



# **Qu'apportent les grands essais cliniques de l'HTA dans la vie réelle?**

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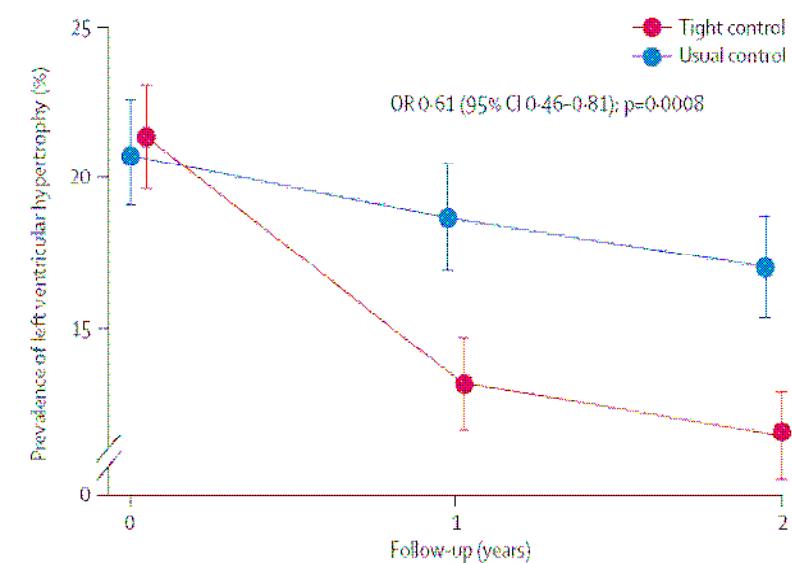
	Usual control (n=553)	Tight control (n=558)
Age (years)	67 (7)	67 (7)
Body-mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	27.8 (4.0)	27.8 (4.3)
Waist circumference (cm)	98.5 (11.6)	98.6 (12.2)
Systolic pressure (mm Hg)	163.3 (11.1)	163.3 (11.3)
Diastolic pressure (mm Hg)	89.7 (8.8)	89.6 (8.8)
Heart rate (beats per min)	70.4 (10.7)	71.2 (10.2)
Serum creatinine (μmol/L)	83.8 (18.6)	83.2 (19.4)
Glucose (mmol/L)	5.43 (0.63)	5.46 (0.71)
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	5.63 (1.14)	5.57 (1.0)
HDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	1.50 (0.51)	1.50 (0.50)
LDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	3.40 (0.98)	3.38 (0.94)
Women	324 (59%)	329 (59%)
Current cigarette smoking	115 (21%)	120 (22%)
Dyslipidaemia*	425 (77%)	418 (75%)
Coronary artery disease	69 (13%)	59 (11%)
Stroke or transient ischaemic attack	49 (9%)	42 (8%)
Occlusive arterial disease	11 (2%)	19 (3%)
Drugs		
Diuretics	259 (47%)	226 (41%)
β blockers	212 (38%)	180 (32%)
ACE inhibitors	243 (44%)	245 (44%)
Angiotensin-receptor blockers	159 (29%)	193 (35%)
Calcium-channel blockers	196 (35%)	184 (33%)
α1 blockers	52 (9%)	50 (9%)
Centrally acting drugs	13 (2%)	13 (2%)
Statins	128 (23%)	125 (22%)
Aspirin	104 (19%)	107 (19%)

Data are mean (SD) or number (%). ACE=angiotensin-converting enzyme.  
\*Dyslipidaemia is a total cholesterol of 5.2 mmol/L or more, an HDL cholesterol of less than 1.0 mmol/L, or an LDL cholesterol of 3.4 mmol/L or more at randomisation.

At 2 years	Usual control	Tight control	p
<i>BP decrease (mmHg)</i>	<b>27.7 / 10.8</b>	<b>31.3 / 12.3</b>	<b>0.0001</b>
<i>Final BP (mmHg)</i>	<b>136 / 79</b>	<b>132 / 77</b>	<b>0.0001 / 0.04</b>
<i>% &lt; 140 mmHg</i>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>0.0001</b>
<i>% &lt; 130 mmHg</i>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>0.0001</b>

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	Usual control (n=553)	Tight control (n=557)	HR (95% CI)	p value
Death from any cause, MI, stroke, TIA, atrial fibrillation, admission for heart failure, angina, or coronary revascularisation*	52 (9.4%)	27 (4.8%)	0.50 (0.31-0.79)	0.003
Death from any cause, MI, stroke, admission for heart failure, angina, or coronary revascularisation†	32 (5.8%)	17 (3.0%)	0.51 (0.29-0.93)	0.027
Single components of composite outcomes				
Coronary revascularisation	15 (27%)	5 (9%)	0.33 (0.12-0.91)	0.032
New-onset atrial fibrillation	21 (3.8%)	10 (1.8%)	0.46 (0.22-0.98)	0.044
MI	6 (1.1%)	4 (0.7%)	0.66 (0.19-2.34)	0.52
Admission for heart failure	7 (1.3%)	3 (0.5%)	0.42 (0.11-1.63)	0.21
Stroke or TIA	9 (1.6%)	4 (0.7%)	0.44 (0.13-1.42)	0.16
Death from any cause	5 (0.9%)	4 (0.7%)	0.77 (0.21-2.88)	0.70

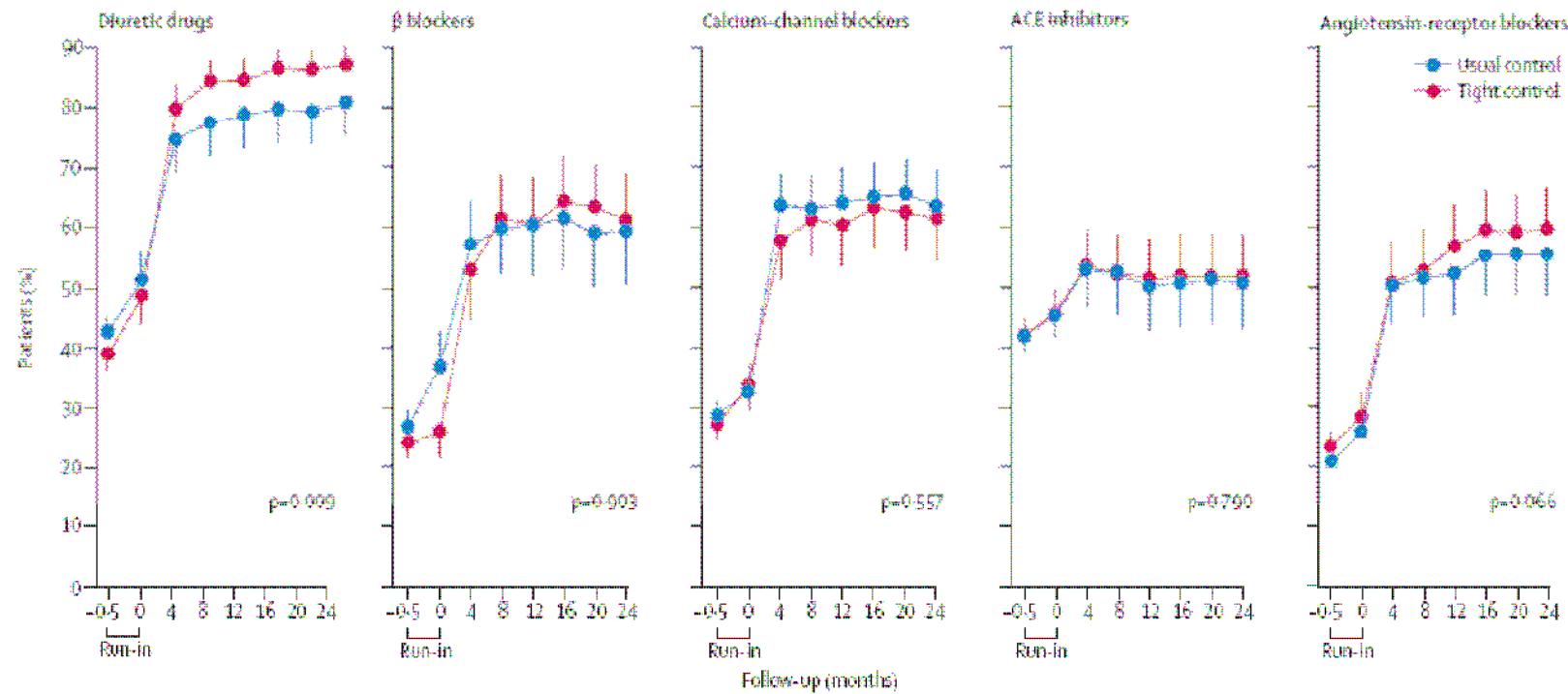
Data are number of incident events (%). HR=hazard ratio. MI=myocardial infarction. TIA=transient ischaemic attack.

\*Pre-defined secondary outcome. †Post-hoc defined composite outcome, which does not include transient ischaemic attack and atrial fibrillation.

Table 2: Incidence of the secondary outcome, its components, and death from any cause by randomisation group

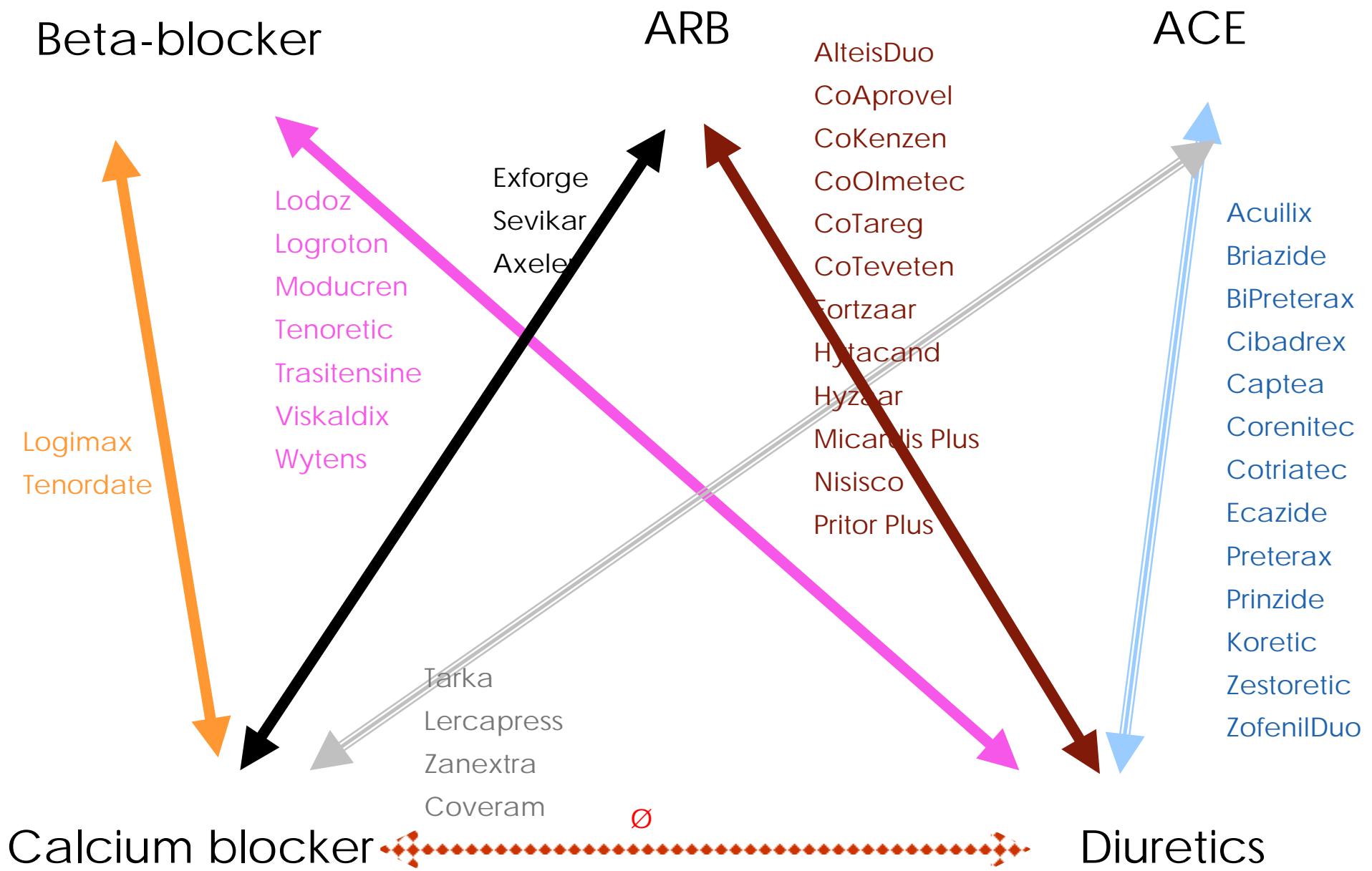
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# LIFE Study Endpoints\*

## Primary Endpoint

- Composite of cardiovascular mortality, fatal and non-fatal myocardial infarction, and fatal and non-fatal stroke

## Other predefined endpoints

- total mortality
- angina pectoris<sup>†</sup>
- heart failure<sup>†</sup>
- coronary or peripheral revascularization procedures
- resuscitated cardiac arrest
- new-onset diabetes mellitus

\*Each endpoint includes only first event; patients could appear in more than one category.

