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Xiping Xu (The First People's Hospital of Yueyang, Yueyang); Xubo Shi (Beijing Tongren Hospital, Capital Medical University, Beijing); Junbo Ge (Zhongshan Hospital Fudan University, Shanghai); Guosheng Fu (Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital of Zhejiang University, Hangzhou); Feng Bai (Lanzhou University Second Hospital, Lanzhou); Weiyi Fang (Shanghai Chest Hospital Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai); Xiling Shou (Shaanxi Provincial People's Hospital, Xi'an); Xiangjun Yang (First Affiliated Hospital Of Soochow University, Suzhou); Jian'An Wang and Meixiang Xiang (The Second Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University, Hangzhou); Yingxian Sun (First Hospital of China Medical University, Shenyang); Qinghua Lu (Second Hospital of Shandong University, Jinan); Ruiyan Zhang (Ruijin Hospital Affiliated to Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai); Jianhua Zhu (First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University, Hangzhou); Yizhou Xu (Hangzhou First People's Hospital, Hangzhou); Zhongcai Fan (Affiliated Hospital of Luzhou Medical College, Luzhou); Tianchang Li (Navy General Hospital, Cardiology Center, Beijing); Chun Wu (Peking University Shenzhen Hospital, Shenzhen).

Colombia (354 patients enrolled) Nicolas Jaramillo (Centro de Medicina del Ejercicio y Rehabilitacion Cardiaca, Medellin); Gregorio Sanchez Vallejo (Fundación Cardiomet CEQUIN, Armenia, Quindio); Diana C Luna Botia (Hospital Santa Clara, Bogota); Rodrigo Botero Lopez (IPS Rodrigo Botero SAS, Medellin); Dora I Molina De Salazar (Asociacion IPS Medicos Internistas de Manizales, Caldas); Alberto J Cadena Bonfanti and Carlos Cotes Aroca (Clinica de la Costa Ltda, Barranquilla); Juan Diego Higuera and Marco Blanquicett (Fundación Oftalmológica FOSCAL.); Sandra I Barrera Silva (Caja de Compensacion Familiar CAFAM, Bogota); Henry J Garcia Lozada (Fundacion Centro de Investigaciones Biomedicas Riescard, Espinal - Tolima); Julian A Coronel Arroyo (IPS Centro Medico Julian Coronel S.A., Cali, Valle); Jose L Accini Mendoza (IPS Centro científico asistencial SAS, Barranquilla); Ricardo L Fernandez Ruiz and Alvaro M. Quintero Ossa (Centro Cardiovascular Colombiano Clinica Santa Maria CARDIOVID Medellin, Antioquia); Fernando G Manzur Jatin (Centro de diagnostico cardiologico, Cartagena); Aristides Sotomayor Herazo (Centro Cardiovascular Santa Lucia, Cartagena, Bolivar); Jeffrey Castellanos Parada and Rafael Suarez Arambula (SIMEDICS IPS S.A.S, Bogota D.C.); Miguel A Urina Triana (Fundacion del Caribe para la Investigacion Biomedica, Barranquilla); Angela M Fernandez Trujillo (Centro Medico Imbanaco de Cali S.A, Cali, Valle).

Croatia (70 patients enrolled) Maja Strozzi (Clinical Hospital Center Zagreb, Zagreb); Siniša Car (General Hospital Varazdin, Varazdin); Melita Jerić (General Hospital Varazdin, Varazdin), Davor Miličić (University Hospital Center Zagreb, Zagreb); Martina Lovrić Benčić (Clinical Hospital Center Zagreb, Zagreb); Hrvoje Pintarić (University Hospital Centre „Sestre Milosrdnice“, Zagreb); Đeiti Prvulović (General Hospital Slavonski Brod, Slavonski brod); Jozica Šikić (Clinical Hospital Sveti Duh, Zagreb); Viktor Peršić (Thalassoterapia-Opatija, Opatija); Dean Mileta (Clinical Hospital Merkur, Zagreb); Kresimir Štambuk (Special Hosp. for Med. Rehab.Krapinske Toplice, Krapinske Toplice); Zdravko Babić (Clinical Hospital Center, 'Sestre Milosrdnice', Zagreb); Vjekoslav Tomulic (Clinical Hospital Center Rijeka, Rijeka); Josip Lukenda and Stanka Mejic Krstulovic (General Hospital Dubrovnik, General Hospital Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik); Boris Starcevic (Clinical Hospital Dubrava, Clinical Hospital Dubrava, Zagreb).

Czech Republic (381 patients enrolled) Jindrich Spinar (FN Brno, Brno); David Horak and Zdenek Velicka (Krajska Nemocnice Liberec a.s., Liberec); Josef Stasek (Fakultni Nemocnice Hradec Kralove, Hradec Kralove); David Alan (Fakultni Nemocnice v Motole, Praha); Vilma Machova (Interni a kardiologicka ambulance, InterkardioML, s.r.o., Marianske Lazne); Ales Linhart (Vseobecna Fakultni Nemocnice V Praze, Praha); Vojtech Novotny (Nemocnice Pardubickeho kraje, a.s., Pardubice); Vladimir Kaucak (Mestska Nemocnice Ostrava, Ostrava); Richard Rokyta (Fakultni Nemocnice Plzen, Plzen); Robert Naplava (Centrum pro choroby srdce a cev, Kromeriz); Zdenek Coufal (Krajska Nemocnice Tomase Bati a.s., Zlin); Vera Adamkova (Institut klinicke a experimentalni mediciny, Praha); Ivo Podpera (Oblastni Nemocnice Kladno a.s., Kladno); Jiri Zizka (Thomayerova nemocnice, Praha); Zuzana Motovska (Fakultni Nemocnice Kralovske Vinohrady, Praha); Ivana Marusincova (Kardio Sever, r.o., Ceska Lipa); Premysl Svab (Kardiologicka ambulance, Rakovnik); Petr Ostadal (Nemocnice Na Homolce, Praha); Petr Heinc (Fakultni Nemocnice Olomouc, Olomouc); Jiri Kuchar (Kardiologie s.r.o., Cesky Krumlov); Petr Povolny (Cardiocentrum Kladno s.r.o., P-P klinika Kladno, Kladno); Jiri Matuska (Interni a cevni ambulance, Hodonin).

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Copenhagen); Ole May; Morten Bøttcher (Region Hospital Herning, Herning); Jens D Hove (Hvidovre Hospital, Hvidovre); Lars Frost (Regionshospitalet Silkeborg, Silkeborg); Gunnar Gislason (Gentofte Hospital, Hellerup); John Larsen (Næstved Sygehus, Næstved); Peter Betton Johansen; Flemming Hald and Peter Johansen (Sygehus Lillebælt, Vejle Sygehus, Vejle); Jørgen Jeppesen (Glostrup Hospital, Glostrup); Tonny Nielsen (Sjællands Universitetshospital Køge, Køge); Kjeld S Kristensen; Piotr Maria Walichiewicz (Holbaek Sygehus, Holbaek); Jens D Lomholdt (Slagelse Sygehus, Slagelse); Ib C Klausen (Regionshospitalet Viborg, Viborg); Peter Kaiser Nielsen (Hillerød Hospital, Hillerød); Flemming Davidsen (Sygehus Sønderjylland, Aabenraa); Lars Videbaek (Odense Universitetshospital, Odense C).

Estonia (216 patients enrolled) Margus Viigimaa (North Estonia Medical Centre, Tallinn); Mai Soots (SA Viljandi Haigla, Viljandimaa); Veiko Vahula (SA Pärnu Haigla, Pärnu); Anu Hedman (AS Ida-Tallinna Keskhaigla, Tallinn); Üllar Soopõld (SA Tartu Ülikooli Kliinikum, Tartu); Kaja Märtsin and Tiina Jurgenson (Mustamäe Tervisekeskus OÜ, Tallinn); Arved Kristjan (Mahe Perearst OU, Tallinn).

Finland (116 patients enrolled) **Markku S Nieminen**, (Biomedicum and Division of Cardiology, Helsinki University Hospital, Juhani K Airaksinen); Saila Vikman Heart Center, Tampere University Hospital; Heikki Huikuri (University Hospital of Oulu), Juhani Airaksinen (Turun Yliopistollinen sairaala Sydänkeskus)

France (185 patients enrolled) Pierre Coste (Hôpital Cardiologique du Haut-Leveque, Pessac); Emile Ferrari (Hôpital Pasteur, Nice); Nicolas Danchin (Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou, Paris); Olivier Morel (Nouvel Hôpital Civil, Strasbourg); Gilles Montalescot (Hôpital Pitié Salpêtrière, Paris); Jacques Machecourt and Gilles Barone-Rochette (CHU Albert Michallon, Grenoble); Jacques Mansourati (CHU De Brest Hôpital de la Cavale Blanche, Brest); Yves Cottin (CHU de Dijon Le Bocage Central, Dijon); Philippe Gabriel Steg (Hôpital Bichat, Paris); Florence Leclercq (Hôpital Arnaud de Villeneuve, Montpellier); Abdelkader Belhassane (Centre Hospitalier de Cambrai, Cambrai); Nicolas Delarche (Centre Hospitalier Général, Pau); Franck Boccara (Hôpital Saint-Antoine, Paris); Franck Paganelli (Hôpital Nord, Marseille); Jérôme Clerc (CH Compiègne - Noyon, Compiègne); Francois Schiele (CHU Jean Minjot, Besançon); Victor Aboyans (CHU Dupuytren, Limoges); Vincent Probst (CHU de Nantes, Nantes); Jacques Berland (Clinique Saint Hilaire, Rouen); Thierry Lefèvre (Institut Hospitalier Jacques Cartier, Massy); Bernard Citron (CHU Gabriel Montpied, Clermont-Ferrand).

Georgia (131 patients enrolled) Vakhtang Chumburidze (Chapidze Emergency Cardiology Center, Tbilisi); Irakli Khintibidze ("Aleksandr Aladashvili Clinic" LLC, Tbilisi); Tamaz Shaburishvili (Tbilisi Heart and Vascular Clinic, Ltd, Tbilisi); Zurab Pagava (Center of vascular and heart diseases, Tbilisi); Ramaz Ghlonti (Unimed Ajara Batumi Referral Hospital, Batumi); Zaza Lominadze (LTD "Clinic-LJ", Kutaisi); George Khabeishvili (Tbilisi Heart and Vascular Clinic, Ltd, Tbilisi).

