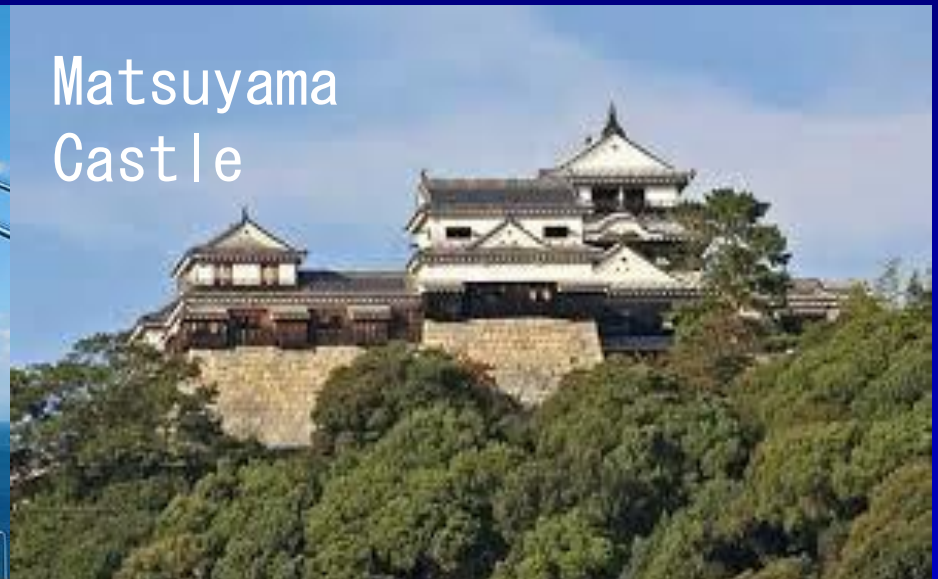


# Strategies to Achieve Target Blood Pressure in Asians with Resistant Hypertension



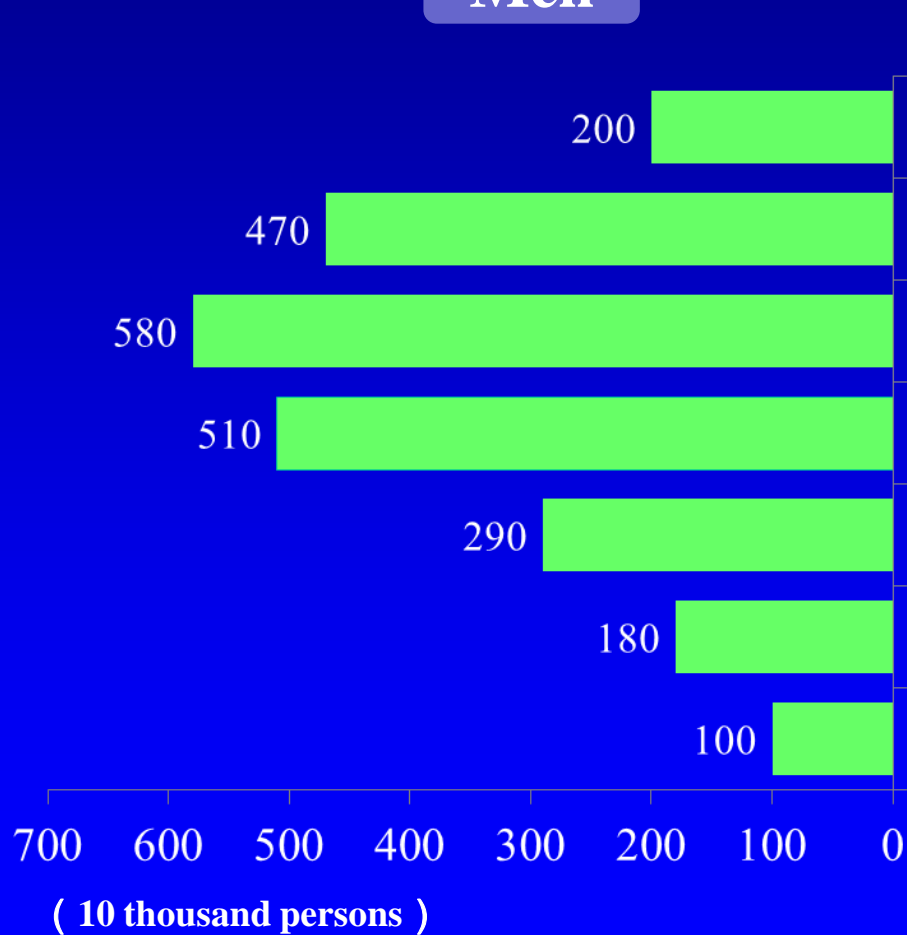
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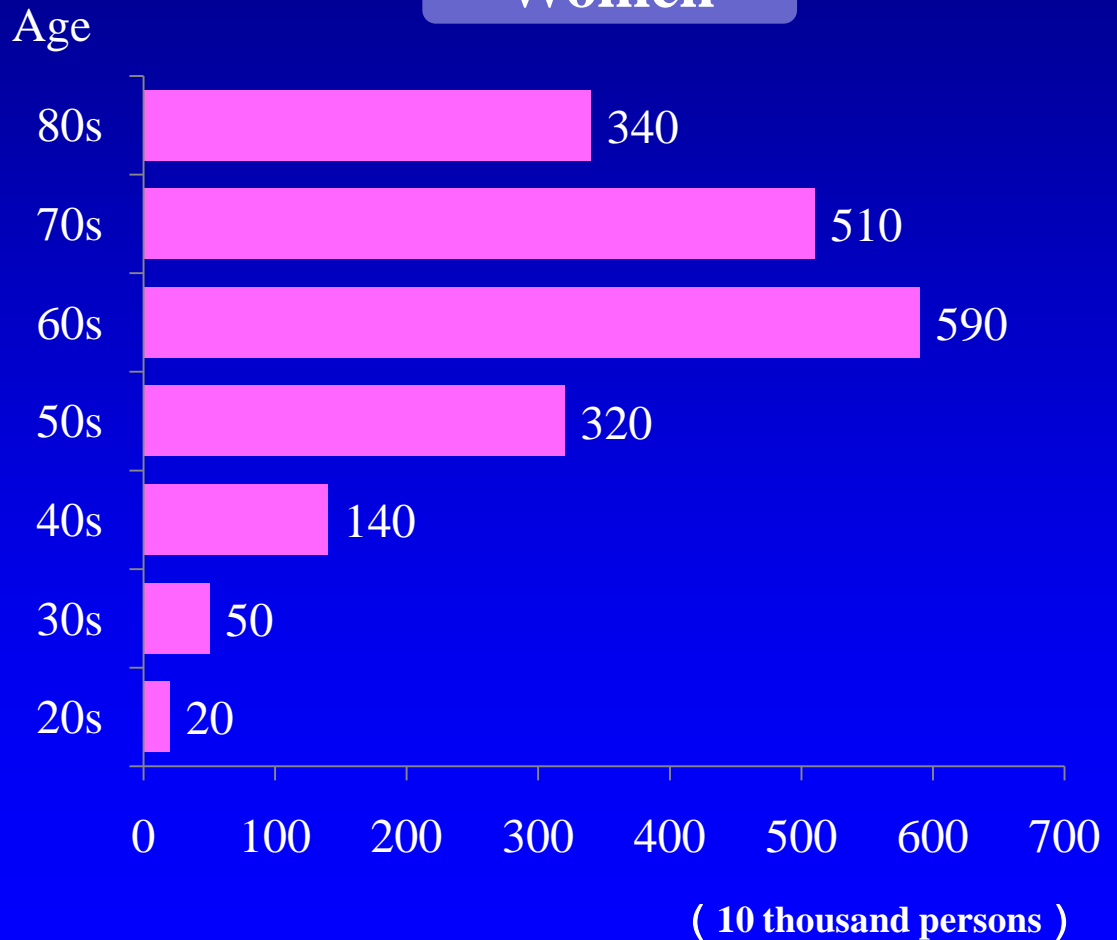
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# Estimated Number of Hypertensives in Japan

