

# **Primary Prevention with Anticoagulation: The COMPASS Trial**

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- Home medications include: clopidogrel 75 mg daily, atorvastatin 40 mg po daily, lisinopril 20 mg po daily and metoprolol 50 mg po BID.
- In addition to counseling the patient on the importance of smoking cessation, what additional medication could be added or changed to his current regimen that may provide him the most benefit in reducing further cardiovascular events?

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# Rivaroxaban with or without aspirin in stable cardiovascular disease

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# Clinical Question

- In patients with established stable atherosclerotic disease, is rivaroxaban plus aspirin more effective than aspirin alone in reducing cardiovascular death, stroke, or nonfatal MI?

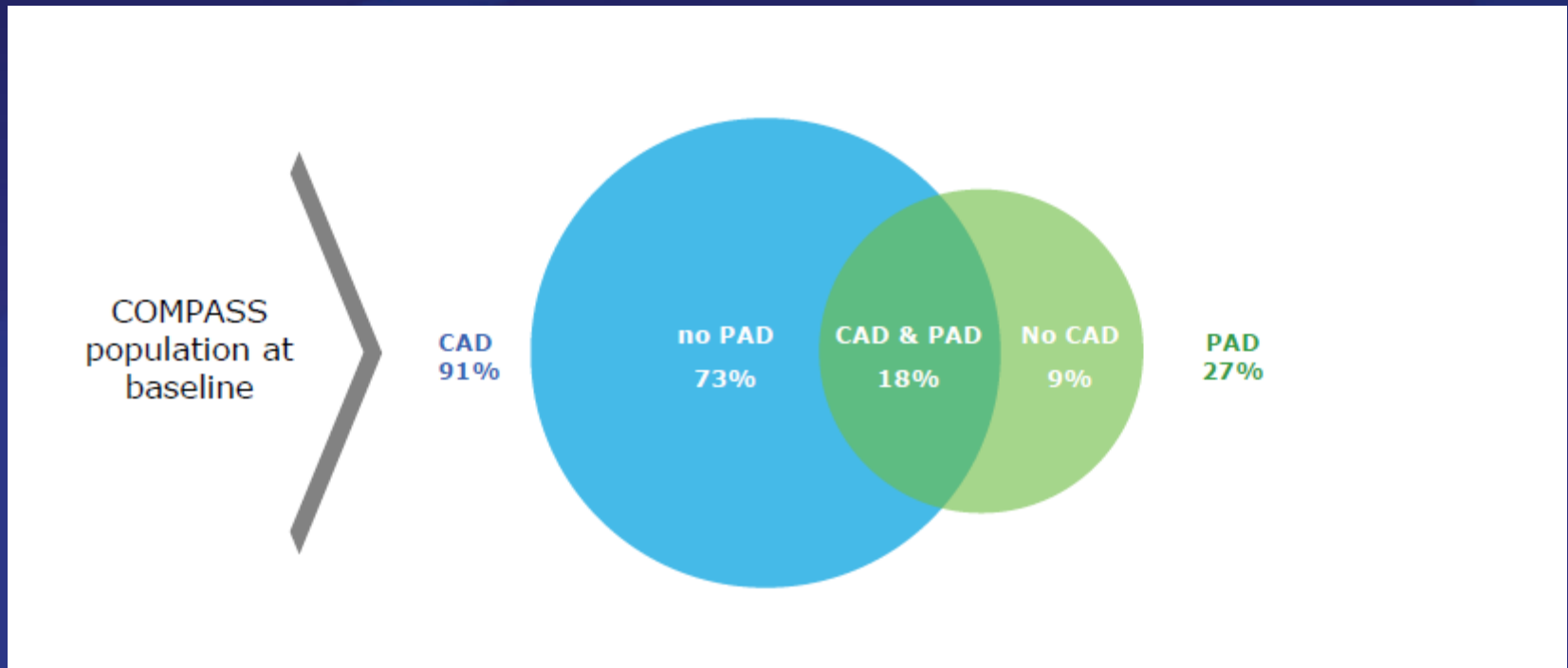
# COMPASS Background

- An estimated 17.3 million people worldwide died from cardiovascular disease in 2012 and this number is projected to increase to 23.6 million per year by 2030<sup>1</sup>
  - Known coronary artery disease (CAD) and peripheral artery disease (PAD) are strong predictors of risk of future cardiovascular events <sup>1,2</sup>
- 5-10% of patients with cardiovascular disease have recurrent events each year <sup>3</sup>
- When used for secondary prevention, aspirin compared to placebo reduced the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events by 19% and resulted in a 9% lower risk of cardiovascular death.<sup>4</sup>



