

Effect of Various Anticoagulants On Commonly Used Coagulation Assays

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Coagulation Assays	VKA (Influence)	UFH (Influence)	LMWH (Influence)	Rivaroxaban (Influence)	Apixaban (Influence)	Edoxaban (Influence)	Dabigatran (Influence)
PT	↑	no effect or ↑ ¹	=	↑	no effect or ↑ _(weak)	↑ _(weak)	↑
aPTT	↑	↑	no effect or ↑ _(weak)	↑	no effect or ↑ _(weak)	↑ _(weak)	↑
Fibrinogen (Clauss Method)	=	↓	=	=	=	=	= / ↓
Thrombin Time TT	=	↑	↑	=	=	=	↑
Factor Assays (clotting assays)	↓ (FIX;VII,X and II) no effect for the others	aPTT based: ↓ ² PT based: =	aPTT based: ↓ _(weak) ² PT based: =	↓ ²	↓ _(weak) ² / =	↓ ²	↓ ²
DDi, VWF: Ag, VWF: RCo	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
Anti-Xa Activity (UFH or LMWH)	=	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	=
Antithrombin Activity FXa-based Assay	=	↓	=	↑ ³	↑ ³	↑ ³	=
Antithrombin Activity FIIa-based Assay	=	↓	=	=	=	=	↑ ³
Protein C Activity Clot-based Assay	↓	↑ ³	=	↑ ³	↑ ³	↑ ³	↑ ³
Protein C Activity Chromogenic Assay	↓	=	=	=	=	=	=
Protein S Activity Clot-based Assay	↓	↑ ³	=	↑ ³	↑ ³	↑ ³	↑ ³
Free Protein S Ag (Immunological Assay)	↓	=	=	=	=	=	=
Lupus Anticoagulant Testing: "sensitive" aPTT and dRVVT (screening, mixing, confirmation)	↑ ⁴	↑ ⁴	=	↑ ⁴	↑ ⁴	↑ ⁴	↑ ⁴
Resistance to Activated Protein C	↑ ⁵	↑ ¹	=	↑ ³	↑ ³	↑ ³	↑ ³
Reptilase Time	=	=	=	=	=	=	=

↑ increase ↓ decrease = no effect

¹ Would only be affected in the presence of UFH if the heparin neutralizer in the reagent was overwhelmed

² Factitiously low

³ Factitiously over estimated potentially leading to a falsely normal result

⁴ Factitiously positive, possible to misclassify as LA present

⁵ APTT- based APCR with added FV deficient plasma can be factitiously elevated or decreased ratio possible

VKA: Vitamin K Antagonist

UFH: Unfractionated Heparin

LMWH: Low Molecular Weight Heparin

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