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# Ultrasound Renal Denervation for Hypertension Resistant to a Triple Medication Pill:

## The Randomized Sham Controlled **RADIANCE-HTN TRIO** Trial

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# Background / Objective

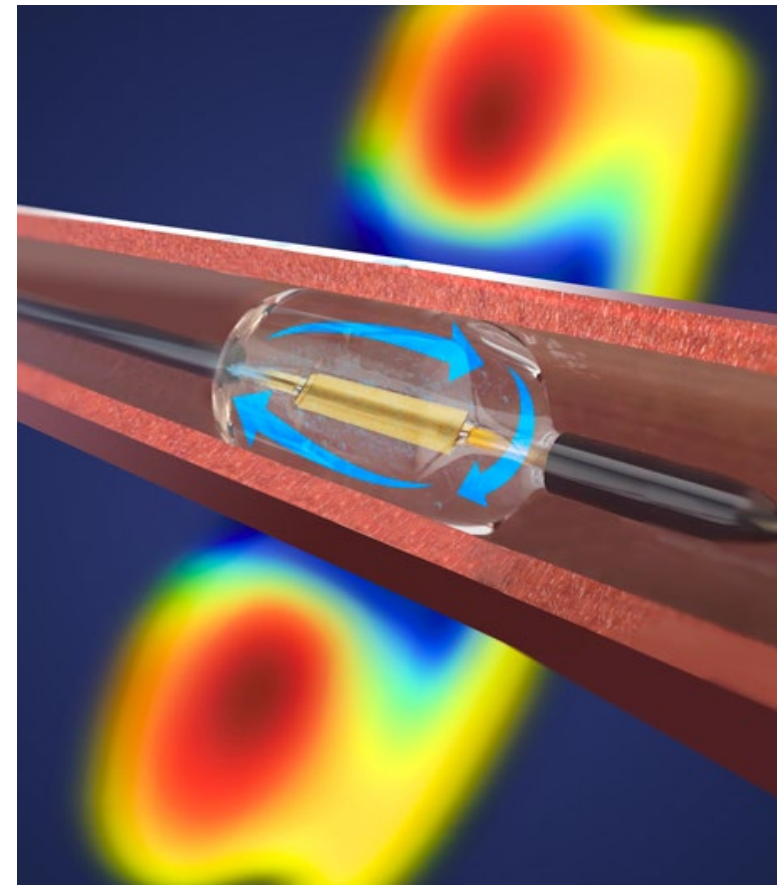
- Endovascular renal denervation reduces blood pressure in patients with mild-moderate hypertension, but its blood pressure-lowering effect has not been previously demonstrated with confidence in patients with resistant hypertension
- The study objective was to investigate whether endovascular ultrasound renal denervation reduces daytime ambulatory systolic blood pressure in patients with hypertension resistant to a standardized fixed-dose triple medication pill

# Paradise Ultrasound Renal Denervation System

- Ring of ablative energy (depth of 1-6 mm) to interrupt renal nerve traffic
- Arterial wall protected by water circulating through balloon
- 2-3 sonications lasting 7 seconds each are delivered to each main renal artery

