

# Module 2: Introduction to Statistics

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# Topic

- Dichotomous Variables
- Compare Proportions
  - Two sample test (Normal approximation theory)
  - Chi-square test
  - Fisher Exact test
- Measuring Treatment Effect on Binary Outcomes
  - Absolute Risk Reduction (ARR)
  - Relative Risk (RR)
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# Dichotomous Variables: Binary Data

- Binary variables indicate two different states
  - Presence or absence of a characteristic:  $X=1$  (Yes)/  $0$ (No)
    - Tossing a Coin:  $Pr(Tail)=0.5$
    - $Pr(\text{Carrying Gene } G)=p$

$$X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$$

- Choose a cutoff point in continuous measure
  - Obesity:  $BMI \geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$
  - Hypertension:  $SBP \geq 140$  or  $DBP \geq 90 \text{ mmHg}$
- Assign status based on a checklist
  - Depressed: (If 16 or more items from the checklist are checked)
  - Control: (If  $< 16$  items from the checklist are checked)

# Binomial Distribution

- Y is the number of successes in a fixed number (n) of independent Bernoulli trials ( $X_i$ ) with the same probability of success in each trial
  - $X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$
  - $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

$$Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

- Requirements
  1. Each trial has one of two possible outcomes (1=success/0=fail)
  2. The trials are independent
  3. Probability of success (event) is the same in all trials
  4. A fixed number of trials (i.e.  $n=100$ )

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$$\text{Var}(Y)=np(1-p)=100 \times 0.5 \times 0.5=25$$

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$$\hat{p} = \frac{Y}{n} = \bar{Y} = \frac{25}{100} = .25$$

$$E(\bar{Y}) = p$$

- $Y$  number of successes
- $n$  number of trials
- $p$  probability of success

- Variance and Standard Deviation of  $\bar{Y}$ :

$$\text{Var}(\bar{Y}) = p(1-p)/n \approx \hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})/100$$

$$\text{SD}(\bar{Y}) = \sqrt{p(1 - p)/n}$$

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# Examples of Testing for Differences Between Two Proportions

- Does the proportion of patients with hypertension differ between two groups?
  - Treatment vs. Control
  - Smoker vs. Non smoker



# Notation and Display of Categorical Data

## 2 x 2 Contingency Tables

|           | Hypertension |          | Total    |
|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|
|           | Yes          | No       |          |
| Treatment | $n_{11}$     | $n_{12}$ | $n_{1.}$ |
| Placebo   | $n_{21}$     | $n_{22}$ | $n_{2.}$ |
| Total     | $n_{.1}$     | $n_{.2}$ | $n$      |

$n_{ij}$  are referred to as cell frequencies.

$n_{.j}$  and  $n_{i.}$  are referred to as marginal frequencies

$n$  is the total sample size

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Proportion of HT in Treatment group:  $p_1 = 14/127 = 11\%$   
Proportion of HT at Placebo group:  $p_2 = 57/128 = 44.5\%$   
Proportion of HT in both groups:  $p = 71/255 = 27.8\%$

Q: What is the number of subjects with HT from the Treated group?

# Test for Differences in Proportions Between Two Groups

- Testing whether the proportions for some outcome (e.g. HT) are different between two groups:

$$H_0: p_1 = p_2$$

Vs.

$$H_A: p_1 \neq p_2$$

# Three Tests for Differences in Proportions Between Two Groups

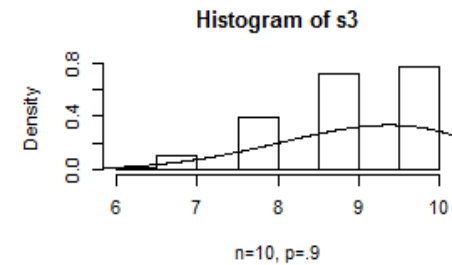
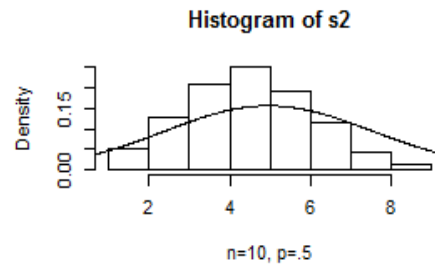
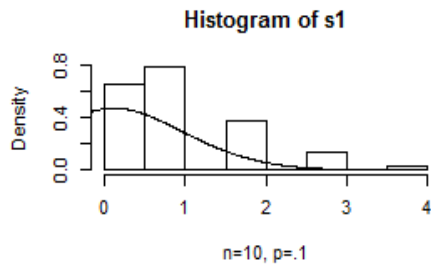
- Two-sample test for differences in two proportions
  - Normal theory test, works for large  $n$  due to CLT

