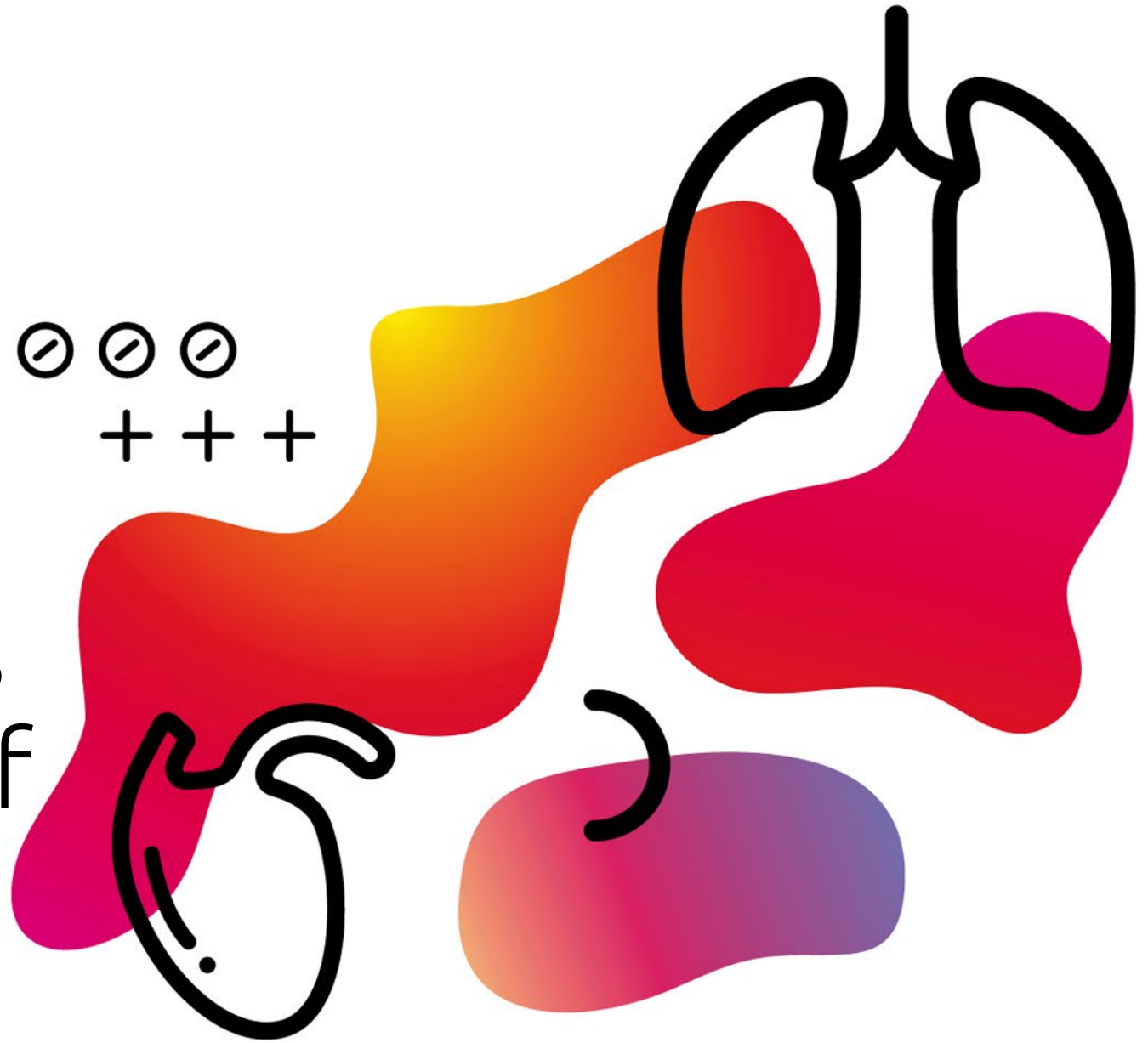


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The Lancet and
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“I’m delighted that we are able to share the data from PRECISION, released simultaneously yesterday, both in a late-breaking presentation at the AHA meeting and in the primary manuscript.”

Martine Clozel
Chief Scientific Officer




Simultaneous Publication

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Articles

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Summary

Background Resistant hypertension is associated with increased cardiovascular risk. The endothelin pathway has been implicated in the pathogenesis of hypertension, but it is currently not targeted therapeutically, thereby leaving this relevant pathophysiological pathway unopposed with currently available drugs. The aim of the study was to assess the blood pressure lowering efficacy of the dual endothelin antagonist aprocitentan in patients with resistant hypertension.

Methods PRECISION was a multicentre, blinded, randomised, parallel-group, phase 3 study, which was done in hospitals or research centres in Europe, North America, Asia, and Australia. Patients were eligible for randomisation if their sitting systolic blood pressure was 140 mm Hg or higher despite taking standardised background therapy consisting of three antihypertensive drugs, including a diuretic. The study consisted of three sequential parts: part 1 was the 4-week double-blind, randomised, and placebo-controlled part, in which patients received aprocitentan 12.5 mg, aprocitentan 25 mg, or placebo in a 1:1:1 ratio; part 2 was a 32-week single (patient)-blind part, in which all patients received aprocitentan 25 mg; and part 3 was a 12-week double-blind, randomised, and placebo-controlled

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30 years of researching the endothelin system

1988

Endothelin-1
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ET_A and ET_B receptors
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First orally
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First evidence of
dual ERA effect in
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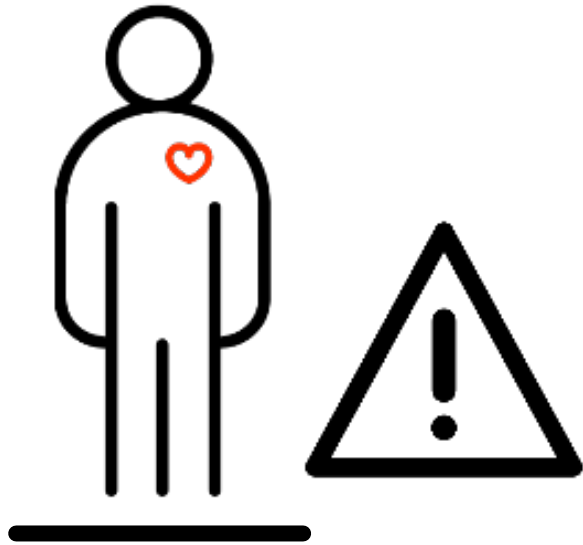
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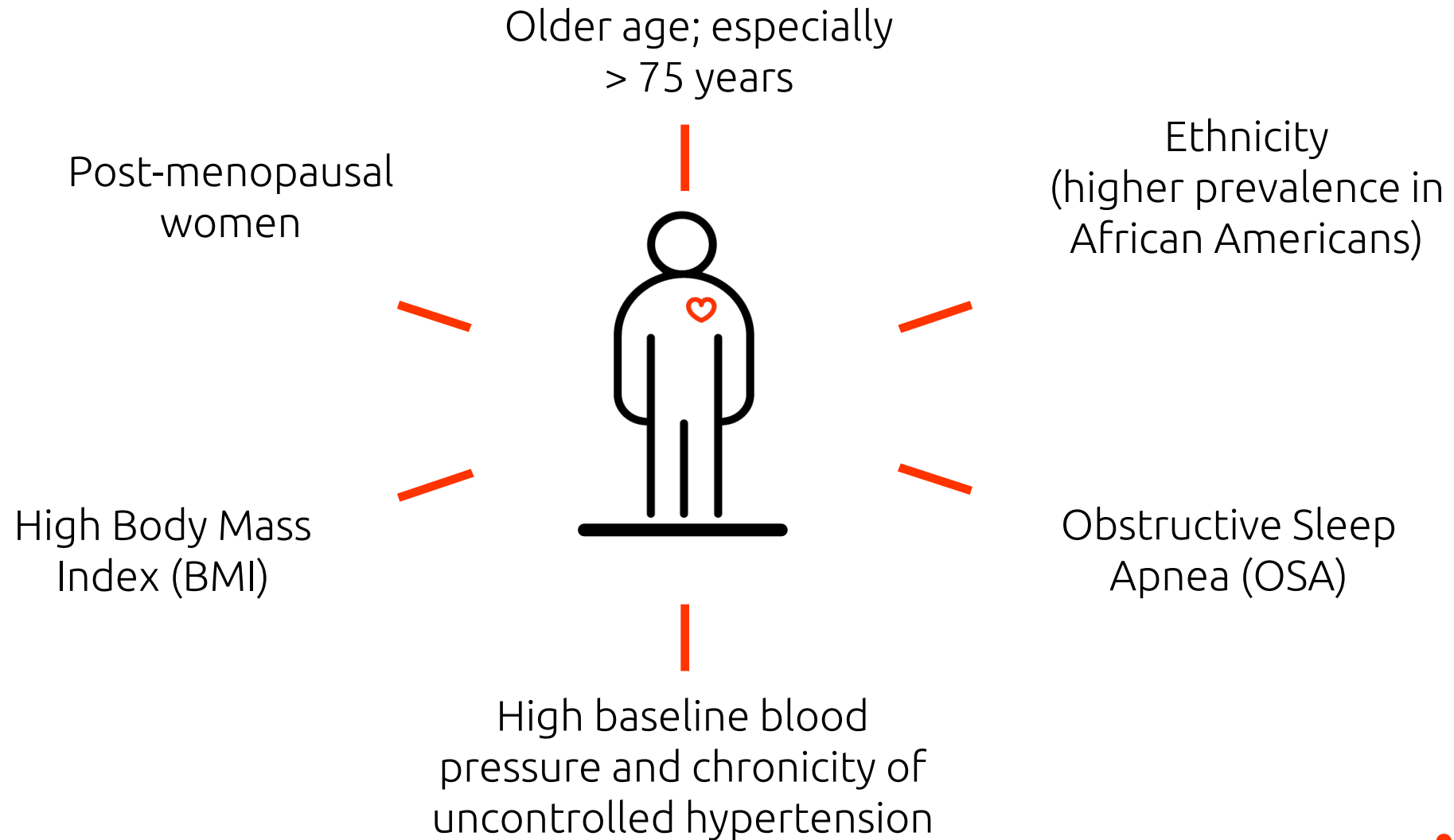
What is resistant hypertension?