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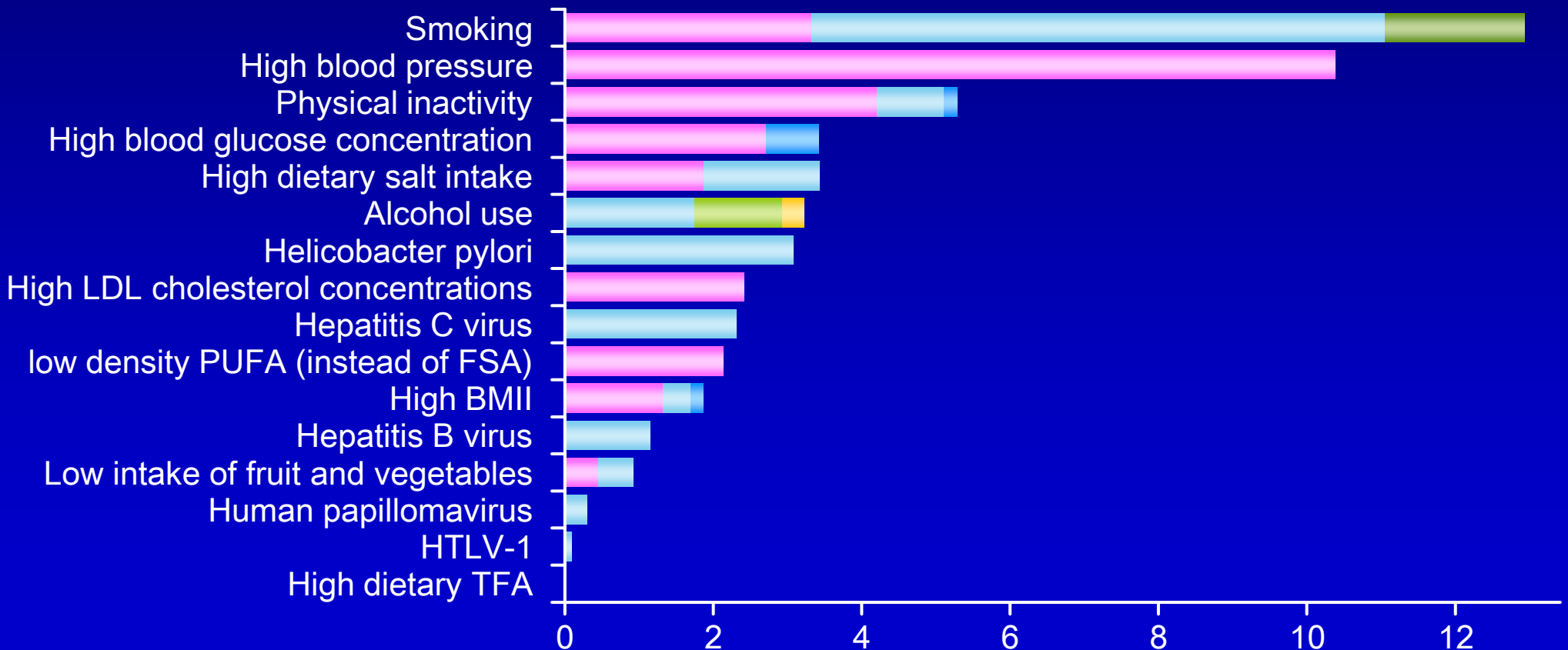
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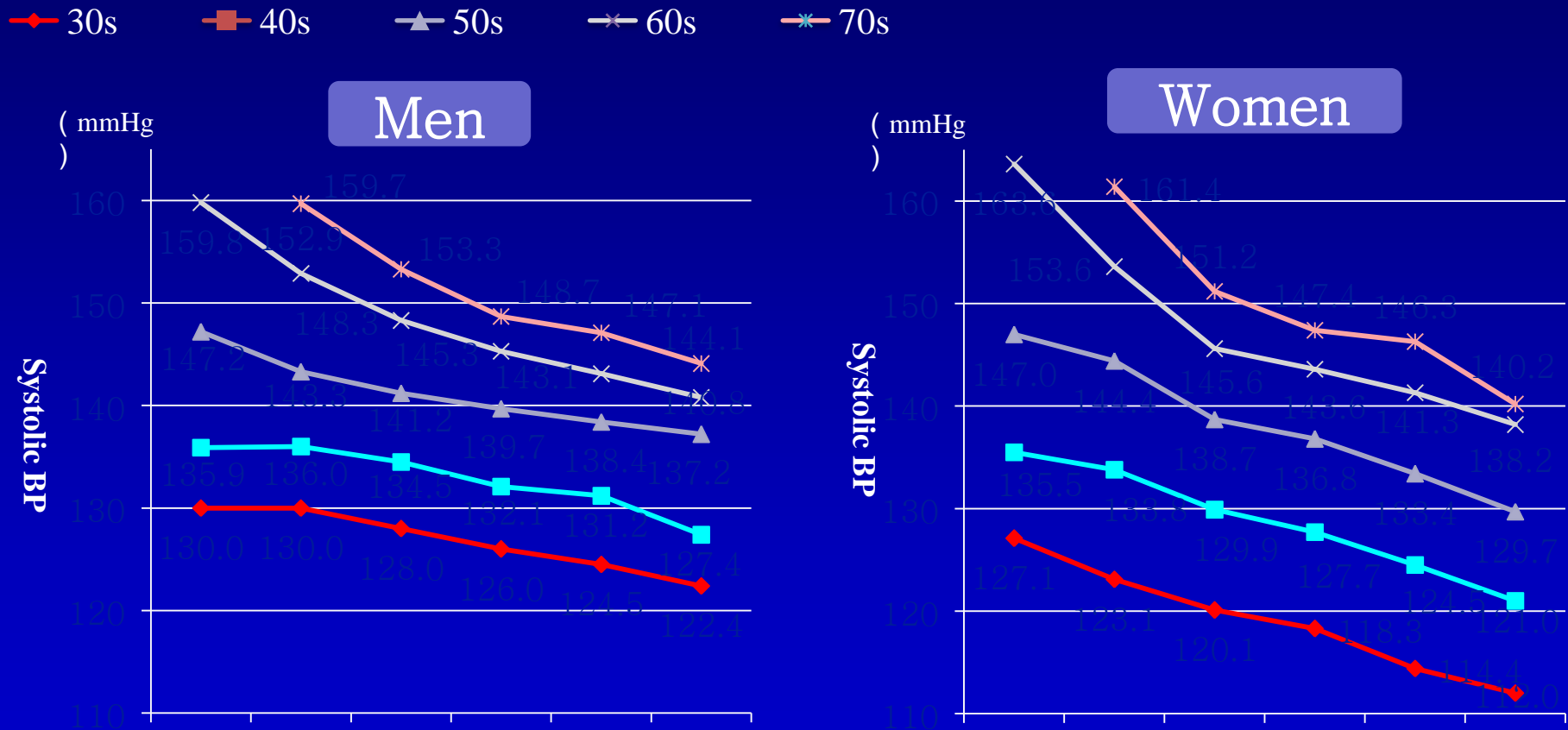
(Estimated from NIPPON DATA2010 and 2010 National census of Japan)

# The Number of Deaths from Noncommunicable diseases and injuries that were attributable to risk factors in Japan in 2007 ( Total men and women )

Disease    ■ Cardiovascular diseases    ■ Cancer    ■ Diabetes    ■ Respiratory diseases  
■ Other noncommunicable diseases    ■ Injuries



# The 50-year Trend in the Blood Pressure (mmHg) by Sex and AGE Group ( 1961-2010 )



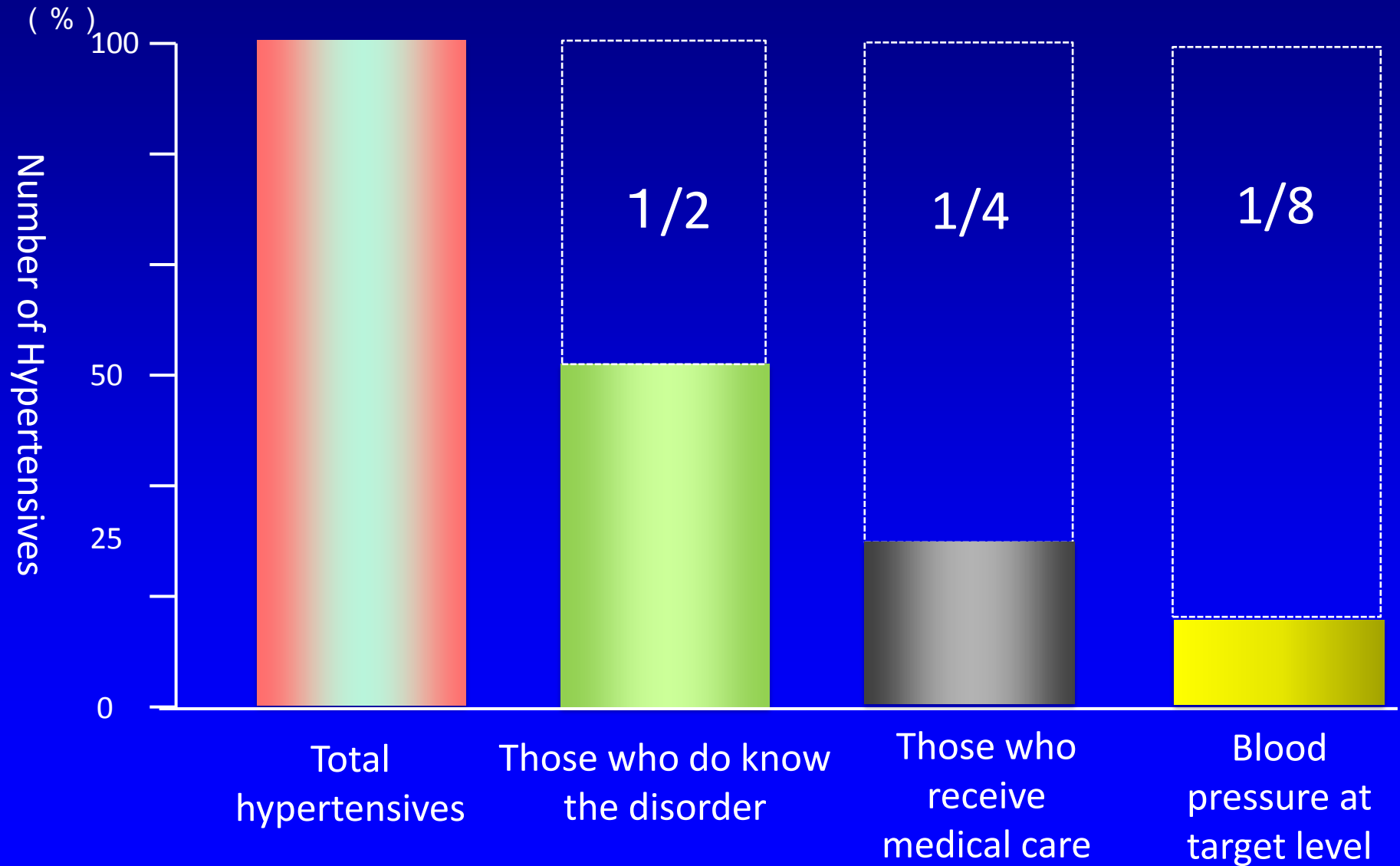
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# TARGET BLOOD PRESSURE

## JSH2014

	<i>Clinic blood pressure</i>	<i>Home blood pressure</i>
Young, middle-aged and early-phase elderly patients	<140/90 mm Hg	<135/85 mm Hg
Late-phase elderly patients	<150/90 mm Hg (<140/90 mm Hg if tolerated)	<145/85 mm Hg (<135/85 mm Hg if tolerated)
Diabetic patients	<130/80 mm Hg	<125/75 mm Hg
Patients with CKD (with proteinuria)	<130/80 mm Hg	<125/75 mm Hg (criterion)
Patients with cerebrovascular diseases	<140/90 mm Hg	<135/85 mm Hg (criterion)
Patients with coronary artery disease	<140/90 mm Hg	<135/85 mm Hg (criterion)

