

This Year in Review Seminal Papers in Cardiology

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Cardiology 2015

- Clinical:
 - Novel risk factors increasingly recognized as important
 - stress, psychogenic, environmental, periodontal disease, pregnancy associated hypertension and diabetes
- Diagnostic:
 - High sensitivity Troponins I and T
- Medical Management:
 - New drugs for heart failure and cholesterol lowering

Cardiology 2015

- Surgical Management:
 - Left ventricular assist devices
- Intervention:
 - Radial approach
 - Bio-absorbable stents
 - TAVR
 - Mitral valve clips
 - Aortic stents
- Medical Imaging:
 - Increasing importance of cardiac MRI

Selected Topics

- Ticagrelor in acute NSTEMI
- Angiotensin – Neprilysin inhibition to treat heart failure
- Stress
 - Environmental
 - Psychogenic – Case presentation of Takotsubo cardiomyopathy
- Something Old
 - Statins and the skin



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ESC GUIDELINES

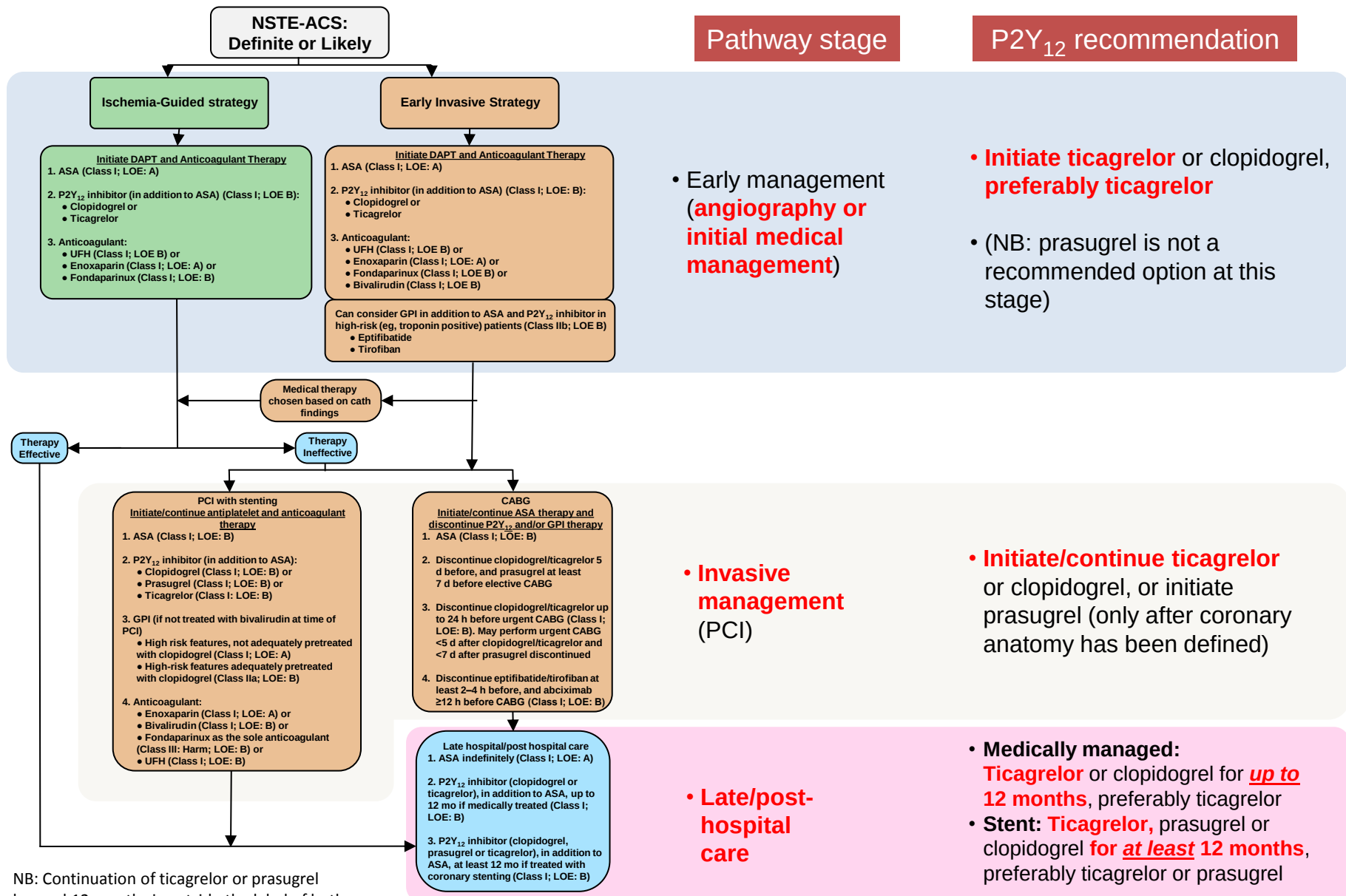
2015 ESC guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes in patients presenting without persistent ST-segment elevation

Task Force for the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes in Patients Presenting without Persistent ST-Segment Elevation of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Recommendations for platelet inhibition in non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndromes

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref. ^c
Oral antiplatelet therapy			
Aspirin is recommended for all patients without contraindications at an initial oral loading dose ^a of 150–300 mg (in aspirin-naïve patients) and a maintenance dose of 75–100 mg/day long-term regardless of treatment strategy.	I	A	129–132
A P2Y ₁₂ inhibitor is recommended, in addition to aspirin, for 12 months unless there are contraindications such as excessive risk of bleeds.	I	A	137, 148, 153
Ticagrelor (180 mg loading dose, 90 mg twice daily) is recommended, in the absence of contraindications,^e for all patients at moderate-to-high risk of ischaemic events (e.g. elevated cardiac troponins), regardless of initial treatment strategy and including those pretreated with clopidogrel (which should be discontinued when ticagrelor is started).	I	B	153
Prasugrel (60 mg loading dose, 10 mg daily dose) is recommended in patients who are proceeding to PCI if no contraindication.^e	I	B	148, 164
Clopidogrel (300–600 mg loading dose, 75 mg daily dose) is recommended for patients who cannot receive ticagrelor or prasugrel or who require oral anticoagulation.	I	B	137
P2Y ₁₂ inhibitor administration for a shorter duration of 3–6 months after DES implantation may be considered in patients deemed at high bleeding risk.	IIb	A	187–189, 192

2014 AHA/ACC guidelines for the management of patients with NSTEMI-ACS Recommended treatment algorithm



NB: Continuation of ticagrelor or prasugrel beyond 12 months is outside the label of both drugs

Top-line recommendations in NSTEMI-ACS

Early management strategy (initial ischaemia-guided or early invasive strategy) before definition of coronary anatomy

Recommendation	Class	Level	Evidence
P2Y ₁₂ inhibitor (<u>either clopidogrel or ticagrelor</u>) in addition to aspirin, for up to 12 months in patients treated initially with either an early invasive or ischaemia-guided strategy	I	B	CURE ¹ , CURRENT-OASIS 7 ² , PLATO ³ , PLATO non-invasive substudy ⁴
It is reasonable to choose <u>ticagrelor in preference to clopidogrel</u> for patients treated with an early invasive or ischaemia-guided strategy	IIa	B	PLATO ³ , PLATO non-invasive substudy ⁴

Contraindications and other label requirements still apply

1. Yusuf S et al. N Engl J Med 2001;345:494–502

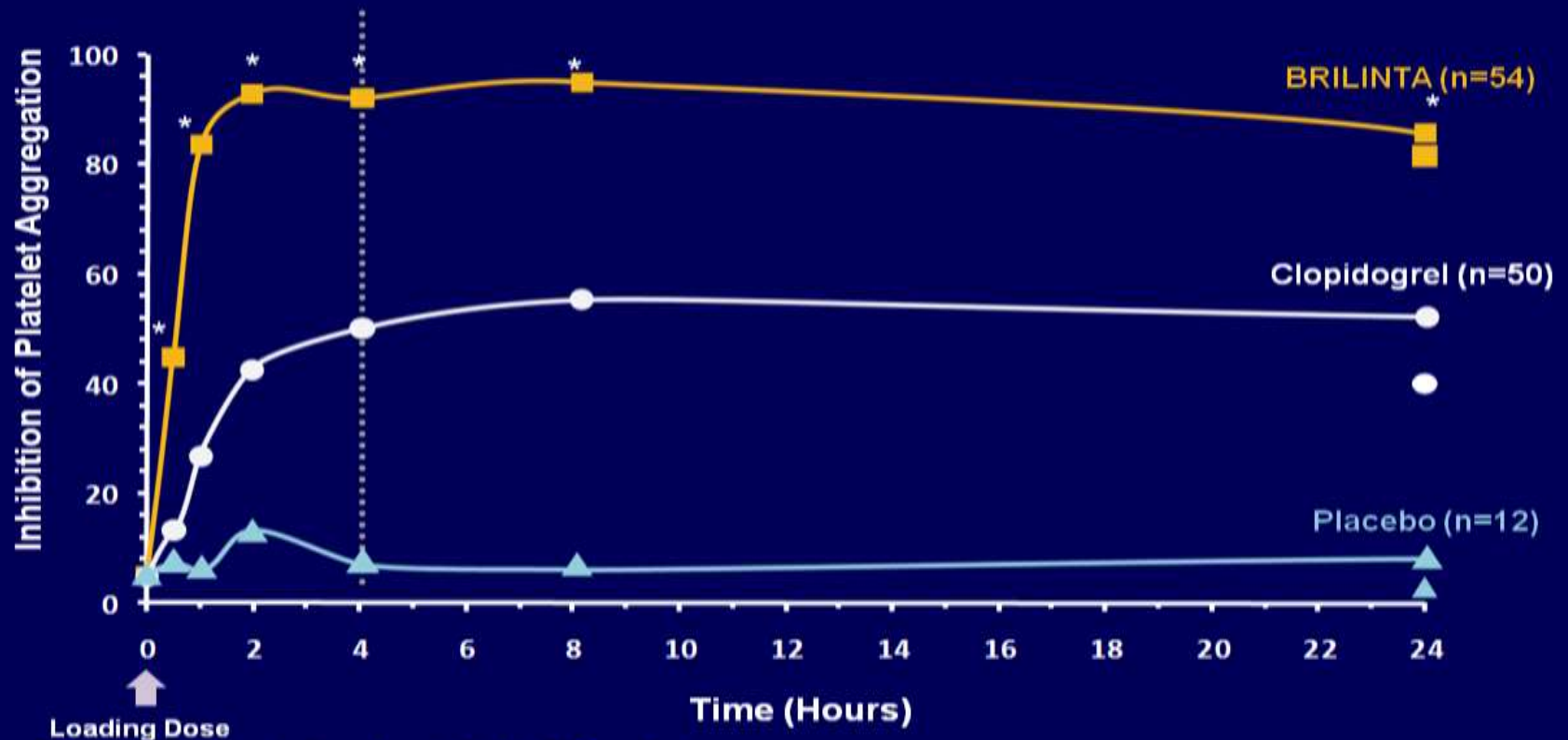
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4. James SK et al. BMJ 2011;342:d3527

