

Chronic Ischemic Heart Disease

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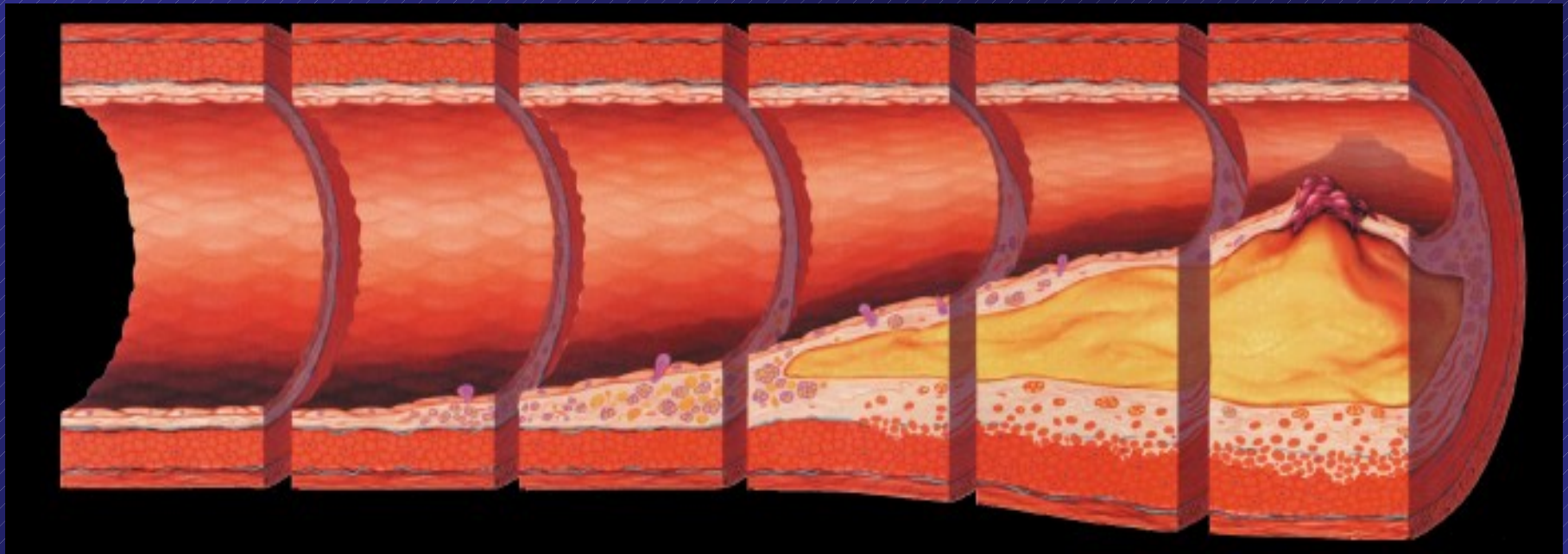
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Atherosclerosis Timeline

Foam Cells Fatty Streak Intermediate Lesion Atheroma Fibrous Plaque Complicated Lesion/Rupture



Endothelial Dysfunction

From First
Decade

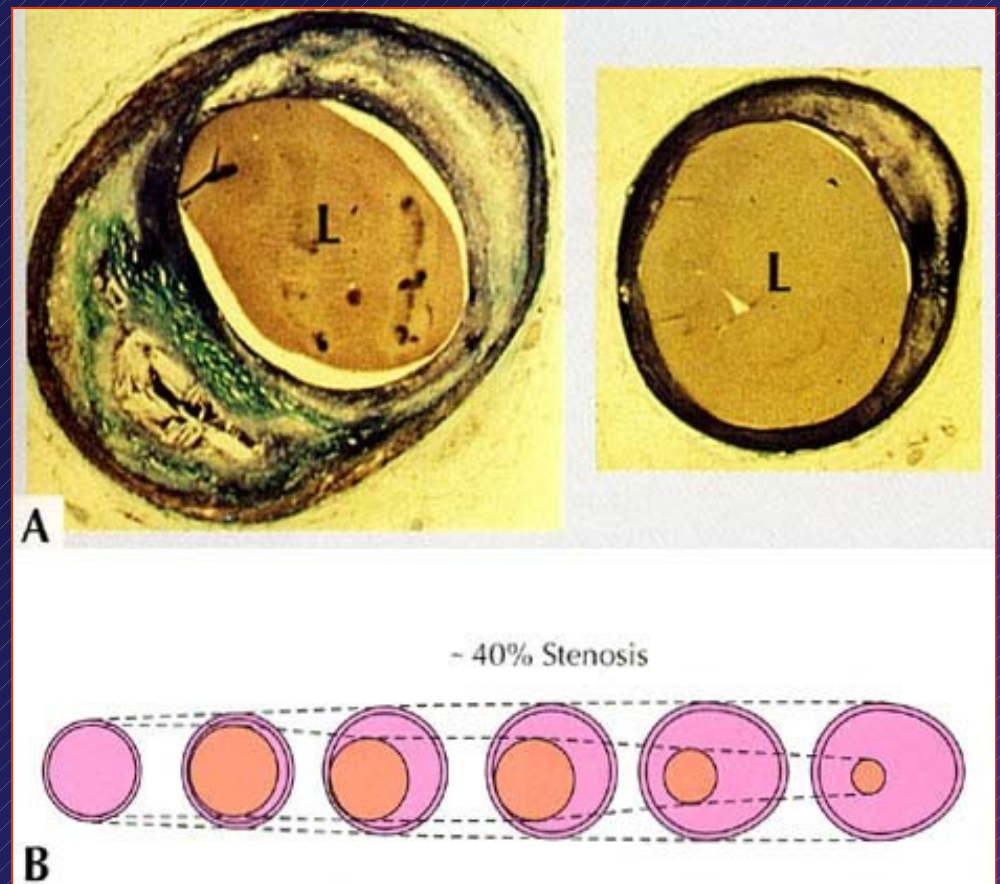
From Third
Decade

From Fourth
Decade

The Glagov Concept

Atherosclerosis progression and luminal narrowing

Similar luminal area despite marked variation in the volume of atheroma due to compensatory enlargement of the artery



Myocardial Ischemia

- Oxygen demand
- Oxygen supply

Distribution and determinants of myocardial oxygen consumption

Components of myocardial oxygen consumption

Basal	20%	Volume work	15 %
Electrical	1 %	Pressure work	64 %

Effect of 50% increase on oxygen consumption

Wall stress	25%	Heart rate	50 %
Contractility	45 %	Volume work	4 %
Pressure work	50 %		

**Increase in heart rate and pressure work are the main determinants of oxygen consumption thus:
Double product = HR X SBP is a good clinical estimate for myocardial oxygen demand**

Oxygen Supply

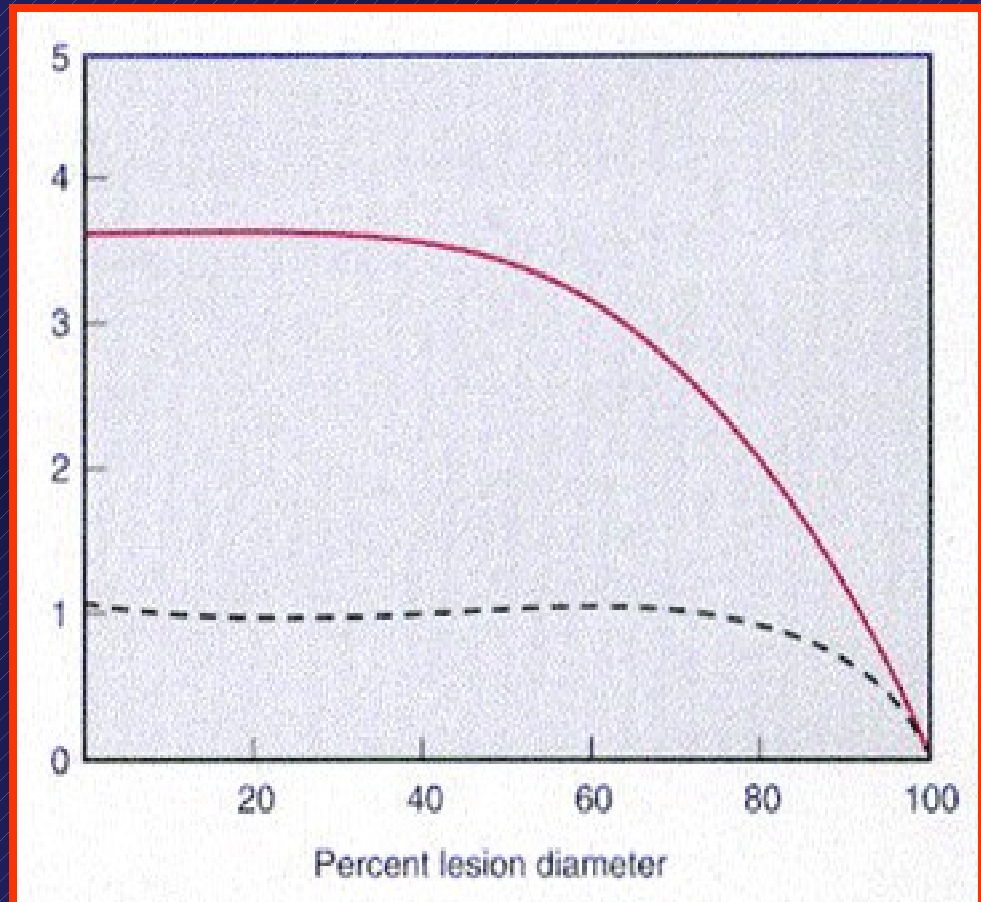
myocardium vs other tissues

- **O₂ Delivery**
 - **Coronary Blood Flow**
 - **Hemoglobin**
 - **Arterial O₂ saturation**
- **Myocardial (A-V) O₂ Difference**
- **In resting condition coronary sinus blood is desaturated thus oxygen supply to the myocardium during conditions of increased demand is dependent on coronary blood flow.**

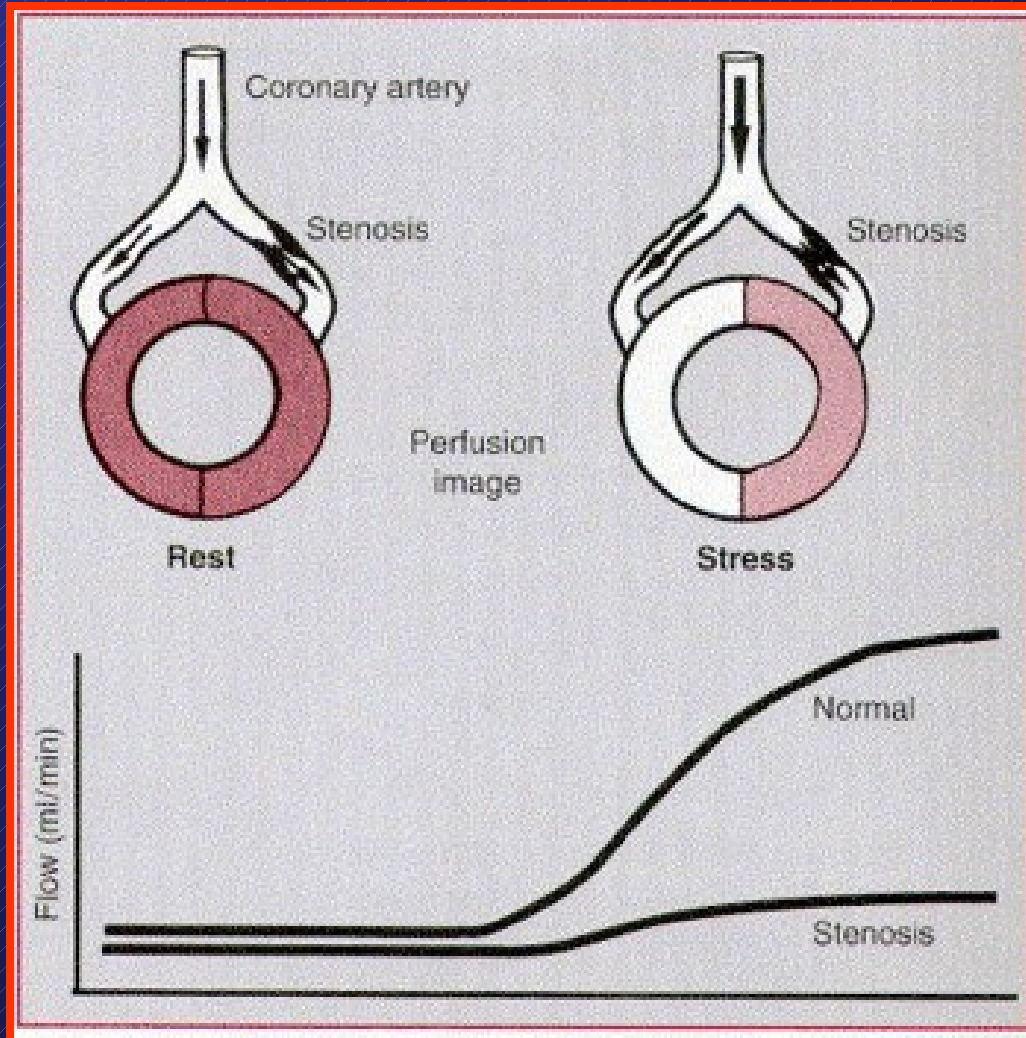
Impact of diameter stenosis on resting and maximal coronary flow (flow reserve)

Normalized flow reserve

Normalized resting flow

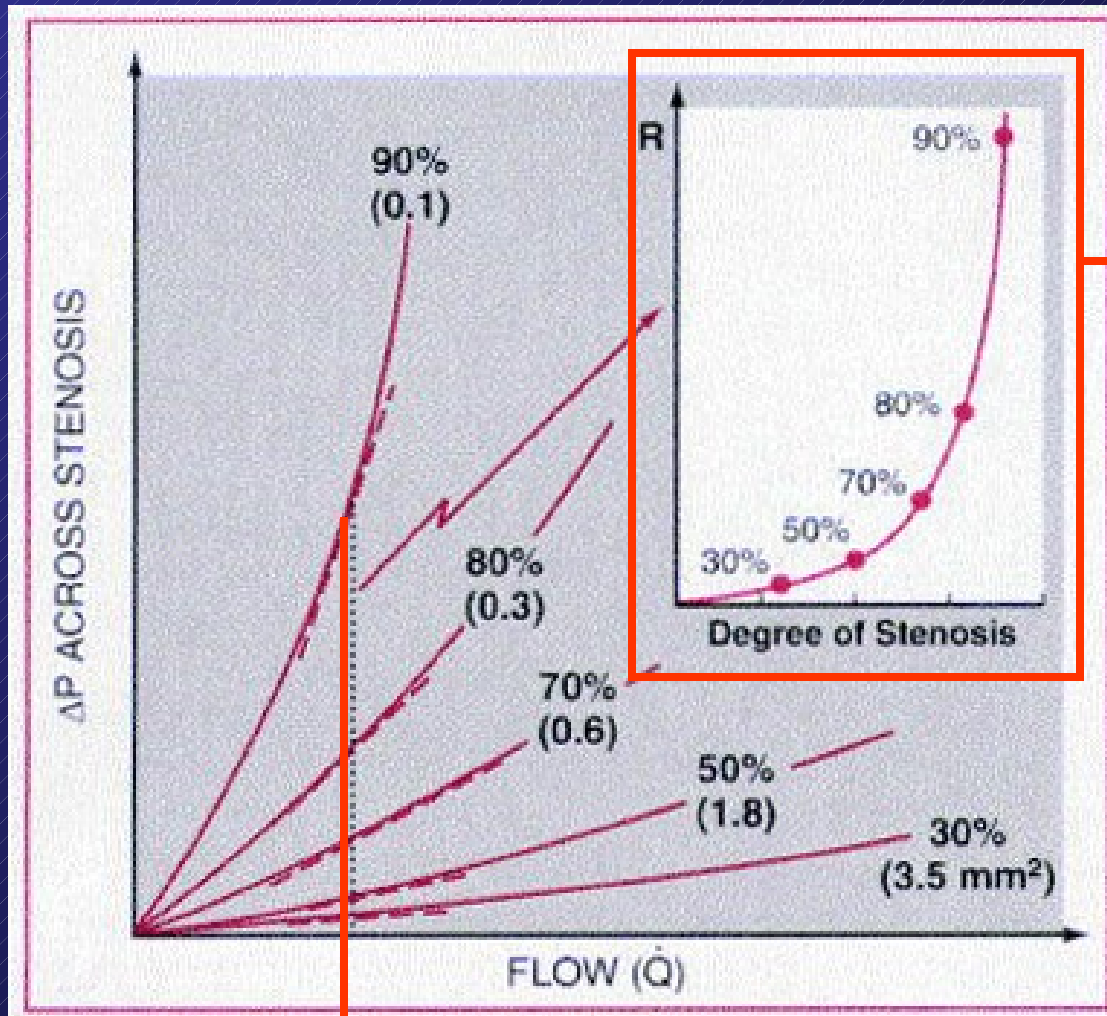


Mechanism of stress induced perfusion mismatch



Limited coronary flow reserve (CFR) in the territory supplied by the stenotic artery causing perfusion mismatch

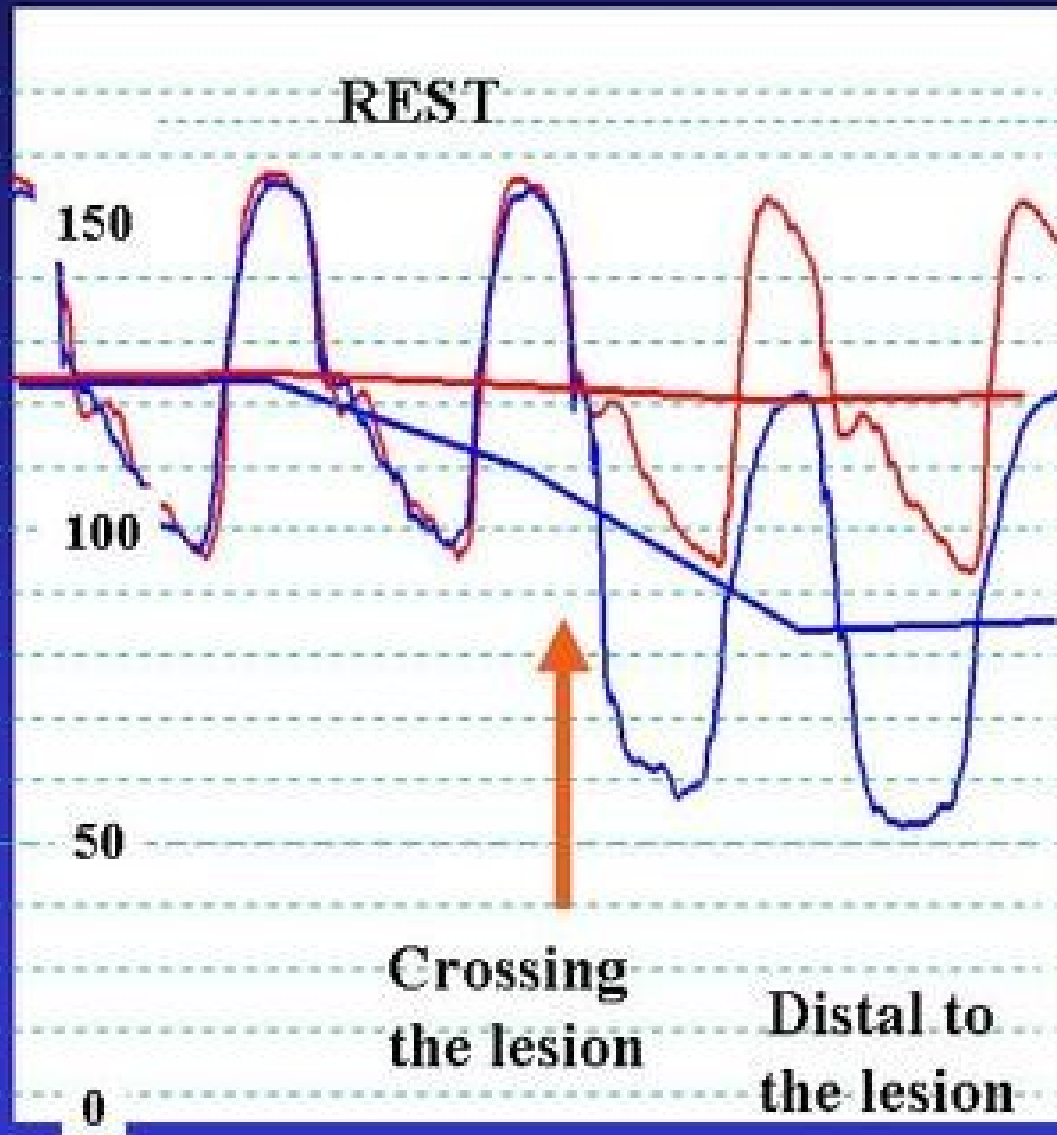
Relation between pressure gradient and flow for increasing % stenosis



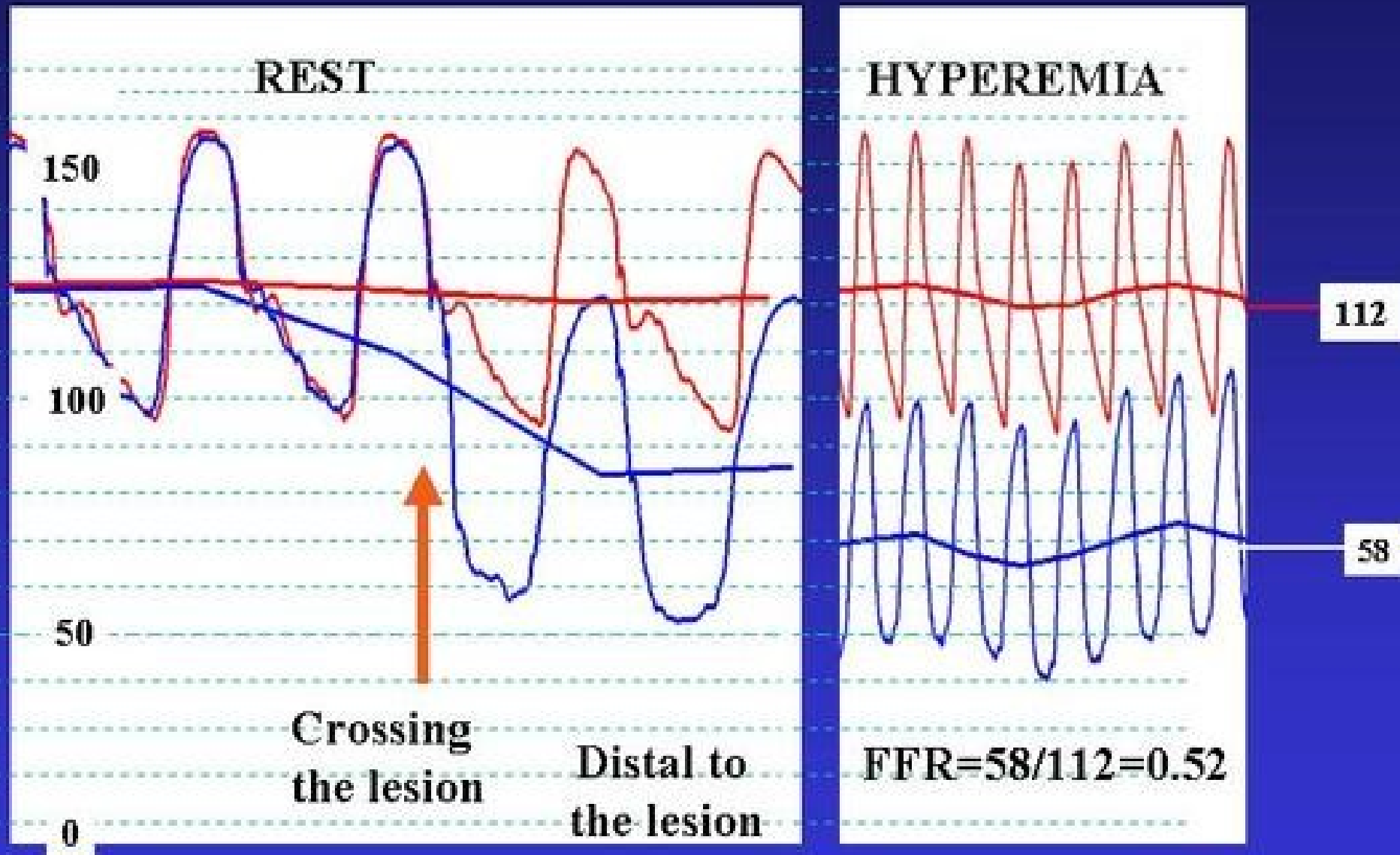
Resting flow

Resting flow

Fractional Flow Reserve in Clinical Practice



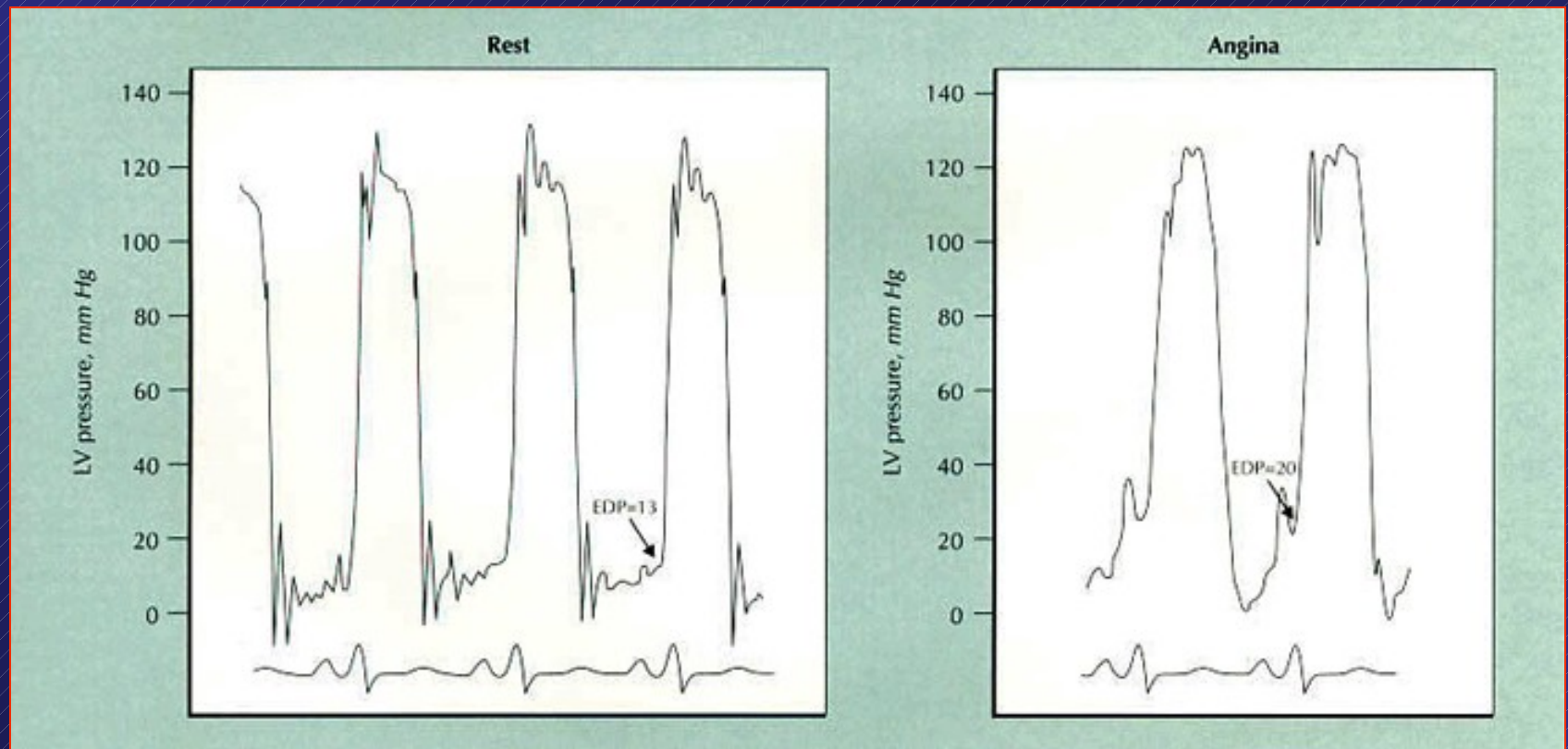
Fractional Flow Reserve in Clinical Practice



