

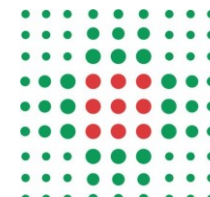
## ***Cardiotossicità da anti-VEGF e TKI multitarget***

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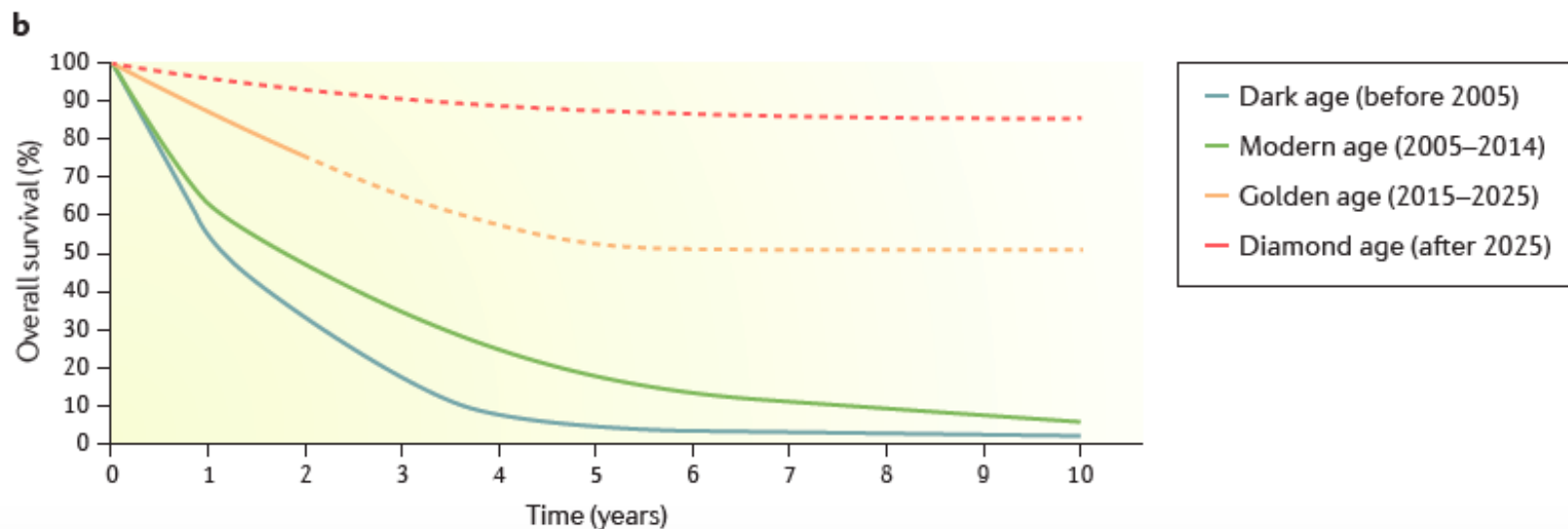
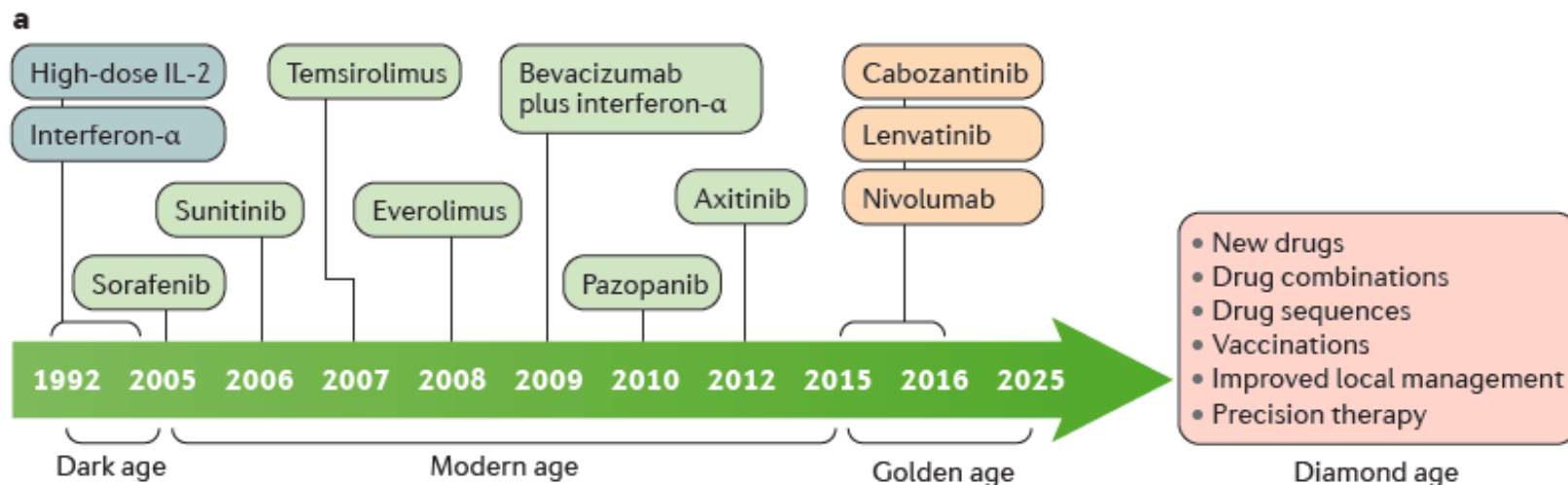
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***What happens in mRCC?***

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# Therapeutic evolution and survival outcome of metastatic clear cell renal cell carcinoma through the four different eras



# Cardiovascular (CV) Toxicity

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- Cumulative CV toxicities include
  - QT interval prolongation and torsade de pointes
  - Coronary insufficiency
  - Heart failure
  - Arterial thromboembolism

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# Cardiovascular (CV) Toxicity: Clinical Evidence

