

# New translational perspectives in cardiovascular medicine

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# What do we learn today?



Beriberi is a relatively common disease in Asia, sailors and prisoners.

1873: a Dutch naval doctor observed that European crew members had significantly fewer cases of beriberi than sailors recruited from the East Indies. When the amount of white rice in the diet of the East Indies sailors was decreased, the rate of beriberi came down.

Beriberi was believed to have been caused by some toxin or infectious agent in the white rice. Kanehiro Takaki, a Japanese naval doctor, was the first to report beriberi as a nutritional deficiency. His reports were based on the fact that the incidence of beriberi reduced in Japanese sailors when they were given additional meat, dry milk, and vegetables.



# What do we learn today?



In 1875, after taking his preliminary examinations, Eijkman became a student at the Military Medical School of the University of Amsterdam, where he was trained as a medical officer for the Netherlands Indies Army, passing through all his examinations with honours.

Christiaan Eijkman was appointed as Director of the “Dokter Djawa School” (Javanese Medical School) in 1888. Eijkman was also Director of the “Geneeskundig Laboratorium” (Medical Laboratory) from January 15, 1888 to March 4, 1896, and during that time he made a number of his most important researches. These dealt first of all with the physiology of people living in tropical regions. He was able to demonstrate that a number of theories had no factual basis.

Eijkman realized that the real cause of beriberi was the deficiency of some vital substance in the staple food of the natives, which is located in the so-called “silver skin” (pericarpium) of the rice. This discovery has led to the concept of vitamins.

Eijkman noticed that when fowl were fed a diet solely consisting of polished white rice, they developed symptoms similar to beriberi. By adding rice polishings, the material removed from whole rice to produce white rice, to the feed, Eijkman was able to cure the fowl of beriberi.

In 1926, pure thiamine, the true anti-beriberi vitamin, was isolated by two Dutch scientists, Barend Jansen and W. F. Donath, working in Java.

[www.nobelprize.org](http://www.nobelprize.org)



# Translational medicine

The term *translational medicine* was introduced in the 1990s but only gained wide usage in the early 2000s. Its definition varies according to the stakeholder. Patients, physicians, and other practitioners tend to use the term to refer to the need to accelerate the incorporation of benefits of research into clinical medicine and to close the gap between “what we know” and “what we practice.” Academics tend to interpret *translational medicine* as the testing of novel concepts from basic research in clinical situations, which in turn provide opportunity for the identification of new concepts. In industry it is used in reference to a process that is aimed at expediting the development and commercialization of known therapies. Although different, these interpretations are not mutually [exclusive](#). Rather, they reflect different priorities for achieving a common goal.

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Phase 1 (T1): move basic discovery to clinical application

Phase 2 (T2): assess the value of a clinical application to develop therapeutic guidelines

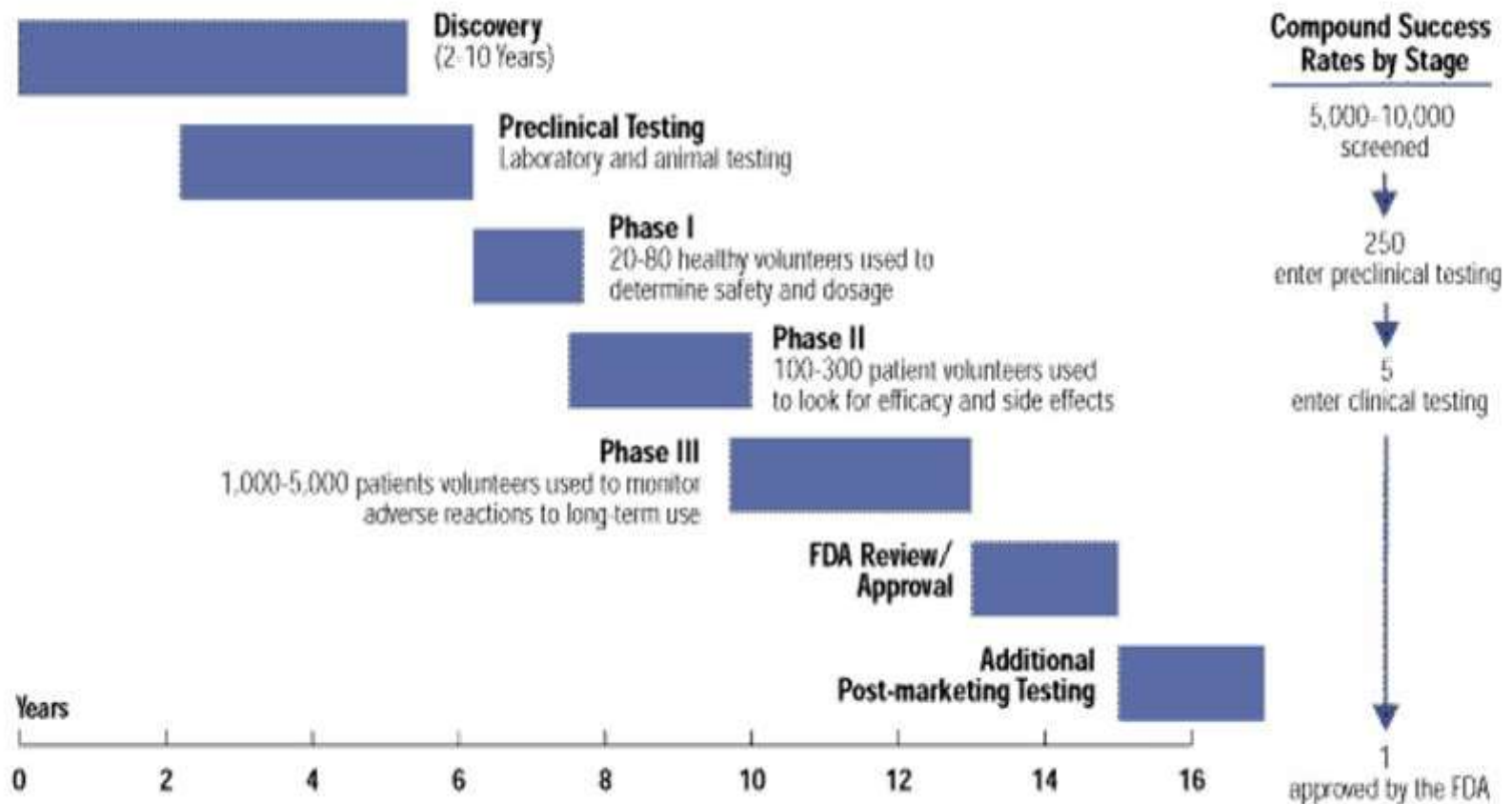
Phase 3 (T3): move evidence-based guidelines into health practice

Phase 4 (T4): evaluate the real world health outcomes.



# Drug development

## COMPOUND SUCCESS RATES BY STAGES



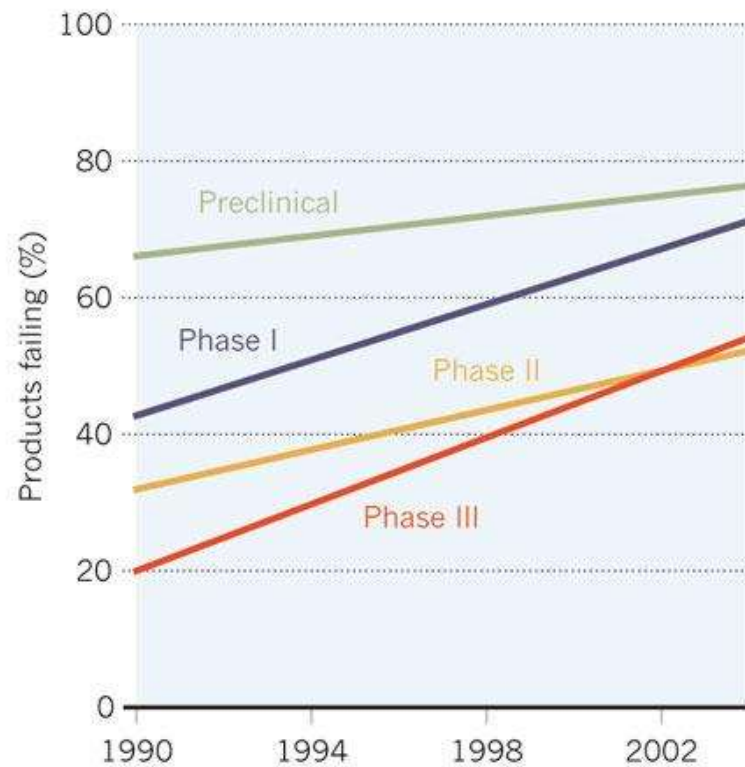
Source: PhRMA, based on data from Center for the Study of Drug Development, Tufts University, 1995.



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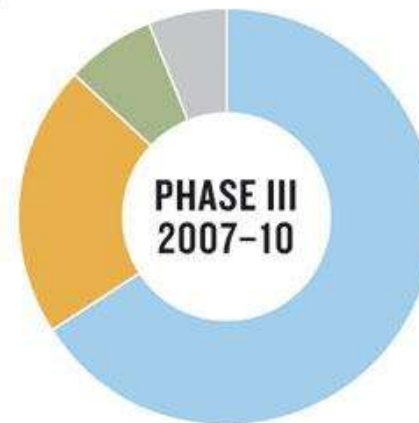
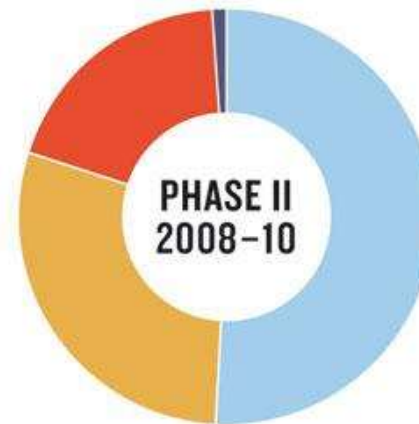
Drug companies are removing more compounds from the pipeline at all levels of testing than ever before.

For projects started between 1990 and 2004, the United States, Europe and Japan have seen sharp rises in the attrition of drugs tested in trials.



Most of the product failures in phase II and III trials are because researchers are unable to demonstrate efficacy or sufficient safety.

- Efficacy
- Safety
- Strategic
- Pharmacokinetics/bioavailability
- Commercial/financial
- Not disclosed

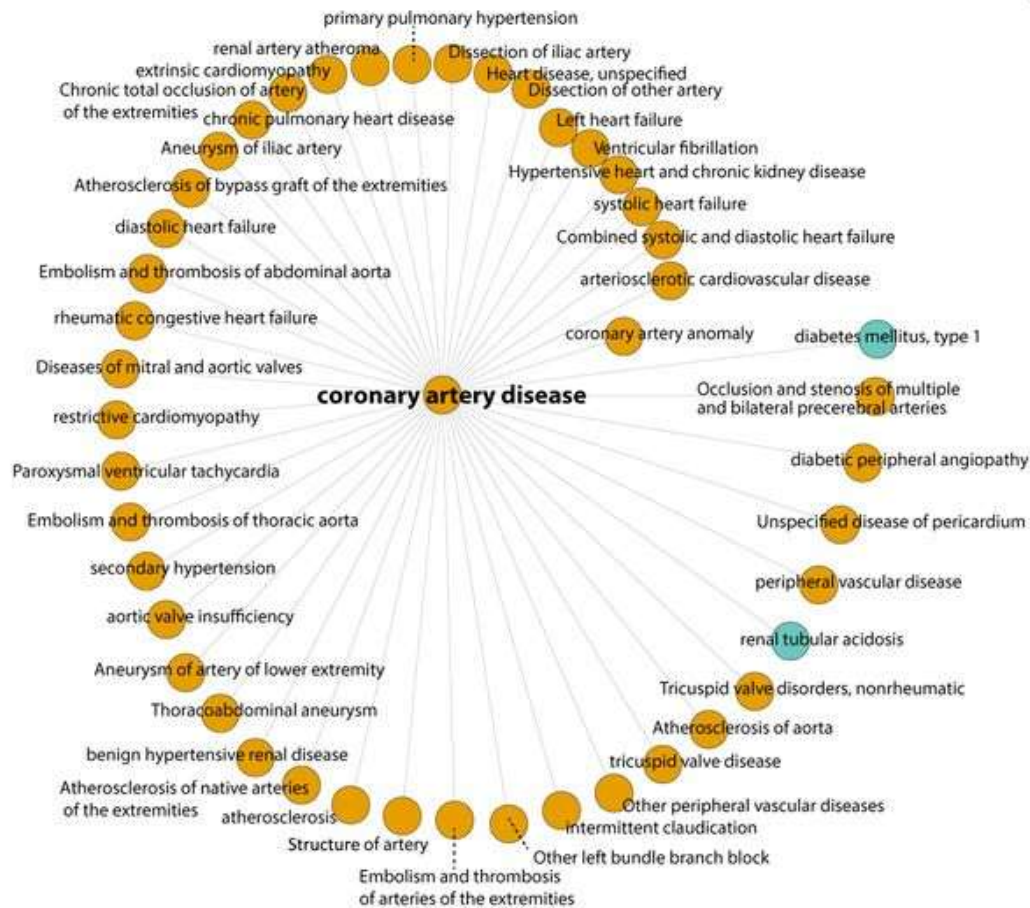


Nature 477, 526-528 (2011)

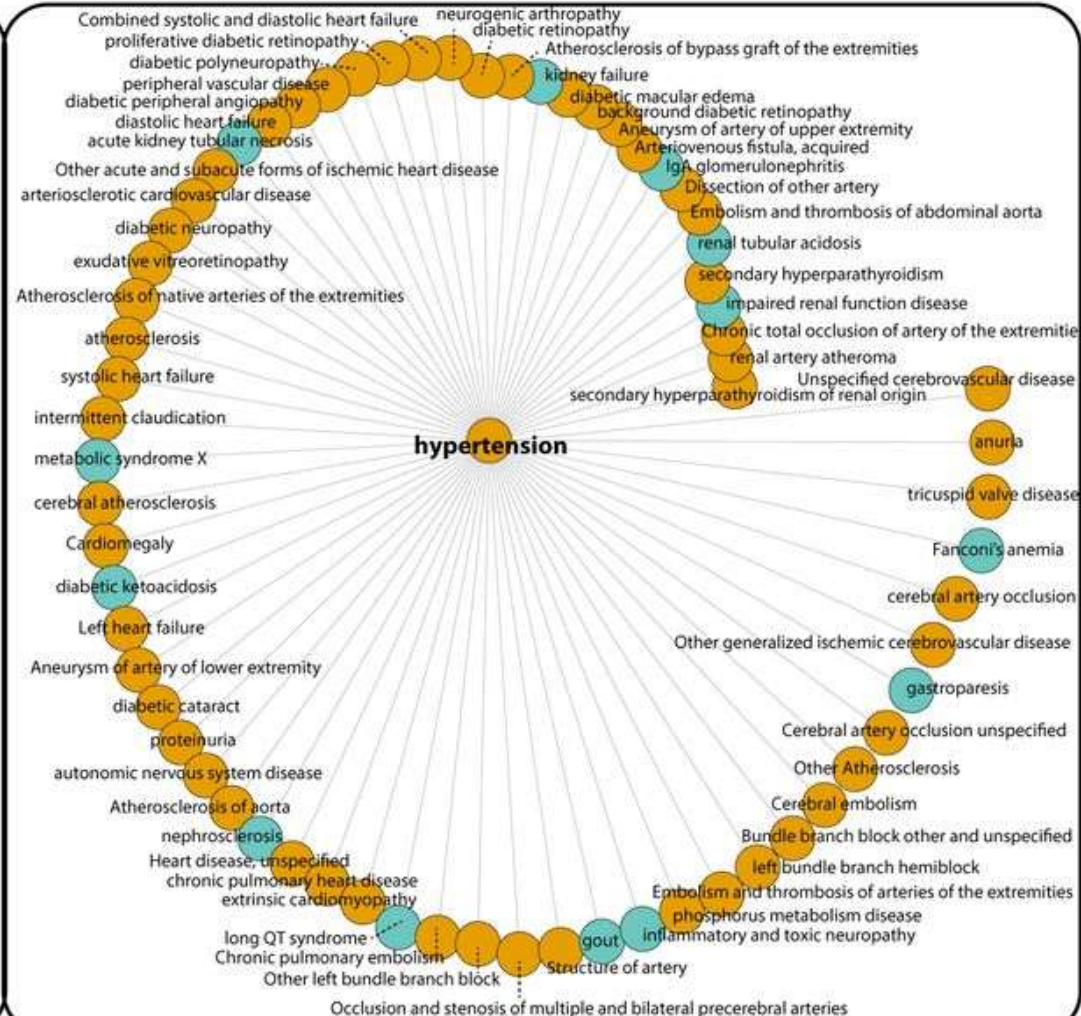


# The complex picture of cardiovascular diseases

## Coronary Artery Disease



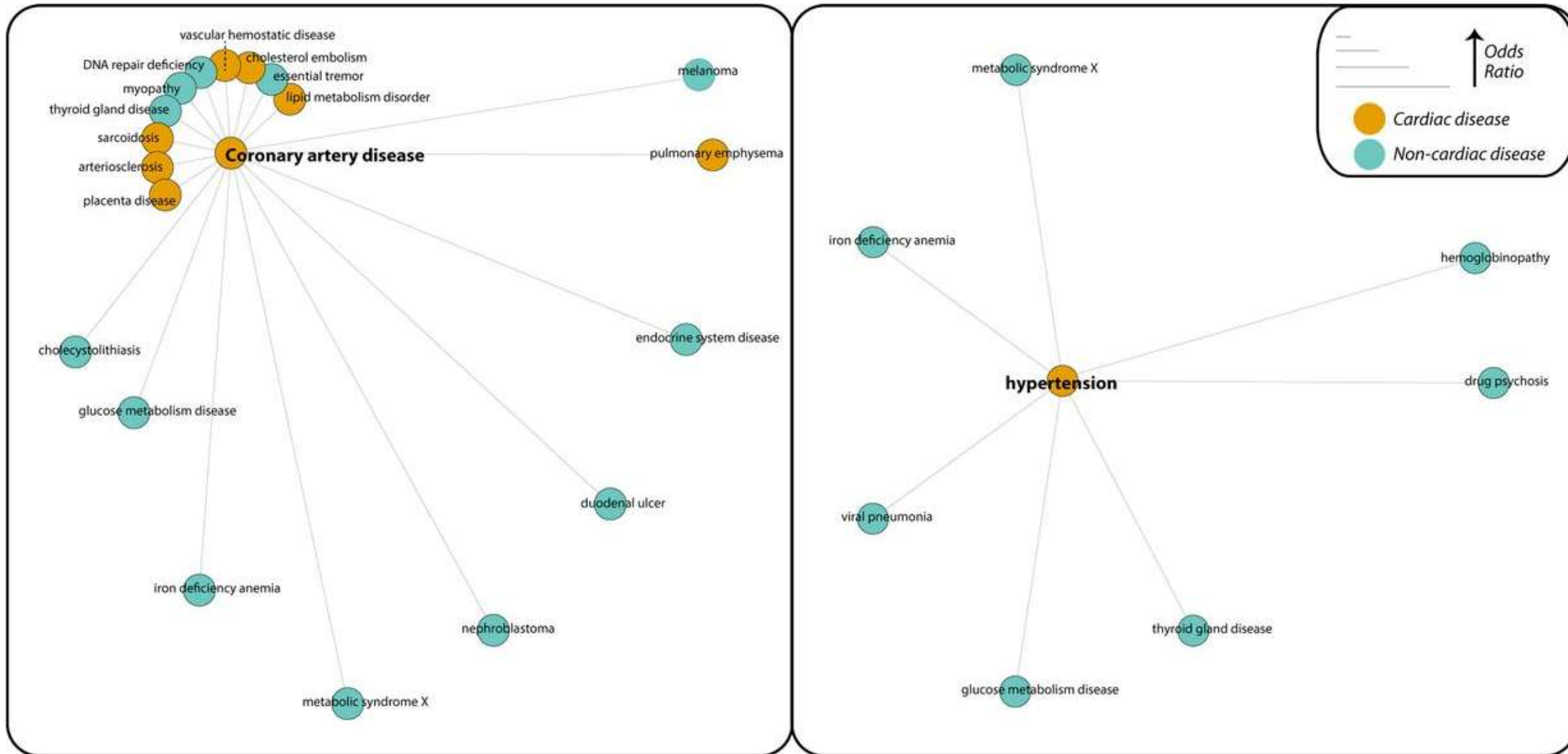
## Hypertension





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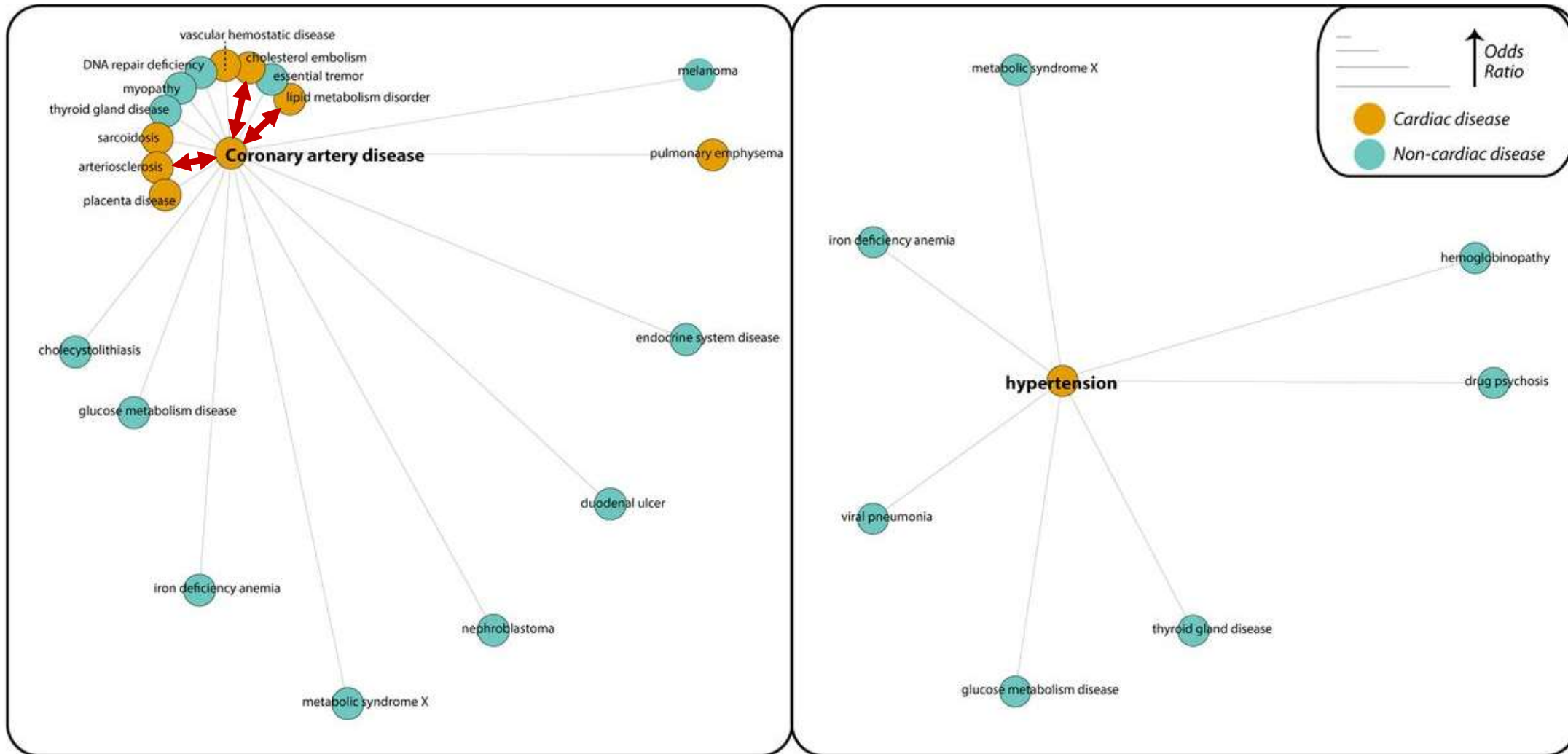
Shared Genetic Architecture





