

# ADVANCES IN CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

and

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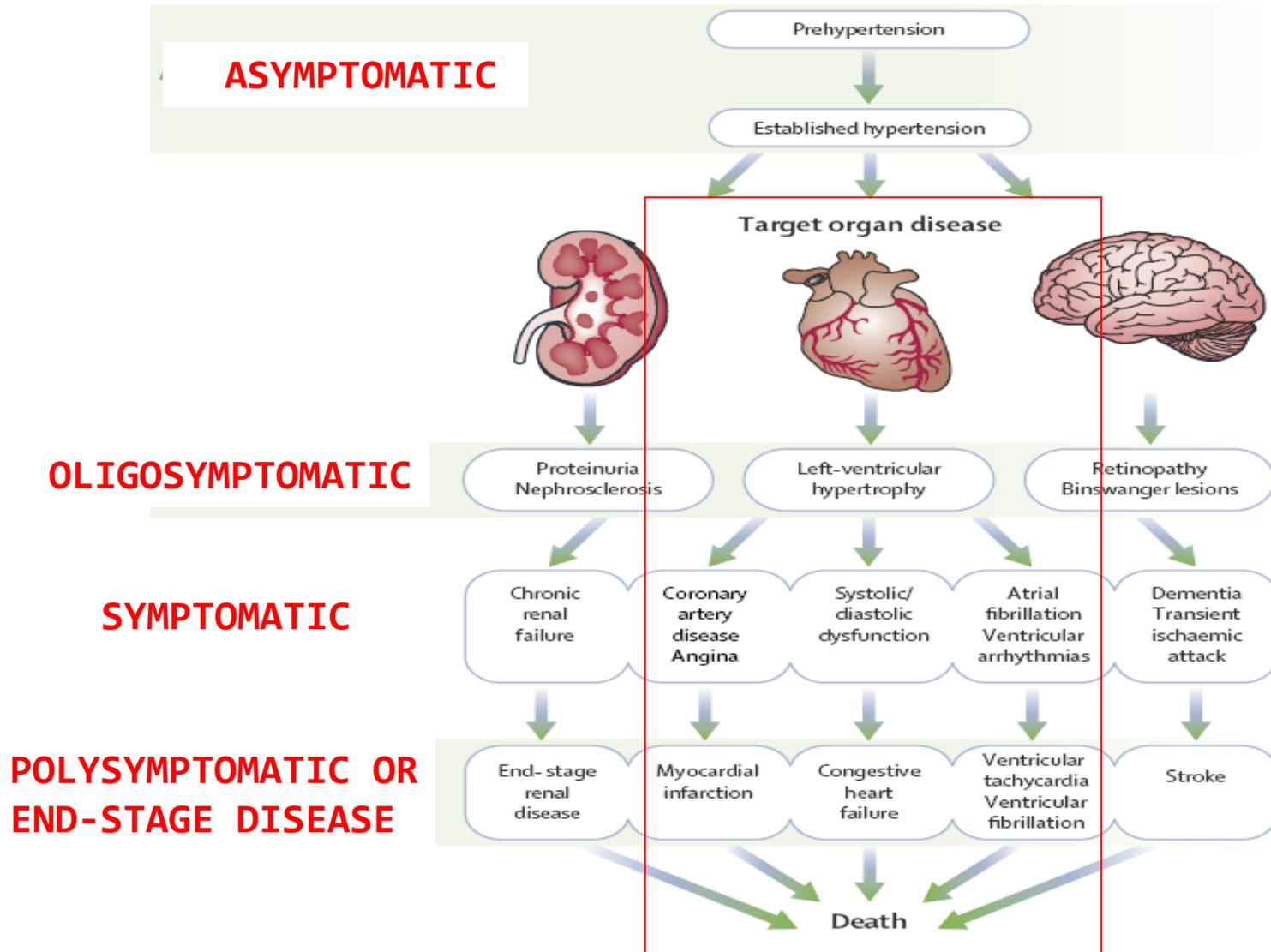
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## **Hypertension, Left Ventricular Hypertrofia and Cardiomiopathy**

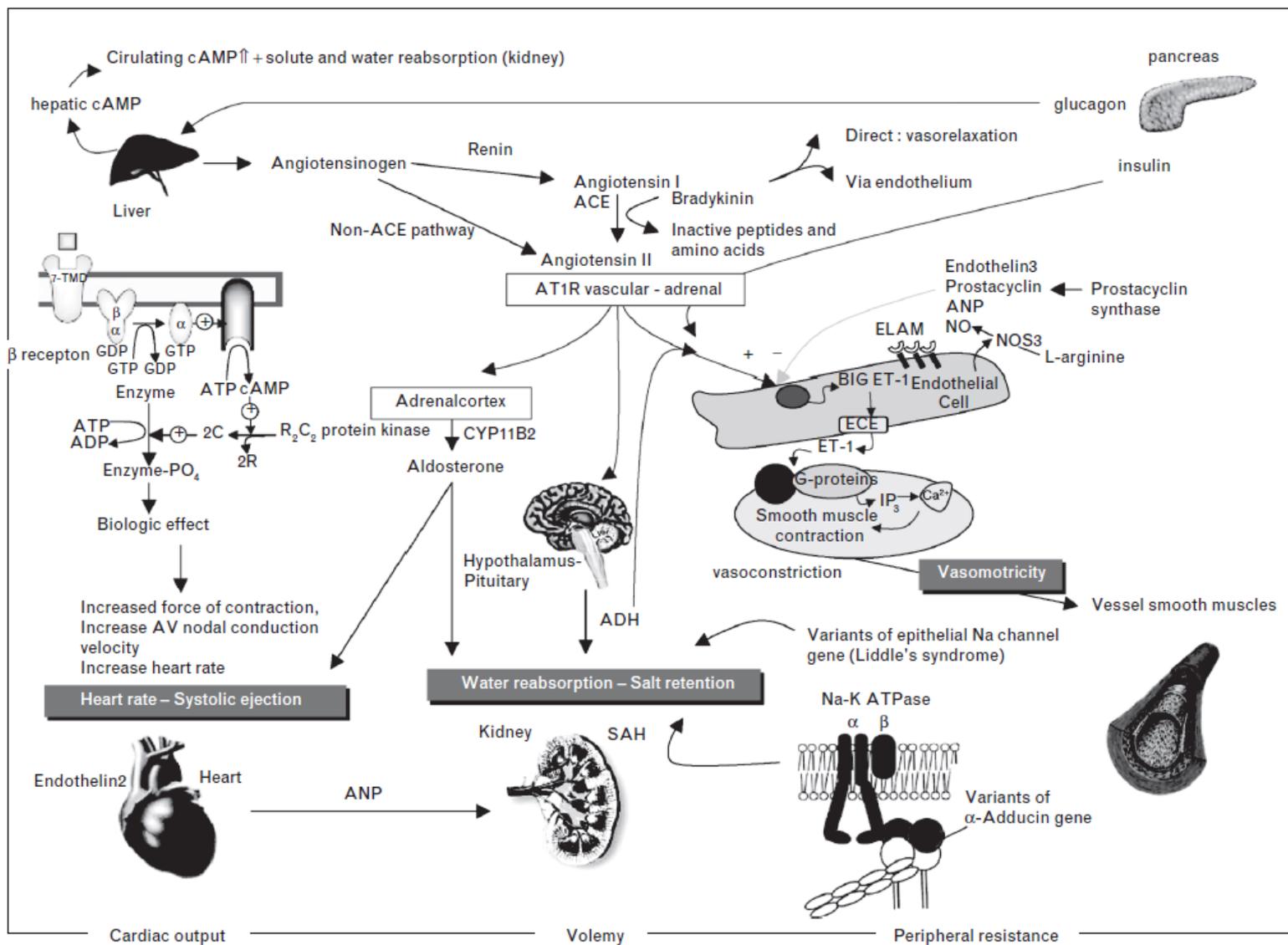
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**NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

