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# ***HFpEF, Mito or Realidad?***

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# Systolic HF versus HF with Preserved LVEF

## ADHERE Registry

	EF <40%	EF >40%
Number (%)	42,113 (56%)	32,750 (44%)
Age	69.9	74.2 *
Female	39%	62% *
Diabetes	42%	46% *
CAD	61%	47% *
Atrial fibrillation	17%	21% *
Mean LOS (days)	6.2	6.0
In-hospital mortality	3.9%	2.8% *

\* p<0.0001

from Fonarow et al. *Rev Cardiovasc Med* 2003;4 (suppl 7):21

# **Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFPEF)**

- HFPEF is defined by a normal or near-normal LVEF ( $>0.45$  or  $0.50$ ). These cut points do not exclude systolic dysfunction nor do they necessarily indicate diastolic dysfunction.
- HFPEF is not a specific diagnosis or syndrome. It is a constellation of findings caused by diverse etiologies for which specific cardiac (valve abnormalities, dysrhythmias, or non-cardiac etiologies (anemia, renal dysfunction, shunts) are excluded.
- HFPEF is often equated with diastolic heart failure.

Are we dealing with one  
syndrome, or several  
syndromes with some common  
features?

# Prevalence diastolic dysfunction HF-PEF (DHF) EF $\geq$ 50% ~ 100 %

**Kitzman**

JAMA 288:2144-2150, 2002

**Zile**

NEJM 350:1953-1959, 2004

**Kass**

JACC 49:198-207, 2007

**Redfield**

Circ 115:1982-90, 2007

