



CONGRESSO

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Antagonisti recettoriali dell'angiotensina, dall'ipertensione all'insufficienza cardiaca: ruolo del Candesartan

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ai sensi dell'art. 76 sul Conflitto di Interessi, comma 4 dell'Accordo Stato-Regioni del 2 febbraio 2017 e
del paragrafo 4.5. del Manuale nazionale di accreditamento per l'erogazione di eventi ECM

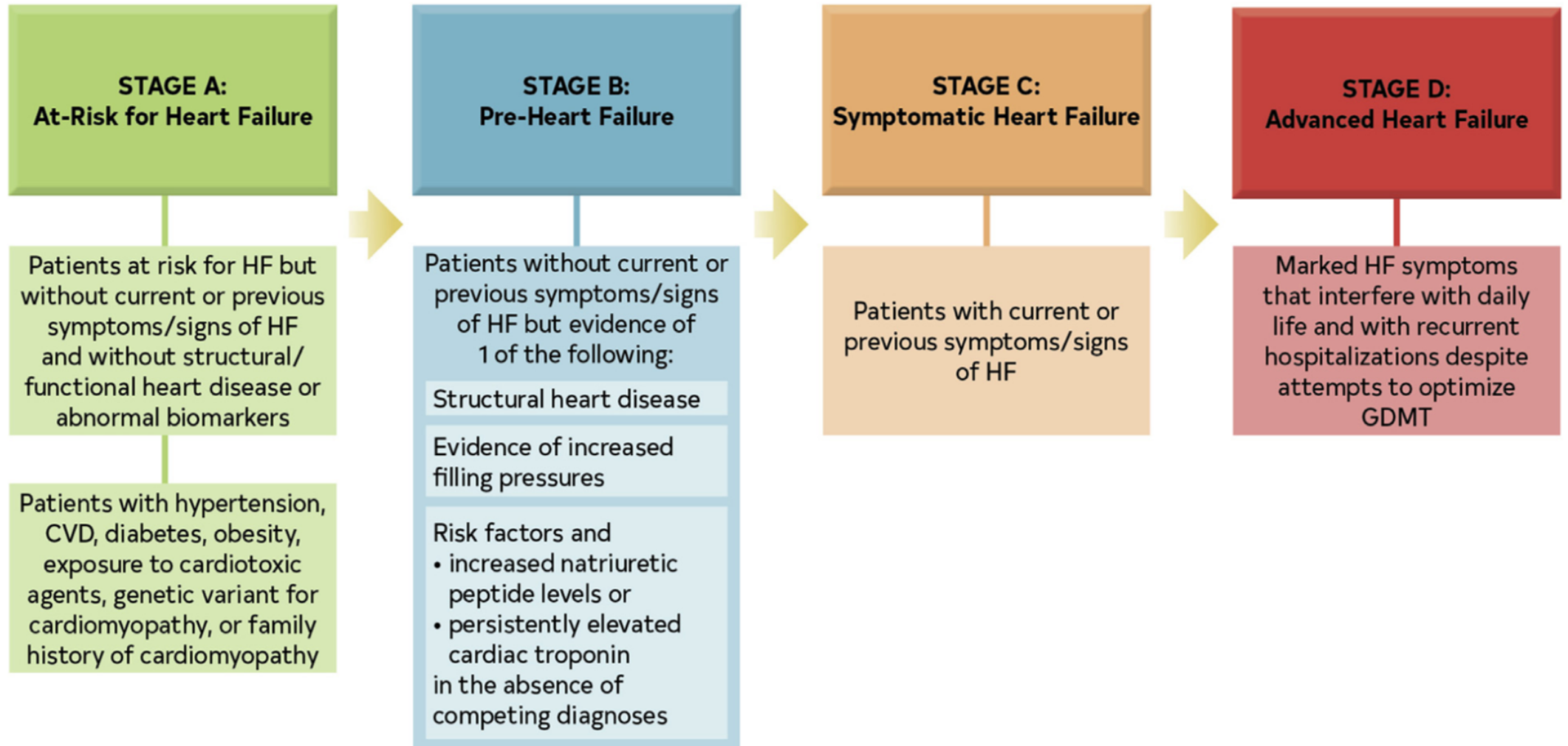
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Negli ultimi due anni ha avuto i seguenti rapporti con soggetti portatori di
interessi in campo sanitario:

Bruno Farmaceutici, Novartis, Astrazeneca, Novo Nordisk, Boston Scientific,
Menarini, Amgen, Sanofi, Boehringer Ingelheim, Pfizer, Alnylam (Relatore a congressi)

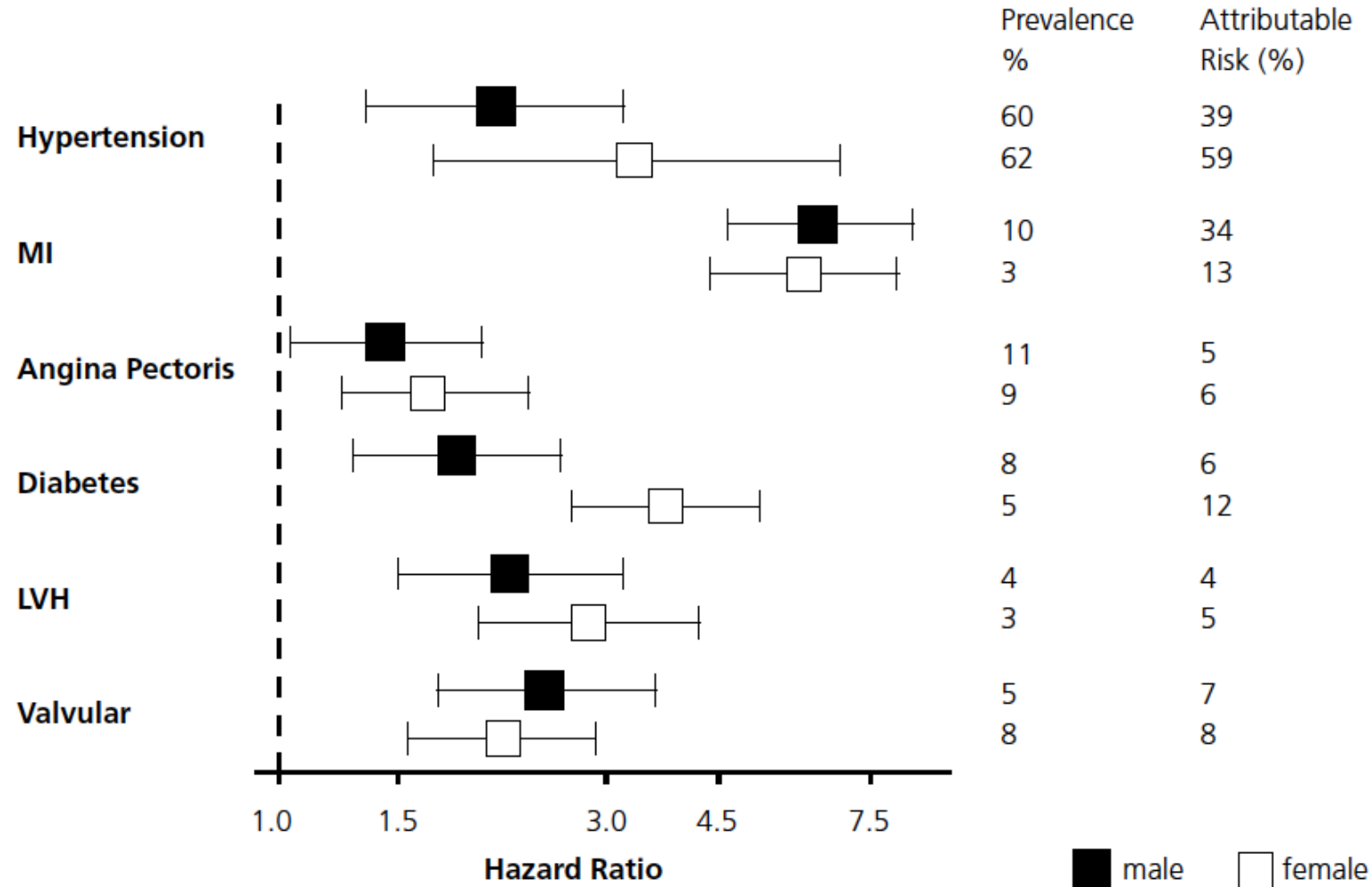
Bayer, BMS (Consulenze e Collaborazione scientifica occasionale)

FIGURE 1 ACC/AHA Stages of HF



From Hypertension to Heart Failure – Are There Better Primary Prevention Strategies?

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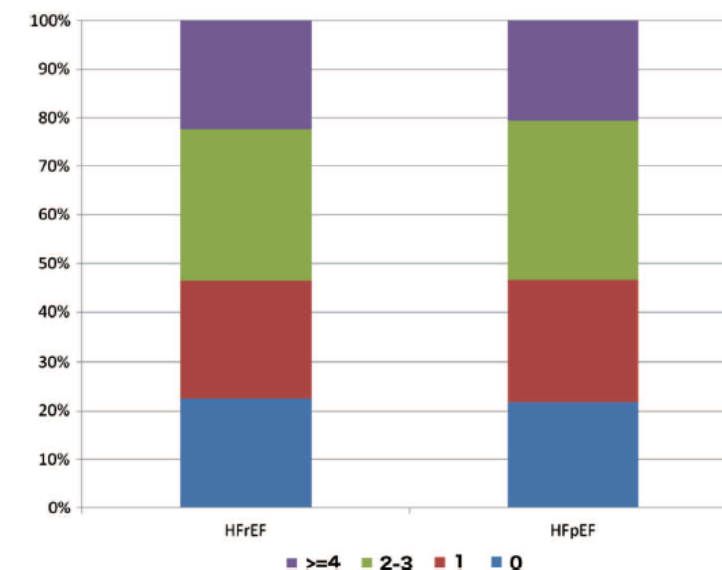
The hazard ratios for important risk factors for development of heart failure, their prevalence and the derived population-attributable risk

Prevalence and prognostic impact of non-cardiac co-morbidities in heart failure outpatients with preserved and reduced ejection fraction: a community-based study

Iorio, Sinagra et al.
Eur J Heart Fail 2018

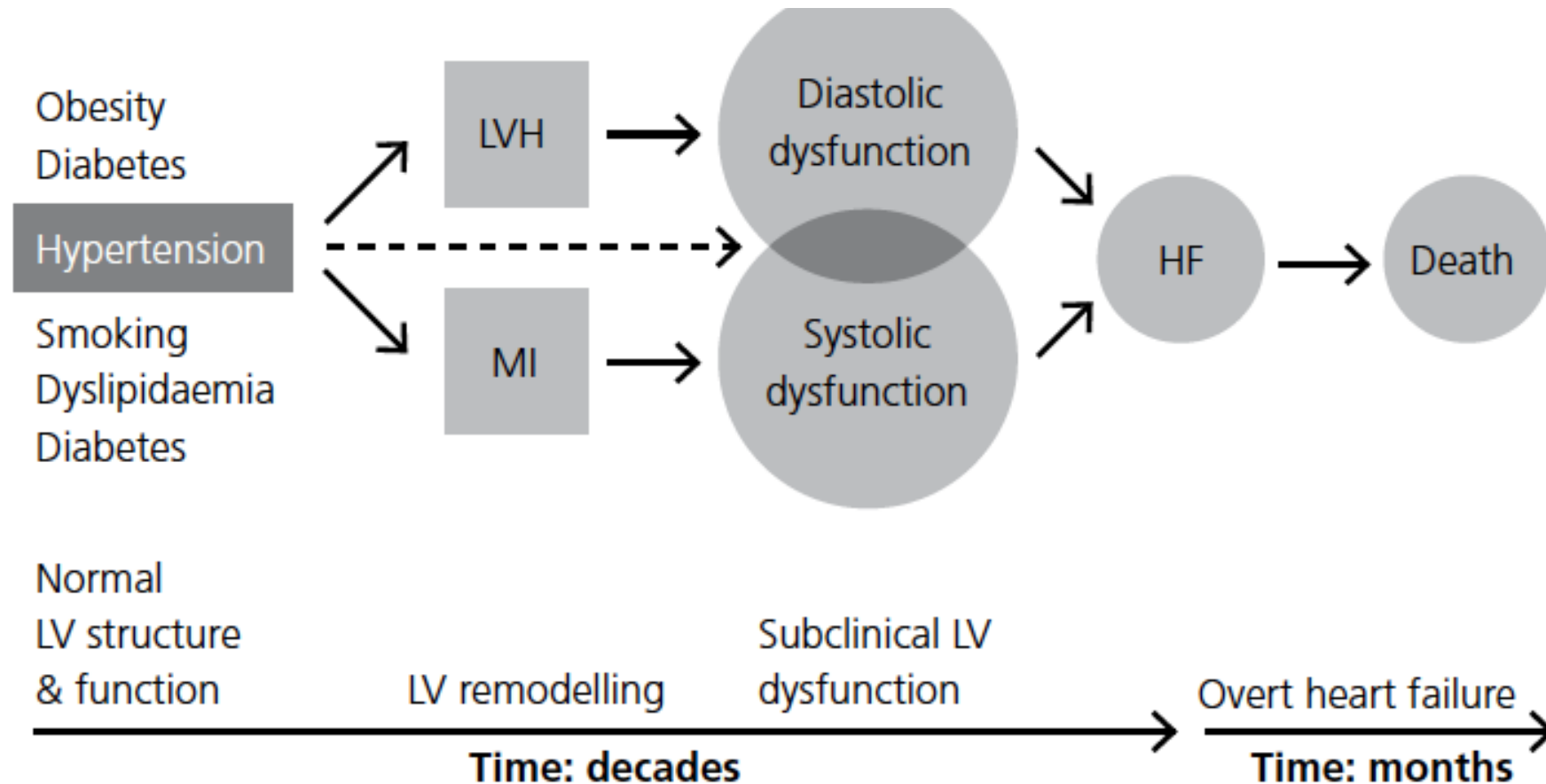
2314 pts
941 HFrEF
1373 HFpEF

Clinical characteristics	Overall (n = 2314)	HFrEF (n = 941; 41%)	HFpEF (n = 1373; 59%)	P-value (HFrEF vs. HFpEF)
Age, years, mean (SD)	77 (10)	76 (10)	79 (9)	<0.001
Male gender, n (%)	1325 (57)	658 (70)	667 (49)	<0.001
NYHA class, n (%)				
I	790 (34)	302 (32)	488 (35)	0.06
II	993 (43)	392 (42)	601 (44)	0.05
III–IV	531 (23)	178 (19)	235 (17)	0.05
Body mass index, kg/m ² , mean (SD)	28 (5)	27 (4)	28 (5)	0.001
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg, mean (SD)	134 (19)	130 (20)	136 (20)	<0.001
Heart rate, b.p.m., mean (SD)	73 (16)	73 (17)	73 (16)	0.42
Left ventricular ejection fraction, %, mean (SD)	51 (15)	36 (8)	61 (7)	
eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m ² , mean (SD)	66 (25)	65 (25)	66 (25)	0.37
Sodium, mEq/L, mean (SD)	139 (12)	139 (12)	139 (12)	0.91
Haemoglobin, g/dL, mean (SD)	13.2 (3)	13 (2)	13 (4)	0.32
Ischaemic heart disease, n (%)	1116 (46)	572 (61)	544 (40)	0.001
Atrial fibrillation, n (%)	1235 (54)	437 (46)	798 (58)	<0.001
Non-cardiac co-morbidities, n (%)				
Hypertension	1863 (80)	732 (79)	1131 (82)	0.01



