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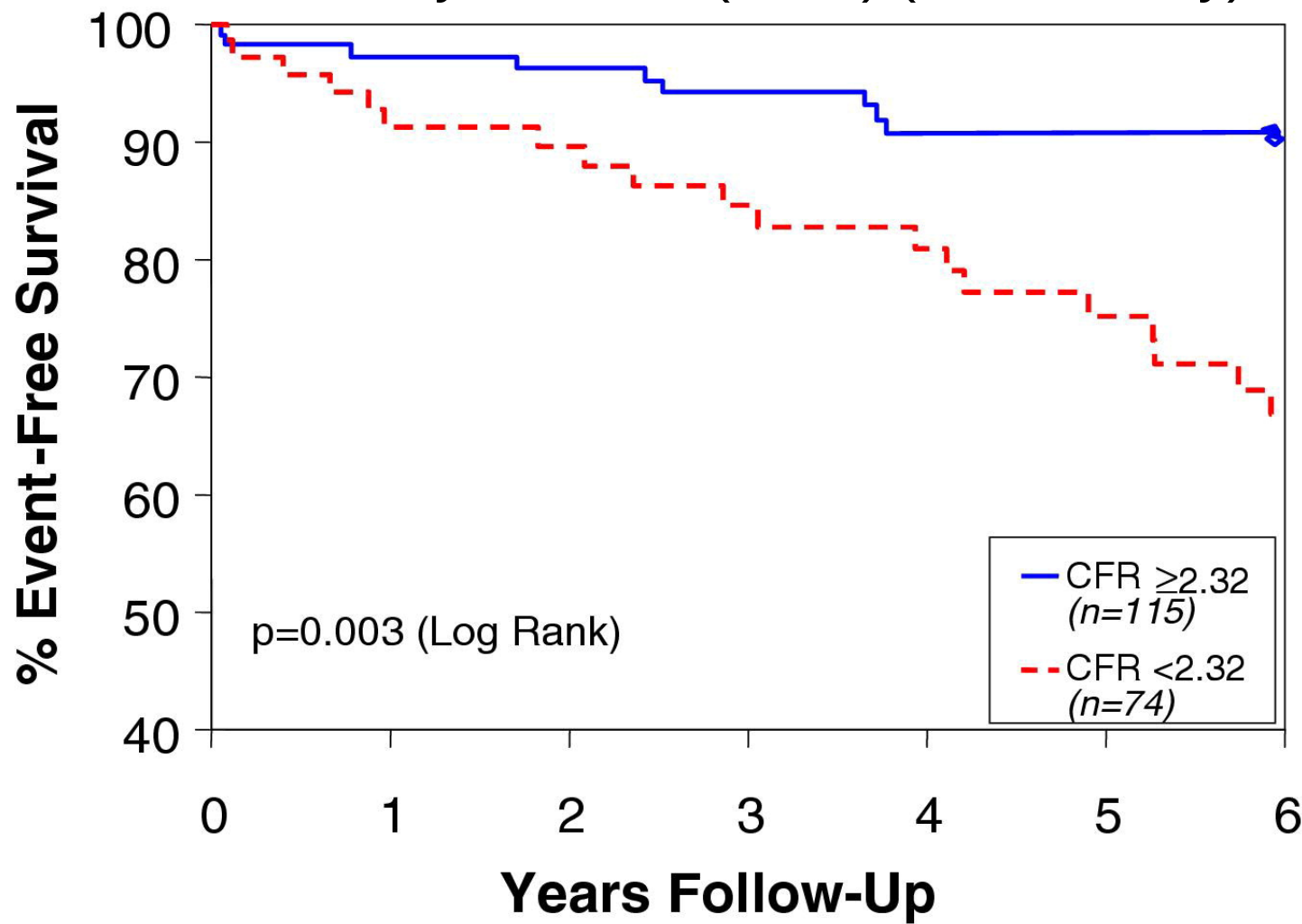
MVA-New Direction in Therapy

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Poor prognosis of patients with coronary microvascular dysfunction (CMD) (WISE Study)



Pepine CJ, Bairey Merz CN, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2010;55:2825-32.

(Camici PG, Crea F. *NEJM*. 2007;356:830-40.)

Rational approach to the management of patients with CMD

Traditional anti-ischemic drugs

β-blockers
Ca²⁺-antagonists
Nitrates

Effective

Continue

Symptom
persistence

Other anti-ischemic drugs

ACE-inhibitors
Statins
Ivabradine
Ranolazine
Estrogens
Xanthines

Effective

Continue

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Alternative forms of therapy

Rehabilitation programs
Spinal cord stimulation
Imipramine
Shock wave therapy
Others

Potential Therapies for CMD

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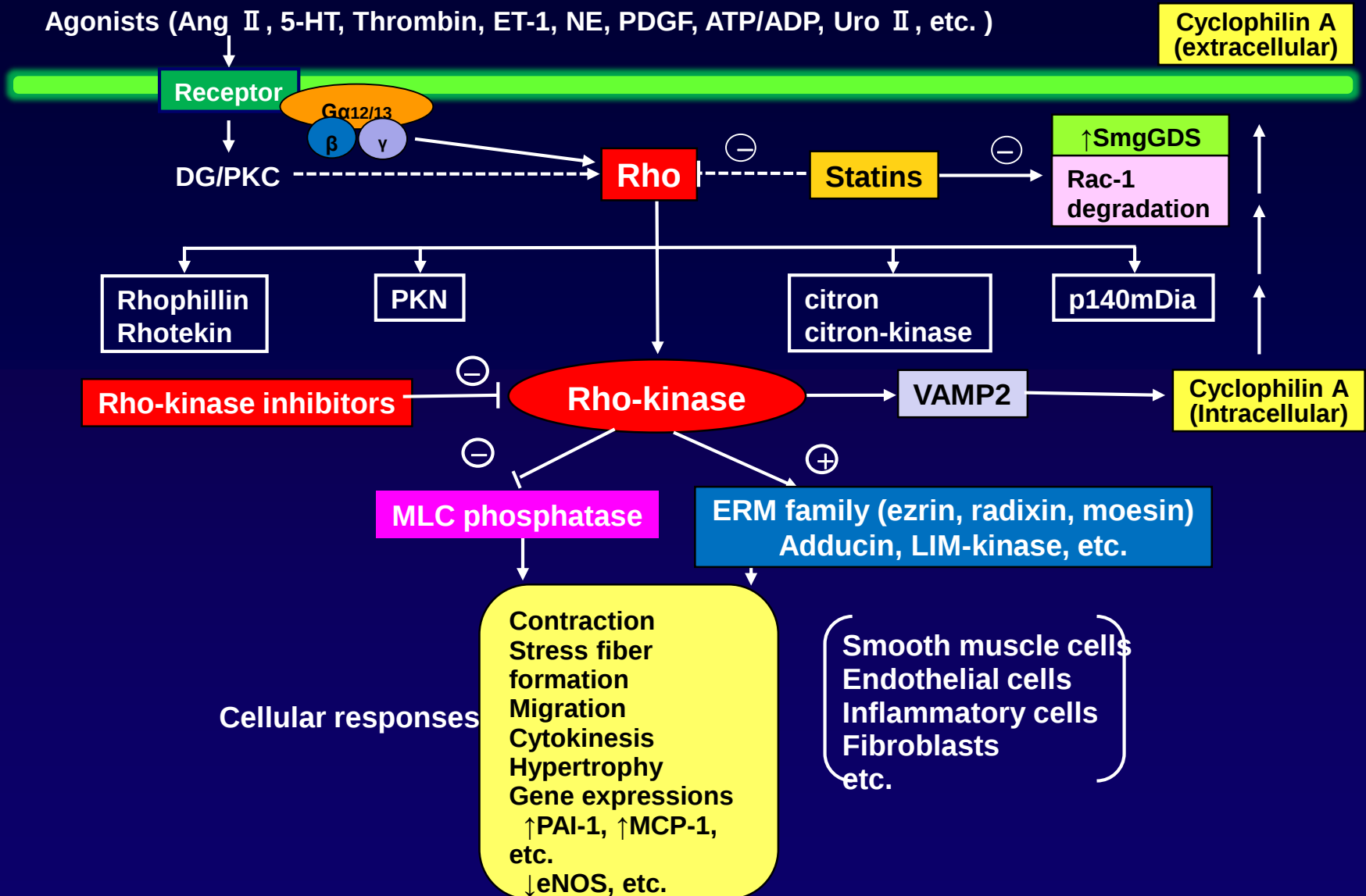
Pharmacologic

- Nitrates
- Statins
- ACE-I
- ACE-I + Aldosterone blockade
- Calcium antagonists
- Low-dose tricyclic antidepressants
- Estrogens
- PDE-5 inhibitors
- Exercise
- L-arginine
- Ranolazine
- Ivabradine
- Ranolazine + Ivabradine
- Metformin
- Rho-kinase inhibitors
- Endothelin receptor blockers

Non-pharmacologic

- Exercise
- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- Transcendental meditation
- Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation

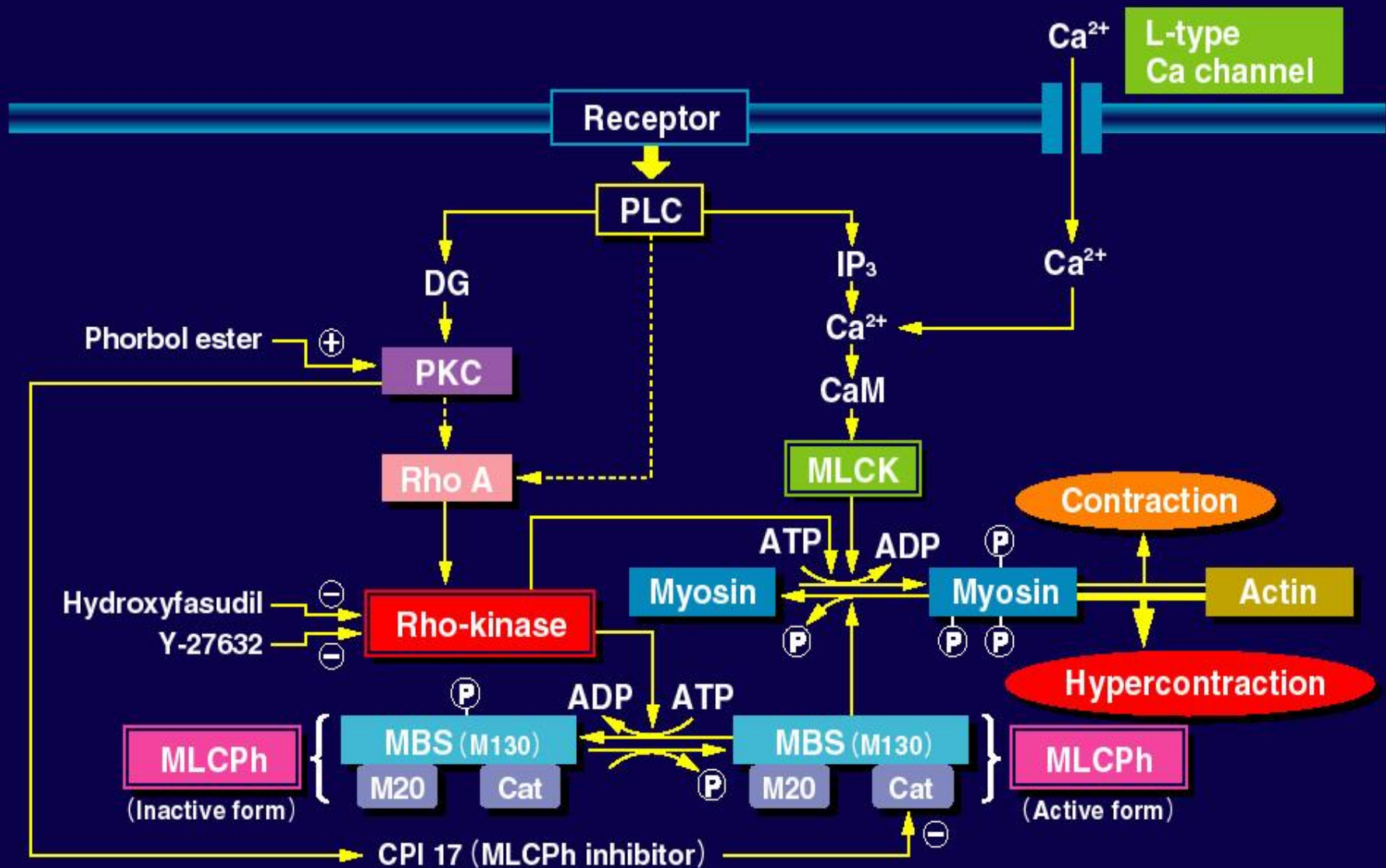
Roles of Rho-kinase Pathway in the Pathogenesis of CVD



