



# Controversy in Angiotensin Receptor Blockers - Myocardial Infarction Paradox



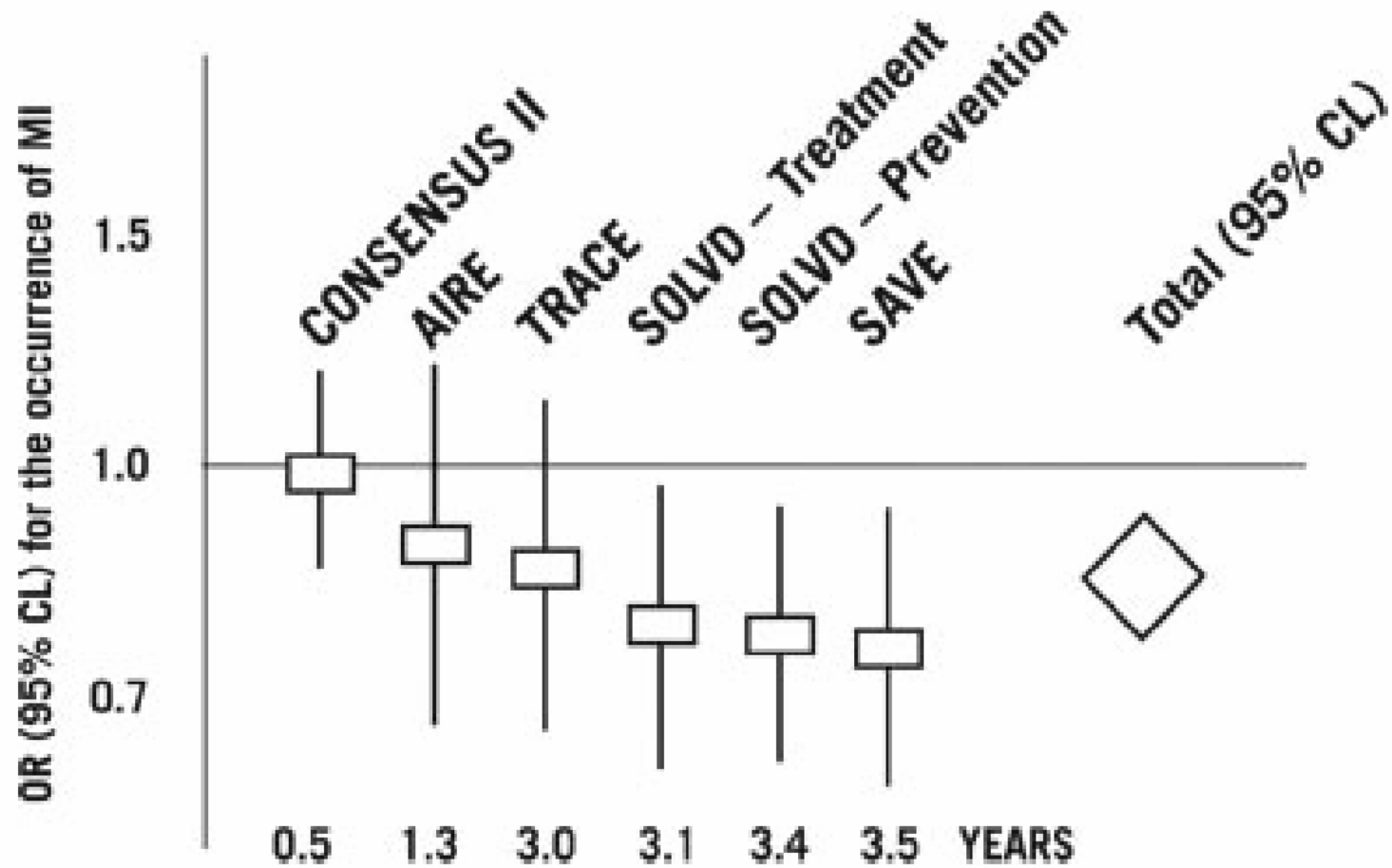
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what we do not know, that  
is true knowledge.”***

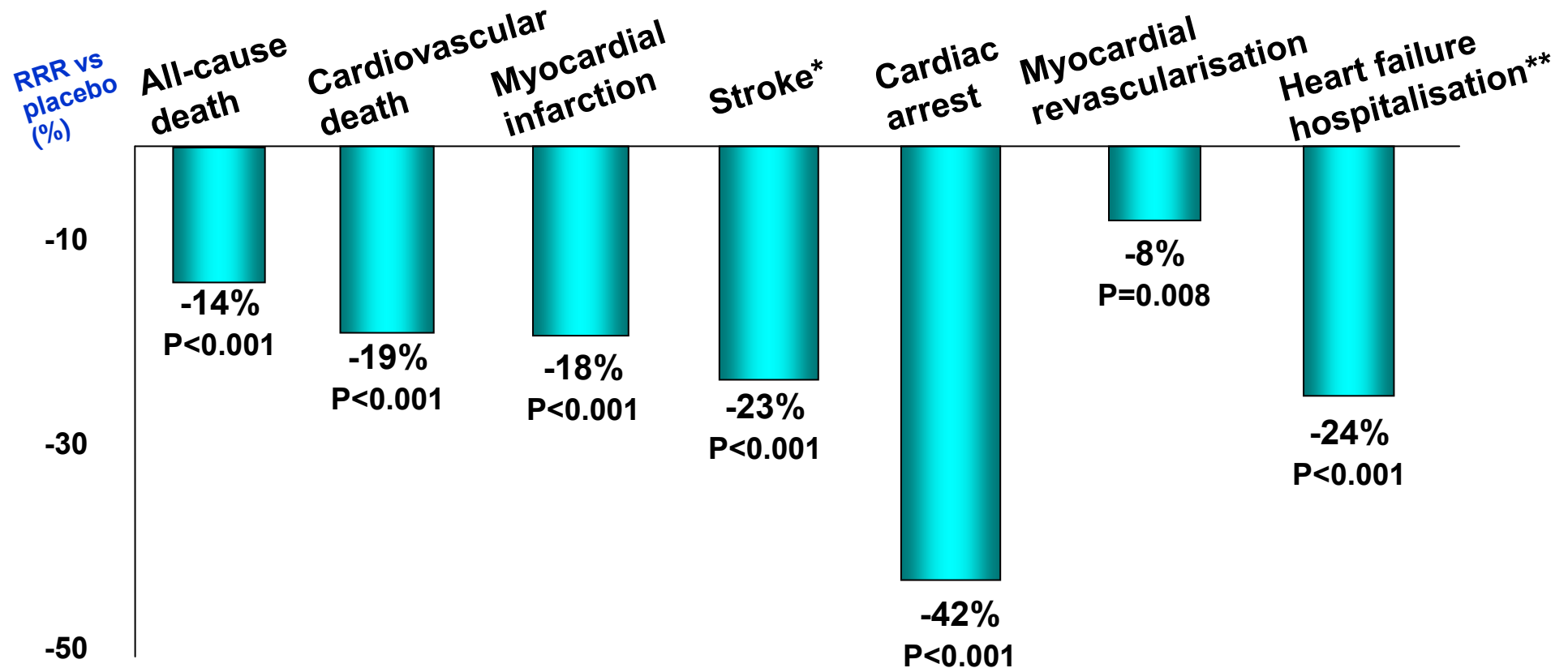
—Copernicus (1473–1543)

## ACEi v. placebo

*Effect on MI by trial duration*



# Summary: Meta-analysis of ACE inhibitor trials in CAD patients *without* HF or LV dysfunction

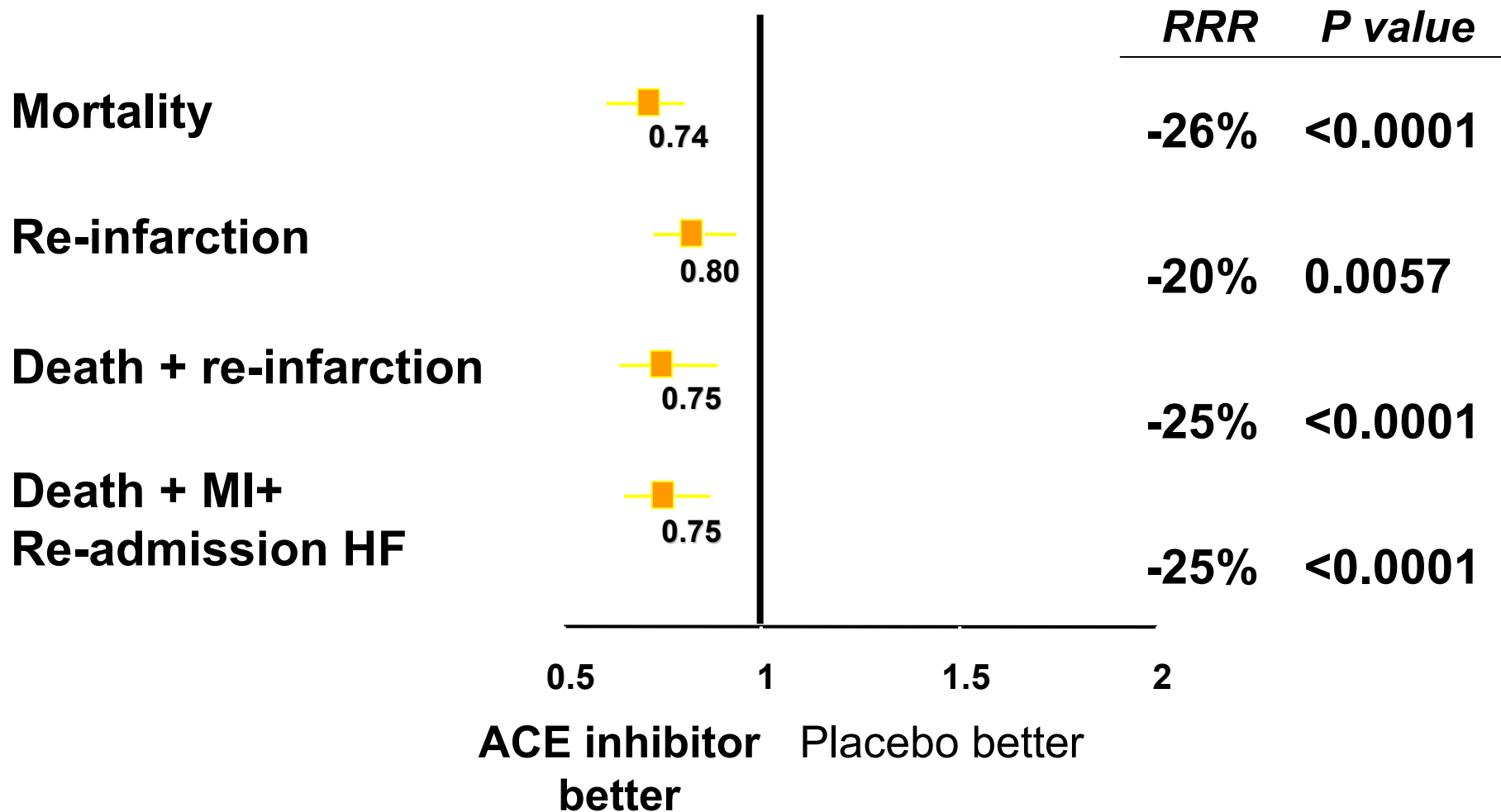


\* End point not reported in QUIET

\*\* End point not reported in PEACE and CAMELOT

# Long-term benefits of ACE inhibitors after AMI

Overview of SAVE - AIRE - TRACE (n=5 966)



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## Do angiotensin receptor blockers increase the risk of myocardial infarction?

