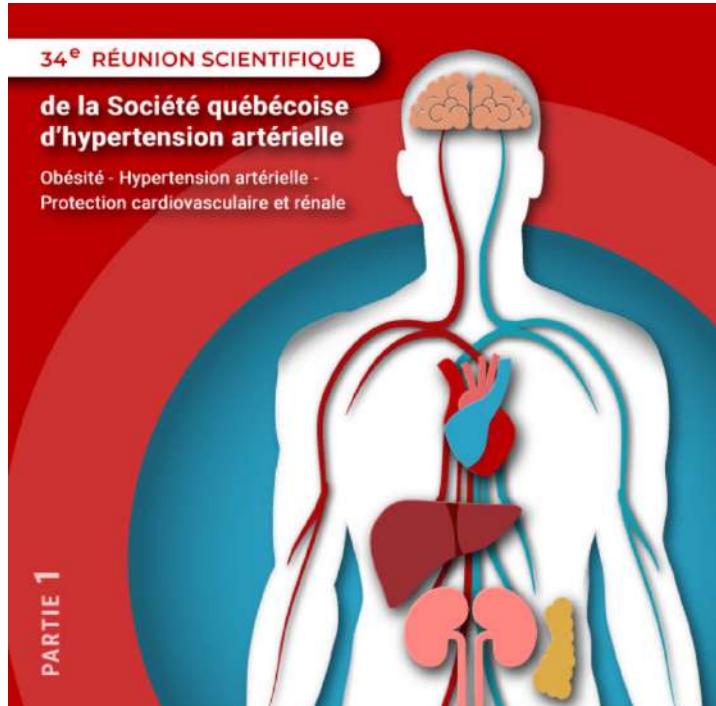


# Coups de cœur 2025

## Recherche clinique



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Conflit d'intérêt potentiel  
pour cette présentation

subvention de recherche multi-centrique :

essai ZENITH (ZilebEsiraN Cardiovascular OuTcome  
Study in Hypertension) Alnylam-Roche à venir en 2026

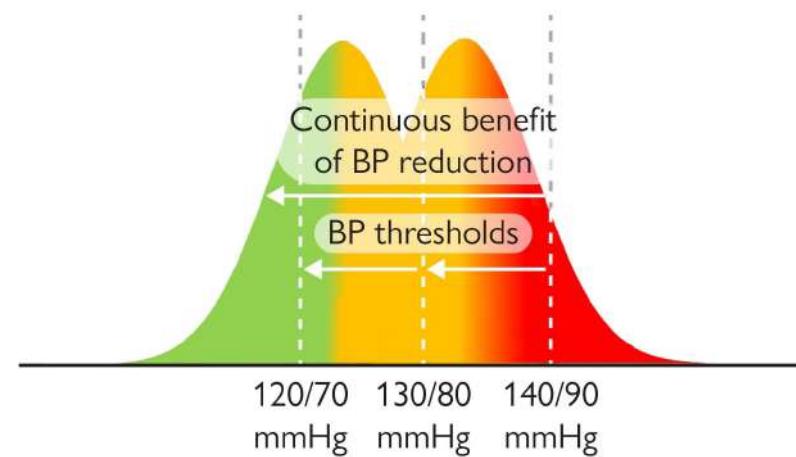
# Objectifs

Explorer les données cliniques marquantes de l'année 2025

- mesure de la pression artérielle
- seuils et cibles de traitement
- âge, comorbidités et fragilité
- traitements



# Mesure de la pression artérielle



# Mesure en clinique

- Revisiting Unattended Versus Attended Automated Office Blood Pressure Measurements: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis  
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- Clinical Impact of 3- Vs. 5-Minute Delay and 30- VS 60-Second Intervals on Unattended Automated Office BP Measurements  
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- *Automated Office Blood Pressure Measurements in Waiting Room or Isolated Room for Diagnosis and Phenotyping of Hypertension*  
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# Revisiting Unattended VS Attended Automated Office BP Measurements: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

From 8088 screened studies, data were extracted from 15 studies (n=1747 participants) to evaluate the need to perform AOBP unattended, where the patient is left alone in a quiet room



## Forest plot of studies reporting SBP difference

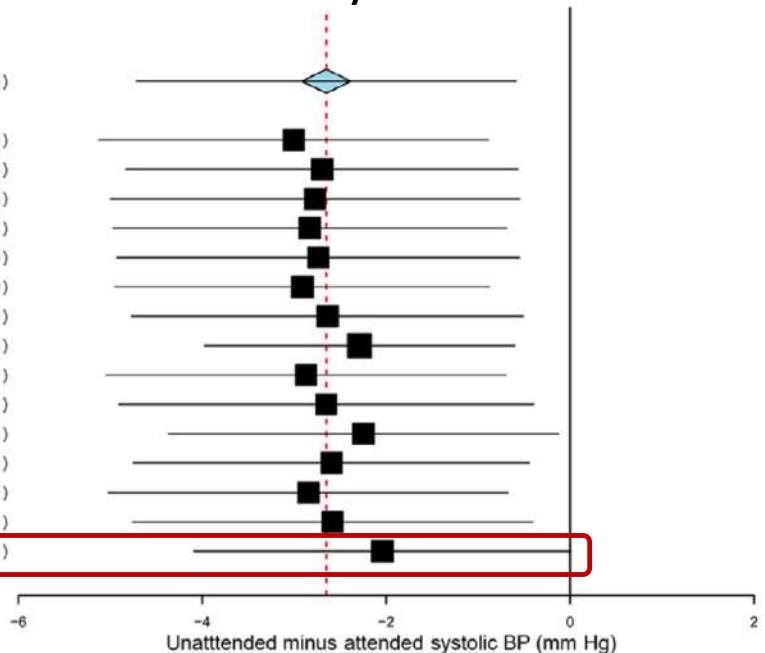
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Greiver 2012 <sup>27</sup>	-1.8 (-7.0 to 3.4)
Al-Karkhi 2015 <sup>28</sup>	-1.1 (-2.5 to 0.3)
Wang 2017 <sup>29</sup>	0.2 (-3.7 to 4.1)
Bauer 2018 <sup>30</sup>	-1.5 (-3.5 to 0.5)
Andreadis 2018 <sup>13</sup>	0.6 (-0.1 to 1.3)
Papademetriou 2018 <sup>31</sup>	-2.9 (-8.3 to 2.5)
Salvetti 2019 <sup>17</sup>	-6.5 (-7.1 to -5.9)
Holler 2019 <sup>32</sup>	0.2 (-1.5 to 1.9)
Keeley 2020 <sup>18</sup>	-2.7 (-4.1 to -1.3)
Bartoloni 2021 <sup>33</sup>	-8.8 (-12.4 to -5.2)
Fanelli 2021 <sup>20</sup>	-3.5 (-7.0 to -0.0)
Green 2022 <sup>34</sup>	-0.1 (-2.1 to 1.9)
Seidlerova 2022 <sup>35</sup>	-3.6 (-6.1 to -1.1)
Chotruangnapa 2023 <sup>36</sup>	-10.8 (-13.1 to -8.5)
Overall ( $I^2=95.94\%$ , $P<0.1$ )	-2.7 (-4.7, -0.6)

- 2.7 mmHg

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## Leave-one-out analysis of studies



The overall difference was largely driven by a single outlier study.

After its exclusion, the estimated difference was -2.0 mmHg

emphasizing the importance of a standardized BP measurement protocol to achieve consistent readings, whether unattended or attended.

# Clinical Impact of 3- Vs. 5-Minute Delay and 30-VS 60-Second Intervals on Unattended Automated Office BP Measurements



## Background

Guidelines recommend a 5-minute delay and 60-second time interval between automated office BP measurements.

## Question

Can automated office blood pressure measurement protocols be shortened without affecting accuracy or precision?

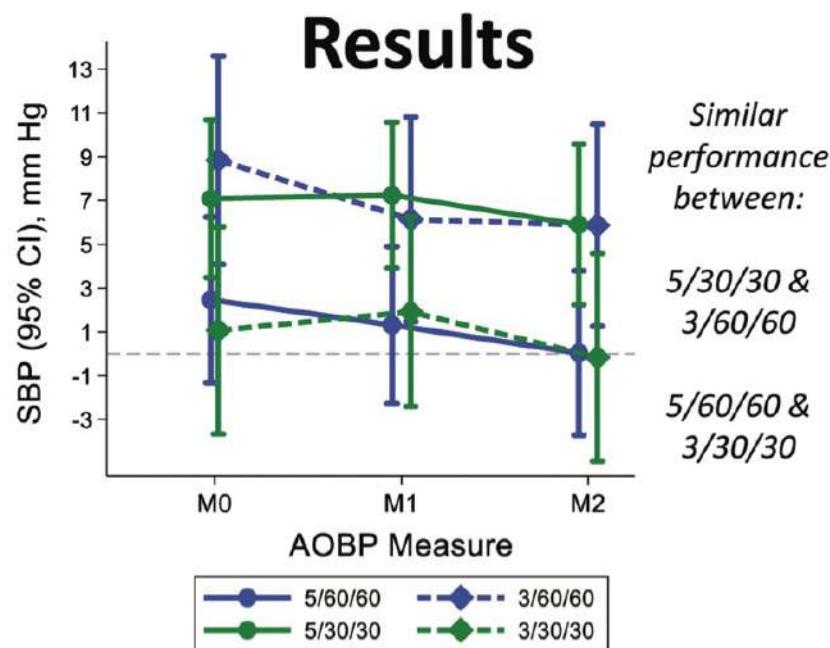
## Population

212 patients referred to a Hypertension Center in Boston for 24-hour ambulatory BP monitoring

*4 distinct automated office BP measures, assigned prospectively by month*  
*5-min delay, 60-sec interval (Ref), N=67*  
*3-min delay, 60-sec interval, N=51*  
*5-min delay, 30-sec interval, N=50*  
*3-min delay, 30-sec interval, N=44*

April 2021 to June 2023

# Clinical Impact of 3- Vs. 5-Minute Delay and 30- VS 60-Second Intervals on Unattended Automated Office BP Measurements



AOBP = automated office blood pressure; BP, blood pressure

## Conclusions

A 3-minute delay with 30-second interval saved time without compromising measurement accuracy and precision

**Applying these findings would make automated office BP measurements more feasible in clinical practice**

# Mesure hors du cabinet

- Home Blood Pressure Measurements Are Not Performed According to Guidelines and Standardized Education Is Urgently Needed  
*Hypertension* 2025;82:149–159
- *How often should self-monitoring of blood pressure be repeated? A secondary analysis of data from two randomized controlled trials*  
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- *Blood pressure measurement at kiosks in public spaces: systematic review and consensus statement by the European Society of Hypertension Working Group on Blood Pressure Monitoring and Cardiovascular Variability*  
*J Hypertens* 2025 April;43:577–588
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*Am J of Hypertension* 2025;38:534–536

# Home BP Measurements Are Not Performed According to Guidelines and Standardized Education Is Urgently Needed



in Australia

Aged 58±16 years, 54% women

HBPM practice	HBPM education & training
<p><i>"I measure blood pressure at different times of the day after doing different things".</i></p> <p>Recommendations performed by adults:</p>	<p>Education was <i>"ad-hoc"</i></p> <p>37% received education for HBPM</p>
 90% measured BP seated	 93% sought information online or from health providers
 77% with cuff fitted to a bare arm	<p><i>"I'm pretty confident on how to use a machine, the information was more understanding what it [BP] meant"</i></p>
 78% reported BP to doctor	
 26% averaged BP readings taken over 7 days	<p>Participants that received education <b>did not perform higher quality HBPM</b> than those that did not receive education.</p>
 15% measured BP in the morning and evening	

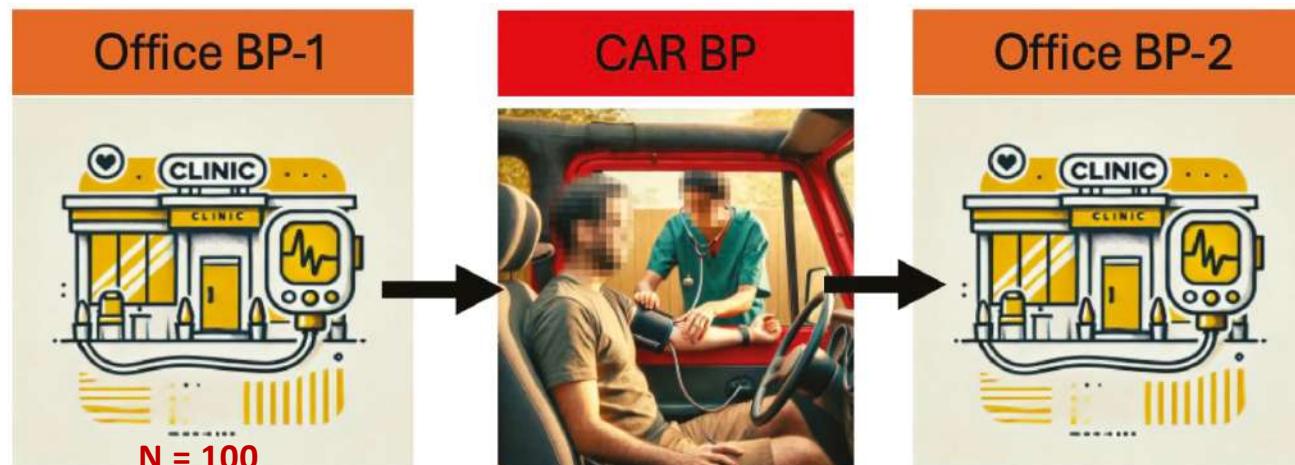
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Participants who did not receive education mimicked BP measurement methods of health care practitioners,  
*"I do it the way I've seen them do it."*

Adults should be supported for HBPM by delivering patient education that provides accurate, appropriate and actionable information.

