

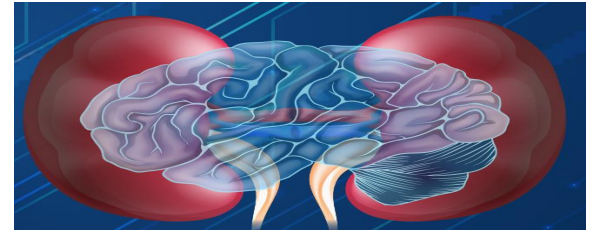
ΕΓΚΕΦΑΛΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΥΠΕΡΤΑΣΗ: ΠΑΘΟΦΥΣΙΟΛΟΓΙΚΟΙ ΜΗΧΑΝΙΣΜΟΙ

**Ο ρόλος της υπέρτασης στην γνωσιακή
λειτουργία**

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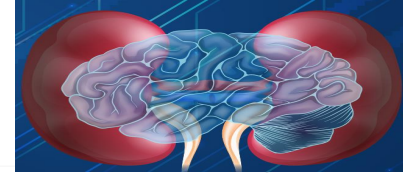
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What did the guidelines suggest

Η υπέρταση οδηγεί σε γνωστική δυσλειτουργία

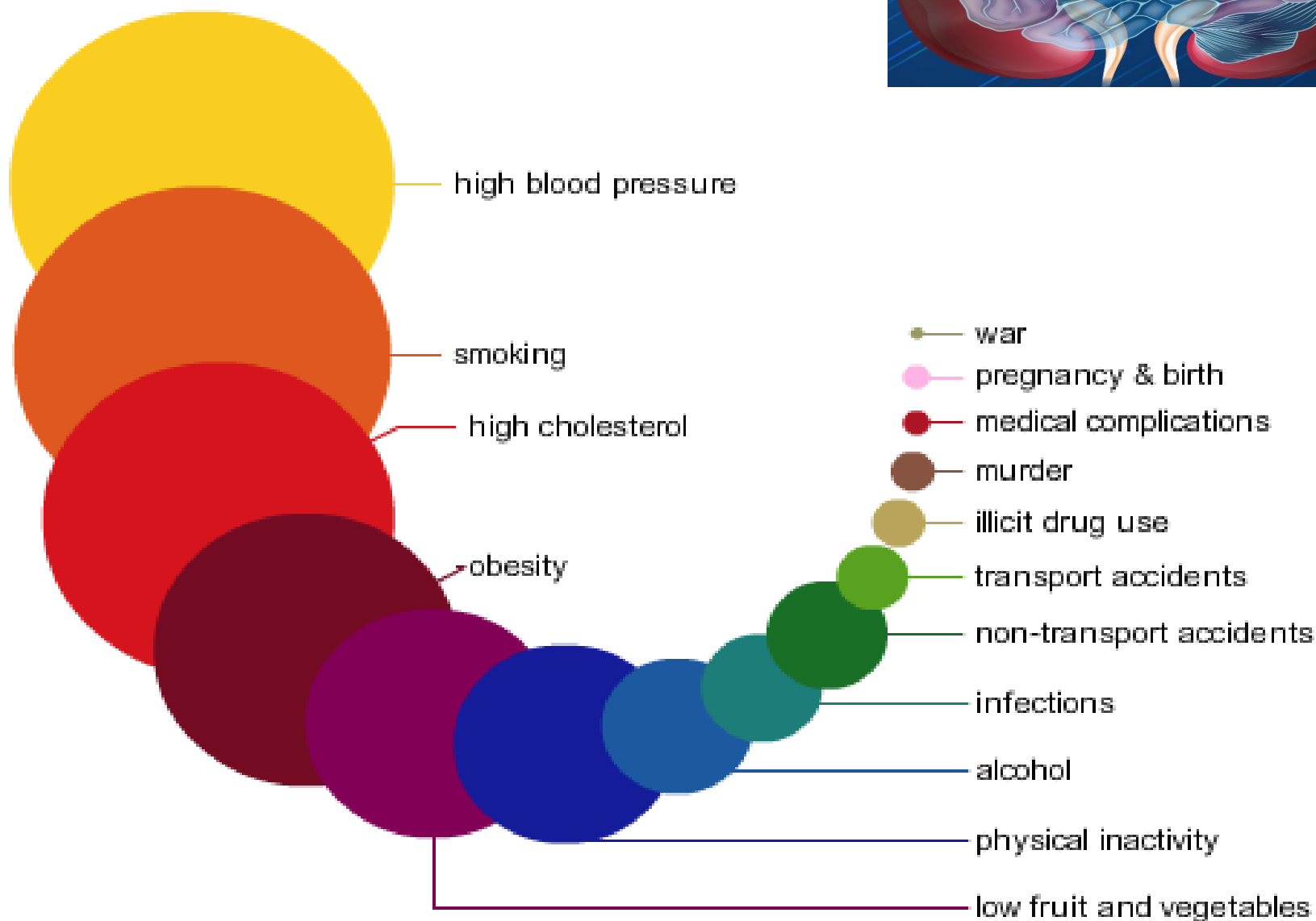
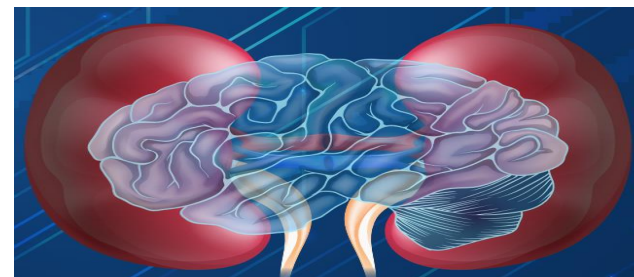
Η υπέρταση οδηγεί σε αρτηριακή σκληρία που προκαλεί γνωστική δυσλειτουργία

Pathophysiologic mechanisms

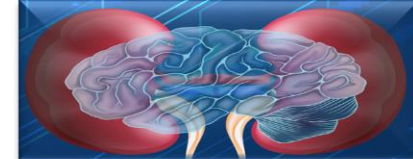
Ο έλεγχος της ΑΠ βελτιώνει την γνωστική δυσλειτουργία?

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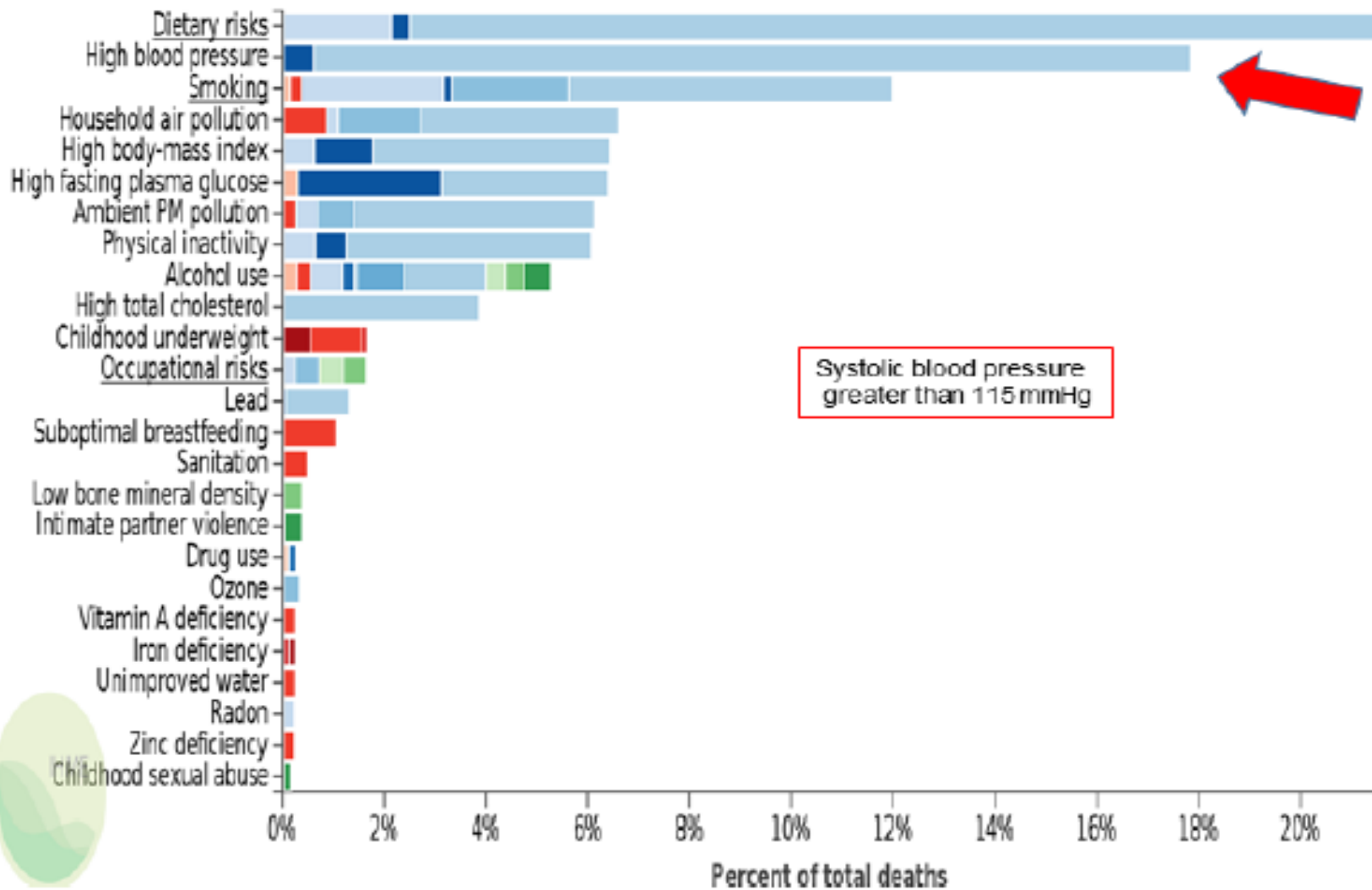
Risks leading to death in perspective

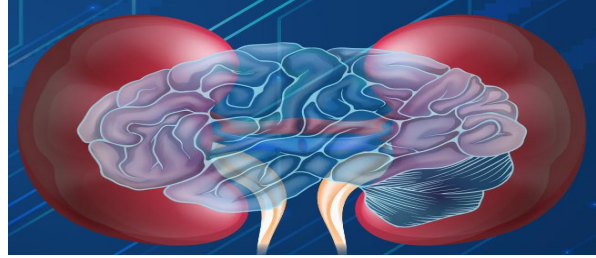


Increased blood pressure (red arrow) is the second leading risk attributed to 17.8% of global deaths.



Global, deaths
Both sexes, All ages, 2010





Cognitive impairment
is comparatively **less considered** to be an
adverse effect of hypertension



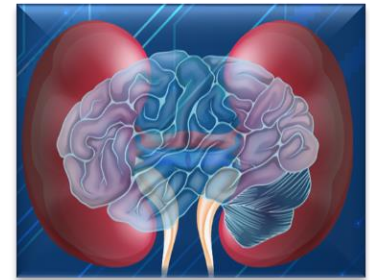
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When the rate of cognitive decline (not dementia) has been
a trial outcome

7 clinical trials of BP-lowering therapy have been
completed,
and **2 of these have shown
benefit**

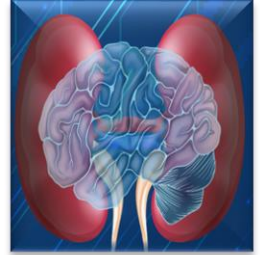
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Hypertension is also the primary risk factor for **small-vessel ischemic disease and cortical white matter abnormalities**.S11.3-12-

Vascular disease and its risk factors are implicated in a large proportion of patients with **dementia**, including those with **Alzheimer's dementia**.S11.3-9-S11.3-

Dementia is a leading cause of mortality and placement into nursing homes and assisted living facilities, affecting >46 million individuals globally and 5 million persons in the United States, a number that is expected to **double** by 2050.S11.3-7

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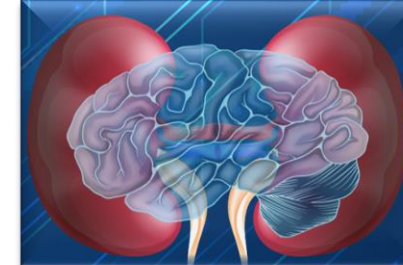
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Most **observational studies** have suggested that better control of SBP **may reduce** Alzheimer's disease and other dementias



The evidence is stronger for BP lowering in **middle age** than in older adults.



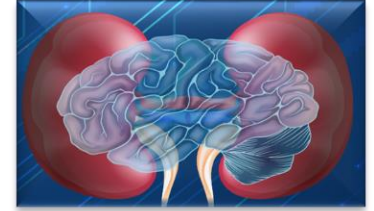
11.3. Cognitive Decline and Dementia

Recommendation for Prevention of Cognitive Decline and Dementia

References that support the recommendation are summarized in **Online Data Supplement 56**.

COR	LOE	Recommendation
Ia	B-R	1. In adults with hypertension, BP lowering is reasonable to prevent cognitive decline and dementia. ^{S11.3-1-S11.3-6}

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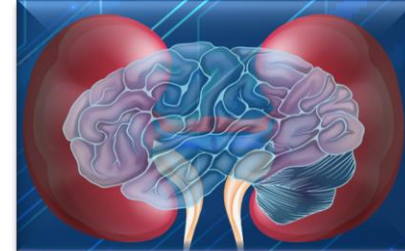


Hypertension in **midlife** predicts

- Cognitive decline
- Alzheimer's disease
- Vascular dementia

in older patients [1267,1268].

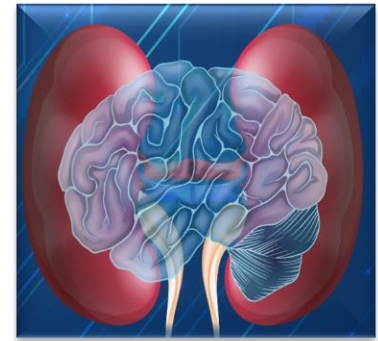
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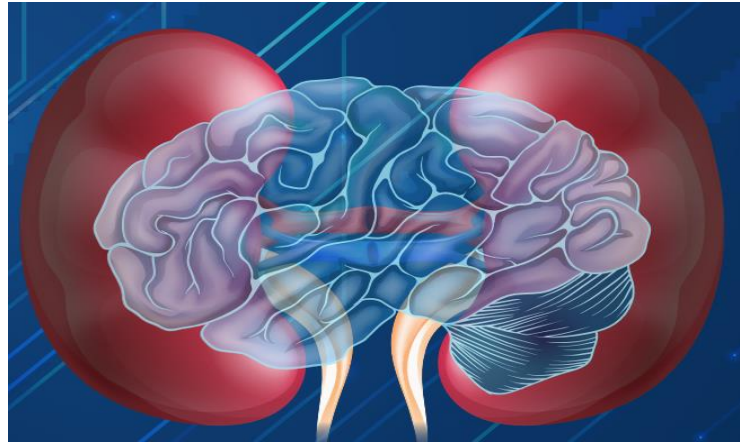
The effects of antihypertensive drug class in late life to prevent cognitive impairment, however, remain unclear.

Medication class may **be less relevant** if the SBP is not adequately controlled

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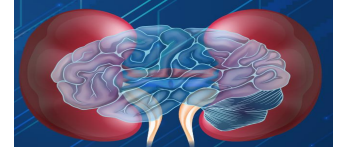


Several studies have shown that strict BP control, i.e. SBP <130 mmHg, reduces the progression of cerebral white matter lesions and the decrease in global cognitive performance [470,1275,1276].