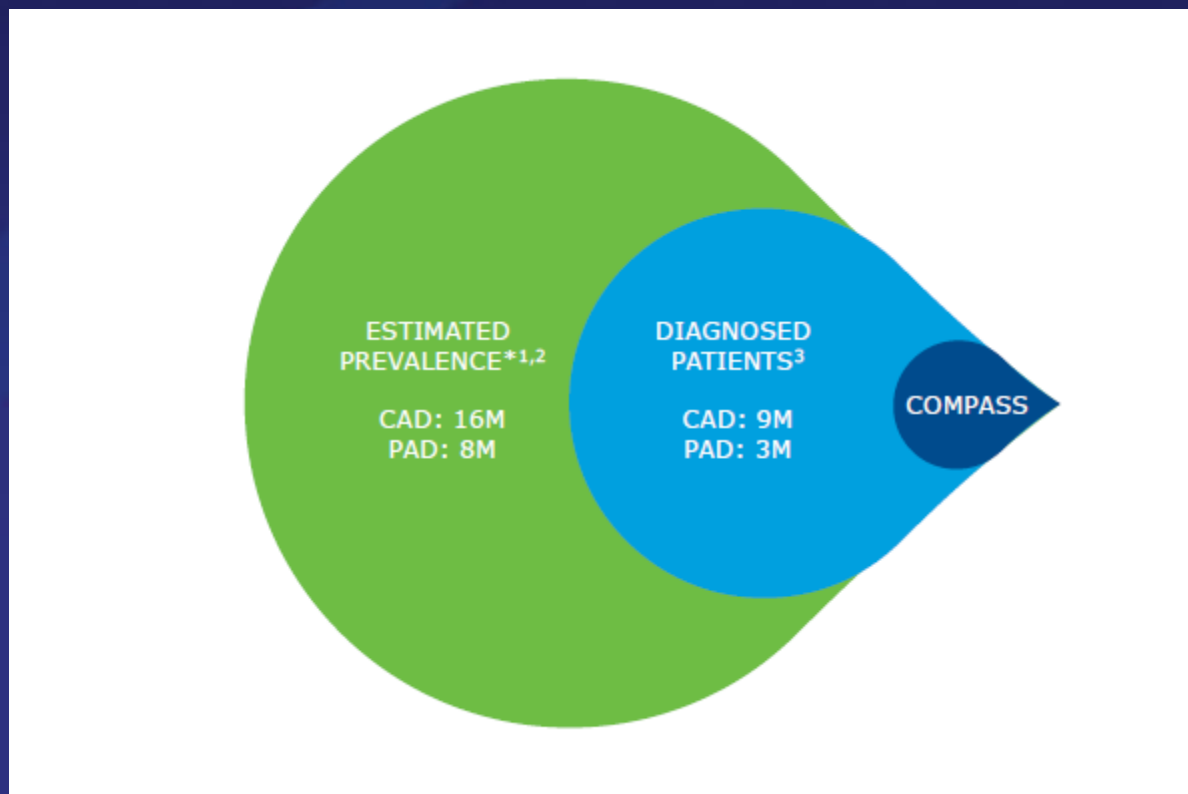
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## COMPASS Patient Demographics: Polyvascular Population



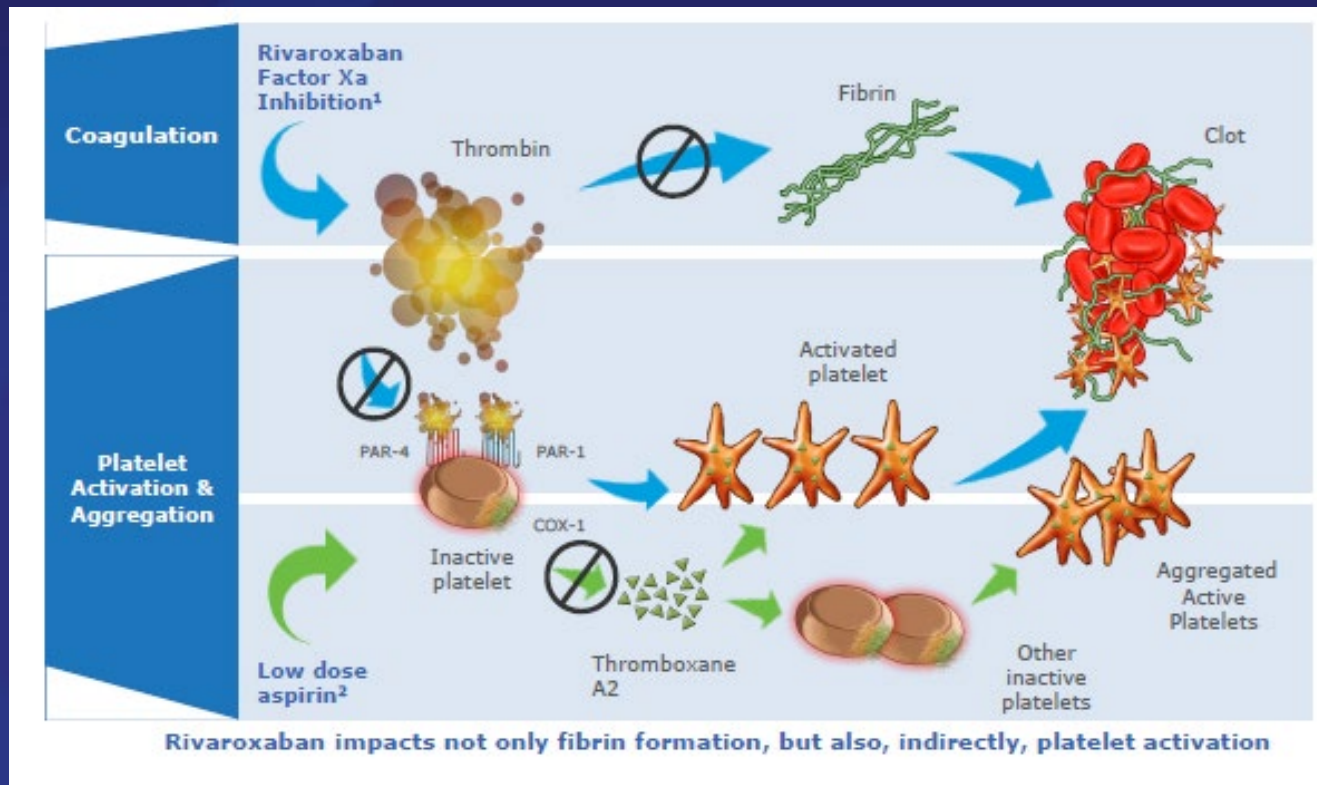
# COMPASS Background

## Targeted Patient Population Under Evaluation



# COMPASS Background

## Working hypothesis: Rivaroxaban & Aspirin Synergistically Target Essential Components of Atherothrombosis



# COMPASS Background

## COMPASS Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Rationale

- Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) patients have widespread atherosclerosis and increased risk of CV & limb adverse outcomes. <sup>1</sup>
- Vascular events are high despite effective interventions. <sup>2</sup>
- Few therapies have clearly reduced both Major Adverse CV Events (MACE) and Major Adverse Limb Events (MALE). <sup>3</sup>

