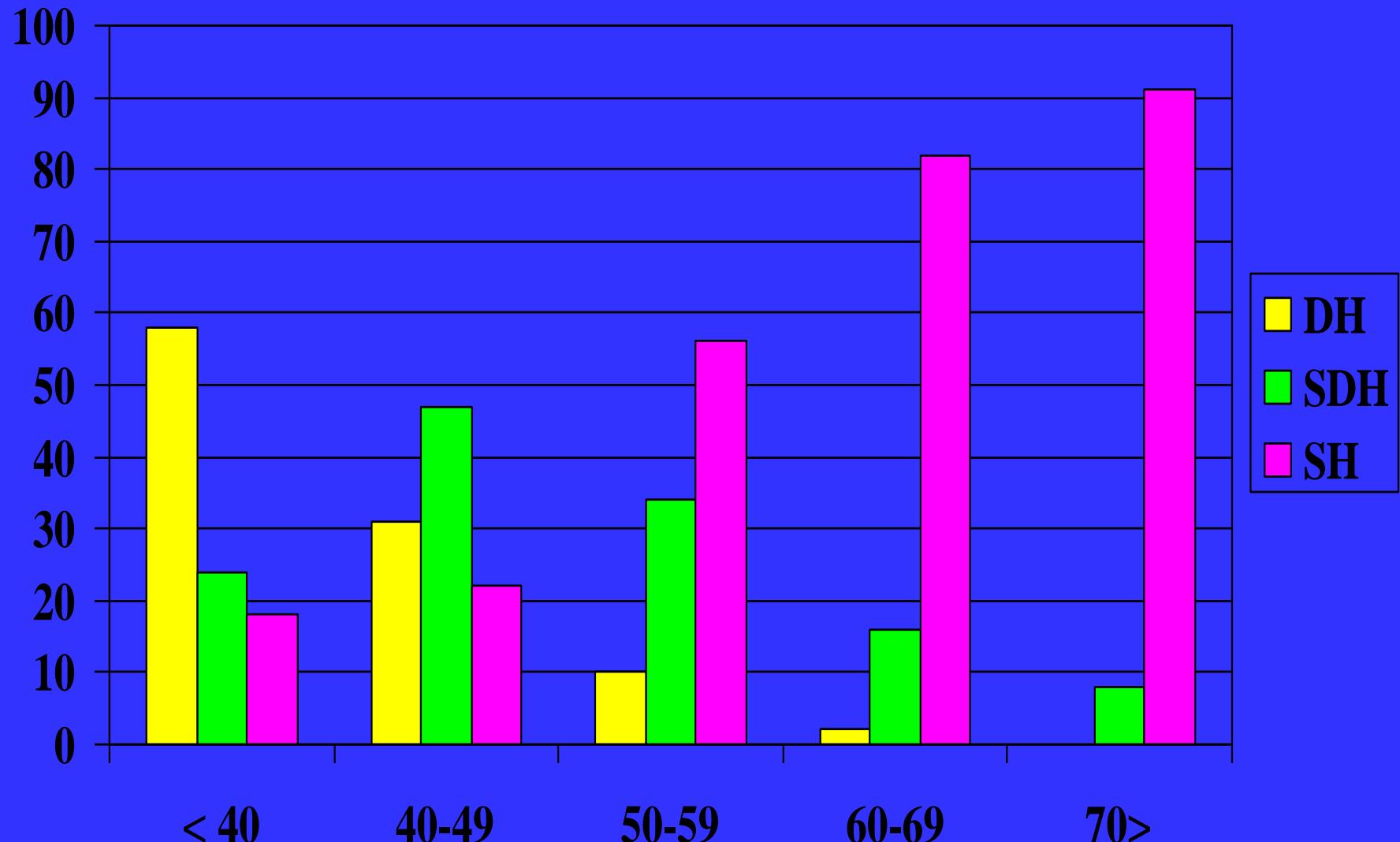


Dall' anziano all' invecchiamento: il modello dell' invecchiamento vascolare

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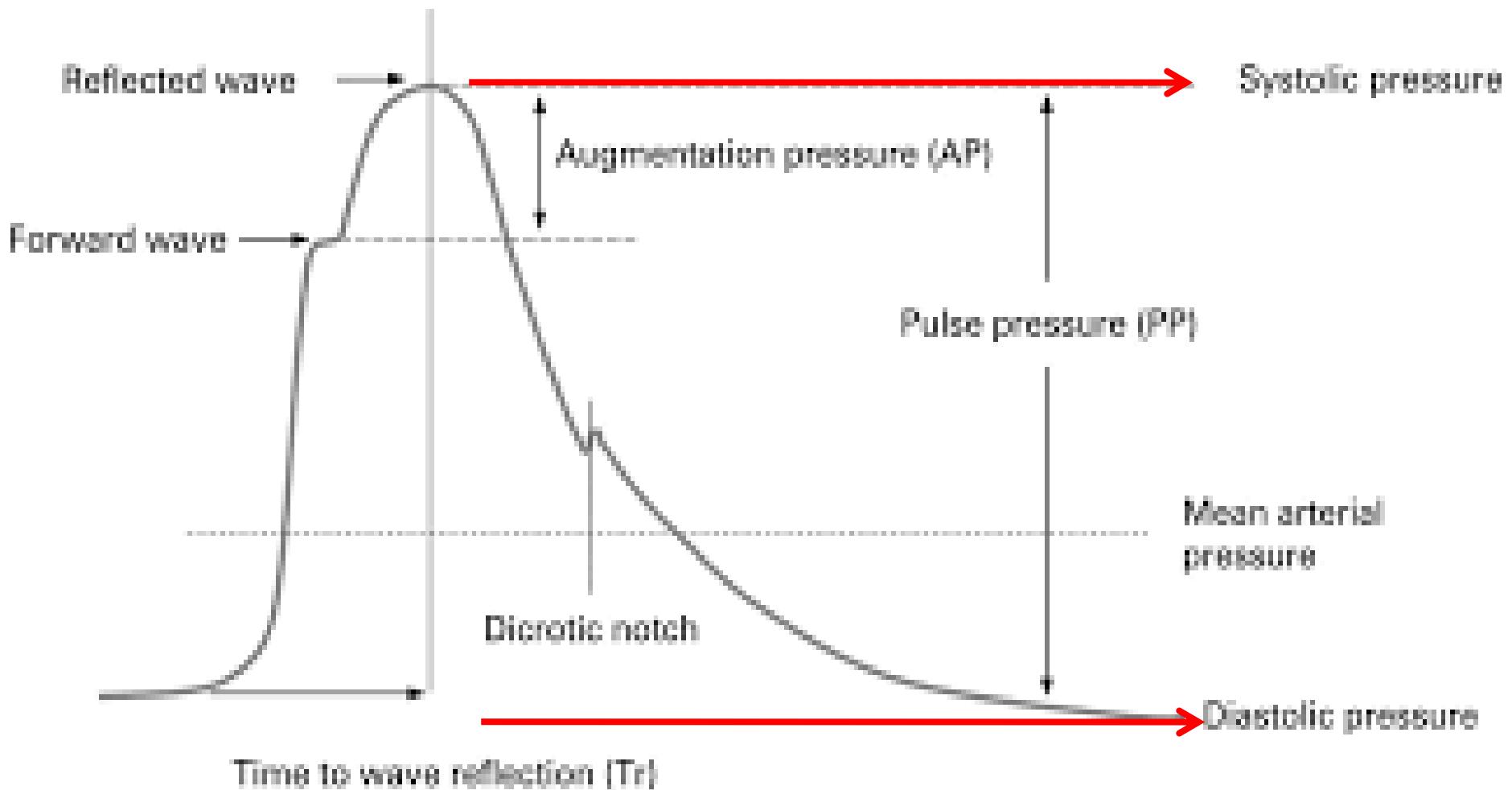


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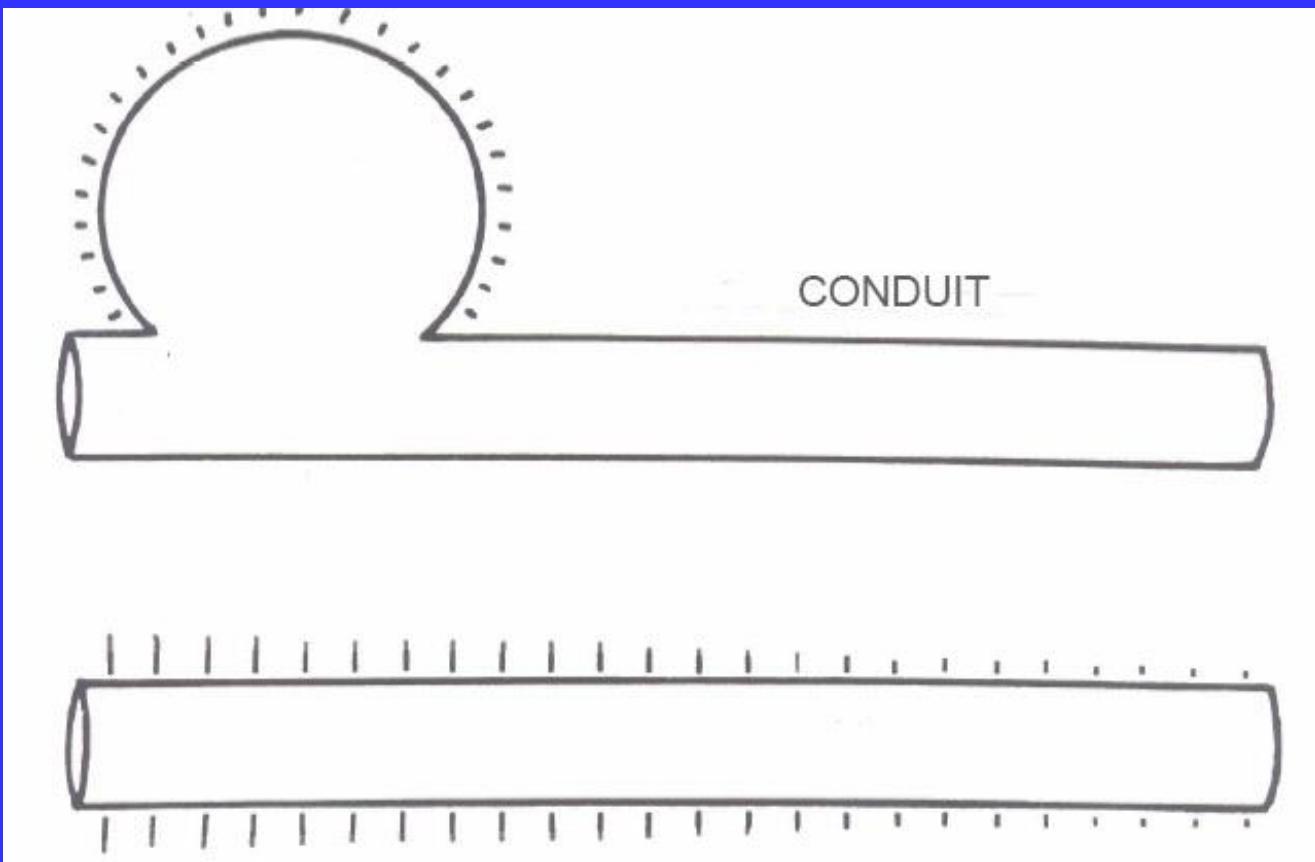
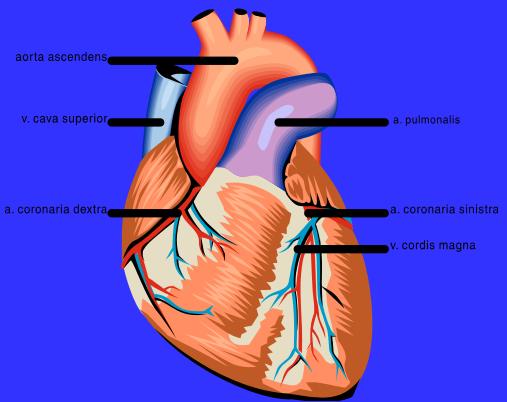
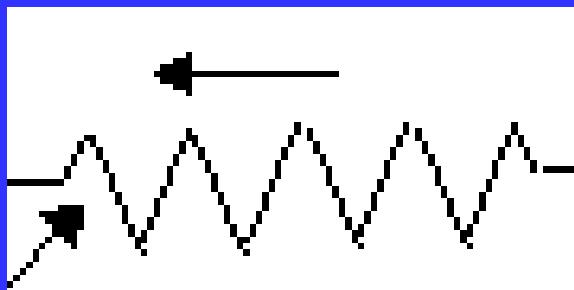


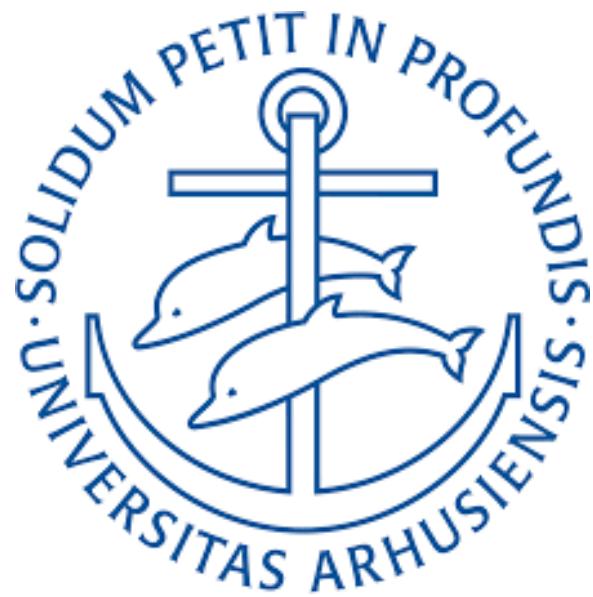


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$$\Delta P = -R^*Q$$





Arterial Aging

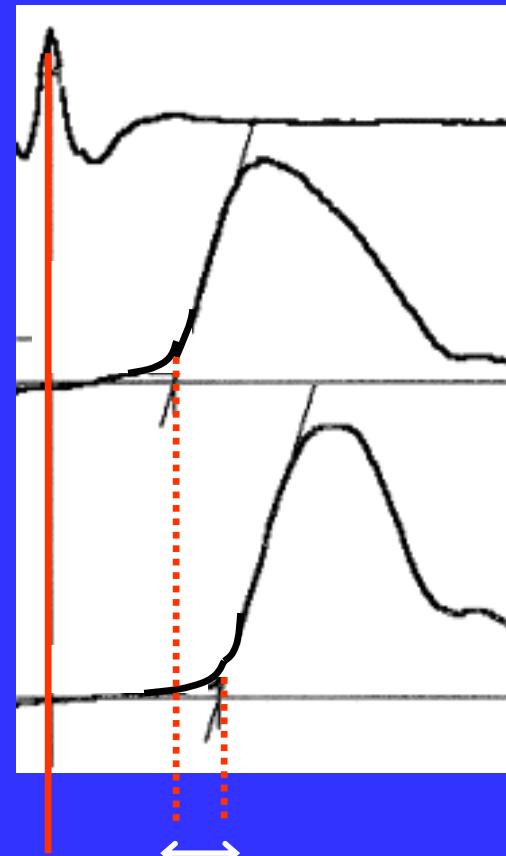
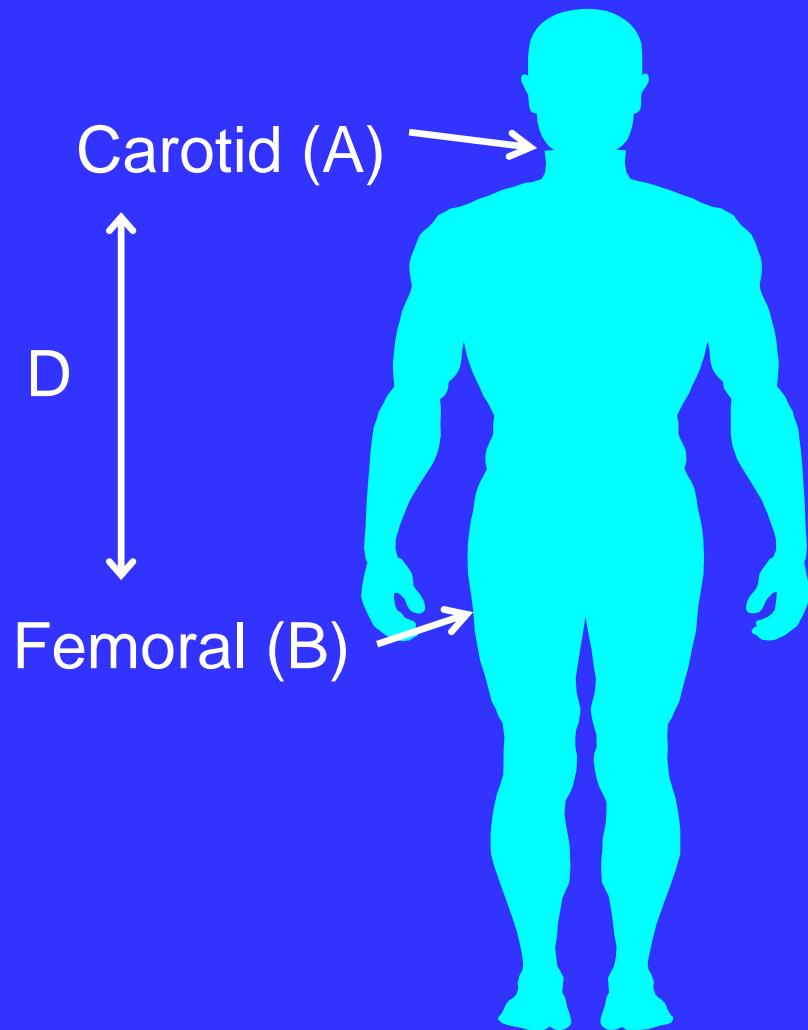
Is It an Immutable Cardiovascular Risk Factor?

Samer S. Najjar, Angelo Scuteri, Edward G. Lakatta

Hypertension. 2005;46:454-462.