Impact of Hypertension on Cognition

Cognitive domains and disorders associated with hypertension



Characteristic cognitive dysfunction domains

Greater impact on frontal lobe executive function

Goal formation

Abstract thinking

Initiating

Planning

Organizing

Sequencing

Performed better on memory tests

Impairments in recall

Relatively intact recognition

Benefit from cues

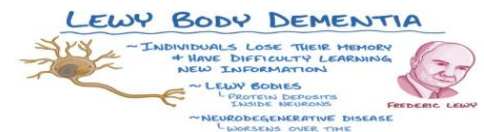
Mild forgetfulness

Cognitive disorders (the strength of the association is in the order listed)

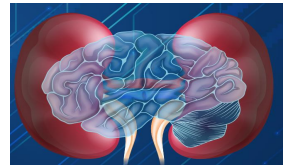
Vascular dementia

Alzheimer disease

Dementia with Lewy body



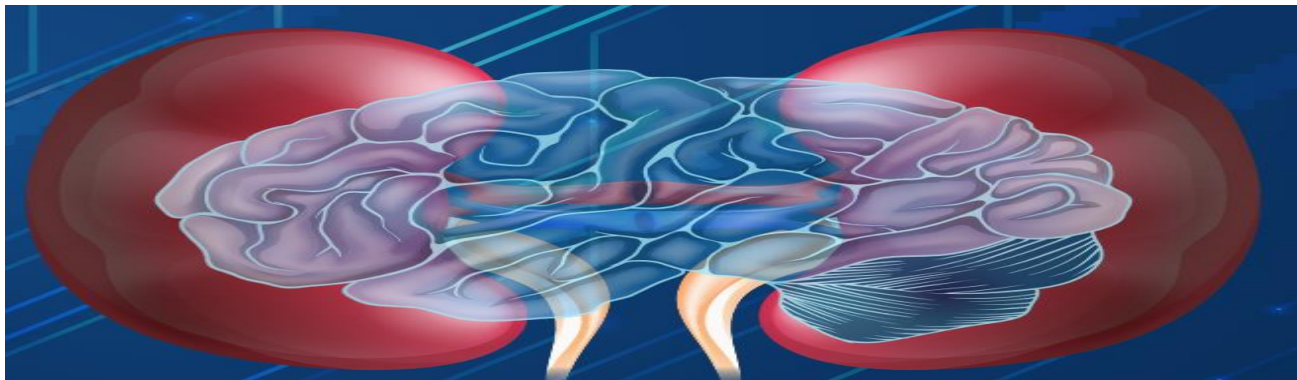
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Cognitive decline (worsening of cognitive function over years to decades, steeper than expected because of age alone) [Γνωστική εξασθένηση]

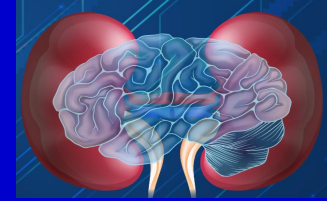
Mild cognitive impairment (MCI; reduced function in memory, thinking, and other cognitive domains but not impacting daily functioning) [Ήπια γνωστική εξασθένηση]

Dementia (impairments in cognition, including memory and other cognitive domains, but with adverse impacts on daily functioning) [Άνοια]

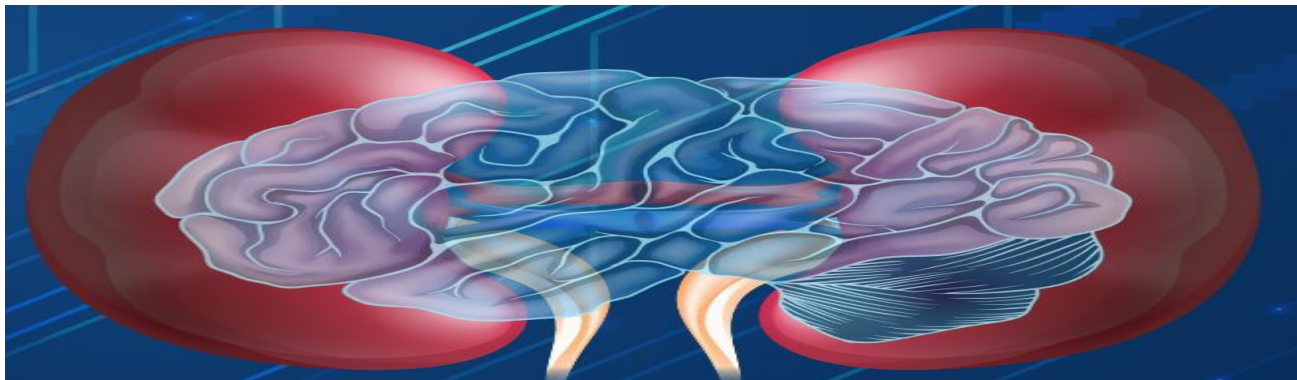


Hypertension a risk factor for adverse
cognitive outcomes

Hypertension is clearly associated with



- ❖ Steeper **cognitive decline** [απότομη]
- ❖ Poor **cognitive performance** [Κακή γνωστική απόδοση]
- ❖ Incident **mild cognitive impairment**
- ❖ **Dementia**



CLINICAL TRIALS

Prevention of dementia in randomised double-blind placebo-controlled Systolic Hypertension in Europe (Syst-Eur) trial

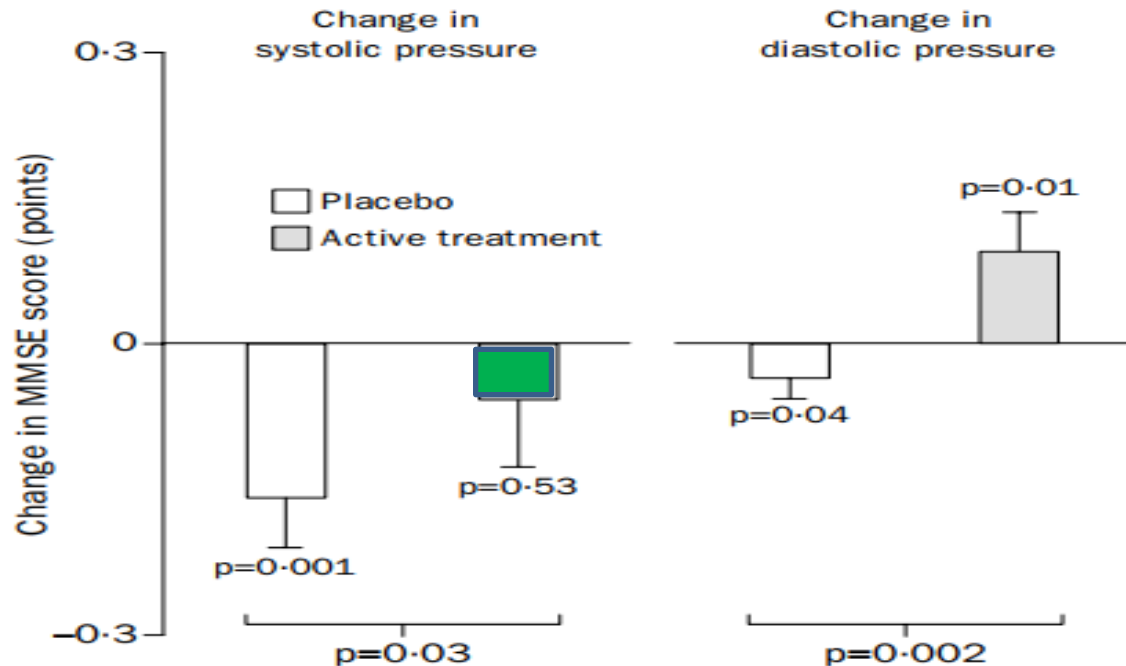


Figure 3: Changes in MMSE score associated with mean decrease in systolic and diastolic blood pressure in placebo and active treatment groups

Association sizes adjusted for sex, age, educational level, previous cardiovascular complications, antihypertensive treatment before enrolment, smoking, and alcohol consumption at randomisation.

In elderly patients with isolated systolic hypertension, active treatment starting with the dihydropyridine calcium-channel blocker nitrendipine halved the rate of dementia from 7.7 to 3.8 cases per 1000 patient-years.

In elderly people with isolated systolic hypertension, antihypertensive treatment was associated with a lower incidence of dementia.

Cognitive decline in individuals with high blood pressure: A longitudinal study in the elderly

Tzourio, Christophe MD, PhD; Dufouil, Carole PhD; Ducimetiere, Pierre PhD; Alperovitch, Annick MD, MSc; for the EVA Study Group

Blood pressure status at baseline*	n	Cognitive decline†	
		%	Adjusted odds ratio‡ (95% CI)
Men			
Normal blood pressure	393	7.6	1§
High blood pressure	80	18.8	2.6 (1.2–5.7)
Women			
Normal blood pressure	623	7.2	1§
High blood pressure	53	15.2	2.9 (1.3–7.0)
Both sexes			
Normal blood pressure	1,016	7.4	1§
High blood pressure	133	17.3	2.8 (1.6–5.0)

* High blood pressure was defined as systolic BP \geq 160 mm Hg

The risk of cognitive decline was 4.3 (95% CI, 2.1 to 8.8) in those without antihypertensive therapy and 1.9 (95% CI, 0.8 to 4.4) in those being treated

Antihypertensive medication use and risk of cognitive impairment

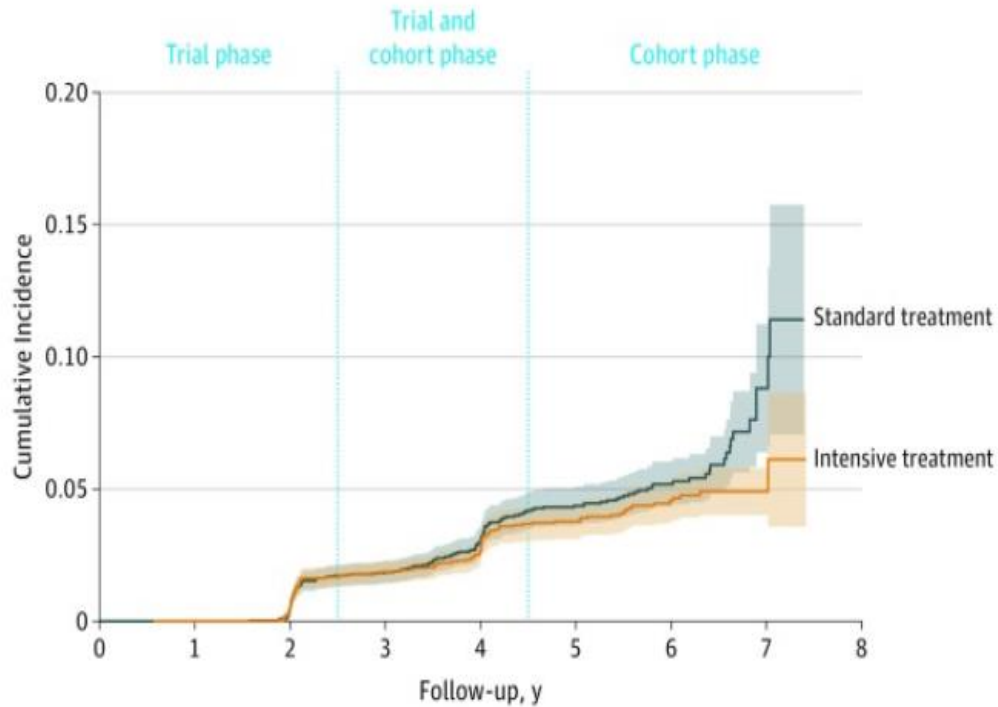
The Honolulu-Asia Aging Study

Επίπεδα Αρτηριακής Πίεσης



Analyses from the **Honolulu Asia Aging Study** (HAAS) have estimated that **27% of dementia cases** may be attributed to **midlife SBP >-120 mm Hg** among inadequately treated men

Effect of Intensive vs Standard Blood Pressure Control on Probable Dementia



No. at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Standard treatment	4285	4282	4168	3886	2829	2107	989	87	0
Intensive treatment	4278	4277	4171	3917	2893	2189	1027	93	0

Among ambulatory adults with hypertension, treating to a systolic blood pressure goal of less than 120 mm Hg compared with a goal of less than 140 mm Hg **DID NOT RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE RISK OF PROBABLE DEMENTIA**. Because of early study termination and fewer than expected cases of dementia, the study may have been underpowered for this end point.

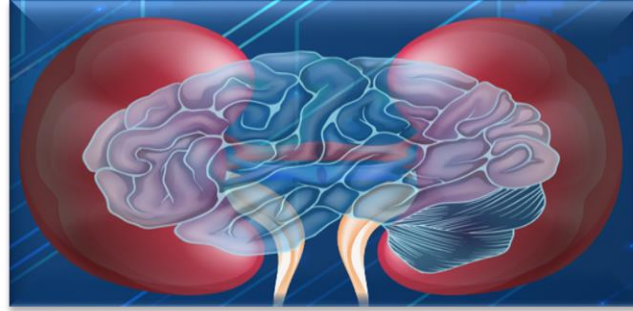
Median follow-up time was **5.14 years** (interquartile range, 3.91-6.00) for the intensive treatment group and **5.07 years** (interquartile range, 3.87-5.98) for the standard treatment group. For group comparison of incidence, hazard ratio, 0.83; 95% CI, 0.67-1.04; $P=.10$

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Incidence of Probable Dementia and Mild Cognitive Impairment by Treatment Group

Outcomes	Treatment Group		Hazard Ratio (95% CI) ^a	P Value		
	Intensive	Standard				
	No. With Outcome/Person-Years	Cases per 1000 Person-Years	No. With Outcome/Person-Years	Cases per 1000 Person-Years		
Probable dementia	149/20 569	7.2	176/20 378	8.6	0.83 (0.67-1.04)	.10
Mild cognitive impairment ^b	287/19 690	14.6	353/19 281	18.3	0.81 (0.69-0.95)	.007
Composite of mild cognitive impairment or probable dementia	402/19 873	20.2	469/19 488	24.1	0.85 (0.74-0.97)	.01

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Have been suggested a U-shaped relationship
between BP and cognition ?



Isolated studies of older adults

Blood Pressure and Risk of Dementia: Results from the Rotterdam Study and the Gothenburg H-70 Study

In an analysis including data from the **Rotterdam study and the Göteborg H-70 study**, hypertension in old age appeared protective:

•

Elderly adults had an inverse association between BP and dementia, with a reduced relative risk for dementia of 0.93 (95% CI, 0.88–0.99) **per 10 mmHg higher SBP**

This association was confined to subjects who used antihypertensive medication.