<sup>†</sup>Requiring hospital admission

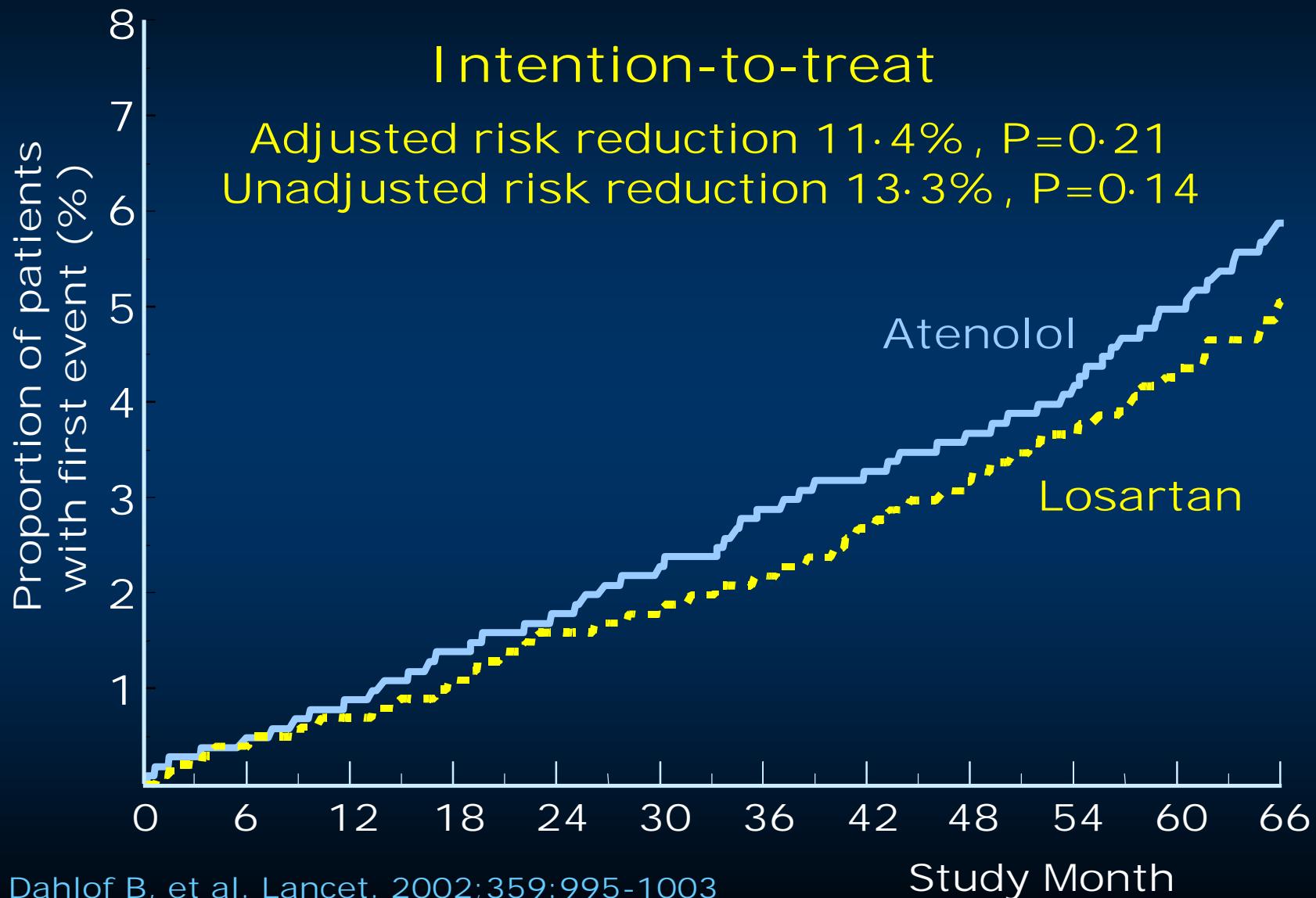
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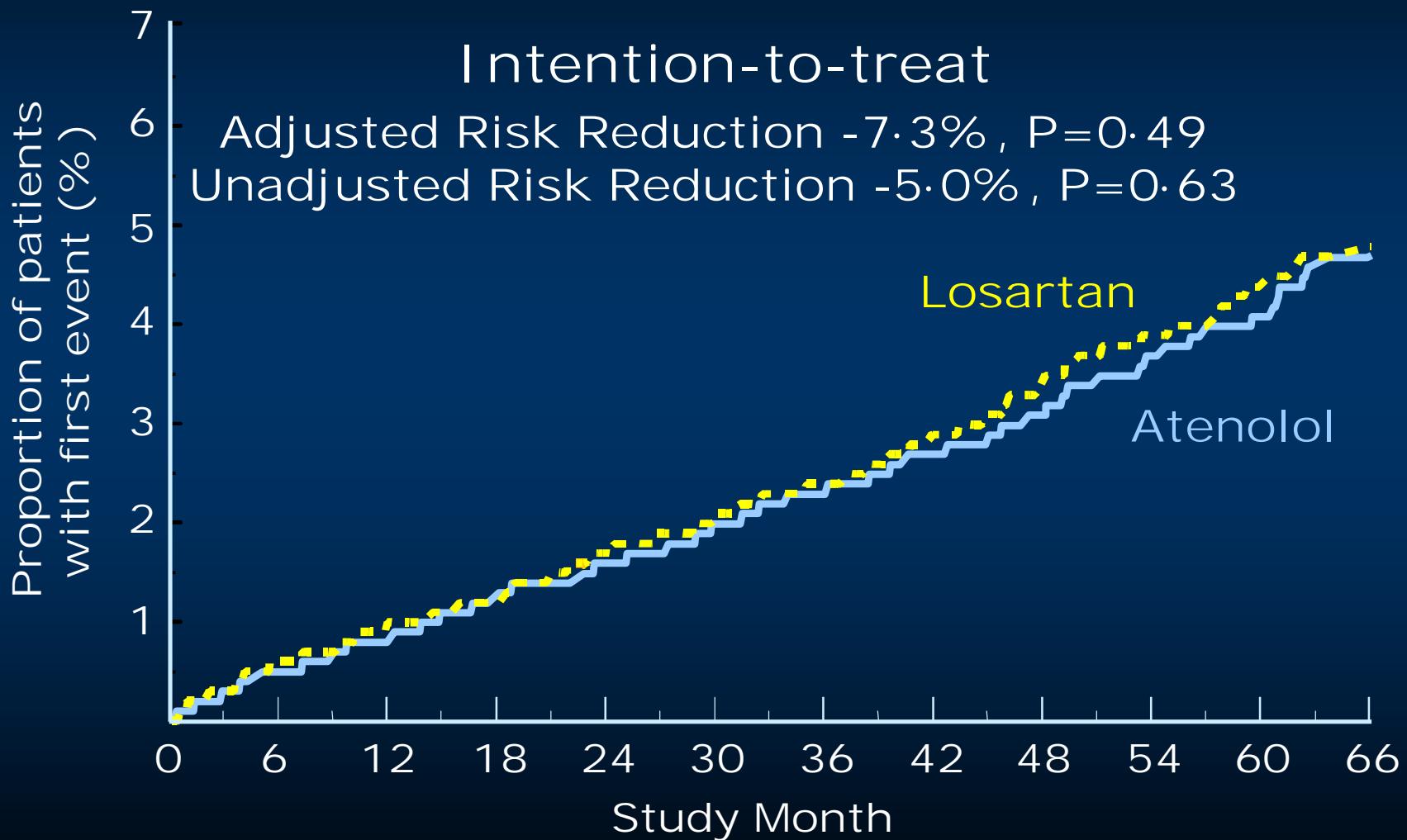
# LIFE Study Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Results

	Losartan (n=4,605)	Atenolol (n=4,588)
*P=0.017		
†P<0.0001		
SBP last visit (mmHg)	144.1	145.4
Change in SBP*	-30.2	-29.1
DBP last visit (mmHg)	81.3	80.9
Change in DBP	-16.6	-16.8
MAP last visit (mmHg)	102.2	102.4
BP $\leq$ 140/ $\leq$ 90 (%)	48	45
SBP $\leq$ 140 mmHg (%)	49	46
DBP $\leq$ 90 mmHg (%)	87	89
Change in HR (bpm)†	-1.8	-7.7

# LIFE Study Cardiovascular Mortality

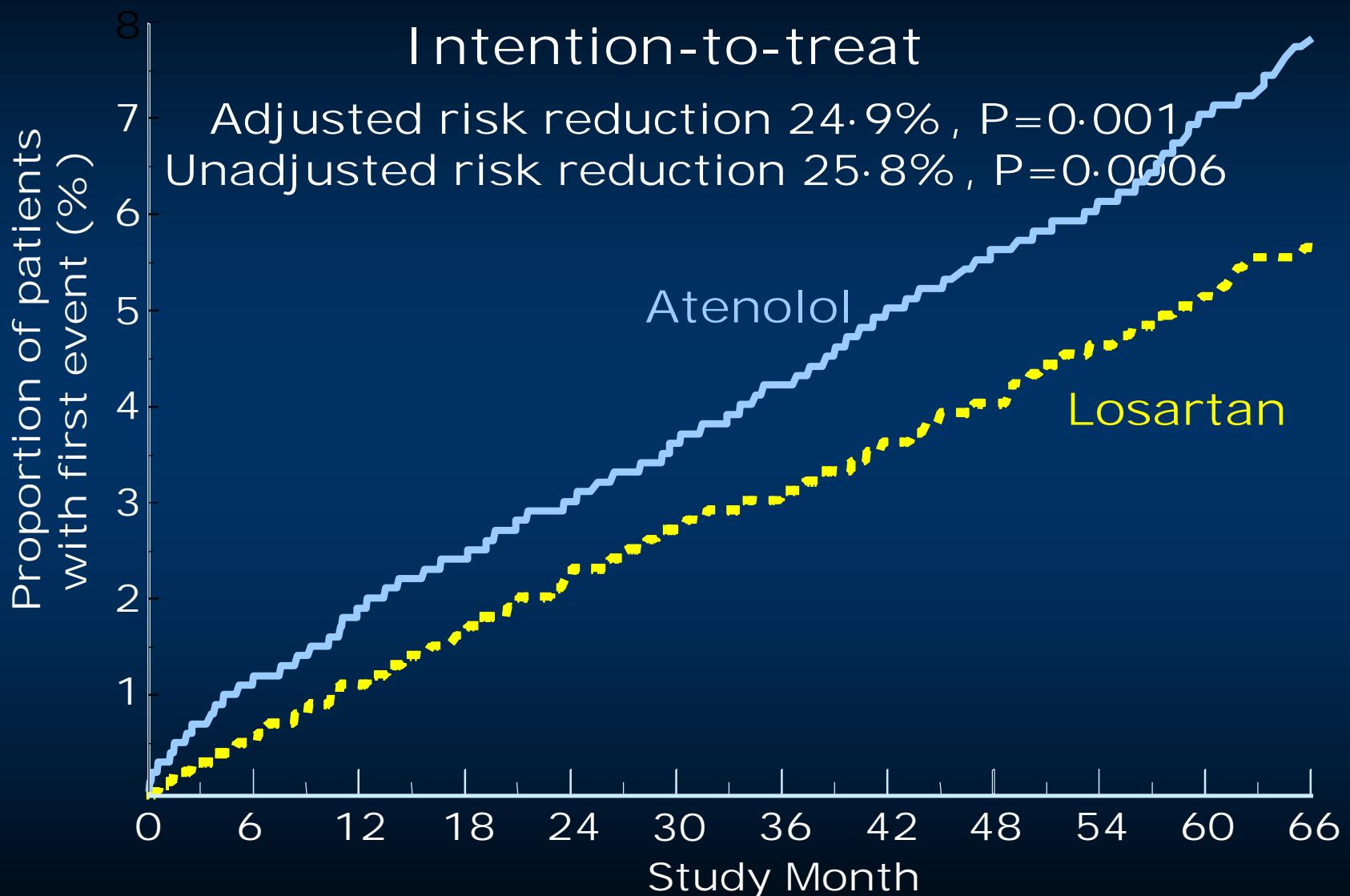


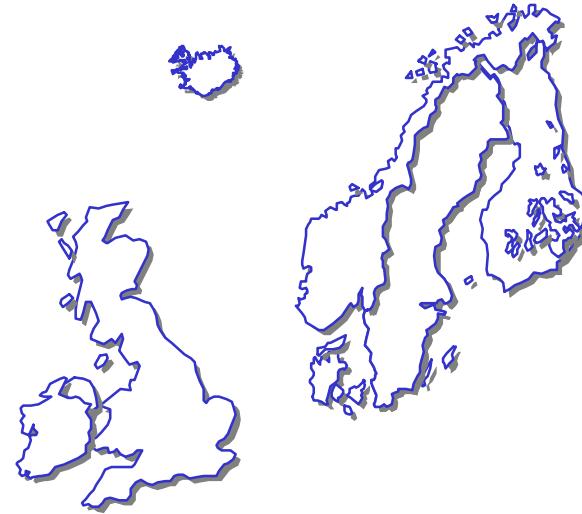
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# LIFE Study Fatal and Non-Fatal Stroke





**Prévention des événements  
cardiovasculaires par une association  
amlodipine-périndopril versus une  
association aténolol-thiazide :  
l'étude ASCOT-HTA**

**B.Dahlof (Co-chair), P.Sever (Co-chair), N. Poulter (Secretary)  
et al, on behalf of the ASCOT Investigators**

Ø Objectif principal : comparer l'effet de l'association amlodipine-périndopril avec celui de l'association aténolol-thiazide sur l'infarctus du myocarde non fatal et la mortalité coronaire

Ø Objectifs secondaires :

- la mortalité toutes causes
- la mortalité cardiovasculaire
- tous les évènements coronaires
- les AVC totaux
- le développement d'un diabète...