## Thermal Profile

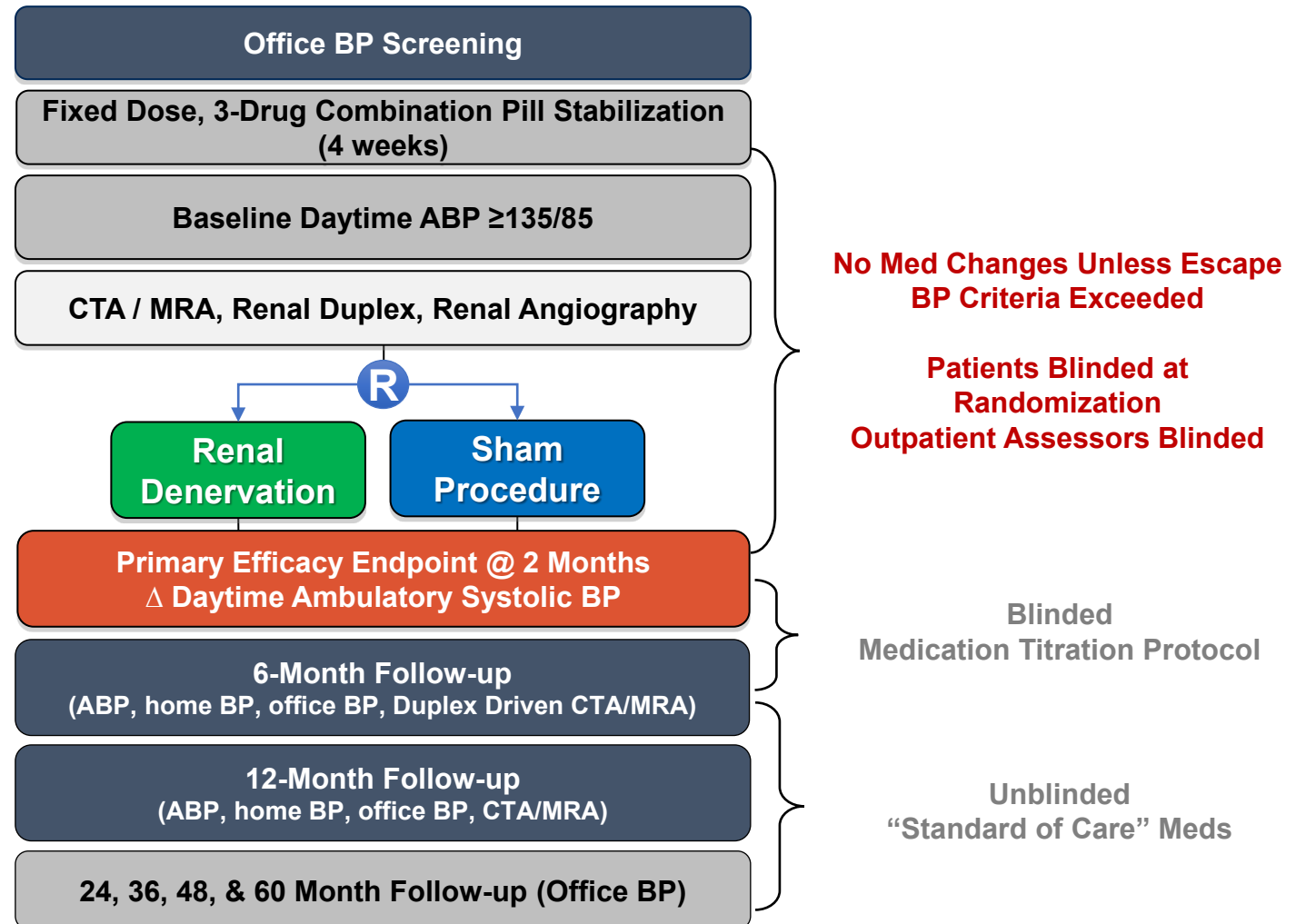
Ultrasonic Heating + Water Cooling



# RADIANCE-HTN TRIO Design: Blinded, Sham-Controlled, Powered to Demonstrate BP Lowering Effectiveness at 2M

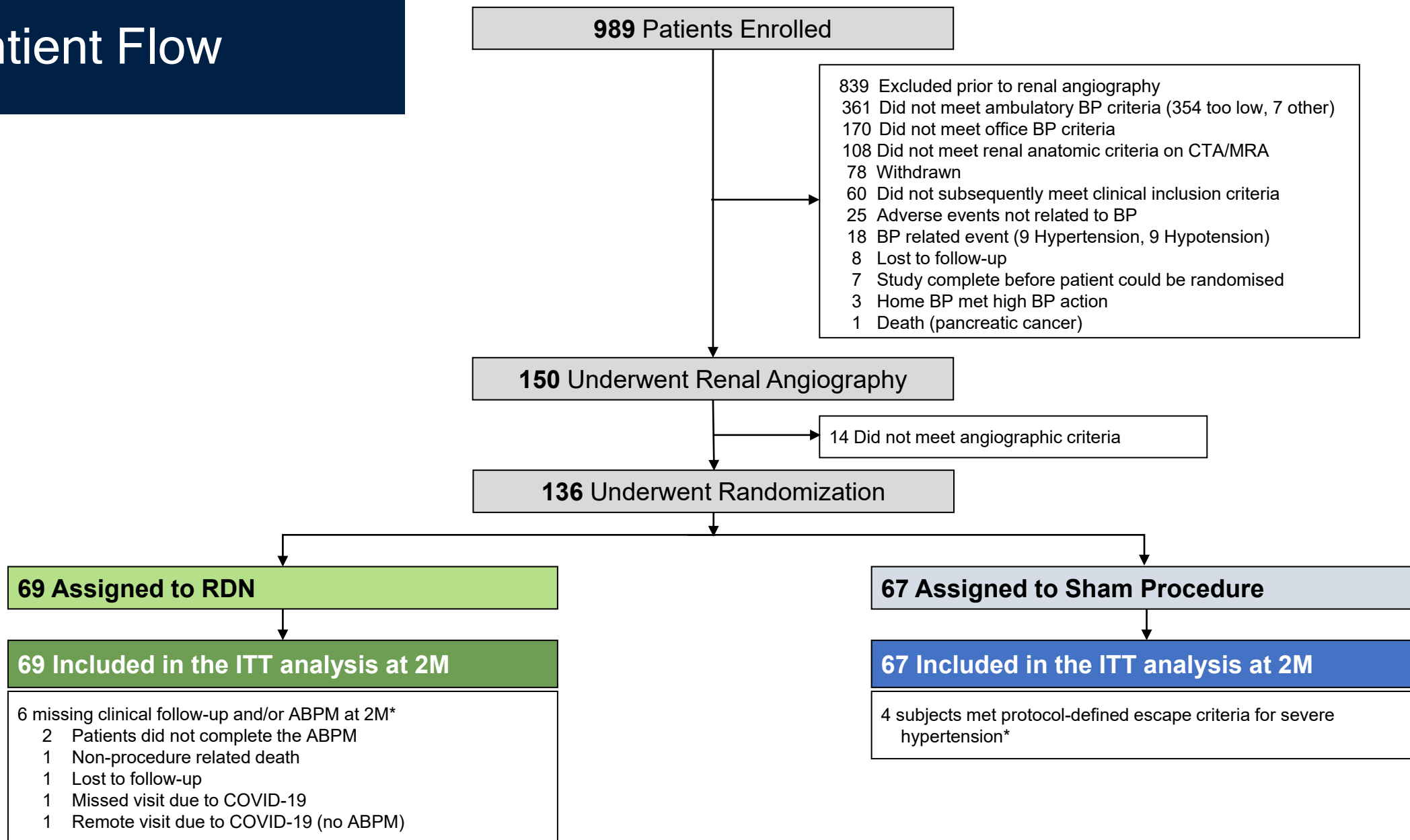
## Key Entry Criteria:

- Office BP  $\geq 140/90$  on 3+ anti-HTN meds
- Daytime ABP  $\geq 135/85$  on a fixed-dose, 3-drug combination pill
- Age 18-75 years
- No secondary hypertension aside from OSA
- No CV or cerebrovascular events within the prior 3M
- No Type I or uncontrolled Type II diabetes
- eGFR  $\geq 40$  mL/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- Eligible renal artery anatomy





# Patient Flow



\*These subjects had a protocol-specified "0" value imputed for 2M change in ABPM for the Intent-to-Treat analysis

# Clinical Characteristics

	RDN (N=69)	Sham (N=67)
Age (years)	52.3 ± 7.5	52.8 ± 9.1
Female sex	13/69 (19%)	14/67 (21%)
Race		
White	44/69 (64%)	50/67 (75%)
Black	14/69 (20%)	13/67 (19%)
Other / Unknown *	11/69 (16%)	4/67 (6%)
BMI - kg/m <sup>2</sup>	32.8 ± 5.7	32.6 ± 5.4
Abdominal obesity †	54/66 (82%)	55/67 (82%)
eGFR - mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> *	86.0 ± 25.2	82.2 ± 19.2
eGFR<60 mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> *	8/67 (12%)	7/65 (11%)
Diabetes – Type 2	21/69 (30%)	17/67 (25%)
Sleep apnea	19/69 (28%)	11/67 (16%)
Prior Hospitalization for hypertensive crisis	15/69 (22%)	11/67 (16%)
Prior cardiovascular / cerebrovascular event	8/69 (12%)	9/67 (13%)
History of heart failure	1/69 (1%)	3/67 (4%)

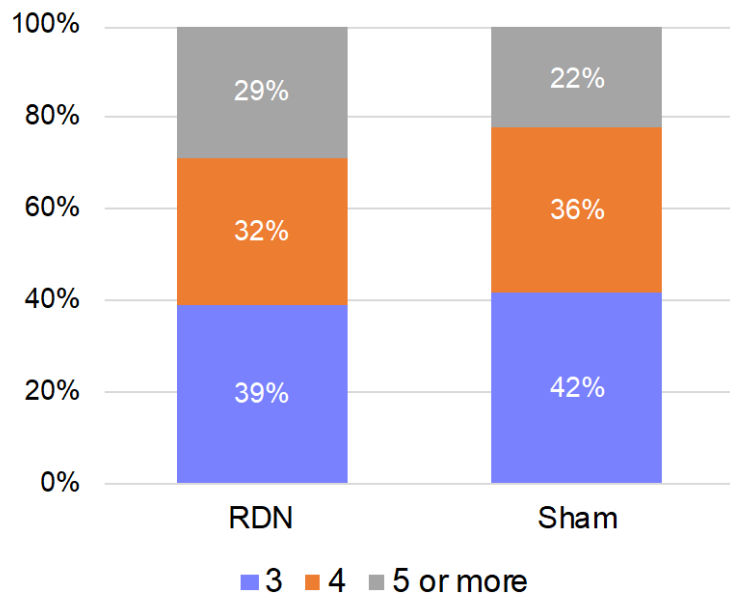
\* Two subjects in RDN and 2 subjects in Sham are missing race data. The four subjects with missing race data are not included in eGFR MDRD calculations. Site reported eGFR for these 4 subjects were all greater than 60mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> at baseline.

† Abdominal obesity defined as a waist circumference greater than 102 cm for men and greater than 88 cm for women.

