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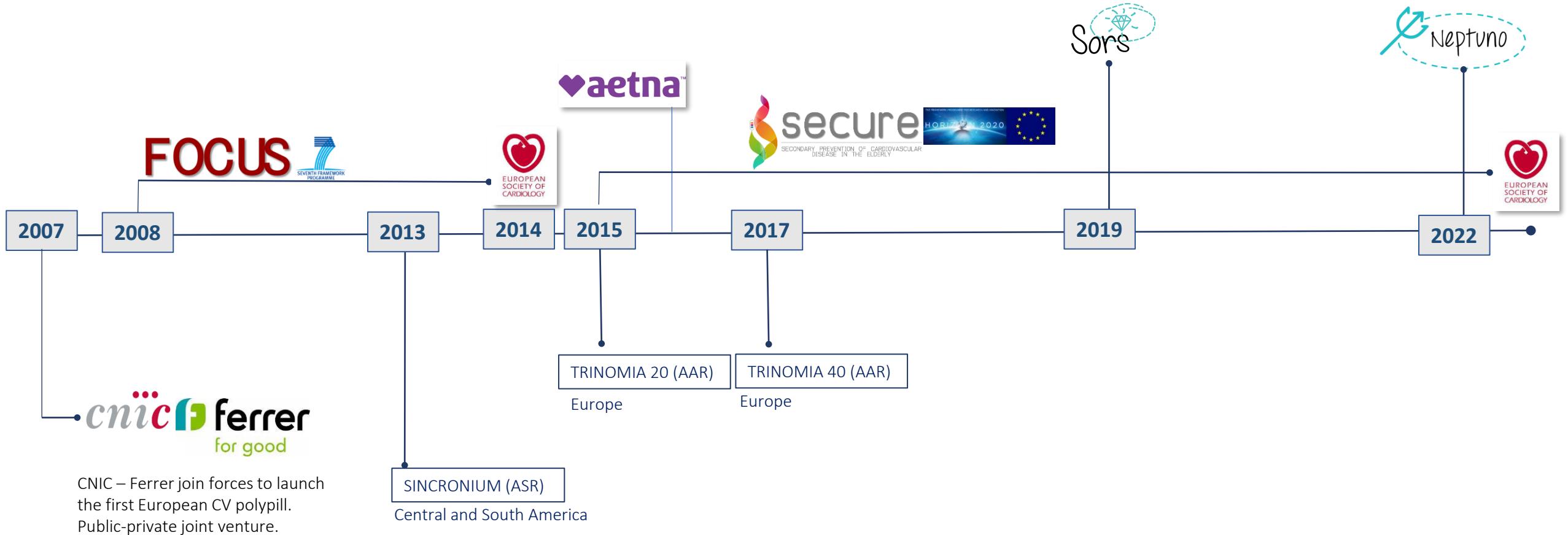
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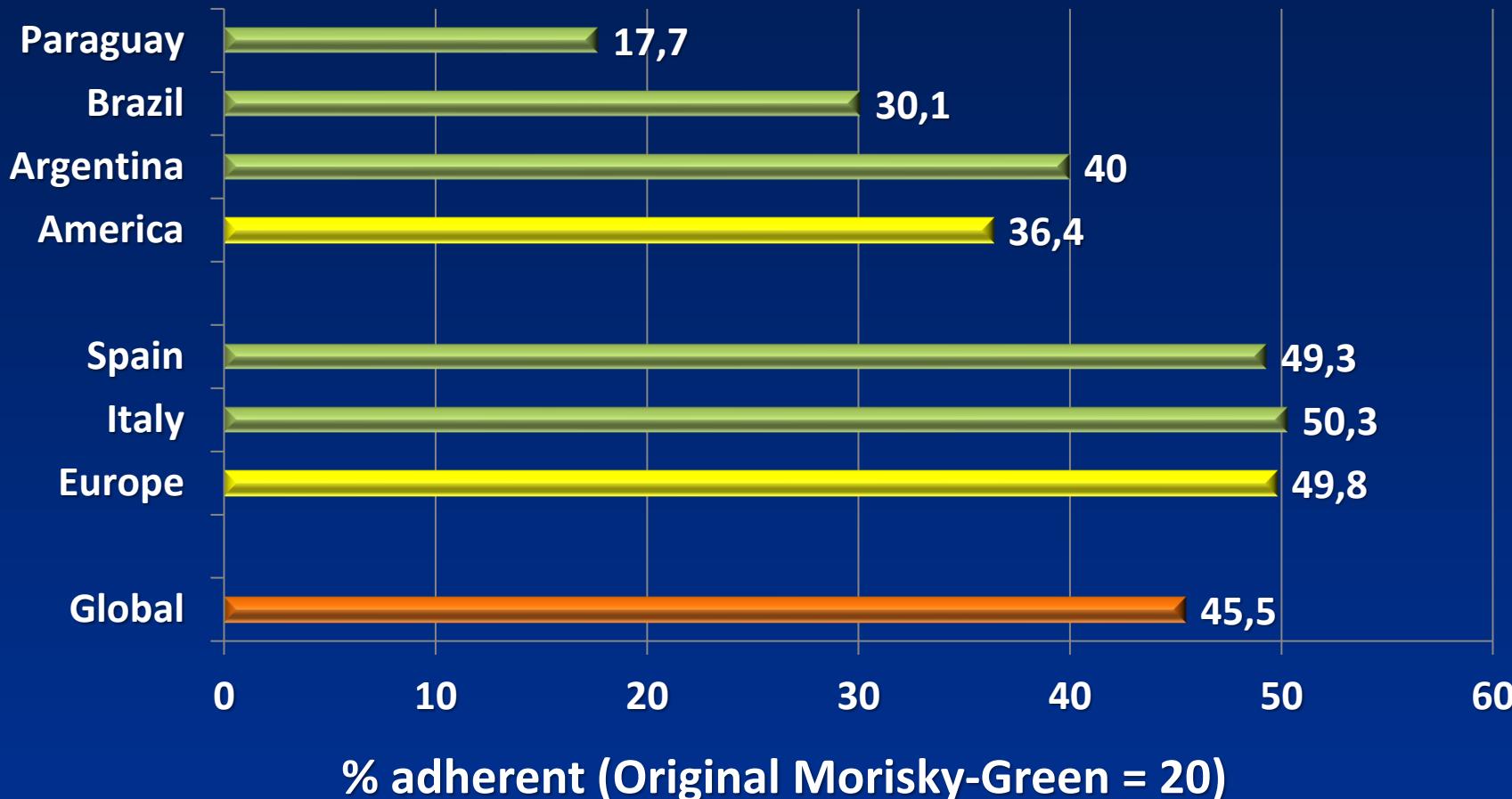
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SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT & MILESTONES

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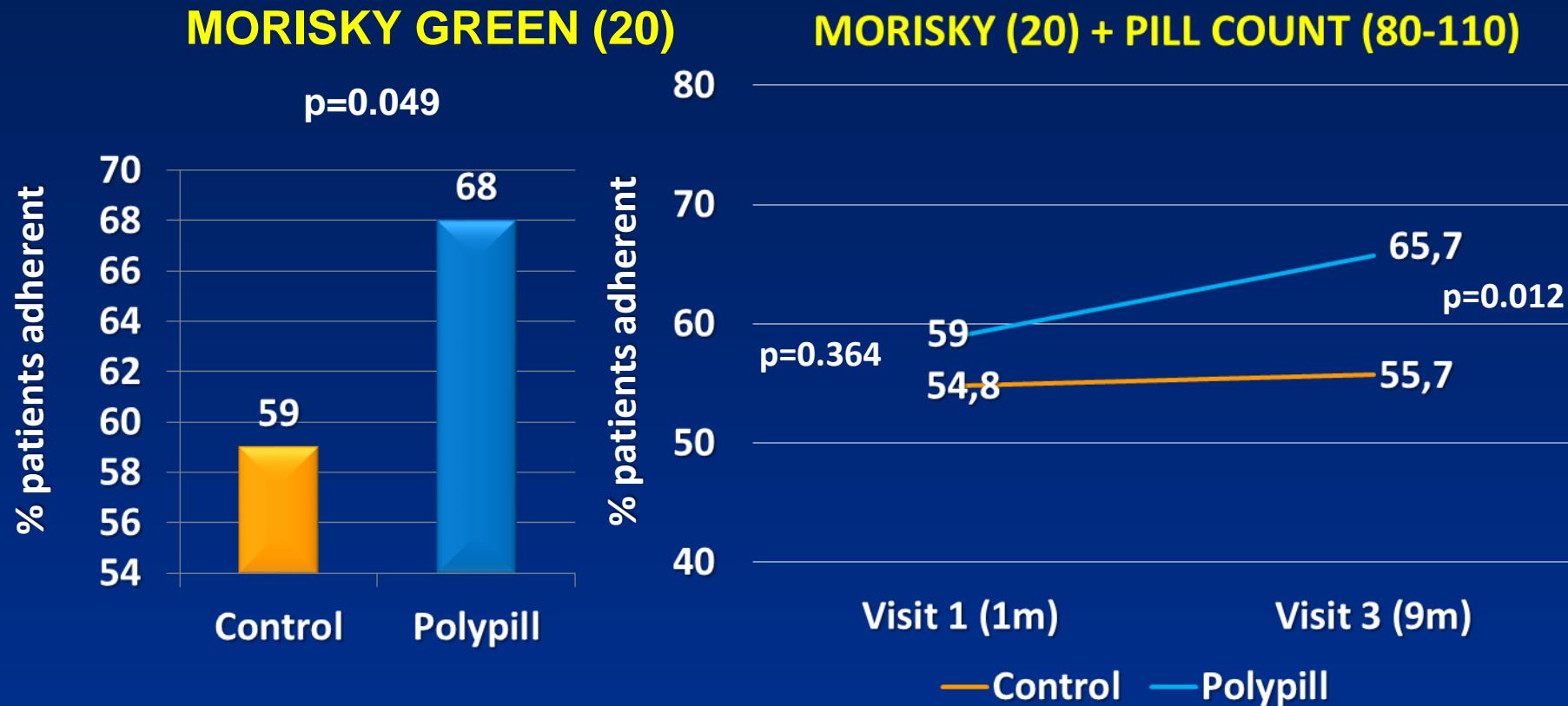


FOCUS Phase 1 – Results (2)

MORISKY GREEN: EVALUATION OF ADHERENCE
(N=2118)

FOCUS Phase 2 Results

POLYPILL VS. CONTROL AT 9 MONTHS: EFFECT ON ADHERENCE



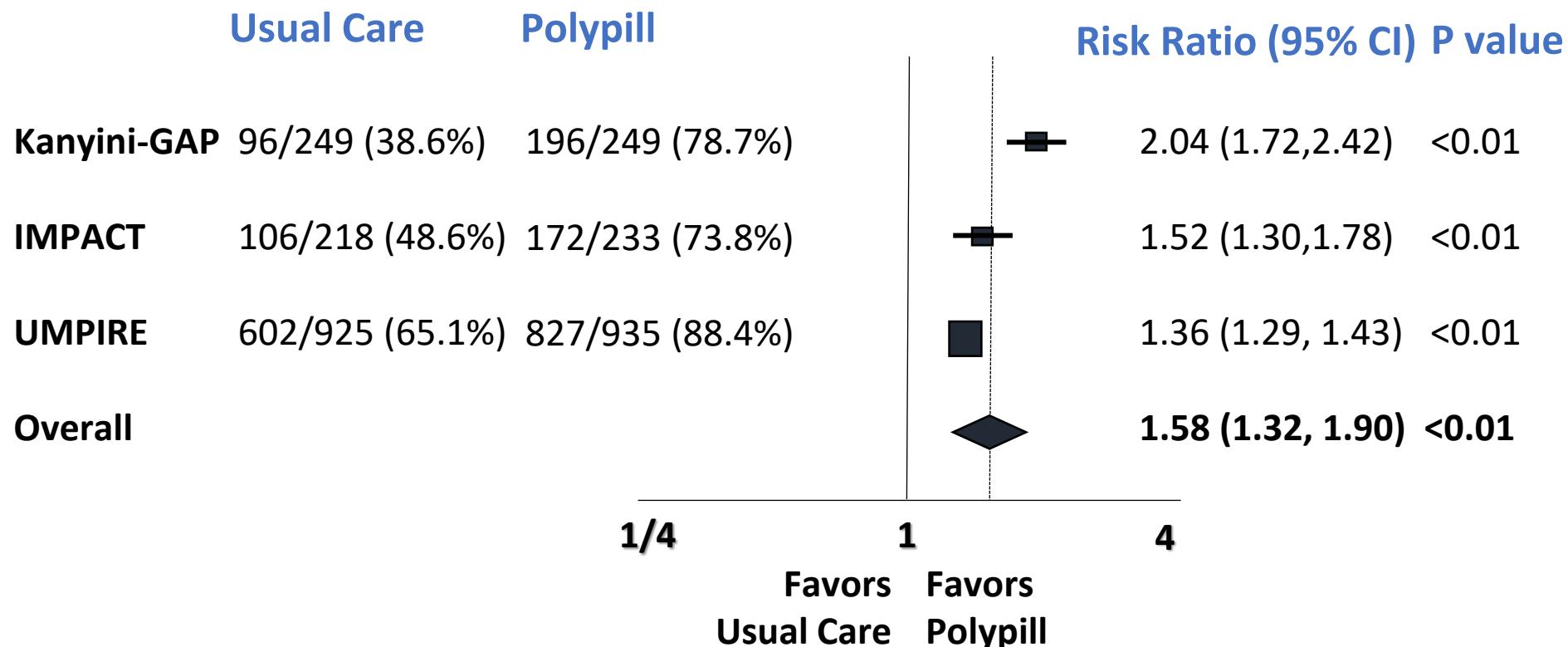
SPACE Program Results

A prospective, individual patient data meta-analysis of 3140 patients in six countries