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

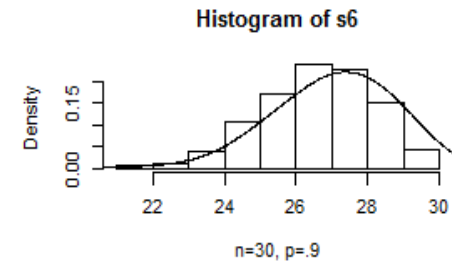
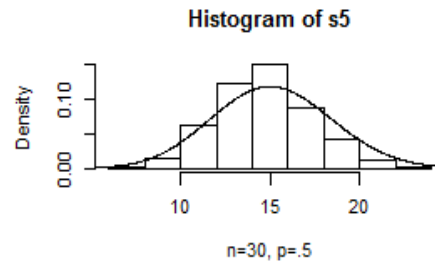
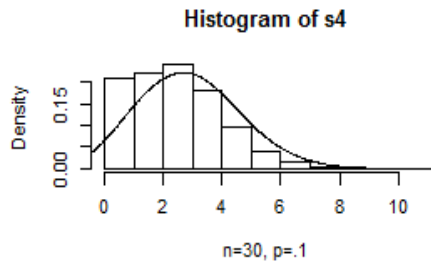
- Chi-Square test
  - Works when  $n > 5$  in all cells
- Fisher's Exact test
  - Works for any  $n$ , but computationally intensive when  $n$  is large
  - Used when  $n$  is not large, otherwise use the Chi-Square test

# Normal theory test: $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ is approximate normal for large $n$ (CLT)

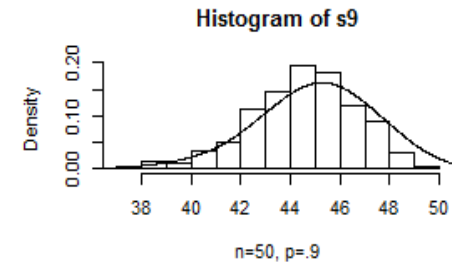
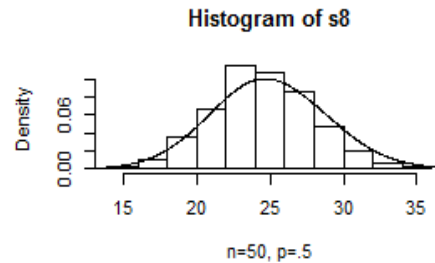
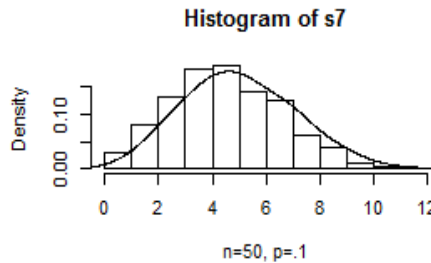
$n=10$



$n=30$



$n=50$



$p=.1$

$p=.5$

$p=.9$

# Test Statistics for Difference in Two Binomial Proportions (Normal theory test)

$\hat{p}_1$ : proportion in group 1 with outcome (sample size is  $n_1$ )

$\hat{p}_2$ : proportion in group 2 with outcome (sample size is  $n_2$ )

$\hat{p}$ : Overall proportion for group 1 and 2 combined

$$z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}$$

Can be used only if

$$n_1\hat{p}_1(1 - \hat{p}_1) > 5$$

$$n_2\hat{p}_2(1 - \hat{p}_2) > 5$$

*e.g.  $p=.5$  and  $n > 20$*

*$p=.1$  and  $n > 56$*

# TROPHY Data test for Binomial Proportions (Normal theory test)

| TROPHY data | Hypertension   |     | Total         |
|-------------|----------------|-----|---------------|
|             | Yes (% of row) | No  |               |
| Treatment   | 14(11%)        | 113 | 127 ( $n_1$ ) |
| Placebo     | 57(44.5%)      | 71  | 128 ( $n_2$ ) |
| Total       | 71(27.8%)      | 184 | 255           |

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$$\hat{p}_2 = 57/128 = 44.5\%$$

$$\hat{p} = 71/255 = 27.8\%$$



# TROPHY Data test for Binomial Proportions (Normal theory test)

$$z = \frac{.11 - .445}{\sqrt{.278 * (1 - .278) \left( \frac{1}{127} + \frac{1}{128} \right)}} = \frac{-.335}{\sqrt{.207 * .01569}} = -5.96$$

p-value =  $2.52 \times 10^{-9}$ , Reject  $H_0: p_1 = p_2$

# Chi-Square ( $\chi^2$ ) Test

The Chi-Square test is the most commonly used test for categorical data analysis

- Can be used for 2 x 2 tables
- Can be used for n x m tables (for any n and m)

# Observed Cell Proportions (Deriving $\chi^2$ Test)

|           | Hypertension |     | Total |
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Cell % relative to the overall  $n=255$

E.g. What proportion of the total sample is from the treatment group and has HT?

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|           | Hypertension |            | Total |
|-----------|--------------|------------|-------|
|           | Yes          | No         |       |
| Treatment | 14(5.5%)     | 113(44.3%) | 127   |
| Placebo   | 57(22.4%)    | 71(27.8%)  | 128   |
| Total     | 71           | 184        | 255   |

Cell % relative to the overall  $n=255$

E.g. What proportion of the total sample is from the treatment group and has HT?

$$14/255 = 5.5\%$$

# Expected Cell Proportions (Deriving $\chi^2$ Test)

| TROPHY data | Hypertension |            | Total      |
|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|             | Yes          | No         |            |
| Treatment   | 14           | 113        | 127(49.8%) |
| Placebo     | 57           | 71         | 128(50.2%) |
| Total       | 71(27.8%)    | 184(72.2%) | 255        |

## Marginal Proportions:

- Marginal Row %: What proportion is in the Treatment (Placebo) group?  
 $127/255 = 49.2\%$
- Marginal Column %: What proportion is HT (Not HT)?  
 $71/255 = 27.8\%$

# Expected Cell Proportions (Deriving $\chi^2$ Test)

| TROPHY<br>Data | Hypertension |       | Total     |
|----------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
|                | Yes          | No    |           |
| Treatment      | ?            |       | 49.8%     |
| Placebo        | ?            |       | 50.2%     |
| Total          | 27.8%        | 72.2% | 255(100%) |

Marginal proportions are fixed.