# Accuracy of a Novel High-Throughput “Car Blood Pressure” Measurement Protocol

3 BP readings in a clinic exam room before and after 3 readings while patients seated in a parked car outside with the same validated device model (Omron HEM-907XL) and measurement methods



Primary Outcome – It was deemed accurate if  $\Delta$ BP was  $\leq 10$  mm Hg for both systolic and diastolic BP levels in  $\geq 85\%$  of the participants.

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volant!

BP Results	
Clinic BP	
Systolic BP (mm Hg)	$120.9 \pm 16.2$
Diastolic BP (mm Hg)	$78.0 \pm 9.9$
Car BP	
Systolic BP (mm Hg)	$118.9 \pm 15.2$
Diastolic BP (mm Hg)	$76.0 \pm 10.0$
$\Delta$ BP results <sup>1</sup>	
Primary outcome <sup>2</sup>	85%
Secondary outcomes	
$\leq 10$ mm Hg for systolic BP	90%
$\leq 10$ mm Hg for diastolic BP	88%
$\leq 10$ mm Hg for either BP level	85%

Car-BP and clinic BP systolic were strongly correlated (Systolic  $r=0.92$ , 95% [CI] 0.89 to 0.95) (Diastolic  $r=0.82$ , 95%CI 0.74 to 0.87)

Car-BP represents an innovative and accessible approach for potential large-scale hypertension screening campaigns

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# **Cibles de traitement**

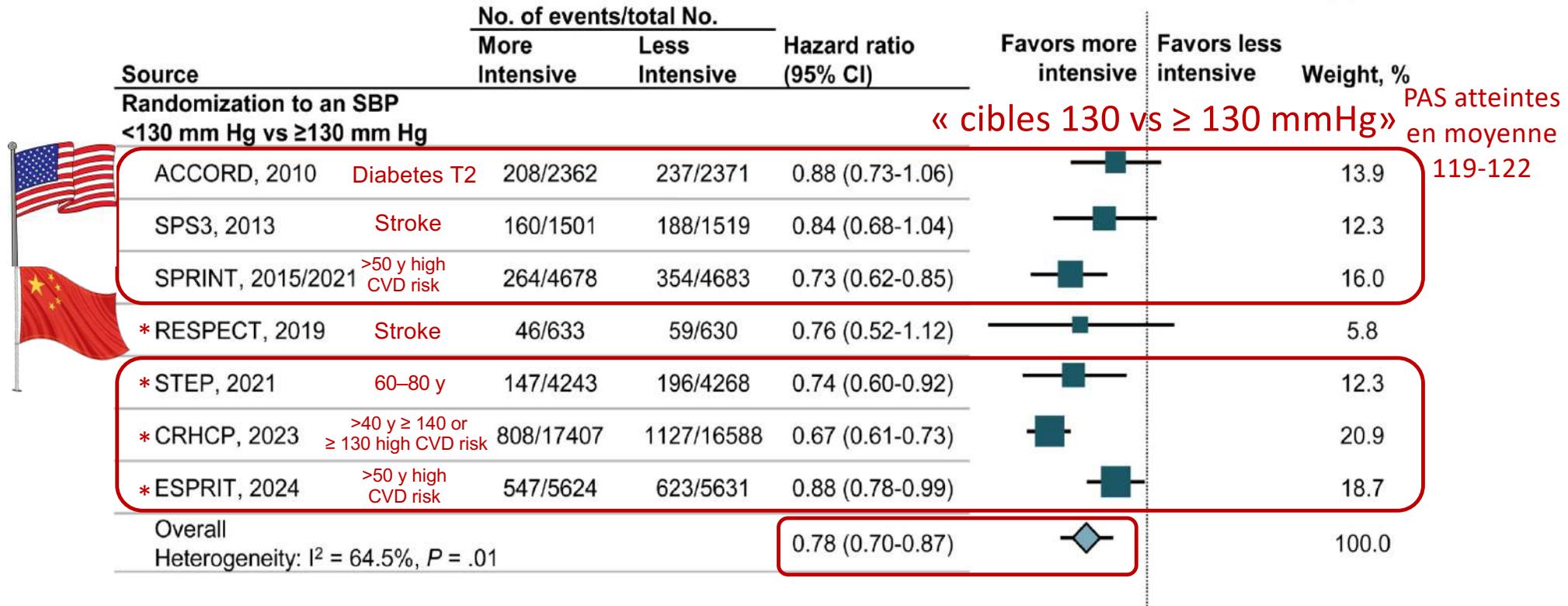
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*N Engl J Med* 2025 March;392:1155-67
- *Benefit–harm trade-offs of intensive blood pressure control versus standard blood pressure control on cardiovascular and renal outcomes: an individual participant data analysis of randomised controlled trials*  
*Lancet* 2025;406:1009–19
- Blood pressure reduction and all-cause dementia in people with uncontrolled hypertension: an open-label, blinded-endpoint, cluster-randomized trial  
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# Optimal Antihypertensive Systolic Blood Pressure: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis



## Cardiovascular events



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# Intensive Blood-Pressure Control in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

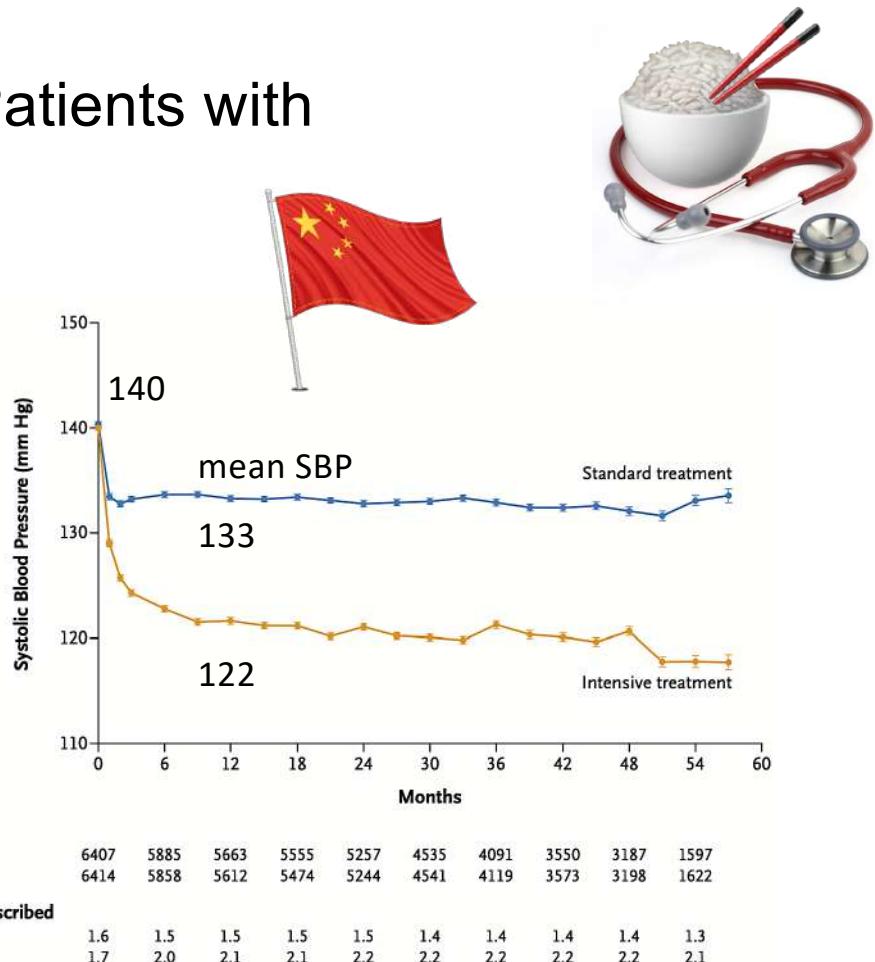
## BPROAD ... 15 ans après ACCORD

- patients 50 years of age or older ( $64 \pm 7$ )
- men 55%
- type 2 diabetes (10 year duration)
- hypertension (12 year duration)
- elevated systolic blood pressure (140/76)
- increased risk of cardiovascular disease
  - CV events 23%
- MAU  $\pm 30$  40%

at 145 clinical sites across China

- 12 821 patients randomly assigned to
  - intensive target SBP  $<120$  mm Hg
  - standard target SBP  $<140$  mm Hg

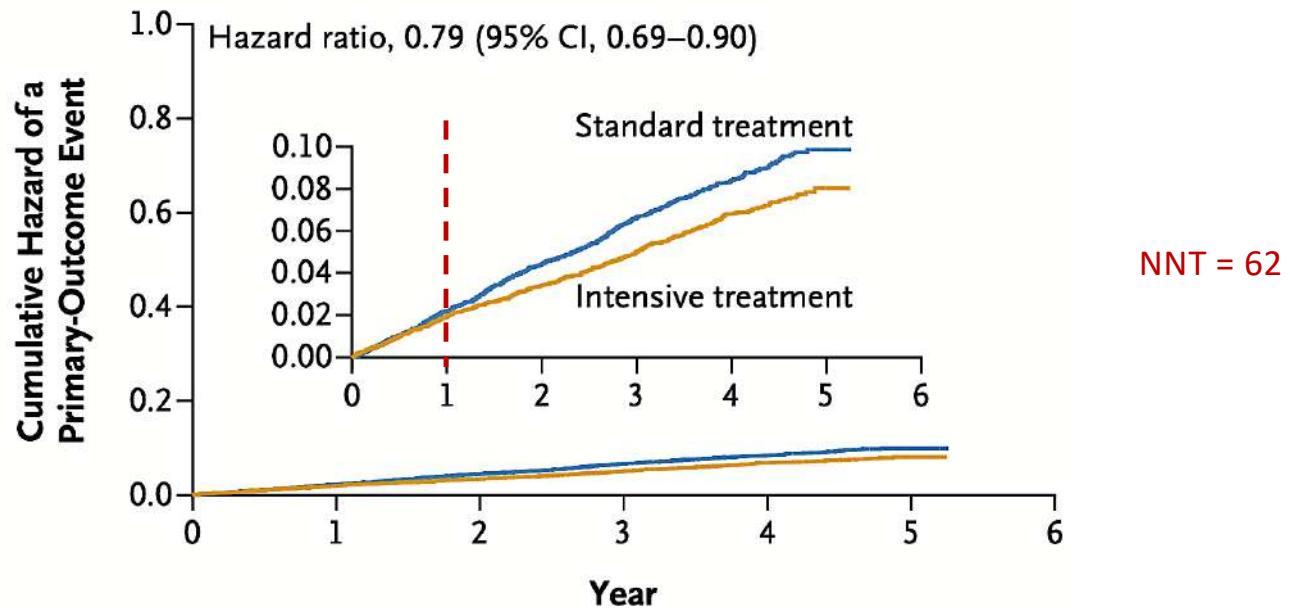
for up to 5 years



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# Intensive Blood-Pressure Control in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes BPROAD

During a median follow-up of 4.2 years



## No. at Risk

Standard treatment	6407	6087	5814	4626	3674	132
Intensive treatment	6414	6092	5871	4692	3738	112

Composite primary outcome: stroke, myocardial infarction, treatment for heart failure, or CV-related death

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# Intensive Blood-Pressure Control in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes BPROAD

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Outcome	Intensive Treatment (N = 6414)		Standard Treatment (N = 6407)		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)†	P Value†		
	No. of Events	Incidence Rate no. of events/100 person-yr	No. of Events	Incidence Rate no. of events/100 person-yr				
Primary outcome: nonfatal stroke, nonfatal MI, treatment or hospitalization for heart failure, or death from cardiovascular causes	393	1.65 (1.50–1.82)	492	2.09 (1.91–2.28)	0.79 (0.69–0.90)	<0.001		
Secondary outcomes								
Fatal or nonfatal MI	68	0.28 (0.22–0.35)	81	0.33 (0.27–0.41)	0.84 (0.60–1.16)	—		
Fatal or nonfatal stroke	284	1.19 (1.06–1.33)	356	1.50 (1.35–1.66)	0.79 (0.67–0.92)	—		
Treatment or hospitalization for heart failure	31	0.13 (0.09–0.18)	46	0.19 (0.14–0.25)	0.66 (0.41–1.04)	—		
Death from cardiovascular causes	60	0.24 (0.19–0.31)	79	0.32 (0.26–0.40)	0.76 (0.55–1.06)	—		
Death from any cause	169	0.69 (0.59–0.80)	179	0.73 (0.63–0.84)	0.95 (0.77–1.17)	—		
Primary-outcome event or death from any cause	493	2.07 (1.90–2.26)	584	2.48 (2.28–2.69)	0.83 (0.74–0.94)	—		
CKD outcomes								
CKD progression	24	1.61 (1.08–2.41)	16	1.11 (0.68–1.80)	1.36 (0.71–2.59)	—		
CKD development	232	1.14 (1.00–1.29)	214	1.05 (0.92–1.20)	1.11 (0.92–1.34)	—		
Incident albuminuria	554	11.29 (10.39–12.27)	648	13.84 (12.81–14.95)	0.87 (0.77–0.97)	—		