Onset, and level of IPA, Ticagrelor vs Clopidogrel

Inhibition of Platelet Aggregation: Onset



BRILINTA 180-mg loading dose in Stable CAD patients
Clopidogrel 600-mg loading dose in Stable CAD patients

* $P < 0.0001$ BRILINTA vs Clopidogrel

Important Comparators

	TICAGRELOR	CLOPIDOGREL
Onset of action	Fast (orally active)	Slow (pro drug)
Therapeutic Path	No drug-drug interactions	Drug-drug interactions
Level of inhibition	Predictably high (no enzyme system involved)	Variable, based on individual Genotype
Individual Response	All responders	Some non-responders
PPI co-therapy?	Yes (no interaction)	Some interaction

PLATO Trial (18,624 patients)

Endpoint	Ticagrelor group n (%)	Clopidogrel group n (%)	Hazard Ratio for TICAGRELOR group (95% CI)	P Value†
Death from vascular causes, MI, or stroke	864/9333 (9.8)	1014/9291 (11.7)	0.84 (0.77–0.92)	<0.001‡
Death from any cause, MI, or stroke	901/9333 (10.2)	1065/9291 (12.3)	0.84 (0.77–0.92)	<0.001‡
MI	504/9333 (5.8)	593/9291 (6.9)	0.84 (0.75–0.95)	0.005‡
Death from vascular causes	353/9333 (4.0)	442/9291 (5.1)	0.79 (0.69–0.91)	0.001‡
Stroke	125/9333 (1.5)	106/9291 (1.3)	1.17 (0.91–1.52)	0.22
Ischemic	96/9333 (1.1)	91/9291 (1.1)	--	0.74
Hemorrhagic	23/9333 (0.2)	13/9291 (0.1)	--	0.10
Unknown	10/9333 (0.1)	2/9291 (0.02)	--	0.04

Where Are We With Current HF Management Systems, Structure and Science?



Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- * Recognize factors contributing to clinical inertia in HF as well as limitations in systems and structure for management of HF
- Debate the need for a concerted multidisciplinary effort to overhaul HF management
- Describe the role of the renin angiotensin system, neprilysin inhibition, and natriuretic peptides in HF pathophysiology
- * Analyze emerging scientific evidence for the next generation of dual-function therapies in HF management

Program Agenda

18:15 **Registration** ([Link](#))

18:30 **Introduction and welcome**
Mariell L. Jessup, MD

18:35 **A call to action in heart failure: what have we achieved and where are we going?**
Piotr Ponikowski, MD, PhD

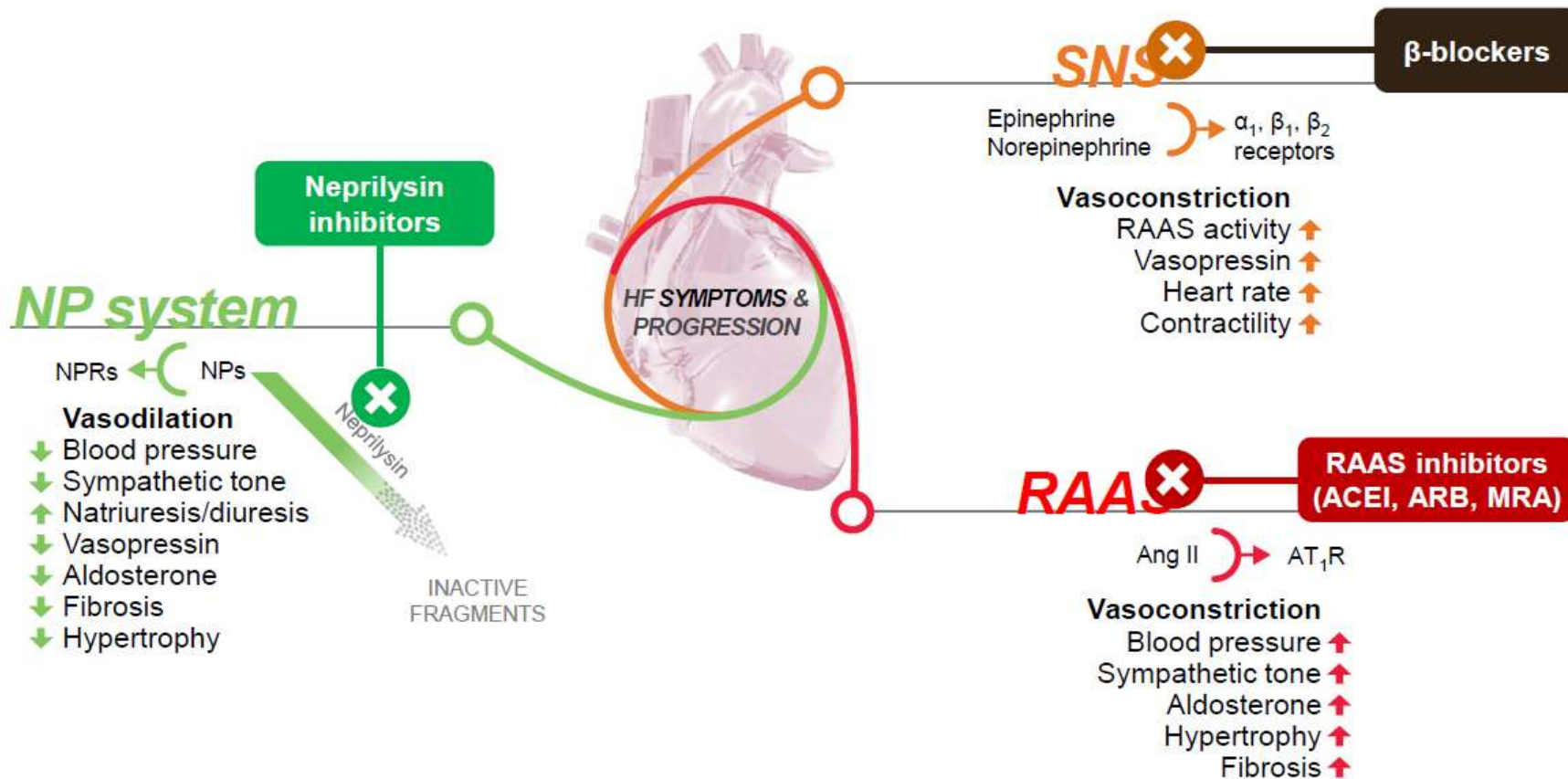
18:45 **Dual action molecules in heart failure: from bench to bedside**
John C. Burnett, Jr., MD

19:00 **A case of heart failure management today: can we do better for our patients?**
John J. V. McMurray, MD

19:20 **Q&A session**
Mariell L. Jessup, MD

Evolution of pharmacologic approaches in HF:

Neprilysin inhibition as a new therapeutic strategy¹



- Neprilysin inhibitors: natriuretic and other vasoactive peptides enhancement

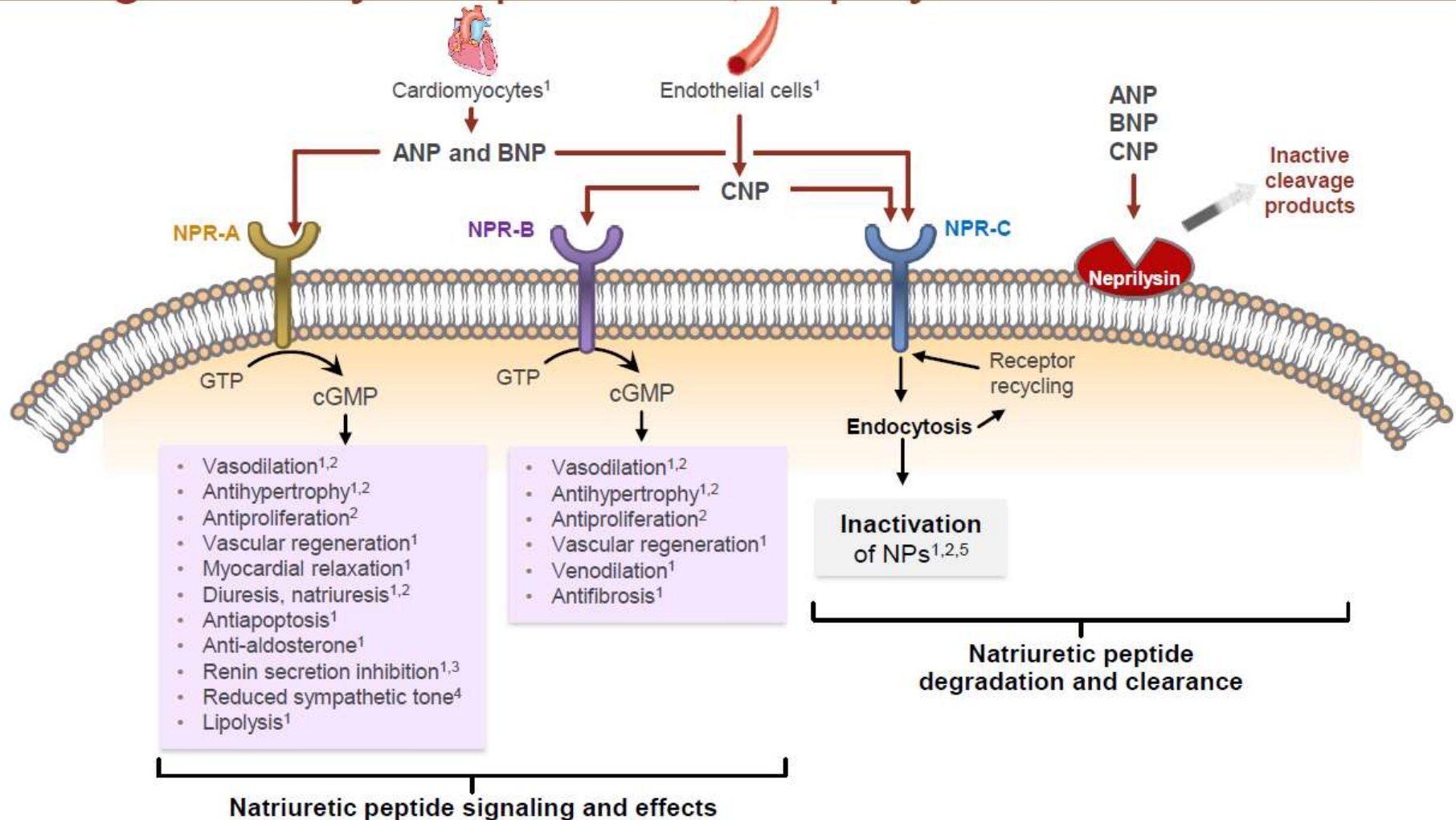
ACEI=angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; Ang=angiotensin; ARB=angiotensin receptor blocker; AT₁R = angiotensin II type 1 receptor; HF=heart failure; MRA=mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; NP=natriuretic peptide; NPRs=natriuretic peptide receptors; RAAS=renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system; SNS=sympathetic nervous system