**Con l' invecchiamento le grandi
arterie
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Assessment of PWV



$$PWV = D / \Delta T$$

**Arterial aging
is risky**

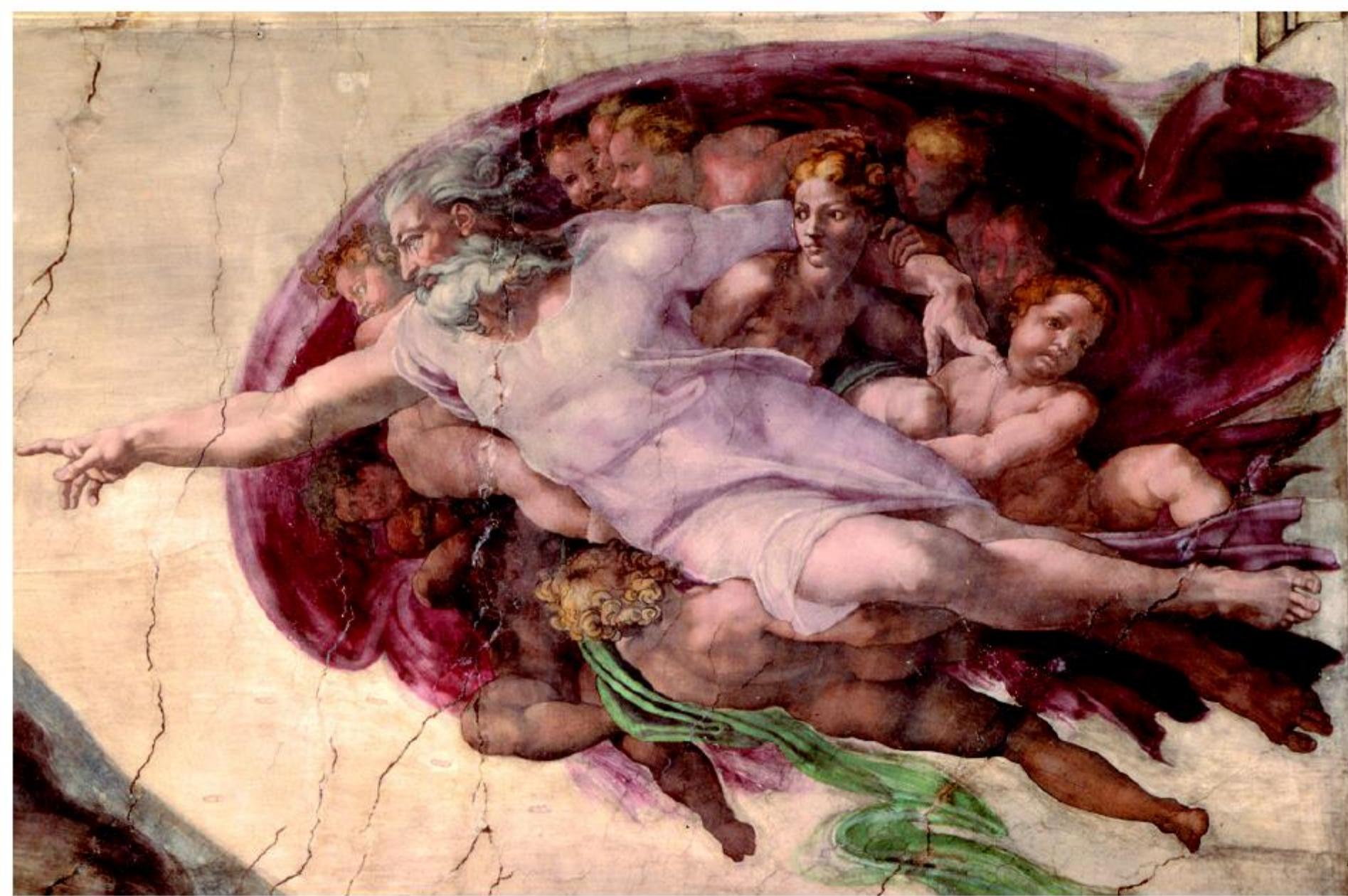
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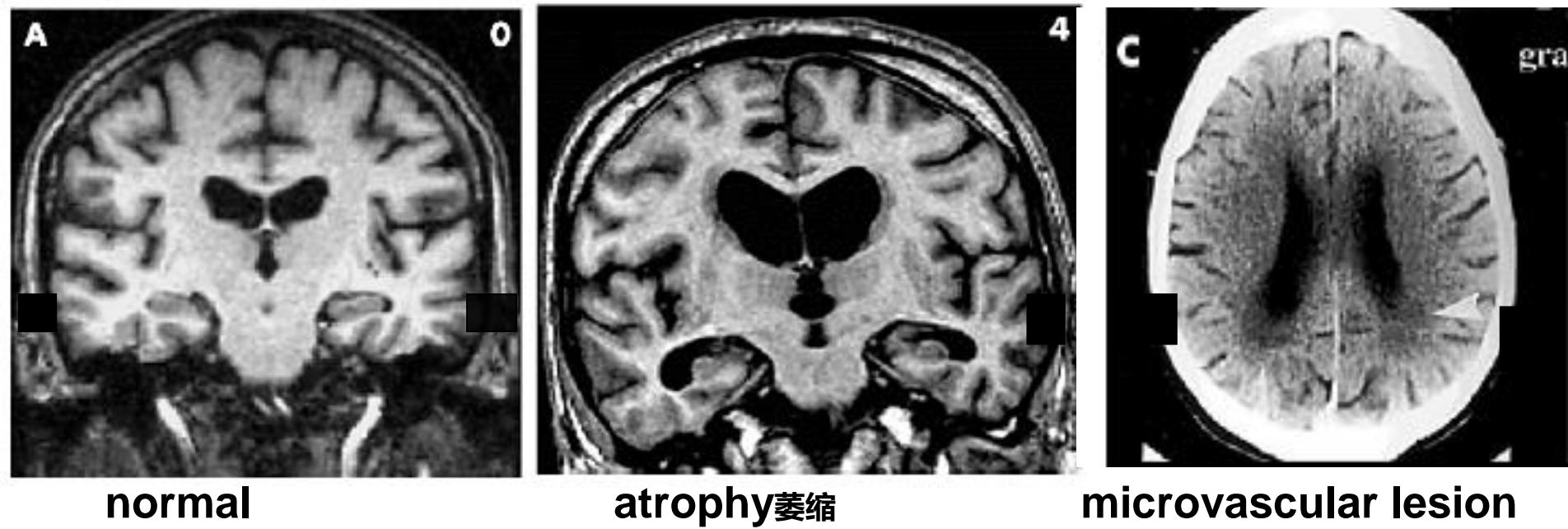
Pooled Adjusted Hazard Ratios (95% CIs) of a 1-SD Increase in Log_e-Transformed aPWV
for All-Cause Mortality, CVD Mortality, CHD Events, Stroke Events, and CVD Events

	Model 1*	Model 2*	Model 3*
CHD events (n = 1,195)	1.35 (1.22-1.50)	1.32 (1.18-1.48)	1.23 (1.11-1.35)
CVD events (n = 1,785)	1.45 (1.30-1.61)	1.37 (1.23-1.52)	1.30 (1.18-1.43)
Stroke events (n = 641)	1.54 (1.34-1.78)	1.37 (1.21-1.54)	1.28 (1.16-1.42)
CVD mortality (n = 395)	1.41 (1.27-1.56)	1.35 (1.20-1.53)	1.28 (1.15-1.43)
All-cause mortality (n = 2,041)	1.22 (1.16-1.27)	1.20 (1.15-1.26)	1.17 (1.11-1.22)

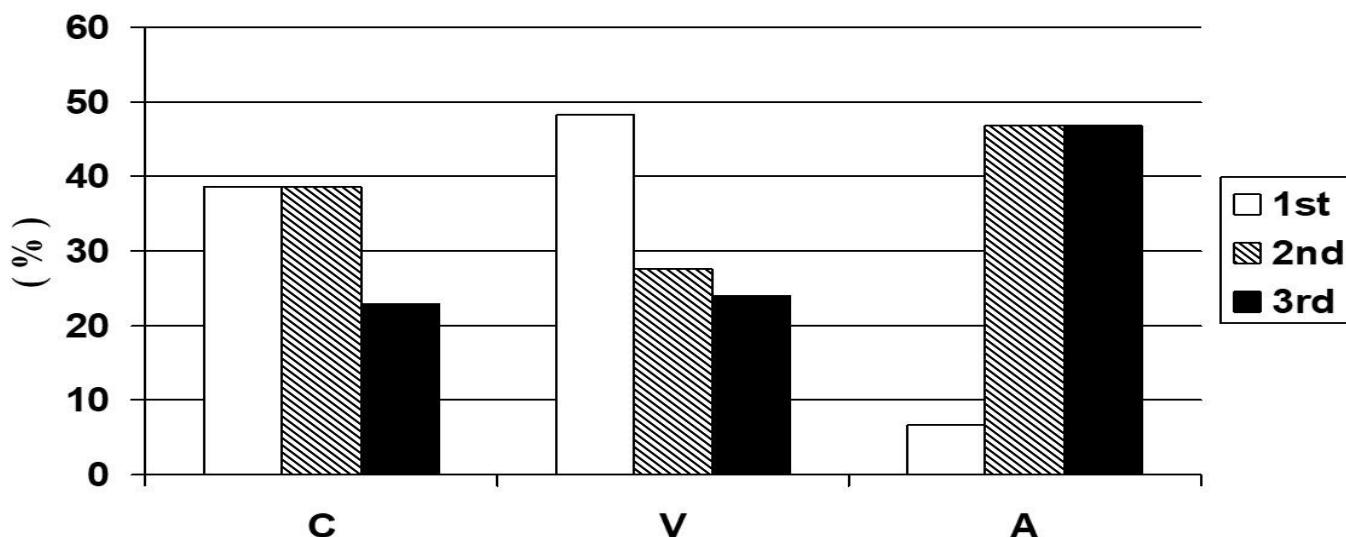
*Model 1 adjusts for sex and age group; model 2 adjusts for sex, age group, and systolic blood pressure; and model 3 additionally adjusts for other risk factors (cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, smoking status, presence of diabetes, and antihypertensive medication), stratified by race in the Sutton-Tyrell study (27). Not all studies had data on every risk factor.

aPWV = aortic pulse wave velocity; CHD = coronary heart disease; CI = confidence interval; CVD = cardiovascular disease.



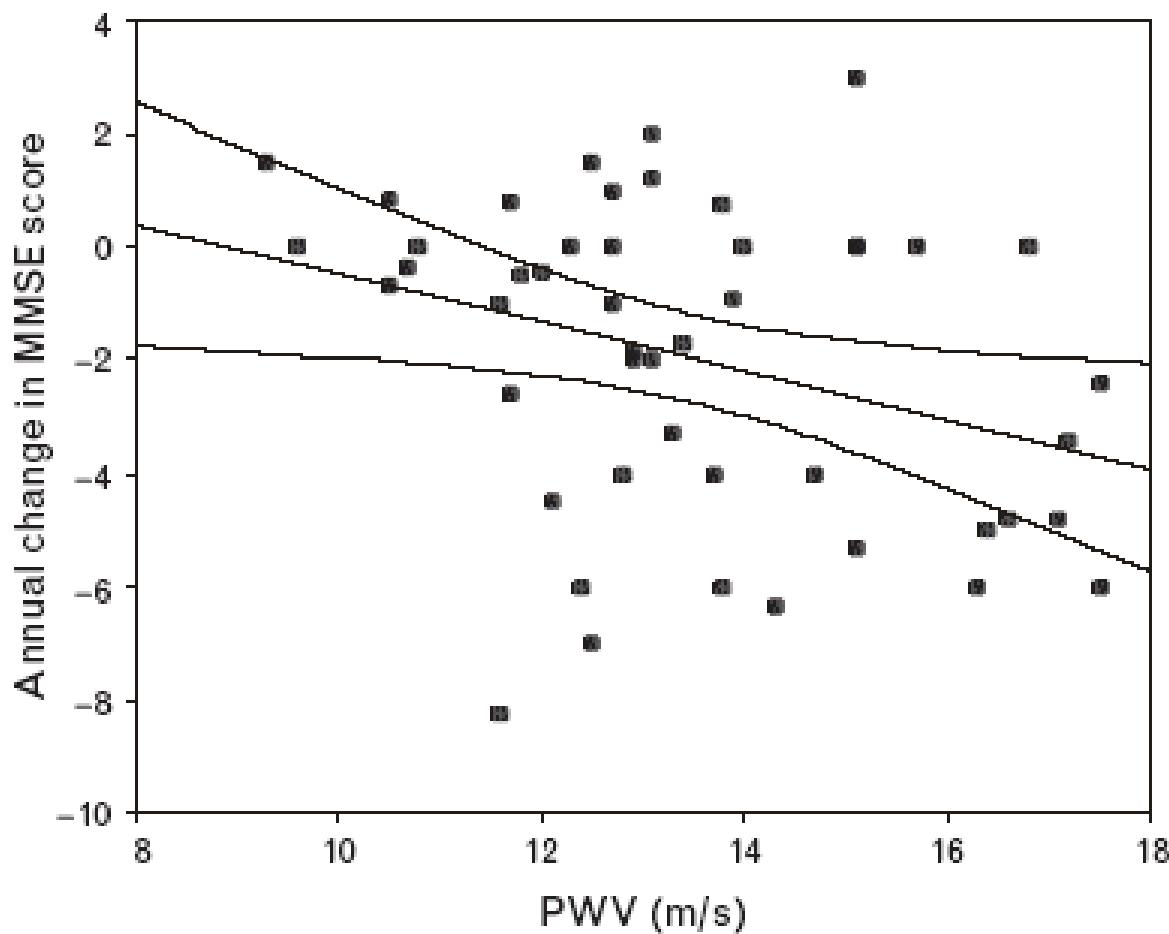


**PWV tertiles distribution
According to brain CT lesions**



Arterial stiffness as an independent predictor of longitudinal changes in cognitive function in the older individual

Angelo Scuteri^a, Manfredi Tesauro^b, Sergio Appolloni^a, Francesca Preziosi^a, Anna Maria Brancati^a and Massimo Volpe^{c,d}



Determinants of dementia (MMSE <21/ 30) in 400 subjects (70% women) with mean age 79 years (range 65-95)

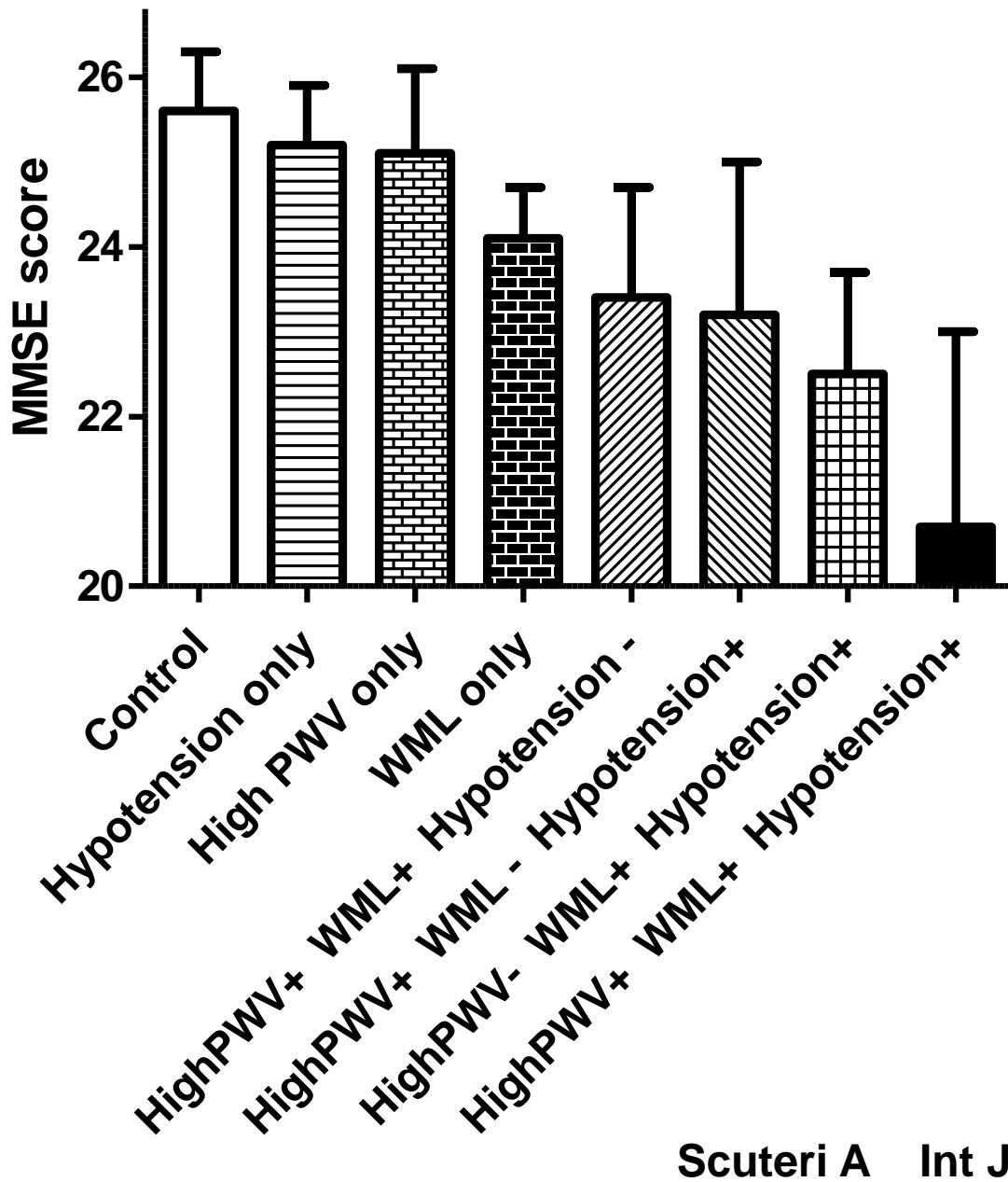
	OR	95% CI	P-value
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Age	1.06	1.01–1.11	0.03
Female sex	1.10	0.58–2.07	0.42
MBP	0.99	0.96–1.02	0.39
Antihypertensive drugs	0.84	0.43–1.62	0.42
.....			
LVMI			
1st quartile	1.00	Reference	0.01
2nd quartile	1.75	0.76–4.29	
3rd quartile	1.77	0.76–3.87	
4th quartile	2.72	1.20–6.12	

Microvascular brain damage with aging and hypertension: pathophysiological consideration and clinical implications

Angelo Scuteri^a, Peter M. Nilsson^b, Christopher Tzourio^c, Josep Redon^d and
Stephane Laurent^e

J Hypertens 2011; 29: May

	All (n= 588)	Men (n=185)	Women (n=403)
24h hypotension (%)	50.3	45.9	52.4
Dirunal hypotension (%)	39.8	32.4	43.2 **
Nocturnal hypotension (%)	31.3	30.3	31.8
≥10% registrations with SBP <100 mmHg during 24h (%)	19.2	15.3	20.9