# Intensive Blood-Pressure Control in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes BPROAD

**Table 3. Adverse Events.\***

Outcome	Intensive Treatment (N=6414)		Standard Treatment (N=6407)		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	No. of Events	Percentage of Participants	No. of Events	Percentage of Participants		
Serious adverse event†	2340	36.5	2328	36.3	1.00 (0.94–1.06)	0.96
Conditions of interest‡						
Arrhythmia	69	1.1	68	1.1	1.01 (0.72–1.41)	0.95
Electrolyte abnormality	36	0.6	35	0.6	1.03 (0.65–1.64)	0.91
Injurious fall	65	1.0	61	1.0	1.06 (0.75–1.51)	0.74
Symptomatic hypotension	8	0.1	1	<0.1	7.92 (0.99–63.34)	0.05
Syncope	10	0.2	10	0.2	1.00 (0.41–2.39)	0.99
Acute renal failure	4	0.1	5	0.1	0.79 (0.21–2.95)	0.73
Clinical safety alerts§						
Serum sodium <130 mmol/liter	46	0.7	47	0.8	0.97 (0.65–1.46)	0.89
Serum sodium >150 mmol/liter	22	0.4	25	0.4	0.88 (0.49–1.56)	0.65
Serum potassium <3.0 mmol/liter	32	0.5	33	0.5	0.97 (0.60–1.58)	0.90
Serum potassium >5.5 mmol/liter	177	2.8	125	2.0	1.41 (1.12–1.77)	0.003

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Among patients with type 2 diabetes, the incidence of major cardiovascular events was significantly lower with intensive treatment targeting a SBP <120 than with standard treatment targeting a SBP <140 mm Hg.

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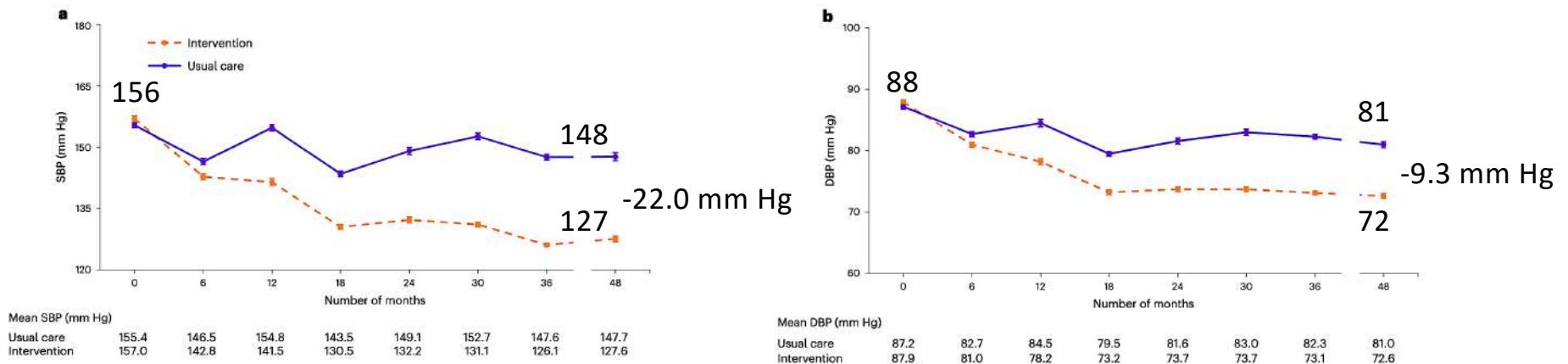
# Blood pressure reduction and all-cause **dementia** in people with uncontrolled hypertension: an open-label, blinded-endpoint, cluster-randomized trial



The China Rural Hypertension Control Project Phase-3

Risk of all-cause dementia among 33,995 individuals aged  $\geq 40$  years with uncontrolled hypertension in rural China randomly assigned to a non-physician community healthcare provider-led intervention and to usual care

In the intervention group, trained non-physician community healthcare providers, under supervision from primary care physicians, initiated and titrated antihypertensives according to a simple stepped-care protocol to achieve BP goals of  $<130$  and  $<80$  mm Hg



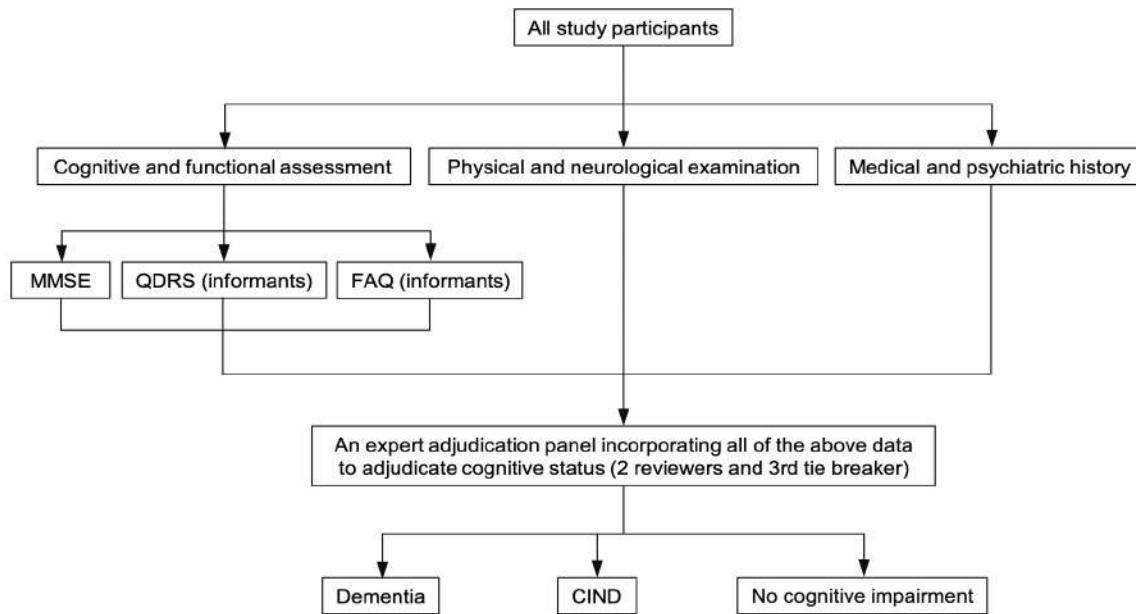
68% in intervention group and 15% in usual care group achieved an SBP  $<130$  mm Hg and a DBP  $<80$  mm Hg

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# Blood pressure reduction and all-cause dementia in people with uncontrolled hypertension: an open-label, blinded-endpoint, cluster-randomized trial

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Diagnostic criteria for all-cause dementia and cognitive impairment no dementia (CIND) adopted from the National Institute on Aging-Alzheimer's Association workgroups on diagnostic guidelines for Alzheimer's disease.  
Final diagnosis of all-cause dementia or CIND determined by expert adjudication panel blinded to the assignment.



Characteristics	Intervention (n=17,407)	Usual care (n=16,588)
Mean age, years	62.8 (9.3)	63.3 (9.2)
Female sex	10,603 (60.8%)	10,222 (61.6%)
Less than primary school	3,617 (21.6%)	3,848 (23.8%)
Currently smokes	3,690 (21.4%)	3,609 (22.0%)
Drinking alcohol weekly	2,793 (16.2%)	2,687 (16.4%)
Physical activity ≥5 times per week <sup>a</sup>	8,496 (49.3%)	8,233 (50.0%)
Median duration of hypertension, years	8.0 (5.0–10.5)	8.0 (5.0–11.0)
Use of antihypertensive medications	10,574 (60.4%)	8,990 (54.3%)
Mean antihypertensive medications, number per patient	0.8 (1.1)	0.7 (1.0)
History of major CVD <sup>b</sup>	3,713 (21.2%)	3,377 (20.4%)
History of diabetes	1,585 (9.1%)	1,426 (8.6%)
History of chronic kidney disease	108 (0.6%)	91 (0.5%)
Mean 10-year risk for atherosclerotic CVD, % <sup>d</sup>	14.7 (11.9)	14.5 (11.6)

# Blood pressure reduction and all-cause dementia in people with uncontrolled hypertension: an open-label, blinded-endpoint, cluster-randomized trial

The China Rural Hypertension Control Project Phase-3

Study outcomes	Intervention		Usual care		Unadjusted RR (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	P value	Multiple-adjusted RR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	P value
	Number of events	Proportion of cumulative events, %	Number of events	Proportion of cumulative events, %				
<b>Primary outcome</b>								
All-cause dementia	668	4.59%	734	5.40%	0.85 (0.76, 0.95)	0.0035	0.88 (0.79, 0.98)	0.023
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>								
CIND cognitive impairment no dementia	2,506	17.2%	2,808	20.7%	0.84 (0.80, 0.87)	<0.0001	0.85 (0.81, 0.89)	<0.0001
Composite outcome of dementia and CIND	3,174	21.8%	3,542	26.1%	0.84 (0.81, 0.87)	<0.0001	0.86 (0.83, 0.90)	<0.0001
Death from all causes	1,269	7.3%	1,392	8.4%	0.87 (0.80, 0.94)	0.0004	0.88 (0.82, 0.94)	0.0003
Composite outcome of dementia and deaths	1,908	12.1%	2,092	14.1%	0.86 (0.81, 0.92)	<0.0001	0.88 (0.83, 0.94)	<0.0001
<b>Safety outcomes</b>								
Serious adverse event <sup>c</sup>	6,201	35.7%	6,329	38.2%	0.94 (0.91, 0.98)	0.0006	0.94 (0.91, 0.97)	0.0001
Injurious falls <sup>d</sup>	166	0.96%	157	0.95%	1.01 (0.80, 1.28)	0.92	1.04 (0.82, 1.32)	0.77
Symptomatic hypotension <sup>e</sup>	201	1.16%	156	0.94%	1.20 (0.89, 1.62)	0.23	1.18 (0.88, 1.58)	0.28
Syncope <sup>f</sup>	127	0.73%	102	0.62%	1.20 (0.87, 1.66)	0.27	1.22 (0.89, 1.69)	0.22