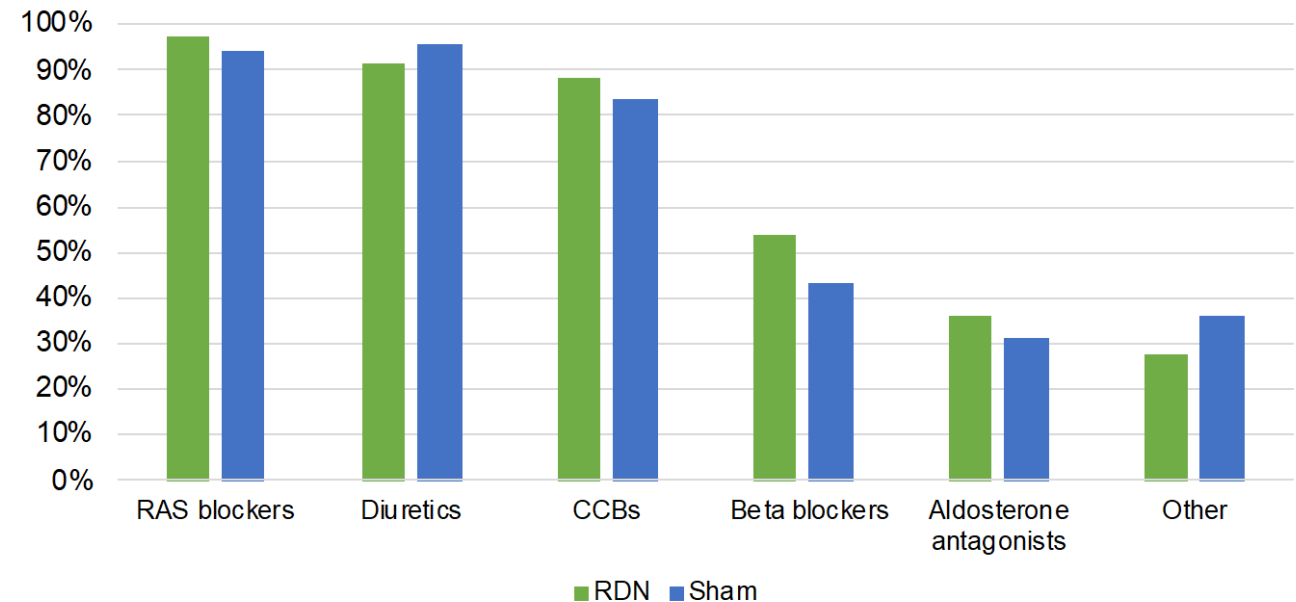
# Screening Blood Pressures & Medications

	RDN (N=69)	Sham (N=67)
<b>Blood Pressure</b>		
Office SBP (mmHg)	161.9 ± 15.5	163.6 ± 16.8
Office DBP (mmHg)	105.1 ± 11.6	103.3 ± 12.7
<b>Number of Anti-hypertensive Medications</b>	4.0 ± 1.0	3.9 ± 1.1

**Number of Medications at Screening**



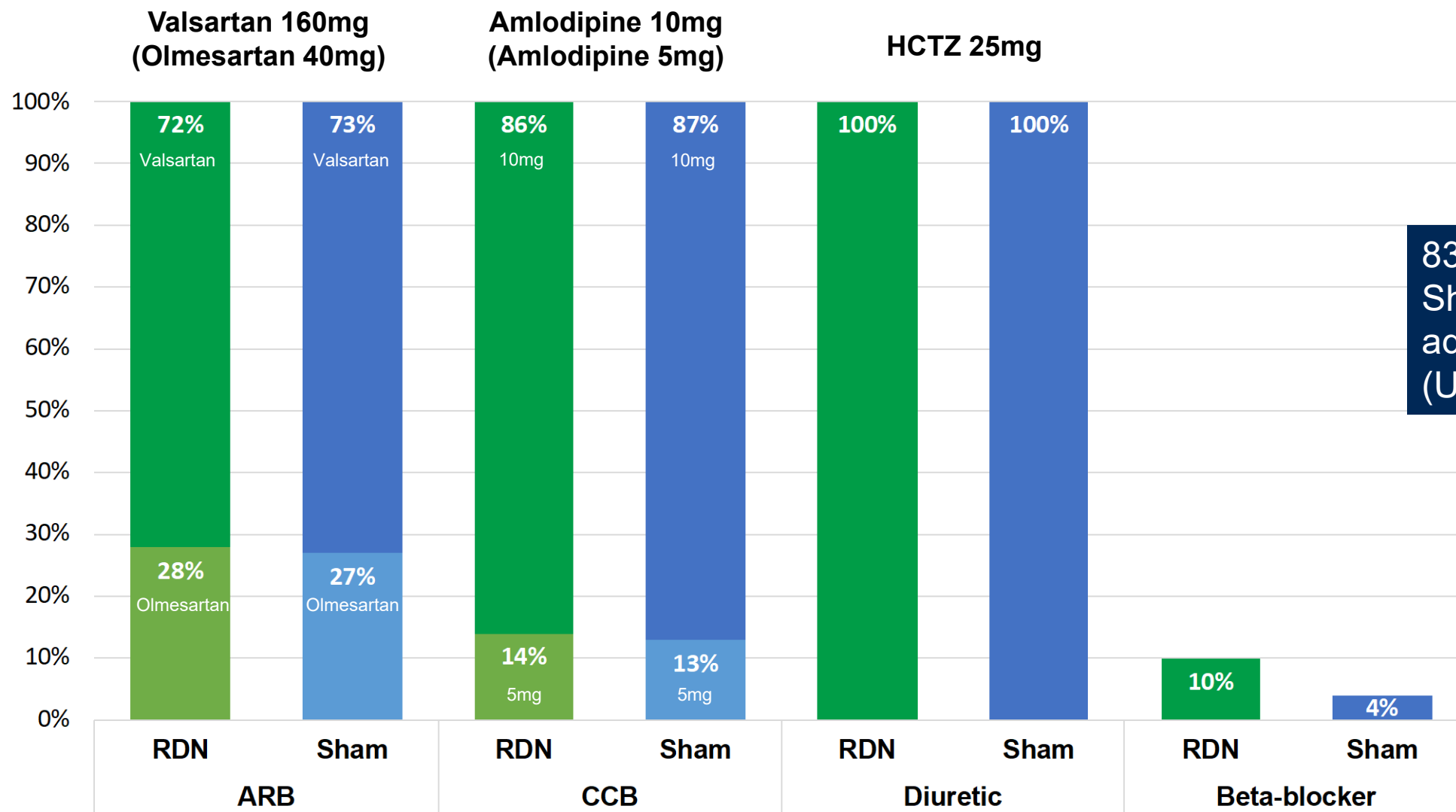
**Classes of Anti-HTN Medications at Screening**





# Baseline Medications

## After 4 weeks of Triple Medication Combination Daily Pill



83% of RDN and 76% of Sham patients were fully adherent at baseline (Urine HPLC-MS/MS)

Beta-blocker maintained for compelling indication (CHD, HF)