*Angiotensin Receptor Blockers May Increase Risk of Myocardial Infarction*  
*Unraveling the ARB-MI Paradox*

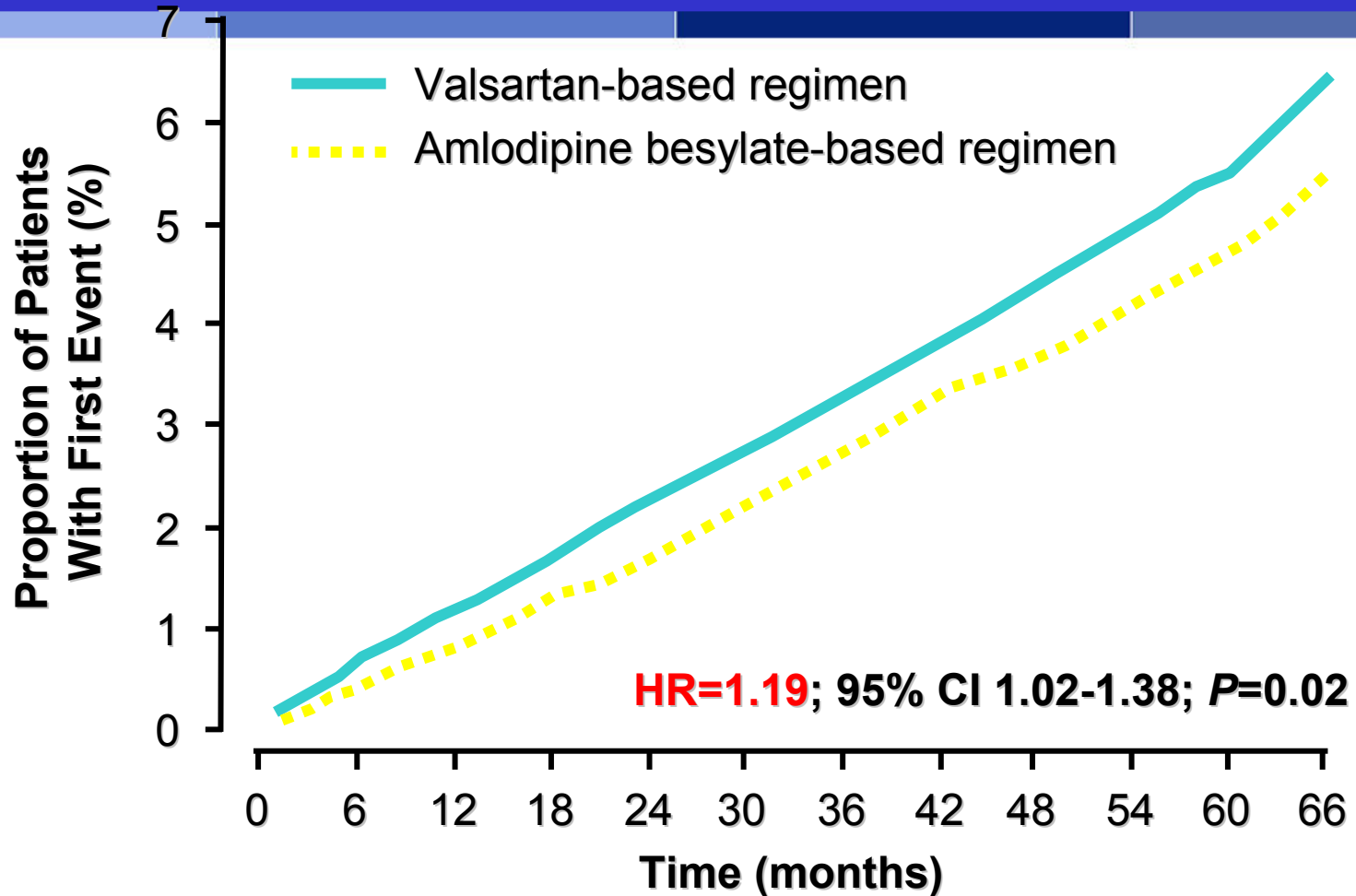
*Martin H. Strauss, MD, FRCPC; Alistair S. Hall, MB ChB, PhD, FRCP(UK)*

*Circulation 2006;114;838-854*

# Defining the ARB-MI Paradox



# VALUE: Fatal and Non-Fatal Myocardial Infarction



Number at risk

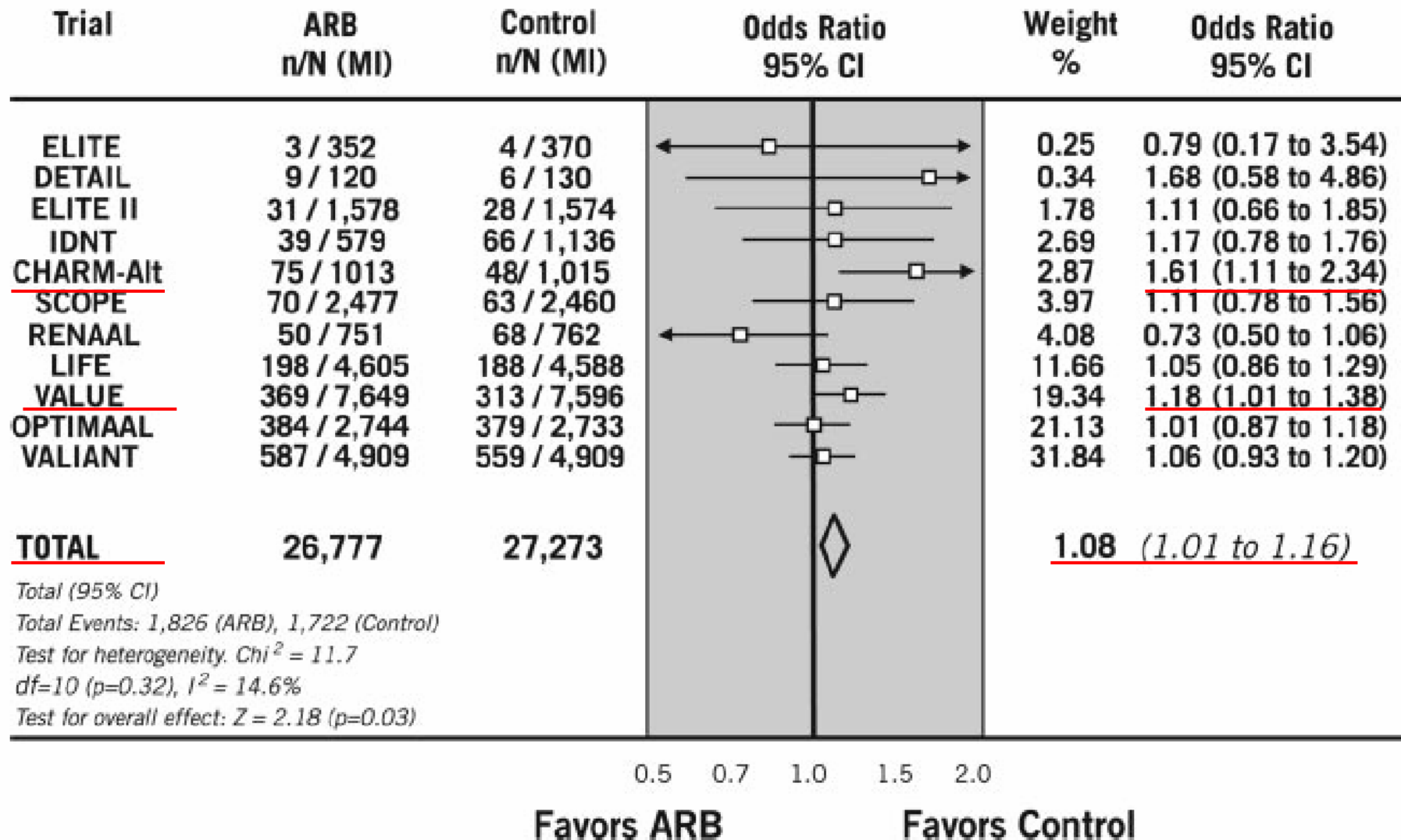
Valsartan	7649	7499	7458	7319	7177	7016	6853	6680	6504	6078	3864	1520
Amlodipine besylate	7596	7497	7458	7332	7205	7065	6905	6727	6562	6141	3840	1532

Julius S et al. *Lancet*. June 2004;363.