# Des hypertendus de tous les jours

∅ **Pression artérielle au dépistage et à l'inclusion :**

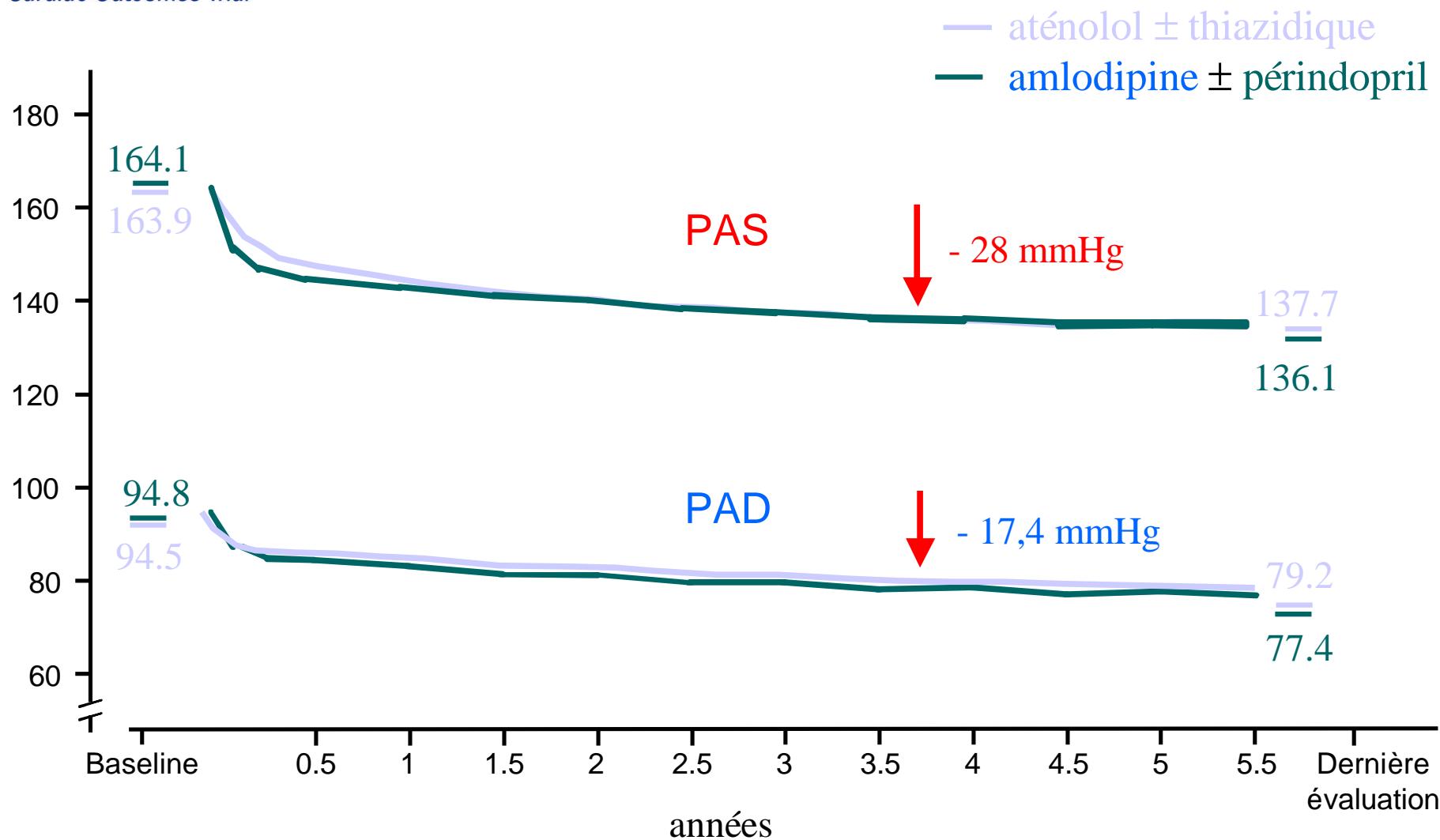
- <sup>3</sup> 160/100 mm Hg non traité
- <sup>3</sup> 140/90 mm Hg traité par un ou plusieurs médicaments

∅ **âgés de 40 à 79 ans**

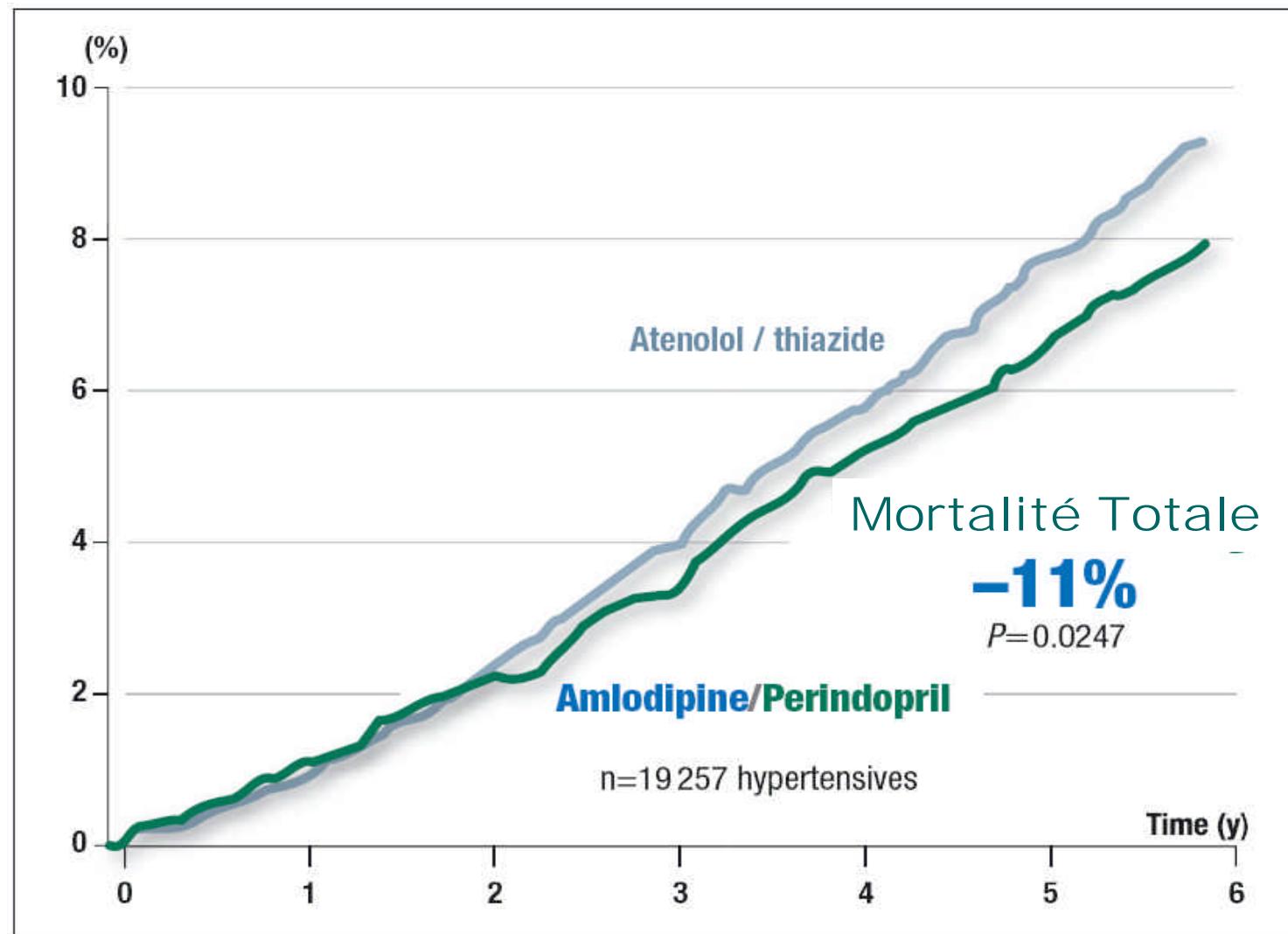
∅ **pas d'antécédent d'IDM et absence de manifestations cliniques de maladie coronaire**