Consequences of Acute Coronary Ischemia

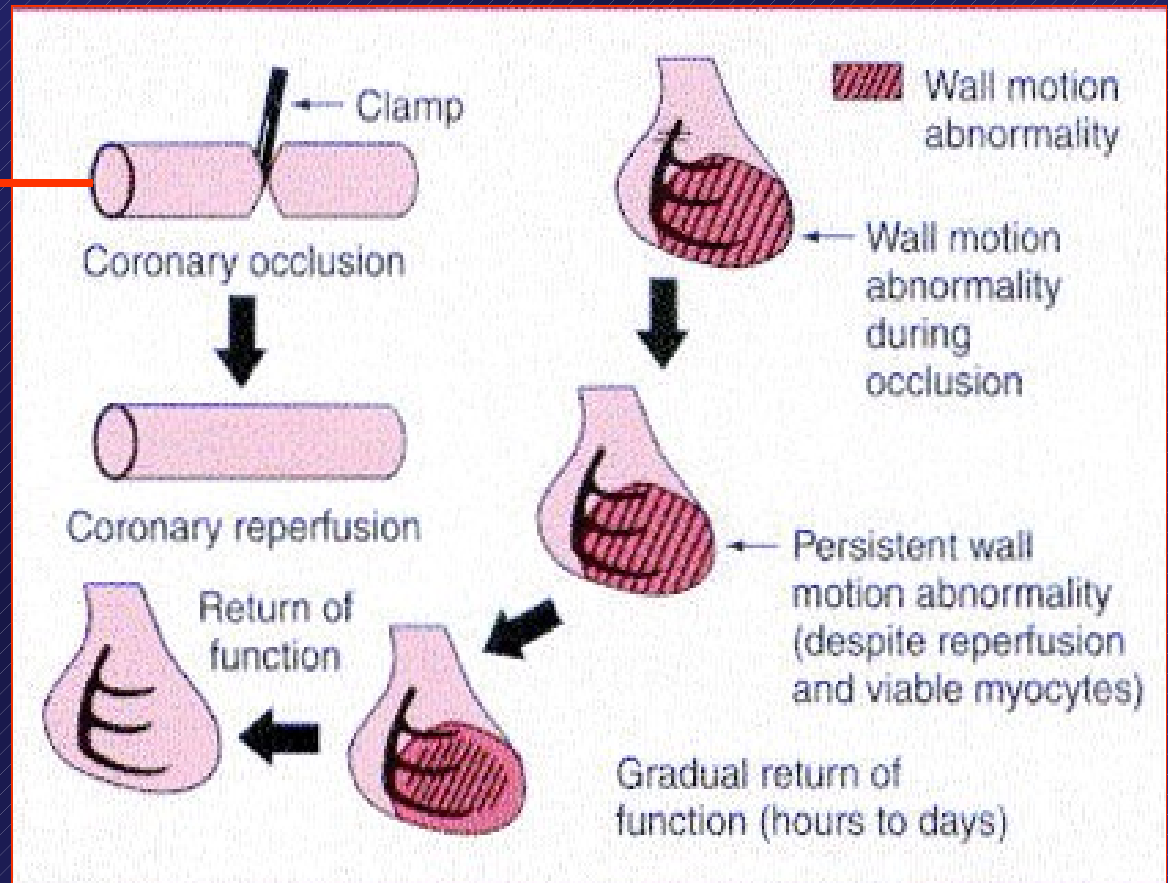
- Typically causes ECG changes, myocardial dysfunction (diastolic and systolic) and symptoms of chest pain.
- Causes prolonged? dysfunction (stunning)
- Magnitude of effect modified by adaptive mechanisms (smart heart)
 - Hybernation (adaptation of mechanical function to flow limitation)
 - Preconditioning (protection from future ischemia by past ischemic episodes)

LV pressure during ischemia



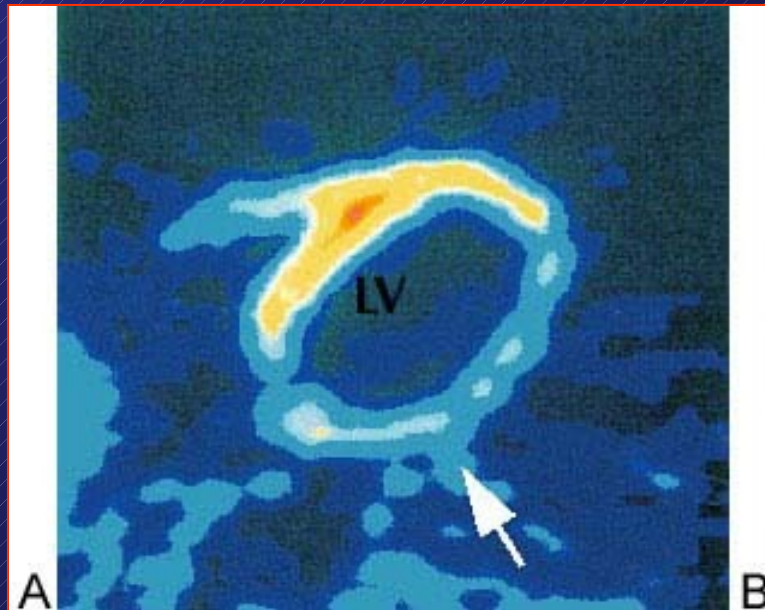
Myocardial Stunning

Can also be triggered by an episode of ischemia due to an increase in demand (e.g. post exercise)

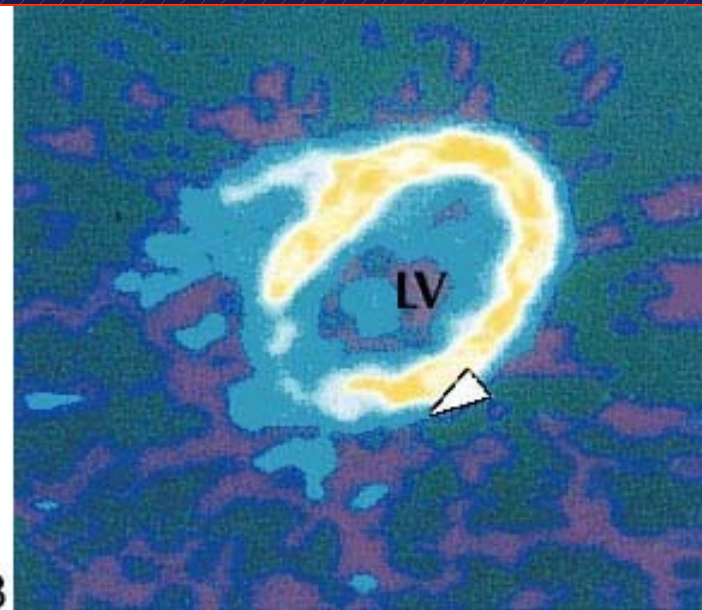


Hibernating Myocardium (PET)

Perfusion



Metabolism



[¹³N]-ammonia scan demonstrates a large anterolateral perfusion defect

[¹⁸F]-fluorodeoxyglucose image demonstrates preserved anterolateral metabolic activity

שאלה 1: חולה עם מחלה כלילית מתנגד לבצע מבחן מאמץ בטענה שמנסיונו בעבר גורם לו המבחן לחולשה וקוצר נשימה למשך יממה – מה ההסבר המתקבל ביותר על הדעת?

1. אין סיבה אורגנית
2. התקף לב בעקבות המאמץ
3. איסכמיה חריפה מתמשכת
4. Stunning
5. העדר preconditioning

Unusual Presentations of Chronic Angina – Current Understanding

- **Diurnal variation of angina**
 - **Coronary tone, preconditioning**
- **Angina disappears during walking**
 - **Coronary tone, preconditioning**
- **Prolonged fatigue after exertion**
 - **Myocardial stunning**
- **CHF symptoms without previous MI**
 - **Hibernation (repeated stunning?)**

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Aims of Treatment

- **Improve prognosis**
 - **Prevention of death and myocardial infarction**

- **Improve quality of life**
 - **Prevent / minimize symptomatic ischemic events**

Modes of Treatment

General and Specific for CAD

- **Life style modification**
- **Pharmacological therapy**
- **Non-pharmacological**
 - **Revascularization**
 - **Surgical, PCI**
 - **Others**

Aims and Modes of Treatment

From the Guidelines

➤ Improve prognosis

- “**Lifestyle changes and drug treatment** play vital roles in modifying the atherosclerotic disease process and ‘stabilising’ coronary plaques ***”
- “**In certain circumstances**, such as in patients with severe lesions in coronary arteries supplying a large area of jeopardised myocardium, **revascularization** offers additional opportunities to improve prognosis by improving existing perfusion or providing alternative routes of perfusion”

Aims and Modes of Treatment

From the Guidelines

➤ **Improve quality of life**

- “Lifestyle changes, drugs, and revascularization all have a role to play in minimising or eradicating symptoms of angina, although not necessarily all in the same patient”

Recommendations for pharmacological therapy to improve prognosis

Class I

- **Aspirin** 75 mg daily in **all** patients without specific contraindications (ie active GI bleeding, aspirin allergy or previous aspirin intolerance) (level of evidence A)
- **Statin** therapy for **all** patients with coronary disease (level of evidence A)
- **ACE-inhibitor** therapy in patients with coincident indications for ACE-inhibition, such as **hypertension, heart failure, LV dysfunction, prior MI with LV dysfunction, or diabetes** (level of evidence A)
- **Oral beta blocker** therapy in patients **post-MI or with heart failure** (level of evidence A)

Recommendations for pharmacological therapy to improve prognosis

Class IIa

- **ACE-inhibitor** therapy in **all** patients with angina and proven coronary disease (level of evidence B)
- **Clopidogrel** as an **alternative** antiplatelet agent in patients with stable angina who cannot take aspirin eg **Aspirin allergic** (level of evidence B)
- **High-dose statin** therapy in **high risk** (>2% annual CV mortality) patients with proven coronary disease (level of evidence B)

Class IIb

- **Fibrate** therapy in patients with low HDL and high triglycerides who have diabetes or the metabolic syndrome (level of evidence B)

Therapy with Statins

Relation between
atherosclerosis progression
and clinical outcome



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Sequence Variations in PCSK9*, Low LDL, and Protection against Coronary Heart Disease

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Mosley Jr., Ph.D. and Helen H. Hobbs, M.D.

*proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 serine protease gene

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Background: PCSK9 mutation and its effect on LDL-C level

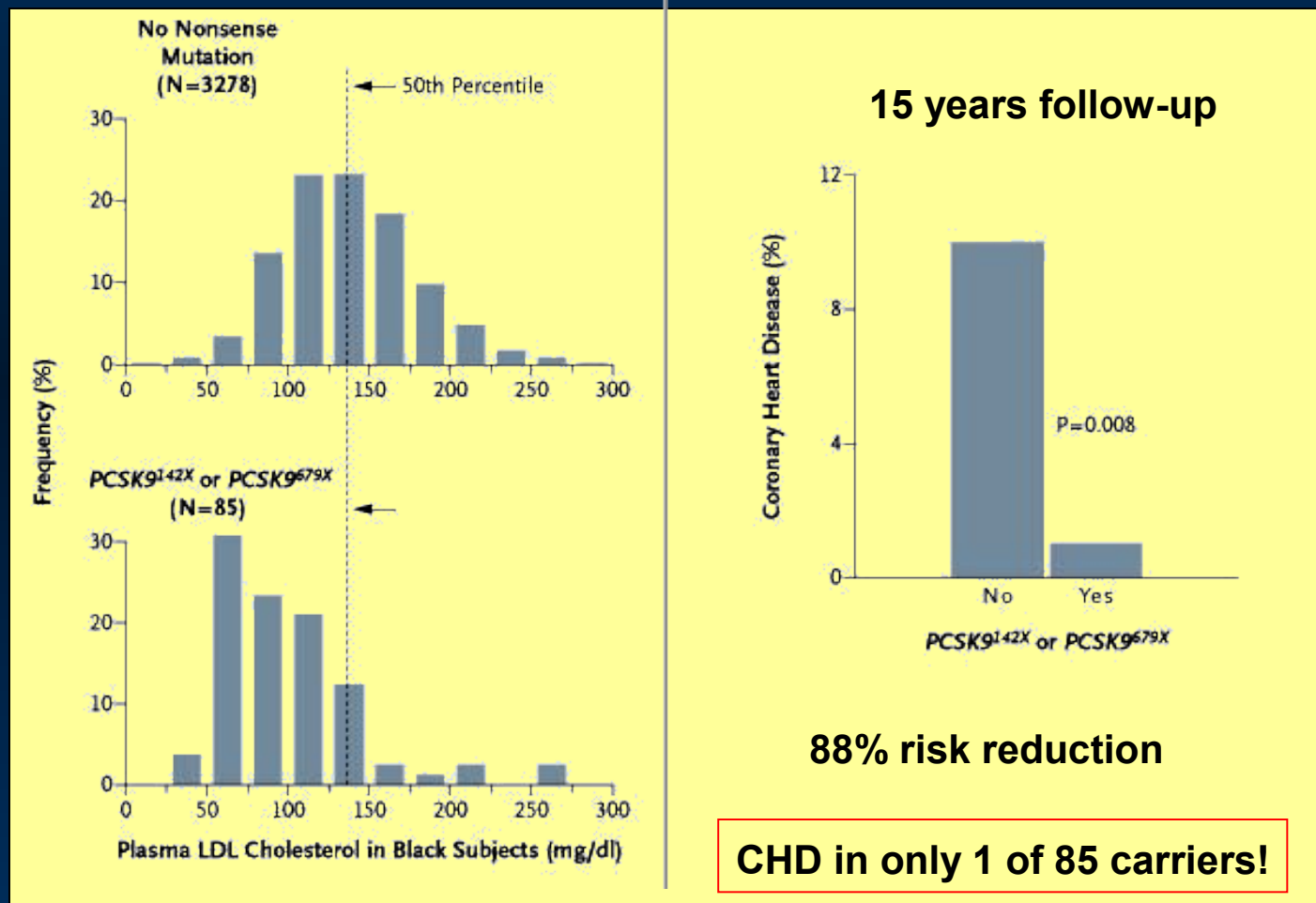
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- PCSK9 is responsible for degradation of LDL receptors in liver cells
- Various genetic variations are present in blacks (2%) and whites (3.2%)
 - Subjects have increased LDL receptor density (statin like effect)
 - associated with a 20-40 percent reduction in mean LDL cholesterol
- Clinical significance was determined in 15792 participants of ARIC: a prospective study of atherosclerosis in the community
- Data represents 15 years of follow-up



Distribution of Plasma LDL-C and Incidence of CHD among 3363 Black Participants in the Study

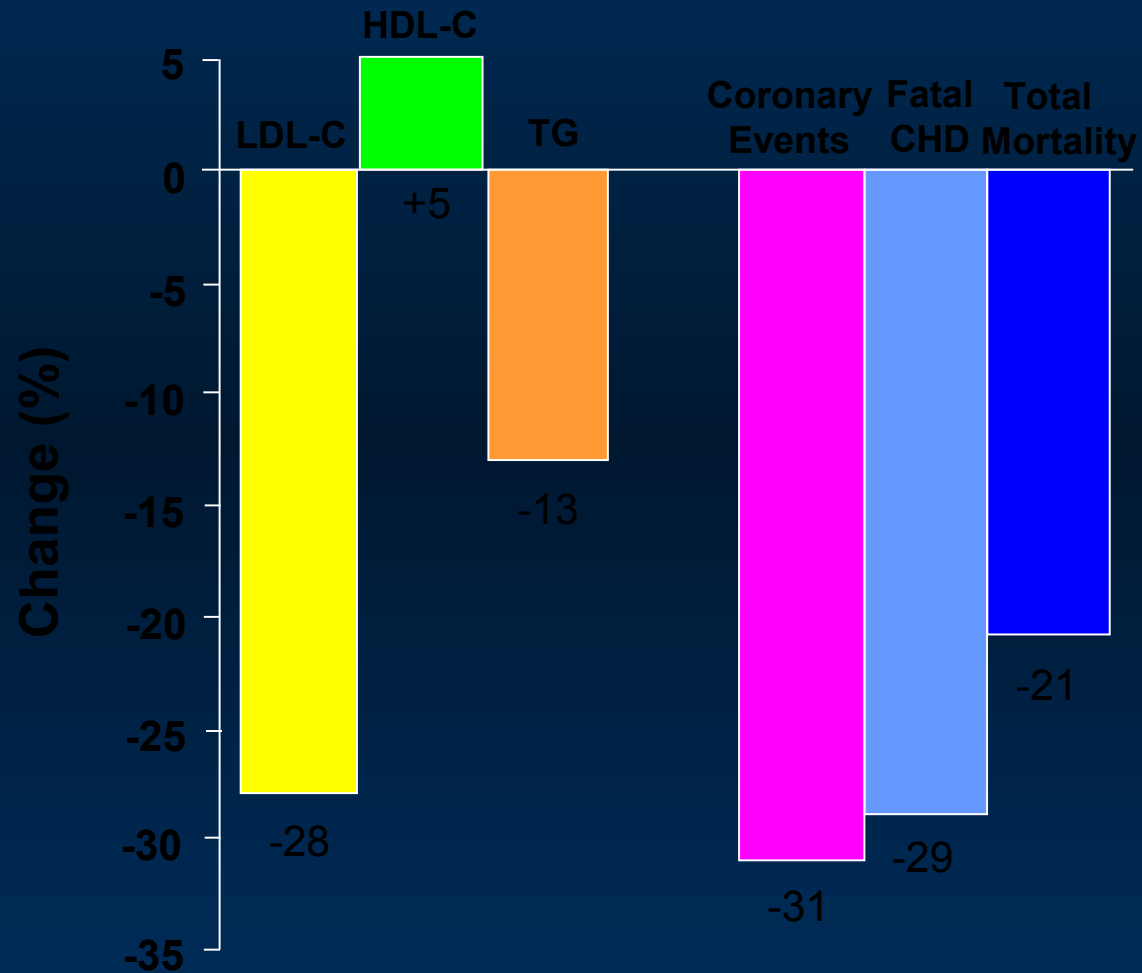
Carriers and noncarriers of PCSK9 nonsense mutation



Plasma LDL-C 28% lower in carriers



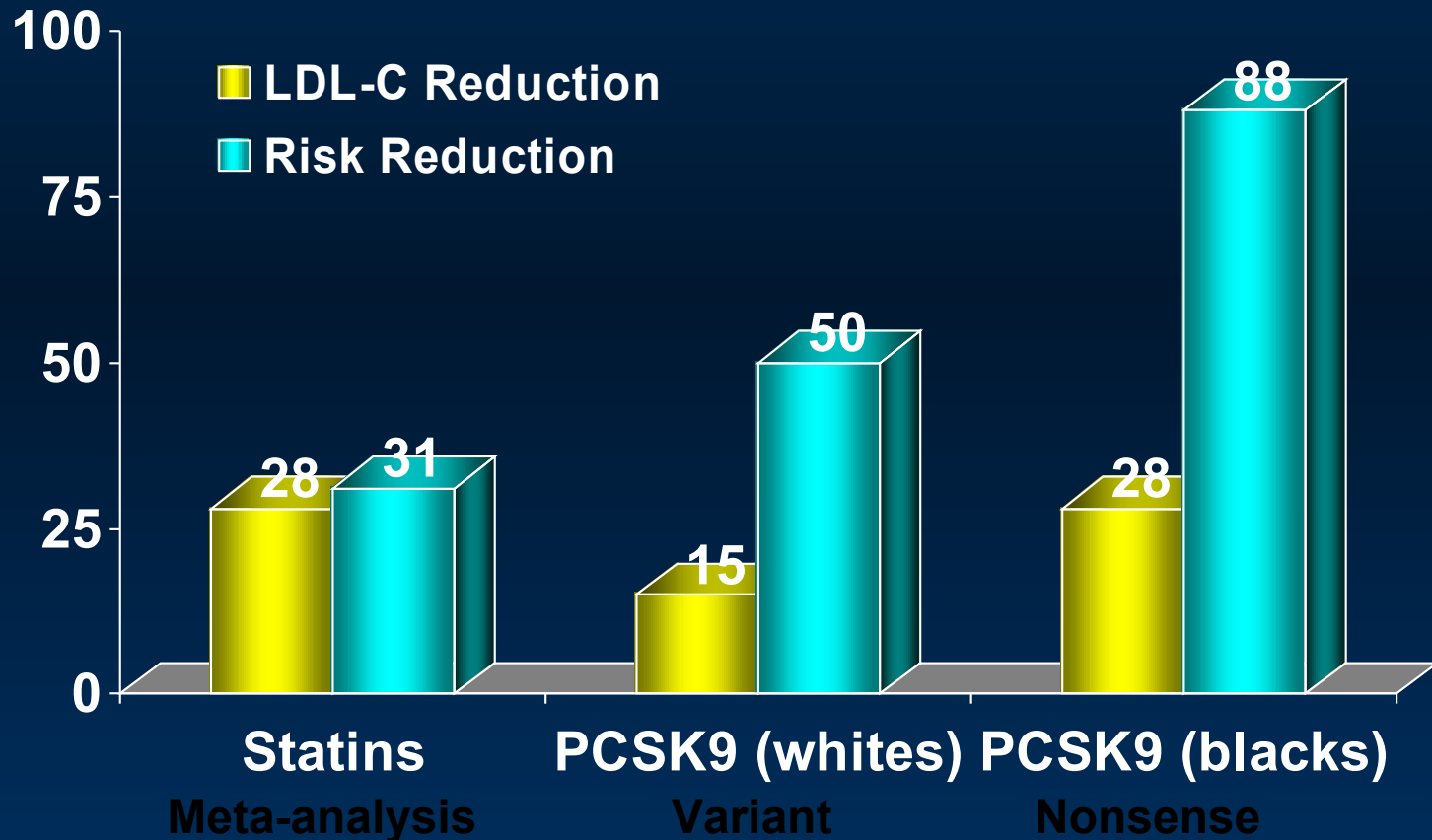
Meta-analysis of Statin Trials





Relation Between Reduction of LDL-C and Cardiovascular Risk Reduction

Statins as compared to PCSK9 mutation





Atherosclerosis Progression Implication for therapy

- **Atherosclerosis is a slowly progressive disease**
 - **Disease starts at childhood but becomes clinically evident decades later**
- **It takes years until the maximal benefit of therapy is evident**
 - **5 years (F/U time in many statin trials) are not enough to obtain the full benefit from therapy**

