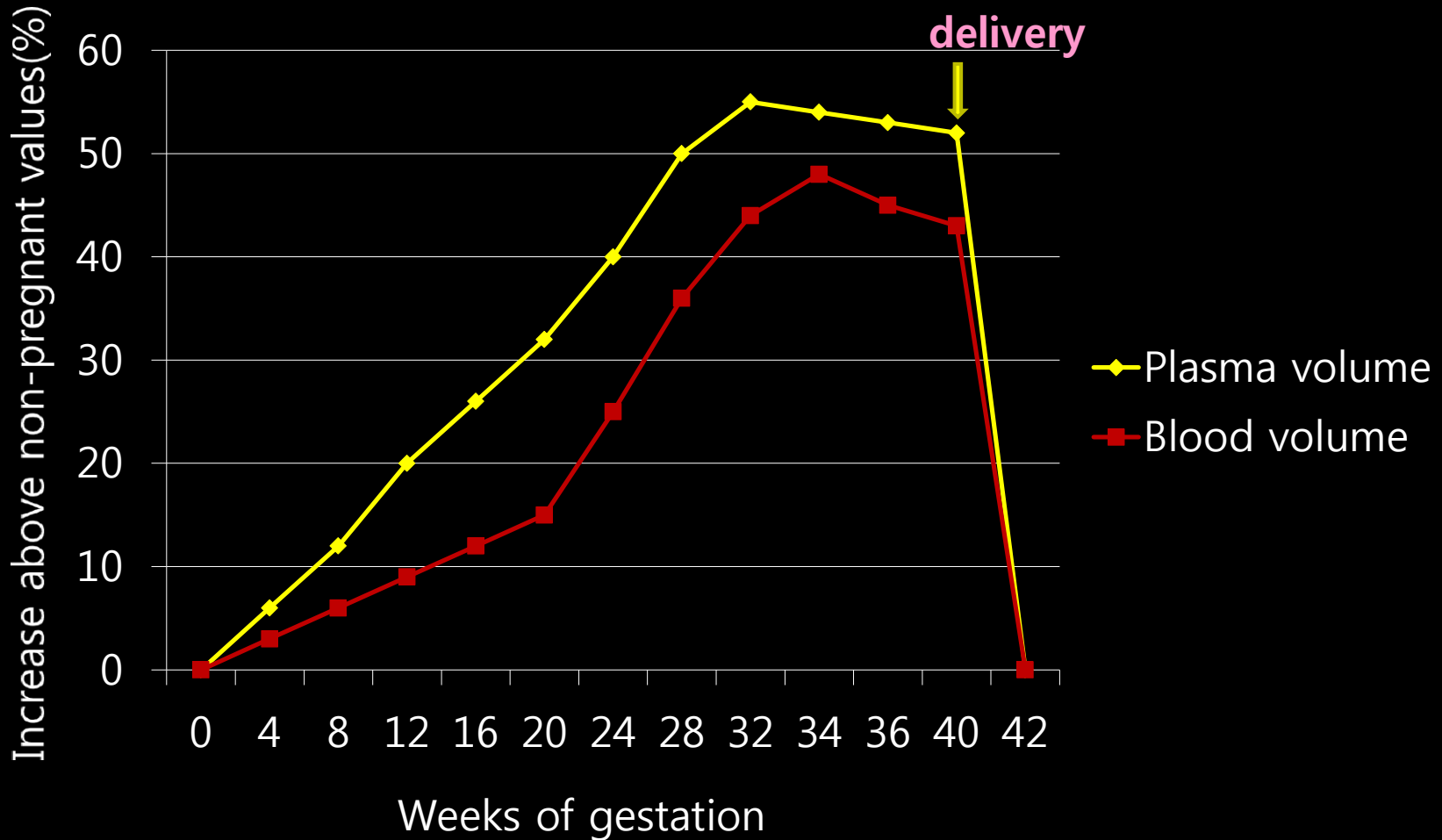


Hypertension in Pregnancy

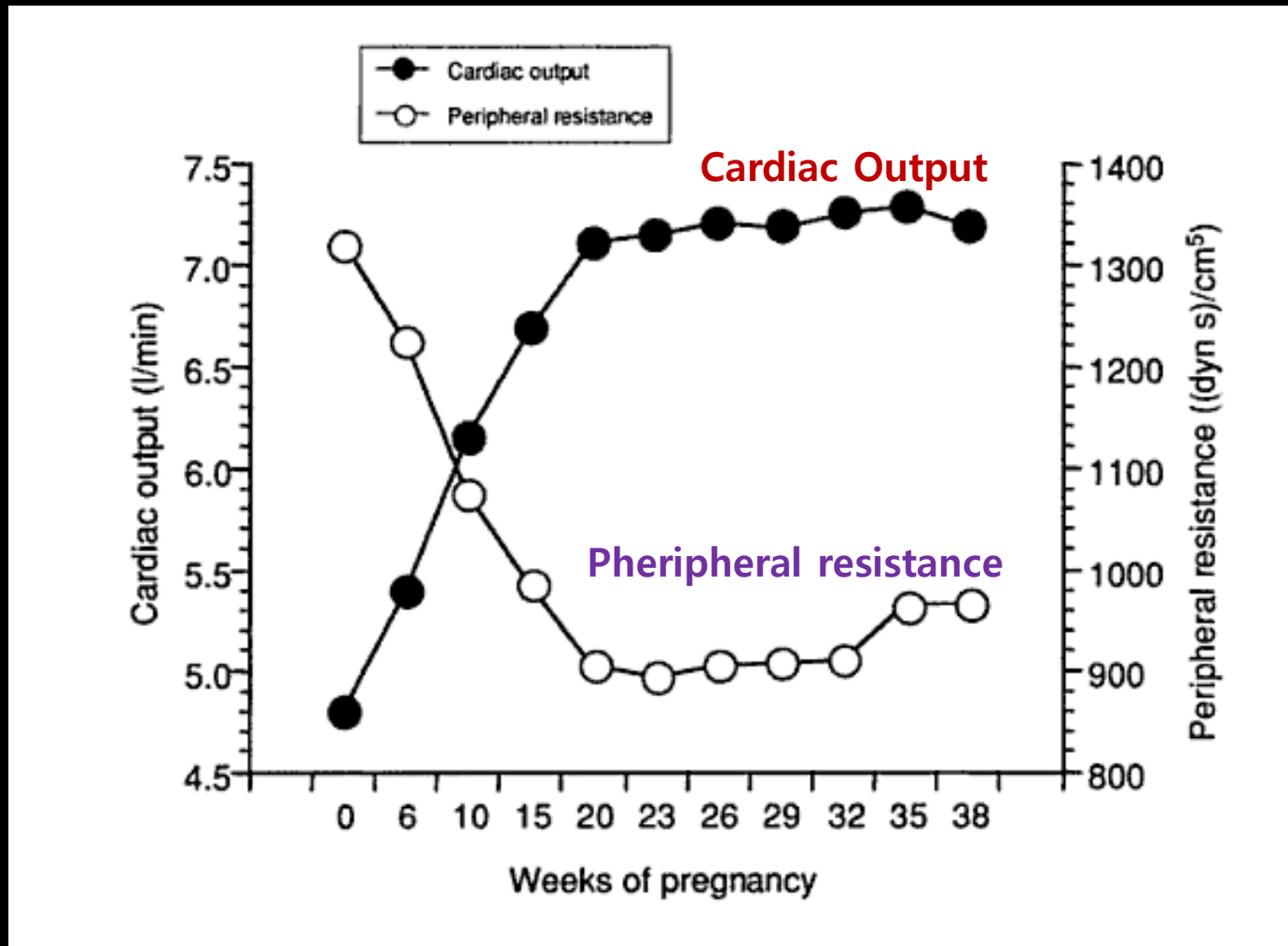
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Adaptations in Normal Pregnancy