Resistant hypertension

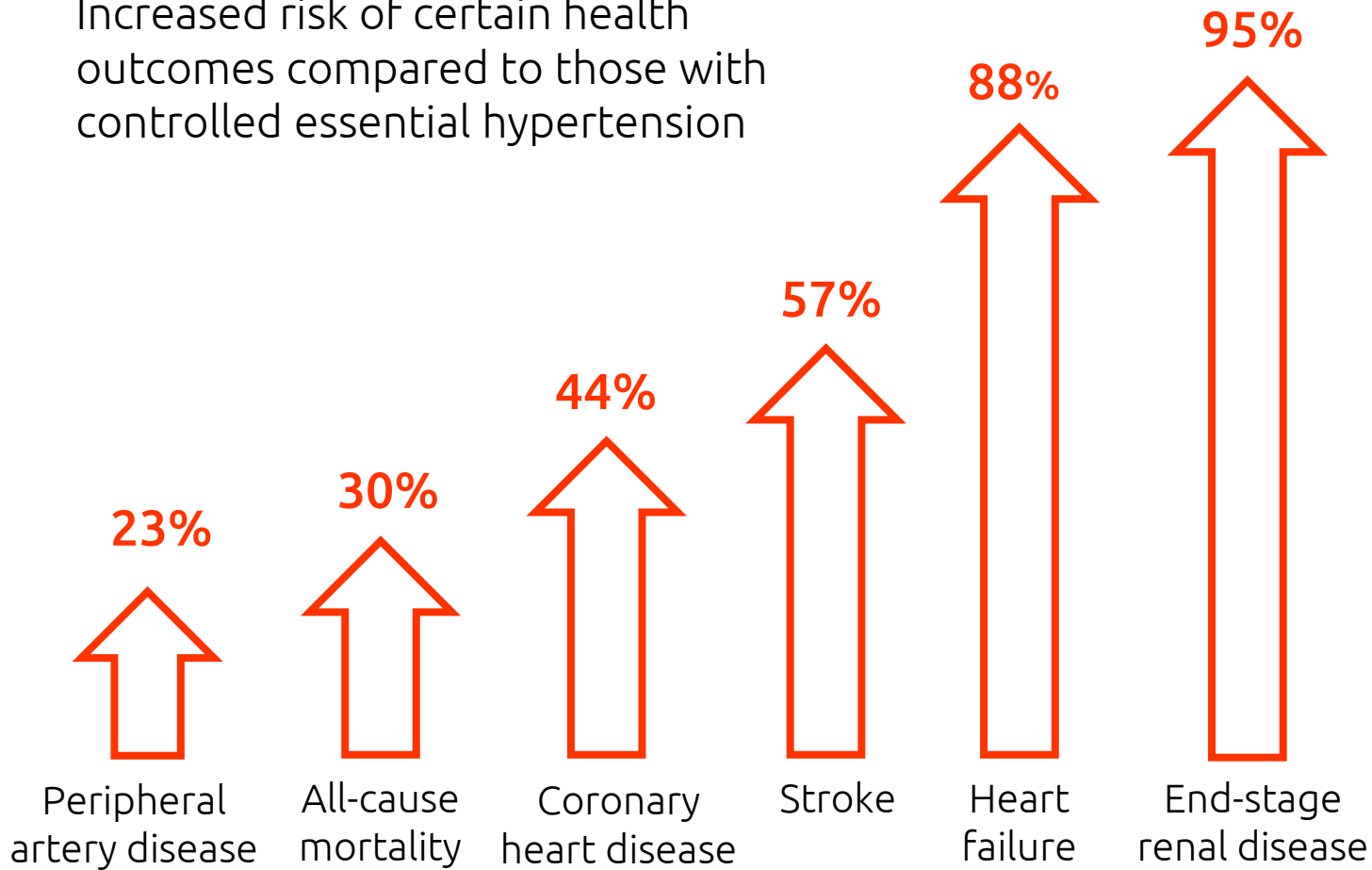
Patients whose blood pressure remains high, despite receiving at least three antihypertensives of different pharmacological classes, including a diuretic, at optimal dose.

Risk factors for resistant hypertension



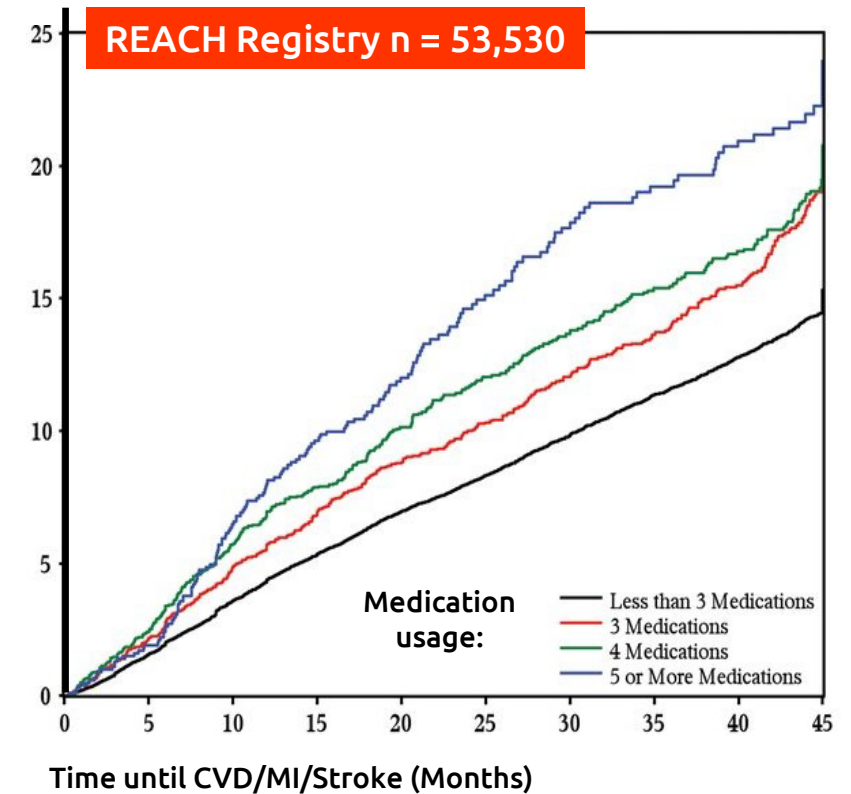
Disease burden when hypertension is uncontrolled

