

# Hypertension Highlights: The New British Hypertension Society- NICE Guideline 2006

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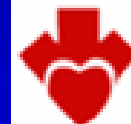
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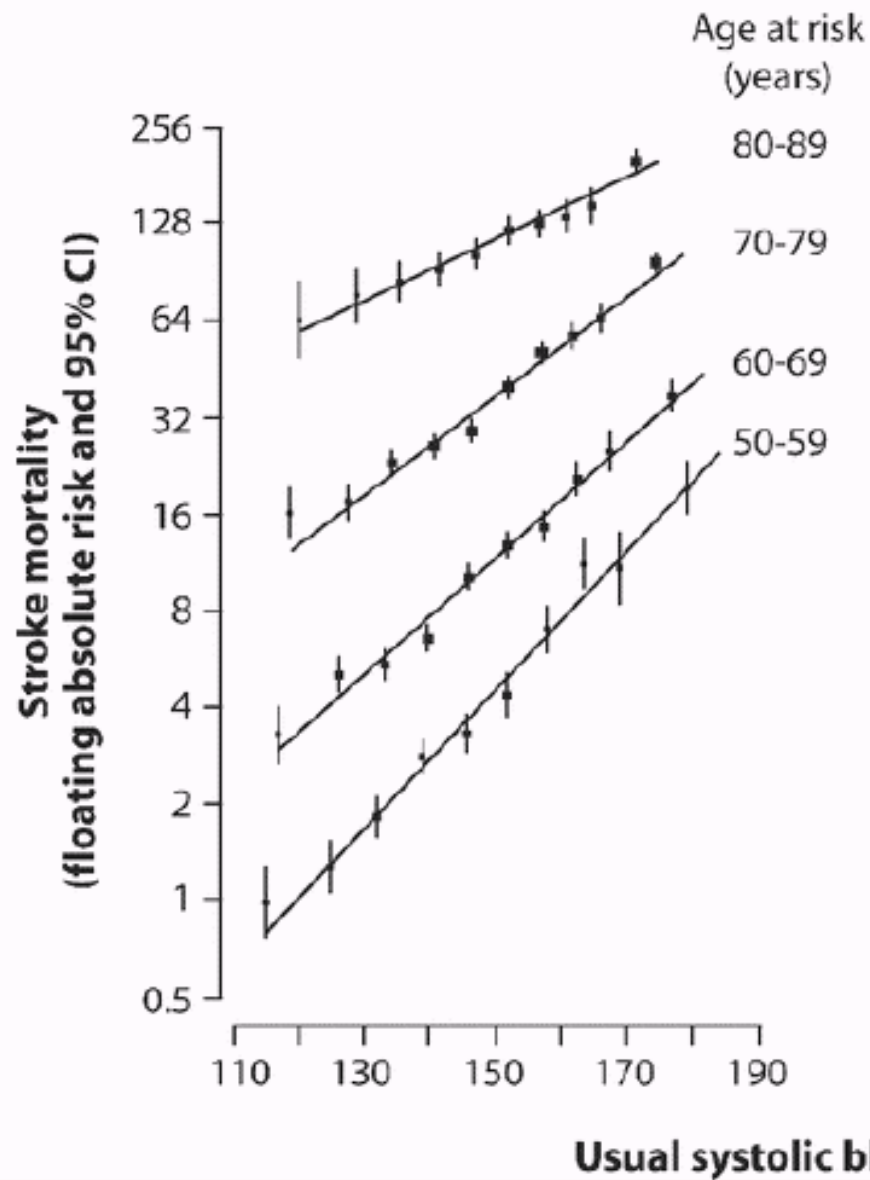
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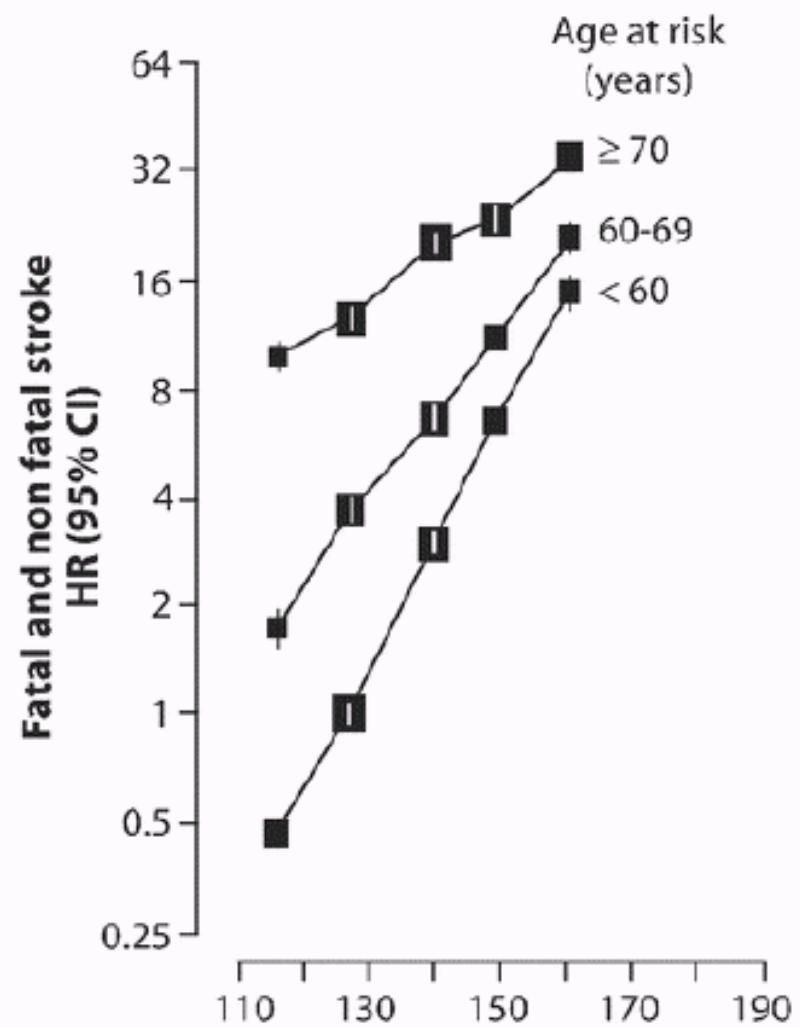


**A**

**Prospective Cohort Studies Collaboration**  
(n = 958 074)

**B**

**ASIA Pacific Cohort Studies Collaboration**  
(n = 425 325)

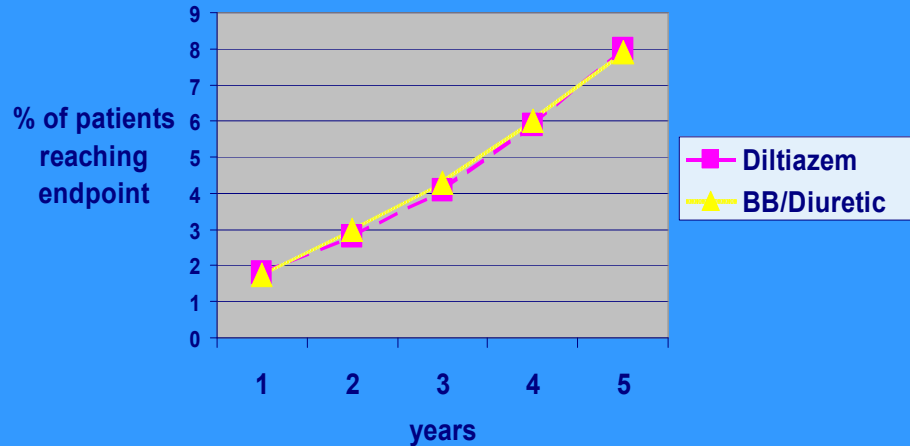


# Evolution of trials in Hypertension 1991- 2005

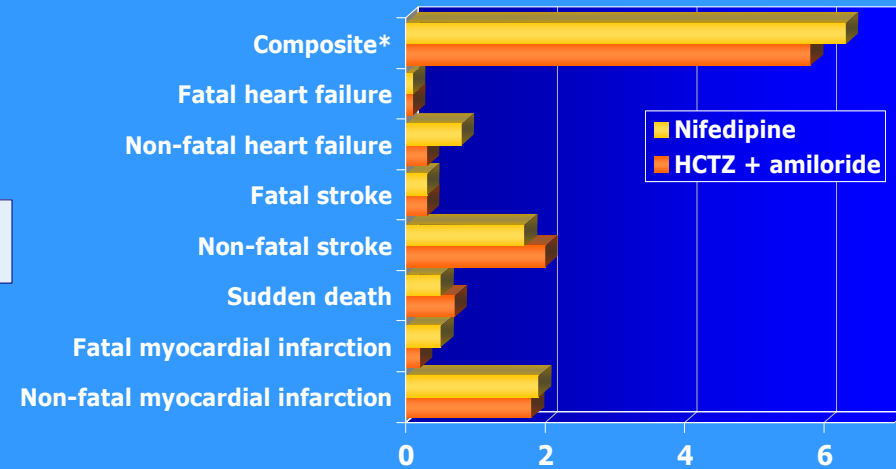
Active Rx vs. Placebo - superior	Active vs. active - comparable	Active vs. active - superior
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>SHEP</u> (4,736 elderly ISH; chlorthalidone) 1991</li> <li>▪ <u>STOP</u> (1,627 elderly; BB/ HCTZ ) 1991</li> <li>▪ <u>SYST-EUR</u> (4,695 ISH ; nitrendipine) 1997</li> <li>▪ [<u>HOPE</u> ( 9,297 high risk; ramipril ) 1999</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>HOT</u> (18,000; felodipine) 1998</li> <li>▪ <u>STOP2</u> (6,614 elderly; ACEI/CCB vs.DU/BB) 2000</li> <li>▪ <u>CAPPP</u> (10,985 25-66y; captopril vs. DU/BB) 1999</li> <li>▪ <u>NORDIL</u> (10,881 50-69y; diltiazem vs. DU/BB) 2000</li> <li>▪ <u>INSIGHT</u> (6,321 high risk, nifedipine vs DU) 2000</li> <li>▪ <u>ALLHAT</u> (42,418 moderate risk; chlorthalidone vs. amlodipine vs. lisinopril vs. doxazosin) Dec 2002</li> </ul>	<p><b>LIFE (9193 high risk; Losartan vs. atenolol) 2002</b></p> <p><b>ASCOT 2005</b></p>

Nordil study:

Kaplan-Meier curves of proportion of patients in each group who reached primary endpoint

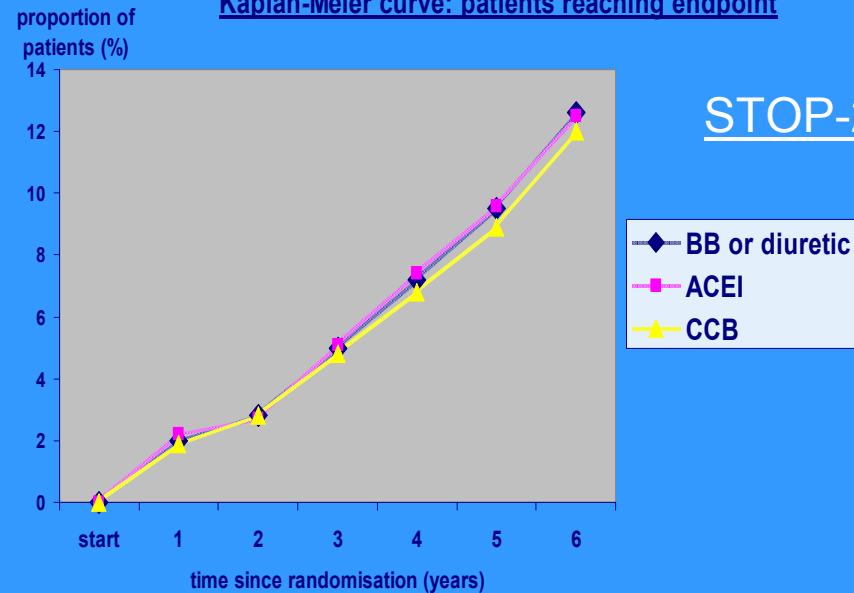


INSIGHT TRIAL



CAPP TRIAL  
 10,985 patients  
 Captopril v Thiazide ± B blocker  
 No difference in outcome