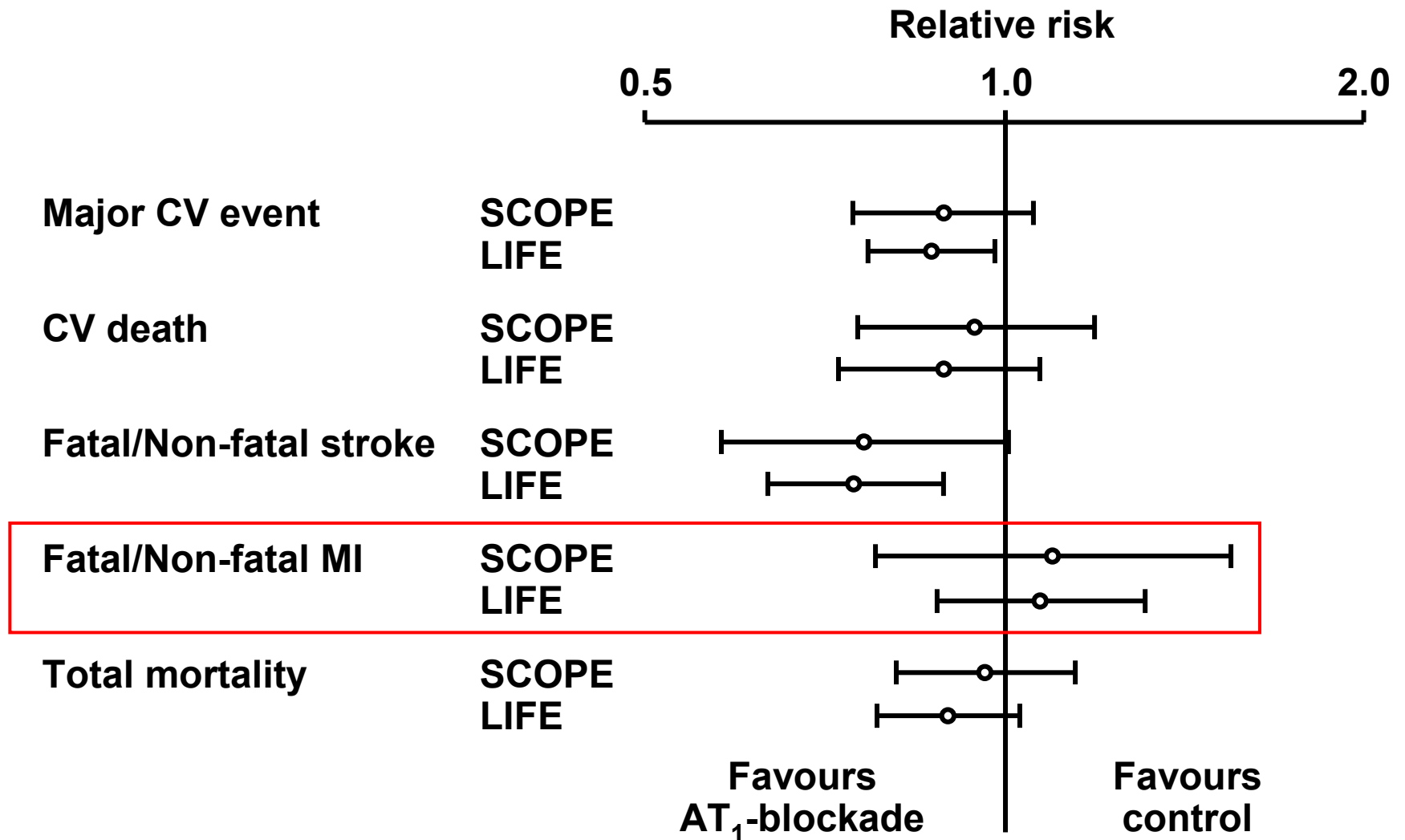


## ARB v. Comparator

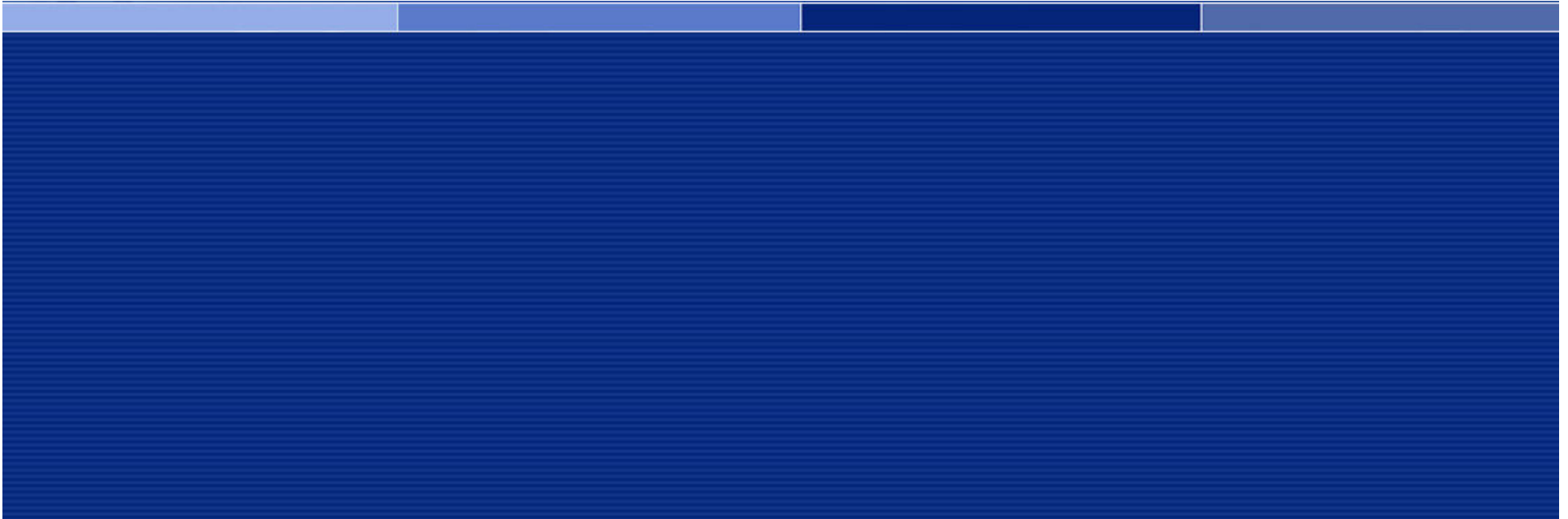
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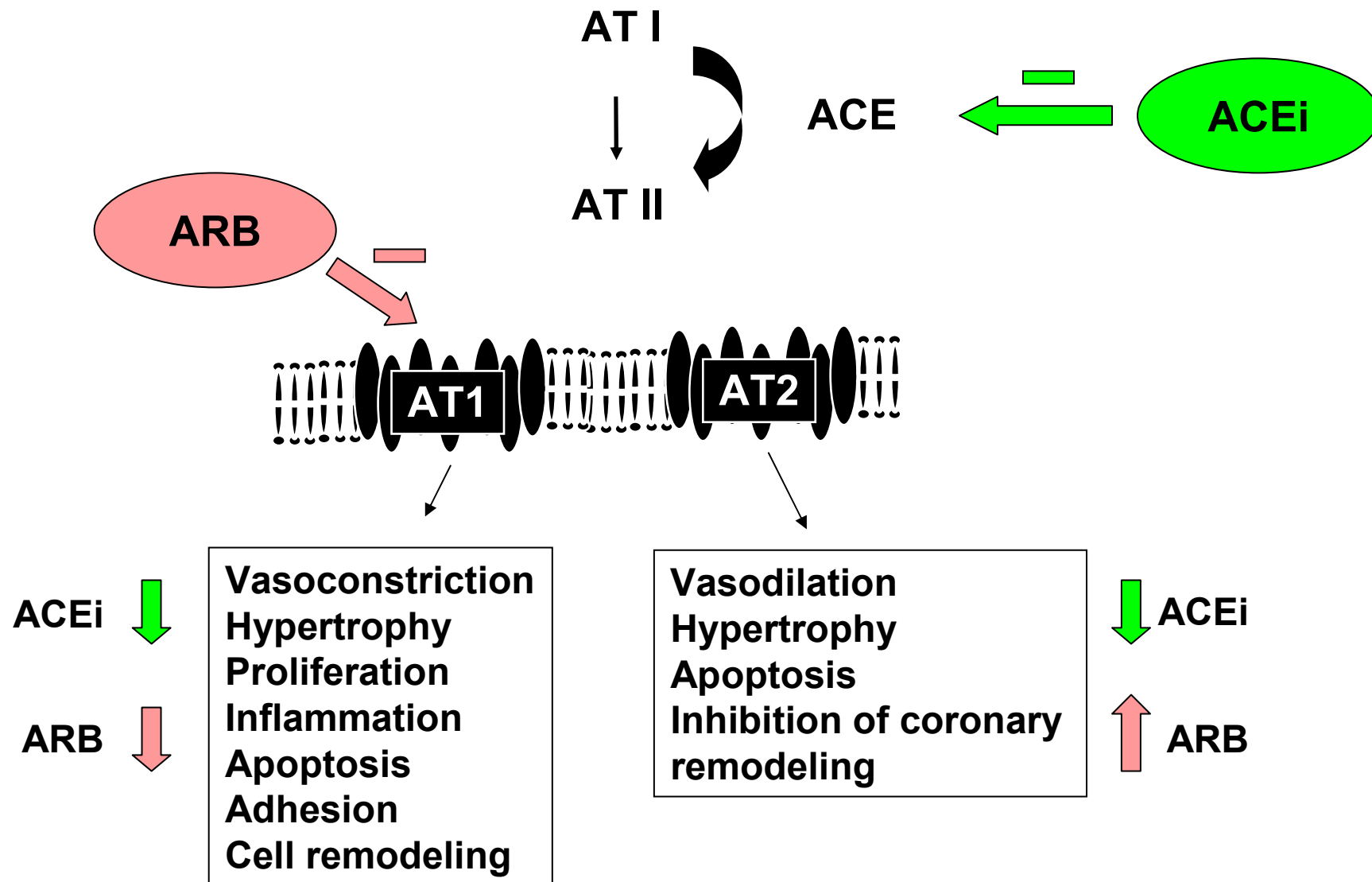
# Relative risk, AT<sub>1</sub>-receptor blocker vs control



# **Do ARBs Increase the Risk of MI?**



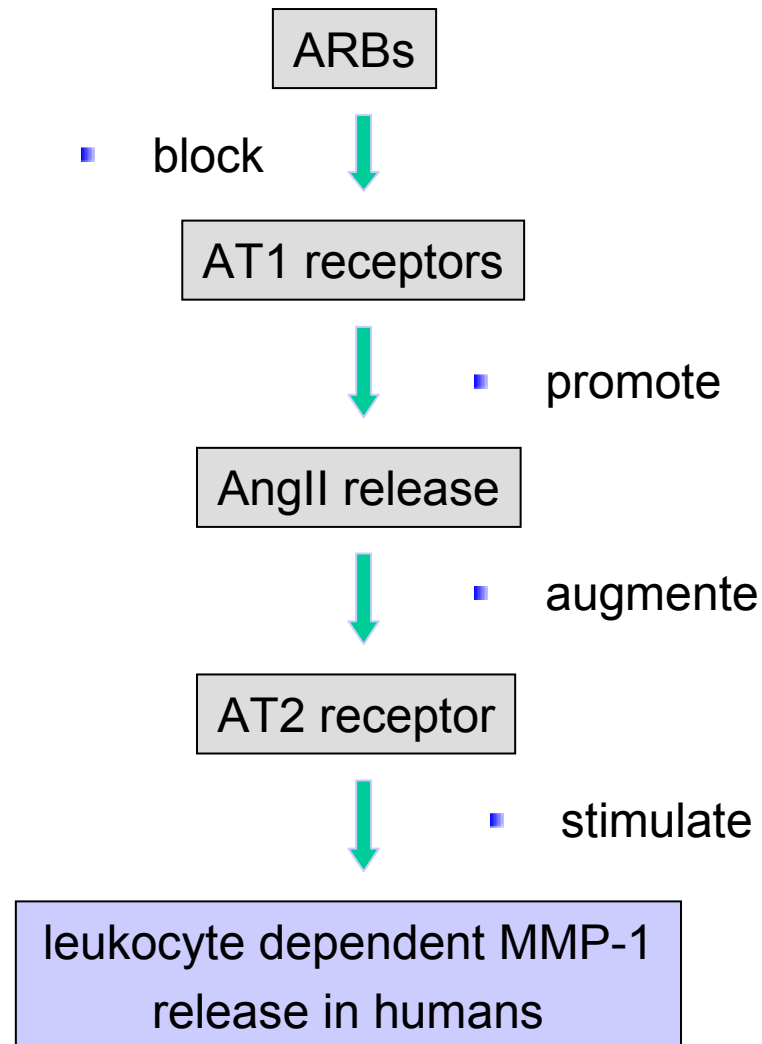
# Differential effects of ACEis and ARBs on AT<sub>2</sub> receptors

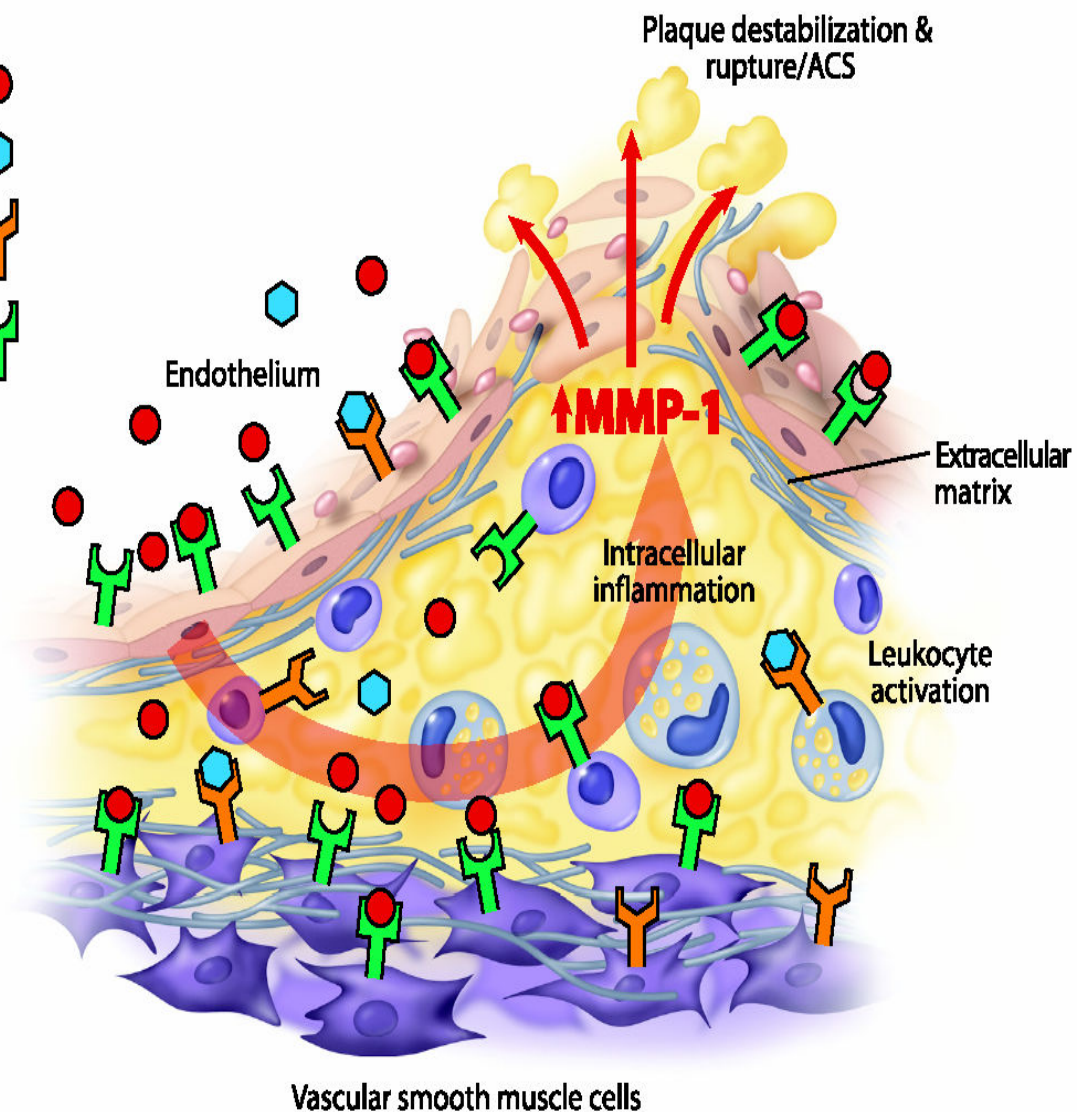
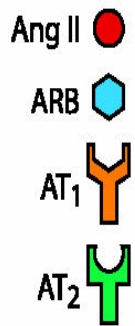
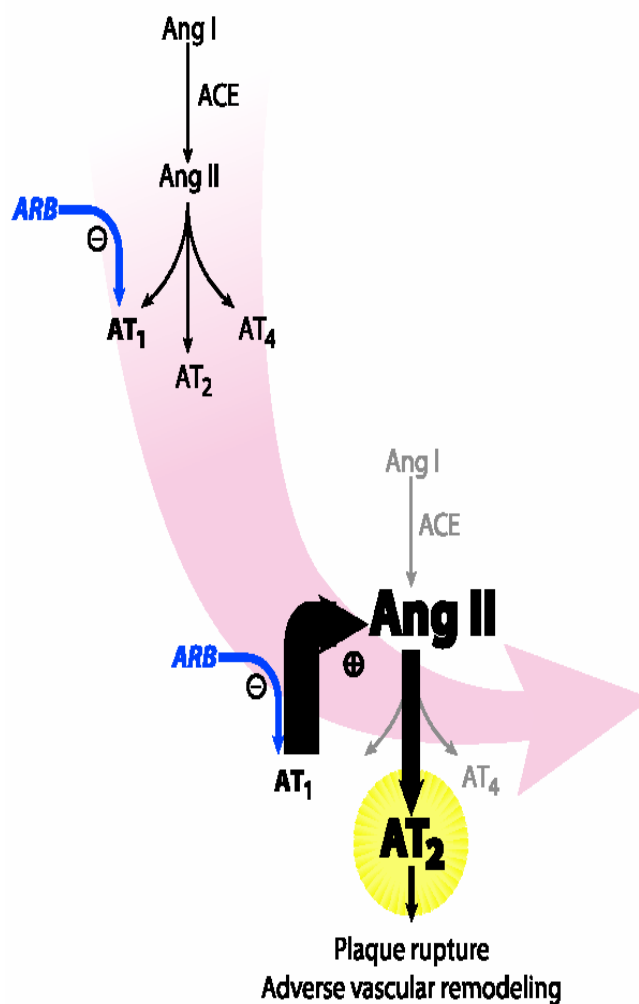


