# NOACs for stable CAD

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# Background

- CV disease affects 4% of world population (300 million persons)
- Aspirin is the single most widely used secondary preventive treatment but produces only a 19% RRR during the long term
- Warfarin with or without aspirin is more effective than aspirin but increases bleeding, including intracranial hemorrhage
- Are newer anti coagulant agents safer than warfarin in reducing mortality in patients with cardiovascular disease?





# Why an anticoagulant?

The theoretical benefits of using anticoagulant therapy in patients with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease reflect the complex orchestra of events involved in the generation of arterial thrombosis.

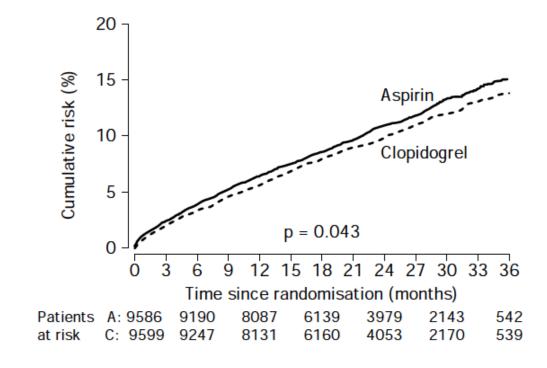
Exposure of plaque contents to circulating blood, stimulates activation of both platelets and the coagulation cascade, leading to clot formation.

Accordingly, therapeutic targeting with both antiplatelet and anticoagulant therapy has the potential to treat both of these factors more extensively than antiplatelet agents alone.

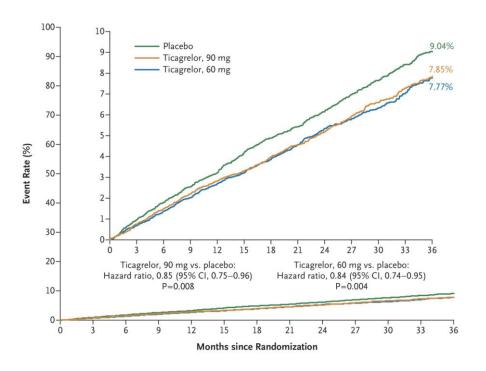




# Antiplatelets







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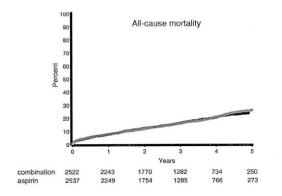


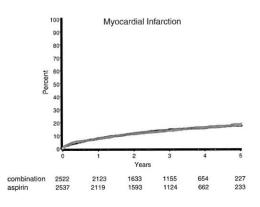
## Warfarin

#### Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program Clinical Trial Comparing Combined Warfarin and Aspirin With Aspirin Alone in Survivors of Acute Myocardial Infarction

Primary Results of the CHAMP Study

Louis D. Fiore, MD; Michael D. Ezekowitz, MD, PhD; Mary T. Brophy, MD; David Lu, MD; Joseph Sacco, MD; Peter Peduzzi, PhD; for the Combination Hemotherapy and Mortality Prevention (CHAMP) Study Group\*





5059 patients enrolled within 14 days of Myocardial infarction

Clinical research

#### Effect of fixed low-dose warfarin added to aspirin in the long term after acute myocardial infarction the LoWASA Study

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4500 patients enrolled recent MI, 5 years Warfarin





## Warfarin

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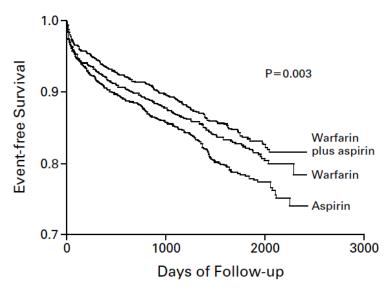
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#### WARFARIN, ASPIRIN, OR BOTH AFTER MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

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#### 3630 patients enrolled within Hx of MI



**Figure 1.** Event-free Survival Curves for the Composite End Point of Death, Nonfatal Reinfarction, and Thromboembolic Stroke. The P value refers to the overall difference among the curves (Tarone–Ware method).

