# Is there a mechanism of interaction between hypertension and dyslipidaemia? 

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Observational data

## Global distribution of mortality attributable to 20 leading selected risk factors



## Global cardiovascular disease burden due to 6 major risk factors


Systolic pressure > 115 mmHg ..... 45\%
Cholesterol > 3.8 mmol/l ..... 28\%
Fruit \& vegetable < 600g/day ..... 16\%
Body mass index > 21 kg/m2 ..... 15\%
Tobacco ..... 12\%
Physical inactivity ..... 11\%

Area proportional to population attributable fraction for global DALYs, overlap approx. proportional to joint effects

## Relative risk of stroke and of CHD increases with increasing DBP




## Blood pressure and stroke risk* Korea 1986-2000

| BP range <br> $(\mathbf{m m H g})$ | Stroke type |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ischaemic <br> $\mathbf{n}=5326$ | Haemorrhagic <br> $\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{2 6 9 5}$ |
| $<140 /<90$ | 1 | 1 |
| $140-159 / 90-99$ | 2.76 | 4.90 |
| $169-179 / 100-109$ | 4.83 | 11.55 |
| $\geq 180 / 110$ | 9.56 | 28.83 |

* Adjusted for multiple risk factors

BMJ 2004;328:324

## Lower cholesterol levels may be associated with lower mortality rates



Data from the Shanghai study, conducted in 9021 Chinese people with $8-13$ years' follow up. Numbers of deaths from CHD in each baseline cholesterol group are shown with vertical lines that represent one standard deviation.

Chen Z , et al. BMJ. 1991;303:276-282.

## Non-haemorrhagic stroke (11 studies, 60,750 participants, 494 events)



Approximate mean usual cholesterol concentration (mmol/L)

## Total cholesterol and risk of CHD and stroke death in 482,472 Korean men aged 30-65: 1990-1996

| TC range | Stroke ( $\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{7 4 4}$ ) |  | CHD $(\mathbf{n}=394)$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | RR $^{*}$ | $95 \%$ CI | RR $^{*}$ | $\mathbf{9 5 \%} \mathbf{~ C I}$ |
| $<135$ | 1.42 | $0.99-2.03$ | 1.44 | $0.87-2.38$ |
| $135-164$ | 1.07 | $0.84-1.36$ | 0.98 | $0.69-1.39$ |
| $165-185$ | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - |
| $186-210$ | 1.14 | $0.93-1.41$ | 1.17 | $0.87-1.57$ |
| $211-251$ | 1.06 | $0.85-1.32$ | 1.33 | $0.99-1.79$ |
| $\geq 252$ | 1.20 | $0.89-1.63$ | 2.42 | $1.69-3.48$ |

* adjusted


## Additive effect of cholesterol and systolic BP on risk of CHD death



## Cholesterol and blood pressure: coexistence Korean men aged 30-65: 1990-1996

| $\mathbf{n}$ | Total chol <br> $\mathbf{m g} / \mathbf{1 0 0 m L}$ | SBP <br> $\mathbf{m m H g}$ | DBP <br> $\mathbf{m m H g}$ | $\% \mathbf{B M I}$ <br> $>\mathbf{2 5 K g} / \mathbf{m}^{2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23890 | $<135$ | 121.0 | 79.0 | 13.9 |
| 95060 | $135-164$ | 121.7 | 79.5 | 16.2 |
| 118283 | $165-185$ | 122.7 | 80.2 | 19.6 |
| 123745 | $186-210$ | 123.8 | 81.0 | 22.9 |
| 96511 | $211-251$ | 125.4 | 82.3 | 27.4 |
| 24974 | $\geq 252$ | 127.7 | 83.7 | 32.0 |

Yun-Mi Song et al Am J Epid 2000

## 12 year coronary heart disease mortality by blood pressure, cholesterol and smoking status in men 35-64 years

Non smokers


Smokers


## Reversibility of risk

## Blood Pressure Lowering Treatment Trialists' Collaboration

## Second cycle of overview analyses

|BLOOD<br>Pressure<br>LOWERING<br>TREATMENT<br>TRIALSTS'<br>COLLABORATION



## Conclusions I

- Similar net effects on total cardiovascular events of:
- ACE inhibitors
- Calcium antagonists
- Diuretics/beta-blockers
- ARBs also effective in reducing total cardiovascular events