∅ **3 autres facteurs de risque cardiovasculaire ou plus**

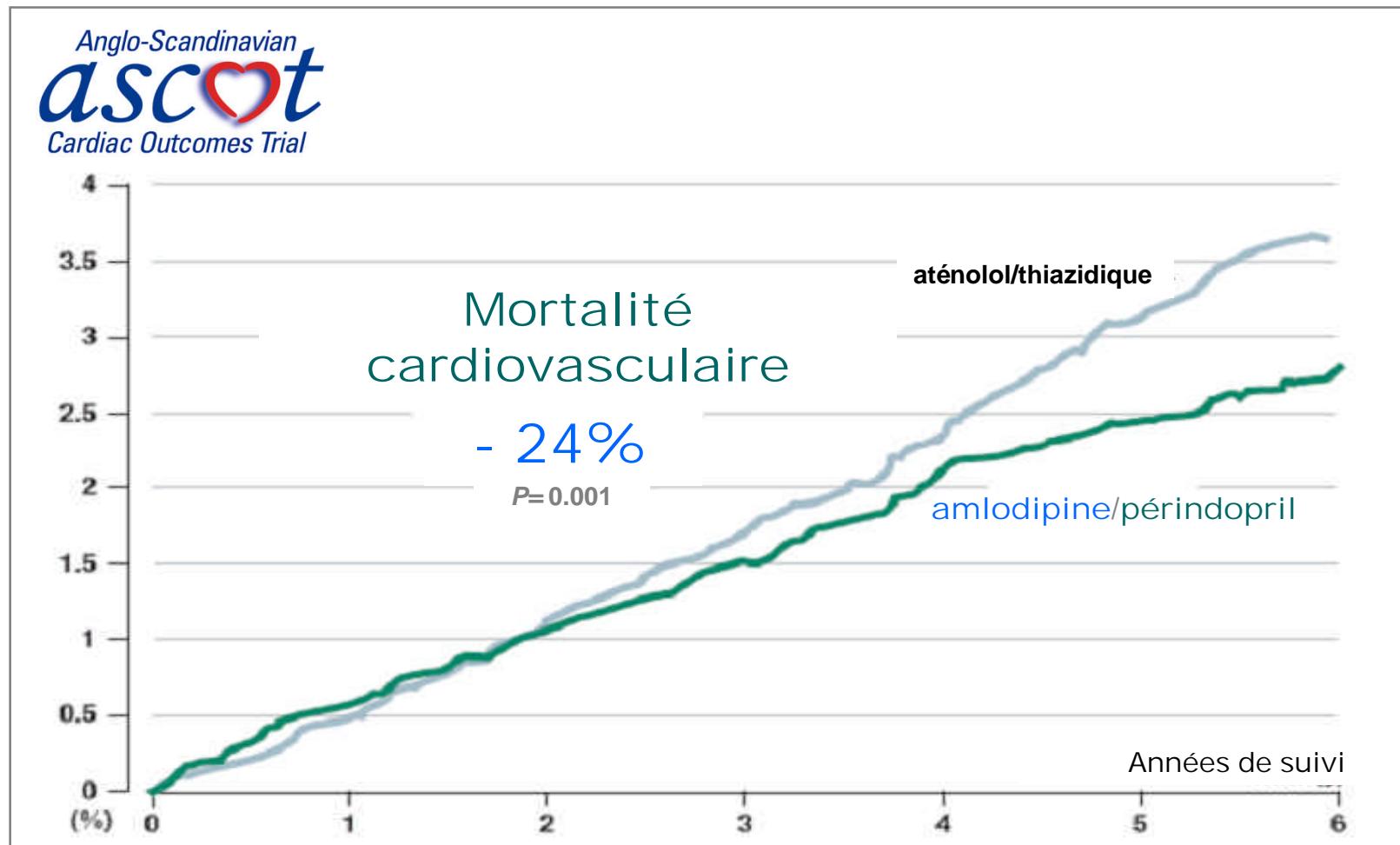
# Effets sur la pression artérielle



# Une réduction de la mortalité totale à 5 ans

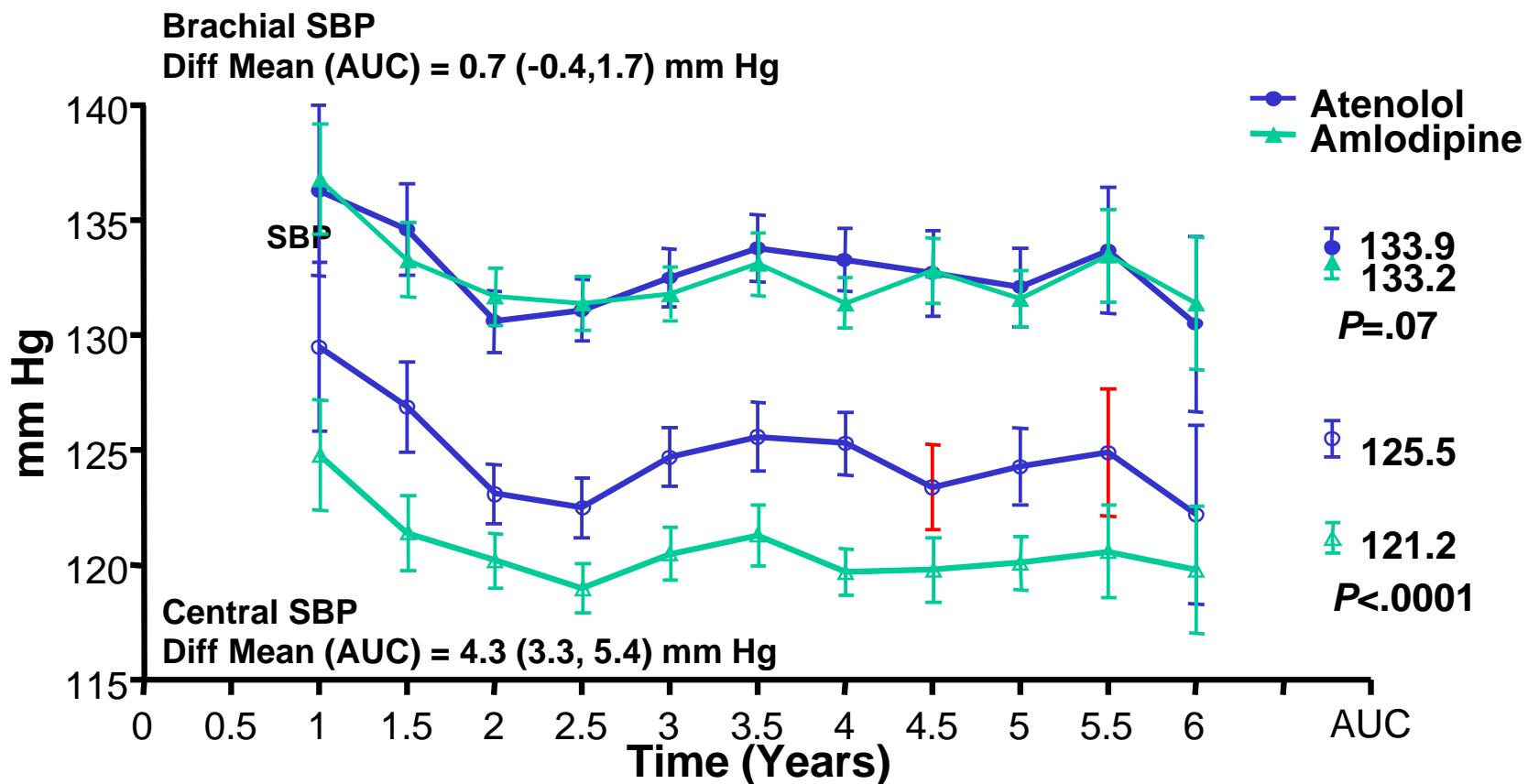


# Une réduction de la mortalité cardiovasculaire



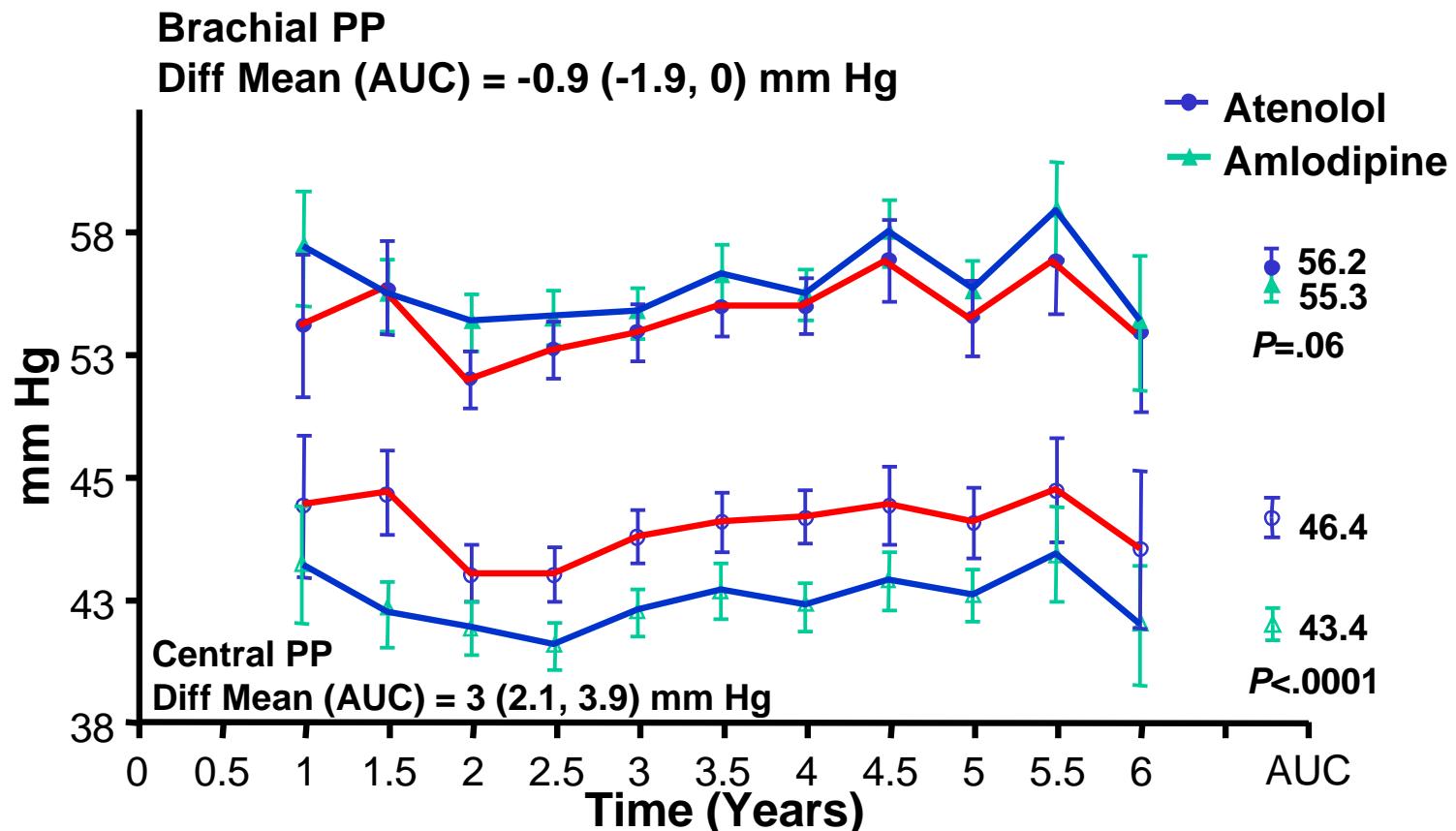
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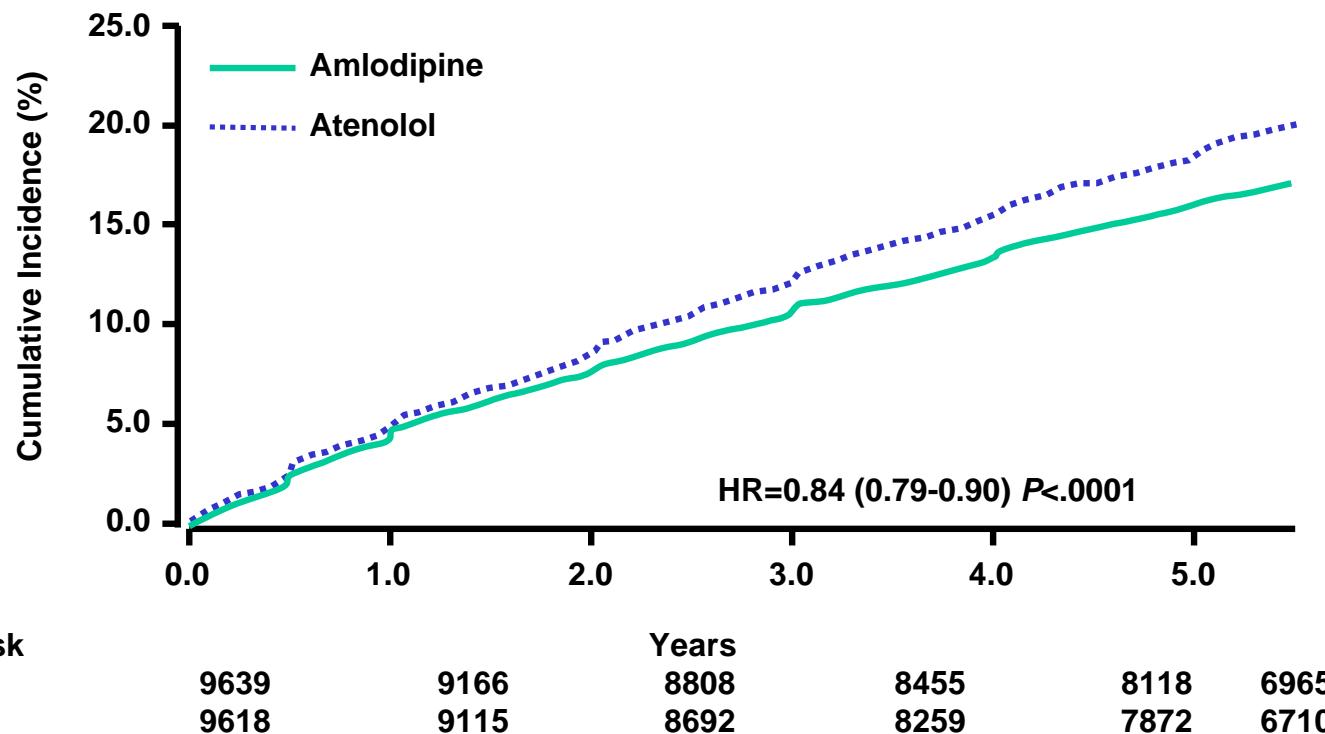
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Total CV Events and Procedures +  
Development of Renal Impairment



# Impact of Blood Pressure and Central Aortic Hemodynamics on Clinical Outcomes in the CAFE Study (Hazard/10 mm Hg)

**Updated Cox proportional hazard model for the composite endpoint,  
unadjusted**

Factor	X <sup>2</sup>	P	HR	CI
Peripheral PP	21.0	<.0001	1.21	1.12-1.30
Central PP	17.8	<.0001	1.20	1.11-1.30
Augmentation	7.10	.008	1.22	1.06-1.40
P <sub>1</sub> height	19.0	<.0001	1.37	1.20-1.54

**Updated Cox proportional hazard model for the composite endpoint, adjusted for baseline variables**

Factor	X <sup>2</sup>	P	HR	CI
Central PP	3.91	.048	1.11	1.00-1.21

# Les évènements cliniques corrélés à la pression centrale

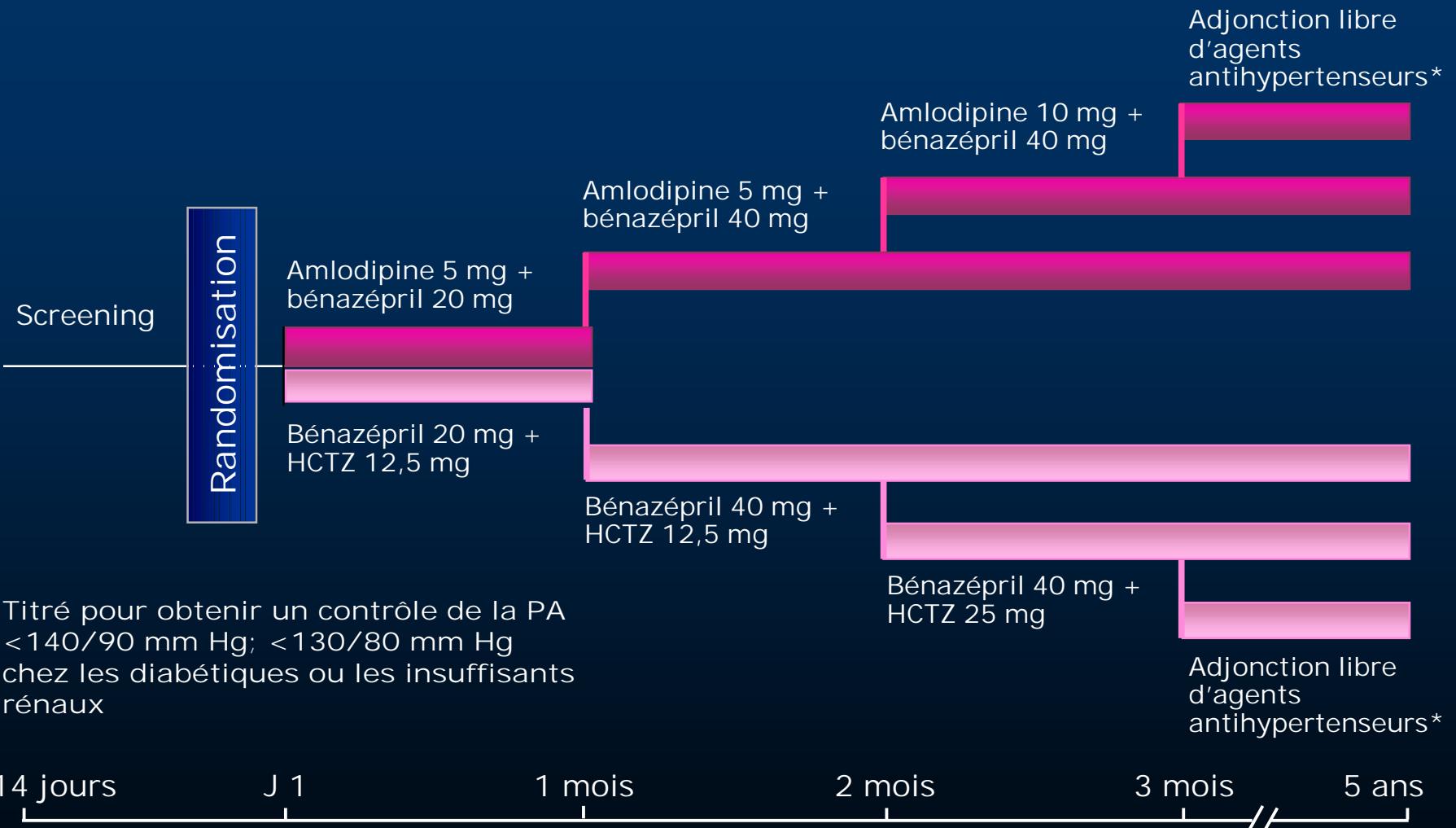
## Evènements cardiovasculaires et développement d'une dysfonction rénale