# COMPASS Background

## Patients with Chronic CAD or PAD Remain At Risk of Vascular Events

Results for primary endpoint MACE: CV death, MI & stroke

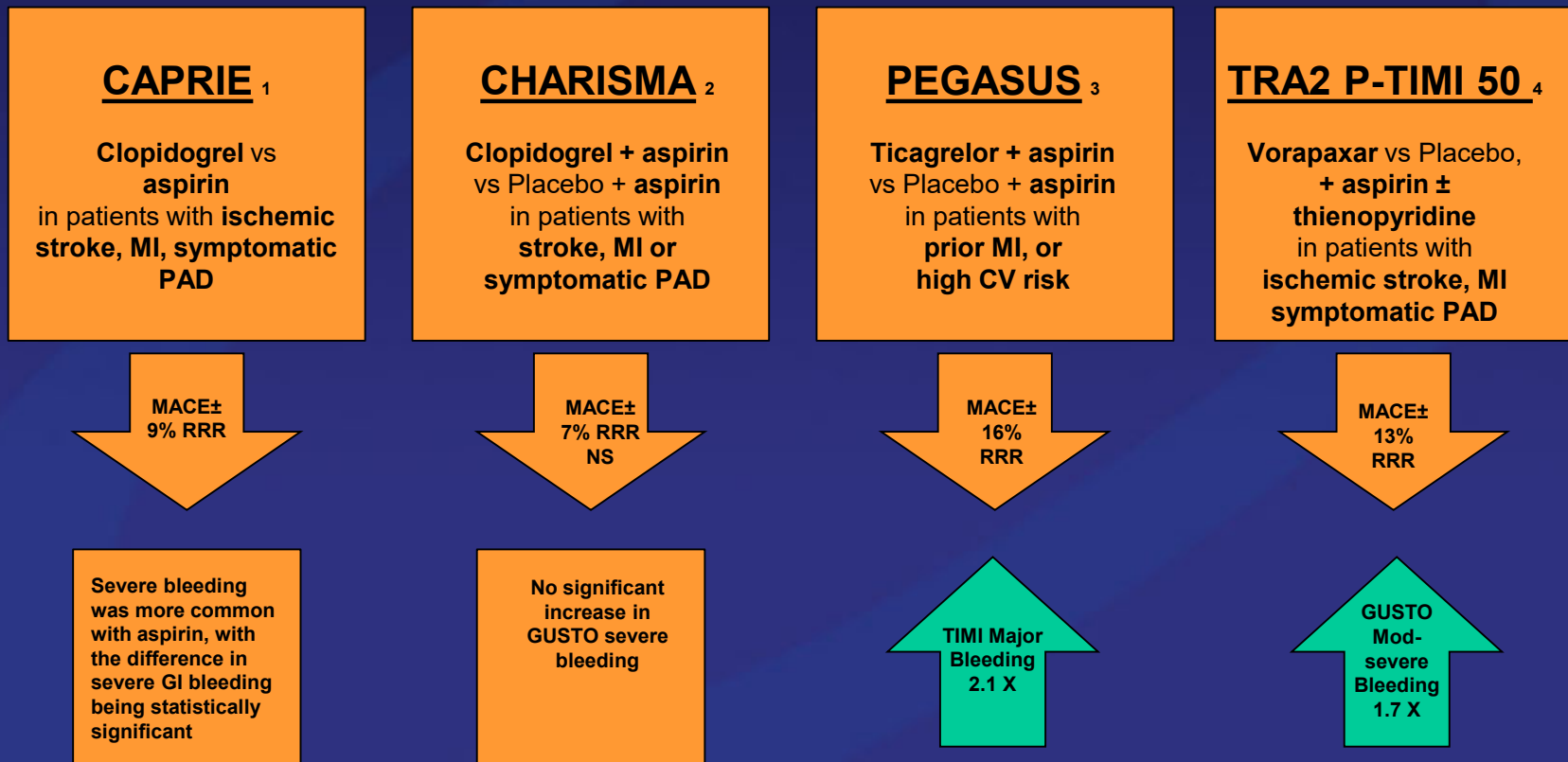
Study Title/ Population	Treatment Arms	Control %/year	Intervention %/year	HR (95%CI)	p-value
<b>ATT Collaboration1 Meta-analysis Prior MI, stroke/TIA</b>	Aspirin // Control	8.19	6.69	0.81 (0.75-0.87)	<0.00001
<b>CAPRIE2 Ischemic stroke, MI (&gt;35d), symptomatic PAD</b>	Clopidogrel // Aspirin	5.83	5.32	NR	0.043
<b>CHARISMA3 Sub-analysis Prior MI, ischemic stroke or symptomatic PAD</b>	Clopidogrel + Aspirin // Placebo + Aspirin	8.8	7.3	0.83 (0.74-0.95)	0.01
<b>PEGASUS4 Prior MI (1-3y), high CV risk</b>	60 mg Ticagrelor + Aspirin // Placebo + Aspirin	9.04	7.77	0.84 (0.74-0.95)	0.008
	90 mg Ticagrelor + Aspirin // Placebo + Aspirin	9.04	7.85	0.85 (0.75-0.96)	0.004
<b>TRA2P-TIMI505 Prior MI (2w-12m), ischemic stroke, symptomatic PAD</b>	Vorapaxar // Placebo, on top of SoC including Aspirin □ Thienopyridine	10.5	9.3	0.87 (0.80-0.94)	<0.001

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# COMPASS Background

Previous Trials Investigating Intensified Antithrombotic Therapy in Patients At High CV Risk Showed Mixed Results



