



# British Cardiovascular Society

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## **BCS 'Statins and the Media' Survey Results**

The following 3 question survey was sent to 2374 current members of the British Cardiovascular Society on Thursday 18 September 2014.

### **Survey Questions**

1. Have recent media stories and articles resulted in patient confusion or clarification about the role of statins for CVD?

Possible responses – Confusion/Clarification/Don't Know

2. Have these events resulted in patients discontinuing statins where you believe they are indicated?

Possible responses – Yes/No/Don't Know

3. In your experience, as a result of these events, how many patients would you estimate have discontinued statins this year where you believe they are indicated?

Possible responses – NA/0/1-2/3-5/>5

- The survey closed at 23:59 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- The survey was completed 192 times

### **Summary of data**

- **79.69%** of respondents stated that 'recent media stories and articles resulted in **patient confusion** about the role of statins for CVD'.
- **59%** of respondents stated that they '**do believe these events resulted in patients discontinuing statins where [they] believe they are indicated**'.
- **31.7%** of respondents stated that they estimated **zero patients/NA** had **discontinued Statins** due to media stories and articles.
- **30.29%** stated that they **estimated more than 5** patients had **discontinued Statins** due to media stories and articles.
- **22.29%** **estimated 1 - 2** patients had **discontinued Statins** due to media stories and articles
- **15.10%** **estimated 3 – 5** patients had **discontinued Statins** due to media stories and articles
- Full data summary tables and graphs follow in Appendix 1.
- There is some seemingly anomalous data, whereby 21 respondents who answered 'No' or 'Don't know' to Q2, then went on to estimate positive numbers of patients who had discontinued Statins.
  - There are a total of 9 respondents who answered 'Don't know' to Q2, but estimated positive numbers of patients discontinuing in Q3
  - There are a total of 12 respondents who answered 'No' to Q2, but estimated positive numbers of patients discontinuing in Q3
- Alternate data summaries with these 21 seemingly anomalous data sets removed are in Appendix 2

