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## IPERTENSIONE NELL'ANZIANO. QUALI SONO I LIMITI PRESSORI?

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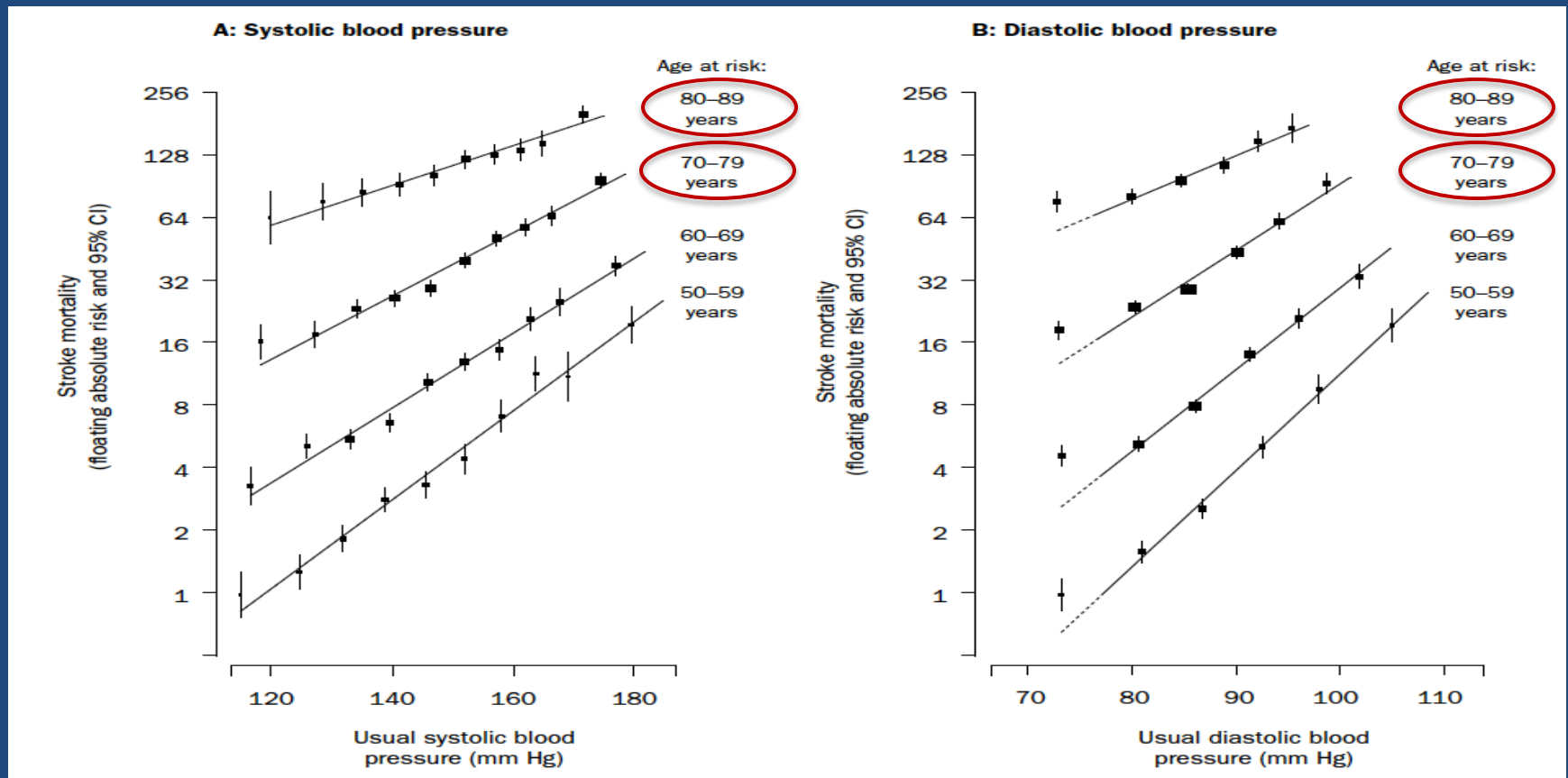


## HYPERTENSION MANAGEMENT IN THE ELDERLY

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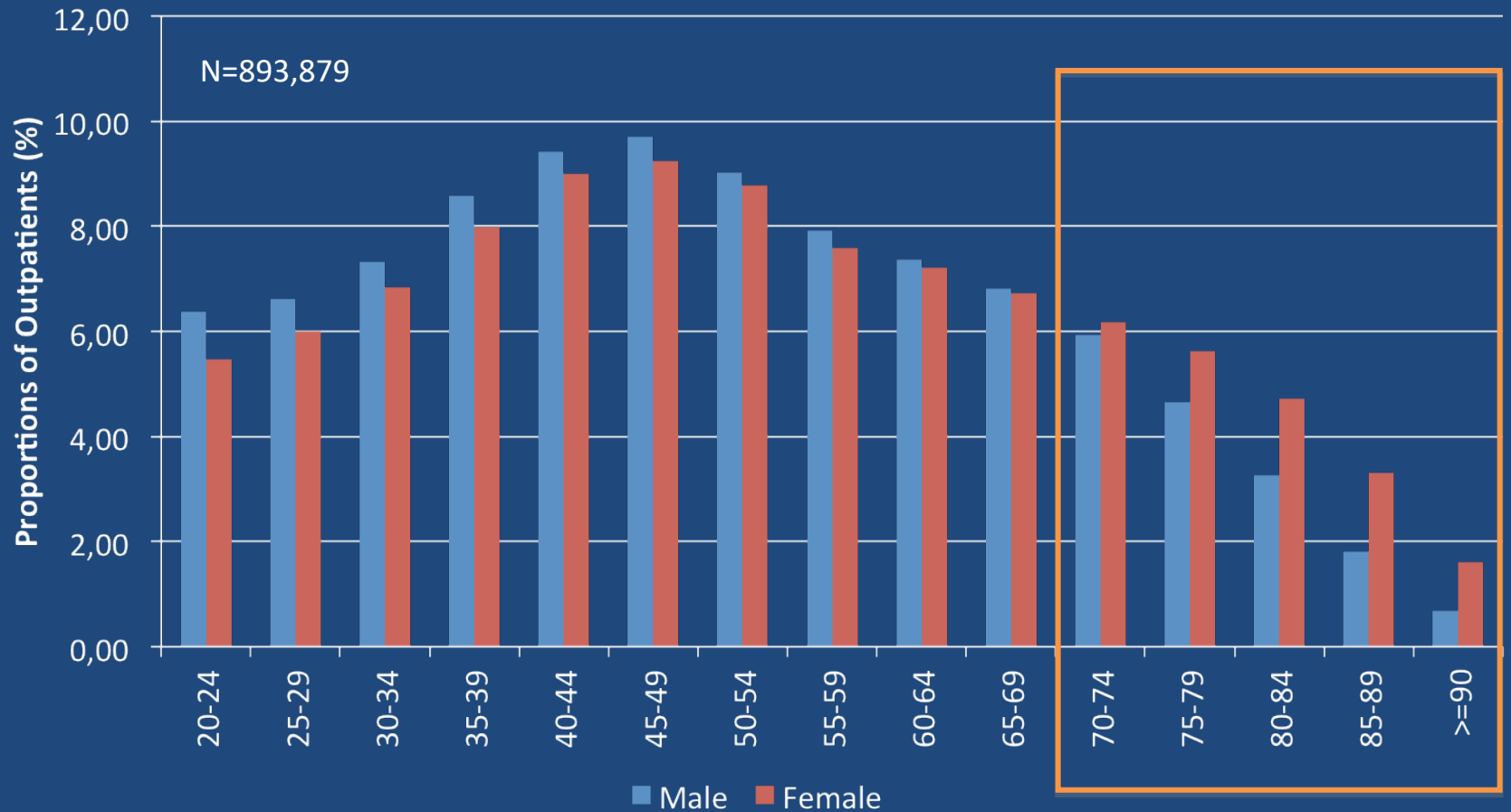
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# Stroke mortality rate in each decade of age versus usual BP at the start of that decade

