



# Reduction in Acute Limb Ischemia with Rivaroxaban versus Placebo in Peripheral Artery Disease after Lower Extremity Revascularization: Insights from VOYAGER PAD

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#### **Background**

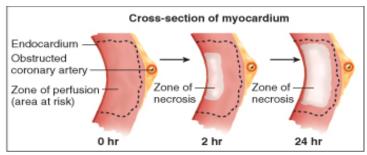
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- "Time Is Muscle"
- Outcomes determined by time to acute reperfusion
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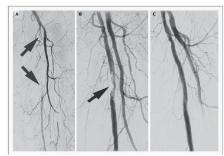


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- Mortality at 1 year 8.1%<sup>1</sup>
- Recurrent MACE at 1 year 3.4%<sup>1</sup>
- HF at 1 year 7.4%<sup>1</sup>

#### **Acute limb ischemia (ALI)**





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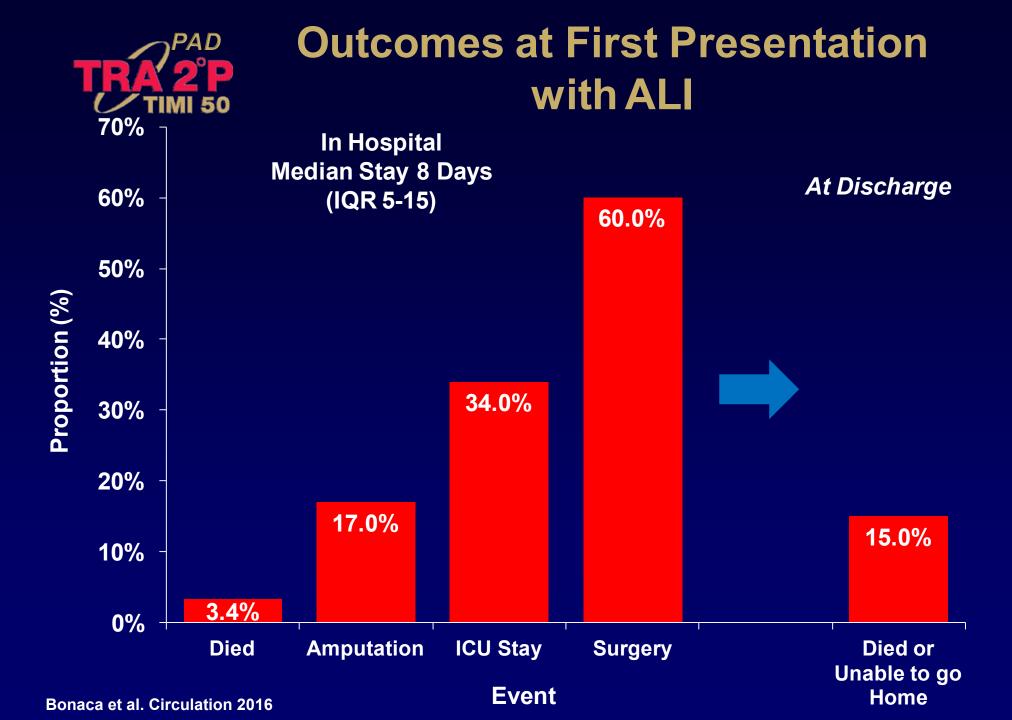
0 Hour

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- Mortality at 1 year 12.1%<sup>2</sup>
- MACE 11.7%, Recurrent ALI 24% (1 yr)<sup>2</sup>
- Amputation at 1-year 27%²