N = 123

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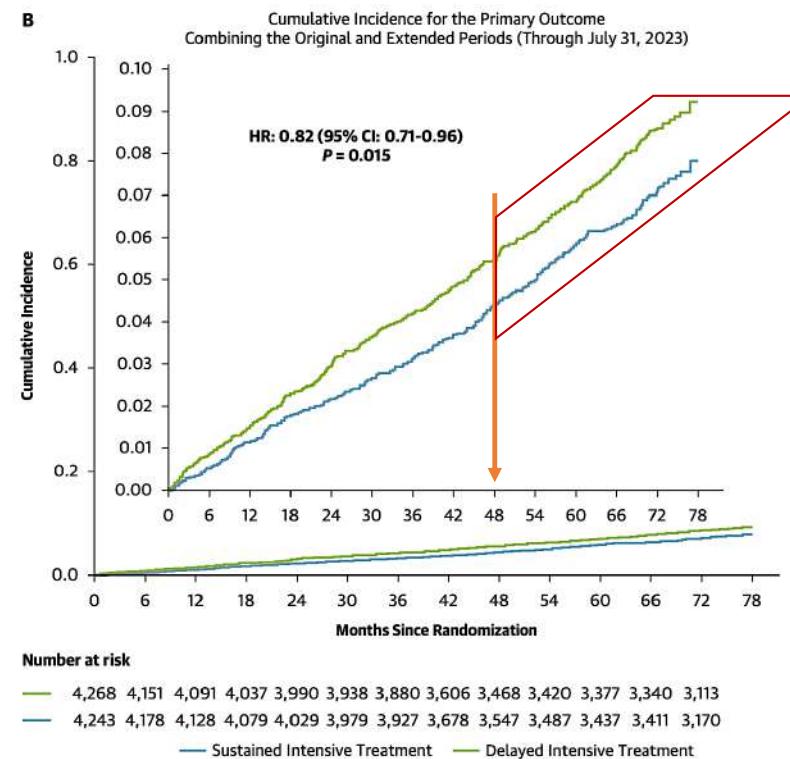
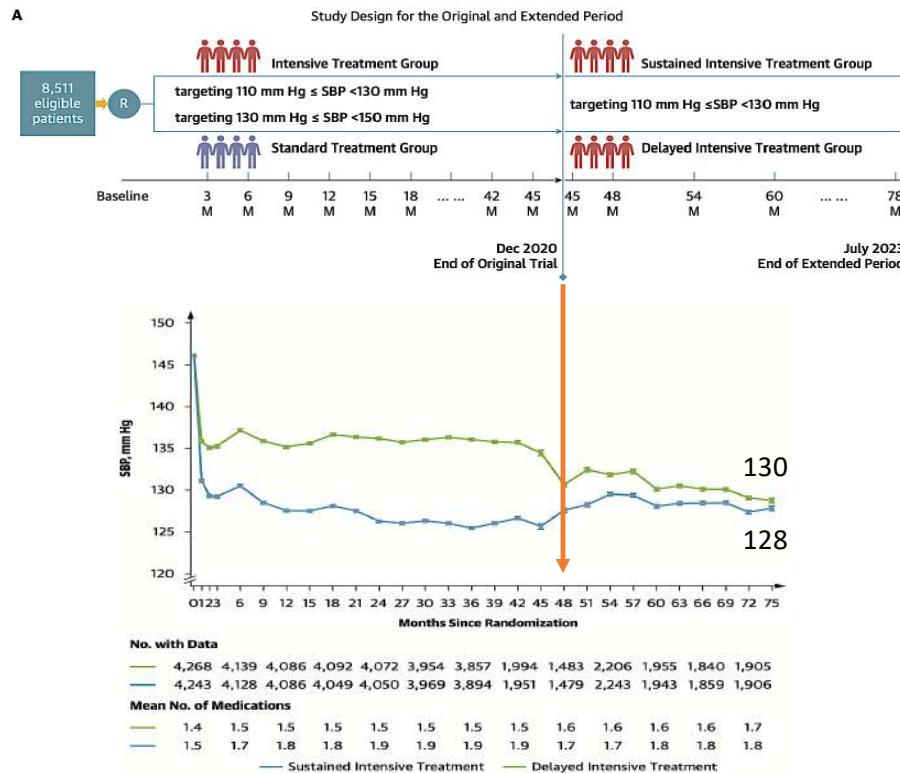
# Âge, comorbidités et fragilité dans les essais cliniques « populationnels »

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*J Am Heart Assoc* 2025;14:e036719
- *Changes in frailty, intensive blood pressure treatment, and risks of adverse clinical outcomes: a post hoc analysis of the SPRINT trial*  
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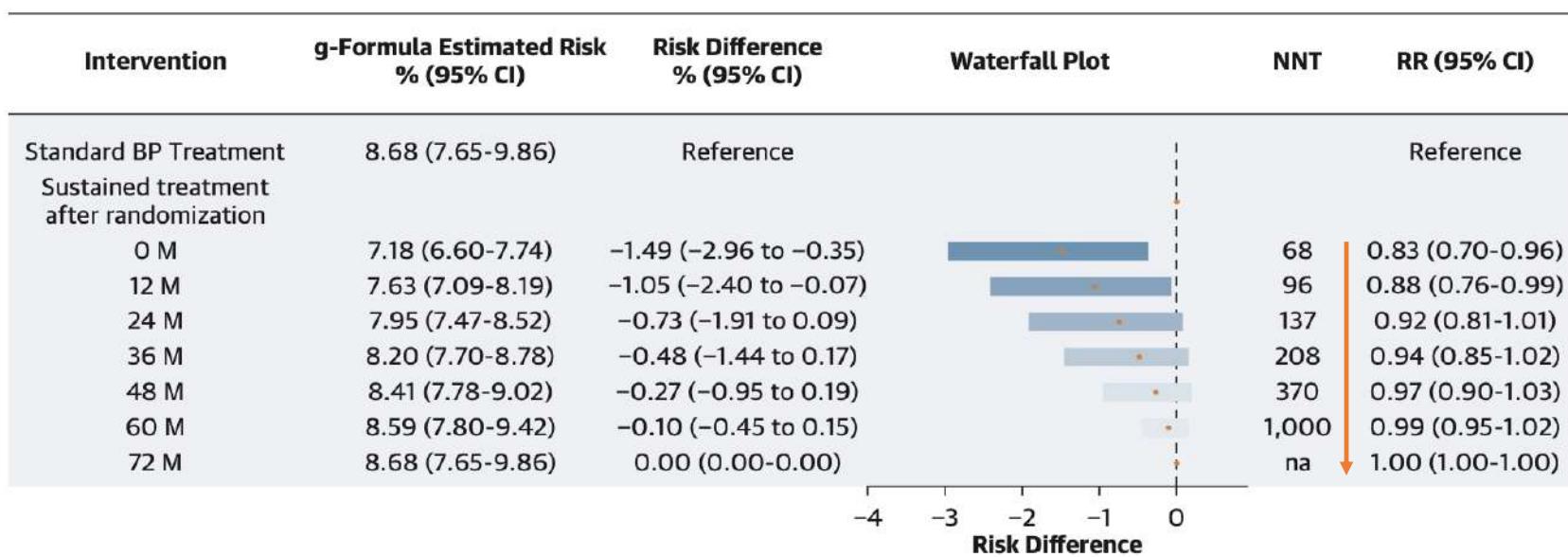


Extended follow-up of the STEP trial to determine the longer-term effects of intensive BP control  
8,511 patients 60 - 80 years randomly assigned to SBP 110 -130 (intensive) or 130 - 150 mm Hg (standard)



# Intensive Blood Pressure Control in Older Patients With Hypertension 6-Year Results of the STEP Trial

**FIGURE 3** Estimated Effects of Initiation Timing of Intensive BP Treatment



Sustained intensive BP control could benefit patients with hypertension compared with delayed intensive treatment in the longer-term follow-up. However, the earlier intensive treatment is initiated after the diagnosis, the greater the cardiovascular benefits will be.

# Fragilité dans les essais plus ciblés ...

## Reduction of Antihypertensive Treatment in Nursing Home Residents The RETREAT-FRAIL Study



Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline (Intention-to-Treat Population).\*

Characteristic	Step-Down Strategy (N=528)	Usual Care (N=520)	Total (N=1048)
Age — yr	90.0±4.8	90.1±5.3	90.1±5.0
Female sex — no. (%)	423 (80.1)	423 (81.3)	846 (80.7)
Weight — kg†	64.9±14.8	65.2±15.0	65.1±14.9
Height — m‡	1.59±0.09	1.58±0.09	1.59±0.09
Body-mass index§	25.9±5.6	26.3±5.8	26.1±5.7
Systolic blood pressure — mm Hg¶	113±11	114±11	114±11
Diastolic blood pressure — mm Hg¶	65±10	65±10	65±10
Heart rate — beats/min¶	72±12	71±12	71±12
MMSE score   (0 to 30)	13.5±10.0	13.3±10.1	13.4±10.0
Clinical Frailty Scale score — no./total no. (%)¶¶ (1 to 9)			
1, 2, or 3	47/525 (9.0)	52/514 (10.1)	99/1039 (9.5)
4 or 5	147/525 (28.0)	164/514 (31.9)	311/1039 (29.9)
6	118/525 (22.5)	111/514 (21.6)	229/1039 (22.0)
7 or 8	213/525 (40.6)	187/514 (36.4)	400/1039 (38.5)
Medications			
No. of list 1 and list 2 antihypertensive medications	2.6±0.7	2.5±0.7	2.5±0.7
No. of concomitant medications	6.7±3.2	6.7±2.8	6.7±3.0



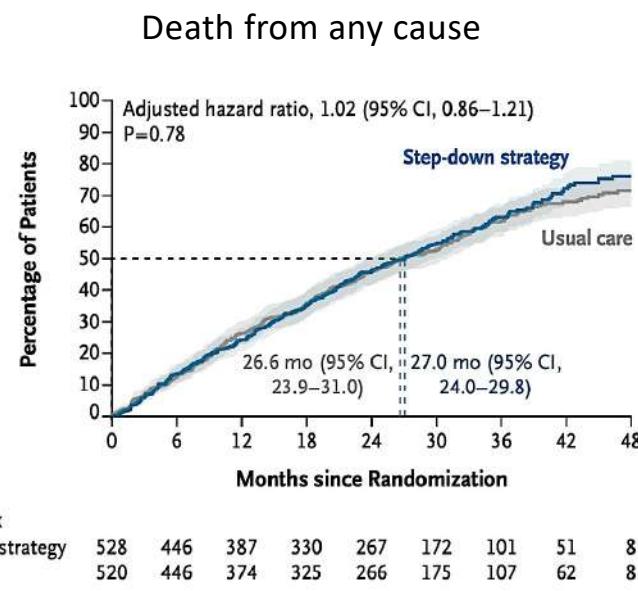
Mean number of antihypertensive drugs decreased

- from 2.6 to 1.5 in the step- down group
- from 2.5 to 2.0 in the usual-care group

The adjusted mean between-group difference in the change in systolic BP during the 38.4 months follow-up period was 4.1 mm Hg (1.9 to 5.7)

# Reduction of Antihypertensive Treatment in Nursing Home Residents

## The RETREAT-FRAIL Study

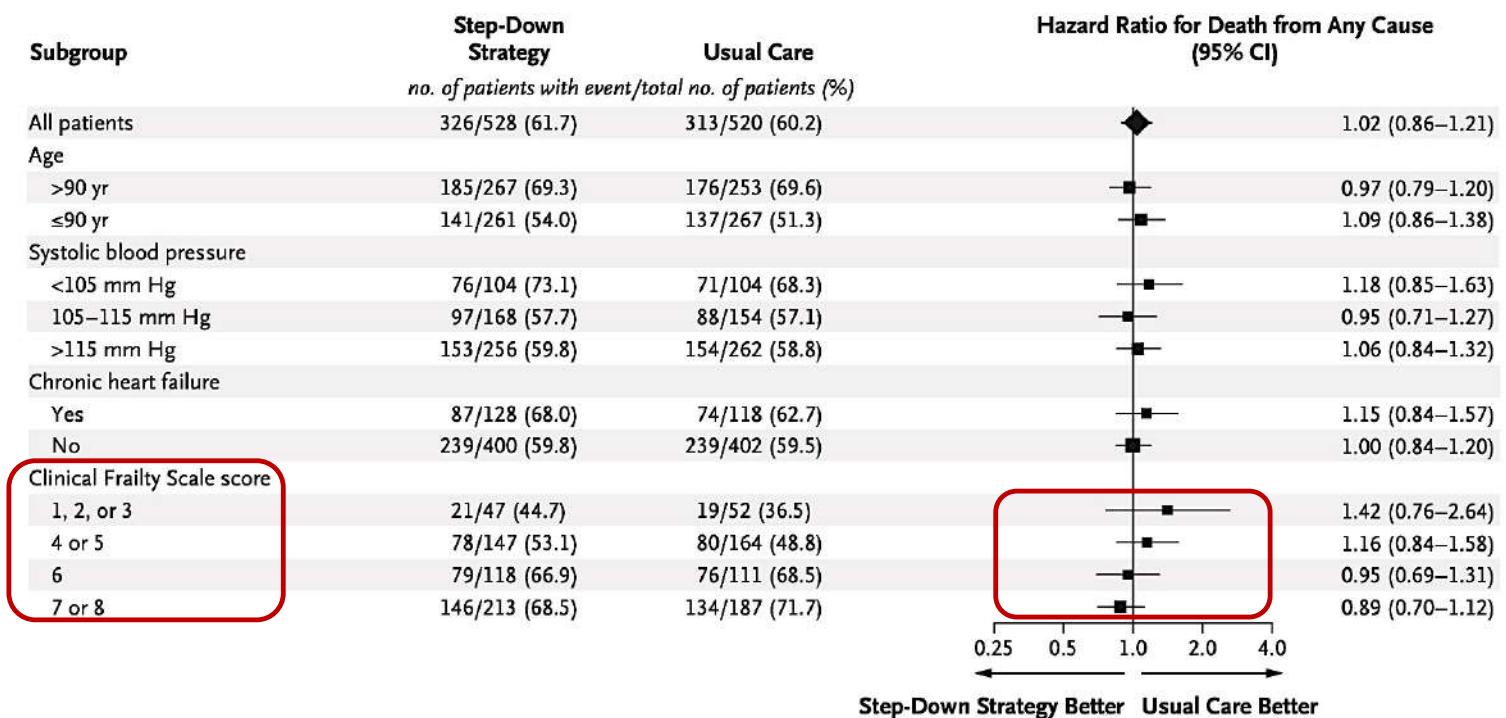


End Points	Step-Down Strategy (N=528)	Usual Care (N=520)	Adjusted Effect Measure (95% CI)	P Value <sup>†</sup>
<b>Primary end point: death from any cause</b>				
Intention-to-treat analysis — no. (%)	326 (61.7)	313 (60.2)	1.02 (0.86–1.21) <sup>‡</sup>	0.78
Per-protocol analysis — no./total no. (%) <sup>§</sup>	311/499 (62.3)	305/497 (61.4)	1.04 (0.87–1.23) <sup>‡</sup>	
<b>Secondary end points</b>				
Death from noncardiovascular causes — no. (%)	284 (53.8)	278 (53.5)	1.00 (0.83–1.19) <sup>¶</sup>	
Acute heart failure — no. (%)	67 (12.7)	57 (11.0)	1.19 (0.80–1.78) <sup>  </sup>	
<b>Falls</b>				
Overall — no. (%)	264 (50.0)	260 (50.0)	—	
No. of falls per year	0.81±2.08	0.71±1.91	1.14 (0.84–1.51) <sup>**</sup>	
<b>Fractures</b>				
Overall — no. (%)	41 (7.8)	48 (9.2)	—	
No. of fractures per year	0.03±0.17	0.04±0.17	0.80 (0.51–1.26) <sup>††</sup>	
<b>Composite of major adverse cardiovascular events — no. (%)<sup>§§</sup></b>	102 (19.3)	90 (17.3)	1.15 (0.84–1.56) <sup>¶¶</sup>	

Among older nursing home residents with frailty who were receiving antihypertensive agents and had a SBP below 130 mmHg, a treatment step-down strategy did not lead to lower all-cause mortality than usual care.