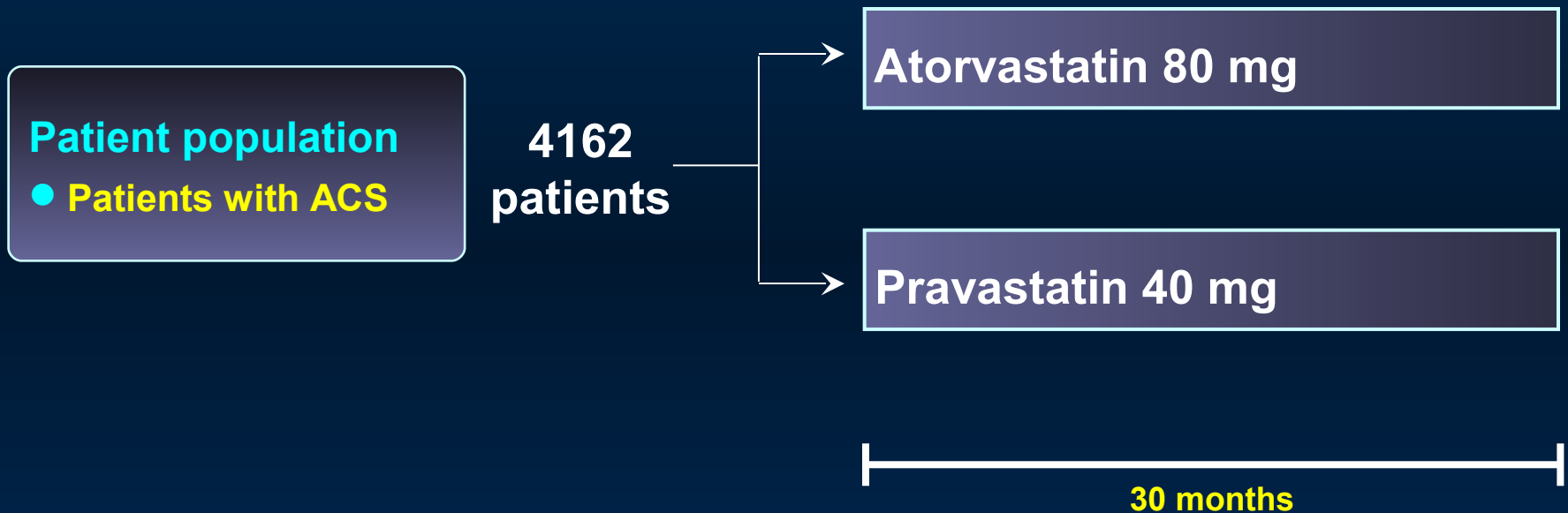


Role of LDL reduction

Correlation between Clinical Outcome and IVUS Data

- **PROVE-IT**
 - **Clinical Outcome**
- **REVERSAL**
 - **IVUS data**

PROVE-IT – TIMI 22

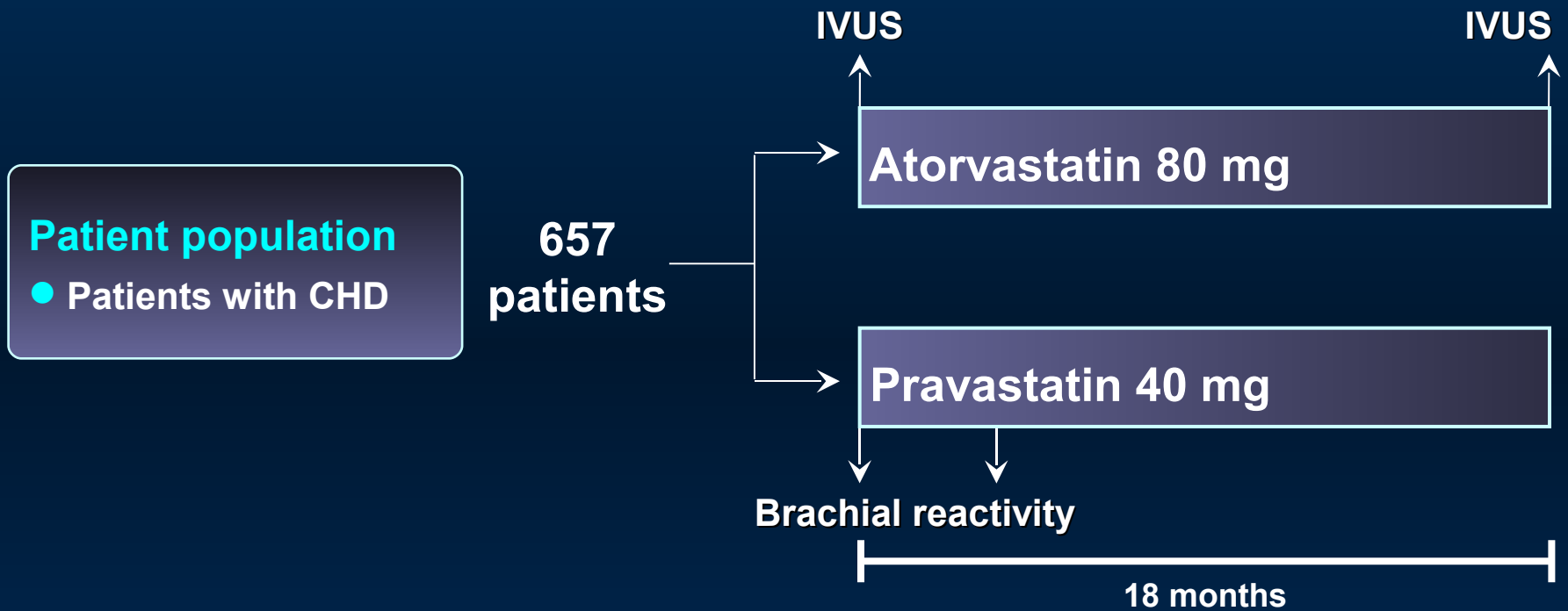


Primary endpoint:

- Death, MI, Documented UA requiring hospitalization, revascularization (> 30 days after randomization), or Stroke

REVERSAL

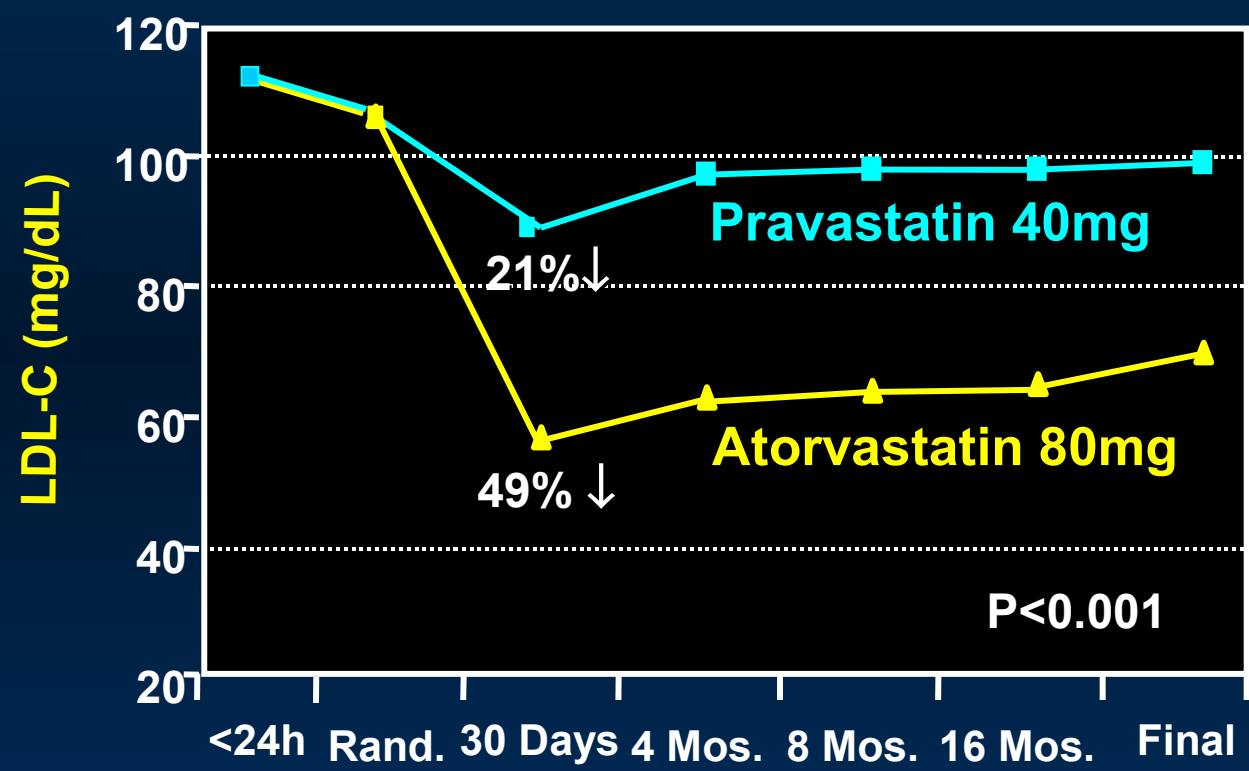
REVERSING Atherosclerosis with Aggressive Lipid Lowering



Primary endpoint:

- Change in coronary plaque volume by IVUS

Changes from (Post-ACS) Baseline in Median LDL-C



Median LDL-C (Q1, Q3)

95 (79, 113)

62 (50, 79)

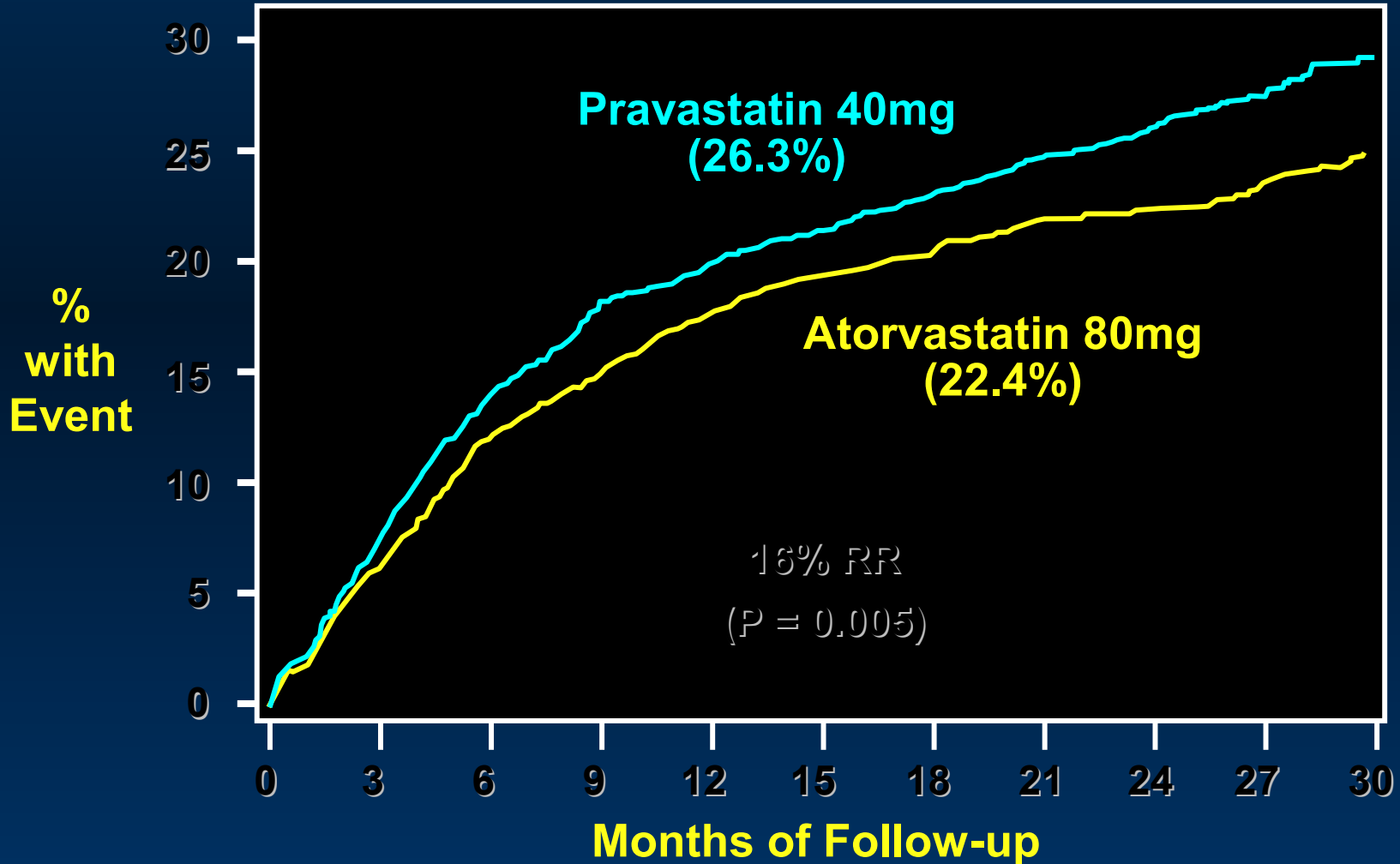
Note: Changes in LDL-C may differ from prior trials:

- 25% of patients on statins prior to ACS event
- ACS response lowers LDL-C from true baseline

PROVE IT

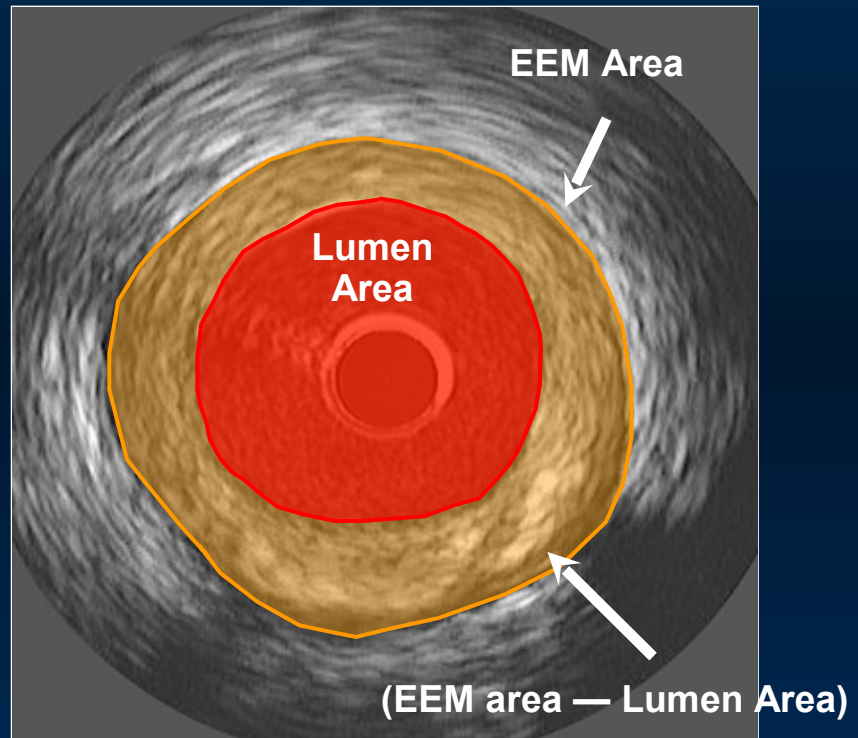
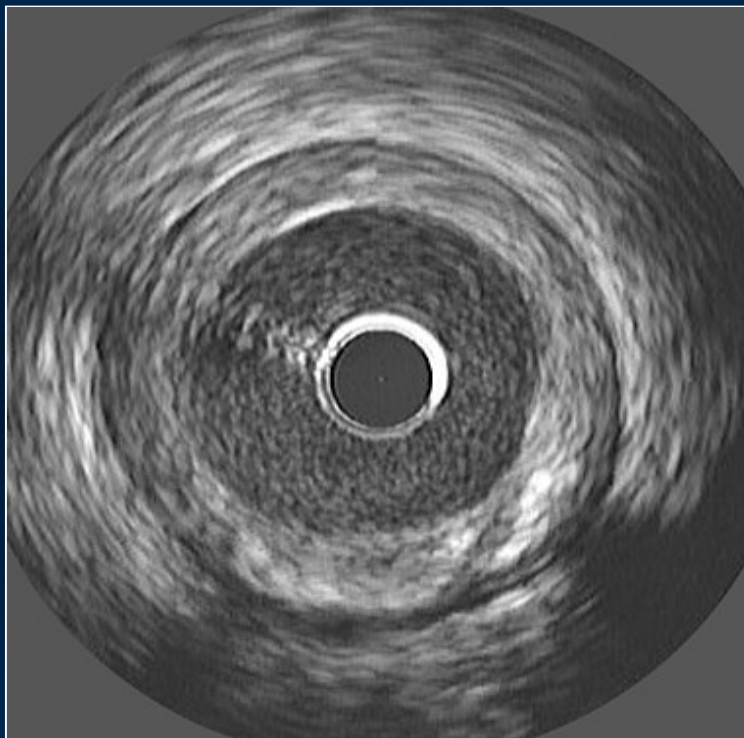


All-Cause Death or Major CV Events in All Randomized Subjects



REVERSAL: IVUS Determination of Atheroma Area

Precise Planimetry of EEM and Lumen Borders allows calculation of Atheroma Cross-sectional Area



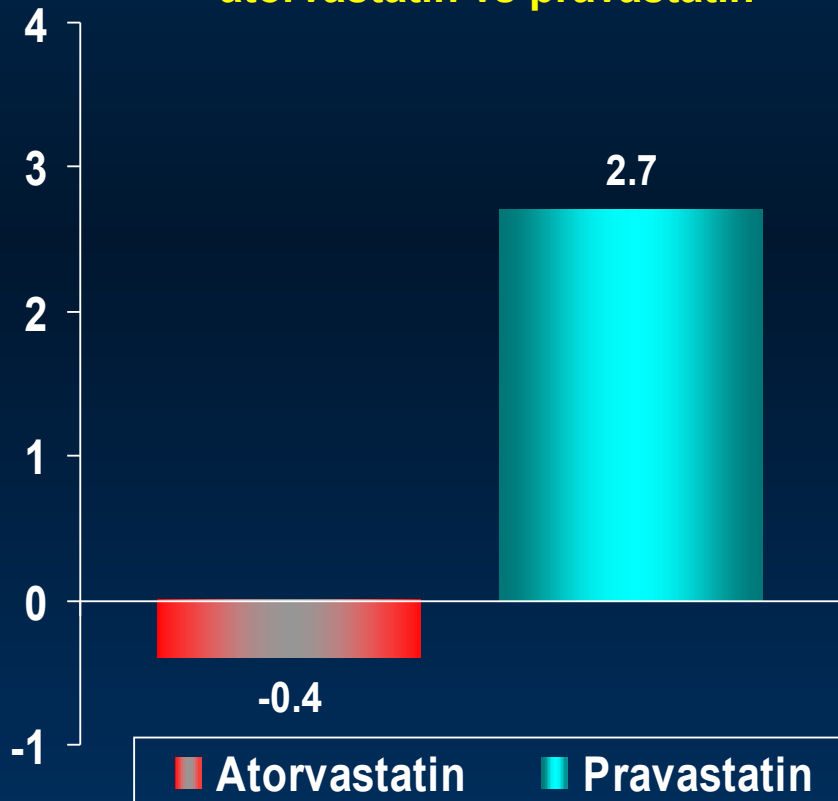
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EEM = External Elastic Membrane

REVERSAL Trial – IVUS analysis

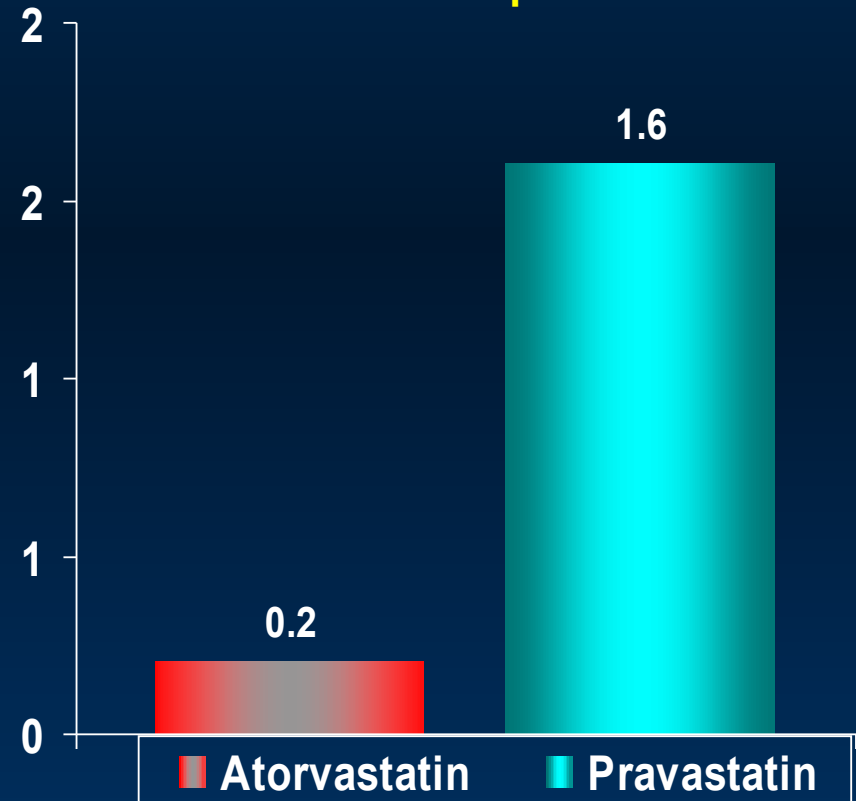
Change in total atheroma volume (TAV)

$p=0.02$ for change between atorvastatin vs pravastatin



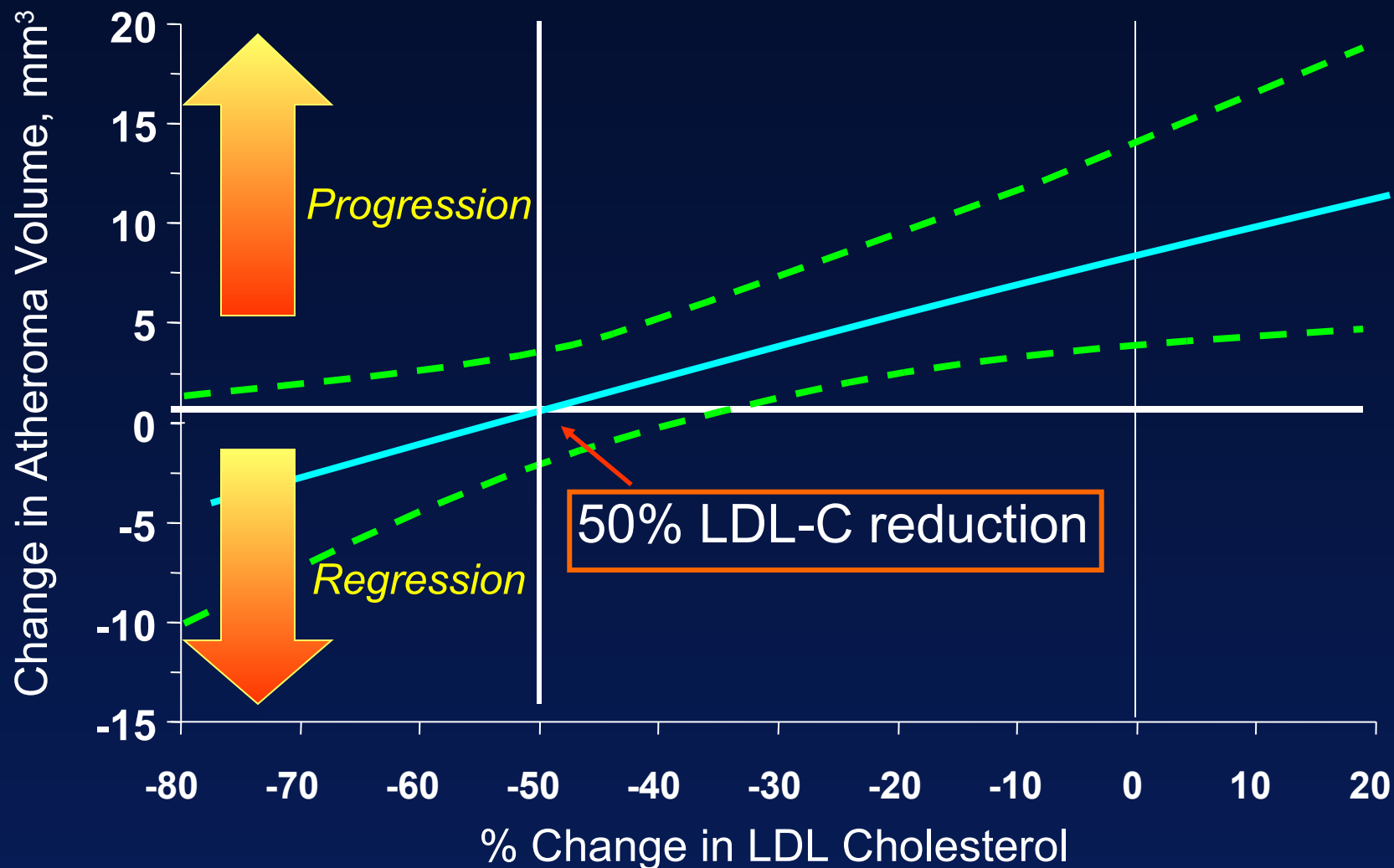
Change in percent obstruction volume

$p=0.0002$ for change between atorvastatin vs pravastatin



REVERSAL: Continuous Relationship Between % Reduction in LDL-C and Change in Atheroma Volume