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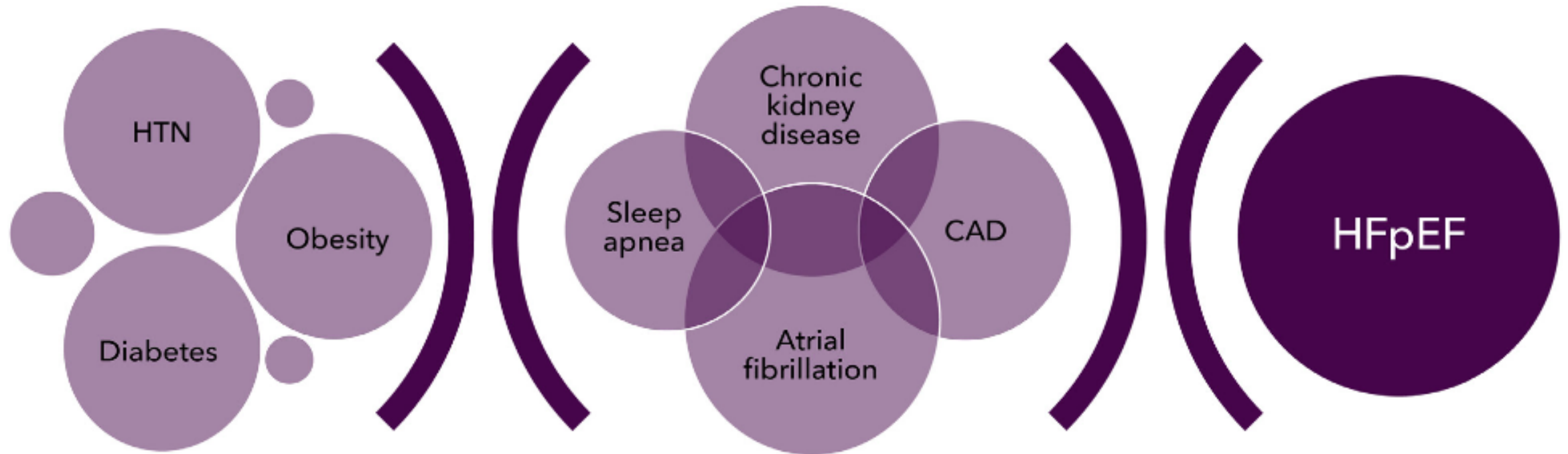
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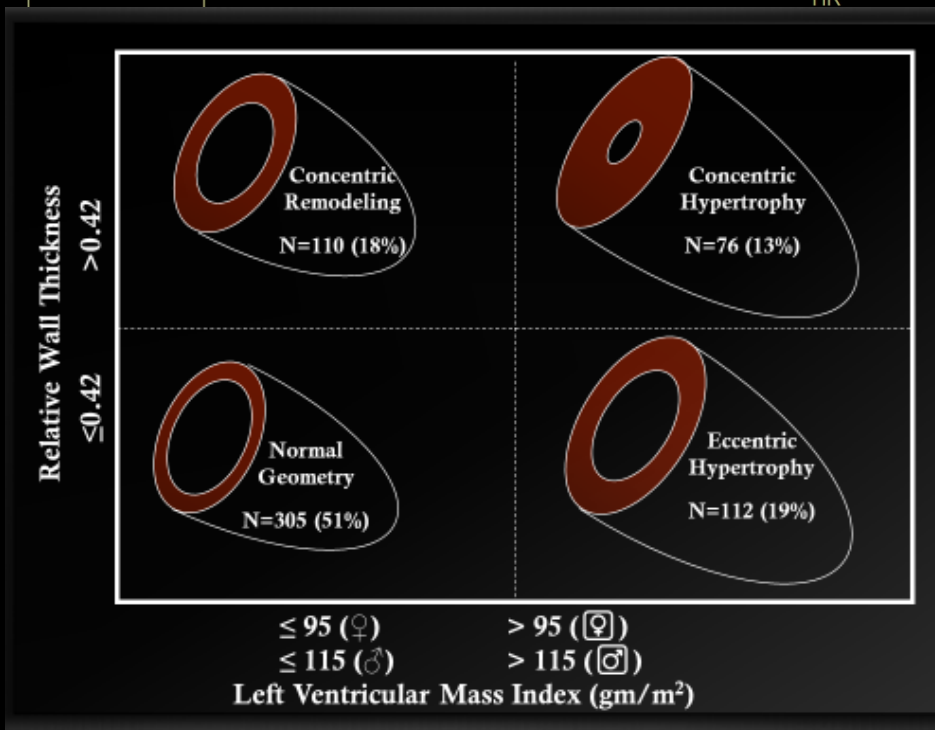
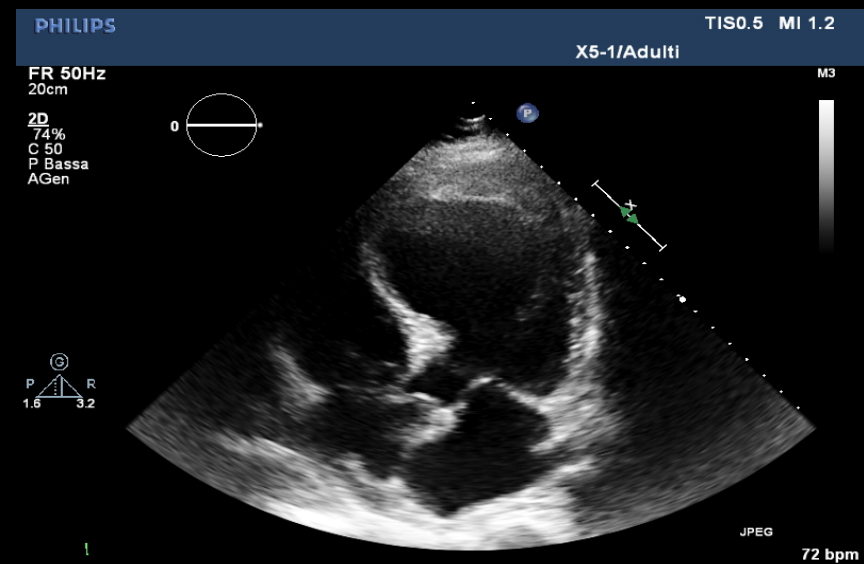
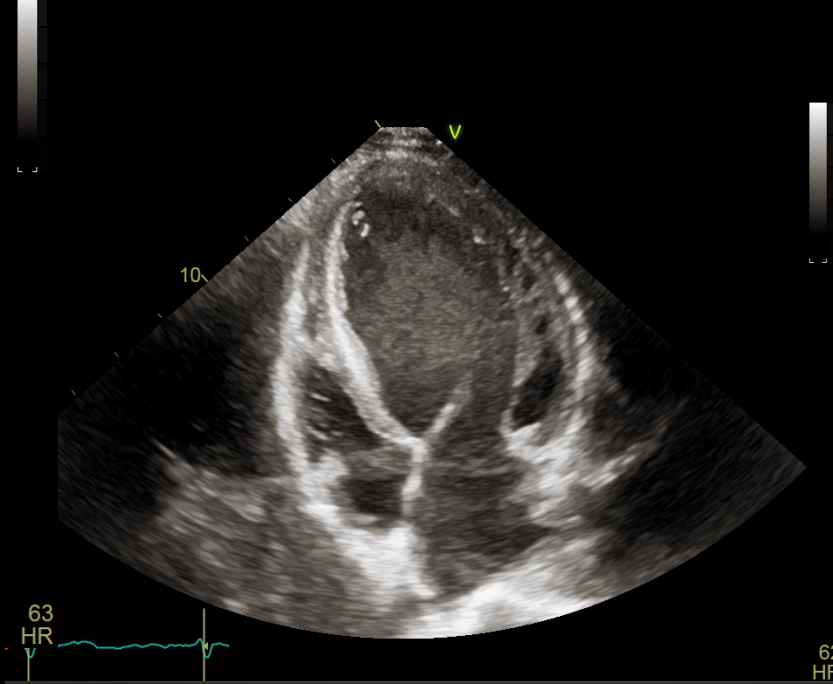
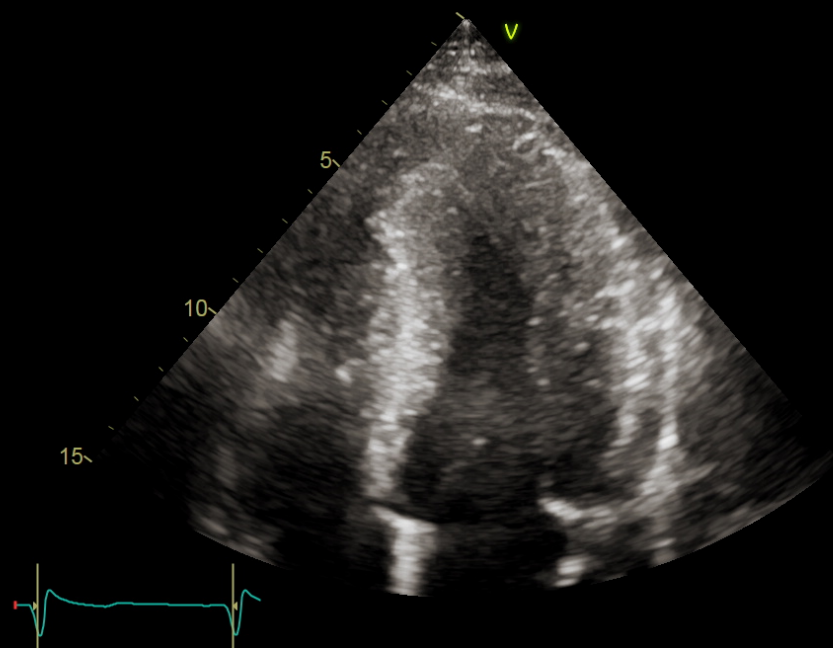


2023 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Management of Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction

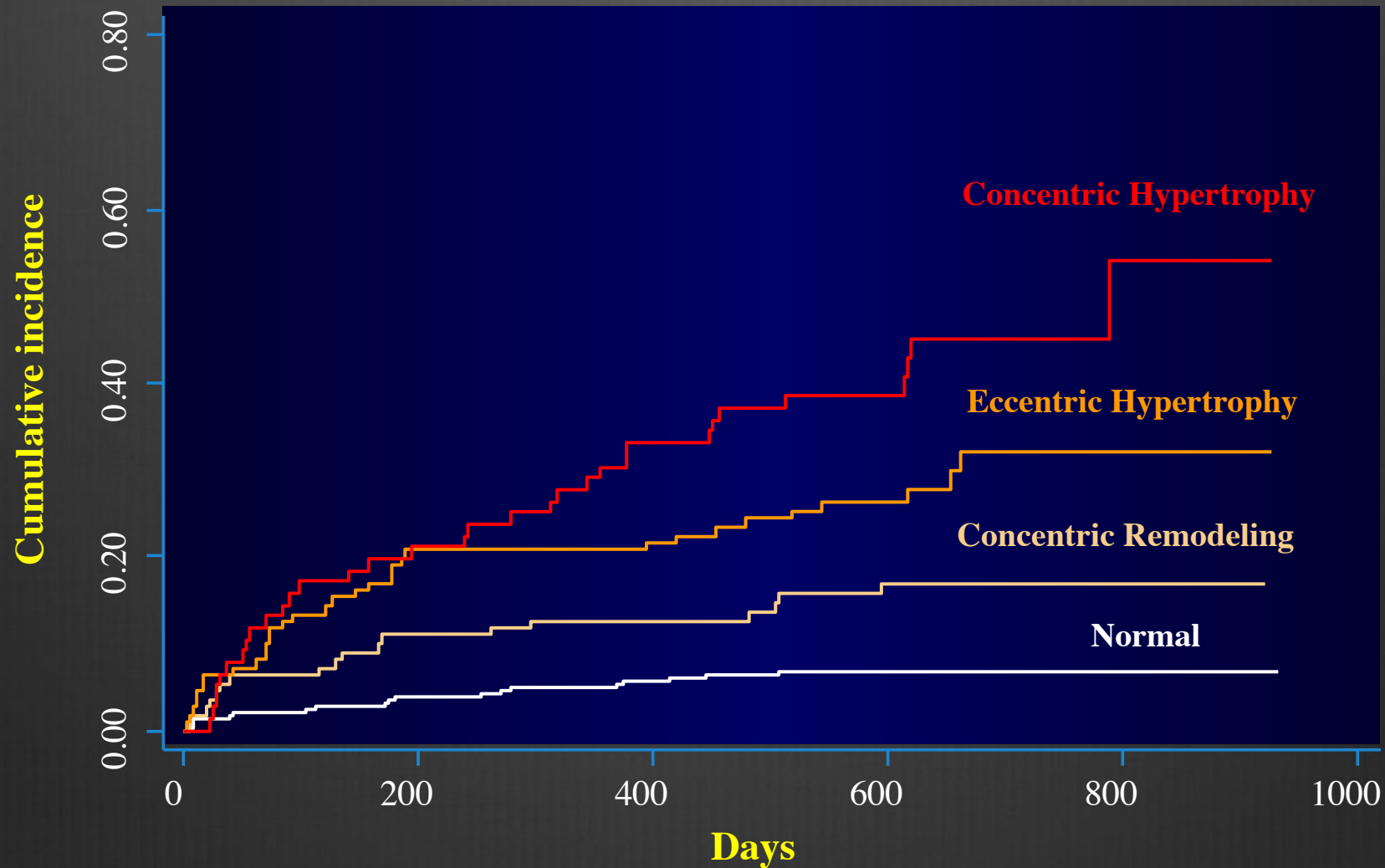
A Report of the American College of Cardiology Solution Set Oversight Committee

