

Managing Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction in 2019

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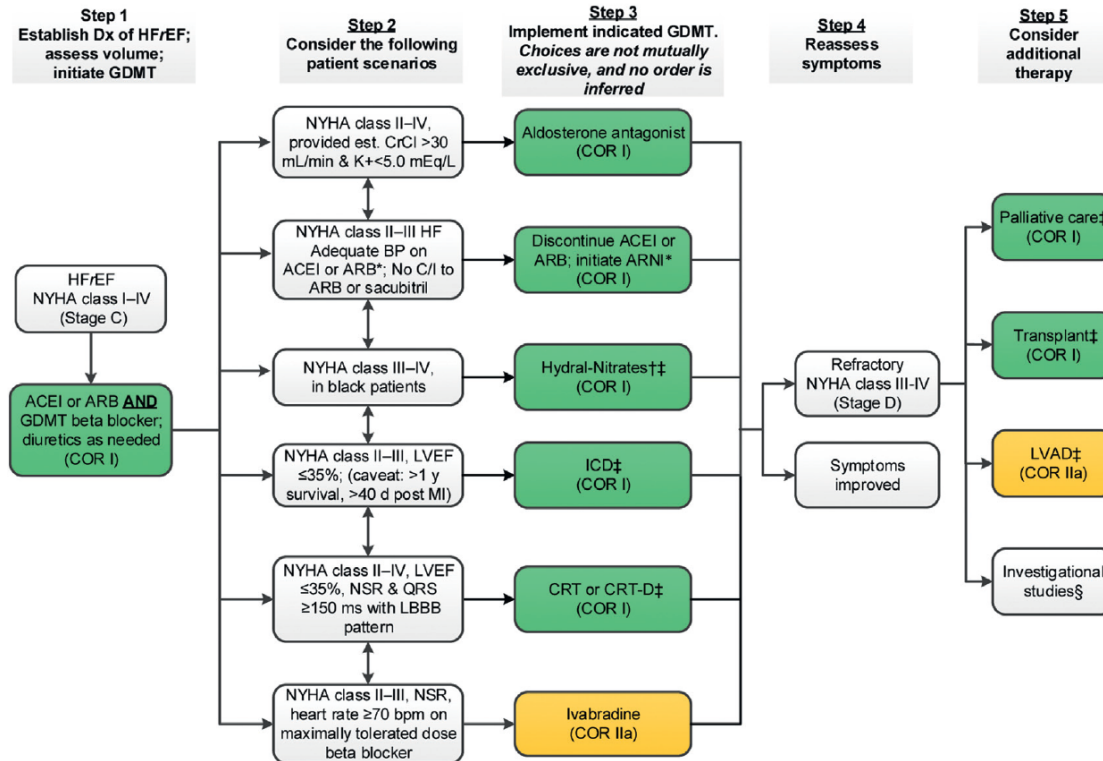
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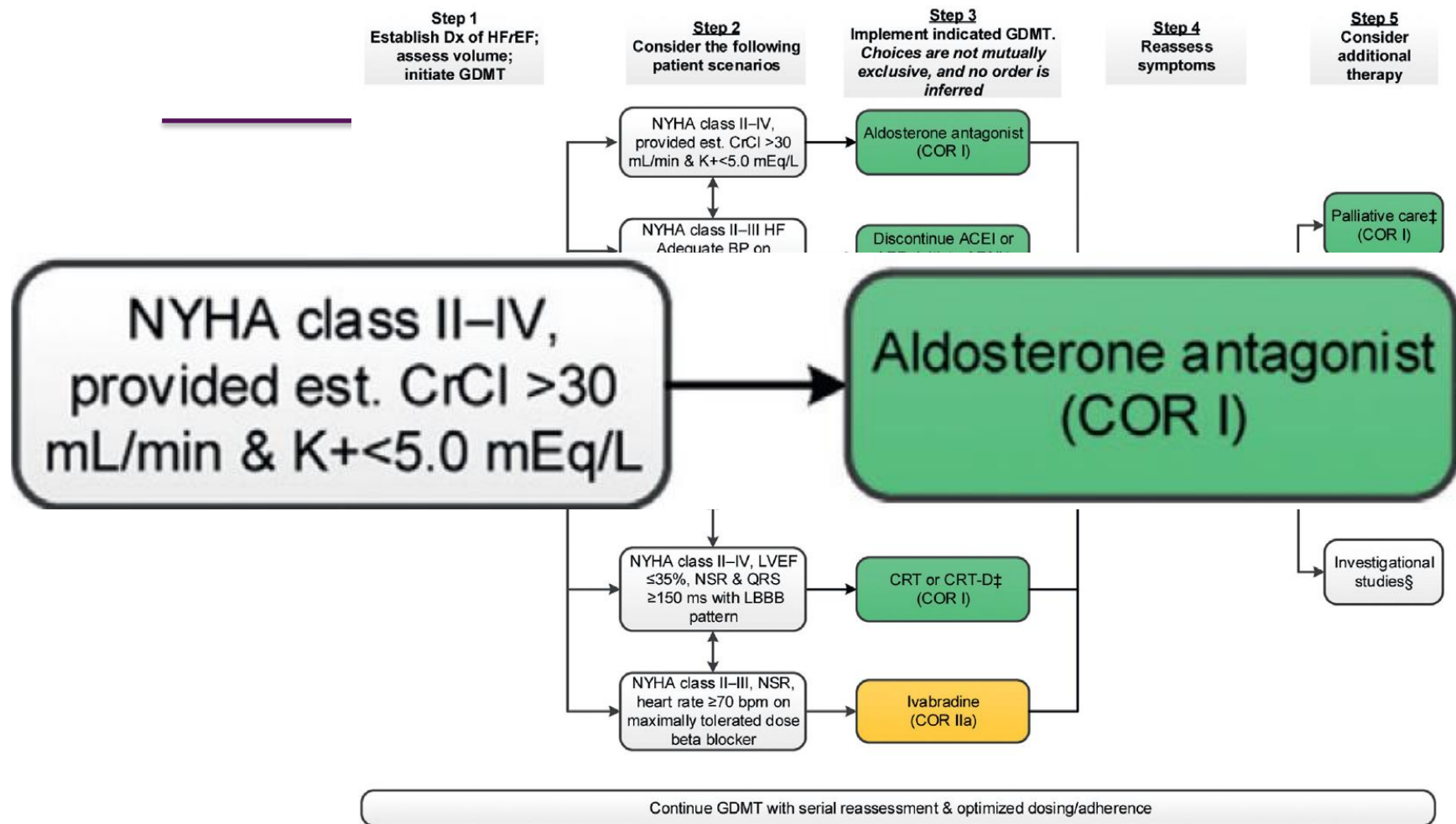
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 - I will be discussing investigational therapies that are not approved by the FDA.