1. McMurray et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2013;15:1062-73;

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NOVARTIS

Natriuretic peptides are cleared via NPR-C and degraded by the protease, neprilysin



ANP=atrial natriuretic peptide; BNP=B-type natriuretic peptide;
cGMP=cyclic guanosine monophosphate; CNP=C-type natriuretic
peptide; GTP=guanosine triphosphate; NP=natriuretic peptide;
NPR=natriuretic peptide receptor

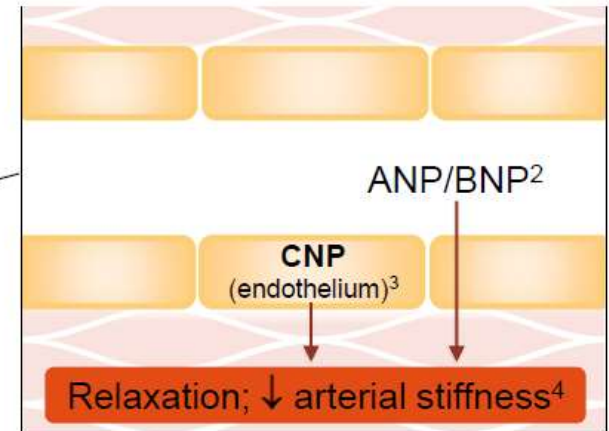
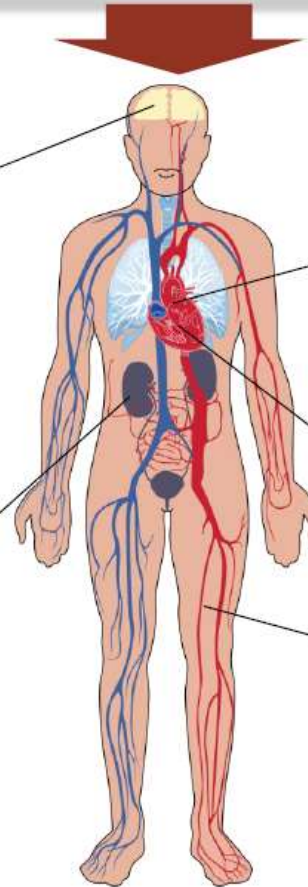
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5. Von Lueder et al. Pharmacol Ther 2014 [Epub ahead of print]

Natriuretic peptides have potential beneficial actions in HF

Release of ANP and BNP from heart and CNP in vasculature^{1,2}

↓ Sympathetic outflow²
↓ Vasopressin²
↓ Salt appetite and water intake²

↑ Na⁺/H₂O loss²
↓ Aldosterone²
↓ Renin²



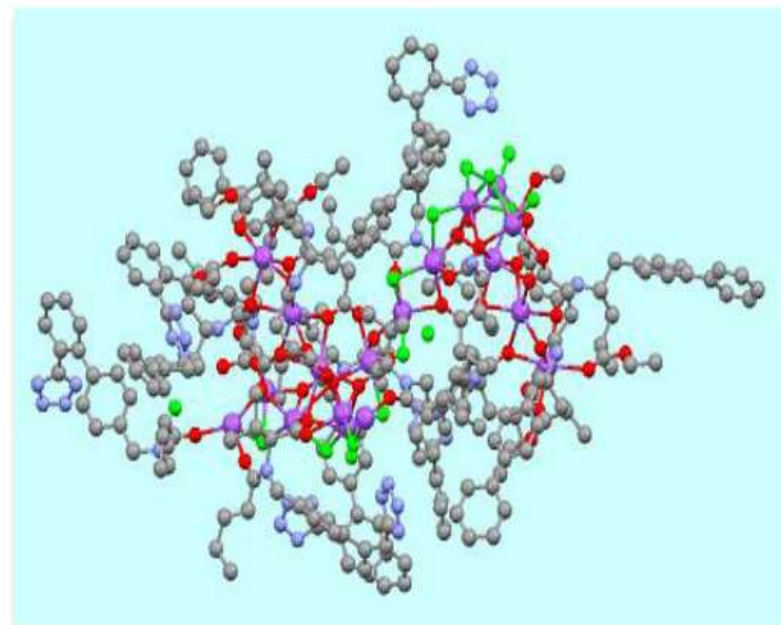
↓ Hypertrophy^{2,5-7}
↓ Fibroblast proliferation^{4,8,9}

Vasodilation^{2,3,4}
↓ Systemic vascular resistance⁴
↓ Pulmonary artery pressure⁴
↓ Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure⁴
↓ Right atrial pressure⁴

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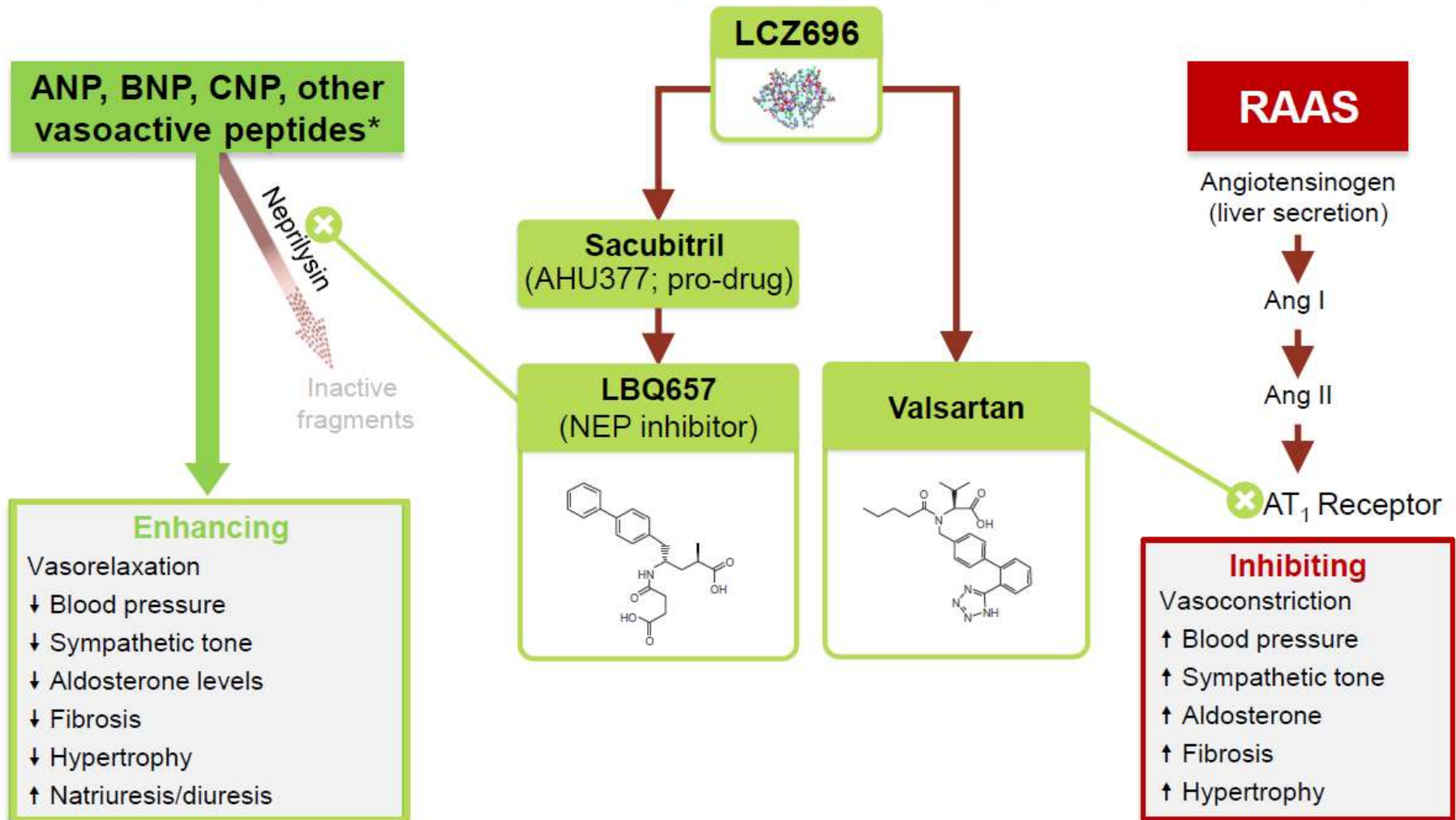
LCZ696 is a first-in-class angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibitor (ARNI)

- LCZ696 is a novel drug which delivers simultaneous neprilysin inhibition and AT_1 receptor blockade¹⁻³
- LCZ696 is a salt complex that comprises the two active components:^{2,3}
 - sacubitril (AHU377) – a pro-drug; further metabolized to the neprilysin inhibitor LBQ657, and
 - valsartan – an AT_1 receptor blocker in a 1:1 molar ratio



3D LCZ696 structure²

LCZ696 simultaneously inhibits neprilysin (via LBQ657) and blocks AT₁ receptors (via valsartan)



*Neprilysin substrates listed in order of relative affinity for neprilysin: ANP, CNP, Ang II, Ang I, adrenomedullin, substance P, bradykinin, endothelin-1, BNP