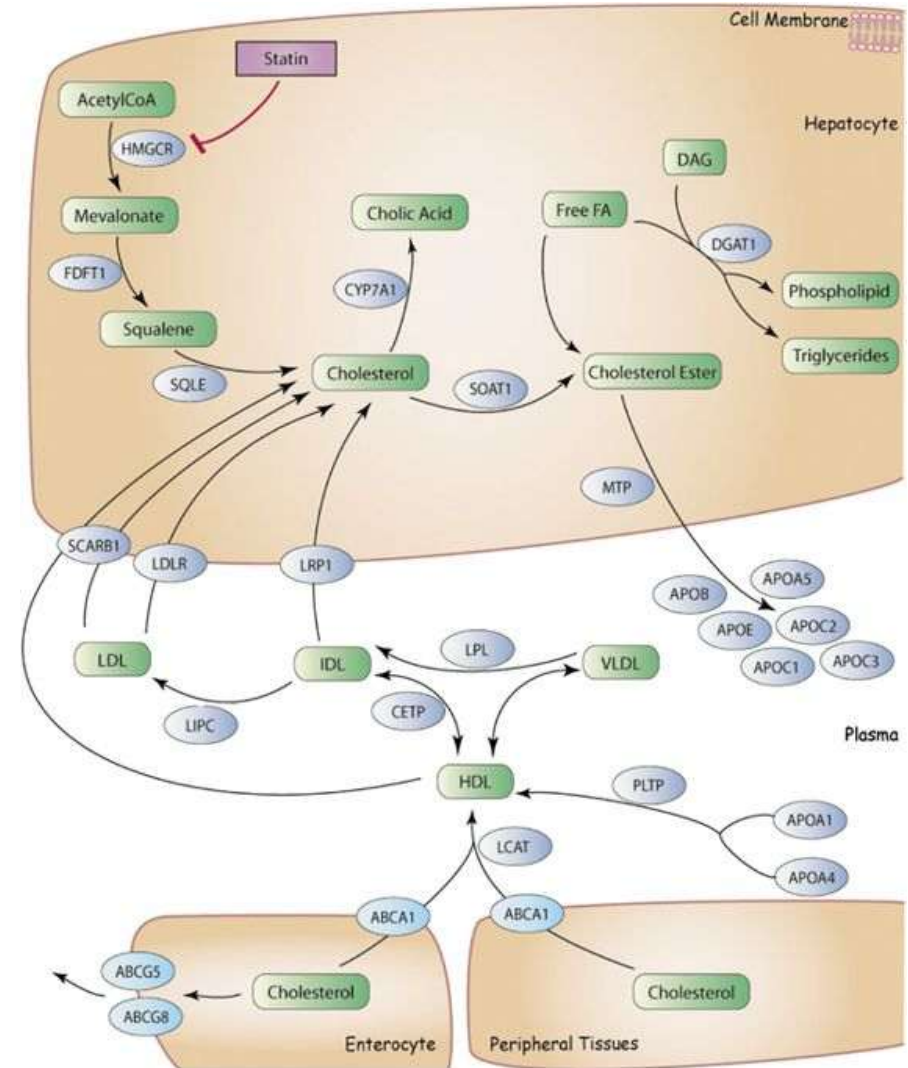
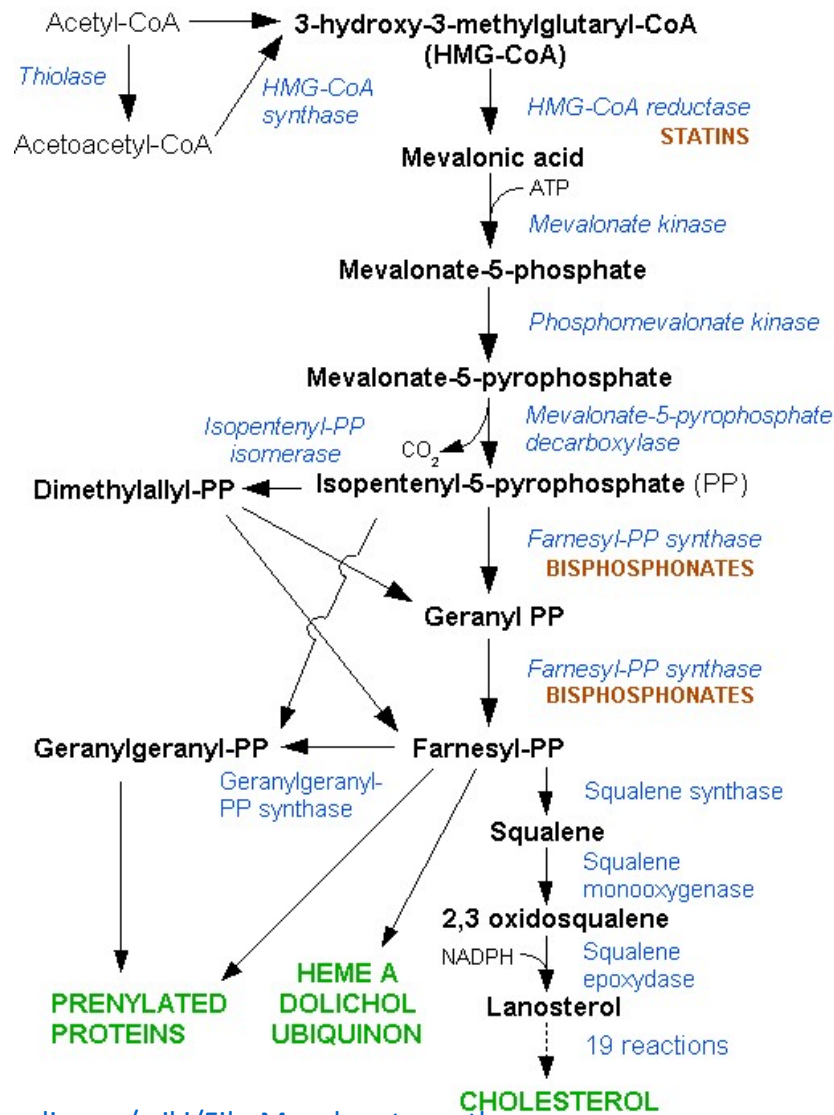
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Shared Genetic Architecture





# Example 1: lipid lowering therapy (statins)

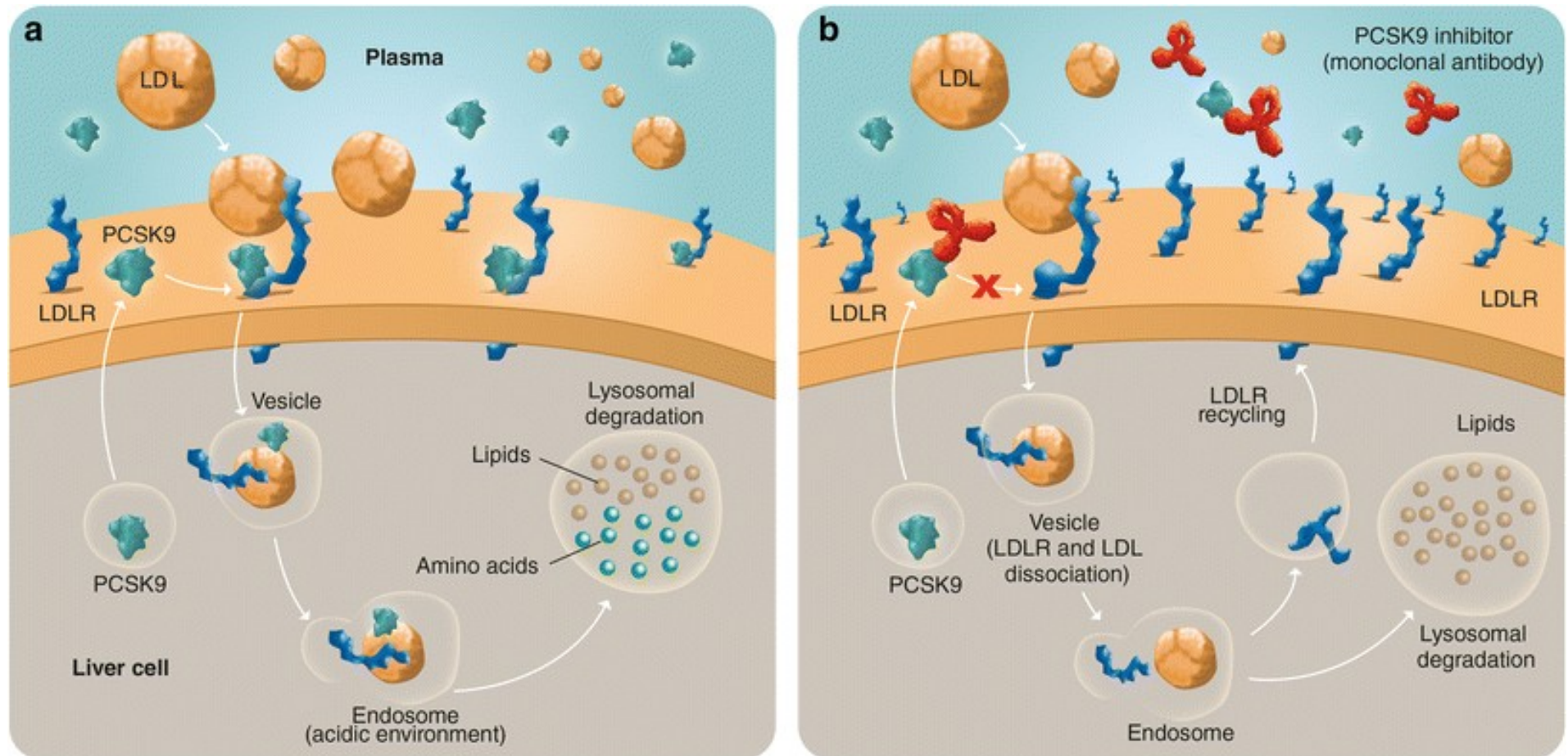


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Mangravite et al, *The Pharmacogenomics Journal* volume 6, pages 360–374 (2006)

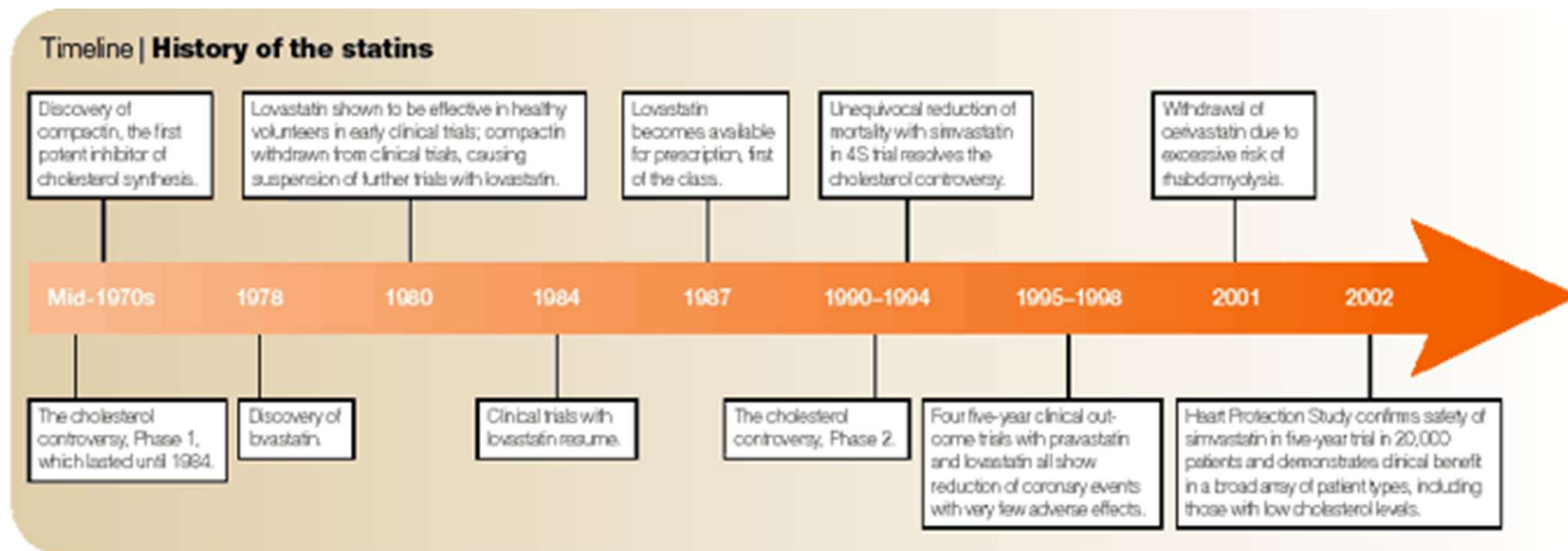


# Recent alternative to statins: PCSK9 inhibitors





# Statin timeline



Jonathan A. Tolbert, *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery* **volume 2**, pages 517–526 (2003)



# Clinically approved statins

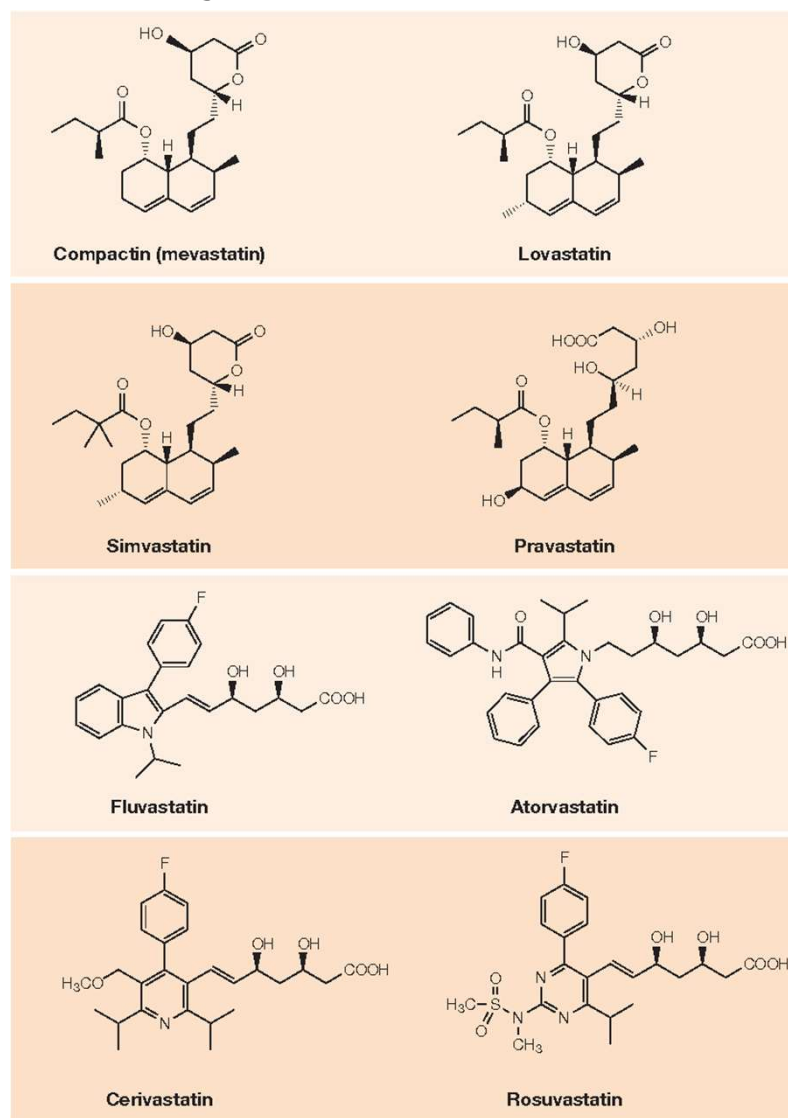
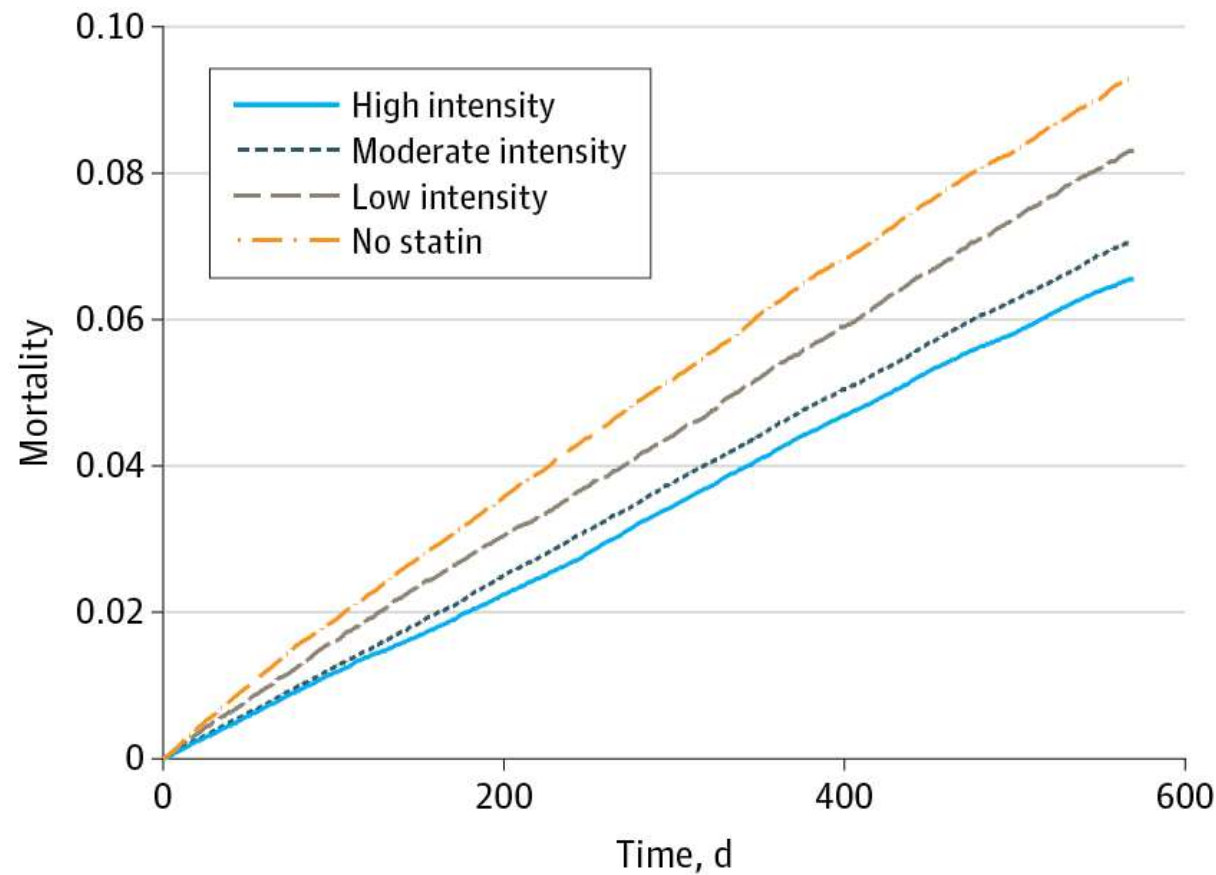


Figure 3 | **Structures of the statins.** Compactin and lovastatin are natural products. Pravastatin



# Clinical success: significantly improved mortality

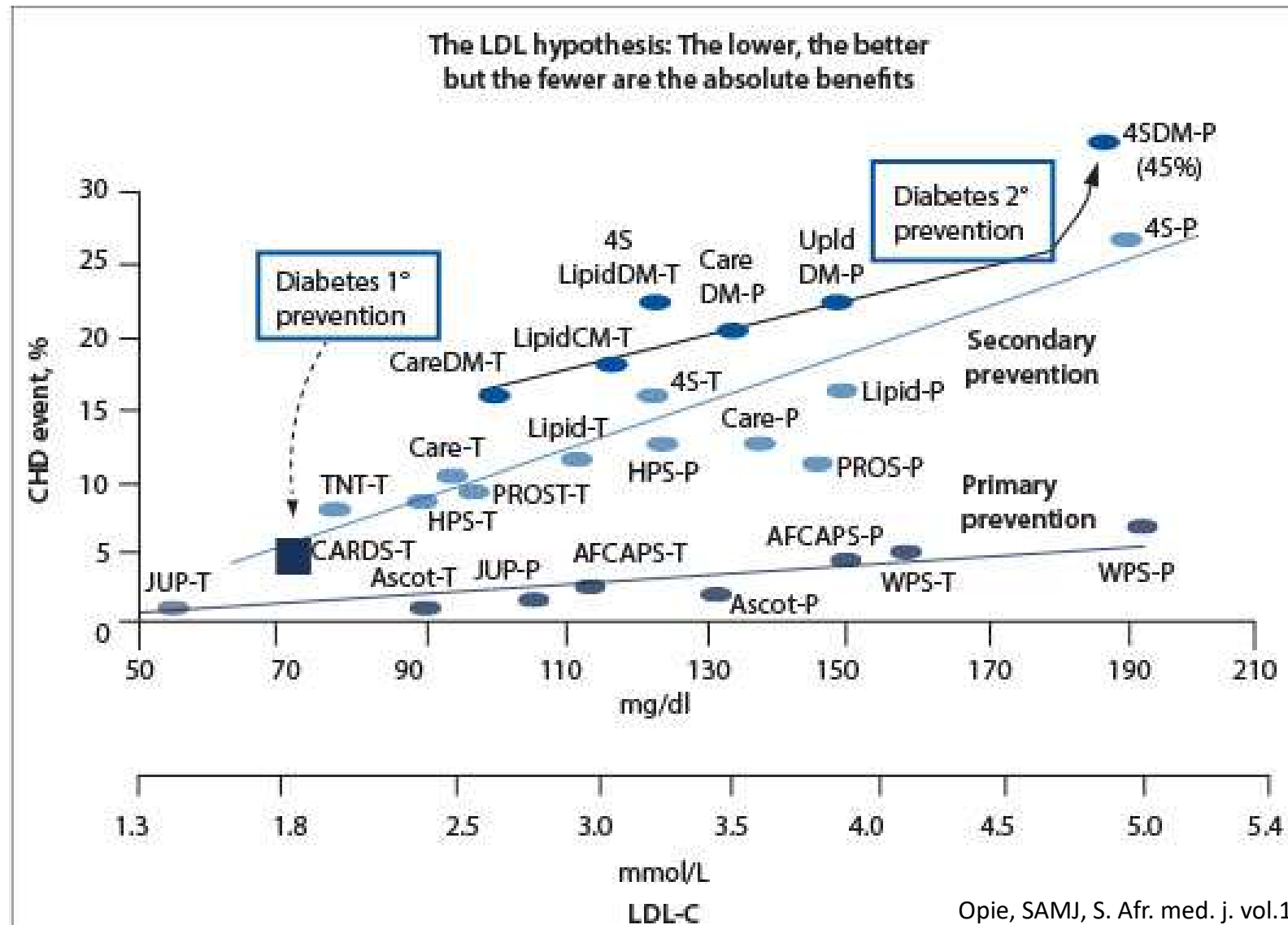


No. at risk			
High	150 928	146 474	120 559
Moderate	232 293	223 664	190 147
Low	33 920	32 389	26 997
None	92 625	87 322	68 474

Rodriguez et al., JAMA Cardiol. 2017;2(1):47-54.