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- Individual incidence of most events is <5%, but risk is still significant
- Meta-analysis (N = 10,255)<sup>1</sup>
  - Rate of arterial thromboembolism with sunitinib and sorafenib was 1.4%
  - 3-fold increase in risk over control
- Meta-analysis (N = 6,935)<sup>2</sup>
  - Rate of heart failure with sunitinib was 4.1%
  - 1.8-fold increase in risk over control

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# Cardiovascular (CV) Toxicity: Risk Assessment

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- Conduct a formal risk assessment at baseline
  - Evaluation and correction of any BP abnormalities at baseline
  - Standardised BP measurement
  - Thorough patient history and physical evaluation
  - ECG and LVEF assessment in patients with history of cardiac disease
  - Laboratory tests as indicated
- Educate patients on possible CV side effects and their symptoms
- Consult with a local CV specialist if indicated
- During treatment, monitor patients for development of CV complications

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# Incidence of Cardiac Toxicity with Inhibitors of VEGF-Signaling

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	SUN <sup>1</sup>		SOR <sup>2</sup>		BEV <sup>3,4</sup>		PAZ <sup>5</sup>		AX <sup>5</sup>	
	all	3+4	all	3+4	all	3+4	all	3+4	all	3+4
CHF	13	nr	nr	nr	<1	<1	nr	nr	nr	nr
Ischemia	nr	nr	nr	3	<1	<1	nr	nr	nr	nr

## Cardiac toxicity is an under-reported phenomenon

- 74 patients on sunitinib and sorafenib:
- 33.8% with cardiac events (definition: cTNT increase, symptomatic arrhythmia, new left ventricular dysfunction, acute coronary syndrome)
- 40.5% ECG changes
- 18% typical clinical symptoms
- 9.4% seriously compromised

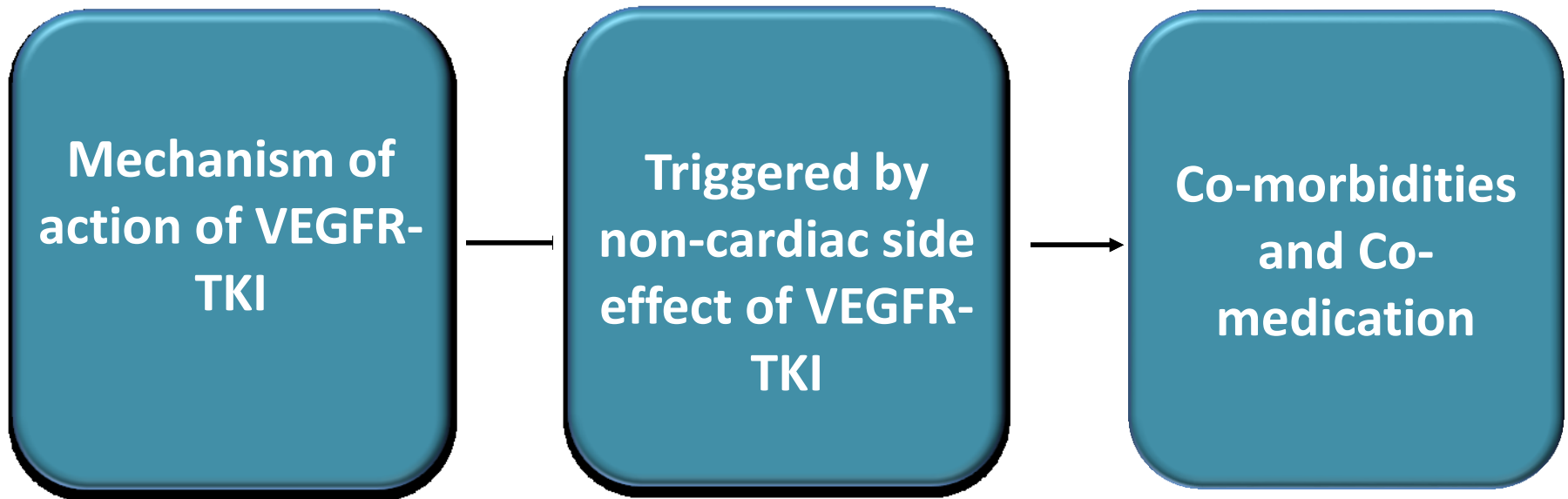
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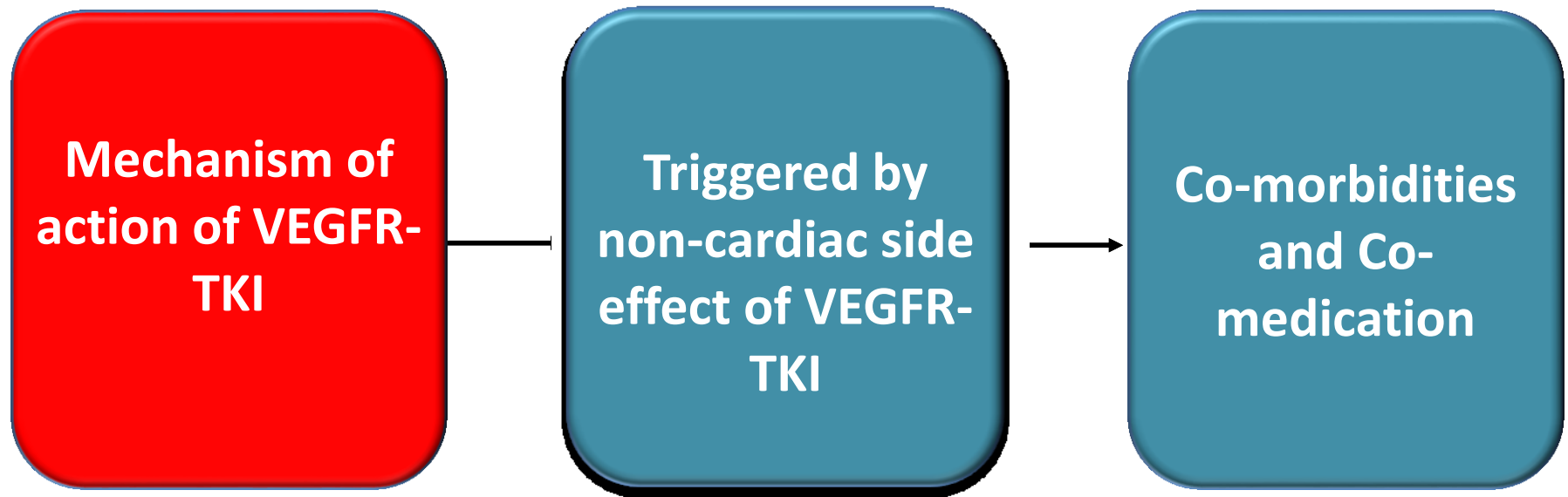
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Kinases and Drugs	Role of kinase in the Heart/Vasculature
C-KIT (sun, sor)	Homing of BM-derived cardiac stem cells to sites of post-MI-injury; stem cell differentiation, cardiomyocyte terminal differentiation
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**Inhibition of these kinases is not sufficient to induce cardiac toxicity → Second/third/forth hits required**



