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# **HEMOSTATIC EFFECT OF TRANEXAMIC ACID SOLUTION USED AS MOUTHWASH**

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- oral bleeding in congenital and acquired coagulation disorders

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# *INTRODUCTION*

- Patients receiving oral anticoagulant therapy who undergo minor oral surgical procedures may have prolonged and excessive hemorrhage.
- Temporarily withholding or decreasing the dosage of the anticoagulant exposes the patients to the risk of venous thromboembolism and potential systemic emboli from a cardiac source.

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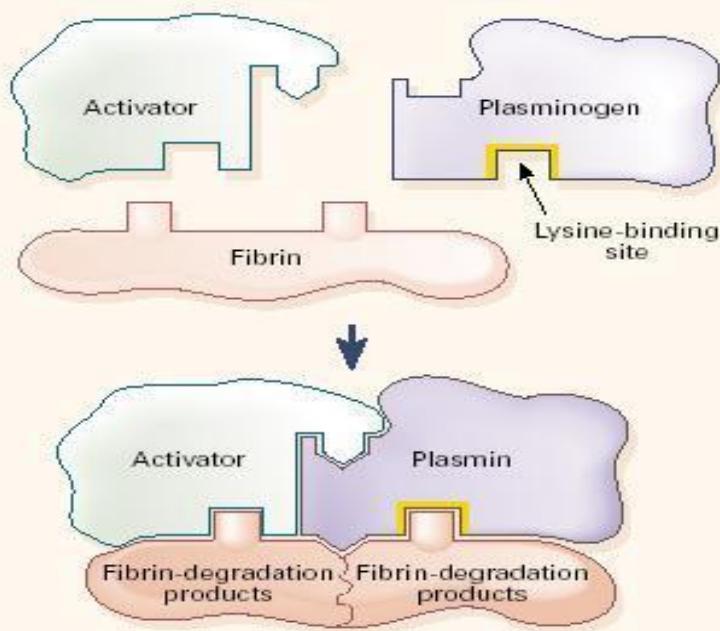
- Various protocols have been suggested for treating these patients, including substituting heparin for warfarin, decreasing the level of anticoagulation preoperatively, temporarily stopping the warfarin, and not altering the anticoagulant regimen at all.
- There remains, however, no standard therapeutic approach, and currently it appears that each patient's treatment plan is individually tailored by his or her attending specialist.

- In recent years, continuation of anticoagulant therapy in oral surgical procedures has gained more attention in the international literature, emphasizing the role of local hemostasis.
- There remains, however, a lack in consensus of treatment methods to secure this local hemostasis.
- Hemostasis in the oral cavity is dependent on the dynamic balance between fibrin formation and resolution and is influenced by the external environment, which contains both **plasminogen** and **plasminogen activators**.

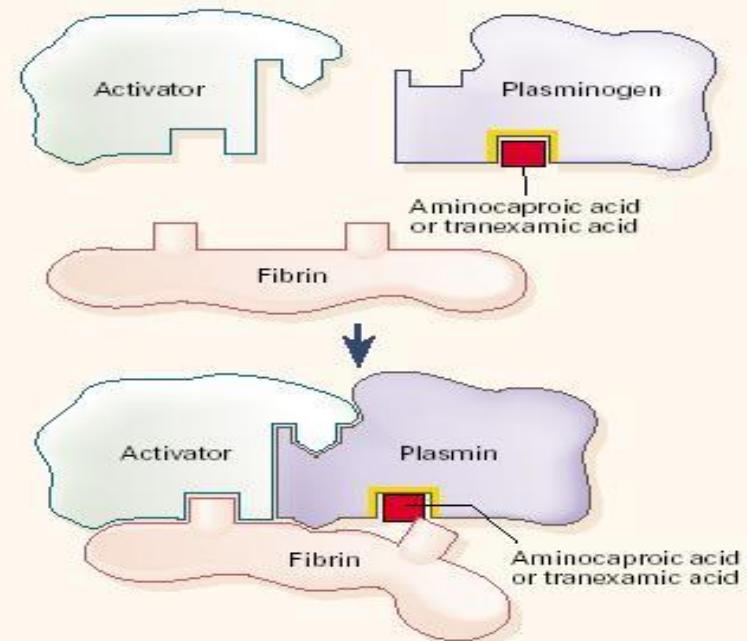
# ANTIFIBRINOLYTIC AMINO ACIDS

- Two synthetic derivatives of the amino acid lysine, 6-aminohexanoic acid (**aminocaproic acid**) and 4-(aminomethyl)cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (**tranexamic acid**), have antifibrinolytic activity in humans.
- Both drugs bind reversibly to plasminogen and thereby block the binding of plasminogen to fibrin and its activation and transformation to plasmin.