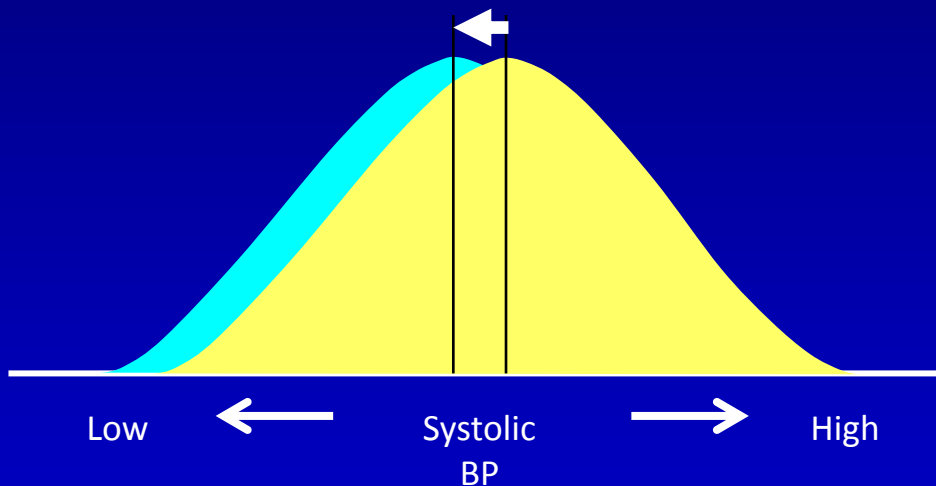
# The Rule of Halves in Hypertensives



# Public Health Measures against Hypertension

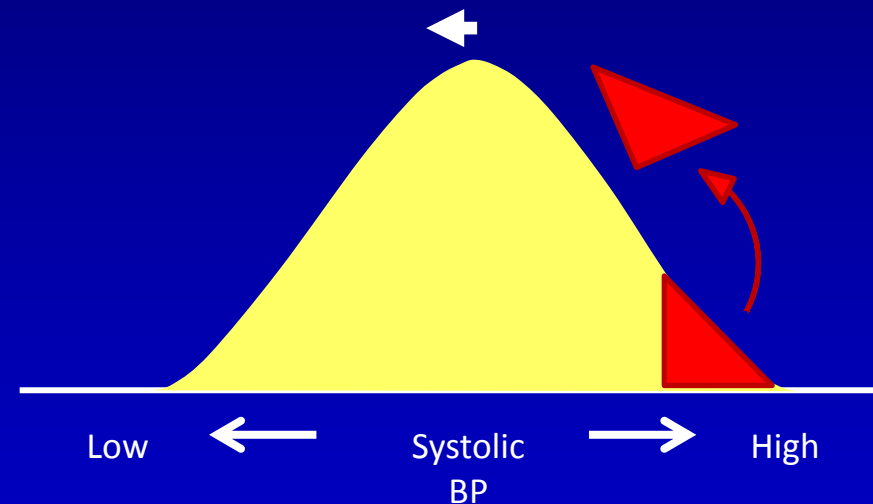
## Population strategy

4mmHg decrease in the mean value



Nutrition/diet  
Physical activity/exercise  
Alcohol drinking  
10% increase in the  
proportion taking  
antihypertensive drugs

## High-risk strategy



Resistant hypertension  
poorly controlled hypertension

\* 3-30% of all hypertensives who  
receive three different  
antihypertensive drugs



# Why Lower Blood Pressure to Achieve Target Blood Pressure ?

「High Salt Intake」



「Obesity」

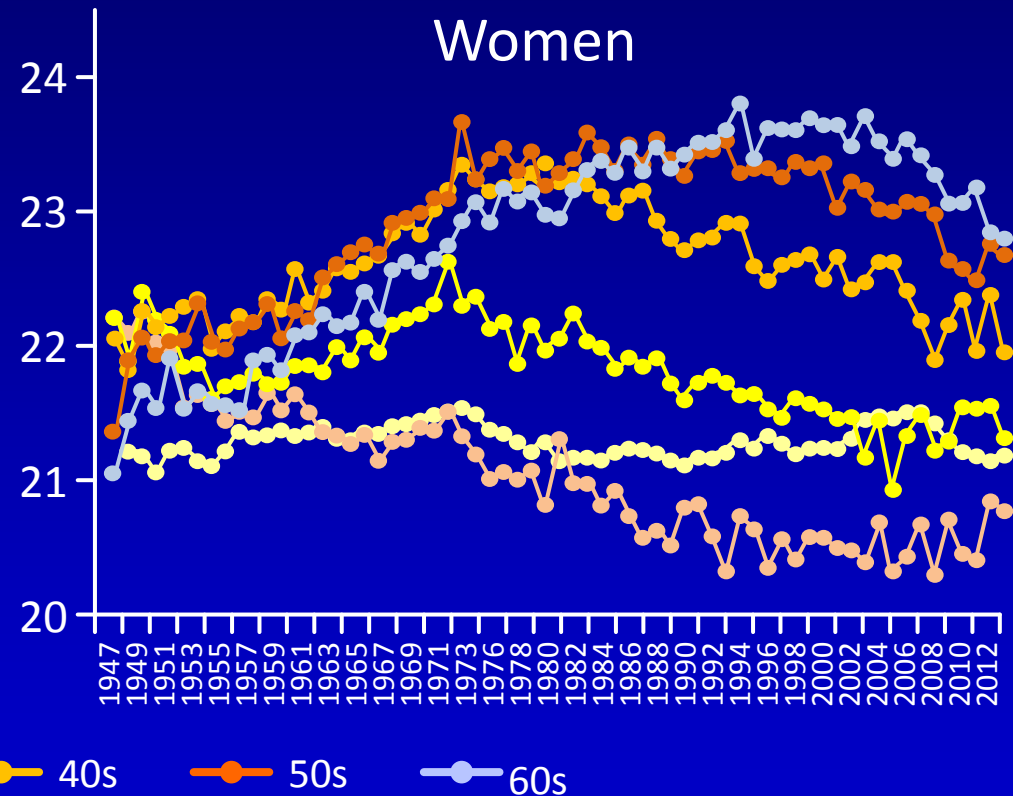
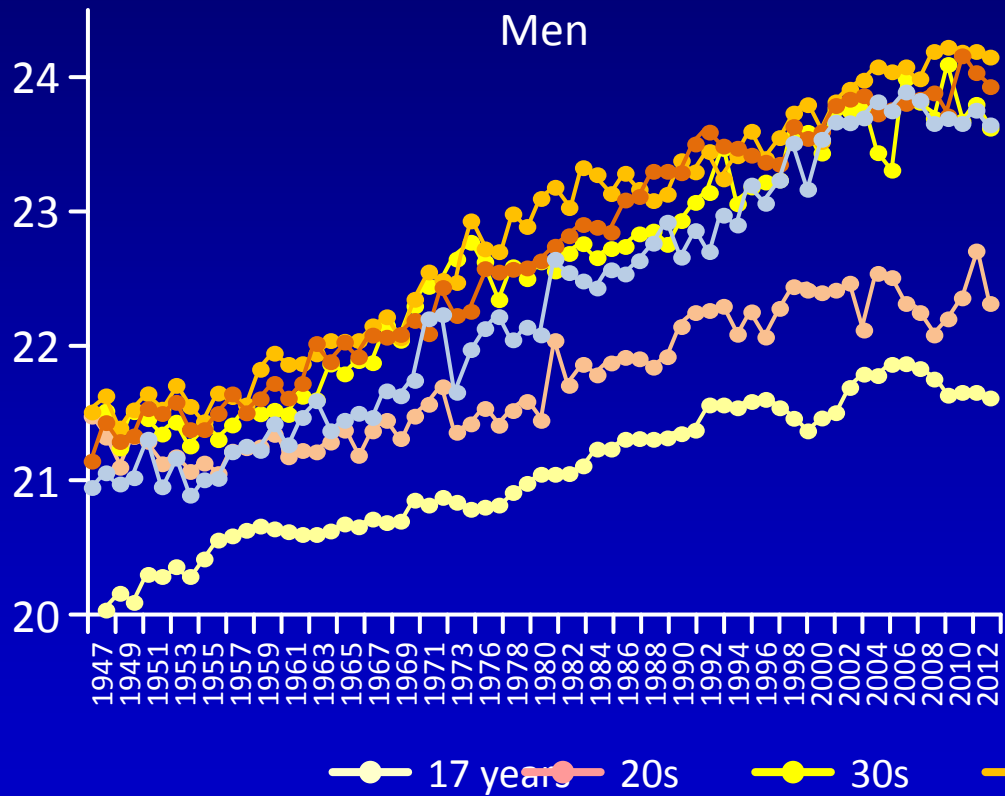


Cardiometabolic Disease

# Change of BMI in Japanese

Change in BMI in Japan (1947 – 2012)