HFpEF

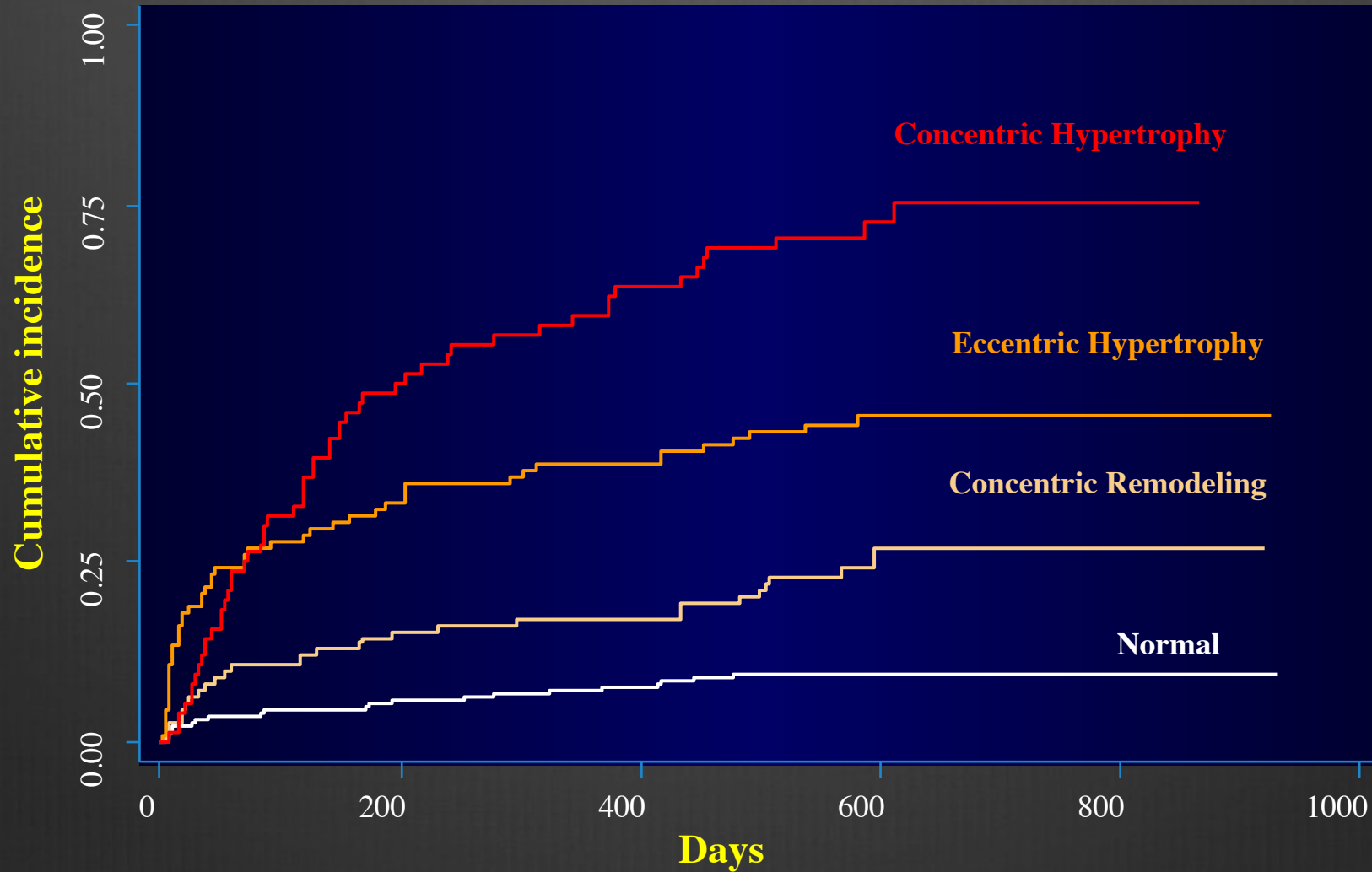


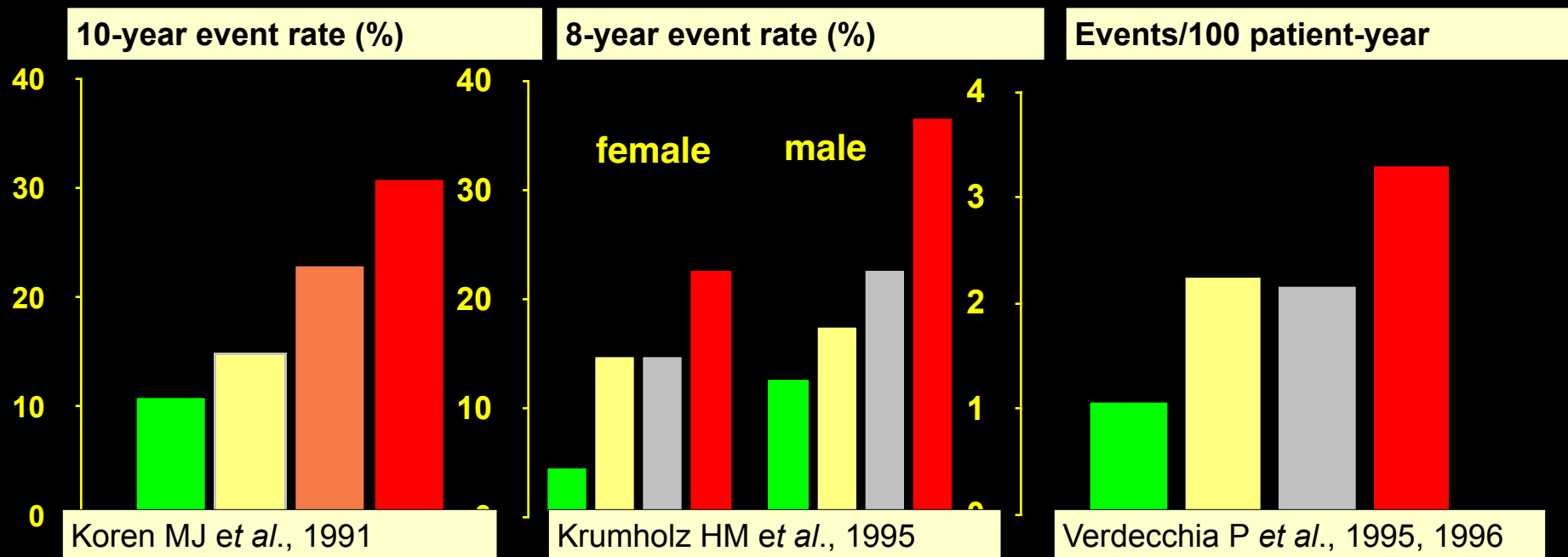
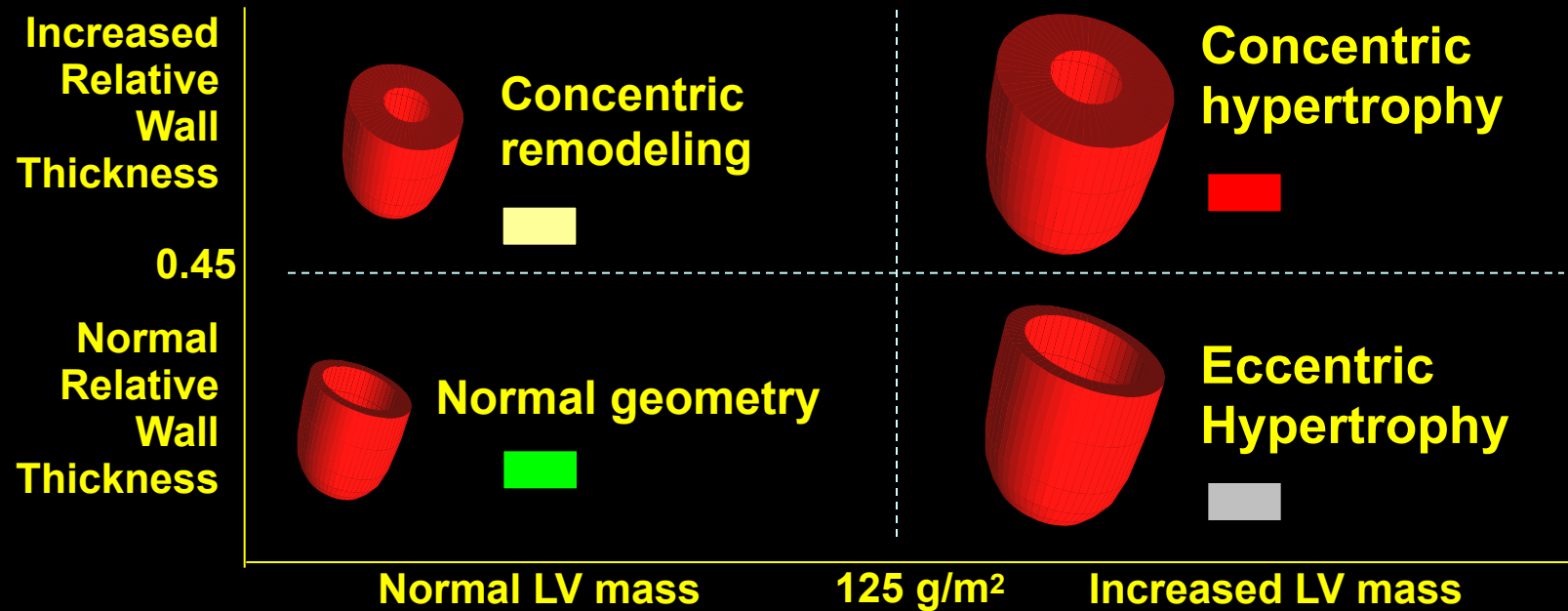


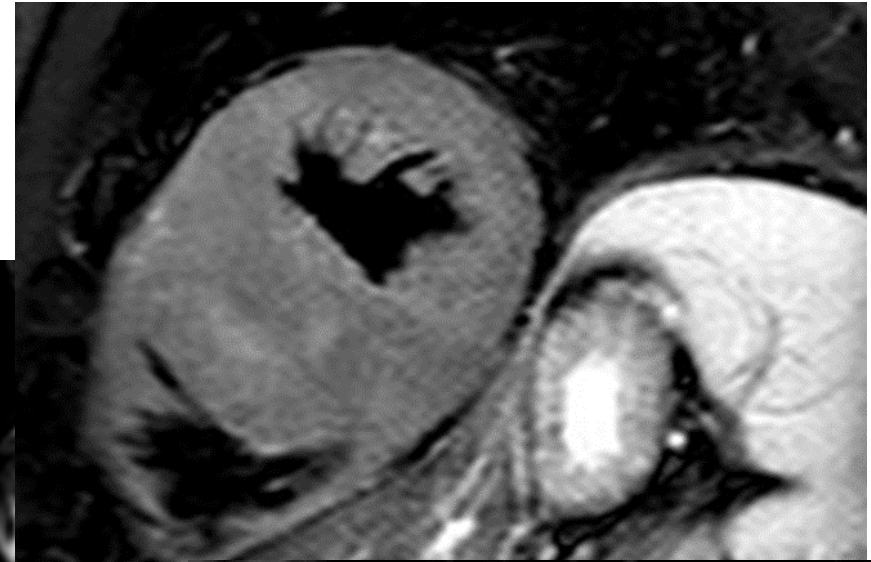
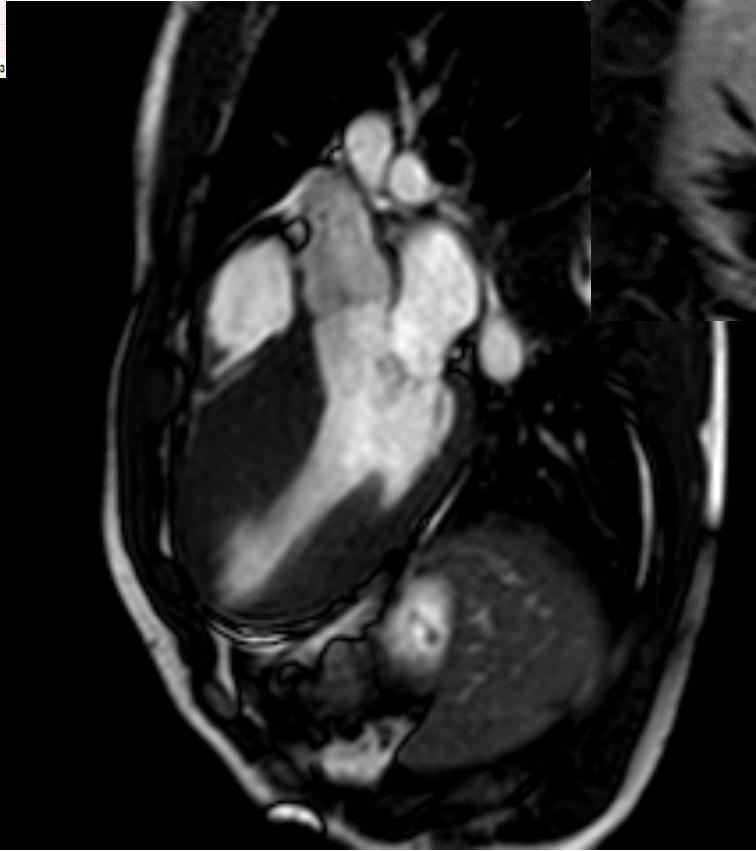
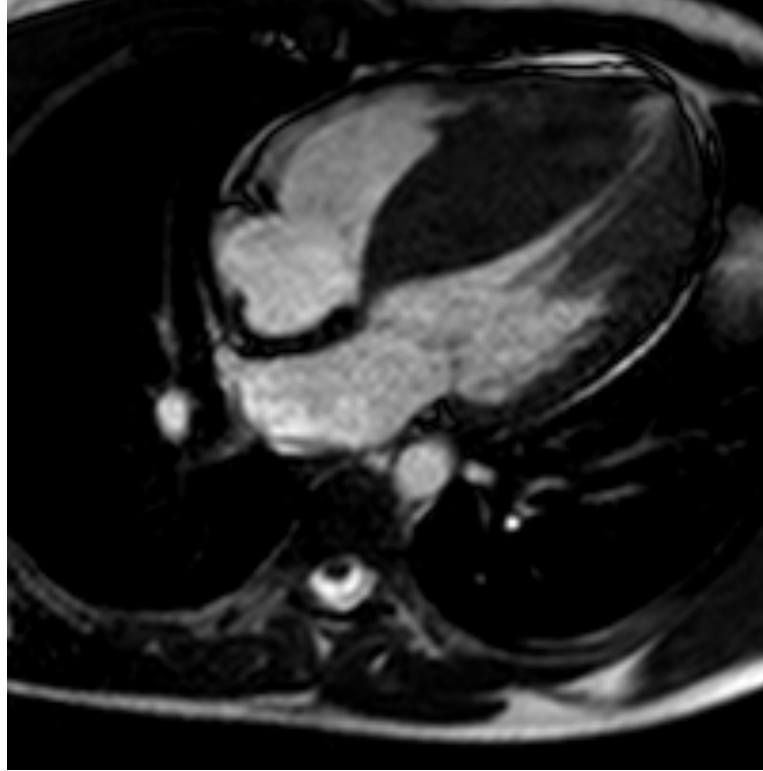
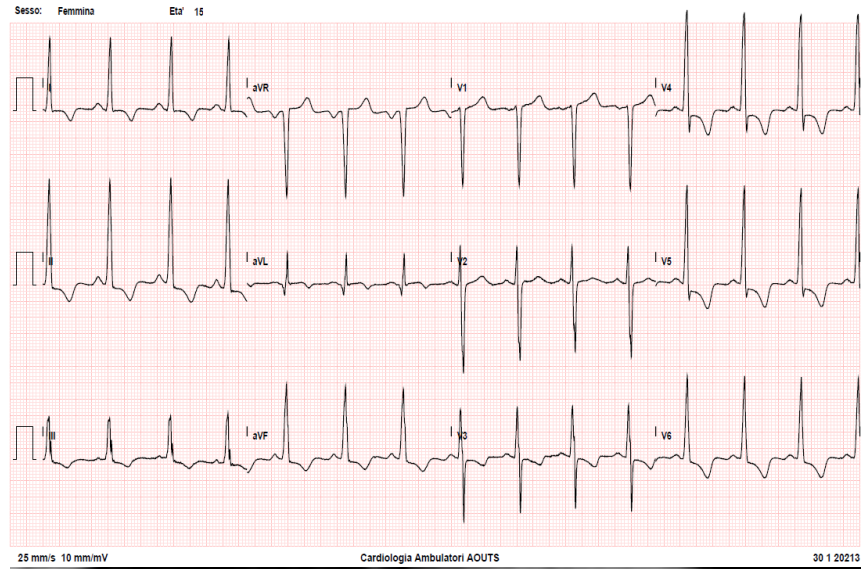
Unadjusted Kaplan Meier Curves for All Cause Mortality

