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DM and CHD in women



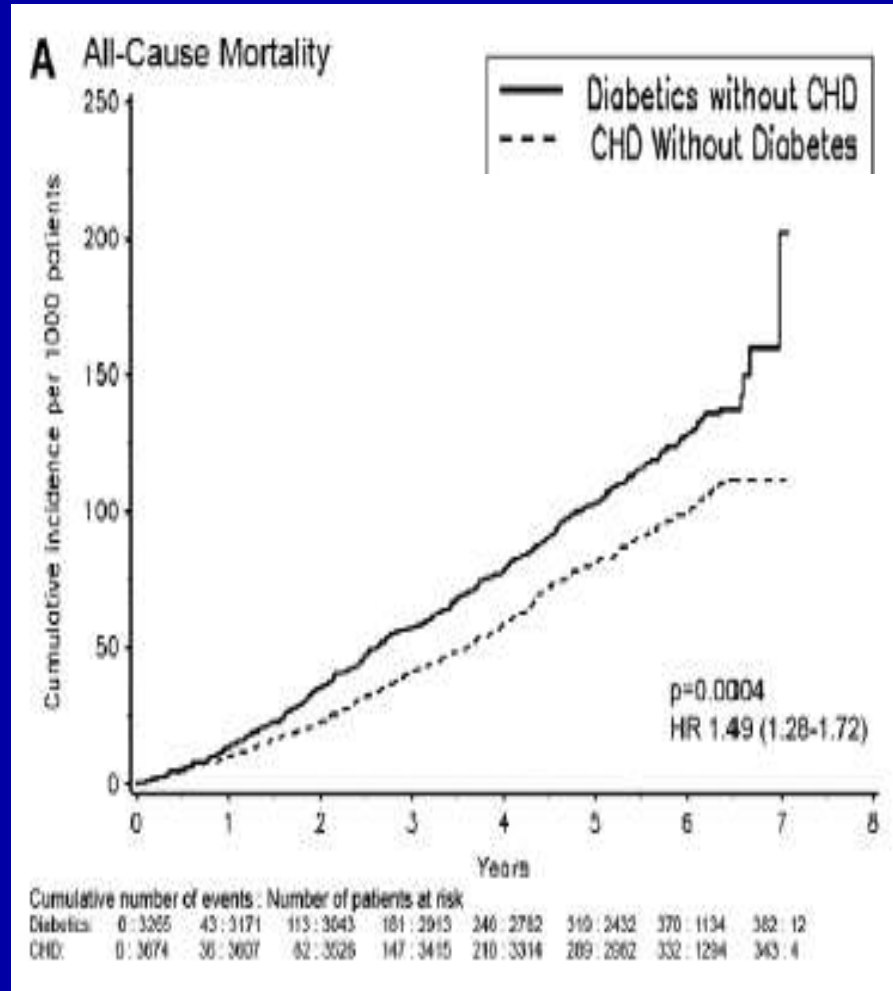
RUTH trial – international, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled Trial of raloxifene and CVD outcomes in 10 101 postmenopausal women selected for high CHD risk.

3672 had a history of diabetes without known CHD
3265 had history of CHD without known diabetes.

Mean age 67.5 years – follow-up was 5.6 years.

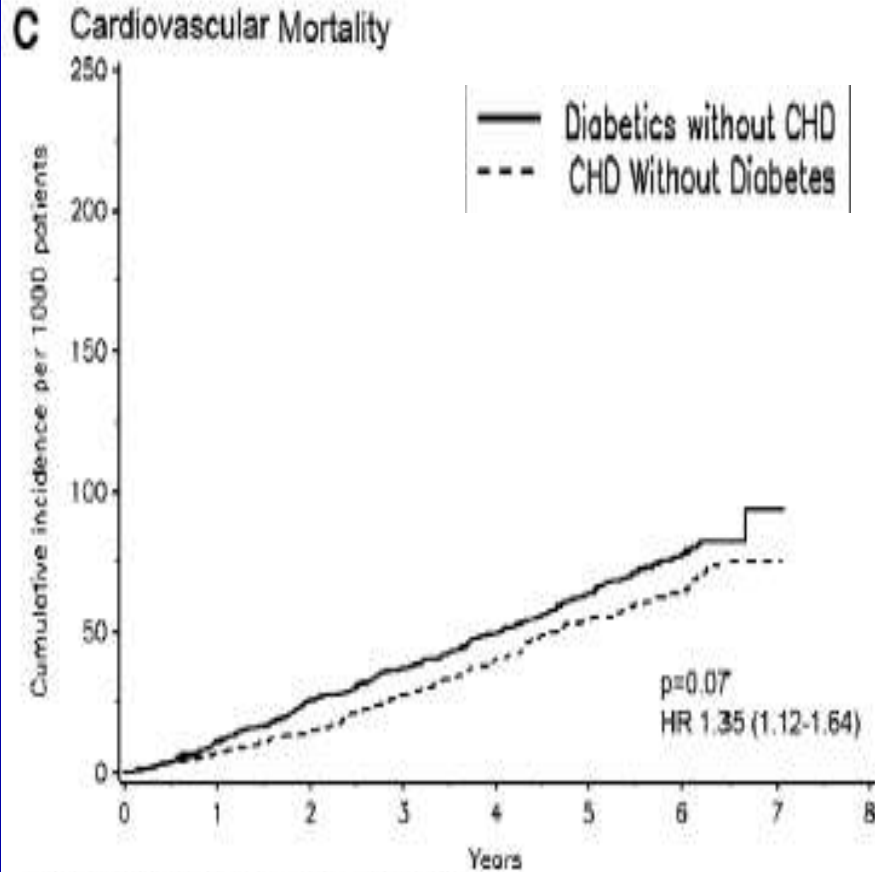
Goal: Compare the two groups for CHD and CVD fatal and non-fatal.

DM and CHD in Women

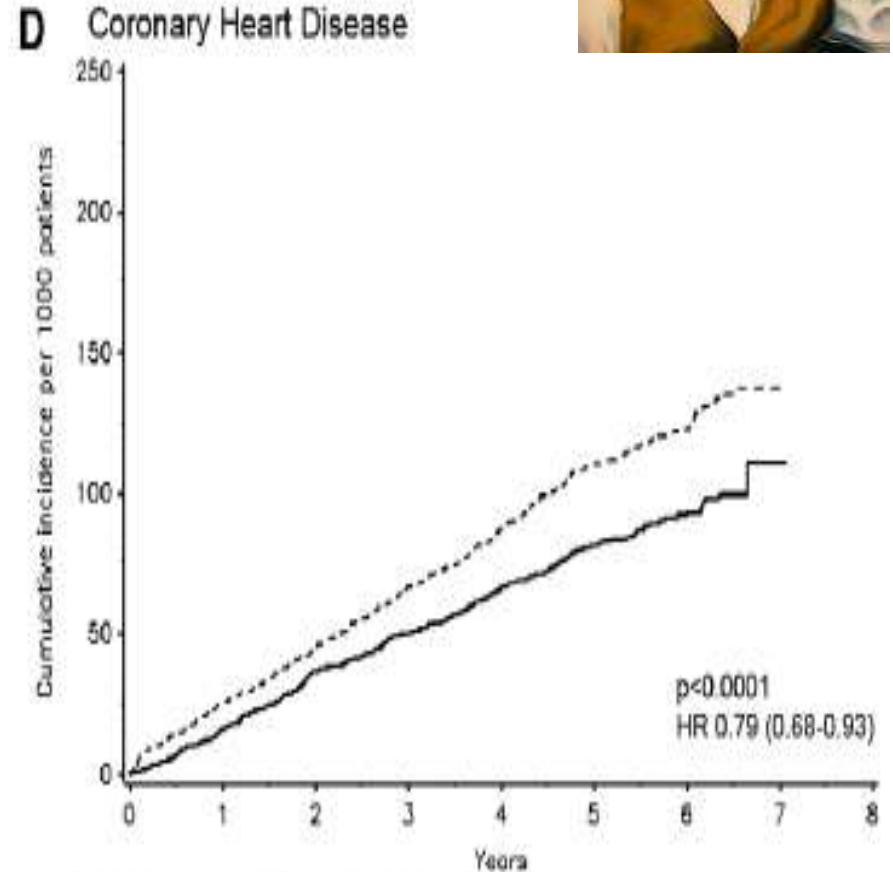


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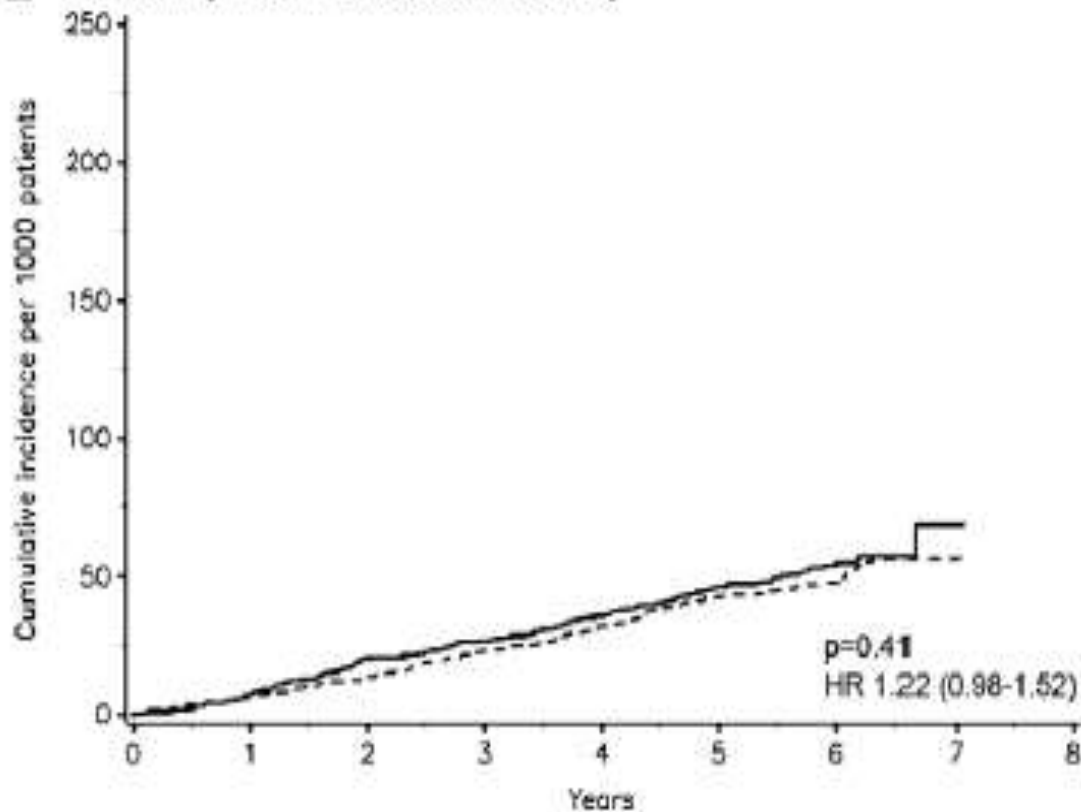
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CHD	0 : 3674	91 : 3538	162 : 3414	238 : 3305	311 : 3129	388 : 2777	416 : 1190	428 : 3	

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DM and CHD in Women



E Coronary Heart Disease Mortality



Cumulative number of events : Number of patients at risk

Diabetics:	0 : 3065	24 : 3171	64 : 3043	84 : 2913	110 : 2782	130 : 2432	155 : 1134	158 : 12
CHD:	0 : 3674	23 : 3007	49 : 2528	82 : 2415	114 : 2314	149 : 2002	180 : 1294	168 : 4

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DM and CHD in Women



Diabetic women without “known” CHD had a lower risk of nonfatal CHD and CVD Events compared with non diabetic women with CHD but their risk of CV Death and all-cause mortality was similar.

BD Take-Away:

1. Women with DM may have a more severe or delayed presentation of CHD and CVD, small-vessel disease, odd clinical presentations....
2. Follow a Disease/Inflammatory Paradigm –Always!

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Disease

HEALTHY

“Young” SOFT
UNCALCIFIED PLAQUE

“Old” Hard
CALCIFIED PLAQUE

Watch out! That young soft Plaque can be more dangerous than the old.

Plaque formation is an active process and its consistency changes over time. Some technologies (X-Rays) can only see hard calcified disease while others like ultrasounds can spot soft disease.

Prevalence of and Risk Factors for Autopsy-Determined Atherosclerosis Among US Service Members, 2001-2011



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Autopsies of US service members killed in battle.

