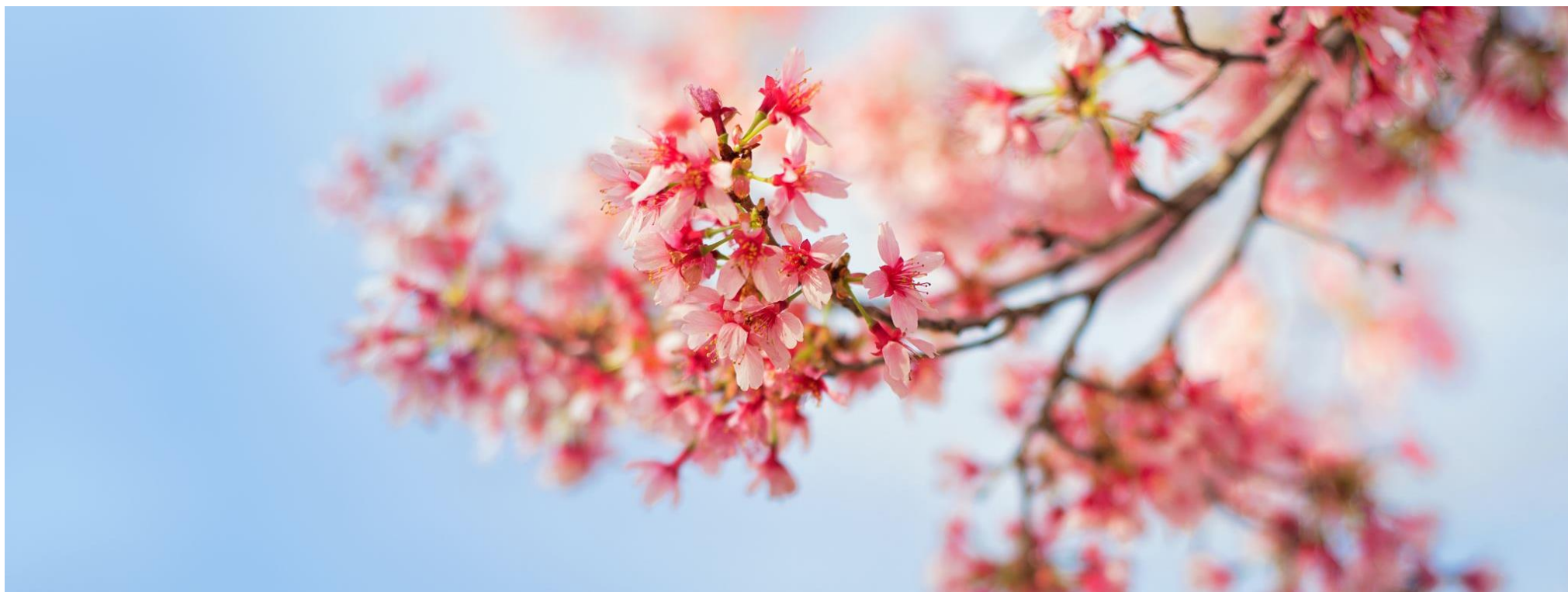




# INITIAL COMBINATION THERAPY IN HYPERTENSION

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# Combination therapy at the start of hypertension treatment: pros and cons

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The universal agreement on initiating two-drug therapy in hypertensives with blood pressure  $\geq 140/90$  mmHg has not been sufficiently translated into real-world practice, leading to treatment failure. Evidence supporting this ESC guideline recommendation includes more rapid, sustained control due to the antihypertensive and non-antihypertensive effect, an acceptable safety profile, and a more homologous response. A single-pill combination promotes less therapeutic inertia, more patient adherence and monetary savings. Concerns remain in the elderly, frail individuals, pseudo-resistance, consequences of dose confusion, polypharmacy and high pill burden. While the net clinical benefit favours an initial two-drug therapy, physicians should be vigilant in relation to vulnerable patients and individualise therapy accordingly.

