

New Cases of Diabetes in Different Studies

Study	Treatments	Duration (years)	New-onset diabetes (%)	p-value
NORDIL	CCB vs BB/diuretic	4.5	4.3 vs 4.9	0.14
INSIGHT	CCB vs diuretic	3.5	5.4 vs 7.0	< 0.05
CAPP	ACE-I vs BB/diuretic	6.1	6.5 vs 7.3	< 0.05
LIFE	ARB* vs BB*	4.8	6.0 vs 8.0	< 0.001
SCOPE	ARB vs diuretic	3.7	4.9 vs 6.0	0.09
ALLHAT	ACE-I vs CCB vs diuretic	4.9	8.1 vs 9.8 vs 11.6	< 0.05
ALPINE	ARB/CCB vs diuretic/BB	1.0	0.5 vs 4.1	< 0.05
HOPE	ACE-I vs placebo	4.5	3.6 vs 5.4	< 0.001
CHARM	ARB vs placebo	3.1	6.0 vs 7.4	0.02
VALUE	ARB vs CCB	4.2	3.6 vs 6.6	<0.0001

One possible explanation for the effects of ACE inhibitors and ARBs on new-onset diabetes is their effect on the adipose tissues. Abdominal fat in particular is extremely rich in angiotensin II receptors, and blocking these has been shown to prevent the maturation and differentiation of adipocytes. This results in more of the larger adipocytes and fewer small adipocytes. These large adipocytes act as a sump, and fat enters and collects in these cells. This results in less fat accumulation in the skeletal muscle and liver, and this is a possible explanation for the ACE/ARB antidiabetic effect. CCB as well

ALLHAT: Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial

ALPINE: Antihypertensive Treatment and Lipid Profile in a North of Sweden Efficacy Evaluation

CAPP: Captopril Primary Prevention Program

CHARM: Candesartan in Heart Failure -- Assessment of Mortality and Morbidity

HOPE: Heart Outcomes Prevention Evaluation

LIFE: Losartan Intervention For Endpoint Reduction in Hypertension

SCOPE: Study on Cognition and Prognosis in the Elderly

VALUE: Valsartan Antihypertensive Long-Term Use Evaluation