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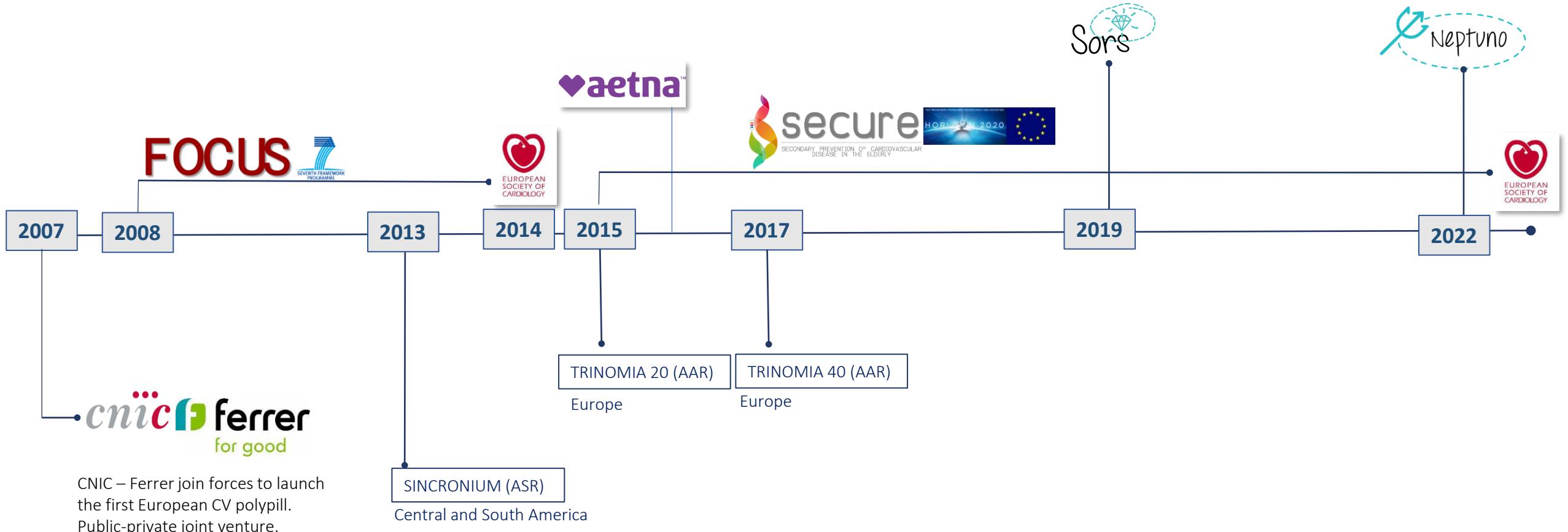
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IMPACT: n=513 in NZ, half indigenous



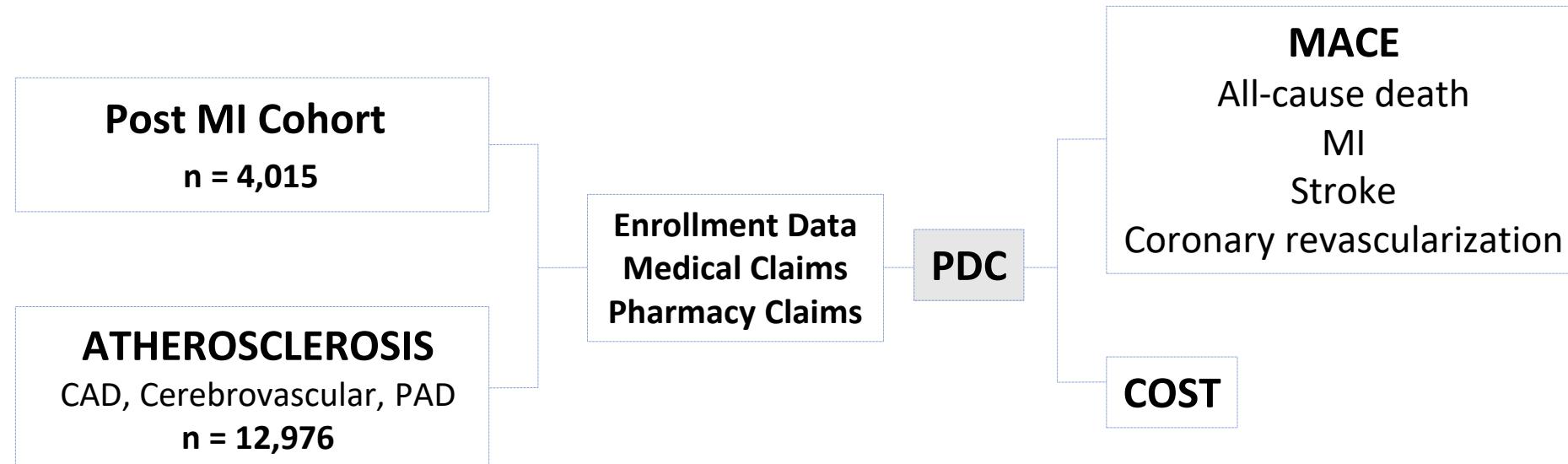
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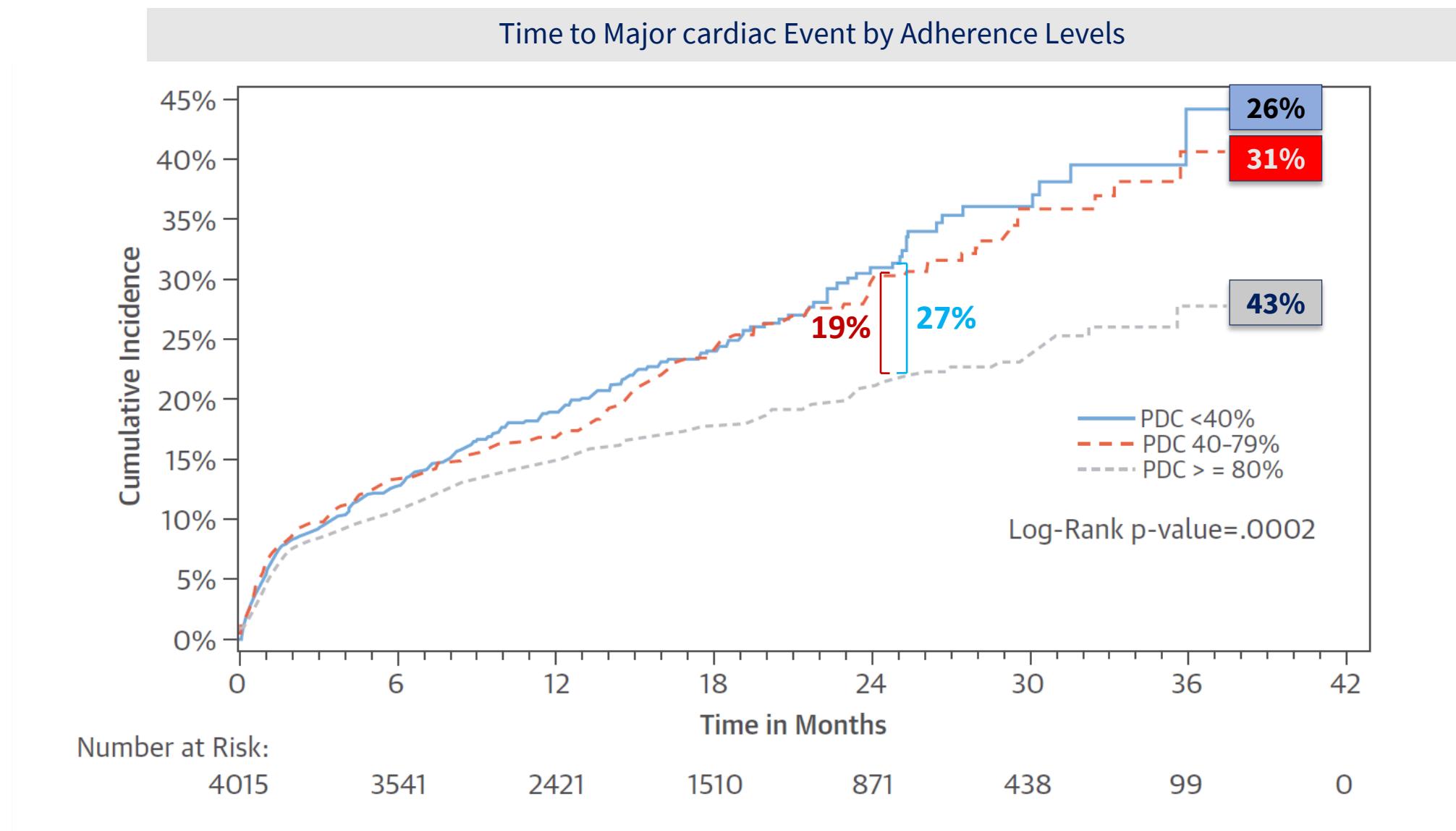


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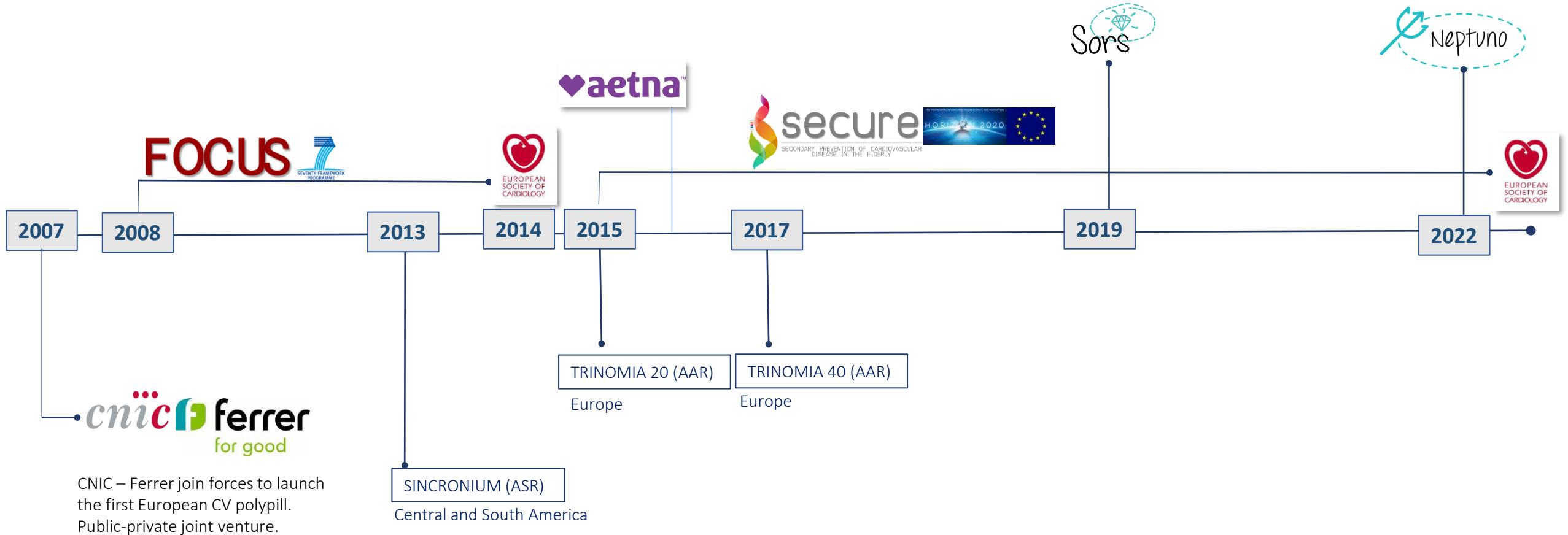