		X <sup>2</sup>	p	RR	IC à 95%
Modèle 1 (305 évènements)	PP périphérique	3.83	0.05	1.10	1.00-1.22
	PP centrale	3.91	0.048	1.11	1.00-1.23
Modèle 2 (245 évènements)	PP périphérique	4.5	0.034	1.12	1.01-1.24
	PP centrale	5.0	0.026	1.13	1.02-1.26
Modèle 3 (225 évènements)	PP périphérique	4.1	0.044	1.12	1.00-1.25
	PP centrale	4.1	0.043	1.13	1.00-1.26

**ASCOT BPLA** amlodipine/perindopril vs atenolol/HCTZ

**ACCOMPLISH** benazepril/amlodipine vs benazepril/hctz

# Schéma de l'étude ACCOMPLISH



\*Bêtabloquants, alphabloquants, clonidine, diurétiques de l'anse

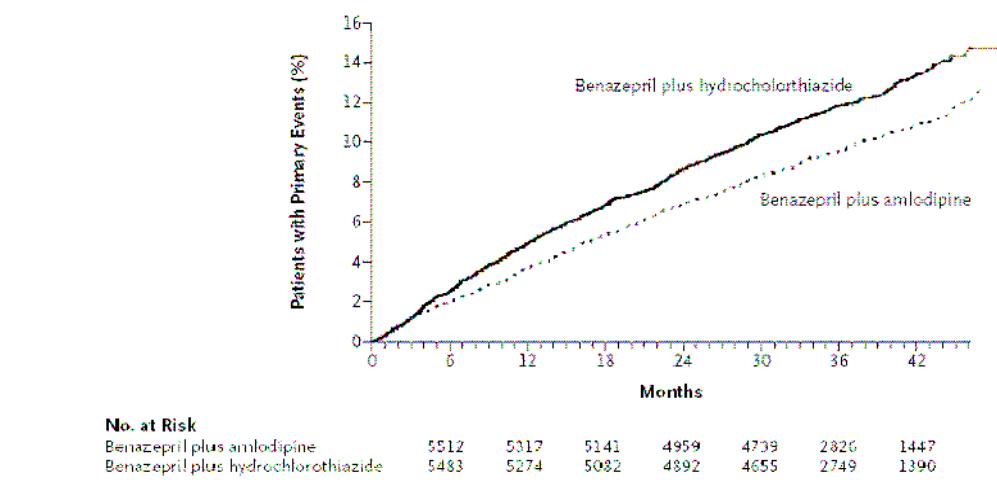
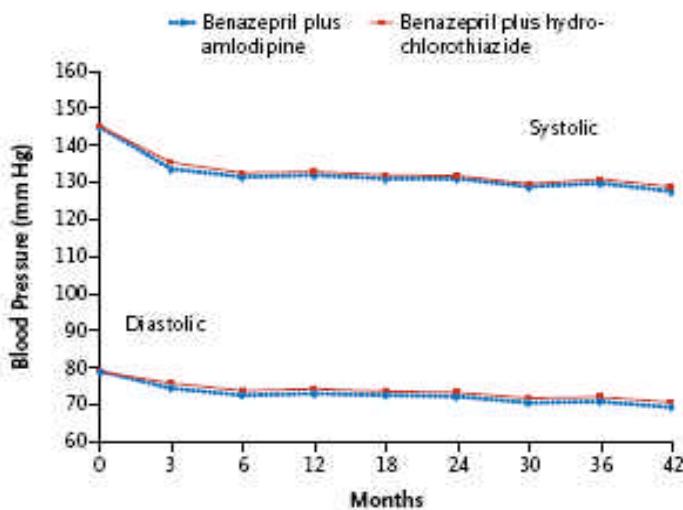
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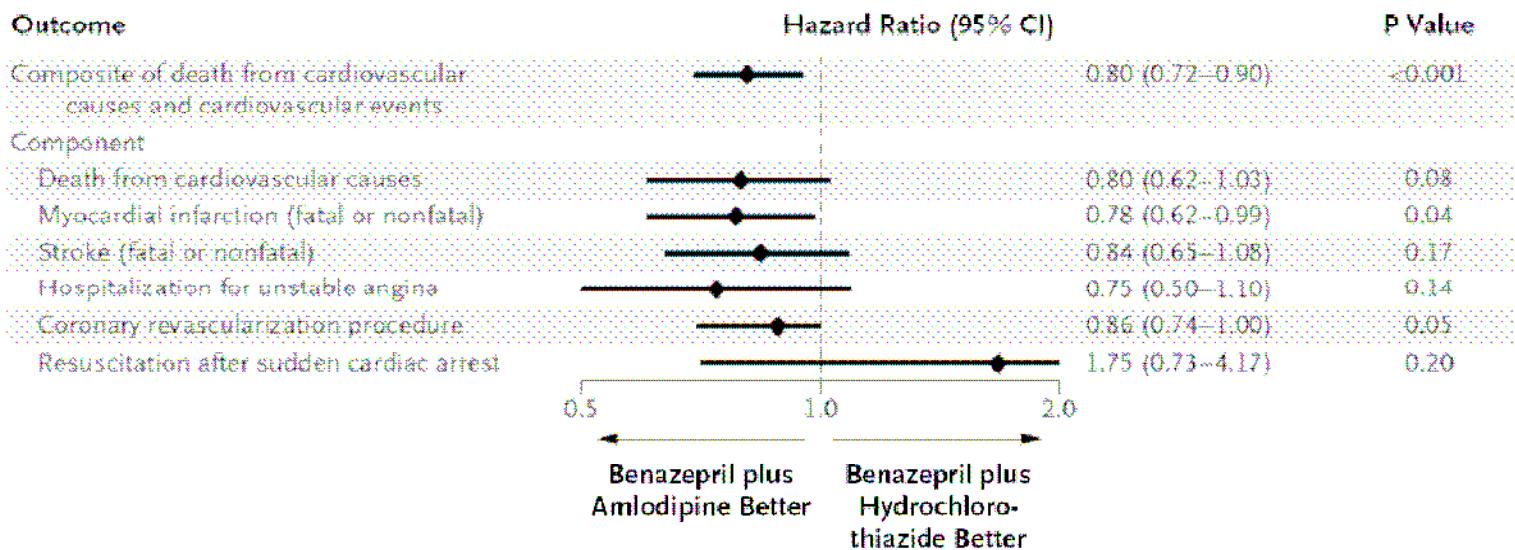


**Figure 2.** Kaplan-Meier Curves for Time to First Primary Composite End Point.

There were 552 patients with events (9.6%) in the benazepril–amlodipine group, as compared with 679 patients with events (11.8%) in the benazepril–hydrochlorothiazide group. The relative risk reduction was 20% (hazard ratio, 0.80; 95% CI, 0.72 to 0.90;  $P < 0.001$ ).

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**Table 1.** Demographic and Baseline Characteristics of the Study Patients.\*

Characteristic	Benazepril-Amlodipine Group (N=5744)	Benazepril-Hydrochlorothiazide Group (N=5762)
Sex — no. (%)		
Male	3448 (60.0)	3515 (61.0)
Female	2296 (40.0)	2246 (39.0)
Age — yr	68.4±6.86	68.3±6.86
≥65 yr — no. (%)	3813 (66.4)	3827 (66.4)
≥70 yr — no. (%)	2363 (41.1)	2340 (40.6)
Weight — kg	88.7±19.0	88.5±18.9
Waist circumference — cm	103.9±15.2	103.8±15.4
Body-mass index‡	31.0±6.2	31.0±6.2
Blood pressure — mm Hg		
Systolic	145.3±18.4	145.4±18.1
Diastolic	80.1±10.8	80.0±10.7
Pulse — beats/min	70.5±10.9	70.3±11.1
Estimated glomerular filtration rate — ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> of body-surface area§	78.9±21.2	79.0±21.5
Serum values¶		
Creatinine — mg/dl	1.0±0.3	1.0±0.3
Glucose — mg/dl	127.9±47.4	127.0±45.8
Potassium — mmol/liter	4.3±0.4	4.3±0.4
Total cholesterol — mg/dl	184.9±40.5	184.1±39.3
High-density lipoprotein cholesterol — mg/dl	49.6±14.1	49.5±14.1
Previous antihypertensive treatment — no. (%)		
No. of agents		
0	169 (2.9)	153 (2.7)
1	1312 (22.8)	1279 (22.2)
2	2116 (36.8)	2047 (35.5)
≥3	2147 (37.4)	2283 (39.6)
Lipid-lowering agents	3851 (67.0)	3971 (68.9)
Beta-blockers	2675 (46.6)	2807 (48.7)
Antiplatelets agents	3710 (64.6)	3735 (64.8)

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Characteristic	Benazepril–Amlodipine Group (N = 5744)	Benazepril–Hydrochlorothiazide Group (N = 5762)
Risk factors — no. (%)		
Previous myocardial infarction	1337 (23.3)	1372 (23.8)
Previous stroke	762 (13.3)	736 (12.8)
Previous hospitalization for unstable angina	653 (11.4)	671 (11.6)
Diabetes mellitus	3478 (60.6)	3468 (60.2)
Renal disease†	352 (6.1)	353 (6.1)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate <60	1047 (18.2)	1030 (17.9)
Previous coronary revascularization	2044 (35.6)	2073 (36.0)
Coronary-artery bypass grafting	1248 (21.7)	1197 (20.8)
Percutaneous coronary intervention	1055 (18.4)	1123 (19.5)
Left ventricular hypertrophy**	763 (13.3)	758 (13.2)

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## PROCEDURES

The first patient was assigned to a study group on October 29, 2003. Immediately on entering the study (without a washout period), patients were randomly assigned in a global one-to-one ratio to either of the two treatment groups, with assignments made centrally by telephone. Patients began treatment with either a combination of 20 mg of benazepril and 5 mg of amlodipine or a combination of 20 mg of benazepril and 12.5 mg of hydrochlorothiazide, once daily. As dictated by the protocol, the benazepril component in both groups was increased to 40 mg daily 1 month after randomization. Thereafter, investigators could increase the amlodipine dose to 10 mg daily and increase the hydrochlorothiazide dose to 25 mg daily, if necessary, to attain a target blood pressure of less than 140/90 mm Hg (or a recommended target of 130/80 mm Hg for patients with diabetes or kidney disease).

The addition of other antihypertensive agents was permitted (excluding any calcium-channel blockers, any ACE inhibitors, any angiotensin II-receptor blockers, and any thiazide diuretics but including beta-blockers, alpha-blockers, clonidine, and spironolactone). Loop diuretics taken once daily were permitted for volume management. After the initial 3-month dose-adjustment period, patients returned at 6 months and then at 6-month intervals until the end of the trial. Blood pressures were recorded as the average of three readings

## BLOOD PRESSURE

At the time of enrollment in the trial, most patients (97.2%) were being treated for hypertension, and 74.7% were taking two or more classes of antihypertensive medications, though only 37.3% had blood pressure below 140/90 mm Hg at baseline (Table 1).

The baseline blood pressures were similar between the two groups, and the reduction in blood pressure from baseline was similar over the course of the trial (Fig. 1). Mean blood pressure after dose adjustment was 131.6/73.3 mm Hg in the benazepril–amlodipine group (5462 patients) and 132.5/74.4 mm Hg in the benazepril–hydrochlorothiazide group (5474 patients). The mean difference in blood pressure between the two groups was 0.9 mm Hg systolic and 1.1 mm Hg diastolic ( $P < 0.001$  for both systolic and diastolic pressures). Blood pressure control, which was defined as a blood pressure of less than 140/90 mm Hg, was attained in an average of 75.4% of patients in the benazepril–amlodipine group and 72.4% in the benazepril–hydrochlorothiazide group.

daily dose was 39.4 mg and 22.1 mg, respectively. By the end of the 6-month dose-adjustment period, 60.9% of the patients in the benazepril–amlodipine group were receiving the maximum dose of 40 mg of benazepril and 10 mg of amlodipine, and 60.3% of the patients in the benazepril–hydrochlorothiazide group received the maximum dose of 40 mg of benazepril and 25 mg of hydrochlorothiazide. In each group, 32.3% of the patients received approved antihypertensive agents in addition to the highest dose of study medication after 1 year in the study. At the completion of the trial, 143 par-