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Molecular Mechanisms of Coronary Spasm

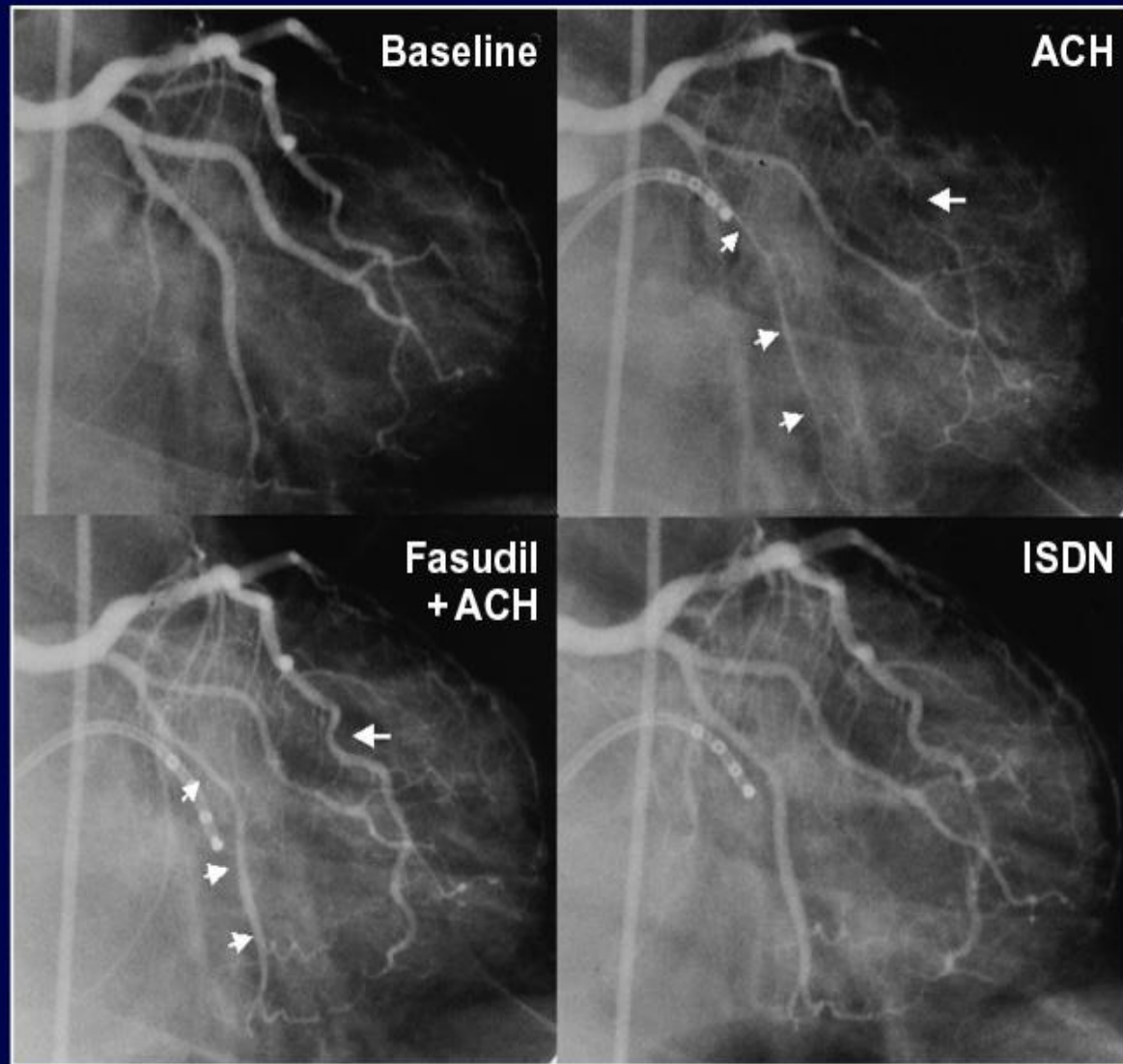


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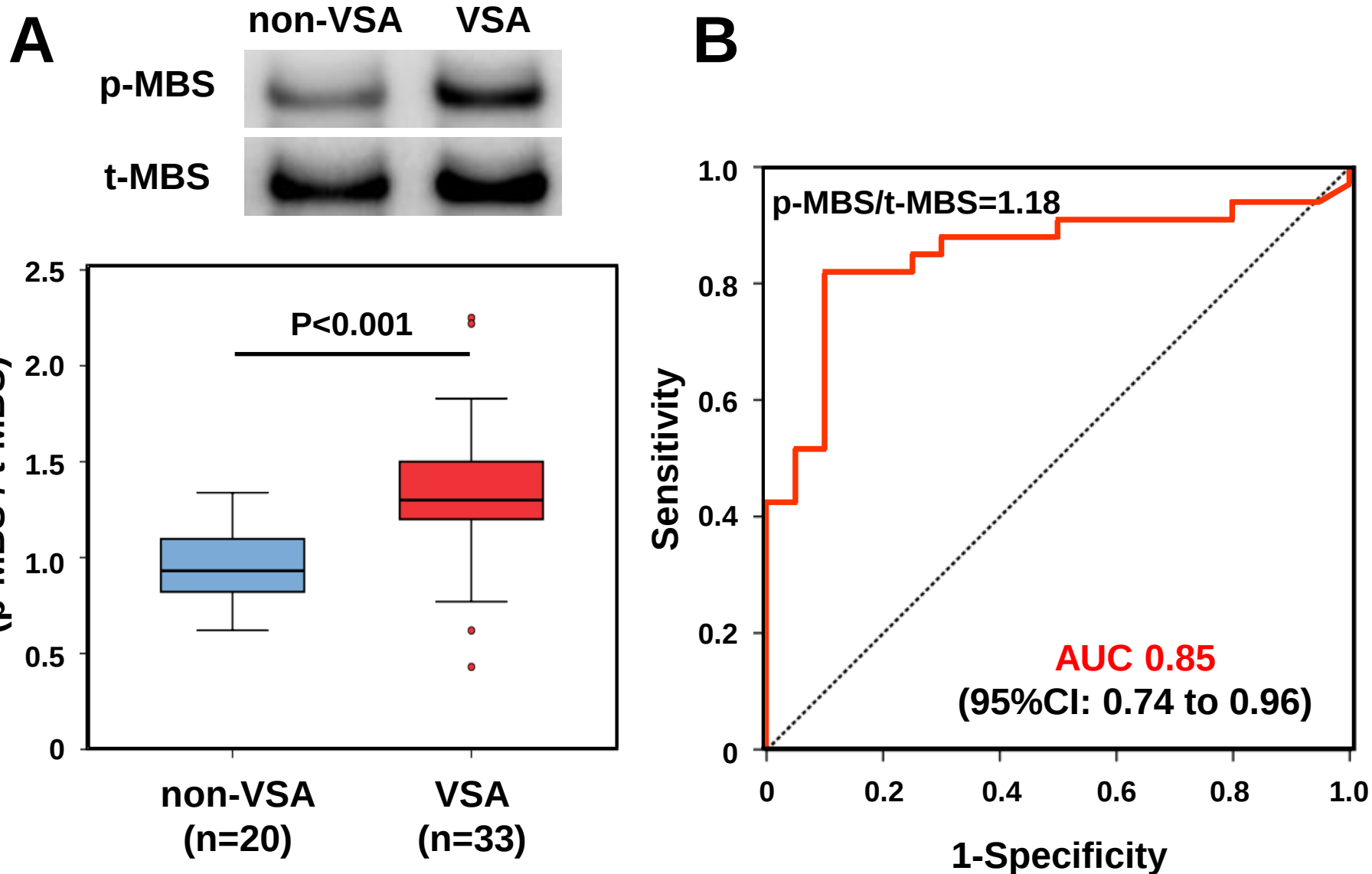
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Inhibitory Effects of Fasudil on Multivessel Coronary Spasm



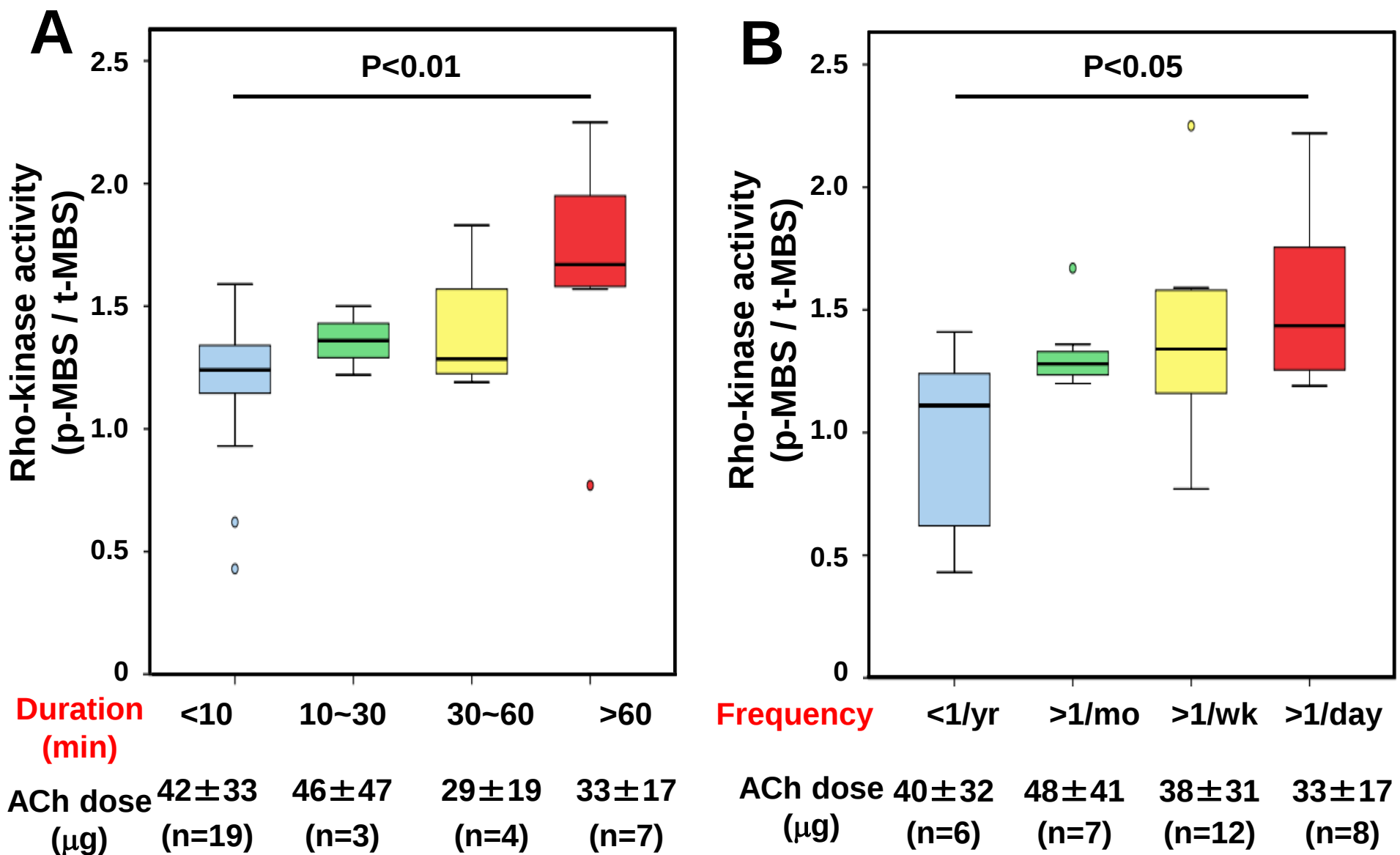
(Masumoto, Mohri, Shimokawa, et al. *Circulation*. 2002;105:1545-7.)