# ARBs May Increase MI: Biological Plausibility

- ARBs increase Ang II levels several-fold above baseline
- AT2 receptor stimulation may even be harmful
  - growth promotion, fibrosis, and hypertrophy
  - proatherogenic and proinflammatory effects
- Overexpression of AT2 in human cardiac myocytes is associated with increased cardiac hypertrophy
- AT2 receptors inhibit vascular endothelial growth factor-induced angiogenesis in endothelial cells.
- AT2 stimulation inhibit hypoxia-induced neovascularization

# AT<sub>2</sub> Impact on MMP-1 Dependent Plaque Rupture

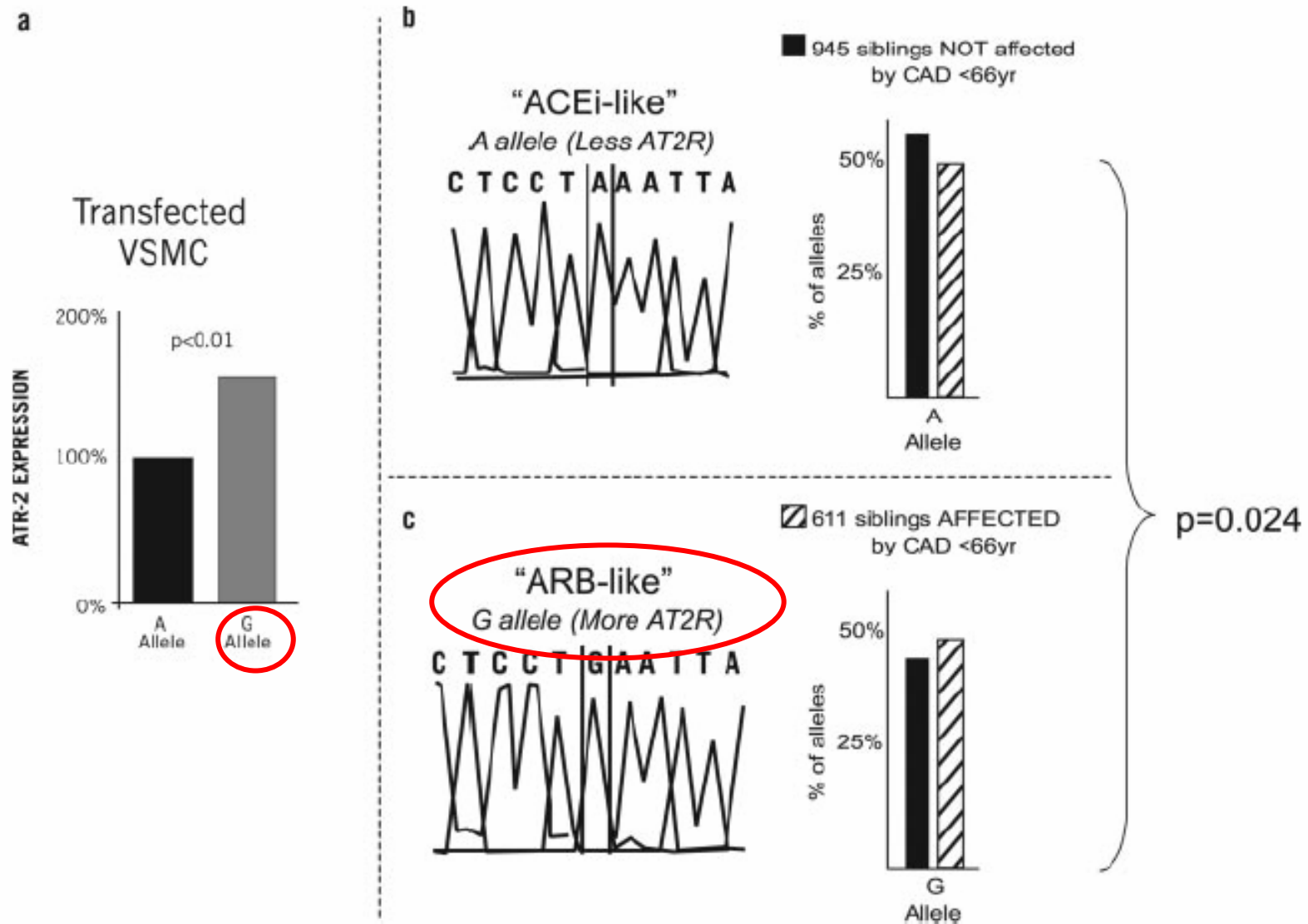




ACEi Better than ARB ?

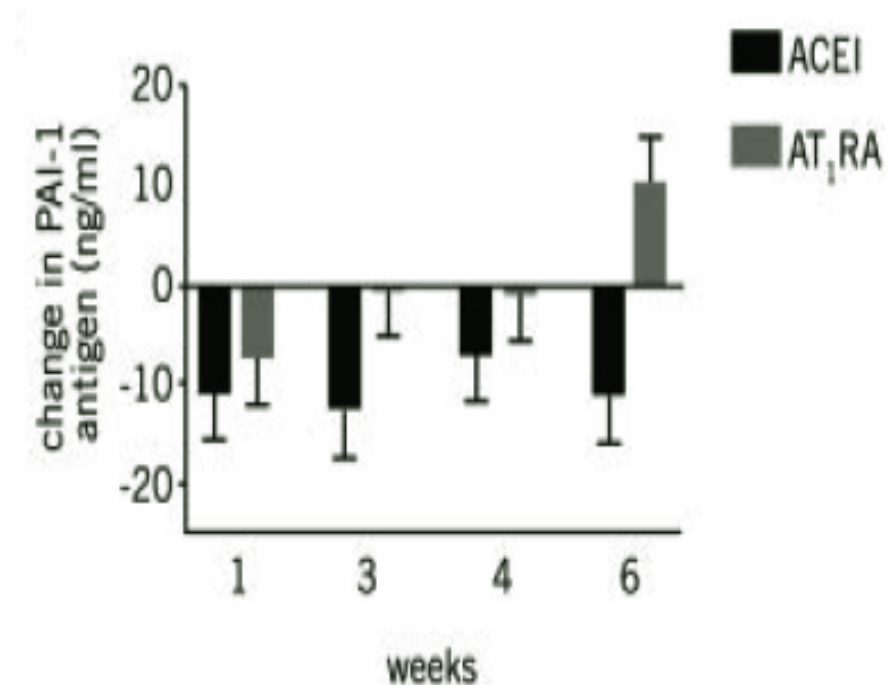


# X-linked AT2 receptor gene polymorphism (1332 G/A)

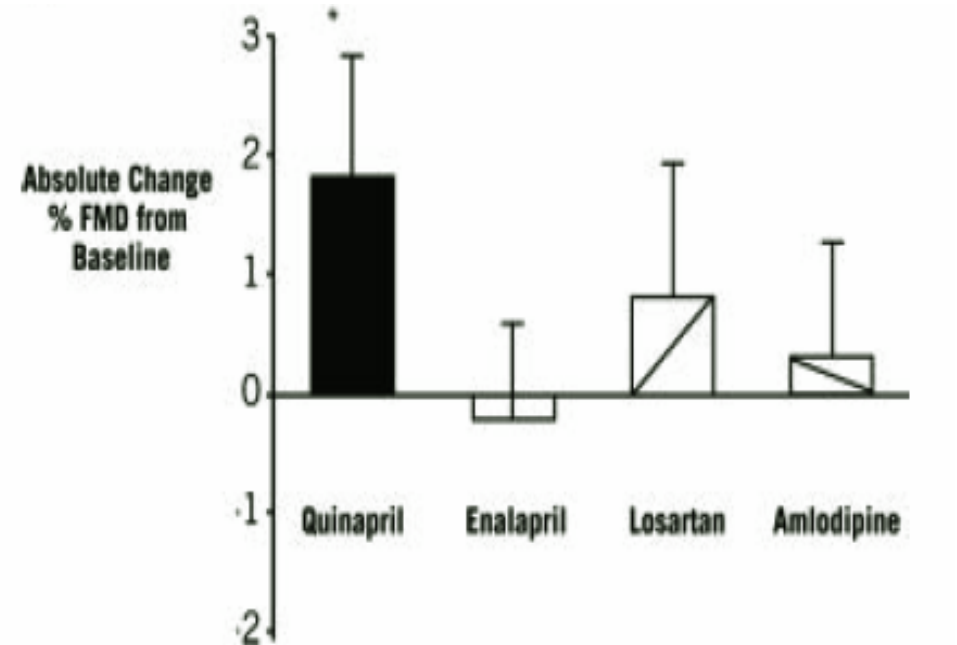


# Change in PAI-1 and FMD with ACEi or ARB

Change in PAI-1<sup>1</sup>



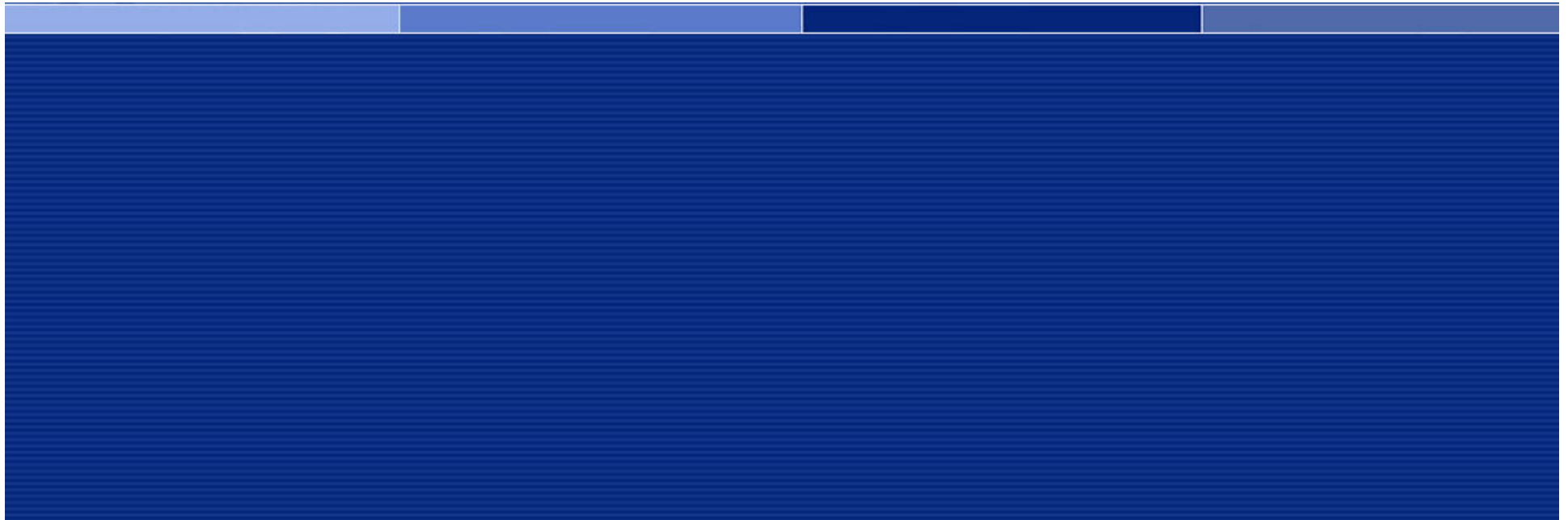
Absolute change in FMD after therapy<sup>2</sup>