Ang=angiotensin; ANP=atrial natriuretic peptide; AT₁=angiotensin II type 1; BNP=B-type natriuretic peptide; CNP=C-type natriuretic peptide; NEP=neprilysin; RAAS=renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system

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Angiotensin–Neprilysin Inhibition versus Enalapril in Heart Failure

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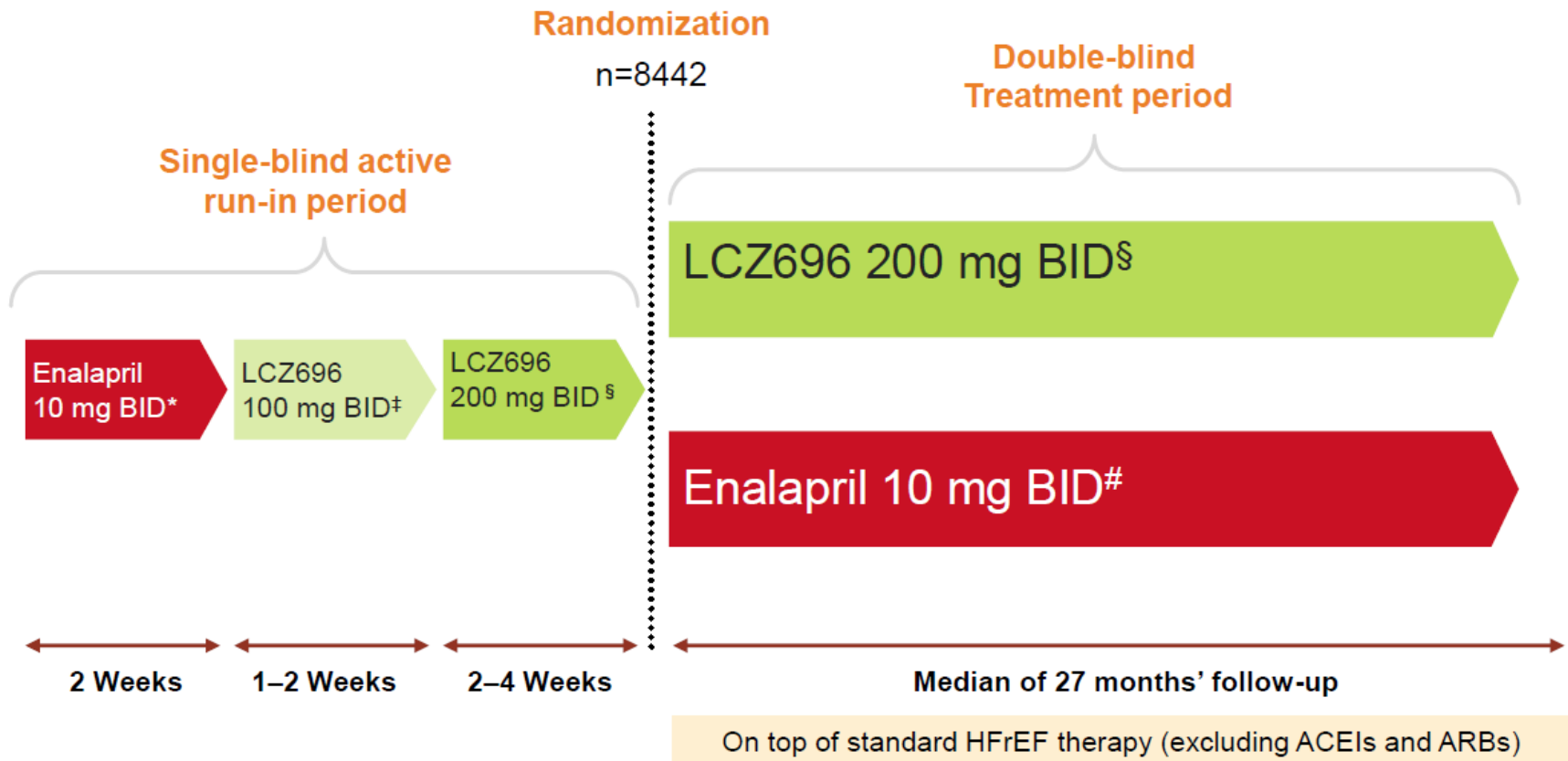


PARADIGM-HF Study

Prospective comparison of ARNI with ACEI to Determine Impact on Global Mortality and morbidity in Heart Failure

A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, active-controlled study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of LCZ696 compared with enalapril on morbidity and mortality in patients with chronic HF and reduced ejection fraction

PARADIGM-HF: study design

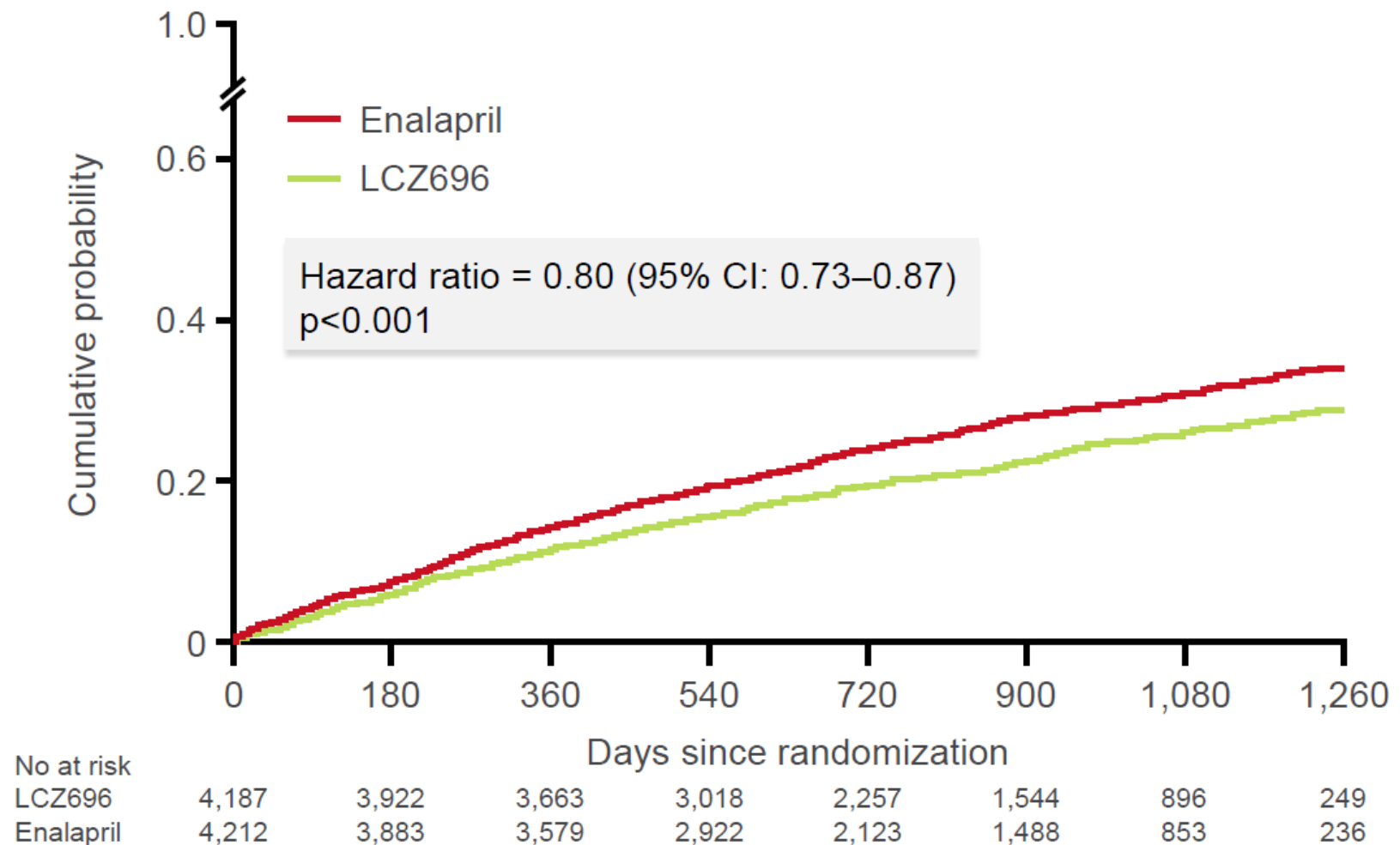


*Enalapril 5 mg BID (10 mg TDD) for 1–2 weeks followed by enalapril 10 mg BID (20 mg TDD) as an optional starting run-in dose for those patients who are treated with ARBs or with a low dose of ACEI; †200 mg TDD; §400 mg TDD; #20 mg TDD. ACEI=angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB=angiotensin receptor blocker; BID=twice daily; HFrEF=heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; PARADIGM-HF=Prospective comparison of ARNI with ACEI to Determine Impact on Global Mortality and morbidity in Heart Failure; TDD=total daily dose

