

# Treating Hypertension in Patients with Diabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome

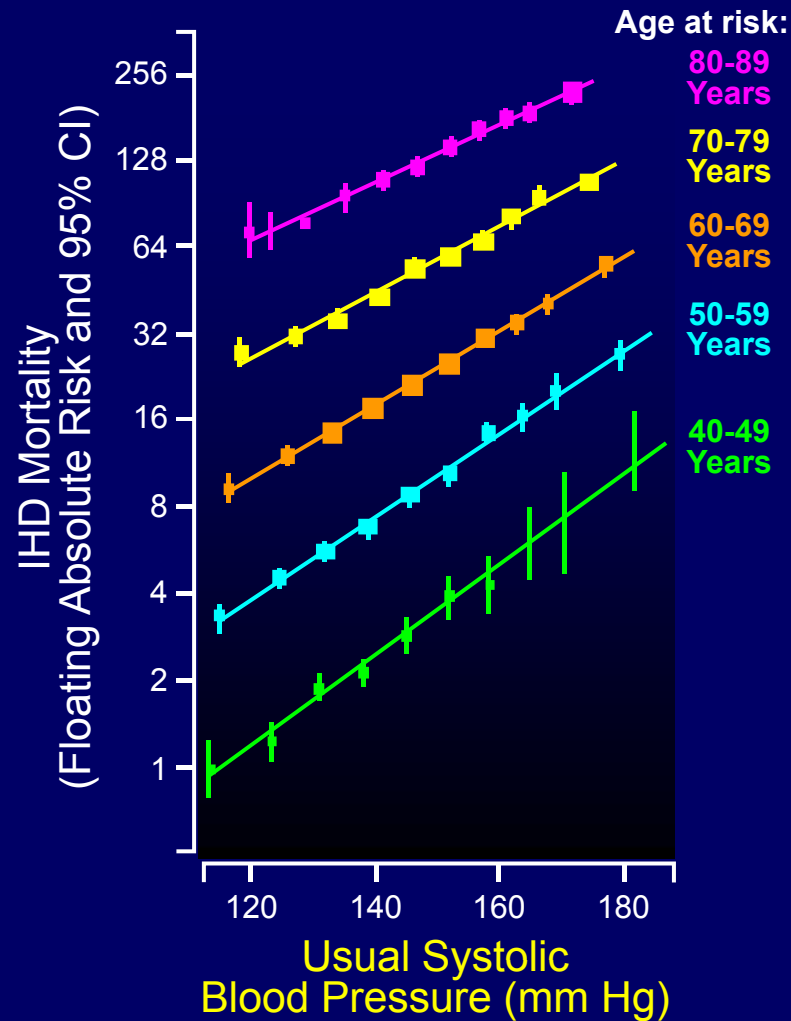
Michael A. Weber, MD, FACC, FAHA  
Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology  
State University of New York  
Downstate College of Medicine

# Main Conclusions: Treating Hypertension in Patients with Diabetes

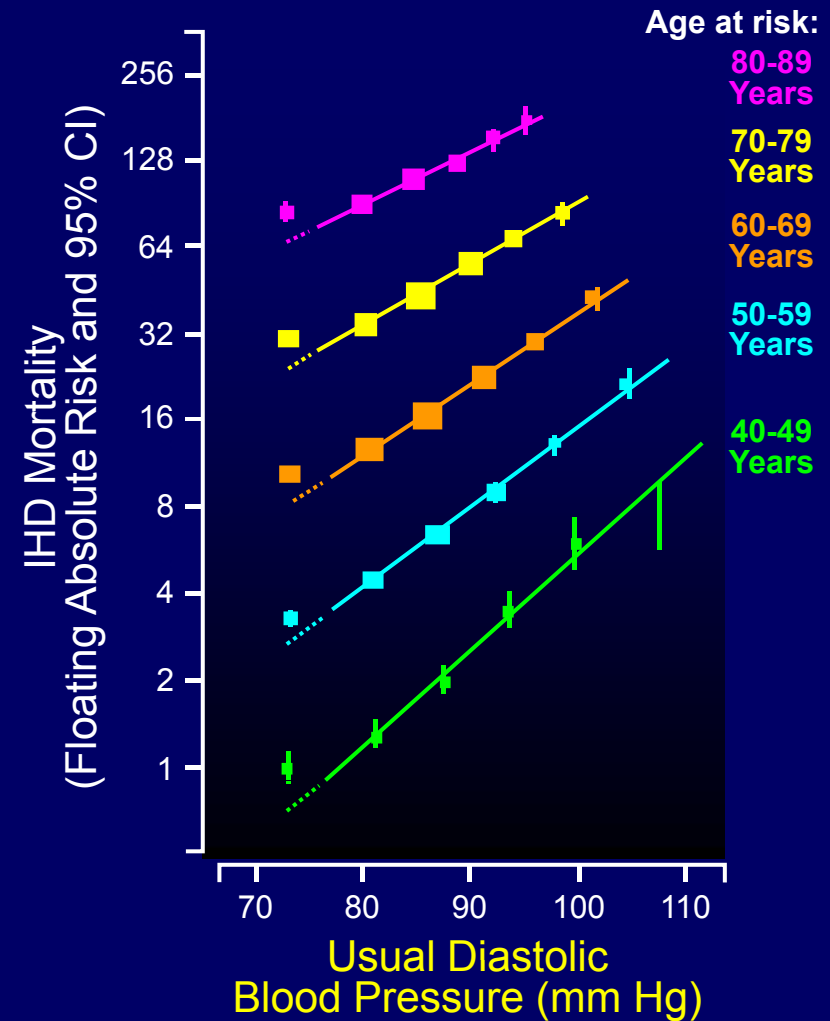
- ◆ Treating BP to  $< 140/90$  mmHg is clearly beneficial; lower BP values *might* possibly be justified
- ◆ ARB and thiazide combinations effectively achieve BP control in a majority of patient types
- ◆ Combining RAS blockers with amlodipine produces greatest CV & renal benefits (plus strong BP effects)
- ◆ ARBs (like ACE inhibitors) now established for renal & CV protection in high risk patients, particularly those with diabetes
- ◆ Studies of major intermediate vascular findings help explain these clinical benefits of RAS blockers

# CHD Rates by SBP, DBP and Age

## A: Systolic Blood Pressure



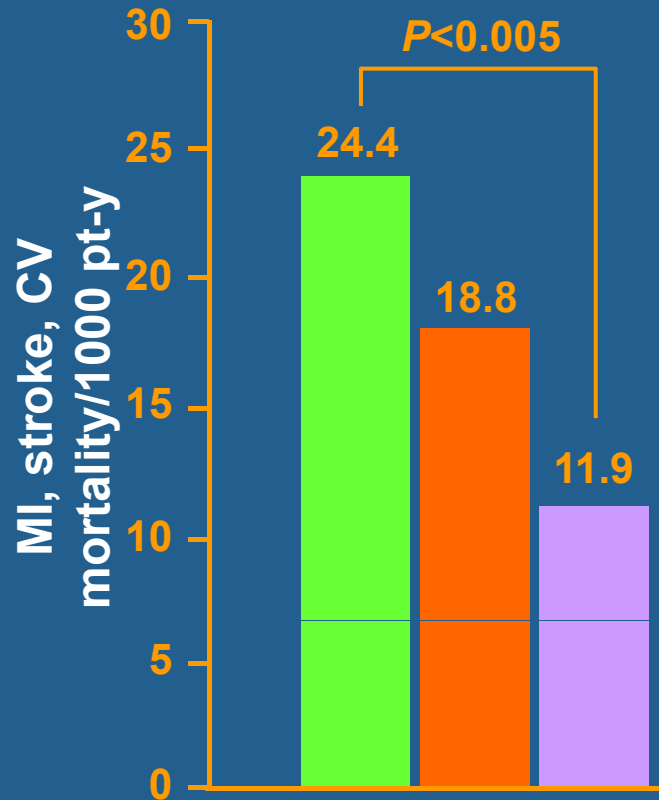
## B: Diastolic Blood Pressure



Adapted from Lewington et al. *Lancet*. 2002; 360:1903-1913.

# BP Control Reduces CV Events: HOT Trial

## Diabetes Subgroup



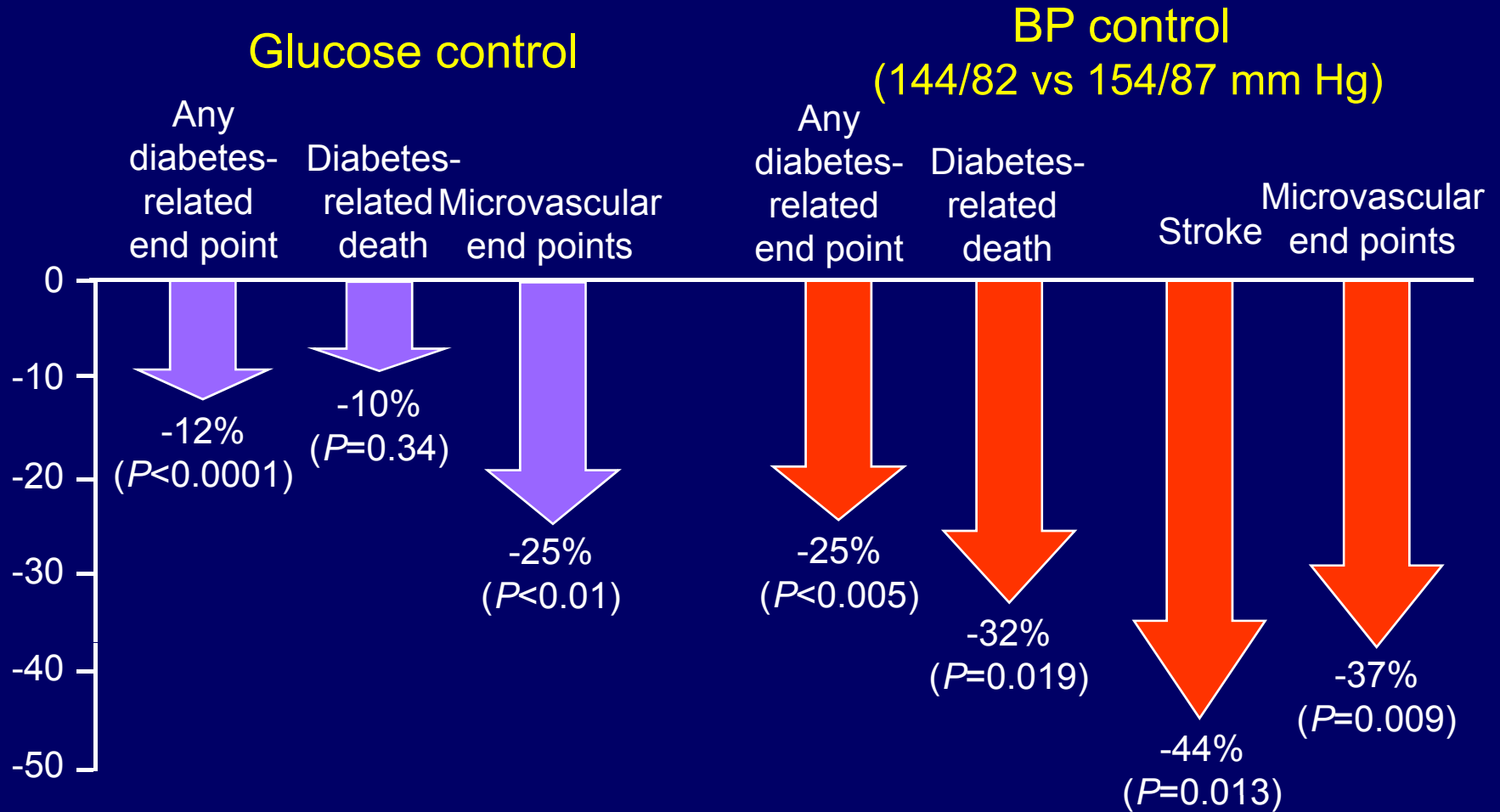
**Goal of therapy:**  
target diastolic BP

- ≤90 mm Hg (n=501)
- ≤85 mm Hg (n=501)
- ≤80 mm Hg (n=499)

**Achieved**

- ≤90 → 85.2 mm Hg
- ≤85 → 83.2 mm Hg
- ≤80 → 81.1 mm Hg

# United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS): Results

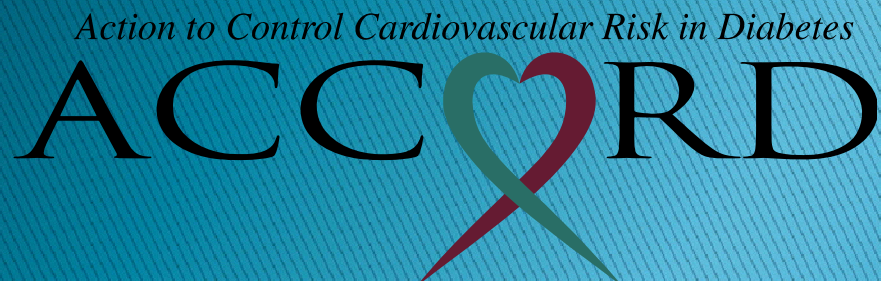


UKPDS Group 38. *BMJ*. 1998;317:703–713.  
UKPDS Group 33. *Lancet*. 1998;352:837–853.

# Effects of Intensive Blood Pressure Control on Cardiovascular Events in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: The Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes (ACCORD) Blood Pressure Trial

William C. Cushman, MD, FACP, FAHA  
*Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Memphis, TN*

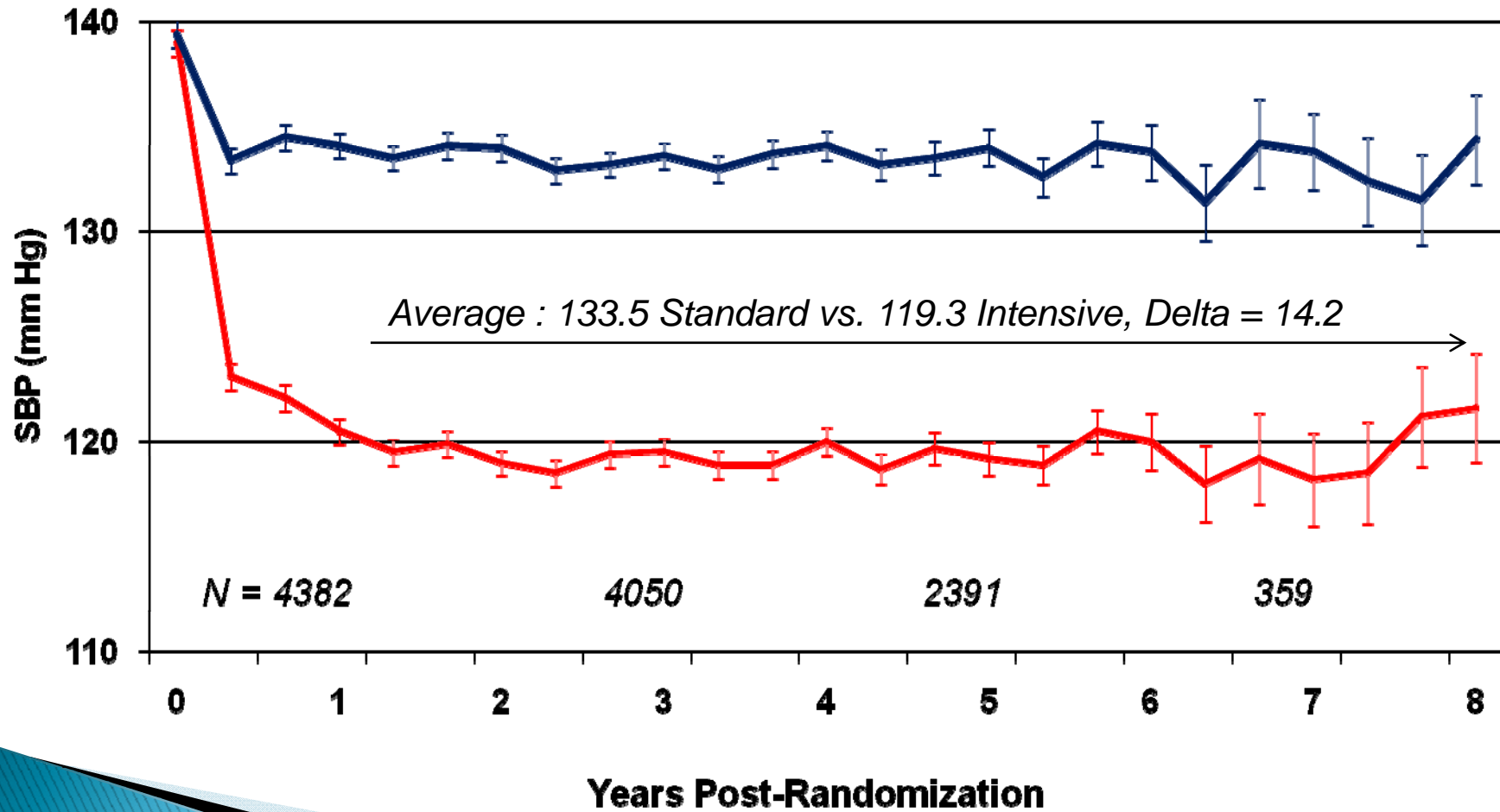
*For The ACCORD Study Group*



# Systolic Pressures (mean $\pm$ 95% CI)

Mean # Meds

|                   |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <i>Intensive:</i> | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| <i>Standard:</i>  | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 |



# Adverse Events

|   | <b>Intensive<br/>N (%)</b> | <b>Standard<br/>N (%)</b> | <b>P</b> |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Serious AE                              | 77 (3.3)                   | 30 (1.3)                  | <0.0001  |
| Hypotension                             | 17 (0.7)                   | 1 (0.04)                  | <0.0001  |
| Syncope                                 | 12 (0.5)                   | 5 (0.2)                   | 0.10     |
| Bradycardia or Arrhythmia               | 12 (0.5)                   | 3 (0.1)                   | 0.02     |
| Hyperkalemia                            | 9 (0.4)                    | 1 (0.04)                  | 0.01     |
| Renal Failure                           | 5 (0.2)                    | 1 (0.04)                  | 0.12     |
| eGFR ever <30 mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> | 99 (4.2)                   | 52 (2.2)                  | <0.001   |
| Any Dialysis or ESRD                    | 59 (1.2)                   | 58 (1.2)                  | 0.91     |
| Dizziness on Standing <sup>†</sup>      | 217 (44)                   | 188 (41)                  | 0.39     |

† Symptom experienced over past 30 days from HRQL sample of N=943 participants assessed at 12 and 48 months post-randomization