Q: What proportion of the total sample is expected in each cell (when  $H_0$  is true)?

# Expected Cell Proportions (Deriving $\chi^2$ Test)

| TROPHY<br>Data | Hypertension |       | Total     |
|----------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
|                | Yes          | No    |           |
| Treatment      | 13.8%        | 36%   | 49.8%     |
| Placebo        | 14%          | 36.2% | 50.2%     |
| Total          | 27.8%        | 72.2% | 255(100%) |

Marginal proportion are fixed.

Q: What proportion of the total sample is expected in each cell (when  $H_0$  is true)?

Multiply the row percent with column percent:

$$27.8\% \times 49.8\% = 13.8\%$$

# Expected Cell Frequency (Deriving $\chi^2$ Test)

| TROPHY<br>Data | Hypertension |      | Total |
|----------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                | Yes          | No   |       |
| Treatment      | 35.2(13.8%)  | 91.8 | 127   |
| Placebo        | 35.7         | 92.3 | 128   |
| Total          | 71           | 184  | 255   |

What number from the total sample is expected in each cell?



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$$13.8\% \times 255 = 35.2$$

# Compare Observed vs. Expected Frequencies (Deriving $\chi^2$ Test)

| TROPHY<br>Data | Hypertension |          | Total |
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| Treatment      | 14/35.2      | 113/91.8 | 127   |
| Placebo        | 57/35.7      | 71/92.3  | 128   |
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Observed frequencies:  $O_{11} = 14$

Expected frequency:  $E_{11} = 35.2$

If  $H_0$  is true then  $O_{11}$  should be close to  $E_{11}$

# Chi-Square Test

- Chi-Square test, with Yate's correction, is based on:

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(|O_{11} - E_{11}| - .5)^2}{E_{11}} + \frac{(|O_{12} - E_{12}| - .5)^2}{E_{12}} + \frac{(|O_{21} - E_{21}| - .5)^2}{E_{21}} + \frac{(|O_{22} - E_{22}| - .5)^2}{E_{22}}$$

- $\chi^2$  has a Chi-Square distribution with  $df = k(?)$
- Calculate the p-value based on the Chi-Square distribution with  $k$   $df$ 
  - If p-value < 0.05 reject  $H_0$

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For 2 x 2 tables, the frequency number in only one cell is free to vary. Frequencies in the remaining 3 cell are constrained and can be derived.

What is the frequency for non HT in the Treated group?

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| Placebo     | 57 (71-14)   | 71(128-57)  | 128   |
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- $df = (\text{Rows} - 1) \times (\text{Columns} - 1) = 1$
- Then, use the Chi-Square with 1  $df$  to derive the p-value.  
If p-value < .05, then reject  $H_0: p_1 = p_2$

# Chi-Square Test in R

- In R: `chisq.test(HT,Trt)`

- Output:

Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

data: HT and Trt

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`X-squared = 33.9775, df = 1, p-value = 5.575e-09` → Reject  $H_0$  of no treatment effect

# Fisher's Exact Test

- Fisher's exact test is not based on the normal approximation theory. It is an exact test
- It calculates the exact probability (under  $H_0$ ) that one would observe a 2 x 2 table same or more extreme than the one observed (if  $< .05$  reject  $H_0$ )
- It is used when  $n$  is small, and the Chi-square test or the normal approximation theory might not apply

# Example: 2 x 2 Contingency Table Fisher's Exact Test (Small Sample)

| Example | Not HT | HT | Total |
|---------|--------|----|-------|
| Treated | 4      | 0  | 4     |
| Placebo | 1      | 3  | 4     |
| Total   | 5      | 3  | 8     |

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- Under the  $H_0$  of no difference on HT between two groups, calculate the probability of each table with the same marginal counts
- How many Tables with these given margins are possible?

| Example | Not HT | HT | Total |
|---------|--------|----|-------|
| Treated | ?      |    | 4     |
| Placebo |        |    | 4     |
| Total   | 5      | 3  | 8     |

# All Tables With Same Marginal Counts

| Table 1 | No HT | HT | Total |
|---------|-------|----|-------|
| Treated | 4     |    | 4     |
| Placebo |       |    | 4     |
| Total   | 5     | 3  | 8     |
| Table 3 | No HT | HT | Total |
| Treated | 2     |    | 4     |
| Placebo |       |    | 4     |
| Total   | 5     | 3  | 8     |
| Table 5 | No HT | HT | Total |
| Treated | 0     |    | 4     |
| Placebo |       |    | 4     |
| Total   | 5     | 3  | 8     |

| Table 2 | No HT | HT | Total |
|---------|-------|----|-------|
| Treated | 3     |    | 4     |
| Placebo |       |    | 4     |
| Total   | 5     | 3  | 8     |
| Table 4 | No HT | HT | Total |
| Treated | 1     |    | 4     |
| Placebo |       |    | 4     |
| Total   | 5     | 3  | 8     |

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|---------|-------|----|-------|
| Treated | 0     |    | 4     |
| Placebo | 5(?)  |    | 4     |
| Total   | 5     | 3  | 8     |

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Total Probabilities: Table 1 = 0.071  
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Tables (1 and 4) are same or less likely than the observed data (Table 1)