2017 ACC/AHA/HFSA Focused Update of the 2013 ACCF/AHA Guideline for the Management of Heart Failure

Yancy CW, et al. *J AM Coll Cardiol* 2017;70:776-803.





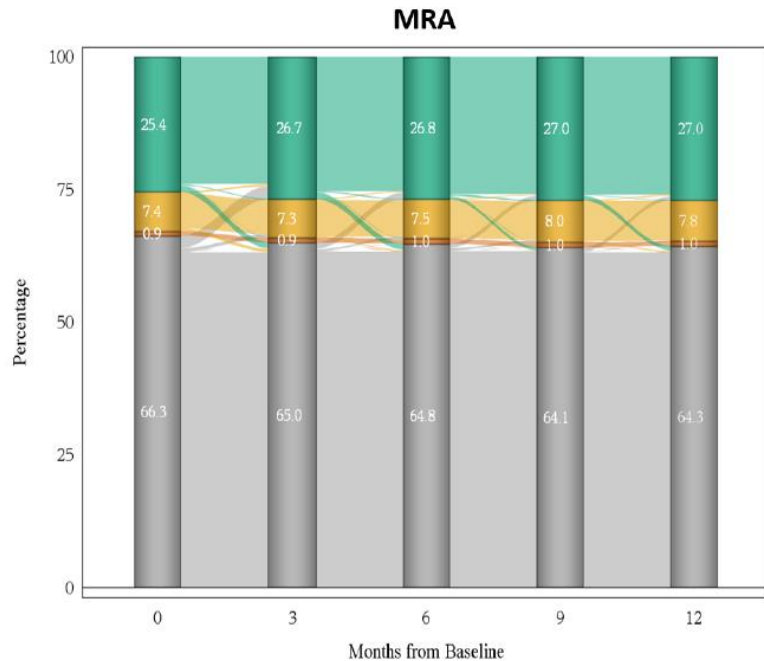
SUCKING AT SOMETHING

**IS THE FIRST STEP TO BECOMING SORTA GOOD
AT SOMETHING**

Continued Marked Underutilization of Guideline-directed Medical Therapy

Greene SJ, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2019; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jacc.2019.02.015>

CHAMP-HF Registry



■ Not receiving medication ■ 1 to 49% of target ■ 50 to 99% of target ■ 100% or more of target

Eplerenone Improves Survival in Patients with HF (EMPHASIS-HF)

Zannad F, *et al.* *N Engl J Med.* 2011;364:11-21.