# TIMING HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE

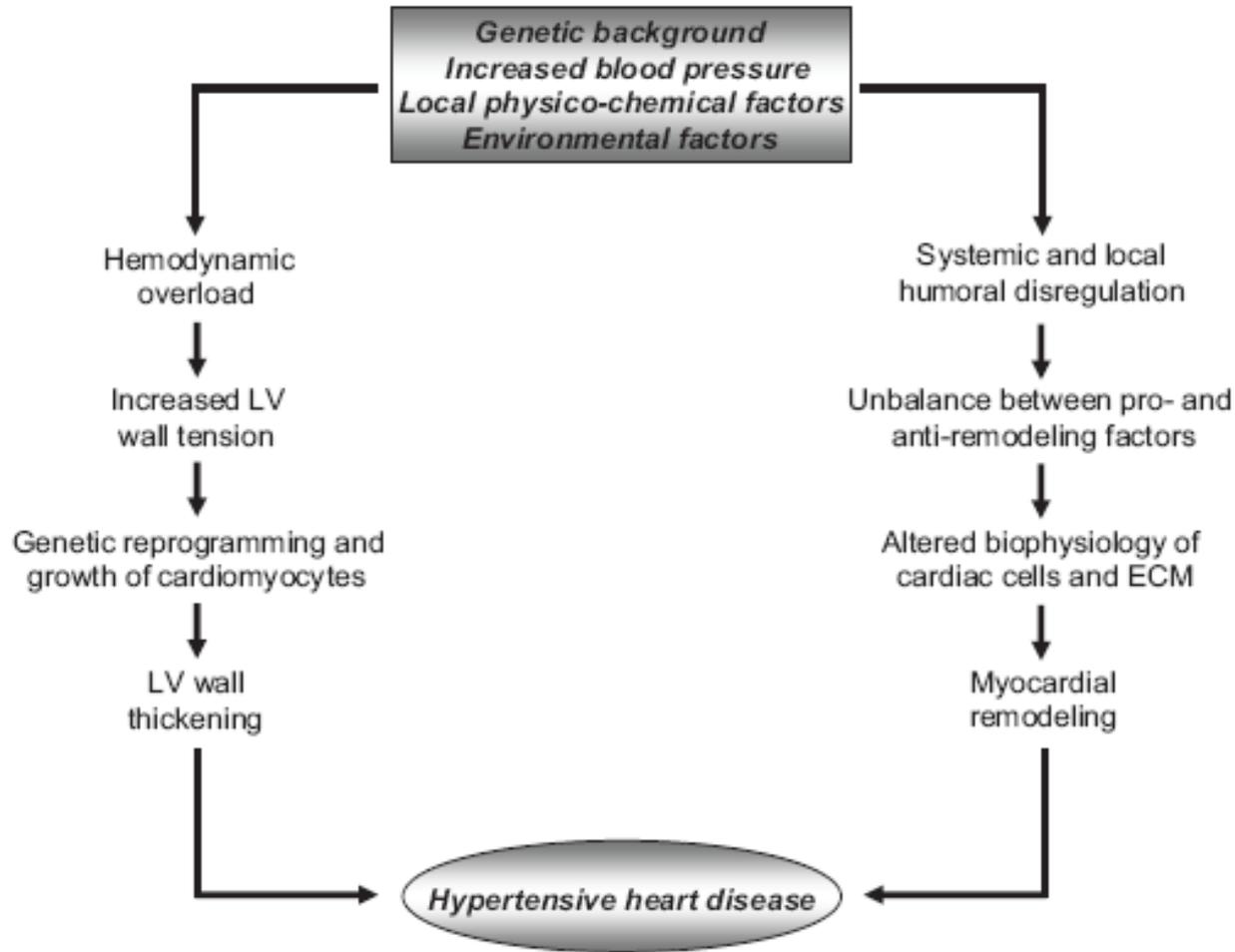


# Multifactorial origin of Essential Hypertension

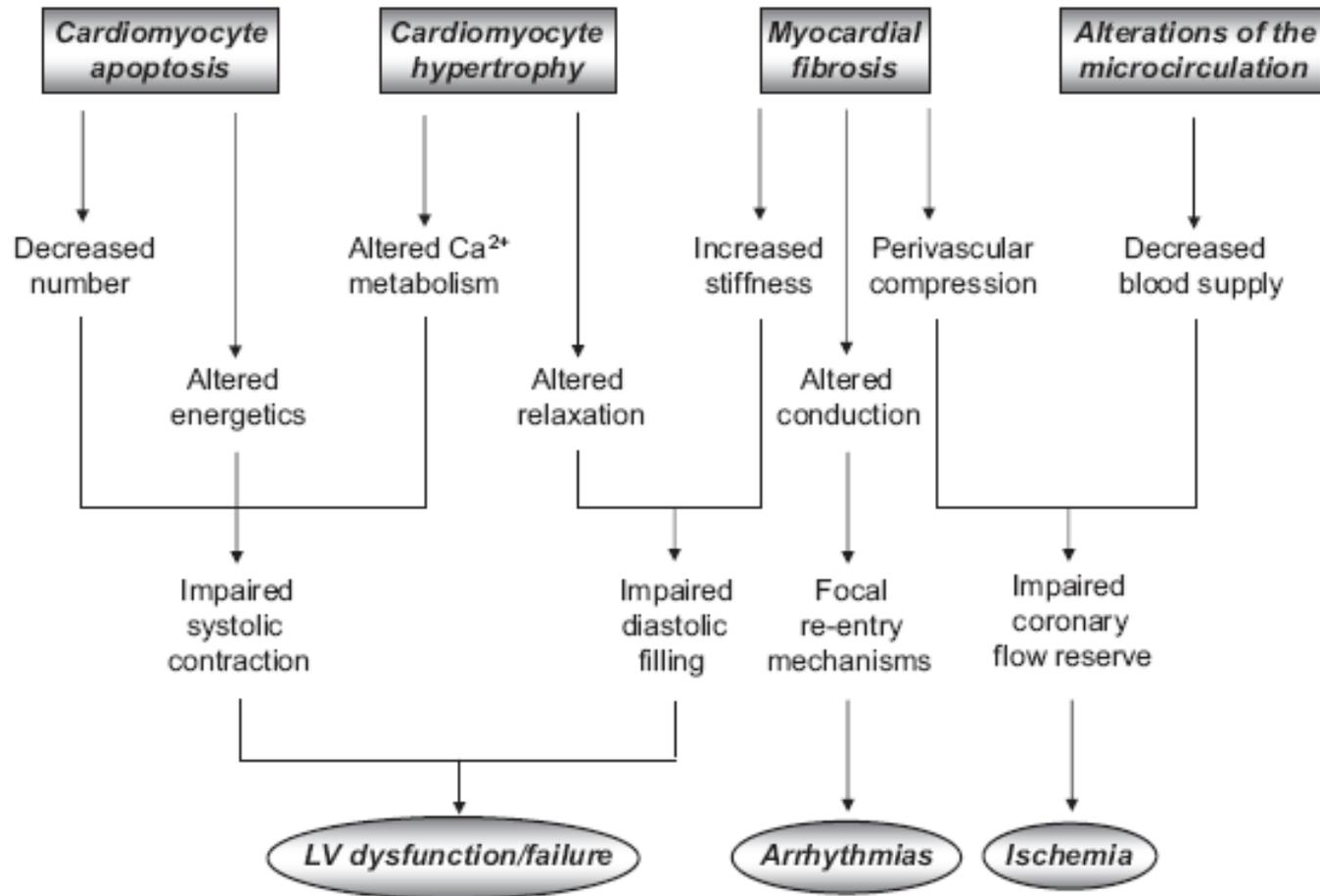


$$BP = CO \times TPR$$

# Hypertensive Heart Disease

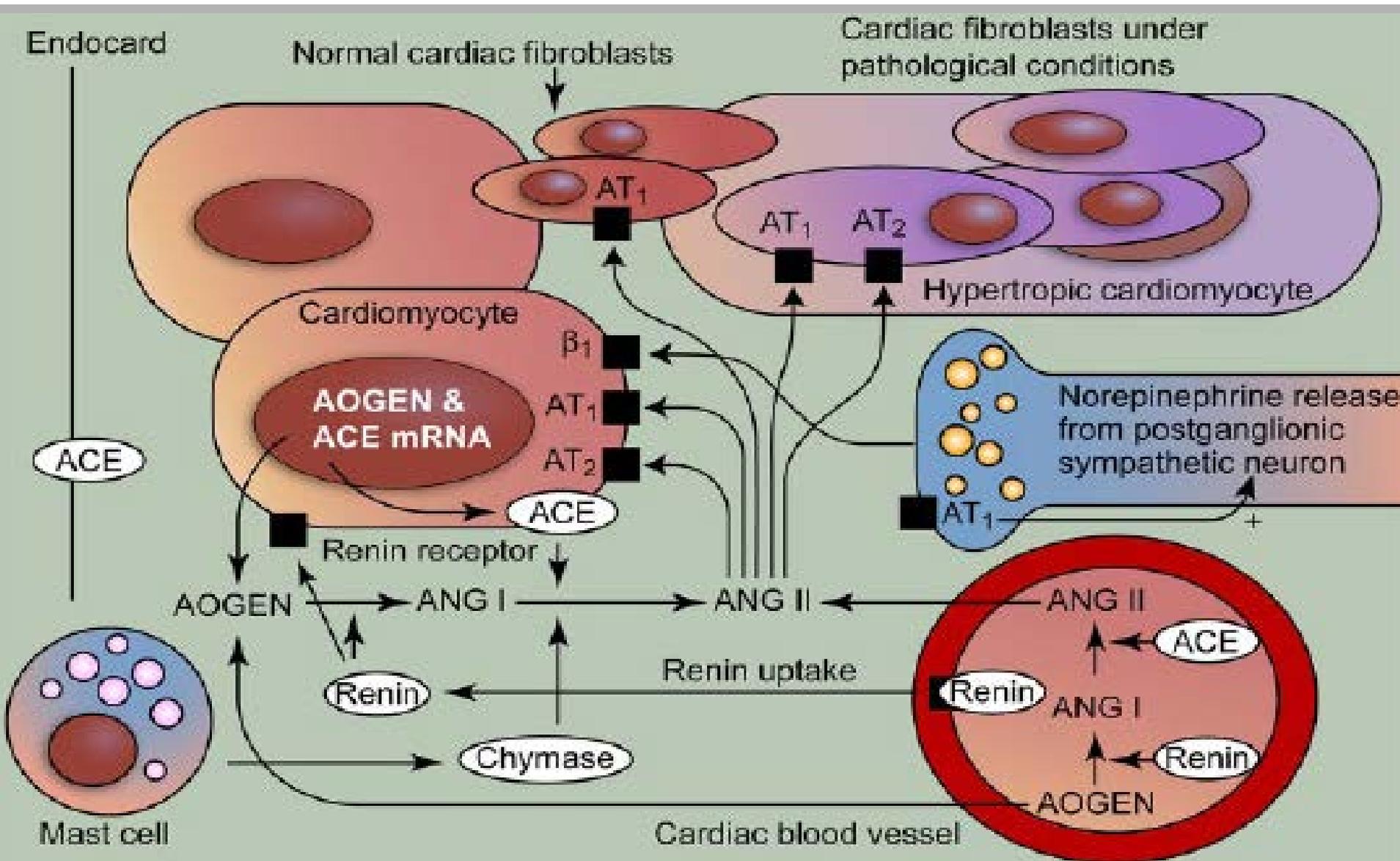


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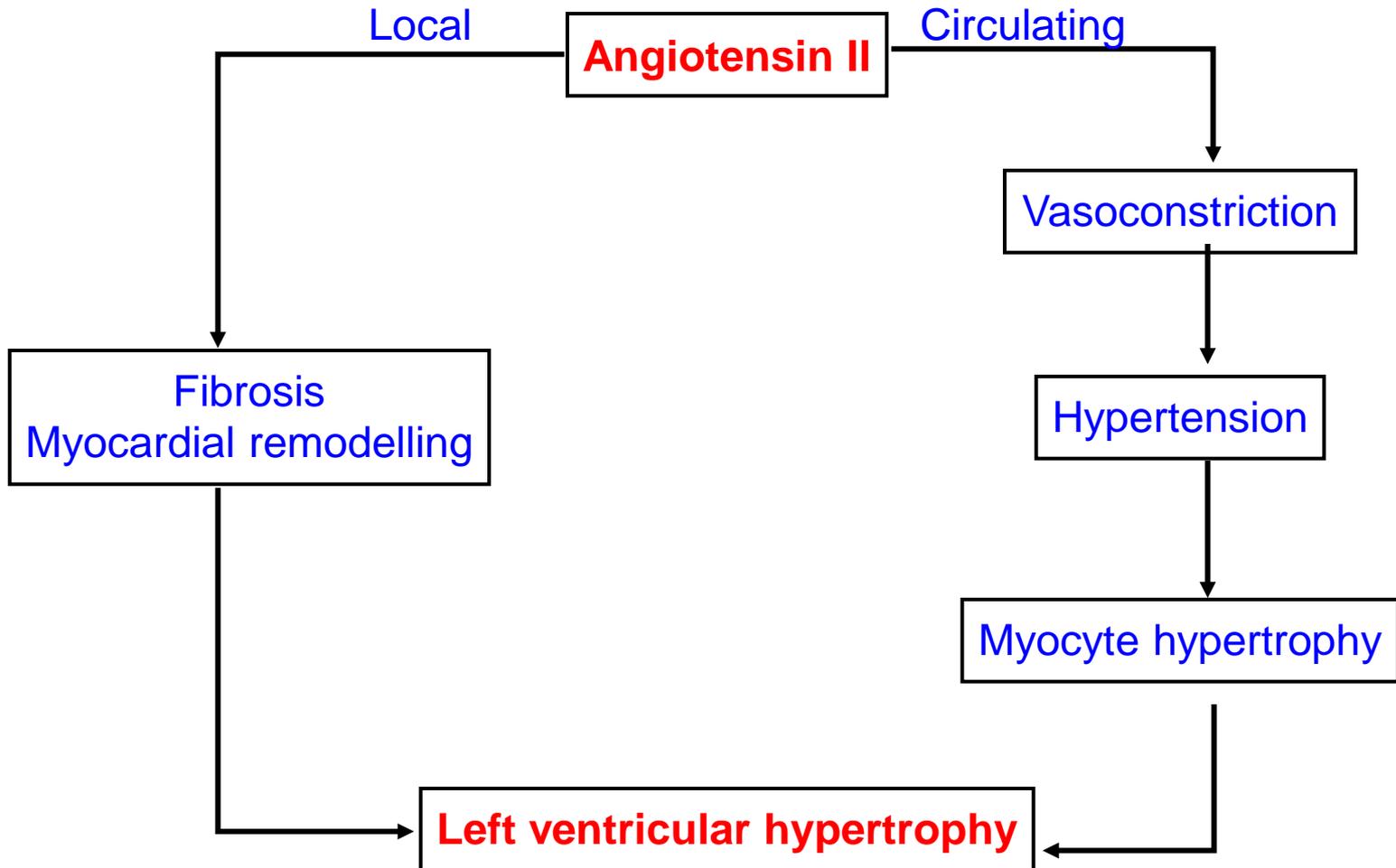


# RAS & HEART

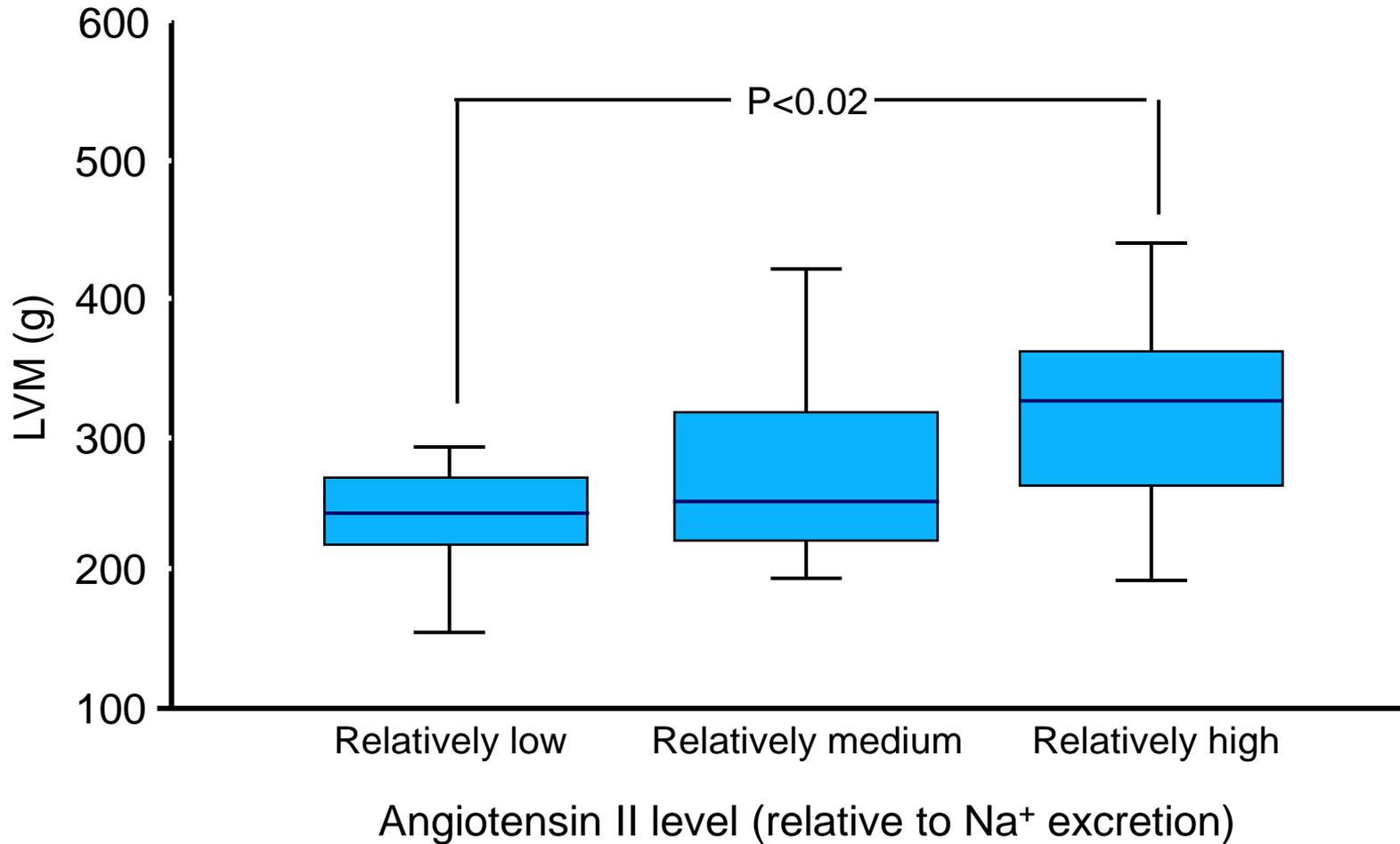
Paul, *Physiol Rev* 2006



# Angiotensin II and the pathophysiology of LVH

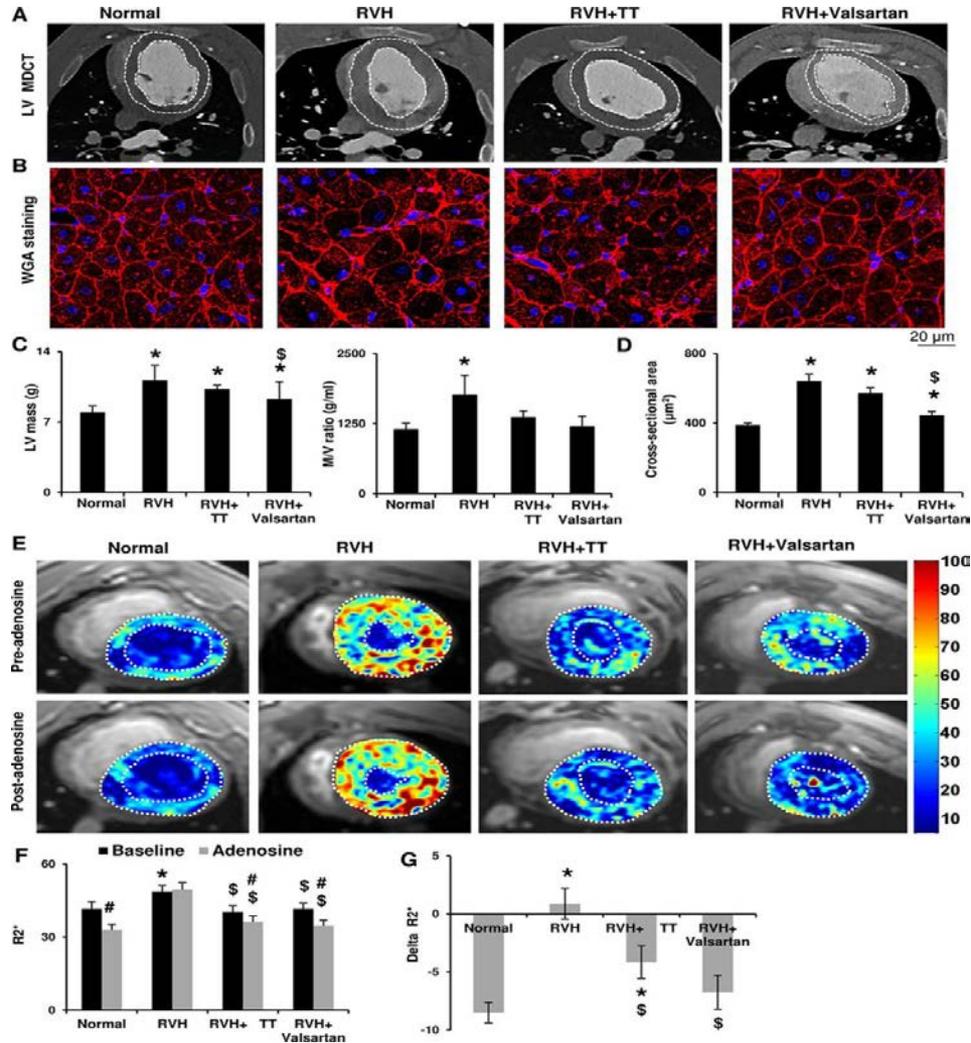


# Angiotensin II levels correlate with LVM in hypertensive patients

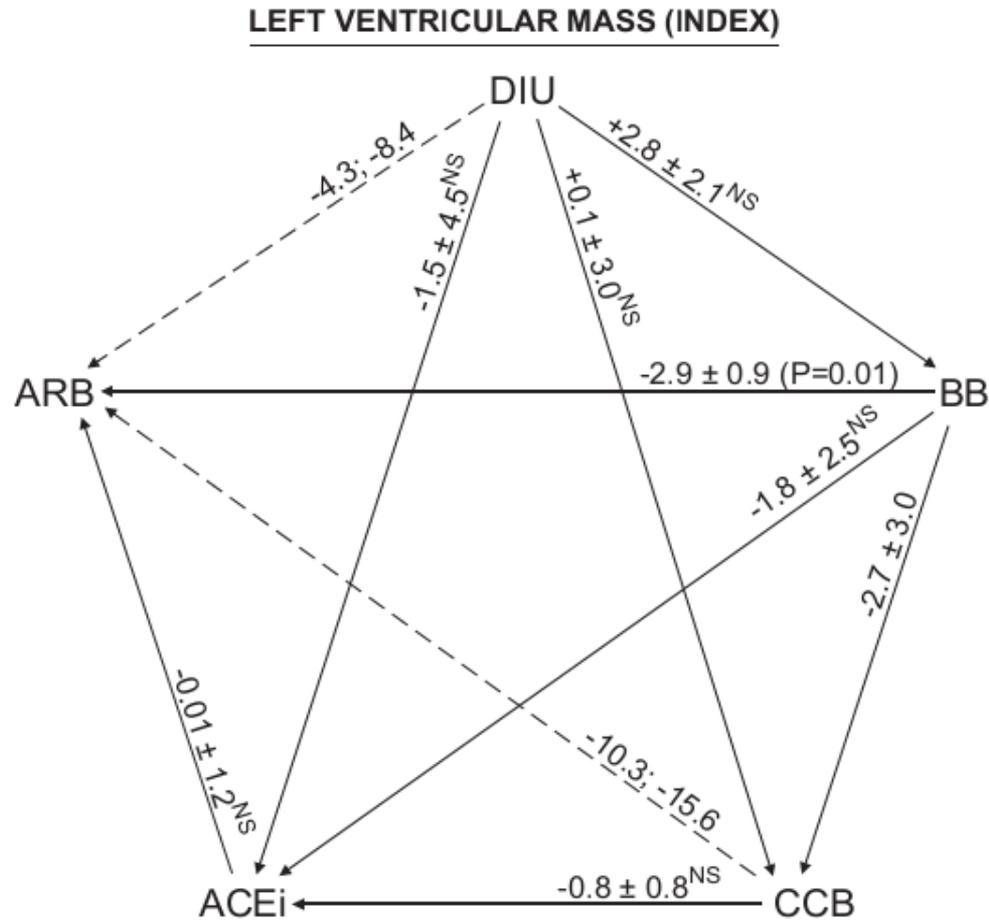




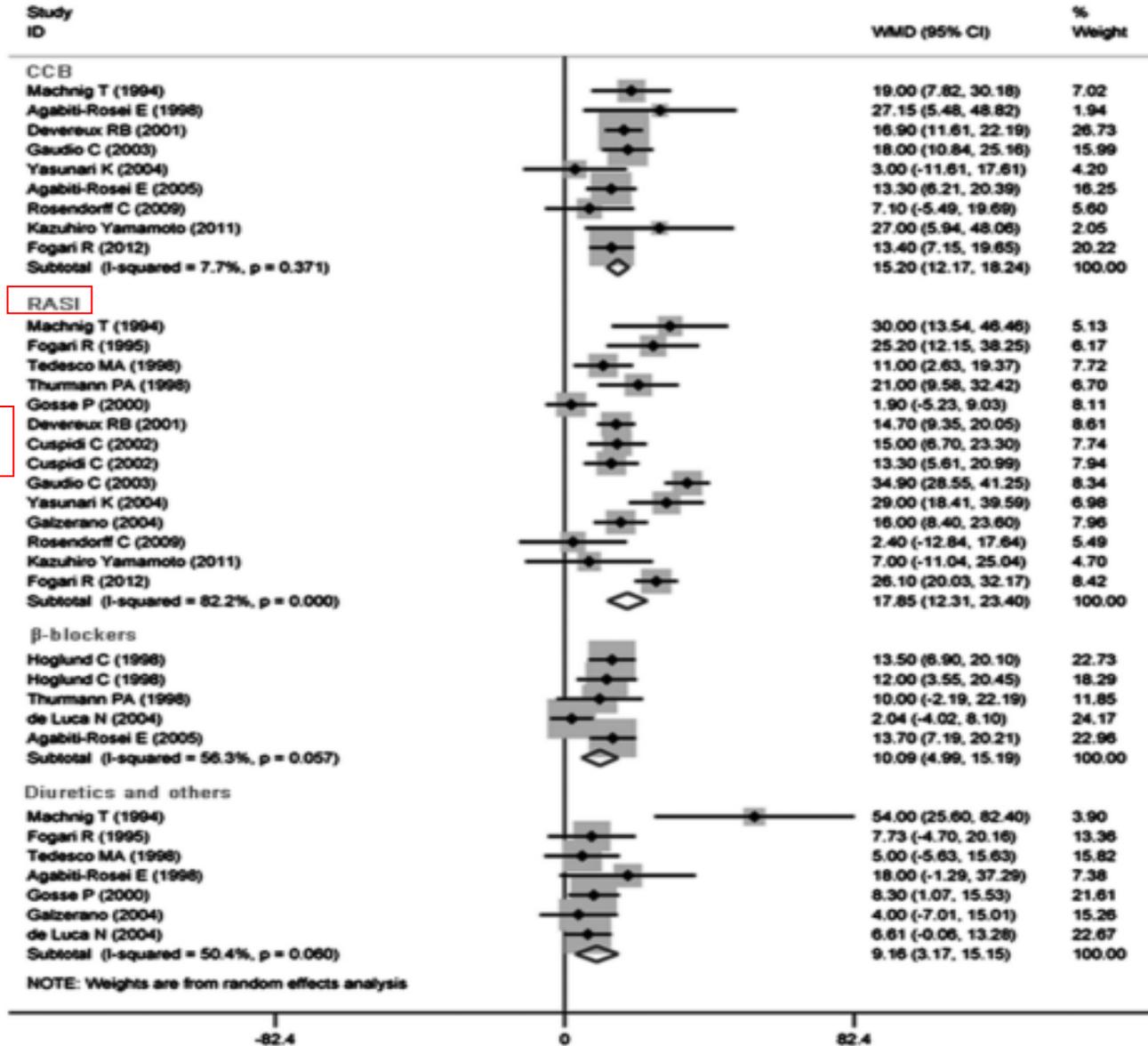
# Left ventricular (LV) structure in normal, renovascular hypertension (RVH)