# Clinical success: improvement in coronary heart disease





## Comparative Efficacy of Statins on LDL-C

LDL-C reduction	34%	41%	48%	55%	62%
Rosuvastatin (Crestor)	—	5	10	20	40
Atorvastatin (Lipitor)	10	20	40	80	—
Simvastatin (Zocor)*	20	40	80*	—	—
Lovastatin **	40	80	—	—	—
Pravastatin**	40	80	—	—	—

\*Avoid due to high risk of toxicity

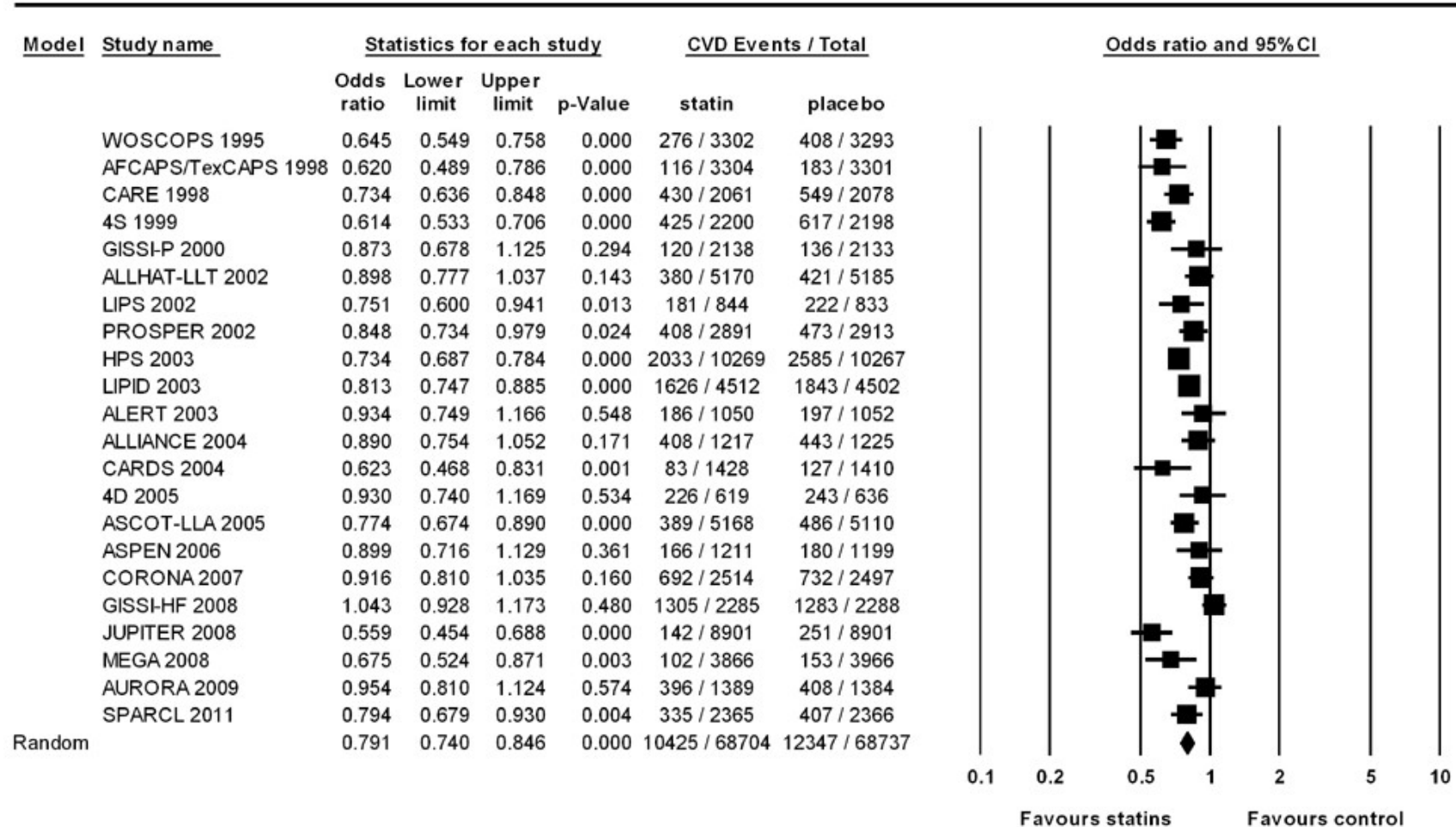
\*\* Both available for \$10 for 3 months's supply at Wall mart

Roberts WC. Am J Cardiol 2004;93:808





# Clinical success: overall 0.71 OR



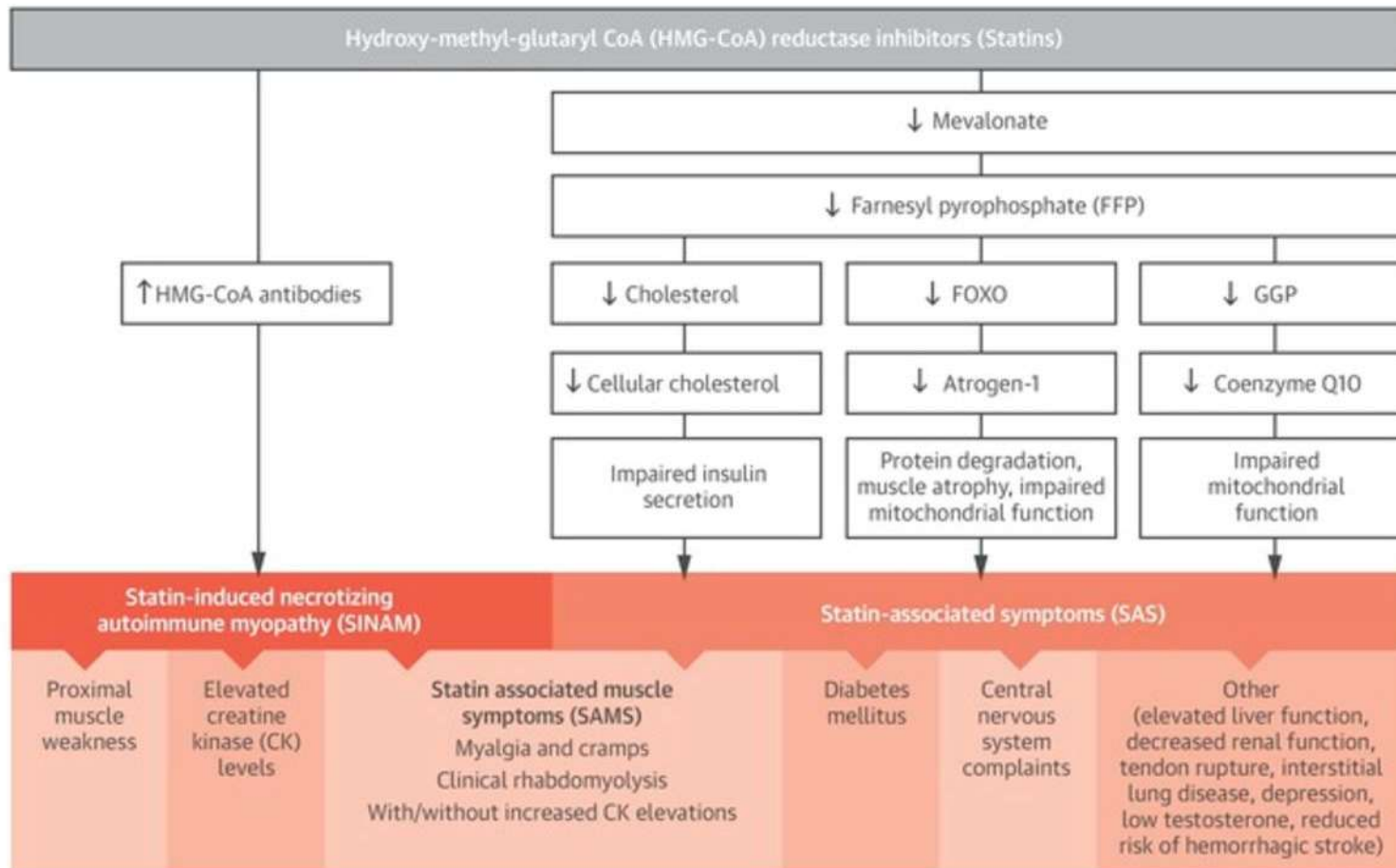


Statins for everyone?



# Limitations: side effects

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Statin-Associated Side Effects



Thompson, P.D. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2016;67(20):2395-410.



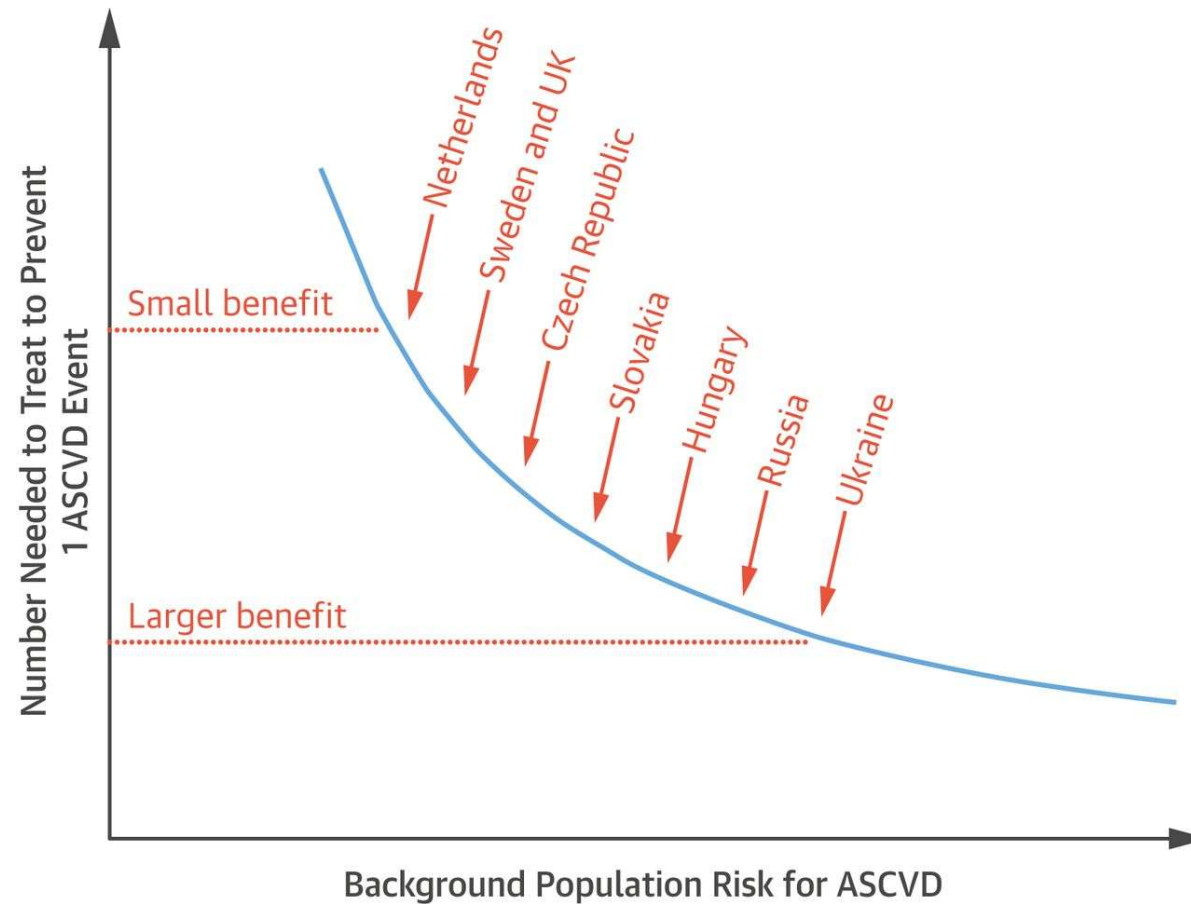
# Limitations: cost effectiveness

Age (years)	10-year vascular risk*	QALYs								
No statins	Statins	Absolute risk reduction	Statins	No statins	Incremental QALYs	Statins	No statins	Incremental costs (€)		ICER(€ per QALY)
45										
	1.0%	0.9%	0.1%	9,162	9,166	-0,005	1192	236	956	NA
	2.5%	2.1%	0.4%	9,143	9,144	-0,001	1409	494	916	NA
	5.0%	4.3%	0.7%	9,111	9,107	0,004	1774	925	848	195 372
	7.5%	6.5%	1.0%	9,079	9,069	0,01	2141	1360	781	78 136
	10.0%	8.6%	1.4%	9,047	9,032	0,016	2511	1796	715	45 669
	15.0%	13.0%	2.0%	8,981	8,954	0,027	3262	2678	584	21 651
55										
	2.5%	2.1%	0.4%	8,937	8,938	0	1501	603	898	NA
	5.0%	4.3%	0.7%	8,9	8,893	0,007	1856	1024	832	125 544
	7.5%	6.5%	1.0%	8,862	8,849	0,013	2215	1448	767	57 442
	10.0%	8.6%	1.4%	8,824	8,804	0,02	2577	1875	702	34 995
	15.0%	13.0%	2.0%	8,746	8,712	0,033	3311	2737	574	17 158
	20.0%	17.4%	2.6%	8,666	8,619	0,047	4059	3611	448	9 572
	25.0%	21.8%	3.2%	8,584	8,523	0,06	4823	4499	324	5 395
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	5.0%	4.3%	0.7%	8,277	8,266	0,01	2052	1265	787	75 237
	7.5%	6.5%	1.0%	8,228	8,21	0,019	2374	1644	729	38 613
	10.0%	8.7%	1.3%	8,18	8,152	0,027	2698	2026	672	24 607
	15.0%	13.0%	2.0%	8,08	8,036	0,044	3357	2799	558	12 652
	20.0%	17.5%	2.5%	7,978	7,917	0,061	4030	3585	445	7 323
	25.0%	21.9%	3.1%	7,873	7,795	0,077	4719	4384	334	4 319
75										
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	7.5%	6.5%	1.0%	6,865	6,838	0,027	2604	1961	643	23 846
	10.0%	8.7%	1.3%	6,802	6,764	0,038	2829	2230	600	15 901
	15.0%	13.1%	1.9%	6,673	6,614	0,059	3288	2774	514	8 695
	20.0%	17.5%	2.5%	6,54	6,46	0,08	3758	3328	429	5 343
	25.0%	21.9%	3.1%	6,403	6,301	0,101	4241	3895	346	3 410
	30.0%	26.4%	3.6%	6,26	6,138	0,122	4739	4475	264	2 156



# Limitations: national specifics in benefit

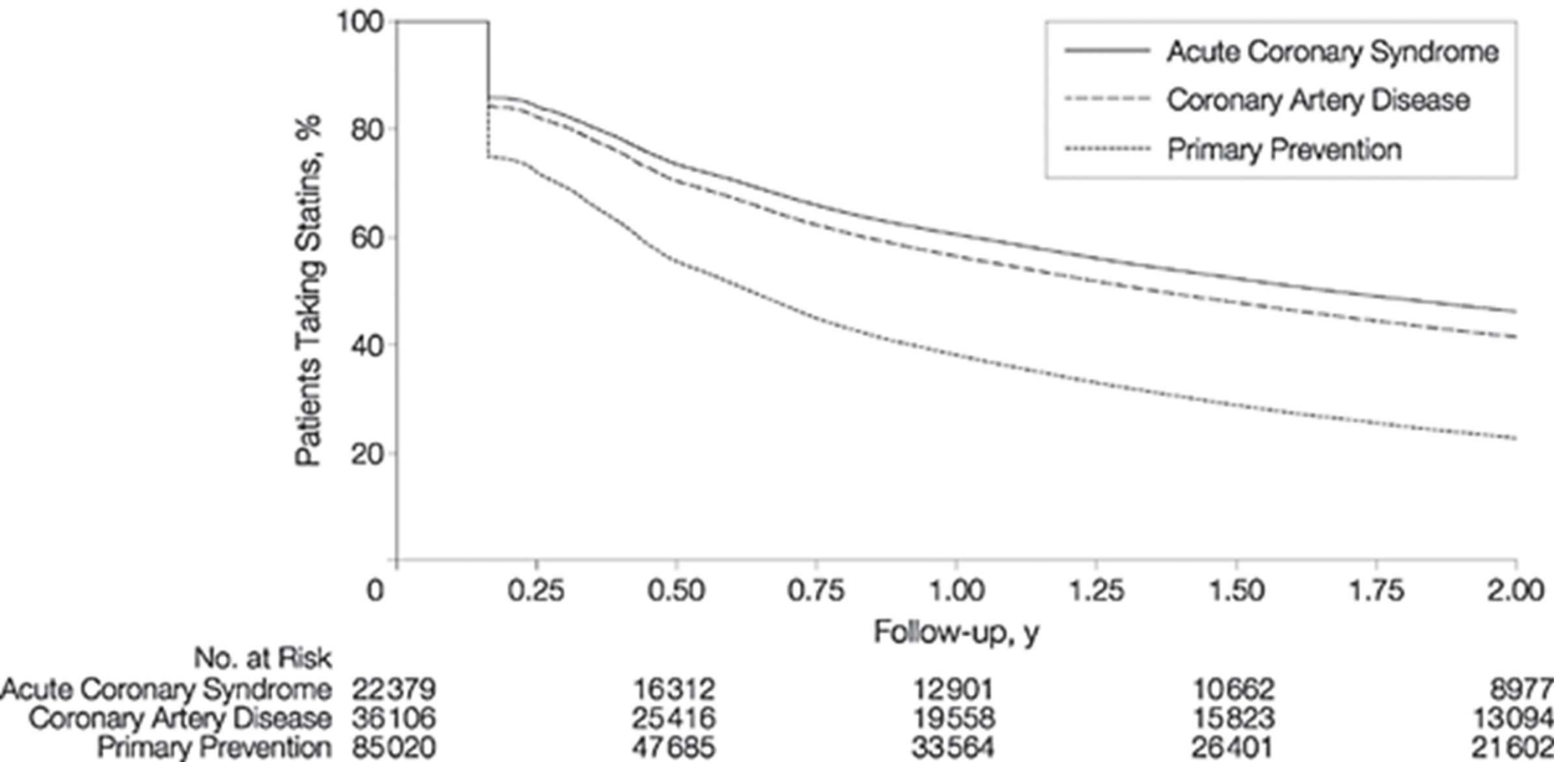
Average "intermediate-risk" Europeans in HOPE-3:  
number needed to treat *versus* background risk



Erling Falk, and Martin Bødtker Mortensen JACC  
2016;68:2903-2906



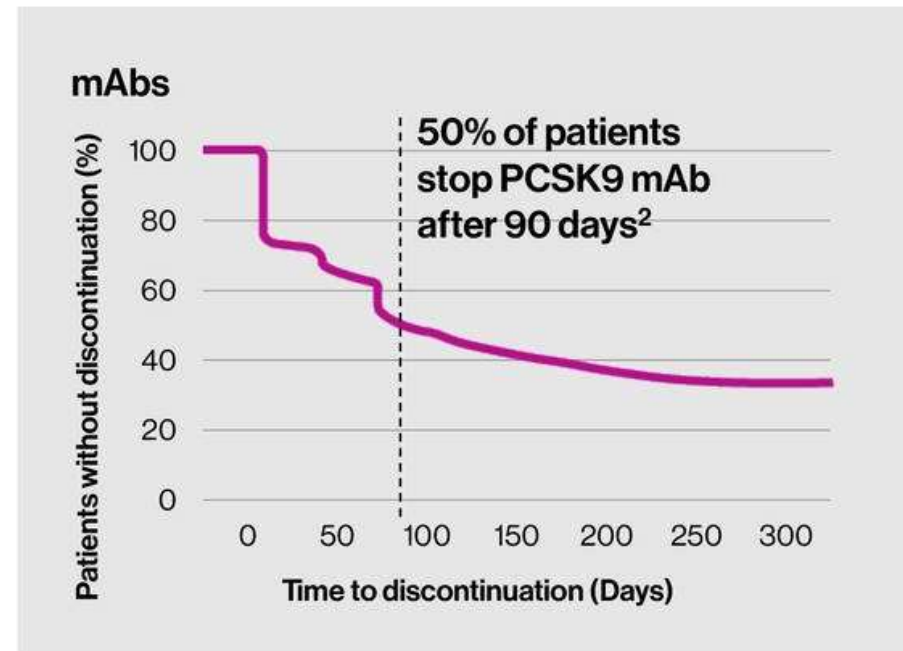
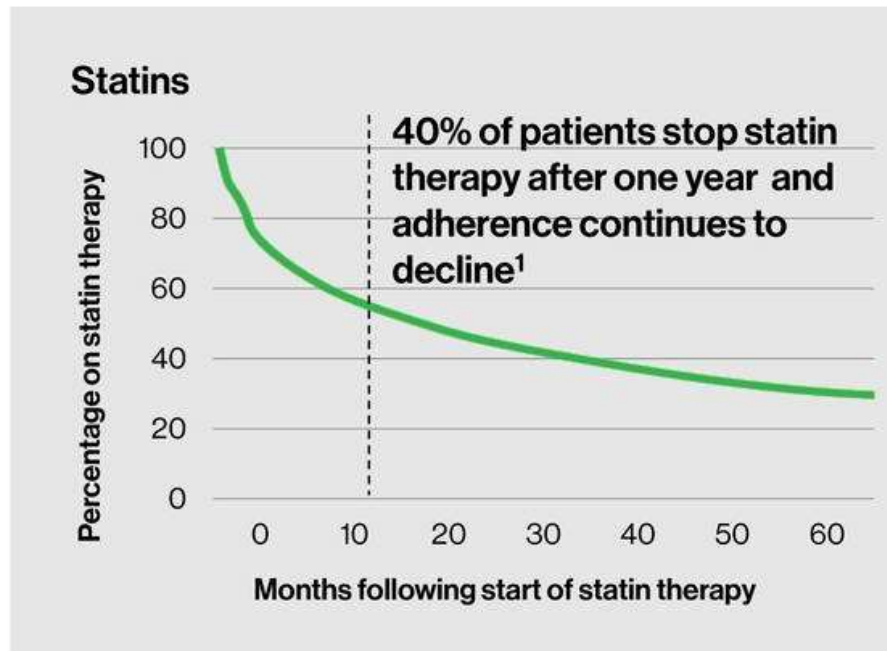
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Jackevicius et al., JAMA. 2002;288(4):462-467.



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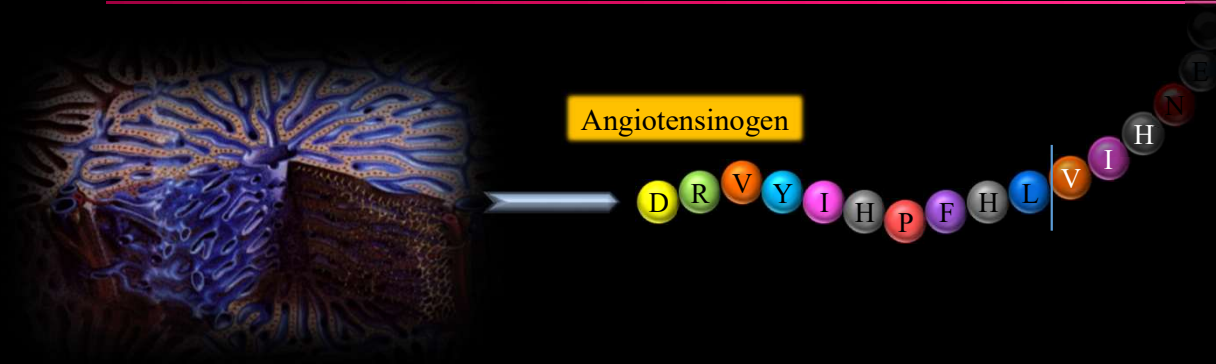


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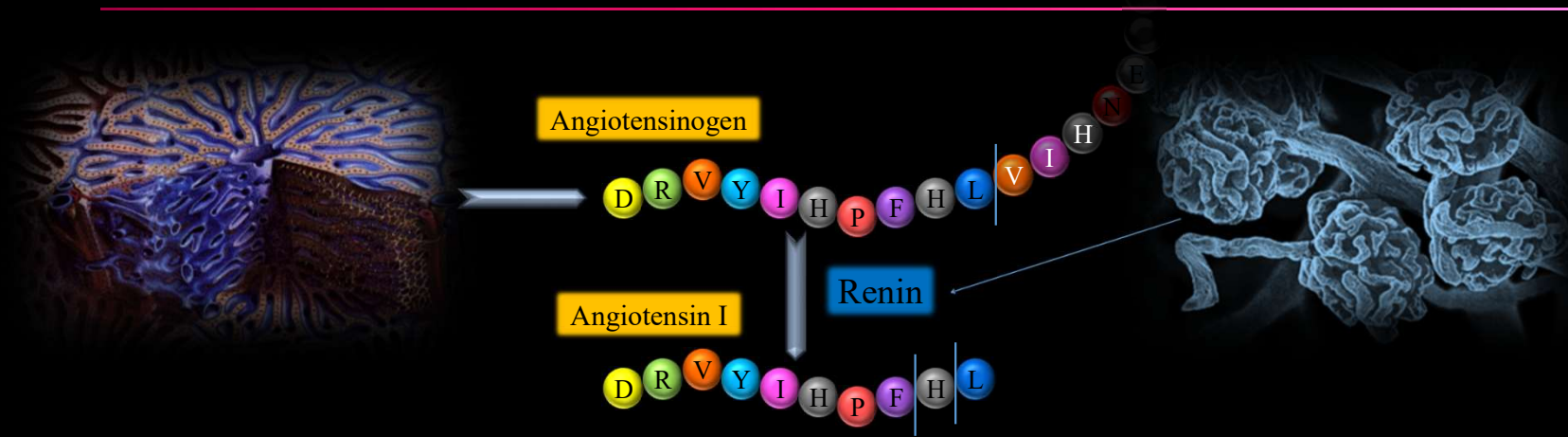
## Example 2: angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors

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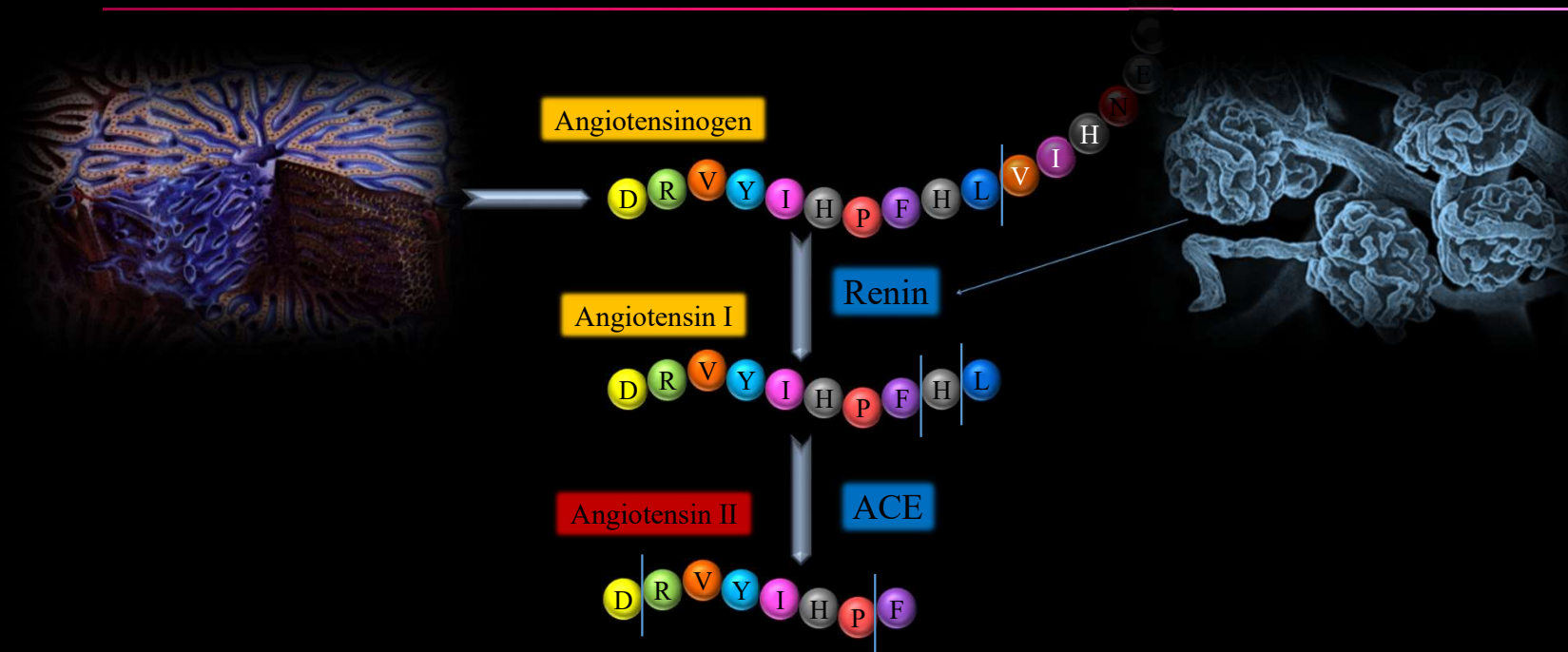


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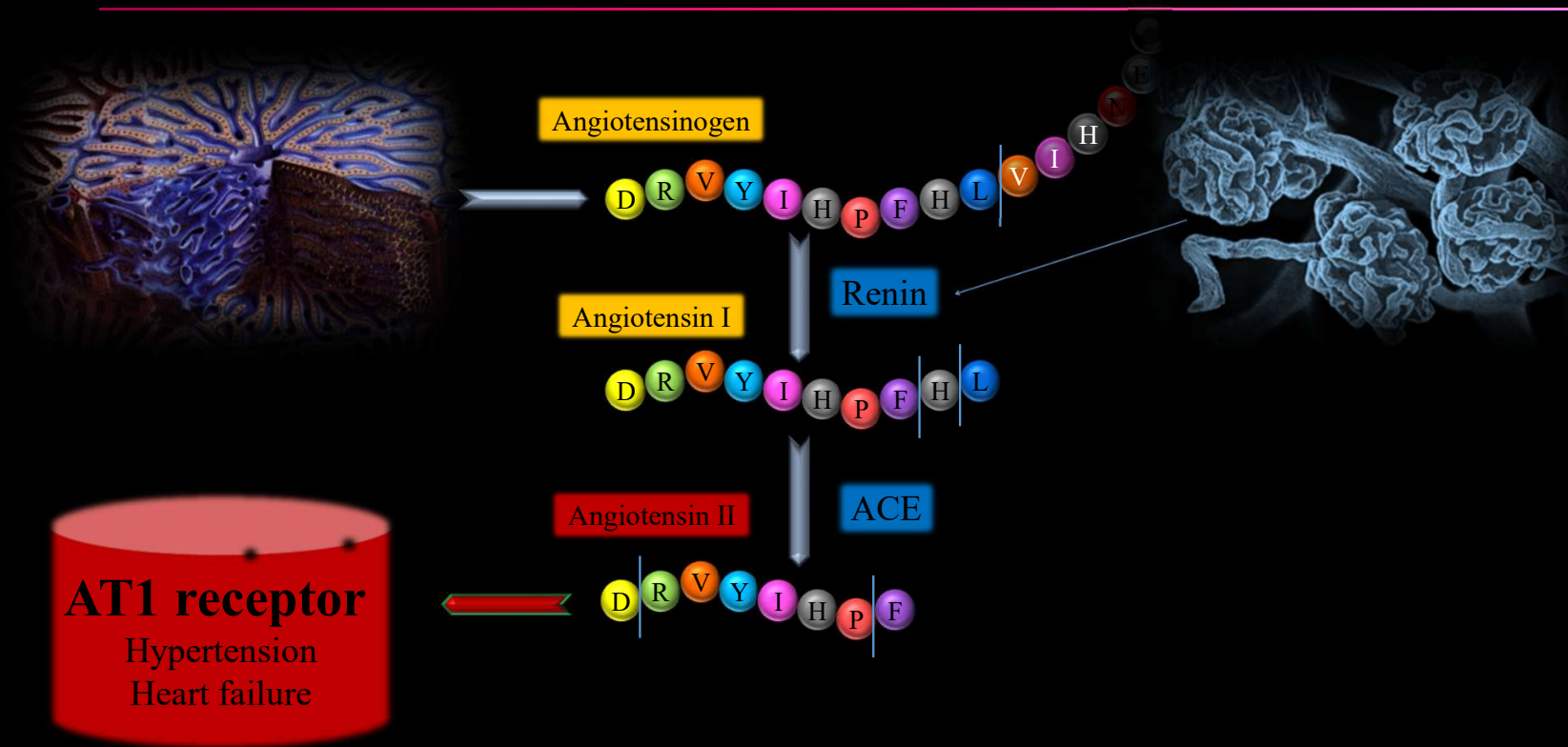


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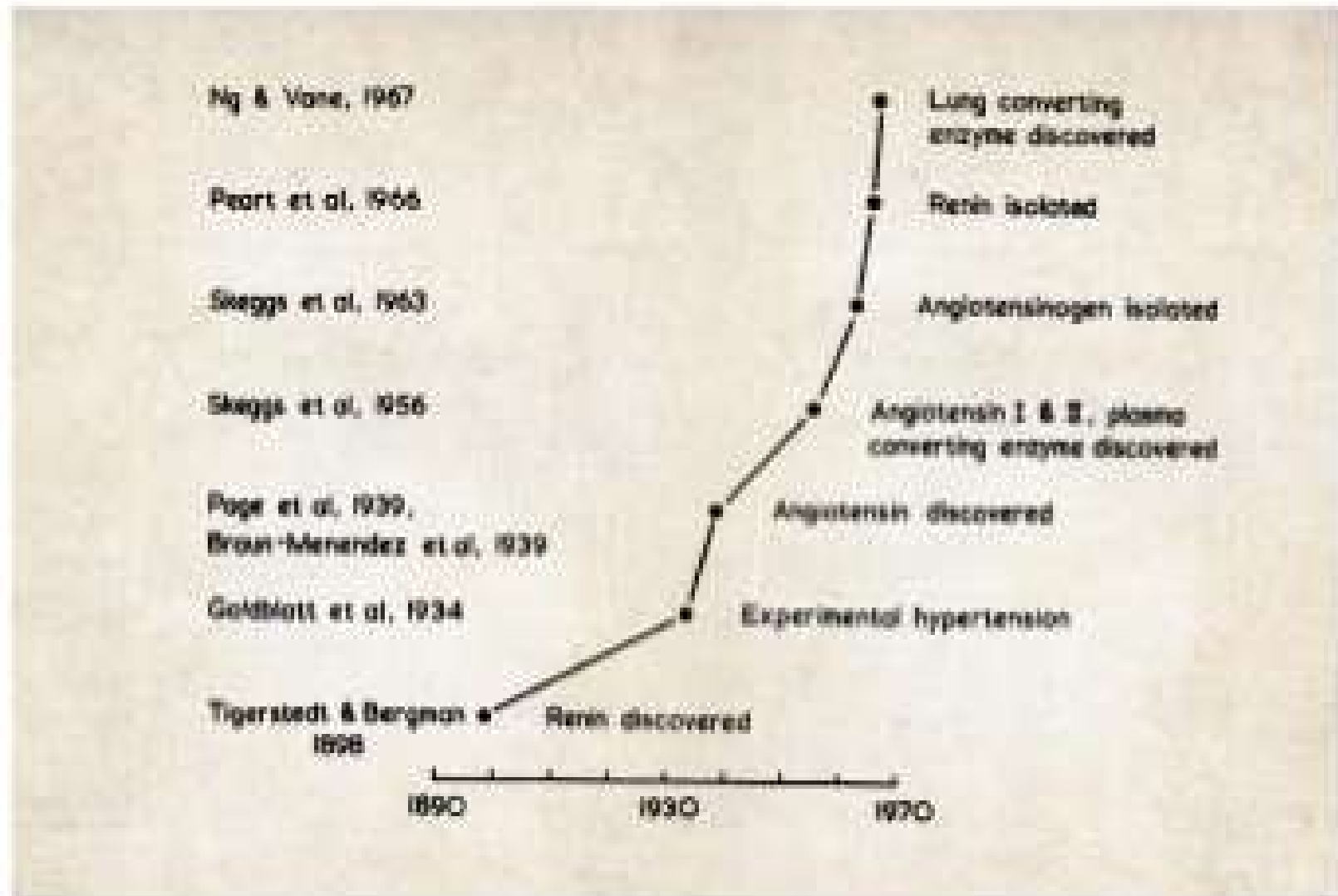


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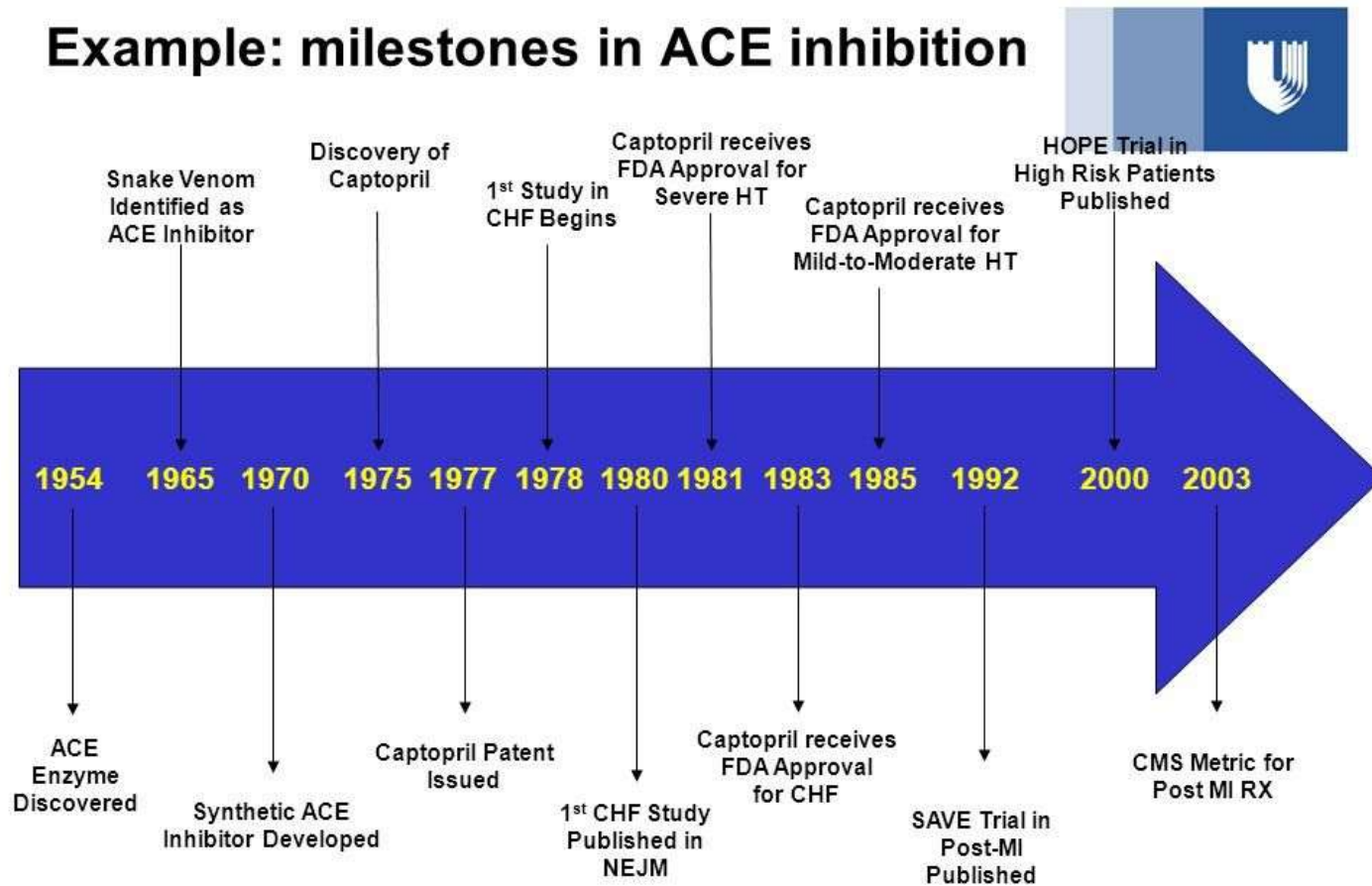
# RAS timeline





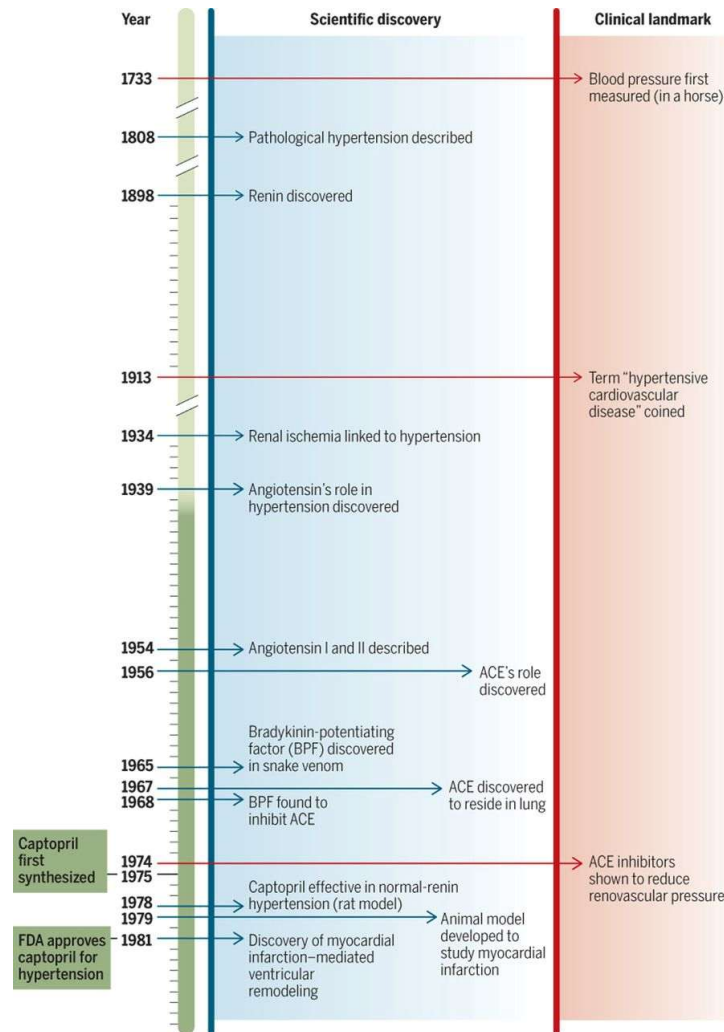
# ACEi timeline

## Example: milestones in ACE inhibition



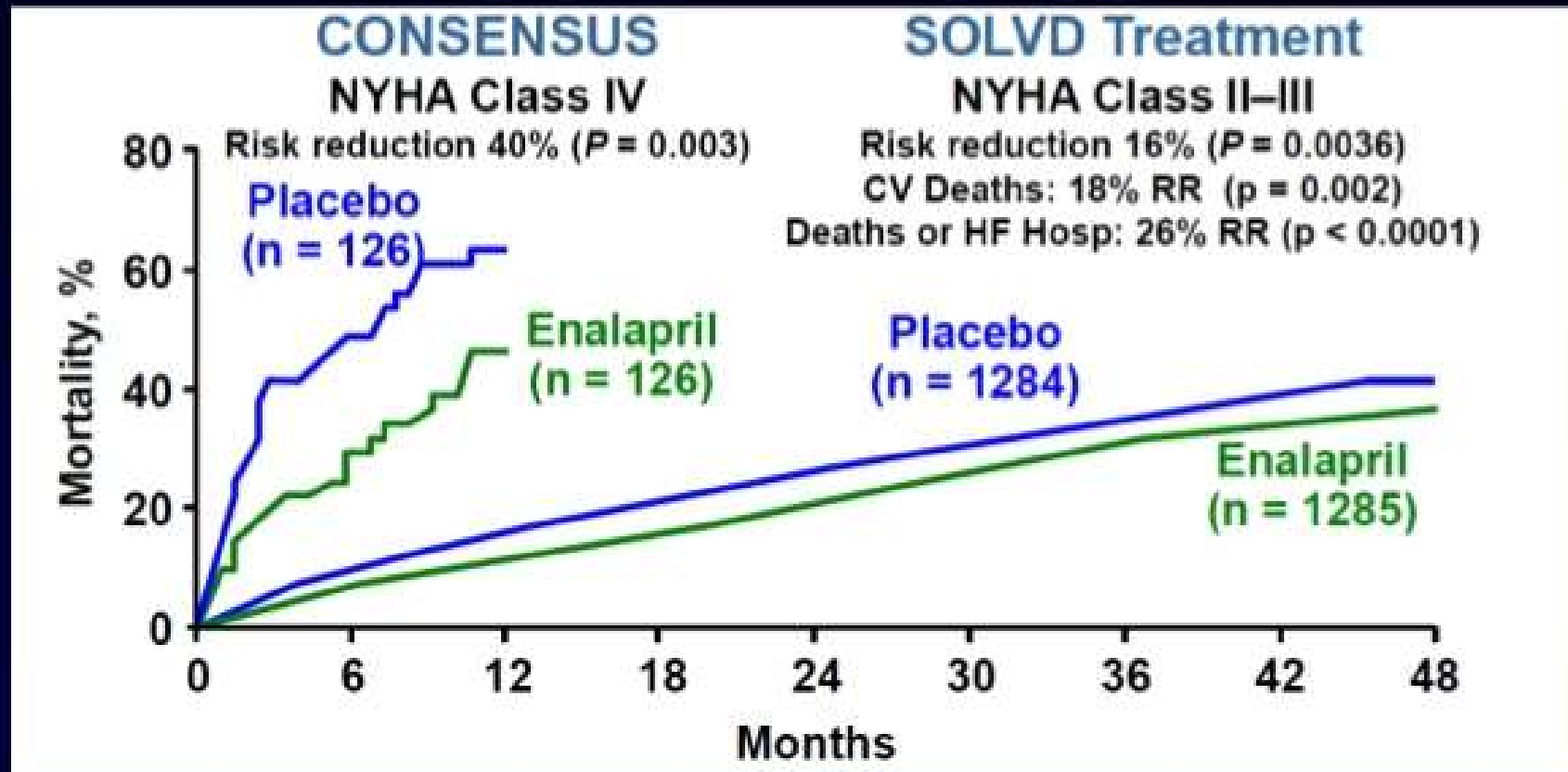


# RAS timeline





Clinical success: significantly improved mortality



Swedberg K et al for the CONSENSUS Trial Study Group. Circulation 1990;82:1730-1736. The SOLVD investigators. N Eng J Med 1991;325:293-302.



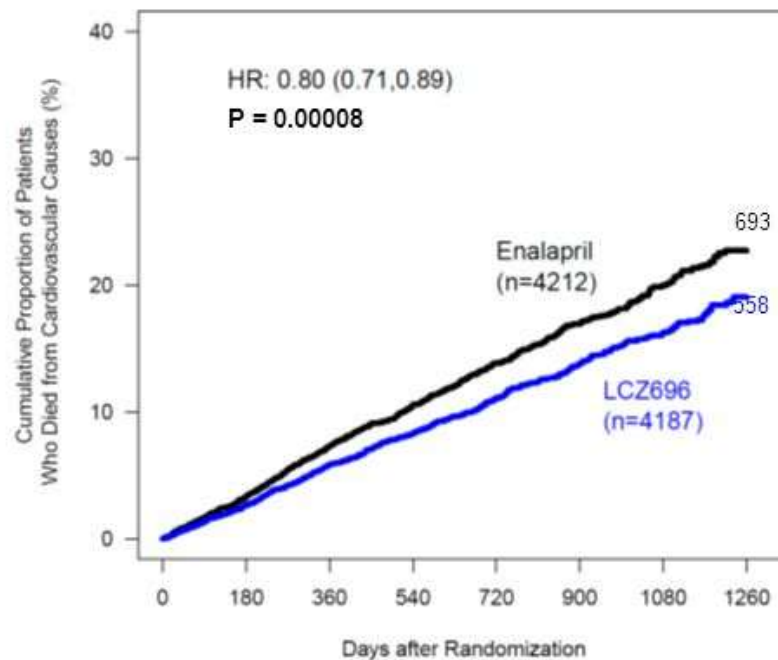
# PARADIGM-HF

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

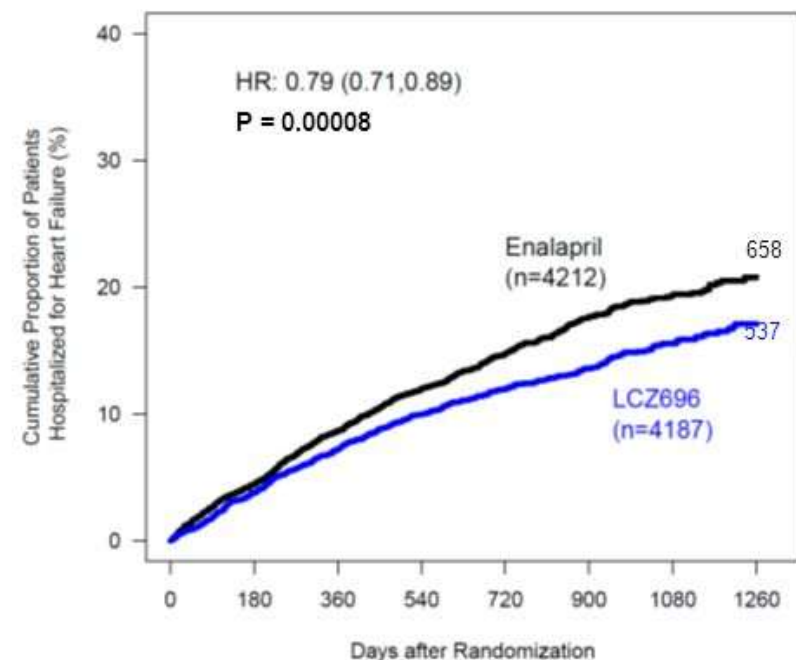
## Primary composite outcome

HR: 0.80 (0.73, 0.87)  $p = 0.0000004$

Death from CV causes  
20% risk reduction



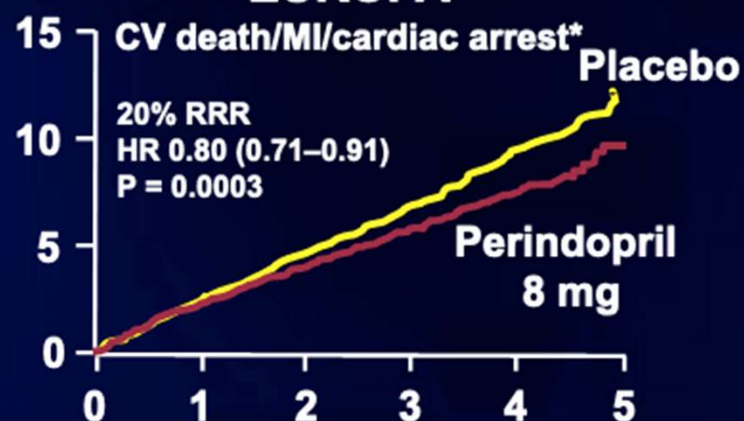
HF hospitalization  
21% risk reduction



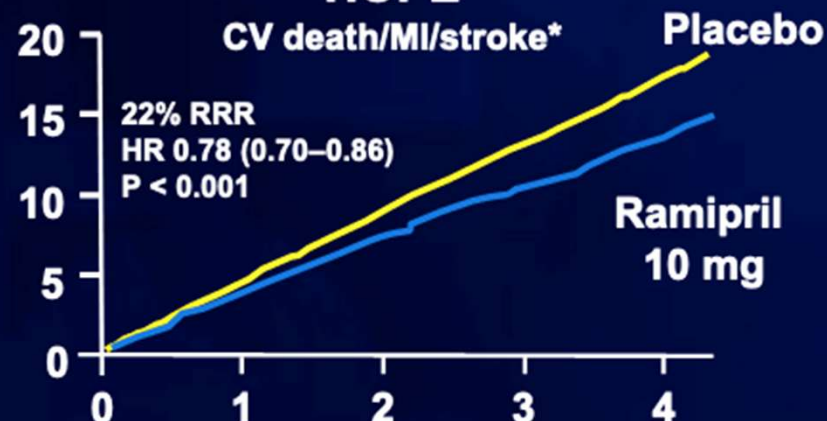
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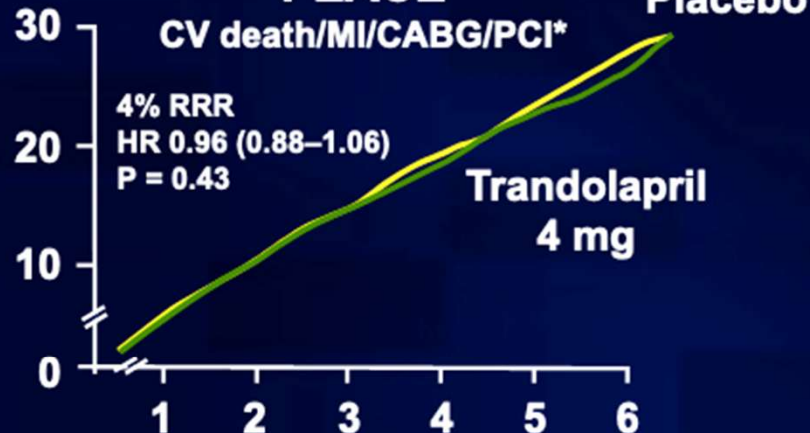
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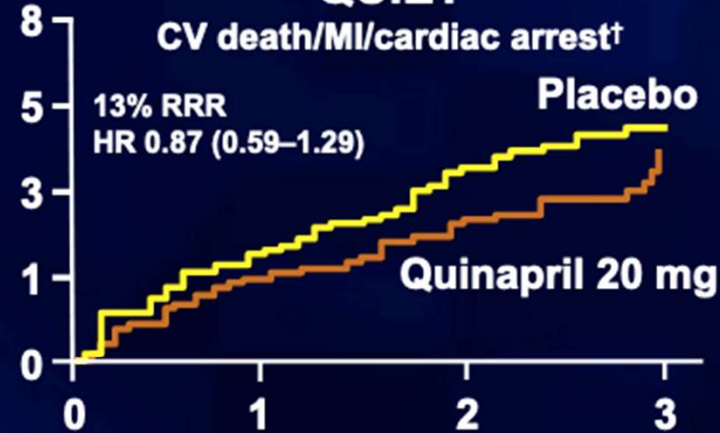
### HOPE



### PEACE



### QUIET



\*Primary end point

†Secondary end point

EUROPA Investigators. *Lancet*. 2003; HOPE Study Investigators. *N Engl J Med*. 2000;  
PEACE Trial Investigators. *N Engl J Med*. 2004; Pitt B et al. *Am J Cardiol*. 2001.