Total Probabilities:  
Table 1 = 0.071  
Table 2 = 0.429  
Table 3 = 0.429  
Table 4 = 0.071

The p-value for Fisher exact test is:  $p = .071 + .071 = .142$



# Table1: How Many Combinations Can Have This Result?

| Table 1 | No HT | HT | Total      |
|---------|-------|----|------------|
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Treatment row: 1 combination  
 Placebo row: ? combinations

Total:  $1 * ? = ?$  Tables

# Table1: How Many Combinations Can Have This Result?

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| Table 1b | No HT       | HT        | Total |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Treated  | 4 (A,B,C,D) | 0         | 4     |
| Placebo  | 1 (b)       | 3 (a,c,d) | 4     |
| Total    | 5           | 3         | 8     |

| Table 1c | No HT       | HT        | Total |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Treated  | 4 (A,B,C,D) |           | 4     |
| Placebo  | 1 (c)       | 3 (a,b,d) | 4     |
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| Table 1d | No HT       | HT        | Total |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Treated  | 4 (A,B,C,D) | 0         | 4     |
| Placebo  | 1 (d)       | 3 (a,b,c) | 4     |
| Total    | 5           | 3         | 8     |

Treatment row: 1 combination  
 Placebo row: 4 combinations

Total:  $1 \times 4 = 4$  Tables

# How Many Total Tables are Possible?

| Table 1        | Not HT | HT | # Tables | Proportion   |
|----------------|--------|----|----------|--------------|
| Treatment      | 4      | 0  | $1*4=4$  | $4/56=.071$  |
| Placebo        | 1      | 3  |          |              |
| <b>Table 2</b> |        |    |          |              |
| Treatment      | 3      | 1  | $4*6=24$ | $24/56=.429$ |
| Placebo        | 2      | 2  |          |              |
| <b>Table 3</b> |        |    |          |              |
| Treatment      | 2      | 2  | $6*4=24$ | $24/56=.429$ |
| Placebo        | 3      | 1  |          |              |
| <b>Table 4</b> |        |    |          |              |
| Treatment      | 1      | 3  | $4*1=4$  | $4/56=.071$  |
| Placebo        | 4      | 0  |          |              |
| <b>Total</b>   |        |    | 56       | 1.00         |

# Fisher's Exact Test in R

- In R: `fisher.test(HT,Trt)`

- R output:

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

data: HT and Trt

**p-value = 0.1429**

alternative hypothesis: true odds ratio is not equal to 1

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# How to Measure Treatment Effect for Binary Data

There are several measures of a treatment effect (or associations) for binary data. Three most commonly used are:

- Absolute Risk Reduction (ARR)
- Relative Risk (RR)
- Odds Ratio (OR)

# Absolute Risk Reduction (ARR)

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$$ARR=44.5\% - 11\%=33.5\%$$

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$$RR = \frac{0.11}{0.445} = 0.25$$

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- Always report both the ARR and the RR

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$$OR = \frac{.124}{.80} = 0.16 \quad (\text{If } OR=1, \text{ no Trt effect})$$



# Odds Ratio(OR)

- OR are useful for measuring the relationship of any variable (Age, Trt) with a binary outcome (HT). They are usually derived using logistic regression
- In short, logistic regression is a statistical modeling technique used to predict the ODDs of HT (or any binary outcome) based on one or more variables

# Modeling OR (log-OR) as a function of other predictors

- Logistic regression model is:

$$\log\left(\frac{\text{Pr}(HT=1)}{1-\text{Pr}(HT=1)}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{Trt} + \beta_2 * \text{BMI} + \beta_3 * X + \dots$$

- $\text{OR}(\text{Trt}) = e^{\beta_1}$

Compares the ODDs of HT between Treatment and Placebo

- $\text{OR}(\text{BMI}) = e^{\beta_2}$

How much the ODDs of HT change if BMI increases by 1  
(e.g. BMI=27 vs. BMI=26)

- $\text{OR}(X) = e^{\beta_3} = 1$ , implies no relationship between X and Y.

Q: If X does not relate to Y, what is  $\beta_3$ ?

