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# EDIT-CMD trial

Efficacy of Diltiazem to  
Improve Coronary Vasomotor  
Dysfunction in Patients with  
Angina and Non Obstructive  
Coronary Arteries

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# Background

- Up to 40% of patients undergoing coronary angiography for stable angina do not have obstructive coronary artery disease (ANOCA)<sup>1</sup>
- In 60-90% coronary vasomotor dysfunction (CVDys) is the underlying pathophysiology<sup>2</sup>
- CVDys consists of two major endotypes<sup>3</sup>
  - Coronary artery spasm
  - Coronary microvascular dysfunction (CMD)
- Both endotypes can be assessed by coronary function testing (CFT)
- ANOCA patients have a worse prognosis, and adequate therapy is paramount<sup>4</sup>

1 Johnston, EHJ 2011

2 Suda, JACC 2019

3 EAPCI expert consensus, EHJ 2020

4 Jespersen, EHJ 2012



# Background

- Guidelines recommend the use of calcium channel blockers (CCBs) to reduce symptoms in Coronary vasomotor dysfunction<sup>1</sup>
- Diltiazem is one of the most frequently prescribed medications in these patients<sup>2,3</sup>
- However, these recommendations are based on dated, small, non-randomized trials<sup>1</sup>
- The effect of diltiazem has never been evaluated in ANOCA patients in a blinded placebo controlled randomized trial

1 Knuuti, EHJ 2020

2 EAPCI consensus document, EHJ 2020

3 CorMicA trial, Ford, JACC 2018

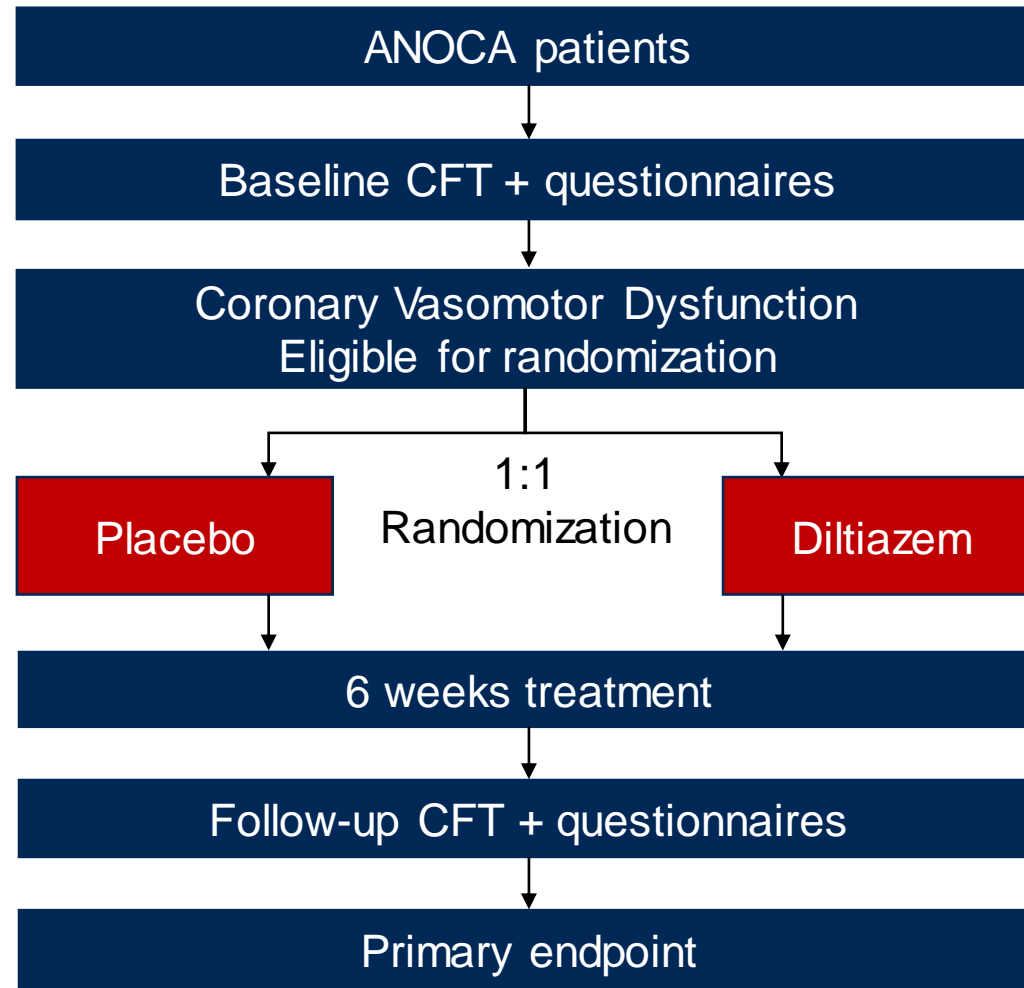


# Objective

- **EDIT-CMD: randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled trial**
- **Primary objective:**
  - To determine treatment success of diltiazem on coronary vasomotor dysfunction as assessed by repeated coronary function testing
- **Secondary objective:**
  - To assess the effect of diltiazem on symptoms and quality of life