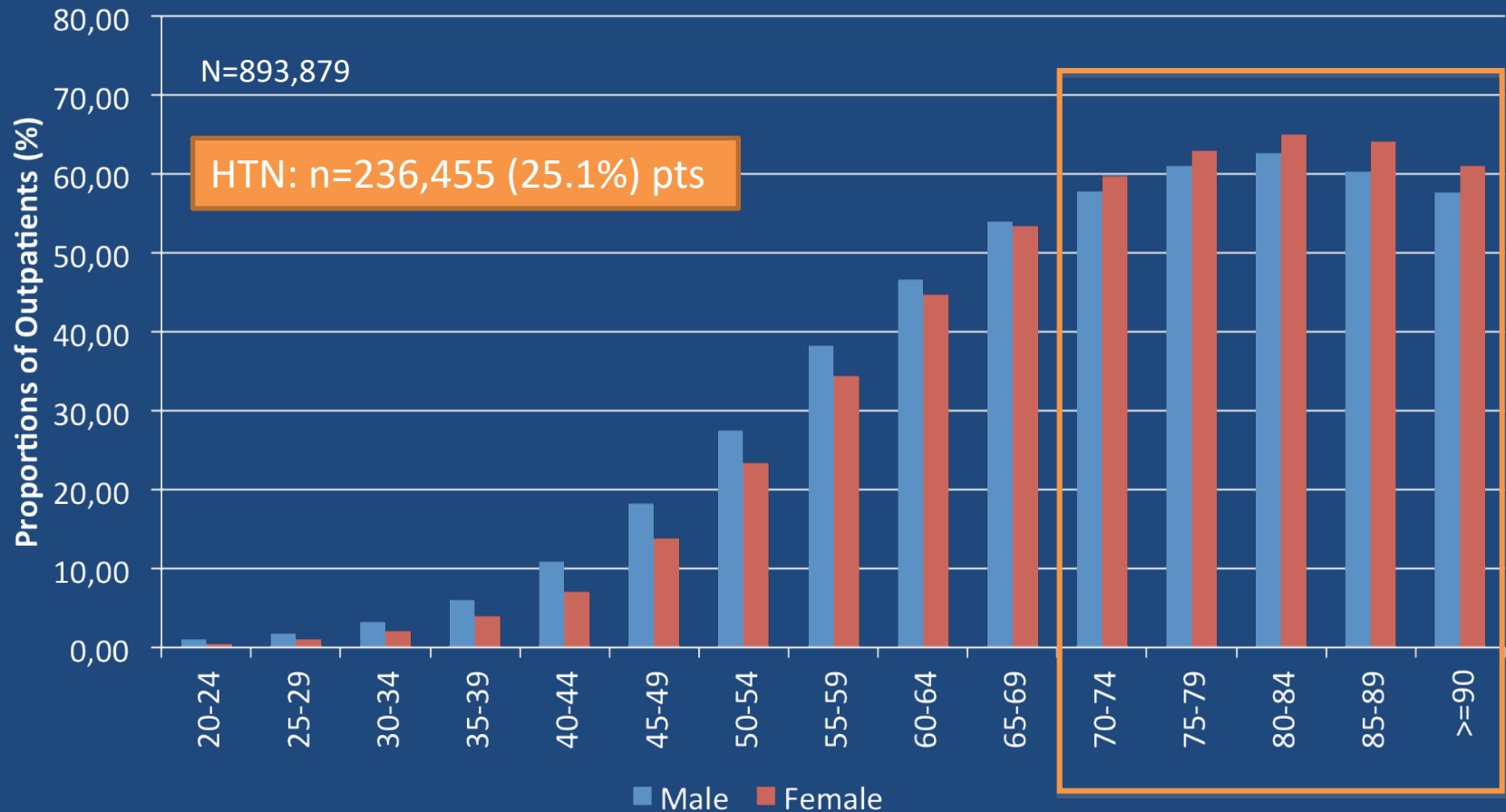


Rates are plotted on a floating absolute scale, and each square has area inversely proportional to the effective variance of the log mortality rate. For diastolic BP, each age-specific regression line ignores the left-hand point (ie, at slightly less than 75 mm Hg), for which the risk lies significantly above the fitted regression line (as indicated by the broken line below 75 mmHg).