# Baseline Blood Pressures:

After 4 weeks of Triple Medication Combination Daily Pill

	RDN (N=69)	Sham (N=67)
<b>ABPM</b>		
Daytime SBP (mmHg)	150.0 ± 11.9	151.1 ± 12.6
Daytime DBP (mmHg)	93.8 ± 7.7	94.6 ± 9.1
Nighttime SBP (mmHg)	134.4 ± 18.0	136.4 ± 18.6
Nighttime DBP (mmHg)	81.3 ± 10.7	81.3 ± 12.1
24-h SBP (mmHg)	143.9 ± 13.4	145.4 ± 14.0
24-h DBP (mmHg)	88.9 ± 8.2	89.5 ± 9.5
<b>Home BP</b>		
SBP (mmHg)	153.6 ± 16.2	153.4 ± 17.0
DBP (mmHg)	97.1 ± 10.9	96.9 ± 11.3
<b>Office BP</b>		
SBP (mmHg)	155.2 ± 16.8	155.1 ± 16.8
DBP (mmHg)	101.3 ± 11.7	99.6 ± 10.9

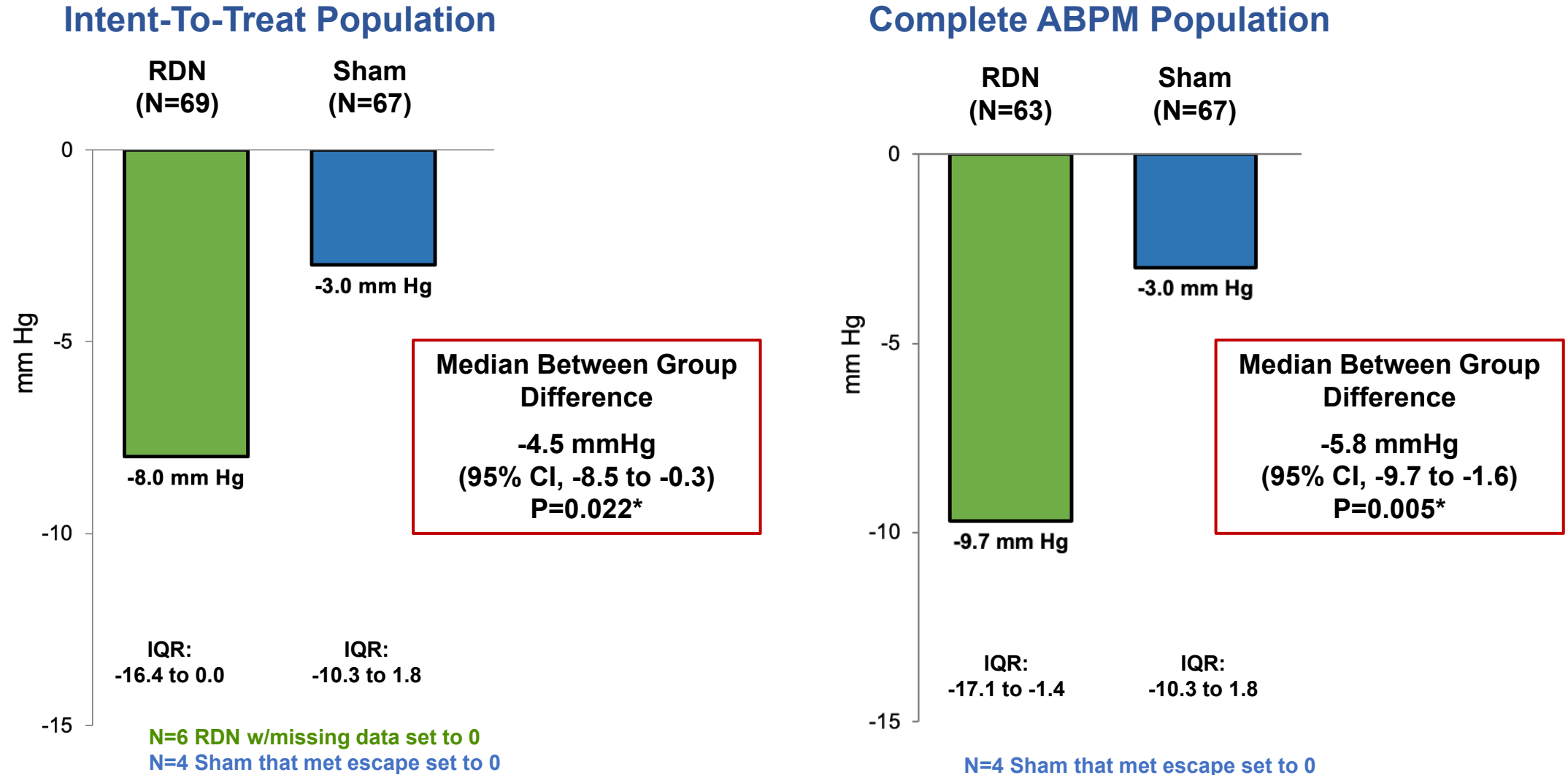
# Procedural Details

	RDN (N=69)	Sham (N=67)
<b>Procedure time (min)</b>	83.0 [69.0, 99.0]	41.0 [33.0, 50.0]
<b>Sedation</b>		
Conscious Sedation	44/69 (64%)	41/67 (61%)
Monitored Anesthesia Care (e.g. propofol)	17/69 (25%)	16/67 (24%)
General Anesthesia	8/69 (12%)	10/67 (15%)
<b>Contrast volume (cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	176.9 ± 77.0	80.0 ± 40.1
<b>Fluoroscopy time (min)</b>	19.0 ± 11.5	4.1 ± 3.6
<b>Treatment success (≥ 2 bilateral emissions)</b>	67/69 (97%)*	NA
<b>Total Number of Emissions</b>	5.8 ± 1.2	NA
Left Main Renal	2.7 ± 0.5	NA
Right Main Renal	2.7 ± 0.5	NA
Subjects with Treated Accessory Renal Arteries	17/69 (25%)	NA
<b>Total Emission Time (seconds)</b>	40.7 ± 8.1	NA

Formal blinding assessments confirmed adequate blinding at discharge and 2-month follow-up

\*1 subject had no treatments on one side; 1 subject had only one treatment on one side

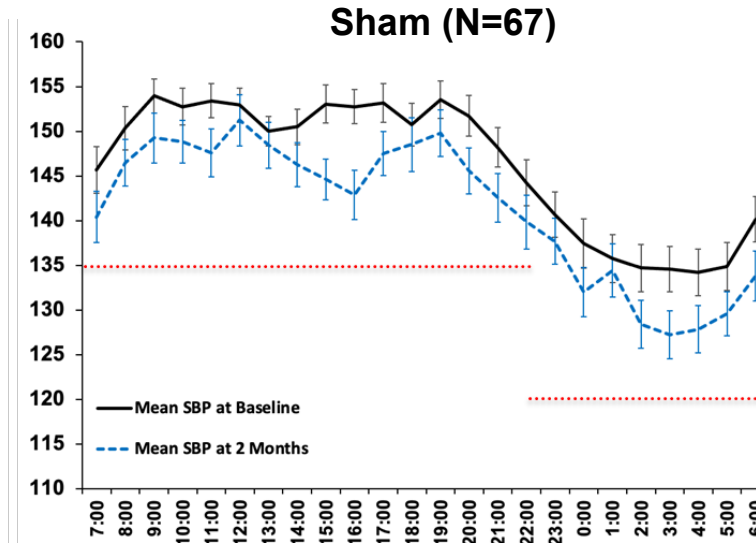
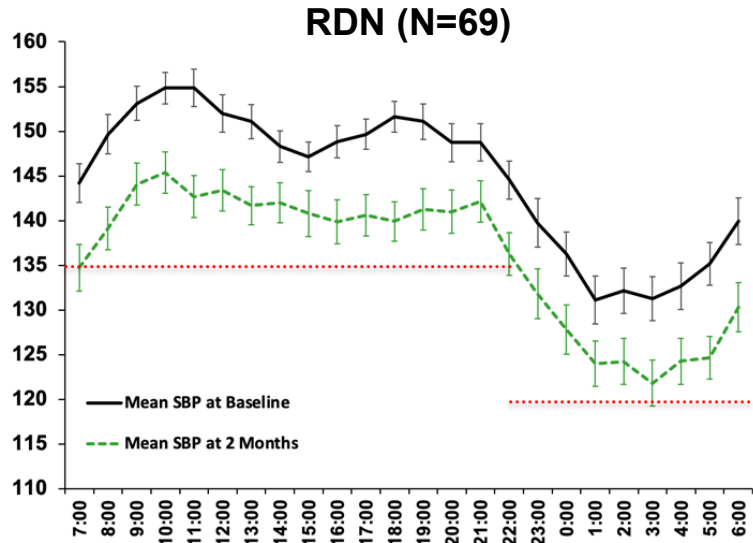
# Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Change in Daytime Ambulatory SBP at 2 Months



