

# 8th CHALLENGES in **CARDIOLOGY**

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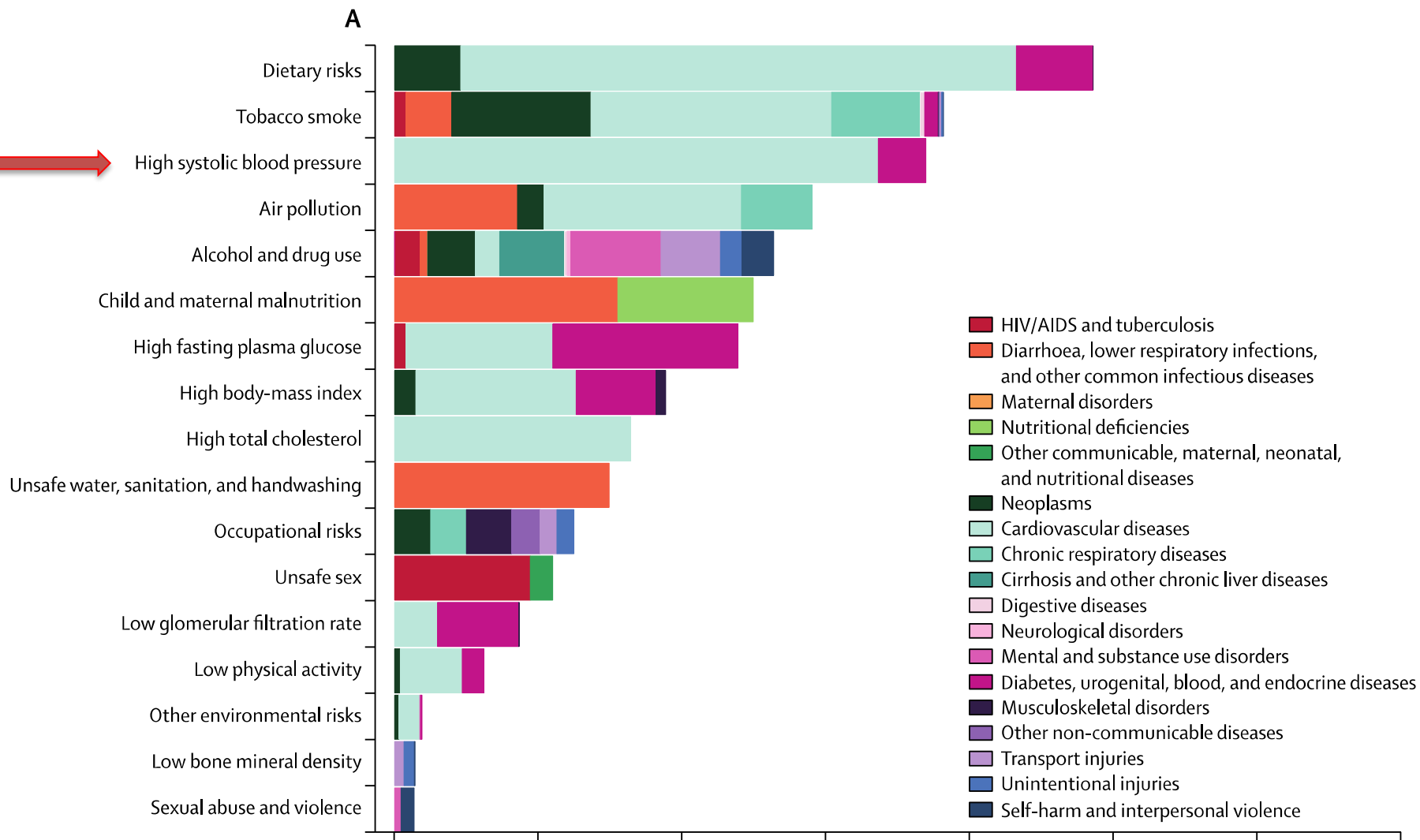
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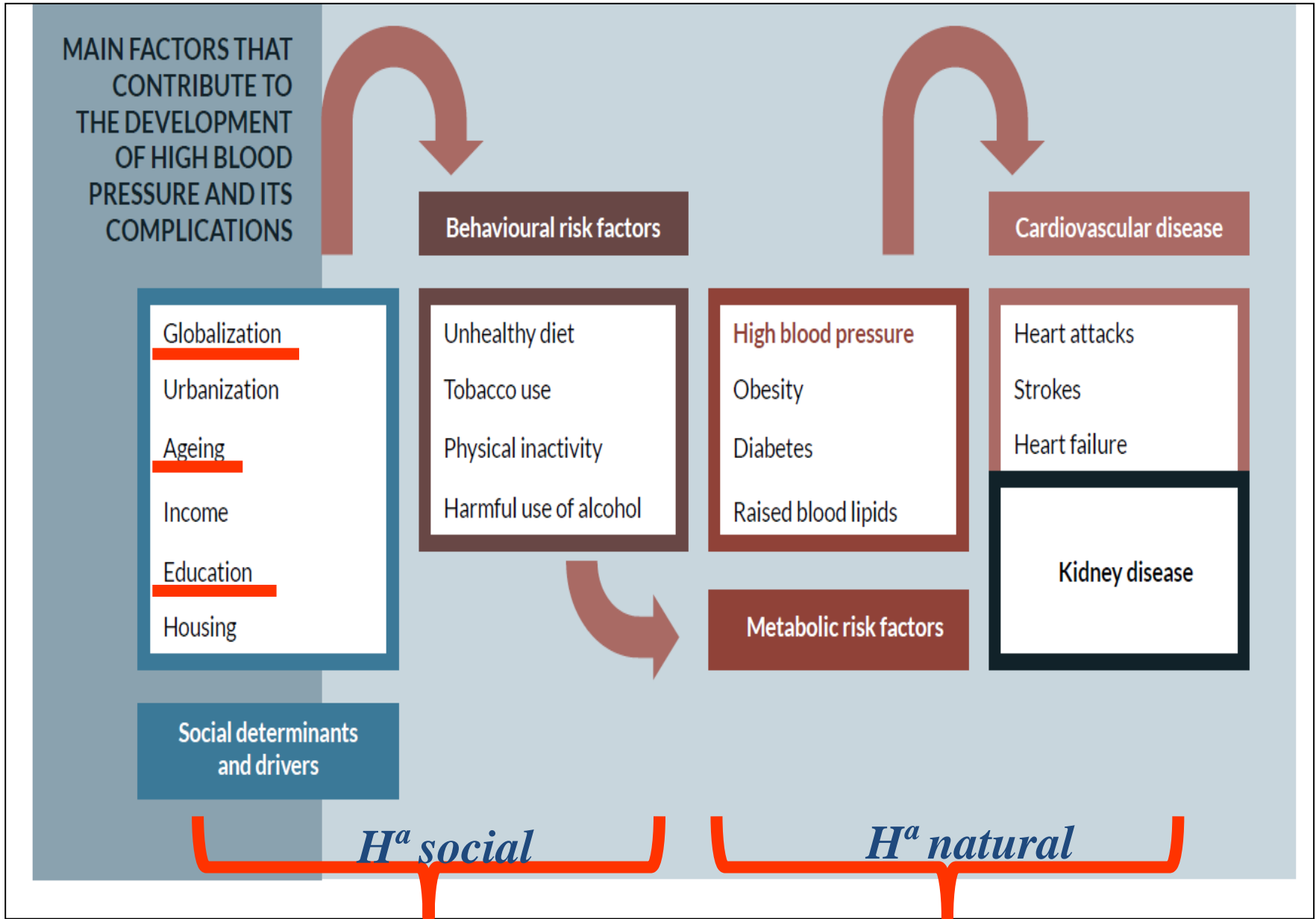
**Renal denervation in uncontrolled hypertension:  
the story continues to unfold**

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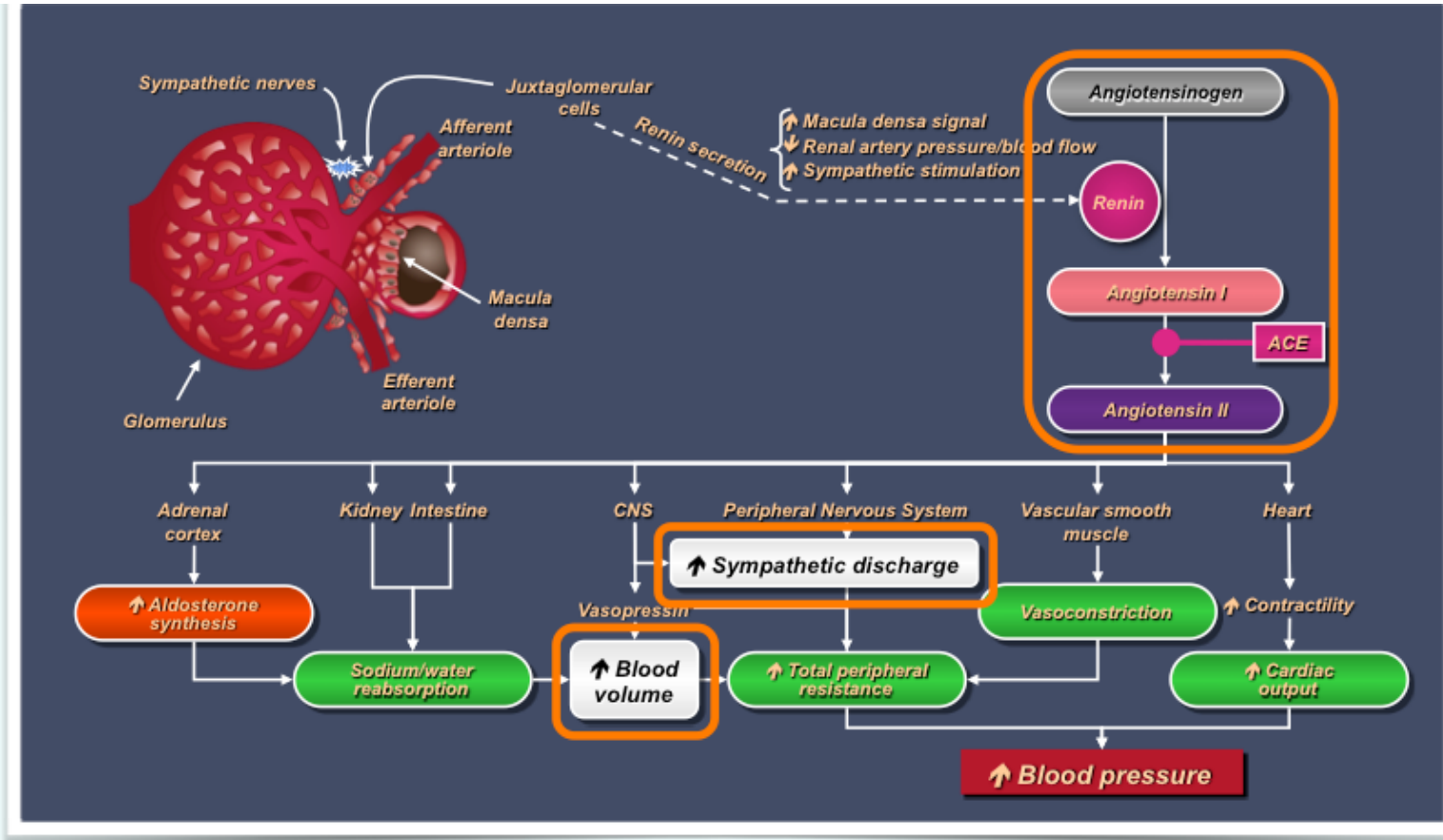
# Global DALYs attributable to RF



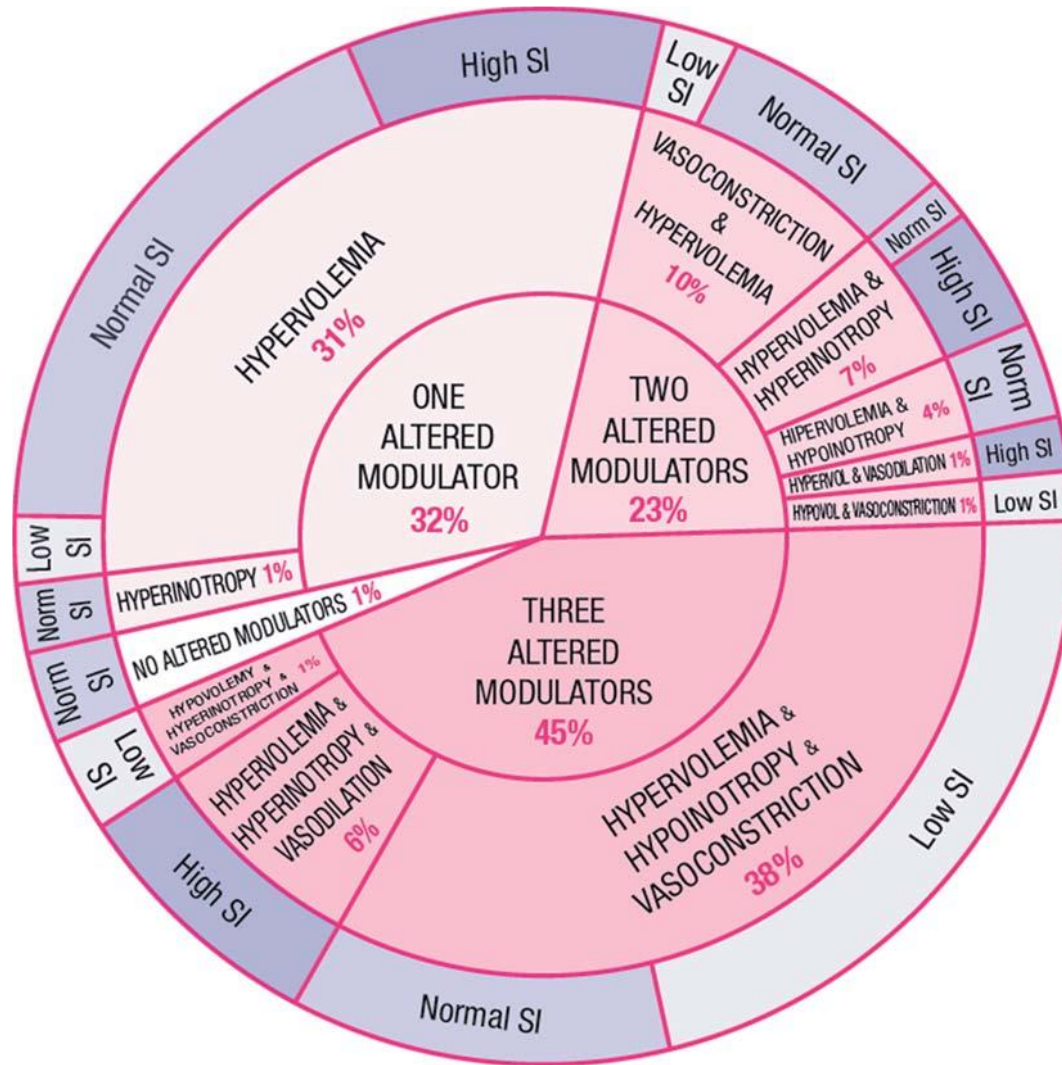
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# Do haemodynamic mechanisms matter?