# RAS inhibitors and LVM

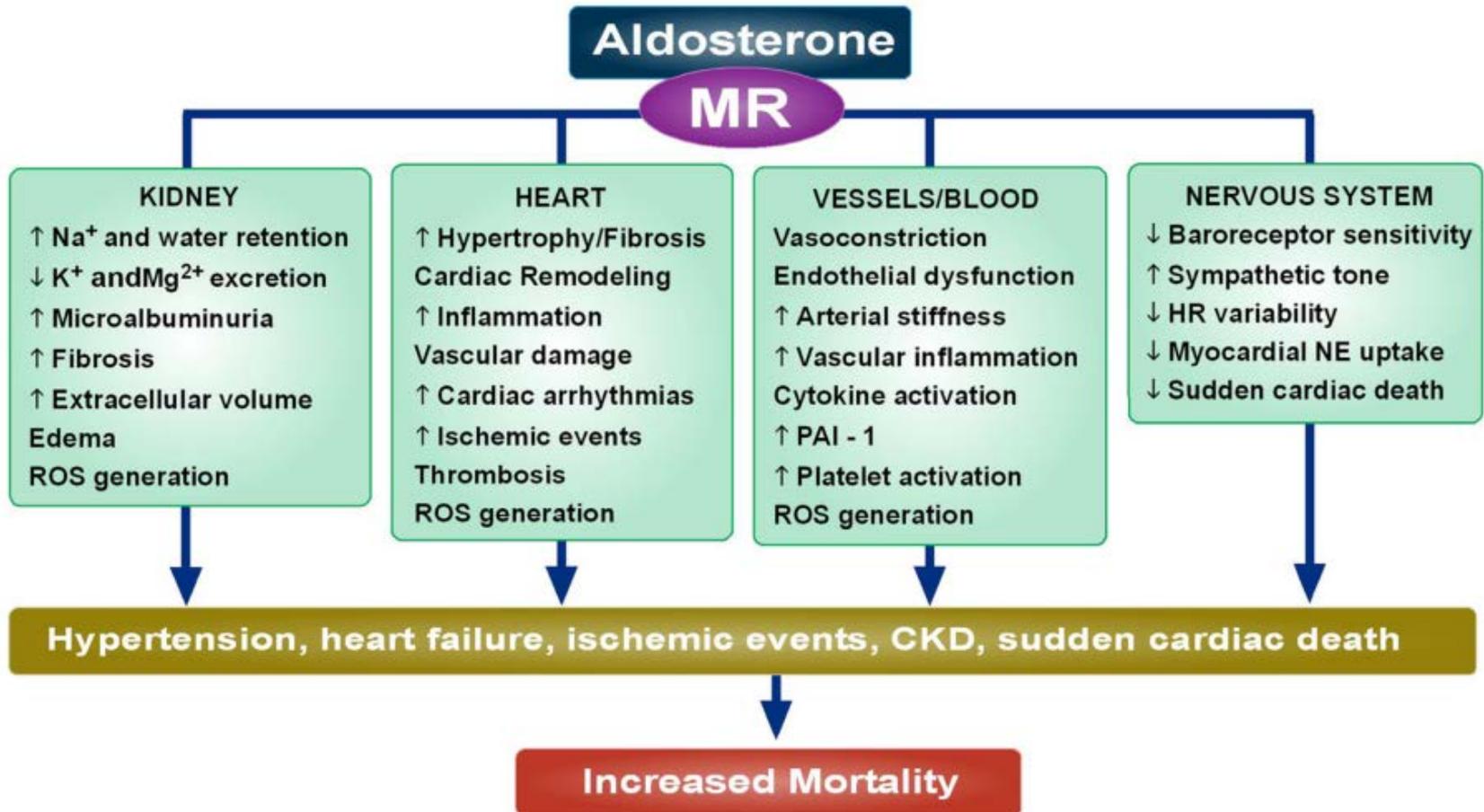


# LVH and RAS inhibitors

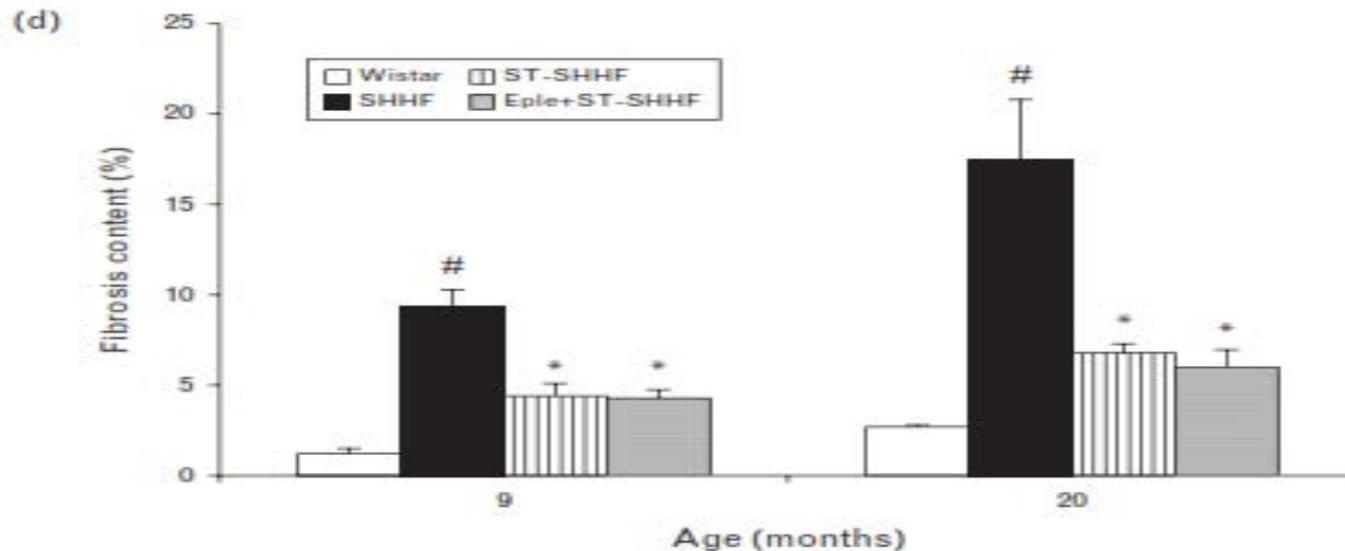
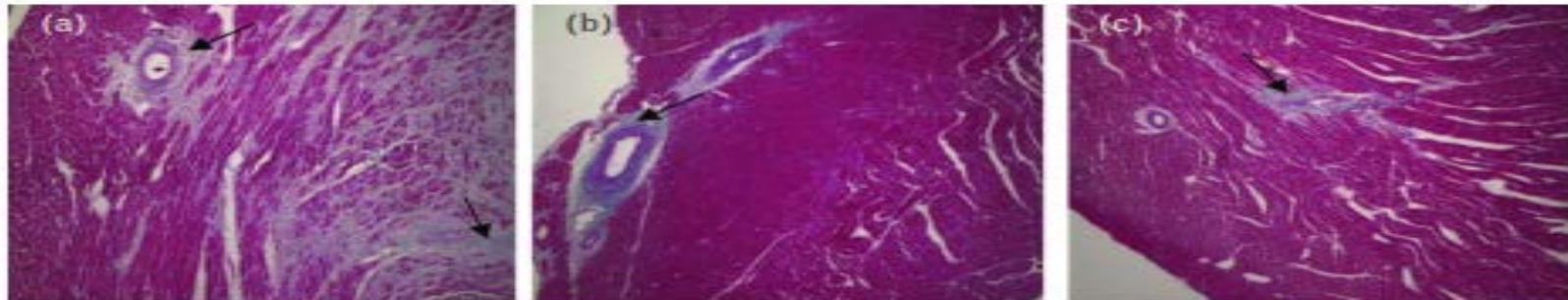


-17.85 g m<sup>-2</sup>

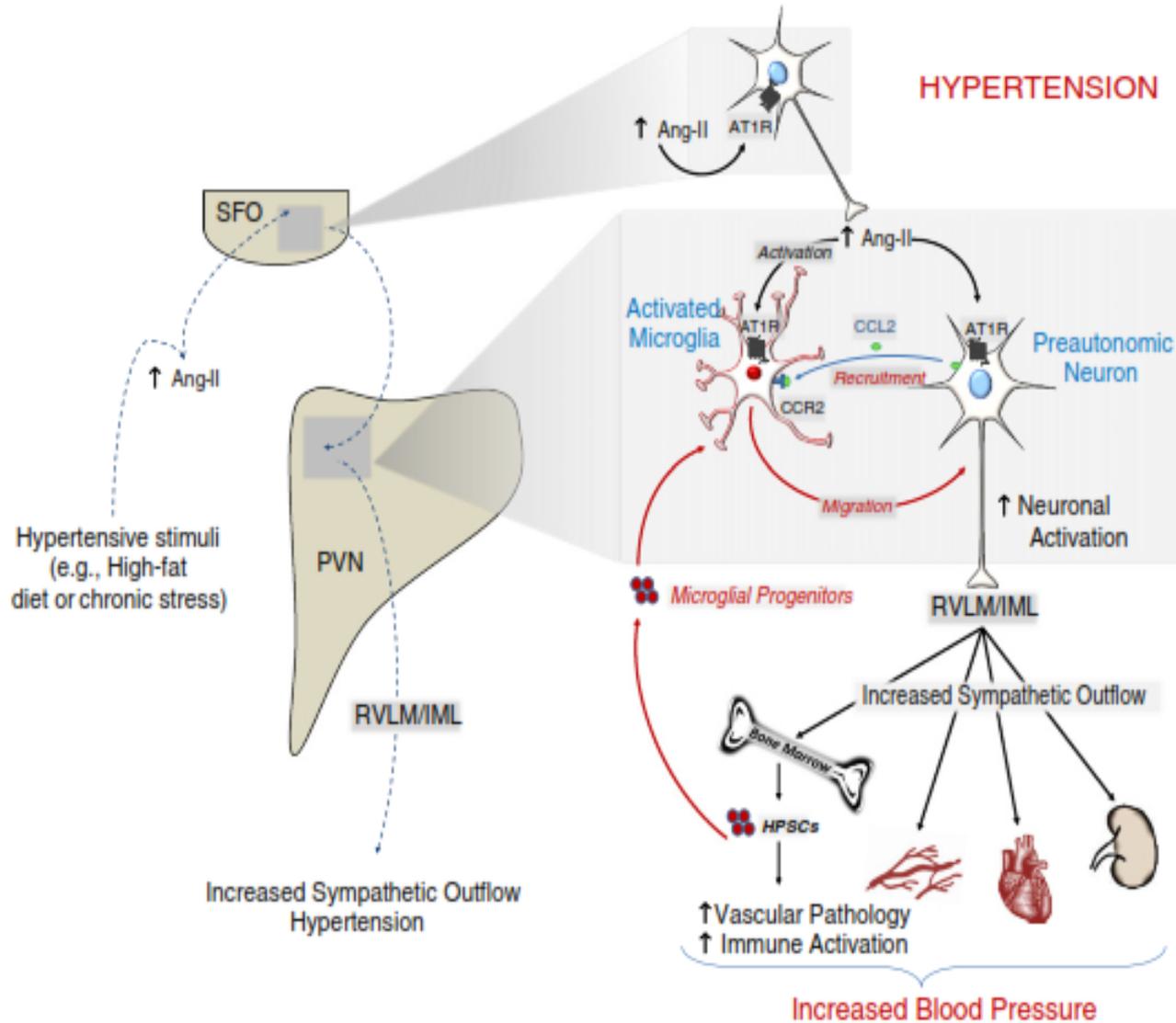
# Aldosterone and Heart



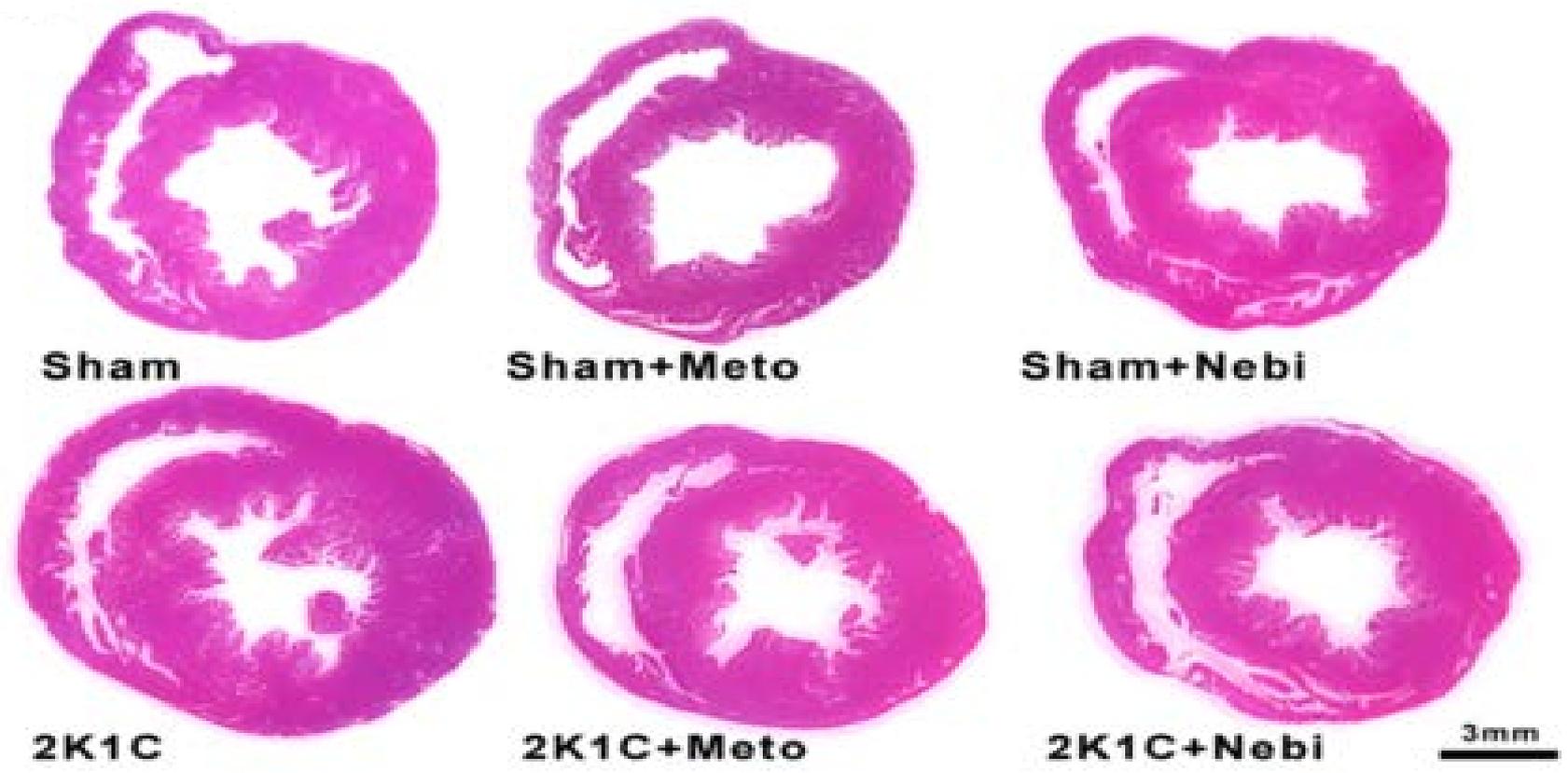
# Eplerenone enhances cardioprotective effects of standard heart failure therapy through matricellular proteins in hypertensive heart failure