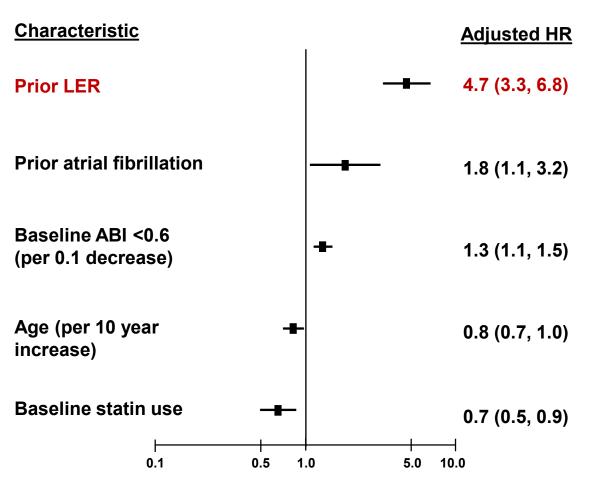




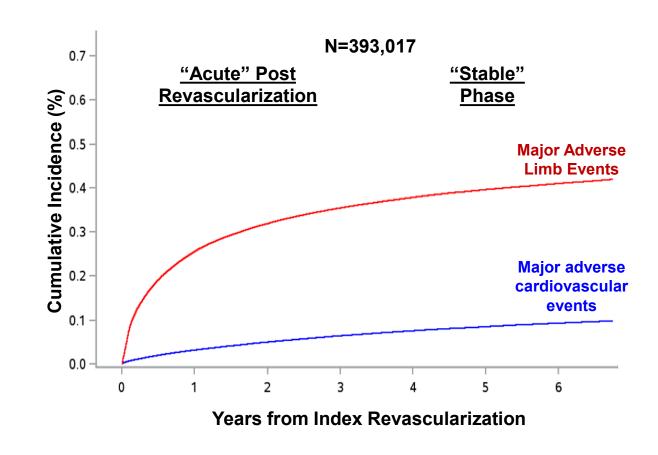


#### Lower extremity revascularization (LER) is associated with ALI

#### **Factors Associated with ALI**



#### Ischemic Risk in Patients Undergoing LER





### **VOYAGER PAD Trial Design**

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6,564 Patients with Symptomatic Lower Extremity PAD\* Undergoing Peripheral Revascularization

ASA 100 daily for all Patients
Clopidogrel at Investigator's Discretion (up to 6 months)

Randomized 1:1 Double Blind

Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily

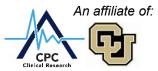
Stratified by
Revascularization Approach
(Surgical or Endovascular
with and without clopidogrel)

Placebo

Follow up Q6 Months, Event Driven, Median f/u 28 Months

<u>Primary Efficacy Endpoint</u>: Acute limb ischemia, major amputation of vascular etiology, myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke, or cardiovascular death

**Principal Safety Outcome: TIMI Major Bleeding** 





\*PAD defined as:
- Ischemic symptoms

ulceration) AND

occlusion AND

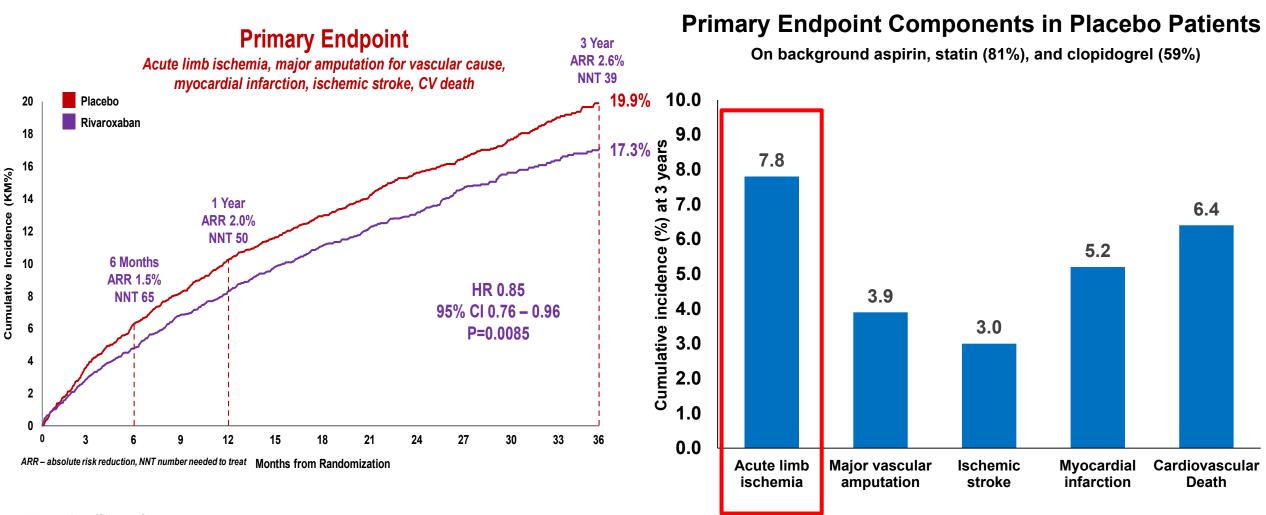
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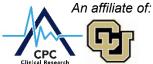
rest pain or ischemic