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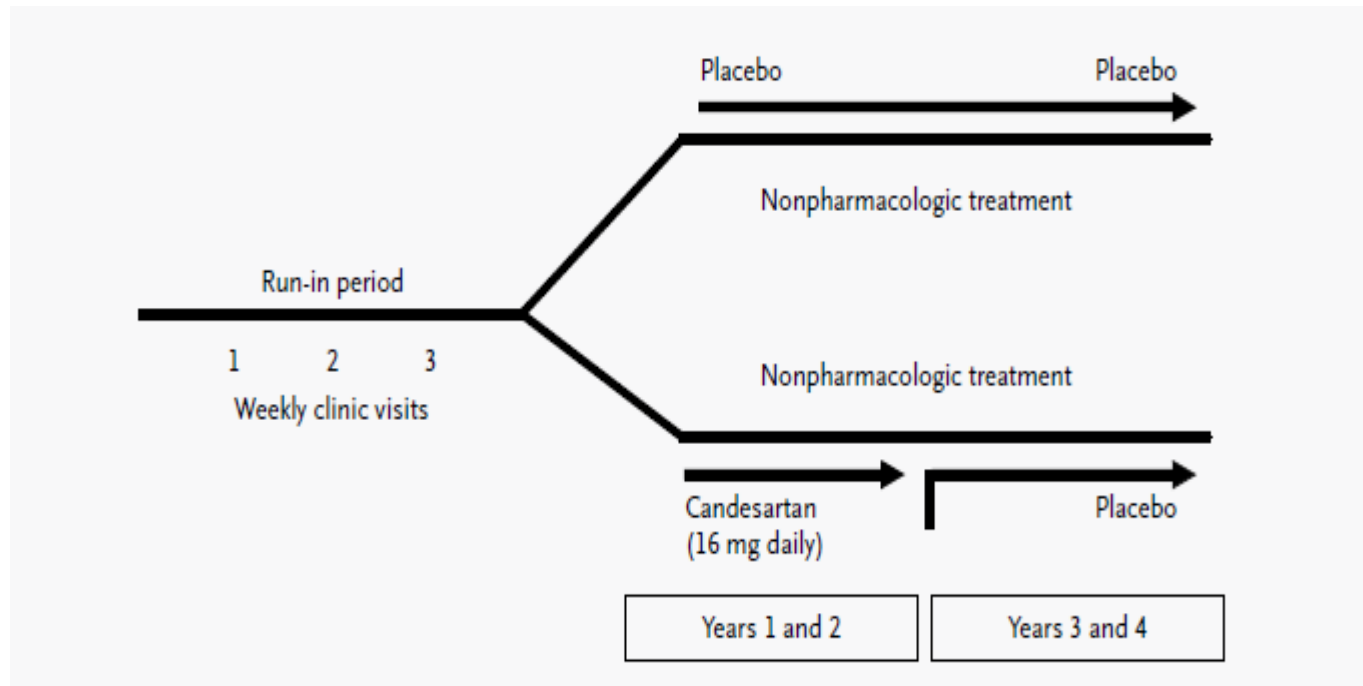
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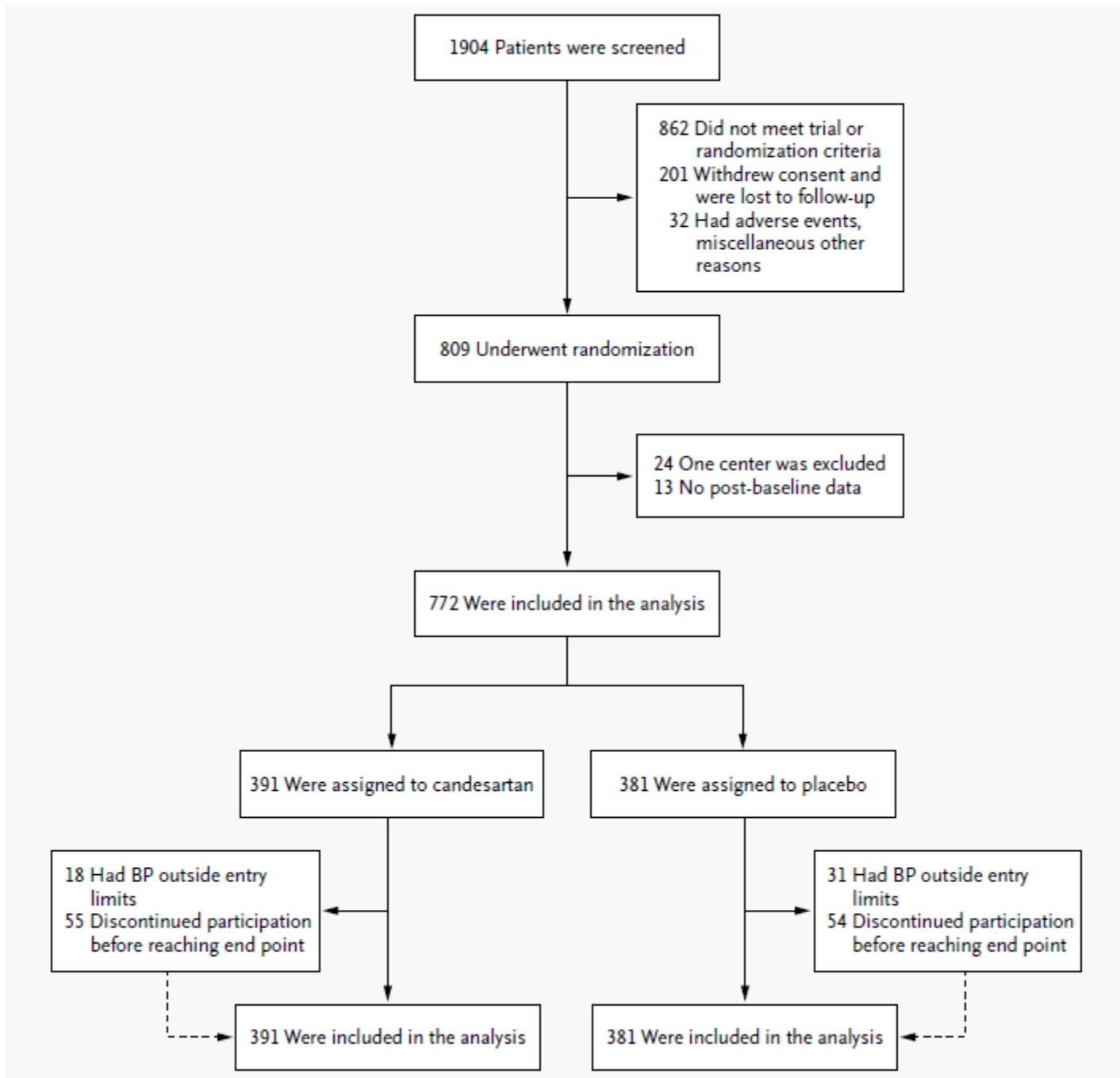
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# TROPHY Study

- **Objective:** The primary hypothesis of the study was to determine whether two years of treatment with candesartan reduces the incidence of hypertension two years after treatment and 2 years after discontinuation of treatment.





