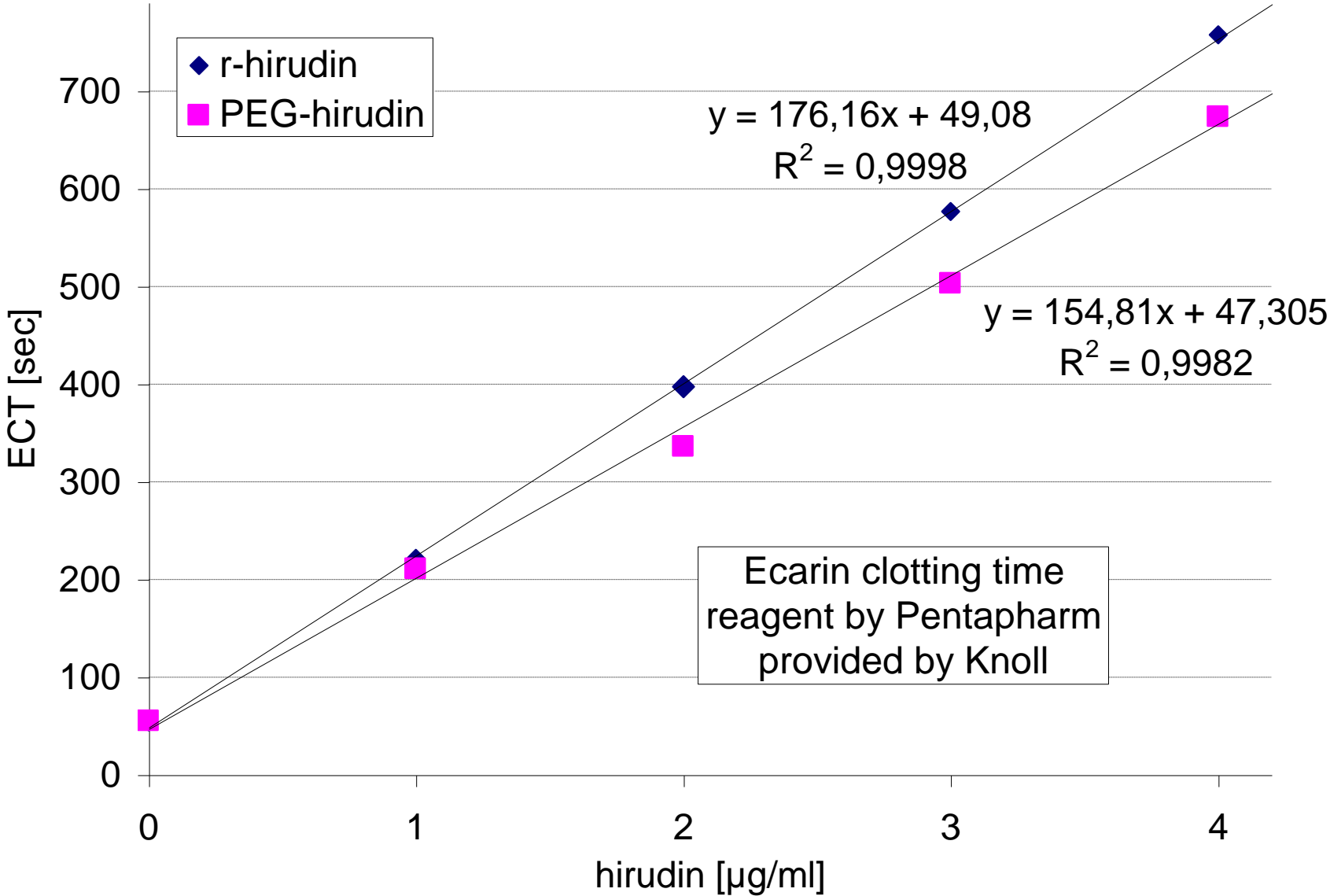
aPTT-SP (IL): Silica + synthetic phospholipids

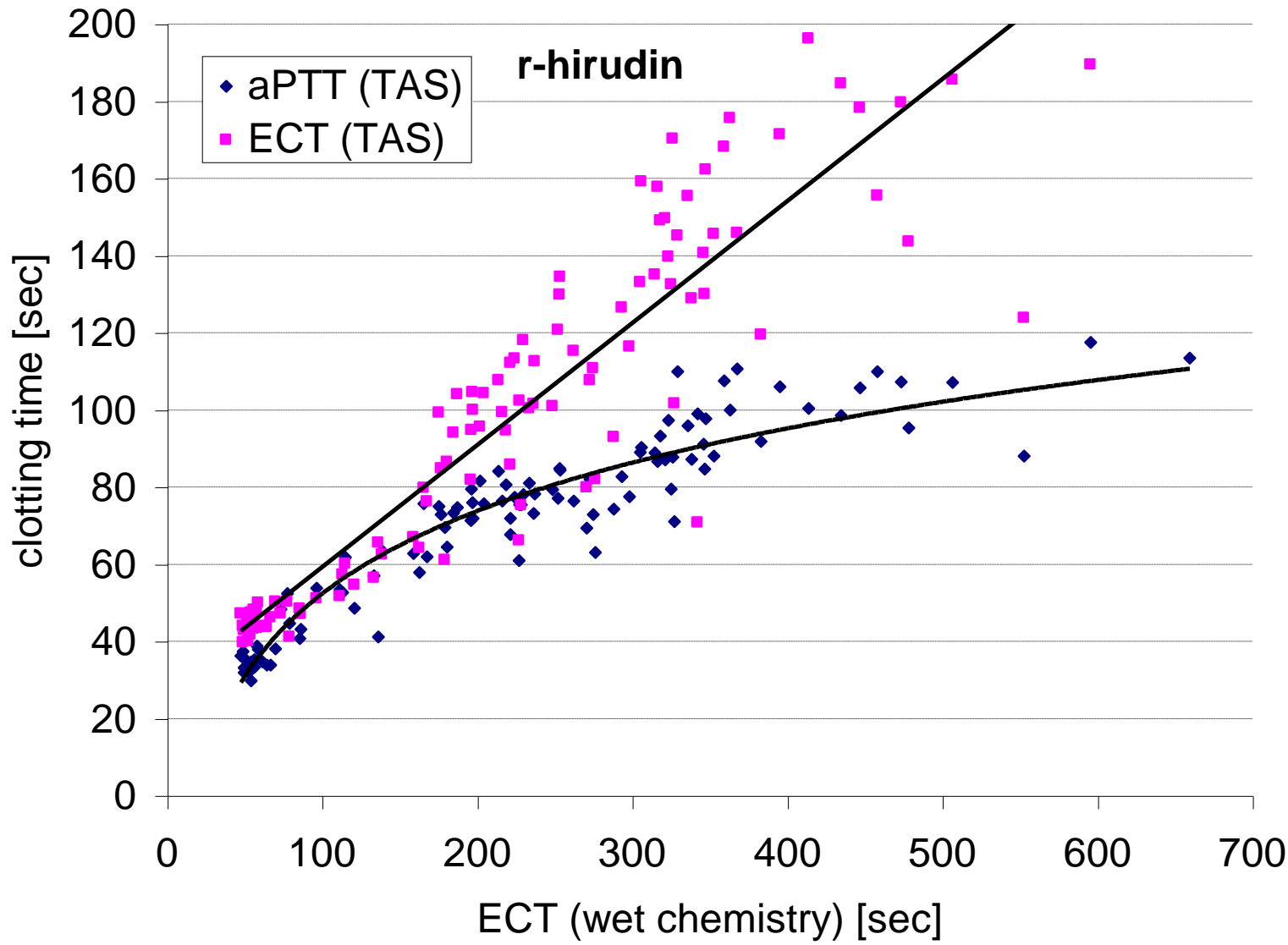
ECT:

Pentapharm: 0,4 U /ml

100 µl reagent + 50 µl PPP

determination of hirudin concentration using the ecarin clotting time: calibration curves (ACL 300R)