- Imaging evidence of

- Abnormal ABI/TBI

# **VOYAGER PAD Primary Results**







# **Objectives**

In PAD patients undergoing lower extremity revascularization (LER) for ischemic symptoms:

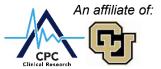
- To understand the natural history and clinical correlates of ALI
- To evaluate the effect of rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily plus low dose aspirin versus low dose aspirin alone on ALI after LER
- To evaluate whether the efficacy of this strategy for ALI is consistent with regard to timing, background therapy, type of revascularization, and patient characteristics





#### **Methods**

- ALI prospectively ascertained and independently adjudicated by a blinded committee using an established definition
- ALI defined as sudden worsening of limb perfusion requiring hospitalization and:
  - New pulse deficit with associated rest pain, pallor, paresthesia, or paralysis,
     AND EITHER
    - Confirmation of arterial obstruction (imaging, hemodynamics, intraprocedural findings, pathologic evaluation) OR
    - Treatment with thrombolysis, thrombectomy, or urgent revascularization
- Prespecified secondary analysis of VOYAGER PAD
- Effect of rivaroxaban estimated with Cox proportional hazards model stratified according to LER type and clopidogrel use





#### **Baseline Characteristics**

382 patients with 1st ALI by efficacy cut-off date, total 508 ALI events (126 recurrent ALI)

Characteristic at	With ALI	Without ALI	P-value
Randomization	N=382	N=6182	
	%	%	
Age, years median (IQR)	65 (59-71)	67 (61-73)	<0.01
Female	25	26	0.86
Caucasian	88	80	<0.01
Hypertension	79	82	0.28
Diabetes mellitus	32	41	<0.01
Hyperlipidemia	<b>56</b>	60	0.07
Current smoking	44	34	<0.01
eGFR < 60 ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	16	20	0.04
Coronary artery disease	29	32	0.36
Baseline clopidogrel use	54	60	<0.01
Baseline statin use	75	80	0.02

