

Polypill strategy in secondary Cardiovascular prevention

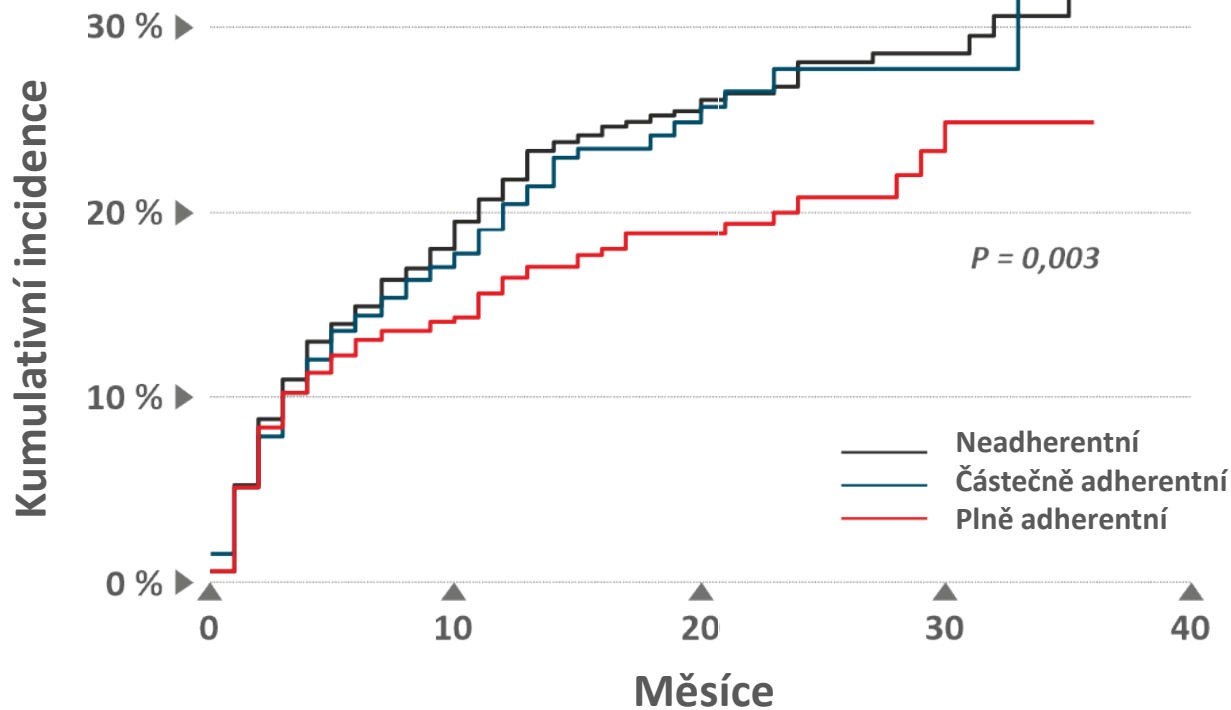
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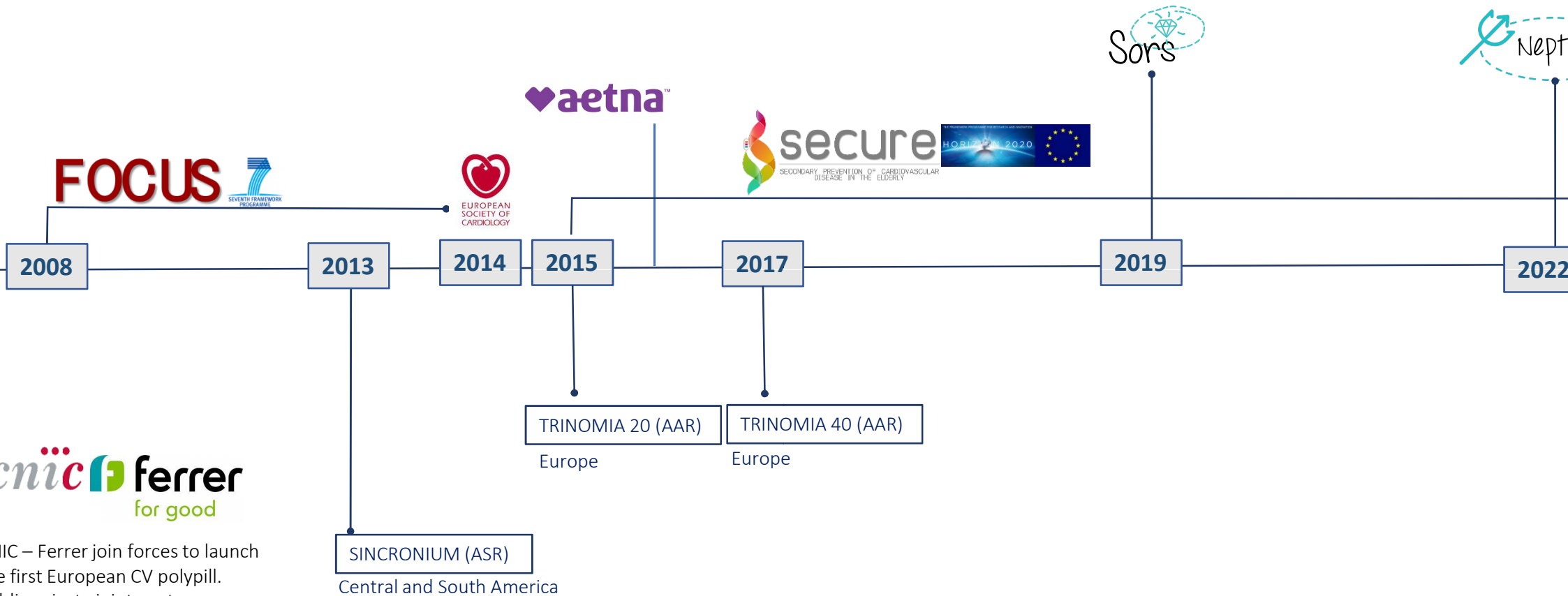
Horší prognóza až o 34 % u pacientů s nízkou nebo částečnou adherencí k léčbě beta-blokátorem