Volume: Both Treatment Groups (n=502)



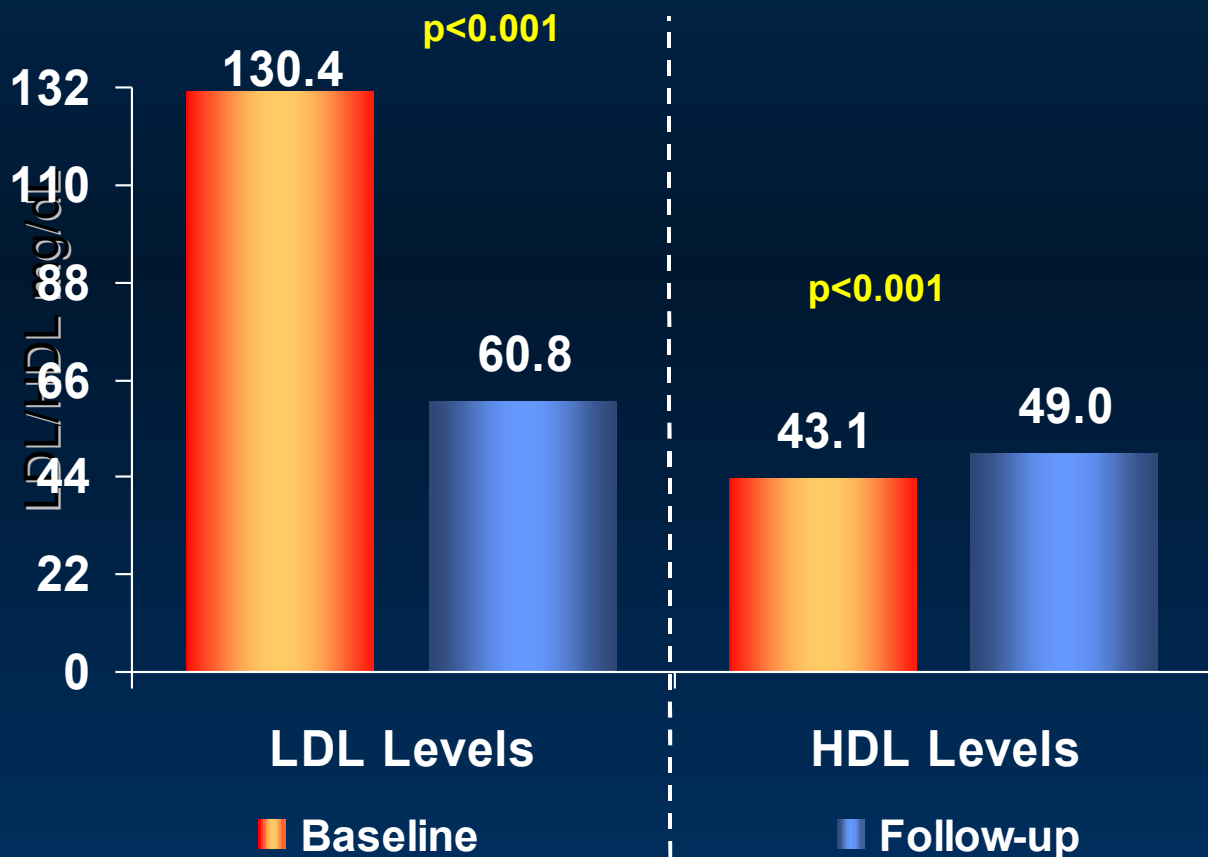
REVERSAL and **PROVE-IT**

Duality of **IVUS** and **Clinical** outcomes

- **Significant reduction and lower achieved level of LDL-cholesterol leads to:**
 - **Attenuation of coronary atherosclerosis progression (regression)**
 - **Reduction of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality**

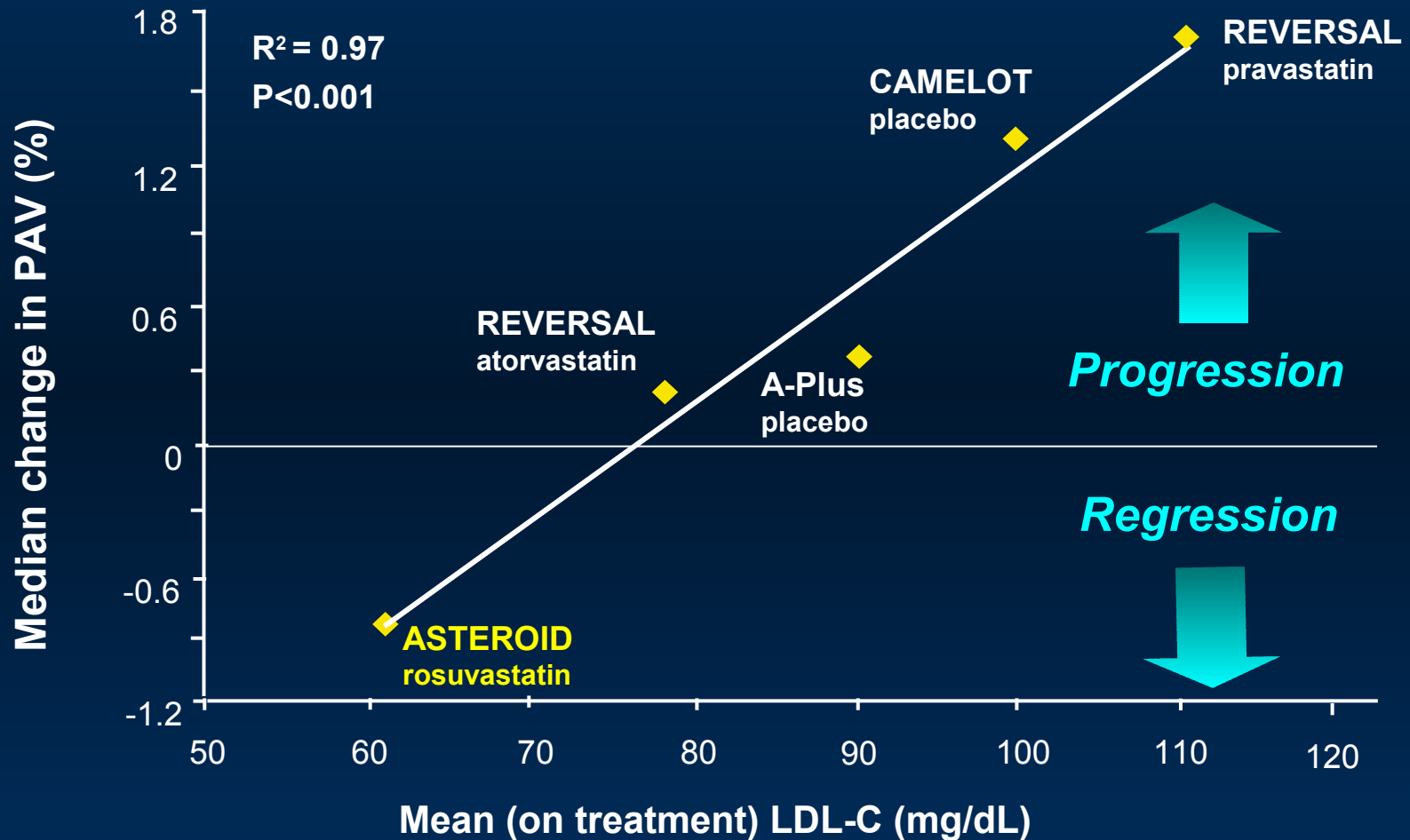
ASTEROID Trial: Principal Findings

Mean LDL level decrement and HDL level increment (mg/dL)



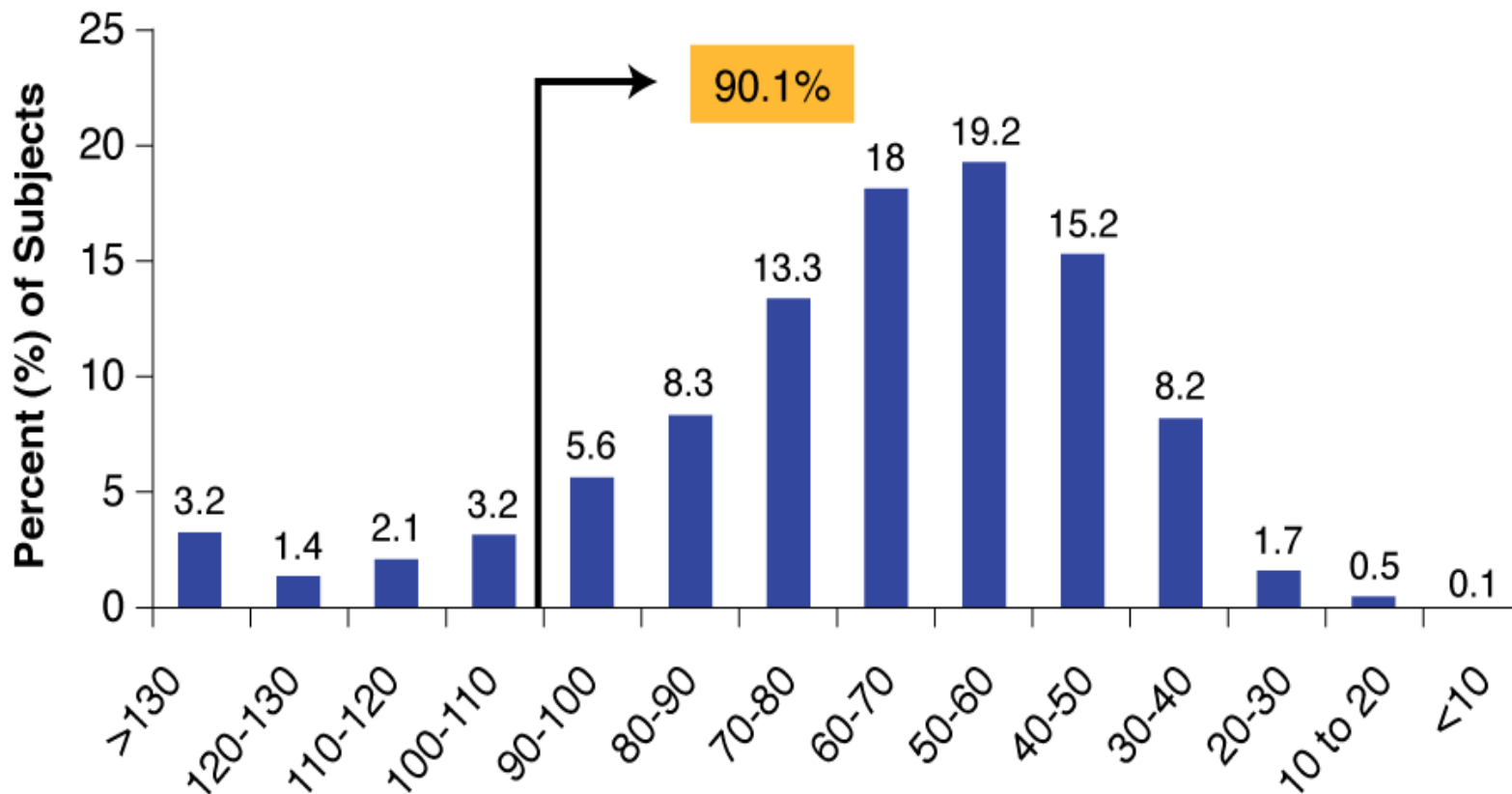
75% of patients achieving an LDL <70 mg/dL.

ASTEROID: Aggressive statin therapy can induce regression of atherosclerosis



PROVE-IT - Distribution of four-month LDL level

Atorvastatin subgroup

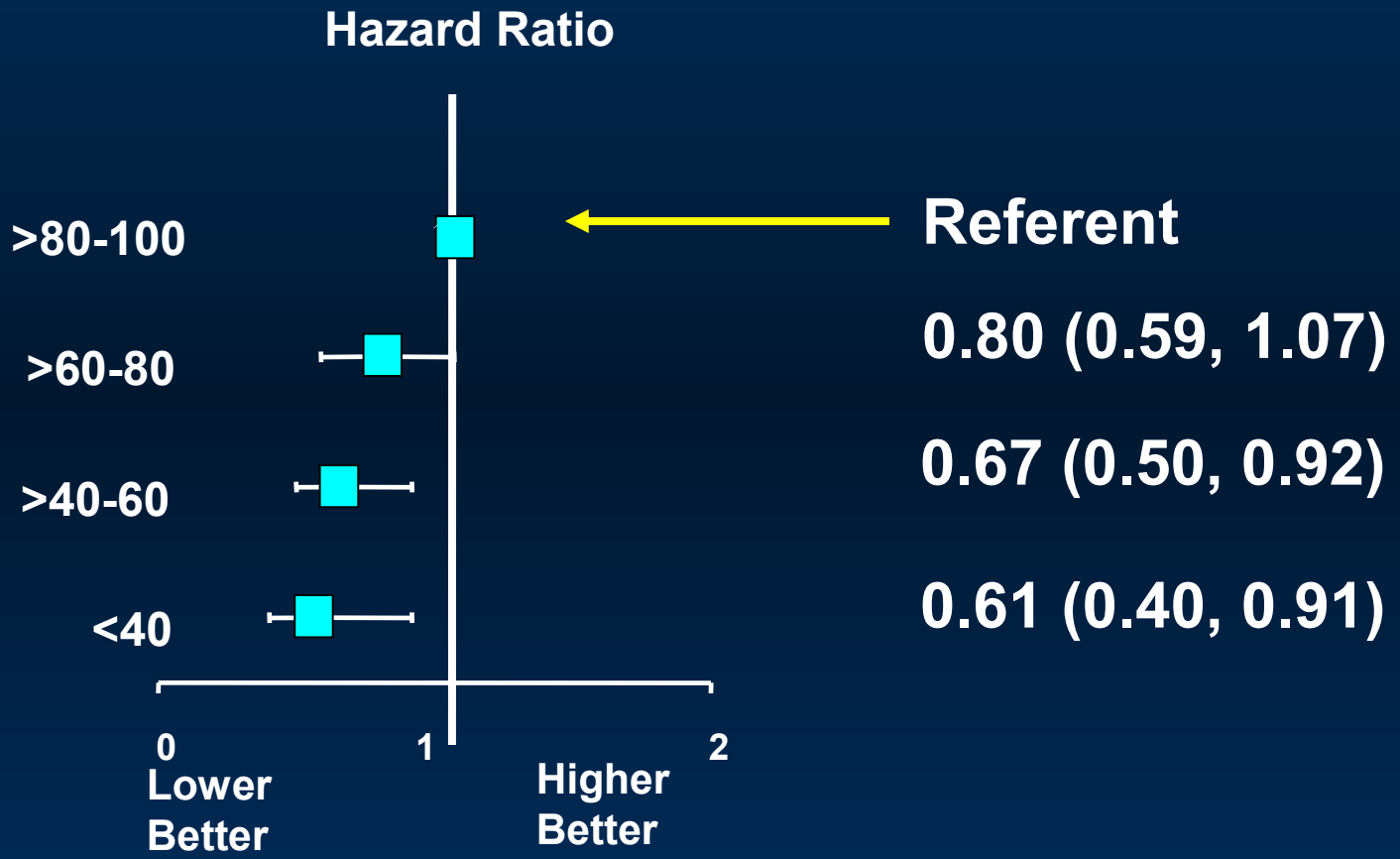


Wiviott, S. D. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2005;46:1411-1416



PROVE-IT: Primary End Point By 4-Month

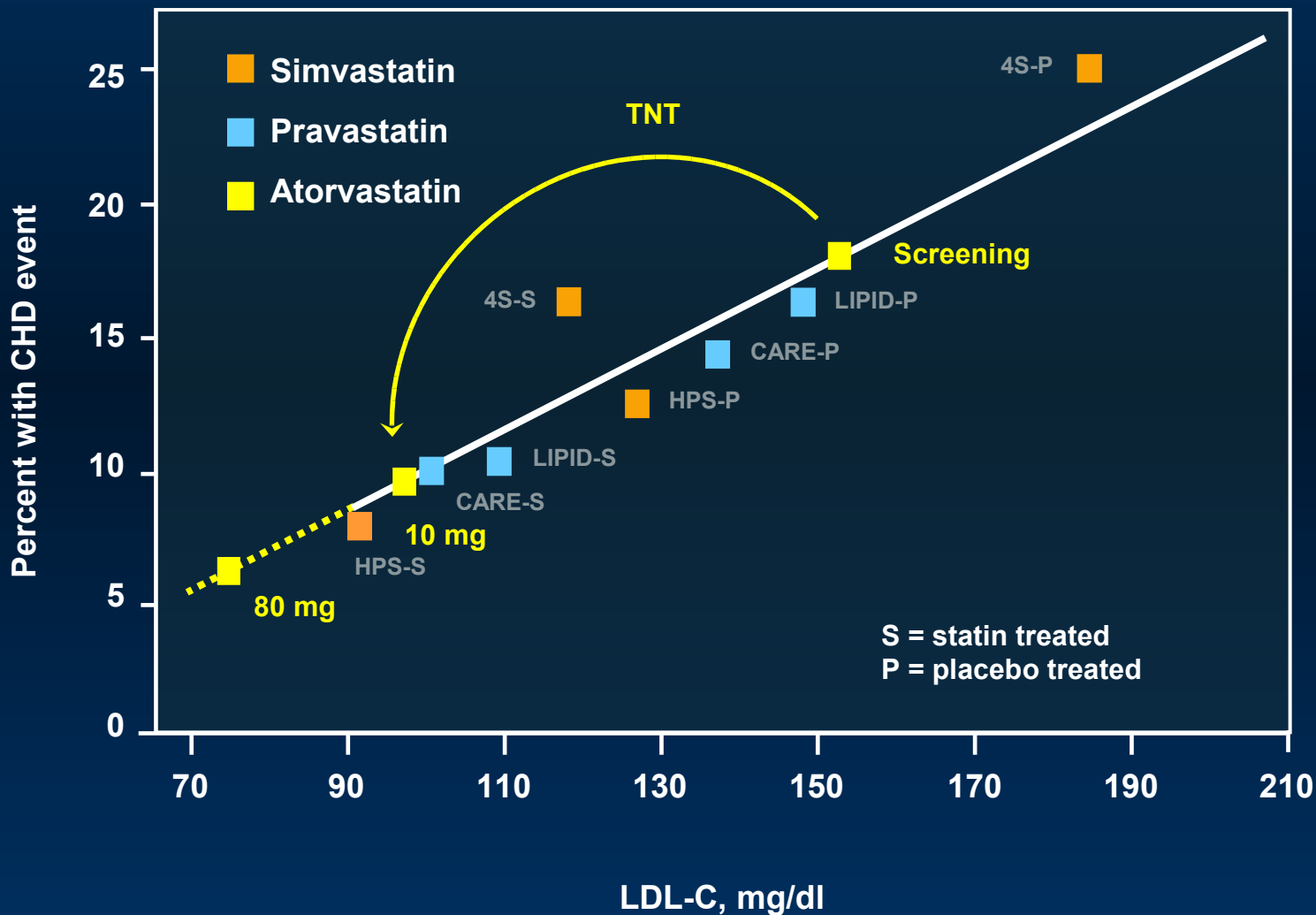
*(LDL Level (Multivariable Adjustment



*Age, gender, DM, prior MI, baseline LDL.

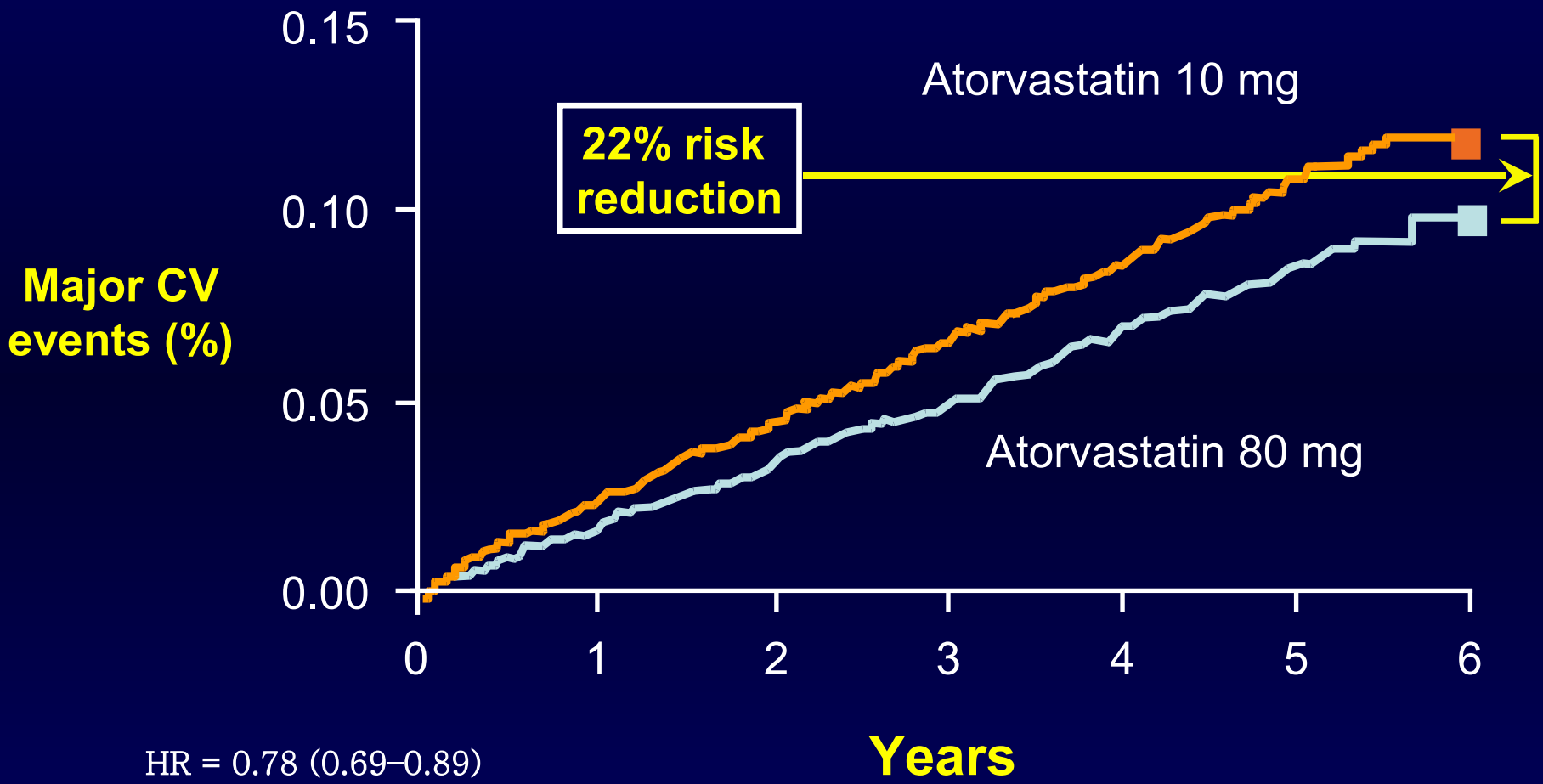
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Treating to New Targets (TNT) trial: Rationale