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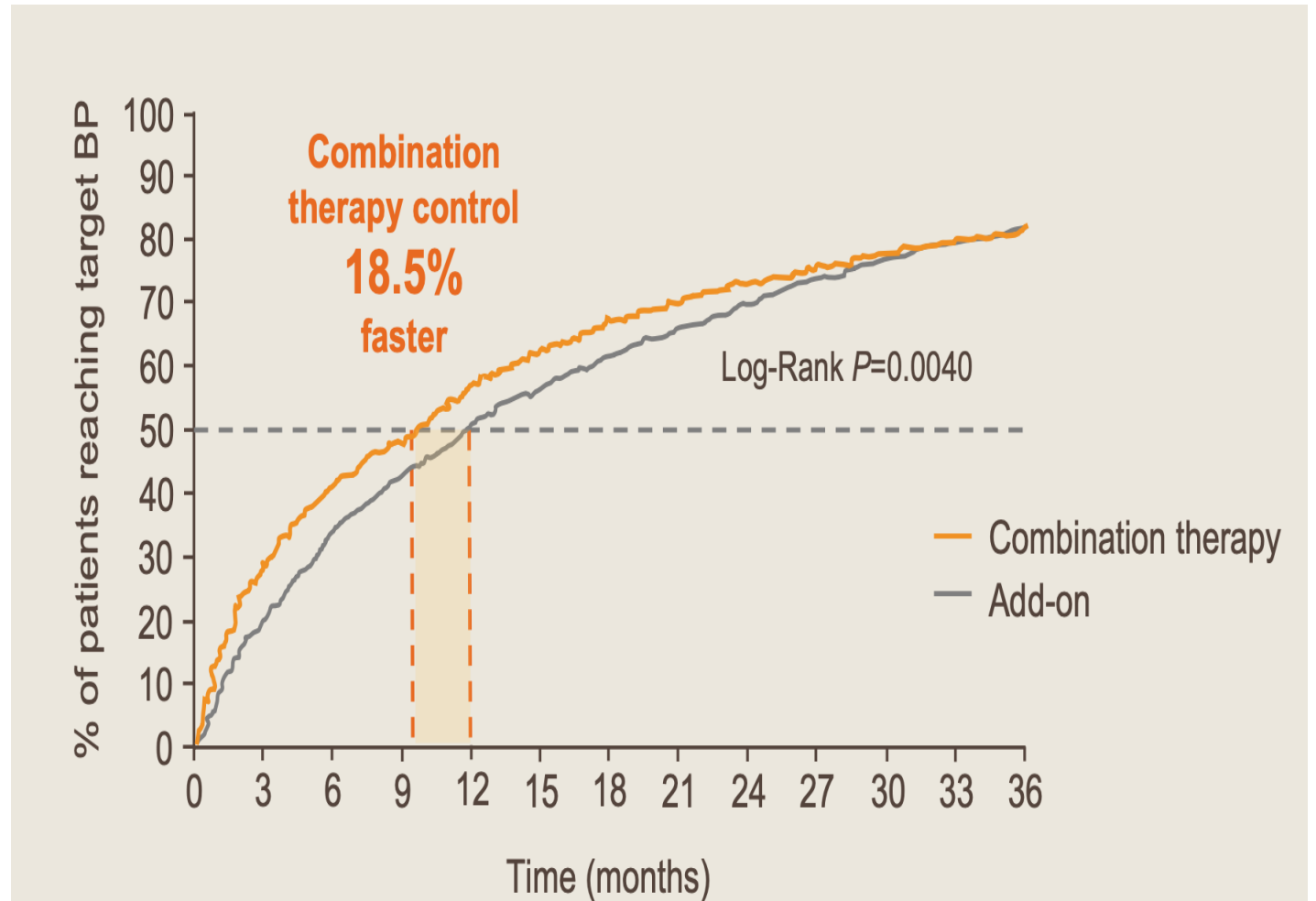
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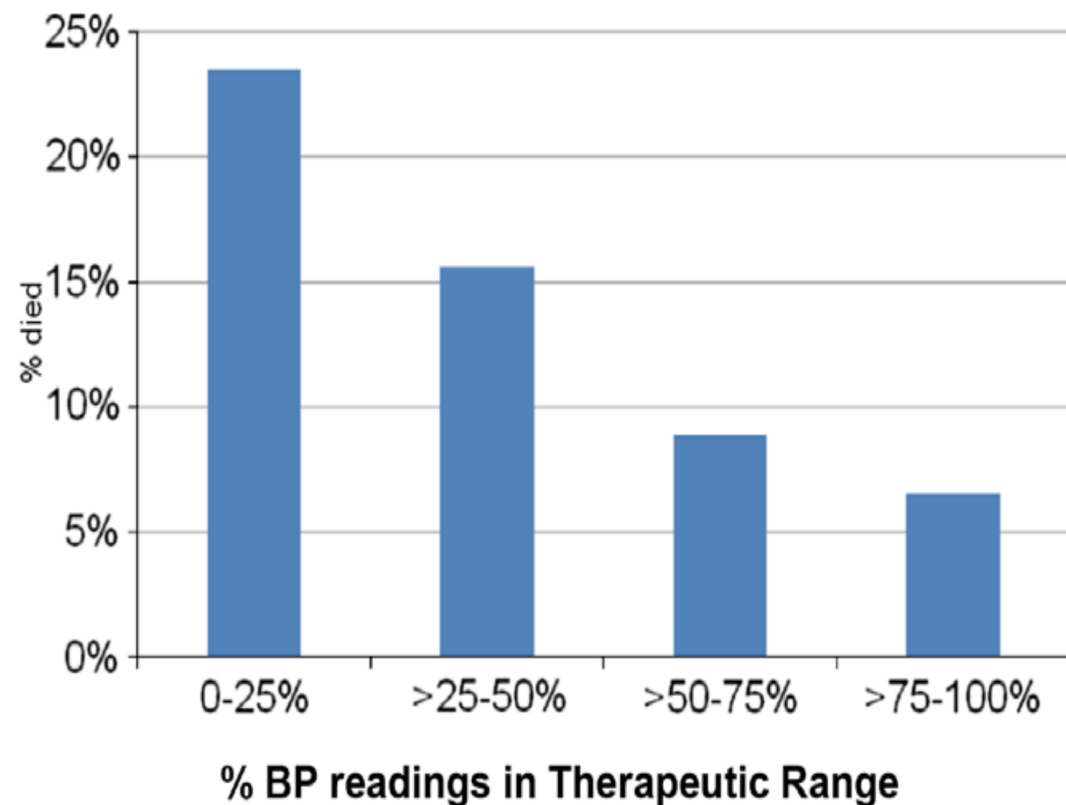
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# TIME TO CONTROL

“23% risk reduction  
for CV events or death”