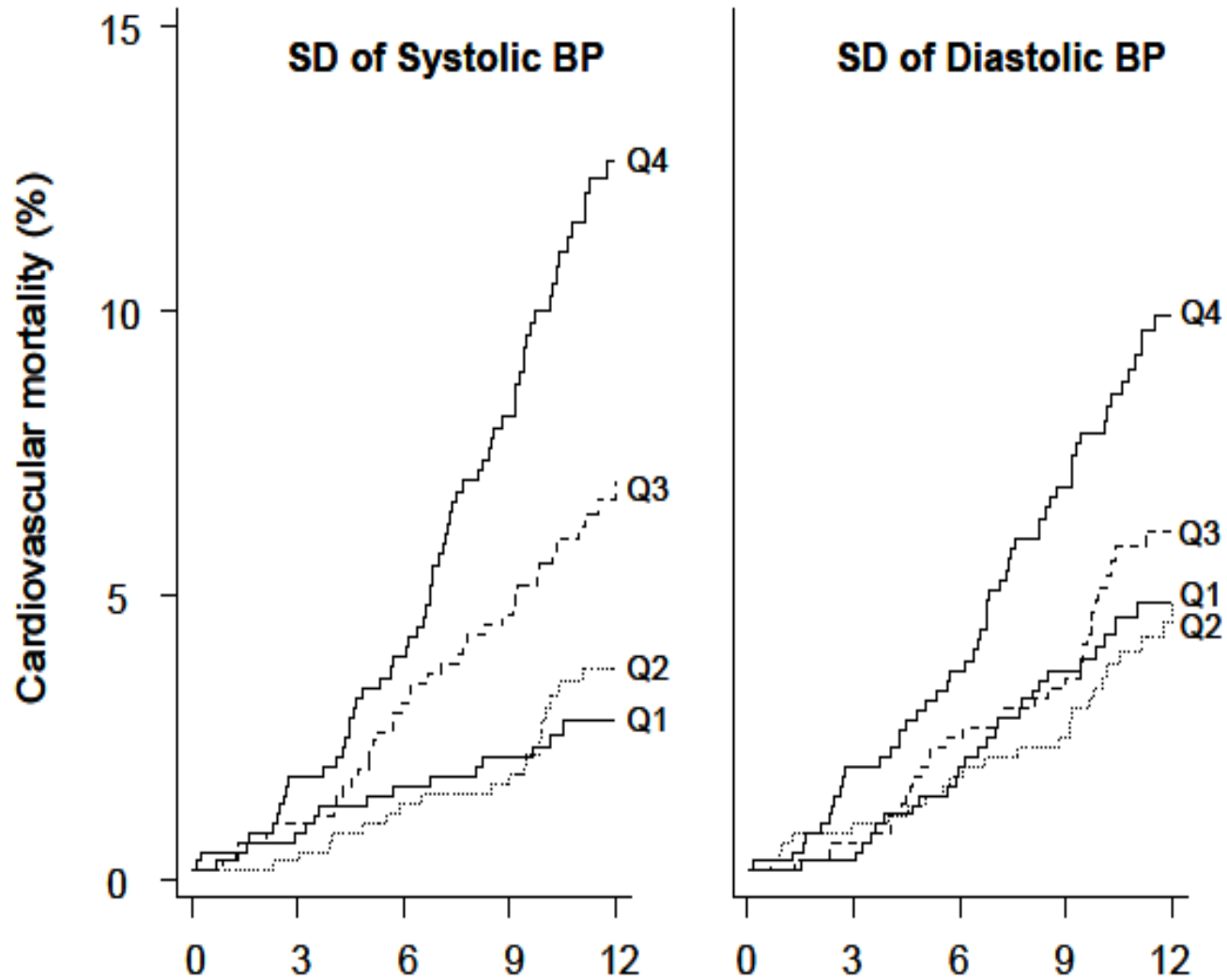


# What % of hypertensives reach control?

Prevalence [% (95% CI)]<sup>a</sup>

	Hypertension	Awareness	Treatment	Control <sup>b</sup>	Control <sup>c</sup>
Developed countries					
Men	40.2 (36.6–43.8)	48.4 (44.1–52.7)	28.8 (24.9–32.6)	33.1 (27.7–38.6)	10.6 (7.2–14.0)
Women	32.2 (29.0–35.4)	61.1 (57.3–65.0)	40.5 (36.2–44.9)	38.5 (32.6–44.3)	17.3 (13.1–21.5)
Developing countries					
Men	33.4 (30.5–36.4)	42.1 (35.0–49.1)	29.9 (24.4–35.3)	29.7 (25.0–34.4)	10.2 (6.9–13.5)
Women	32.0 (28.5–35.4)	53.6 (44.5–62.8)	40.6 (32.4–48.7)	33.8 (27.9–39.6)	16.2 (10.9–21.4)
North America					
Men	33.7 (30.7–36.6)	66.1 (58.3–73.9)	46.3 (40.3–52.3)	50.1 (39.5–60.8)	24.9 (18.0–31.8)
Women	30.6 (25.7–35.4)	70.1 (65.3–75.0)	53.3 (42.4–64.1)	55.9 (46.0–65.8)	31.0 (21.0–41.0)
Central, South America and Caribbean					
Men	33.1 (25.4–40.8)	61.1 (46.6–75.6)	38.4 (28.3–48.6)	37.9 (24.8–50.9)	15.9 (7.6–24.2)
Women	33.5 (25.2–41.8)	73.6 (56.1–91.0)	62.5 (48.8–76.2)	50.4 (37.5–63.3)	33.2 (18.6–47.8)
Africa					
Men	40.5 (31.5–49.6)	39.4 (20.1–58.6)	34.5 (15.6–53.4)	21.3 (17.0–25.6)	8.6 (1.9–15.2)
Women	40.3 (38.7–42.0)	55.8 (35.7–76.0)	49.0 (24.9–73.2)	24.7 (9.6–39.8)	14.6 (0–30.2)
Eastern Asia					
Men	33.6 (31.3–36.0)	37.7 (24.9–50.6)	24.1 (10.0–38.2)	25.3 (19.7–31.0)	5.7 (2.0–9.4)
Women	26.9 (25.0–28.8)	47.5 (36.8–58.2)	34.7 (23.9–45.5)	30.4 (23.2–37.5)	10.5 (7.6–13.4)
South-eastern, South-central and Western Asia					
Men	31.3 (25.1–37.6)	35.3 (32.0–38.6)	27.1 (24.4–29.7)	31.8 (29.6–34.0)	10.6 (6.4–14.9)
Women	32.6 (27.9–37.2)	46.4 (34.4–58.5)	30.6 (28.1–33.0)	30.3 (24.7–35.8)	11.8 (8.7–15.0)
Southern Europe					
Men	37.3 (28.5–46.0)	47.3 (43.0–51.5)	23.6 (20.4–26.7)	31.4 (20.5–42.2)	7.3 (3.4–11.1)
Women	32.1 (24.4–39.8)	59.0 (49.7–68.3)	38.1 (32.7–43.5)	29.5 (21.0–38.0)	12.2 (7.0–17.3)
Northern Europe					
Men	45.8 (37.7–53.9)	40.7 (33.0–48.4)	24.7 (19.8–29.6)	29.0 (19.5–38.4)	8.0 (3.7–12.3)
Women	34.9 (27.5–42.3)	52.1 (47.2–57.0)	29.9 (22.6–37.2)	31.9 (24.4–39.4)	10.0 (5.4–14.6)
Western Europe					
Men	42.4 (37.4–47.4)	46.4 (40.6–52.2)	27.1 (24.8–29.4)	29.7 (20.3–39.1)	9.5 (5.1–13.9)
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Central and Eastern Europe					
Men	41.2 (34.1–48.2)	53.7 (44.6–62.8)	34.5 (26.4–42.5)	29.1 (23.3–35.0)	10.1 (4.3–15.9)
Women	38.4 (27.2–49.7)	70.8 (67.8–73.9)	50.6 (43.1–58.0)	34.4 (21.3–47.5)	17.9 (9.7–26.1)
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# Should BP variability be included among objectives?



# Hipertensión resistente

PA consulta > 140/90 mmHg  
Recibiendo 3 anti HTA (incl. diuréticos)

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Excluir Pseudorresistencia

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Identificar y revertir factores de estilo de vida perjudiciales

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Suspender o minimizar sustancias que interfieren con el control de la PA

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Buscar causas de HTA secundaria

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**Aprox. farmacológica:**  
# adherencia  
# combinación de fármacos

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**Aprox. intervencionista**  
# Denervación renal



# WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

- Poor adherence affects BP variability
- BP measurements must be standardized
- SHAM is quite important
- Human anatomy is a key-point to optimize the results of RDN
- Patient selection is critical

# WHAT DO WE BELIEVE TO KNOW?

- Prevalence and pathophysiology of HTN (resistant?)
- Morbidity and mortality associated with HTN (resistant?)
- HTN control is deficient
- Protocols of patients flows and paths are necessary

## WHAT DO WE BELIEVE TO KNOW (II)?

- Patients with Isolated Systolic Hypertension may not respond as well to RDN
- Medication adherence likely modulates or masks the effect of RDN
- Patient preference is strong – almost half the patients self-referred for SPYRAL HTN trials

# WHAT DO WE WANT TO KNOW (#1)?

- Is the same patient that under 3 vs 7 drugs?
- 24h-ABPM has been evaluated in clinical trials?
- Have secondary causes of HTN been reasonably withdrawn?
- Concept of optimal dosage? Which anti-HTN drugs?
- Should all the hypertensives be treated with drugs?
- Biomarker of successful denervation?

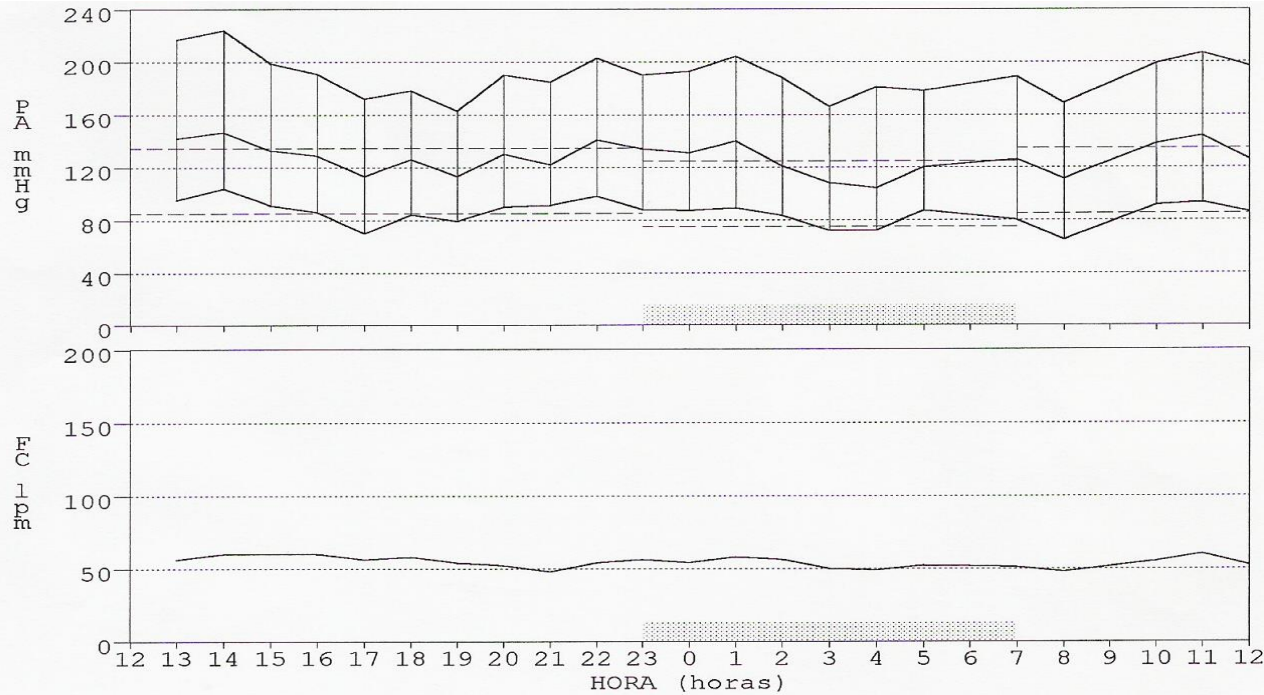
## WHAT DO WE WANT TO KNOW (#2)?

- What is the best patient to be treated with RDN?
- Is RDN safe in the long-term?
- What arteries should be preferable to be treated?
- How do patients with the highest expectable sympathetic activity (OSA, CKD, HF...) respond to RDN?