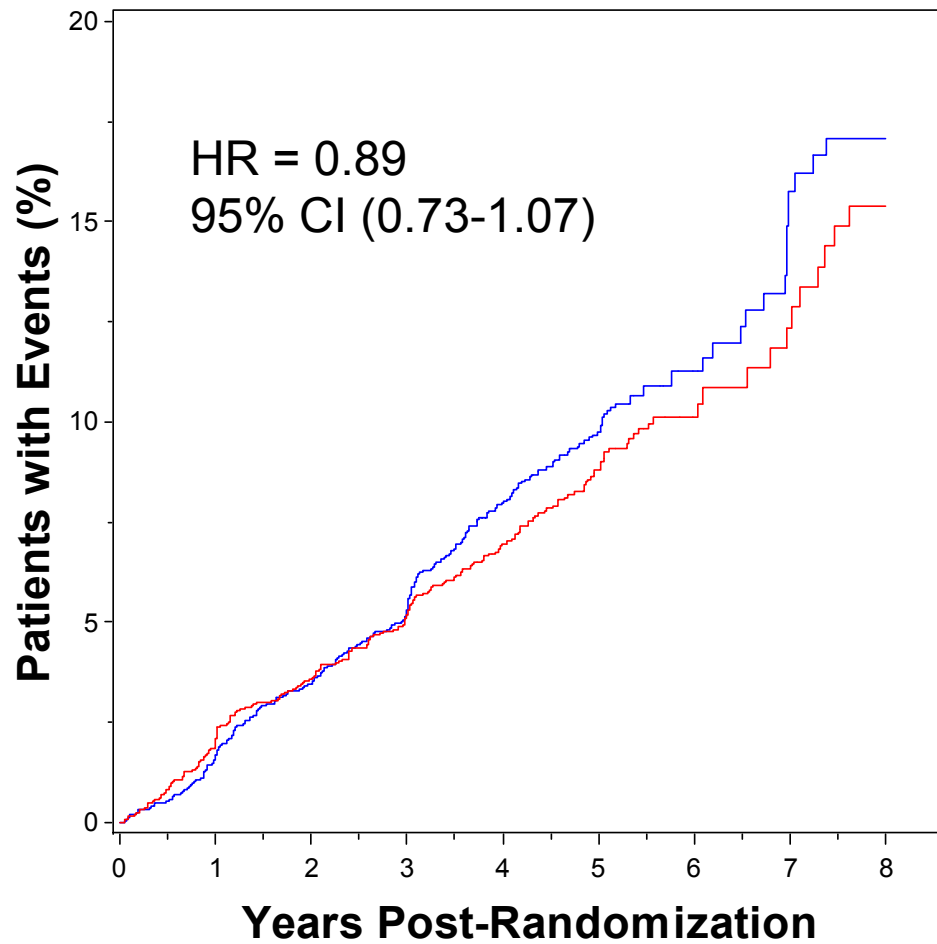
# Primary & Secondary Outcomes

|                          | Intensive<br>Events (%/yr) | Standard<br>Events (%/yr) | HR (95% CI)      | P    |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------|
| Primary                  | 208 (1.87)                 | 237 (2.09)                | 0.89 (0.73-1.07) | 0.20 |
| Total Mortality          | 150 (1.28)                 | 144 (1.19)                | 1.07 (0.85-1.35) | 0.55 |
| Cardiovascular<br>Deaths | 60 (0.52)                  | 58 (0.49)                 | 1.06 (0.74-1.52) | 0.74 |
| Nonfatal MI              | 126 (1.13)                 | 146 (1.28)                | 0.87 (0.68-1.10) | 0.25 |
| Nonfatal Stroke          | 34 (0.30)                  | 55 (0.47)                 | 0.63 (0.41-0.97) | 0.03 |
| Total Stroke             | 36 (0.32)                  | 62 (0.53)                 | 0.59 (0.39-0.89) | 0.01 |

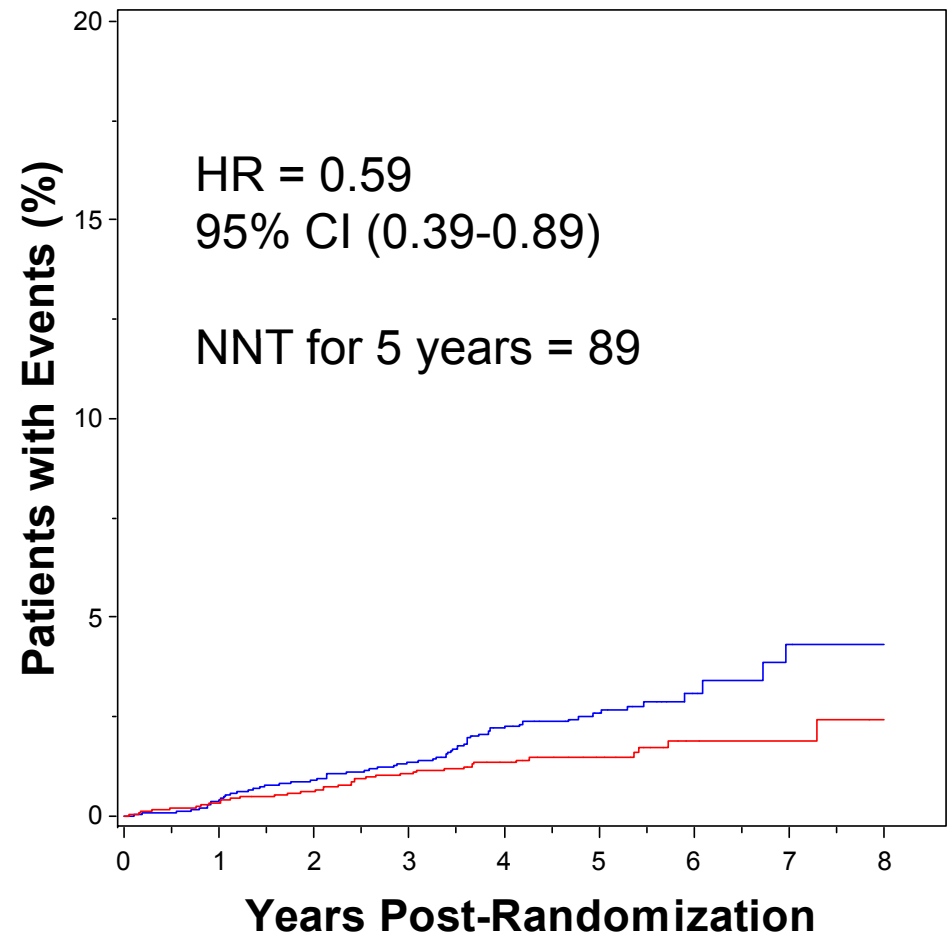
Also examined Fatal/Nonfatal HF (HR=0.94, p=0.67), a composite of fatal coronary events, nonfatal MI and unstable angina (HR=0.94, p=0.50) and a composite of the primary outcome, revascularization and unstable angina (HR=0.95, p=0.40)

## Primary Outcome

Nonfatal MI, Nonfatal Stroke or CVD Death



## Total Stroke



■ Intensive ■ Standard

# Rethinking Lower Blood Pressure Goals for Diabetic Patients with Coronary Artery Disease – Findings from the International Verapamil SR – Trandolapril Study (INVEST)

---

Rhonda M. Cooper-DeHoff, Yan Gong, Eileen M. Handberg,  
Anthony A. Bavry, Scott J. Denardo, George L. Bakris and  
Carl J. Pepine

on behalf of the INVEST Investigators

University of Florida  
Gainesville, FL



# Hypothesis

---

Diabetic patients who achieved SBP <130 mm Hg would have reduced CV outcomes compared with diabetic patients who achieved SBP  $\geq$ 130-<140 mm Hg

# Methods

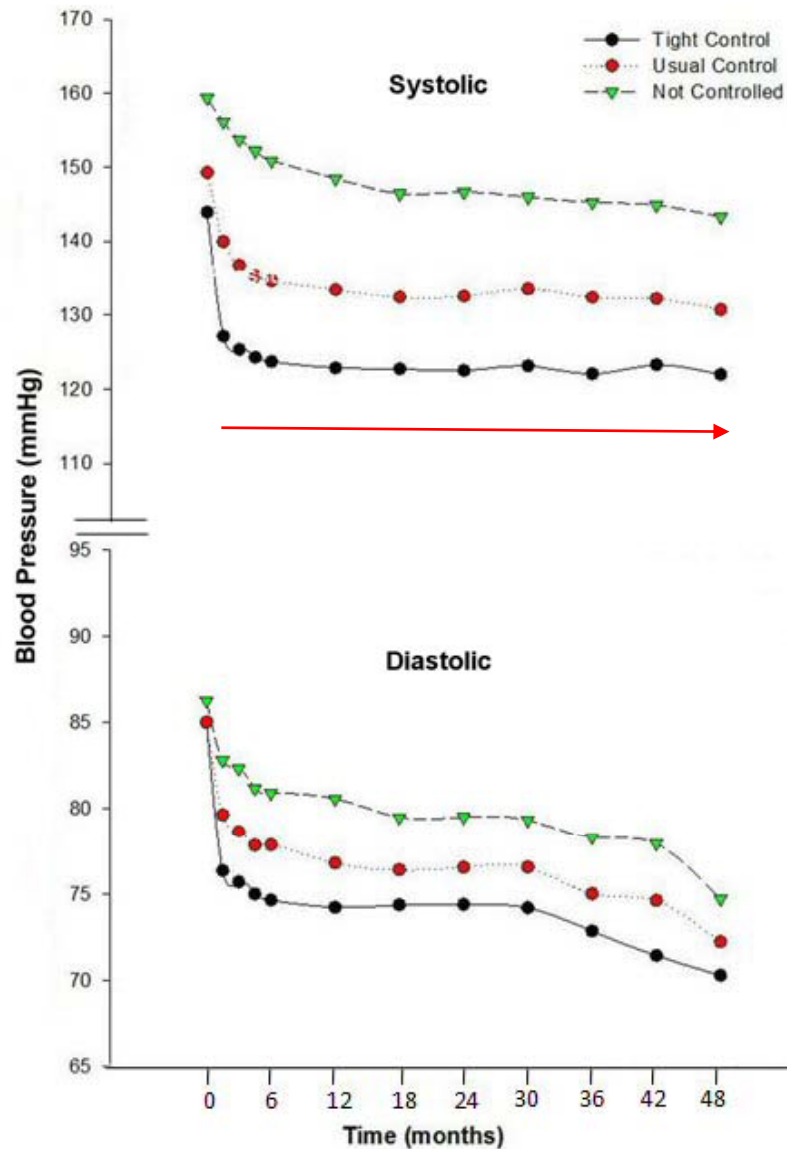
Patients with diabetes at baseline grouped according to mean on-treatment SBP

**Tight Control** • <130 mm Hg

**Usual Control** •  $\geq 130$ -<140 mm Hg

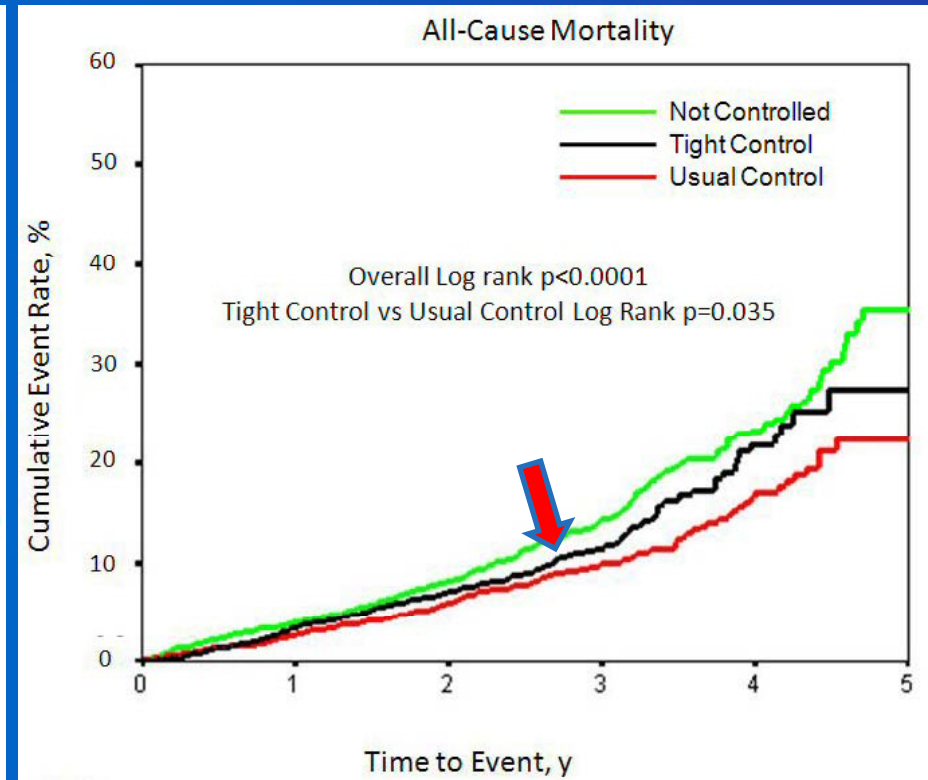
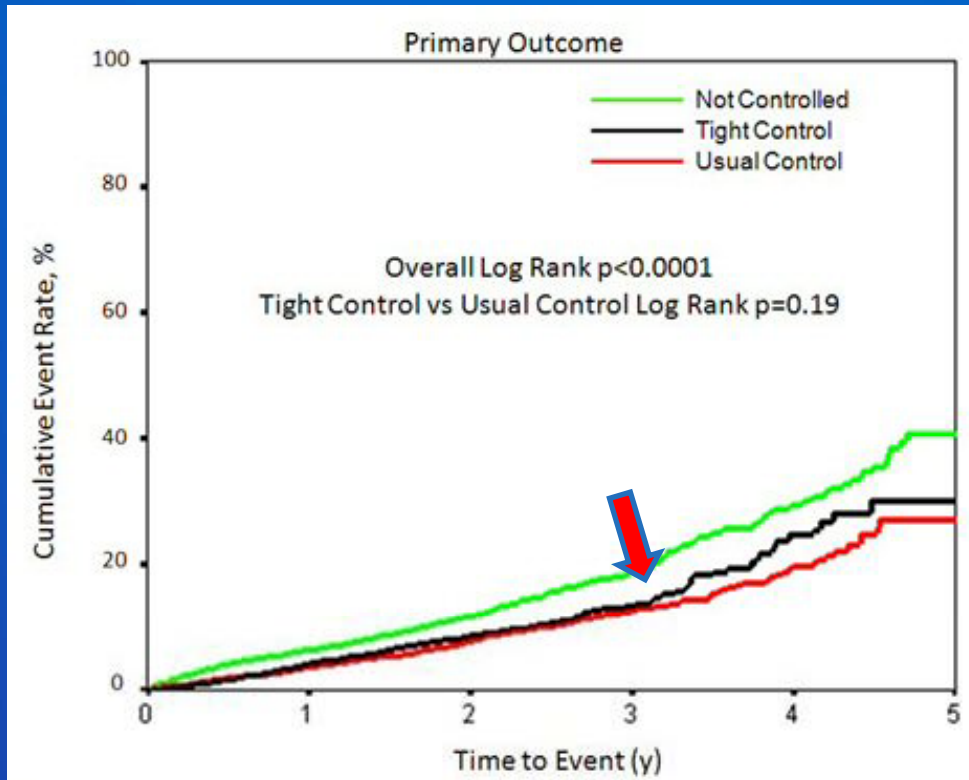
**Not Controlled** •  $\geq 140$  mm Hg

# Results – BP Reduction



No difference comparing the two treatment strategies in terms of BP reduction achieved in any of the groups

# Results: Outcomes During INVEST



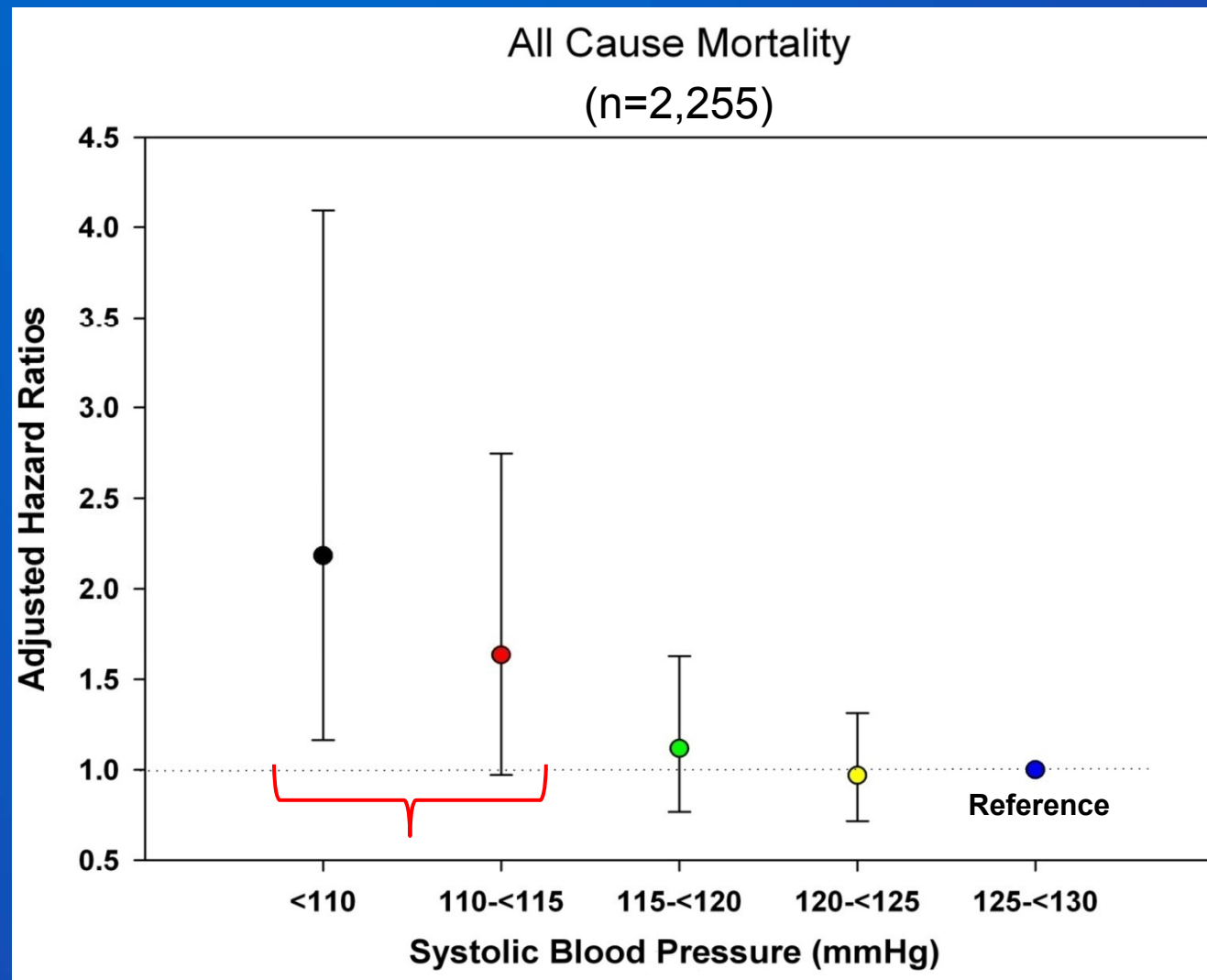
Nonfatal MI

- Tight Control vs Usual Control Log Rank  $p = 0.49$

Nonfatal Stroke

- Tight Control vs Usual Control Log Rank  $p = 0.38$

# Results: Outcomes – Tight Control Group

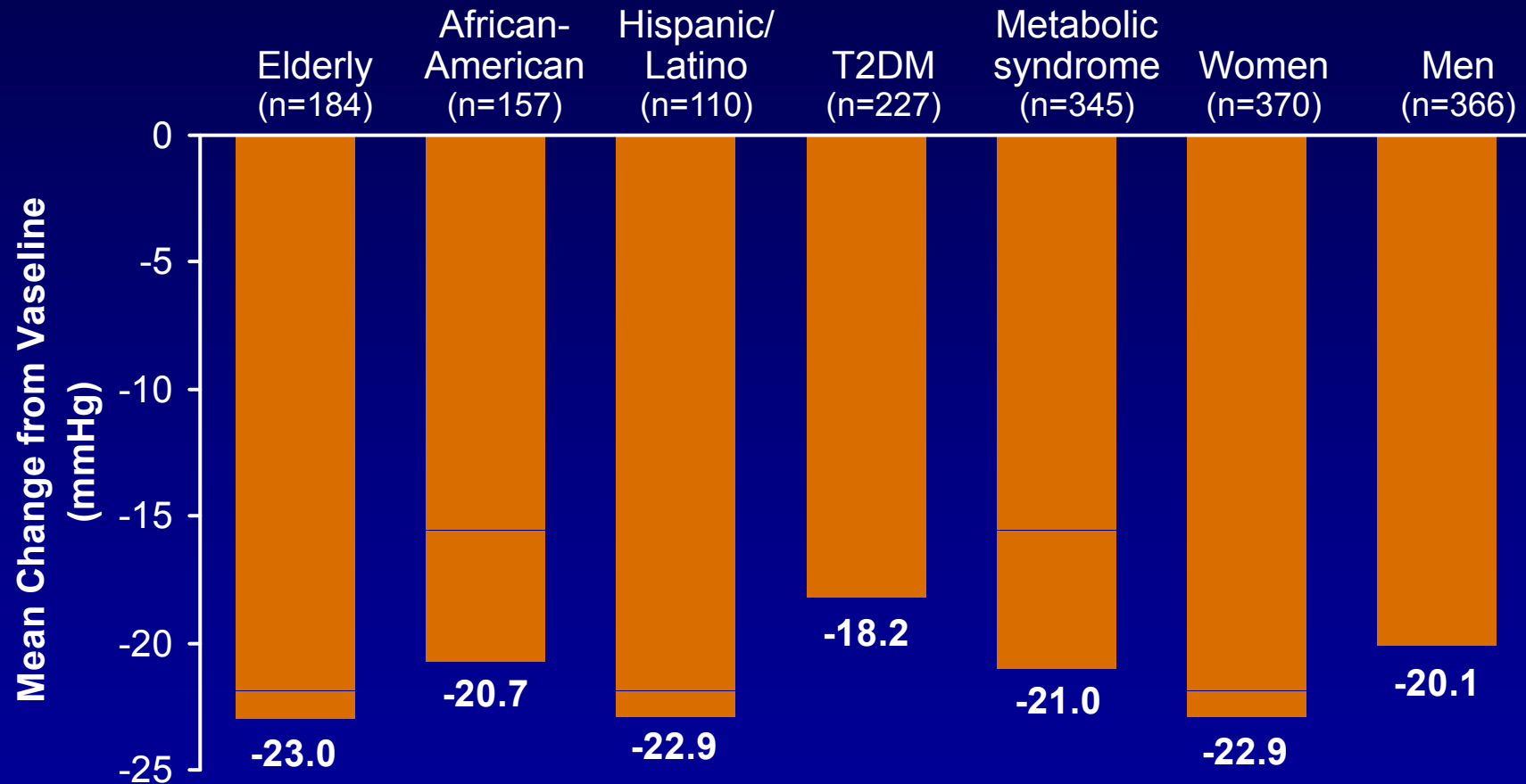


Other significant variables in Cox regression model:

age, race, PAD, MI, CHF, US residency, renal impairment, LVH, TIA/stroke



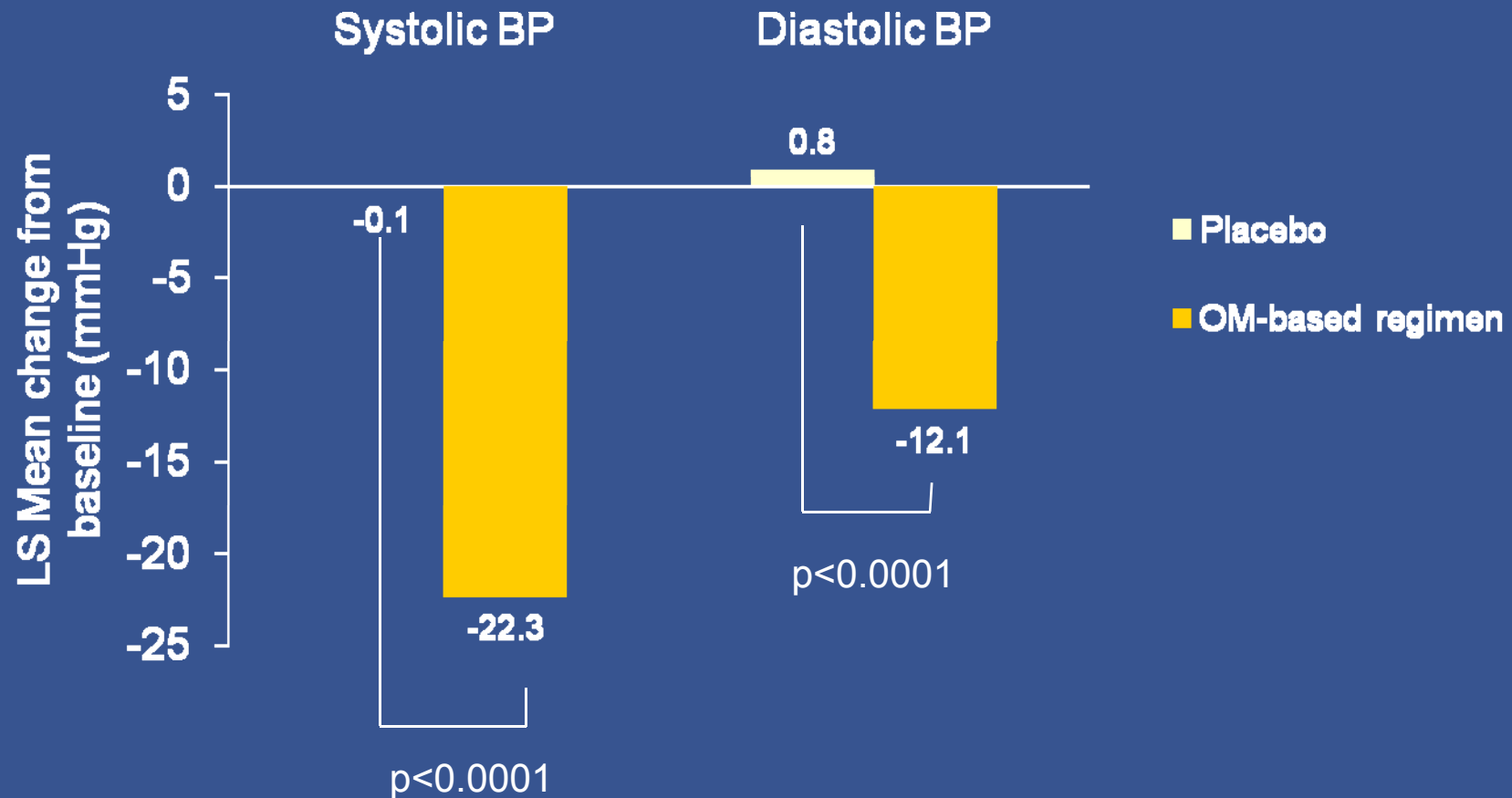
## Effects of Combination Irbesartan/HCTZ Treatment on Systolic BP: Changes after 18 weeks by Subgroup



ITT population; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus Neutel et al, J Clin Hypertens, 2007

# Olmesartan (+/- Hydrochlorothiazide) in Patients with Stage 1 or 2 Hypertension

## Change from Baseline BP at End of Study

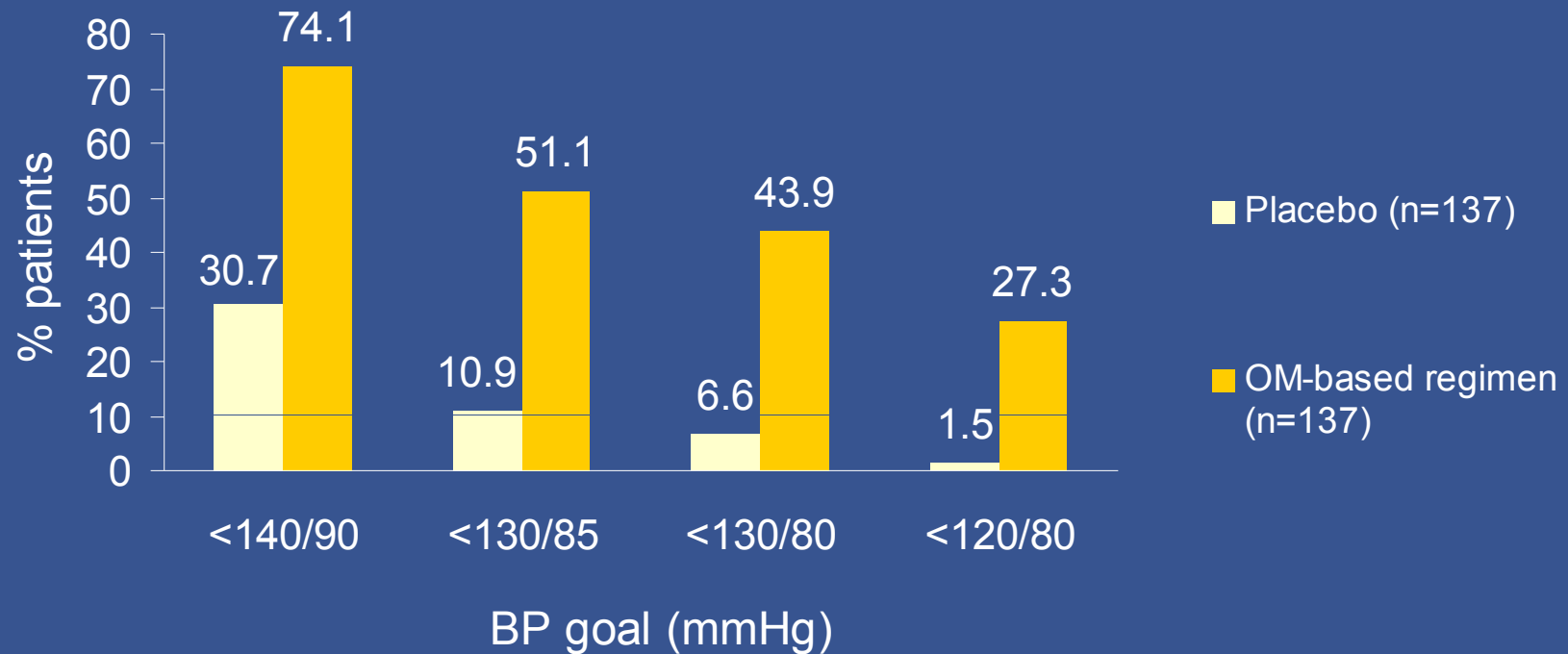


### Baseline BP

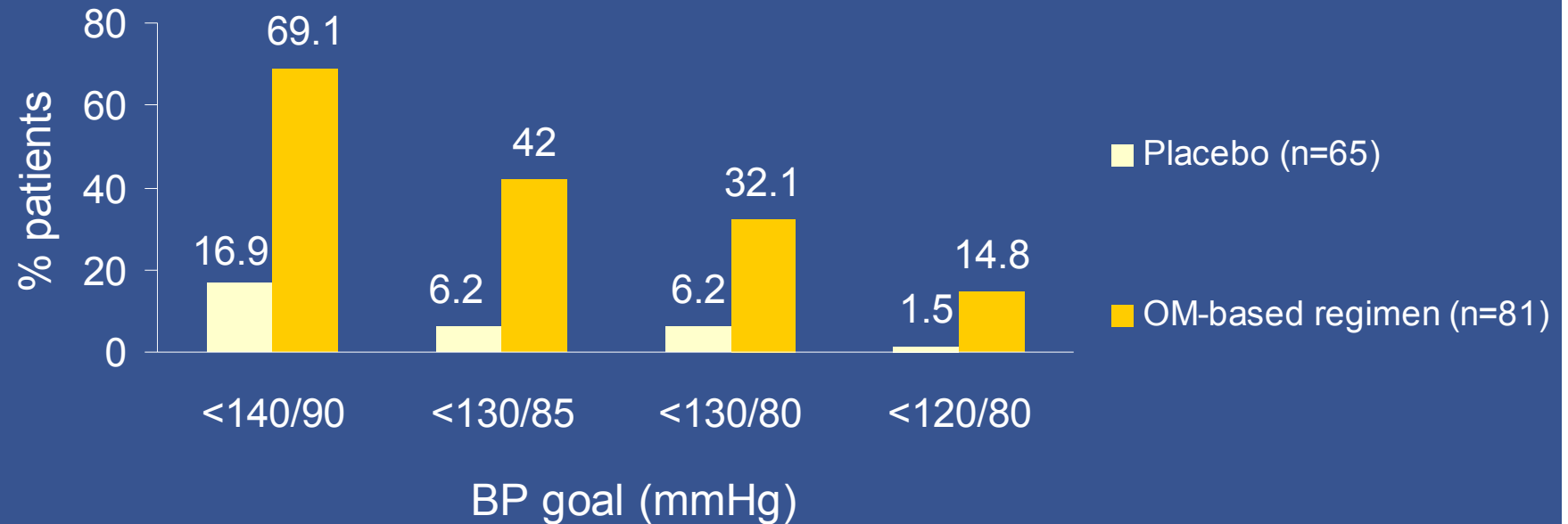
Placebo: 155.2/93.7 mmHg

OM-based regimen: 156.7/94.0 mmHg

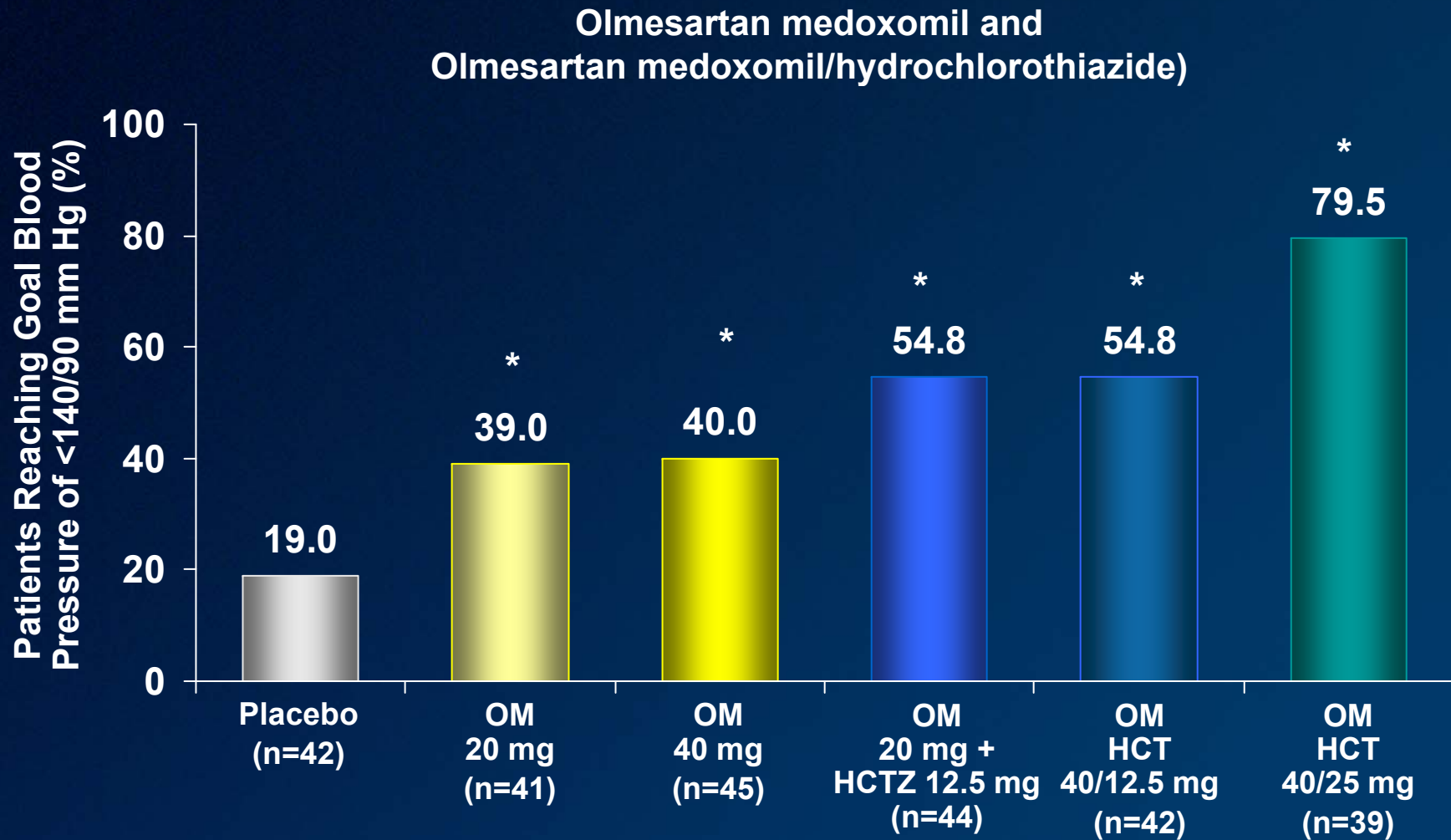
# Secondary Endpoint: BP Goal Achievement at End of Study



# Olmesartan/HCT --- Secondary Endpoint: BP Goal Achievement at End of Study – Patients with STAGE 2 Hypertension



# Factorial Study: ARB, Diuretic or Combination BP Goal Attainment of <140/90 mm Hg



\*P<.05 vs placebo.

Mean seated baseline BP=152-154/103-104 mm Hg.

Data on file, Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.; Kostis J, et al. *Am J Hypertens.* 2004;17:114A.