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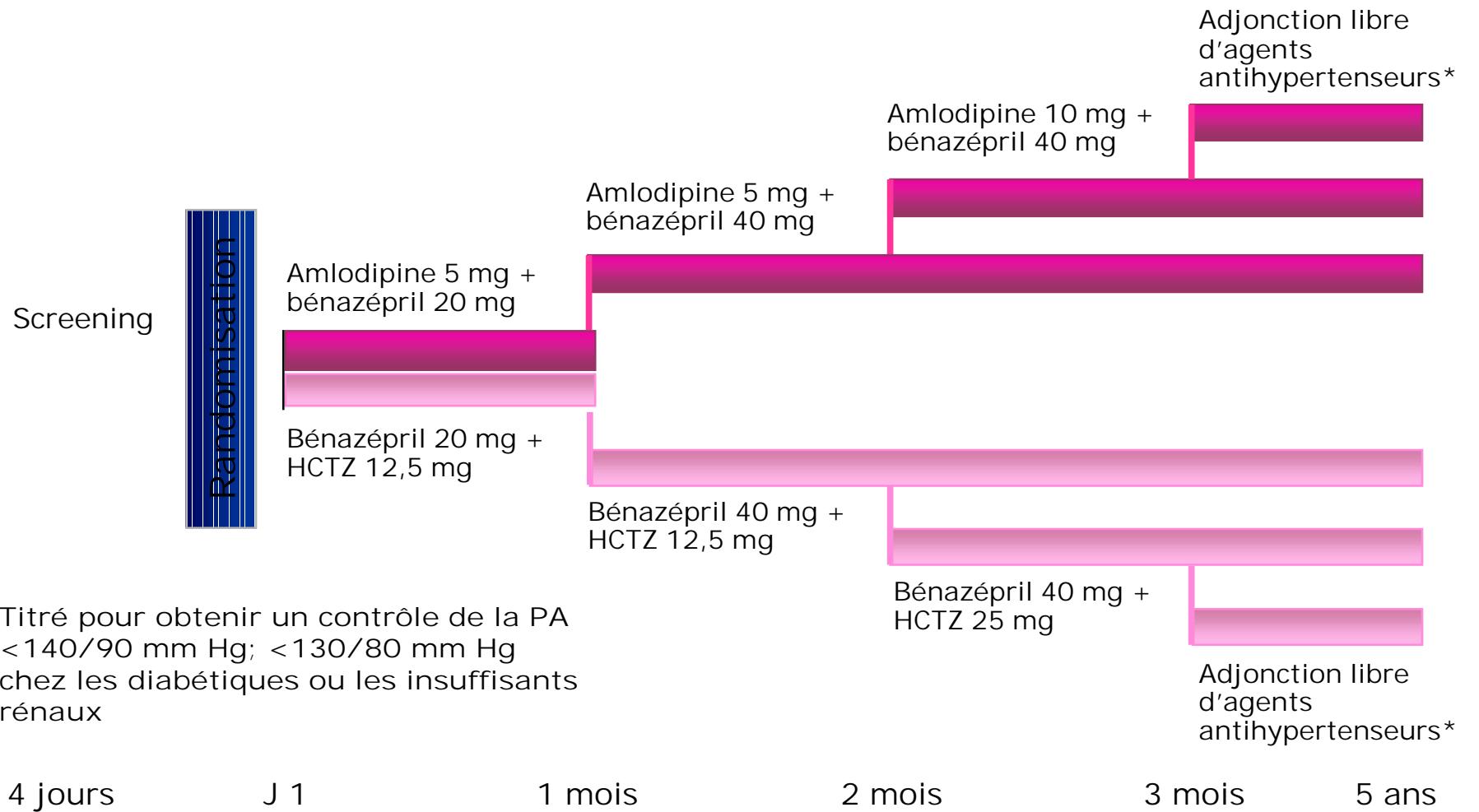
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48% des patients à l'inclusion avaient des béta-bloquants  
dont 23% avaient un ATCD authentifié d'IDM  
et 36 % avaient une revascularisation coronaire

1ere action des investigateurs:

Sevrage des béta-bloquants....

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## Blood Pressure Control

Initiate lifestyle modification (weight control, physical activity, alcohol moderation, moderate sodium restriction, and emphasis on fruits, vegetables, and low-fat dairy products) in all patients with blood pressure greater than or equal to 130 mm Hg systolic or 80 mm Hg diastolic. Add blood pressure medication, individualized to other patient requirements and characteristics (i.e., age, race, need for drugs with specific benefits) if blood pressure is not less than 140 mm Hg systolic or 90 mm Hg diastolic, or if blood pressure is not less than 130 mm Hg systolic or 85 mm Hg diastolic for individuals with heart failure or renal insufficiency (less than 80 mm Hg diastolic for individuals with diabetes).

Patients should initiate and/or maintain lifestyle modifications—weight control; increased physical activity; moderation of alcohol consumption; limited sodium intake; and maintenance of a diet high in fresh fruits, vegetables, and low-fat dairy products.

Blood pressure control according to Joint National Conference VII guidelines is recommended (i.e., blood pressure less than 140/90 mm Hg or less than 130/80 mm Hg for patients with diabetes or chronic kidney disease) (11).

For hypertensive patients with well established coronary artery disease, it is useful to add blood pressure medication as tolerated, treating initially with beta blockers and/or ACE inhibitors, with addition of other drugs as needed to achieve target blood pressure.

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Modified recommendation  
(changed text and COR  
LOE added)

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## Beta Blockers

Start in all post-MI and acute patients (arrhythmia, LV dysfunction, inducible ischemia) at 5 to 28 days. Continue 6 months minimum. Observe usual contraindications. Use as needed to manage angina, rhythm, or blood pressure in all other patients.

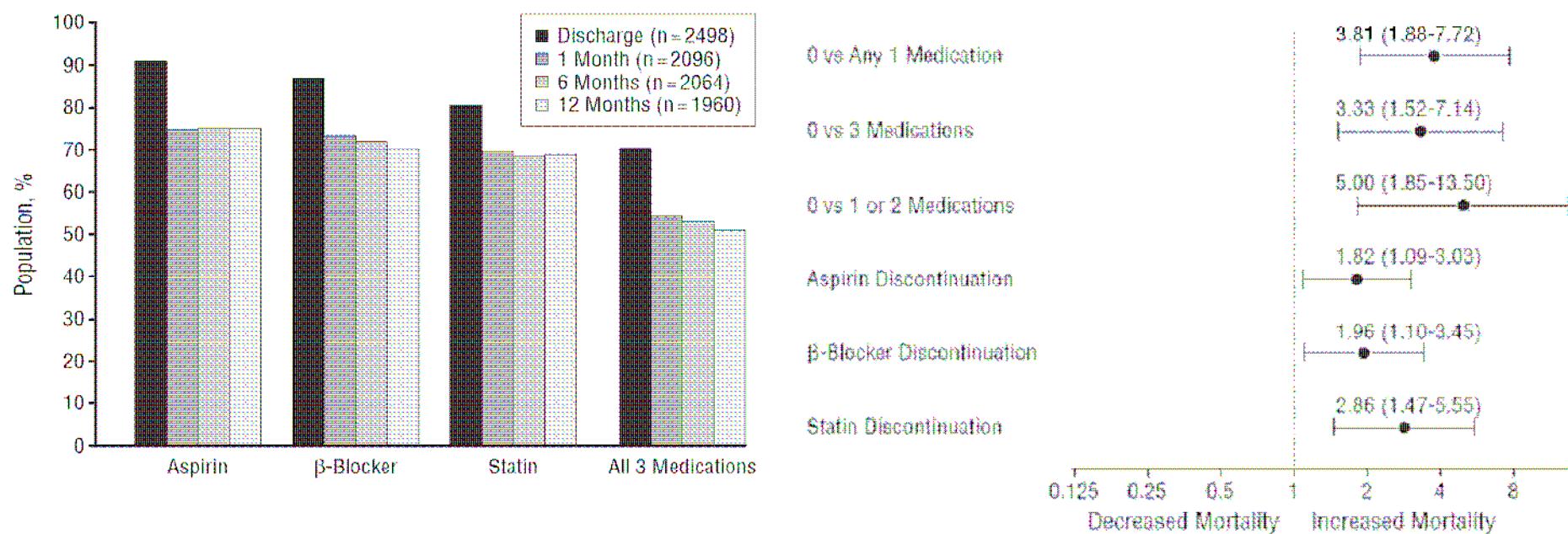
It is beneficial to start and continue beta-blocker therapy indefinitely in all patients who have had MI, acute coronary syndrome, or left ventricular dysfunction with or without heart failure symptoms, unless contraindicated.

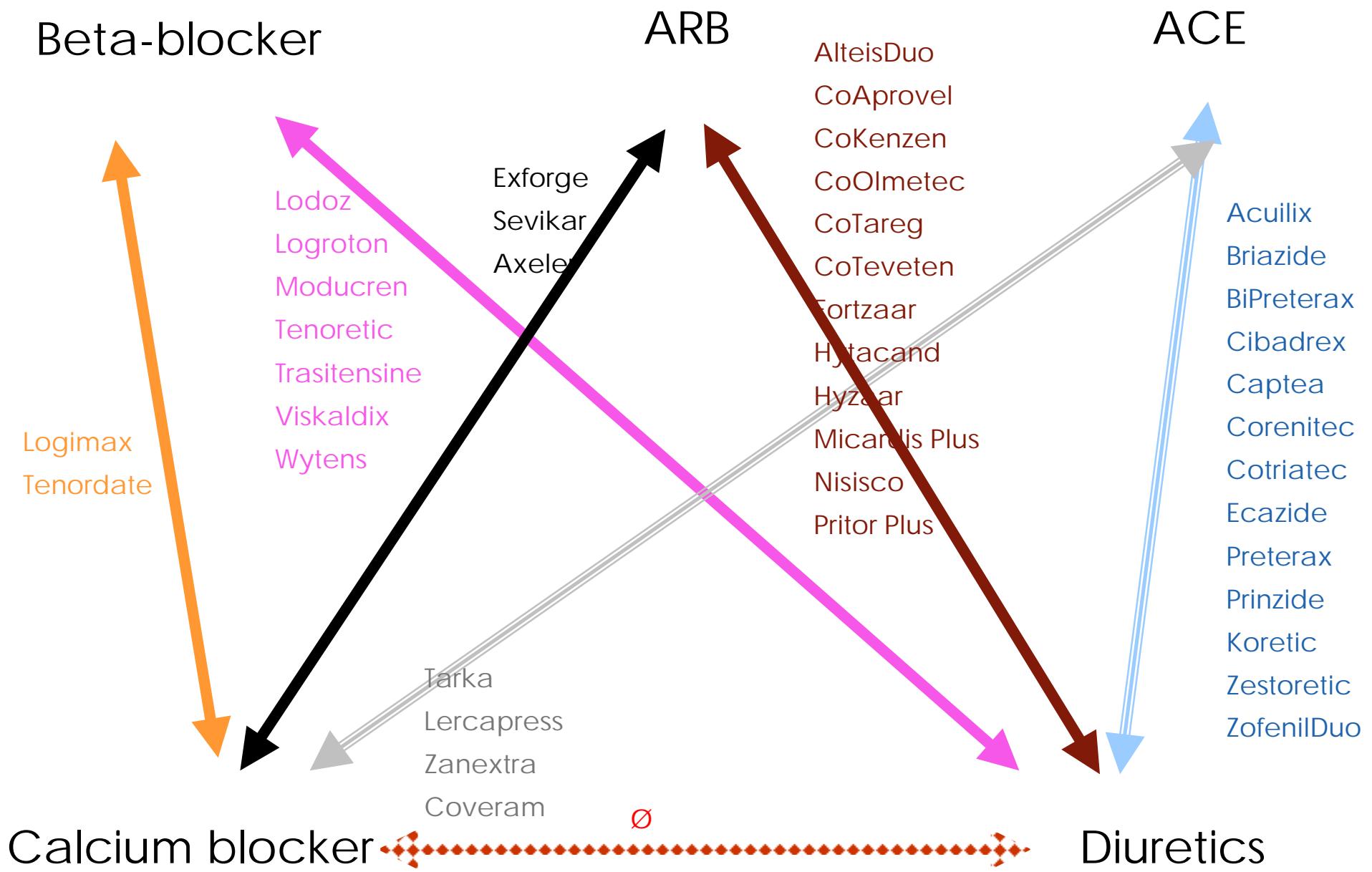
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# Impact of Medication Therapy Discontinuation on Mortality After Myocardial Infarction

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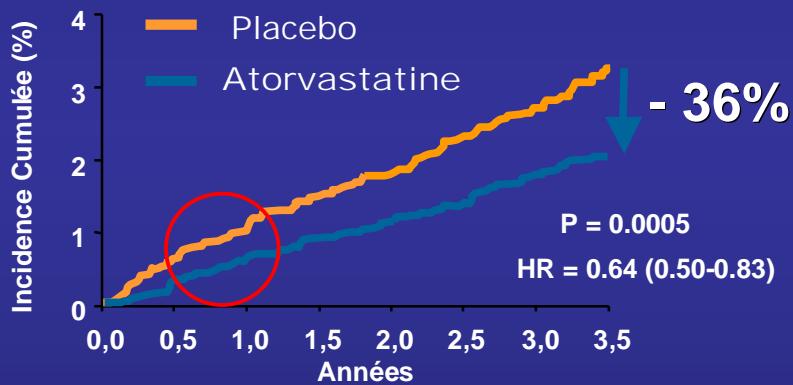
# Caractéristiques initiales des patients inclus

Caractéristiques	Atorvastatine (n = 5 168)	Placebo (n = 5 137)
Age* (années)	63.1 ± 8.5	63.2 ± 8.6
Sexe masculin (%)	81.1	81.3
Caucasien (%)	94.6	94.7
PAS* (mm Hg)	164.2 ± 17.7	164.2 ± 18.0
PAD* (mm Hg)	95.0 ± 10.3	95.0 ± 10.3
CT* ( g/l)	2,12 ± 0,31	2,12 ± 0,31
LDL-C* (g/l)	1,33 ± 0,27	1,33 ± 0,27
TG* (g/l)	1,50 ± 0,80	1,42 ± 0,80
HDL-C* (g/l)	0,51 ± 0,15	0,51 ± 0,15
Nb de facteurs de risque*	3.7 ± 0.9	3.7 ± 0.9