# CASE REPORT

- Female, 44 yo.
- Resistant HTN. Diagnosed at 32 yo. LVH and albuminuria.  
Checked adherence
  - Valsartan/Amlodipine/Hctz 320/10/25mg
  - Spironolactone 100mg
  - Bisoprolol 10mg
- Type 2 DM since 2010, metformin
- Dyslipidemia since 2010, statins
- Obesity since childhood

# Case report. 24h ABPM



24 h	191/96 mmHg
Activity	193/97 mmHg
Night	185/92 mmHg

# Case report. Withdrawn of causes of 2<sup>a</sup> HTN

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## *ABCD*

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A: Apnea, Aldosteronism

B: Bruits, Bad kidneys

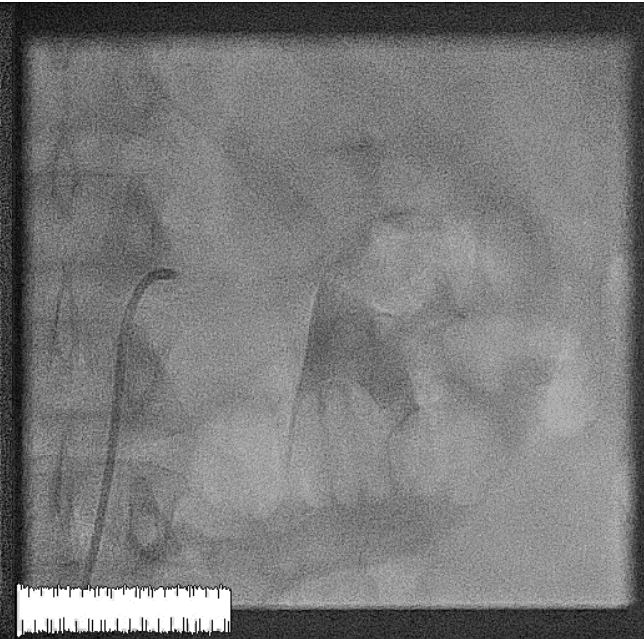
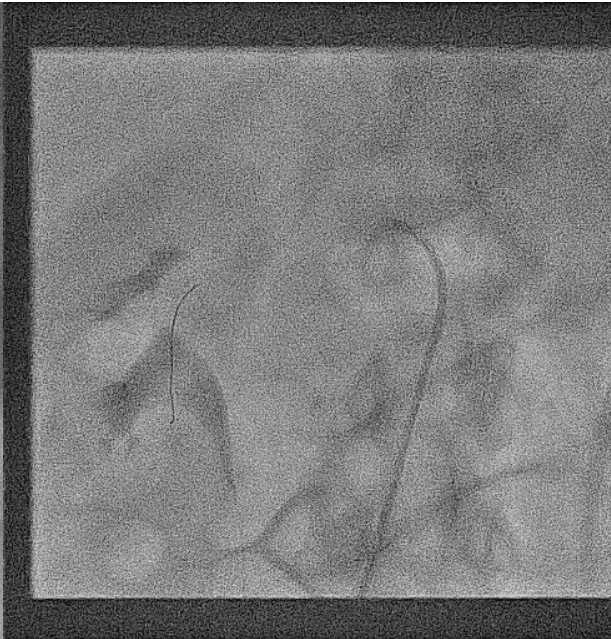
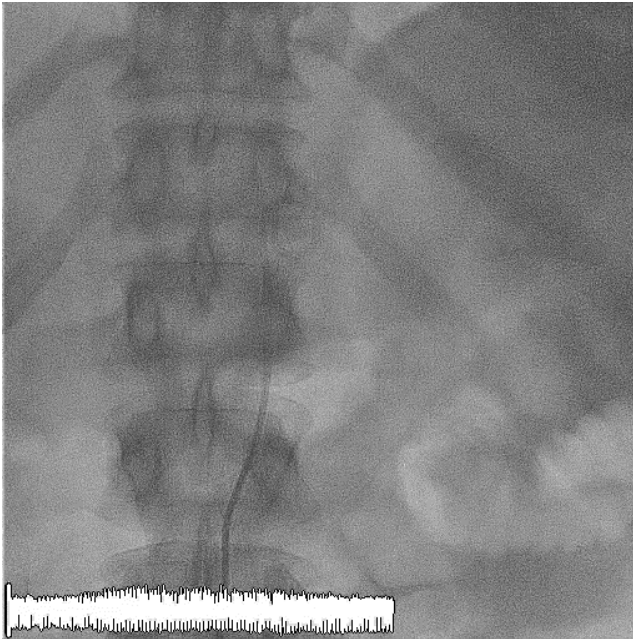
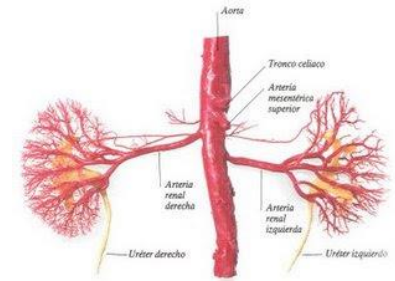
C: Catecholamines, Coarctation, Cushing's Syndrome

D: Drugs, Diet

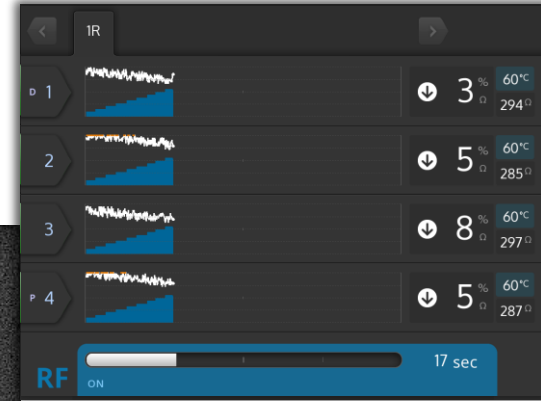
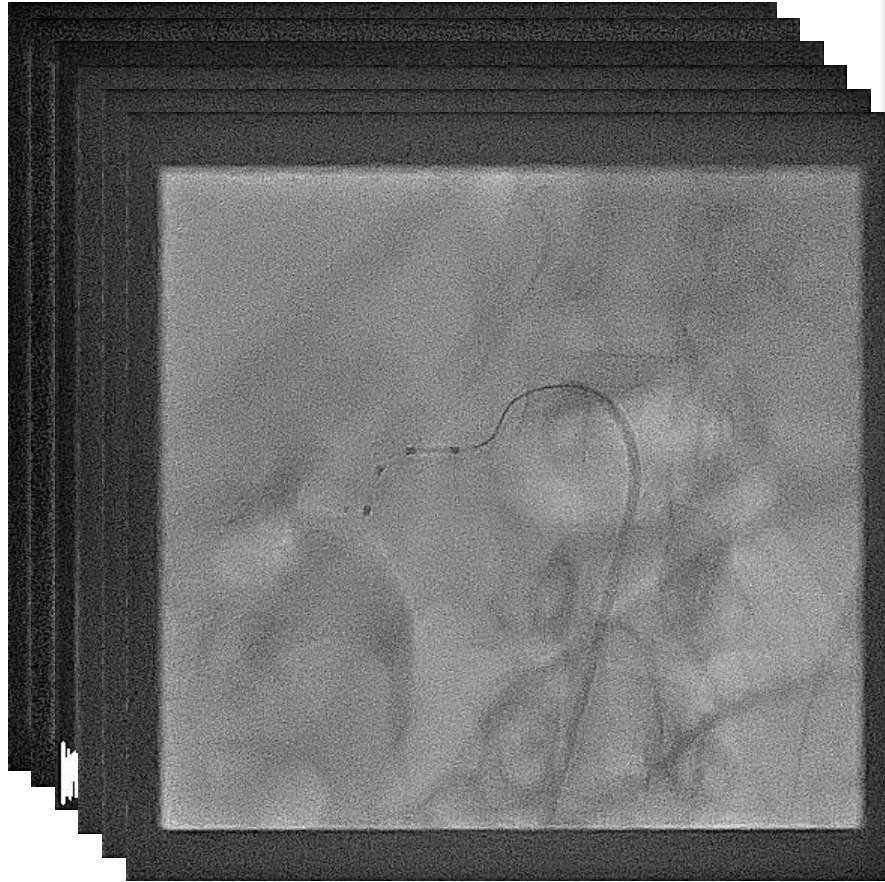
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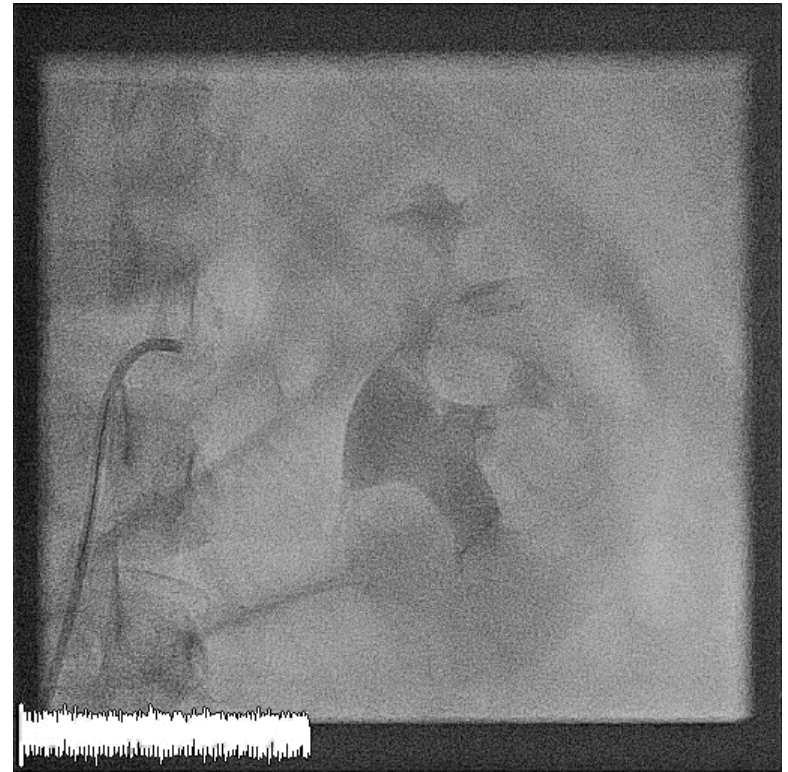
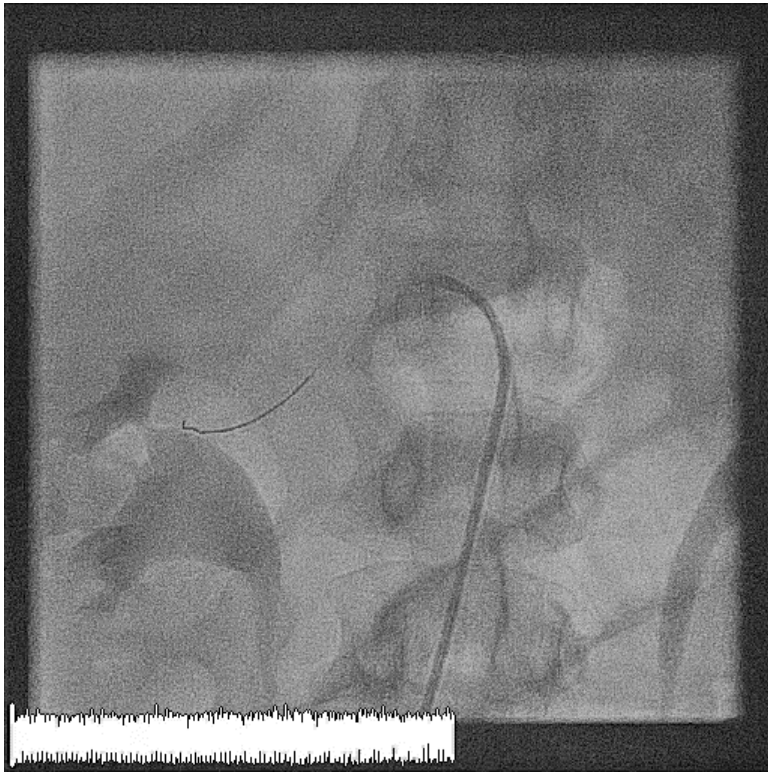
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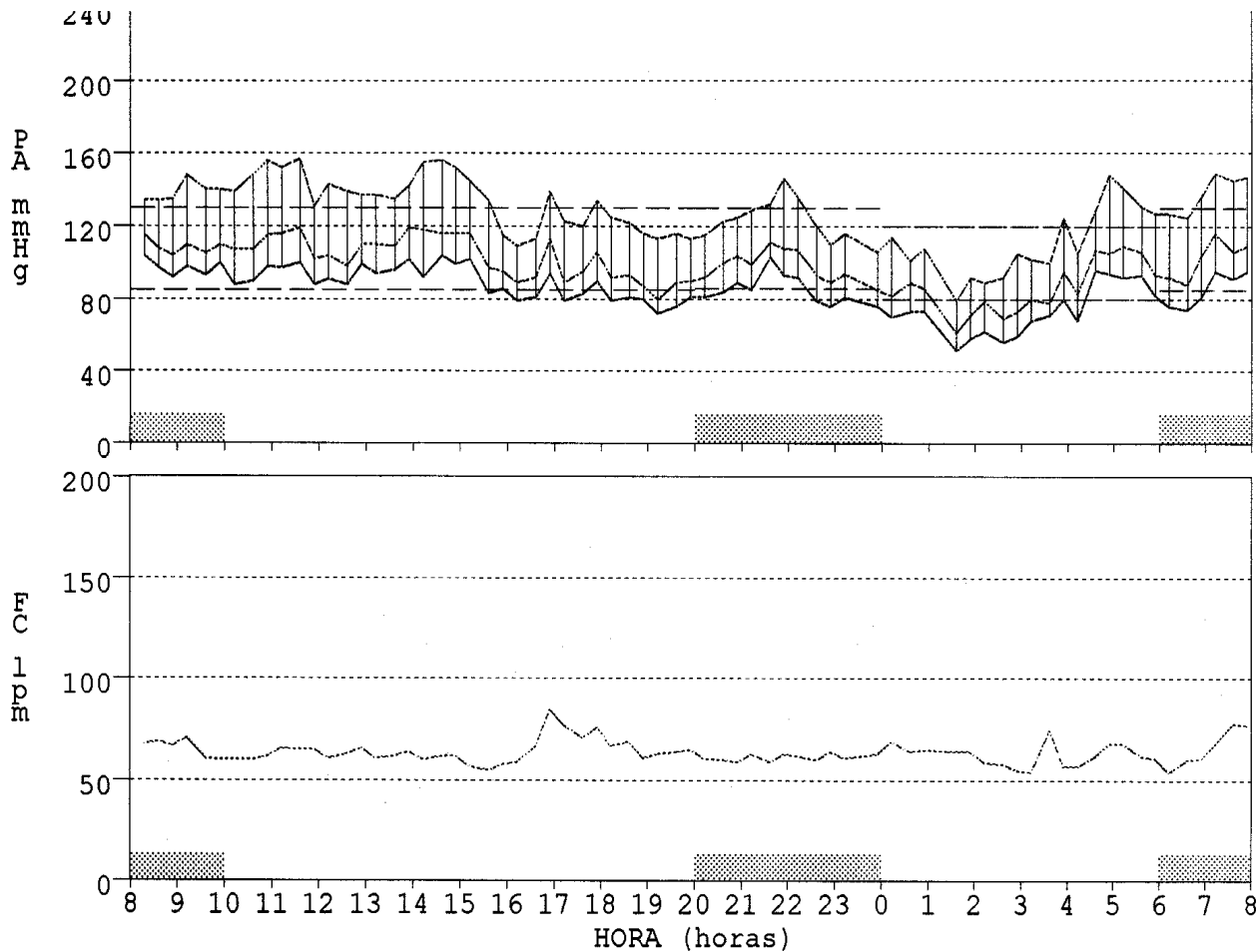
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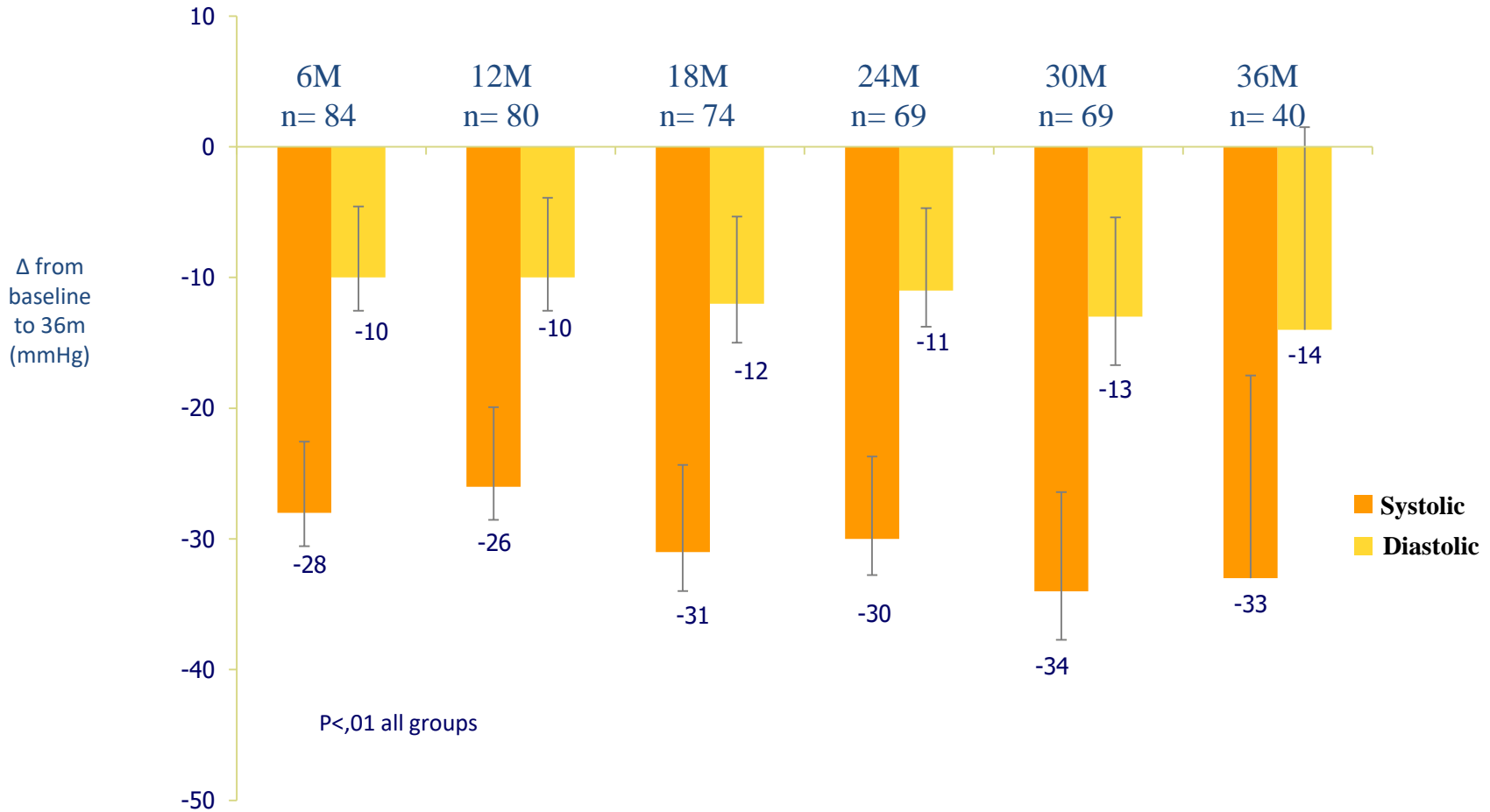


