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## THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF COGNITIVE DISORDERS

Includes the treatment of primary diseases That lead to cognitive decline

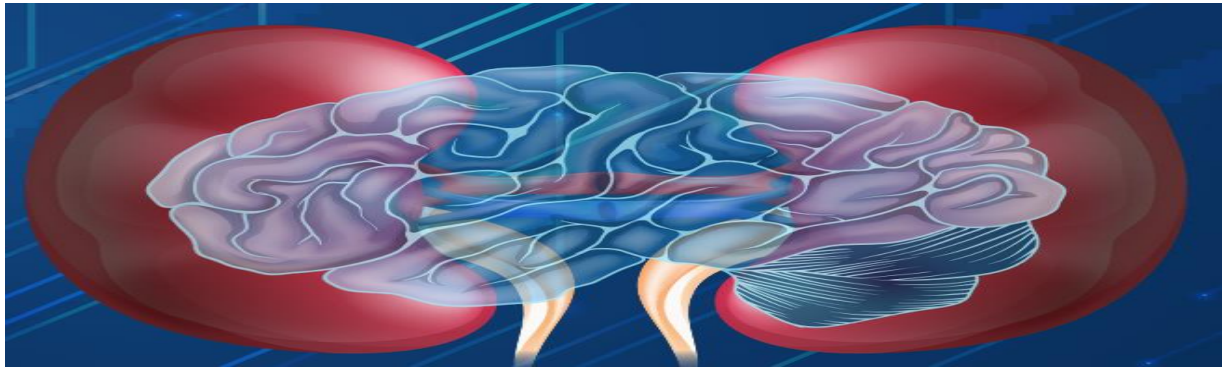
❖ **ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION**

❖ **ATHEROSCLEROSIS,**

❖ **HEART FAILURE**

❖ The control of neurological and psychopathological syndromes,

❖ The improvement of cerebral circulation and metabolism.



# **DRUGS OR STRATEGIES TO PREVENT COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION**

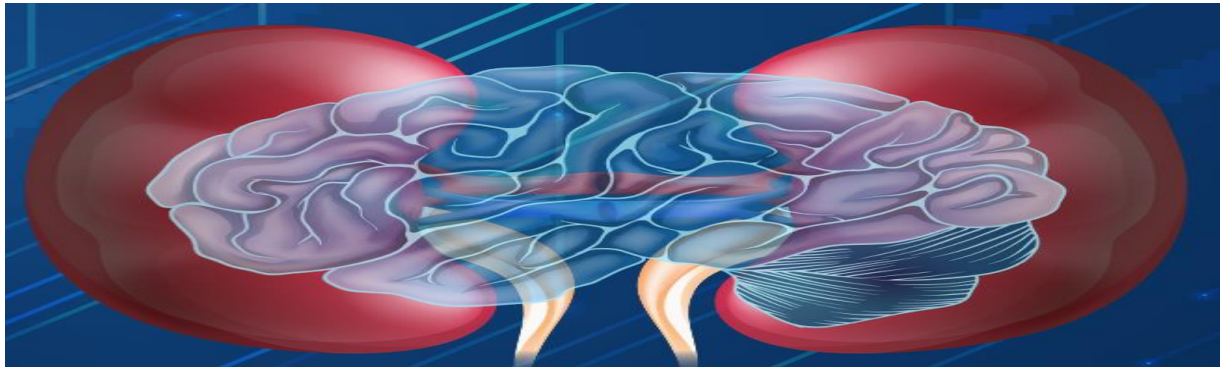
# DRUGS TO PREVENT COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION

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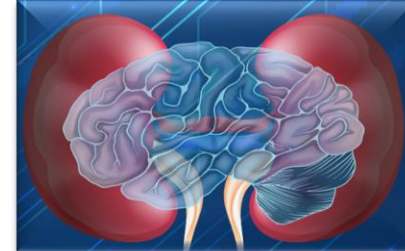
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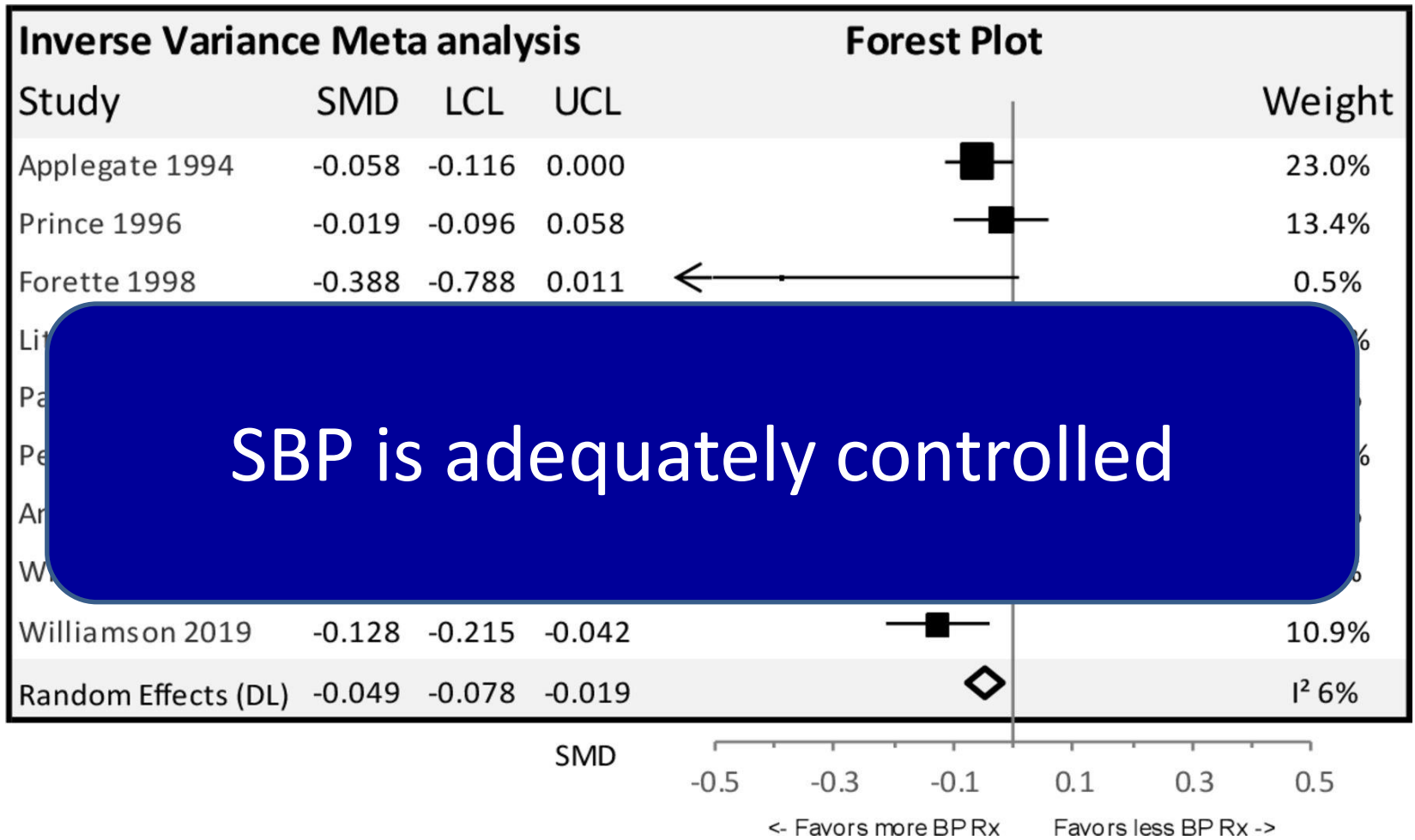
## 2023 ESH Guidelines for the management of arterial hypertension



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

Forest plot with the effect on cognition (SMD with 95% CI).



Aditi Gupta et al. *BMJ Open* 2020;10:e038971



# Reducing the Risk of Dementia

## Efficacy of Long-Term Treatment of Hypertension

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### Duration of Treatment With Antihypertensive Medication and Risk for Dementia, AD and VaD

	Dementia HR (95% CI)	AD HR (95% CI)	VaD HR (95% CI)
No.	1294	1251*	1205†
No. of cases	108	65	19
Duration of treatment (y)‡	0.94 (0.89–0.99)	0.96 (0.93–0.99)	0.94 (0.89–0.99)
Stratified by duration of treatment			
Never-treated hypertensives	1.00	1.00	1.00
Duration of treatment			
0–5 y	0.94 (0.52–1.72)	0.62 (0.27–1.43)	2.04 (0.6–6.9)
5–12 y	0.52 (0.24–1.09)	0.54 (0.21–1.36)	0.18 (0.10–1.71)
>12 y	0.40 (0.22–0.75)	0.35 (0.16–0.78)	0.32 (0.10–1.34)
Trend <i>P</i> value	0.001	0.014	0.009
Intreated normotensive	0.42 (0.20–0.89)	0.26 (0.10–0.66)	NA¶
Controlled BP§	0.45 (0.22–0.91)	0.24 (0.10–0.63)	0.42 (0.10–1.96)

In hypertensive men, the duration of the antihypertensive treatment is associated with a reduced risk for dementia and cognitive decline



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

✉ Thomas P Zonneveld, Edo Richard, Mervyn DI Vergouwen, Paul J Nederkoorn, Rob J de Haan, Yvo BWEM Roos,

Myocardial infarction	34,747 (6 RCTs)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	RR 0.90 (0.72 to 1.11)	Study population 21 per 1000	2 fewer per 1000 (6 fewer to 2 more)
Vascular death	34,747 (6 RCTs)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	RR 0.85 (0.76 to 0.95)	Study population 47 per 1,000	7 fewer per 1000 (11 fewer to 2 fewer)
Death by any cause	35,110 (8 RCTs)	⊕⊕⊕⊖ Moderate <sup>a</sup>	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)

<https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD007858.pub2>

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**The question if some antihypertensive drugs or strategies are better than others in preventing cognitive decline and dementia is still under debate**

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

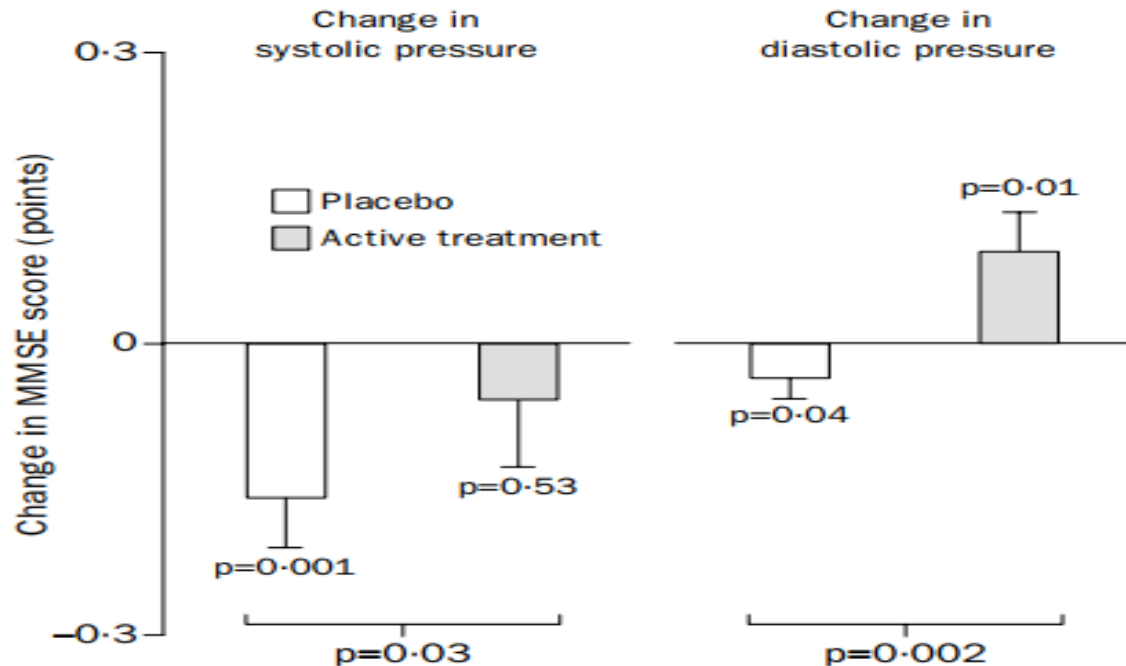


Figure 3: **Changes in MMSE score associated with mean decrease in systolic and diastolic blood pressure in placebo and active treatment groups**