Germany (509 patients enrolled) Rayyan Hemetsberger and Kemala Edward (St. Johannes Hospital, Dortmund); Ursula Rauch-Kröhnert (Charité - Universitätsmedizin Campus Benjamin Franklin, Berlin); Matthias Stratmann (Kardiologische Gemeinschaftspraxis, Dortmund); Karl-Friedrich Appel (Studienzentrum Dr. Appel, Kassel); Ekkehard Schmidt (Cardiologicum Hamburg, Hamburg); Heyder Omran (GFO Kliniken Bonn, Bonn); Christoph Stellbrink (Klinikum Bielefeld Mitte, Bielefeld); Thomas Dorsel (Joseph-Hospital Warendorf, Warendorf); Emmanouil Lianopoulos and Hans Friedrich Vöhringer (DRK Kliniken Berlin-Köpenick, Berlin); Roger Marx (MediClin Fachklinik Rhein/Ruhr, Essen); Andreas Zirlik (Universitätsherzzentrum Freiburg, Freiburg); Detlev Schellenberg (Institut für Klinische Forschung, Rotenburg an der Fulda); Thomas Heitzer (Klinikum Dortmund, Dortmund); Ulrich Laufs and Christian Werner (Universitätsklinikum des Saarlandes, Homburg/Saar); Nikolaus Marx (Universitätsklinikum Aachen, Aachen); Stephan Gielen and Sebastian Nuding (Universitätsklinikum Halle/Saale, Halle (Saale)); Bernhard Winkelmann (ClinPhenomics GmbH & Co. KG, Frankfurt am Main); Steffen Behrens (Vivantes Humboldt-Klinikum, Berlin); Karsten Sydow and Mahir Karakas (Universitäres Herzzentrum Hamburg GmbH, Hamburg); Gregor Simonis (FAZ Dresden-Neustadt GbR, Dresden); Thomas Muenzel (Universitätsklinikum Mainz, Mainz); Nikos Werner (Universitätsklinikum Bonn, Bonn); Stefan Leggewie (Universitäts-Herzzentrum Freiburg-Bad Krozingen, Bad Krozingen); Dirk Böcker (St. Marien-Hospital Hamm, Hamm); Rüdiger Braun-Dullaues (Universitätsklinikum Magdeburg, Magdeburg); Nicole Toursarkissian (Praxis Dr. Nicole Toursarkissian, Berlin); Michael Jeserich (GP Dr. Hagenmiller, PD Dr. Michael Jeserich, Nürnberg); Matthias Weißbrodt (Gemeinschaftspraxis Dr. M. Löbe, Dr. M. Weißbrodt, Leipzig); Tim Schaeufele (Robert-Bosch-Krankenhaus GmbH, Stuttgart); Joachim Weil (Sana Kliniken Lübeck, Lübeck); Heinz Völler (Klinik am See, Rüdersdorf bei Berlin); Johannes Waltenberger (Universitätsklinikum Münster, Münster); Mohammed Natour (HPK-Heidelberger Privatklinik für

Kardiologie, Heidelberg); Susanne Schmitt and Dirk Müller-Wieland (Asklepios Klinik St. Georg., Allgemeine Innere Medizin, Hamburg); Stephan Steiner (Krankenhausgesellschaft St. Vincenz mbH, Limburg); Lothar Heidenreich and Elmar Offers (Dreifaltigkeits-Hospital Lippstadt, Lippstadt); Uwe Gremmler (MVZ Ambulantes Kardiologisches Zentrum Peine GbR, Peine); Holger Killat (Praxis Dr. Holger Killat, Haßloch); Werner Rieker (Studienzentrum Rankestrasse, Berlin).

Greece (70 patients enrolled) Sotiris Patsilinos ("Konstantopouleio" General Hospital of Nea Ionia, Athens); Athanasios Kartalis ("Skylitseo" General Hospital of Chios, Chios); Athanassios Manolis ("Asklipeio" General Hospital, Athens); Dimitrios Sionis and Gargios Chachalis ("Sismanogleio" General Hospital of Attica, Marousi); Evangelos Liberopoulos (University General Hospital of Ioannina, Ioannina); Ioannis Skoumas ("Ippokrateio" General Hospital, Athens); Vasilios Athyros ("Ippokrateio" General Hospital, Thessaloniki); Panagiotis Vardas and Frangkiskos Parthenakis (University General Hospital of Heraklion, Crete); previous PI Dimitrios Alexopoulos / current PI Georgios Hahalos (University General Hospital of Patra, Patra); John Lekakis ("Attikon" University General Hospital, Athens); Apostolos Hatzitolios (AHEPA General Hospital of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki).

Guatemala (25 patients enrolled) Sergio R Fausto Ovando (Cilincal Research Center, Guatemala); Pablo Carlos Montenegro Valdovinos (Clinica Privada, Guatemala); Juan L Arango Benecke (Clinicas Medicas; Dr. Arango, Guatemala); Edgar R Rodriguez De Leon (Unidad de Diagnostico Cardiologico, Guatemala).

Hong Kong (17 patients enrolled) Bryan PY Yan (Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, NT); David CW Siu (Queen Mary Hospital).

Hungary (224 patients enrolled) Tibor Turi (Fejér Megyei Szent György Egyetemi Oktató Kórház, Székesfehérvár); Bela Merkely (Semmelweis Egyetem Városmajori Szív-és Érgyógyászati Klinika, Budapest); Robert Gabor Kiss (Magyar Honvédség Egészségügyi Központ, Budapest); Imre Ungi (Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Szeged); Geza Lupkovics (Zala Megyei Szent Rafael Kórház, Zalaegerszeg); Lajos Nagy (Markusovszky Egyetemi Oktatókórház, Szombathely); András Katona (Békés Megyei Központi Kórház, Gyula); István Édes (Debreceni Egyetem Klinikai Központ, Debrecen); Gábor Müller (Markhot Ferenc Oktatókórház és Rendelőintézet, Eger); Iván Horvath (Pécsi Tudományegyetem Klinikai Központ, Pécs); Tibor Kapin and Zsolt Szigeti (Bajcsy-Zsilinszky KórházRendelőintézet, Budapest); József Faluközy (Állami Szívkórház Balatonfüred, Balatonfüred).

India (521 patients enrolled) Mukund Kumbha (Omega Hospital, Mangalore); Manjinder Sandhu (Artemis Health Institute, Gurgaon); Sharath Annam (Sunshine Hospital, Secunderabad); Naveen Reddy Proddutur and Reddy Regella (Medicity Hospitals, Hyderabad); Rajendra K Premchand (Krishna Institute Of Medical Sciences, Secunderabad); Ajaykumar Mahajan and Sudhir Pawar (Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College & General Hospital, Mumbai); Atul D Abhyankar (Nirmal Hospital Pvt Ltd, Surat); Prafulla Kerkar (Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai); Ravishankar A Govinda (K.R.Hospital, Mysore); Abraham Oommen (Apollo Hospital, Chennai); Dhurjati Sinha (ICVS at IPGME&R, SSKM Hospital, Kolkata); Sachin N Patil (Aster Aadhar Hospital, Kolhapur); Dhiman Kahali (B. M. Birla Heart Research Centre, Kolkata); Jitendra Sawhney (Dharma Vira Heart Center, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi); Abhijeet B Joshi (Niramay Hospital, Pune); Sanjeev Chaudhary (Fortis Hospital, Gurgaon); Pankaj Harkut (Meditrina Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur); Santanu Guha (Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata); Sanjay Porwal (KLEs Dr Prabhakar Kore Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Belgaum); Srimannarayana Jujuru (Andhra Hospital, Vijaywada); Ramesh B Pothineni (Dr. Ramesh Cardiac & Multispeciality Hospital Ltd., Vijayawada); Minguel R Monteiro (UGH Vintage Hospital & Medical Research Centre Pvt Ltd, Panaji); Aziz Khan (Crescent hospital and heart clinic, Nagpur); Shamanna S Iyengar (Manipal Hospital, Bangalore, Karnataka); Jasprakash Singh Grewal (Satguru Pratap Singh Apollo Hospitals, Ludhiana); Manoj Chopda (Magnum Heart Institute, Nashik); Mahesh C Fulwani (Shrikrishna Hrudayalay and Critical Care Centre, Nagpur); Dr. Aparna Patange and Patil Sachin (Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences Deemed University, Karad, Maharashtra); Vijay K Chopra (Medanta - The Medicity, New Delhi); Naresh K Goyal (Max Super Speciality Hospital, Delhi, Delhi); Rituparna Shinde (Sanjeevan Hospital, Pune); Gajendra V Manakshe (Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed University, Wardha); Nitin Patki (Maharashtra Medical Foundation Joshi Hospital, Pune, Maharashtra); Sumeet Sethi (Max Heart & Vascular Institute, New Delhi); Vengatesh Munusamy (SRM Medical College Hospital And Research Centre, Chennai); Sunil Karnaand Sunil Thanvi (Bahubhai And Madhuben Patel Cardiac Centre, Karamsad); Srilakshmi Adhyapak and Chandrakant

Patil (St John's Medical College & Hospital, Bangalore); Ulhas Pandurangi (Madras Medical Mission, Chennai); Rishabh Mathur and Jugal Gupta (S. R. Kalla Memorial Gastro & General Hospital, Jaipur); Suhas Kalashetti (K. E. M Hospital, Pune, Maharashtra); Ajit Bhagwat (Kamal Nayan Bajaj Hospital, Aurangabad); Bagirath Raghuraman (Chinmaya Narayana superspeciality hospital, Bangalore); Shiv Kumar Yerra (Mahavir Hospital And Research Centre, Hyderabad); Prasant Bhansali (AMC-MET medical College and Sheth L G General Hospital, Ahmedabad); Rohidas Borse and Patil Rahul (B.J. Government Med. College and Sassoon General Hospitals, Pune); Srihari Das and Vinay Kumar (NH-Narayana Multispecialty hospital, Bangalore); Jabir Abdullakutty (Lisie Hospital, Cochin); Shireesh Saathe (Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune); Priya Palimkar (Jehangir Clinical Development centre, Pune); Jabir Abdullakutty (Lisie Hospital, Kochi); Shireesh Saathe (Dmangeshkar Hospital, Pune); Priya Palimkar (Jehangir Hospital, Pune).

Israel (582 patients enrolled) Shaul Atar (Western Galilee Medical Center, Nahariya); Michael Shechter (Sheba MC, Tel HaShomer); Morris Mosseri (Meir Medical Center, Kfar Saba); Yaron Arbel, Chorin Ehud and Havakuk Ofer (Tel Aviv Sourasky MC, Tel Aviv); Chaim Lotan (Hadassah Ein Kerem MC, Jerusalem); Uri Rosenschein (Bnai Zion Medical Center, Haifa); Amos Katz (Barzilai Medical Center, Ashkelon); Yaakov Henkin (Soroka Medical Center, Beer Sheva); Adi Francis (Holy Family Hospital, Nazareth); Marc Klutstein (Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem); Eugenia Nikolsky and Robert Zukermann (Rambam MC, Haifa); Yoav Turgeman (Haemek Medical Center, Afula); Majdi Halabi and Alon Marmor (Ziv Medical Center, Safed); Ran Kornowski (Rabin Mc Belinson Campus, Petah-Tikva); Michael Jonas (Kaplan Medical Center, Rehovot); Offer Amir and Yonathan Hasin (The Baruch Padeh Medical Center, Poriya, Tiberias); Yoseph Rozenman (Wolfson Mc, Holon); Shmuel Fuchs and Vered Zvi (Rabin Mc Belinson Campus, Petah-Tikva); Osamah Hussein (Ziv Medical Center, Safed); Dov Gavish (Wolfson Mc, Holon); Zvi Vered (Assaf Harofe Medical Center, Tzrifin); Yoseph Caraco (Hadassah Ein Kerem MC, Jerusalem); Mazen Elias (Haemek Medical Center, Afula); Naveh Tov and Efrat Wolfovitz (Bnai Zion Medical Center, Haifa); Michael Lishner (Meir Medical Center, Kfar Saba); Nizar Elias (Bnei Zion MC, Haifa).