# Avoiding Cardiovascular events through COMbination therapy in Patients Living with Systolic Hypertension

Kenneth Jamerson<sup>1</sup>, George L. Bakris<sup>2</sup>, Bjorn Dahlöf<sup>3</sup>,  
Bertram Pitt<sup>1</sup>, Eric J. Velazquez<sup>4</sup>, Michael A. Weber<sup>5</sup>  
for the ACCOMPLISH Investigators

1. University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI; 2. University of Chicago-Pritzker School of Medicine, Chicago, IL; 3. Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden; 4. Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC; 5. SUNY Downstate Medical College, Brooklyn, NY

# ACCOMPLISH: the first outcomes trial to compare initial therapy with two different combinations

## Hypothesis

Benazepril/amlodipine combination will reduce CV morbidity and mortality by 15% compared with benazepril/HCTZ combination in patients with high-risk hypertension

CV = cardiovascular; HCTZ = hydrochlorothiazide  
Jamerson K, et al. Am J Hypertens 2004;17:793–801



# Primary and secondary endpoints

- Primary endpoint:
  - Composite of CV mortality and morbidity
    - (CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, hospitalization for unstable angina, coronary revascularization procedure [PCI or CABG], or resuscitated sudden death)
- Secondary endpoints:
  - Composite of CV morbidity
  - Composite of CV mortality, non-fatal stroke, or non-fatal MI

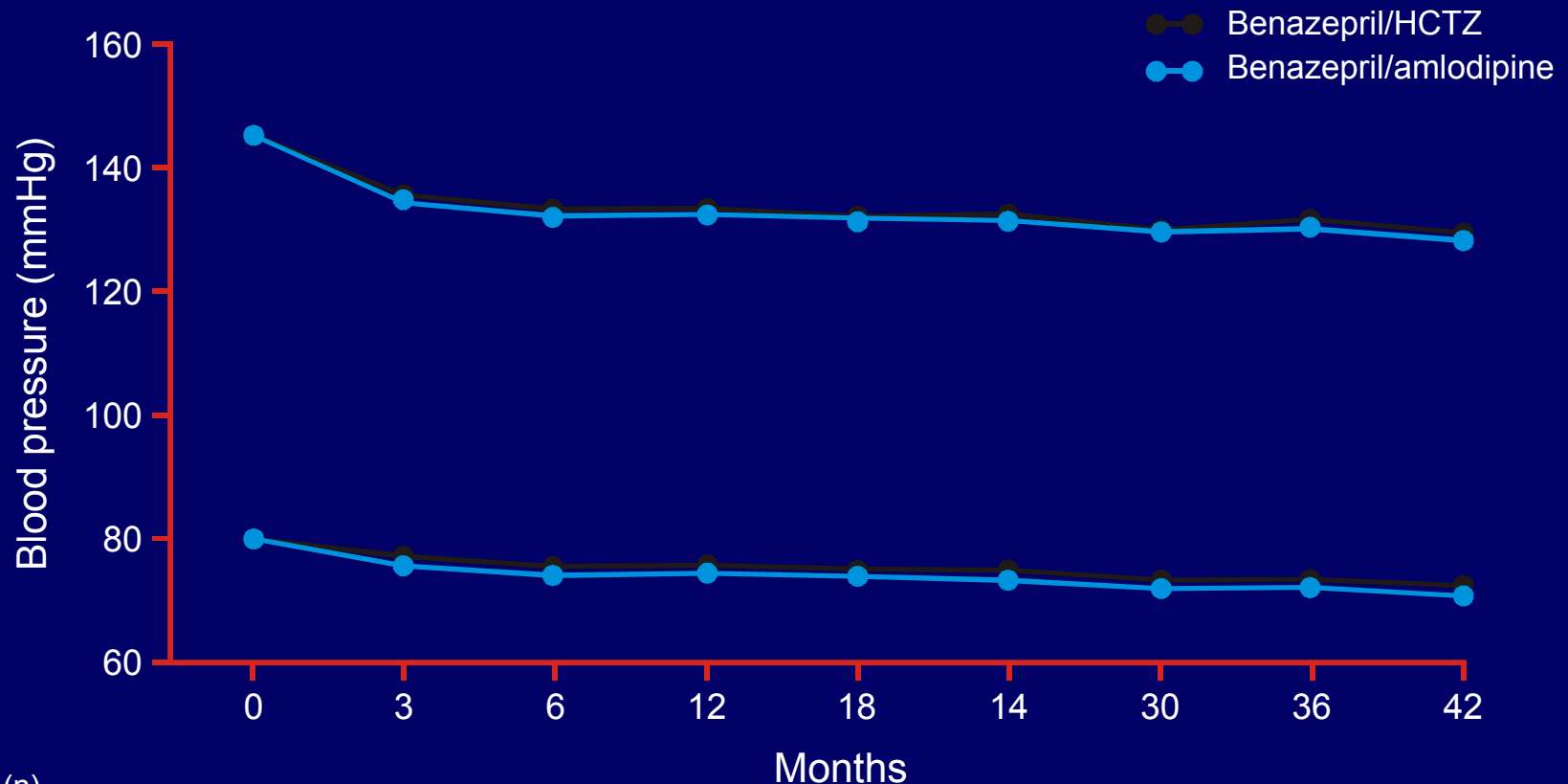
CV = cardiovascular; MI = myocardial infarction; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention; CABG = coronary artery bypass graft

Jamerson K, et al. Am J Hypertens 2004;17:793–801





# SBP/DBP over time



Patients (n)

|                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Benazepril/amlodipine | 5740 | 5517 | 5404 | 5178 | 5010 | 4866 | 4298 | 2804 | 1074 |
| Benazepril/HCTZ       | 5757 | 5537 | 5408 | 5222 | 5033 | 4825 | 4299 | 2529 | 1042 |

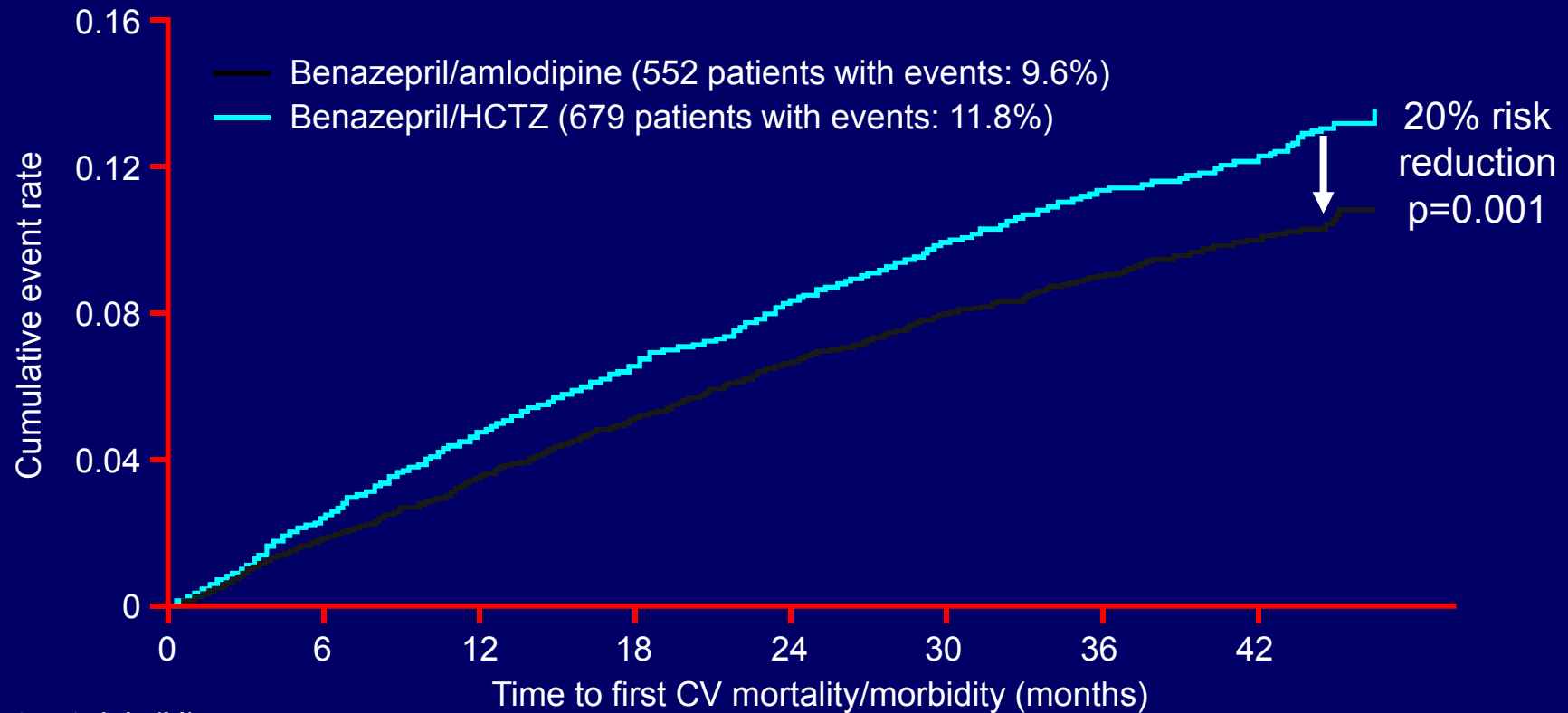
SBP = systolic blood pressure; DBP = diastolic blood pressure

HCTZ = hydrochlorothiazide

Jamerson K, et al. N Engl J Med 2008;359:2417–28



# Kaplan-Meier curve for time to primary endpoint (based on 1231 patients with primary events)



Patients at risk (N)

|                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Benazepril/amlodipine | 5,512 | 5,317 | 5,141 | 4,959 | 4,739 | 2,826 | 1,447 |
| Benazepril/HCTZ       | 5,483 | 5,274 | 5,082 | 4,892 | 4,655 | 2,749 | 1,390 |

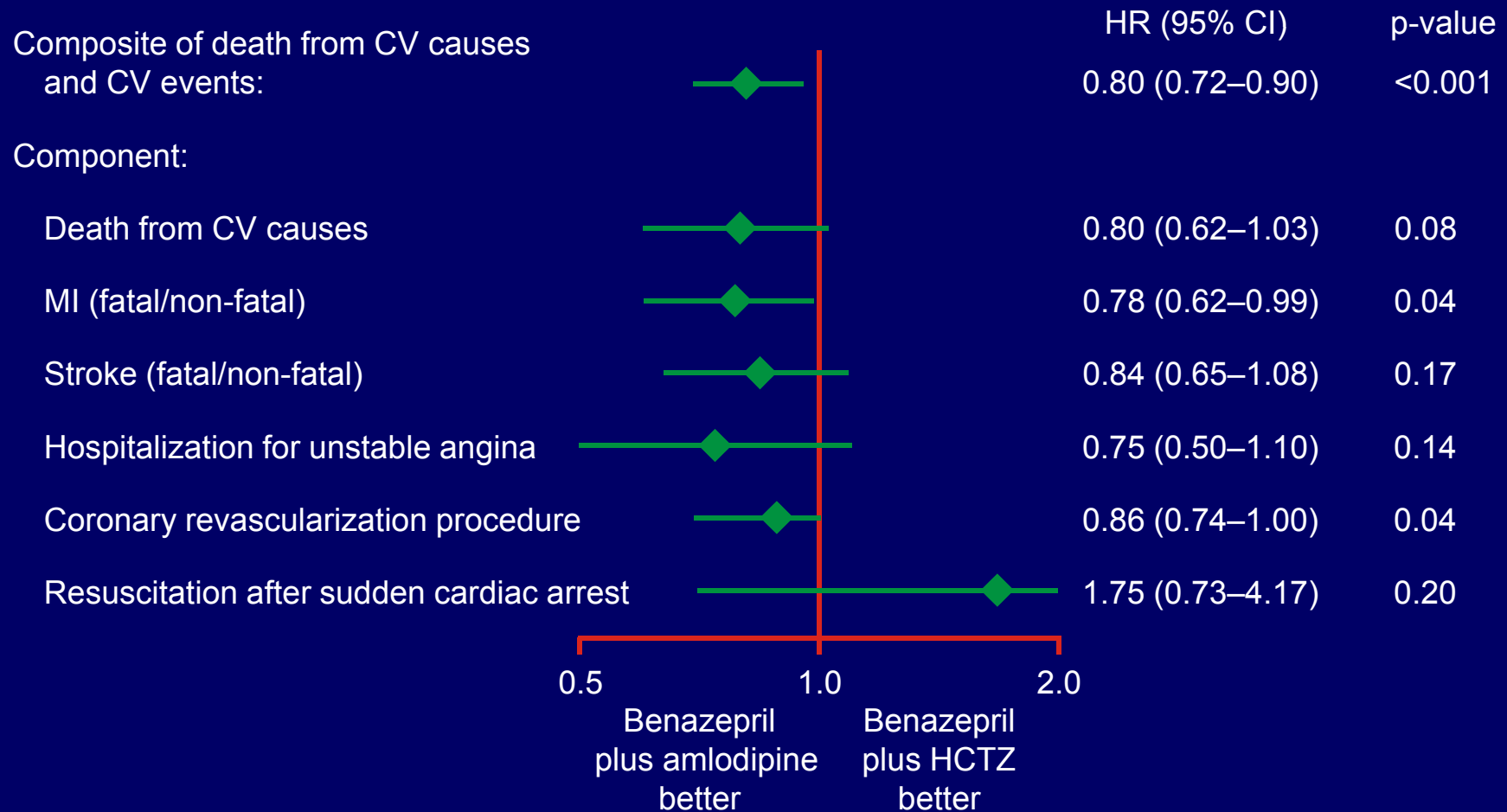
\*Hazard ratio (95% confidence interval): 0.80 (0.72, 0.90)

CV = cardiovascular; HCTZ = hydrochlorothiazide

Jamerson K, et al. N Engl J Med 2008;359:2417-28



# Primary endpoint and individual components

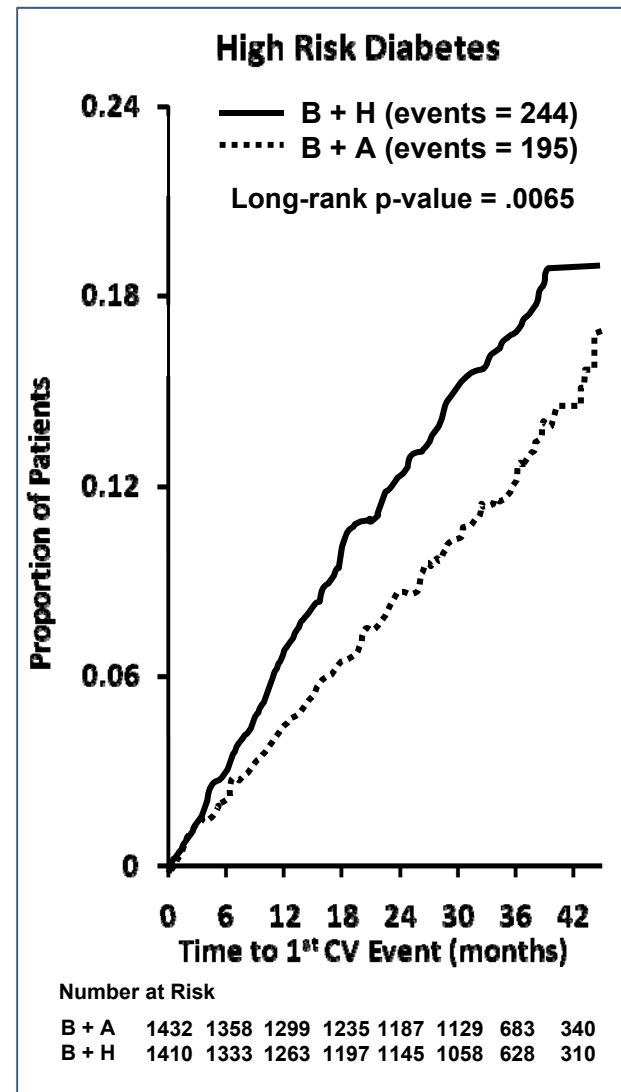
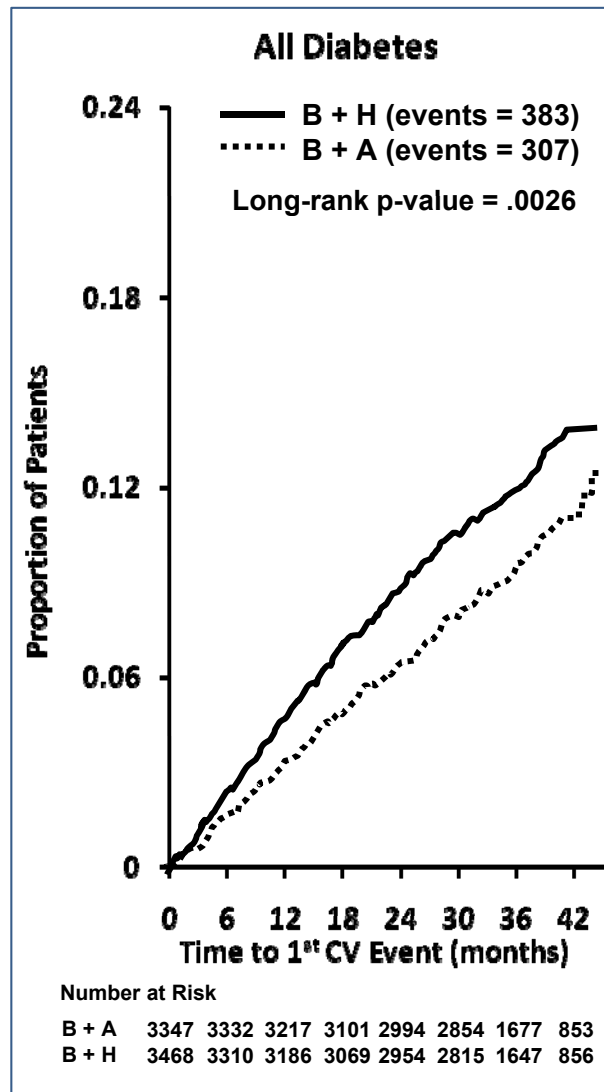
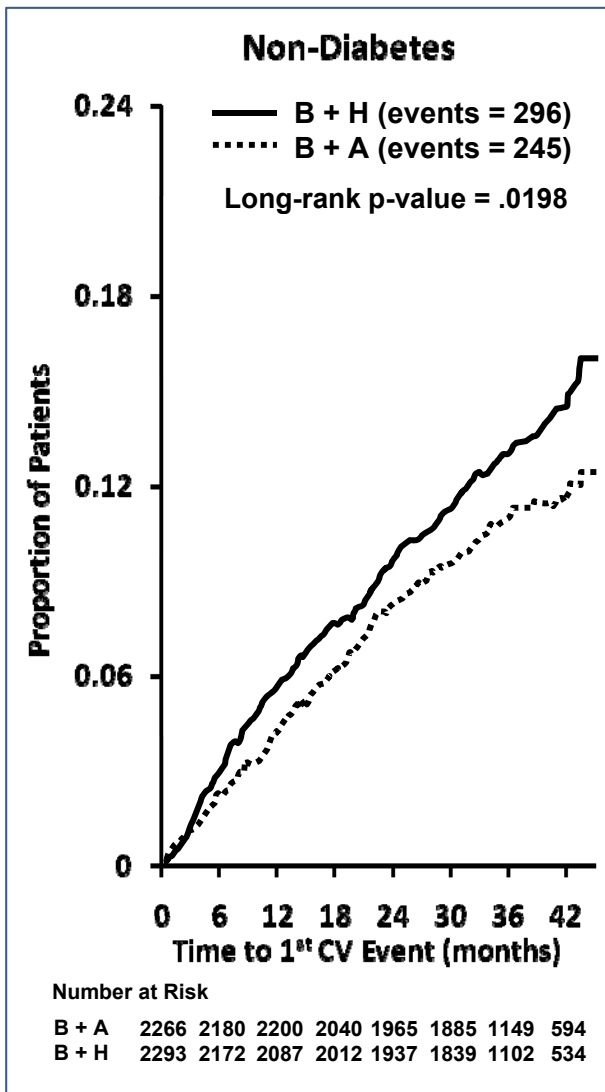


CV = cardiovascular; HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval

MI = myocardial infarction; HCTZ = hydrochlorothiazide

Jamerson K, et al. N Engl J Med 2008;359:2417–28





| Characteristic                     | Benazepril + Amlodipine | Benazepril + HCTZ | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | p-Value |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Number of Patients                 | 3,478                   | 3,468             | —                     | —       |
| <b>Primary endpoint</b>            | 307 (8.8)               | 383 (11.0)        | 0.79 (0.68 – 0.92)    | .003    |
| Fatal and non-fatal MI             | 77 (2.2)                | 91 (2.6)          | 0.85 (0.63 – 1.15)    | .283    |
| Hospitalized UA                    | 23 (0.7)                | 36 (1.0)          | 0.64 (0.38 – 1.08)    | .092    |
| Stroke                             | 64 (1.8)                | 70 (2.0)          | 0.91 (0.65 – 1.28)    | .607    |
| CV death                           | 62 (1.8)                | 74 (2.1)          | 0.84 (0.60 – 1.18)    | .312    |
| <b>Revascularization</b>           | 180 (5.2)               | 224 (6.5)         | 0.80 (0.66 – 0.97)    | .024    |
| <b>Non-revasc. coronary event*</b> | 111 (3.2)               | 151 (4.4)         | 0.73 (0.57 – 0.94)    | .013    |
| <b>CV death + MI + stroke</b>      | 170 (4.9)               | 203 (5.9)         | 0.84 (0.68 – 1.03)    | .085    |
| Hospitalized HF                    | 74 (2.1)                | 67 (1.9)          | 1.11 (0.80 – 1.54)    | .545    |
| All-cause death                    | 141 (4.1)               | 139 (4.0)         | 1.02 (0.80 – 1.29)    | .887    |
| <b>Renal endpoint**</b>            | 231 (6.6)               | 422 (12.2)        | 0.53 (0.45 – 0.63)    | <.001   |

## Primary, Secondary and Individual Endpoints for the Diabetes Cohort

Values are absolute numbers (percentages).