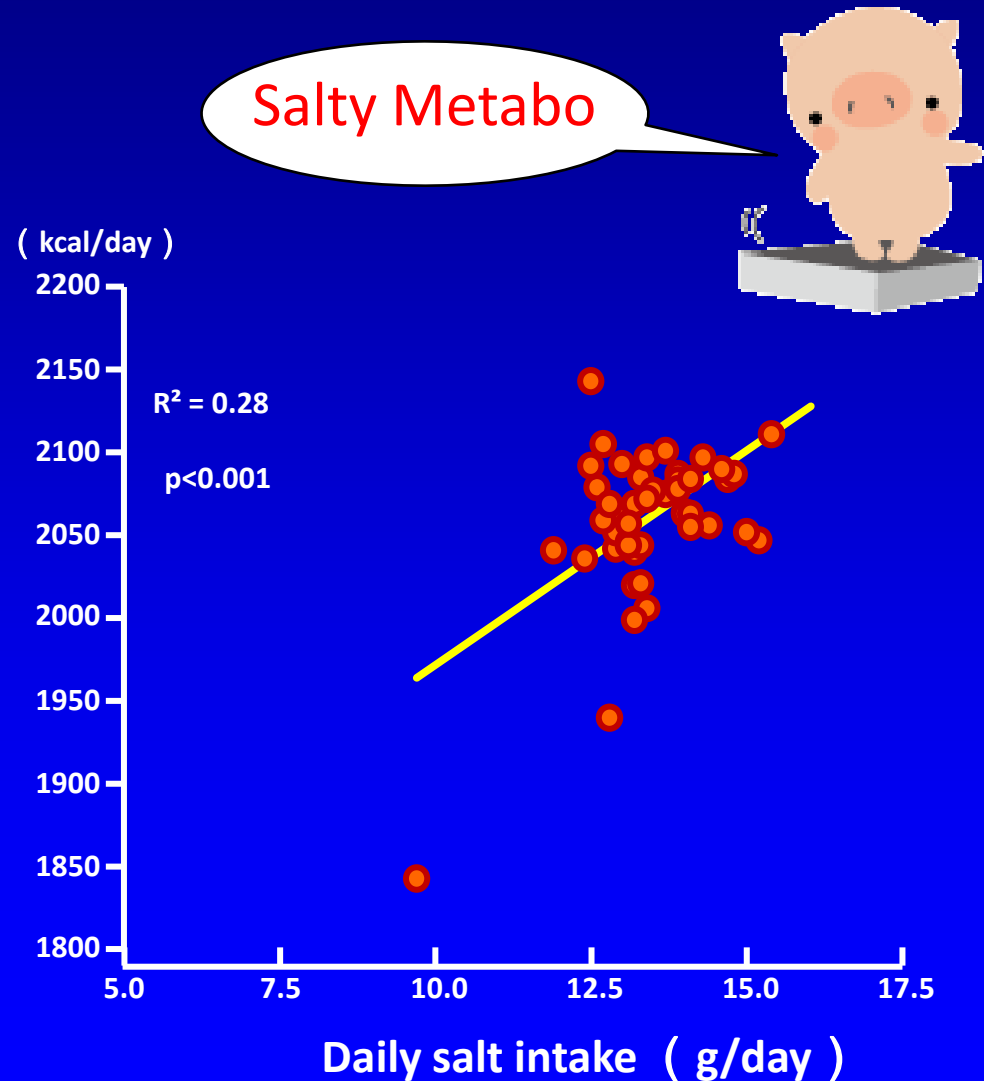
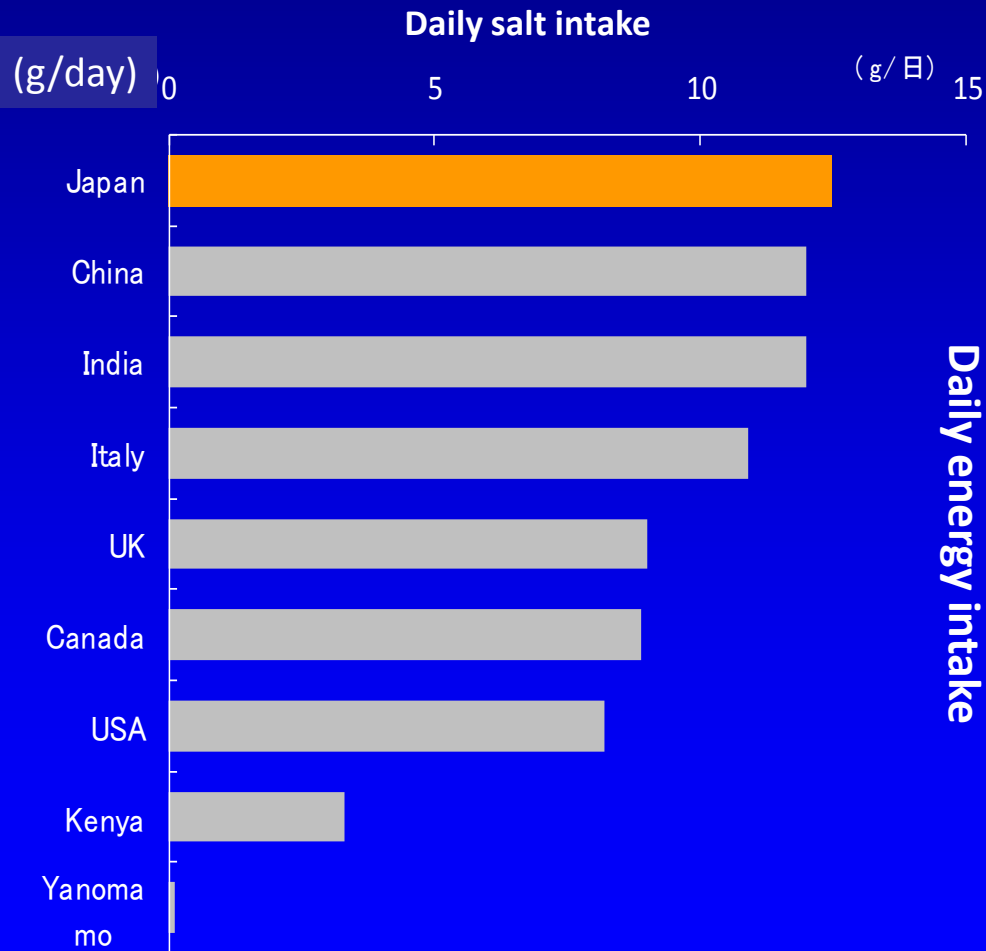
BMI : Body mass index



National Health and Nutrition Survey (Ministry of Health, Labour, Welfare, 1974 Survey)

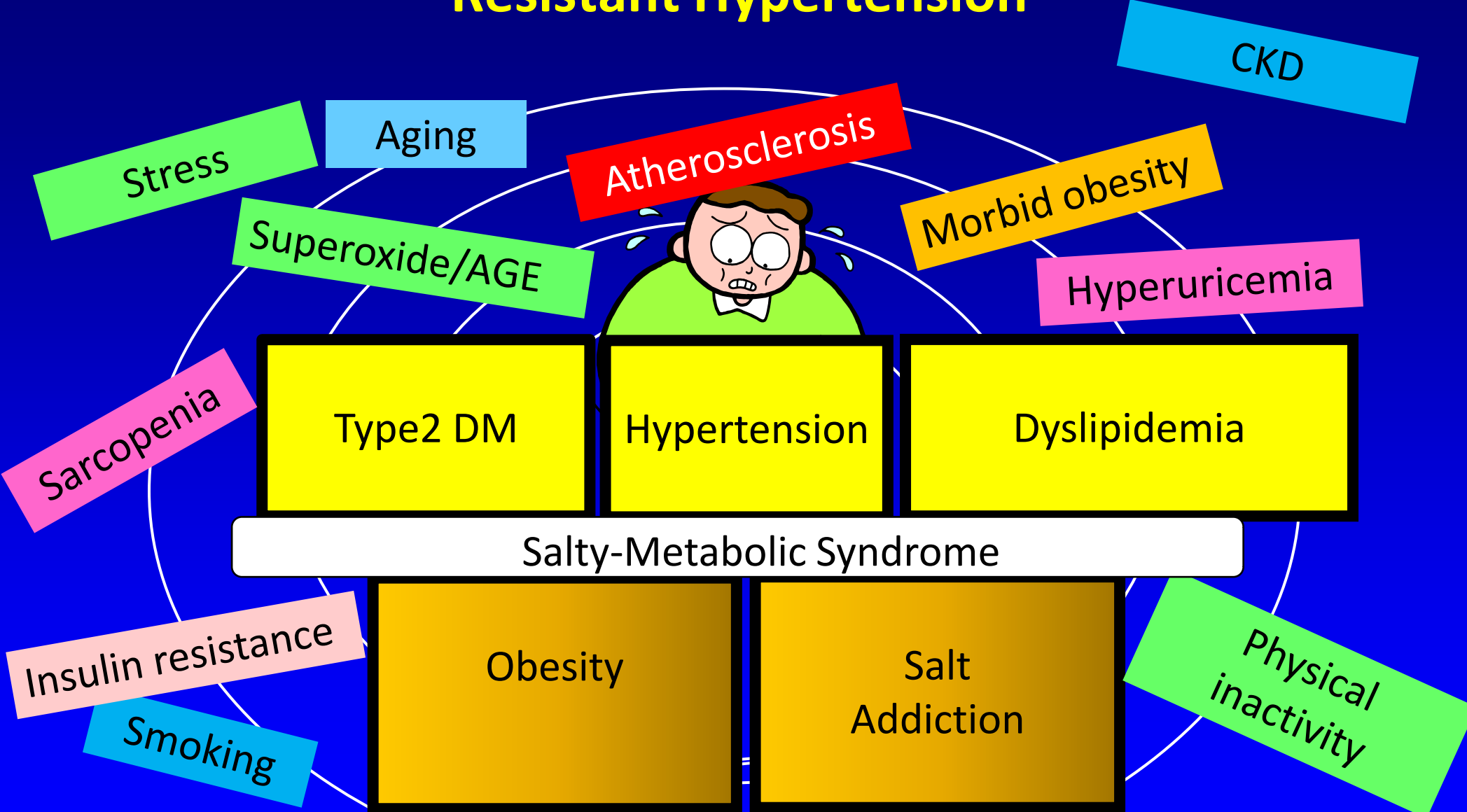
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# Correlationship between Salt Intake and Energy Intake