Italy (275 patients enrolled) Giancarlo Piovaccari (Ospedale Degli Infermi Rimini, Rimini); Annamaria De Pellegrin and Raffaella Garbelotto (UO Medicina Generale Ospedale di Vittorio Veneto, Vittorio Veneto); Gabriele Guardigli and Valgimigli Marco (Azienda Ospedaliera S. Anna, Ferrara); Giovanni Licciardello (Ospedale E. Moscatello, Augusta, Salerno); Carla Auguadro and Filippo Scalise (Policlinico di Monza, Monza); Claudio Cuccia (Fondazione Poliambulanza - Istituto Ospedaliero, Brescia); Alessandro Salvioni (Centro Cardiologico Fondazione Monzino, Milano); Giuseppe Musumeci and Michelle Senni (ASST-Papa Giovanni XXII, Bergamo); Paolo Calabrò (Azienda Ospedaliera Monaldi, Napoli); Salvatore Novo (A O Universitaria Policlinico P Giaccone, Palermo); Pompilio Faggiano and Marco Metra (Azienda Ospedaliera Spedali Civili di Brescia, Brescia); Nicoletta B De Cesare (Policlinico San Marco - Istituti Ospedalieri Bergamaschi, Osio Sotto, Bergamo); Sergio Berti (Fond. Toscana G. Monasterio-Presidio di Massa-Osped. del Cuore, Massa, Massa-Carrara); Claudio Cavallini (Ospedale S Maria Della Misericordia, Perugia); Enrico Puccioni (Ospedale Civile di Livorno - Divisione Cardiologia-UTIC, Livorno); Marcello Galvani (Ospedale Morgagni-Pierantoni, Forlì, Forlì-Cesena); Maurizio Tespili (Ospedale Bolognini, Seriate, Bergamo); Piermarco Piatti (Ospedale San Raffaele, Milano); Michela Palvarini (A.O. Guido Salvini - P.O. di Passirana, Rho, Milano); Giuseppe De Luca (Azienda Ospedaliera Maggiore Della Carità, Novara); Roberto Violini (Azienda Ospedaliera San Camillo-Forlanini, Roma); Alessandro De Leo and Zoran Olivari (Ospedale Civile Treviso Presidio Ospedaliero Ca' Foncello, Treviso); Pasquale Perrone Filardi (Az. Ospedaliera Univ. Federico II, Napoli); Maurizio Ferratini (IRCCS Fondazione "Don Gnocchi" Centro "S. Maria Nacente", Milano); Vittorio Racca (IRCCS Fondazione "Don Gnocchi" Centro "S. Maria Nacente" – Cardiologia, Milano).

Japan (204 patients enrolled) Kazuoki Dai and Yuji Shimatani (Hiroshima City Hospital, Hiroshima-shi, Hiroshima); Haruo Kamiya (Japanese Red Cross Nagoya Daiichi Hospital, Nagoya-shi, Aichi); Kenji Ando (Kokura Memorial Hospital, Kitakyushu-shi, Fukuoka); Yoshihiro Takeda (Rinku General Medical Center, Izumisano-shi, Osaka); Yoshihiro Morino (Iwate Medical University Hospital, Morioka-shi, Iwate); Yoshiki Hata (Minamino Cardiovascular Hospital, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo); Kazuo Kimura (Yokohama City University Medical Center, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa); Koichi Kishi (Tokushima Red Cross Hospital, Komatsushima-shi, Tokushima); Ichiro Michishita (Yokohama Sakae Kyosai Hospital, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa); Hiroki Uehara (Urasoe General Hospital, Urasoe-shi, Okinawa); Toshinori Higashikata

(National Health Insurance Komatsu Municipal Hospital, Komatsu-shi, Ishikawa); Atsushi Hirayama (Nihon University Itabashi Hospital, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo); Keiji Hirooka and Yasuji Doi (Saiseikai Senri Hospital, Suita-shi, Osaka); Satoru Sakagami (Kanazawa Medical Center, Kanazawa-shi, Ishikawa); Shuichi Taguchi (Mito Medical Center, Higashiibaraki-gun, Ibaraki); Akihiro Koike (Fukuoka-Higashi Medical Center, Koga-shi, Fukuoka); Hiroyuki Fujinaga (Tokushima Prefectural Central Hospital, Tokushima-shi, Tokushima); Shinji Koba (Showa University Hospital, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo); Ken Kozuma (Teikyo University Hospital, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo); Tomohiro Kawasaki (Shin-Koga Hospital, Kurume-shi, Fukuoka); Yujiro Ono (Higashi-Hiroshima Medical Center, Higashihiroshima-shi, Hiroshima); Masatoshi Shimizu (Kobe Medical Center, Kobe-shi, Hyogo); Yousuke Katsuda (Fukuoka City Medical Association Hospital, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka); Atsuyuki Wada (Kusatsu General Hospital, Kusatsu-shi, Shiga); Toshiro Shinke (Kobe University Hospital, Kobe-shi, Hyogo); Takeshi Kimura (Kyoto University Hospital, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto); Junya Ako (Kitasato University Hospital, Sagamihara-shi, Kanagawa); Kenshi Fujii (Sakurabashi Watanabe Hospital, Osaka-shi, Osaka); Toshiyuki Takahashi (Tokyo Saiseikai Central Hospital, Minato-ku, Tokyo); Tomohiro Sakamoto and Koichi Nakao (Saiseikai Kumamoto Hospital, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto); Yutaka Furukawa (Kobe City Medical Center General Hospital, Kobe-shi, Hyogo); Hiroshi Sugino and Ritsu Tamura (Kure Medical Center and Chugoku Cancer Center, Kure-shi, Hiroshima); Toshiaki Mano and Masaaki Uematsu (Kansai Rosai Hospital, Amagasaki-shi, Hyogo); Noriaki Utsu (Minami Osaka Hospital, Osaka-shi, Osaka); Kashima Ito (Nerima Hospital, Nerima-ku, Tokyo); Takuya Haraguchi and Katsuhiko Sato (Caress Sapporo Tokeidai Memorial Clinic, Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido); Yasunori Ueda (Osaka National Hospital, Osaka-shi, Osaka); Akira Nishibe (Amagasaki New Town Hospital, Amagasaki-shi, Hyogo); Kazuteru Fujimoto (Kumamoto Medical Center, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto); Motomaru Masutani and Akira Nishibe (Human Medical Amagasaki New Town Hospital, Amagasaki-shi); Kazuteru Fujimoto (National Hospital Organization Kumamoto Medical Center, Kumamoto-shi).

Korea, Republic of (94 patients enrolled) Jung Han Yoon (Yonsei University Wonju Severance Christian Hospital, Wonju, Gangwon-do); **Sang-Hyun Kim and Hack-Lyoung Kim** (SMG Seoul National University Boramae Medical Center, Seoul, Seoul); Hun Sik Park (Kyungpook National University Hospital, Daegu); In-Ho Chae (Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, Seongnam, Gyeonggi-do); Moo Hyun Kim (Dong-A University Medical Center, Busan); Myung Ho Jeong (Chonnam National University Hospital, Gwangju, Gwangju); Seungwoon Rha (Korea University Guro Hospital, Seoul); Chongjin Kim (KyungHee University Hospital at Gangdong, Seoul, Seoul); Hyo-Soo Kim and Hae Young Kim (Seoul National University Hospital, Seoul, Seoul); Taekjong Hong (Pusan University Hospital, Busan, Busan); Seung-Jea Tahk (Ajou University Hospital, Suwon, Gyeonggi-Do); Youngkwon Kim (Dongguk University Medical Center, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-Do).

Latvia (80 patients enrolled) Arija Busmane (Adoria, Sabiedriba ar ierobežotu atbildību, Riga); Natalija Pontaga (SIA "Daugavpils reģionālā slimnīca, Daugavpils); Aldis Strelnieks (Rīgas Austrumu klīniskā universitātes slimnīca, SIA, Rīga); Iveta Mintale (Pauls Stradiņš Klīniskā Universitātes Hospital, Rīga); Iveta Sīme (Regional Hospital of Liepāja, Liepāja).

Lithuania (188 patients enrolled) Zaneta Petrulionienė (Vilnius University Hospital Santaros klinikos, Vilnius); Roma Kavaliauskienė (Clinic of Cardiology and Rehabilitation, Klaipėda); Ruta Jurgaitienė (Hospital of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Kaunas); Gintarė Sakalytė and Rimvydas Slapikas (Hospital of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Kaunas); Sigute Norkienė (Klaipėda Seamen's hospital, Klaipėda); Nerijus Misonis (Private Medicine Center Kardivita, Vilnius); Aleksandras Kibarskis (Private Cardiologic Clinic Sirdies Namai, Vilnius); Raimondas Kubilius (Elite Medica, Kaunas).

Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of (132 patients enrolled) Stojko Bojovski (Cardiological Diagnostic Center, Tetovo); Sasko Kedev (University Clinic of Cardiology, Skopje); Nensi Lozance (Clinical hospital dr. Trifun Panovski, Bitola, Bitola); Aleksandar Kjojvaroski (Military medical Center, Skopje); Snezana Doncovska (PHI Clinical hospital Shtip, Shtip).

Malaysia (110 patients enrolled) Tiong Kiam Ong (Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching); Sazzli Kasim (Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Sungai Buloh Campus, Sungai Buloh, Selangor); Oteh Maskon (Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur); Balachandran Kandasamy (Institut Jantung Negara, Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur); Khalid Yusoff (Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Selangor)

Campus, Batu Caves and UCSI University); Houg B Liew (Queen Elizabeth Hospital II, Kota Kinabalu); Wan Mohd Izani Wan Mohamed (Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia, Kota Bharu).