Výskyt KV příhod v závislosti na adhezenci k léčbě BB

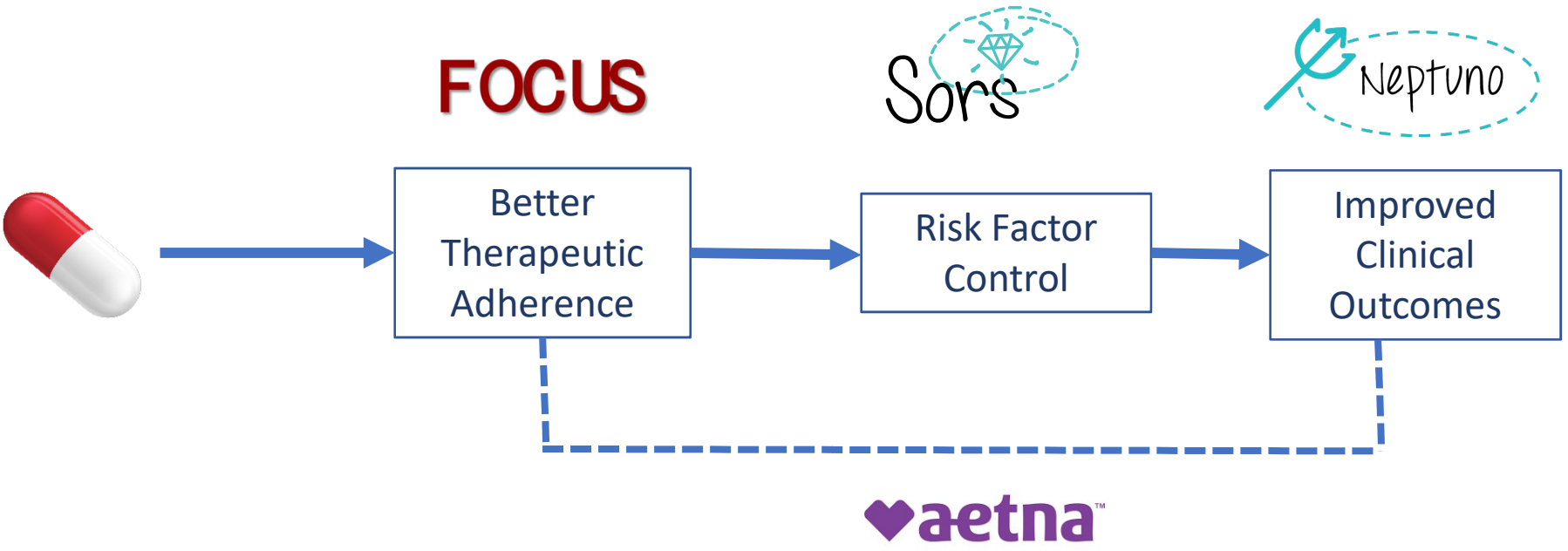


SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT & MILESTONES

CNIC-Ferrer CV Polypill for Secondary Prevention



SECURE RATIONALE



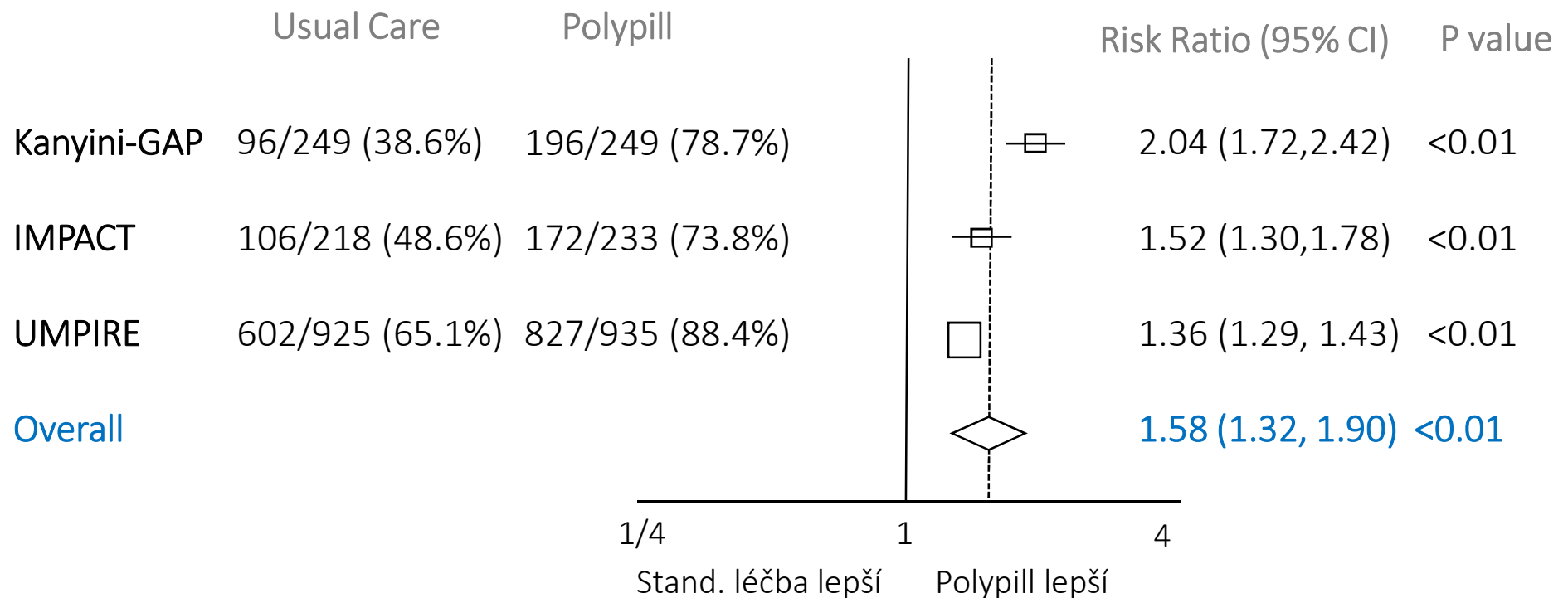
SPACE Program

Primary Outcomes – Adherence at 12 months

UMPIRE: n= 2002, India & W. Europe

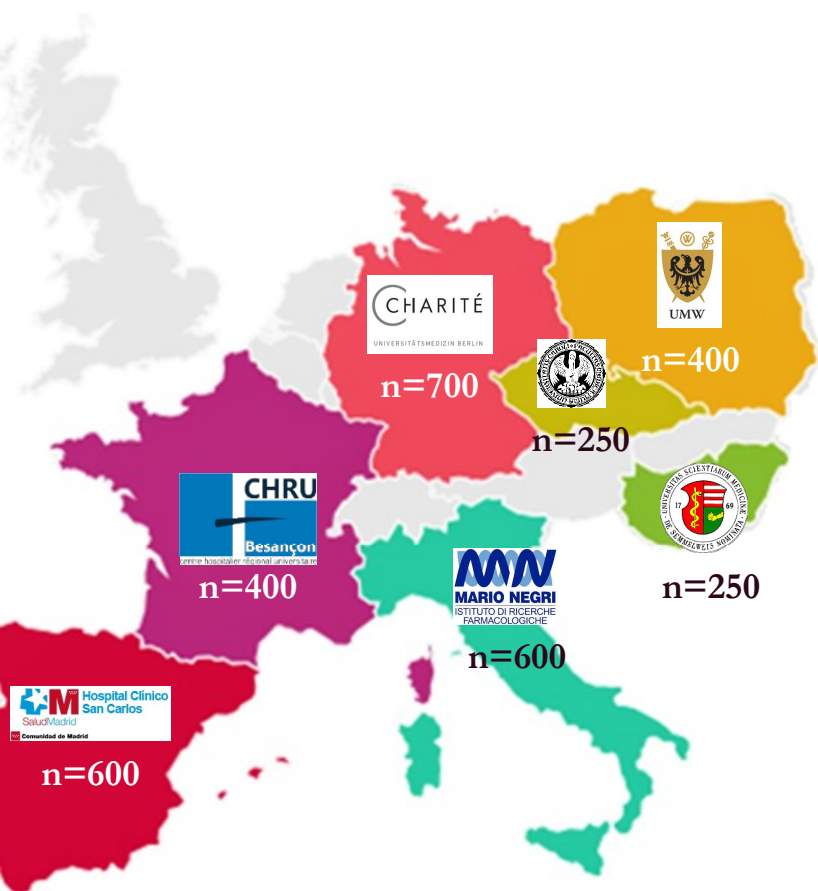
Kanyini-GAP: n=623 in Australia, half indigenous