Kaplan-Meier curve: patients reaching endpoint

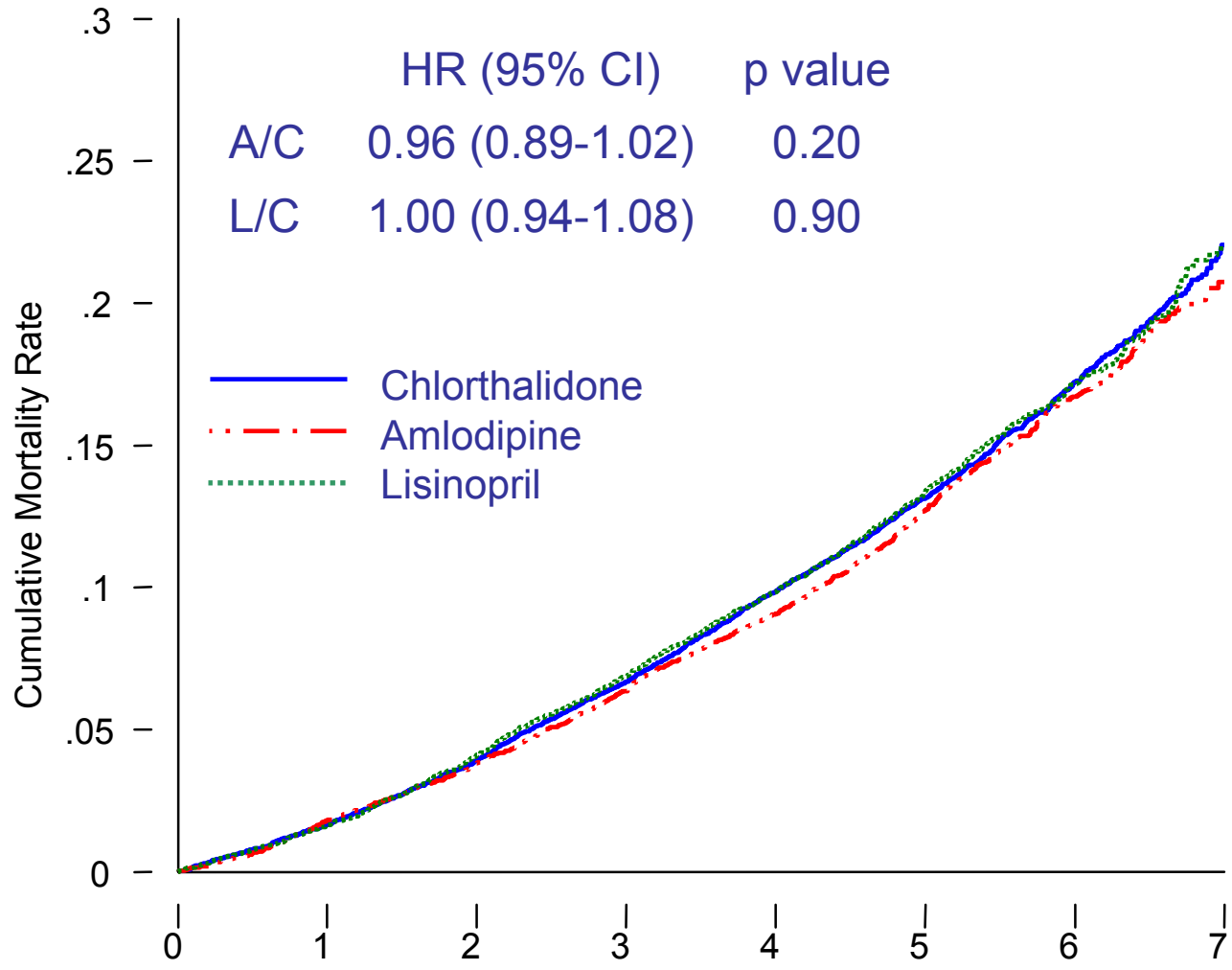


STOP-2

Hansson L, et al. *Lancet* 1999; **354**: 1751-56



# Cumulative Event Rates for All-Cause Mortality by ALLHAT Treatment Group



Number at risk:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chlor	15,255	14,933	14,564	14,077	12,480	7,185	3,523	428
AmLo	9,048	8,847	8,654	8,391	7,442	4,312	2,101	217
Lisin	9,054	8,853	8,612	8,318	7,382	4,304	2,121	144

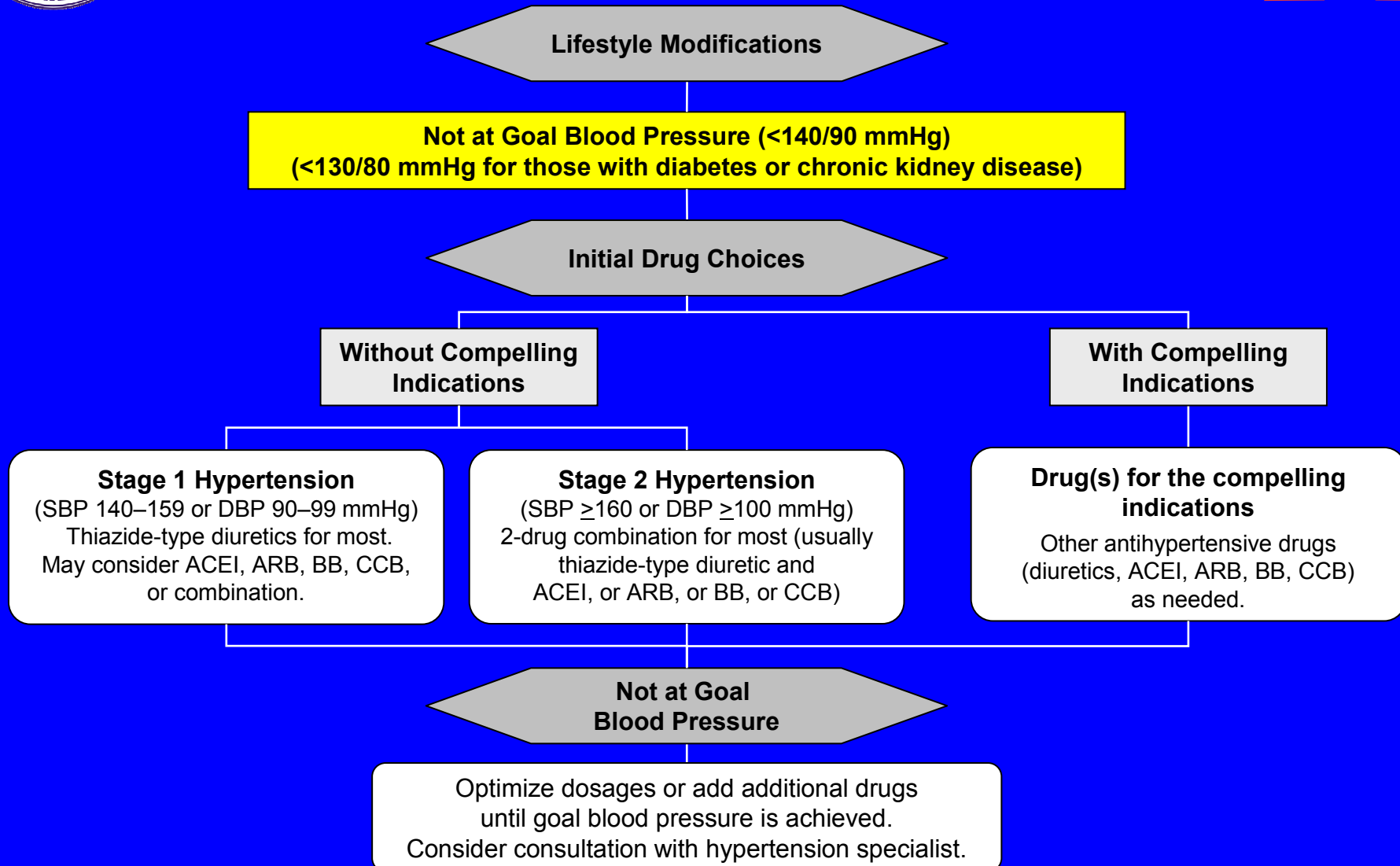
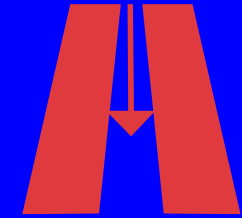
# Target Organ Damage and total cardiovascular risk in hypertensive patients (ESH - ESC 2003)

Other risk factors and disease history	Grade I SBP 140-159 or DBP 90-99	Grade II SBP 160-179 or DBP 100-109	Grade III SBP $\geq$ 180 or DBP $\geq$ 110
<b>I</b> no other risk factors	<b>LOW added RISK</b>	<b>MODERATE added RISK</b>	<b>HIGH added RISK</b>
<b>II</b> 1-2 risk factors	<b>MODERATE added RISK</b>	<b>MODERATE added RISK</b>	<b>Very HIGH added RISK</b>
<b>III</b> 3 or more RF or <b>Target Organ Damage</b> or diabetes	<b>HIGH added RISK</b>	<b>HIGH added RISK</b>	<b>Very HIGH added RISK</b>
<b>IV</b> Associated clinical conditions	<b>Very HIGH added RISK</b>	<b>Very HIGH added RISK</b>	<b>Very HIGH added RISK</b>

