

# Aspirin or Rivaroxaban for VTE Prophylaxis after Hip or Knee Arthroplasty

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# Introduction

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Total hip or total knee arthroplasty



Venous thromboembolism



Prevention

# Introduction

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Aspirin

vs.

Rivaroxaban

# Methods

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- A double blind RCT in 15 health centers
- Inclusion criteria
- Exclusion criteria

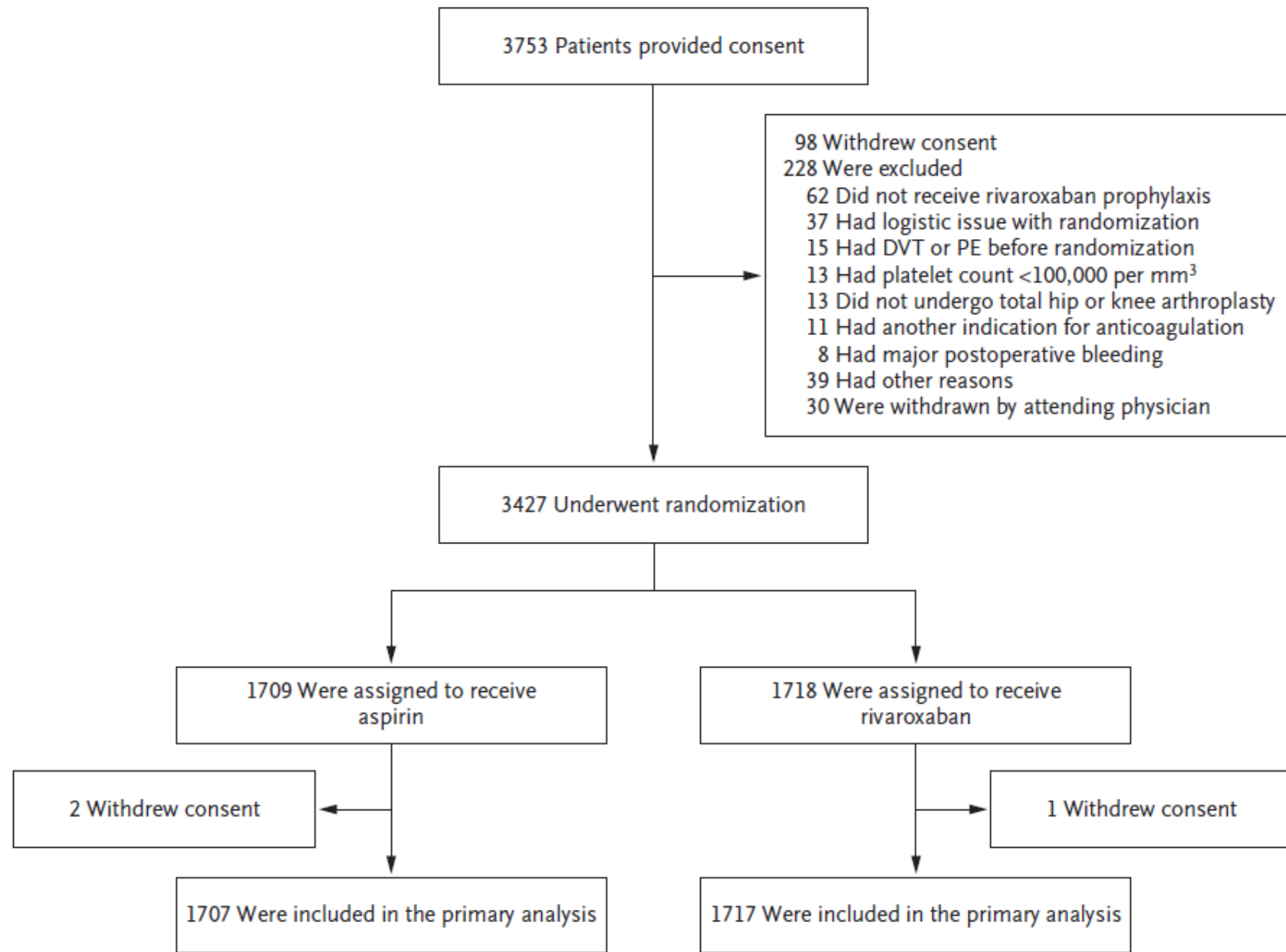
# Methods

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- Trial procedure and randomization
- Trial outcomes
- Statistical analysis



# Enrollment & outcomes



**Figure 1. Enrollment and Outcomes.**

DVT denotes deep-vein thrombosis, and PE pulmonary embolism.



**Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline, According to Surgical Subgroup.\***

Characteristic	Total Hip Arthroplasty		Total Knee Arthroplasty		All Patients	
	Rivaroxaban (N=902)	Aspirin (N=902)	Rivaroxaban (N=815)	Aspirin (N=805)	Rivaroxaban (N=1717)	Aspirin (N=1707)
Age — yr	60.9±11.0	61.3±11.1	64.7±8.4	64.6±8.7	62.7±10.1	62.9±10.1
Male sex — no. (%)	480 (53.2)	486 (53.9)	353 (43.3)	318 (39.5)	833 (48.5)	804 (47.1)
Body-mass index†	29.4±5.8	29.4±6.0	32.7±6.8	33.0±7.2	31.0±6.6	31.1±6.8
Risk factors — no. (%)						
Previous venous thromboembolism	22 (2.4)	20 (2.2)	22 (2.7)	17 (2.1)	44 (2.6)	37 (2.2)
Previous surgery	28 (3.1)	30 (3.3)	18 (2.2)	28 (3.5)	46 (2.7)	58 (3.4)
Cancer	19 (2.1)	17 (1.9)	19 (2.3)	25 (3.1)	38 (2.2)	42 (2.5)
Current smoker	86 (9.5)	83 (9.2)	71 (8.7)	79 (9.8)	157 (9.1)	162 (9.5)
Hemoglobin — g/liter	140.4±12.5	140.2±13.0	138.2±12.8	138.0±12.8	139.4±12.7	139.2±12.9
Mean platelet count per mm <sup>3</sup>	241,200	238,700	240,700	244,100	240,900	241,200
Type of surgery — no. (%)						
Primary	802 (88.9)	809 (89.7)	770 (94.5)	760 (94.4)	1572 (91.6)	1569 (91.9)
Revision	64 (7.1)	52 (5.8)	44 (5.4)	42 (5.2)	108 (6.3)	94 (5.5)
Resurfacing	35 (3.9)	41 (4.5)	NA	NA	35 (2.0)	41 (2.4)
Other	1 (0.1)	0	1 (0.1)	3 (0.4)	2 (0.1)	3 (0.2)

**Table 2. Primary Effectiveness and Safety Outcomes.**

Outcome	Rivaroxaban (N=1717)	Aspirin (N=1707)	P Value
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>		
Venous thromboembolism	12 (0.70)	11 (0.64)	0.84*
Pulmonary embolism	6 (0.35)	5 (0.29)	
Proximal deep-vein thrombosis	4 (0.23)	4 (0.23)	
Pulmonary embolism and proximal deep-vein thrombosis	2 (0.12)	2 (0.12)	
Major bleeding	5 (0.29)	8 (0.47)	0.42
Any bleeding†	17 (0.99)	22 (1.29)	0.43

\*  $P < 0.001$  for noninferiority, as defined by the upper boundary of the 95% confidence interval for the absolute between-group difference.

† This category includes major bleeding and clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding.

**Table 3. Primary Effectiveness and Safety Outcomes, According to Surgical Procedure.**

Outcome	Total Hip Arthroplasty			Total Knee Arthroplasty		
	Rivaroxaban (N= 902)	Aspirin (N= 902)	P Value	Rivaroxaban (N= 815)	Aspirin (N= 805)	P Value
	<i>no. (%)</i>			<i>no. (%)</i>		
Venous thromboembolism	5 (0.55)	4 (0.44)	1.00*	7 (0.86)	7 (0.87)	1.00†
Pulmonary embolism	2 (0.22)	2 (0.22)		4 (0.49)	3 (0.37)	
Proximal deep-vein thrombosis	1 (0.11)	1 (0.11)		3 (0.37)	3 (0.37)	
Pulmonary embolism and proximal deep-vein thrombosis	2 (0.22)	1 (0.11)		0	1 (0.12)	
Major bleeding	3 (0.33)	3 (0.33)	1.00	2 (0.25)	5 (0.62)	0.29
All bleeding‡	7 (0.78)	11 (1.22)	0.48	10 (1.23)	11 (1.37)	0.83

\* P=0.001 for noninferiority.

† P=0.03 for noninferiority.

‡ This category includes major bleeding and clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding.

**Table 4. Subgroup Analysis of Primary Outcomes, According to Use of Long-Term Aspirin Therapy.**

Outcome	Long-Term Aspirin Therapy			No Long-Term Aspirin Therapy		
	Rivaroxaban (N=429)	Aspirin (N=426)	P Value	Rivaroxaban (N=1288)	Aspirin (N=1281)	P Value
	<i>no. (%)</i>			<i>no. (%)</i>		
Venous thromboembolism	3 (0.70)	3 (0.70)	1.00	9 (0.70)	8 (0.62)	1.00*
Major bleeding	1 (0.23)	4 (0.94)	0.22	4 (0.31)	4 (0.31)	1.00
All bleeding†	5 (1.17)	8 (1.88)	0.42	12 (0.93)	14 (1.09)	0.70

\* P<0.001 for noninferiority.

† This category includes major and clinically relevant nonmajor bleeding.

# Conclusion

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- EPCAT I
- EPCAT II

# Conclusion

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Not significantly different

ANY  
QUESTIONS





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