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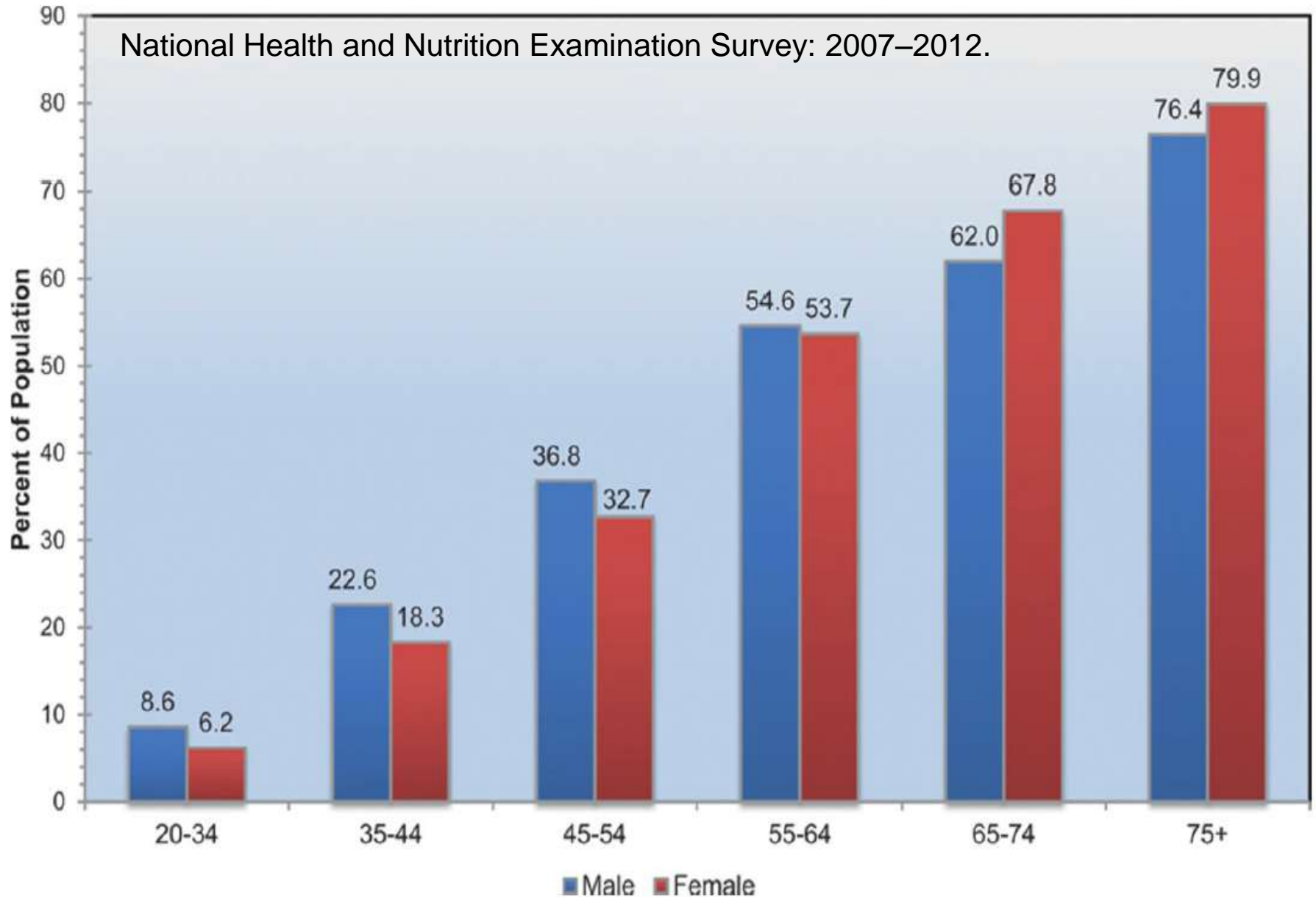
# Introduction

Hypertension is the most common of the chronic diseases, affecting **an estimated 1 billion adults worldwide.**

**The prevalence of hypertension is rising,** owing in part to the increasing **age** of the population, the increased rates of **obesity** and the increased consumption of **sodium** in packaged and processed foods.

Kearney PM et al. *Lancet* 365, 217–223 (2005).  
Fields LE et al. *Hypertension* 44, 398–404 (2004).

# Prevalence of high blood pressure in adults $\geq 20$ years of age by age and sex



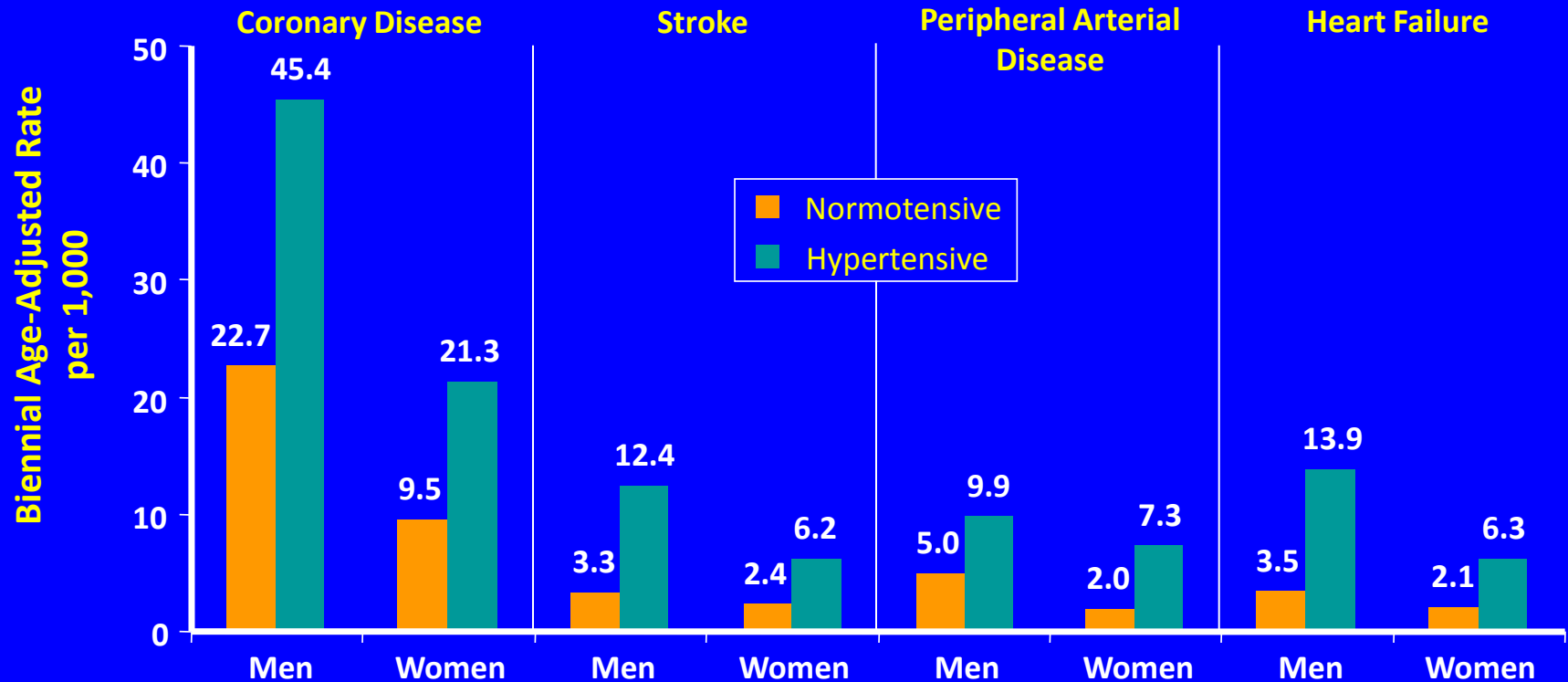
# Prevalence of hypertension is high

## Prevalence of hypertension in people aged 20 years and older



# Hypertension is a leading cause for cardiovascular morbidity

36-Year Follow-up in Patients Aged 35-64 Years<sup>1,2</sup>

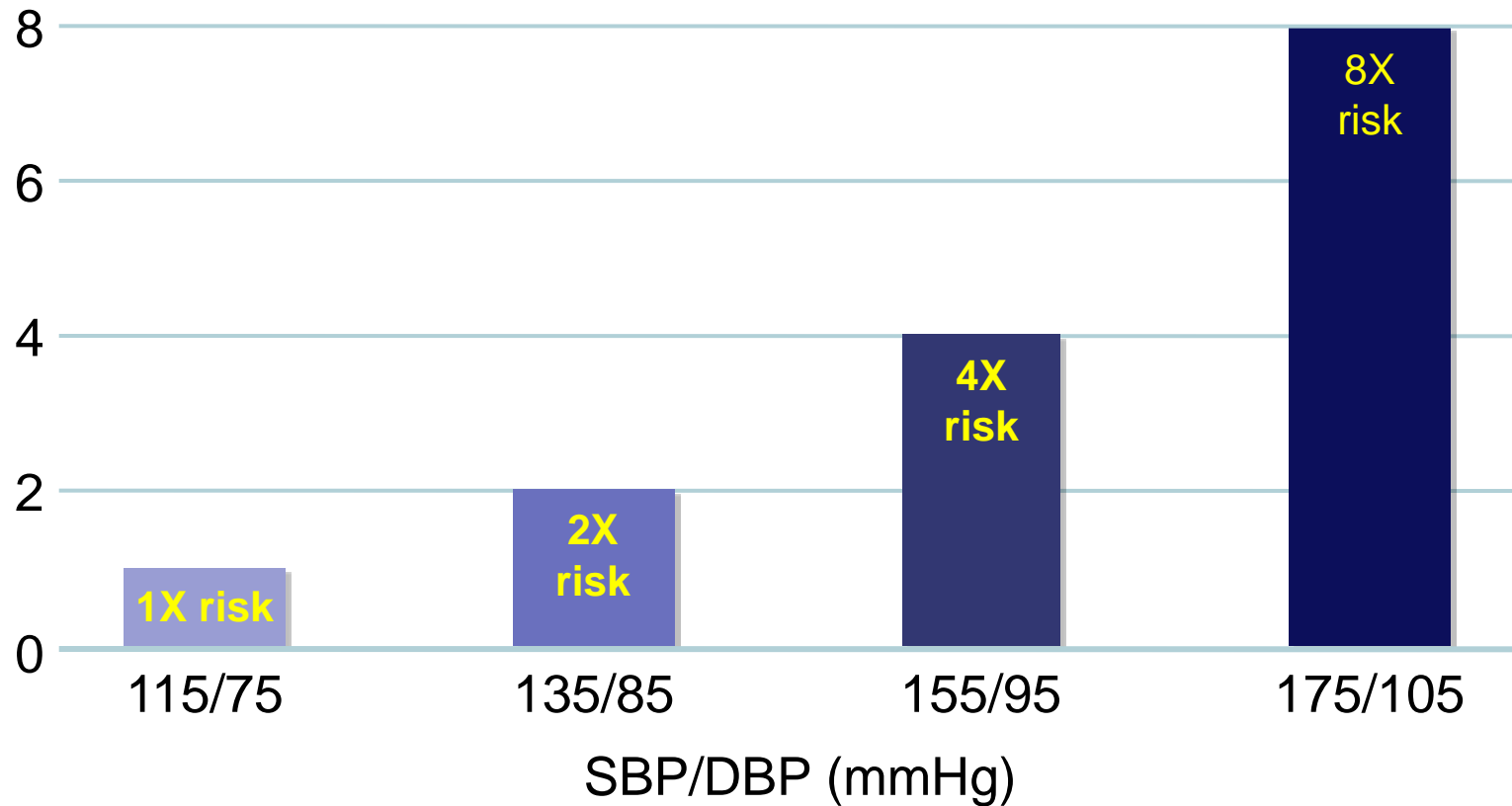


1. Kannel W.B. et al., JAMA 1996; 275: 1571-1576

2. Kannel W.B. et al., J Hum Hypertens 2000; 14: 83-90

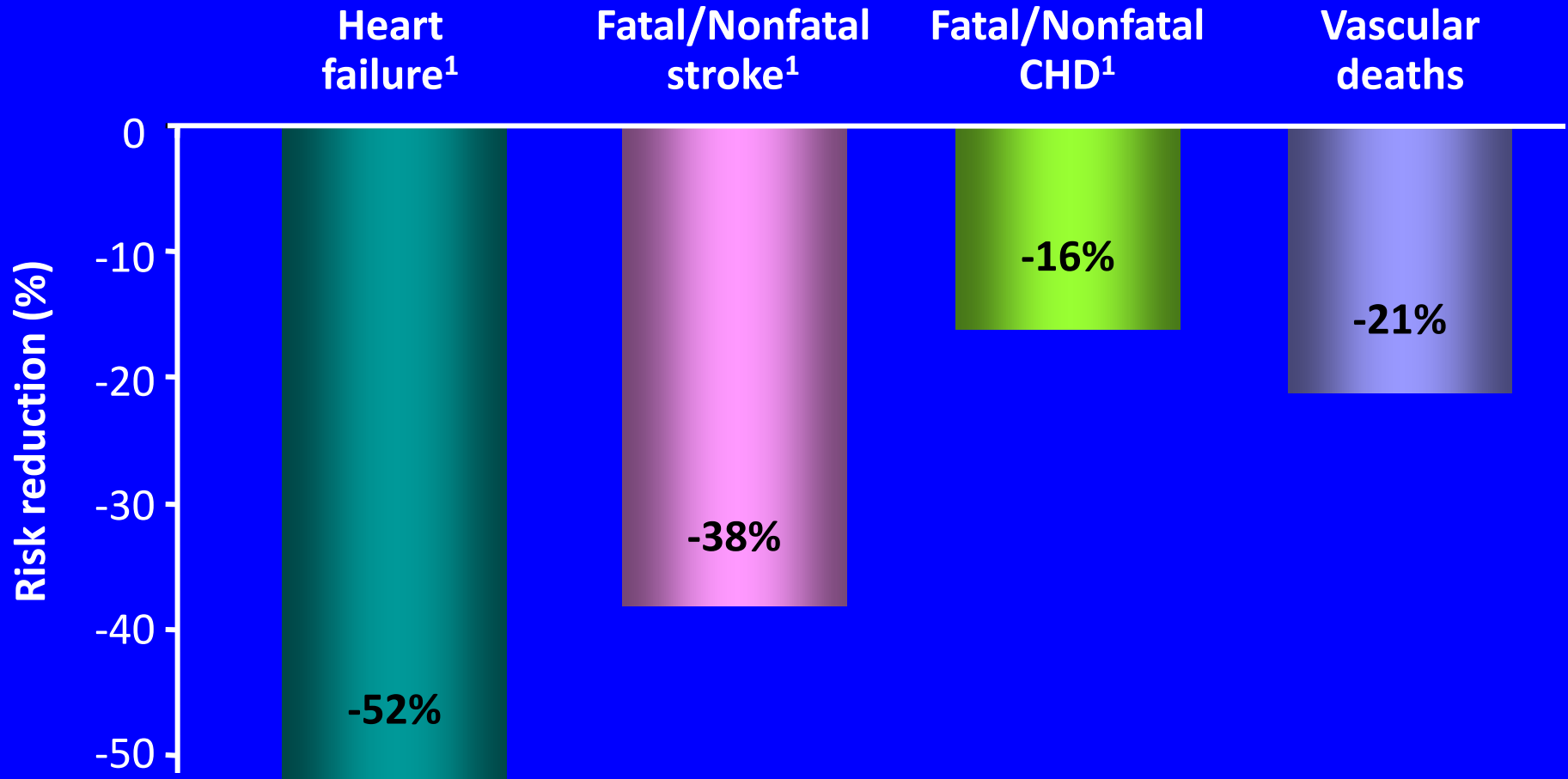
# Cardiovascular (CV) Mortality Risk Doubles with Each 20/10 mmHg Increment in Systolic/Diastolic BP (SBP/DBP)\*

CV mortality risk



\*Individuals aged 40–69 years

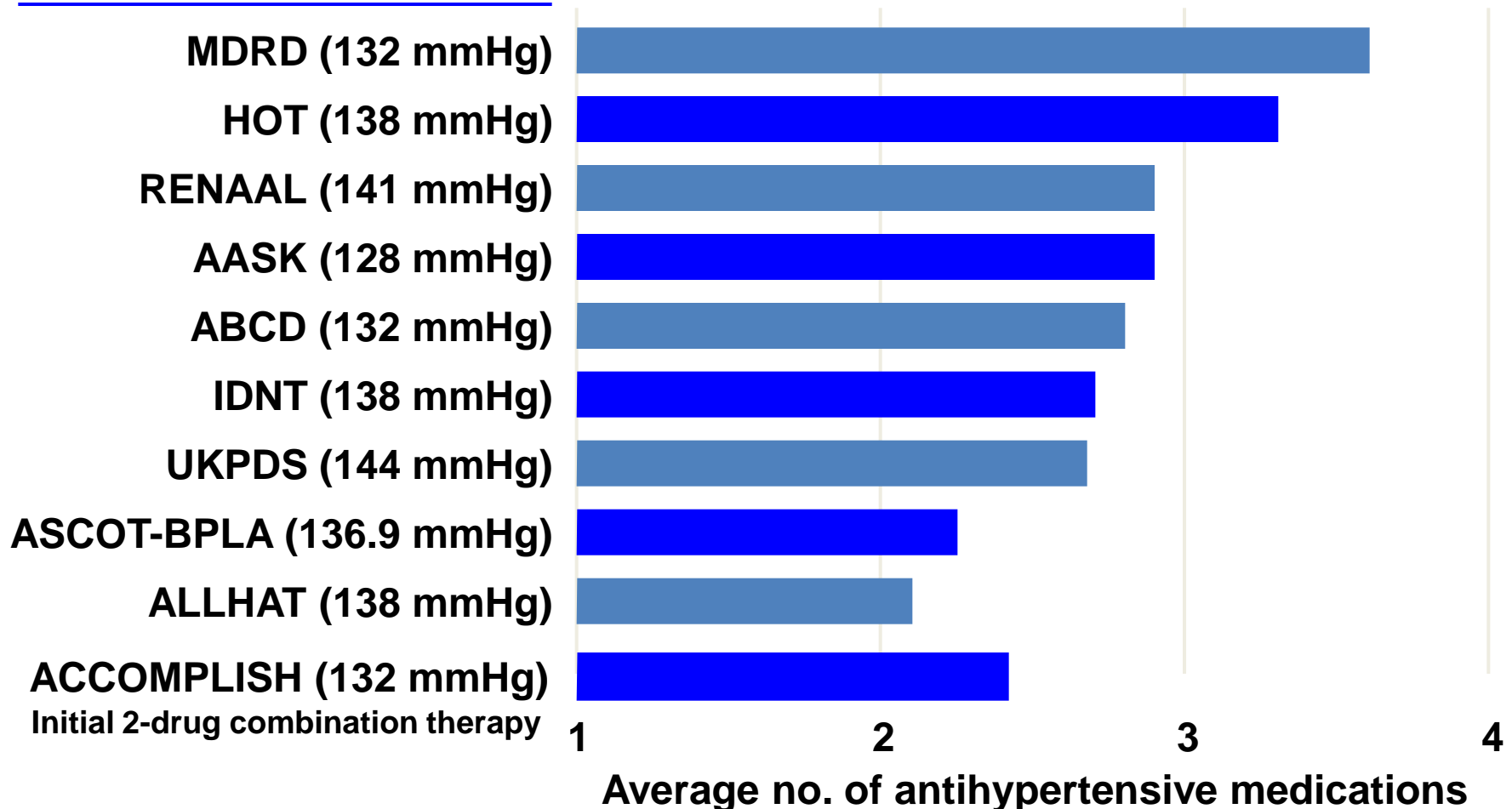
# Antihypertensive drug therapy is effective at reducing risk of CV events