\*Baseline-adjusted ANCOVA on the ranks due to non-normality of distribution

# ABPM profiles at Baseline and 2 Months

**ITT Population**  
(Imputed Missing and Escape)

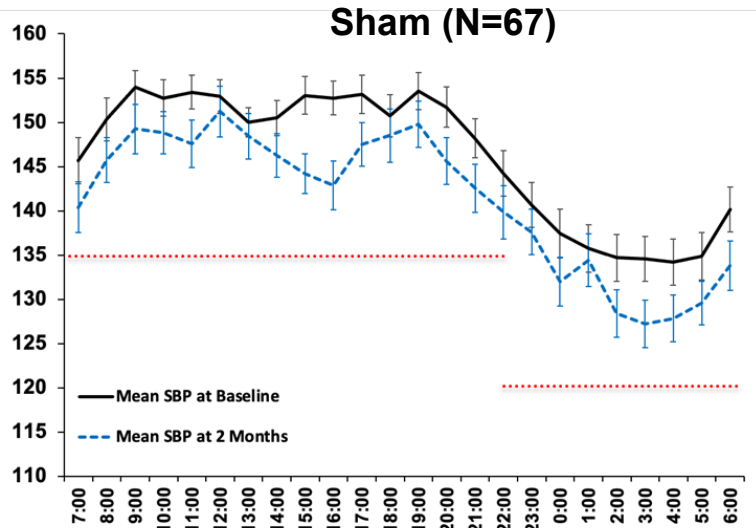
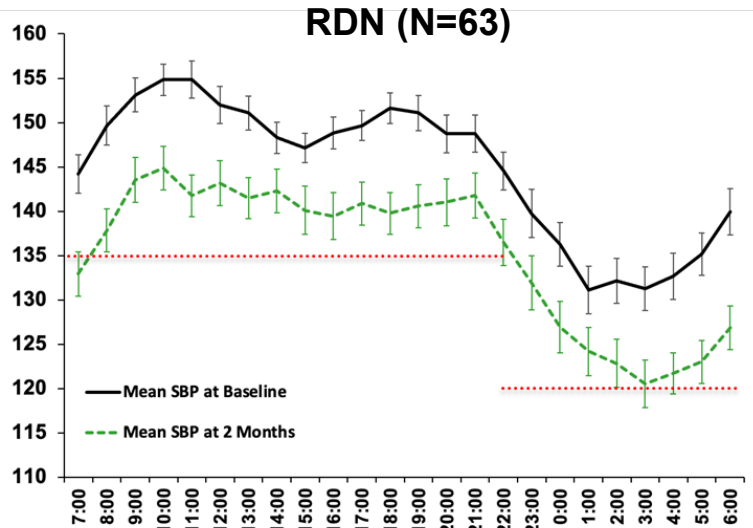


**Median Between Group Difference**

**24h ABPM**  
-4.2 mmHg  
(95% CI, -8.3 to -0.3)  
P=0.016\*

**Nighttime ABPM**  
-3.9 mmHg  
(95% CI, -8.8 to 1.0)  
P=0.044\*

**Complete ABPM Population**  
(Imputed Escape)



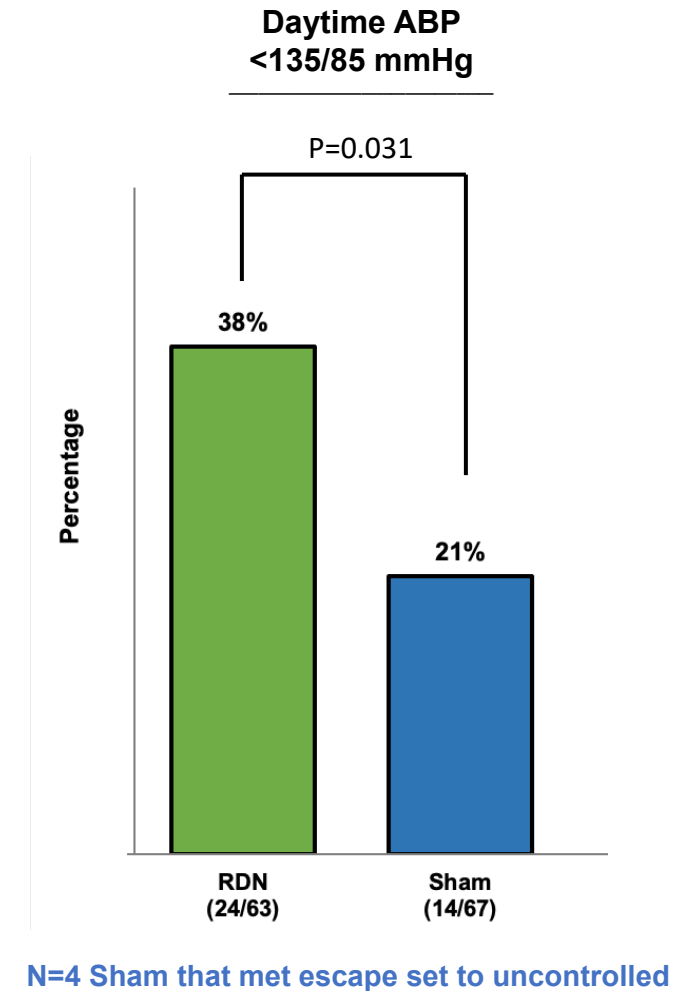
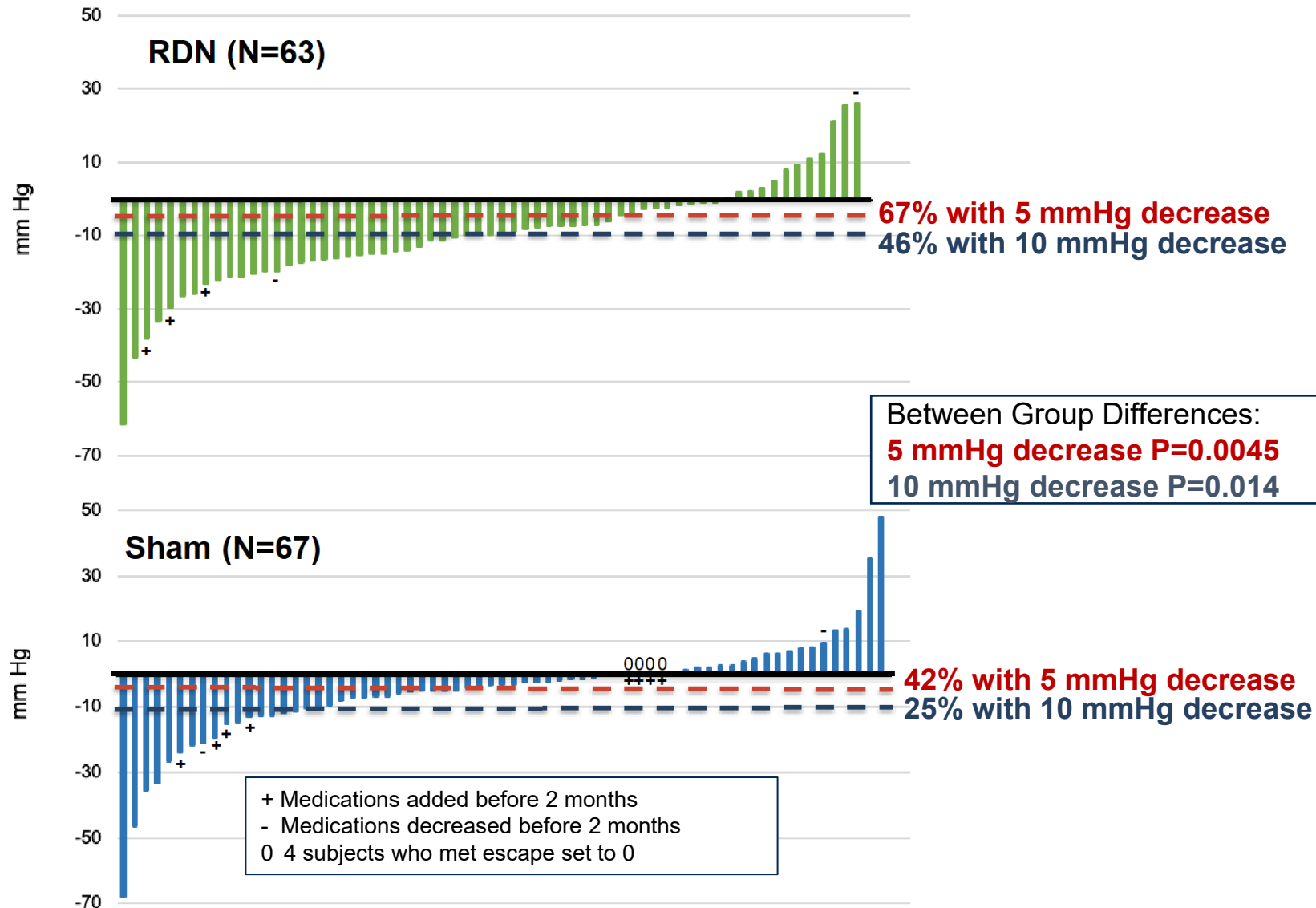
**Median Between Group Difference**