Results r-hirudin - aPTT

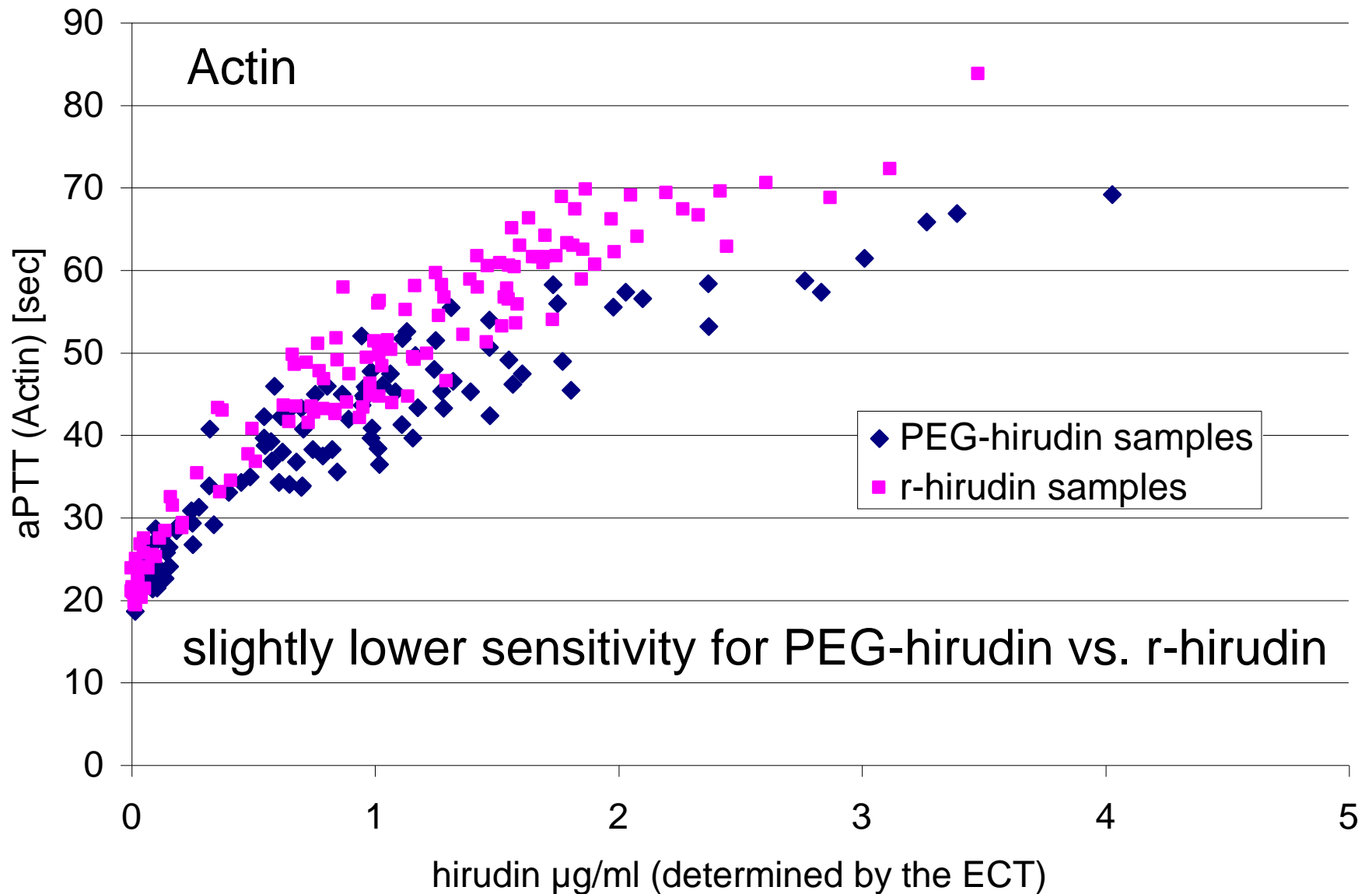
even in healthy volunteers (comparable matrix effects) the aPTT provides only a relatively rough estimation of hirudin concentration

low and medium hirudin dosages are sensitively detected

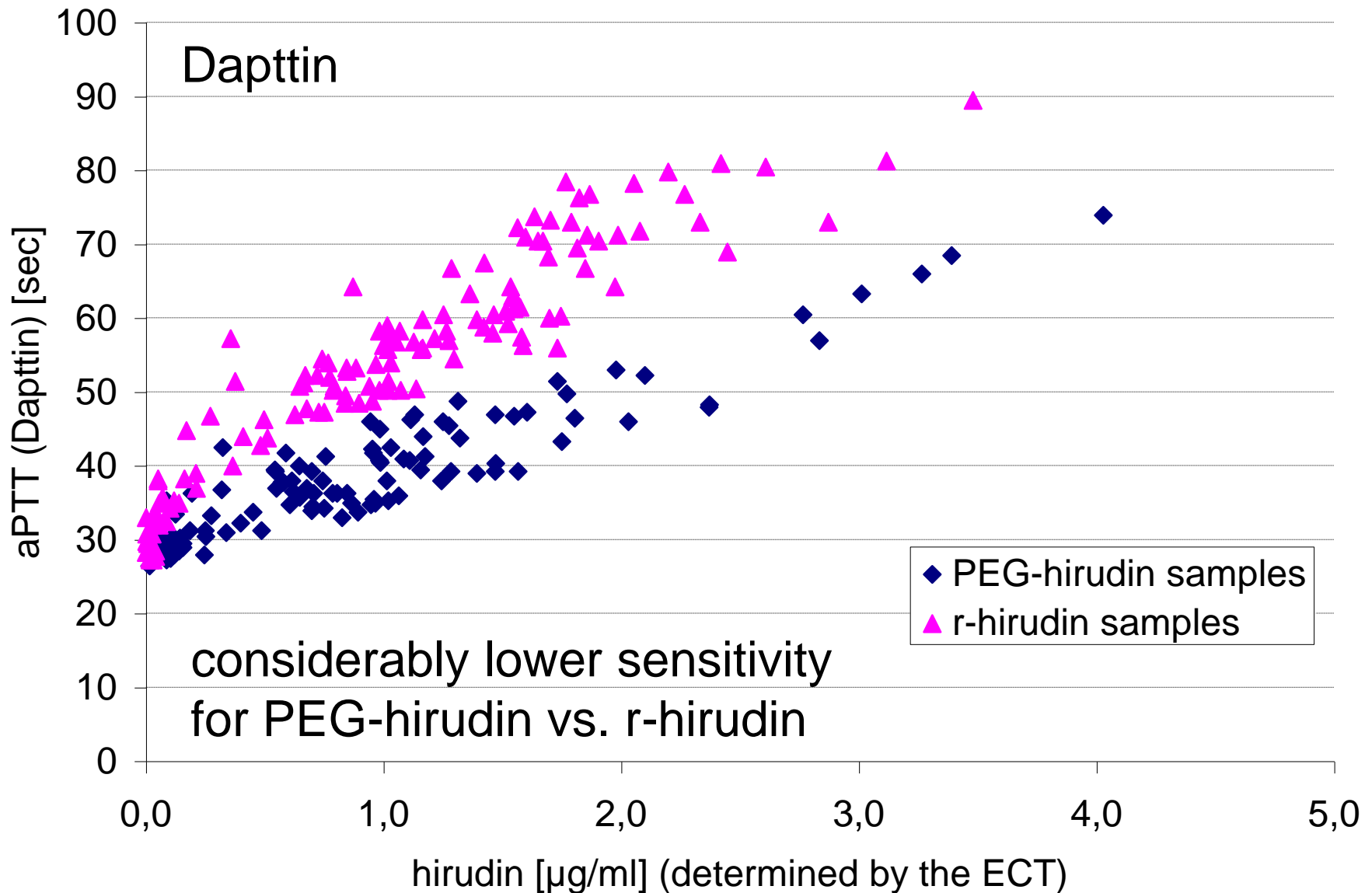
there is no clear cut-off for detecting overdosages due to the parabolic dose-response relationship