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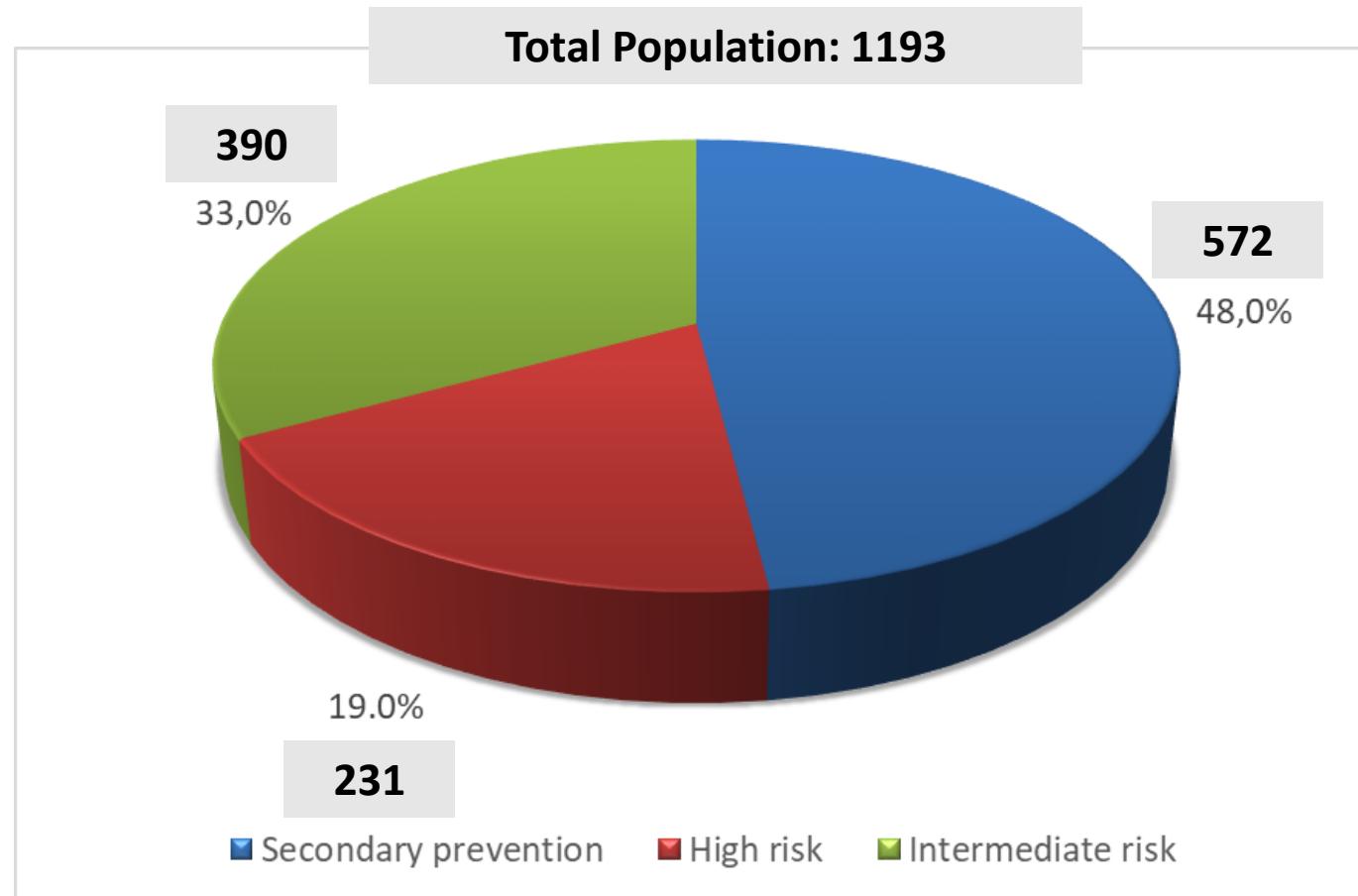
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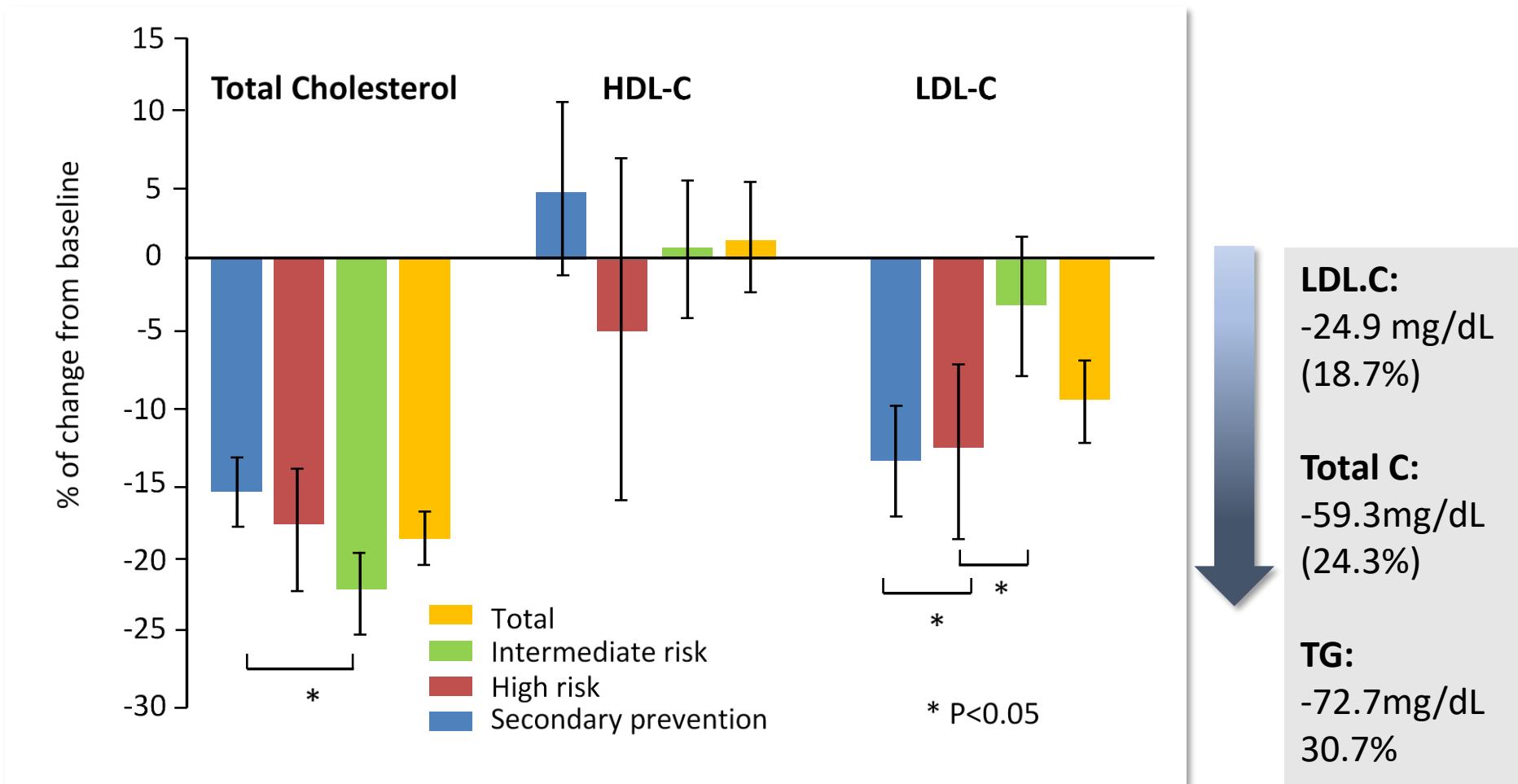


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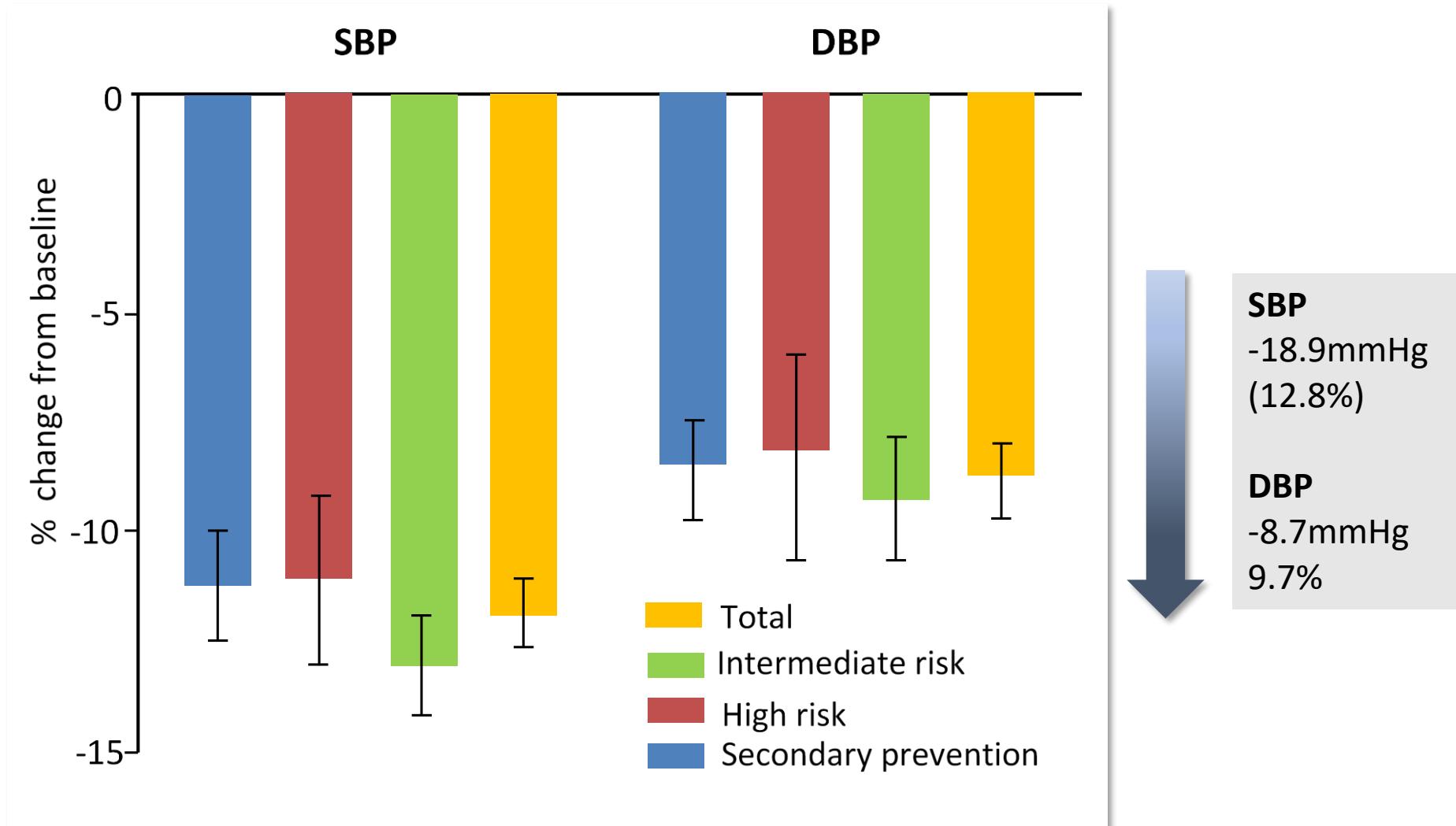
Objective. To determine the **impact of a cardiovascular polypill on risk factor control** in a population of **high risk cardiovascular patients after one year follow up.**



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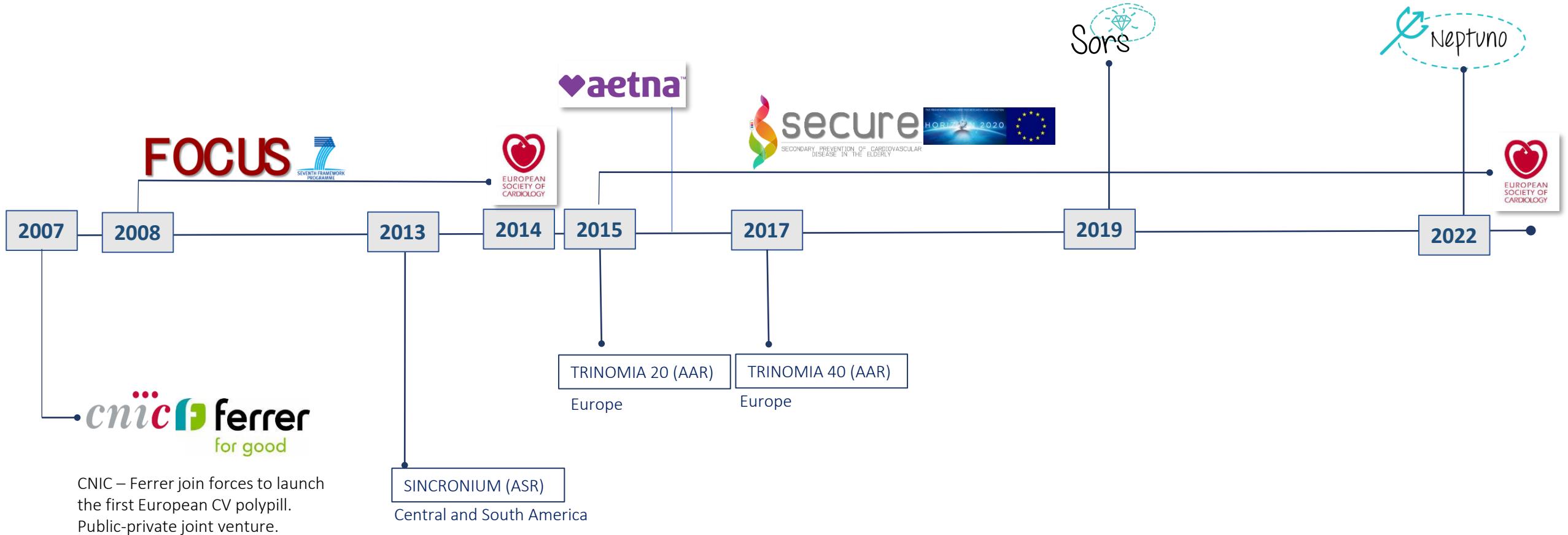