Abbreviations: HCTZ=hydrochlorothiazide; MI=myocardial infarction; UA=unstable angina;

CV=cardiovascular; HF=heart failure

\* MI + UA + Sudden cardiac death

\*\*  $\geq 50\%$  increase in serum creatinine with final value above normal range

Weber et al, JACC (2010) in press

| Characteristic              | Benazepril + Amlodipine | Benazepril + HCTZ | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | p-Value |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Number of Patients          | 2,266                   | 2,293             | —                     | —       |
| Primary endpoint            | 245 (10.8)              | 296 (12.9)        | 0.82 (0.69 – 0.97)    | .020    |
| Fatal and non-fatal MI      | 48 (2.1)                | 68 (3.0)          | 0.70 (0.49 – 1.02)    | .059    |
| Hospitalized UA             | 21 (0.9)                | 23 (1.0)          | 0.91 (0.50 – 1.64)    | .749    |
| Stroke                      | 48 (2.1)                | 63 (2.8)          | 0.76 (0.52 – 1.10)    | .147    |
| CV death                    | 45 (2.0)                | 60 (2.6)          | 0.75 (0.51 – 1.10)    | .137    |
| Revascularization           | 154 (6.8)               | 162 (7.1)         | 0.95 (0.76 – 1.18)    | .630    |
| Non-revasc. coronary event* | 83 (3.7)                | 106 (4.6)         | 0.78 (0.58 – 1.04)    | .084    |
| CV death + MI + stroke      | 118 (5.2)               | 161 (7.0)         | 0.73 (0.57 – 0.92)    | .008    |
| Hospitalized HF             | 26 (1.2)                | 29 (1.3)          | 0.89 (0.53 – 1.52)    | .679    |
| All-cause death             | 95 (4.2)                | 123 (5.4)         | 0.77 (0.59 – 1.00)    | .052    |
| Renal endpoint**            | 87 (3.8)                | 221 (9.6)         | 0.38 (0.30 – 0.49)    | <.001   |

**Table 5. Primary, Secondary and Individual Endpoints for the Non-diabetes Cohort**

Values are absolute numbers (percentages).

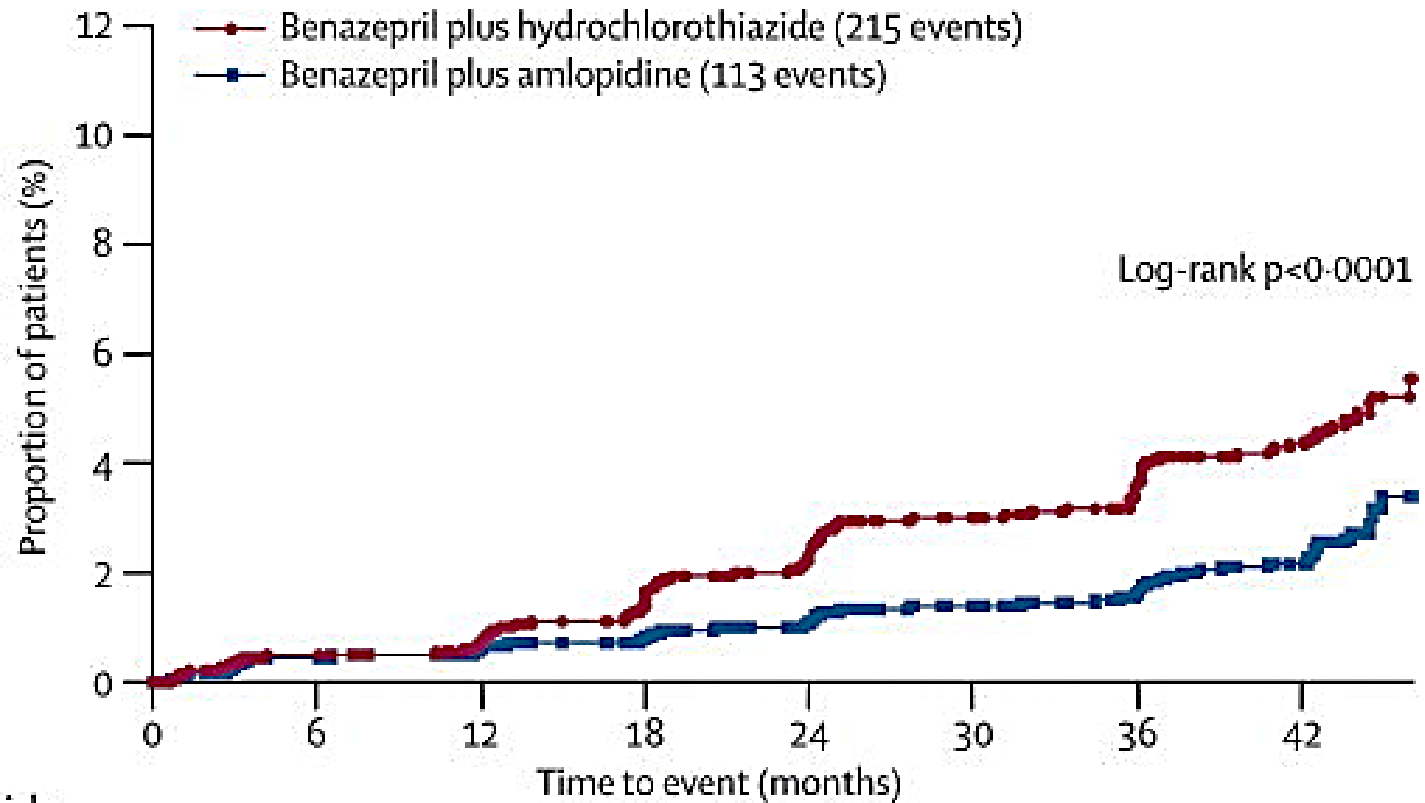
Abbreviations: HCTZ=hydrochlorothiazide; MI=myocardial infarction; UA=unstable angina;

CV=cardiovascular; HF=heart failure

\* MI + UA + Sudden cardiac death

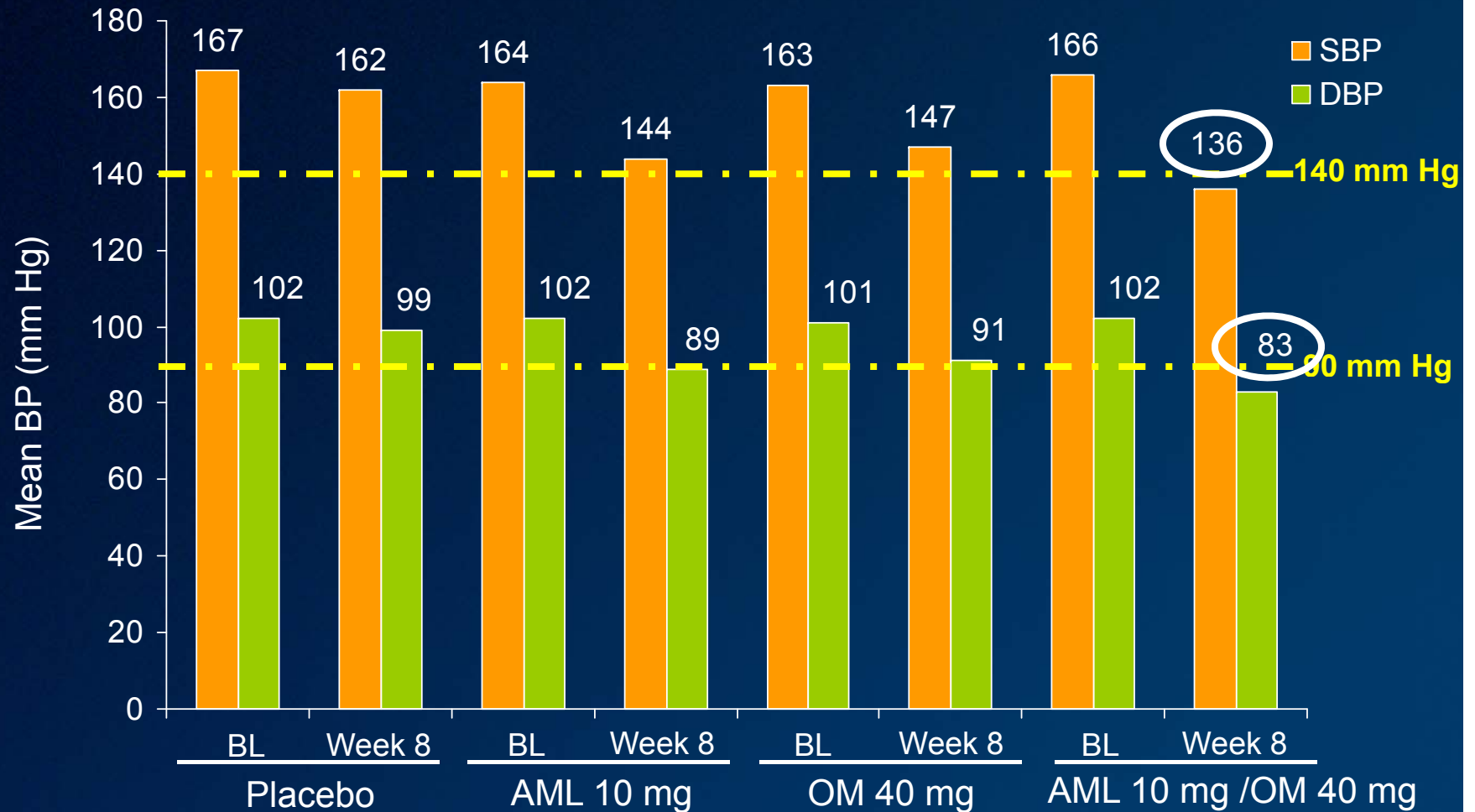
\*\*  $\geq$  50% increase in serum creatinine with final value above normal range

# Kaplan-Meier curves for progression of chronic kidney disease for the intention-to-treat population



| Number at risk                      | 0    | 6    | 12   | 18   | 24   | 30   | 36   | 42   |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Benazepril plus hydrochlorothiazide | 5762 | 5576 | 5459 | 5307 | 5139 | 4936 | 2956 | 1506 |
| Benazepril plus amlopidine          | 5744 | 5578 | 5452 | 5336 | 5203 | 5022 | 3016 | 1559 |

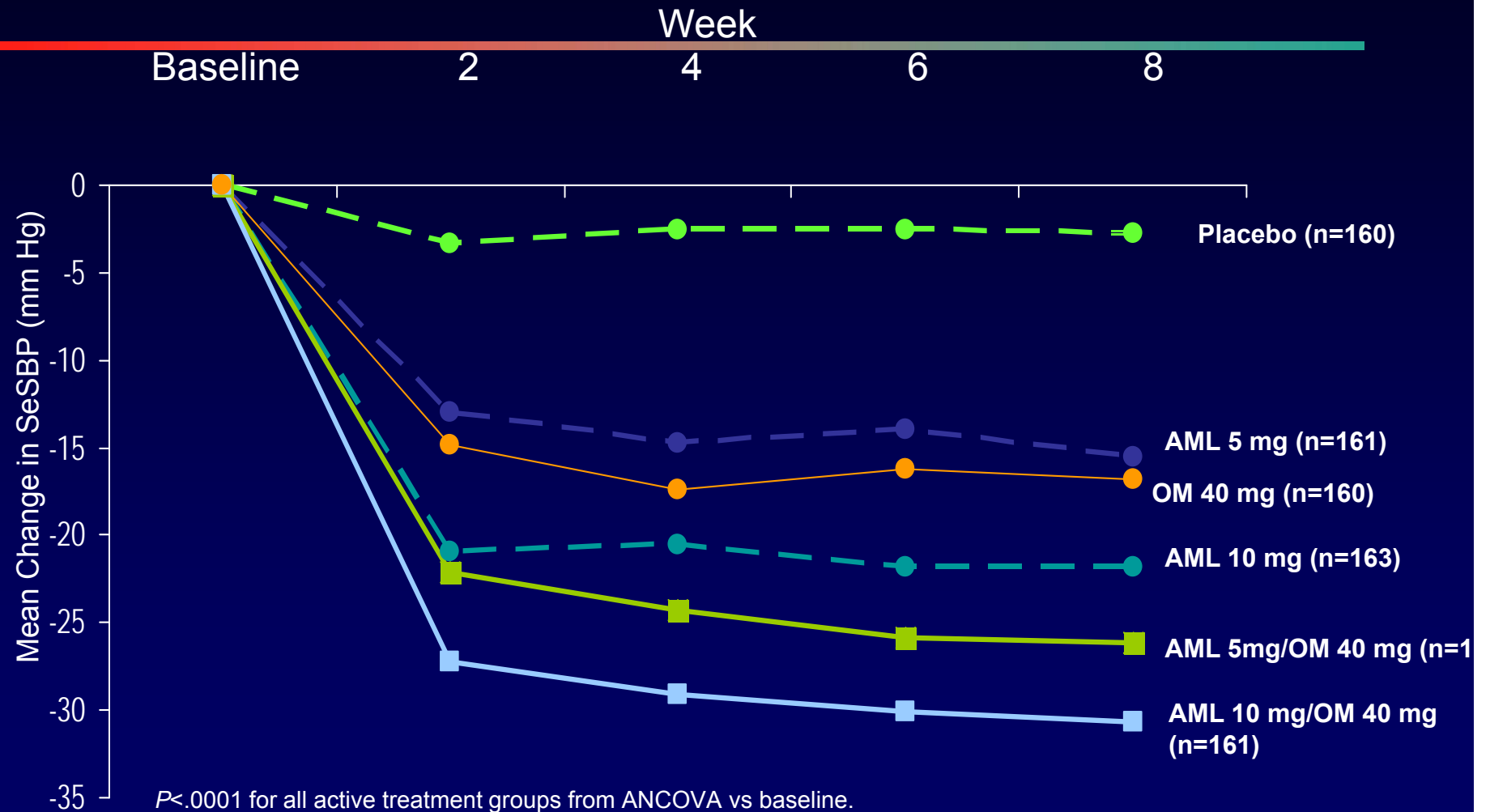
# Combination of Amlodipine and Olmesartan Medoxomil Baseline and On-Treatment Blood Pressures



AML=amlodipine; BL=baseline; OM=olmesartan medoxomil.  
Chrysant SG et al. ASH 2007, Late Breaking Clinical Trial.

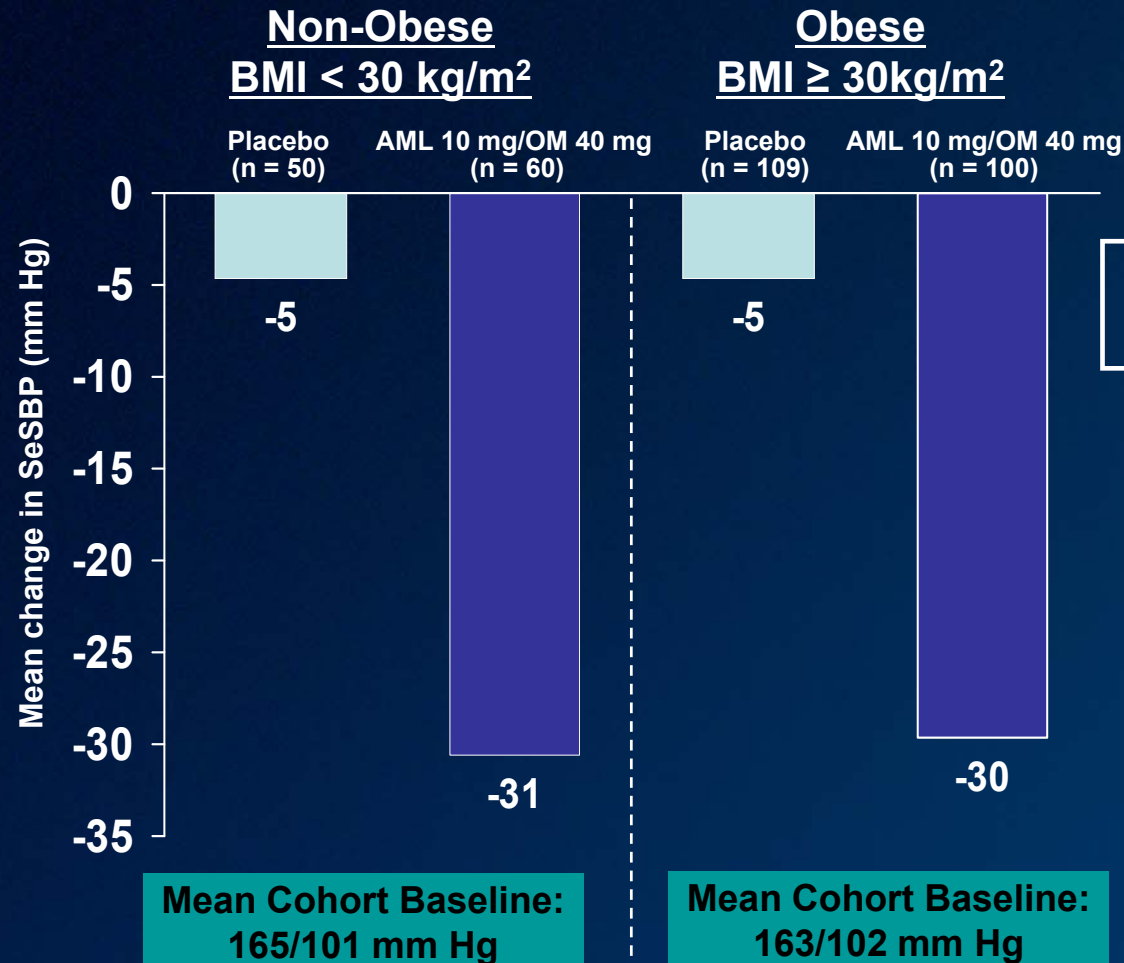


# Mean Reduction in Systolic BP at weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8 Combinations of Amlodipine & Olmesartan Medoxomil



For Internal Educational/Training Purposes Only.