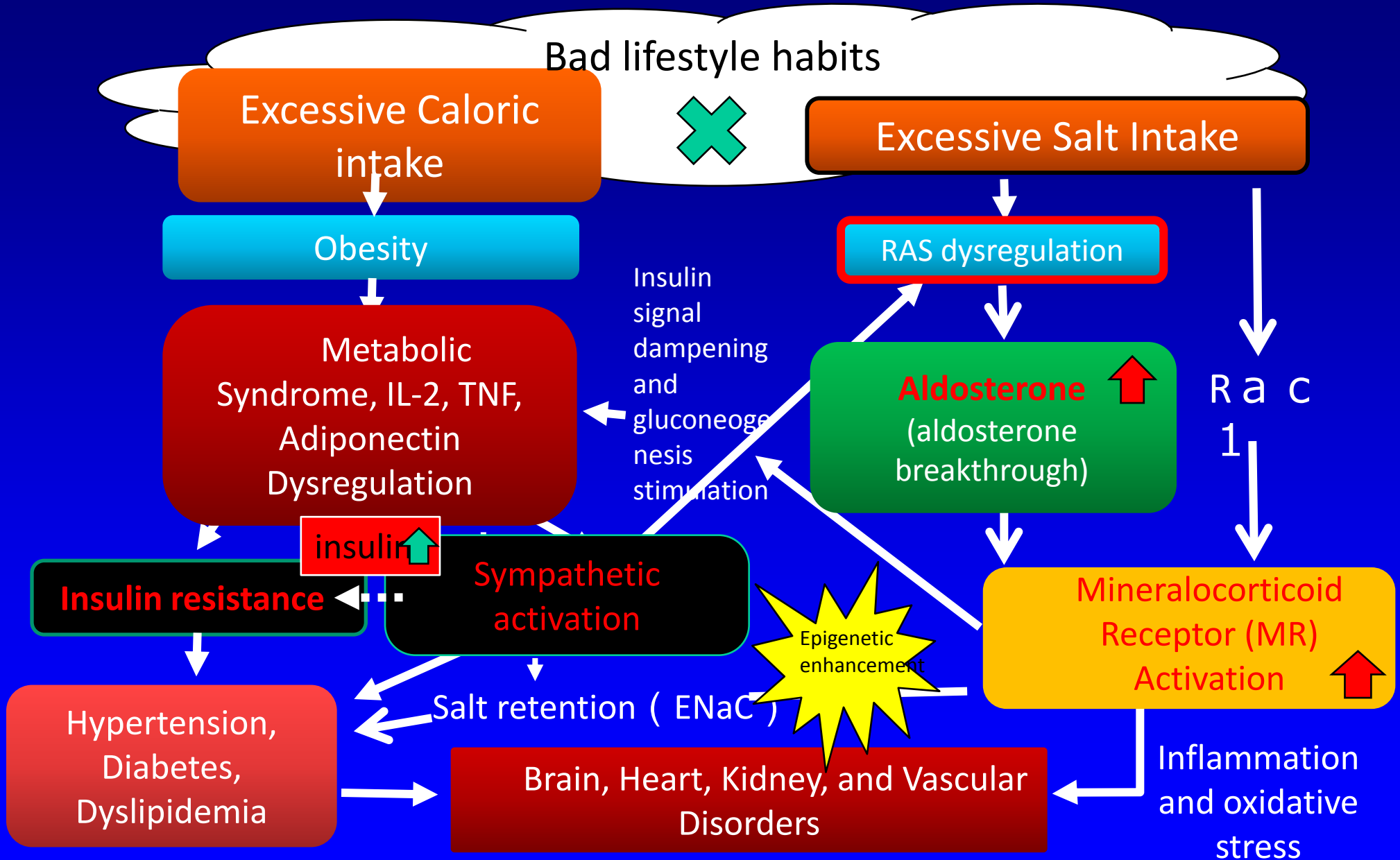
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# Resistant Hypertension

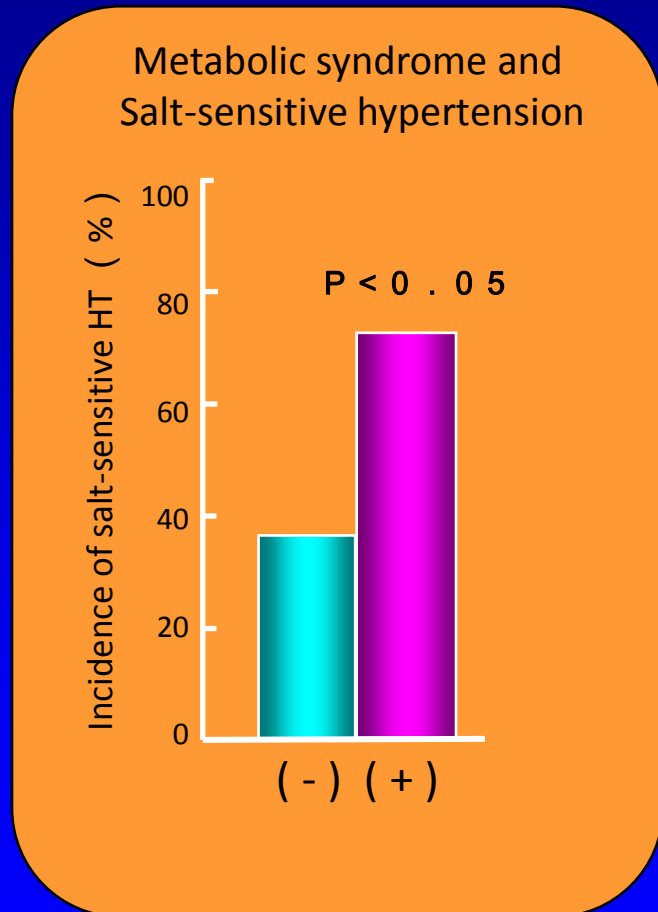


**Cardiometabolic Multimorbidity with Mortality**

# Salty Metabolic Syndrome out of Control



# Character of Japanese Hypertensives Possibly North-eastern Asians ?



Uzu T, et al, J Hypertension 2006

- 1. Stroke - more common than coronary artery disease**
- 2. High salt intake with high salt sensitivity (ethnically specific & epigenetic enhancement)**
- 3. Epidemic obesity and metabolic syndrome**
- 4. Strong insulin-resistance**

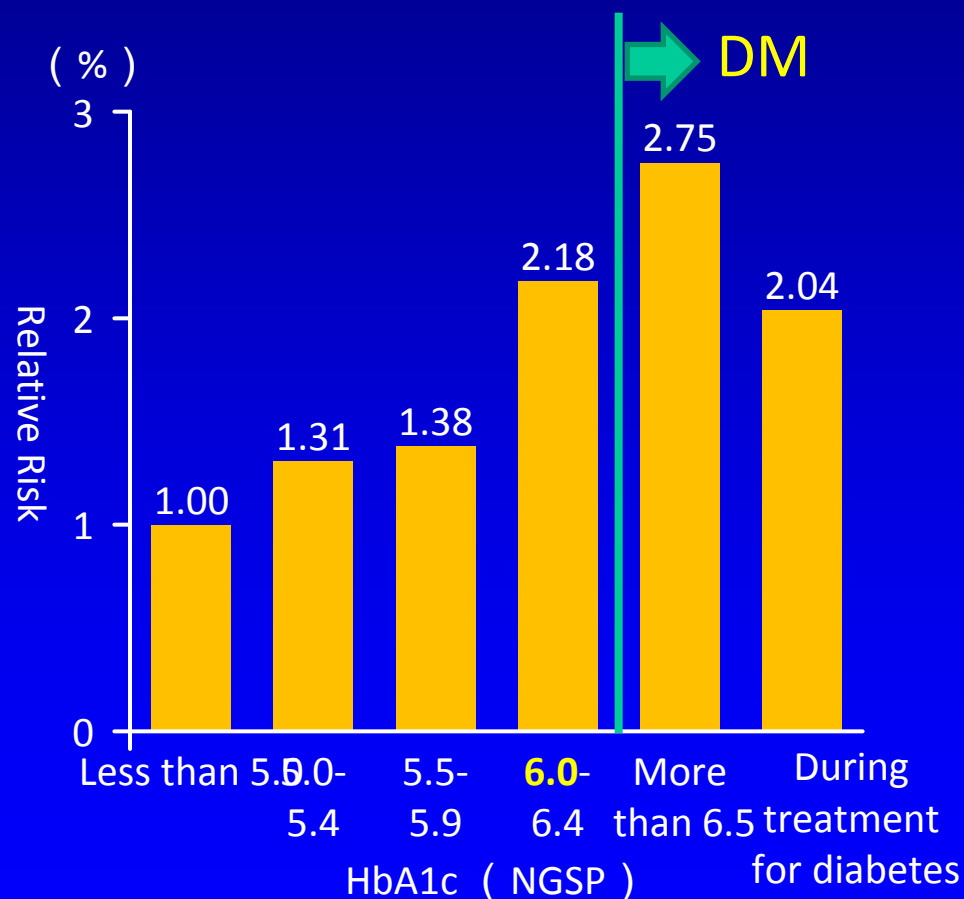
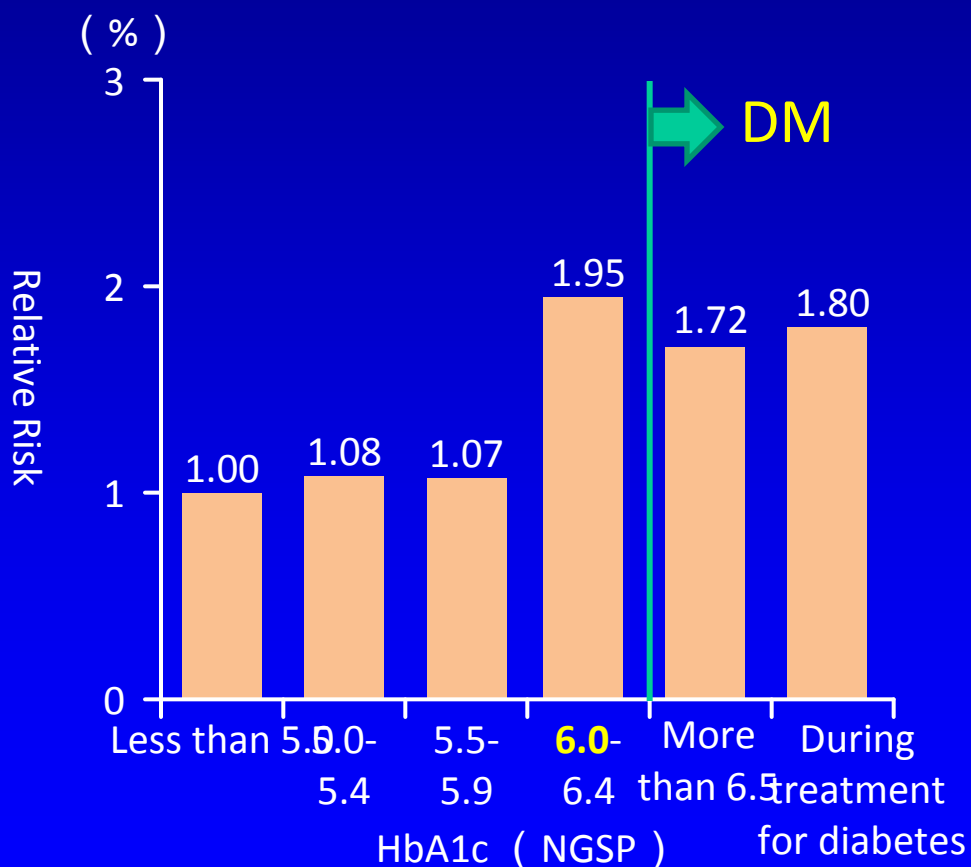