# Trial design



# Trial organization

## Principle Investigators

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## Data Safety Monitoring Board

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# Key in- and exclusion criteria

## Inclusion criteria

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- ✓ Chronic angina ( $\geq 2$ x/week)
- ✓ No obstructive CAD (< 5 years)
  - CAG: < 50% stenosis, or intermediate stenoses (50 - 70%) with FFR > 0.80 or iFR > 0.89
  - CCTA: finding of non-obstructive coronary arteries

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- X Contra-indication to coronary function testing:
  - Contraindication for adenosine, acetylcholine
  - Ongoing dipyridamole treatment.
- X Contra-indication for treatment with CCB
- X Other cause of angina deemed highly likely by the treating physician.
- X LVEF < 50%; PCI < 3 months; history of CABG; Surgically uncorrected significant congenital or valvular heart disease, cardiomyopathy or myocarditis; eGFR < 30; significant hepatic impairment; Pregnancy; life expectancy < 1 year.
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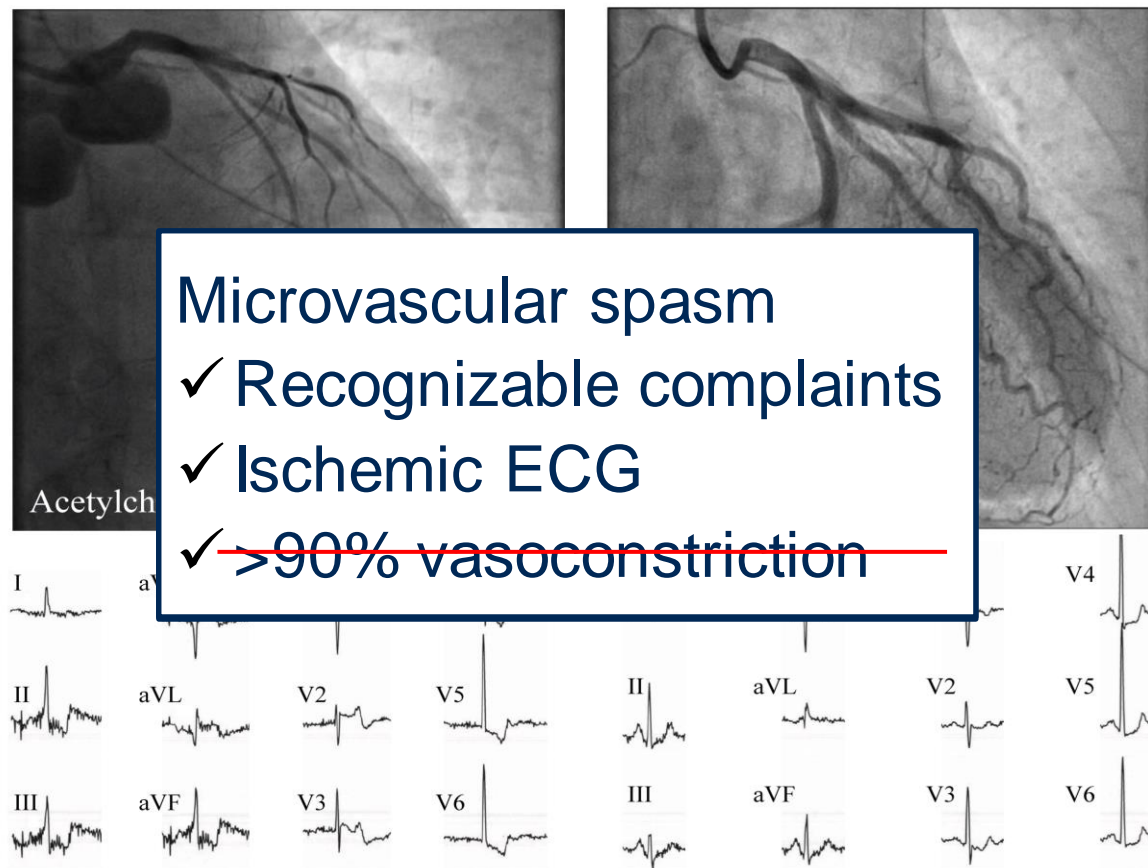
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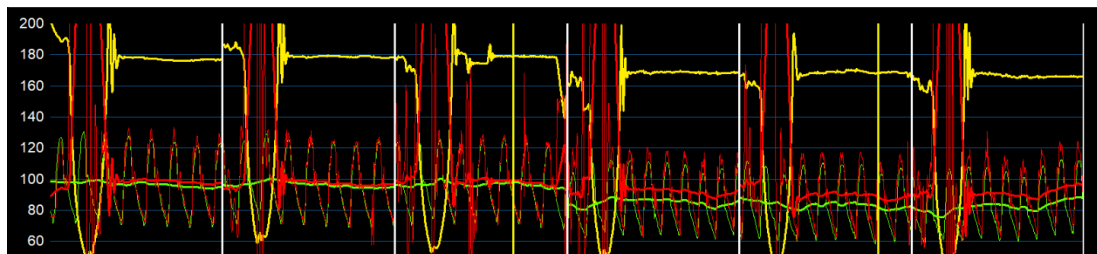