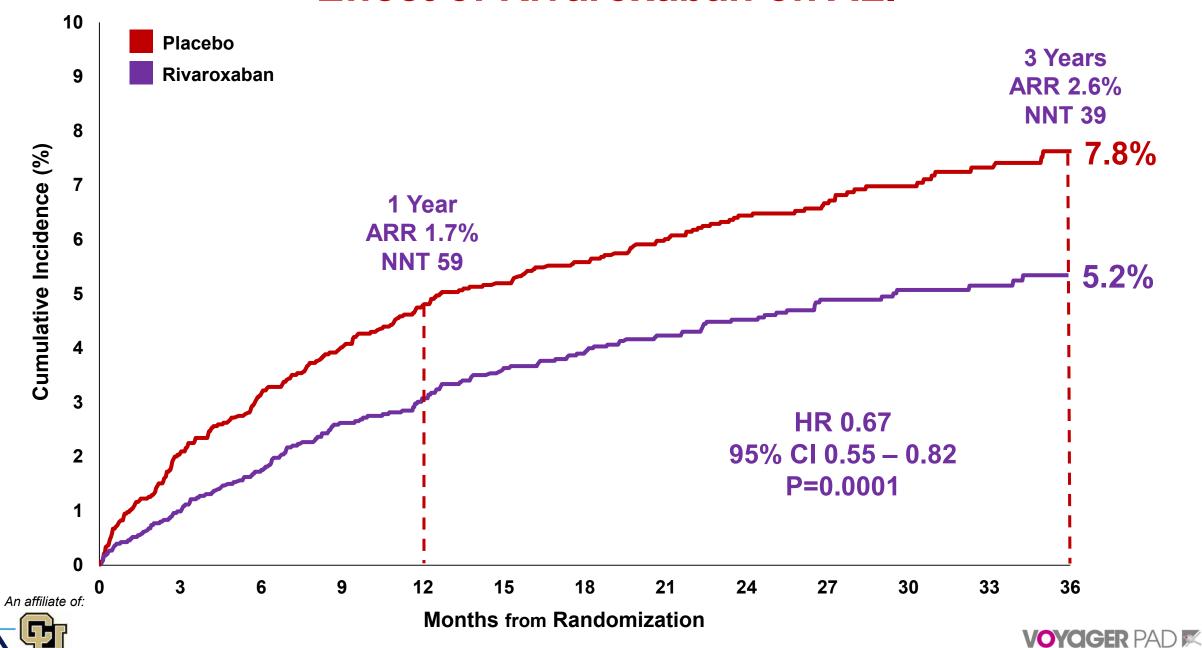


#### **PAD & Procedural Characteristics**

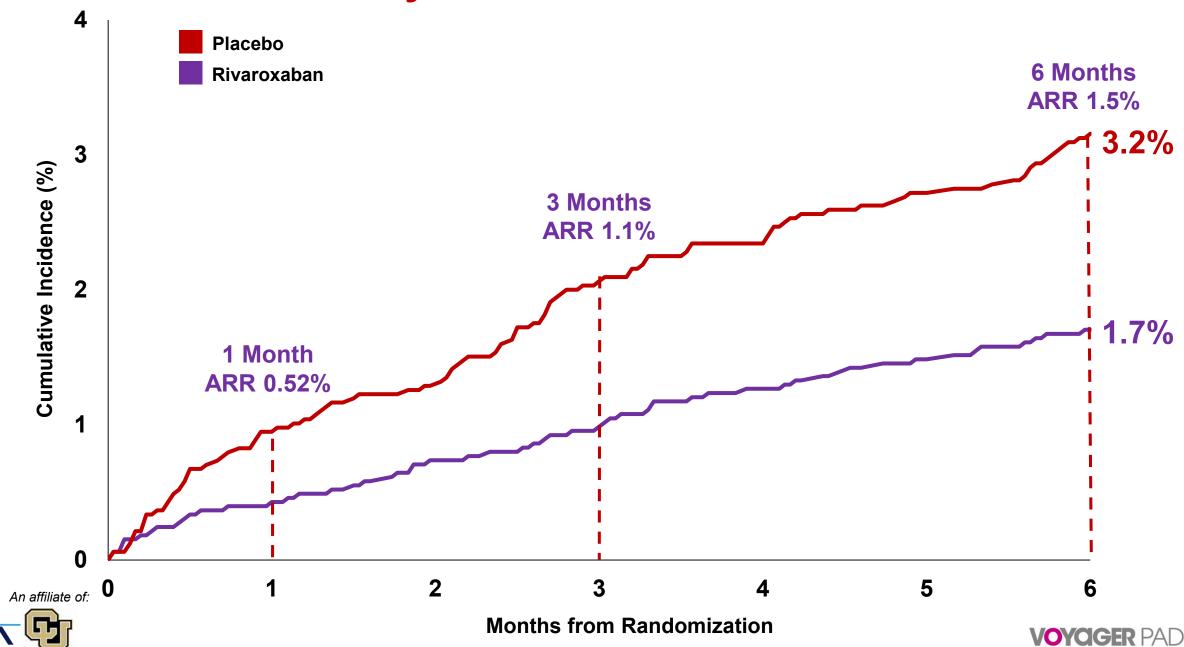
	With ALI N=382 %	Without ALI N=6182 %	P-value
Peripheral Artery Disease History			
Prior lower extremity revascularization	48	35	<0.01
Prior amputation	6	6	0.82
ABI at screening, median (IQR)	0.5 (0.4-0.6)	0.6 (0.4-0.7)	<0.01
Indication for Revascularization			
Critical limb ischemia	28	23	0.02
Claudication	72	77	0.02
Type of Revascularization			
Surgical	51	32	<0.01
Endovascular or hybrid	49	68	<0.01



#### **Effect of Rivaroxaban on ALI**



# **Early Acute Limb Ischemia**



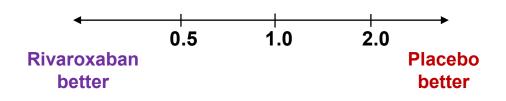
#### Effect of Rivaroxaban on ALI in Selected Subgroups (1)