Mexico (349 patients enrolled) Armando García Castillo (Cardiolink Clin Trials S.C., Monterrey, Nuevo León); Gabriel Arturo Ramos López (Medical Office, Guadalajara, Jalisco); Jorge Carrillo Calvillo (Hospital Central "Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto", San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí); Pedro Fajardo Campos (CINAME Centro de Investigación Cardiovascular y Metabólica, Tijuana, Baja California Norte); Juan Carlos Núñez Fragoso (Lahoja Asociación para la Investigación y la Farmacovigilancia S.C., Durango, Durango); Edmundo Alfredo Bayram Llamas (Fundación Cardiovascular de Aguascalientes A.C., Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes); Marco Antonio Alcocer Gamba (Centro de Estudios Clínicos de Querétaro, S.C., Querétaro, Querétaro); Jaime Carranza Madrigal (Unidad de Prevención y Atención Metabólica, Morelia, Michoacan); Luis Gerardo González Salas (Centro para el Desarrollo de la Medicina y de Asistencia Médica Especializada, S.C., Culiacán, Sinaloa); Enrique López Rosas (Centro de Alta Especialidad "Dr. Rafael Lucio", Jalapa, Veracruz); Belinda González Díaz (UMAE Hospital de Cardiología del Centro Médico Nacional Siglo XXI., Ciudad de México, México); Eduardo Salcido Vázquez (Antiguo Hospital Civil de Guadalajara "Fray Antonio Alcalde", Guadalajara, Jalisco); Alfredo Nacoud Ackar (Hospital Universitario "Dr. José Eleuterio González", Monterrey, Nuevo León); Guillermo Antonio Llamas Esperón (Hospital Cardiológica Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes); Carlos Rodolfo Martínez Sánchez (Instituto Nacional de Cardiología "Ignacio Chávez", Ciudad de México, México); María Guerrero De Leon (Avix Investigación Clínica, S.C., Monterrey, Nuevo León); Rodrigo Suarez Otero (INBIOMEDYC Toluca, Toluca, México); Guillermo Fanghanel Salmón (Clínica Integral del Paciente Diabético y Obeso, Ciudad de México, México); Jesús Antonio Pérez Ríos (OSMO Oaxaca Site Management Organization S.C., Oaxaca, Oaxaca); José Angel Garza Ruíz (IMED Internal Medicine Clin Trials, Monterrey, Nuevo León).

Netherlands (686 patients enrolled) Marco Alings (Amphia Ziekenhuis Molengracht, Breda); Robert W Breedveld, Margriet Feenema-Aardema and Alida Borger-Van Der Burg (Medisch Centrum Leeuwarden, Leeuwarden); Pieter AM Hoogslag (Diaconessenhuis Meppel, Meppel); Harry Suryapranata (Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen); Antonius Oomen, Paulus Van Haelst and Margriet Feenema-Aradema (D & A Research, Sneek); Jacobijne J Wiersma and Dirk Basart (Vasculair Onderzoeks Centrum BV, Hoorn); Ruud MA Van Der Wal and Peter Zwart (Ziekenhuis Bernhoven, Uden); Pascalle Monraats and Henricus Van Kesteren (Admiraal De Ruiter Ziekenhuis, Goes); Ioannis Karalis and Johan Jukema (Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden); Gerardus JE Verdel (Spaarne Gasthuis, Haarlem); Bart RG Brueren (Catharina Ziekenhuis, Eindhoven); Roland PTh Troquay (VieCuri Medisch Centrum Voor Noord-Limburg, Venlo); Eric P Viergever (Groene Hart Ziekenhuis, Gouda); Nadea YY Al-Windy (Gelre Ziekenhuis Zutphen, Zutphen); Gerard L Bartels (Martini Ziekenhuis, Groningen); Jan H Cornel (Noordwest Ziekenhuisgroep, locatie Alkmaar, Alkmaar); Walter RM Hermans (St Elisabeth Ziekenhuis, Tilburg); Johannes PR Herrman (OLVG locatie Oost, Amsterdam); Robert J Bos (Bravis Ziekenhuis, Roosendaal); Reginald GEJ Groutars (OLVG locatie Oost, Amsterdam); Coenraad C Van Der Zwaan (Ziekenhuis Rivierenland, Tiel); Refik Kaplan and Raymond Lionarons (Röpcke-Zweers Ziekenhuis, Hardenberg); Eelko Ronner (Reinier De Graaf Gasthuis, Delft); Bjorn E Groenemeijer (Gelre Diagnostisch Centrum, Apeldoorn); Patrick NA Bronzwaer (Zaans Medisch Centrum, Zaandam); Anho AH Liem (Sint Franciscus Gasthuis, Rotterdam); Bernard JWM Rensing (St Antonius Ziekenhuis, Nieuwegein); Marcel JJA Bokern (Waterlandziekenhuis, Purmerend); Remco Nijmeijer (Tjongerschans Hospital Heerenveen, Heerenveen); Ferry MRJ Hersbach (Maasstad ziekenhuis, Rotterdam); Frank F Willems (Rijnstate Ziekenhuis, Arnhem); Antonius TM Gosselink and Saman Rasoul (Isala Klinieken, Zwolle).

New Zealand (257 patients enrolled) John Elliott (Christchurch Hospital, Christchurch, Canterbury); Gerard Wilkins (Dunedin Hospital, Dunedin, Otago); Raewyn Fisher (Waikato Hospital, Hamilton, Waikato); Douglas Scott (Middlemore Hospital, Otahuhu, Auckland); Hamish Hart (North Shore Hospital, Takapuna, Auckland); Ralph Stewart (Auckland City Hospital, Grafton, Auckland); Scott Harding (Wellington Hospital, Newtown, Wellington); Ian Ternouth (Taranaki Base Hospital, New Plymouth, Taranaki); Nicholas Fisher and Samuel Wilson (Nelson Hospital, Nelson, Nelson); Denise Aitken (Lakes District Health Board, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty); Russell Anscombe (Hutt Valley District Health Board, Lower Hutt, Wellington); Laura Davidson (Palmerston North Hospital, Palmerston North, Manawatu-Wanganui).

Norway (97 patients enrolled) Tadeusz Tomala (Svelvik Legesenter, Svelvik); Ottar Nygård (Helse Bergen HF, Bergen); Jon Arne Sparby (Sykehuset innlandet HF, Kongsvinger, Kongsvinger); Kjell Andersen (Sykehuset Innlandet HF, Hamar, Hamar); Lars Gullestad (Oslo Universitetssykehus HF, Oslo); Jarle Jortveit (Sørlandet sykehus HF Arendal, Arendal); Peter S Munk and Erlend gyllensten Singsaas (Stavanger Helseforskning AS, Stavanger); Sigrun Halvorsen (Oslo Universitetssykehus HF, Oslo); Ulf Hurtig (Sykehuset Innlandet HF, Tynset).

Peru (208 patients enrolled) Roger M Correa Flores (Hospital Nacional IV Alberto Sabogal Sologuren, Callao); Jorge R Calderon Ticona (Novocardio Centro de Investigacion y Atencion Cardiovascular, Lima); Julio R Durand Velasquez (Centro de Invesgaciones Médicas - Hospital Maria Auxiliadora, Lima); Sandra A Negrón Miguel (Clínica Internacional Sede San Borja, Lima); Enrique S Sanabria Perez (Clinica Javier Prado, Lima); Jesus M Carrion Chambilla (Hospital Nacional Arzobispo Loayza, Lima); Carlos A Chavez Ayala (Hospital Nacional Daniel Alcides Carrión, Callao); Reynaldo P Castillo Leon (Clínica San Gabriel - Consultorio 316, Lima); Rolando J Vargas Gonzales (Clínica Virgen María Auxiliadora, Piura); Jose D Hernandez Zuniga (Clinica Medica San Martin E.I.R.L, Ica); Luis A Camacho Cosavalente (Clínica Peruano Americana, Trujillo); Jorge E Bravo Mannucci (Clínica Divino Niño Jesus Orden de Malta.); Javier Heredia Landeo (Clinica Angloamericana, Clinica Angloamericana, Lima); Nassip C Llerena Navarro (Hospital Nacional Carlos Alberto Seguín Escobedo, Arequipa); Yudy M Roldan Concha (Hospital Nacional Hipolito Unanue, Lima); Victor E Rodriguez Chavez (Hospital Central de la Fuerza Aerea Peruana, Lima); Henry A Anchante Hernandez (Hospital Nacional Cayetano Heredia, Lima); Carlos A Zea Nunez (Hospital Nivel IV Adolfo Guevara Velasco, Cuzco); Walter Mogrovejo Ramos (Instituto Neuro Cardiovascular de las Americas, Lima).

Philippines (116 patients enrolled) Arthur Ferrolino (Philippine Heart Center, Quezon City); Rosa Allyn G Sy (Ospital ng Makati Diabetes Clinic, Makati City); Louie Tirador (St. Paul's Hospital, Iloilo City); Rody G. Sy (Cardinal Santos Medical Center, San Juan); Generoso Matiga (Perpetual Succour Hospital/Cebu Heart Institute, Cebu City); Raul Martin Coching (Davao Doctors Hospital, Davao); Alisa Bernan (Community Health and Development Cooperative Hospital., Davao City); Gregorio Rogelio (St. Luke's Medical Center, Quezon); Dante D. Morales (Manila Doctors Hospital, Manila); Edgar Tan (Cebu Doctors University Hospital, Cebu City); Dennis Jose Sulit (Quirino Memorial Medical Center, Quezon City).