# Methods – Coronary function testing

- Endotype
  - Coronary artery spasm
- Method
  - Acetylcholine (ACH) spasm provocation
- Assessment
  - Epicardial spasm
  - Microvascular spasm
  - No spasm



# Methods – Coronary function testing



## Coronary Microvascular Dysfunction

-  $CFR < 2.0$

and/or

-  $IMR \geq 25$



Pd/Pa	Pd	Pa
0,98	98	99
CFR	CFR <sub>Norm</sub>	
2,2	2,4	
IMR	IMR <sub>Corr</sub>	
38	38	

- Endotype
  - Coronary microvascular dysfunction (CMD)
- Method
  - Bolus thermodilution method with adenosine (ADE)
- Assessment
  - Coronary flow reserve (CFR)
  - Index of microvascular resistance (IMR)

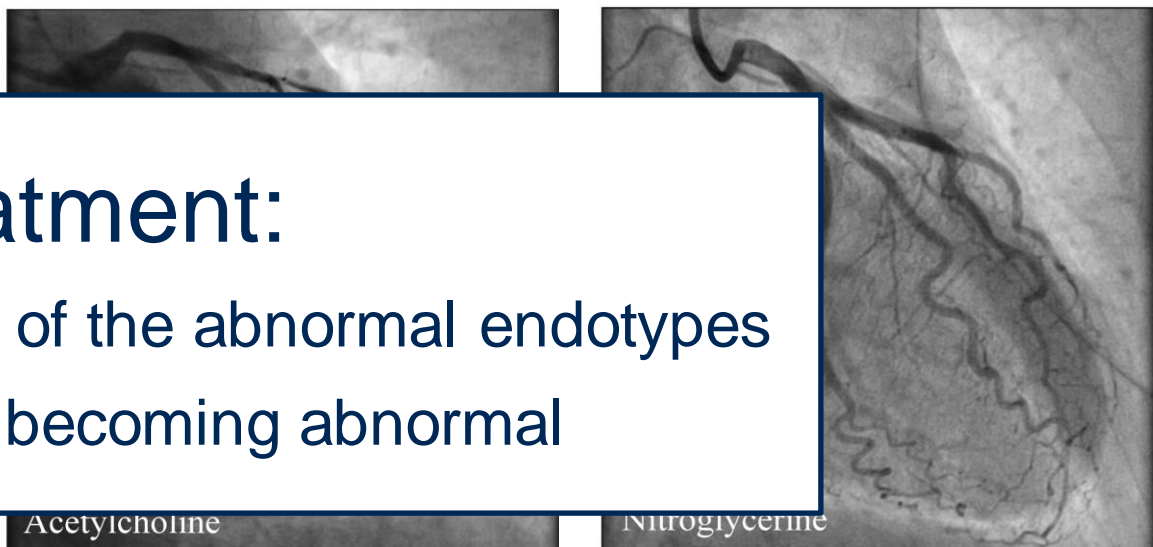


# Methods – Primary endpoint

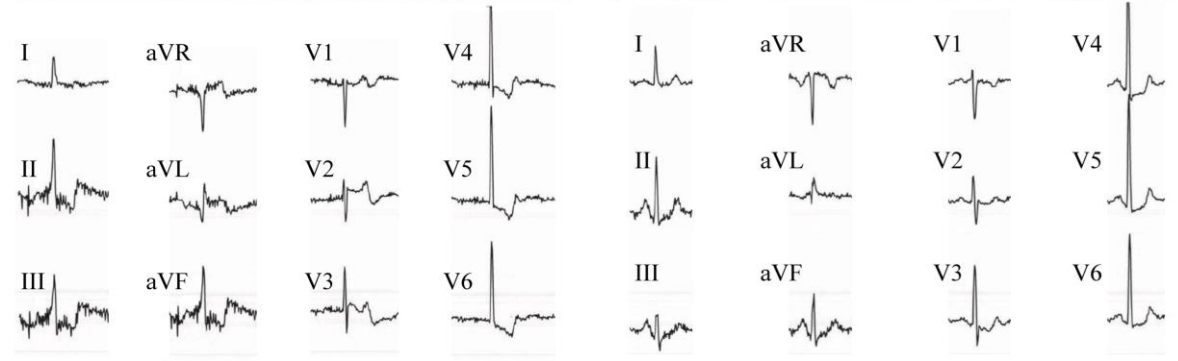


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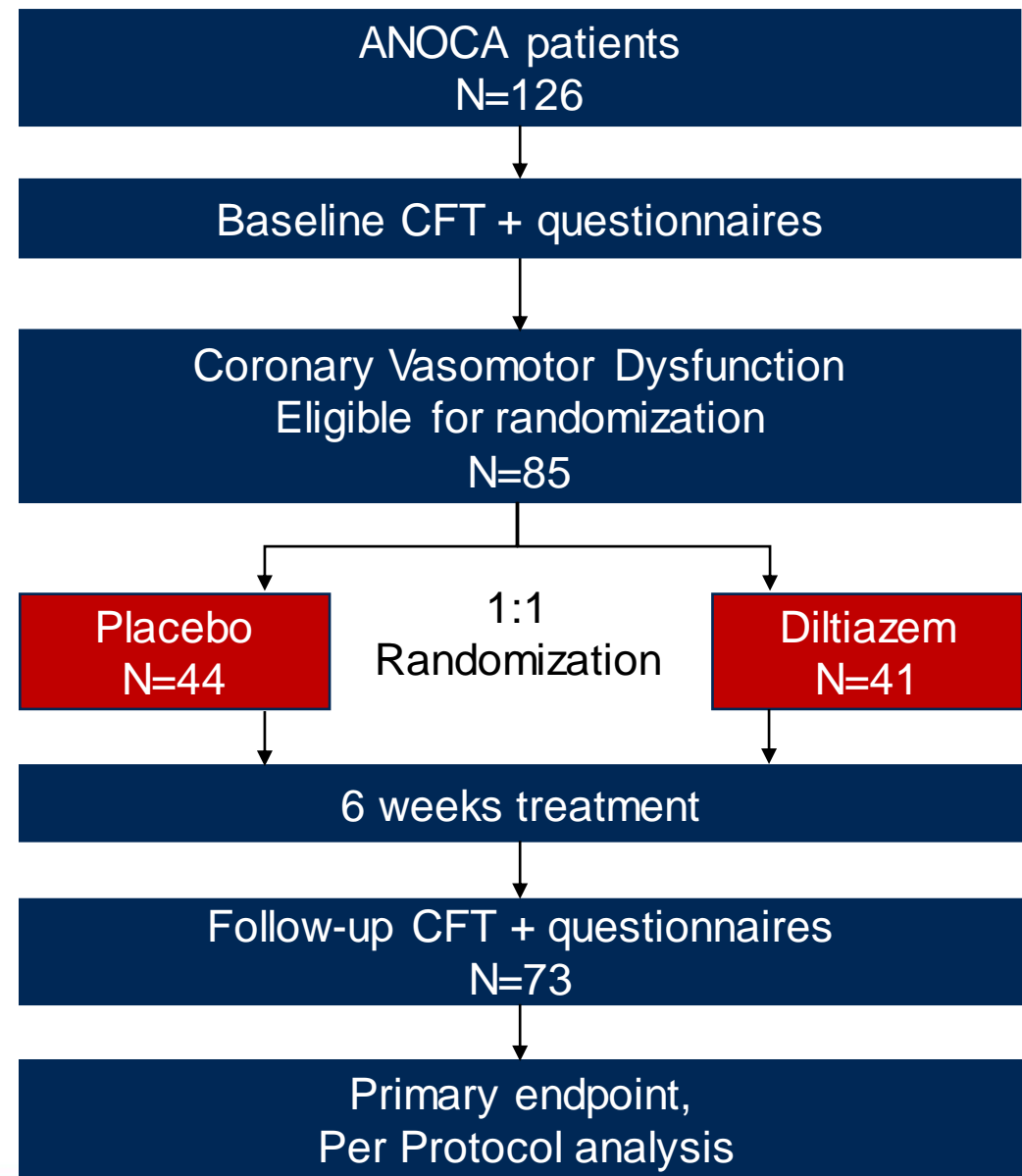
- Normalization of one of the abnormal endotypes
- No normal endotype becoming abnormal



FFR	Pd	Pa
<b>0,9282</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>89</b>
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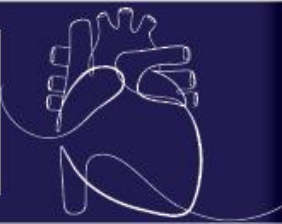
# Trial flow diagram



