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Early endothelial function activation by angiotensin II receptor blockers mitigates vascular damage in diabetes

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"Long-term cardiovascular complications are one of the main concerns of children living with type 1 diabetes (T1D). After immune cells attack the pancreatic beta cells, insulin production is low causing hyperglycemia which affects vascular homeostasis.

Traditionally, cardiovascular complications were thought to occur several years post diagnosis, however recent studies report early vascular damage in children with T1D.

Our lab has shown that angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs) have highly effective, unique protective endothelial function activating properties in a pleotropic blood pressure independent fashion. This suggests that pleotropic ARBs may be far superior to other antihypertensives for preventing or reversing vascular dysfunction in diabetes. However, whether early intervention with ARBs can prevent the development of chronic vascular damage such as arterial stiffness and vascular remodeling in diabetes remains unknown."

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