1. Moser and Herbert. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 1996;  
2. Collins R *et al.* *Lancet* 1990.

# Multiple Antihypertensive Agents are Needed to Reach BP Goal

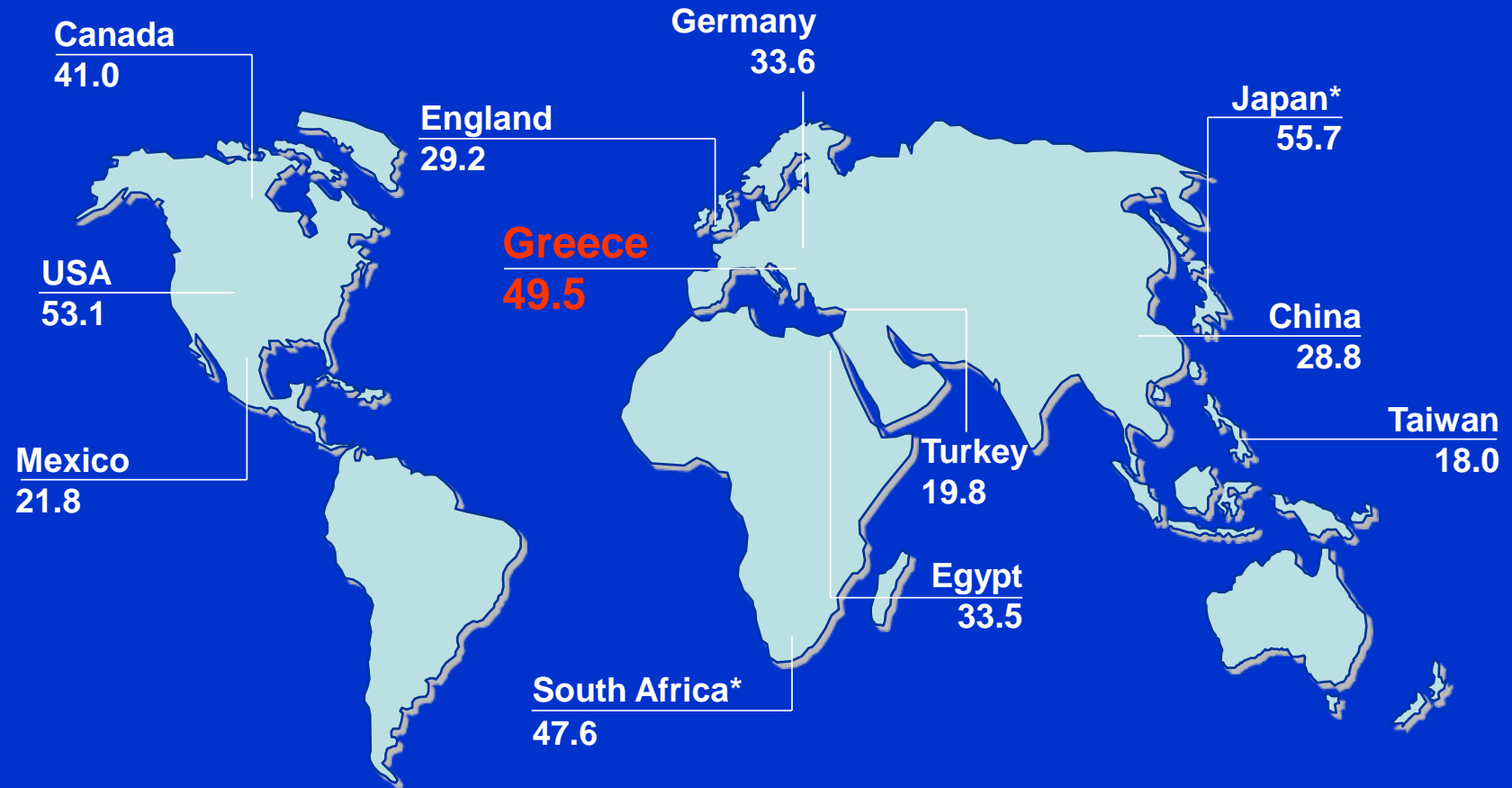
## Trial (SBP achieved)



1. Bakris et al. Am J Med 2004;116(5A):30S–8; 2. Dahlöf et al. Lancet 2005;366:895–906

3. Jamerson et al. Blood Press 2007;16:80–6; 4. Jamerson et al. N Engl J Med 2008;359:2417–28

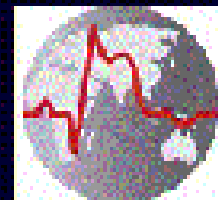
# Worldwide blood pressure control rates in treated hypertensive patients are low



Kearney P.M. et al., J Hypertens 2004; 22: 11–19; \* Data for men only



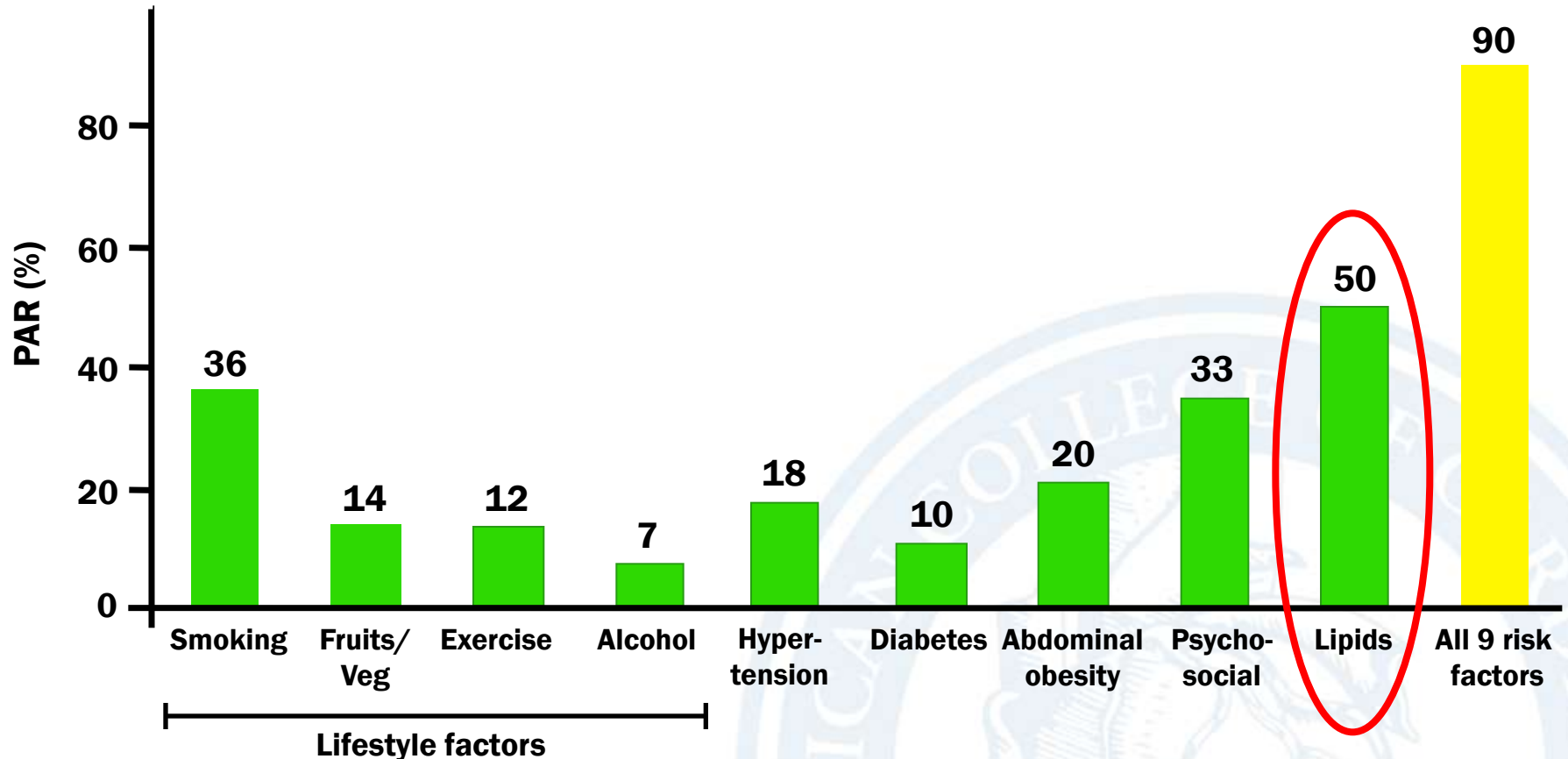
## *PROCAM: Ranking of Risk Factors*



	<b>R</b>
<b>1. Age</b>	<b>0.2395</b>
<b>2. LDL cholesterol</b>	<b>0.2096</b>
<b>3. Smoking</b>	<b>0.1309</b>
<b>4. HDL cholesterol</b>	<b>-0.1018</b>
<b>5. Systolic blood pressure</b>	<b>0.0955</b>
<b>6. Diabetes</b>	<b>0.0635</b>
<b>7. Triglycerides</b>	<b>0.0625</b>
<b>8. Family history of MI</b>	<b>0.0523</b>

# Attributable Risk Factors for a First Myocardial Infarction

## INTERHEART Study



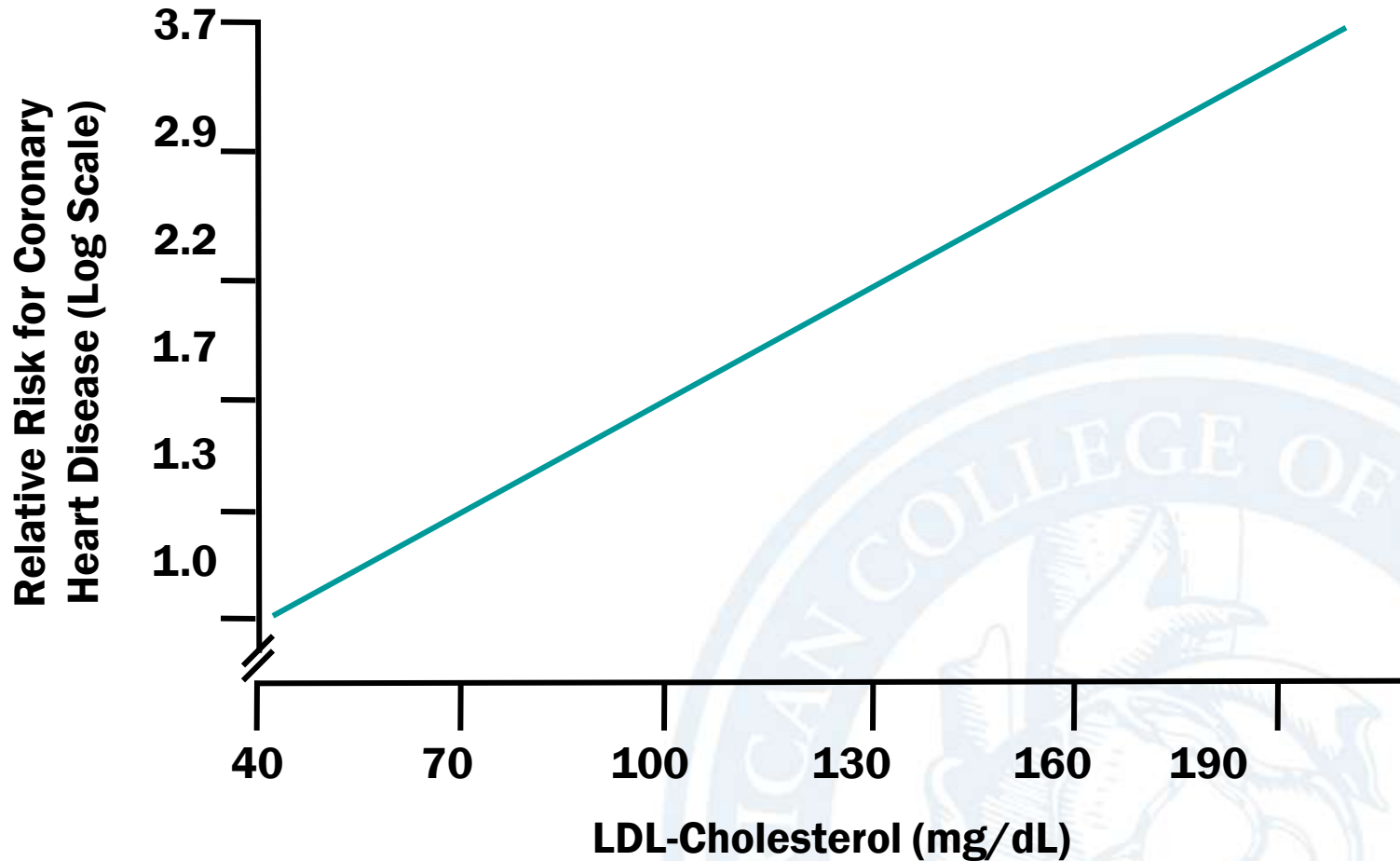
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n=15,152 patients and 14,820 controls in 52 countries

MI=Myocardial infarction, PAR=Population attributable risk (adjusted for all risk factors)

Yusuf S et al. *Lancet*. 2004;364:937-952

# Coronary Heart Disease Risk According to LDL-C Level

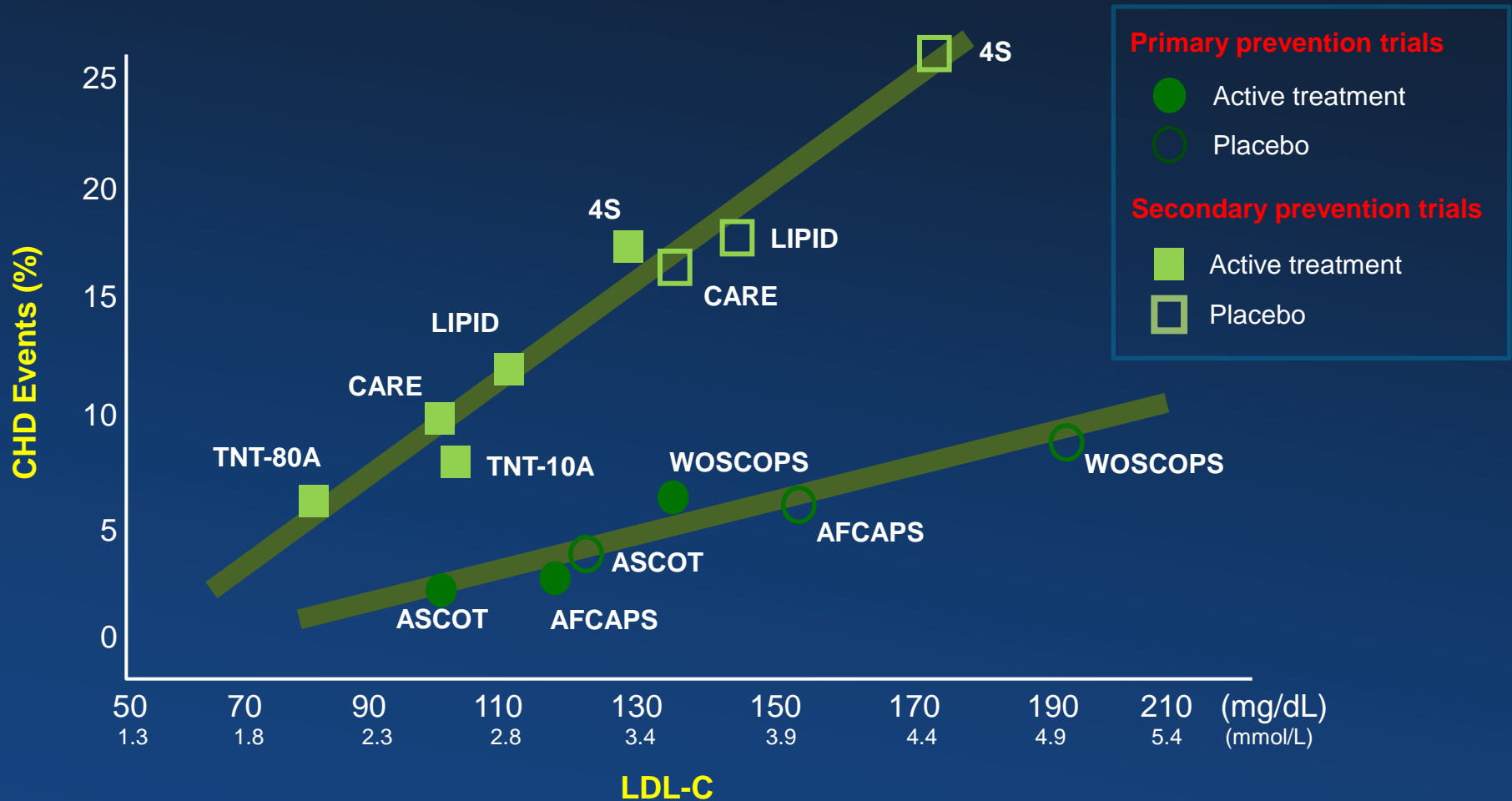


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CHD=Coronary heart disease, LDL-C=Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

Grundy S et al. *Circulation* 2004;110:227-239

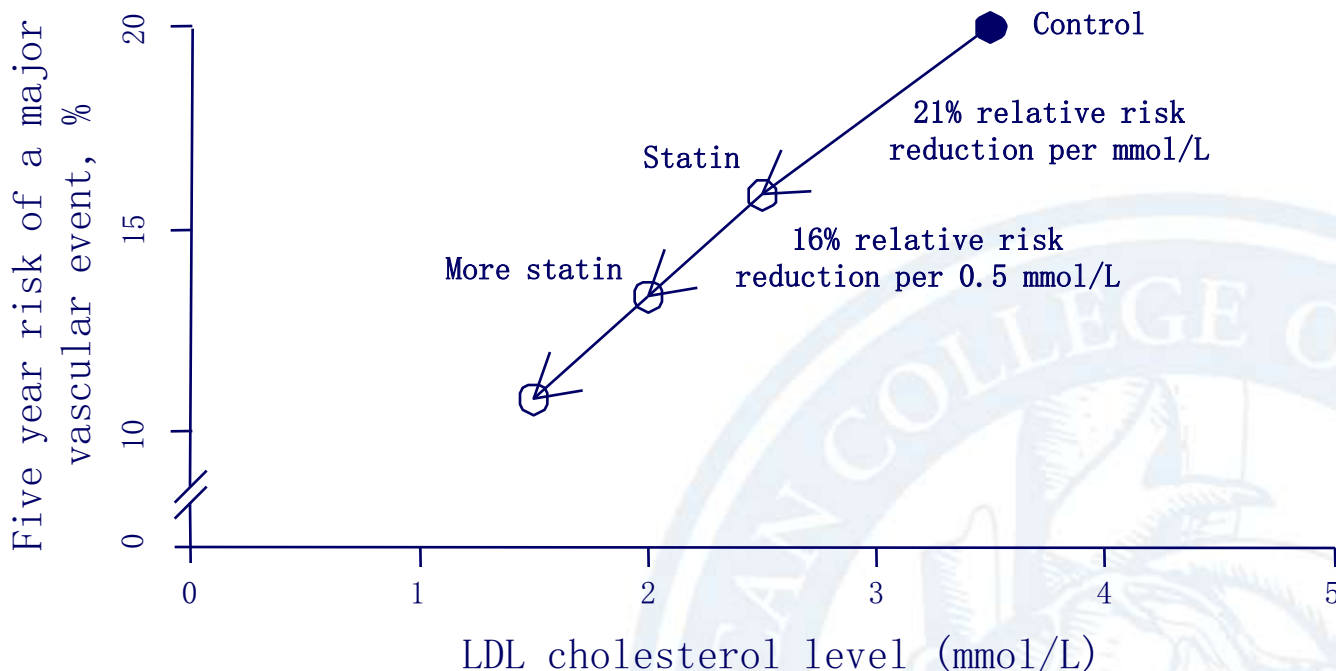
# Lowering LDL-C With Statins Reduces CV Risk in Both Primary and Secondary Prevention



Adapted from O'Keefe et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2004;43:2142-6;  
LaRosa JC et al. *N Engl J Med* 2005;352:1425-35.

# HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor Evidence: Effect of Intensive Therapy

## Cholesterol Treatment Trialists' (CTT) Collaboration Meta-analysis of 169,138 patients randomized to at least 2 years of statin therapy



**There is a proportionate reduction in CV events  
with greater LDL-cholesterol reduction**



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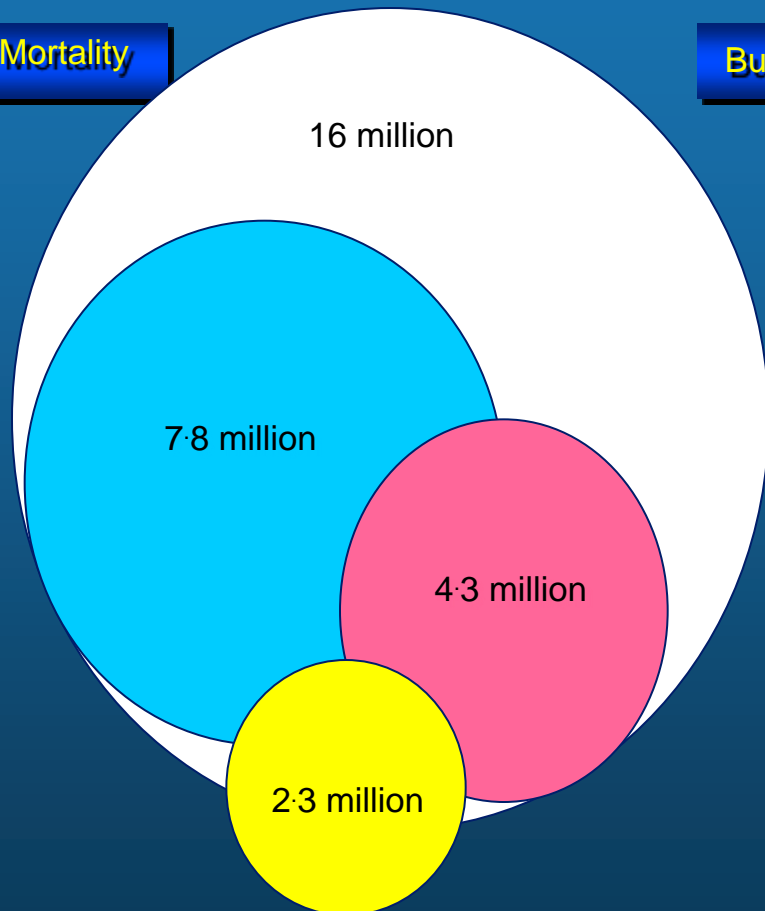
CV=Cardiovascular, LDL=Low density lipoprotein

Source: Cholesterol Treatment Trialists' Collaboration. *Lancet* 2010;376:1670-1681

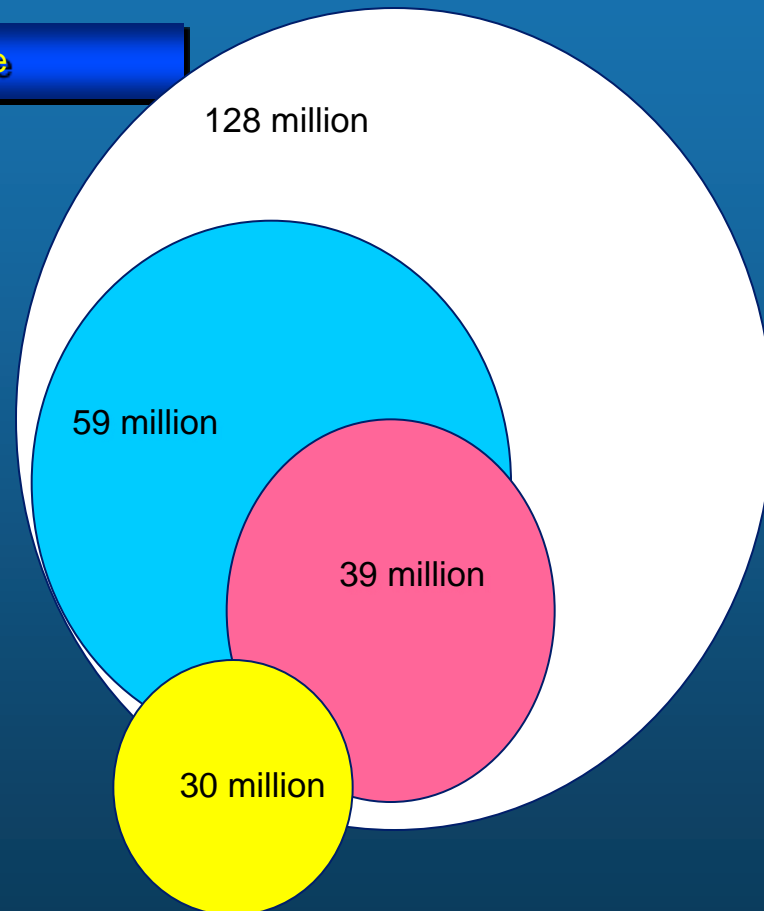
# **Hypertension and Dyslipidemia: The Extent of the Problem**

# Global mortality and burden of cardiovascular disease and major risk factors for people aged 30 years

Mortality



Burden of disease



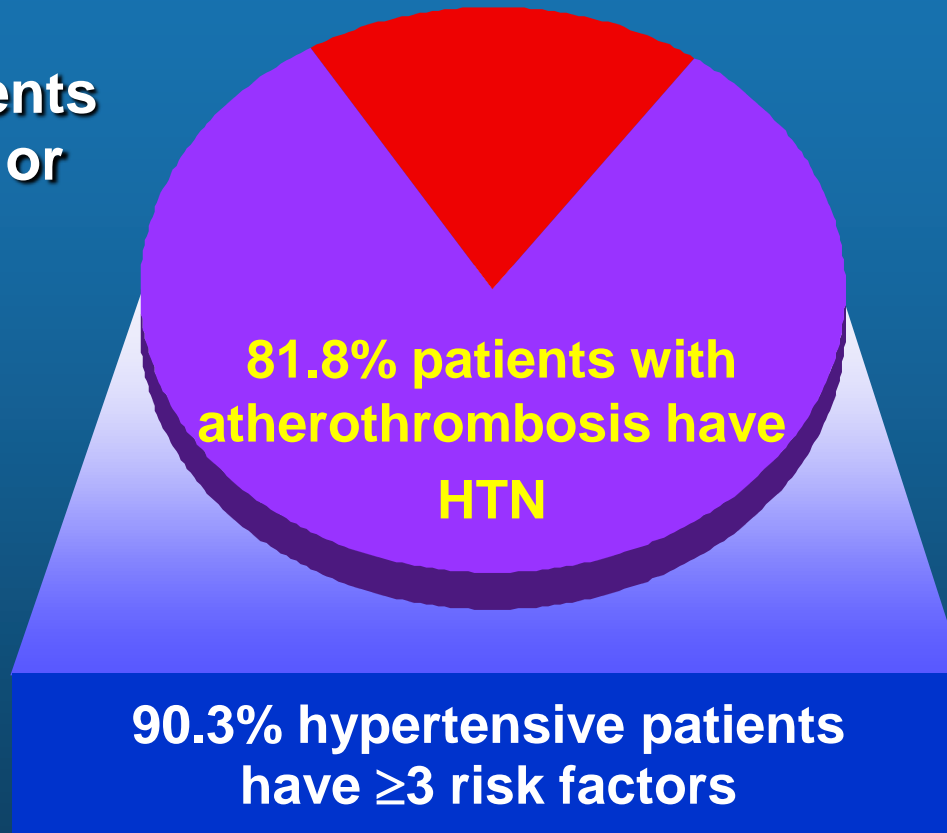
Population

■ All cardiovascular ■ High blood pressure

■ High cholesterol ■ Overweight and obesity

# Most Hypertensive Patients Have Additional Risk Factors: *REACH Registry*

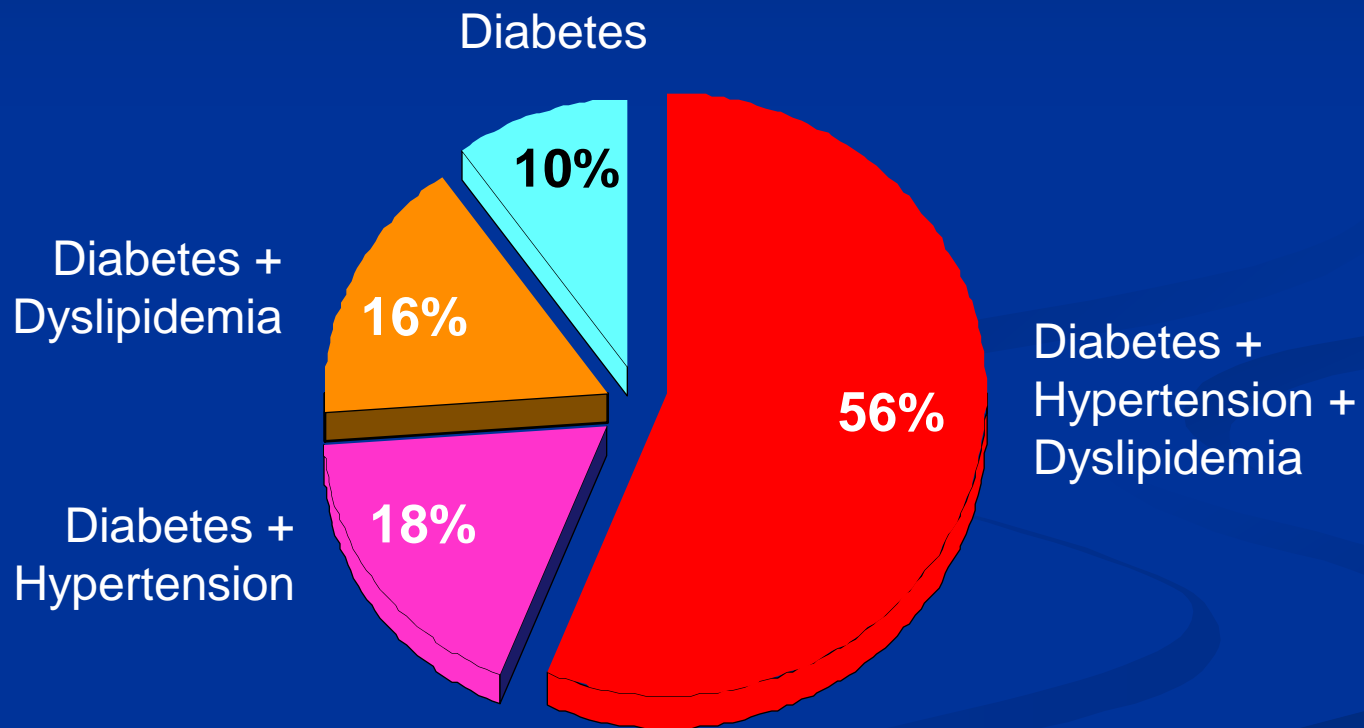
**N=67,888 patients  
aged 45 years or  
older from 44  
countries**



HTN=hypertension; REACH=Reduction of Atherothrombosis for Continued Health.  
Risk factors include: treated diabetes mellitus, diabetic nephropathy, asymptomatic carotid stenosis  $\geq 70\%$ , Systolic blood pressure [SBP],  $\geq 150$  mm Hg, treated hypercholesterolaemia, current smoking, men  $\geq 55$  y, women  $\geq 70$  y.

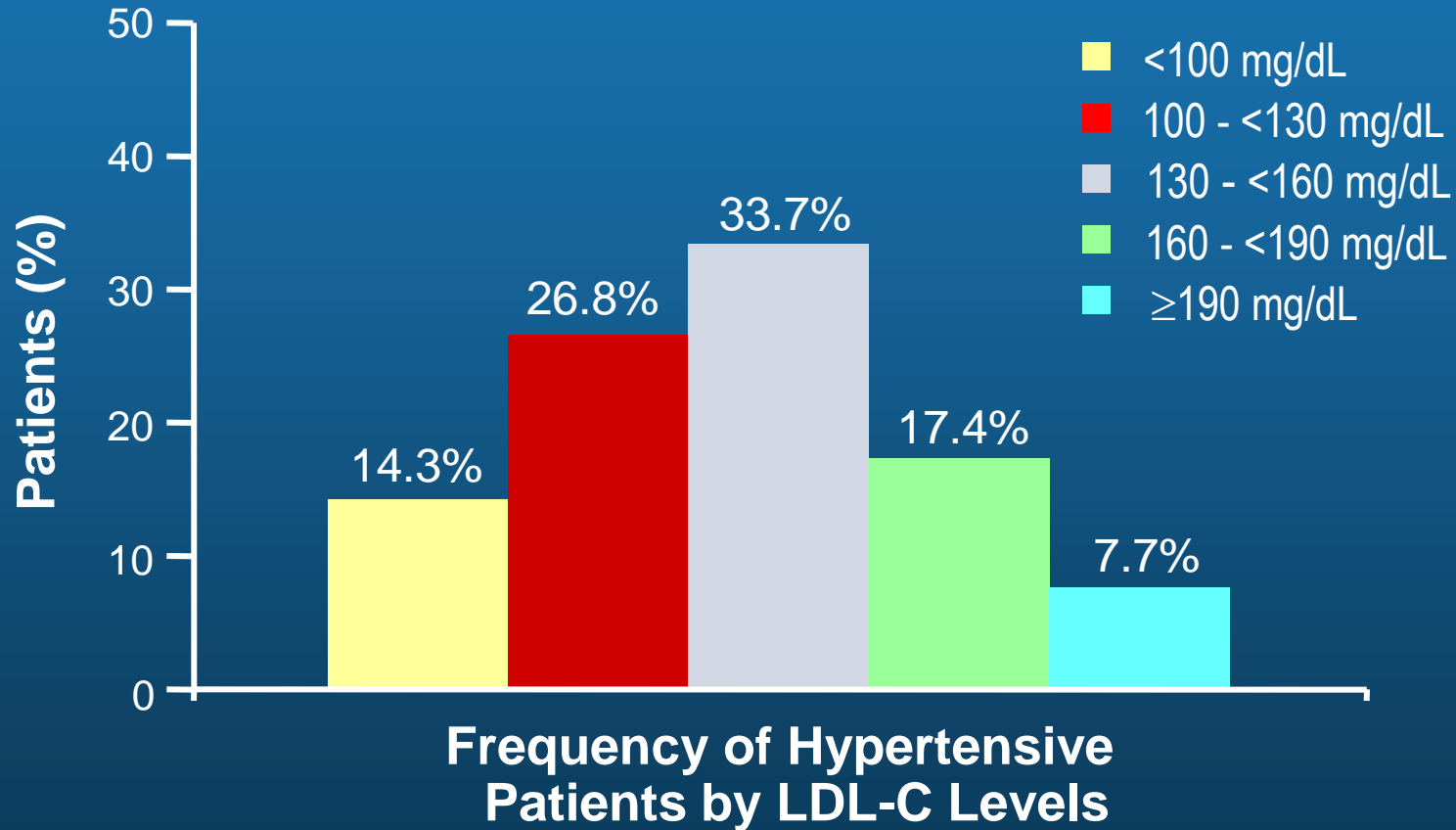
# The overlap between hypertension, diabetes, and dyslipidemia

Analysis of **137,745 insurance clients**  
(Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, Northern California)



# Majority of Hypertensive Patients Have LDL-C $\geq 100$ mg/dL

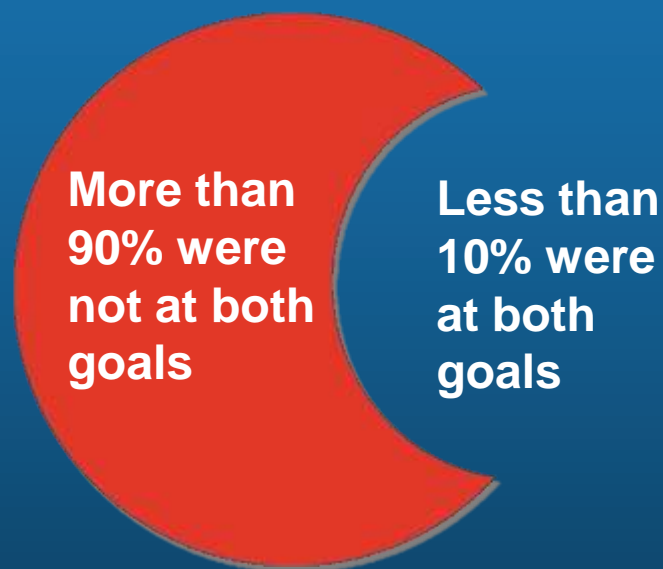
Only 14.3% of hypertensive have LDL-C  $< 100$  mg/dL



Source: NHANES III Phase 2 Morning Fasting Subset. 2000 Census Data.  
(Unweighted N = 7697; Weighted Sample = 200,948,641)

# Most Patients Diagnosed With Hypertension and Dyslipidemia Were Not at Both Goals

In a managed care population, the vast majority of patients diagnosed with hypertension and dyslipidemia (n = 154,235) were not at both goals

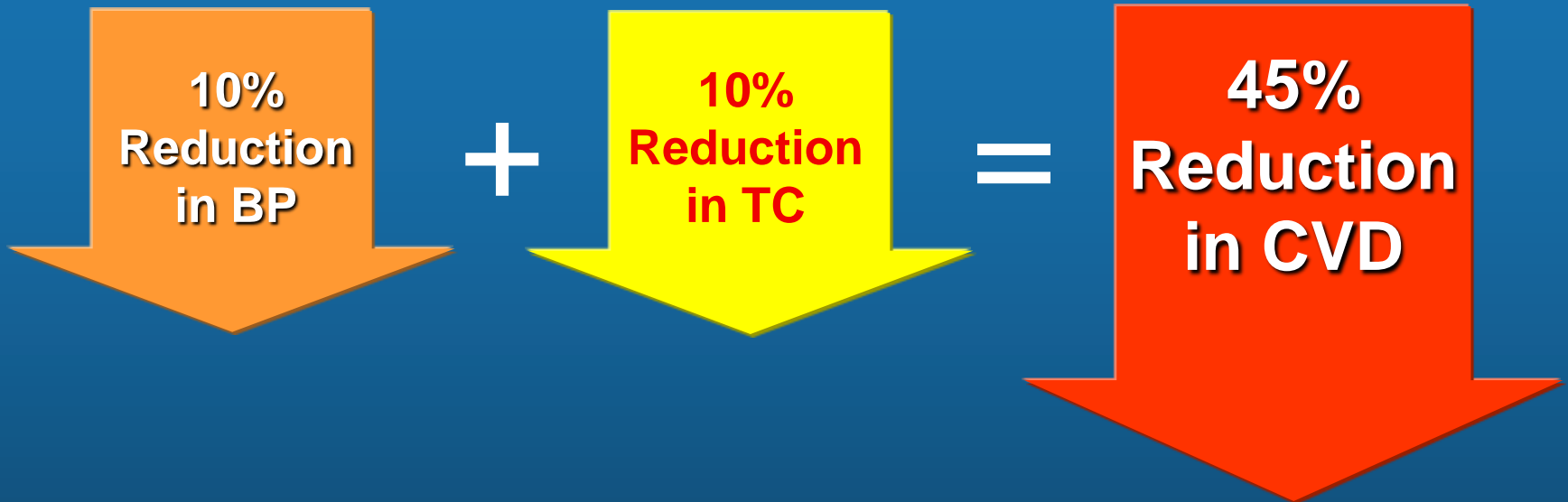


As the number of CV risk factors increased, the rate of goal attainment decreased

**CV = cardiovascular.**

**Pettitt D et al. Poster presented at: 26th Annual Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine 2003; Vancouver, Canada.**

# Multiple CV Risk Management Results in Dramatic Reductions in CVD



“Attention should be moved from knowing one’s BP and cholesterol concentrations to knowing one’s absolute CV risk and its determinants.”

– J. Emberson et al  
- Jackson et al

Emberson J et al. *Eur Heart J*. 2004;25:484-491.

Jackson R et al. *Lancet*. 2005;365:434-441.



European Heart Journal  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/eh151

**ESH AND ESC GUIDELINES**

# **2013 ESH/ESC Guidelines for the management of arterial hypertension**

**The Task Force for the management of arterial hypertension of the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) and of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)**

*Journal of Hypertension. 2013;31:1281–1357.*

# Stratification of total CV risk in categories

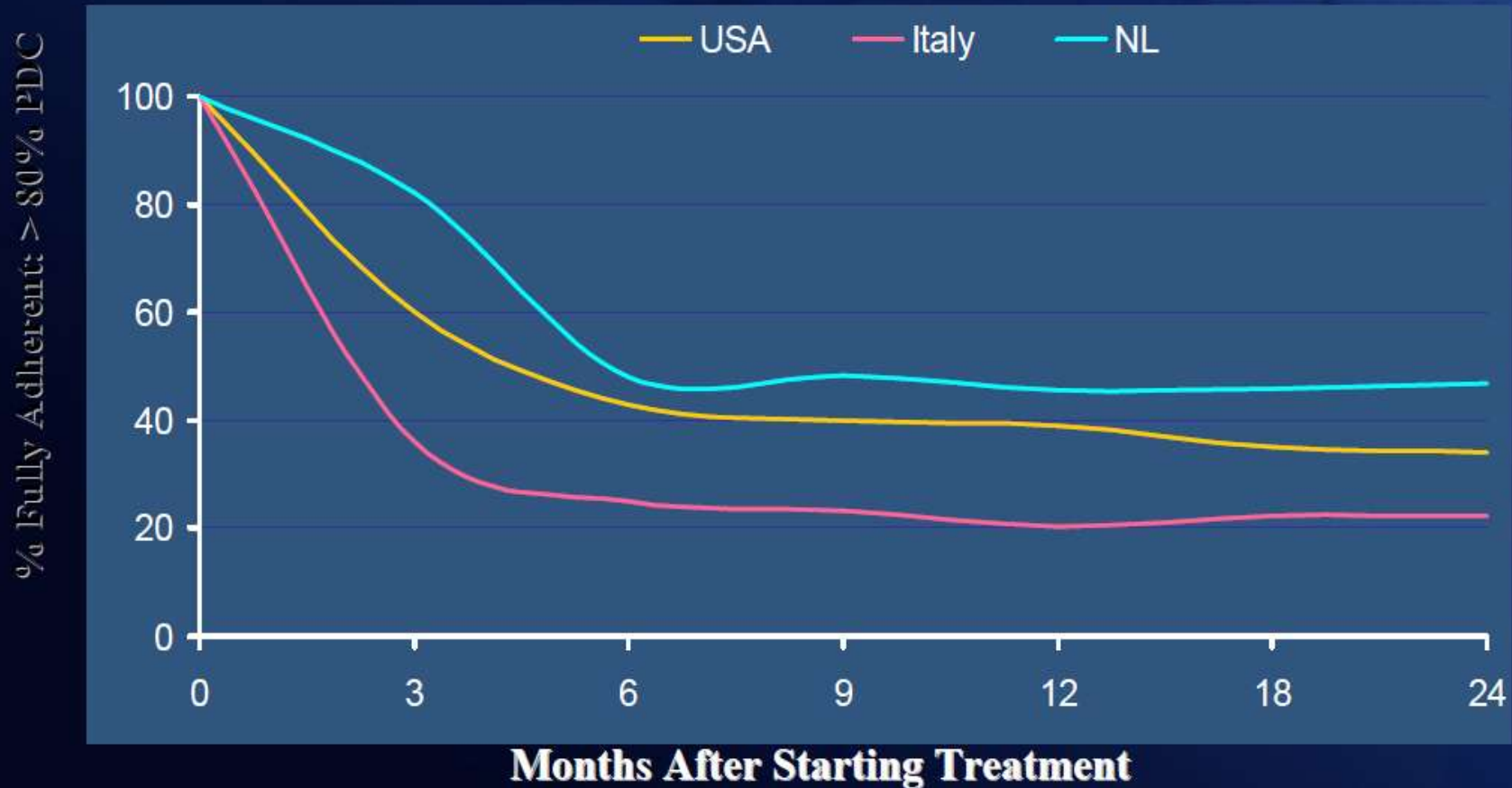
Other risk factors, asymptomatic organ damage or disease	Blood pressure (mmHg)			
	High normal SBP 130–139 or DBP 85–89	Grade 1 HT SBP 140–159 or DBP 90–99	Grade 2 HT SBP 160–179 or DBP 100–109	Grade 3 HT SBP $\geq$ 180 or DBP $\geq$ 110
No other RF		Low risk	Moderate risk	High risk
1–2 RF	Low risk	Moderate risk	Moderate to high risk	High risk
$\geq$ 3 RF	Low to moderate risk	Moderate to high risk	High risk	High risk
OD, CKD stage 3 or diabetes	Moderate to high risk	High risk	High risk	High to very high risk
Symptomatic CVD, CKD stage $\geq$ 4 or diabetes with OD/RFs	Very high risk	Very high risk	Very high risk	Very high risk