IMPACT: n=513 in NZ, half indigenous



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SECURE | Consortium



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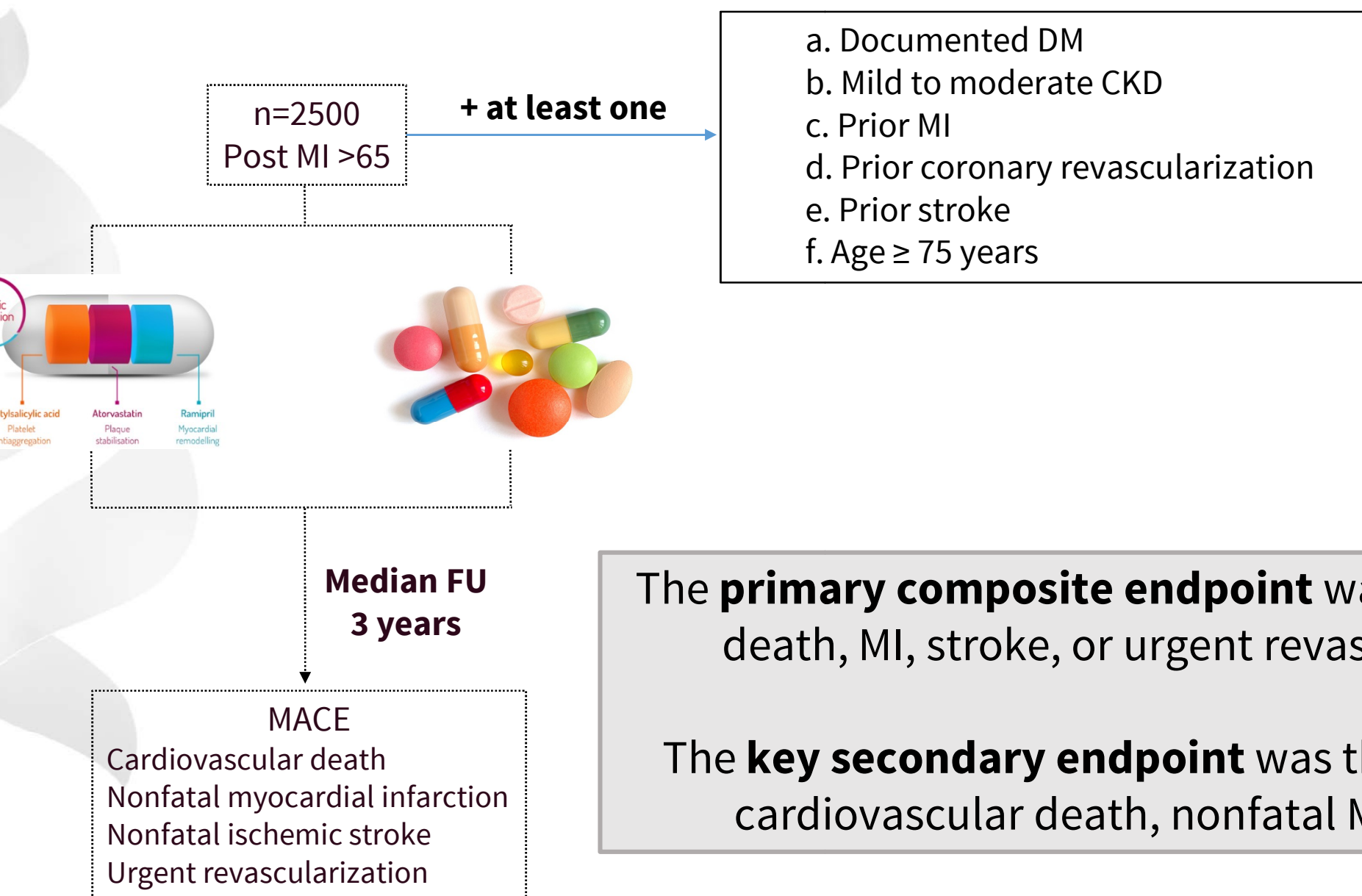


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2499 patients recruited in 113 centers across 7 European Countries



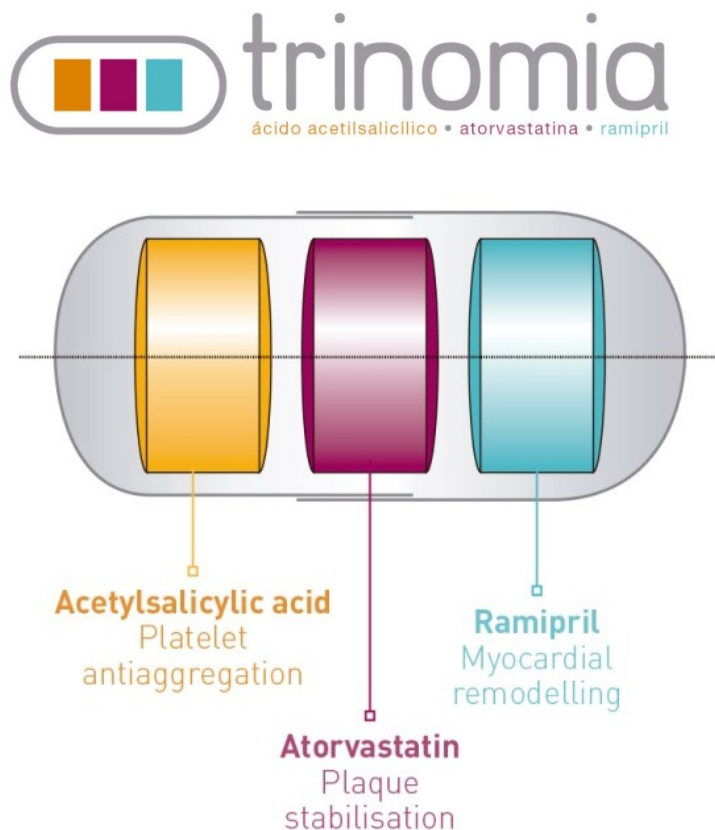
Study Overview



The **primary composite endpoint** was cardiovascular death, MI, stroke, or urgent revascularization.