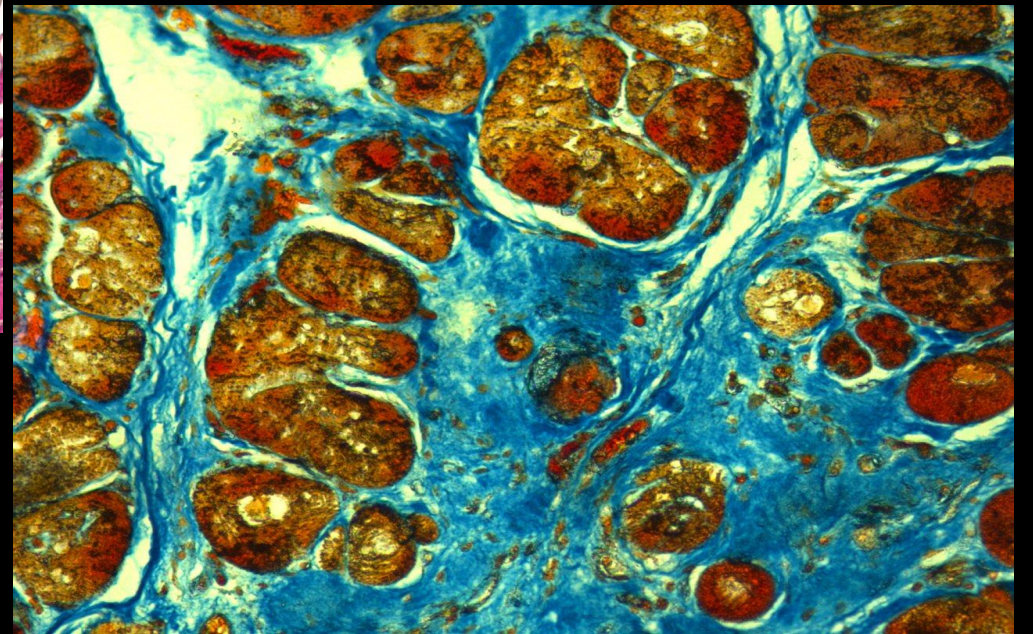
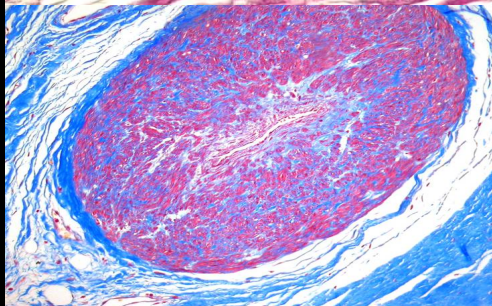
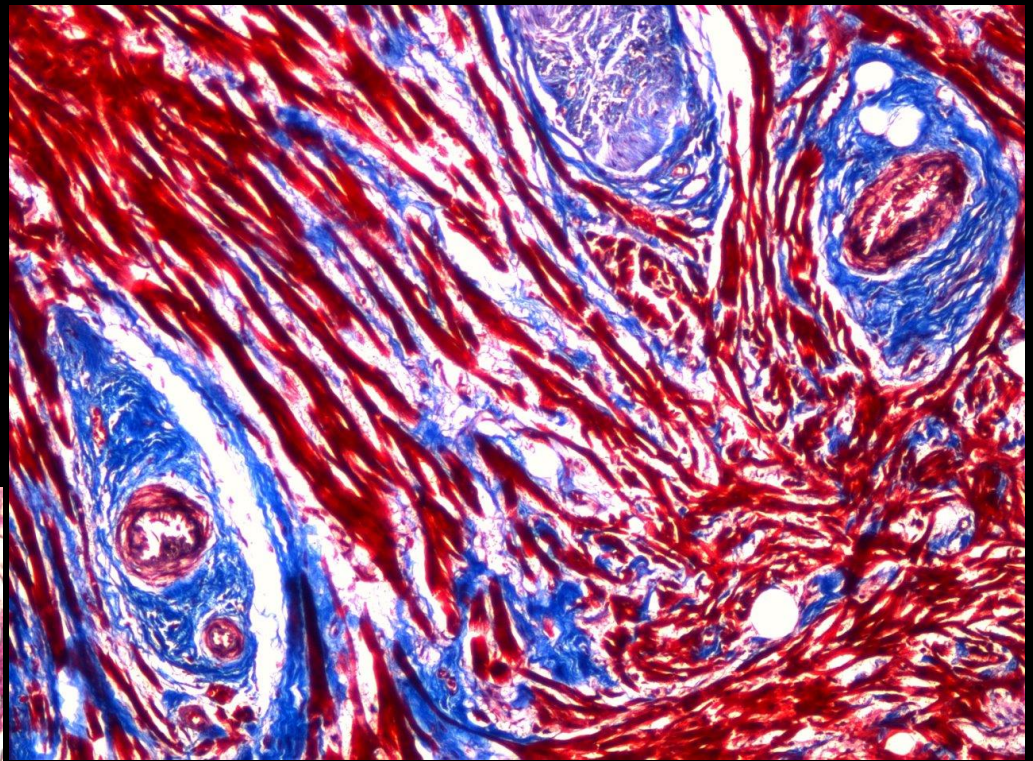
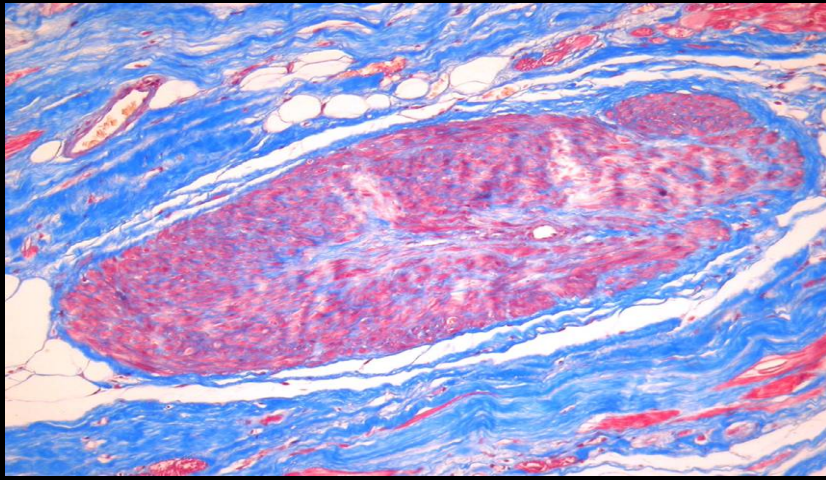


Unadjusted Kaplan Meier curves for Death or Heart Failure









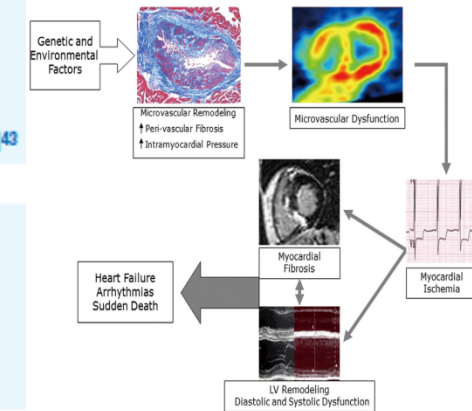
From Left Ventricular Hypertrophy to Dysfunction and Failure

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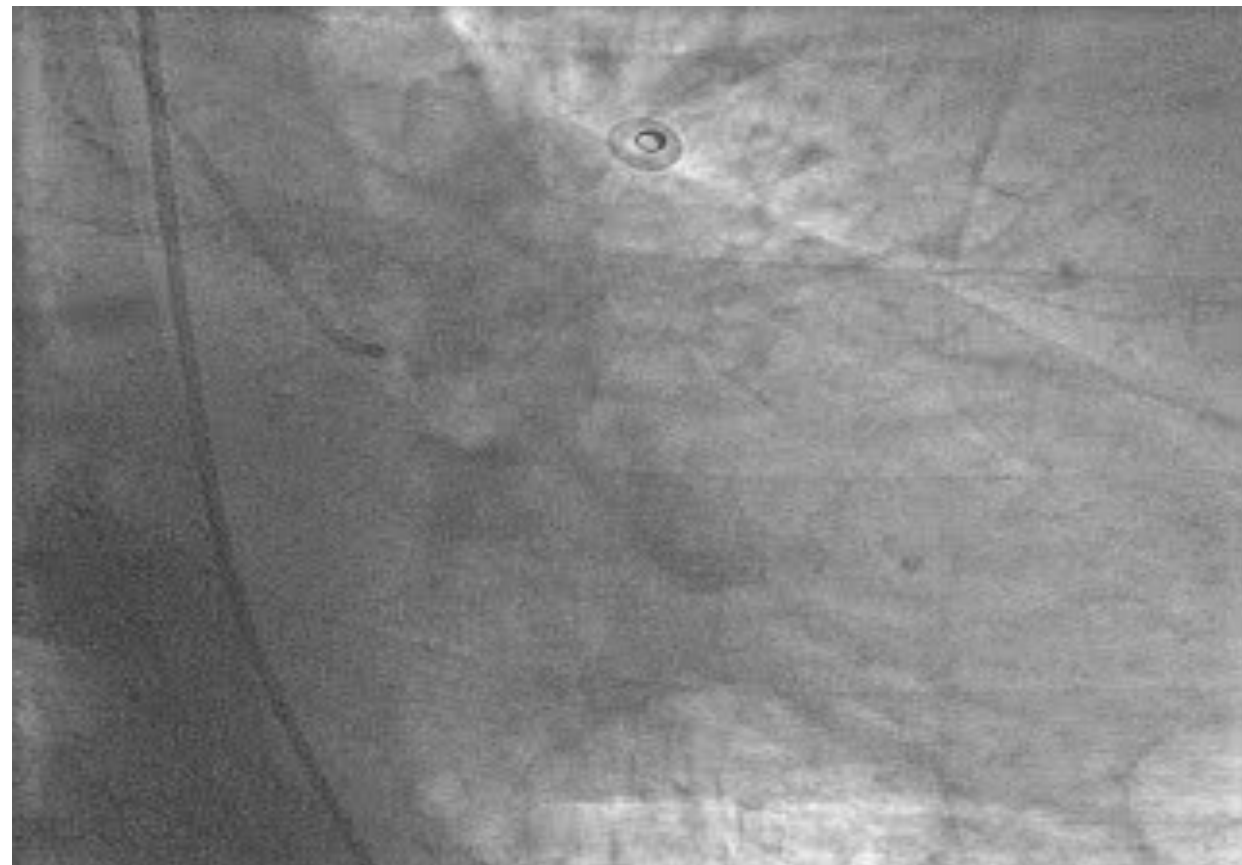
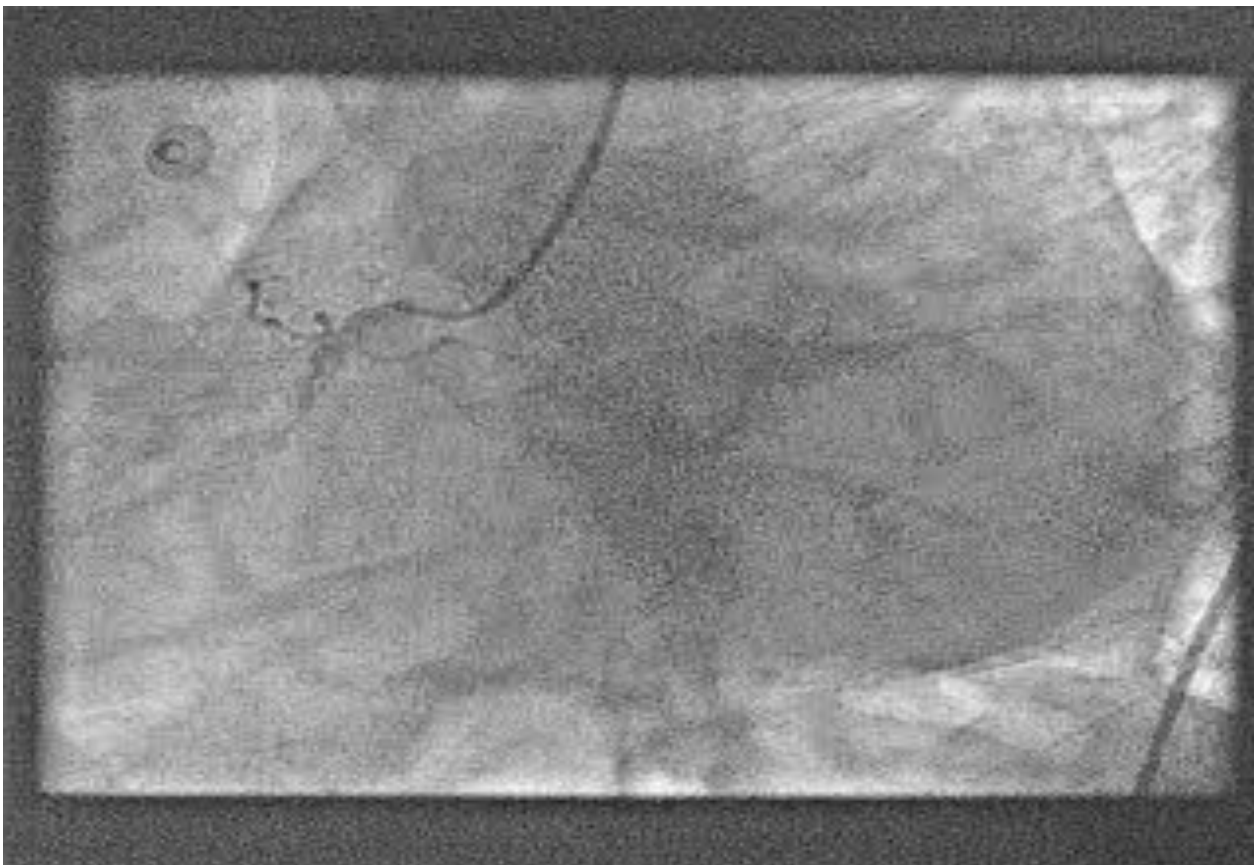