First demonstrated in Korean war was in 1953 (Enos et al), demonstrated fatty streaks in 77% of service men.

Cross sectional study of all US service members who died of combat or unintentional injuries in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn between Oct 2001 and Aug 2011.

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Table 2. Prevalence of Coronary and/or Aortic Atherosclerosis by ICD-9-CM Diagnoses of Major Cardiovascular Risk Factors

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	No. of Patients With Atherosclerosis/Total No.	Atherosclerosis Prevalence, % (95% CI)	Prevalence Ratio (95% CI)	
			Unadjusted	Age-Adjusted
None	389/3506	11.1 (10.1-12.1)	1 [Reference]	1 [Reference]
Obesity	37/166	22.3 (15.9-28.7)	2.01 (1.49-2.71)	1.47 (1.10-1.96)
Smoking	18/128	14.1 (8.0-20.2)	1.27 (0.82-1.96)	1.12 (0.73-1.74)
Hypertension	17/39	43.6 (27.3-59.9)	3.93 (2.72-5.68)	1.88 (1.34-2.65)
Dyslipidemia	14/28	50.0 (30.3-69.7)	4.51 (3.08-6.60)	2.09 (1.43-3.06)
Diabetes/IFG	2/10	20.0 (0.0-50.2)	1.80 (0.52-6.25)	0.58 (0.17-1.97)
Obesity and hypertension	4/8	50.0 (5.3-94.7)	4.51 (2.24-9.07) ^a	3.14 (1.54-6.44) ^a

Abbreviations: ICD-9-CM, International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification; IFG, impaired fasting glucose.

^aReflects odds ratio.

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Table 3. Coronary Autopsy Studies in the US Armed Forces: Korean War, Vietnam War, and OEF and OIF/OND

	Korean War ^{5,21}	Vietnam War ⁷	OEF and OIF/OND
US deaths, No.	36 574 ^a	58 220 ^a	6191 ^b
Autopsies included in the study, No. (% of total deaths)	300 (0.8)	105 (0.2)	3832 (61.9)
Mean (SD) age, y	22.1 (NR)	22.1 (4.4)	25.9 (6.6)
Race, % white	NR	86.7	72.7
Coronary lesion grading			
Minimal	Fibrous thickening or streaking causing insignificant narrowing	Fibrous thickening or single plaques <5 mm in greatest diameter	Streaking causing insignificant luminal narrowing
Moderate	10%-49% narrowing	Single plaques <1 cm	10%-49% narrowing
Severe	≥50% narrowing	Single plaques >1 cm or confluent smaller plaques	≥50% narrowing
Prevalence of coronary atherosclerosis, %			
Minimal	35	NR	1.5
Moderate	27	NR	4.7
Severe	15	5	2.3
Any	77	45	8.5

Abbreviations: OEF, Operation Enduring Freedom; OIF, Operation Iraqi Freedom; OND, Operation New Dawn; NR, not reported.

^aPer Congressional Research Service.²²

^bDuring case identification period of October 2001 through August 2011, per Armed Forces Medical Examiner System.

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Results summary – sign. Assoc. risk factors:

Age: strongest association with atherosclerosis

40 years and older had a 7 times increased prevalence of disease compared with those aged 24 years and younger (45.9% vs 6.6%, unadjusted PR, 6.95; 95% CI, 5.49-8.80).

Lower Education level & higher military entrance

Higher BMI obese 15.8% vs 7.6% [95% CI, 1.35-2.60]

HTN: (43.6% vs 11.1% [95% CI, 1.30-1.65])

After Adjusting for age: only obesity and HTN remained significant for association.

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BD Take-Away

Of the 464 service members with atherosclerosis at autopsy, only 2 (0.5%) had been clinically diagnosed with atherosclerosis and none had been diagnosed with ischemic heart disease.

Identify patients as Primary, Secondary, Tertiary!

Promote Wellness within all settings – including military.

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Predicting Cognitive Decline with Framingham Risk Scoring



Predicting Cognitive Decline with Framingham Risk Scoring

Comparing 2 FRS scores with dementia risk score (CAIDE) in relation to 10-year cognitive decline in late middle age.

Men and women mean age 55.6 at baseline – Whitehall II study (longitudinal British cohort study).

Cognitive tests included reasoning, memory, verbal fluency, vocabulary, and global cognition, assessed 3 times over 10 years.

Kaffashian, S. Dugravor, AI, et al. Predicting Cognitive Decline. Neurology April 2013; 80:1300-1306.

Assessing cognitive function

Assessed 3 times over 10 years –

5 standard cognitive tasks:

1. Alice Heim 4-I (reasoning, identify patterns, infer principles)
2. Short-term verbal memory with 20 word recall test
3. Two measures of verbal fluency: phonemic and semantic
4. Vocabulary assessed with Mill Hill Vocabulary Test
5. Global Cognitive Score using all 5 tests above.

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Comparing the cognitive score with FRS:

Two analytic samples taken:

First: comparison of FRS CVD risk score with the dementia risk score based on participants free of CVD at baseline with data on all components of risk scores

Second: comparison of FRS stroke risk score with the dementia risk score based on individuals without a history of stroke or TIA who had data on all components of the risk scores.

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Table 2 Associations of dementia and CVD risk (1997/1999) with 10-year cognitive change (1997/1999, 2002/2004, 2007/2009) (n = 4,374)

Cognitive test	Risk groups			p	Standardized risk	
	Low	Intermediate	High		β (95% CI)	Δ (95% CI) ^a
	10-year cognitive change (95% CI)					
Reasoning						
Dementia risk	-0.28 (-0.31, -0.26)	-0.35 (-0.38, -0.32)	-0.36 (-0.39, -0.33)	<0.001	-0.05 (-0.06, -0.03) ^c	
CVD risk	-0.26 (-0.29, -0.23)	-0.31 (-0.34, -0.28)	-0.41 (-0.44, -0.38)	<0.001	-0.06 (-0.08, -0.04) ^c	0.01 (-0.004, 0.03), NS
Memory						
Dementia risk	-0.24 (-0.28, -0.19)	-0.27 (-0.33, -0.22)	-0.26 (-0.32, -0.19)	0.46	-0.01 (-0.04, 0.01)	
CVD risk	-0.20 (-0.25, -0.15)	-0.29 (-0.34, -0.24)	-0.27 (-0.32, -0.21)	0.09	-0.03 (-0.06, 0.00)	0.02 (-0.02, 0.06), NS
Phonemic fluency						
Dementia risk	-0.34 (-0.38, -0.31)	-0.37 (-0.42, -0.33)	-0.36 (-0.41, -0.31)	0.42	-0.01 (-0.04, 0.01)	
CVD risk	-0.31 (-0.35, -0.27)	-0.36 (-0.40, -0.32)	-0.39 (-0.44, -0.35)	0.01	-0.03 (-0.06, -0.01) ^b	0.02 (-0.005, 0.05), NS
Semantic fluency						
Dementia risk	-0.29 (-0.33, -0.26)	-0.32 (-0.37, -0.28)	-0.29 (-0.35, -0.24)	0.85	0.001 (-0.02, 0.02)	
CVD risk	-0.31 (-0.35, -0.27)	-0.36 (-0.40, -0.32)	-0.39 (-0.44, -0.35)	<0.001	-0.05 (-0.07, -0.02) ^c	0.05 (0.02, 0.08)
Vocabulary						
Dementia risk	0.05 (0.03, 0.07)	0.004 (-0.02, 0.03)	-0.02 (-0.05, 0.01)	<0.001	-0.02 (-0.04, -0.01) ^b	
CVD risk	0.05 (0.03, 0.08)	0.03 (0.002, 0.05)	-0.02 (-0.05, 0.001)	<0.0001	-0.04 (-0.05, -0.03) ^c	0.02 (-0.004, 0.04), NS
Global cognition						
Dementia risk	-0.31 (-0.33, -0.28)	-0.36 (-0.39, -0.34)	-0.35 (-0.39, -0.32)	0.01	-0.03 (-0.04, -0.01) ^b	
CVD risk	-0.26 (-0.28, -0.23)	-0.34 (-0.37, -0.32)	-0.40 (-0.43, -0.37)	<0.001	-0.06 (-0.08, -0.05) ^c	0.03 (0.01, 0.05)

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Table 3 Associations of dementia and stroke risk (1997/1999) with 10-year cognitive change (1997/1999, 2002/2004, 2007/2009) (n = 5,157)

Cognitive test	Risk groups			p	Standardized risk	
	Low	Intermediate	High		β (95% CI)	Δ (95% CI) ^a
	10-year cognitive change (95% CI)					
Reasoning						
Dementia risk	-0.28 (-0.30, -0.26)	-0.35 (-0.38, -0.32)	-0.37 (-0.40, -0.33)	<0.001	-0.05 (-0.06, -0.04) ^c	
Stroke risk	-0.27 (-0.29, -0.24)	-0.34 (-0.36, -0.31)	-0.42 (-0.45, -0.38)	0.001	-0.05 (-0.06, -0.03) ^c	0.00 (-0.02, 0.02), NS
Memory						
Dementia risk	-0.24 (-0.28, -0.20)	-0.27 (-0.32, -0.22)	-0.27 (-0.33, -0.20)	0.33	-0.02 (-0.04, 0.01)	
Stroke risk	-0.24 (-0.28, -0.20)	-0.27 (-0.31, -0.22)	-0.25 (-0.32, -0.19)	0.56	-0.03 (-0.06, 0.00)	0.01 (-0.01, 0.03), NS
Phonemic fluency						
Dementia risk	-0.34 (-0.37, -0.30)	-0.37 (-0.41, -0.33)	-0.37 (-0.41, -0.31)	0.27	-0.02 (-0.04, 0.01)	
Stroke risk	-0.32 (-0.36, -0.29)	-0.36 (-0.39, -0.32)	-0.42 (-0.47, -0.37)	0.003	-0.03 (-0.06, -0.01) ^b	0.01 (-0.01, 0.04), NS
Semantic fluency						
Dementia risk	-0.29 (-0.32, -0.26)	-0.34 (-0.38, -0.30)	-0.30 (-0.35, -0.26)	0.43	-0.01 (-0.03, 0.01)	
Stroke risk	-0.26 (-0.29, -0.22)	-0.33 (-0.37, -0.29)	-0.40 (-0.44, -0.34)	<0.001	-0.05 (-0.08, -0.03) ^c	0.04 (0.02, 0.06)
Vocabulary						
Dementia risk	0.05 (0.03, 0.07)	0.006 (-0.02, 0.03)	-0.03 (-0.06, -0.002)	<0.001	-0.03 (-0.04, -0.01) ^c	
Stroke risk	0.04 (0.03, 0.07)	0.02 (-0.001, 0.04)	-0.05 (-0.08, -0.02)	<0.001	-0.04 (-0.05, -0.02) ^c	0.01 (-0.004, 0.03), NS
Global cognition						
Dementia risk	-0.22 (-0.24, -0.21)	-0.27 (-0.29, -0.25)	-0.27 (-0.29, -0.24)	<0.001	-0.02 (-0.03, -0.01) ^c	
Stroke risk	-0.21 (-0.23, -0.19)	-0.26 (-0.28, -0.24)	-0.31 (-0.34, -0.29)	<0.001	-0.04 (-0.05, -0.03) ^c	0.02 (0.01, 0.04)

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Results:

Higher cardiovascular disease risk and higher stroke risk were associated with greater cognitive decline in ALL tests except memory.

Compared with dementia risk score, cardiovascular and stroke risk scores showed stronger associations with 10 year cognitive decline.

CVD and Stroke risk displayed stronger associations with cognitive decline than dementia risk.

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BD Take-Away

Cardiovascular disease is a Systemic Disease

Educate patients on the value of optimal CV prevention of lifelong wellness.

Incorporate memory/dementia testing in your practice.