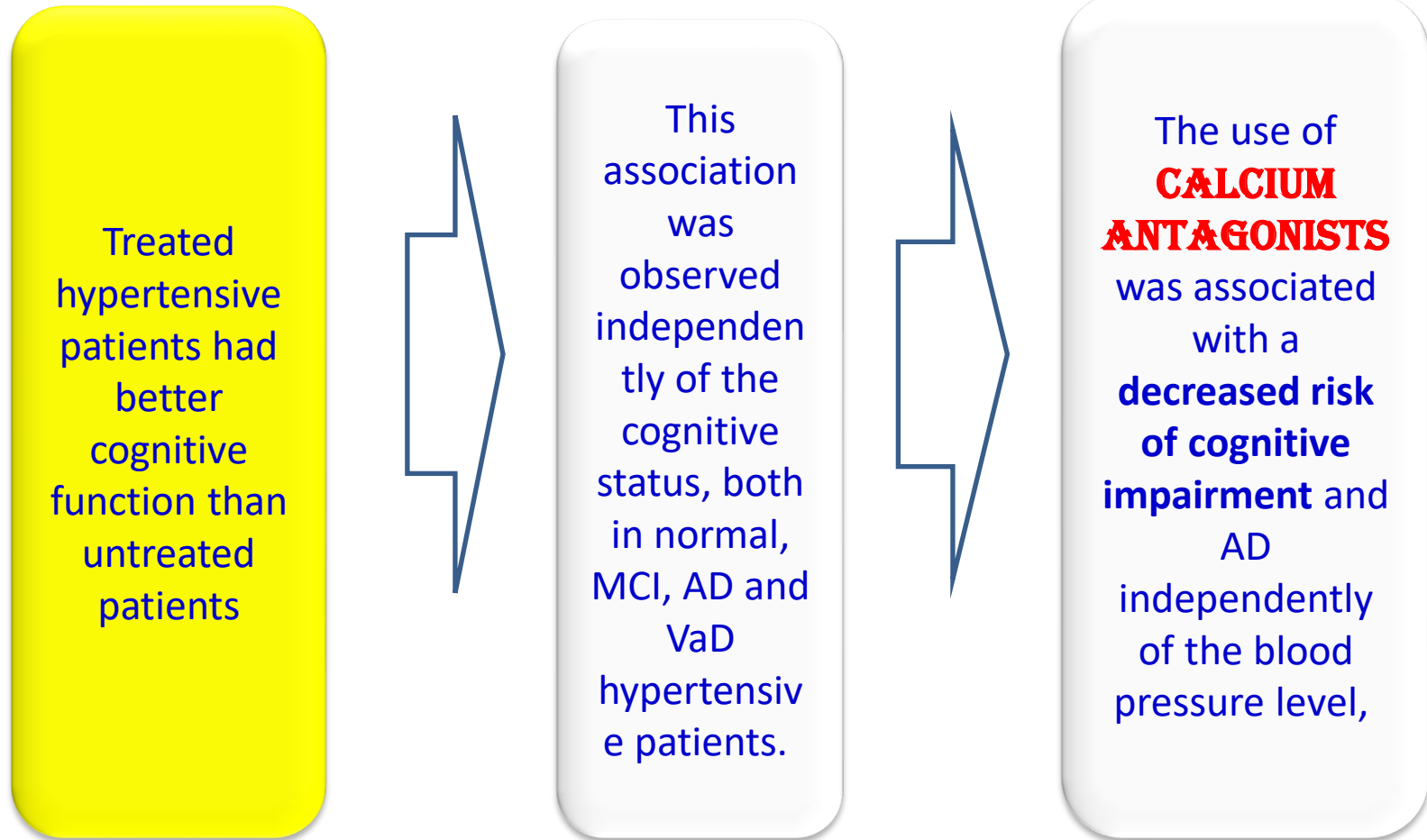
Association sizes adjusted for sex, age, educational level, previous cardiovascular complications, antihypertensive treatment before enrolment, smoking, and alcohol consumption at randomisation.

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.

# Relationship between antihypertensive drug therapy and cognitive function in elderly hypertensive patients with memory complaints

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# Antihypertensive classes, cognitive decline and incidence of dementia

## a network meta-analysis

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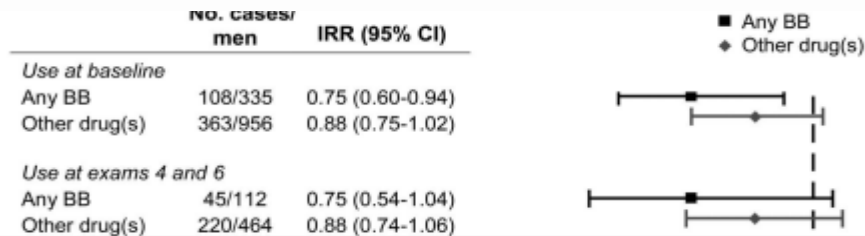
A systematic review and included 19 randomized trials (18 515 individuals) and 11 studies (831 674 individuals)

Antihypertensive treatment, regardless of the drug class, had benefits on overall cognition

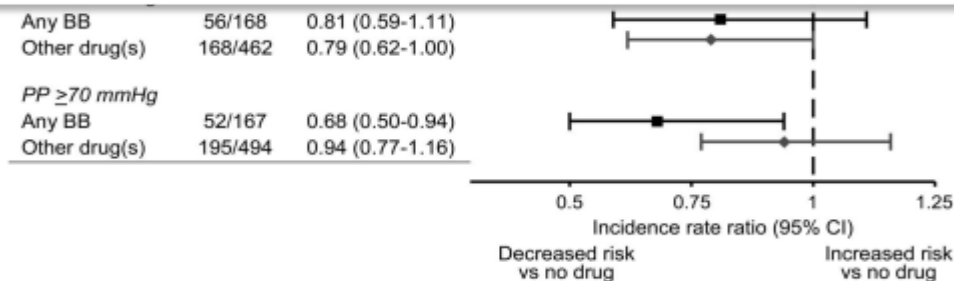
These effects may differ between drug classes **WITH ARBS** possibly being the most effective.

# Antihypertensive medication use and risk of cognitive impairment

The Honolulu-Asia Aging Study



In HAAS, the only antihypertensive drug category when considered at mean age of 7 years, which was associated with reduced cognitive impairment, was **β-blockers** (incidence rate ratio, 0.69; 95% CI, 0.50–0.94).<sup>187</sup>



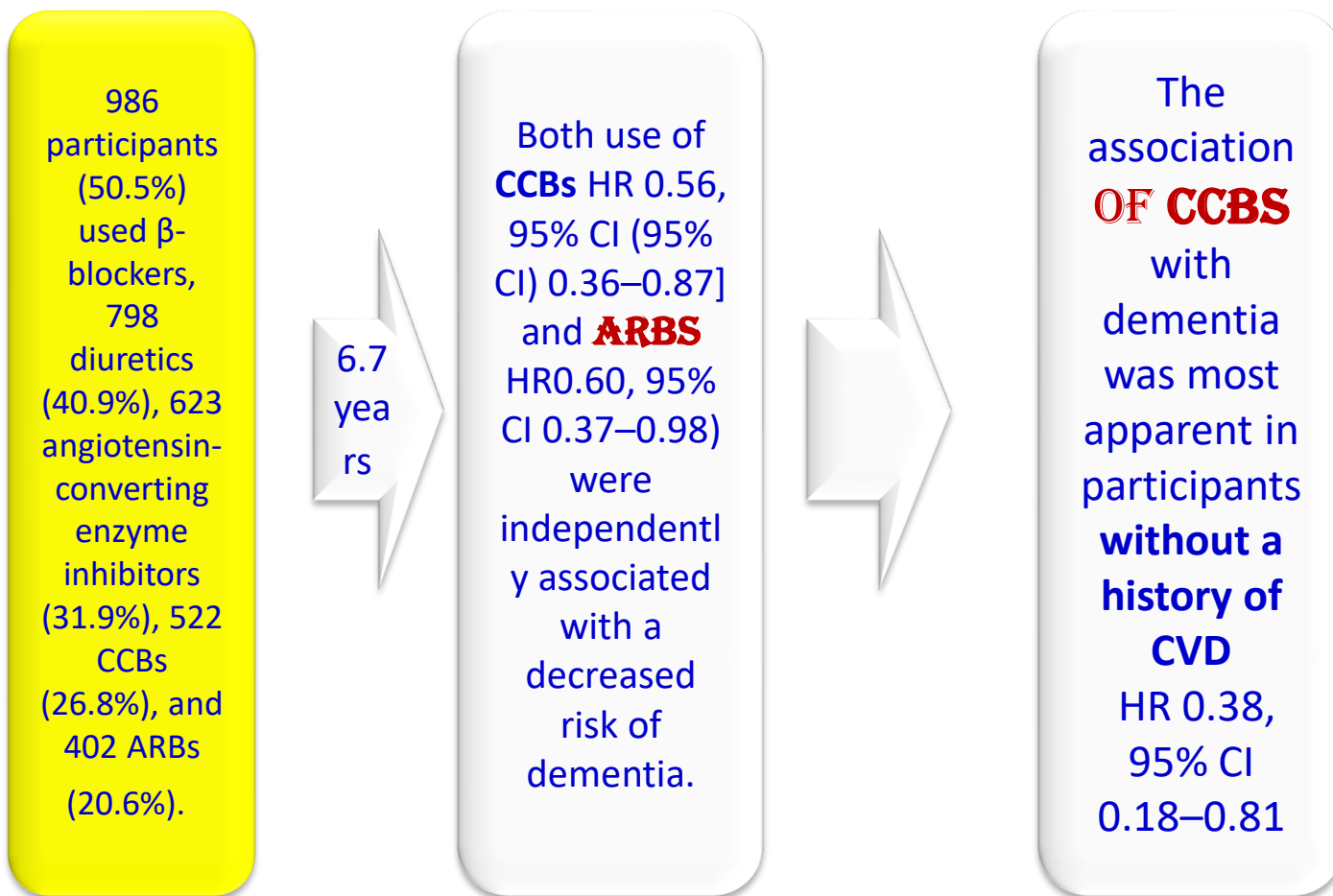
: b-blocker use is associated with a lower risk of developing cognitive impairment in elderly Japanese American men. (incidence rate ratio, 0.69; 95% CI, 0.50–0.94).

# Lower dementia risk with different classes of antihypertensive medication in older patients

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# Antihypertensive medication classes and the risk of dementia over a decade of follow-up

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		Total (N = 1907)	ACEi (N = 620)	ARB (N = 390)	Beta-blocker (N = 958)	CCB (N = 512)	Diuretic (N = 974)	Dihydropyridine CCB (N = 399)	ATII-stimulating AHM (N = 1180)
Sociodemographic									
Age (years)	Mean ± SD [Range]	74.5 ± 2.5 [69–80]	74.5 ± 2.5 [69–80]	74.3 ± 2.5 [69–79]	74.4 ± 2.5 [69–80]	74.5 ± 2.5 [69–80]	74.5 ± 2.5 [69–80]	74.4 ± 2.5 [69–80]	74.4 ± 2.5 [69–80]
Sex (female)	N (%)	1027 (53.9)	280 (45.2)	219 (56.2)	492 (51.4)	273 (53.3)	591 (60.7)	215 (53.9)	682 (57.8)
MMSE	Median [IQR]	28 [27–29]	28 [27–29]	29 [27–29]	28 [27–29]	29 [27–29]	29 [27–29]	29 [27–29]	29 [27–29]
Cardiovascular risk factors and medication use									
CVD history (yes)	N (%)	947 (49.7)	315 (50.8)	184 (47.2)	589 (61.5)	289 (56.4)	438 (45.0)	204 (51.1)	517 (43.8)
DM history (yes)	N (%)	501 (26.3)	233 (37.6)	110 (28.2)	240 (25.1)	154 (30.1)	301 (30.9)	126 (31.6)	332 (28.1)
SBP (mmHg)	Mean ± SD [Range]	156.2 ± 21.5 [100–232.5]	156.6 ± 21.9 [100–233]	156.5 ± 23.1 [103–222]	156.6 ± 22.5 [100–233]	155.8 ± 20.4 [109–218]	155.9 ± 21.5 [100–233]	157.5 ± 20.3 [109–218]	157.7 ± 21.0 [101–233]
DBP (mmHg)	Mean ± SD [Range]	81.4 ± 11.2 [50–131]	81.4 ± 11.9 [52–131]	81.5 ± 11.2 [55–118]	80.9 ± 11.4 [50–131]	79.4 ± 10.4 [52–125]	81.3 ± 10.8 [52–119]	79.7 ± 10.4 [52–125]	81.6 ± 10.9 [52–125]
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Mean ± SD	28.4 ± 4.3	28.2 ± 4.1	29.1 ± 4.6	28.3 ± 4.0	28.5 ± 4.2	28.9 ± 4.5	28.6 ± 4.1	28.7 ± 4.4
LDL (mg/dl)	Mean ± SD	112.0 ± 38.6	108.1 ± 34.8	112.0 ± 38.6	108.1 ± 34.8	108.1 ± 34.8	112.0 ± 38.6	108.1 ± 34.8	112.0 ± 38.6
Current smoking (yes)	N (%)	232 (12.2)	79 (12.7)	40 (10.3)	121 (12.6)	66 (12.9)	117 (12.0)	52 (13.0)	141 (11.9)
Physically active (yes)	N (%)	1565 (82.1)	493 (79.5)	321 (82.3)	797 (83.2)	414 (80.9)	778 (79.9)	325 (81.5)	974 (82.5)
Number of AHM	Median [IQR]	2 [2–3]	2 [2–3]	2 [2–3]	2 [1–3]	2 [2–3]	2 [2–3]	2 [2–3]	2 [2–3]

dividual participants are represented in different classes of antihypertensive medication when they use combination therapy. Data are presented as numbers (percentage), mean ± SD, median (IQR) or ranges. Physical activity was self-reported and defined according to WHO criteria. ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; AHM, antihypertensive medication; ARB, angiotensin II receptor blocker; BP, blood pressure; CCB, calcium channel blocker; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DM, diabetes mellitus; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; MMSE, Mini-Mental State Examination.