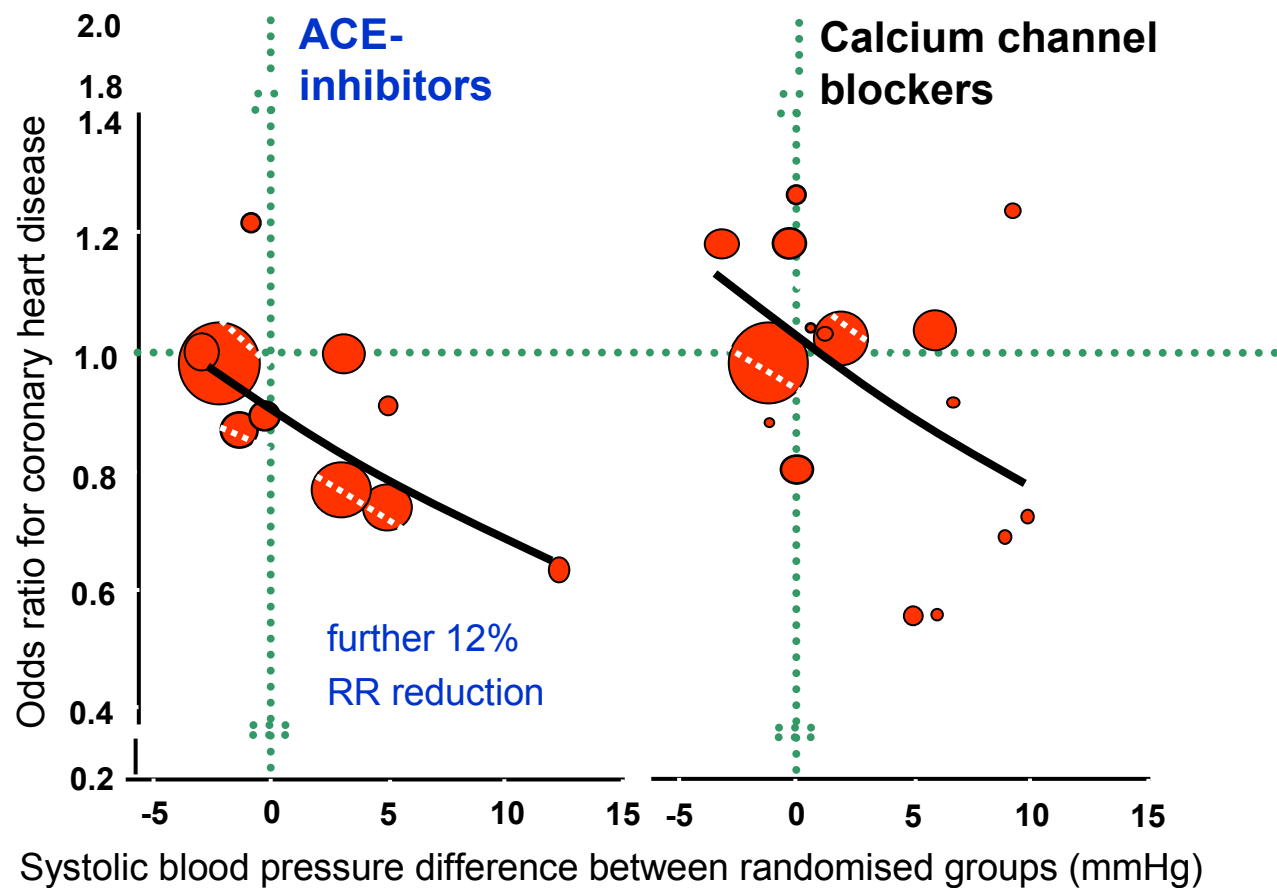
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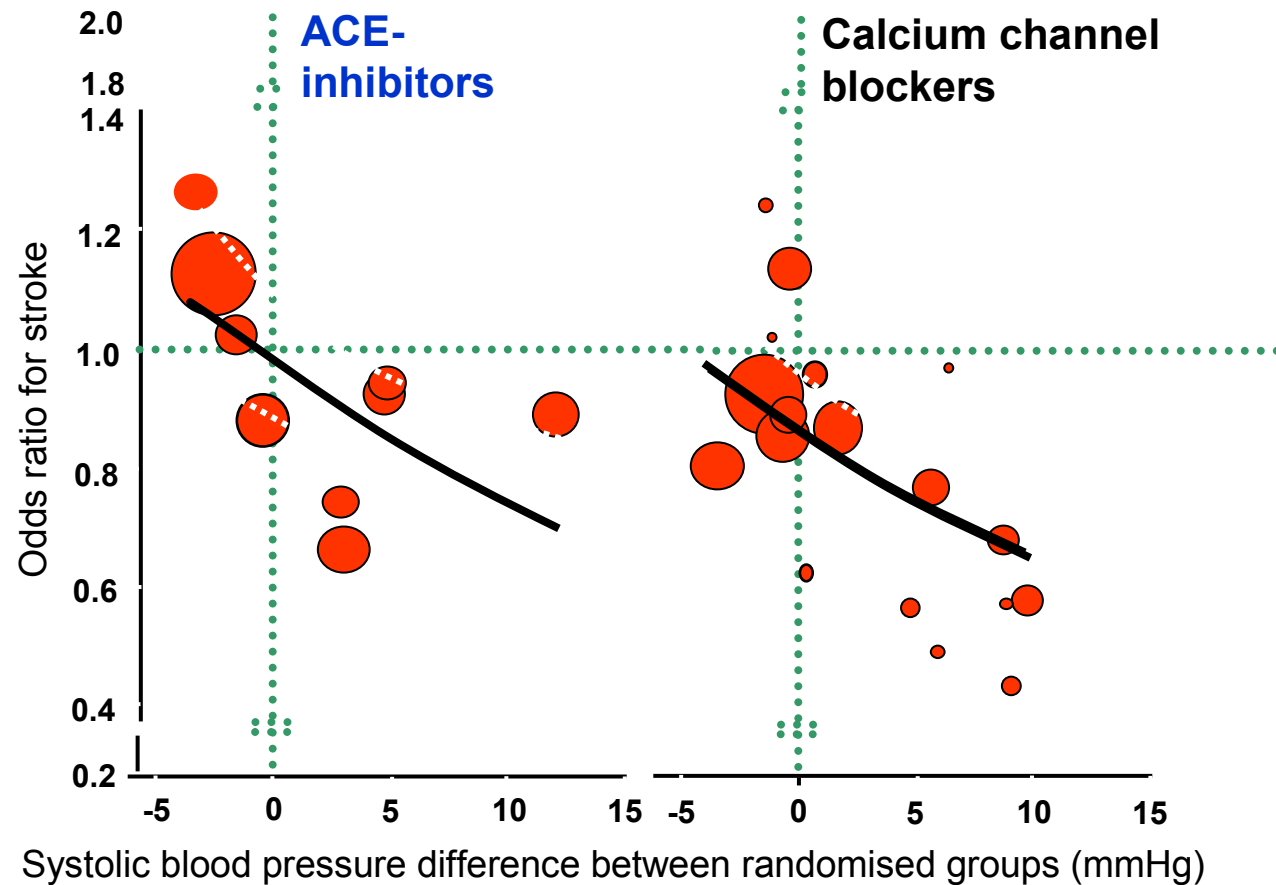
# **Blood Pressure— Independent Effects of ACEIs v. ARBs**