Enhanced Rho-kinase Activity of Circulating Leukocytes in VSA Patients



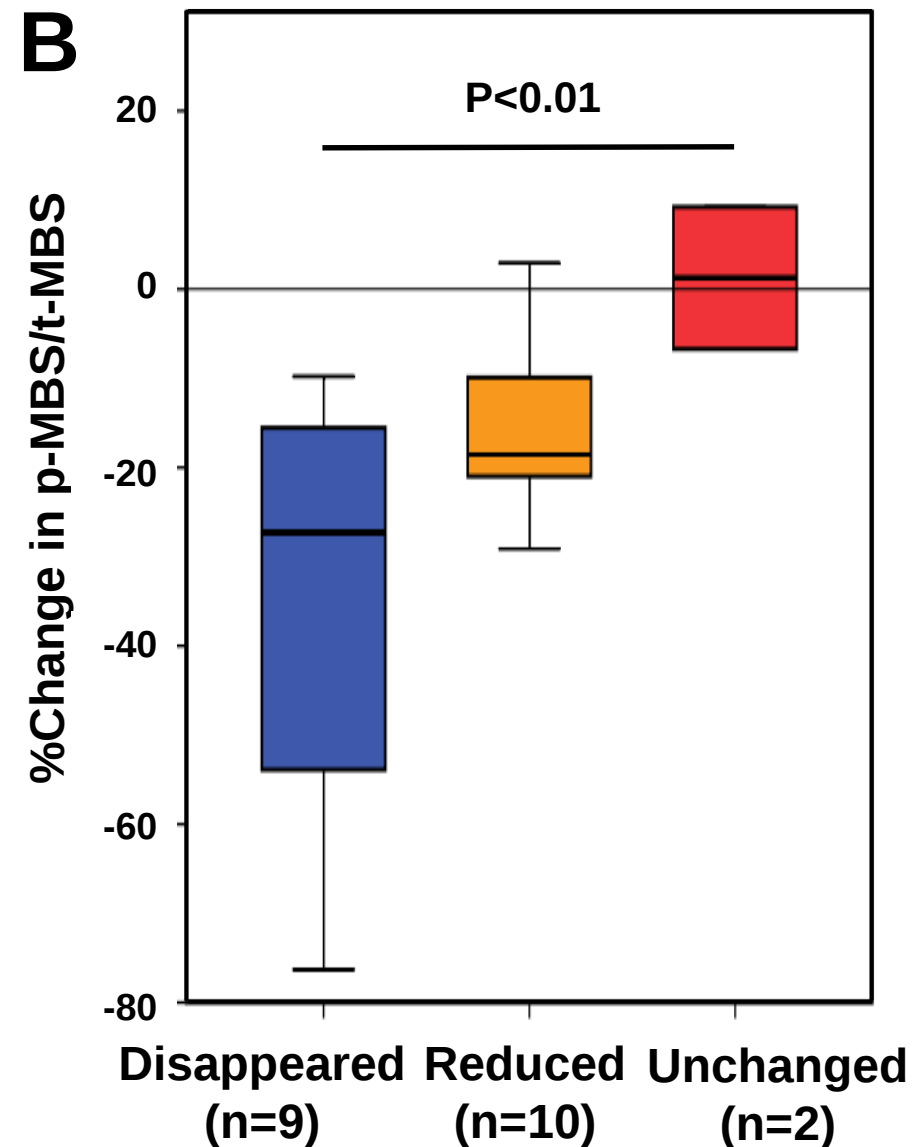
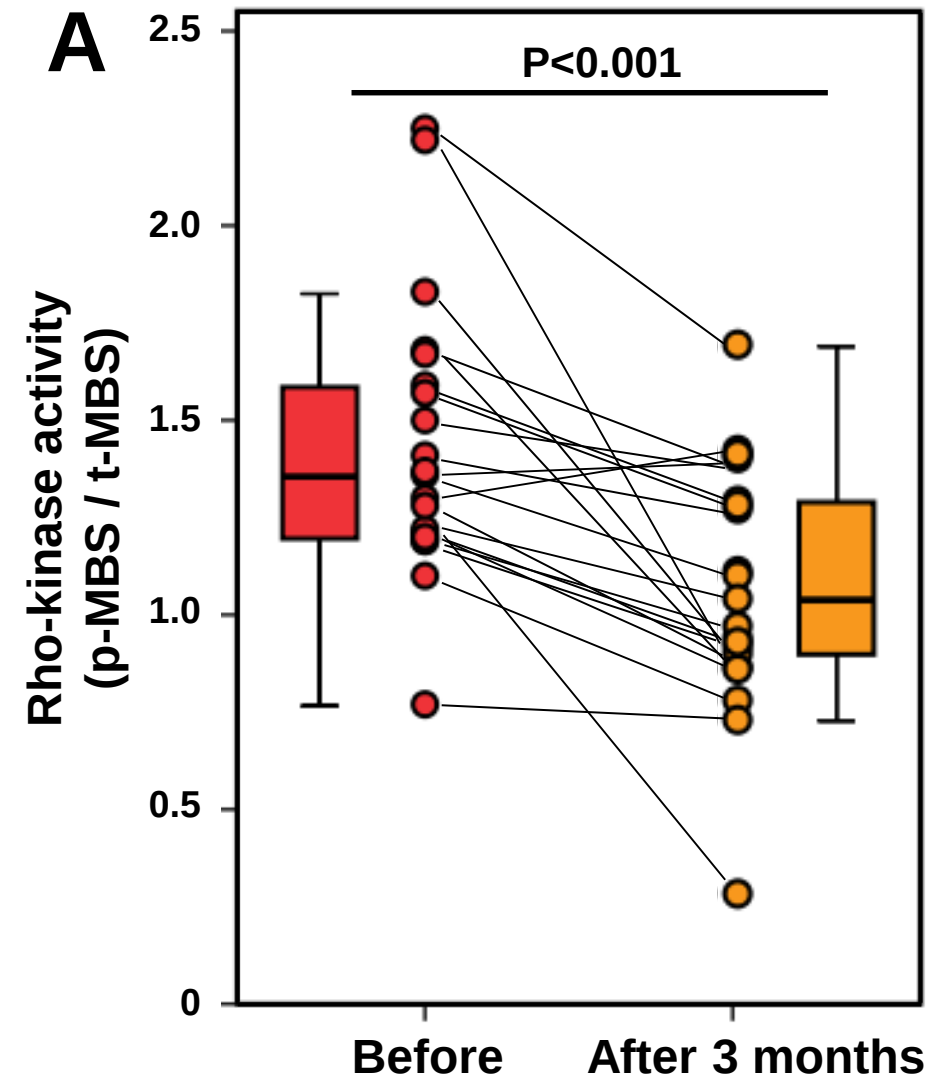
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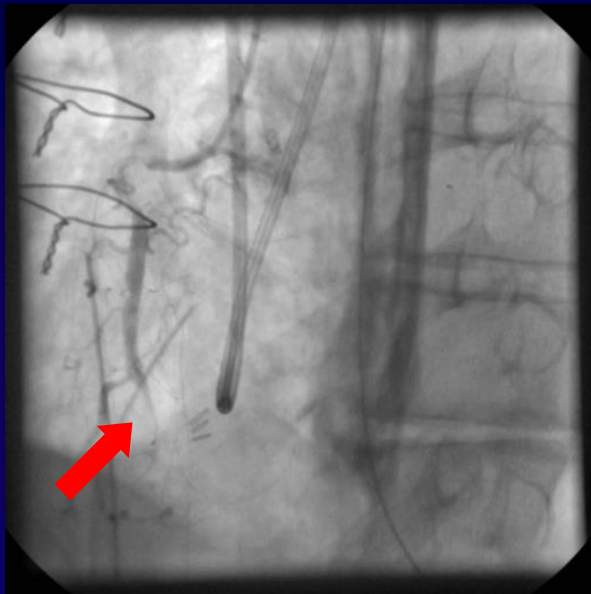
Rho-kinase Activity of Circulating Leukocytes in VSA Patients



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Inhibitory Effects of Fasudil on Intractable Coronary Spasm

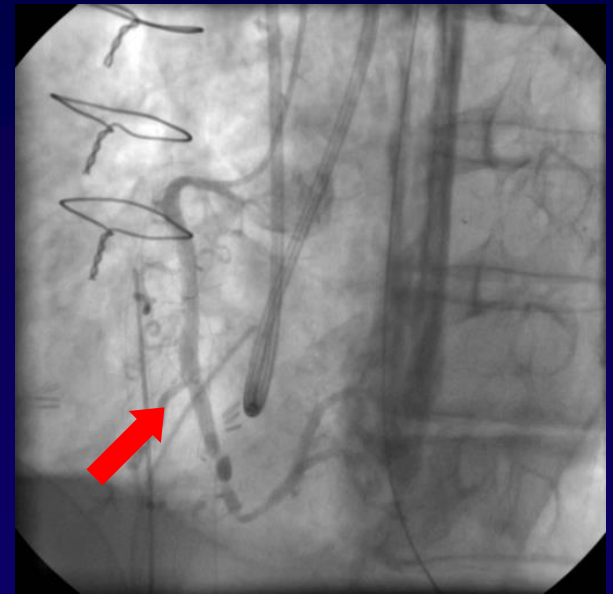
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Nirates + CCBs

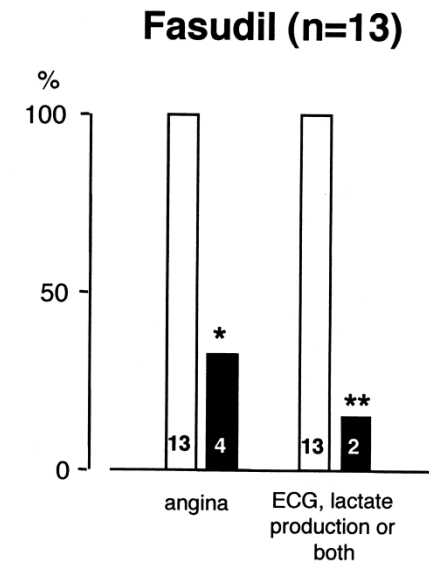
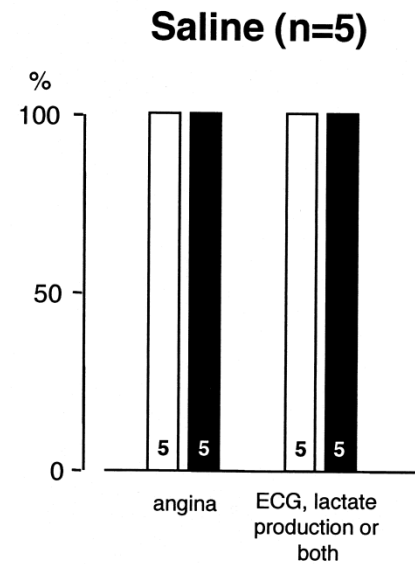
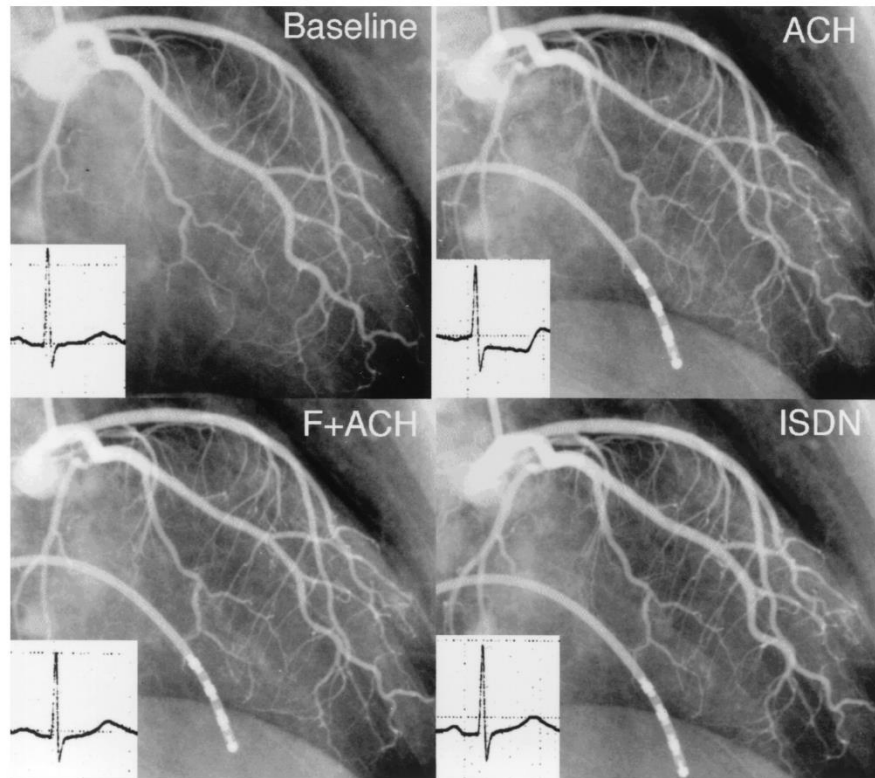


Fasudil



(Ito, Shimokawa et al. *J Cardiovasc Pharmacol.* 2004;44:275-7.)