# Results - Baseline

	Placebo N = 44	Diltiazem N = 41
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History of MI	18%	15%
History of PCI	23%	22%
Hypertension	52%	54%
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Current/former smoker	54%	41%
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Angina CCS III/IV	52%	44%
Angina at rest	89%	85%
Angina occurs during exercise	77%	76%
<b>Medication</b>		
Aspirin	46%	54%
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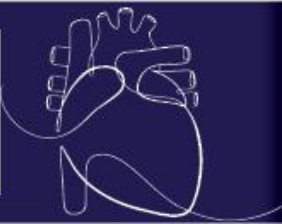
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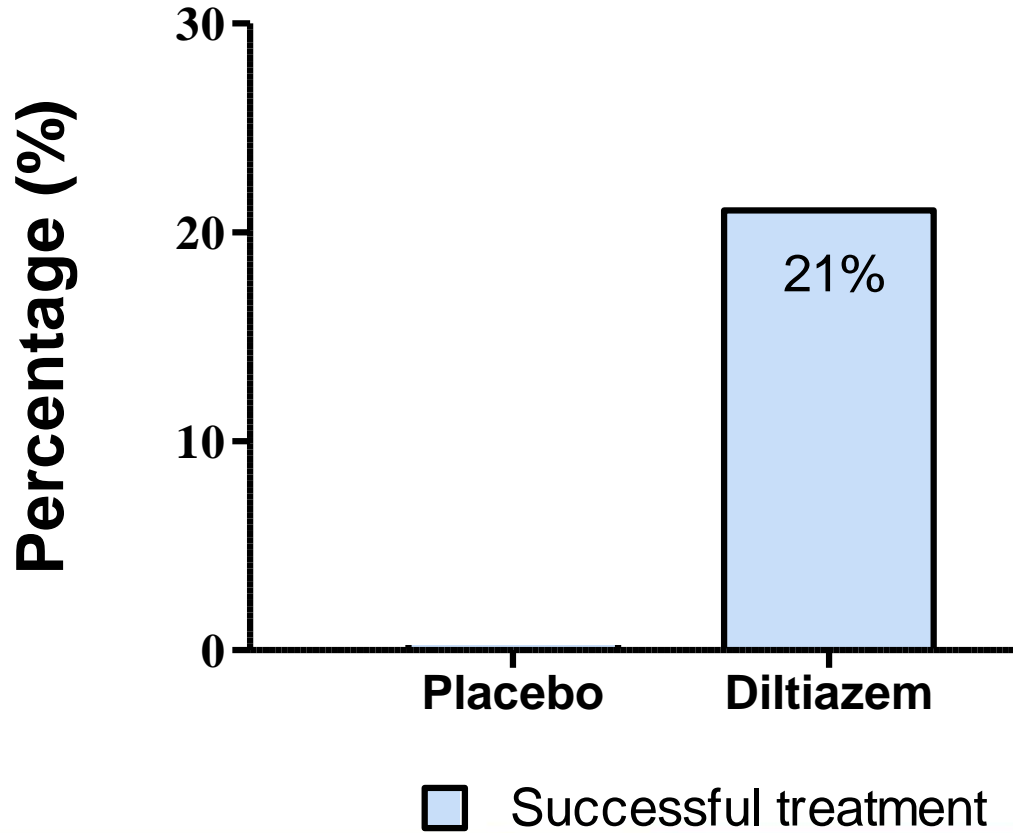


# Results – Baseline CFT

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<b>First ACH test</b>		
Epicardial spasm	24 (55%)	19 (48%)
Microvascular spasm	11 (25%)	10 (25%)
No spasm	9 (20%)	11 (27%)
<b>First ADE test</b>		
Microvascular dysfunction	32 (73%)	22 (54%)
Normal function	12 (27%)	19 (46%)