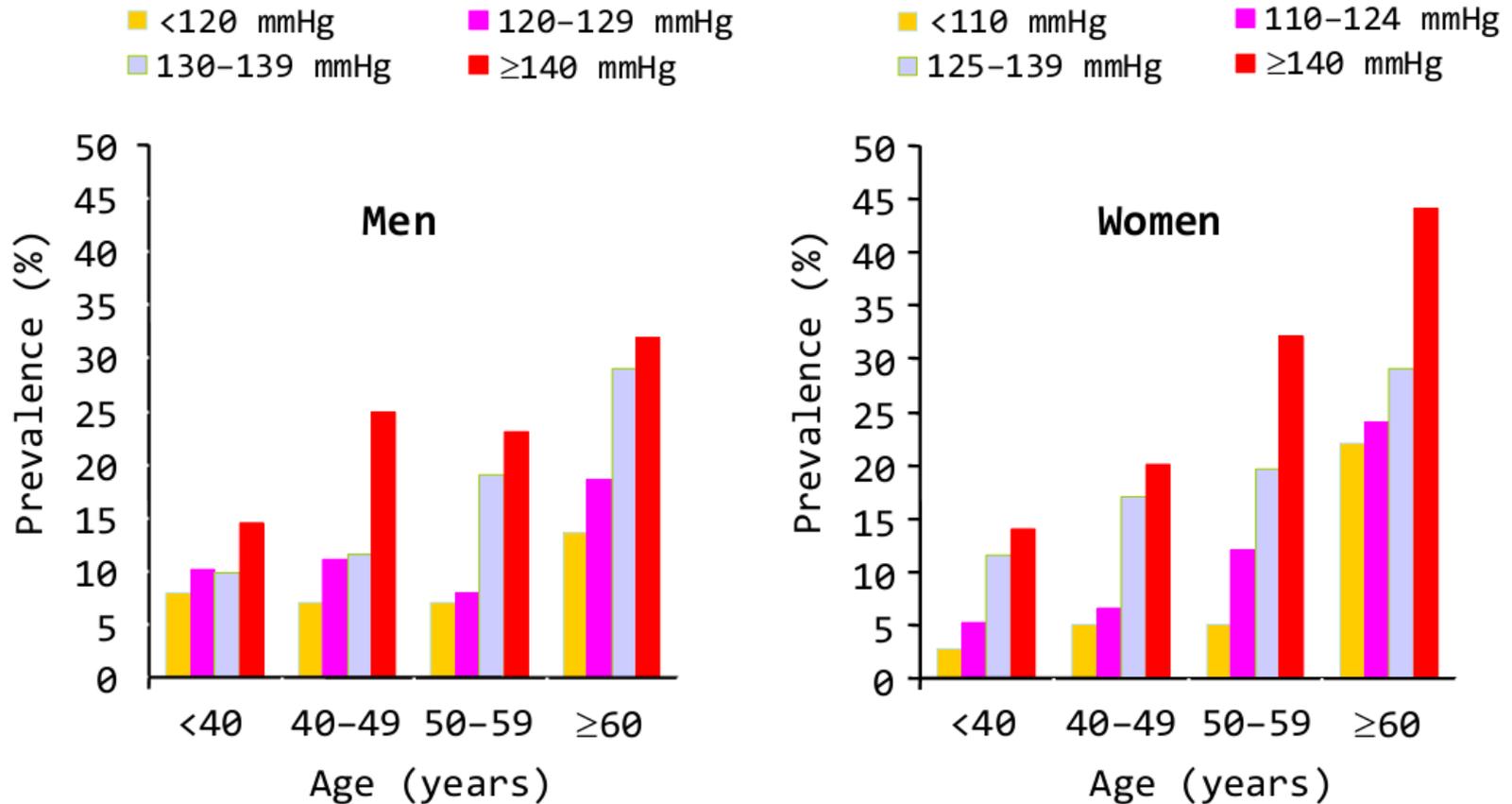
# SNC and LVM



**$\beta$ 1-Adrenergic blockers exert antioxidant effects, reduce matrix metalloproteinase activity, and LVH**



# Hypertension is a major risk factor for LVH



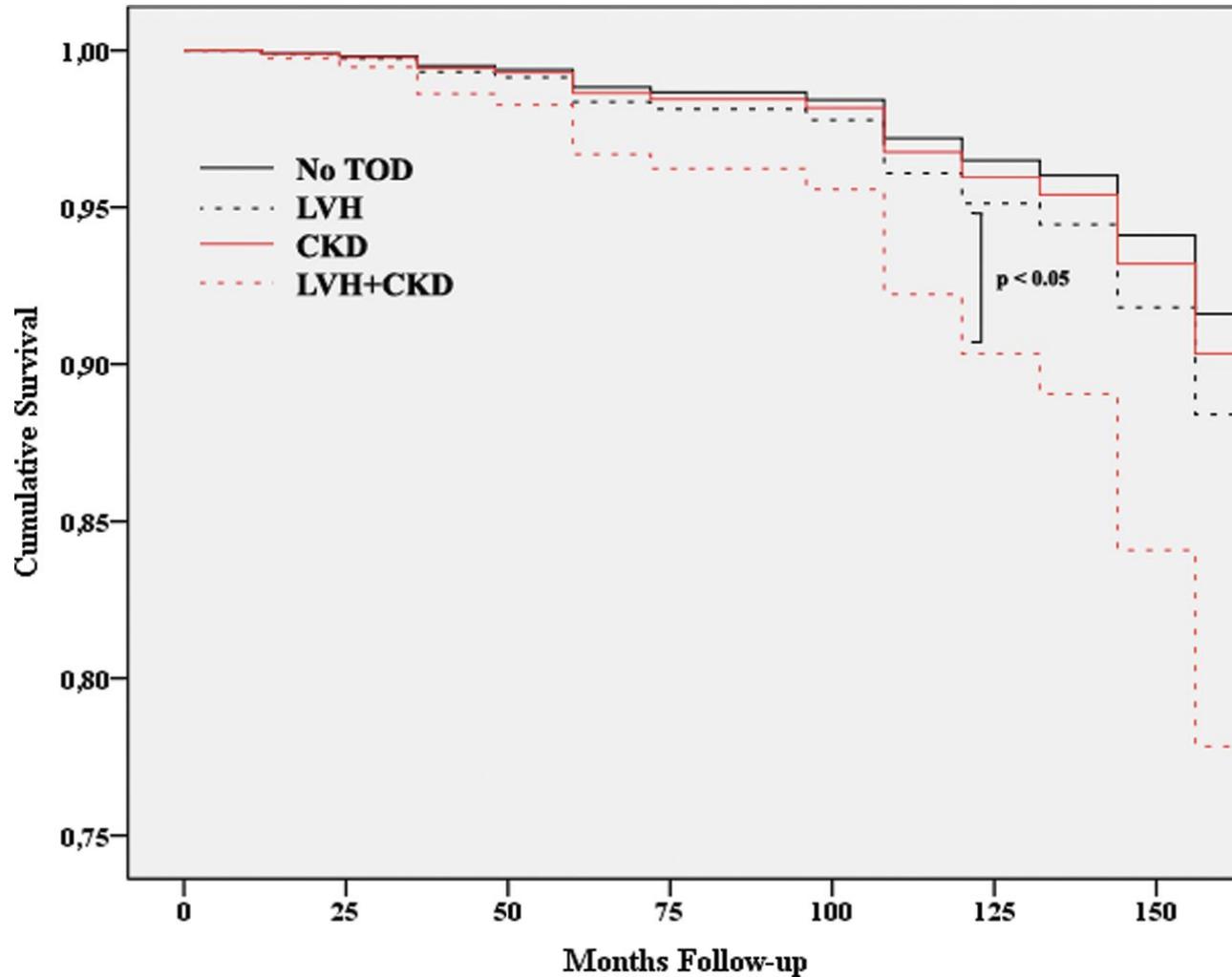
# Prevalence of LVH

Author	ECG LVH criteria	ECHO LVH criteria	Prevalence of LVH (%)	
			ECG	ECHO
Verdecchia [13]	Wilson	LVMI >125 g/m <sup>2</sup>	0.6	27.2
	LV strain	LVMI >51 gm <sup>2.7</sup>	3.0	49.9
	Romhilt-Estes		4.8	
	Gubner Ungerleider		7.1	
	Sokolow -Lyon		11.1	
	Cornell voltage		11.9	
	Perugia score		18.4	
Salles [17]	Sokolow -Lyon, or Cornell voltage	LVM >294 g (M); >198 g (F)	18.9	50.0
Verdecchia [18]	Perugia score	LVMI >49.2 gm <sup>2.7</sup> (M); >46.7 gm <sup>2.7</sup> (F)	17.1	47.8
Martinez [19]	Cornell voltage	LVMI >134 gm <sup>2</sup> (M); >110 gm <sup>2</sup> (F)	9.0	32.0
Schneider [21]	Cornell voltage	LVMI >134 gm <sup>2</sup> (M); >110 gm <sup>2</sup> (F)	5.0	37.0
	Cornell voltage-duration product		9.5	
Cuspidi [29]	Sokolow-Lyon	LVMI >125 gm <sup>2</sup> (M); >110 gm <sup>2</sup> (F)	10.4	36.5
Radulescu [32]	Sokolow-Lyon or Cornell voltage-duration product	LVMI >125 g/m <sup>2</sup>	40.0	41.4
Salles [38]	Sokolow-Lyon	LVMI >125 gm <sup>2</sup> (M)	20.5	75.7
	Cornell voltage	>110 gm <sup>2</sup> i(F)	21.9	
	Cornell voltage-duration product		25.4	

F, females; LVH, left ventricular hypertrophy; LVMI, left ventricular mass index; M, males.

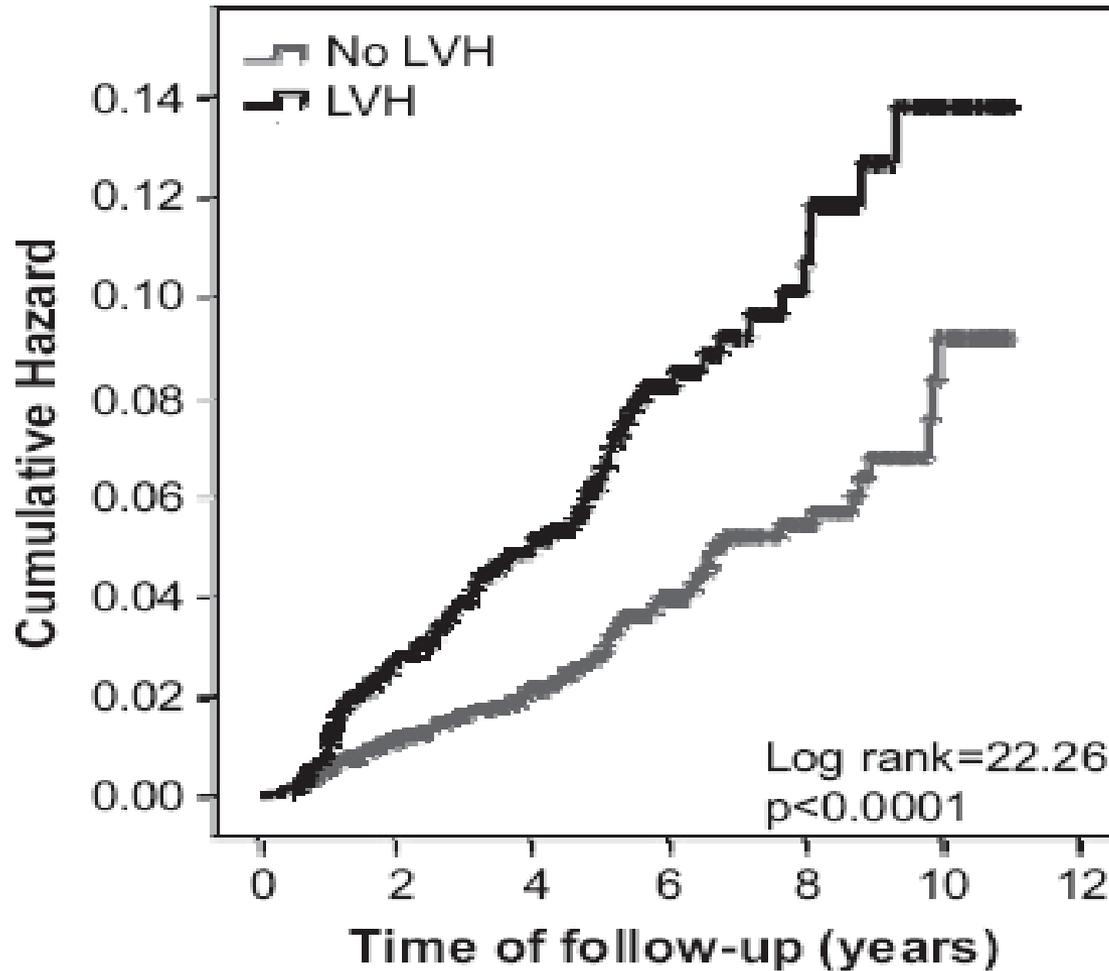
**EKG: 18 % ECHO 32%**

# Cox multivariable free-time events curves in relation to target-organ damage (TOD) groups.



# Prediction risk of LVH

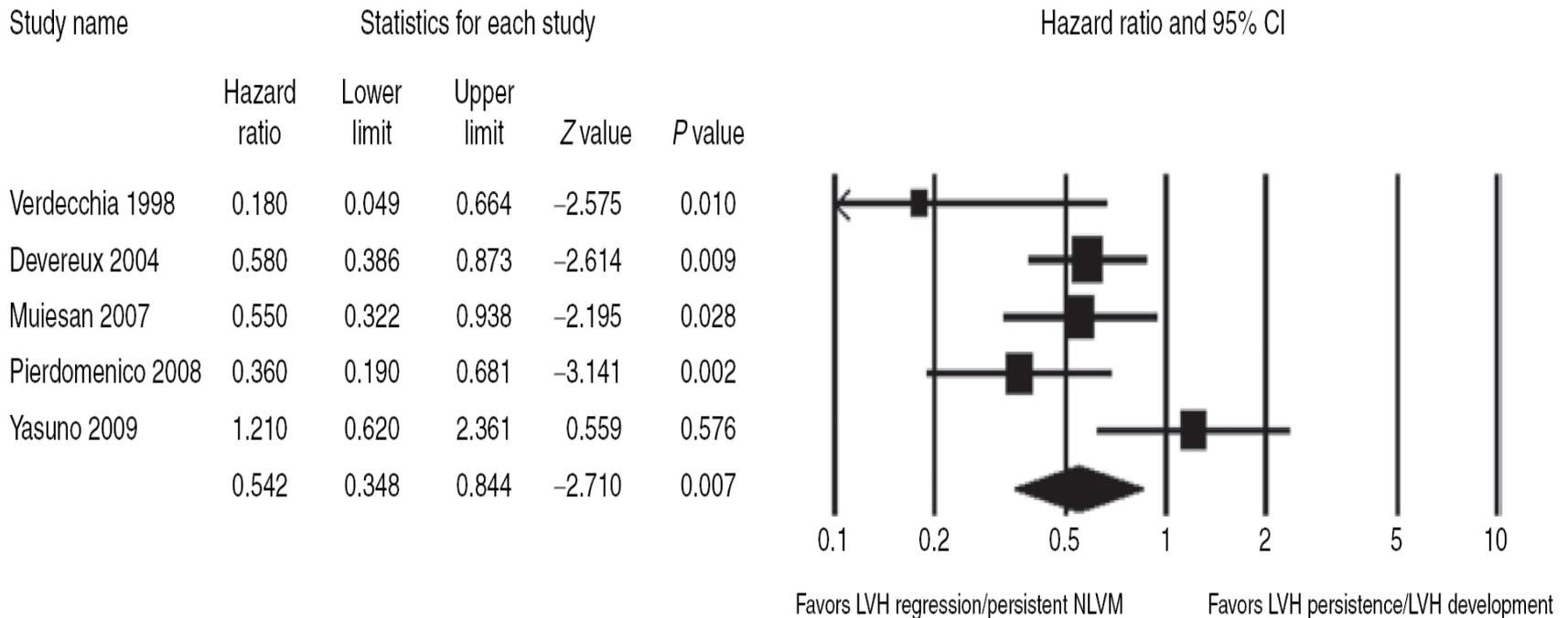
Pts=5380



# Risk Reduction After Regression of Echocardiographic Left Ventricular Hypertrophy

(3,149 patients)