Poland (926 patients enrolled) Adrian Wlodarczak (Miedziove Centrum Zdrowia, Lubin.); Krystyna Jaworska, Grzegorz Skonieczny (Wojewodzki Szpital Zespolony im. L. Rydygiera, Torun.); Lidia Pawlowicz (Prywatne Centrum Kardiologii, Torun); Pawel Wojewoda (Poradnia Kardiologiczna Centrum Medyczne Ogrodowa, Skierniewice.); Benita Busz-Papiez (Indywidualna Specjalistyczna Praktyka Lekarska, Szczecin); Janusz Bednarski (Samodzielny Pub. Spec. Szp. Zachodni im. Jana Pawla II, Grodzisk Mazowiecki); Aleksander Goch (10 Wojskowy Szpital Kliniczny z Poliklinika, Bydgoszcz); Pawel Staneta (NZOZ Specjalistyczna Przychodnia Lekarska „Medikard”, Plock); Elzbieta Dulak (NZOZ "Srodmiescie" Sp. z o.o., Gdynia); Andrzej Budaj (Centrum Medyczne Kształcenia Podyplomowego, Szpital Grochowski im. dr med. Rafała Masztaka, Warszawa); Krzysztof Saminski (Centrum Kardiologiczne "Pro Corde" Sp. z o.o., Wrocław); Włodzimierz Krasowski (COPERNICUS Podmiot Leczniczy Sp. z o.o. Szpital Sw. Wojciecha Gdansk); Wanda Sudnik (Centrum Medyczne Dr Sudnik s.c. W&J Sudnik, Sokolka); Aleksander Zurakowski (Malopolskie Centrum Sercowo-Naczyniowe, Chrzanow); Marcin Skorski (SPZOZ w Lecznnej, Leczna); Roman Lysek (Przychodnia Lecznice CITOMED Sp. z o.o., Torun); Beata Miklaszewicz (B.Miklaszewicz & D.Dabrowski "CARDIAMED" Spolka Jawna, Legnica); Jacek Kubica (Szpital Uniwersytecki im. dr A. Jurasza, Bydgoszcz); Jan Andrzej Lipko (5 Wojskowy Szpital Kliniczny z Poliklinika SPZOZ, Krakow); Edyta Kostarska-Srokosz (Centrum Medyczne „Nasze Zdrowie”, Warszawa); Marek Piepiorka (Gabinet Kardiologiczno-Internistyczny, Gdynia); Anna Drzewiecka (NZOZ "Centrum-Med" s.c., Czeladz); Ryszard Sciborski (SPZOZ, Olawa); Arkadiusz Stasiewski (NZOZ Neuro-Kard Ilkowski i Partnerzy, Poznan); Tomasz Blicharski (Lubelskie Centrum Diagnostyczne, Swidnik); Leszek Bystryk (Wojewodzkie Centrum Szpitalne Kotliny Jeleniogorskiej, Jelenia Gora); Michal Szpajer (Poliklinika evi-, Gdynia); Marek Korol (Osrodek Medycyny Rodzinnej Sp. z o.o., Sobotka); Tomasz Czernski (SPZOZ w Wegrowie, Wegrów); Ewa Mirek-Bryniarska (Szpital Specjalistyczny im. J. Dietla, Krakow); Jacek Gniot (SPZOZ w Pulawach, Pulawy); Andrzej Lubinski (Indywidualna Specjalistyczna Praktyka Lekarska A. Lubinski, Lodz); Jerzy Gorny (Wojewodzki Szpital Specjalistyczny, Olsztyn); Edward Franek (Clinical Research Group Sp. z o.o., Warszawa); Grzegorz

Raczak (Centrum Kardiologii Uniwersyteckie Centrum Kliniczne, Gdansk); Hanna Szwed (Instytut Kardiologii, Klinika Choroby Wienicowej, Warsaw).

Portugal (174 patients enrolled) Pedro Monteiro (Centro Hosp e Univ de Coimbra - Hosp da Univ de Coimbra, Coimbra); Jose Mesquita Bastos (Centro Hospitalar de Baixo Vouga, Aveiro); Helder H Pereira (Hospital Garcia De Orta, Almada); Dinis Martins (Hospital Do Divino Espírito Santo, Ponta Delgada); Joao Morais (Centro Hospitalar Leiria Pombal, Leiria); Filipe Seixo (Centro Hospitalar De Setubal EPE, Setubal); Carlos Mendonça (Hospital de Vila Franca de Xira, Vila Franca de Xira); Ana Botelho and Francisca Caetano (Centro Hosp e Univ de Coimbra - Hosp da Univ de Coimbra, Coimbra).

Romania (145 patients enrolled) Bogdan Minescu (Spitalul Judetean De Urgenta Braila, Braila); Octavian Istratoaie (Spitalul Clinic Judetean De Urgenta, Craiova); Dan N Tesloianu (S.C. CARDIOMED SRL, Iasi); Maria Dorobantu (Spitalul Clinic De Urgenta Bucuresti, Bucuresti); Gabriel Cristian and Silviu Dumitrescu (SCUMC "dr. Carol Davila", Bucharest); Cristian GC Podoleanu (Podoleanu G. Cristian Gheorghe Calin, Targu Mures); Mircea CA Constantinescu (S.C. Medcon S.R.L., Buzau); Cristina M Bengus (Spitalul Judetean de Urgenta "Sf. Pantelimon" Focsani, Focsani); Constantin Militaru (Cardiomed SRL, Craiova); Doina Rosu (Spitalul Clinic Judetean de Urgenta "Pius Branzeu", Timisoara); Irinel R Parepa (Spitalul Clinic Judetean de Urgenta Constanta, Constanta); Adrian V Matei (Institutul de Urgenta pentru Boli Cardiovasculare si Transpl, Targu Mures); Tom M Alexandru and Mihaela Malis (Impatients SRL, Codlea); Ioan Coman (Alcor Med Srl, Bucuresti); Rodica Stanescu Cioranu (Clinica Angiomed SRL, Bucuresti); Doina Dimulescu (Spitalul Clinic De Urgenta "elias", Bucuresti).

Russian Federation (1109 patients enrolled) Yury Shvarts (Faculty Therapy Department of Clinical Hospital n.a. Mirotovo, Saratov); Olga Orlikova (Regional Clinical Cardiology Dispensary, Saratov); Zhanna Kobalava (City Clinical Hospital #64, Moscow); Olga L Barbarash (Scientific & Research Institute of Complex Problems of Cardi, Kemerovo); Valentin Markov (Research Institute Of Cardiology, Tomsk); Nadezhda Lyamina (Saratov Scientific Research Institute Of Cardiology, Saratov); Alexander Gordienko (Medical Military Academy n.a.S.M.Kirov, Saint - Petersburg); Konstantin Zrazhevsky (City Hospital #38 named after Semashko N.A, Saint Petersburg); Alexander Y Vishnevsky (Pokrovskaya City Hospital, St-Petersburg); Victor Gurevich (Central Medical Unit #122, St-Petersburg); Raisa Stryuk (City Clinical Hospital No. 71, Moscow); Nikita V Lomakin (Central Clinical Hospital with Polyclinic, Moscow); Igor Bokarev and Tatiana Khlevchuk (City Clinical Hospital n.a. Eramishantsev, Moscow); Sergey Shalaev (State Autonomous Institution of Healthcare of Tyumen region, Tyumen); Larisa Khaisheva (City Emergency Hospital #2, Rostov-On-Don); Petr Chizhov (Therapeutic Department of Clinical Hospital n.a. N.A. Semash, Yaroslavl); Inna Viktorova (Omsk City Clinical Hospital 1, Omsk); Natalya Osokina and Vladimir Shchekotov (State Budgetary Healthcare Institution Clinical Medical Sani, Perm); Evgenia Akatova (City Clinical Hospital#40of the Department of Healthcare of, Moscow); Galina Chumakova (Altay Regional Cardiology Dispensary, Barnaul); Igor Libov (City Clinical Hospital n.a.Botkin ofMoscow Healthcare depart, Moscow); Mikhail I Voevoda (Institute of Therapy and preventive medicine, Novosibirsk); Tatyana V Tretyakova (City Clinical Hospital #25, Novosibirsk); Evgeny Baranov (City Clin. Hosp. #5 of Nizhni Novgorod district, Nizhny Novgorod); Sergey Shustov (Medical Military Academy n.a.S.M.Kirov, Saint - Petersburg); Sergey Yakushin (Ryazan Regional Clinical Cardiology Dispensary, Ryazan); Ivan Gordeev (City Clinical Hospital #15 n.a. Filatov, Moscow); Niiaz Khasanov (State Med. Uni. based on MSHI City Clinical Hospital #7, Kazan); Olga Reshetko (Regional Clinical Hospital, Saratov); Tatiana Sotnikova (City Clinical Hospital n.a.Botkin ofMoscow Healthcare depart, Moscow); Olga Molchanova (National Research Center For Preventive Medicine, Moscow); Konstantin Nikolaev (City Clinical Hospital #19, Novosibirsk); Liudmila Gapon (Tyumen Cardiology Center, Tyumen); Elena Baranova (St. Petersburg State Med. Univ. named for I. P. Pavlov, Saint-Petersburg); Zaur Shogenov (City Clinical Hospital n.a. Veresaev, Moscow); Elena Kosmachova (Regional Clinical Hospital #1, Krasnodar); Yuriy Karpov (Voronezh City Clin. Hosp. of Emergency Medical Care #1, Voronezh); Yuri Karpov (Russian Cardiological Scientific-Productive Complex, Moscow); Anton Povzun (Saint-Petersburg I.I. Dzhanelidze Research Institute of Emer, Saint-Petersburg); Liudmila Egorova (Saint Luke's Clinical Hospital, Saint Petersburg); Vadim V Tyrenko (Military Medical Academy n.a. Kirov, St-Petersburg); Igor G Ivanov and Masterov Ilya (St. George the Martyr City Hospital, Saint-Petersburg); Sergey Kanorsky (Krasnodar City Clinical Urgent Care Hospital, Krasnodar).

Serbia (255 patients enrolled) Dragan Simic (Clinical Centre of Serbia, Belgrade); Nikola Ivanovic (General Hospital Sremska Mitrovica, Sremska Mitrovica); Goran Davidovic (Clinical Centre Kragujevac,

Kragujevac); Nebojsa Tasic (Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases Dedinje, Belgrade); Milika R. Asanin (Clinical Centre of Serbia, Belgrade); Stevo Stojic (General Hospital Pancevo, Pancevo); Svetlana R. Apostolovic (Clinical Center Nis, Nis); Stevan Ilic (Institute for treatment and rehabilitation "Niska Banja", Nis); Biljana Putnikovic Tosic (Clinical Hospital Centre Zemun, Belgrade); Aleksandar Stankovic (General Hospital Leskovac, Leskovac); Aleksandra Arandjelovic (Clinical Hospital Centre Zvezdara, Belgrade); Slavica Radovanovic and Branislava Todoc (Clinical-Hospital Center Bezanijska Kosa, Belgrade); Arsen D. Ristic (Clinical Centre of Serbia, Belgrade); Jovan Balinovac (General Hospital Valjevo, Valjevo); Dragan V. Dincic (Military Medical Academy, Belgrade); Petar Seferovic and Ana Karadzic (Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade); Slobodan Dodic (Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases of Vojvodina, Sremska Kamenica); Sinisa Dimkovic and Tamara Jakimov (Clinical Hospital Center Bezanijska Kosa, Belgrade).

Singapore (49 patients enrolled) Terrance Chua (National Heart Centre, Singapore); Kian-Keong Poh (National University Hospital, Singapore); Hean Yee Ong and Justin Tang I-Shing (Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore).