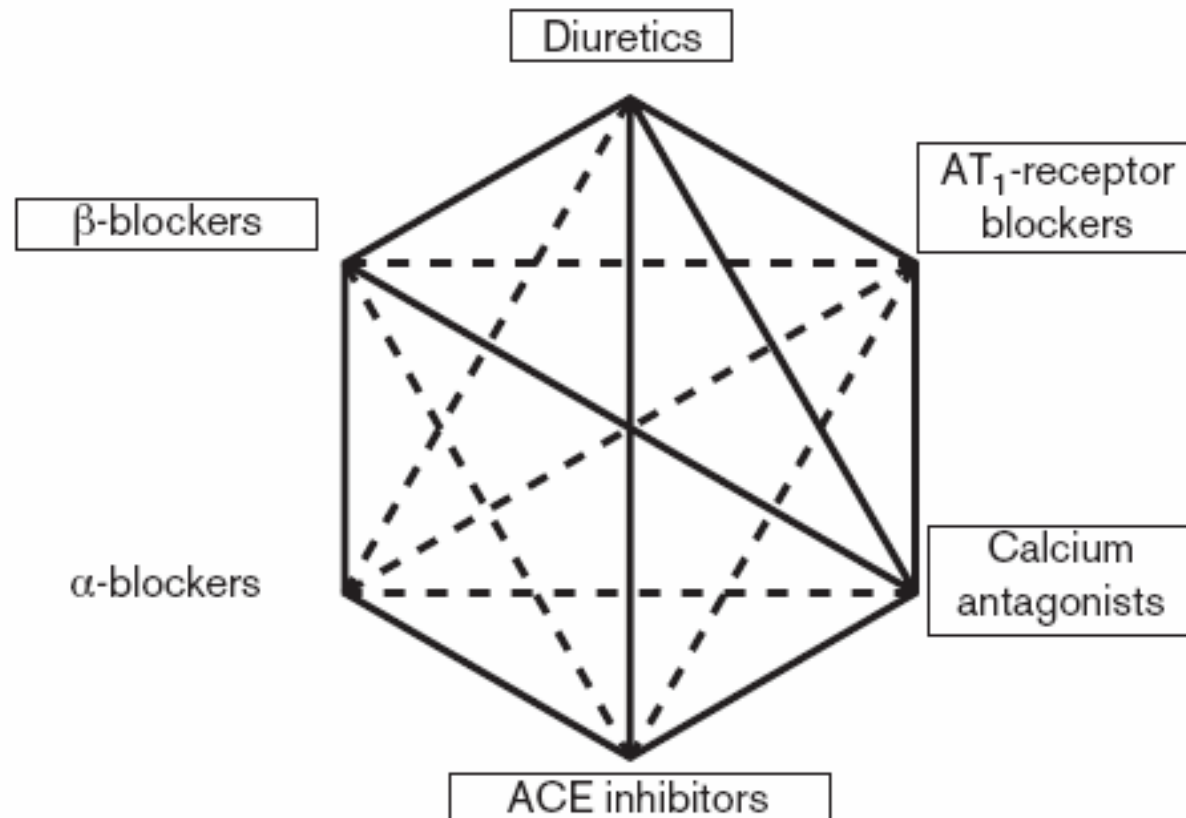




# Algorithm for Treatment of Hypertension



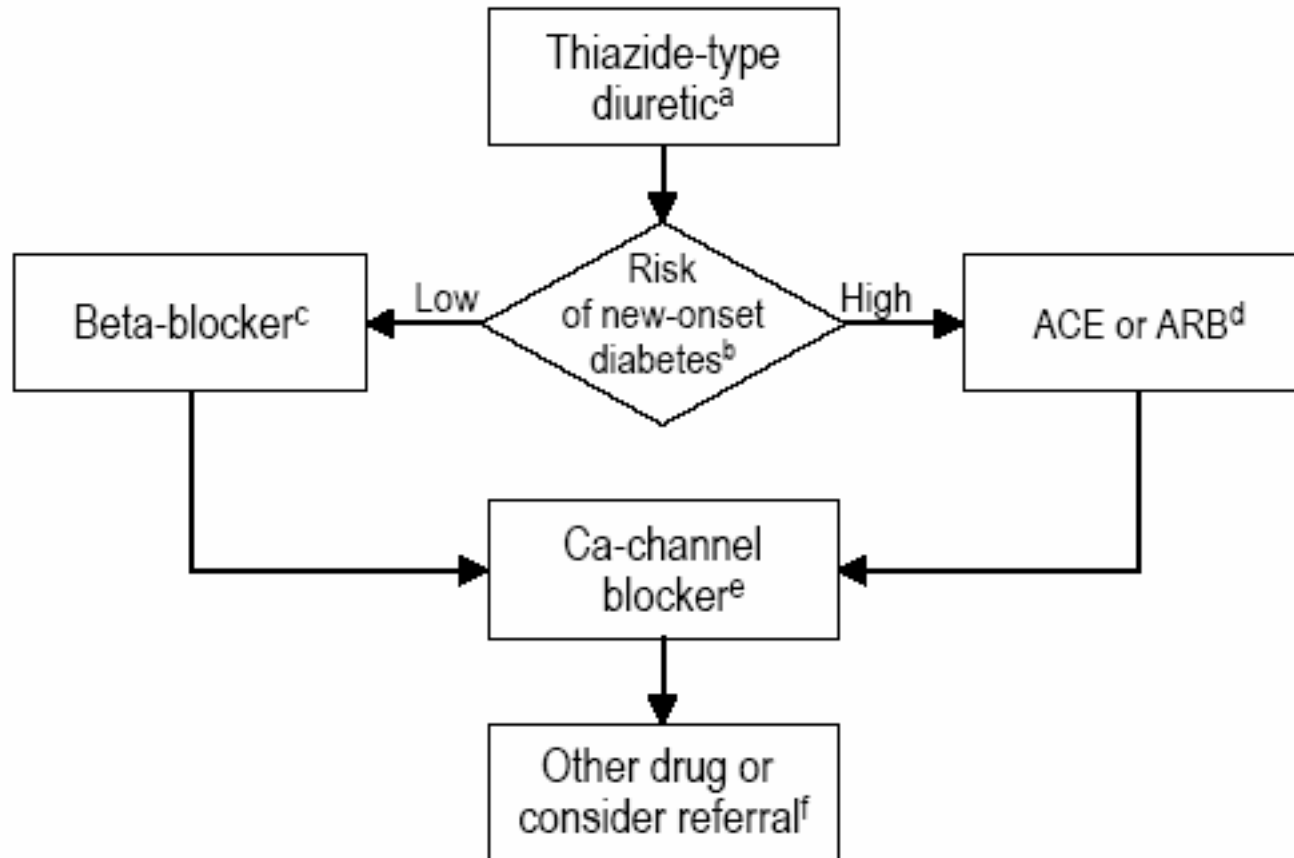
# ESC-ESH 2003 Hypertension guideline



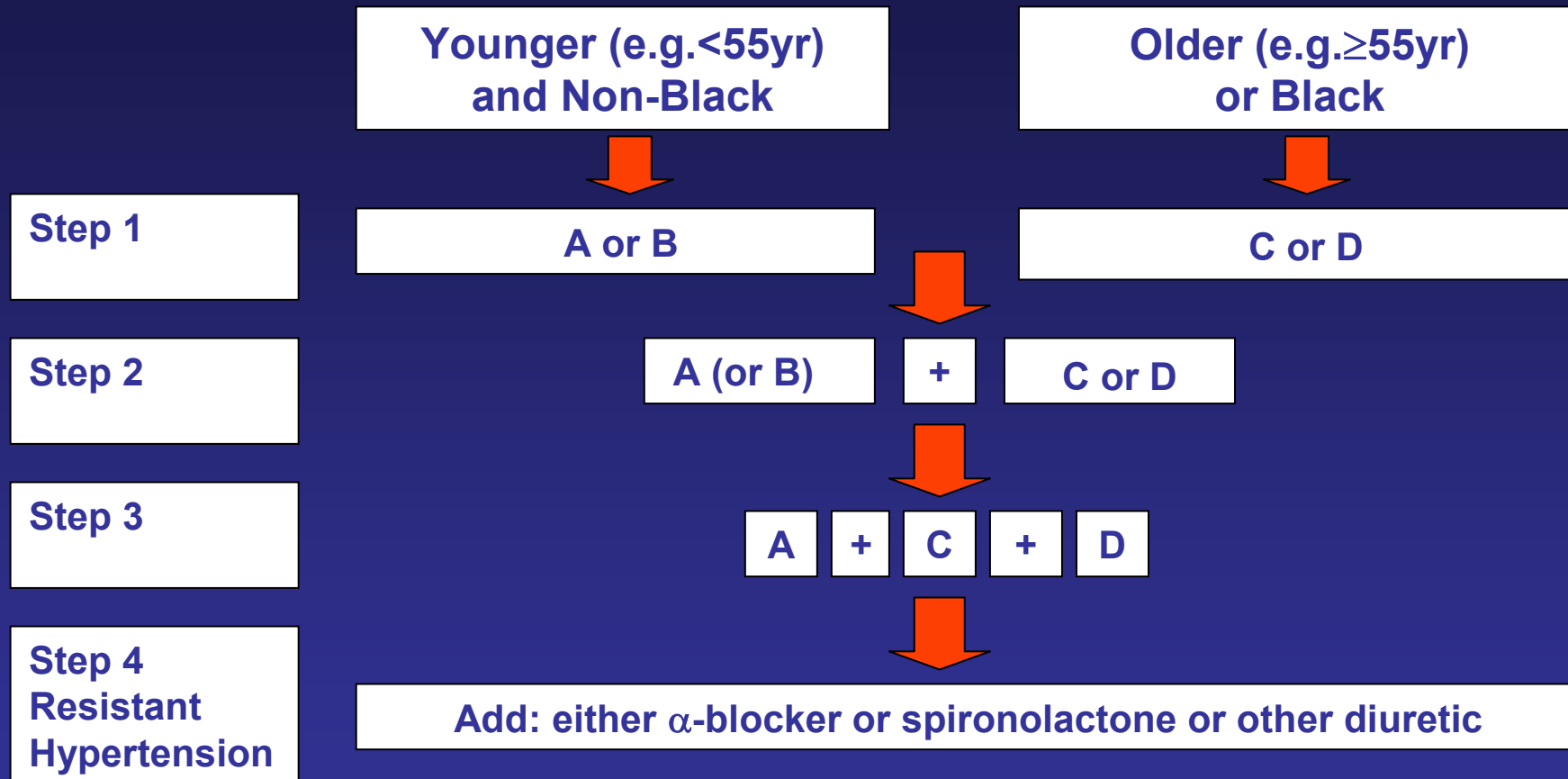
Possible combinations of different classes of antihypertensive agents. The most rational combinations are represented as thick lines. ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme. The frames indicate classes of antihypertensive agents proven to be beneficial in controlled interventional trials.

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2003 Algorithm for treatment of Hypertension

**Figure 26: Drug sequencing algorithm for essential hypertension**



The British Hypertension Society 2003 recommendations for combining Blood Pressure Lowering drugs: BHS IV

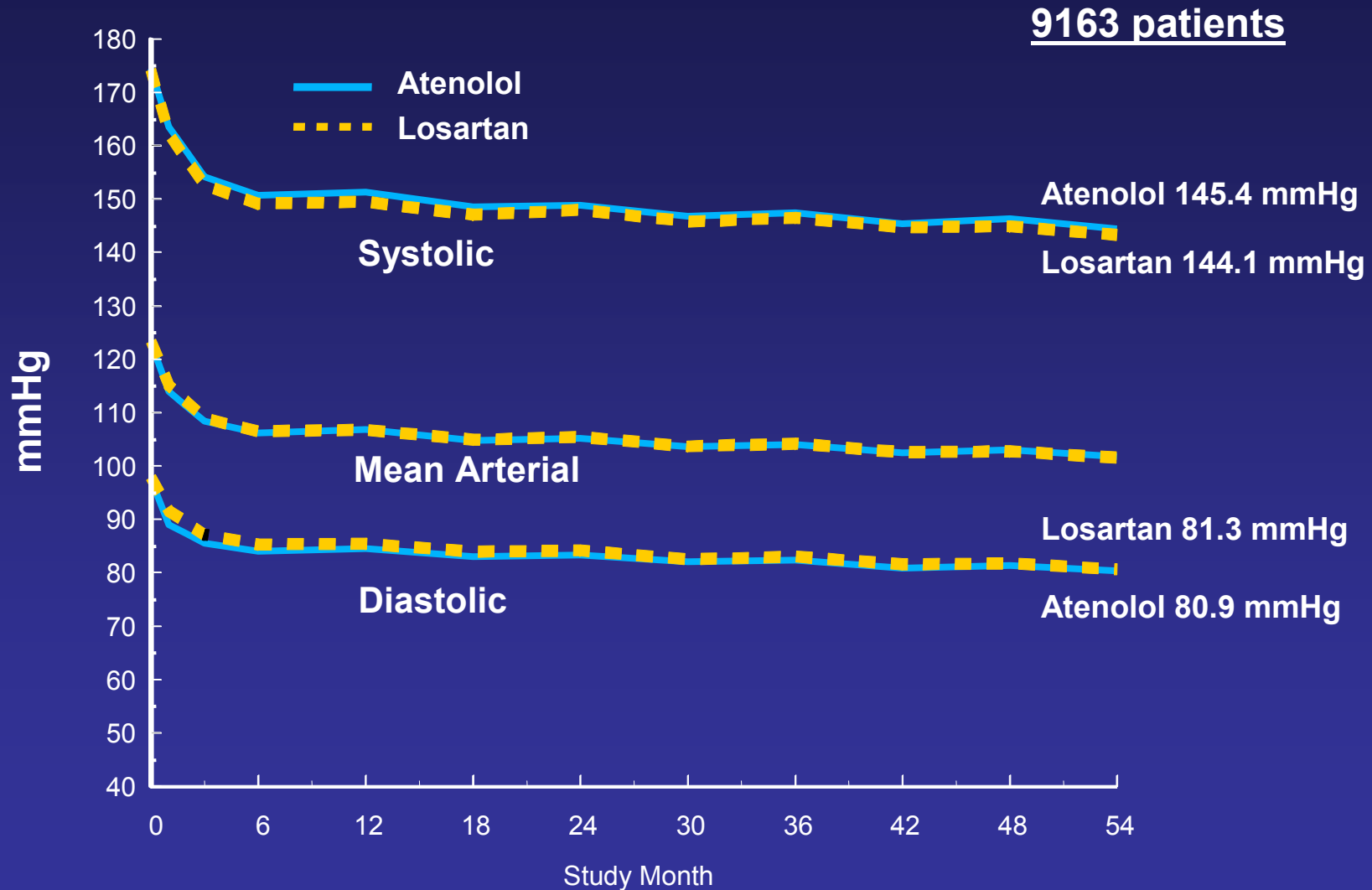


A: ACE Inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker  
C: Calcium Channel Blocker

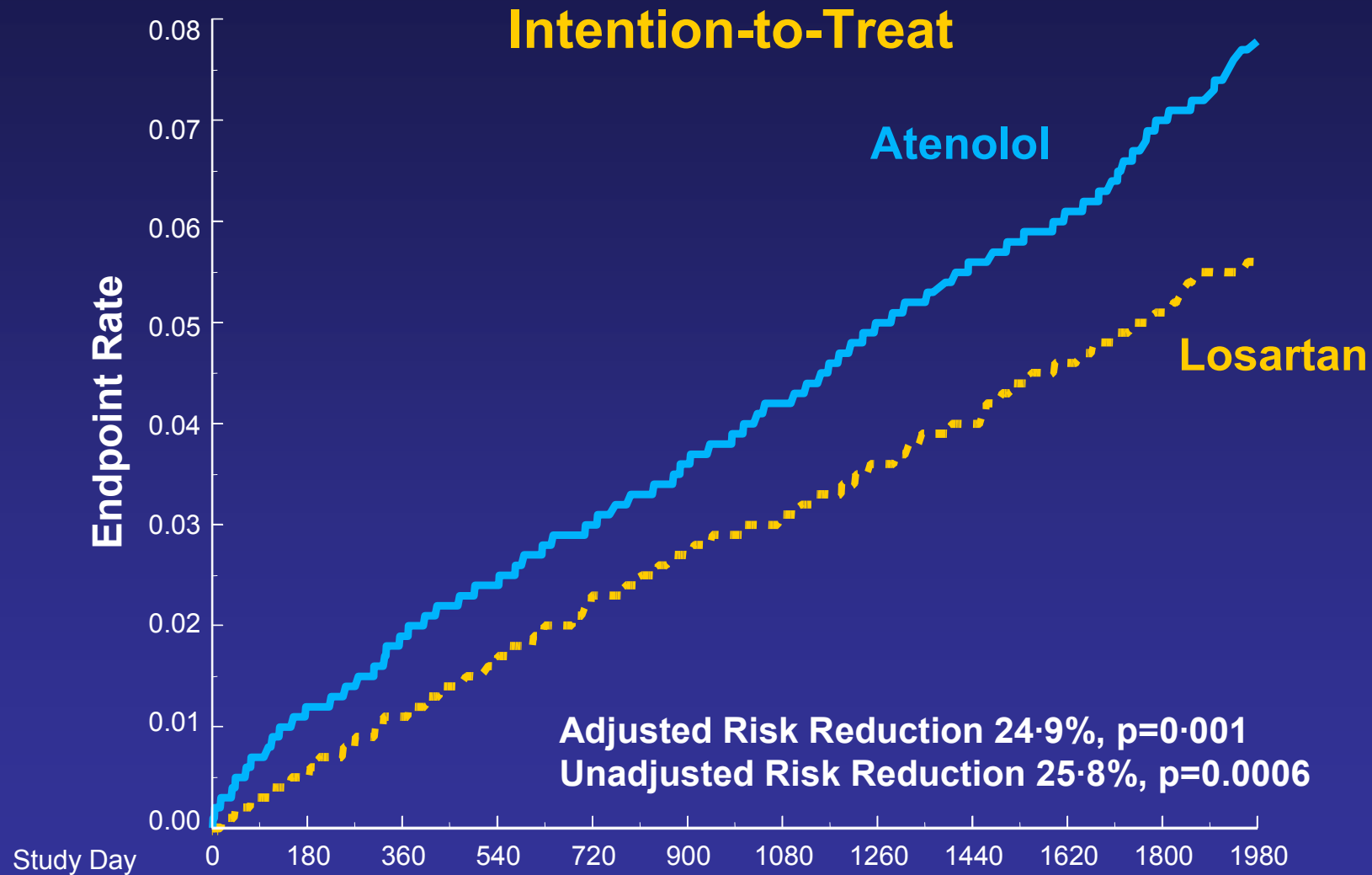
B:  $\beta$  - blocker  
D: Diuretic (thiazide)

Adapted from : 'Better blood pressure control: how to combine drugs'  
Journal of Human Hypertension (2003) 17, 81-86