The Effect of Age on the Association Between Blood Pressure and Cognitive Function Later in Life

High BP was associated with greater risk of cognitive impairment in persons younger than 75 but with better cognitive function in older persons










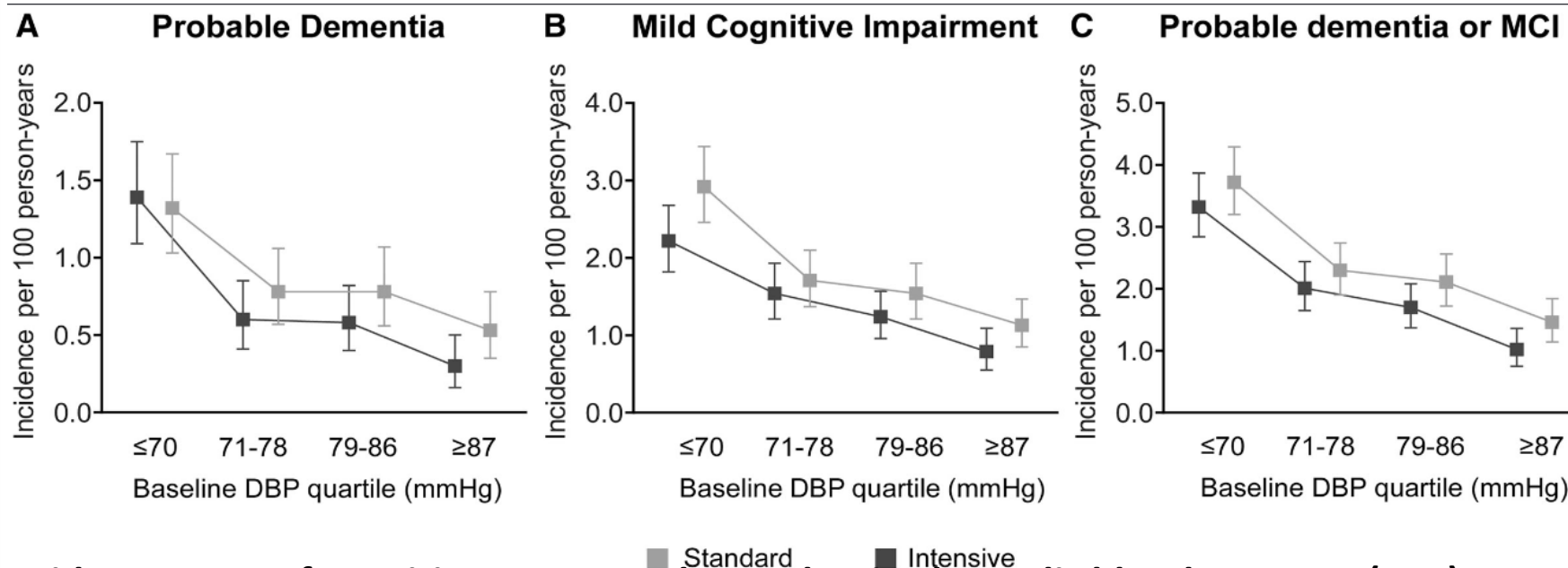
Lower BP might lead to hypoperfusion and thus *worse* cognitive outcomes in older persons

<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1532-5415.2009.02264.x>

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Diastolic Blood Pressure and Intensive Blood Pressure Control on Cognitive Outcomes: Insights From the SPRINT MIND Trial








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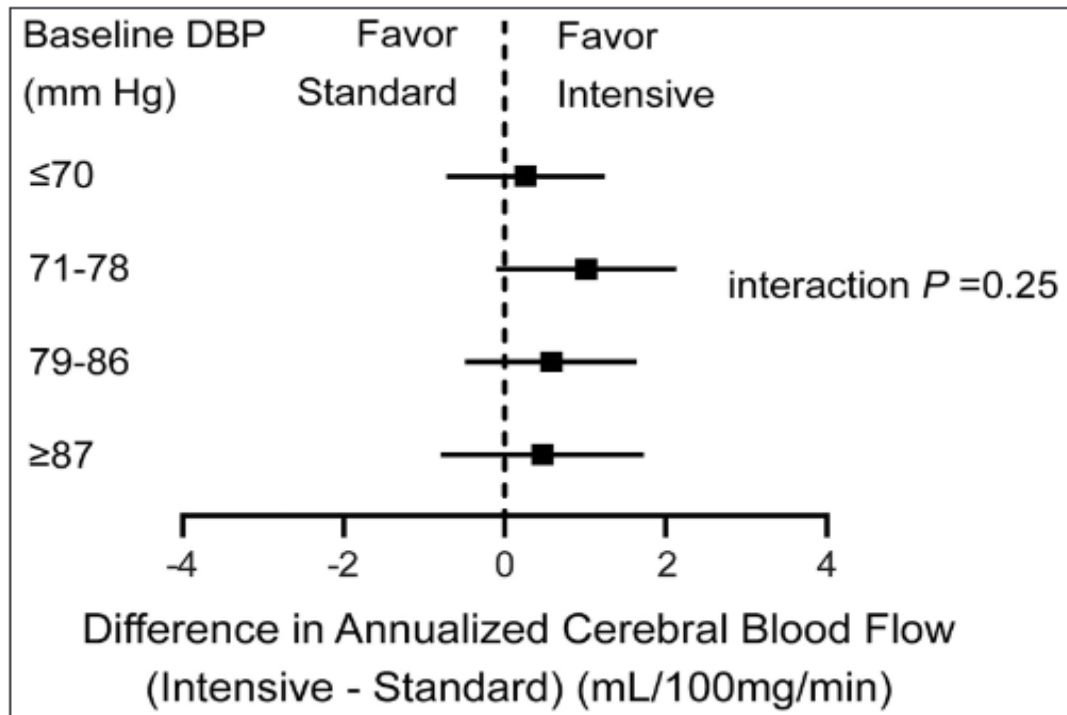


Incidence rates of cognitive outcomes by randomized systolic blood pressure (SBP) intervention and baseline diastolic blood pressure (DBP) quartile.

Conclusions: Intensive BP control **DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE** a detrimental effect on cognitive outcomes and cerebral perfusion in patients with low baseline DBP.

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In this **post hoc analysis** of the SPRINT MIND study, patients with lower DBP had a higher incidence of dementia or MCI. Nevertheless, **intensive BP control did not appear to have a detrimental effect** on cognitive function and cerebral perfusion. Low DBP level should not be an obstacle to intensive BP control from the perspective of brain health.

Effect of systolic blood pressure intervention on annualized CHANGE IN CEREBRAL BLOOD flow by baseline diastolic blood pressure (DBP) quartile.

Age-Dependent Risk

Midlife Versus Late Life



Hypertension's impact on late-life cognitive outcomes appears the greatest when considered in middle age

Midlife Versus Late Life

Midlife hypertension and 20-year cognitive change: The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Neurocognitive Study

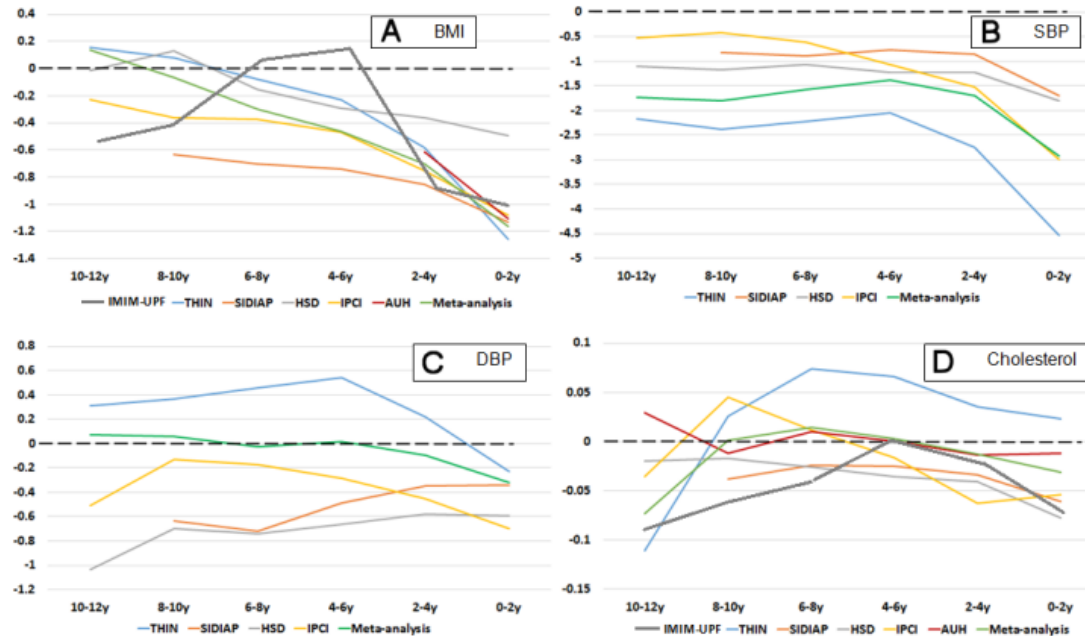
Additional adjusted 20-year cognitive change for the association of visit 2 (1990–1992) with recommended treatment

	<u>Cognitive Change (95% CI)</u>	
	HTN Treatment Not Indicated ^a	HTN Treatment Indicated ^b
All Participants^c		
	(n=8,165)	(n=5,311)
Global z score	0 (reference)	-0.044 (-0.085, -0.003)
DWRT z score	0 (reference)	-0.008 (-0.074, 0.058)
DSST z score	0 (reference)	-0.064 (-0.093, -0.035)
WFT z score	0 (reference)	-0.042 (-0.079, -0.005)
DWRT raw score, No. of words	0 (reference)	-0.012 (-0.112, 0.088)
DSST raw score, No. of symbols	0 (reference)	-0.909 (-1.319, -0.498)
WFT raw score, No. of words	0 (reference)	-0.520 (-0.982, -0.058)

Midlife hypertension and elevated midlife **BUT NOT LATE-LIFE SYSTOLIC BP** was associated with more cognitive decline during the 20 years of the study. Greater decline is found with higher midlife BP in whites than in African Americans

BMJ Open Vascular and metabolic risk factor differences prior to dementia diagnosis: a multidatabase case-control study using European electronic health records

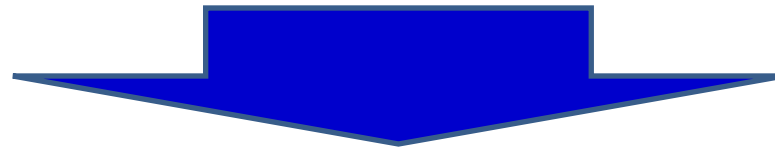
Mid-life SBP is a risk factor for dementia incidence 10–20 years later



**LOWER SBP IN CASES
AT THE TIME OF
DIAGNOSIS**

BMI, SBP and total cholesterol levels were lower overall in cases with dementia than controls and the difference was most marked closest to the point of diagnosis.

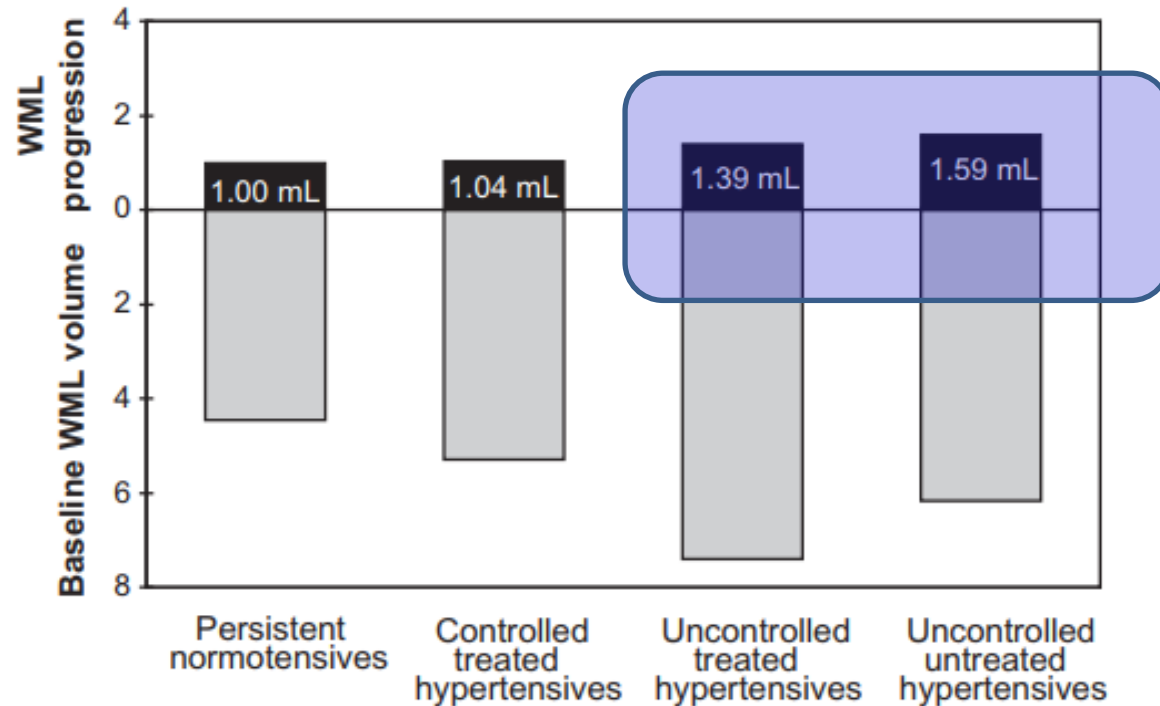
Studies using **IMAGING** surrogates for
cognitive or dementia status



Also support
the importance of **midlife** hypertension

High Blood Pressure and Cerebral White Matter Lesion Progression in the General Population

Benjamin F.J. Verhaaren, Meike W. Vernooij, Renske de Boer, Albert Hofman, Wiro J. Niessen, Aad van der Lugt, M. Arfan Ikram



Hypertension treatment and white matter lesion (WML) progression.

High blood pressure to precede cerebral white matter lesions and implies that hypertension treatment could reduce WML progression in the general population.

Hypertension. 2013;61:1354-1359

Association of midlife blood pressure to late-life cognitive decline and brain morphology

- In the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Twin Study,
 - **midlife SBP was associated**
 - with not only more white matter hyperintensities in later life but also
- **SMALLER BRAIN PARENCHYMAL VOLUMES**

Swan GE, DeCarli C, Miller BL, Reed T, Wolf PA, Jack LM, Carmelli D.
Association of midlife blood pressure to late-life cognitive decline and
brain morphology. *Neurology*. 1998;51:986–99

Hypertension Is Related to Cognitive Impairment

A 20-Year Follow-up of 999 Men

Lena Kilander, Håkan Nyman, Merike Boberg, Lennart Hansson, Hans Lithell

TABLE 3. Determinants of Low Cognitive Performance: Cross-sectional Data at Age 70 Years

Characteristic	Cognitive Function		Logistic Regression		
	Normal (n=743)	Low (n=186)	P ¹	OR (95% CI)	P ²
24-h DBP, mm Hg	76 (8)	78 (8)	.0002	1.45 (1.20–1.75)	.0001
fP-Glucose, mmol/L	5.7 (1.4)	6.0 (1.8)	.034	1.13 (0.94–1.37)	.188
fP-Insulin, mU/L	12.7 (8.2)	13.3 (9.2)	.984	0.87 (0.69–1.09)	.223
M/I	5.2 (2.5)	4.8 (2.6)	.155	1.00 (0.77–1.29)	.983
fS-Triglycerides, mmol/L	1.39 (0.71)	1.57 (1.04)	.271	0.99 (0.79–1.23)	.911
BMI, kg/m ²	26.1 (3.2)	26.9 (3.9)	.089	1.12 (0.89–1.41)	.346
HDL cholesterol, mmol/L	1.30 (0.34)	1.25 (0.37)	.232	0.90 (0.72–1.13)	.349
Antihypertensive treatment, %	32.6	33.3	.775	0.64 (0.42–0.98)	.0418
Age, y	72.3	72.8		1.35 (1.14–1.58)	.0003
Education, L/M/H	46/35/19%	81/15/4%		0.42 (0.27–0.65)	.0001
Occupation, L/M/H	35/42/23%	66/30/4%		0.57 (0.39–0.83)	.0038

In Uppsala, Sweden, using ambulatory BP monitoring, **nondipping circadian BP patterns** and persistently high 24-hour BP (at 70 years of age)

- was associated **with worse cognitive performance**

Pulse pressure is associated with early brain atrophy and cognitive decline: modifying effects of APOE4

Regression results for baseline pulse pressure predicting cognition at 5-7 year follow-up and annualized change in cognition, as well as interactions with the APOE-ε4 carrier status and blood pressure group.

A Time 2 Performance	Pulse Pressure (mm Hg) Main Effects		Blood pressure group* Interaction	APOE-ε4 status Interaction
	Beta (SE)	P	P	P
LM-delayed	-0.0018 (0.013)	0.89	0.08	0.48
VR-delayed	-0.018 (0.011)	0.10	0.74	0.09
Similarities	0.0017 (0.011)	0.88	0.60	0.16
Trails A **	-0.0017 (0.0012)	0.17	0.68	0.22
Trails B-A **	-0.0015 (0.00068)	0.02	0.25	0.66
BNT **	0.0021 (0.0022)	0.34	0.36	0.42
HVOT **	-0.0021 (0.0018)	0.25	0.63	0.26
B				
Time 2-1 Performance	Beta (SE)	P	P	P
LM-delayed	-0.00085 (0.0020)	0.67	0.11	0.49
VR-delayed	-0.00045 (0.0017)	0.79	0.82	0.78
Similarities	-0.0010 (0.0018)	0.57	0.43	0.18
Trails A	-0.000014 (0.00011)	0.89	0.69	0.68
Trails B-A	-0.00098 (0.00045)	0.03	0.65	0.30

PULSE PRESSURE was associated with cognitive decline among apolipoprotein E)-ε4 carriers in the Framingham Offspring Study.

. *Alzheimer Dis Assoc Disord*. 2016;30:210–215.