# Characteristics of the Study Population

**Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Study Participants.\***

|  | <b>Candesartan Group<br/>(N = 391)</b> | <b>Placebo Group<br/>(N = 381)</b> |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Age — yr   | 48.6±7.9                               | 48.3±8.2                           |
| Male sex — no. (%)                                 | 231 (59.1)                             | 229 (60.1)                         |
| Race — no. (%)†                                    |  |                                    |
| White  | 312 (79.8)                             | 321 (84.3)                         |
| Black  | 48 (12.3)                              | 31 (8.1)                           |
| Other  | 31 (7.9)                               | 29 (7.6)                           |
| Weight — kg  | 89.0±17                                | 88.8±17.7                          |
| Body-mass index‡                                   | 29.9±5.1                               | 30.0±5.5                           |
| Blood pressure — mm Hg                             |  |                                    |
| Measured at clinic visit with<br>automated device§ | 133.9±4.3/84.8±3.8                     | 134.1±4.2/84.8±4.1                 |

# Main Results of the Study

**Table 2. Incident Hypertension and Incidence of Serious Adverse Events.\***

|   | Candesartan Group<br>(N=391) | Placebo Group<br>(N=381) | P Value | Relative Risk<br>(95% CI) |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
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| No. of participants in whom hypertension developed                                      | 208                          | 240                      |         |                           |
| Hypertension at year 2 visit — %  | 13.6                         | 40.4                     | <0.001† | 0.34 (0.25–0.44)          |
| Hypertension at year 4 visit — %  | 53.2                         | 63.0                     | 0.007†  | 0.84 (0.75–0.95)          |
| Hypertension during study period  |                              |                          | <0.001‡ | 0.58 (0.49–0.70)          |
| <b>Clinical criteria for end-point determination</b>                                    |                              |                          |         |                           |
| BP at three clinic visits, ≥140 mm Hg systolic, ≥90 mm Hg diastolic, or both — no. (%)  | 142 (36)                     | 168 (44)                 | 0.03†   | 0.82 (0.69–0.98)          |
| BP at any clinic visit ≥160 mm Hg systolic, ≥100 mm Hg diastolic, or both — no. (%)     | 15 (3.8)                     | 19 (5.0)                 | 0.49†   | 0.77 (0.40–1.49)          |
| BP requiring pharmacologic treatment — no. (%)  | 45 (12)                      | 48 (13)                  | 0.66†   | 0.91 (0.62–1.34)          |
| BP at month 48 clinic visit ≥140 mm Hg systolic, ≥90 mm Hg diastolic, or both — no. (%) | 6 (1.5)                      | 5 (1.3)                  | >0.99†  | 1.17 (0.36–3.80)          |



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|             | Yes (row %)  | No  |       |
| Candesartan | 53 (13.6%)   | 338 | 391   |
| Placebo     | 154 (40.4%)  | 227 | 381   |
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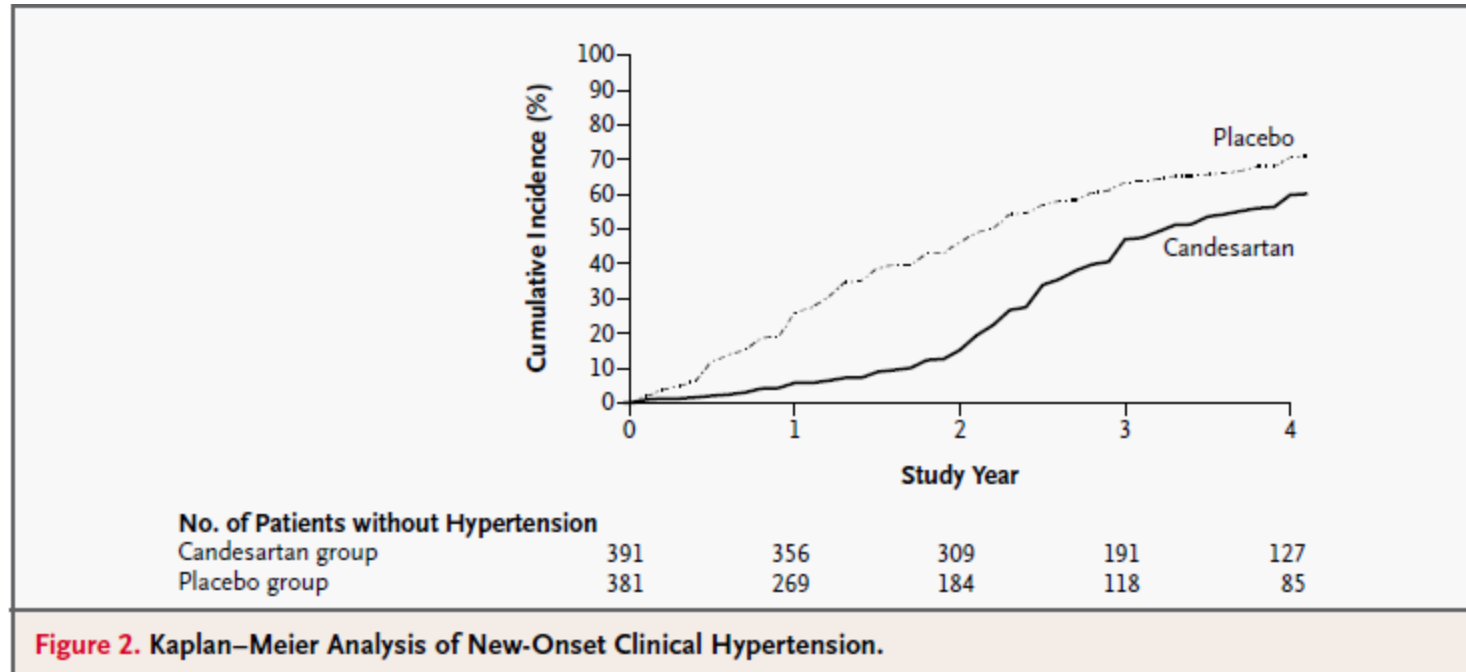
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RR at 4 years:  $53.2 / 63.0 = .84$