Increased risk of certain health outcomes compared to those with controlled essential hypertension



Muntner et al., 2014

Higher incidence of major cardiovascular events

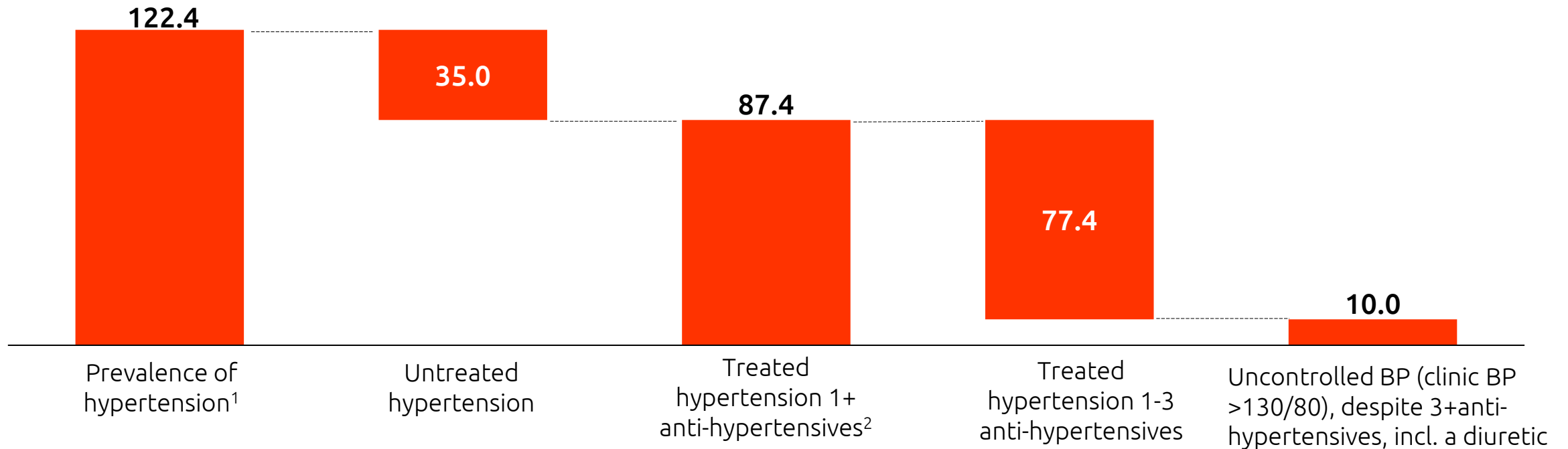


European Heart Journal, 2013

Estimated resistant hypertensive patient population in 2025



US breakdown of projected number of resistant hypertensive patients (patients in millions, 2025)

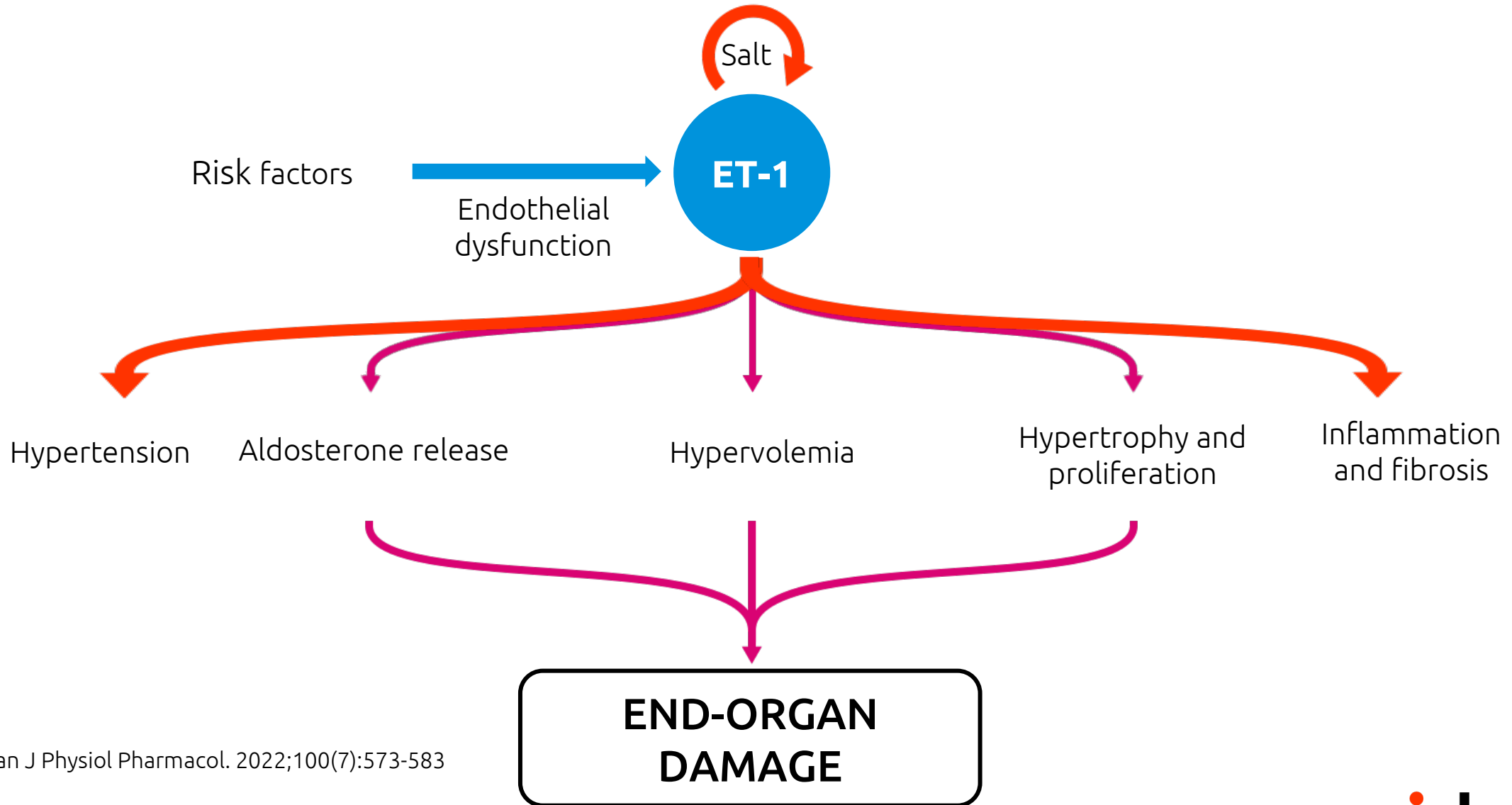


(1) Estimated 269.6 mn US adults in 2025 (US census) and HTN prevalence measure in 2017-2018 (45.4%) with BP threshold levels 130/80 mmHg, from NHANES 2017-2018