# Treatment of risk factors associated with hypertension

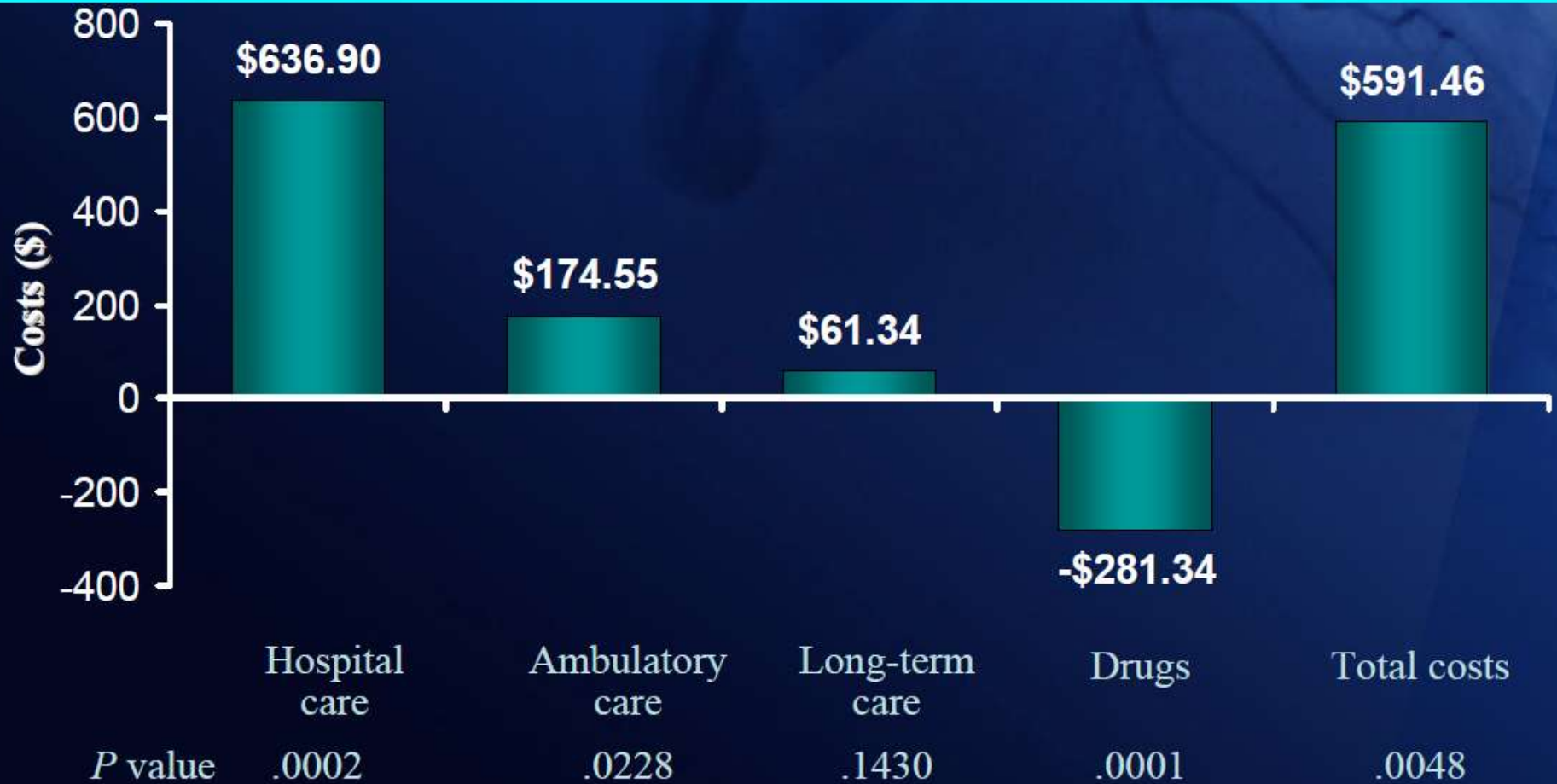
Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
It is recommended to use statin therapy in hypertensive patients at moderate to high CV risk, targeting a low-density lipoprotein cholesterol value <3.0 mmol/L (115 mg/dL).	I	A
When overt CHD is present, it is recommended to administer statin therapy to achieve low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels <1.8 mmol/L (70 mg/dL).	I	A
Antiplatelet therapy, in particular low-dose aspirin, is recommended in hypertensive patients with previous CV events.	I	A

**Adherence**

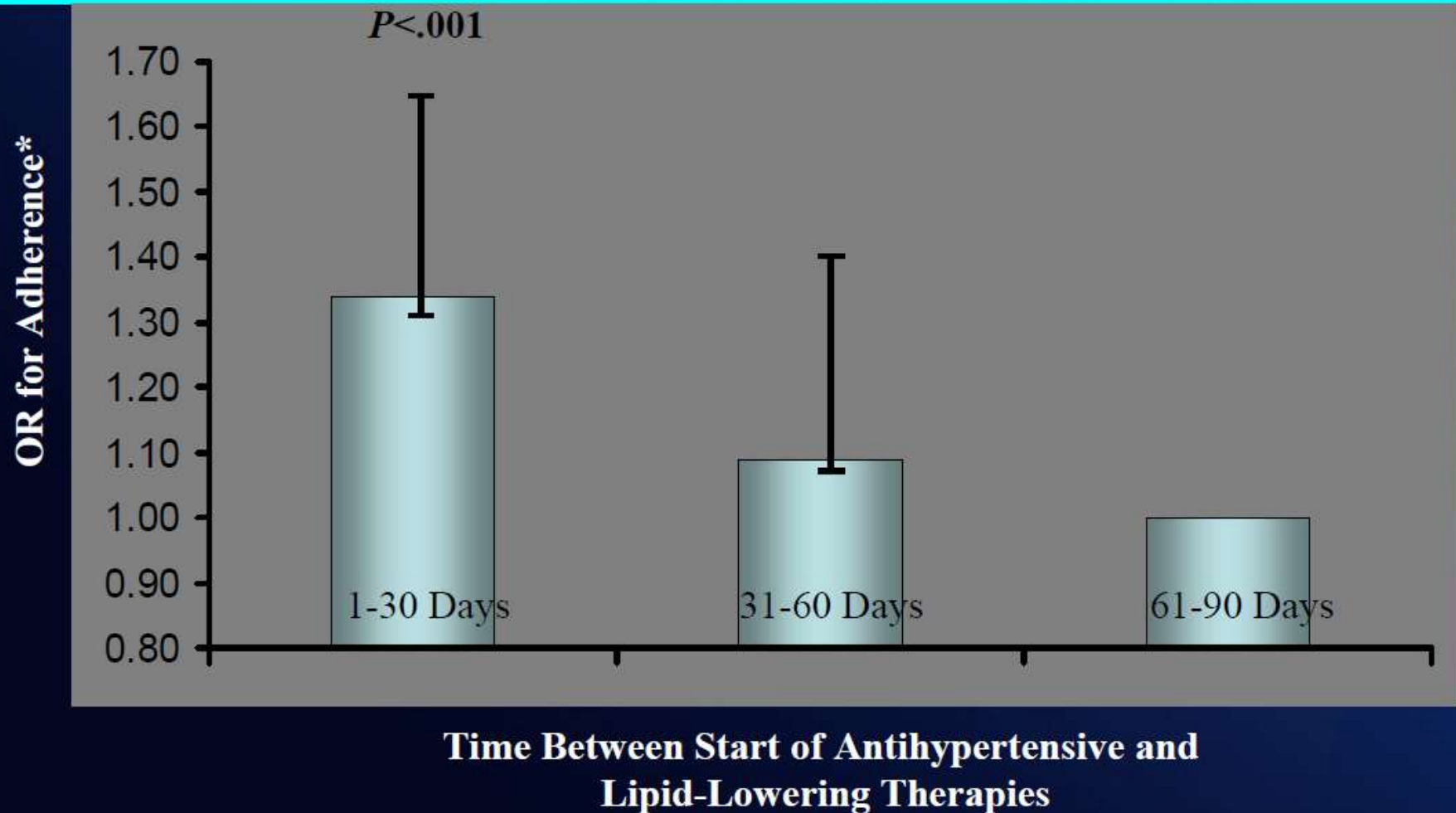
# Adherence to Lipid Lowering Drugs



# Nonadherence was Associated with Increased Total Health Care Costs



# Concurrently Starting 2 Medications Improved Adherence

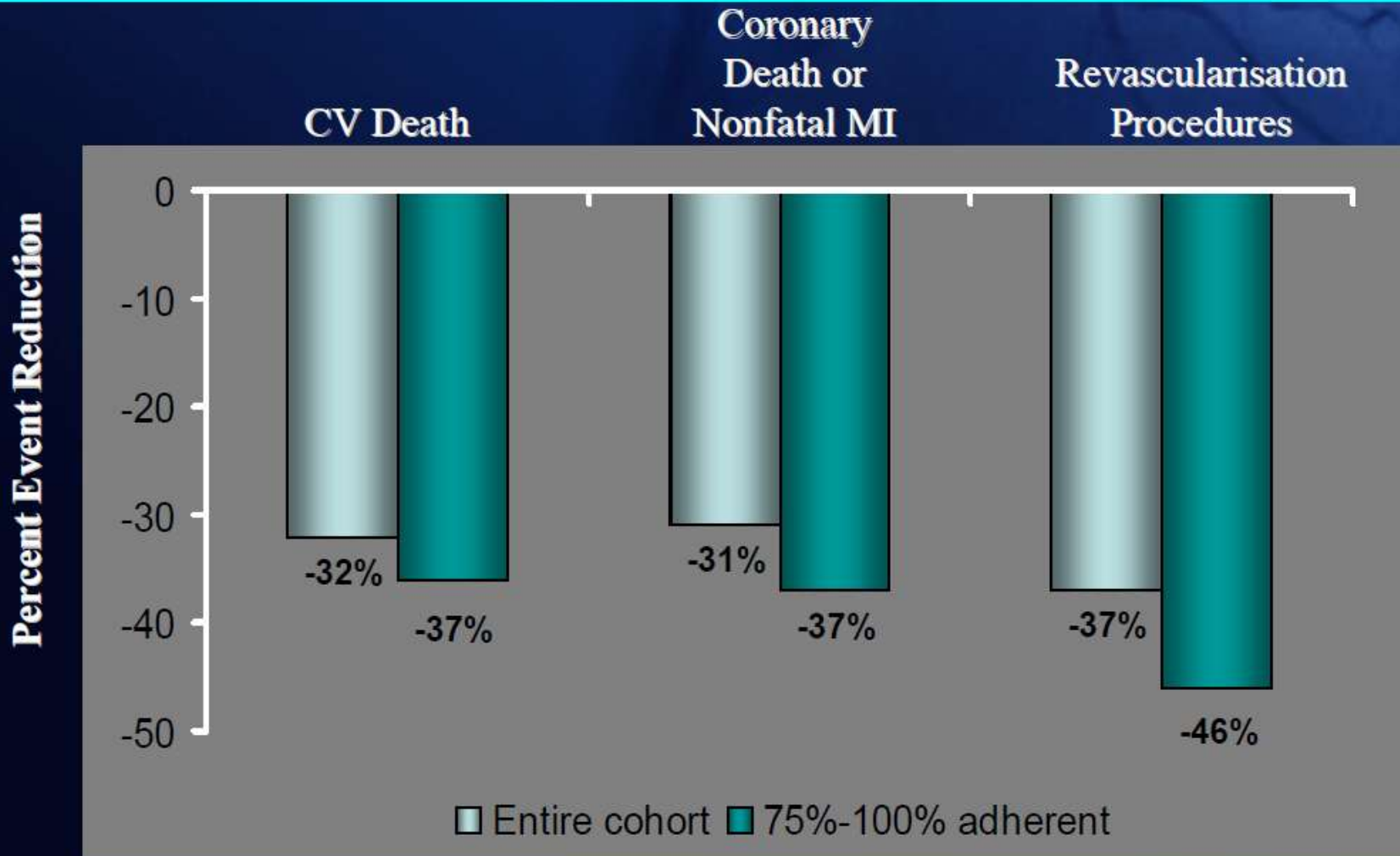


Retrospective cohort study in a large managed-care population (N=3406).

\*Relative odds of being adherent with both antihypertensive and lipid-lowering therapy at any point in time.

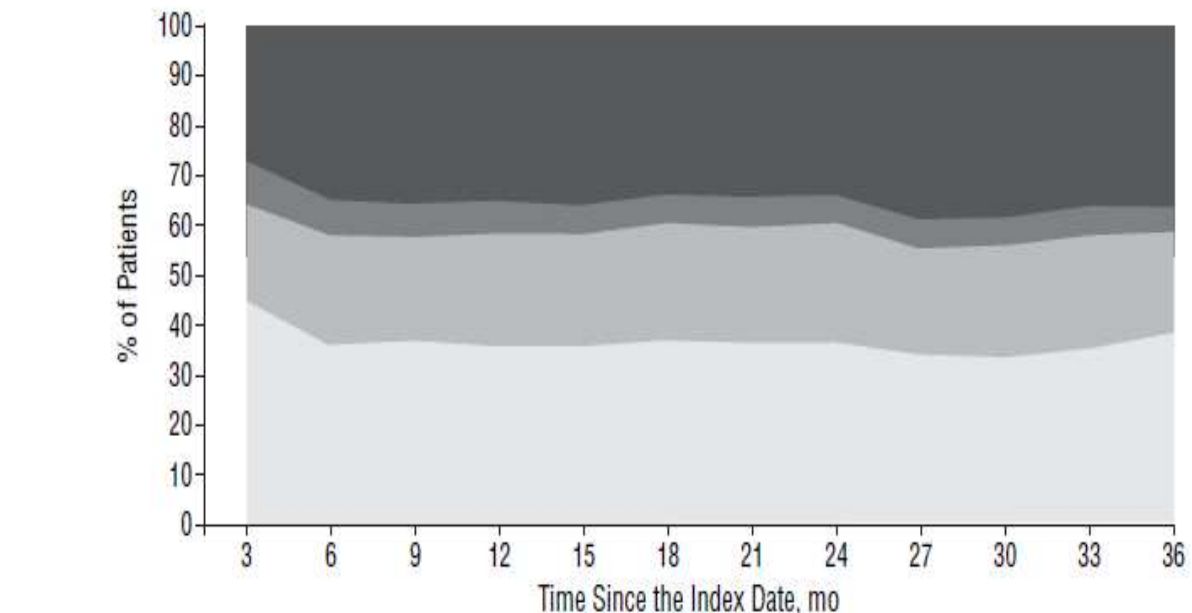
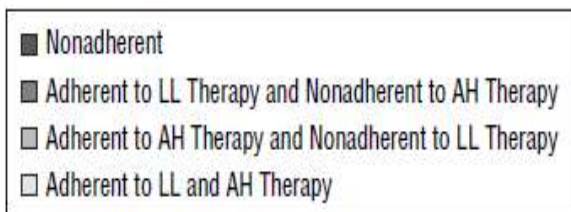
Chapman RL et al. *Arch Intern Med.* 2005;165:1147-1152.

# Improved Outcomes Achieved in Clinical Trials with Higher Adherence



# Predictors of Adherence With Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Therapy *Arch Intern Med. 2005;165:1147-1152*

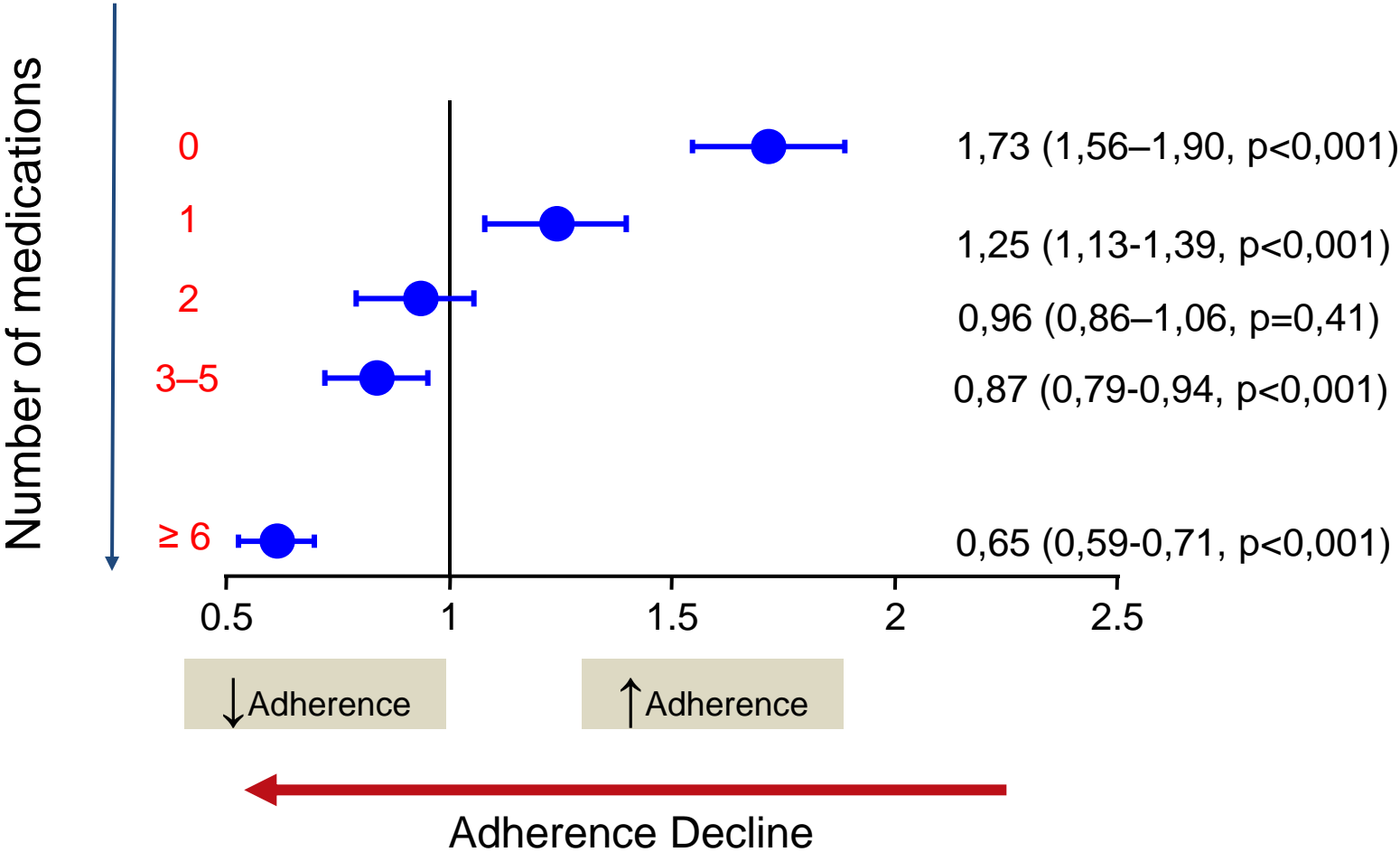
Richard H. Chapman, PhD; Joshua S. Benner, PharmD, ScD; Allison A. Petrilla, BA; Jonothan C. Tierce, CPhil; S. Robert Collins, BS; David S. Battleman, MD; J. Sanford Schwartz, MD