Slovakia (340 patients enrolled) Karol Micko (Interna a kardiologicka klinika, Kardiomed s.r.o., Lucenec); Jan Nociar (Interna a kardiologicka ambulancia KARDIO1, s.r.o., Lucenec); Daniel Pella (Cardio D&R s.r.o., Kosice); Peter Fulop (Kardiologicka a interna ambulancia Interna SK, s.r.o., Svidnik); Marian Hranai (Kardiologicka ambulancia, Nitra); Juraj Palka (Kardiologicka a interna ambulancia CORP, s.r.o., Kosice); Juraj Mazur (Kardiologicka a interna ambulancia Kardio-onkologia, s.r.o., Dolny Kubin); Ivan Majercák (Sukromna interna a kardiologicka ambulancia, Kosice); Andrej Dzapina (Alian, s.r.o., Bardejov); František Fazekas (Kardiologicka ambulancia Medicentrum Heart, s.r.o., Kralovsky Chlmec); Jozef Gonsorcik (Nestatna interna a kardiologicka ambulancia, Kosice); Viliam Bugan (Medivasa s.r.o., Zilina); Jan Murin (I. Interna klinika, Univerzitna nemocnica Bratislava, Bratislava); Juraj Selecky (Sciens, s.r.o., Trebisov); Gabriel Kamensky (V. Interna klinika Univerzitna nemocnica Bratislava Ruzinov, Bratislava); Jaroslava Strbova (Kardiologicka, interna a sonograficka amb. Kardio-Sanus, sro, Bratislava); Rudolf Smik (Interna, kardiologicka, angiologicka ambul. Medikard, s.r.o., Presov); Andrej Dukat (Univerzitna nemocnica Bratislava, Bratislava); Peter Olexa (Topcare s.r.o, Kosice).

Slovenia (36 patients enrolled) Ivan Žuran (General Hospital Celje, Celje); Janez Poklukar (General Hospital Jesenice, Jesenice); Nataša Černič Šuligoj (General Hospital Izola, Izola); Matija Cevc (Department of Vascular Medicine, Division of Medicine, University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Ljubljana); Zlatko Fras (Preventive Cardiology Unit, Department of Vascular Medicine, Division of Medicine, University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Ljubljana; Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana).

Republic of South Africa (505 patients enrolled) Henry P Cyster (TREAD Research CC, Parow); Naresh Ranjith (Nash Ranjith Research Centre, Durban); Clive Corbett (Panorma Medi-Clinic, Western Cape); Junaid Bayat (Suite 502, Durban Medical Centre, Durban); Ellen Makoali Makotoko and Hendrik du Toit Theron (Cardiology Research, Bloemfontein); Ilse E Kapp (Cardiology Clinical Research, Alberton); Matthys M de V Basson (Tiervlei Trial Centre, Bellville); Hanlie Lottering and Dina Van Aswegen (SCION Clinical Research, Pretoria); Louis J Van Zyl (Clinical Projects Research SA (Pty) Ltd, Worcester); Peter J Sebastian (Dr PJ Sebastian Private Practice, Chatsworth); Thayabran Pillay (Vincent Palotti Hospital, Cape Town); Jan A Saaiman (Kuilis River Private Hospital, Kuilsrivier, Western Cape); Patrick J Commerford (Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town); Soraya Cassimjee and Garda Riaz (Dr Garda Cardiology Practice, Johannesburg); Iftikhar O Ebrahim (Unitas Hospital, Pretoria); Mahomed Sarvan (Drs MI Sarvan, R Moodley & Partners incorporated, Tongaat); Joseph H Mynhardt (Dr. J Mynhardt, Private Practice, Kimberley); Anthony J Dalby (Milpark Hospital, Johannesburg); Helmuth Reuter (Winelands Medical Research Centre, Stellenbosch); Rajendran Moodley (Netcare Umhlanga Medical Centre, Durban).

Spain (826 patients enrolled) Manuel Vida (Hospital Virgen del Mar, Almería, Almería); Angel R. Cequier Fillat (Hospital Universitari de Bellvitge, Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona); Vicente Bodí Peris (Hospital Clínico Universitario, Valencia, Valencia); Francisco Fuentes Jimenez (Hospital Universitario Reina Sofía, Córdoba, Córdoba); Francisco Marín (Hospital Virgen De La Arrixaca, Murcia, Murcia); Jose M Cruz Fernández and Rafael Jesus Hidalgo Urbano (Hospital Universitario Virgen Macarena, Sevilla, Sevilla); Blas Gil-Extremuera and Pablo Toledo (Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Granada, Granada); Fernando Worner Diz (Hospital Universitari Arnau de Vilanova, Lleida, Lérida); David Garcia-

Dorado (Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona, Barcelona); Andres Iñiguez (Hospital Alvaro Cunqueiro, Vigo); José Tuñón Fernández (Fundación Jiménez Díaz, Madrid, Madrid); Jose R Gonzalez-Juanatey (Hospital Clínico Universitario de Santiago, Santiago de Compostela); Javier Fernandez Portales (Hospital San Pedro de Alcántara, Cáceres, Cáceres); Fernando Civeira Murillo (Hospital Miguel Servet, Zaragoza, Zaragoza); Laia Matas Pericas (Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, Barcelona, Barcelona); Jose Luis Zamorano (Hospital Universitario Ramon y Cajal, Madrid, Madrid); Manuel De Mora Martin (Hospital Carlos Haya, Málaga, Málaga); Jordi Bruguera Cortada (Hospital Del Mar, Barcelona, Barcelona); Joaquin J Alonso Martin and Jose Maria Serrano Antolin (Hospital Universitario De Fuenlabrada, Fuenlabrada); José R De Berrazueta Fernández and José Antonio Vázquez de Prada (Hospital Universitario Marques De Valdecilla, Santander, Santander); Jose Francisco Díaz Fernández (Hospital Juan Ramón Jiménez, Huelva, Huelva); José Alberto García Lledó (Hospital Príncipe de Asturias, Alcalá de Henares, Madrid); Juan Cosín Sales (Hospital Arnau De Vilanova, Valencia, Valencia); Javier Botas Rodriguez (Hospital Universitario Fundación Alcorcón, Madrid, Madrid); Gabriel Gusi Tragant (Hospital de Sabadell - Corporacio Sanitaria Parc Tauli, Sabadell, Barcelona); Amparo Benedicto (Hospital Universitario la Princesa, Madrid, Madrid); Carlos Gonzalez-Juanatey (Hospital Universitario Lucus Augusti, Lugo, Lugo); Mercedes Camprubí Potau (Hospital Joan XXIII, Tarragona, Tarragona); Ignacio Plaza Perez (Hospital Universitario Infanta Sofia, San Sebastian de los Reyes); César Moris De La Tassa (Hospital Universitario Central de Asturias, Oviedo, Asturias); Pablo Loma-Osorio Rincon (Hospital Universitari de Girona Dr. Josep Trueta, Girona); Javier Balaguer Recena (Hospital General Universitario de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Guadalajara); Juan M Escudier (Hospital Universitario Puerta De Hierro Majadahonda, Majadahonda); Antonio Coca Payeras (Hospital Clinic i Provincial, Barcelona); Norberto Alonso Orcajo (Complejo asistencial de Leon, Leon); Pedro Valdivielso (Hospital Virgen de la Victoria, Malaga).

Sri Lanka (314 patients enrolled) Godwin Constantine (University of Colombo, Colombo); Ruvaiz Haniffa (University of Colombo, Colombo); Nirmali Tissera (National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo); Stanley Amarasekera and Chandrike Ponnampereuma (Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila); Nimali Fernando and Kaputella Fernando (North Colombo Teaching Hospital, Ragama); Jayanthimala Jayawardena (Institute of Cardiology, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo); Santharaj Wijeyasingam and Gotabhaya Ranasinghe (Institute of Cardiology, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo); Ruvan Ekanayaka and Sepalika Mendis (Institute of Cardiology, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo); Sepalika Mendis (Institute of Cardiology, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo); Vajira Senaratne (Institute of Cardiology, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo); Gnanamoorthy Mayurathan (Kandy Teaching Hospital, Kandy); Thilak Sirisena (Kurunegala Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala); Ajantha Rajapaksha and Thilak Sirisena (Kurunegala Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala); Jagath I Herath (Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital, Nugegoda); Naomali Amarasena (Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital, Nugegoda).

Sweden (250 patients enrolled) Stefan Berglund (Falun Lasarett, Falun); Gundars Rasmanis (Karolinska University Hospital Huddinge, Stockholm); Emil Hagström and Ola Vedin (Dept of Medical Sciences, and Uppsala Clinical Research Centre, Uppsala University, Uppsala); Nils Witt (Södersjukhuset, Stockholm); Georgios Mourtzinis (Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Mölndal); Peter Nicol (Närsjukhuset Köping, Köping); Ole Hansen (Skåne University Hospital, Malmö); Stefano Romeo (Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Göteborg); Steen Agergaard Jensen (Blekingesjukhuset Karlshamn, Karlshamn); Ingemar Torstensson (Centralsjukhuset Kristianstad, Kristianstad); Steen Agergaard Jensen (Blekingesjukhuset Karlskrona, Karlskrona); Ulf Ahremark (Hallands sjukhus Halmstad, Halmstad); Torbjörn Sundelin (Länssjukhuset Sundsvall-Härnösand, Sundsvall).

Switzerland (88 patients enrolled) Tiziano Moccetti (Cardiocentro Ticino, Lugano); Christian Müller (Universitätsspital Basel, Basel); Francois Mach (Hopitaux Universitaires de Geneve, Geneve); Ronald Binde, Ulf Landmesser and Oliver Gämperli (Universitätsspital Zürich, Zürich).

Taiwan (93 patients enrolled) Chern-En Chiang (Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taipei); Wei-Chuan Tsai (National Cheng Kung University Hospital, Tainan); Kwo-Chang Ueng (Chung-Shan Medical University Hospital, Taichung); Wen-Ter Lai (Kaohsiung Medical University Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital, Kaohsiung); Ming-En Liu (HsinChu Mackay Memorial Hospital, Hsinchu); Juey-Jen Hwang (National Taiwan University Hospital, Taipei); Wei-Hsian Yin (Cheng-Hsin General Hospital, Taipei); I-Chang Hsieh and Ming-Jer Hsieh (Chang Gung Memorial Hospital - Linkou, Taoyuan Hsien); Wei Hsiang Lin (Tri-

Service General Hospital - Taipei, Taipei); Jen-Yuan Kuo (Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipei); Tsuei-Yuan Huang (Chi-Mei Medical Center, Tainan); Chih-Yuan Fang (Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Kaohsiung).

Thailand (161 patients enrolled) Pinij Kaewsuwanna (Maharat Nakhonratchasima Hospital, Moung); Wasant Soonfuang (Police General Hospital, Pratumwan); Woravut Jintapakorn (Songklanagarind Hospital, Hat Yai); Apichard Sukonthasarn (Chiang Mai University, Muang, Chiang Mai); Piyamitr Sritara (Ramathibodi Hospital, Bangkok); Nattawut Wongpraparut (Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok-Noi); Krisada Sastravaha (Bhumibol Adulyadej Hospital, Bangkok); Nakarin Sansanayudh (Phramongkutklo Hospital, Bangkok); Wirash Kehasukcharoen (Central Chest Institute, Nonthaburi); Dilok Piyayotai (Thammasat University Hospital, Klong Luang); Paiboon Chotnoparatpat (Vajira Bangkok University Hospital, Bangkok).