Table. Myocardial Perfusion and Coronary Flow Reserve in Normal Controls, and Primary and Secondary LVH Patients

Method	n	MBFR (ml/g/min)	MBFH (ml/g/min)	CFR	Reference
Normal controls					
PET	3.484	0.82±0.06	2.86±1.29	3.55±1.36	Gould et al ³⁸
Physiologic					
LVH					
PET	10	0.74±0.17	2.69±1.15	3.58±1.02	Radvan et al ⁴¹
PET	14	0.8±0.2	NA	6.1±1.9	Toraa et al ⁴²
Doppler	52	10.6±3.1 (ml/min)	61.9±17.8 (ml/min)	5.9±1.0	Hildick-Smith et al ⁴³
Primary LVH					
HCM					
PET	345	0.90±0.10	1.57±0.33	1.84±0.36	Gould et al ³⁸
PET	23	1.02±0.39	1.55±0.58	1.51±0.48	Camici et al ⁴⁴
PET	51	0.84±0.31	1.50±0.69	1.80±0.70	Cecchi et al ⁴⁸
PET	61	—	1.90±0.90	—	Olivetto et al ⁴⁵
DCM					
PET	22	0.80±0.25	1.91±0.76	2.38±0.5	Neglia et al ⁴⁹
PET	67	0.69±0.23	1.53±0.79	2.22±0.89	Neglia et al ⁵⁰
Secondary LVH					
Hypertensive heart					
PET	20	0.69±0.13	1.42±0.32	NA	Neglia et al ⁵²
PET	30	0.89±0.18	1.9±0.62	2.18±0.74	Rimoldi et al ⁵¹
Aortic stenosis					
PET	20	1.05±0.26	1.99±0.78	1.9±0.6	Rajappan et al ⁵⁴
Doppler	24	23.3±10.1 (cm/s)	37.8±11.3 (cm/s)	1.76±0.5	Hildick-Smith et al ⁵⁵
Mitral regurgitation					
Doppler	31	28±8 (cm/s)	56±14 (cm/s)	2.1±0.5	Akasaka et al ⁵⁶



65 aa, Ipertensione (3 farmaci), LDL 135 mg/dl; HbA1C 6.2%; BMI 28; eGFR 58 ml/min/1.73; fumatore



Trajectories of Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Incidence of Atrial Fibrillation Over a 25-Year Follow-Up

The ARIC Study (Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities)

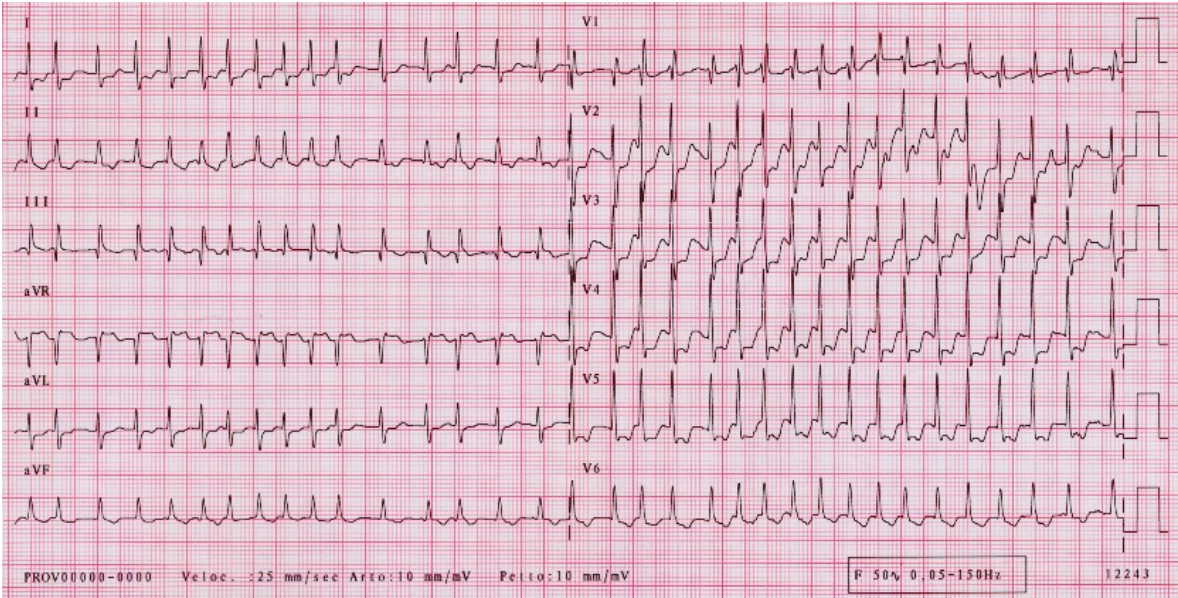
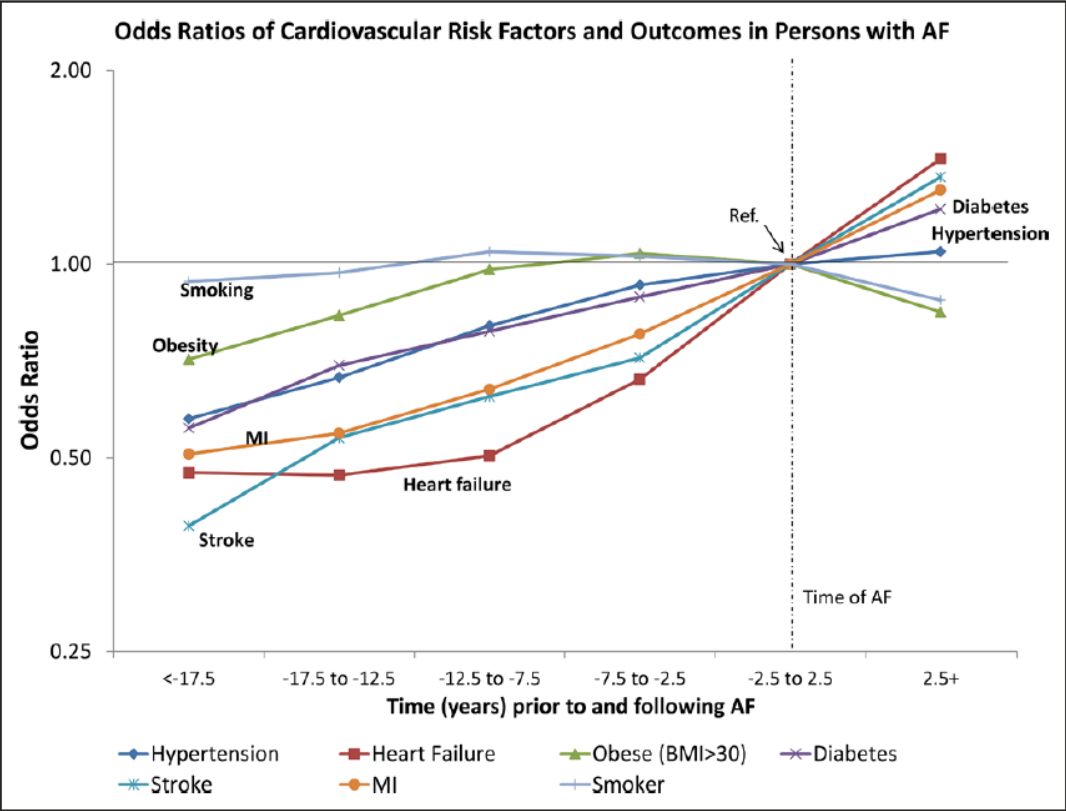
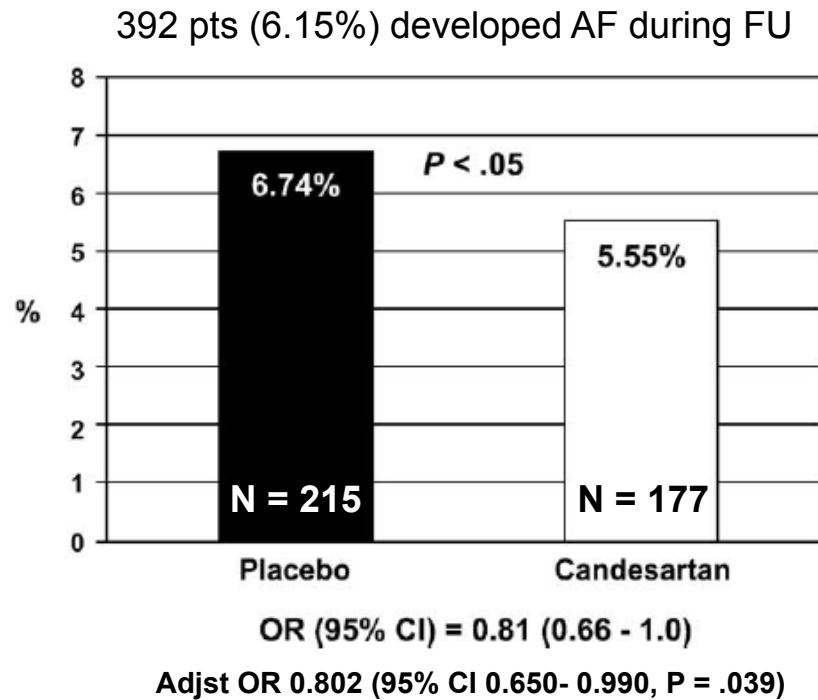
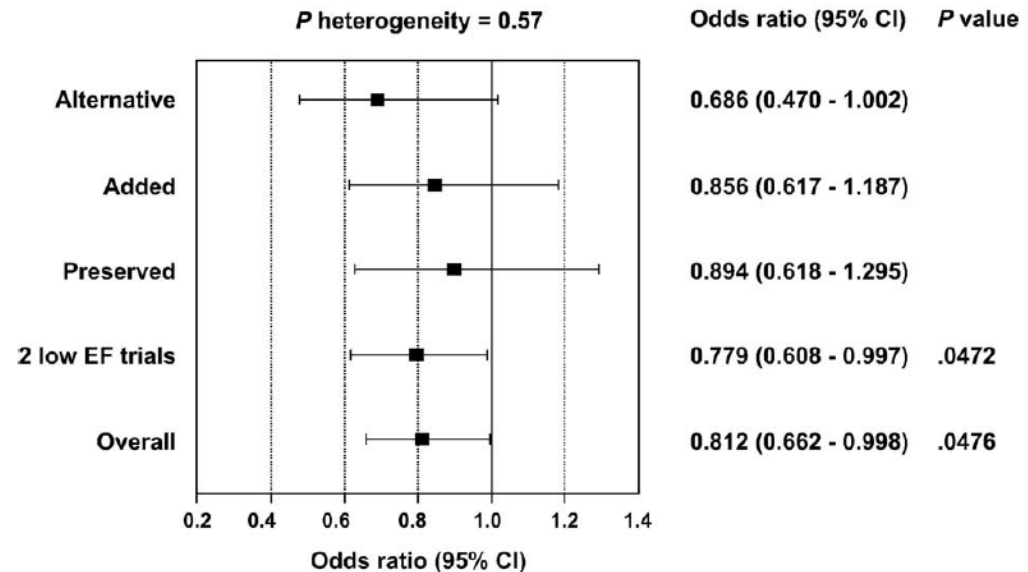


Figure 2. Odds ratios (ORs) of cardiovascular risk factors and outcomes over time based on atrial fibrillation (AF) status and adjusted for age, race, and sex. An OR <1 or >1 can be interpreted as a lower or higher odds, respectively, of the risk factor or cardiovascular outcome at a particular time period compared with the odds at the time of AF diagnosis date. MI indicates myocardial infarction.

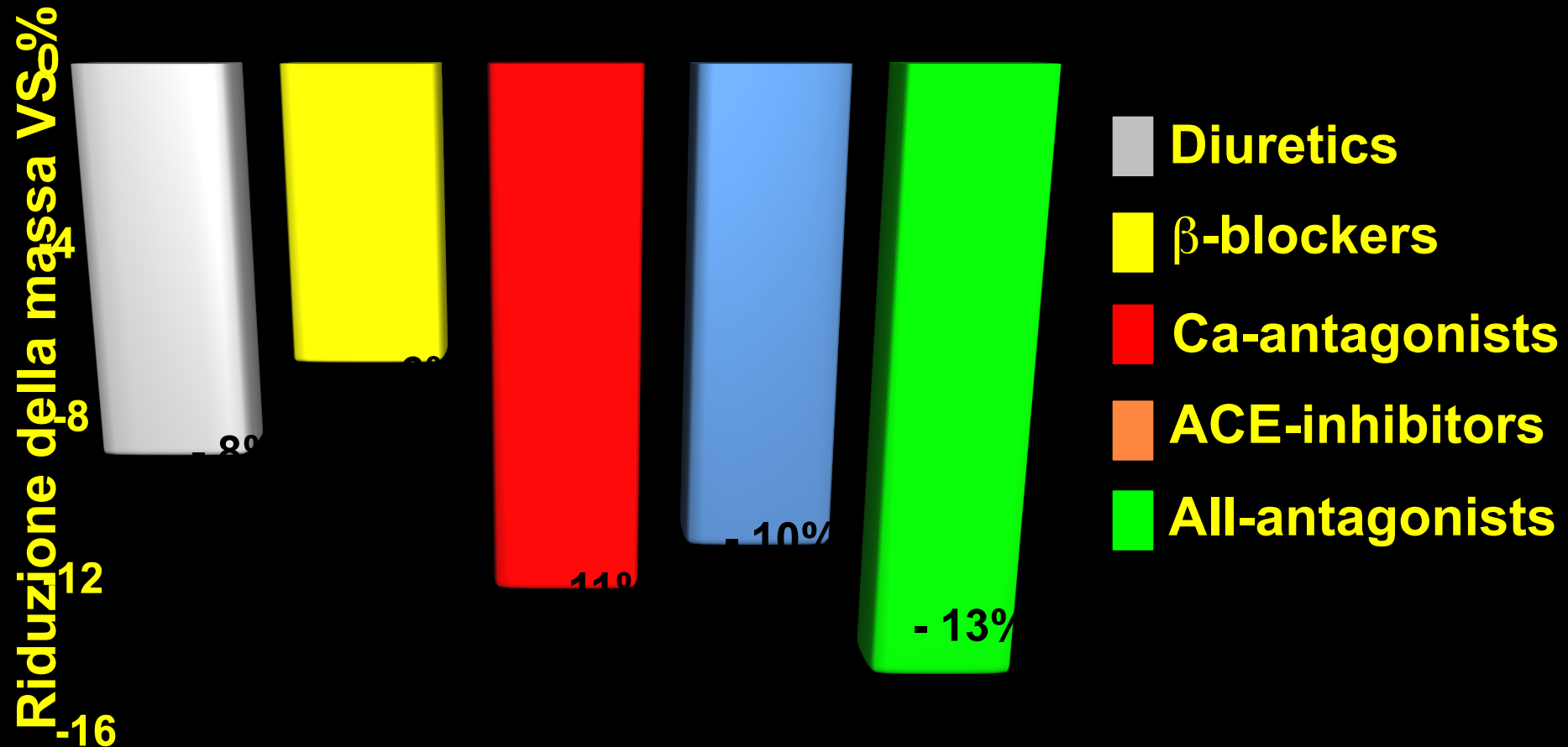
Prevention of atrial fibrillation in patients with symptomatic chronic heart failure by candesartan in the Candesartan in Heart failure (CHARM program)