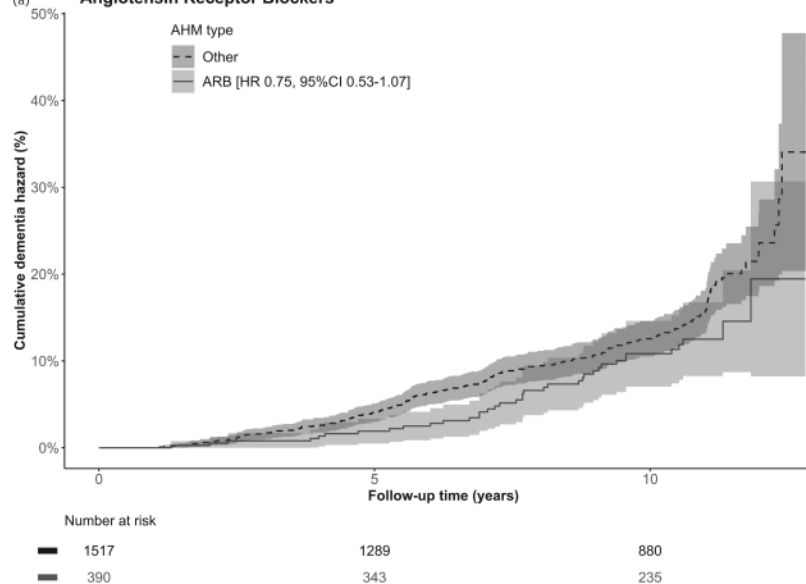
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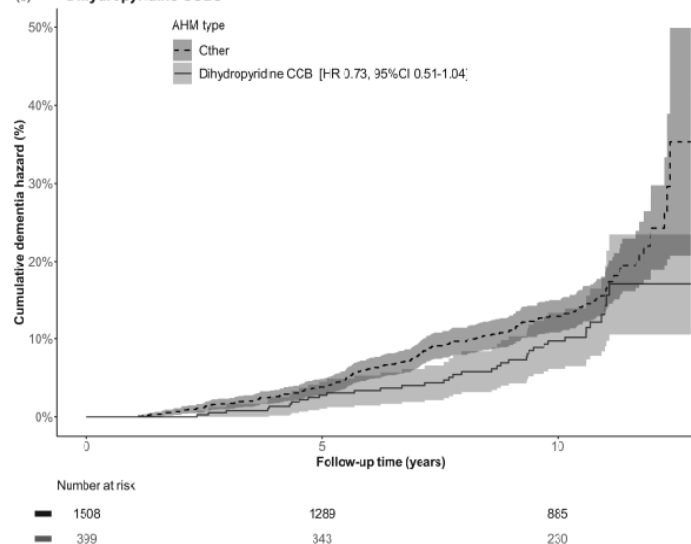
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(a) Angiotensin Receptor Blockers



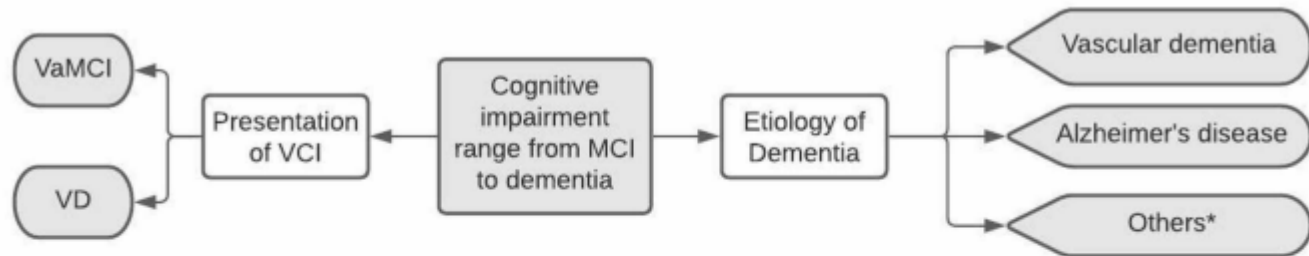
(b) Dihydropyridine CCBs



Use of **ARBs**, **dihydropyridine CCBs** and **ATII-stimulating antihypertensives** is associated with lower dementia risk over a decade, although associations attenuate over time. Apart from methodological aspects, differential effects of antihypertensive medication classes on incident dementia may in part be temporary, or decrease with ageing.

# The Association Between Hypertension and Cognitive Impairment, and the Role of Antihypertensive Medications: A Literature Review

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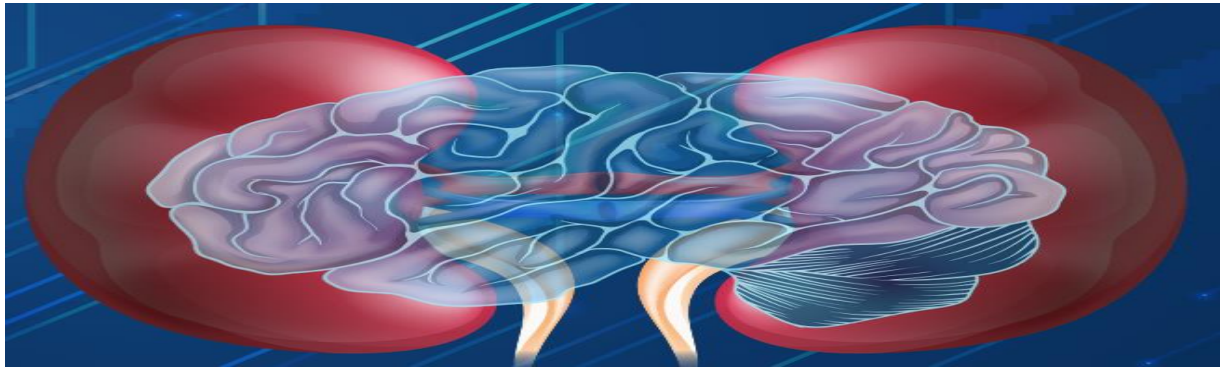


**FIGURE 2: Overview of different etiologies of dementia and the range of presentation of vascular cognitive impairment**

\*Other causes include frontotemporal dementia, Lewy body dementia, pseudodementia, HIV-associated dementia, etc.

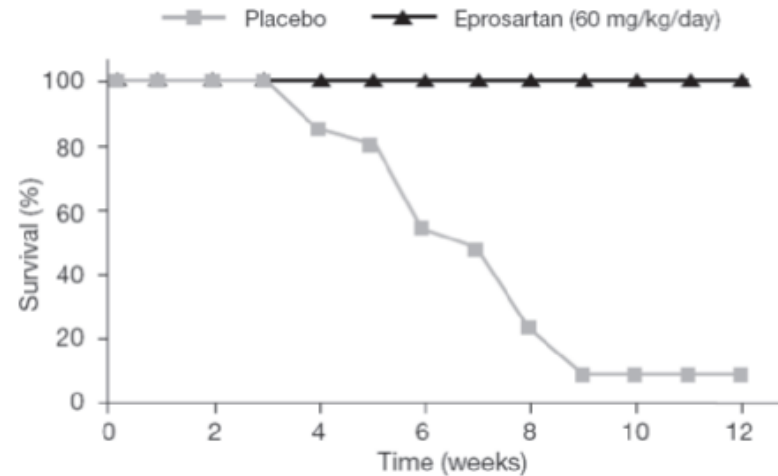
MCI: mild cognitive impairment, VCI: vascular cognitive impairment, VaMCI: vascular mild cognitive impairment, VD: vascular dementia

The STUDIES DID NOT SUGGEST A SUPERIORITY OF ANY SPECIFIC AHM CLASS to prevent CI. Further research on optimal hypertension treatment goals to prevent cognitive impairment and dementia is recommended.



**DRUGS OR STRATEGIES  
THE ROLE OF **RAS BLOCKERS** TO  
PREVENT COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION**

# Observational Study on Cognitive function And systolic blood pressure Reduction (OSCAR): preliminary analysis of 6-month data from > 10 000 patients and review of the literature



*Eprosartan-treated rats on a high-fat, high-salt diet exhibited zero mortality at week 12 compared with placebo-treated animals.*

Parameter	Change with eprosartan
Absolute change in BP from baseline to 6 months:	
SBP	-26.6 mmHg
DBP	-12.6 mmHg
Response to treatment from baseline to 6 months:	
Percentage of normalised patients*	61%
Percentage of responders† at final visit	91%
Absolute change in MMSE from baseline to 6 months:	
Overall population	0.9 ( $p < 0.001$ )
Elderly patients (70–80 years):	1.3
Adverse events:	
≥1 AE thought to be related to study treatment	1.4% ( $n = 154$ )
Serious AE	0.1% ( $n = 7$ )
Withdrawal due to AE	1.0% ( $n = 114$ )

*Changes in study endpoints with eprosartan at 6 months compared with baseline in patients in the OSCAR study*

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# Associations of Anti-Hypertensive Treatments with Alzheimer's Disease, Vascular Dementia, and Other Dementias

Associations of ACE-Is with dementia after sequentially excluding all prescriptions between one to eight years prior to diagnosis (lags)

Lag years <sup>a</sup>	Exposed		Unexposed		ORs (95% CI)	<i>p</i> -value
	Cases	Controls	Cases	Controls		
Probable or possible Alzheimer's disease						
0	1,959	14,794	3,606	21,631	0.79 (0.74–0.83)	<0.001
1	1,826	13,229	3,614	21,781	0.83 (0.78–0.88)	<0.001
2	1,624	11,730	3,514	21,571	0.85 (0.79–0.91)	<0.001
3	1,428	10,265	3,437	21,080	0.86 (0.80–0.92)	<0.001
4	1,239	8,832	3,288	20,366	0.88 (0.82–0.94)	<0.001
5	1,068	7,392	3,105	19,530	0.92 (0.85–0.99)	0.03
6	883	6,071	2,897	18,114	0.92 (0.84–1.00)	0.04
7	723	4,881	2,638	16,585	0.94 (0.86–1.03)	0.17
8	586	3,942	2,360	14,791	0.94 (0.85–1.04)	0.22
Probable vascular dementia						
0	841	14,794	1,222	21,631	0.82 (0.75–0.91)	<0.001
1	800	13,229	1,227	21,781	0.89 (0.81–0.98)	0.02
2	711	11,730	1,215	21,571	0.90 (0.82–1.00)	0.05
3	619	10,265	1,198	21,080	0.90 (0.81–1.00)	0.05
4	536	8,832	1,183	20,366	0.90 (0.81–1.01)	0.06
5	445	7,392	1,145	19,530	0.89 (0.79–1.00)	0.06
6	373	6,071	1,055	18,114	0.92 (0.81–1.04)	0.20
7	312	4,881	974	16,585	0.95 (0.83–1.09)	0.50
8	254	3,942	897	14,791	0.94 (0.81–1.09)	0.45



# Associations of Anti-Hypertensive Treatments with Alzheimer's Disease, Vascular Dementia, and Other Dementias

Associations of ARBs with dementia after sequentially excluding all prescriptions between one to eight years prior to diagnosis (lags)

Lag years <sup>a</sup>	Exposed		Unexposed		ORs (95% CI)	<i>p</i> -value
	Cases	Controls	Cases	Controls		
Probable or possible Alzheimer's disease						
0	232	2,741	3,606	21,631	0.49 (0.43–0.56)	<0.001
1	209	2,271	3,614	21,781	0.54 (0.47–0.63)	<0.001
2	176	1,789	3,514	21,571	0.59 (0.50–0.69)	<0.001
3	132	1,378	3,437	21,080	0.57 (0.48–0.69)	<0.001
4	90	979	3,288	20,366	0.56 (0.45–0.70)	<0.001
5	58	657	3,105	19,530	0.54 (0.41–0.71)	<0.001
6	34	418	2,897	18,114	0.50 (0.35–0.71)	<0.001
7	18	240	2,638	16,585	0.46 (0.28–0.75)	0.002
8	9	128	2,360	14,791	0.43 (0.22–0.84)	0.01
Probable vascular dementia						
0	123	2,741	1,222	21,631	0.70 (0.57–0.85)	<0.001
1	114	2,271	1,227	21,781	0.79 (0.65–0.97)	0.02
2	100	1,789	1,215	21,571	0.88 (0.71–1.09)	0.25
3	83	1,378	1,198	21,080	0.93 (0.74–1.18)	0.57
4	64	979	1,183	20,366	1.00 (0.77–1.31)	0.98
5	42	657	1,145	19,530	0.96 (0.69–1.33)	0.81
6	25	418	1,055	18,114	0.92 (0.61–1.39)	0.70
7	11	240	974	16,585	0.69 (0.37–1.27)	0.23
8	6	128	897	14,791	0.63 (0.28–1.46)	0.28

There were inverse dose-response relationships between ARBs and ACE-Is with AD (both *ptrend* < 0.01). The inverse association of ACE-Is with AD diminished when using longer time lags but the ARB-AD association persisted.

