Renal Denervation: Spyral HTN OFF-MED

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Introduction

Up to one-third of adults have hypertension

- ✓ Increased risk of cardio and cerebrovascular events
- \checkmark Many patients remain uncontrolled.
- Renal denervation therapy (RDN) targets the sympathetic nervous system.
- Several observational studies demonstrated the efficacy of RDN on reduction of blood pressure.

SYMPLICITY HTN-3

- 2:1 randomized, blinded, sham-controlled
- <u>Sham</u> procedure in control patients that included renal angiogram
- 535 subjects randomized out of 1441 enrolled (63% screen failure rate)
- 2-week screening process, including <u>maximum</u> tolerated doses of antihypertensives



- Patients, BP assessors, and study personnel all blinded to treatment status
- No changes in medications for 6 M

Primary Efficacy Endpoint Office Systolic Blood Pressure at 6 Months



-2.39 (-6.89, 2.12), *P* = 0.255 (Primary analysis with 5 mm Hg superiority margin)

Did not meet primary efficacy endpoint !

Why did Symplicity HTN-3 fail ?

- Variation in adherence to medication
- Incomplete renal denervation
- Ine patient included



Procedural variability: Symplicity HTN-3

4-quadrant ablation pattern



4 quadrant ablation pattern

0 four quadrant ablation	N=253 (74%)
1 four quadrant ablation	N=68 (20%)
2 four quadrant ablation	N=19 <mark>(6%)</mark>

Multivariate Predictors of Systolic BP Change at 6 M: Symplicity HTN-3



Larger number of ablations (n =10-13) was associated with significant office and ambulatory BP reduction compared with the sham control group.

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THE LANCET

Catheter-based renal denervation in patients with uncontrolled hypertension in the absence of antihypertensive medications (SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED): a randomised, sham-controlled, proof-of-concept trial

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Background

SYMPLICITY HTN-3 trial failed to demonstrate a significant blood pressure lowering effect of RDN

Sub-analysis suggested:

- ✓ Variance in medication adherence
- \checkmark Incomplete denervation of the renal arteries
- ✓ Inclusion of patients with isolated systolic hypertension

SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED study:

- ✓ Proof of concept trials
- ✓ Designed to demonstrate the ability of RDN to influence blood pressure in uncontrolled hypertension

SPYRAL HTN

Global Trial Center Locations



Study Device: Symplicity Spyral™ Catheter

- Multi-electrode catheter with quadrantic vessel contact for simultaneous ablation in up to 4 electrodes
- 60-second simultaneous energy delivery
- Vessel diameter range: 3–8 mm
- Flexible catheter allows branch treatment
- 6F guiding catheter compatible





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KEY PATIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

	 Patient is either: A. Not on antihypertensive medications, OR B. Permitting discontinuation of drug therapy
INCLUSION	2. Office SBP ≥ 150 and < 180 mm Hg
	3. Office DBP ≥ 90 mm Hg
	4. Systolic 24-hour mean ABPM ≥ 140 and < 170 mm Hg
	 Ineligible renal artery anatomy (accessory arteries allowed) eGFR < 45 mL/min/1.73m²
EXCLUSION	 Type 1 diabetes mellitus or type 2 diabetes mellitus with HbA1C > 8.0%
	4. Secondary causes of hypertension

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Patient Flowchart



Primary efficacy endpoint was BP reduction on ABPM at 3 months

Mean Blood Pressure was lower vs. SYMPLICITY HTN-3

SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED Baseline Blood Pressure

Blood Pressure Measure (mean ± SD)	RDN	Sham Control
Office measurements	N = 38	N = 42
Office SBP (mm Hg)	162.0 ± 7.6	161.4 ± 6.4
Office DBP (mm Hg)	99.9 ± 6.8	101.5 ± 7.5
Office heart rate (bpm)	71.1 ± 11.0	73.4 ± 9.8
24-hour measurements	N = 37	N = 42
Mean 24-hour SBP (mm Hg)	153.4 ± 9.0	151.6 ± 7.4
Mean 24-hour DBP (mm Hg)	99.1 ± 7.7	98.7 ± 8.2
Mean 24-hour heart rate (bpm)	72.3 ± 10.9	75.5 ± 11.5