# Results – Primary outcome

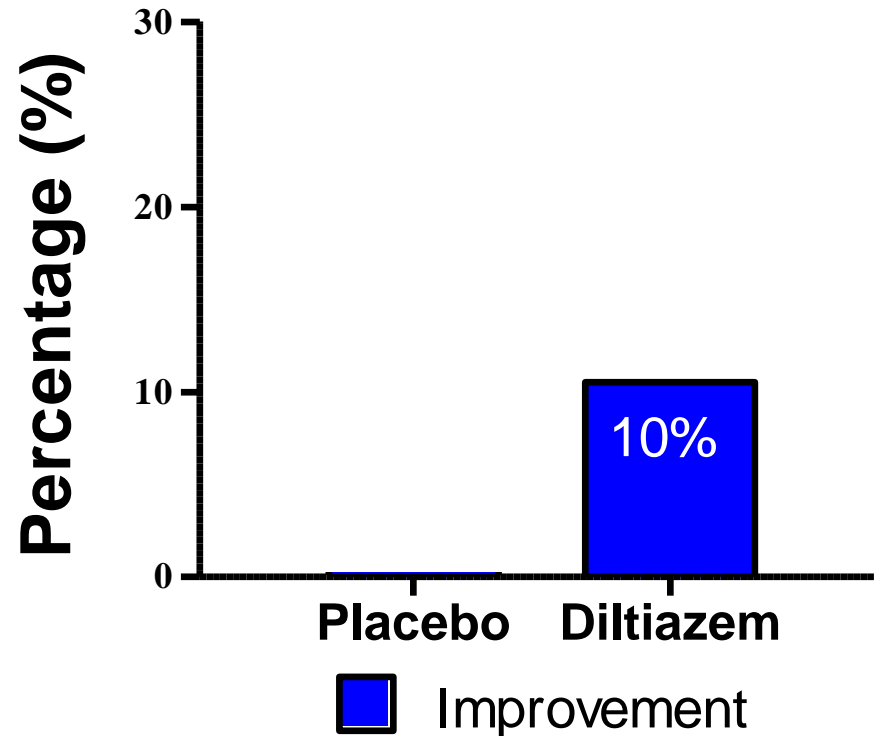


No difference in treatment success on coronary vasomotor dysfunction

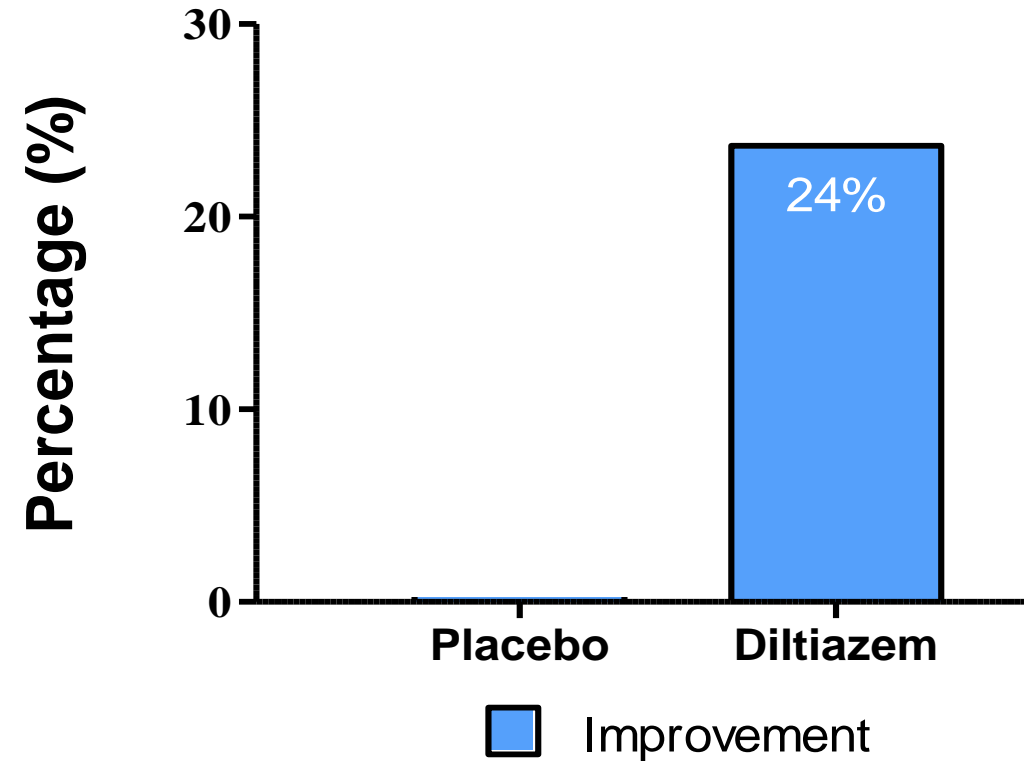


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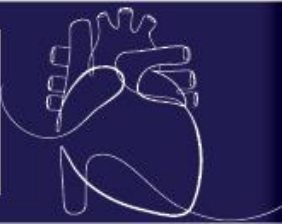


Coronary Microvascular Dysfunction



# Results – Secondary outcomes

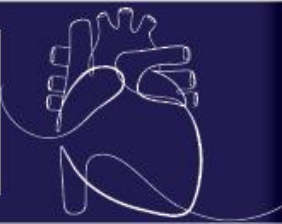
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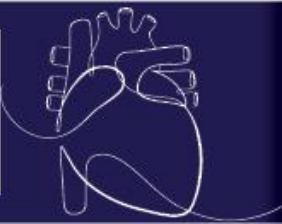
**CFR increases in placebo and decreases in diltiazem**