The effect of candesartan on the incidence of AF



Metanalisi di studi randomizzati e controllati sulla Regressione dell'Ipertrofia VS nell'ipertensione arteriosa

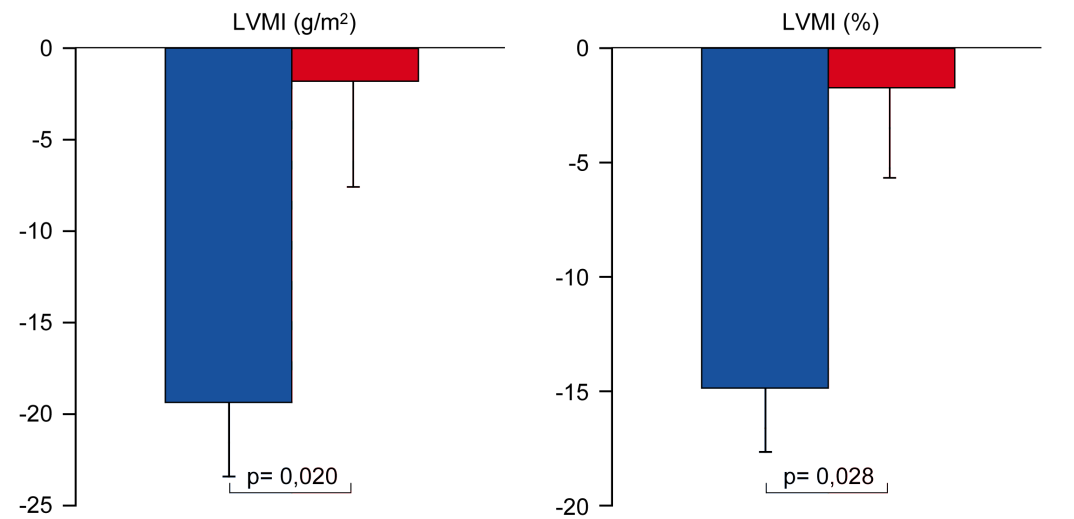


80 Trials
4113 patients

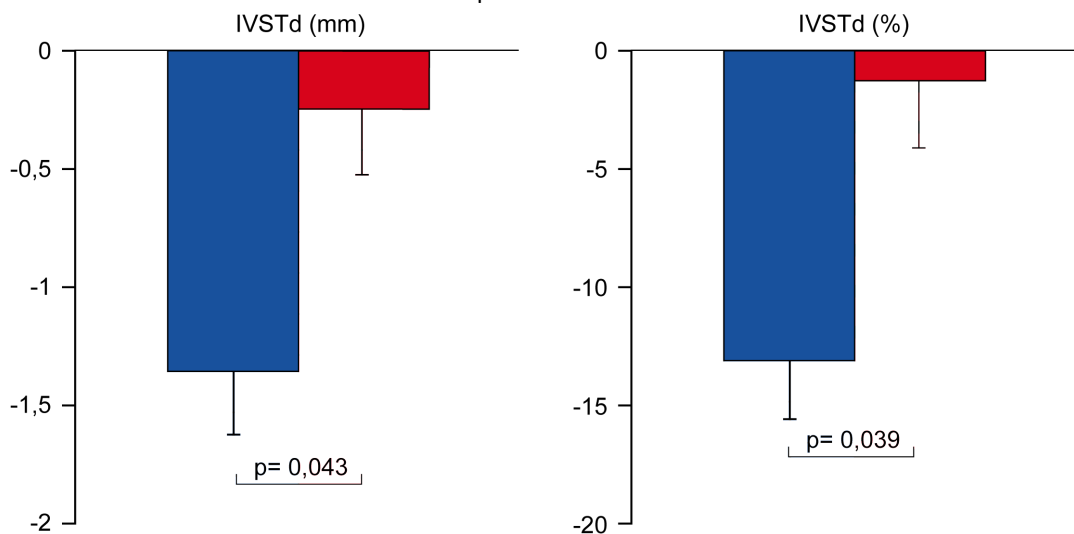
Schmieder RE et al. Am J Med 2003; 115:41-6

Effetti di Candesartan vs. Amlodipina su regressione dell'ipertrofia cardiaca, pz ipertesi con diabete di tipo 2 (n = 40)

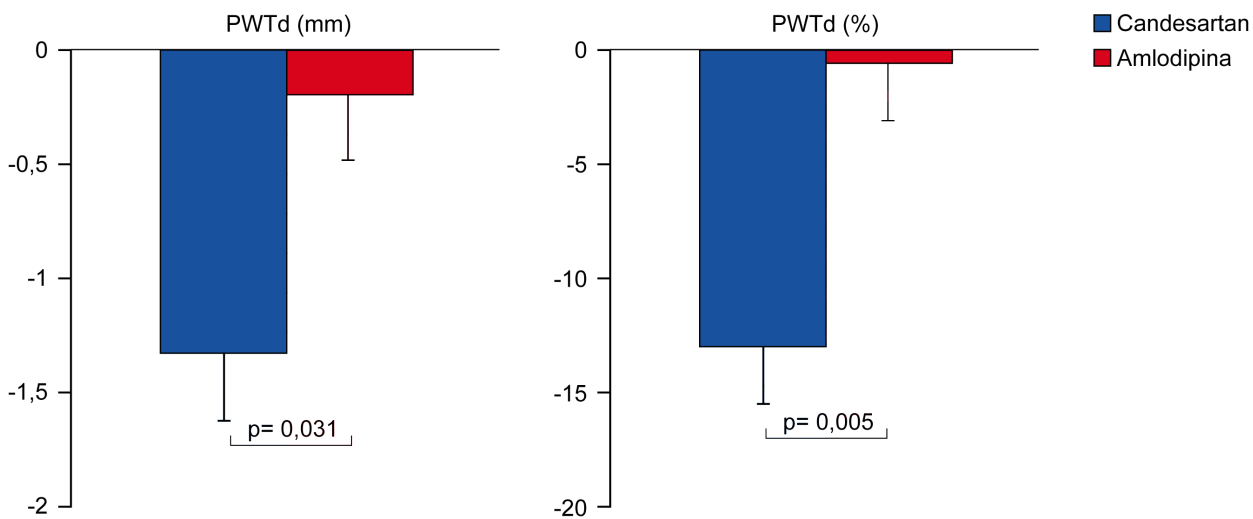
LVMI: indice massa ventricolo sinistro.



IVSTd: spessore setto interventricolare in diastole.

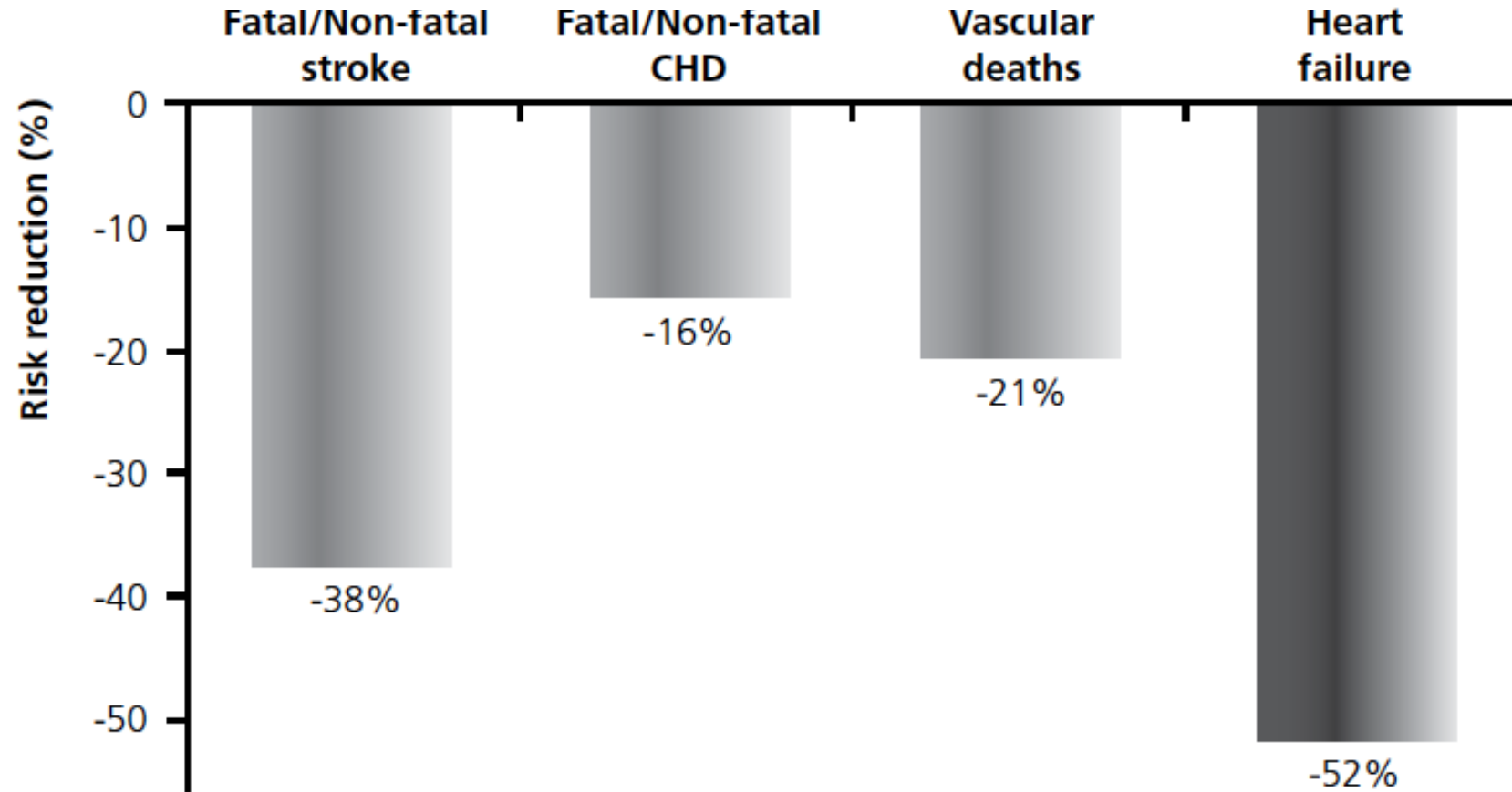


PWTd: spessore parete posteriore ventricolo sinistro in diastole.



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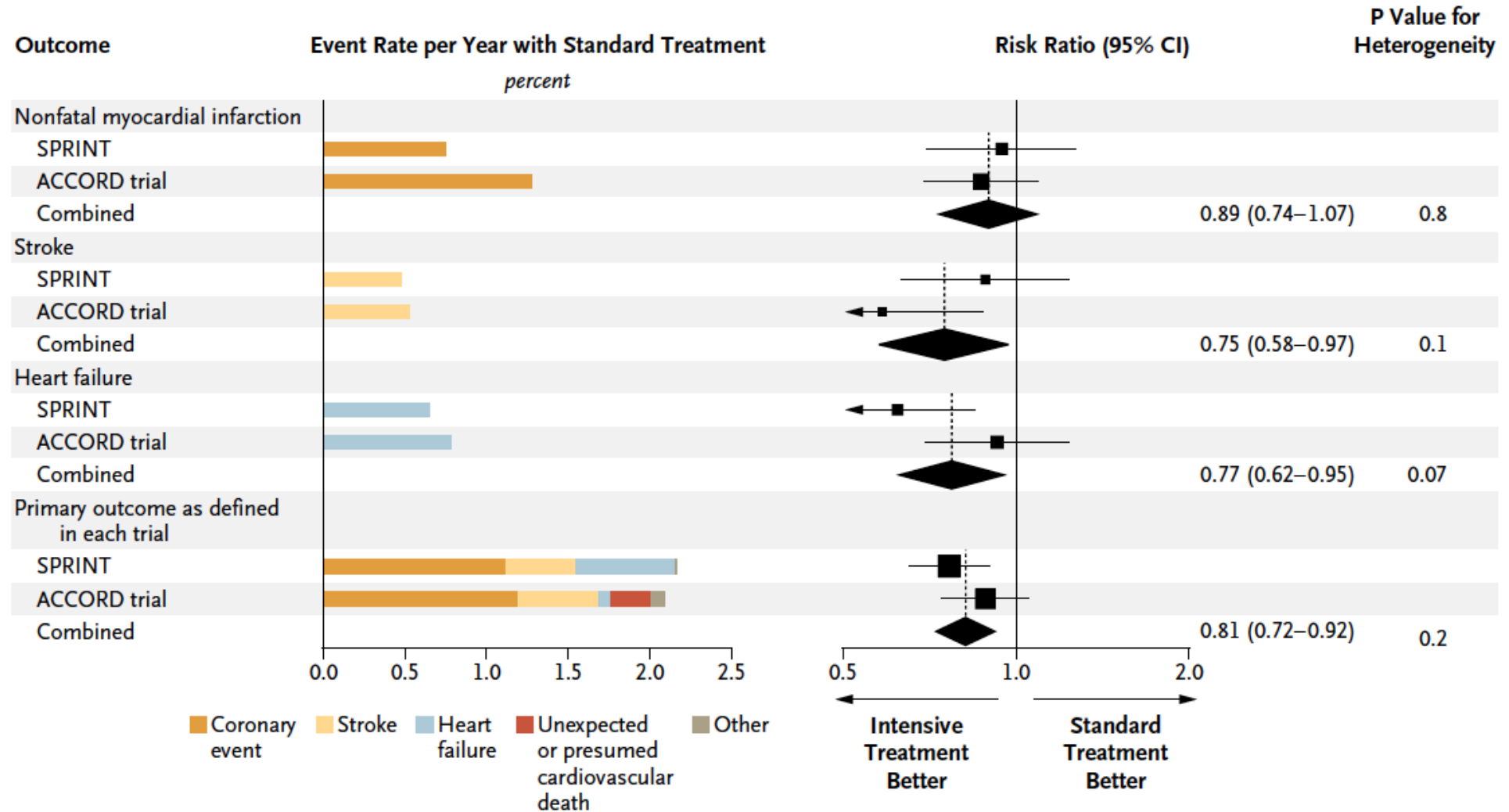
Results of meta-analyses of the randomised trials of antihypertensive drug therapy, demonstrating the reduction in cardiovascular events