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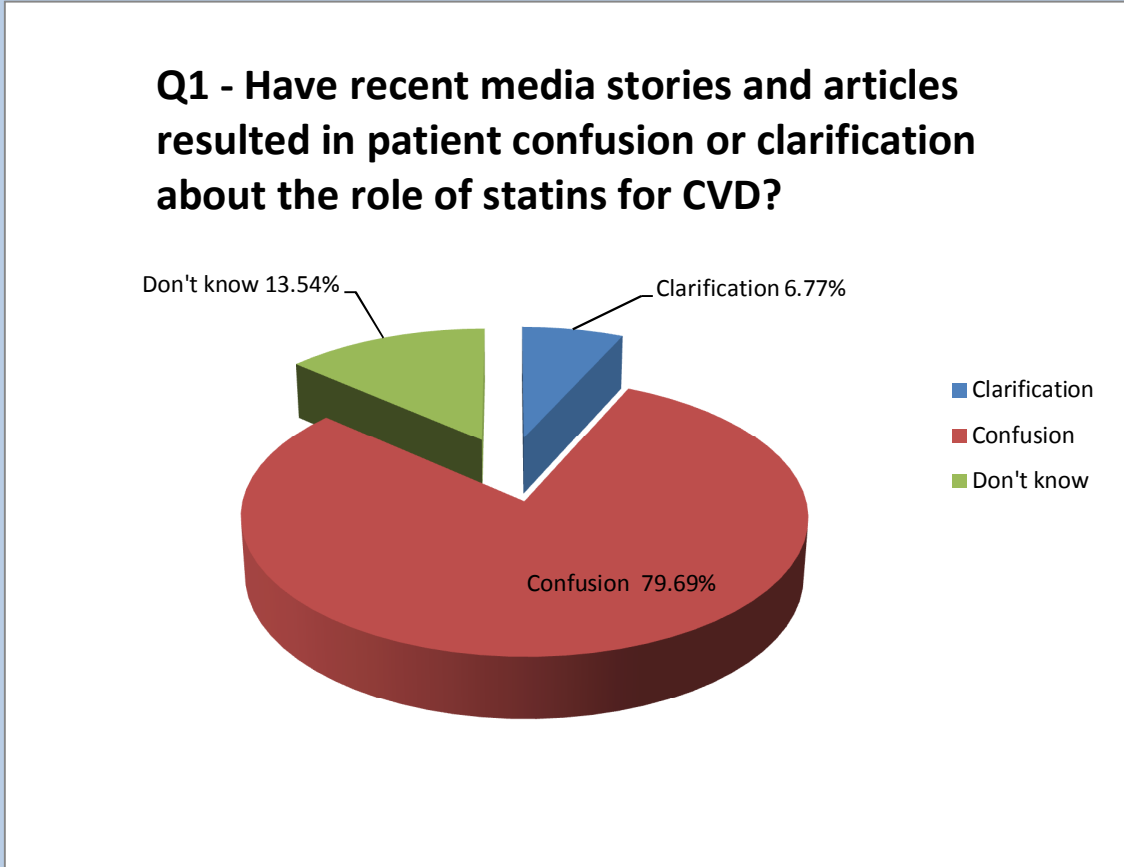
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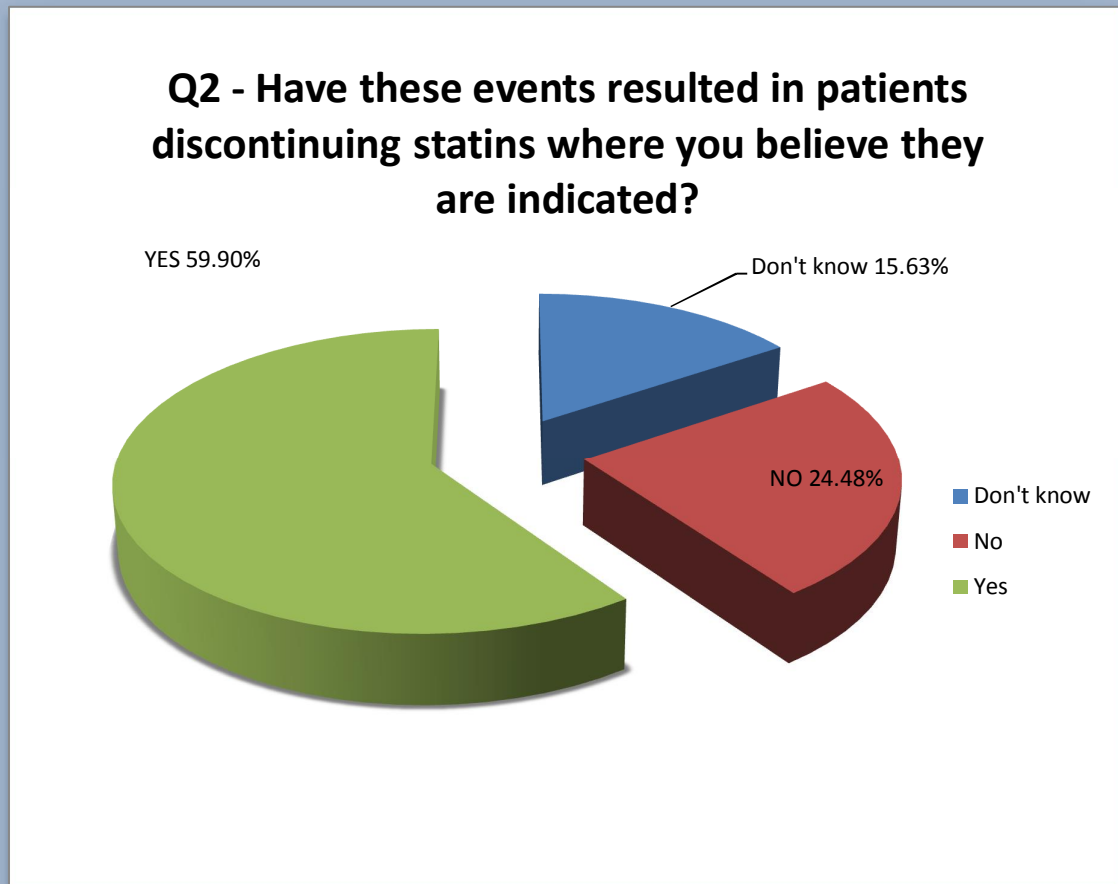
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**Appendix 1: Full Data Summary Tables and Graphs**