Limitations: side effects

## ***SIDE EFFECTS OF CAPTOPRIL / ACE INHIBITORS***

<b>C</b>	<b>COUGH</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>ACUTE RENAL FAILURE</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>PREGNANCY (C/I)</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>TASTE ALTERATION</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>ANGIOEDEMA</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>PROTEINURIA</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>RASH, URTICARIA</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>INCREASE K<sup>+</sup></b>
<b>L</b>	<b>LOW BLOOD PRESSURE</b>

### **OTHER MEMBERS**

Enalapril, Lisinopril, Perindopril,  
Ramipril, Fosinopril

**ONLY L & C ARE NOT PRODRUGS**

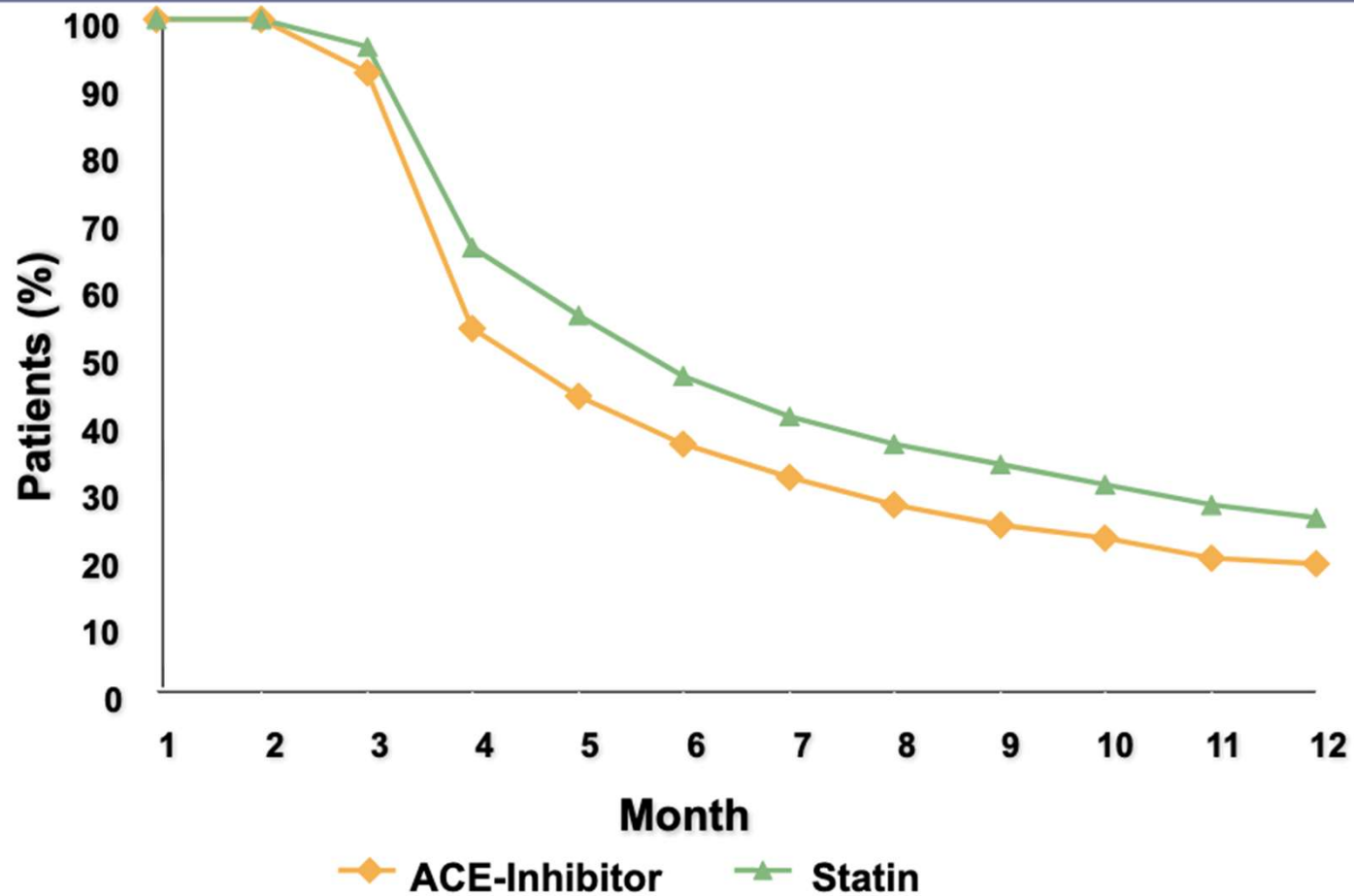




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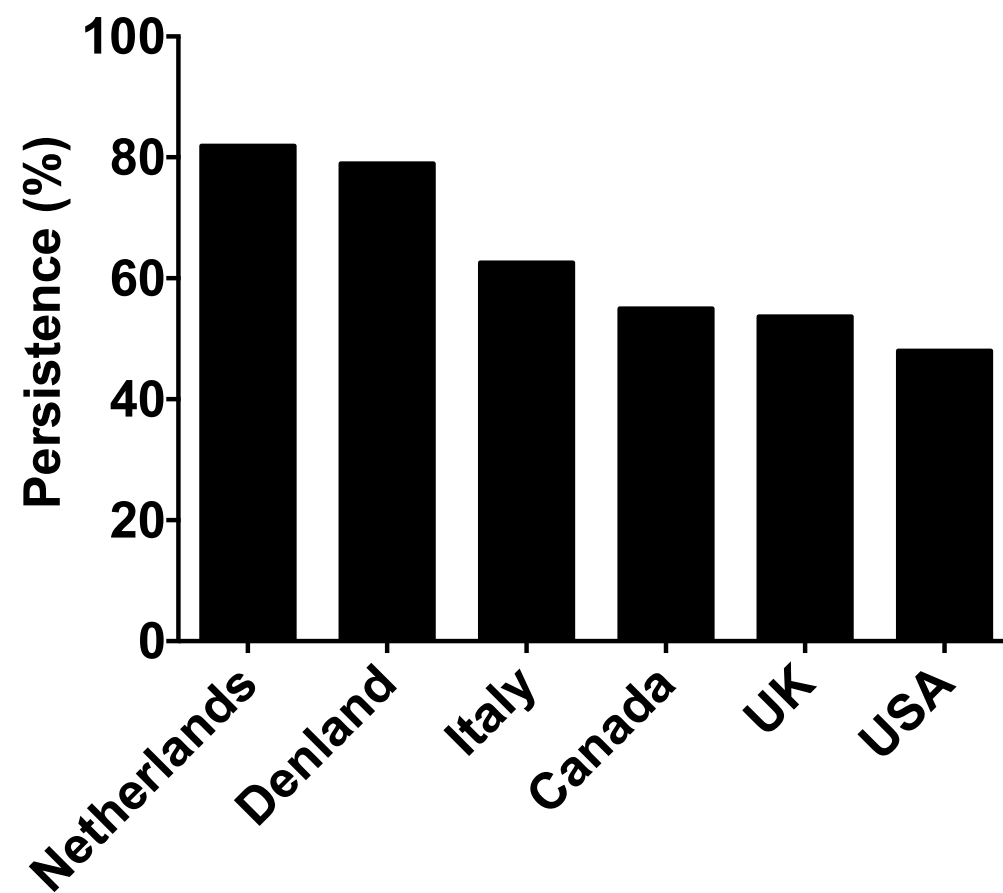
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Courtesy: Ockene IS; Source: IMS Health data, 1996.

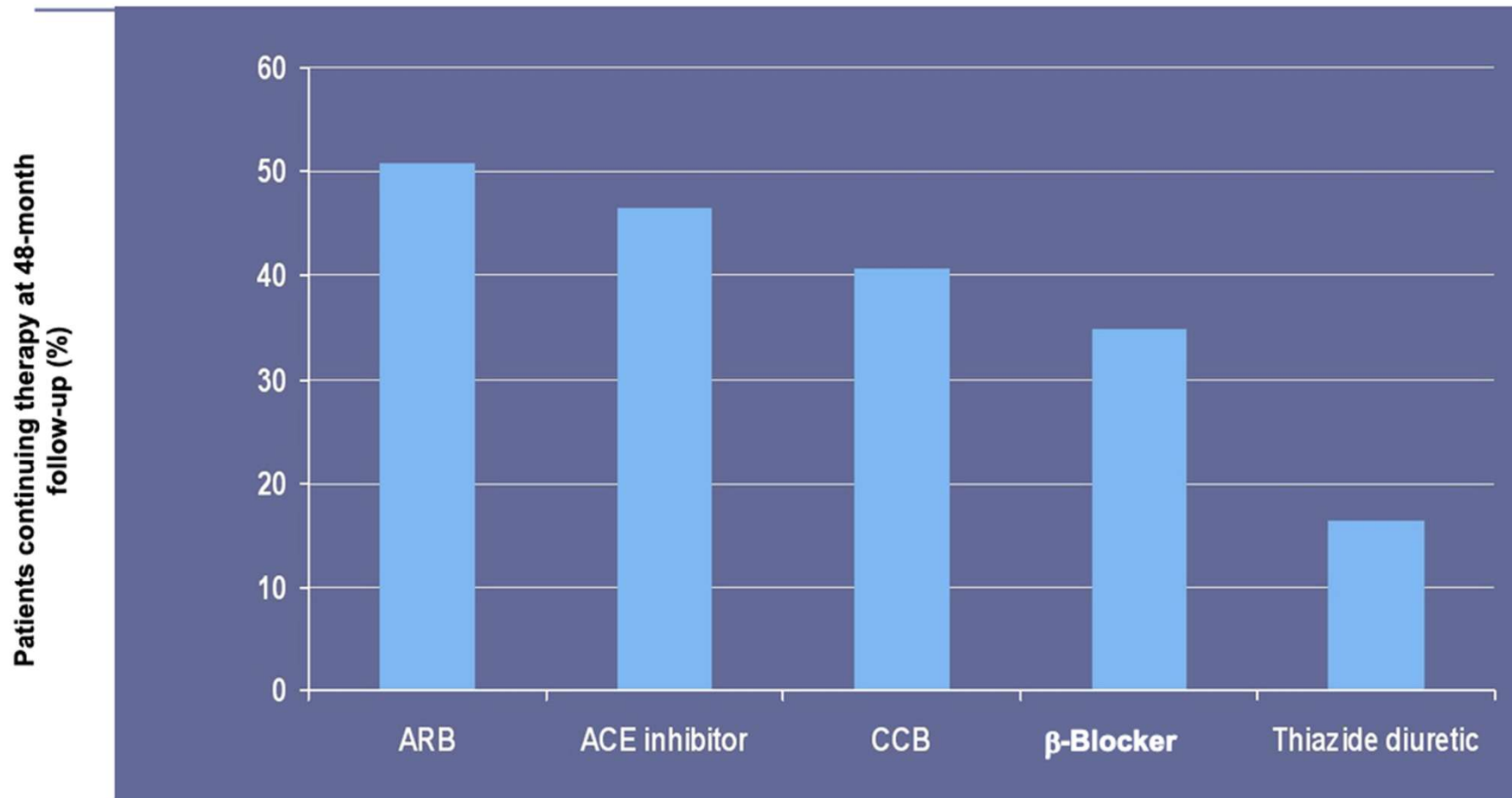


## Persistence for ACE inhibitors – Global





# Persistence for cardiovascular drugs



Retrospective, records-based, cohort study of patients on antihypertensive medication using the Merck-Medco Managed Care LLC Research Convenience Sample database (N=15,175).

Conlin PR et al. *Clin Ther*. 2001;23:1999-2010.



# Personalized medicine

**Personalized medicine**, [precision medicine](#), or **theranostics** is a [medical model](#) that separates people into different groups—with medical decisions, practices, interventions and/or products being tailored to the individual patient based on their predicted response or risk of disease. The terms personalized medicine, precision medicine, **stratified medicine** and P4 medicine are used interchangeably to describe this concept though some authors and organisations use these expressions separately to indicate particular nuances.

While the tailoring of treatment to patients dates back at least to the time of [Hippocrates](#), the term has risen in usage in recent years given the growth of new diagnostic and informatics approaches that provide understanding of the molecular basis of disease, particularly [genomics](#). This provides a clear evidence base on which to stratify (group) related patients.

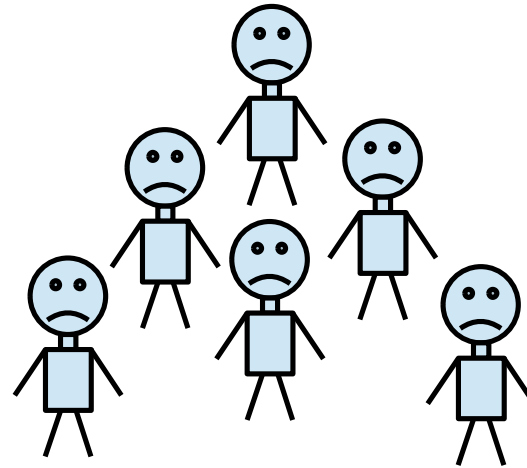
[www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

[Precision medicine](#) is an approach to patient care that allows doctors to select treatments that are most likely to help patients based on a [genetic](#) understanding of their disease. This may also be called [personalized medicine](#).

[www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)



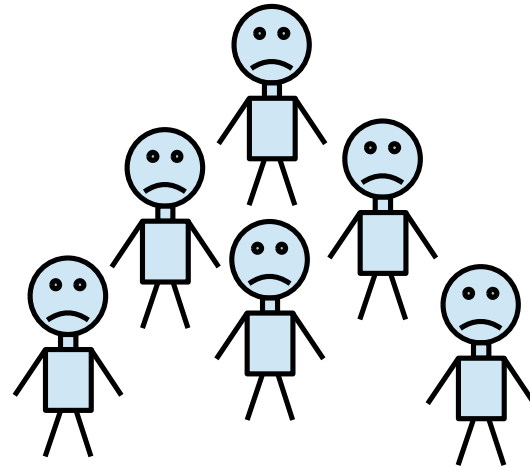
# Evidence based medicine



Stratification  
According to the guidelines  
(hypertensive, diabetic, etc.)

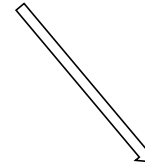


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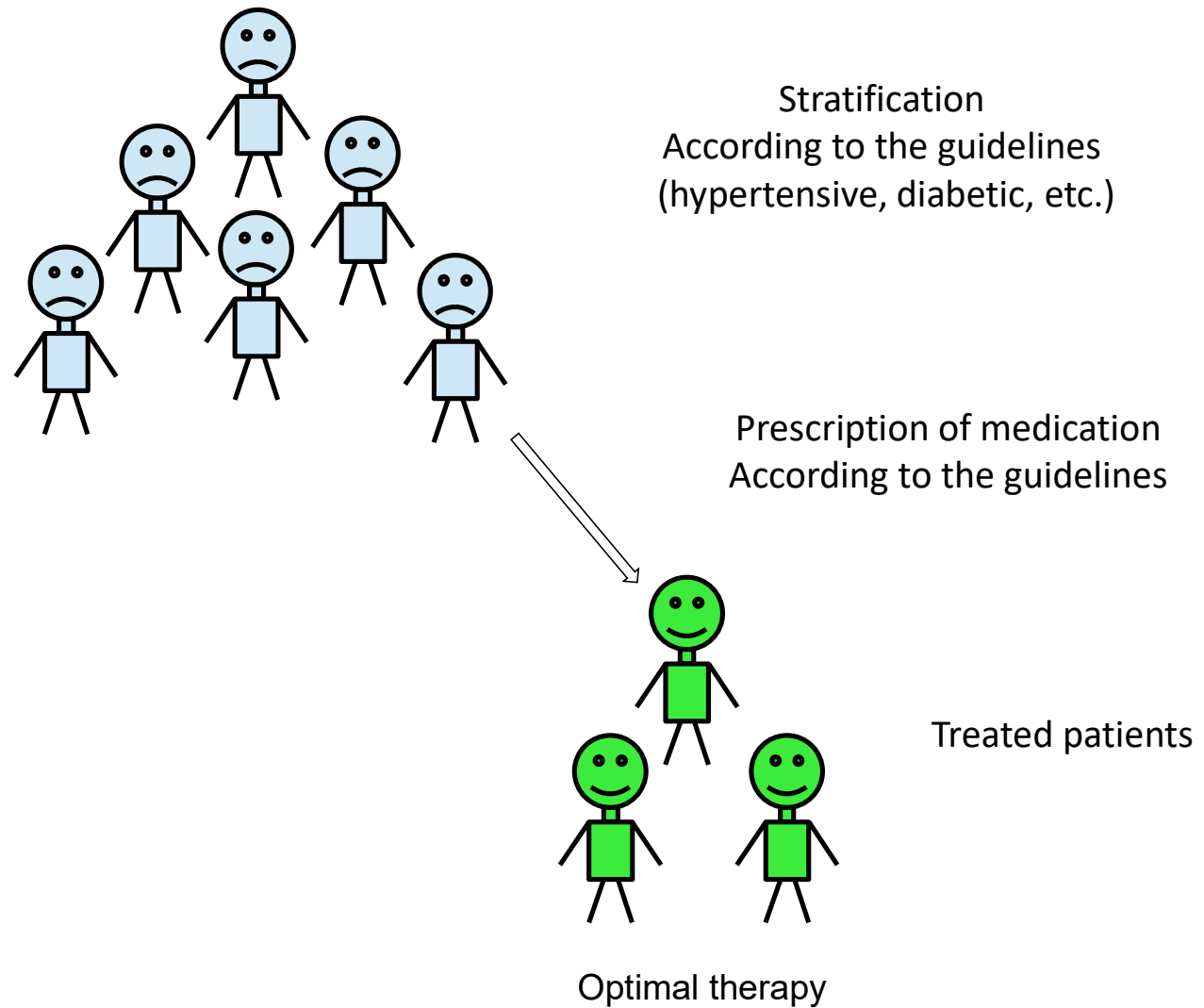
Stratification  
According to the guidelines  
(hypertensive, diabetic, etc.)

Prescription of medication  
According to the guidelines



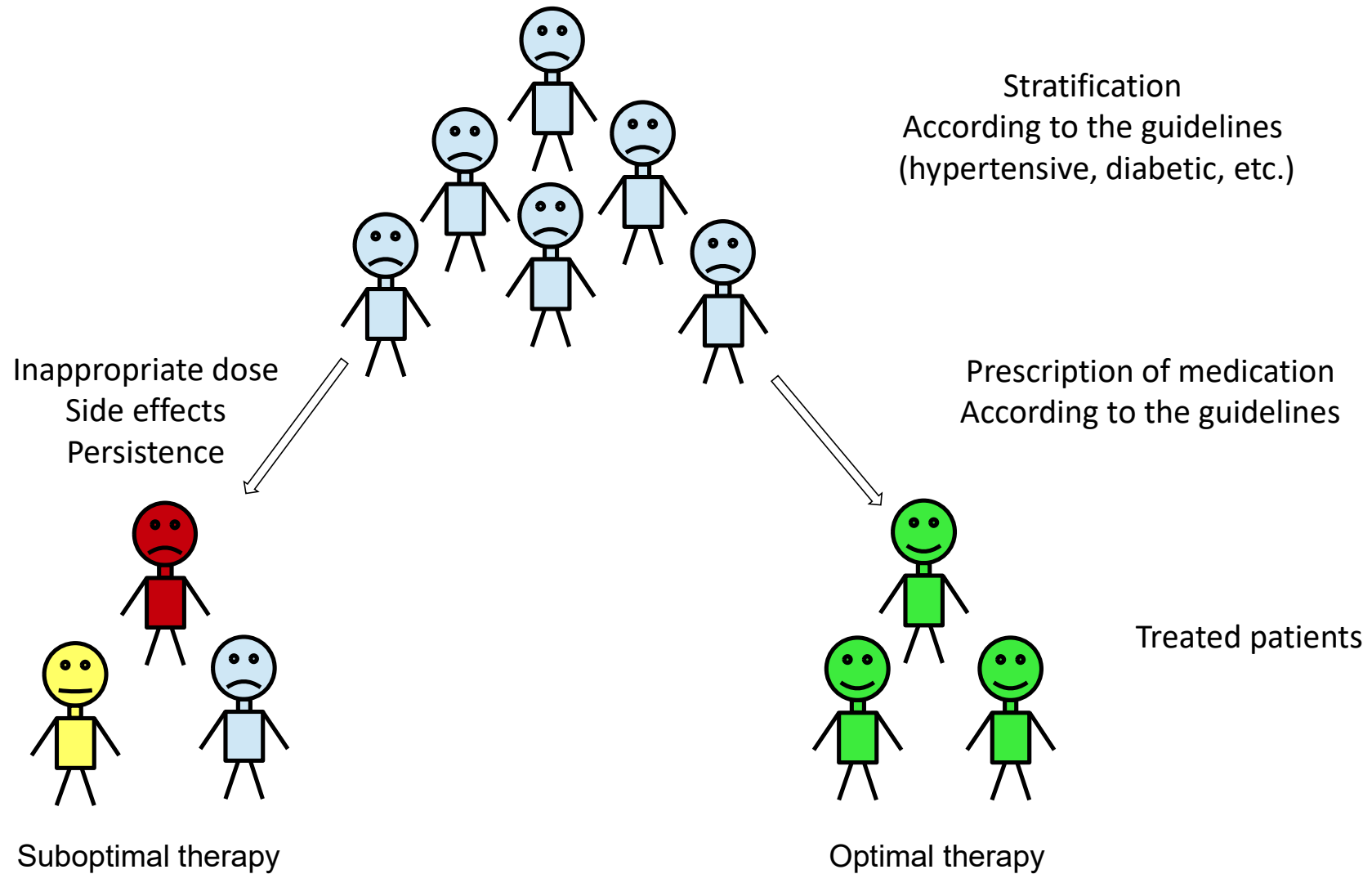


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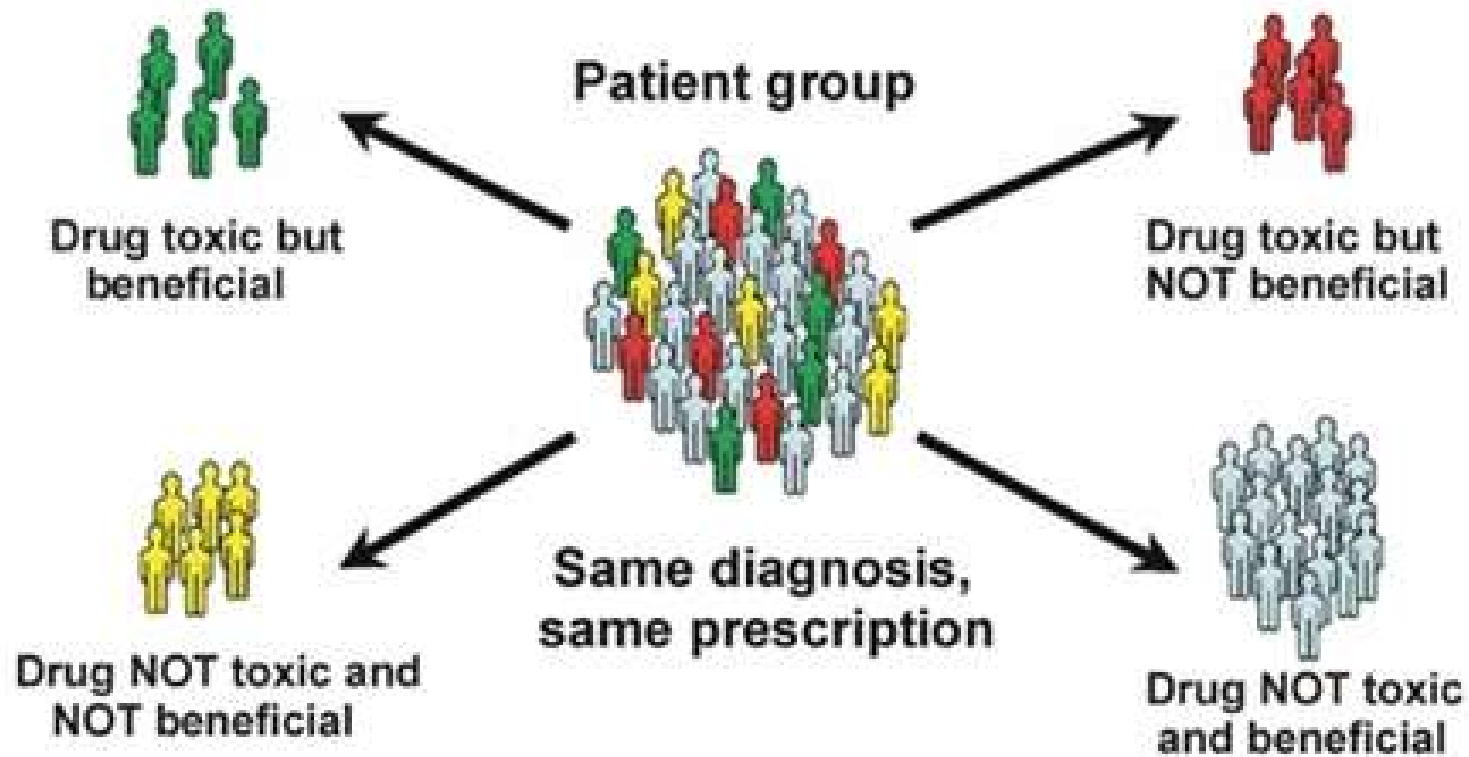


