



## NEW CONCEPTS IN MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC HEART FAILURE

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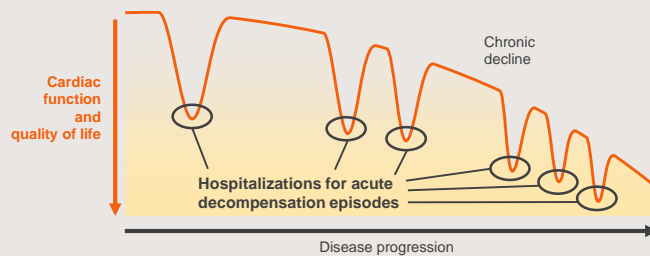
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HF is a complex syndrome involving multiple organ systems and is associated with high re-hospitalization and mortality rates



- HF is a chronic progressive condition, punctuated by acute episodes
- Each acute event results in further organ damage; myocardial and renal damage occurring during such episodes may contribute to progressive left ventricular and/or renal dysfunction
- Increasing frequency of acute events with disease progression leads to high rates of hospitalization and increased risk of mortality

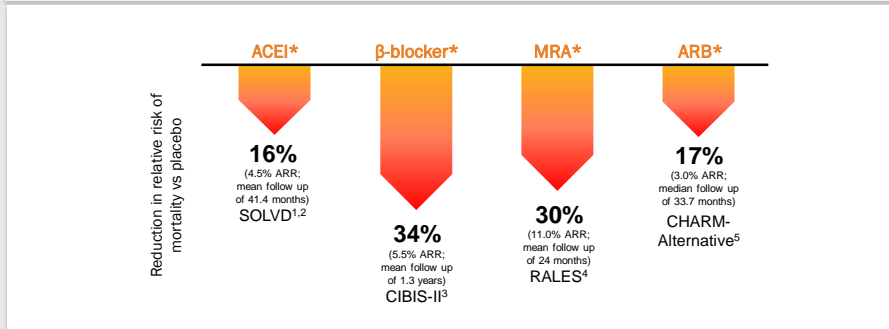


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## Mortality in HFrEF remains high despite the introduction of new therapies that improve survival



- Survival rates in chronic HF have improved with the introduction of new therapies<sup>1</sup>



- However, significant mortality remains – ~50% of patients die within 5 years of diagnosis<sup>6-8</sup>

\*On top of standard therapy at the time of study (except in CHARM-Alternative where background ACEI therapy was excluded). Patient populations varied between trials and as such relative risk reductions cannot be directly compared. SOLVD (Studies of Left Ventricular Dysfunction), CIBIS-II (Cardiac Insufficiency Bisoprolol Study II) and RALES (Randomized Aldactone Evaluation Study) enrolled chronic HF patients with LVEF≤35%. CHARM-Alternative (Candesartan in Heart failure: Assessment of Reduction in Mortality and Morbidity) enrolled chronic HF patients with LVEF≥40%.

ACEI=angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor;  
ARB=angiotensin receptor blocker; HF=heart failure;  
HFrEF=heart failure with reduced ejection fraction;  
LVEF=left ventricular ejection fraction;  
MRA=mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist

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## Heart failure Mortality statistics



Mortality rates in heart failure are high even for patients compliant with the best available treatments<sup>1</sup>

**~50%**  
**DIE WITHIN**  
**5 YEARS**  
**OF DIAGNOSIS<sup>2</sup>**

When heart failure symptoms are stabilised by current treatments, it may seem that patients are doing well, but the neurohormonal imbalance underlying heart failure is still silently occurring, resulting in disease progression.<sup>1</sup>

**The impact of heart failure on individuals is significant, and the worldwide prevalence is high**

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## Goals of Treatment as per ESC-HF guidelines