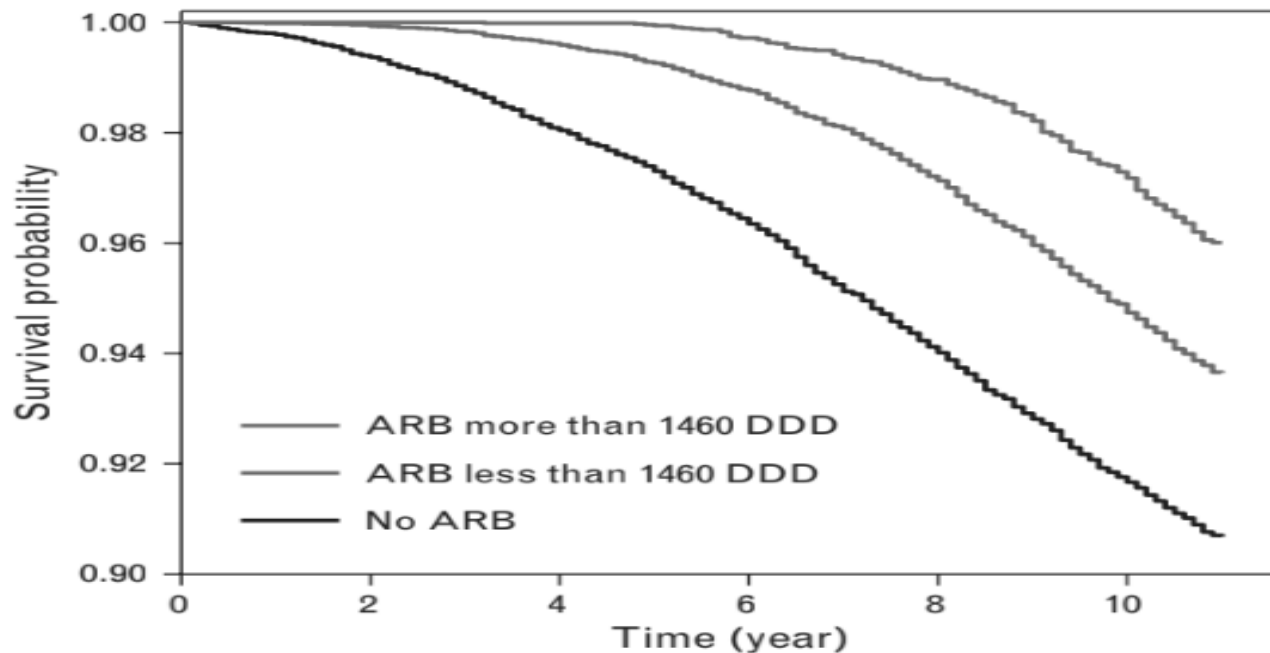
Patients with AD were around half as likely to be prescribed ARBs.



# Angiotension receptor blockers reduce the risk of dementia

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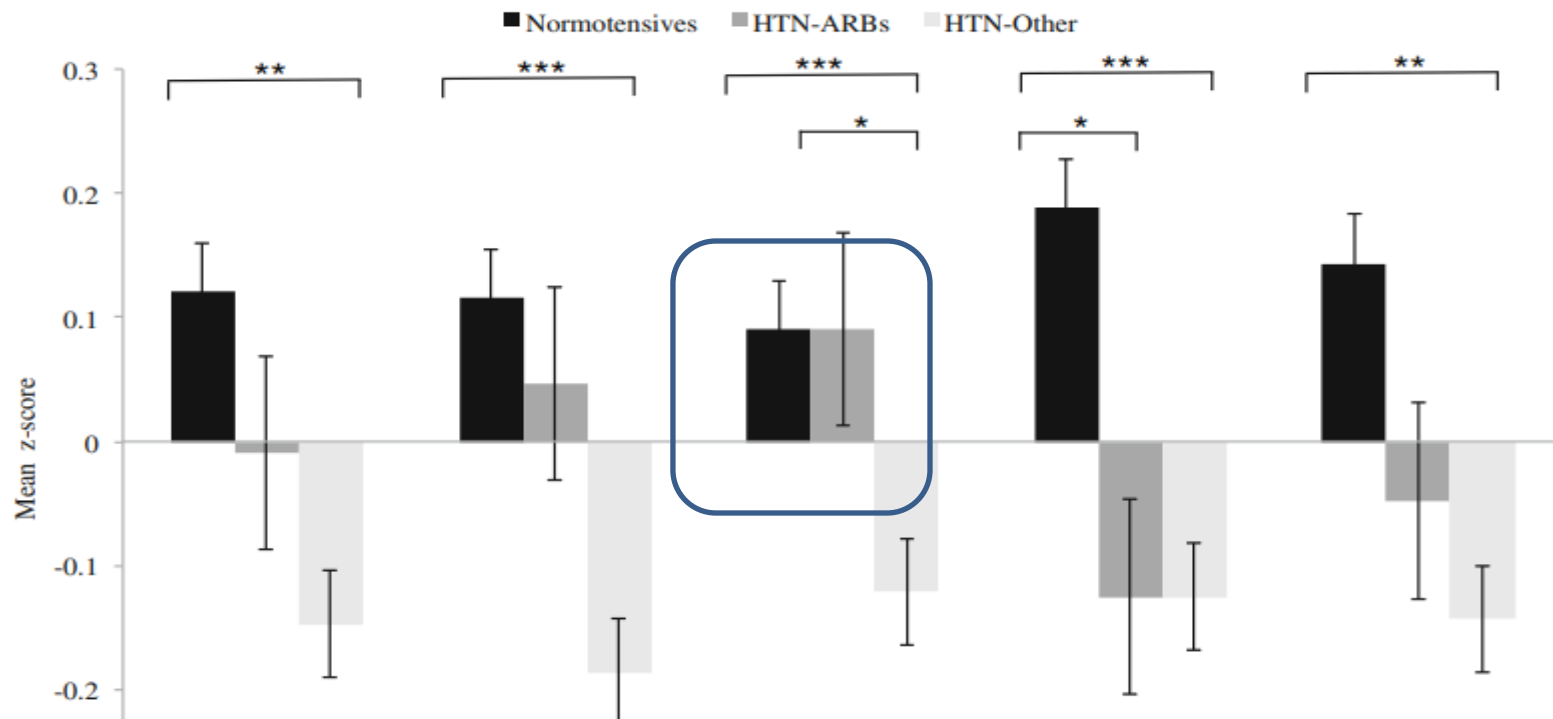


Kaplan–Meier curves of the cumulative incidence of dementia without adjustment in the groups with more than 4-year DDD (n 1/4 6726), less than 4-year

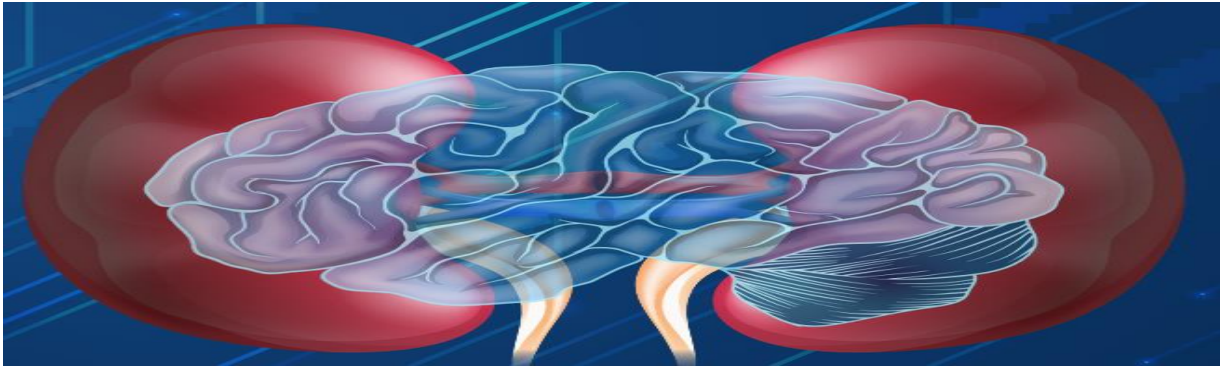
DDD (n 1/4 17 805) and without ARB (n 1/4 24 531) therapy in 11-year ARB cohort

# Memory is preserved in older adults taking AT1 receptor blockers

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The participants who took other antihypertensive drugs that were not angiotensin II receptor blockers (HTN-Other) performed worse on tests of memory, attention, and executive function than normotensive subjects. However, angiotensin II receptor blocker users (HTN-ARBs) did not differ from normotensive subjects on memory function and demonstrated better recognition memory than those taking other antihypertensive medications. \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . RAVLT Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test



**THE PHENOMENON  
OF AT1 BLOCKERS**

# RAS localization in the brain

**Angiotensinogen**, the main precursor of all angiotensin peptides, is mostly produced within **astrocytes** (90%) in nearly all regions of the brain. It is then secreted and converted to several neuroactive peptides

Angiotensinogen and renin are co-expressed in several areas of the brain, including the CA1–3 region of the hippocampus

# RAS localization in the brain

RAS system is composed of three essential axis that exert beneficial effects –

**ACE 1/Ang II/AT2R;**

**ACE 2/Ang (1- 7)/MasR;**

**Ang IV/ AT4R(IRAP) –**

and one that is

responsible for the deleterious effects – **ACE 1/Ang II/AT1R.**

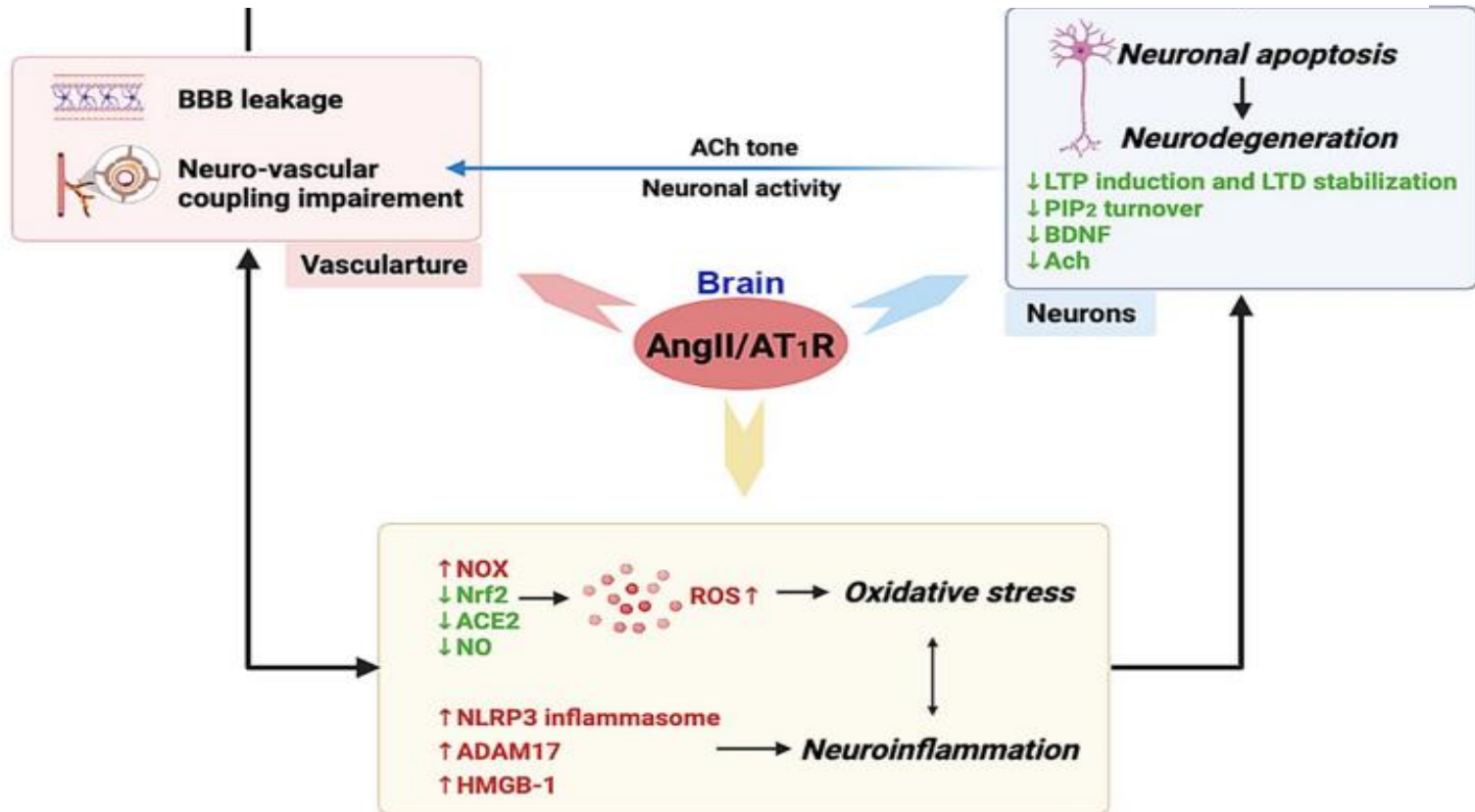
They complement each other in perfect harmony and their relevance on learning and memory

**The ACE 1/Ang II/AT1R** has been linked to the deleterious effects of the systemic and brain RAS.

In fact, it is thought to be responsible for anncrement of the oxidative stress, neuroinflammation, BBB permeability, astrocytes dysfunction and a decrease in CBF (Mogi et al., 2012).