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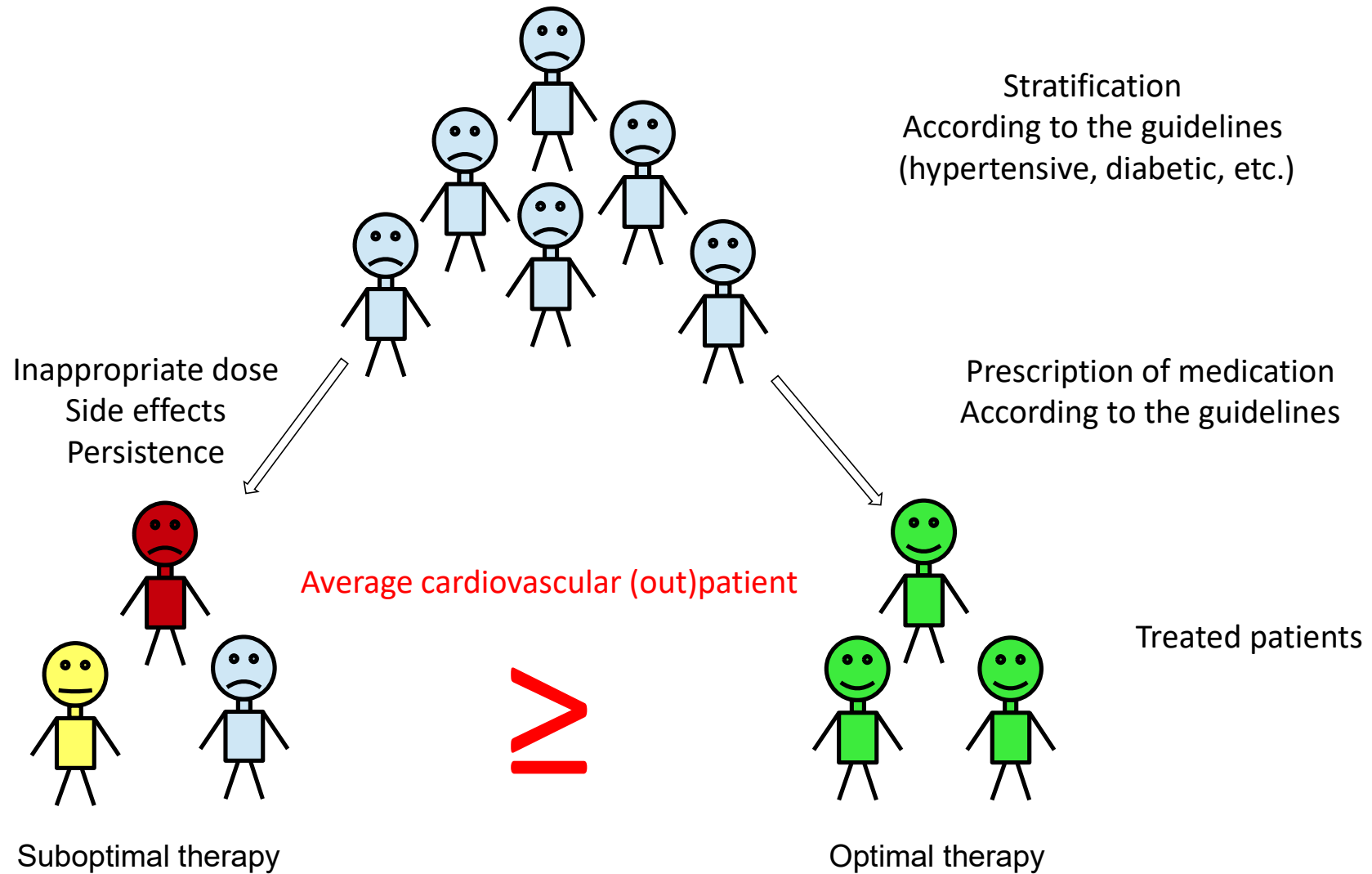


# Appropriate dose



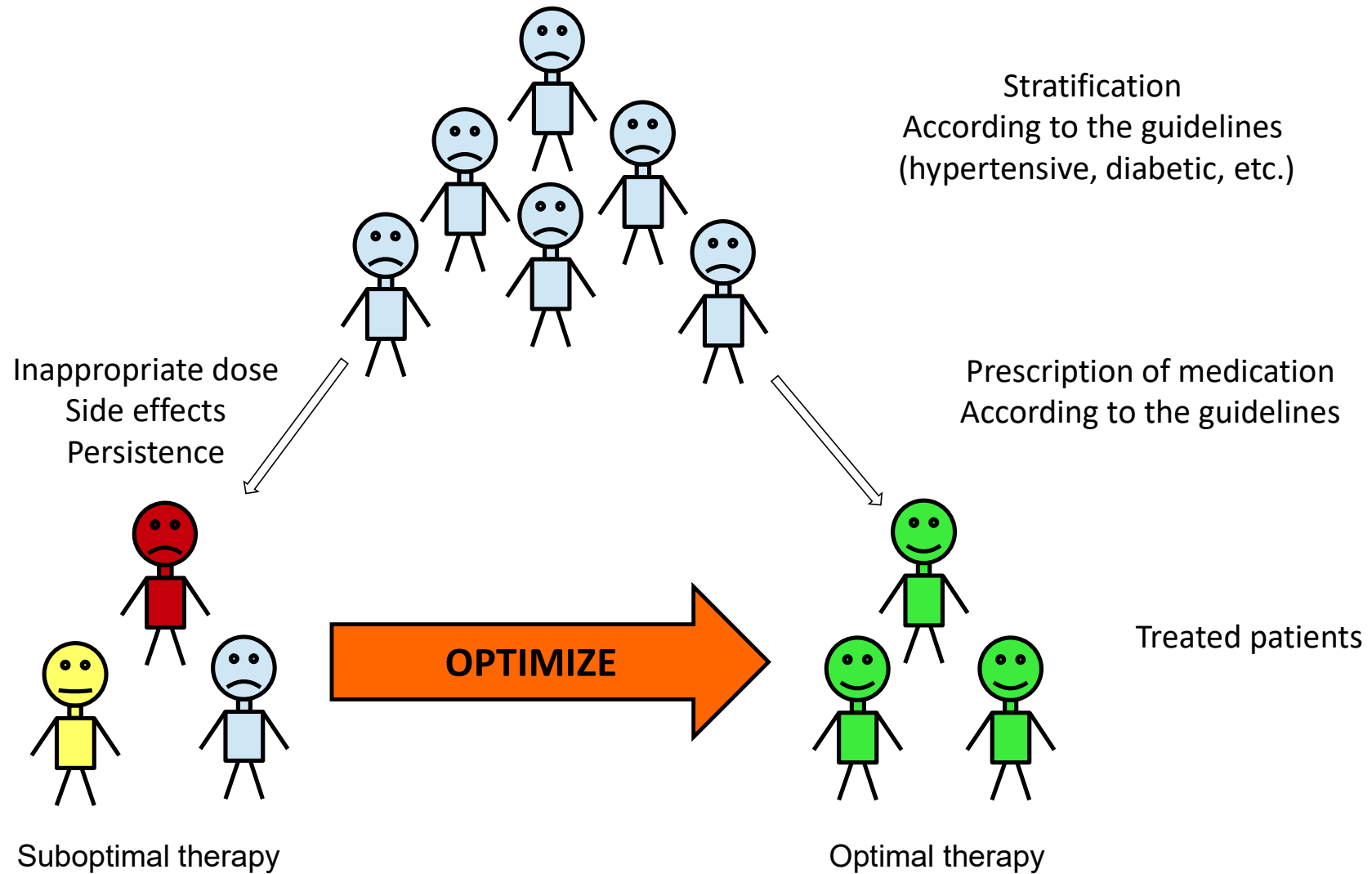


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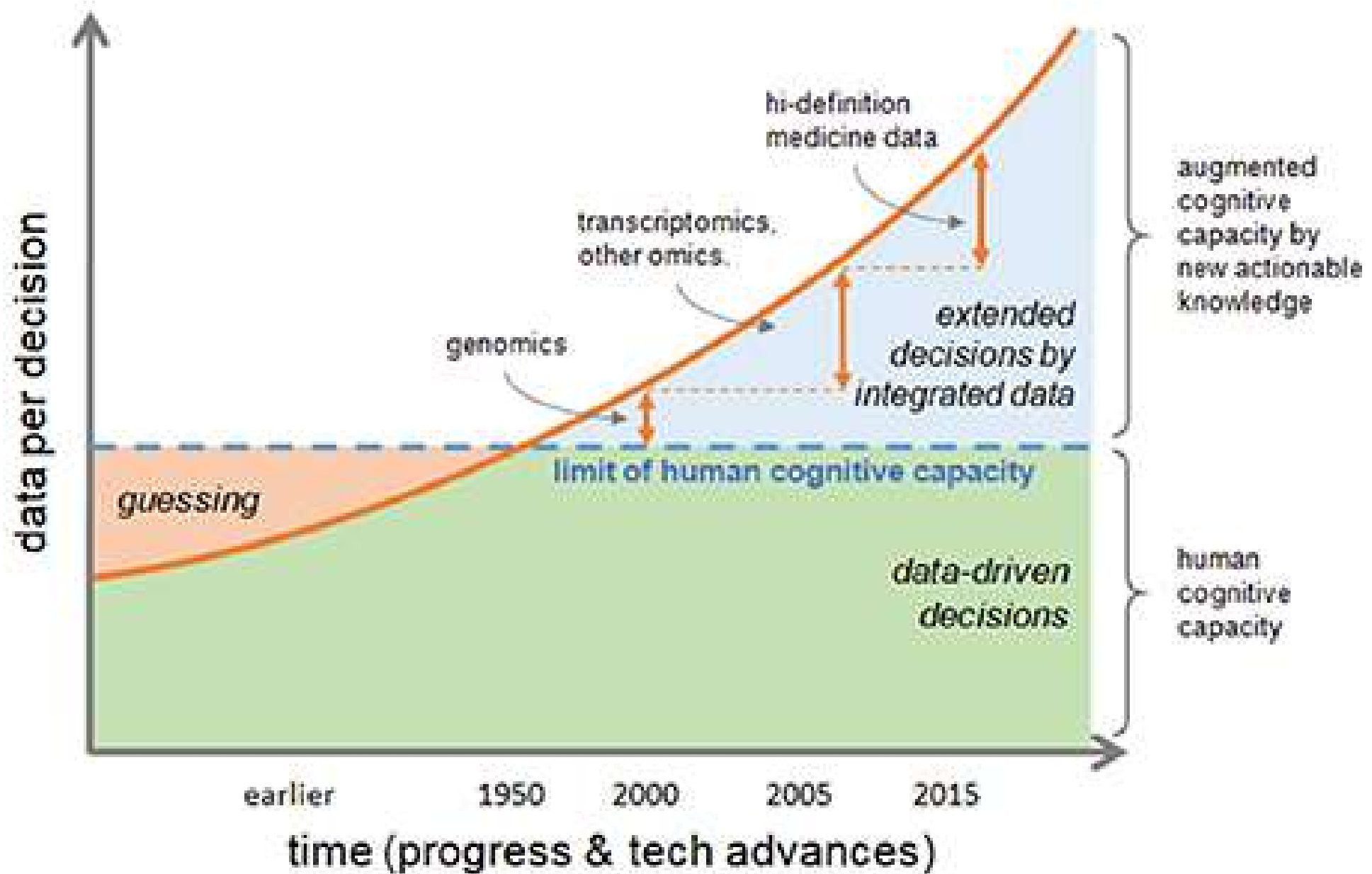
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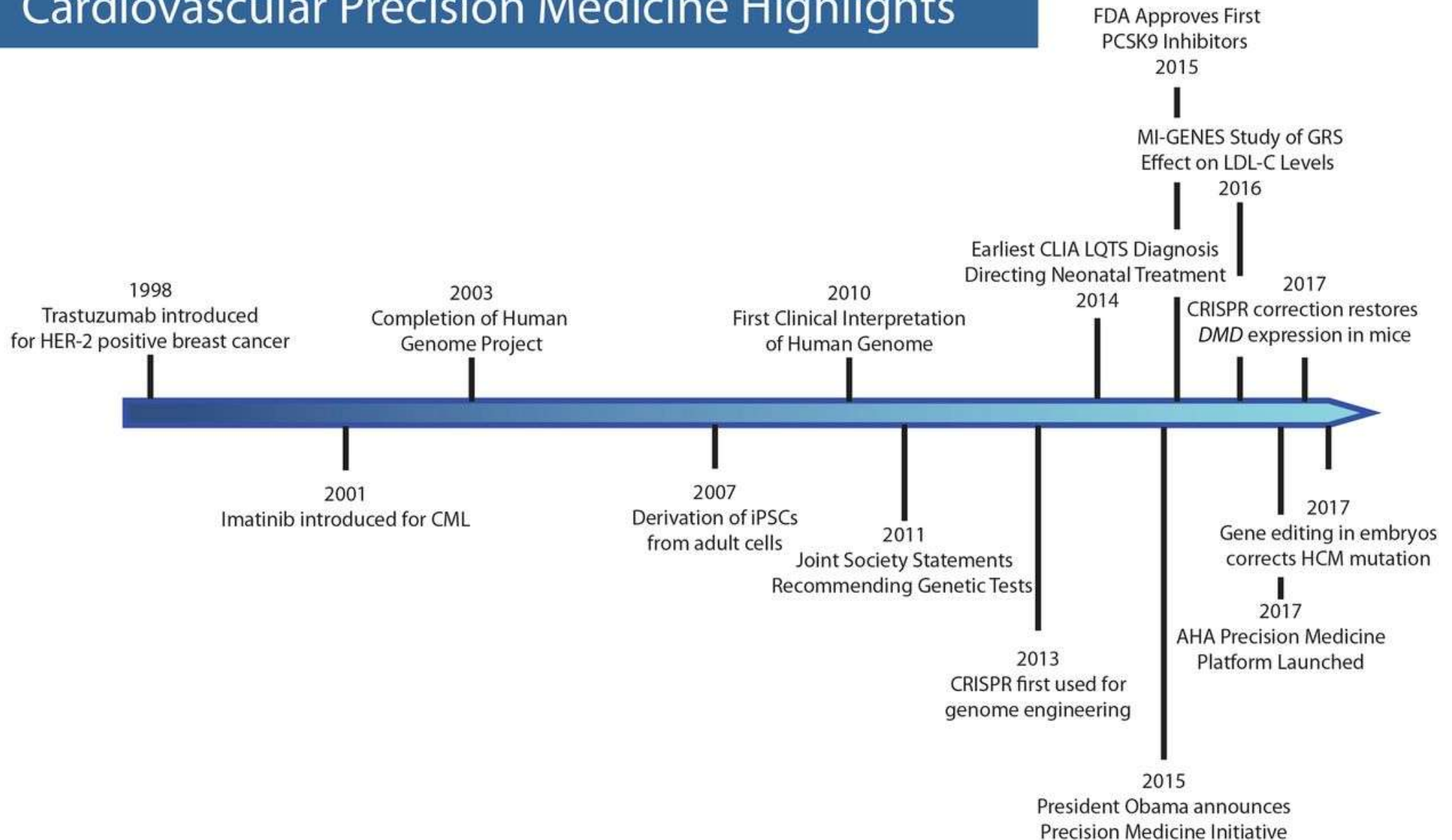
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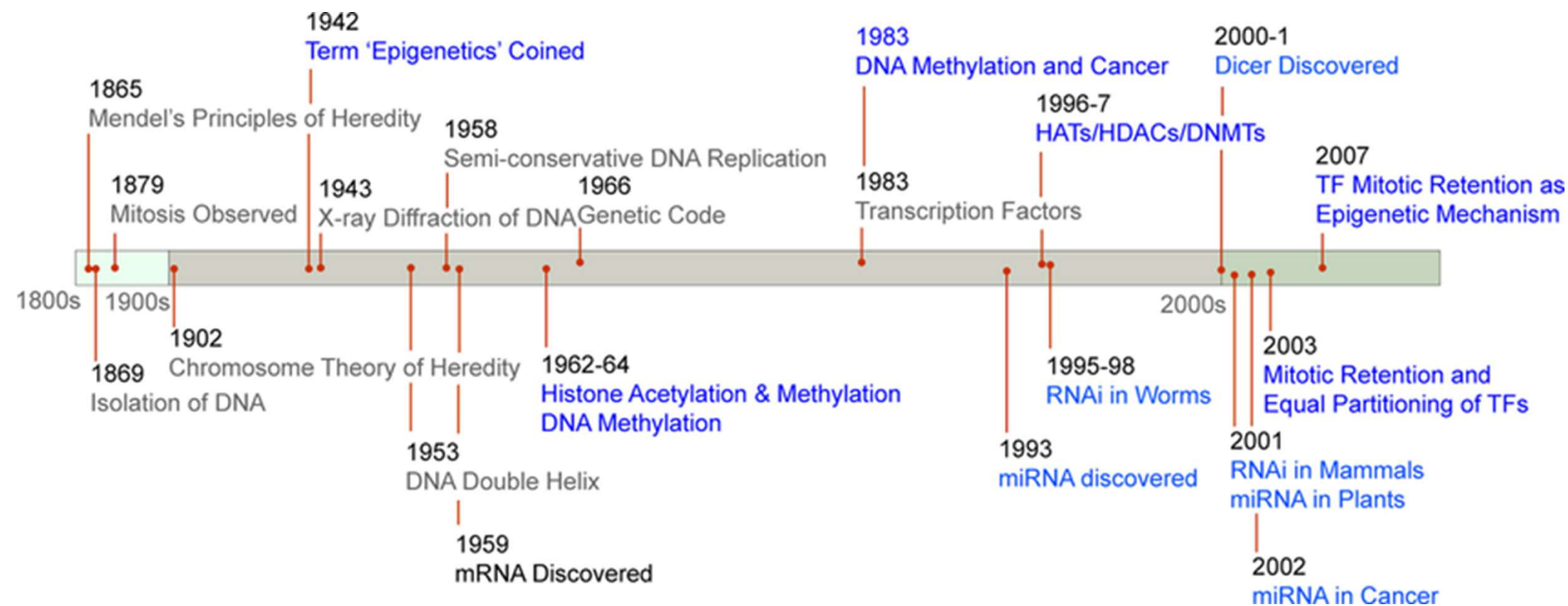




