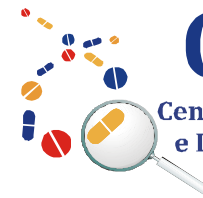




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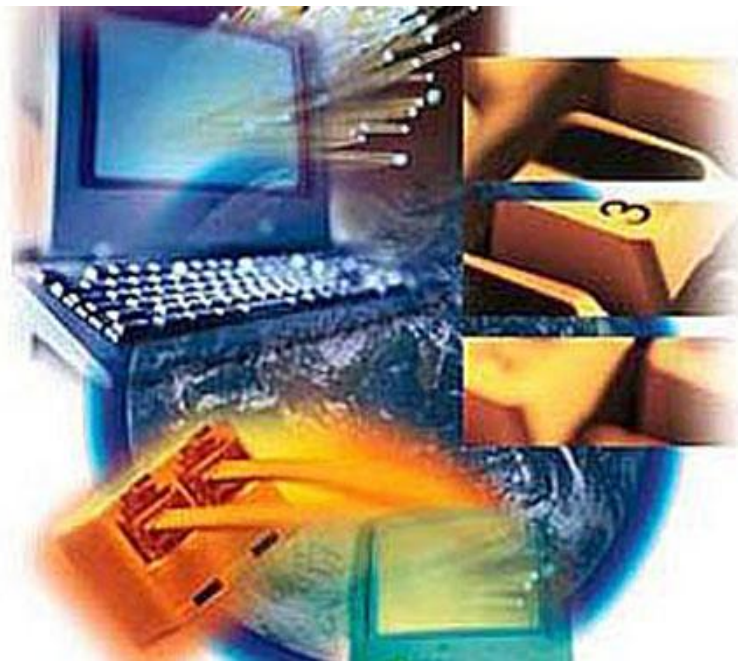
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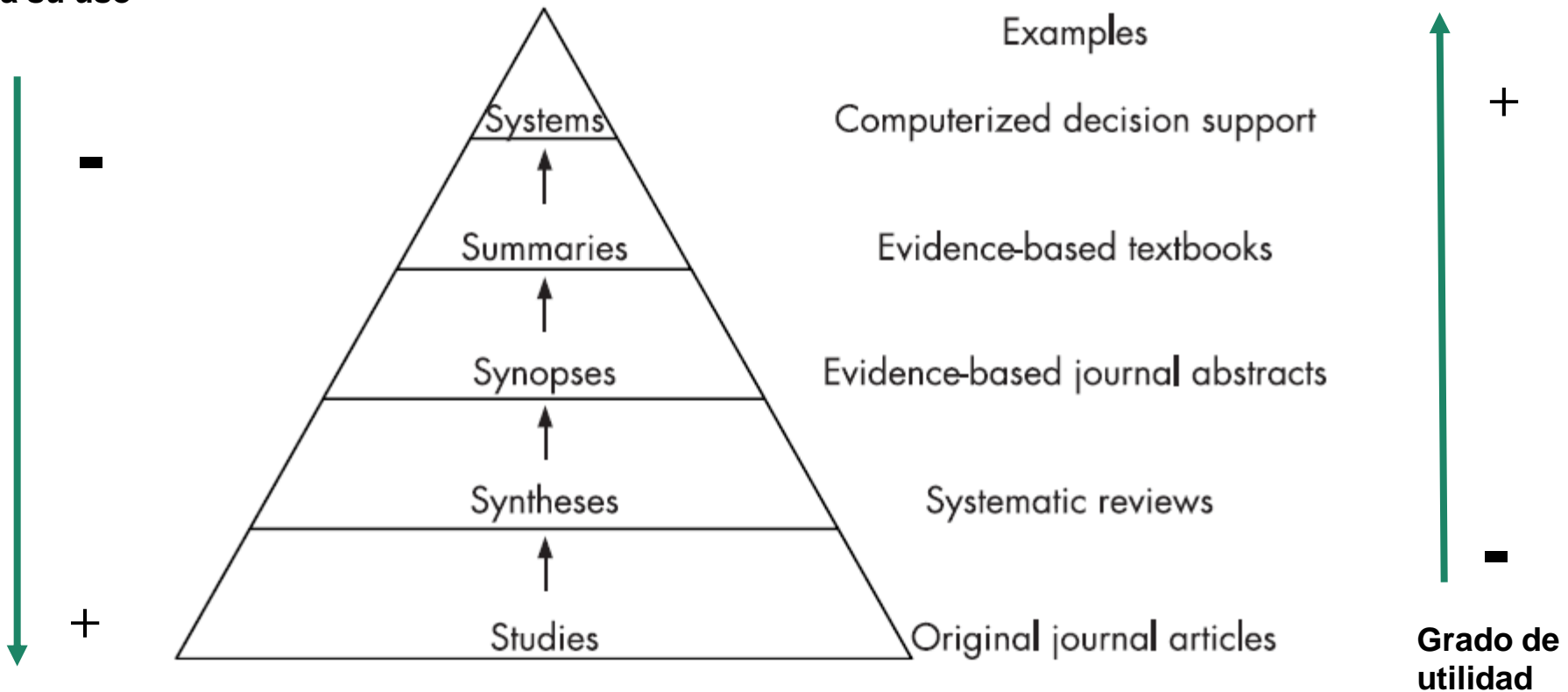
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**Figure 1** The “5S” levels of organisation of evidence from healthcare research.