The **key secondary endpoint** was the composite of cardiovascular death, nonfatal MI, or stroke.

Přínosy strategie založené na polypill

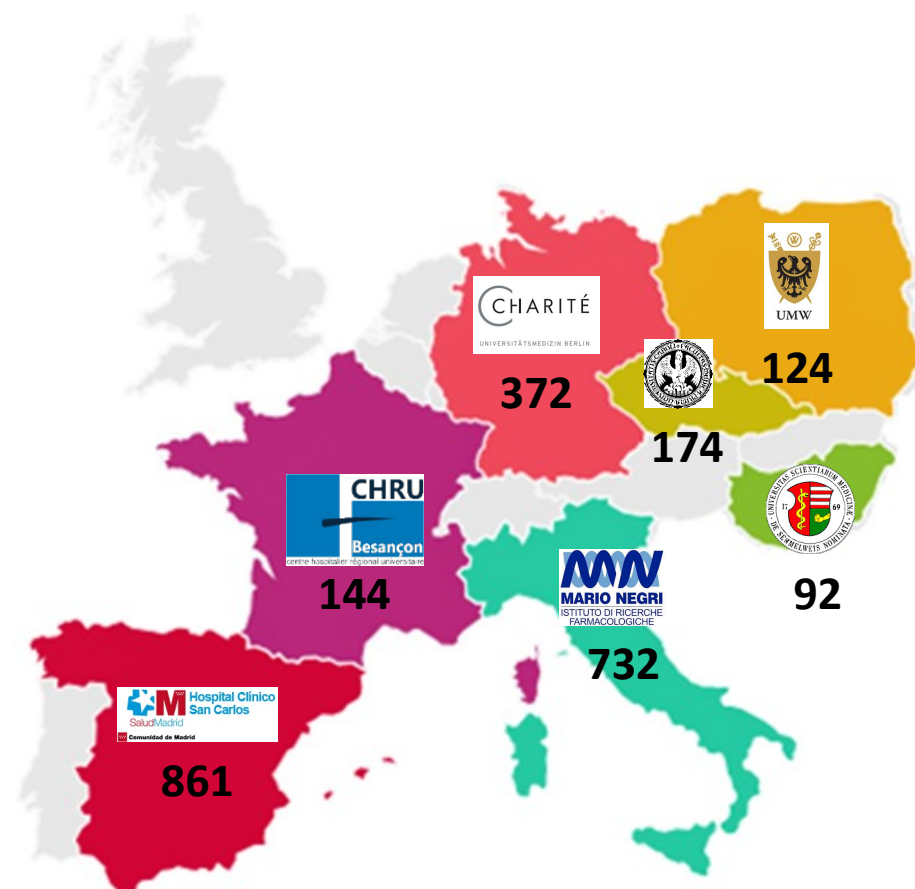


- Simplifikovat léčbu
- Zlepšit adherenci
- Snížit KV komplikace
- Zlepšit cost-efektivitu
- Zvýšit dostupnost
- Dosáhnout globálního efektu

Castellano JM et al., J Am Coll Cardiol.
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Inclusion

Country, n (%)	Polypill	Usual Care
Spain	408 (16.3)	453 (18.1)
Italy	377 (15.1)	355 (14.2)
Germany	187 (7.5)	185 (7.4)
Czech Republic	87 (3.5)	87 (3.5)
France	80 (3.2)	64 (2.6)
Poland	58 (2.3)	66 (2.6)
Hungary	52 (2.1)	40 (1.6)





Baseline Demographics

	Polypill (n=1237)	Usual care (n=1229)
Age (years)		
Mean (SD)	75.8 (6.7)	76.1 (6.5)
<75	516 (41.7)	482 (39.2)
75+	721 (58.3)	747 (60.8)
Male	853 (69.0)	848 (69.0)
Female	384 (31.0)	381 (31.0)
Czech Republic	85 (6.9)	87 (7.1)
France	74 (6.0)	70 (5.7)
Germany	182 (14.7)	184 (15.0)
Hungary	45 (3.6)	45 (3.7)
Italy	366 (29.6)	365 (29.7)
Poland	63 (5.1)	60 (4.9)
Spain	422 (34.1)	418 (34.0)
Caucasian	1221 (99.2)	1211 (99.2)
Black	3 (0.2)	0 (0.0)
Other	7 (0.6)	10 (0.8)
Less than high school	580 (49.4)	576 (49.6)
Some high school	415 (35.3)	424 (36.5)
More than high school	179 (15.2)	162 (13.9)
Working full-time	37 (3.1)	27 (2.2)
Working part-time	17 (1.4)	13 (1.1)
Not working	39 (3.2)	34 (2.8)
Retired	1117 (92.3)	1132 (93.9)



Baseline Medical History

	Polypill (n=1237)	Usual care (n=1229)
Smoking status,		
Current	175 (15.0)	161 (13.8)
Former	459 (39.4)	471 (40.4)
Never	532 (45.6)	534 (45.8)
Diabetes mellitus,	520 (42.0)	531 (43.2)
Not insulin-dependent	370 (29.9)	412 (33.5)
Insulin-dependent	149 (12.1)	119 (9.7)
Hypertension,	952 (77.0)	966 (78.8)
Hyperlipidemia,	702 (57.4)	724 (59.6)
Angina pectoris,	280 (22.6)	317 (25.8)
Angina class,		
I	66 (28.2)	82 (29.3)
II	84 (35.9)	106 (37.9)
III	49 (20.9)	49 (17.5)
IV	35 (15.0)	43 (15.4)
Missing (%)	46 (16.4)	38 (12.0)
Previous MI,	260 (21.0)	276 (22.5)
Coronary artery disease,	373 (30.2)	389 (31.7)
Previous PCI,	273 (22.1)	274 (22.3)
Previous CABG,	71 (5.7)	92 (7.5)
Previous stroke,	88 (7.1)	79 (6.4)
Prior vascular event,	406 (32.8)	417 (33.9)
Previous heart failure,	25 (2.0)	25 (2.0)
CKD,	465 (37.6)	435 (35.4)
Peripheral arterial disease,	104 (8.4)	106 (8.6)
History of COPD/asthma,	123 (10.0)	116 (9.5)
History of cancer,	140 (11.3)	150 (12.2)