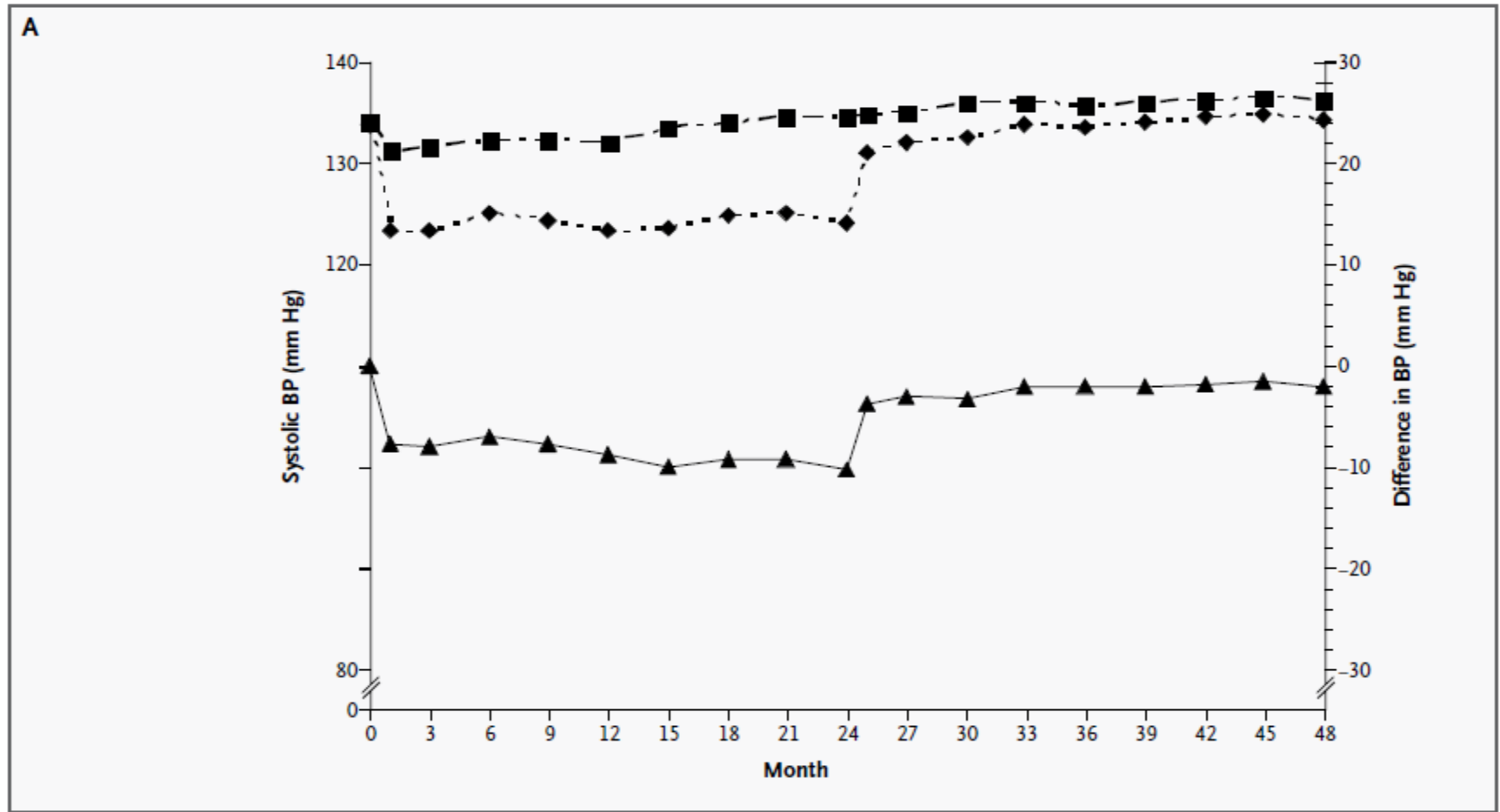
# Cumulative Incidence of HT by Treatment Group



Kaplan-Meier Analysis shows if the overall cumulative incidence of HT is different between groups over time. It gives the full picture on the development of HT over the 4 year follow-up.