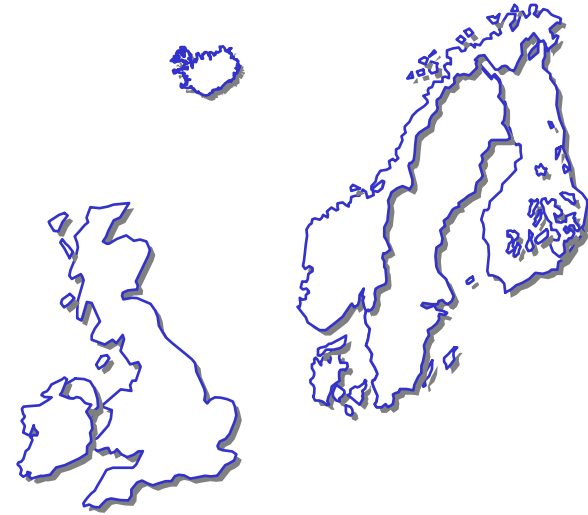
# LIFE: Blood Pressure Results



# LIFE: Fatal/Nonfatal Stroke



*Anglo-Scandinavian*  
**ascot**  
*Cardiac Outcomes Trial*

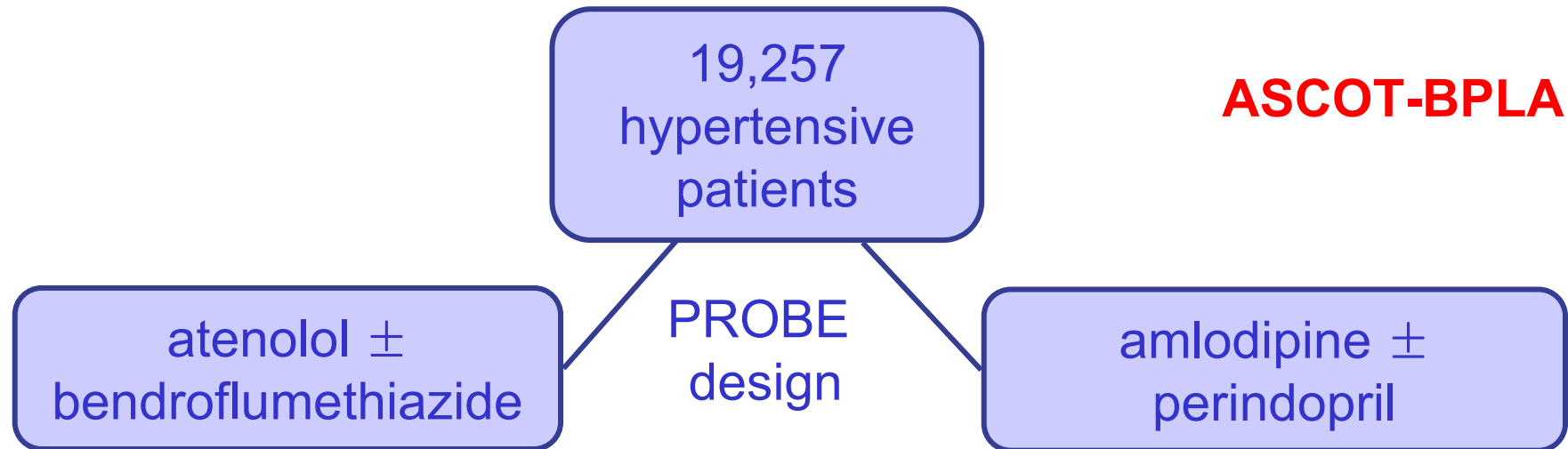


**A randomised controlled trial of the prevention of CHD and other vascular events by BP and cholesterol lowering in a factorial study design**

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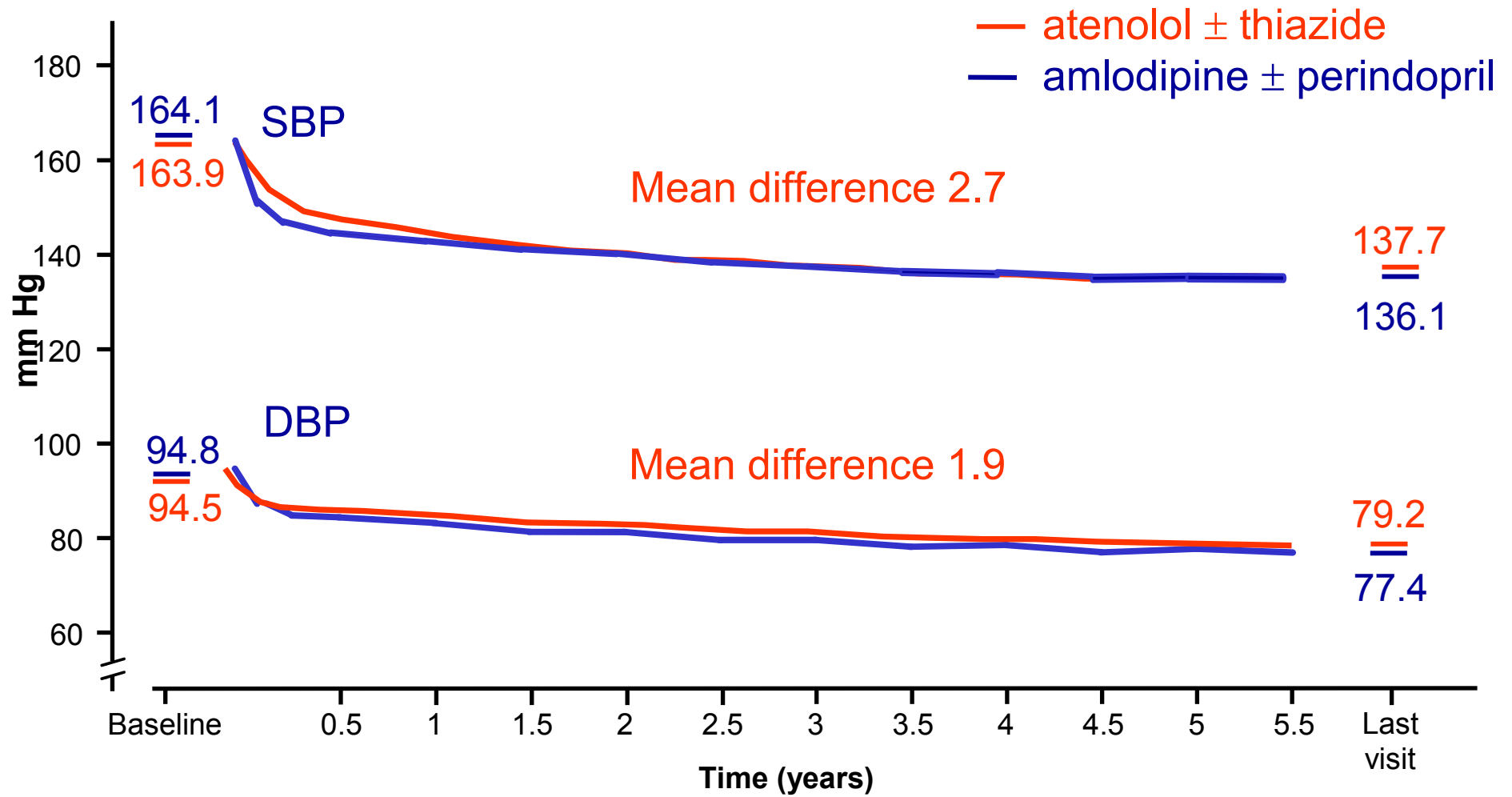
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# Study design

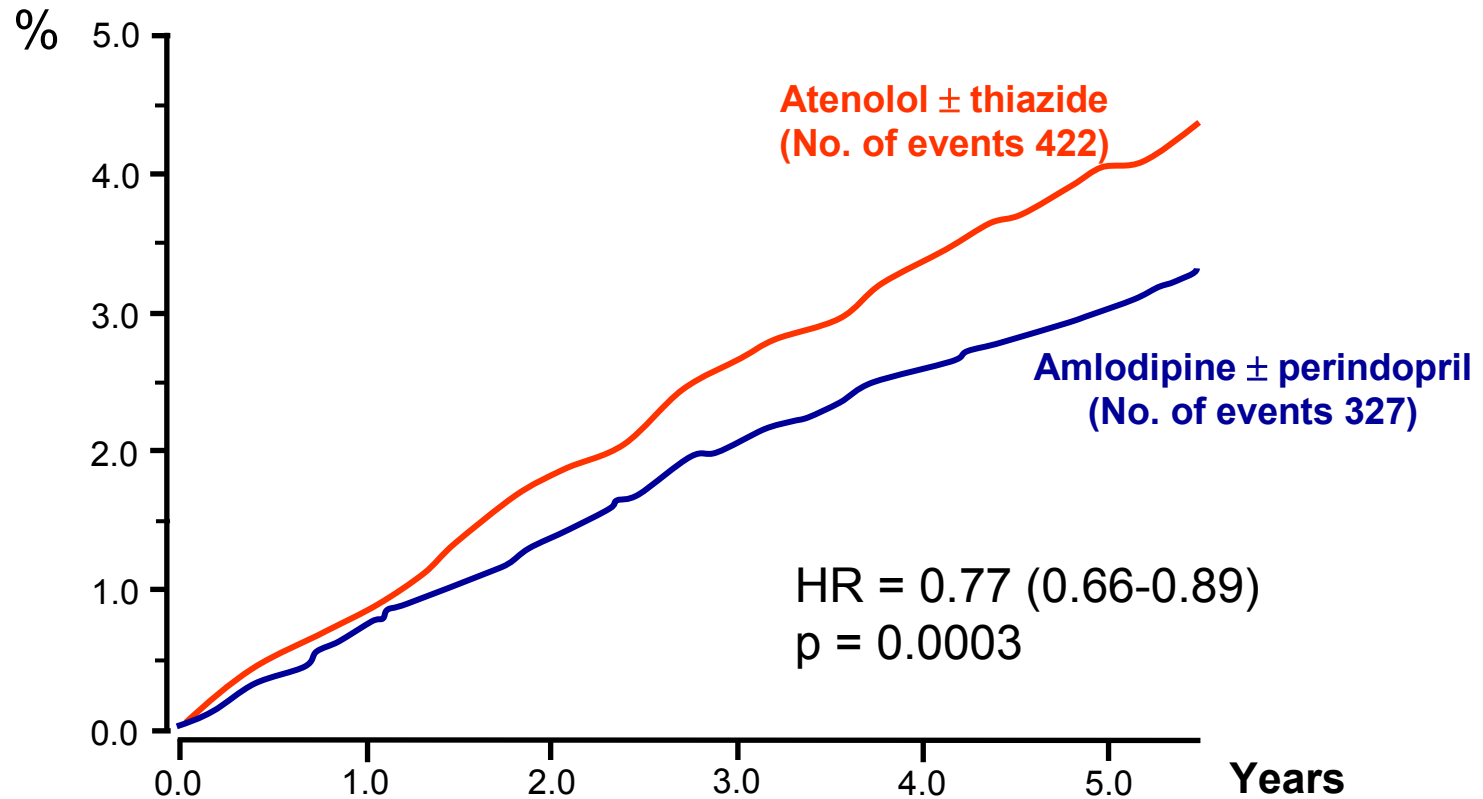




# Systolic and diastolic blood pressure



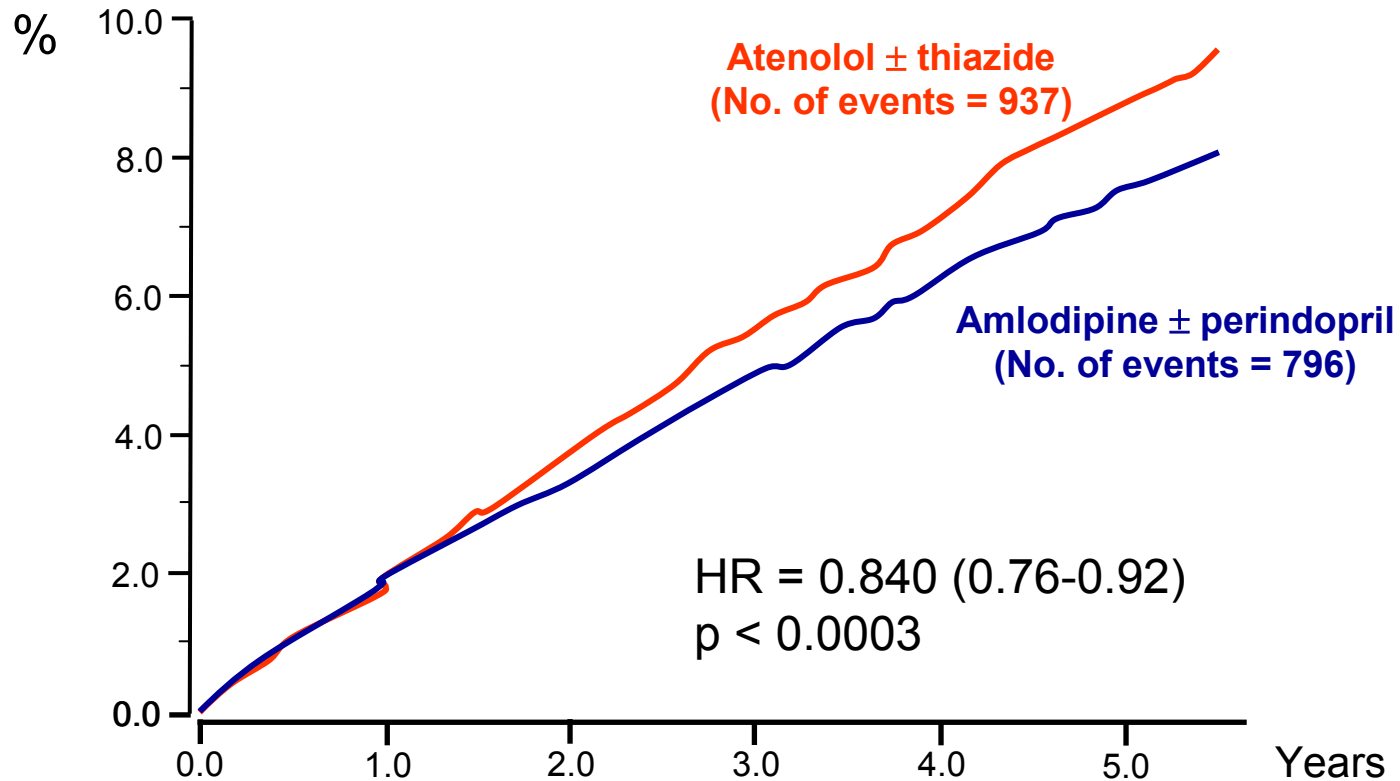
# Fatal and non-fatal stroke



**Number at risk**

Amlodipine ± perindopril	9639	9483	9331	9156	8972	7863
Atenolol ± thiazide	9618	9461	9274	9059	8843	7720