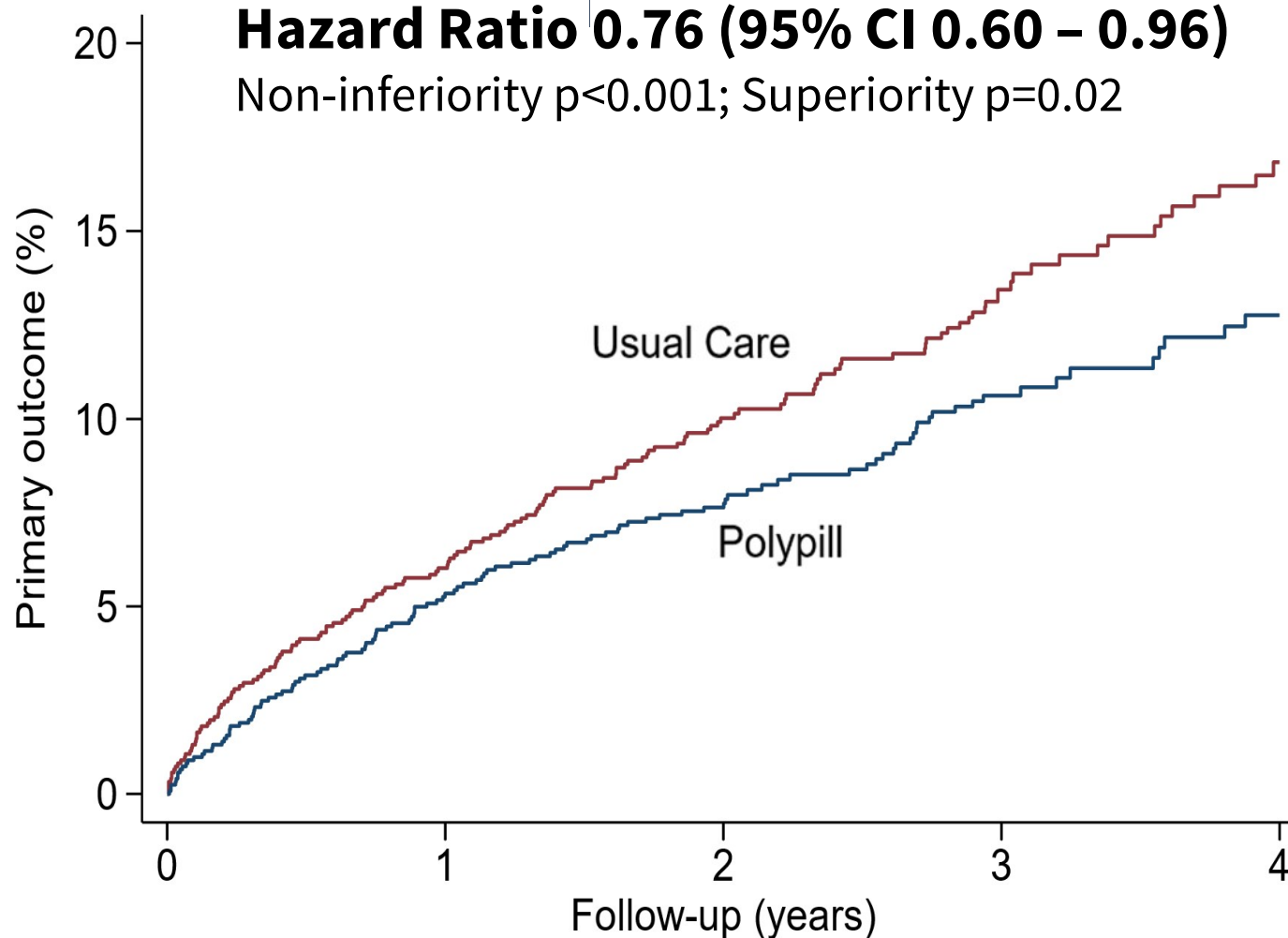


Primary Outcome

Composite of CV Death, MI, Stroke, and Urgent

Hazard Ratio 0.76 (95% CI 0.60 – 0.96)

Non-inferiority $p < 0.001$; Superiority $p = 0.02$



Number at risk

Usual Care 1229

1075

852

518

196

Polypill 1237

1064

848

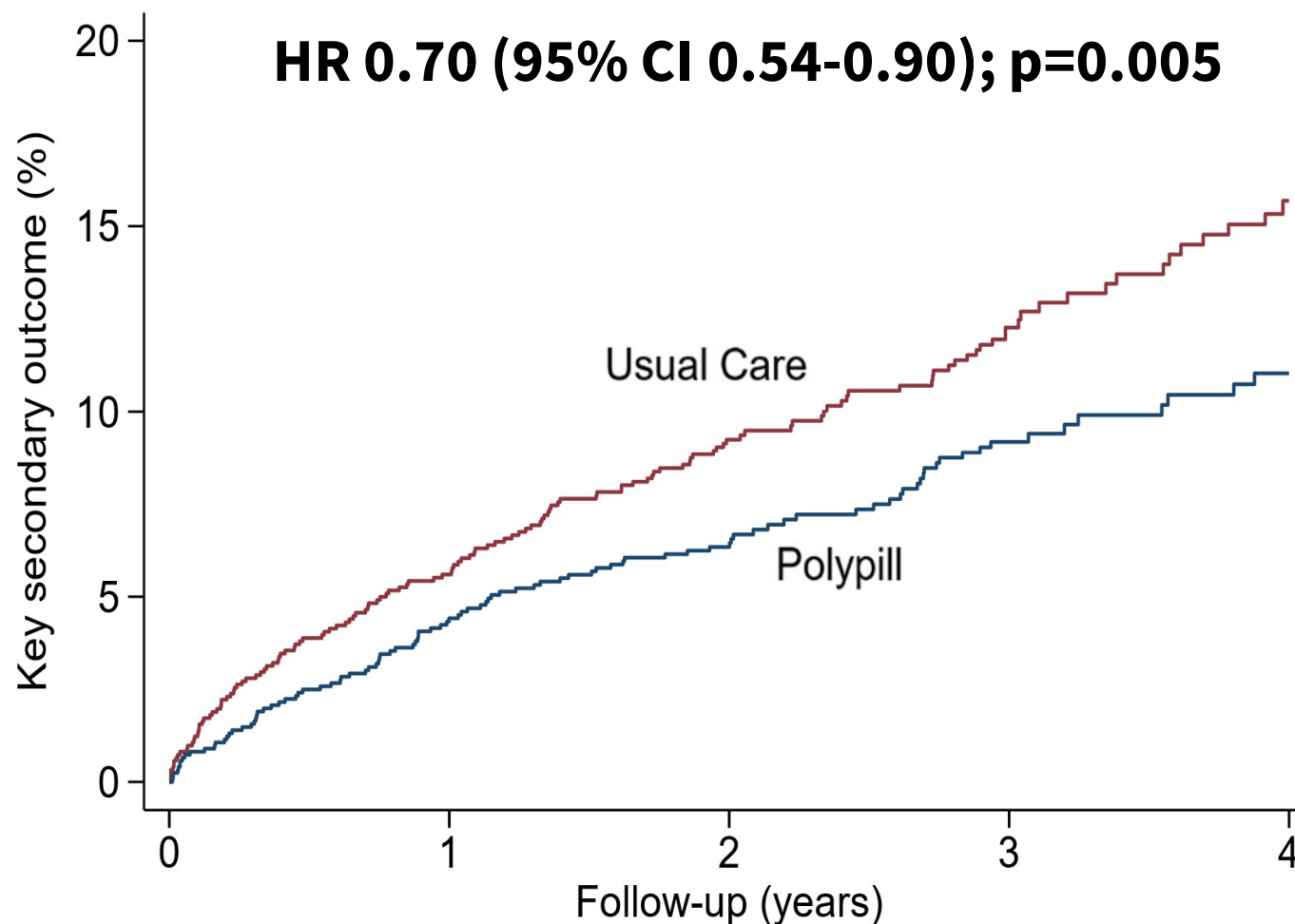
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192