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CACS and Stroke Risk

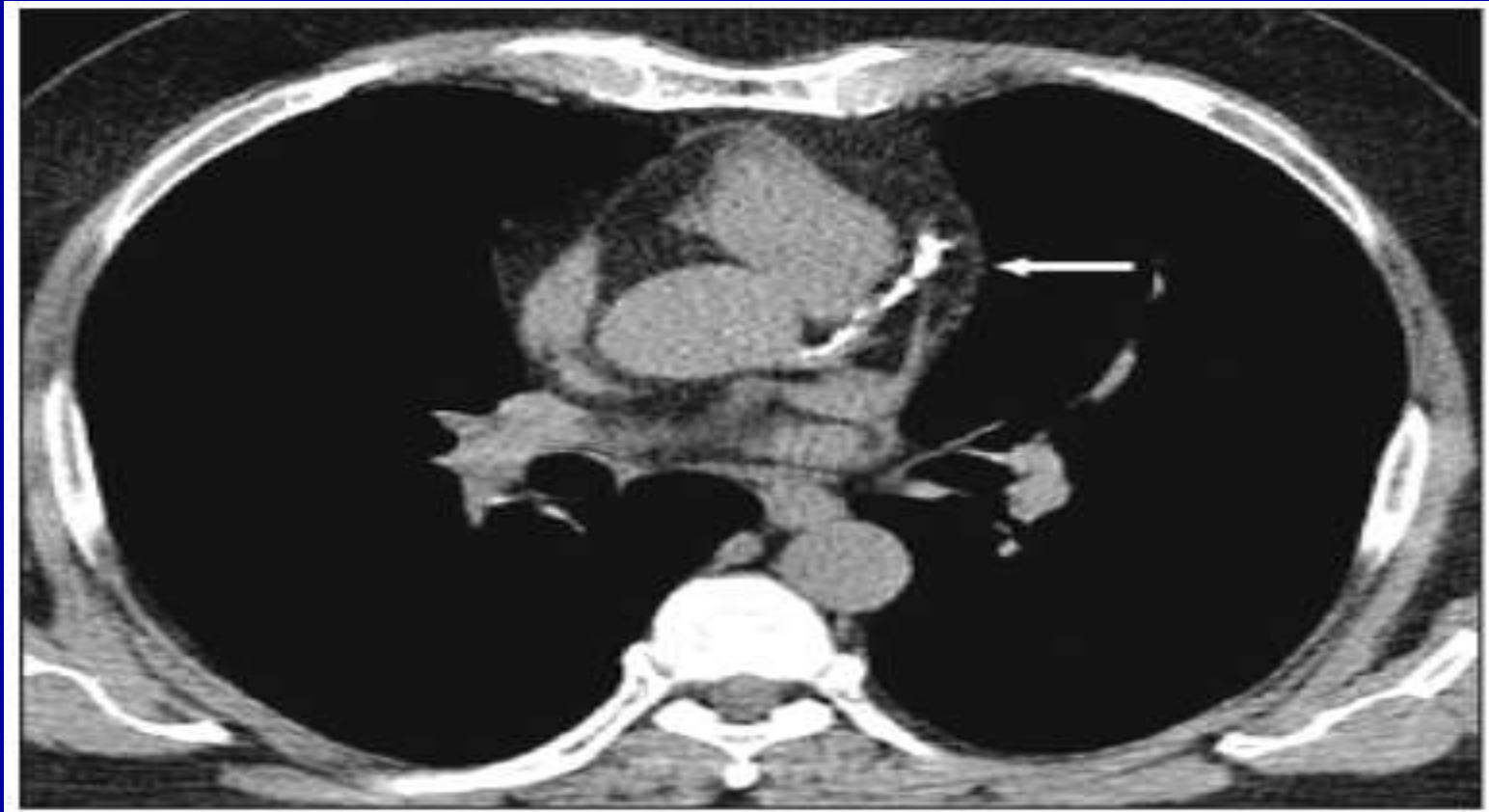


Fig. 1 - Calcification of the anterior descending artery detected on ultrafast tomography in an asymptomatic man (arrow).

CAC predicts stroke risk

4180 subjects from the Heinz Nixdorf Recall Study (45-75 years of age; 47.1% men) without previous stroke, coronary heart disease, or MI were Evaluated for stroke events over 94.9 ± 19.4 months.

Determine whether CAC is a stroke predictor in addition to established vascular risk factors (age, Sex, SBP, LDL, HDL, DM, smoking and AF).

92 subjects (55 men and 37 women) developed a stroke during follow-up period (82 ischemic and 10 hemorrhagic).

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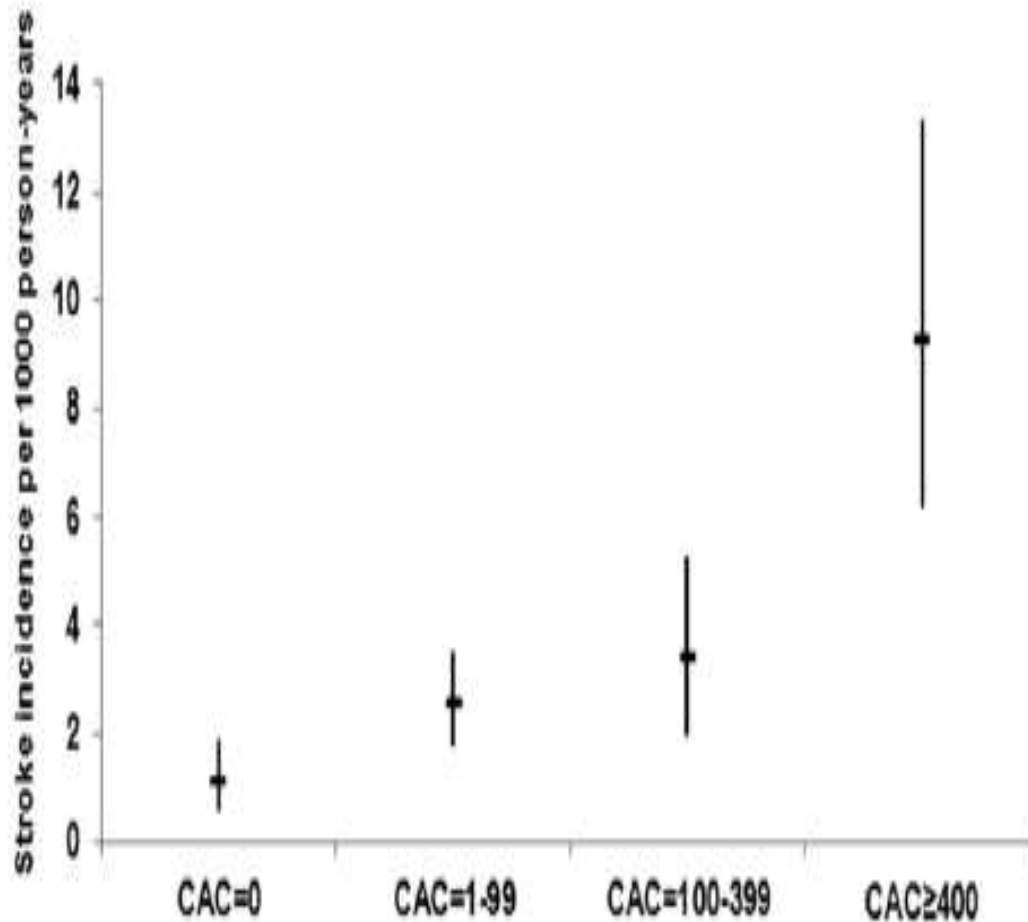


Figure 1. Stroke incidence rates with 95% confidence intervals within coronary artery calcification (CAC) categories. Data are given as number of stroke events per total person time-at-risk in years multiplied with 1000 (strokes per 1000 person-years). Note the markedly increased stroke incidence in subjects exhibiting CAC values ≥ 400 .

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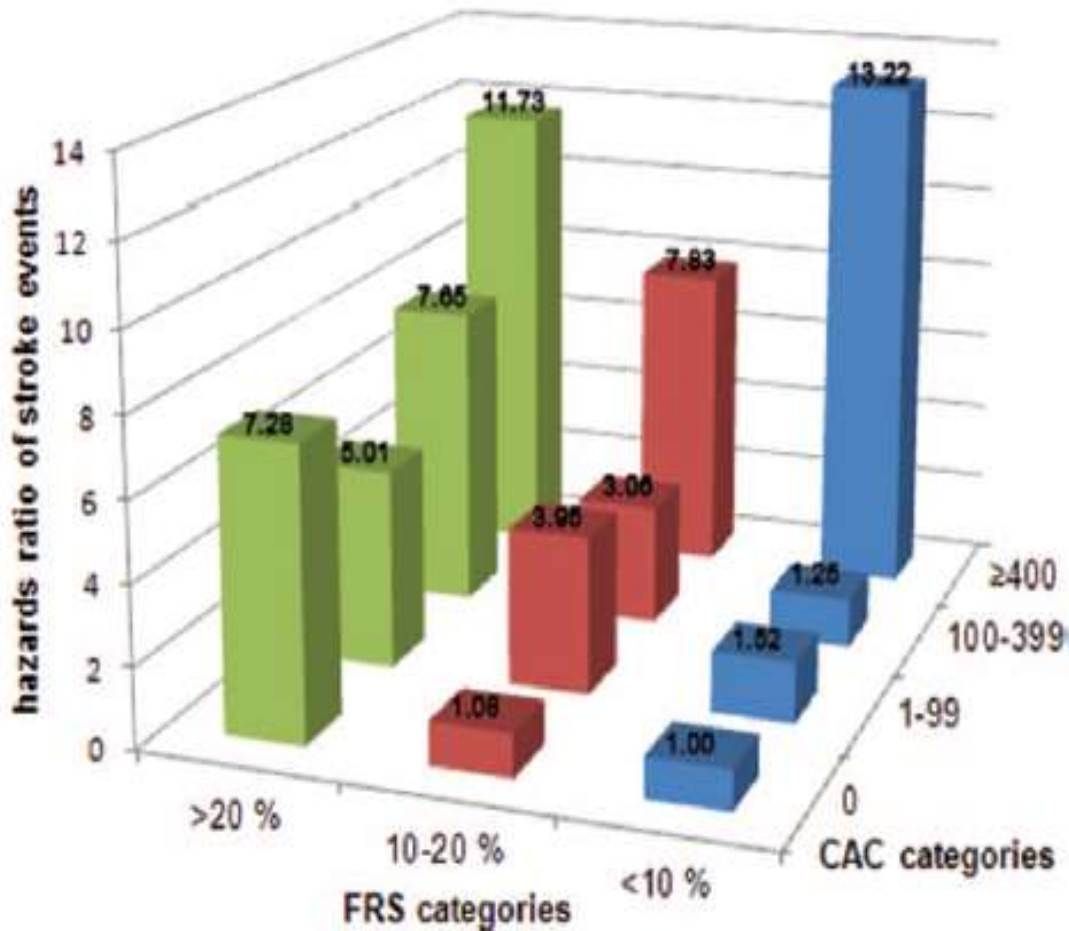


Figure 2. Stroke risk in subjects belonging to the Heinz Nixdorf Recall study stratified on Framingham risk score (FRS) and coronary artery calcification (CAC) categories. Hazards ratios of stroke events in the different combinations of FRS and CAC categories are shown, with the lowest CAC and FRS category as reference. For the low and intermediate FRS categories, log-rank tests for trends revealed significant differences between CAC categories, indicating that CAC discriminates stroke hazard in subjects at low and intermediate vascular risk.

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CAC predicts stroke risk

CAC is an independent predictor of future stroke events in the general population.

CAC predicted stroke in men and women – more significantly in subjects < 65 yrs.

CAC predicted stroke independent of AF

CAC discriminated stroke risk specifically in subjects with FRS <10% and FRS 10-20%.

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BD Take-Away:

Disease ANYWHERE in the vascular system documents risk for a vascular EVENT!

Atherosclerosis = risk for an event.

This discussion goes both ways –
 plaque in the coronary tree = risk for stroke.
 plaque in the carotid bed = risk for MI.

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Long-term Mortality After Stroke Among Adults age 18-50 years.

FUTURE study – prospective cohort of prognosis after TIA, ischemic stroke or hemorrhagic stroke in adults aged 18-50 years admitted to Radboud University Nijmegen Med Center in Netherlands between Jan 1, 1980- Nov 1, 2010.

Survival status of 959 consecutive patients with first-ever TIA (n=262), ischemic stroke (n=606), or intercerebral hemorrhage (n=91) were assessed as of Nov 1, 2012.

Mean follow-up duration was 11.1 (SD 8.7 yrs).

Cumulative 20-year mortality among 30-day survivors of stroke.