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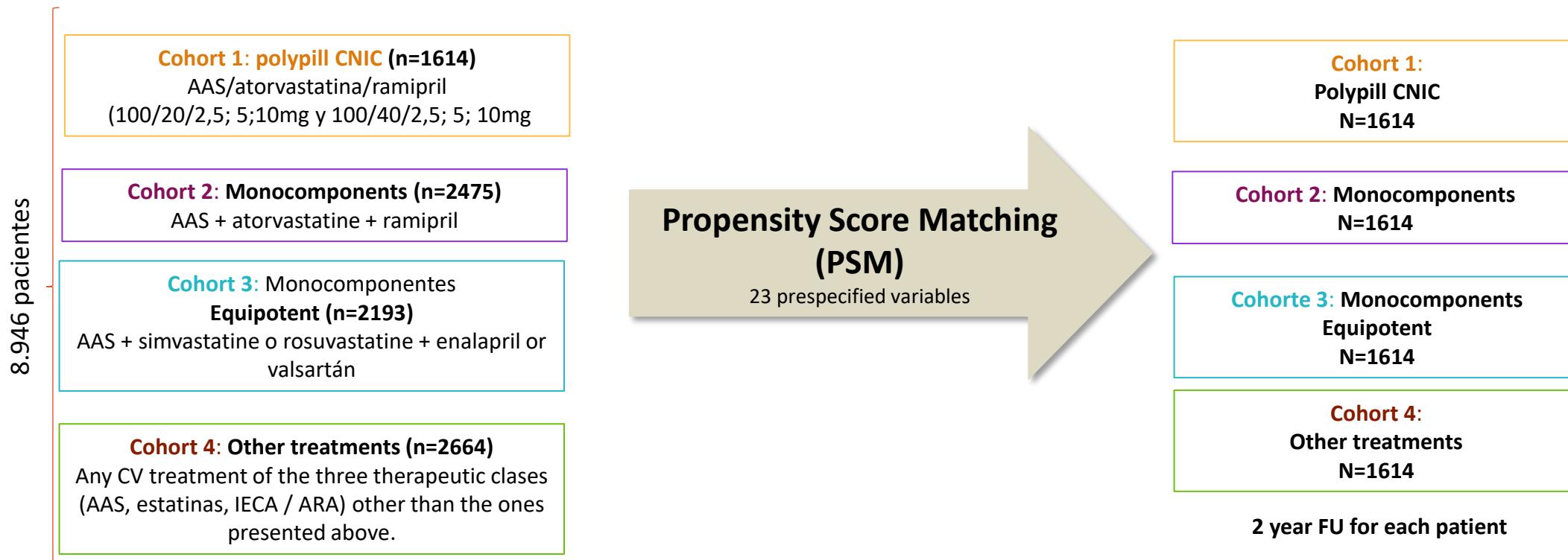
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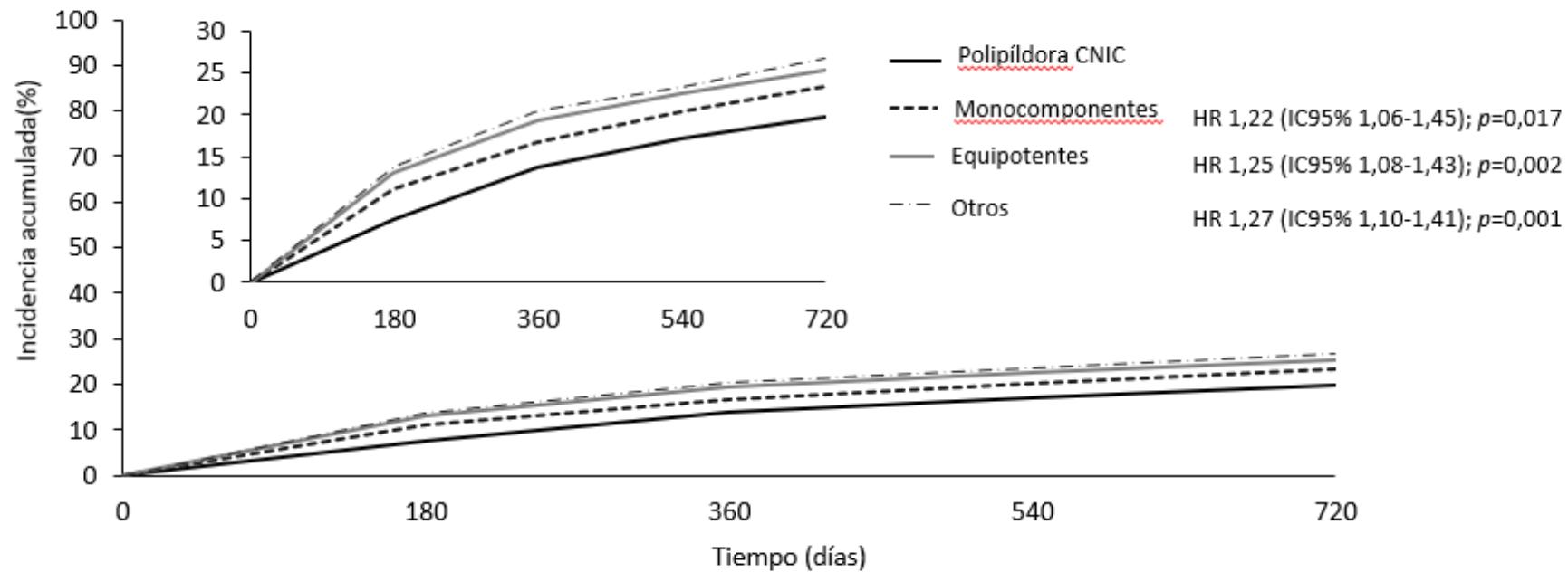
Effectiveness of the CNIC Polypill in patients with previous cardiovascular events in hospitals and primary care centers in Spain: NEPTUNO study

Objective: To evaluate the effectiveness of a cardiovascular polypill including aspirin, ramipril and atorvastatin (CNIC-Polypill), on the incidence of recurrent major cardiovascular events (MACE) and risk factor control in patients with established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) vs different pharmacological therapeutic strategies.



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Cumulative Incidence of MACE after 2 year follow up



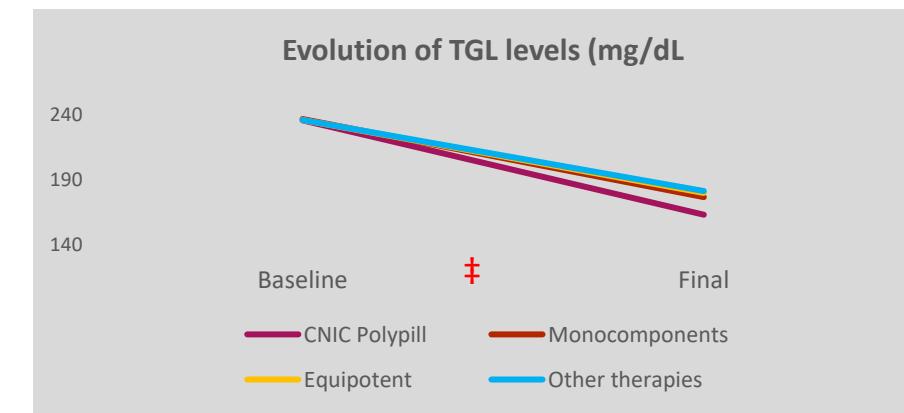
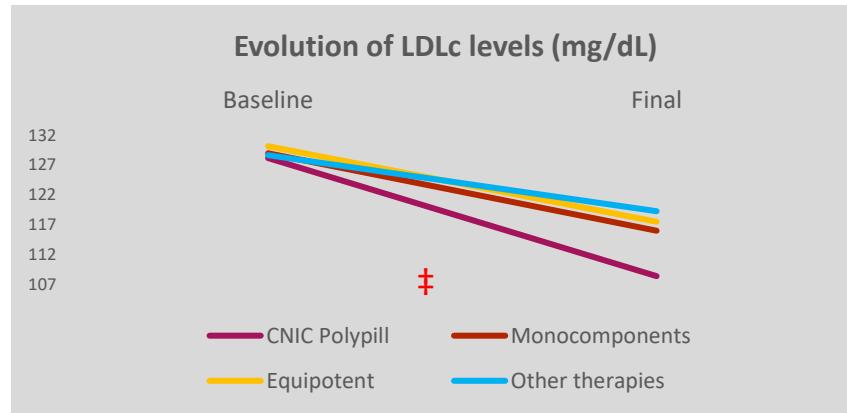
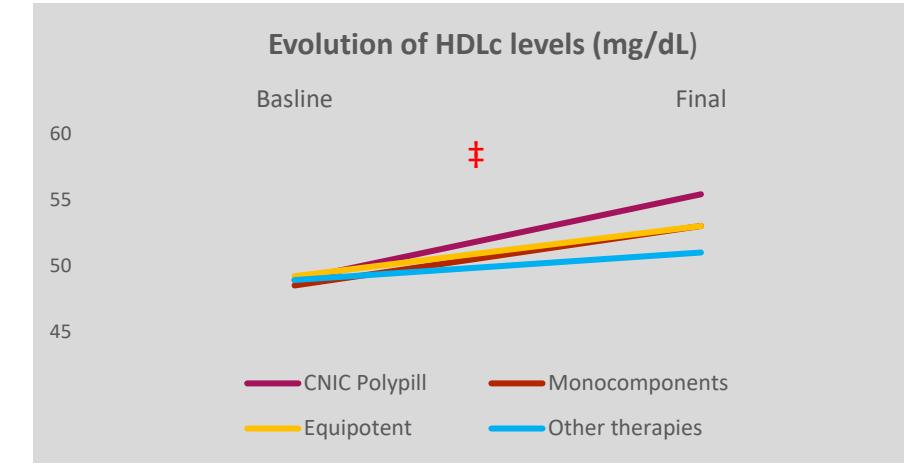
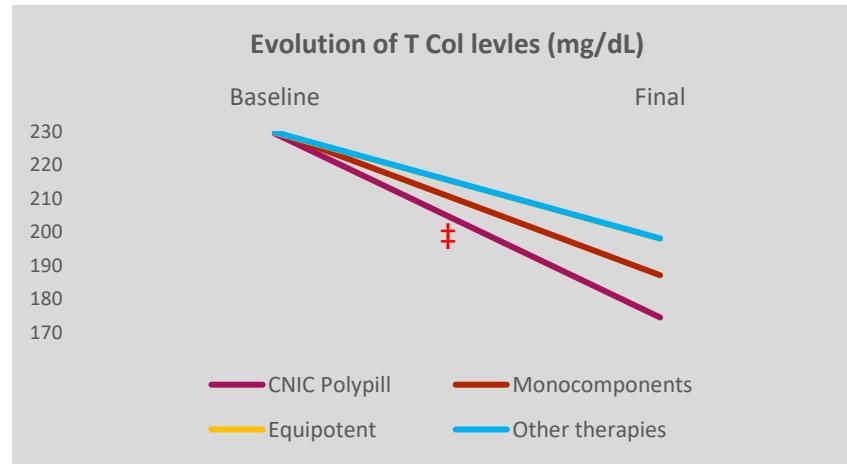
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Polipíldora CV	1614	1491	1393	1336	1294
Monocomponentes	1614	1434	1344	1285	1236
Equipotentes	1614	1404	1302	1285	1203
Otros	1614	1391	1282	1236	1182

HR: Hazard Ratio. IC: intervalo de confianza. p: significación estadística



Effectiveness of the CNIC Polypill in patients with previous cardiovascular events in hospitals and primary care centers in Spain: NEPTUNO study

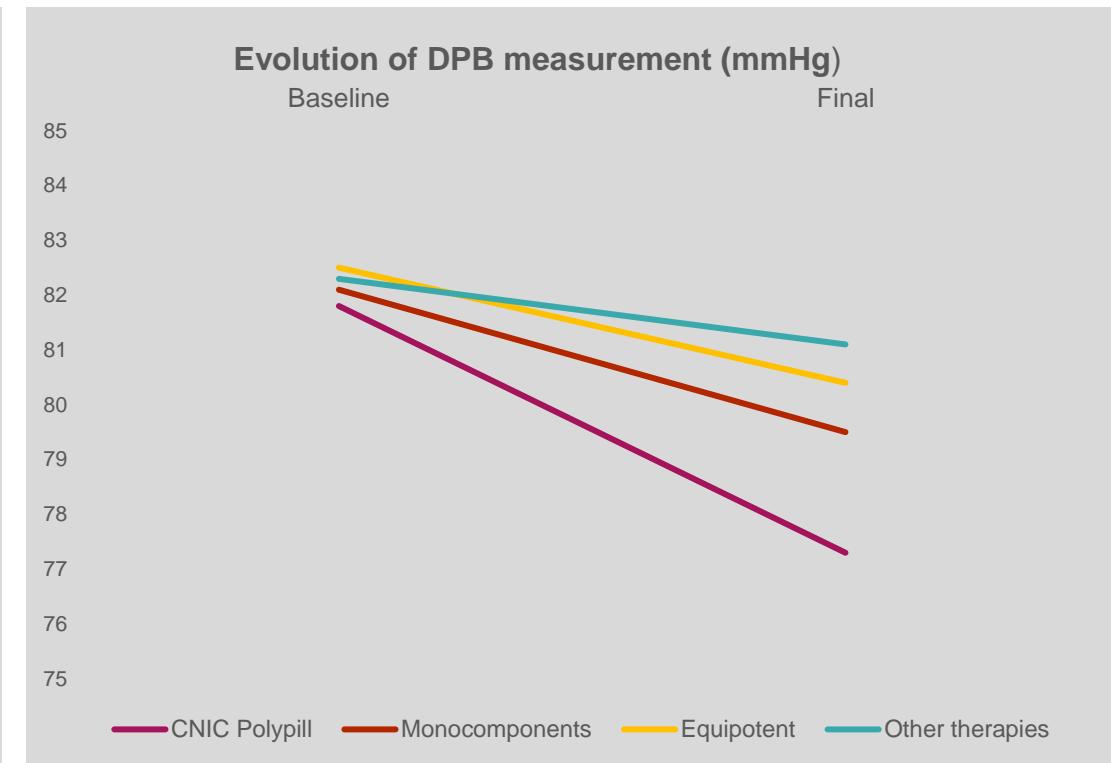
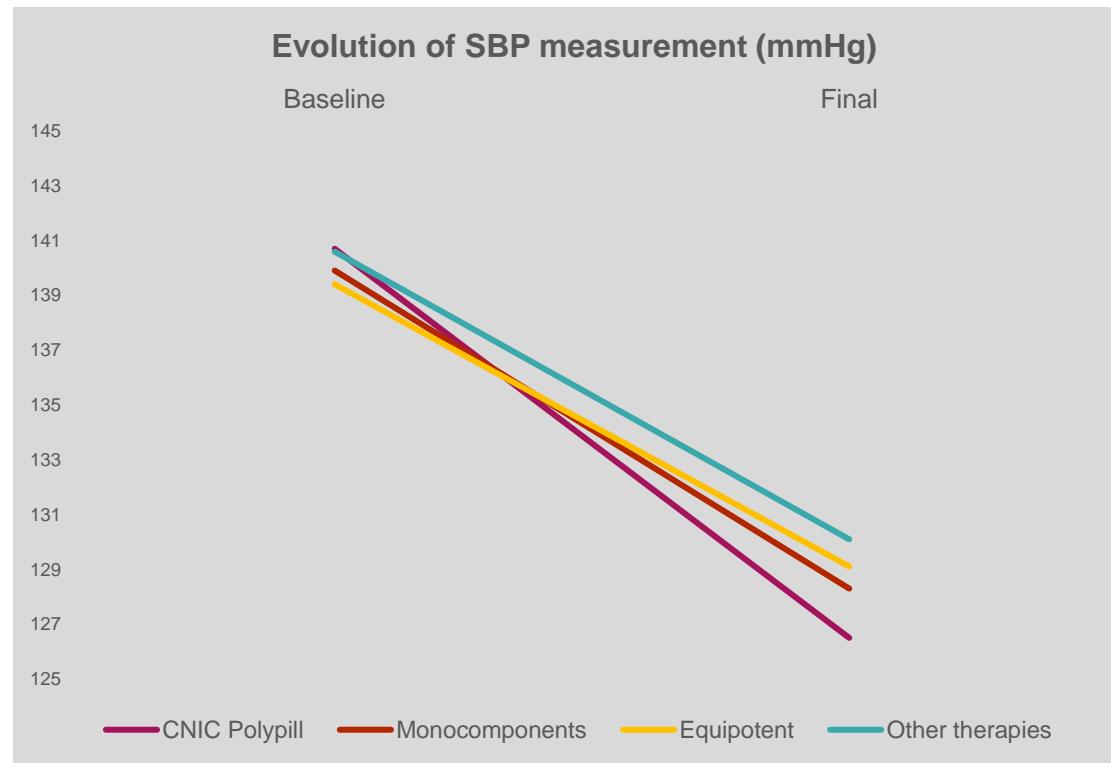
Evolution of the lipidic parameters in the 2-year follow-up period.