Key Secondary Outcome

Composite of CV Death, MI, Stroke

HR 0.70 (95% CI 0.54-0.90); p=0.005



Number at risk

Usual Care 1229

1079

857

522

196

Polypill 1237

1074

859

521

201



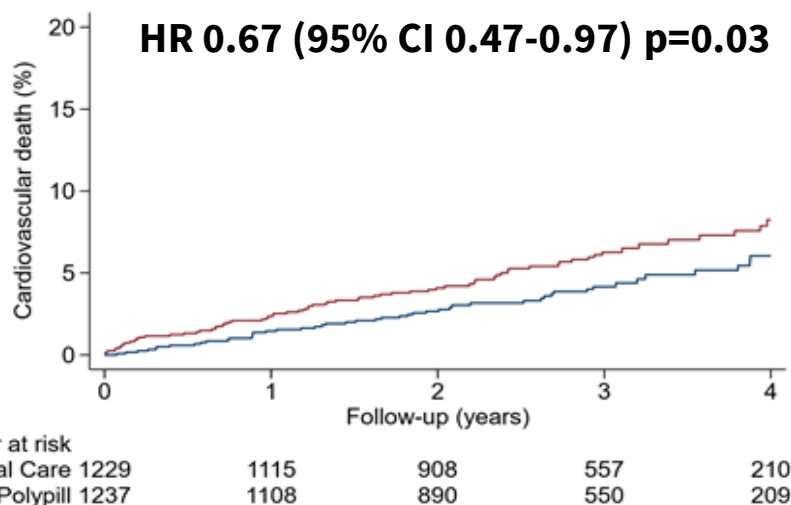
Primary and Secondary Outcomes ITT Analysis

	Polypill (n=1258)		Usual Care (n=1241)		HR (95% CI)	P
	N	%	N	%		
Primary outcome	118	9.5	156	12.7	0.76 (0.60, 0.96)	Non-inferiority p<0.001 Superiority p=0.02
Key secondary outcome						
Composite of CV death, type 1 MI or ischemic stroke	101	8.2	144	11.7	0.70 (0.54, 0.90)	0.005
Components of primary outcome						
CV death	48	3.9	71	5.8	0.67 (0.47, 0.97)	0.03
Type 1 MI	44	3.6	62	5.0	0.71 (0.48, 1.05)	0.09
Ischemic stroke	19	1.5	27	2.2	0.70 (0.39, 1.26)	0.24
Urgent revascularization	27	2.2	28	2.3	0.96 (0.57, 1.63)	0.88
Safety						
All-cause death	115	9.3	117	9.5	0.97 (0.75, 1.25)	0.79
Non-CV death	67	5.4	46	3.7	1.42 (0.97, 2.07)	0.07