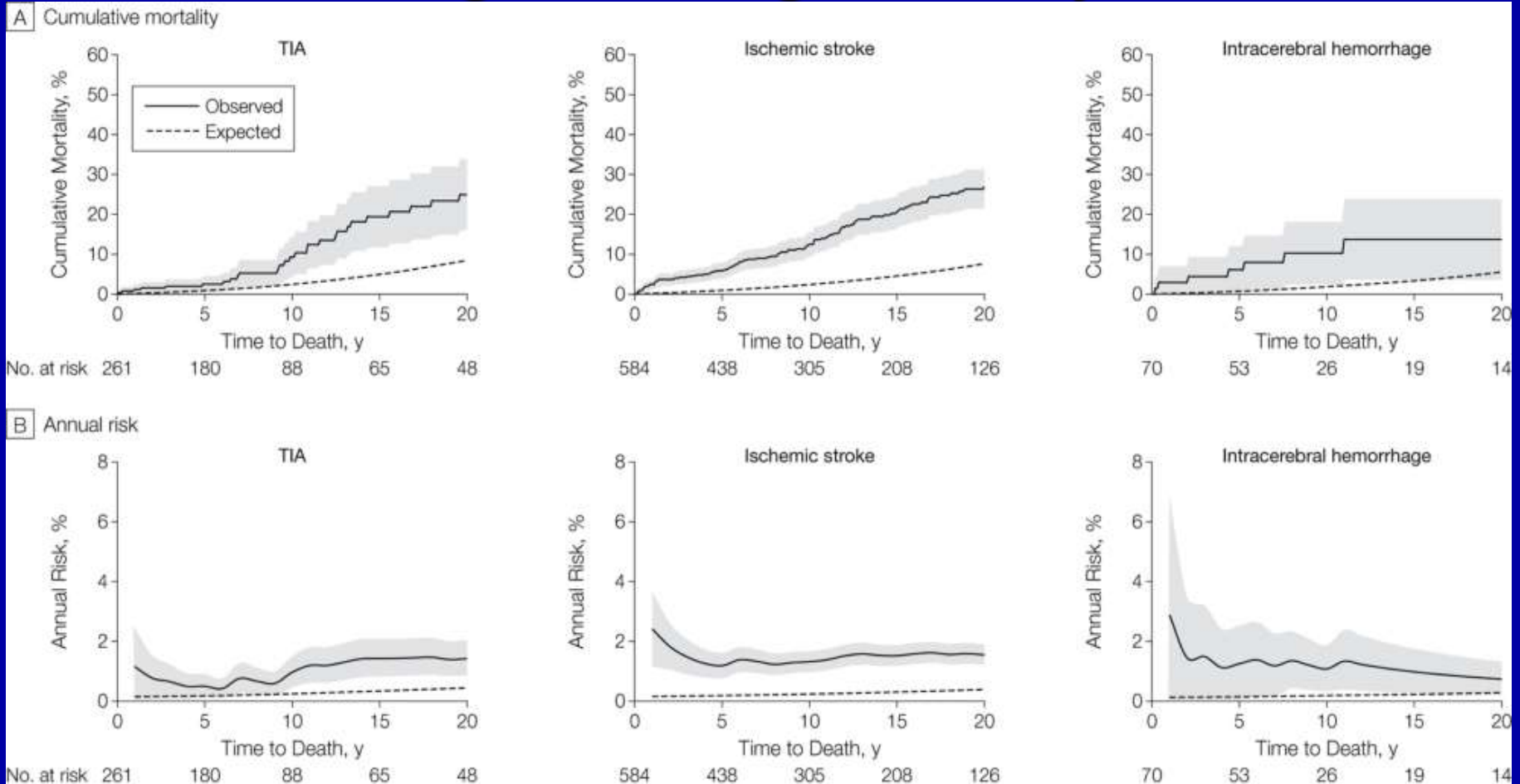
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Long-term Mortality After Stroke Among Adults age 18-50 years.

	No.	30-d Survivors, No.	Deaths Among 30-d Survivors, No.	Cumulative 20-y Risk of Death Among 30-d Survivors, % (95% CI)	Observed vs Expected Standardized Mortality Ratio (95% CI)
TIA	262	261	29	24.9 (16.0-33.7)	2.6 (1.8-3.7)
Ischemic stroke	606	584	111	26.8 (21.9-31.8)	3.9 (3.2-4.7)
Intracerebral hemorrhage	91	71	9	13.7 (3.6-23.9)	3.9 (1.9-7.2)

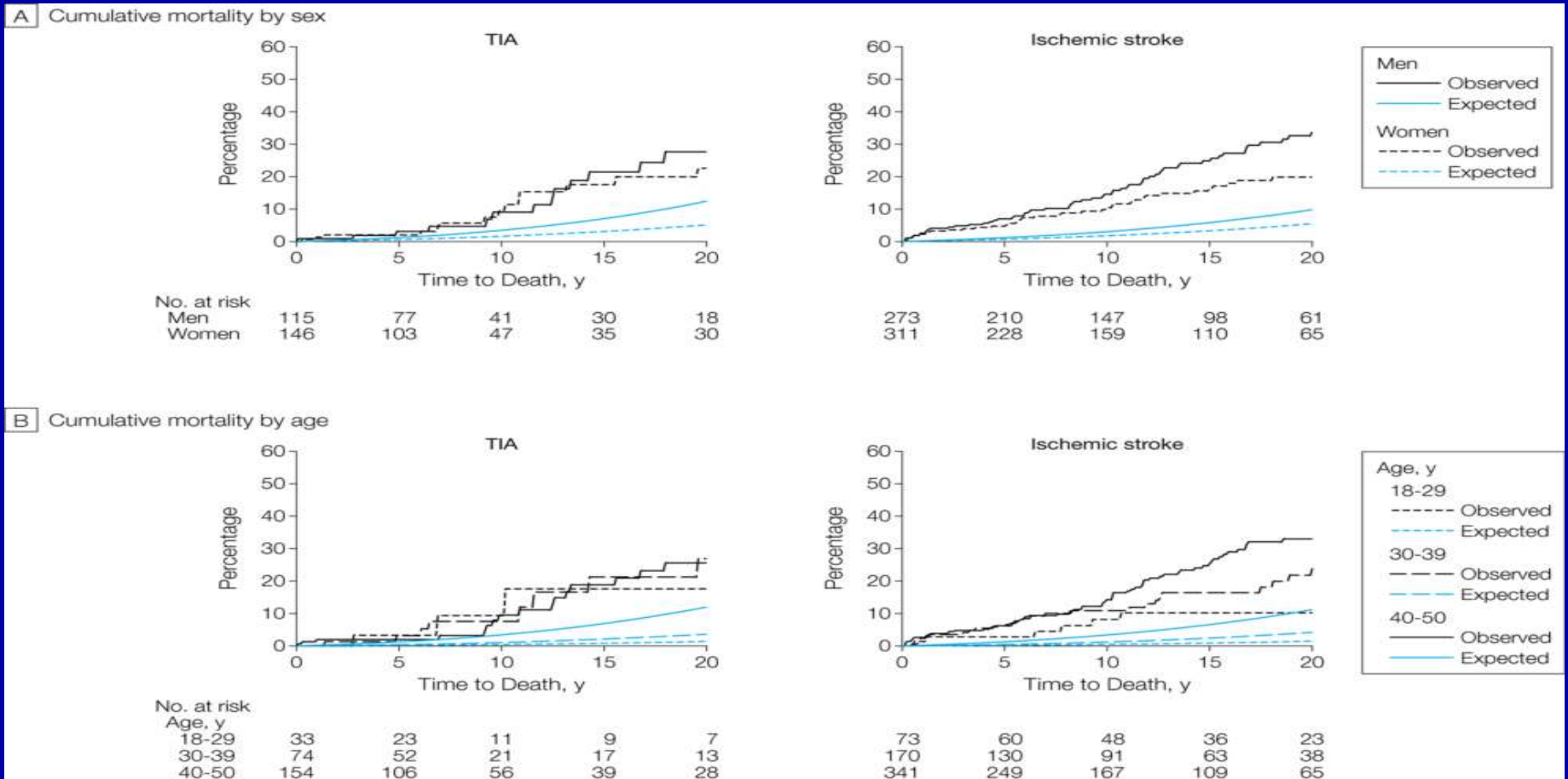
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Long-term Mortality After Stroke Among Adults age 18-50 years.

Half of the deaths were attributable to a vascular origin, suggesting that the underlying disease causing the stroke at a young age continues to be active throughout life.

Cardioembolic stroke was the most important predictor of mortality in ALL subgroups and in ALL ages.

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Table 4. Causes of Death Among 30-Day Survivors

Cause of Death ^a	No. (%)			
	Total (n = 145)	Index Event		
		TIA (n = 29)	Ischemic Stroke (n = 107)	ICH (n = 9)
Ischemic stroke	20 (13.8)	4 (13.8)	16 (15.0)	0
ICH	8 (5.5)	1 (3.4)	5 (4.7)	2 (22.2)
Cardiac cause	38 (26.2)	4 (13.8)	31 (29.0)	3 (33.3)
Other vascular ^b	9 (6.2)	1 (3.4)	7 (6.5)	1 (11.1)
Malignancies	34 (23.4)	12 (41.4)	21 (19.6)	1 (11.1)
Infections	21 (14.5)	2 (6.9)	17 (15.9)	2 (22.2)
Miscellaneous	15 (10.3)	5 (17.2)	10 (9.3)	0

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B/D Take-Away

The underlying vascular disease that caused the stroke or TIA at a young age continues to place these patients at increased risk for recidivistic vascular events throughout their lives.

Primary – Secondary – TERTIARY!

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Root Causes of Disease

If we find disease, we need to know why it is there.



INFLAMMATION

atherosclerosis

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Low Vit D

Inflammatory Diseases

Hyperlipidemia

Psychosocial issues

Lipo (a)

Insulin resistance

Periodontal Disease

Dysfunctional HDL

New Root Causes yet to be discovered

Genetics

Infectious Diseases

MPO

Lifestyle

Lifestyle

Genetics

Genetics



Primary Care vs Specialist Sleep Center Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Daytime Sleepiness and Quality of Life

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Primary Care vs Specialist Sleep Center management of OSA

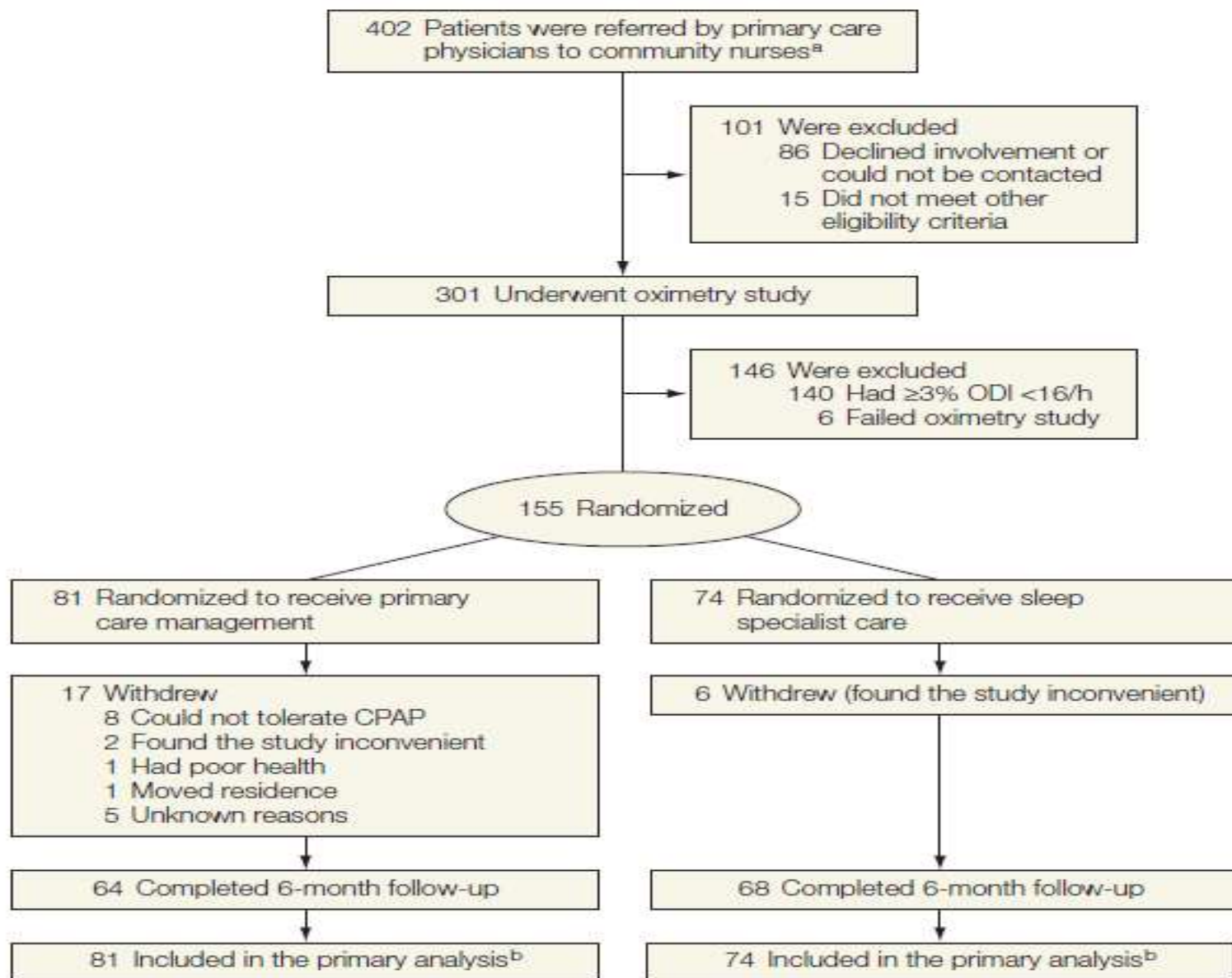
Randomized, controlled, noninferiority study involving 155 patients with OSA that were treated at primary care practices (n=81) or at university hospital sleep medicine centers (n=74) between Sept 2008 and June 2010.