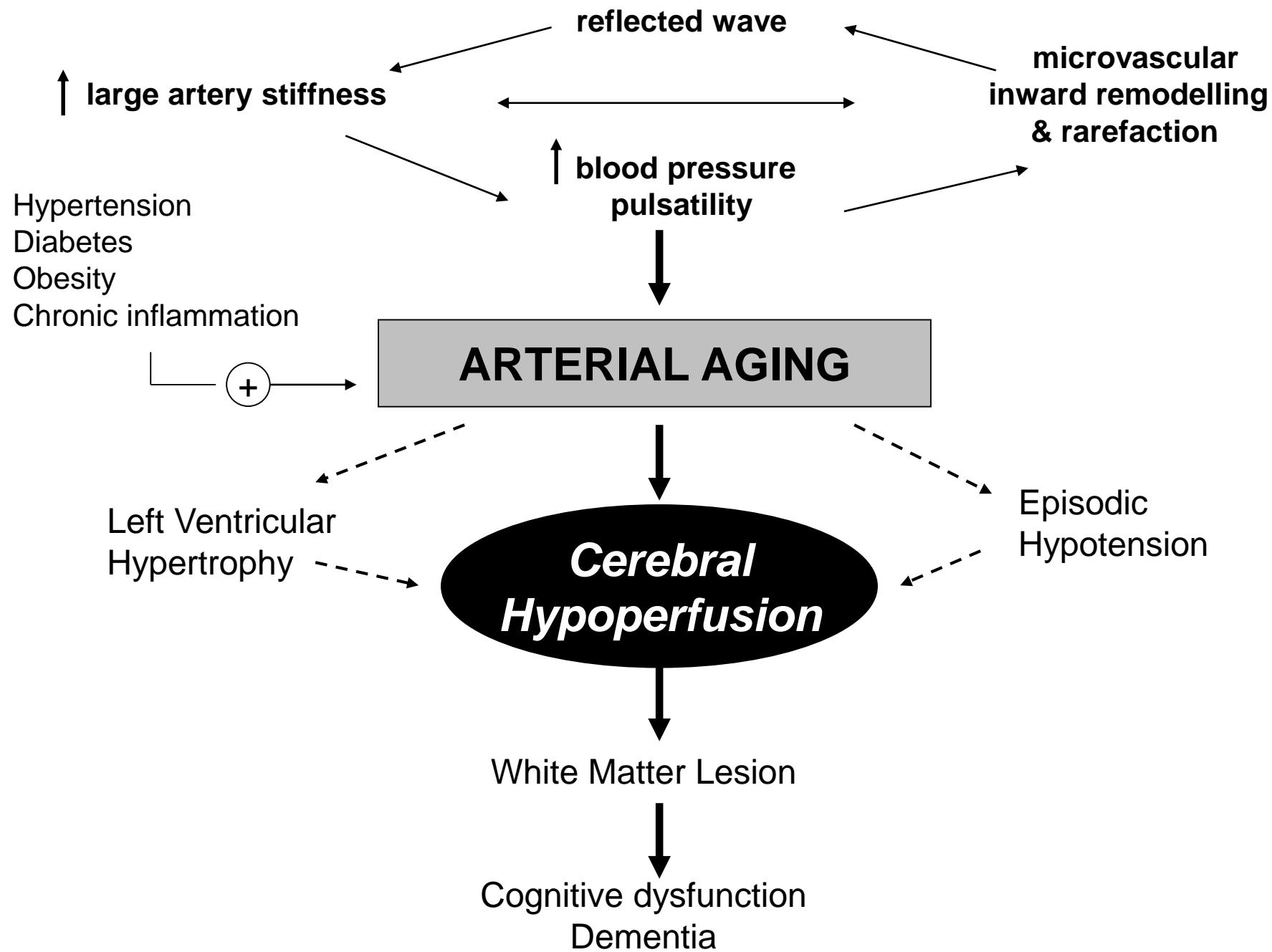
BRAIN

- 2% of body weight
- 20% of body O₂ consumption
- 25% of body total glucose utilization

Yet....

It lacks energy reserves

Its normal function depends upon perfusion
that provides optimal nutrient delivery.



AHA/ASA Scientific Statement

Vascular Contributions to Cognitive Impairment and Dementia

A Statement for Healthcare Professionals From the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

The American Academy of Neurology affirms the value of this guideline as an educational tool for neurologists.

The Alzheimer's Association participated in the development of this statement to advance knowledge and understanding of the causes of dementia and the factors that contribute to its progression.

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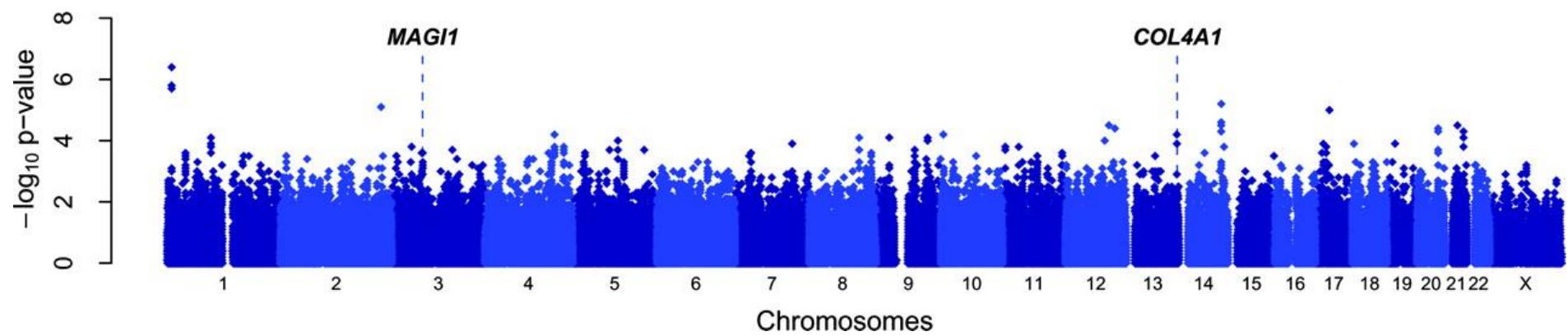
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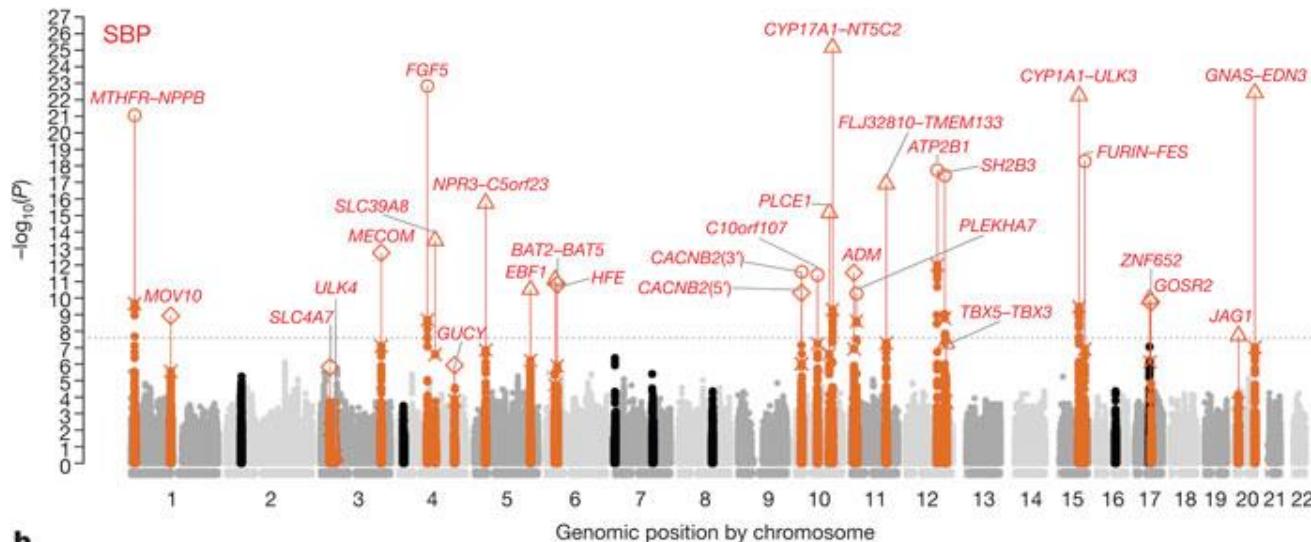
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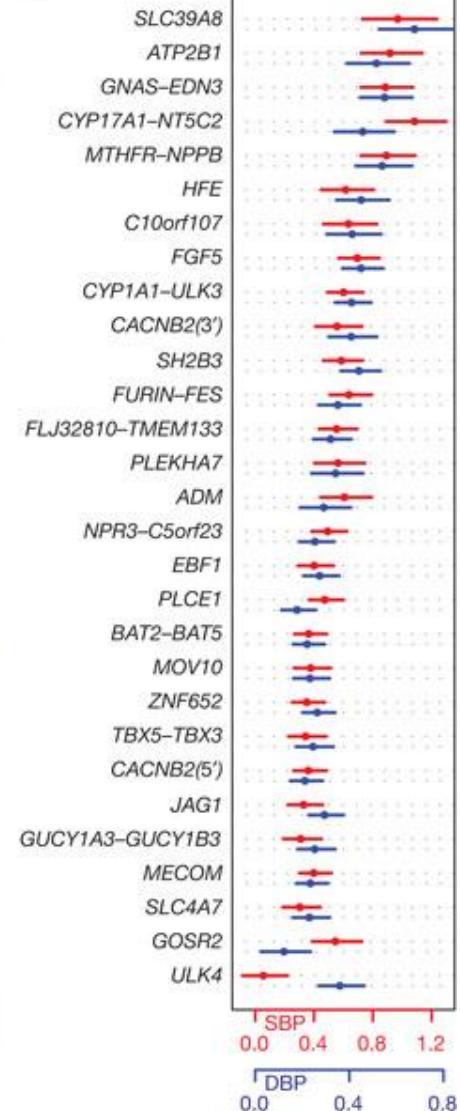
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Genome-wide $-\log_{10} P$ -value plots and effects for significant loci. multi-stage design in 200,000 individuals of European descent

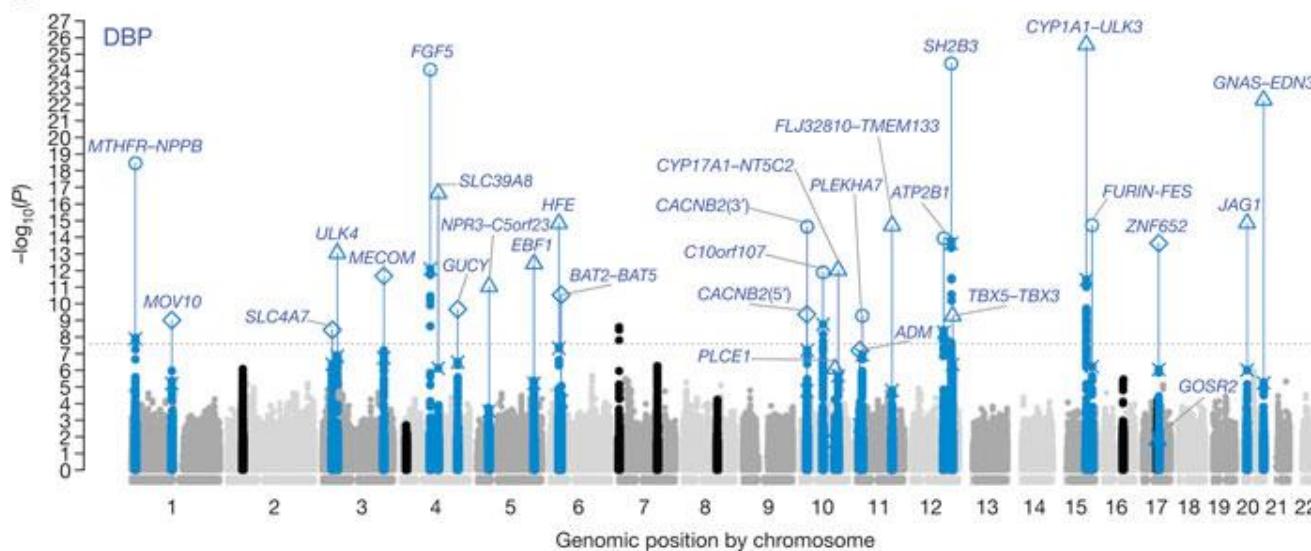
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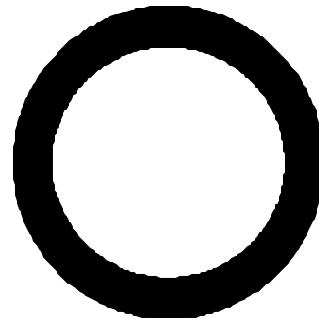
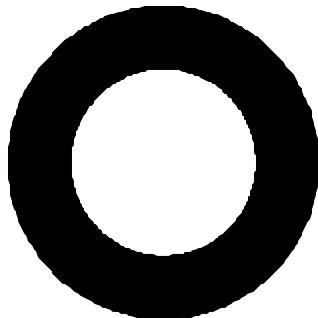
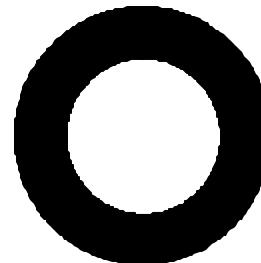
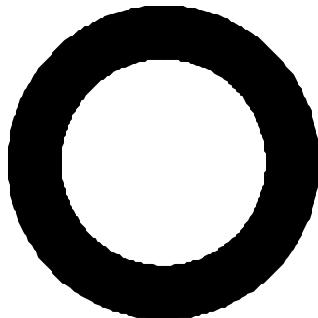
Carotid Geometric Phenotype (CGP)

top:

left, normal (CGP1); right, concentric remodelling (CGP2)

bottom:

left, concentric hypertrophy (CGP3); right, hypertrophy with dilation (CGP4)

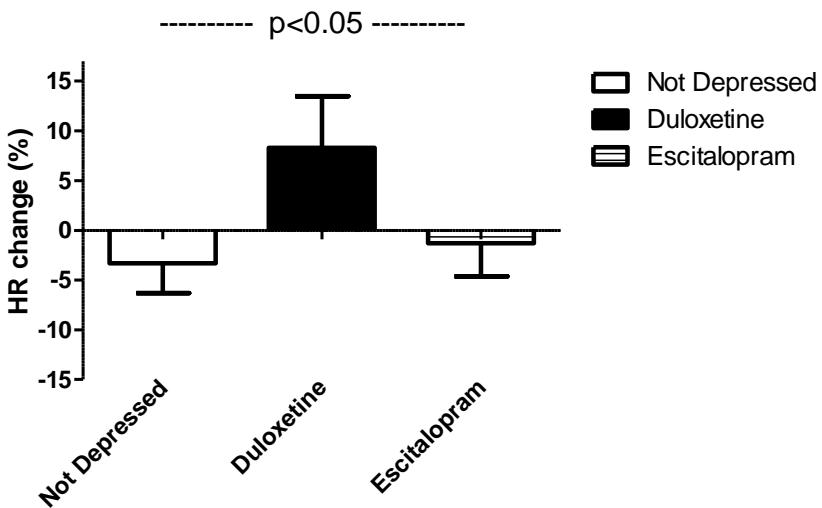
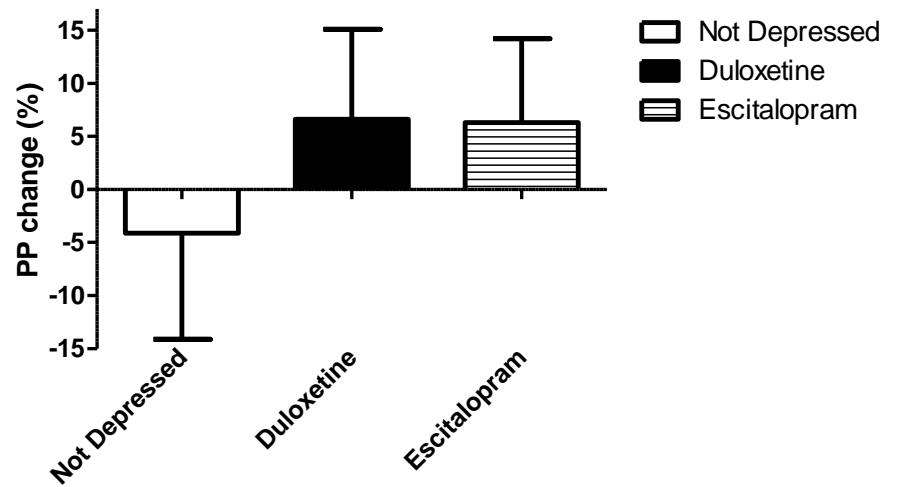
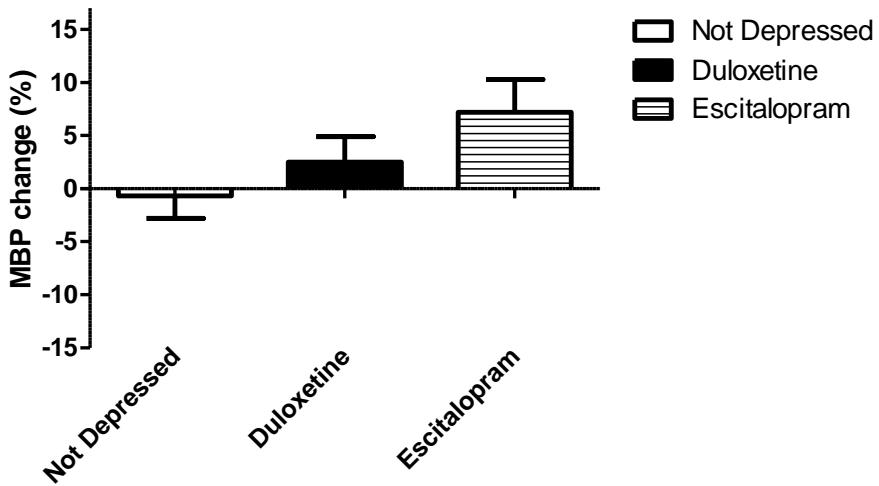
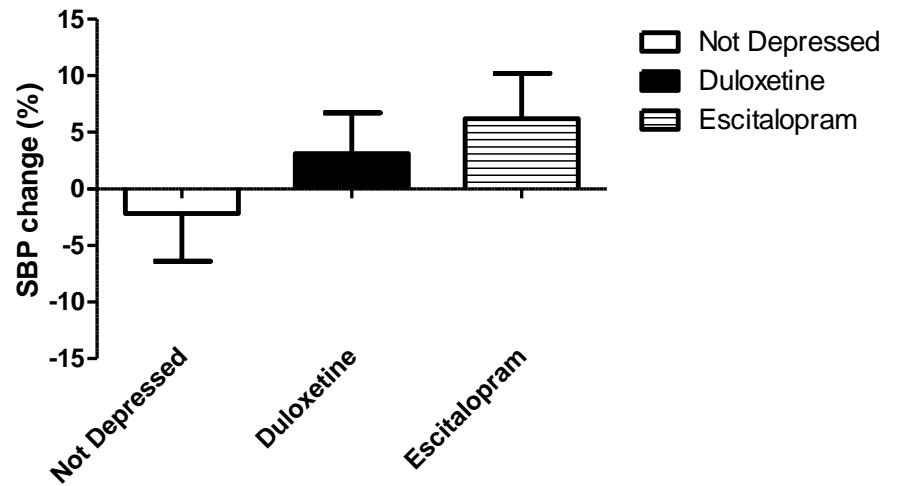