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# Reduction of Antihypertensive Treatment in Nursing Home Residents The RETREAT-FRAIL Study



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# **Traitements**

# « Vieux » anti-hypertenseurs

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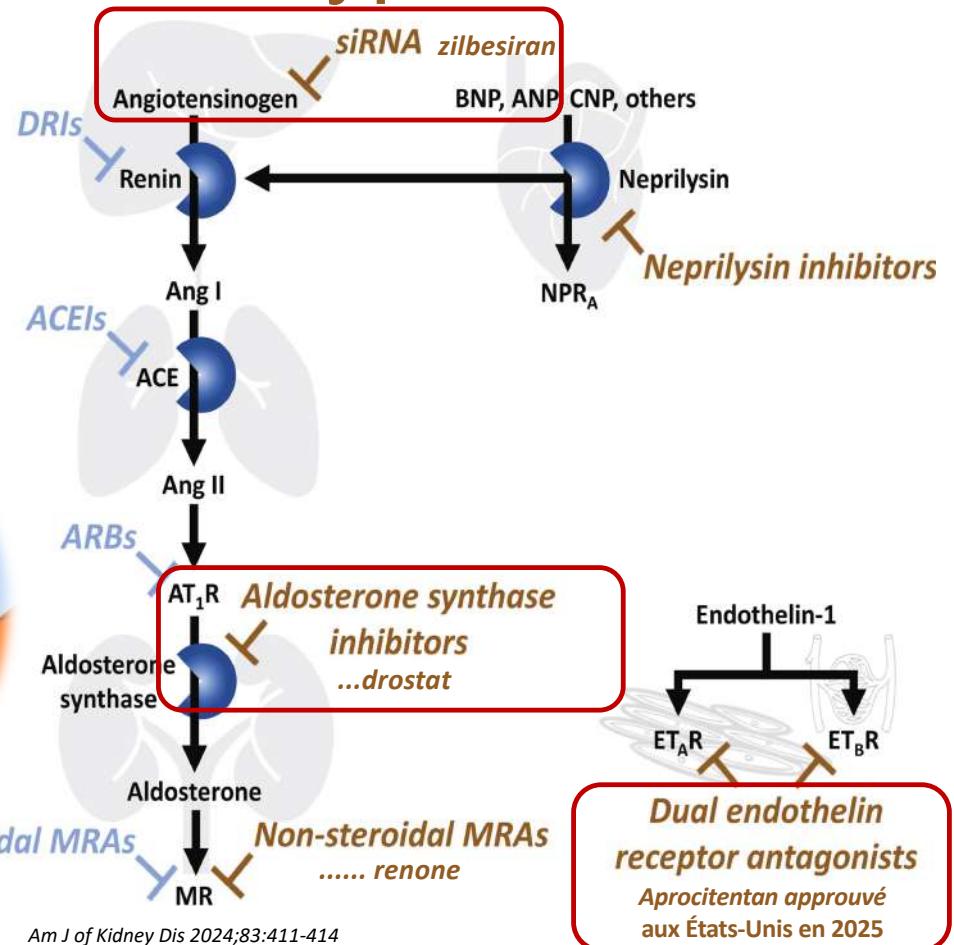
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Hydralazine  
Guanethidine  
Spironolactone  
Thiazides  
Méthyldopa/clonidine  
Bêta-bloqueurs  
BCC non-DHP  
Alpha-bloquants  
IECA  
BCC-DHP  
ARA

2000

2006 Inhibiteurs directs de la rénine dont aliskiren  
...  
ARA-inhibiteur de la néprylisine ... ICC  
Éplérénone ... ICC  
sGLT ... diabète  
...  
...  
Finérénone ... néphropathie diabétique  
Aliskiren ... retiré du marché canadien  
...  
...  
2023 2025 Combo telmisartan+amlodipine+indapamide  
... aux États-Unis



# « Nouveaux » anti-hypertenseurs



# « Nouveaux » anti-hypertenseurs

## Aldosterone synthase inhibitors (...drostat) en phase 3

- Efficacy and Safety of Baxdrostat in Uncontrolled and Resistant Hypertension  
BaxHTN  
*N Engl J Med* 2025;393:1363-74
- *Lorundrostat Efficacy and Safety in Patients with Uncontrolled Hypertension*  
*The Advance-HTN Trial*  
*N Engl J Med* 2025;392:1813-23
- *Lorundrostat in Participants With Uncontrolled Hypertension and Treatment-Resistant Hypertension* *The Launch-HTN Randomized Clinical Trial*  
*JAMA* 2025;334(5):409-418

# Efficacy and Safety of Baxdrostat in Uncontrolled and Resistant Hypertension BaxHTN



phase 3, multinational, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial,

seated systolic BP 140-170 mmHg despite the receipt of

- stable with two Rx = uncontrolled HT
- $\geq 3$  Rx incl. diuretic = resistant HT

796 patients underwent randomization

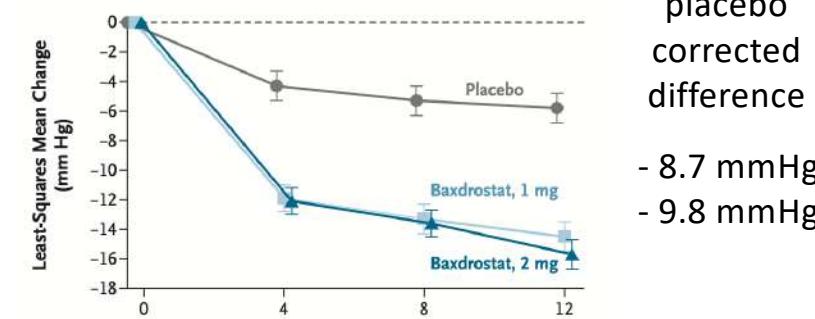
- 264 to 1-mg baxdrostat
- 266 to 2-mg baxdrostat (266)
- 264 to placebo

in addition to background therapy

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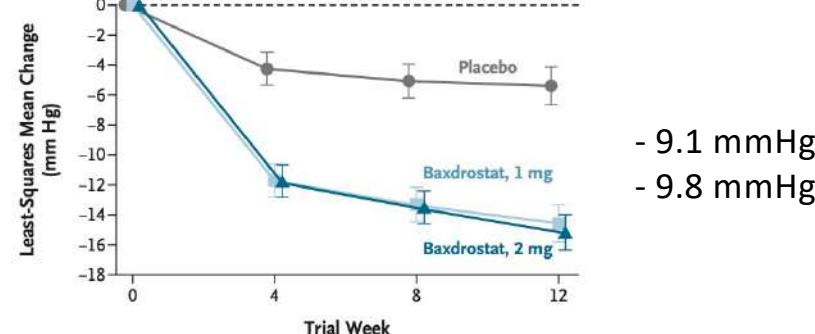
Change in seated systolic BP from baseline to week 12

A Change in Seated Systolic Blood Pressure from Baseline to Week 12



placebo  
corrected  
difference  
- 8.7 mmHg  
- 9.8 mmHg

C Change in Seated Systolic Blood Pressure from Baseline to Week 12 in the Resistant-Hypertension Subpopulation



- 9.1 mmHg  
- 9.8 mmHg

# Efficacy and Safety of Baxdrostat in Uncontrolled and Resistant Hypertension BaxHTN

Table 3. Adverse Events during the 12-Week Double-Blind Treatment Period.			
Adverse Events	Baxdrostat, 1 mg (N=264)	Baxdrostat, 2 mg (N=266)	Placebo (N=264)
Any serious adverse event — no. (%)*	5 (1.9)	9 (3.4)	7 (2.7)
Death — no. (%)	0	0	1 (0.4)
Any adverse event — no. (%)	125 (47.3)	119 (44.7)	109 (41.3)
Moderate or severe event	27 (10.2)	37 (13.9)	23 (8.7)
Severe event	3 (1.1)	7 (2.6)	5 (1.9)
Adverse event leading to discontinuation — no. (%)			
Any	7 (2.7)	12 (4.5)	5 (1.9)
Hyperkalemia	2 (0.8)	4 (1.5)	0
Adverse event of special interest — no. (%)†			
Hyperkalemia	7 (2.7)	21 (7.9)	0
Hyponatremia	2 (0.8)	6 (2.3)	1 (0.4)
Hypotension	5 (1.9)	6 (2.3)	2 (0.8)
Serum potassium — no./total no. (%)‡			
>5.5 mmol/liter	16/262 (6.1)	29/261 (11.1)	1/260 (0.4)
>6.0 mmol/liter	6/262 (2.3)	8/263 (3.0)	1/262 (0.4)
>6.5 mmol/liter	5/262 (1.9)	1/263 (0.4)	1/263 (0.4)

Among patients with uncontrolled or resistant hypertension, the addition of baxdrostat to background therapy resulted in a significantly lower seated systolic blood pressure at 12 weeks than placebo.

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# Lorundrostat in Participants With Uncontrolled Hypertension and Treatment-Resistant Hypertension The Launch-HTN Randomized Clinical Trial

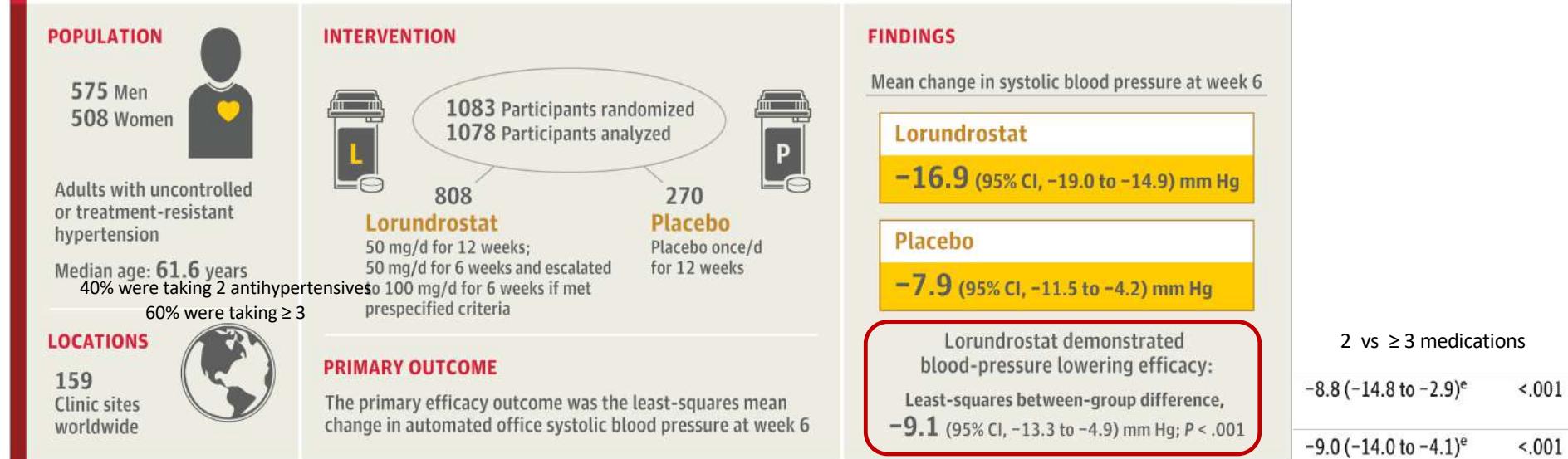


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**QUESTION** Is the aldosterone synthase inhibitor lorundrostat more effective than placebo in reducing blood pressure in participants with uncontrolled hypertension, including treatment-resistant hypertension, taking 2 to 5 prescribed antihypertensive medications?

**CONCLUSION** These data support use of lorundrostat as a treatment option for patients with uncontrolled hypertension, including treatment-resistant hypertension.