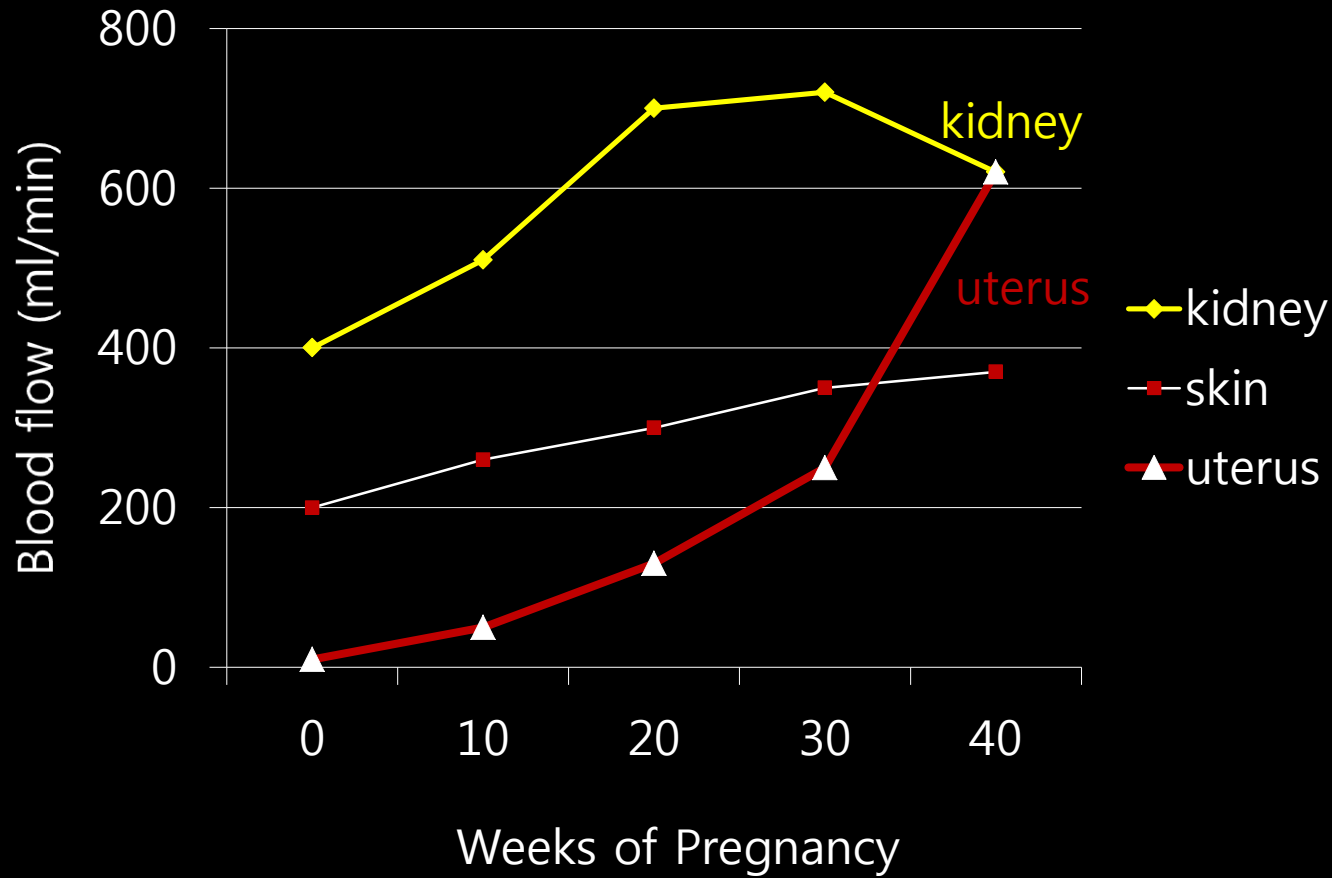
1) Plasma and blood volume



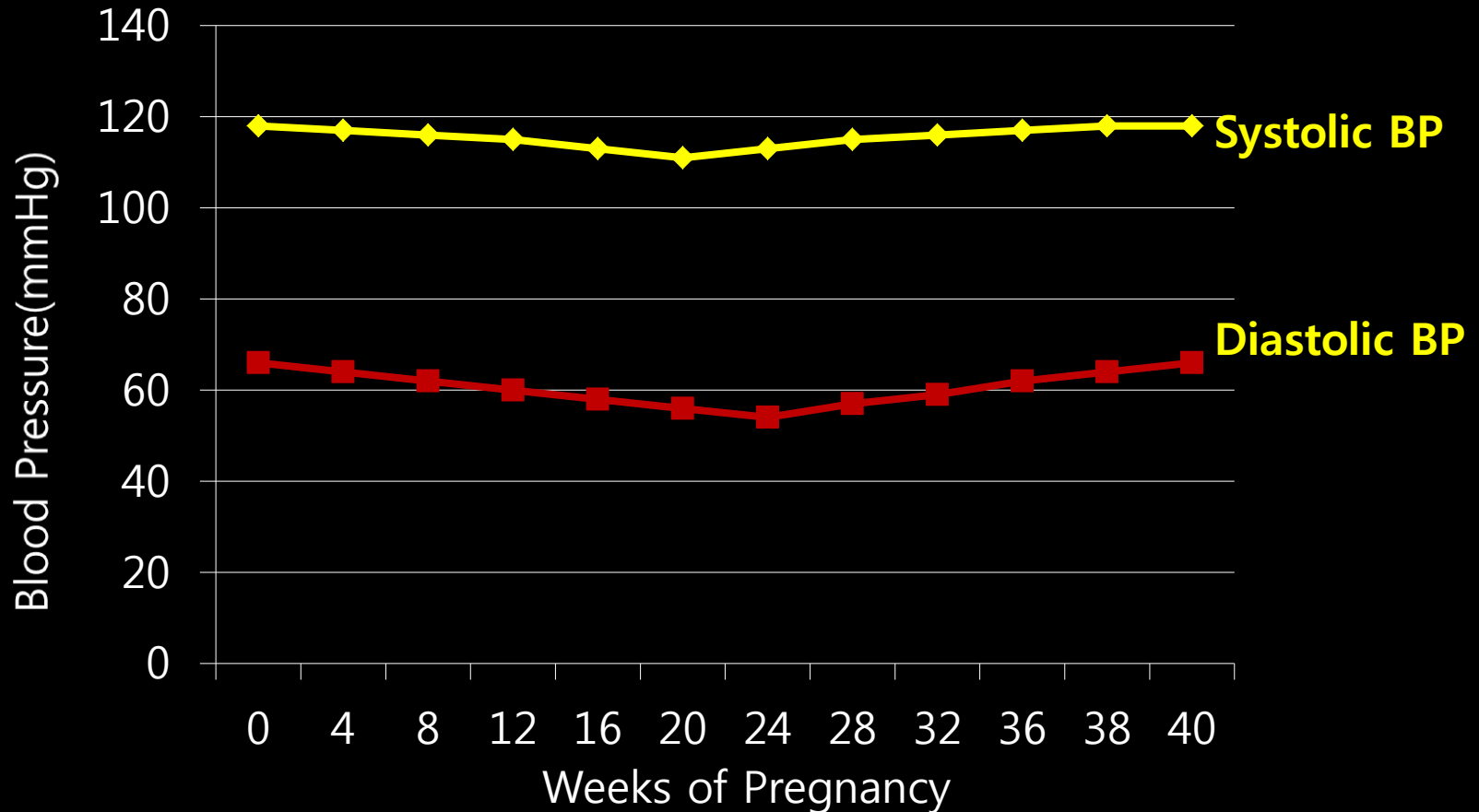
2) Cardiac output & Peripheral resistance during pregnancy