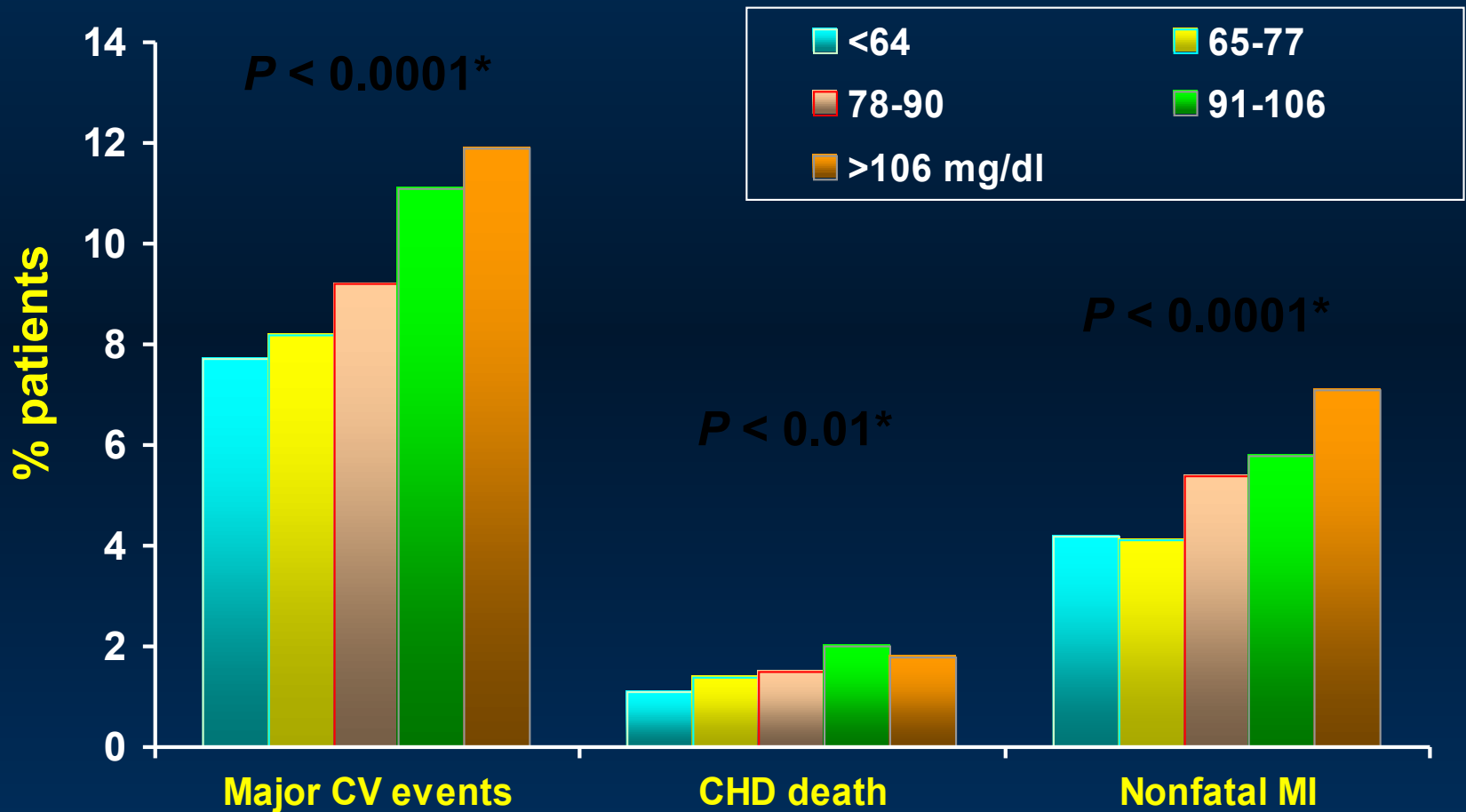


TNT: Treatment effects on primary outcome



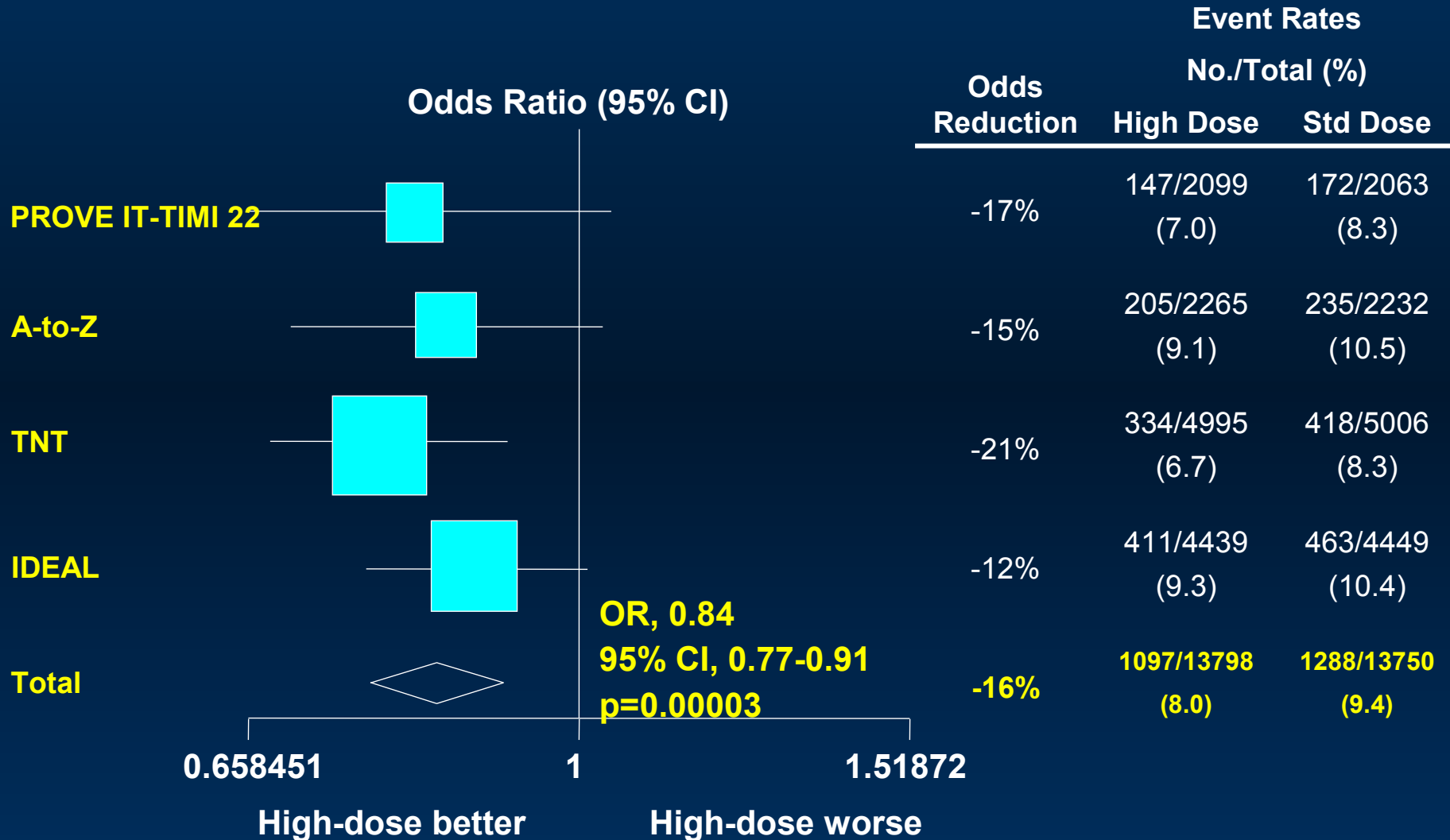
HR = 0.78 (0.69–0.89)
P < 0.001

Major CV Events Across Quintiles of Achieved LDL



**P*-value for trend across LDL-C

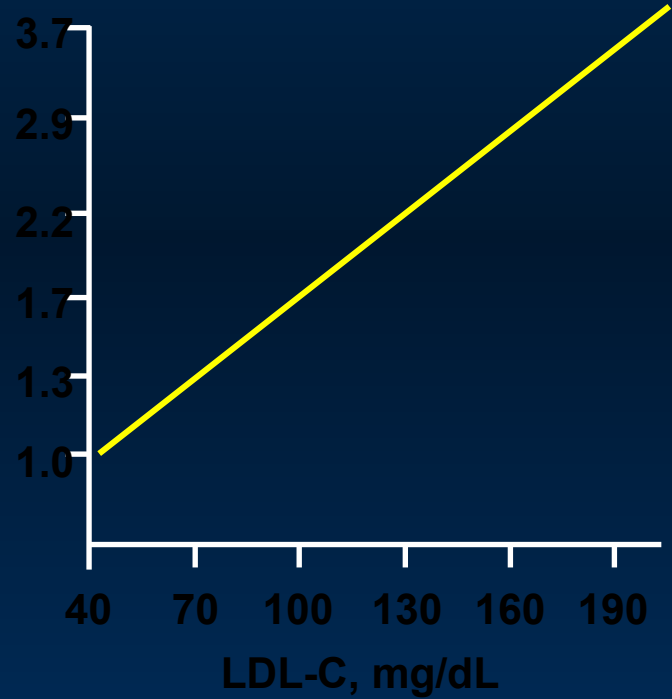
Meta-Analysis of Intensive Statin Therapy Coronary Death or MI





Log-Linear Relationship Between LDL-C Levels and Relative Risk for CHD

Relative Risk for CHD, Log Scale



- This relationship is consistent with a large body of epidemiologic data and data available from clinical trials of LDL-C-lowering therapy.
- These data suggest that for every 30-mg/dL change in LDL-C, the relative risk for CHD is changed in proportion by about 30%.
- **The relative risk is set at 1.0 for LDL-C = 40 mg/dL.**

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Prediction of LDL-C target in 5 years

- An LDL-C of 50 mg/dL in a high-risk population
- An LDL-C of 75 mg/dL in a lower-risk population



Christopher Cannon

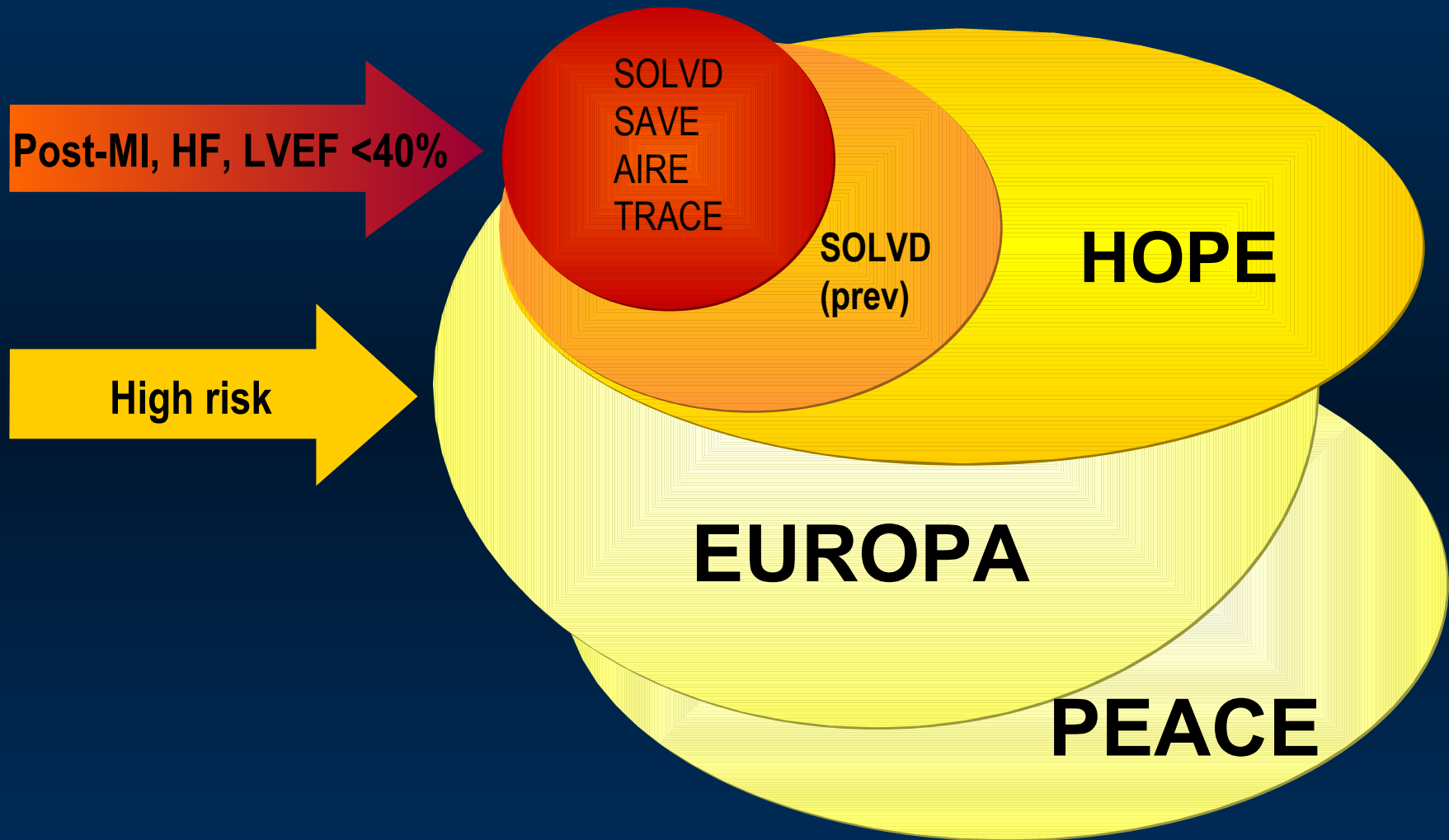


Valentin Fuster

Role of RAAS Modulation in CAD

Implications from recent
clinical trials

Benefit of ACE inhibition in CAD

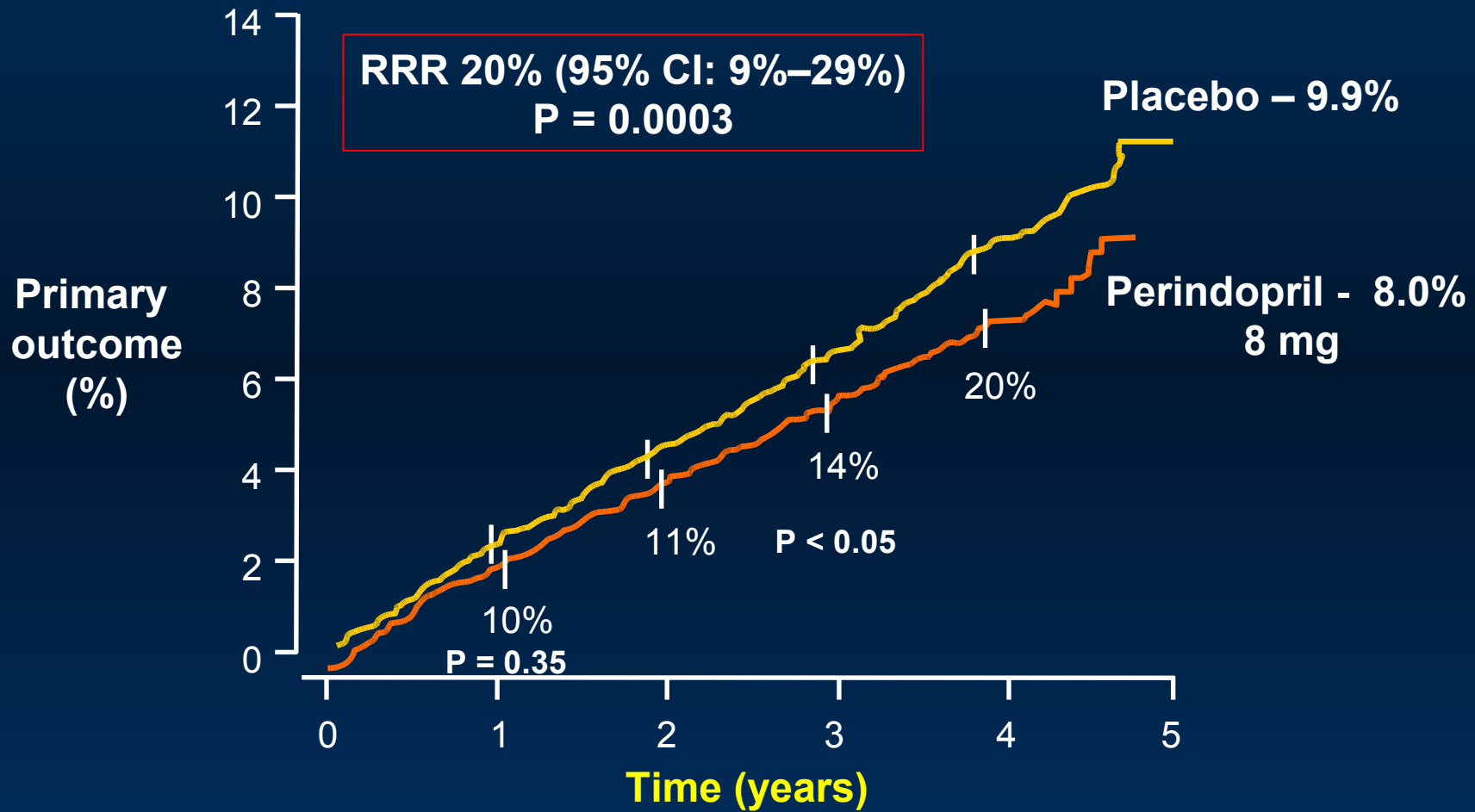


EUROPA: EUropean trial on Reduction Of cardiac events with Perindopril in stable coronary Artery disease

- Objective:** Assess effects of the ACEI perindopril on CV risk in a broad-spectrum population with stable CAD and without HF
- Design:** N = 12,218, age ≥ 18 years, with CAD/without HF at randomization
- Treatment:** Perindopril 8 mg or placebo
- Follow-up:** 4.2 years
- Primary outcome:** CV death, nonfatal MI, cardiac arrest

EUROPA: Primary outcome

CV death, MI, cardiac arrest

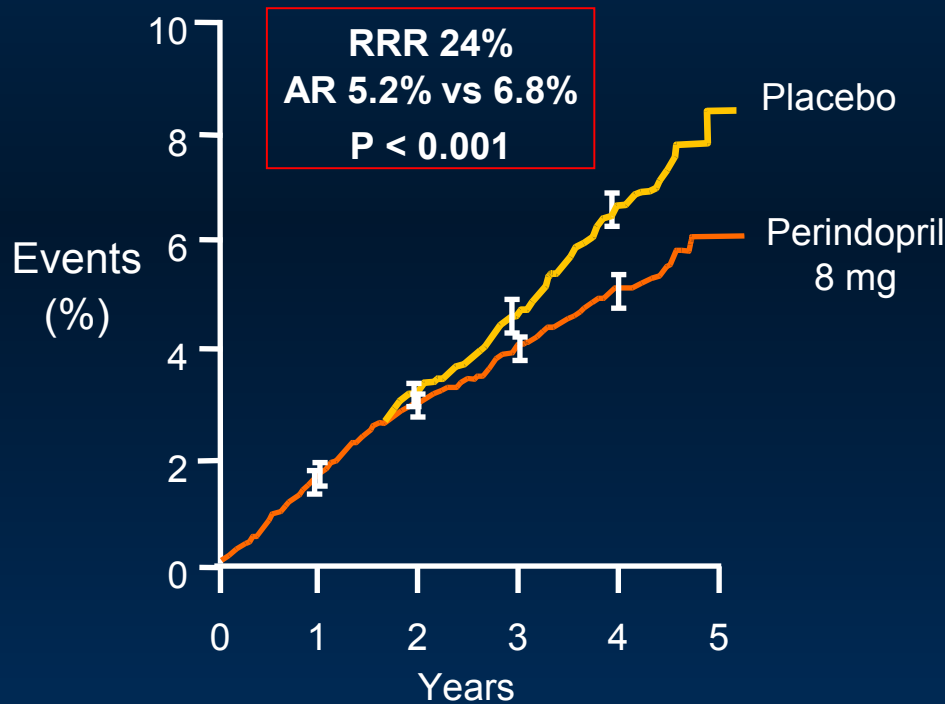


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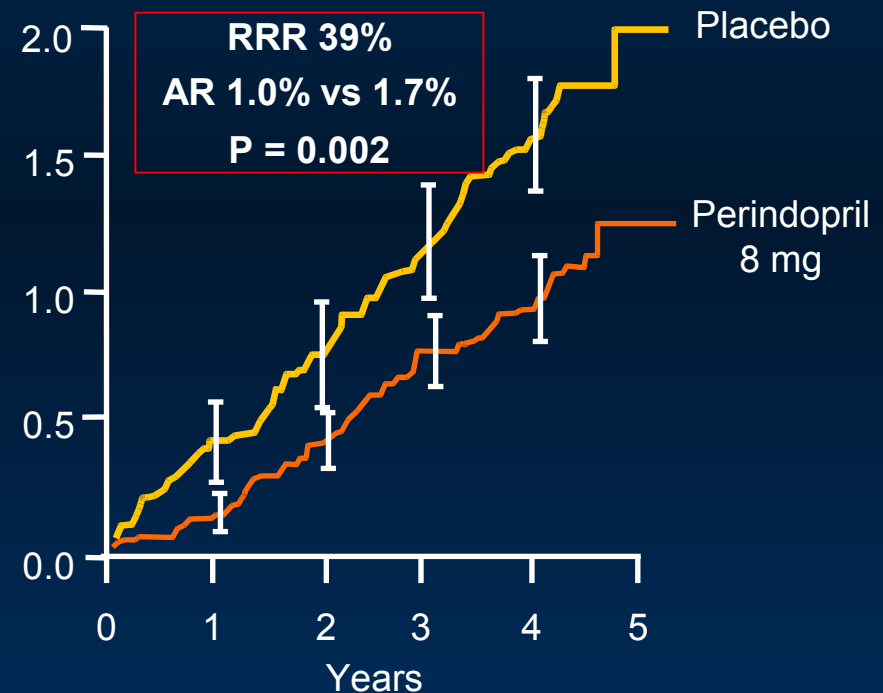
Fox KM. *Br J Cardiol*. 2004;11:195-204.