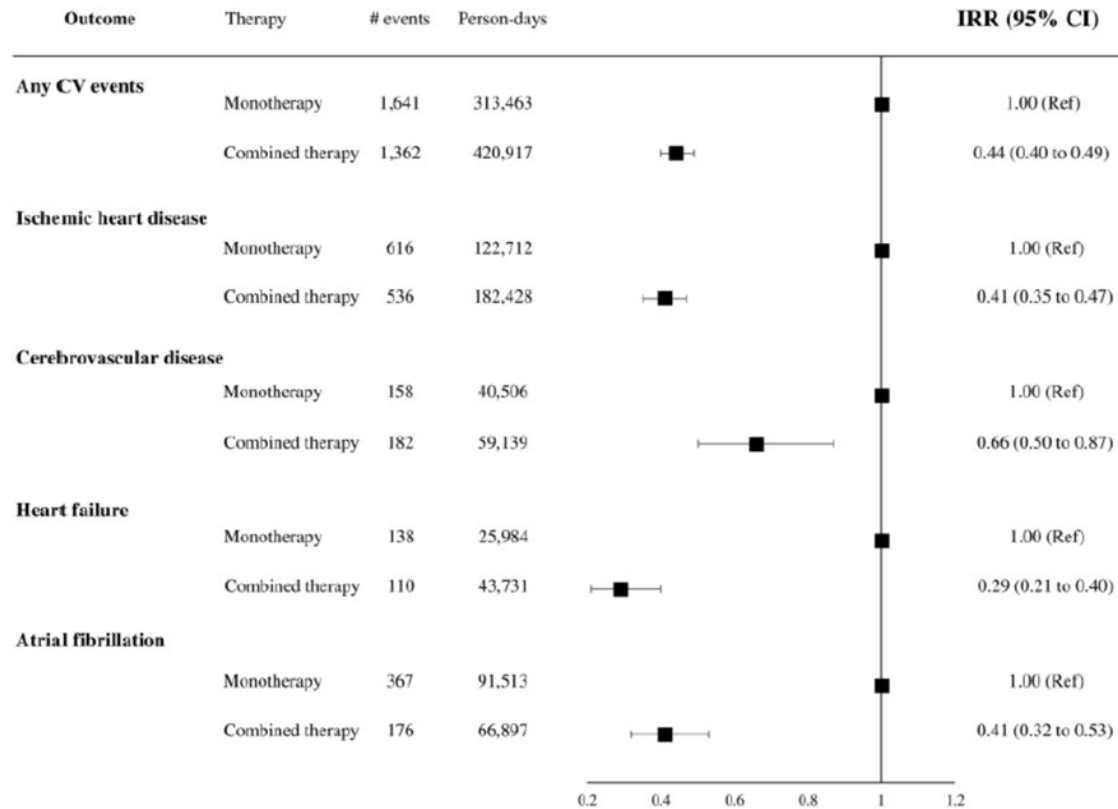
# TIME IN CONTROL



## Time at TaRgEt - TITRE

TITRE Outcome	Difference in Hazard Ratio Zero time in BP control versus 9-12 months in BP control (<140/90mmHg)
CV Death or MI or Stroke	74% reduction
All cause Death	47% reduction

# Early Cardiovascular Protection by initial two-drug single pill combination versus monotherapy in hypertension



N = 37,078 monotherapy  
N = 7,456 SPC  
2,212 CV events at 1 year

**The effect of starting treatment with a SPC versus Monotherapy on 1 year risk of CV outcomes**

Outcome	HR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	P-value
Any CV event	0.85 (0.74–0.97)	0.02
Ischaemic heart disease	0.73 (0.56–0.95)	0.02
Cerebrovascular disease	0.83 (0.61–1.14)	0.26
Heart failure	0.90 (0.54–1.51)	0.69
Atrial fibrillation	0.63 (0.42–0.94)	0.02

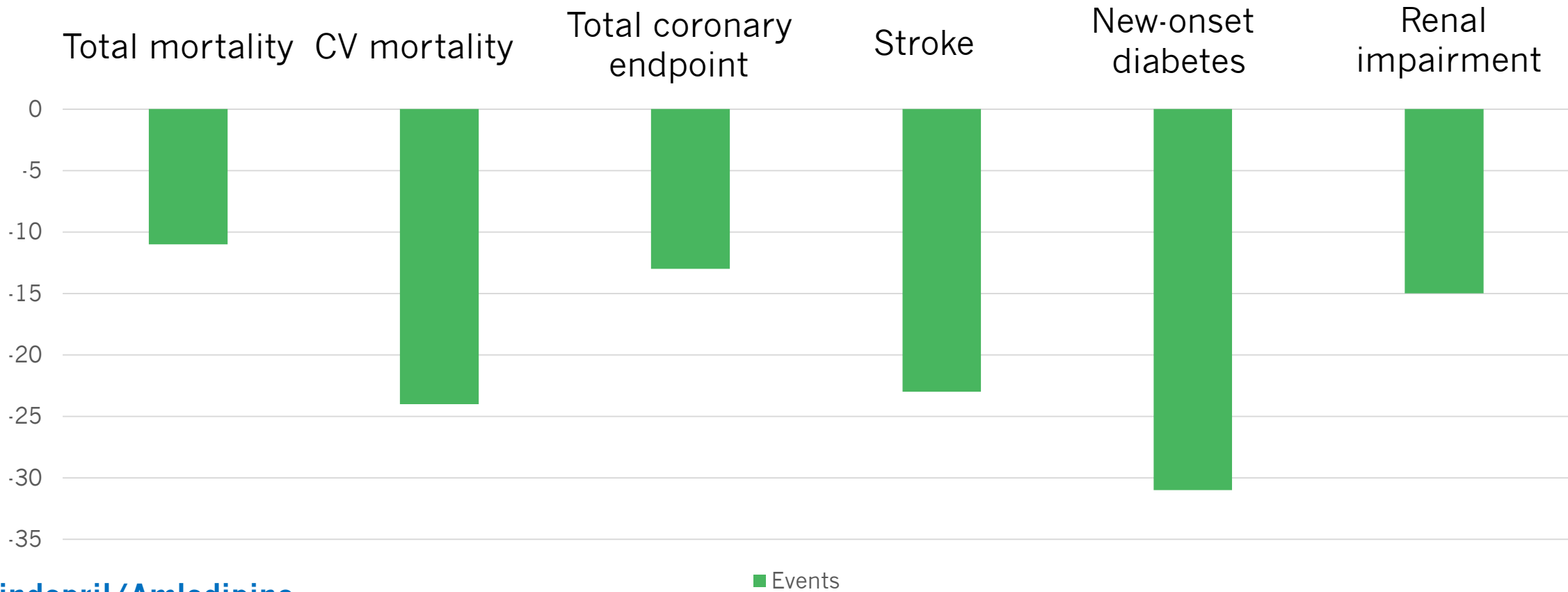
High dimensional propensity score matched in 2212 patients with events at 1 year