Primary outcome: 6 mo change in Epworth Sleepiness Scale Score.

Secondary outcome: disease specific and general quality of life measures, OSA symptoms, adherence to CPAP, patient satisfaction and health costs.

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Figure. Flow Diagram of Participant Recruitment and Randomization



Primary Care vs. Specialty management of OSA

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of Patients^a

	Primary Care (n = 81)	Specialist Sleep Center (n = 74)
Men, No. (%)	69 (85)	57 (77)
Age, mean (SD), y	57.2 (10.9)	54.5 (11.8)
Region, No. (%)		
Metropolitan	27 (33)	18 (24)
South Coast	3 (4)	1 (1)
Riverland	27 (33)	29 (39)
Barossa Valle	24 (30)	26 (35)
BMI, mean (SD)	33.1 (5.5)	33.7 (5.6)
Waist circumference, mean (SD), cm	111.2 (13.6)	113.1 (14.5)
OSA 50 questionnaire score, mean (SD)	8.2 (1.5)	8.1 (1.7)
ESS total score, mean (SD)	12.8 (3.9)	12.5 (3.9)
Oximetry $\geq 3\%$ ODI, events/h	32.7 (18.2)	35.7 (17.4)

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Primary Care vs. Specialty management of OSA

Table 2. Principal Treatment Recommended to Patients at Baseline and Used at 6 Months

	No. (%) of Patients	
	Primary Care (n = 81)	Specialist Sleep Center (n = 74)
Baseline recommended treatment		
Principal treatment		
CPAP	73 (90)	52 (70)
Conservative measures only	2 (2)	18 (24)
MAS	1 (1)	3 (4)
Patient withdrew	5 (7)	1 (1)
6-Month principal treatment		
No. of patients ^a	64	68
CPAP	51 (63)	45 (61)
Conservative measures only	7 (9)	12 (16)
MAS	6 (7)	11 (15)

Abbreviations: CPAP, continuous positive airway pressure; MAS, mandibular advancement splint.

^aAt 6 months, 17 patients had withdrawn from primary care group and 6 dropped out of the specialist group.

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Table 3. Change in Epworth Sleepiness Scale Score at 6 Months

Epworth Sleepiness Scale Score	Mean (95% CI)		P Value ^b	Adjusted Difference in Mean Change ^a	Lower Bound of 1-Sided 95% CI
	Primary Care (n = 81)	Specialist Sleep Center (n = 74)			
Baseline	12.8 (12.0-13.6)	12.5 (12.4-13.5)			
6-mo ^c	7.0 (6.0-8.0)	7.0 (6.0-8.0)			
Change ^d	5.8 (4.4-7.2)	5.4 (4.2-6.6)	.43	-0.13	-1.50

Abbreviation: ESS, Epworth Sleepiness Scale.

^aBased on analysis of covariance with adjustment for baseline ESS score and region.

^b1-Sided P value.

^cMissing values replaced by multiple imputation.

^dP < .001 for paired t test comparison of ESS examining change from baseline to 6 months.

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Table 4. Secondary Outcome Measures at 6 Months

	Primary Care			Specialist Sleep Center			Adjusted Difference ^a	P Value
	No. of Patients	Mean (95% CI)		No. of Patients	Mean (95% CI)			
		Baseline Score	Change at 6 mo		Baseline	Change at 6 mo		

There were significant changes in quality of life for both groups although not statistically different from one another.

No statistical difference between PCP and specialty for:

1. CPAP use 4.8 hrs (PCP) vs 5.4 hrs (Specialty)
2. SBP and DBP
3. Weight

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^eMeasures the general health status of a patient using 8 subscales, each of which have a total score out of a possible 100 points, with higher scores indicating a higher level of functioning. Only 2 of the 8 SF-36 subscales (ie, vitality and mental health) are reported herein.



Costs for OSA Management

The average total costs per patient were estimated at \$1819.44 in the primary care group and \$3067.86 in the specialist group.

Sleep study costs, sleep physician consultations and travel costs were main contributors.

Primary care management of OSA was 40% cheaper and non-inferior to specialist care in both the Australian and US contexts.

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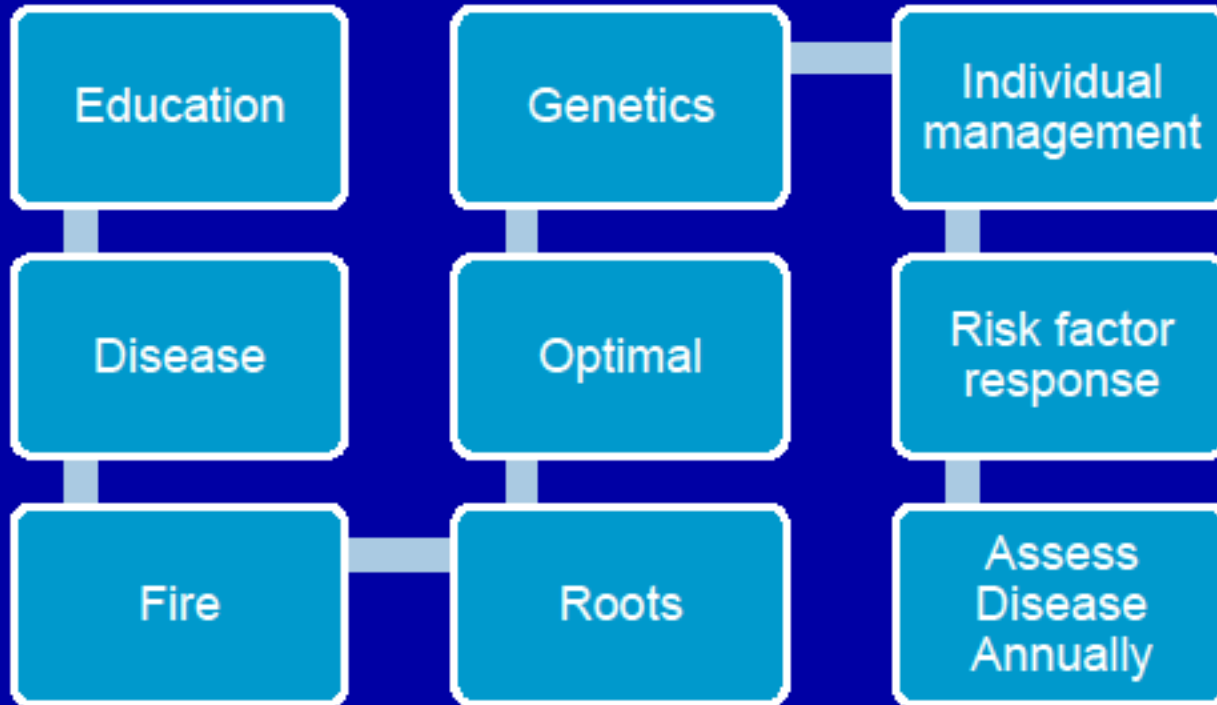
BD Take-Away

Primary Care management of OSA is NOT inferior to specialty care management of OSA and promotes a significant cost savings opportunity to the patient.

OSA is a root cause of atherosclerosis.



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TREATMENT

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Green Tea



The Impact of Green Tea and Coffee Consumption on the Reduced Risk of Stroke Incidence in Japanese Population

The Japan Public Health Center-Based Study Cohort

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Impact of both green tea and coffee consumption on strokes

82,369 Japanese (45-79 years) without CVD or cancer in 1995 and 1998.

13 years f/u through the end of 2007.

Green Tea and Coffee assessed by questionnaire at baseline.

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Table 1. Baseline Characteristic Variables in a Cohort Subjects According to Green Tea and Coffee Consumption

	Green Tea						Coffee				
	(Times/Week)			(Cups/d)			(Times/Week)			(Cups/d)	
	0	1-2	3-6	1	2-3	≥ 4	0	1-2	3-6	1	≥ 2
Number of subjects	17 606	8497	7490	8103	17 426	23 247	19841	18762	13 364	15 128	15 019
Age at baseline, y	54.1	52.7	52.7	53.1	53.8	55.4	56.6	55.2	53.5	53.2	50.4
Sex, % of men	47.3	47.6	50.3	48.9	47.5	42.3	42.2	45.0	51.7	44.3	51.3
Body mass index, kg/m ²	23.8	23.7	23.8	23.6	23.5	23.4	23.5	23.8	23.7	23.6	23.5
Current smoker, %	24.6	25.4	26.3	25.8	24.6	23.4	16.9	20.2	26.7	25.0	37.2
Current drinker, %	39.8	44.1	49.0	45.6	44.9	40.7	37.3	41.6	47.5	42.8	47.6
Sports at leisure time >1 time/week, %	17.2	18.7	20.5	20.0	20.0	21.7	18.8	21.0	21.0	21.4	22.5
Antihypertensive drug users, %	20.1	16.8	17.6	18.1	19.0	20.0	25.2	22.1	17.0	17.0	11.0
Antilipidemic drug users, %	4.5	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.4	5.5	5.9	5.7	4.4	4.7	3.0
History of diabetes mellitus, %	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0	7.1	4.8	4.1	3.9	3.5
coffee >1 time/d	38	39	36	41	39	27	–	–	–	–	–
Green tea >1 time/d, %	–	–	–	–	–	–	60	63	57	59	54

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Results Trends

Higher Green Tea consumption tended to have higher prevalence of exercise

Inverse relationship with green tea at ≥ 4 cup/day and incidences of CVD and strokes.

Higher Coffee consumption tended to be younger, higher prevalence of smoking and exercise and had a lower prevalence of antihypertensive drug users and history of diabetes.