Association of visit-to-visit variability in blood pressure with cognitive function in old age: prospective cohort study

Table 2| Cognitive function in thirds of visit-to-visit blood pressure variability. Values are means (standard errors) unless stated otherwise

Variables	Third of visit-to-visit blood pressure variability			P value
	Low (n=1820)	Middle (n=1821)	High (n=1820)	
Systolic blood pressure				
Range of SD (mm Hg)	0.7-12.2	12.3-16.2	16.3-64.4	—
Stroop test score (seconds)	68.46 (0.79)	68.75 (0.79)	71.54 (0.82)	<0.001
Letter-digit coding test score (digits coded)	22.40 (0.19)	21.82 (0.19)	21.24 (0.19)	<0.001
Picture-word learning test (pictures remembered):				
Immediate recall score	9.37 (0.05)	9.28 (0.05)	9.10 (0.05)	<0.001
Delayed recall score	10.00 (0.07)	9.89 (0.07)	9.70 (0.08)	0.001
Diastolic blood pressure				
Range of SD (mm Hg)	0-6.5	6.6-8.5	8.6-33.1	—
Stroop test score (seconds)	68.28 (0.79)	68.89 (0.79)	71.34 (0.80)	<0.001
Letter-digit coding test score (digits coded)	22.35 (0.19)	21.93 (0.19)	21.27 (0.19)	<0.001
Picture-word learning test (pictures remembered):				
Immediate recall score	9.41 (0.05)	9.22 (0.05)	9.13 (0.05)	<0.001
Delayed recall score	10.01 (0.07)	9.88 (0.07)	9.74 (0.07)	0.001

- BP variability has also been described in several studies as an important risk factor for reduced cognitive function.

Higher visit-to-visit variability in blood pressure independent of average blood pressure was associated with impaired cognitive function in old age.

Patients with
HYPERTENSION AND CKD

Risk factors for cognitive dysfunction in CKD and hypertensive subjects

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Table 3 Multivariate analysis of non-dialysis population

Cognitive tests	Factor	OR (95 % CI)	<i>p</i>
MMSE	Stages	2.46 (1.81–3.34)	<0.001
	Age (years)	1.06 (1.02–1.09)	0.001
	DM	4.27 (1.88–9.75)	0.001
	PTH	1.01 (1.00–1.01)	0.010
Clock test	Stages	1.92 (1.23–2.99)	0.004
	Age (years)	1.07 (1.03–1.11)	0.001
	DM	4.48 (1.86–10.83)	0.001
	PTH	1.92 (1.23–2.99)	0.004
IADL	Stages	1.75 (1.26–2.45)	0.001
	Age (years)	1.11 (1.05–1.16)	0.000
	DM	7.64 (3.12–18.73)	0.000
	UTPR	1.00 (1.00–1.00)	0.047

Ο ρόλος της υπέρτασης στην γνωσιακή λειτουργία

What did the guidelines suggest

Η υπέρταση οδηγεί σε γνωστική δυσλειτουργία

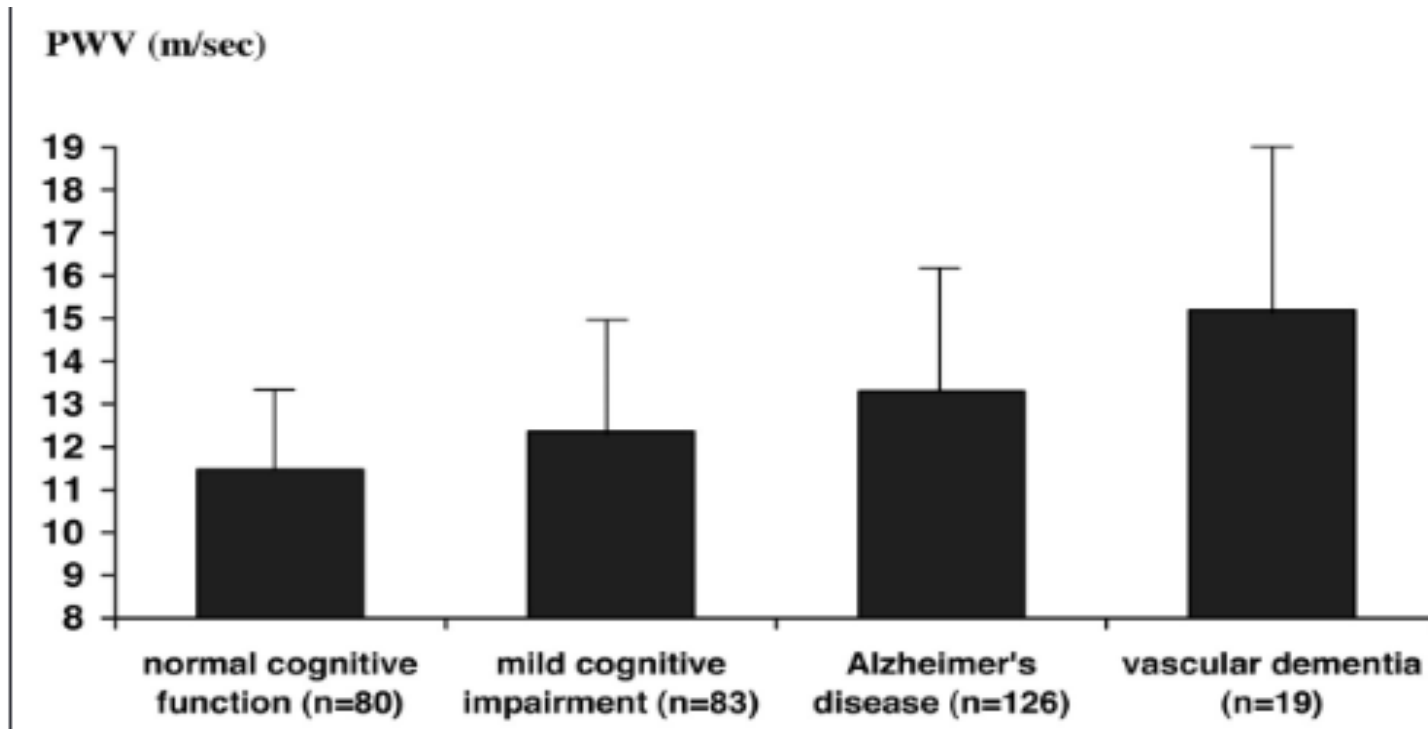
Η υπέρταση οδηγεί σε αρτηριακή σκληρία που προκαλεί γνωστική δυσλειτουργία

Pathophysiologic mechanisms

Ο έλεγχος της ΑΠ βελτιώνει την γνωστική δυσλειτουργία?

Συμπεράσματα

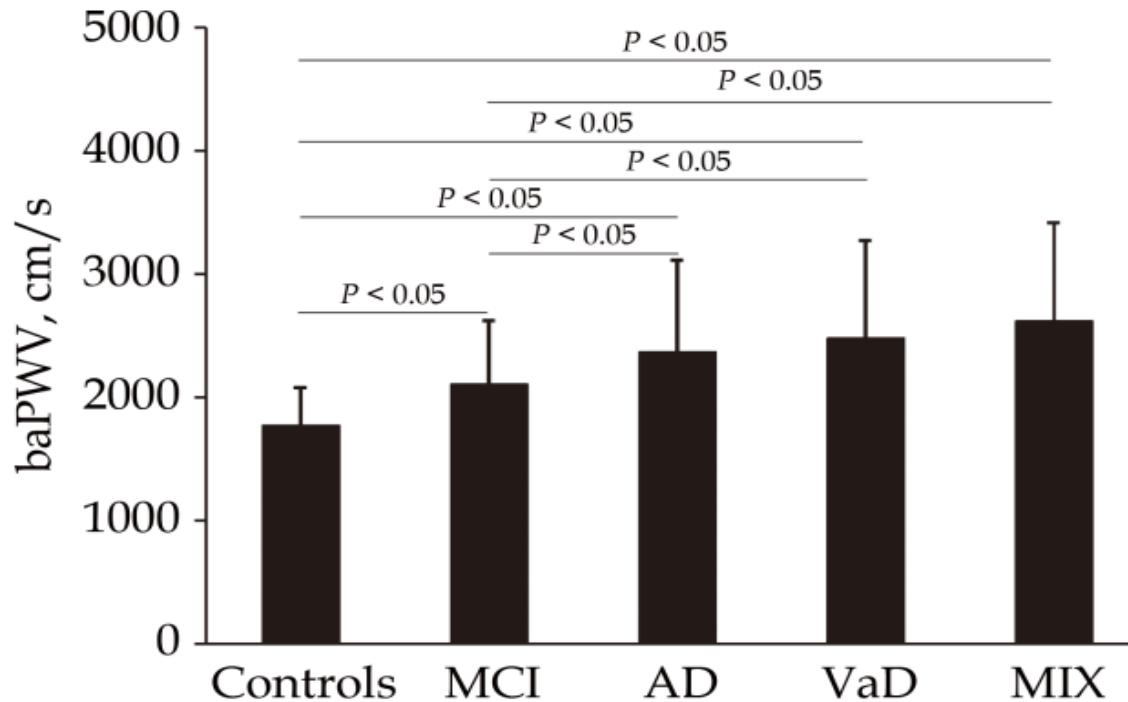
Relationship Between Arterial Stiffness and Cognitive Function in Elderly



Relationship between PWV and cognitive status (normal cognitive function

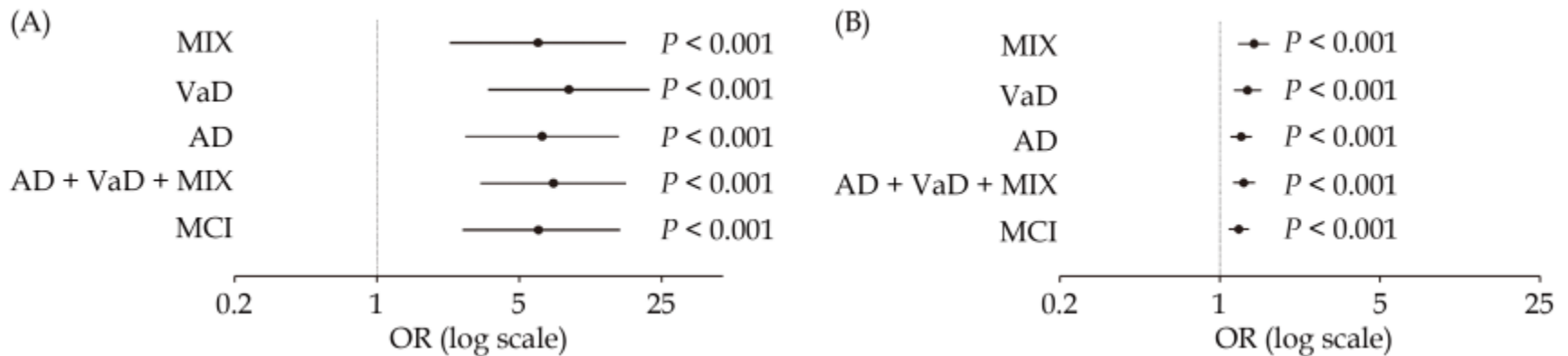
Our results showed a relationship between arterial stiffness and cognitive impairment, suggesting that functional changes of the arterial system could be involved in the onset of dementia (VaD or AD types)

Relationship between arterial stiffness and cognitive function in outpatients with dementia and mild cognitive impairment compared with community residents without dementia



The baPWV values of Controls, MCI, AD, VaD and MIX patients.
AD: Alzheimer's disease; MCI: mild cognitive impairment; MIX: mixed dementia;
VaD: vascular dementia

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the baPWV value to predict the presence of dementia.

The ORs are expressed as higher baPWV value (A) and per 1 m/s increase (B) in baPWV after adjustment for age gender, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, hypertension and smoking status

Albuminuria as a marker of arterial stiffness in chronic kidney disease patients


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Table 4 Multivariate linear regression analysis of the parameters associated with the absolute values of pulse wave velocity

Covariates	β	<i>t</i>	β (95%CI)	<i>P</i> value
UA1b	1.038	2.638	0.257-1.820	< 0.010
pSBP	0.028	2.149	0.002-0.053	< 0.034
Ht	0.171	3.319	0.069-0.273	< 0.001

pSBP: Peripheral systolic blood pressure; Ht: Haematocrit.

Arterial damage and cognitive decline in chronic kidney disease patients

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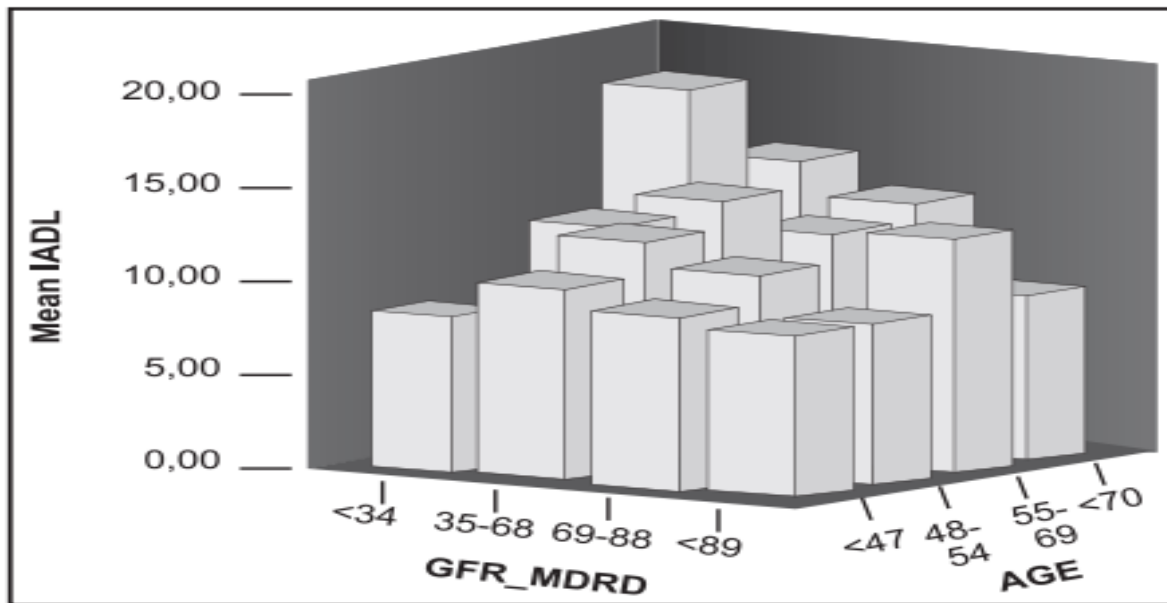


FIGURE 2 3D plot showing the interaction of IADL, GFR-MDRD, and age. IADL, Instrumental activity of daily living; GFR-MDRD, glomerular filtration rate -modification of diet in renal disease

In CKD patients cognitive function was profoundly altered in parallel with the severity of CKD. High levels of **arterial stiffness indices**, either directly measured as cf-PWV or indirectly estimated as **aortic PP**, were correlated with MMSE, an index of cognitive decline.

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Υπέρταση

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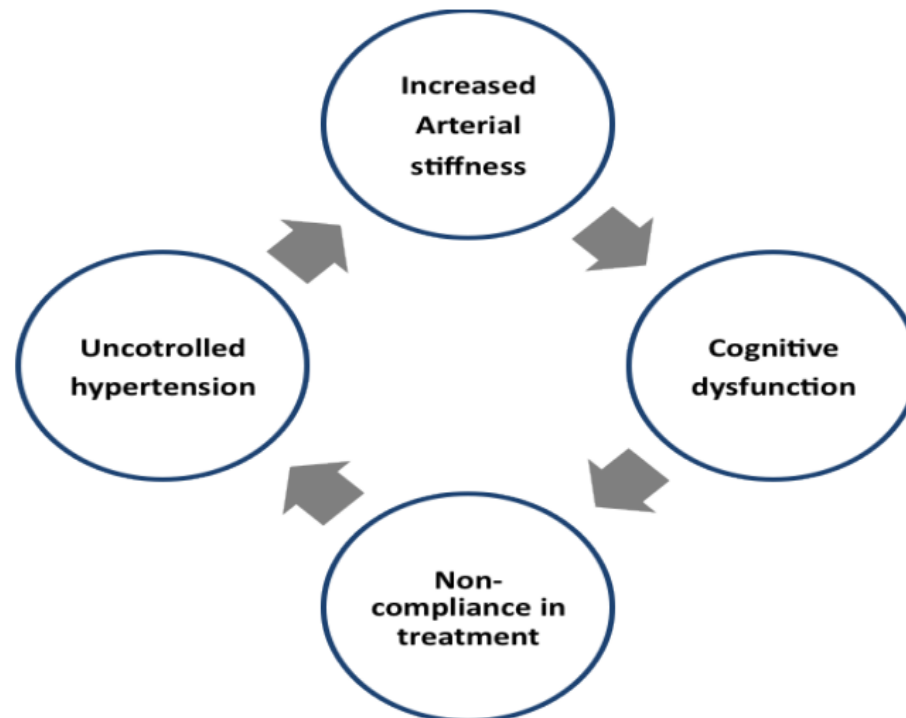
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Arterial Stiffness, Cognitive Dysfunction, and Adherence to Antihypertensive Agents. Is there a Link to Hypertensive Patients?