2737 patients

NYHA II

LVEF \leq 35%

Randomized to

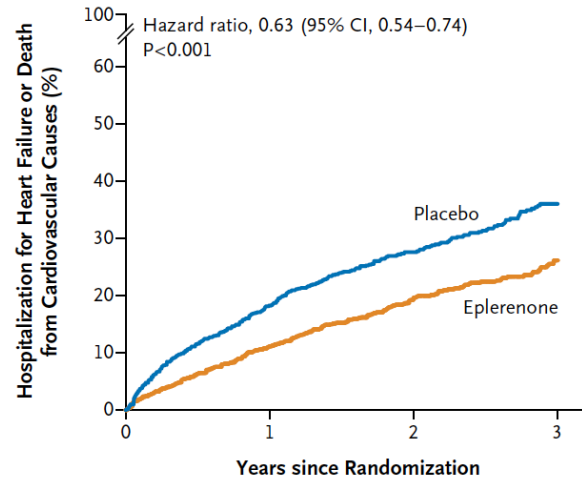
Eplerenone (\leq 50 mg qd)

Placebo

K⁺ >5.5 in 11.8% Epl

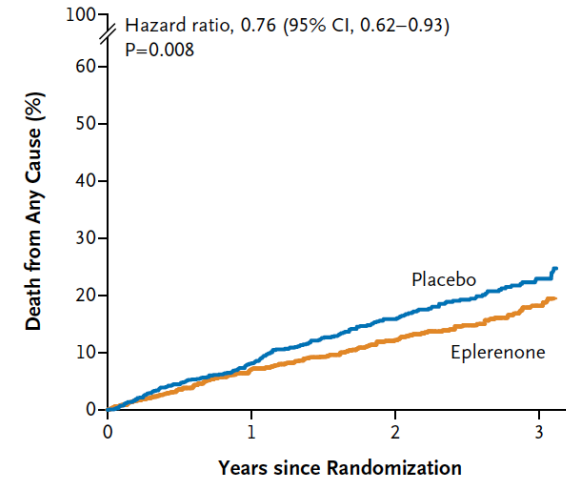
vs 7.2% Placebo

($p < 0.001$)



No. at Risk

Placebo	1373	848	512	199
Eplerenone	1364	925	562	232



No. at Risk

Placebo	1373	947	587	242
Eplerenone	1364	972	625	269

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NYHA class II–IV,
provided est. CrCl >30
mL/min & K⁺ <5.0 mEq/L

Aldosterone antagonist
(COR I)

NYHA class II–III HF
Adequate BP on
ACEI or ARB*; No C/I to

Discontinue ACEI or
ARB; initiate ARNI*

Palliative care†
(COR I)

NYHA class II–III HF
Adequate BP on
ACEI or ARB*; No C/I to
ARB or sacubitril

Discontinue ACEI or
ARB; initiate ARNI*
(COR I)

NYHA class II–IV, LVEF
≤35%, NSR & QRS
≥150 ms with LBBB
pattern

CRT or CRT-D‡
(COR I)

NYHA class II–III, NSR,
heart rate ≥70 bpm on
maximally tolerated dose
beta blocker

Ivabradine
(COR IIa)

Investigational
studies§

Continue GDMT with serial reassessment & optimized dosing/adherence

PARADIGM-HF: Main Results

McMurray JJV, *et al. N Engl J Med* 2014;371:993-1004.

8442 patients, NYHA II, III, or IV LVEF ≤ 40%

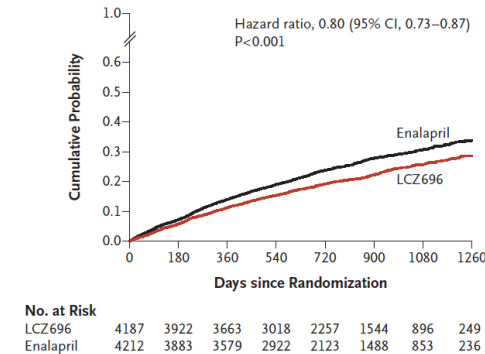
Randomized to:

Sacubitril/ valsartan (97/103 mg bid)
or enalapril (10 mg bid),

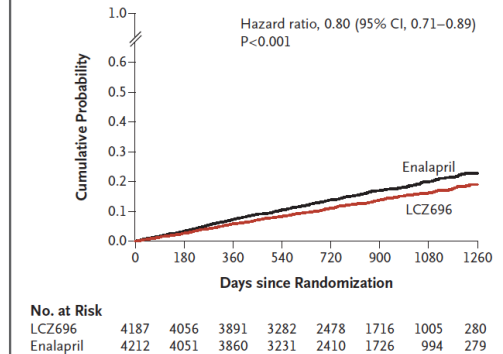
1°: CV death or HF hospitalization

Stopped early due to overwhelming
benefit, after a median follow-up of
27 months

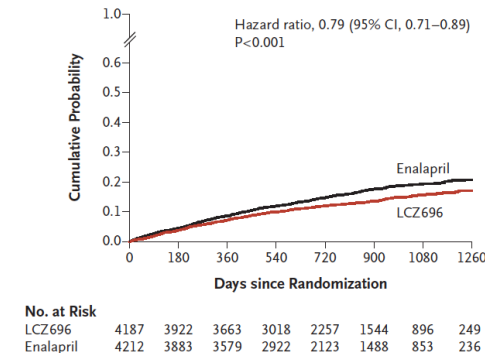
A Primary End Point



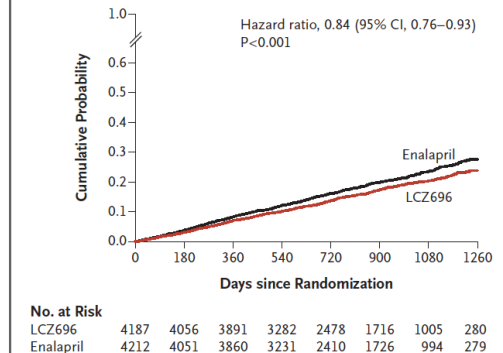
B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



C Hospitalization for Heart Failure



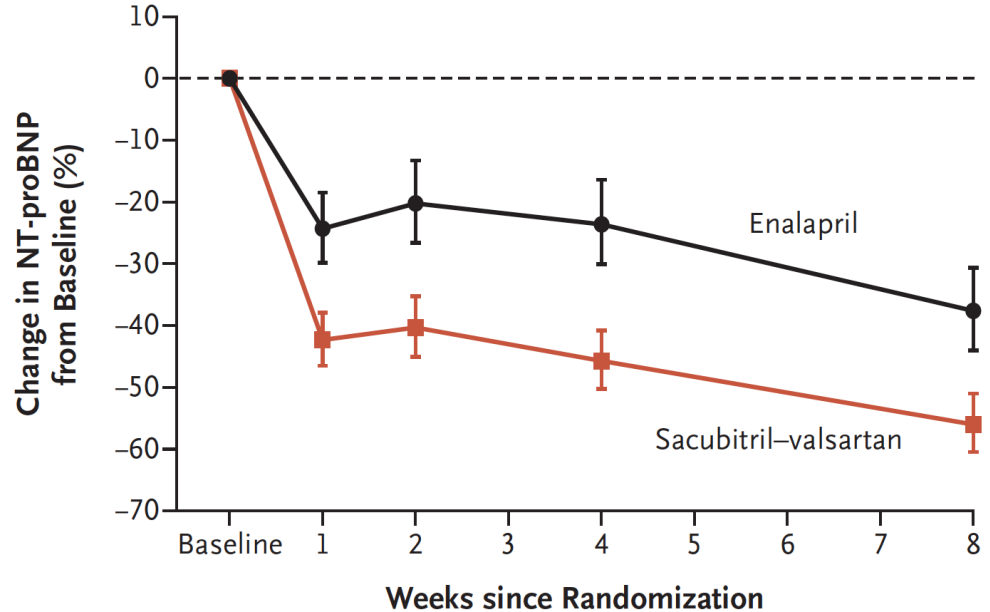
D Death from Any Cause



PIONEER-HF

Velazquez EJ, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2019;380:539-48.

881 patients, admitted for ADHF, LVEF \leq 40%; elevated NPs. stable
Enrolled in-hospital 24 hours-10 days post-admit (median 68 hours)
Randomized to:
Sacubitril/ valsartan (97/103 mg bid)
or enalapril (10 mg bid),
1°: Time-averaged proportional change in NT-proBNP concentration from baseline through weeks 4 and 8
No significant difference in rates of worsening renal function, hyperkalemia, symptomatic hypotension, and angioedema



No. at Risk

Enalapril	394	359	351	350	348
Sacubitril-valsartan	397	355	363	365	349

PIONEER-HF

Velazquez EJ, *et al. N Engl J Med* 2019;380:539-48.

Exploratory clinical outcomes — no. (%)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)§		
Composite of clinical events	249 (56.6)	264 (59.9)	0.93 (0.78 to 1.10)
Death	10 (2.3)	15 (3.4)	0.66 (0.30 to 1.48)
Rehospitalization for heart failure	35 (8.0)	61 (13.8)	0.56 (0.37 to 0.84)
Implantation of left ventricular assist device	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	0.99 (0.06 to 15.97)
Inclusion on list for heart transplantation	0	0	NA
Unplanned outpatient visit leading to use of intravenous diuretics	2 (0.5)	2 (0.5)	1.00 (0.14 to 7.07)
Use of additional drug for heart failure	78 (17.7)	84 (19.0)	0.92 (0.67 to 1.25)
Increase in dose of diuretics of >50%	218 (49.5)	222 (50.3)	0.98 (0.81 to 1.18)

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NYHA class II–III, LVEF
 $\leq 35\%$; (caveat: >1 y
survival, >40 d post MI)

ICD \ddagger
(COR I)