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# Design

- Prospective, multi-center, double-blind, randomized controlled trial
- N=27,395
- Enrollment: March 2013 to May 2016
- Mean follow-up: 23 months
- Analysis: Intention-to-treat
- Primary outcome: Cardiovascular death, stroke, or nonfatal MI
- Secondary outcome: CHD death, ischemic stroke, myocardial infarction, or acute limb ischemia, All-cause mortality.
- On February 6, 2017 the Data and Safety Monitoring Board recommended discontinuation of rivaroxaban/aspirin arms for clear evidence of efficacy (combination:  $Z = -4.59$ ,  $P < 0.00001$ ; rivaroxaban:  $Z = -2.44$ ,  $P = 0.01$ )

# 602 sites, 33 countries





# COMPASS Background

## Overall Primary Objectives

To determine in chronic CAD or PAD whether:

- Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily + aspirin 100 mg daily, or
- Rivaroxaban 5 mg twice daily compared with
- Aspirin 100 mg daily

Will reduce the risk of MACE and secondary outcomes:

- MACE: Composite of CV death, Stroke, or MI
- Secondary outcomes: Composite of ischemic stroke, MI, acute limb ischemia, or death from coronary heart disease\*, the composite of ischemic stroke, myocardial infarction, acute limb ischemia, or cardiovascular death; and death from any cause.

# COMPASS Background

## PAD Primary Objectives

To determine in PAD whether:

- Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily + aspirin 100 mg daily, or
- Rivaroxaban 5 mg twice daily compared with
- Aspirin 100 mg daily

Will reduce the risk of MACE and secondary outcomes:

- MACE: Composite of CV death, Stroke, or MI
- MALE: ALI, CLI or major amputation

# COMPASS Background

## Eligibility: PAD

- Peripheral artery revascularization OR,
- Limb or foot amputation for arterial vascular disease OR,
- Intermittent claudication and one or more of either:
  - an ankle brachial index (ABI) of  $<0.90$  OR,
  - a peripheral artery stenosis ( $\geq 50\%$ )
- OR, Previous carotid revascularization, asymptomatic carotid artery stenosis  $\geq 50\%$
- OR, Patients enrolled with CAD\* + low ankle brachial index (ABI) ( $<0.90$ )

# Exclusion Criteria

- High risk of bleeding
- Stroke within 1 month or any history of hemorrhagic or lacunar stroke
- Severe heart failure with known LVEF < 30% or NYHA III or IV
- Estimated GFR < 15mL/min
- Need for dual antiplatelet therapy or oral anticoagulant therapy
- Known non-cardiovascular disease associated with poor prognosis or increases risk of adverse effect from study medications
- Any known hepatic disease with coagulopathy.
- Subject who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or are of childbearing potential and sexually active without contraception

# Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Rivaroxaban + asa	Rivaroxaban	Aspirin
	<b>N=9,152</b>	<b>N=9,117</b>	<b>N=9,126</b>
Age, yr	68	68	68
Blood pressure, mmHg	136/77	136/78	136/78
CAD	91%	90%	90%
PAD	27%	27%	27%
Diabetes	38%	38%	38%
Lipid-lowering	90%	90%	89%
ACE-I or ARB	71%	72%	71%

# COMPASS Background

## Efficacy and Safety Outcomes and Net Clinical Benefit

### Key Efficacy Outcomes for PAD

- Primary Cardiovascular Outcome (MACE): Composite of CV death, Stroke, or MI
- Key composite outcomes: Key composite outcomes were major adverse limb events (MALE) (defined as the development of acute or chronic limb ischemia, including any additional major amputations due to a vascular event that was not included in acute or chronic limb ischemia), the composite of MACE and MALE, and the composite of MACE and MALE including major amputations

### Primary Safety Outcome

- ISTH Modified Major bleeding defined as the composite of bleeding that was fatal, symptomatic bleeding into a critical organ, surgical site requiring reoperation, or requiring hospitalization (including presentation to an acute care facility without an overnight stay). Anand SS, et al. *Lancet*. 2017 Nov 10. pii: S0140-6736(17)32409-1 29

### Net Clinical Benefit

- Overall Net Clinical Benefit: Cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, stroke, or fatal or critical bleeding
- For PAD, the Net Clinical Benefit of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE) or major adverse limb events (MALE) including

# COMPASS Background

## Major Adverse Limb Event (MALE)

### Acute Limb Ischemia:

- limb-threatening ischemia confirmed by limb hemodynamics or imaging and leads to a vascular intervention within 30 days of symptom onset

### Chronic Limb Ischemia:

- Continuing ischemic limb, foot or digit pain leading to hospitalization and intervention and not meeting the definition of ALI, or Fontaine 3/4 who has a peripheral intervention in the course of the trial

### Major Amputation:

- Amputation above the forefoot due to a vascular cause.

# COMPASS Results

## PAD Patients in COMPASS

PAD Groups	Number of Patients
All PAD patients	7,470
Symptomatic PAD Lower Extremities	4,129
Carotid Artery Disease	1,919
CAD + Low ABI (<0.9) only *	1,422

\*These patients were considered to have asymptomatic PAD §Previous carotid artery revascularization or asymptomatic carotid artery stenosis greater than or equal to 50% diagnosed by duplex ultrasound or angiography



# COMPASS Results

## Baseline Characteristics of PAD

	<b>Rivaroxaban 2.5mg twice daily + Aspirin 100mg daily</b>	<b>Rivaroxaban 5mg twice daily</b>	<b>Aspirin 100mg daily</b>
	<b>N=2492 (years or %)</b>	<b>N=2474 (years or %)</b>	<b>N=2504 (years or %)</b>
<b>Mean Age, years</b>	67.9	67.8	67.8
<b>Current Smoker</b>	27.4	27.7	27.4
<b>Former Smoker</b>	46.0	46.6	45.6
<b>Diabetes</b>	44.1	43.8	44.1
<b>Hypertension</b>	78.9	78.4	80.6
<b>History of CAD</b>	66.5	65.0	65.5
<b>History of Stroke</b>	6.9	7.2	6.2
<b>Lipid Lowering Medication</b>	83.8	83.8	82.8
<b>ACE-I/ARB</b>	68.8	71.0	70.5