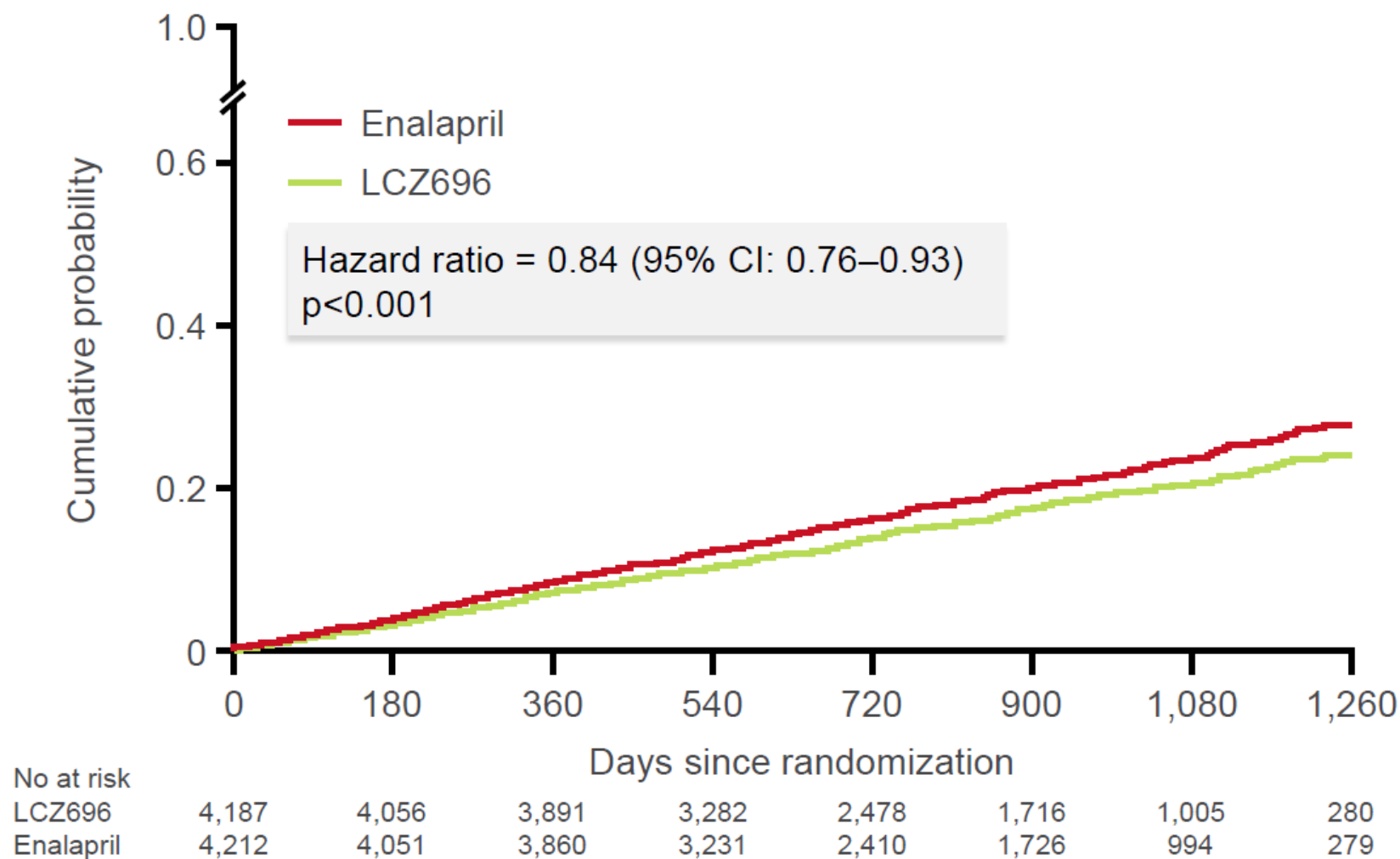
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Primary endpoint:

Death from CV causes or first hospitalization for HF



Death from any cause



CI=confidence interval

McMurray et al. N Engl J Med 2014;371:993–1004

Primary outcome

Outcome, n %	LCZ696 (n=4,187)	Enalapril (n=4,212)	Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	p value‡
Primary composite outcome				
Death from CV causes or first hospitalization for worsening of HF	914 (21.8)	1,117 (26.5)	0.80 (0.73–0.87)	<0.001
Death from CV causes	558 (13.3)	693 (16.5)	0.80 (0.71–0.89)	<0.001
First hospitalization for worsening of HF	537 (12.8)	658 (15.6)	0.79 (0.71–0.89)	<0.001

- The difference in favor of LCZ696 was seen early in the trial and at each interim analysis
- Over the duration of the trial, the numbers of patients who would need to have been treated (NNT) to prevent:
 - one primary event was 21 patients, and
 - one death from CV causes was 32 patients

*Calculated with the use of stratified cox proportional-hazard models;
 ‡Two-sided p-values calculated by means of a stratified log-rank test
 without adjustment for multiple comparisons. CI=confidence interval;
 CV=cardiovascular; HF=heart failure; NNT=number needed to treat



King Edward I (1272)

Banned burning of sea-coal in London

*"Whosoever shall be found guilty of burning coal
shall suffer the loss of his head"*

**"...[London's] Inhabitants
breathe nothing but an impure
and thick Mist, accompanied
with a fuliginous and filthy
vapor,... corrupting the Lungs
and disordering the entire
habit of their Bodies;..."**