variability among different reagents (+instruments) must be taken into account

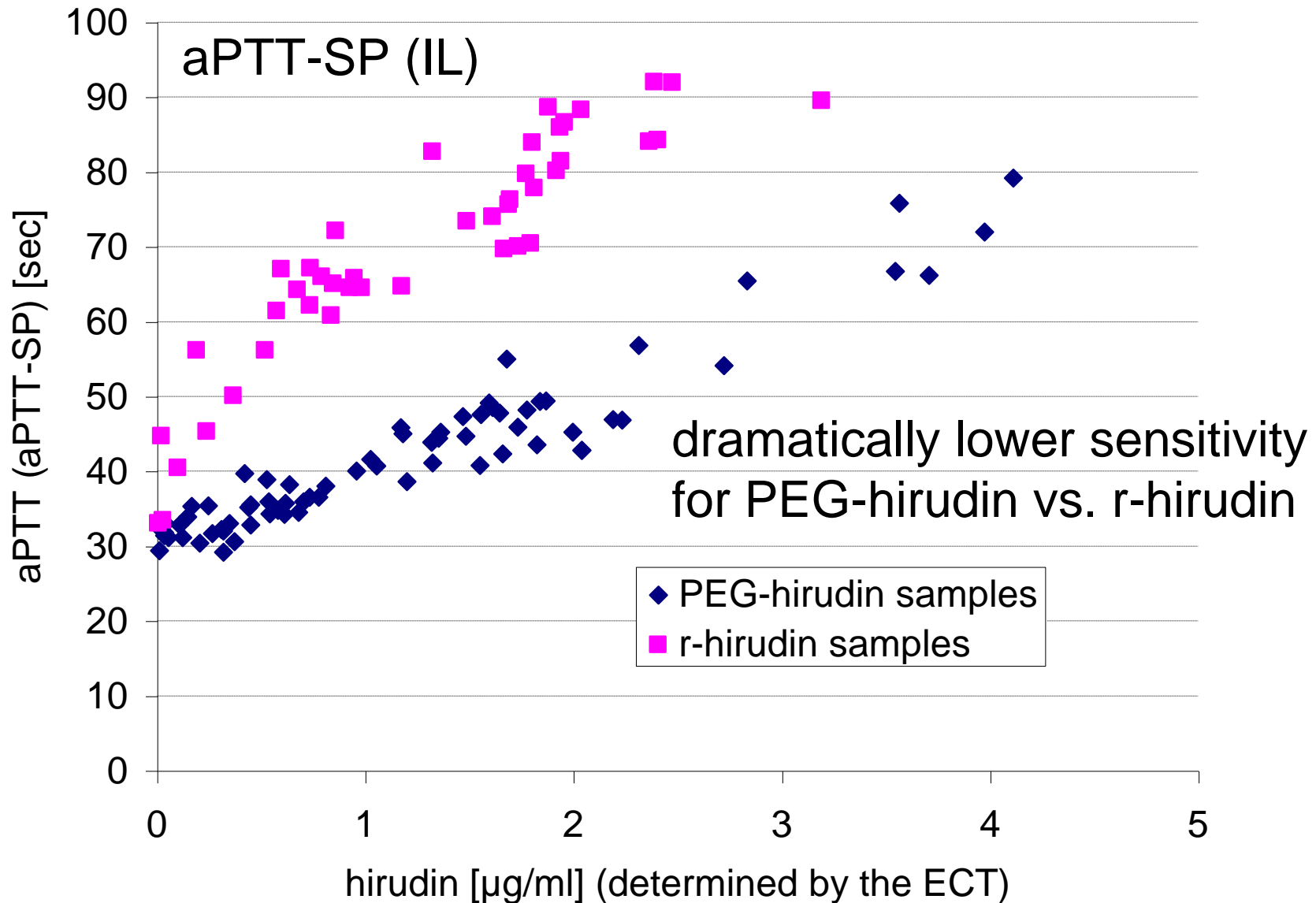
Actin: Ex vivo samples: r- and PEG-hirudin



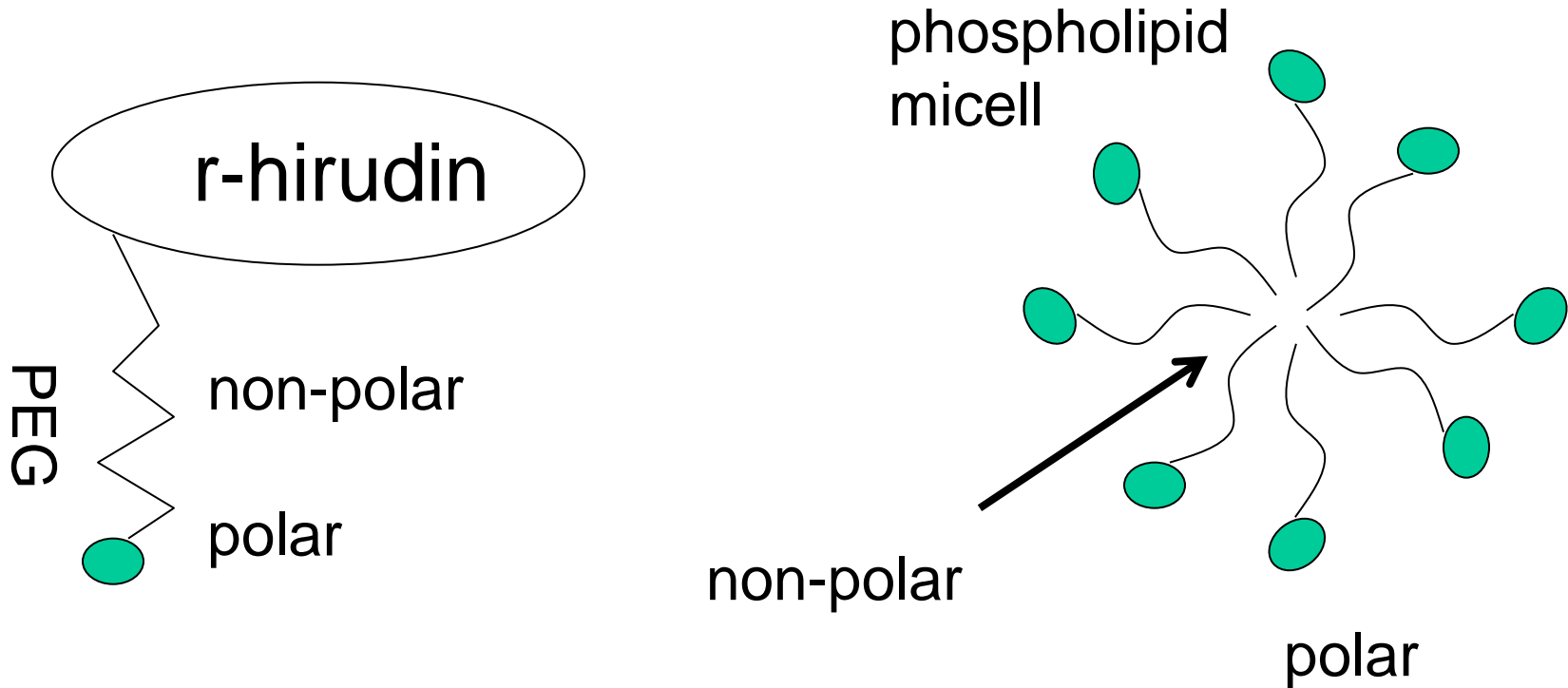
Dapttin: Ex vivo samples: r- and PEG-hirudin



aPTT-SP: Ex vivo samples: r- and PEG-hirudin



possible mechanism of decreased sensitivity of certain aPTT for PEG-hirudin



interaction PEG - phospholipids?