# Analysis from large database of GPs (year 2013): Gender Distribution



# Analysis from large database of GPs (year 2013): Prevalence of Hypertension according to Gender Groups



# The challenge of lowering BP in elderly: Prospective data from mega-trials

	N. pazienti	Età (anni)	Pressione arteriosa (mmHg)	Trattamento farmacologico	
				Step I	Step II
SHEP <sup>4</sup>	4736	71.6	170/77	Clortalidone	Atenololo
Syst-Eur <sup>5</sup>	4695	70.2	174/85	Nitrendipina	Enalapril
Syst-China <sup>6</sup>	2394	66.5	171/86	Nitrendipina	Captopril
EWPHE <sup>7</sup>	840	72.0	182/101	Idroclorotiazide + triamterene	Alfa-metildopa
STOP-Hypertension <sup>8</sup>	1627	76.0	195/102	Diuretico o betabloccante	Diuretico o betabloccante
Coope e Warrender <sup>9</sup>	884	68.7	196/99	Atenololo	Diuretico
MRC <sup>10</sup>	4396	70.0	185/91	Diuretico o betabloccante	Diuretico o betabloccante
STONE <sup>11</sup>	1632	66.0	168/100	Nifedipina	Captopril

	Pressione arteriosa (mmHg)		Ictus (%)	Eventi (%)		Mortalità (%)	
	Gruppo placebo	Gruppo trattato con farmaci attivi		Δ	Coronarici	Cardiovascolari	Cardiovascolare
SHEP <sup>4</sup>	155/71	144/68	-11/-3	-27	-32*	-20	-13
Syst-Eur <sup>5</sup>	161/83	151/78	-10/-5	-26*	-31*	-27	-14
Syst-China <sup>6</sup>	159/84	151/81	-9/-3	-38*	-37*	-39*	-39*
EWPHE <sup>7</sup>	167/90	148/85	-19/-5	-32	-47*	-38*	-9
STOP-Hypertension <sup>8</sup>	186/96	167/87	-19/-8	-47*	-13	-40*	ND
Coope e Warrender <sup>9</sup>	180/89	162/78	-18/-11	-42*	+3	ND	-3
MRC <sup>10</sup>	168/85	152/76	-16/-9	-25*	-19	-17*	-3
STONE <sup>11</sup>	156/90	146/87	-9/-5	-57*	-6	-60*	-45*

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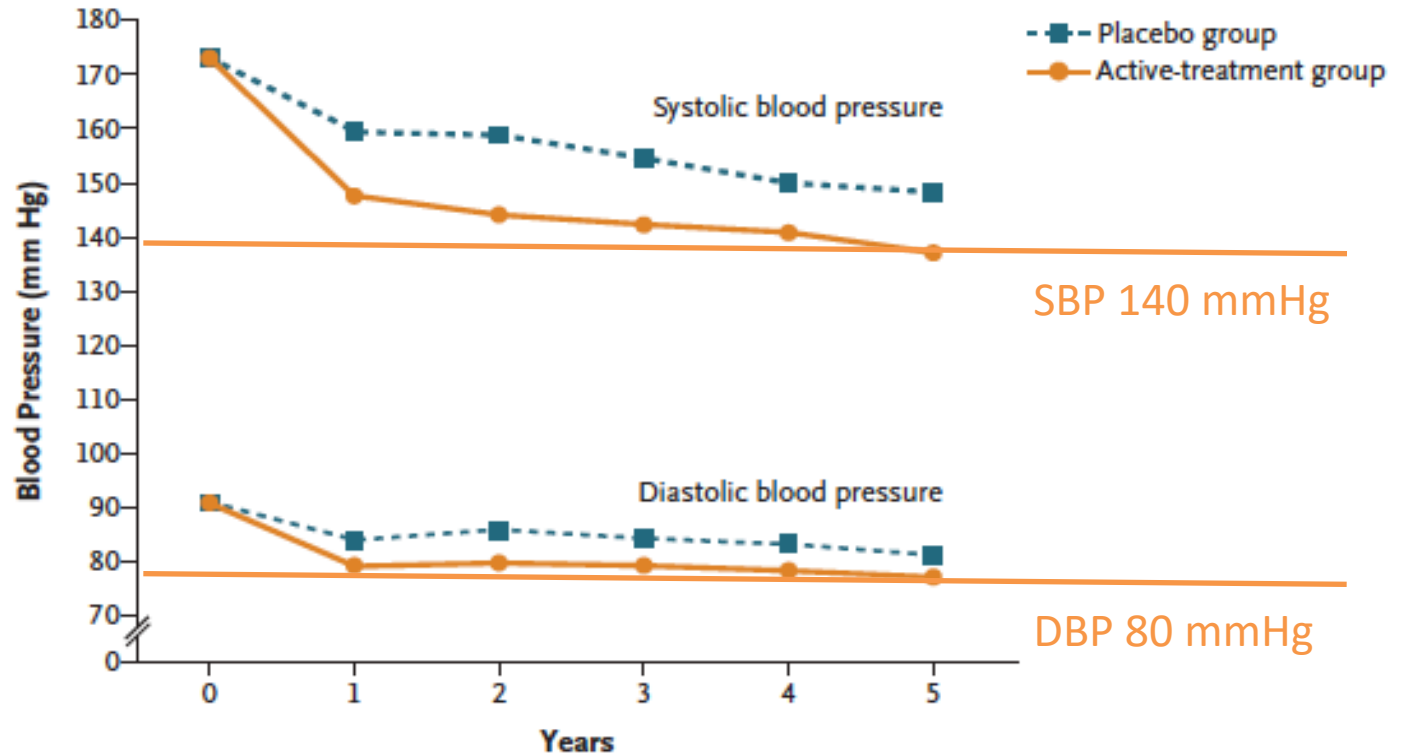
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Treatment of Hypertension in Patients 80 Years  
of Age or Older

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After randomization, patients received either **indapamide (sustained release, 1.5 mg)** or **matching placebo** alone. At each visit (or at the discretion of the investigator), if needed to reach the target BP, **perindopril (2 mg or 4 mg)** or **matching placebo** could be added.