Rea F, et al. Eur Heart J, 2018

Healthcare utilization Database | Lombardi, Italy

# NON-ANTIHYPERTENSIVE EFFECTS

Atenolol/Bendroflumethiazide



Perindopril/Amlodipine

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ASCOT BPLA Study Lancet 2005



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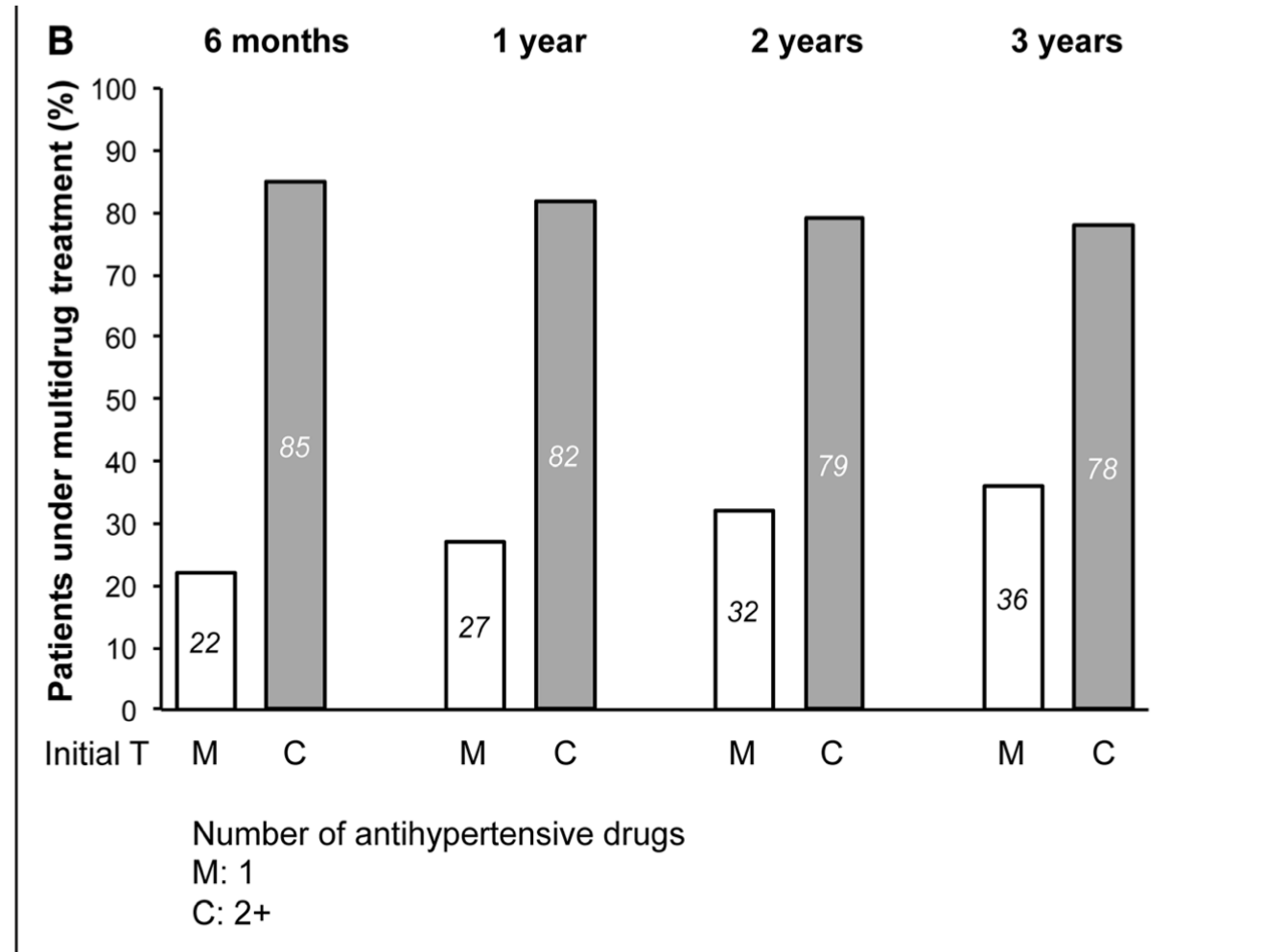
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DOUBLE  
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# REALWORLD PRACTICE

“Most start with **Monotherapy**

...Will likely stay with **Monotherapy**”



# SPRINT IN NUMBERS

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167 NNT to prevent 1 CV death

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83 NNT to prevent all-cause death

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56 NNH to cause 1 case of AKI or renal failure

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42 NNH to cause 1 SAE

## Efficacy and Safety of Dual Combination Therapy as Initial Treatment for Hypertension - A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

33 trials, 13,095 participants, mean baseline mean BP 155/100mmHg

Compared low-top standard dose dual combinations <1 + <1, 1 + <1, 1+1

### Withdrawals for Adverse Events (WDAE) - Dual vs. Mono therapy

Dual	Trials/Pts.	RR for WDAEs & 95% CI	Trials/Pts.	RR for Dizziness & 95% CI
<1 + <1	5/1319	 0.98 (0.45 to 2.16)	5/1107	 1.02 (0.51 to 2.04)
1 + <1	8/2451	 1.46 (0.83 to 2.56)	6/1693	 1.67 (1.01 to 2.75)
1 + 1	4/1312	 1.09 (0.50 to 2.35)	2/522	 1.10 (0.12 to 10.59)
		0.2 0.5 1 2 5 Favours Dual Favours Mono		0.2 0.5 1 2 5 Favours Dual Favours Mono

**Conclusion:** Compared with standard-dose monotherapy, initiating treatment with low-standard-dose dual combination therapy is more efficacious without increasing withdrawals for adverse events.....these data support the ESC-ESH and US Hypertension guideline recommendations.....