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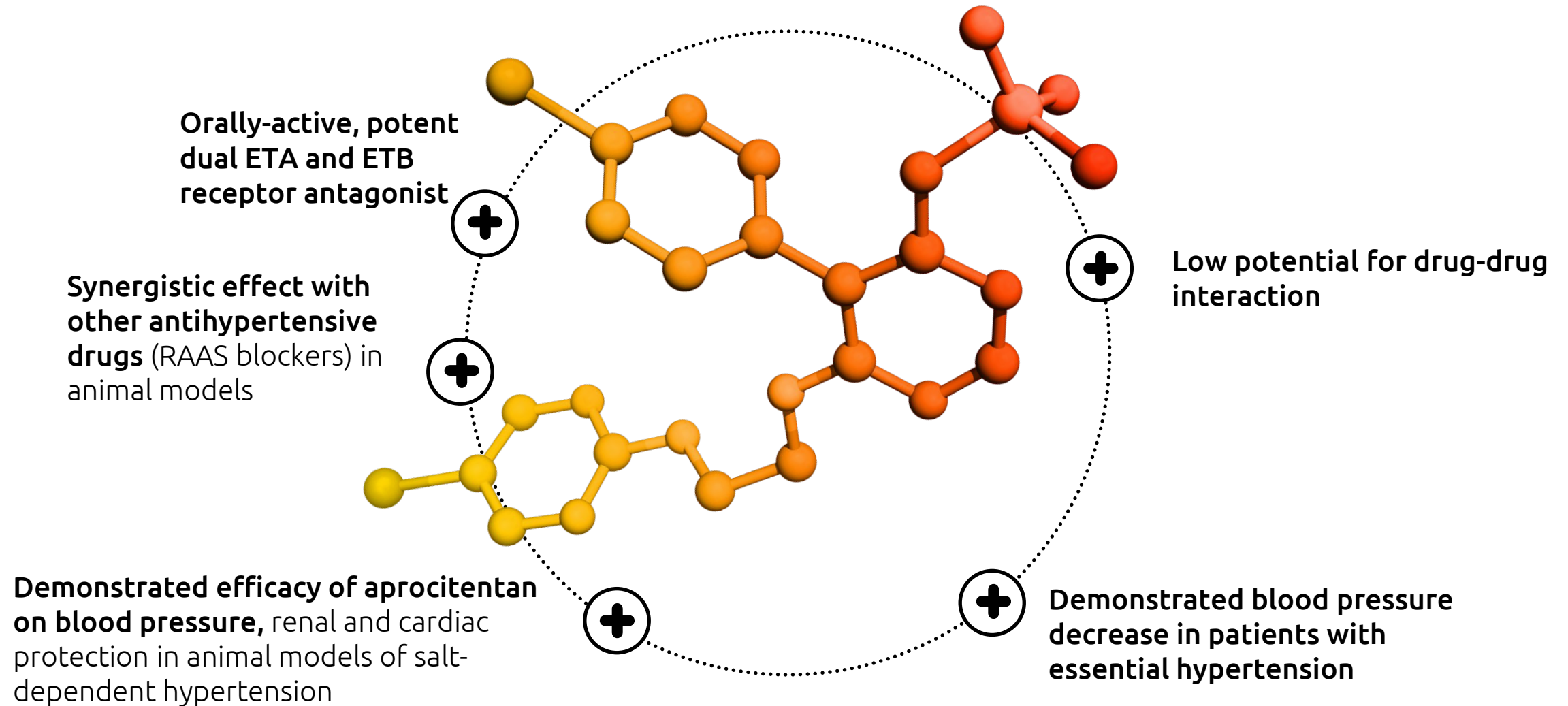
(3) Applying a RHT prevalence rate of 11.4% among patients treated with a thiazide diuretic, using the 2018 AHA/ACC BP threshold for RHT (Clinic BP >130/80) (*Hypertension*. 2019; 73(2):424-431)

Endothelin system in resistant hypertension



Clozel M. Can J Physiol Pharmacol. 2022;100(7):573-583

Aprocitentan in resistant hypertension



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The University of Western Australia / Royal Perth Hospital
and an investigator in the PRECISION study

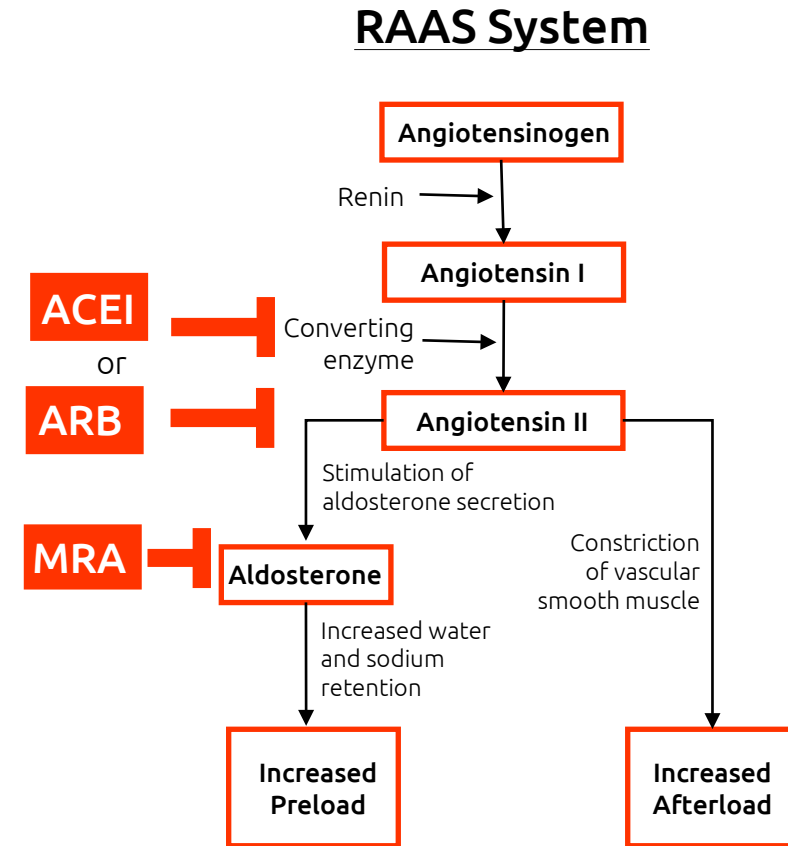


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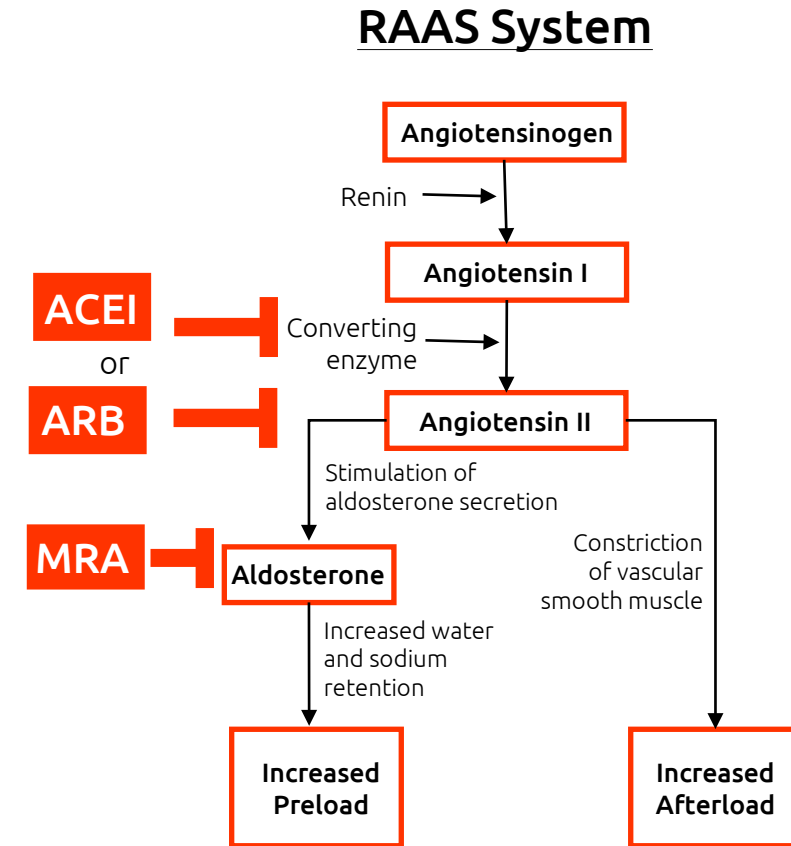
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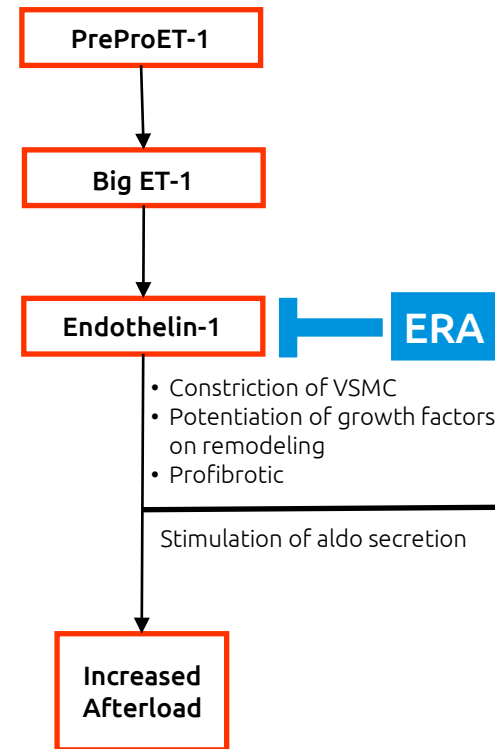