EUROPA: Effect of ACEI on fatal/nonfatal MI and HF hospitalizations

Fatal and nonfatal MI



HF hospitalization



AR = absolute risk (perindopril vs placebo)

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PEACE: Prevention of Events with Angiotensin Converting Enzyme inhibition

Objective: Assess effect of ACEI in patients with stable CAD and normal/slightly reduced LV function

Design: N = 8290 randomized

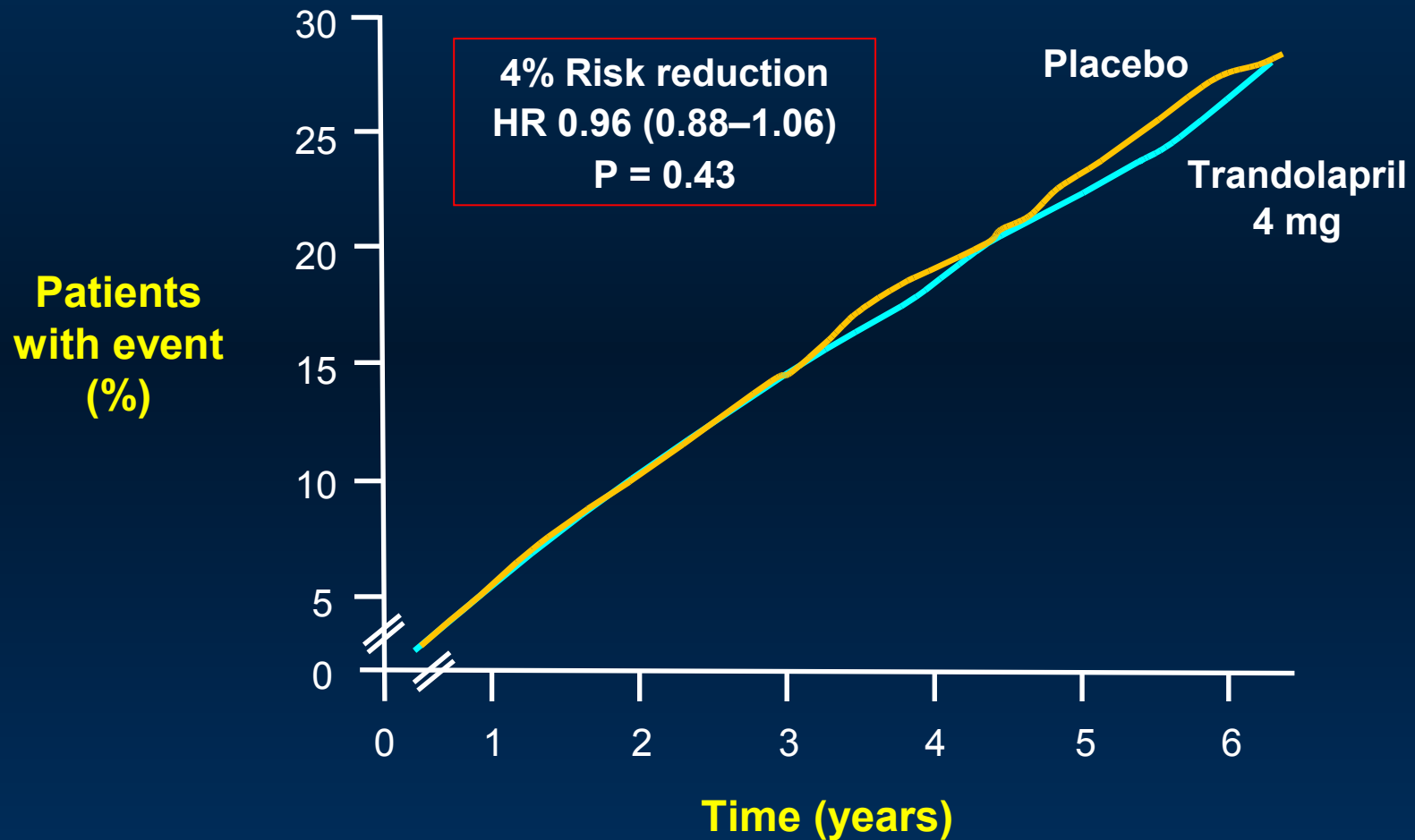
Treatment: Trandolapril 4 mg or placebo

Follow-up: 4.8 years

Primary outcome: CV death, nonfatal MI, CABG, PCI

PEACE: Primary outcome

CV death, MI, CABG/PCI; N = 8290



ACEI trials in CAD patients without HF: Key baseline characteristics

	<u>EUROPA</u>	<u>HOPE</u>	<u>PEACE</u>	<u>QUIET</u>
N	12,218	9297	8290	1750
Follow-up (yrs)	4.2	4.5	4.8	2.3
ACEI/dose (mg)	P-8	R-10	T-4	Q-20
Age (yrs)	60	66	64	58
Men (%)	85	73	82	82
CAD/Cor rev (%)	100/55	80/44	100/72	100/100
Diabetes (%)	12	39	17	16
Hypertension (%)	27	47	46	47
Prior MI (%)	65	53	55	49
Ejection fraction (%)	NA	NA	58	59
PVD (%)	7	43	NA	NA

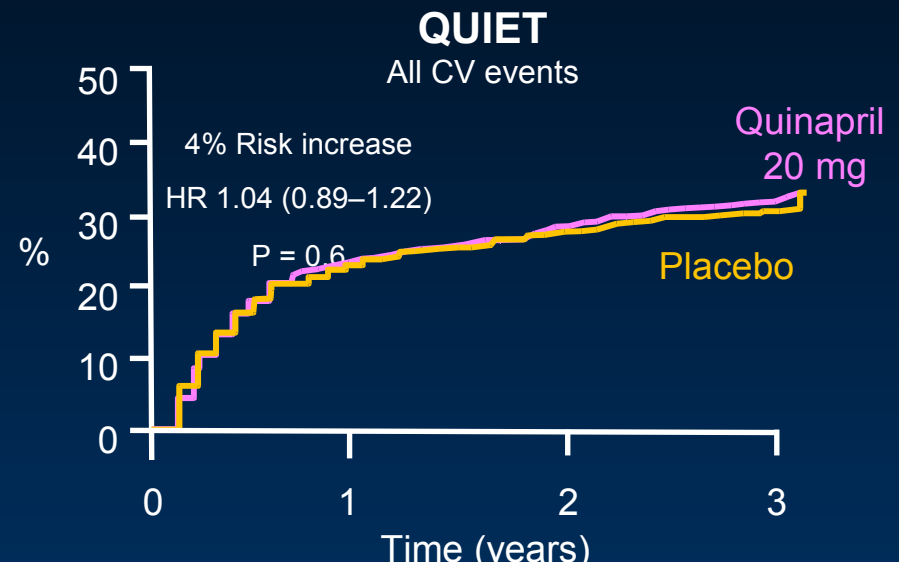
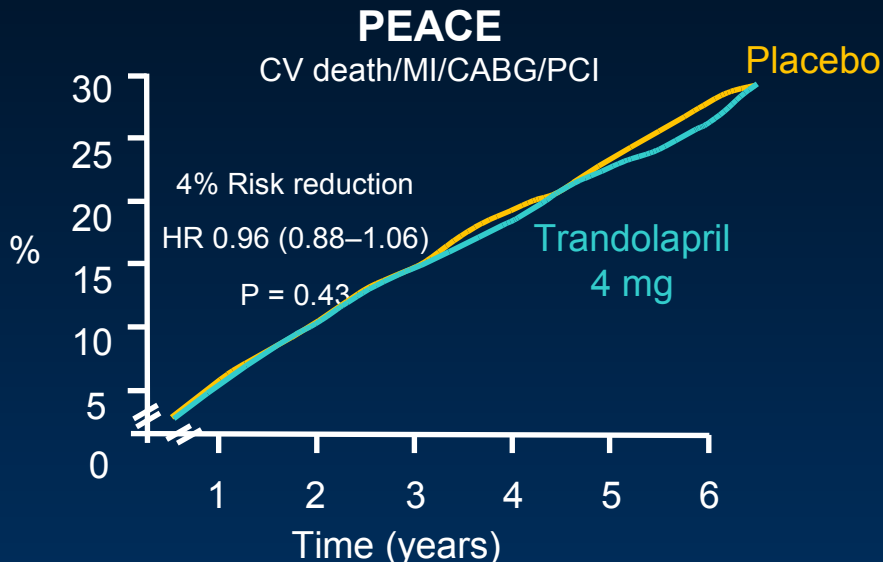
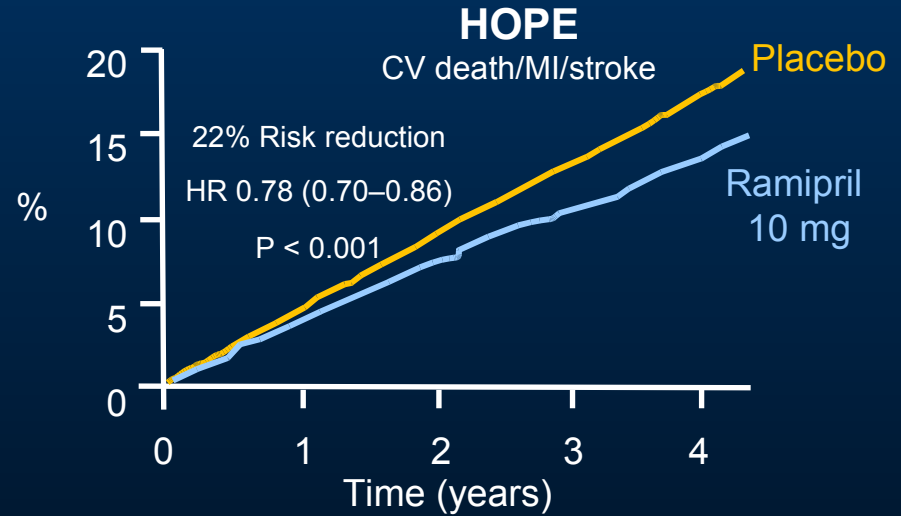
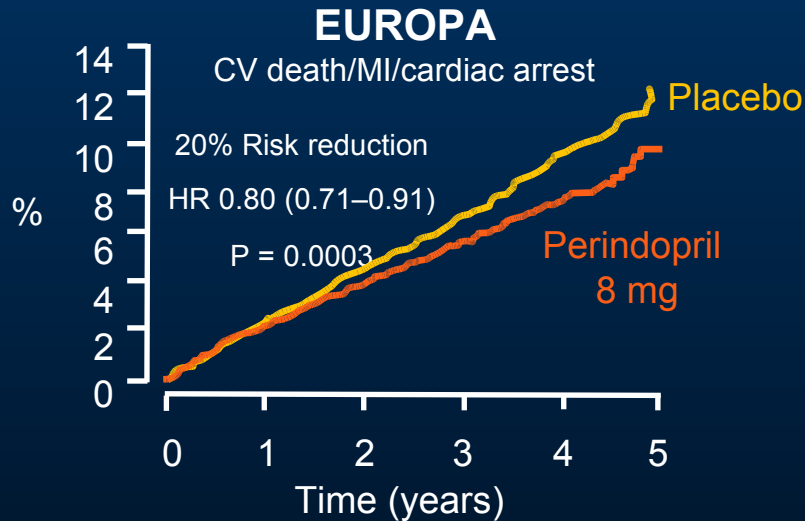
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ACEI trials in CAD without HF: Primary outcomes



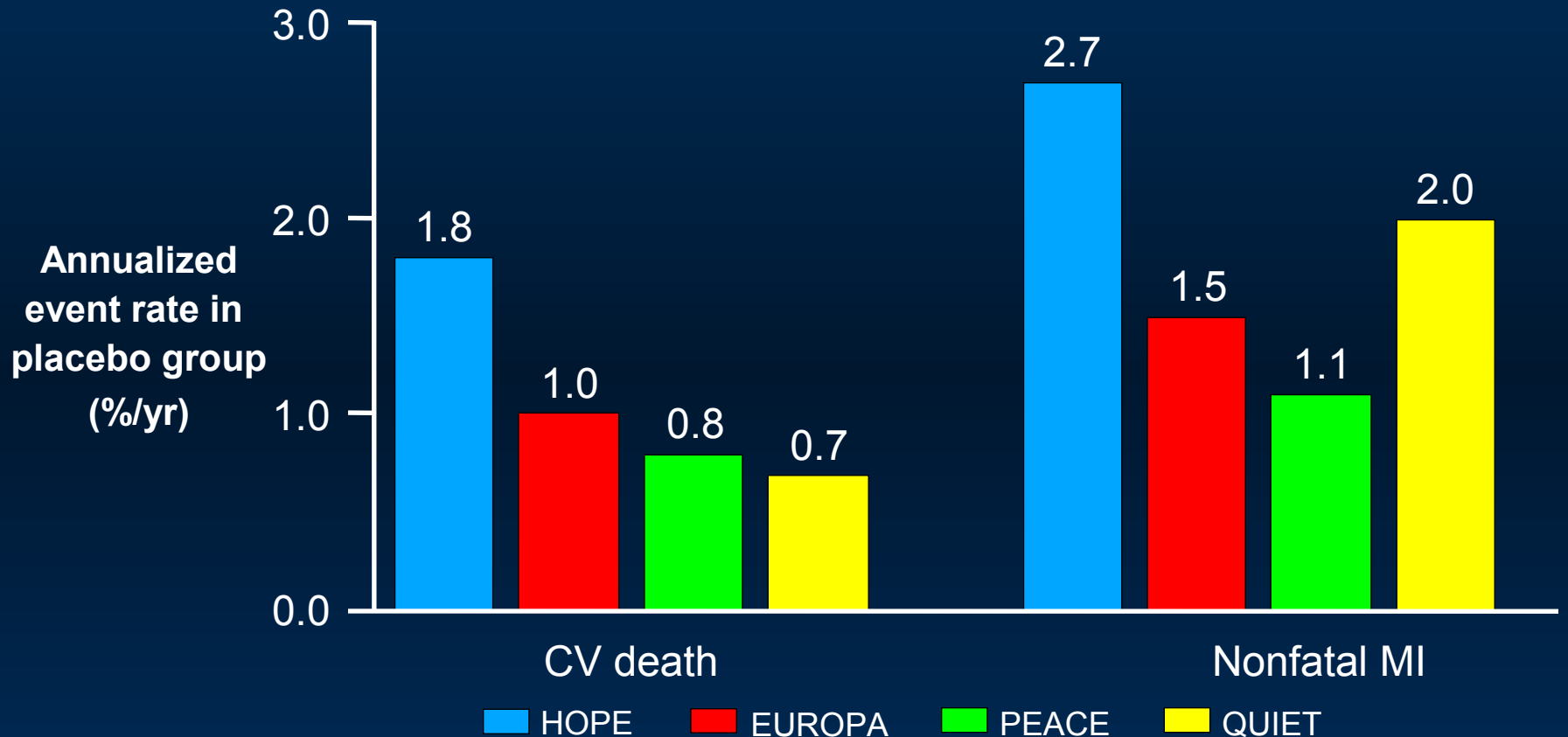
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HOPE, EUROPA, PEACE, QUIET: Differences in baseline CV risk



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EUROPA, HOPE, PEACE, QUIET: Totality of trial evidence



Pepine CJ, Probstfield JL. *Vasc Bio Clin Pract*.
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ACE inhibitors: ESC guidelines on the management of stable AP - 2006

Class I

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 - level of evidence A

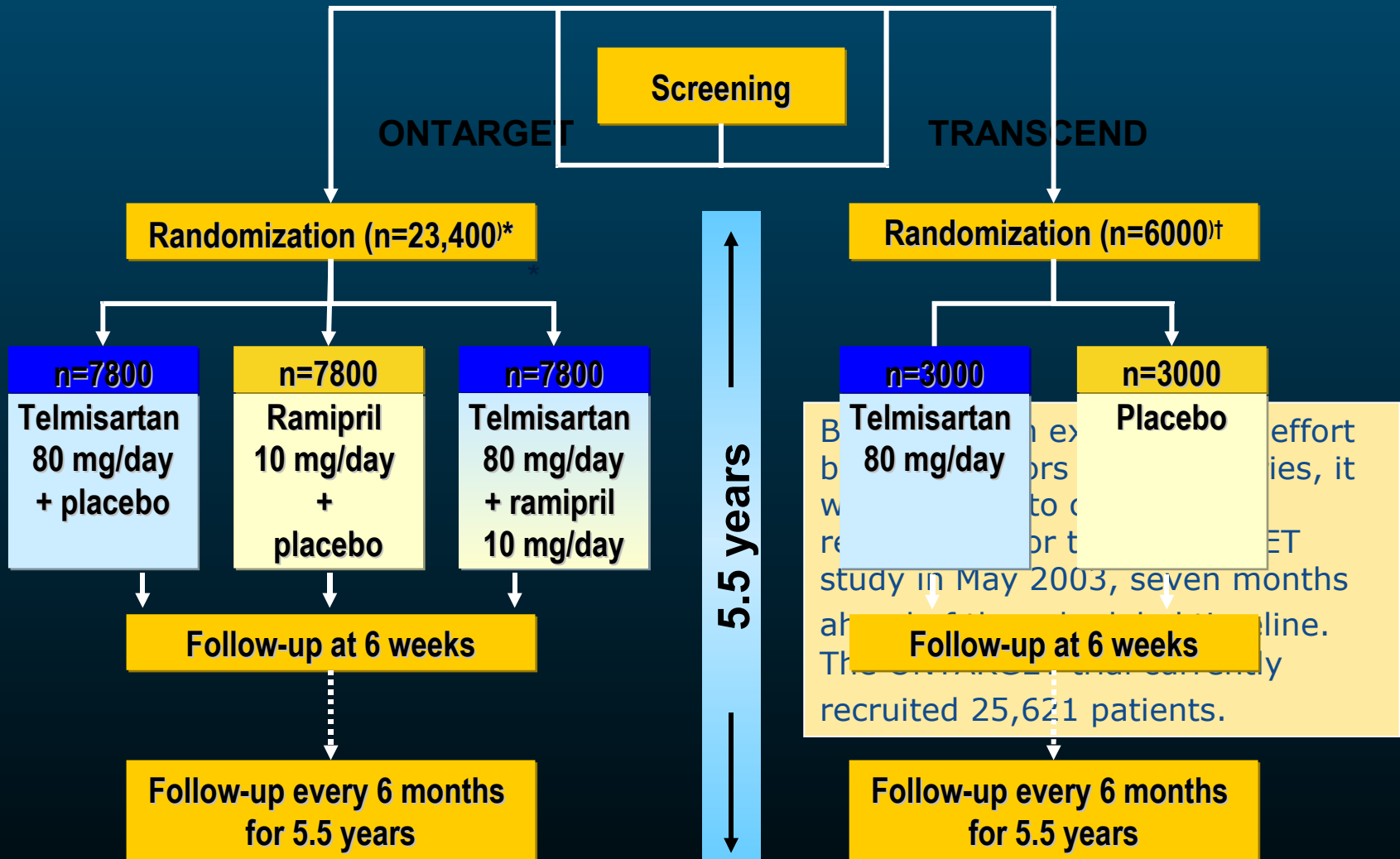
Class IIa

- **ACE-inhibitor therapy in all patients with angina and proven coronary disease**
 - level of evidence B

שאלה 2: טיפול ב ARB (כתוספת לטיפול במעכבי ACE) הוכח כיעיל במחקר:

1. VALIANT
2. ONTARGET
3. CHARM
4. כל הנ"ל
5. אף אחד מהנ"ל

Role of ARB's: The ONTARGET Program



*Planned: Actual=25,620 †Planned: Actual=5,926

The ONTARGET and TRANSCEND Investigators. *Am Heart J*. 2004;148:1059-1067.

The ONTARGET Trial

Inclusion Criteria

- ◆ Age ≥ 55 years
- ◆ At high risk of developing a CVD event, with a history of
 - Coronary artery disease
 - Peripheral arterial occlusive disease (PAOD)
 - Cerebrovascular event
 - Diabetes mellitus with end organ disease
- ◆ Intolerant to ACE inhibitors (TRANSCEND)

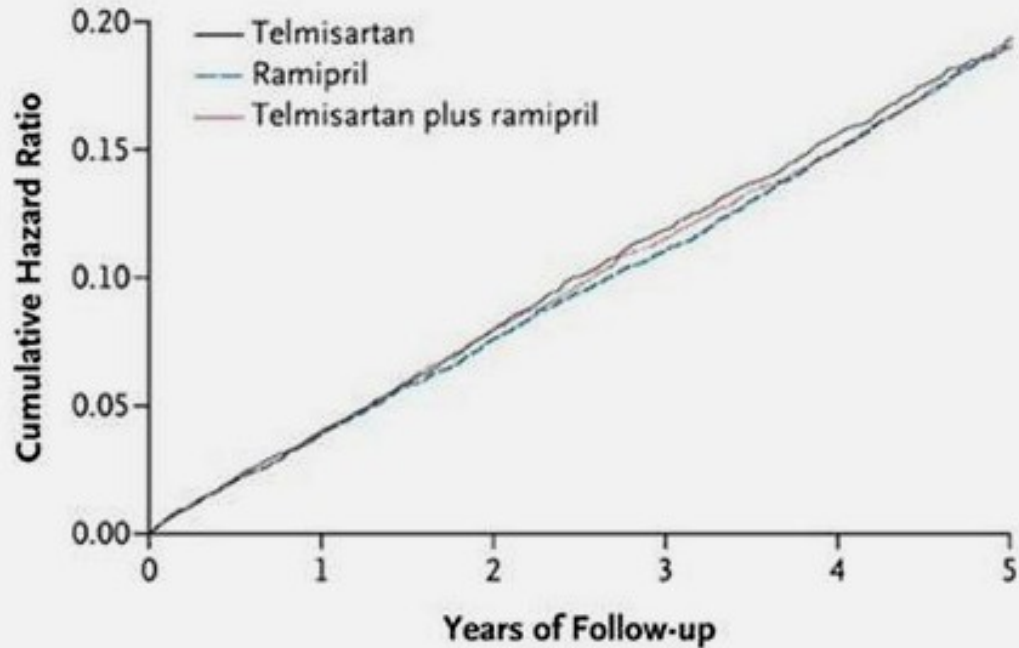
Criteria similar to HOPE trial

ONTARGET

Change in BP (mmHg)

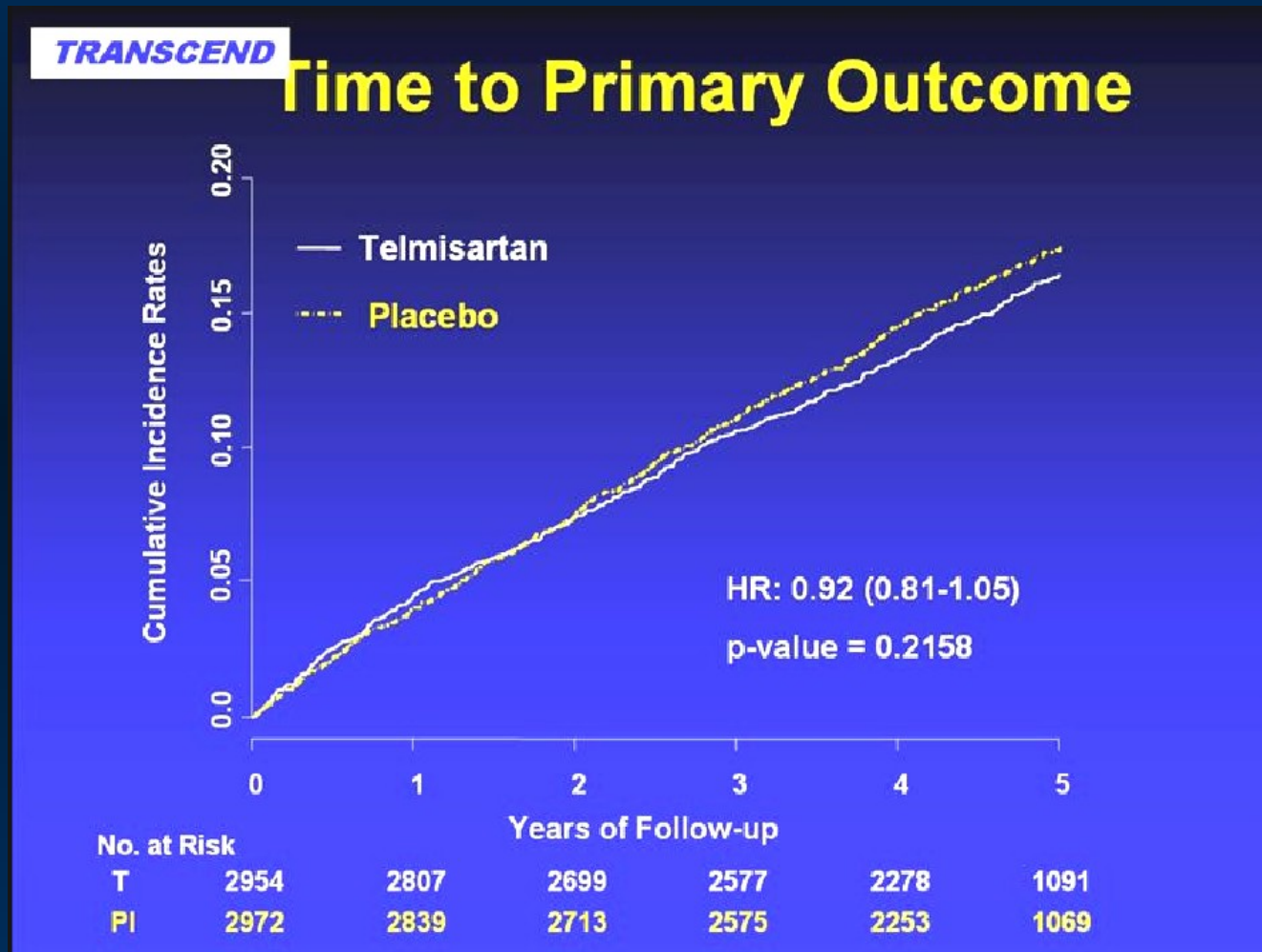
	Ramipril	Telmisarta	Combinati
		n	on
Systolic	-6.0	-6.9	-8.4
Diastolic	-4.6	-5.2	-6.0

Time to Primary Outcome



No. at Risk						
Telmisartan	8542	8177	7778	7420	7051	1687
Ramipril	8576	8214	7832	7472	7093	1703
Telmisartan plus ramipril	8502	8133	7738	7375	7022	1718

Telmisartan vs. Placebo in ACE intolerant patients



Implications

- Telmisartan is as effective as ramipril, with a slightly better tolerability.
- Combination therapy is not superior to ramipril, and has increased side effects.
- Telmisartan is not better than placebo in ACE intolerant patients

How can Telmisartan be as effective as Ramipril (HOPE population) and at the same time not be better than placebo????