## activation of fibrinolysis

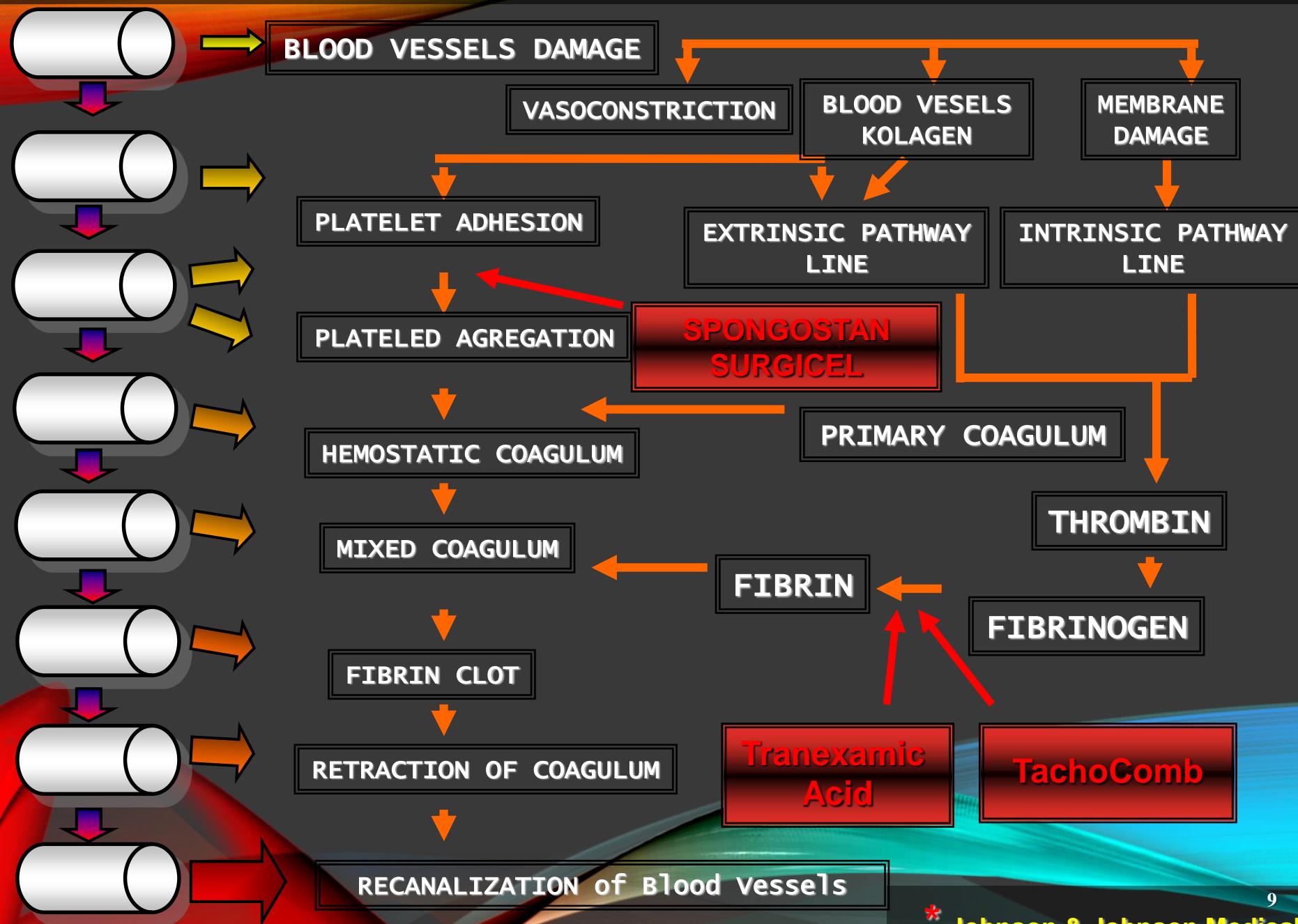


## inhibition of fibrinolysis



- Aminocaproic acid and tranexamic acid (which is about 10 times more potent than aminocaproic acid and has a longer half-life) are effective even when bleeding is not associated with laboratory signs of excessive fibrinolysis.
- Since both drugs enter the extravascular space and accumulate in tissues, the basis for their efficacy is thought to be the inhibition of tissue fibrinolysis and the consequent stabilization of clots.

# COAGULATION STRUCTURE WITH ACTION PLACES OF HAEMOSTATIC AGENTS \*



# ORAL BLEEDING IN CONGENITAL AND ACQUIRED COAGULATION DISORDERS

- Antifibrinolytic drugs are useful for the control of bleeding after dental extractions in patients with hemophilia, because the oral mucosa and saliva are rich in plasminogen activators.
- In two small clinical trials, aminocaproic acid or tranexamic acid reduced recurrent bleeding and the amount of clotting-factor-replacement therapy needed.