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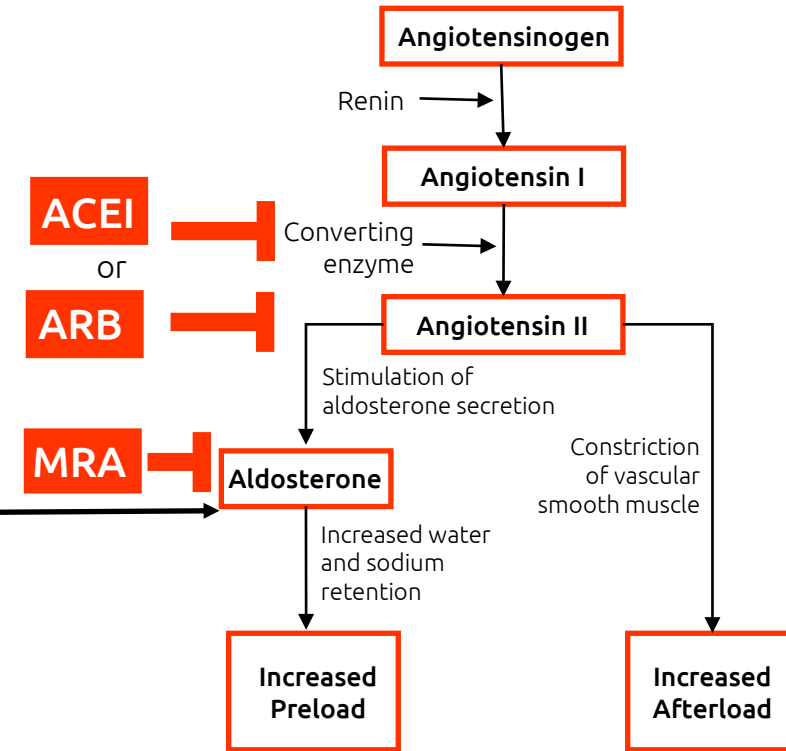
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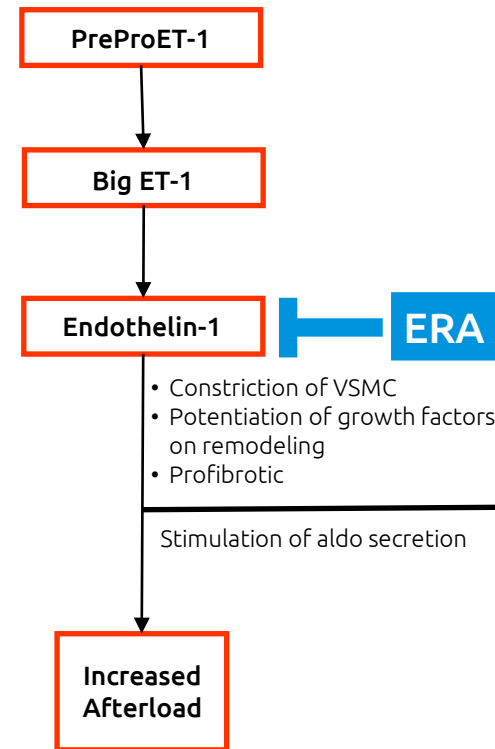
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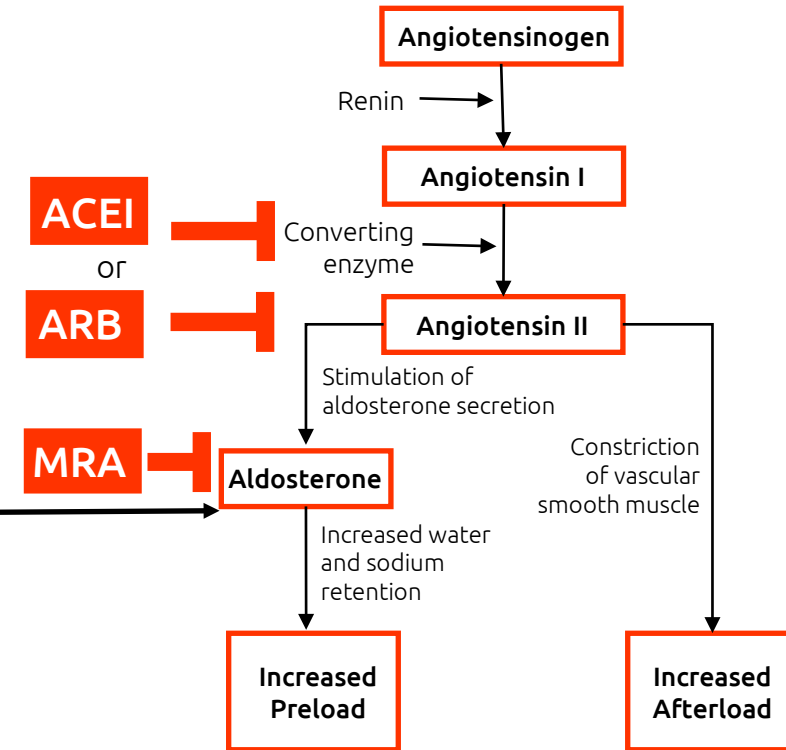
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PRECISION Phase 3 study

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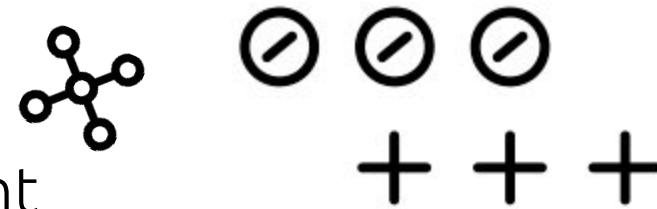
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Secondary objectives

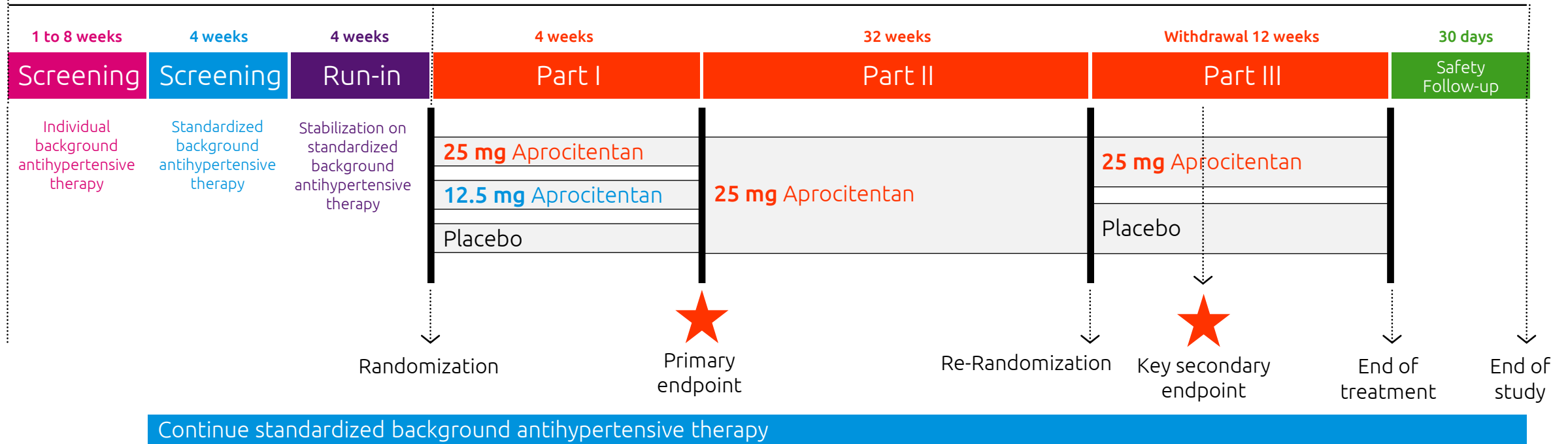
Demonstrate that the effect of aprocitentan on blood pressure is durable in patients with confirmed resistant hypertension

To evaluate the long-term safety and tolerability of aprocitentan in patients with confirmed resistant hypertension during 48 weeks of treatment

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PRECISION study design & methods



Primary endpoint

Change from baseline to Week 4 (Part 1) in mean trough sitting office systolic BP (SBP)