# Mean Blood Pressure, Measured while Patients Were Seated, in the Intention-to-Treat Population, According to Study Group



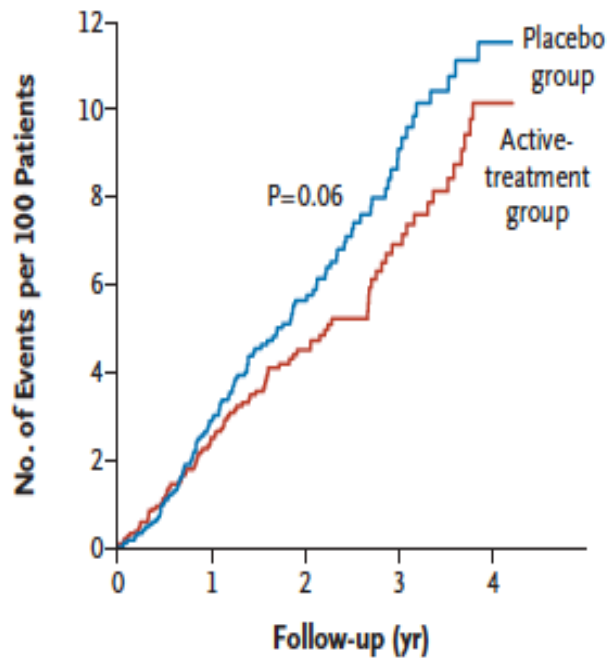
**No. at Risk**

Placebo group	1912	1468	701	330	191	116
Active-treatment group	1933	1540	754	373	207	118



# Kaplan-Meier Curves for the Incidence of Secondary Endpoints (1/2)

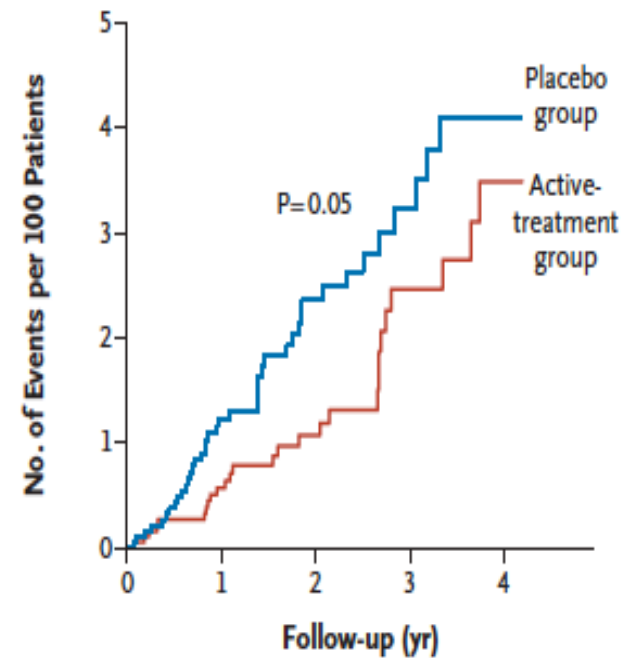
**C Death from Cardiovascular Causes**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo group	1912	1492	814	379	202
Active-treatment group	1933	1565	877	420	231

**D Death from Stroke**

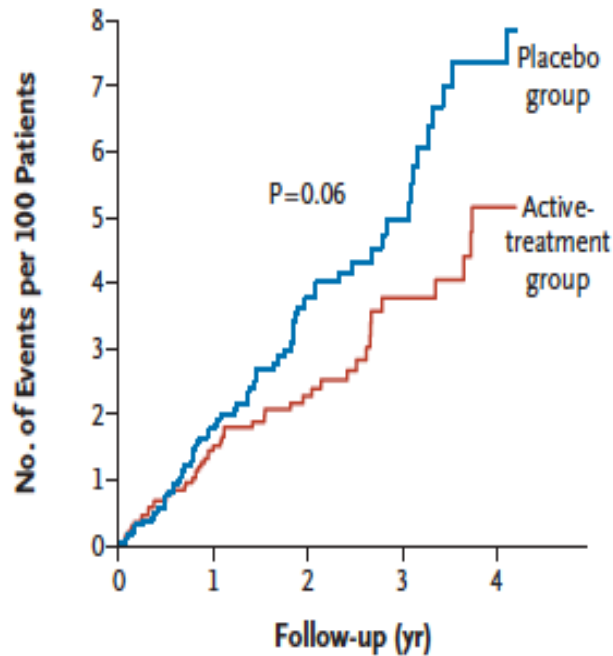


**No. at Risk**

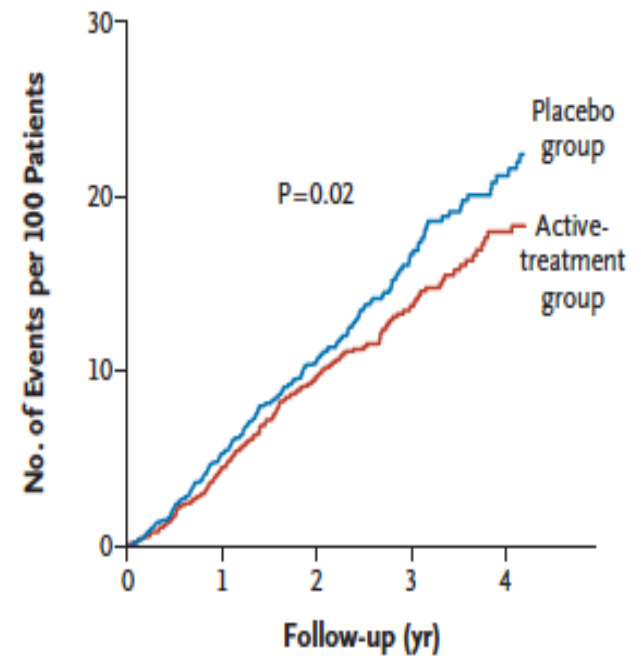
Placebo group	1912	1492	814	379	202
Active-treatment group	1933	1565	877	420	231

# Kaplan-Meier Curves for the Incidence of Primary Endpoints (2/2)

**A Fatal or Nonfatal Stroke**



**B Death from Any Cause**



**No. at Risk**

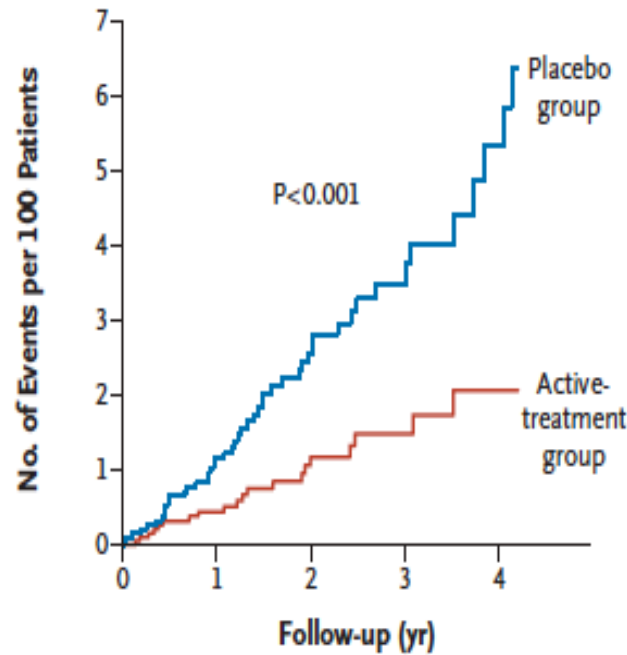
Placebo group	1912	1484	807	374	194
Active-treatment group	1933	1557	873	417	229