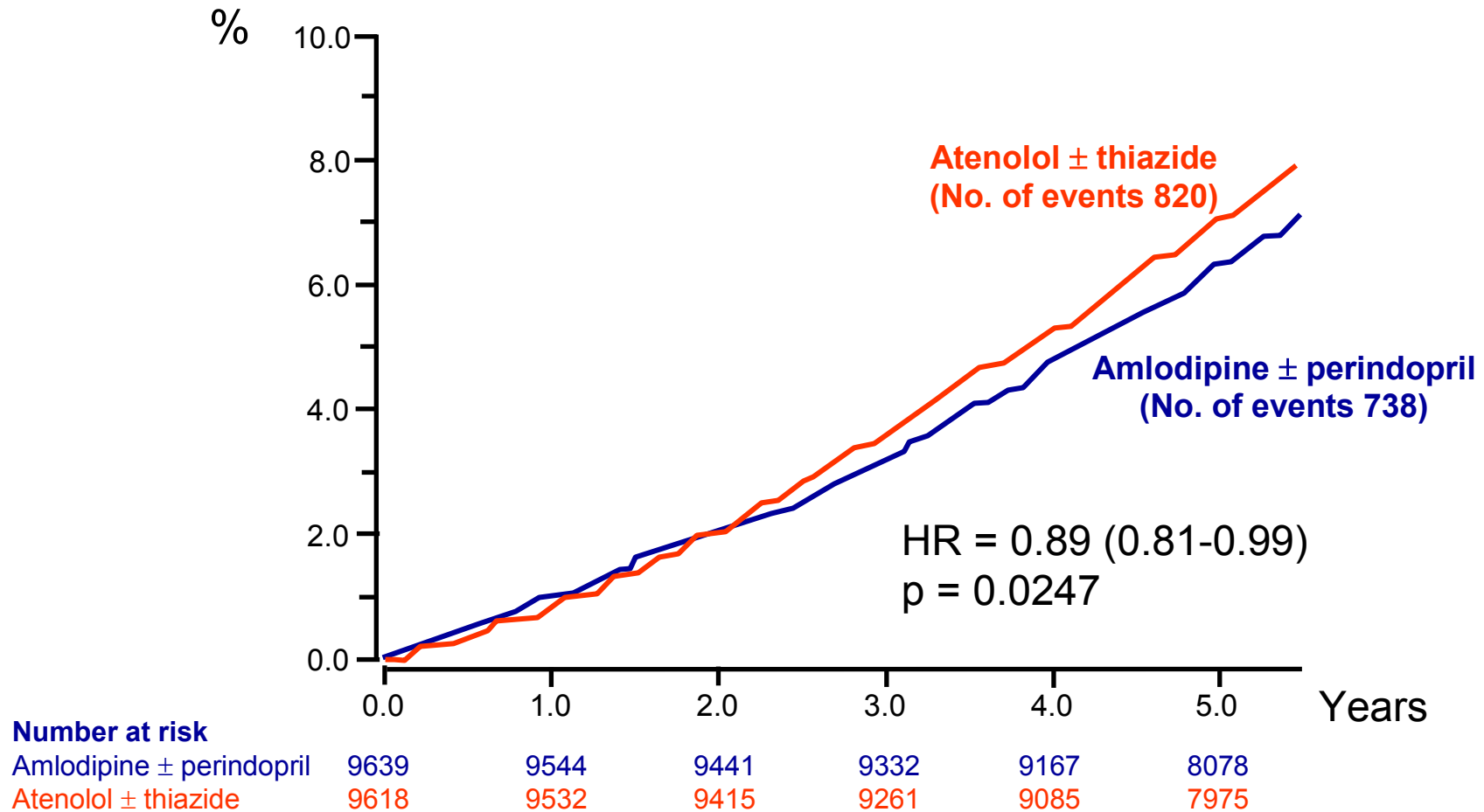
# CV death + MI + stroke



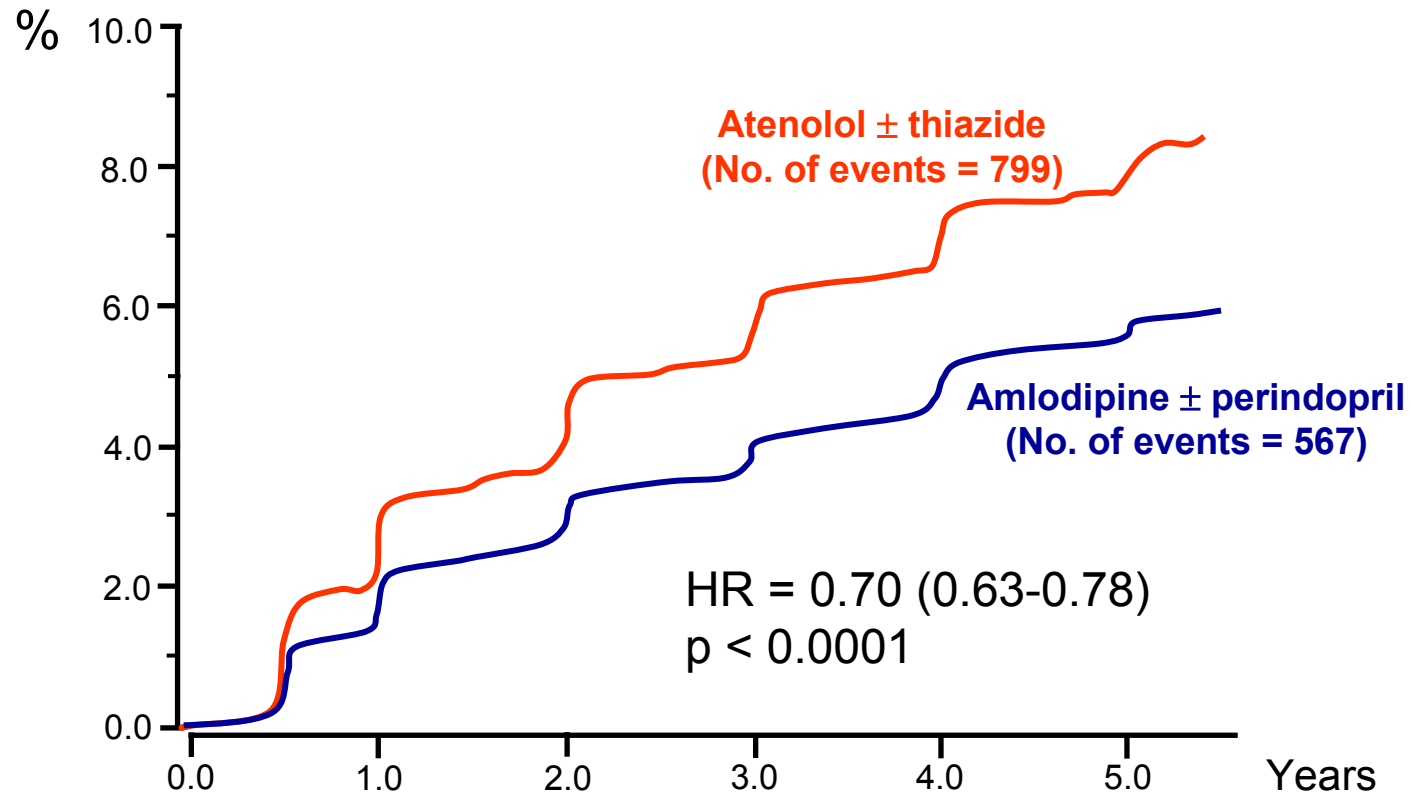
## Number at risk

Amlodipine ± perindopril	9639	9415	9228	9007	8778	7655
Atenolol ± thiazide	9618	9400	9152	8891	8629	7500

# All-cause mortality



# New-onset diabetes mellitus

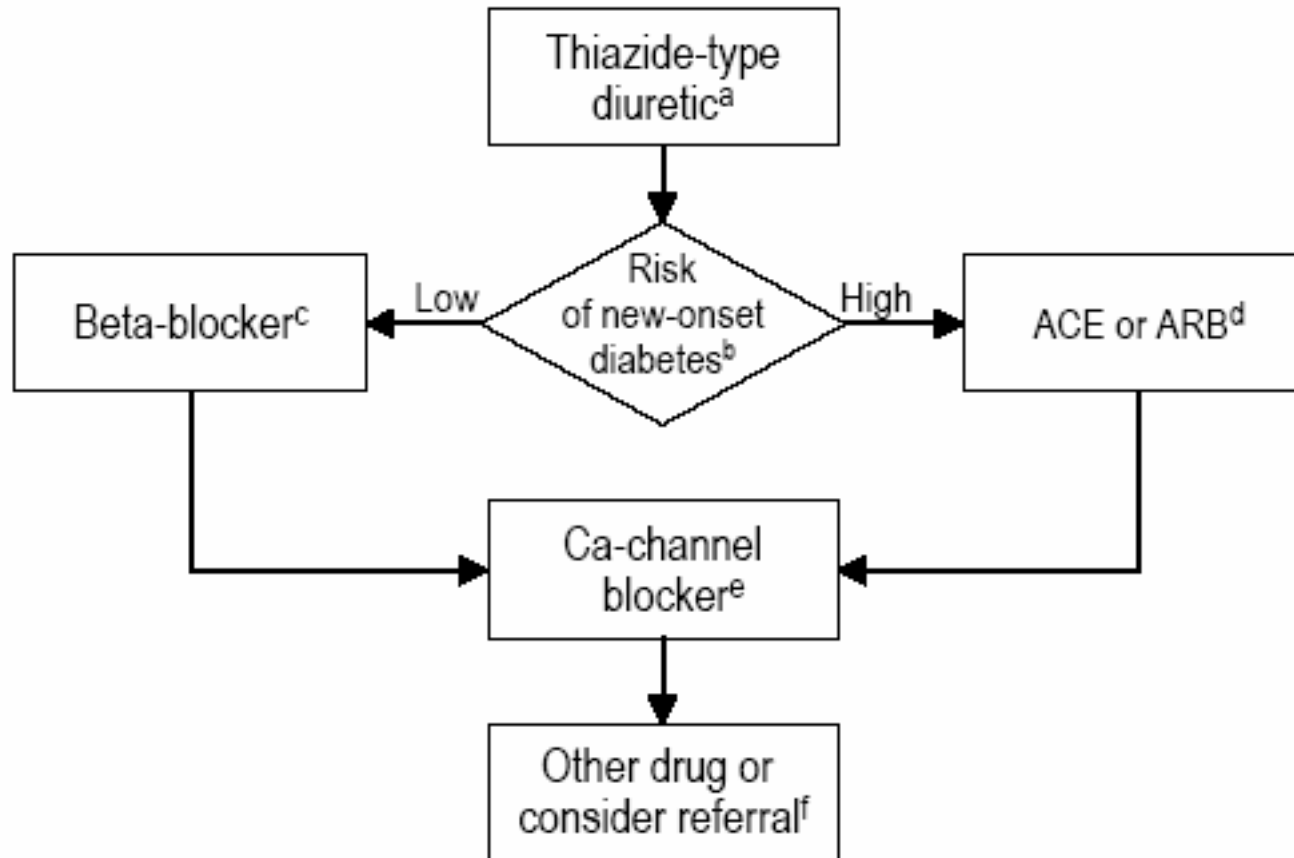


**Number at risk**

Amlodipine ± perindopril	9639	9383	9165	8966	8726	7618
Atenolol ± thiazide	9618	9295	9014	8735	8455	7319

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2003 Algorithm for treatment of Hypertension