NYHA class II–IV, LVEF
 $\leq 35\%$, NSR & QRS
 ≥ 150 ms with LBBB
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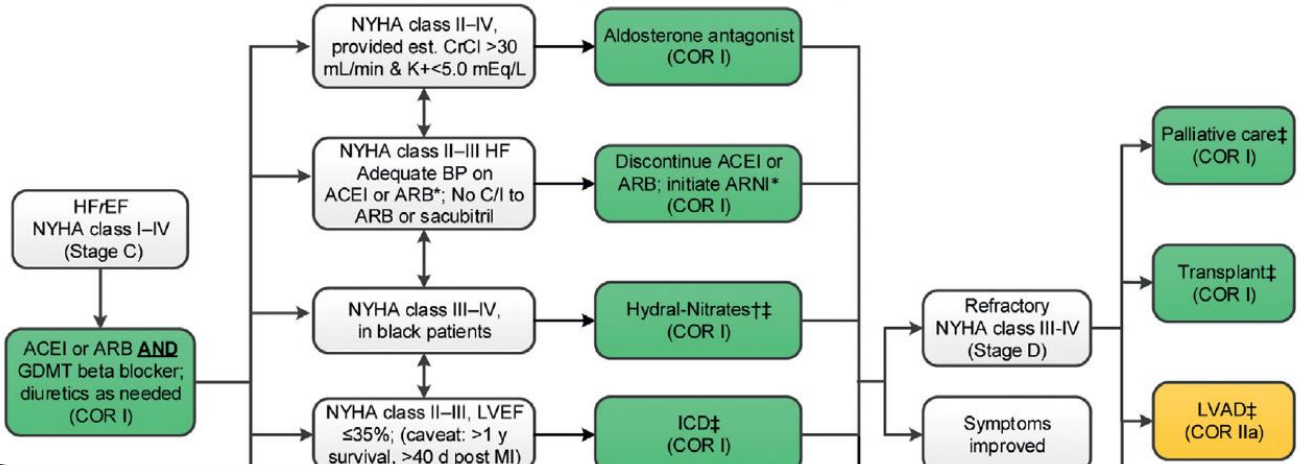
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Future Directions in HFrEF

- Diuretic therapy:
 - Torsemide vs. Furosemide (TRANSFORM)
 - (SGLT2 inhibitors)
- Treatments for hyperkalemia/ Facilitating RAAS-inhibiting therapies
 - Patiromir
 - Sodium zirconium cyclosilicate (ZS-9)

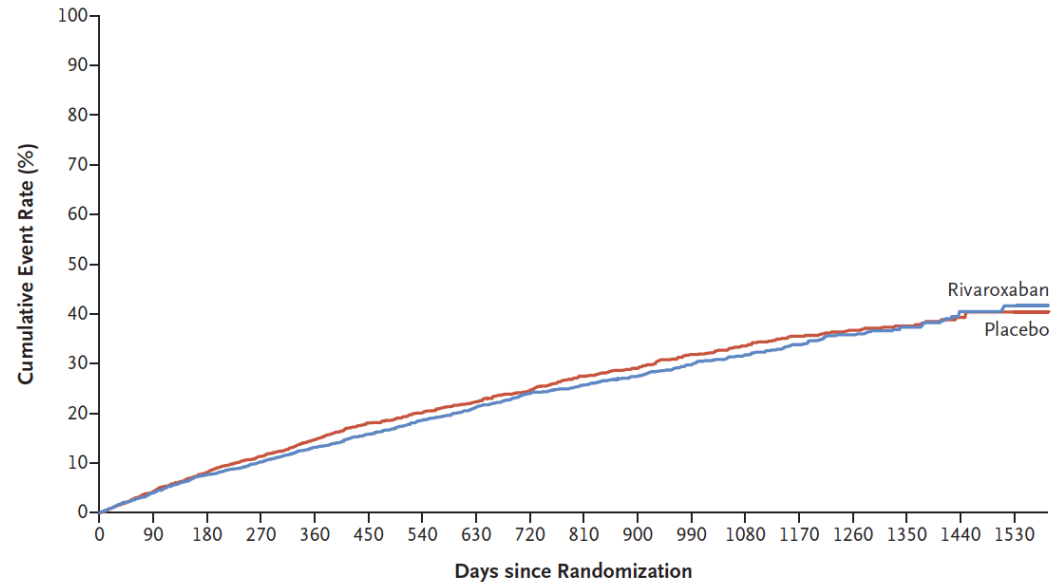
Future Directions in HFrEF: COMMANDER-HF

Zannad F, *et al. N Engl J Med* 2018;379:1332-42.

5022 patients; heart failure x3 mo.,
WHF within 21 days; LVEF $\leq 40\%$,
coronary artery disease, elevated
natriuretic peptides; without atrial
fibrillation

Randomized to:

Rivaroxaban 2.5 mg bid or placebo
1° efficacy: death from any cause,
myocardial infarction, or stroke.
1° safety: fatal bleeding or bleeding
into a critical space with a potential
for causing permanent disability.