Redefining Blood-Pressure Targets — SPRINT Starts the Marathon

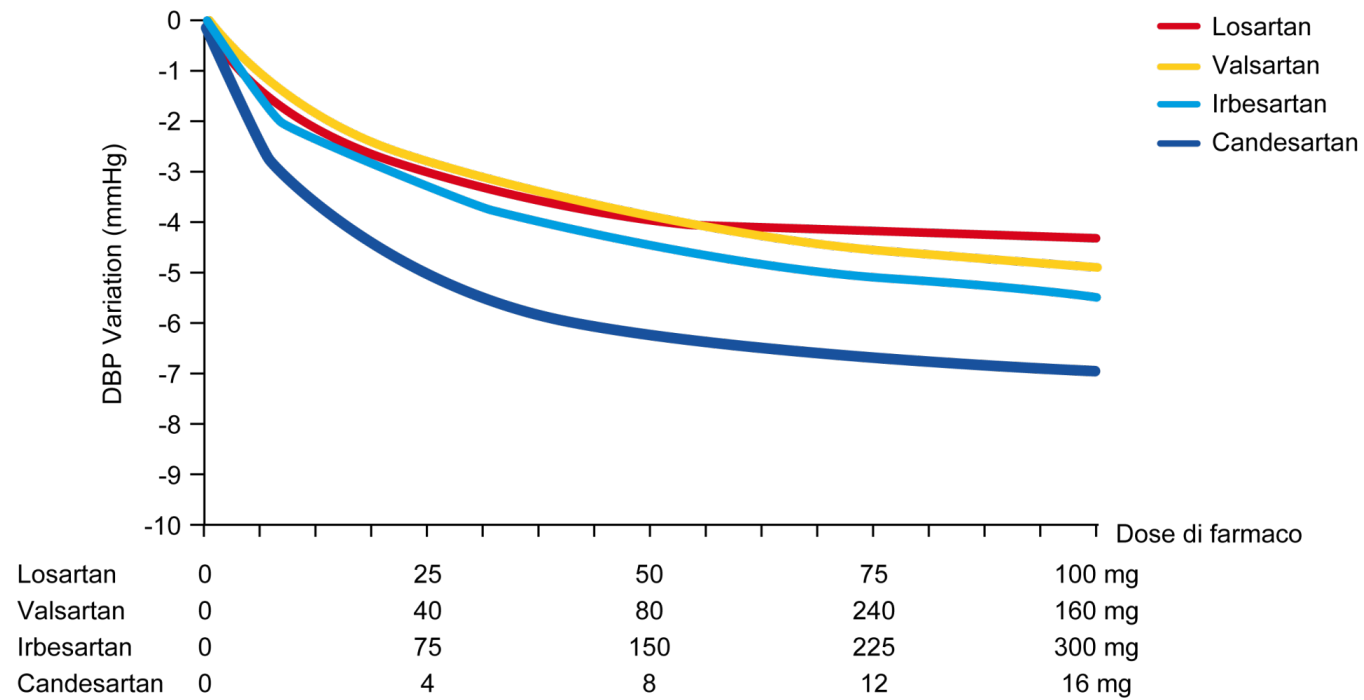


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Outcomes Data from SPRINT and the ACCORD Trial and Combined Data from Both Trials

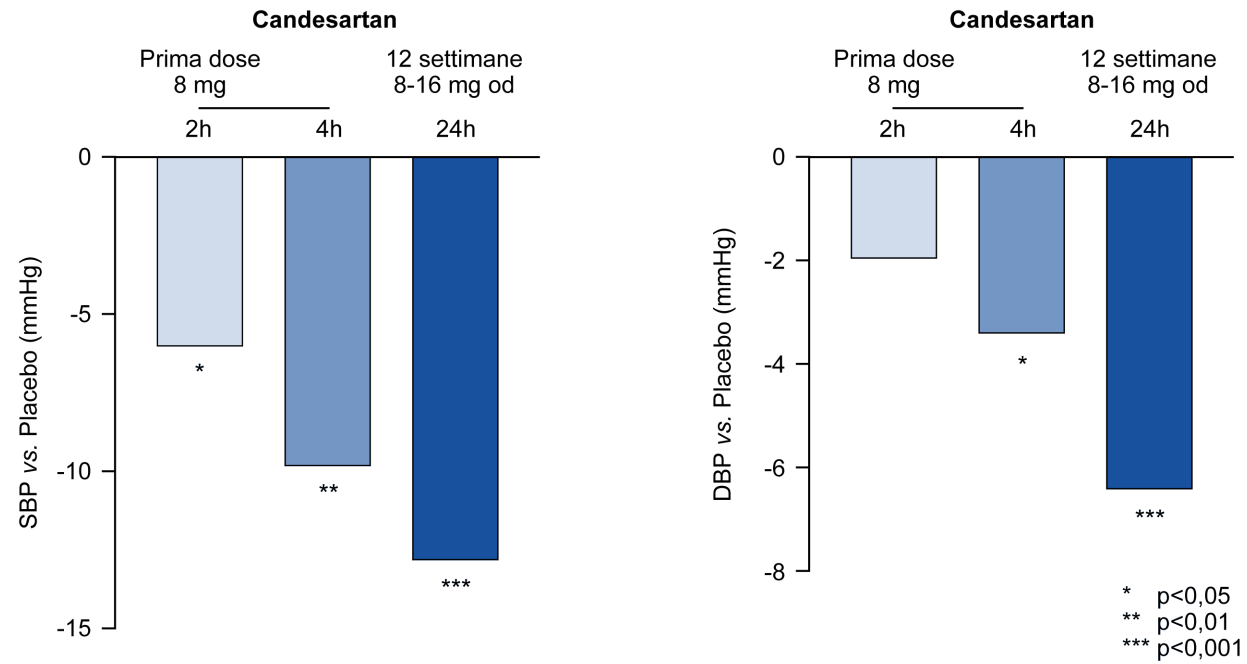


Curva dose-effetto nella ipertensione arteriosa: profilo di efficacia di 4 antagonisti recettoriali dell'angiotensina II (ARBs)



Elmfeldt D et al. Blood Pressure 2002;11:293-301

Efficacia antipertensiva di candesartan in pazienti anziani ipertesi (n = 350)



Candesartan produce una riduzione significativa di SBP e DBP (-13,6 mmHg/-7,5 mmHg rispettivamente)

CHARM TRIAL

7,601 patients with heart failure

3 Individual component randomized trials with the ARB **candesartan** (4 or 8 mg/day, titrated to target dose of 32 mg) or placebo

CHARM Added

- Patients with LVEF $\leq 40\%$ and treated with an ACE-inhibitor

CHARM Alternative

- Patients with LVEF $\leq 40\%$ and ACE-inhibitor intolerant

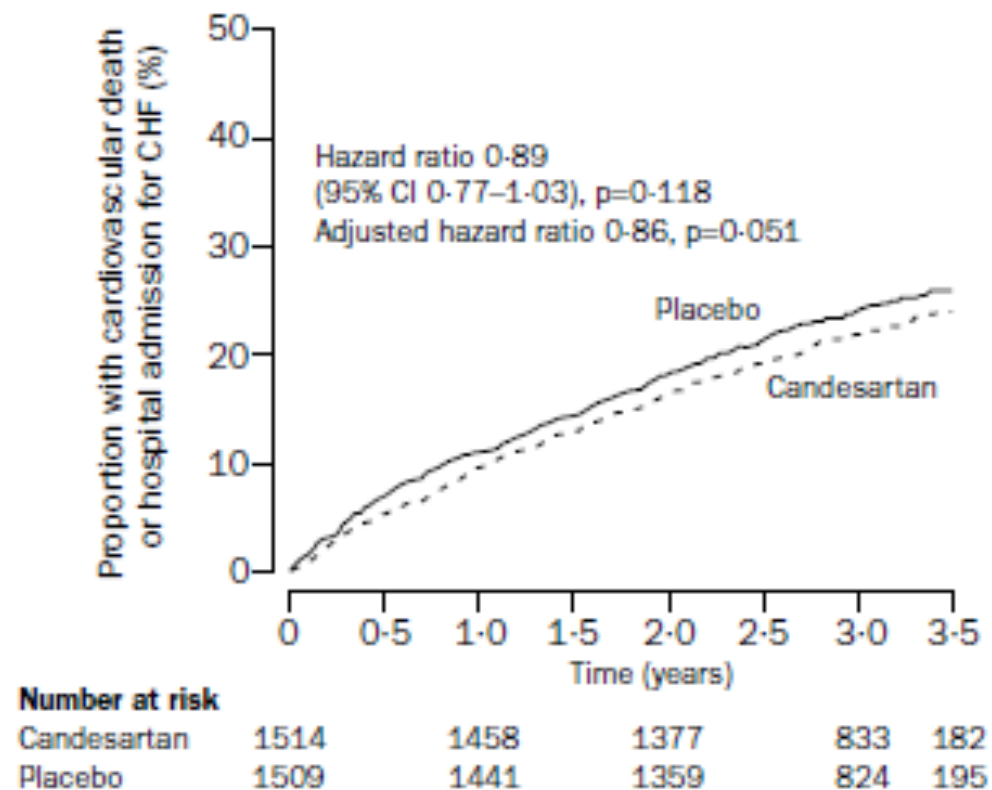
CHARM “Preserved”

- Patients with LVEF $>40\%$ with or without ACE-inhibitor

Endpoints (follow-up minimum 2 years):

- Primary – Component trials: cardiovascular mortality or CHF hospitalization
- Primary – Overall trial results: All-cause mortality

⌚ @ Effects of candesartan in patients with chronic heart failure and preserved left-ventricular ejection fraction: the CHARM-Preserved Trial



Yusuf et al Lancet 2003; 362: 777-81

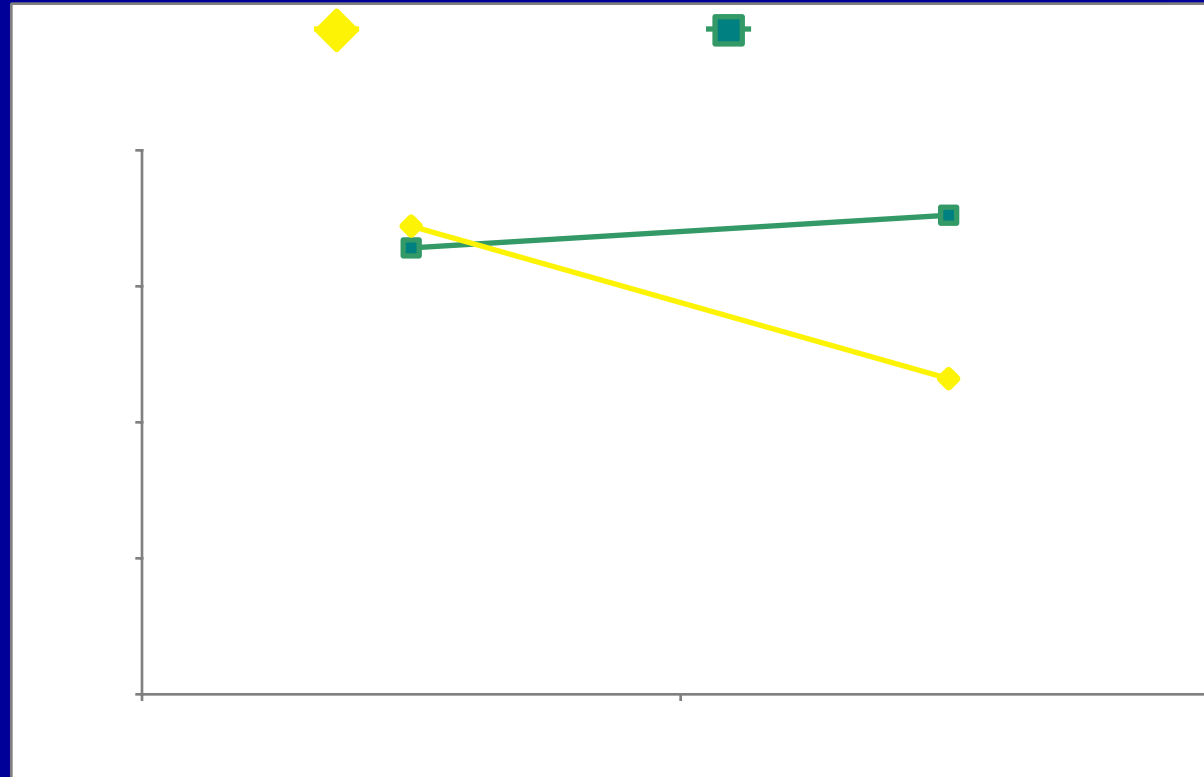
	Placebo	Candesartan
Number of patients	1509	1514
Total follow-up years	4374.03	4424.62
Number of deaths	237	244
Number of CV deaths	170	170
All-cause hospitalisation		
• patients with ≥ 1 admission	920	912
• patients with ≥ 2 admissions	552	556
• total admissions	2484	2463
Cardiovascular hospitalisation		
• patients with ≥ 1 admission	659	631
• patients with ≥ 2 admissions	339	311
• total admissions	1434	1304

[†] N° Hospital admission for HF

• patients with (no. of hospitalisations)		
1	164	135
2	55	56
3	25	23
4	13	9
5	9	4
6	4	1
7	2	2
8	2	0
9	2	0
13	1	0
16	1	0
• patients with ≥ 1 admission	278	230
• patients with ≥ 2 admissions	114	95
• total admissions	547	392

	Candesartan (n=3803)	Placebo (n=3796)	p
Cause of discontinuation			
Hypotension	132 (3·5%)	66 (1·7%)	<0·0001
Increase in serum creatinine	234 (6·2%)	115 (3·0)	<0·0001
Hyperkalaemia	85 (2·2%)	21 (0·6%)	<0·0001

Aldosterone pg/mL (median)



Candesartan, median
[25%-75%]

143
[87.8-216.3]

129
[83.0-187.0]

Control, median
[25%-75%]

141
[90.0-201.0]