PEG-hirudin

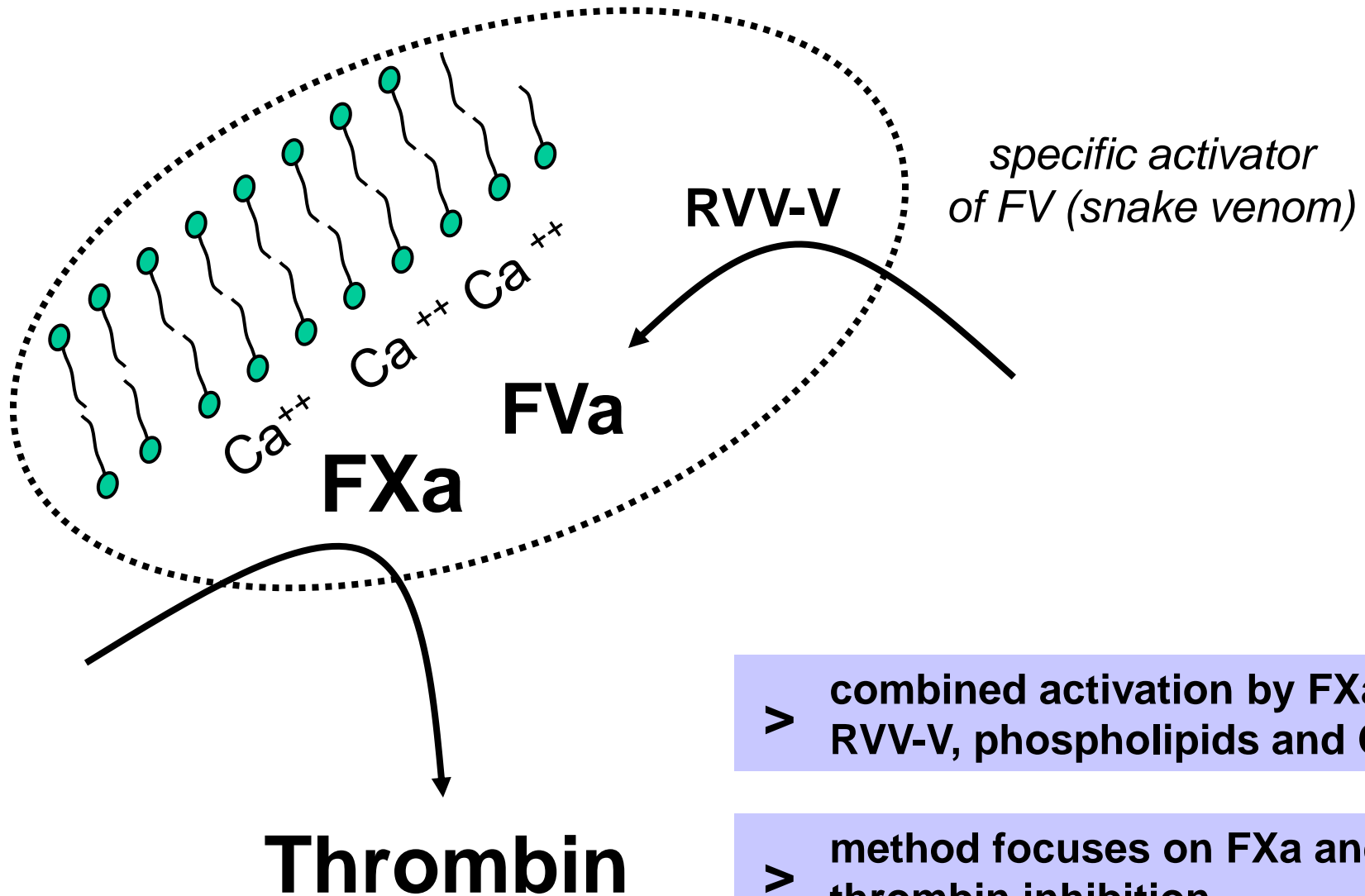
we found dramatic differences in the sensitivity of widely applied aPTT reagents to PEG-hirudin

every aPTT reagent used for monitoring of PEG-hirudin must be tested in respect to its sensitivity to PEG-hirudin

Other example:

Contact Activator may react with therapeutic substances
(Aprotinin Story in heart surgery)

> prothrombinase-induced clotting test: principle



> combined activation by FXa, RVV-V, phospholipids and CaCl_2

> method focuses on FXa and thrombin inhibition

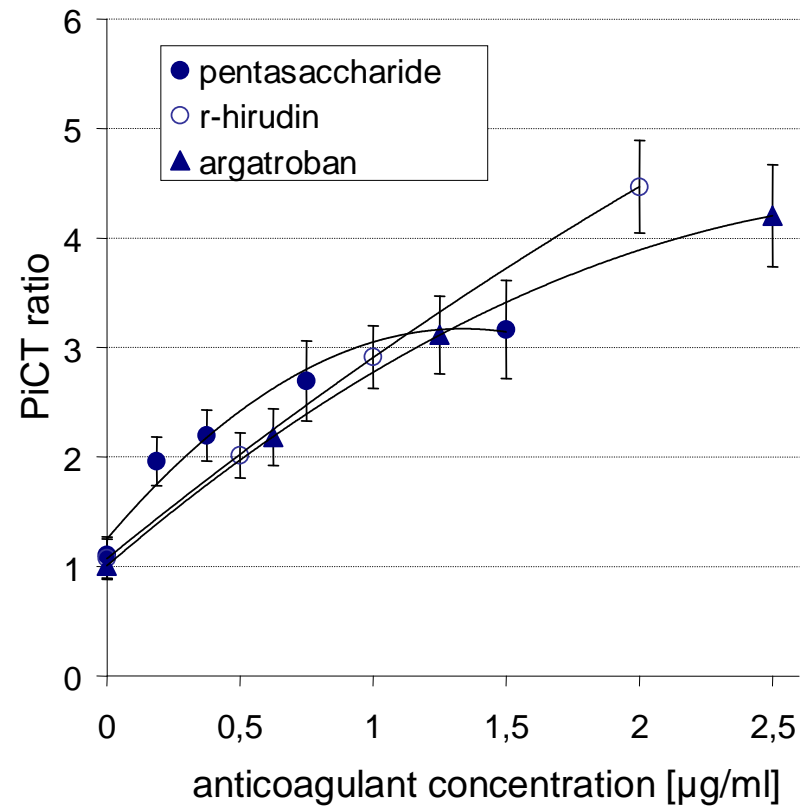
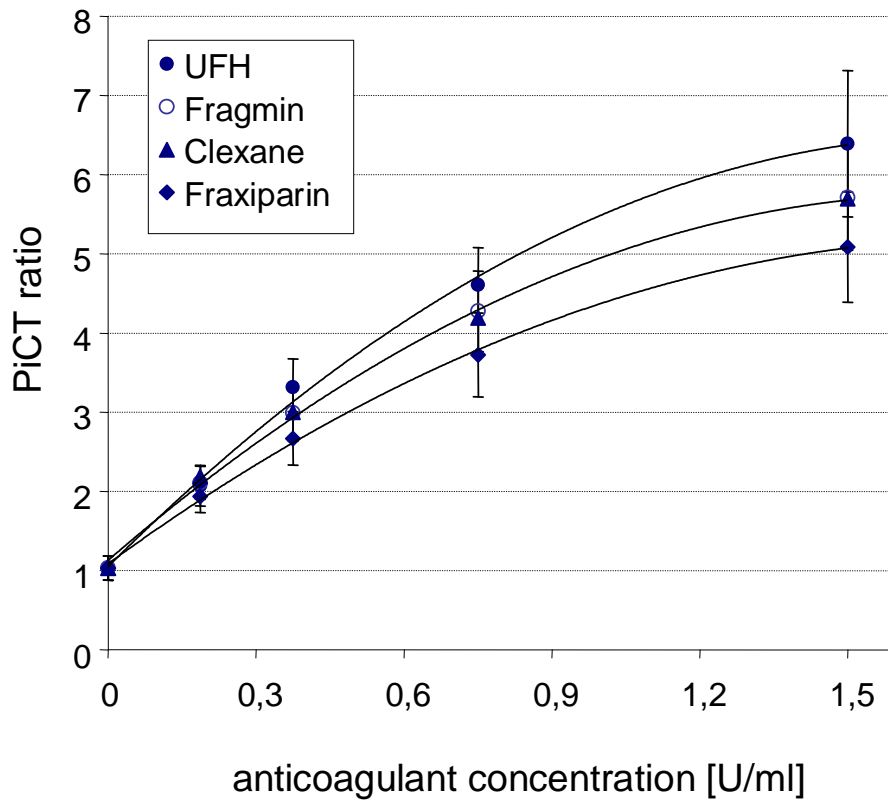
PiCT – results:

a) Clotting time in sec

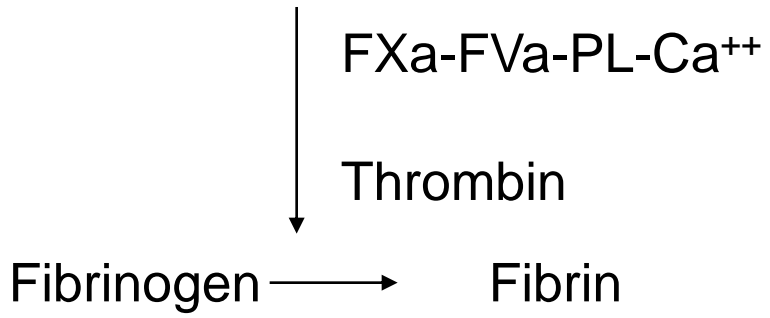
b) PiCT Ratio =
$$\frac{\text{PiCT (patient)}}{\text{PiCT (control plasma = plasma pool)}}$$