# The Association between Abnormal Glucose Metabolism (HbA1c) and Death

NIPPON DATA90

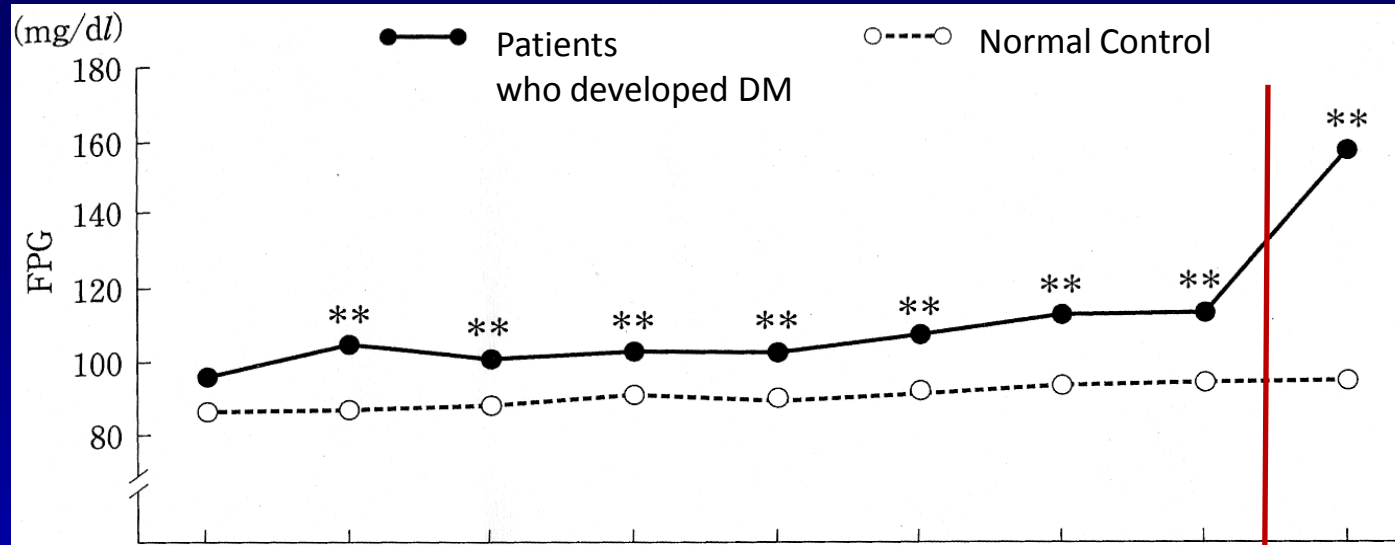
All cause mortality

Death from cardiovascular disease

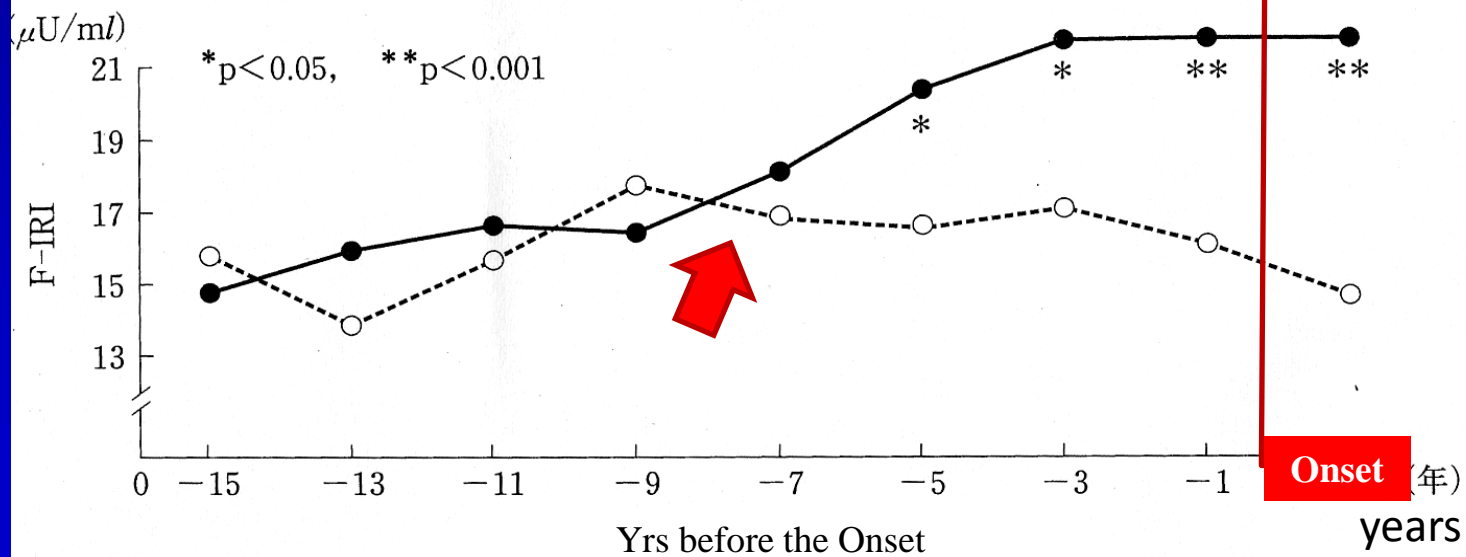


# Hyperinsulinemia Precedes Type 2 Diabetes

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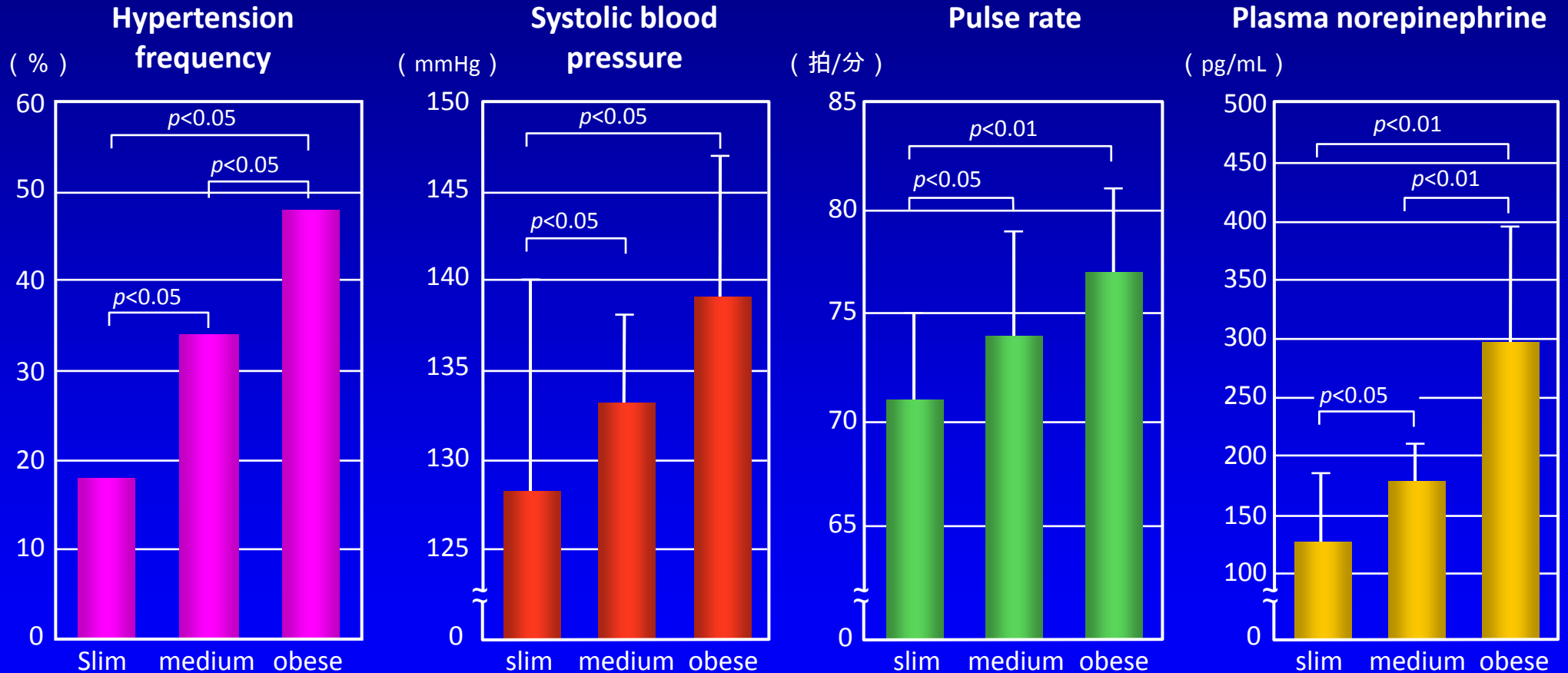


Fasting insulin level





# Frequency of Hypertension, Systolic Blood Pressure, Pulse Rate, and Plasma Norepinephrine Concentration stratified by BMI group



