

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

Rivaroxaban for preventing ischaemic events in people with coronary or peripheral artery disease

The impact on equality has been assessed during this appraisal according to the principles of the NICE equality scheme.

Final appraisal determination

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?

During the scoping stage, one consultee noted that “aspirin resistance in the BAME community has been stated to be as high as 20% and this intervention may assist in this subgroup. How this group was seen in the entire COMPASS population was not discussed in the paper but maybe worthy of consideration.” However, a higher prevalence of a condition in a protected group is not generally considered to be an equalities issue. In the absence of an established, and routinely used test for aspirin resistance, it is not considered appropriate to specify aspirin resistance as a subgroup within the scope.

No evidence was submitted for this subgroup and it was not considered by the committee.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?

No equalities issues were identified in the submissions, expert statements or technical report.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the committee, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?

No other equalities issues were identified.

4. Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No.

5. Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No

6. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 4 or 5, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

Not applicable

7. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the appraisal consultation document, and, if so, where?

Not applicable

Approved by Associate Director (name): ...Janet Robertson.....

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