**24h ABPM**  
-5.6 mmHg  
(95% CI, -9.5 to -1.3)  
P=0.0043\*

**Nighttime ABPM**  
-5.0 mmHg  
(95% CI, -10.1 to 0.5)  
P=0.015\*

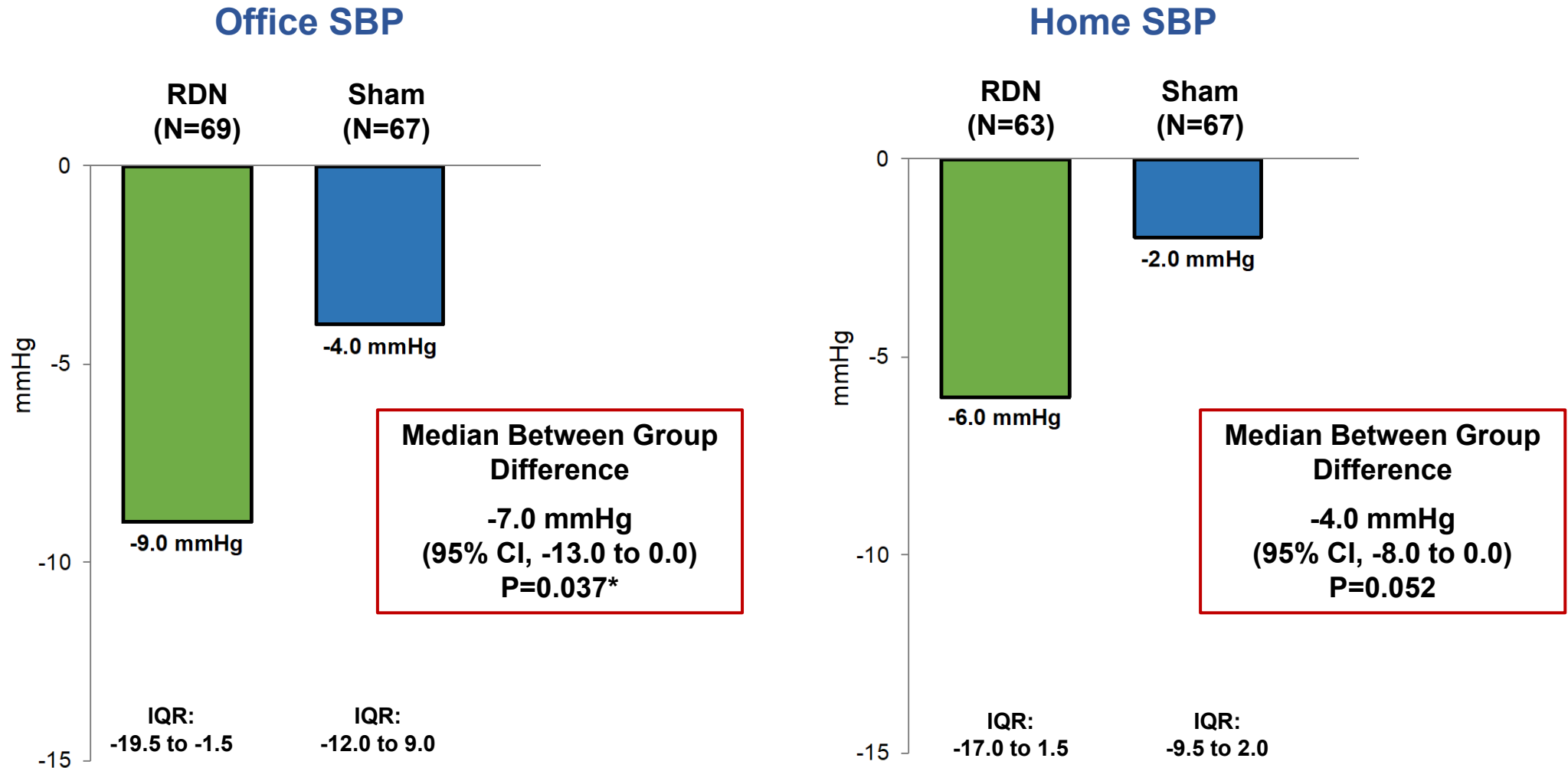
\* Baseline-adjusted ANCOVA on the ranks

# Individual Patient Responses and % patients with controlled BP: Change in Daytime Ambulatory SBP at 2 Months (Complete ABPM Population)