3) blood flow to peripheral organs before and during pregnancy



4) Systolic and Diastolic BP during pregnancy



BP: blood pressure

Diagnosis of hypertension in pregnancy(HP)

Blood pressure \geq 140/90mmHg
during pregnancy

Classification in HP

➤ **Preeclampsia**

-Hypertension developing after 20 weeks` gestation with proteinuria(≥ 300 mg/day) and/or edema

➤ **Gestational hypertension**

-Hypertension developing after 20 weeks` gestation without other signs of preeclampsia (transient hypertension or chronic hypertension)

➤ **Chronic hypertension**

-Hypertension before 20 weeks` gestation in the absence of neoplastic trophoblastic disease

➤ **Preeclampsia superimposed on chronic hypertension**

-Preeclampsia developing in a woman with preexisting hypertension

Subclass by symptoms in HP

➤ Severity

➤ Mild

- systolic BP >140 mmHg but not exceeding 160mmHg &/or
- diastolic BP >90 mmHg but not exceeding 110mmHg &/or
- Proteinuria >300 mg/day but not exceeding 2g/day

➤ Severe

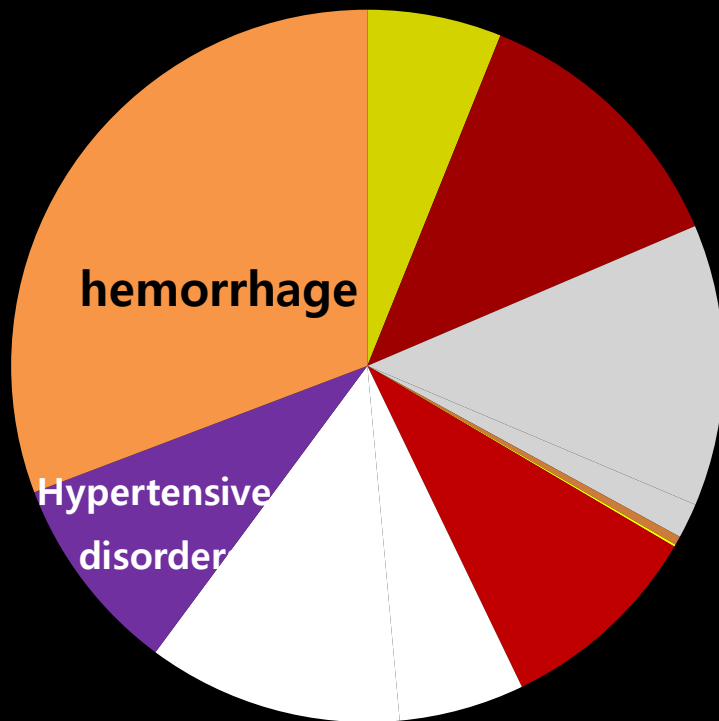
- systolic BP >160 mmHg and/or diastolic BP ≥ 110 mmHg
- proteinuria >2 g/day

(24hour urine sample should be used

random urine sample; repeated test results of 3+ are considered to be severe)

Incidence

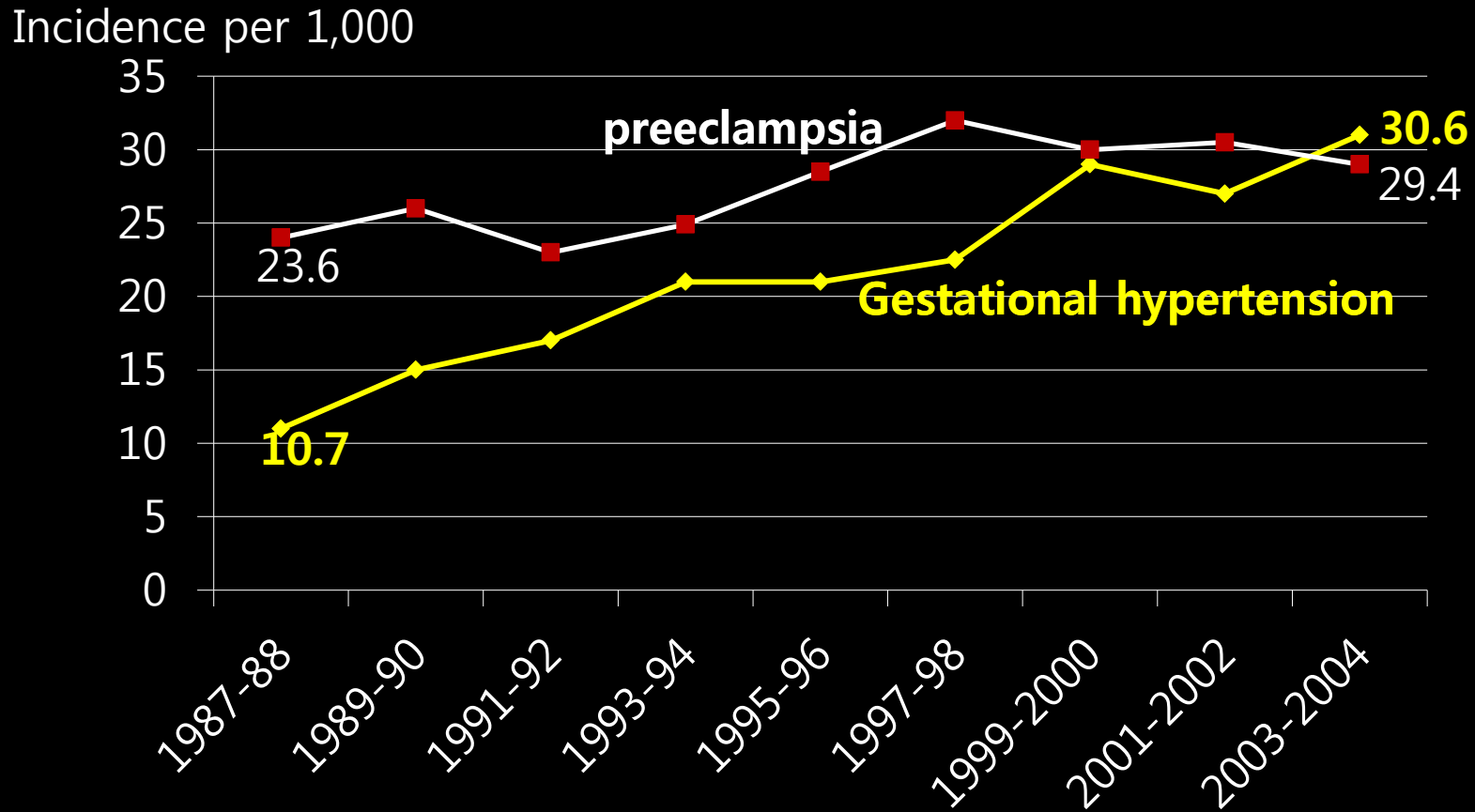
- ◆ incidence; 5-10% of pregnancies
- ◆ second most common cause(15-25%) of maternal death