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Relationship between uncontrolled hypertension, arterial stiffness, cognitive dysfunction and noncompliance with treatment

Adherence to Treatment, Arterial Stiffness and Cognitive Function in Irbesartan-Treated Newly Diagnosed Hypertensive Patients

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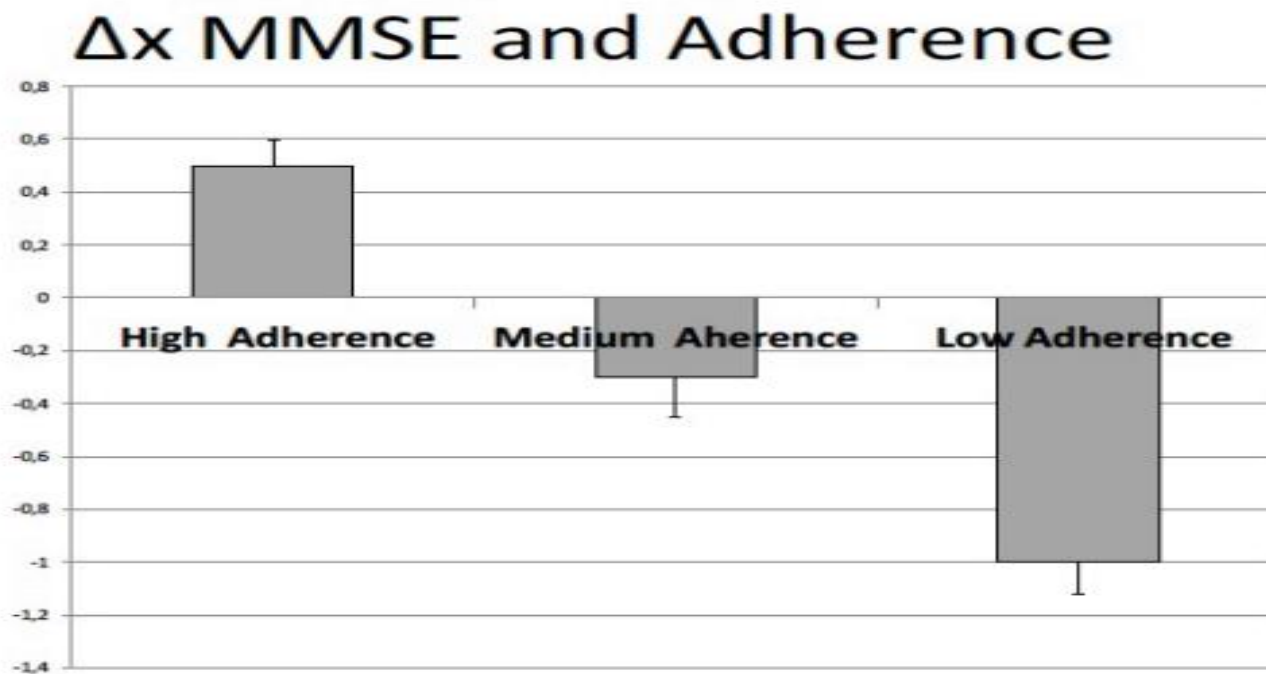
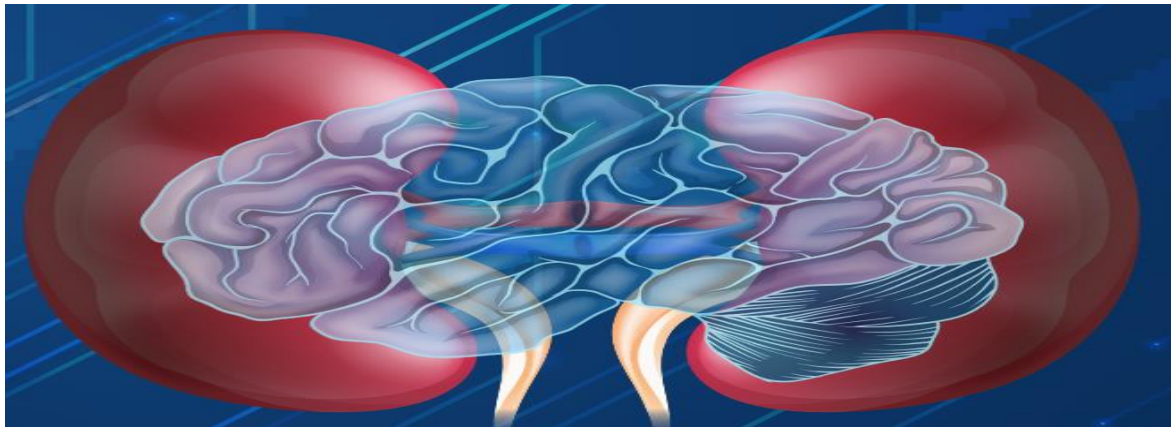


Fig. (1). MMSE and Adherence. MMSE test: Mini Mental State Examination test, Δx : Change in MMSE test before and after the treatment with irbesartan.



PATHOPHYSIOLOGIC MECHANISMS

Small vessel disease of the brain

The small vessels of the brain are unique as their cells receive continuous high-volume flow throughout systole and diastole against **VERY LOW VASCULAR RESISTANCE**.

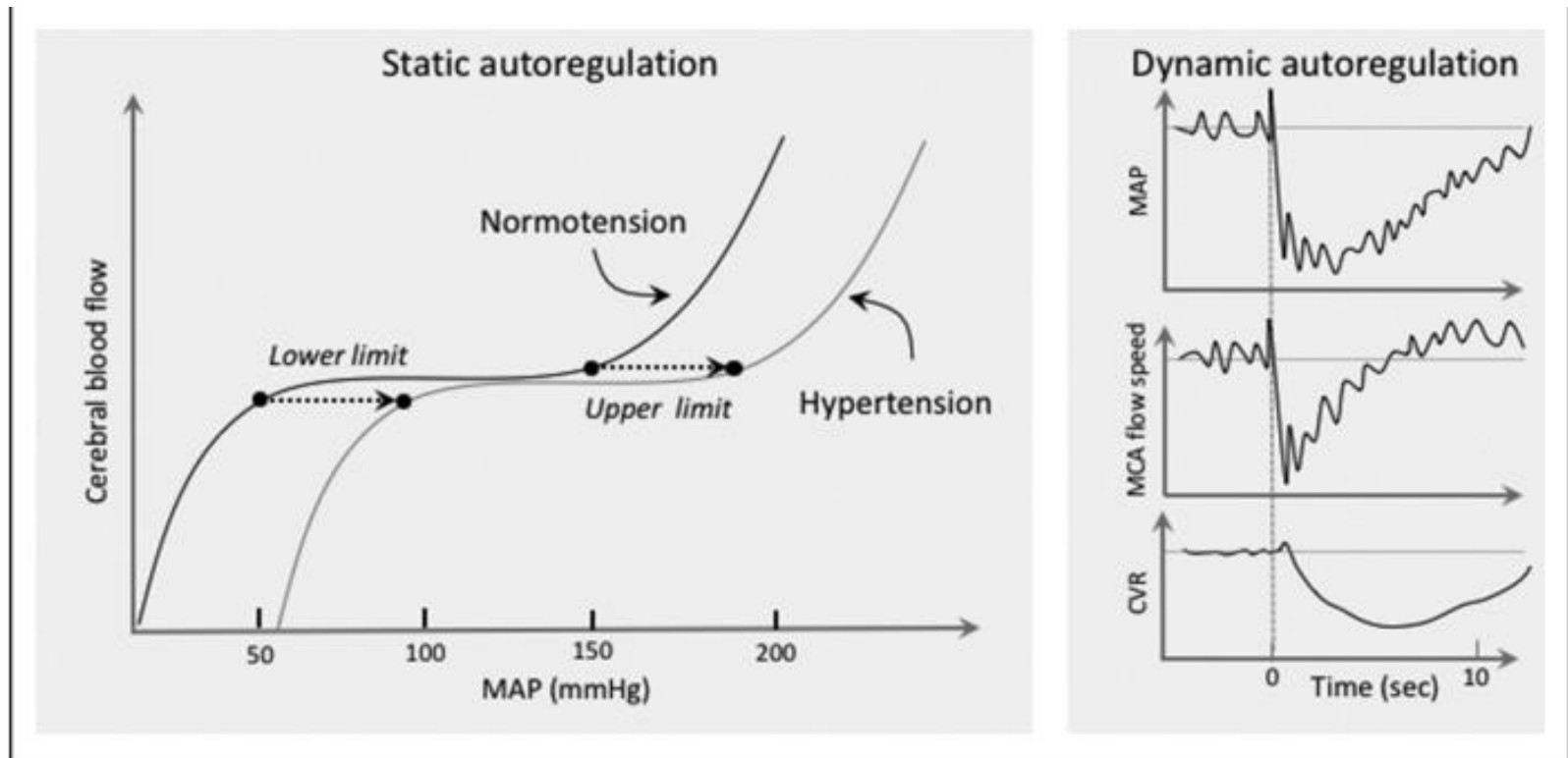
Given the particular anatomy and physiology of small vessel circulation, **brain tissue are susceptible to the microvascular insults** in response to aging and exposure to vascular risk factors

Are more prone to developing what is commonly referred as SVD

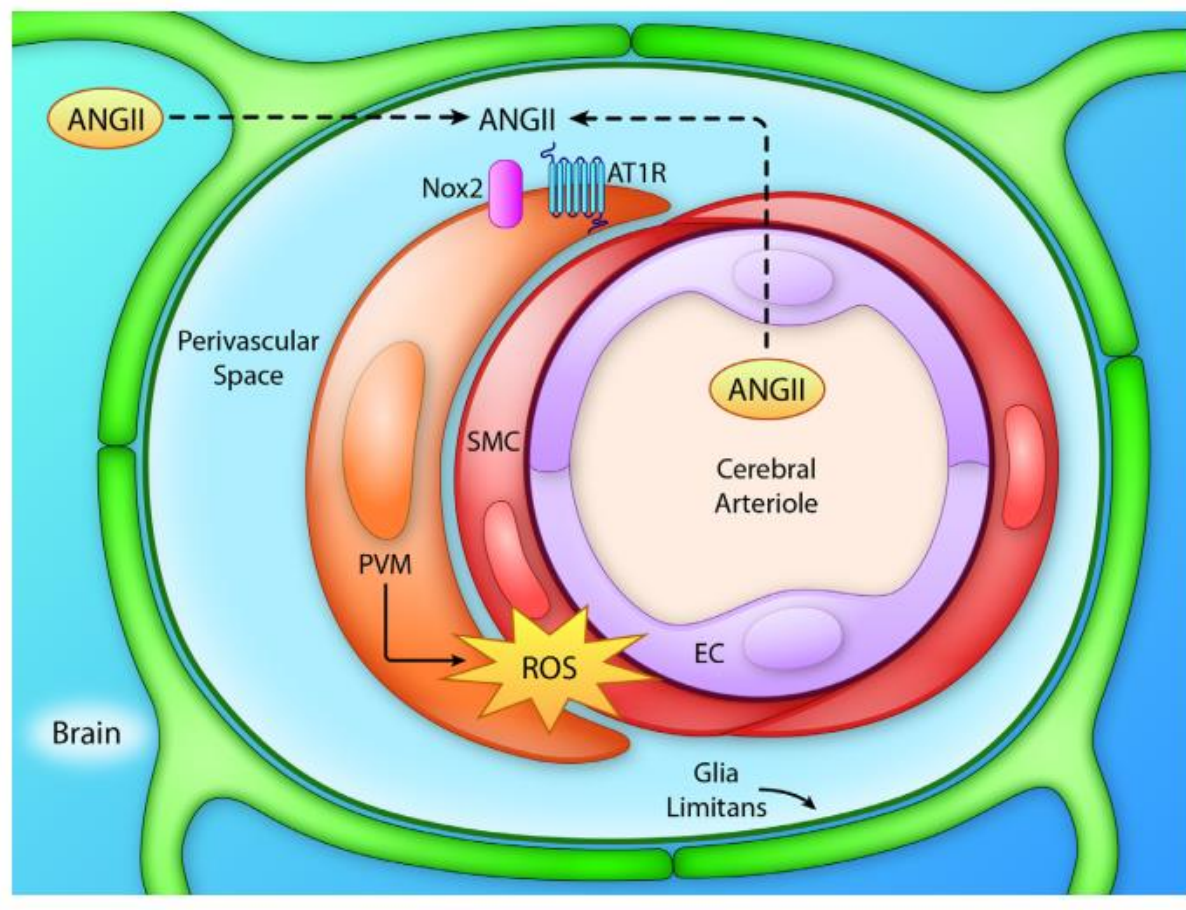
Stroke. (2009) 40:e322–30. doi: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.108.54 2266

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CEREBROVASCULAR AUTOREGULATION AND HYPERTENSION

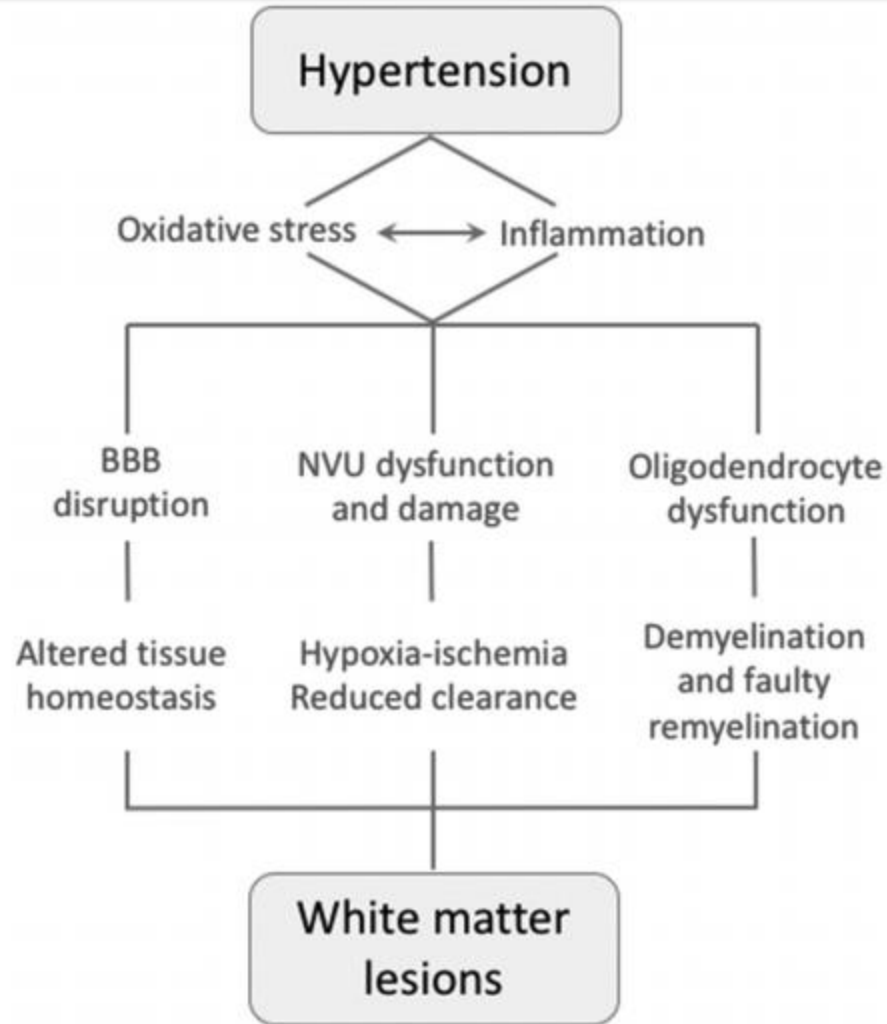


Putative mechanisms of neurovascular dysfunction in slow-pressor Ang II ,hypertension, BPH mice and deoxycorticosterone acetate+salt hypertension.