#### At a cost of 4x more bleeding





#### ATLAS ACS-TIMI 51

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#### Rivaroxaban in Patients with a Recent Acute Coronary Syndrome

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15,526 pts with hx of MI. High Dose and low dose Rivaroxiban up to 2.5 years

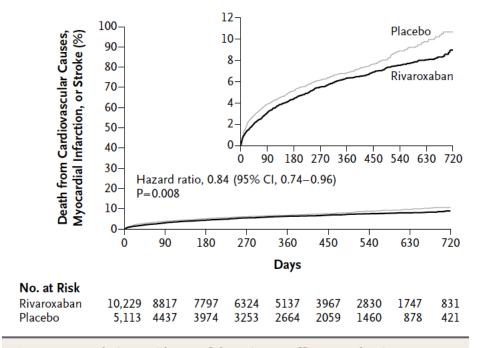


Figure 1. Cumulative Incidence of the Primary Efficacy End Point.

The primary efficacy end point consists of death from cardiovascular causes, myocardial infarction, or stroke. According to these results, the composite end point would be prevented in 1 patient if 56 patients were treated for 2 years with rivaroxaban. The P value is for the modified intention-to-treat analyses. P=0.002 for the intention-to-treat analysis.





## **COMPASS Trial**

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#### Rivaroxaban with or without Aspirin in Stable Cardiovascular Disease

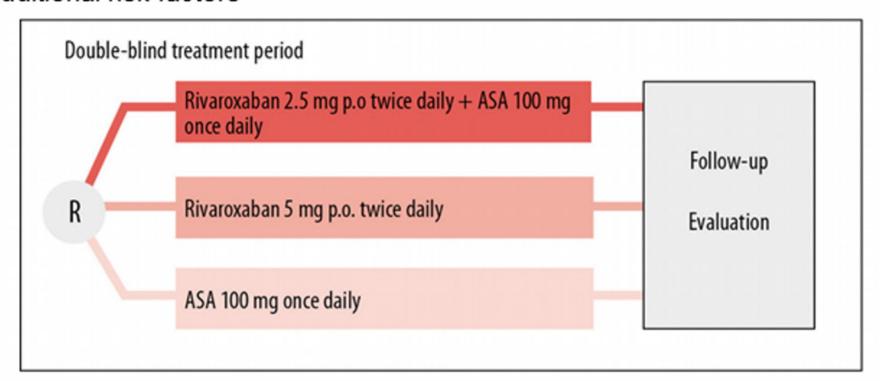
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# Design

- Randomized placebo-controlled phase III study, event driven, expected duration 3–4 years
- 27,400 patients ≥18 years with documented atherosclerosis related to CAD or PAD plus one of the following inclusion criteria:
  - age ≥65 years
  - age <65 years plus documented atherosclerosis in at least two vascular beds or at least 2
    additional risk factors</li>



## Outcomes

- Primary
  - -CV death, stroke or myocardial infarction
- Secondary
  - -CHD death, ischemic stroke, myocardial infarction, or acute limb ischemia,
  - -CV death, ischemic stroke, myocardial infarction, or acute limb ischemia,
  - –Mortality
- Safety and net clinical benefit
  - —ISTH major bleeding (modified)
    - -fatal bleeding,
    - -symptomatic bleeding in a critical area or organ,
    - -surgical site requiring reoperation,
    - —bleeding leading to hospitalization
    - -presentation to an acute care facility without overnight stay;