# AT1 Receptors: Their Actions from Hypertension to Cognitive Impairment

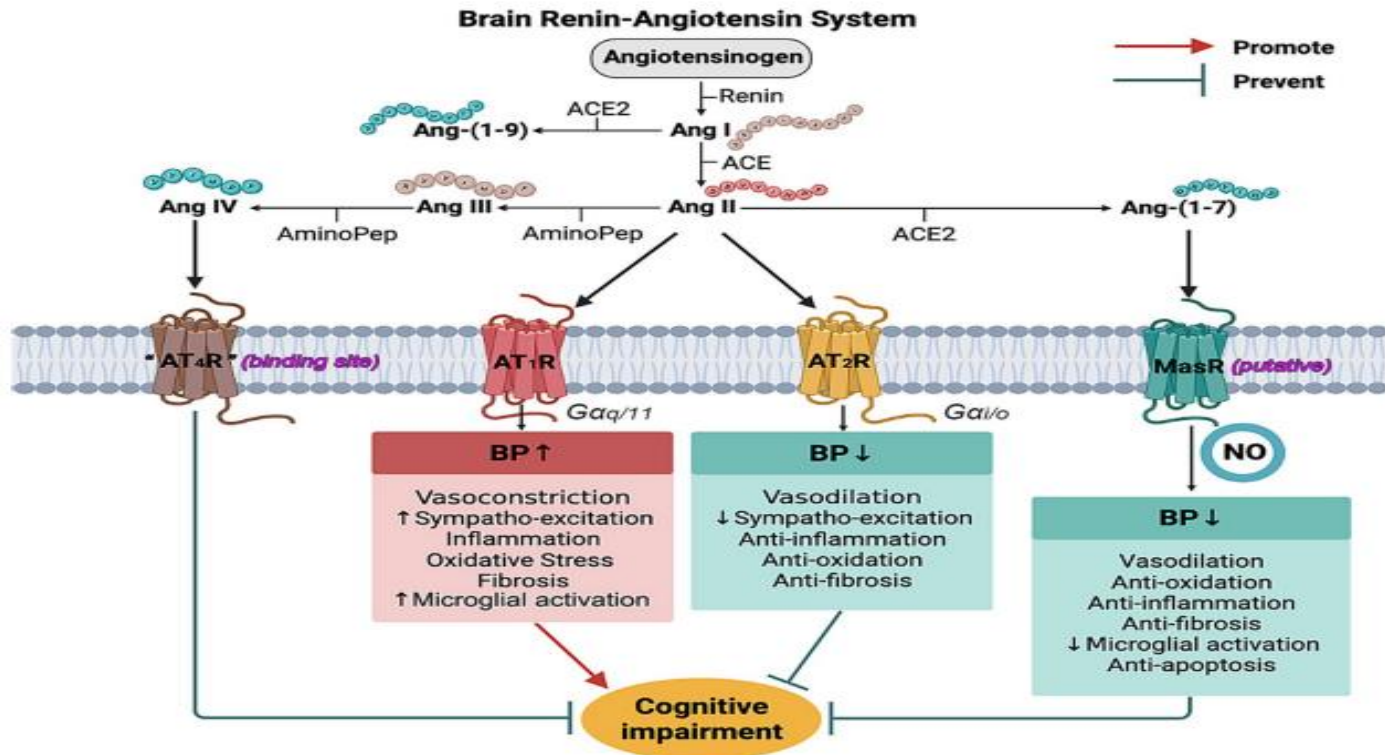
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Schematic illustration of how brain AT<sub>1</sub>R promotes neurodegeneration and cognitive impairment. Neurodegeneration and vascular dysfunction are not independent of each other. For one thing, they share similar signaling pathways, as shown in the yellow bubble. For another, during hypertension, vascular dysfunction could be a key trigger for neurodegeneration, while changed acetylcholine (ACh) tone and neuronal activity would further compromise the functional hyperemia. Possible roles of AT<sub>1</sub>R in etiology of cognitive impairment.

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In general, Ang-II/AT1R pathway induces deleterious impact on cognitive function, promoting cognitive impairment, while the others exhibit protective effects at different levels

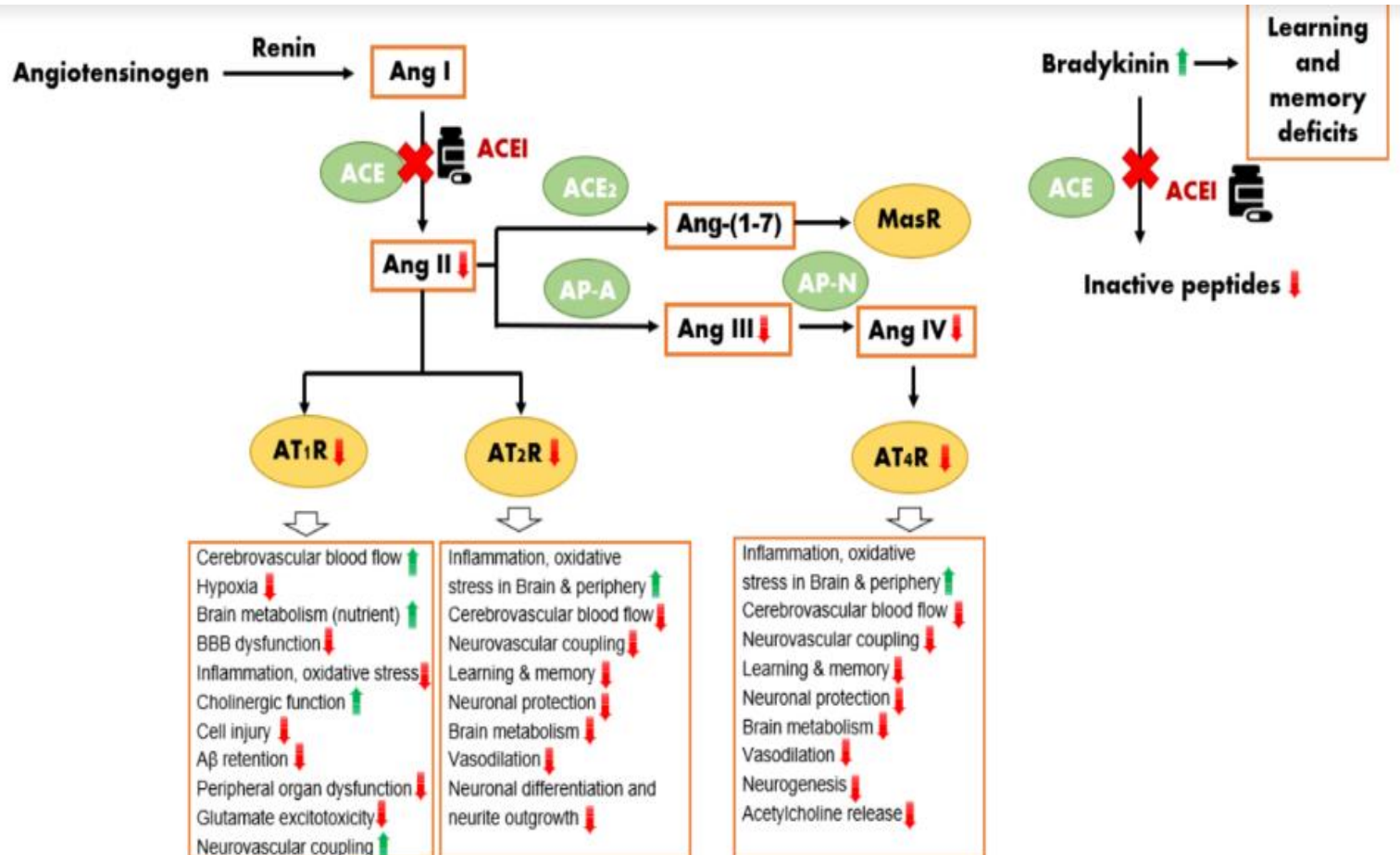




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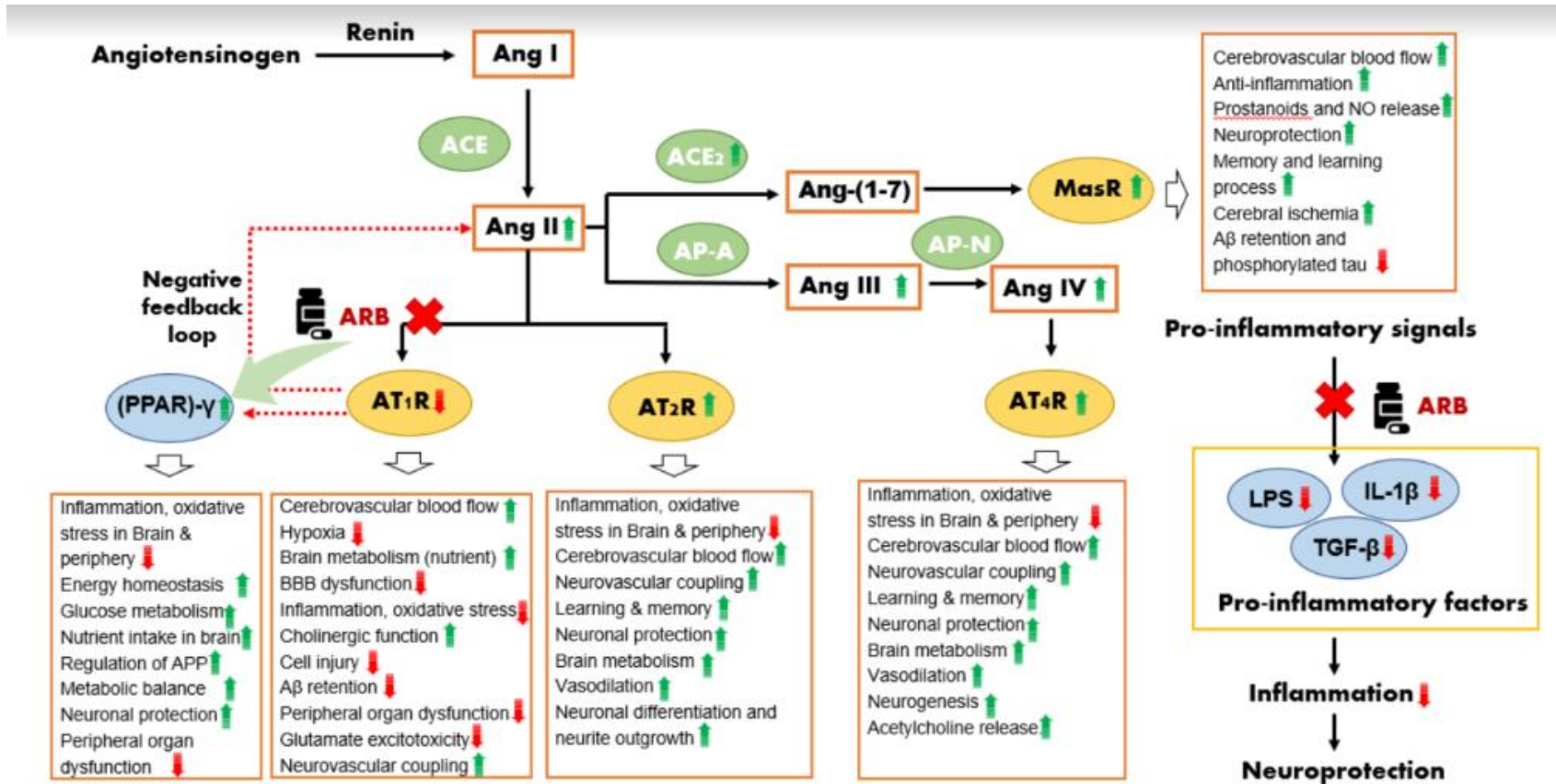