Improve the clinical status of patients with HF

Improve functional capacity and quality of life

Prevent hospital admission and reduce mortality

## 2016 ESC Guideline: The Principal 8 Changes from the 2012 Guidelines



1. New term for patients with HF and a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) that ranges from 40 to 49% — '**HF with midrange EF**' (HFmrEF); we believe that identifying HFmrEF as a separate group will stimulate research into the underlying characteristics, pathophysiology and treatment of this population;
2. Clear recommendations on the diagnostic criteria for HF with reduced EF (HFrEF), HFmrEF and HF with preserved EF (HFpEF);
3. A new algorithm for the diagnosis of HF in the non-acute setting based on the evaluation of **HF probability**;
4. Recommendations aimed at prevention or delay of the development of overt HF or the prevention of death before the onset of symptoms;
5. Indications for the use of the new compound **sacubitril/valsartan**, the **first in the class** of angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibitors (ARNIs);
6. Modified indications for cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT);
7. The concept of an early initiation of appropriate therapy going along with relevant investigations in **acute HF** that follows the 'time to therapy' approach already well established in acute coronary syndrome (ACS);
8. A new algorithm for a combined diagnosis and treatment approach of **acute HF** based on the presence/absence of congestion/hypoperfusion.

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## 2016 ESC HF guidelines: Disease-modifying therapies in HFrEF



Drug class	Drugs
ACEi	Captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ramipril, trandolapril
Beta-blockers	Bisoprolol, carvedilol, metoprolol succinate (CR/XL)
ARBs	Candesartan, valsartan, losartan
MRAs	Eplerenone, spironolactone
ARNI	<b>Sacubitril/valsartan</b>

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## 2016 ESC Guideline – Sacubitril / Valsartan



- ESC-HF guidelines provide **strong Class I** recommendation for sacubitril/valsartan

### Pharmacological treatments indicated in patients with symptomatic (NYHA Class II-IV) HFrEF

Recommendations	Class	Level
An ACEi is recommended, in addition to a beta blocker, for symptomatic patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death	I	A
A beta blocker is recommended, in addition an ACEi, for patients with stable, symptomatic HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death	I	A
An MRA is recommended for patients with HFrEF, who remain symptomatic despite treatment with an ACEi and a beta-blocker, to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death	I	A
Sacubitril/valsartan is recommended as a replacement for an ACEi to further reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death in ambulatory patients with HFrEF who remain symptomatic despite optimal treatment with an ACEi, a beta-blocker and an MRA*	I	B

\*Patient should have elevated natriuretic peptides (plasma BNP  $\geq 150$  pg/mL or plasma NT-proBNP  $\geq 600$  pg/mL, or if HF hospitalization within the last 12 months, plasma BNP  $\geq 100$  pg/mL or plasma NT-proBNP  $\geq 400$  pg/mL) and able to tolerate enalapril 10 mg b.i.d.

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## Sacubitril/valsartan in management of ventricular arrhythmias



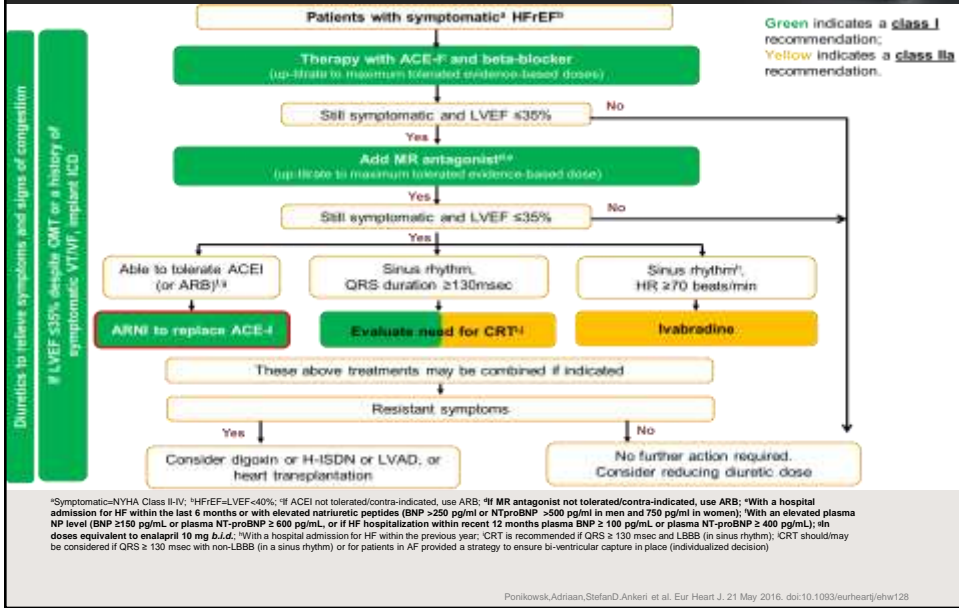
### Recommendations for the management of ventricular tachyarrhythmias in heart failure