**Westerman**

Circ 117:2051-2060, 2008

**Paulus**

Circ 117:43-51, 2008

## Relaxation

**Pressure Decline**

**Slow**

**Diastolic Suction/recoil**



**Filling Dynamics**



## Distensibility

**LV Chamber**



**Myocardial**

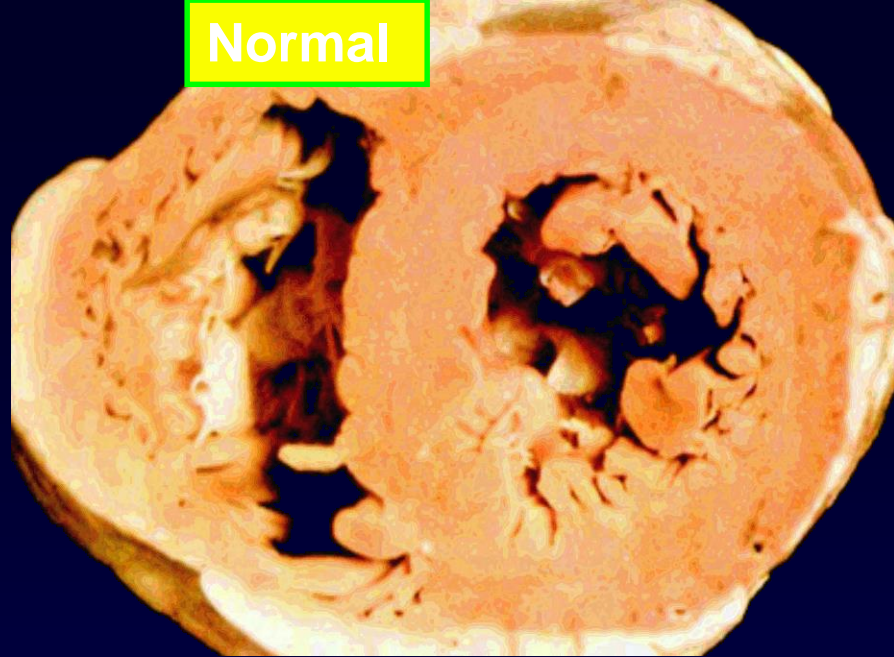


## Diastolic Pressures





Normal



Circulation 2006  
113: 296-304

HF NEF - DHF



**Concentric LVH**

↑ LV Mass

↑ RWT

↔ Volume

↓ Volume/Mass

# LV Dysfunction: Mechanisms

## Diastolic dysfunction

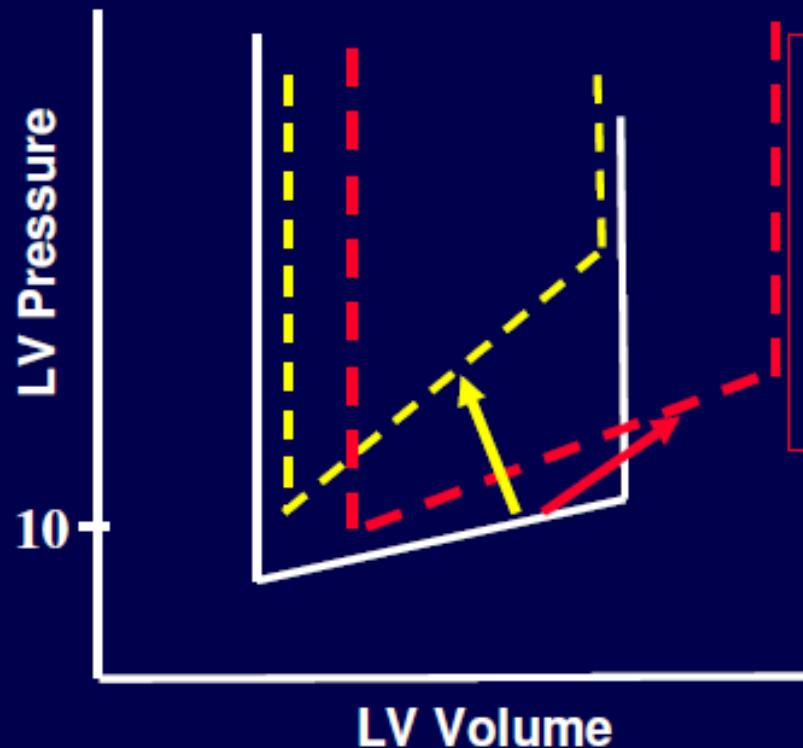
Hypertension

Aging

LVH

Ischemia

Concentric remodeling



## Systolic dysfunction

MI, CM, volume overload

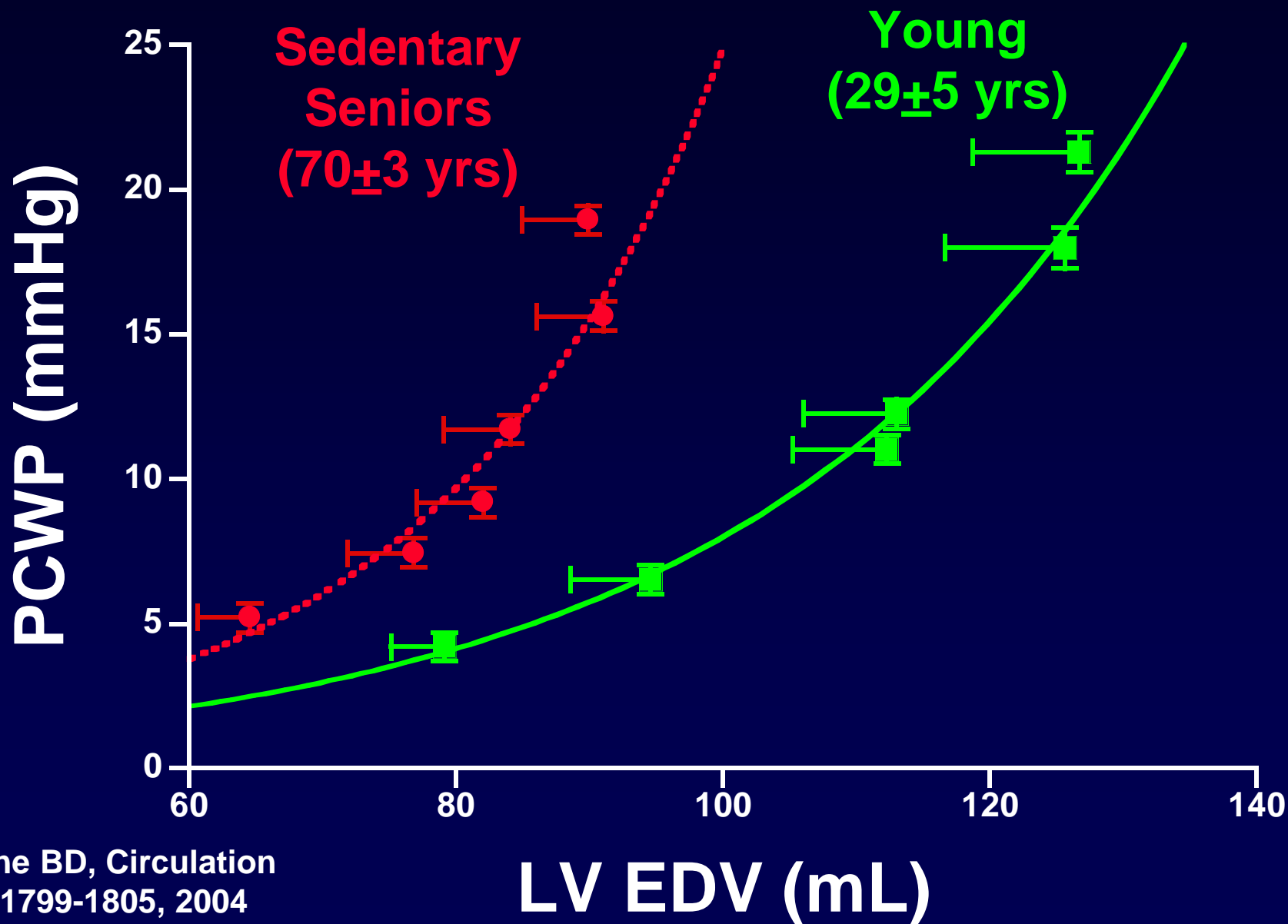
Hypertension

Eccentric remodeling

Mediators: angiotensin II, aldosterone, catecholamines



**Example # 2 Pathophysiology:  $\uparrow$  Diastolic Stiffness**  
**Disease expression:  $\downarrow$  exercise tolerance**

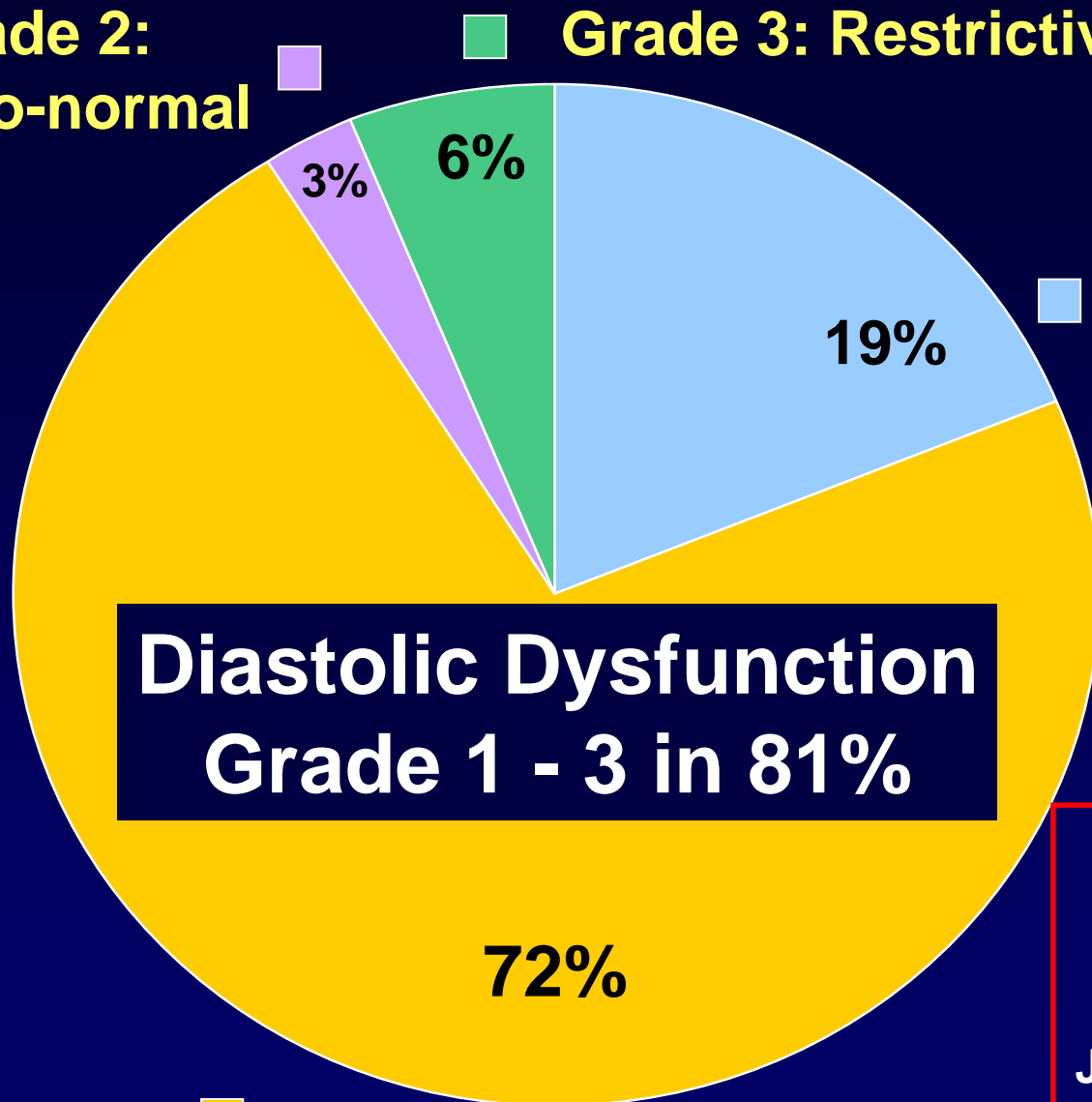


# Diastolic Function

**Grade 2:  
Pseudo-normal**

**Grade 3: Restrictive**

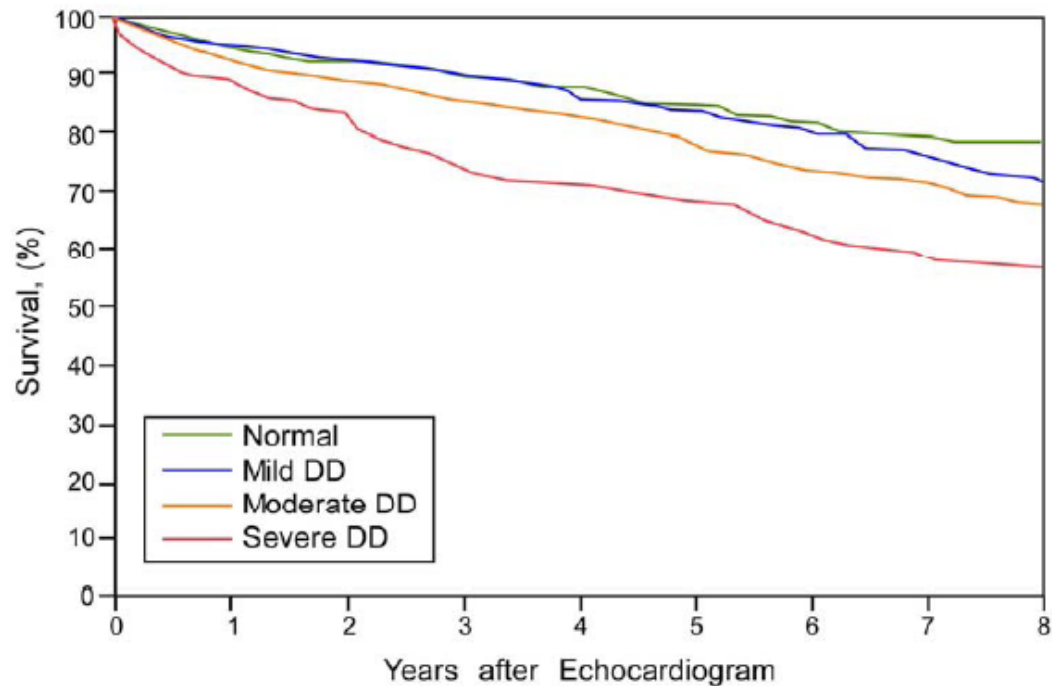
**Normal**



**Grade 1: Impaired relaxation**

**CHARM-  
Preserved  
67%**  
JACC49:687-94,2007

Figure 2. Survival by diastolic stage for the matched patients (n=1,249)



Numbers at Risk:

Normal	365	330	309	204	105
Mild	381	345	310	209	124
Moderate	375	331	294	189	112
Severe	127	104	88	56	31