## Conclusions III

- Size of blood pressure difference between randomised groups closely associated with reduction in risk (except for heart failure)
- Size of blood pressure reduction appears to be a more important determinant of outcome than drug choice


## Stroke



## Lipid lowering <br> in hypertension

## Randomised clinical trials of statins



End-point ${ }^{\text {CHD }}{ }^{\dagger}$ CHD + Stroke

## Randomised design

High-risk hypertensive
 patients

Consent / Randomize
( $\mathrm{N}=42,418$ )

Amlodipine Chlorthalidone
Doxazosin
Lisinopril

Eligible for lipidlowering

## Consent / Randomize ( $\mathrm{N}=10,355$ )



Pravastatin Usual care

Follow until death or end of study (max 7.8 yr , average 4.8 yr ).


No. of Participants

| Pravastatin | 5129 | 850 | 572 | 157 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Usual Care | 5131 | 508 | 330 | 75 |

## Lipid lowering results: ALLHAT

Pravastatin vs usual care
Non significant reductions (9\%) in

- CHD
- Stroke
"Less is less"



## ASCOT Study Design



## Patient inclusion criteria

- Screening and baseline $B P \geq 160 / 100 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ untreated, or baseline $B P \geq 140 / 90 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ following treatment with 1 or more drugs
- Age 40-79 years
- No previous MI or current clinical CHD
- 3 or more risk factors for a future CV event
- Total chol $\leq 6.5 \mathrm{mmol} / \mathrm{l}(250 \mathrm{mg} \%)$ [LLA only]


## Blood Pressure Changes



## ASCOT LLA: DSMB Recommendation

- The DSMB, in September 2002, reported that in the lipid arm of ASCOT there was a highly significant reduction in the primary end point as well as a significant reduction in stroke.
- The DSMB recommended that the double-blind, cholesterol-lowering study treatment arm be terminated since the results were outside of the stopping rules of the trial.
- The Steering Committee endorsed the recommendation of the DSMB, and the lipid arm was closed after a median follow-up period of 3.3 years; the overall BPLA study is continuing.


## Primary End Point: Nonfatal MI and Fatal CHD



## CHD events

## Censoring Time Hazard Ratios (95\% CI)



Atorvastatin better Placebo better

Events (Rate)* Atorva Placebo

| $0.17(0.02-1.38)$ | $1(2.4)$ | $6(14.2)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0.33(0.14-0.78)$ | $7(5.5)$ | $21(16.6)$ |
| $0.52(0.30-0.91)$ | $19(7.5)$ | $36(14.3)$ |
| $0.55(0.36-0.84)$ | $34(6.6)$ | $61(12.0)$ |
| $0.62(0.45-0.85)$ | $60(5.9)$ | $96(9.5)$ |
| $0.64(0.50-0.83)$ | $100(6.0)$ | $154(9.4)$ |

## Secondary End Point: Fatal and Nonfatal Stroke



## Stroke Events

Censoring Time


Hazard Ratios (95\% CI)
Events (Rate) HR

| $0.66(0.19-2.35)$ | $4(9.4)$ | $6(14.3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0.81(0.39-1.68)$ | $13(10.2)$ | $16(12.7)$ |
| $0.69(0.31-1.21)$ | $20(7.9)$ | $29(11.5)$ |
| $0.89(0.56-1.41)$ | $34(6.6)$ | $38(7.5)$ |
| $0.71(0.51-1.00)$ | $56(5.5)$ | $78(7.7)$ |
| $0.73(0.56-0.96)$ | $89(5.4)$ | $121(7.4)$ |

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## ASCOT: Post hoc analysis of

 benefit across the cholesterol rangePrimary end point (nonfatal MI + fatal CHD):

| TC Range <br> $\mathrm{mmol} / \mathrm{L}(\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{dL})$ | Hazard Ratio | $P$ Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<5.0(<193)$ | 0.628 | 0.098 |
| $5.0-5.99(193-$ <br> $230)$ | 0.615 | 0.011 |
| $6.0-6.5(231-250)$ | 0.689 | 0.084 |