Thromboembolic events:
MI, ischemic stroke,
sudden/unwitnessed
death, symptomatic
pulmonary embolism, or
symptomatic deep vein
thrombosis.

HR (95% CI)
0.83 (0.72-0.96)
P=.01

Placebo

Rivaroxaban

Cumulative Event Rate, %

Time From Randomization, d

HR (95% CI)
0.80 (0.64-0.98)
P = .04

Placebo

Rivaroxaban

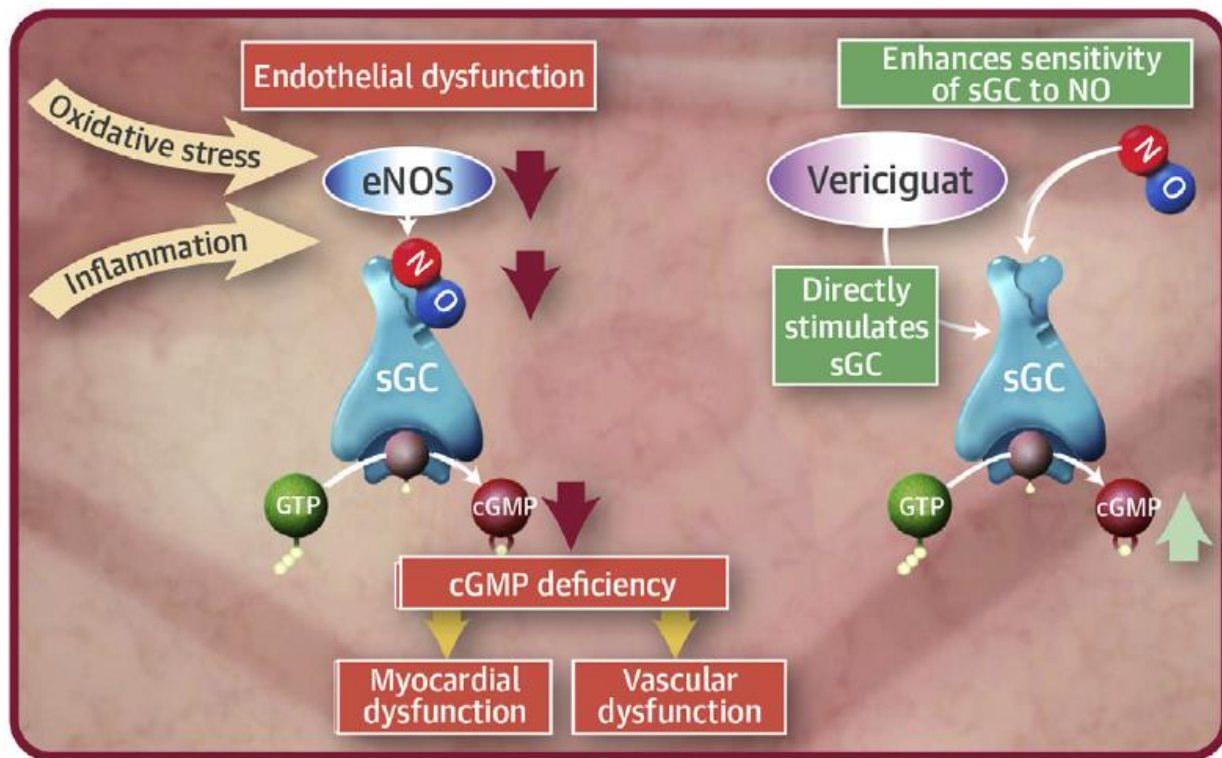
Cumulative Event Rate, %

Time From Randomization, d

No. at risk																		
Rivaroxaban	2507	2402	2310	2162	1884	1640	1388	1190	976	818	669	588	505	423	328	238	121	46
Placebo	2515	2405	2303	2143	1847	1582	1346	1162	954	798	657	581	502	425	329	236	127	43

Future Directions in HFrEF: Vericiguat, Soluble Guanylate Cyclase (sGC) Stimulator

Armstrong PW, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol HF* 2018;6:96-104.





Vericiguat Global Study in Subjects With Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction (VICTORIA)

Armstrong PW, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol HF* 2018;6:96-104.