# Escenario Clínico

- Carlos es un paciente de 48 años que tiene Diabetes Mellitus Tipo 1 que se encuentra bien controlada. Sin embargo, después de 25 años de diabetes, ha desarrollado neuropatía diabética dolorosa significativa. Cuando el paciente acude a consulta menciona que siente mayor ardor y dolor en los dedos de los pies y en los pies, por lo cual pide a su médico le recete un analgésico.
- El prescriptor recuerda que en un paciente ha prescrito Gabapentina para neuralgia post-herpética y se pregunta si esto también puede ayudar a Carlos.

# Pregunta Clínica Estructurada (PCE)

**¿En los pacientes adultos con neuropatía diabética dolorosa, gabapentina es eficaz para reducir el dolor?**

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- Forma más avanzada de información clínica, que debería integrar y reunir toda la evidencia científica relevante sobre un problema clínico concreto y enlazarla automáticamente, a través de un registro médico informatizado, con las circunstancias específicas de cada paciente.
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Provider NANCY J NORTON MD Employer

Referral BERNARD C ROSSI MD Pharmacy 0002 CVS

Last Note 03/30/2010 Email Address MBURNS@WHEREVER.COM

Next Appointment 05/05/2010 02:50 PM

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Problem	Type	Onset	Status	Last Reviewed
Anorexia (783.0)	Diagnosis	Since age 22	Active	
Asthma (493.0)	Diagnosis	Since childhood	Inactive	

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**Definition for condition: Anorexia**

An eating disorder characterized by markedly reduced appetite or total aversion to food. Anorexia is a serious psychological disorder. It is a condition that goes well beyond out-of-control dieting. The person with anorexia, most often a girl or young woman, initially begins dieting to lose weight. Over time, the weight loss becomes a sign of mastery and control. The drive to become thinner is thought to be secondary to concerns about control and fears relating to one's body. The individual continues the endless cycle of restrictive eating, often to a point close to starvation. This becomes an obsession and is similar to an addiction to a drug. Anorexia can be life-threatening.

**More information about Anorexia**

- What is the definition of anorexia?
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  - What result would confirm the diagnosis of anorexia?
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**INTRODUCTION** — Peripheral and autonomic neuropathies are a major cause of morbidity in patients with diabetes mellitus. (See "[Clinical manifestations and diagnosis of diabetic polyneuropathy](#)" and "[Diabetic autonomic neuropathy](#)".)

The treatment of diabetic peripheral neuropathy will be reviewed here. There are three main elements in the treatment regimen:

- Glycemic control
- Foot care
- Treatment of pain

**GLYCEMIC CONTROL** — The most important treatment for the prevention of diabetic neuropathy is optimal glucose control. In the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT), the occurrence of diabetic neuropathy was reduced by 60 percent over a 10-year period with rigorous blood glucose control in patients with type 1 diabetes ([figure 1A-B](#)) [[1,2](#)]. Similar findings were noted in the Stockholm Diabetes Intervention Study [[3](#)]. The effect of hyperglycemia on disease progression appears to be dose-dependent: in the Oslo Diabetes study each 1 percent rise in hemoglobin A1C (HbA1C) values was associated with a 1.3 m/sec slowing of nerve conduction at eight years [[4](#)]. (See "[Pathogenesis and prevention of diabetic polyneuropathy](#)".)