Turkey (78 patients enrolled) Ahmet Camsari (Mersin Universty School Of Medicine Department Of Cardiology, Mersin); Hakan Kultursay (Ege University Medical Faculty Department of Cardiology, IZMIR); Sema Guneri (Dokuz Eylul Universitesi Tip Fakultesi, Izmir); Bulent Mutlu (Marmara Universitesi Pendik Egitim ve Arastirma Hastanesi, Istanbul); Murat Ersanli (Istanbul Universitesi Kardiyoloji Enstitusu, Istanbul); Mustafa Demirtas (Cukurova Universitesi Tip Fakultesi, Adana); Cevat Kirma (Kartal Kosuyolu Yuksek Ihtisas Egitim ve Arastirma Hastanesi, Istanbul); Ertan Ural (Kocaeli Universitesi Tip Fakultesi, Kocaeli); Lale Koldas (Istanbul Universitesi Cerrahpasa Tip Fakultesi, Istanbul).

Ukraine (639 patients enrolled) Oleksandr Karpenko (City Clinical Hospital No 1, Kiev); Alexander Prokhorov (City Clinical Hospital #27, Kharkiv); Ihor Vakaluyk (Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Clinical Cardiology Center, Ivano-Frankivsk); Halyna Myshanych (Railway Clinical Hospital #2, "Health Center", Kyiv); Dmytro Reshotko (Kyiv City Oleksandrivska Clinical Hospital, Kyiv); Valeriy Batushkin (Kyiv City Clinical Hospital #5, Cardiology Department, Kyiv); Leonid Rudenko (Kyiv Emergency Care Hospital, Kiev); Ihor Kovalskyi (City Hospital #1, Mykolaiv); Mykola Kushnir (Zhytomyr regional clinical hospital n.a. O.F. Gerbachevskyy, Zhytomyr); Vira Tseluyko (City Clinical Hospital #8, Kharkiv); Yuriy Mostovoy (Vinnitsya City Clinical Hospital 1, Vinnitsya); Mykola Stanislavchuk (Vinnitsya M.I. Pyrohov Regional Clinical Hospital, Vinnitsya); Yulian Kyiak (Lviv Danylo Halytskyi National Medical University, Lviv); Yuriy Karpenko (Odesa Regional Clinical Hospital, Odesa); Yaroslav Malynovsky (Regional Medical Center for Cardiovascular Diseases, Zaporizhia); Andriy Klantsa (Khmelnyskyi Regional Hospital, Khmelnyskyi); Oles Kutniy (Public Institution: Central City Hospital #2, Zhytomyr); Ekaterina Amosova (Kyiv City Oleksandrivska Clinical Hospital, Kyiv); Viktor Tashchuk (Chernivtsi Regional Clinical Cardiology Center, Chernivtsi); Oleh Leshchuk (Lviv Regional Clinical Hospital, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Lviv); Alexander Parkhomenko ("M.D. Strazhesko Institute of Cardiology of AMS of Ukraine", Kiev); Mykola Rishko (Zakarpattia Regional cardiology Dispensary, Uzhgorod); Mykola Kopytsya (State Institution LT Malaya Inst. of Ther. of AMS of Ukraine, kharkiv); Andriy Yagensky (Lutsk City Clinical Hospital, Lutsk); Mykola Vatutin (Donetsk National Medical University named after M. Gorkiy, Donetsk); Andriy Bagriy (Donetsk National Medical University named after M. Gorkiy, Donetsk); Olga M Barna (Polyclinic of adm of med services and rehabilitation of ARTEM, Kyiv); Olexiy Ushakov (City Clinical Hospital #6 of Emergency Medical Care, Simferopol); Georgiy Dzyak (Dnipropetrovsk Regional Clinical Center of Cardiology, Dnipropetrovsk); Borys Goloborodko (City Clinical Hospital # 3, Odessa); Anatolii Rudenko (M.M. Amosov National Institute of Cardiovascular Surgery, Kyiv); Volodymyr Zheleznyy (Sumy City Clinical Hospital #1, Sumy).

United Kingdom (292 patients enrolled) Jasper Trevelyan (Worcestershire Royal Hospital, Worcester, Worcestershire); Azfar Zaman (Freeman Hospital, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear); Kaeng Lee (Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham); Andrew Moriarty (Craigavon Area Hospital, Portadown, Armagh); Rajesh K Aggarwal (Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals, Basildon, Essex); Piers Clifford (Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire); Yuk-Ki Wong (St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, West Sussex); Syed MR Iqbal (Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, Redhill); Eduardas Subkovas (Glan Clwyd Hospital, Rhyl, Denbighshire); Denise Braganza (Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Peterborough); David Sarkar (Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust, Plymouth, Devon); Robert Storey (University of Sheffield, Sheffield, South Yorkshire); Huw Griffiths (Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, Hampshire); Sam McClure (City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, Sunderland); Rangasamy Muthusamy and Simon Smith (The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, Rotherham, South Yorkshire); John Kurian (Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS

Foundation Trust, Bradford); Terry Levy (Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Bournemouth, Dorset); Craig Barr (The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Dudley, West Midlands); Honer Kadr (Queen's Hospital, Romford, Essex); Robert Gerber (Conquest Hospital, St Leonards, East Sussex); Audrius Simaitis (Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust, Truro, Cornwall); Handrean Soran (St Marys Hospital, Manchester, Greater Manchester); Anthony Mathur (London Chest Hospital, London); Adrian Brodison, Mohammad Ayaz and Muhammad Cheema (University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust, Cumbria, Cumbria); Richard Oliver and Simon Thackray (Castle Hill Hospital Hull And East Yorkshire Trust, Hull, East Yorkshire); Telal Mudawi, Gohar Rahman, and Ayyaz Sultan (Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Wigan, Greater Manchester); Timothy Reynolds (Queen's Hospital, Burton On Trent, Staffordshire); David Sharman and david Sprigings (Northampton General Hospital, Northampton, Northamptonshire); Rob Butler (University Hospital Of North Staffordshire, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire); Peter Wilkinson (Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Chertsey); Gregory YH Lip (City Hospital, Birmingham, West Midlands); Julian Halcox, Sean Gallagher and Nicholas Ossei-Gerning (University Hospital Of Wales, Cardiff, South Glamorgan).

United States (2511 patients enrolled) Gil Vardi (St. Louis Heart and Vascular, St. Louis, Missouri); Duccio Baldari (Cardiology Partners Clinical Research Institute, Wellington, Florida); David Brabham (PharmaTex Research, Amarillo, Texas); Charles Treasure II (Cardiovascular Research of Knoxville, Knoxville); Charles Dahl (Aspen Clinical Research, Orem, Utah); Bruce Palmer (Wichita Falls Heart Clinic, Wichita Falls, Texas); Alan Wiseman (EMMC Northeast Cardiology Associates, Bangor); Abul Khan (The Iowa Clinic, West Des Moines, Iowa); Sanjeev Puri (Quad City Heart Center, Moline, Illinois); Ann Elizabeth Mohart (Mercy Health Research, Washington, Missouri); Carlos Ince (Maryland Cardiovascular Specialists, Baltimore, Maryland); Enrique Flores (Georgia Heart Specialists, LLC, Covington, Georgia); Scott Wright (Cardiovascular Associates of East Texas, Tyler, Texas); Shi-Chi Cheng (The Heart Center, PC, Huntsville, Alabama); Michael Rosenberg (Heart and Vascular Center/Holy Family Memorial, Manitowoc, Wisconsin); William Rogers Jr (University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center, Birmingham); Edward Kosinski (Connecticut Clinical Research, LLC, Bridgeport); Les Forgosh (HealthEast Medical Research Institute, St. Paul); Jonathan Waltman (Saint Joseph's Healthcare Research Center, Lexington, Kentucky); Misal Khan (Springfield Medical Center, Panama City); Mohammad Shoukfeh (Caprock Cardiac Center Research Institute, Lubbock); Georges Dagher and Patrick Cambier (Morton Plant Mease Health Care, Inc., Clearwater, Florida); Ira Lieber (TCR Institute, LLC, Kingwood, Texas); Priya Kumar (Advanced Research Associates, Greenwood, South Carolina); Cara East (Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Texas); Perry Krichmar and Mian Hasan (Research Physicians Network Alliance, Pembroke Pines, Florida); Lindsey White (Eastern Carolina Cardiovascular Associates, Elizabeth City, North Carolina); Thomas Knickelbine (Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation, Minneapolis, Minnesota); Thomas Haldis (Sanford-Fargo, Fargo, North Dakota); Eve Gillespie and Thomas Amidon (Glacier View Cardiology PC, Kalispell, Montana); David Suh (Atlanta Heart Specialists LLC, Tucker); Imran Arif and mouhamad Abdallah (University of Cincinnati Hospital, Cincinnati); Faiq Akhter (Apex Medical Research, AMR Inc., Springfield, Ohio); Eric Carlson (Eastern Cardiology, P.A., Greenville, North Carolina); Michael D'Urso (Black Hills Cardiovascular Research, Rapid City, South Dakota); Fadi El-Ahdab (The Cardiovascular Group Centra, Lynchburg, Virginia); William Nelson and Katie Moriarty (Cardiology Research, St. Paul, Minnesota); Barry Harris (Integrative Research Associates Inc, Fort Lauderdale, Florida); Steven Cohen (The Cardiology Center, Delray Beach); Luther Carter and Daniel Doty (Cardiology Consultants, Pensacola); Kenneth Sabatino (Clearwater Cardiovascular Consultants, Safety Harbor, Florida); Tariq Haddad (Virginia Heart, Leesburg, Virginia); Amir Malik (Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth, Fort Worth); Sunder Rao (Butler Medical Providers, Butler); Angel Mulkay (Mulkay Cardiology Consultants PC, Hackensack, New Jersey); Ion Jovin (McGuire V.A. Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia); Kim Klancke (Daytona Heart Group, Daytona Beach); Vinay Malhotra (MultiCare Institute for Research and Innovation, Puyallup); Sai K Devarapalli (IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital Physicians, Inc., Muncie, Indiana); Michael Koren (Jacksonville Center for Clinical Research, Jacksonville); Harish Chandna (Victoria Heart and Vascular Center, Victoria, Texas); George Dodds III, Tauqir Goraya and James Bengston (Michigan Heart, PC, Ypsilanti, Michigan); Matthew Janik (PMG Research of Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina); Joseph Moran (Piedmont Healthcare - Research, Statesville, North Carolina); Andrew Sumner (Lehigh Valley Hospital/Lehigh Valley Health Network, Allentown, Pennsylvania); John Kobayashi (Beacon Medical Group, South Bend, Indiana); William Davis (Advanced Cardiovascular, LLC, Auburn, Alabama); Shahram Yazdani (Inova