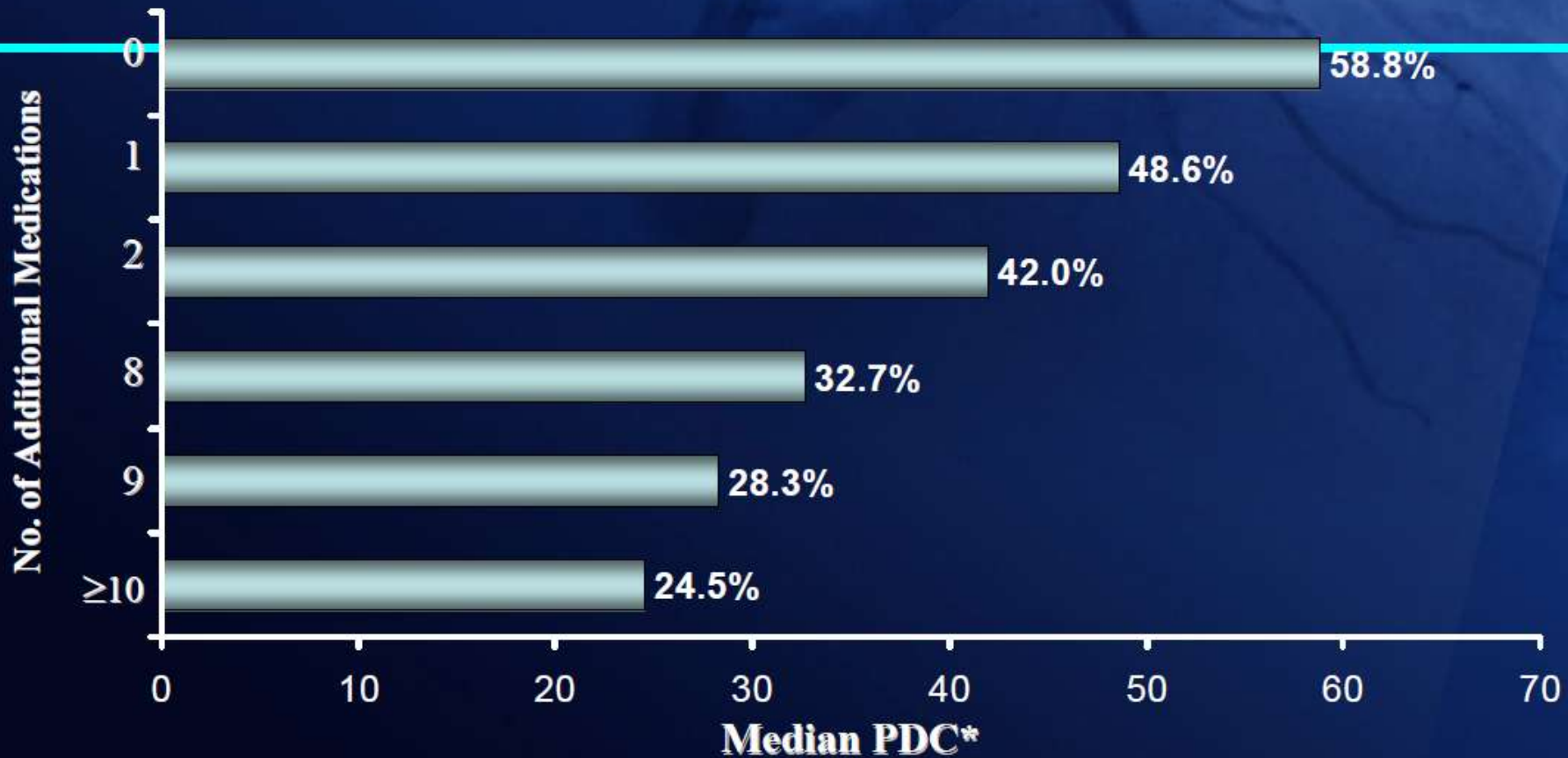
Total No. of Patients	8406	7439	6655	5759	4997	4204	3358	2495	1501	1200	926	691
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<u>Nonadherent</u>	<u>27.4</u>	35.0	35.9	35.3	36.1	33.8	34.3	34.2	39.0	38.5	36.3	<u>36.5</u>
<u>Adherent to LL Therapy and Nonadherent to AH Therapy</u>	8.5	7.2	6.5	6.5	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.9	5.2
<u>Adherent to AH Therapy and Nonadherent to LL Therapy</u>	19.4	21.9	21.0	22.4	22.6	23.4	23.3	23.9	21.3	23.0	22.6	20.1
<u>Adherent to LL and AH Therapy</u>	<u>44.7</u>	35.9	36.6	35.8	35.6	36.9	36.5	36.2	34.0	33.2	35.2	<u>38.2</u>

# Patient adherence and medication number



# Adherence to Concomitant Antihypertensive & Lipid-Lowering Therapy Decreases as Number of Medications Increases

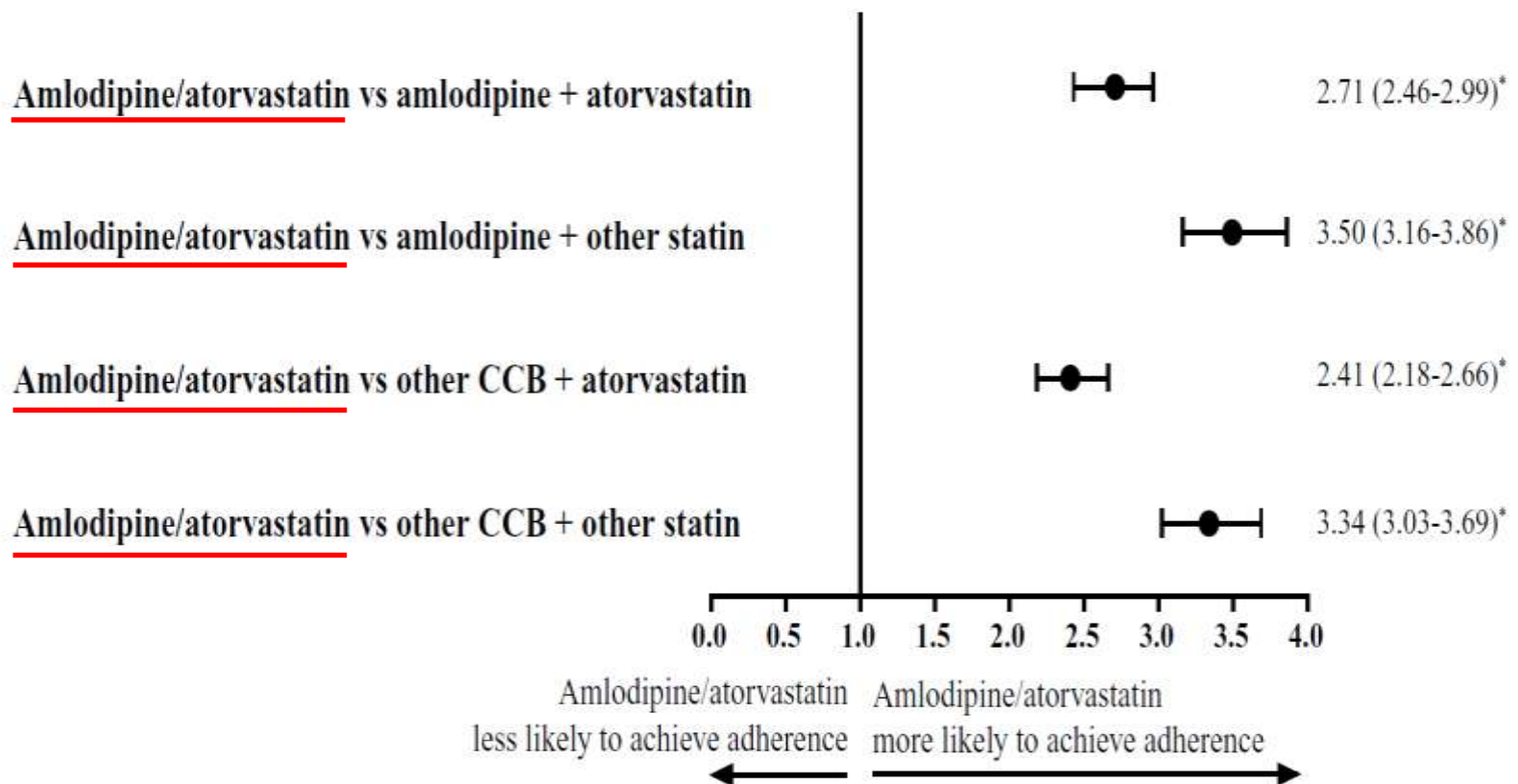


**Incremental pill burden had greatest effect on adherence in patients taking the fewest medications**

\*Calculated for first year of concomitant therapy with antihypertensive and lipid-lowering drugs. Patients adherent if PDC ≥80% for both classes. PDC=proportion of days covered by antihypertensive and lipid-lowering drugs. Benner JS et al. ACC 2006. Abstract.

# Adherence with **single-pill amlodipine/atorvastatin** vs a two-pill regimen

Adherence with single- vs two-pill regimen

Multivariate odds ratio of achieving PDC  $\geq$  80% (95% CI)

# Association between adherence to calcium-channel blocker and statin medications and likelihood of cardiovascular events among US managed care enrollees

17,910 CCB/statin patients

Richard H Chapman\*<sup>1</sup>, Jason Yeaw<sup>1</sup> and Craig S Roberts<sup>2</sup>

Retrospective study

SPAA patients (1-pill) were more likely to be adherent (OR = 4.7,  $p < 0.001$ ) than CCB/statin patients.

Being adherent to either regimen was associated with significantly lower risk of CV event (HR = 0.77,  $p = 0.003$ ).

Being adherent to SPAA was associated with significantly lower risk of CV event vs. CCB/statin patients (HR = 0.68,  $p = 0.02$ ).

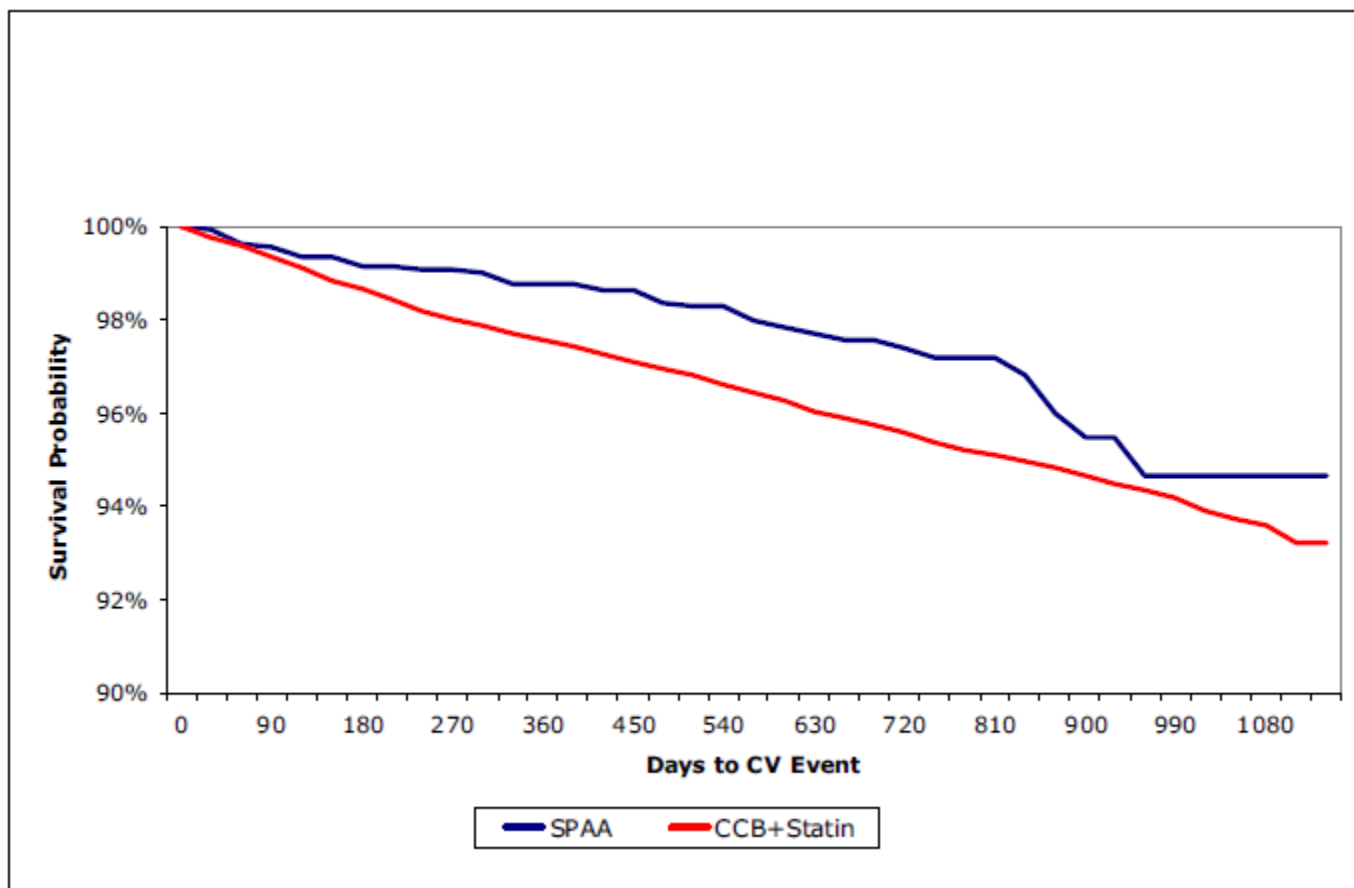
**Conclusions:** Patients receiving SPAA rather than a 2-pill CCB/statin regimen are more likely to be adherent. Adherence to CCB and statin medications is associated with lower risk of CV events in primary prevention patients.

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# Association between adherence to calcium-channel blocker and statin medications and likelihood of cardiovascular events among US managed care enrollees

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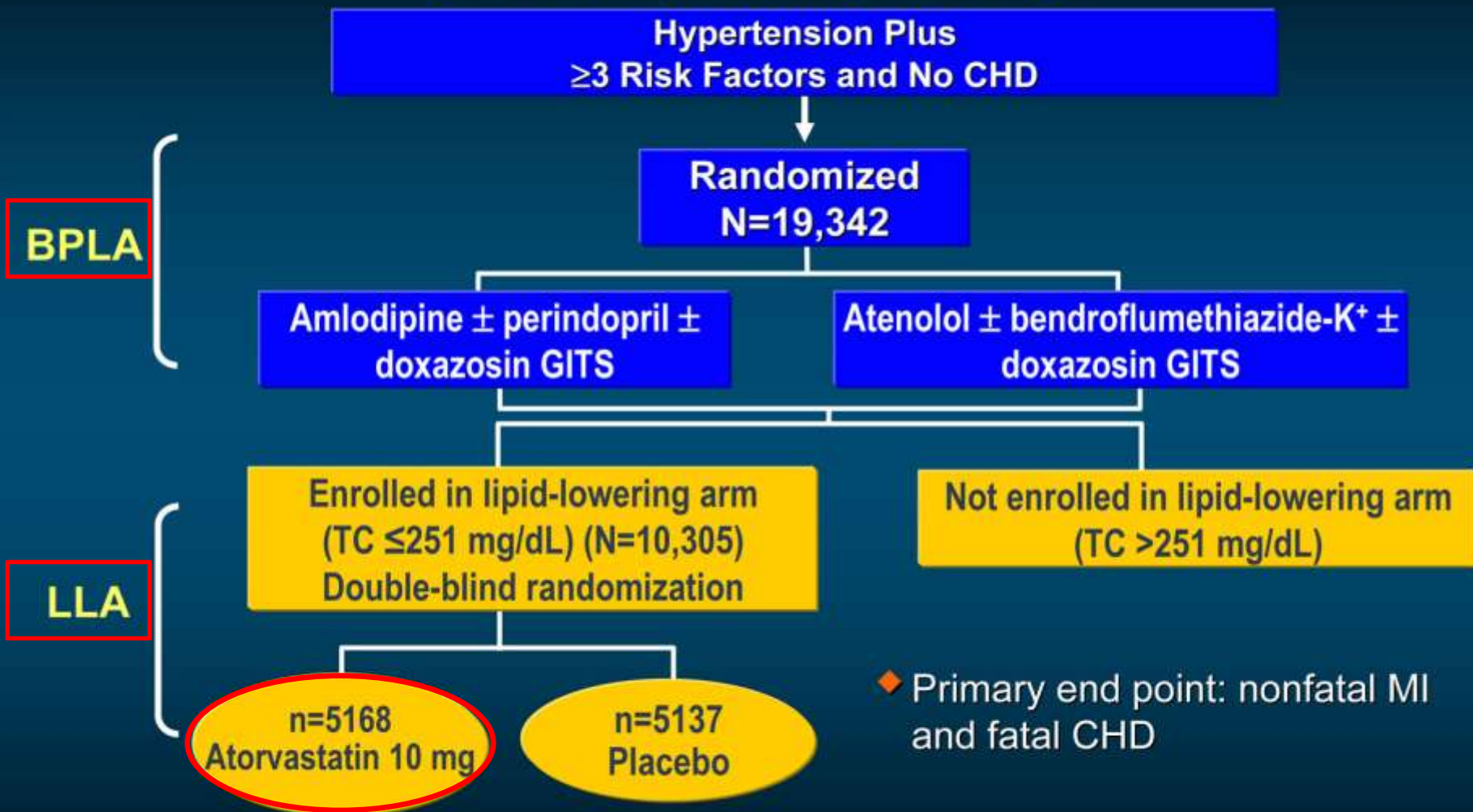
# Assist Your Patient to Adhere

- Teach patients to take their pills on a regular schedule associated with a routine daily activity e.g. brushing teeth.
- Simplify medication regimens using long-acting once-daily dosing
- Utilize fixed-dose combination pills
- Utilize unit-of-use packaging e.g. blister packaging



# Clinical Studies

# The Anglo-Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial (ASCOT): Study Design

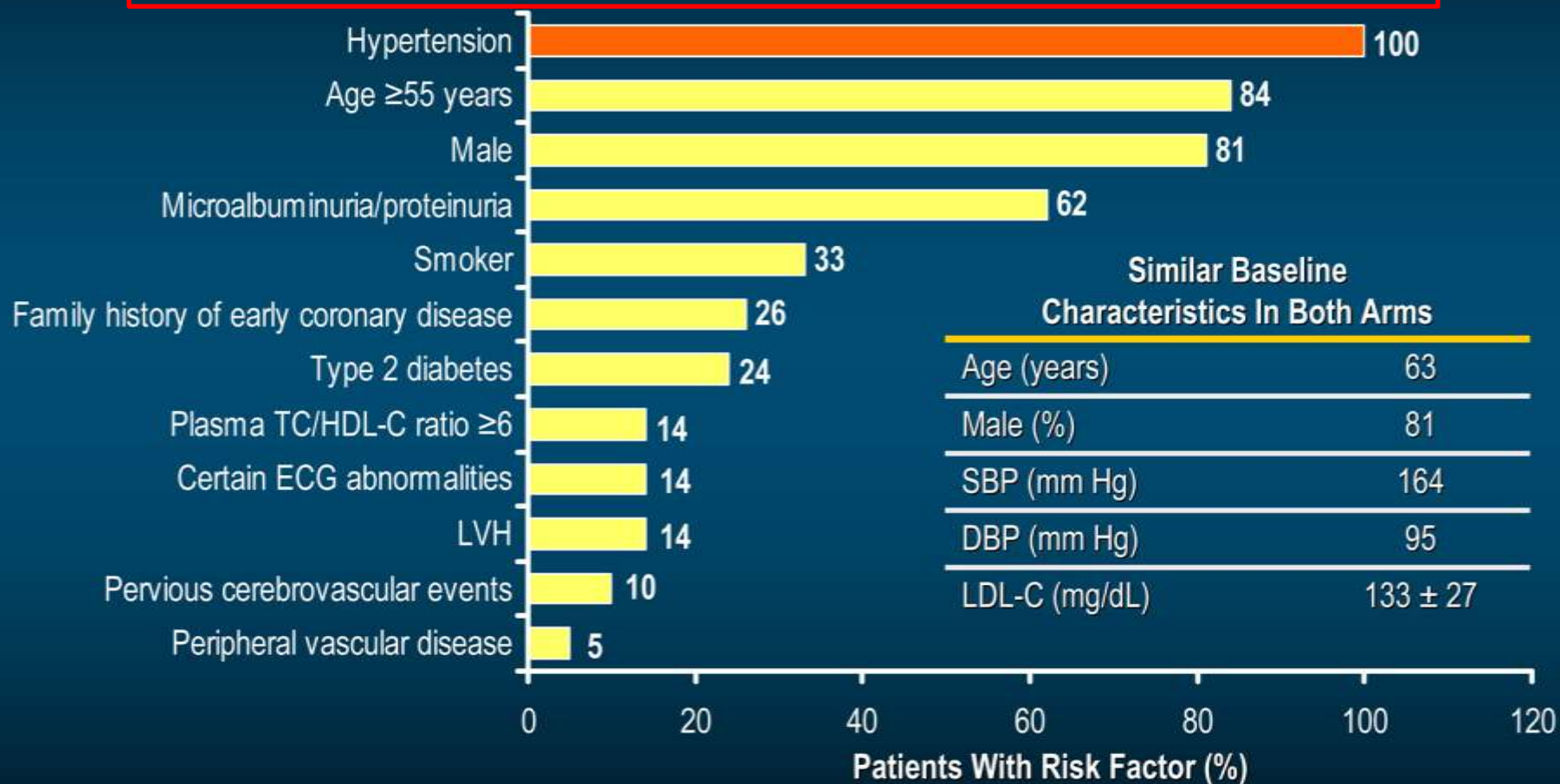


GITS=gastrointestinal transport system.

Adapted from Sever PS et al, for the ASCOT Investigators. *J Hypertens*. 2001;19:1139-1147 and Sever PS et al, for the ASCOT Investigators. *Lancet*. 2003;361:1149-1158.

# ASCOT-LLA: Patient Population Risk Factor Profile

All Patients Had Hypertension Plus  $\geq 3$  Risk Factors and No CHD



TC/HDL=plasma total cholesterol/high-density lipoprotein ratio; LVH=left ventricular hypertrophy.

Adapted from Sever PS et al for the ASCOT Investigators. *Lancet*. 2003;361:1149-1158. ASCOT Lipids Results Presentation.