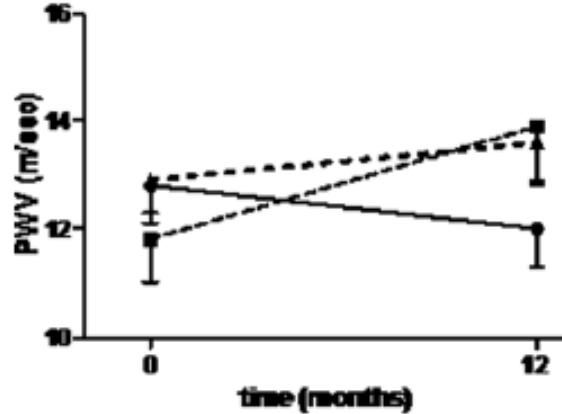
	CGP1 (83.4%)	CGP2 (5.5%)	CGP3 (2.2%)	CGP4 (8.9%)
Age (yrs)	52 ± 13	$62 \pm 9^*$	54 ± 15	55 ± 11
SBP (mmHg)	134 ± 23	133 ± 23	142 ± 24	$156 \pm 26^*$
DBP (mmHg)	84 ± 13	79 ± 11	84 ± 13	$95 \pm 16^*$
CCA D (mm)	6.4 ± 0.7	$5.5 \pm 0.5^*$	6.1 ± 0.6	$7.4 \pm 0.9^*$
CCA IMT (mm)	0.96 ± 0.20	$1.35 \pm 0.16^*$	$1.77 \pm 0.35^*$	$1.37 \pm 0.17^*$
CCA W/L	0.30 ± 0.07	$0.51 \pm 0.07^*$	$0.58 \pm 0.13^*$	$0.38 \pm 0.06^*$
CCA VM	11.1 ± 2.7	$13.6 \pm 2.3^*$	$20.7 \pm 5.3^*$	$18.4 \pm 3.2^*$
CCA stress (mmHg)	30.4 ± 8.4	$49.2 \pm 7.1^*$	$60.0 \pm 14.3^*$	$43.4 \pm 9.3^*$
CCA Dist ($\mu\text{m}/\text{mmHg/mm}$)	110 ± 65	$151 \pm 125^*$	$156 \pm 97^*$	$86 \pm 58^*$
CCA AGI (%)	19.1 ± 23.8	19.3 ± 24.3	23.7 ± 22.3	$33.7 \pm 24.3^*$
PWV (cm/sec)	979 ± 220	981 ± 278	$1135 \pm 428^*$	$1076 \pm 282^*$

* p< 0.05 vs CGP1

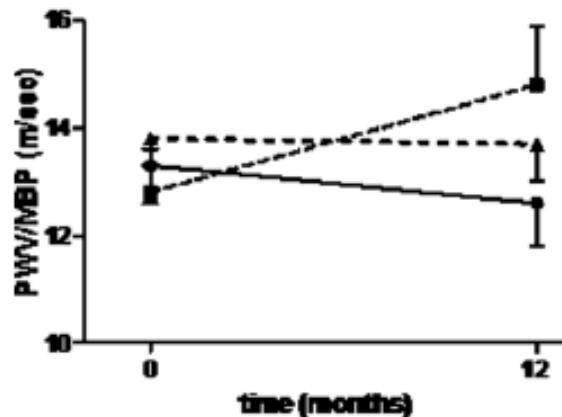
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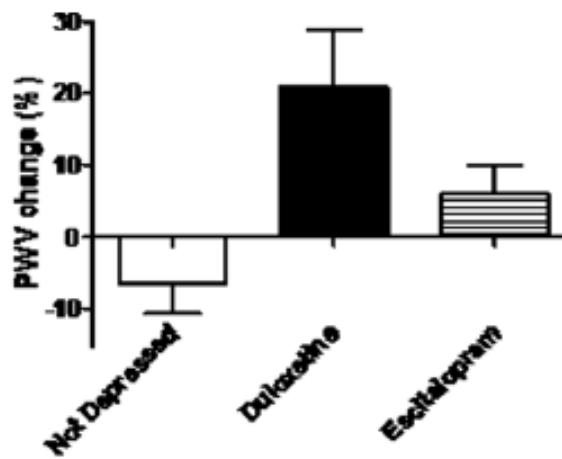




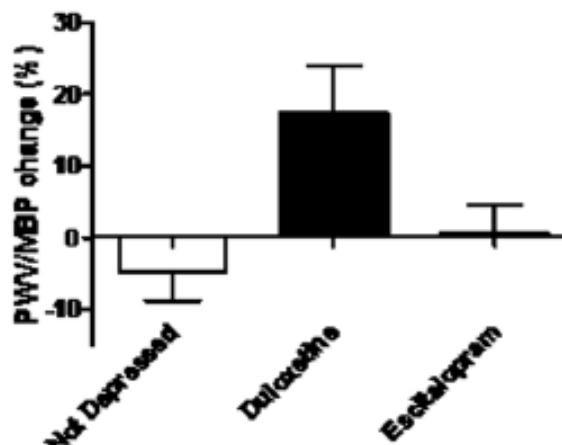
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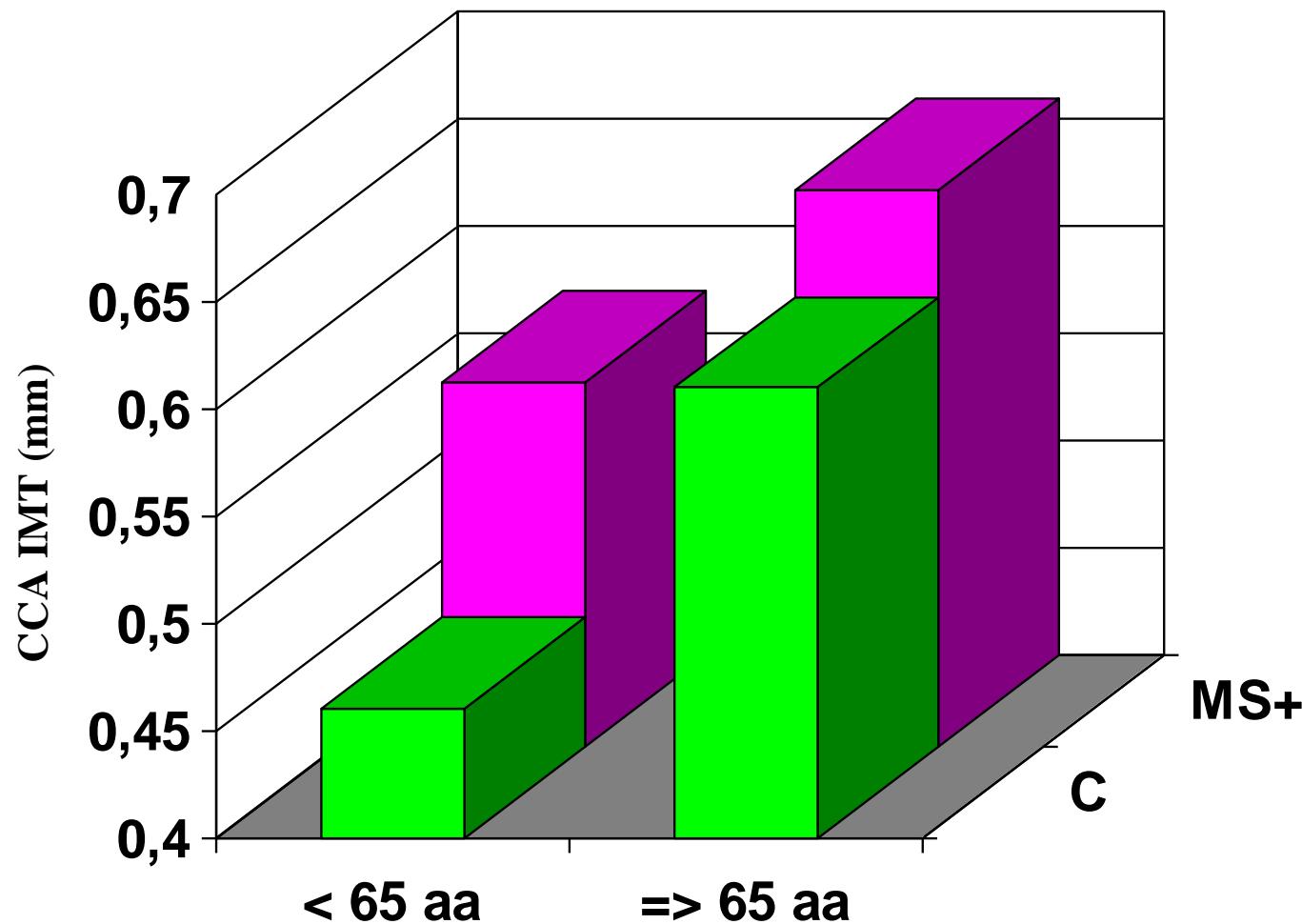
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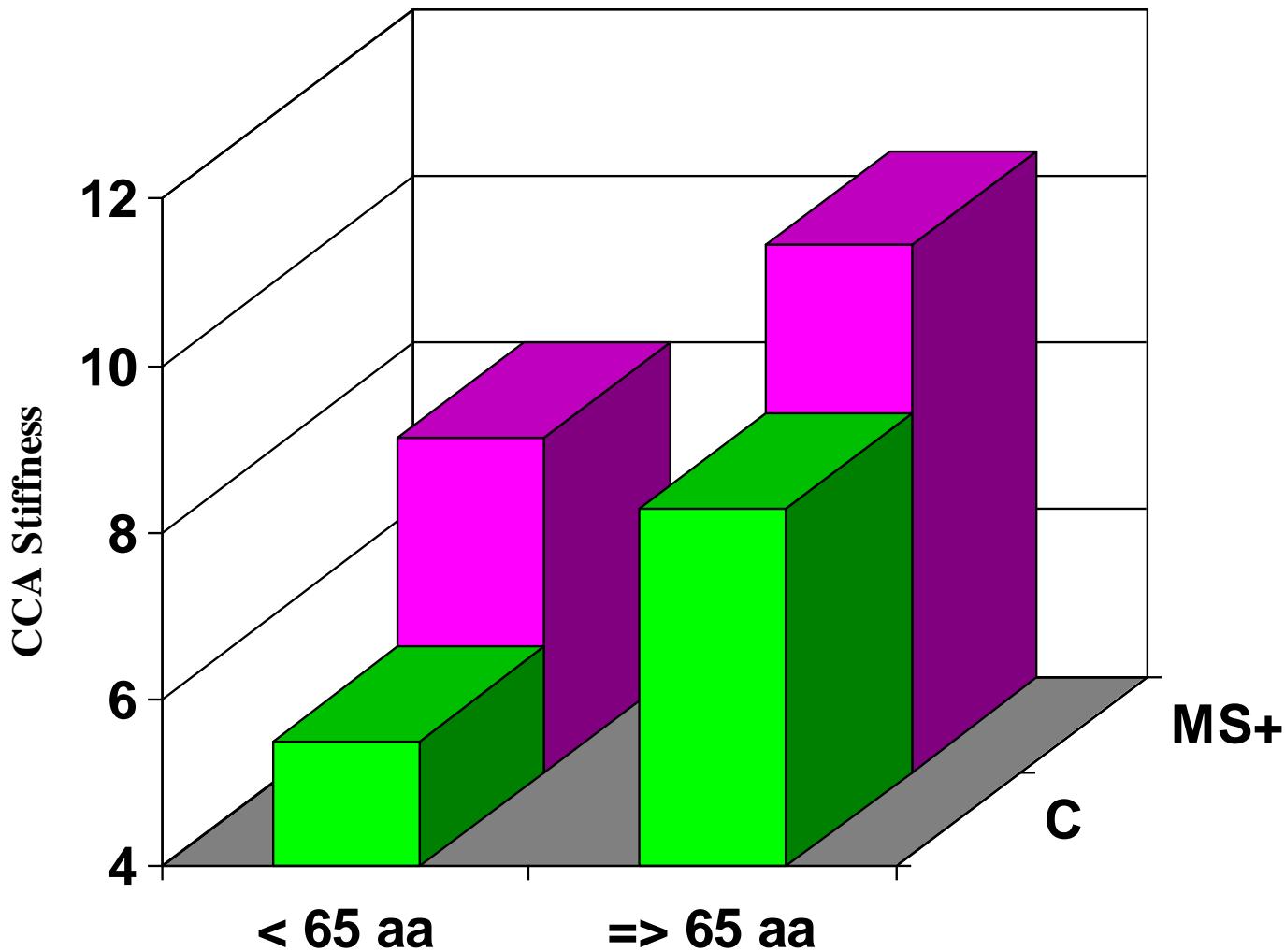


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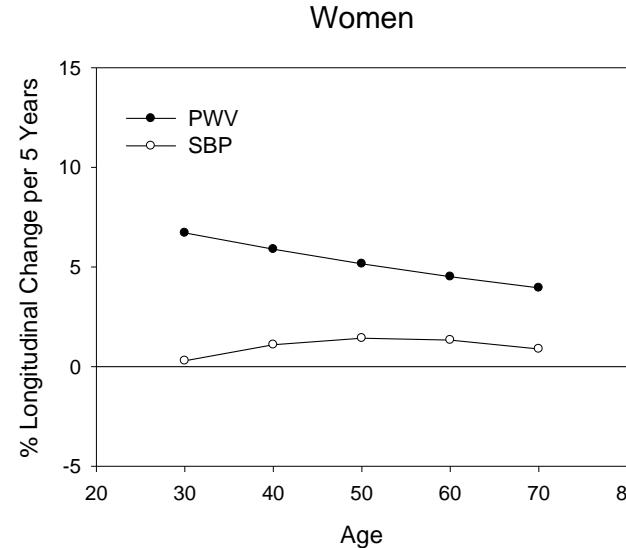
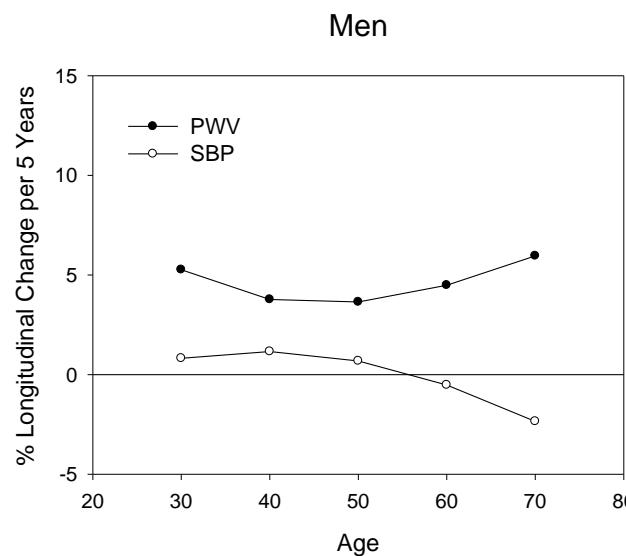
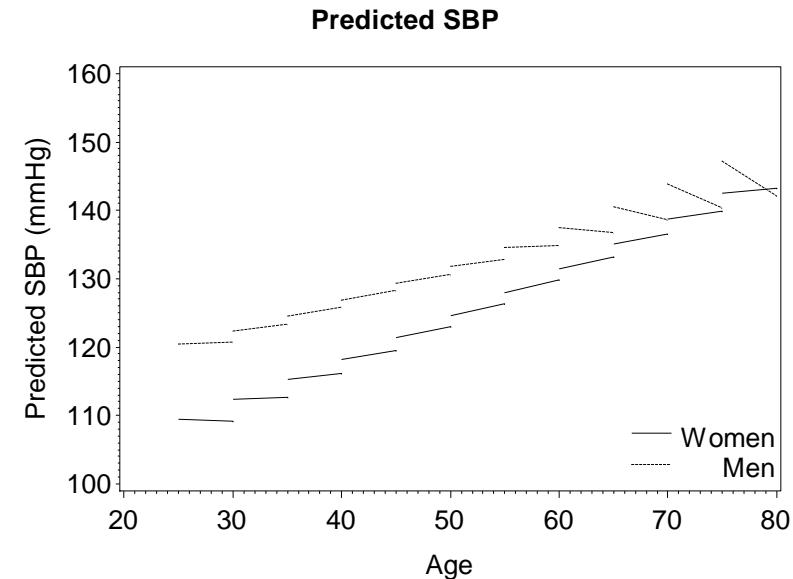
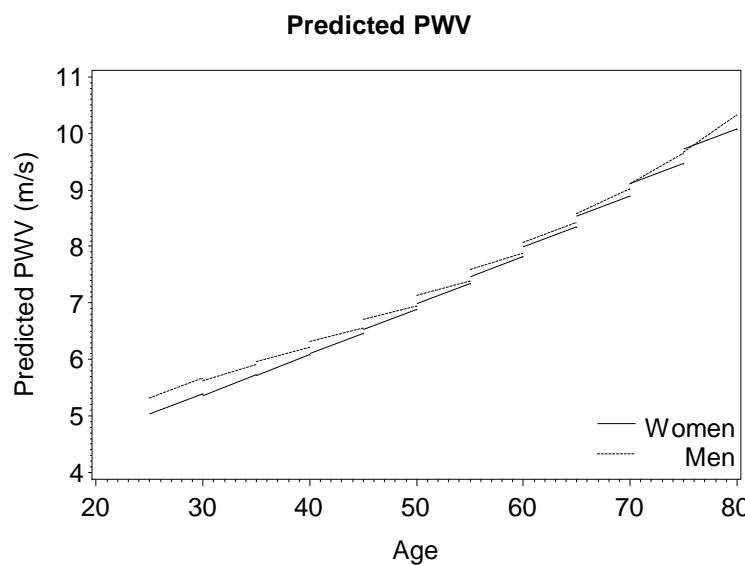
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Metabolic Syndrome NCEP- ATP III

GLUCOSE (G)

Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 110 mg/dl

HDL-CHOLESTEROL (H)

HDL-Chol < 40 mg/dl (M), < 50 mg/dl (F)

TRIGLYCERIDES (T)

