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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



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Abstract

Background: Distal deep vein thrombosis (infrapopliteal DVT without proximal DVT or pulmonary embolism [PE]) generally shares the same triggering risks factors as proximal DVT. In women of childbearing age, a frequent triggering risk factor is the use of combined oral contraceptive (COC) pills. However, data on the epidemiology and long-term outcomes of COC-associated distal DVT are lacking.

Objectives: To assess the epidemiology and long-term outcomes of COC-associated distal DVT.

Methods: Using data from the OPTIMEV (Optimisation de l'Interrogatoire dans l'évaluation du risque thrombo-Embolique Veineux [Optimization of Interrogation in the Assessment of Thromboembolic Venous Risk]) multicenter cohort study of patients with objectively confirmed venous thromboembolism (VTE) enrolled between 2004 and 2006, we assessed in nonpregnant or postpartum women aged ≤ 50 years without cancer or history of VTE (i) proportion of COC-associated distal DVTs among women with distal DVTs and among women with COC-associated VTEs (distal DVT, proximal DVT, or PE) and (ii) 3-year incidence of death, bleeding, and VTE recurrence.

Results: COC-associated distal DVTs (n = 54) represented 43.9% of all distal DVTs and 51.9% of COC-associated VTEs. All but one woman with a COC-associated distal DVT received therapeutic anticoagulation for a median of 3 months. At 3-year follow-up, all women with COC-associated distal DVTs were alive, and none had bled during anticoagulant treatment or had experienced a DVT or PE recurrence after stopping anticoagulants. Similar results were found in patients with COC-associated proximal DVT and PE: The VTE recurrence rate was 1.7% per patient-year (PY) and 0% PY, respectively, and there were no deaths or major bleeds in either group.

List of OPTIMEV investigators is provided in Appendix 1.

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Conclusions: Distal DVT was the most frequent clinical presentation of COC-associated VTE and had similarly favorable long-term outcomes as other COC-associated VTE.

KEYWORDS

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Essentials

- Data on association between combined oral contraceptives (COC) and calf vein thrombosis are scarce.
- We assessed an observational cohort of women aged < 50 years with venous thromboses involving the calf, thigh, or lungs.
- Calf vein thrombosis is the most frequent presentation of COC-associated venous thrombosis.
- The 3-year risk of death, thrombosis recurrence, or bleeding of COC-associated calf thrombosis is low.

1 | INTRODUCTION

In women of childbearing age, venous thromboembolism (VTE) (deep vein thrombosis [DVT] or pulmonary embolism [PE]) occurs in 2–10/10 000 persons per year.¹ In this population, hormones—which includes combined oral contraceptives (COCs), birth control pills containing both estrogen and progestin—play a key triggering role and are usually found to be involved in about half of cases of VTE events.^{2–4} Overall, hormones increase the risk of VTE by 3–6 times, but the risk of VTE recurrence once COC use is stopped is very low.^{5–8} This usually justifies stopping anticoagulants after 3 months of treatment.⁹ As per any woman with previous VTE, further use of COCs is contraindicated.¹⁰

However, data on COC-associated VTE come from studies where the VTE event was either a proximal DVT or a PE or where exact DVT location was not categorized. Little is known about the characteristics and outcomes of women whose COC-associated VTE event was a distal DVT (infrapopliteal DVT without proximal DVT or PE). This is an important knowledge gap as distal DVT represents more than half of all lower-limb DVT,¹¹ that its management is debated^{9,12} and its risk factors, in terms of weight and outcomes (VTE recurrence, death, and bleeding) differ from those of proximal DVT or PE^{13–18}; Indeed, if distal DVT and proximal DVT share the same risk factors, distal DVT are more frequently triggered by transient risk factors than proximal DVT and are associated with lower risks of subsequent death, VTE recurrence, and bleeding.

Therefore, we analyzed data from the French, prospective, observational, multicenter OPTIMEV (Optimisation de l'Interrogatoire dans l'évaluation du risque thrombo-Embolique Veineux [Optimization of Interrogation in the Assessment of Thromboembolic Venous Risk]) study to ascertain the epidemiology, management, and long-term outcomes of COC-associated isolated distal DVT.