Salam A, et al. J Hypertens 2019

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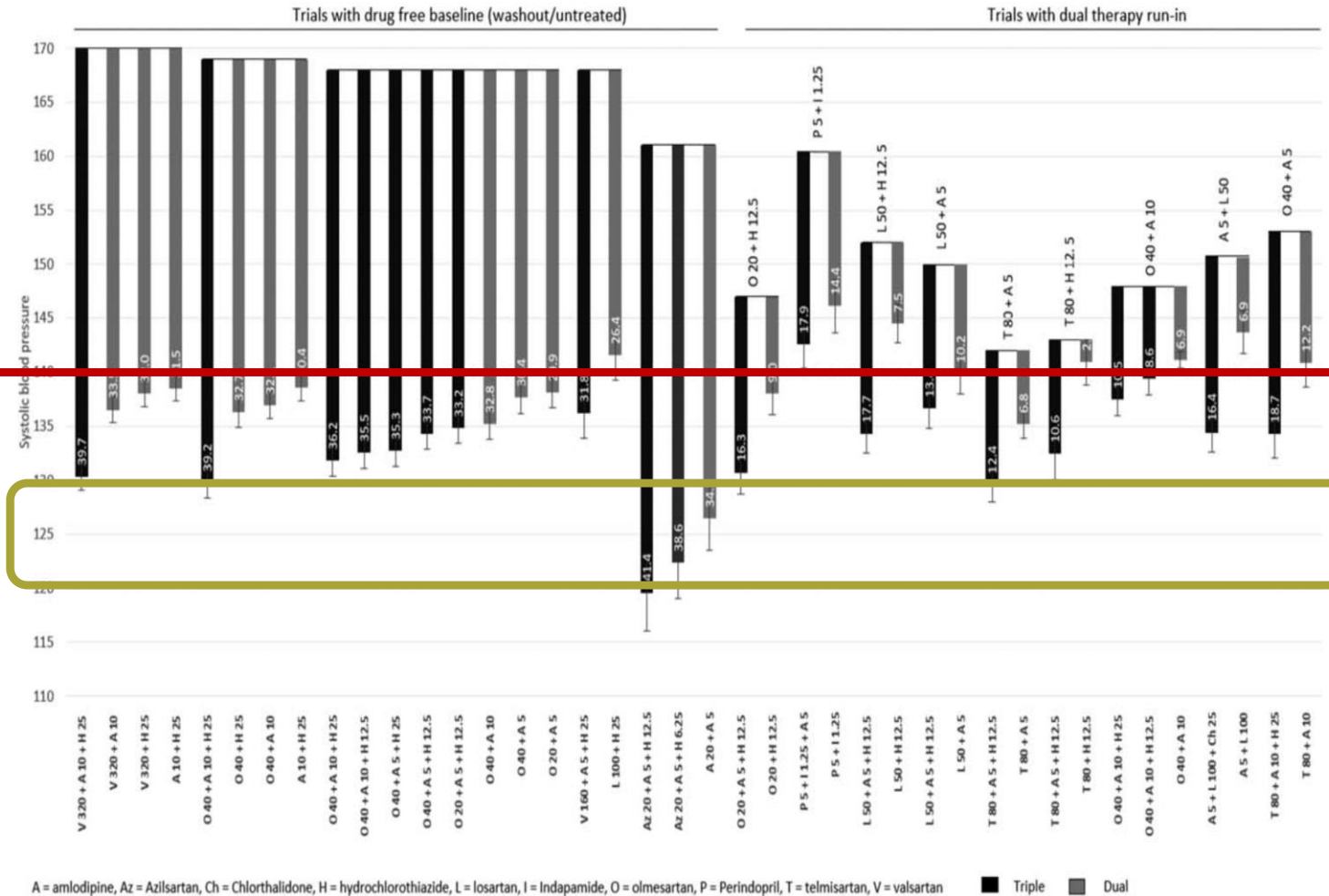
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# TRIPPLE THERAPY

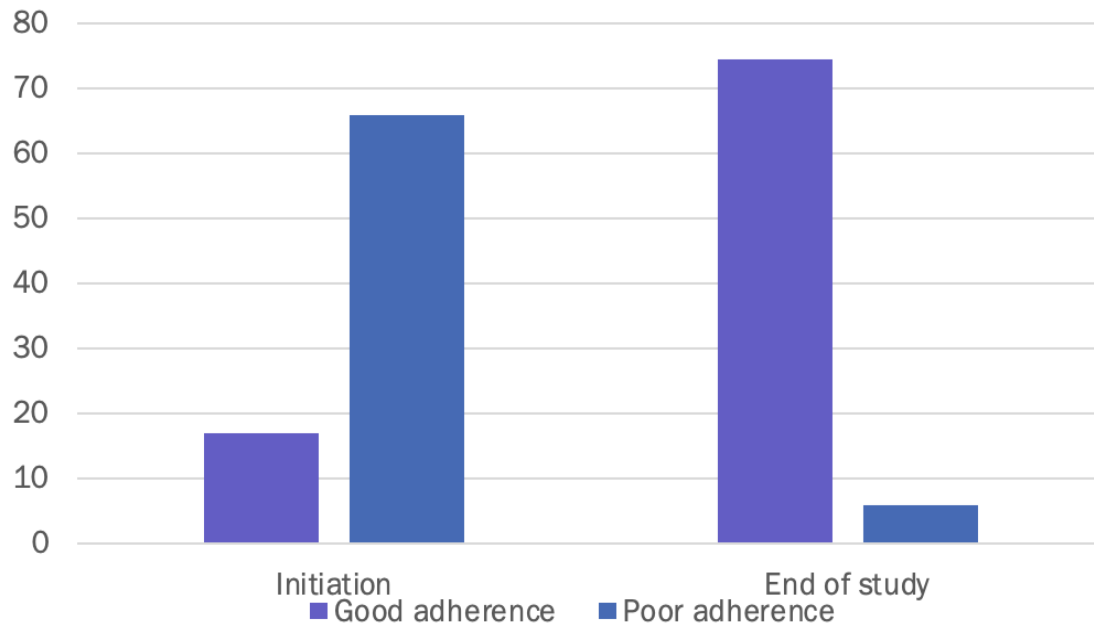
“45% - 58%”