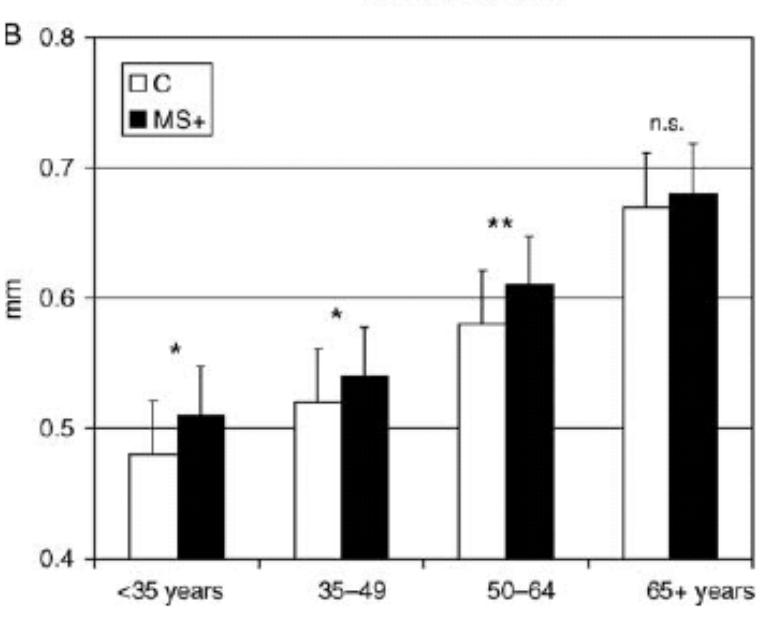
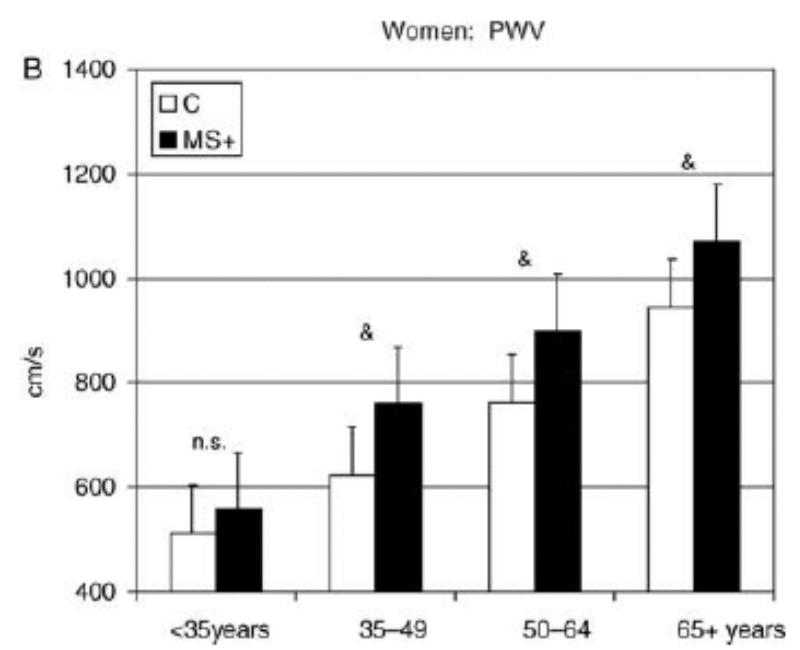
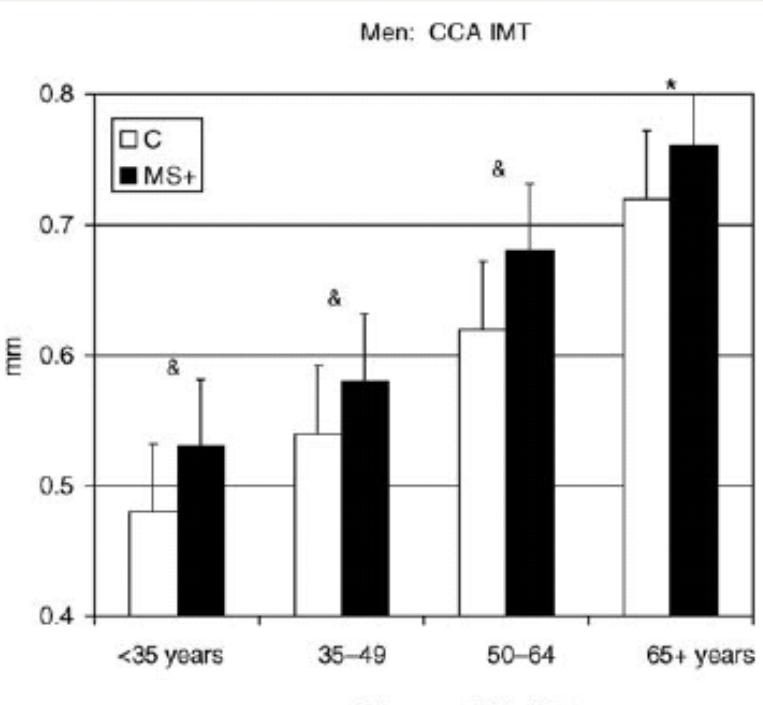
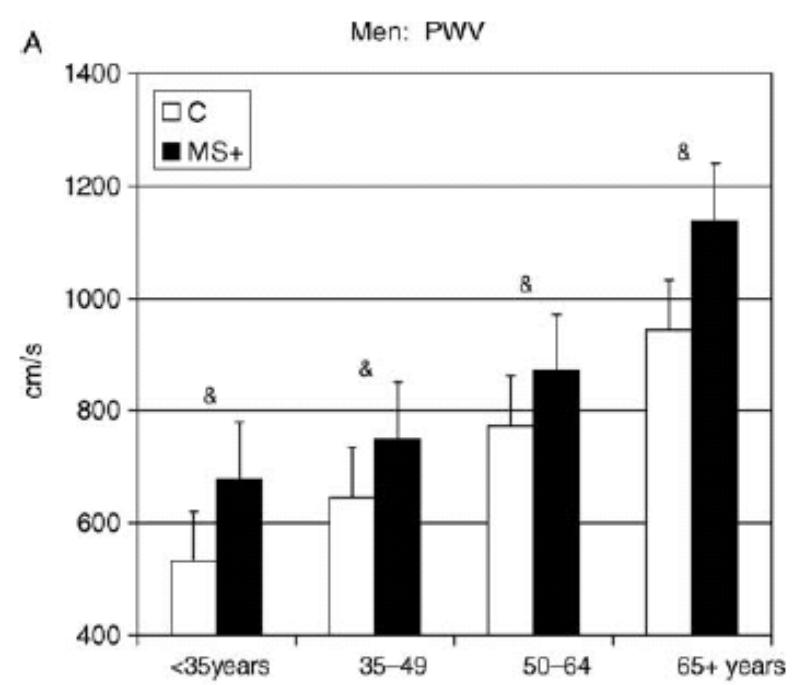
Triglycerides ≥ 150 mg/dl

BLOOD PRESSURE (B)

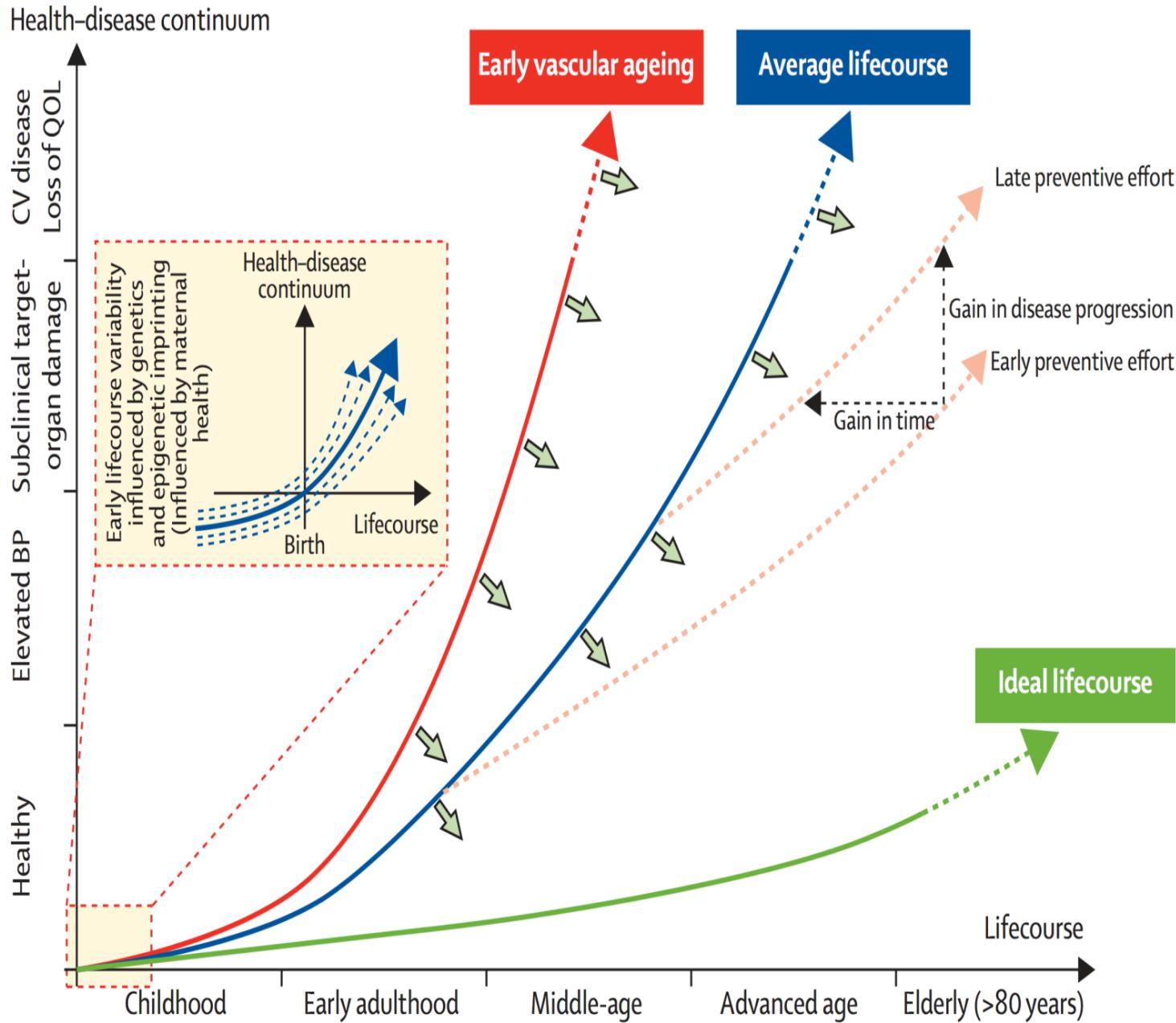
SBP ≥ 130 mmHg and/or DBP ≥ 85 mmHg

ABDOMINAL OBESITY (W)

Waist circumference > 102 cm (M), > 88 cm (F)

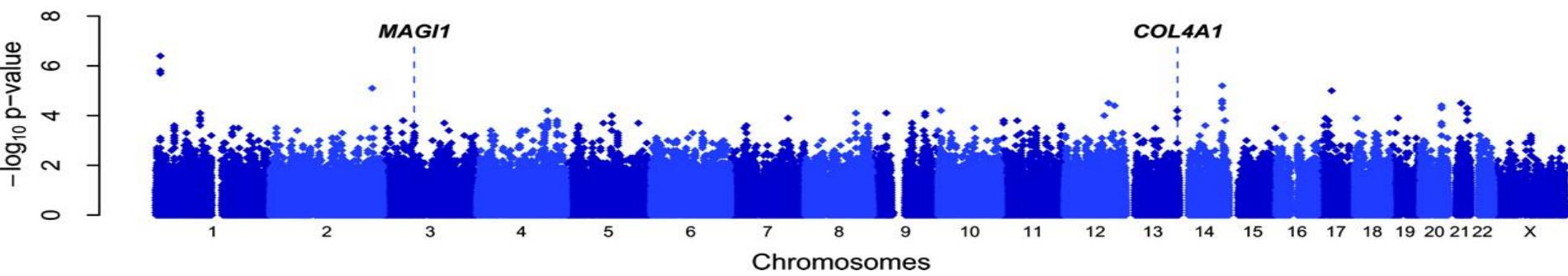


The life-course approach ⁽²⁾

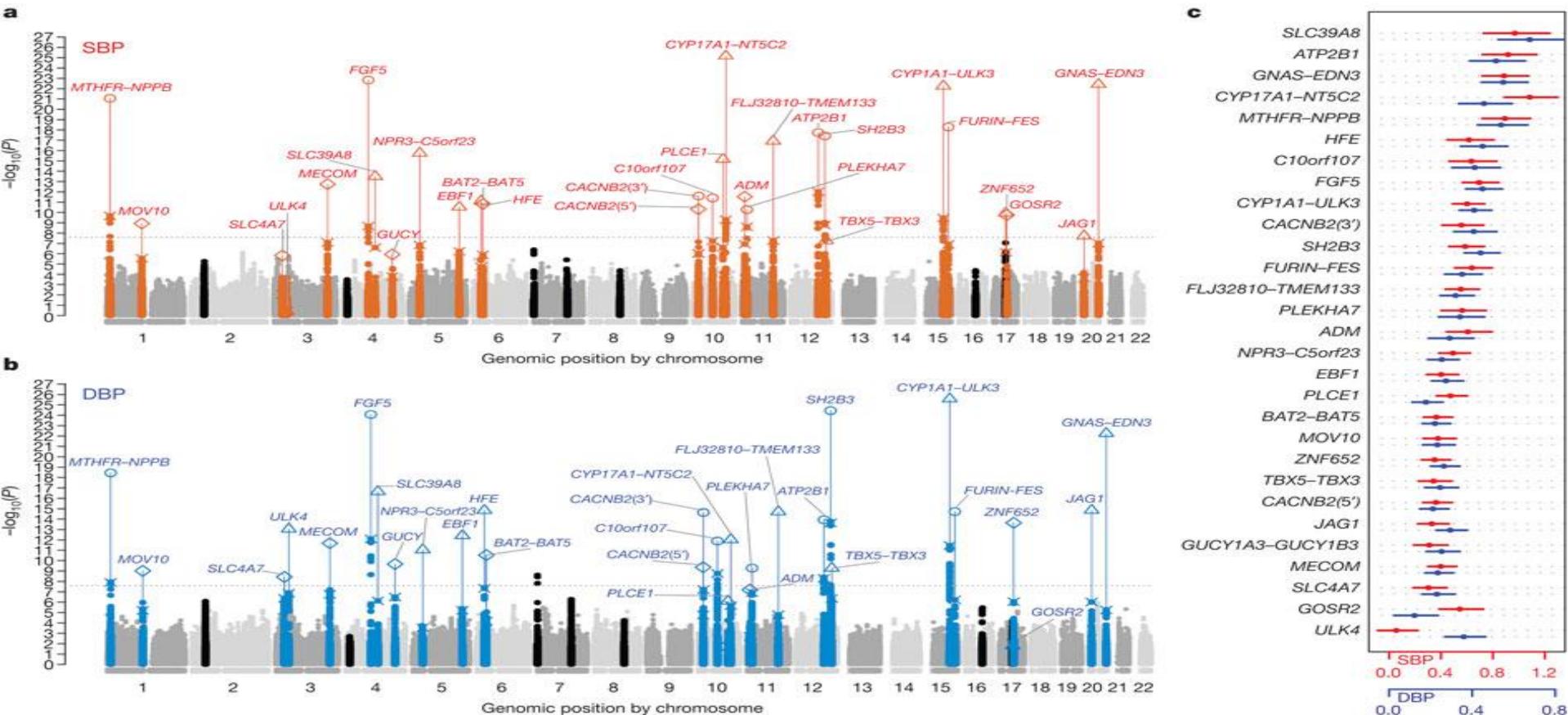


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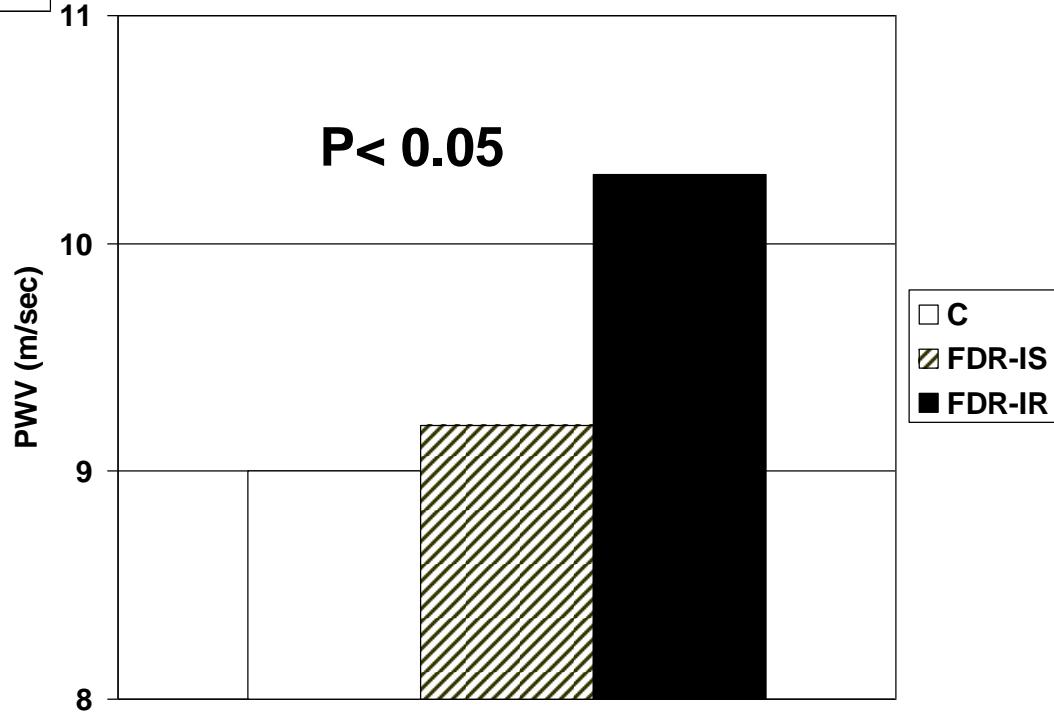
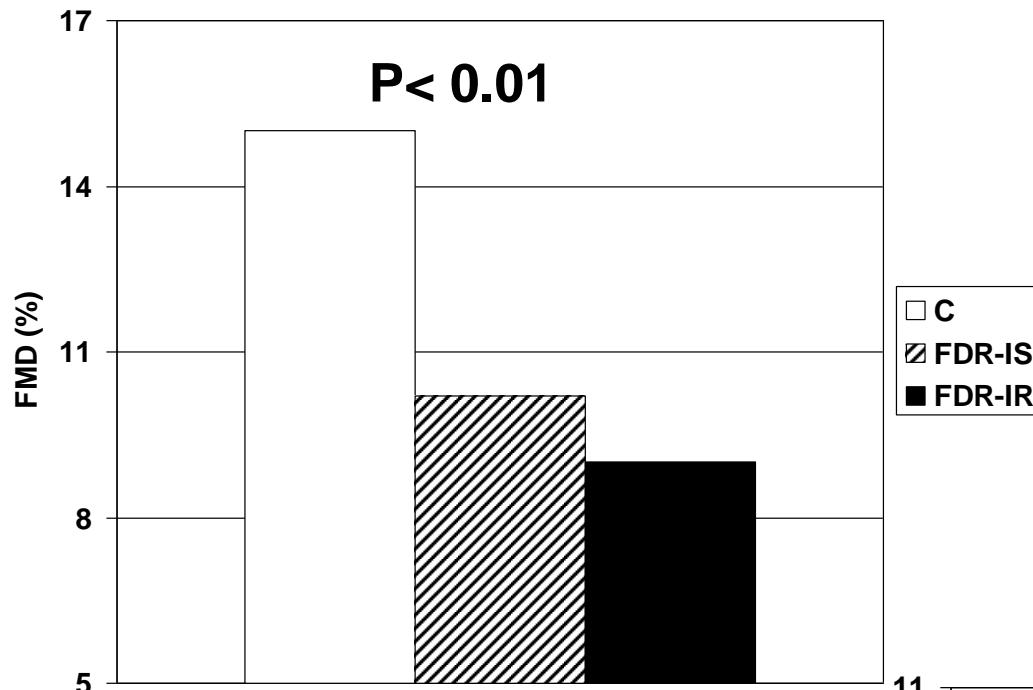