\*The specific type of lipid lowering agent/statin use was not recorded at baseline

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# COMPASS Results

## Baseline Characteristics of PAD (Continued)

	<b>Rivaroxaban 2.5mg twice daily + Aspirin 100mg daily</b>	<b>Rivaroxaban 5mg twice daily</b>	<b>Aspirin 100mg daily</b>
	<b>N=2492 (years or %)</b>	<b>N=2474 (years or %)</b>	<b>N=2504 (years or %)</b>
<b>Symptomatic PAD of LE</b>	56.5	55.0	54.3
<b>Carotid Artery Disease</b>	24.8	25.1	27.2
<b>Symptomatic PAD</b>	81.3	80.1	81.4
<b>CAD and ABI &lt;0.9</b>	18.7	19.8	18.6
<b>ABI &gt; 0.90</b>	49.2	48.0	47.6
<b>ABI 0.70-0.90</b>	39.3	38.4	39.3
<b>ABI &lt; 0.70</b>	8.5	10.8	9.9

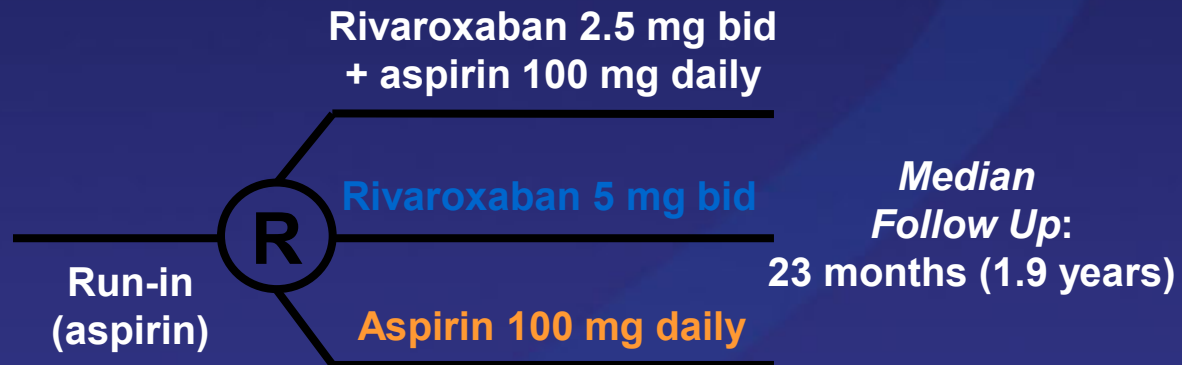
\*Defined as intermittent claudication with ABI <0.90 or stenosis of ≥50%; or previous aorta-femoral or lower extremity bypass surgery, percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of iliac or infrainguinal arteries, or limb or foot amputation for arterial vascular disease. †Defined as previous carotid endarterectomy or stent or asymptomatic carotid artery stenosis of ≥50%.

‡Symptomatic PAD is the sum of symptomatic PAD of lower extremities and carotid artery disease. §Asymptomatic PAD of lower extremities. ABI, ankle brachial index; PTA, percutaneous transluminal angioplasty

# COMPASS Design

## Cardiovascular Outcomes for People Using Anticoagulation Strategies

- Randomized, placebo controlled, double blinded trial



- Ongoing arm testing proton pump inhibitor pantoprazole versus placebo (PPI arm)

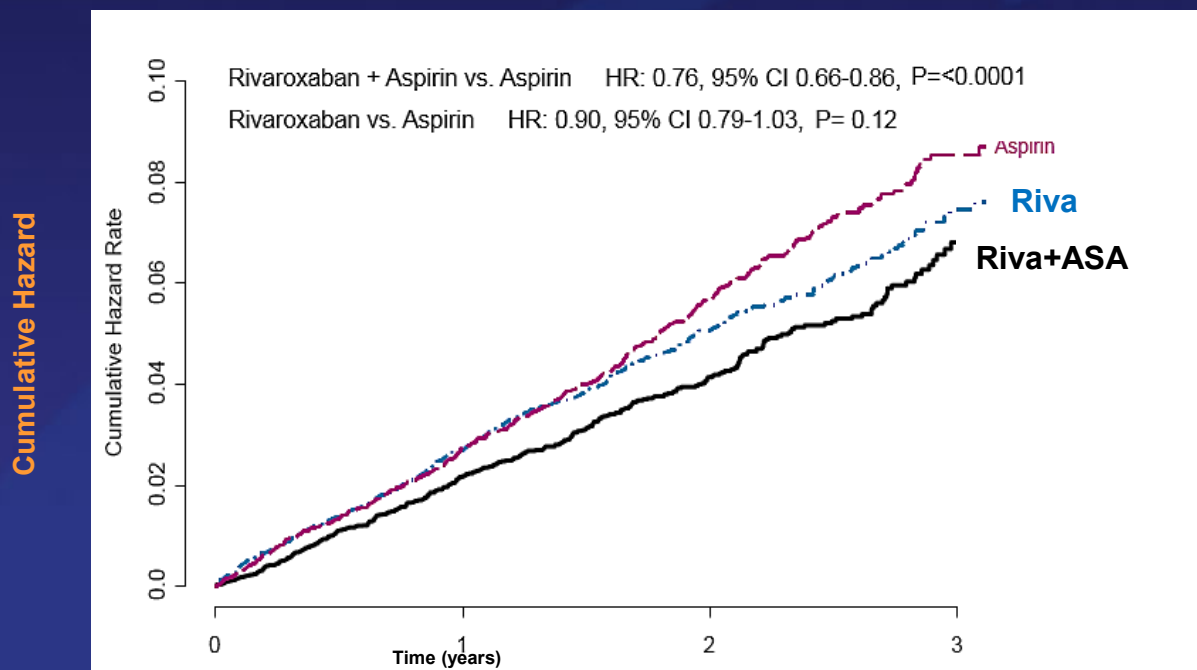
27,325 patients with stable CAD or PAD  
1,323 with a primary outcome event