שאלה 3: טיפול בדיהידרופירידין (אמלודיפין):

1. קשור בשיעור נמוך יותר של תעוקת חזה (בחולים עם מחלה כלילית יציבה) בהשוואה למעכב ACE
2. אינו נופל ממעכב ACE במיתון פרוגרסיה של טרשת כלילית (בבדיקת IVUS)
3. בשילוב עם ACE/ARB עדיף על טיפול דיורטי בהקטנת תחלואה ותמותה וסקולריים בחולים היפרטנסיביים
4. כל הנ"ל
5. אף אחד מהנ"ל

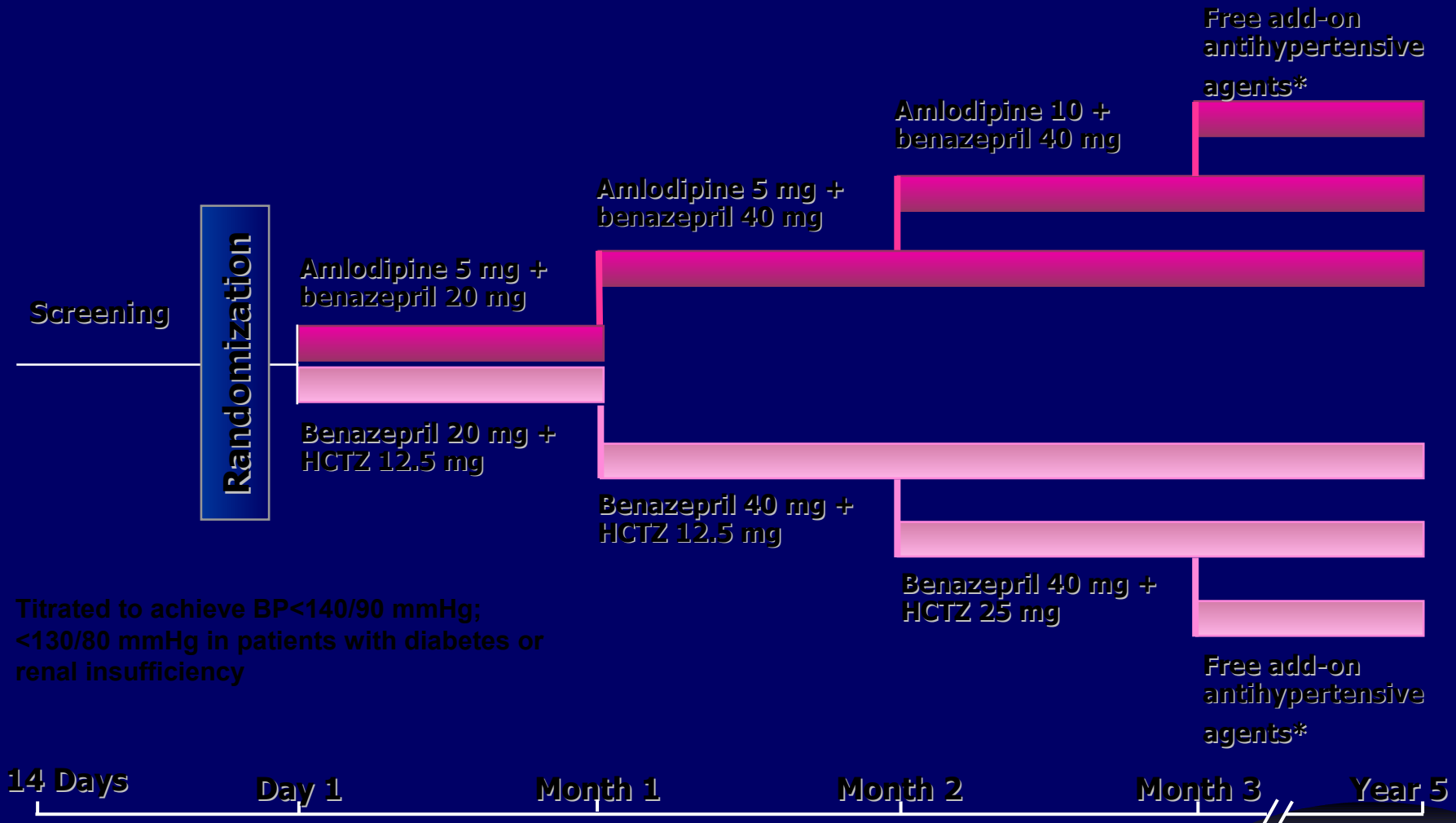


Avoiding Cardiovascular Events through COMbination Therapy in Patients Living with Systolic Hypertension

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ACCOMPLISH: Design

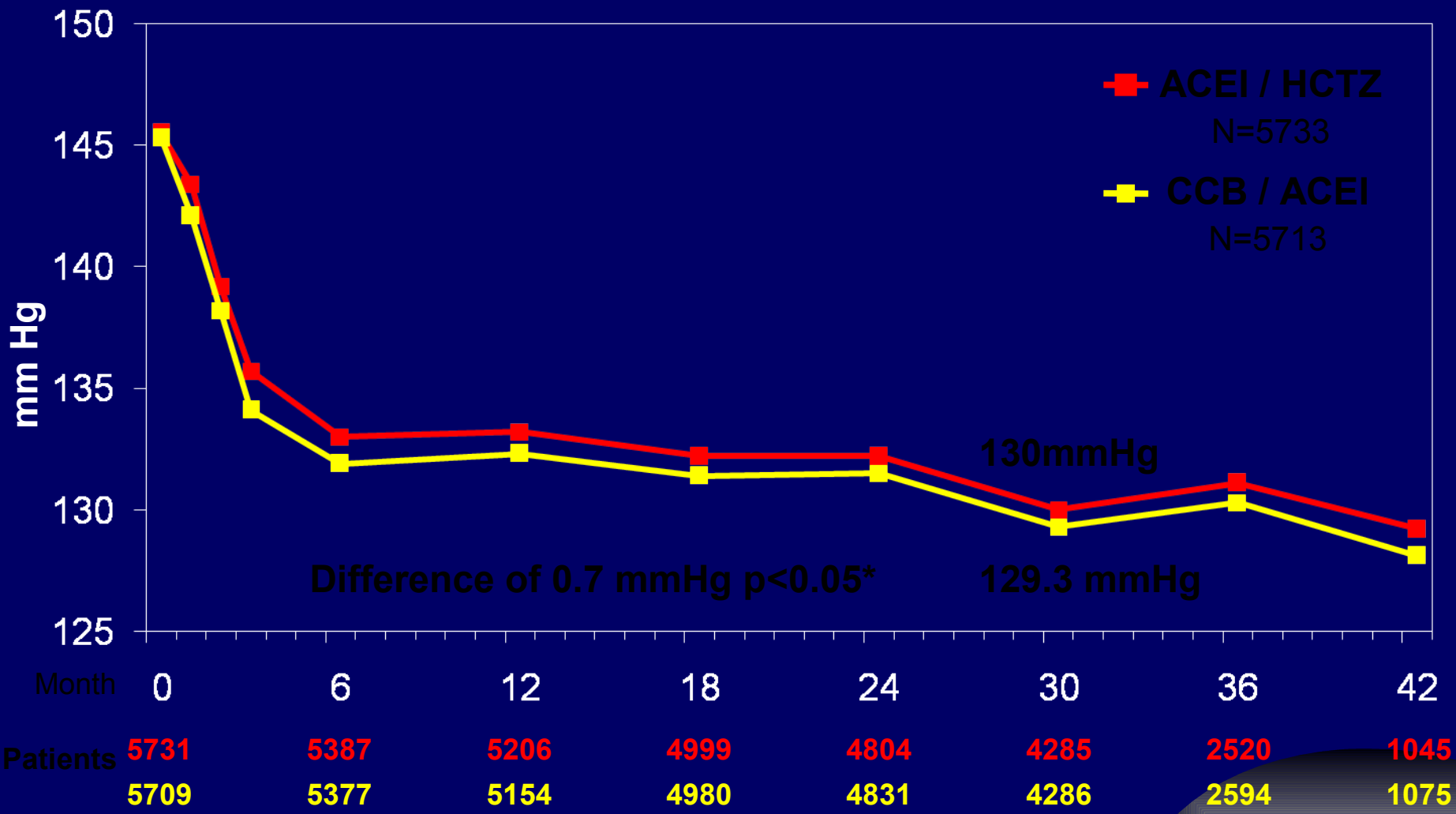


*Beta blockers; alpha blockers; clonidine; (loop diuretics).

Jamerson KA et al. *Am J Hypertens*. 2003;16(part2)193A



Systolic Blood Pressure Over Time

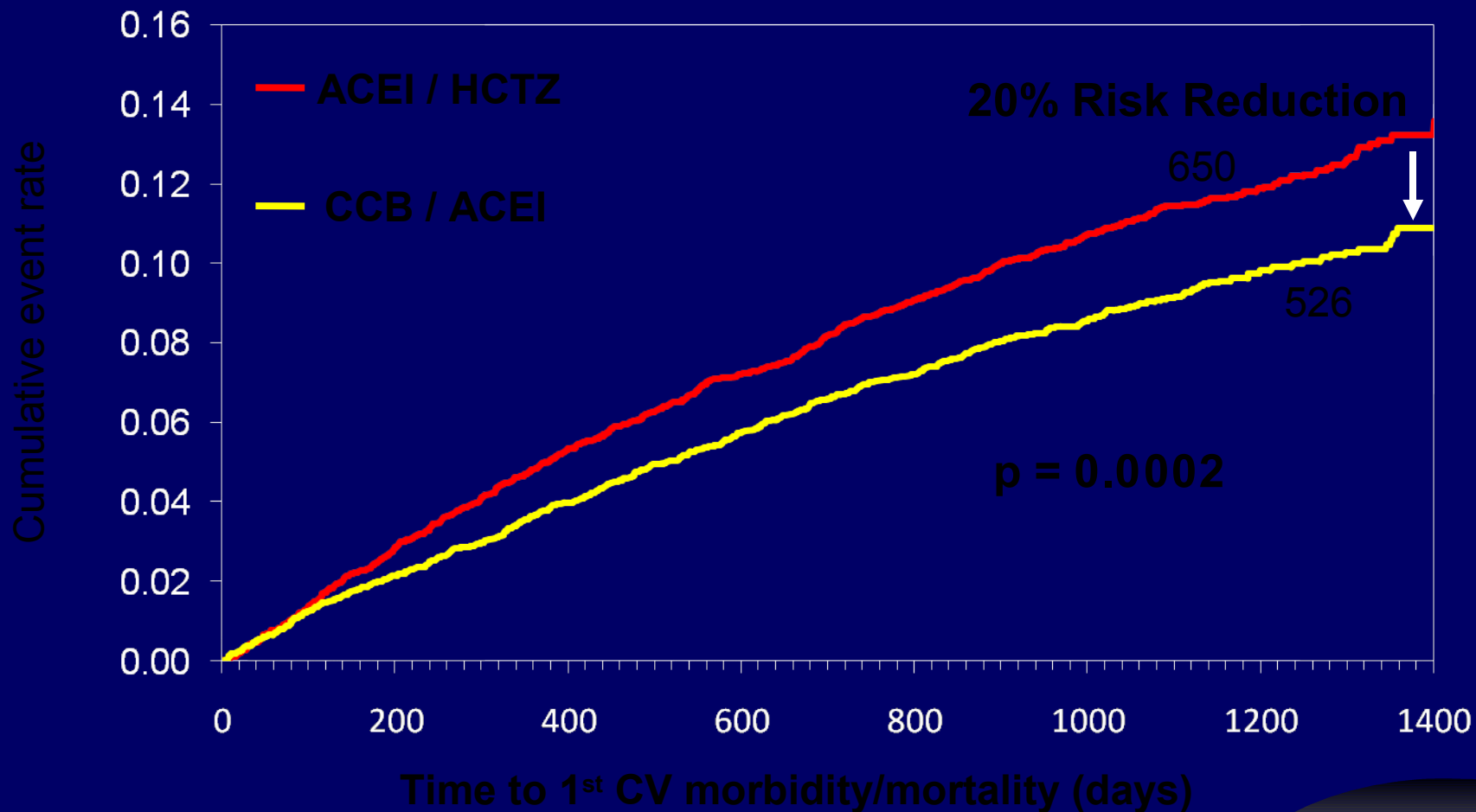


*Mean values are taken at 30 months F/U visit

■ DBP: 71.1 ■ DBP: 72.8



Kaplan Meier for Primary Endpoint



HR (95% CI): 0.80 (0.72, 0.90)

INTERIM RESULTS Mar 08



Antiplatelet Therapy

Antiplatelet therapy – beyond aspirin

- **Aspirin is a weak antiplatelet agent**
- **Role of aspirin in treatment in patients with ACS and in stable CAD is proven beyond doubt**
- **Addition of clopidogrel to aspirin is helpful to improve outcome in ACS**
- **Is there benefit to combination therapy (aspirin and clopidogrel) in stable CAD?**

One-Year Cardiovascular Event Rates in a Global Contemporary Registry of >68,000 Outpatients with Atherothrombosis: *the REduction of Atherothrombosis for Continued Health (REACH) Registry Results*

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Presented at the ACC – Atlanta 2006

Inclusion criteria

Must include

Signed
Written
Informed
Consent

Patients aged
≥45 years

1 At least
of four
criteria

- Documented cerebrovascular disease
Ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack
- Documented coronary disease
Angina, MI, angioplasty/stent/bypass
- Documented historical or current intermittent claudication associated with ABI <0.9

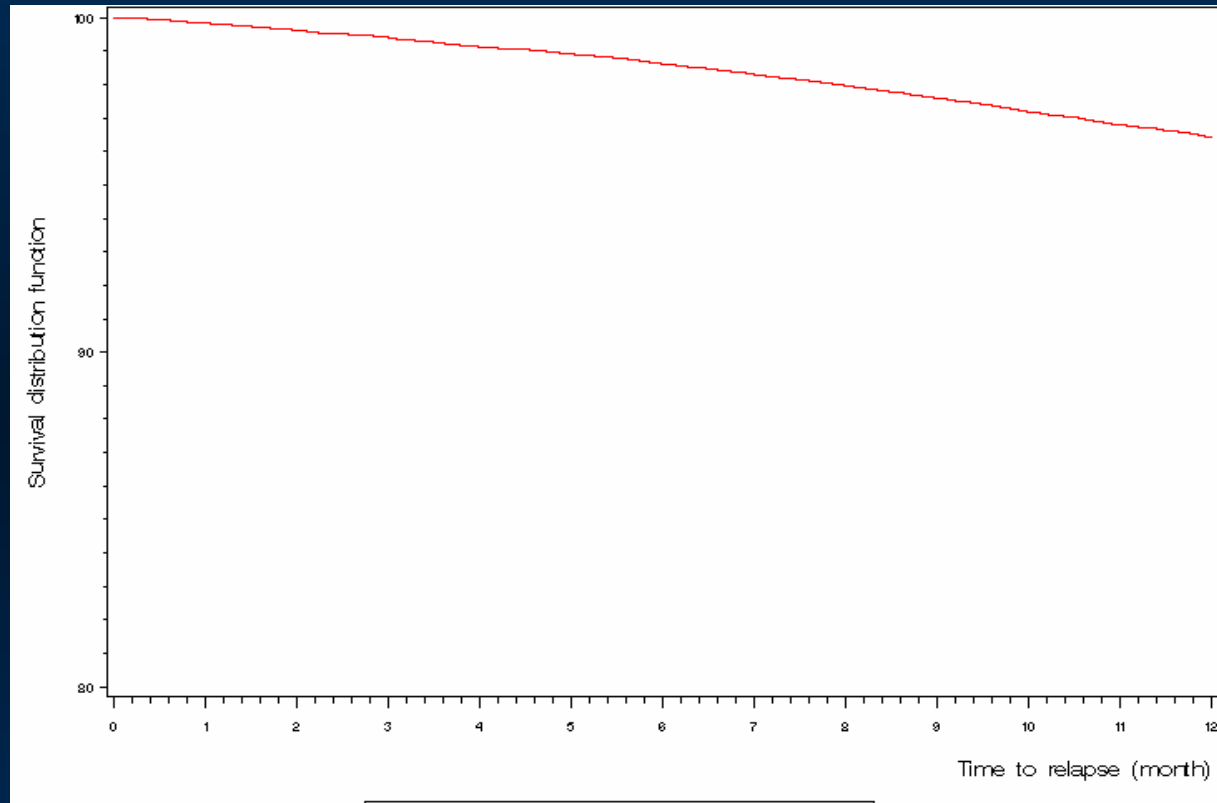
At least
3 atherothrombotic
risk factors

- Male ≥65 years or female ≥70 years
- Current smoking >15 cigarettes/day
- Type I or Type II diabetes
- Hypercholesterolemia
- Diabetic nephropathy
- Hypertension
- Ankle Brachial Index (ABI) <0.9 in either leg at rest
- Asymptomatic carotid stenosis ≥70%
- Presence of at least one carotid plaque

1-year results

Unless otherwise specified, event rates have been adjusted for age, hypertension, diabetes, smoking and cholesterol

CV death / MI / stroke



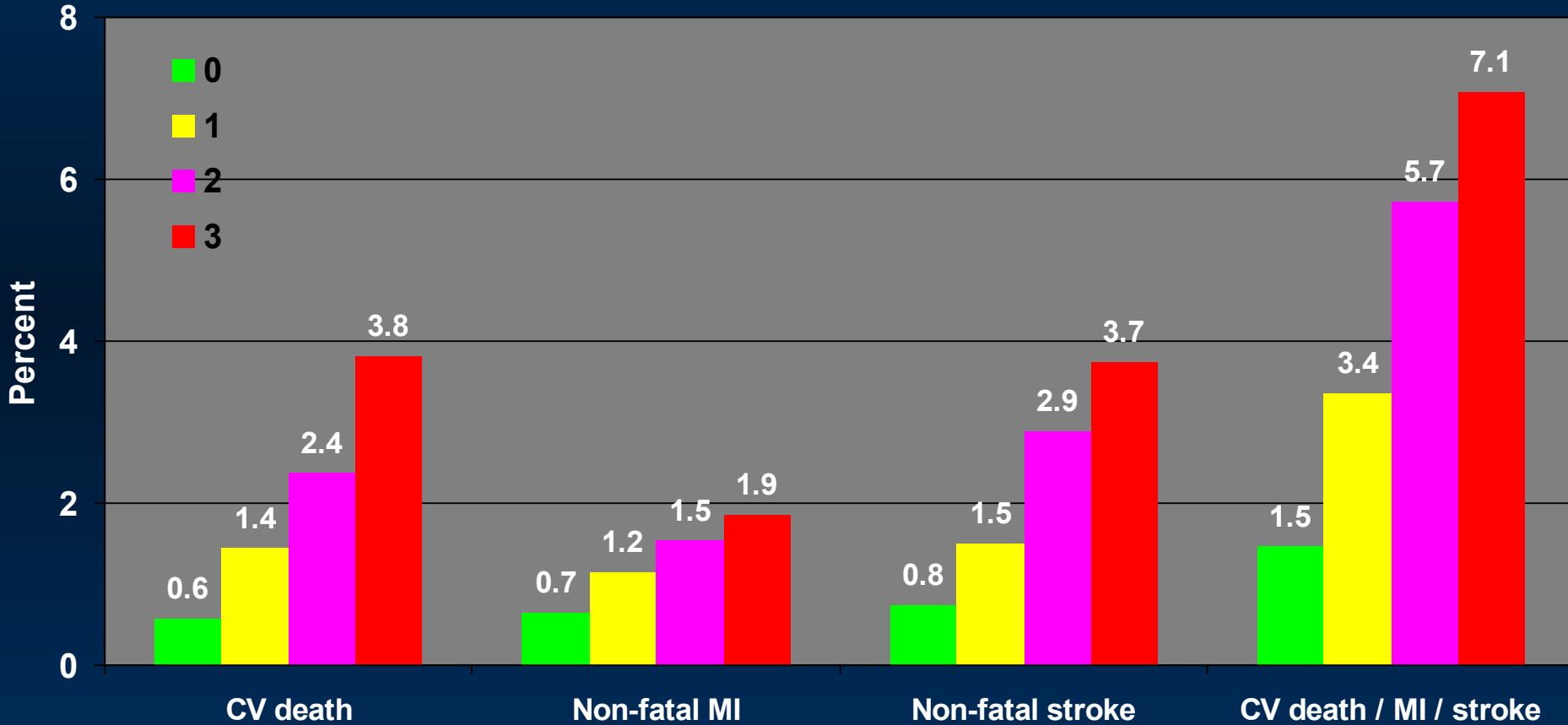
Constant slope is a marker of stability – chronic phase

Major adverse cardiovascular event rates at one year (unadjusted)

	Total (N=63,129)	Symptomatic (N=51,685)	Multiple RF only (N=11,444)
CV death	1.5	1.7	0.6
Non-fatal MI	1.2	1.2	0.8
Non-fatal stroke	1.6	1.8	0.8
CV death/MI/ stroke	3.5	3.9	1.7
CV death/MI/ stroke/ hospitalization for atherothrombotic events*	12.9	14.5	5.4

*TIA, unstable angina, other ischemic arterial event including worsening of peripheral arterial disease
 RF=risk factor

1-year cardiovascular event rates as function of number of symptomatic disease locations*

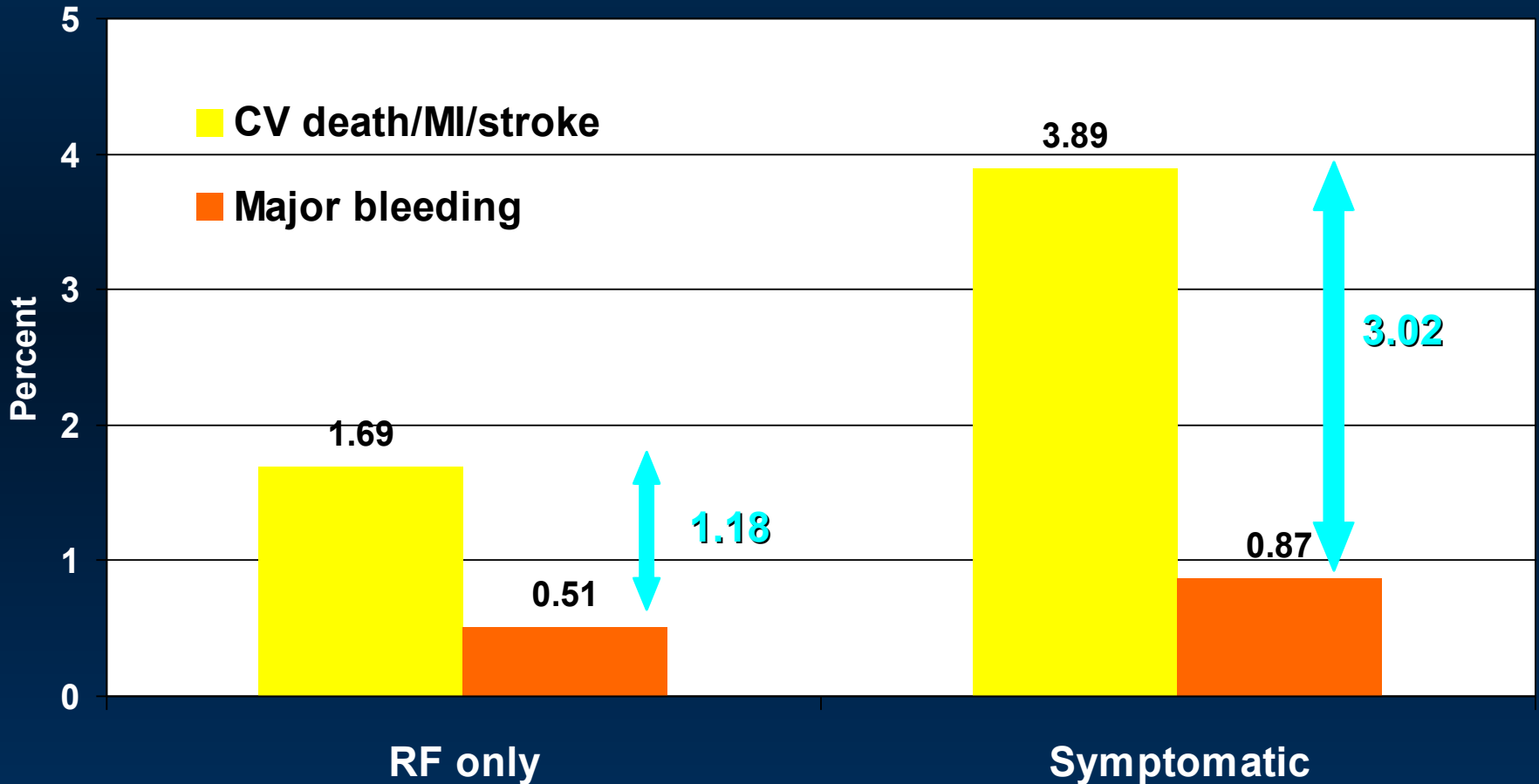


All p values <0.001

*Pts with ≥3 risk factors but no symptoms are counted as 0, even in the presence of asymptomatic carotid plaque or reduced ABI

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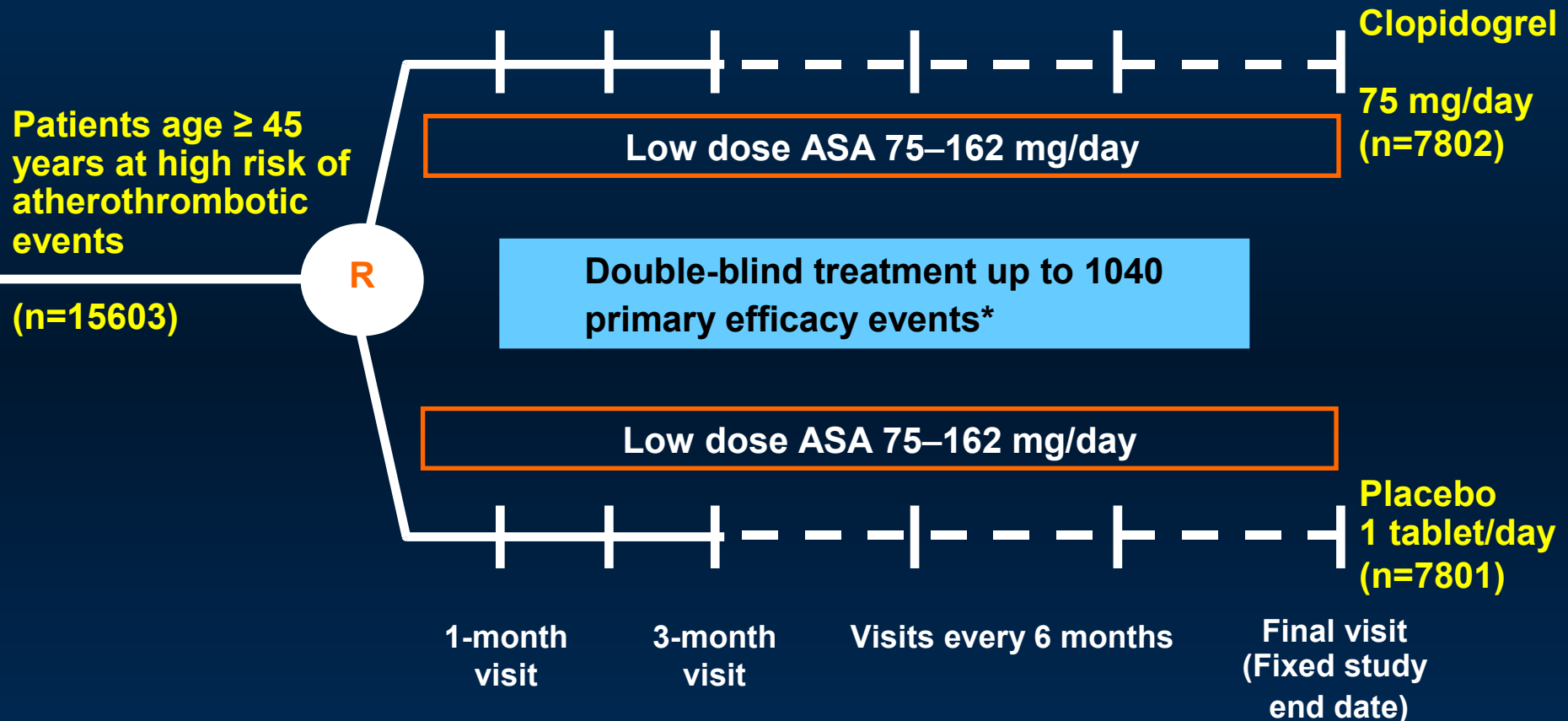
CV death/MI/stroke vs bleeding* : symptomatic vs RF only (unadjusted)