Inverse relationship with coffee at ≥ 2 cups/d and incidences of CVD and strokes (disappeared after age and smoking adjustments)

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Green Tea

Table 2. Age and Multivariable-Adjusted Hazard Ratios of Cardiovascular Disease and its Subtypes According to Green Tea Consumption

	Green Tea Consumption						P for Trend
	None	1–2 Times/Week	3–6 Times/Week	1 Cup/d	2–3 Cups/d	≥4 Cups/d	
Person-years	228 788	108 408	95 222	105 019	226 579	302 703	
Cardiovascular disease							
Number of cases	1070	434	372	436	839	1184	
Age-adjusted HRs	1	0.95 (0.85–1.06)	0.91 (0.81–1.02)	0.93 (0.83–1.03)	0.81 (0.74–0.88)	0.78 (0.72–0.84)	<0.001
Multivariable-adjusted HRs	1	0.94 (0.84–1.05)	0.93 (0.82–1.05)	0.94 (0.84–1.05)	0.85 (0.78–0.93)	0.84 (0.77–0.92)	<0.001
All strokes							
Number of cases	848	361	289	346	672	909	
Age-adjusted HRs	1	0.99 (0.88–1.12)	0.90 (0.79–1.02)	0.94 (0.83–1.06)	0.81 (0.74–0.90)	0.75 (0.69–0.82)	<0.001
Multivariable-adjusted HRs	1	0.97 (0.86–1.10)	0.91 (0.80–1.05)	0.94 (0.83–1.07)	0.86 (0.78–0.95)	0.80 (0.73–0.89)	<0.001

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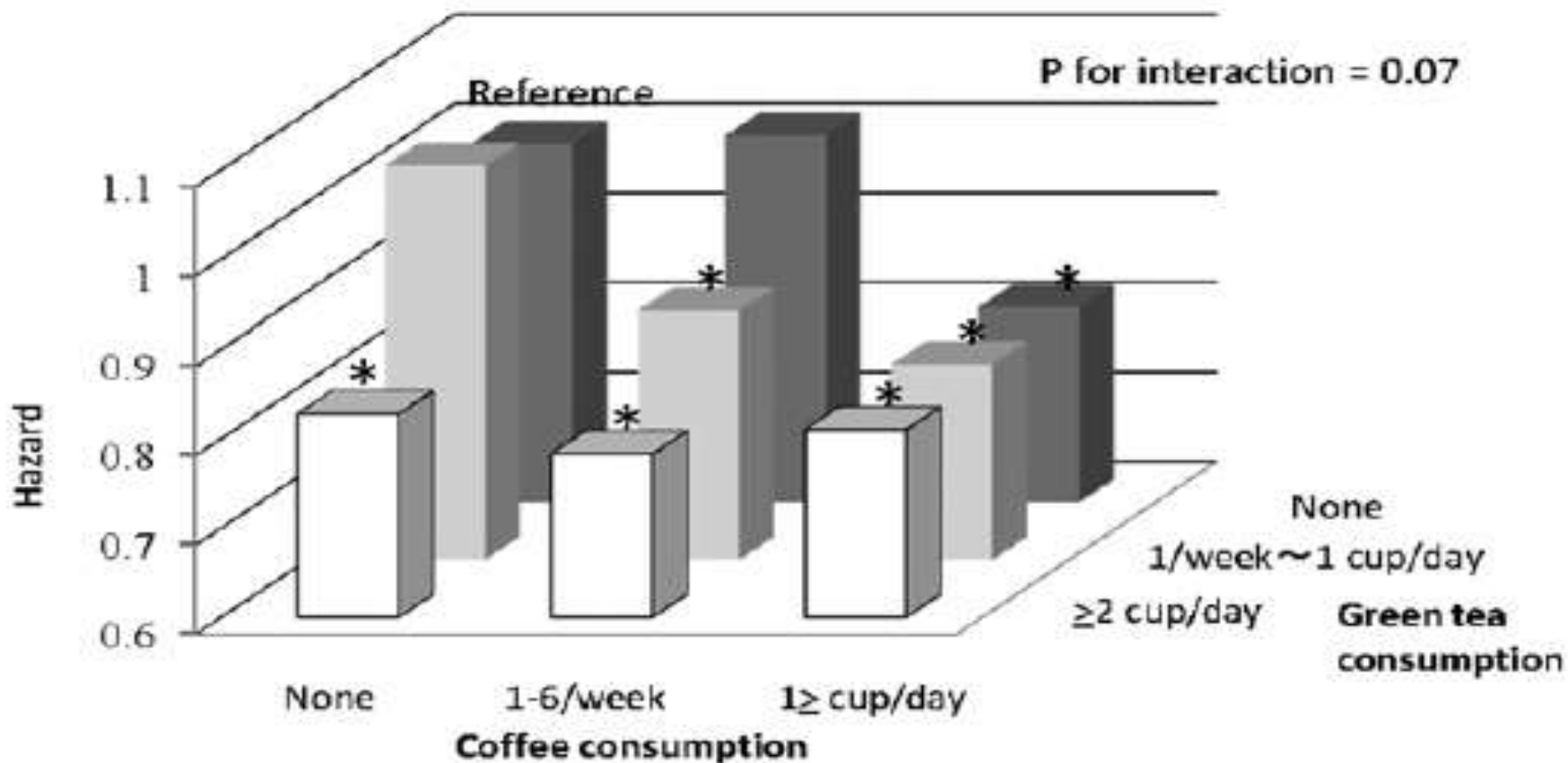
Coffee

Table 3. Age and Multivariable-Adjusted Hazard Ratios of Cardiovascular Disease and its Subtypes According to Coffee Consumption

	Coffee Consumption					P for Trend
	None	1–2 Times/Week	3–6 Times/Week	1 Cup/d	≥2 Cups/d	
Person-years	254 006	242 850	172 976	199 104	196 914	
Cardiovascular disease						
Number of cases	1282	1045	678	679	616	
Age-adjusted HRs	1	0.84 (0.78–0.91)	0.84 (0.77–0.92)	0.77 (0.71–0.85)	0.84 (0.76–0.92)	<0.001
Multivariable-adjusted HRs	1	0.93 (0.86–1.01)	0.89 (0.81–0.98)	0.84 (0.76–0.92)	0.89 (0.80–0.99)	0.004
All strokes						
Number of cases	1038	843	534	529	441	
Age-adjusted HRs	1	0.85 (0.78–0.92)	0.82 (0.74–0.91)	0.74 (0.67–0.82)	0.75 (0.67–0.84)	<0.001
Multivariable-adjusted HRs	1	0.94 (0.85–1.02)	0.89 (0.80–0.99)	0.80 (0.72–0.90)	0.81 (0.72–0.91)	<0.001

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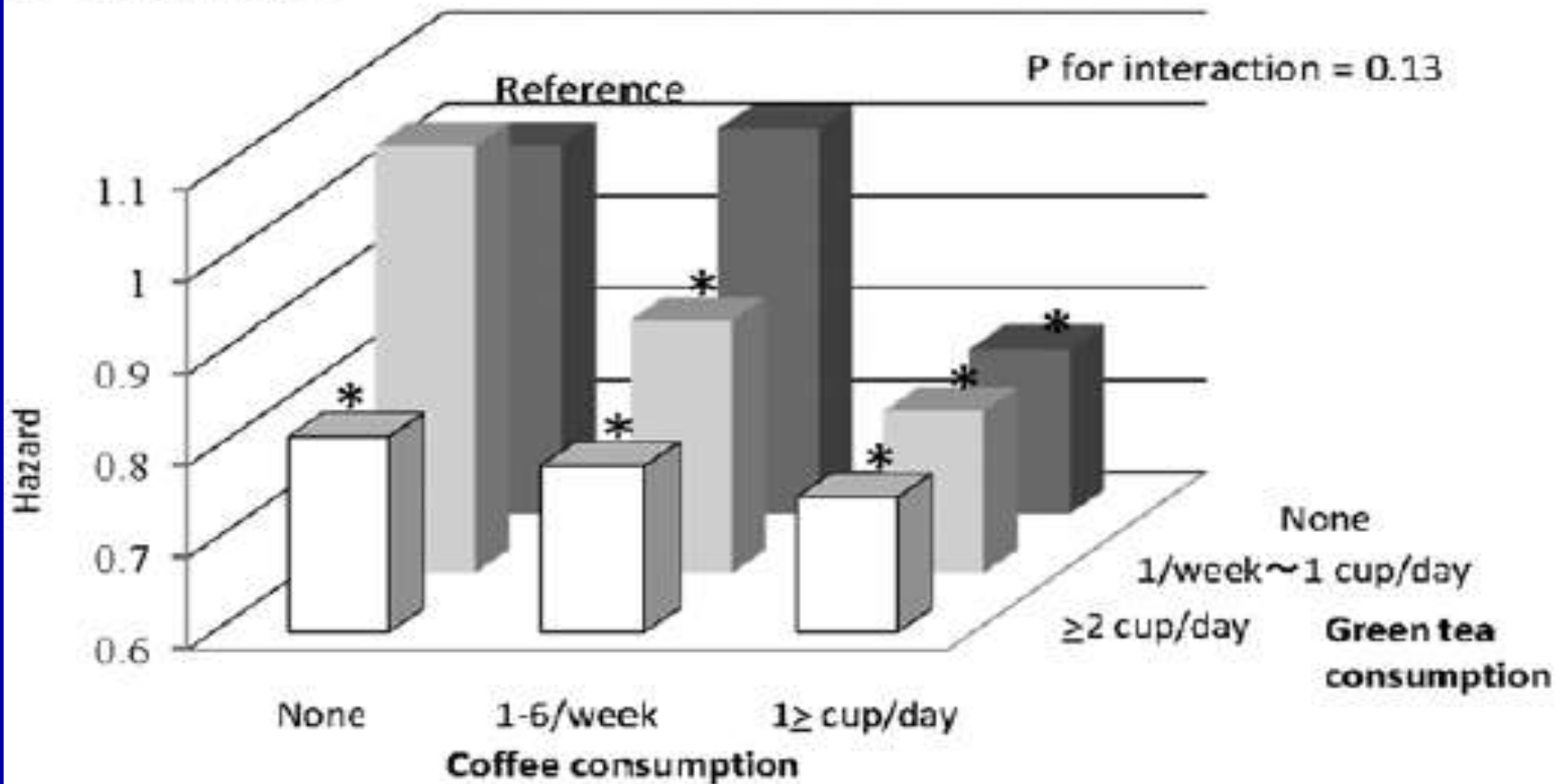
A Cardiovascular disease



*indicates $P < 0.05$ compared with seldom green tea or coffee (reference)

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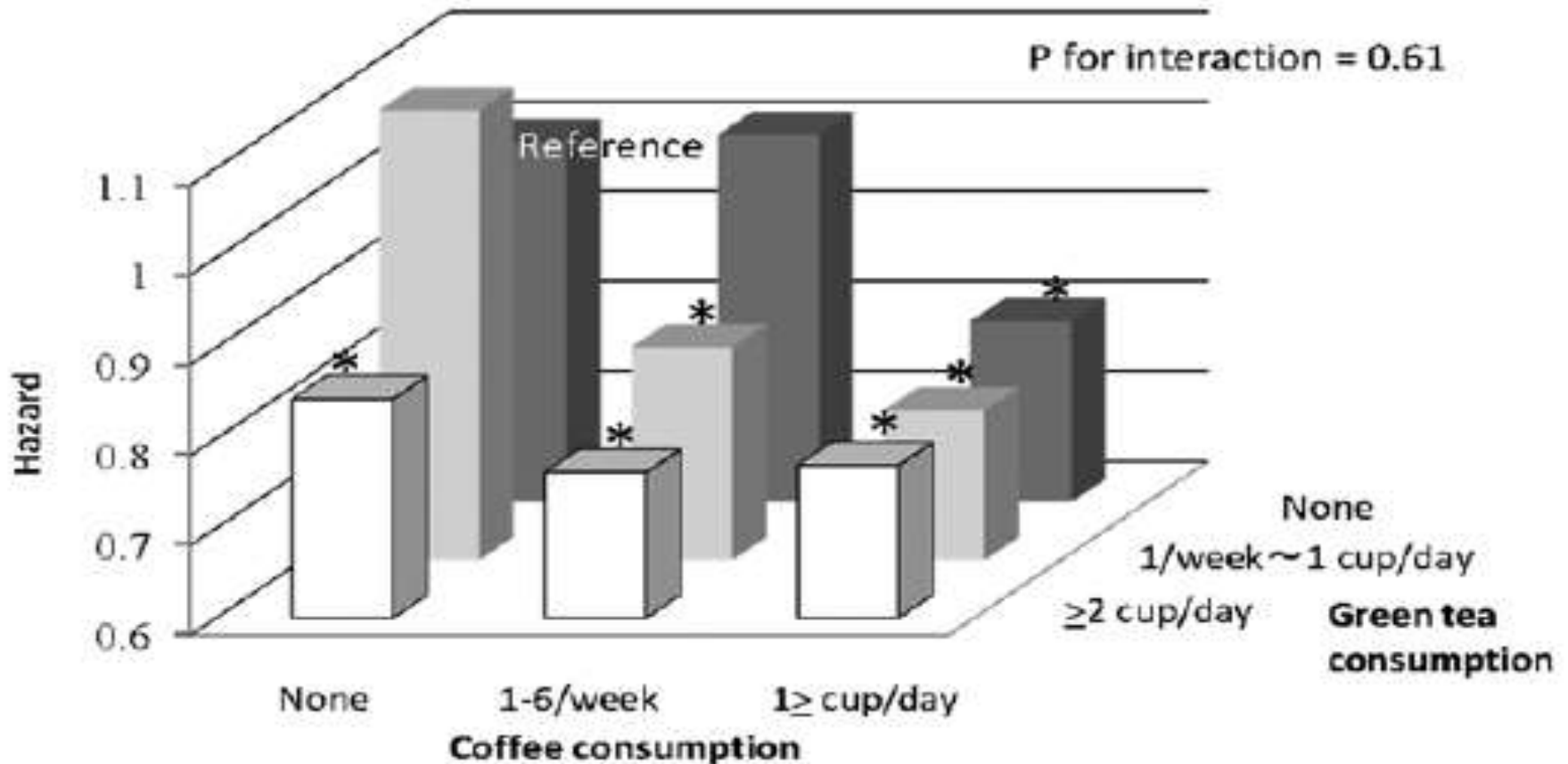
B All strokes



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C Cerebral infarction



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Why??