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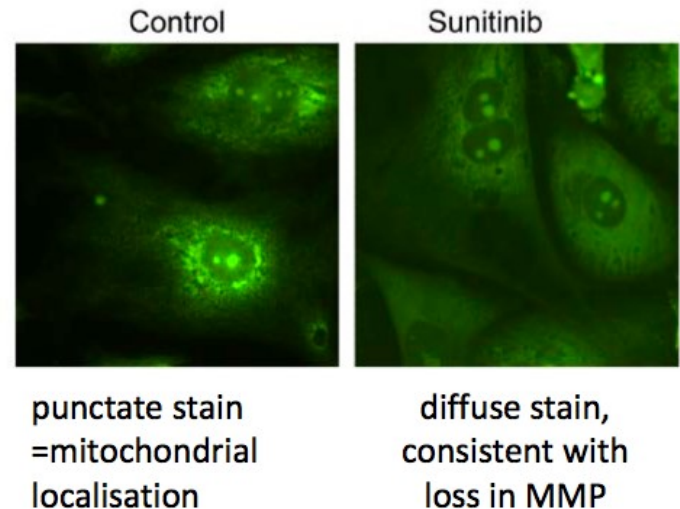
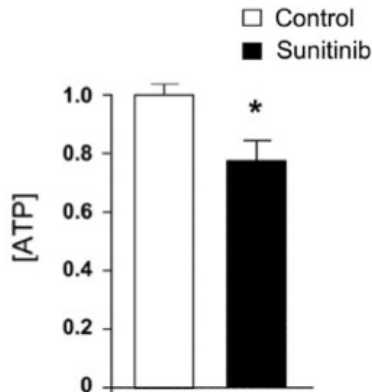
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# Biopsies from Patients with TKI-Induced CHF: Alterations in Cardiac Energy Transduction

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- Transmission electron microscopy:
  - marked abnormalities in mitochondrial structure
  - collapse of mitochondrial membrane potential
  - significant decrease in intracellular ATP1



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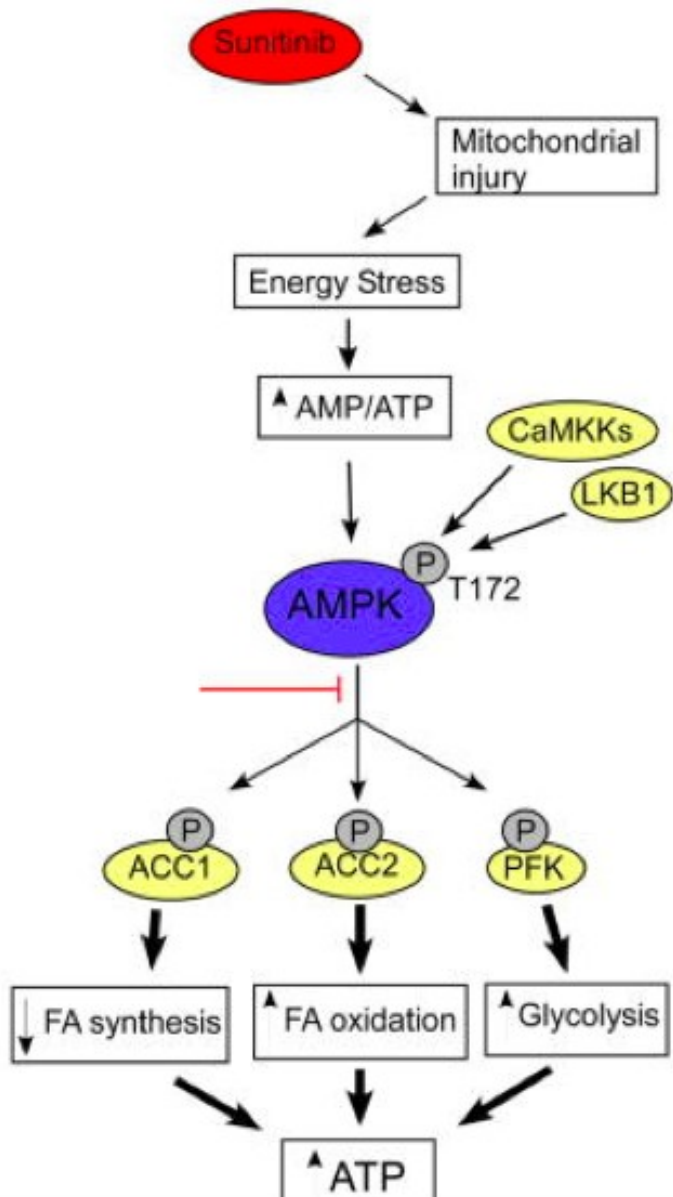
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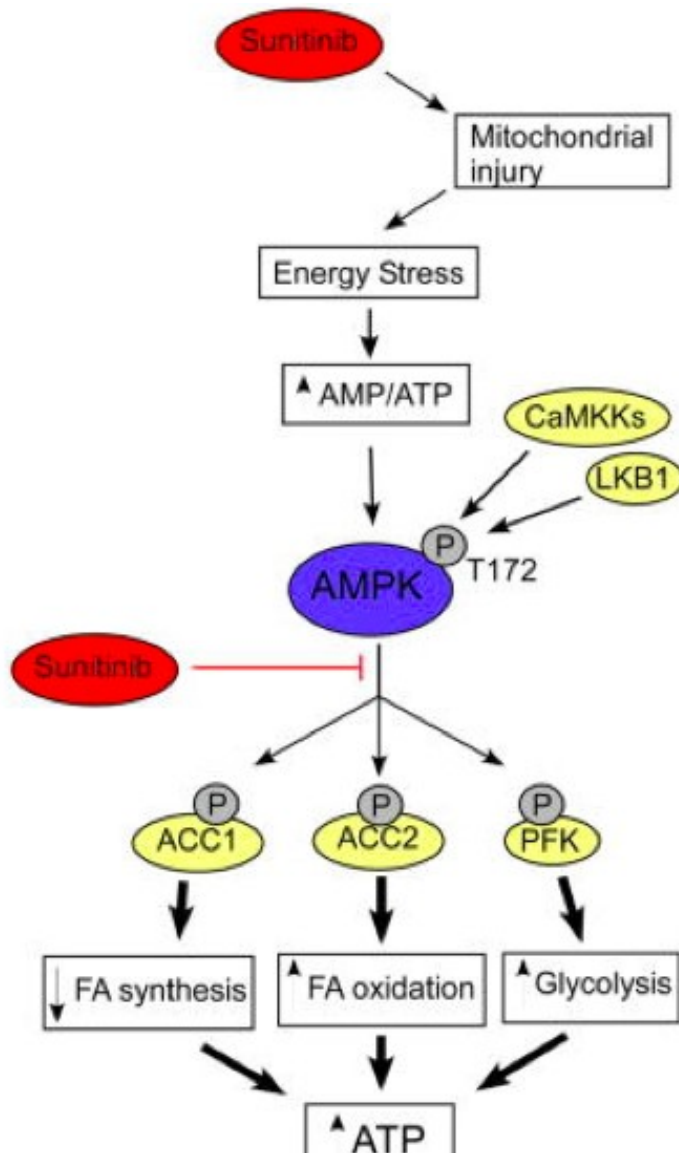
# Failure of protective responses to restrict energy utilization