Rho-kinase inhibition with intracoronary fasudil prevents myocardial ischemia in patients with coronary microvascular spasm



(Mohri M, Shimokawa H et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2003;41:15-19.)



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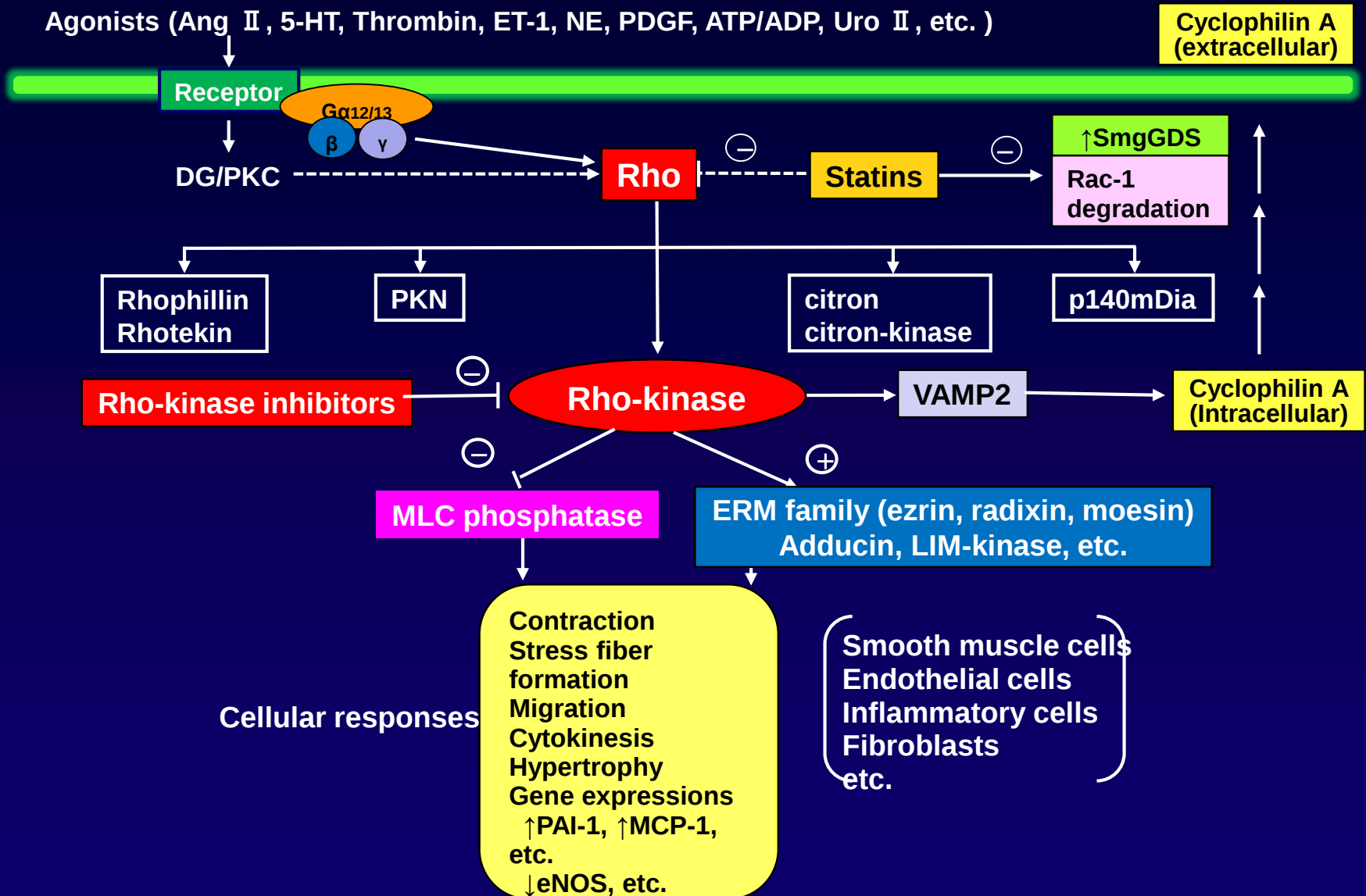


Important prognostic impact of comorbid coronary microvascular dysfunction in patients with vasospastic angina

Akira Suda, Jun Takahashi, Kiyotaka Hao, Yoku Kikuchi,
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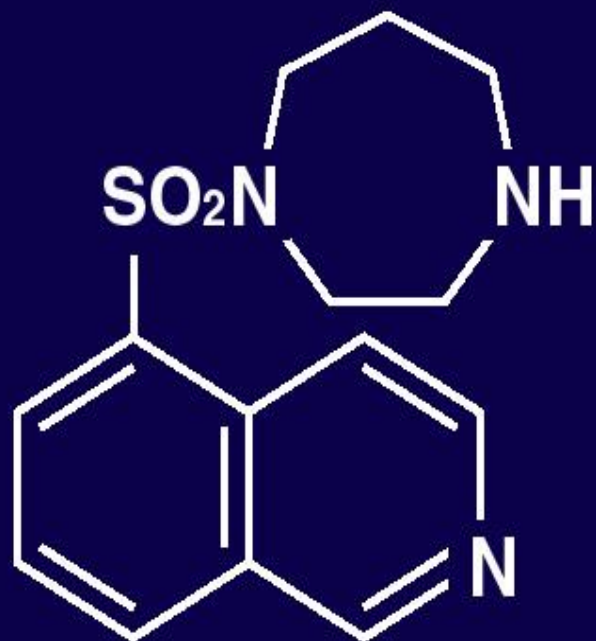


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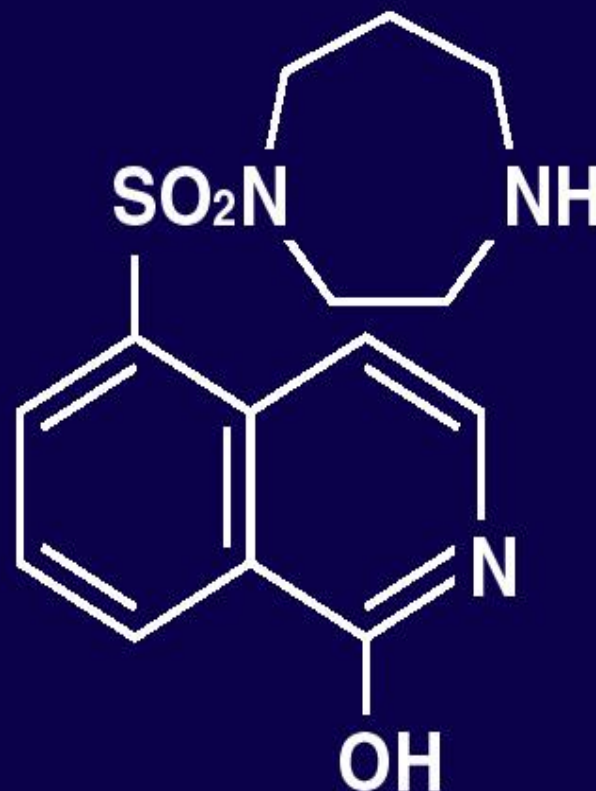
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Chemical Structure of Fasudil and Hydroxyfasudil

Fasudil

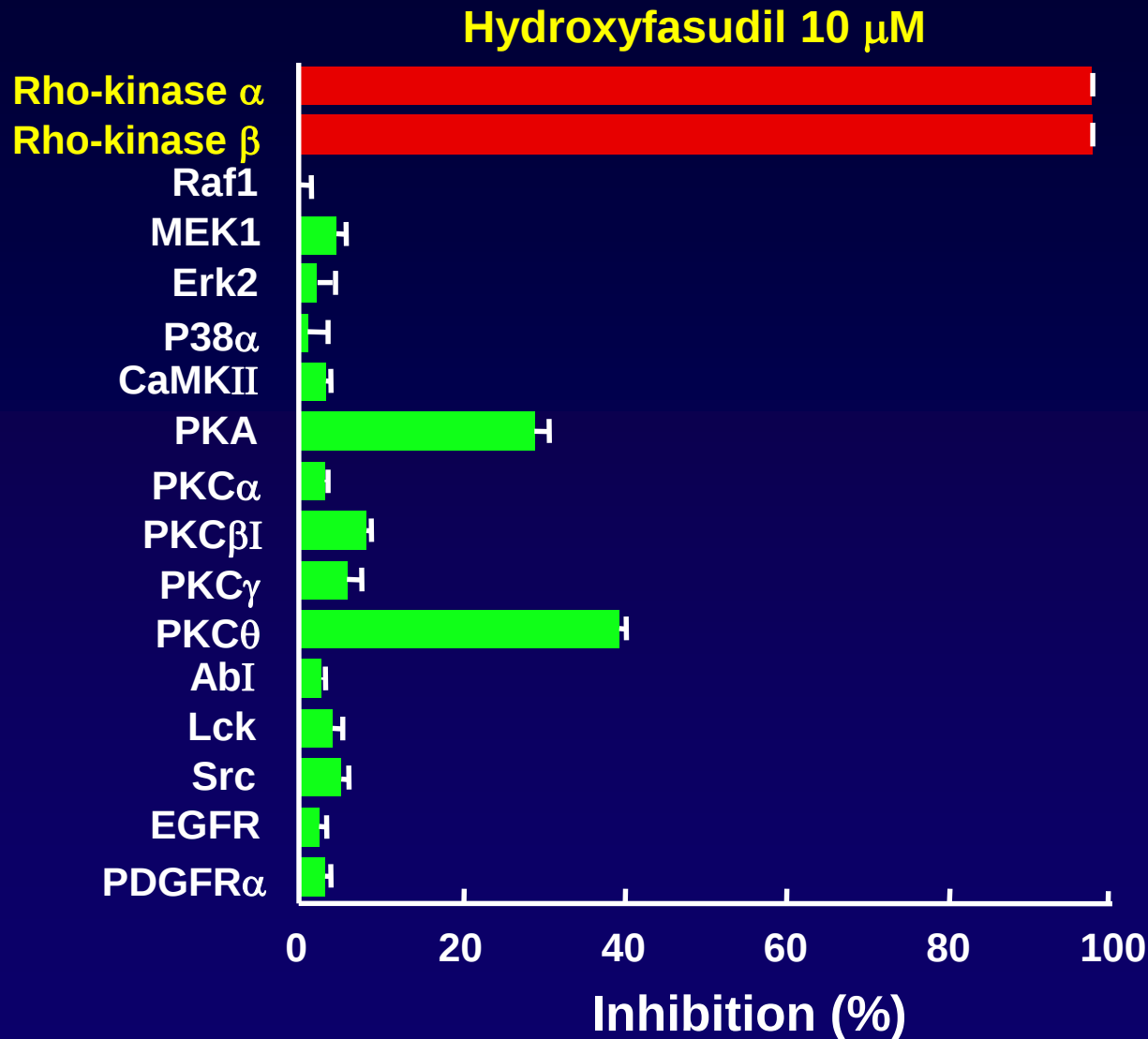


Hydroxyfasudil



(Shimokawa et al. *Cardiovasc Res.* 1999;43:1138-1141.)