Asia

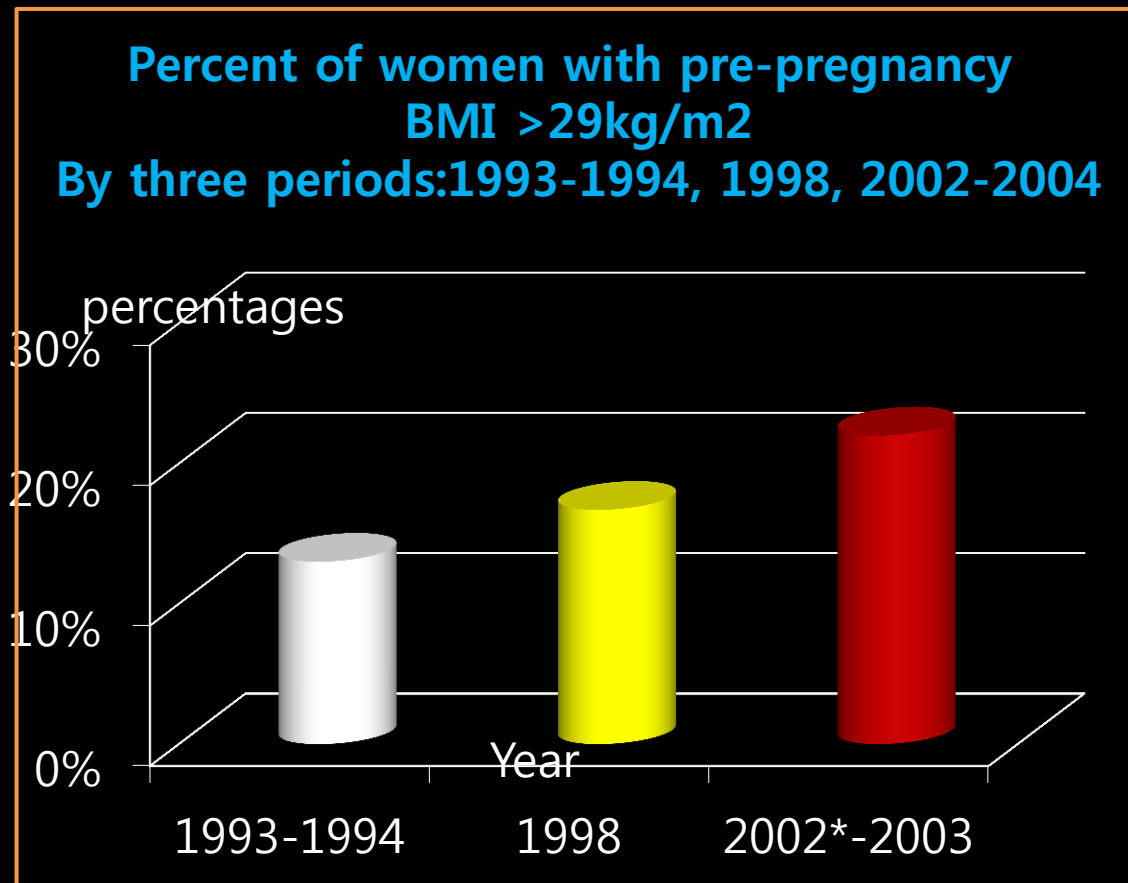
- unclassified death
 - other indirect cause of death
 - anemia
 - HIV/AIDS
 - other direct cause of death
 - embolism
 - ectopic pregnancy
 - obstructed labor
 - abortion
 - sepsis/infection
 - hypertensive disorders
 - hemorrhage
- Khalid SK, et al Lancet 2006;367:1066

Age-adjusted incidence per 1,000 deliveries for women with GH and preeclampsia for 2 year periods, 1987-2004 in United States (National Hospital Discharge Survey)



Risk factors for HP

- pre-pregnancy obesity and metabolic syndrome
- diabetes
- multiple births
- maternal age



Complication of HP

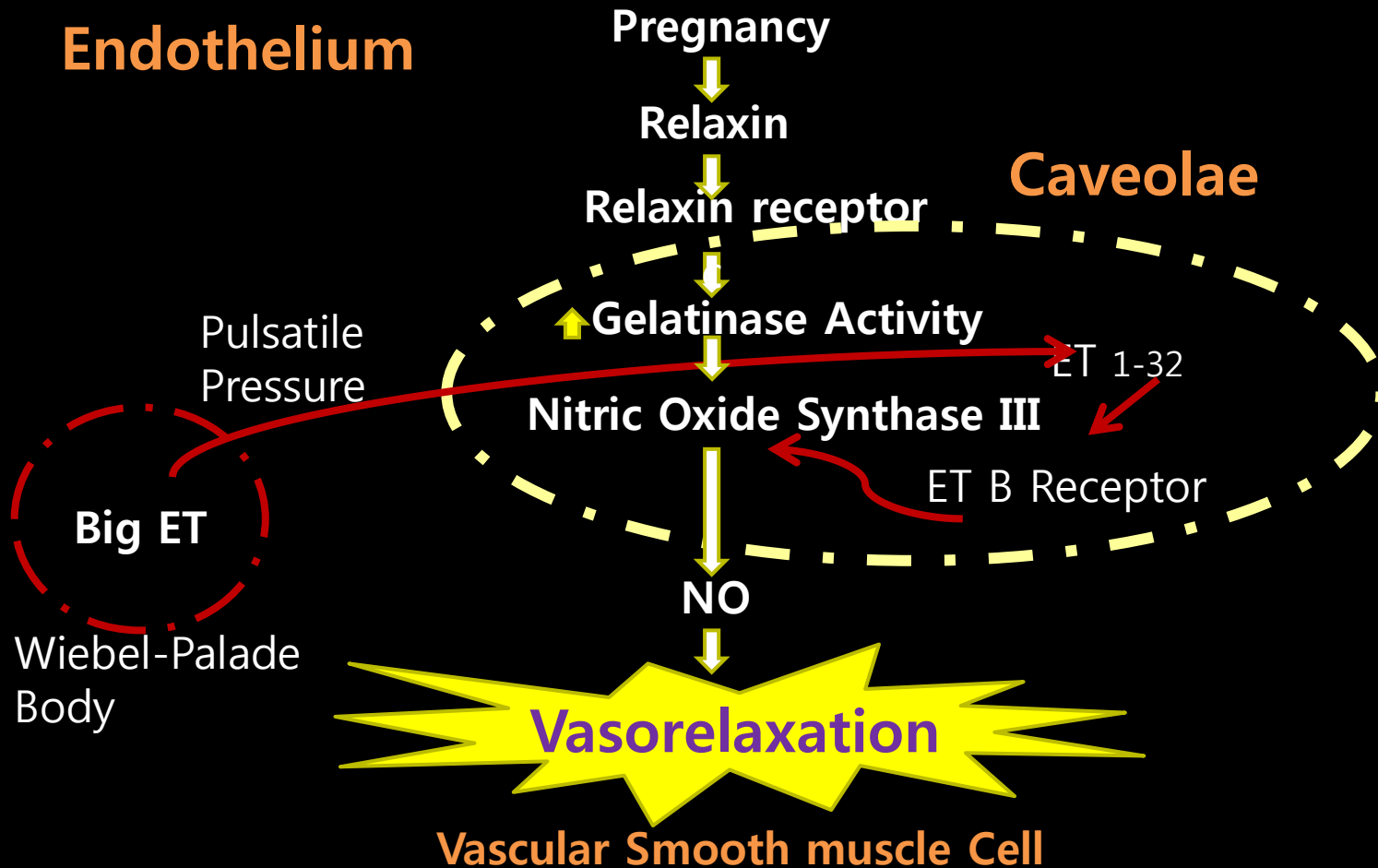
Maternal Complications

- Placenta abruption
- Disseminated intravascular coagulations
- Cerebral Hemorrhage
- Hepatic failure
- Acute Renal Failure