# Case report. 3 months later 24h ABPM



24 h	152/87 mmHg
Activity	154/89 mmHg
Night	148/85 mmHg

# Symplificity HTN-2 at 36 months



# DNR en pacientes con ERC

## Renal denervation in moderate to severe CKD.

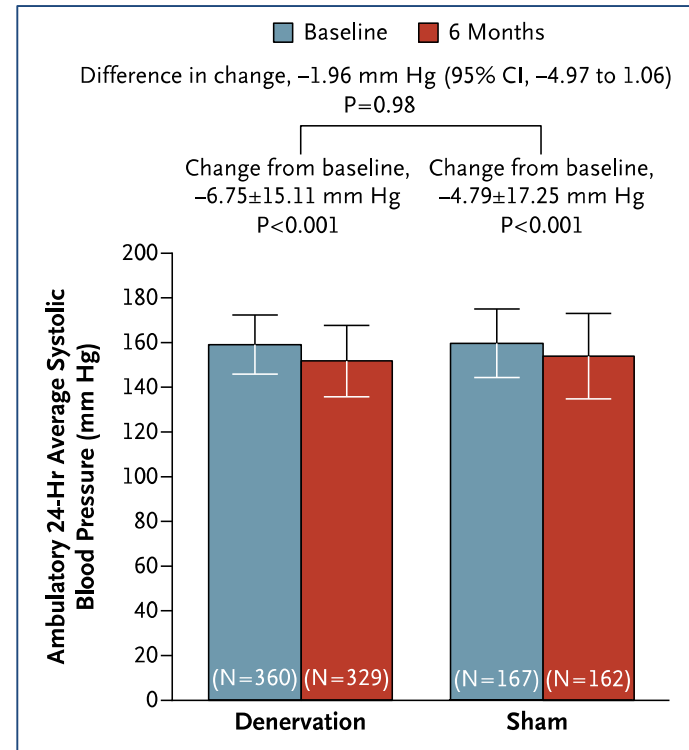
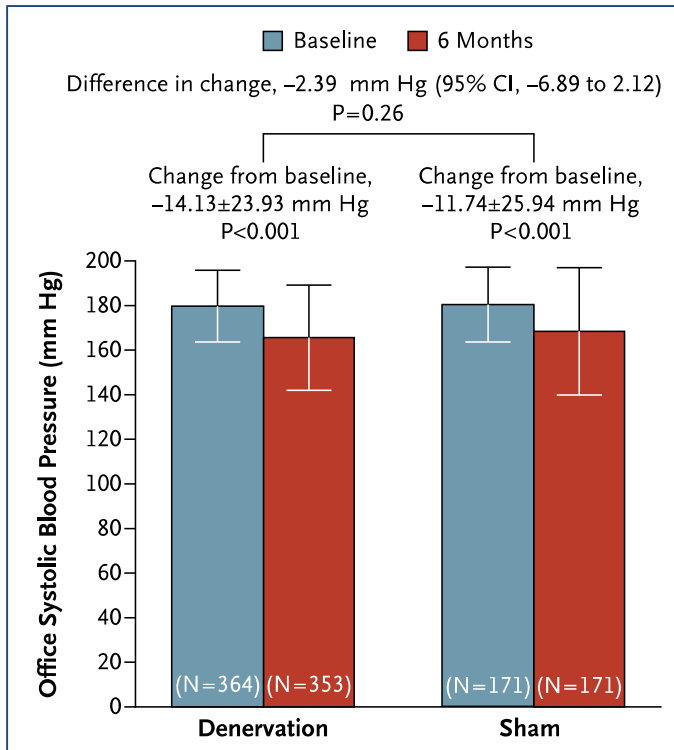
Hering D, Mahfoud F, Walton AS, Krum H, Lambert GW, Lambert EA, Sobotka PA, Böhm M, Cremers B, Esler MD, Schlaich MP.

Neurovascular Hypertension & Kidney Disease Laboratory, Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute, Melbourne, Australia.

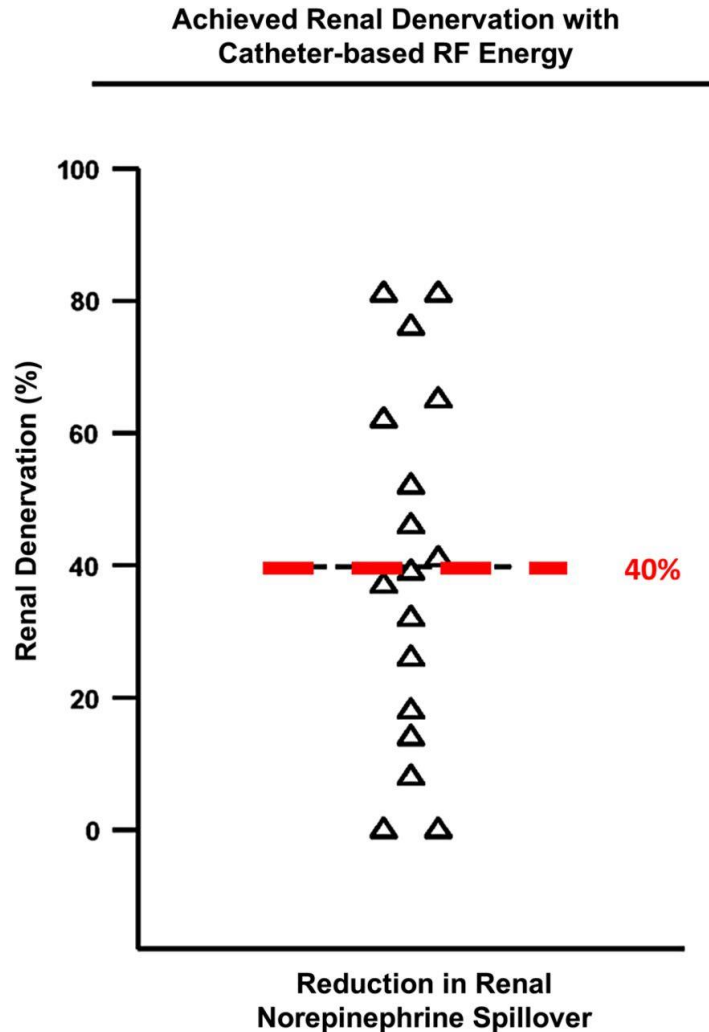
### Abstract

Sympathetic activation contributes to the progression of CKD and is associated with adverse cardiovascular outcomes. Ablation of renal sympathetic nerves reduces sympathetic nerve activity and BP in patients with resistant hypertension and preserved renal function, but whether this approach is safe and effective in patients with an estimated GFR (eGFR) < 45 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> is unknown. We performed bilateral renal denervation in 15 patients with resistant hypertension and stage 3-4 CKD (mean eGFR, 31 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>). We used CO<sub>2</sub> angiography in six patients to minimize exposure to contrast agents. Estimated GFR remained unchanged after the procedure, irrespective of the use of CO<sub>2</sub> angiography. Mean baseline BP ± SD was 174 ± 22/91 ± 16 mmHg despite the use of 5.6 ± 1.3 antihypertensive drugs. Mean changes in office systolic and diastolic BP at 1, 3, 6, and 12 months were -34/-14, -25/-11, -32/-15, and -33/-19 mmHg, respectively. Night-time ambulatory BP significantly decreased (P<0.05), restoring a more physiologic dipping pattern. In conclusion, this study suggests a favorable short-term safety profile and beneficial BP effects of catheter-based renal nerve ablation in patients with stage 3-4 CKD and resistant hypertension.