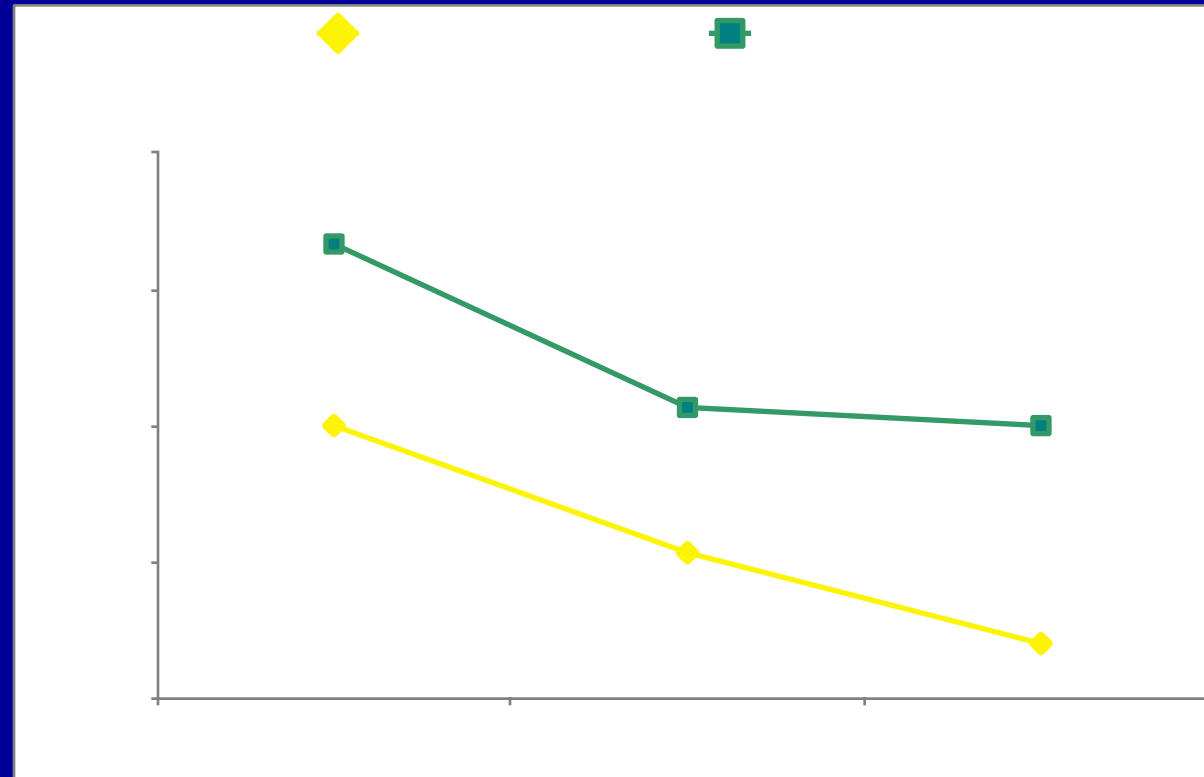
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[105.0-229.5]

CandHeart Results

Differences between baseline and end of study: **p*=0.009**
* *Mann Whitney*

*Aleksova A, Sinagra G et al
Cardiovasc Drugs Ther, 2012*

LVIDd/BSA mm/m² (median)



Candesartan, median	32.5	31.8	31.3
[25%-75%]	[29.8-36.0]	[29.3-34.7]	[28.8-33.7]
Control, median	33.5	32.6	32.5
[25%-75%]	[30.0-37.1]	[29.0-36.2]	[28.8-36.2]

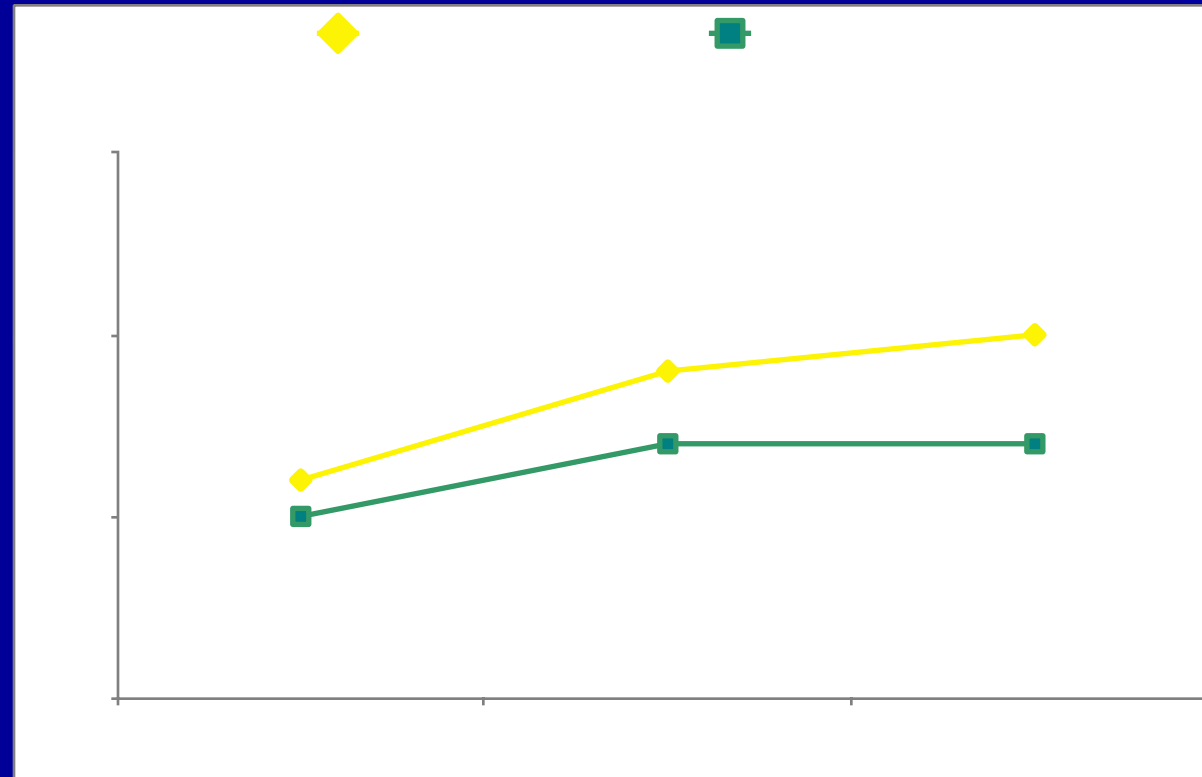
Differences between baseline and 12 weeks: **p*=0.05**

Differences between baseline and end of study: **p*=0.12**

* *Mann Whitney*

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Ejection fraction % (median)



Candesartan, median	36	39	40
[25%-75%]	[30-40]	[34-46]	[35-49]
Control, median	35	37	37
[25%-75%]	[30-39]	[31-44]	[32-45]

Differences between baseline and 12 weeks: **p*=0.09**
Differences between baseline and end of study: **p*=0.01**
* *Mann Whitney*

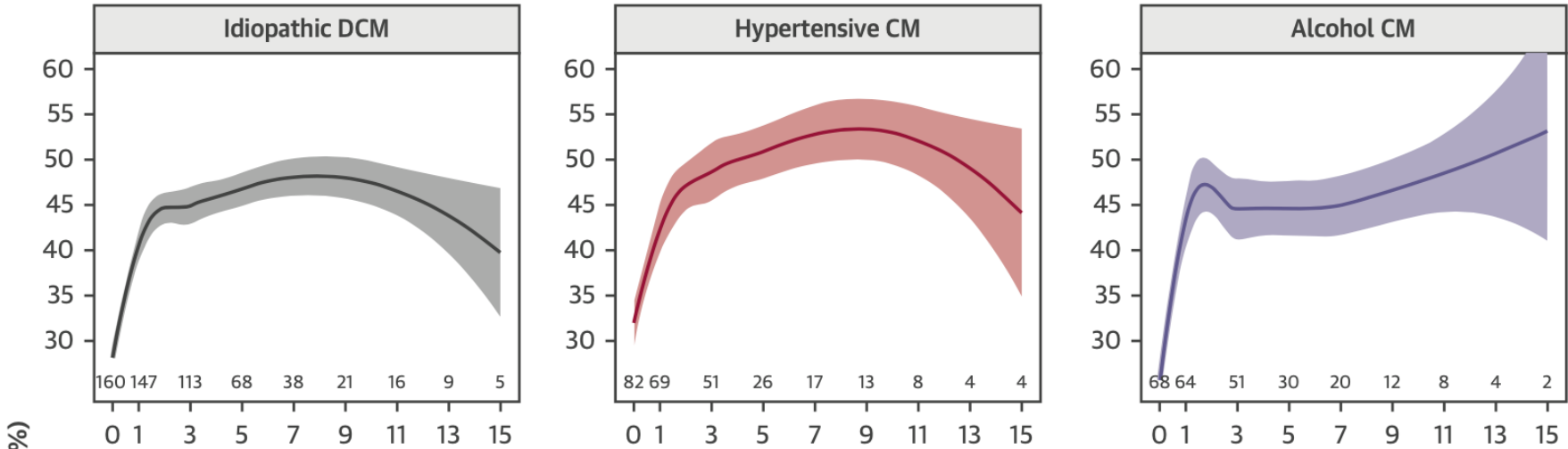
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Dynamic Trajectories of Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction in Heart Failure

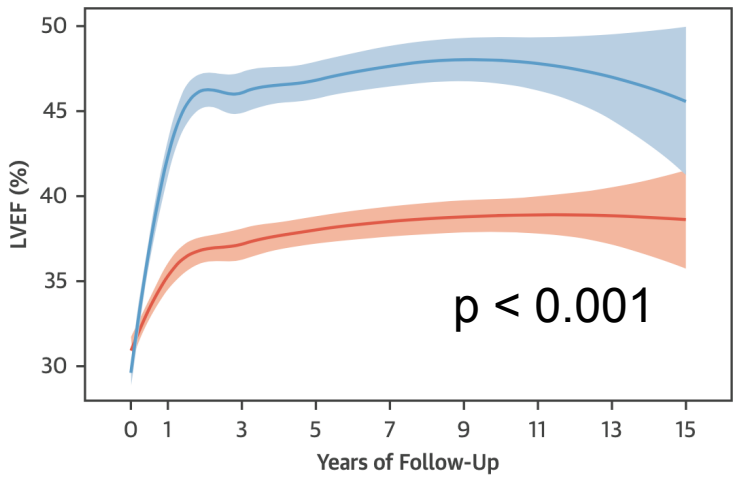
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B



A



Nonischemic, N =	498	436	353	203	131	80	51	26	14
Ischemic, N =	662	588	450	267	171	107	75	47	24

— Nonischemic — Ischemic

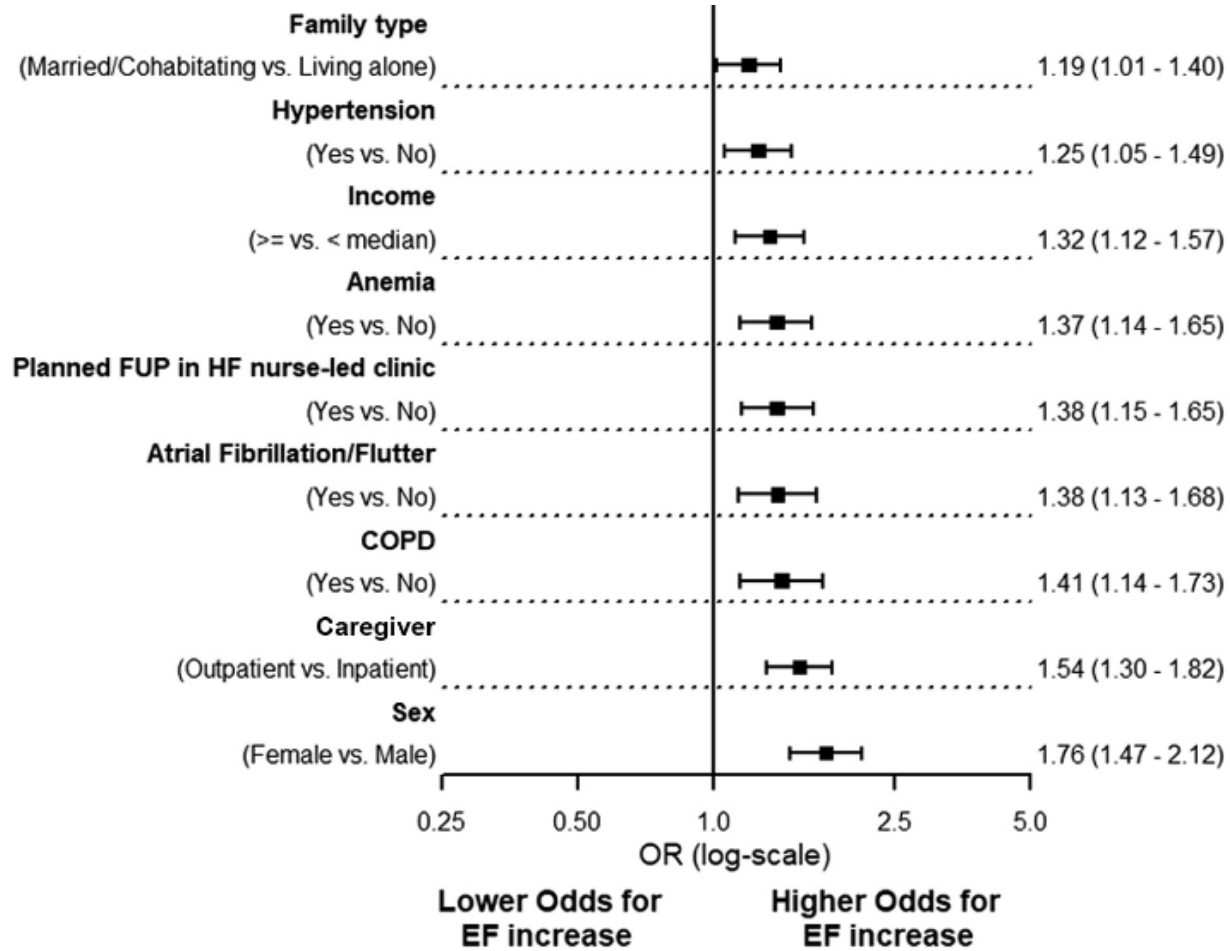
— Idiopathic DCM — Hypertensive CM — Alcohol CM — Toxic CM — Valvular Disease

Prevalence and Prognostic Implications of Longitudinal Ejection Fraction Change in Heart Failure



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Predictors of EF increase



THM- Ipertensione Arteriosa e HF

- Ipertensione arteriosa conferisce HR 3 for HF;
- Riduzione RR HF in terapia fra il 30-60%;
- Rimodellamento VSin concentrico predittore eventi fatali e HF;
- Inibizione RAAS costituisce prima scelta nella prev HF;
- Fra gli ATII Ra Candesartan coniuga potenza d'inibizione recettoriale, controllo PA ed effetti su massa e spessori Vsin
- BB, SGLT2, GLP1A, CaAtg, diuretici;
- Target <130/80 mmHg; se HFrEF <120/70 mmHg;
- Presidio sul danno d'organo....e sull'aderenza!