*: requiring hospitalization or transfusion

**Clopidogrel for High Atherothrombotic
Risk and Ischemic Stabilization,
Management and Avoidance
(CHARISMA)**

Study Design



* MI (fatal or non-fatal), stroke (fatal or non-fatal), or cardiovascular death; event-driven trial



Inclusion criteria

Must include

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Written
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Consent

Patients aged
≥45 years

At least one of
four
criteria

- Documented cerebrovascular disease
- Documented coronary disease
- Documented symptomatic PAD
- 2 major or 1 major and 2 minor or 3 minor risk factors

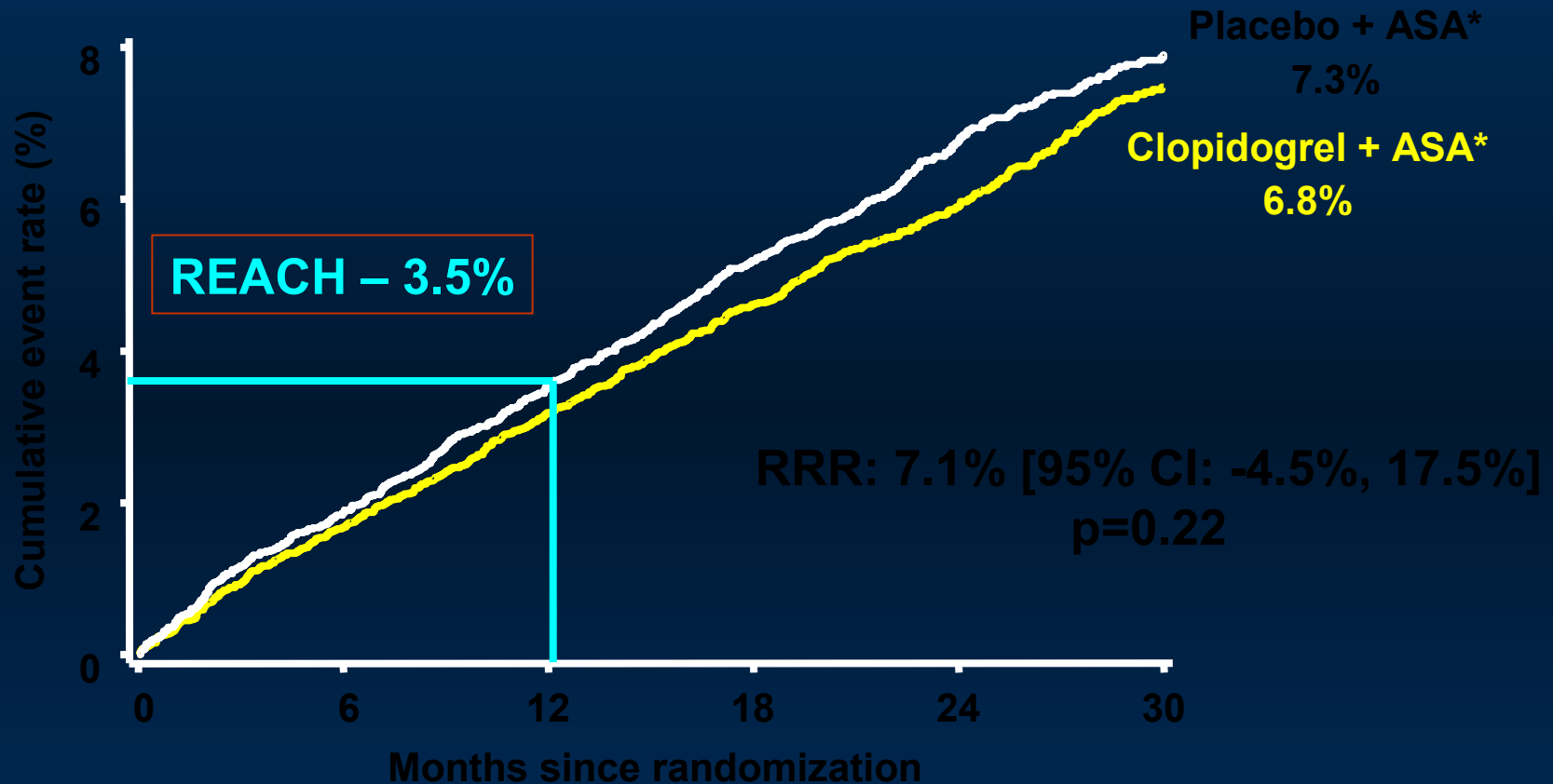
Major Risk Factors

- Type I or Type II diabetes
- Diabetic nephropathy
- Ankle Brachial Index <0.9
- Asymptomatic carotid stenosis > 70%
- Presence of at least one carotid plaque

Minor Risk Factors

- SBP ≥150 mm Hg (despite therapy)
- Hypercholesterolemia
- Current smoking >15 cigarettes/day
- Male ≥65 years or female ≥70 years

Overall Population: Primary Efficacy Outcome (MI, Stroke, or CV Death)[†]



[†] First Occurrence of MI (fatal or non-fatal), stroke (fatal or non-fatal), or cardiovascular death

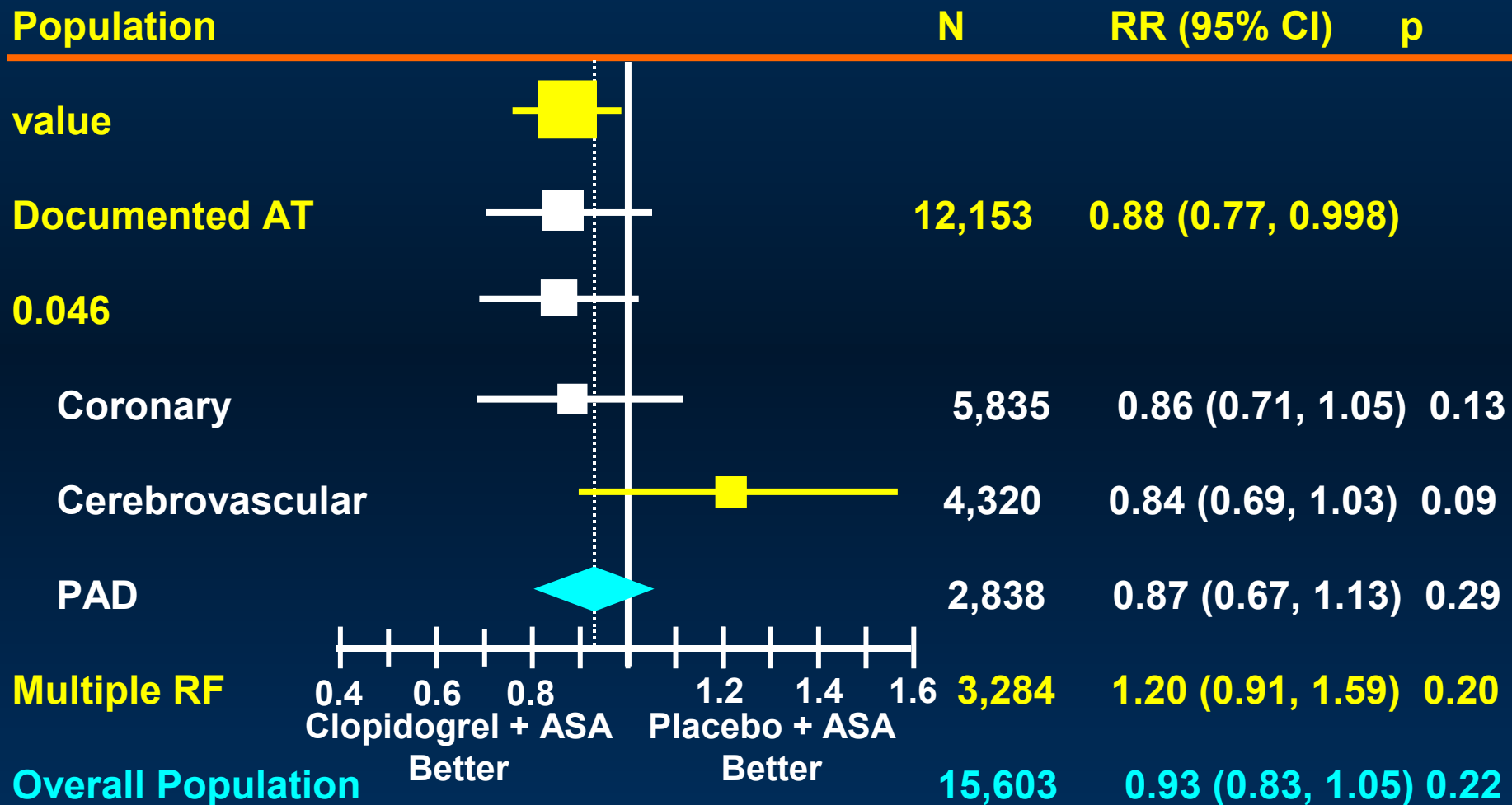
*All patients received ASA 75-162mg/day

Median follow-up was 28 months

Bhatt DL, Fox KA, Hacke W, et al. *NEJM* 2006 – In press



Primary Efficacy Results (MI/Stroke/CV Death)* by Category of Inclusion Criteria



* First Occurrence of MI (fatal or not), Stroke (fatal or not), or CV Death

RF= Risk Factors, AT= Atherothrombosis



Multiple Risk Factor Population: Secondary Efficacy Results

Endpoint* – N (%)	Clopidogrel (n=1659)	Placebo + ASA (n=1625)	+ ASA RR (95% CI)	p value
Principal Secondary Endpoint†	224 (13.5)	216 (13.3)	1.01 (0.84, 1.22)	0.88
All Cause Death	89 (5.4)	62 (3.8)	1.41 (1.02, 1.95)	0.04
Cardiovascular Death‡ (3.9)	36 (2.2)	1.74 (1.16, 2.62)	0.01	
Myocardial Infarction‡ (2.4)	33 (2.0)	1.19 (0.75, 1.89)	0.45	
Ischemic Stroke	27 (1.6)	29 (1.8)	0.91 (0.54, 1.54)	0.73
Stroke	35 (2.1)	36 (2.2)	0.95 (0.60, 1.52)	0.84
Hospitalization‡	140 (8.4)	147 (9.0)	0.93 (0.74, 1.18)	0.55

*Intention to treat analysis

†First occurrence of MI (fatal or not), stroke (fatal or not), cardiovascular death (including hemorrhagic death), or hospitalization‡

‡For UA, TIA, or revascularization



Recommendations for pharmacological therapy to improve prognosis

Class I

- **Aspirin** 75 mg daily in **all** patients without specific contraindications (ie active GI bleeding, aspirin allergy or previous aspirin intolerance) (level of evidence A)
- **Statin** therapy for **all** patients with coronary disease (level of evidence A)
- **ACE-inhibitor** therapy in patients with coincident indications for ACE-inhibition, such as **hypertension, heart failure, LV dysfunction, prior MI with LV dysfunction, or diabetes** (level of evidence A)
- **Oral beta blocker** therapy in patients **post-MI or with heart failure** (level of evidence A)

Recommendations for pharmacological therapy to improve prognosis

Class IIa

- **ACE-inhibitor** therapy in **all** patients with angina and proven coronary disease (level of evidence B)
- **Clopidogrel** as an **alternative** antiplatelet agent in patients with stable angina who cannot take aspirin eg **Aspirin allergic** (level of evidence B)
- **High-dose statin** therapy in **high risk** (>2% annual CV mortality) patients with proven coronary disease (level of evidence B)

Class IIb

- **Fibrate** therapy in patients with low HDL and high triglycerides who have diabetes or the metabolic syndrome (level of evidence B)

OUTLINE

- **Pathophysiology**
 - Atherosclerosis
 - Ischemia
- **Therapy**
 - Lifestyle
 - Pharmacology
 - **Revascularization**



COURAGE

Clinical Outcomes Utilizing

Revascularization and

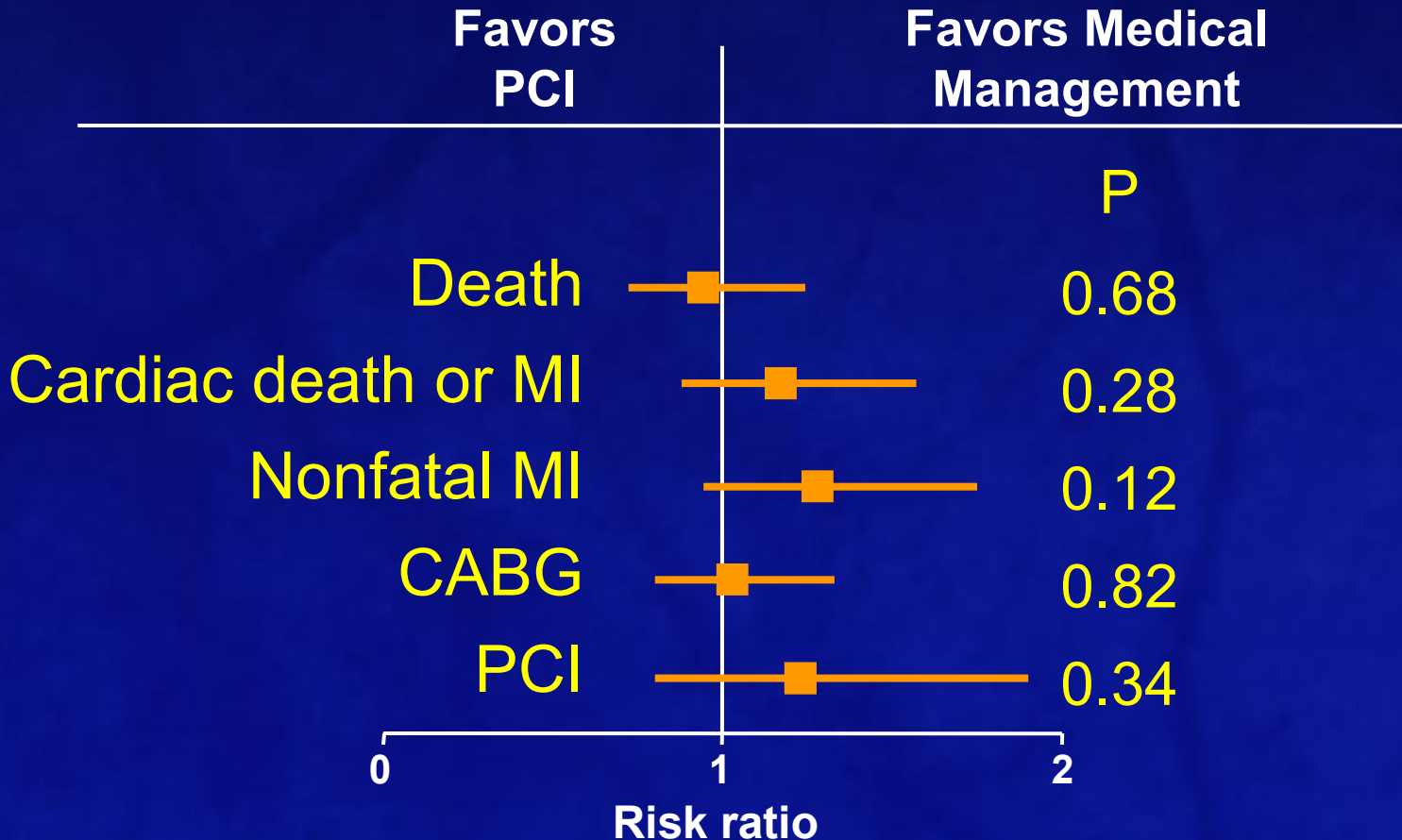
Aggressive Guideline-Driven

Drug Evaluation



Stable CAD: PCI vs Conservative Medical Management

Meta-analysis of 11 randomized trials; N = 2,950





Hypothesis

**PCI + Optimal Medical Therapy
will be Superior to
Optimal Medical Therapy Alone**



Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Inclusion

- Men and Women
- 1, 2, or 3 vessel disease
($> 70\%$ visual stenosis of proximal coronary segment)
- Anatomy suitable for PCI
- CCS Class I-III angina
- Objective evidence of ischemia at baseline, ECG or imaging
- ACC/AHA Class I or II indication for PCI

Exclusion

- Uncontrolled unstable angina
- Complicated post-MI course
- Revascularization within 6 months
- Ejection fraction $<30\%$
- Cardiogenic shock/severe heart failure
- History of sustained or symptomatic VT/VF



Optimal Medical Therapy

Pharmacologic

- Anti-platelet: aspirin; clopidogrel in accordance with established practice standards
- Statin: simvastatin ± ezetimibe or ER niacin
- ACE Inhibitor or ARB: lisinopril or losartan
- Beta-blocker: long-acting metoprolol
- Calcium channel blocker: amlodipine
- Nitrate: isosorbide 5-mononitrate

Lifestyle

- Smoking cessation
- Exercise program
- Nutrition counseling
- Weight control

Applied to Both Arms by Protocol and Case-Managed



Risk Factor Goals

Variable	Goal						
Smoking	Cessation						
Total Dietary Fat / Saturated Fat	<30% calories / <7% calories						
Dietary Cholesterol	<200 mg/day						
LDL cholesterol (primary goal)	60-85 mg/dL						
HDL cholesterol (secondary goal)	>40 mg/dL						
Triglyceride (secondary goal)	<150 mg/dL						
Physical Activity	30-45 min. moderate intensity 5X/week						
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Diabetes	HbA1c <7.0%						

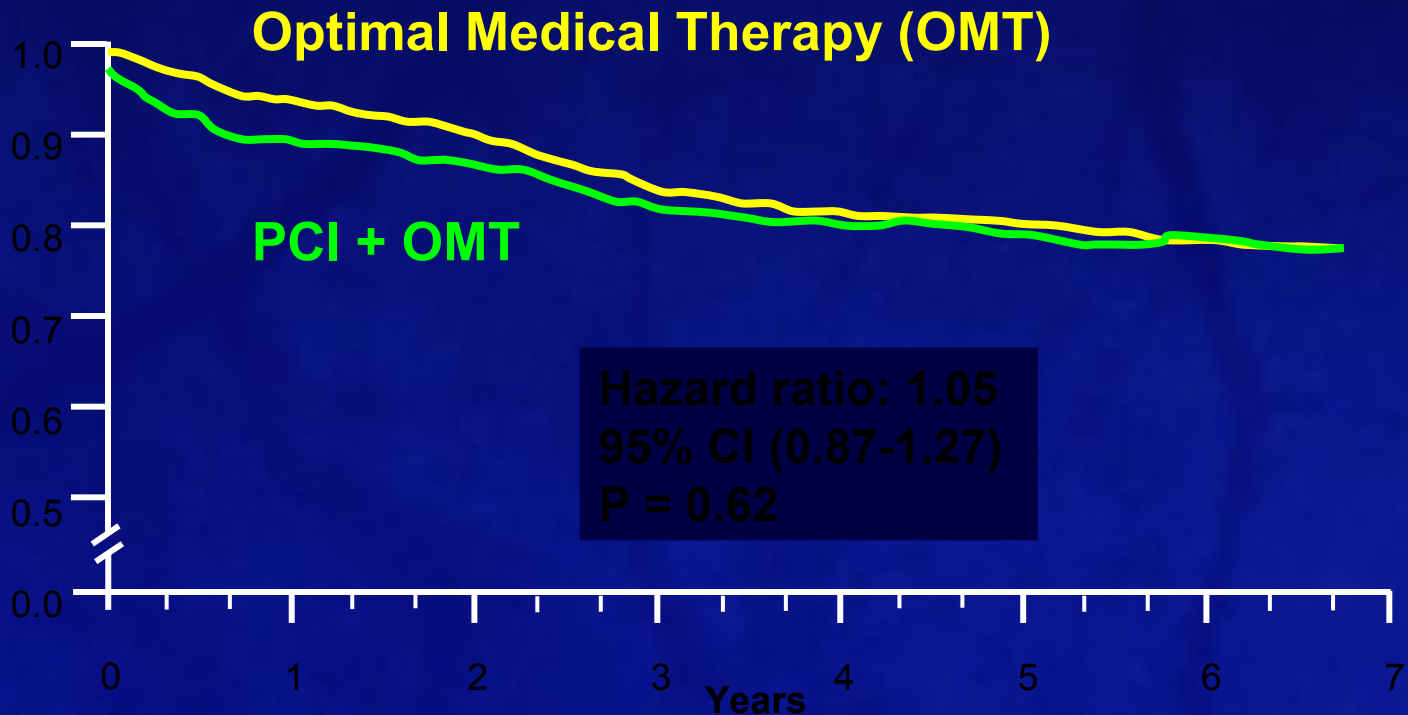


Long-Term Improvement in Treatment Targets (Group Median \pm SE Data

Treatment Targets	Baseline		Months 60	
	PCI +OMT	OMT	PCI +OMT	OMT
SBP	0.77 \pm 131	0.66 \pm 130	0.81 \pm 124	0.92 \pm 122
DBP	0.33 \pm 74	0.33 \pm 74	0.81 \pm 70	0.65 \pm 70
Total Cholesterol mg/dL	1.37 \pm 172	1.41 \pm 177	1.74 \pm 143	1.64 \pm 140
LDL mg/dL	1.17 \pm 100	1.22 \pm 102	1.33 \pm 71	1.21 \pm 72
HDL mg/dL	0.39 \pm 39	0.37 \pm 39	0.67 \pm 41	0.75 \pm 41
TG mg/dL	2.96 \pm 143	3.03 \pm 149	4.13 \pm 123	4.70 \pm 131
BMI Kg/M²	0.18 \pm 28.7	0.17 \pm 28.9	0.34 \pm 29.2	0.31 \pm 29.5
(Moderate Activity (5x/week	25%	25%	42%	36%



Survival Free of Death from Any Cause and Myocardial Infarction



Number at Risk

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Medical Therapy	1138	1017	959	834	638	408	192	3
PCI	1149	1013	952	833	637	417	200	3



Freedom from Angina By CCS Class During Long-Term Follow-up

Characteristic	PCI + OMT	OMT
CLINICAL		
Angina free – no.		
Baseline	12%	13%
1 Yr	66%	58%
3 Yr	72%	67%
5 Yr	74%	72%

The comparison between the PCI group and the medical-therapy group was significant at 1 year ($P < 0.001$) and 3 years ($P = 0.02$) but not at baseline or 5 years.

Recommendations for pharmacological therapy to improve symptoms and/or reduce ischaemia

Class I

- Provide **short-acting nitroglycerin** for acute symptom relief and situational prophylaxis, with appropriate instructions on how to use the treatment (level of evidence B)
- Test the effects of a **beta-1 blocker, and titrate to full dose**; consider the need for 24 h protection against ischaemia (level of evidence A)
- In case of beta-blocker intolerance or poor efficacy attempt monotherapy with a **calcium channel blocker** (level of evidence A), **long acting nitrate** (level of evidence C), or **nicorandil** (level of evidence C)
- If the effects of **beta-blocker** monotherapy are insufficient, add a **dihydropyridine** calcium channel blocker (level of evidence B)

Recommendations for pharmacological therapy to improve symptoms and/or reduce ischaemia

Class IIa

- In case of beta-blocker intolerance try **sinus node inhibitor** (level of evidence B)
- If CCB monotherapy or combination therapy (CCB with beta-blocker) is unsuccessful, substitute the CCB with a **long-acting nitrate or nicorandil**. Be careful to avoid nitrate tolerance (level of evidence C)

Class IIb

- **Metabolic agents may be used** where available as add on therapy, or as substitution therapy when conventional drugs are not tolerated (level of evidence B)