Mortality Associated with Diastolic Dysfunction

Risk Factor*	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Mild diastolic dysfunction	1.11 (0.85, 1.47)	0.45
Moderate diastolic dysfunction	1.58 (1.20, 2.08)	0.0007
Severe diastolic dysfunction	1.84 (1.29, 2.62)	0.0009

\* compared to normal diastolic function group

**I-PRESERVE**

# Left Atrial Size

**Moderate  
Severe**



**12%**

**36%**

**Normal**



**Left Atrial Size ↑ in 64%**

**Mild**



**52%**

**CHARM-  
Preserved  
71%  
JACC49:687-94,2007**

**Left Atrial Size ≈ Hgb A1C for Diastolic pressure**

# Why Do HFPEF Patients Decompensate?

- Excess salt
- Inadequate diuretic Rx
- Worsening hypertension
- Medications: NSAIDs, thiazolidinediones, ?CCBs, ?alpha-blockers
- Atrial fibrillation
- Worsening renal function
- Myocardial ischemia
- Anemia
- Iatrogenic volume overload

# CHARM Program: Outcomes overview

## Candesartan vs placebo

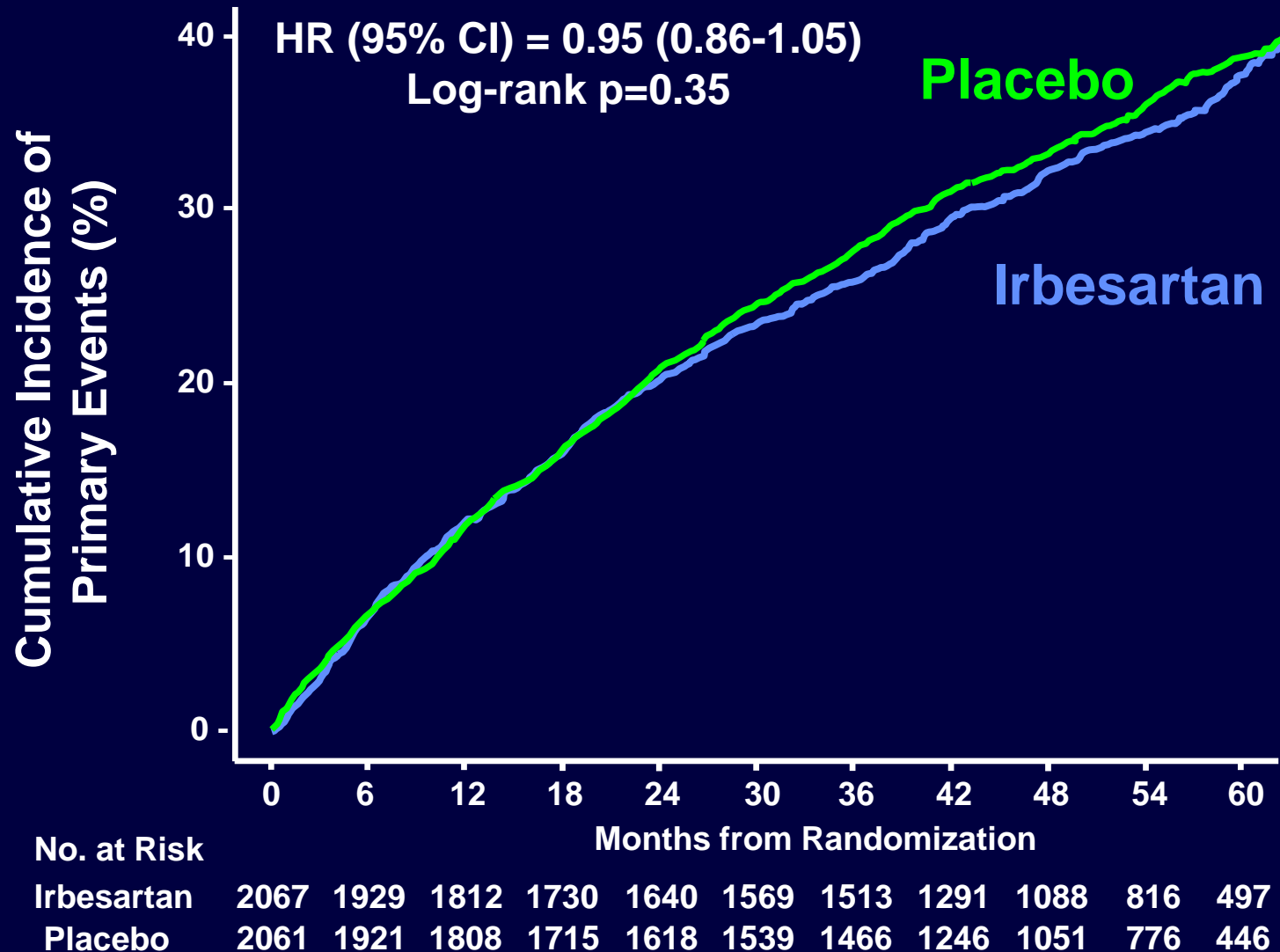
Parameter	CHARM Added	CHARM Alternative	CHARM Preserved	CHARM Overall
Follow-up (months)	41	34	37	38
CV deaths (%)	23.7 vs 27.3*	21.6 vs 24.8	11.2 vs 11.3	18.2 vs 20.3*
HF hospitalization (%)	24.2 vs 28*	20.4 vs 28.2*	15.9* vs 18.3	19.9 vs 24.2*
Combined endpoint (%)	37.9 vs 42.3*	33 vs 40*	22 vs 24.3	30.2 vs 34.5*
NNT/year to prevent 1 CV death/HF hospitalization	85	40	132	73

\*statistically significant

Gleiter CH et al. *Cardiovasc Drug Rev.* 2004;22:263-84.