# Mean Reduction in SeSBP: Obese Patients Week 8 LOCF in Patients with BMI <30 and BMI ≥ 30

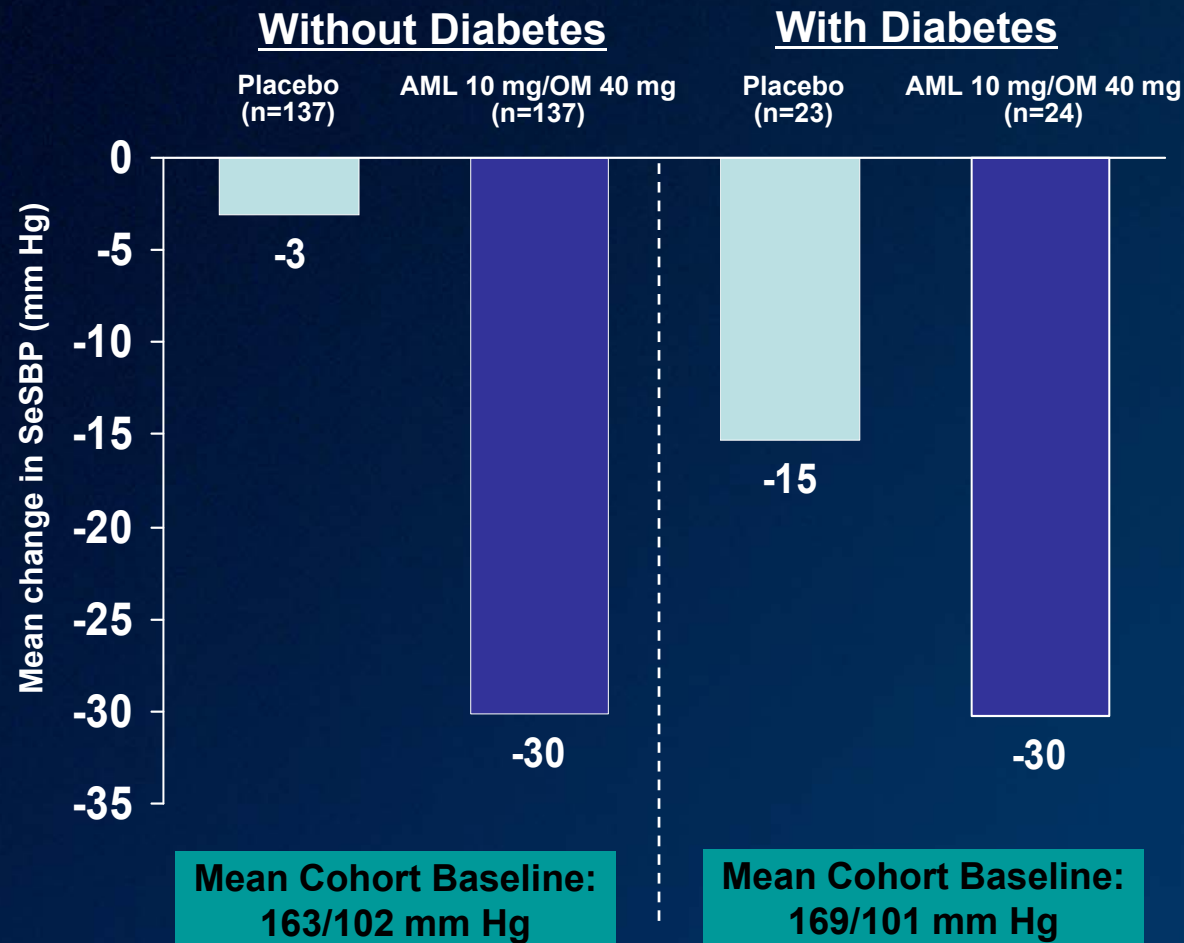


- 65% (1254) of the patients in the study were obese (BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> )

Each active treatment group had a statistically significant mean reduction in SBP compared to baseline ( $P < .0001$ ); Results presented are from a pre-specified subgroup analysis of patients with BMI <30 vs BMI ≥ 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; data from 2 of 12 treatment arms; Efficacy evaluations were based on the ITT population for the total population and subgroup analysis; Data on file, Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.

# Mean Reduction in SeSBP: Patients with Diabetes

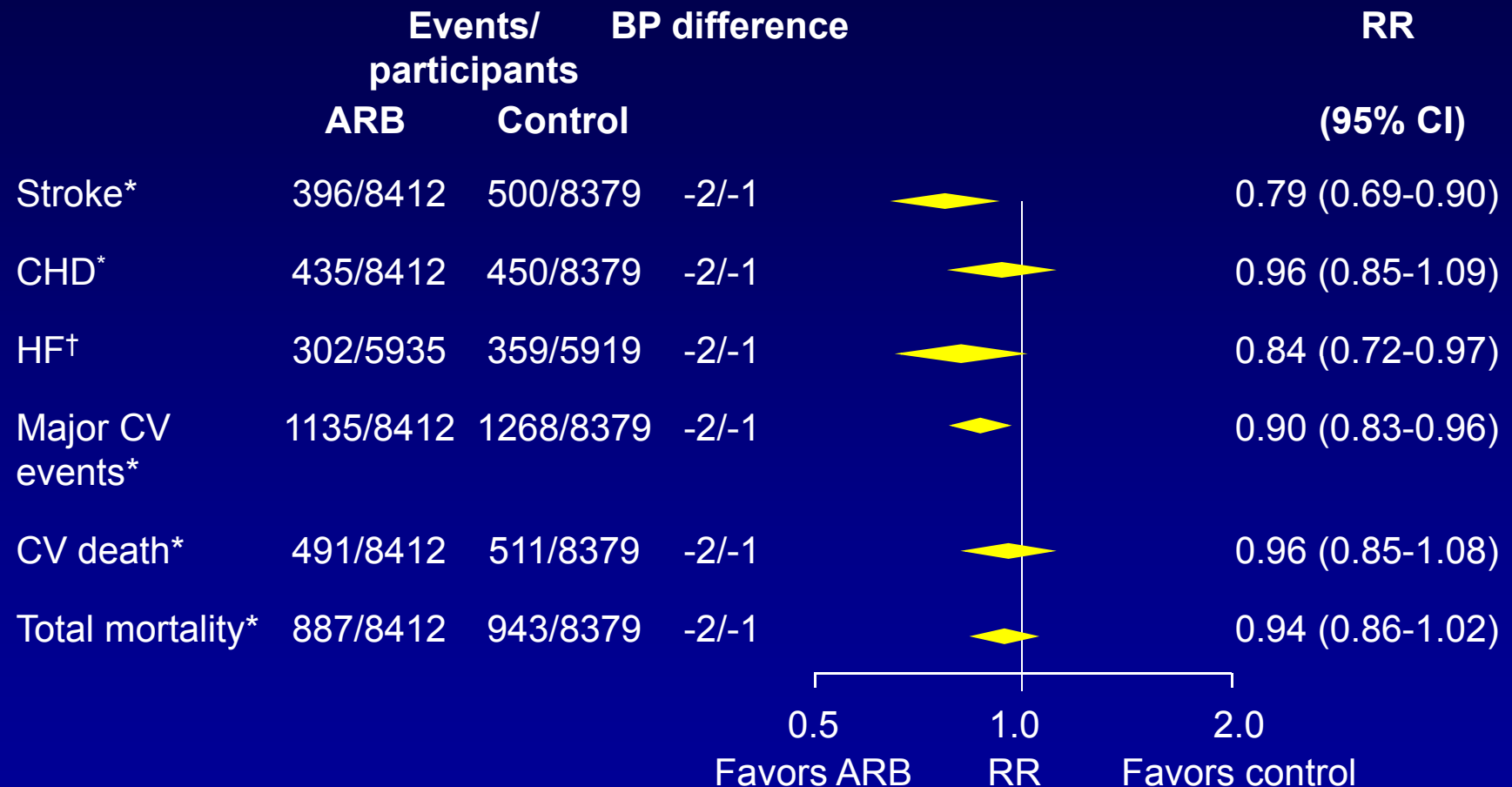
## Week 8 LOCF in Patients With and Without Diabetes



- 14% of the patients in the study had diabetes
- The antihypertensive effect of AZOR® was similar in patients with and without diabetes

Each active treatment group had a statistically significant mean reduction in SBP compared to baseline ( $P < .0001$ ); Results presented are from a pre-specified subgroup analysis of patients with diabetes vs patients without diabetes; data from 2 of 12 treatment arms; Efficacy evaluations were based on the ITT population for the total population and subgroup analysis; Data on file, Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.

# Comparison of ARB-Based and Control-Based Regimens

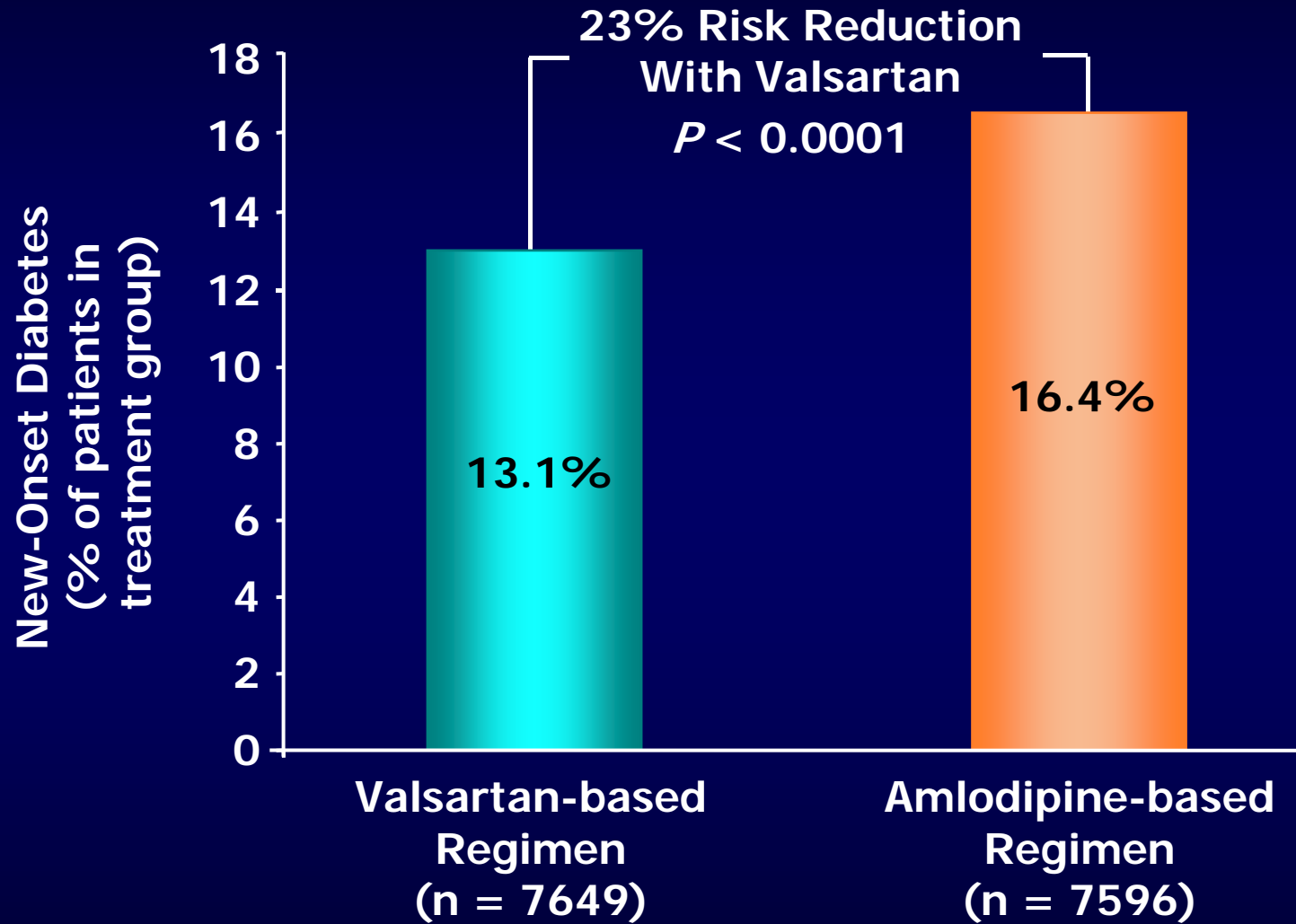


\*Includes SCOPE, IDNT, RENAAL, LIFE.

†Includes IDNT, RENAAL, LIFE.

Neal et al, for the Blood Pressure Lowering Treatment Trialists' Collaboration. *Lancet*. 2003;362:1527-1535.

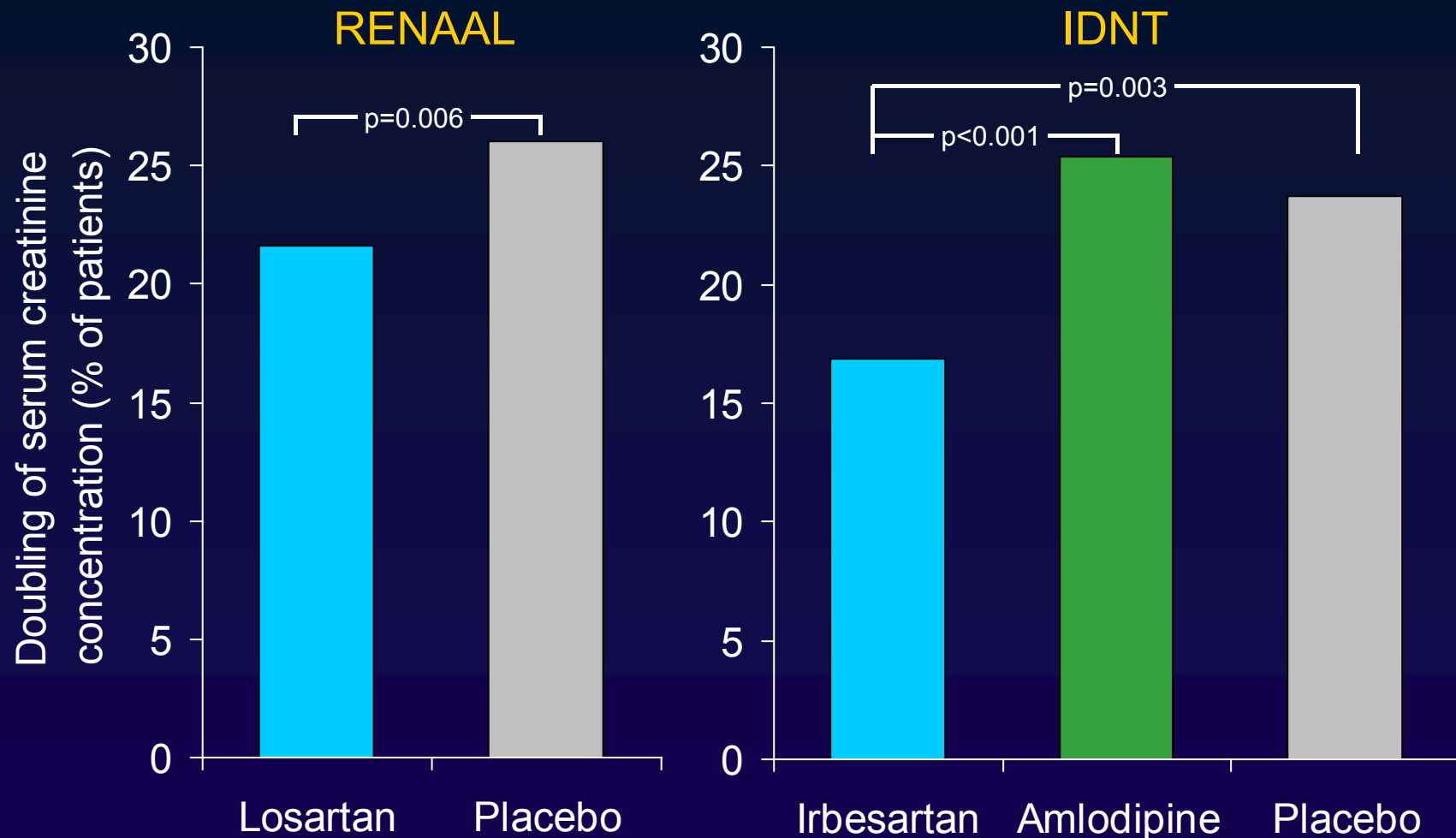
# VALUE: Incidence of New-onset Diabetes



Julius S et al. *Lancet*. June 2004;363.

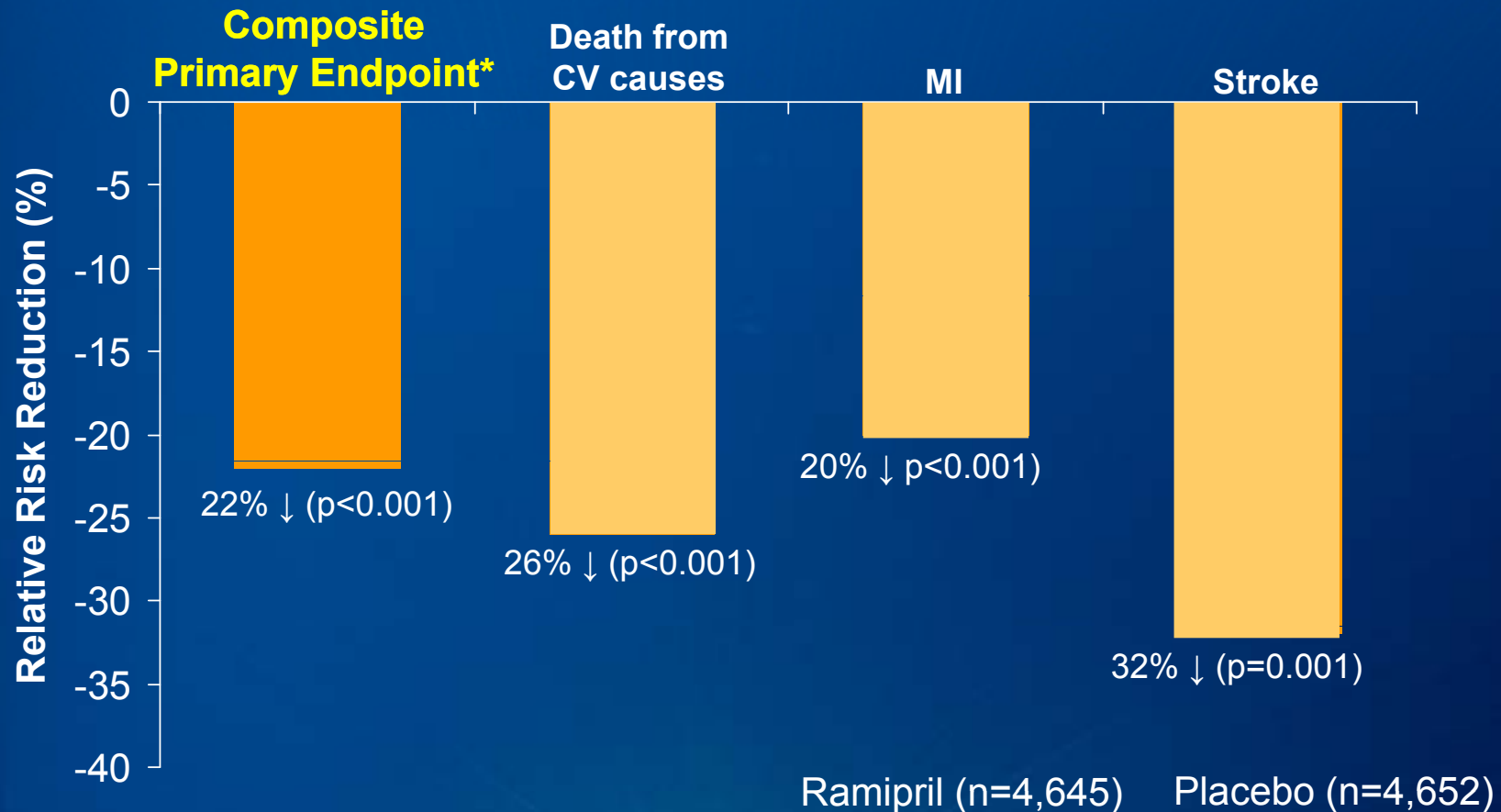


# Effects of ARBs on Progression to ESRD in diabetic nephropathy



Brenner et al. *N Engl J Med* 2001;345:861–869. Lewis et al. *N Engl J Med* 2001;345:851–860