c) Calibration against anticoagulant concentration possible

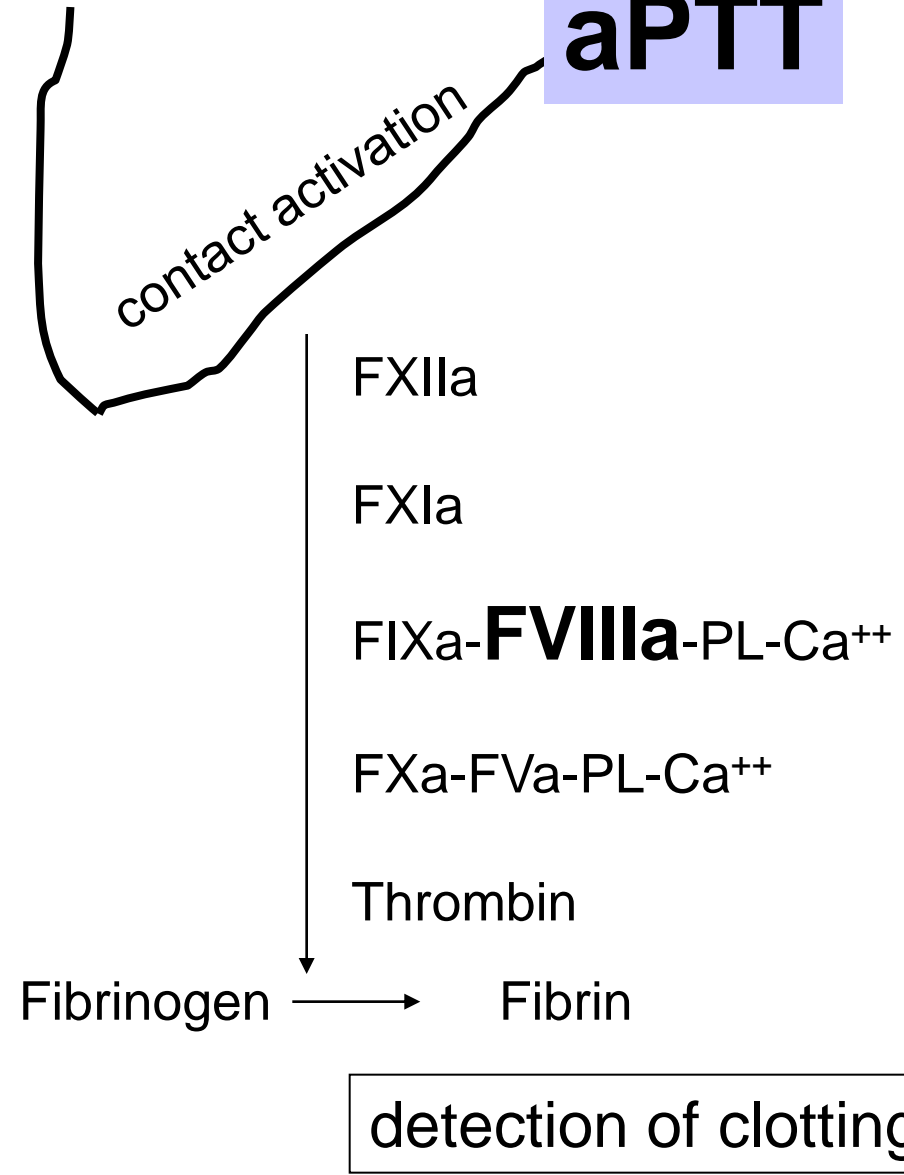
> PiCT[®]: dose-response relationships: UFH, LMWH and Hirudin



PiCT



aPTT



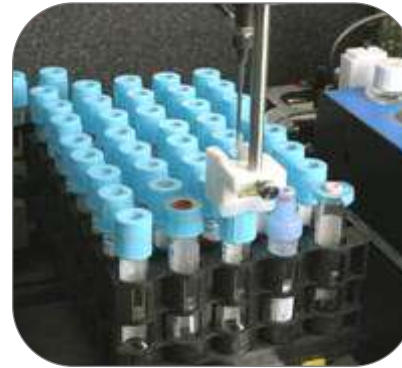
Less influence of patient clot.factors than aPTT and PT ?

Monitoring



*Reagents /
Kalibration*

Preamalytics



Analysis

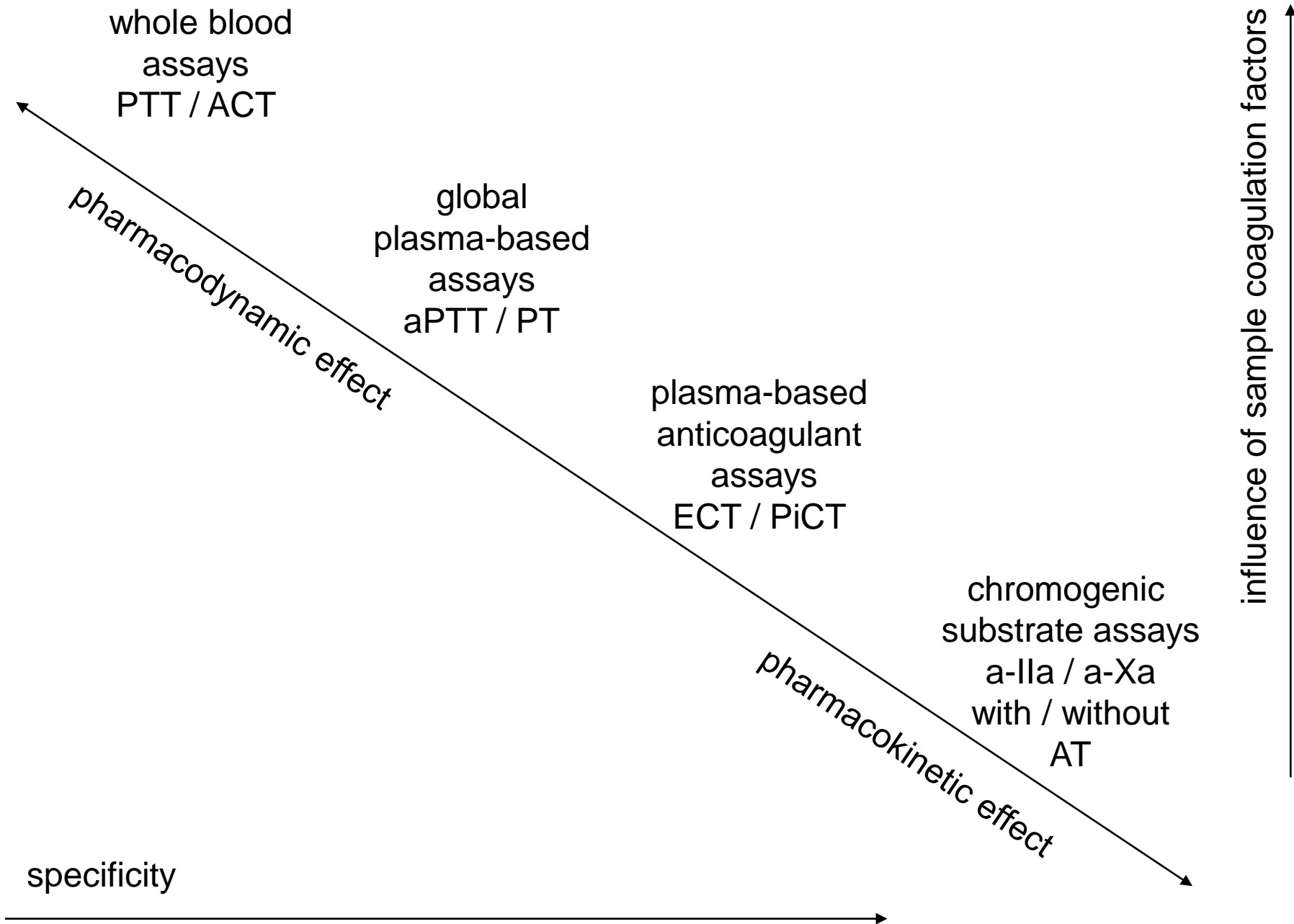


Seconds

*Transformation
/
Anticoagulant Concentration*



Result



Recommendations

Identify all anticoagulants applied to the patients in your hospital

**Identify commercially available assays with acceptable performance data (also own experience ex vivo!)
(Consider pharmacokinetics , -dynamics)**