# IMPROVED ADHERENCE IN TRIPPLE THERAPY

Perindopril/Indapamide/Amlodipine

## PATIENT ADHERENCE



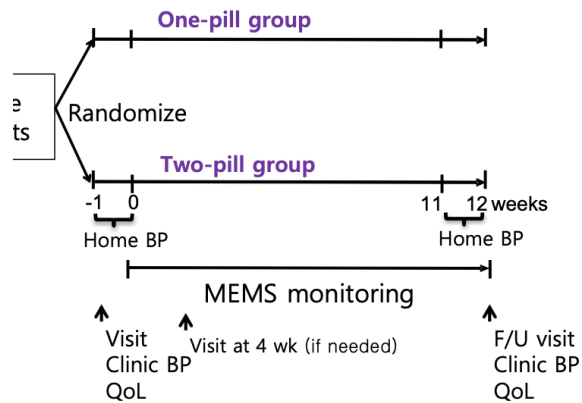
1.1% Discontinuation

0.58% due to AEs

0.8 % nonWAEs

# Study design

Multi-center, open-label, parallel group randomized controlled trial



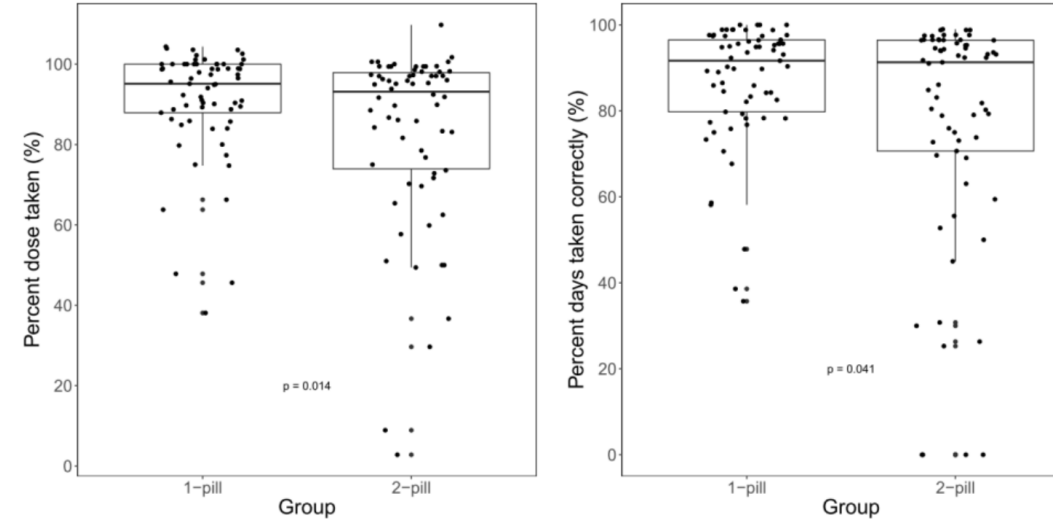
**One-pill group:**  
Triple-component SPC: Olmesartan + Amlodipine + HCTH, 5/20/12/5 mg

**Two-pill group:**  
Dual-component SPC (Olmesartan + HCTH, 20/12.5 mg) + Amlodipine 5 mg

HCTH: Hydrochlorothiazide

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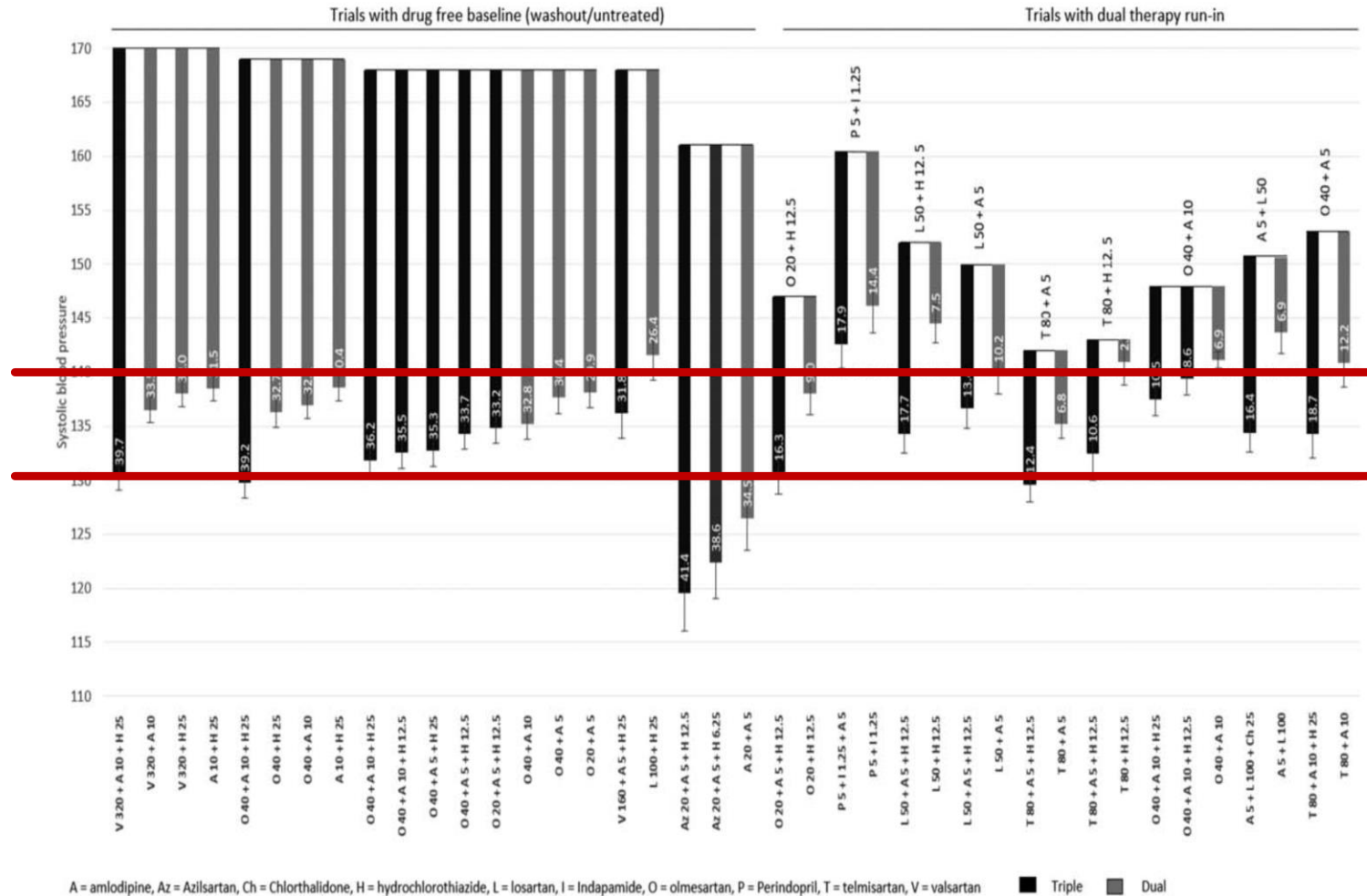
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# THE AMTRAC STUDY