Selective Inhibitory Effects of Hydroxyfasudil on Rho-kinase



(Higashi, Shimokawa, et al. *Circ Res.* 2003;93:767-775.)

Rho-kinase inhibitors

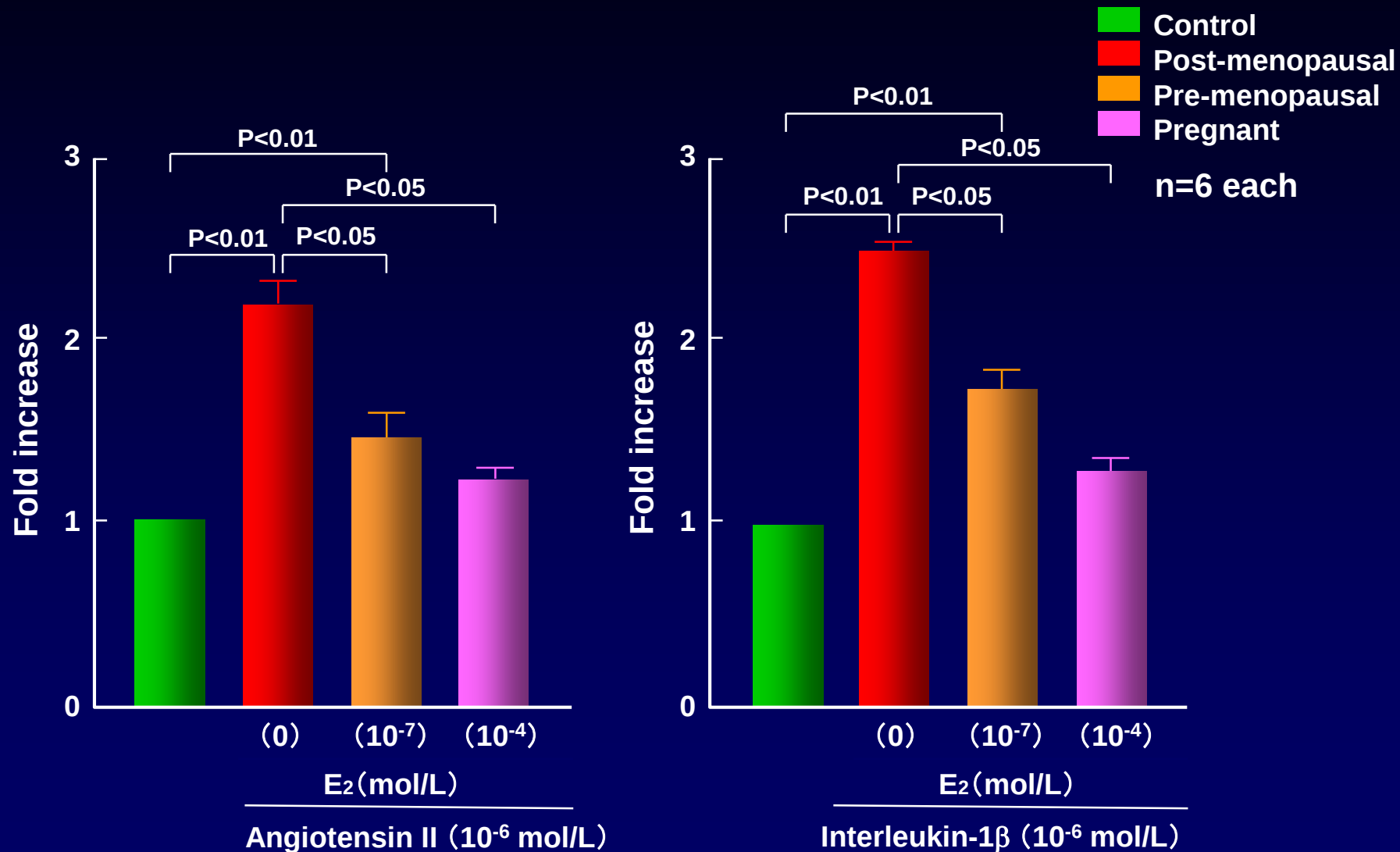
1. Direct inhibitors

- Fasudil (CVR 1999, Circ 2000, Circ Res 2003)
- New drugs (under development)

2. Indirect inhibitors

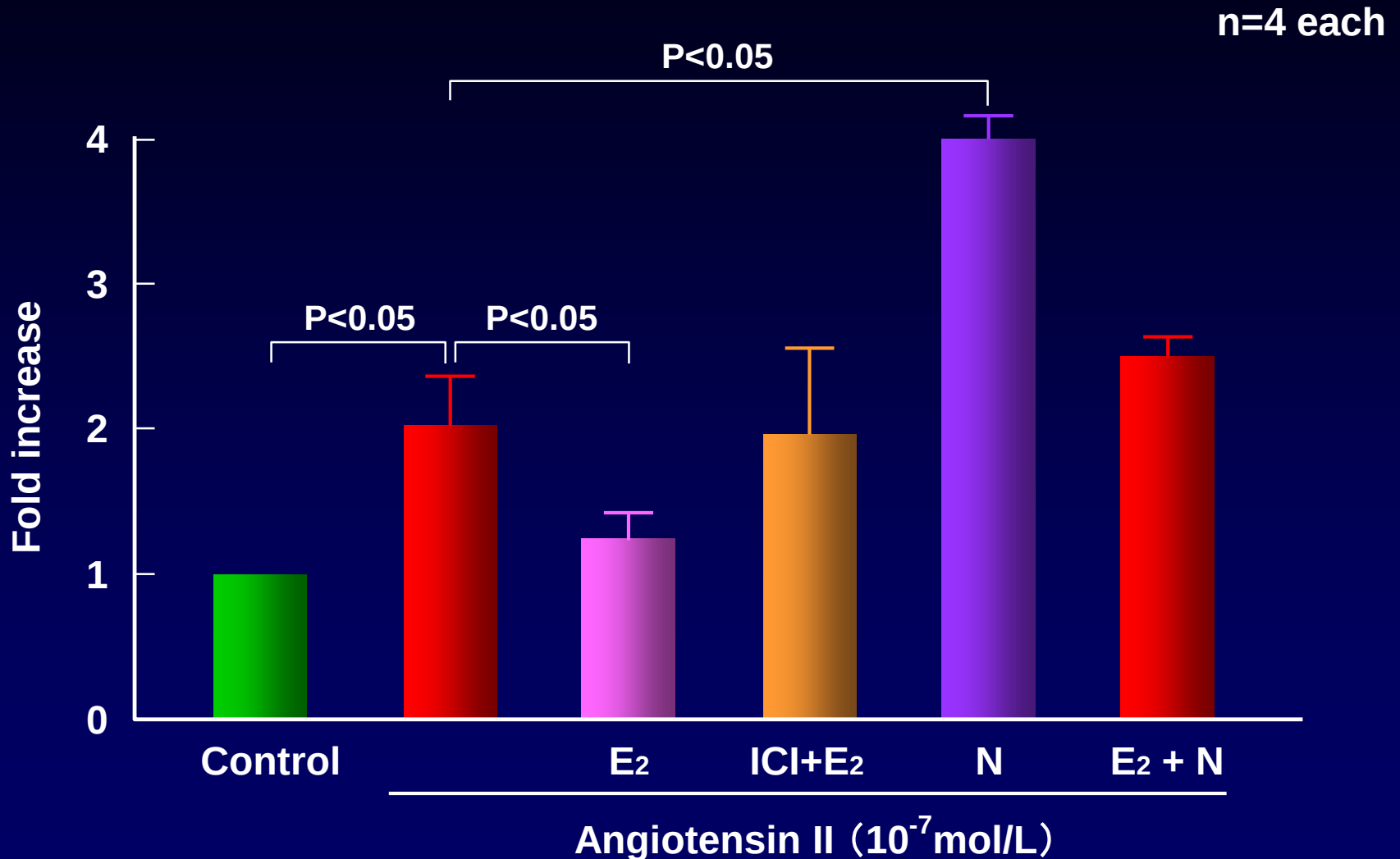
- Estrogen (2004)
- Nifedipine (other CCBs) (EHJ 2012)
- Ezetimibe (Circ J 2012)
- Others

Inhibitory effects of estrogen on Rho-kinase expression (Human coronary VSMC)



(Hiroki, Shimokawa, et al. *BBRC*. 2004;326:154-159.)

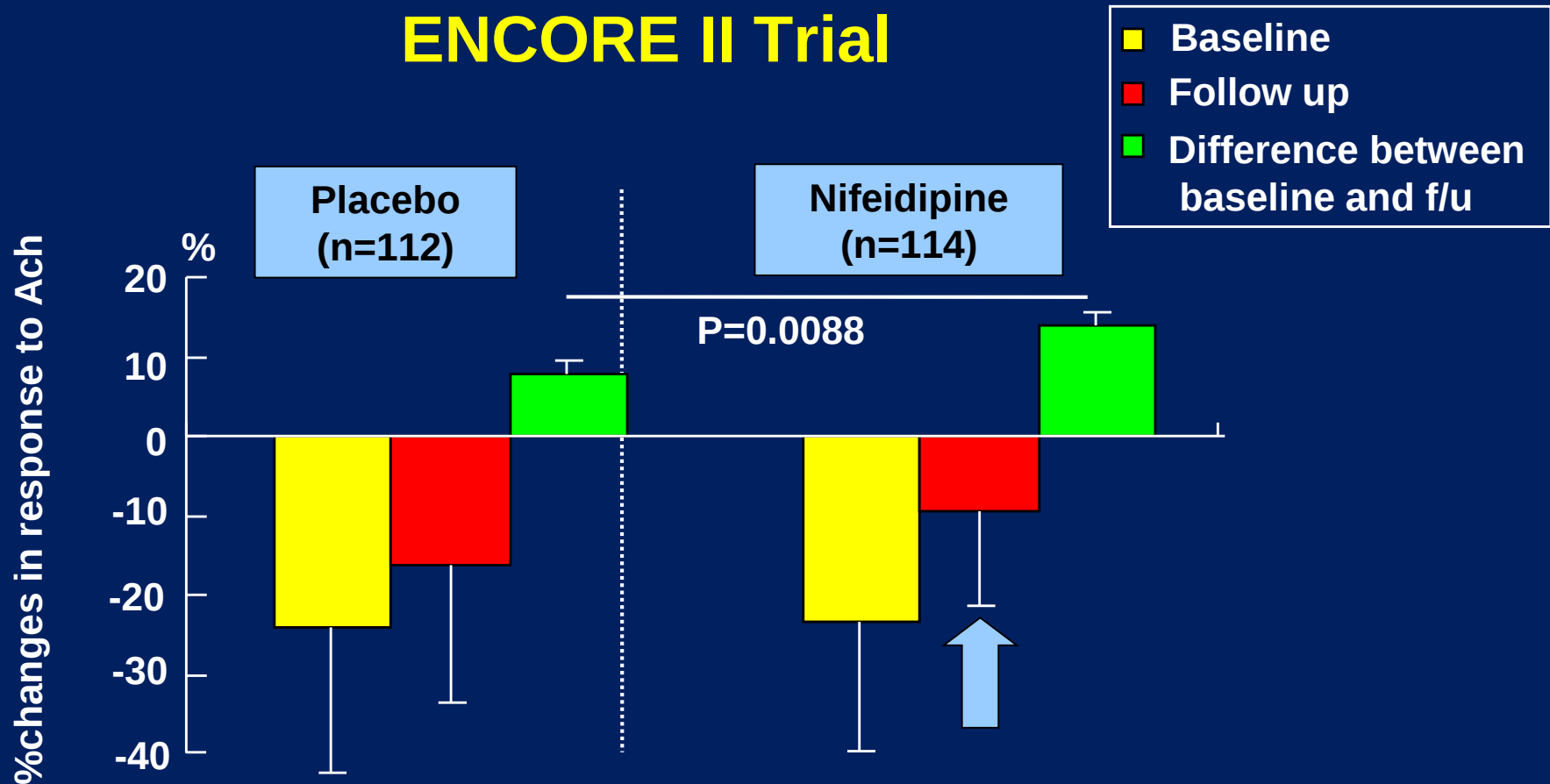
Nicotine abolishes the inhibitory effects of estrogen on Rho-kinase expression (Human coronary VSMC)