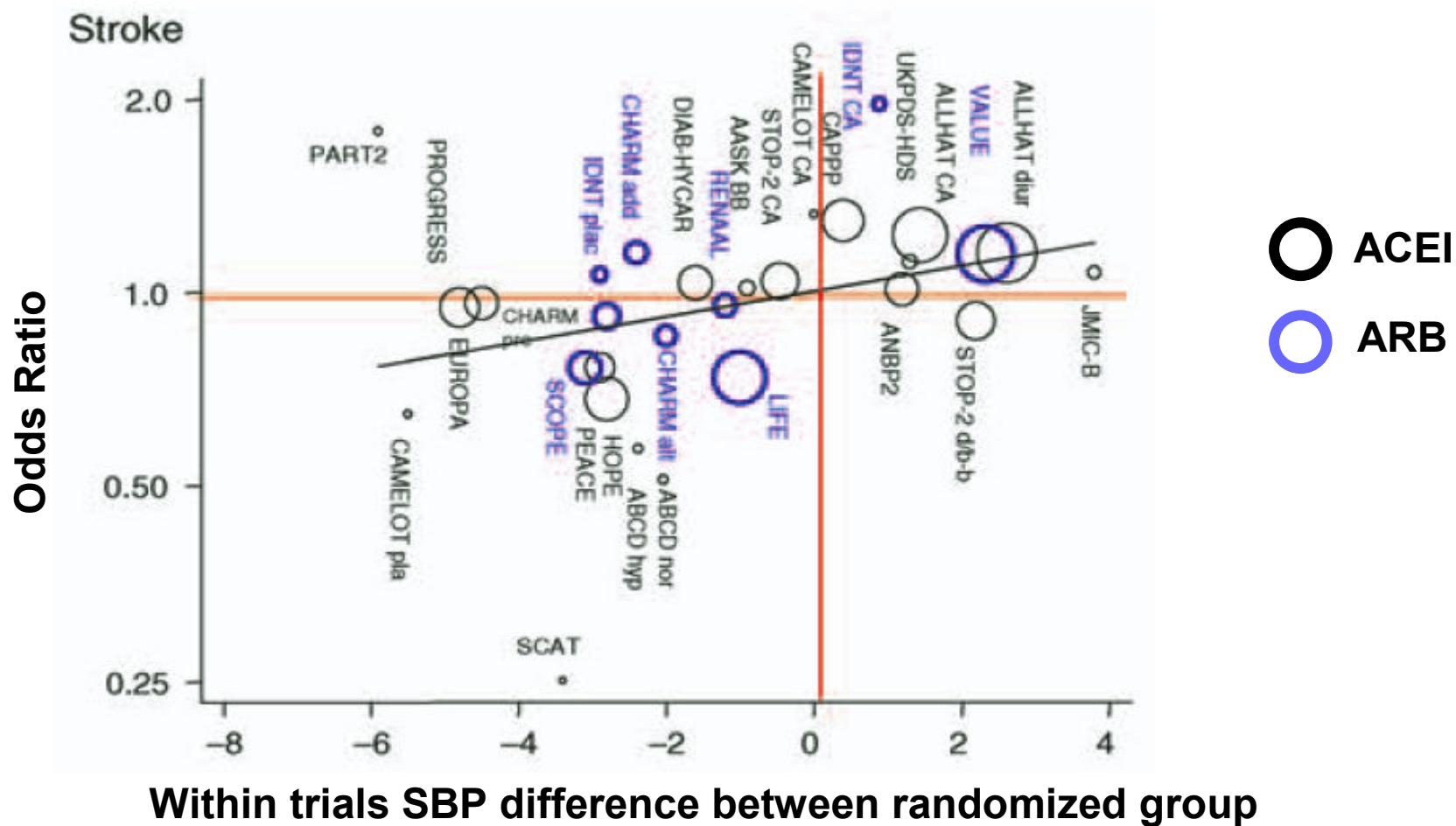
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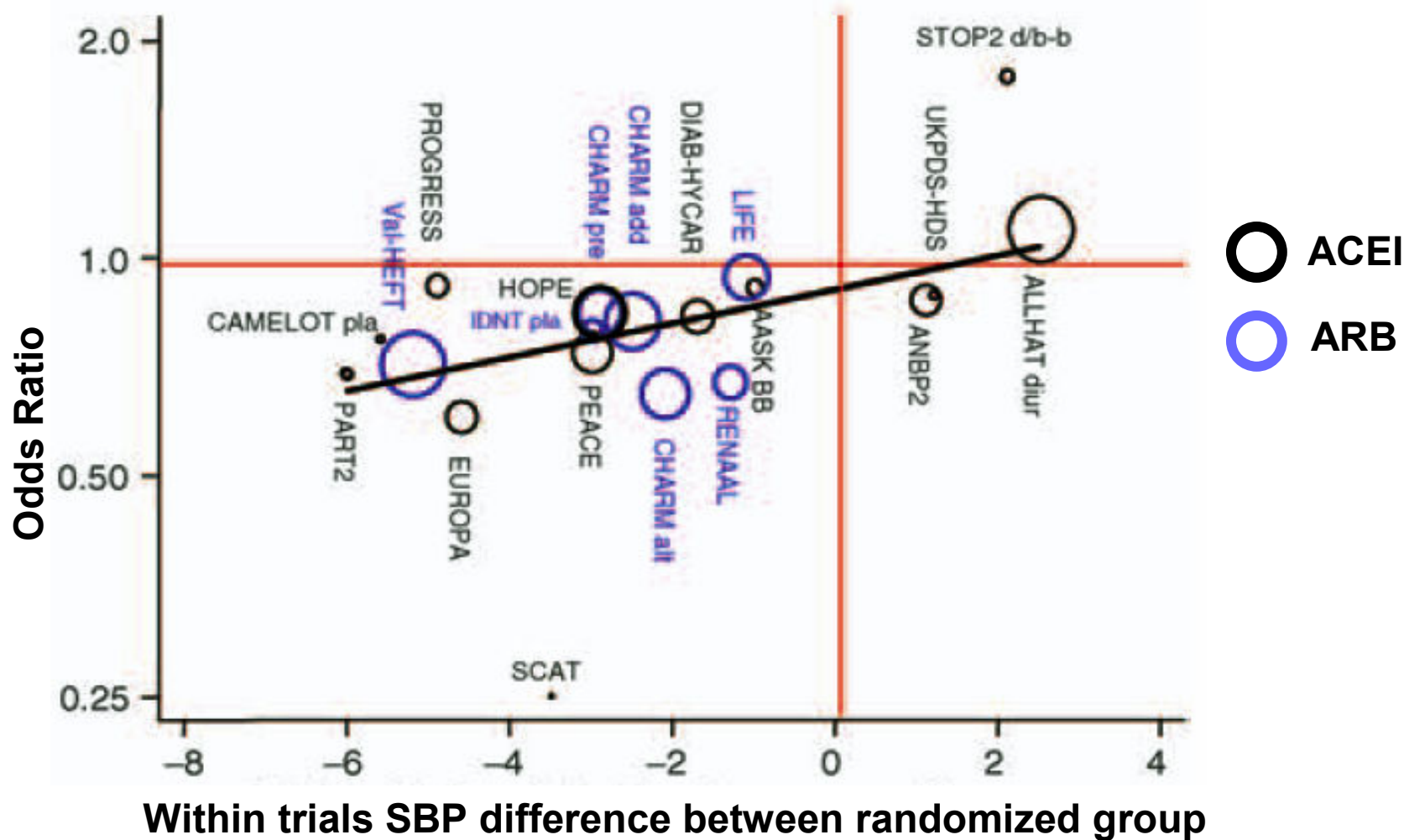
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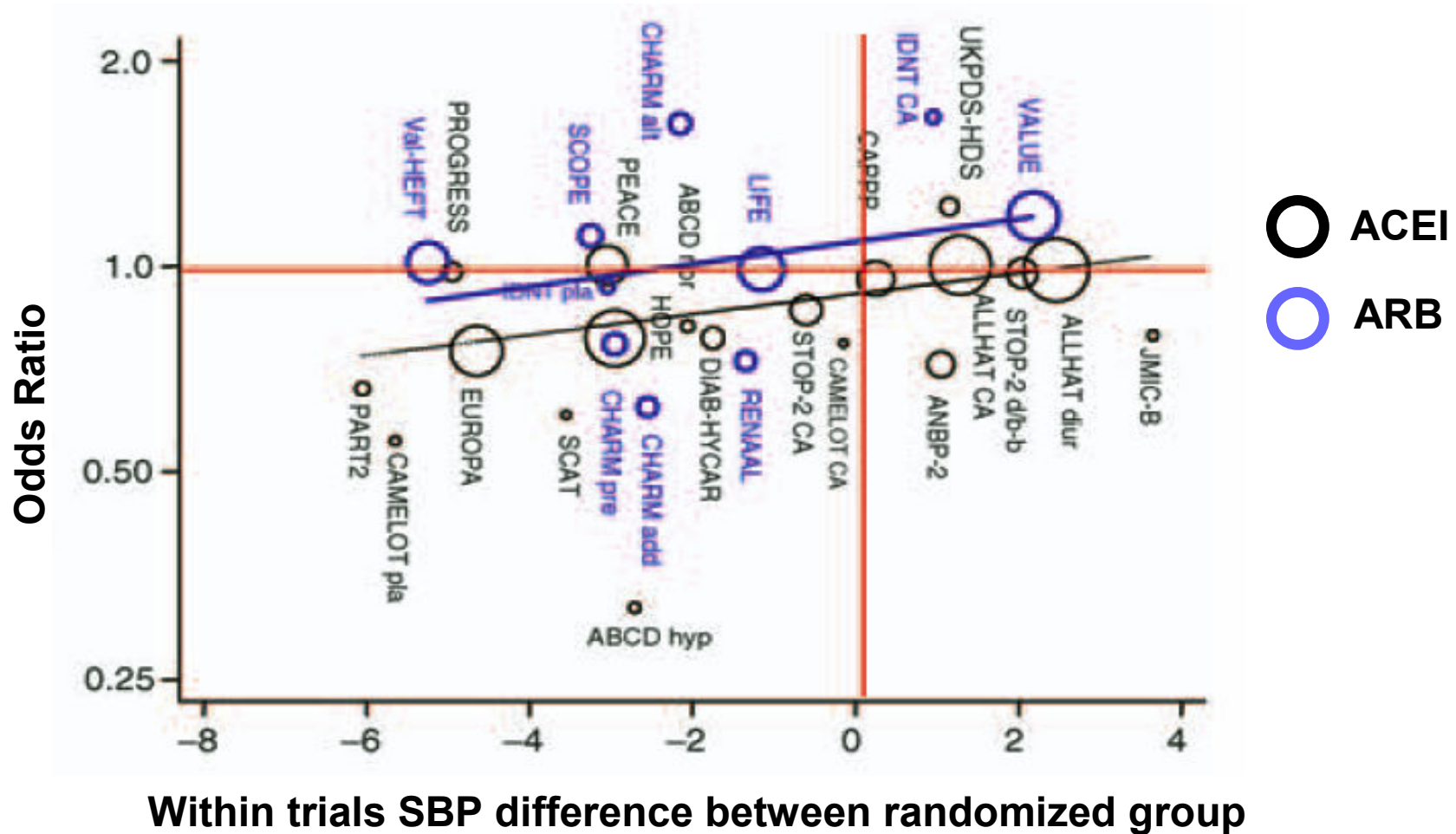
# Associations of BP reduction with RR for stroke in trials of ACEI and ARB



# Associations of BP reduction with RR for heart failure in trials of ACEI and ARB



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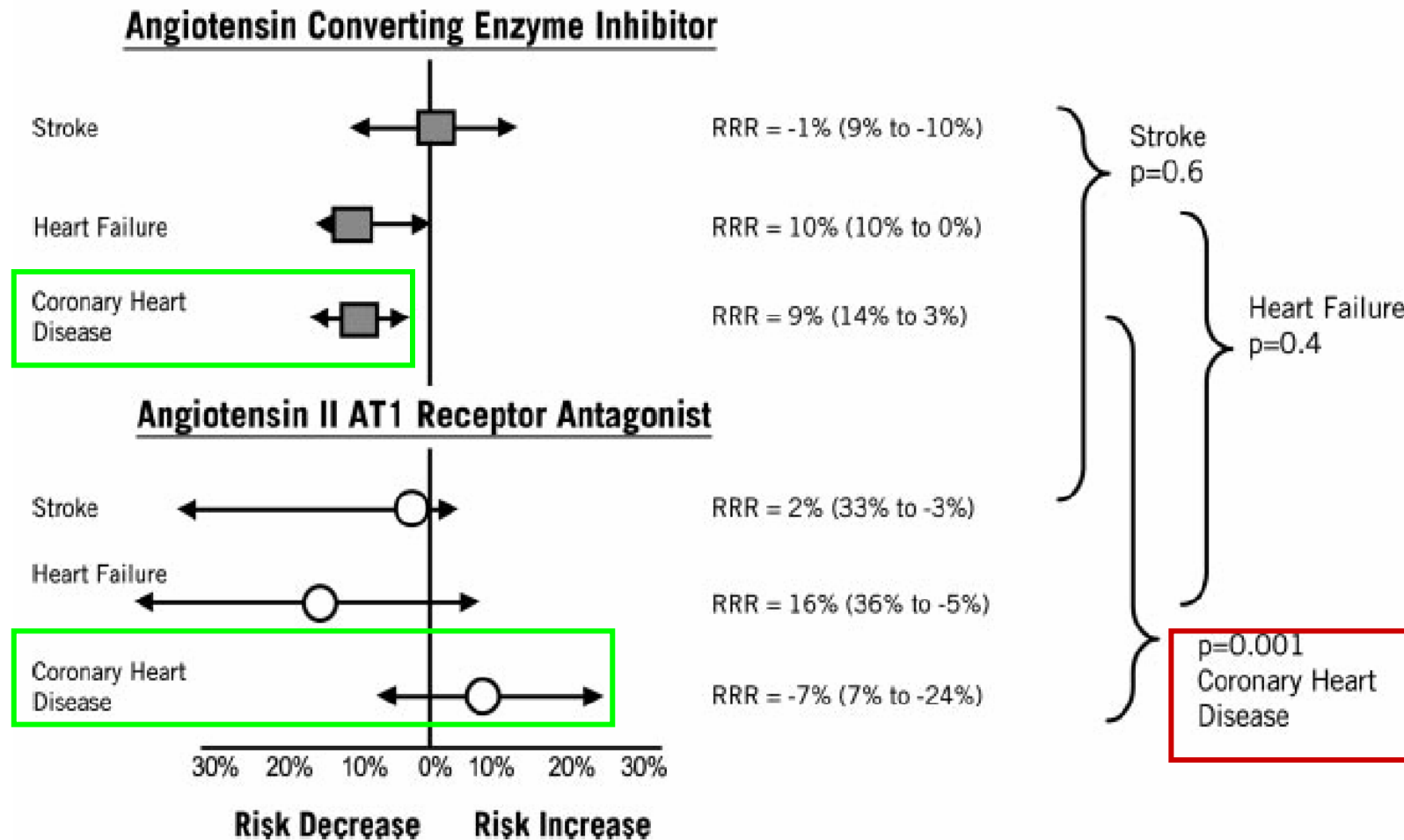




# BPLTTC Regression Meta-analysis

**ACEis or comparators** - AASK, ABCD(H), ABCD(N), ALLHAT, ANBP2, CAPPP, DIAB-HYCAR, EUROPA,, HOPE, JMIC-B, PART-2, PEACE, PROGRESS, SCAT, STOP-2, and UKPDSHDS