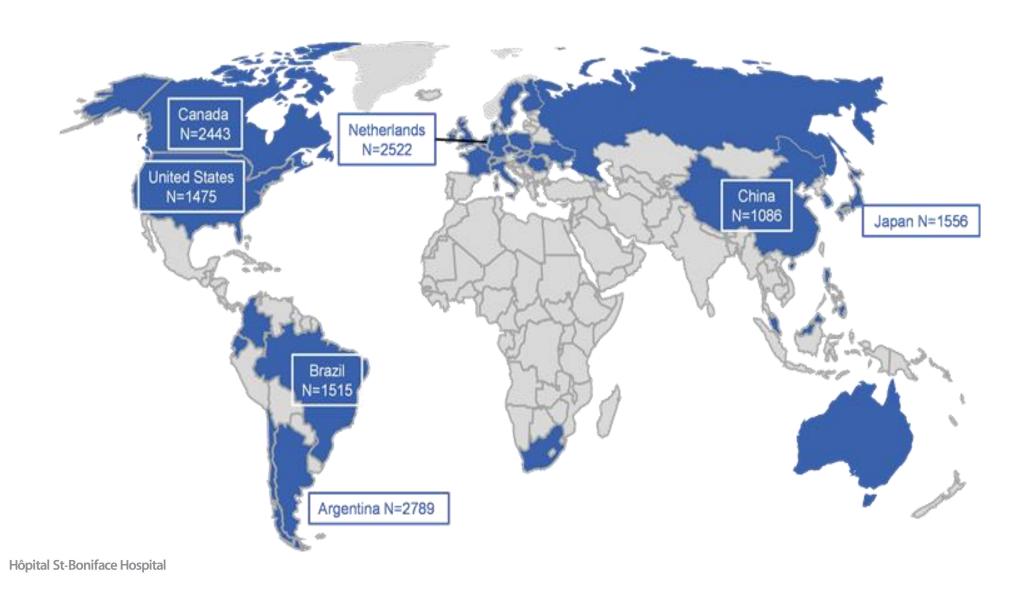
## Exclusion criteria:

- High bleeding risk
- Recent stroke or previous hemorrhagic or lacunar stroke
- Severe heart failure
- Advanced kidney disease
- Use of dual antiplatelet therapy or anticoagulation
- Limited prognosis





# 602 sites, 33 countries





## Baseline characteristics

Characteristic	Rivaroxaban + aspirin N=9,152	Rivaroxaban N=9,117	Aspirin N=9,126
Age, yr	68	68	68
Blood pressure, mm	136/77	136/78	136/78
Total cholesterol, m	<b>mol/L</b> 4.2	4.2	4.2
CAD	91%	90%	90%
PAD	27%	27%	27%
Diabetes	38%	38%	38%
Lipid-lowering	90%	90%	89%
ACE-I or ARB	71%	72%	71%





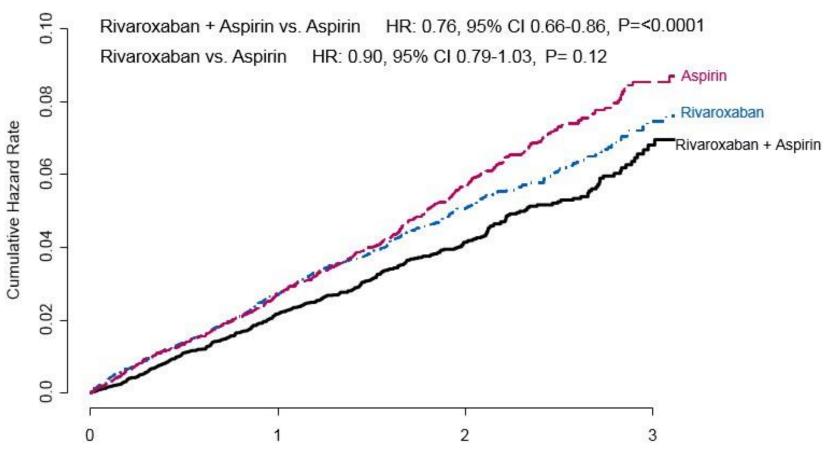
# Primary: CV death, stroke, MI

Outcome	<b>R + A</b> N=9,152	<b>R</b> N=9,117	<b>A</b> N=9,126	Rivaroxaban + aspirin vs. aspirin		Rivaroxaban vs. aspirin	
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	HR (95% CI)	р	HR (95% CI)	р
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