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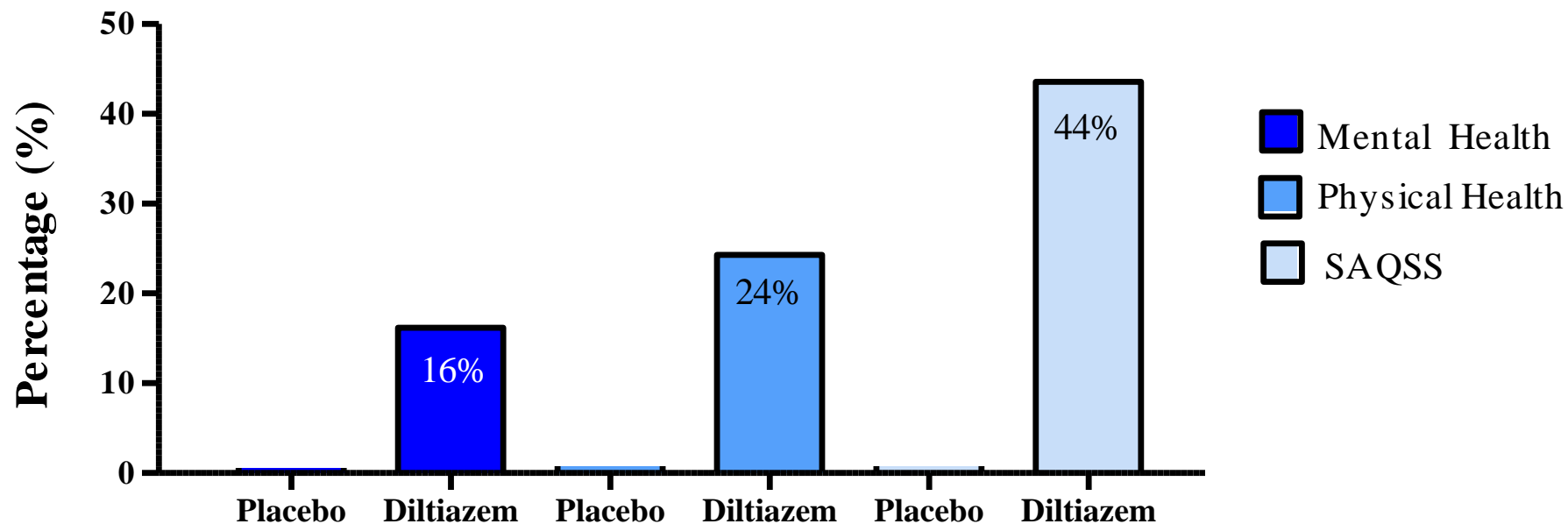
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# Results – Secondary outcomes