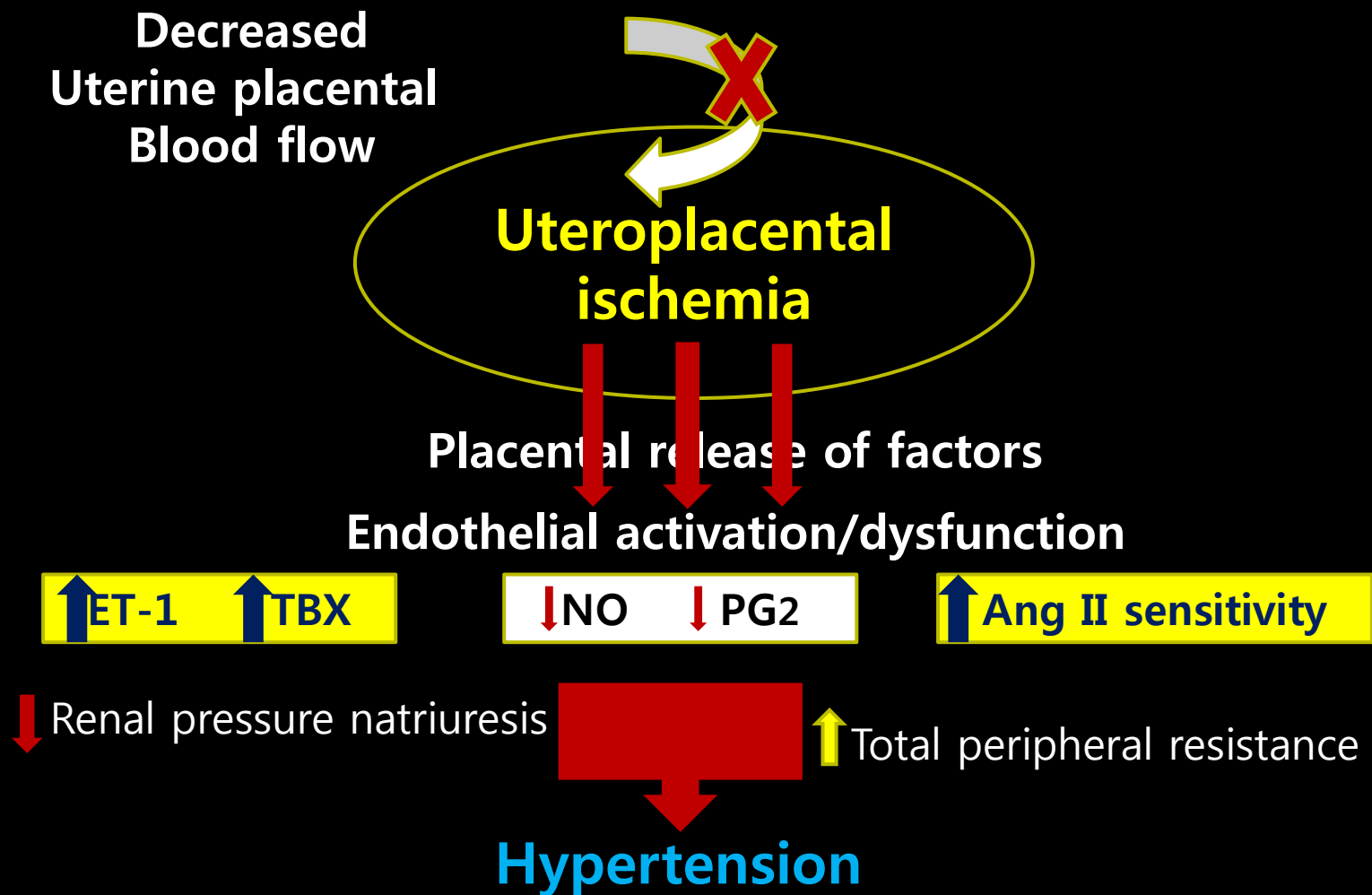
Fetal and Neonatal Complications

- Placental abruption
- Placental insufficiency
- Still births
- Prematurity
- Intrauterine growth restriction

Proposed scheme of cellular mechanisms underlying pregnancy and relaxin-induced vasodilation and hyperfiltration and reduced myogenic reactivity



Potential mechanisms whereby chronic reductions in uteroplacental perfusion may lead to hypertension



Management of Hypertension in Pregnancy

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Treatment of mild to moderate hypertension

Antihypertensive drug therapy for mild to moderate hypertension during pregnancy.

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**Antihypertensive tx
-insufficient data to Determine the benefit
and risks**

Abstract

BACKGROUND: Mild to moderate hypertension during pregnancy is common. Antihypertensive drugs are often used in the belief that lowering blood pressure will prevent progression to more severe disease, and thereby improve outcome.

OBJECTIVES: To assess the effects of antihypertensive drug treatments for women with mild to moderate hypertension during pregnancy.

SEARCH STRATEGY: We searched the Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Group's Trials Register (March 2006), the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (The Cochrane Library 2005, Issue 3), MEDLINE (1966 to November 2005), LILACS (1984 to November 2005) and EMBASE (1974 to November 2005).

SELECTION CRITERIA: All randomised trials evaluating any antihypertensive drug treatment for mild to moderate hypertension during pregnancy defined, whenever possible, as systolic blood pressure 140 to 169 mmHg and diastolic blood pressure 90 to 109 mmHg. Comparisons were of one or more antihypertensive drug(s) with placebo, with no antihypertensive drug, or with another antihypertensive drug, and where treatment was planned to continue for at least seven days.

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: Two review authors independently extracted data.

MAIN RESULTS: Forty-six trials (4282 women) were included. Twenty-eight trials compared an antihypertensive drug with placebo/no antihypertensive drug (3200 women). There is a halving in the risk of developing severe hypertension associated with the use of antihypertensive drug(s) (19 trials, 2409 women; relative risk (RR) 0.50; 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.41 to 0.61; risk difference (RD) -0.10 (-0.12 to -0.07); number needed to treat (NNT) 10 (8 to 13)) but little evidence of a difference in the risk of pre-eclampsia (22 trials, 2702 women; RR 0.97; 95% CI 0.83 to 1.13). Similarly, there is no clear effect on the risk of the baby dying (26 trials, 3081 women; RR 0.73; 95% CI 0.50 to 1.08), preterm birth (14 trials, 1992 women; RR 1.02; 95% CI 0.89 to 1.16), or small-for-gestational-age babies (19 trials, 2437 women; RR 1.04; 95% CI 0.84 to 1.27). There were no clear differences in any other outcomes. Nineteen trials (1282 women) compared one antihypertensive drug with another. Beta blockers seem better than methyldopa for reducing the risk of severe hypertension (10 trials, 539 women, RR 0.75 (95% CI 0.59 to 0.94); RD -0.08 (-0.14 to 0.02); NNT 12 (6 to 275)). There is no clear difference between any of the alternative drugs in the risk of developing proteinuria/pre-eclampsia. Other outcomes were only reported by a small proportion of studies, and there were no clear differences.

AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS: It remains unclear whether antihypertensive drug therapy for mild to moderate hypertension during pregnancy is worthwhile.