# COMPASS: Rationale of 100mg Aspirin

- The COMPASS trial evaluated aspirin 100 mg once daily as the standard of care for secondary prevention of major CV events in patients with chronic CAD and PAD. <sup>1-3</sup>
- In the United States, low-dose aspirin is available in an 81mg dose strength. Clinical evidence supports the choice of low dose aspirin. <sup>2</sup>

# COMPASS Main Trial Outcomes

**Primary Outcome: MACE (CV death, stroke or MI) Median 23 month follow up**



**Riva+ASA vs ASA:**

↓ **MACE 24%**

↑ **Net benefit 20%**

↓ **Mortality 18%**

➤ **No benefit for Rivaroxaban alone**

**ASA = aspirin; CV = cardiovascular; MACE = major adverse cardiovascular events; MI = myocardial infarction; Riva = rivaroxaban.**

# Primary: CV death, stroke, MI

Outcome	R + A N=9,152	R N=9,117	A N=9,126	Rivaroxaban + aspirin vs. aspirin		Rivaroxaban vs. aspirin	
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
CV death, stroke, MI	379 (4.1%)	448 (4.9%)	496 (5.4%)	0.76 (0.66-0.86)	<0.0001	0.90 (0.79-1.03)	0.12

# Primary Components

Outcome	R + A N=9,152	A N=9,126	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin vs. Aspirin	
	N (%)	N (%)	HR (95% CI)	p
CV death	160 (1.7%)	203 (2.2%)	0.78 (0.64-0.96)	0.02
Stroke	83 (0.9%)	142 (1.6%)	0.58 (0.44-0.76)	<0.0001
MI	178 (1.9%)	205 (2.2%)	0.86 (0.70-1.05)	0.14

# COMPASS Results

**Rivaroxaban 2.5mg Twice Daily Combined with Aspirin 100mg Daily Reduced Stroke, CV Death, All Cause Mortality vs Aspirin 100mg Daily**

	Aspirin 100mg daily (%) N= 9126	Rivaroxaban 2.5mg BID + Aspirin (%) N=9152	HR	HR (95%CI)	p-value
Primary Efficacy EP CV Death, Stroke, MI (MACE)	5.4	4.1	0.76	X	<0.001
Secondary Efficacy EP All cause mortality	4.1	3.4	0.82	X	0.01
Ischemic stroke, myocardial infarction, ALI, or death from CHD	4.9	3.6	0.72	X	<0.001
Ischemic stroke, myocardial infarction, ALI, or CV death	5.7	4.3	0.74	X	<0.001
Stroke† CV death† MI†	1.6 2.2 2.2	0.9 1.7 1.9	0.58 0.78 0.86		
				Favors Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg BID + Aspirin	Favors Aspirin Alone

•The threshold P value used for statistical significance of secondary efficacy outcomes was 0.0025 per the COMPASS study statistical analysis plan. For outcomes that did not meet this threshold, statistical significance cannot be claimed. †Not adjusted for multiplicity



# COMPASS Results

## Total and Major Amputation in Patients with PAD

Outcome	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin	Rivaroxaban	Aspirin	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin vs. Aspirin		Rivaroxaban vs. Aspirin	
	N=2492 (%)	N=2474 (%)	N=2504 (%)	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
<b>Total Amputation</b>	11 (<1%)	17 (1%)	28 (1%)	0.40 (0.20-0.79)	0.0069	0.61 (0.33-1.11)	0.10
<b>Major Amputations</b>	5 (<1%)	8 (<1%)	17 (1%)	0.30 (0.11-0.80)	0.011	0.46 (0.20-1.08)	0.068

- Provisions to address multiple testing for subgroups were not specified and therefore, any HRs, corresponding CIs, and P values reported for subgroup analyses cannot be interpreted as statistically significant.

# COMPASS Results

## Key Composite Outcomes

Outcome	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin	Rivaroxaban	Aspirin	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin vs. Aspirin		Rivaroxaban vs. Aspirin	
	N=2492 (%)	N=2474 (%)	N=2504 (%)	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
MACE or MALE	155 (6%)	184 (7%)	222 (9%)	0.69 (0.56-0.85)	0.0004	0.84 (0.68-1.01)	0.065
MACE or MALE plus Major Amputation	157 (6%)	188 (8%)	225 (9%)	0.69 (0.56-0.85)	0.0003	0.84 (0.69-1.02)	0.077

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# COMPASS Results

**Significant Increase in Modified ISTH Major Bleeding; No Significant Increase in Fatal, Intracranial, or Critical Organ Bleeding and Significant Increase in Other Major Bleeding Leading to Hospitalization**

Crude incidence over mean follow-up of 23 months	Aspirin n (%)	Rivaroxaban 2.5mg BID + Aspirin (%)	HR (95%CI)	P-value
<b>Primary Safety: Major bleeding</b>	170 (1.9)	288 (3.1)	1.70 (1.40-2.05)	<0.001
<b>Fatal bleeding†</b>	10 (0.1)	15 (0.2)	1.49 (0.67-3.33)	0.32
<b>Non-fatal symptomatic ICH</b>	19 (0.2)	21 (0.2)	1.10 (0.59-2.04)	0.77
<b>Nonfatal, non-ICH, symptomatic bleeding into a critical organ</b>	29 (0.3)	42 (0.5)	1.43 (0.89-2.29)	0.14
<b>Other major bleeding leading to hospitalization</b>	112 (1.2)	210 (2.3)	1.88 (1.49-2.36)	<0.001
<b>Pre-specified net clinical benefit (CV Death, Stroke, MI, Fatal Bleeding, or Symptomatic Bleeding into a Critical Organ)</b>	534 (5.9)	431 (4.7)	0.80 (0.70-0.91)	<0.001

• **Modified ISTH Major Bleeding:** International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis: major bleeding and included fatal bleeding, symptomatic bleeding into a critical organ, bleeding into a surgical site requiring reoperation, and bleeding that led to hospitalization (including presentation to an acute care facility without an overnight stay).