# TRIPPLE THERAPY

“4 TIMES  
MORE EFFECTIVE”



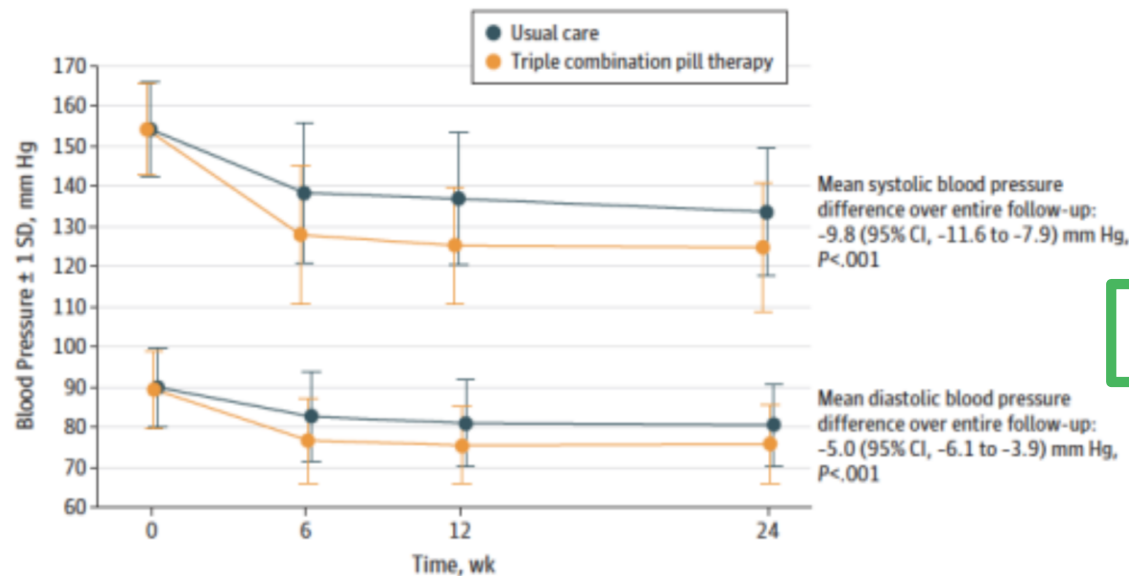
# Fixed low dose triple therapy combination as initial therapy for mild-moderate hypertension

700 randomized patients (mean age, 56 yrs; 58%women; 29% diabetes)

mean baseline BP 154/90mmHg

Once-daily low-dose fixed-dose triple combination pill (20mg telmisartan, 2.5mg amlodipine, 12.5mg chlorthalidone) versus usual care

Primary outcome: Proportion achieving BP target BP (<140/90mmHg or <130/80mmHg in patients with diabetes or CKD) at 6 months



Group	SBP mmHg at 6 months	DBP mmHg at 6 months
Triple Combo	125	76
Usual Care	134	81

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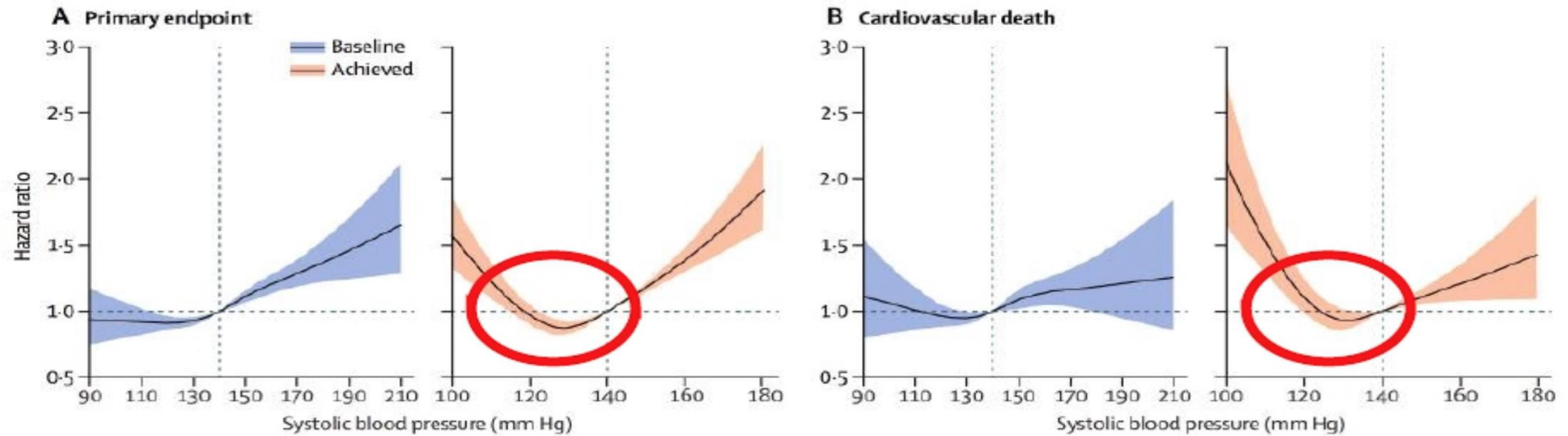
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# Achieved blood pressure and cardiovascular outcomes in high-risk patients: results from ONTARGET and TRANSCEND trials