**Figure 26: Drug sequencing algorithm for essential hypertension**





# Atenolol meta-analysis. Carlberg, Lancet 2004

Atenolol better | Placebo better

All cause mortality

Cardiovascular mortality

Myocardial infarction

Stroke

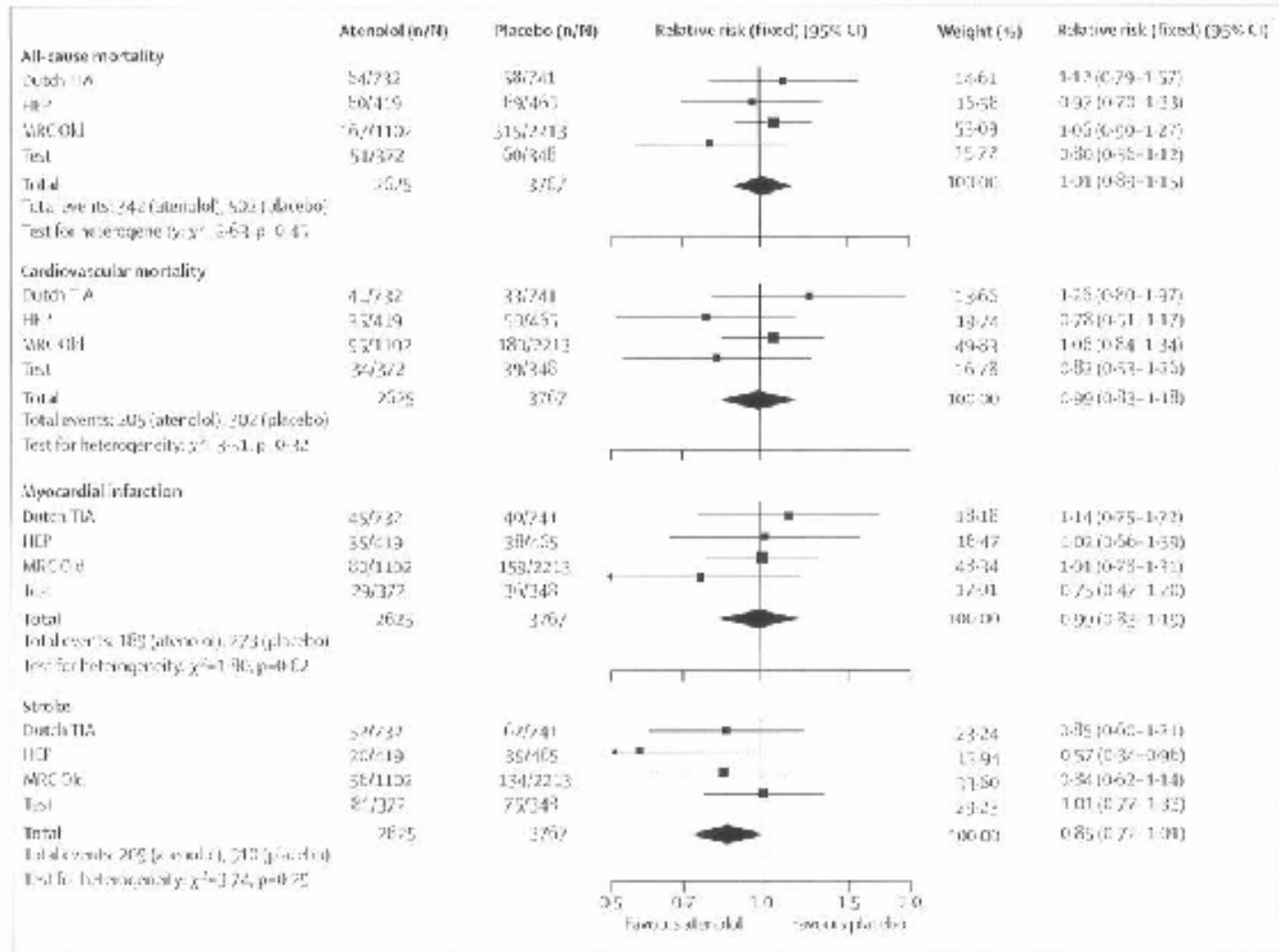


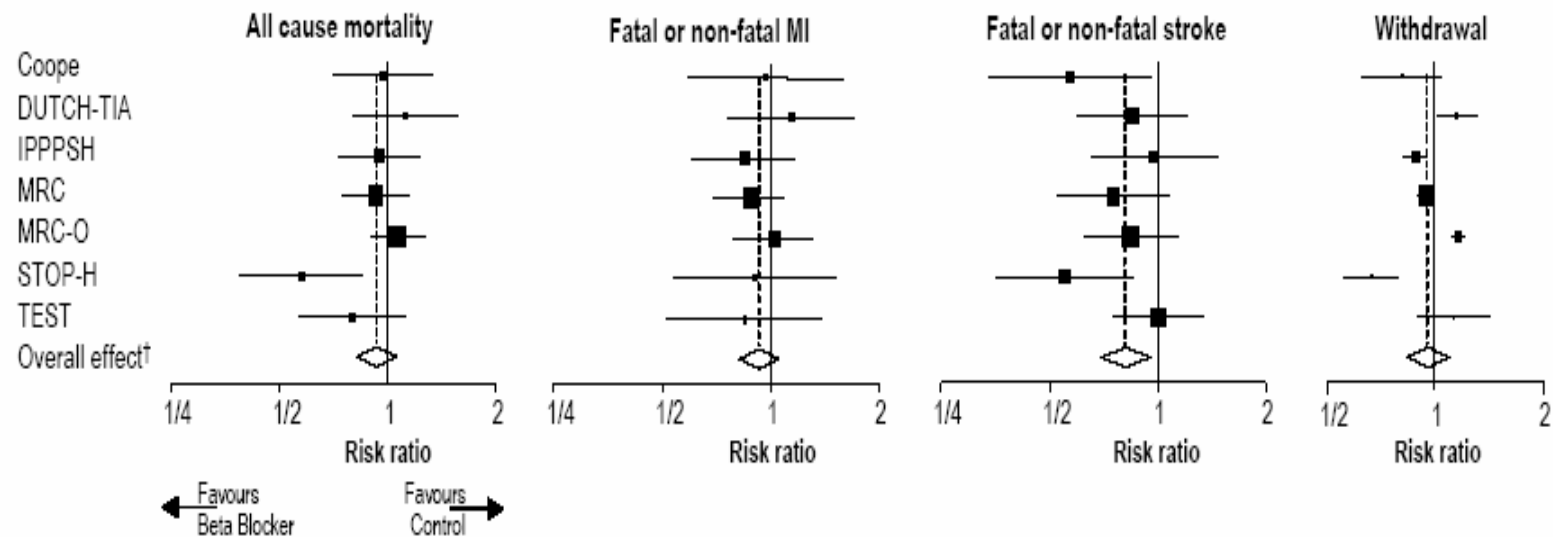
Figure 2: Outcome data for atenolol versus placebo or no treatment

n=number of patients with events, N=total number of patients. In the ITT<sup>a</sup> study,<sup>b</sup> myocardial infarction was calculated as non-fatal myocardial infarction plus cardiac death.



# NICE meta-analysis 2005

Figure 20: Meta-analysis of placebo-controlled randomised controlled trials of beta-blockers

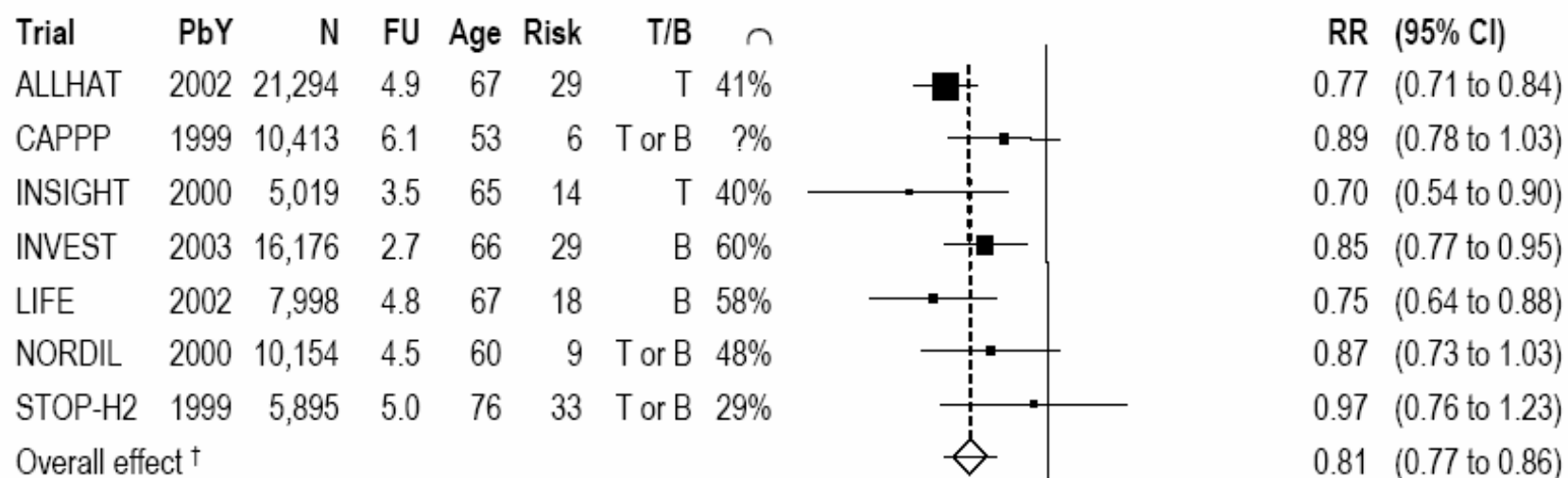


† DerSimonian-Laird risk ratio (RR)

	All cause mortality				Fatal or non-fatal MI				Fatal or non-fatal stroke				Withdrawal			
	RR	95% CI	Q, p	Size, p	RR	95%CI	Q, p	Size, p	RR	95%CI	Q, p	Size, p	RR	95%CI	Q, p	Size, p
Beta Blocker	0.94	(0.83 to 1.06)	0.21	0.16	0.92	(0.81 to 1.05)	0.90	0.76	0.81	(0.69 to 0.95)	0.25	0.08	0.95	(0.83 to 1.09)	<0.001	0.59

# NICE meta-analysis 2005: Newer drugs versus older drugs

**Figure 25: Meta analysis of trials comparing thiazide and beta-blocker combination therapy with other combinations and reporting new onset diabetes mellitus.**



PbY Publication year.

N Total number of patients enrolled without diabetes at baseline.

FU Average trial follow-up in years.

Age Average age of patients at enrolment

Risk Risk of all-cause mortality per 1000 patient years for all patients enrolled.

T/B Drug sequence in Thiazide diuretic (T)/Beta blocker (B) arm.

T (T, then B if necessary), B (B, then T if necessary), T or B (either, then both if necessary)

⊖ Approximate percentage (T/B) receiving second drug;

† Heterogeneity,  $Q=9.04$ ;  $p=0.17$

Normalized effect vs. precision (Egger et al.),  $p=0.56$

Newer  
agents

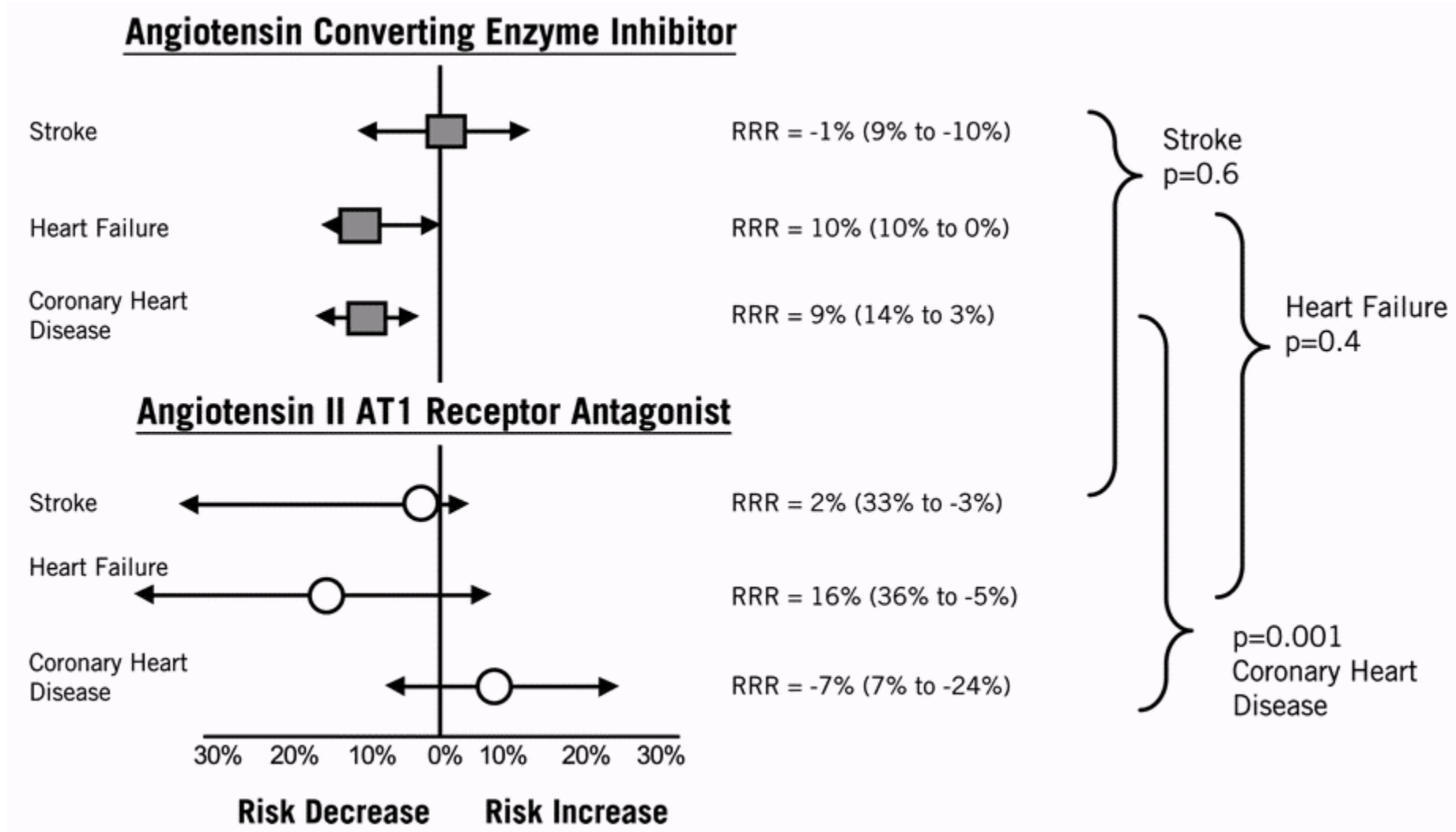
Favours  
alternative

Risk ratio

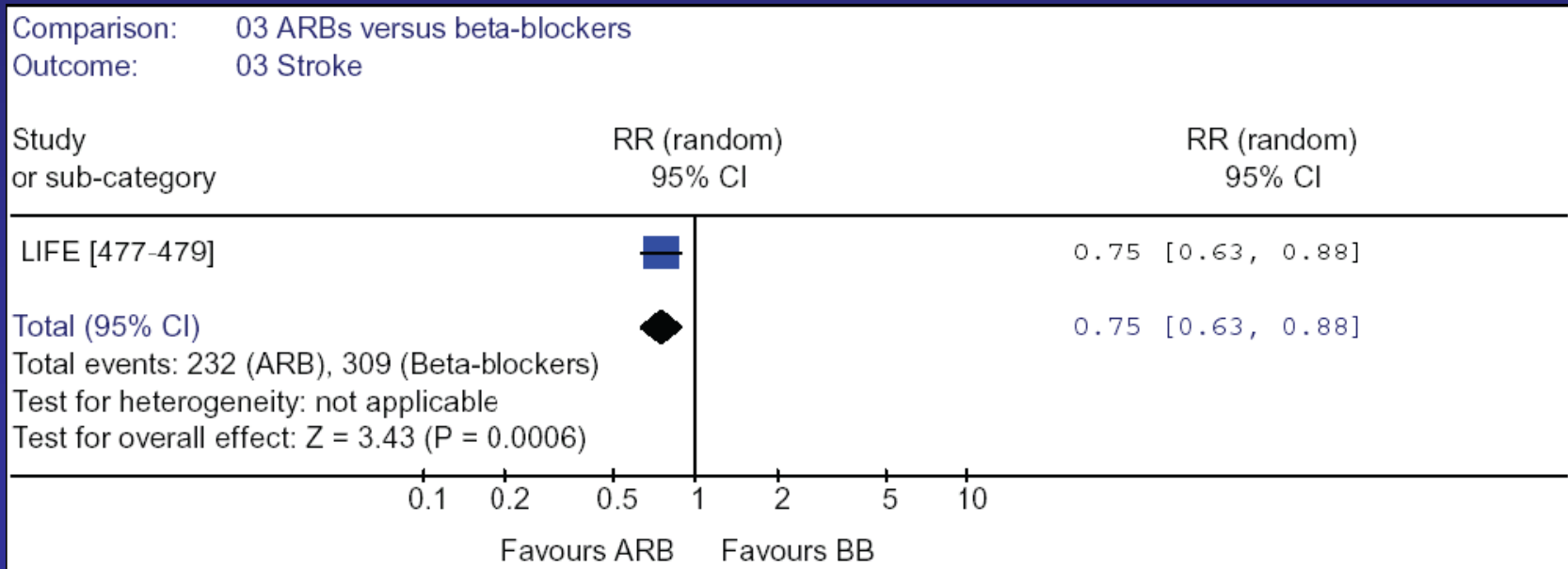
Favours  
T/B

Thiazides/beta  
blockers

BPLTTC regression meta-analysis for ACEIs or comparator [AASK, ABCD(H), ABCD(N), ALLHAT, ANBP2, CAPPP, DIAB-HYCAR, EUROPA, HOPE, JMIC-B, PART-2, PEACE, PROGRESS, SCAT, STOP-2, and UKPDS-HDS) or for ARB or comparator (IDNT, LIFE, RENAAL, SCOPE, and VALUE).