# I-PRESERVE: Primary Endpoint

## Death or protocol specified CV hospitalization

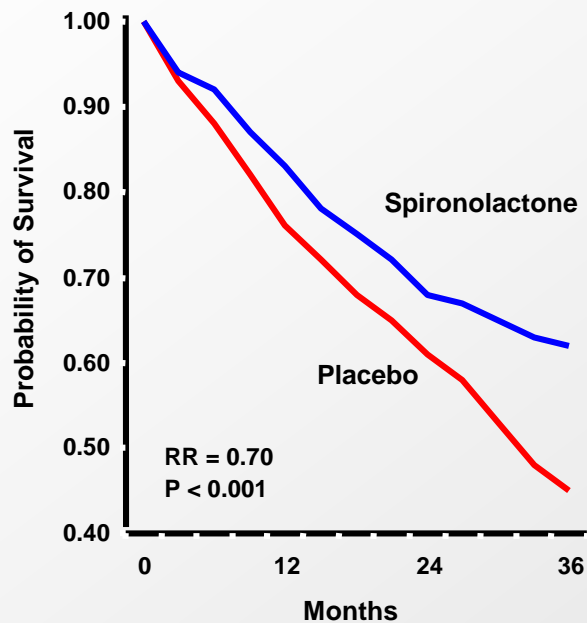




# MRAs Beneficial in HFrEF and Post-MI LVD

## RALES (Severe HFrEF)

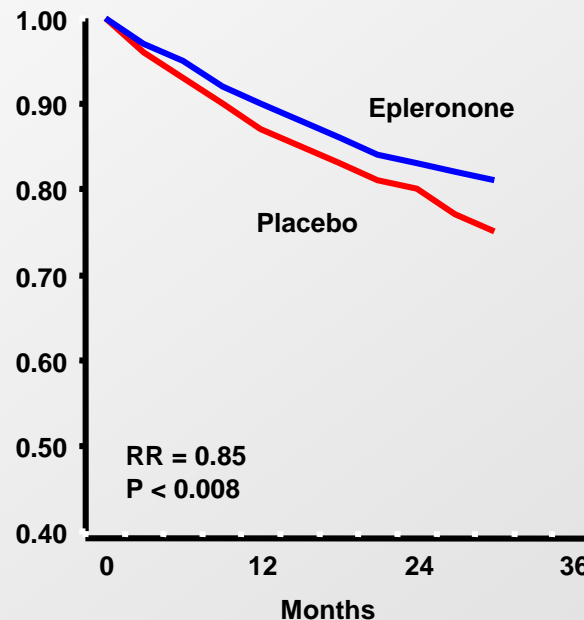
30% Risk Reduction



Pitt NEJM 1999

## EPHESUS (Post-MI)

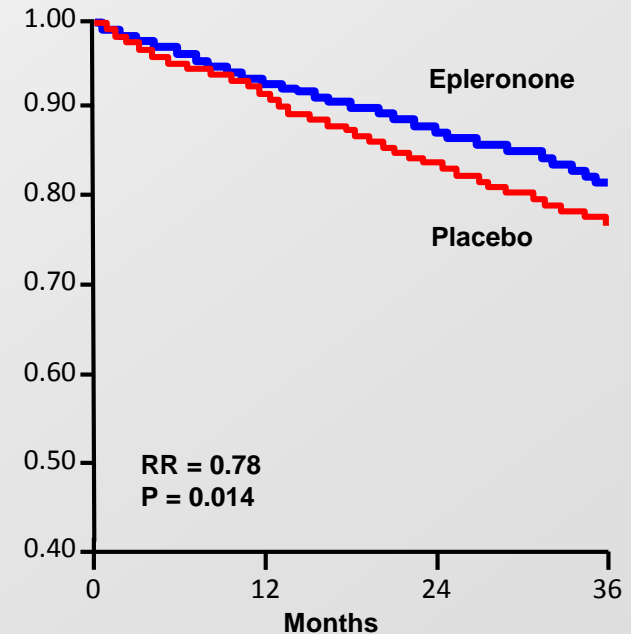
15% Risk Reduction



Pitt NEJM 2003

## EMPHASIS (Mild HFrEF)

22% Risk Reduction



Zannad NEJM 2011

# Baseline

<b>Variable*</b>	<b>Spironolactone N = 1722</b>	<b>Placebo N = 1723</b>
<b>NYHA Class</b>		
II	63.3%	64.3%
III	33.0%	32.2%
<b>LVEF %</b>	56 (51, 61)	56 (51, 62)
<b>Stratum</b>		
Hosp. for HF	71.5%	71.5%
Natriuretic Peptide**	28.5%	28.5%
<b>Age</b>	69 (61, 76)	69 (61, 76)
<b>Female</b>	52%	51%
<b>Hypertension</b>	91%	92%
<b>Coronary Artery Disease</b>	57%	60%
<b>Myocardial Infarction</b>	26%	26%
<b>Stroke</b>	7%	8%
<b>Atrial Fibrillation</b>	35%	35%
<b>Diabetes Mellitus</b>	33%	32%
<b>Smoking (current)</b>	10%	11%

\*Reported as % or median (Q1, Q3)

\*\* (BNP  $\geq 100$  pg/mL or NT-proBNP  $\geq 360$  pg/mL)

## Baseline (2)

<b>Variable*</b>	<b>Spironolactone N = 1722</b>	<b>Placebo N = 1723</b>
<b>Systolic Blood Pressure</b>	<b>130 (120, 139)</b>	<b>130 (120, 140)</b>
<b>Diastolic Blood Pressure</b>	<b>80 (70, 80)</b>	<b>80 (70, 80)</b>
<b>Heart Rate</b>	<b>68 (62, 76)</b>	<b>68 (62, 76)</b>
<b>BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>31 (27, 36)</b>	<b>31 (27, 36)</b>
<b>eGFR (ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>65 (54, 79)</b>	<b>66 (54, 79)</b>
<b>&lt; 60 (ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Serum Potassium (mEq/L)</b>	<b>4.3 (4.0, 4.6)</b>	<b>4.3 (4.0, 4.6)</b>
<b>Hemoglobin (g/dl)</b>	<b>13.2 (12.1, 14.4)</b>	<b>13.3 (12.2, 14.5)</b>
<b>Medications</b>		
<b>ACE-I or ARB</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Beta-blocker</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Diuretic</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Statin</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Anticoagulant</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>22%</b>

\*Reported as % or median (Q1, Q3)

# Patient Participation

**Randomized:** N=3445; **Mean follow-up:** 3.3 years

**US** (1,151); **Russia** (1,066); **Rep. of Georgia** (612);  
**Canada** (326); **Brazil** (167); **Argentina** (123)

**Mean Dose at 8 months:** spironolactone 25 mg; placebo 28 mg

## **Spironolactone N=1,722**

% discontinued study medication:

1 year: 17.0%

2 year: 25.1%

End: 34.3%

**Vital status unknown: 67 (3.9%)**

## **Placebo N=1,723**

% discontinued study medication:

1 year: 13.5%

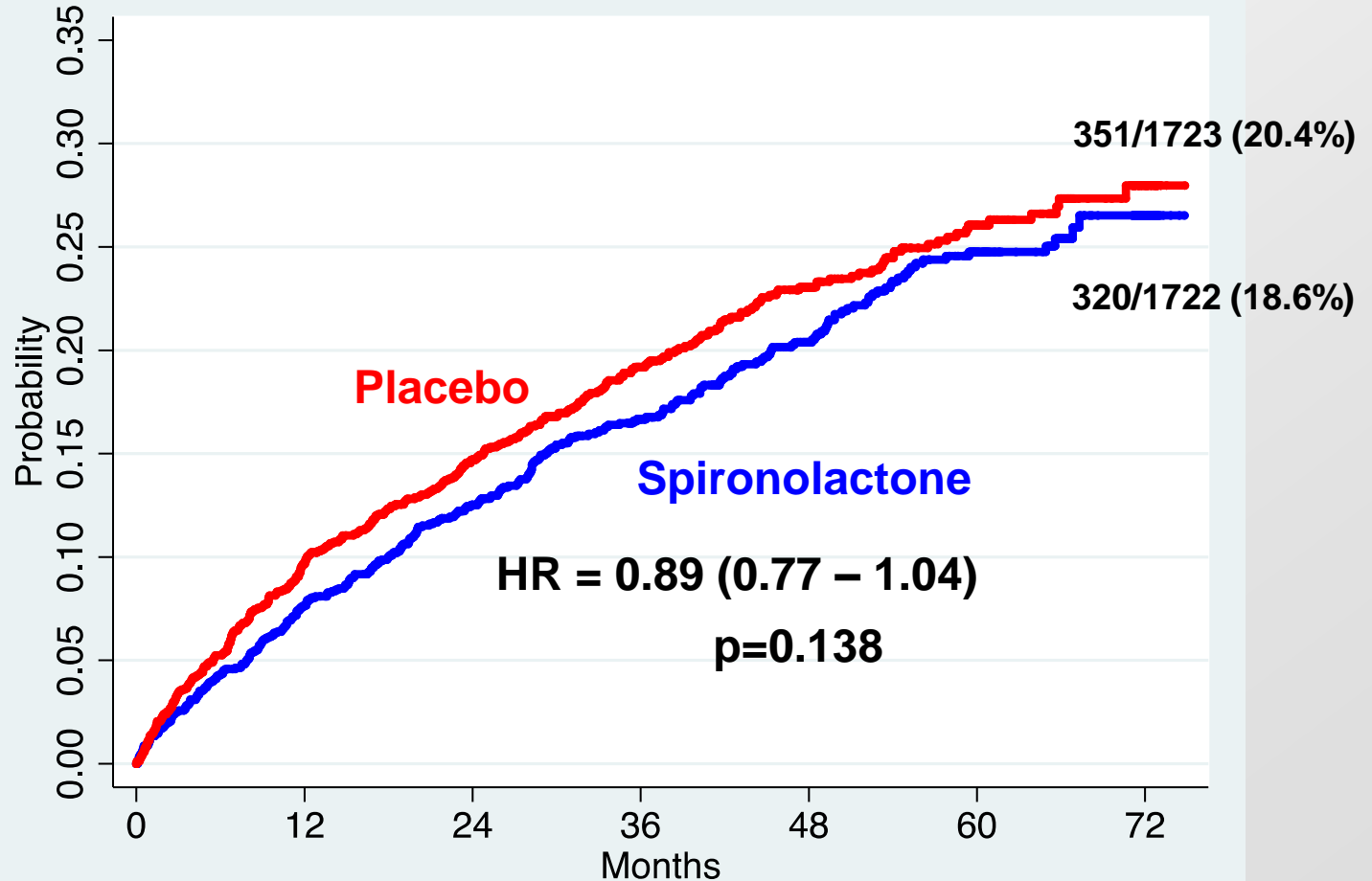
2 year: 20.1%

End: 31.4%

**Vital status unknown: 65 (3.8%)**

# 1° Outcome

(CV Death, HF Hosp, or Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest)