# ASCOT-LLA: SBP and LDL-C Changes

SBP



LDL-C

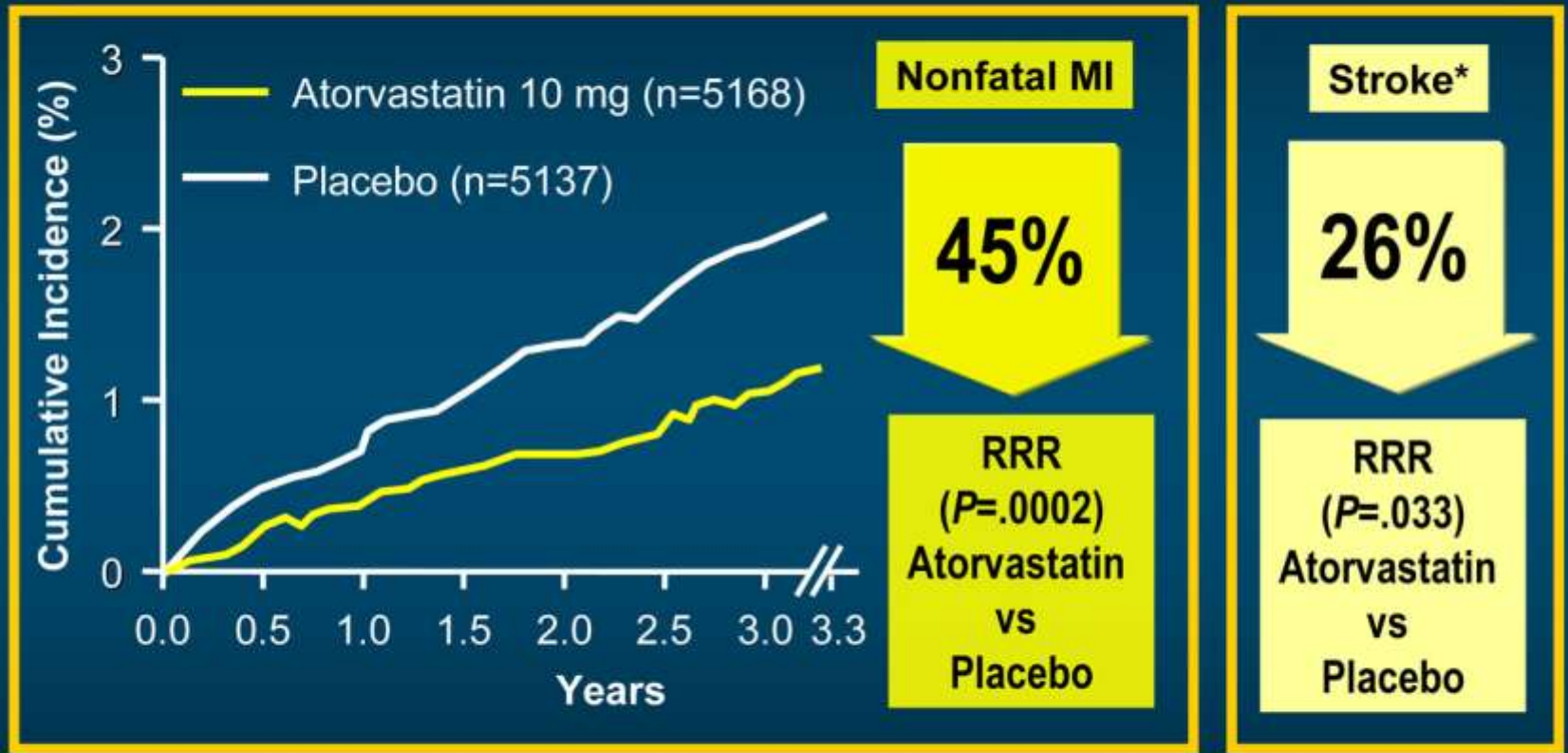


ASCOT lipids results presentation. Available at:

[http://www.ascotstudy.org/healthcare\\_professionals/slides\\_and\\_resources.htm](http://www.ascotstudy.org/healthcare_professionals/slides_and_resources.htm). Accessed April 24, 2006.

# ASCOT-LLA: Reductions in Nonfatal MI and Stroke

100% Were Treated Hypertensive Patients  
With Additional Risk Factors and Without CHD



\*Although the reduction of fatal and nonfatal stroke did not reach a predefined significance level ( $P=.01$ ), a favorable trend was observed.

RRR=relative risk reduction.

Data on file. Pfizer Inc, New York, NY.

Sever PS et al, for the ASCOT Investigators. *Lancet*. 2003;361:1149-1158.

# ASCOT Provides an Alternative Approach to Treating Hypertensive Patients With Additional Risk Factors and Without CHD

- ◆ ASCOT-LLA demonstrated that in **treated** hypertensive patients with additional risk factors, adding atorvastatin delivered risk reduction of nonfatal MI ( $P=.0002$ ) and stroke\* ( $P=.033$ )
- ◆ ASCOT-BPLA demonstrated that the BP values were lower throughout the trial in those allocated the amlodipine-based regimen ( $P<.0001$ )

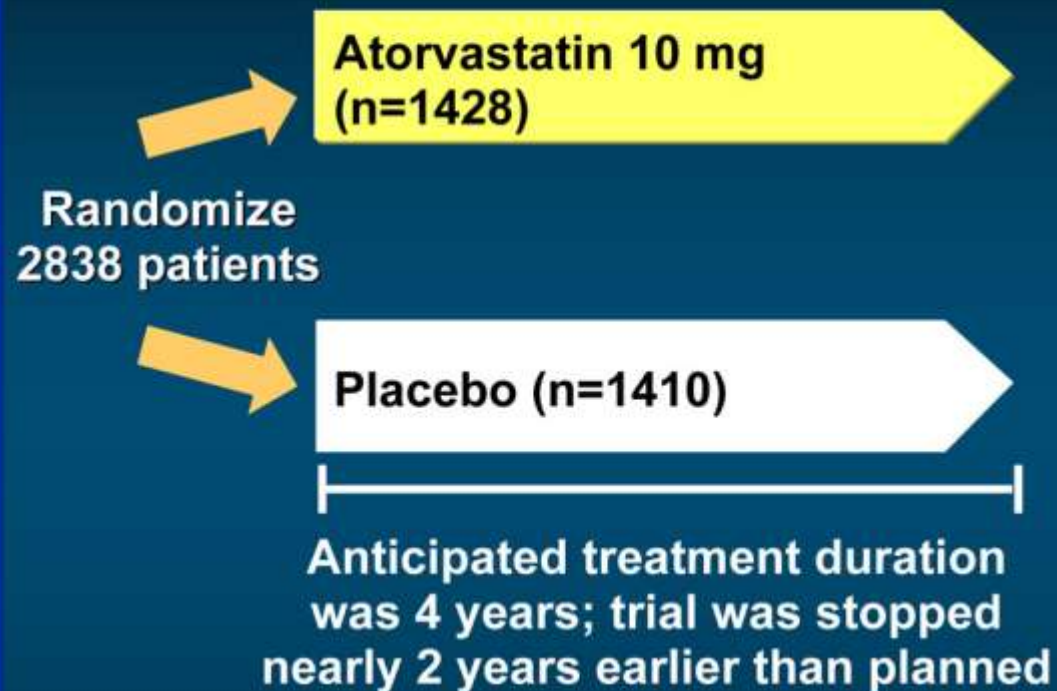
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# CARDS Design: A Study in a Diabetic Patient Population

## Patient population

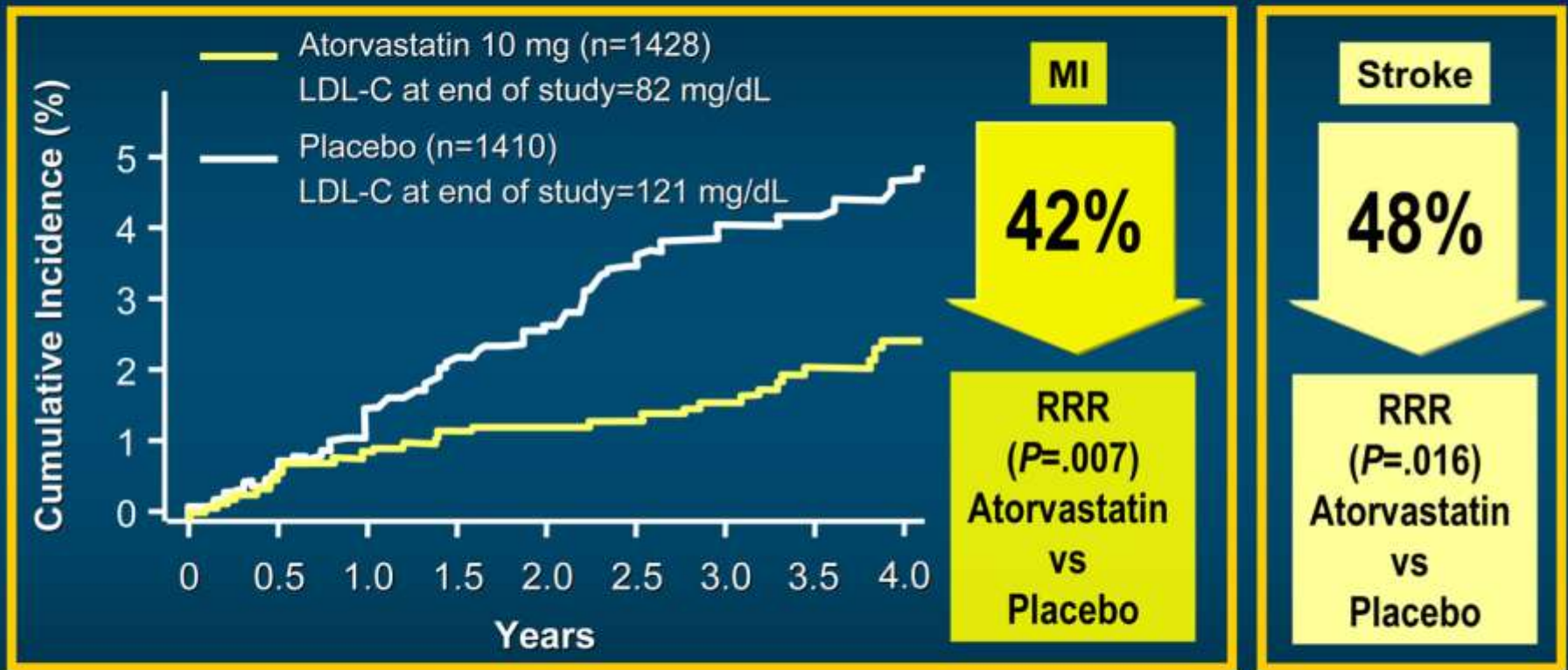
- Men and women
- Aged 40 to 75 years
- Type 2 diabetes
- At least 1 other CHD risk factor
  - 84% of patients had hypertension (67% on antihypertensive therapy)
- No prior CVD
- LDL-C  $\leq$ 160 mg/dL and TG  $\leq$ 600 mg/dL



## Primary end point

- ◆ Time to major CV event: acute CHD event (MI including silent infarction, unstable angina, acute CHD death, resuscitated cardiac arrest), coronary revascularization procedures, or stroke.

# CARDS Trial Stopped Early Because Atorvastatin was Associated With Significant CV Event Reduction in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes



\*Median duration of follow-up=3.9 years.

Trial was stopped nearly 2 years early because of significant reductions in CV events.

Primary end point=composite of acute CHD events (MI including silent MI, unstable angina, acute CHD death, resuscitated cardiac arrest), coronary revascularization, or stroke.

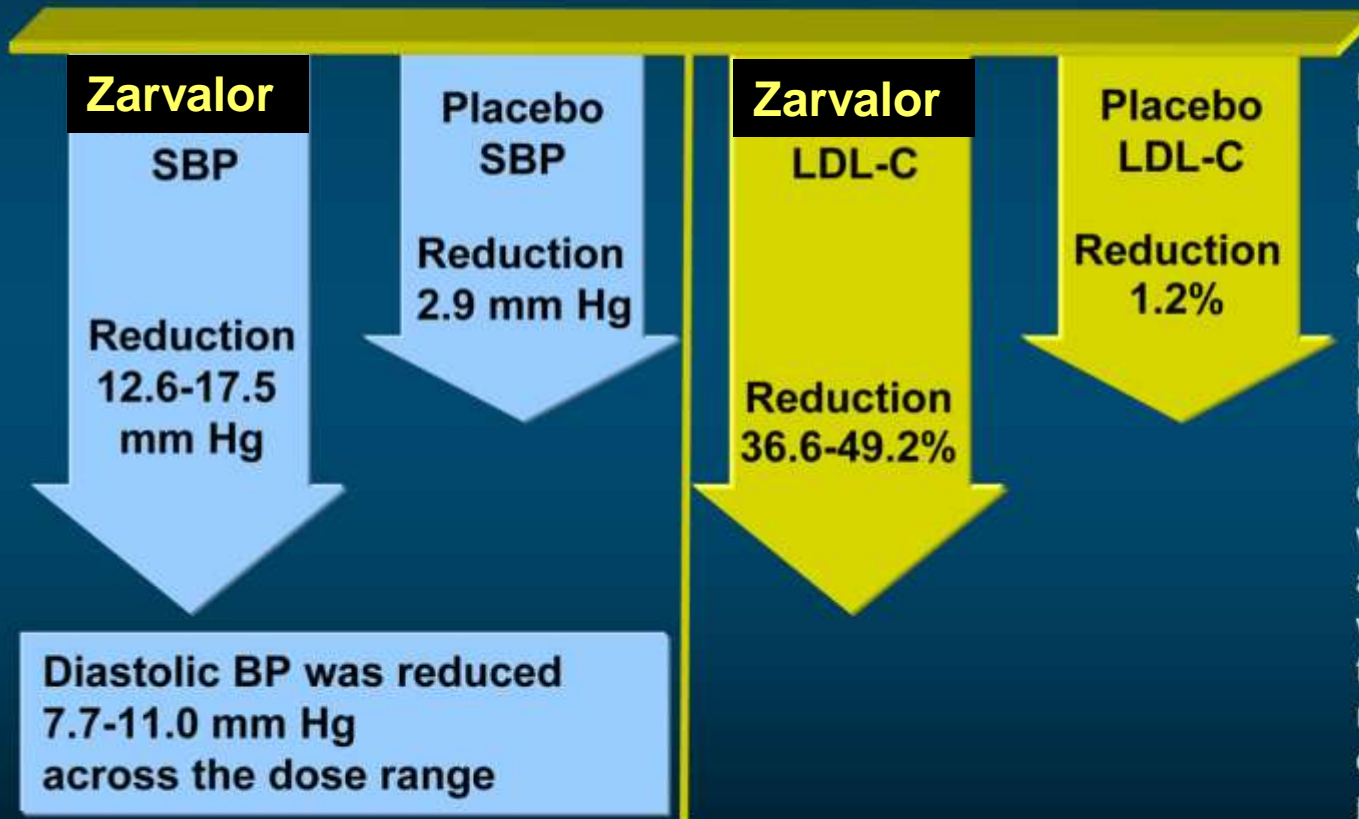
Colhoun HM et al. *Diabet Med.* 2002;19:201-211; Colhoun HM et al. *Lancet.* 2004;364:685-696; Data on file.

## **CARDS Demonstrated The Benefit Of Atorvastatin In Patients With Diabetes, Near-Normal LDL-C Levels, and Additional Risk Factors**

- ◆ CARDS demonstrated that in patients with type 2 diabetes and at least 1 additional risk factor and without CHD, atorvastatin delivered significant risk reduction of MI ( $P=.007$ ) and stroke ( $P=.016$ )

# Zarvalor (amlodipine besylate/ atorvastatin calcium): Reductions in SBP and LDL-C Across the Dose Range\*: Respond Study

(5 mg/10 mg to 10 mg/80 mg)



Respond (N=1660) was a multicenter, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study designed to evaluate the BP- and lipid-lowering efficacy and safety of Norvasc® (amlodipine besylate) and Lipitor® (atorvastatin calcium) coadministered in patients with comorbid hypertension and dyslipidemia. Patients were randomized to receive treatment for 8 weeks and received both Norvasc 5 mg or 10 mg qd or matching placebo, and Lipitor 10, 20, 40 or 80 mg qd or matching placebo

\*When used with diet and exercise.

# Zarvalor (amlodipine besylate/ atorvastatin calcium) Treatment-Emergent AEs\*: Respond Study

Body System	Placebo (%) (n=111)	Norvasc	Zarator	Zarvalor
		(amlodipine besylate) Only (%) (n=221)	(atorvastatin calcium) Only (%) (n=443)	(amlodipine besylate + atorvastatin calcium) (%) (n=885)
Cardiovascular	8 (7.2)	16 (7.2)	26 (5.9)	67 (7.6)
Gastrointestinal	10 (9.0)	16 (7.2)	39 (8.8)	77 (8.7)
Peripheral edema	3 (2.7)	27 (12.2)	5 (1.1)	88 (9.9)
Musculoskeletal	7 (6.3)	12 (5.4)	25 (5.6)	35 (4.0)
Myalgia	2 (1.8)	3 (1.4)	8 (1.8)	14 (1.6)
Nervous system	9 (8.1)	12 (5.4)	25 (5.6)	47 (5.3)
Respiratory	9 (8.1)	12 (5.4)	28 (6.3)	69 (7.8)
Skin and appendages	4 (3.6)	4 (1.8)	6 (1.4)	32 (3.6)

\*Incidences of treatment-emergent AEs that occurred in  $\geq 1\%$  of combination-treated subjects.

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# Single-Pill Therapy in the Treatment of Concomitant Hypertension and Dyslipidemia (The Amlodipine/Atorvastatin Gemini Study)

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# GEMINI: Study Design

14-week, open-label period

## Patient population

- ◆ 1220 patients with concomitant hypertension and dyslipidemia (treated or untreated)
- ◆ BP not at goal
- ◆ LDL-C either at goal with medication or not at goal, with or without medication

## Zarvalor

(amlodipine besylate/  
atorvastatin calcium)

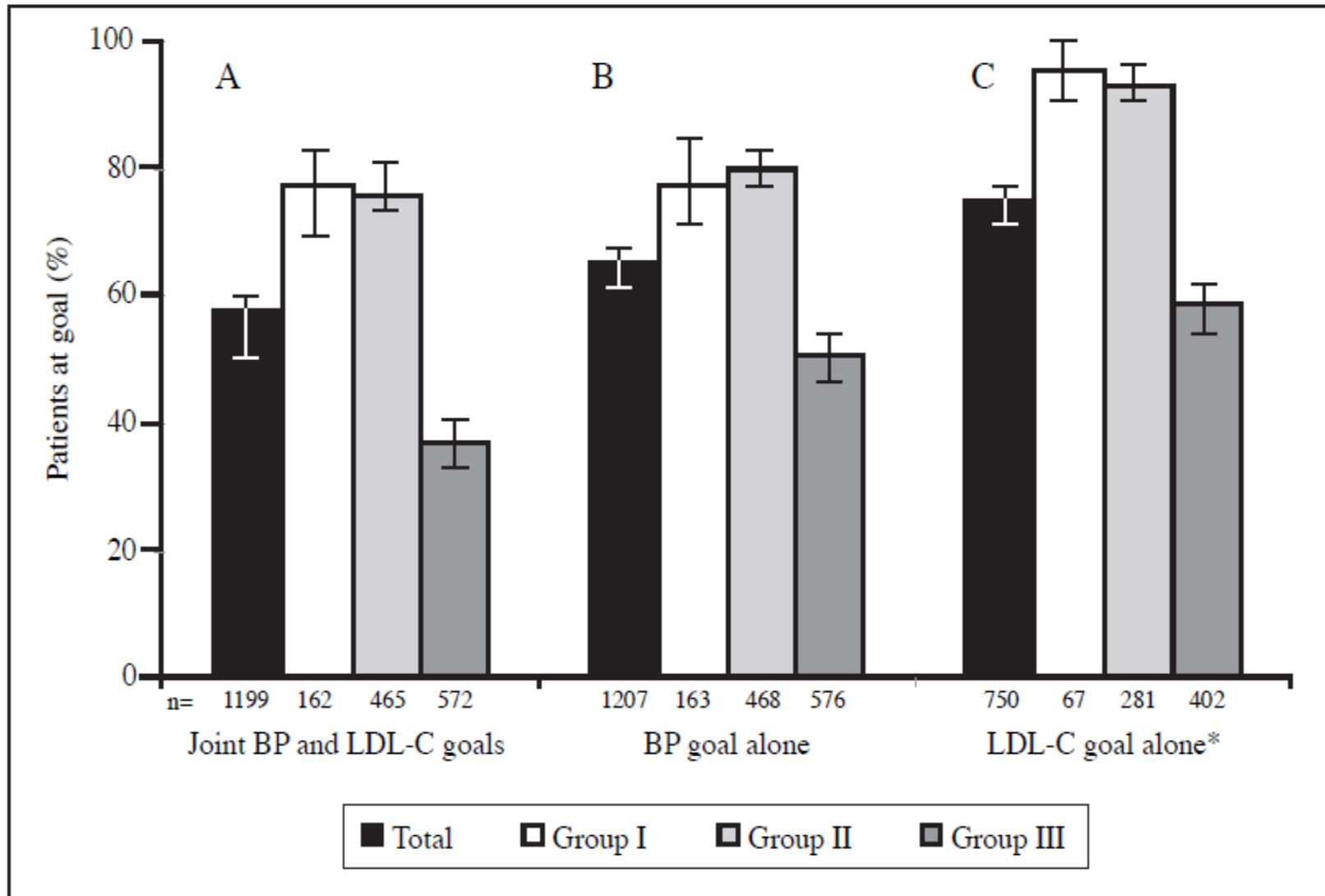
- ◆ Added to an antihypertensive regimen
- ◆ Substituted for existing treatment with either parent compound
- ◆ Used as initial drug therapy with diet and exercise

Primary efficacy assessment: attainment of both systolic BP and LDL-C goals at week 14

# Criteria for Assignment to CV Risk Categories & Recommended BP & LDL-C Target Levels for Each Risk Group

	CV RISK GROUP		
	GROUP I	GROUP II	GROUP III
Group assignment			
CV risk factors for CHD	Hypertension and dyslipidemia with no additional CV risk factors	Hypertension and dyslipidemia with one or more additional CV risk factors,* excluding CHD and diabetes mellitus	Hypertension and dyslipidemia with CHD or CHD risk equivalent (diabetes mellitus or other atherosclerotic disease)
Entry criteria			
BP (mm Hg)	SBP 140–179 and/or DBP 90–109	SBP 140–179 and/or DBP 90–109	SBP 130–159 and/or DBP 85–99
LDL-C (drug-naïve**) (mg/dL)	160–250	130–250	100–250
LDL-C (treated†) (mg/dL)	≤170	≤170	≤170
Treatment goals			
JNC VI <sup>4</sup> BP goal (mm Hg)	<140/90	<140/90	<130/85
NCEP ATP III <sup>6</sup> LDL-C goal (mg/dL)	<160	<130	<100