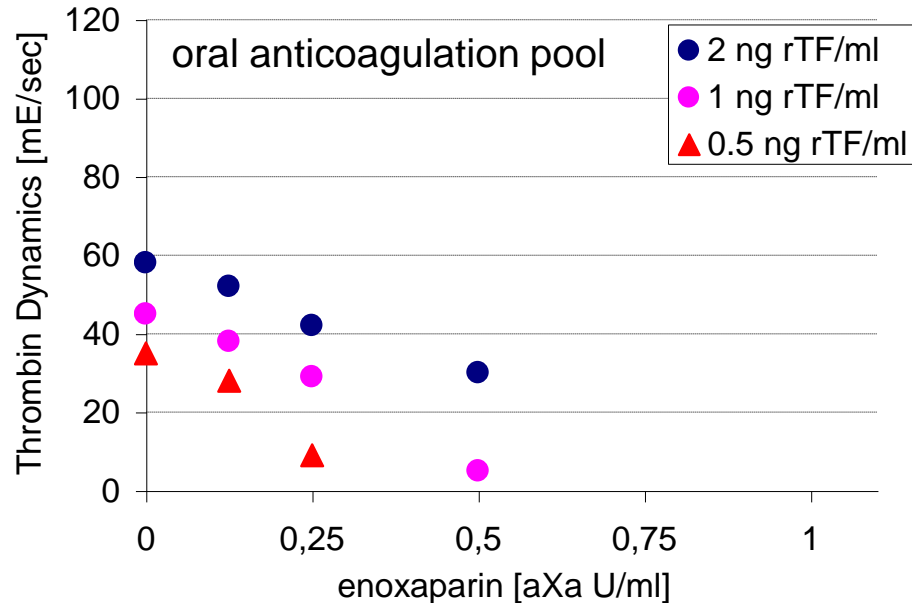
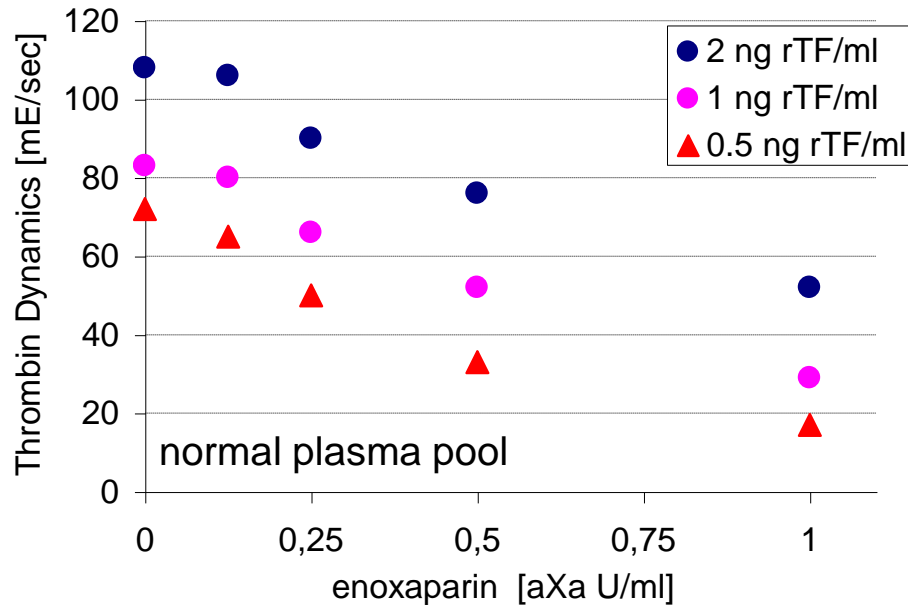
USE commercially available CALIBRANTS

Spiking normal plasma is nice, BUT you need ex vivo plasma material produced under standardized conditions

Be sure that changing anticoagulant concepts is communicated with the lab IN ADVANCE

Educate your clinicians to send samples for anticoagulantS monitoring regularly (you need measuring- they need interpretation experience)

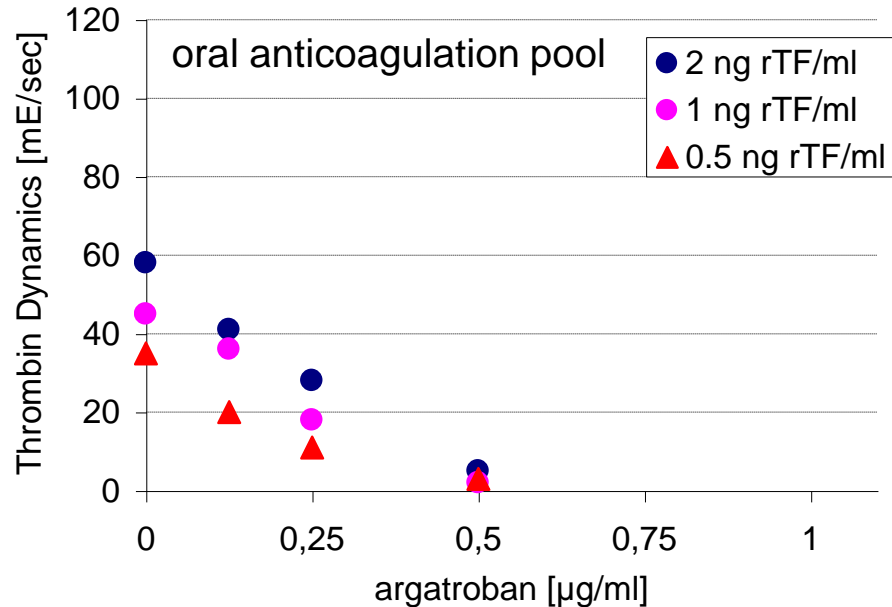
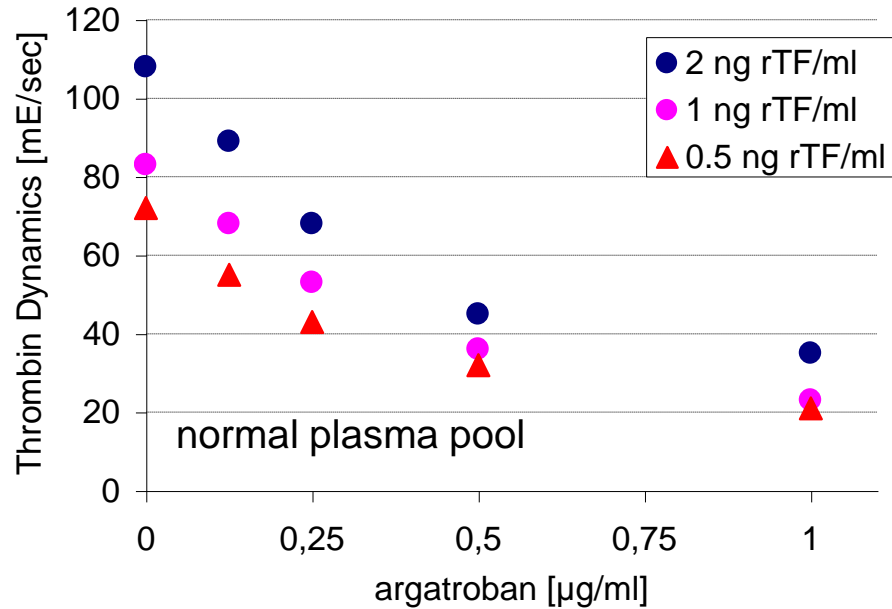
TDT: Antikoagulantieneffekte 1/2: Heparine



