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Foreword

In the last decade, ACE inhibitors have become a cornerstone of cardiovascular drug therapy. Beneficial effects in patients with hypertension, heart failure, and post myocardial infarction have been established in large clinical trials. In parallel, experimental research has shifted the interest from the immediate homeostatic function of the circulating renin-angiotensin-system to the multiple paracrine functions of local tissue renin-angiotensin-systems, including hypertrophy, hyperplasia, atherogenesis, and vasomotion.

It was the aim of a symposium held in Hamburg, October 22–24, 1992, to bring together an international panel of experimental and clinical scientists and to discuss the most recent findings on the role of angiotensin and associated mediators in cardiovascular adaptation and disease, with a particular emphasis on the treatment of such disease by ACE inhibitors.

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