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# WHAT IS TRANEXAMIC ACID?

- Tranexamic acid is an antifibrinolytic agent that inhibits the breakdown of fibrin clots. Its primary action is to block the binding of plasminogen and plasmin to fibrin therefore preventing fibrinolysis.
- It has been used in anticoagulated dental patients as a local haemostatic agent in the form of a mouthwash.

## *TRANSAMIN® - Tranexamic Acid*



## LOCAL HAEMOSTIC AGENTS

- ◆ 5% tranexamic acid antifibrinolitic mouthwash rinse

# WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE OF BENEFIT FOR TRANEXAMIC ACID MOUTHWASH?

- When used alone with no local haemostatic dressing, tranexamic acid mouthwash reduces postoperative bleeding compared to placebo mouthwash.
- When used in combination with local haemostatic measures and suturing, tranexamic acid mouthwash provides little additional reduction in postoperative bleeding.

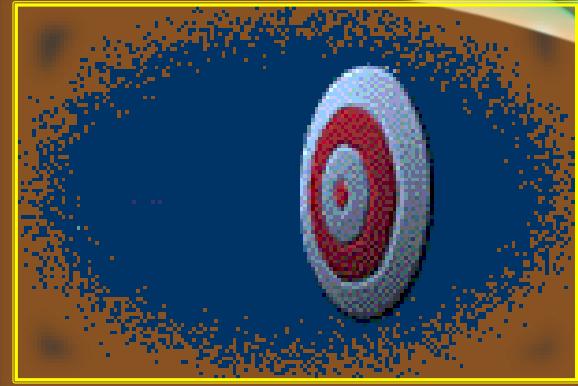
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- The aim of the study was to evaluate the mouthwash solution (tranexamic acid) as a local haemostatic modality after oral surgery interventions.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

- To realize the aim 100 individuals who received oral anticoagulants were included.
- Oral surgery interventions were performed with a reduction in the level of anticoagulant therapy in the first group.
- Oral surgery interventions were realized in the second group with no change in the level of anticoagulant therapy and with usage the tranexamic acid.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

- After the interventions the surgical field was irrigated with a 5% solution of tranexamic acid in the treatment group whose oral anticoagulants had not been discontinued (second group) and with a placebo solution in the examined for whom the anticoagulant therapy was reduced (first group).
- Patients were instructed to rinse their mouths with 10 ml of the assigned solution.

# RESULTS

**TABLE 1. PATIENTS THERAPEUTICALLY ANTICOAGULATED WITH WARFARIN UNDERGOING DENTAL EXTRACTIONS**

(N = 100 PATIENTS)	Group A (55)	Group B (45)	Total
• Gender			
Male	26	25	52
Female	20	28	48
• Age range (yr)	24-85	40-83	
• No. of extractions			
Mandible	46	32	78
Maxilla	25	49	74

# RESULTS

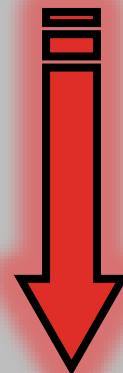
TABLE 2. PATIENTS THERAPEUTICALLY ANTICOAGULATED WITH WARFARIN UNDERGOING DENTAL EXTRACTIONS

(N = 100 PATIENTS)	Group A	Group B	Total
• INR			
Mean	3.0	3.1	
Range	2.3-4.0	2.1-4.0	
• Postoperative bleed (n)*			
Mandible	0	0	0
Maxilla	0	2	2
• INR mean for postoperative bleed 6.7 (range, 5.9-7.6)			

# Recommendations

## PROTOCOL

ALGORITAM for  
NON URGENT DENTAL CARE



INFORMATIC SYSTEM

# ALGORITAM for NON URGENT DENTAL CARE

Pre-evaluation  
of dental tretman

detail  
anamnesis

EVALUATION of the patient

transfusiologist  
cardiologist  
neurologist

CONSULTATION with the physician:

lab. investigation

ORAL SURGERY TREATMAN

evaluation of  
health condition

Local anesthesia

procedure

therapy rang  
of INR

local haemostasis

signed consent

contact with patient

PT  
INR  
ATIII  
PC  
PS  
fibrinolysis

controls, communication

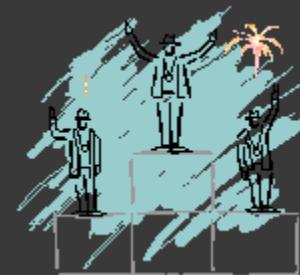
# CONCLUSION

- ❖ The evidence from clinical trials and focused reviews supports continuing oral anticoagulation for patients needing dentoalveolar surgery.
- ❖ As long as the INR is within the therapeutic range and local hemostatic measures are taken following the surgery, these patients will have little chance of developing uncontrolled bleeding following the surgery.