Key secondary endpoint

Change from withdrawal baseline (Week 36) to Week 40 (Part 3) in mean trough sitting office SBP

Other secondary endpoint

Changes in 24-hour ambulatory BP at Week 4 and Week 40

Danaïetash P, et al. J Clin Hypertens. 2022;24(7):804-813

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Study population

Key inclusion criteria:¹

- History of uncontrolled office BP despite ≥ 3 antihypertensive medications
- Unattended sitting office SBP ≥ 140 mmHg

Key exclusion criteria:¹

- Major cardiovascular, renal, cerebrovascular medical complications in the past 6 months or New York Heart Association stage III-IV heart failure
- N-terminal pro-BNP levels ≥ 500 pg/ml
- Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) < 15 ml/min/1.73 m²

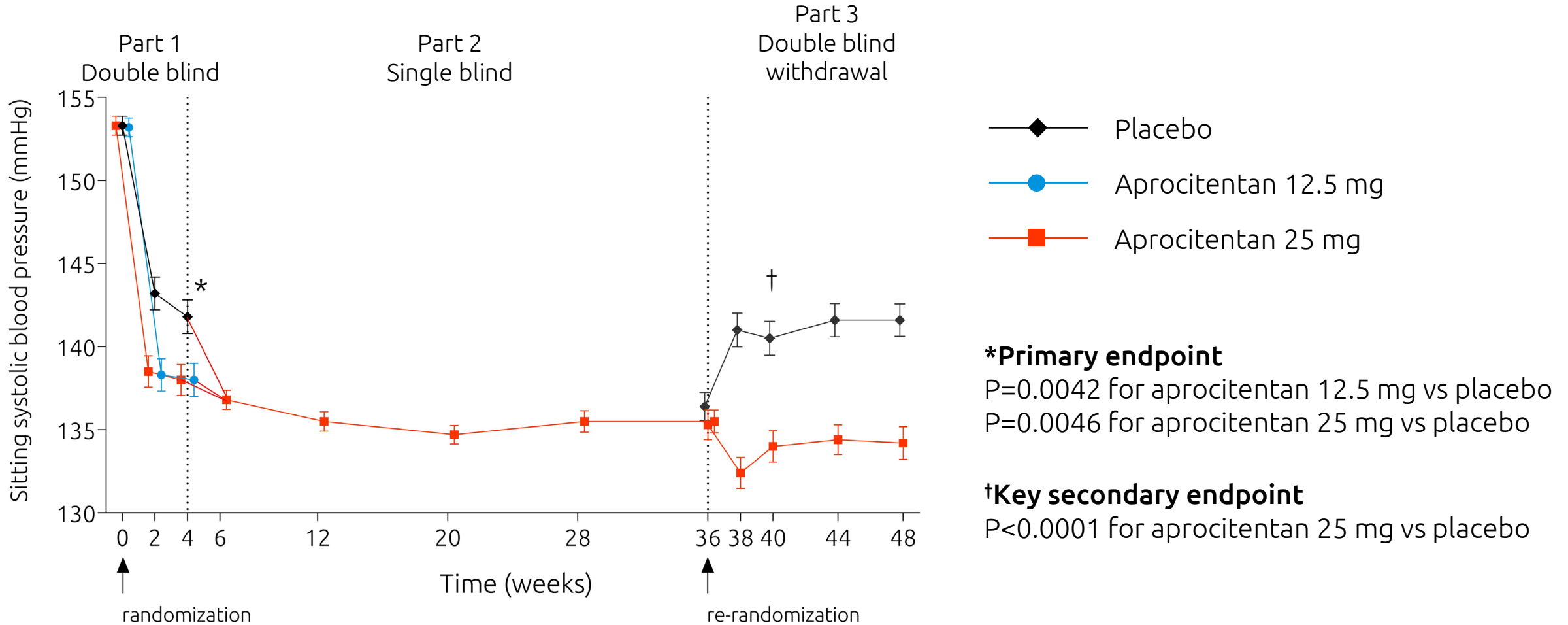
Characteristic	Aprocitentan 12.5 mg (n=243)	Aprocitentan 25 mg (n=243)	Placebo (n=244)
Age (years) at screening	61.2	61.7	62.2
uAOBP at baseline (mmHg)	153/88	153/88	153/87
ABPM at baseline (mmHg)	138/84	138/83	137/83
Men	59%	60%	59%
Race			
White	84%	82%	83%
Black/African American	12%	12%	11%
Asian	5%	6%	5%
BMI (kg/m ²) at screening	33.6	34.3	33.3
eGFR at baseline between 15 and < 60 mL/min/1.73 m ²	23%	25%	19%
UACR (mg/g) at baseline	(n=241)	(n=238)	(n=238)
< 30	60%	65%	65%
30-300	26%	23%	24%
> 300	14%	12%	12%
≥ 4 BP drugs at screening	62%	65%	62%
History of heart failure	20%	21%	18%
History of diabetes mellitus	54%	56%	52%

BMI = Body mass index; UACR = Urine Albumin-Creatinine Ratio;
uAOBP = unattended automated office BP; ABPM = Ambulatory BP monitoring

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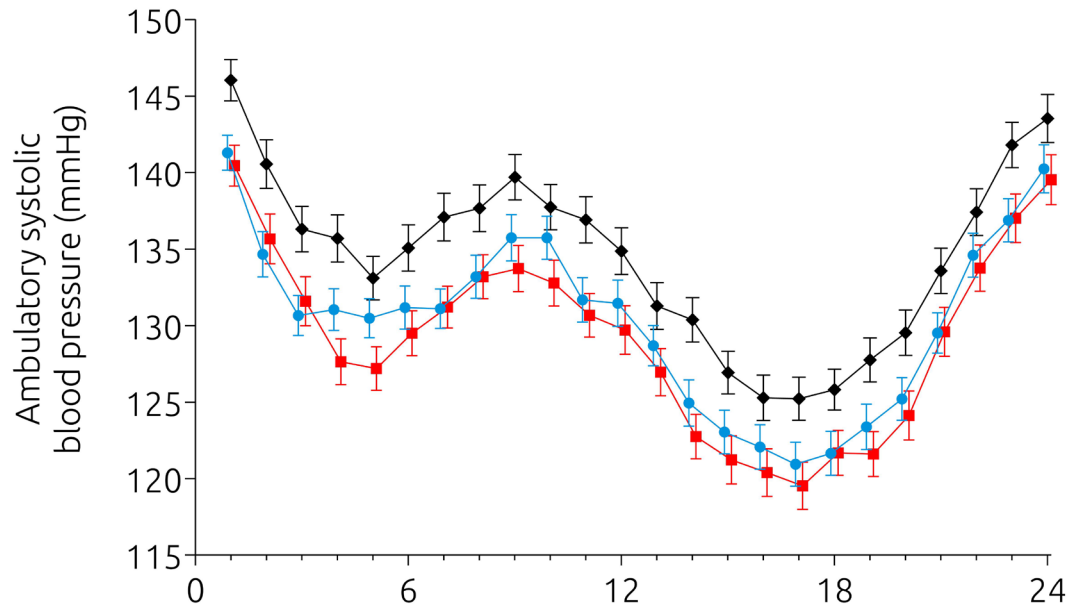
Aprocitentan has significant and sustained efficacy