PWV is an Independent Predictor of Incident HT

	Hazard Ratio	95%CI	P-value
SBP (per 10 mmHg)	1.40	0.99-1.08	0.08
PWV (per 1 m/s)	1.10	1.01-1.30	0.03

Multivariate Cox Proportional Hazards models

Other variables included in model: Age, Sex, BMI, MAP, LDL, HDL, Trig

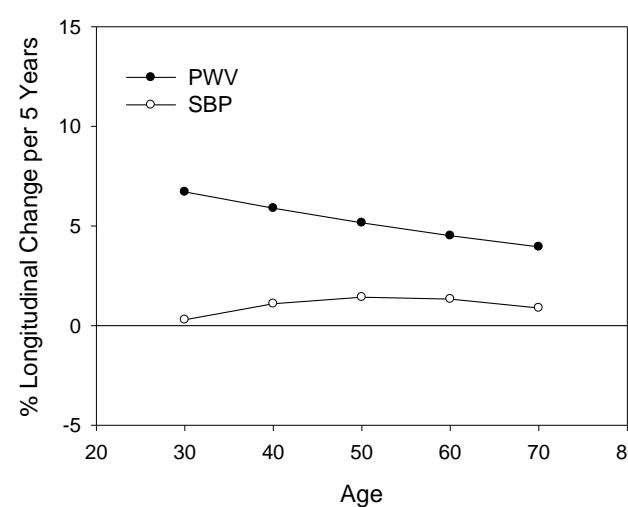
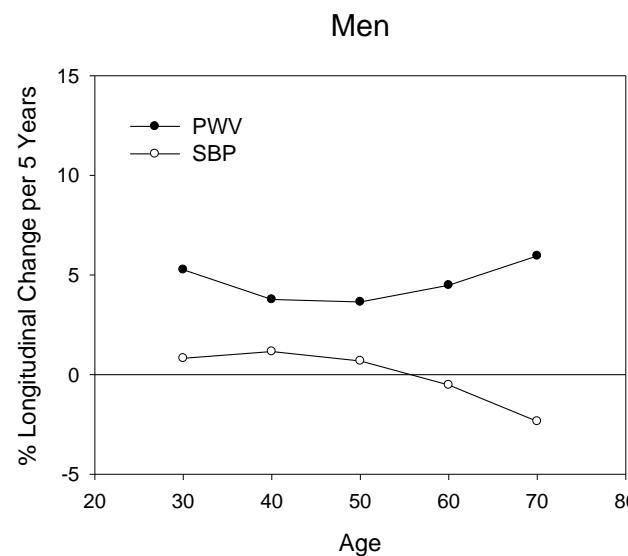
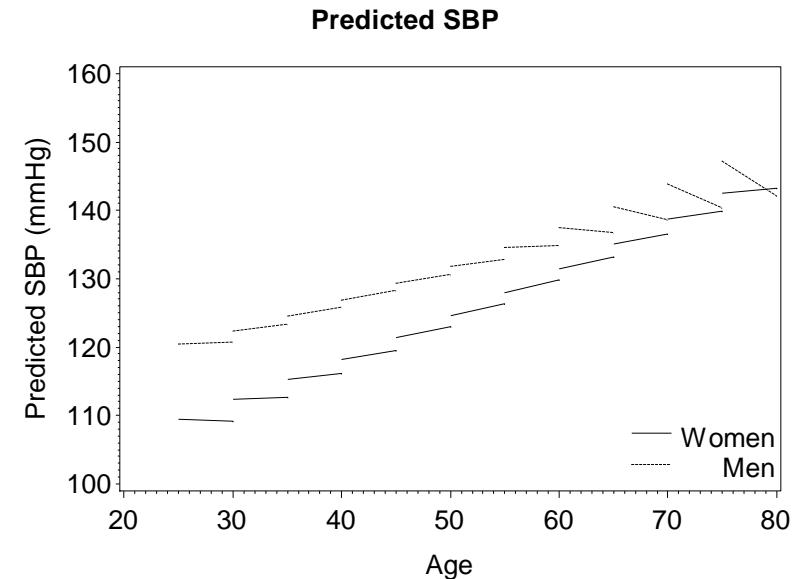
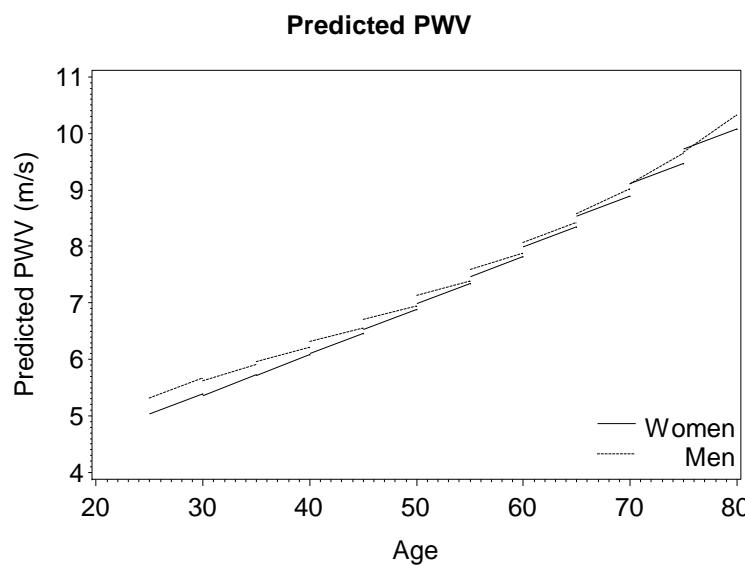


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Factors impacting on heterogeneity of arterial aging: the model of MetS

Table 3 Occurrence of specific clustering of the components of the MetS in men and women when compared with the expected prevalence calculated on the basis of gender-specific prevalence of each MetS component (see Methods for details)

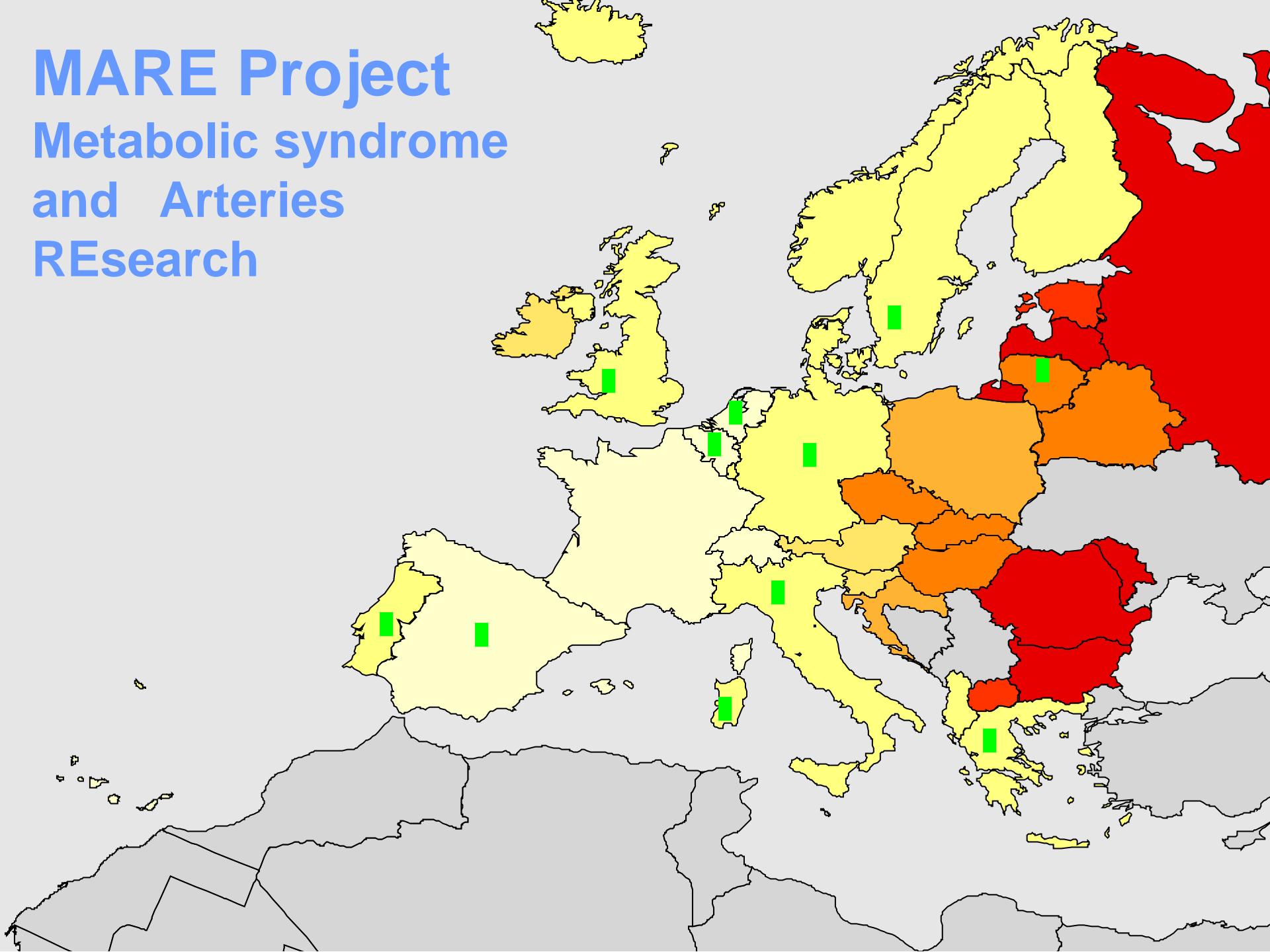
	Men		Women	
	Expected	Observed	Expected	Observed
T-B-W	29.2	20.0	18.4	21.0
H-B-W	7.9	4.3	6.4	15.9
H-T-W	1.6	1.1	4.9	2.3
H-T-B	7.9	4.3	5.0	0
H-T-B-W	1.4	2.2	1.9	3.7
G-B-W	18.1	28.7	17.3	29.0
G-T-W	3.6	4.3	2.7	6.5
G-T-B	18.1	12.4	2.7	0.5
G-T-B-W	3.2	15.1	1.0	5.6
G-H-B	4.9	2.2	4.7	0.5
G-H-W	1.0	0	4.6	4.7
G-H-B-W	0.9	2.2	1.8	4.7
G-H-T	1.0	0.5	0.7	0
G-H-T-B	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.5
G-H-T-W	0.2	0	27.4	2.3
G-H-T-B-W	0.2	1.6	0.1	2.8

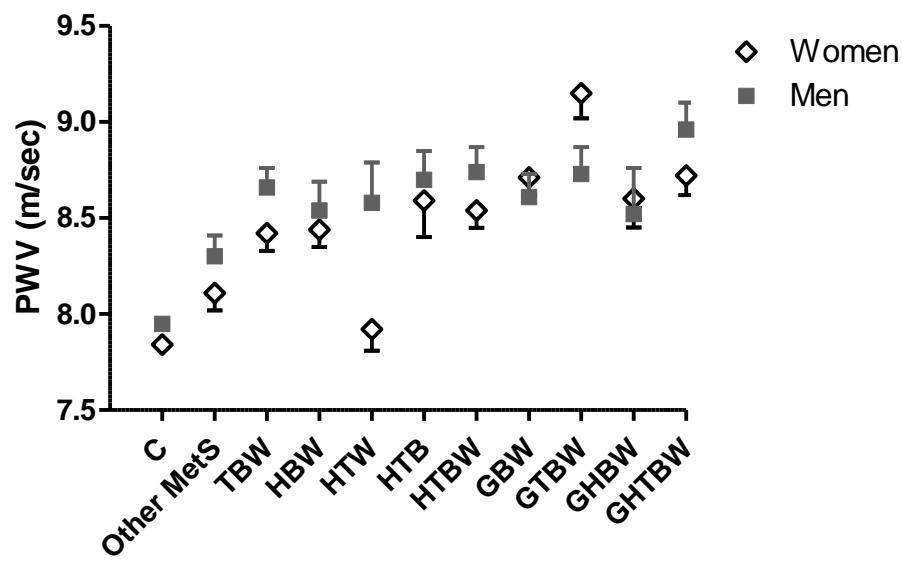
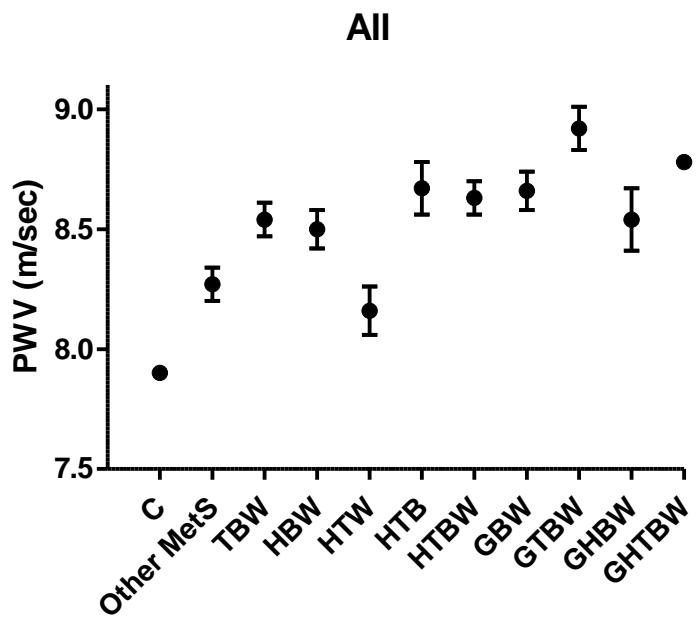
G, elevated glucose component; H, low HDL cholesterol component; T, elevated triglycerides component; B, elevated blood pressure component; W, abdominal obesity.

	T-B-W		H-B-W		G-B-W		G-T-B(-W)		G-H-B(-W)	
	OR	95% CI								
APWV > 95th percentile										
Univariate	3.72	2.03–6.81	3.23	1.35–7.73	6.68	4.29–10.4	6.11	3.38–11.0	8.99	3.39–23.8
Age, sex adjust.	2.72	1.17–4.21	2.13	0.81–5.64	2.06	1.28–3.32	2.57	1.35–4.92	2.64	0.91–7.68
Age, sex, DM	2.38	1.25–4.52	2.17	0.82–5.73	1.60	0.98–2.81	2.11	1.08–4.12	1.98	0.67–5.84
Age, sex, DM, LDL-cholesterol, current smoking	2.31	1.21–4.40	2.22	0.84–5.86	1.58	0.93–2.69	2.10	1.07–4.10	2.08	0.70–6.19
Age, sex, DM, LDL-cholesterol, current smoking excluding prevalent CV disease	2.39	1.25–4.59	2.19	0.83–5.79	1.47	0.84–2.57	2.03	1.01–4.07	1.46	0.41–5.21