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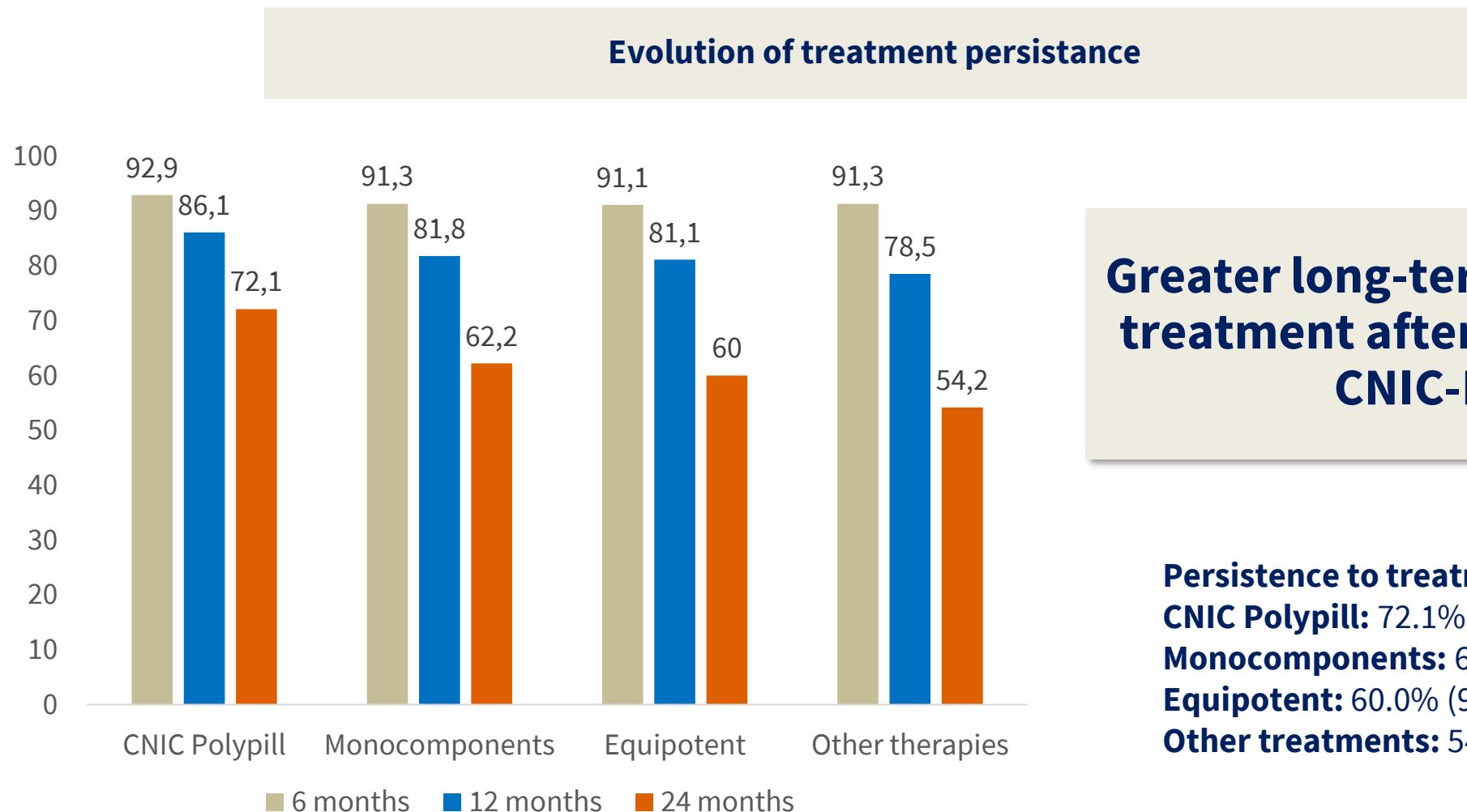
Evolution of the BP in the 2-year follow-up period.



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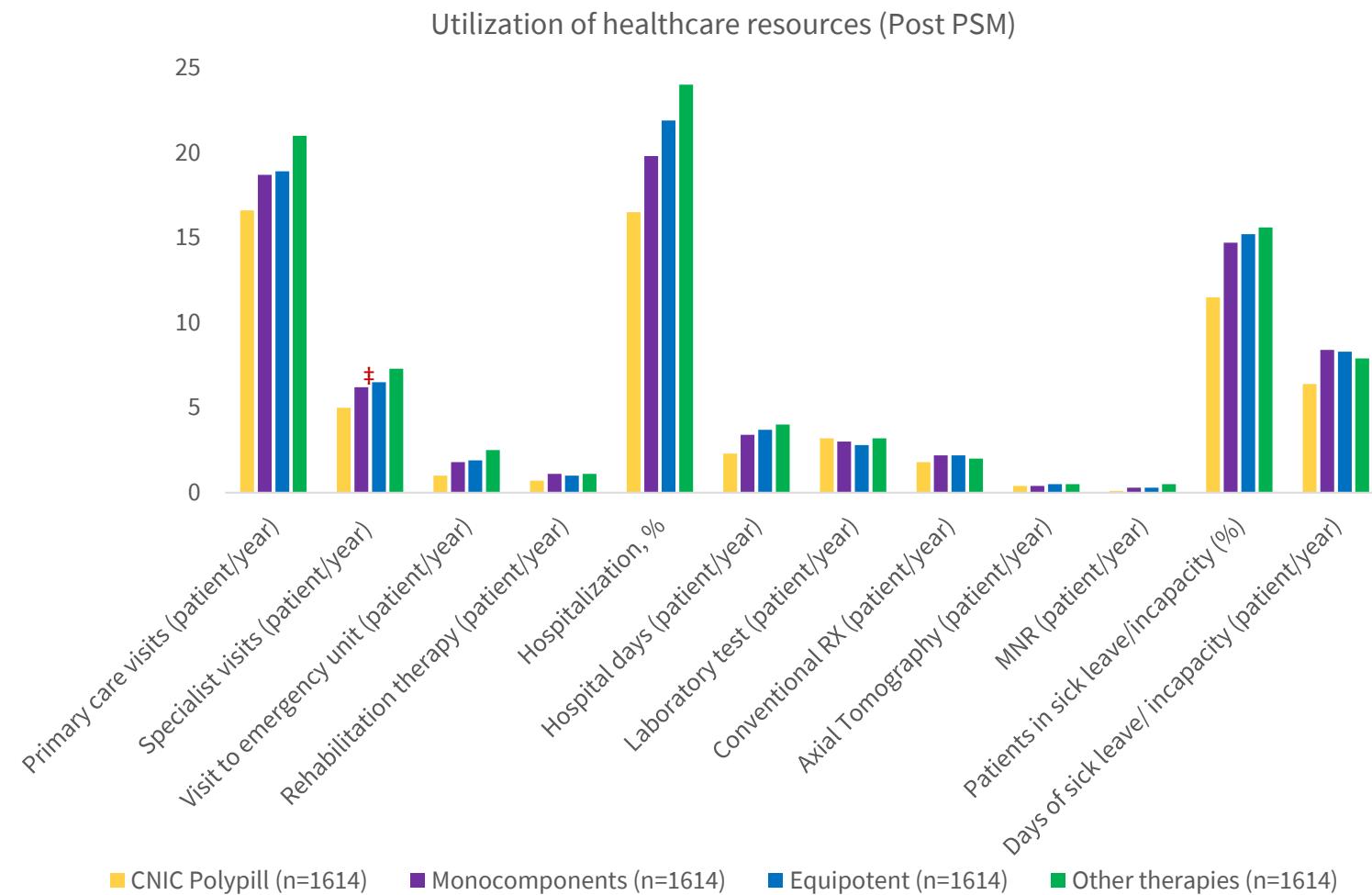


Greater long-term persistence to treatment after 2 years with the CNIC-Polypill

Persistence to treatment:
CNIC Polypill: 72.1% (95% CI: 69.9 - 74.3)
Monocomponents: 62.2% (95% CI: 58.8 - 64.6*)
Equipotent: 60.0% (95% CI: 59 . 6 - 64.4) *
Other treatments: 54.2% (95% CI: 51.8 - 56.6)*

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Use of Healthcare Resources

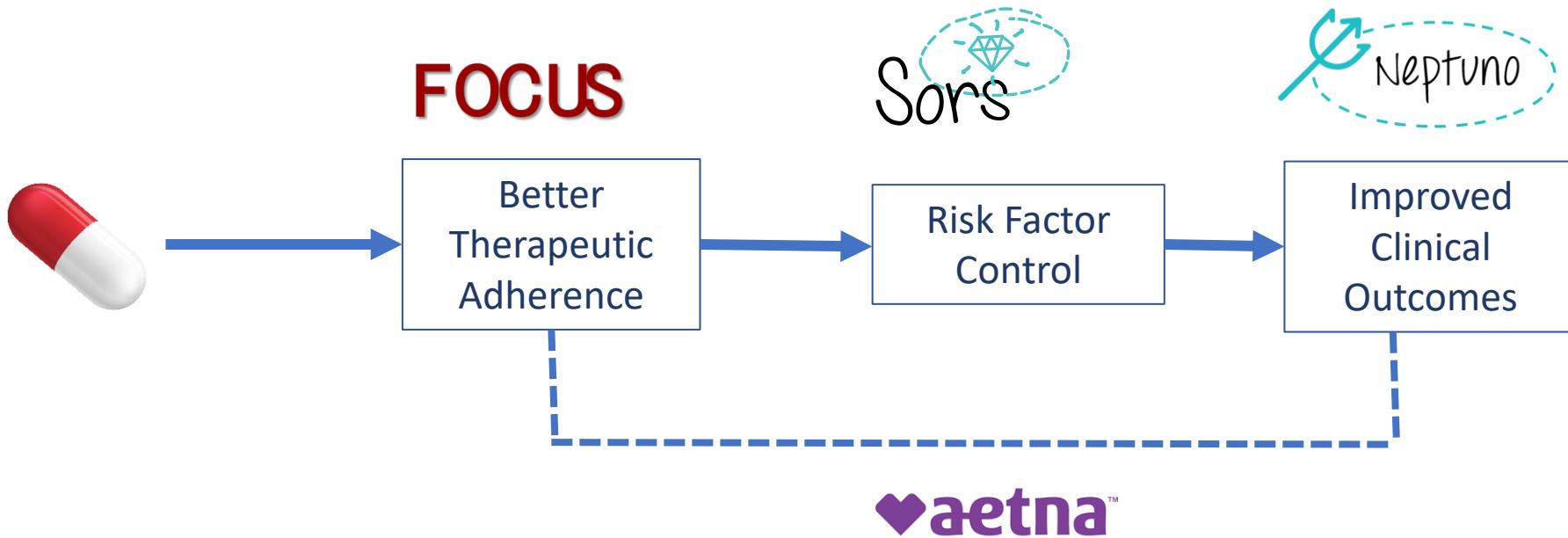


Pharmacoeconomic data support the sustainability and scalability of the CNIC Polypill strategy

The CNIC Polypill compared with the control cohorts (monocomponents, equipotent and other therapies) showed a **significant reduction in the use of healthcare resources**.

The total **cost per patient** with the CNIC Polypill compared to the control cohorts, corrected for covariates, **was significantly lower** (€ 4668 vs € 5587. € 5682 and € 6016; p <0.001).