Green Tea: catechins (epigallocatechin 3-gallate) exerts vascular-protective effects:

antioxidative

anti-inflammatory

antiproliferative

increase plasma antioxidant capacity

antithrombogenic effects

Less likely to develop hypertension

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Why??

Coffee:

caffeine and diterpene –shown to affect lipids, blood pressure and insulin sensitivity

Chlorogenic acid and quinides: may reduce body weight and blood glucose.

**combination of green tea and coffee benefit is not yet clear but positive.

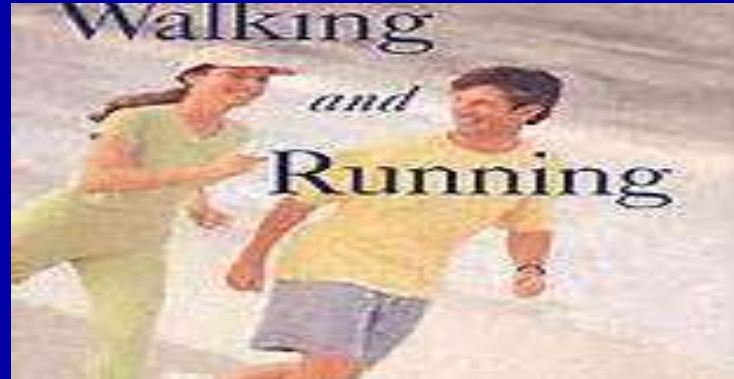
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BD Take-Away

Green Tea and Coffee are GOOD to have on a daily basis and certainly easy to obtain for our patients.



Walking vs Running for HTN, Cholesterol and DM Risk Reduction



Test whether equivalent energy expenditure by moderate-intensity (walking) and vigorous-intensity (running) provides equivalent health benefits.

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National Runners' and Walkers' Health Study Cohorts

n=33 060 (runners)

n=15 945 (walkers)

Utilized METh/d (metabolic equivalent hours per day) compared with self-reported, physician diagnosed HTN, hyperlipidemia, DM and CHD during 6.2 year follow-up.

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Walking Versus Running for Hypertension, Cholesterol, and Diabetes Mellitus Risk Reduction

	Men		Women	
	Runners	Walkers	Runners	Walkers
Sample, n	16983	3349	16077	12596
Age, y	48.28±10.98	61.77±11.10	40.89±10.66	53.08±12.05
Follow-up, y	6.30±0.91	5.60±1.17	6.55±0.94	5.69±1.26
Education, y	16.79±2.46	16.31±2.72	16.35±2.31	15.27±2.54
Current smokers, %	1.22	3.40	1.69	3.68
Meat, servings/d	0.44±0.40	0.46±0.41	0.27±0.30	0.37±0.34
Fruit, pieces/d	1.53±1.18	1.62±1.22	1.53±1.06	1.70±1.14
Alcohol, g/d	9.85±13.47	9.16±13.40	5.88±8.21	4.93±9.09
BMI, kg/m ²	24.09±2.59	26.63±4.05	21.62±2.51	25.48±5.18
Energy expenditure, METh/d				
Running	5.29±3.12		4.74±3.03	
Walking		2.20±1.66		2.14±1.63
Other vigorous exercise	1.70±3.21	1.69±3.34	2.06±3.34	1.46±2.95
Other exercise, moderate	0.76±1.63	0.43±1.49	0.83±1.73	0.36±1.26
Other exercise, light	0.02±0.30	0.04±0.59	0.03±0.36	0.03±0.25
Other exercise, strength	0.53±1.26	0.20±0.86	0.54±1.26	0.20±0.75

BMI indicates body mass index; and METh/d, metabolic equivalent hours per day.

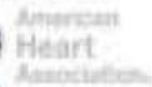


Table 2. Hazard Ratios (95% Confidence Intervals) From Cox Proportional Hazard Analyses of Self-Reported Incident Hypertension, Hypercholesterolemia, Diabetes Mellitus, and CHD

	Hypertension	Hypercholesterolemia	Diabetes Mellitus	CHD
Sample size, n	43 341	44 216	48 116	47 921
Incident events	3874	6637	647	530
Runners (0,1)	0.623 (0.552–0.704)§	0.640 (0.583–0.702)¶	0.294 (0.214–0.405)§	0.478 (0.342–0.666)§
Energy expenditure at baseline (risk reduction per METh/d)				
Running	0.958 (0.944–0.973)§	0.957 (0.946–0.968)¶	0.879 (0.832–0.929)§	0.955 (0.912–1.000)*
Walking	0.928 (0.899–0.957)§	0.930 (0.908–0.953)§	0.877 (0.824–0.934)§	0.907 (0.839–0.981)†
Other vigorous	0.983 (0.972–0.994)†	0.986 (0.978–0.994)‡	0.980 (0.950–1.007)	0.994 (0.966–1.024)
Other moderate	0.997 (0.976–1.018)	0.998 (0.982–1.014)	0.969 (0.908–1.024)	0.984 (0.927–1.044)
Other light	0.886 (0.739–1.006)	1.011 (0.955–1.061)	0.992 (0.736–1.121)	0.983 (0.807–1.197)

Analyses of runners and walkers combined adjusted for baseline age (age, age²), sex, and race (self-identified black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American), education, smoking, and intakes of red meat, fruit, and alcohol. Analyses of hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, and diabetes mellitus also included adjustment for preexisting CHD at baseline. CHD indicates coronary heart disease; and METh/d, metabolic equivalent hours per day.

Significance levels for individual coefficients are coded: * $P < 0.05$; † $P < 0.01$; ‡ $P < 0.001$; § $P < 0.0001$; ¶ $P < 10^{-15}$.

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Table 3. Hazard Ratios (95% Confidence Intervals) From Cox Proportional Hazard Analyses of Self-Reported Incident Hypertension, Hypercholesterolemia, Diabetes Mellitus, and CHD, Adjusted for BMI

	Hypertension	Hypercholesterolemia	Diabetes Mellitus	CHD
Sample size, n	42 853	43 683	47 584	47 339
Incident events	3811	6520	629	509
BMI, kg/m ²	1.087 (1.079–1.095)¶	1.061 (1.055–1.067)¶	1.138 (1.125–1.150)¶	1.070 (1.048–1.093)§
Runners (0,1)	0.862 (0.759–0.979)*	0.819 (0.743–0.903)§	0.587 (0.420–0.821)†	0.569 (0.401–0.808)†
Energy expenditure at baseline (risk reduction per METh/d)				
Running	0.977 (0.962–0.992)†	0.968 (0.957–0.979)§	0.912 (0.861–0.963)‡	0.978 (0.934–1.025)
Walking	0.987 (0.957–1.018)	0.976 (0.952–1.000)*	1.013 (0.950–1.078)	0.946 (0.873–1.025)
Other vigorous	0.988 (0.977–0.999)*	0.990 (0.982–0.998)*	0.995 (0.965–1.022)	0.997 (0.968–1.027)
Other moderate	0.995 (0.974–1.016)	0.996 (0.980–1.013)	0.965 (0.904–1.020)	0.983 (0.925–1.044)
Other light	0.920 (0.776–1.034)	1.026 (0.973–1.075)	1.040 (0.801–1.158)	0.998 (0.828–1.204)

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Results:

Final Conclusion:

Risk reductions were NOT statistically different for running than walking for diabetes mellitus ($P=0.94$), hypercholesterolemia = ($P=0.06$), or CHD ($P=0.26$) and marginally greater for walking than running or hypercholesterolemia ($P=0.04$).

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Interesting findings....

Runners had 38% lower risk for HTN, 36% lower risk for hyperlipidemia and 71% lower risk for DM than walkers.

The average caloric expenditure was more than twice as great for those who chose running over walking.

Hard to compare 'time' spent – quantify distance rather than duration: more accurate.

BD Take-Away: All exercise is beneficial! Pedometers are a great idea for walkers and distance is more accurate.

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New Culprit in Red Meat Linked with Heart Disease

*By Cari Nierenberg, MyHealthNewsDaily Contributor |
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“The high amounts of saturated fat and cholesterol in red meat have long been blamed for increasing people's risk of heart disease. But now, new research points a finger at another culprit in meat that may be more closely tied to this leading killer.

A new study reveals that a nutrient called L-carnitine, which is found in red meat and is also popular as a dietary supplement, may also play a role in the development of heart disease.”

<http://news.yahoo.com/culprit-red-meat-linked-heart-disease-122309519.html>

Intestinal microbiota metabolism of L-Carnitine, a nutrient in red meat, promotes atherosclerosis.

? Environmental elements other than saturated fat in meat that may increase CVD risk.

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Pathway in both humans and mice linking microbiota metabolism of dietary choline and phosphatidylcholine to CVD pathogenesis.

Choline is metabolized by gut microbiota to produce TMA which is rapidly oxidized by hepatic flavin monooxygenases to form TMAO which is proatherogenic and associated with CVD risk.

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TMAO has been proposed to:

Induce upregulation of macrophage scavenger receptors => increase cholesterol transport.

L-Carnitine –

Abundant in red meat and contains trimethylamine structure similar to choline.

Also – It is endogenous in mammals and is essential in transporting fatty acids into the mitochondrial compartment of the cell.

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Studied gut bacteria – dependent on metabolism of L-carnitine to produce TMAO in Rodents and Humans.

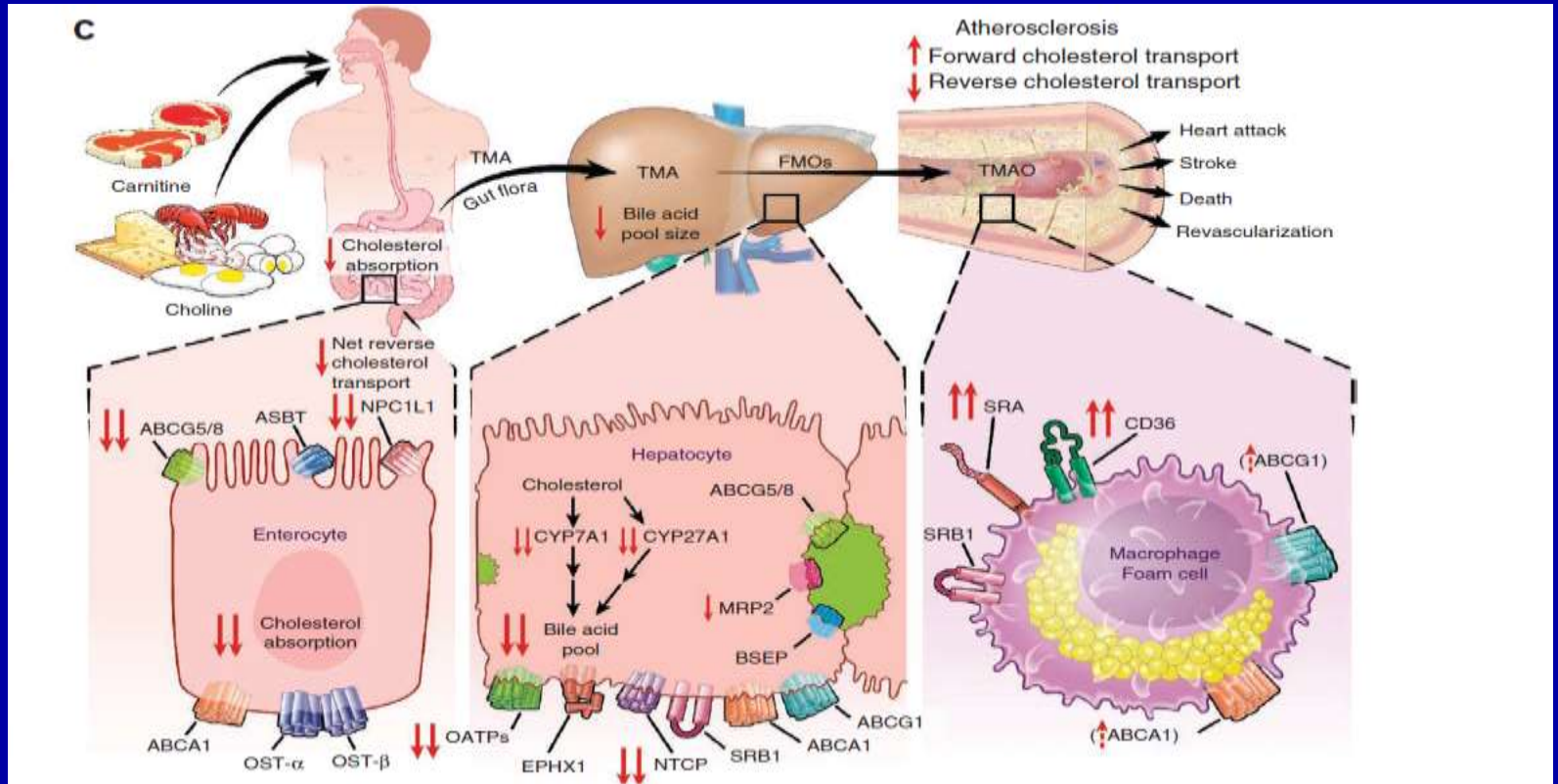
Used isotope tracers in humans – clinical studies for CVD risk

Demonstrated that: TMAO and its dietary precursors choline and carnitine, suppress reverse cholesterol transport (RCT) through gut microbiota-dependent mechanisms.