# Goal attainment at end point overall and within each of the three cardiovascular risk groups



# GEMINI: Clinical Utility

- ◆ **Zarvalor** (amlodipine besylate/atorvastatin calcium) was used in a
  - Broad range of patients: hypertension plus additional risk factors, dyslipidemia, diabetes, CHD
  - Variety of treatment situations
    - Substituted for existing treatment with amlodipine besylate or atorvastatin calcium (n=455, 37%)
    - Added to existing antihypertensive drug treatment (n=679, 56%)
    - Initiated in patients not receiving BP- or lipid-lowering drug treatment, along with diet and exercise (n=153, 13%)

# Efficacy and Safety of Coadministered Amlodipine and Atorvastatin in Patients With Hypertension and Dyslipidemia: Results of the **AVALON Trial**

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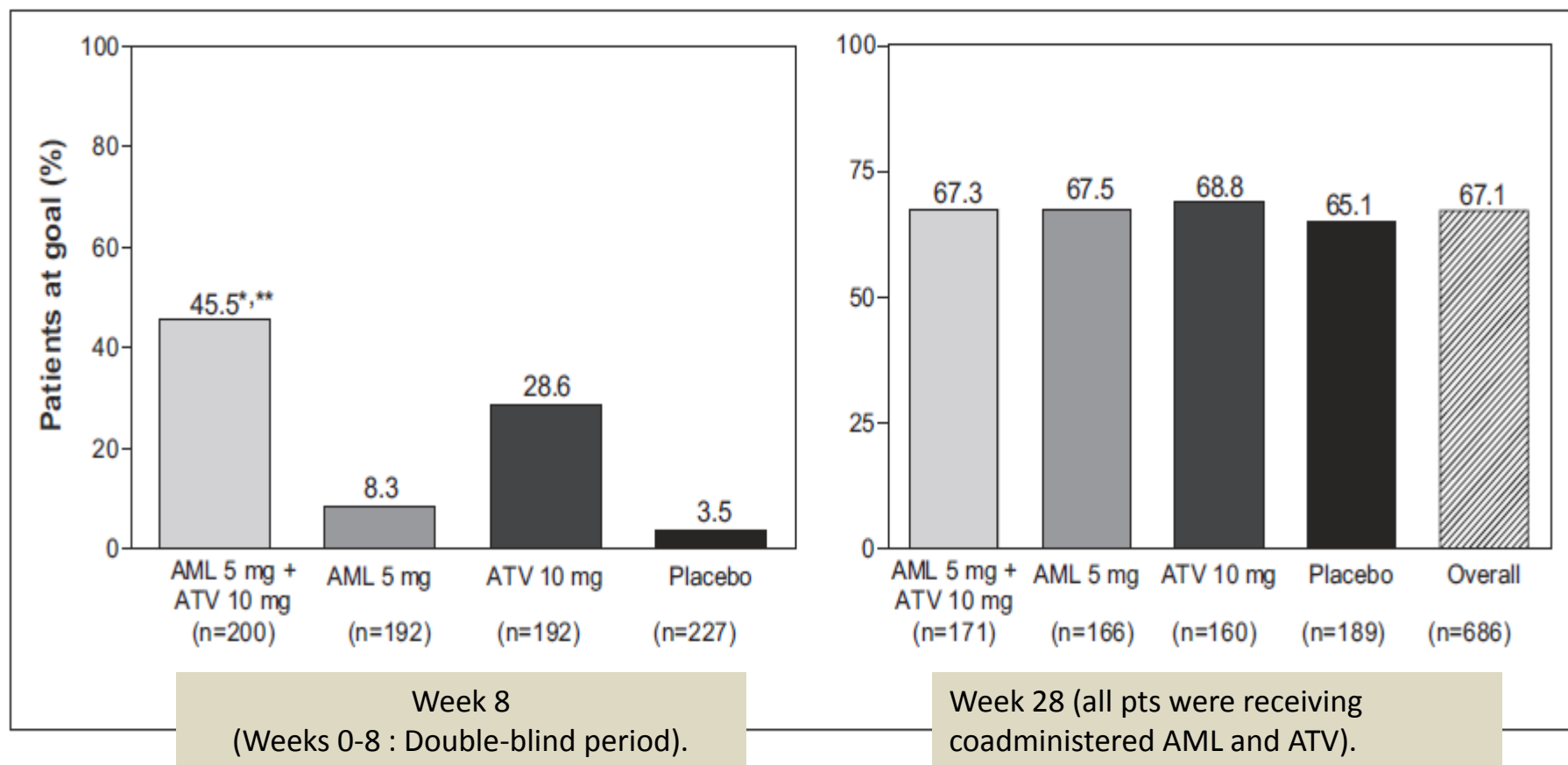
The AVALON study was a randomized, multicenter trial to assess the efficacy and safety of co-administered amlodipine and atorvastatin in patients with hypertension and dyslipidemia.

Phase 1 was an 8-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled period whereby patients received amlodipine 5 mg, atorvastatin 10 mg, amlodipine 5 mg and atorvastatin 10 mg, or placebo.

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Percentage of patients that reached target levels for both blood pressure and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol



**Original Scientific Paper**

**International open-label studies to assess the efficacy and safety of single-pill amlodipine/atorvastatin in attaining blood pressure and lipid targets recommended by country-specific guidelines: the JEWEL programme**

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## JEWEL: Objectives

- Evaluate the utility of single-pill amlodipine/atorvastatin in European and Canadian real-world primary care settings
- Assess the efficacy of amlodipine/atorvastatin to achieve national lipid and hypertension goals as set out in clinical guidelines

# JEWEL Design

- 16-week multicentre, open-label, titration-to-goal study in patients with hypertension and dyslipidaemia
  - JEWEL I: UK and Canada
  - JEWEL II: 11 EU countries (Italy, Ireland, Belgium, Spain, Greece, Switzerland, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Hungary, Slovenia)
- Eight dosage strengths of single-pill amlodipine/atorvastatin therapy (5/10, 10/10, 5/20, 10/20, 5/40, 10/40, 5/80, 10/80 mg/mg) were titrated to reduce BP and LDL-C to country-specific target levels

# Study Population

## ● Inclusion criteria:

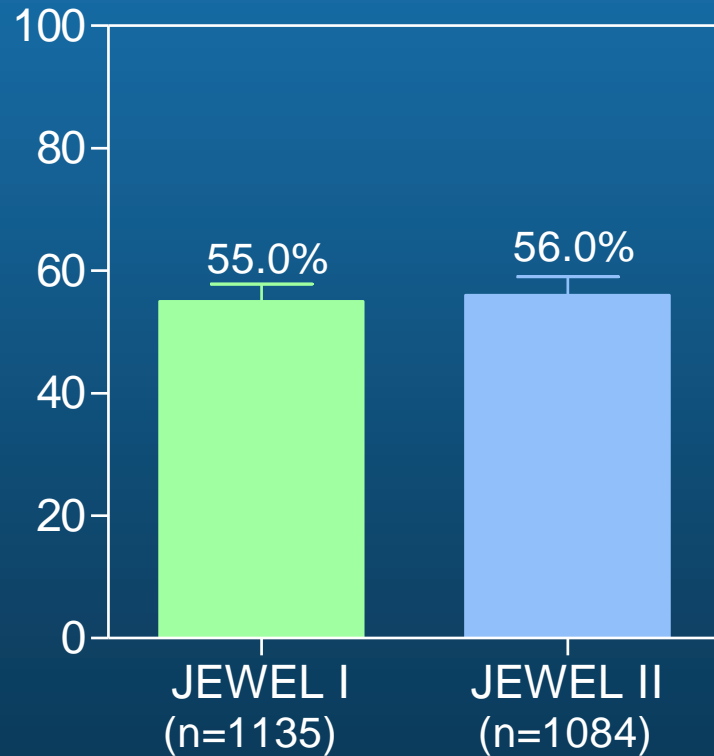
- Male or female aged 18–80 years
- Diagnosis of concurrent hypertension (uncontrolled) and dyslipidaemia (controlled or uncontrolled)
- Untreated, or if treated on stable medication
- BP above target, LDL-C must be above target or (if on treatment), at or above target

## ● Exclusion criteria:

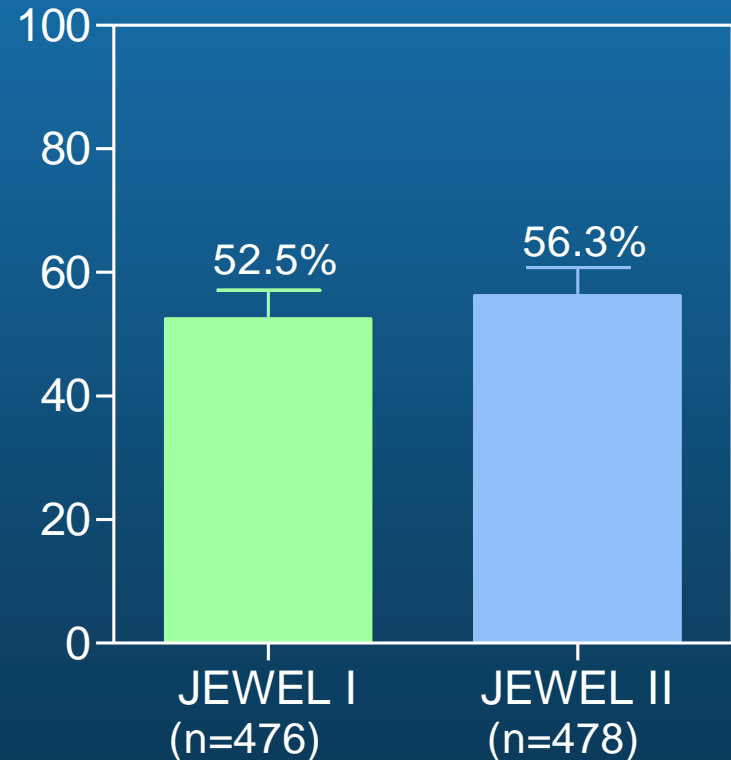
- Adequately controlled BP at baseline
- Currently receiving treatment with:
  - Amlodipine and atorvastatin
  - Atorvastatin 80 mg but with a LDL-C  $\geq 2.6$  mmol/L (100 mg/dL)
- Treated with amlodipine 10 mg or another CCB at maximum dose

# Patients Achieving Common BP and LDL-C Goals

**Amlodipine/atorvastatin  
All doses**



**Amlodipine/atorvastatin  
5/10 mg or 10/10 mg**

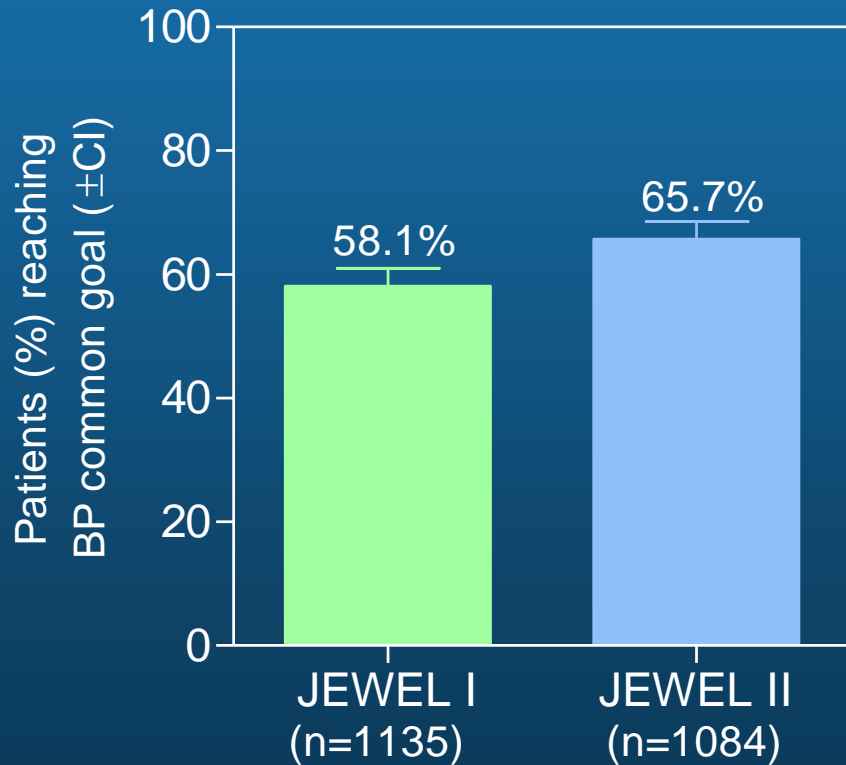


**Common goals defined as: LDL-C <3.0 mmol/L (116.0 mg/mL)**

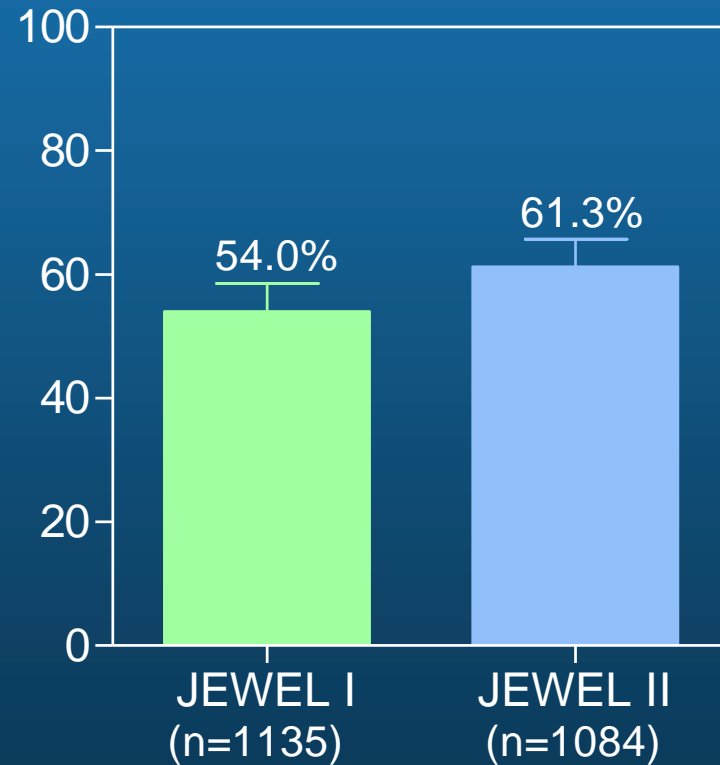
**SBP <140 and DBP <90 mm Hg; Patients with diabetes: SBP <130 and DBP <80 mm Hg**

# Patients Achieving Common BP Goal only

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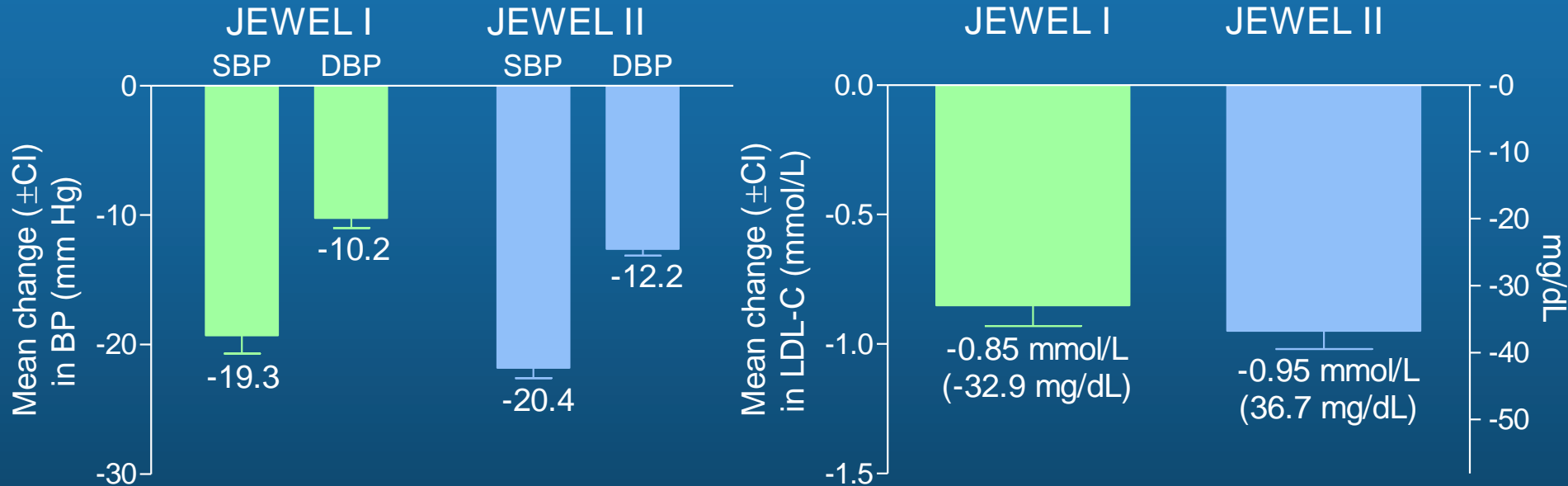


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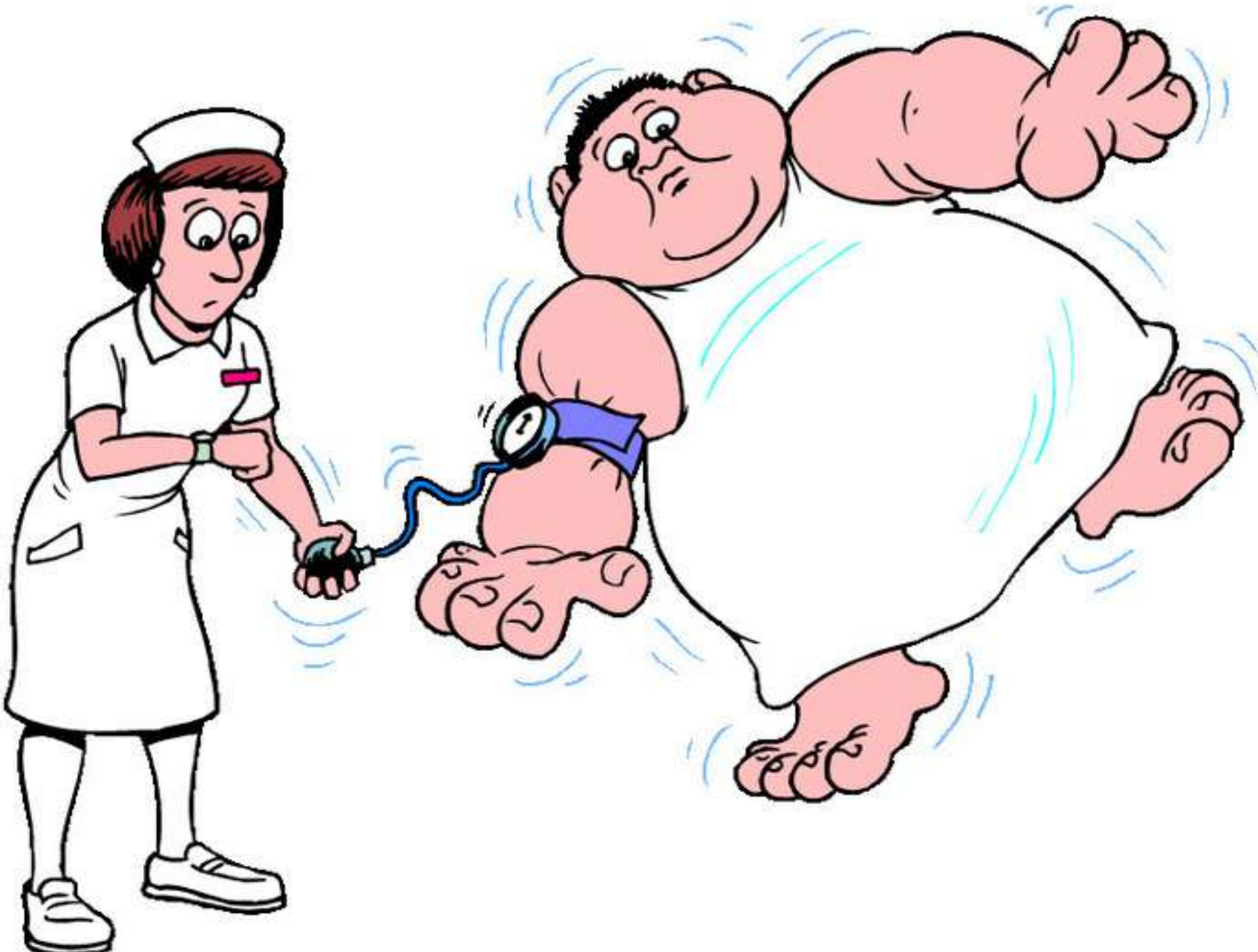
# Mean Change in Blood Pressure and LDL-C