2 | METHODS

The OPTIMEV study was a large, French, multicenter, prospective, observational study of inpatients and outpatients referred

to vascular medicine physicians for clinically suspected acute VTE and followed for 3 years thereafter. Its primary objective was to assess risk factors for the various clinical presentations of VTE. The study protocol has been described elsewhere¹⁴ and is available at ClinicalTrials.gov (registration number: NCT00670540). In this substudy, the objectives were to ascertain in nonpregnant or postpartum women aged <50 years and without cancer or history of previous VTE, the proportion of COC-associated distal DVTs among COC-associated VTEs and among distal DVTs; secondary objectives were to describe the management of COC-associated distal DVT and to provide, in an exploratory analysis manner, the 3-year incidence of death, bleeding, and VTE recurrence of COC-associated distal DVTs.

2.1 | Patients

In brief, consecutive patients aged at least 18 years, referred for clinically suspected VTE to the vascular medicine physicians of the 41 hospitals and 292 private practices participating in the OPTIMEV study were enrolled, during a prespecified limited period of time, between 2004 and 2006. All VTE events were confirmed or ruled out with objective tests. All patients with suspicion of symptomatic lower-limb DVT underwent a standardized bilateral whole-leg compression ultrasound (CUS) which imaged the entire deep venous network. The diagnosis of DVT was confirmed if there was incompressibility of the vein. Only clots ≥ 5 mm diameter under CUS compression were considered as distal DVTs.¹⁹

For the present substudy, we included only those women whose index VTE event was a first, objectively confirmed, symptomatic, lower-limb distal or proximal DVT or a PE (with or without concomitant DVT).

We considered that women who used estrogen-containing contraceptive pills in the 3 months preceding VTE diagnosis/suspicion as being exposed to estrogens. Women were excluded if they (i) were aged > 50 years; (ii) had active cancer or a newly diagnosed

cancer within 3 months after VTE diagnosis; (iii) used estrogen for menopausal hormone replacement therapy purposes or fertility treatment purposes; (iv) used progesterone-only birth control pills; or (v) were pregnant or postpartum (up to 6 weeks after delivery). In OPTIMEV, women enrolled in overseas territories, living outside of France, or who were homeless were not eligible for follow-up.

2.2 | Study protocol

At inclusion, all demographic characteristics, clinical data, diagnostic test results, and usual medications were collected by the vascular medicine physician using a standardized validated questionnaire. Women were specifically asked questions regarding their fertility (pregnancy, miscarriage, periods, menopause) and whether they were taking or had been recently taking medications for birth control or menopause purposes (including name and date of onset/stop). They were informed to abstain from taking further COCs. At 3 months, and thereafter every year for 3 years, patients were phoned by a clinical research assistant to obtain information on health-related events and their treatment

since inclusion. Medical records were reviewed in the case of potential adverse events (death, VTE recurrence, bleeding, cancer, cardiovascular event), hospitalization, or a new visit to the vascular medicine physician during the follow-up period. All DVT and PE recurrences were confirmed according to ISTH criteria.²⁰ Major bleeding was defined as any bleeding that was either fatal or overt within a critical organ (eg, intracranial, retroperitoneal, intraocular, pericardial, intraspinal, or in adrenal glands) or that was associated with a fall in hemoglobin level ≥ 2 g/dL, or leading to a transfusion ≥ 2 units of packed red blood cells or whole blood. All suspected adverse events (death, major bleeding, VTE recurrence, new cancer) were adjudicated by the study's expert committee. Estrogen exposure and its type were assessed by Drs Bosson and Galanaud after reviewing the list of medications disclosed.

The OPTIMEV study was approved by the Ethics Committee (Comité Consultatif sur le Traitement de l'Information en matière de Recherche dans le domaine de la Santé) and the Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés. In accordance with French legislation on medical research, we obtained oral informed consent from all patients.