SECURE RATIONALE





SECURE | Consortium



2499 patients recruited in 113 centers across 7 European Countries



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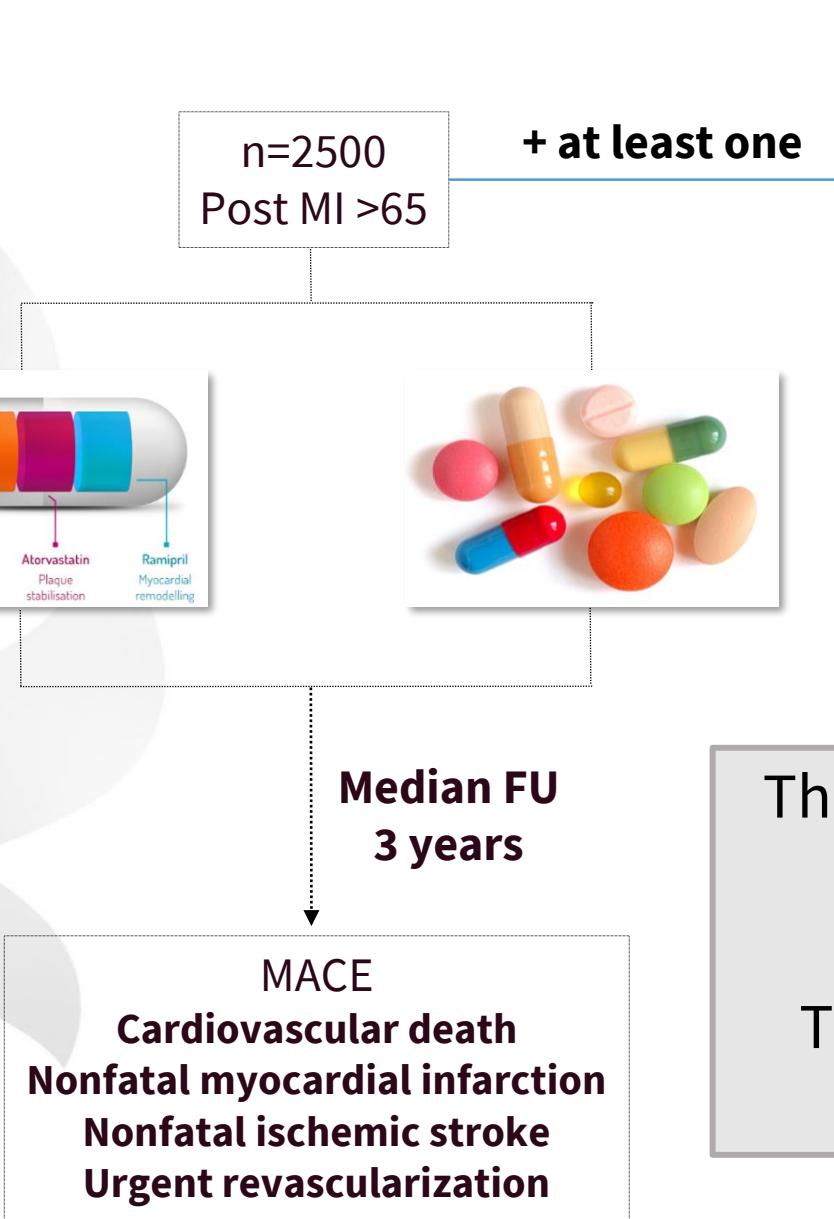
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Study Overview



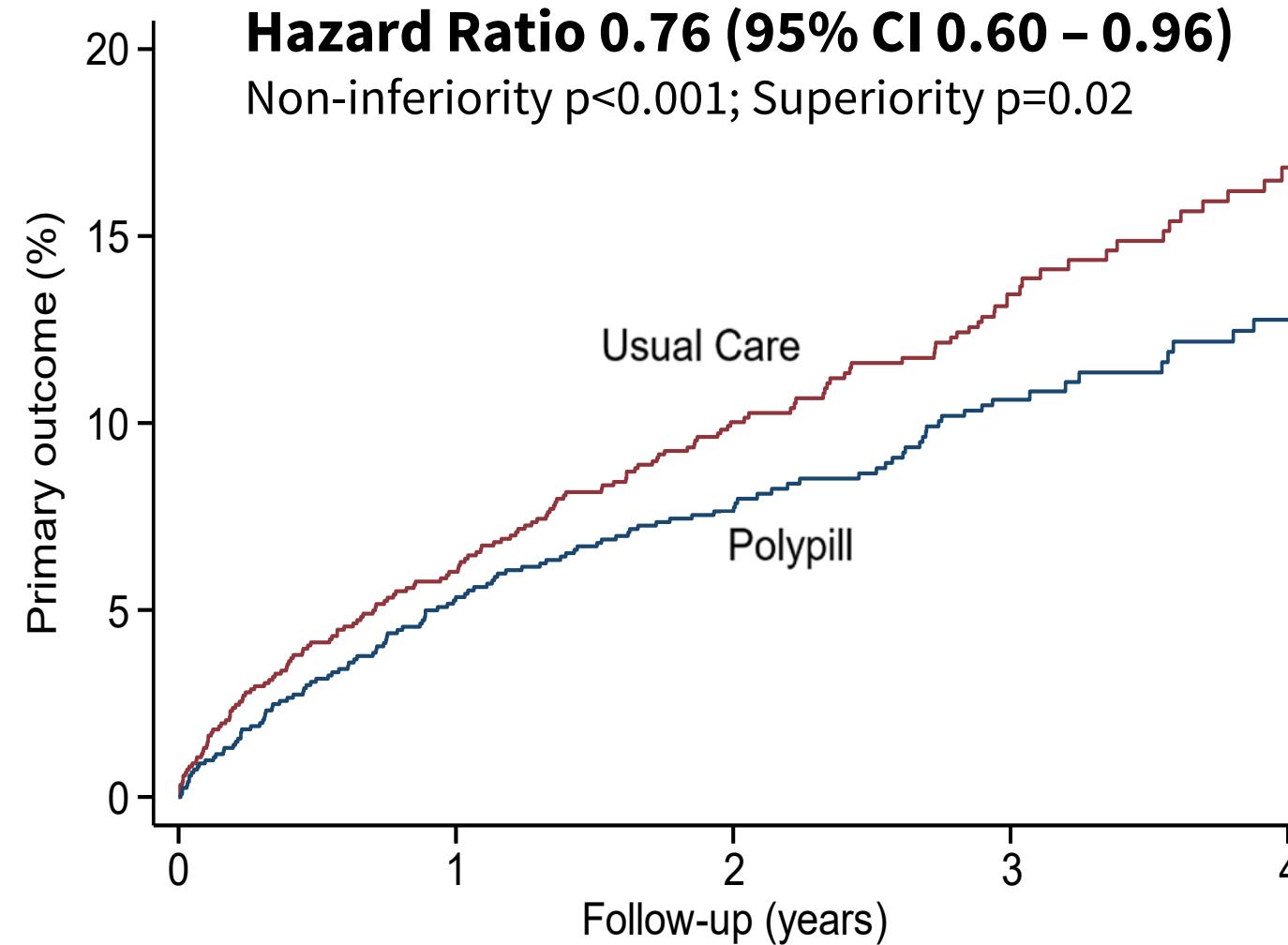
- a. Documented DM
- b. Mild to moderate CKD
- c. Prior MI
- d. Prior coronary revascularization
- e. Prior stroke
- f. Age ≥ 75 years

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.

Primary Outcome

Composite of CV Death, MI, Stroke, and Urgent



Number at risk

Usual Care 1229

1075

852

518

196

Polypill 1237

1064

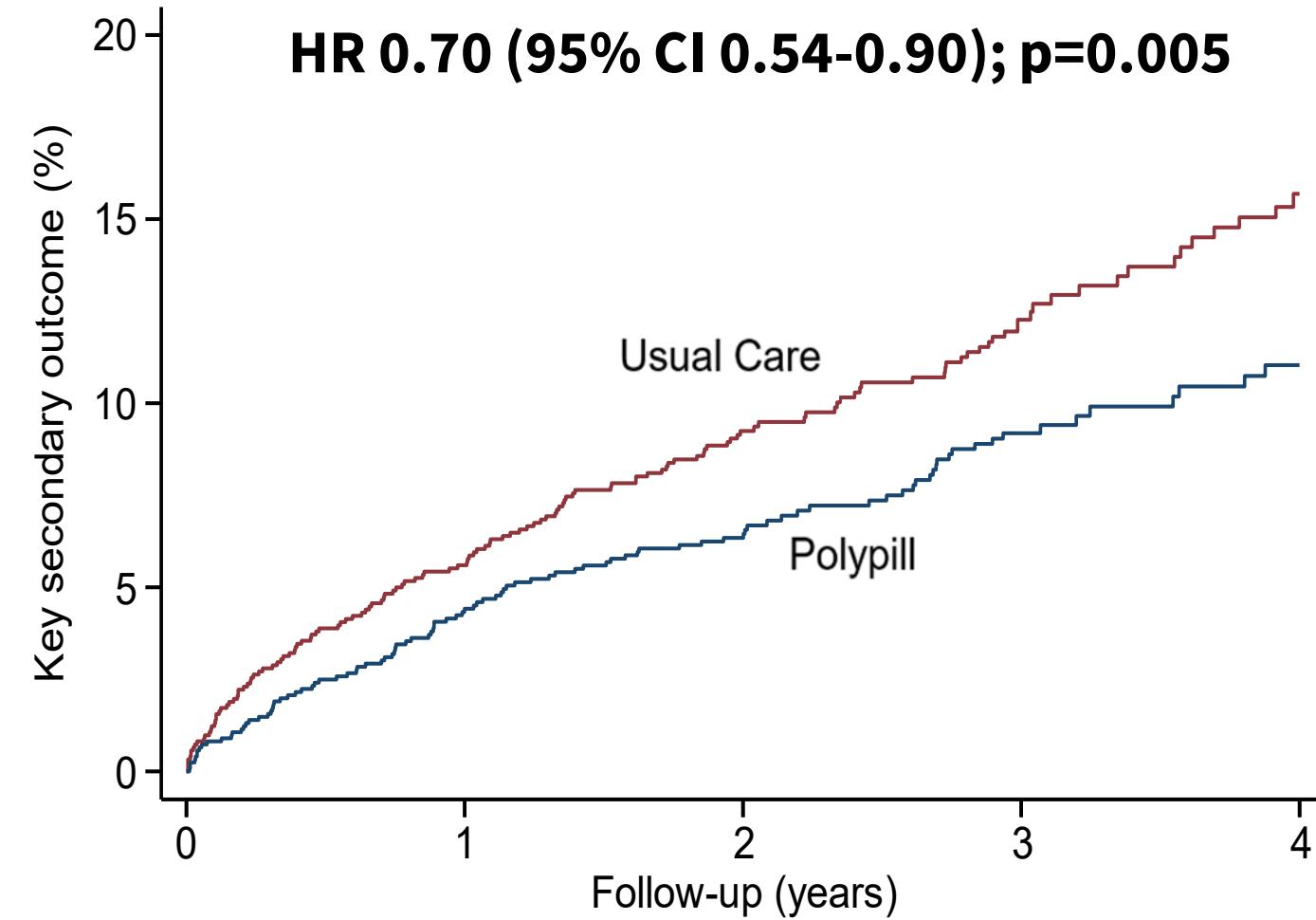
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Key Secondary Outcome

Composite of CV Death, MI, Stroke



Number at risk

Usual Care 1229

1079

857

522

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Polypill 1237

1074

859

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201



Primary and Secondary Outcomes ITT Analysis

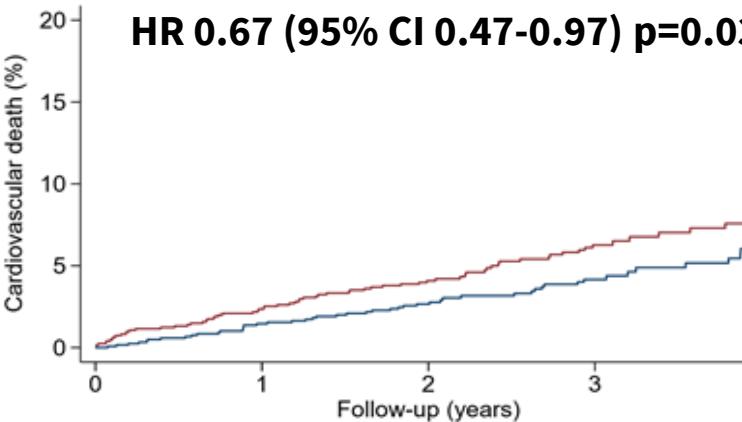
	Polypill (n=1258)		Usual Care (n=1241)		HR (95% CI)	P
	N	%	N	%		
Primary outcome	118	9.5	156	12.7	0.76 (0.60, 0.96)	Non-inferiority p<0.001
						Superiority p=0.02
Key secondary outcome						
Composite of CV death, type 1 MI or ischemic stroke	101	8.2	144	11.7	0.70 (0.54, 0.90)	0.005
Components of primary 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

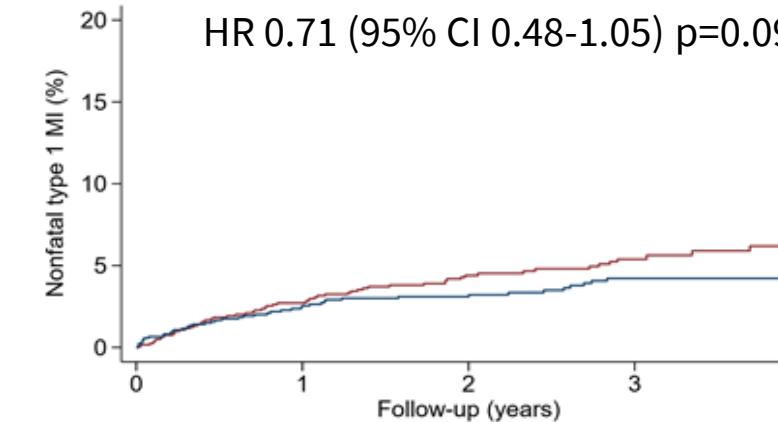
HR 0.67 (95% CI 0.47-0.97) p=0.03



Number at risk	
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Polypill	1237