# Symplicity HTN-3 a 6 meses



# Possible explanations: variability

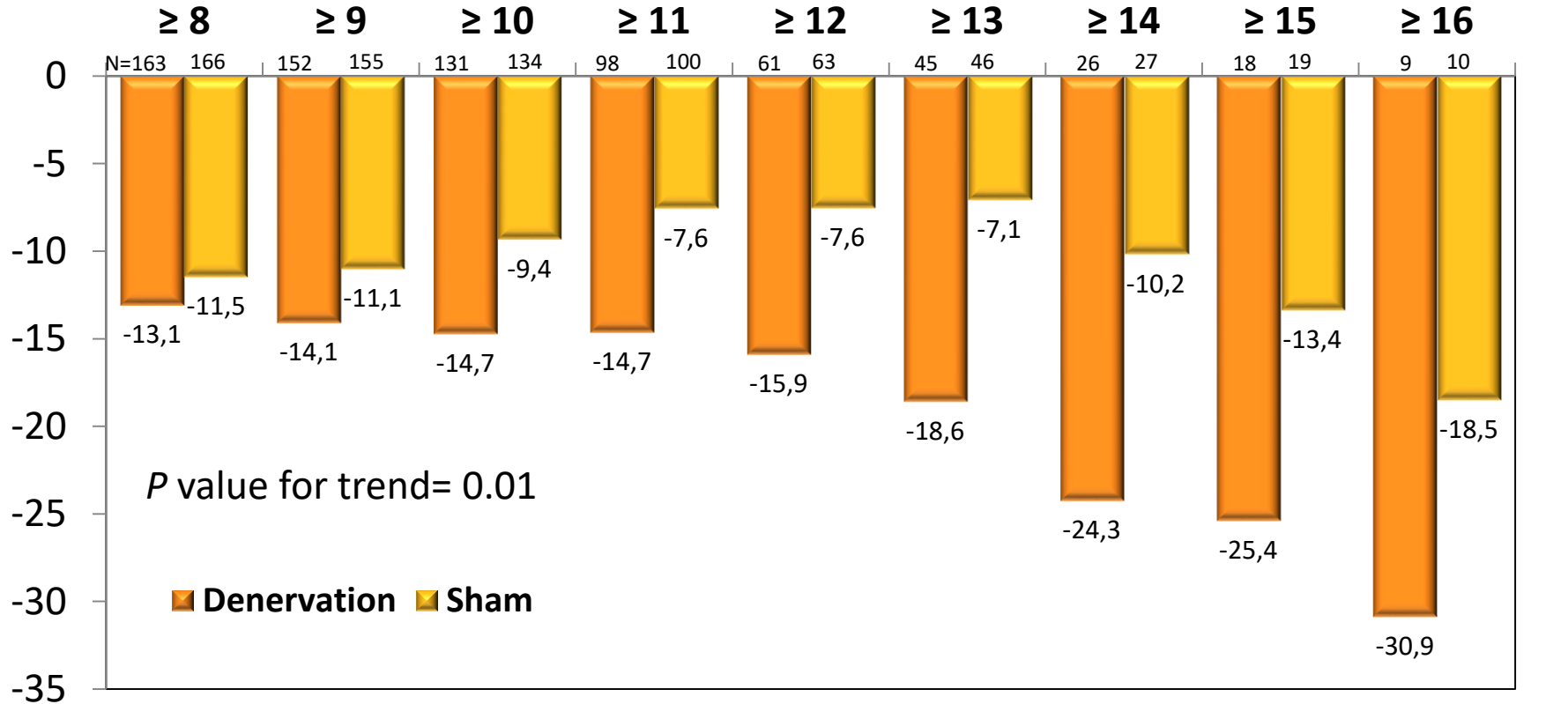


Effectiveness and variability of catheter-based renal denervation 30 days after the procedure measured by renal norepinephrine (NE) spillover (n = 17).

Felix Mahfoud, and Thomas Felix Lüscher Eur Heart J 2015;36:199-202



# Possible explanations: expertise



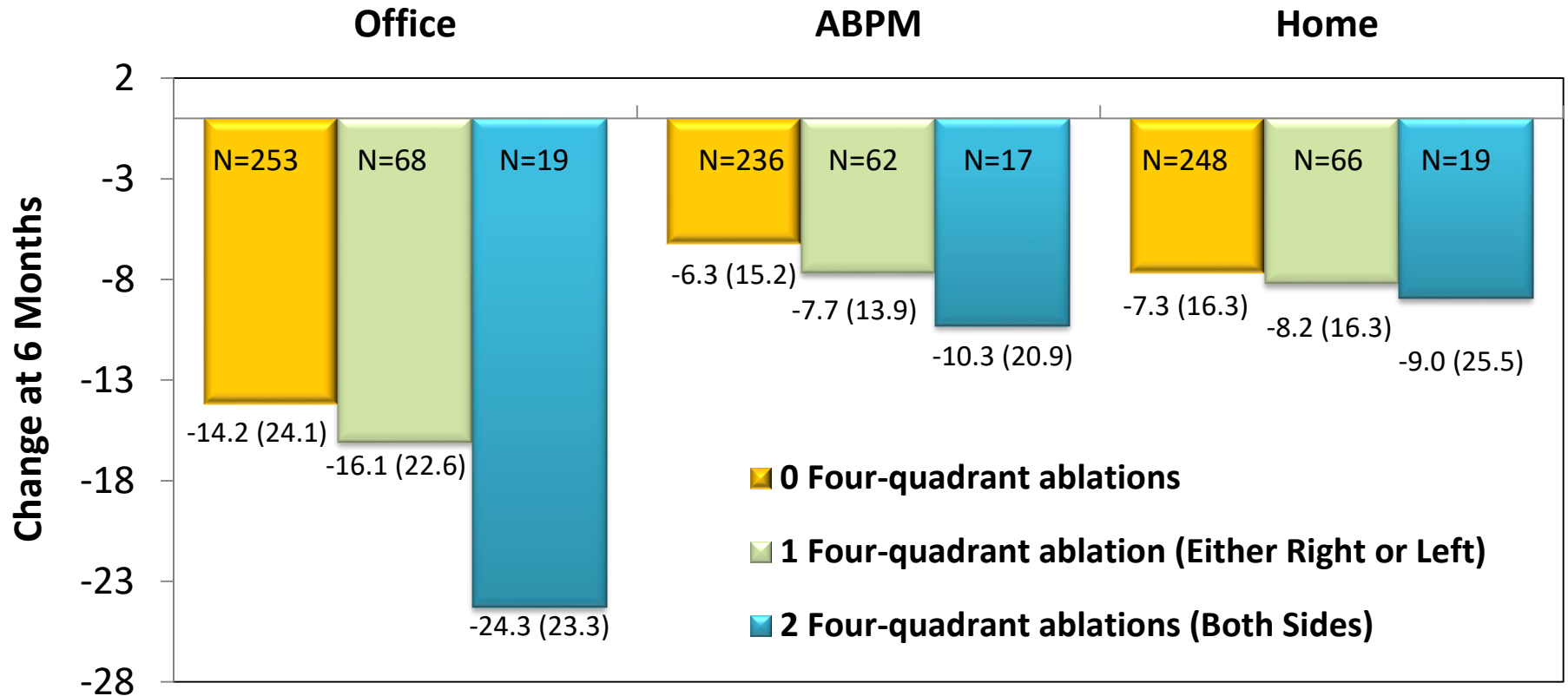
Baseline SBP	178.2	180.1	178.6	180.3	178.2	180.5	179.0	179.4	179.1	179.7	178.3	181.3	181.9	182.3	183.2	182.8	185.4	189.4
95% CI	-1.7(-7.1, 3.7)		-3.1(-8.6, 2.4)		-5.4(-11.3, 0.5)		-7.1(-13.9,-0.3)		-8.4(-17.4, 0.7)		-11.5(-21.8,-1.2)		-14.1(-28.8, 0.7)		-12.0(-30.0, 5.9)		-12.4(-44.6, 19.8)	
p*	0.54		0.27		0.07		0.04		0.07		0.03		0.06		0.18		0.43	

Propensity scores using baseline characteristics as covariates were used to match sham control and denervation patients

\*P value change in SBP for RDN compared with sham

Data presented are mean (SD)

# Possible explanations: technique

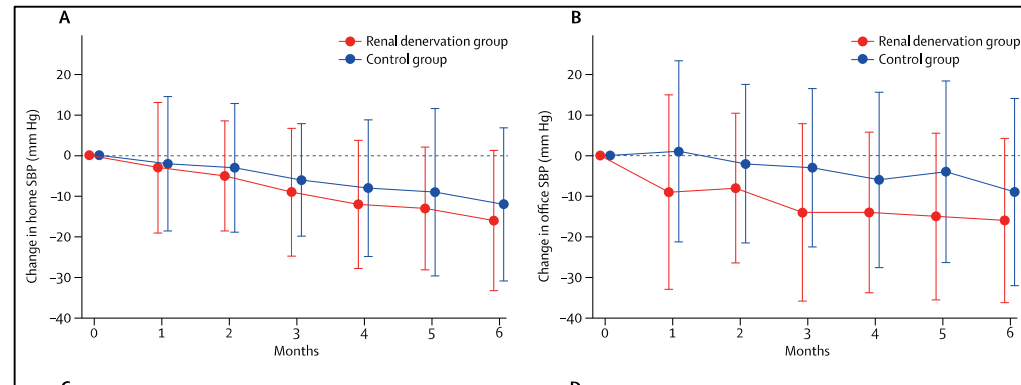
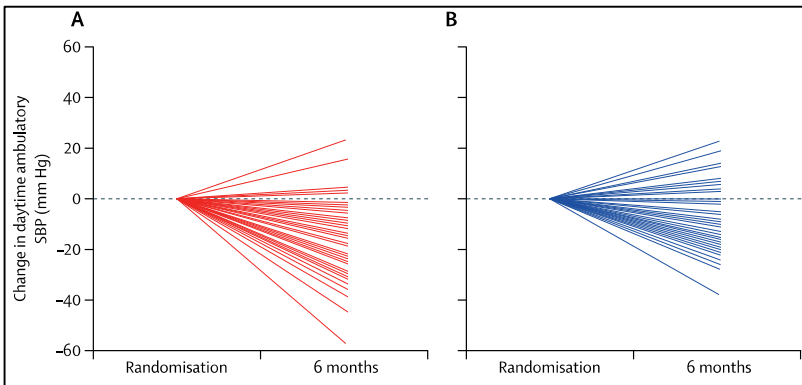


## Baseline SBP Measurements (mm Hg)

0 four-quadrant tx*	179.6	158.7	168.5
1 Four-quadrant tx	178.8	161.2	171.3
2 four-quadrant tx	186.9	159.9	170.4

\*1 superior, 1 inferior and 2 anterior/ posterior

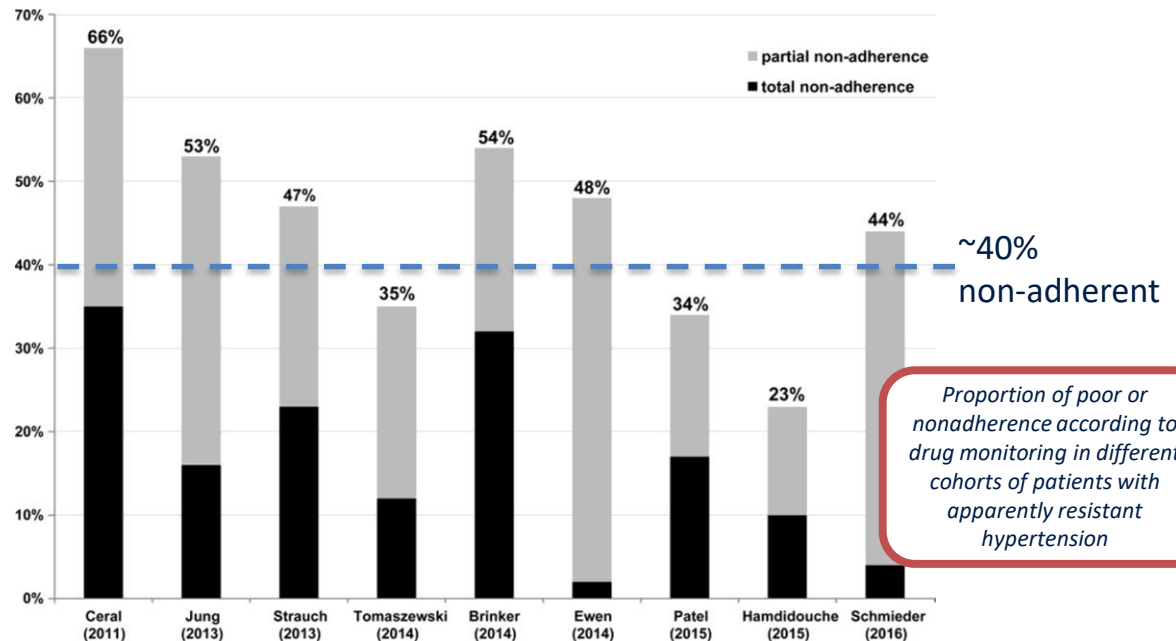
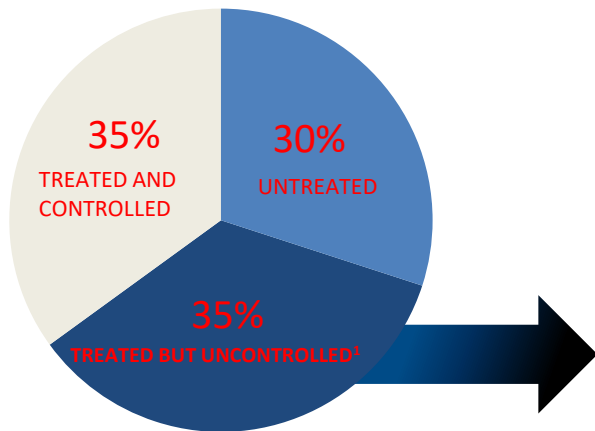
# Possible explanations: drug effect



	Renal denervation group			Control group			Mean baseline-adjusted difference (95% CI) between the two groups at 6 months	p value
	Randomisation (mean ± SD)	6 months (mean ± SD)	Mean baseline-adjusted difference (95% CI)	Randomisation (mean ± SD)	6 months (mean ± SD)	Mean baseline-adjusted difference (95% CI)		
ABP, mm Hg	n=48	n=48		n=53	n=53			
Daytime								
SBP	155.5±16.1	139.1±17.8	-15.8 (-19.7 to -11.9)	151.0±16.0	141.7±17.5	-9.9 (-13.6 to -6.2)	-5.9 (-11.3 to -0.5)	0.0329
DBP	92.9±15.0	82.9±13.7	-9.9 (-12.5 to -7.3)	92.0±10.8	85.4±13.2	-6.8 (-9.3 to -4.3)	-3.1 (-6.7 to 0.5)	0.0922
Night time								