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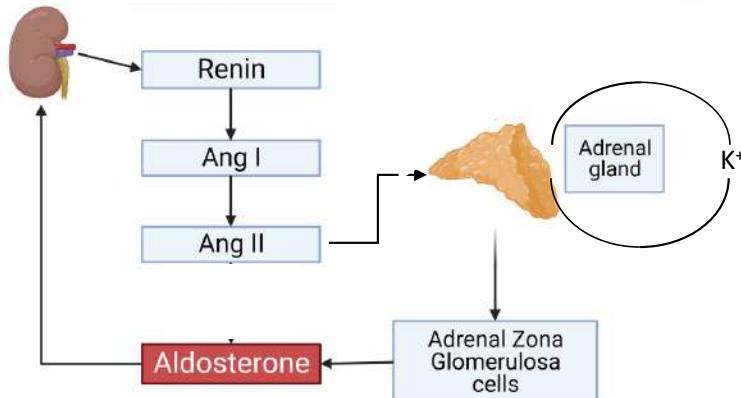


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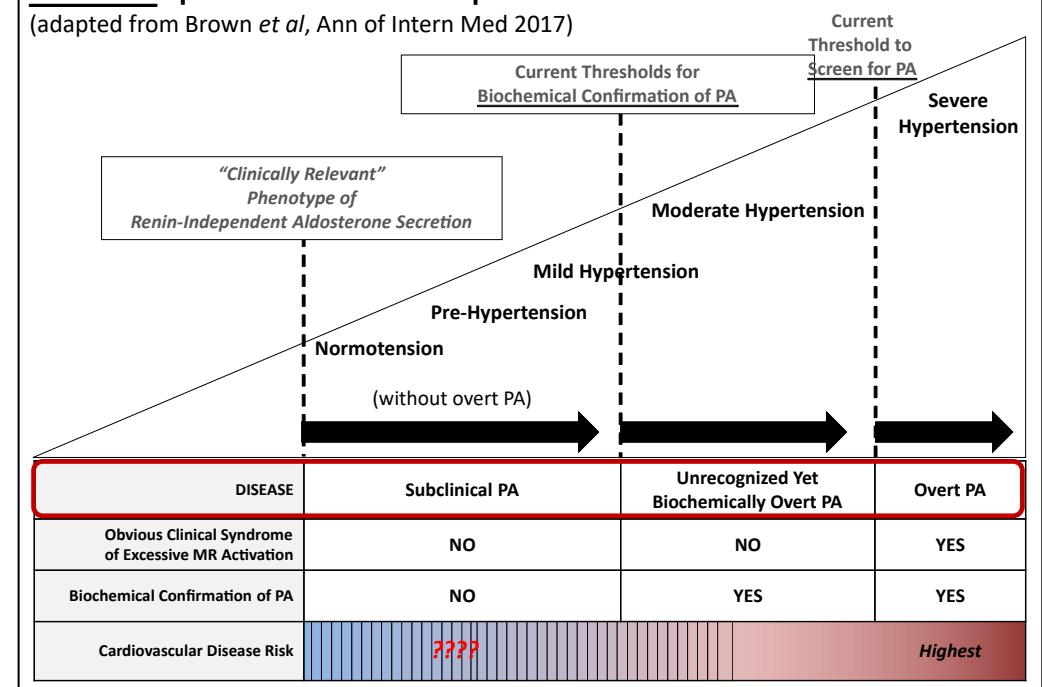
including those with treatment-resistant hypertension

# Characterizing the Origins of Primary Aldosteronism

Continuum from normotension to overt primary aldosteronism disease spanning clinical, biochemical, and histopathologic domains.



**FIGURE 2: Spectrum of Renin-Independent Aldosteronism**  
(adapted from Brown *et al*, Ann of Intern Med 2017)



## « Nouveaux » anti-hypertenseurs ...

RNA interference targeting hepatic synthesis of angiotensinogen by small interfering RNA siRNAs (...siran) en phase 2 → 3 à venir

- Add-On Treatment With Zilebesiran for Inadequately Controlled Hypertension  
The KARDIA-2 Randomized Clinical Trial  
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# Add-On Treatment With **Zilebesiran** for Inadequately Controlled Hypertension

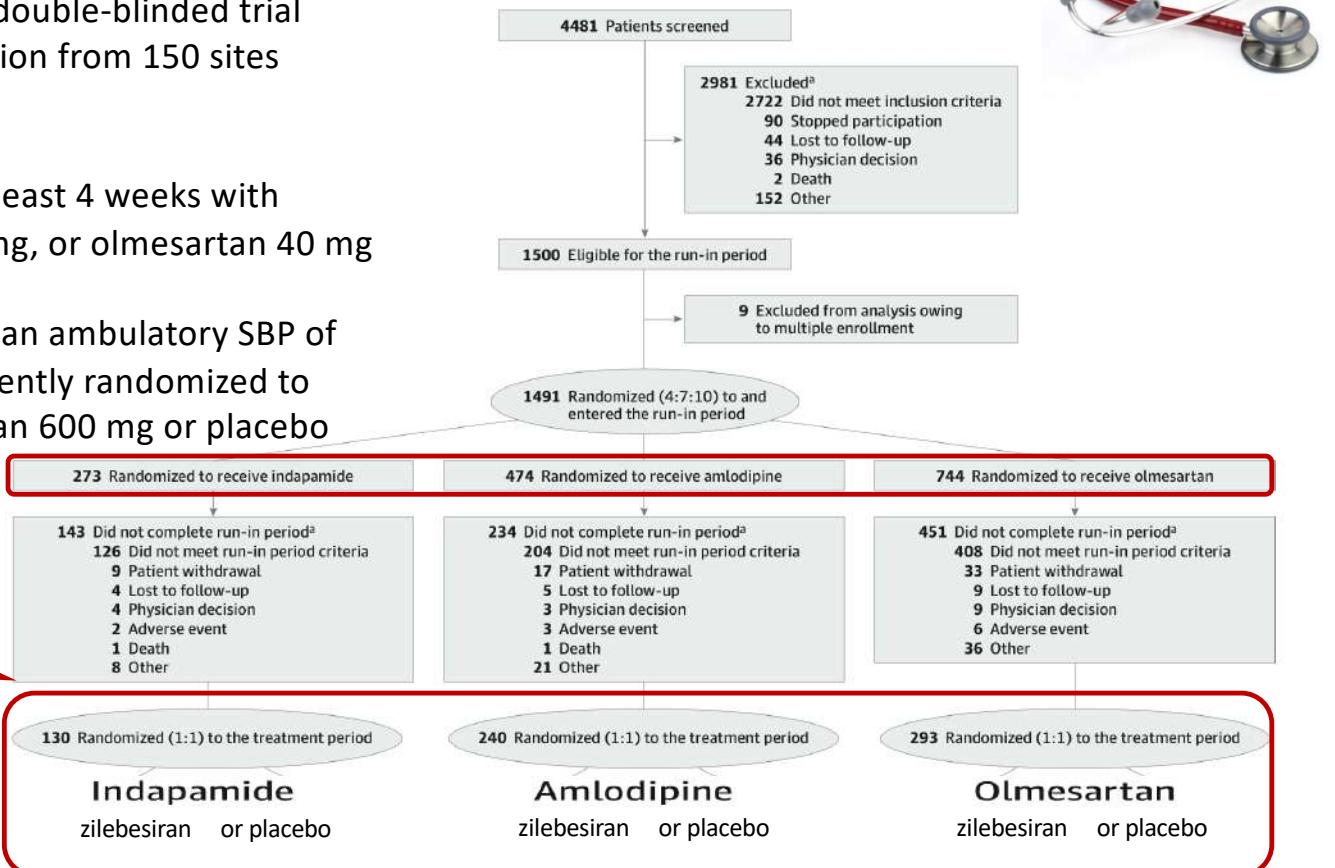
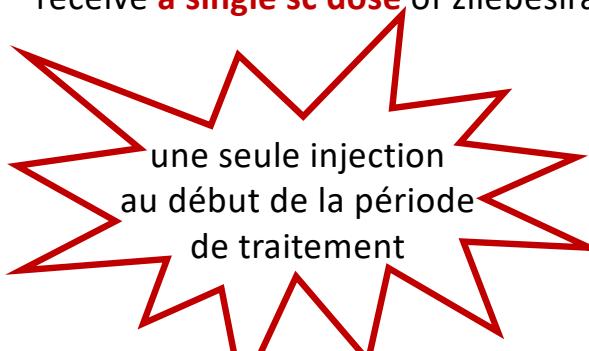
## The KARDIA-2 Randomized Clinical Trial

Phase 2, randomized, prospective, double-blinded trial

Adults with uncontrolled hypertension from 150 sites across 8 countries

Open-label run-in treatment for at least 4 weeks with indapamide 2.5 mg, amlodipine 5 mg, or olmesartan 40 mg

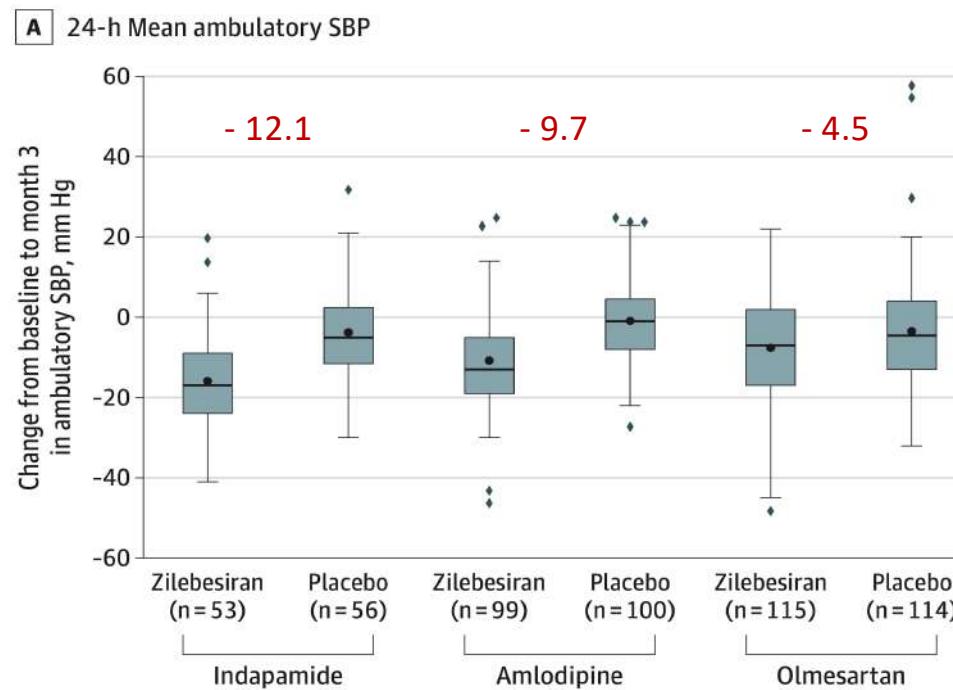
Adherent patients with 24-hour mean ambulatory SBP of 130 mm Hg to 160 mm Hg subsequently randomized to receive **a single sc dose** of zilebesiran 600 mg or placebo



# Add-On Treatment With Zilebesiran for Inadequately Controlled Hypertension

## The KARDIA-2 Randomized Clinical Trial

à 3 mois



In patients with uncontrolled hypertension despite treatment with indapamide, amlodipine, or olmesartan, the addition of single-dose zilebesiran resulted in significant SBP reductions compared with placebo at 3 months

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# Add-On Treatment With Zilebesiran for Inadequately Controlled Hypertension

## The KARDIA-2 Randomized Clinical Trial

... with low rates of serious adverse events

Table 3. Adverse Events (AEs) and Laboratory Assessments by Cohort and Treatment Assignment<sup>a</sup>