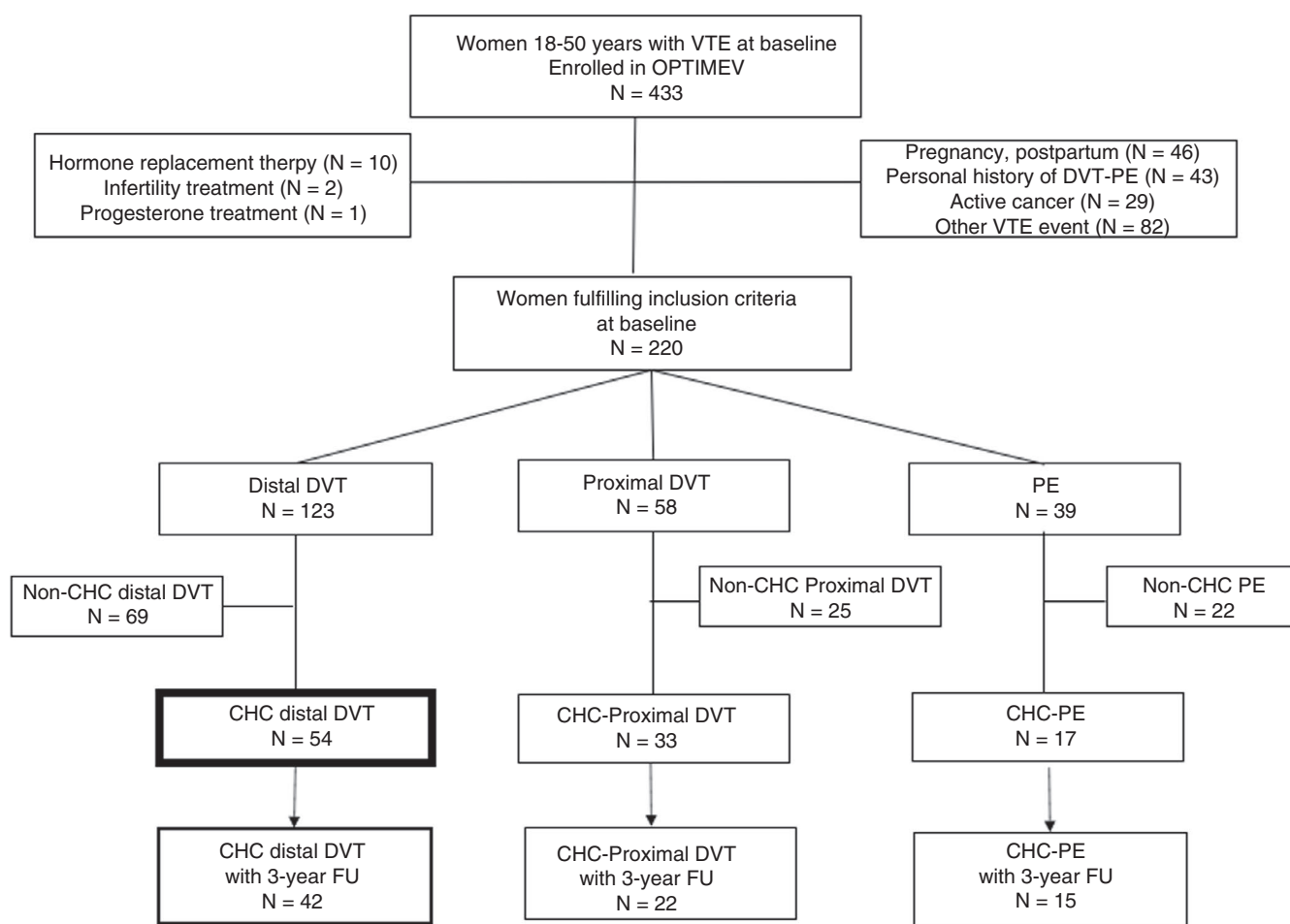


FIGURE 1 Study flow chart

2.3 | Statistical analysis

Categorical variables were expressed as frequencies and percentages; continuous variables were expressed as medians and interquartile ranges and means and standard deviations. Results and comparisons between groups (isolated distal or proximal DVT, PE, COC or non-COC related) were presented as events per 100 patient-years (PY).

Two-sided *P* values of .05 or less were considered to be statistically significant. Data were analyzed using Stata software (version 15.0, StataCorp, College Station, TX, USA).

3 | RESULTS

Between November 2004 and January 2006, 8256 patients were recruited in the study for a suspicion of VTE (Figure 1).

3.1 | Characteristics of VTE events

In OPTIMEV, 220 women were not pregnant or postpartum and were aged ≤ 50 years, without active cancer and had either a first distal DVT ($n = 123$), a first proximal DVT ($n = 58$) or a first PE ($n = 39$). Of

these women, 47.3% ($n/N = 104/220$) were on COC pills at the time of their VTE event.

In 43.9% ($n/N = 54/123$) of cases, women with distal DVT were on COC pill at time of DVT event. The respective proportion of women with proximal DVT and PE while on COC pills was 56.9% ($n/N = 33/58$) and 43.6% ($n/N = 17/39$).