Recommendations	Class	Level
Treatment with beta-blocker, MRA and sacubitril/valsartan reduces the risk of sudden death and is recommended for patients with HFrEF and ventricular arrhythmias (as for other patients) (Section 10.2).	I	A

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# 2016 ESC Guideline Treatment Algorithm



## 2016 ACC GUIDELINES

# ACC/AHA/HFSA Focused Update Sacubitril/valsartan level of evidence



- ACC/AHA/HFSA guidelines provide **strong Class I** recommendation for sacubitril/valsartan

## Pharmacological treatments for Stage C\* HFrEF

Recommendations	Class	Level
The clinical strategy of inhibition of the renin-angiotensin system with ACEi (Level of Evidence: A), OR ARBs (Level of Evidence: A), OR ARNI (Level of Evidence: B-R) in conjunction with evidence-based beta blockers, and aldosterone antagonists in selected patients, is recommended for patients with chronic HFrEF to reduce morbidity and mortality.	I	ACEi: A
		ARB: A
		ARNI: B-R
The use of ACEi is beneficial for patients with prior or current symptoms of chronic HFrEF to reduce morbidity and mortality	I	A
The use of ARBs to reduce morbidity and mortality is recommended in patients with prior or current symptoms of chronic HFrEF who are intolerant to ACEi because of cough or angioedema	I	A
In patients with chronic symptomatic HFrEF NYHA class II or III who tolerate an ACEi or ARB, replacement by an ARNI is recommended to further reduce morbidity and mortality	I	B-R

\*Stage C: structural heart disease with prior or current symptoms of HF

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## 2016 NICE GUIDELINES

## Summary of NICE recommendations



NICE National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence

- **Recommendation:** Sacubitril/valsartan recommended as an option for treating symptomatic HFrEF in patients
  - With NYHA II–IV
  - LVEF<35%
  - Already on a stable dose of ACEi or ARBs
- Treatment should be started by a **HF specialist** with access to multidisciplinary HF team
- Dose titration to be performed by most appropriate HF team member
- PARADIGM-HF showed sacubitril/valsartan to be more clinically effective than enalapril at reducing hospitalizations and improving overall and CV mortality in HFrEF patients
- Manageable adverse event profile in HF patients
- Sacubitril/valsartan considered to represent a cost effective use of UK NHS resources

NICE technology appraisal adoption support for sacubitril/valsartan for treating symptomatic chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction – insights from the NHS Health technology adoption programme. Published: 15 July 2016. nice.org.uk



## WHAT'S ANGIOTENSIN RECEPTOR NEPRILYSIN INHIBITOR

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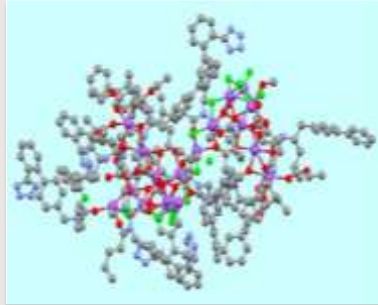
## LCZ696 is a first-in-class angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibitor (ARNI)

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- ARNI=angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibitor;  
AT<sub>1</sub>=angiotensin II type 1

- LCZ696 is a novel drug which delivers simultaneous neprilysin inhibition and AT<sub>1</sub> receptor blockade<sup>1-3</sup>
- LCZ696 is a salt complex that comprises the two active components:<sup>2,3</sup>
  - sacubitril (AHU377) – a pro-drug; further metabolized to the neprilysin inhibitor LBQ657, and
  - valsartan – an AT<sub>1</sub> receptor blocker in a 1:1 molar ratio