# HOPE: Relative Risk Reduction Ramipril vs Placebo



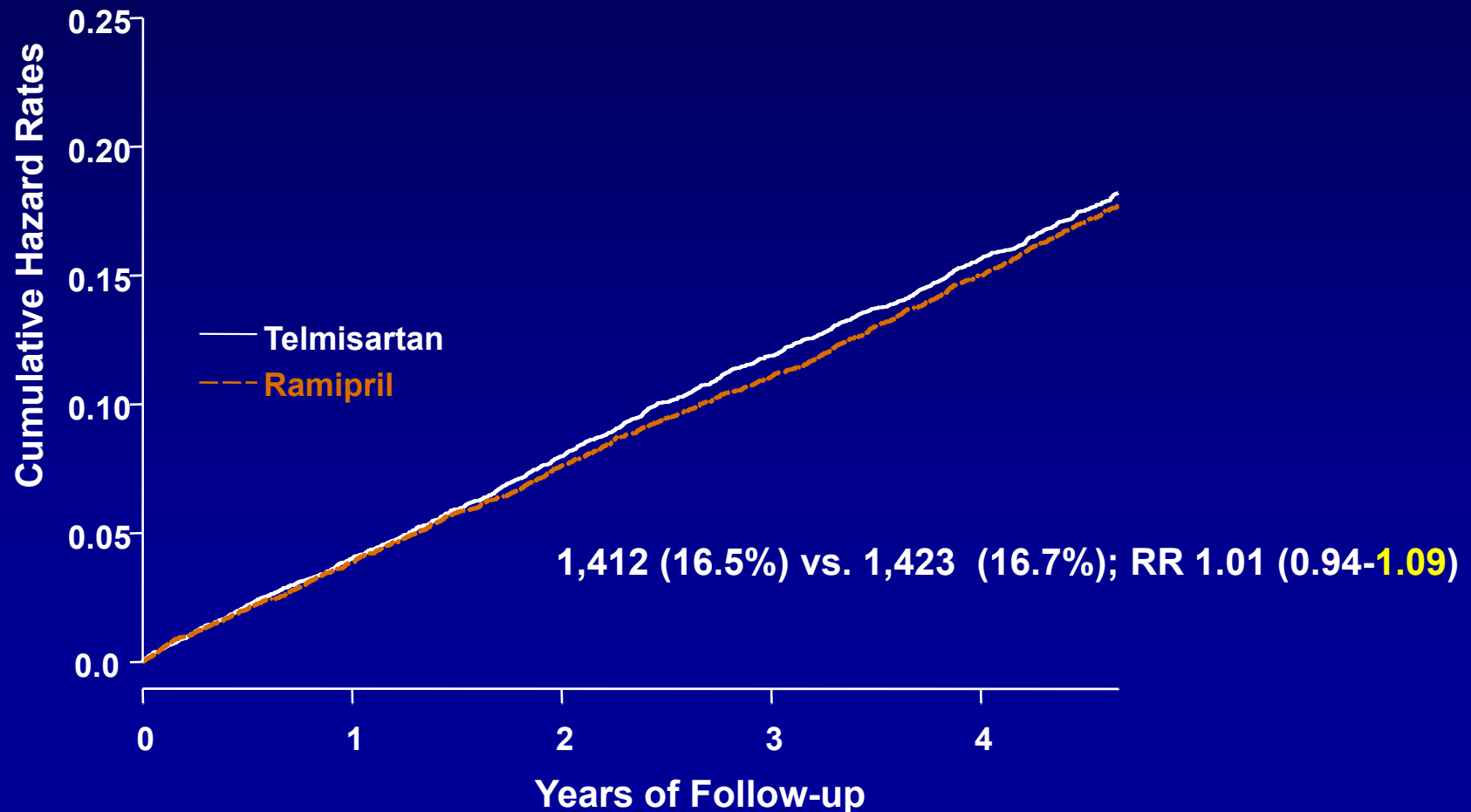
HOPE is a completed trial.

\*Composite of MI, stroke, or death from CV causes.

Yusuf S, Sleight P, Pogue J, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2000;342:145-153.

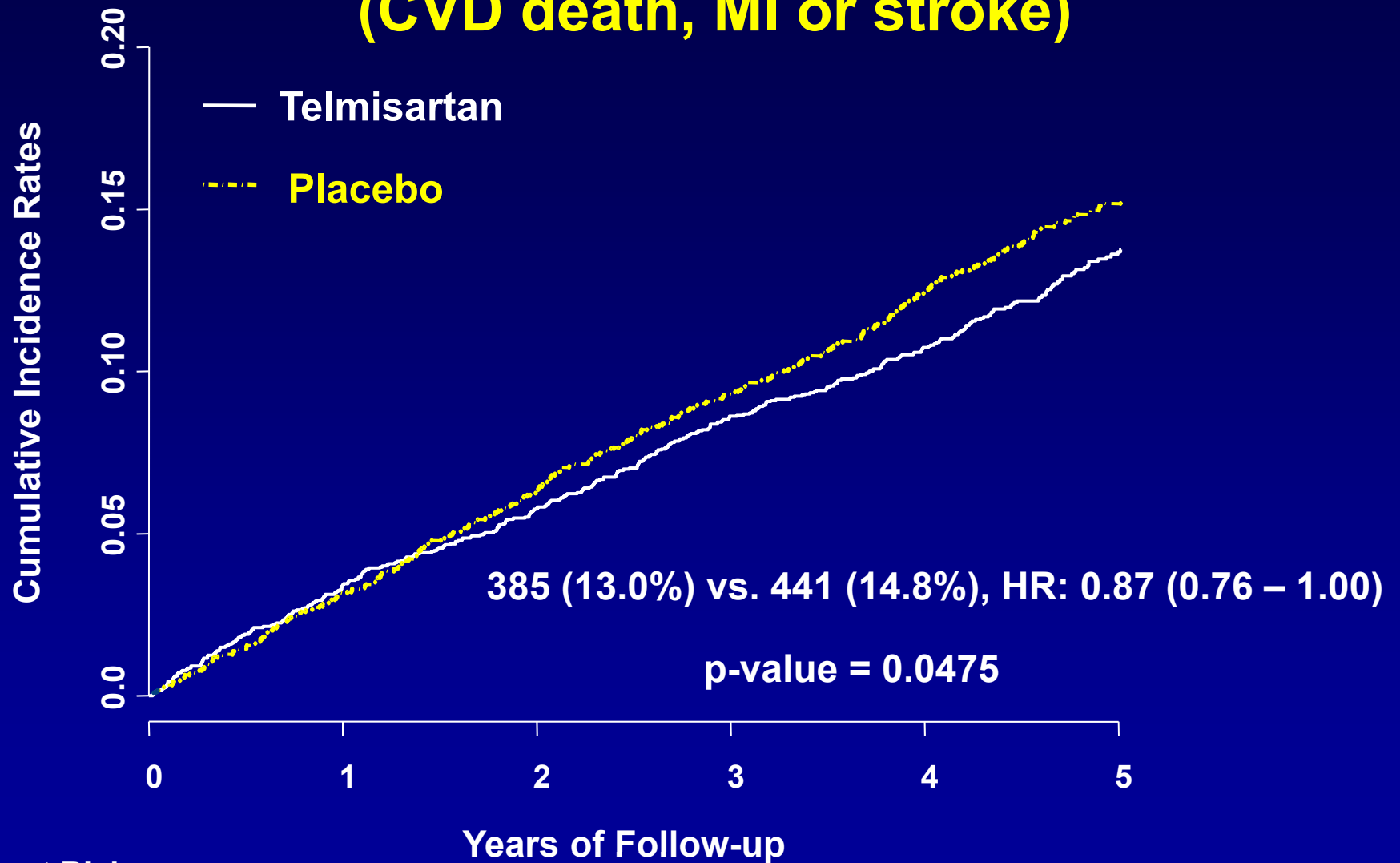
# ONTARGET: Time to primary outcome (CV death, stroke, MI or HF)

|   | # at Risk | Yr 1  | Yr 2  | Yr 3  | Yr 4  | Yr 4.5 |
|---|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| T | 8,542     | 8,177 | 7,778 | 7,420 | 7,051 | 4,575  |
| R | 8,576     | 8,214 | 7,832 | 7,472 | 7,093 | 4,562  |





# Time to HOPE outcome (CVD death, MI or stroke)



## No. at Risk

|    |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| T  | 2954 | 2839 | 2745 | 2634 | 2344 | 1127 |
| PI | 2972 | 2866 | 2745 | 2626 | 2306 | 1103 |

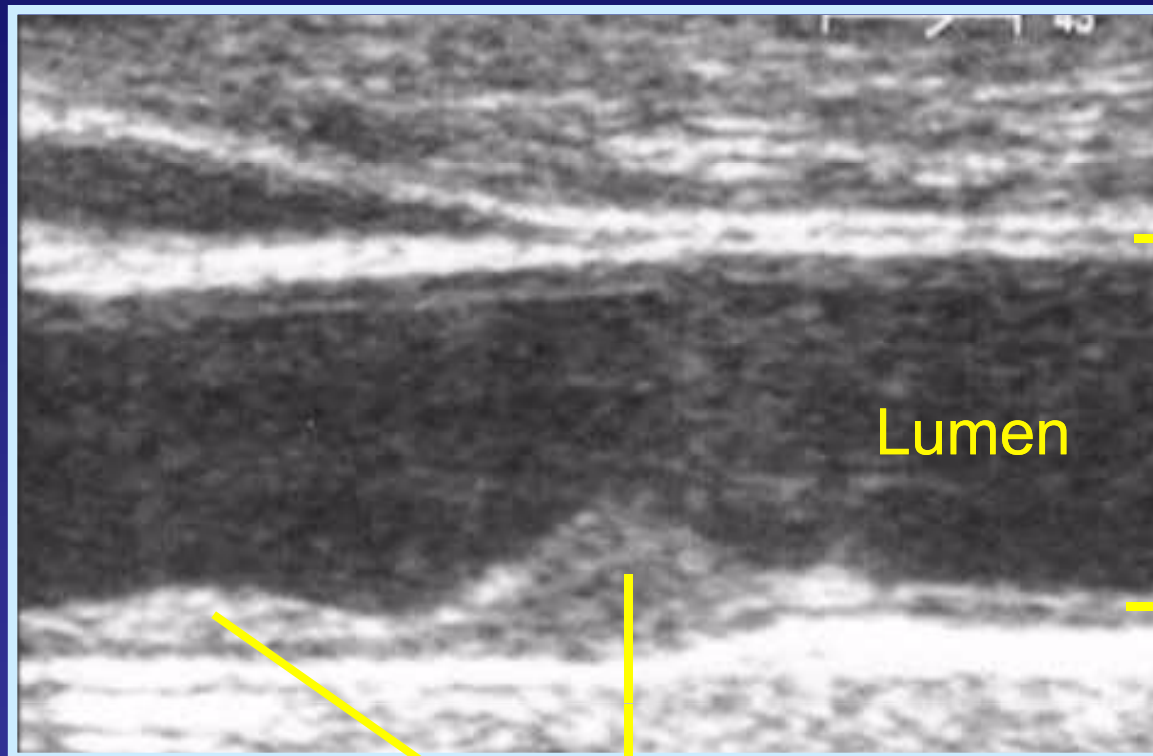
# MORE

## *Study Aim*

- To compare the effects of a 2 - year treatment based on either olmesartan or atenolol on intima-media thickness and volume of atherosclerotic plaques of common carotids as determined by 3 - dimensional (3D) ultrasound in hypertensive patients at increased cardiovascular risk

## Measurement of Intima-Media Thickness

*B-scan pattern of a common carotid artery segment with focal intima-media thickening (Plaque)*



— Near wall

Lumen

— Far wall

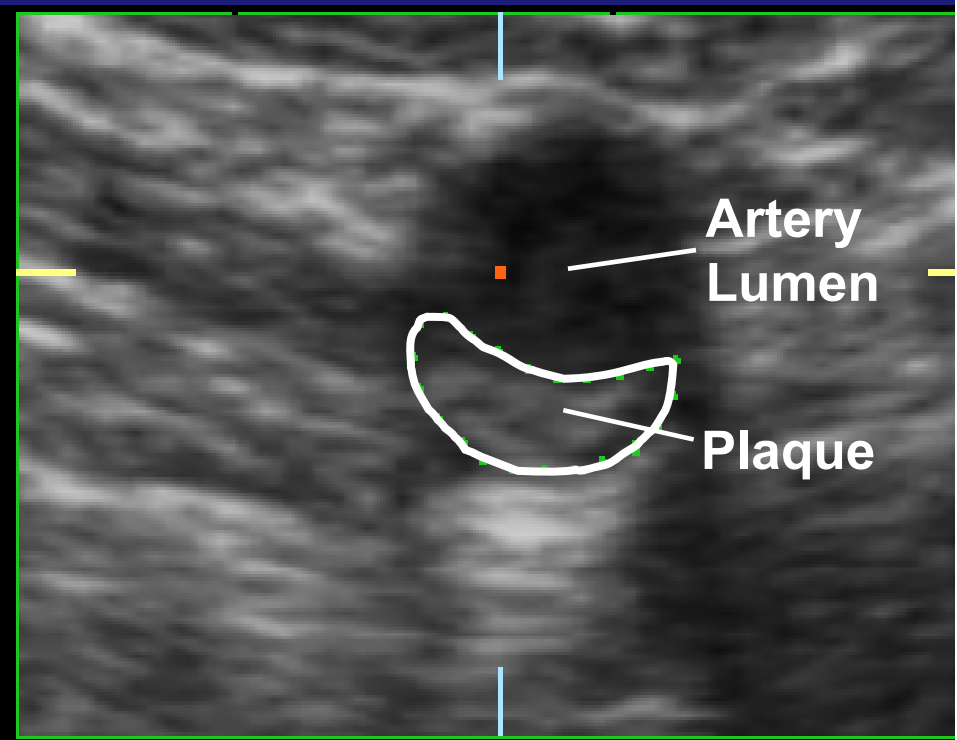
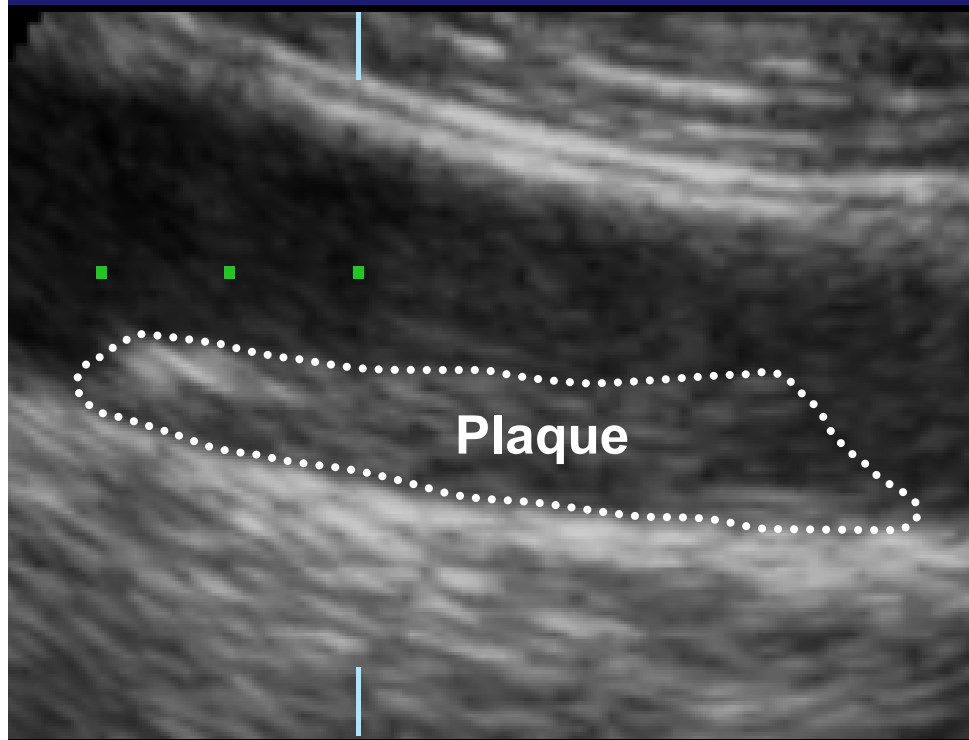
Focal intima-media  
thickening (Plaque)

# Measurement of plaque volume

## - 3D ultrasonography -

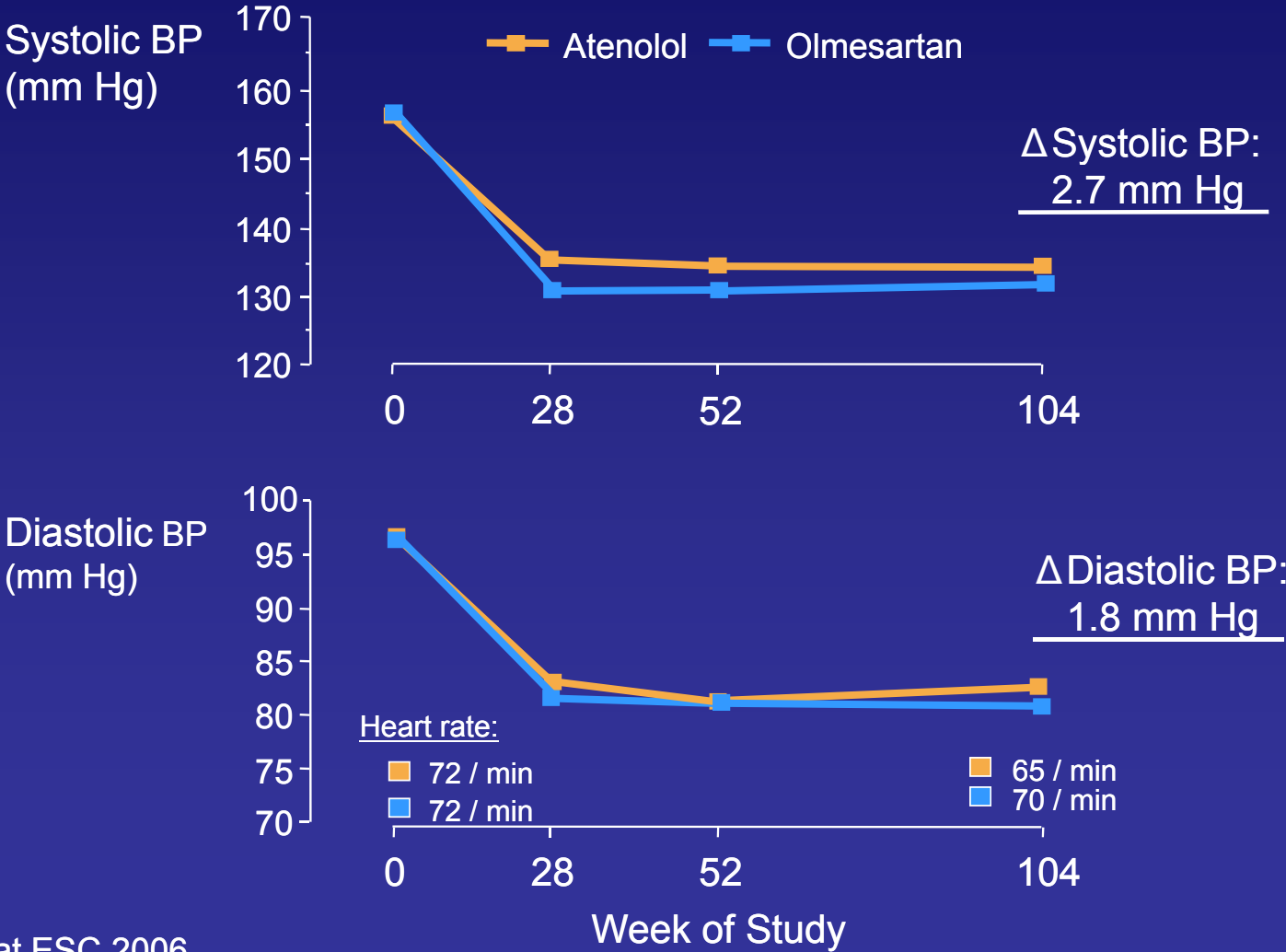
Longitudinal View  
(section A)

