

# Candesartan in renal artery stenosis (CARLAS)

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## Study information

**Scientific Title**

**Acronym**  
CARLAS

## **Study objectives**

Despite beneficial effects on blood pressure with endovascular treatment, the prognosis remains ominous in patients with renal artery stenosis because of increased cardiovascular mortality. In patients with atherosclerotic renal artery stenosis, the mortality is increased six-fold compared to an age-matched population. It is reasonable to speculate that the high cardiovascular mortality in patients with renal artery stenosis could partly be explained by increased inflammatory activity caused by activation of the renin-angiotensin system. We believe that Percutaneous Transluminal Renal Angioplasty (PTRA) followed by angiotensin receptor blockade may improve this disease state.

The angiotensin receptor blocker candesartan given to patients with renovascular hypertension post-PTRA, will improve long-term renal function (3 years) and decrease the risk of restenosis.

## **Ethics approval required**

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## **Ethics approval(s)**

Approved by the Ethical Committees of the Universities of Göteborg and Lund on the 14th of April 2003.

## **Study design**

A two-center randomized controlled open study.

## **Primary study design**

Interventional

## **Study type(s)**

Not Specified

## **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Renal artery stenosis

## **Interventions**

This study is carried out at two centers in Sweden (Göteborg and Malmö).

Four weeks after renal angioplasty, all subjects will be randomized to anti-hypertensive treatment with either candesartan (oral) (intervention group) or conventional anti-hypertensive treatment (control group). The choice of drug used for the treatment of each participant in the control group will depend on his/her condition. The choices are betablockers, calcium antagonists, diuretics and alphablockers.

The maximum daily doses: 200 mg for metoprolol (betablocker), 20 mg for felodipine (calcium antagonist), as much as needed for furosemide (diuretic), 8 mg for doxazosin (alphablocker). Candesartan was titrated up to a dose of 16 mg once daily.

Duration of intervention: three years

## **Intervention Type**

Drug

## **Phase**

Not Specified

**Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Candesartan

**Primary outcome(s)**

Renal function measured by EDTA-clearance and frequency of restenosis 3 years after PTR. A.

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Cardiovascular events 3 years after PTR. A.

**Completion date**

31/12/2007

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Blood pressure above 140 mmHg/90 mmHg
2. Confirmation of renal artery stenosis by either duplex ultrasonography, CT-angiography or MR-angiography

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Renal size <7.5 cm at the stenotic side
2. Age >80 years
3. Pregnancy or nursing mother
4. Terminal renal failure (Glomerular Filtration Rate [GFR] <15 ml/min)
5. Treatment with Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers
6. Renovascular hypertension of other etiology than atherosclerosis or Flow-Mediated Dilation (FMD)
7. Chronic glomerular disease with urinary albumin excretion (in mg/24h) (tU-alb) >1g/day
8. Diabetic nephropathy with tU-alb >0.3 g/day
9. Contraindication for renal angiography/PTRA (eg. serious contrast allergy)
10. Other forms of secondary hypertension
11. Serious malignant disease
12. Treatment with immune-modulating medications eg. cyclosporin and oral steroids

**Date of first enrolment**

15/04/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

31/12/2007

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Sweden

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## **Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

AstraZeneca (Sweden)

**ROR**

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## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Industry

**Funder Name**

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**Funder Name**

The Göteborg Medical Society (Sweden)

**Funder Name**

The Swedish Medical Society

**Funder Name**

The Swedish Association for Kidney Patients

**Funder Name**

AstraZeneca, Mölndal (Sweden)

**Funder Name**

The Swedish state under the LUA/ALF agreement

## **Results and Publications**

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**

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