**ARBs or comparators** - IDNT, LIFE, RENAAL, SCOPE, and VALUE.



# **Do ARBs Surely Increase the Risk of MI?**





■ **However, ARB v. ACEi**

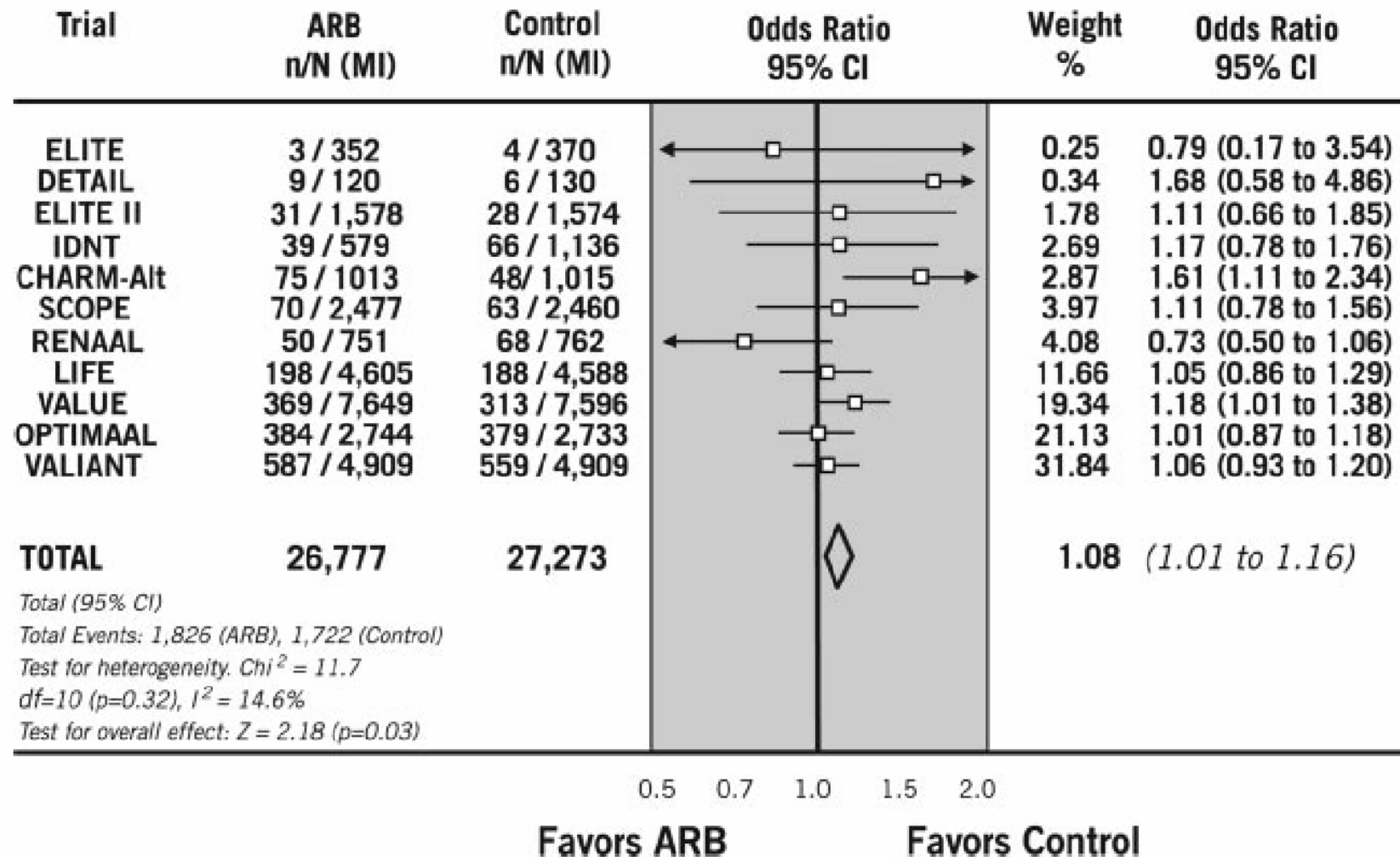
*ELITE I, ELITE II, DETAIL, OPTIMAAL, and VALIANT*

	Number at Risk	Number of Events	Control Event Rate	Odds Ratio (95% CL)	P Value Overall Effect
<b>ARB versus ACEi</b>					
Global Death	19,419	3,474	17.42%	1.06 (0.99-1.14)	0.10*
CV Death	19,419	2,910	14.59%	1.06 (0.98-1.15)	0.14
Non CV Death	19,419	564	2.8%	1.05 (0.89-1.25)	0.55
Stroke	18,697	704	3.9%	0.91 (0.79-1.06)	0.25
MI	19,419	1,990	10.05%	1.04 (0.95-1.15)	0.37

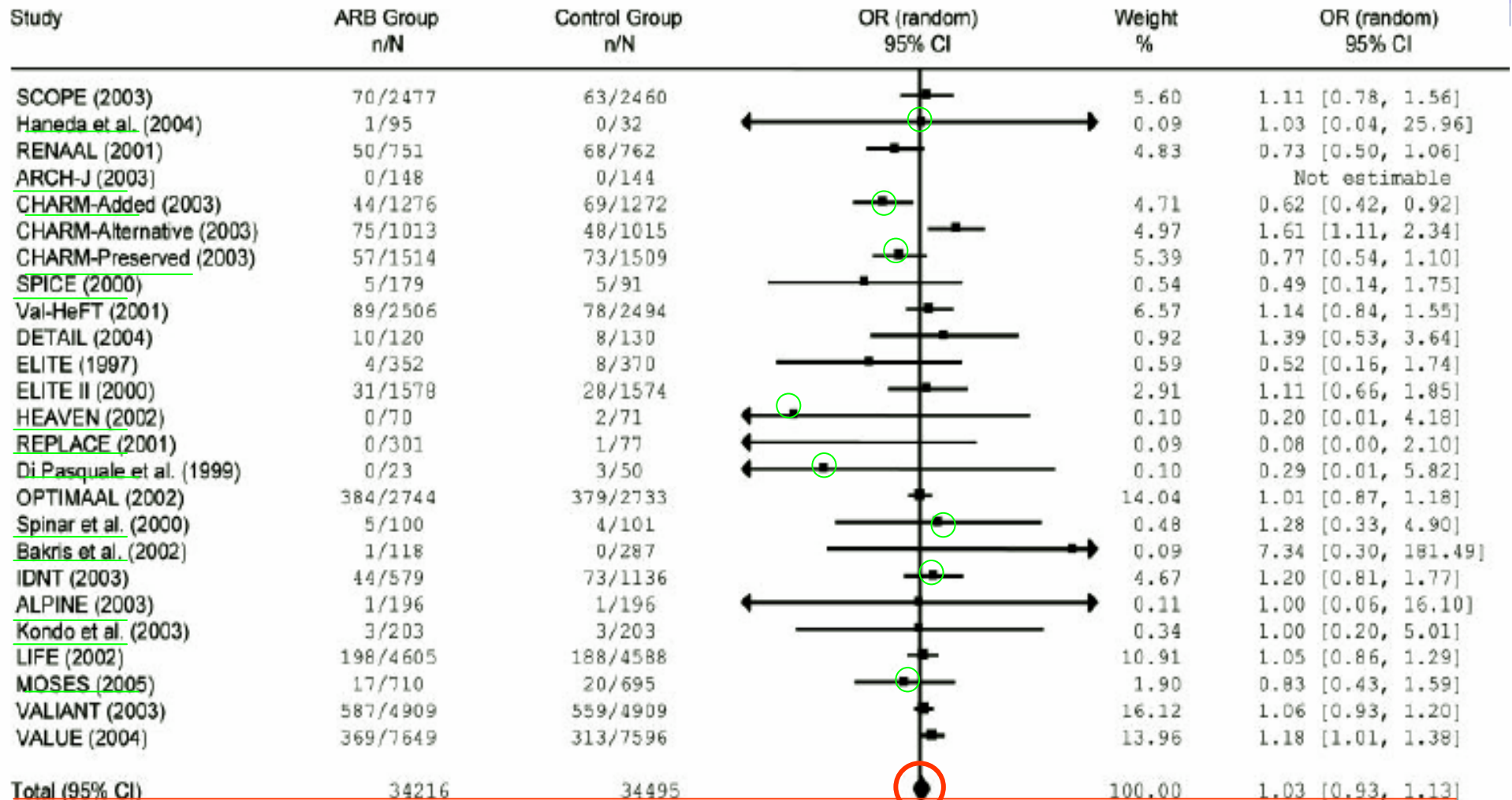
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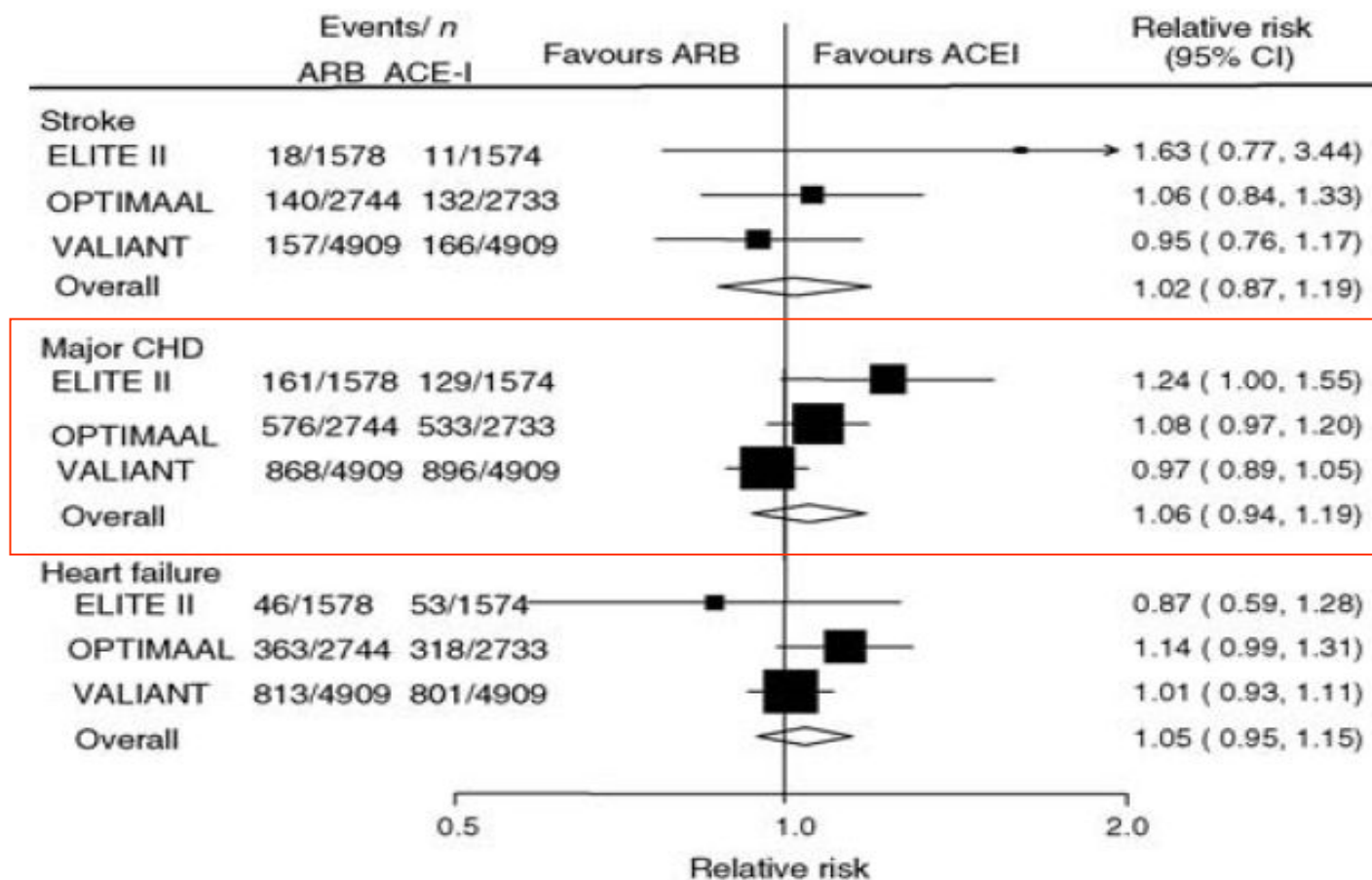
# Overall effect of ARBs on risk of MI



Total events: 2045 (ARB Group), 1994 (Control Group)  
 Test for heterogeneity:  $\text{Chi}^2 = 31.08$ ,  $\text{df} = 23$  ( $P = 0.12$ ),  $I^2 = 26.0\%$   
 Test for overall effect:  $Z = 0.55$  ( $P = 0.59$ )

0.1 0.5 1 2 5 10  
 Favor ARB Favor Control

# Meta-analysis of trials directly comparing ACEI with ARB-based regimens for the outcomes of stroke, CHD and heart failure





## CONCLUSION

**“ARBs might be inferior to ACEis with respect to prevention of MI and CV death”**

*Biological plausibility*

*Clinical evidence*

*Meta-analyses*

## STILL REMAIN

“ACEis is the preferred choice as initial therapy (or an ARB if an ACEi is not tolerated) at present hypertension treatment recommendation”