Nonfatal type 1 MI

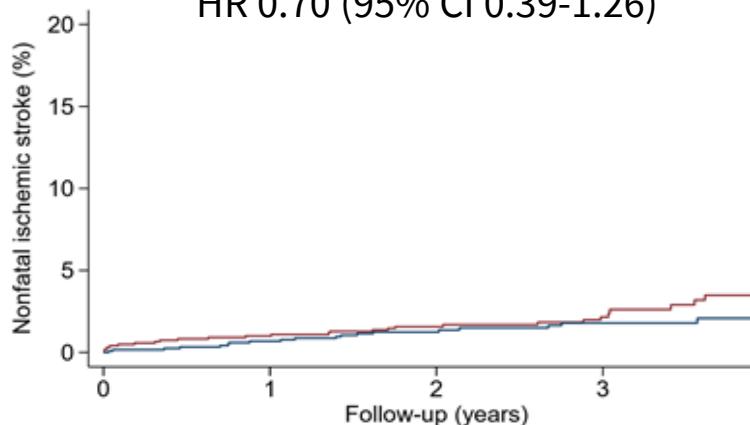
HR 0.71 (95% CI 0.48-1.05) p=0.09



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Non Fatal Ischemic Stroke

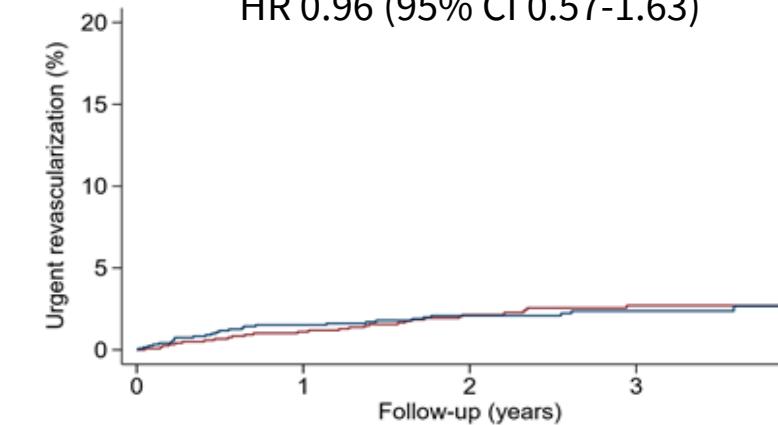
HR 0.70 (95% CI 0.39-1.26)



Number at risk	
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Polypill	1237

Urgent Revascularization

HR 0.96 (95% CI 0.57-1.63)

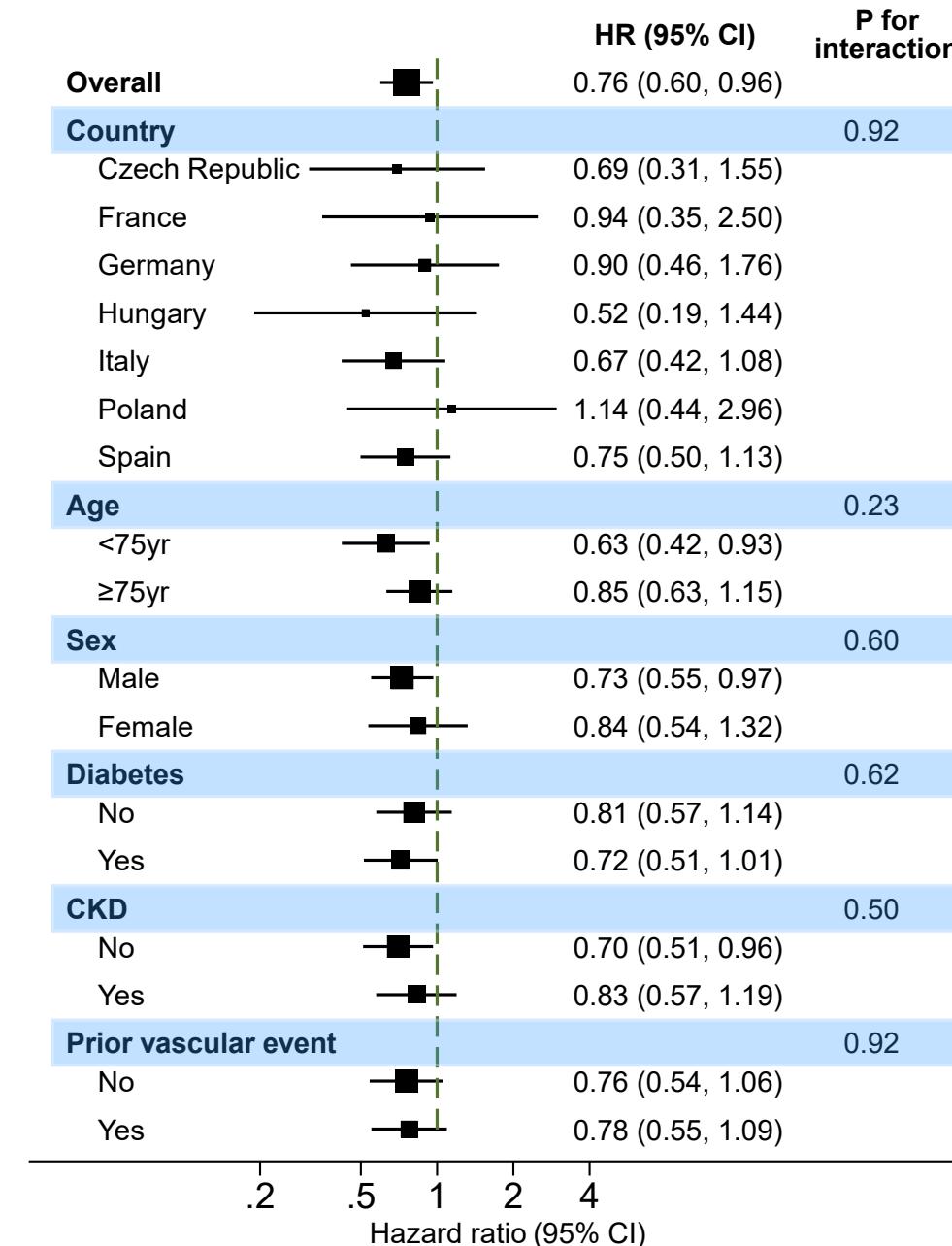


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Polypill	1237

— Usual Care

— Polypill

Primary Outcome in Prespecified Subgroups



Secondary Endpoints | Adherence

Adherence was measured using the Morisky Medication Adherence Scale which categorizes patients to low (< 6 points), medium (6-7 points), or high levels of adherence (8 points)

	<i>Adherence At 6 Months</i>			<i>Adherence At 24 Months</i>			
	Low (<6)	Medium (6 to <8)	High (8)	Low (<6)	Medium (6 to <8)	High (8)	
<i>Polypill</i>	5.5	23.9	70.6	4.2	21.7	74.1	
<i>Usual Care</i>	9.5	27.8	62.8	6.9	29.8	63.2	
Common OR (95% CI)	1.46 (1.22, 1.74) p < 0.001			1.67 (1.36, 2.04) p < 0.001			



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)	
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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

Study Treatments

Study treatment used in the polypill arm (N=1237)

	No. patients (%)
Polypill	
Ramipril 10mg - Atorvastatin 40mg - ASA 100mg	229 (18.5)
Ramipril 5mg - Atorvastatin 40mg - ASA 100mg	400 (32.3)
Ramipril 2.5mg - Atorvastatin 40mg - ASA 100mg	506 (40.9)
Ramipril 10mg - Atorvastatin 20mg - ASA 100mg	22 (1.8)
Ramipril 5mg - Atorvastatin 20mg - ASA 100mg	31 (2.5)
Ramipril 2.5mg - Atorvastatin 20mg - ASA 100mg	49 (4.0)

Lipid lowering treatment in the usual care arm (N=1229)

	No. patients (%)
High-intensity statin therapy	
Atorvastatin 40mg	520 (42.3)
Atorvastatin 80mg	446 (36.3)
Rosuvastatin 20-40mg	51 (4.1)
Moderate-intensity statin therapy	
Atorvastatin 10-20mg	99 (8.1)
Rosuvastatin 5-10mg	15 (1.2)
Simvastatin 20-40mg	47 (3.8)
Pravastatin 40-80mg	3 (0.2)
Lovastatin 40mg	2 (0.2)
Pitavastatin 2-4mg	1 (0.1)
Low-intensity statin therapy	
Pravastatin 10-20mg	1 (0.1)
Lovastatin 20mg	1 (0.1)
Fluvastatin 20-40mg	2 (0.2)
No statin	38 (3.0)

Study Treatments

Concomitant Medications

	Polypill (n=1237)	Usual care (n=1229)
Non-ASA antiplatelet agent	1163 (94.0)	1172 (95.4)
Beta-blocker	1014 (82.0)	1037 (84.4)
Calcium channel blocker	229 (18.5)	252 (20.5)
Diuretic	385 (31.1)	419 (34.1)
Nitrate	119 (9.6)	148 (12.0)
Ezetimibe	97 (7.8)	98 (8.0)

Distribution of the number of cardiovascular therapies per patient at baseline by treatment arm

No. cardiovascular therapies	Polypill (n=1237)	Usual care (n=1229)
Mean (SD)	3.4 (0.9)	5.4 (0.9)
Median (IQR)	3 (3-4)	5 (5-6)

Limitations

- No adjustment was made for multiple comparisons of secondary endpoints, so these should be viewed as hypothesis-generating.
- Withdrawal and loss to follow-up may potentially bias comparison between the groups, though with similar withdrawal rates in both arms this seems less likely.
- All patients were enrolled by the end of 2019. Given the high-risk nature and average age of the participants, it is reasonable to infer that the pandemic precluded some patients from completing study visits

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.

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**.



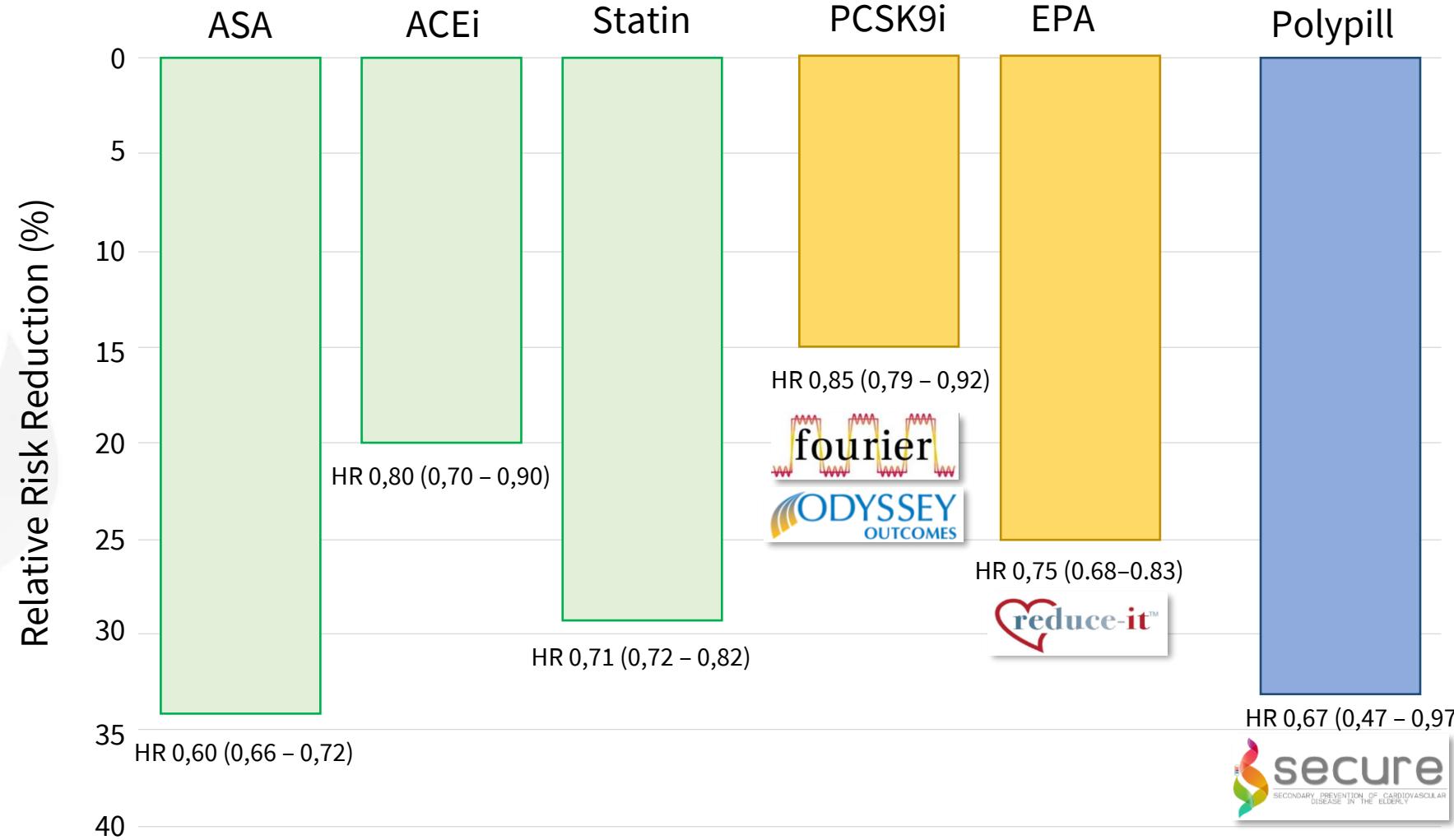
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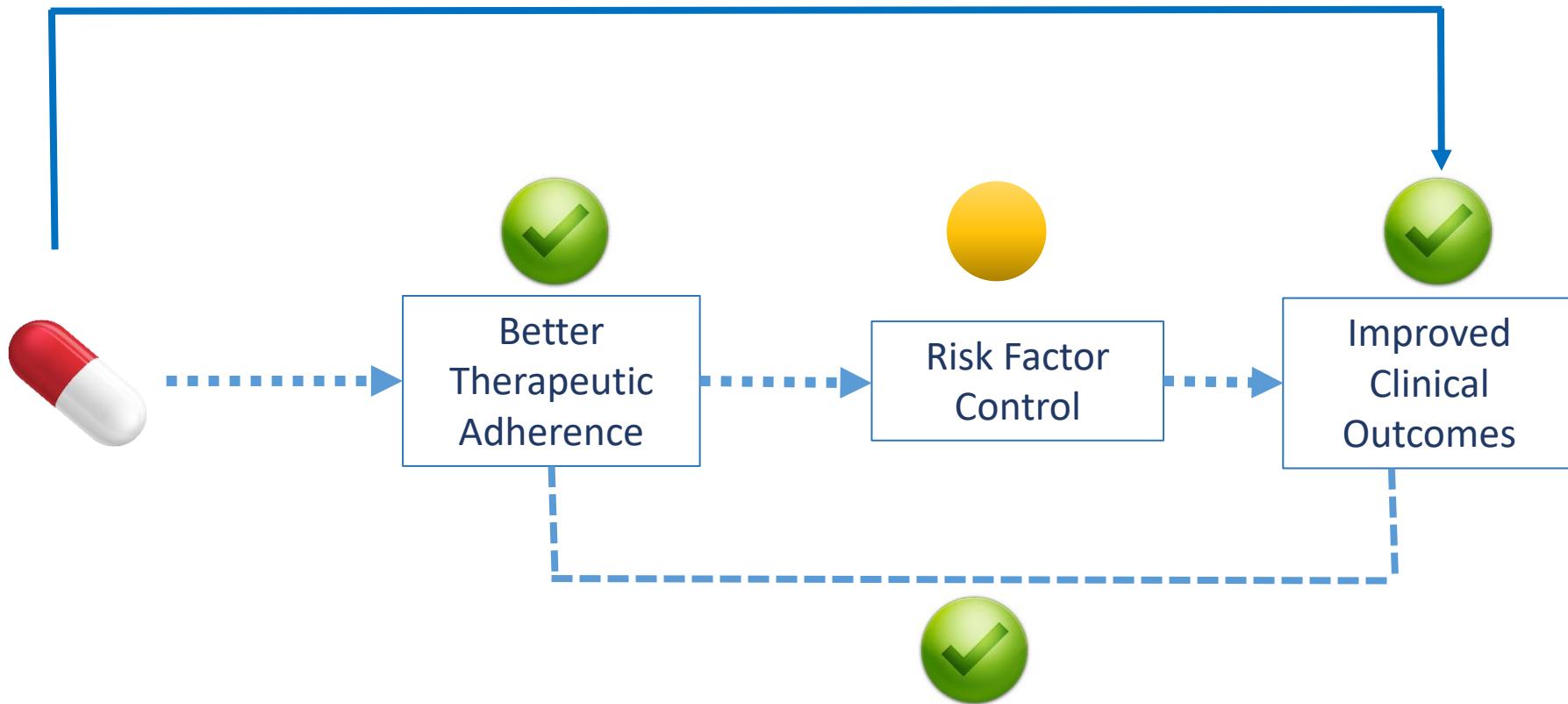
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Results in Context | Reductions in CV Death