$\operatorname{ascot}$

## BHS IV: Other medications for hypertensive patients

## Primary prevention

(1) Aspirin: use 75 mg daily if patient is aged $\geq 50$ years with blood pressure controlled to $<150 / 90 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ and either; target organ damage, diabetes mellitus, or 10 year risk of cardiovascular disease of $\geq 20 \%$ (measured by using the new Joint British Societies' cardiovascular disease risk chart)
(2) Statin: use sufficient doses to reach targets if patient is aged up to at least 80 years, with a 10 year risk of cardiovascular disease of $\geq 20 \%$ (measured by using the new Joint British Societies' cardiovascular disease risk chart) and with total cholesterol concentration $\geq 3.5 \mathrm{mmol} / \mathrm{I}$
(3) Vitamins-no benefit shown, do not prescribe

## Recent guidelines for lipid lowering in patients with hypertension: <br> 'Targets' in $1^{\circ}$ and $2^{\circ}$ prevention

Total cholesterol (TC) <4 mmol/I
LDL cholesterol <2 mmol/l

OR 25\% $\downarrow$ in TC
OR 30\% $\downarrow$ in LDL-C

- whichever is the greater

BHS IV (2004)
ESC-ESH (2003)

## Treatment Algorithm to BP Targets < 140/90 mm Hg or $<130 / 80 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ in Patients with Diabetes


additional drugs, eg, moxonidine/spironolactone

## Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB)

In October 2004 the DSMB recommended that the BP arm of ASCOT should be stopped on account of concerns that those patients receiving atenolol/thiazide would continue to be disadvantaged compared with the comparator group.

The Steering Committee endorsed the recommendation of the DSMB, and trial closure began December 2004 after a median follow-up period of 5.4 years.

## Last ASCOT-BPLA close-out visit anticipated May, 2005

Preliminary results are presented including adjudicated events only, as censored at November 30, 2004

Final results anticipated September, 2005

## Number of Adjudicated Events (censored at November 30, 2004)

## Primary events Secondary events Tertiary events <br> 869* 3192 2581

*In 803 patients (study powered for 1150 patients with primary events)

## Compared with Atenolol/thiazide, Amlodipine/perindopril resulted in:

1. For all-cause mortality, a significant reduction of about 15\% ( $p \leq 0.005$ )
2. For the primary endpoint of non-fatal MI and fatal CHD, a non-significant reduction of about 10\%
3. For all coronary events, a significant reduction of about 15\% ( $p \leq 0.005$ )
4. For all fatal and non-fatal stroke, a significant reduction of about $25 \%$ ( $p \leq 0.001$ )

## Compared with Atenolol/thiazide, Amlodipine/perindopril resulted in: (cont'd)

5. For all CV events and procedures a significant reduction of about $15 \%$ ( $p \leq 0.001$ )
6. For CV mortality, a significant reduction of about 25\% ( $\mathrm{p} \leq 0.005$ )
7. For new-onset diabetes, a significant reduction of about $30 \%$ ( $p \leq 0.001$ )

## First line therapy

| JNC VII | ESH-ESC | WHO-ISH | BHS IV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thiazide-type Di | Any of 5 <br> (A,A,B,C,D) | Low dose Di | AB/CD |
| 2 drug combo | 2 drug combo | --- | --- |
| Compelling <br> indication for <br> others | Compelling <br> indication for <br> others | Compelling <br> indication for <br> others | Compelling <br> indication for <br> others |

## The British Hypertension Society recommendations for combining Blood Pressure Lowering drugs



* Combination therapy involving $B$ and $D$ may induce more new onset diabetes compared with other combination therapies

Adapted from reference 45

## Recent guidelines for lipid lowering in patients with hypertension

## 'Thresholds' in $1^{\circ}$ prevention

"In view of the results of the ASCOT trial and other currently available trial data, it seems reasonable, in the interests of simplicity, to treat with a statin, all those patients at least up to the age of 80 years with a total cholesterol $>3.5 \mathrm{mmol} / \mathrm{I}$ who have an estimated 10 year CVD risk of $20 \%$ or more. In reality, this would mean considering statin therapy in most hypertensive patients (especially men) over the age of 50 years. As resources allow, a rationale for lowering this threshold could be made on the basis of trial evidence."