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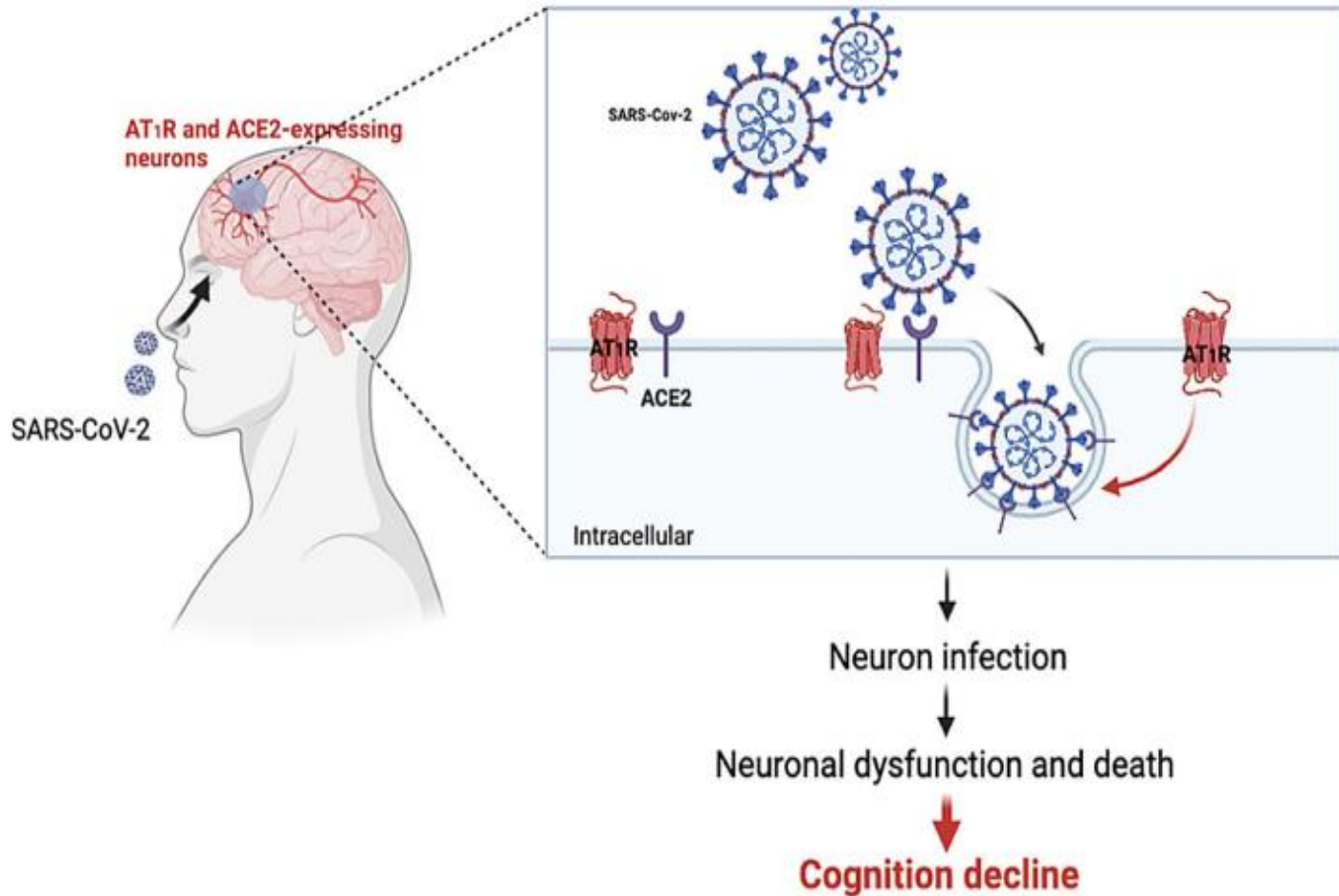
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**THE BENEFITS ARE PRIMARILY  
ATTRIBUTED TO THE ARB'S EFFECT**

Modulating the renin-angiotensin

- ❖ inhibiting the Ang II/AT1R pathway
- ❖ activating the Ang II/AT2R,
- ❖ activating Ang IV/AT4R,
- ❖ activating and Ang-(1-7)/MasR



**PLEIOTROPIC NEUROCOGNITIVE  
BENEFITS**

- ❖ reduced  $\beta$ -amyloid accumulation
- ❖ abnormal hyperphosphorylation of tau,
- ❖ ameliorated brain hypofusion,
- ❖ reduced neuroinflammation and synaptic dysfunction,
- ❖ better neurotoxin clearing,
- ❖ blood-brain barrier function restoration.

**ACEIS EFFECT  
COUNTERBALANCE THE  
POTENTIAL BENEFITS**

- ❖ inhibit AT1R

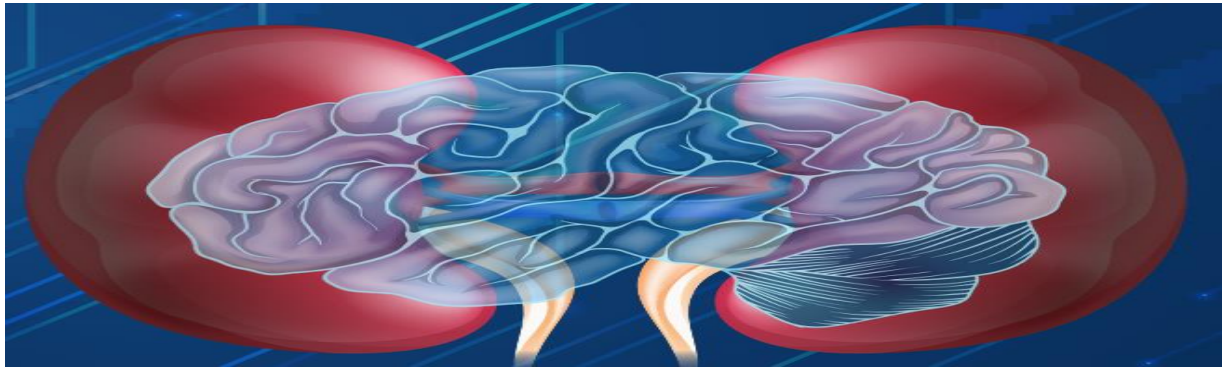


- ❖ Simultaneously lower Ang II
- ❖ Block the Ang II/AT2R pathway
- ❖ Block the Ang IV/AT4R pathways



# EFFECTS OF ARBS ON IN VITRO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE MODELS

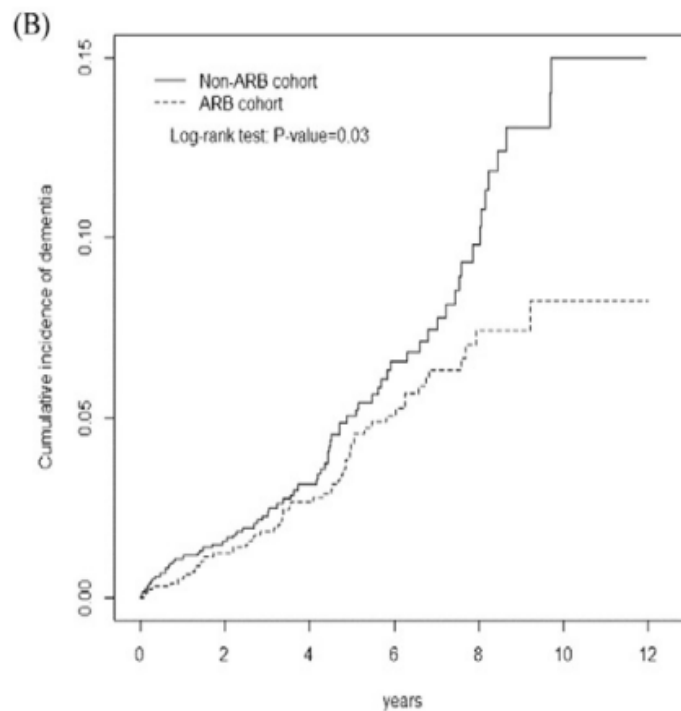
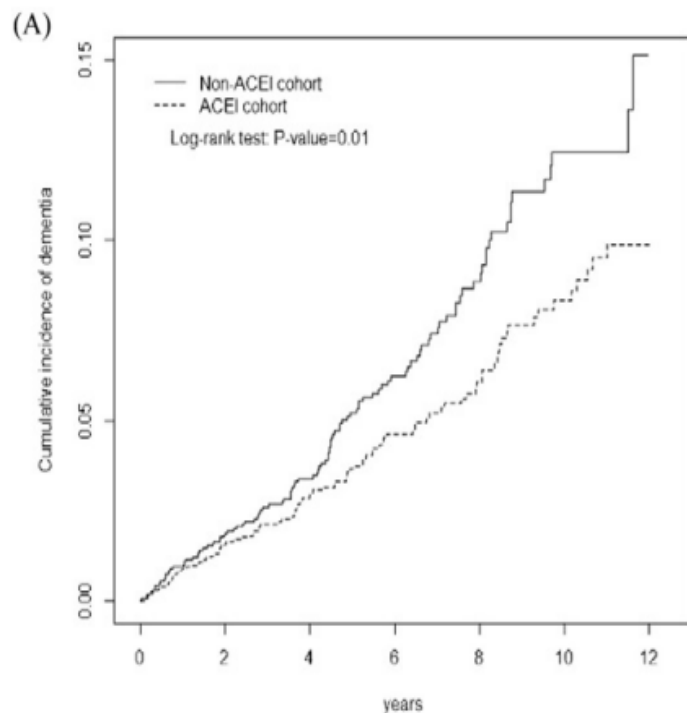
Telmisartan-	BV2 microglial cells	5 $\mu$ M	-ELISA for quantification of TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ and IL-10;	$\downarrow$ IL-1 $\beta$ and TNF- $\alpha$ ; $\uparrow$ IL-10; Inhibited NF- $\kappa$ B;	(Wang et al., 2019)
	-BV2 microglial cells- Primary rat neonatal glial cells and microglia	1 and 5 $\mu$ M	-Griess reaction to measure supernatant nitrite concentration as an indicator of NO production; -ELISA for quantification of TNF- $\alpha$ and IL-1 $\beta$ ;	$\downarrow$ Akt and ERK phosphorylation; $\downarrow$ NO, iNOS, IL-1 $\beta$ and TNF- $\alpha$ ;	(Torika et al., 2016a)
	CGCs	1–20 $\mu$ M	-Measurement of LDH activity (cell viability); -TUNEL and DAPI staining to determine apoptotic morphology of CGCs; -Apoptotic DNA fragmentation assay; -Measurement of caspase-3 activity; -Quantitative real-time PCR to determine gene expression; -Electrophoretic mobility shift assay; -Western blotting to quantify $\beta$ -Actin, pAkt, Akt, pGSK-3 $\beta$ , GSK-3 $\beta$ , pERK1/2, ERK1/2, MAP-2;	$\downarrow$ LDH release; $\downarrow$ TUNEL stained cells and caspase-3 levels; $\downarrow$ IL-1 $\beta$ and COX-2 mRNA expression; $\uparrow$ Gene expression of PPAR- $\gamma$ ; $\downarrow$ Akt dephosphorylation, GSK-3 $\beta$ dephosphorylation and ERK1/2 phosphorylation;	(Wang et al., 2014a)
	SK-N-SH neuroblastoma cell line	1–10 $\mu$ M	-Real-time PCR to determine gene expression; -Western blotting to determine NF $\kappa$ B-p65 nuclear translocation; -Measurement of reactive oxygen species; -NADPH oxidase activity assay; -Ang II measurement by enzyme immunoassay;	$\downarrow$ COX-2 mRNA and PGE <sub>2</sub> release; $\downarrow$ NOX-4 expression, ROS production and NADPH oxidase activity; $\downarrow$ JNK and c-Jun phosphorylation; No effect on either p38 MAPK and ERK1/2 phosphorylation; No effect on I $\kappa$ B- $\alpha$ mRNA expression or the NF $\kappa$ B-p65 protein nuclear translocation;	(Pang et al., 2012)
	-C6 Rat astrocytoma cell line- BV2 murine microglial cell line;	1 pM, 1 nM, and 1 $\mu$ M	-MTT assay to measure cell viability; -ELISA to quantify TNF $\alpha$ , IL-10, Ang II; -to measure supernatant nitrite concentration as an indicator of NO production; -Fluorescent dye DCF-DA to quantify ROS;	No evidence of cytotoxicity; Ameliorated LPS-induced gliosis (all concentrations); Prevented morphological alterations (all concentrations); $\downarrow$ AT1R levels but not Ang II levels;	(Bhat et al., 2016)



# CLINICAL TRIALS



# Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors and angiotensin II receptor blockers reduced dementia risk in patients with diabetes mellitus and hypertension