**John Evelyn,
Fumifugium, 1661**



**The houses of Parliament, Stormy Sky
Claude Monet, 1904**

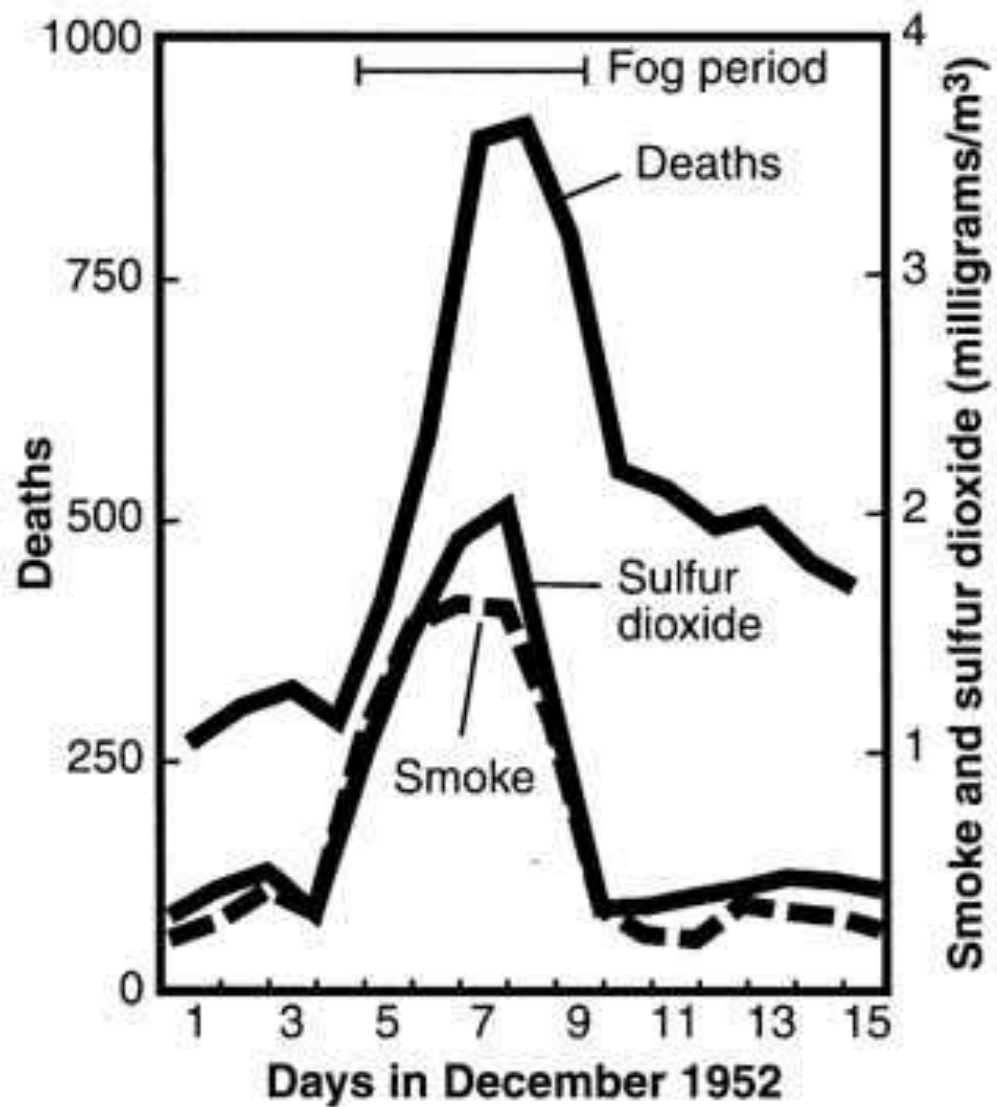


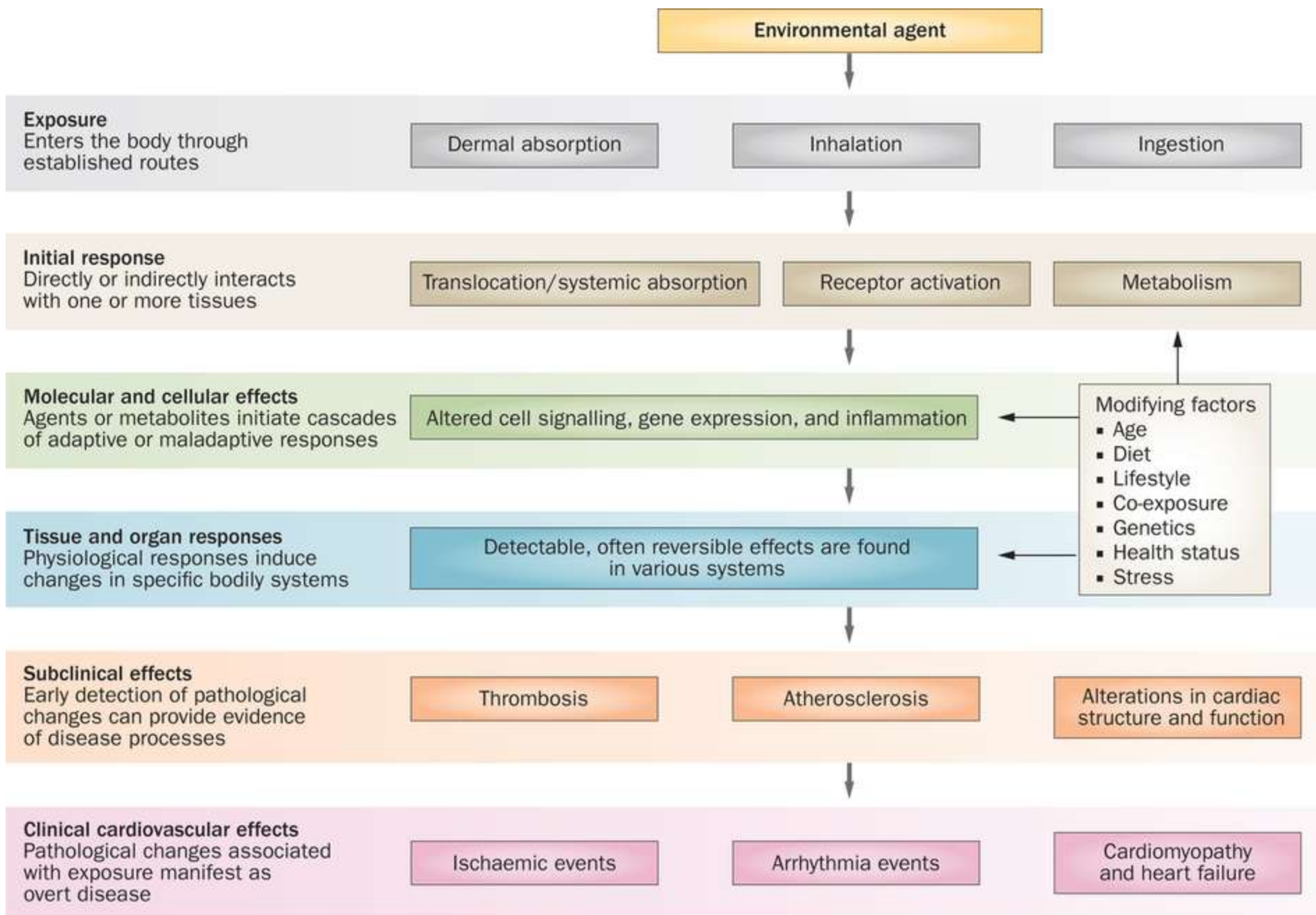
**London
"pea soupers"**

**"Smog" (1905) =
Natural fog + coal smoke
(Dr. HA Des Voeux)**

Slide from
Robert
Brook

London Smog 1952





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established routes

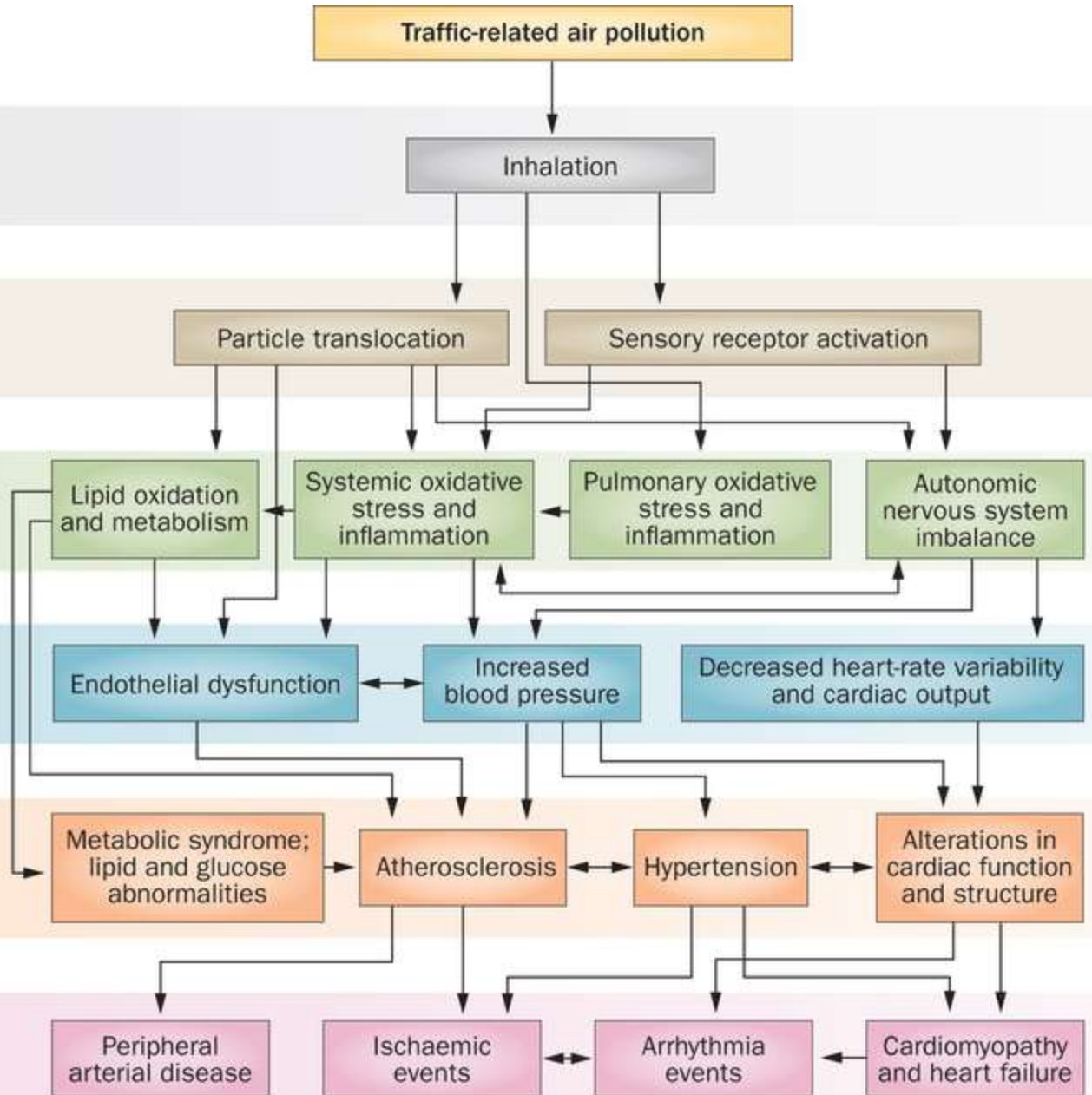
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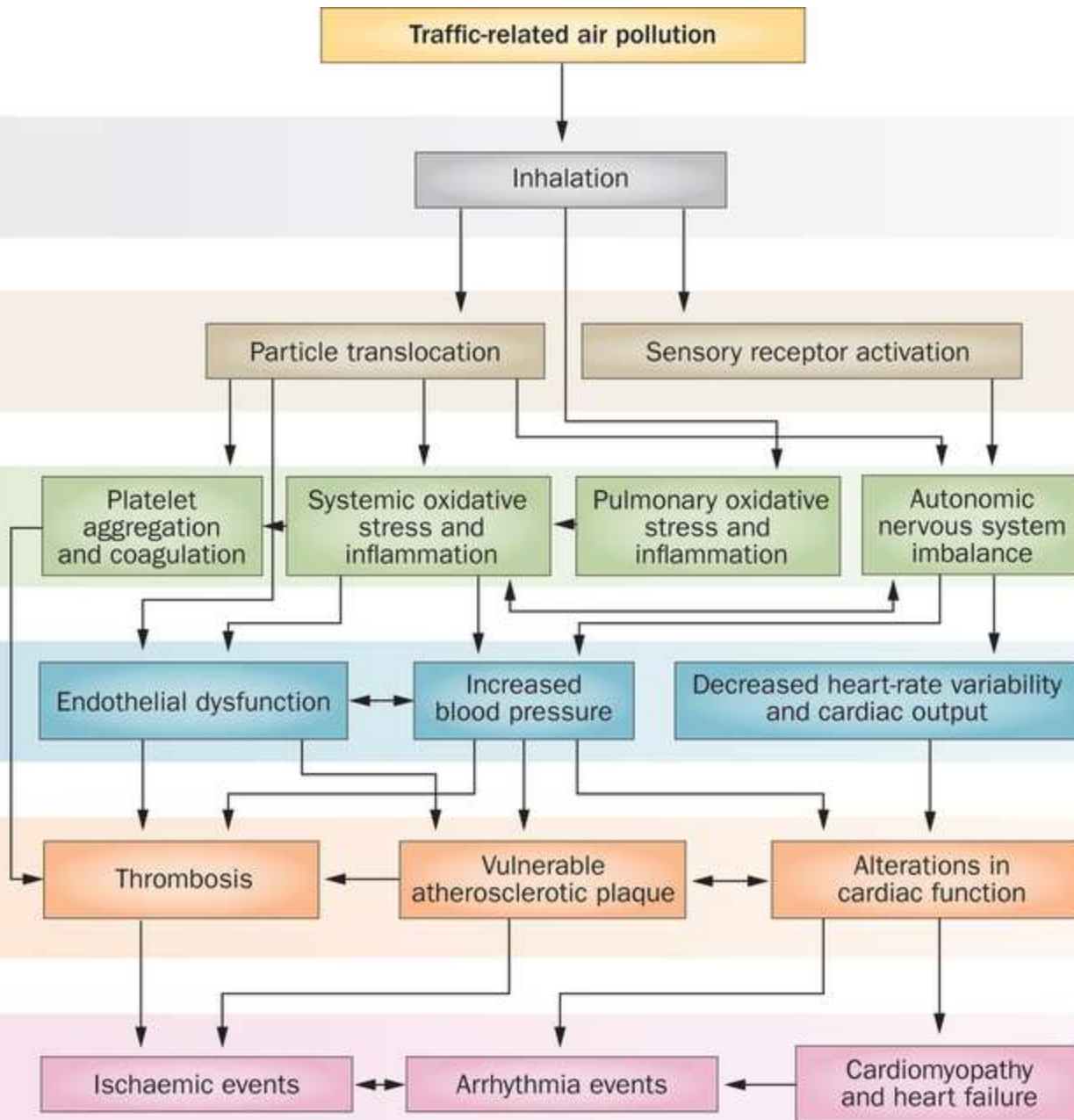
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Global association of air pollution and heart failure: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Anoop S V Shah, Jeremy P Langrish, Harish Nair, David A McAllister, Amanda L Hunter, Ken Donaldson, David E Newby, Nicholas L Mills

Summary

Interpretation Air pollution has a close temporal association with heart failure hospitalisation and *heart failure mortality*. Although more studies from developing nations are required, air pollution is a *pervasive public health issue* with major cardiovascular and health economic consequences, and it *should remain a key target for global health policy*.