Total cardiovascular events

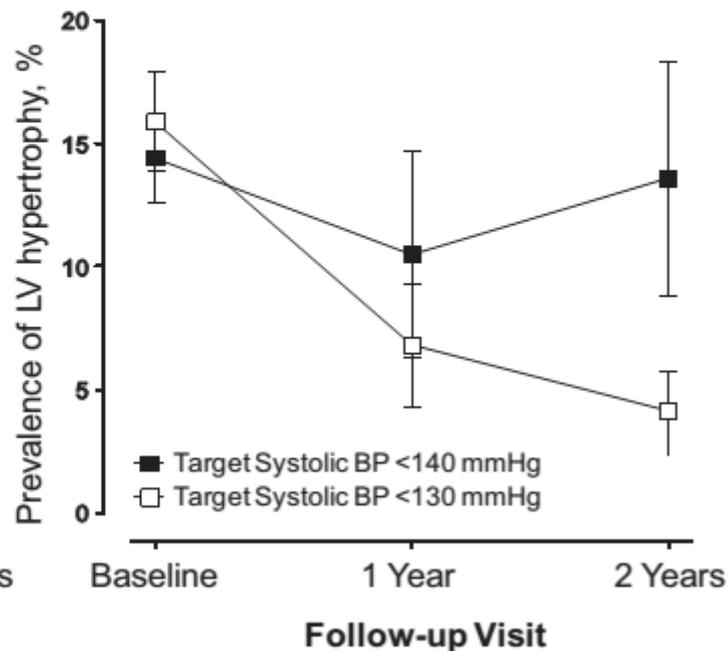
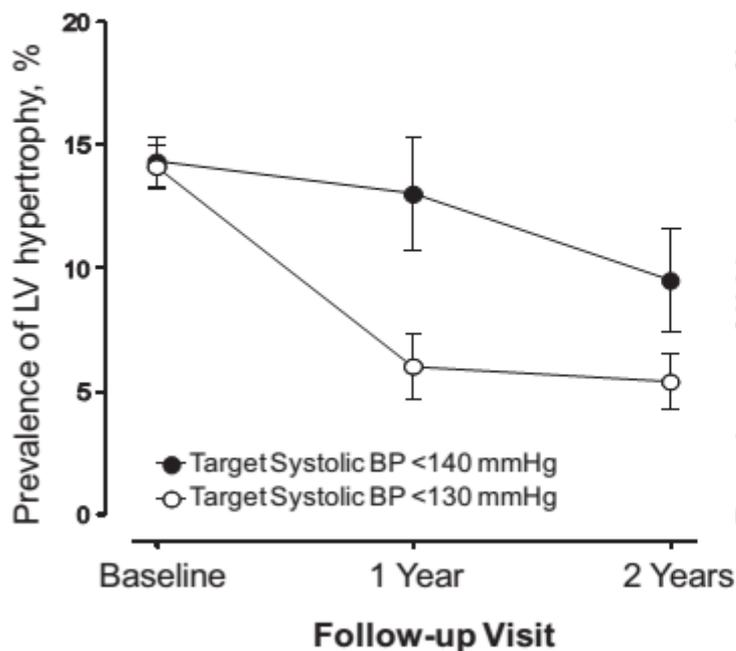


# BP target and LVH

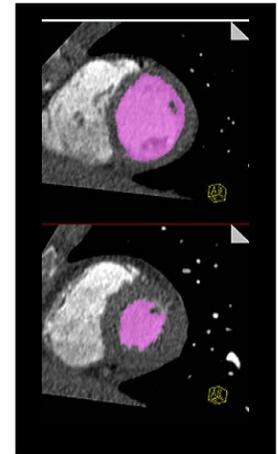
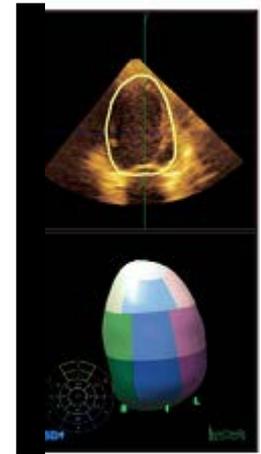
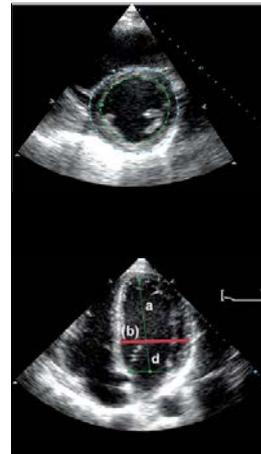
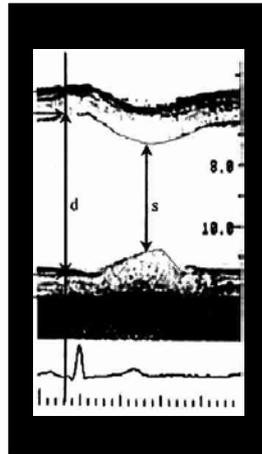
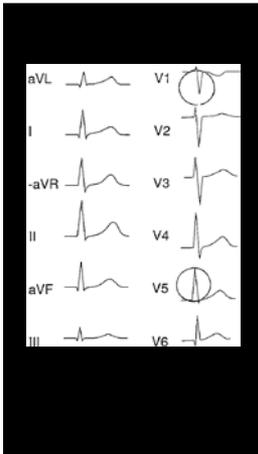
## Without Established CV Disease

## Established CV Disease

Tight vs Standard BP control: OR = 0.60 (0.44-0.82); p=0.0014  
With vs Without CV Disease at entry: OR = 1.03 (0.75-1.41); p=0.86  
P value for interaction = 0.82



# Methods of assessing hypertensive cardiomyopathy



	ECG	M-mode echocardiography	2D echocardiography	3D echocardiography	Cardiac MRI
Sensitivity	Low	Moderate	High	High	High
Specificity	High	High	High	High	High
Cost	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Availability	High	High	High	Low	Low
Complexity	Low	Low	Moderate	High	Moderate
Interpatient reproducibility	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low	High

# Search for asymptomatic organ damage, cardiovascular disease

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref. <sup>c</sup>
<b>Heart</b>			
An ECG is recommended in all hypertensive patients to detect LVH, left atrial dilatation, arrhythmias, or concomitant heart disease.	I	B	149, 150, 151, 154
In all patients with a history or physical examination suggestive of major arrhythmias, long-term ECG monitoring, and, in case of suspected exercise-induced arrhythmias, a stress ECG test should be considered.	IIa	C	-
An echocardiogram should be considered to refine CV risk, and confirm ECG diagnosis of LVH, left atrial dilatation or suspected concomitant heart disease, when these are suspected.	IIa	B	156, 158, 160, 163, 164
Whenever history suggests myocardial ischaemia, a stress ECG test is recommended, and, if positive or ambiguous, an imaging stress test (stress echocardiography, stress cardiac magnetic resonance or nuclear scintigraphy) is recommended.	I	C	-

# Cut-off values for parameters of LV remodelling and diastolic function in hypertension

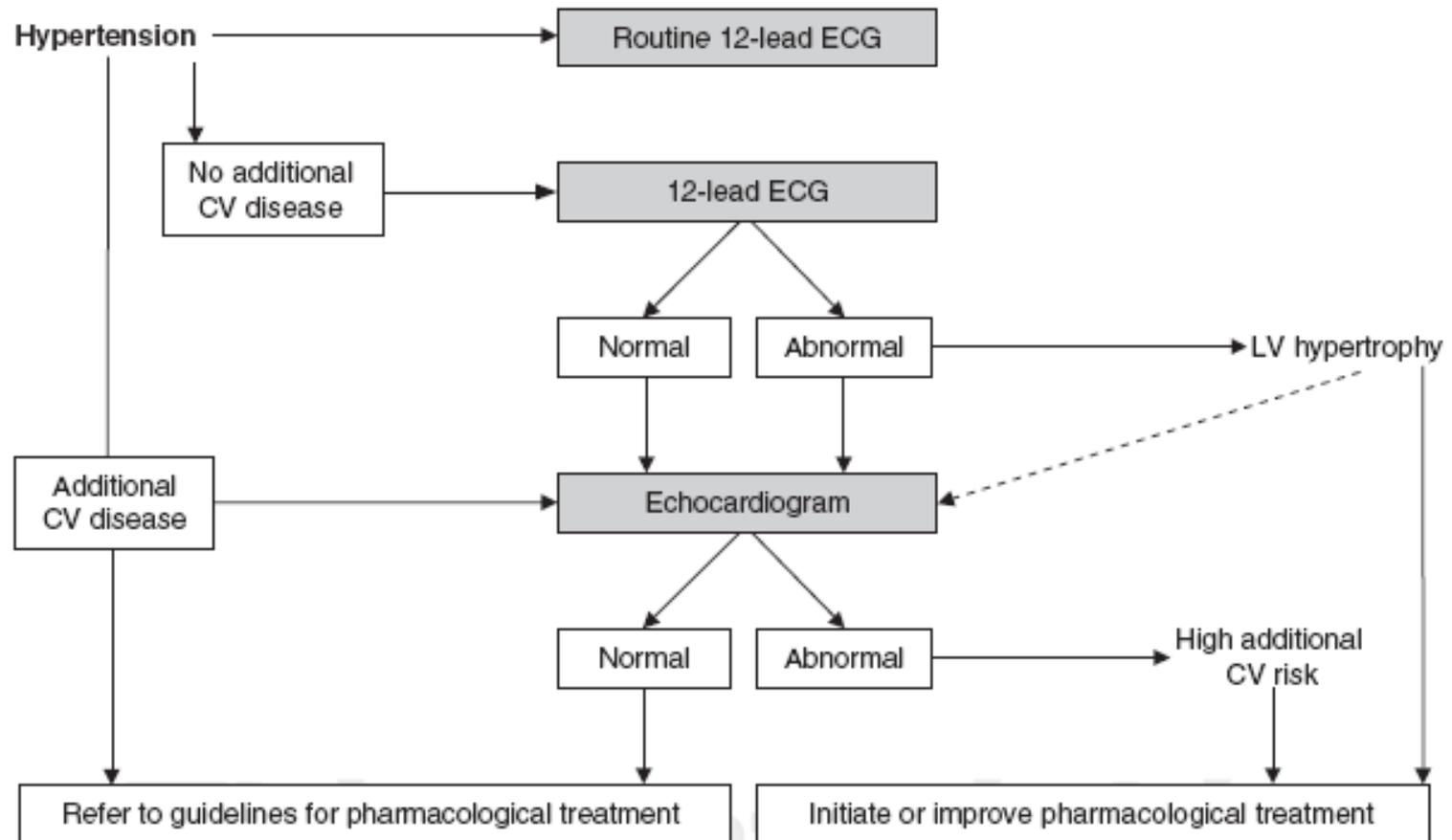
Parameter	Abnormal if
LV mass index (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	>95 (women) >115 (men)
Relative wall thickness (RWT)	>0.42
Diastolic function: Septal e' velocity (cm/sec) Lateral e' velocity (cm/sec) LA volume index (mL/m <sup>2</sup> )	<8 <10 ≥34
LV Filling pressures : E/e' (averaged) ratio	≥13

LA, left atrium; LV, left ventricle; RWT, relative wall thickness.

# Markers of LVM regression

Marker of organ damage	Sensitivity for changes	Time to change	Prognostic value of changes
LVH/ECG	Low	Moderate (>6 months)	Yes
LVH/echo	Moderate	Moderate (>6 months)	Yes
LVH/cardiac magnetic resonance	High	Moderate (>6 months)	No data