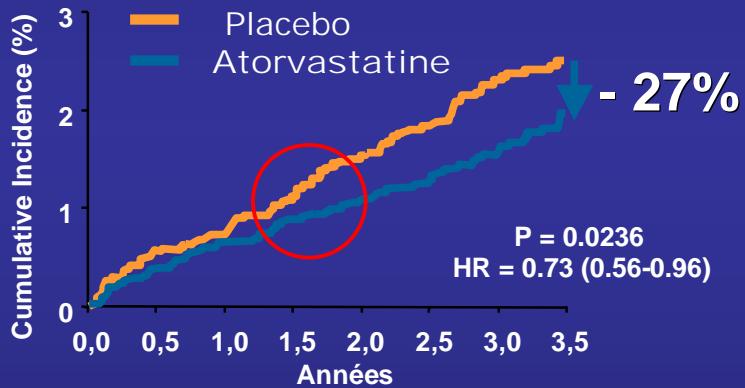
\* Moyenne ± Ecart type

# Bénéfices cliniques de l'atorvastatine

CRITÈRE PRIMAI RE  
 IDM non fatal et évènement coronaire fatal



CRITÈRE SECONDAIRE  
 AVC fatal et non fatal



Un bénéfice rapide démontré dès 3 ans dans une étude prévue sur 5 ans

# Rosuvastatin to Prevent Vascular Events in Men and Women with Elevated C-Reactive Protein

Characteristic	Rosuvastatin (N=8901)	Placebo (N=8901)
Age — yr		
Median	66.0	66.0
Interquartile range	60.0–71.0	60.0–71.0
Female sex — no. (%)	3426 (38.5)	3375 (37.9)
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)†		
White	6358 (71.4)	6325 (71.1)
Black	1100 (12.4)	1124 (12.6)
Hispanic	1121 (12.6)	1140 (12.8)
Other or unknown	322 (3.6)	312 (3.5)
Body-mass index‡		
Median	28.3	28.4
Interquartile range	25.3–32.0	25.3–32.0
Blood pressure — mm Hg		
Systolic		
Median	134	134
Interquartile range	124–145	124–145
Diastolic		
Median	80	80
Interquartile range	75–87	75–87
Current smoker — no. (%)	1400 (15.7)	1420 (16.0)
Family history of premature CHD — no. (%)§	997 (11.2)	1048 (11.8)
Metabolic syndrome — no. (%)¶	3652 (41.0)	3723 (41.8)
Aspirin use — no. (%)	1481 (16.6)	1477 (16.6)
High-sensitivity C-reactive protein — mg/liter		
Median	4.2	4.3
Interquartile range	2.8–7.1	2.8–7.2
LDL cholesterol — mg/dl		
Median	108	108

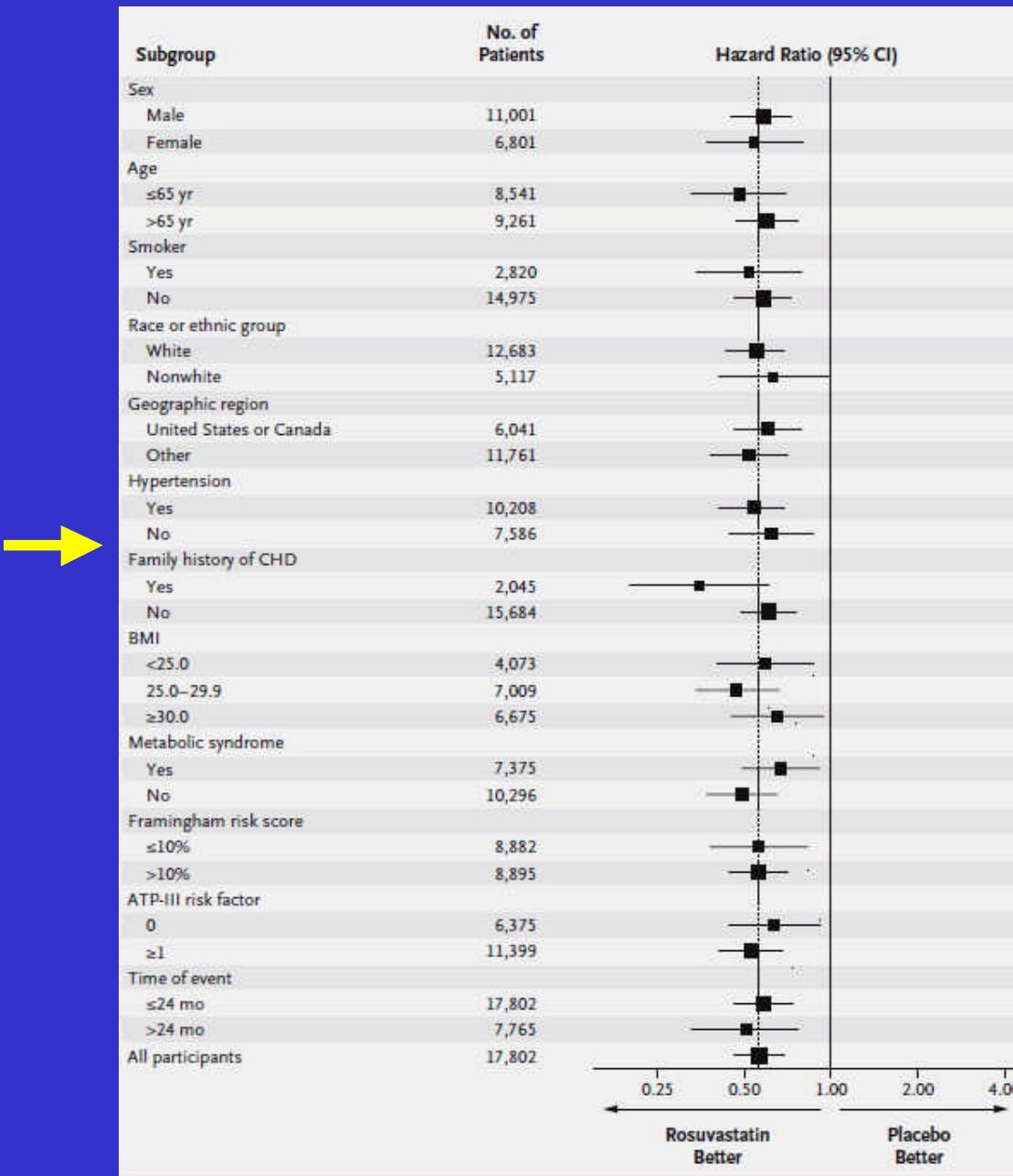


# Rosuvastatin to Prevent Vascular Events in Men and Women with Elevated C-Reactive Protein

**Table 3.** Outcomes According to Study Group.

End Point	Rosuvastatin (N=8901)		Placebo (N=8901)		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	No. of Patients	Rate per 100 person-yr	No. of Patients	Rate per 100 person-yr		
Primary end point	142	0.77	251	1.36	0.56 (0.46–0.69)	<0.00001
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	22	0.12	62	0.33	0.35 (0.22–0.58)	<0.00001
Any myocardial infarction	31	0.17	68	0.37	0.46 (0.30–0.70)	0.0002
Nonfatal stroke	30	0.16	58	0.31	0.52 (0.33–0.80)	0.003
Any stroke	33	0.18	64	0.34	0.52 (0.34–0.79)	0.002
Arterial revascularization	71	0.38	131	0.71	0.54 (0.41–0.72)	<0.0001
Hospitalization for unstable angina	16	0.09	27	0.14	0.59 (0.32–1.10)	0.09
Arterial revascularization or hospitalization for unstable angina	76	0.41	143	0.77	0.53 (0.40–0.70)	<0.00001
Myocardial infarction, stroke, or confirmed death from cardiovascular causes	83	0.45	157	0.85	0.53 (0.40–0.69)	<0.00001
Death from any cause						
Death on known date	190	0.96	235	1.19	0.81 (0.67–0.98)	0.03
Any death	198	1.00	247	1.25	0.80 (0.67–0.97)	0.02

# Rosuvastatin to Prevent Vascular Events in Men and Women with Elevated C-Reactive Protein



# SCORE CALCULATION - MEN

Points	Age, y	HDL	Total Cholesterol	SBP Not Treated	SBP Treated	Smoker	Diabetic
-2		60+		<120			
-1		50–59					
0	30–34	45–49	<160	120–129	<120	No	No
1		35–44	160–199	130–139			
2	35–39	<35	200–239	140–159	120–129		
3			240–279	160+	130–139		Yes
4			280+		140–159	Yes	
5	40–44				160+		
6	45–49						
7							
8	50–54						
9							
10	55–59						
11	60–64						
12	65–69						
13							
14	70–74						
15	75+						
Points allotted							

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## Dogma Disputed: Can Aggressively Lowering Blood Pressure in Hypertensive Patients with Coronary Artery Disease Be Dangerous?

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**Background:** Because coronary perfusion occurs mainly during diastole, patients with coronary artery disease (CAD) could be at increased risk for coronary events if diastolic pressure falls below critical levels.

**Objective:** To determine whether low blood pressure could be associated with excess mortality and morbidity in this population.

**Design:** A secondary analysis of data from the International Verapamil-Trandolapril Study (INVEST), which was conducted from September 1997 to February 2003.

**Setting:** 862 sites in 14 countries.

**Patients:** 22 576 patients with hypertension and CAD.

**Interventions:** Patients from INVEST were randomly assigned to a verapamil sustained-release- or atenolol-based strategy; blood pressure control and outcomes were equivalent.

**Measurements:** An unadjusted quadratic proportional hazards model was used to evaluate the relationship between average on-treatment blood pressure and risk for the primary outcome (all-cause death, nonfatal stroke, and nonfatal myocardial infarction [MI]), all-cause death, total MI, and total stroke. A second model adjusted for differences in baseline covariates.

**Results:** The relationship between blood pressure and the primary outcome, all-cause death, and total MI was J-shaped, particularly for diastolic pressure, with a nadir at 119/84 mm Hg. After adjustment, the J-shaped relationship persisted between diastolic pressure and primary outcome. The MI-stroke ratio remained constant over a wide blood pressure range, but at a lower diastolic blood pressure, there were substantially more MIs than strokes. An interaction between decreased diastolic pressure and history of revascularization was observed; low diastolic pressure was associated with a relatively lower risk for the primary outcome in patients with revascularization than in those without revascularization.

**Limitations:** This is a post hoc analysis of hypertensive patients with CAD.

**Conclusions:** The risk for the primary outcome, all-cause death, and MI, but not stroke, progressively increased with low diastolic blood pressure. Excessive reduction in diastolic pressure should be avoided in patients with CAD who are being treated for hypertension.

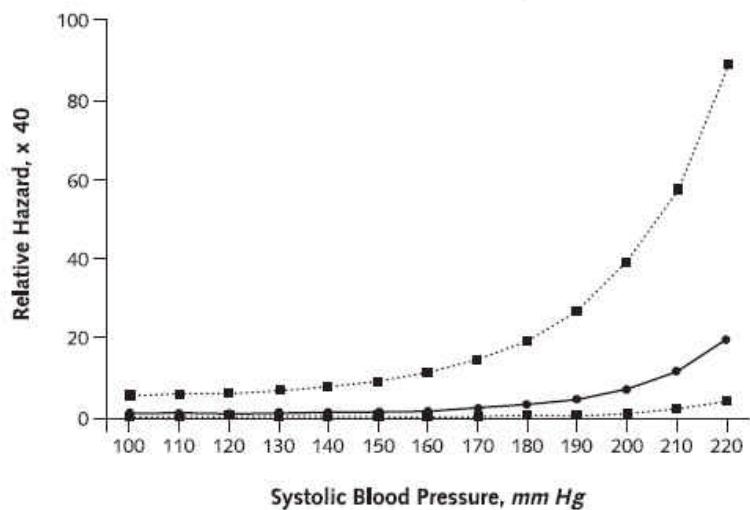
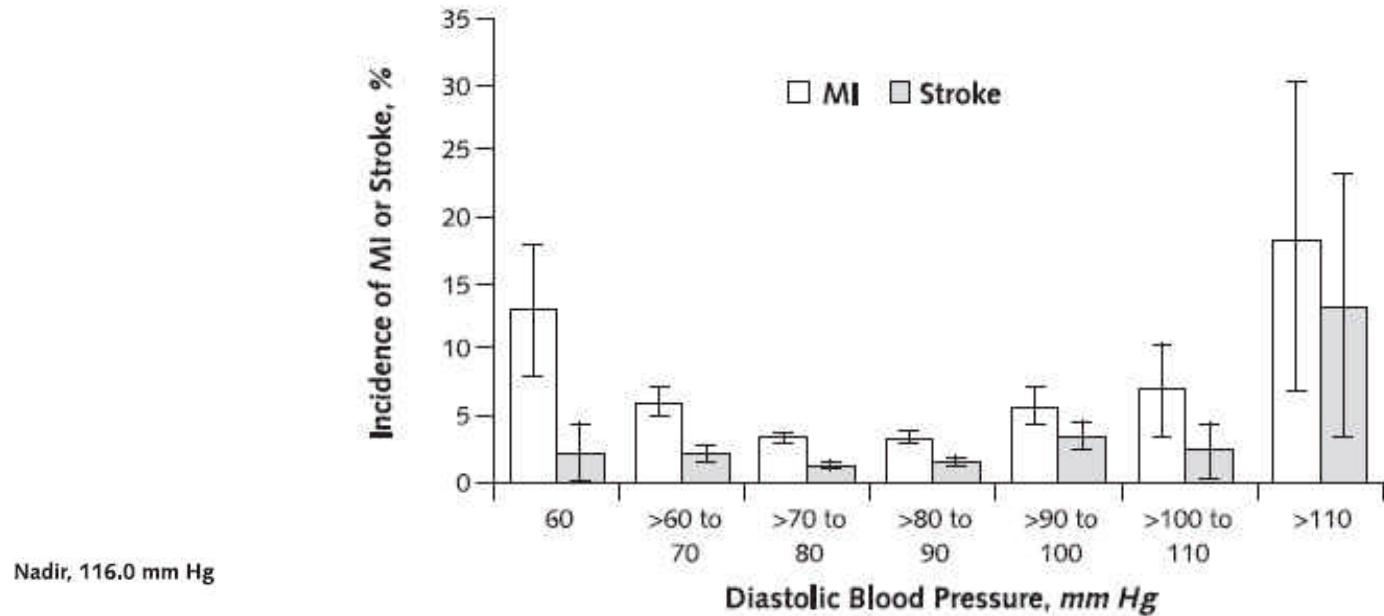
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## Incidence of total myocardial infarction (MI) and total stroke by diastolic blood pressure strata.



