

**Table W1** Hepatotoxicity of ximelagatran\*

Studies	Patient s	Ximelagatr an	Contro l	Duratio n of treatme nt	Definition of hepatotoxici ty	Event rates Ximelagatra n	Control
SPORTI F II <sup>1</sup>	NVAF	20/40/60 mg twice daily	Warfari n INR 2.5	3 mo	ALT >3 × n	4.3%	0%
ESTEE M <sup>2</sup>	Post MI	24-60 mg twice daily + aspirin	Aspirin, 160 mg once daily	6 mo	ALT >5 × n	7.0%	1.0%
THRIVE III <sup>3</sup>	DVT	24 mg twice daily	Placebo	16.8 mo	ALT >3 × n	6.4%	1.2%
SPORTI F III	NVAF	36 mg twice daily	Warfari n INR 2.5	17.4 mo	ALT >3 × n	6.0%	1.0%

\*ALT = alanine aminotransferase; DVT = deep venous thrombosis; MI = myocardial infarction; NVAF = nonvalvular atrial fibrillation; 3 × n = 3 times the upper limit of normal.

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