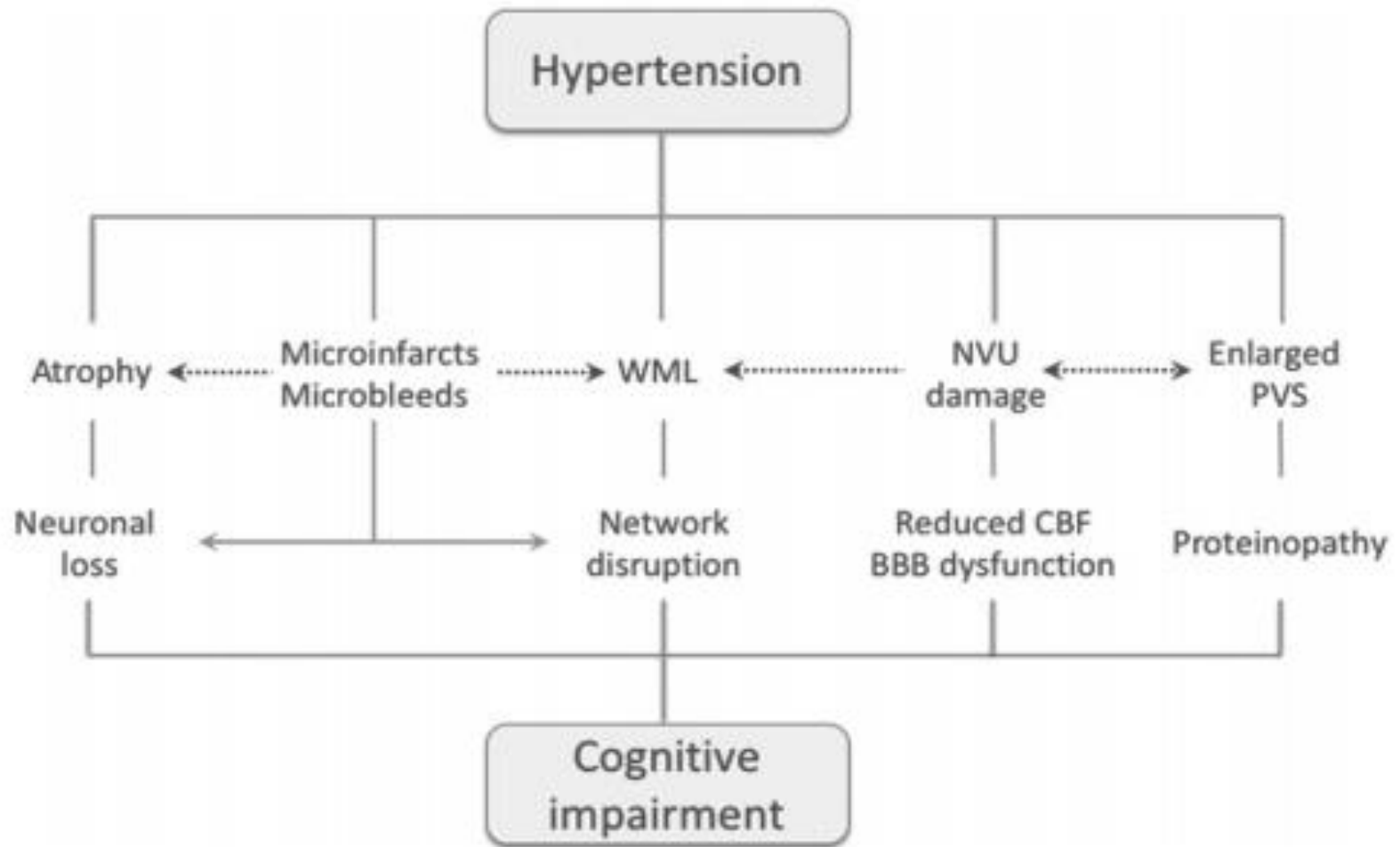


Circulating or brain Ang II reaches AT1R (angiotensin type-1 receptor) in perivascular macrophage (PVM) wherein it activates NOX2 leading the vascular oxidative stress and neurovascular dysfunction. AT1R and Nox2 are also present in other vascular cells, but they do not seem to play a primary role in these hypertension models.

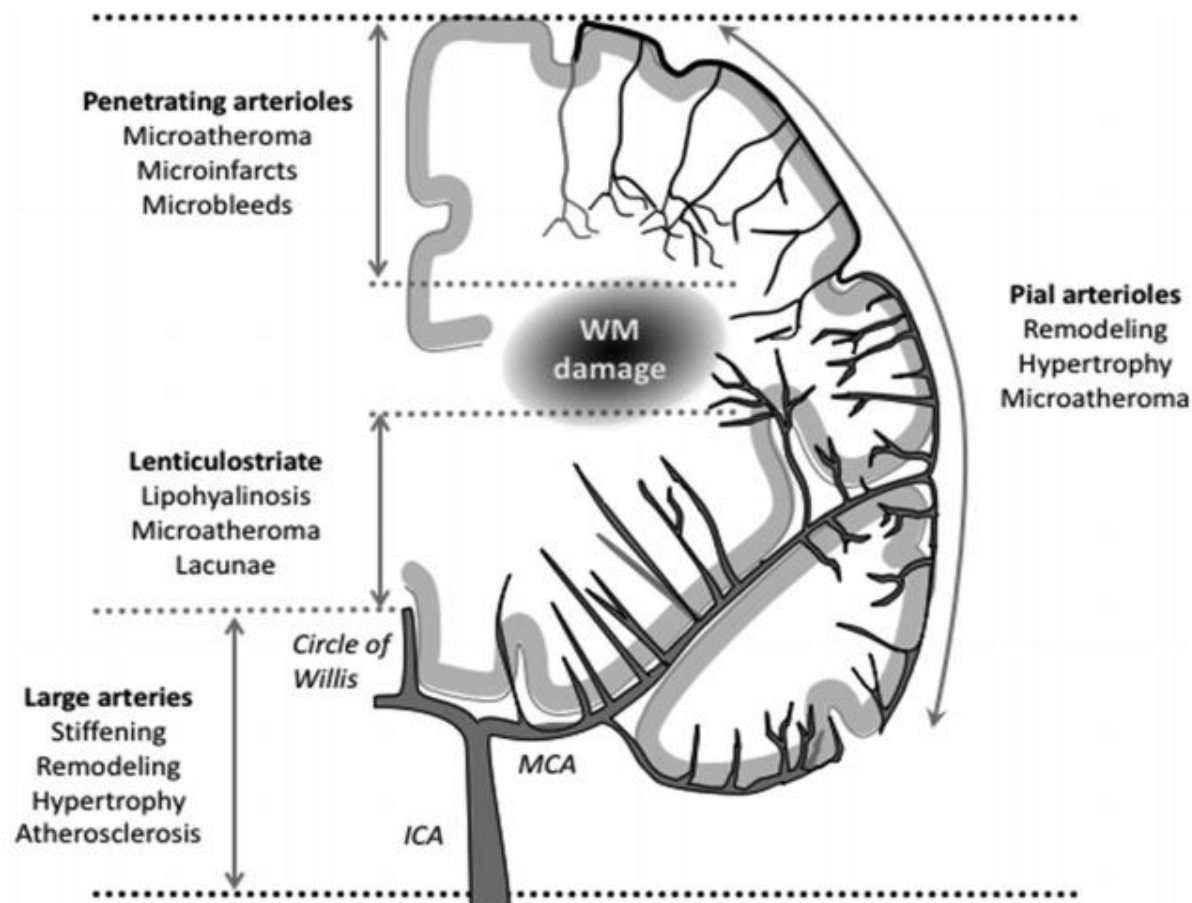
Potential mechanisms of white matter (WM) damage by hypertension



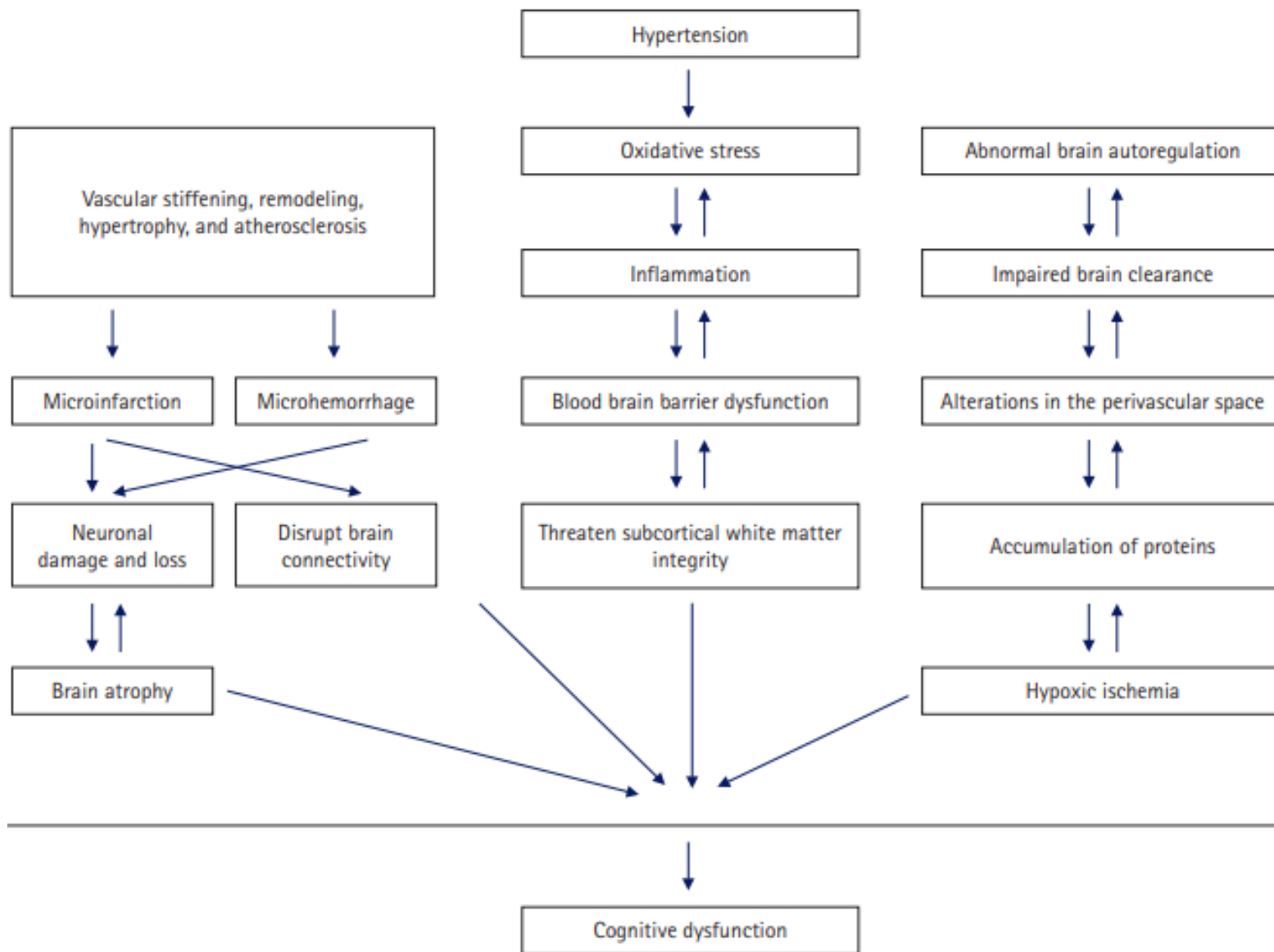
Brain lesions produced by hypertension that underlie cognitive impairment



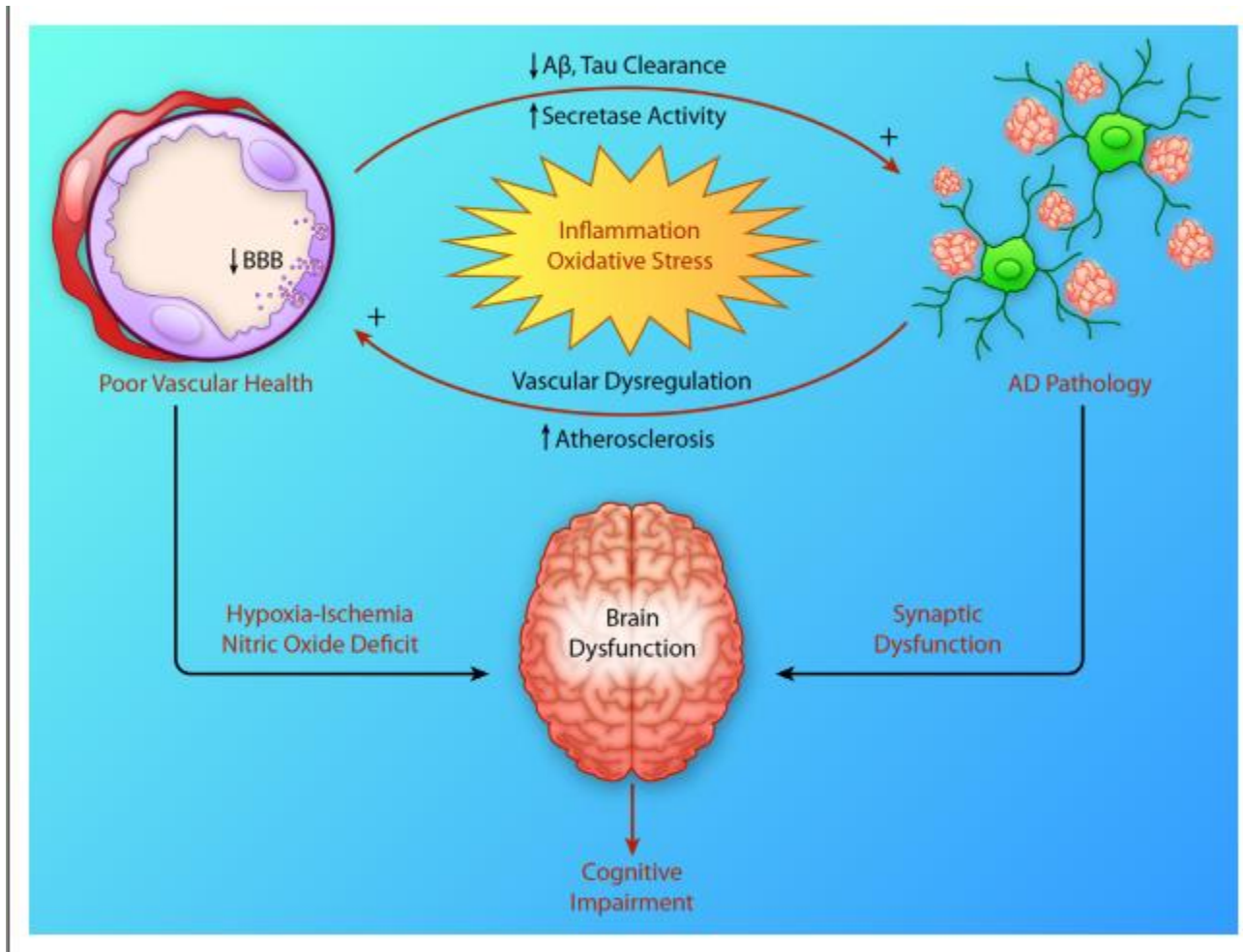
Cerebrovascular anatomy and segmental pathology induced by hypertension