Treatment of Severe Hypertension

- Indication of treatment
 - $\geq 160/110$ mmHg to prevent intracranial hemorrhage and maternal death
- Woman with hypertensive encephalopathy, hemorrhage, eclampsia
 - parenteral agents to lower mean BP by 25% over minutes to hours
 - further lower BP to 160/100mmHg over subsequent hours
- Aggressive lowering may cause fetal distress
- Agents
 - Labetalol(IV), Hydralazine(IV), Nifedipine(T), Diazoxide(IV)
relative contraindicated nitroprusside

Hypertensive medications for use during pregnancy

| Drug | Route | Dose | Activity Time | Action | Side Effects |
|---------------------------------|-------|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| First-line agent | | | | | |
| Methyldopa (B) | PO | 0.25-1.5 g twice per day | 3-5 d | False neurotransmitter | Orthostasis, sleepiness |
| Second-line agent | | | | | |
| Labetalol (C) | PO/IV | 200-1200 mg/d 2 or 3 times per day in divided doses 20-40 mg IV every 30 min as needed | 2-4 h/5 min | Nonselective β -blockade | Tremulousness, headache |
| Nifedipine (C) | PO | 30-120 mg/d | 30 min | Calcium channel blocker | Edema, orthostasis, dizziness |
| Hydralazine (C) | PO/IV | 50-300 mg/d 2 or 3 times per day 10 mg IV every 2 h as needed | 1-2 h/20-30 min | Direct vasodilator | Lupus-like syndrome with chronic use |
| HCTZ (C) | PO | 12.5-25 mg daily | 3-5 d | Diuretic | |
| Selective β -blockers (C) | PO | Variable | 1-2 wk | Selective β -blocker | Generally safe, bradycardia, may decrease uteroplacental perfusion, neonatal hypoglycemia at higher doses |
| Metoprolol (C) | PO/IV | 25-100 mg daily | 3-5 d | Selective β -blocker | Bradycardia |
| Emergency Medications | | | | | |
| IV labetalol as noted above | | | | | |
| IV hydralazine as noted above | | | | | |
| Nifedipine (C) as noted above | | | | | |
| Diazoxide (C) | IV | 30-50 mg IV every 5-15 min | 2-4 min | Direct vasodilator | Hypotension, hypoglycemia |
| Nitroprusside (C or D) | IV | 0.25-5 μ g/kg/min | 1-2 min | Direct vasodilator | Hypotension, cyanide toxicity if used > 4 h |

IV = intravenously; PO = by mouth; HCTZ = hydrochlorothiazide.

Contraindication

; ACEI,

ARB,

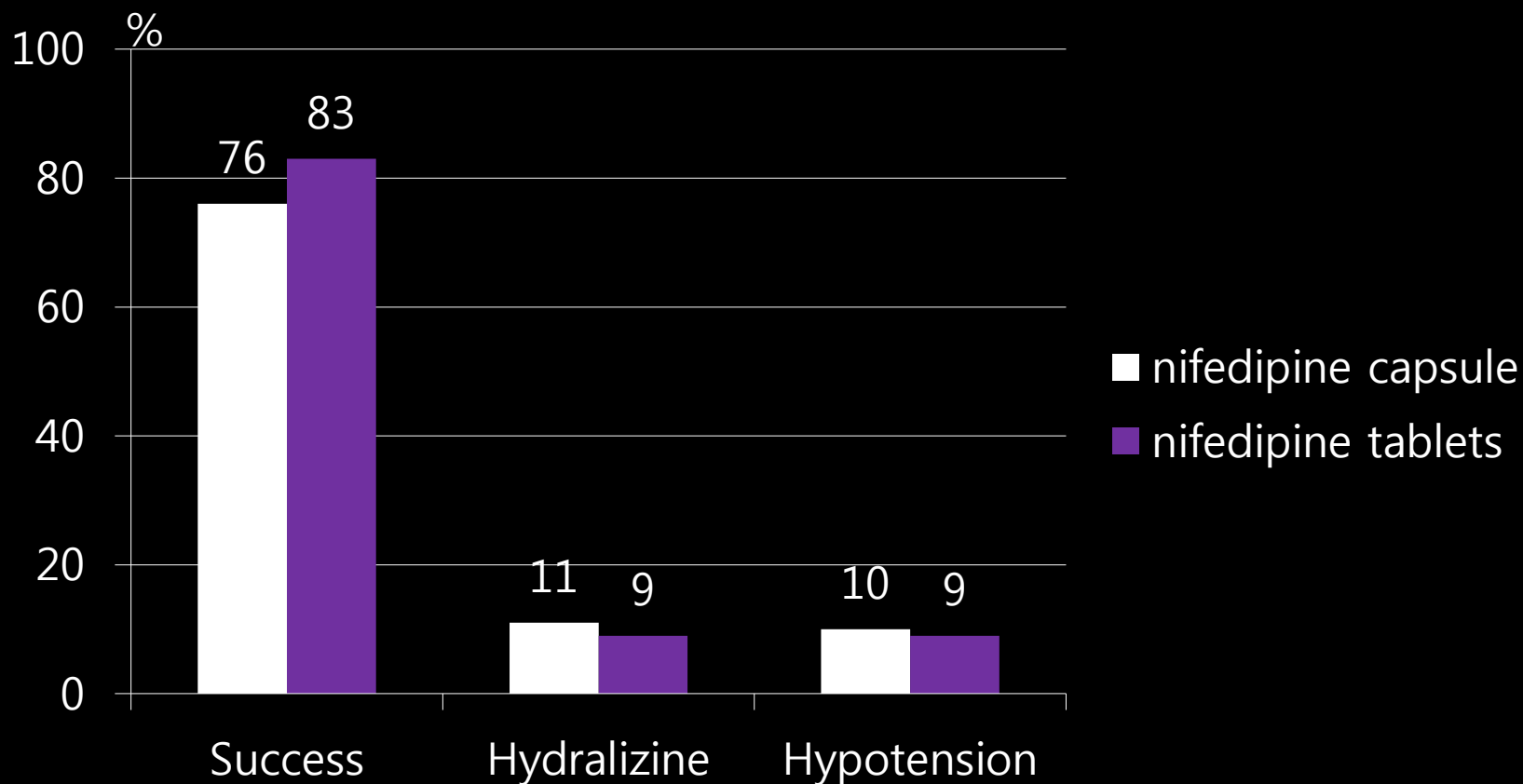
Direct renin inhibitor in 2nd and 3rd trimester

Calcium Channel Antagonists

- **nifedipine**
- nicardipine
- isradipine
- felodipine
- verapamil
- amlodipine ?

Percentage of women who received nifedipine capsule or tablets who had successful lowering of blood pressure, who required intravenous hydralazine, or who had hypotension at the end of the 90minute period after treatment for severe hypertension

(10mg nifedipine capsule and tablet, 64 women in second half of pregnancy BP 170/110mmHg)



Maternal and fetal outcomes in women who received nifedipine capsules or tablets for the treatment of severe hypertension in pregnancy

| Outcome | Capsules | Tablets | P value |
|---|----------|---------|---------|
| Preeclampsia(%) | 53 | 78 | 0.04 |
| Entry caused by severe SBP(%) | 81 | 65 | 0.04 |
| Severe DBP(%) | 64 | 65 | 0.88 |
| Severe SBP and DBP(%) | 45 | 31 | 0.13 |
| Medication score | 3.3 | 4 | 0.21 |
| Fetal death(n) | 0 | 0 | |
| Birth weight(g) | 2812 | 2484 | 0.1 |
| Small for gestational age: 3rd percentile(n) | 3 | 16 | 0.1 |
| Small for gestational age: 10th percentile(n) | 14 | 29 | 0.15 |

BP; blood pressure

SBP; systolic BP, DBP;diastolic BP

Vanessa AR, et al. atherosclerosis, 2004;175:189

Exposure to Amlodipine in the First Trimester of Pregnancy and During Breastfeeding

(Case report-3 cases)

| Case | Ultrasound | Triple test | Birth Weight | Follow -up |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | 정상 | 정상 | 3,570g | At 3 month old 6.3 kg healthy |
| 2 | Ascites, small Gastric chamber | 정상 | 2,600g | At 20months old Weakness of left Arm and intellectual delay |
| 3 | G. Sac without Cardiac activity | | | |

Maternal Antihypertensive Medications Usually Compatible With Breastfeeding

- Methyldopa/Labetalol
- Nifedipine/Diltiazem/Verapamil
- Hydralazine
- Hydrochlorothiazide/**spironolactone**
- **Captopril/Enalapril**
- **Nadolol/Oxprenolol/Propranolol/Timolol**
(↔ **atenolol, metoprolol**)