<b>1. Have recent media stories and articles resulted in patient confusion or clarification about the role of statins for CVD?</b>	count	%
Clarification	13	6.77
<b>Confusion</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>79.69</b>
Don't know	26	13.54
Grand Count	192	100



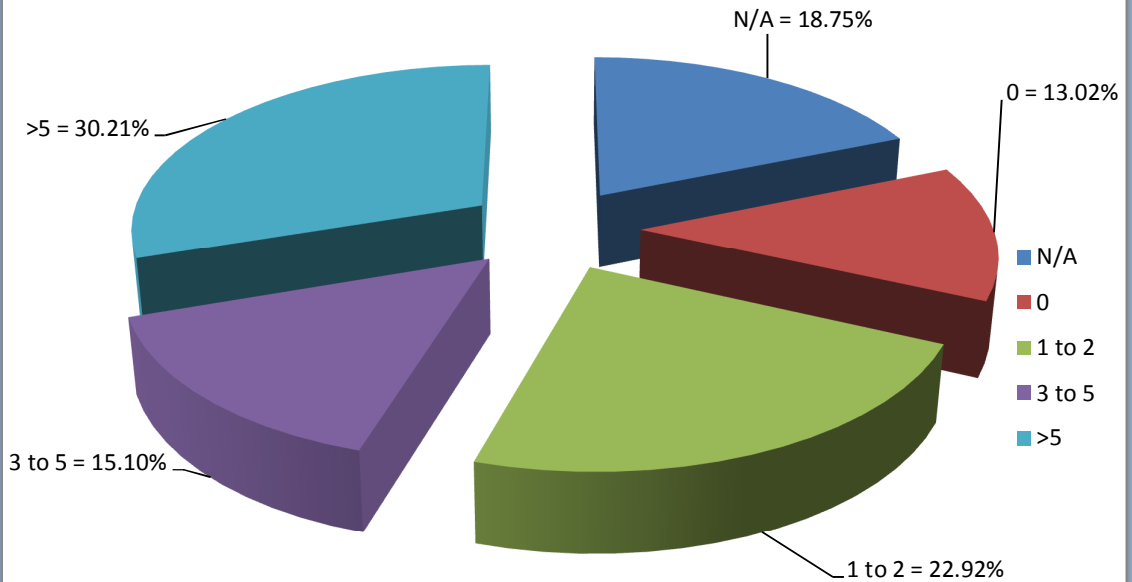
<b>2. Have these events resulted in patients discontinuing statins where you believe they are indicated?</b>	count	%
Don't know	30	15.63
No	47	24.48
<b>Yes</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>59.90</b>
Grand Count	192	100





3. In your experience, as a result of these events, how many patients would you estimate have discontinued statins this year where you believe they are indicated?	count	%
N/A	36	18.75
0	25	13.02
1 to 2	44	22.92
3 to 5	29	15.10
>5	58	30.21
Grand Count	192	100

**Q3 - In your experience, as a result of these events, how many patients would you estimate have discontinued statins this year where you believe they are indicated?**



**Appendix 2: Summary tables with anomalous answer sets removed**

<b>1. Have recent media stories and articles resulted in patient confusion or clarification about the role of statins for CVD?</b>	<b>count</b>	<b>%</b>
Clarification	13	7.60
<b>Confusion</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>80.70</b>
Don't know	20	11.70
Grand	171	100.00

<b>2. Have these events resulted in patients discontinuing statins where you believe they are indicated?</b>	<b>count</b>	<b>%</b>
Don't know	21	12.28
No	35	20.47
<b>Yes</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>67.25</b>
Grand Count	171	100.00

<b>3. In your experience, as a result of these events, how many patients would you estimate have discontinued statins this year where you believe they are indicated?</b>	<b>count</b>	<b>%</b>
0 Count	25	14.62
N/A	36	21.05
1 to 2	32	18.71
3 to 5	24	14.04
<b>&gt;5</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>31.58</b>
Grand Count	171	100.00