Target enrollment 4872

Vericiguat 2.5 mg uptitrated to 10 mg qd vs. Placebo

Primary Outcome Measure: Time to Cardiovascular (CV) Death or Heart Failure Hospitalization

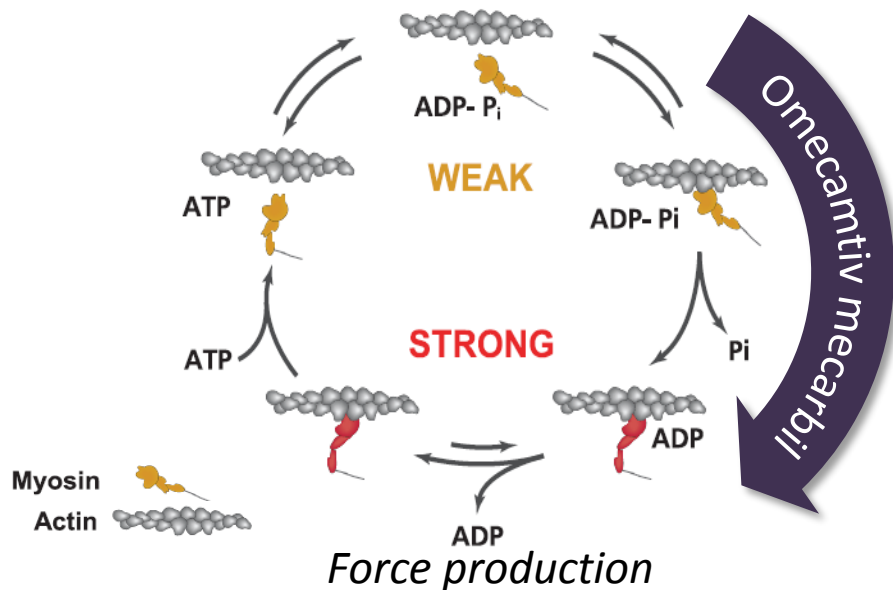
Inclusion Criteria:

- History of chronic HF (NYHA Class II-IV) on standard therapy before qualifying HF decompensation
- Previous HF hospitalization within 6 months prior to randomization or intravenous (IV) diuretic treatment for HF (without hospitalization) within 3 months.
- BNP levels: NSR- ≥ 300 pg/mL; A Fib- ≥ 500 pg/mL and NT-proBNP levels: NSR- ≥ 1000 pg/mL; A Fib- ≥ 1600 pg/mL within 30 days prior to randomization
- LVEF<45% assessed within 12 months prior to randomization by any method

Future Directions in HFrEF:

Omecamtiv Mecarbil, Selective Cardiac Myosin Activator

Mechanochemical Cycle of Myosin



OM increases the entry rate of myosin into the tightly-bound, force-producing state with actin

“More hands pulling on the rope”

Increases duration of systole

Increases stroke volume

No increase in myocyte calcium

No change in dP/dt_{\max}

No increase in MVO_2

Malik FI, et al. *Science* 2011; 331:1439-43.

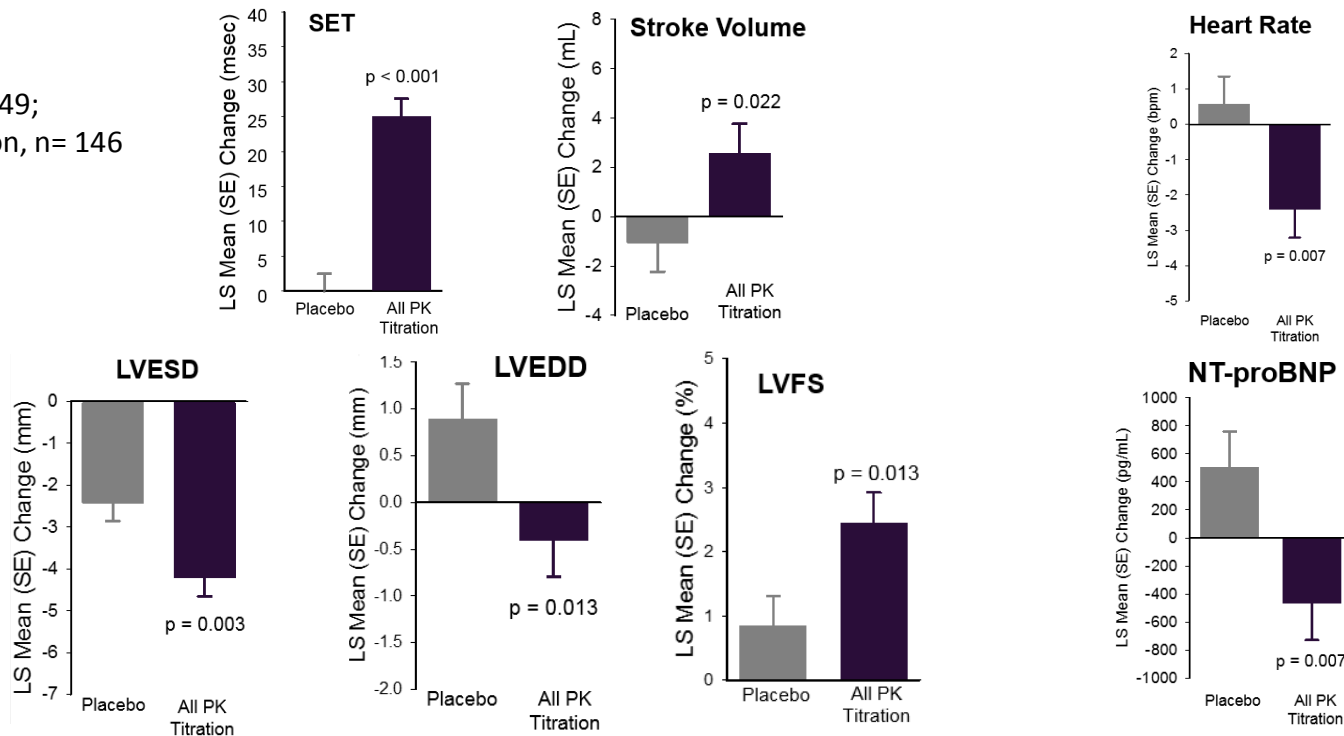
Shen YT, et al. *Circ Heart Fail* 2010;3:522-7.