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- Energy depletion  $\rightarrow$  **activation** of 5'adenosine monophosphate activated protein kinase (**AMPK**) in cardiomyocytes
  - AMPK: protects cells against ATP deficiency by turning off energy-consuming biosynthesis of cholesterol and fatty acids

# Failure of protective responses to restrict energy utilization



- **However: AMPK is a direct target of e.g. sunitinib and is inhibited at biologically relevant concentrations**

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# Energy Depletion and AMPK-Inhibition

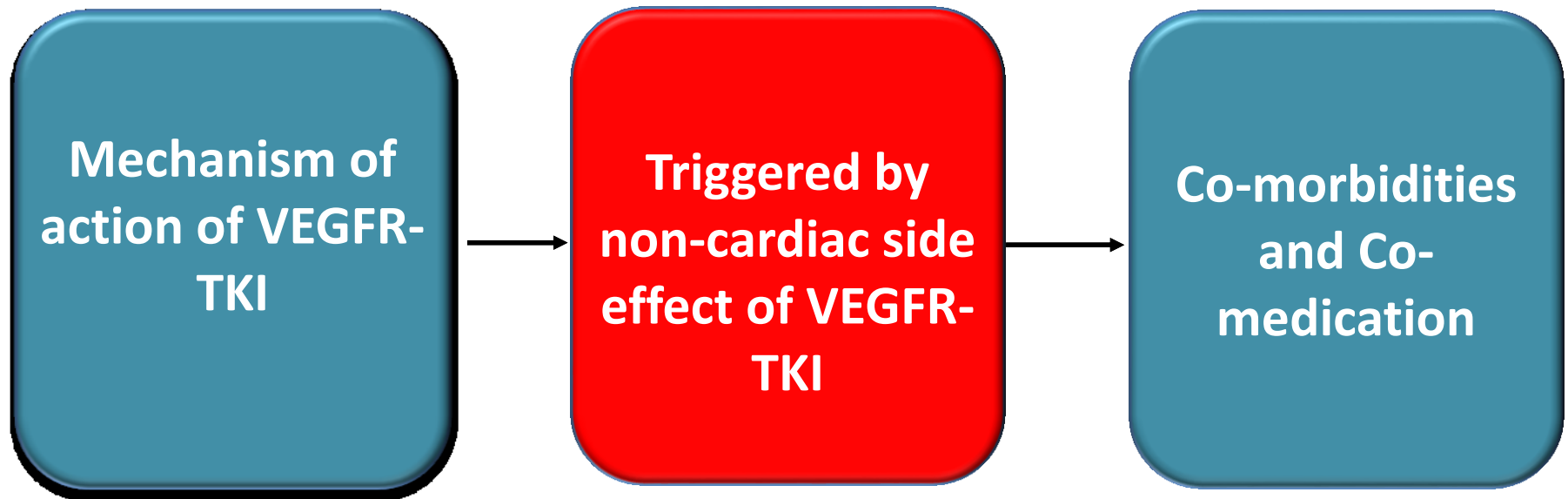
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- May become relevant only in the setting of cardiac stress
  - ✓ In the setting of pressure overload, AMPK $\alpha$ 2 knockout mice had a greater loss of LV function following aortic constriction



# Pathomechanism of Cardiac Toxicity: a Multifactorial Process

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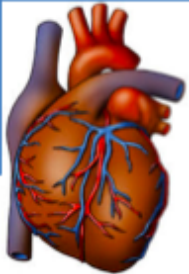


# Cardiotoxicity Triggered by Non-Cardiac Side Effects

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Hypothyroidism  
and heart



## T3 effect on nuclear level

- On cardiac myocyte, T3 regulates transcription of genes that encode for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -ATPase exchanger, voltage-gated potassium channels<sup>1</sup>

## T3 function on non- nuclear level

- Involved in ion channels for sodium, potassium and calcium<sup>1</sup>

## T3 effect on muscle cell

- T3 directly affects vascular smooth muscle cells and promotes relaxation<sup>2</sup>