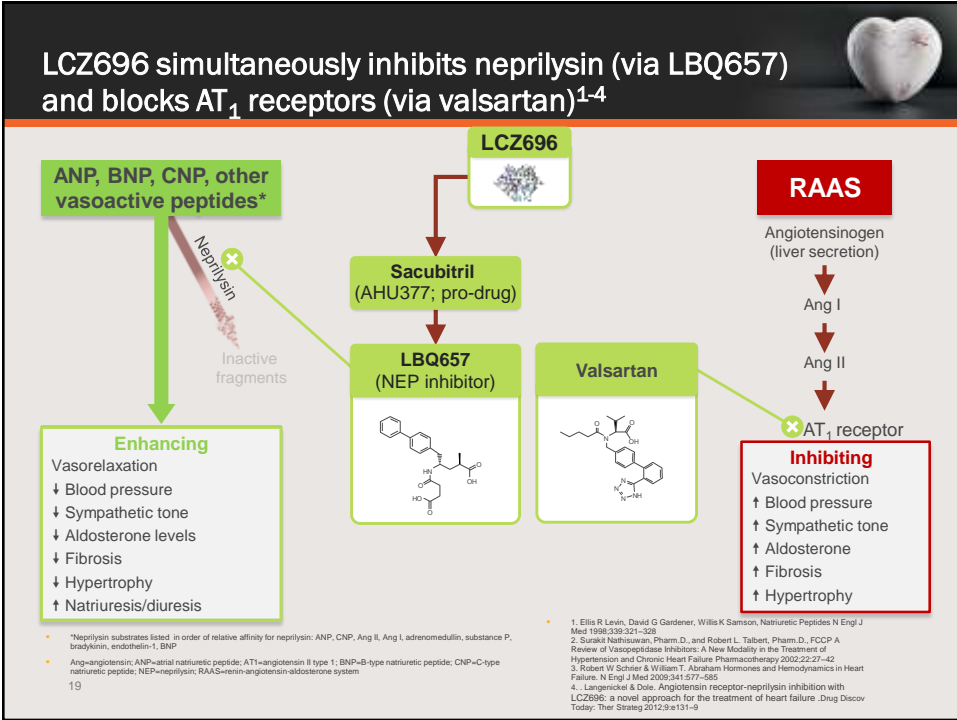
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## LCZ696 MECHANISM OF ACTION



## PARADIGM-HF STUDY

### PROSPECTIVE COMPARISON OF ARNI WITH ACEI TO DETERMINE IMPACT ON GLOBAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY IN HEART FAILURE

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**PARADIGM-HF Study Prospective comparison of ARNI with ACEI to Determine Impact on Global Mortality and morbidity in Heart Failure**

A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, active-controlled study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of LCZ696 compared with enalapril on morbidity and mortality in patients with chronic HF and reduced ejection fraction

# PARADIGM-HF: Prospective comparison of ARNI with ACEI to Determine Impact on Global Mortality and morbidity in Heart Failure

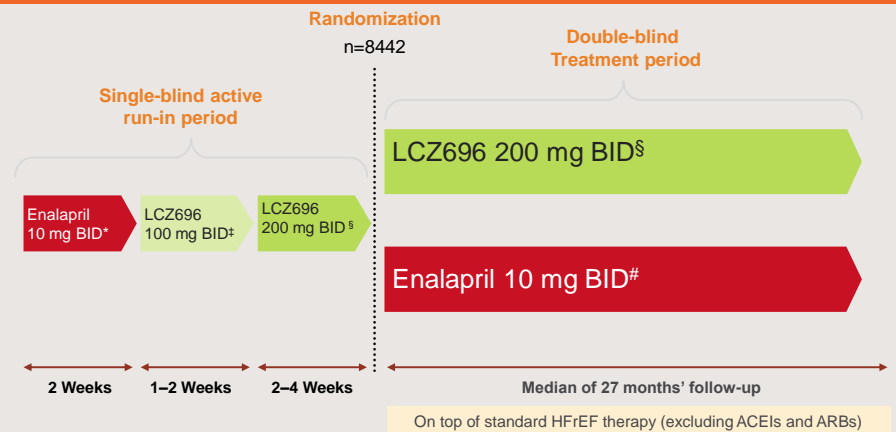


## PARADIGM-HF:

- Is the first study to test the effect of LCZ696 on morbidity and mortality in patients with HFrEF
  - primarily evaluates whether simultaneous angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibition with **LCZ696** compared with **enalapril**, in addition to conventional HF treatment...
    - ...delays **time to first occurrence of either CV death or HF hospitalization**...
    - ...in patients with stable NYHA FC II–IV HF and *reduced* ejection fraction (**LVEF ≤40%\***)
- Determined the place of the ARNI LCZ696 as an alternative to an ACEI (enalapril) in patients with chronic systolic HFrEF
- May change the approach to neurohormonal modulation in HFrEF