## Blood Pressure

## LDL-C



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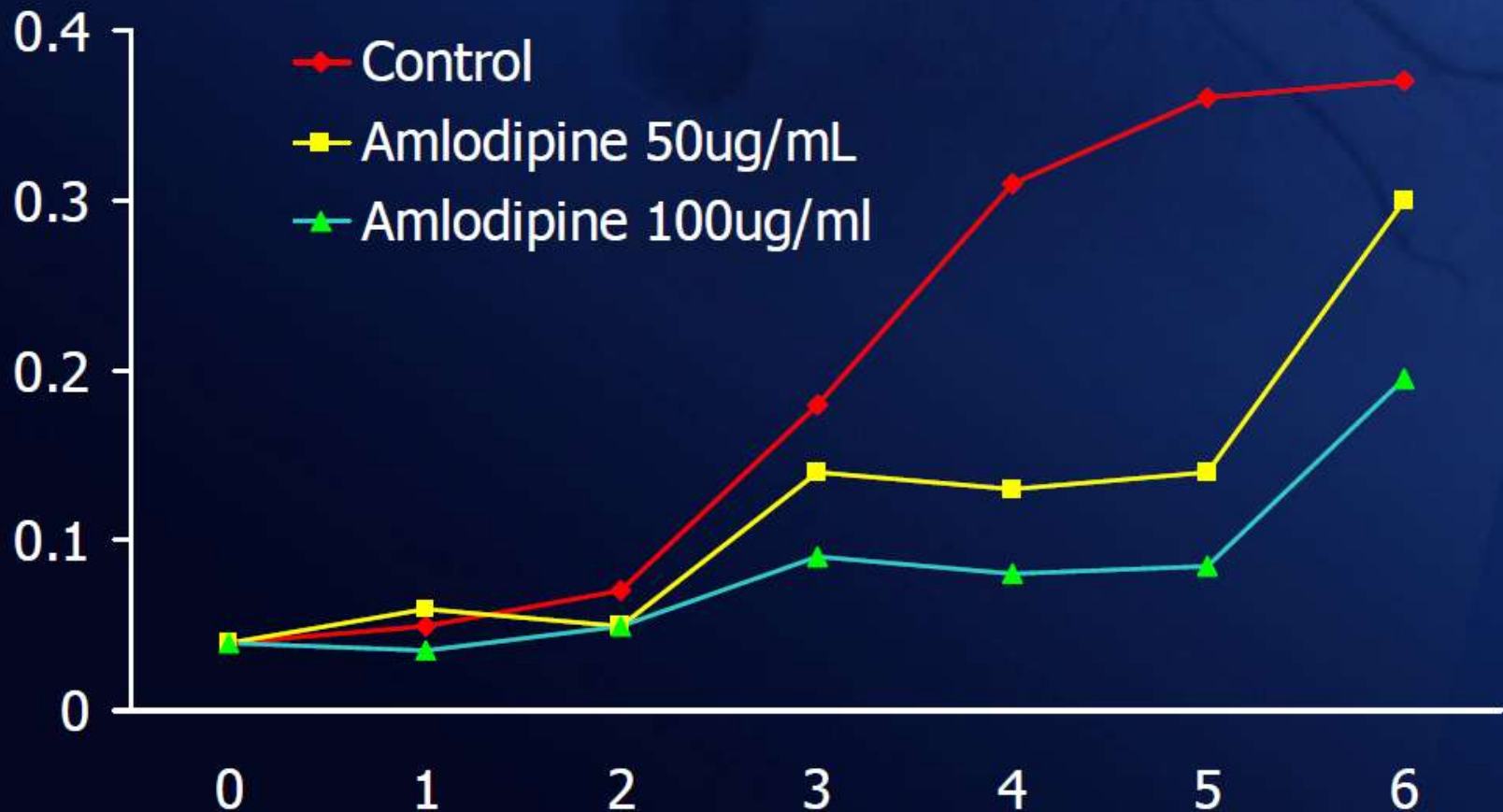
Atorvastatin and  
Amlodipine:  
*A Synergistic* Effect?

**Hypertension**  
**Hyperlipidemia**

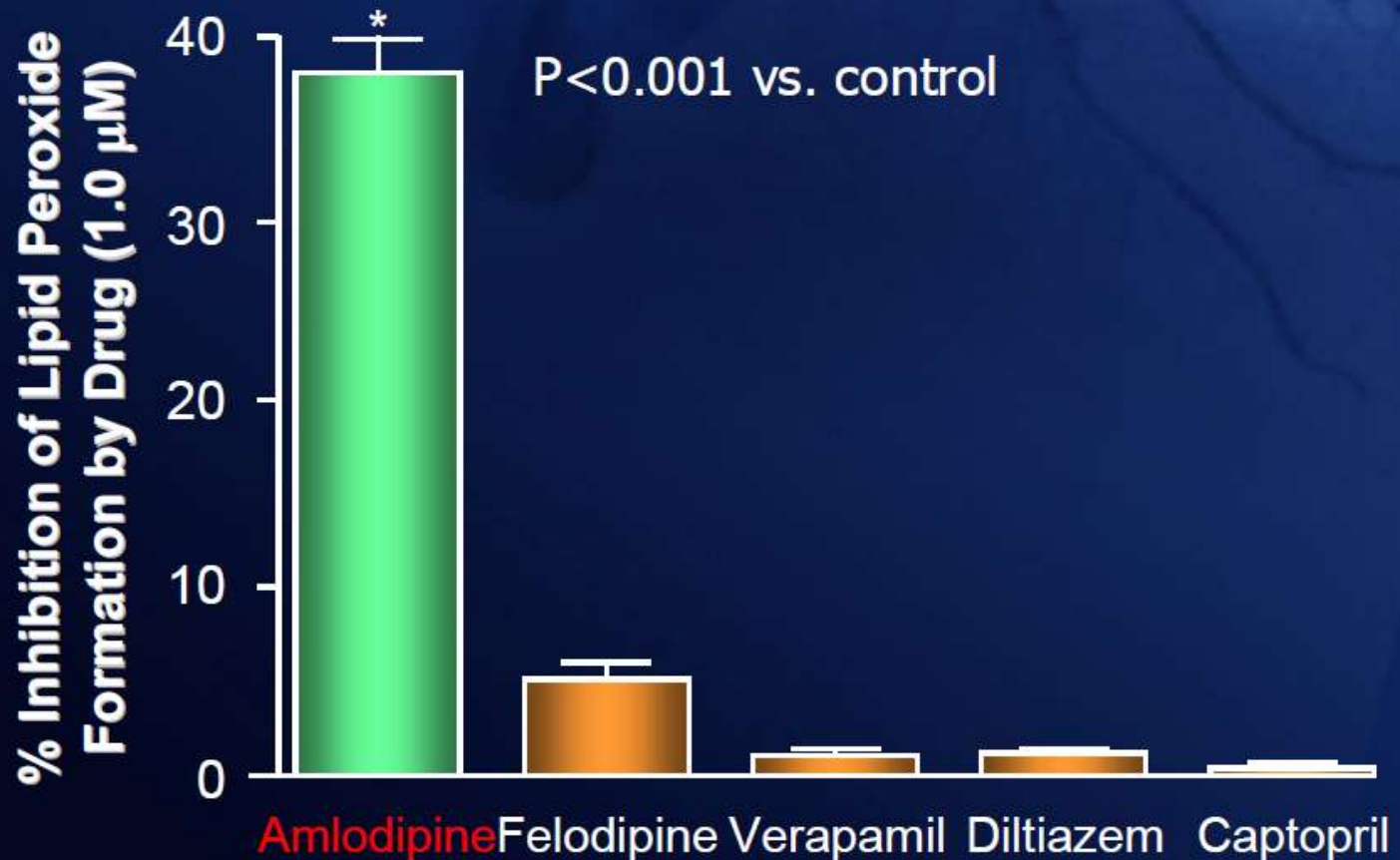


***Oxidative Stress***  
***Endothelial Dysfunction***

# Effect of Amlodipine on Oxidizability of LDL by rabbit leukocyte



# Amlodipine Inhibits Membrane Lipid Peroxidation as compared to Other CCBs

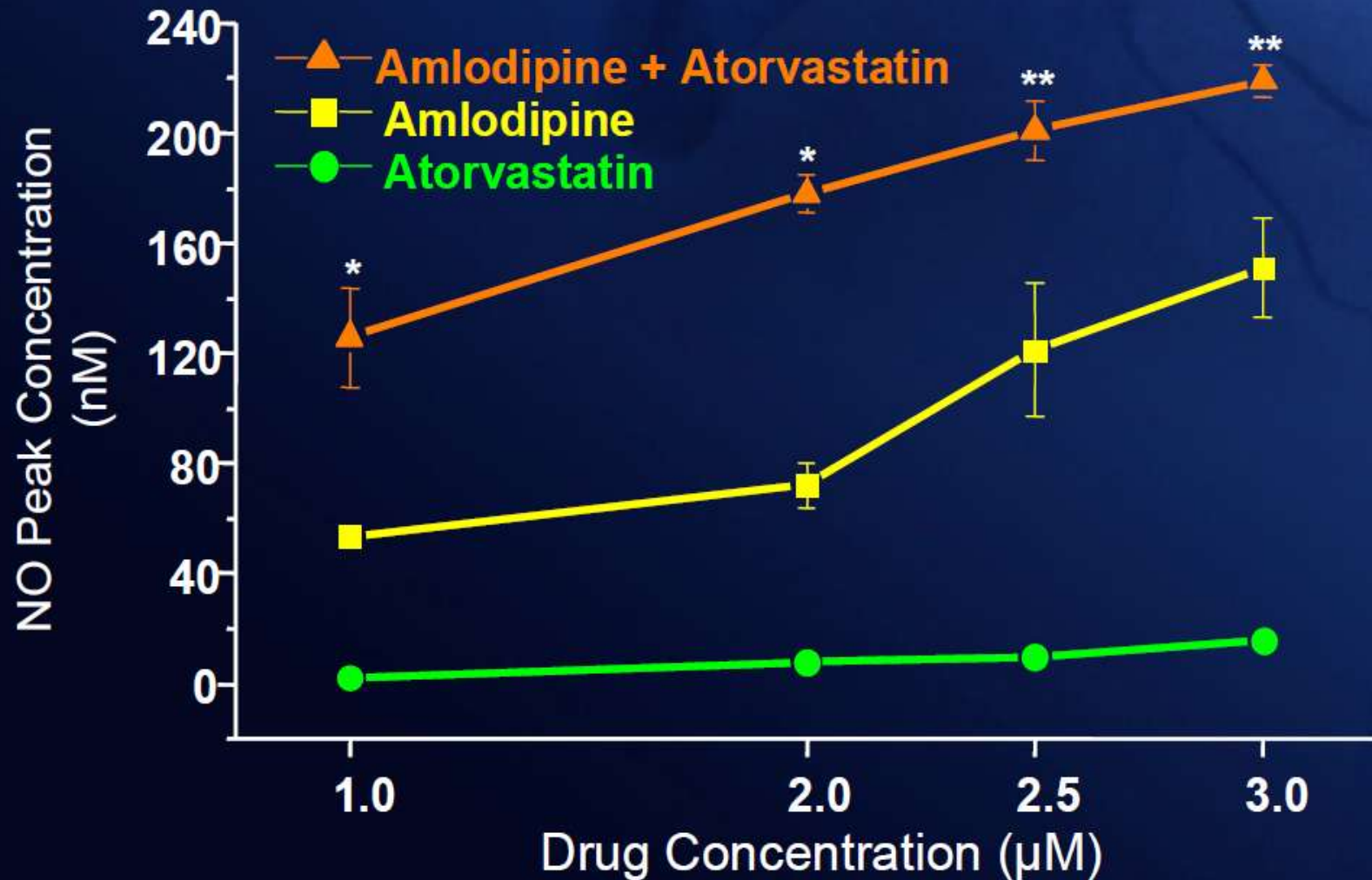


Mean  $\pm$  SD.

\* $P < .001$  vs control.

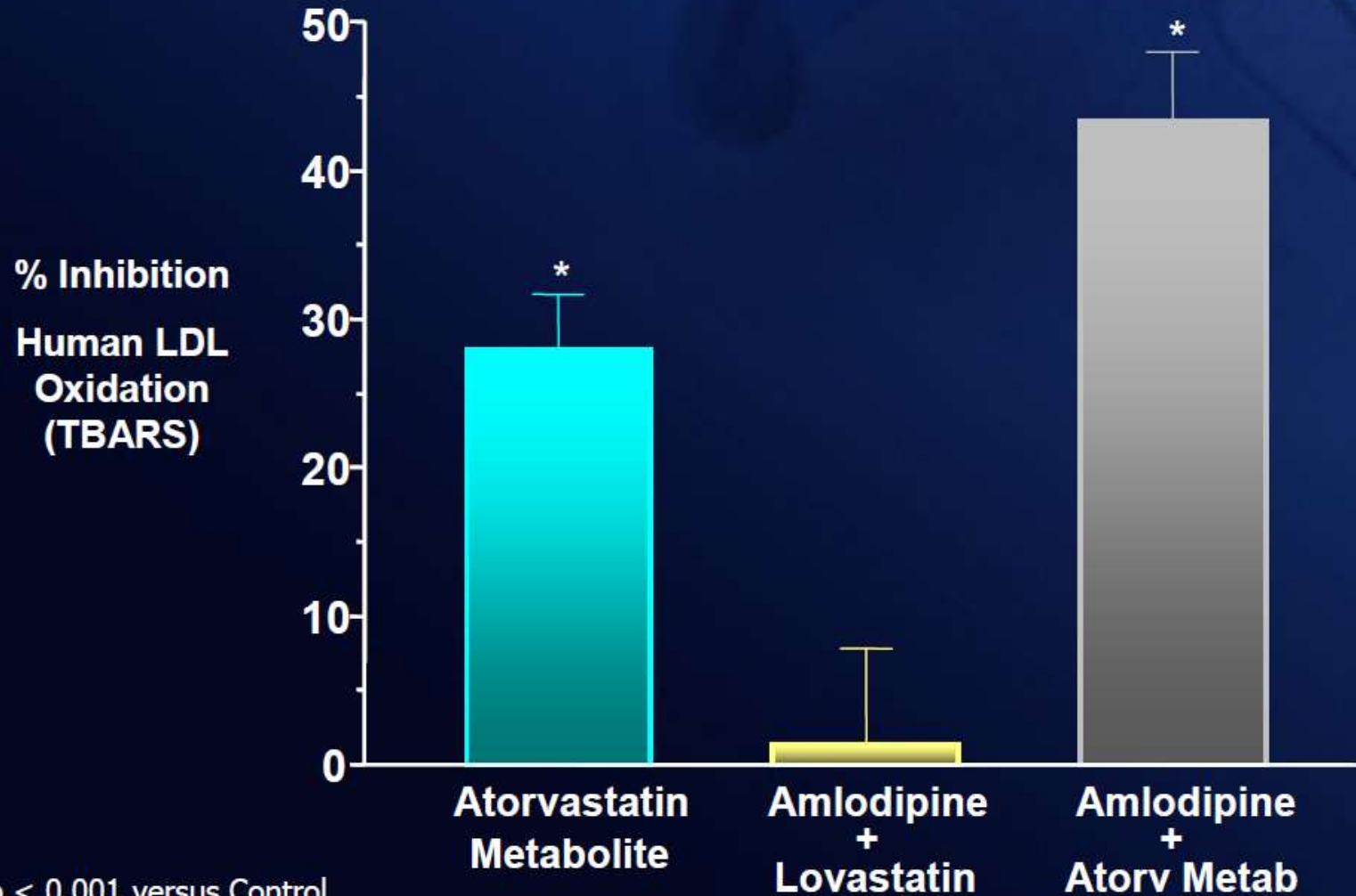
Mason et al. *J Mol Cell Cardiol.* 1999;31:275-281.

# Synergistic Effect of Amlodipine and Atorvastatin on NO Release from Human Endothelial Cells



\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\* $p < 0.05$  vs. individual drug treatments

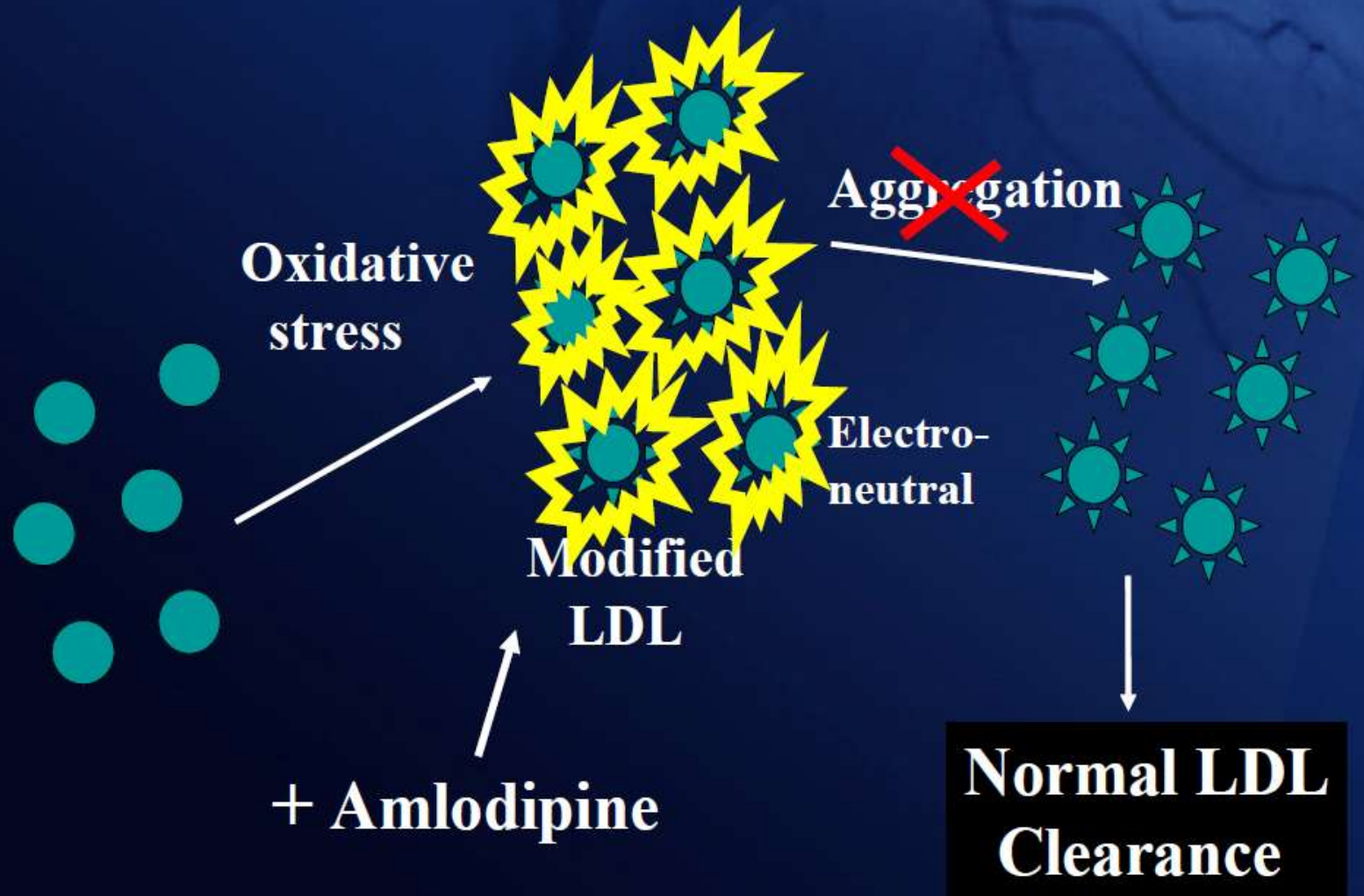
# Effects of Amlodipine and Atorvastatin Active Metabolite vs Lovastatin on Human LDL Oxidation



\*p < 0.001 versus Control

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# Effect of Amlodipine against modification of LDL



# Summary

- ◆ There are about 65 million hypertensive patients, and over 75% have LDL-C greater than optimal levels
- ◆ The majority of hypertensive patients with dyslipidemia do not receive statin therapy within 1 year of initiating antihypertensive therapy
- ◆ Hypertensive patients need aggressive BP management and often need multiple antihypertensive medications to manage BP
- ◆ Hypertensive patients with additional risk factors, including dyslipidemia, and without CHD would benefit from CADUET in a single pill that delivers:
  - The significant BP reductions of Norvasc<sup>®</sup> (amlodipine besylate)
  - The impressive LDL-C\* and MI and stroke risk reductions of Lipitor<sup>®</sup> (atorvastatin calcium)

\*When used with diet and exercise.

Chobanian AV et al. *Hypertension*. 2003;42:1206-1252; Fields LE et al. *Hypertension*. 2004;44:398-404;

# Single-Pill Amlodipine/Atorvastatin (Zarvalor)

- A single-pill combination therapy targeting **hypertension** and **dyslipidemia** is useful in:
  - Co-treatment of these 2 CV risk factors by treating a patient's overall risk of cardiovascular disease
  - Lower prescription costs
  - Reduce a patient's pill burden and improve patient adherence
- The efficacy and safety of this combination has been demonstrated in a clinical practice setting, in several studies.
  - Furthermore, patients taking the single pill amlodipine/atorvastatin are more likely to be adherent with both therapies.

# Treatment of risk factors associated with hypertension

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
It is recommended to use statin therapy in hypertensive patients at moderate to high CV risk, targeting a low-density lipoprotein cholesterol value <3.0 mmol/L (115 mg/dL).	I	A
When overt CHD is present, it is recommended to administer statin therapy to achieve low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels <1.8 mmol/L (70 mg/dL).	I	A
Antiplatelet therapy, in particular low-dose aspirin, is recommended in hypertensive patients with previous CV events.	I	A

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