# Change in Office and Home SBP at 2 Months



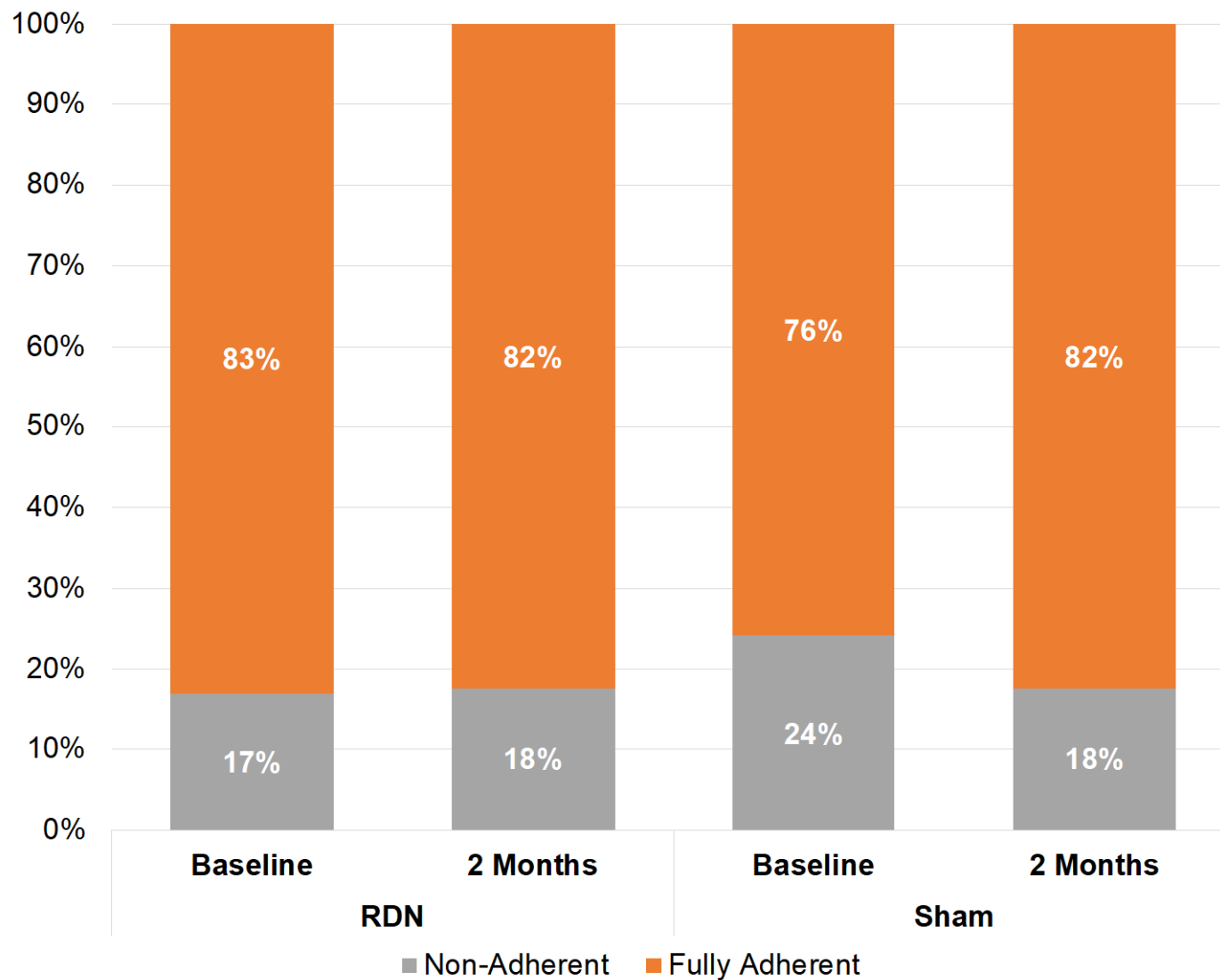
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# Antihypertensive Medication Changes (ITT Population)

Medication Changes	RDN (N=69)	Sham (N=67)	P-value
<b>Additional meds at 2M *</b>	3/69 (4%)	8/67 (12%)	0.10
Protocol defined criteria	0/69 (0%)	4/67 (6%)	0.056
Physician decision/patient preference	3/69 (4%)	4/67 (6%)	0.72
<b>Reduction in meds at 2M</b>	2/69 (3%)	2/67 (3%)	1.0

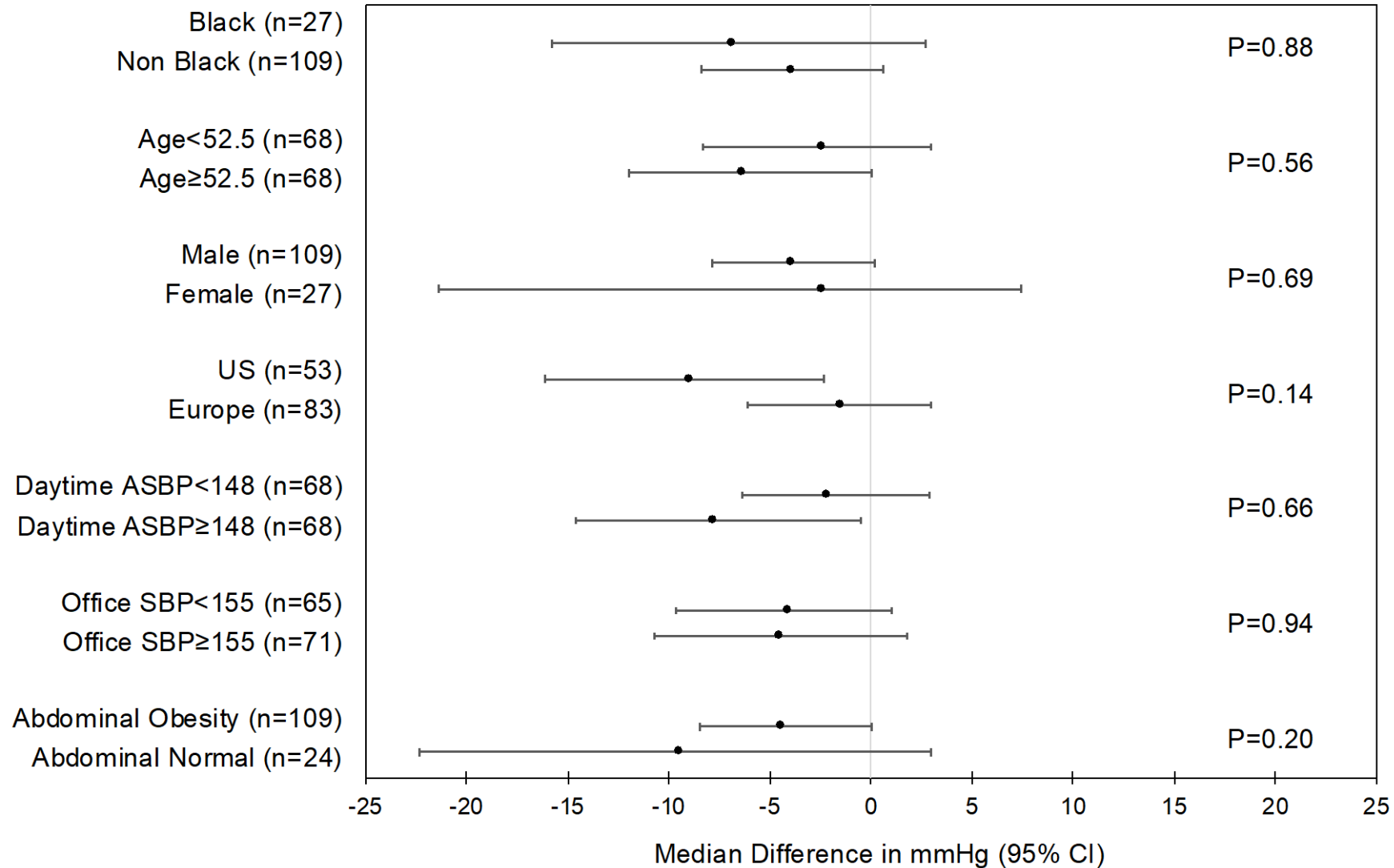
\*2 pts of the RDN group were on 25mg spironolactone; 7 pts of the sham group were on spironolactone (2 on 12.5mg, 4 on 25mg and 1 on 50mg)

