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to be very large. The important issue of equivalent blood pressure control in comparative groups compared with the treatment regimen is problematic but achievable. With the current focus on management of overall cardiovascular risk, studies must factor in the use of antiplatelet, lipid-lowering, and other interventions. Perhaps the priority area for study, given the increasing awareness of the interface between AD and cardiovascular risk factors, is the role of modulation of cardiovascular risk on disease progress in patients with established AD.

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