**Established neuropathy** — The role of glycemic control in established neuropathy is less clear. Some randomized controlled studies suggest that neuropathic symptoms may improve with intensive antidiabetic therapy [[5-8](#)].

This issue was better addressed in the DCCT [[2](#)]. After follow-up for five years, patients who had an increase in nerve conduction velocity ([figure 2](#)). Whether this effect is due to improved glycemic control or other factors is not known.

A practice statement issued by the American Diabetes Association in 2005 recommended that the first step in the management of patients with symptomatic diabetic polyneuropathy should be to aim for stable and optimal glycemic control [[9](#)].

**FOOT CARE** — We combine good glucose control with foot care. On a daily basis, patients need to inspect their feet for the presence of dry or cracking skin, fissures, plantar callus formation, and signs of early infection between the toes and around the toe nails. Regular foot examinations by the physician to detect early neuropathy are also an essential component of the treatment of diabetic patients. (See "[Evaluation of the diabetic foot](#)".)

Once a patient has diabetic neuropathy, foot care is even more important to prevent ulceration, infection, and amputation. (See "[Management of diabetic foot lesions](#)".)

**PAINFUL DIABETIC NEUROPATHY** — Only a small fraction of patients with diabetic polyneuropathy have painful symptoms. Patients with painful diabetic neuropathy should be treated with

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TI Continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion in the management of painful diabetic neuropathy.

AU Boulton AJ, Drury J, Clarke B, Ward JD

SO Diabetes Care. 1982;5(4):386.

Nine patients with diabetic neuropathy were treated as outpatients with continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII). Painful symptoms were scored on a 10-cm horizontal graphic rating scale; motor conduction velocity (MCV) was measured in the median and peroneal nerves; and vibration perception threshold (VPT) was recorded in the great toes. All investigations were repeated after 6 wk and at the completion of 4 mo of CSII. Improved diabetic control was confirmed by significantly lower mean blood glucose levels, M-values, and glycosylated hemoglobin. Symptomatic relief was noted by all patients and was accompanied by a significant improvement in pain scores. There was also significant improvement in VPT and MCV after 6 wk of CSII, which was maintained throughout the 4-mo period. However, sensory studies in the median nerve showed no significant changes during the study. It is concluded that strict glucoregulation is indicated in all cases of symptomatic diabetic neuropathy. It remains to be seen whether strict diabetic control from diagnosis will lead to a reduction in the incidence of t

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TI Comparison of clinical course and sequential electrophysiological tests in diabetics with symptomatic polyneuropathy and its implications for clinical trials.

AU Greene DA, Brown MJ, Braunstein SN, Schwartz SS, Asbury AK, Winegrad AI

SO Diabetes. 1981;30(2):139.

The use of electrophysiological (EP) tests as the primary basis for determining outcome in clinical trials of therapy for symptomatic diabetic polyneuropathy, and the frequently short duration of such trials, is based on assumptions at variance with the pathology and natural history of this disorder and with the evidence that the commonly employed EP tests predominantly reflect the status of the large myelinated nerve fibers. The course of painful, distal symmetrical, primarily sensory polyneuropathy was studied in nine chronic diabetics, aged 21--59 yr, selected for the absence of other forms of diabetic neuropathy, other causes of neuropathy, and other significant illness. All were treated with modifications of diet, insulin, and a daily multivitamin tablet, and, on a randomized basis, also received either placebo or myo-inositol tablets. Initially, and after 2, 4, and 6 mo, a standardized questionnaire was used to assess symptoms, and a standardized neurological examination and battery of EP tests were performed. A minimum of 6 mo was found necessary to assess the clinical course of this syndrome. Clinical improvement occurred in both legs and arms in four patients, as judged by improvement both in symptoms and in the extent of deficits in pinprick and temperature perception; abnormalities in sensory modalities mediated by large myelinated fibers, however, were generally unaltered after 6 mo. A nonuniform distribution of abnormal EP

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**Pharmacologic Category** Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous

### Dosing: Adult

**Anticonvulsant:** Oral:

*Initial:* 300 mg 3 times/day, if necessary the dose may be increased up to 1800 mg/day

*Maintenance:* 900-1800 mg/day administered in 3 divided doses; doses of up to 2400 mg/day have been tolerated in long-term clinical studies; up to 3600 mg/day has been tolerated in short-term studies

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**Chronic pain (unlabeled use):** Oral: 300-1800 mg/day given in 3 divided doses has been the most common dosage range