\*The ejection fraction entry criteria was lowered to ≤35% in a protocol amendment. ACEI=angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARNI=angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibitor; CV=cardiovascular; FC=functional class; HF=heart failure; HFrEF=heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LVEF=left ventricular ejection fraction; NYHA= New York Heart Association  
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## PARADIGM-HF: study design<sup>1-3</sup>



\*Enalapril 5 mg BID (10 mg TDD) for 1-2 weeks followed by enalapril 10 mg BID (20 mg TDD) as an optional starting run-in dose for those patients who are treated with ARBs or with a low dose of ACEI; †200 mg TDD; ‡400 mg TDD; §20 mg TDD, ACEI=angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB=angiotensin receptor blocker; BID=twice daily; HFrEF=heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; PARADIGM-HF=Prospective comparison of ARNI with ACEI to Determine Impact on Global Mortality and morbidity in Heart Failure; TDD=total daily dose  
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## PARADIGM-HF: Key Inclusion Criteria



- Chronic HF NYHA FC II–IV with LVEF  $\leq 40\%$ \*
- BNP (or NT-proBNP) levels as follows:
  - $\geq 150$  (or  $\geq 600$  pg/mL), or
  - $\geq 100$  (or  $\geq 400$  pg/mL) and a hospitalization for HFrEF within the last 12 months
- **$\geq 4$  weeks' stable treatment with an ACEI or an ARB<sup>‡</sup>, and a  $\beta$ -blocker**
- Aldosterone antagonist should be considered for all patients (with treatment with a stable dose for  $\geq 4$  weeks, if given)

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<sup>‡</sup>Dosage equivalent to enalapril  $\geq 10$  mg/day. ACEI=angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB=angiotensin receptor blocker; BNP= $\beta$ -type natriuretic peptide; FC=functional class; HF=heart failure; HFrEF=heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LVEF=left ventricular ejection fraction; NT-proBNP=N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide; NYHA=New York Heart Association; PARADIGM-HF=Prospective comparison of ARNI with ACEI to Determine Impact on Global Mortality and morbidity in Heart Failure

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## PARADIGM-HF: Key Exclusion Criteria



- History of angioedema
- eGFR  $< 30$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> at screening, end of enalapril run-in or randomization, or a  $> 35\%$  decrease in eGFR between screening and end of enalapril run-in or between screening and randomization
- Serum potassium  $> 5.2$  mmol/L at screening OR  $> 5.4$  mmol/L at the end of the enalapril run-in or end of the LCZ696 run-in
- Requirement for treatment with both ACEI and ARBs
- Symptomatic hypotension, SBP  $< 100$  mmHg at screening, OR SBP  $< 95$  mmHg at end of enalapril run-in or at randomization
- Current acute decompensated HF
- History of severe pulmonary disease
- Acute coronary syndrome, stroke, transient ischemic attack, cardiac, carotid, or other major CV surgery, PCI, or carotid angioplasty within the 3 months prior to screening

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## Summary of Results – Efficacy



### Primary outcome

- 20% reduction in CV death or HF hospitalization with LCZ696 compared with enalapril
- 20% reduction in CV mortality
- 21% reduction in HF hospitalization

### Secondary outcomes

- 16% reduction in all-cause mortality with LCZ696 vs enalapril
- LCZ696 superior to enalapril in reducing symptoms and physical limitations of HF (indicated by KCCQ score)
- No significant difference in incidence of new onset atrial fibrillation between treatment groups
- No significant difference in protocol-defined decline in renal function between treatment groups

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## Conclusions from the PARADIGM-HF results publication



- "...angiotensin receptor–neprilysin inhibition with sacubitril/valsartan was superior to ACE inhibition alone in reducing the risks of death and of hospitalization for HF"
- "The magnitude of the beneficial effect of sacubitril/valsartan, as compared with enalapril, on CV mortality was at least as large as that of long-term treatment with enalapril, as compared with placebo."
- "This robust finding provides strong evidence that combined inhibition of the angiotensin receptor and neprilysin is superior to inhibition of the RAAS alone in patients with chronic HF."
- "...results are applicable to a broad spectrum of patients with HF, including those who are currently taking an ACE inhibitor or ARB or who are likely to be able to take such an agent without having unacceptable side effects."

ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure; PARADIGM-HF, Prospective comparison of ARNI with ACEI to Determine Impact on Global Mortality and morbidity in Heart Failure; RAS, renin-angiotensin system