Overall, 51.9% ($n/N = 54/104$) of COC-associated VTEs and 62.1% of COC-associated DVTs ($n/N = 54/87$) were distal DVTs. DVT (distal DVT, proximal DVT) and VTE (distal DVT, proximal DVT, PE) distributions were not statistically different between COC users and nonusers: $P = .1$ and $P = .2$, respectively. In 1.9% of cases ($n/N = 1/54$), the distal DVT was diagnosed in the contralateral asymptomatic leg of a woman with non-COC-associated distal DVT.

In 27.6% ($n/N = 24/87$) of cases, COC pills had been started less than a year before the VTE event: 25.6% ($n/N = 11/43$) in case of distal DVT, 22.6% ($n/N = 7/31$) in case of proximal DVT, and 46.2% ($n/N = 6/13$) in case of PE.

3.2 | Characteristics of COC-associated VTE and therapeutic management

Baseline characteristics of women with COC- and non-COC-associated VTEs are presented in Table 1.

TABLE 1 Baseline characteristics and therapeutic management of women with either isolated distal DVT, isolated proximal DVT, or PE according to their COC exposure

	Distal DVT		Proximal DVT		PE	
	COC user	COC nonuser	COC user	COC nonuser	COC user	COC nonuser
	N = 54	N = 69	N = 33	N = 25	N = 17	N = 22
Characteristics						
Age, y, mean (SD)	35.7 (8.1)	38.7 (7.3)	32.2 (9.8)	41.2 (7.7)	30.8 (9.3)	42.9 (6.7)
Obesity, % (N)	13.0 (7)	18.8 (13)	15.2 (5)	4.0 (1)	35.3 (6)	18.2 (4)
Varicose veins, % (N)	14.8 (8)	8.7 (6)	0 (0) ^c	20.0 (5)	5.9 (1)	18.2 (4)
Active smoker, % (N)	16.7 (9)	17.4 (12)	18.2 (6)	12.0 (3)	23.5 (4)	9.1 (2)
Family history of VTE, % (N)	40.7 (22)	23.2 (16)	30.3 (10)	16.0 (4)	17.6 (3)	45.5 (10)
Major transient risk factor ^b , % (N)	37.0 (20)	50.7 (35)	39.4 (13)	40.0 (10)	11.8 (2)	40.9 (9)
Therapeutic management ^a	N = 42	N = 52	N = 22	N = 19	N = 15	N = 16
Anticoagulation, yes, % (N)	100.0 (42)	98.1 (51)	100.0 (22)	100.0 (19)	93.3 (14)	100.0 (16)
Therapeutic dose, % (N)	97.6 (41)	100.0 (51)	100 (22)	100.0 (19)	100.0 (14)	94.8 (15) ^d
Duration, median (IQR)	90 (61–120)	90 (59–120)	182 (120–212)	151 (92–199)	244 (181–546)	365 (182–685)

Abbreviations: COC, combined oral contraceptive; IQR, interquartile range.

^aIn women eligible and agreeable for long-term follow-up.

^bLeg fracture or lower-extremity plaster cast; immobilization for >3 d; surgery with the use of a general anesthesia in the 3 mo before the index of VTE event.

^c*P* value, varicose veins, COC-associated distal DVT vs COC-associated proximal DVT = 0.02.

^dOne missing data.

All women with COC-associated distal DVTs were treated with anticoagulants at therapeutic dose in all but one case (97.6%, $n/N = 41/42$) and for a median duration of 90 days. The woman with a COC-associated distal DVT that was left untreated was 46 years old, an active smoker, and had no additional risk factors for VTE and no risk factors for bleeding (her follow-up was also uneventful). The management of women with non-COC-associated distal DVTs was identical to the management of women with COC-associated distal DVTs, all of whom were treated with a full dose of anticoagulant for a median duration of 90 days. Therapeutic management of COC- and non-COC-associated proximal DVT and PE is also presented in Table 1.

3.3 | Outcomes during the 3-year follow-up (exploratory analyses)

Four (9.5%, $n/N = 4/42$ among women eligible and agreeable to follow-up) patients with COC-associated distal DVT were lost to follow-up.

3.3.1 | COC

All women with COC-associated VTEs stopped taking COCs during follow-up.

3.3.2 | VTE recurrence

No woman with COC-associated distal DVT experienced a DVT or PE recurrence during the 3 years of follow-up. Only one woman with COC-associated distal DVT experienced an isolated superficial vein thrombosis, representing an incidence rate of 0.9% per PY. One woman with a COC-associated proximal DVT experienced a VTE recurrence, representing an incidence rate of 1.7% per PY. No woman with COC-associated PE had a VTE recurrence during follow-up.