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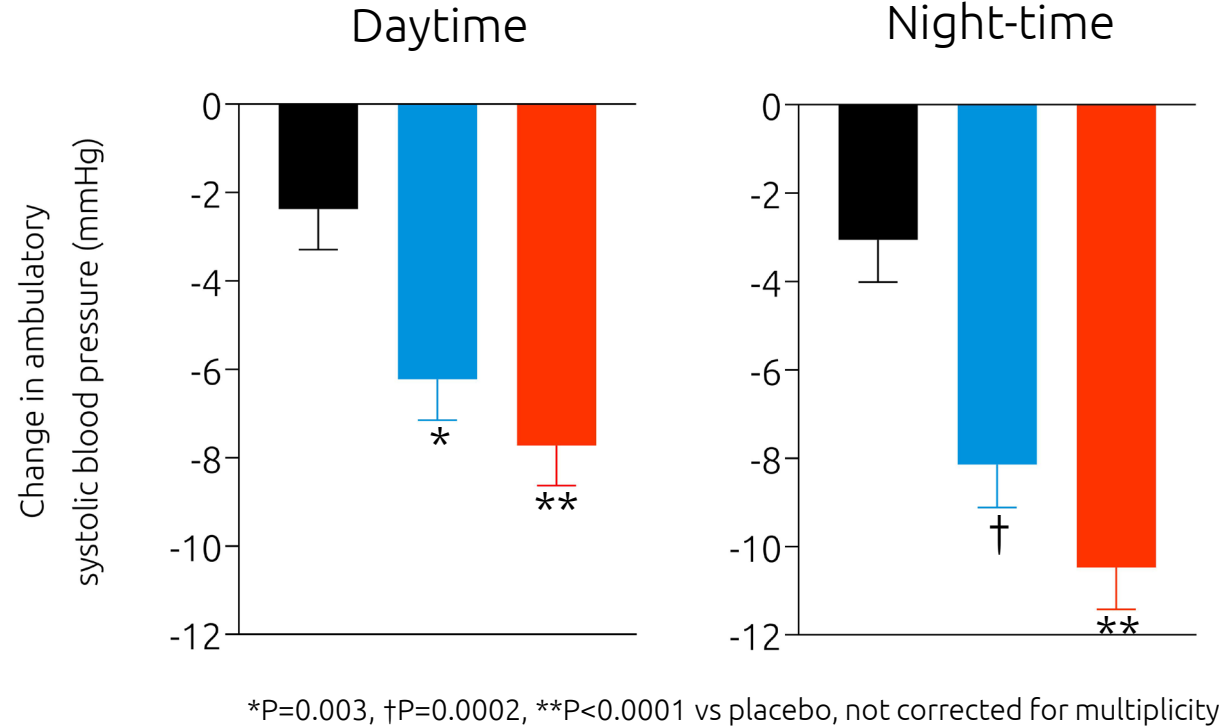
Efficacy confirmed by Ambulatory BP monitoring at Week 4 (DB Part 1)



◆ Placebo
 ● Aprocitentan 12.5 mg
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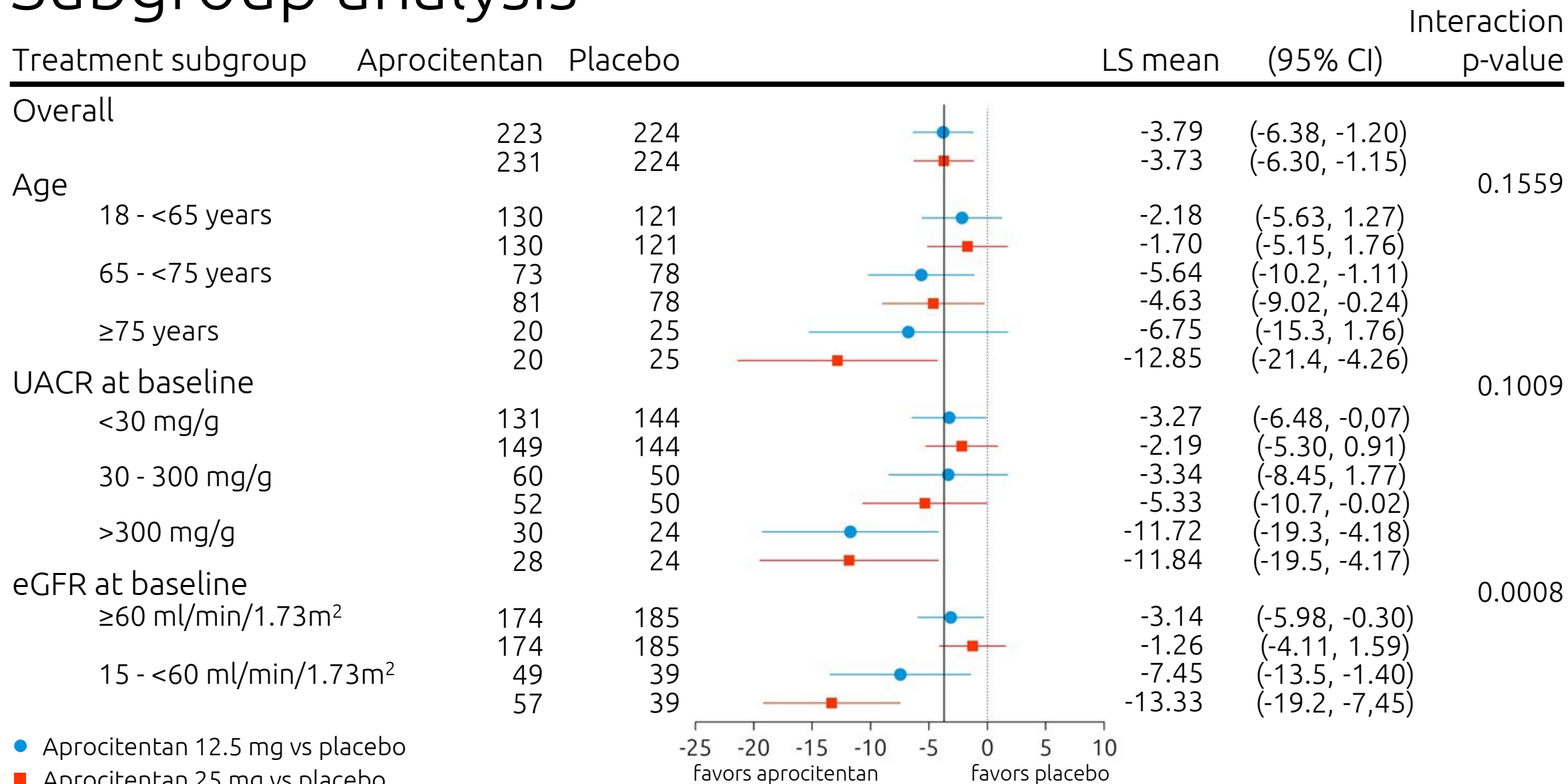
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*P=0.003, †P=0.0002, **P<0.0001 vs placebo, not corrected for multiplicity

	Placebo	Aprocitentan 12.5 mg	Aprocitentan 25 mg
Number of patients	179	175	182
	178	174	182