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# COMPASS Results

## Net Clinical Benefit

Outcome	R + A N=9,152	A N=9,126	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin vs. Aspirin	
	N (%)	N (%)	HR (95% CI)	P
Net clinical benefit (Primary + Severe bleeding events)	431 (4.7%)	534 (5.9%)	0.80 (0.70-0.91)	0.0005

# COMPASS Results

## Net Clinical Benefit in PAD

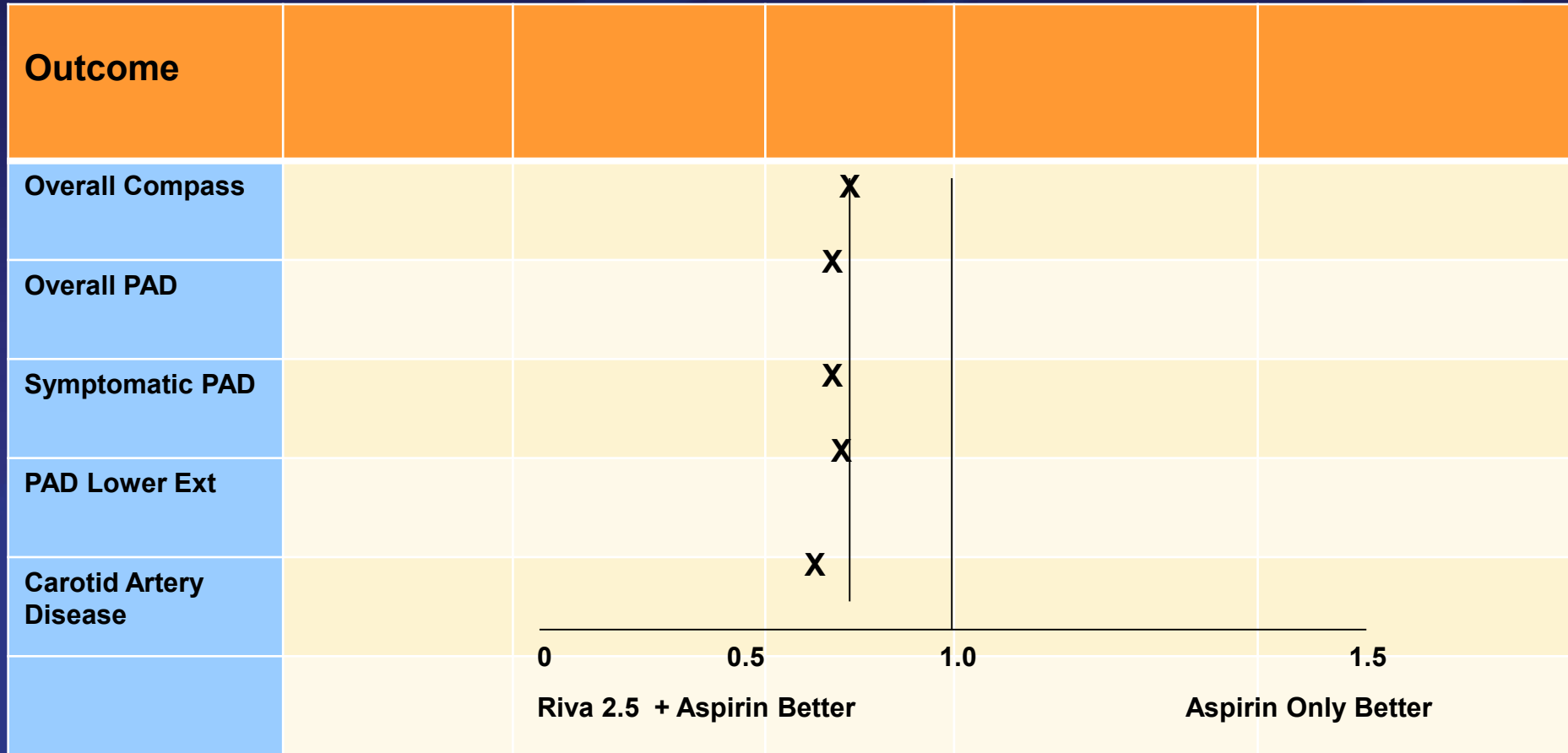
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	N=2492 (%)	N=2474 (%)	N=2504 (%)	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
<b>NET Clinical Benefit</b>	169 (7%)	207 (8%)	234 (9%)	0.72 (0.59-0.87)	0.0008	0.89 (0.74-1.07)	0.23

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# COMPASS Results

## MACE or MALE, including Major Amputation



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# COMPASS: Conclusions

- Rivaroxaban 2.5mg twice daily and aspirin 100mg daily, versus aspirin alone:
  - 24% significant reduction in the combined risk of stroke, CV death and MI
    - 42% reduction in stroke and 22% reduction in CV death
  - 70% statistical increase in major bleeding rates
    - No significant increase in intracranial, critical organ or fatal bleeding
    - Increase in other major bleeding leading to hospitalization
  - 20% improvement in net clinical benefit.
  - 18% reduction in all-cause mortality

# COMPASS: Conclusions for PAD

- **Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily plus aspirin 100mg daily compared to aspirin 100mg daily:**
  - Reduced MACE (28% RRR)
  - Reduced MALE including major amputation (46% RRR)
  - Reduced MACE or MALE including major amputation (31% RRR)
  - Increased ISTH major modified bleeding and bleeding leading to hospitalization but did not increase fatal or critical organ bleeding
  - Net clinical benefit was favorable with a 28% RRR