## T3 and CV- system

- Hypothyroidism: increased vascular resistance and endothelial dysfunction due to reduced nitric oxide availability<sup>4,5</sup>

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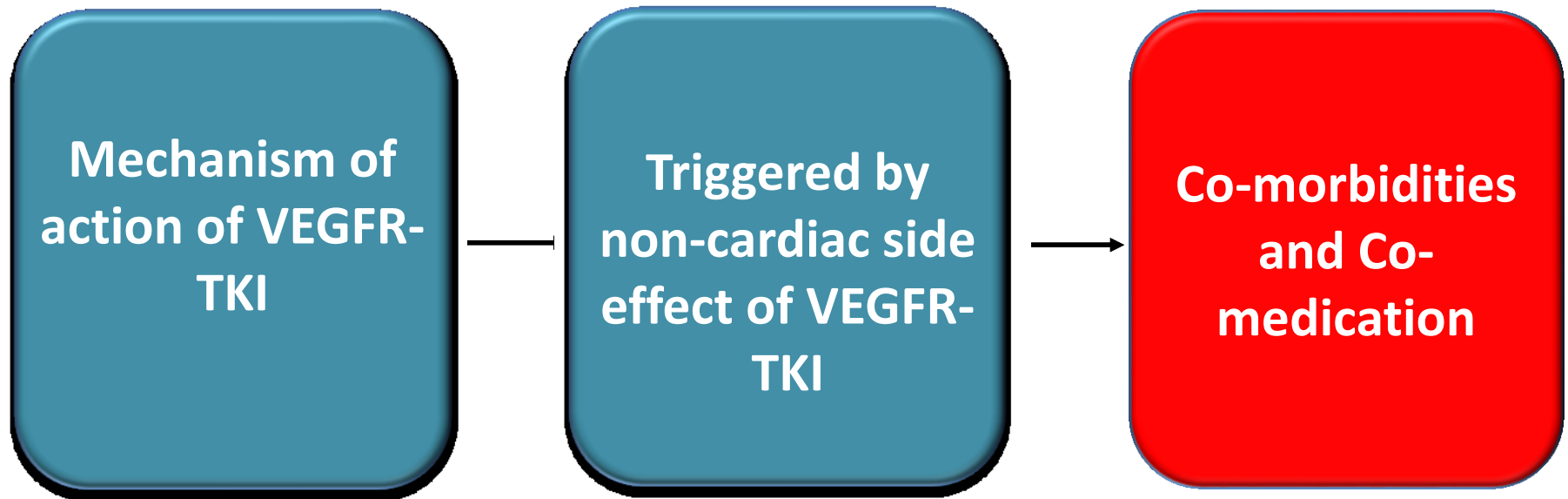
# T3 Depletion Causes Cardiac Toxicity

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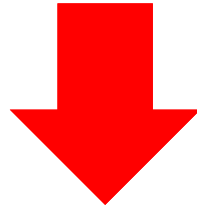
- Impaired relaxation and ventricular filling
- Increase in peripheral vascular resistance and dBP
- Reduced EF at exercise

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The Median Age at Diagnosis of mRCC is  
65 years



The risk of a patient with mRCC to have  
concomitant (overt or subclinical) CVD is  
high (73%)

# Concomitant Drugs Given for CVD may Cause Additive Toxicities

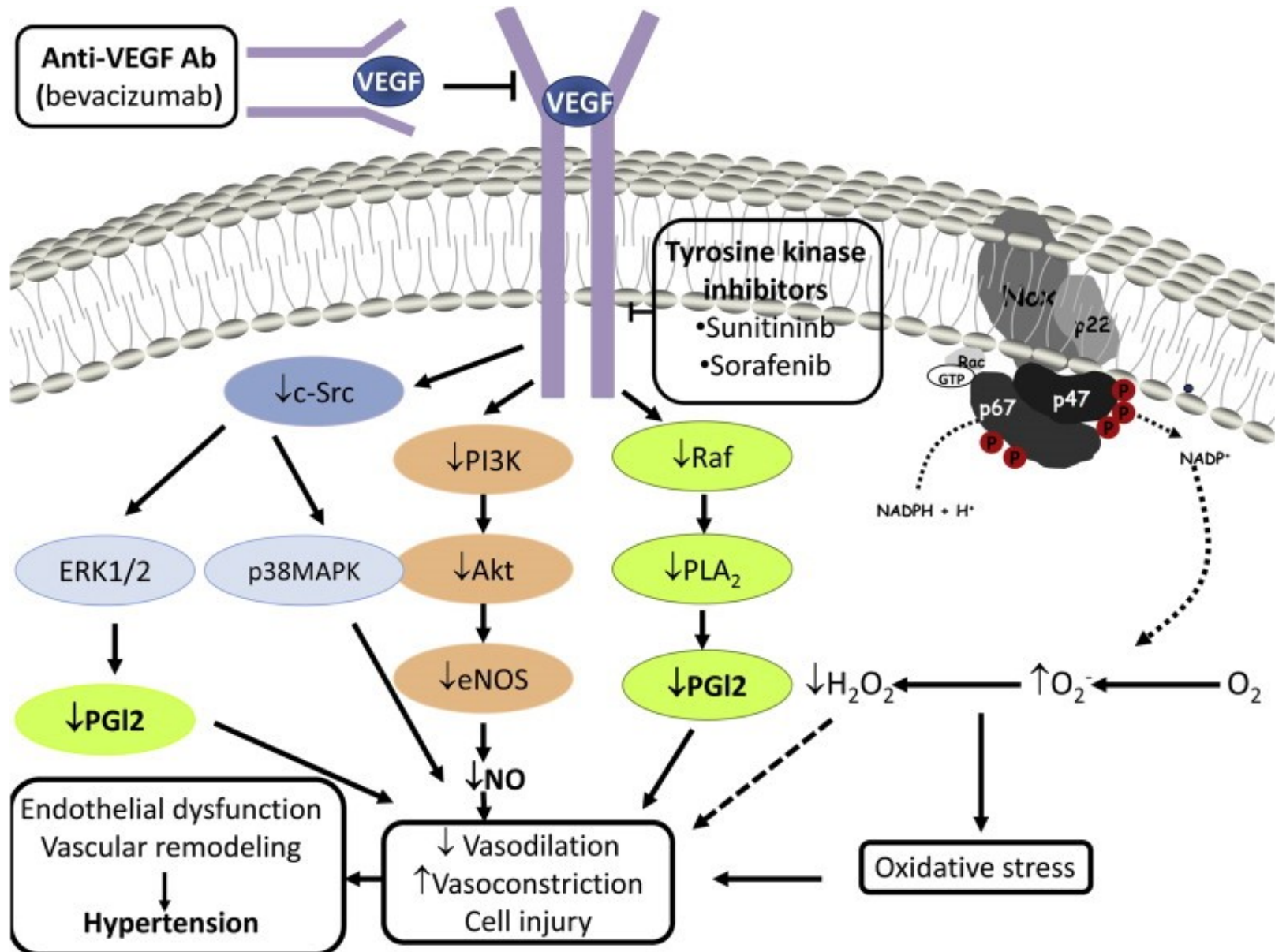
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- Example: Arrhythmias
- Some CVD Patients may use drugs that prolong QT interval
  - Amiodarone
- Amiodarone has a *known risk* of Torsades de Pointes
- TKIs are agents with *possible risk of* Torsades de Pointes