Planelles-Herrero VJ, et al. *Nat Commun* 2017;8:190.

Overall Effects of Omecamtiv Mecarbil

Teerlink JR, *et al. Lancet* 2016; 388: 2895-903.

Placebo, n= 149;
All PK-Titration, n= 146



LS, Least square; LVEDD, LVESD: Left ventricular end-diastolic (systolic) dimension; LVFS, left ventricular fractional shortening; SE, standard error; SET, systolic ejection time

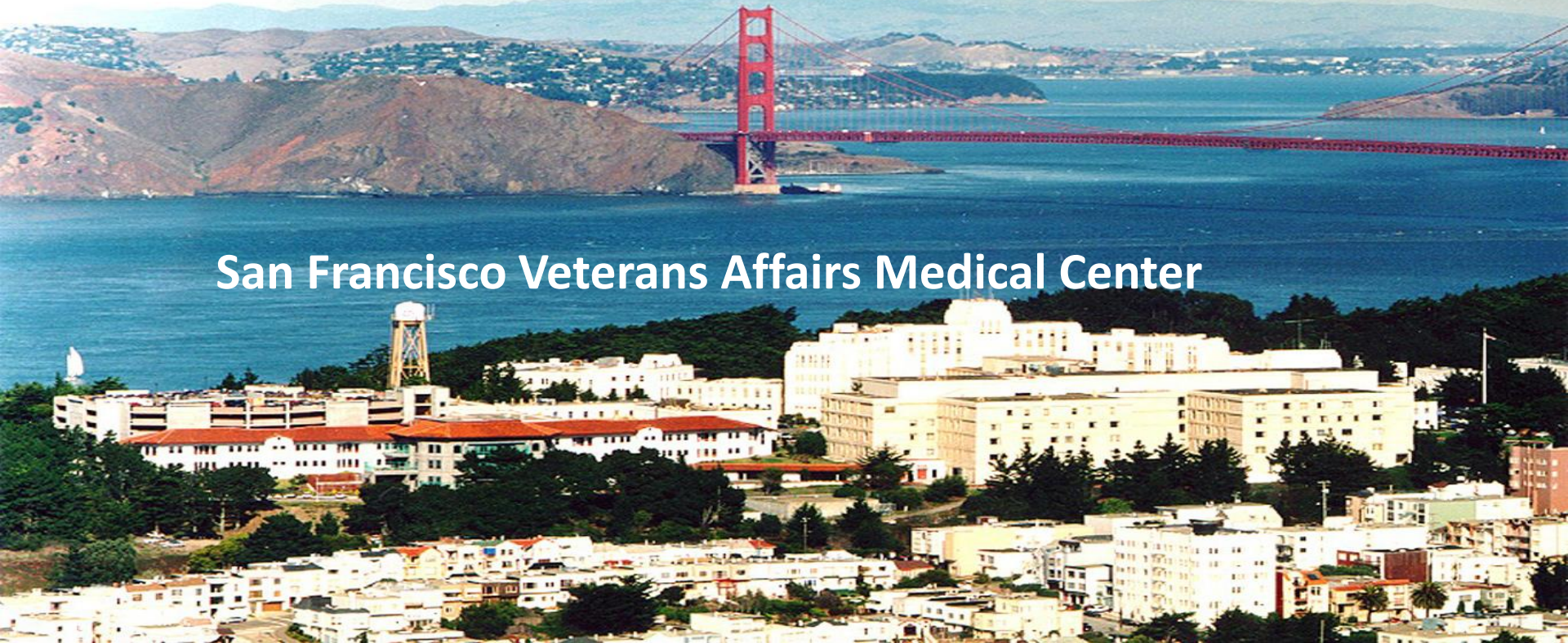
- Chronic HF pts on standard of care therapy, LVEF $\leq 35\%$, NYHA II-IV, HF hospitalization within 12 months, elevated natriuretic peptides
- 1° endpoint: CV death & HF Hospitalization
- ~8,000 patient, event-driven trial, powered for CV death

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Thank you!

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Heart Failure Society of America



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