Comparison	Studies	Total N	Effect Size (RR)
<b>03 <u>ARBs versus beta-blockers</u></b>			
01 Mortality	1	9103	0.89 [0.78, 1.01]
02 Myocardial Infarction	1	9103	1.05 [0.86, 1.28] N/A
03 Stroke	1	9103	0.75 [0.63, 0.88] N/A
05 Diabetes	1	7998	0.75 [0.64, 0.88] N/A



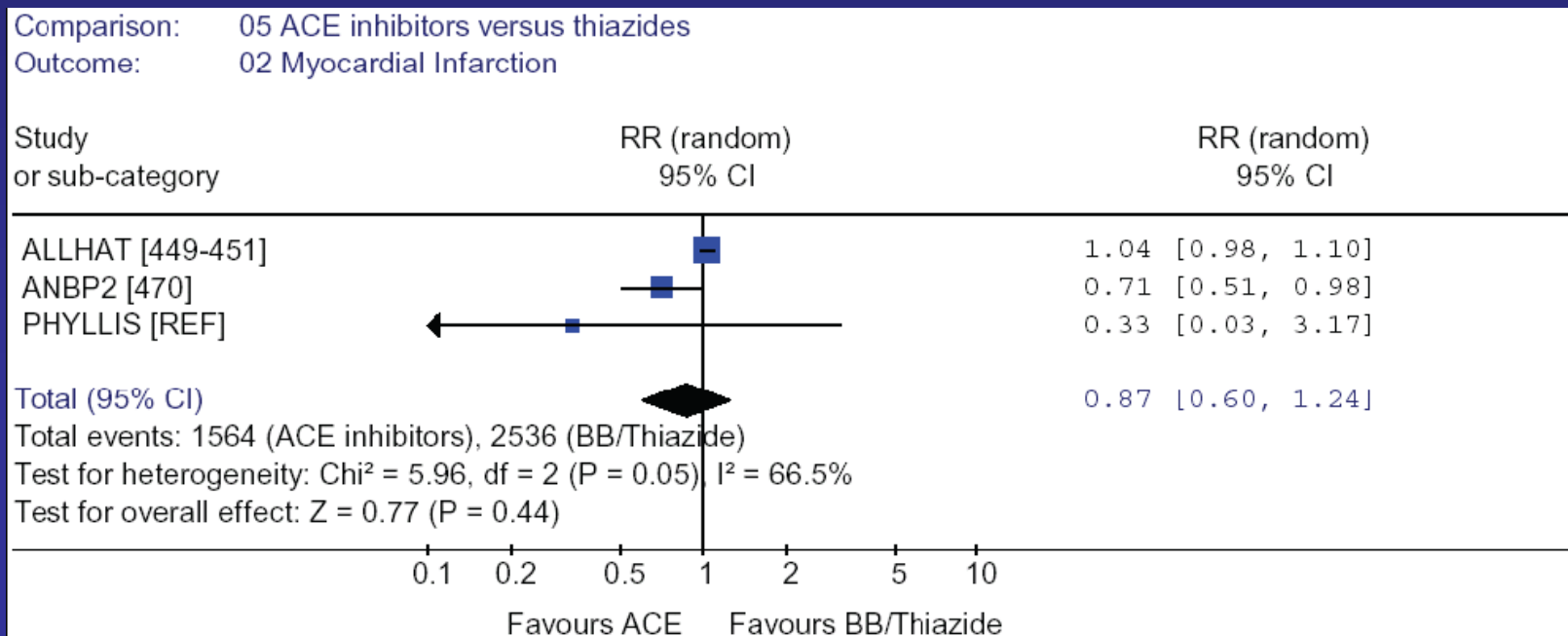
**Comparison**

**Studies Total N**

**Effect Size (RR)**

**05 ACE inhibitors versus thiazides**

01 Mortality	2	29697	1.00 [0.94, 1.06] 0%
02 Myocardial Infarction	3	30204	0.87 [0.60, 1.24] 66.5%
03 Stroke	3	30204	1.13 [1.02, 1.25] 0%



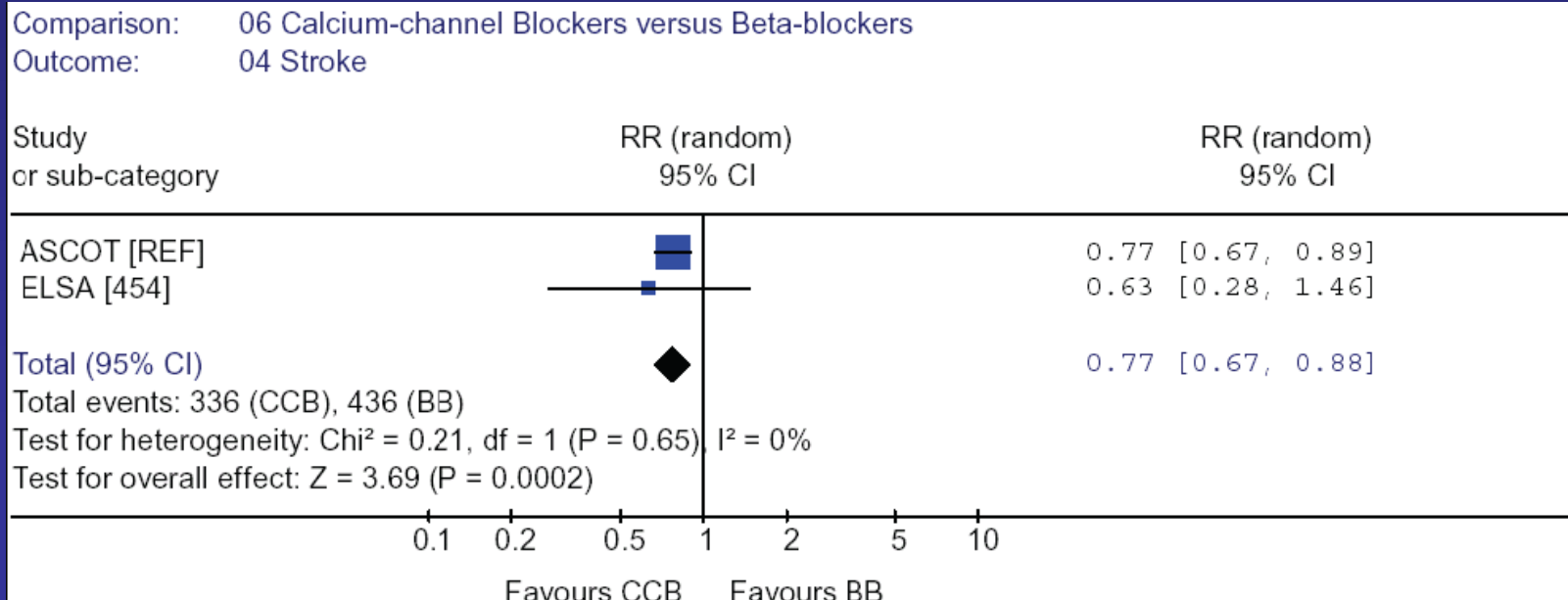
**Comparison**

**Studies Total N**

**Effect Size (RR)**

**06 Calcium-channel Blockers versus Beta-blockers**

01 Mortality	3	44075	0.94 [0.88, 1.01]	5.7%
02 Myocardial Infarction (Inc. Silent MI)	3	44075	0.93 [0.83, 1.03]	0%
03 Myocardial Infarction (Exc. Silent MI)	3	44075	0.91 [0.81, 1.02]	0%
04 Stroke	2	21499	0.77 [0.67, 0.88]	0%
06 Diabetes	1	14112	0.71 [0.64, 0.78]	N/





Markov model of lifetime treatment

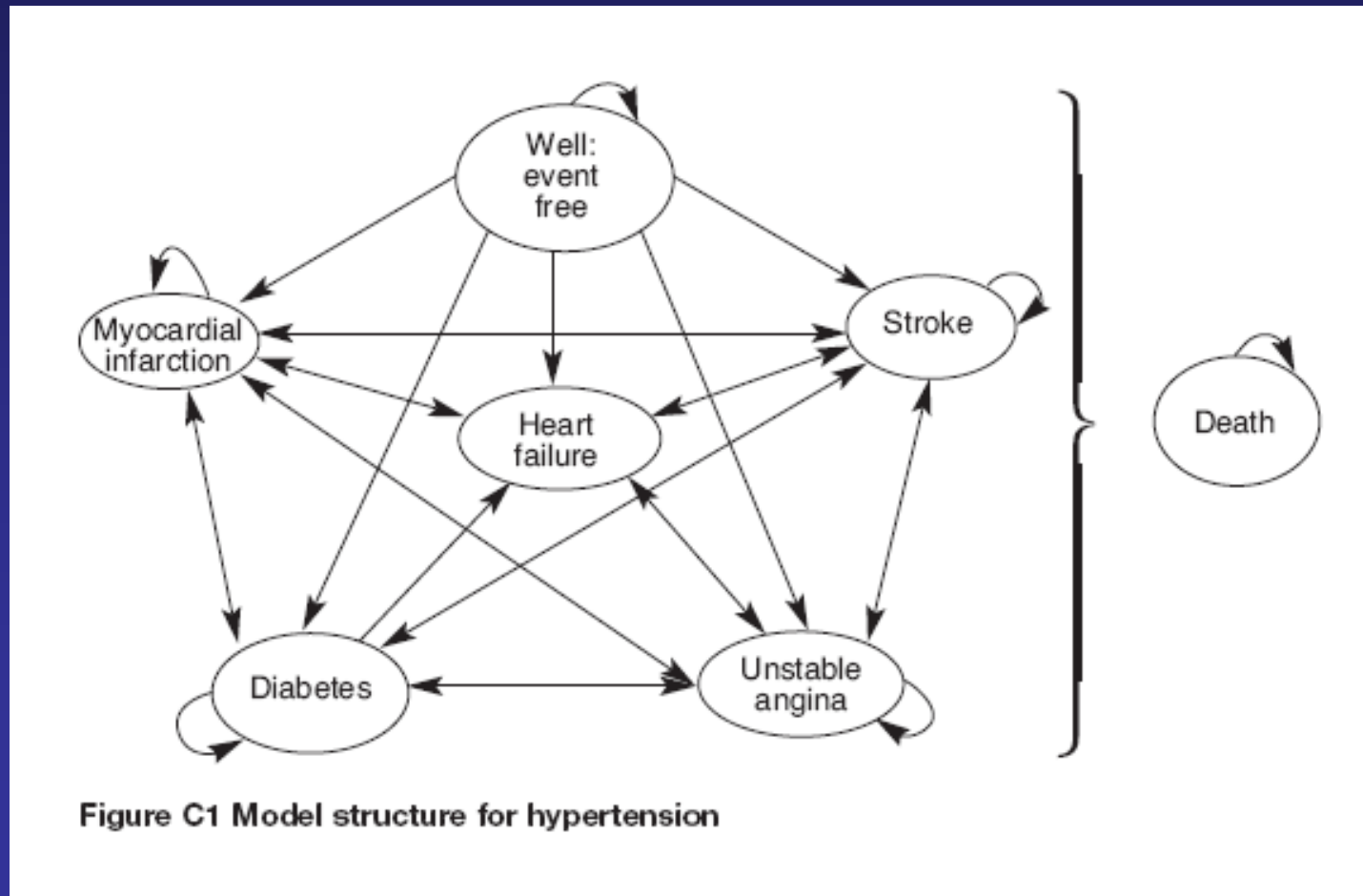
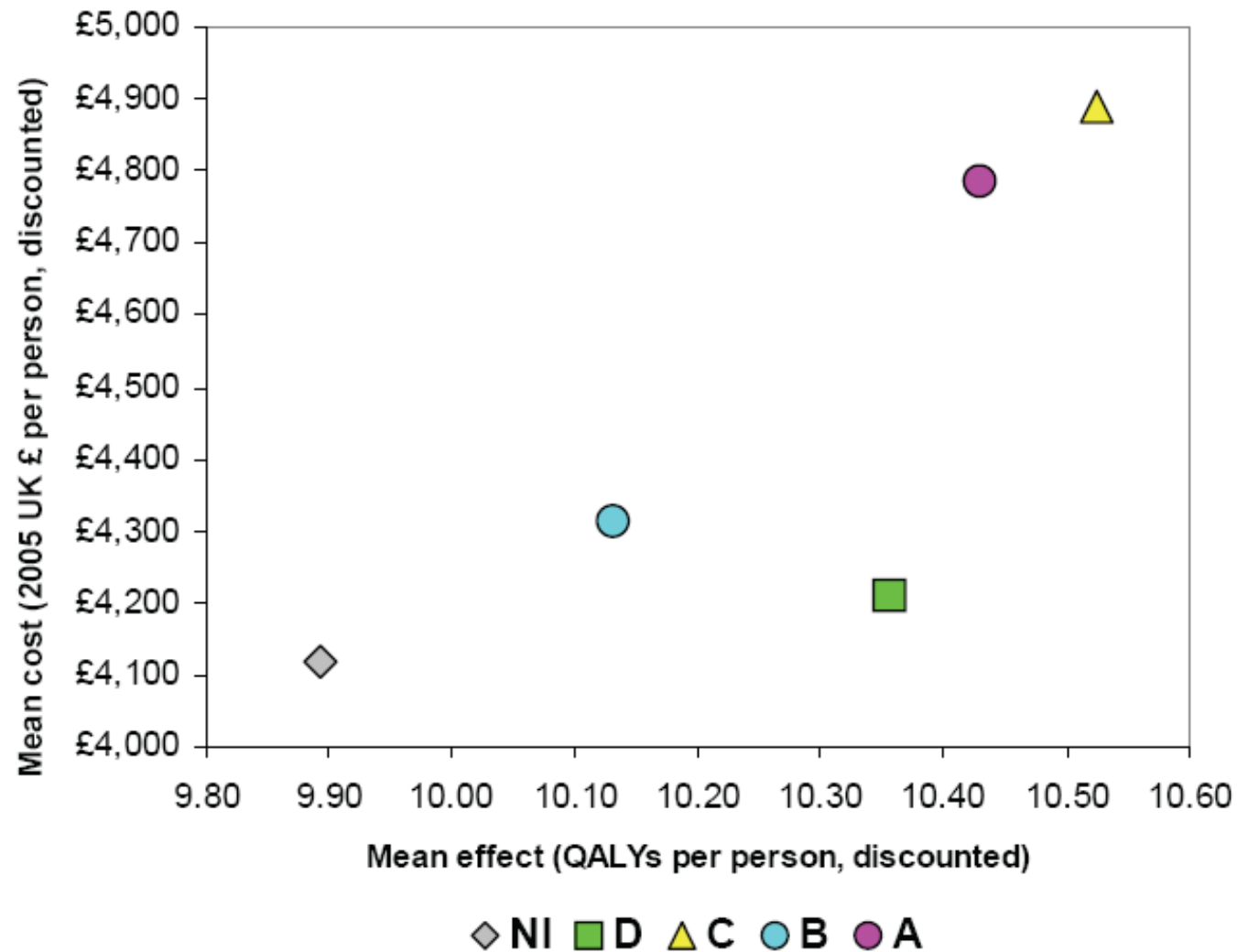