- clear dose response for levels of the tissue factor activation and the enoxaparin levels on the thrombin formation dynamics
- **50% inhibition of thrombin formation at approximately 0.6-0.7 aXa U/ml**
- approximately 40% inhibition of the thrombin formation dynamics by the oral anticoagulation
- additive effect of oral anticoagulation and enoxaparin

applicability of the TDT method in anticoagulation

TDT: Antikoagulantieneffekte 2/2: Direkte Thrombininhibitoren



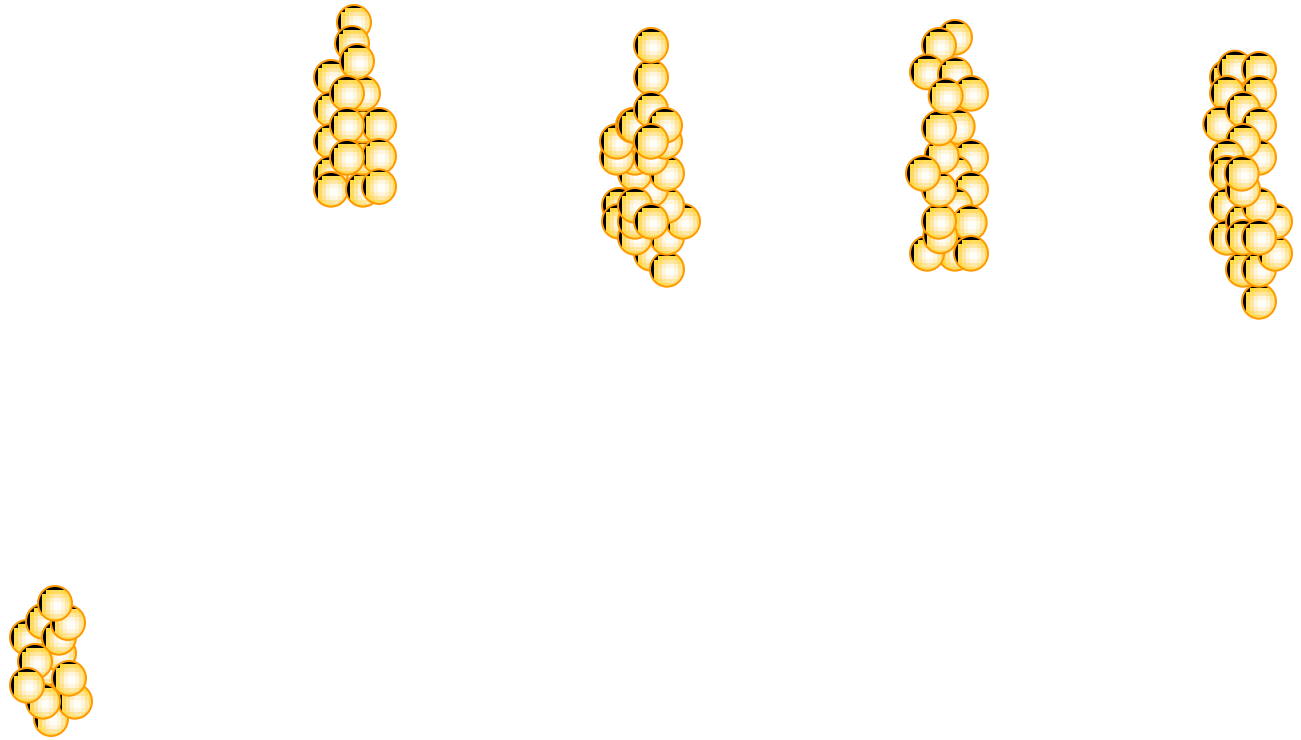
- clear dose response for levels of the tissue factor activation and the argatroban levels on the thrombin formation dynamics
- **50% inhibition of thrombin formation at approximately 0.3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$**

applicability of the TDT method in anticoagulation

Gegenwärtig verfügbare Präparate mit LMWH - MW - Anti-Xa / IIa Ratio. niedermolekularen Heparinen

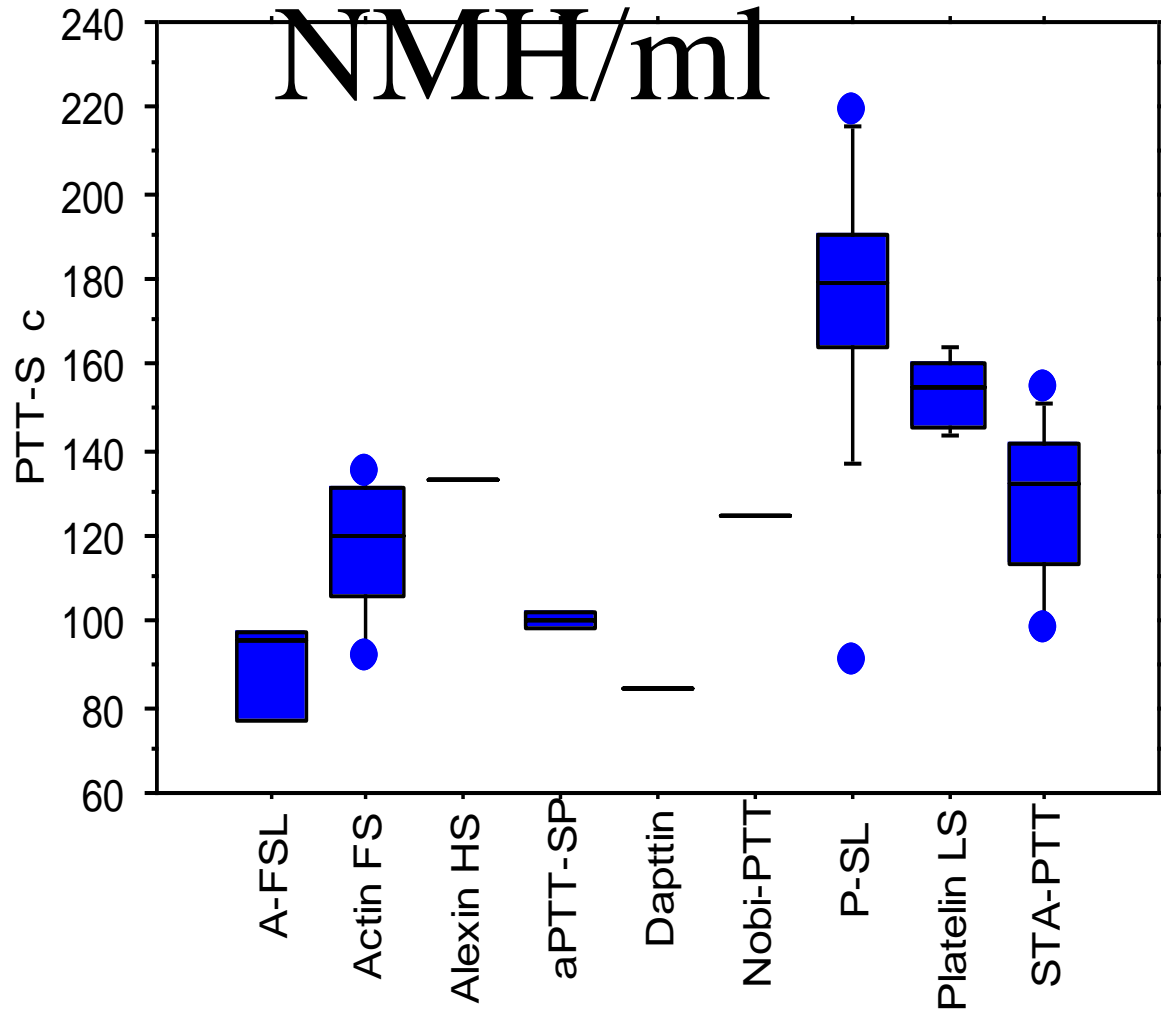
| Substance | Preparation | MW(Da) | Anti-Xa/IIa-Ratio |
|----------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------|
| <i>Bemiparin-Natrium*</i> | <i>Alkalische Depolymerisation</i> | 3.000-4.200 | 6-9 |
| Enoxaparin-Natrium | Benzylierung und alkalische Depolymerisation | 3.500-5.500 | 3,6 |
| Reviparin-Natrium | Depolymerisation mit salpetriger Säure | 3.550-4.650 | 3,2 |
| Nadroparin-Kalzium | Depolymerisation mit salpetriger Säure | 4.200-4.800 | 3,2 |
| Dalteparin-Natrium | Depolymerisation mit salpetriger Säure | 5.000-5.950 | 2,5 |
| <i>Parnaparin-Natrium*</i> | <i>Peroxidative Depolymerisation</i> | 4.000-5.000 | 2,4 |
| <i>Ardeparin-Natrium*</i> | <i>Peroxidative Depolymerisation</i> | 5.500-6.500 | 2,0 |
| Certoparin-Natrium | Aufspaltung durch Isoamylnitrat | 6.000 | 2,0 |
| Tinzaparin-Natrium | Digestion durch Heparinase | 5.800-6.750 | 1,9 |