Cardiology Ambulatory Research(ICARE-1), Manassas, Virginia); John Pasquini (Novant Health Heart and Vascular Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina); Maitreya Thakkar (PMG Research of Rocky Mount, LLC, Rocky Mount, North Carolina); Amarnath Vedere (Cardiology Partners Clinical Research Institute, Palm Beach Gardens); Wayne Leimbach (Oklahoma Heart Institute, Tulsa); James Rider and Sarah fenton (Cardiology Associates of Bellin Health, Green Bay); Narendra Singh (Atlanta Heart Specialists, Cumming); Anil V Shah (Coastal Multi-Specialty Research, Santa Ana, California); Patrick M. Moriarty (Clinical Pharmacology – University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas); Denise Janosik (Saint John's Mercy Cardiovascular Research, St. Louis, Missouri); Carl Pepine (University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida); Brett Berman (Brett J. 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Table 1 Standardized mean differences of factors used in propensity score matching

| Month 4 LDL-C in alirocumab group | <25 mg/dL | | 25-50 mg/dL | | >50 mg/dL | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | All Eligible Patients (n=12601) | Matched Patients (n=6714) | All Eligible Patients (n=12936) | Matched Patients (n=7392) | All Eligible Patients (n=11441) | Matched Patients (n=4394) |
| Age | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | -0.038 | 0.017 |
| Female sex | -0.109 | -0.014 | n/a | n/a | 0.171 | -0.019 |
| Western Europe | 0.045 | -0.005 | -0.095 | -0.004 | 0.106 | 0.001 |
| Eastern Europe | 0.065 | 0.008 | 0.034 | -0.008 | -0.154 | 0.032 |
| North America | 0.046 | 0.016 | -0.018 | -0.005 | -0.038 | 0.013 |
| South America | -0.081 | -0.015 | 0.014 | -0.002 | 0.114 | 0.013 |
| Asia | -0.131 | -0.007 | 0.089 | 0.020 | 0.081 | -0.057 |
| Heart failure | 0.064 | 0.003 | 0.060 | -0.037 | n/a | n/a |
| Intensive statin | 0.060 | -0.005 | -0.041 | 0.006 | n/a | n/a |
| Revascularization for index ACS | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.103 | -0.031 |
| Body mass index | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.069 | -0.009 |
| Systolic blood pressure | 0.009 | 0.001 | 0.042 | -0.004 | n/a | n/a |
| LDL-C | -0.374 | <0.001 | n/a | n/a | 0.447 | 0.002 |
| Lp(a) | -0.256 | <0.001 | 0.112 | 0.013 | 0.119 | -0.012 |
| ≥4 doses of study medication | -0.242 | 0.008 | -0.140 | 0.006 | 0.418 | 0.024 |

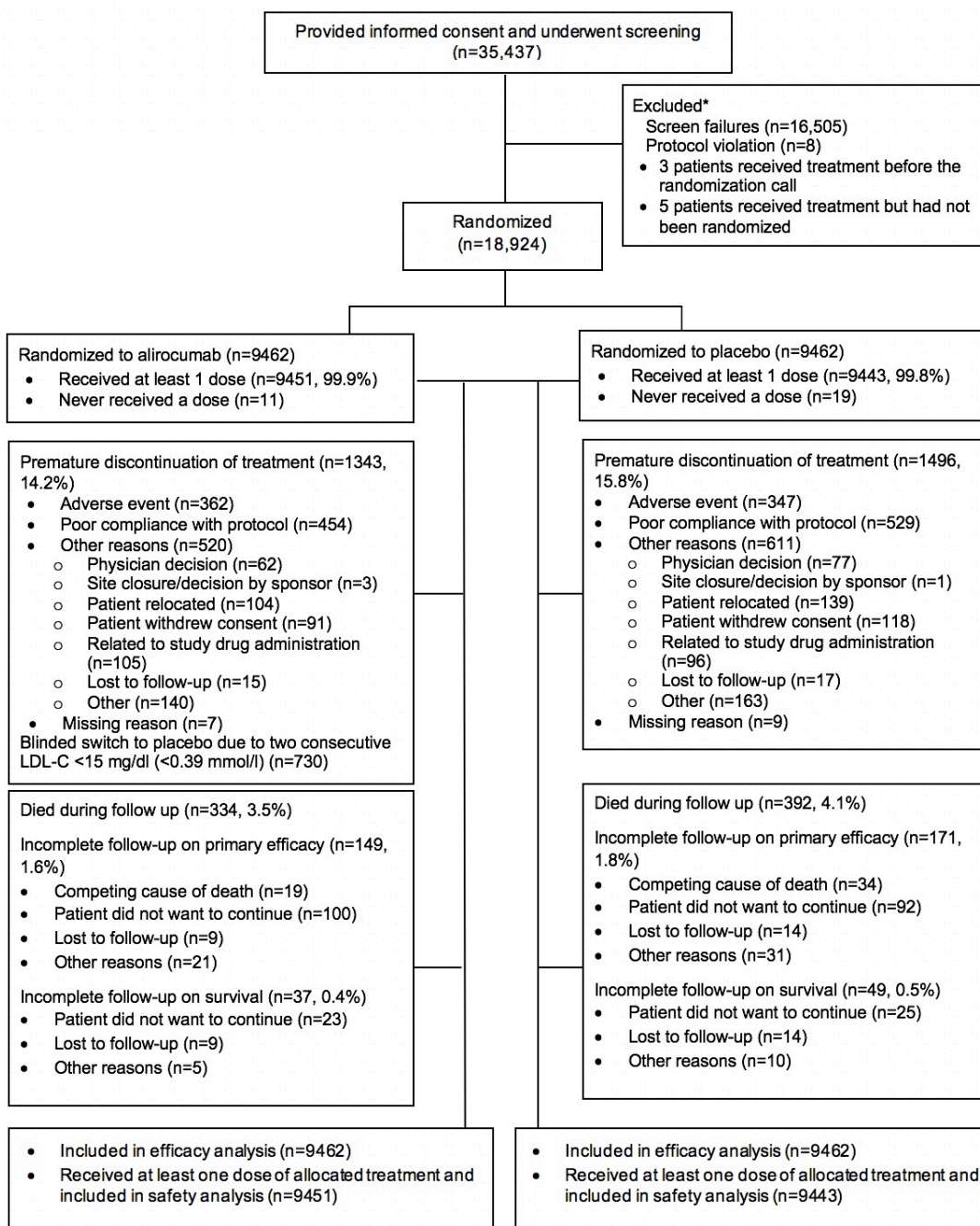
All eligible patients include patients in the specified achieved LDL-C stratum of the alirocumab group and all analysis-eligible patients from the placebo group. Matched patients include patients in the specified achieved LDL-C stratum of the alirocumab group and propensity score-matched patients from the placebo group.

n/a = not applicable, because not used in propensity score matching for given achieved LDL-C subgroup

Table II Protocol-specified adjustments of alirocumab dose

| Type of protocol-specified adjustment of alirocumab dose after month 4 | Number of Patients |
|---|---------------------------|
| Switch to placebo | 717 |
| Up-titration, down-titration, and switch to placebo | 5 |
| Up-titration and down-titration | 21 |
| Up-titration | 79 |

Figure I Consort Diagram. From Schwartz GG, Steg PG, Szarek M, et al. Alirocumab and cardiovascular outcomes after acute coronary syndrome. *N Engl J Med* 379(22):2097-2107.12 Copyright © (2018) Massachusetts Medical Society. Reprinted with permission.

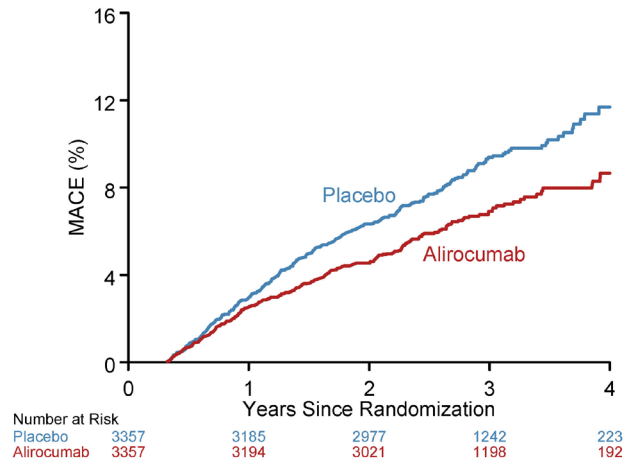


*The most common reasons for screen failures during the run-in period were related to lipid criteria (34.1% of patients) or withdrawal of patient consent (6.1% of patients).

Figure II Kaplan-Meier plots of cumulative MACE in strata of achieved LDL-C in the alirocumab group and in propensity score-matched patients from the placebo group.

Achieved LDL-C at month 4 in the alirocumab group

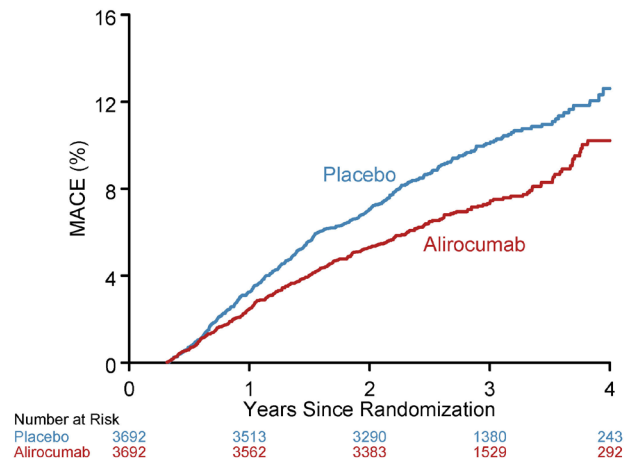
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Treatment HR (95% CI),
alirocumab/propensity
score-matched placebo

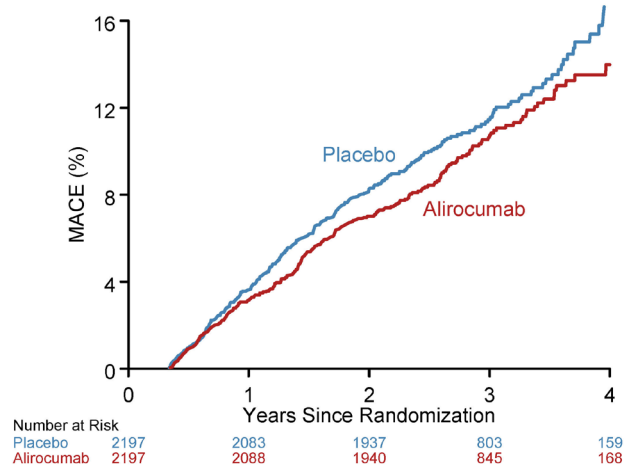
0.74 (0.62–0.89)

25-50 mg/dL



0.74 (0.64–0.87)

>50 mg/dL



0.87 (0.73–1.04)