**No. at Risk**

Placebo group	1912	1492	814	379	202
Active-treatment group	1933	1565	877	420	231

# Kaplan-Meier Curves for the Incidence of Secondary Endpoints (2/2)

## E Heart Failure



**No. at Risk**

Placebo group	1912	1480	794	367	188
Active-treatment group	1933	1559	872	416	228

# BP goals in hypertensive patients

Recommendations	Class	Level
A SBP goal <140 mmHg:		
a) is recommended in patients at low–moderate CV risk;	I	B
b) is recommended in patients with diabetes;	I	A
c) should be considered in patients with previous stroke or TIA;	IIa	B
d) should be considered in patients with CHD;	IIa	B
e) should be considered in patients with diabetic or non-diabetic CKD.	IIa	B
In elderly hypertensives less than 80 years old with SBP $\geq$ 160 mmHg there is solid evidence to recommend reducing SBP to between 150 and 140 mmHg.	I	A
In fit elderly patients less than 80 years old SBP values <140 mmHg may be considered, whereas in the fragile elderly population SBP goals should be adapted to individual tolerability.	IIb	C
In individuals older than 80 years and with initial SBP $\geq$ 160 mmHg, it is recommended to reduce SBP to between 150 and 140 mmHg provided they are in good physical and mental conditions.	I	B
A DBP target of <90 mmHg is always recommended, except in patients with diabetes, in whom values <85 mmHg are recommended. It should nevertheless be considered that DBP values between 80 and 85 mmHg are safe and well tolerated.	I	A

# Drugs to be preferred in specific conditions

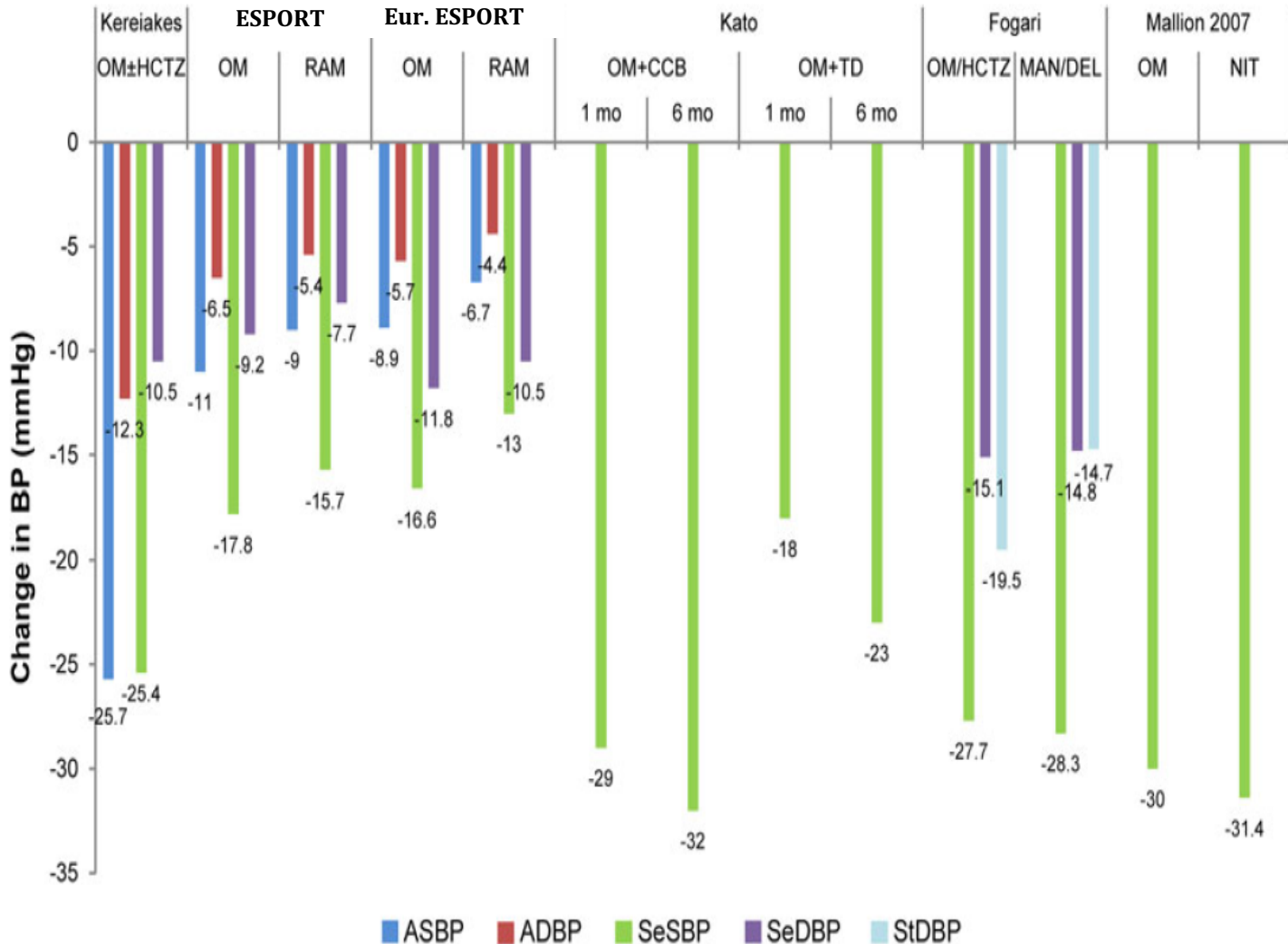
Condition	Drug
<b>Asymptomatic organ damage</b>	
• LVH	ACE inhibitor, calcium antagonist, ARB
• Asymptomatic atherosclerosis	Calcium antagonist, ACE inhibitor
• Microalbuminuria	ACE inhibitor, ARB
• Renal dysfunction	ACE inhibitor, ARB
<b>Clinical CV event</b>	
• Previous stroke	Any agent effectively lowering BP
• Previous myocardial infarction	BB, ACE inhibitor, ARB
• Angina pectoris	BB, calcium antagonist
• Heart failure	Diuretic, BB, ACE inhibitor, ARB, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists
• Aortic aneurysm	BB
• Atrial fibrillation, prevention	Consider ARB, ACE inhibitor, BB or mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist
• Atrial fibrillation, ventricular rate control	BB, non-dihydropyridine calcium antagonist
• ESRD/proteinuria	ACE inhibitor, ARB
• Peripheral artery disease	ACE inhibitor, calcium antagonist
<b>Other conditions</b>	
• <b>ISH (elderly)</b>	<b>Diuretic, calcium antagonist</b>
• Metabolic syndrome	ACE inhibitor, ARB, calcium antagonist
• Diabetes mellitus	ACE inhibitor, ARB
• Pregnancy	Methyldopa, BB, calcium antagonist
• Blacks	Diuretic, calcium antagonist