Estimated Efficacy of Pharmacotherapy in Secondary Prevention



SECURE RESULTS





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)

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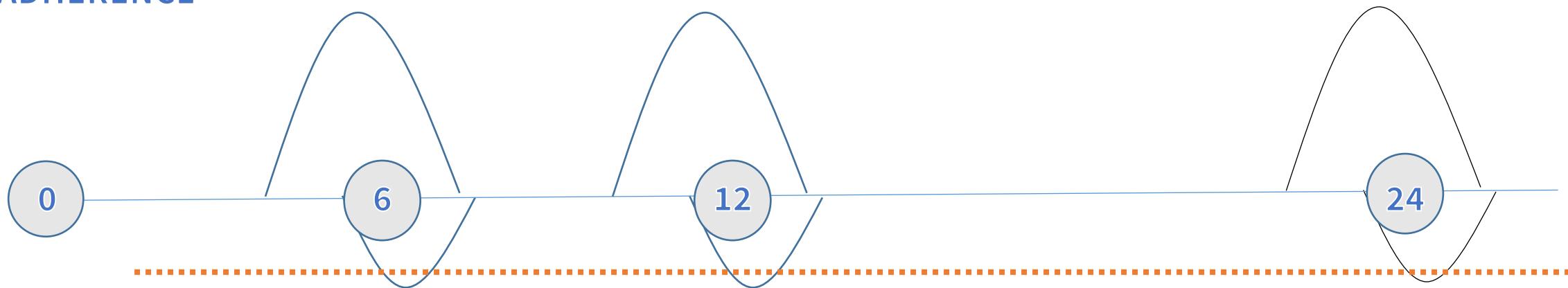
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Ramipril 5mg - Atorvastatin 40mg - ASA 100mg	400 (32.3)
Ramipril 2.5mg - Atorvastatin 40mg - ASA 100mg	506 (40.9)
Ramipril 10mg - Atorvastatin 20mg - ASA 100mg	22 (1.8)
Ramipril 5mg - Atorvastatin 20mg - ASA 100mg	31 (2.5)
Ramipril 2.5mg - Atorvastatin 20mg - ASA 100mg	49 (4.0)

Lipid lowering treatment in the usual care arm (N=1229)

	No. patients (%)
High-intensity statin therapy	
Atorvastatin 40mg	520 (42.3)
Atorvastatin 80mg	446 (36.3)
Rosuvastatin 20-40mg	51 (4.1)
Moderate-intensity statin therapy	
Atorvastatin 10-20mg	99 (8.1)
Rosuvastatin 5-10mg	15 (1.2)
Simvastatin 20-40mg	47 (3.8)
Pravastatin 40-80mg	3 (0.2)
Lovastatin 40mg	2 (0.2)
Pitavastatin 2-4mg	1 (0.1)
Low-intensity statin therapy	
Pravastatin 10-20mg	1 (0.1)
Lovastatin 20mg	1 (0.1)
Fluvastatin 20-40mg	2 (0.2)
No statin	38 (3.0)

Results in Context | Control in LDL

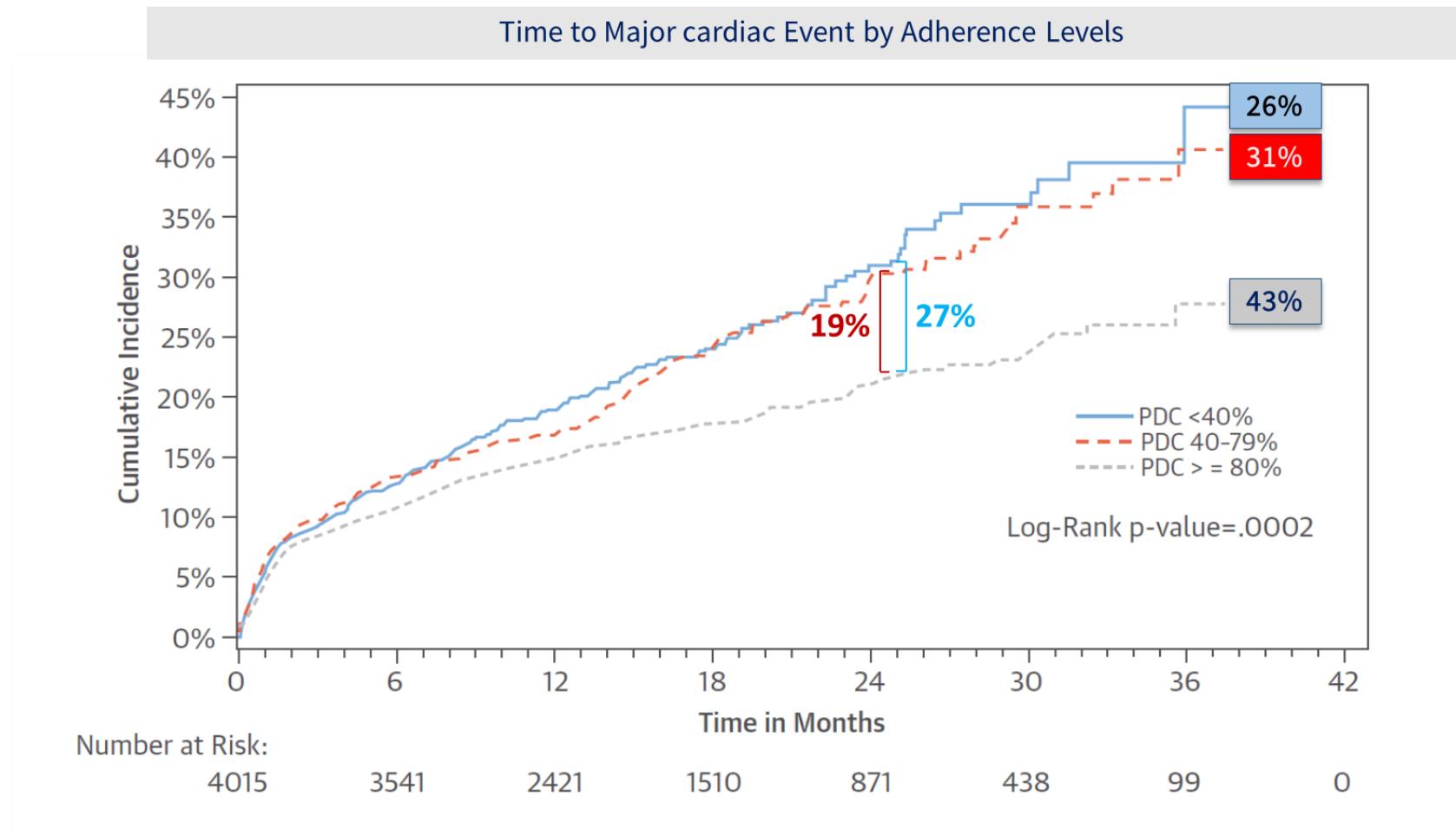
ADHERENCE



LDL-C

Results in Context | Reductions in MACE

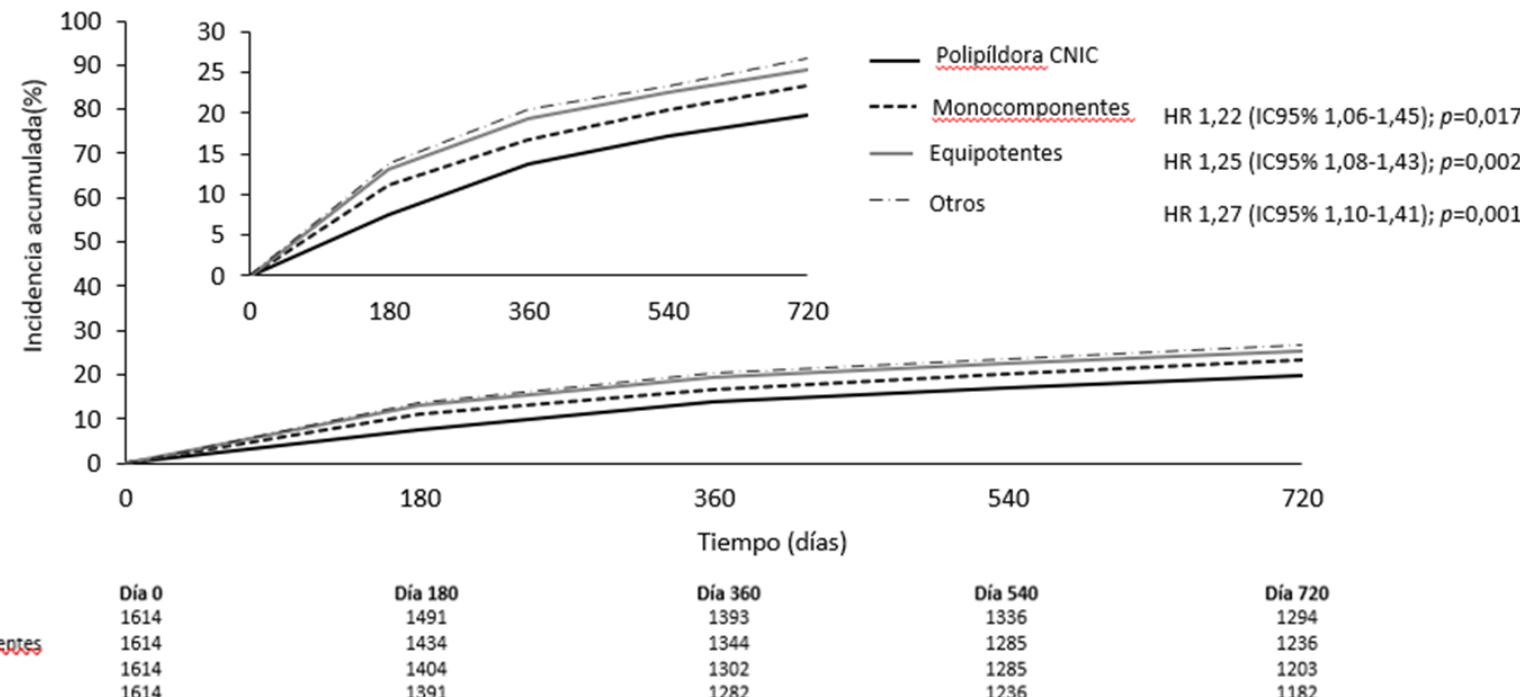
Assessing the impact of medication adherence on long-term cardiovascular outcomes



Results in Context | Reductions in MACE

Effectiveness of the CNIC Polypill in patients with previous cardiovascular events in hospitals and primary care centers in Spain: NEPTUNO study

Cumulative Incidence of MACE after 2 year follow up



HR: Hazard Ratio. IC: intervalo de confianza. p: significación estadística



González Juanatey JR, Cordero A, Castellano JM, Masana L, Dalmau R, Ruiz E, Fuster V. Reduction of cardiovascular events in patients with cardiovascular disease with the CV-polypill: a retrospective and propensity score matching study. ESC 2021.

PATIENTS WITH ESTABLISHED ASCVD

STEP 1^b

Stop smoking
and lifestyle
recommendations
(Class I)

LDL-C
 $\geq 50\%$ reduction and
 $<1.8 \text{ mmol/L} (<70 \text{ mg/dL})$
(Class I)

AND

SBP <140
to 130 mmHg
if tolerated
(Class I)

Antithrombotic
Therapy
(Class I)

STEP 2

Intensified treatment based on:

- Residual 10-year CVD risk^c
- Lifetime CVD risk and treatment benefit^d
- Comorbidities, frailty
- Patient preferences

SBP
 $<130 \text{ mmHg}$
if tolerated
(Class I)

AND

LDL-C
 $<1.4 \text{ mmol/L} (<55 \text{ mg/dL})$
(Class I)

AND

DAPT, DPI,
novel upcoming
interventions
(e.g. colchicine, EPA)
(Class IIb)

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”