***...and what about hypertension?***

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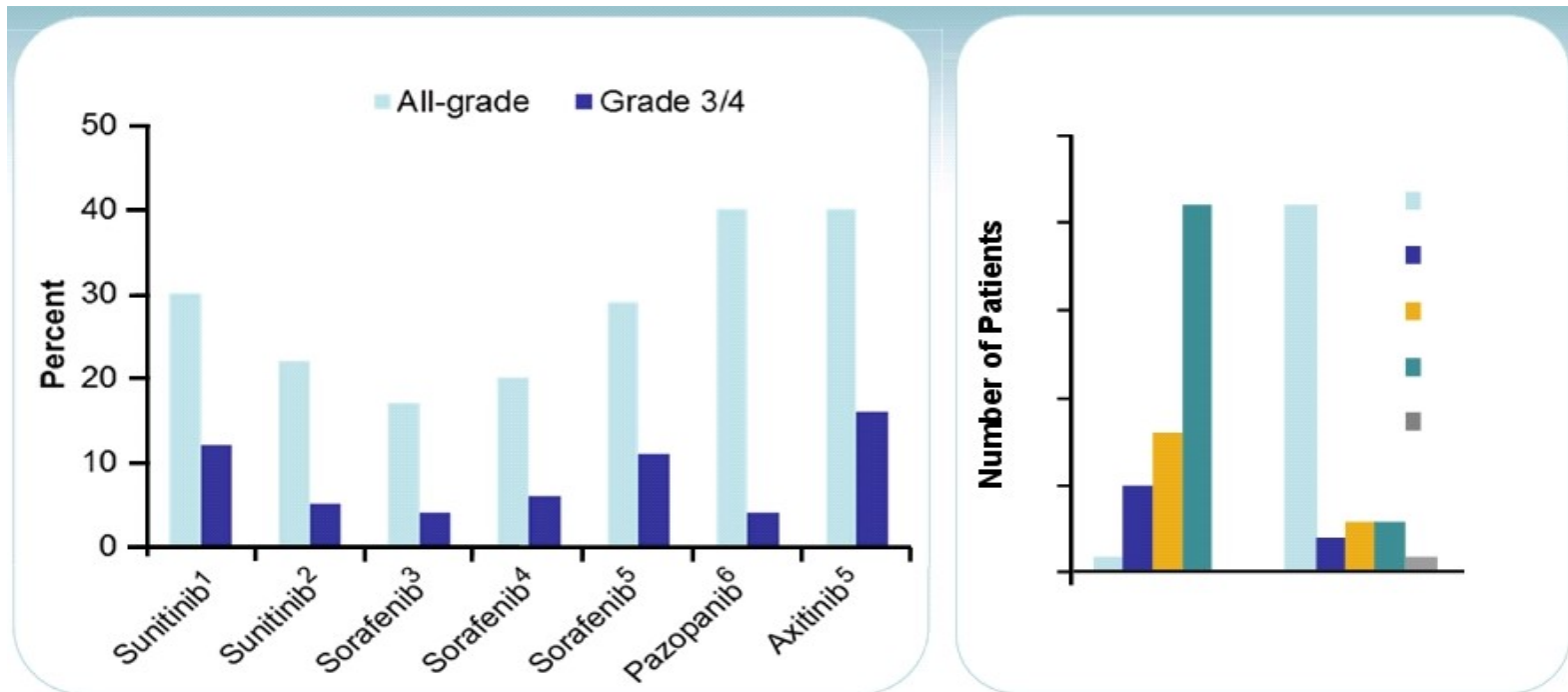
# Hypertension and antiangiogenic drugs in mRCC





# Hypertension

- Hypertension is common with anti-angiogenic therapy
- Seen with all TKIs<sup>1-7</sup>
  - ✓ Typically emerge within the first 4 weeks of therapy



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# Association of Side Effects and Outcome

Agent	Side effect	Correlation with outcome
BEV <sub>1</sub>	Hypertension>2	DCR: 91% vs 48% and TTP: 8.1 vs 4.2
BEV+IFN <sub>2</sub>	Hypertension>2	RR: 13 vs 9; OS:41.6 vs 16.2
SUN <sub>3</sub>	Hypertension SBP>140, DBP>90	RR: systolic: 55 vs 10; diastolic 57 vs 25%
SOR <sub>4</sub>	Hypertension all	Shrinkage: 90 vs 33
AX <sub>5</sub>	Diastol BP	PFS
SUN <sub>6</sub>	Hypothyroidism	PFS: 10.3 vs 3.6 OS: 18.2 vs 6.6
SUN <sub>7</sub>	Hypothyroidism	PFS: 575 vs 481 days
SUN <sub>8</sub>	Hypothyroidism	PFS: 8.55 vs 7.03 mo
SUN+SOR <sub>9</sub>	Hypothyroidism	PFS: 17 vs 10.8; OS: nr vs 13.9
SUN <sub>10</sub>	Hypertension	ORR: 54.8 vs 8.7% PFS: 12.5 vs 3.8; OS: 30.9 vs 7.2