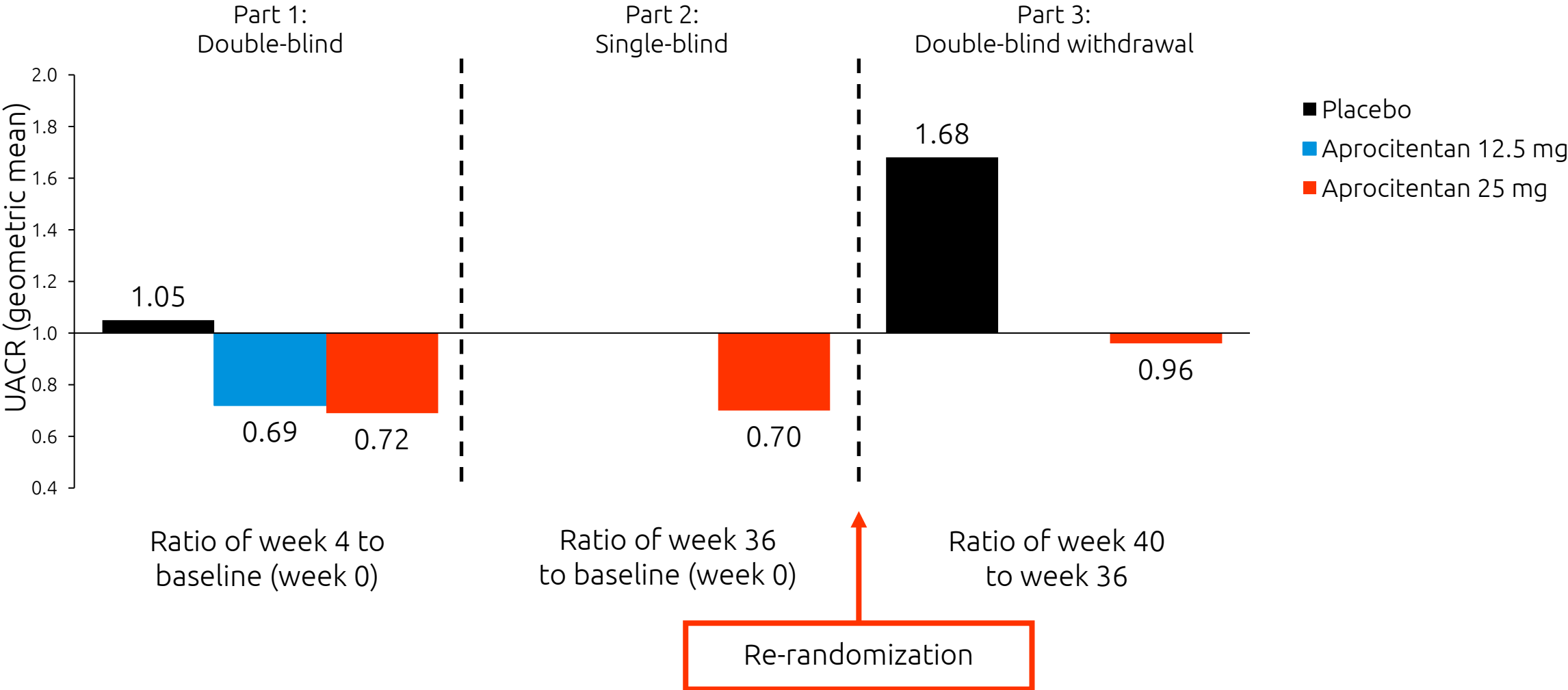
Subgroup analysis



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Change in Urine Albumin-Creatinine Ratio over time

Overall population



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Adverse events summary

Study Part	Randomized treatment group	(n)	Adverse Events (AEs) %	AEs leading to discontinuation %	Serious AEs %
Double blind Part 1 4 Weeks	Aprocitentan 12.5 mg	243	27.6	2.9	3.3
	Aprocitentan 25 mg	245	36.7	2	3.3
	Placebo	242	19.4	0.8	1.2
Single blind Part 2 32 weeks	Aprocitentan 25 mg	704	61.2	3.8	11.6
Double blind withdrawal Part 3 12 weeks	Aprocitentan 25 mg	310	38.4	2.3	5.8
	Placebo	303	33.7	1.7	3

Selected Treatment-emergent Adverse Events of Special Interest

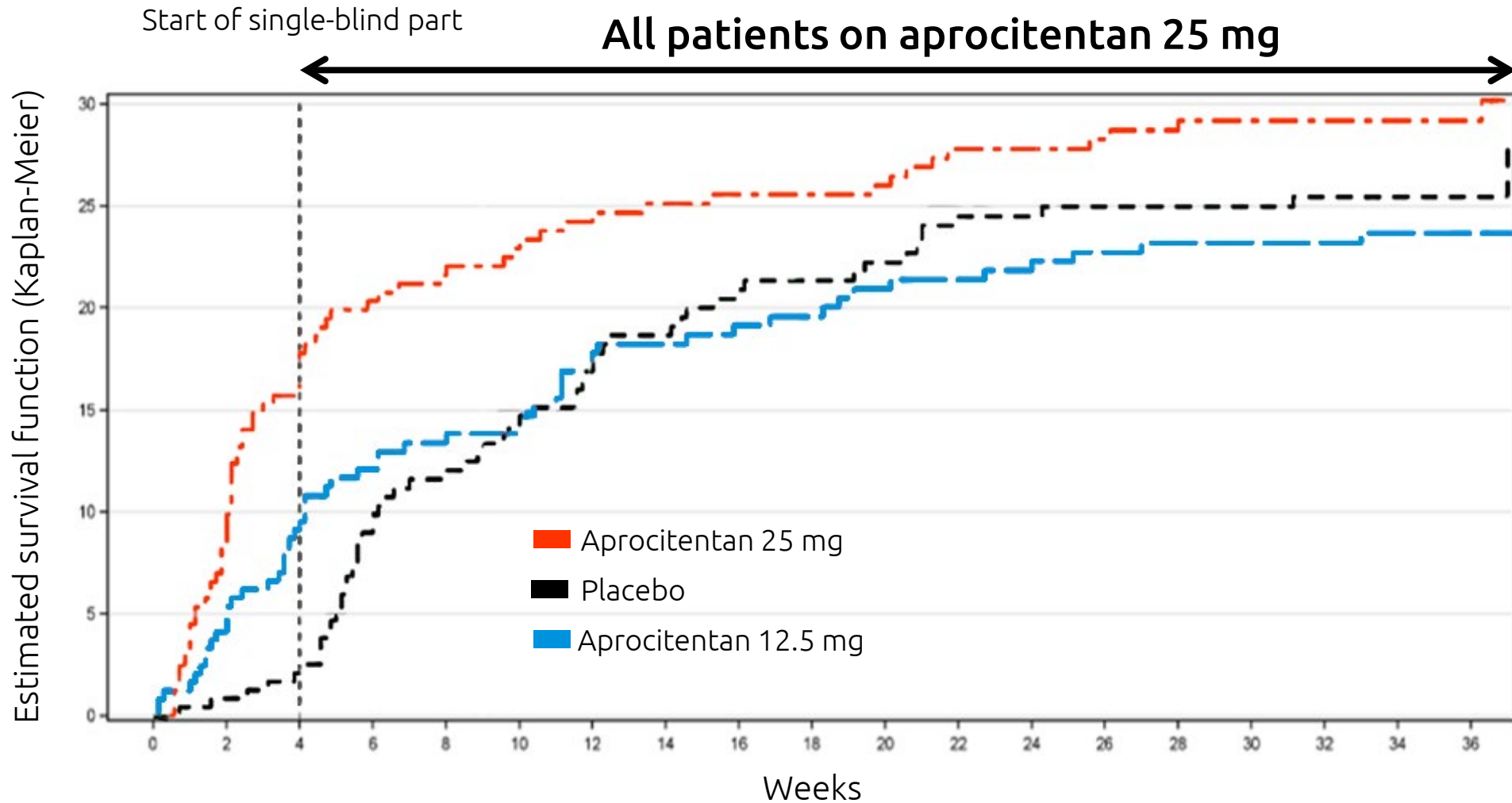
Study part	Aprocitentan 12.5 mg	Aprocitentan 25 mg	Placebo
Part 1 Double-blind (4 weeks)	(n=243)	(n=245)	(n=242)
Edema/fluid retention	22 (9.1)	45 (18.4)	5 (2.1)
Severe AE*	0	3	0
Additional diuretic used	10	21	3
Discontinued study treatment	0	1	0
Part 2 Single-blind (32 weeks)		(n=704)	
Edema/fluid retention		128 (18.2)	
Severe AE*		3	
Additional diuretic used		63	
Discontinued study treatment		5	
Part 3 Double-blind withdrawal (12 weeks)		(n=310)	(n=303)
Edema/fluid retention		8 (2.6)	4 (1.3)
Severe AE*		1	0
Additional diuretic used		3	3
Discontinued study treatment		1	0

*Event that may cause noticeable discomfort and usually interferes with daily activities. The patient may not be able to continue in the study, and treatment or intervention is usually needed

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Majority of Adverse Events occurred within the first 4 weeks

Time to first AE of edema fluid retention



Adverse events of heart failure (48 Weeks)

History of heart failure: ~20% + multiple other risk factors

- **Non-serious Heart Failure (n = 8)**

- No death
- 1 case on aprocitentan 12.5 mg and 7 on aprocitentan 25 mg
- No discontinuation
- 7 out of 8 cases were judged unrelated to treatment by the investigator
- 5 out of 8 patients were treated with diuretics

- **Hospitalizations for Heart Failure (n = 11)**

- No death
- 1 case on placebo and 10 on aprocitentan 25 mg
- All patients were diabetic
- 6 out of 11 patients with CKD 3-4
- 5 out of 11 patients had a history of heart failure
- 2 patients were discontinued
- All patients were treated with diuretics
- All 11 cases were judged unrelated to treatment by the investigator

Conclusion

- PRECISION studied patients with true resistant hypertension at high cardiovascular risk and including CKD patients
- Aprocitentan lowered office and 24-hour ambulatory BP after 4 weeks and over 48 weeks
- Edema/fluid retention was reported with aprocitentan within the first weeks of treatment
 - Events were clinically manageable with the addition of diuretic therapy



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Conclusion

The dual ET_A/ET_B antagonist aprocitantan may represent a new approach to treat resistant hypertension



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