**Alternative Analyses of Risk of Major Congenital Malformations
Among Study Infants With Fetal Exposure to ACE Inhibitors
during the First Trimester Alone**
(cohort of 29,507 infants enrolled in Tennessee Medicaid,
born between 1985-2000)

| Alternative Analysis | Any Malformation | Cardiovascular Marformation | CNS Marformation |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | Risk ratio(95% confidence interval) | | |
| Entry study group | 2.71(1.72-4.27) | 3.72(1.89-7.30) | 4.39(1.37-14.02) |
| ACE inhibitor prescription Filled >14 days after last menstrual period | 2.96(1.83-4.79) | 4.04(1.98-8.25) | 5.45(1.69-17.64) |
| Broader definition of diabetes | 2.77(1.76-4.37) | 3.81(1.94-7.49) | 4.48(1.40-14.38) |
| Patent ductus arteriosus excluded | 2.51(1.54-4.09) | 3.35(1.55-7.27) | 4.39(1.37-14.02) |

Chronic Hypertension

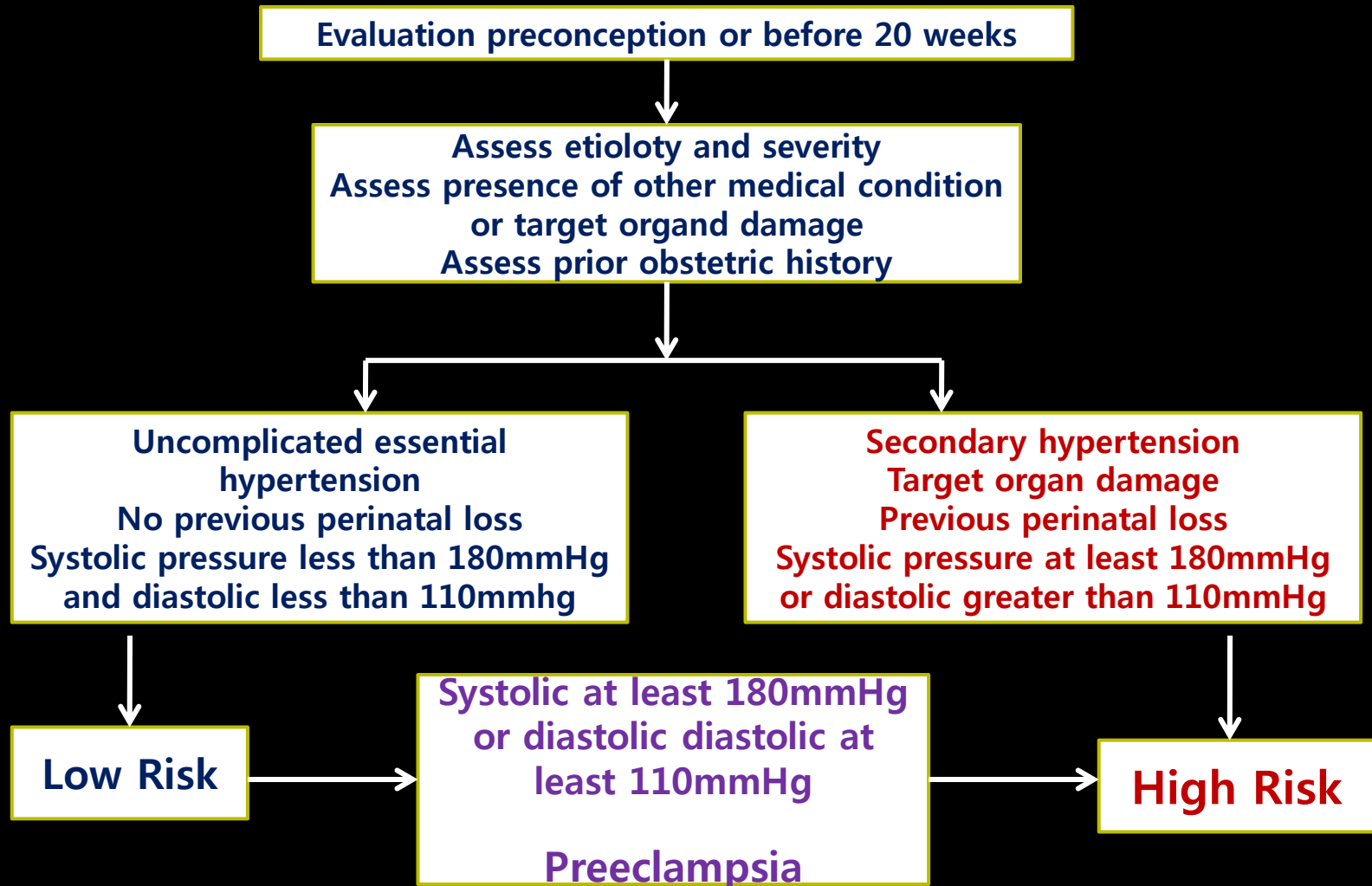
➤ Incidence

-3% of pregnancy

➤ Adverse pregnancy outcomes

- superimposed preeclampsia(10-25%/50%)
- placental abruption(0.7-1.5% / 5-10%)
- preterm birth prior to 37 weeks(12-34%/62-70%)
- fetal growth restriction(8-16%/31-40%)

Initial evaluation of women with CH



Target organ damage: left ventricular dysfunction, retinopathy, dyslipidemia, maternal age above 40y, microvascular disease, stroke

Antepartum management of CH

Pregnant women with chronic hypertension

Low Risk

High Risk

- No antihypertensive drugs
- Ultrasound examination at 16-20weeks, repeat at 30-32 weeks and monthly after that until term

- Hospitalization at initial visit
- Antihypertensive drugs are needed to keep systolic below 140mmHg and diastolic below 90mmHg(for women with TOD)
- Ultrasound examination at 16-20 weeks, repeat at 28 weeks and then every 3 weeks until delivery
- Non-stress test and/or biophysical profile at 28weeks and then weekly

1. Antihypertensive drugs if severe hypertension develops
2. If preeclampsia develops, if antihypertensive drugs are used, or if there is abnormal fetal growth, then begin immediate fetal testing with non-stress test of biophysical profile. Continue serial testing until delivery

1. Hospitalization if there is exacerbation to severe hypertension, if there is preeclampsia, or if there is evidence of abnormal fetal growth
2. Frequent evaluation of maternal and fetal well-being
3. Consider delivery at 36-37 weeks