Improvement in angina and quality of life

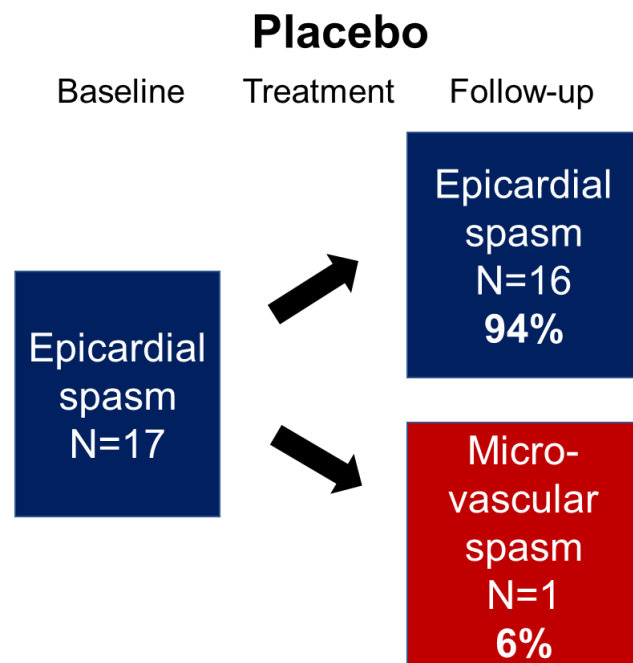


No difference in symptom improvement between placebo and diltiazem

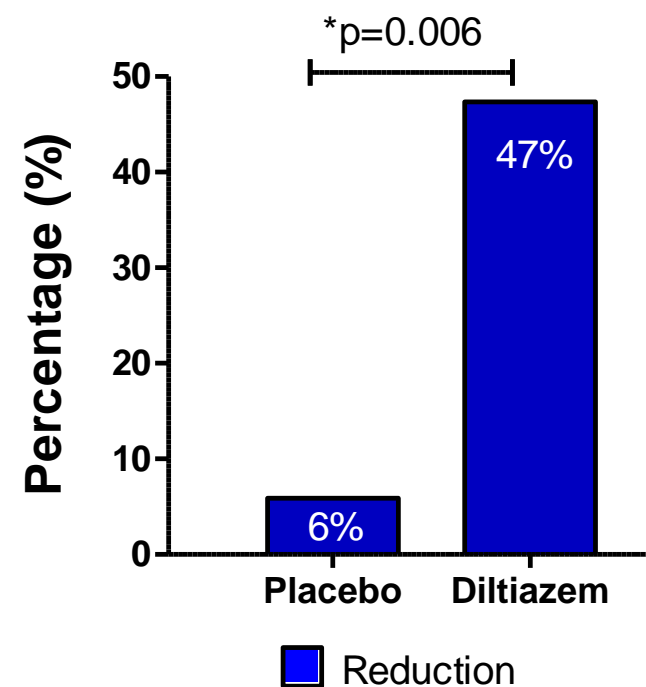




# Results – Secondary outcomes



Difference in reduction of epicardial spasm



**Diltiazem** seems to reduce epicardial spasm



# Conclusions

- 6 weeks of treatment with diltiazem was not effective in improving coronary vasomotor dysfunction, symptoms or quality of life as compared to placebo
- Diltiazem seems to reduce epicardial spasm as compared to placebo
- Large trials on the effect of medical therapy on the individual endotypes are warranted
- This study using repeated CFT provides a platform for future research



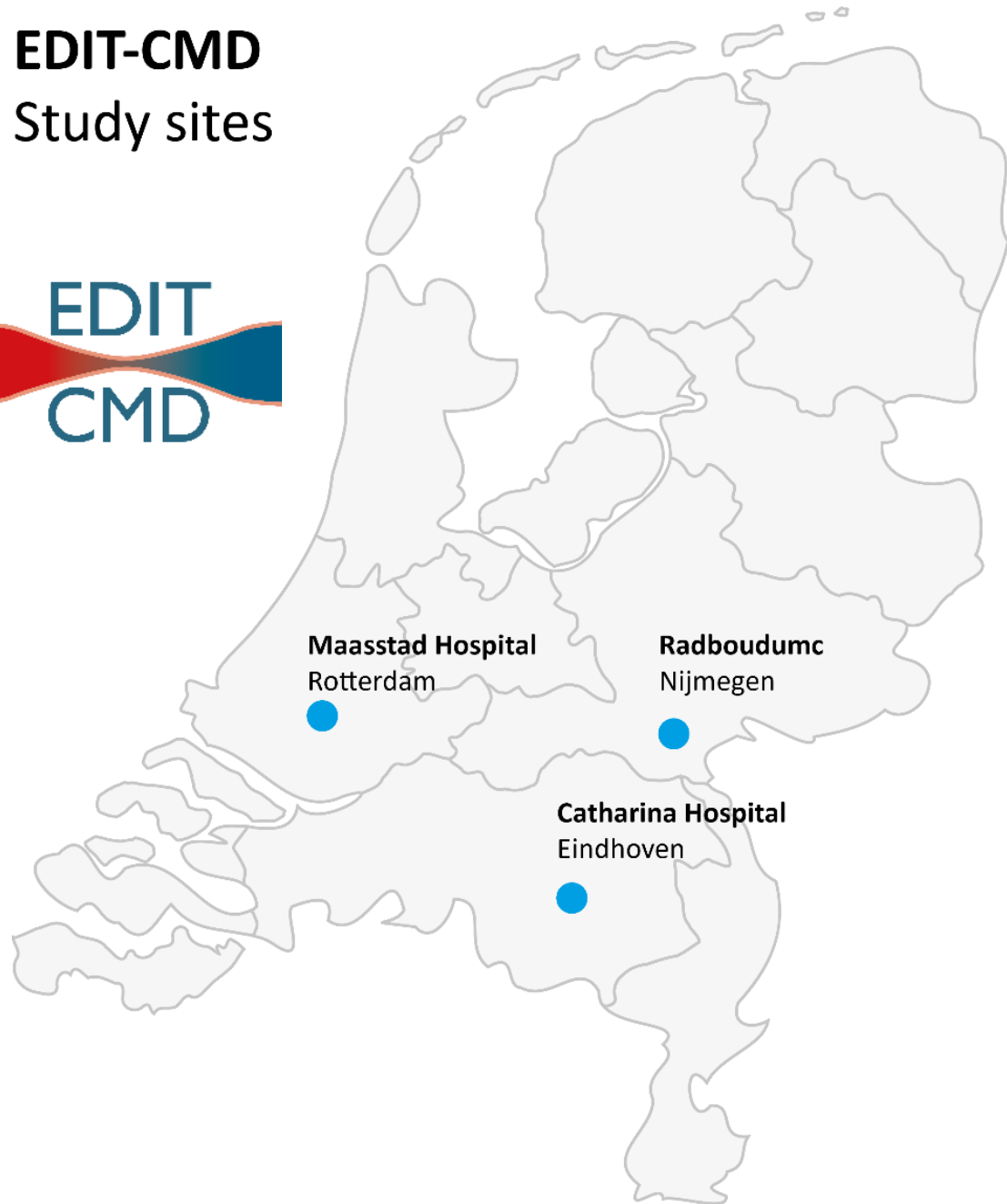
# Publication

- The manuscript of the EDIT-CMD trial is accepted for simultaneous publication in JACC Cardiovascular Imaging



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