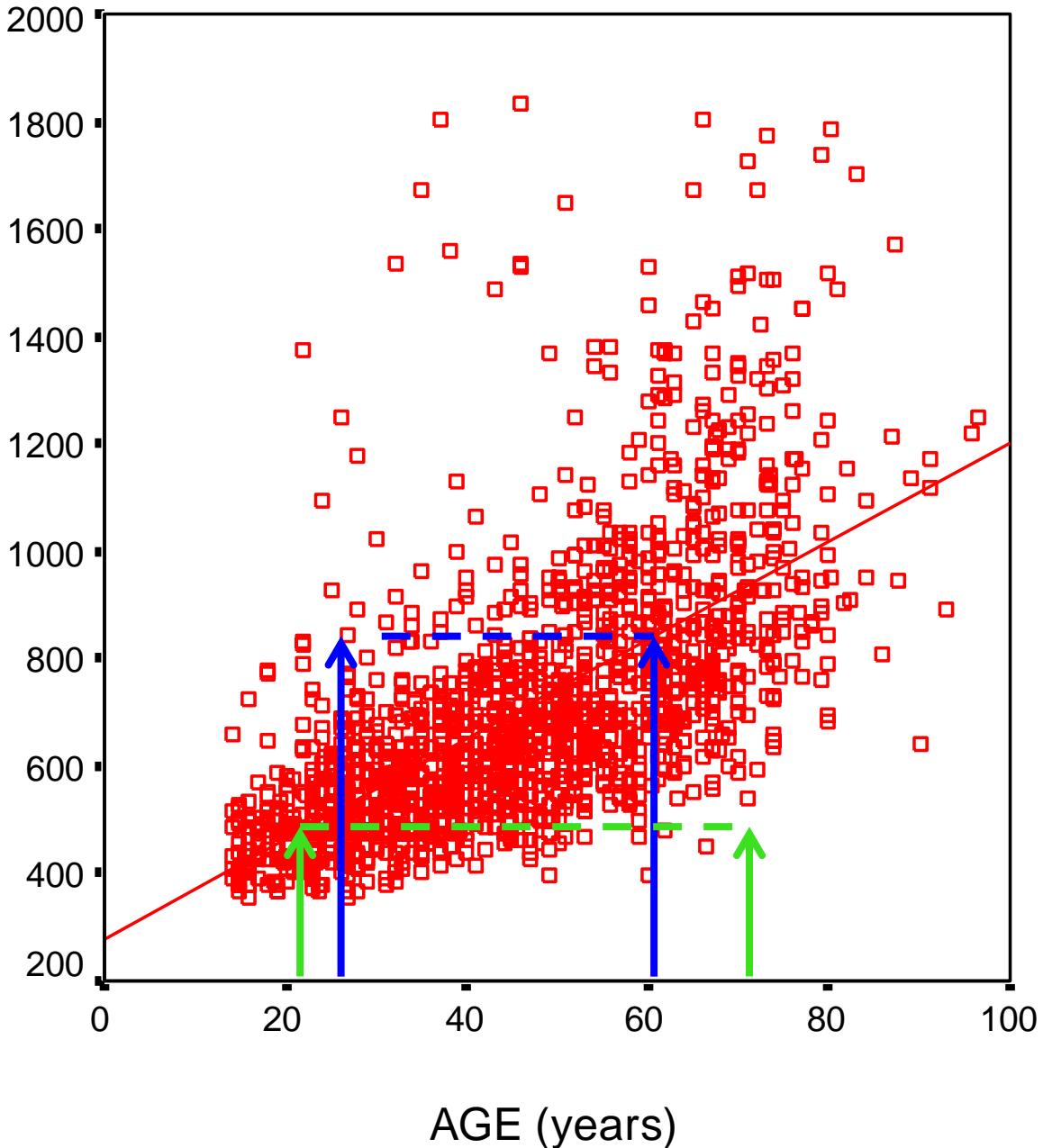
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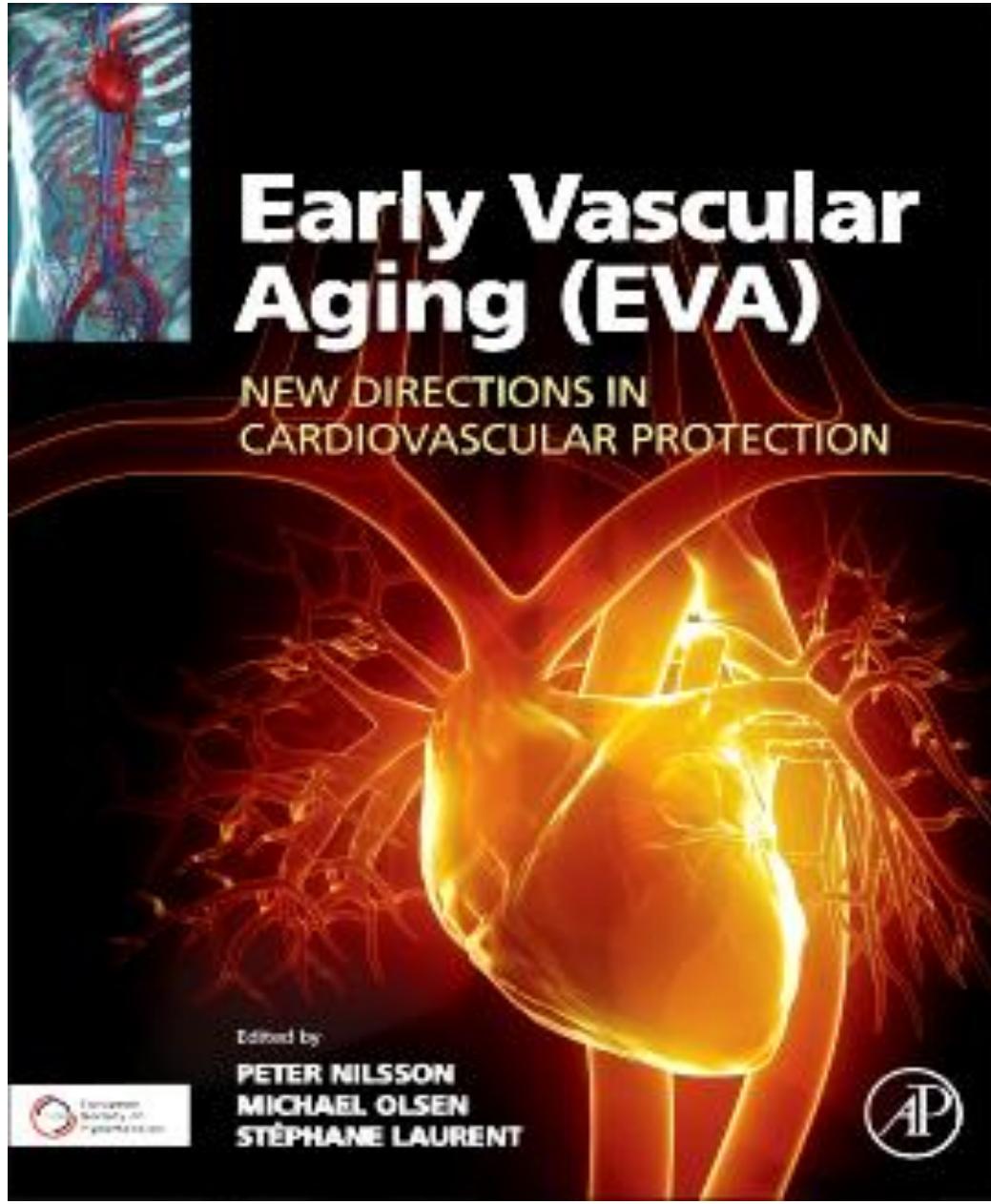




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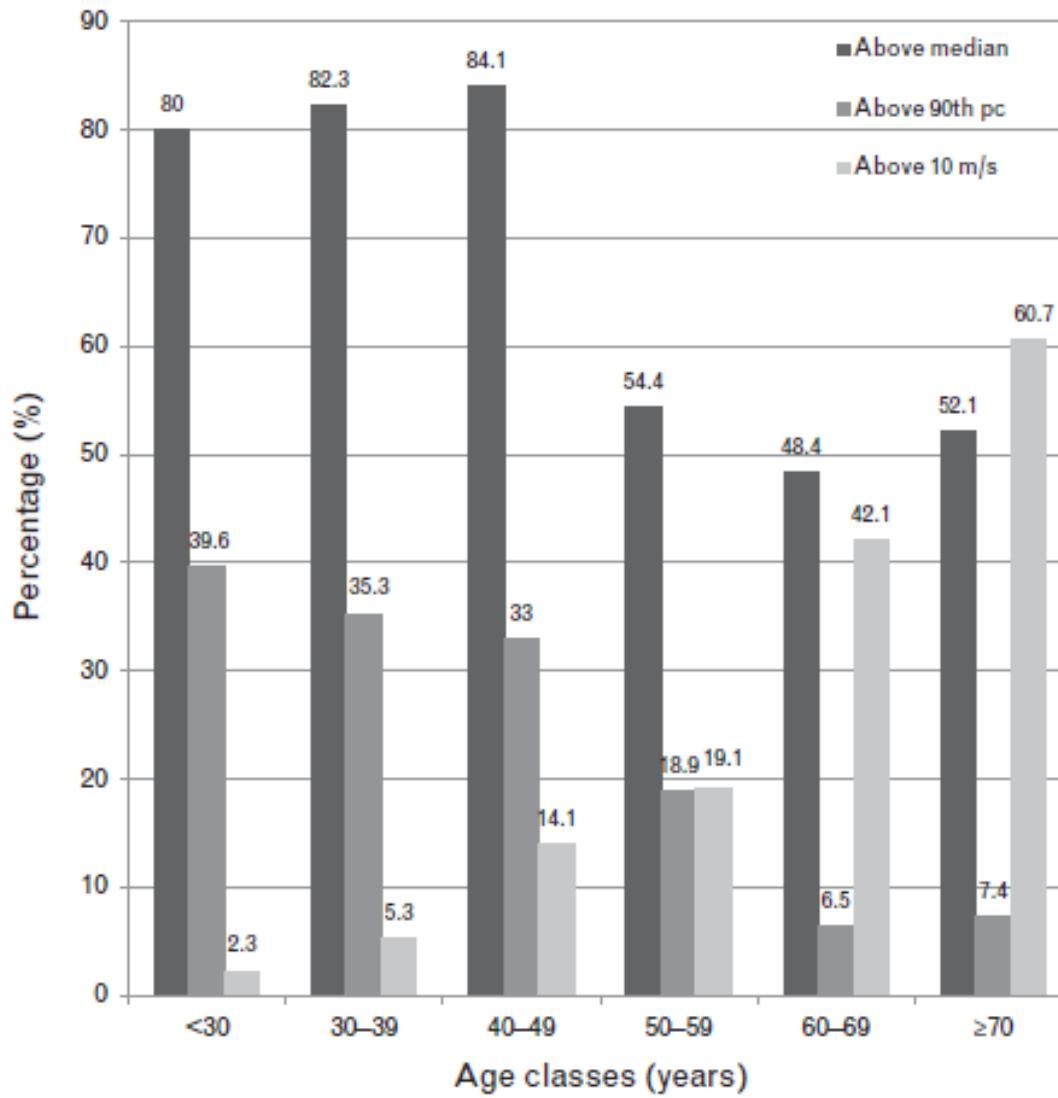
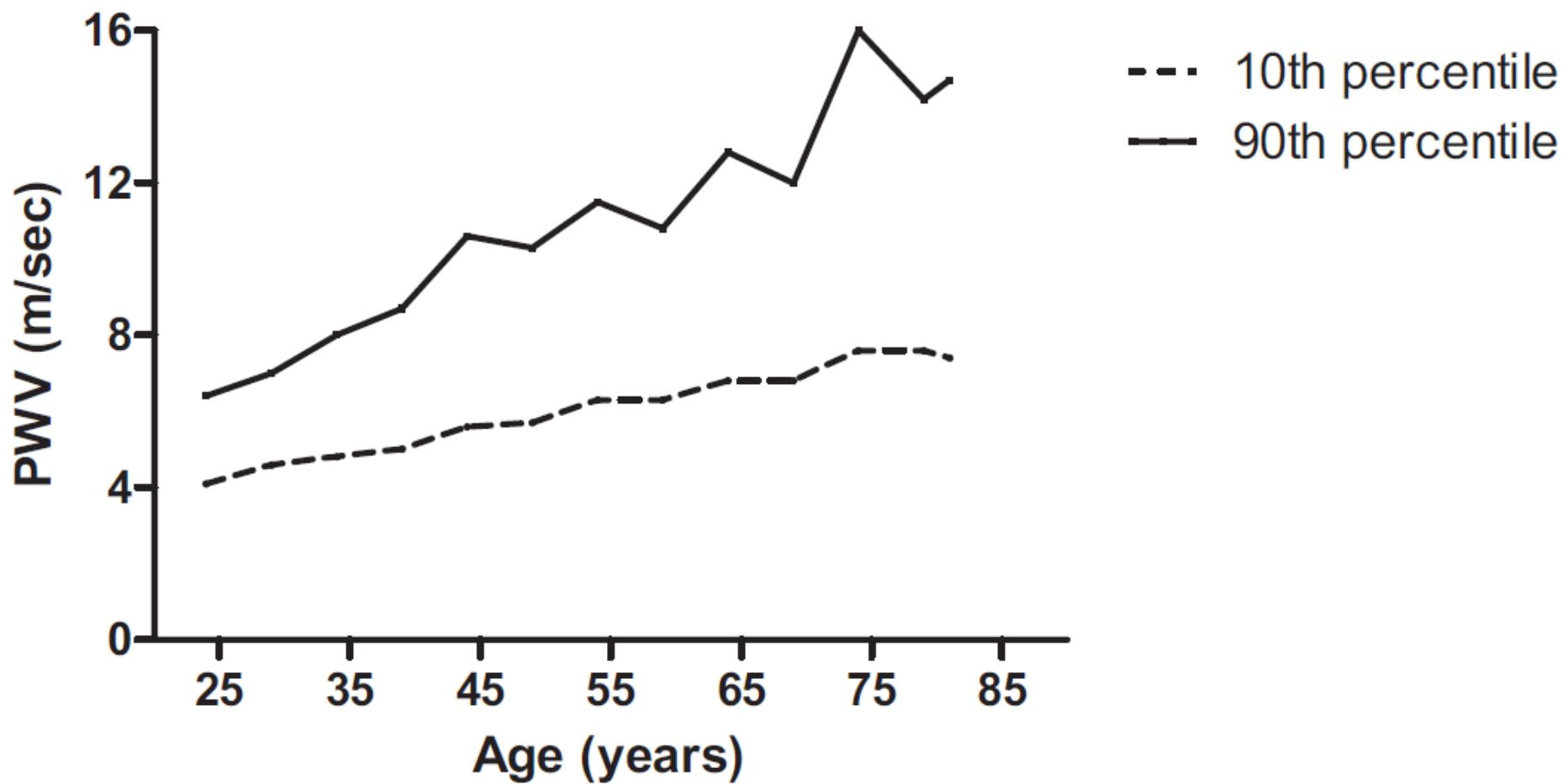


FIGURE 3 Percentage of individuals above the median and above the 90th percentile of the normal pulse wave velocity value expected for age, and above the 10 m/s cutoff (stratified by age decade). pc, percentile.



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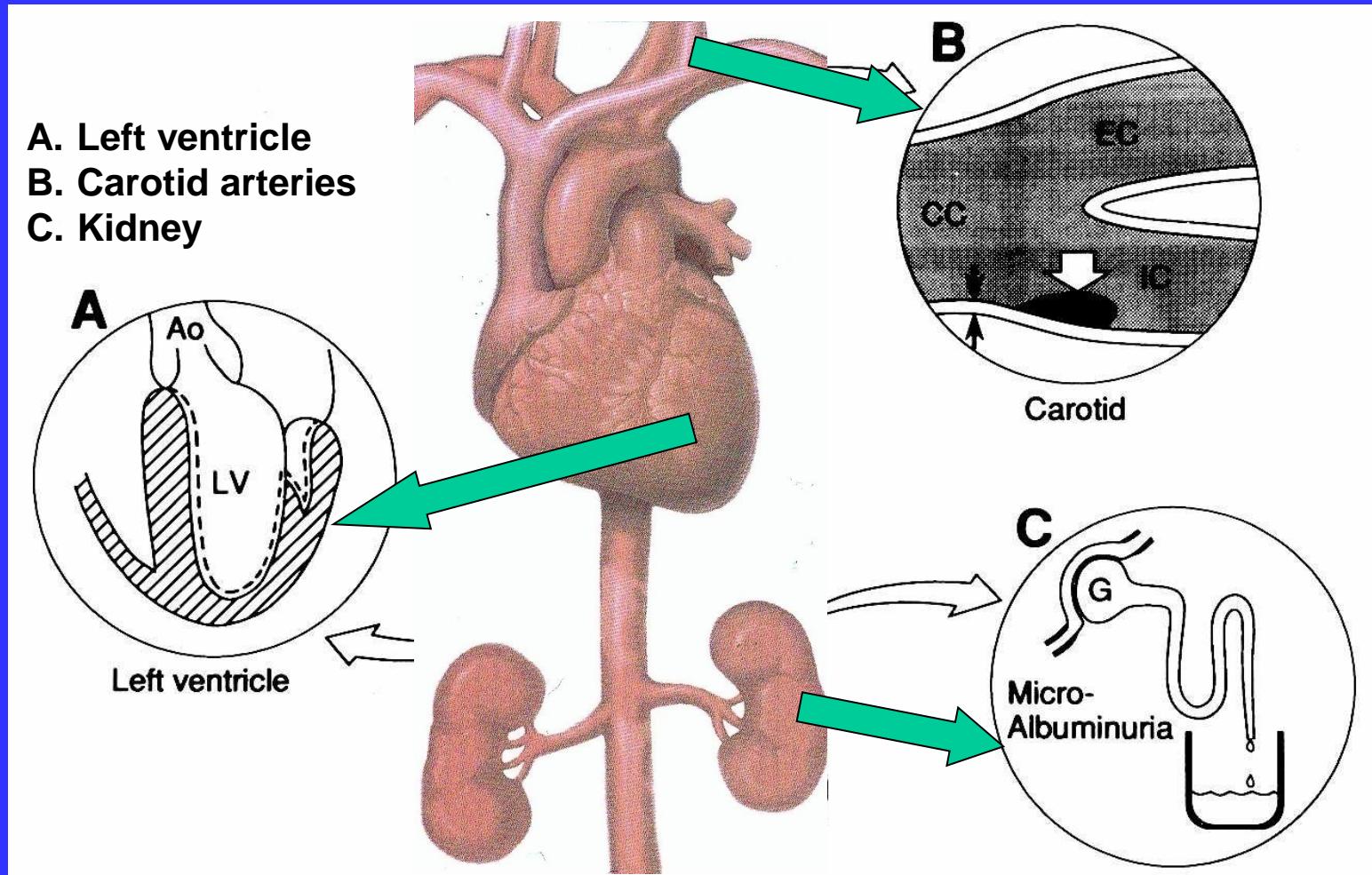
HVA defined as PWV value below the age-quintile specific 10th percentile

	Control (n = 16803)	HVA (n = 1723)	P value
Age (years)	52.5 ± 16.5	52.4 ± 17.1	0.76
Women (%)	57.0	59.4	.05
BMI (kg/m ²)	27.1 ± 5.2	25.2 ± 4.2	0.0001
Waist circumference (cm)	91.0 ± 14.0	85.1 ± 12.8	0.0001
Fasting glucose (mg/dl)	96.1 ± 24.6	88.9 ± 18.2	0.0001
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	218.4 ± 50.2	204.3 ± 41.8	0.0001
HDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	58.4 ± 18.7	63.4 ± 17.5	0.0001
Non-HDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	160.1 ± 51.9	140.9 ± 40.7	0.0001
Triglycerides (mg/dl)	117.4 ± 123.9	87.1 ± 59.2	0.0001
SBP (mmHg)	131.5 ± 19.5	120.5 ± 16.7	0.0001
DBP (mmHg)	79.7 ± 11.5	73.3 ± 10.2	0.0001
MAP (mmHg)	96.8 ± 13.0	89.0 ± 11.3	0.0001
PP (mmHg)	52.0 ± 14.1	47.4 ± 12.4	0.0001
HR (bpm)	67.7 ± 11.1	64.6 ± 10.2	0.0001
Central SBP (mmHg) ^a (n)	125.7 ± 19.8 (8354)	117.3 ± 18.5 (367)	0.0001
Central PP (mmHg) ^a	43.7 ± 14.4	41.4 ± 14.5	0.01
PP amplification (%) ^a	131.7 ± 30.7	128.2 ± 21.9	0.05
Serum creatinine (mg/ml) ^a (n)	0.85 ± 0.26 (13632)	0.84 ± 0.19 (1685)	0.01
PWV (m/s)	8.8 ± 2.9	5.5 ± 0.9	0.0001
PWV/MBP	9.2 ± 2.8	6.3 ± 1.2	0.0001
CCA IMT (mm) ^a (n)	0.70 ± 0.25 (9916)	0.58 ± 0.13 (1349)	0.0001
Hypertension (%)	41.8	21.0	0.0001
Diabetes mellitus (%)	10.1	4.7	0.0001
Overweight (%)	14.2	17.0	0.01
Obesity (%)	23.4	12.5	0.0001
Metabolic syndrome	23.0	8.4	0.0001

Aging is ...

- *a process*
- *dynamic*
- *heterogenous*
- *systemic*
- *(partially) adaptive*

“Windows” through which preclinical cardiovascular disease can be assessed non-invasively



Modified from Devereux and Alderman, Circulation 1993; 88:1444-1455

Target organ damage: Definitions

- HEART

Echocardiographic LVH:

LVMI >50 g/m^{2.7} in either sex

- COMMON CAROTID ARTERY

an intimal-media thickness(IMT) > 0.9 mm
and/or presence of plaque

- KIDNEY:

eGFR<60 ml/min/1.73 m² (stage 3)

Determinants of SHATS.