# Medication Adherence as Measured by Urine HPLC-MS/MS



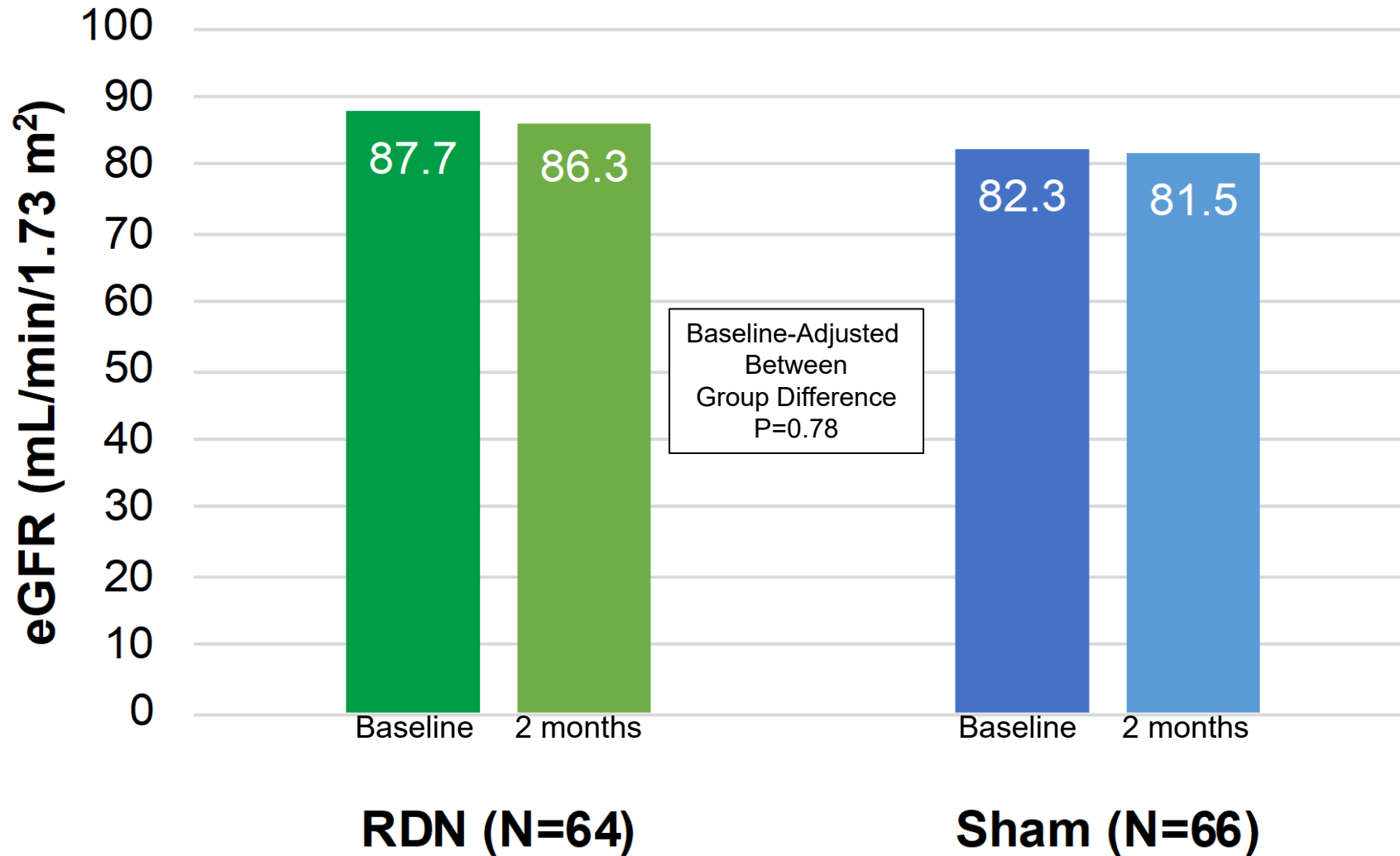
75% of subjects were fully adherent at both Baseline and 2 months

# Subgroup Analysis: Between Group Difference in 2-month Change in Daytime Ambulatory SBP



# eGFR at 2 Months

(Matched data at baseline and 2 months)



Note: Two subjects in the renal denervation group and two subjects in the sham group are missing race data and therefore not included in the eGFR calculations.

# Major Adverse Events

Major Adverse Events	RDN (N=69)	Sham (N=67)
<b>30-Day Major Adverse Events</b>		
Death	1 (1%) <sup>1</sup>	0 (0%)
End stage renal disease, the need for permanent renal replacement therapy	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Doubling of plasma creatinine	1 (1%) <sup>2</sup>	0 (0%)
Embolic event resulting in end organ damage	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Renal artery complication requiring intervention	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Major access site complications requiring intervention	1 (1%) <sup>3</sup>	0 (0%)
Hypertensive emergency resulting in hospitalization	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Other Major Adverse Events Measured Through 2 Months</b>		
New onset renal artery stenosis of greater than 70%	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

<sup>1</sup> Sudden death unrelated to device or procedure 21 days post-procedure

<sup>2</sup> Transient acute renal injury 25 days post-procedure associated with spironolactone use and resolved upon discontinuation of spironolactone

<sup>3</sup> Femoral access site pseudoaneurysm post-procedure resolved with thrombin injection



# Limitations

- Additional follow-up will be required to determine whether the blood pressure lowering effect of ultrasound renal denervation remains safe and durable over time, especially when patients who remain uncontrolled receive additional antihypertensive medications, including the aldosterone antagonist spironolactone
- Without robust pre-procedural predictors of responsiveness and the absence of an intraprocedural marker of denervation success, between-patient variability will continue to be observed

# Conclusions

- In patients with hypertension resistant to guideline-recommended triple combination therapy in a single pill, ultrasound based RDN was associated with a reduction of 8.0 mmHg in daytime ambulatory SBP (a 4.5 mmHg greater decrease than a sham procedure)
- The greater BP lowering effect of RDN vs. sham was consistent for 24h, nighttime, and office SBP
- These results are concordant with those of RADIANCE-HTN SOLO (patients with mild-to-moderate hypertension), confirming that ultrasound RDN can lower BP across a spectrum of hypertension
- Longer-term assessments for efficacy as well as safety are ongoing

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