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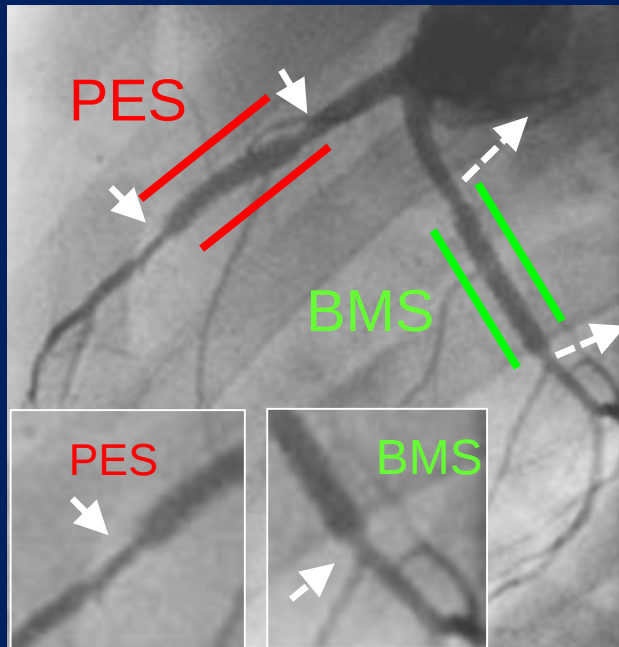
Long-acting nifedipine improves vasomotor function of coronary arteries

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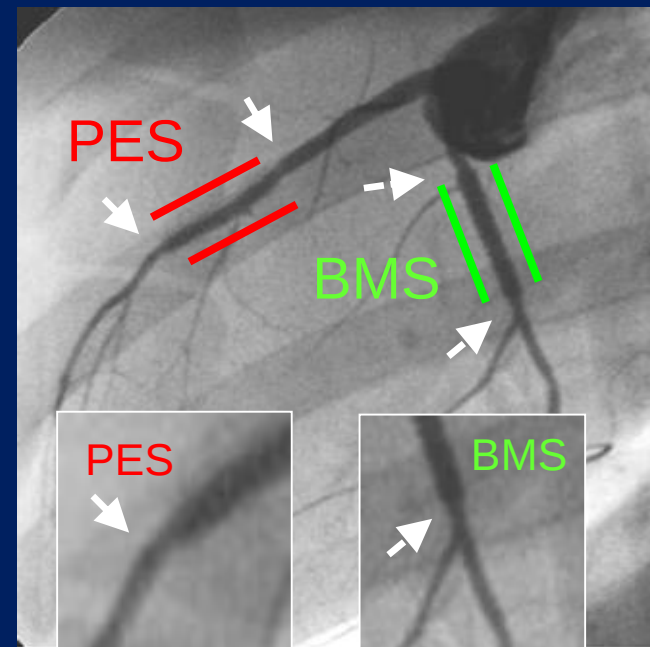


Long-term treatment with nifedipine suppresses serotonin-induced coronary hyperconstriction at DES sites in pigs in vivo

Control

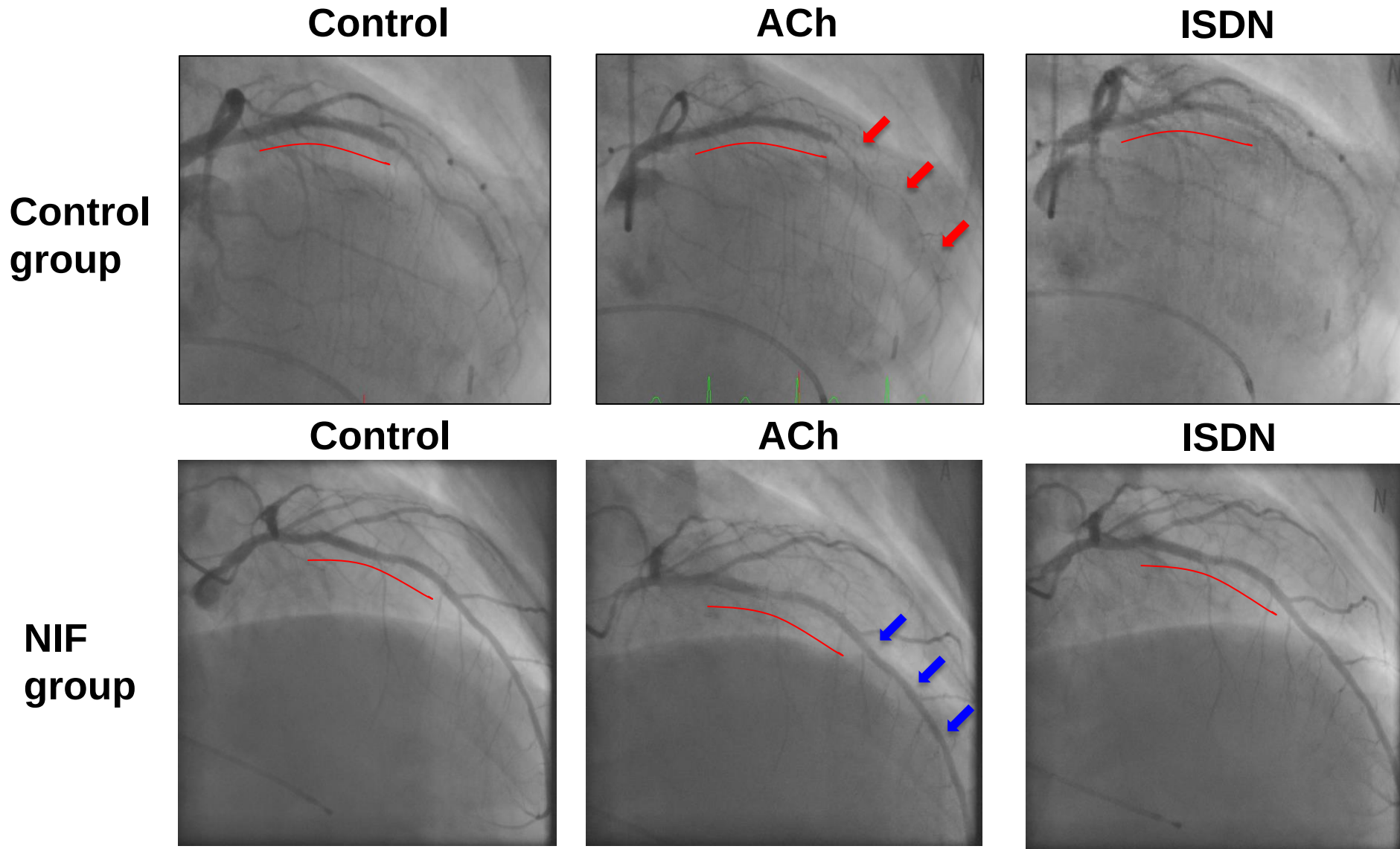


Nifedipine



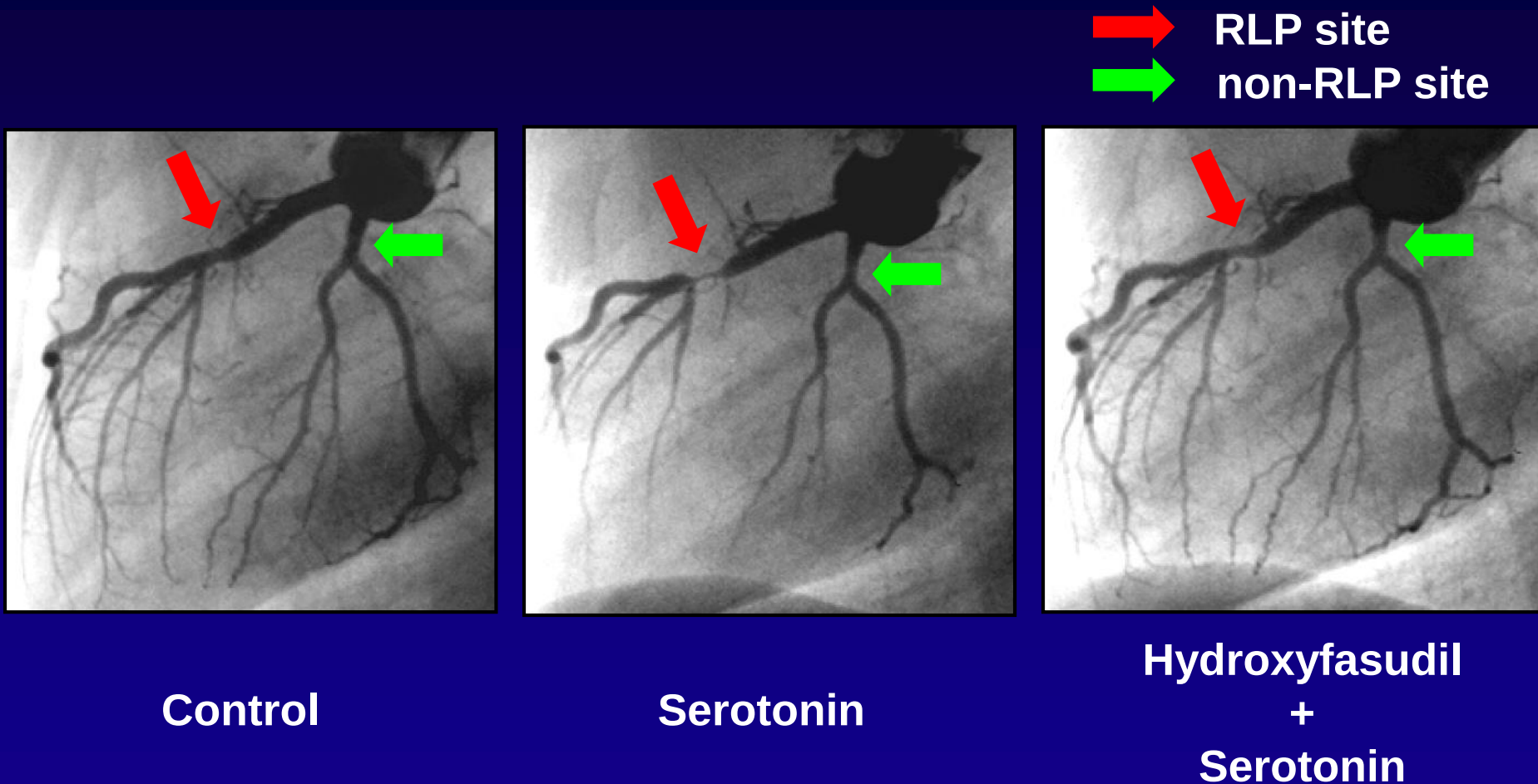
***NIF was discontinued 24hrs before examination.**

Long-term treatment with nifedipine suppresses DES-induced hyperconstricting responses in CAD patients