*Dietary L-Carnitine might be metabolized to produce TMA and TMAO in a gut microbiota-dependent fashion and be associated with atherosclerotic risk.

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TMAO and L-carnitine



BD Concern: L-Carnitine for lipo(a) –
stop/hold until further understanding of this pathway.

Last one.....preventing Cancer!!!



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Examined adherence to ideal levels of the seven AHA cardiovascular health metrics

Compared with incident cancers in the Atherosclerosis Risk In Communities (ARIC) study over 17-19 years of follow-up.

A total of 13,253 participants included for analysis.

Combined cancer incidence (excluded non-melanoma skin cancers) from 1987-2006. A total of 2880 incident cancers occurred during follow-up.

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AHA 7 Essentials for Heart Health

- Do not smoke
- BMI ≤ 25
- Exercise/wk: 150' moderate or 75' vigorous.
- Diet- at least four of these five:
 - 1) 4 – 1/2 cups/day of fruit and vegetables
 - 2) \geq two 3.5-ounce fish/wk
 - 3) \leq three sugar-sweetened 12 oz. beverages/wk
 - 4) \geq three 1-ounce servings of fiber-rich whole grains/day
 - 5) $<1,500$ milligrams salt/day
- TC <200 mg/dL
- BP $< 120/80$
- FBG <100 mg/dL

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Table 2. Incident combined cancer rates by number of ideal health metrics: The ARIC Study, 1987-2006
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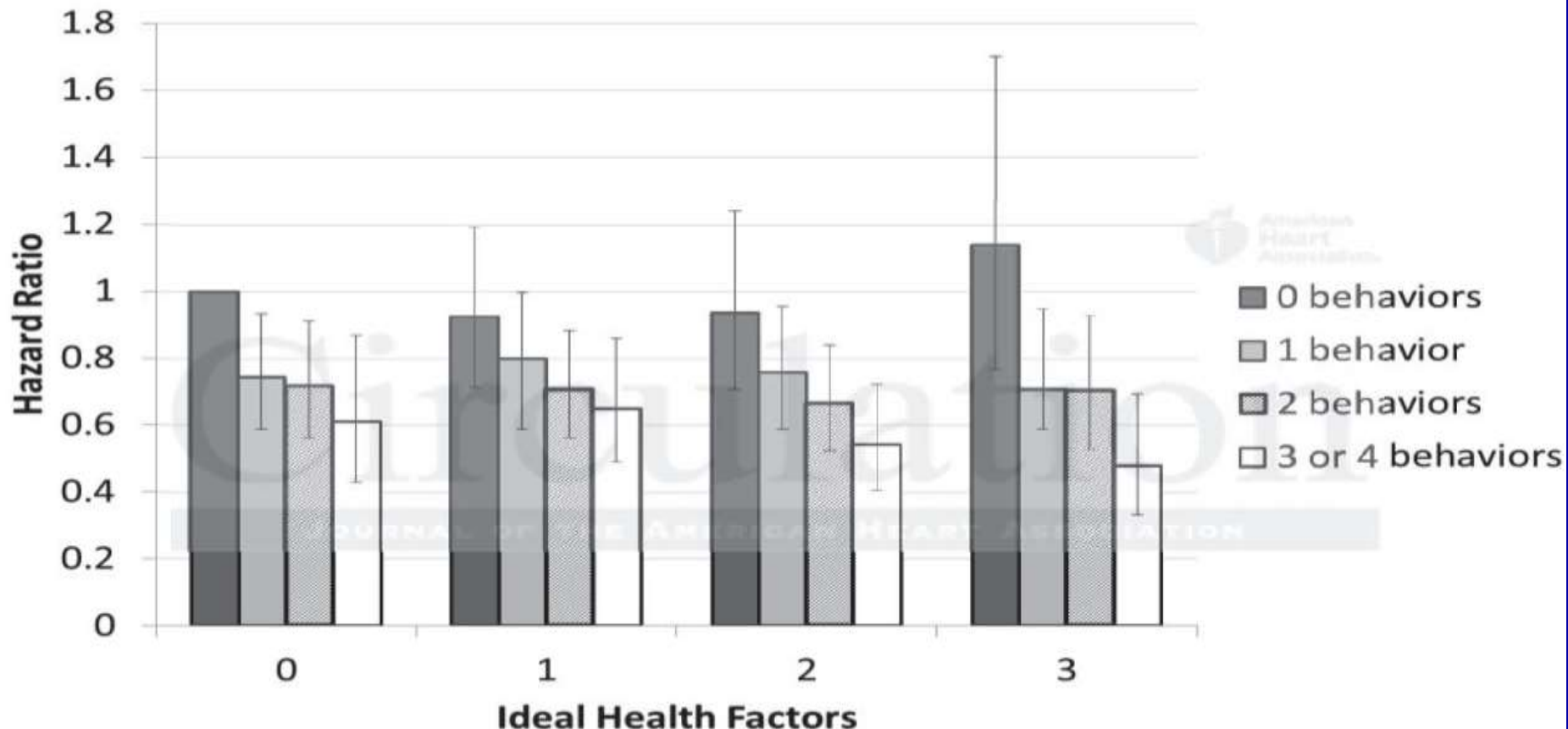
# Ideal health metrics	Total sample % (n= 13253)	# Cancer cases	Incidence rate per 1000 person-years*	Hazard Ratio (95% C.I)*†
0	2.8	95	17.3	1.0 (referent)
1	15.7	475	14.3	0.79 (0.64-0.98)
2	25.9	815	14.3	0.79 (0.64-0.98)
3	26.3	779	13.4	0.74 (0.59-0.91)
4	17.8	463	12.3	0.67 (0.54-0.84)
5	8.8	203	11.3	0.61 (0.48-0.79)
6-7	2.7	50	9.0	0.49 (0.35-0.69)

*adjusted for age, sex, race, and ARIC center

†trend test for this association; Hazard Ratio per 1 increase in number of ideal health metrics = 0.92, p-trend < .0001

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# Ideal health metrics	Hazard Ratio for lung cancer (95% C.I)*†	Hazard Ratio for colorectal cancer (95% C.I)* †	Hazard Ratio for breast cancer (95% C.I)* †
0	1.0 (referent)	1.0 (referent)	1.0 (referent)
1	0.46 (0.30-0.73)	0.81 (0.41-1.59)	0.69 (0.42-1.16)
2	0.42 (0.28-0.65)	0.97 (0.50-1.86)	0.71 (0.43-1.17)
3	0.37 (0.24-0.57)	0.84 (0.44-1.63)	0.59 (0.36-0.98)
4	0.27 (0.17-0.44)	0.63 (0.31-1.25)	0.60 (0.36-1.00)
5	0.18 (0.09-0.33)	0.64 (0.30-1.37)	0.68 (0.40-1.16)
6-7	0.04 (0.01-0.27)	0.20 (0.04-0.91)	0.52 (0.26-1.03)

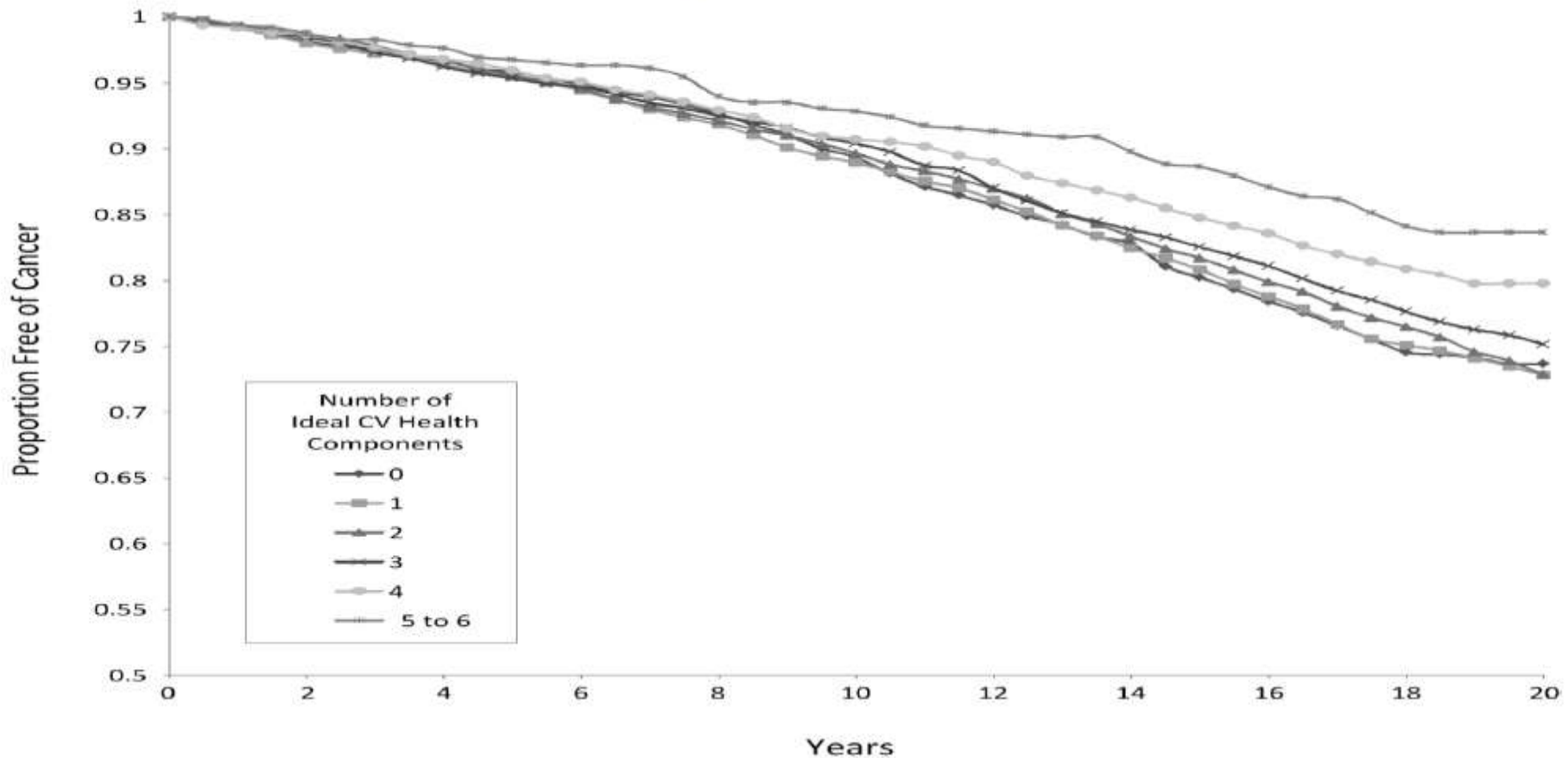
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†p-trend for the lung cancer association < .0001 , p-trend for the colorectal cancer association = .0092 , p-trend for the breast cancer association = .11

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Supplementary Figure 1. Survival curves for combined cancer incidence by total number of ideal health metrics (with the ideal smoking metric omitted).



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Having 6 or more ideal CV health metrics was associated with a 51% reduction in cancer risk!!!

Smoking was removed (due to suspicion that this was the main player of association) and cancer reduction remained statistically significant for cancer incidence. However smoking remains the most powerful modifiable health metric for CVD and cancer.

BD Take-Away: Optimal CV Prevention = Optimal Systemic Health. This is a good business model.

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Have a great evening everyone!