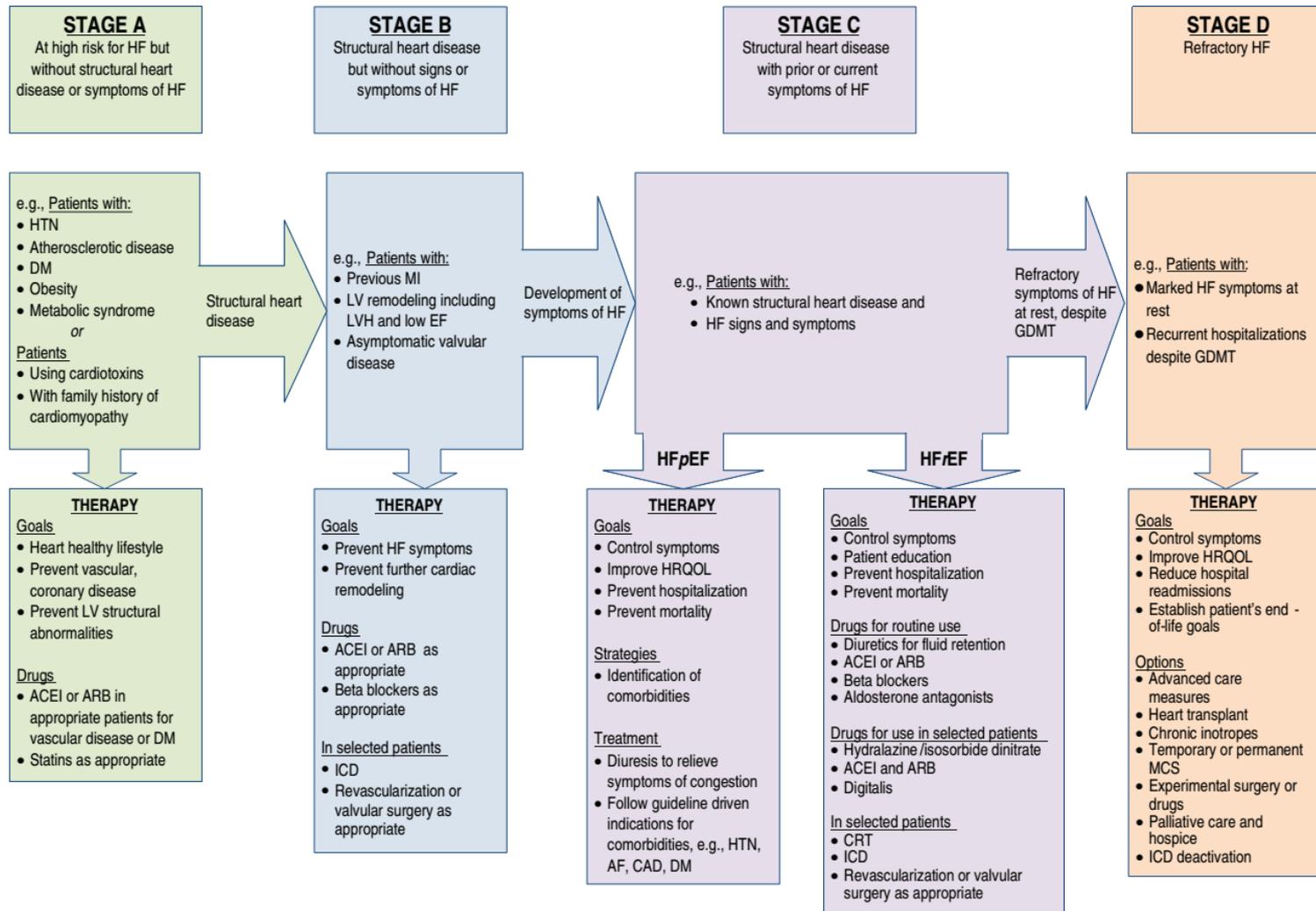
# WORK-UP HYPERTENSIVE CARDIOPATHY



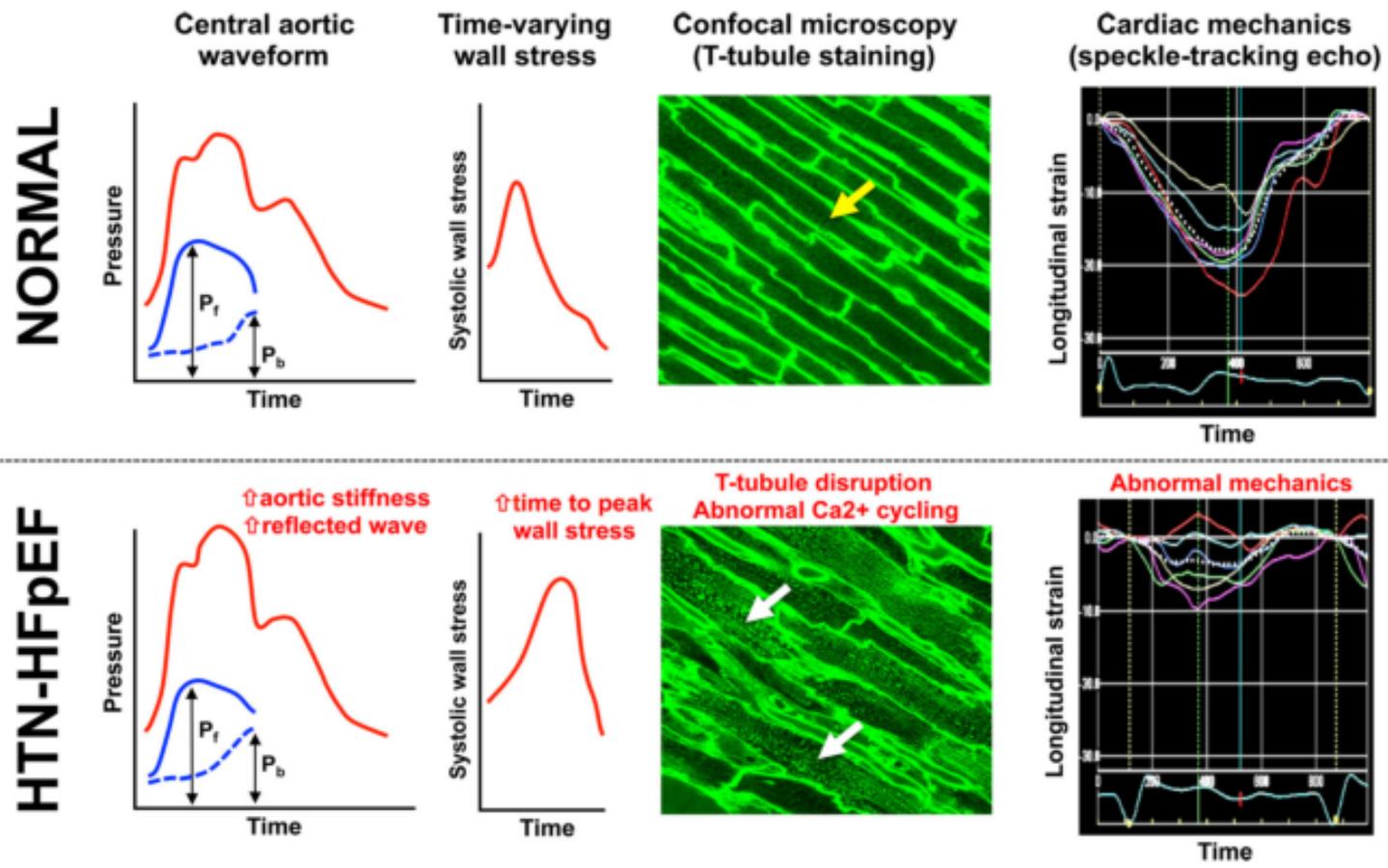
# Staging Heart disease

## At Risk for Heart Failure

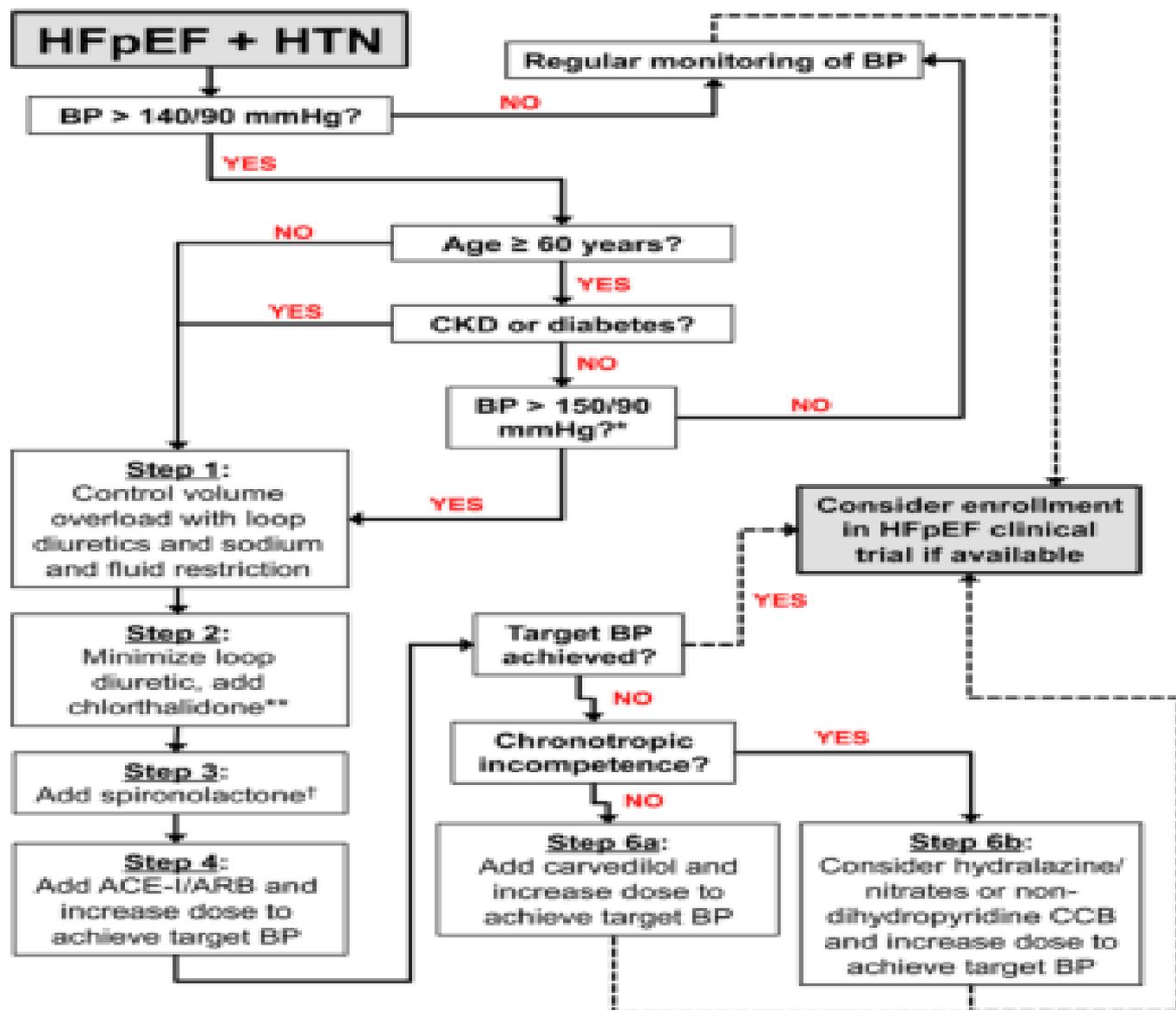
## Heart Failure



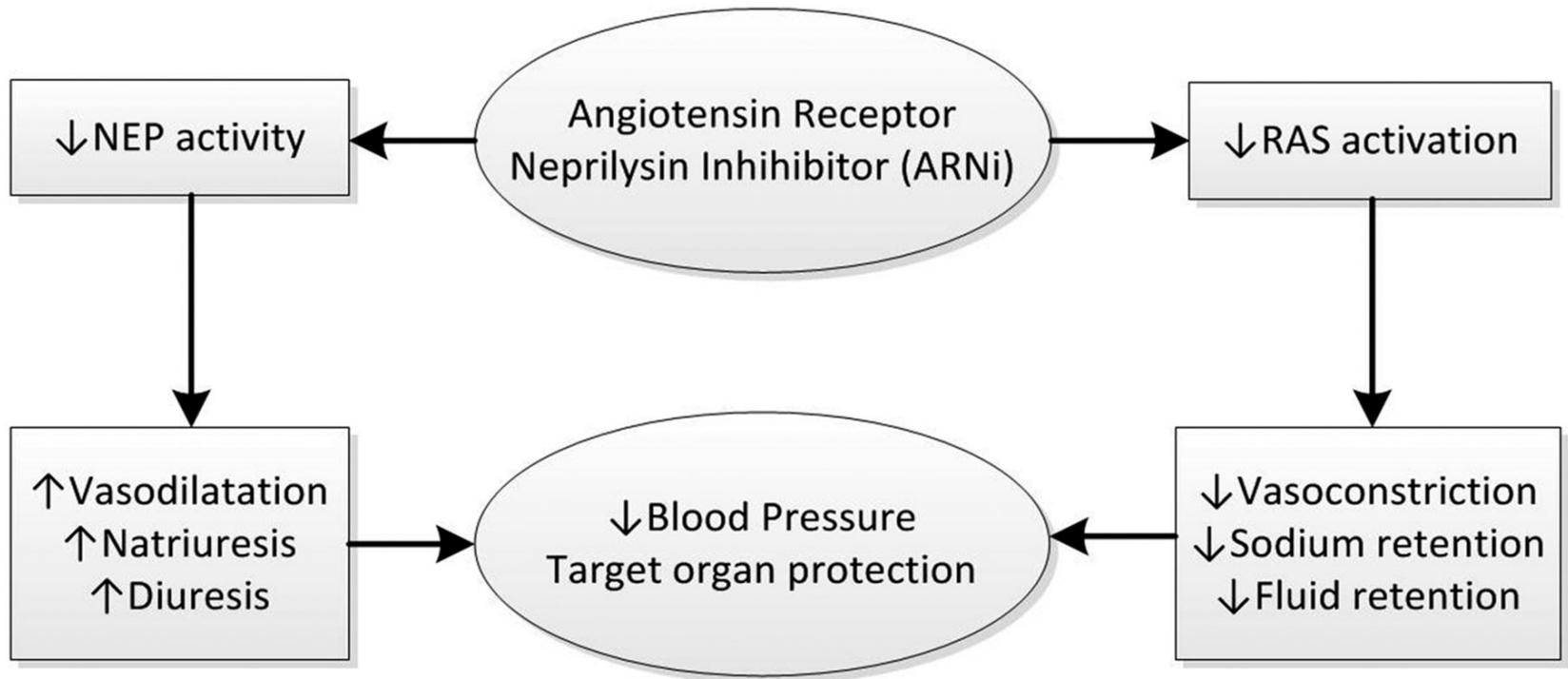
# Pathophysiologic schema of hypertension-induced HFpEF

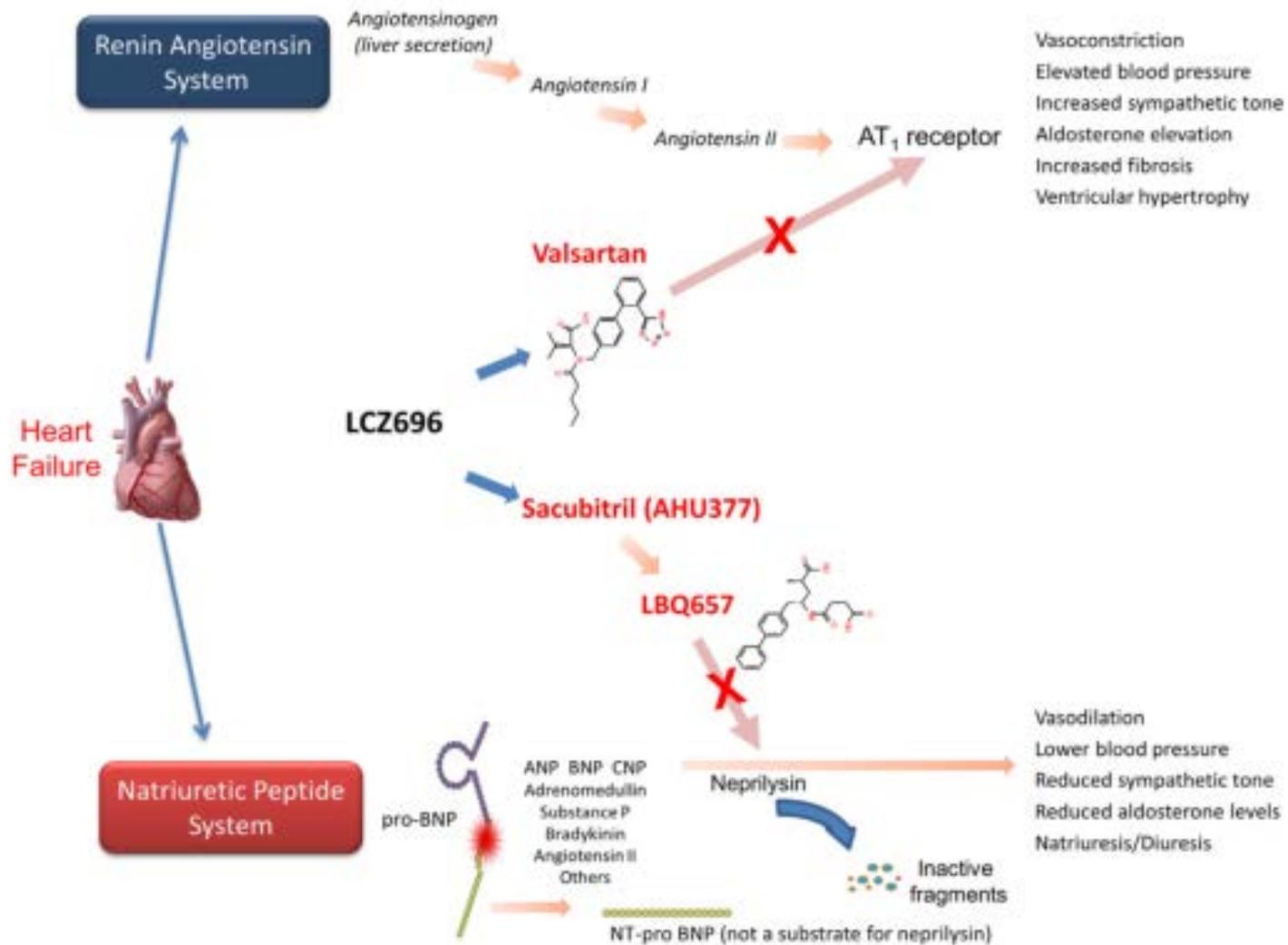


# Hypertension treatment algorithm for patients with heart failure and preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF)

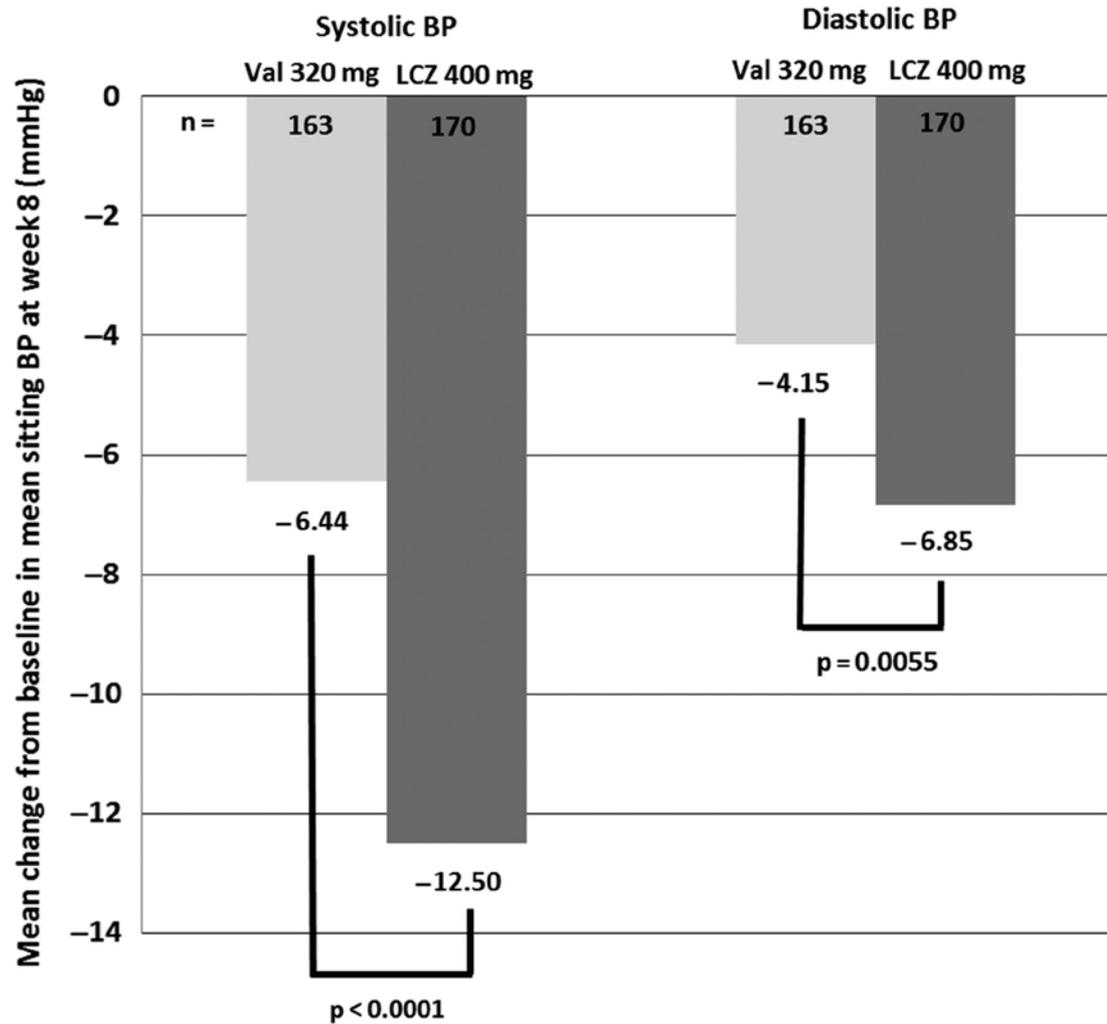


# Mechanism of action of ARNi





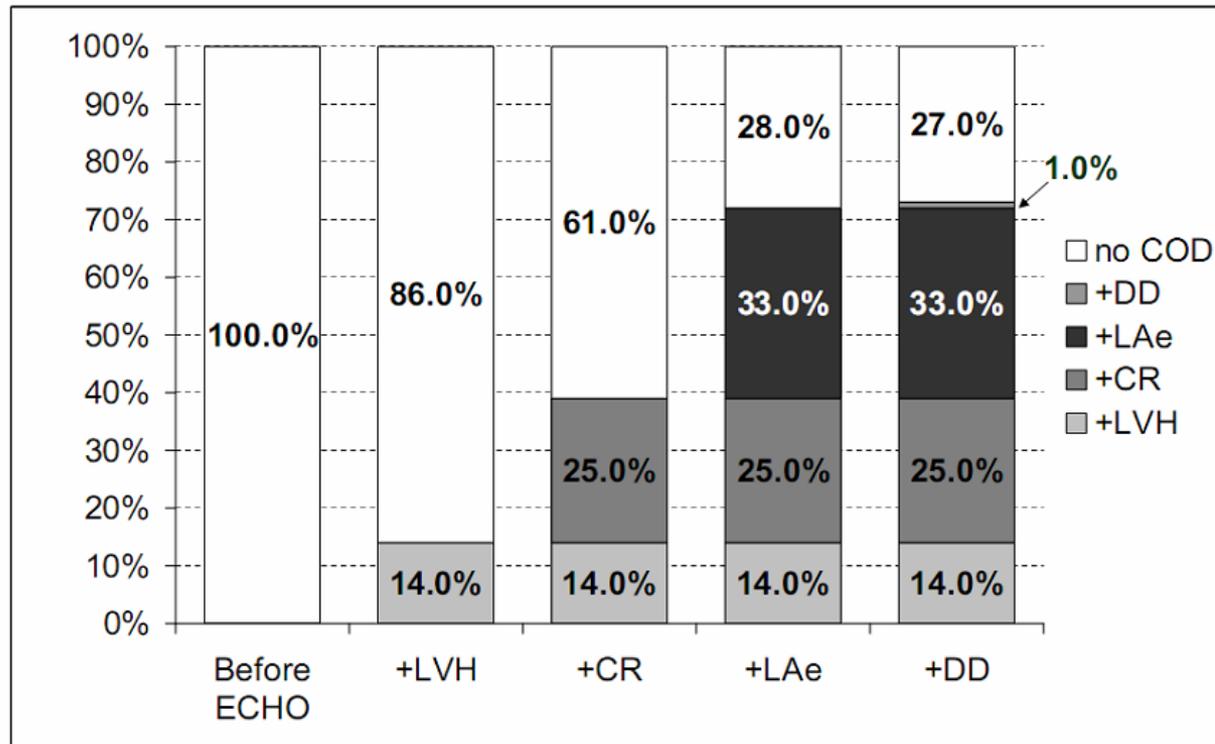
# Difference in mean sitting SBP and DBP at week 8 (mmHg)