Figure C1 Model structure for hypertension



**Figure 2. Base case results 65-year-old male 2% annual CVD risk, Cost effectiveness plane**



## **Beta-blockers versus dihydropyridine calcium-channel blockers**

Meta-analysis of three studies (ASCOT6, ELSA, INVEST) compared beta-blockers with dihydropyridine calcium-channel blockers (CCBs) when used as first-line antihypertensive therapy.

Nonsignificant results that appeared to favour CCBs for the outcomes of myocardial infarction (RR 0.93, 95% CI 0.83 to 1.03) and mortality (RR 0.94, 95% CI 0.88 to 1.01).

On the results of two studies (ASCOT, ELSA), CCBs are associated with a reduced incidence of stroke (RR 0.77, 95% CI 0.67 to 0.88).

Based on the results of one study (ASCOT), CCBs are associated with a reduced incidence of new-onset diabetes (RR 0.71, 95% CI 0.64 to 0.78).

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**Beta-blockers are no longer preferred as a routine initial therapy for hypertension.**

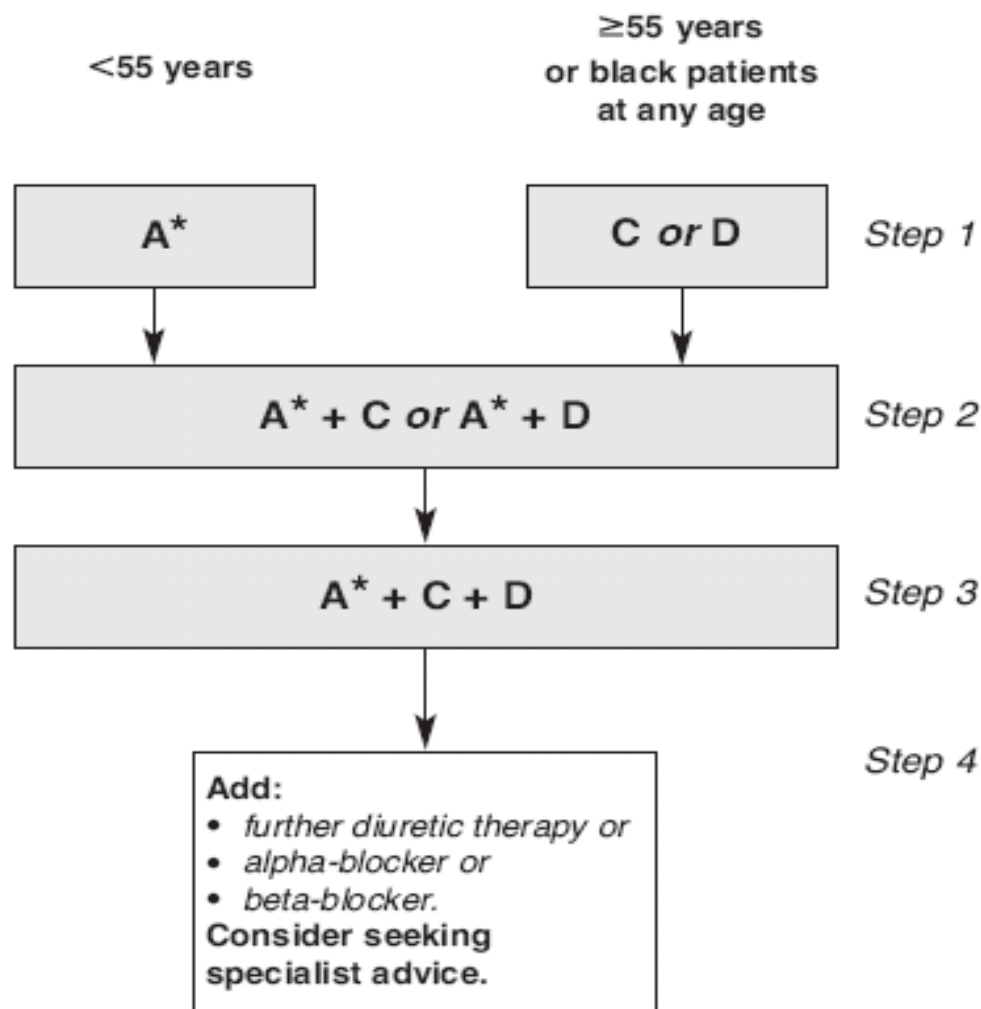
Beta-blockers may be considered in:

- younger women of child-bearing potential
- patients with hypertension and evidence of increased sympathetic drive
- intolerance / contra-indication to ACE inhibitors and ARBs.

In these circumstances, if initial therapy is with a beta-blocker and a second drug is required, add a dihydropyridine calcium-channel blocker rather than a thiazide-type diuretic to reduce the risk of developing diabetes. **[B]**

In individuals with an existing diagnosis of hypertension, whose blood pressure is controlled with a regimen which includes a betablocker, there is no urgent need to replace the beta-blocker with an alternative agent.

In patients whose blood pressure is not controlled despite a treatment regimen including a beta-blocker, treatment should be revised according to the treatment algorithm. **[D]**



A = ACE inhibitor (\* or ARB if ACEi-intolerant); C = calcium-channel blocker; D = thiazide-type diuretic. Beta-blockers are not a preferred initial therapy for hypertension but are an alternative to A in patients <55 years in whom A is not tolerated, or contraindicated (includes women of childbearing potential). Black patients = African or Caribbean descent.

## Unpublished data from ASCOT

• BP lowering effects:	SBP	DBP
• Amlodipine 5 mg	15.5	9
• Amlodipine 10 mg	25.9	15.2
• Perindopril data not yet available		
• Doxazosin 7 mg	11.7	6.9
• Spironolactone 41 mg	21.9	9.5

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# Hypertension

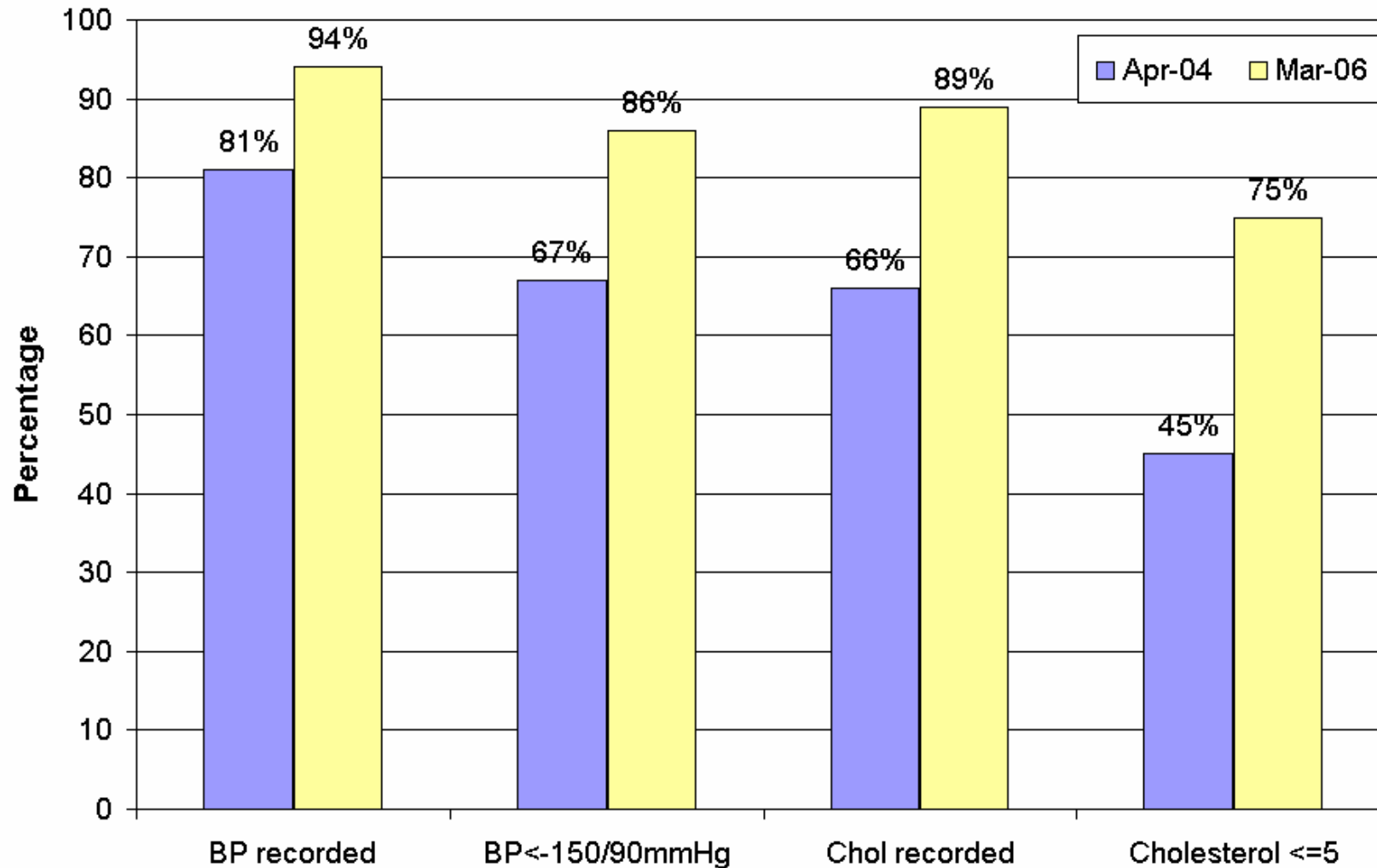
All minimum thresholds are 25%

## UK approach to HT improvement

Indicator	Points	Maximum threshold
<b>Records</b>		
BP 1. The practice can produce a register of patients with established hypertension	9	
<b>Diagnosis and initial management</b>		
BP 2. The percentage of patients with hypertension whose notes record smoking status at least once	10	90%
BP 3. The percentage of patients with hypertension who smoke, whose notes contain a record that smoking cessation advice has been offered at least once	10	90%
<b>Ongoing Management</b>		
BP 4. The percentage of patients with hypertension in which there is a record of the blood pressure in the past 9 months	20	90%
BP 5. The percentage of patients with hypertension in whom the last blood pressure (measured in last 9 months) is 150/90 or less	56	70%



# BP and Cholesterol Monitoring, all Coronary Heart Disease Patients (April 2004 and March 2006) Ayrshire and Arran, Scotland. 19,164 patients with CHD (prevalence 5.54%)



# New British Hypertension Society- NICE Guideline 2006 - Conclusions

- Newer drugs are better than older drugs, especially in combination
- ACE inhibitors have additional protective effects against myocardial infarction
- Payment of doctors by results - works!

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