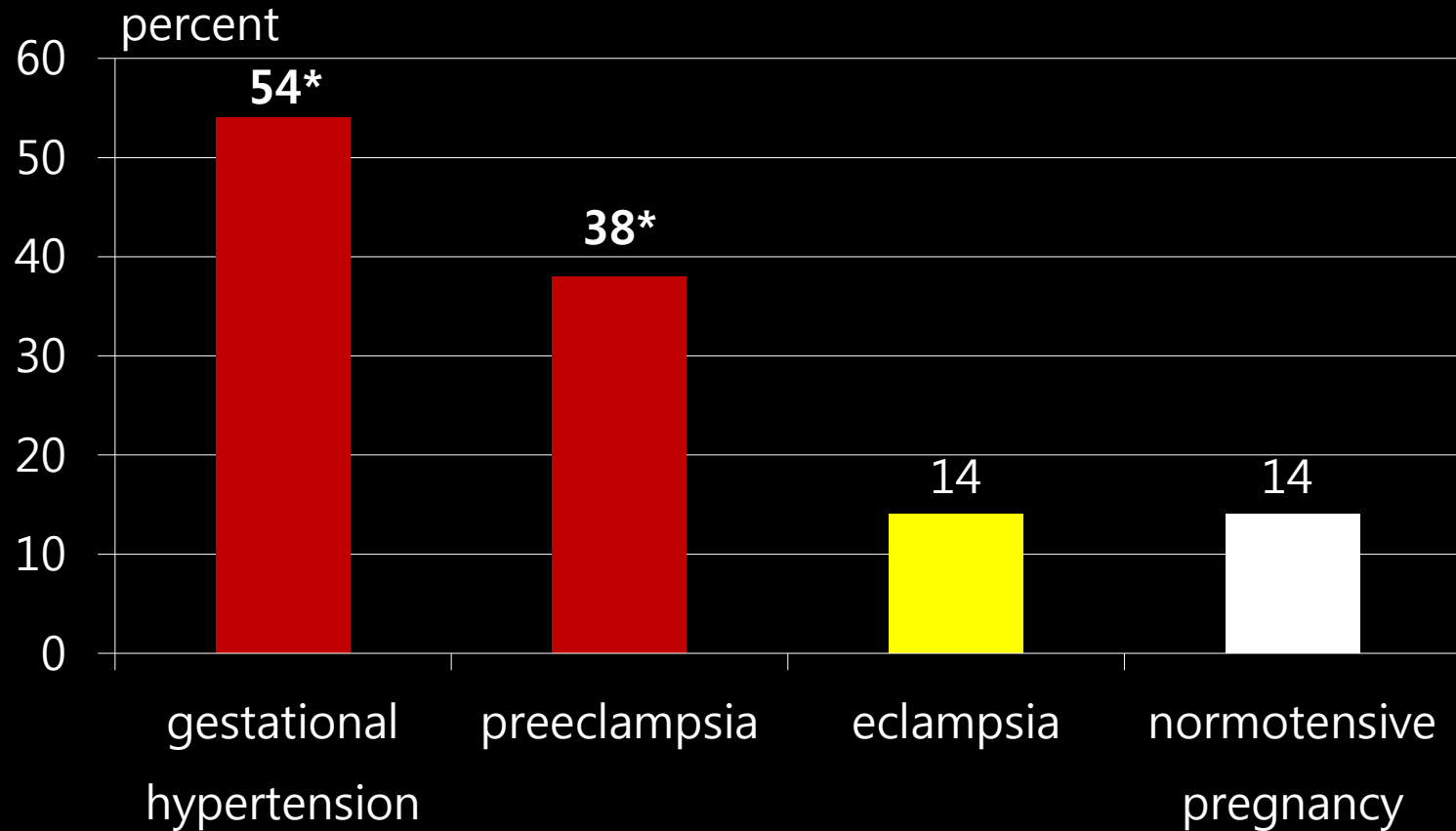
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Aims of treatment of CH

- **No evidence** that treatment prevents the adverse pregnancy conditions of superimposed preeclampsia and abruption or improves fetal and maternal outcomes
- Treatment reduces in the development of severe hypertension later in pregnancy.
- There are benefits for the reduction of BP <160/110mmHg, above which is a strong risk of stroke. And Maternal morbidity such as renal failure and heart failure in secondary hypertension is improved .
- **Mean arterial pressure** in the first and second trimester is better predictor of subsequent preeclampsia than SBP, DBP, or increase in BP.

Pregnancy as a window for future health

Long-term hypertension prevalence in the different types of pregnancy-induced hypertension and normotensive pregnancies (prospective study 1973 to 1991, 702 patients(HP-476 NP-226))



Maternal history of PET/eclampsia and risk of cardiovascular disease

| Author | Disease | RR(95% CI) |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hannaforde et al. | Hypertensive disease | 2.35(2.08-2.65) |
| | Acute MI | 2.24(1.42-3.53) |
| | Chronic IHD | 1.74(1.06-2.86) |
| | Angina pectoris | 1.53(1.09-2.15) |
| | All IHD | 1.65(1.26-2.16) |
| | VTE | 1.62(1.09-2.41) |
| Van Walraven et al. | Thromboembolism | 2.2(1.3-3.7) |
| Wilson et al. | Hypertension | 3.98(2.82-5.61) |

MI; myocardial infarction, IHD ischemic Heart disease

VTE; venous thromboembolism

PET; preeclampsia

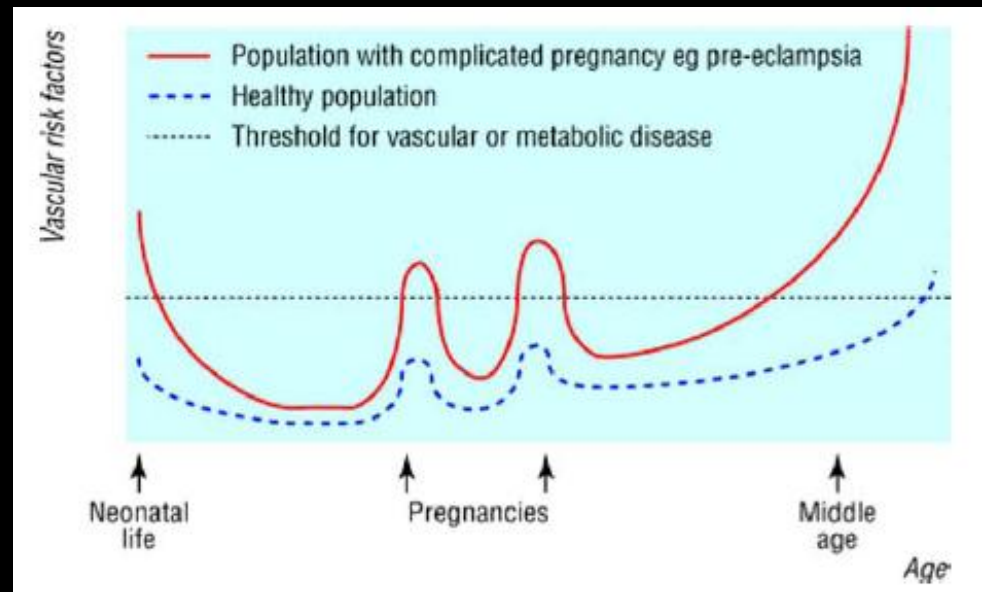
Risk of maternal premature cardiovascular disease, according to type of maternal placental syndrome and concomitant presence of poor fetal growth or intrauterine fetal death

(CHAMPS:population based retrospective cohort study)

| | Adjusted HR(95% CI)* For cardiovascular disease |
|---|--|
| Maternal placental syndrome(n=75380) * | 2.0(1.7-2.2) |
| Placental abruption(n=11156) Or infarction(n=9303) | 1.7(1.3-3.2) |
| Gestational hypertension(n=20942) | 1.8(1.4-2.2) |
| Preeclampsia(n=36982) | 2.1(1.8-2.4) |
| Maternal placental syndrome and Poor fetal growth(n=4390) | 3.1(2.2-4.5) |
| Maternal placental syndrome and Intrauterine fetal death(n=1171) | 4.4(2.4-7.9) |

Common hypothesis underlying metabolic syndrome and preeclampsia

- Endothelial dysfunction and activation
- Insulin resistance
- Oxidative stress
- Inflammation



Risk factors for vascular disease are identifiable during excursions into the metabolic syndrome of pregnancy

Take Home messages

- 임신성 고혈압의 빈도가 증가되고 있고 비만 임신부와, 고령 산모의 증가로 가임기 여성을 대상으로 임신 전 혈압 측정이 필요하다.
- 항고혈압제로 methylopa, labetalol이 안정적이거나 현실적으로 칼슘길항제에 대한 고려가 필요하다.
(nifedipine)
- 합병증이 동반되었던 임산부를 대상으로 심혈관계 질환에 대한 추적 관찰이 필요할 수 있다.