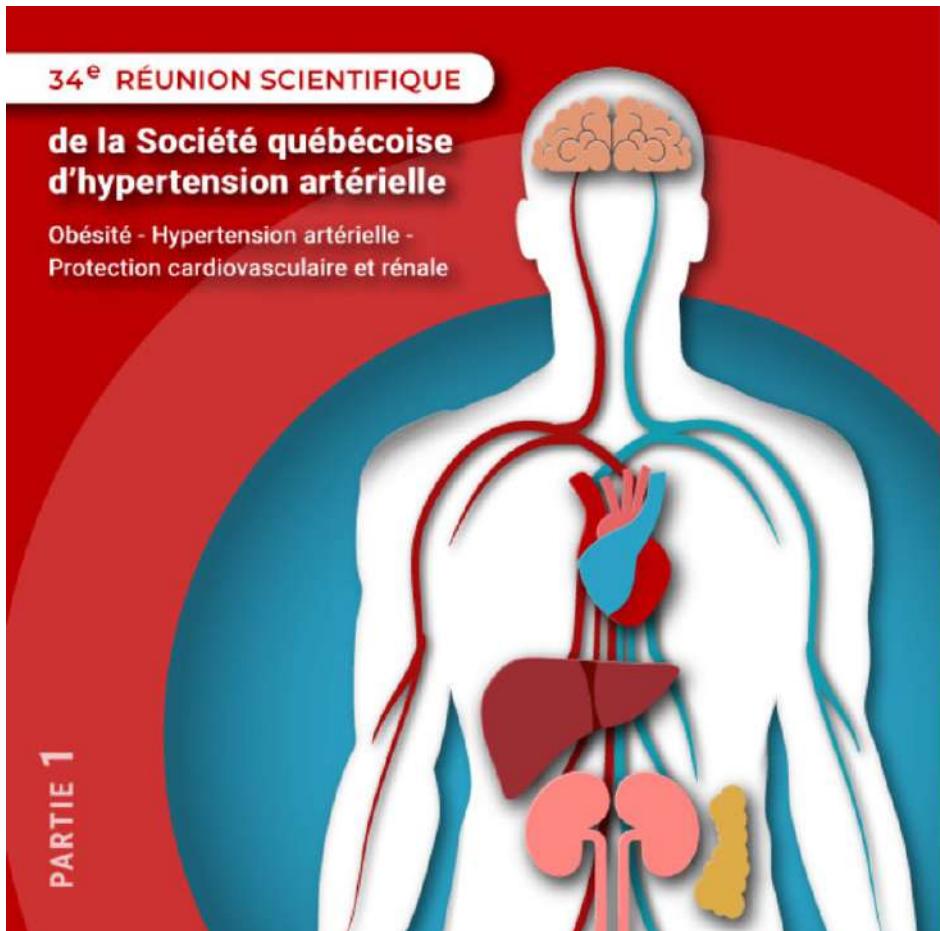
Outcome	No. (%)								
	Background medication		Indapamide		Amlodipine		Olmesartan		Overall
	Zilebesiran (n = 63)	Placebo (n = 64)	Zilebesiran (n = 118)	Placebo (n = 120)	Zilebesiran (n = 148)	Placebo (n = 145)	Zilebesiran (n = 329)	Placebo (n = 329)	
<b>AEs</b>									
At least 1 serious AE <sup>b</sup>	0	2 (3.1)	3 (2.5)	1 (0.8)	4 (2.7)	4 (2.8)	7 (2.1)	7 (2.1)	
At least 1 AE	31 (49.2)	25 (39.1)	64 (54.2)	56 (46.7)	87 (58.8)	69 (47.6)	182 (55.3)	150 (45.6)	
Injection-site reaction AE	4 (6.3)	0	2 (1.7)	0	4 (2.7)	1 (0.7)	10 (3.0)	1 (0.3)	
Hypotension/orthostatic hypotension AE <sup>c</sup>	0	0	7 (5.9)	4 (3.3)	7 (4.7)	3 (2.1)	14 (4.3)	7 (2.1)	
Hyperkalemia AE <sup>d</sup>	2 (3.2)	0	6 (5.1)	2 (1.7)	10 (6.8)	4 (2.8)	18 (5.5)	6 (1.8)	
<b>Laboratory parameters</b>									
Potassium >5.5 mmol/L	2 (3.2)	0	8 (6.8)	1 (0.8)	10 (6.8)	3 (2.1)	20 (6.1)	4 (1.2)	
Confirmed on repeat measure <sup>e</sup>	1 (1.6)	0	2 (1.7)	0	2 (1.4)	0	5 (1.5)	0	
Hepatic AE <sup>f</sup>	0	3 (4.7)	6 (5.1)	1 (0.8)	5 (3.4)	3 (2.1)	11 (3.3)	7 (2.1)	
ALT >3 × ULN	0 <sup>g</sup>	0	3 (2.5)	1 (0.8) <sup>g</sup>	4 (2.7) <sup>g</sup>	1 (0.7) <sup>g</sup>	7 (2.1)	2 (0.6)	
AST >3 × ULN	0 <sup>g</sup>	1 (1.6)	2 (1.7)	1 (0.8) <sup>g</sup>	3 (2.0) <sup>g</sup>	3 (2.1) <sup>g</sup>	5 (1.5)	5 (1.5)	
Acute kidney failure AE <sup>h</sup> *	4 (6.3)	1 (1.6)	4 (3.4)	1 (0.8)	8 (5.4)	3 (2.1)	16 (4.9)	5 (1.5)	
Decrease ≥30% from baseline in eGFR	8 (12.7)	1 (1.6)	10 (8.5)	5 (4.2)	10 (6.8)	4 (2.8)	28 (8.5)	10 (3.0)	
Confirmed on repeat measure <sup>e</sup>	3 (4.8)	0	1 (0.8)	2 (1.7)	4 (2.7)	1 (0.7)	8 (2.4)	3 (0.9)	

\* most episodes were mild and resolved without medical intervention

# Meilleure étude toutes catégories?

- Clinical Impact of 3- Vs. 5-Minute **Delay** and 30- VS 60-Second **Intervals** on **Unattended Automated Office BP Measurements**
- Intensive Blood-Pressure Control in Patients with **Type 2 Diabetes** The BPROAD Trial
- Blood pressure reduction and all-cause **dementia** in people with uncontrolled hypertension The China Rural HT Control Project
- Intensive Blood Pressure Control in **Older Patients** With Hypertension 6-Year Results of the STEP Trial
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# Optimal Antihypertensive Systolic Blood Pressure: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

« cibles 130 vs  $\geq 130$  »

Trial outcomes and adverse events	No. of trials	No./total No.	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
<b>Issues CV</b>			
Stroke	7	1219/36 448 vs 1620/35 690	0.74 (0.66–0.84)
Coronary heart disease	7	638/36 448 vs 756/35 690	0.83 (0.75–0.92)
Heart failure	5	258/34 314 vs 358/33 541	0.69 (0.55–0.87)
Cardiovascular mortality	6	414/35 815 vs 561/35 060	0.73 (0.61–0.86)
<b>Événements adverses NNH</b>			
Hypotension	6	642/35 815 vs 359/35 060	508 (309–1425)
Syncope	7	279/36 448 vs 188/35 690	1701 (991–5999)
Injurious falls	4	460/29 210 vs 419/28 421	2941 (1479–258 938)
Electrolyte abnormality	5	277/30 704 vs 233/29 903	3222 (1150–4013)
Acute kidney injury or acute renal failure	5	276/17 540 vs 193/17 583	1657 (693–4235)

N.B.  
PAS atteintes en moyenne  
119-122  
avec  
différentes méthodes de mesure

Cibler un PAS  $<130$  mm Hg réduit considérablement les risques de MCV majeures et de mortalité toutes causes.

*Hypertension 2024 December;81:2329–2339*

# Benefit–harm trade-offs of intensive BP control vs standard BP control on cardiovascular and renal outcomes: an individual participant data analysis



80 220 participants from six trials

ACCORD BP, SPRINT, ESPRIT, BPROAD

SBP target < 120 mmHg

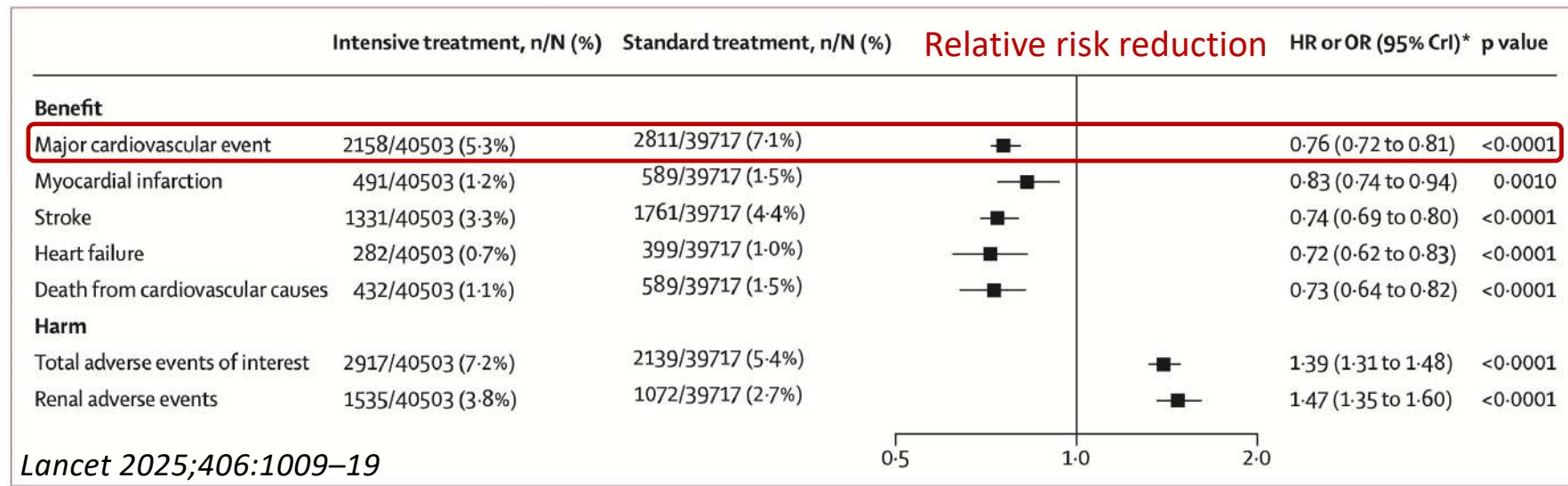
STEP and CRHCP

SBP target < 130 mmHg

Median age 64 – 51.3% female – 82.6% Asian 10.1% White 4.8% Black 1.6% Hispanic

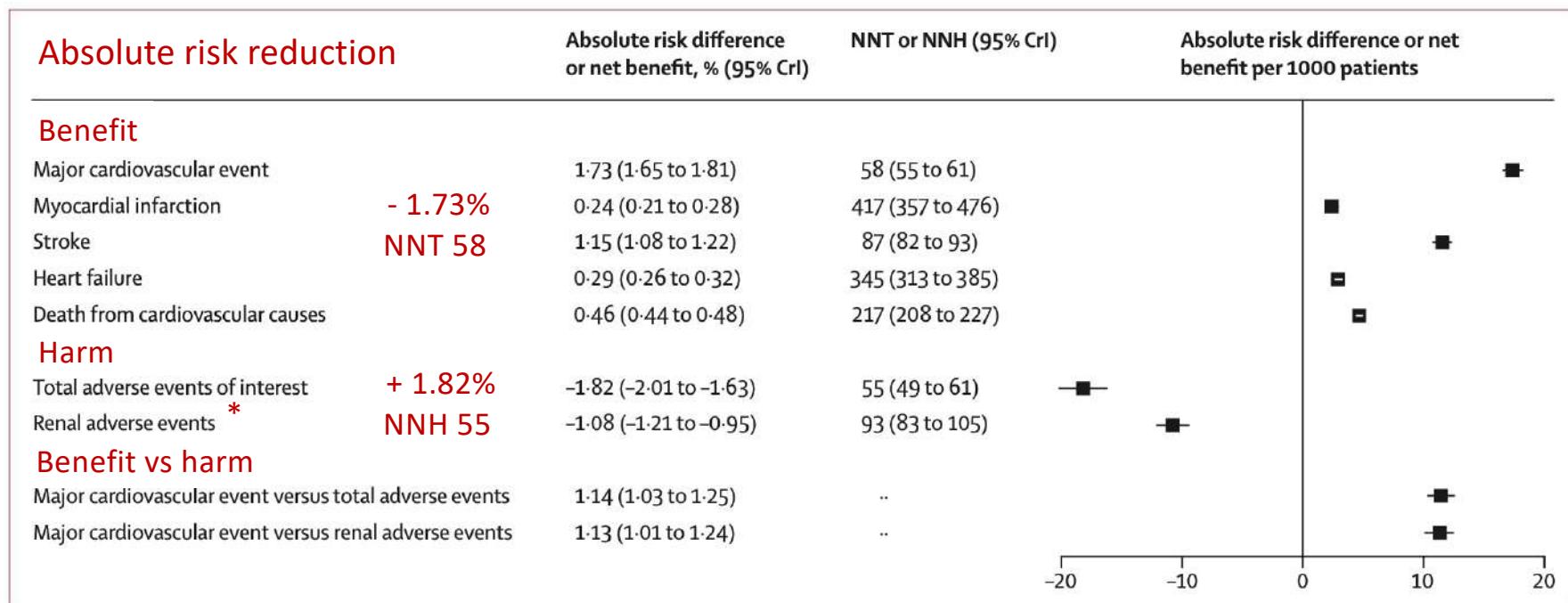
Median F/U 3.2 years

Net difference between the intensive and standard treatment groups: - 12.6 / - 5.7 mmHg



Compared with standard blood pressure control, intensive blood pressure control was also associated with a lower risk of all-cause mortality (HR 0.87 [95% CrI 0.80–0.94] p=0.0016)

# Benefit–harm trade-offs of intensive BP control versus standard BP control on cardiovascular and renal outcomes: an individual participant data analysis of randomised controlled trials