ACEIs and ARBs may effectively prevent all-cause dementia, particularly VD, in patients with type 2DM and hypertension. Moreover, compared with ACEIs, **ARBs appear to be more advantageous in dementia prevention**

# Neuroprotective effect of angiotensin II receptor blockers on the risk of incident Alzheimer's disease: A nationwide population-based cohort study

RAS inhibitor type and blood–brain barrier (BBB) permeability on the risk of AD

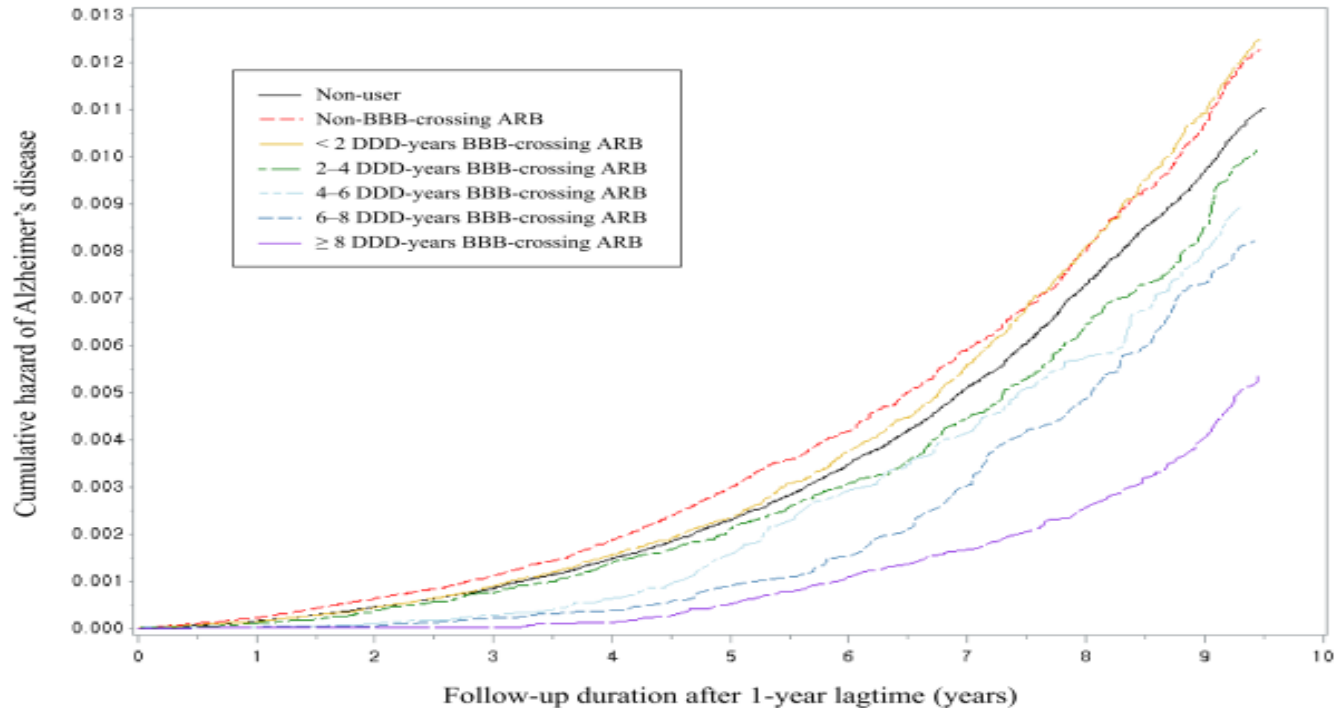


FIGURE 2  
Kaplan–Meier curves for the cumulative hazard of Alzheimer's disease with a 2 defined daily dose (DDD)-year interval by blood–brain barrier (BBB)-crossing angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs).

Long-term use of BBB-crossing ARBs significantly reduced the risk of AD development. The finding may provide valuable insight into diseasemodifying drug options for preventing AD in patients with cardiovascular diseases

- Poor **BBB-crossing ACEIs** (alacepril, benazepril, cilazapril, enalapril, imidapril, moexipril, and quinapril),
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- poor BBB-crossing ARBs (eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, and olmesartan),
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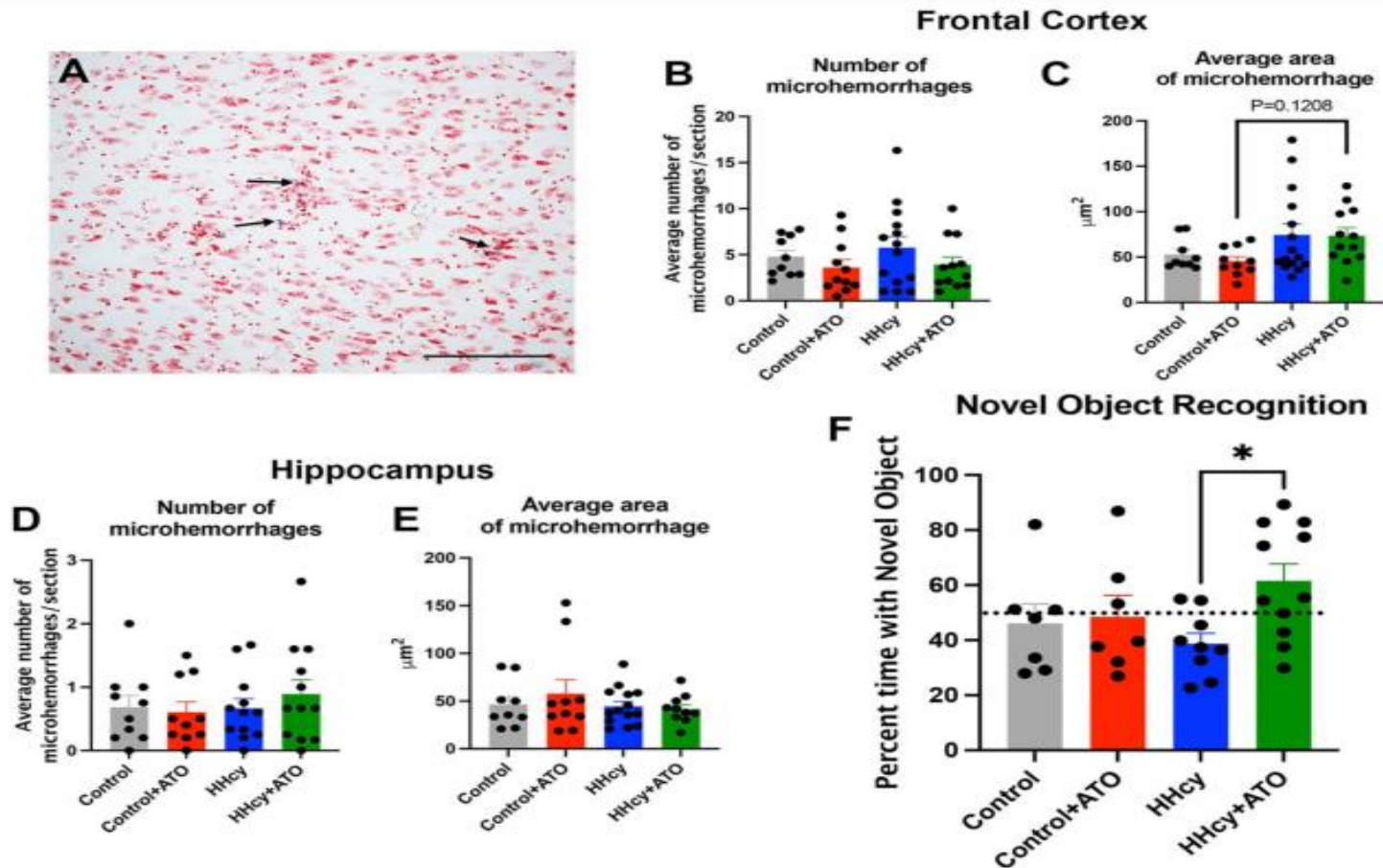
HYPOLIPIDEMICS DRUGS

SGLT2 INHIBITORS



# Atorvastatin rescues hyperhomocysteinemia-induced cognitive deficits and neuroinflammatory gene changes

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# Statins and Your Memory

“Forget” About It?\*

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Potential mechanisms of interest and concern included extremely low cholesterol level and its impact on the brain; alternatively, statin-specific effects were also considered, especially regarding water- versus lipid-soluble statins and their ability to cross the blood-brain barrier, resulting in subsequent toxicity.



Statins were not associated with incident dementia, mild cognitive impairment, or cognitive change

# Effect of Statin Therapy on Cognitive Decline and Incident Dementia in Older Adults



This post hoc observational study included data from 18,446 ASPREE participants  $\geq 65$  years of age who had no prior CVD events, dementia, or major physical disability and were followed for a median of 4.7 years

**TABLE 4** Changes in Composite Cognition and Domain-Specific Cognition Over Time Between Statin Users and Nonusers and Between Hydrophilic and Lipophilic Statin Users

	Baseline			Cognitive Change Over Time		
	$\beta^*$	SE	p Value†	$\beta^\ddagger$	SE	p Value†
<b>Statin users vs. nonusers</b>						
3MS (global function)	-0.303	0.067	<0.001	0.006	0.021	0.79
SDMT (psychomotor speed)	0.053	0.142	0.71	0.033	0.028	0.24
COWAT (language, executive function)	-0.050	0.069	0.47	0.020	0.017	0.22
HVLT-R delayed recall (episodic memory)	-0.166	0.043	<0.001	-0.005	0.010	0.62
Composite z score	-0.033	0.010	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.13
<b>Hydrophilic statins vs. lipophilic statins</b>						
3MS (global function)	-0.095	0.118	0.42	-0.001	0.041	0.98
SDMT (psychomotor speed)	-0.159	0.248	0.52	-0.009	0.052	0.86
COWAT (language, executive function)	-0.222	0.119	0.06	-0.005	0.030	0.87
HVLT-R delayed recall (episodic memory)	-0.063	0.073	0.39	0.030	0.019	0.12
Composite z score	-0.024	0.018	0.18	0.000	0.003	0.97

**CONCLUSIONS** In adults  $> 65$  years of age, statin therapy was not associated with incident dementia, MCI, or declines in individual cognition domains. These findings await confirmation from ongoing randomized trials. (



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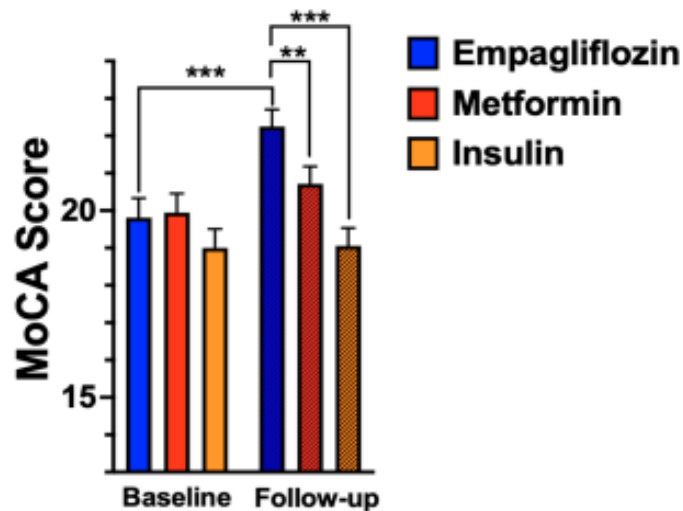
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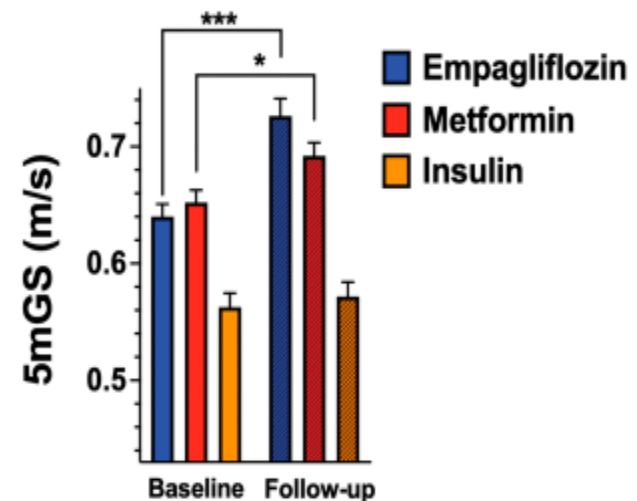
# Empagliflozin Improves Cognitive Impairment in Frail Older Adults With Type 2 Diabetes and Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction

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**Figure 1**—MoCA score in the empagliflozin, metformin, and insulin groups evaluated at baseline and follow-up. Data are means  $\pm$  SD. \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ .



**Figure 2**—The 5mGS in the empagliflozin, metformin, and insulin groups measured at baseline and follow-up. Data are means  $\pm$  SD. \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ .