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## Box 4. Blood pressure goals of treatment

- (1) On the whole, there is sufficient evidence to recommend that SBP be lowered below 140 mmHg (and DBP below 90 mmHg) in all hypertensive patients, both those at low moderate risk and those at high risk. Evidence is only missing in the elderly hypertensive patients, in whom the benefit of lowering SBP below 140 mmHg has never been tested in randomized trials.
- (2) The recommendation of previous guidelines to aim at a lower goal SBP (<130 mmHg) in diabetic patients and in patients at very high cardiovascular risk (previous cardiovascular events) may be wise, but it is not consistently supported by trial evidence. In no randomized trial in diabetic patients has SBP been brought down to below 130 mmHg with proven benefits, and trials in which SBP was lowered to below 130 mmHg in patients with previous cardiovascular events have given controversial results.
- (3) Despite their obvious limitations and a lower strength of evidence, *post hoc* analyses of trial data indicate a progressive reduction of cardiovascular events incidence with progressive lowering of SBP down to about 120 mmHg and DBP down to about 75 mmHg, although the additional benefit at low BP values becomes rather small. At these low BP values also beneficial effects on organ damage have sometimes been observed. A J-curve phenomenon is unlikely to occur until lower values are reached, except perhaps in patients with advanced atherosclerotic artery diseases.
- (4) On the basis of current data, it may be prudent to recommend lowering SBP/DBP to values within the range 130–139/80–85 mmHg, and possibly close to lower values in this range, in all hypertensive patients. More critical evidence from specific randomized trials is desirable, however.

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# CAPI

Part des patients traités par anti-hypertenseurs ayant normalisé leurs chiffres tensionnels (< 140/90), objectif cible 50 %

Prescription d'IEC (en nombre de boîtes) /prescription /IEC + sartans (en nombre de boîtes) : objectif cible 65 %

Prescription en nombre de boîtes dans le répertoire pour les antihypertenseurs/prescription d'antihypertenseurs en nombre de boîtes. Objectif cible de 65 %.

# Une révolution au quotidien pour les hypertendus



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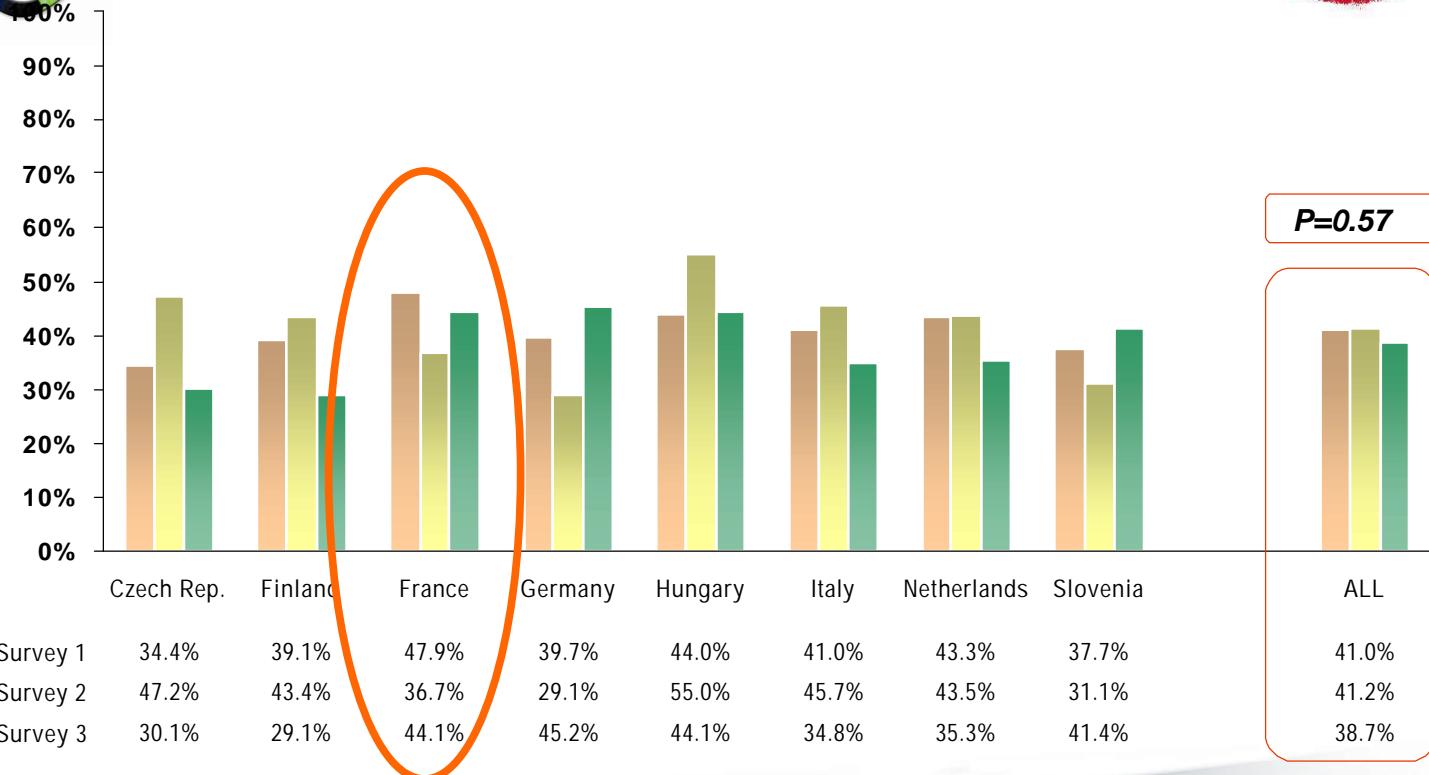


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# BONUS

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## Therapeutic Control of Blood Pressure\*



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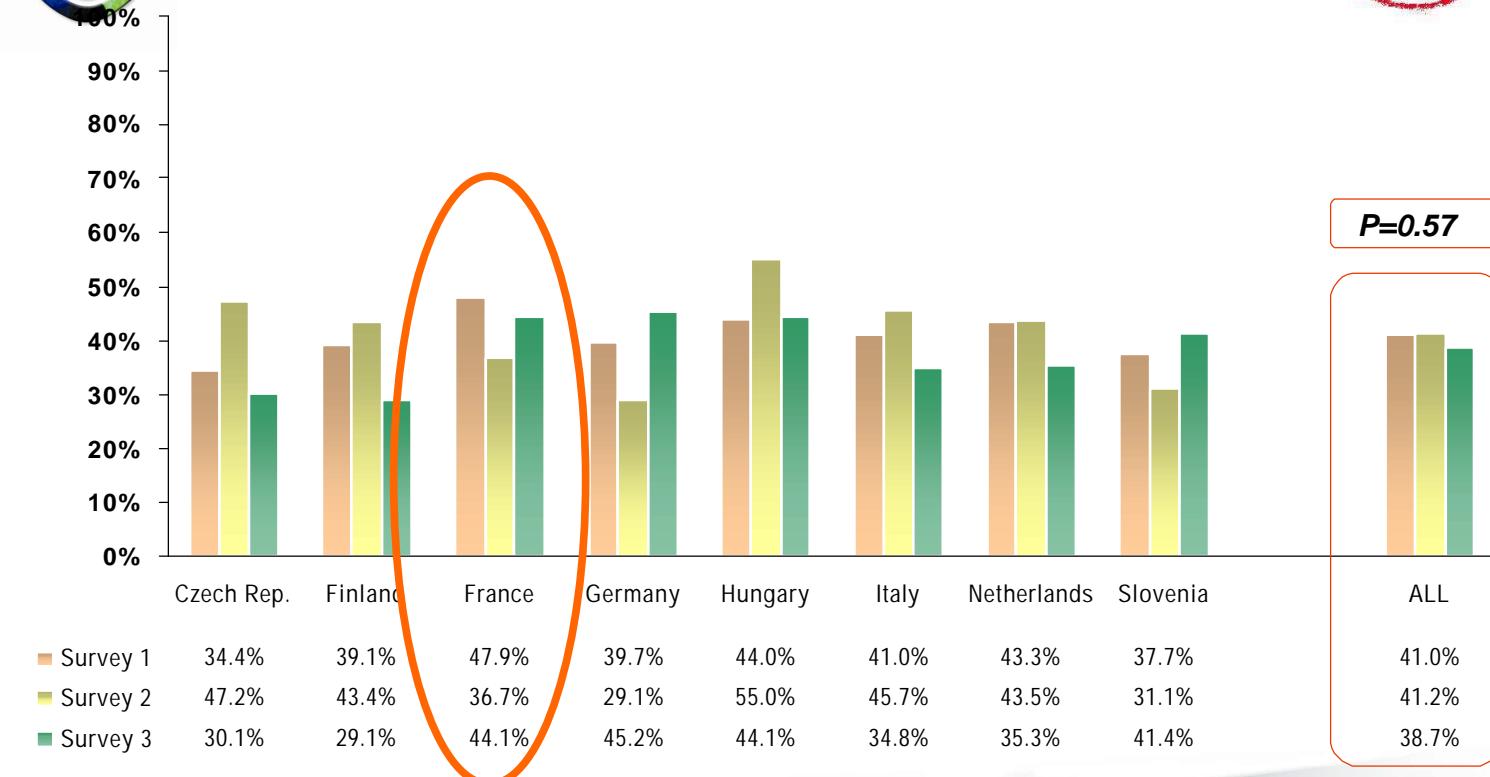
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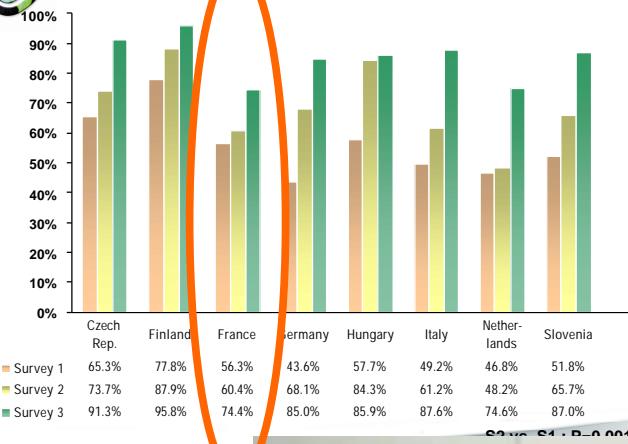
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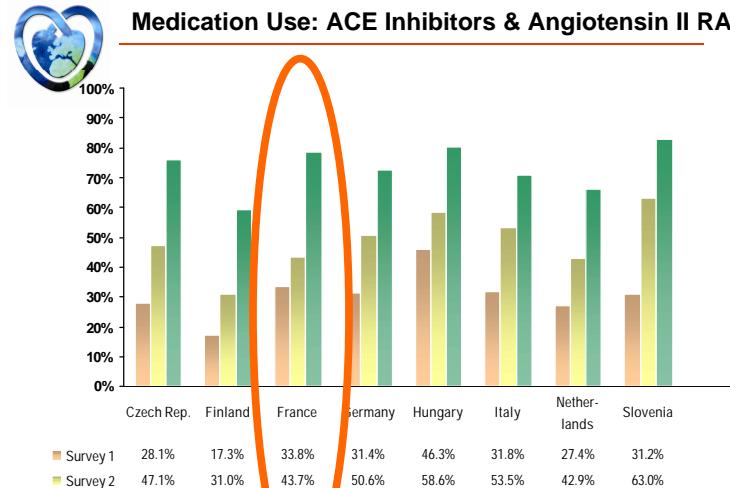
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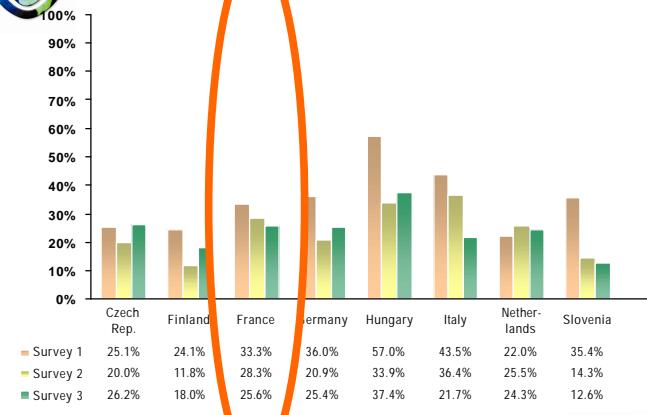
**Medication Use: Beta-Blockers**



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**Medication Use: Calcium Antagonists**



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