# Possible explanations: adherence

- Even with combination pills for high BP, studies show patients become non-adherent
- ~50% of patients show episodes of drug non-adherence within 1-year of initial drug treatment



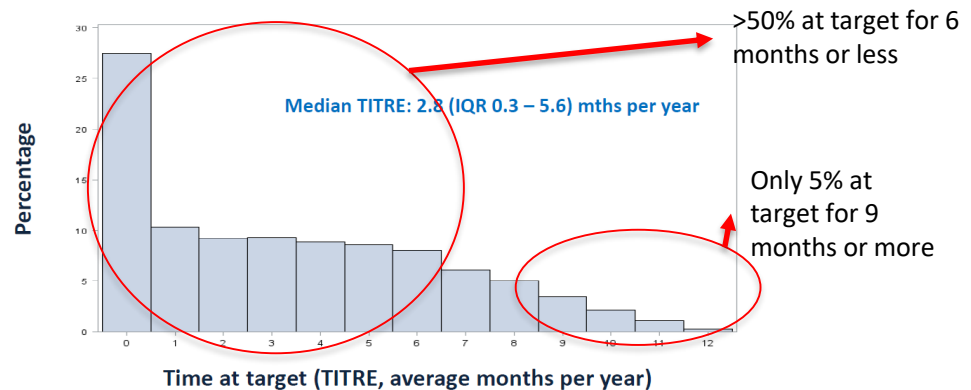
# Possible explanations: adherence (II)

PATIENTS ARE RARELY AT BP TARGET FOR SUSTAINED PERIOD OF TIME

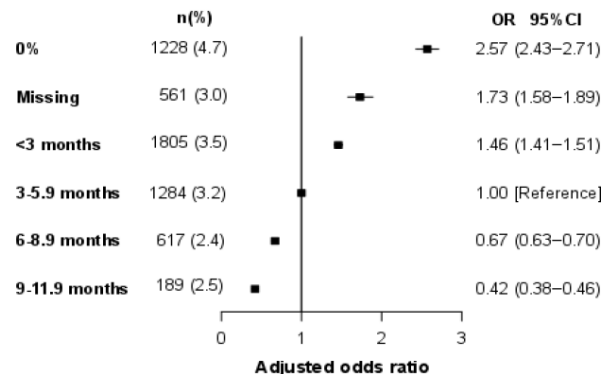
**TITRE:** average Time per year spent by newly-identified hypertensive patients at BP care **TaRgEt**

- Few patients sustained complete, year-round on-target BP over time
- A higher time at target was associated with a lower risk of incident CVDs, independent of widely-used BP control indicators

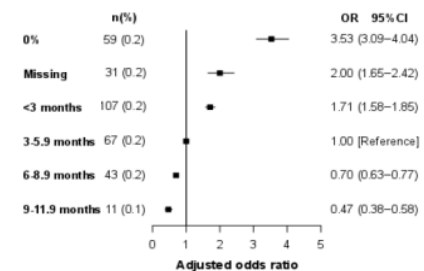
**Time at target (TITRE) distribution (N=150,130)**



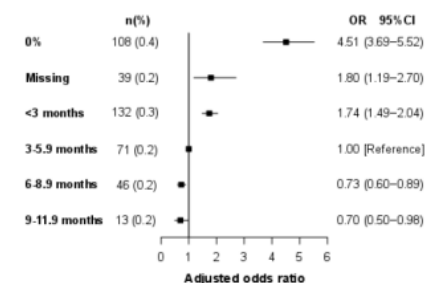
**Any CVD and death**



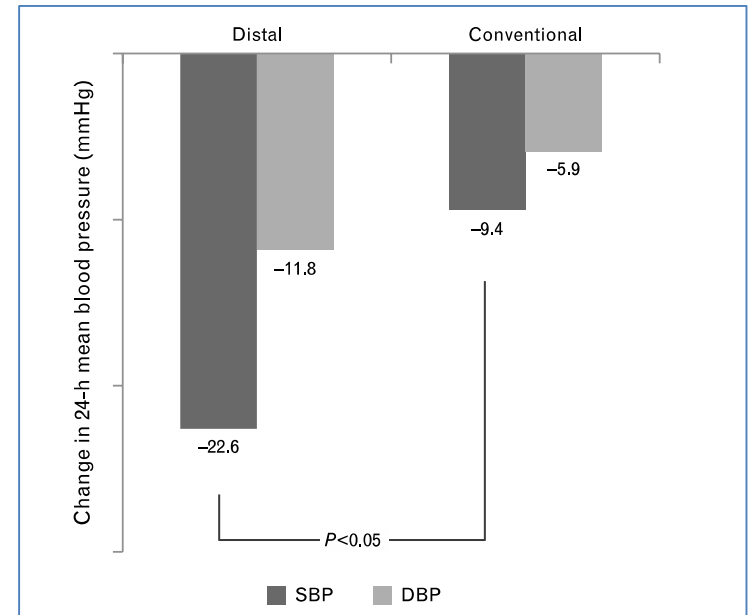
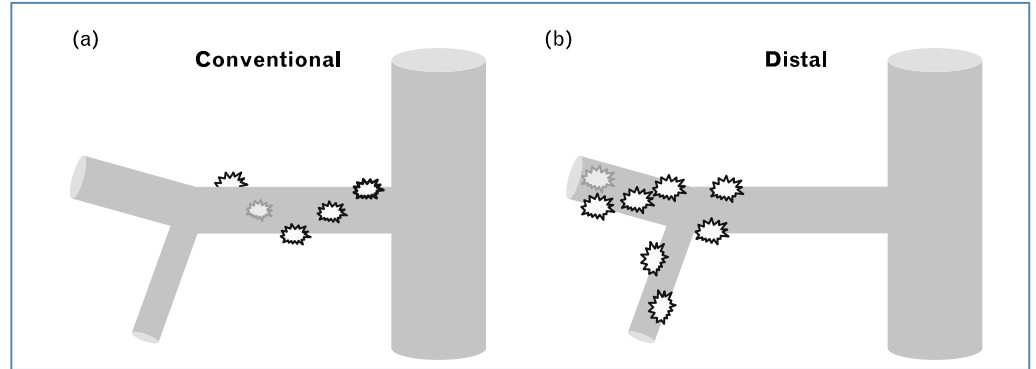
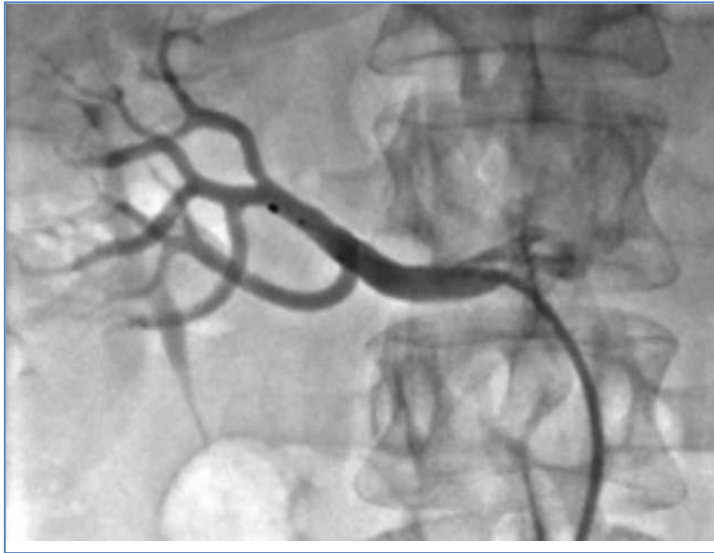
**Heart failure**



**CVD composite**



# Possible explanations: anatomy



# Possible explanations: catheter

Renal Artery Diameter

3mm

4mm

5mm

6mm

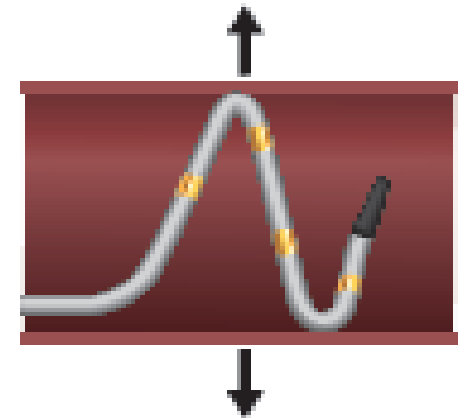
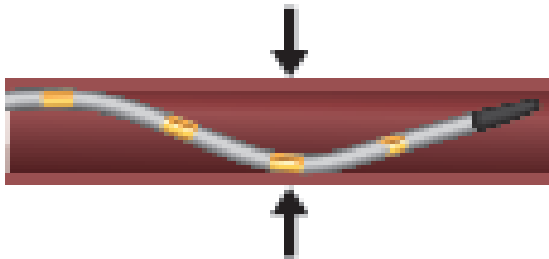
7mm