**TABLE 1 Clinical Trials of LCZ696**

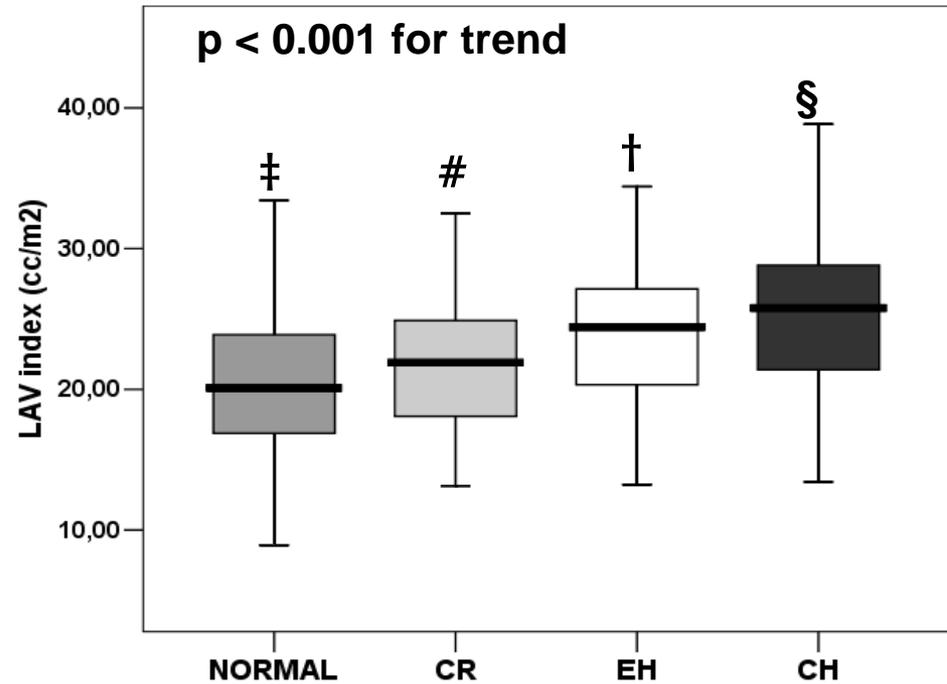
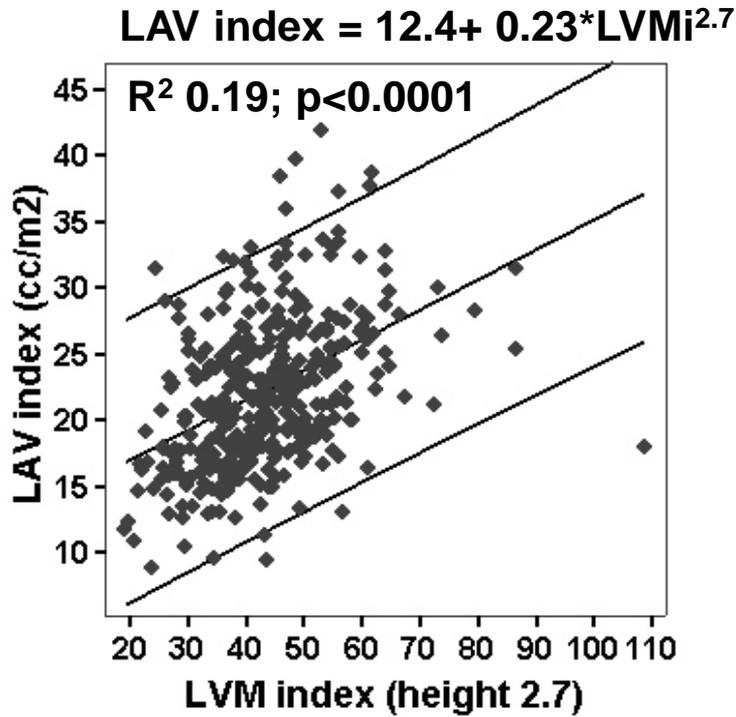
First Author (Study) (Ref. #)	Sample Size and Patient Population	Study Medications	Study Design	Main Findings
Ruilope et al. (19)	n = 1,328 with hypertension	LCZ696 100, 200, and 400 mg vs. valsartan 80, 160, and 320 mg vs. AHU377 200 mg	Randomized controlled dose-ranging study; primary end point was reduction in BP between groups at 8 weeks	Significant reductions in systolic and diastolic BPs with LCZ696 200 mg vs. valsartan 160 mg and with LCZ696 400 mg vs. valsartan 320 mg; significant reduction in ambulatory BP with LCZ vs. valsartan
Kario et al. (20)	n = 309 Asians with hypertension	LCZ696 100, 200, and 400 mg vs. placebo	Randomized controlled dose-ranging study	Significant reductions in systolic and diastolic BPs, pulse pressure, and ambulatory pressure with LCZ696
Solomon et al. (PARAMOUNT) (22)	n = 301 with HFpEF	LCZ696 200 mg bid vs. valsartan 160 mg bid	Randomized controlled trial; primary end point was reduction in NT-proBNP at 12 weeks	Significant reduction in NT-proBNP at 12 wk with LCZ696, as well as left atrial volume at 36 wk; improvement in NYHA class in patients receiving LCZ696 vs. placebo
McMurray et al. (PARADIGM-HF) (26)	n = 8,442 with HFrEF	LCZ696 200 mg bid vs. enalapril 10 mg bid	Randomized controlled trial; primary outcome was cardiovascular death or HF hospitalization	Significant reductions in the primary outcome (20%), cardiovascular death (20%), and all-cause mortality (16%) with LCZ696 vs. enalapril

# Ecocardiographic abnormalities & Hypertension



# Left atrium

394 pazienti



‡  $p < 0.0001$  vs. CH and EH

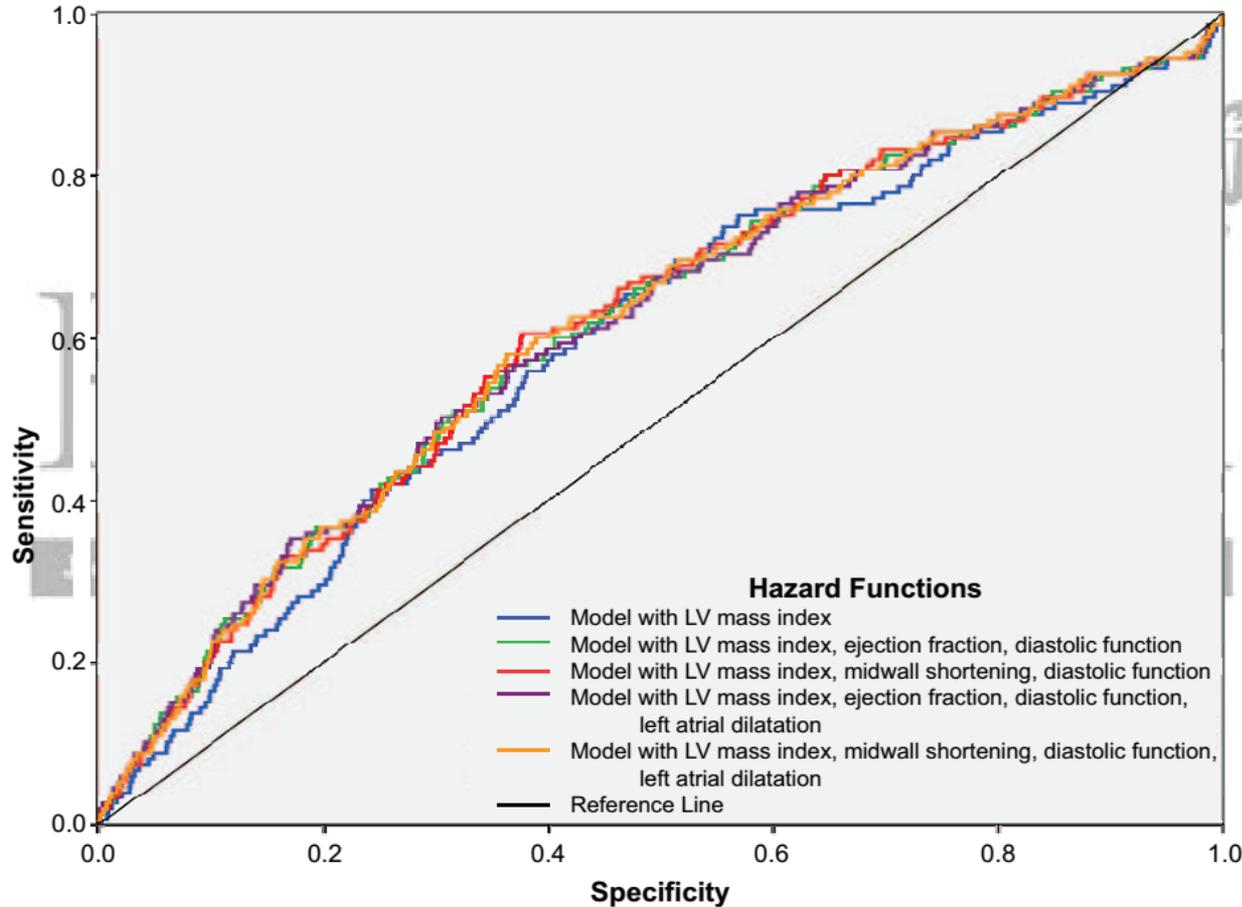
#  $p$  0.0004 vs CH and  $p=0.01$  vs. EH

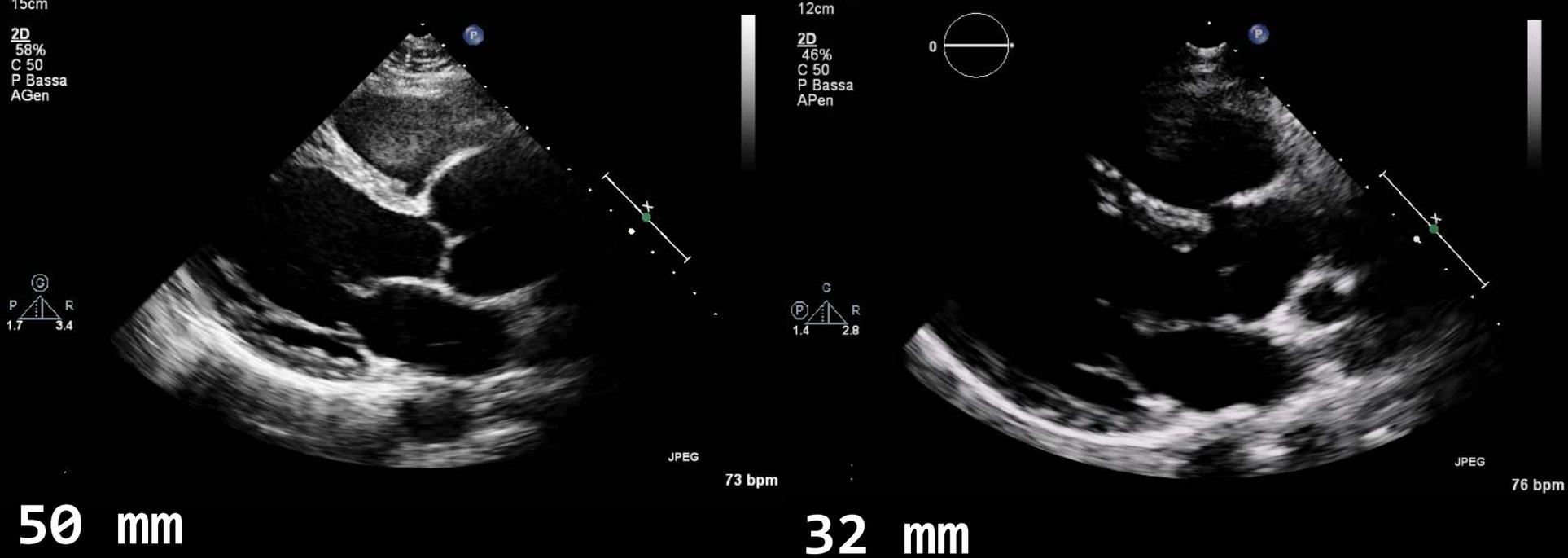
†  $p < 0.0001$  vs Normal and  $p=0.01$  vs. CR

§  $p < 0.0001$  vs Normal and  $p=0.0004$  vs. CR

# Does Information on Systolic and Diastolic Function Improve Prediction of a Cardiovascular Event by Left Ventricular Hypertrophy in Arterial Hypertension?

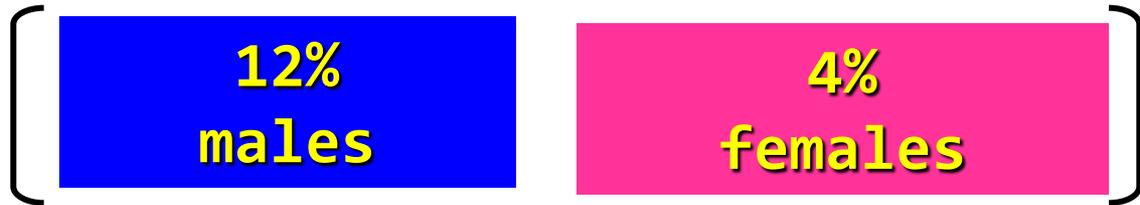
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## Prevalence

**9.1 %**



Echocardiographic aortic root dilatation in hypertensive patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Valsalva sinuses**