Of note, the respective incidence of DVT or PE recurrence in women with non-COC-associated distal DVT, proximal DVT, and PE was 1.3% per PY, 0.0% per PY, and 0% per PY for PE.

3.3.3 | Death

None of the women with COC-associated distal DVT, proximal DVT, or PE died during follow-up.

3.3.4 | Major bleeding

None of the women with COC-associated distal DVT, proximal DVT, or PE experienced a major bleeding during anticoagulant treatment.

4 | DISCUSSION

We found that in unselected nonpregnant or postpartum women aged ≤ 50 years, without active cancer or previous history of VTE and not using estrogen for hormone replacement therapy purposes, managed in routine clinical practice, distal DVT was the most frequent clinical presentation of COC-associated VTE. Its prognosis was favorable, with a very low incidence of adverse outcomes in the long term.

The primary objective of this study was to assess the proportion of COC-associated distal DVT among COC-associated VTE and among distal DVT. Our results evidence that distal DVT was the most frequent clinical presentation of COC-associated VTE. In our population, it accounted for 43.9% of distal DVT, for 51.9% of all COC-associated VTE ($n = 104$) and for 62.1% of all COC-associated DVT. The proportion of COC-associated distal DVT among COC-associated DVT we report seems slightly different than what has been reported in two previous French series of patients from Brest (47.3%, [53/112]) and from Paris (78.3% [1156/1475]), but numbers were small and interpretation should be cautious.^{4,21} In contrast to ours, those studies were single center and hospital based. Furthermore, in OPTIMEV, we used a standardized US protocol that systematically screened the distal deep venous system (deep calf and muscular veins) in case of suspected DVT.

Regarding management and outcomes, all COC-associated distal DVT patients were treated with anticoagulants, and almost always (97.6%) at therapeutic doses, for a median duration of 3 months. This management was identical to the management of women with non-COC-associated distal DVT. It was also in line with the usual routine practice management of distal DVT as reported either in France or in international registries.^{13,15} This suggests that, at the time these patients were enrolled (2004–2006), COC-associated distal DVT was not perceived differently by clinicians from a therapeutic management perspective than other distal DVTs. Furthermore, as previously reported in recently published studies for COC-associated proximal DVT or PE,^{6–8} we found that the risk of recurrence after stopping anticoagulant treatment was extremely low, and lower than OPTIMEV patients with a first distal DVT and without cancer (2.7% per PY [1.9–3.8]).¹⁴ Thus, no patient with a COC-associated distal DVT developed a DVT or PE recurrence, and only one woman developed a superficial vein thrombosis.

Our study has certain strengths and limitations. Given its national design, our results are only generalizable to the French population of women fulfilling our inclusion criteria. Our sample size was small, and we thus cannot draw any definitive conclusions, particularly in terms of long-term rates of adverse outcomes. These latter data should only be considered as exploratory data. Consistent with literature data, we found that a significant proportion of women with COC-associated distal DVT were also exposed to another strong superimposed transient risk factor (37%, which is lower than for women with non-COC distal DVT [eg, 50%]).²² This has certainly also contributed to our low rate of VTE recurrence. Finally, we cannot also exclude

that VTE prevalence and distribution between DVTs and PEs may have changed since 2004, particularly because screening strategies have evolved (D-dimer assays, multislice chest computed tomography pulmonary angiogram, etc.).²³

Among the strengths of our study, we believe that its multicenter design with both community- and university-based recruitment and the use of a standardized whole-leg CUS protocol for suspected DVT provides a reliable estimate of the true contribution of COC-associated distal DVT among distal DVT and COC-associated VTEs in patients seen in routine clinical practice for suspected VTE. All recurrent events were validated by an expert committee after reviewing medical records. We were also able to provide for the first-time data on the therapeutic management and long-term outcomes of this frequent clinical presentation of VTE.

In conclusion, in our study, distal DVT was the most frequent clinical presentation of COC-associated VTE in nonpregnant or postpartum women aged ≤ 50 years without cancer or history of VTE. Clinical characteristics of women with COC-associated distal DVTs and COC-associated proximal DVTs were similar, and DVT and VTE distributions did not appear to be statistically different in COC and non-COC users. The prognosis of COC-associated distal DVT seemed favorable, with a very low incidence of adverse outcomes in the long term. Larger studies are needed to confirm our results and evaluate the most appropriate therapeutic management of COC-associated distal DVT.

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APPENDIX 1

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