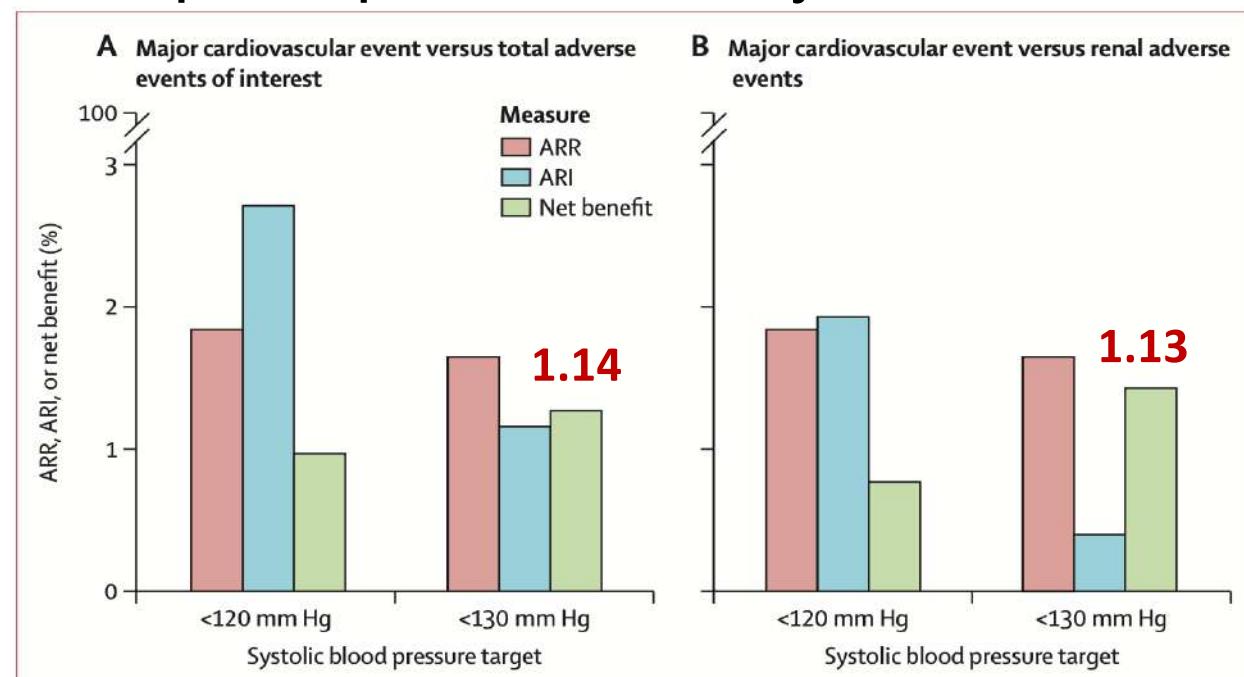
\* In SPRINT, most renal adverse events with intensive BP lowering were mild and often transient reductions in GFR

*Lancet* 2025;406:1009–19

# Benefit–harm trade-offs of intensive BP control versus standard BP control on cardiovascular and renal outcomes: an individual participant data analysis

For 1000 patients treated with intensive control over 3 years, **17 CV events** would be prevented at the cost of **18 adverse events of interest** or **11 kidney-related adverse outcomes**

Intensive BP control showed a favourable benefit–harm profile compared with standard control, using an *adjudicated weighting* in which **one CV benefit was considered equivalent to 3.1 harms**, resulting in a net benefit of ...

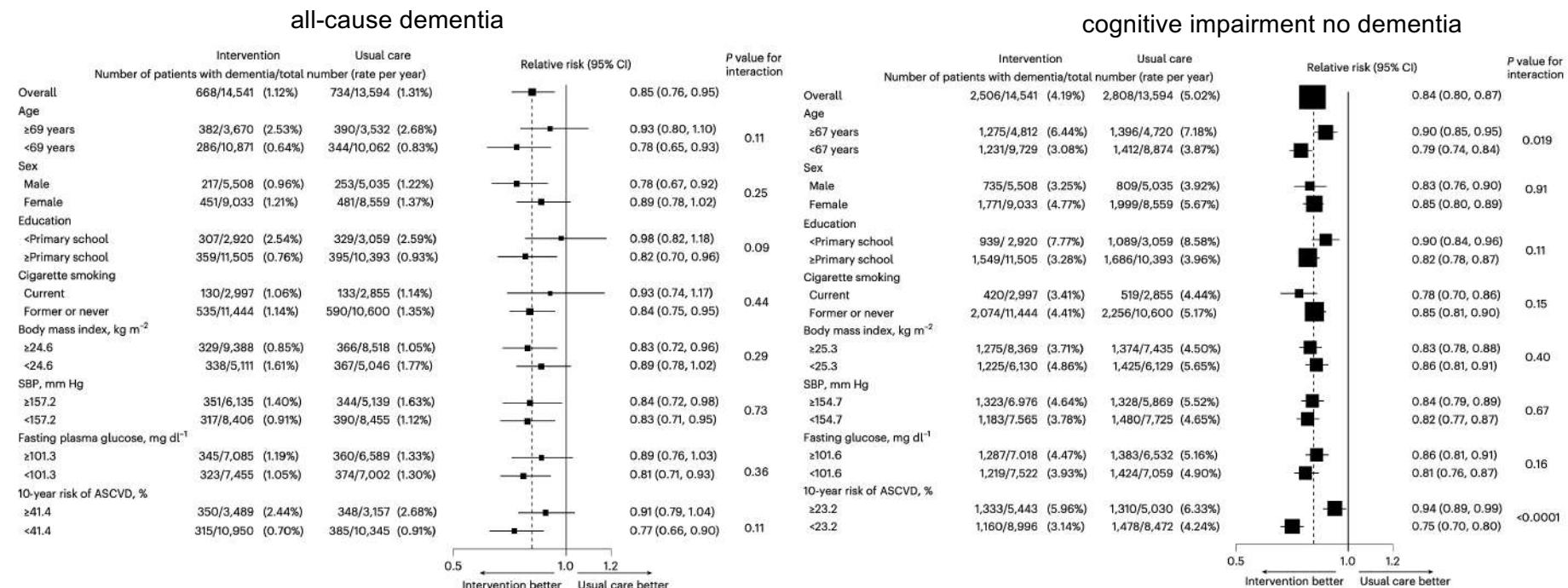


Compared with standard BP control, intensive control provides a net benefit between the reduction in cardiovascular events and the increase in adverse events, including renal events

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# Blood pressure reduction and all-cause dementia in people with uncontrolled hypertension: an open-label, blinded-endpoint, cluster-randomized trial

The China Rural Hypertension Control Project Phase-3

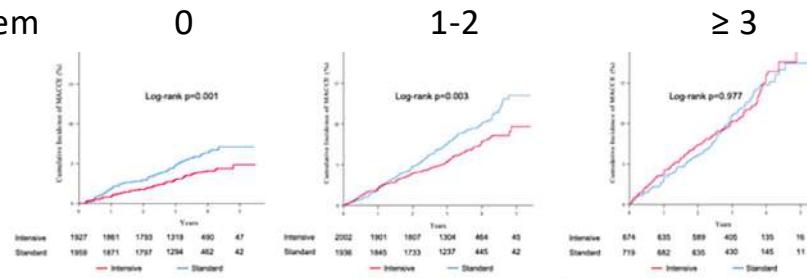


# Effect of Intensive Blood Pressure Control and Comorbidity Status on the Prognosis of Patients With Hypertension: Insights From SPRINT

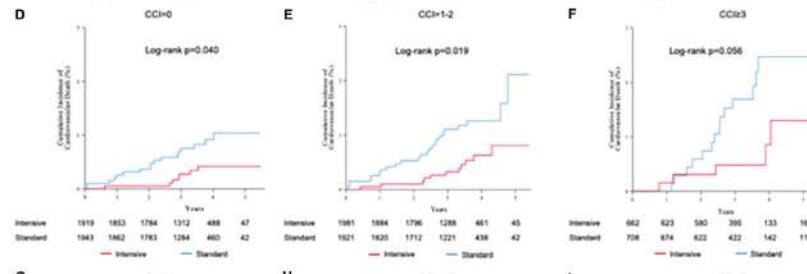


CCI scoring system

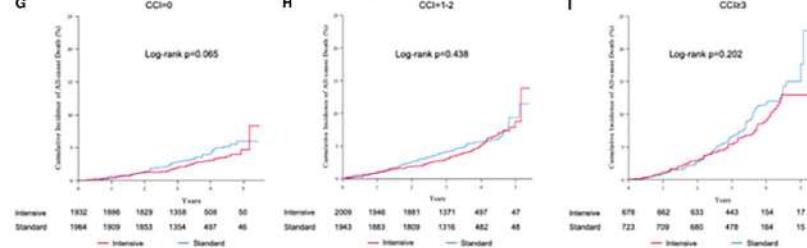
MACCE  
(cardio+cerebrovasc)



CV death



All-cause death



Charlson Comorbidity Index (CCI)  
scoring system:  
19 disease conditions

**Intensive** vs **standard** BP control decreased CV events and mortality in patients with mild or moderate comorbidity burden, particularly in those with mild comorbidities.

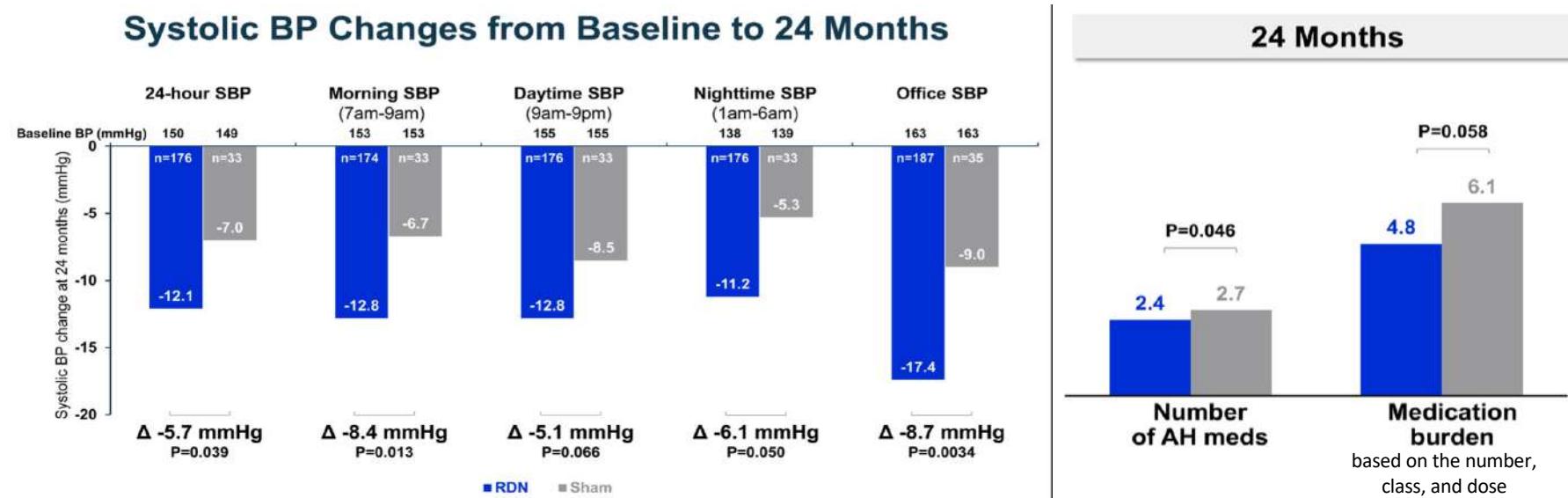
This emphasizes the importance of optimizing BP management even in patients with hypertension without extensive comorbid conditions, as their risk may be underestimated.

# Long-Term Safety and Efficacy of Renal Denervation: 24-Month Results From SPYRAL HTN-ON MED Trial



Prospective, randomized, sham-controlled, blinded trial enrolling 337 patients globally from 56 clinical centers with office BP 150-180 /  $\geq$  90 and 24-hr systolic BP 140-170 mmHg prescribed 1-3 antihypertensive medications

24 months changes in BP, antihypertensive use, and safety outcomes are compared between RDN and sham control



RDN produced greater ambulatory and office systolic BP reductions at 24 months compared with sham control, despite higher antihypertensive medication use in the control group.

*Circ Cardiovasc Interv* 2025;18:e015194

# Guides de pratique et consensus

- *2025 Hypertension Canada guideline for the diagnosis and treatment of hypertension in adults in primary care*

*CMAJ 2025 May;197(20):E549-E564*

- *2025 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Management of High Blood Pressure in Adults: A Report of the American College of Cardiology / American Heart Association Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines*

*Hypertension 2025 October;82(10):e212-e316*

- *Blood pressure measurement at kiosks in public spaces: systematic review and consensus statement by the European Society of Hypertension Working Group on Blood Pressure Monitoring and Cardiovascular Variability*

*J Hypertens 2025 April;43:577–588*

- *Hypertension Canada Statement on the Use of Cuffless Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices in Clinical Practice*

*Am J of Hypertension 2025 April;38(5):259–266*