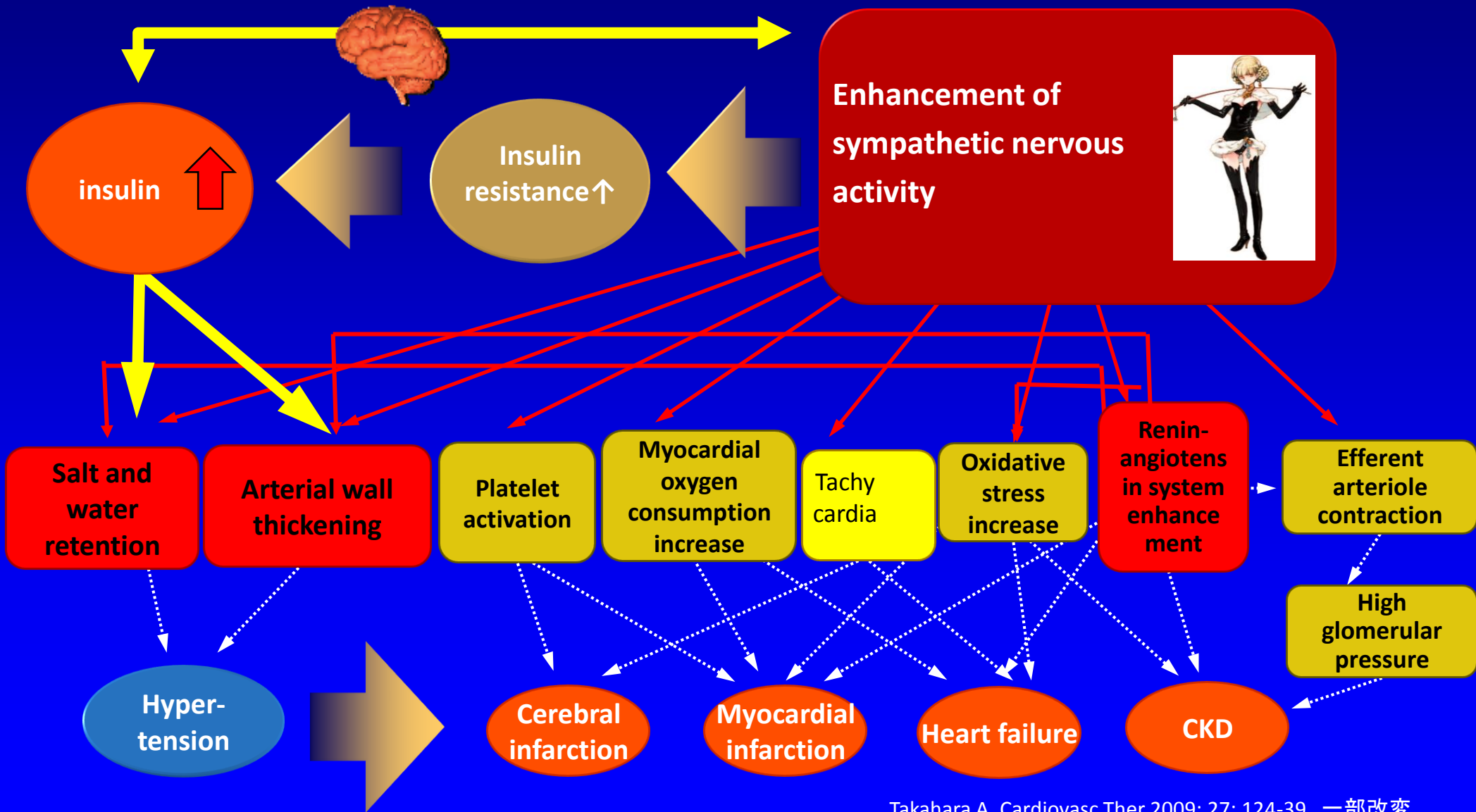
「slim group」 ( n=101 ) : BMI  $20.1 \pm 1.7$  (  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$  ) [  $16.5 \leq < 22.2$  ]

「medium group」 ( n=725 ) : BMI  $22.5 \pm 0.2$  (  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$  ) [  $22.2 - 27.9$  ]

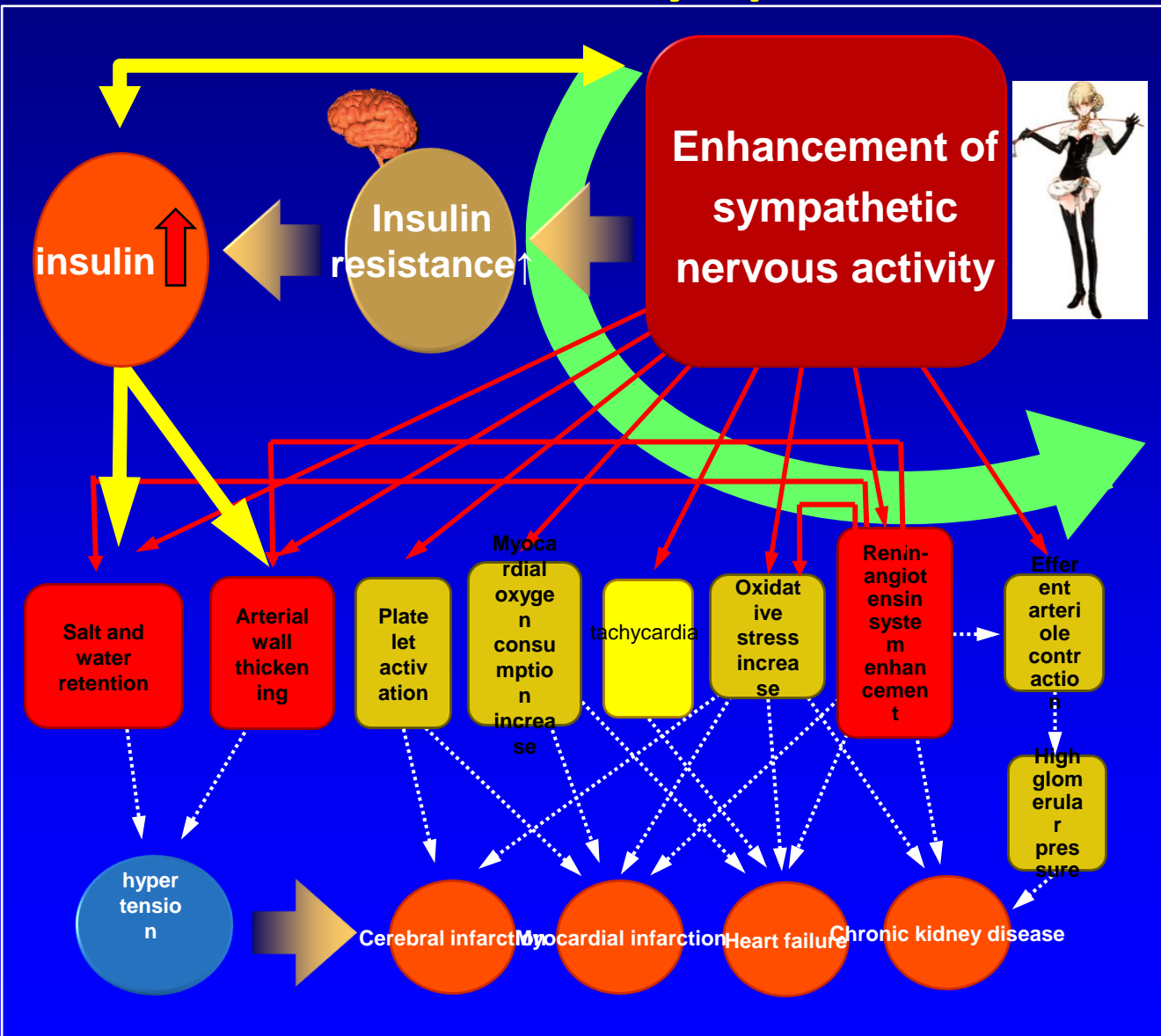
「obese group」 ( n= 86 ) : BMI  $30.0 \pm 1.8$  (  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$  ) [  $27.9 < \leq 33.6$  ]