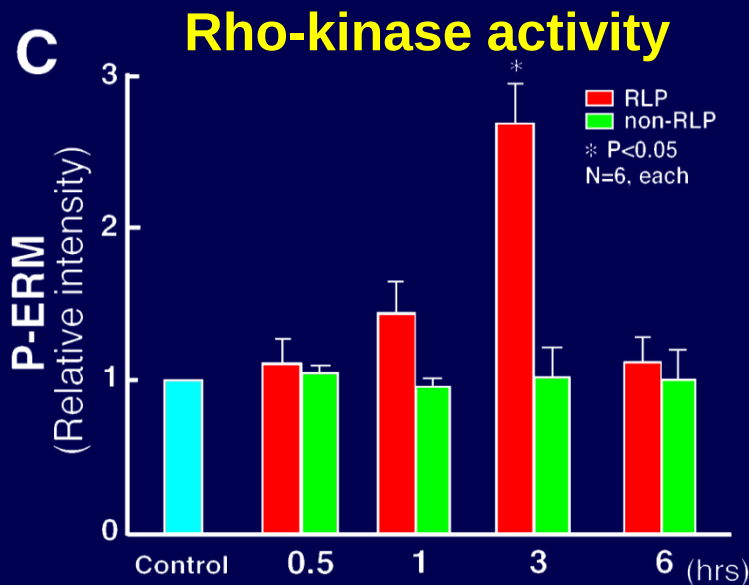
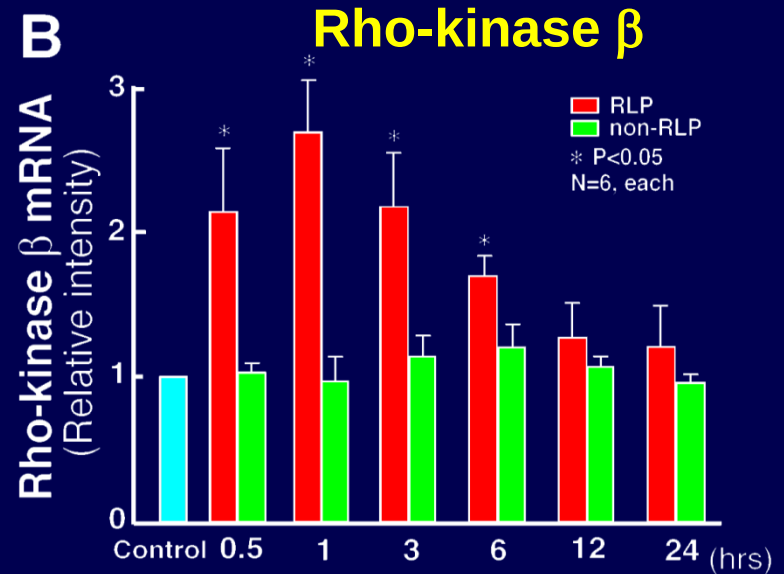
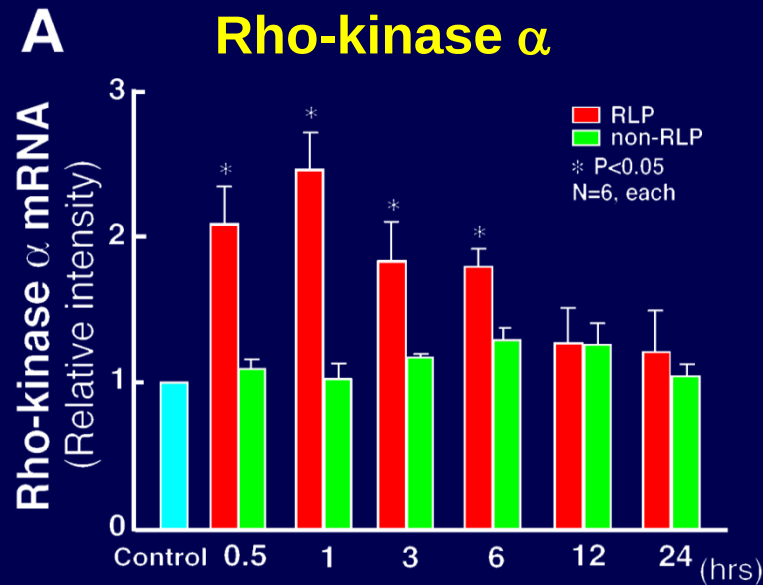
(Tsuburaya, Shimokawa, et al. *Eur Heart J.* 2016;37:2713-21.)

Involvement of Rho-kinase in the effects of remnant-lipoprotein to cause coronary spasm in pigs in vivo



(Oi, Shimokawa, et al. *ATVB*. 2004;24:918–922.)

Remnant lipoproteins enhances Rho-kinase activity in human coronary VSMC



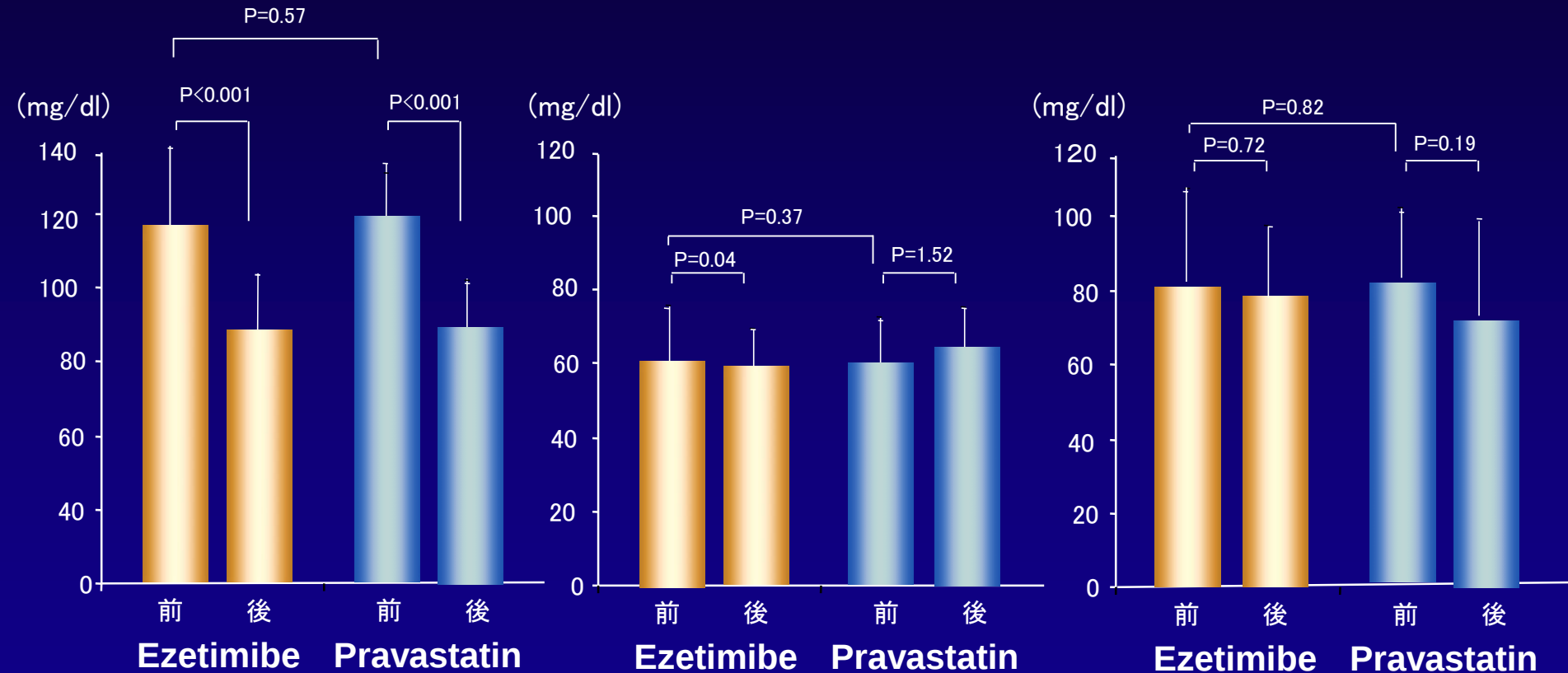
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Comparable lipid-lowering effects of ezetimibe and pravastatin in humans

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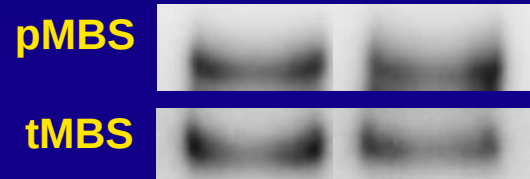
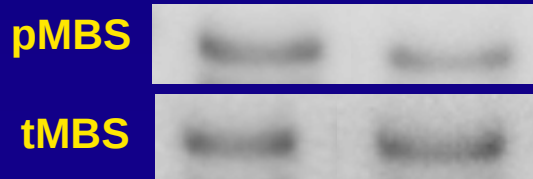
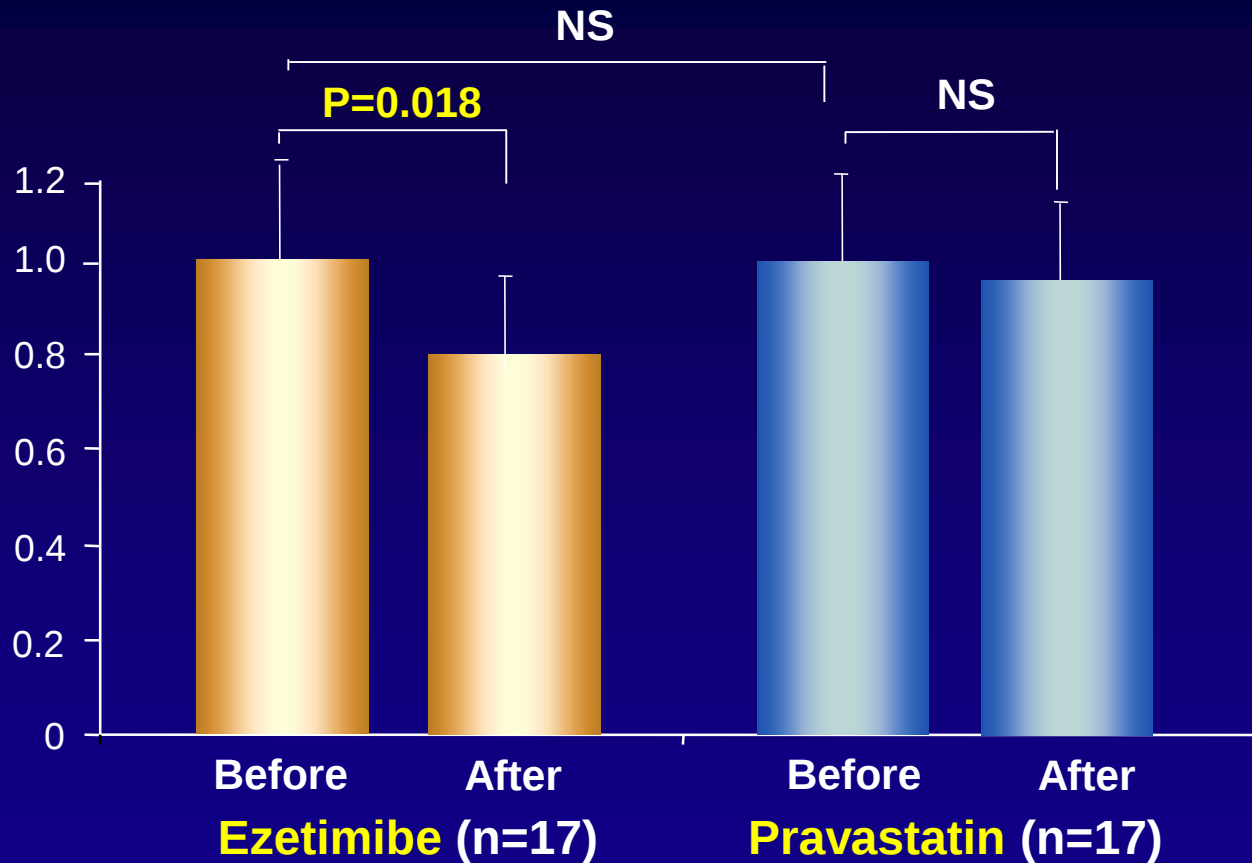
TG (n=19)



(Nochioka, Shimokawa, et al. *Circ J.* 2012;76:2023-2030.)