8mm

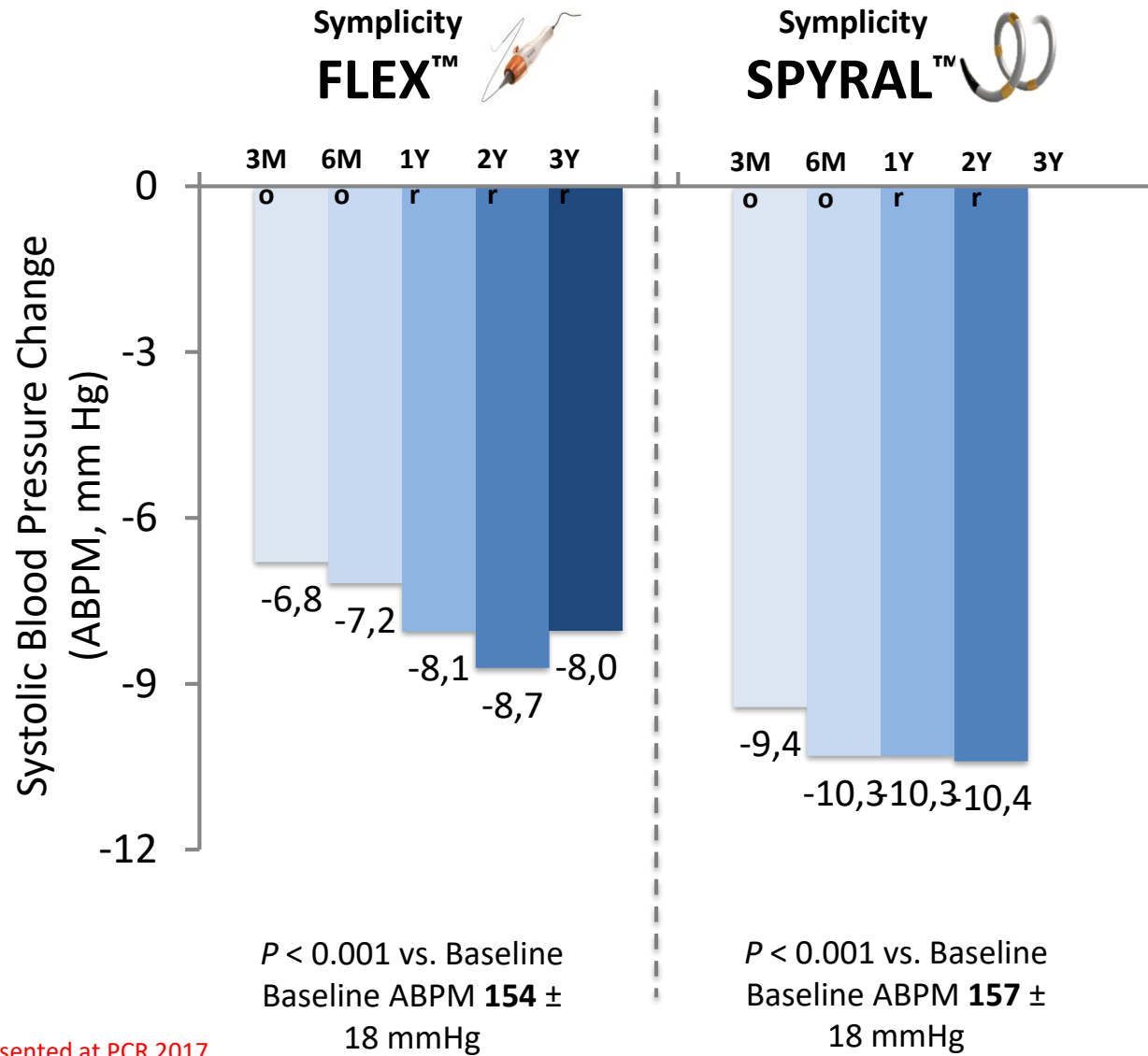
Number of Catheter  
Sizes Needed = 1



ILLUSTRATIVE  
Use Only



# RDN data in real clinical practice



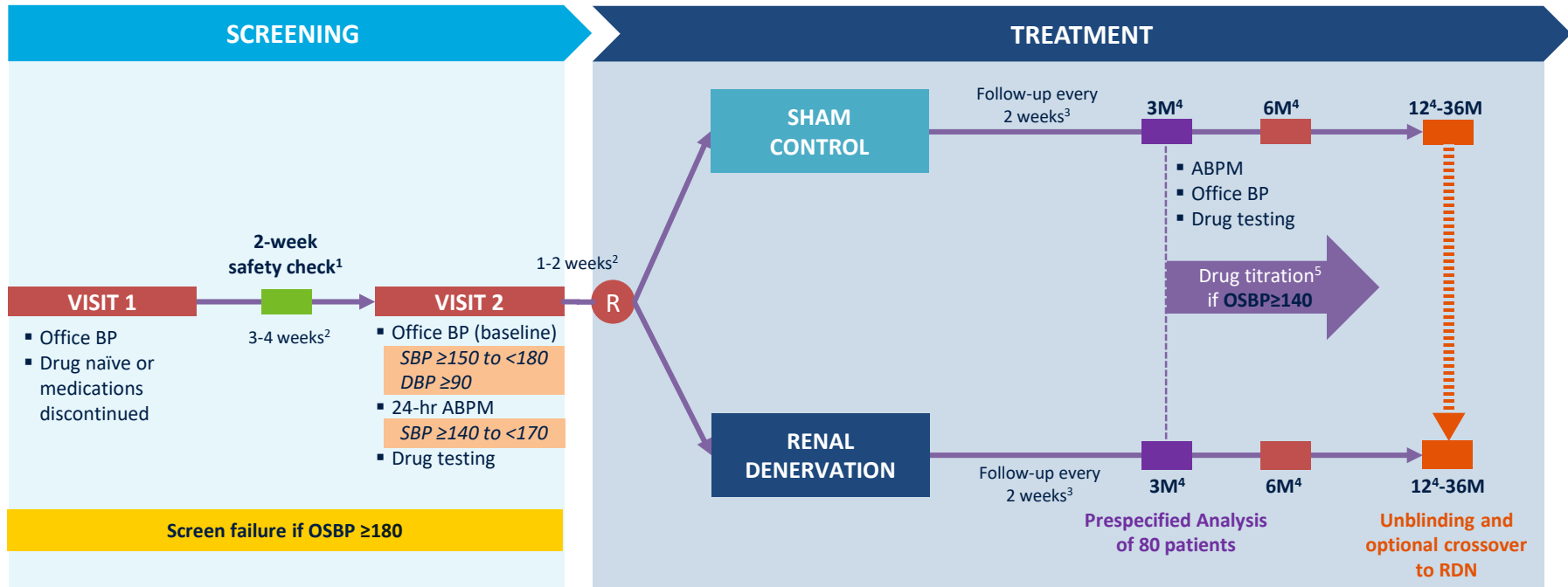


# Publications with Spyral and “real” patients

Published Reports on Safety and Efficacy of Symplicity Spyral				
Trial	Author	Reference	N	Geography
SPYRAL FIM	Whitbourn et al.	<i>EuroIntervention</i> . 2015;11:104-9.	50	Australia
GLOBAL SYMPPLICITY REGISTRY	Mahfoud et al.	EuroPCR 2017	258	Global
RESISTANCE	Davies et al.	EuroPCR 2016 (Euro16A-OP0228)*	16	United Kingdom
UK Registry	Sharp et al.	<i>Clin Res Cardiol</i> . 2016;105:544-52.	10	United Kingdom
CO2 Case series	Renton et al.	Br J Radiol, 2016 20160311	11	UK
TREND Registry	Zweiker et al.	PLoS ONE. 2016;11(8): e0161250	11	Austria
Spyral Radial Access Case	Heradien et al.	<i>Cardiovasc J Afr</i> . 2016;27:53-5.	2	South Africa
First in Man Case Series	Plehn et al.	<i>Confluence</i> . 2014;1(8):18-21.	7	Germany
Distal vs. Main Ablation	Fengler et al.	J Amer Heart Assoc. 2017	50	Germany
SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED	Townsend	Lancet 2017	38	Global
Repeat Procedure Case	Ribichini et al.	EuroPCR 2015	1	Italy
Main vs. Distal Ablation	Beeftink et al.	<i>J Clin Hypertens</i> . 2017 doi: 10.1111/jch.12989	10	Netherlands
		<b>Total</b>	<b>464</b>	

# RDN effect without BP-lowering drugs

## SPYRAL HTN – OFF MED. **RANDOMIZED, SHAM-CONTROLLED TRIAL**



<sup>1</sup>Only for patients discontinuing anti-hypertensive medications. <sup>2</sup>According to scheduling. <sup>3</sup>Phone follow-up is required at 6 and 10 week visits. <sup>4</sup>Drug testing. <sup>5</sup>Med titration every 2 weeks until OSBP < 140 Kandzari D, et al. Am Heart J. 2016;171:82-91

# RDN effect without BP-lowering drugs

## RDN WAS DONE IN MAIN RENAL ARTERY PLUS BRANCHES

### SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED PROCEDURAL DETAILS

<b>Procedural Measure (mean ± SD)</b>	<b>RDN (N = 38)</b>	<b>Sham Control (N = 42)</b>
<b>Number of main renal arteries treated per patient</b>	2.2 ± 0.5	NA
<b>Number of branches treated per patient</b>	5.2 ± 2.5	NA
<b>Total number of ablations per patient</b>	43.8 ± 13.1	NA
<b>Main artery ablations</b>	17.9 ± 10.5	NA
<b>Branch ablations</b>	25.9 ± 12.8	NA
<b>Treatment time (min)</b>	57.1 ± 19.7	NA
<b>Contrast volume used (cc)</b>	251.0 ± 99.4	83.3 ± 38.5

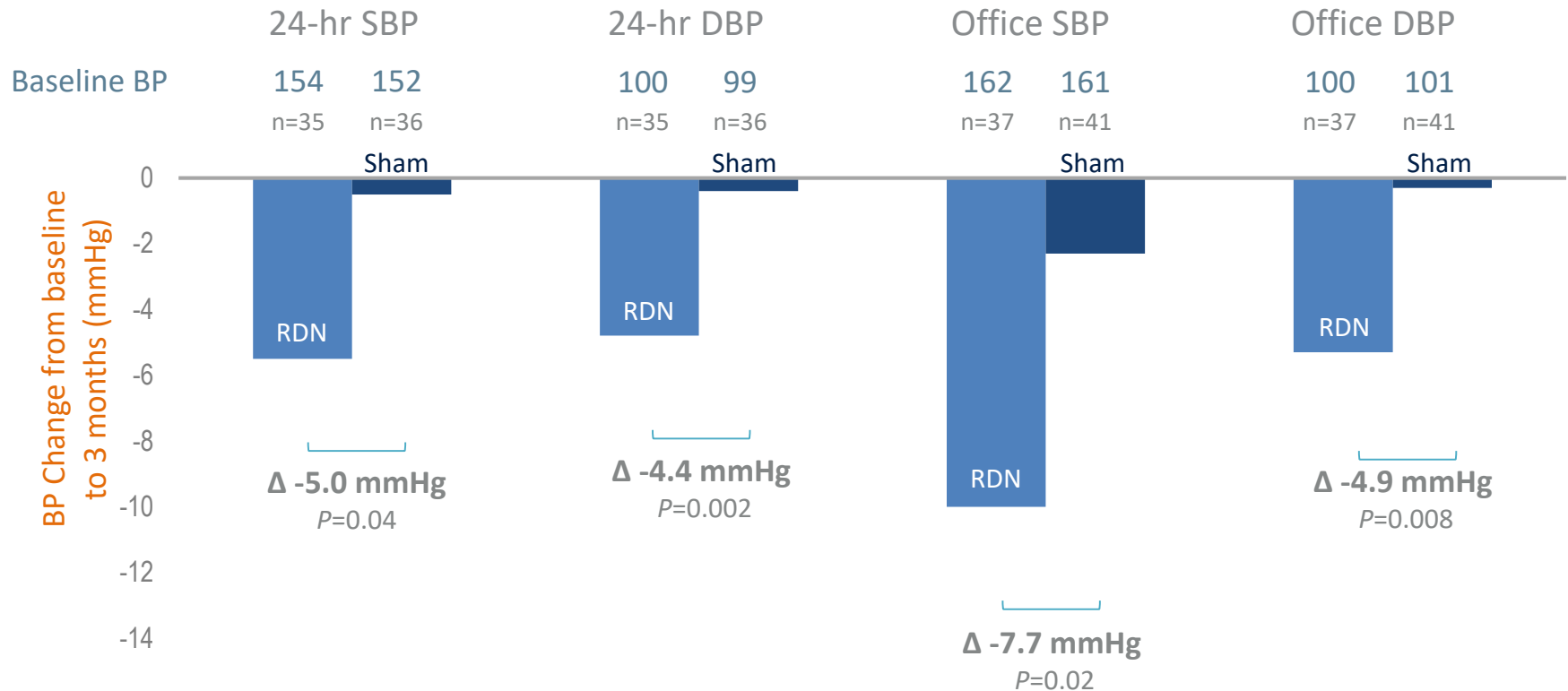
# RDN effect without BP-lowering drugs

<b>Adverse event (number of events)</b>	<b>RDN (n = 38)</b>	<b>Sham Control (n = 42)</b>
Death	0	0
New myocardial infarction	0	0
Major bleeding (TIMI)	0	0
New onset end stage renal disease	0	0
Serum creatinine elevation >50%	0	0
Significant embolic event resulting in end-organ damage	0	0
Vascular complications	0	0
Hospitalization for hypertensive crisis/emergency	0	0
New stroke	0	0

# RDN effect without BP-lowering drugs

## SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED BLOOD PRESSURE CHANGE FROM BASELINE

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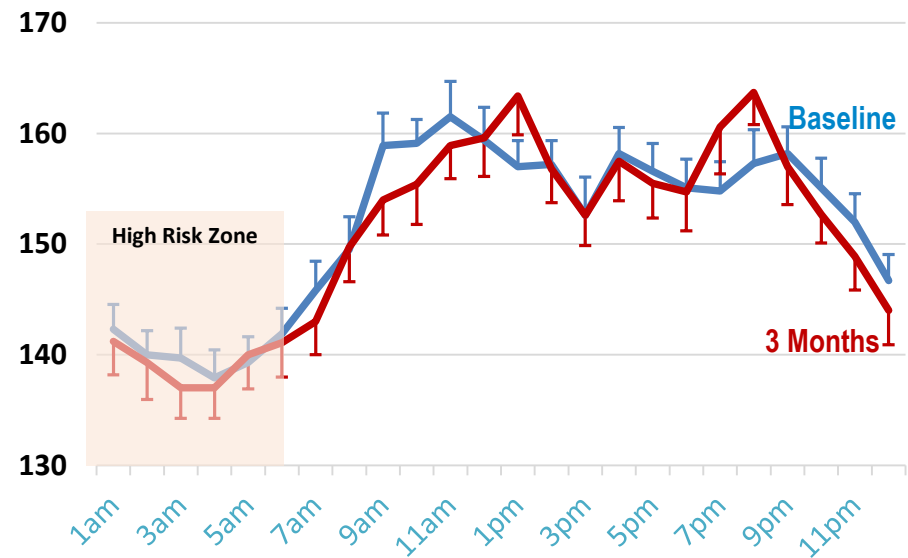
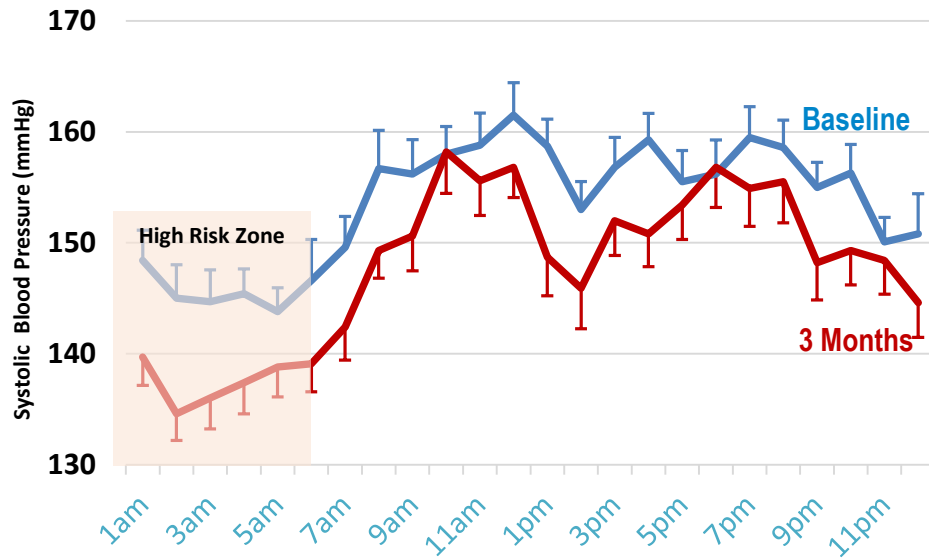


# RDN effect without BP-lowering drugs

RDN PATIENTS HAD STATISTICALLY LOWER SYSTOLIC BP IN THE “HIGH-RISK ZONE<sup>1</sup>” AT 3-MONTHS

RDN (N = 38)

Sham Control (N = 42)



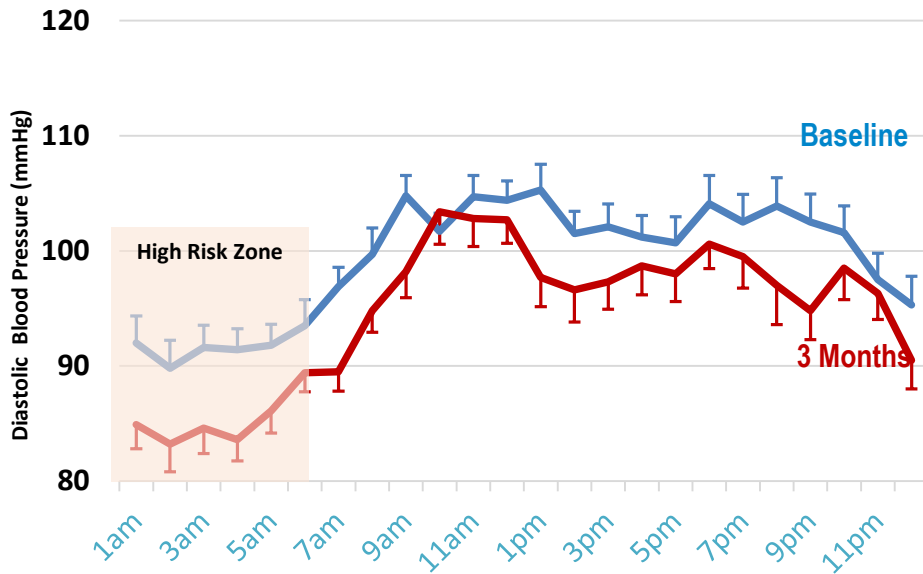
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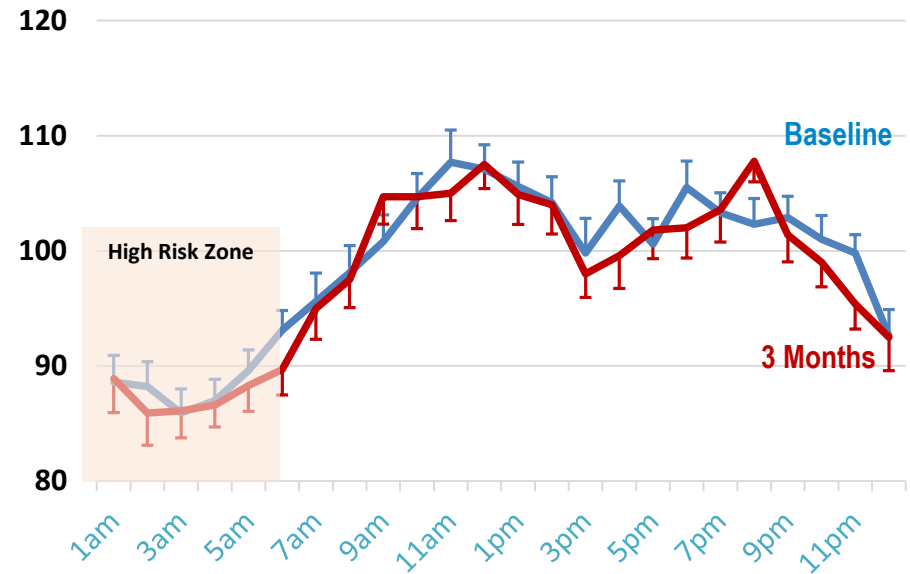
# RDN effect without BP-lowering drugs