Heptest-Messungen unter Therapie vonTVT mit fixer Dosierung



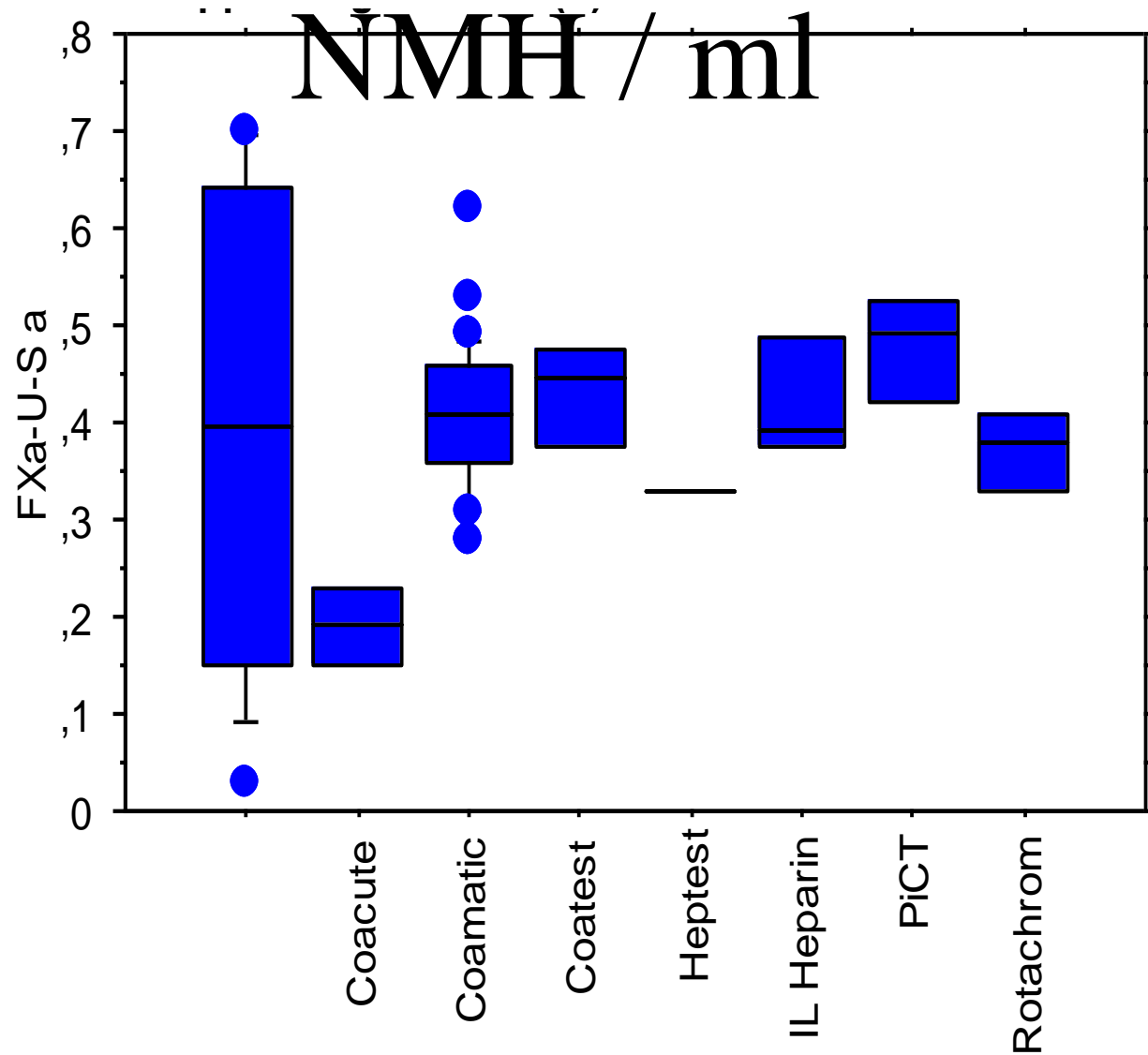
PTT

1,15 U



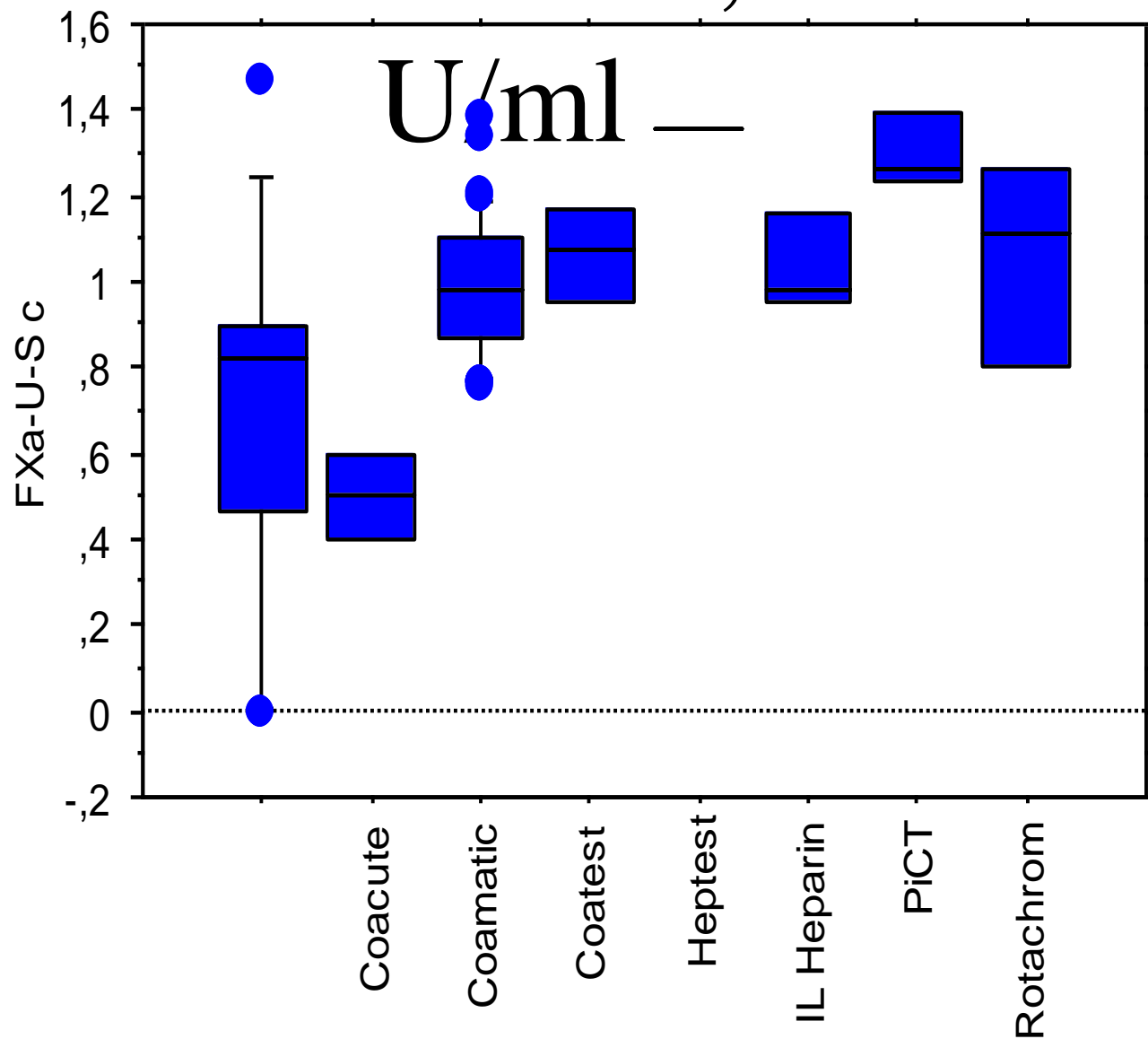
Anti Xa

0,45 U



Anti Xa

1,12 NMH



Streuung der aPTT bei nicht-adjustierter Heparin-Dosierung