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# Bioactive Lipids

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Outcome	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	HR (95% CI)	Р	HR (95% CI)	P
Major bleeding	288 (3.1%)	255 (2.8%)	170 (1.9%)	1.70 (1.40-2.05)	<0.0001	1.51 (1.25-1.84)	<0.0001
Fatal	15 (0.2%)	14 (0.2%)	10 (0.1%)	1.49 (0.67-3.33)	0.32	1.40 (0.62-3.15)	0.41
Non fatal ICH*	21 (0.2%)	32 (0.4%)	19 (0.2%)	1.10 (0.59-2.04)	0.77	1.69 (0.96-2.98)	0.07
Non-fatal other critical organ*	42 (0.5%)	45 (0.5%)	29 (0.3%)	1.43 (0.89-2.29)	0.14	1.57 (0.98-2.50)	0.06





## Net clinical benefit

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Outcome	N (%)	N (%)	HR (95% CI)	Р	
Net clinical benefit (Primary + Severe bleeding events)	431 (4.7%)	534 (5.9%)	0.80 (0.70-0.91)	0.0005	





### Net clinical benefit

- Primary Cardiovascular Outcome (MACE):
  - CV death, stroke, or MI
- Major Adverse Limb Events (MALE):
  - Severe limb ischemia leading to an intervention (angioplasty, bypass surgery, amputation, thrombolysis)
  - Major Amputation above forefoot due to vascular cause





### Conclusion

Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg bid plus aspirin 100 mg od:

- Reduces CV death, stroke, MI
- •Increases major bleeding without a significant increase in fatal, intracranial or critical organ bleeding
- Provides a net clinical benefit

No significant benefit of rivaroxaban alone





# PAD Patients in COMPASS

PAD Groups	Number of patients			
All Patients	7,470			
Symptomatic PAD Limbs	4,129			
Carotid Disease	1,919			
CAD + Low ABI (<0.90) only	1,422			

Mean Follow-up: 21 months





# **Baseline Characteristics**

Characteristic	Riva + aspirin N=2,492	Rivaroxaban N=2,474	Aspirin N=2,504
Age, years (mean)	68	68	68
<b>Current Smoker</b>	27%	28%	27%
Former Smoker	46%	47%	46%
Diabetes	44%	44%	44%
Hypertension	79%	78%	81%
<b>Prior CAD or Stroke</b>	69%	69%	68%
Lipid Lowering	84%	84%	83%
ACE-I/ARB	69%	71%	70%





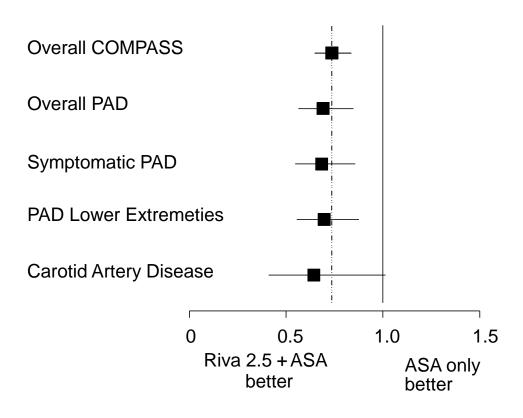
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Outcome	N	N	N	HR P		HR	Р
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(95% CI)	P	(95% CI)	P
MALE	30	35	56	0.54	0.005	0.63	0.03
	(1.2)	(1.4)	(2.2)	(0.35-0.84)	0.005	(0.41-0.96)	0.03
Major	5	8	17	0.30	0.01	0.46	0.07
amputation	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.7)	(0.11-0.80)	0.01	(0.20-1.08)	0.07





# MACE, MALE or Major Amputation







### All COMPASSING

**COMPASS-PAD:** 

COMPASS-Lower Extremity PAD: 4,129 participants

COMPASS-CAD: 24,824 participants

COMPASS-CABG: 1,448 CABG pts. No difference in Graft failure

COMPASS-PCI: This substudy examined 9,862 pts.

