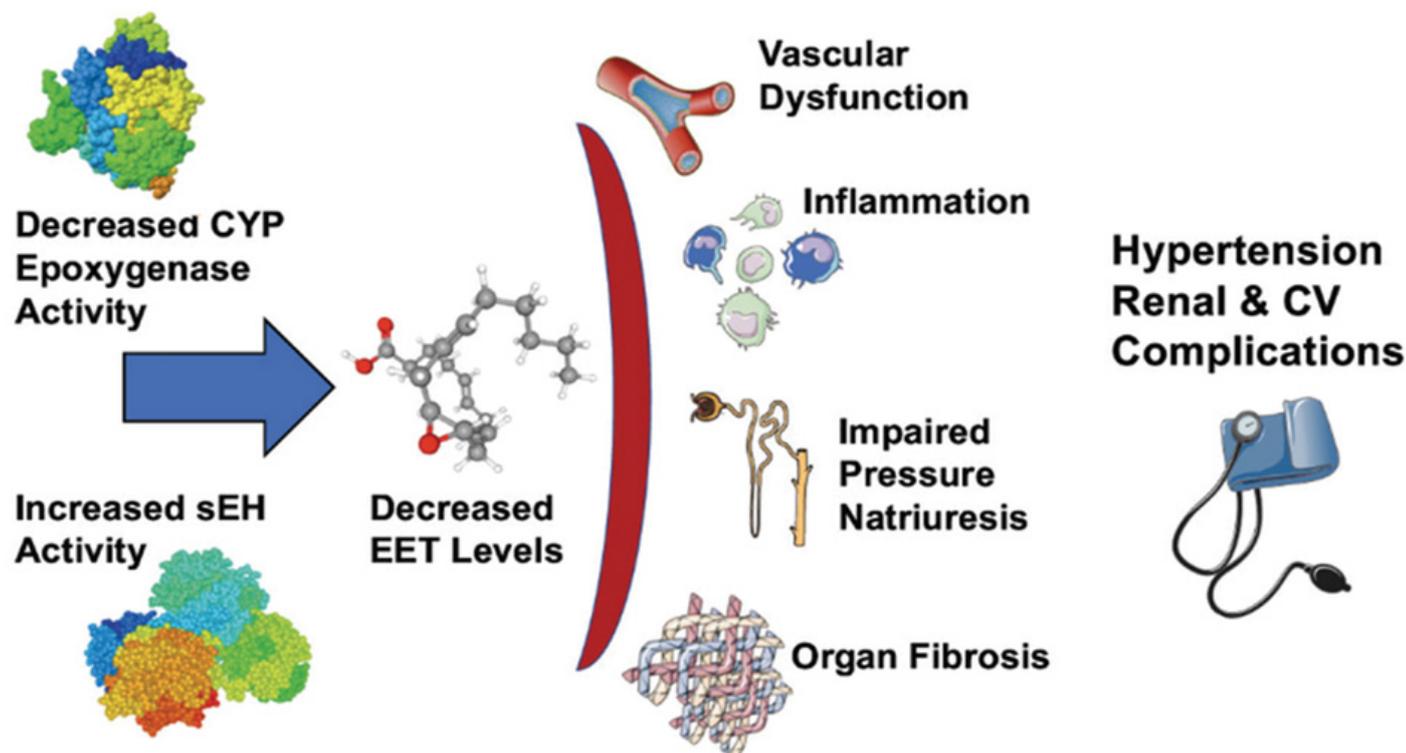


## Kidney function, Epoxyeicosanoids and Hypertension.

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**Figure 1:** Left panel demonstrates increased Soluble Epoxide Hydrolase (sEH) or decreased CYP epoxygenase activity leads to decrease in EET levels. Right panel demonstrates inflammation, vascular dysfunction, organ fibrosis and impaired pressure natriuresis, due to decrease in EET levels.

### Description

Decreased Epoxyeicosatrienoic acid (EET) levels result in hypertension, renal and Cardiovascular (CV) complications. A decrease in renal epoxygenase activity has been strongly linked to hypertension including salt-sensitive and angiotensin-dependent hypertension. These changes in kidney function, inflammation, vascular function, and fibrosis contribute to hypertension, renal and Cardiovascular (CV) disease progression. Angiotensin-dependent hypertension is also associated with an increase in renal soluble Epoxide Hydrolase (sEH) protein expression. Again, an inability to upregulate CYP2C epoxygenases in response to a high-salt diet leads to impaired salt-sensitive and sodium excretion hypertension.

EETs act to dilate preglomerular afferent arterioles and inhibit Epithelial Sodium Channels (ENaC). Decreased EET levels in

hypertension lead to excessive salt absorption, afferent arteriolar constriction, and enhanced ENaC activity. Increased ENaC activity in angiotensin-dependent hypertension also contributes the sodium retention and increase in blood pressure. Salt-sensitive hypertension occurs when the kidney and vascular CYP2C23 and CYP2C11 fail to increase in response to a high-salt diet.

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