Cross-sectional View  
(section B)



# MORE

## Clinic Seated Systolic and Diastolic Blood Pressure



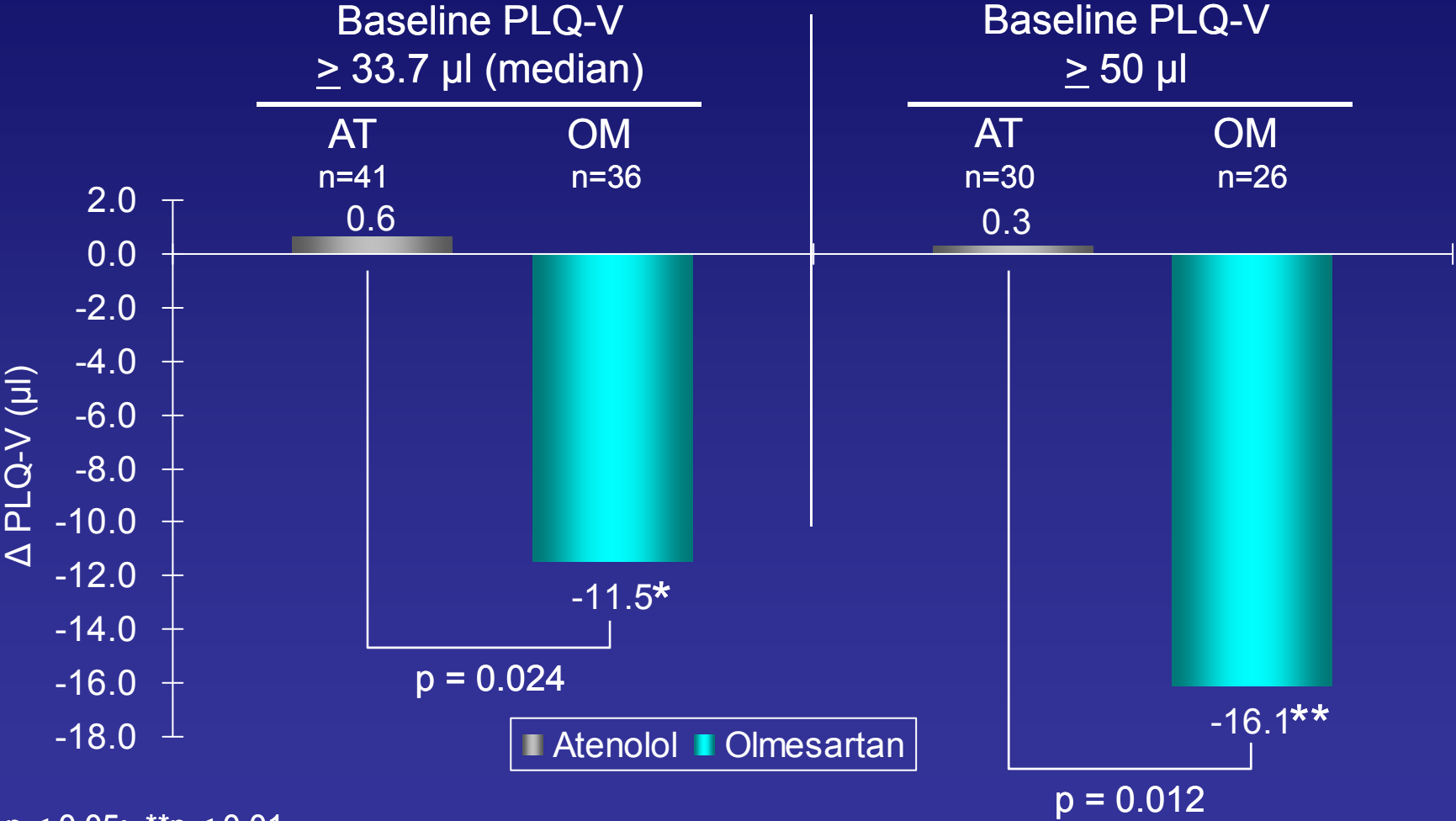
# MORE

## *Mean (SD) baseline plaque volume (PLQ-V) and change in PLQ-V from baseline at 2-year follow-up for ITT-LOCF<sup>#</sup>*

| Characteristic           | Atenolol<br>(n=76) | Olmesartan<br>(n=78) |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Baseline PLQ-V, $\mu$ l  | 50.5 (40.6)        | 49.7 (46.6)          |
| 2 - year PLQ-V, $\mu$ l  | 50.6 (40.9)        | 45.3 (38.2)          |
| Change in PLQ-V, $\mu$ l | 0.1 (12.7)         | -4.4 (20.3)          |

# MORE

**Mean changes ( $\Delta$ ) in plaque volume (PLQ-V) from baseline at 2-year follow-up; grouped by different baseline PLQ-V**



\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$   
Presented at ESC 2006

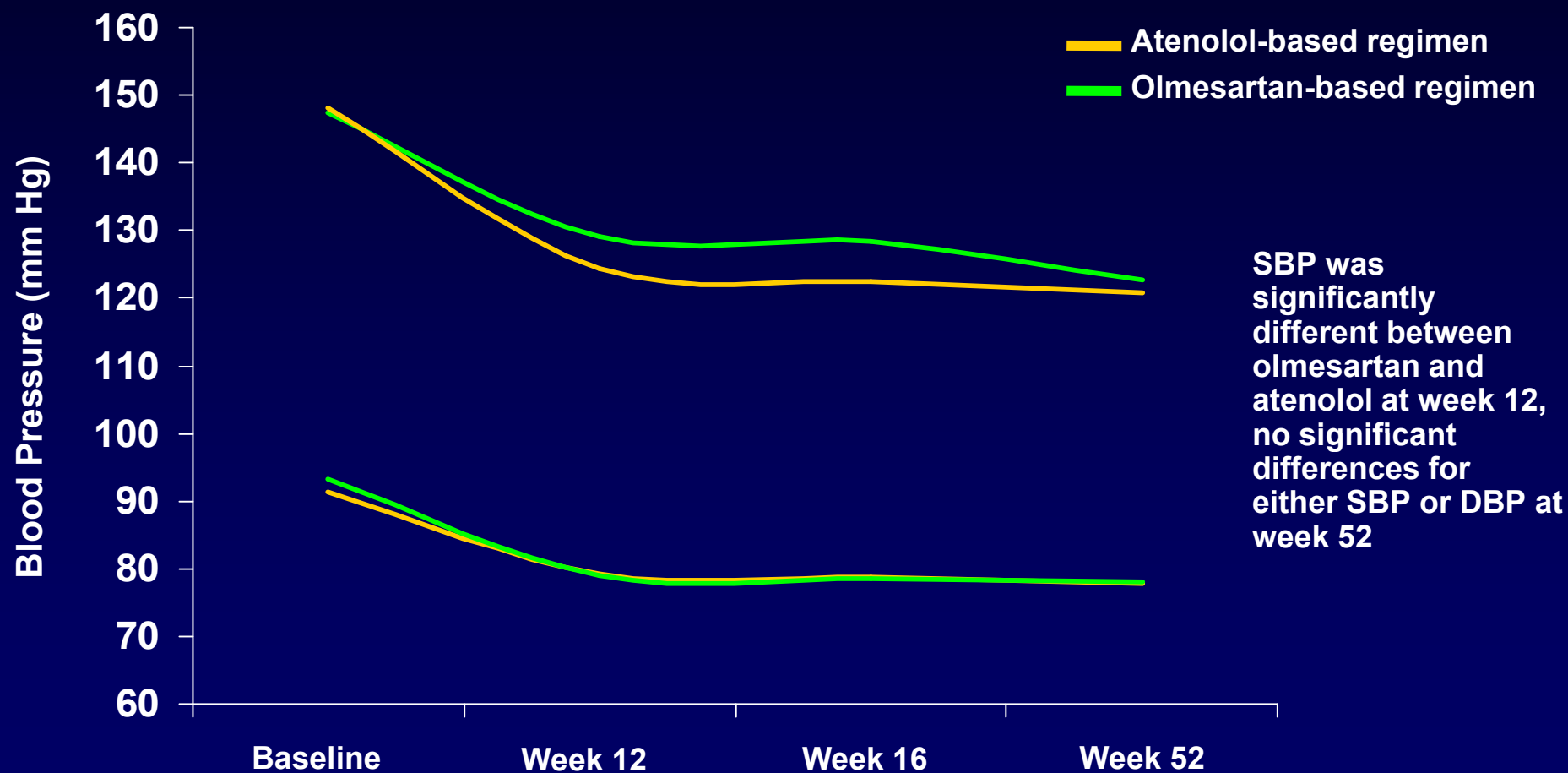
# **Reversal of vascular hypertrophy in hypertensive patients through blockade of angiotensin II receptors**

**RD Smith, H Yokoyama, DB Averill, EL Schiffrin, CM Ferrario**

**JASH 2008; 2(3): 165-172**



# Blood Pressure Over Time – Total Cohort



Baseline BP: 147.3/91.4 (atenolol-treatment arm); 148.1/93.3 mm Hg (olmesartan-treatment arm)

For Internal Educational/Training Purposes Only.

Data on file, Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.

# Morphological Characteristics of Resistance Arteries

| Variable                     | Control      | <u>Olmesartan medoxomil</u> |                           | <u>Atenolol</u> |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                              |              | Before                      | 1-year                    | Before          | 1-year       |
| External diameter, <i>mm</i> | 290 ± 19     | 339 ± 19                    | 271 ± 14 <sup>†</sup>     | 304 ± 19        | 287 ± 22     |
| Lumen diameter, <i>mm</i>    | 238 ± 15     | 264 ± 17                    | 223 ± 13                  | 233 ± 16        | 221 ± 18     |
| Wall Width, <i>mm</i>        | 26.1 ± 2.0   | 37.6 ± 2.1*                 | 24.0 ± 1.2 <sup>†</sup>   | 35.5 ± 1.8*     | 33.0 ± 2.3** |
| W/Lr, %                      | 11.0 ± 0.6   | 14.9 ± 0.8*                 | 11.1 ± 0.5 <sup>†</sup>   | 16.0 ± 0.8*     | 15.5 ± 0.6** |
| MCSA, <i>mm</i> <sup>2</sup> | 22493 ± 3124 | 37728 ± 4087*               | 19527 ± 1999 <sup>†</sup> | 31551 ± 3808    | 29126 ± 4233 |

Values are mean ± SEM

NT: normotensive subjects

W/Lr: wall-to-lumen ratio

MCSA: media cross-sectional area

\**P* < 0.05 vs control

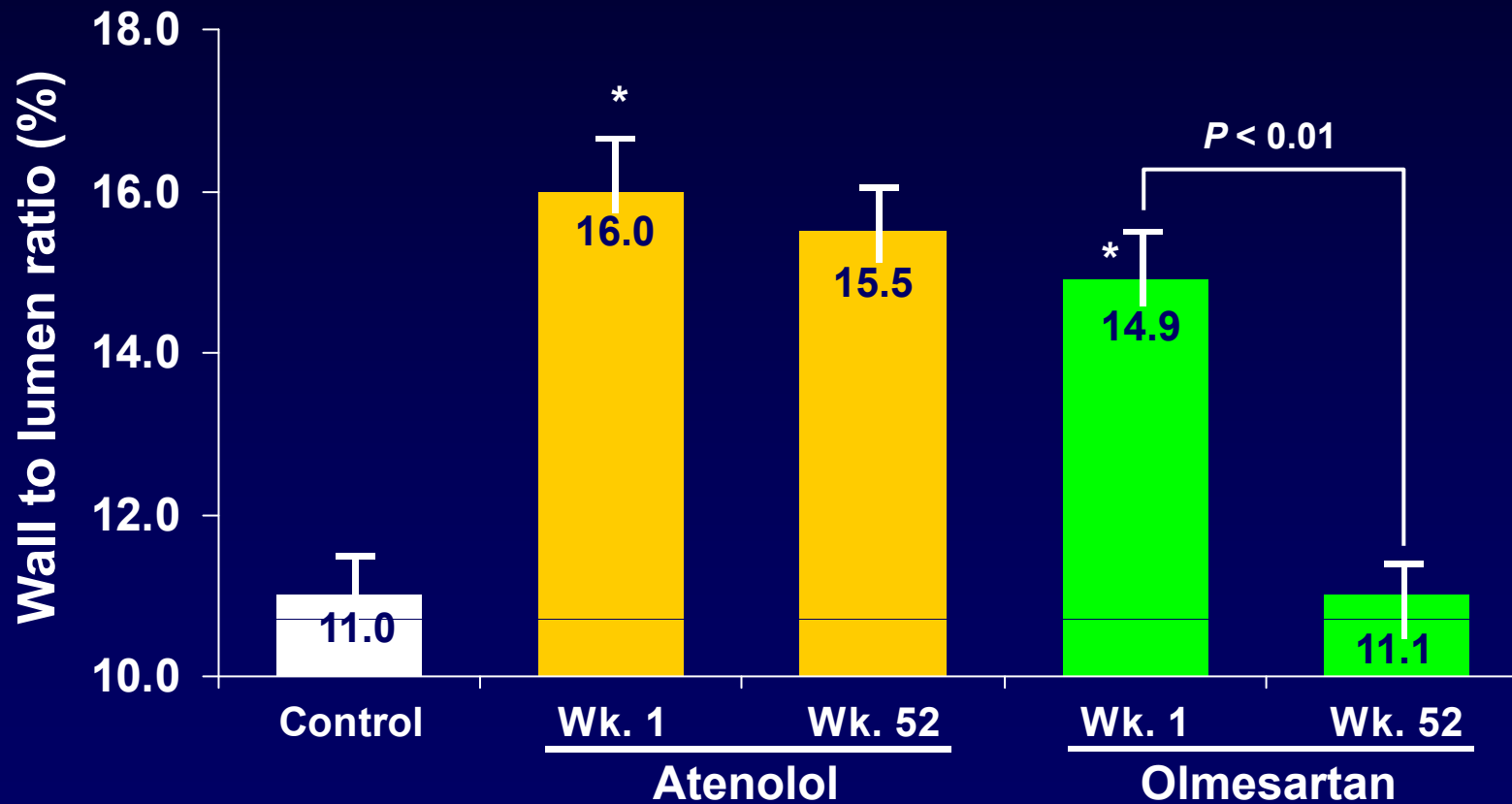
<sup>†</sup>*P* < 0.01 vs before treatment

<sup>‡</sup>*P* < 0.001 vs 1-year olmesartan treatment

For Internal Educational/Training Purposes Only.

Smith RD et al. JASH 2008; 2(3): 165-172.

# Effects of Olmesartan and Atenolol on Vascular Hypertrophy

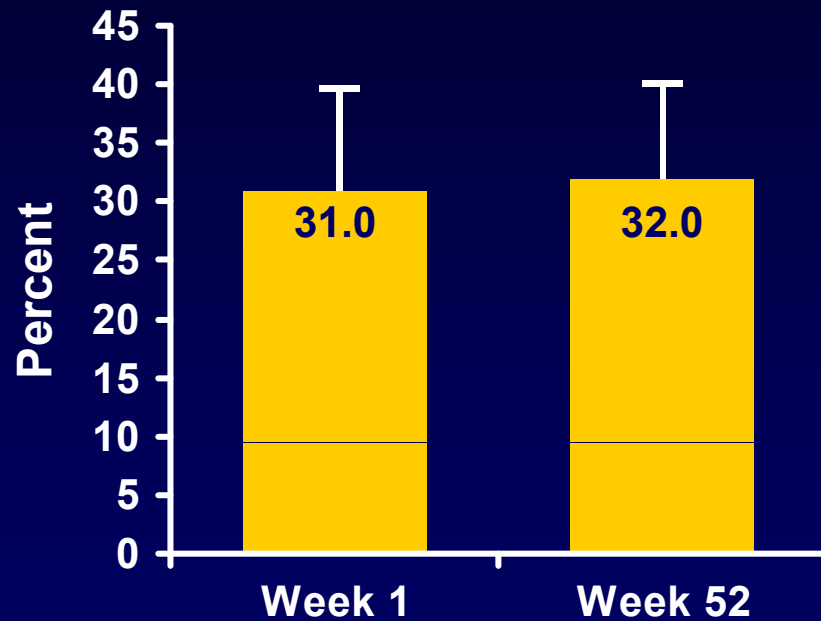


\* $P < 0.05$  vs. control  
For Internal Educational/Training Purposes Only.

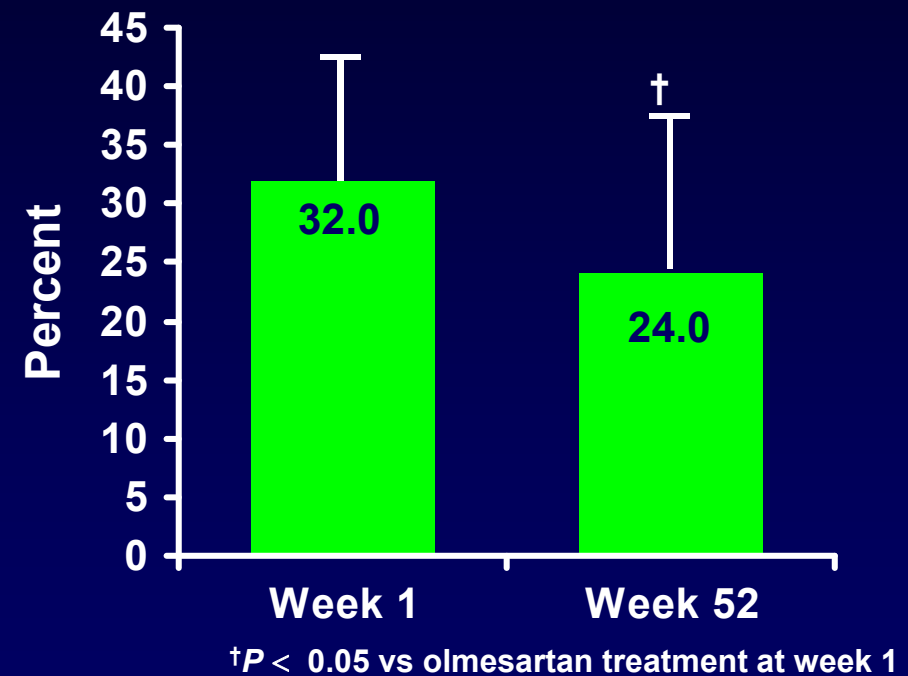
Smith RD et al. JASH 2008; 2(3): 165-172.

# Effect of Treatments on Augmentation Index (AG/PP)

## Atenolol Treatment



## Olmesartan Treatment



Values are Means  $\pm$  SD

For Internal Educational/Training Purposes Only.

Smith RD et al. JASH 2008; 2(3): 165-172.

# Main Conclusions: Treating Hypertension in Patients with Diabetes

- ◆ Treating BP to  $< 140/90$  mmHg is clearly beneficial; lower BP values *might* possibly be justified
- ◆ ARB and thiazide combinations effectively achieve BP control in a majority of patient types
- ◆ Combining RAS blockers with amlodipine produces greatest CV & renal benefits (plus strong BP effects)
- ◆ ARBs (like ACE inhibitors) now established for renal & CV protection in high risk patients, particularly those with diabetes
- ◆ Studies of major intermediate vascular findings help explain these clinical benefits of RAS blockers