**Diabetic neuropathy (unlabeled use):** Oral: 900-3600 mg/day (Bril, 2011)

**Postoperative pain (unlabeled use):** 300-1200 mg 1-2 hours before surgery

**Postherpetic neuralgia:** Day 1: 300 mg, Day 2: 300 mg twice daily, Day 3: 300 mg 3 times/day; dose may be titrated as needed for pain relief (range: 1800-3600 mg/day, daily doses >1800 mg do not generally show greater benefit)

**Restless legs syndrome (RLS) (unlabeled use):** Oral: Initial: 300 mg once daily 2 hours before bedtime. Doses  $\geq$ 600 mg/day have been given in 2 divided doses (late afternoon and 2 hours before bedtime). Dose may be titrated every 2 weeks until symptom relief achieved (range: 300-1800 mg/day). Suggested maintenance dosing schedule: One-third of total daily dose given at 12 pm, remaining two-thirds total daily dose given at 8 pm. (Garcia-Borreguero, 2002; Happe, 2003; Saletu, 2010; Vignatelli, 2006)

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- asymptomatic
- pain (peripheral)
- loss of sensation (peripheral)
- dysesthesia (peripheral)
- reduced or absent ankle reflexes (peripheral)
- painless injuries (peripheral)
- resting tachycardia (autonomic)
- impaired heart rate variation (autonomic)
- urinary frequency, urgency, nocturia,

## Pruebas diagnósticas

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- clinical diagnosis
- fasting blood sugar
- oral glucose tolerance test
- HbA1c
- serum TSH
- serum creatinine
- serum B12
- serum/urine immunoelectrophoresis

### Otras pruebas a considerar

- nerve conduction studies (nerve conduction velocity, NCV)

## Detalles del tratamiento

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#### diabetic peripheral neuropathy

- **without pain**
  - glycaemic control and foot care
- **with pain**
  - pregabalin or gabapentin and/or duloxetine + glycaemic control and foot care
  - tricyclic antidepressant (TCA) or selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) + glycaemic control and foot care
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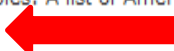
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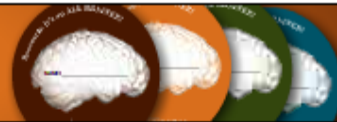
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# Candesartan reduced mortality and hospital admissions in chronic heart failure

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## Q In patients with chronic heart failure (CHF), does the angiotensin-receptor blocker (ARB) candesartan reduce death and hospital admissions?

### METHODS

**Design:** 3-component randomised, placebo controlled trial (Candesartan in Heart failure Assessment of Reduction in Mortality and morbidity [CHARM] study).

**Allocation:** concealed.\*

**Blinding:** blinded (clinicians, patients, data collectors, outcome assessors, monitoring committee, manuscript writers, and data analysts).\*

**Follow up period:** median 37.7 months.

**Setting:** 618 centres in 26 countries.

**Patients:** 7601 patients who were  $\geq 18$  years of age and had symptomatic CHF (New York Heart Association class II–IV) for  $\geq 4$  weeks. Major exclusion criteria included serum creatinine  $\geq 26.5$   $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ; serum potassium  $\geq 5.5$   $\text{mmol/L}$ ; bilateral renal artery stenosis; symptomatic hypotension; critical aortic or mitral stenosis; myocardial infarction, stroke, or open heart surgery in the previous 4 weeks; use of an ARB in the previous 2 weeks; other serious disease likely to limit 2 year survival, and potential for pregnancy. Patients were enrolled in 1 of 3 component trials: CHARM-Added involved patients with left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF)  $\leq 40\%$  who were being treated with an angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor for  $\geq 30$  days ( $n=2548$ ); CHARM-Alternative involved patients with LVEF  $\leq 40\%$  who were intolerant of ACE inhibitors ( $n=2028$ ); and CHARM-Preserved involved patients with LVEF  $>40\%$  ( $n=3023$ ). CHARM-Overall involved all patients.



**Intervention:** stratified by site and component trial and allocated to candesartan, 4 or 8 mg once daily, doubled every 2 weeks to a target dose of 32 mg once daily from 6 weeks onwards ( $n=3803$ ) or placebo ( $n=3796$ ).