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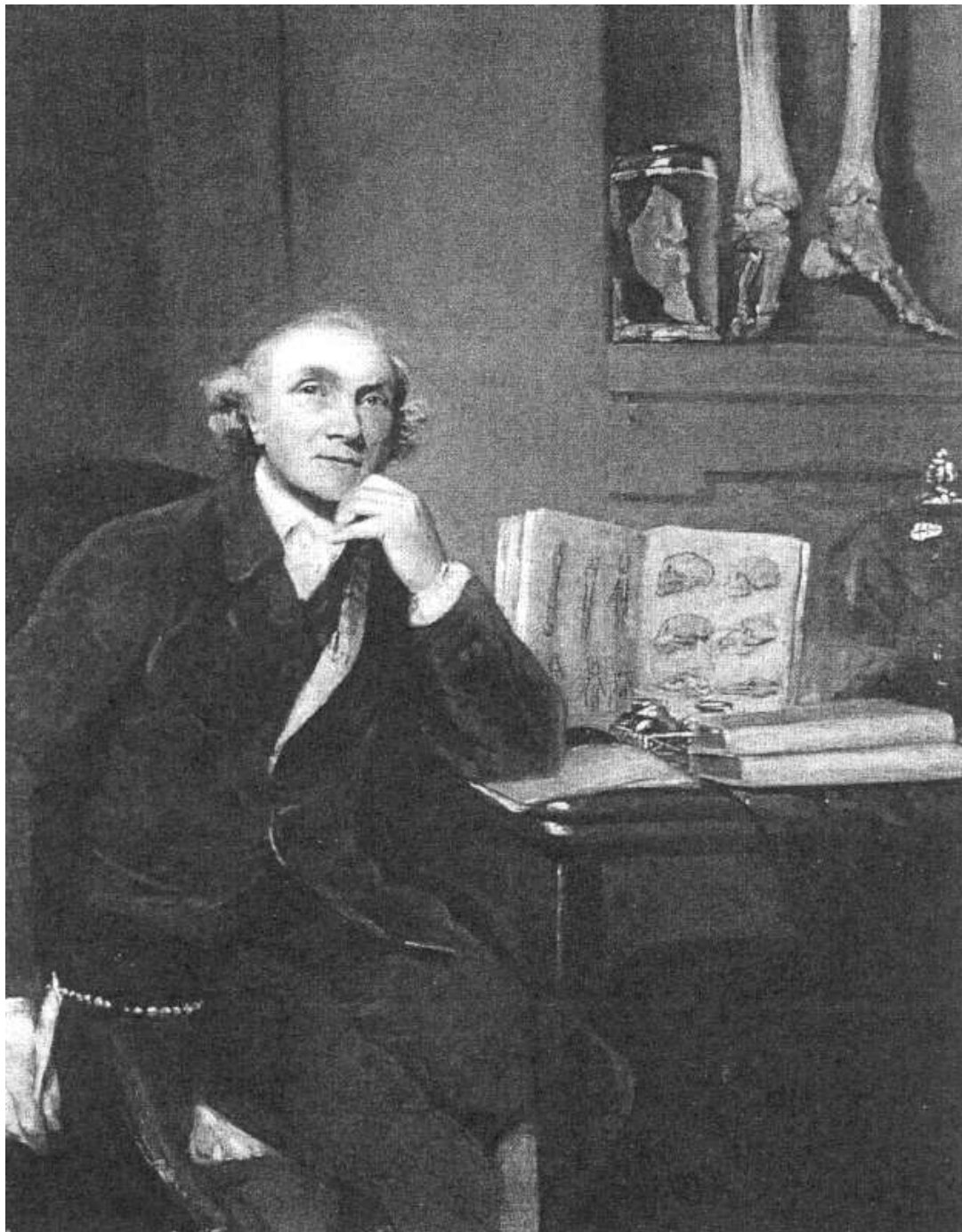
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Funding British Heart Foundation.

Air Pollution and Heart Disease

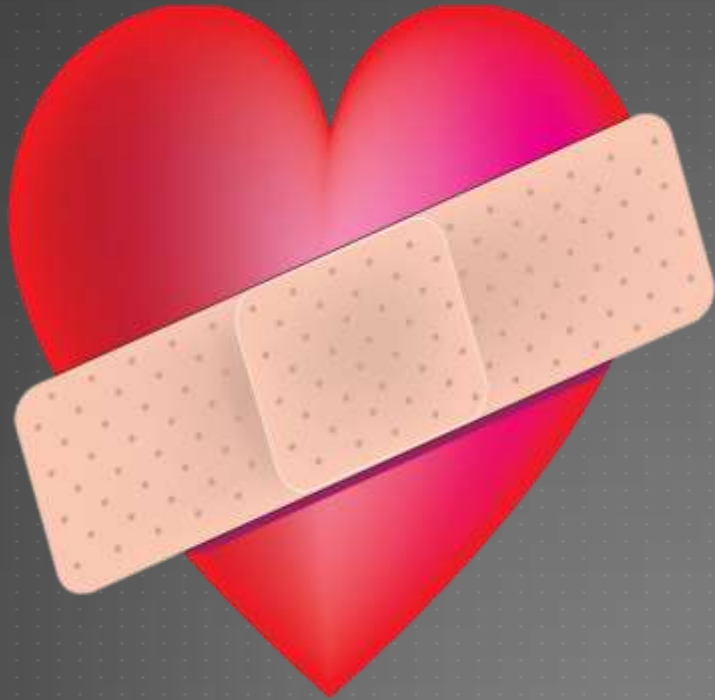
Time for BAMP to make a Statement





“I am now at the mercy
of any rogue who cares
to anger me.”

John Hunter



BROKEN HEART CARDIOMYOPATHY A CASE DISCUSSION

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American College of Cardiology
San Francisco, March 11, 2013

BROKEN HEART CARDIOMYOPATHY

- ▶ Female: 37 yr old, Customs Broker
- ▶ Never smoked, no alcohol consumption, no physical exercise
- ▶ Family History negative for:
 - ▶ Sudden cardiac death
 - ▶ Premature coronary artery disease
- ▶ 5 yr history of asthma; symptom free for 1 yr
- ▶ Endometriosis
- ▶ MVA: injuries sustained to low back and chest, facial scars (Awaiting Insurance Compensation)

BROKEN HEART CARDIOMYOPATHY

- ▶ Episodic chest pain for 2/12
- ▶ Retrosternal radiating to left arm
- ▶ Of variable duration with spontaneous resolution
- ▶ No identifiable precipitating factors
- ▶ Aggravated by “moving around”
- ▶ Relieved by rest
- ▶ No associated autonomic discharge
- ▶ “Like an elephant sitting on my chest”

BROKEN HEART CARDIOMYOPATHY

- ▶ Self-referred to an emergency room because of a “particularly bad episode” which occurred while bathing “I could not breathe”

BROKEN HEART CARDIOMYOPATHY

- ▶ Seen approx 7 hrs post onset of pain
- ▶ Normal heart sounds with no murmurs
- ▶ Respiratory, GI and CNS all normal
- ▶ BP: 148/98 mmHg

D.O.B.:

Meds:

Class:

Dr:

Tech: ± 1

Vent. Rate: 111 bpm

RR Interval: 537 ms

PR Interval: 126 ms

QRS Duration: 80 ms

QT Interval: 328 ms

QTc Interval: 417 ms

QT Dispersion: 58 ms

P-R-T AXIS: 43° 66° 43°

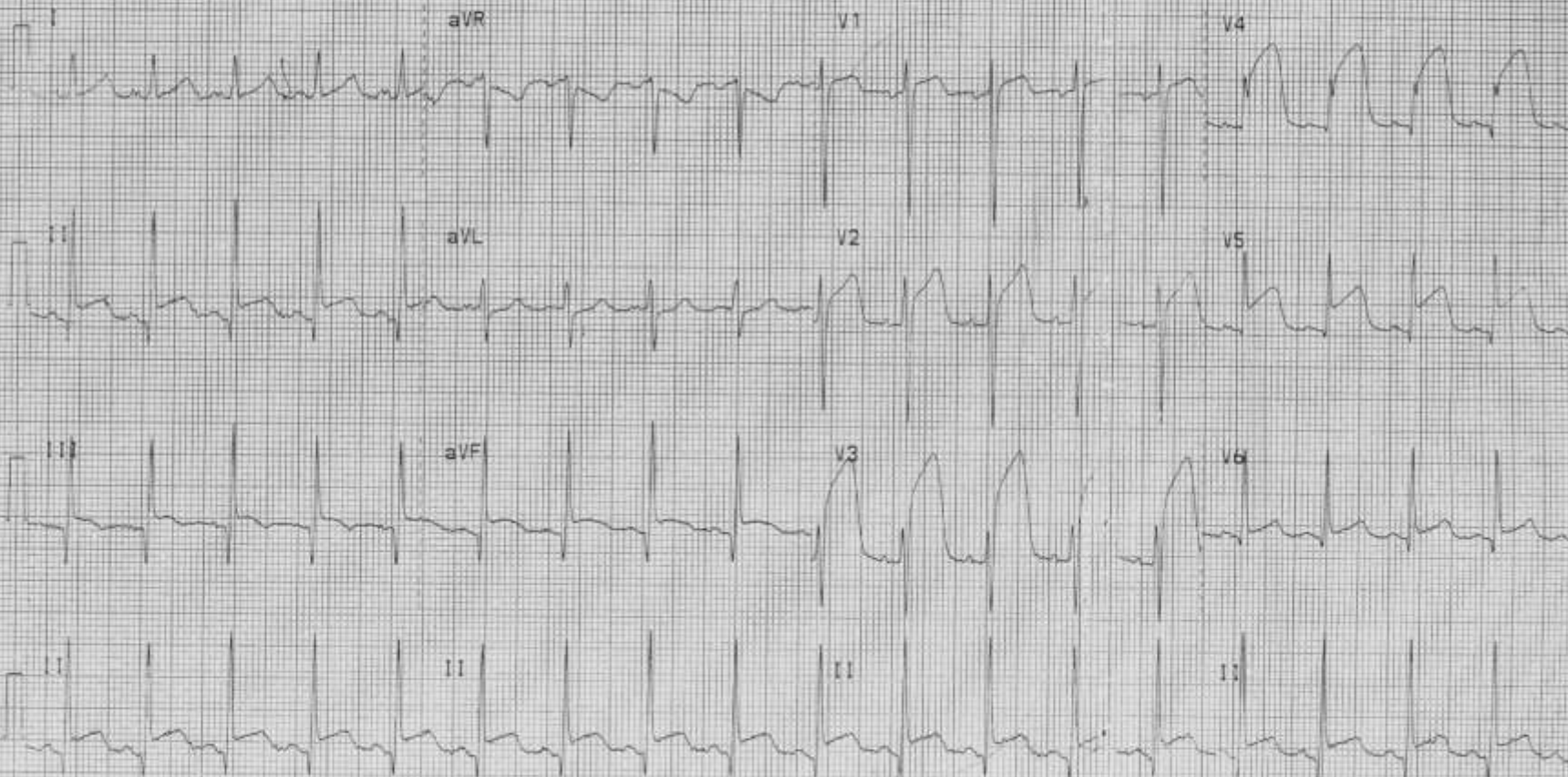
Extensive ST elevation, CONSIDER ACUTE INFARCT