# Aortic root

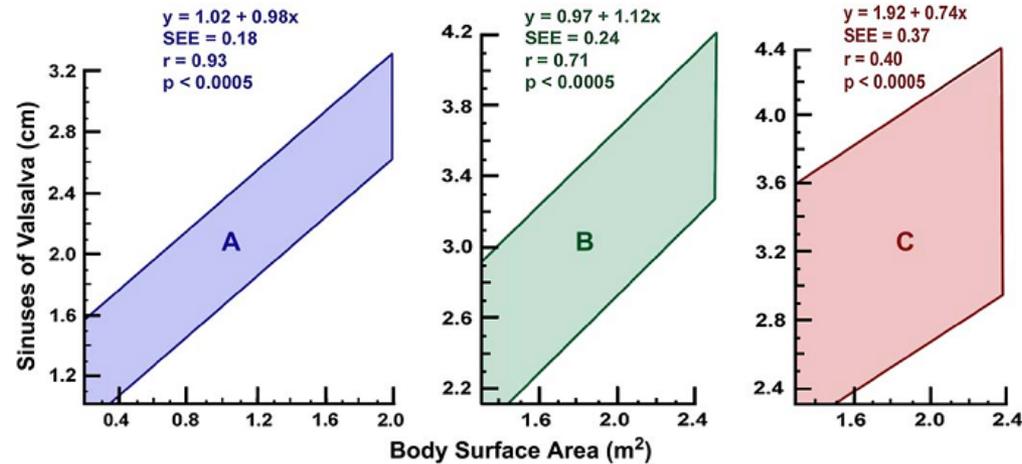


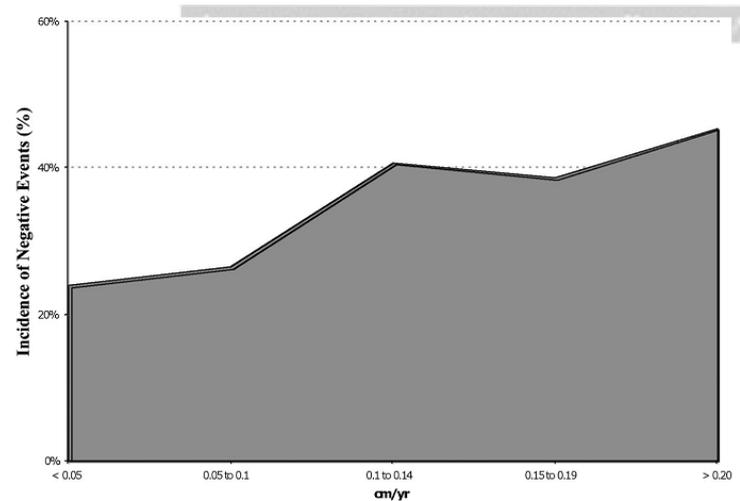
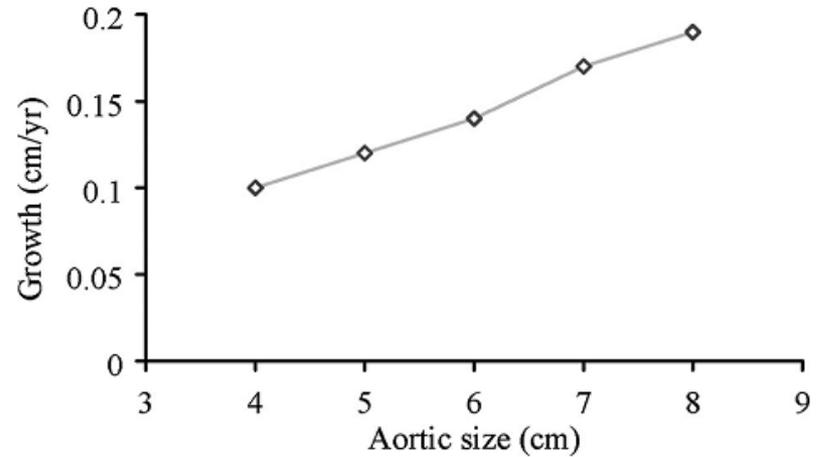
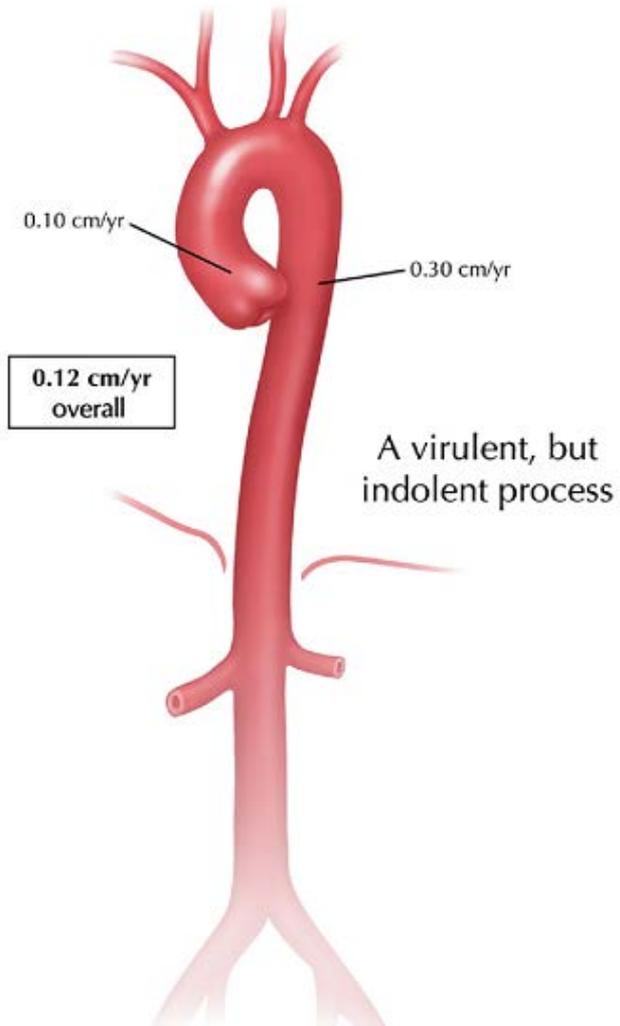
Figure 20 95% confidence intervals for aortic root diameter at the sinuses of Valsalva based on body surface area in: children and adolescents (A), adults aged 20–39 years (B), and adults aged 40 years or more (C).<sup>132</sup>

Roman et al Am H J 1989

$$pBSA = 2.423 + \text{Age} * 0.009 + \text{BSA} * 0.461 - 0.267 * \text{Gender} + 0.261 * 1.96$$

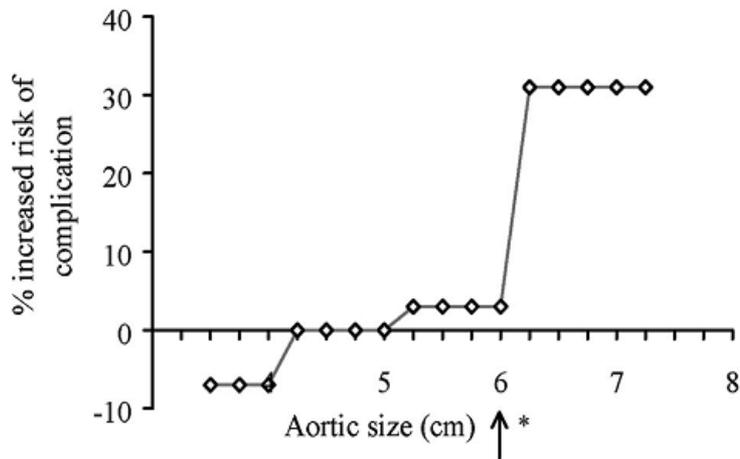
Devereux et al. Am J of Cardiol 2012

# Increasing by age



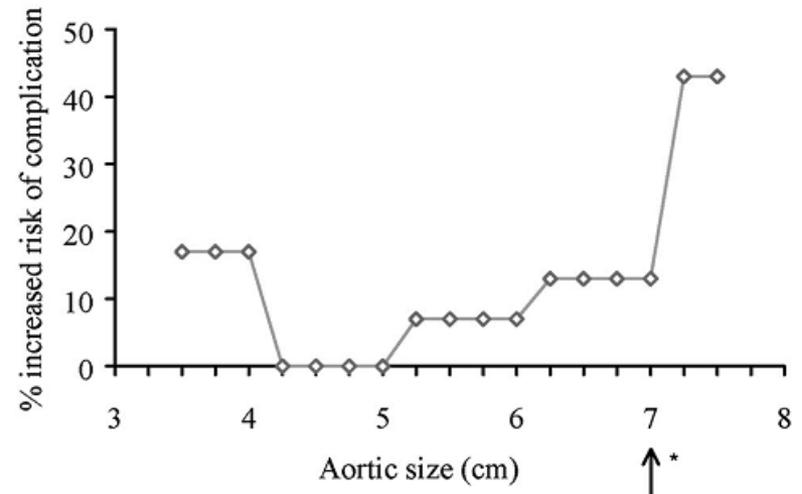
# Risk of complications

**A** Regression Analysis for the Ascending Aorta



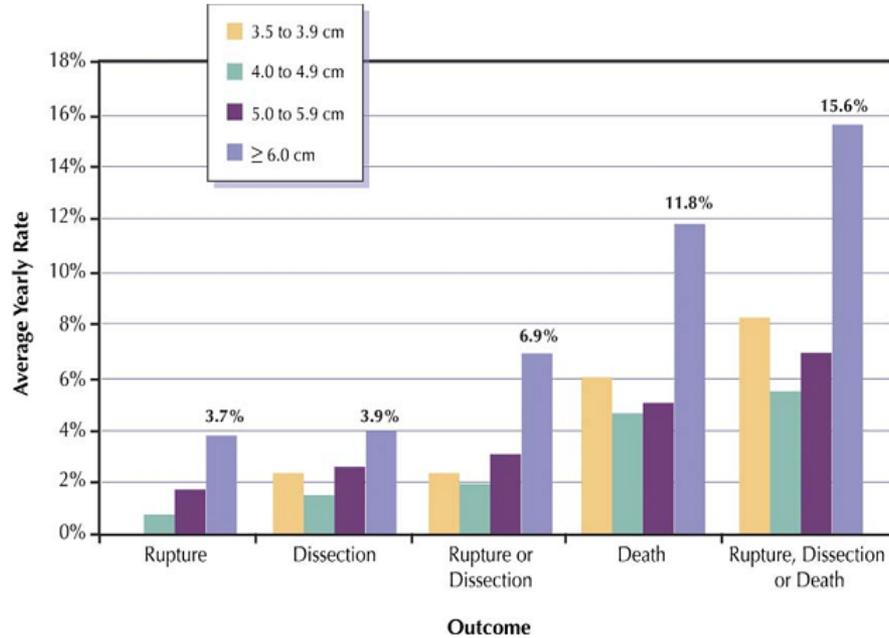
\* Hinge point at 6.0 cm  
( $p < 0.01$ )

**B** Regression Analysis for the Descending Aorta

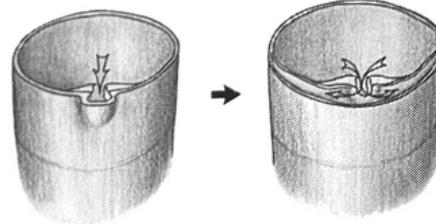


\* Hinge point at 7 cm  
( $p < 0.01$ )

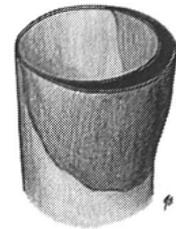
# Prognosis



Aortic Dissection



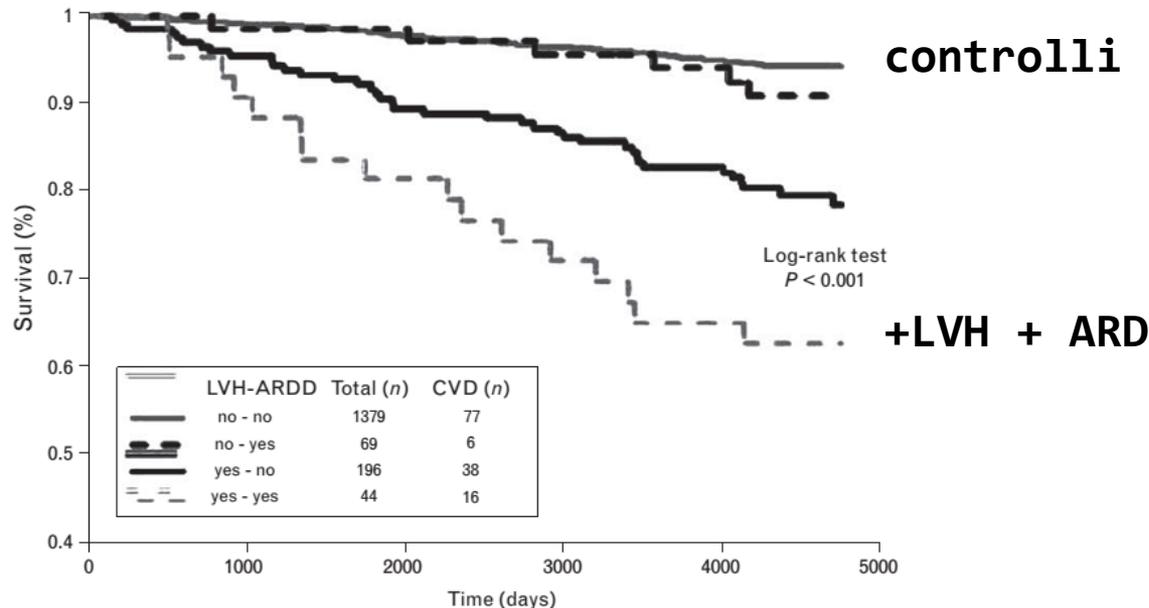
Penetrating Ulcer



Intramural Hematoma

# Prognosis of LVH and ARD

Aortic root diameter and risk of cardiovascular events in a general population: data from the PAMELA study



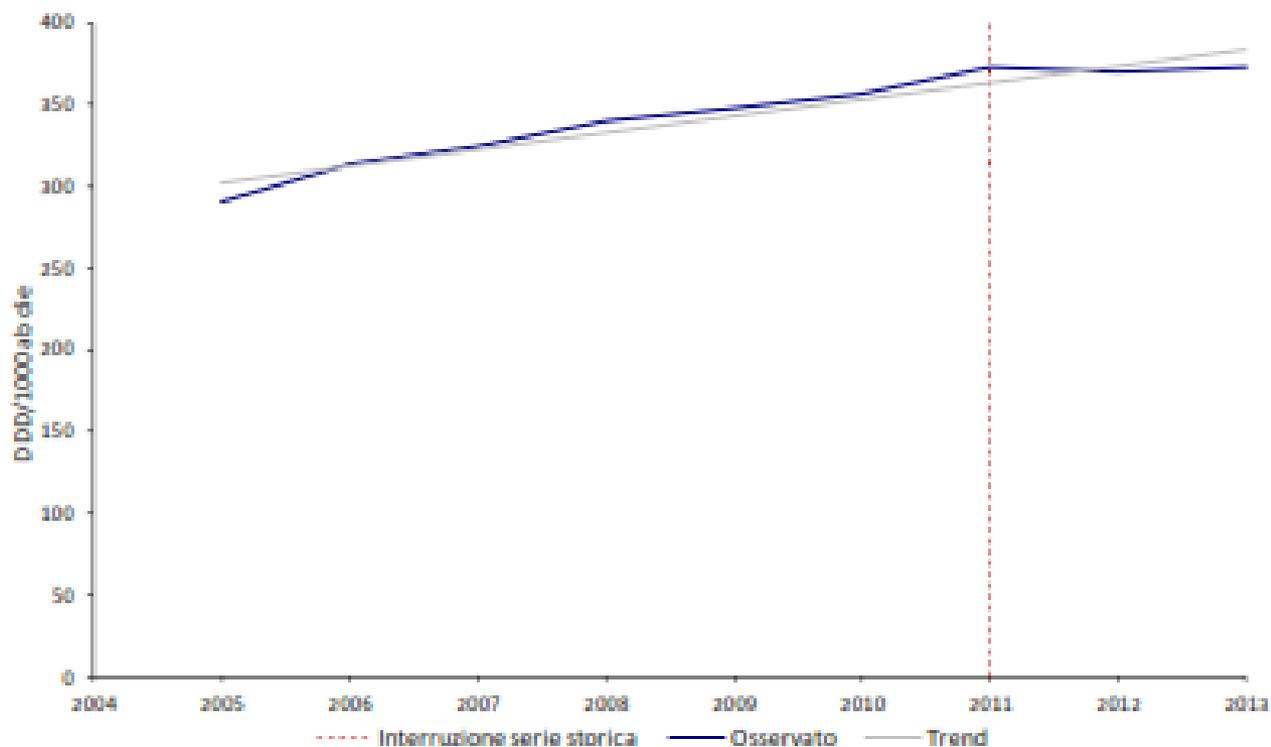
# Drugs to be preferred in specific conditions

Condition	Drug
Asymptomatic organ damage	
LVH	ACE inhibitor, calcium antagonist, ARB
Asymptomatic atherosclerosis	Calcium antagonist, ACE inhibitor
Microalbuminuria	ACE inhibitor, ARB
Renal dysfunction	ACE inhibitor, ARB
Clinical CV event	
Previous stroke	Any agent effectively lowering BP
Previous myocardial infarction	BB, ACE inhibitor, ARB
Angina pectoris	BB, calcium antagonist
Heart failure	Diuretic, BB, ACE inhibitor, ARB, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists
Aortic aneurysm	BB
Atrial fibrillation, prevention	Consider ARB, ACE inhibitor, BB or mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist
Atrial fibrillation, ventricular rate control	BB, non-dihydropyridine calcium antagonist
ESRD/proteinuria	ACE inhibitor, ARB
Peripheral artery disease	ACE inhibitor, calcium antagonist

# Farmaci per ipertensione e scompenso, andamento temporale del consumo (2005-2013)

**Tabella 7.2.5b.** Farmaci per l'ipertensione e lo scompenso, andamento regionale delle DDD/1000 abitanti die pesate: confronto 2005-2013

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	2012	2013	Δ % 13-12
Piemonte	275,0	295,1	308,2	323,9	333,8	343,0	353,6	354,1	356,6	0,7
Valle d'Aosta	295,1	310,4	322,9	333,1	340,6	343,2	352,9	339,0	337,2	-0,5
Liguria	296,8	311,4	324,0	335,0	340,3	346,8	349,7	339,2	337,8	-0,4



**Farmaci per  
l'ipertensione e lo  
scompenso**

	Spesa Totale (in milioni)	% su spesa SSN	DDD totali (milioni)
Angiotensina II antagonisti e diuretici	503,90	2,6	876,5
Angiotensina II antagonisti	434,00	2,2	1.227,1
Calcio antagonisti (diidropiridinici)	288,10	1,5	1.200,0
ACE inibitori	274,40	1,4	1.988,5
Beta bloccanti	269,90	1,4	906,8
ACE inibitori e diuretici	222,30	1,1	564,0
Alfa bloccanti periferici	76,00	0,4	170,9
Diuretici ad azione maggiore da soli o in associazione a diuretici risp. di K+	62,30	0,3	638,3
ACE inibitori e calcio antagonisti	55,80	0,3	108,4
Calcio antagonisti (non diidropiridinici)	35,30	0,2	84,9
Beta bloccanti e diuretici	33,00	0,2	126,2
Diuretici risp. di K+	29,00	0,1	88,6
Tiazidici e simili (incluse associazioni)	18,20	0,1	125,5
Altre sostanze ad azione sul sistema renina - angiotensina	11,40	0,1	12,5

## Experimental and Clinical Evidence-Based Effects of Antihypertensive Agents in HHD

Pharmacological Class	Decrease of Blood Pressure	Regression of LVH	Repair of Remodeling
Diuretics	Yes	Mild effect	Proven for torsemide
$\beta$ -Blockers	Yes	Mild-moderate effect	Apparently not
$\alpha$ -Blockers	Yes	Mild effect	Untested
Calcium antagonists	Yes	Marked effect	Apparently not
ACE inhibitors	Yes	Marked effect	Yes
Angiotensin receptor blockers	Yes	Marked effect	Yes
Aldosterone antagonists	Yes	Mild-moderate effect	Apparently yes
Direct renin inhibitors	Yes	Marked effect	Untested



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