## Antihypertensive efficacy and safety of olmesartan medoxomil and ramipril in elderly patients with mild to moderate essential hypertension: the ESPORT study

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- After a 2-week placebo wash-out 1453 elderly hypertensive patients (65–89 years; sitting office DBP 90–109 mmHg and/or sitting office SBP 140–179 mmHg) were randomized to a 12-week double-blind treatment with **olmesartan medoxomil 10 mg** or **ramipril 2.5 mg** once-daily, up-titrated (20 and 40 mg olmesartan medoxomil; 5 and 10mg ramipril) after 2 and 6 weeks in patients without normalized office BP.
- To assess the antihypertensive efficacy of olmesartan medoxomil and ramipril on 24-h ambulatory blood pressure (ABP) in elderly hypertensive patients by pooled data analysis of two studies with identical designs.

# Clinical trials with ARB based therapy in hypertension in the elderly



# Safety reports

Reference	Design (duration)	Treatments	Patients (n)	Age range (years [mean ± SD])	DR-TEAEs (% of patients)	Most common DR-TEAEs and other tolerability results
Kereiakes et al. [24]	R, O, MC, BEP (12 weeks)	OM 20/40 mg/day ± HCTZ 12.5/25 mg/day	176; newly diagnosed/uncontrolled HT (SeSBP/SeDBP ≥140/90 mmHg)	65–86 [71.9 ± 5.2]	11.8 %	Dizziness (3.4 %), hypotension (2.2 %), headache (1.1 %)
Malacco et al. [19]	R, DB, PG (12 weeks)	OM 10 mg/day vs RAM 2.5 mg/day	1,102; treated or untreated HT (AMBIP n = 630)	65–89 [72 ± 5]	3.6 % OM, 3.6 % RAM	Cough (RAM 13 vs OM 2 episodes), dizziness or vertigo, asthenia, hypertensive crisis or hypotension
Mallion et al. [39]	R, DB, MC, PG (12 weeks)	OM 10 mg/day, RAM 2.5 mg/day	351; HT (SeSBP/SeDBP 140–179/90–109 mmHg) (AMBIP n = 85)	65–89 [OM 72 ± 5; RAM 71 ± 5]	4.0 % OM, 4.5 % RAM	Cough (only with RAM), dizziness, headache and GI side-effects (diarrhoea, nausea, stomach pain)
Kato et al. [37]	R, O, MC (6 months)	OM + D-CCB (AZL, AML or BEN) vs OM + TD (TCM or IND) (mean OM doses: 22.1 mg/day with CCB and 21.2 mg/day with TD)	58; HT >140/90 mmHg on treatment or >160/100 mmHg if treatment naive	65–85 [+CCB 72.6 ± 6.1; +TD 73.3 ± 5.9]	NR	Cr and eGFR unchanged with OM + CCB but Cr elevated and eGFR and HDL-C reduced with OM + TD (all <i>p</i> < 0.05)
Fogari et al. [36]	R, O, BEP (48 weeks)	OM 20 mg/day/HCTZ 12.5 mg/day vs MAN 10 mg/day/DEL 30 mg/day	158; essential HT (SeSBP/SeDBP 130–179/80–99 mmHg) with T2DM	66–74 [MAN/DEL 69.5 ± 3.2; OM/HCTZ 70.2 ± 3.5]	NR	No changes in metabolic parameters with MAN/DEL; increased HbA <sub>1c</sub> (+0.7 %, <i>p</i> < 0.05), uric acid (+0.4 mg/dL, <i>p</i> < 0.05) and TG (+41.3 mg/dL, <i>p</i> < 0.05) and decreased serum K <sup>+</sup> (–0.3 mmol/L, <i>p</i> < 0.05) and HDL-C (–3.4 mg/dL, <i>p</i> < 0.05) with OM/HCTZ
Mallion et al. [38]	R, DB, stepped (24 weeks)	OM 20/40 mg/day vs NIT 10/20 mg bid (both + HCTZ as required 12.5/25 mg/day)	382; ISH	65–94, split into 65–74 and ≥75 groups [OM 74.0 ± 6.1; NIT 73.5 ± 5.8]	Any AE: OM 38.7 %; NIT 45.2 %	Headache, peripheral oedema, dizziness, nasopharyngitis and vertigo