Mean $\pm$ SD Dunnett's test

# Impact on Complications of Hypertension of Enhanced Sympathetic Activity

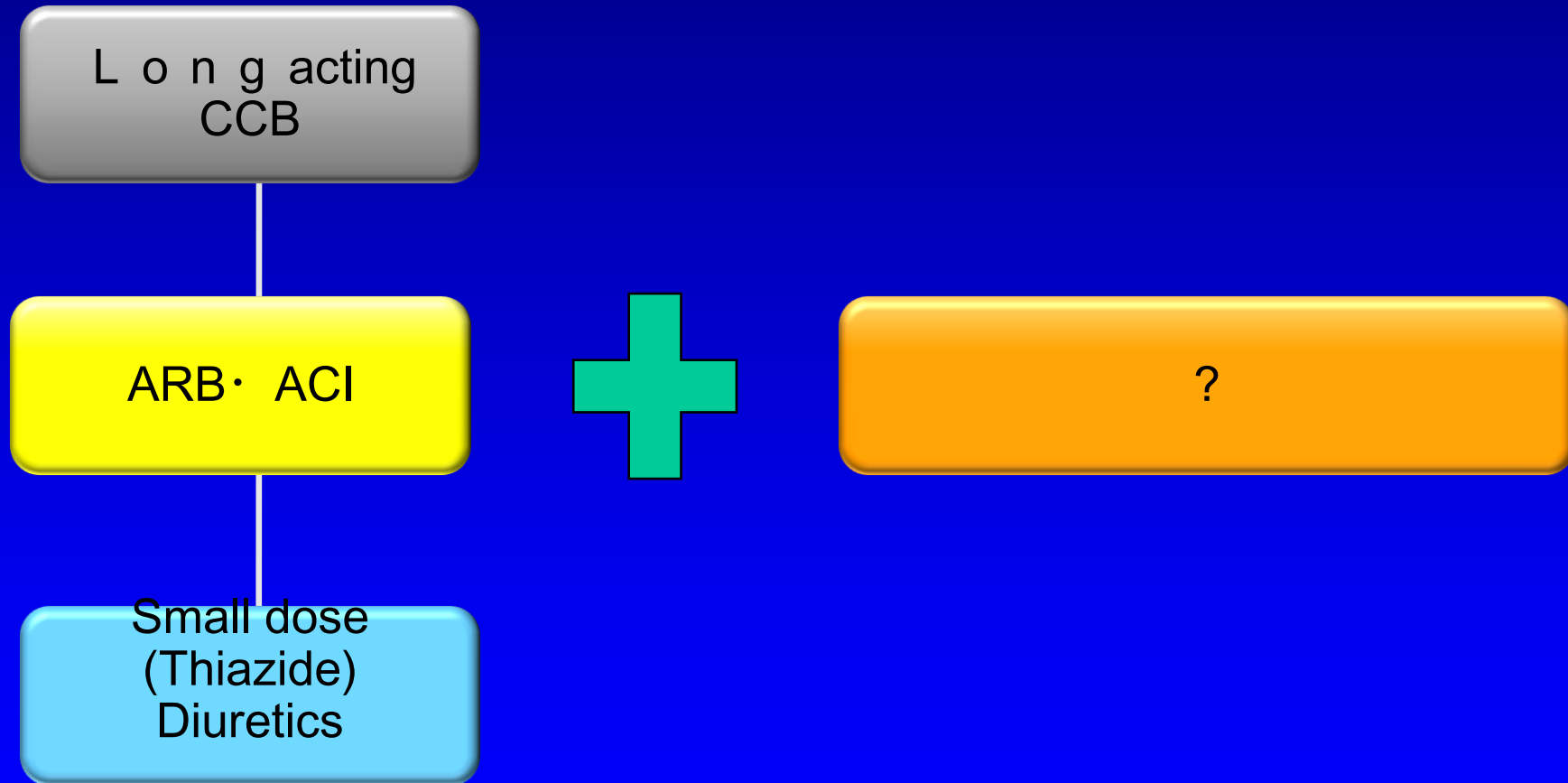


# Treatments that Prevent Cardiovascular Death and do not Increase Sympathetic Nervous Activity



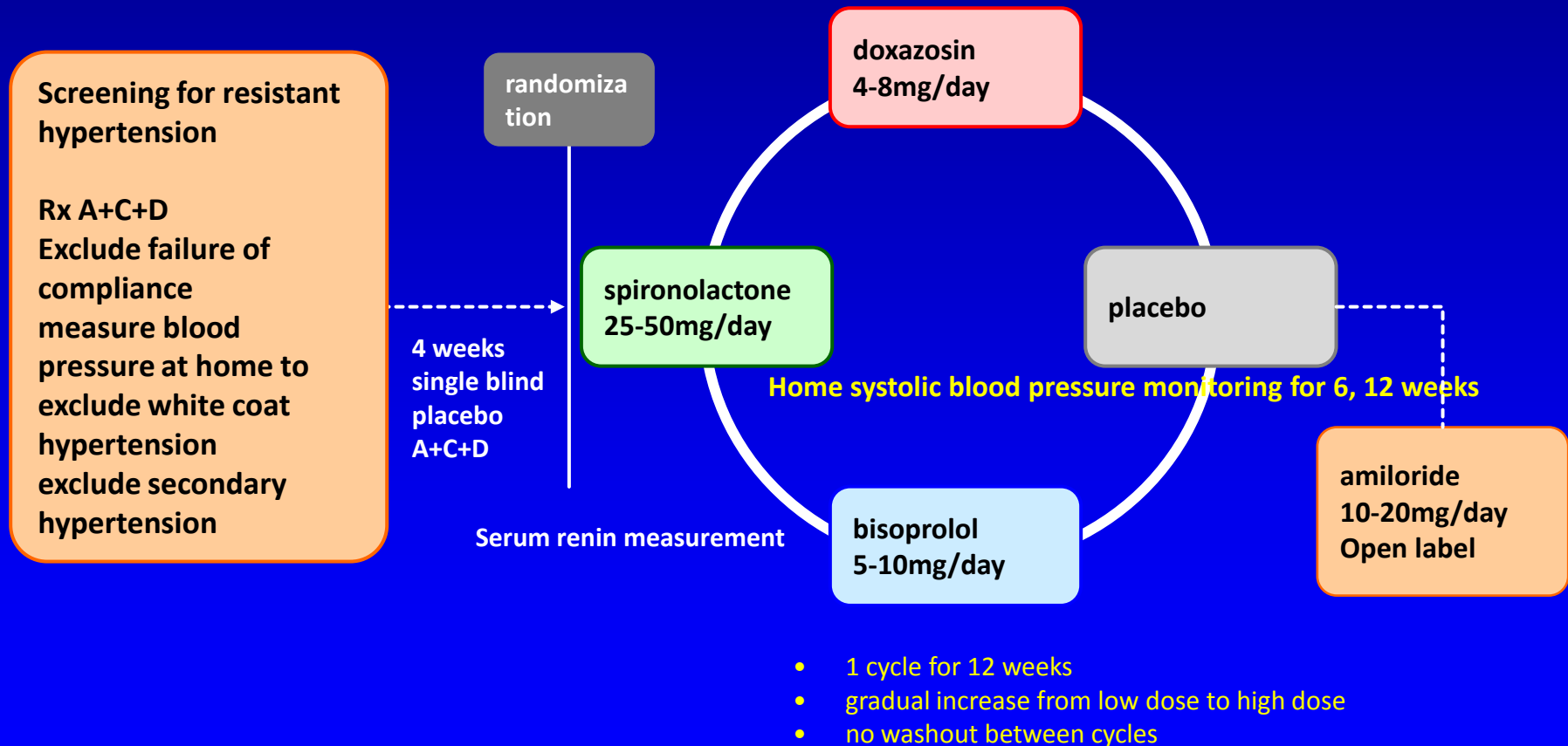
- Beta-blocker with vasodilating action i.e., Carvedilol
- Dual channel CCB i.e., cilnidipine
- RA inhibitor i.e., ARB, ACEI
- SGLT2 inhibitor i.e., Empagliflozin

# Triple Therapy + 1 More Drug

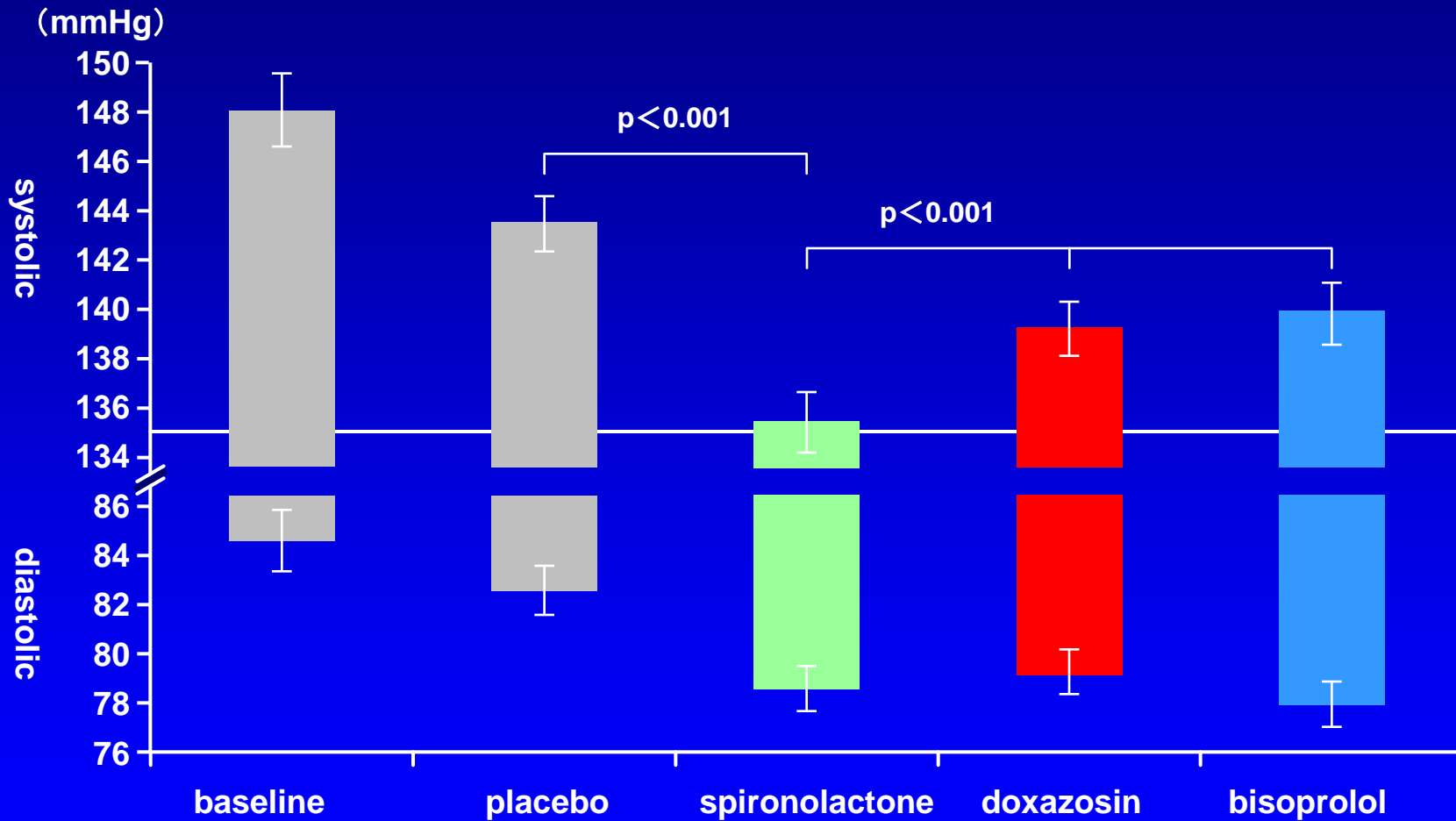


# PATHWAY-2 Study Design

Double blind, randomized, placebo controlled, crossover study



# Primary Endpoint: Blood Pressure



# Conclusion

1. Features of high blood pressure in modern Japanese (and perhaps Northeast Asians), including excessive salt intake and obesity, are complex, and also include metabolic disorder.
2. In optimizing antihypertensive therapy, in addition to setting strict targets for reduction (and Dr. Rakugi will discuss this issue afterwards), correction of metabolic abnormalities, such as insulin resistance, must also be kept in mind.
3. For resistant hypertension, in addition to the triple therapy of various antihypertensive drugs, it is important to consider the potential of a hidden increase in aldosterone and to attempt to include an aldosterone antagonist among the treatment protocol.

