Therapeutic approaches for stable angina

Drug class	Vasodilation	Heart rate	Myocardial contractility
GTN (for acute symptom relief)			
Beta-blockers			
I _f -inhibitors			
Long-acting nitrates			
Calcium channel	Dihydropyridines	Diltiazem and Verapamil	
blockers			
Potassium channel activators			

Selective Heart Rate Reduction



The $I_{\rm f}$ channels determine the slope of the diastolic depolarisation, which controls the frequency of action potentials and, therefore, heart rate

DiFrancesco D, Camm JA Drugs. 2004;64(16):1757-65

No negative inotropic effects

In pre-clinical animal model⁶

At rest and during exercise, myocardial contractility is maintained by ivabradine versus placebo



Heart Rate reduction with Procoralan





1- Tardif JC., Camm J.. Dependence of heart rate reduction with the I(f) inhibitor ivabradine on pretreatment . AbstractESC 07

Heart Rate reduction with diltiazem



Boden WE et al. Heart rate lowering and regulating effects of once daily sustained release diltiazem. Clin cardiol 2001. 24. 73-79.

Ivabradine efficacy vs atenolol

Total Exercise Duration at trough



ESC Guidelines Treatment

Treatment aimed at improving symptoms



Level of evidence