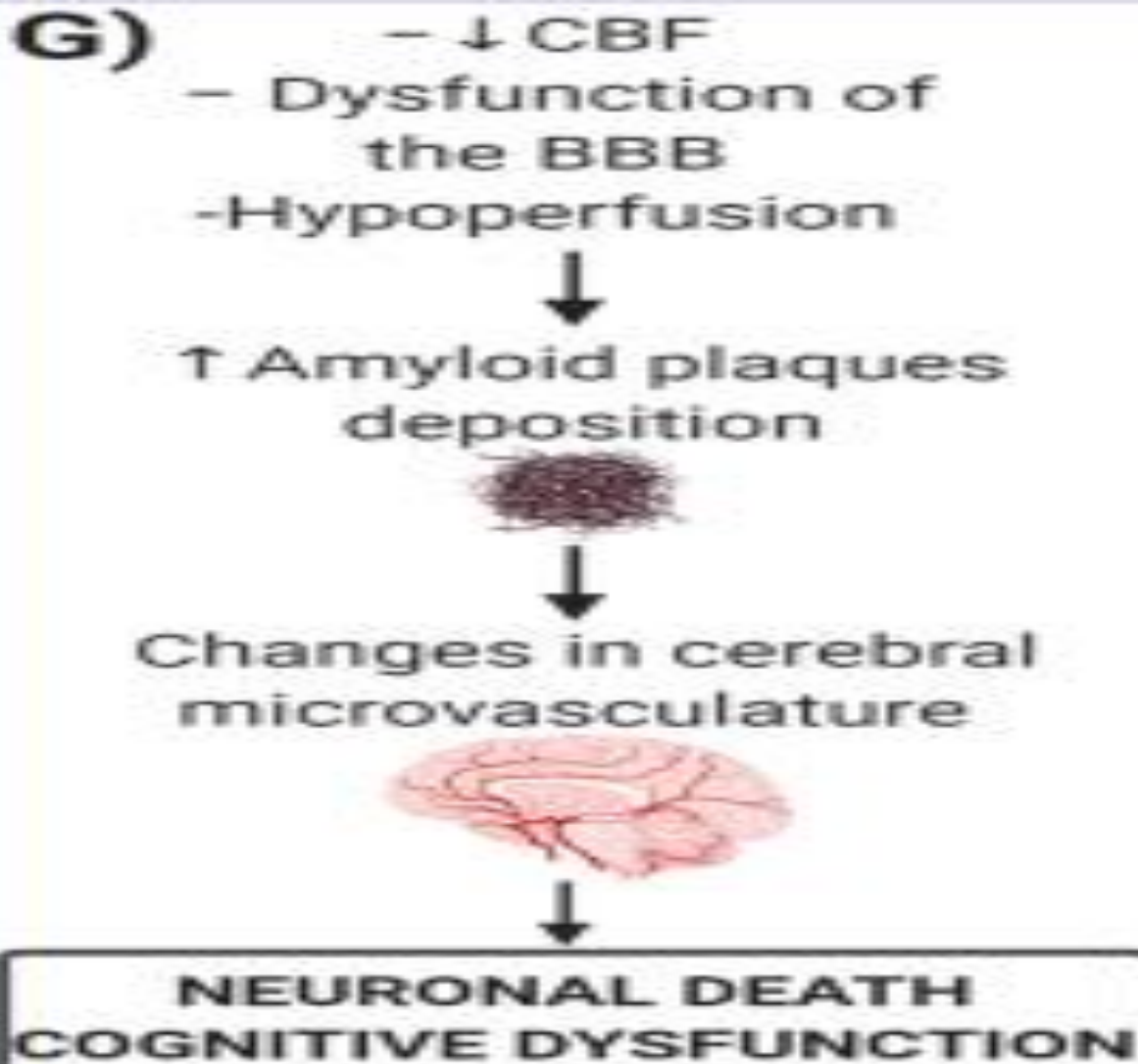
The predominant pathology caused by hypertension in the different segment of the cerebrovascular tree is indicated. Because of its precarious blood supply from **terminal arterioles** particularly vulnerable to hypertensive damage, the subcortical WM is highly likely to be harmed by hypoxia-ischemia. ICA indicates internal carotid artery; and MCA, middle cerebral artery.



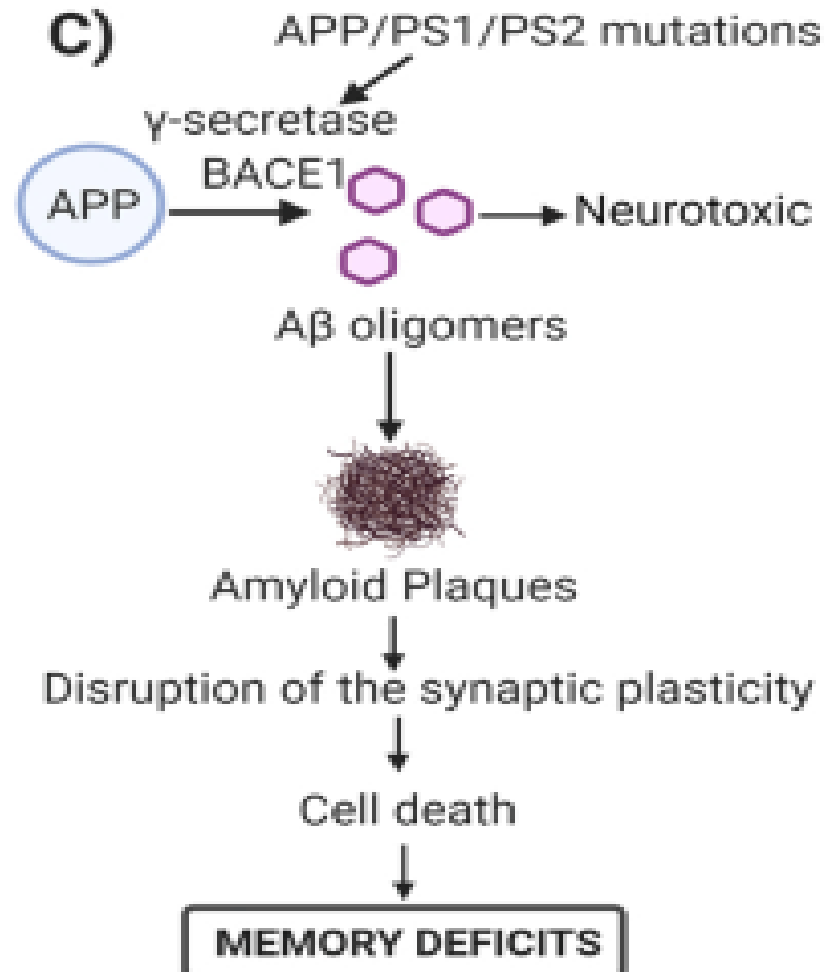
Potential mechanisms underlying the relationship between hypertension and **Alzheimer disease**



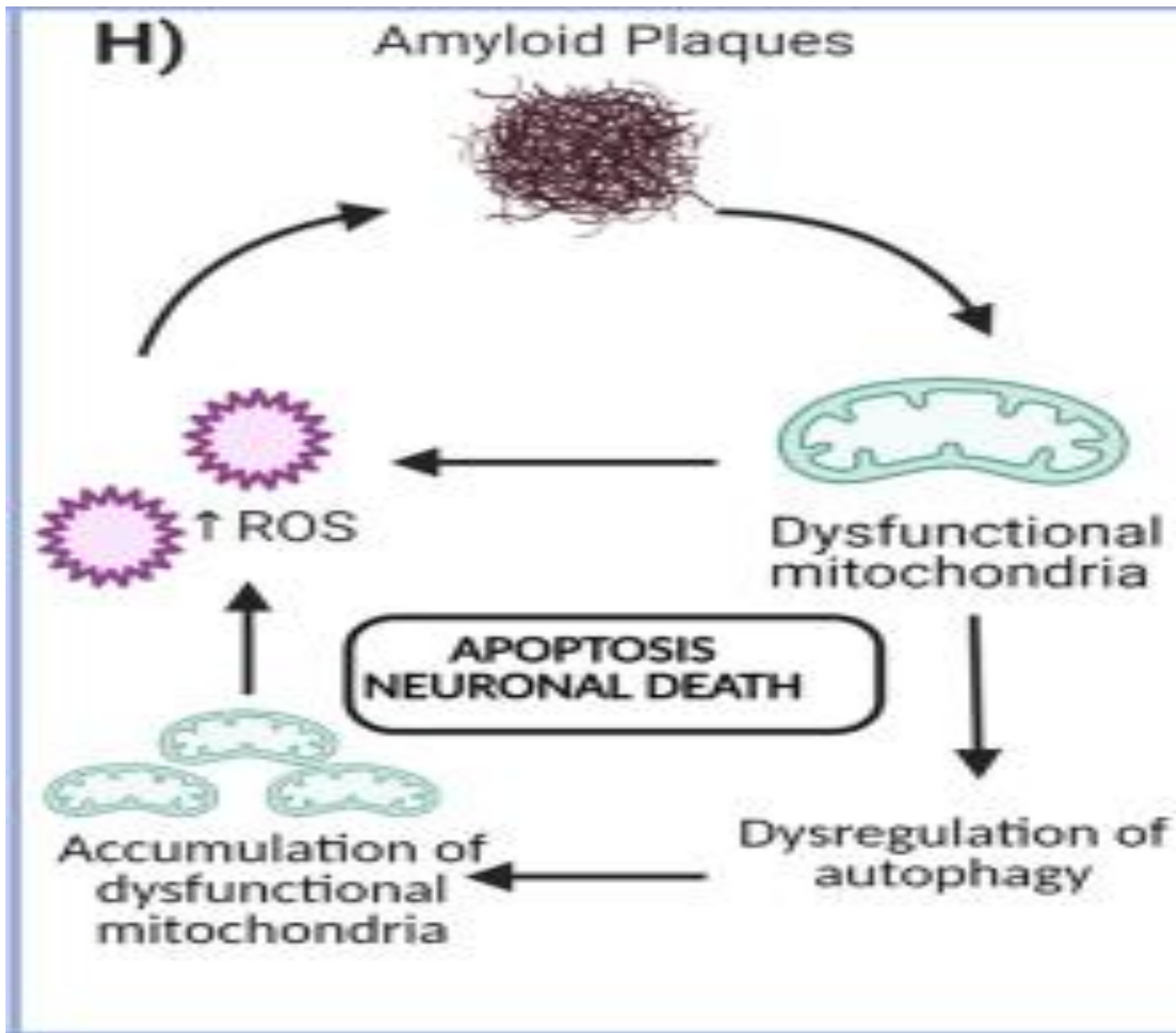
Vascular hypothesis



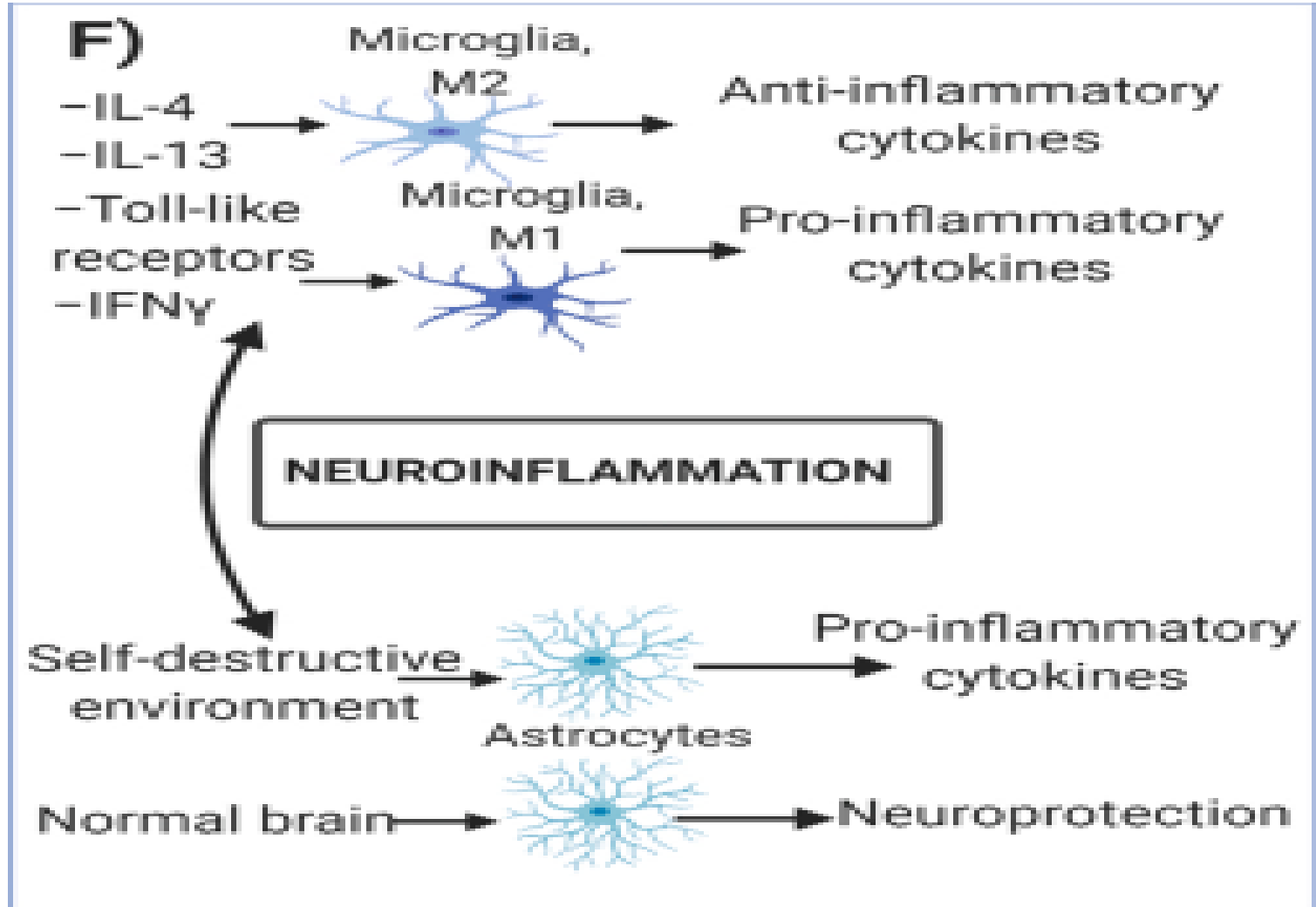
Amyloid hypothesis;



H) Mitochondrial hypothesis.



Neuroinflammation hypothesis;



Tau hypothesis

D)



Stable microtubule with unaltered tau protein



✓ Neurite outgrowth
✓ Improved axonal transport



Compromised microtubule and filaments of abnormal hyperphosphorylated tau



NEUROFIBRILLARY DEGENERATION

Synaptic dysfunction hypothesis;

E)