RDN PATIENTS HAD STATISTICALLY LOWER DIASTOLIC BP IN THE “HIGH-RISK ZONE<sup>1</sup>” AT 3-MONTHS

RDN (N = 38)



Sham Control (N = 42)



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# RDN effect with BP-lowering drugs

## SPYRAL HTN ON MED RANDOMIZED, SHAM-CONTROLLED TRIAL<sup>1</sup>

SCREENING

ENROLLMENT

### Inclusion criteria:

- Office SBP □ 150 to <180
- Stable on 1, 2, or 3 meds for 6-weeks:
  - Thiazide diuretic      □ ACE/ARB
  - Calcium channel blocker      □ Beta blocker

VISIT 1

- Office SBP
- SBP
- 

2-4 weeks

VISIT 2

- Drug testing
- Office BP
- SBP
- 
- 24-hr ABPM<sup>2</sup>
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1-2 weeks

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SHAM  
CONTROL  
+ MEDICATIONS

1M

3M<sup>3</sup>

6M<sup>3</sup>

12-36M

□ Office BP

□ Office BP  
□ ABPM

RENAL  
DENERVATION  
+ MEDICATIONS

1M

3M<sup>3</sup>

6M<sup>3</sup>

12-36M

Unblinding and  
optional crossover  
to RDN

Screen failure if OSBP

<sup>1</sup>Kandzari D, et al. Am Heart J. 2016;171:82-91 and NCT02439775

<sup>2</sup>Measurement started after witnessed drug ingestion

<sup>3</sup>Drug testing



# RDN effect with BP-lowering drugs

	Renal denervation (N=38)	Sham procedure (N=42)
Age (years)	53.9 (8.7)	53.0 (10.7)
Male	33 (87%)	34 (81%)
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	31.4 (6.4)	32.5 (4.6)
Race		
White	13 (34%)	15 (36%)
Black or African American	4 (11%)	5 (12%)
Asian	0	1 (2%)
Not reportable per local laws or regulations	18 (47%)	20 (48%)
Diabetes (all type 2)	5 (13%)	8 (19%)
Current smoker	8 (21%)	11 (26%)
Obstructive sleep apnoea	2 (5%)	10 (24%)
Peripheral artery disease	0	0
Coronary artery disease*	1 (3%)	1 (2%)
Stroke and transient ischaemic attack*	0	1 (2%)
Myocardial infarction or acute coronary syndrome	0	0
Office SBP (mm Hg)	164.6 (7.1)	163.5 (7.5)
Office DBP (mm Hg)	99.6 (6.9)	102.7 (8.0)
Mean 24 h SBP (mm Hg)	152.1 (7.0)	151.3 (6.8)
Mean 24 h DBP (mm Hg)	97.2 (6.9)	97.9 (8.4)
Office heart rate (bpm)	75.6 (11.8)	73.5 (10.4)
24 h heart rate (bpm)	75.3 (11.3)	75.6 (10.7)
Mean number of antihypertensive drug classes	2.2 (0.9)	2.3 (0.8)
Median number of antihypertensive drug classes	3.0 (1.0–3.0)	3.0 (1.0–3.0)
Prescribed drug classes		
1	11 (29%)	9 (21%)
2	7 (18%)	11 (26%)
3	20 (53%)	22 (52%)
Drug class		
Diuretic	22 (58%)	25 (60%)
Calcium channel blocker	27 (71%)	31 (74%)
ACE-I/ARB	31 (82%)	35 (83%)
Beta blocker	4 (11%)	6 (14%)

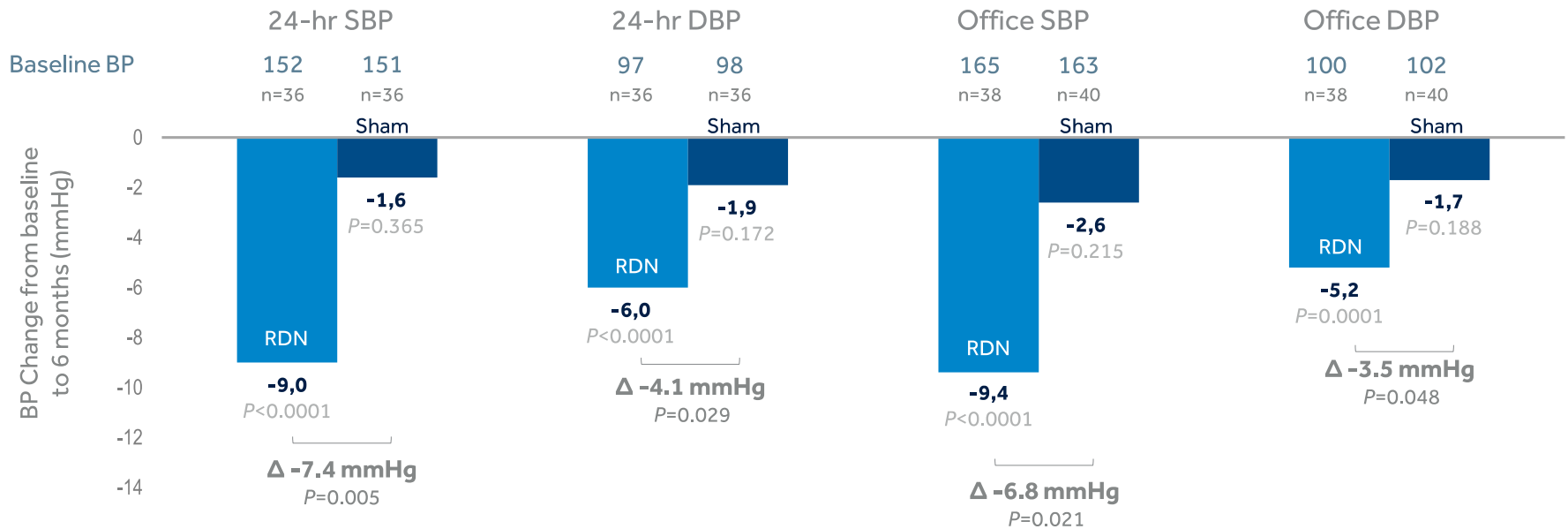
Data are mean (SD), n (%), or median (Q1–Q3). All comparisons of baseline drugs between renal denervation and sham control groups were non-significant. BMI=body-mass index. SBP=systolic blood pressure. DBP=diastolic blood pressure. bpm=beats per minute. ACE-I=angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors. ARB=angiotensin-receptor blockers. \*These events occurred more than 6 months before randomisation.

**Table 1: Baseline characteristics**

Kandzari D et al.  
[http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(18\)30951-6](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(18)30951-6)

# RDN effect with BP-lowering drugs

**RDN SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN ALL BP MEASURES AT 6-MONTHS**  
 SPYRAL HTN-ON MED BLOOD PRESSURE CHANGE FROM BASELINE

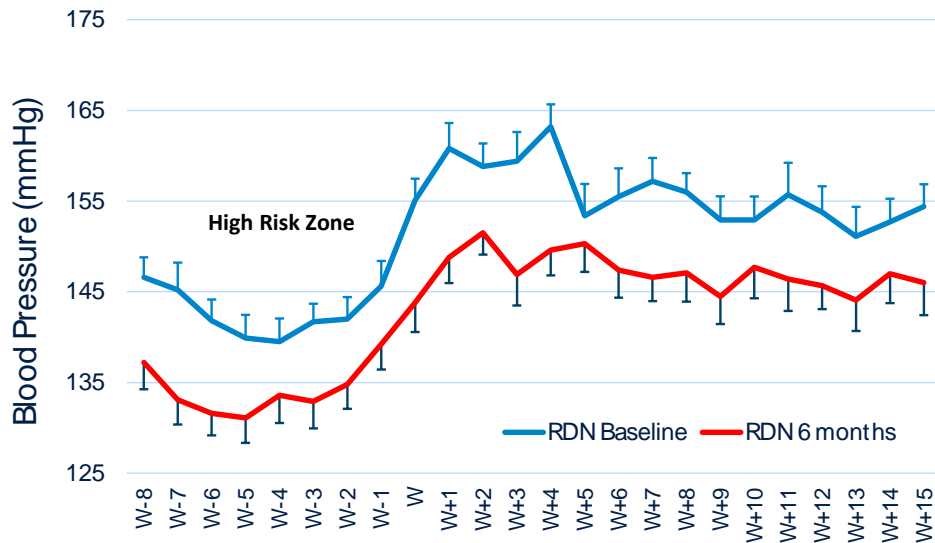


# RDN effect with BP-lowering drugs

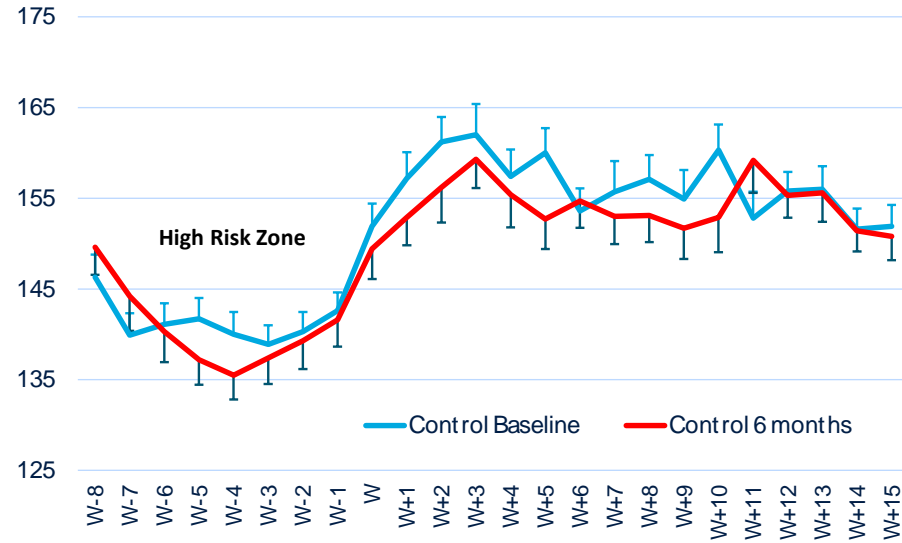
## 24-HOUR ABPM TREND PROVIDED FURTHER PROOF OF RDN'S EFFECT

SPYRAL HTN-ON MED RDN PATIENTS SHOWED LOWER 24-HOUR SYSTOLIC BP, INCLUDING IN THE HIGH-RISK ZONE<sup>1</sup>

### RDN (n = 36)



### Sham (n = 36)



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## What is new and what has changed in the 2018 ESC/ESH hypertension guidelines? - 3

Changes in recommendations	
<p><b>2013</b></p> <p><b>Device-based therapy for hypertension</b> In case of ineffectiveness of drug treatment, invasive procedures such as renal denervation and baroreceptor stimulation may be considered.</p>	<p><b>2018</b></p> <p><b>Device-based therapy for hypertension</b> Use of device-based therapies is not recommended for the treatment of hypertension, unless in the context of clinical studies and RCTs, until further evidence regarding their safety and efficacy becomes available.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation Grading</b></p>	
<p>Grade I</p>	<p>Grade IIa</p>
	<p>Grade IIb</p>
	<p>Grade III</p>

# Proposal of improvement for RDN

## STAGES OF THE REFERRERS JOURNEY

FRAMEWORK AND DESIRED RESPONSE FROM THE REFERRER AT EACH POINT

Awareness

Consideration

Initial Referrals

Regular Referring

Need to address Barriers at each stage

Can take specific Actions that lead to success at each stage

### Key Success Factors for this transition

- Carefully selecting patients that will “respond”
- Maximizing positive patient experience
- Communicating closely with the Referral physician

# Conclusions

- Patients with RHTN has an increased mortality and current percentage of controlled population is not acceptable.
- Sympathetic hyperactivity in HTN is directly related to vascular damage.
- RDN technique is effective as if the patient is correctly selected.

# Conclusions

- RDN is a *blind* technique. There are no easy-to use diagnostic tests to measure sympathetic activity in real practice. Neither to evaluate successful results.
- Challenges:
  - Assure and confirm safety and cost-effectiveness.
  - Vascular anatomy and catheter/device design.
  - Clinical practice: Who is the optimal candidate? We do have hypertensives (high CV-risk) with few therapeutic options. Is it needed to treat every patients with drugs?

**Obrigado. Thank you. Gracias**