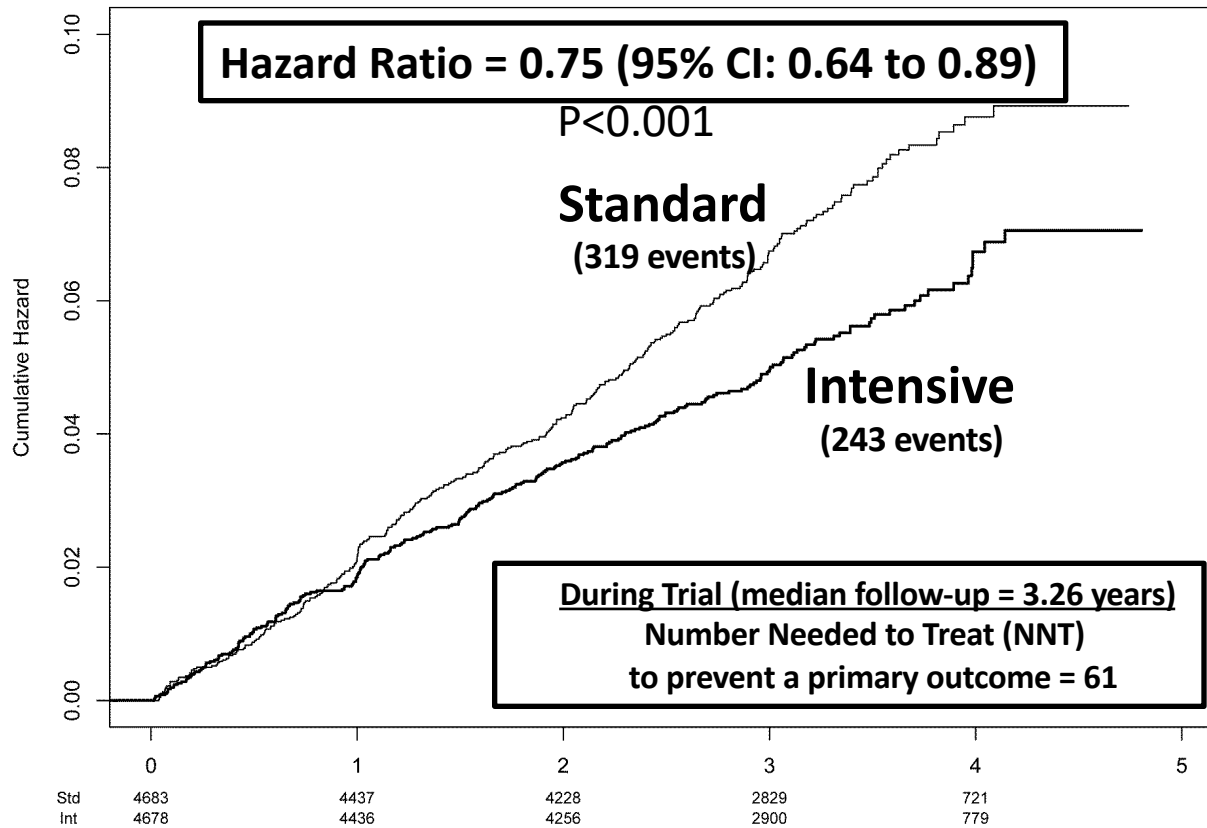


## Antihypertensive strategies with ARB-based therapy combined with either HCTZ or CCB (or both) according to Individual Global CV Risk Stratification (1/2)

Clinical conditions	Grade 1 HT (SBP 140–159 mmHg or DBP 90–99 mmHg)	Grade 2 HT (SBP 160–179 mmHg or DBP 100–109 mmHg)	Grade 3 HT (SBP ≥180 mmHg or DBP ≥110 mmHg)
No risk factors	OLM 10–20 mg If not at target, →	OLM/AML 20/5 mg If not at target, *→	OLM/AML 20–40/10 mg*
		OLM/HCTZ 20/12.5 mg If not at target, *→	OLM/HCTZ 20–40/25 mg*
Dyslipidaemia, obesity, hyperuricemia, metabolic syndrome	OLM 10–20 mg If not at target, →	OLM/AML 20/5 mg If not at target, *→	OLM/AML 20–40/5–10 mg*
Fit elderly, <80 years	OLM 10–20 mg If not at target, →	OLM/HCTZ 20/12.5 mg If not at target, *→	OLM/HCTZ 20–40/25 mg*
Frail elderly, >80 years, SBP ≥160 mmHg	OLM 10–20 mg If not at target, →	OLM/HCTZ 10–20/12.5 mg If not at target, *→	OLM/HCTZ 20–40/25 mg*
Atherosclerosis, arteriosclerosis, PAD	OLM 10–20 mg If not at target, →	OLM/AML 20–40/5 mg If not at target, →	OLM/AML 20–40/10 mg
LV hypertrophy	OLM 20–40 mg If not at target, →	OLM/HCTZ 20–40/12.5 mg If not at target, *→	OLM/HCTZ 20–40/25 mg*
MAU or proteinuria (CKD ≤3 stage)	OLM 20–40 mg If not at target, →	OLM/AML 40/5 mg If not at target, →	OLM/AML 40/10 mg
Diabetes	OLM 20–40 mg If not at target, →	OLM/AML 40/5 mg If not at target, *→	OLM/AML 40/10 mg*

\* Consider single-pill triple combination Tx, if BP not at target

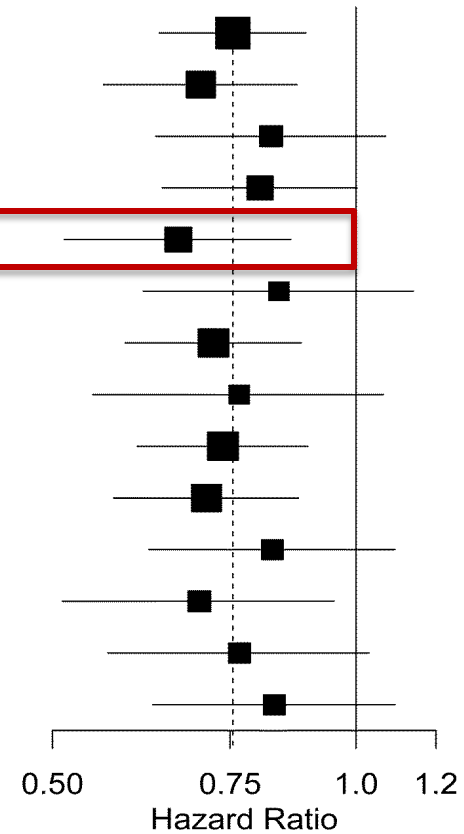
# SPRINT Primary Outcome Cumulative Hazard