↓ Number of synapses ↓ Dendritic arborization



MEMORY IMPAIRMENT

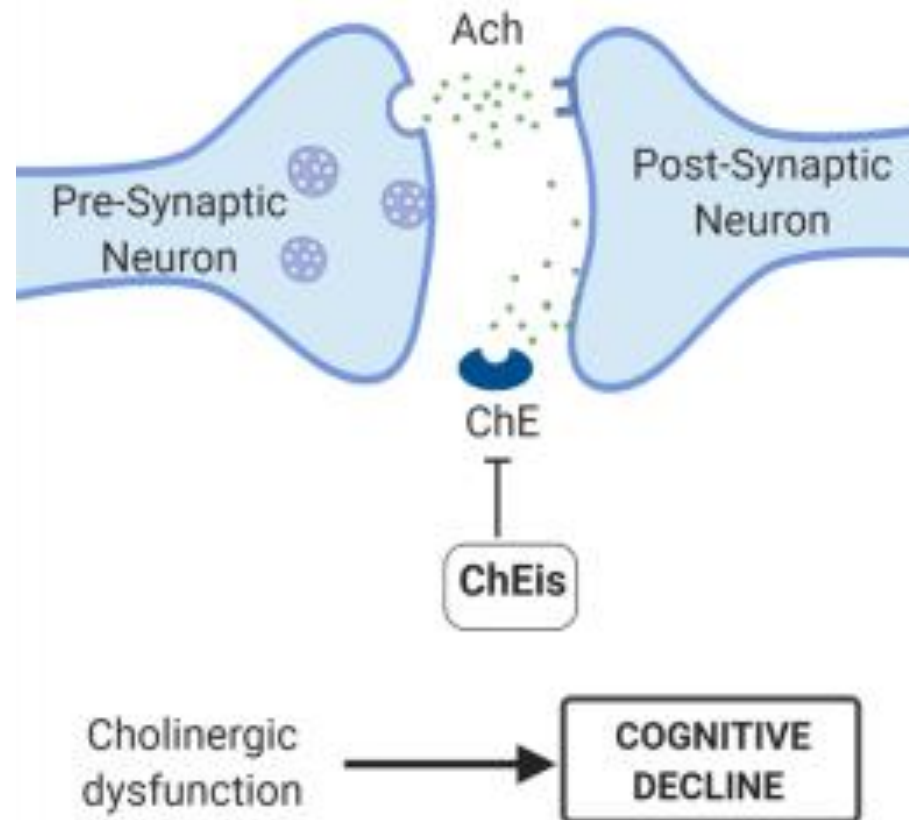
↑ Neurotrophic signaling



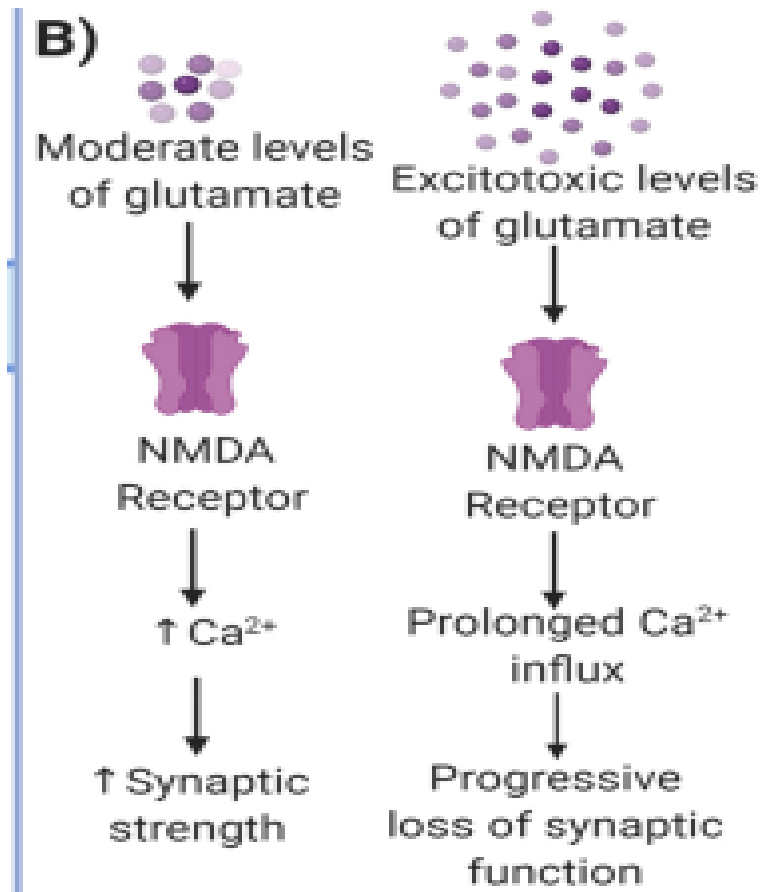
↑ Cell proliferation
↑ Neurogenesis
↑ Synaptic integrity

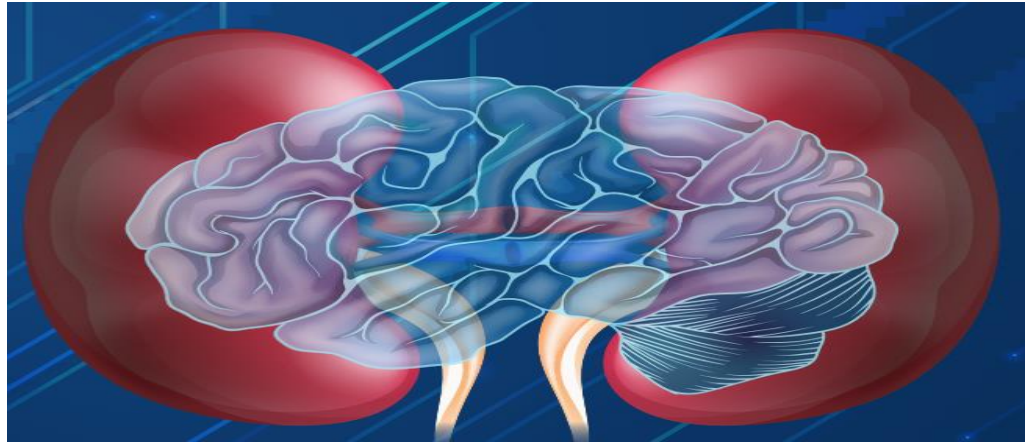
Cholinergic hypothesis;

A)



Glutamatergic hypothesis;

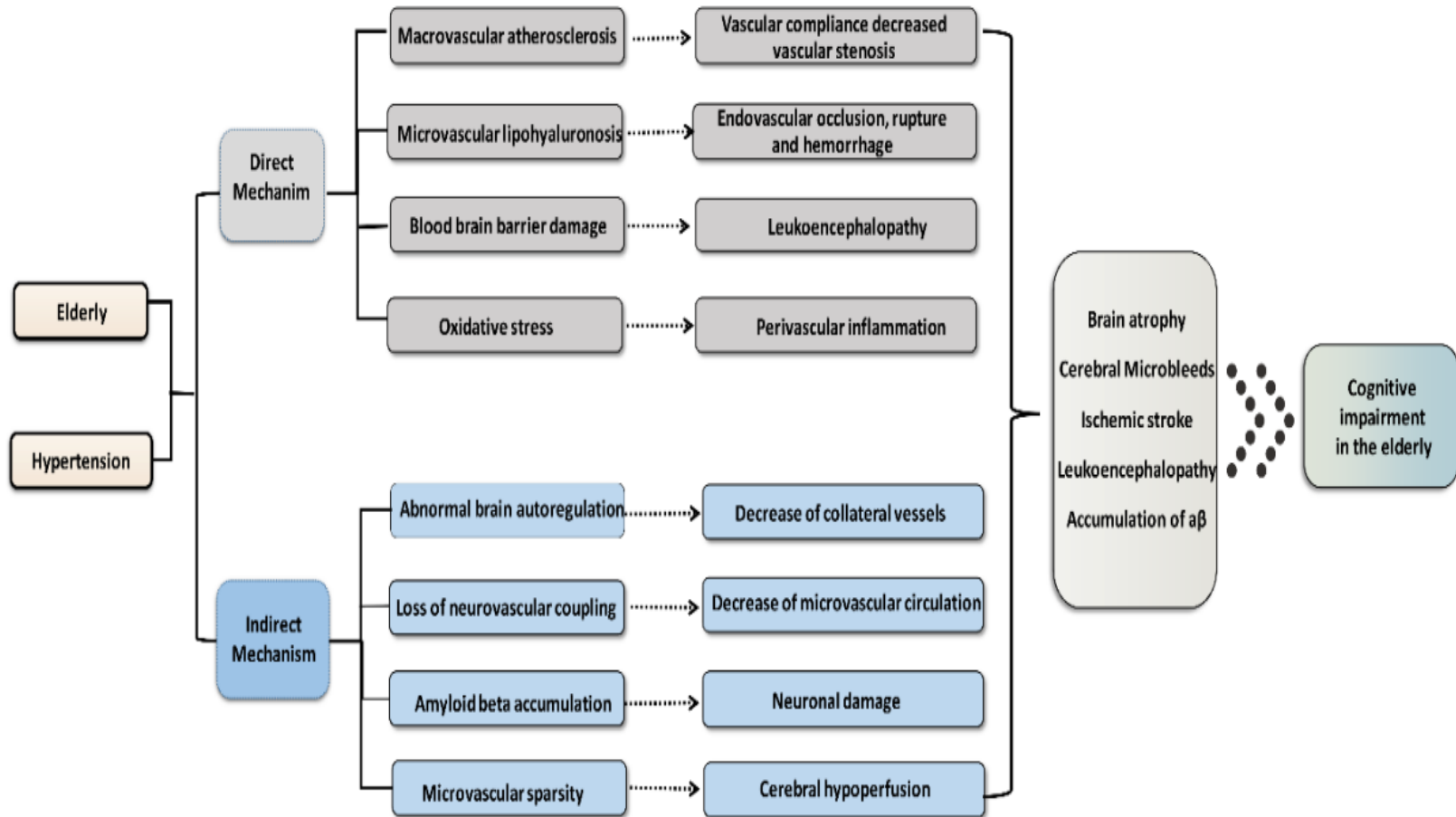




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Effects of Antihypertensive Drugs on Cognitive Function in Elderly Patients with Hypertension: A Review

Wei Yang*, Hongyu Luo, Yixin Ma, Sicong Si, Huan Zhao



The underlying mechanism of cognitive impairment caused by hypertension in the elderly

Blood pressure-lowering treatment for preventing recurrent stroke, major vascular events, and dementia in patients with a history of stroke or transient ischaemic attack (Review)

Zonneveld TP, Richard E, Vergouwen MDI, Nederkoorn PJ, de Haan RJ, Roos YBWEM, Kruyt ND

Death by any cause	35,110 (8 RCTs)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ Moderate ^a	RR 0.98 (0.91 to 1.05)	Study population	
				79 per 1000	2 fewer per 1000 (7 fewer to 4 more)
Dementia	6671 (2 RCTs)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	RR 0.88 (0.73 to 1.06)	Study population	
				67 per 1000	8 fewer per 1000 (18 fewer to 4 more)

^a**The risk in the intervention group** (and its 95% confidence interval) is based on the assumed risk in the comparison group and the **relative effect** of the intervention (and its 95% CI).

BPLDs: blood pressure-lowering drugs; **CI:** confidence interval; **HR:** hazard ratio; **RCT:** randomised controlled trial; **RR:** risk ratio.

Reducing the Risk of Dementia

Efficacy of Long-Term Treatment of Hypertension

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Helen Petrovitch, MD; Lenore J. Launer, PhD

Duration of Treatment With Antihypertensive Medications and Yearly Cognitive Function

	Midlife Hypertensives ^a Treatment History				Normotensives
	Years				
	Never	0–5	5–12	>12	
No.	121	171	138	342	414
Initial CASI score	83.05	82.86	82.56	83.03	81.58
CASI change/y	-1.46*‡	-1.22	-1.14†	-1.08	-1.01†

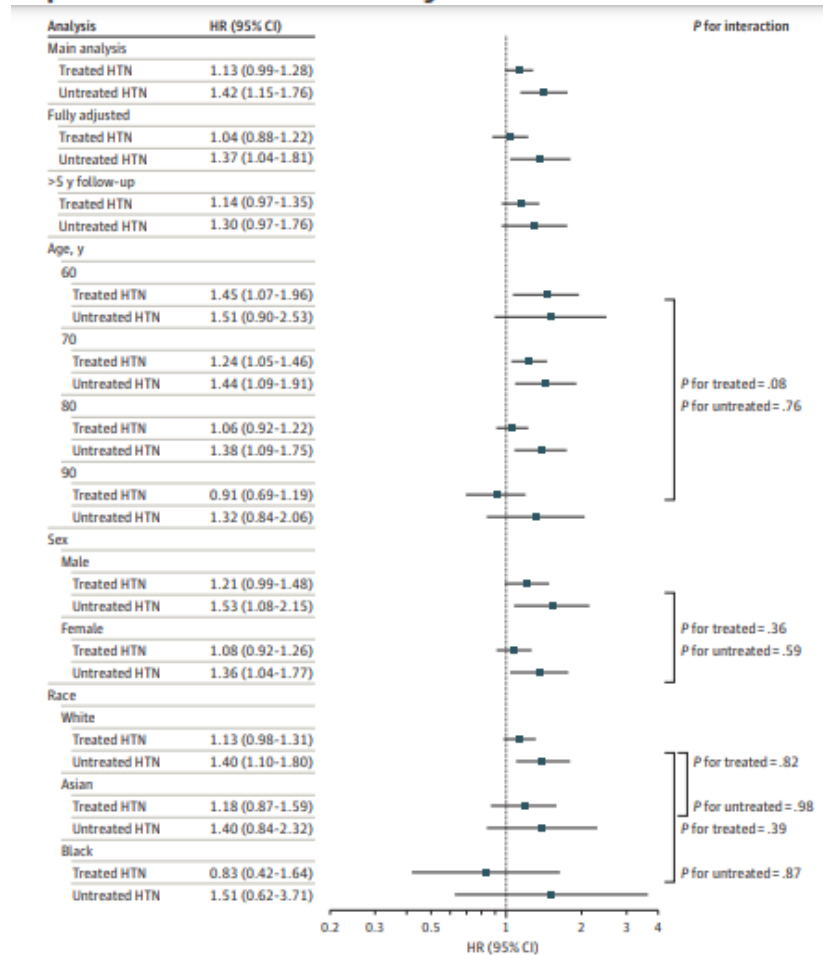
The untreated hypertensive group is the reference group for the analysis. **P* value <0.01 compared to a slope=0; †*P* value <0.05 compared to the reference group. The analysis was adjusted for age and age squared at baseline, education, *APOE* ε4 status, midlife (mean of exam 1, 2 and 3) and late-life (exam 4) blood pressure and smoking status.

The longer the duration of antihypertensive medication use, the significantly lower the risk for dementia

Results suggest that in hypertensive men, the duration of the antihypertensive treatment is associated with a reduced risk for dementia and cognitive decline

Use of Antihypertensives, Blood Pressure, and Estimated Risk of Dementia in Late Life

An Individual Participant Data Meta-Analysis



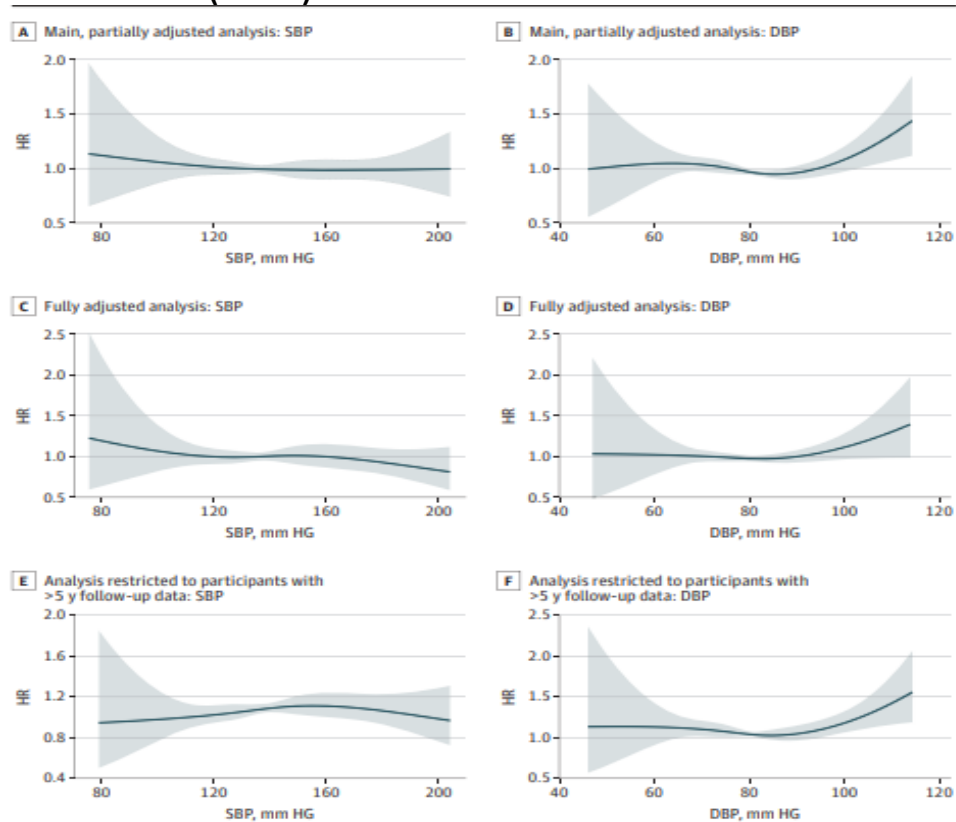
Association of Hypertension (HTN) and Antihypertensive Status With the Risk of All-Cause Dementia

This individual patient data meta-analysis of longitudinal cohort studies found that antihypertensive use was associated with decreased dementia risk compared with individuals with untreated hypertension through all ages in late life. Individuals with treated hypertension had no increased risk of dementia compared with healthy controls.

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The Associations of Systolic Blood Pressure (SBP) and Diastolic Blood Pressure (DBP) With Dementia Risk



A SINGLE MEASURE OF SBP OR DBP AT BASELINE HAD NO SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION with late-life dementia risk, and, corroborating extant hypertension guidelines,⁴⁶ it seems that more than 1 measure is needed to inform treatment

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