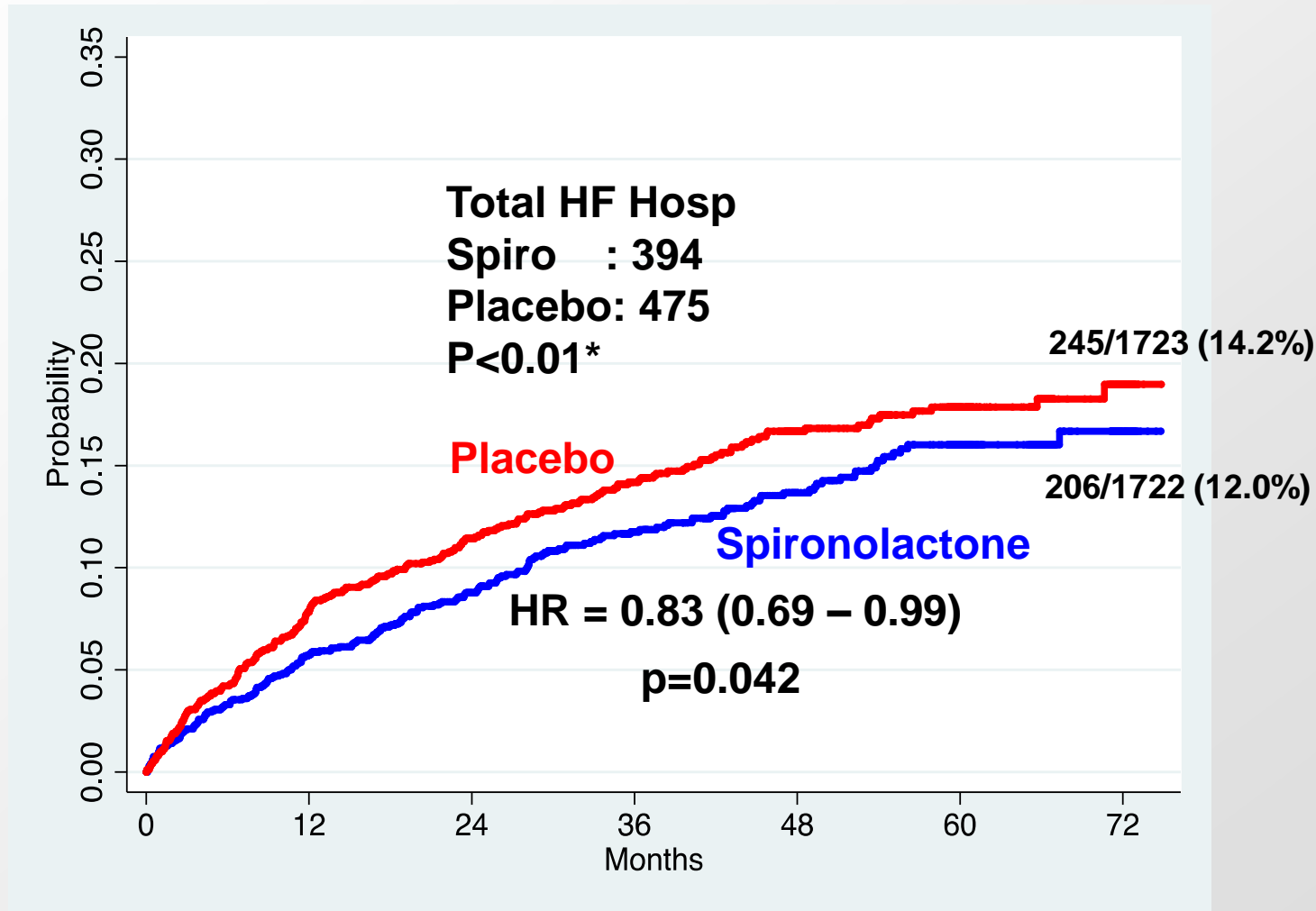
Number at risk

Spiro	1722	1502	1168	870	614	330	53
Placebo	1723	1462	1145	834	581	331	53

# 1° and Components

Outcome	# and % of Subjects with Event, and Event Rate		Hazard Ratio (95% CI) p-value
	Spironolactone (N = 1722)	Placebo (N = 1723)	
<b>Primary Outcome</b>	<b>320 (18.6%)</b> 5.9/100pt-yr	<b>351 (20.4%)</b> 6.6/100pt-yr	<b>0.89</b> (0.77-1.04) P=0.138
<b>Primary Components</b>			
<b>CV Mortality</b>	<b>160 (9.3%)</b> 2.8/100pt-yr	<b>176 (10.2%)</b> 3.1/100pt-yr	<b>0.90</b> (0.73-1.12) P=0.354
<b>Aborted Cardiac Arrest</b>	<b>3 (&lt;1%)</b> 0.05/100pt-yr	<b>5 (&lt;1%)</b> 0.09/100pt-yr	<b>0.60</b> (0.14-2.50) P=0.482
<b>Hospitalization for Heart Failure</b>	<b>206 (12.0%)</b> 3.8/100pt-yr	<b>245 (14.2%)</b> 4.6/100pt-yr	<b>0.83</b> (0.69-0.99) P=0.042

# Heart Failure Hospitalizations



\*poisson regression



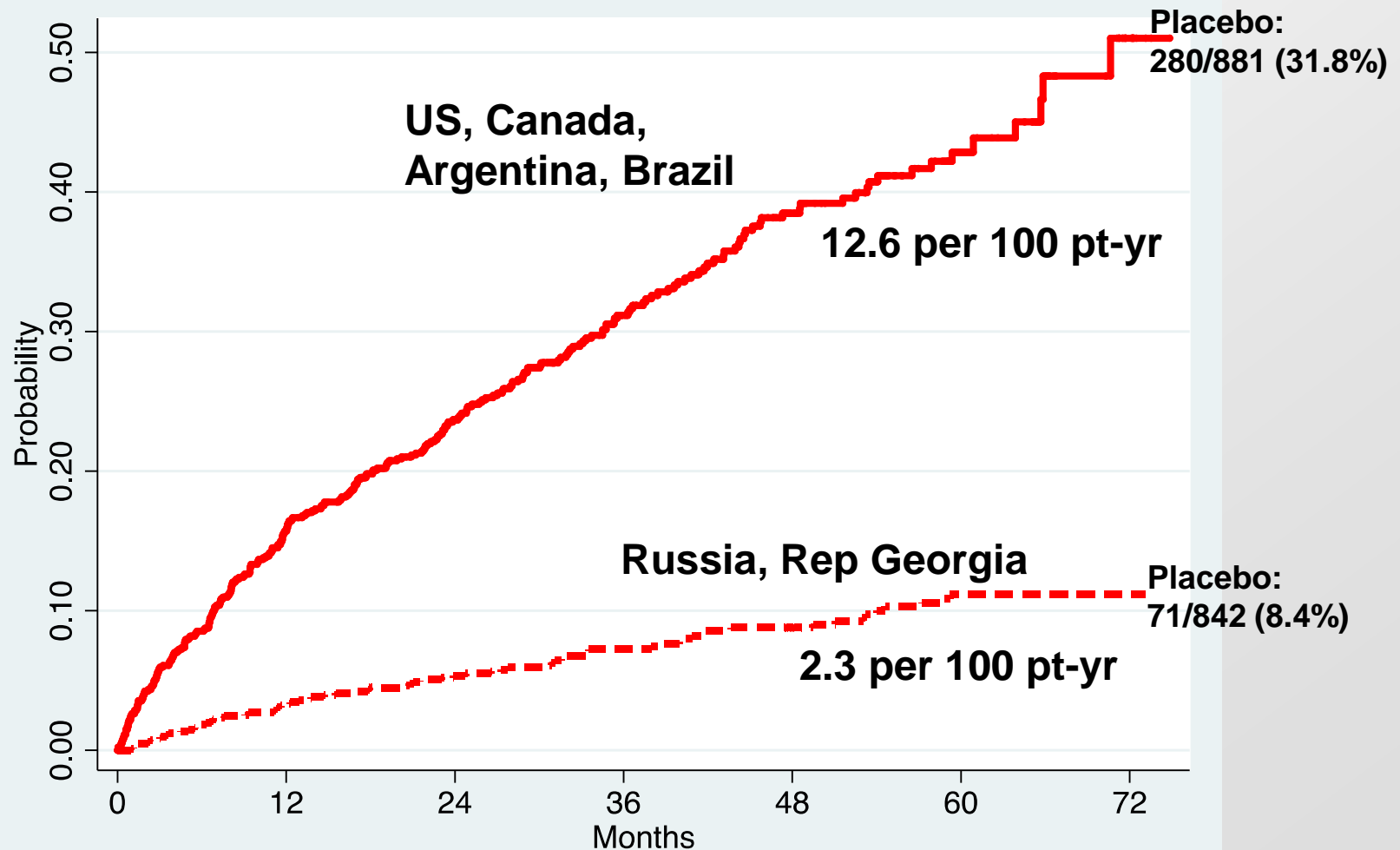
## Serum Potassium\*

Potassium	Spiro	Placebo	P (chi-sq)
Hyperkalemia ( $\geq 5.5$ mmol/L)	322 (18.7%)	157 (9.1%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Hypokalemia (<3.5 mmol/L)	279 (16.2%)	394 (22.9%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