Michael Böhm, Helmut Schumacher, Koon K Teo, Eva M Lonn, Felix Mahfoud, Johannes F E Mann, Giuseppe Mancia, Josep Redon, Roland E Schmieder, Karen Sliwa, Michael A Weber, Bryan Williams, Salim Yusuf



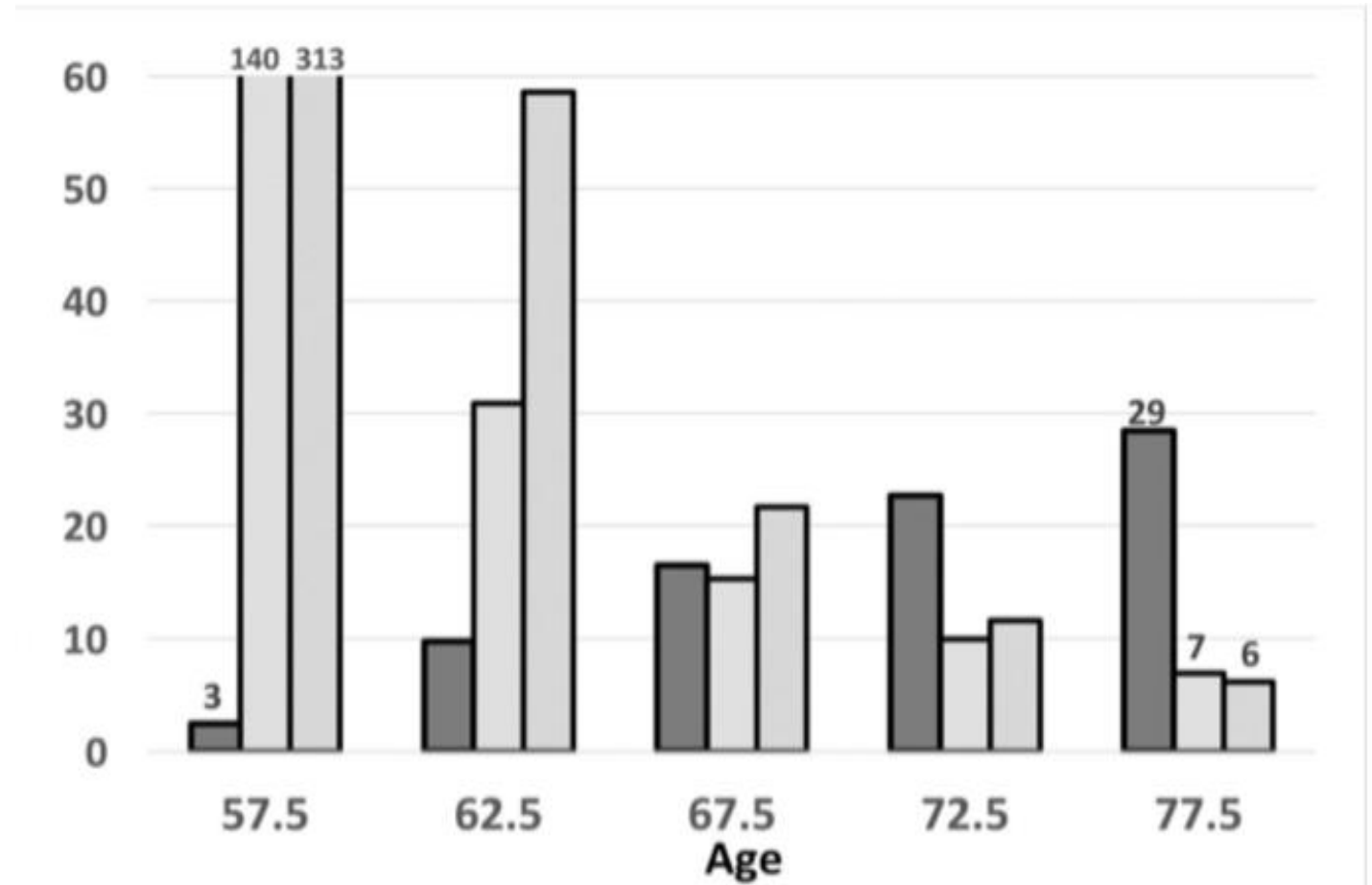
ESC Congress  
Munich 2018

Baseline  
Achieved

Böhm et al, Lancet 2017

# AGE-DEPENDENT RISK REDUCTION

- More risk reduction
- Less NNT



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Roush GC. J Hypertense 2019

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# THE ELDERLY?



Comorbidity



Polypharmacy



Frailty



Life  
expectancy




Cognitive  
function



Lifestyle  
modification

# Changing paradigm in hypertension management



Universal ideal drugs  
Universal BP target

Special indications in  
selected group for  
target and drug classes

Precision target BP and  
combination therapy –  
a preferred approach  
for selected subgroup



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