# Cardiovascular Precision Medicine Highlights



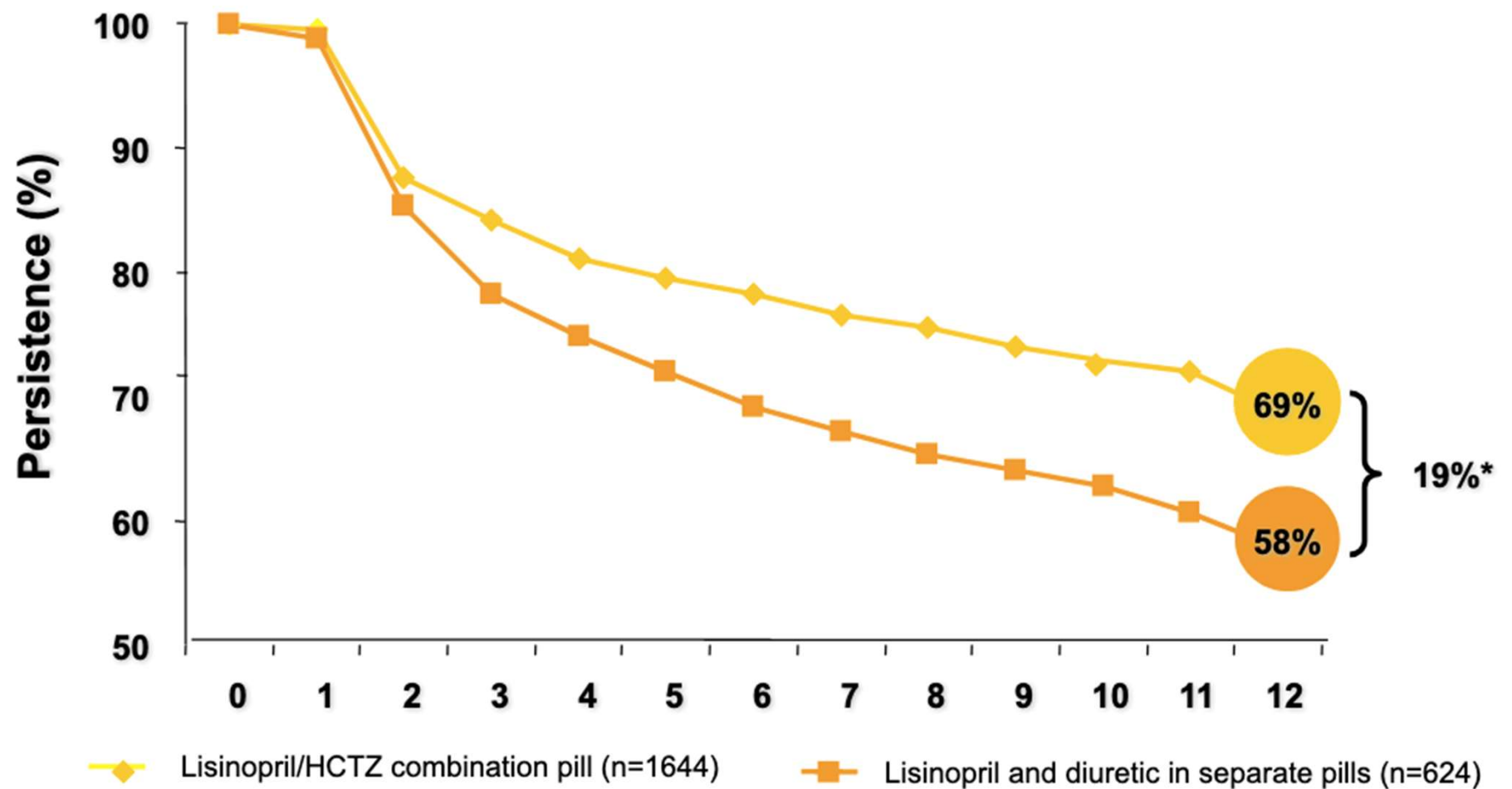






The combination approach: one pill for all





\* $P < 0.05$  vs. fixed-dose combination

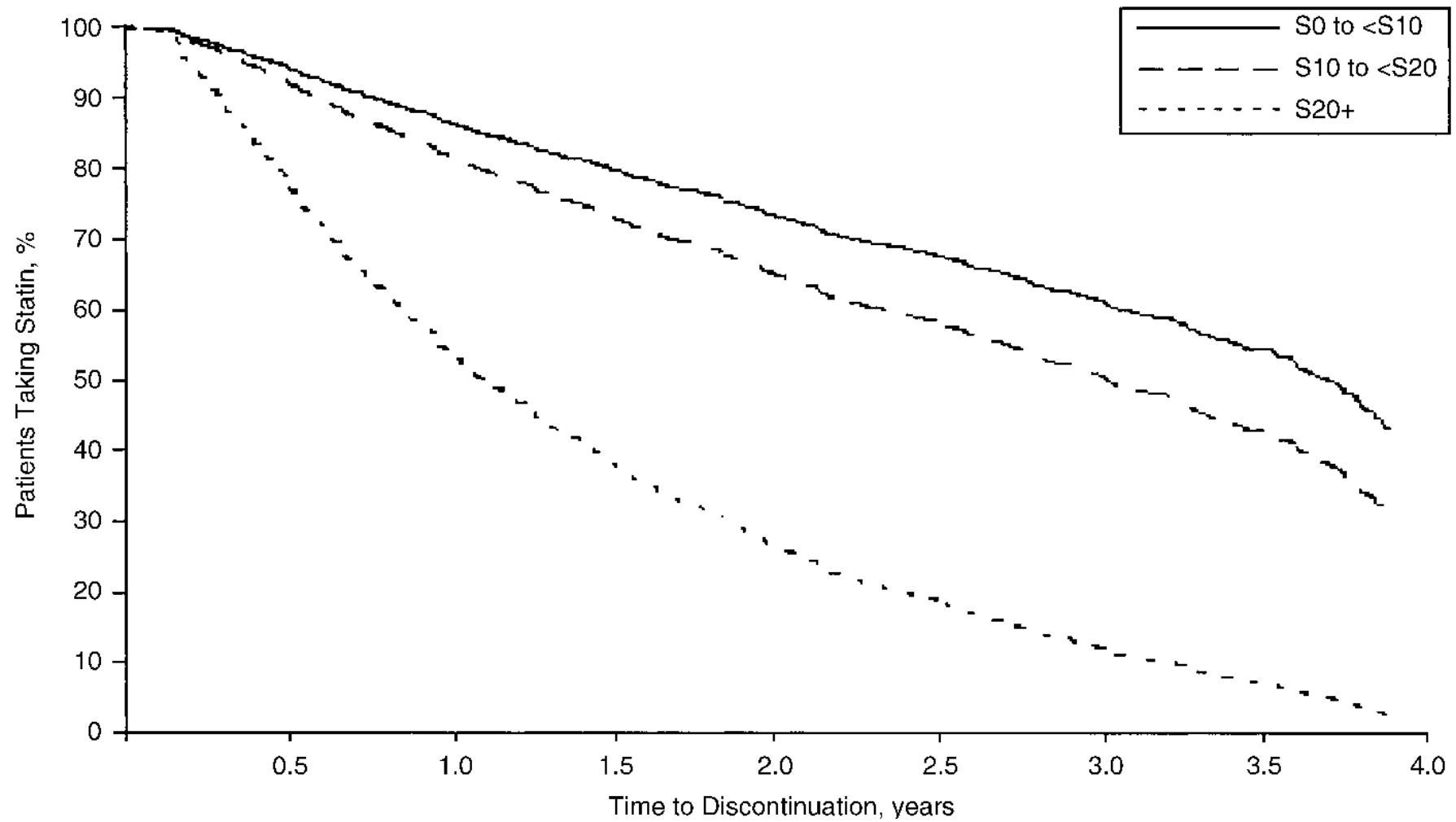
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# The economic approach



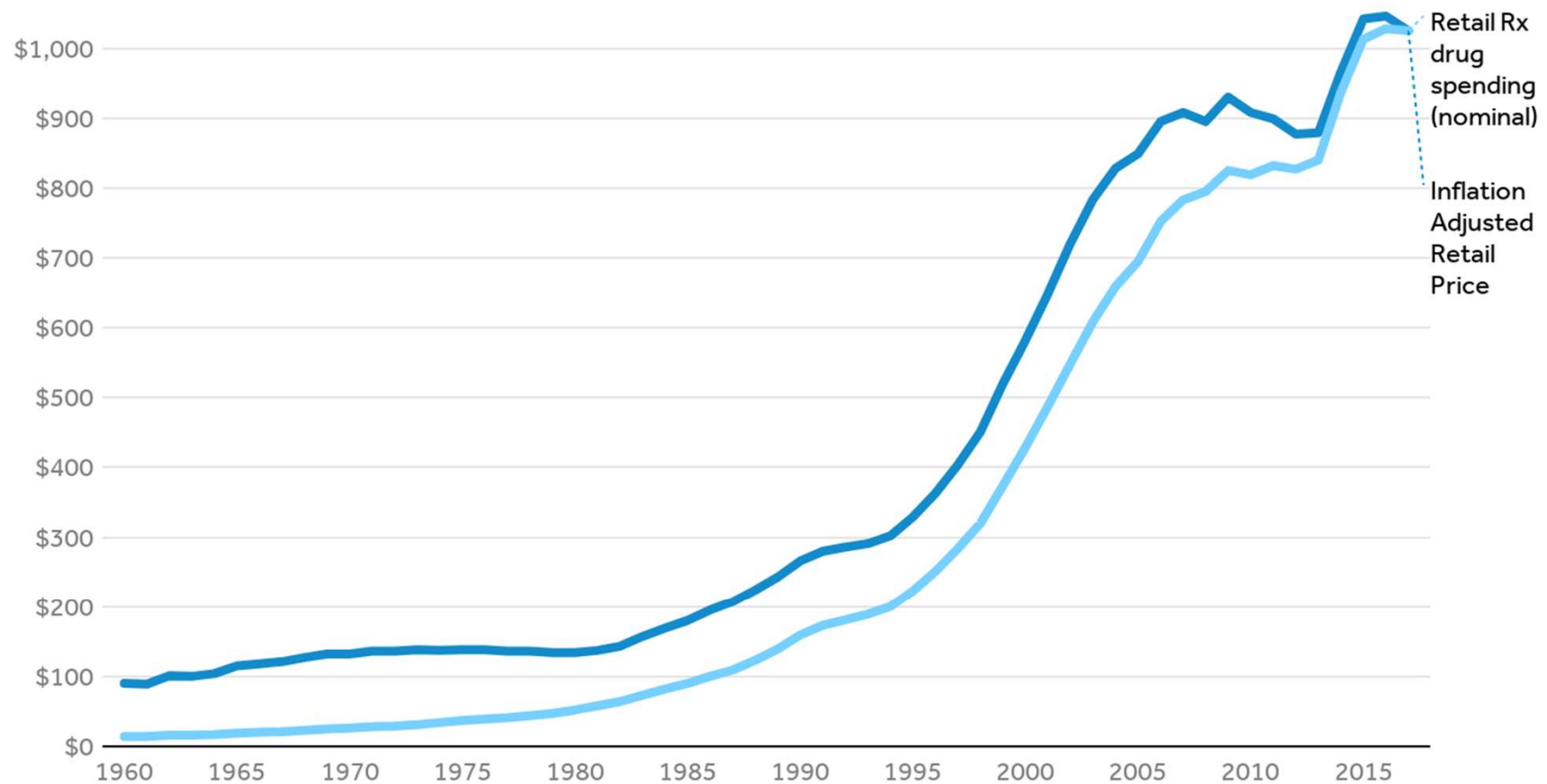
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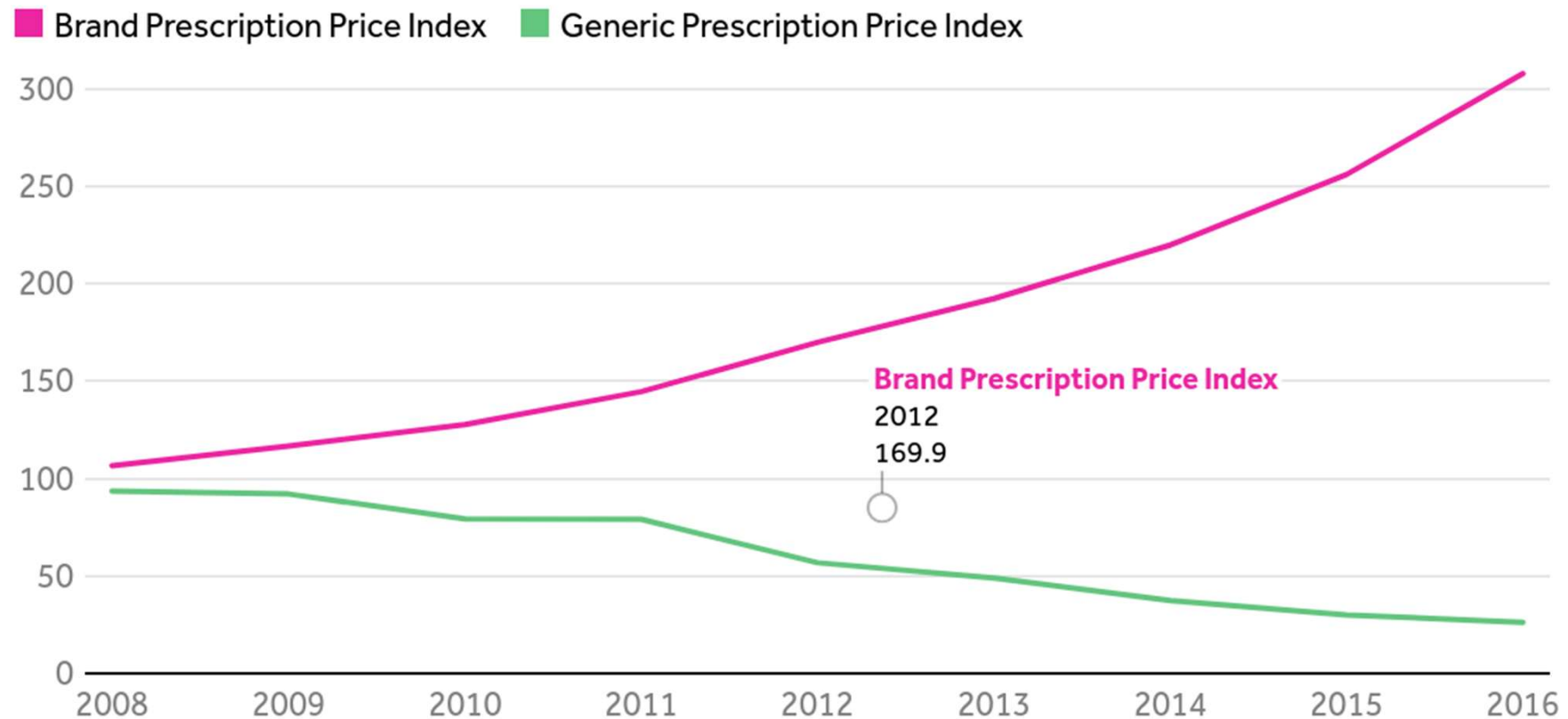
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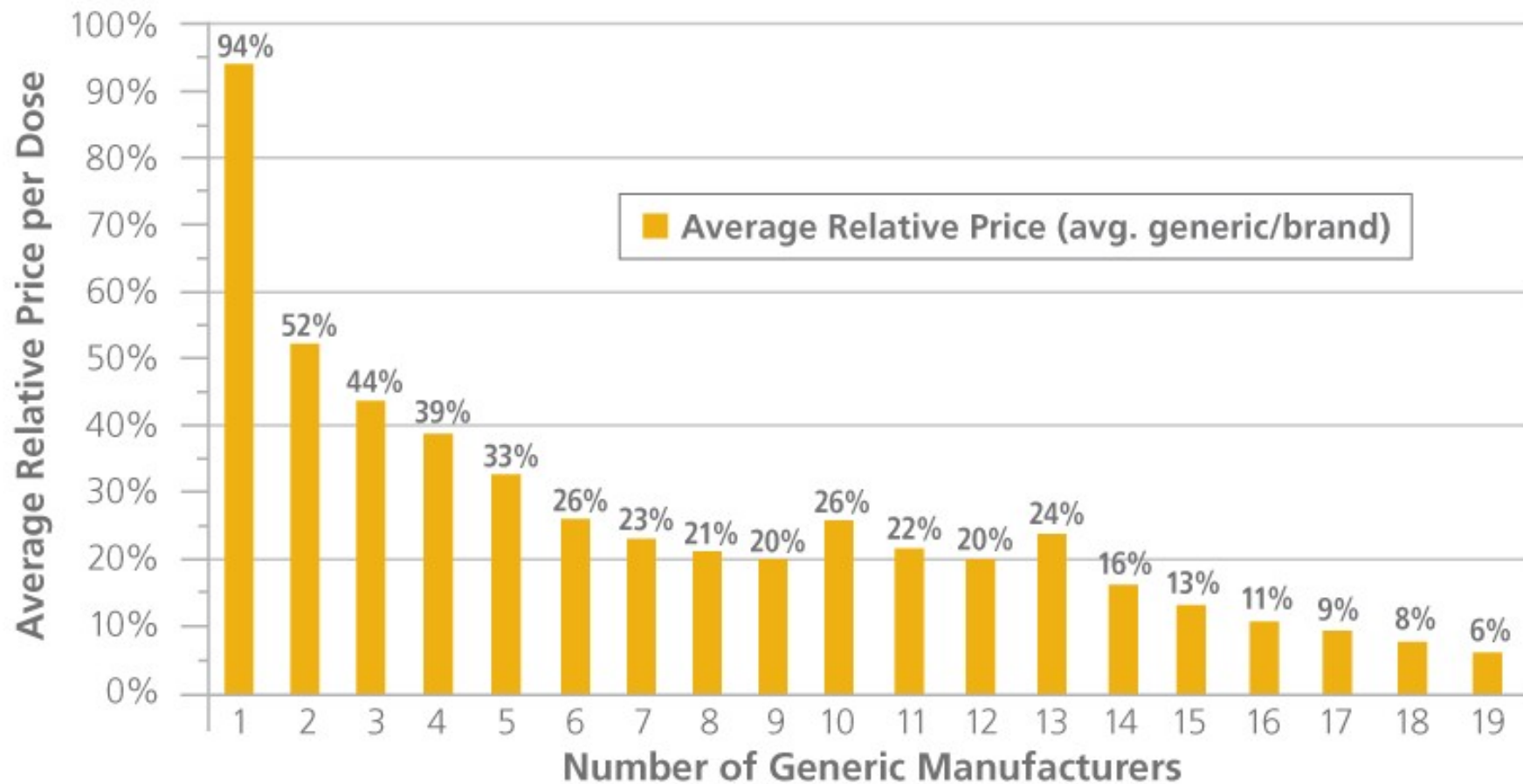


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# Generic Competition and Drug Prices



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# The biomarker approach

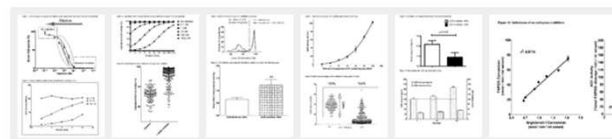


## Dilution based inhibition assay

## Abstract

The present invention provides for a process to assess the level of reversible inhibition of an enzyme by an inhibitor, in particular in the field of assessment the effectiveness of a medical treatment. In a particularly preferred embodiment the effectiveness of angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor (ACEi) therapy is disclosed. The invention also relates to uses of enzyme substrates and kits for the assessment of inhibition level as well as an apparatus designed for use in a process of the present invention.

## Images (8)



## Classifications

**C12Q1/37** Measuring or testing processes involving enzymes, nucleic acids or microorganisms; Compositions therefor; Processes of preparing such compositions involving hydrolase involving peptidase or proteinase

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## Description

## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention provides for a process to assess the level of reversible inhibition of an enzyme by an inhibitor, in particular in the field of assessment the effectiveness of a medical treatment. In a particularly preferred embodiment the effectiveness of an anti-hypertensive reversible enzyme inhibitor drug was tested. In particular the method was tested in angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor (ACEi) therapy. The invention also relates to uses of enzyme substrates and kits for the assessment of inhibition level as well as an apparatus designed for use in a process of the present invention.

## BACKGROUND ART

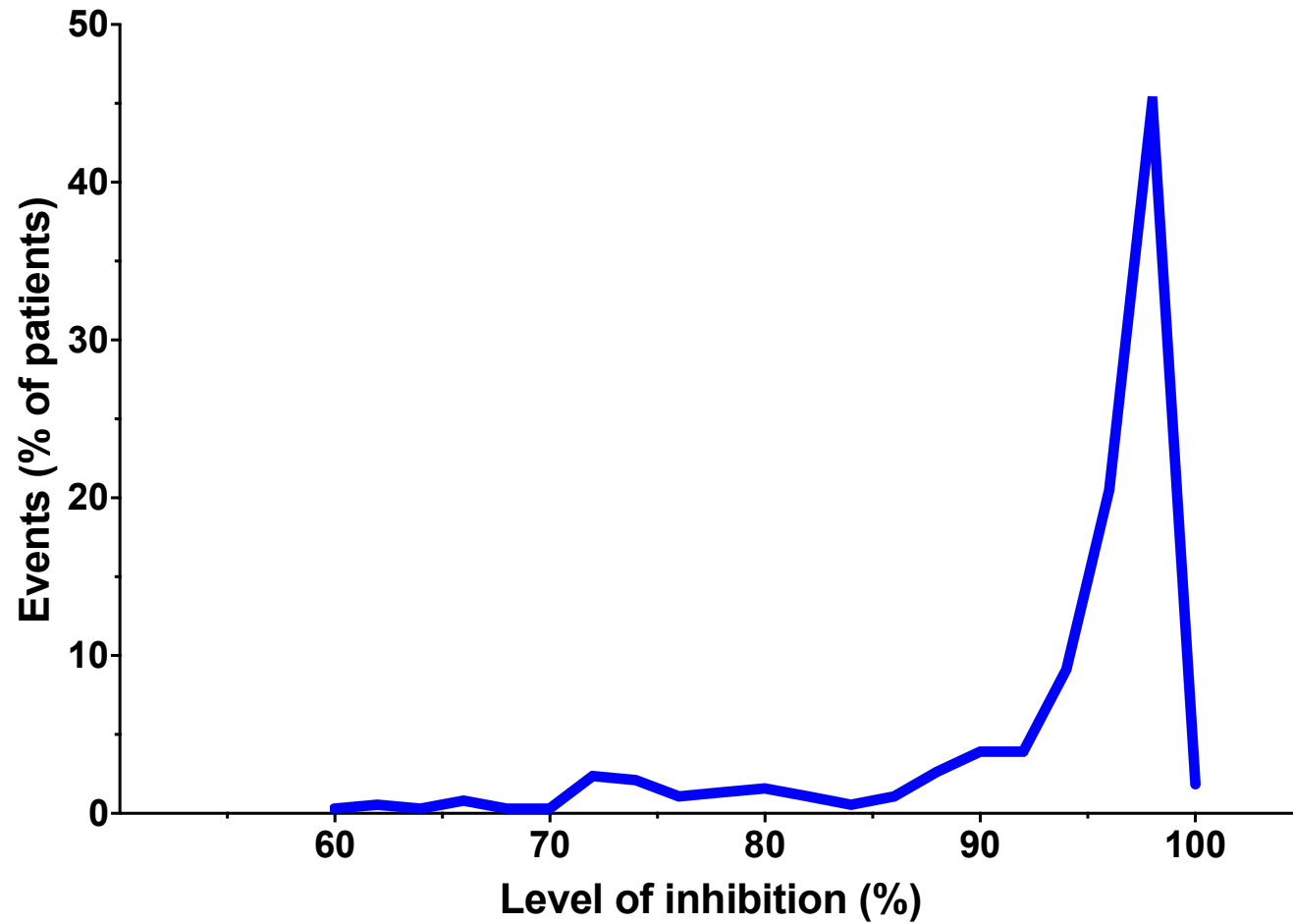
[0002] The problem to assess efficiency or efficacy of enzyme inhibitor therapies obviously has been raised in the art. In these methods first of all a specific condition of the experiment is set, wherein typically enzyme activity of the patient treated is compared to the "normal" activity level of a healthy control group or a control group wherein the therapy is effective. However, this traditional method raises several issues. For example, a control group of subjects may be required, whereas said subjects necessarily have different pathophysiological properties (i.e. do not suffer in the same

## Claims (15)

1. A process to assess the effectiveness of a medical treatment by an enzyme inhibitor by assessment of the level of reversible inhibition of the enzyme by the inhibitor, which process comprises:
  - (a) obtaining at least one initial sample;
  - (b) taking at least two aliquots from said at least one initial sample;
  - (c) preparing reaction samples containing the aliquots and if desired further constituents to dilute said aliquots by different dilution factors thereby obtaining different ratios of the active and inhibited forms of said enzyme in said reaction samples, provided that said inhibitor is present;
  - (d) measuring the activity of said enzyme in said reaction samples to obtain measured activity values;
  - (e) multiplying the measured activity values by the respective dilution factors to obtain calculated enzyme activity values.
  - (f) assessing the level of reversible inhibition of said at least one