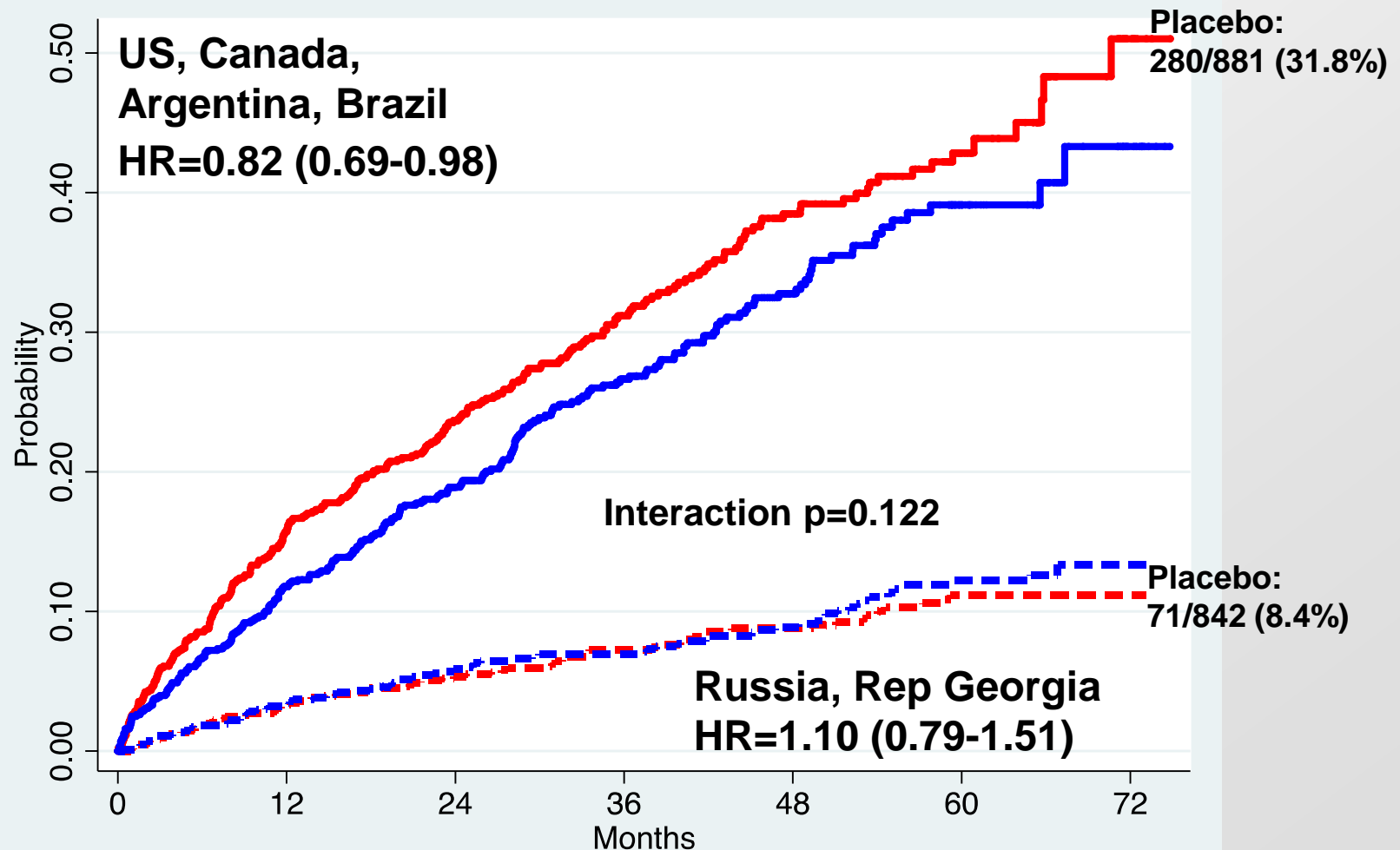
No deaths related to hyperkalemia were reported.

\*Monitoring at each dose change and visit (algorithm in Desai Am Heart J 2011)

# Placebo Rates: Primary Outcome, by region



# Exploratory (post-hoc): Placebo vs. Spiro by region



# Echocardiographic parameters in select HFpEF trials.

Anderson and Vasan. Heart Fail Clin. 2014 July ; 10(3)

Table 2	TOPCAT(62)	PARAMOUNT(63)	RELAX(20)	I-PRESERVE(17,64)	CHARMES(65,66)	Aldo-DHF(6)	PEP-CHF(18)
N	935	292	216	745	312	422	850
Definition of diastolic heart failure	LVEF $\geq$ 45%, HF hospitalization, or BNP $\geq$ 100 or NT-proBNP $\geq$ 360 pg/mL	LVEF $\geq$ 45%, NT-pro-BNP $>$ 400 pg/mL	LVEF $\geq$ 50%, NT-pro-BNP $>$ 400, pVO2 $<$ 60% of predicted	LVEF $\geq$ 45%, recent HF hospitalization or other objective signs of HF	LVEF $>$ 40%	LVEF $\geq$ 50%, echocardiographic diastolic dysfunction or AF pVO2 $\leq$ 25	LVEF $>$ 40%, HF by clinical criteria
Age (years)	70 $\pm$ 10	71 $\pm$ 9	69 (62–77)	72 $\pm$ 7	66 $\pm$ 11	67 $\pm$ 8	75 (72–79)
Women	49%	56%	48%	62%	34%	52%	56%
<i>LV structure</i>							
EDD (cm)	4.80 $\pm$ 0.58	4.64 $\pm$ 0.48	4.6 (4.3–5.1)	4.8 $\pm$ 0.6	5.4 $\pm$ 0.7	4.65 $\pm$ 0.62	4.6 (4.2–5.1)
EDVi (mL/m2)	49.9 $\pm$ 15.5	61.4 $\pm$ 15.4	NA	49 $\pm$ 14	NA	NA	NA
MWT (cm)	1.18 $\pm$ 0.20	0.91 $\pm$ 0.16	NA	0.93 $\pm$ 0.15	NA	NA	1.3 (1.2–1.5)
LVMi (g/m2)	111 $\pm$ 31	79.1 $\pm$ 22.2	78 (62–94)	NA	117 $\pm$ 42	109 $\pm$ 28	NA
RWT	0.49 $\pm$ 0.10	0.38 $\pm$ 0.08	NA	0.40 $\pm$ 0.08	NA	NA	NA
<i>LV geometry</i>							
Normal	14%	72%	NA	46%	NA	NA	NA
Concentric remodeling	34%	14%	NA	25%	NA	NA	NA
Concentric hypertrophy	43%	7%	NA	29%	NA	NA	NA
Eccentric hypertrophy	9%	7%	NA	0%	NA	NA	NA
<i>LV systolic function</i>							
EF (%)	59.6 $\pm$ 8.0	57.7 $\pm$ 7.9	60 (56–65)	64 $\pm$ 9	50 (18–65)	67 $\pm$ 8	65 (56–66)
<i>LV diastolic function</i>							
LAVi (mL/m2)	29.8 $\pm$ 12.5	35.9 $\pm$ 13.5	44 (36–59)	NA	41.3 $\pm$ 14.7	28.0 $\pm$ 8.4	NA
LA diameter (cm)	4.3 $\pm$ 0.6	3.7 $\pm$ 0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.5 (4.1–4.8)
E/A ratio	1.2 $\pm$ 0.7	1.1 $\pm$ 0.62	1.5 (1.0–2.1)	1.05 $\pm$ 0.74	1.1 $\pm$ 0.7	0.91 $\pm$ 0.33	0.7 (0.6–0.9)
TDI E– septal (cm/s)	6.1 $\pm$ 2.2	5.8 $\pm$ 2.0	6 (5–8)	7.2 $\pm$ 2.9	NA	5.9 $\pm$ 1.3	NA
TDI E– lateral (cm/s)	8.2 $\pm$ 3.2	7.5 $\pm$ 2.8	NA	9.1 $\pm$ 3.4	NA	NA	NA
E/E– ratio (septal)	15.6 $\pm$ 6.8	15.9 $\pm$ 7.3	16 (11–24)	NA	NA	12.8 $\pm$ 4.0	NA