**Outcomes:** all cause mortality (CHARM-Overall) and a composite outcome of cardiovascular death or hospital admission for worsening CHF in the 3 component trials. Secondary outcomes included doubling of creatinine concentrations and potassium concentration  $\geq 6.0$   $\text{mmol/L}$ .



**Patient follow up:** 7599 patients (mean age 66 y, 68% men) were included in the analysis; 7589 patients completed the study.

\*See glossary.

### MAIN RESULTS

Analysis was by intention to treat. Overall, all cause mortality was reduced more with candesartan than with placebo (table), mainly because of fewer cardiovascular deaths (18% v 20%, adjusted hazard ratio 0.87, 95% CI 0.78 to 0.96). Fewer patients who received candesartan had the composite outcome of cardiovascular death or hospital admission for CHF than did patients who received placebo in the CHARM-Added and CHARM-Alternative component trials (table). In CHARM-Preserved, the reduction in the composite outcome with candesartan reached borderline statistical significance (table). The rates of doubling creatinine concentration for the candesartan and placebo groups were 6% v 4% ( $p=0.002$ ) (CHARM-Overall), 7% v 6% ( $p=0.5$ ) (CHARM-Added), 5.5% v 1.6% ( $p=0.015$ ) (CHARM-Alternative), and 6% v 3% ( $p=0.007$ ) (CHARM-Preserved). The rates for potassium concentration  $\geq 6.0$   $\text{mmol/L}$  for the candesartan and placebo groups were 2% v 1% ( $p=0.017$ ) (CHARM-Overall), 3% v 1% ( $p=0.089$ ) (CHARM-Added), 3% v 1.3% ( $p=0.26$ ) (CHARM-Alternative), and 2% v 1% ( $p=0.32$ ) (CHARM-Preserved).

### CONCLUSIONS

In patients with chronic heart failure (CHF), the angiotensin receptor blocker candesartan reduced mortality (particularly cardiovascular) and hospital admissions for worsening CHF. Patients with reduced left ventricular ejection fraction with or without baseline angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor treatment showed the most benefit.

Abstract and commentary also appear in *ACP Journal Club*.

### Commentary

The CHARM study extends our knowledge of the role of ARBs in patients with CHF.

Least surprising but still important was the finding in the CHARM-Alternative study that candesartan resulted in a significant reduction in cardiovascular mortality and hospital admission for heart failure. The Valsartan Heart Failure Trial (ValHeFT) reached a similar conclusion,<sup>1</sup> and valsartan is indicated in patients with heart failure caused by systolic left ventricular dysfunction who are not taking an ACE inhibitor. However, the result of ValHeFT was determined in a retrospective analysis and included a relatively small number of patients and events. The CHARM-Alternative study, on the other hand, was prospective and adequately powered with a significant number of events.

It is likely that ARBs used at the appropriate dose, such as valsartan 160 mg twice daily or candesartan 32 mg daily, are equivalent to target doses of an ACE inhibitor, such as enalapril 10 mg twice daily. However, the therapy of choice in patients with CHF caused by systolic left ventricular dysfunction will probably remain an ACE inhibitor because of the relatively large number of patients in whom these agents have been studied and their reasonable cost.

The CHARM-Added trial is also important because it suggests that an ARB should be added to an ACE inhibitor and a  $\beta$  blocker in patients with mild to moderate CHF caused by systolic left ventricular dysfunction. Whereas the reduction in cardiovascular mortality in the CHARM-Added trial was moderate, the reduction in the combined endpoint of cardiovascular mortality and hospital admission for heart failure is both clinically and statistically significant. ValHeFT suggested that in a patient with CHF already treated with both an ACE inhibitor and a  $\beta$  blocker, adding an ARB was associated with an increased risk of death. The CHARM-Added results, however, suggest that the ValHeFT results in this particular subset were due to chance.

Somewhat less clear is the explanation for the discrepancy between ValHeFT and CHARM on cardiovascular mortality. In ValHeFT, valsartan had no effect on cardiovascular mortality and its significant benefit on the combined endpoint of cardiovascular mortality and hospital admission for heart failure was entirely the result of a reduction in hospital admissions for heart failure. In the CHARM-Added study, there was a reduction in both cardiovascular mortality and hospital admissions for heart failure. Whether this disparity reflects a difference in the effectiveness of valsartan and candesartan, their relative dosing strategy, or other factors remains to be determined. A further study of an ARB in this situation would therefore be ethical and useful.