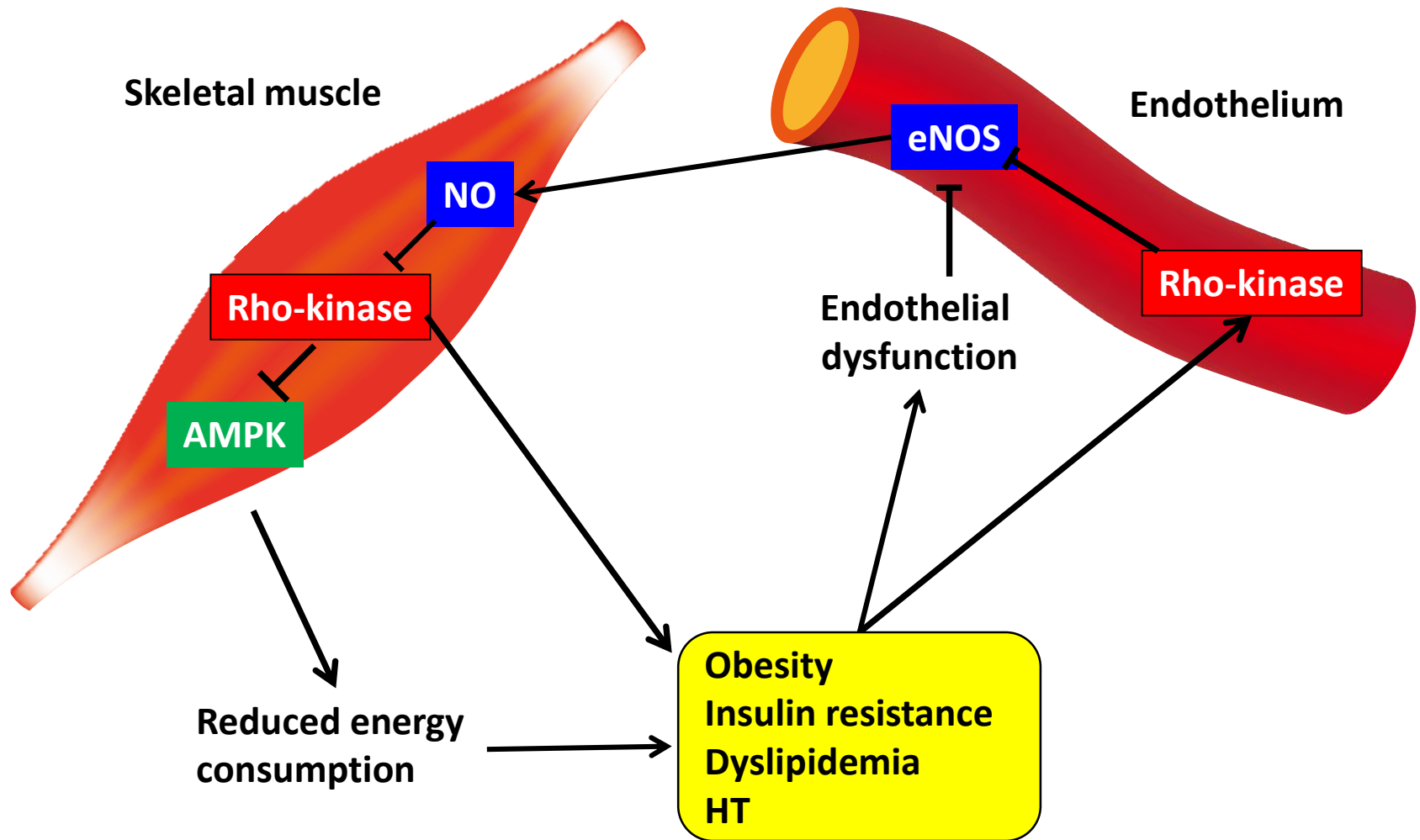
Long-term treatment with ezetimibe suppresses Rho-kinase activity of circulating neutrophils in humans

Rho-kinase activity (pMBS/tMBS ratio)



(Nochioka, Shimokawa, et al.
Circ J. 2012;76:2023-2030.)

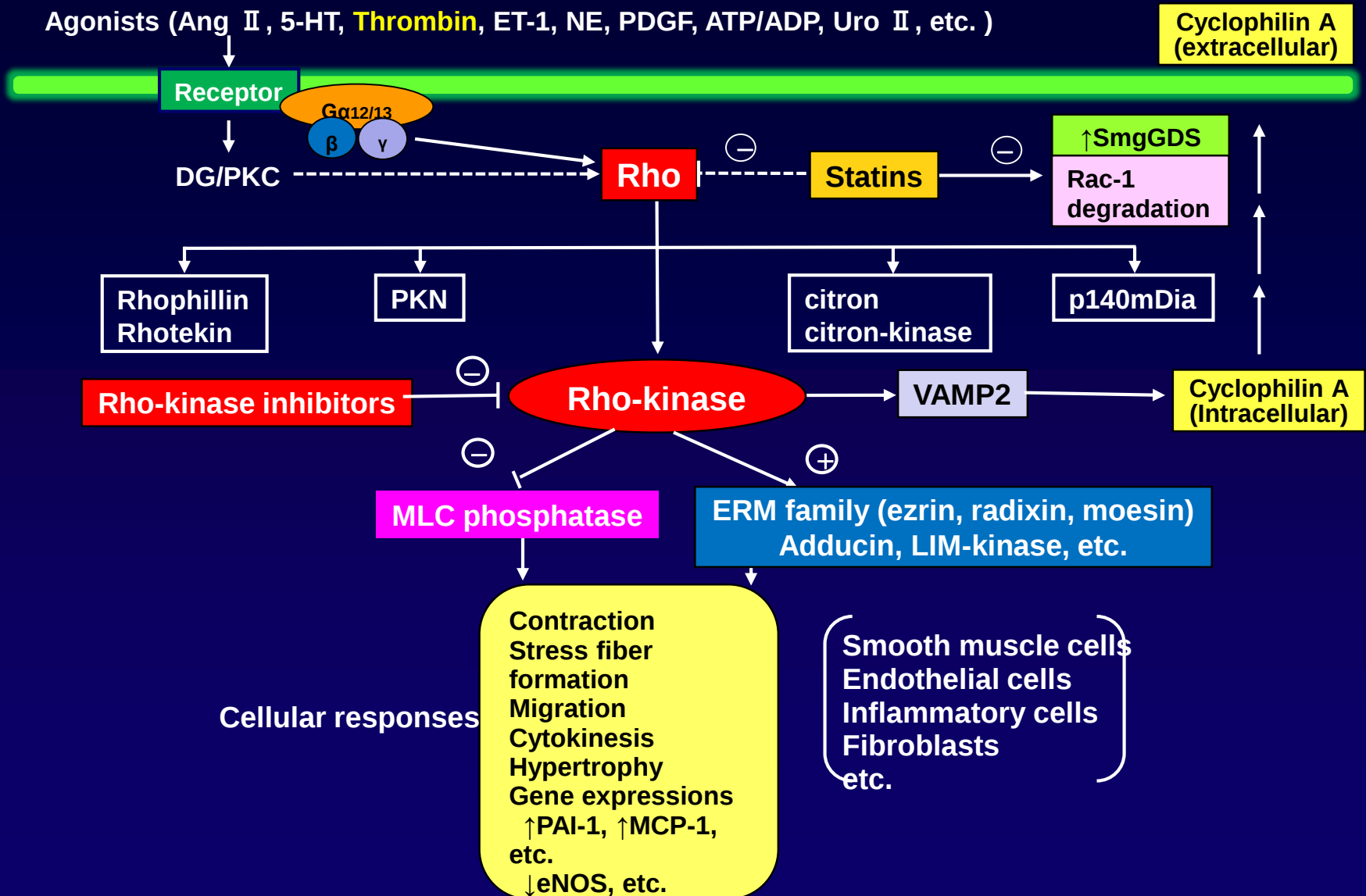
Inhibitory relationship between NO and Rho-kinase



(Noda, Shimokawa, et al. *PloS One*. 2015.)

(Shimokawa, et al. *Circ Res*. 2016.) (Review)

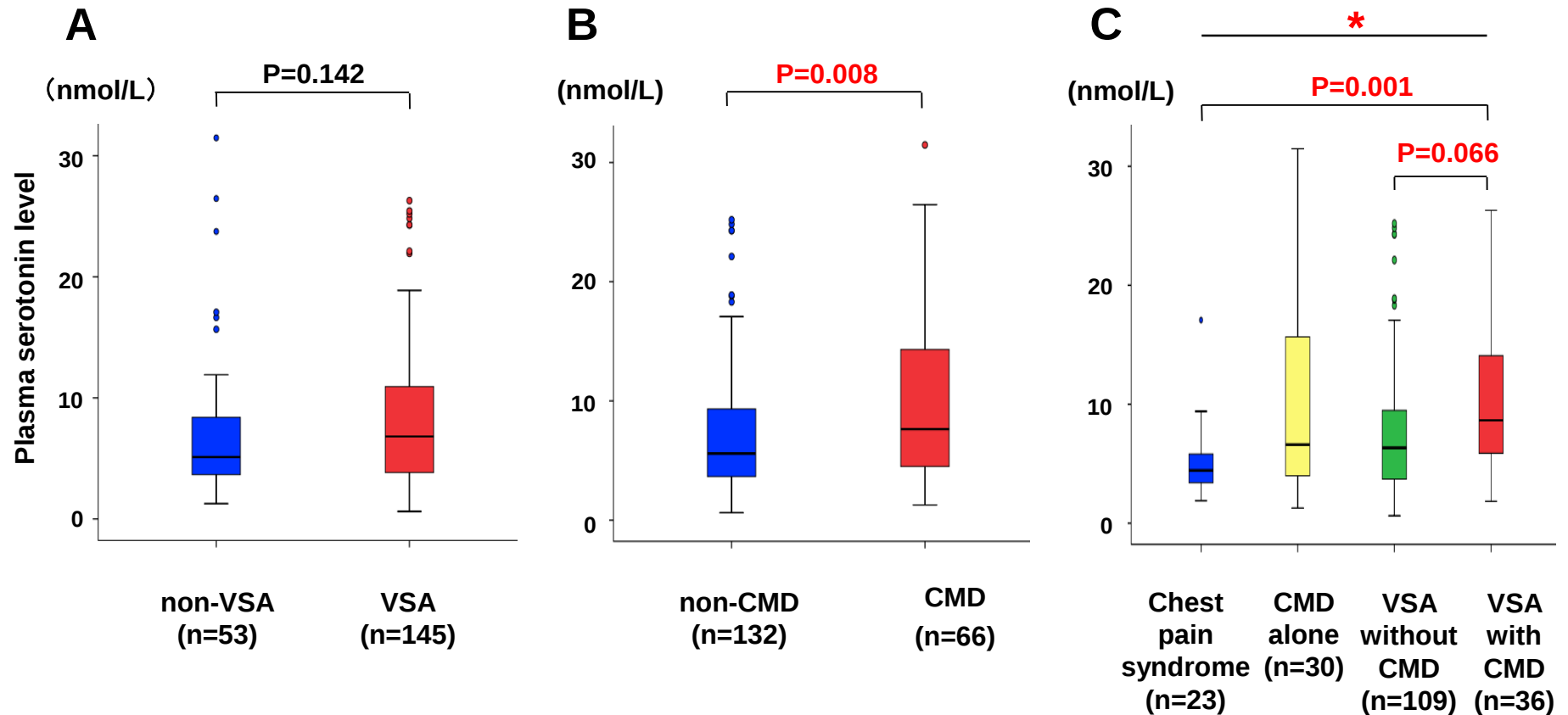
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Increased plasma levels of serotonin in patients with CMD



(Odaka, Shimokawa, et al. *Eur Heart J.* 2017;38:489-496.)