# Echocardiographic parameters in select HFpEF trials.

## Cont'

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E/E- ratio (lateral)	11.8±5.9	12.7±7.4	NA	10.0±4.5	NA	NA	NA
Diastolic dysfunction, any	66%	92%	NA	69%	67%	100%	NA
None	34%	8%	31%	33%	NA	0%	NA
Grade 1	22%	31%	NA	29%	22%	77%	NA
Grade 2	34%	43%	NA	36%	37%	21%	NA
Grade 3	10%	18%	NA	4%	7%	2%	NA
<i>Pulmonary pressure</i>	2.8±0.5 (TR [m/s])	2.5±0.4 (TR [m/s])	41 (33–53) (RVSP [mmHg])	37±13 (RVSP [mmHg])	NA	NA	NA
Mortality rate in placebo-group	176/1723 (10.2%)*	NA	0/103 (0%)	436/2061 (21%)	170/1509 (11.3%)*	0/209 (0%)	53/426 (12.4%)
Length of follow-up	Mean 3.3 years	12 weeks	24 weeks	Mean 49.5 months	Mean 36.6 months	12 months	Mean 2.1 years
Annual mortality rate <sup>¶</sup>	3.1%	NA	0%	5.1%	12%	0%	5.8%

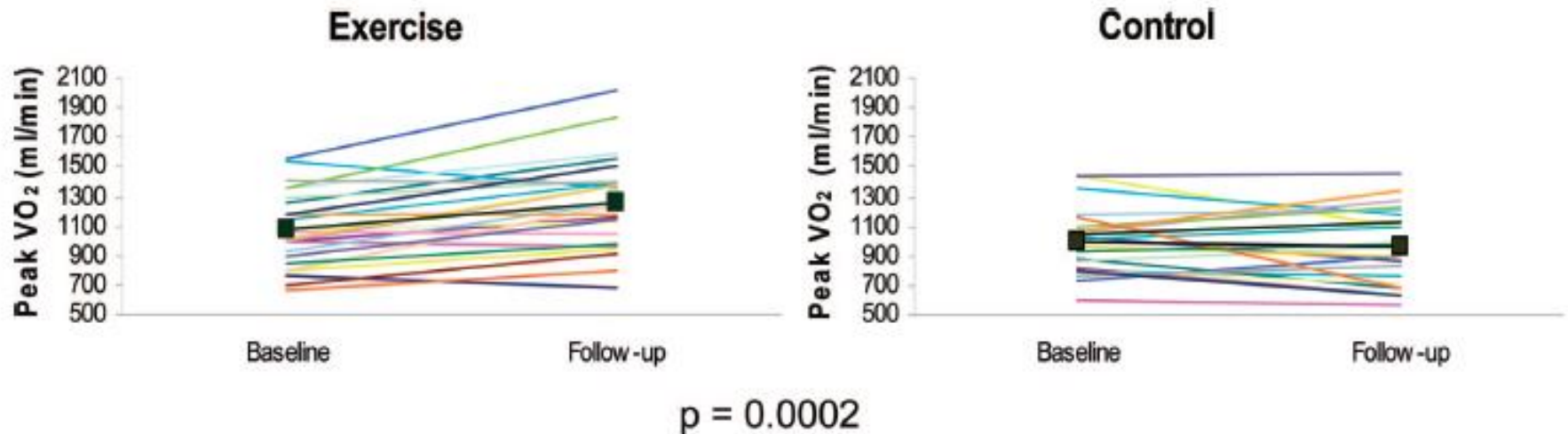
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## **Atrial fibrillation**

- **Often coexists with HFpEF presentation**
- **May be the causation of decompensation**
- **Meta-analysis of > 54,000 patients,**
- **A significantly higher risk of death in AF patients with HFrEF compared to those with HFpEF.**
  - **There was a crude mortality rate of 24% *versus* 18% respectively, over 2 years.**
  - **no significant difference in incident stroke or heart failure hospitalization between the two groups.**

# Exercise Training in Older Patients With Heart Failure and Preserved Ejection Fraction

A Randomized, Controlled, Single-Blind Trial



**Figure.** Individual and mean (■) responses of peak exercise  $\dot{V}O_2$  following 16 weeks of supervised exercise training. Results are displayed in raw, nonindexed peak  $\dot{V}O_2$ , as this is uninfluenced by weight.

*Kitzman et al. Circ Heart Fail. 2010;3:659-667.*



# Pharmacological Treatment for Stage C HF With Preserved EF

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
I	B	Systolic and diastolic blood pressure should be controlled in patients with HFpEF in accordance with published clinical practice guidelines to prevent morbidity	2013 recommendation remains current.
I	C	Diuretics should be used for relief of symptoms due to volume overload in patients with HFpEF.	2013 recommendation remains current.



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# Pharmacological Treatment for Stage C HF With Preserved EF

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
<b>Ila</b>	<b>C</b>	Coronary revascularization is reasonable in patients with CAD in whom symptoms (angina) or demonstrable myocardial ischemia is judged to be having an adverse effect on symptomatic HFpEF despite GDMT.	2013 recommendation remains current.
<b>Ila</b>	<b>C</b>	Management of AF according to published clinical practice guidelines in patients with HFpEF is reasonable to improve symptomatic HF.	2013 recommendation remains current.
<b>Ila</b>	<b>C</b>	The use of beta-blocking agents, ACE inhibitors, and ARBs in patients with hypertension is reasonable to control blood pressure in patients with HFpEF.	2013 recommendation remains current.



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# Pharmacological Treatment for Stage C HF With Preserved EF

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
<b>IIb</b>	<b>B-R</b>	In appropriately selected patients with HFpEF (with EF $\geq$ 45%, elevated BNP levels or HF admission within 1 year, estimated glomerular filtration rate $>$ 30 mL/min, creatinine $<$ 2.5 mg/dL, potassium $<$ 5.0 mEq/L), aldosterone receptor antagonists might be considered to decrease hospitalizations.	<b>NEW:</b> Current recommendation reflects new RCT data.
<b>IIb</b>	<b>B</b>	The use of ARBs might be considered to decrease hospitalizations for patients with HFpEF.	2013 recommendation remains current.



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# Pharmacological Treatment for Stage C HF With Preserved EF

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/ Rationale
<b>III: No Benefit</b>	<b>B-R</b>	Routine use of nitrates or phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors to increase activity or QoL in patients with HFpEF is ineffective.	<b>NEW:</b> Current recommendation reflects new data from RCTs.
<b>III: No Benefit</b>	<b>C</b>	Routine use of nutritional supplements is not recommended for patients with HFpEF.	2013 recommendation remains current.