P = NS for differences in all baseline characteristics

RDN was done in Main renal artery plus branches

SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED Procedural Details

Procedural Measure (mean ± SD)	RDN (N = 38)	Sham Control (N = 42)
Number of main renal arteries treated per patient	2.2 ± 0.5	NA
Number of branches treated per patient	5.2 ± 2.5	NA
Total number of ablations per patient	43.8 ± 13.1	NA
Main artery ablations	17.9 ± 10.5	NA
Branch ablations	25.9 ± 12.8	NA
Treatment time (min)	57.1 ± 19.7	NA
Contrast volume used (cc)	251.0 ± 99.4	83.3 ± 38.5

RDN was shown to be safe at 3 months

SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED major adverse events

Adverse event (number of events)	RDN (n = 38)	Sham Control (n = 42)
Death	0	0
New myocardial infarction	0	0
Major bleeding (TIMI)	0	0
New onset end stage renal disease	0	0
Serum creatinine elevation >50%	0	0
Significant embolic event resulting in end-organ damage	0	0
Vascular complications	0	0
Hospitalization for hypertensive crisis/emergency	0	0
New stroke	0	0

RDN showed a significant reduction in all BP measures at 3 months

SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED Blood pressure change from baseline



24-hour ABPM trend provided further proof of RDN's effect

RDN patients had statistically lower systolic BP in the "high-risk zone1" at 3-months



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RDN patients had statistically lower diastolic BP in the "high-risk zone¹" at 3-months



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Renal denervation significantly reduced blood pressure

- SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED clinical study showed clinically significant reductions in RDN patients in all blood pressure measurements at 3-months
 - Office systolic blood pressure declined 10.0 mmHg from baseline (P<0.001)
 - 24-hour systolic ambulatory blood pressure declined 5.5 mmHg from baseline (P=0.003)
 - Office diastolic blood pressure declined 5.3 mmHg from baseline (P<0.001)
 - 24-hour diastolic ABPM declined 4.8 mmHg from baseline (P<0.001)
- RDN was shown to be safe, despite a more rigorous procedural approach
 - Greater total number of ablations vs. previous RDN trials
 - Ablations were done in the renal branch and accessory arteries, as well as main renal artery
 - No reported cases of renal stenosis, vascular complications, major adverse events and difference in kidney function
- In previous research, BP reductions of the magnitude reported in SPYRAL HTN-OFF
 MED have been associated with a >20% relative risk reduction of cardiovascular events.

Conclusions

- The SPYRAL HTN-OFF MED trial was designed to evaluate the effect of RDN on blood pressure in non-medicated patients with mild to moderate hypertension.
- Patients randomly assigned to RDN had significant reductions in office and 24-h ambulatory blood pressure whereas those in the sham control group had much smaller, non-significant reductions.
- These results provide biological proof of principle for the effect of RDN on blood pressure.
- Results of this proof-of-concept trial will inform the design of a larger, pivotal trial that will be important for establishing the role of renal denervation in treatment of hypertension.



- This novel trial differs substantially from previous renal denervation trials in terms of the hypertensive population enrolled, the renal denervation technique used, and the absence of concomitant antihypertensive medications.
- These data provide biological proof of principle that renal denervation as done in this trial lowers blood pressure in untreated hypertensive patients and these findings support previous data from Esler and colleagues1 about the correlation between reduction in sympathetic tone and blood pressure reduction.
- The standard deviations for blood pressure changes were notably tighter in this trial compared with previous trials, which might be attributed to factors such as removing confounding of blood pressure measurement related to drug adherence, patient selection, proctoring to ensure consistency in implementation of renal denervation, and the addition of branch vessel treatment.
- The choice of 24-h ABPM as the primary endpoint resulted from consensus that this outcome is less prone to bias and, because of the multiple measurements, not only better reflects a patient's blood pressure but also shows less variability of measurement.
- Changes in procedural requirements for renal denervation in the present study could have also contributed to the reduction in blood pressure observed in the treatment group.
- Nevertheless, not all patients responded to renal denervation treatment in this trial, which could be explained by variations in the degree of renal nerve innervation between patients12 or differences in the underlying pathophysiology.

Thank you for attention !