

**25 intervention and
53 control GPs**

**Identification of dispensed prescriptions
(1st January through 31st March 2001 and 2003)
from National Prescription Register**

Antihypertensives (ATC code C02)
Diuretics (C03)
Peripheral vasodilators (C04)
Beta-blocking agents (C07)
Calcium channel blockers (C08)
Agents acting on the RAAS (C09)

Data for each prescription

ATC code 5th level
Generic preparation
Disease number code (Code for Special Refund)
Patient information (patient code, gender and age)

Patient specific data

1. Combination drugs were recoded into separate chemical subgroups

2. Duplicate purchases deleted if at least one prescription

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Analysis in patient subgroups

1) Hypertension only

No redeemed prescriptions for
diabetes (ATC A10)
or
under the special refund for CHD

2) Hypertension and CHD

Redeemed prescriptions
under the special refund for CHD
and
No redeemed prescriptions for
diabetes (ATC A10)

3) Hypertension and diabetes

Redeemed prescriptions for
diabetes (ATC A10)