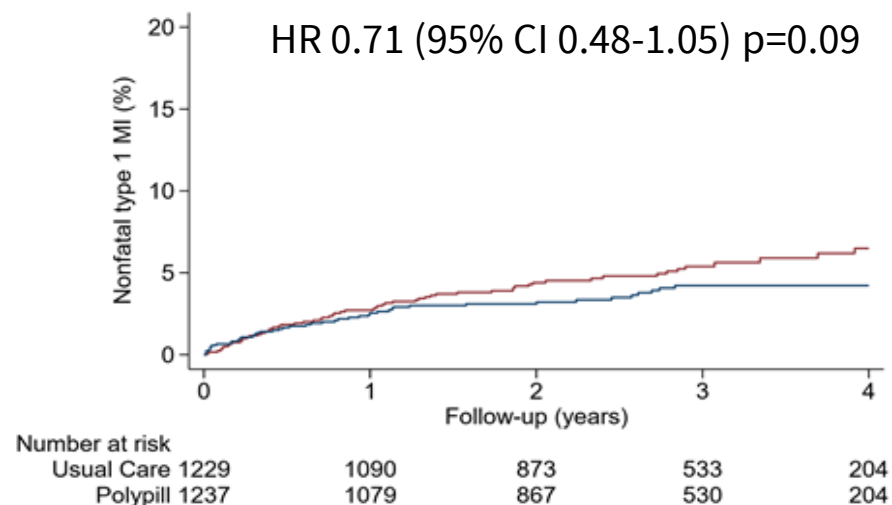


Individual Components of the Primary Outcome

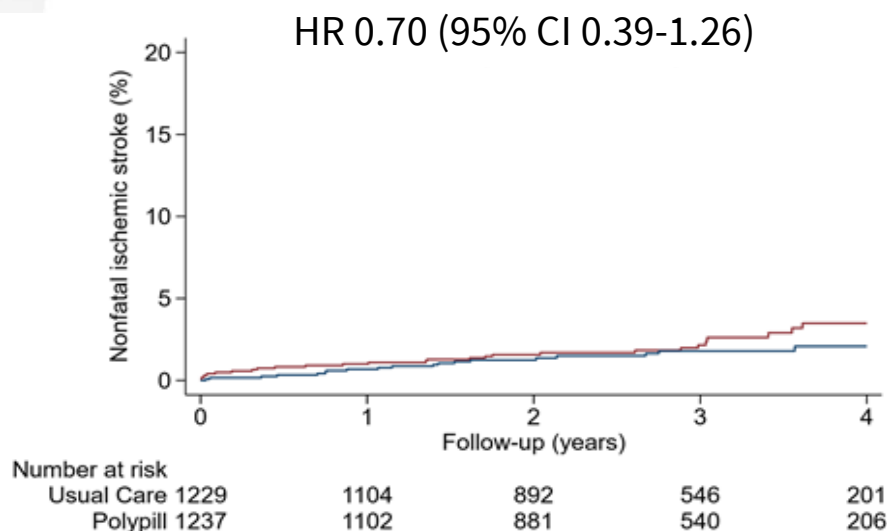
Cardiovascular Death



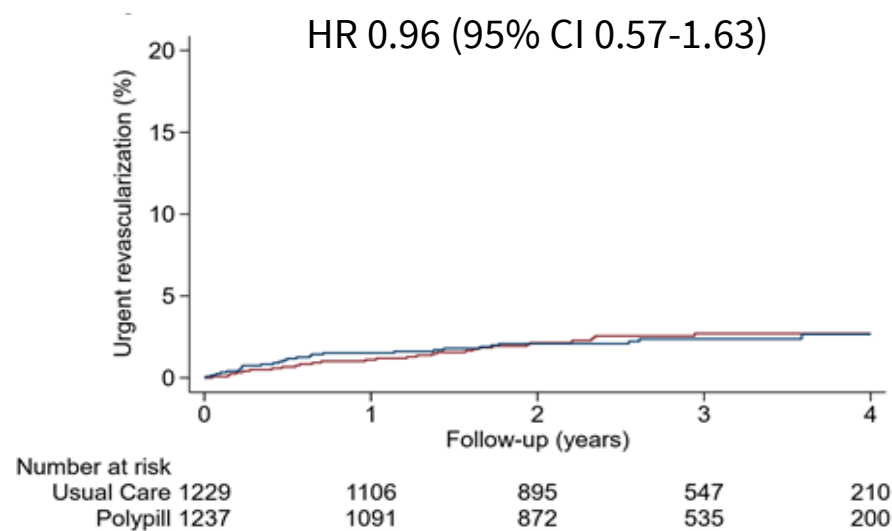
Nonfatal type 1 MI



Non Fatal Ischemic Stroke



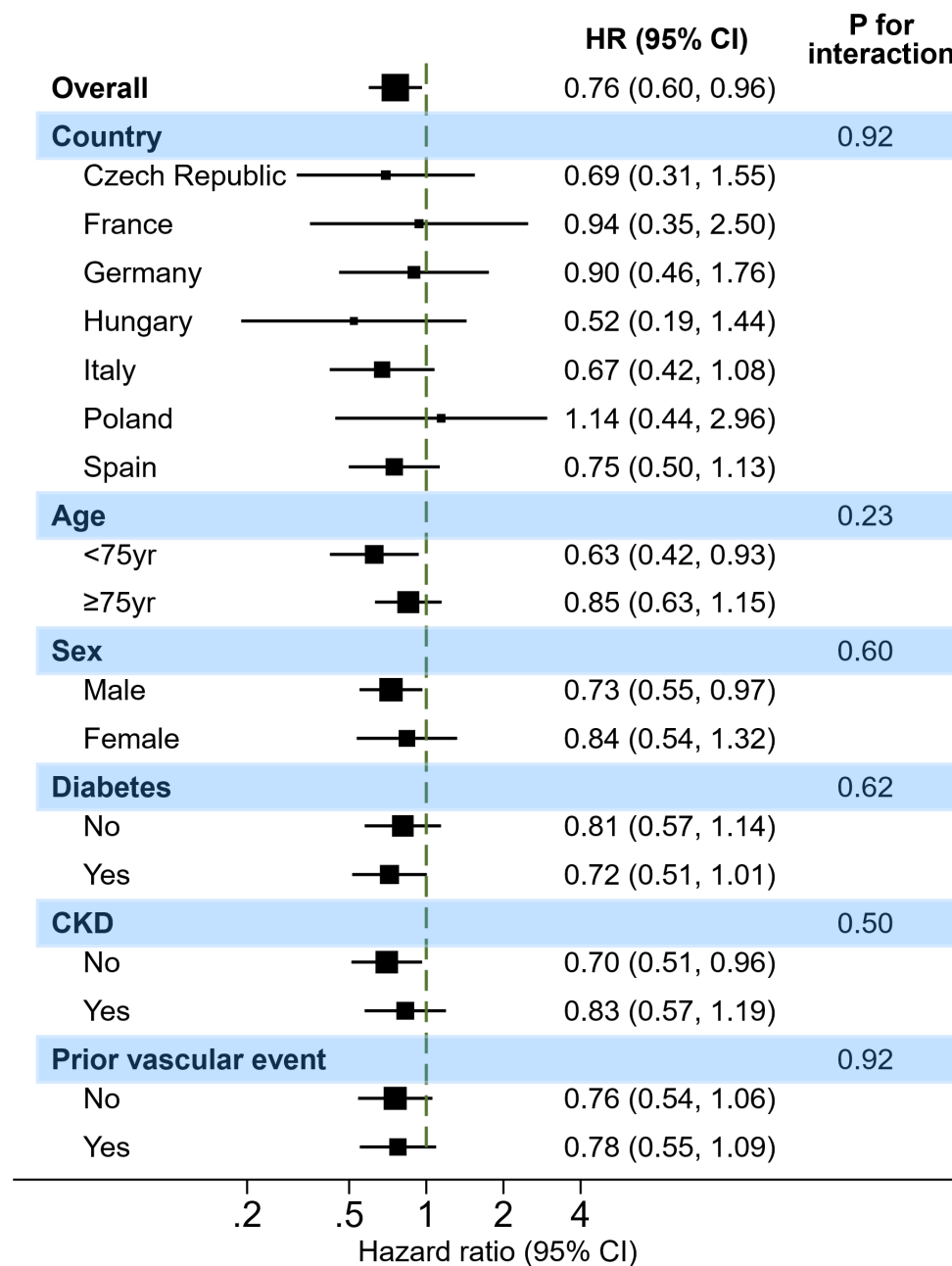
Urgent Revascularization



— Usual Care — Polypill



Primary Outcome in Prespecified Subgroups





Secondary Endpoints | SBP, DBP, LDL

Polypill				Usual Care		
	N	Mean (SD)	Change from baseline, mean (SD)	N	Mean (SD)	Change from baseline, mean (SD)
SBP, mmHg						
Baseline	1235	129.1 (17.6)		1226	129.1 (17.9)	
6 months	1067		5.2 (21.3)	1053		5.7 (22.1)
12 months	986		7.5 (22.5)	972		5.7 (22.4)
24 months	882		6.3 (21.9)	830		6.3 (22.1)
DBP, mmHg						
Baseline	1235	71.1 (11.0)		1226	71.4 (11.4)	0.0 (0.0)
6 months	1067		3.0 (12.7)	1052		2.7 (13.0)
12 months	986		3.5 (12.7)	972		2.3 (13.1)
24 months	882		3.6 (12.6)	829		3.1 (13.3)
LDL cholesterol, mg/dL						
Baseline	1144	90.3 (37.9)		1144	88.3 (36.3)	
12 months	874		-20.3 (35.6)	871		-20.5 (36.9)
24 months	781		-22.3 (36.7)	715		-20.7 (38.4)