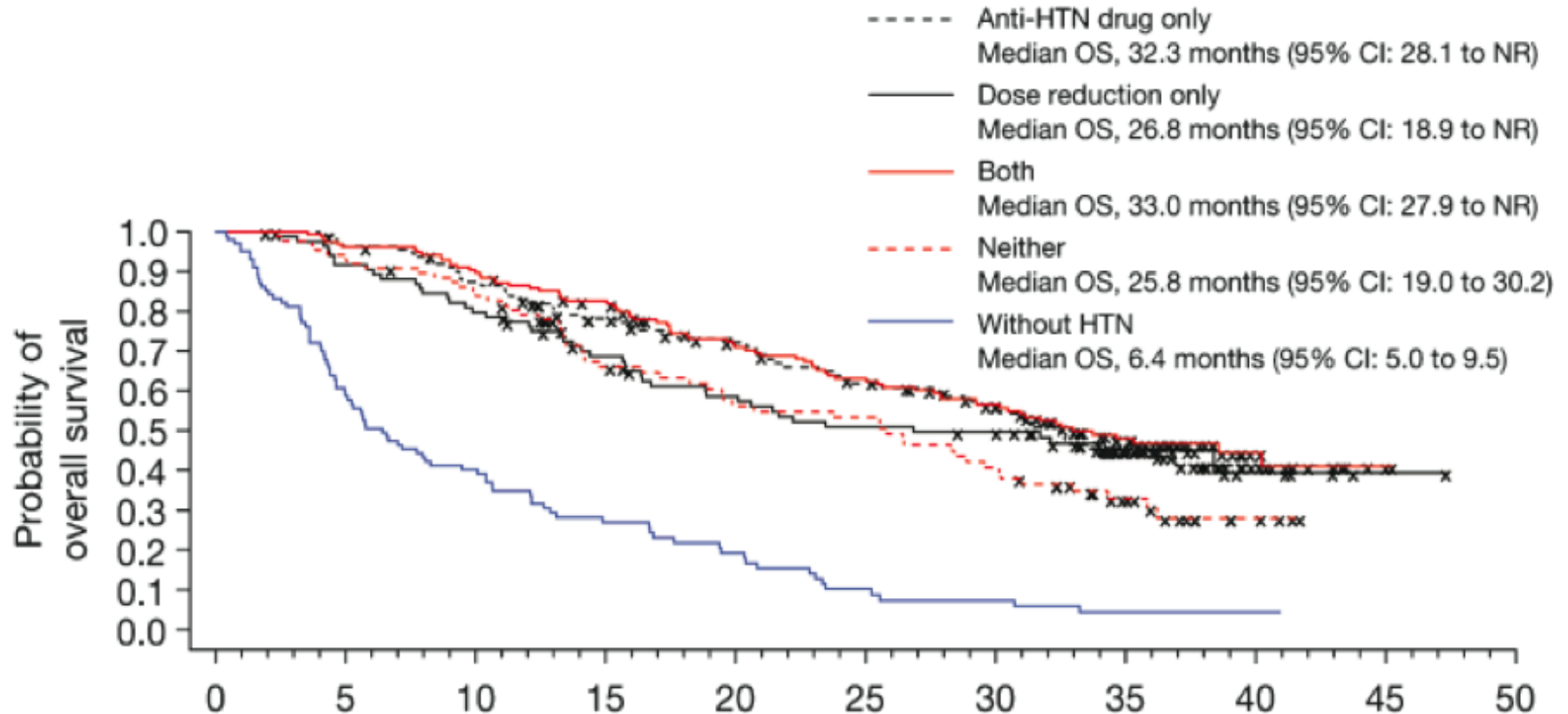
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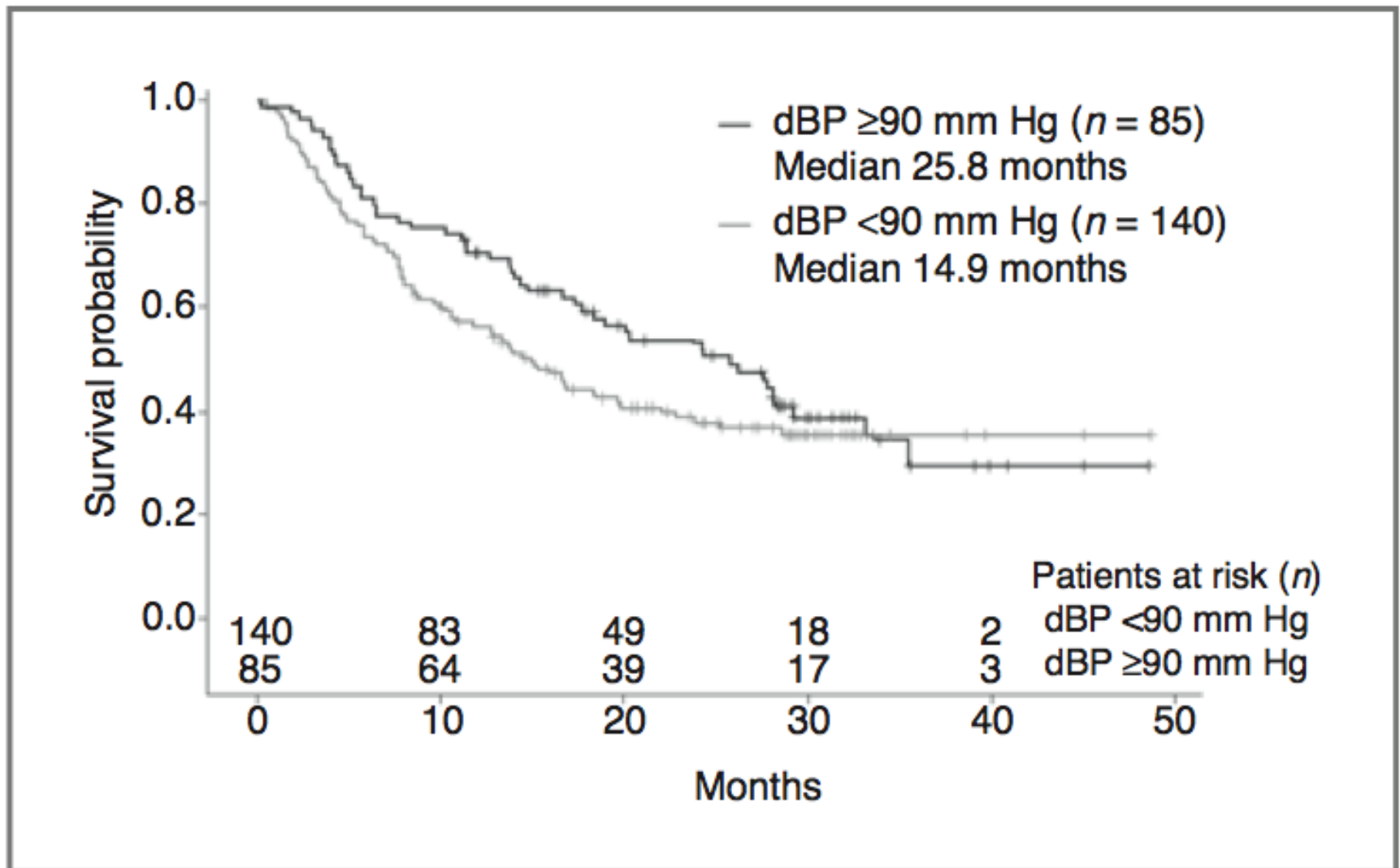
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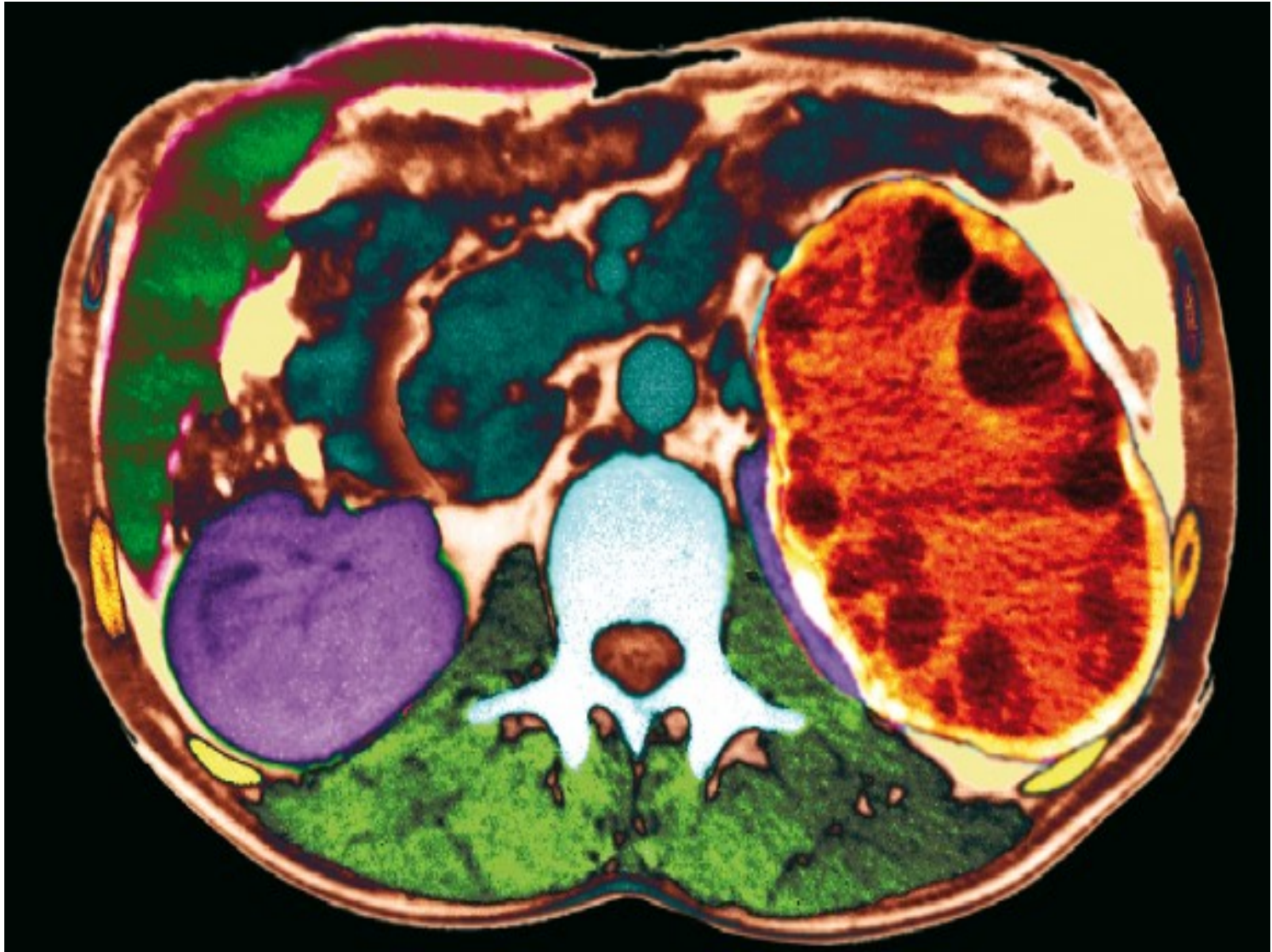
# Hypertension as a potential biomarker of sunitinib-related efficacy



PFS was longer in patients with HTN, independent of use of anti hypertensive drugs and HTN-induced dose reduction

# Diastolic Blood Pressure as a Biomarker of Axitinib Efficacy





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