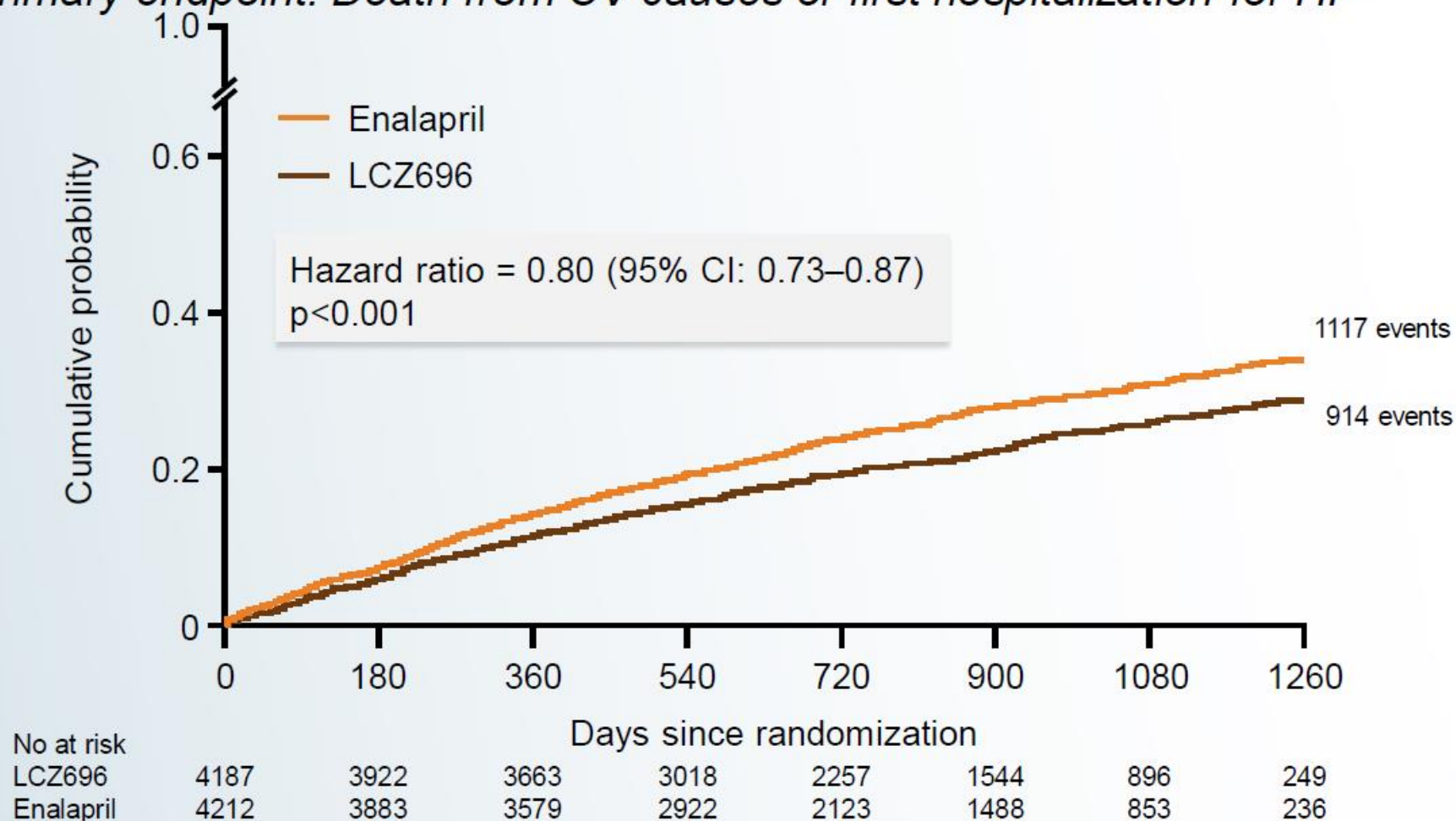
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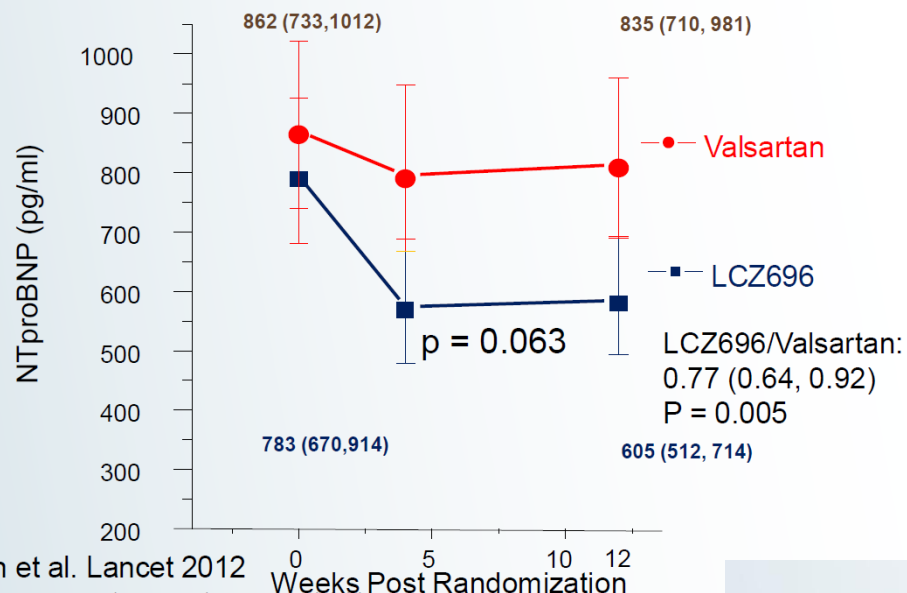


# PARADIGM-HF



*Primary endpoint: Death from CV causes or first hospitalization for HF*

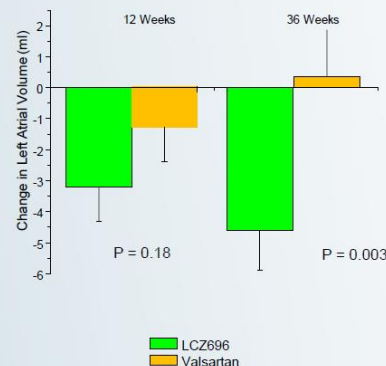




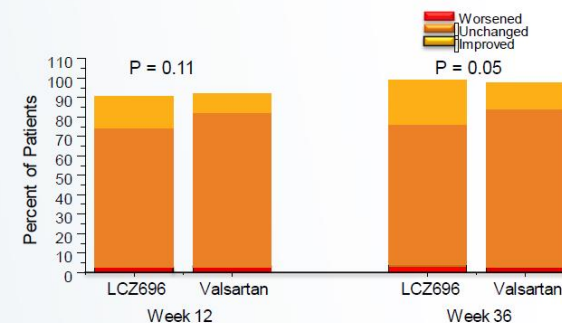
Solomon et al. Lancet 2012

PARAMOUNT: Improvement in LA Volume and NYHA Class at 36 weeks

Left Atrial Volume



NYHA Class

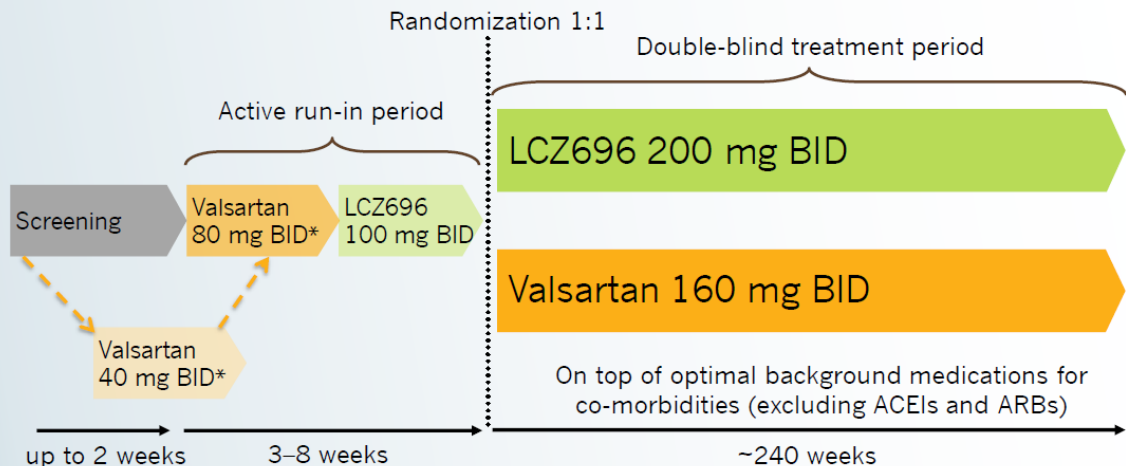


No Significant Changes in LV volumes, Ejection Fraction, or LV mass at 12 or 36 weeks

# Study Design



Target patient population: ~4,300 patients with symptomatic HF (NYHA Class II–IV) and LVEF  $\geq 45\%$



Primary outcome: CV death and total (first and recurrent) HF hospitalizations (anticipated ~1,721 primary events)

## Key Objectives



LCZ696

Valsartan

**Primary Objective**  
↓ CV Mortality and (total) HF hospitalization

**Secondary Objectives**  
[↓ CV Mortality, HF Hospitalization, stroke, MI]  
↑ NYHA Classification  
→ New onset AF  
→ All-cause mortality



# Key points

- Heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFPEF) is a common disease, especially among the elderly and in women.
- With an increasing prevalence of hypertension, obesity, atrial fibrillation, and diabetes, and the growing elderly segment of the general population, the prevalence of HFPEF is projected to increase in the future.
- HFPEF presents a diagnostic challenge and studies differ widely in their reported incidence and mortality rates associated with this condition.
- There is agreement that between a third and one half of heart failure patients in the community have HFPEF.
- Prognosis is overall poor. Patients with HFPEF have substantial comorbidity, high rates of repeated hospitalizations, and a high mortality.
- Is the mortality often not related to the HFPEF but to the comorbidities?
- Are there different groups within the phenotypes?

**Gracias!**