No evidence of treatment differences over time



Adverse Events

	Polypill (n=1237)	Usual Care (n=1229)
Total AEs, n	704	688
Patients experiencing an AE, n (%)	404 (32.7)	388 (31.6)
Total non-fatal SAEs, n	339	346
Experiencing a non-fatal SAE, n (%)	237 (19.2)	224 (18.2)
Specific AEs of interest		
BARC Bleeding	57 (4.6)	49 (4.0)
Refractory cough [*]	40 (3.2)	35 (2.8)
Renal [†]	24 (1.9)	22 (1.8)
Drug allergy	14 (1.1)	7 (0.6)

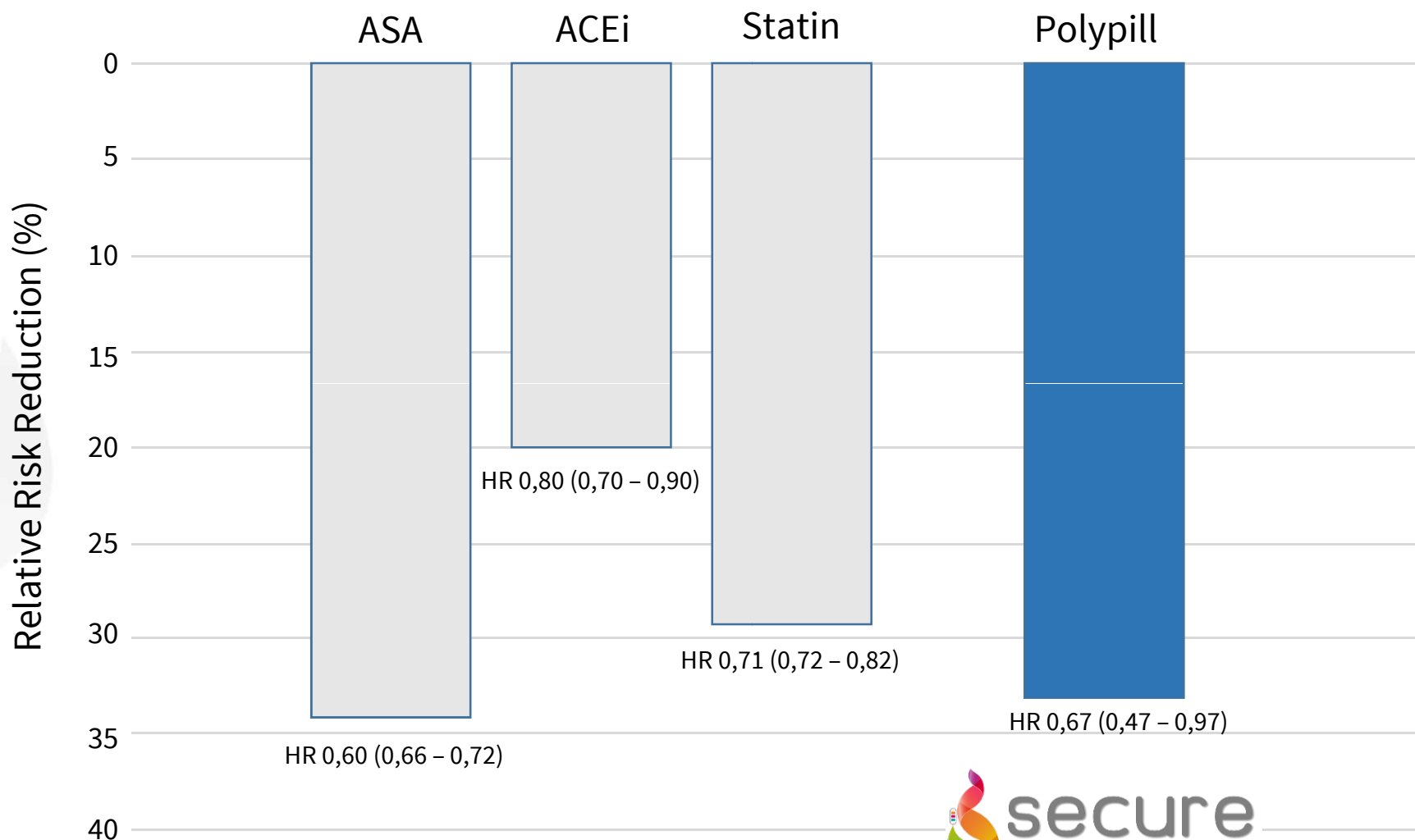
AE – Adverse Event; SAE – Serious Adverse Events; BARC - Bleeding Academic Research Consortium

^{*}Leading to drug discontinuation

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Results in Context | Reductions in CV Death

Estimated Efficacy of Pharmacotherapy in Secondary Prevention





Strengths

- Kaplan meyer curves for primary endpoint and key secondary endpoint for polypill vs. usual care diverge early and differences increase over time.
- Control group probably displayed better adherence than real world patients who are not enrolled on a RCT where adherence is measured at 6 and 24 months.
- It is reasonable to infer differences may be larger in the real world in similar settings and even larger in LMICs.

Contribution from the Czech republic

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Number of subject breakdown in the Czech republic

number	center	n
101	VFN	71
102	NNH	10
103	FNKV	11
104	FN Olomouc	6
105	Nemocnice RS Benešov	2
106	Nemocnice Slaný	12
107	Nemocnice Jihlava	20
108	Nemocnice Podlesí	35
109	Krajská nemocnice Liberec	7
	total	174

Conclusions

A treatment strategy based on a **polypill containing aspirin, atorvastatin, and ramipril**, led to **reductions in recurrent cardiovascular** events following MI in elderly patients.

- 24% RRR composite MACE
- 30% RRR in key secondary endpoint
- 33% RRR in CV death

The **use of a polypill strategy is safe**, there were no significant differences in adverse events between groups.

The use of a cardiovascular polypill as a substitution approach could be an integral part of a **global strategy to improve secondary prevention**.

ADHERENCE TO LONG-TERM THERAPIES

Evidence for action



World Health Organization 2003

“Increasing the effectiveness of adherence interventions may have a far greater impact on the health of the population than any improvement in specific medical treatments”



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