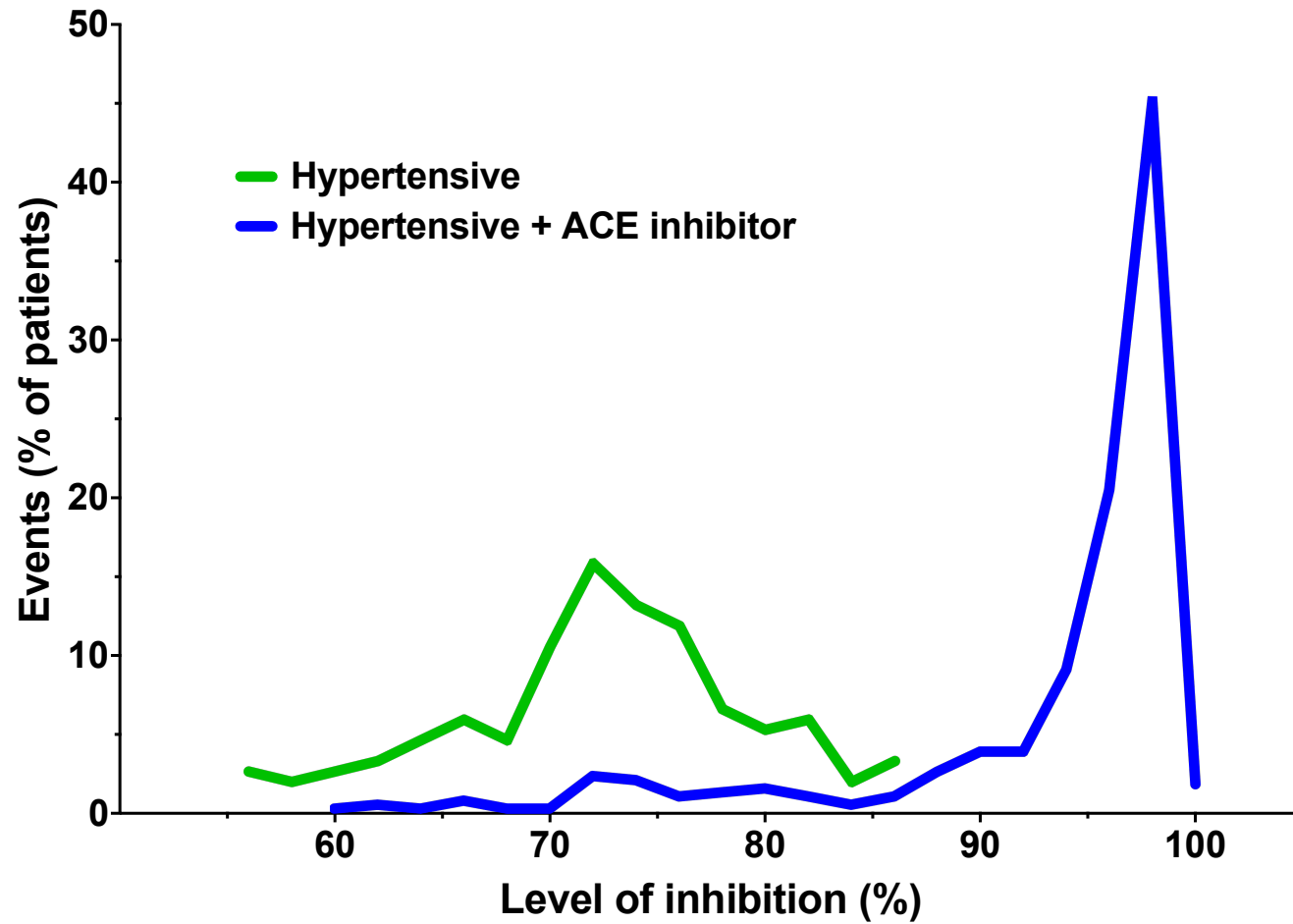


# Biochemical effectiveness of ACE inhibition



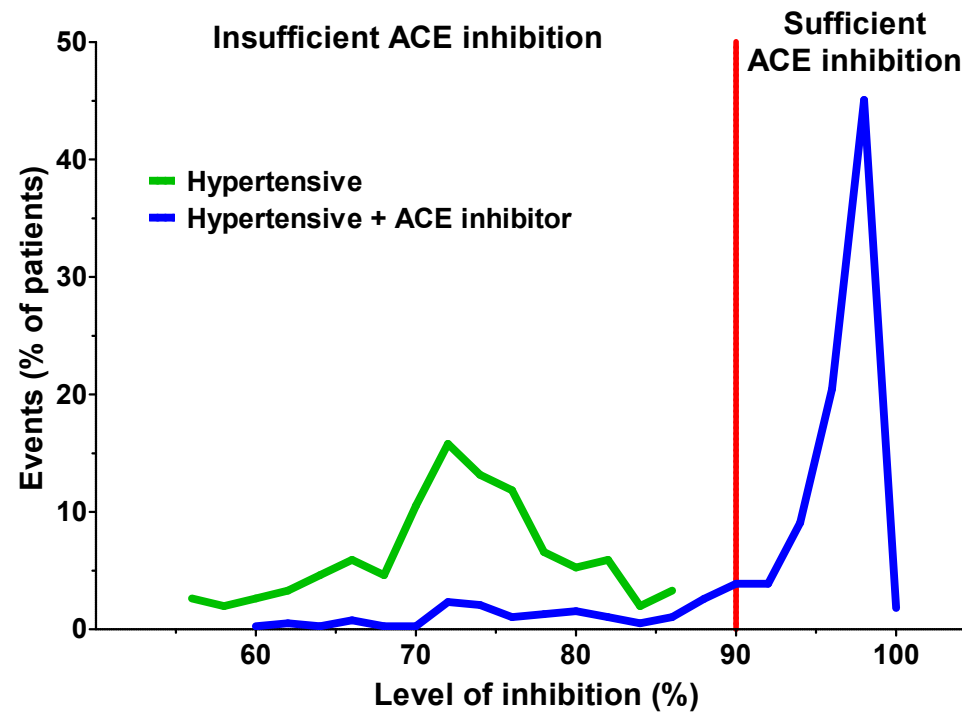


# Endogenous ACE inhibition



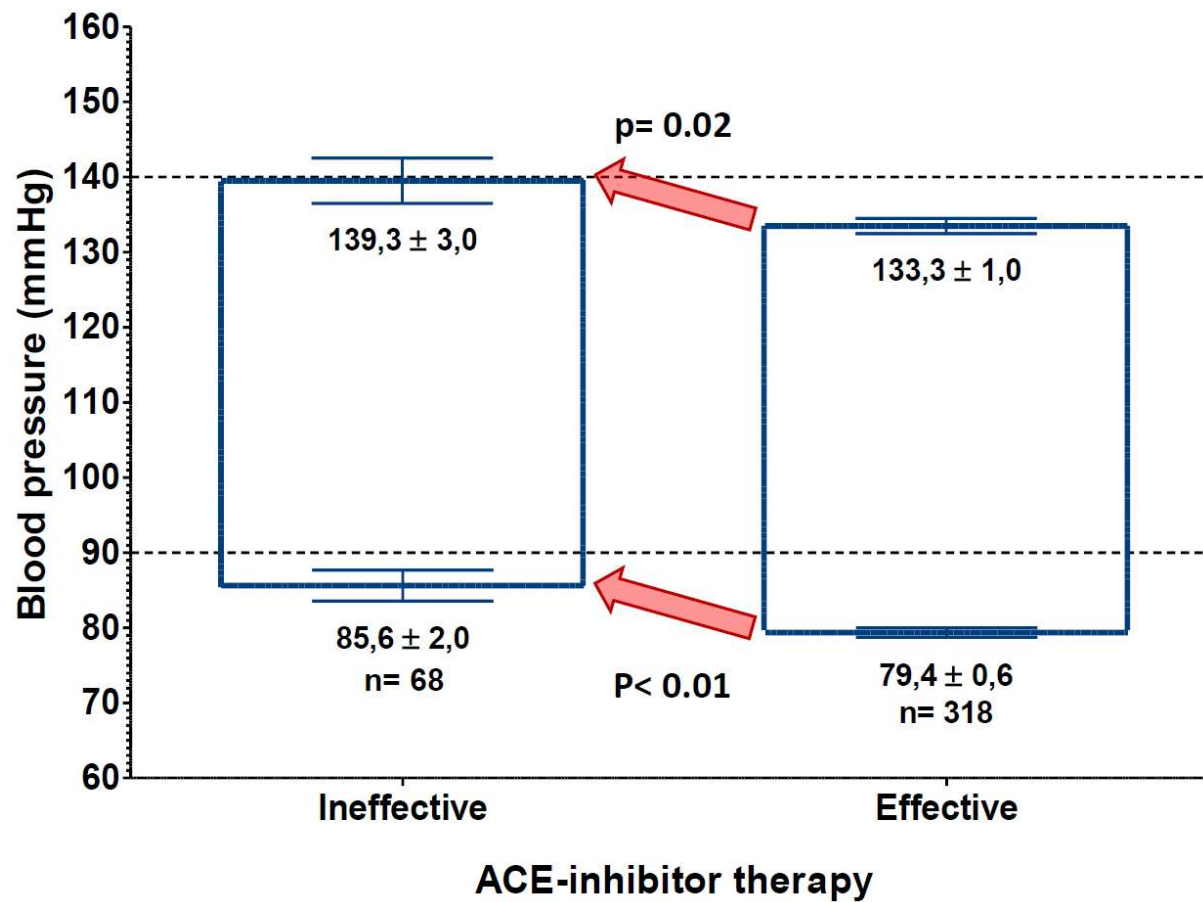


# Optimize the effectiveness of ACE inhibition



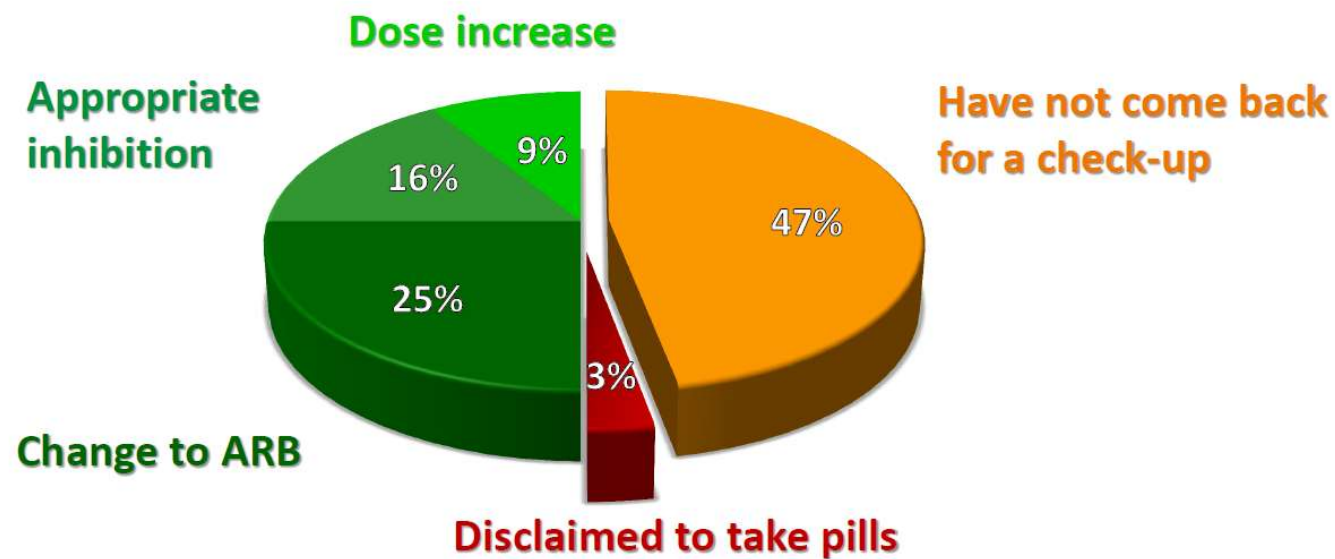


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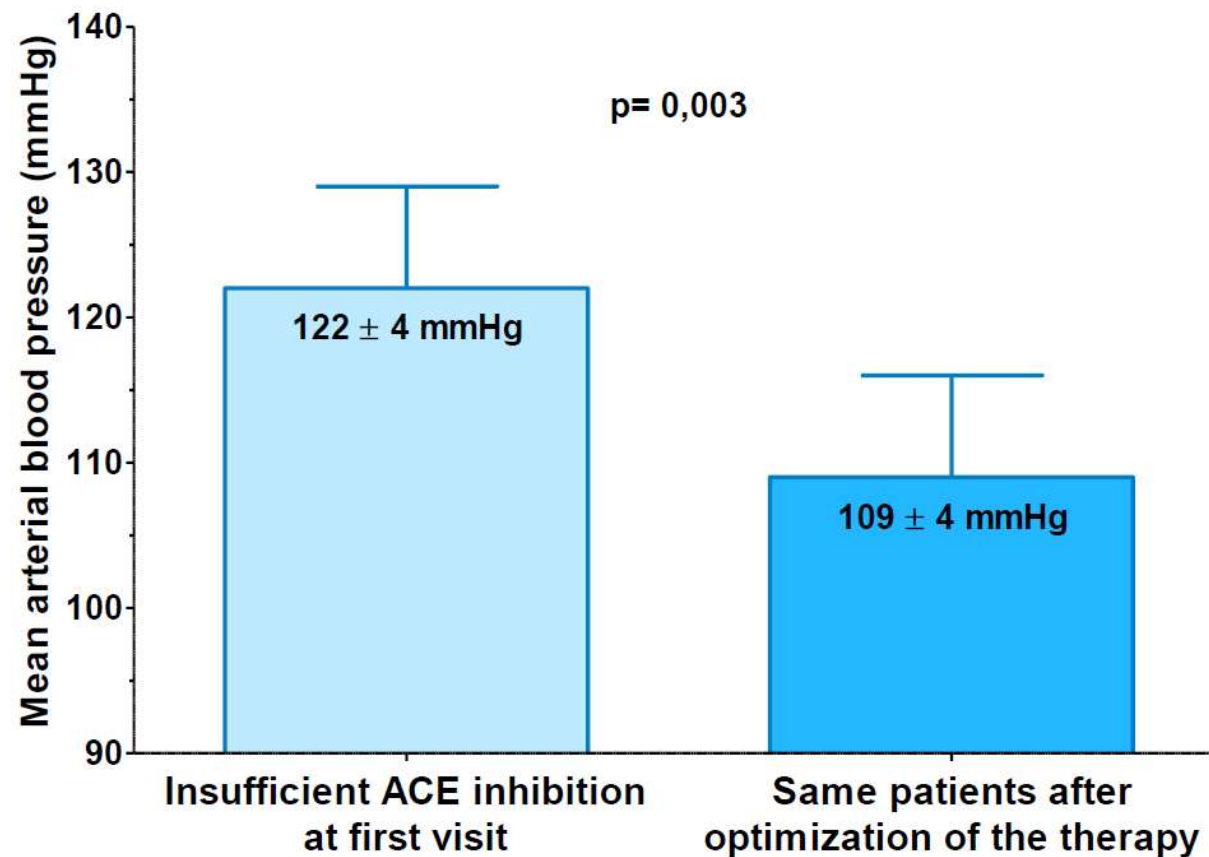


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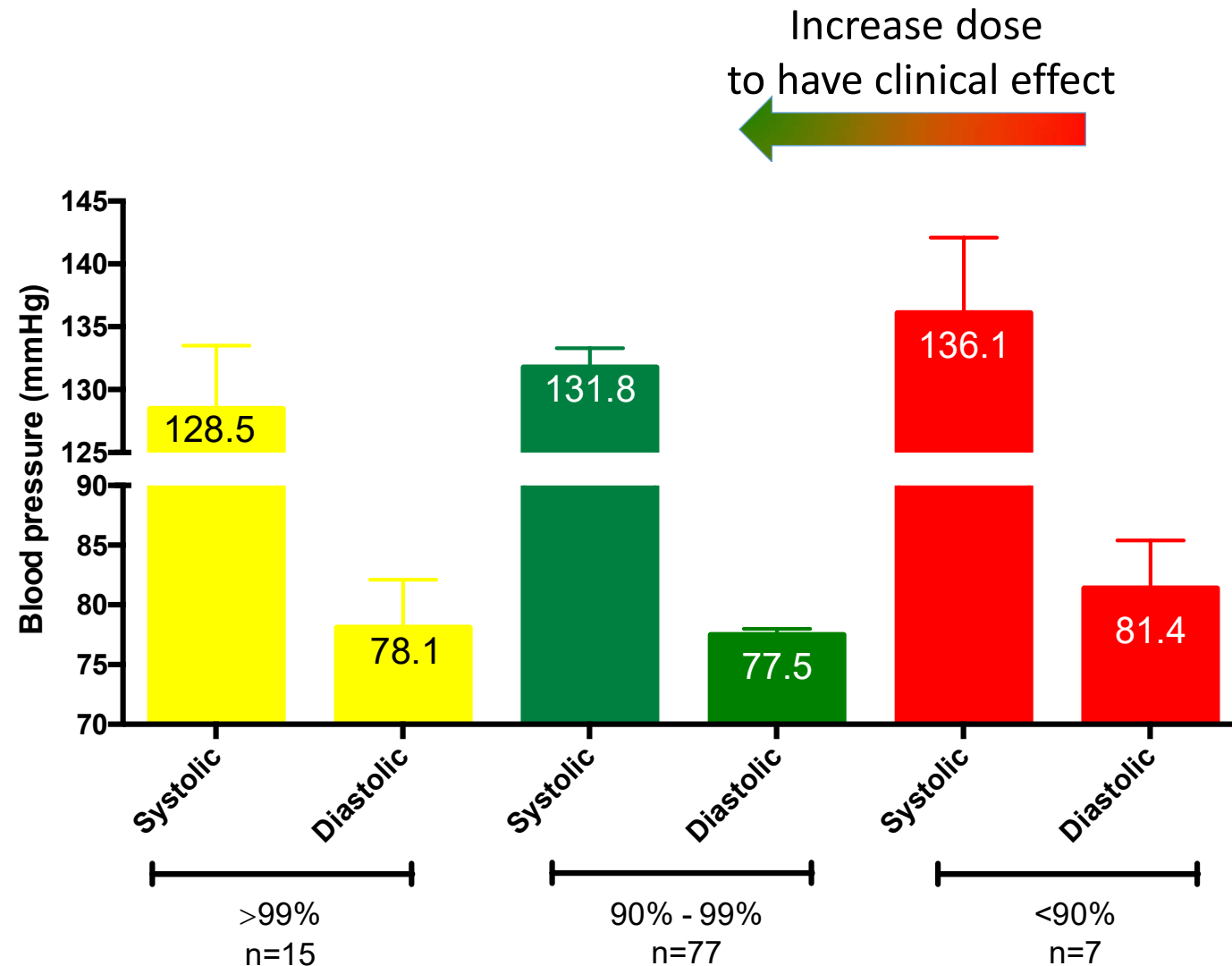


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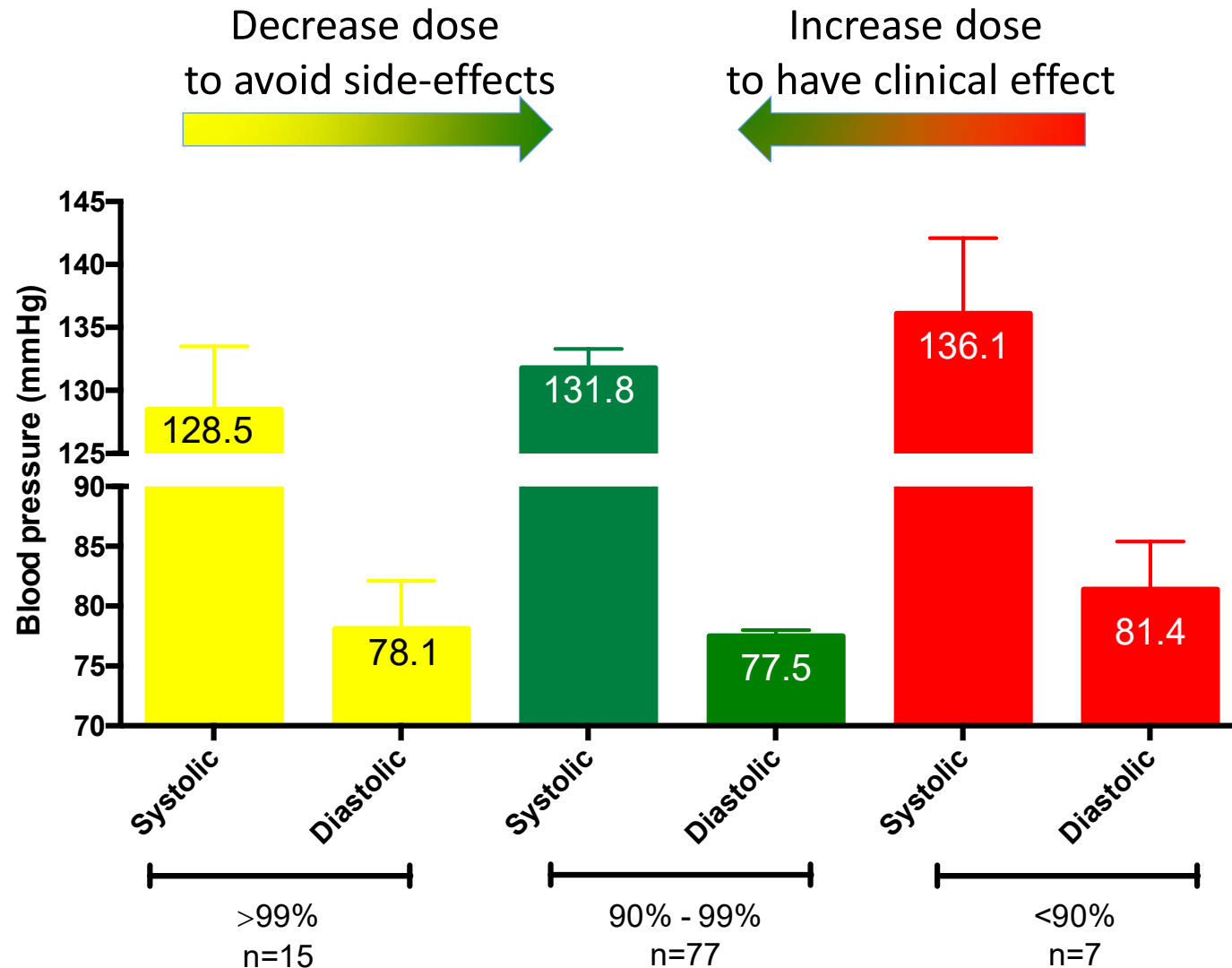


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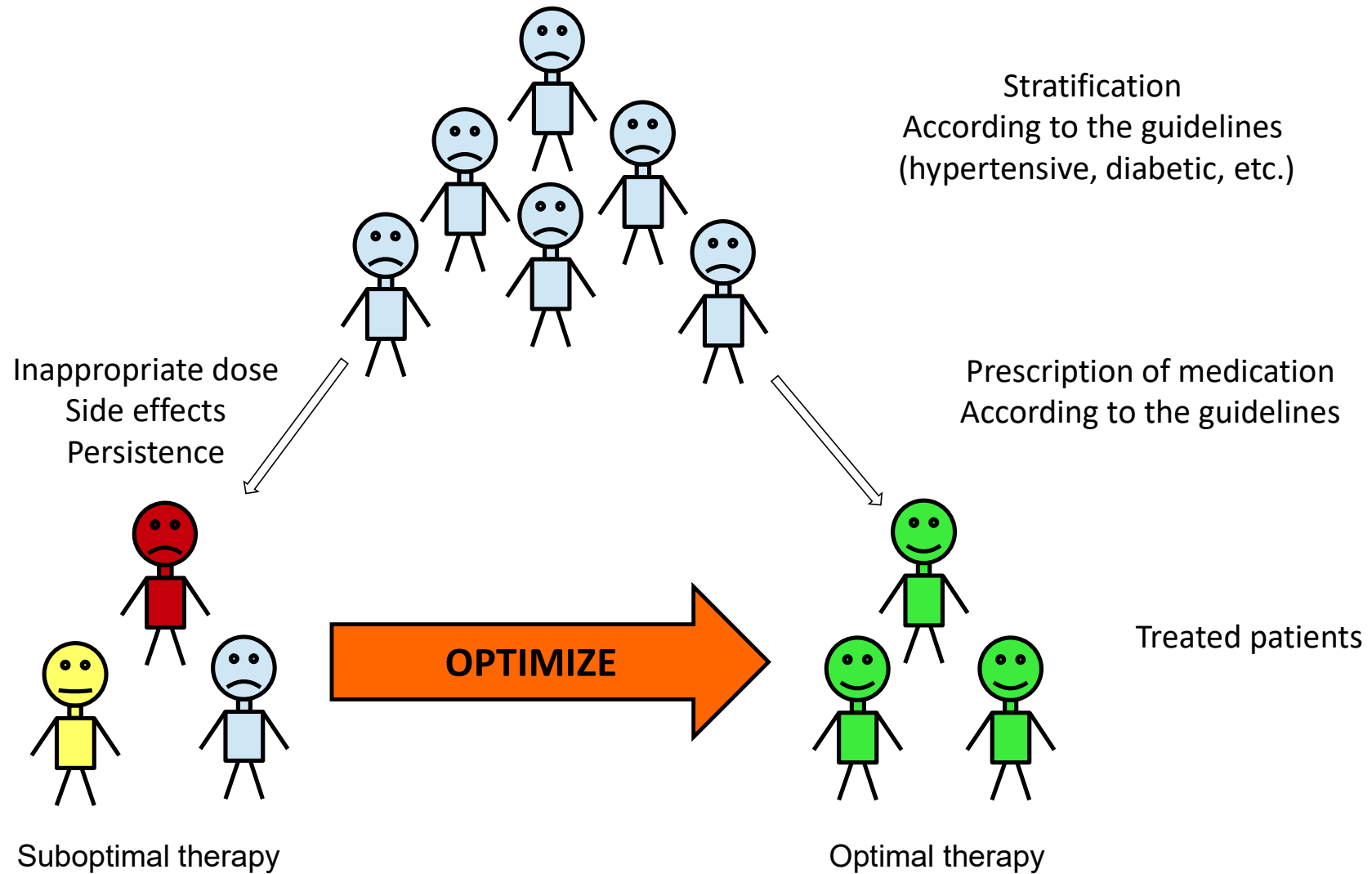


# Optimize the effectiveness of ACE inhibition





# Evidence based medicine





# Take home messages

Today's medicine learnt in the medical school will most probably be outdated when you will be practicing.

Translational medicine is important to be able to incorporate new knowledge and to open up new directions.

Translational medicine is important to reveal hidden limitations in the white noise of clinical information/marketing:

- The pill-based medication is well established and formulated as clinical guidelines.
- The pill-based medicine is usually a treatment option, very rarely results in curing of a disease.
- The pill-based medicine is economic venture generating ever growing profit.
- The pill-based medication seems to fail to provide societal benefit for various reasons.
- The pill-based medication results in a variety of unwanted side effects, hampering proper clinical decisions.

Personalized medicine defines the future of medical treatments. It is developing:

- Genomic information is lost in big data right now, so far it provided limited success.
- Gene therapy is available, restricted by regulation, ethical issues, while big-pharma is antagonistic.
- No breakthrough in economic approaches, prices are exponentially increasing, while generics become cheaper.
- Biomarker based approaches has promising results.
- Patient tailored therapies may provide a breakthrough: future medication can be cheaper and more effective.
- Patient tailored therapies need to be introduced, nurtured and observed.

Being a medical doctor needs a mindset able to think outside the box. **DANGER!** Your training is not supporting that.