COMPASS-Heart Failure: 5,902 pats

**COMPASS-Diabetes** 

**COMPASS-Sex Differences** 

**COMPASS-Obesity** 





#### Circulation

#### ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE







Net Clinical Benefit of Low-Dose Rivaroxaban Plus Aspirin as **Compared With Aspirin in Patients With Chronic Vascular Disease** 

The predefined NCB outcome was the composite of cardiovascular death, stroke, myocardial infarction, fatal bleeding, or symptomatic bleeding into a critical organ

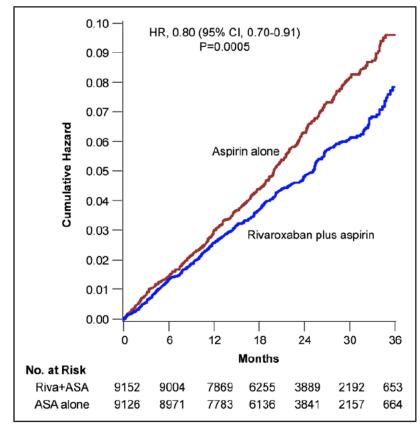


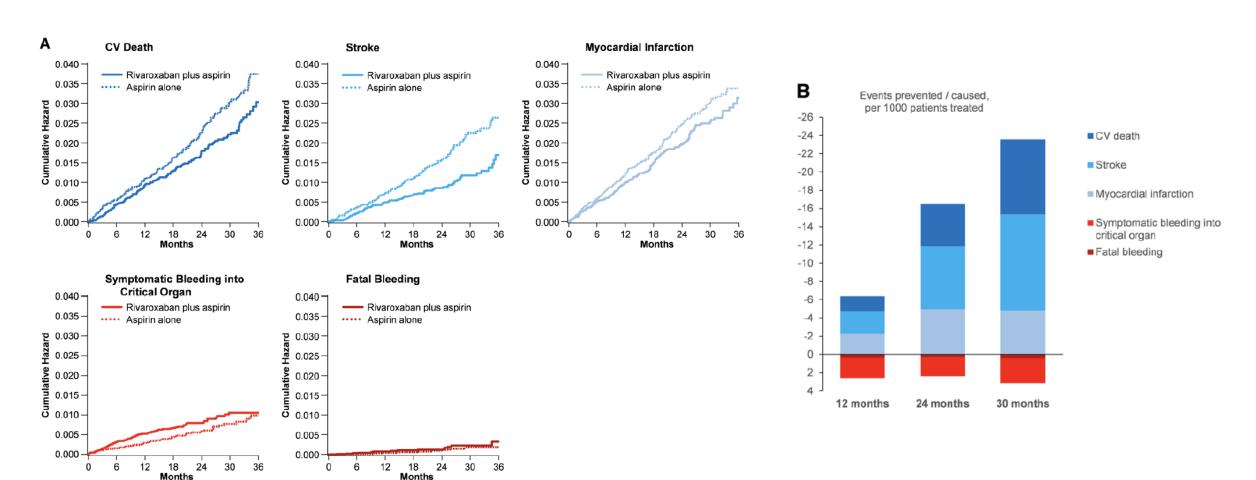
Figure 1. Cumulative incidence of the net clinical benefit outcome among participants receiving rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily plus aspirin or aspirin alone.

ASA indicates acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin); HR, hazard ratio; and Riva, Rivaroxaban.





## Incidence of the net clinical benefit outcome components







### Conclusion:

Among patients with stable atherosclerosis, rivaroxaban plus aspirin was associated with fewer adverse cardiovascular events, but more major bleeding events compared with aspirin alone.

Net clinical benefit favored the use of rivaroxaban plus aspirin, especially for high-risk groups.

Findings were the same among those with PAD, lower extremity PAD, CAD, heart failure, diabetes, women, and obesity