In patients with severe heart failure, an aldosterone blocker might be the preferred agent to add to an ACE inhibitor and a  $\beta$  blocker rather than an ARB based on the results of the Randomized Aldactone Evaluation Study (RALES).<sup>2</sup> However, in RALES only a relatively small proportion of patients were receiving both an ACE inhibitor and a  $\beta$  blocker. Direct comparative studies of an ARB and an aldosterone blocker when added to an ACE inhibitor and a  $\beta$  blocker in patients with CHF caused by systolic left ventricular dysfunction are needed.

In patients with CHF and preserved systolic function (CHARM-Preserved), candesartan was shown to be of only marginal benefit. Further studies are clearly required to determine the optimal strategy to reduce cardiovascular events in this important subset of patients whose incidence is increasing because of aging and increasing incidence of hypertension and diabetes mellitus.

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### Candesartan v placebo for chronic heart failure (CHF) at median 37.7 months\*

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		Candesartan	Placebo	(95% CI)	HR (CI)	RRR (CI)		
Overall	All cause mortality	23%	25%	0.91 (0.83 to 1.00)	0.90 (0.82 to 0.99)	8.8% (0.9 to 1.6)	46 (26 to 463)	
CHARM-Added	Composite	38%	42%	0.85 (0.75 to 0.96)	0.85 (0.75 to 0.96)	12% (3 to 20)	21 (12 to 79)	
CHARM-Alternative	Composite	33%	40%	0.77 (0.67 to 0.89)	0.70 (0.60 to 0.81)	25% (1.5 to 34)	11 (8 to 17)	
CHARM-Preserved	Composite	22%	24%	0.89 (0.77 to 1.03)	0.86 (0.74 to 1.00)	12% (0 to 23)	Borderline significance	

\*Composite endpoint = cardiovascular death or hospital admission for worsening CHF; CHARM = Candesartan in Heart failure Assessment of Reduction in Mortality and morbidity; HR = hazard ratio. Other abbreviations defined in glossary; RRR, NNT, and CI calculated from data in article using Cox proportional hazards model.

†Adjusted for baseline covariates, including patients' characteristics, heart disease risk factors, medical history, and medical treatment.

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*Chou R, Carson S, Chan B K*

### CRD summary

This review concluded that there was no difference in pain relief between gabapentin and tricyclic antidepressants in patients with diabetic neuropathy or post-herpetic neuralgia, although direct evidence was limited. The review was well conducted and these findings are likely to be reliable.

### Authors' objectives

To compare gabapentin with tricyclic antidepressants for the treatment of diabetic neuropathy and post-herpetic neuralgia using direct and indirect comparisons.

### Searching

MEDLINE (1966-March 2008), Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials and DARE (1st quarter 2008) were searched. Search terms were reported. Reference lists were screened and pharmaceutical companies contacted to identify additional relevant studies. No language restrictions were applied. Studies published only in abstract form were excluded.

### Study selection

Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) that compared gabapentin or a tricyclic antidepressant with each other or placebo were eligible for inclusion. Included trials had to enrol at least 75% of patients with diabetic neuropathy and/or post-herpetic neuralgia. Trials were required to report on at least one of the following outcomes: pain relief (proportion of patients with >50% improvement in pain score or at least moderate pain relief or good overall response on categorical scale), withdrawal due to adverse events, overall adverse events, serious adverse events, somnolence, dizziness or vertigo, ataxia, or dry mouth. The primary review outcome was pain relief.

Gabapentin doses ranged from 900-3600 mg/day. Tricyclic antidepressants evaluated included nortriptyline (10-160mg/day), amitriptyline (12.5-150mg/day), desipramine (12.5-250mg/day), imipramine (100-225mg/day), clomipramine (50-75mg/day). Trial duration ranged from two to 12 weeks.

Two reviewers independently selected studies for inclusion. Disagreements were resolved through consensus.

### Assessment of study quality

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


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### Objective

To evaluate the analgesic effectiveness and adverse effects of gabapentin for pain management in clinical practice.

### Criteria for considering studies for this review

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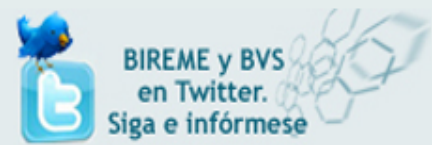
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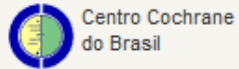


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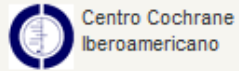
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