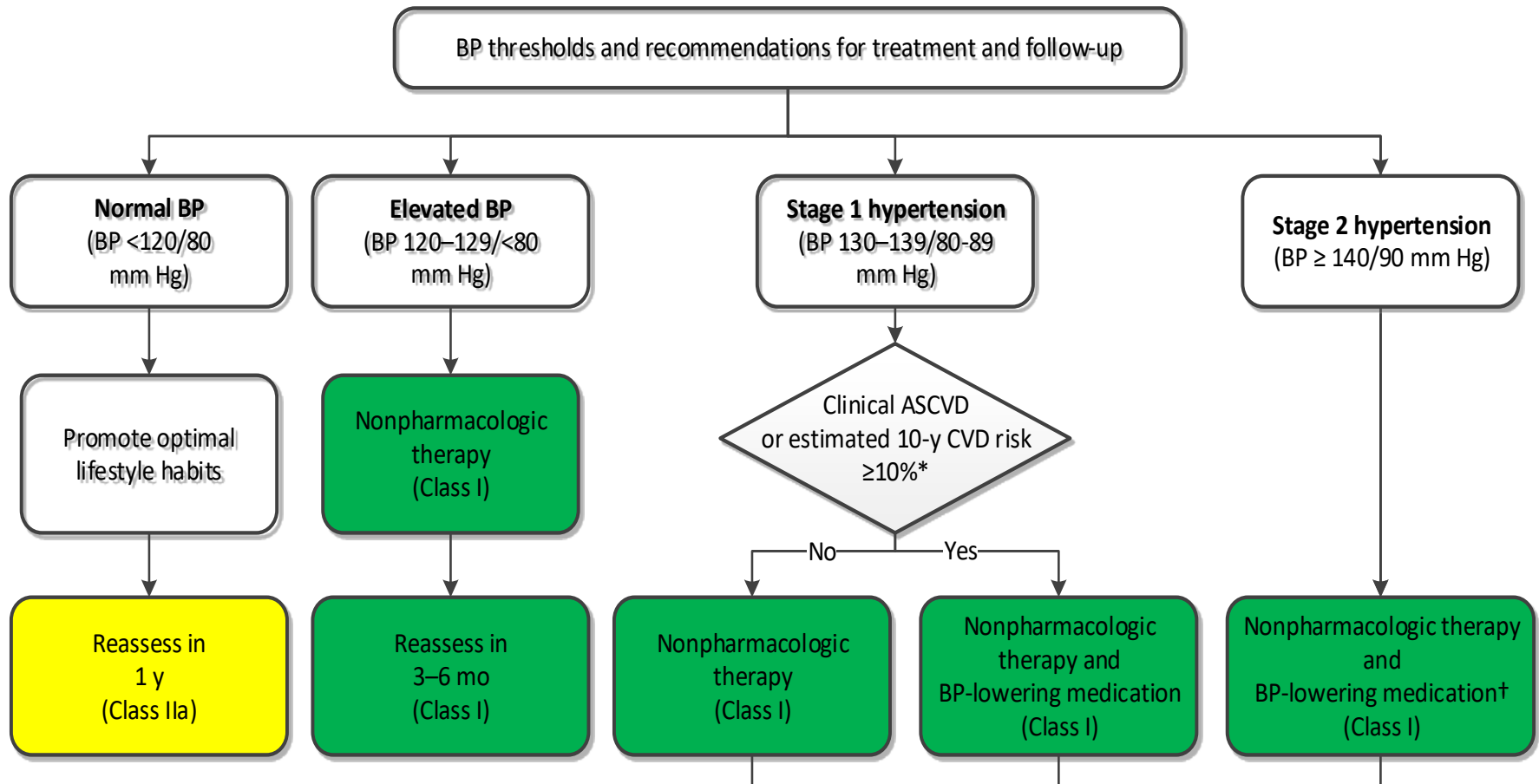
## Primary Outcome in the Pre-specified Subgroups

Subgroup	HR	P*
Overall	0.75 (0.64,0.89)	
No Prior CKD	0.70 (0.56,0.87)	0.36
Prior CKD	0.82 (0.63,1.07)	
Age < 75	0.80 (0.64,1.00)	0.32
Age ≥ 75	0.67 (0.51,0.86)	
Female	0.84 (0.62,1.14)	0.45
Male	0.72 (0.59,0.88)	
African-American	0.77 (0.55,1.06)	0.83
Non African-American	0.74 (0.61,0.90)	
No Prior CVD	0.71 (0.57,0.88)	0.39
Prior CVD	0.83 (0.62,1.09)	
SBP ≤ 132	0.70 (0.51,0.95)	0.77
132 < SBP < 145	0.77 (0.57,1.03)	
SBP ≥ 145	0.83 (0.63,1.09)	

\*Treatment by subgroup interaction  
 \*Unadjusted for multiplicity



# Blood Pressure (BP) Thresholds and Recommendations for Treatment and Follow-Up (continued on next slide)



## Managing Hypertension in Elderly: Take-Home Messages (1/2)

- BP reduction, mostly systolic BP, in elderly hypertensive patients is difficult to achieve and maintain over time.
- BP reductions towards 140/90 mmHg have demonstrated to be beneficial in fit elderly individuals with isolated systolic hypertension and relatively low-moderate CV risk profile.
- BP reduction below 140/90 mmHg are not supported by scientific evidence, thus they might be achieved, but they are currently not recommended in elderly hypertensive patients.

## Managing Hypertension in Elderly: Take-Home Messages (2/2)

- Although 2013 European guidelines still recommended an antihypertensive strategy based on diuretics and calcium-channel blockers, modern pharmacological approach should always include RAS blocking agents (i.e. ACE inhibitors or ARBs) at medium dose.
- Patients whose BP was  $>140/90$  mmHg after 6-8 weeks can be uptitrated to the maximum tolerated dose or added to diuretic (HCTZ or indapamide).
- Fixed combination therapies should be always preferred to reduce the pill burden in elderly hypertensive patients.

# Practical suggestions for the management of hypertension in the elderly based on the current evidence

Lifestyle intervention and drug treatment should be started when SBP is >160 mmHg in fit older patients, even aged >80 years

Lifestyle intervention and pharmacological therapy should be started in grade 1 (SBP 140-159 mmHg) hypertensive fit elderly, aged between 65 and 80 years, if treatment is well tolerated

In older patients who receive drug treatment, BP should be lowered to <140/80 mmHg, but not below a SBP of 130 mmHg

Antihypertensive treatment may be administered also to frail older patients, if well tolerated

Antihypertensive treatment should not be withdrawn in patients aged  $\geq 80$  years, if well tolerated

Thank You for Your attention!

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