Note: Cumulative incidence is calculated as 100% - K-M curve

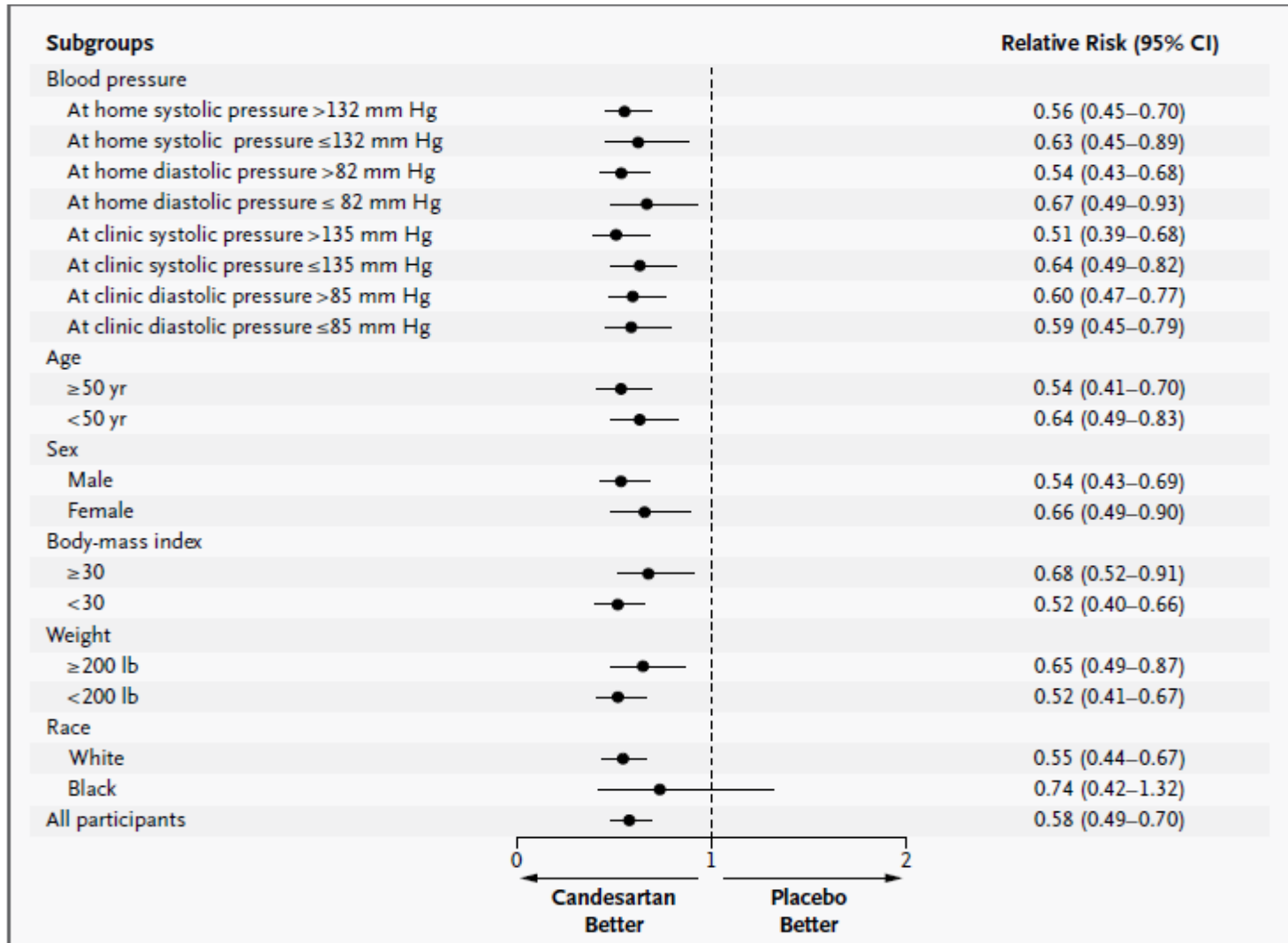
# SBP Values Over 4 Years



SBP curve (mean of SBP at each visit) over 4 years

Two-sample t-test: Showed 2.0 mm Hg ( $p=0.037$ ) decrease in SBP at year 4 due to Candesartan

# Subgroup Analysis: Does Candesartan work the same way for different subgroups



# Summary Points

Tests for Comparing Proportions:  $H_0: p_1 = p_2$  vs.  $H_A: p_1 \neq p_2$

## Statistical test

- Two-sample normal theory test

$$- z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}$$

- Chi-square test

– Use  $\chi^2_k$  where  $k=(nrow-1) \times (ncol-1)$

- Fisher's exact test

– Calculates the exact p-value

## Used when

$$n_1\hat{p}_1(1 - \hat{p}_1) > 5$$

$$n_2\hat{p}_2(1 - \hat{p}_2) > 5$$

$n > 5$  in all cells

$n$  is small and the other two tests does not apply

# Summary Points

Measure of association (treatment effect) for Dichotomous Outcomes.  
“Risk” is defined as:  $Pr(Y=Yes)=p$ , ( $p_1$  is for treatment,  $p_2$  is for control)

## Measure of association

## Interpretation

- Absolute Risk Reduction (ARR)

- $ARR = p_2 - p_1$

(ARR=0 do not reject  $H_0: p_1 = p_2$ )

- Relative Risk (RR)

- $RR = \frac{p_1}{p_2}$

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- Odds Ratio (OR)

- $ODDs = \frac{Pr(Y=1)}{Pr(Y=0)} = \frac{p}{1-p}$

- $OR = \frac{ODDs(Trt)}{ODDs(Control)} = \frac{p_1/(1-p_1)}{p_2/(1-p_2)}$

(OR=1 do not reject  $H_0: p_1 = p_2$ )