Bottom up approach

Traditional CV risk factors (sex, smoking, BMI, SBP, DBP; LDL and HDL cholesterol, diabetes)

Plus

Antihypertensive, antidiabetic, and lipid-lowering medications

Plus 24 h BP variability measures

variable name	OR	95% CI	p value
BMI (per Kg/m ²)	1.10	1.02–1.18	0.01
DBP (per mmHg)	0.97	0.95–0.99	0.05
24 h SBP SD	1.18	1.05–1.32	0.01
24 h DBP SD	0.81	0.68–0.97	0.05
SBP Dipper	0.18	0.06–0.57	0.001
Model accuracy		c = 0.77	

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PWV > 10 m/s

Plus

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	SHATS “score”					
	1		2		3	
	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI
PWV >10 m/s	2.23 **	1.01–4.94	5.87 **	2.57–13.4	10.6 **	3.76–29.8
Use of antiHT meds	1.21	0.53–2.78	3.25 &	1.31–8.10	3.74 *	1.27–11.1
24 h DBP SD	1.08	0.90–1.28	0.81 &	0.67–0.99	0.75 *	0.59–0.95
SBP Dipper	0.92	0.39–2.16	0.31 **	0.12–0.77	0.09 **	0.02–0.32

...and so stiffer arteries

are a marker

of systemic alteration & damage

in the whole arterial tree

CONCLUSIONS

Measuring arterial aging

**Arterial aging
is risky**

**Arteries:
aging
not atherosclerosis,
not hypertension**

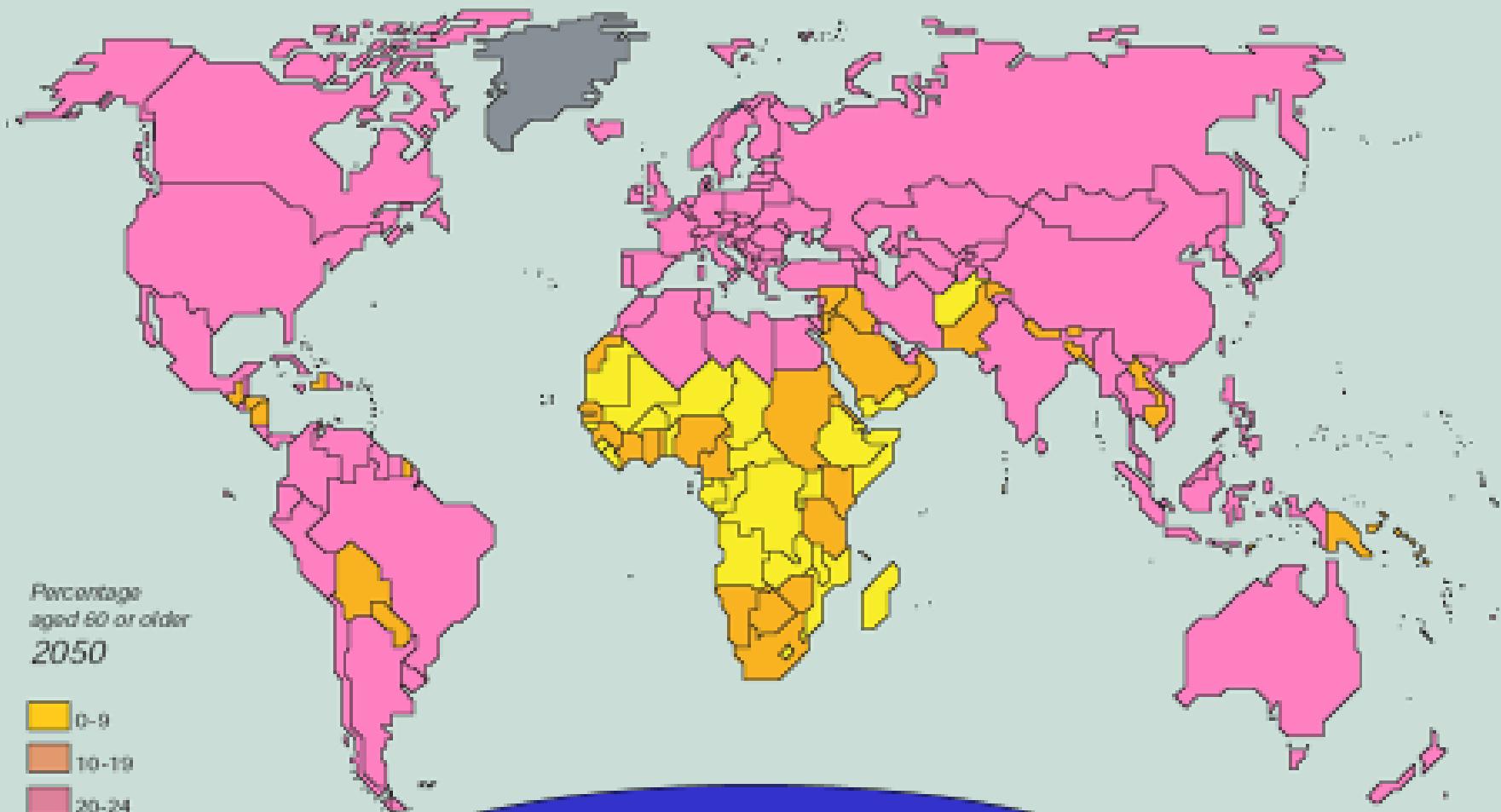
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**How early
arterial aging can be
identified?**

**Can we slow down
arterial aging?**

Percentage of total population aged 60 years or older 2050



In pink, countries with more than 20%
of the population over 60 years of age
in 2050!



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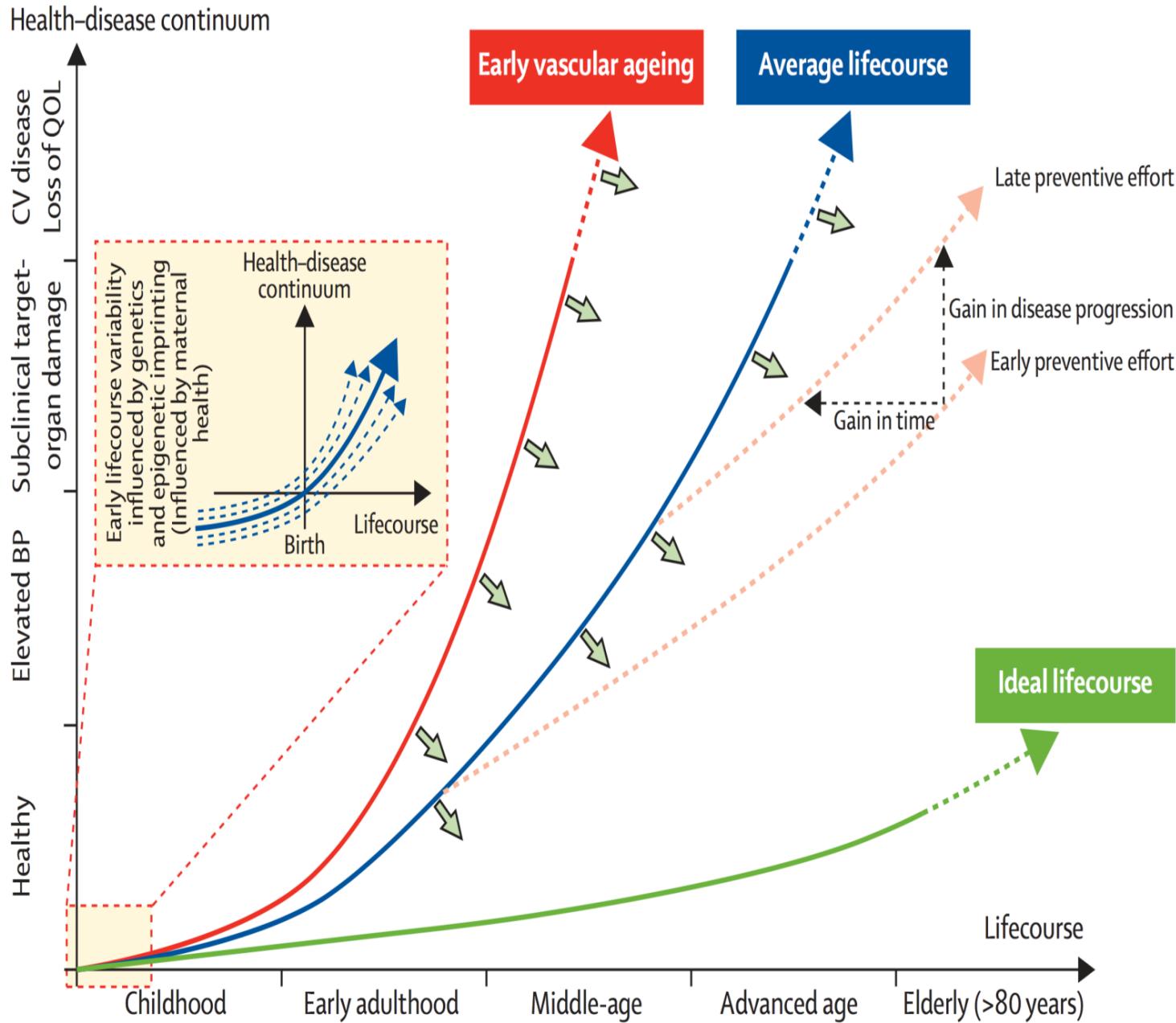


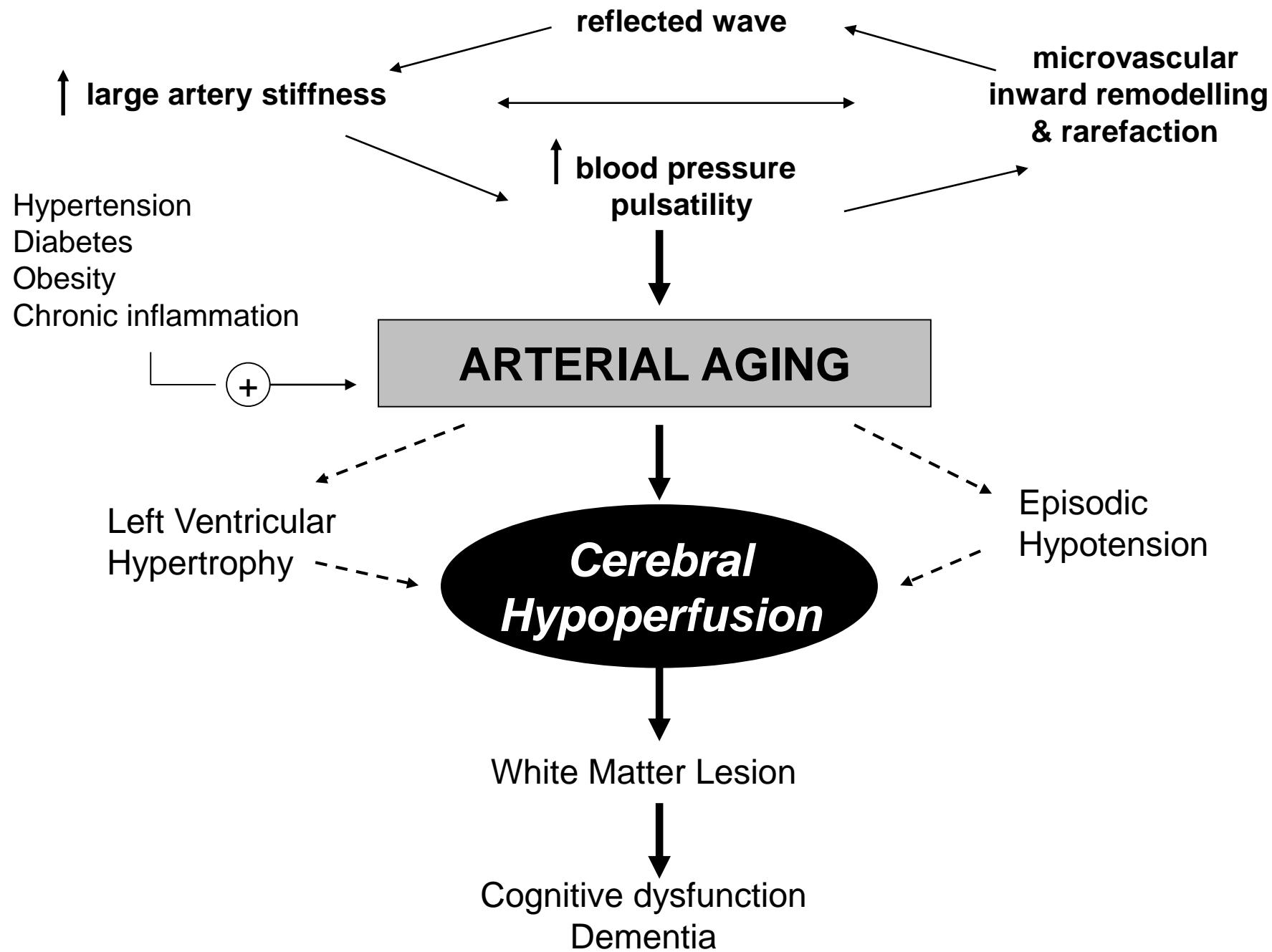
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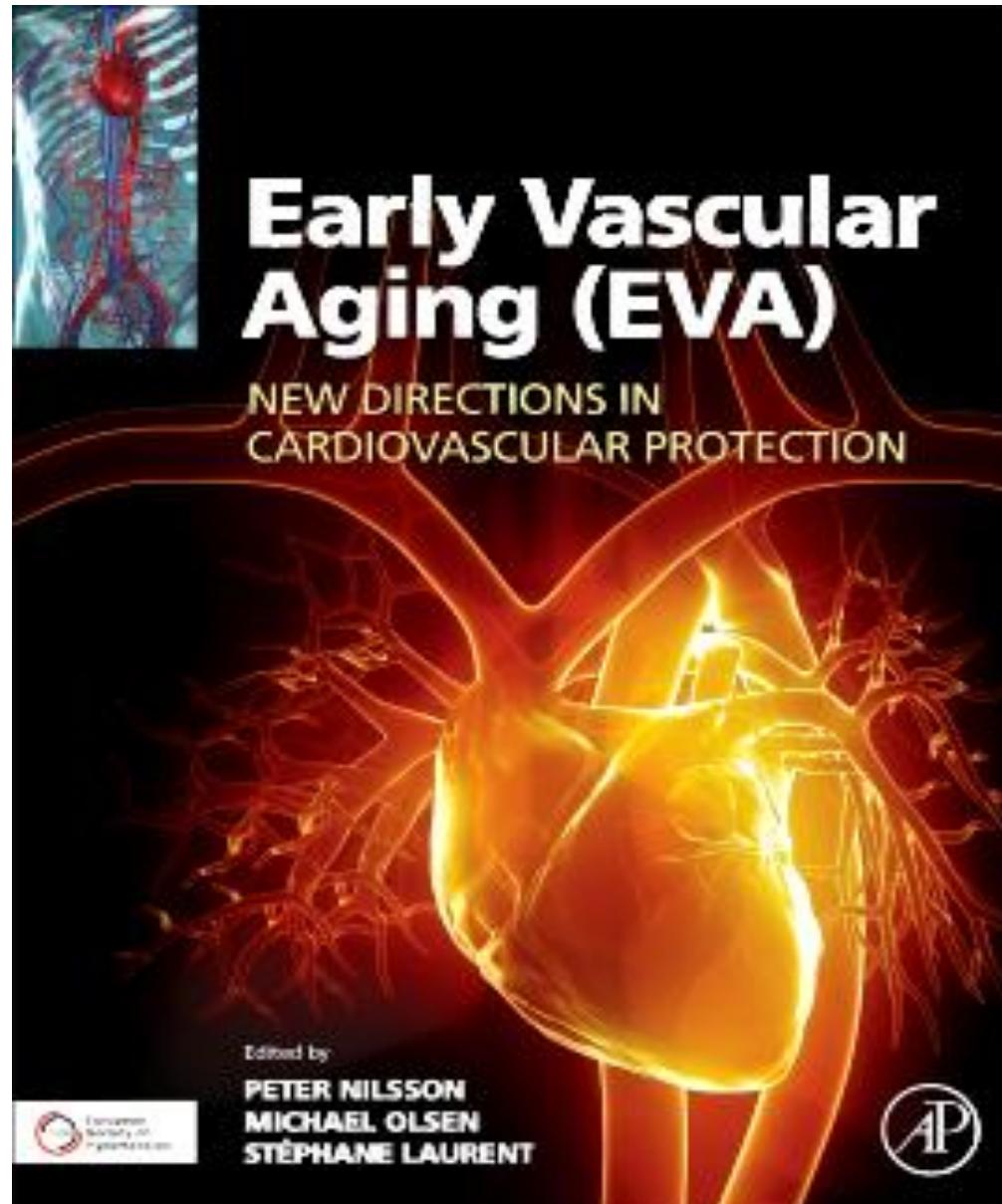
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The life-course approach ⁽²⁾





Routinely measuring arterial aging as early as possible
...with recurrent follow-up



An increasing number of years is lived with some disability....
...and novel functional outcomes become relevant



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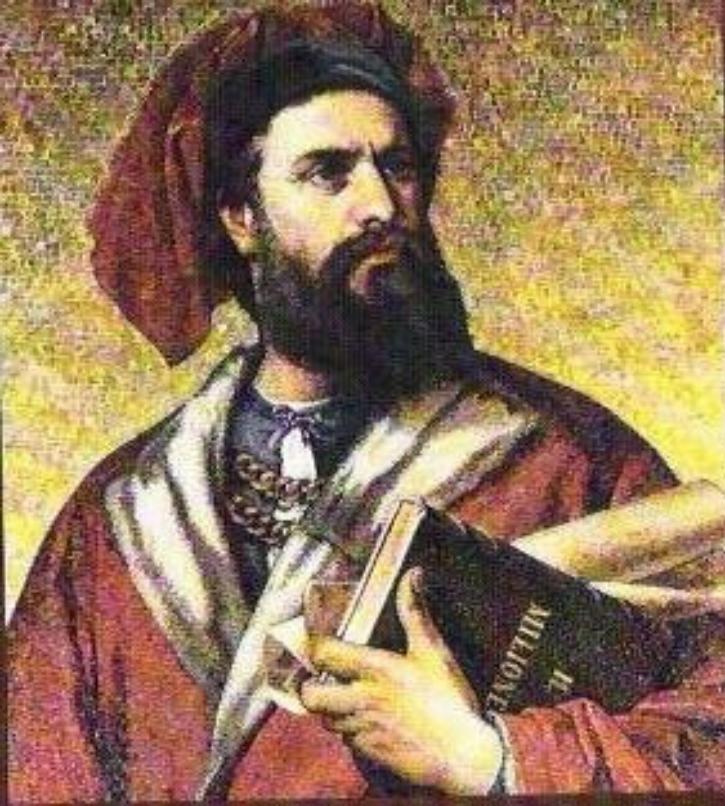
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To help aging populations, classify organismal senescence

Comprehensive disease classification and staging is required to address unmet needs of aging populations

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**Io parlo parlo, ma chi mi ascolta ritiene
solo le parole che aspetta. [...]**
**Chi comanda il racconto non e' la voce:
e' l' orecchio.**

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