Abnormal ECG

* Unconfirmed Analysis *

*extensive anterior lateral
MI*

Age 37



L: 10 mm/mV

C: 10 mm/mV

QTc=Hodges

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FMH Emergency Medical Clinic

Alpha 4100 315 mV 20071019100041

Set at 1000-3000 Hz

25 mm/s

STABLE 40 Hz

BROKEN HEART CARDIOMYOPATHY

- ▶ Dx: ST Segment elevation myocardial infarction
- ▶ No thrombolysis
- ▶ Rx: Clopidrogel/Aspirin/Enoxaparin/Morphine/
Bisoprolol/Ramipril/Atorvastatin/GTN infusion

BROKEN HEART CARDIOMYOPATHY

Cardiac enzyme profile

	$T_0 + 7$ hrs	$T_0 + 10$ hrs	$T_0 + 15$ hrs	Normal IU/L
AST	94	99	147	10 - 42
CK	645	717	1296	48 - 376
CK-MB	116	97	186	8 - 82
cTn I	Not Available			

T_0 = Onset of pain

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CARDIOLOGY A
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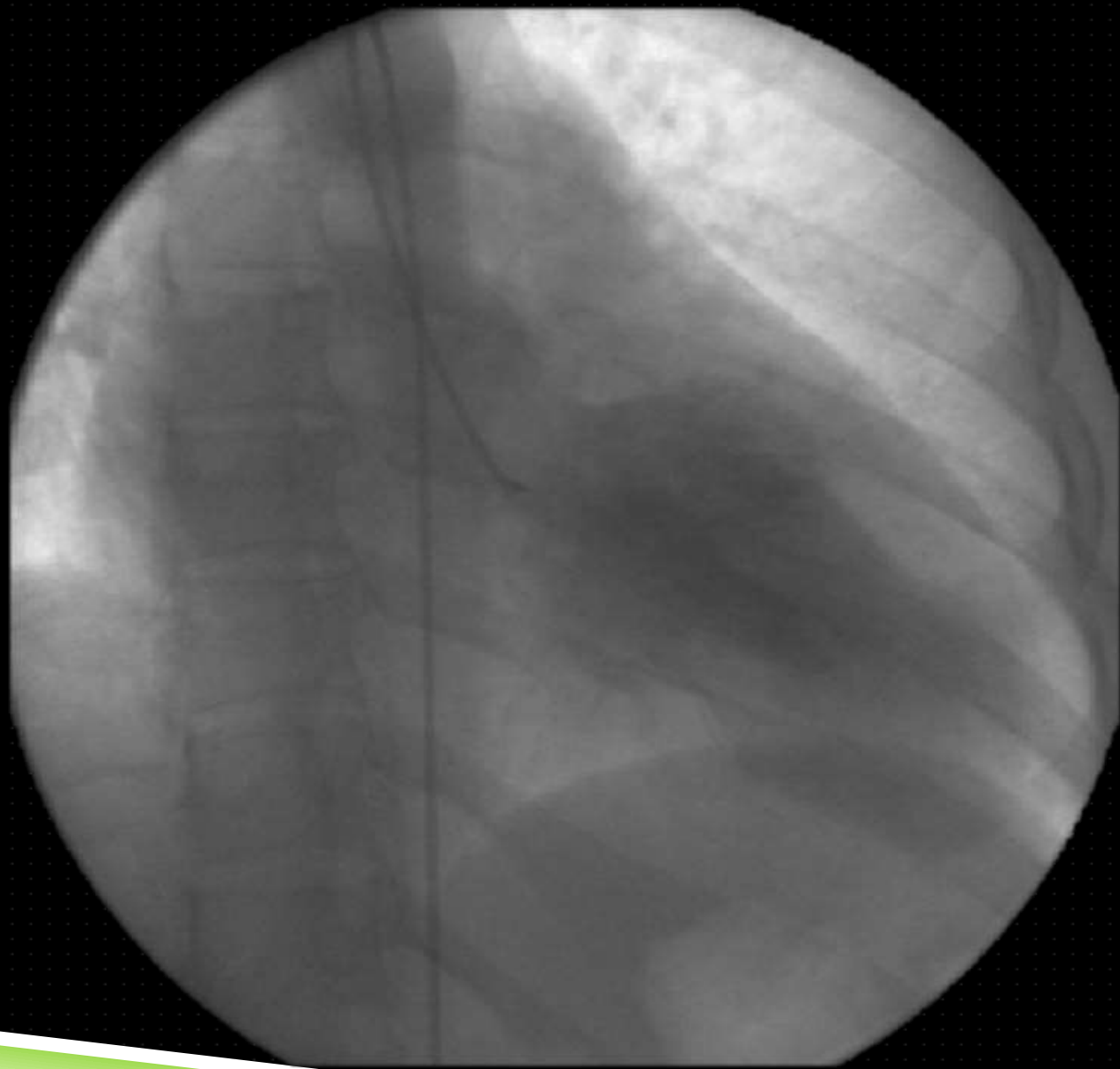
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HR= 96bpm
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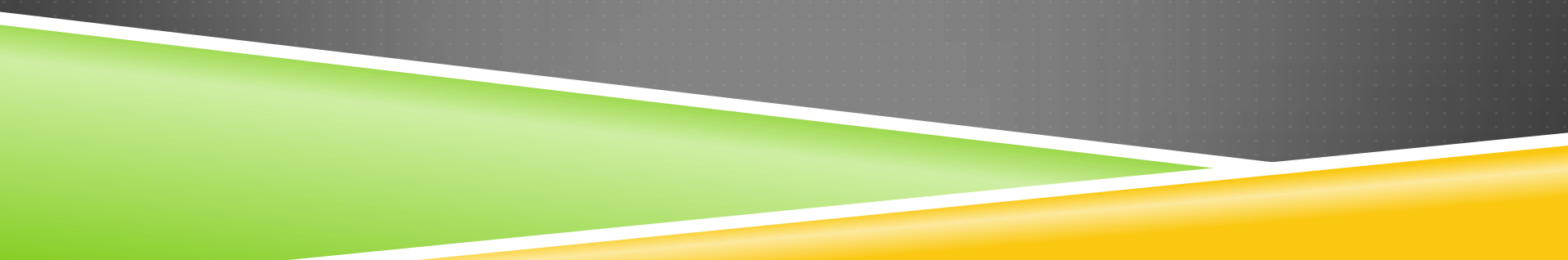
Cardiac Difficult

NTHI General

Exit

Res Box

SUMMARY

- ▶ Acute coronary syndrome with normal coronary arteries and LV apical dyskinesis in a female in a stressful situation = Takotsubo cardiomyopathy
 - ▶ Premenopausal as compared to oestrogen deficient postmenopausal state
 - ▶ Recovery delayed (awaiting compensation, so stressor persists)
 - ▶ Endometriosis
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Statins and the Skin

***Pityriasis lichenoides chronica* Associated with Use of HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors**

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ABSTRACT

Herein, we present three cases of Pityriasis lichenoides chronica (PLC) in patients who developed the rash after use of 3-hydroxy-3-methyl-glutaryl-Coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase inhibitors. The patients had complete resolution after standard treatment by dermatologists and withdrawal of the offending agents. In one case, the patient had a previous episode of a similar rash that occurred with HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors use many years previously. Pityriasis lichenoides chronica is a condition of unknown aetiology. Several agents have been associated with its presentation. We postulate HMG-CoA reductase inhibition in skin presents a final common pathway for the presentation of PLC in select patients.

Keywords: Erythematous rash, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, *Pityriasis lichenoides chronica*, statins

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1. ☐ González Rodríguez AJ, Montesinos Villaescusa E, Jordá Cuevas E: **Pityriasis lichenoides chronica associated with herpes simplex virus type 2. Case Rep Dermatol Med**; 2012;2012:737428



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4. ☐ Zegpi MS, Ruiz FM, Porras NK: **[Pityriasis Lichenoides: Case report and review of the literature]**. *Rev Chil Pediatr*; 2015 Mar-Apr;86(2):121-5



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5. ☐ Massay RJ, Maynard AA: **Pityriasis lichenoides chronica associated with use of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors**. *West Indian Med J*; 2012 Oct;61(7):743-5



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3 messages

Roselyn E Epps <rozeepps@gmail.com>
To: jeffmassay@gmail.com

Thu, Oct 8, 2015 at 10:32 AM

Dear Dr. Massay,

I would like to request the full article from your publication regarding Pityriasis Lichenoides Chronica and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors in the West Ind.sMedical Journal, Oct. 2012. If you no longer have a copy, please let me know where one can be found.

Thank you for assistance with this matter.

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Dermatology 2016 <dermatology@conferenceseries.net>

To: jeffmassay@gmail.com

Thu, Nov 5, 2015 at 8:03 AM

Dear Dr. R J B Massay,

We are pleased to invite you to the “**6th International Conference on Clinical & Experimental Dermatology**” scheduled during May 05-07, 2016. This conference will be held at Chicago, USA.

Dermatology 2016 is a specially designed cluster conference. The main theme of the conference is “**Global Tuning of Innovative Therapies**” which covers a wide range of critically important sessions. Dermatology 2016 would lay a platform for the interaction between experts around the world and aims in accelerating scientific discovery.

This Conference will examine research and development both locally and internationally. It is an honour and privilege to invite you to participate in this Conference as Speaker for Dermatology 2016. **Keynote Speakers Dr. Barry Lycka (Barry Lycka Professional Corp), Canada and Dr. Bozena Michniak-Kohn Director of Center for Dermal Research(USA** and experts from around the globe will be expected to share their knowledge. We believe that your contribution to this field is unparalleled and this topic will be of great benefit.

Pityriasis lichenoides chronica associated with Statins

- 3 cases over 10 years
- Different Statins
- Pityriasis lichenoides chronica etiology unknown
- Lipid bilayer in stratum corneum synthesizes cholesterol

Pityriasis Lichenoides Chronica (PLC)

Associated with Statins

- Statins can block cholesterol synthesis in the skin increasing transepidermal water loss and resulting in scaling in the skin
- Changes in stratum corneum lipids is the initiating triggering factor for the inflammatory reaction seen in cases of PLC

Selected Topics

- Ticagrelor in acute NSTEMI
- Angiotensin – Neprilysin inhibition to treat heart failure
- Stress
 - Environmental
 - Psychogenic – Case presentation of Takotsubo cardiomyopathy
- Something Old
 - Statins and the skin