This study is the first to show significant beneficial effects of the SGLT2 inhibitor empagliflozin on cognitive and physical impairment in frail older adults with diabetes and HFpEF

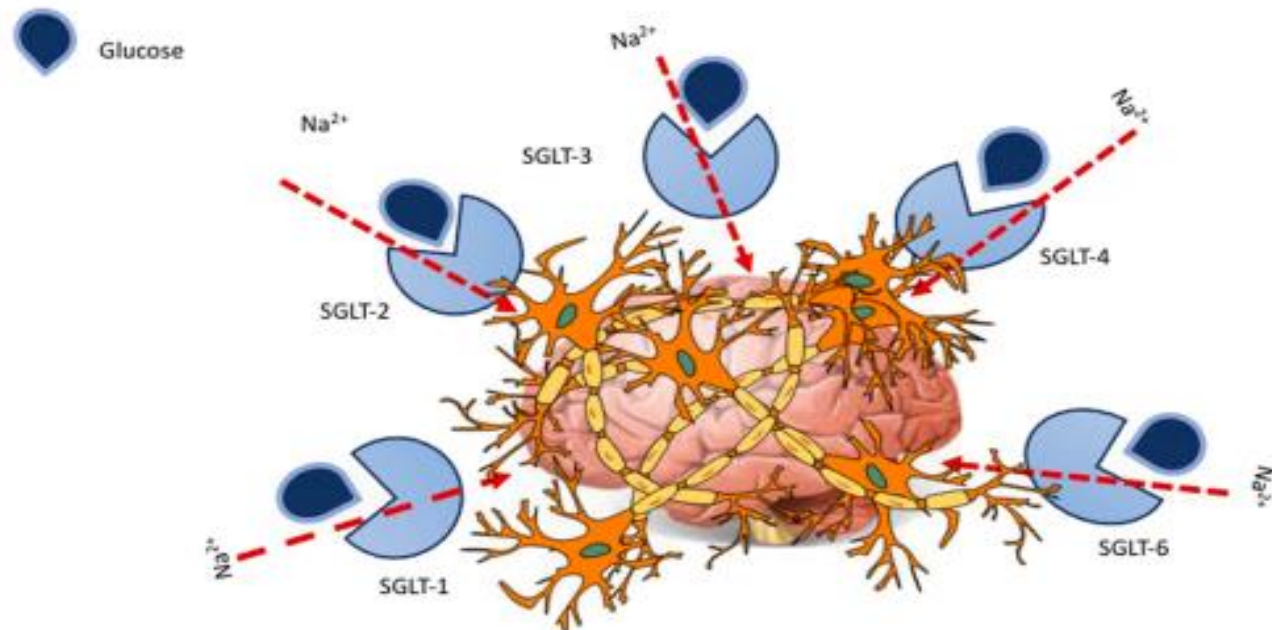
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The principal SGLTs expressed in the brain. Sodium glucose cotransporters (SGLTs) are fundamental in the mechanism of glucose entry into the brain cell. SGLTs transport glucose into the cell along a sodium gradient. SGLT1, SGLT2, SGLT3, SGLT4, SGLT6 have been identified in the brain. The distribution of the brain-expressed SGLTs differs strongly and, unfortunately, not all brain SGLTs have been studied extensively.



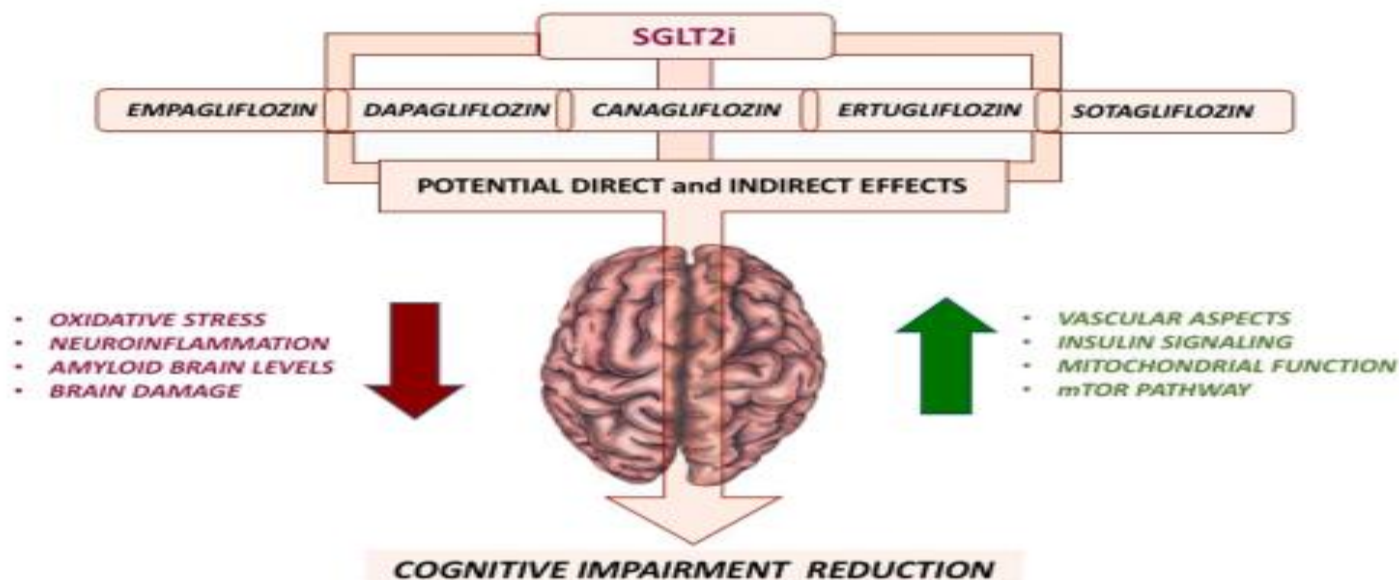
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The potential direct and indirect effects of SGLT2i on cognitive impairment

Reduction of oxidative stress, neuroinflammation, amyloid brain levels and in general brain damage, and positive impact on vascular health, insulin signaling, mitochondrial function and mTOR pathway are considered the possible underlying mechanisms.

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OTHER AGENTS

# Pioglitazone and Lower Risk of Dementia

## Will This Change Practice?

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**Lower risk of dementia with pioglitazone, compared with other second-line treatments, in metformin-based dual therapy: a population-based longitudinal study**

Pioglitazone as a second-line treatment after metformin might provide a protective effect on dementia risk among individuals with type 2 diabetes.

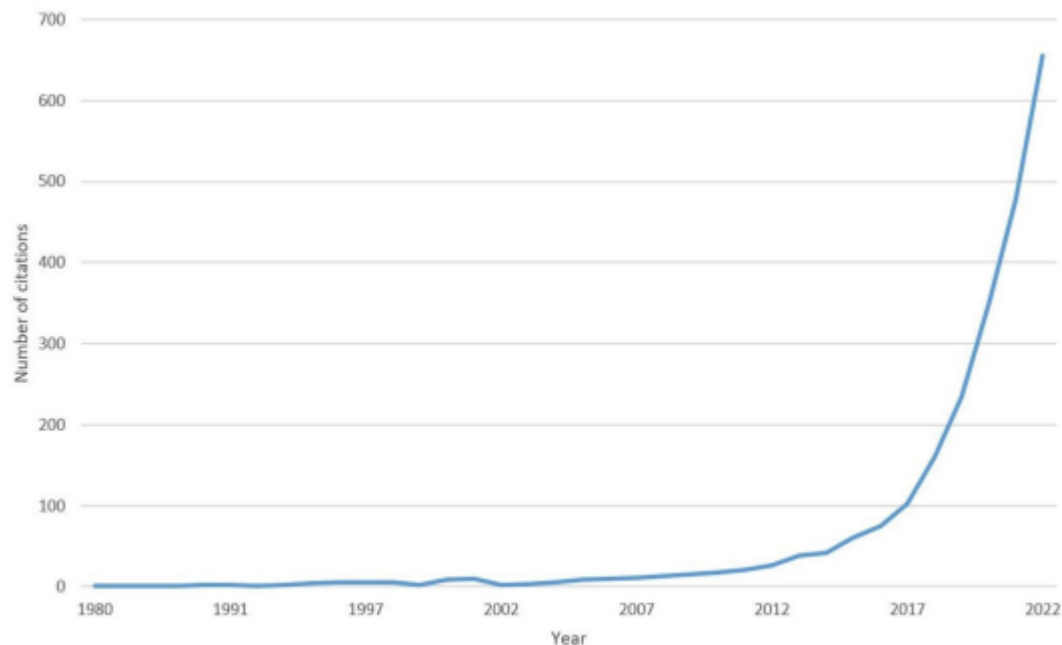
**Pioglitazone use increases risk of Alzheimer's disease in patients with type 2 diabetes receiving insulin**

**Thiazolidinedione use is associated with reduced risk of dementia in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus: A retrospective cohort study**



# Harnessing the potential of machine learning and artificial intelligence for dementia research

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**Fig. 1** Growth in citations related to AI in dementia research. Source: PubMed citations using the search term (Alzheimer\*[Title/Abstract] OR dement\*[Title/Abstract]) AND (AI[Title/Abstract] OR artificial intelligence[Title/Abstract] OR machine learning[Title/Abstract])



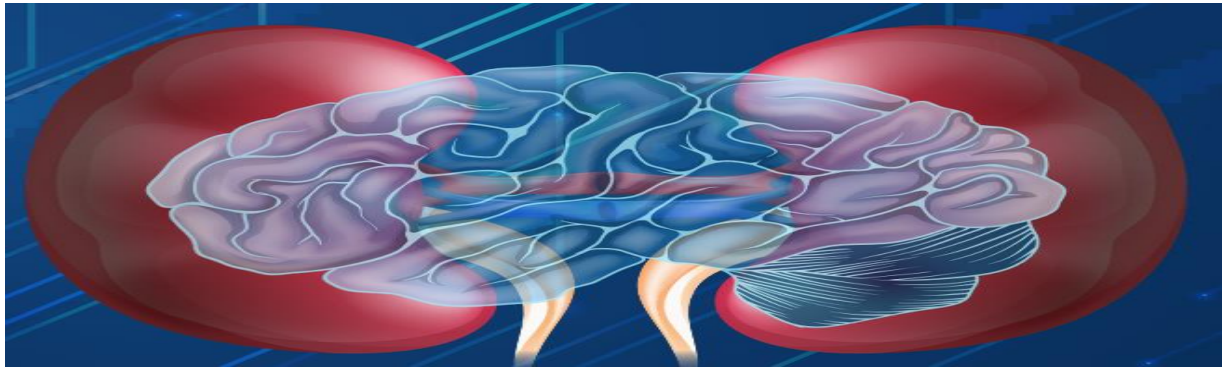


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**Table 1** Overview of current applications, challenges and prospects for machine learning and AI applications in five key areas of dementia research

	Current areas of machine learning and AI applications	Challenges and knowledge gaps	Prospects and future directions
Genetics	Full genomic signal analysis [3, 4] Statistical fine mapping [6, 7] Single cell genomics [9, 10] Identification of causal variants [6]	Effect of specific genetic variants [5] Relation of genetic variation to cellular changes [5] Mixed evidence for interaction of genetics with modifiable risk [21–24]	Utilisation of integrative data sets [124] Combining omics data to identify functional implications [125] Application of genetic risk to individuals [15]
Experimental Medicine	Data-driven multimodal analysis [35, 36] Gene regulation [26, 27] Digital twin brain models link [33] structure, function and pathology	Translational gap from models to human disease biology [126] Lack of power in small, single modality studies [126] Poor reproducibility [127]	Efficient drug target discovery [128] Simulated ageing signatures [129] Digital brains for precision dementia research <sup>34</sup>
Drug discovery and Trials Optimisation	Intelligent drug target identification [16] Incorporation of multiple biomarker data [59] Natural language processing and text mining of electronic health records [68]	Heterogeneity of disease risk, severity and subtype [60, 61] Cost of longitudinal analysis [60] Restricted access to clinical trial data [64]	Enhanced identification of risk for trial recruitment [63] Utilising publicly available data and linked health records [16, 66] Multi institutional collaborative initiatives to share data [67]
Neuroimaging	Automated feature extraction for diagnosis and prediction [85] Combining imaging modalities and biomarker data [86] Investigation of disease progression and biological mechanisms [61, 87]	Lack of clinical implementation [85] Poor interpretability is challenging for regulation [91] Sensitivity to bias in the training data [91]	Validation of existing models for clinical settings [90] Availability of large data sets and repositories [85] Strategic recruitment to improve real-world applicability [91]
Prevention	Analysis of complex interactions in observational studies [113] Increased accuracy of polygenic risk and predictive models [15, 130] Validation of drug repurposing for dementia prevention [117, 118]	Inconsistent evidence for many potential risk factors [93, 95–97] Causal relationships poorly understood [98] Lack of statistical power [17]	Personalised dementia prevention interventions [122, 123] Deep learning for improved Mendelian randomisation [103, 105] Lifespan modelling to identify the optimal timing of a prevention intervention



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