	<u>Characteristic</u>	Rivaroxaban n/N (%)	Placebo n/N (%)		ı		HR (95	<u>% CI)</u>	P-interaction
All subjects		5.2	7.8	•	<b>+</b>		0.67 (0.5	5, 0.82)	
Age	<75 years	5.4	7.1		-		0.74 (0.6		0.02
	≥75 years	2.1	6.2		<b>-</b> ¦		0.35 (0.1	9, 0.64)	
Sex	Male	4.7	7.0	-	<del>-</del>		0.66 (0.5		0.75
	Female	4.7	6.7	_	-		0.71 (0.4	7, 1.06)	
eGFR	<60 ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>		6.6	-			0.40 (0.2	-	0.05
	≥60 ml/min/1.73m²	5.2	7.0		<b></b>		0.73 (0.5	8, 0.91)	
Diabetes	Yes	4.2	5.1		<del>- = </del>		0.81 (0.5	•	0.24
	No	5.1	8.2	-			0.62 (0.4	8, 0.79)	
CAD	Yes	4.8	6.0		<del>- = </del>		0.78 (0.5	4, 1.14)	0.34
	No	4.7	7.3				0.63 (0.4	9, 0.81)	
LER indication	CLI	5.9	8.2	_	+		0.70 (0.4	8, 1.03)	0.78
	Claudication	4.4	6.5	-	<del>-</del>		0.66 (0.5	2, 0.84)	
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CPC Clinical Research			Rivaroxaba better	U.Z	1.0	2.0	Placebo better	VO	YOGER PAD 🗷

#### Effect of Rivaroxaban on ALI in Selected Subgroups (2)

<u>Characteristic</u>	Rivaroxaban n/N (%)	Placebo n/N (%)		<u>HR (95% CI)</u>	P-interaction
Qualifying revascularization			1		0.74
Surgical	7.4	10.3		0.70 (0.53, 0.93)	
Endovascular	3.4	5.2		0.65 (0.49, 0.87)	





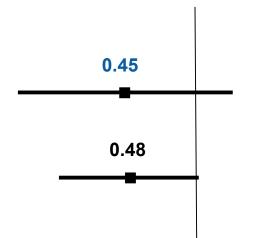


# Reduction in <u>Early Acute Limb Ischemia</u> with Rivaroxaban With and Without Clopidogrel

**Acute Limb Ischemia at 30 Days After Randomization** 

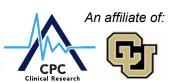
With Clopidogrel

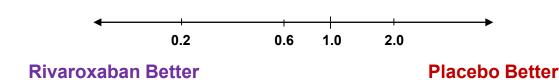
**Without Clopidogrel** 



P-interaction = 0.93

Reduction in ALI consistent







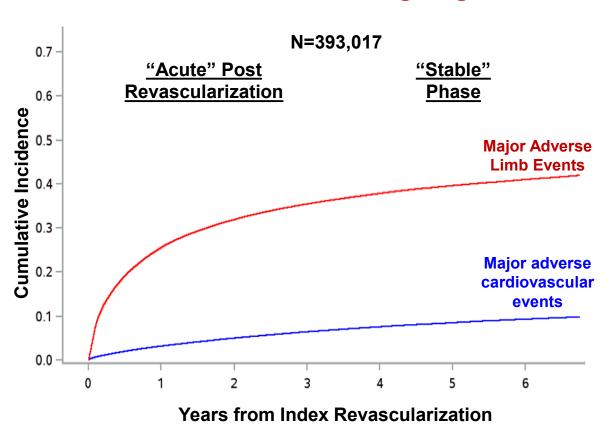
# **Summary**

- ALI was the most frequent ischemic event after LER for symptomatic PAD
- ALI occurs early after LER, and the risk continues over time including recurrent events
- Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily with aspirin compared to aspirin alone significantly reduces risk of ALI
- This benefit <u>appears early</u>, <u>persists over time</u>, <u>and is consistent</u> in major subgroups *including*:
  - Method of revascularization
  - Background clopidogrel use



#### **Conclusions**

#### **Risk in Patients Undergoing LER**



- ALI is a major cause of morbidity in PAD patients undergoing LER, particularly early after intervention
- Regardless of revascularization approach and background clopidogrel use, <u>rivaroxaban</u> <u>plus aspirin should be</u> <u>considered early after LER to</u> <u>reduce ALI</u>



#### MI and ALI with and without CAD