# CONCLUSION

- ❖ Local hemostasis will control the bleeding in the few patients who develop postsurgical bleeding.
- ❖ The risk of uncontrolled life threatening bleeding following dentoalveolar surgery is so low that it is not necessary to stop anticoagulation even for a short interval and risk thromboembolism in patients on oral anticoagulants.



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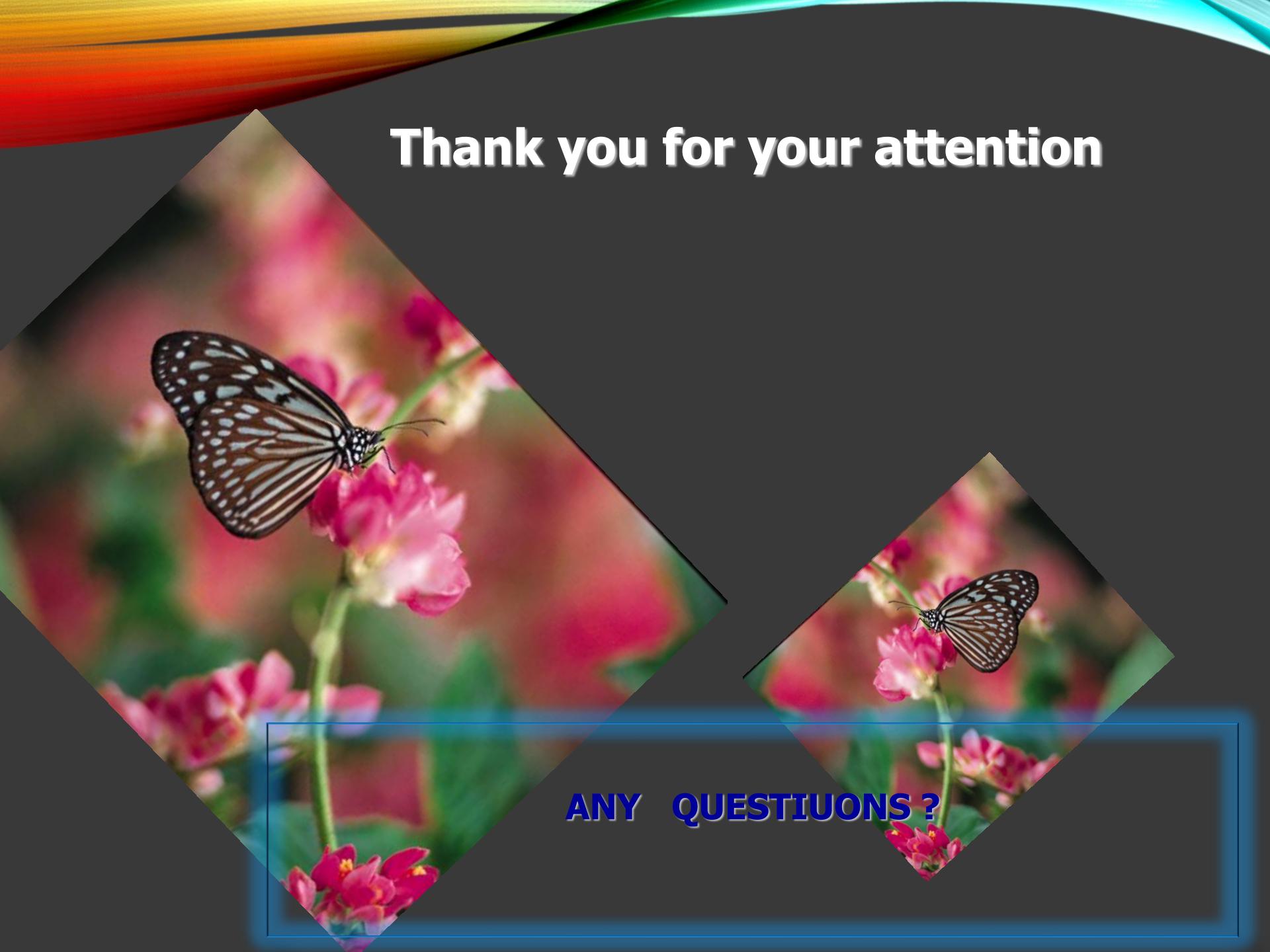
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# **Thank you for your attention**

**ANY QUESTIUONS ?**