# COMPASS Background

## COMPASS Coronary Arterial Disease (CAD) Rationale

- Coronary artery disease is a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, and is a consequence of acute thrombotic events involving activation of platelets and coagulation proteins.<sup>1-3</sup>
- Factor Xa inhibitors and aspirin each reduce thrombotic events but have not yet been tested in combination, or against each other, in patients with stable coronary artery disease.<sup>3-4</sup>

# COMPASS Background

## Eligibility: CAD

- Key Inclusion Criteria

To be enrolled with a diagnosis of CAD, patients had to have either MI within 20 years, multivessel CAD, history of stable or unstable angina, previous multi-vessel PCI, or previous multivessel CABG

Patients with CAD must also meet  $\geq 1$  of the following:

- Age  $\geq 65$  years, or Age  $< 65$  years with disease in  $\geq 2$  vascular beds, or  $\geq 2$  additional CV risk factors (see below)

- Included Risk Factors

Current smoking, diabetes mellitus, renal dysfunction with eGFR  $< 60$  ml/min, heart failure, non-lacunar ischaemic stroke  $\geq 1$  month ago

# COMPASS Results

## Primary Efficacy Outcome and Components for Patients with CAD

Outcome	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin	Rivaroxaban	Aspirin	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin vs. Aspirin		Rivaroxaban vs. Aspirin	
	N=8313 (%)	N=8250 (%)	N=8261 (%)	HR (95% CI)	p	HR (95% CI)	p
<b>MACE</b>	347 (4%)	411 (5%)	460 (6%)	0.74 (0.65-0.86)	<0.0001	0.89 (0.78-1.02)	0.094
<b>MI</b>	169 (2%)	176 (2%)	195 (2%)	0.86 (0.70-1.05)	0.15	0.90 (0.74-1.11)	0.33
<b>Stroke</b>	74 (1%)	105 (1%)	130 (2%)	0.56 (0.42-0.75)	<0.0001	0.81 (0.62-1.05)	0.10
<b>CV Death</b>	139 (2%)	175 (2%)	184 (2%)	0.75 (0.60-0.93)	0.01	0.85 (0.77-1.17)	0.63

•Provisions to address multiple testing for subgroups were not specified and therefore, any HRs, corresponding CIs, and P values reported for subgroup analyses cannot be interpreted as statistically significant. Patients with atrial fibrillation requiring anticoagulation were excluded from entering the trial. Atrial fibrillation was documented to have occurred during the trial in 1% of patient in each arm. Only five of 74 strokes that occurred in the 2.5 mg rivaroxaban twice daily plus aspirin 100mg daily group occurred in patients who developed atrial fibrillation during the trial, compared with nine of 130 strokes that occurred in patients in the aspirin alone group.

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# COMPASS Results

## MACE or MALE, including Major Amputation

Efficacy Outcomes	Rivaroxaban 2.5mg twice daily + Aspirin 100mg daily (%)	Aspirin 100mg daily (%)	HR	HR (95% CI)	p-value
CV Death, Stroke, MI (MACE)	347 (4)	460 (6)	0.74	X	<0.0001
Stroke	74 (1)	130 (2)	0.56	X	<0.0001
CV Death	139 (2)	184 (2)	0.75	X	0.01
MI	169 (2)	195 (2)	0.86	X	0.15
All Cause Mortality	262 (3)	339 (4)	0.77	X	0.0012
		0	0.5	1.0	1.5
		Favors Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg BID + Aspirin		Favors Aspirin	

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# COMPASS Results

## Net Clinical Benefit in CAD

Outcome	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin	Aspirin	Rivaroxaban + Aspirin vs. Aspirin	
	N=8313 (%)	N=8261 (%)	HR (95% CI)	p
<b>NET Clinical Benefit</b>	392 (5%)	494 (6%)	0.78 (0.69-0.90)	0.0003

Net Clinical Benefit is defined as a composite outcome consisting of stroke, myocardial infarction, cardiovascular death, fatal bleeding, and symptomatic bleeding into a critical organ or area.

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•subgroup analyses cannot be interpreted as statistically significant.

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# COMPASS: Conclusions for CAD

In patients with stable coronary artery disease, the addition of rivaroxaban 2.5 mg BID to aspirin:

- Reduced the primary endpoint of MACE
- Reduced major vascular events by 26%, stroke by 44% and mortality by 23%
- Significantly increased major modified ISTH bleeding by 66% and increased bleeding leading to hospitalization, but no significant increase in fatal or critical organ bleeding

Vs. aspirin alone;

- the NNT to prevent occurrence of one of the primary outcomes was 72
- the NNH for fatal or symptomatic bleeding into a critical organ was 471
- the number needed to prevent one death was 105

# COMPASS: Discussion

Exclusion of 2320 participants after run-in period raises possibility of selection bias and decreased generalizability.

Study terminated early due to efficacy of rivaroxaban plus aspirin versus aspirin alone. As a result, the study may overestimate the degree of benefit of rivaroxaban plus aspirin and potentially underestimate the degree of increased bleeding with this therapy

When efficacy and safety endpoints are considered separately, the combination of rivaroxaban plus ASA reduced the primary efficacy endpoint by 1.3% at the cost of a 1.2% absolute increase in major bleeding. These differences represent a number needed to treat (NNT) of 77 and a number needed to harm (NNH) of 83.

# COMPASS: Discussion

So, why aren't clinicians using these agents in combination with antiplatelet therapy more often?

– Major Bleeding



# COMPASS: Discussion

Addition of rivaroxaban to background aspirin in patients with established stable atherosclerotic disease is now a legitimate consideration that will need to be made on a case-by-case basis particularly in patients whose high thrombotic risk is felt to substantially outweigh bleeding risk.

Despite these limitations, the combination of low-dose rivaroxaban plus ASA likely will be of benefit to select, high-risk patients.



**Questions**