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# WE NEED MORE EVIDENCE FOR THE CONTROVERSY OF ARB-MI PARADOX

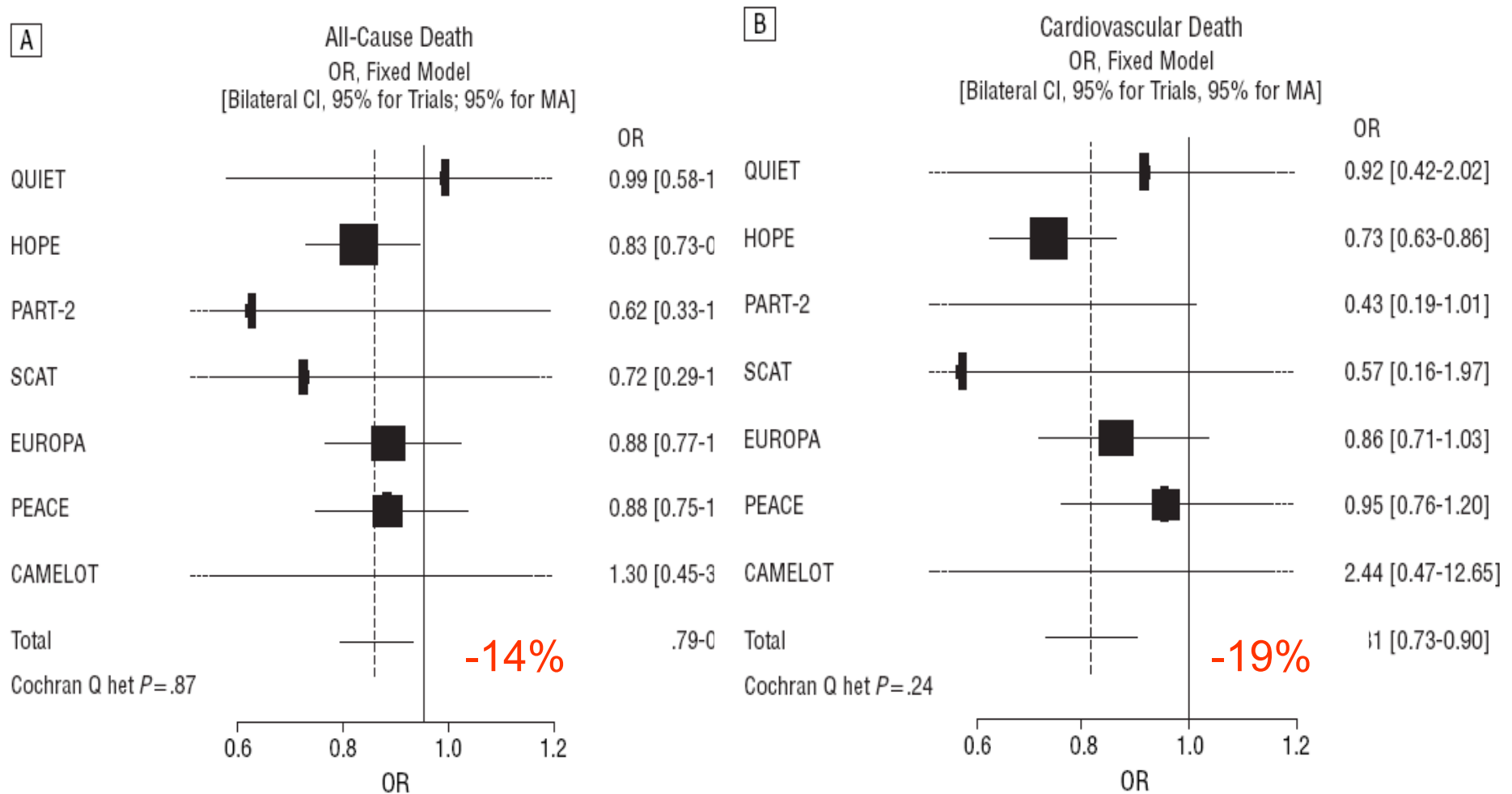
- Results from the prospective ONTARGET and TRANSCEND trials are eagerly awaited to better define the role of ARBs in protecting patients at risk for MI and other atherosclerotic heart disease-related events.



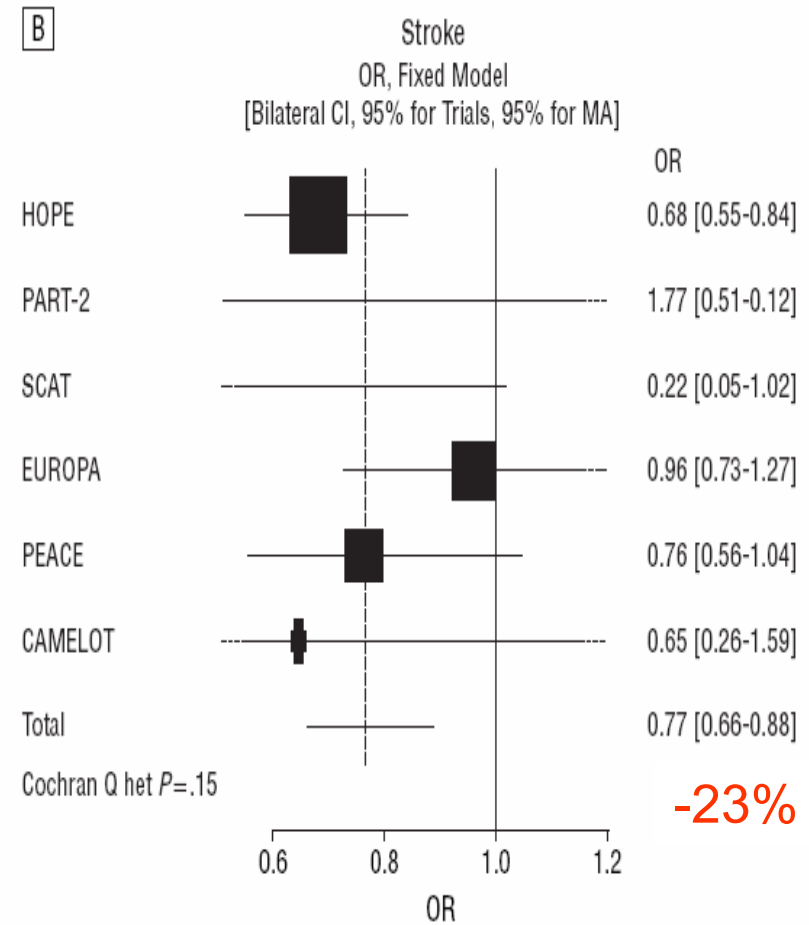
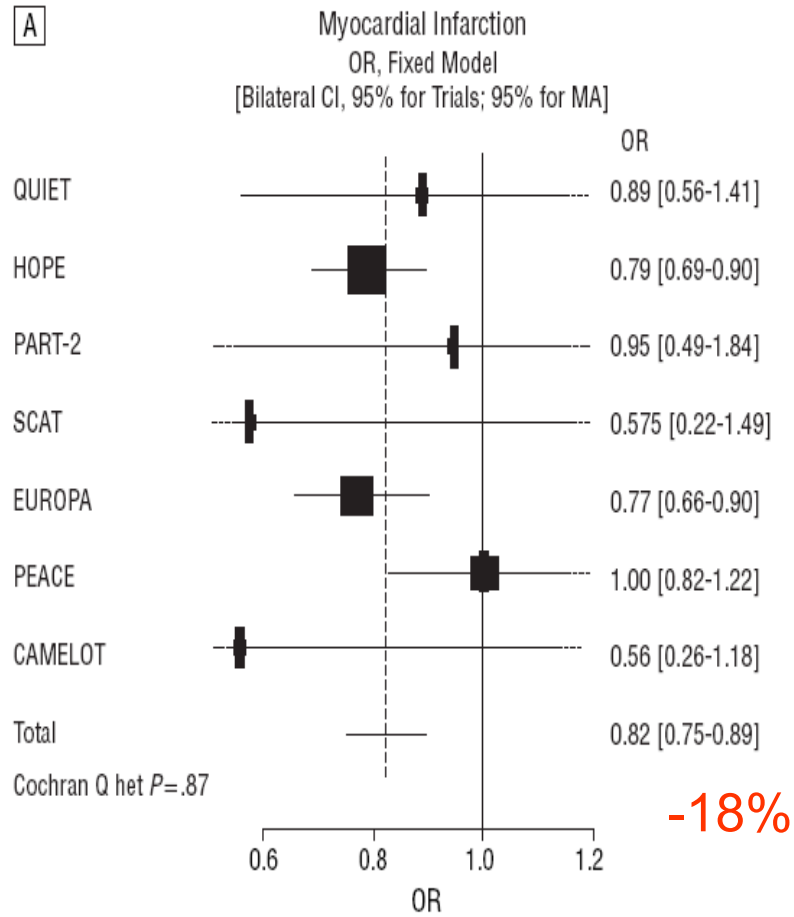
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# Summary of meta-analyses for treatment with an ARB vs placebo; placebo or non-ACEI comparator

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<b>ARB versus placebo</b>					
Global Death	9,626	1,579	16.9%	0.94 (0.66-1.24)	0.24
CV Death	9,626	1,035	11.0%	0.95 (0.83-1.08)	0.43
Non CV Death	9,626	529	5.6%	0.98 (0.82-1.17)	0.81
Stroke	9,626	421	4.7%	0.84 (0.69-1.02)	0.09 *
MI	9,626	454	4.90%	1.05 (0.76-1.47)	0.76
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Global Death	34,631	4,127	12.2%	0.96 (0.90-1.03)	0.26
CV Death	34,631	2,118	6.3%	0.95 (0.87-1.04)	0.27
Non CV Death	34,631	1,998	5.8%	0.99 (0.91-1.09)	0.87
Stroke	34,631	1,581	4.7%	0.94 (0.75-1.19)	0.61
MI	34,631	1,547	4.4%	1.13 (1.02-1.25)	0.02 **
<b>ARB versus placebo / non ACEi comparator / ACEi</b>					
Global Death	55,050	7,601	14.0%	1.01 (0.96-1.06)	0.80
CV Death	54,050	5,028	9.2%	1.01 (0.95-1.07)	0.71
Non CV Death	54,050	2,562	4.7%	1.00 (0.93-1.09)	0.89
Stroke	53,318	2,285	4.4%	0.92 (0.79-1.08)	0.32
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Trials included IDNT, CHARM Alternative, SCOPE, RENAAL, LIFE, VALUE, ELITE, ELITE-2, DETAIL, OPTIMAAL, and VALIANT.

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## Hypothesis

*Attenuation of both  $AT_1$  and  $AT_2$  receptor-mediated effects (with ACEis) is preferable to isolated  $AT_1$  receptor antagonism but with additional  $AT_2$  receptor stimulation (ARB therapy)*

### Included

Randomized, controlled trials  
At least 100 patients in each group  
Treatment for at least 6 months  
Published in the English language  
From 1980 to March 2005  
Jadad score of at least 3

### Excluded

CHARM-Added  
CHARM-Preserved  
Val-HEFT

### Major clinical end points

Global death  
Cardiovascular death  
Non-cardiovascular death  
Stroke  
Myocardial infarction



# ACEi v. Comparator

CAMELOT, DIABHYCAR, Collaborative Study, BENEDICT, PROGRESS, CONSENSUS, SAVE, AIRE, TRACE, SOLVD Prevention, SOLVD Treatment, FOSINOPRIL, MARCATOR, MERCATOR, SCAT, PART-2, QUIET, HOPE, EUROPA, PEACE, CONSENSUS II, PREVEND IT, ALLHAT, ANBP-2, HYVET Pilot, ABCD, FACET, CAPP, STOP-2, UKPDS 39, J-MIND, CARMEN, ESTIC FLOSEQUINAN VeHFT-2, ELITE, ELITE-2, DETAIL, OPTIMAAL, and VALIANT

	Number at Risk	Number of Events	Control Event Rate	Odds Ratio (95% CL)	P Value Overall Effect
<b>ACEi versus placebo</b>					
Global Death	68,631	7,840	12.2%	0.88 (0.84-0.92)	<0.00001 ****
CV Death	65,497	5,661	9.3%	0.84 (0.76-0.92)	0.0001 ****
Non CV Death	64,487	2,138	3.3%	0.98 (0.90-1.07)	0.70
Stroke	56,373	1,948	3.8%	0.83 (0.71-0.98)	0.03 **
MI	66,986	4,655	7.6%	0.82 (0.77-0.87)	<0.00001 ****
<b>ACEi versus placebo / non ARB comparator</b>					
Global Death	131,524	15,169	12.2%	0.90 (0.85-0.95)	0.0002 ****
CV Death	124,244	8,937	7.4%	0.87 (0.80-0.94)	0.0008 ****
Non CV Death	123,234	5,620	5.0%	0.99 (0.93-1.05)	0.69
Stroke	117,106	4,781	4.3%	0.93 (0.81-1.07)	0.29
MI	128,523	6,440	5.1%	0.84 (0.79-0.88)	<0.00001 ****
<b>ACEi versus placebo / non ARB comparator / ARB</b>					
Global Death	150,943	18,643	13.0%	0.91 (0.86-0.95)	<0.00001 ****
CV Death	143,663	11,847	8.4%	0.88 (0.82-0.95)	0.0005 ****
Non CV Death	142,653	6,184	4.7%	0.98 (0.93-1.04)	0.56
Stroke	135,803	5,485	4.2%	0.94 (0.83-1.06)	0.31
MI	144,790	8,377	5.8%	0.86 (0.82-0.90)	<0.00001 ****

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# EUROPA: results

